

Utilizing Graph Rewriting for Narrative Generation

Ben Kybartas

260477933

COMP-522 Final Project

Format

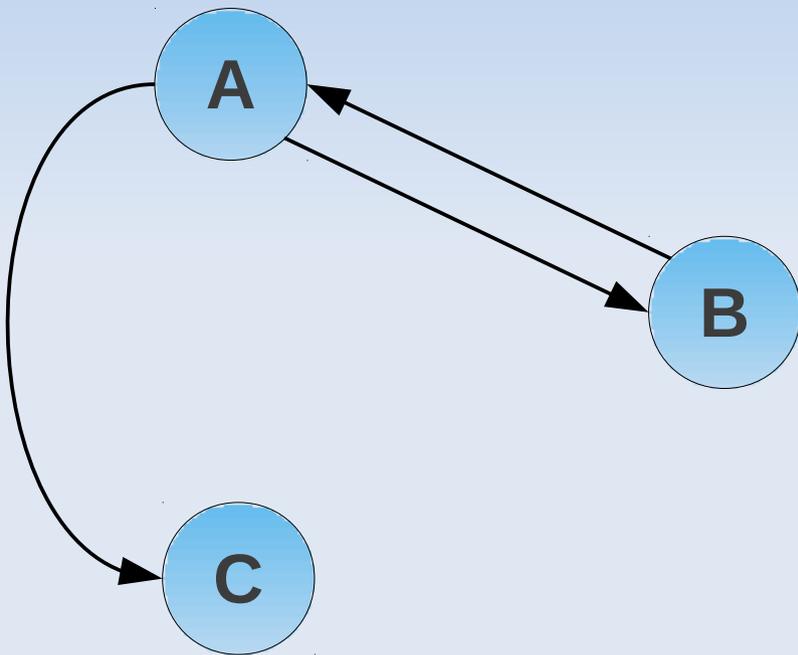
- **Motivation**
- **Graph Rewriting**
- **Definition**
- **Step-by-Step Example**
- **Conclusions**
- **Questions**

Motivation

- **Cheap**
- Extends Gameplay (*infinite?*)

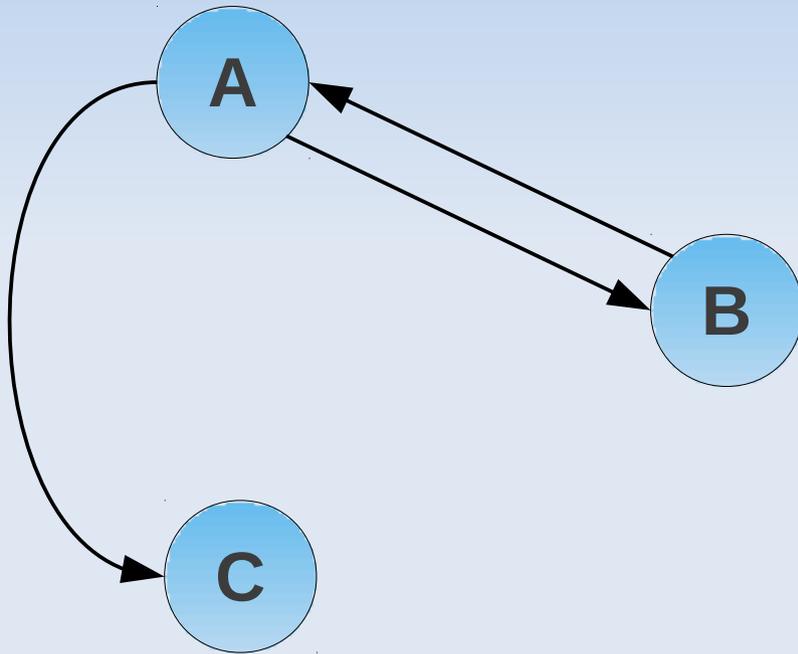
- **Challenging**
- *Repetitive/Dull*

Graph Rewriting



Base Graph

Graph Rewriting



Base Graph

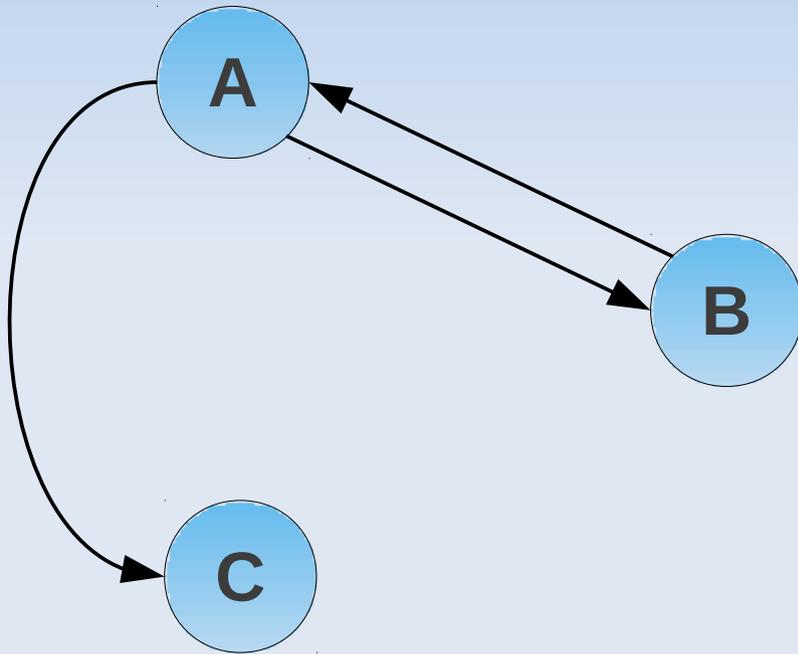
L.H.S



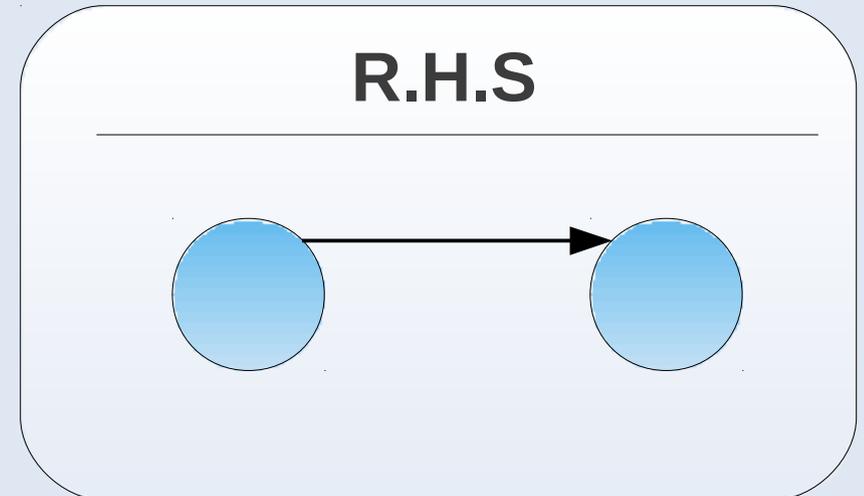
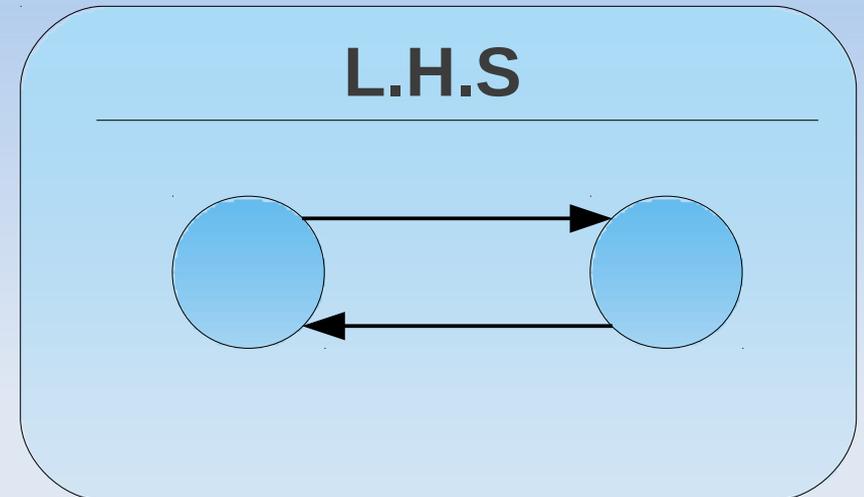
R.H.S



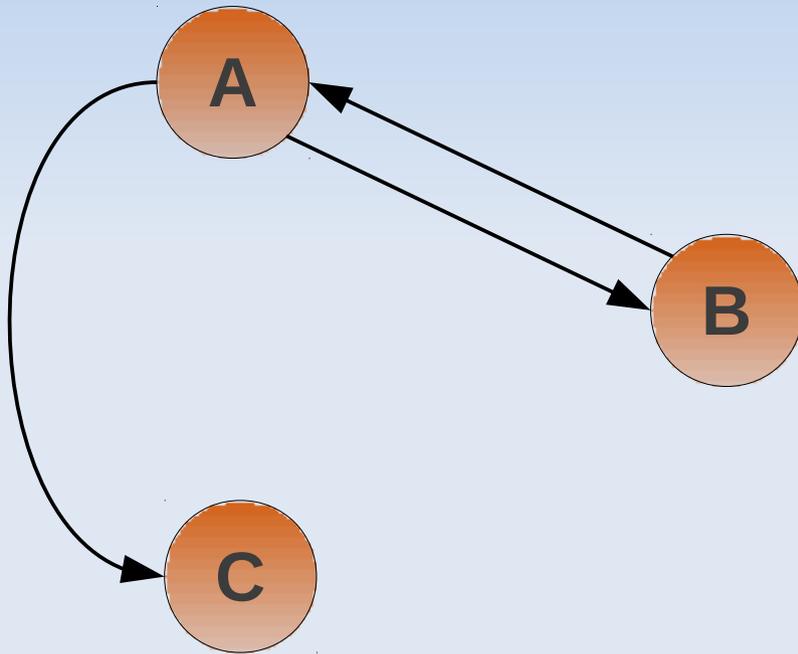
Graph Rewriting



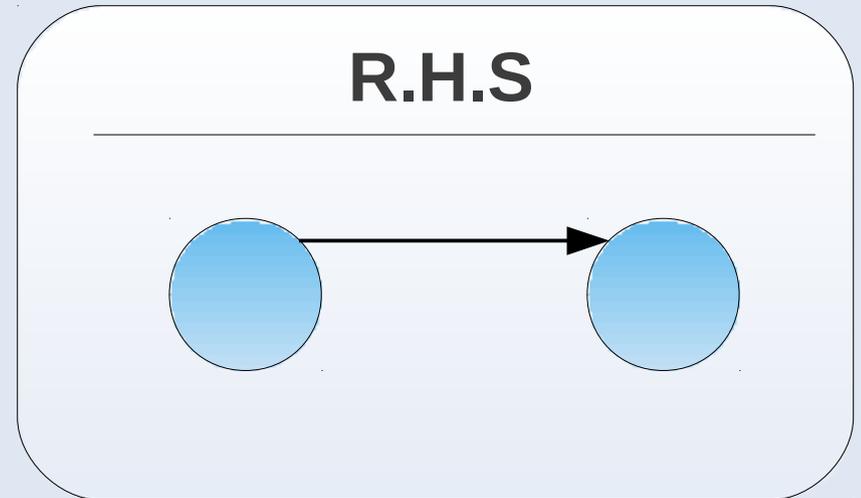
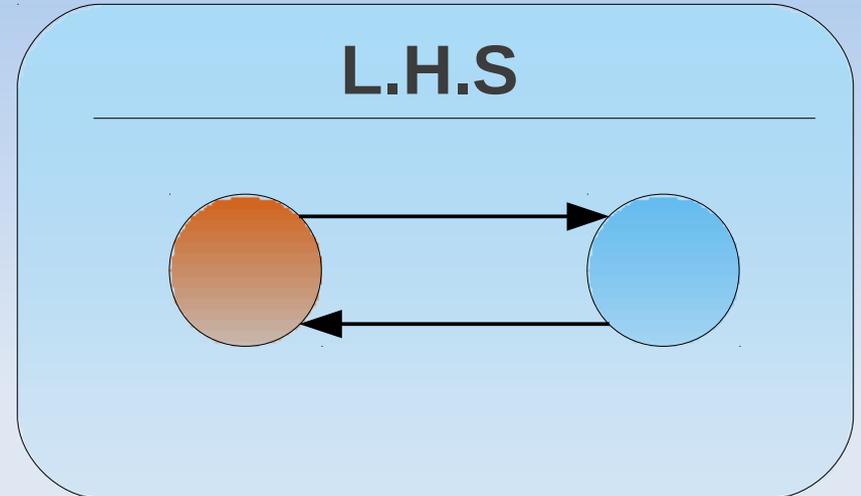
Base Graph



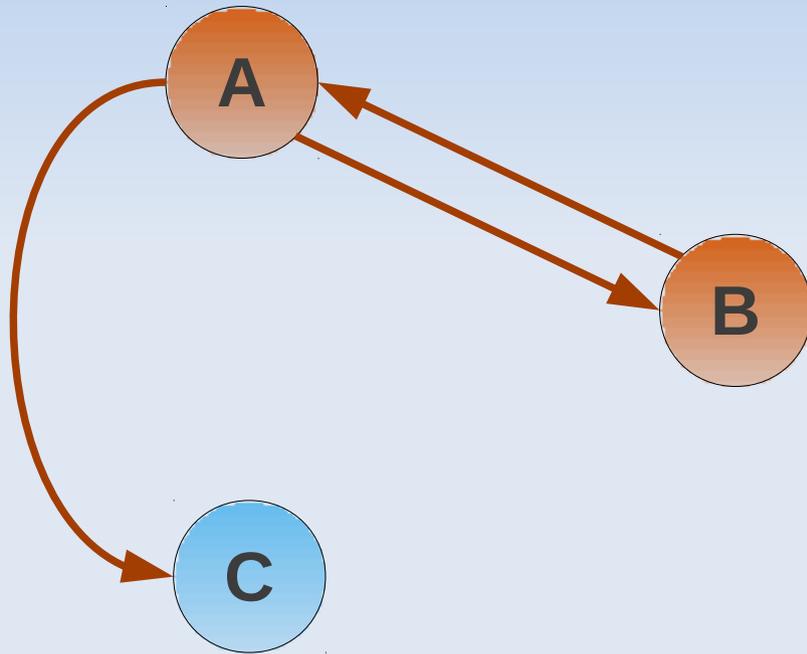
Graph Rewriting



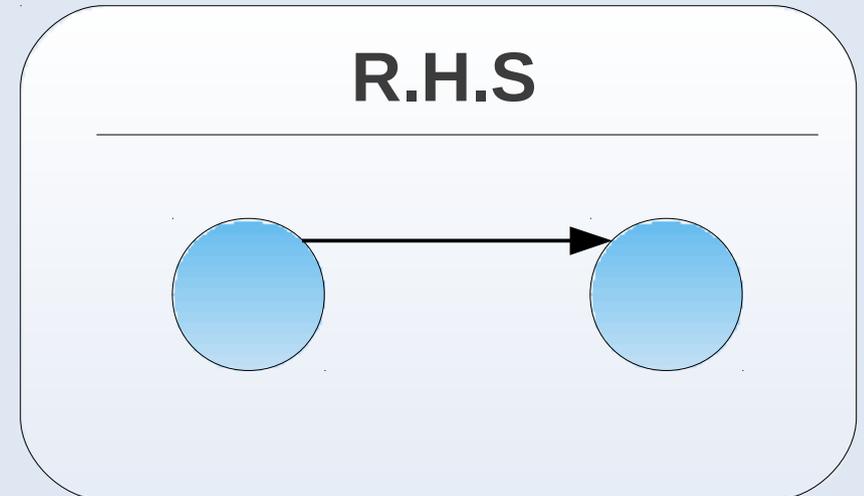
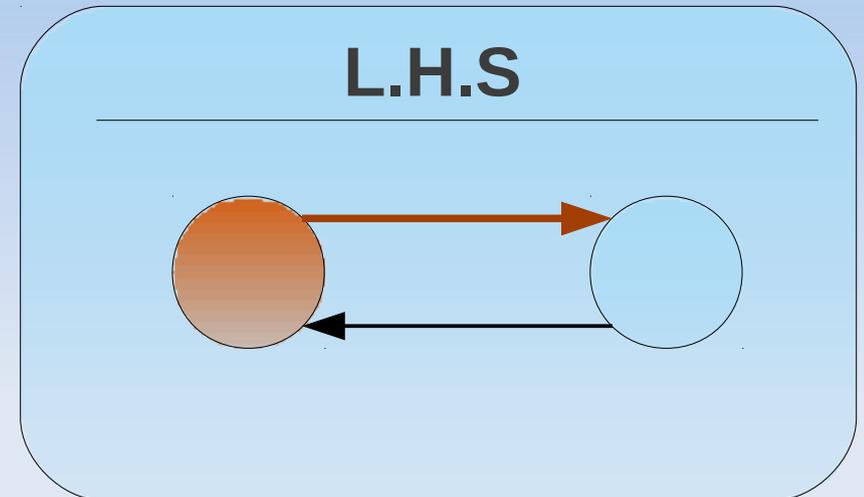
Base Graph



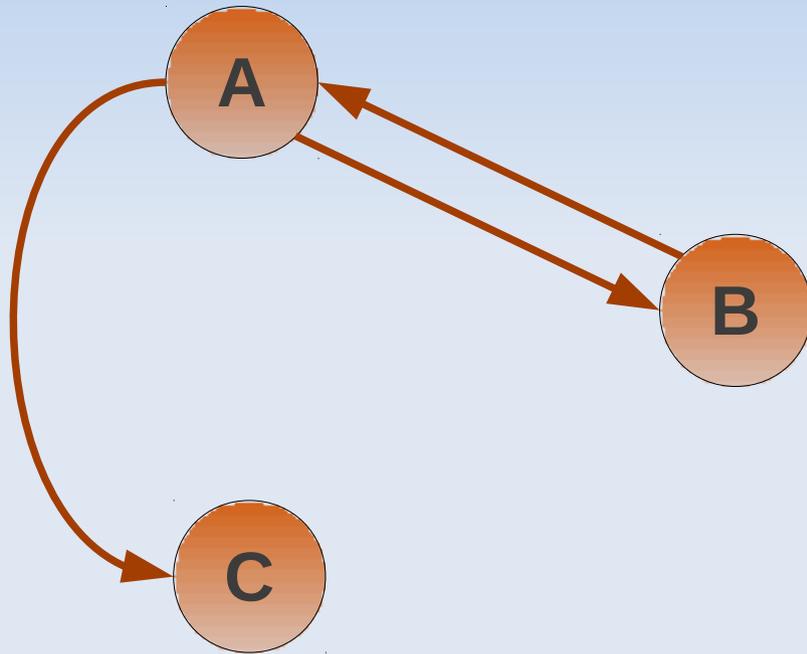
Graph Rewriting



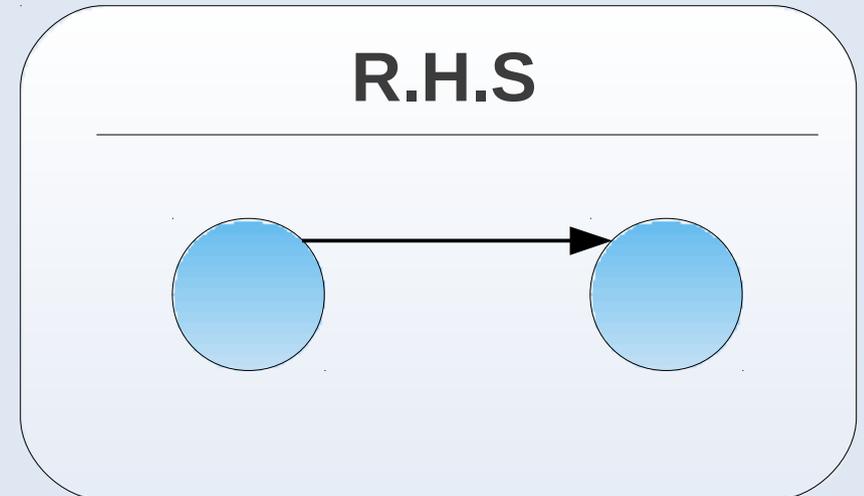
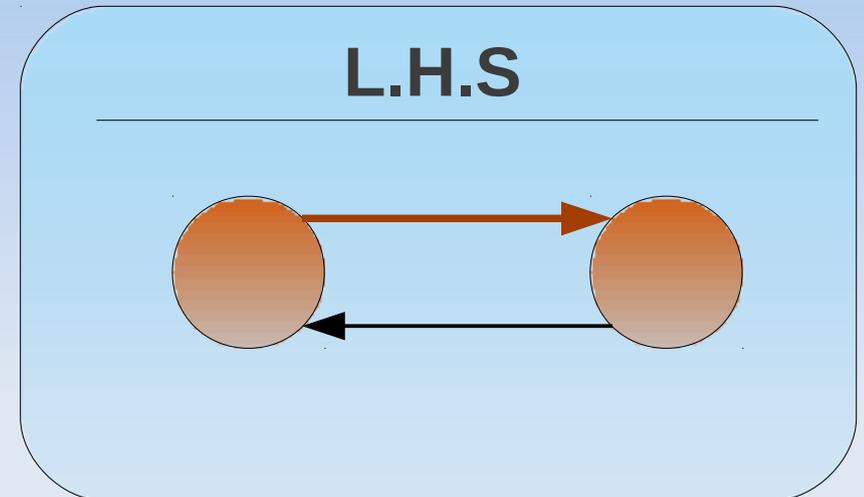
Base Graph



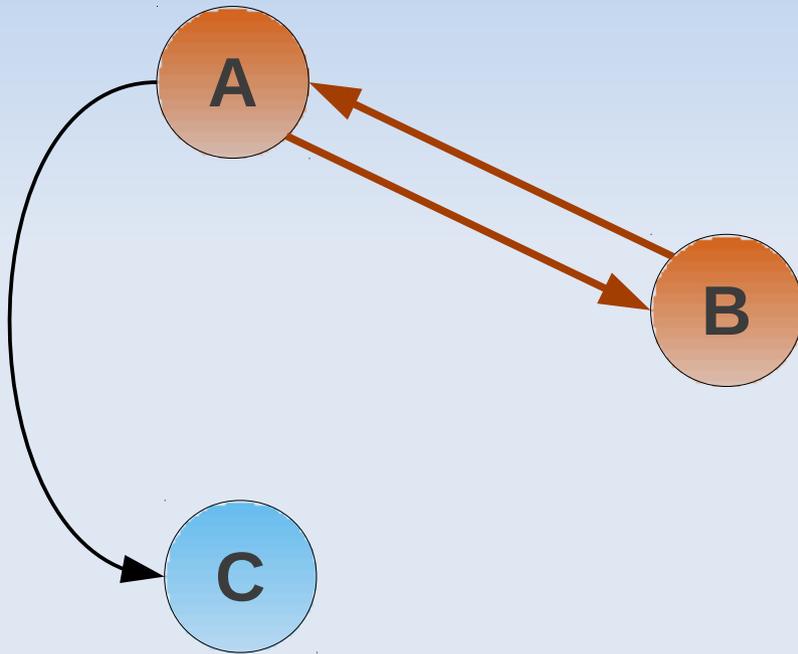
Graph Rewriting



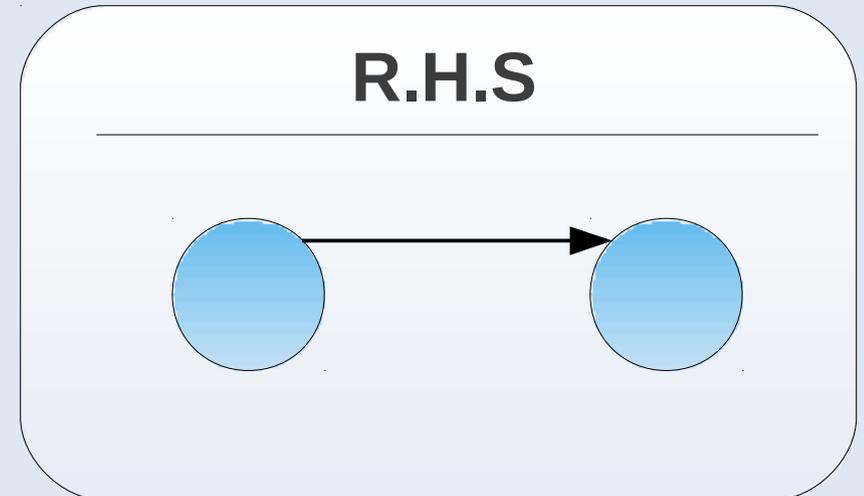
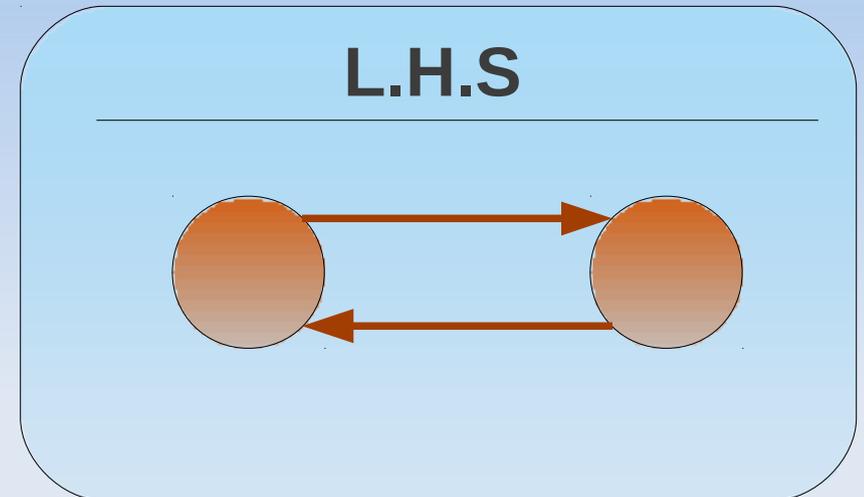
Base Graph



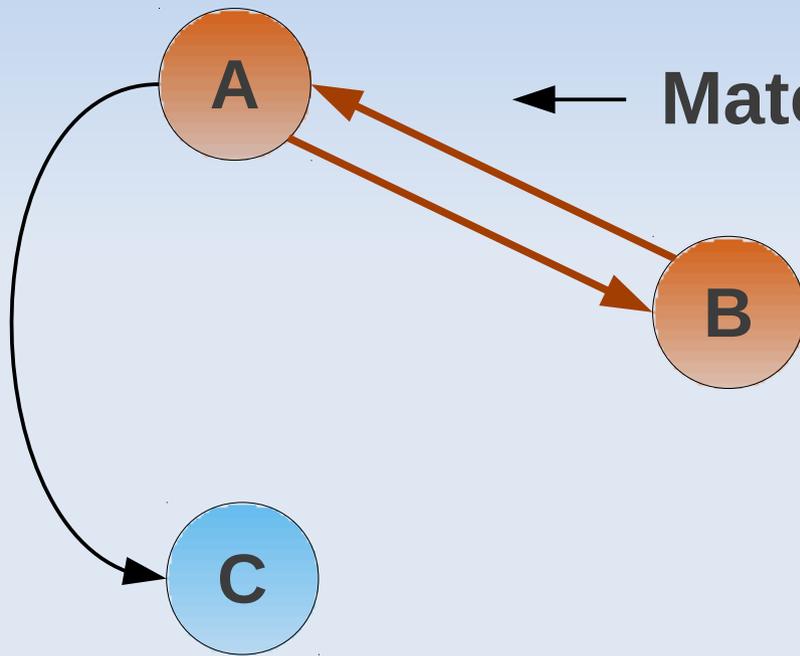
Graph Rewriting



Base Graph

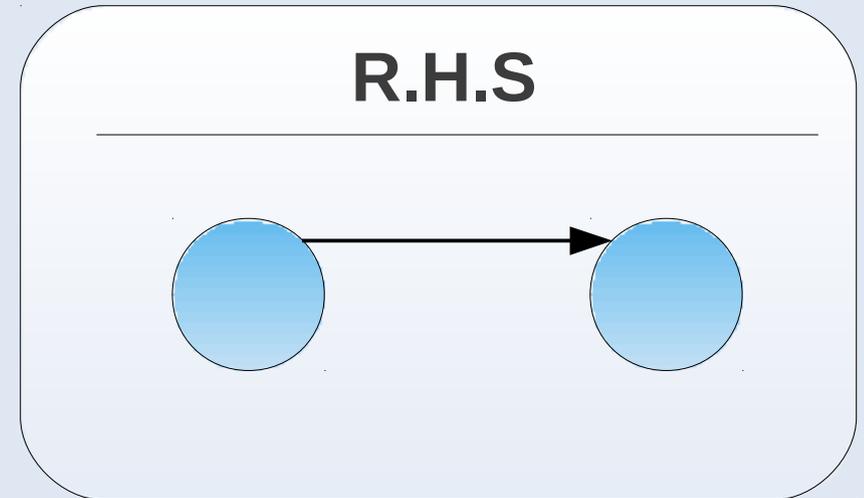
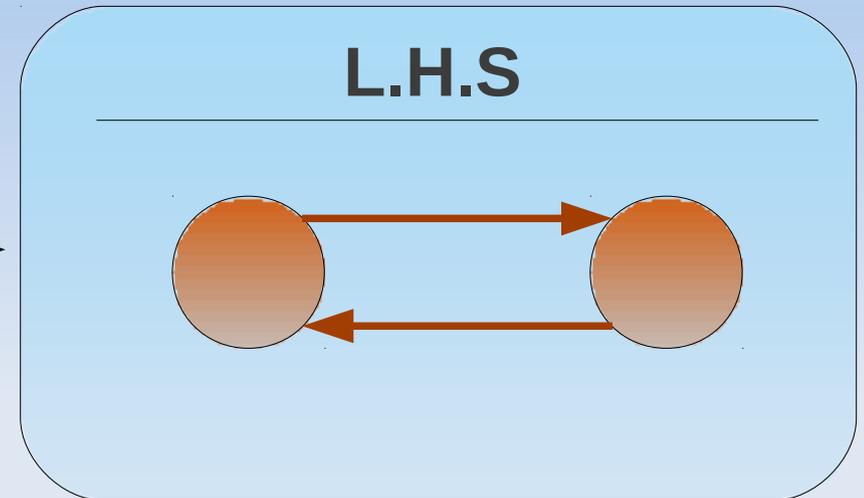


Graph Rewriting

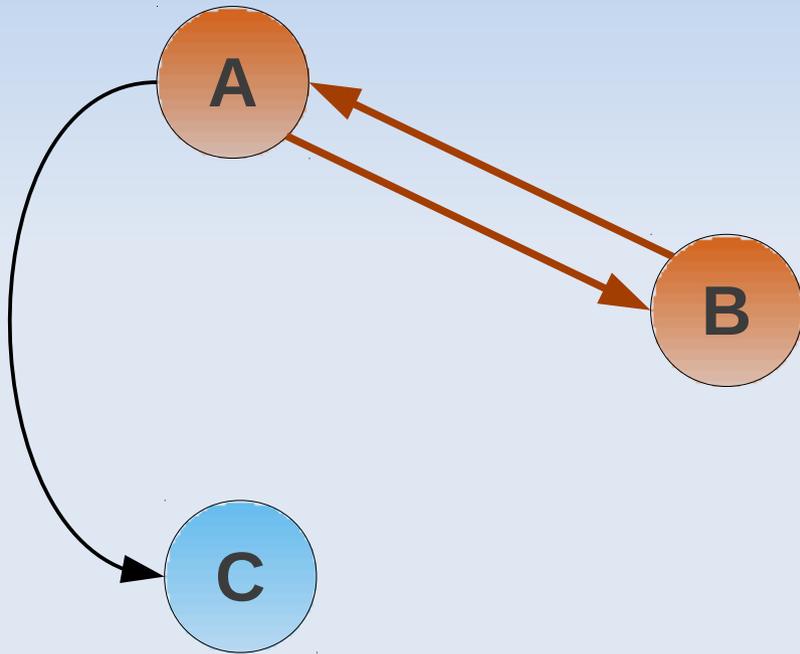


Base Graph

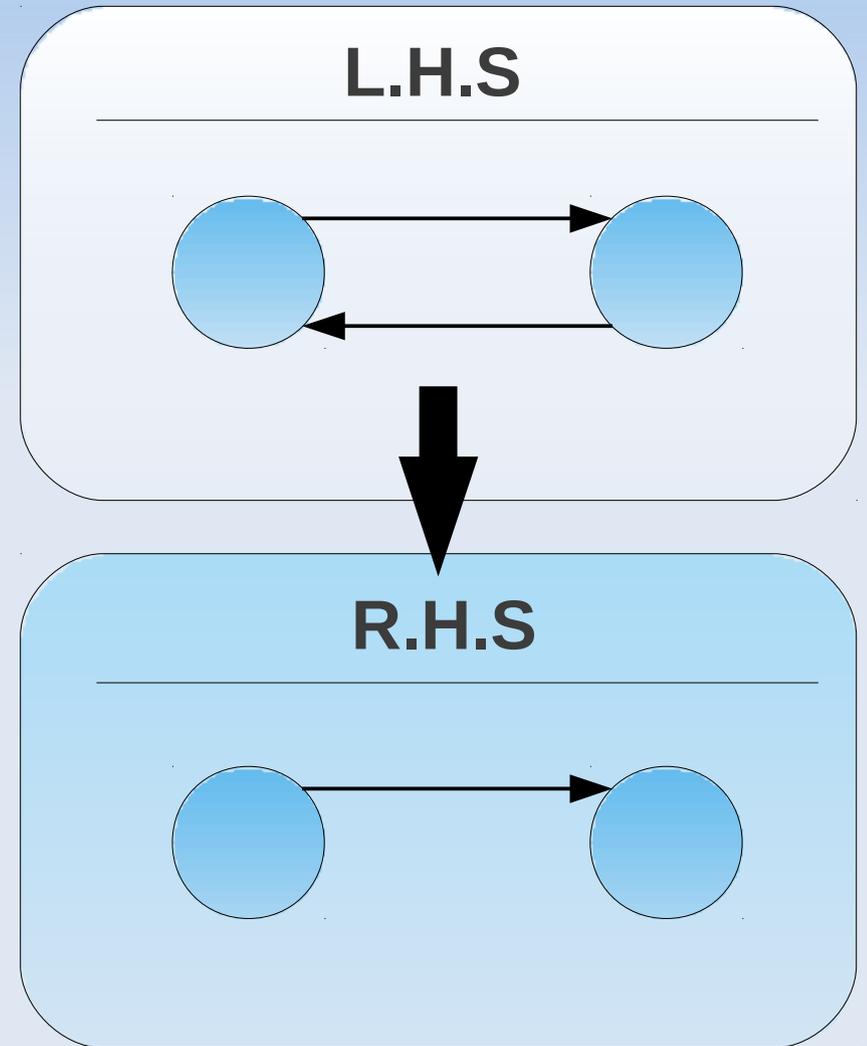
← Match →



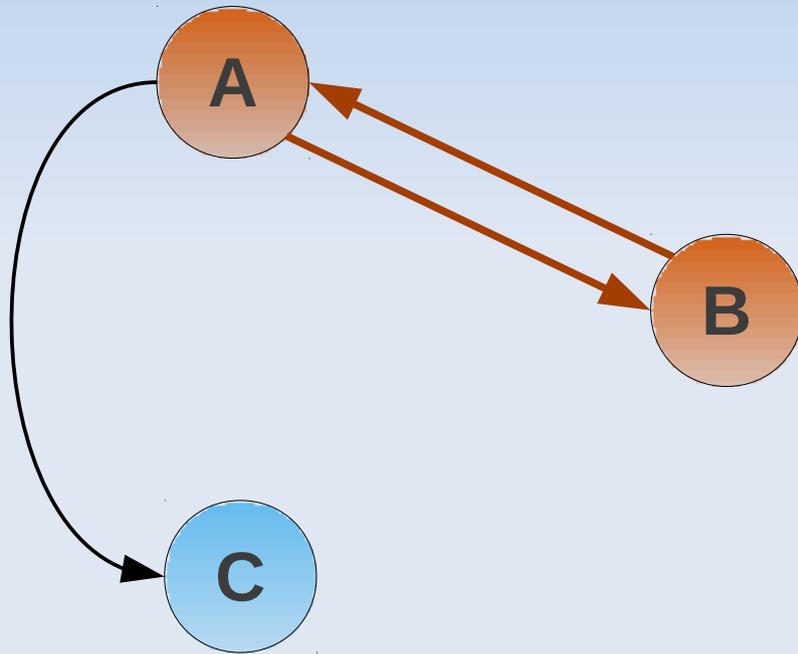
Graph Rewriting



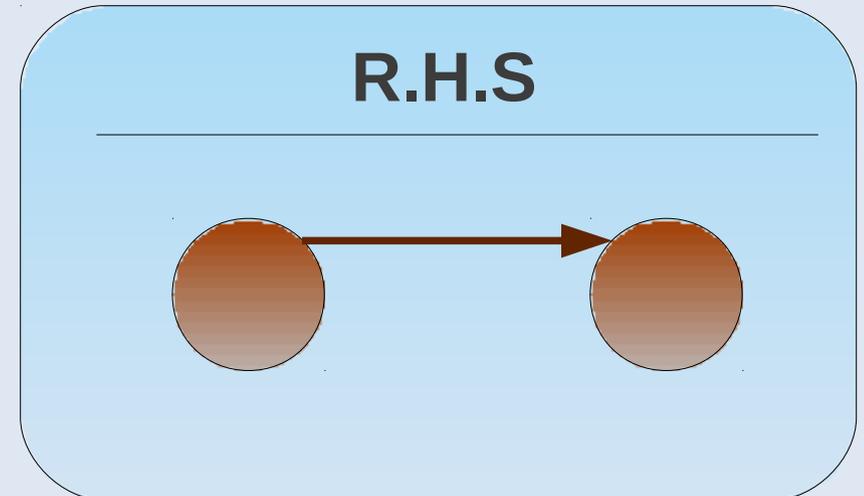
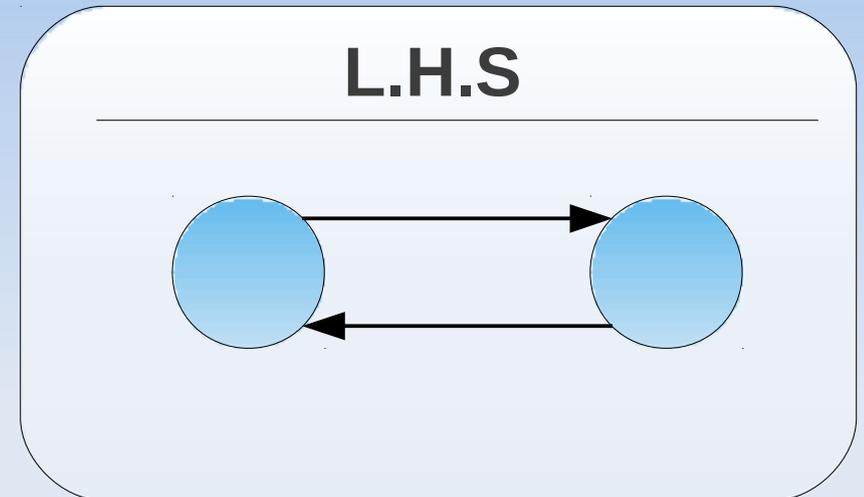
Base Graph



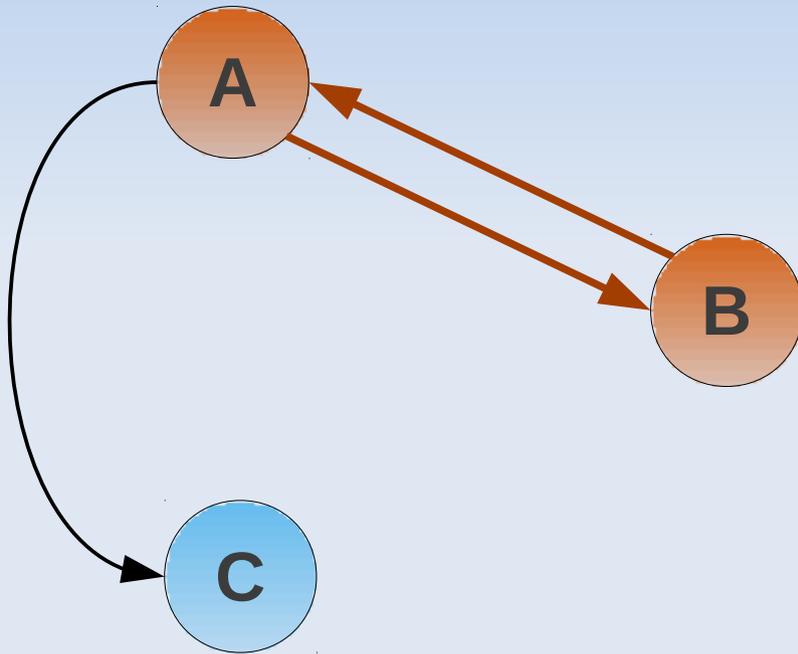
Graph Rewriting



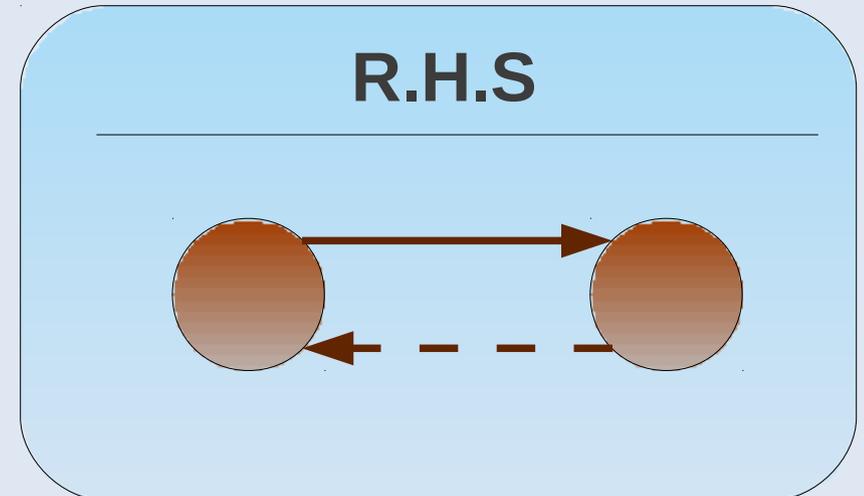
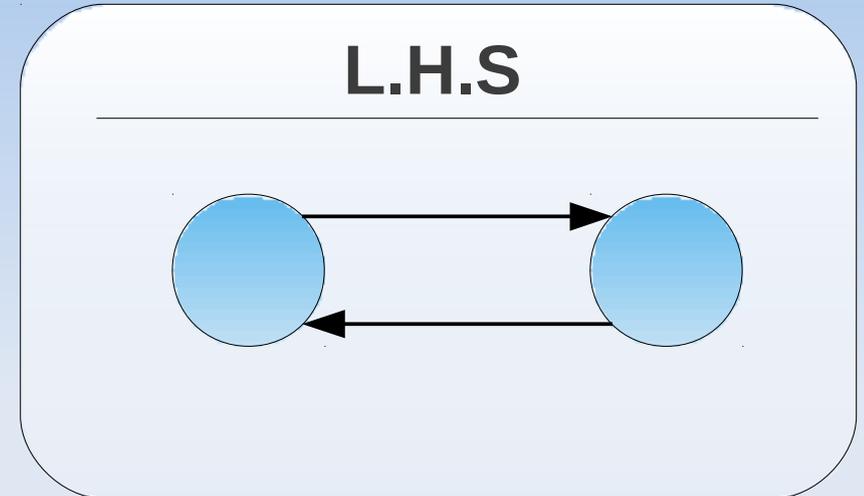
Base Graph



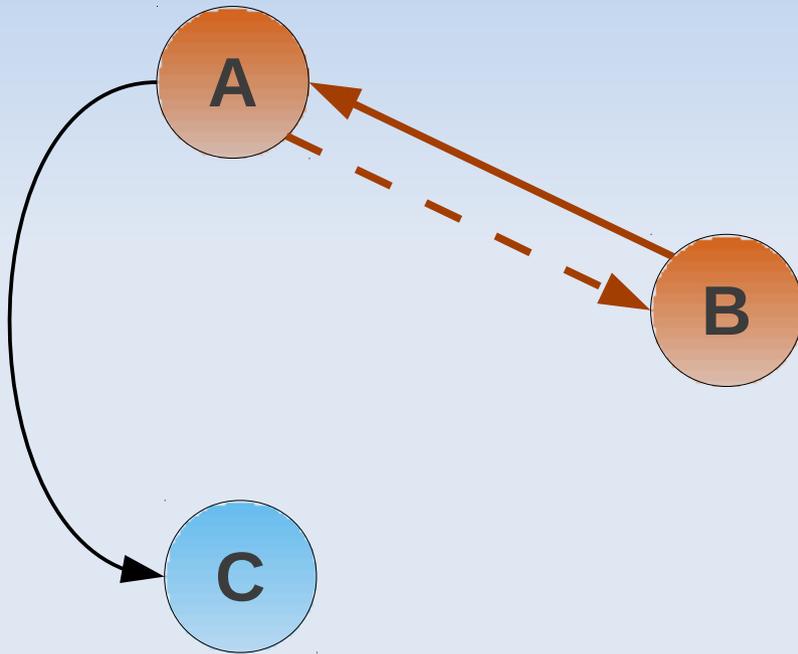
Graph Rewriting



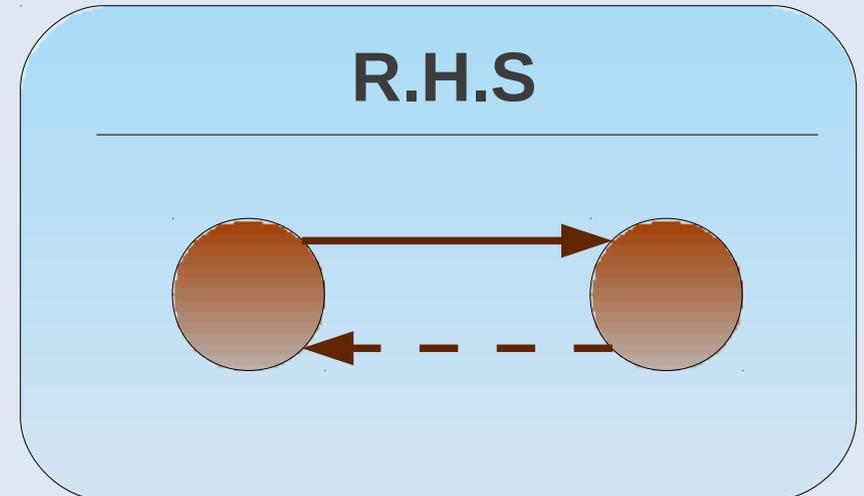
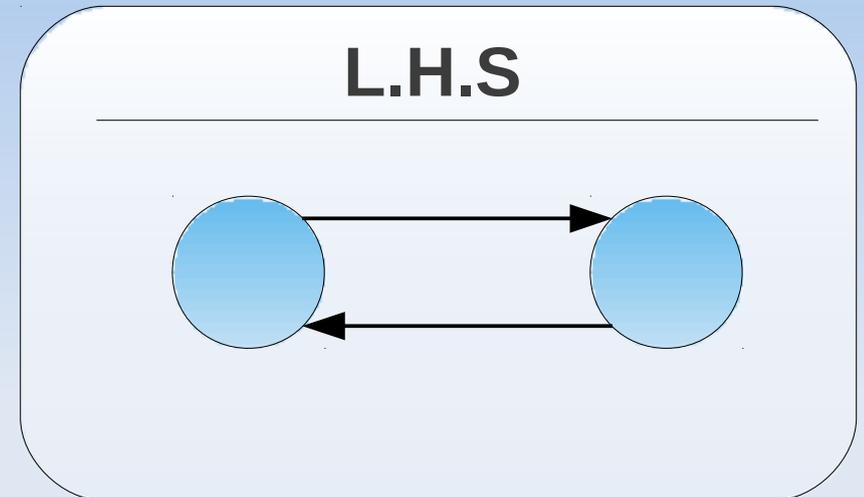
Base Graph



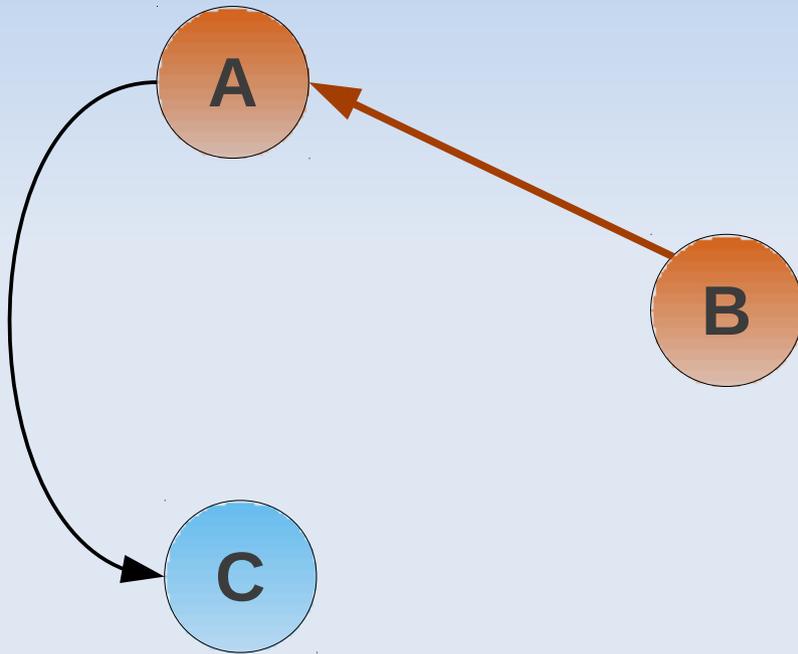
Graph Rewriting



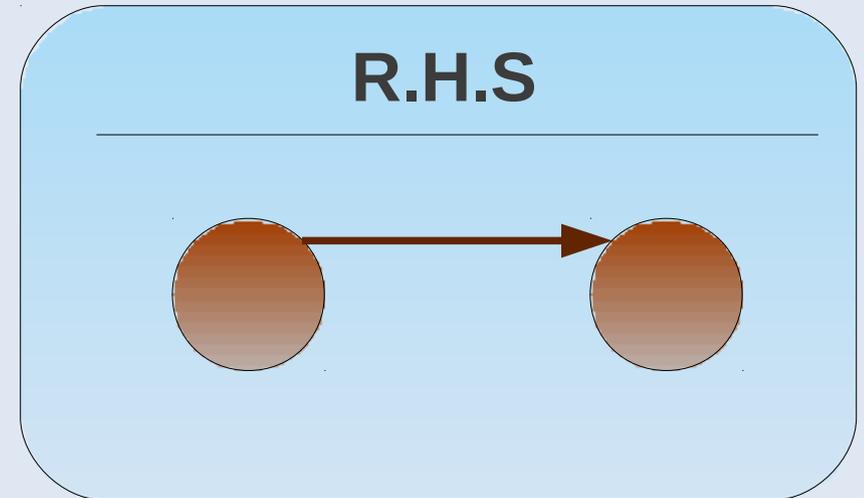
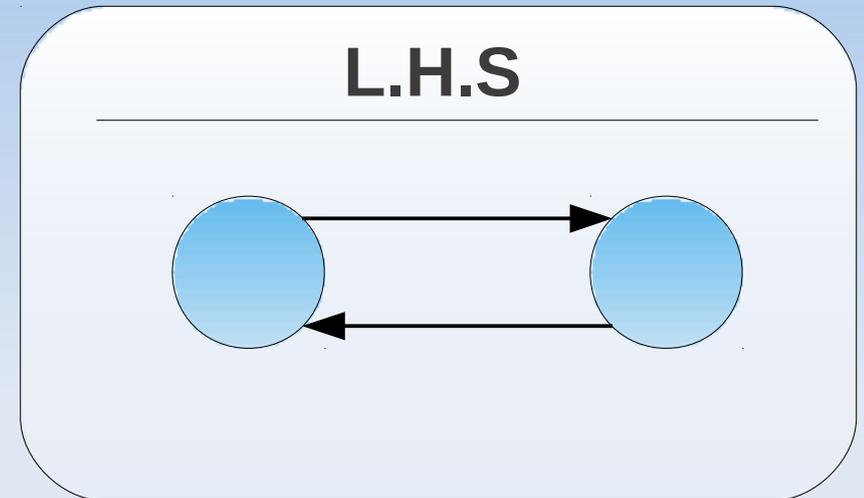
Base Graph



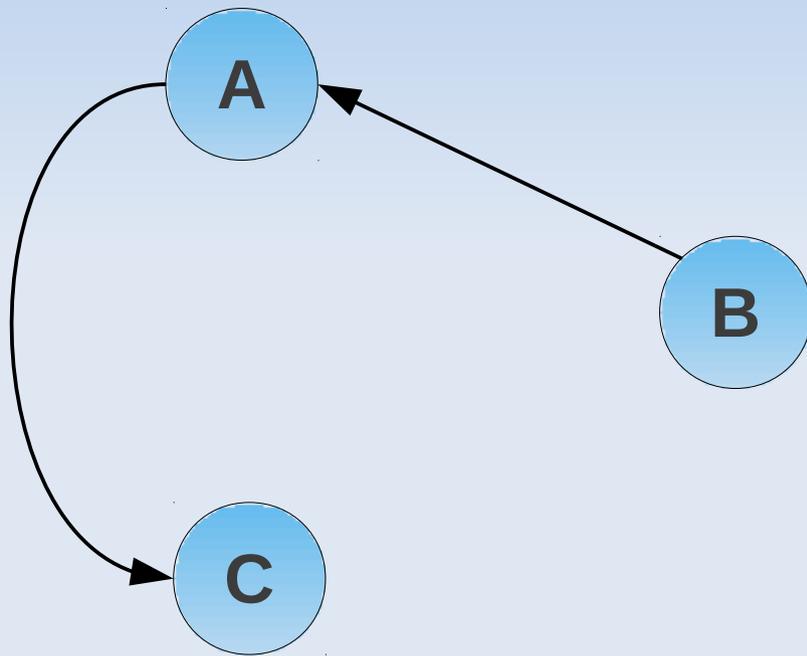
Graph Rewriting



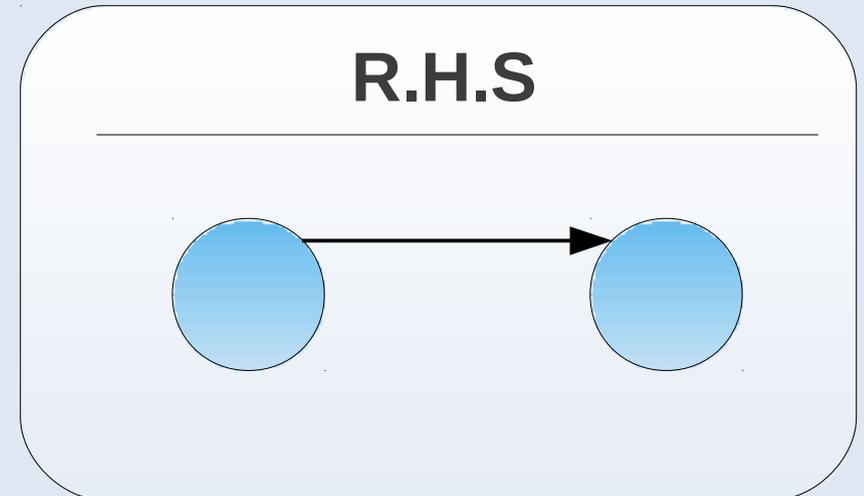
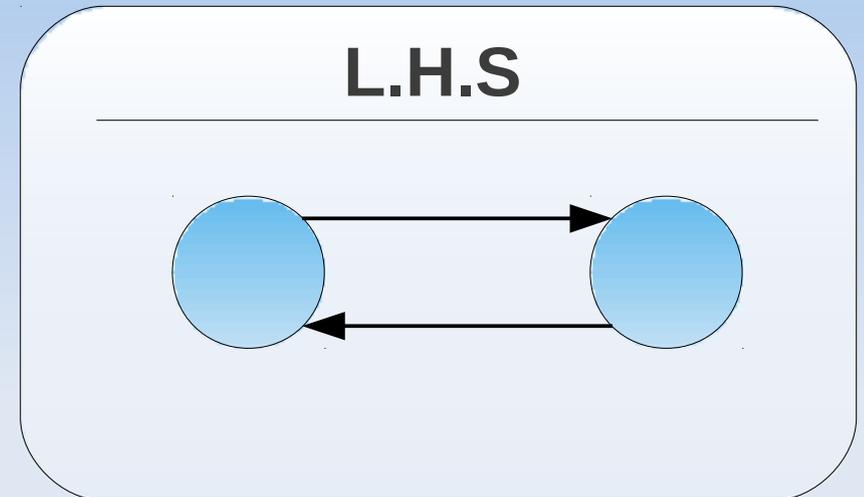
Base Graph



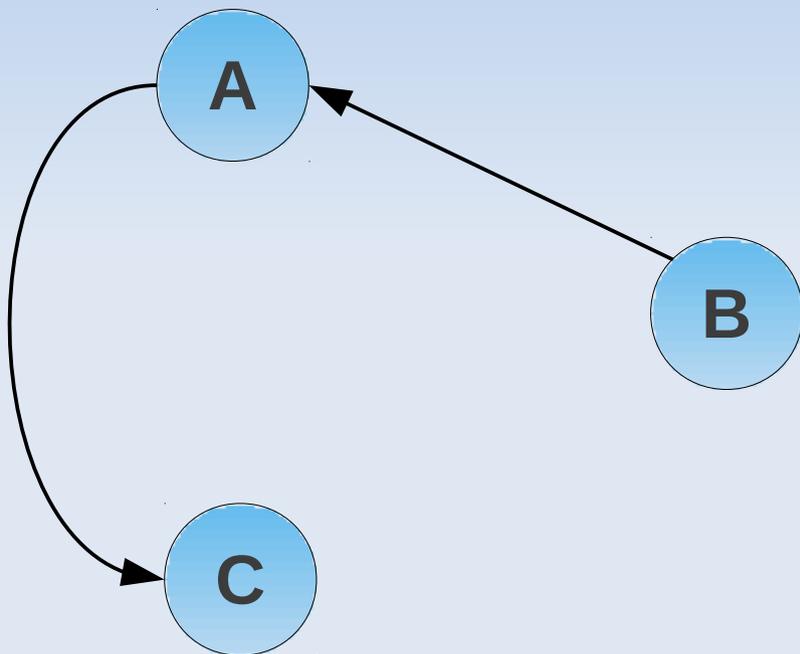
Graph Rewriting



Base Graph

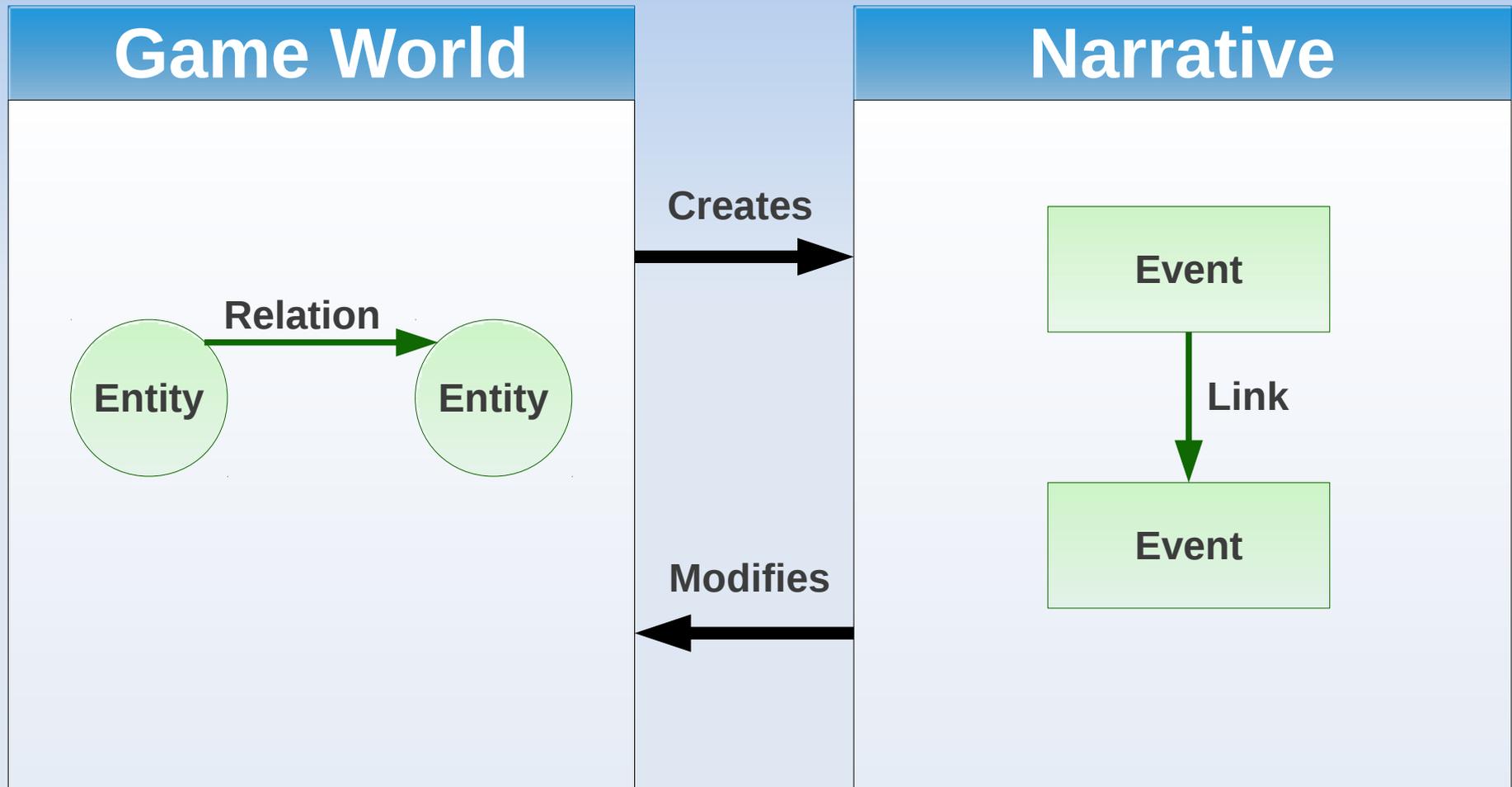


Graph Rewriting



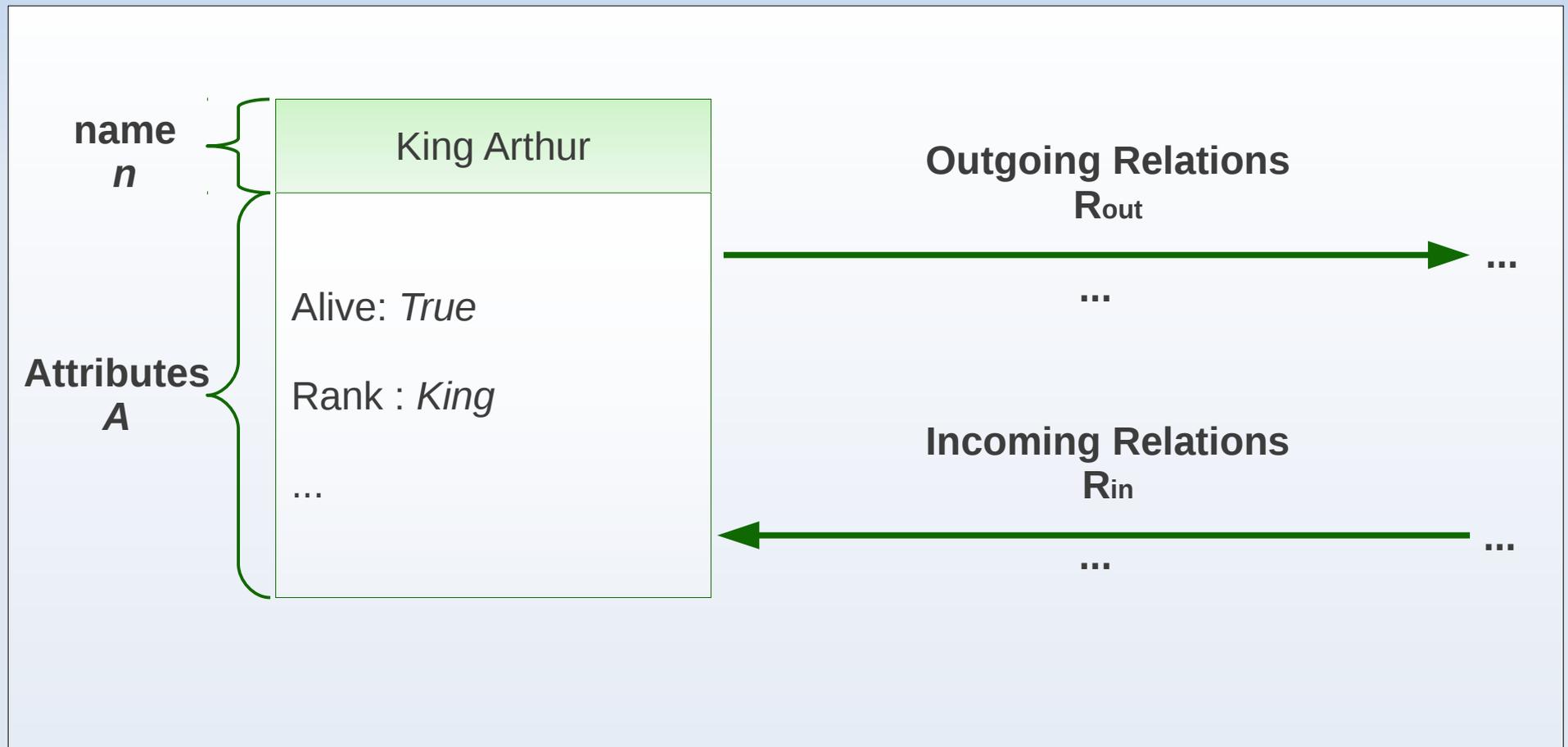
Base Graph

Narrative Generation



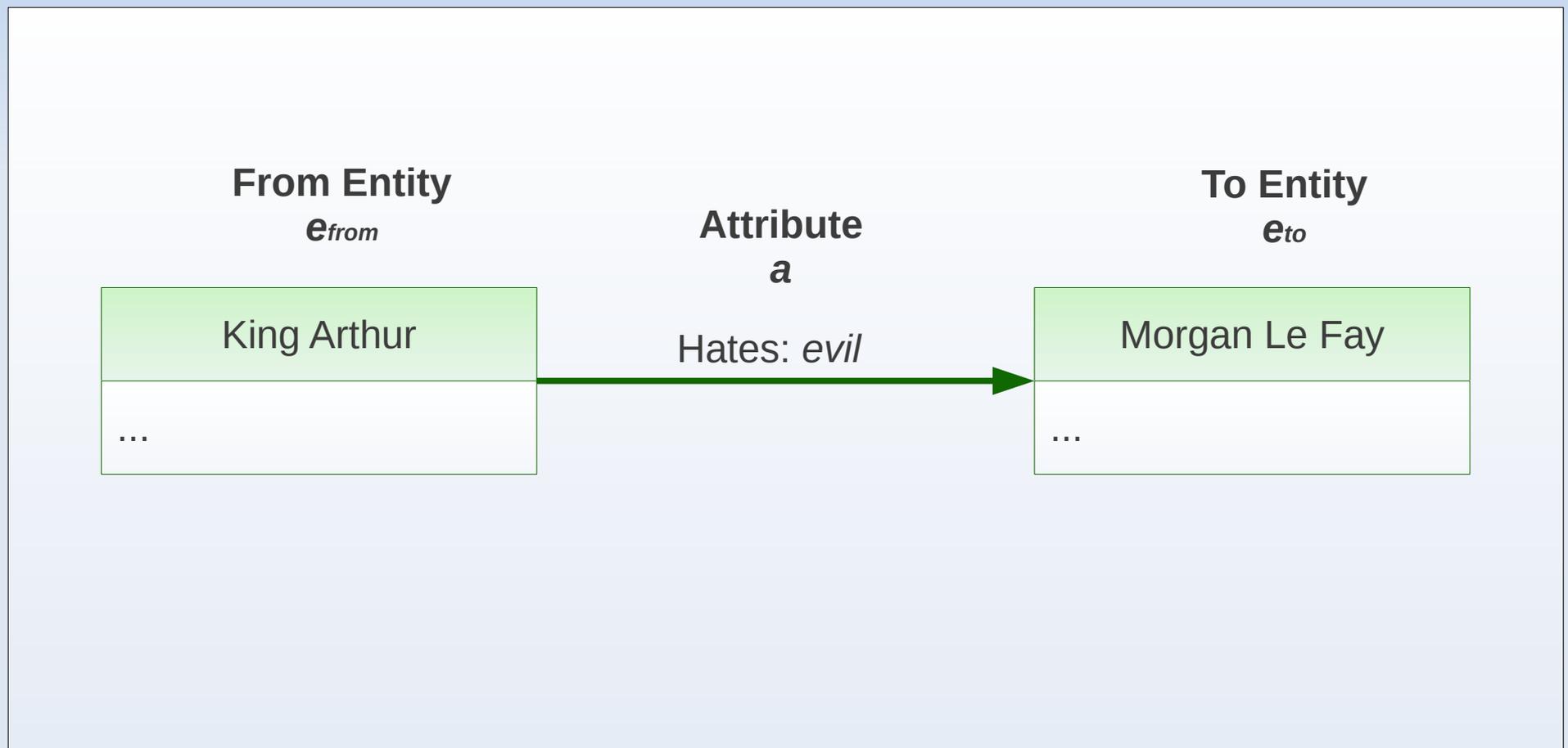
Game World

- Entity: $e = \langle n, A, R_{in}, R_{out} \rangle$



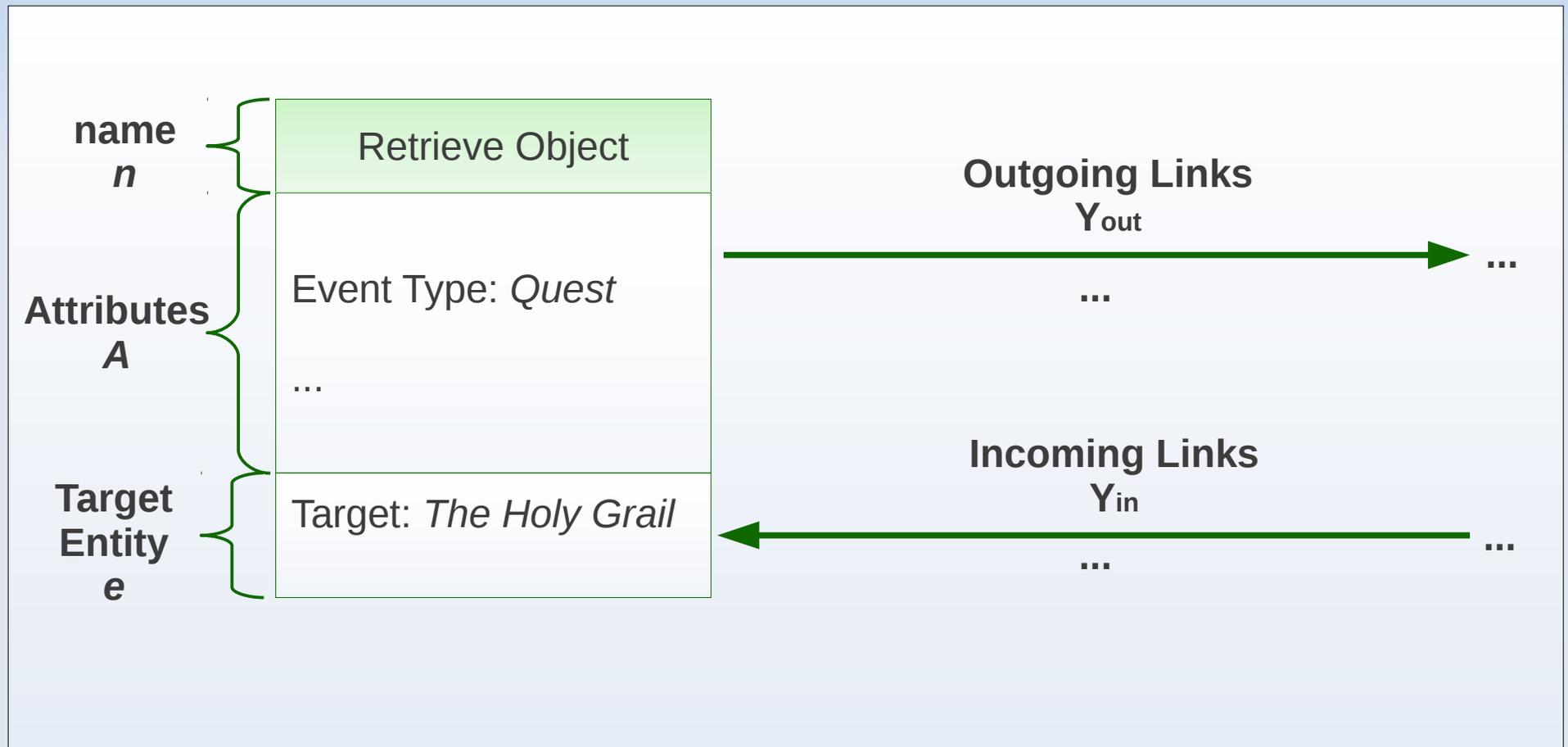
Game World

- Relation: $r = \langle a, e_{from}, e_{to} \rangle$



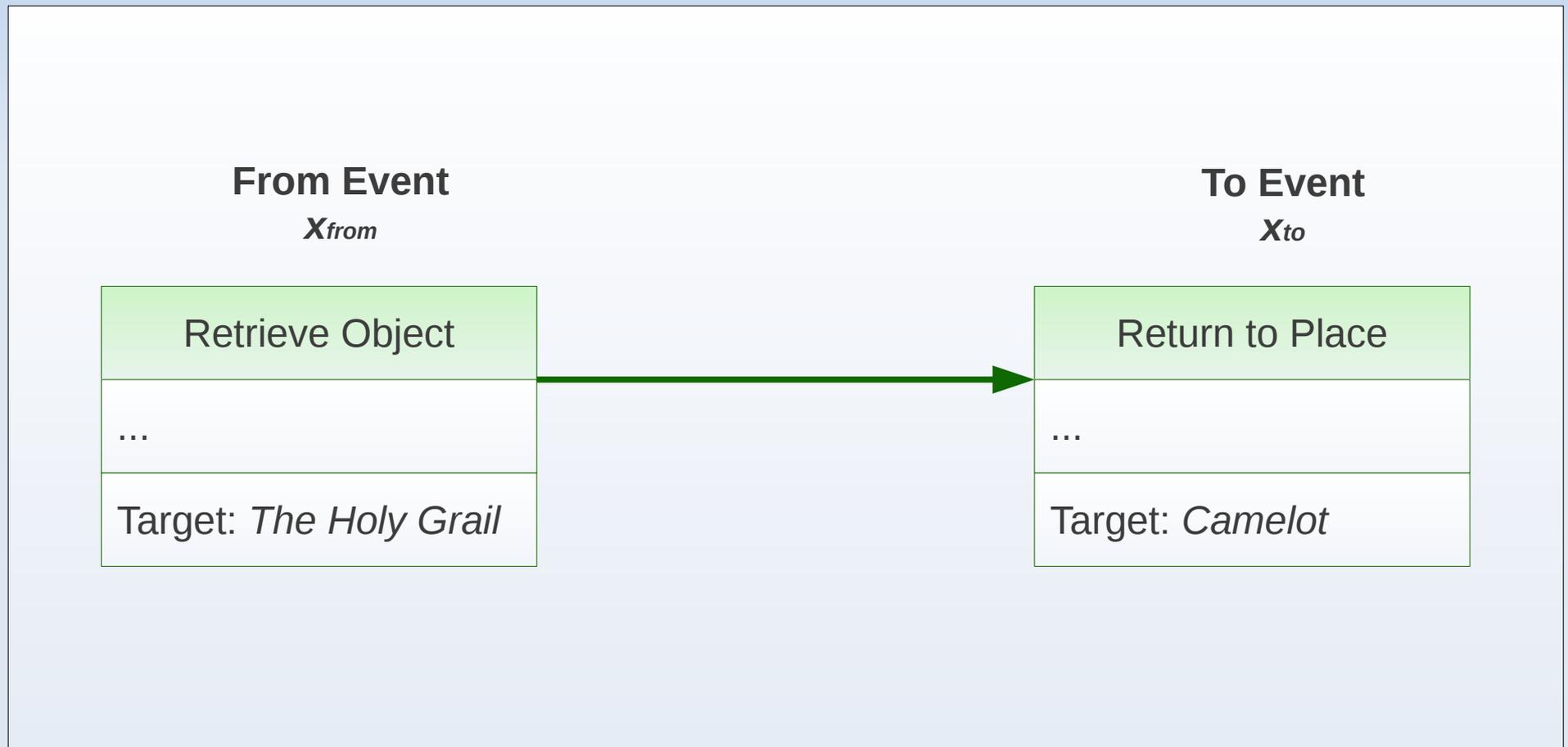
Narrative

- Event: $x = \langle n, A, Y_{in}, Y_{out}, e \rangle$



Narrative

- Link: $y = \langle X_{from}, X_{to} \rangle$



Graph Definitions

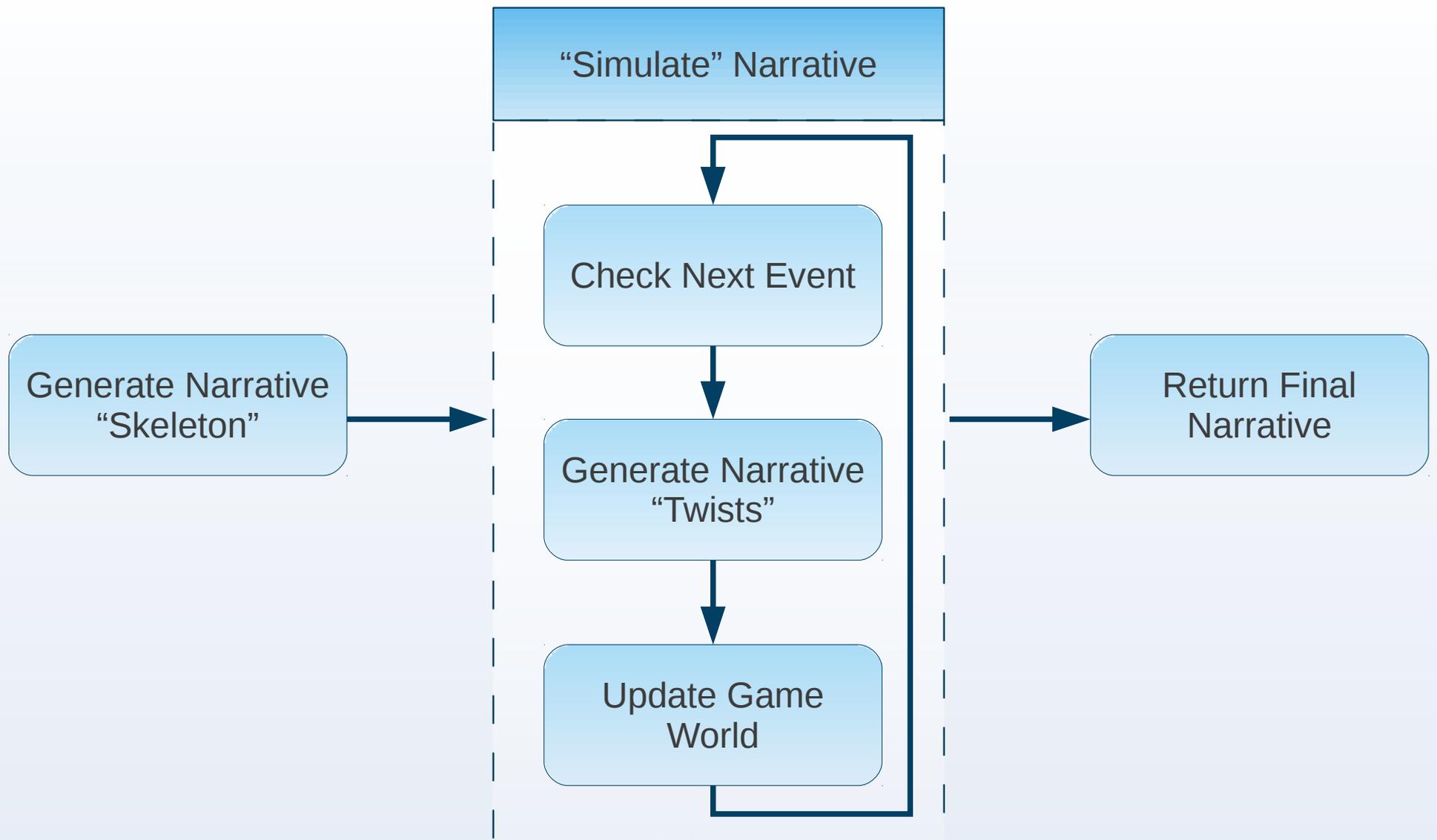
- Game World : $G = \langle E, R \rangle$
 - E , set of *Entities*
 - R , set of *Relations*

- Narrative: $N = \langle X, Y \rangle$
 - X , set of *Events*
 - Y , set of *Links*

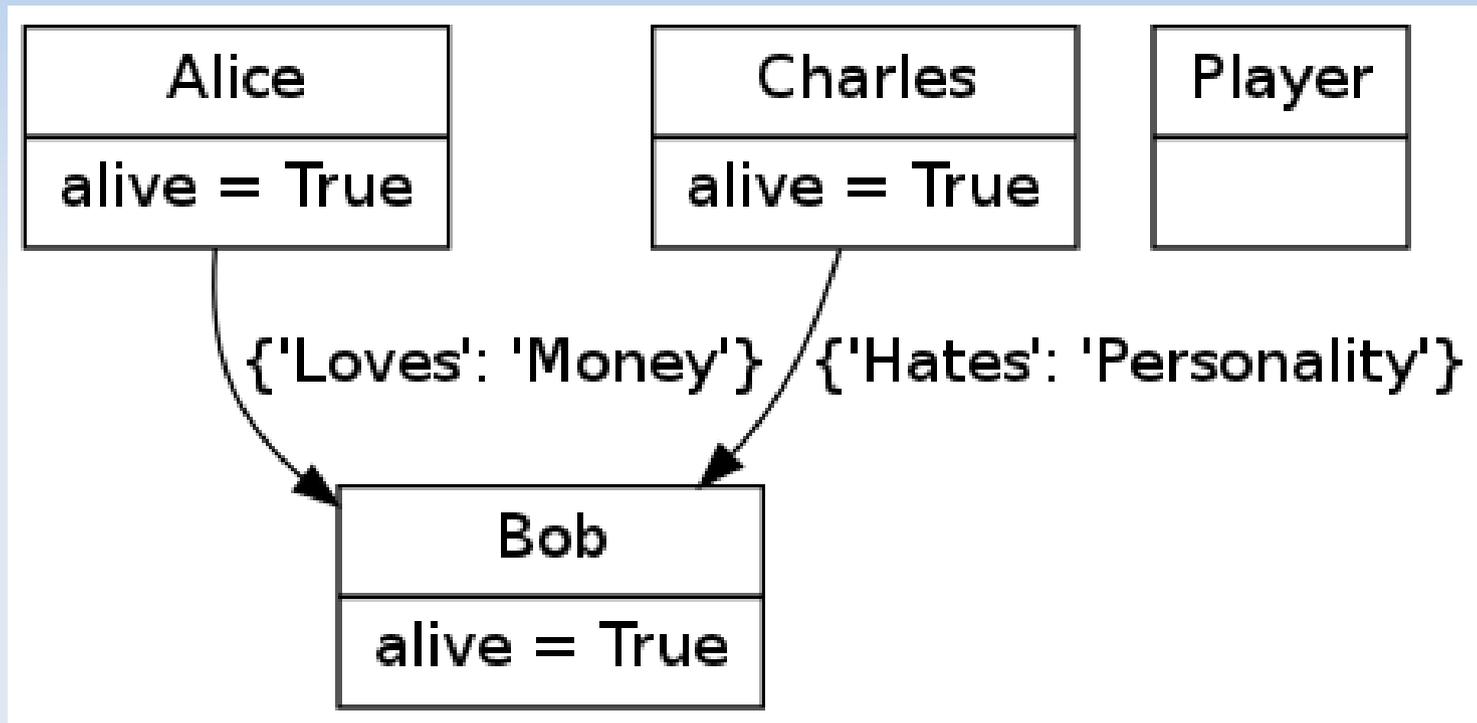
Rewrite Rule



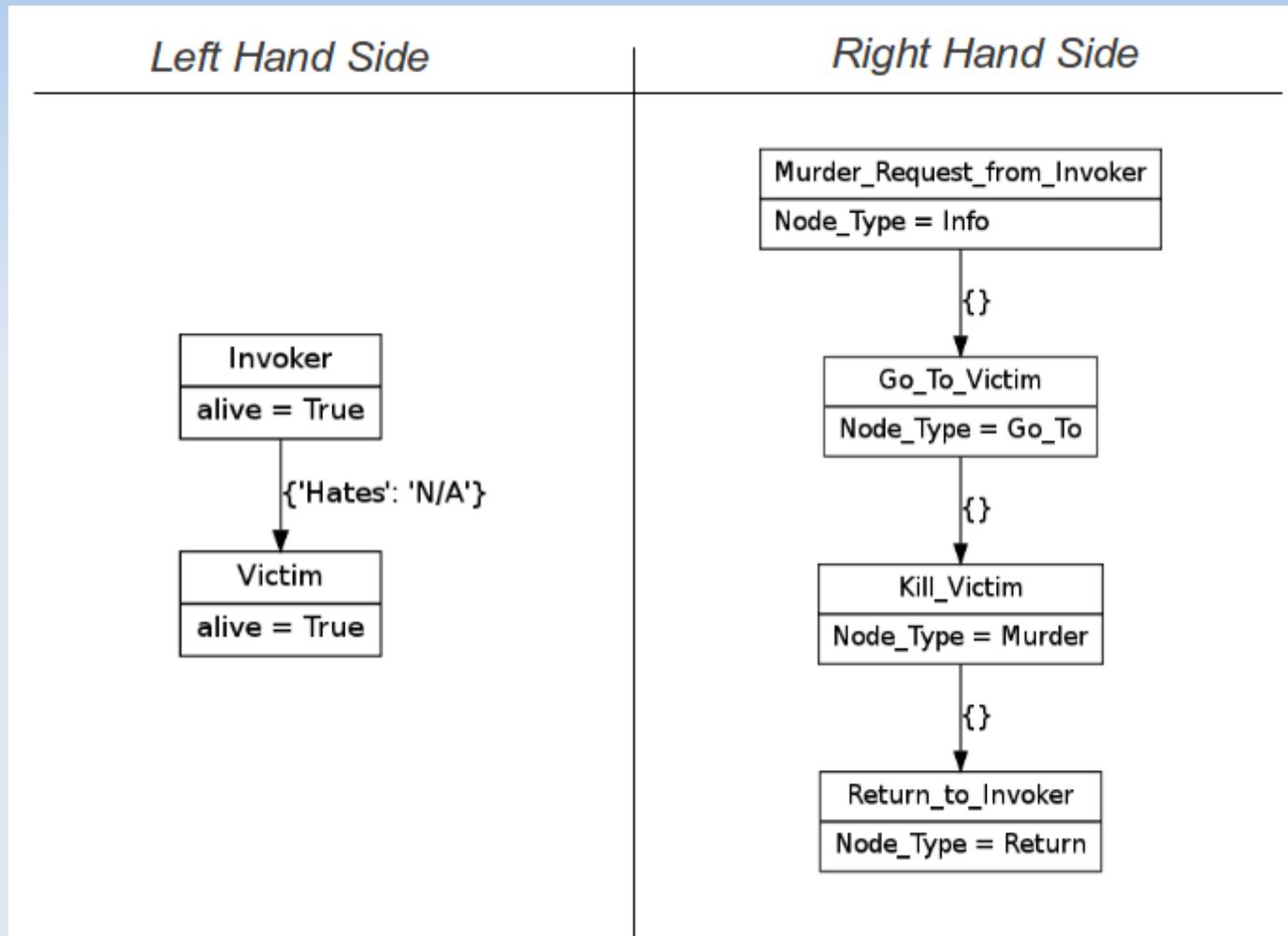
Steps



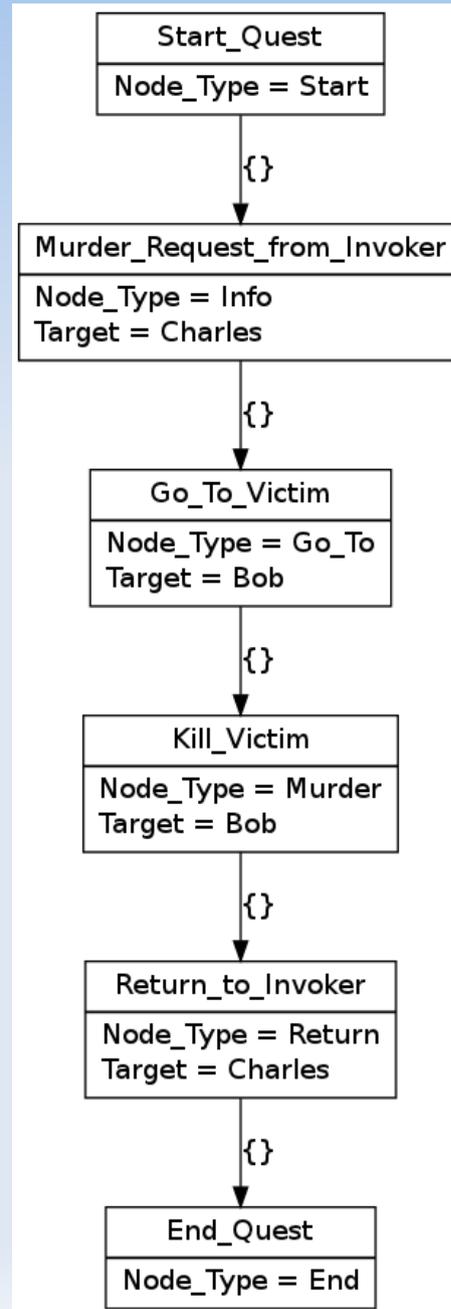
Example



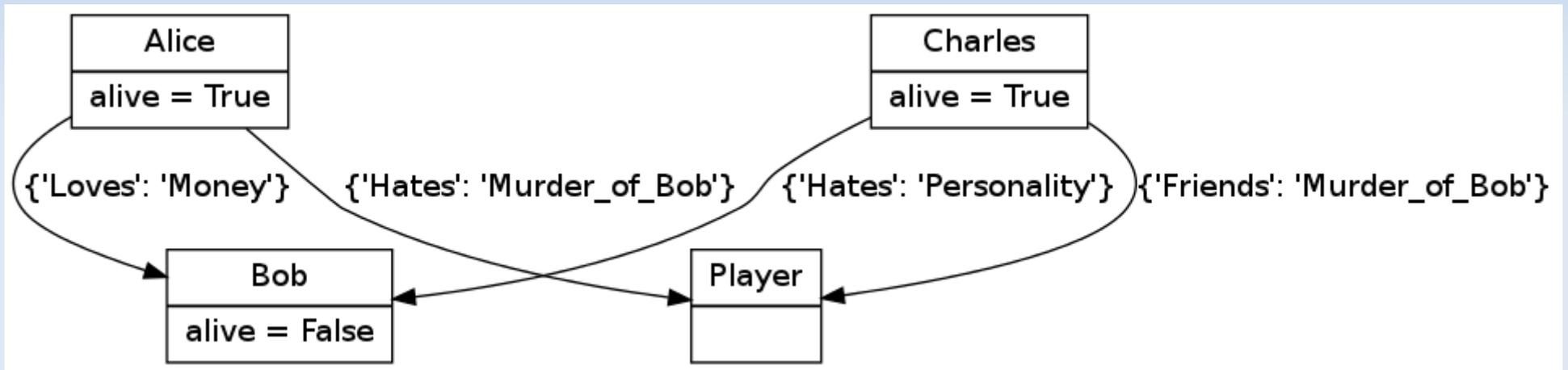
Example



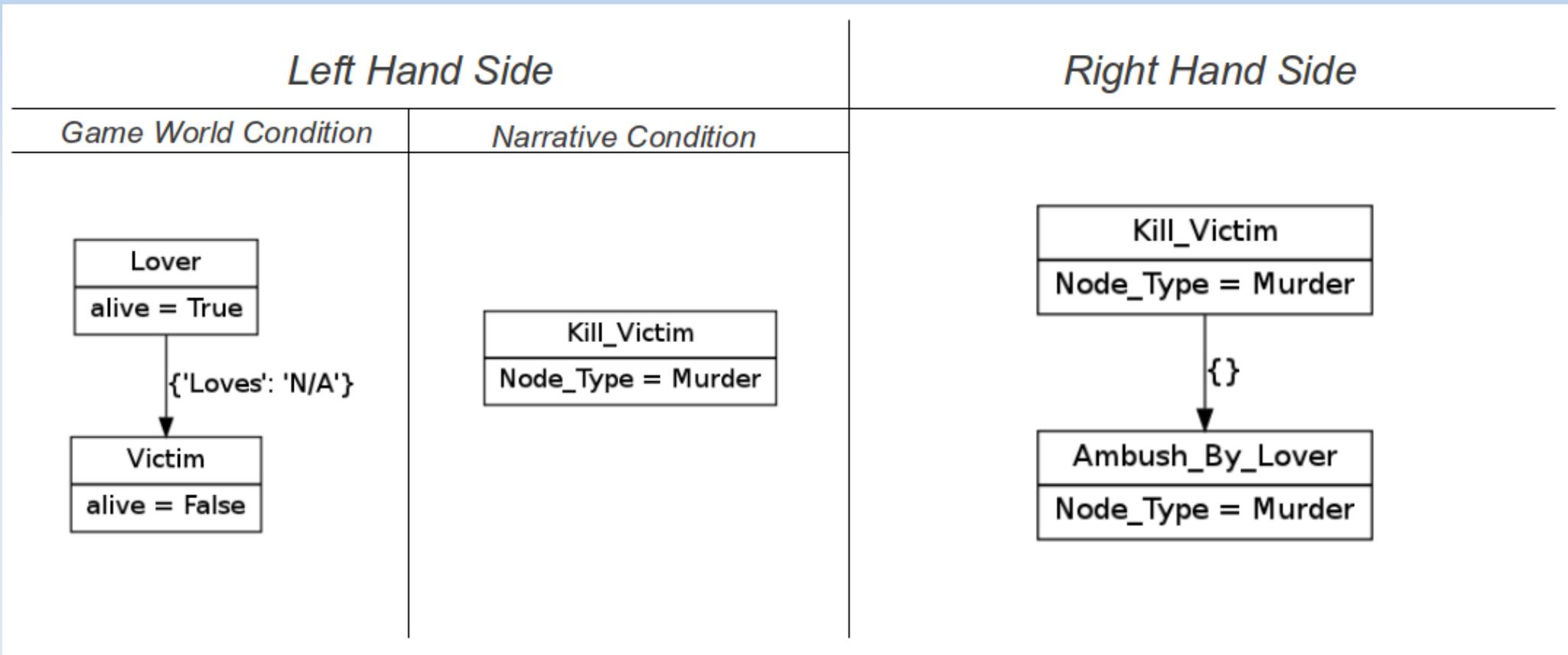
Example



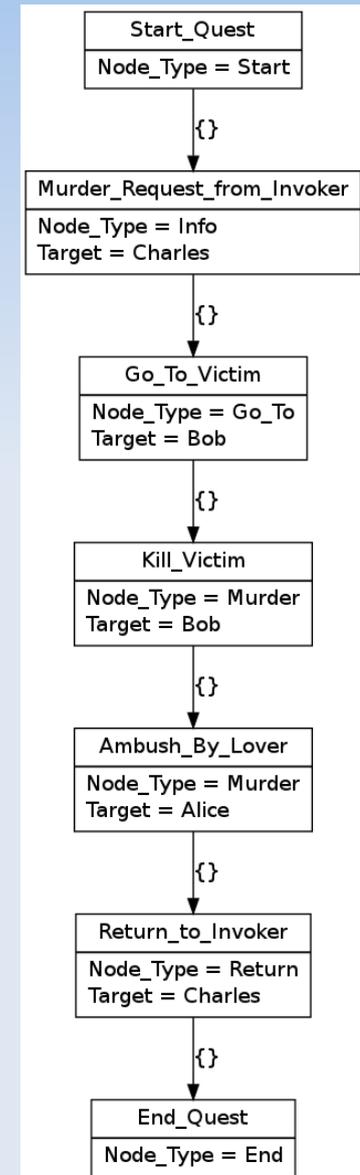
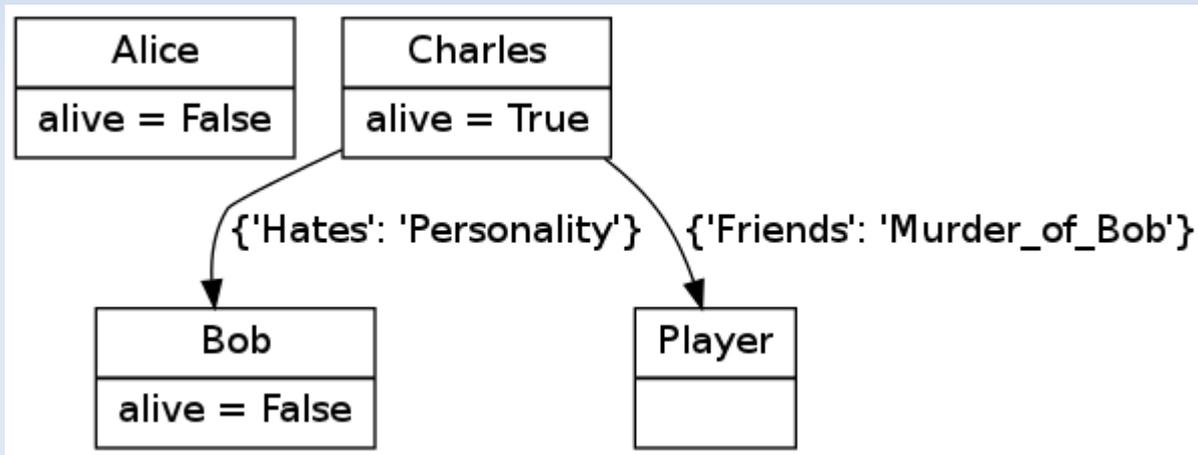
Example



Example



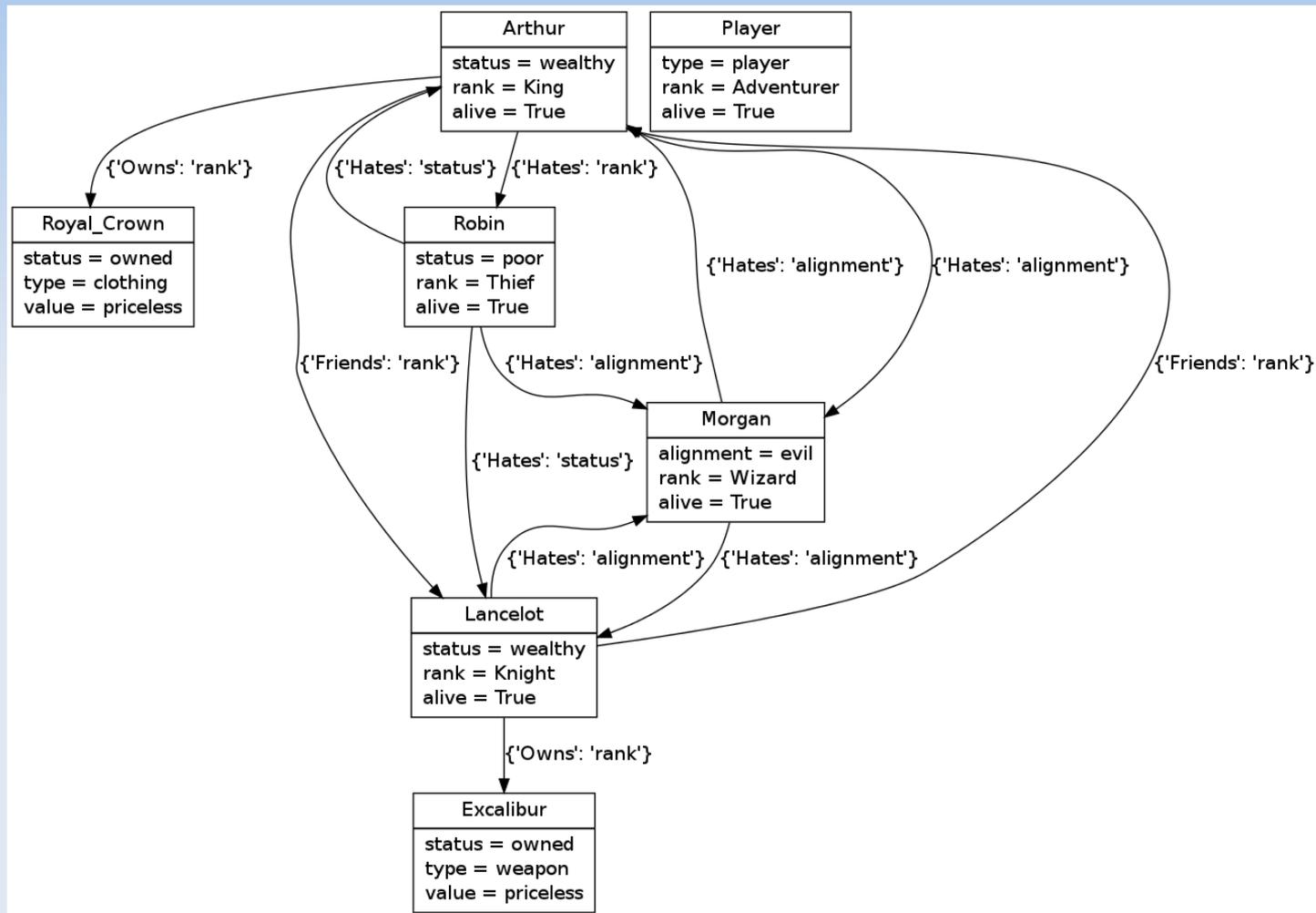
Example



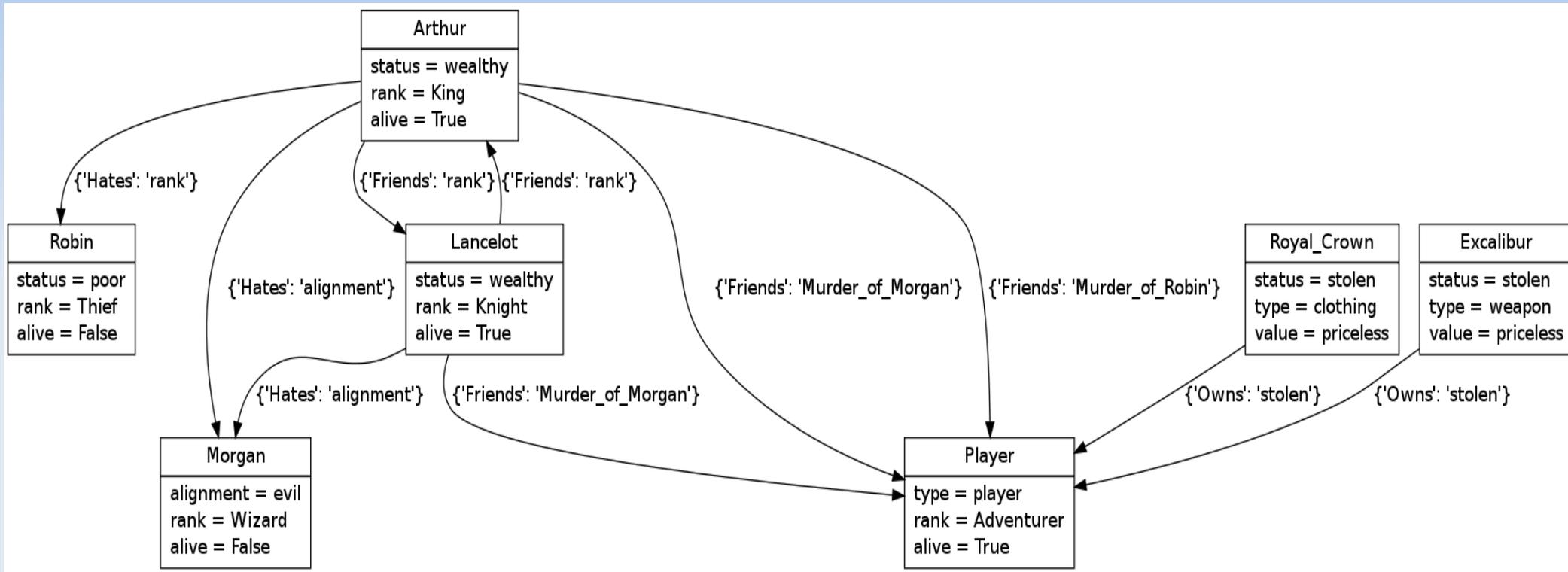
Potential for Analysis

- Average Narrative Length
- Number Narratives Possible

Narrative „Deadlock“



Narrative „Deadlock“



Four Narratives Possible

Conclusions

- System for *Narrative Generation*
- *Graph Rewriting* techniques
- *Game World* and *Narrative* graphs
- *Generation* and *Simulation*

Future Work

- Metric Analysis
- Online Generation
- Branching Narratives

Questions?

References

- Chang, H.-M., Soo, V.-W., September 2009. Planning-based narrative generation in simulated game universes. *IEEE Transactions on Computational Intelligence and AI in Games* 1 (3), 200–213.
- Lenhardt, H., January 2012. Bethesda's nasmith reflects on the difficult birth of skyrim's radiant story system. URL <http://venturebeat.com/2012/01/27/bethesda-nasmith-reflects-on-the-difficult-birth-of-skyrim-radiant-story-system/>
- McCoy, J., Treanor, M., Samuel, B., Tearse, B., Mateas, M., Wardrip-Fruin, N., June 2010. Authoring game-based interactive narrative using social games and comme il faut. In: *Proceedings of the 4th International Conference and Festival of the Electronic Literature Organization: Archive and Innovate*. Providence, Rhode Island, USA.

References

- Stewart, T. C., West, R. L., 2006. Deconstructing act-r. In: Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Cognitive Modeling. Trieste, Italy, pp. 298–303.
- Ullman, J. R., January 1976. An algorithm for subgraph isomorphism. *Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery* 23 (1), 31–42.