

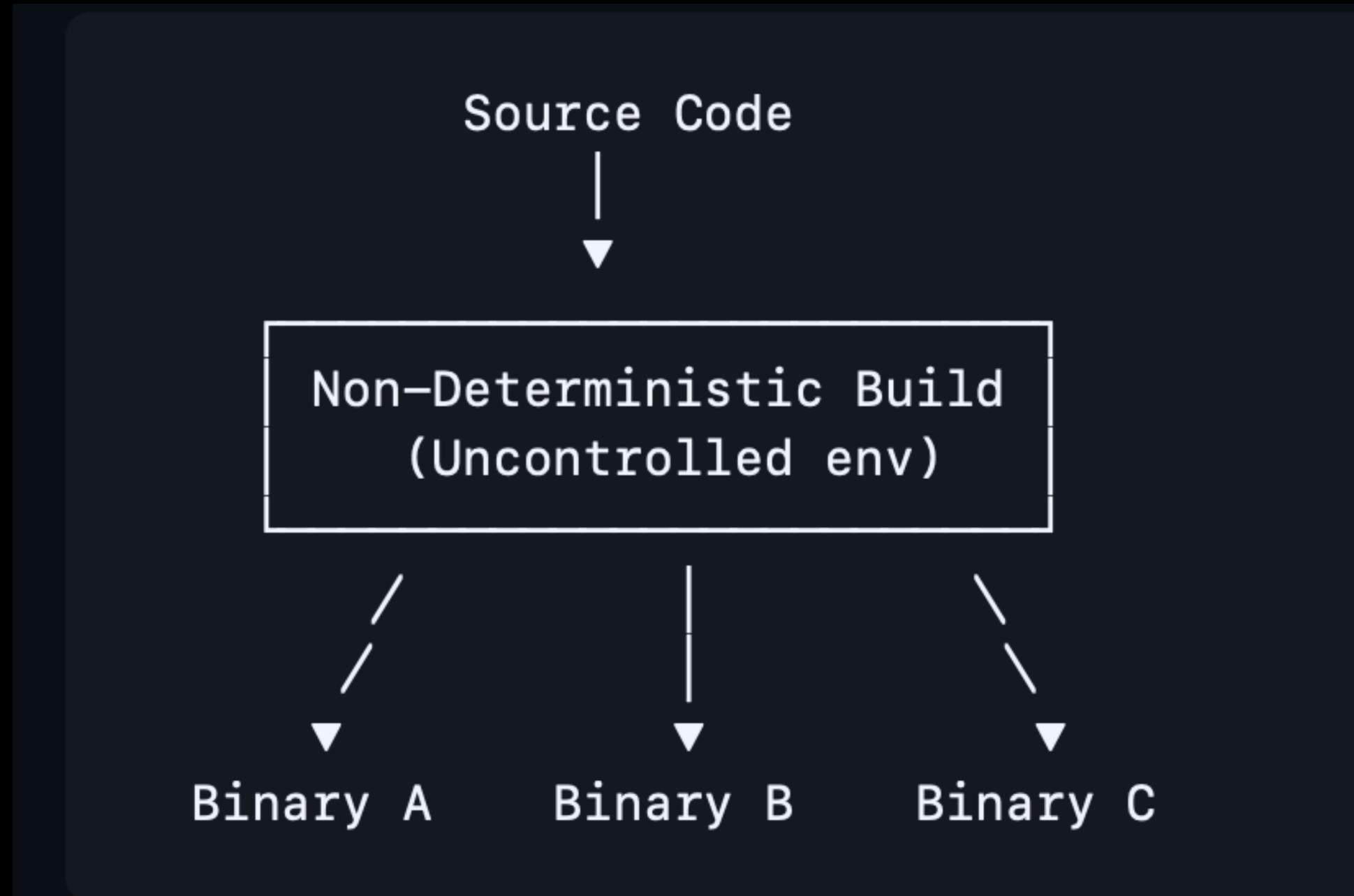
On reproducibility

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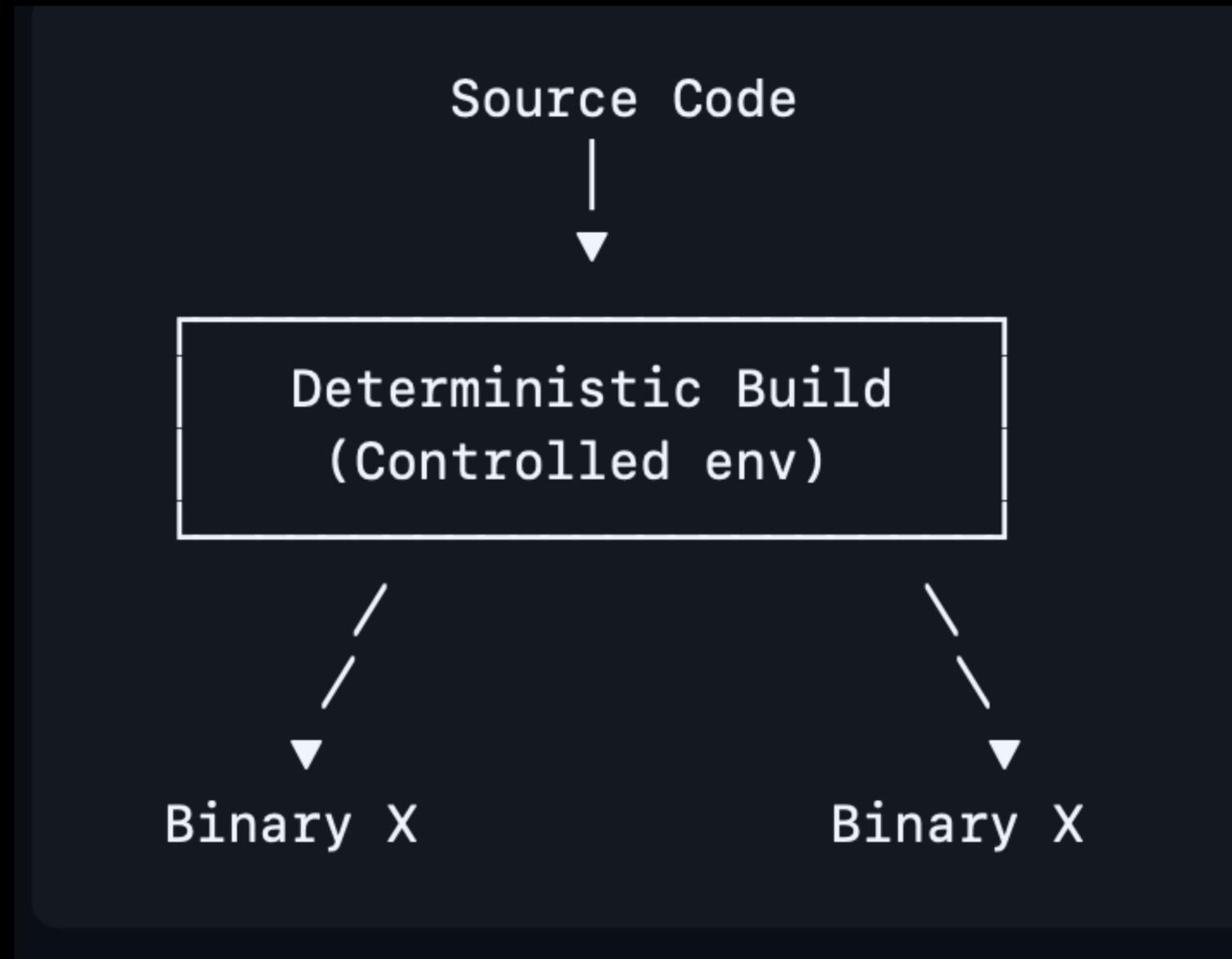
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We have an input that is open source, it lives entirely under this repository, and we have different outputs when we build it. Why? For the most part because of metadata. Let's take a look at monero_c,

I know that it will diff from the outcome of your build, so let's skip straight to the differences.

```
$ wget https://github.com/MrCyjaneK/monero_c/releases/download/v0.18.3.4-RC10/wownero_aarch64-linux-gnu_...
$ strings monero_libwallet2_api_c.so | grep /__w
<around 759 entries like this one>
/__/monero_c/monero_c/wownero/src/wallet/wallet2.cpp:16168
```

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Reproducibility at Cake Wallet

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Subtle foreshadowing

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Let's do it!

Enough talking, I want reproducible builds

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3. Take a screenshot of the desktop



OrbStack



Screenshot 2026-01...06.22



uwu



Screenshot 2026-01...3.50



Screenshot 2026-0...37.12



Desktop - user's MacBook Pro



Screenshot 2026-0...09.47



Old



desktop.ini



Screenshot 2026-01...3.58



SSD 39GB



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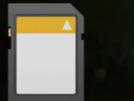
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cw-1377-new-design-li...s.apk



microSD



Screenshot 2026-0...14.50.25



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Recycle Bin

Mac Files

Microsoft Edge

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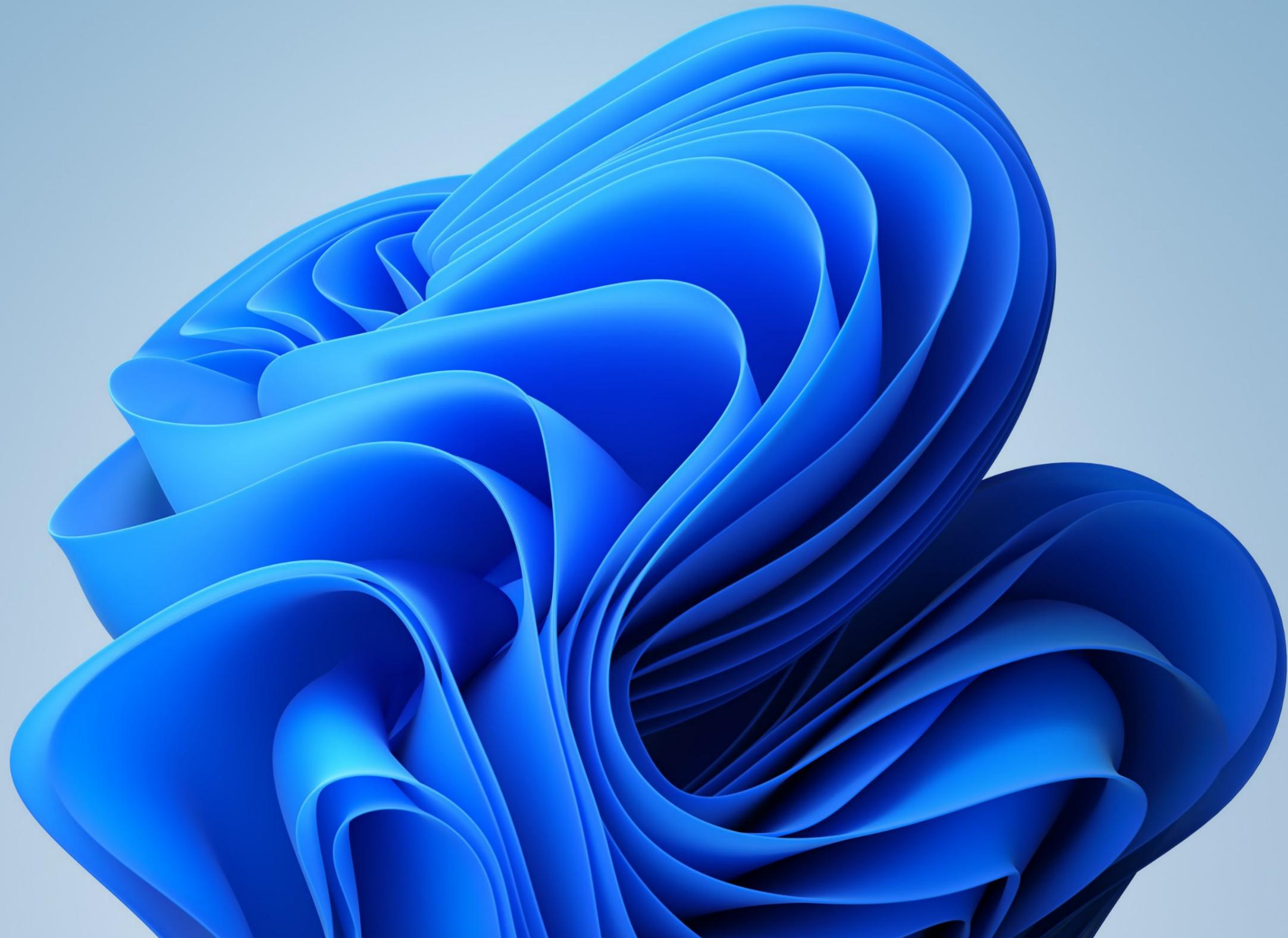
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That's it. It's just a lot more than you probably expect.

Real world examples

Based on a real world software that everyone uses

Quiz time: perl

Unix

Running Linux, Solaris, AIX, HPUX, or any other UNIX-like system?

Binaries

✓ Already Installed

You probably already have perl installed. Type `perl -v` on a command line to find out which version.

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root:xnu-10002.1.11.100.4~1development_x86_64 x86_64 '
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ib -Dinc_version_list=none -Dcc=cc'
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[→ ~ /opt/homebrew/bin/python3 -VV
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Python 3.14.2 (main, Dec  5 2025, 16:49:16) [Clang 17.0.0 (clang-1700.6.3.2)]
```

Quiz time: yt-dlp

Yt-dlp is a video streaming platform downloader written in python3

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Maybe???

```
→ yt-dlp_macos strings $(find . -type f) 2>&1 | grep '[0-1][0-9]:[0-6][0-9]:[0-6][0-9] ' | head -4  
It is January 1, 1970, 00:00:00 (UTC) on all platforms.  
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cpython / Modules / getbuildinfo.c

fosslinux gh-100388: Change undefined __DATE__ to the Unix epoch (#100389) 4f14b7e · last year History

Code Blame 79 lines (70 loc) · 1.5 KB

```
1  #ifndef Py_BUILD_CORE_BUILTIN
2  # define Py_BUILD_CORE_MODULE 1
3  #endif
4
5  #include "Python.h"
6  #include "pycore_pylifecycle.h" // _Py_gitidentifier()
7
8  #ifndef DONT_HAVE_STDIO_H
9  #include <stdio.h>
10 #endif
11
12 #ifndef DATE
13 #ifdef __DATE__
14 #define DATE __DATE__
15 #else
16 #define DATE "Jan 01 1970"
17 #endif
18 #endif
19
20 #ifndef TIME
21 #ifdef __TIME__
22 #define TIME __TIME__
23 #else
24 #define TIME "00:00:00"
25 #endif
26 #endif
27
28 /* XXX Only unix build process has been tested */
29 #ifndef GITVERSION
30 #define GITVERSION ""
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LEGO Island Decompilation

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This is a functionally complete decompilation of LEGO Island (Version 1.1, English). It aims to be as accurate as possible, matching the recompiled instructions to the original machine code as much as possible. The goal is to provide a workable codebase that can be modified, improved, and ported to other platforms later on.

Note: This repository is for decompilation only and its code is true to the original release. It will not compile for targets other than 32-bit Windows. For a modern adaptation of the LEGO Island codebase with native compatibility for all major platforms and the Web, see [isle-portable](#) instead.

Status



ISLE.EXE

Implemented: 100.00% (170/170)

Accuracy: 99.46%

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LEGO1.DLL

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→ ~ █
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Let's simplify it
It's just too much work

What software makes it easy to “ship your machine”?

Code

Blame

200 lines (178 loc) · 10.4 KB

Raw



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12 # Set environment variables
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14     KEY_PASS=test@cake_wallet \
15     ANDROID_ROOT=/usr/local/lib/android \
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21     PATH=$PATH:/usr/local/lib/android/sdk/cmdline-tools/latest/bin:/usr/local/lib/android/sdk/platform-tools
22
23 SHELL ["/bin/bash", "-c"]
24
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26 RUN apt update && \
27     apt-get install -y \
28     curl \
29     unzip \
30     automake \
31     build-essential \
32     autoconf \
33     file \
34     pkg-config \
35     git \
36     python-is-python3 \
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40     gcc \
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42     lbzip2 \
43     cmake \
44     ccache \
45     gperf \
46     openjdk-8-jre-headless \
47     clang
48
49
50 # Install Android SDK components
51 RUN rm -rf /opt/android-sdk-linux && \
52     mkdir -p $ANDROID_SDK_ROOT/cmdline-tools && \
53     curl -o commandlinetools.zip -L https://dl.google.com/android/repository/commandlinetools-linux-9123335_latest.zip && \
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12 # Set environment variables
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14     KEY_PASS=test@cake_wallet \
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Reproducible Builds

Bootstrappable Builds

Bootstrappable

It means that the number of prebuilt components should be kept near zero.

Everything should be derived from a source code using a known trusted binary.

Reproducible

What does it actually mean?

Upon running a build script output will be the same given the same source code.

Let's compare them

Using rust

Reproducible: To build rust 1.N you need working rust 1.N-1 (1.85 can build 1.86), build script by default fetches that release in a binary format.

Bootstrappable: 2010 version of rust was written in OCaml

Rust 1.54 has an alternative compiler (mrustc written in C++)

Let's build GCC (written in C++) (and GCC 4.7 (written in C) as intermediate step)

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~ bootstrappable.org

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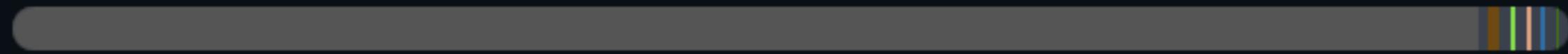
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GCC and GNU C Library

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- Even more recently (2018), the GNU C Library glibc-2.28 adds Python as a build requirement,

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In demonstrating the possibility of this kind of attack, I picked on the C compiler. I could have picked on any program-handling program such as an assembler, a loader, or even hardware microcode. As the level of program gets lower, these bugs will be harder and harder to detect. A well installed microcode bug^[^1] will be almost impossible to detect.

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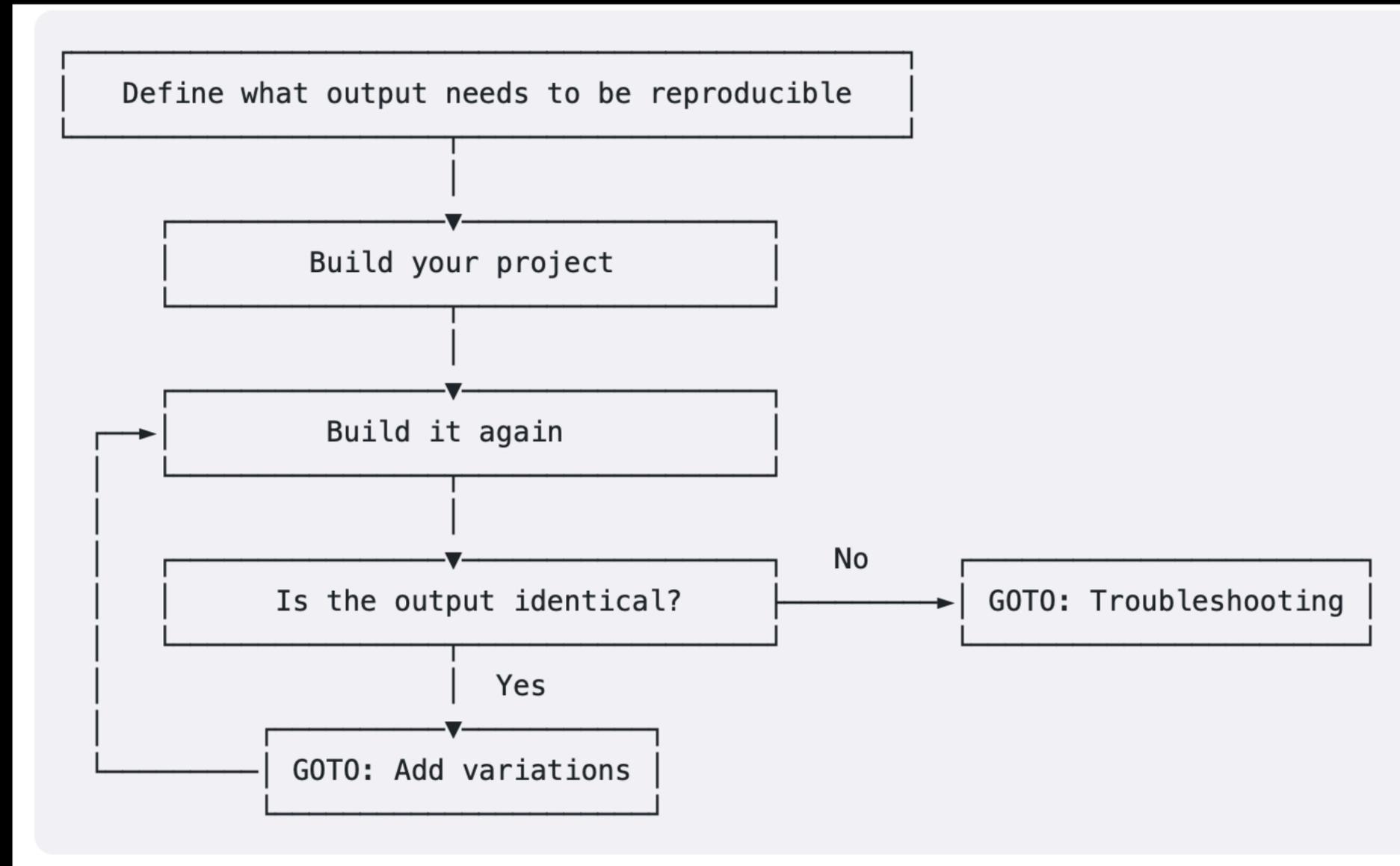
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