

Hack and Slash with Pythonect

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Pythonect

- *Pythonect* is a portmanteau of the words Python and Connect
- New, experimental, general-purpose dataflow programming language based on Python
- Current “stable” version (True to May 19 2013): 0.5.0
- Made available under 'Modified BSD License'
- Influenced by: Unix Shell Scripting, Python, Perl
- Cross-platform (should run on any Python supported platform)
- Website: <http://www.pythonect.org/>

A few words on the Development

- Written purely in Python (2.7)
 - Works on CPython 2.x, and Jython 2.7 implementations
- Tests written in PyUnit
- Hosted on GitHub
- Commits tested by Travis CI

Installing and Using The Pythonect Interpreter

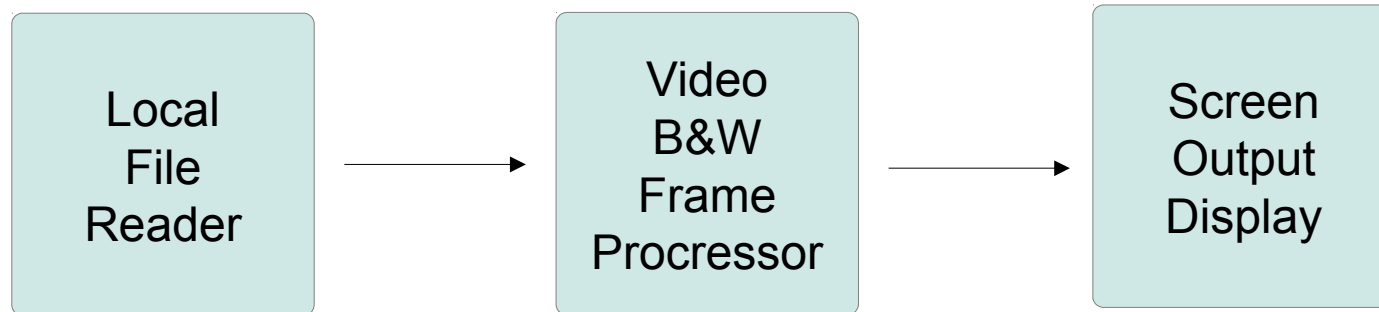
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Dataflow Programming

Programming paradigm that treats data as something originating from a source, flows through a number of components and arrives at a final destination - most suitable when developing applications that are themselves focused on the "flow" of data.

Dataflow Example

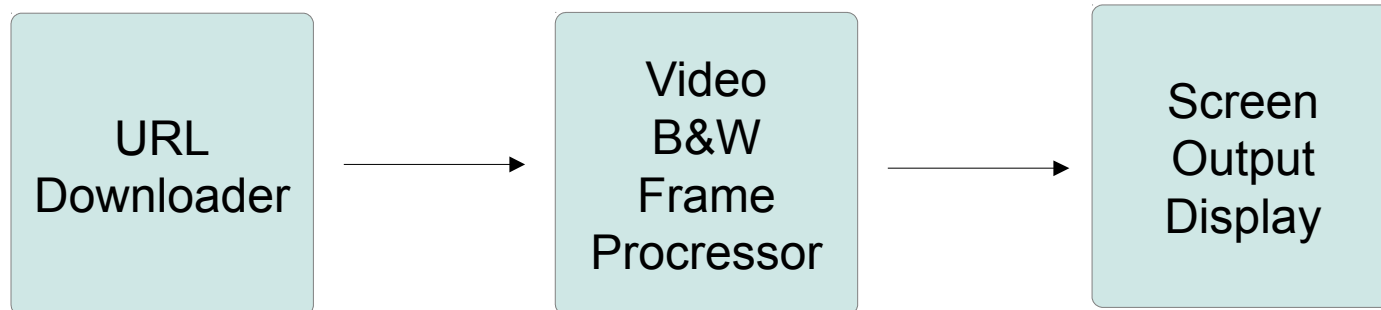
A video signal processor which may start with video input, modifies it through a number of processing components (i.e. video filters), and finally outputs it to a video display.



Dataflow Example

Want to change a feed from a local file to a remote file on a website?

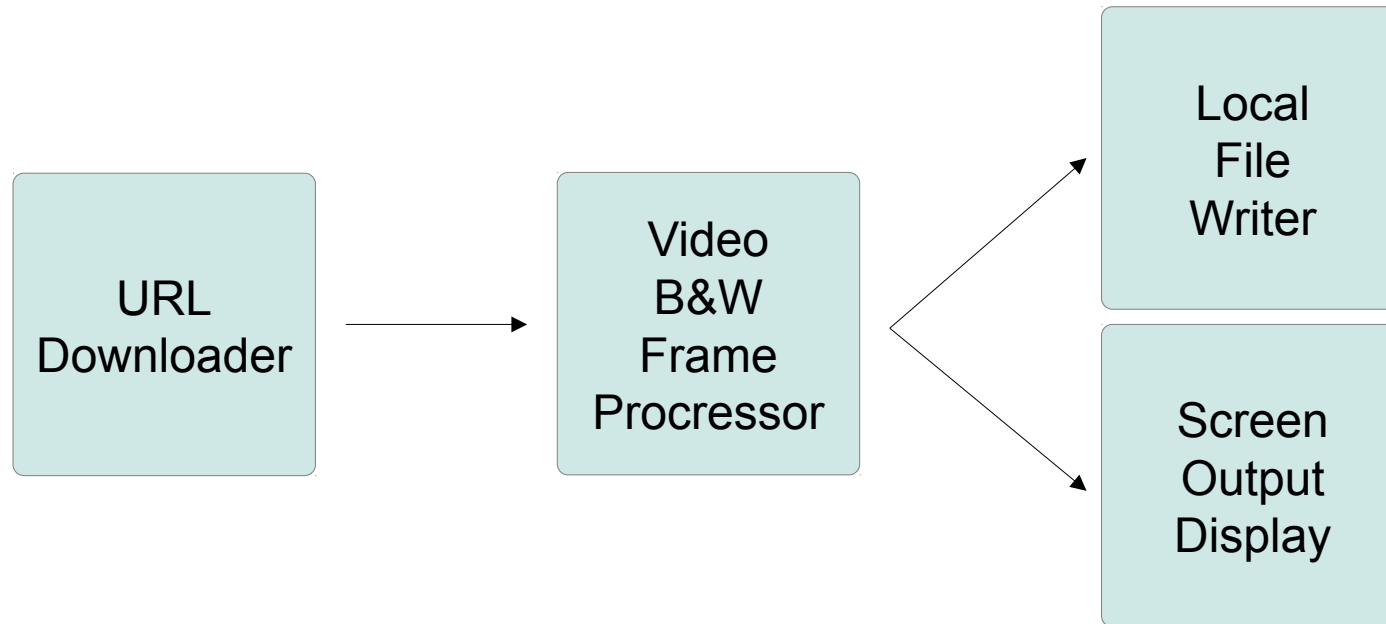
No problem!



Dataflow Example

Want to write the Video B&W Frame Processor output to both a screen and a local file?

No problem!



Dataflow Programming Advantages

- Concurrency and parallelism are natural
- Data flow networks are natural for representing process
- Data flow programs are more extensible than traditional programs

Dataflow Programming Disadvantages

- The mindset of data flow programming is unfamiliar to most programmers
- The intervention of the run-time system can be expensive

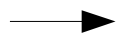
Dataflow Programming Languages

- Spreadsheets are essentially dataflow (e.g. Excel)
- VHDL, Verilog and other hardware description languages are essentially dataflow
- XProc
- Max/Msp
- ... Etc.

<Pythonect Examples>

'Hello, world' -> print

String

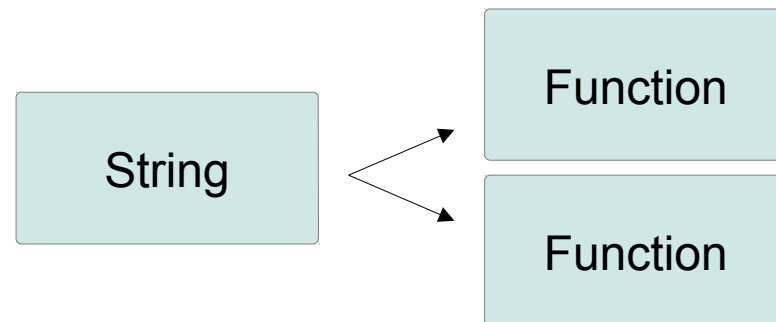


Function

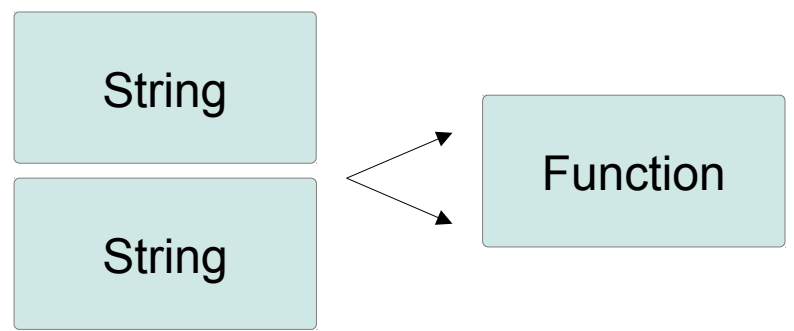
What do we have here?

- `->` is a Pythonic Control Operator, it means async forward.
- There's also `|` (i.e. Pipe) which means sync forward.
- `'Hello, world'` is a literal string
- `print` is a function

`"Hello, world" -> [print, print]`



ℓ ["Hello, world", "Hello, world"] -> print



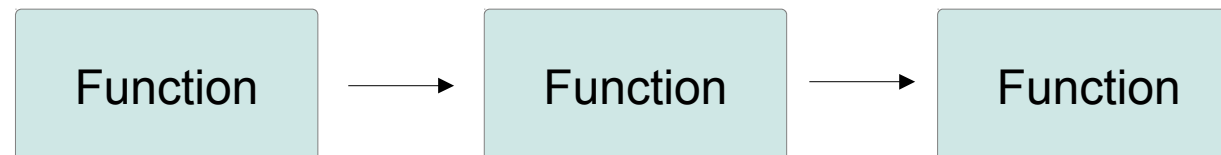
Basic Pythonect Syntax Summary

- `->` is async forward.
- `|` (i.e. Pipe) is sync forward.
- `_` (i.e. Underscore) is current value in flow

<Pythonect Security Scripts/Examples>

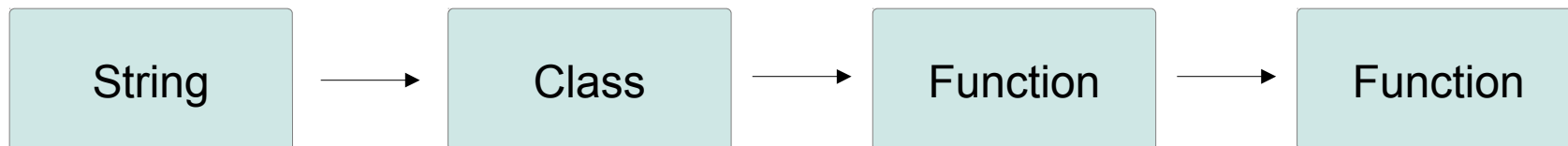
ROT13 Encrypt & Decrypt

```
raw_input() -> _.encode('rot13') -> print
```



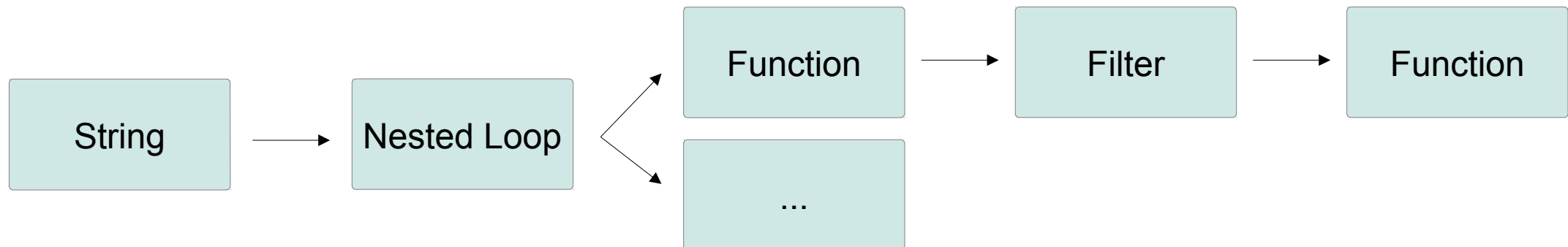
Check if FTP Server Supports Anonymous Login

```
'ftp.gnu.org' \  
-> ftpplib.FTP \  
-> _ .login() \  
-> print("Allow anonymous")
```



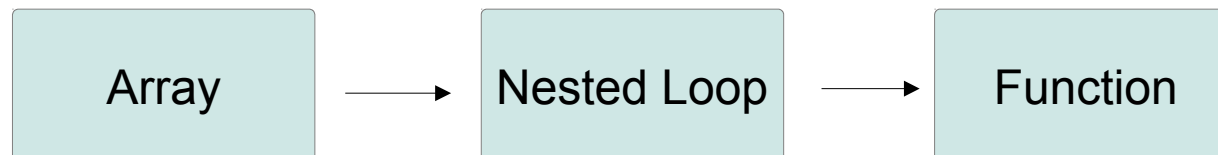
(Multi-thread) HTTP Directory Brute-force

```
sys.argv[1] \  
-> [str(_ + '/' + x) for x in open(sys.argv[2], 'r').read().split('\n')] \  
-> [(_, urllib.urlopen(_))] \  
-> _[1].getcode() != 404 \  
-> print "%s returns %s" % (_[0], _[1], _[1].getcode())
```



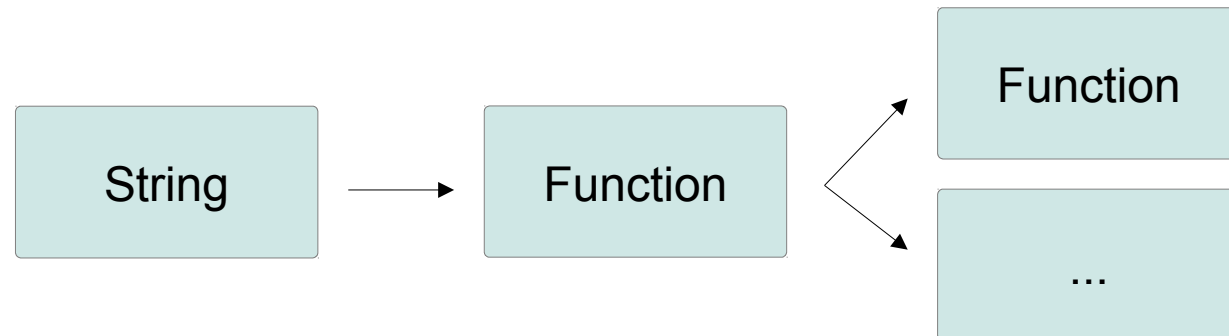
Command line Fuzzer

```
['%s', '%n', 'A', 'a', '0', '!', '$', '%', '*', '+', ',', '-', '.', '/', ':'] \  
| [_ * n for n in [256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096]] \  
| os.system('/bin/ping ' + _)
```



(Multi-thread) Generic File format Fuzzer

```
open('dana.jpg', 'r').read() \  
-> itertools.permutations \  
-> open('output_' + hex(__hash__()) + '.jpg', 'w').write(''.join(_))
```



References / More Examples

- My Blog
 - Scraping LinkedIn Public Profiles for Fun and Profit
 - Fuzzing Like A Boss with Pythonect
 - Automated Static Malware Analysis with Pythonect
- LightBulbOne (Blog)
 - Fuzzy iOS Messages!

Pythonect Roadmap

- Support Python 3k
- Support Stackless Python
- Support IronPython
- Support GPU Programming
- Fix bugs, etc.

Moving on!

Hackersh

Hackersh

- *Hackersh* is a portmanteau of the words Hacker and Shell
- Shell (command interpreter) written with Pythonect-like syntax, built-in security commands, and out of the box wrappers for various security tools
- Current “stable“ version (True to May 19 2013): 0.2.0
- Made available under GNU General Public License v2 or later
- Influenced by: Unix Shell Scripting and Pythonect
- Cross-platform (should run on any Python supported platform)
- Website: <http://www.hackersh.org>

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Motivation

- ~~Taking over the world~~
- Automating security tasks and reusing code as much as possible

Problems

- There are many good security tools out there...
 - but only a few can take the others output and run on it
 - but only a few of them give you built-in threads/processes controlling for best results
- No matter how well you write your shell script, the next time you need to use it - for something slightly different - you will have to re-write it

Hackersh – The Solution

- Hackersh provides a “Standard Library“ where you can access your favorite security tools (as Components) and program them as easy as a Lego
- Hackersh lets you automagically scale your flows, using multithreading, multiprocessing, and even a Cloud
- Hackersh (using Pythonect as it's scripting engine) gives you the maximum flexibility to re-use your previous code while working on a new slightly-different version/script

Installing and Using The Hackersh

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- OR
- `pip install Hackersh`
- Clone the git repository:
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 - `cd hackersh`
 - `python setup.py install`

Implementation

- Component-based software engineering
 - External Components
 - Nmap
 - W3af
 - Etc.
 - Internal Components
 - URL (i.e. Convert String to URL)
 - IPv4_Address (i.e. Convert String to IPv4 Adress)
 - Etc.

Component as Application

- Components accepts command line args:
 - "localhost" -> hostname -> nmap("-P0")
- They also accept internal flags options as:
 - "localhost" -> hostname -> nmap("-P0", debug=True)

Input/Output: Context

- Every Hackersh component (except the Hackersh Root Component) is standardized to accept and return the same data structure – Context.
- Context is a dict (i.e. associative array) that can be piped through different components

Same Context, Different Flow

- "http://localhost" -> url -> nmap -> ping
 - Port scan a URL, if **ANY** port is open, ping it
- "http://localhost" -> url -> ping -> nmap
 - Ping the URL, if pingable, scan for **ANY** open ports

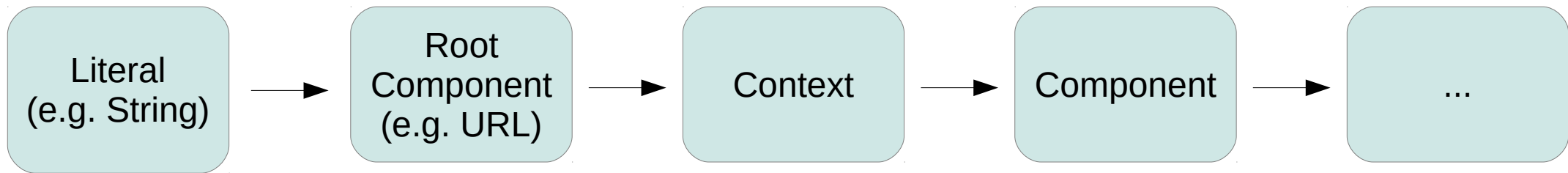
Ask The Context

- Context stores both Data and Metadata
- The Metadata aspect enables potential AI applications to fine-tune their service selection strategy based on service-specific characteristics

Conditional Flow

```
"http://localhost" \  
  -> url \  
    -> nmap \  
      -> [_['PORT'] == '8080' and _['SERVICE'] == 'HTTP'] \  
        -> w3af \  
          -> print
```

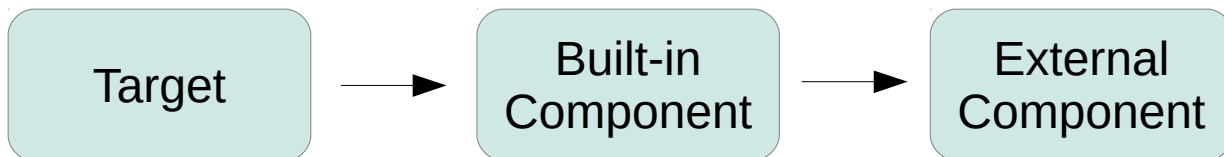
Hackersh High-level Diagram



<Hackersh Scripts/Examples>

TCP & UDP Ports Scanning

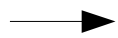
`"localhost" -> hostname -> nmap`



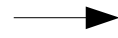
Class C (256 Hosts) Ping Sweep

'192.168.1.0/24' -> ipv4_range -> ping

Target



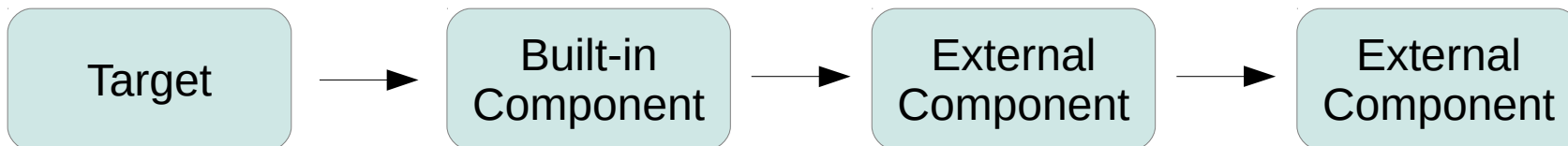
Built-in
Component



External
Component

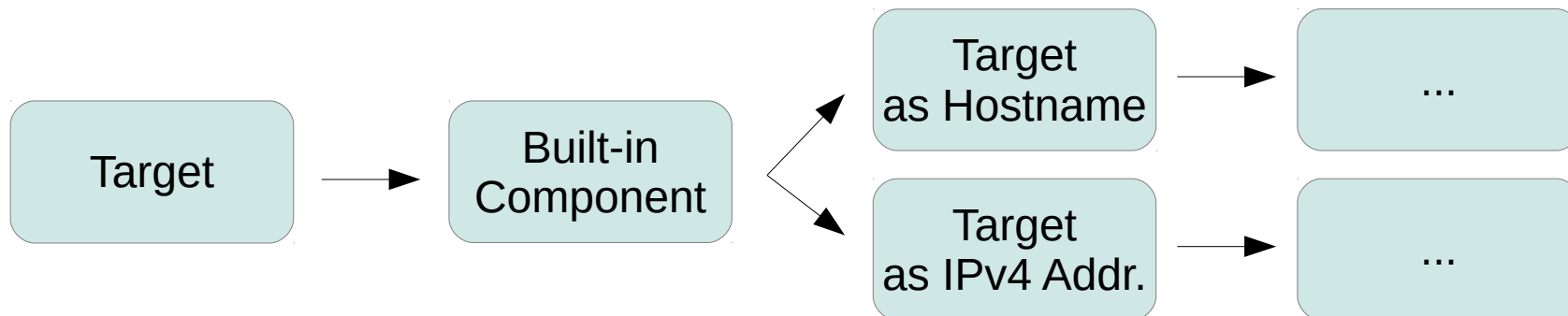
Web Server Vulnerability Scanner

'127.0.0.1' -> ipv4_address -> nmap -> nikto



Fork: Target as Hostname + Target as IP

```
"localhost" \  
  -> hostname \  
    -> [nslookup, pass] -> ...
```



Black-box Web App Penetration Testing

```
"http://localhost" \  
-> url \  
-> nmap \  
-> browse \  
-> w3af \  
-> print
```

Target

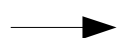
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Hackersh Roadmap

- Unit Tests
- Documentation
- More Tools
 - Metasploit
 - OpenVAS
 - TheHarvester
 - Hydra
 - ...
- Builtin Commands
- **<YOUR IDEA HERE>**

Hackersh Official TODO

<https://github.com/ikotler/hackersh/blob/master/doc/TODO>

Questions?

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