



CloudLens

A scripting language to analyse semi-structured textual data

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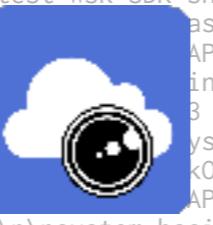
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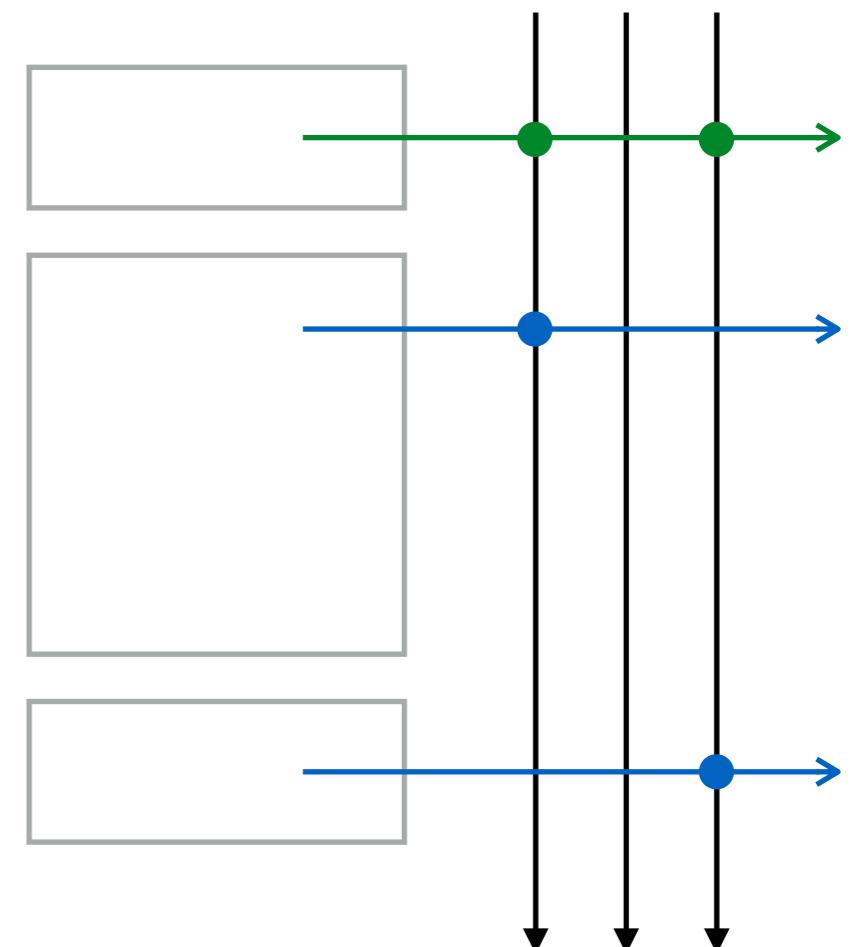
Features

- Streaming and batch processing
- On-the-fly detection of structure
- Automatic scheduling of Javascript actions
- Stateful computations
- Hierarchical control and data structures
- Rewind analysis

Programming Model

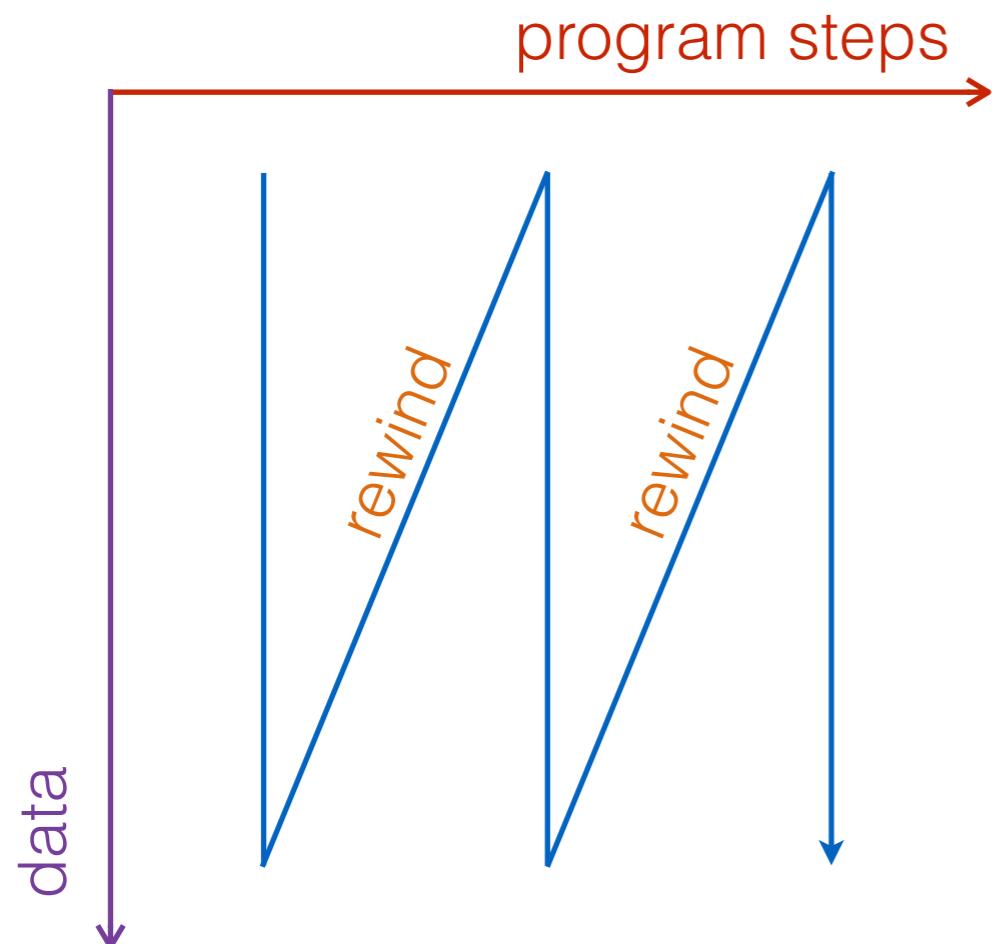
- **source**
 - get input data *disk, web, databases...*
- **group**
 - re-structure data
- **match**
 - extract structure
- **stream**
 - react when match
- **block, restart**
 - triggered only once
- Repeat and compose

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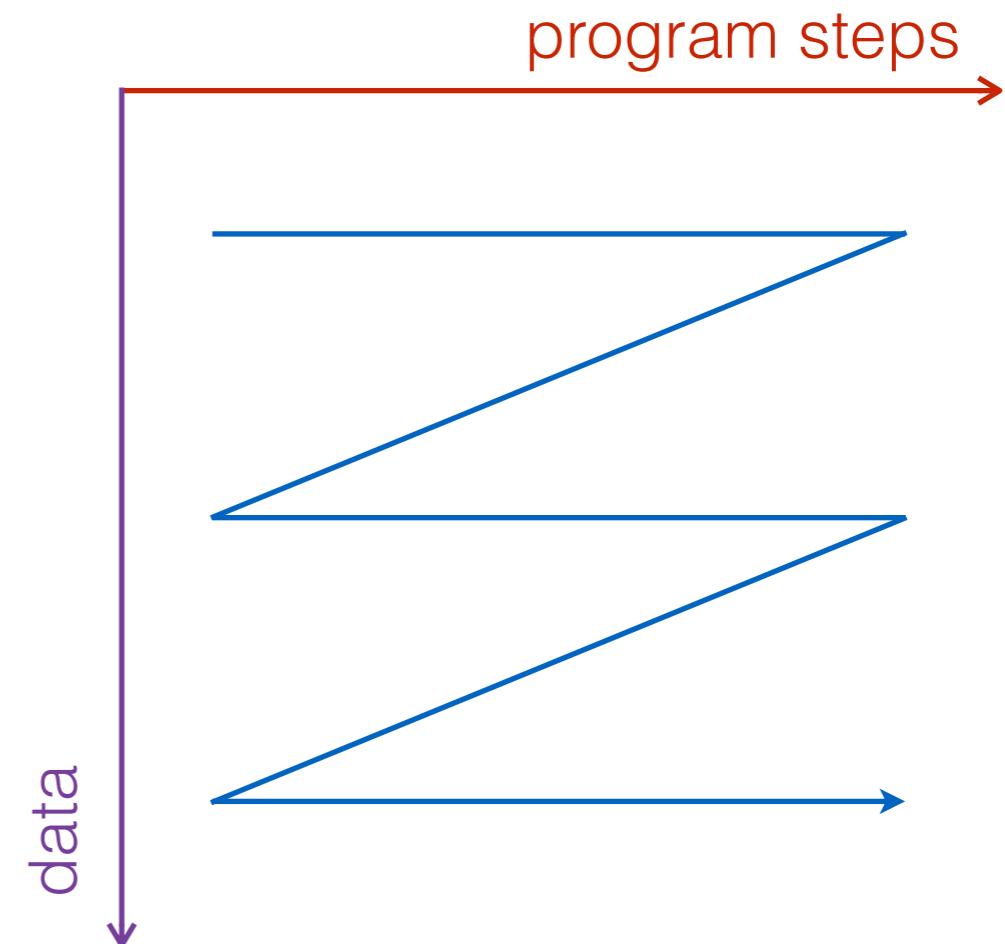


Repeat and Compose

Serial composition



Ordered parallel composition



CloudLens: default parallel composition + explicit `restart`

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match {  
    "Starting test (?<desc>.* ) at (?<start>.* )# start:" + dateFormat;  
    "Finished test (?<desc>.* ) at (?<end>.* )# end:" + dateFormat  
}  
  
var start;  
  
stream (entry) {  
    start = entry.start;  
}  
  
stream (entry) {  
    entry.dur = entry.end - start;  
    if (entry.dur > 12000) {  
        print(entry.dur, "\t", entry.desc);  
    }  
}
```

Hierarchy

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- **source**
 - stream of JSON object
- **group**
 - combine consecutive entry into arrays
- **lens**
 - define CloudLens functions

```
match {
  "(?<failed>.* ) > .* FAILED";
}
```

```
group {
  "^\^ "
}
```

```
lens stackCheck() {
  match {
    "at .*\\((?<whisk>Wsk.* )\\)";
  }

  stream (line) {
    print('    at', line.whisk)
  }
}

stream (entry) when (entry.failed) {
  print("FAILED", entry.failed);
  stackCheck(entry.group)
}
```

```
lens testStart () {
  match {
    "Starting test (?<start>.* ) at (?<date>.* )"
  }

  stream (entry) {
    print("Starting", entry.start)
  }
}

lens testStop() {
  match {
    "Finished test (?<end>.* ) at (?<date>.* )"
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{ testStart();
  testStop() }
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run testStart()
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Formal Semantics

Stage

- `restart` and `block`, or
- Pipeline
 - succession of `group`, `match`, and `stream`

Program execution $E \vdash p \implies E'$

Stage elaboration $E, p \vdash p' \Downarrow E'$

Stage execution $E \vdash p \longrightarrow E'$

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Implementation

Java 8 and Javascript

- Popular programming language
- Nashorn runtime in the JVM
- Fast prototyping

Two execution modes

- *Monitoring*: on-the fly processing
- *Troubleshooting*: table processing

Closely follows the semantics

- 1) Build stages (block and pipelines)
- 2) Execute stages

Handle environment with JavaScript closures

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Each section returns a list of continuations

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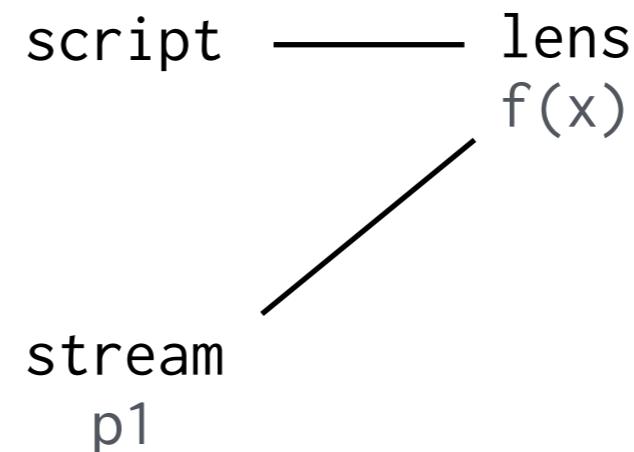
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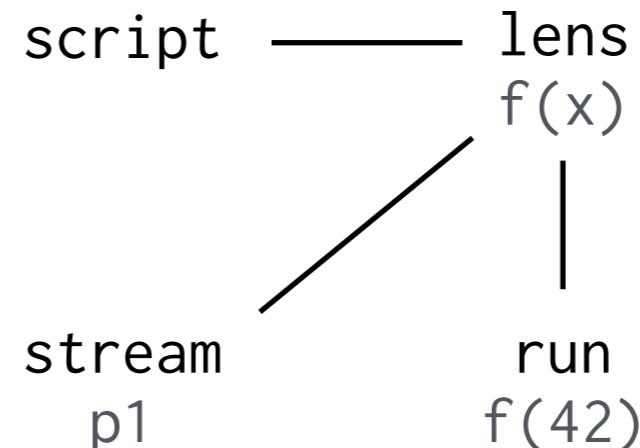
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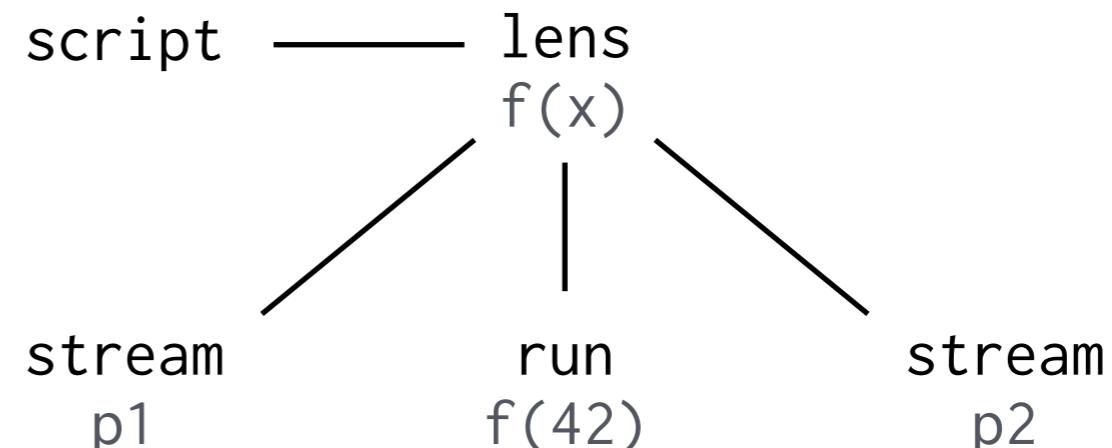
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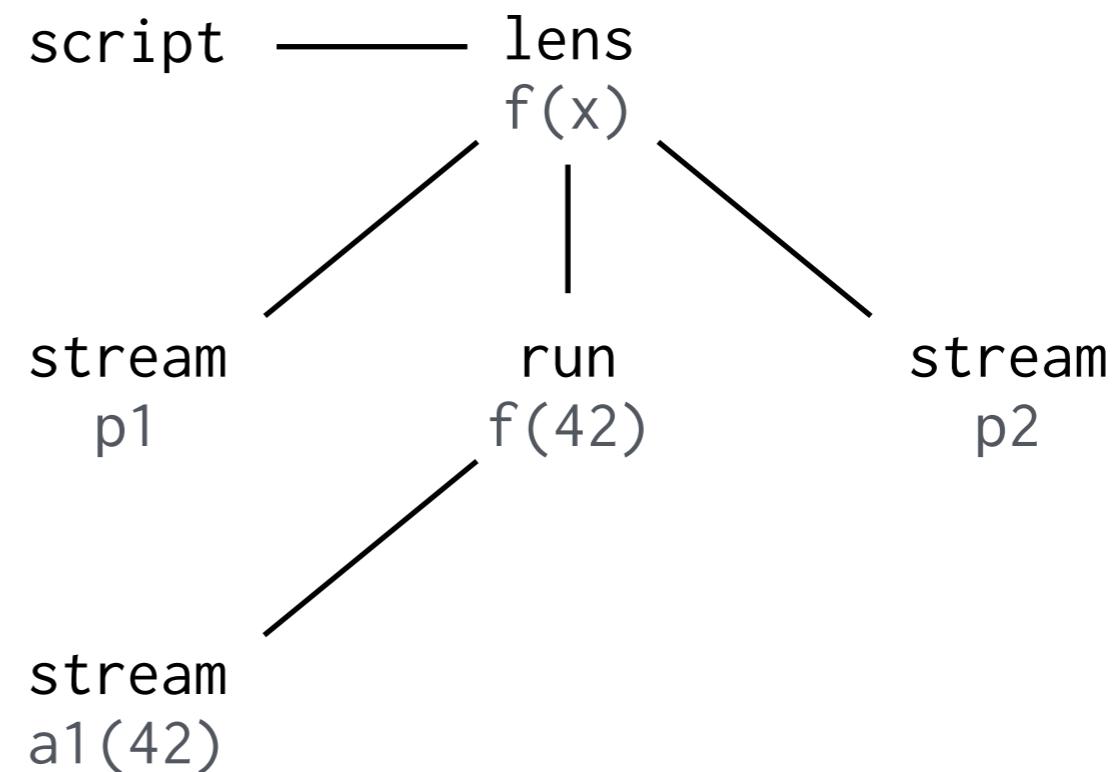
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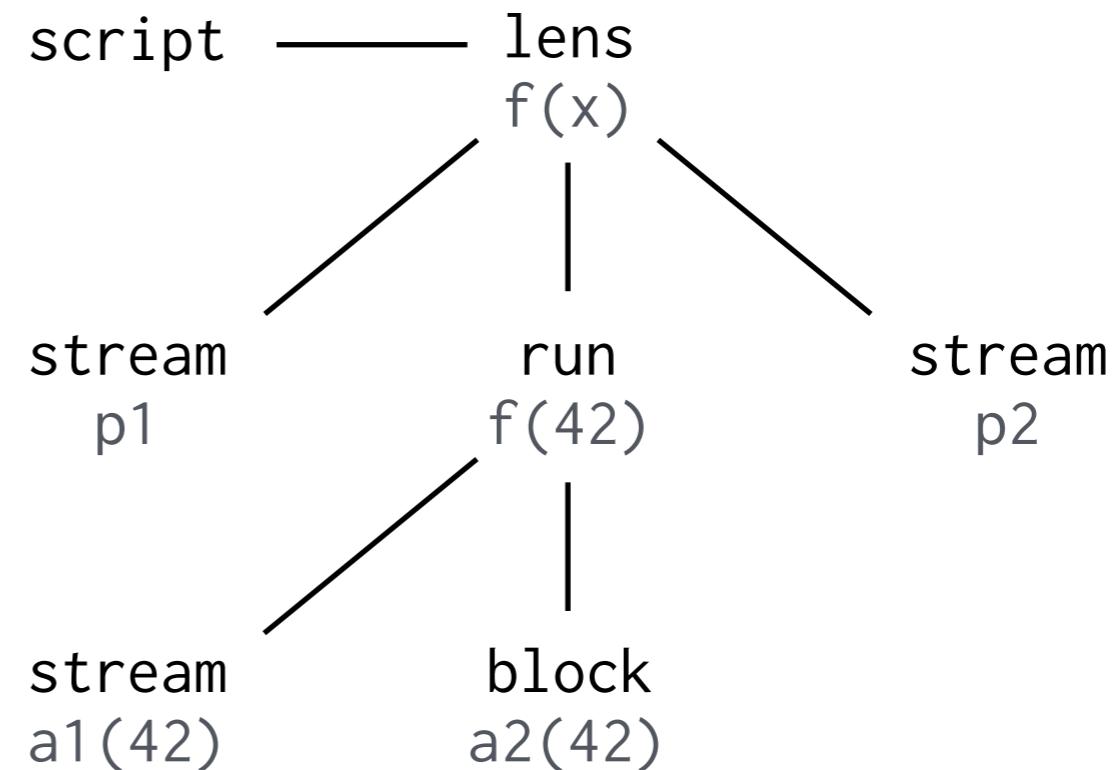
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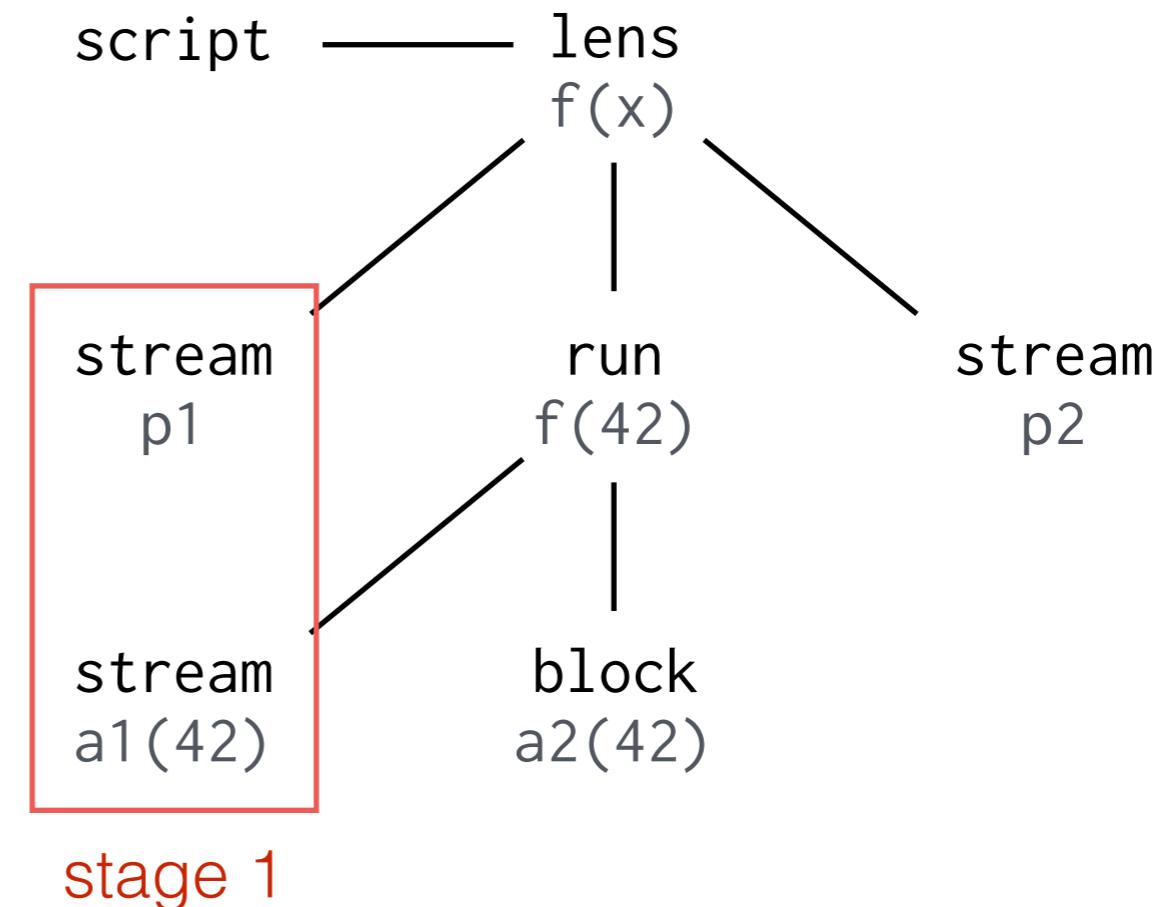
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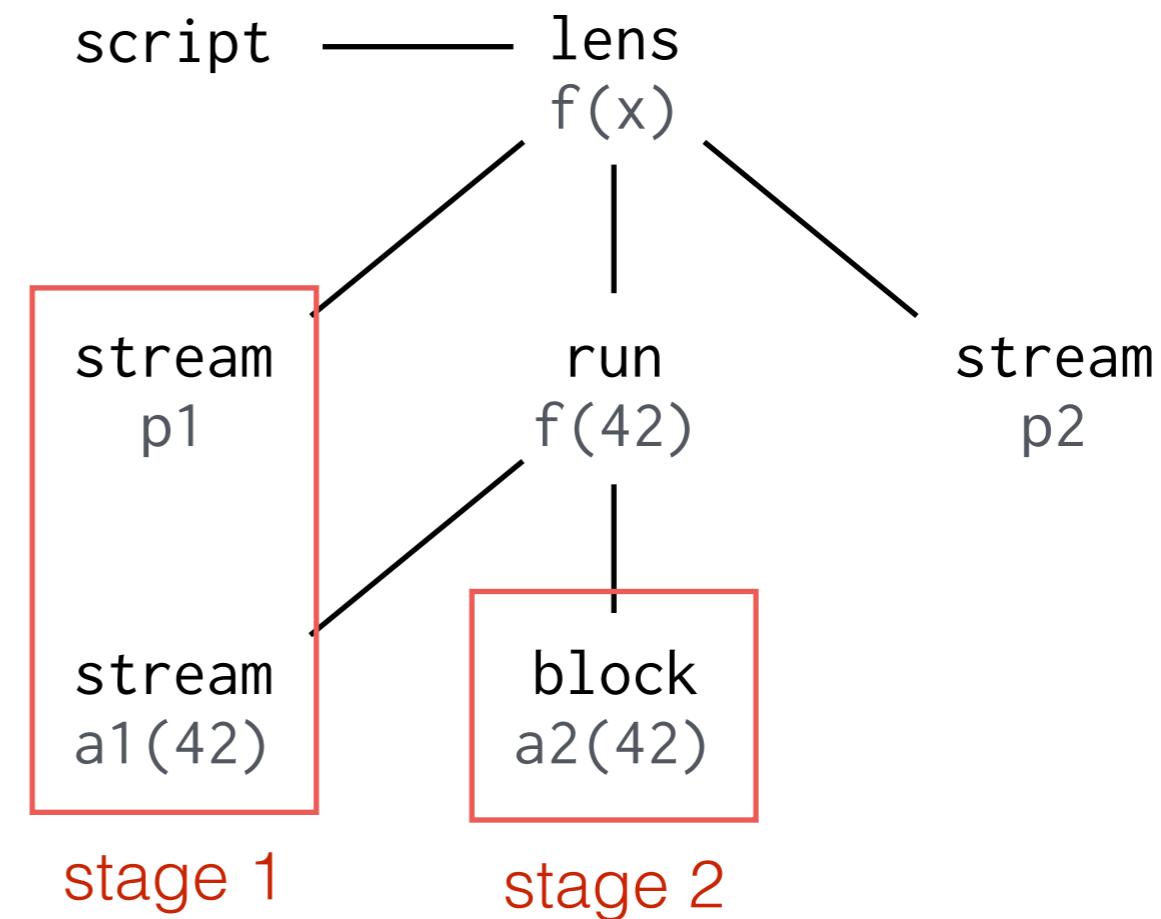
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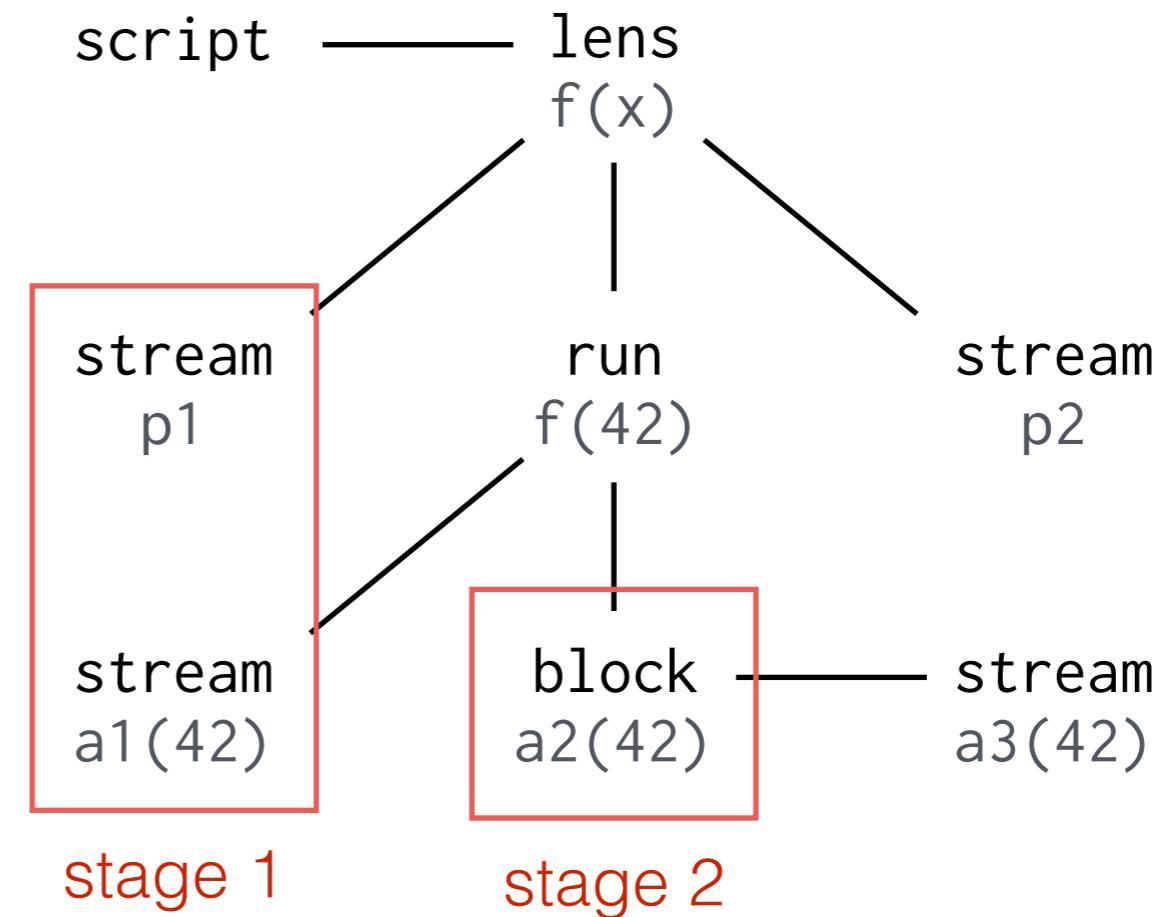
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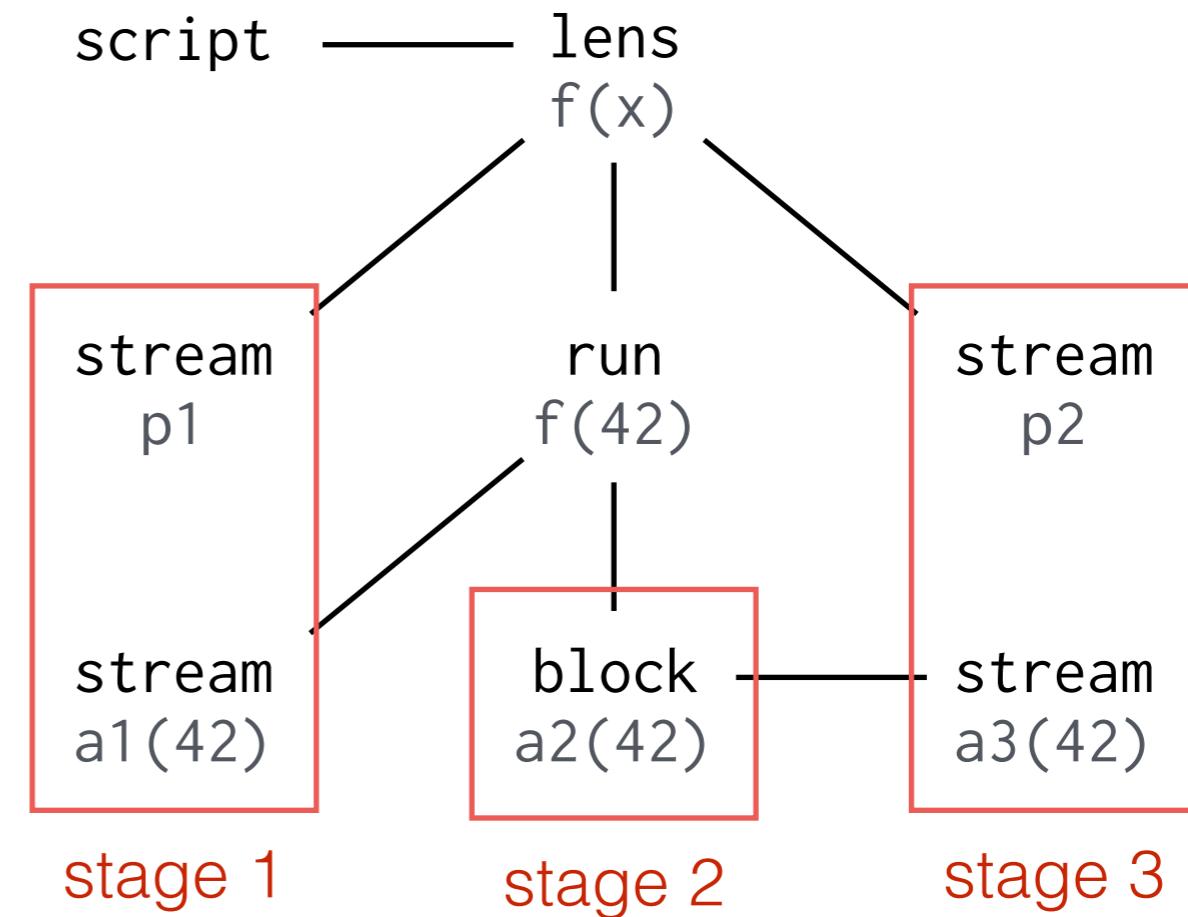
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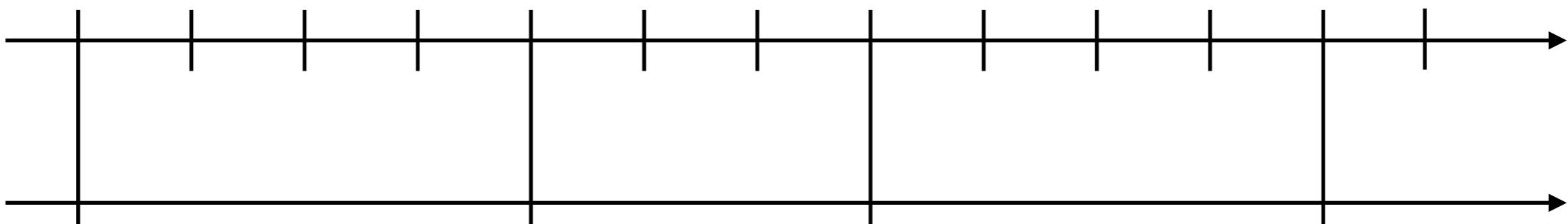
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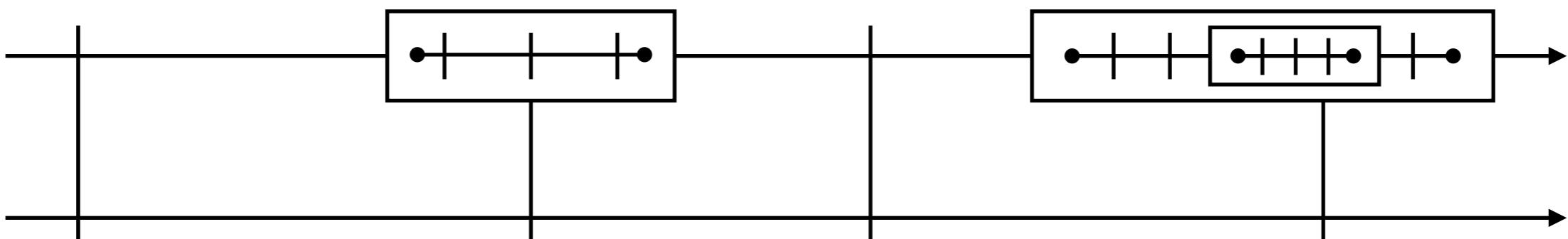
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Reactive domains [MPP15]

group to define sub-streams
lens execution over sub-streams

group { *pattern* }



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