# Program Analysis in Relay

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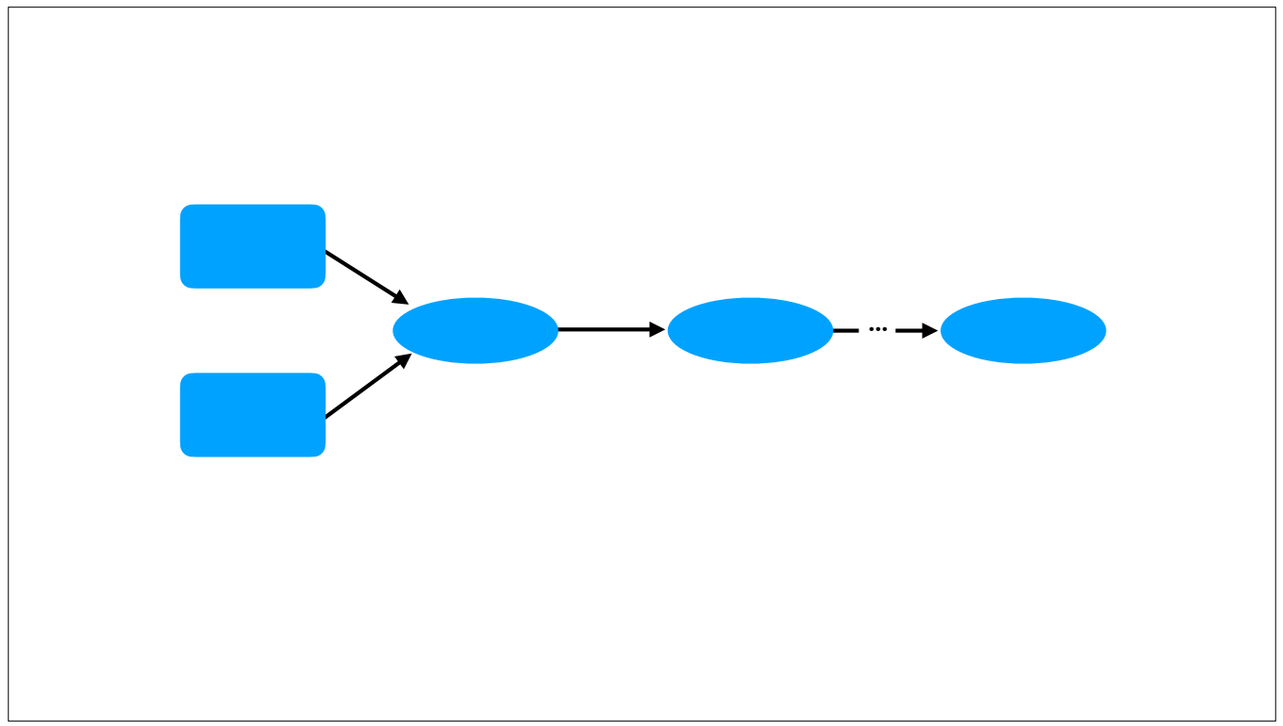
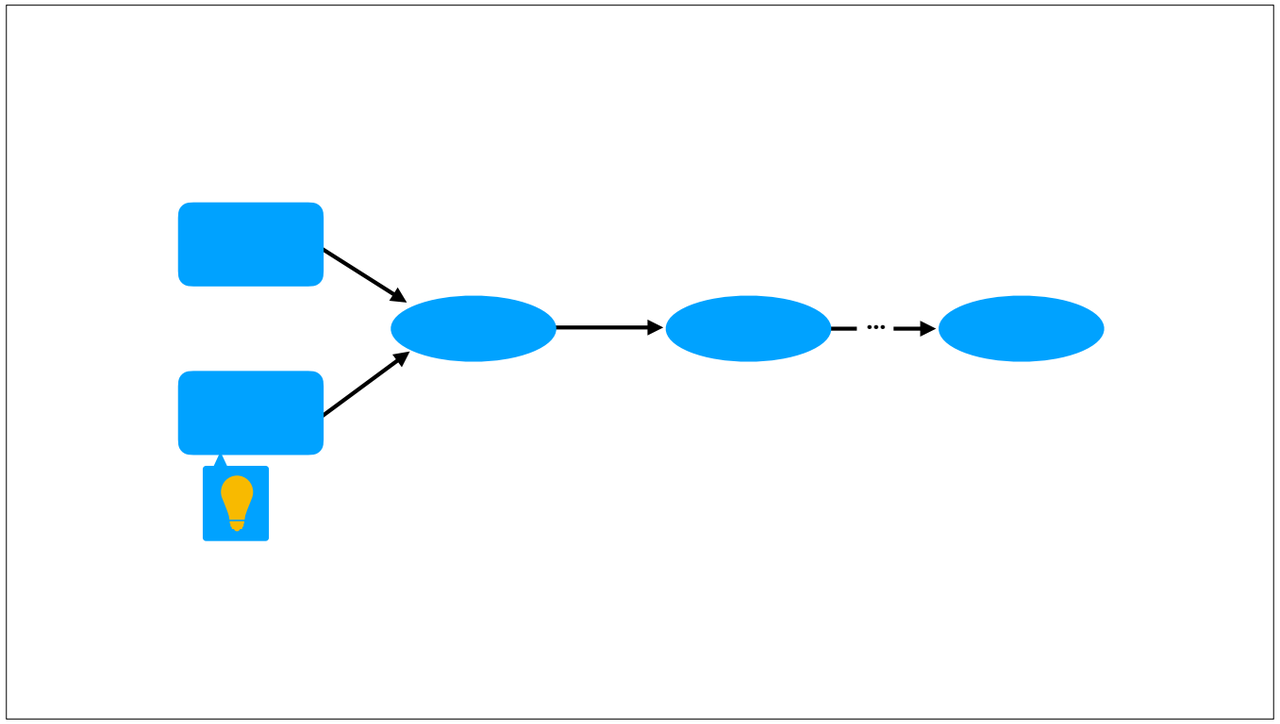
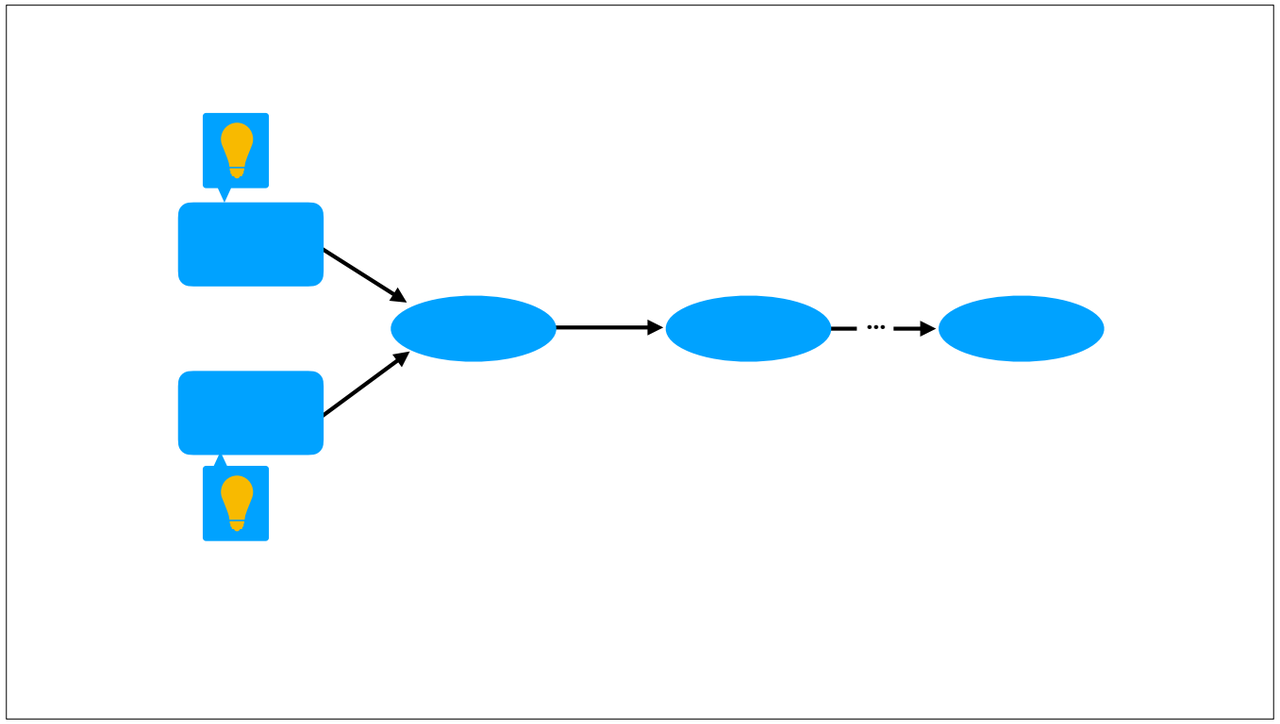
Hi everyone, my name's Gus Smith, from University of Washington's SAMPL lab.

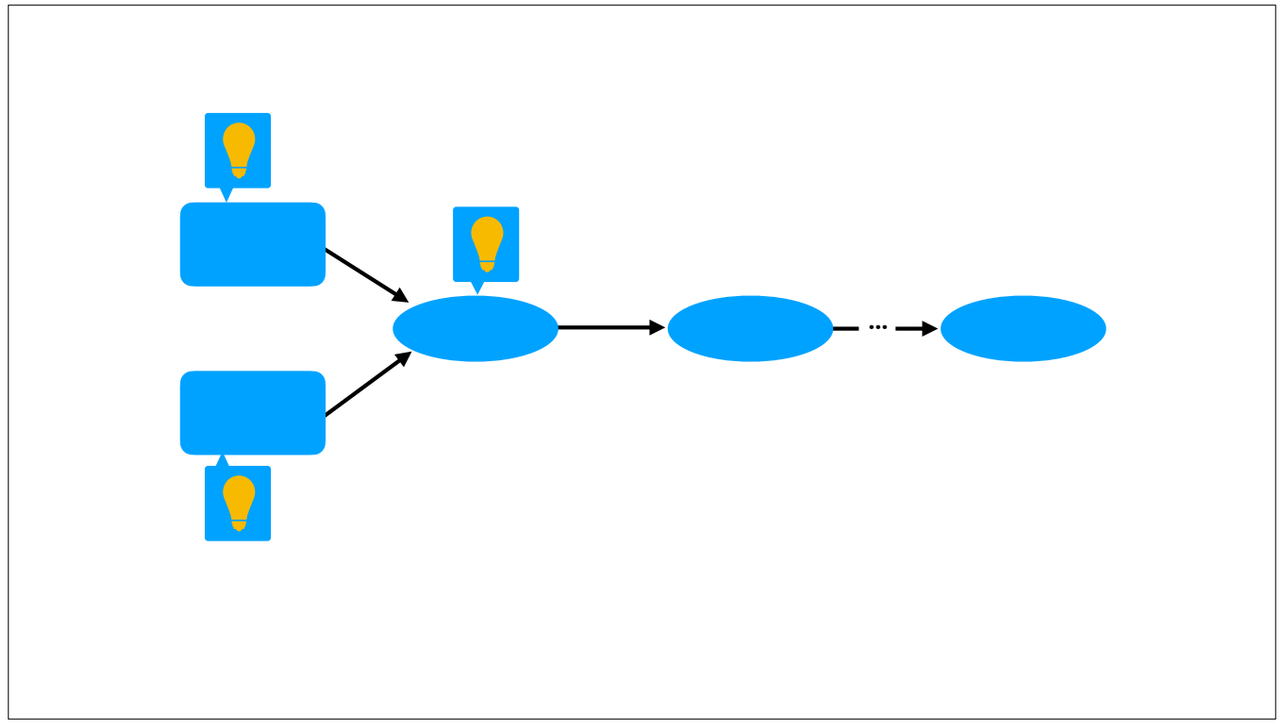


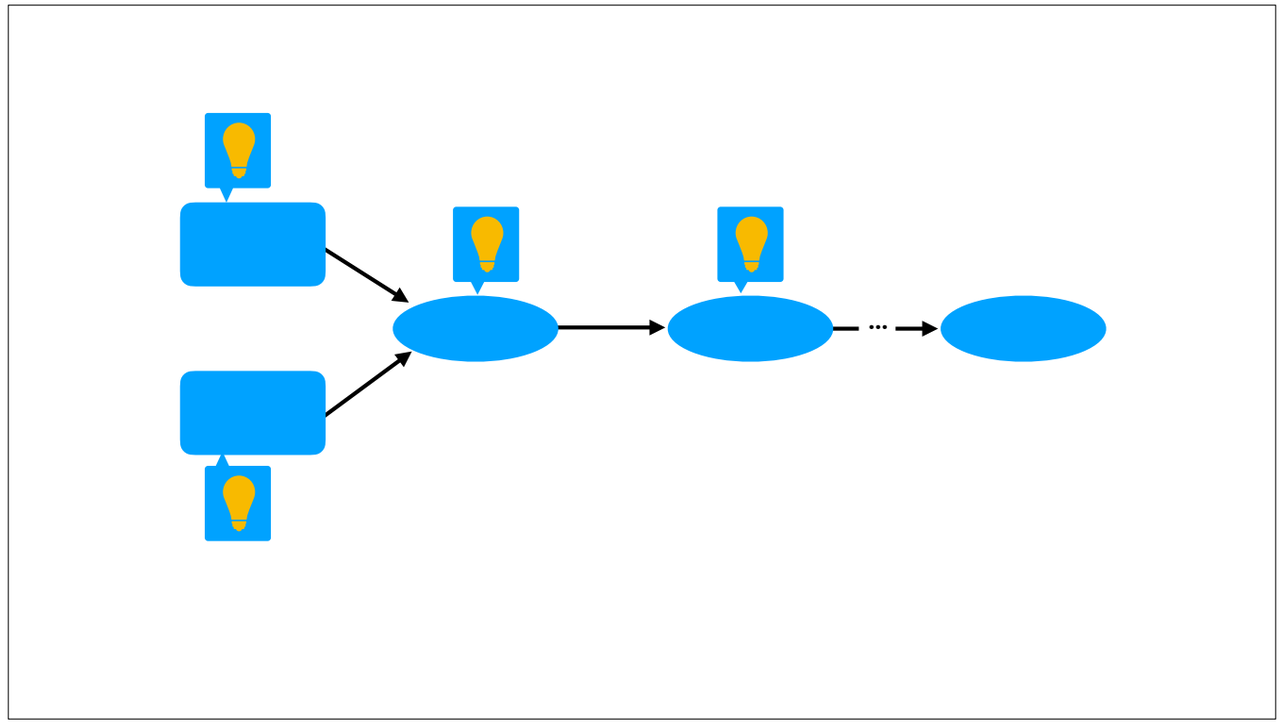
This past summer at Microsoft, I built a program analysis framework in Relay, useful for
[build lightbulbs] building simple static dataflow analyses and
[build summary square] putting their results into human-readable formats.

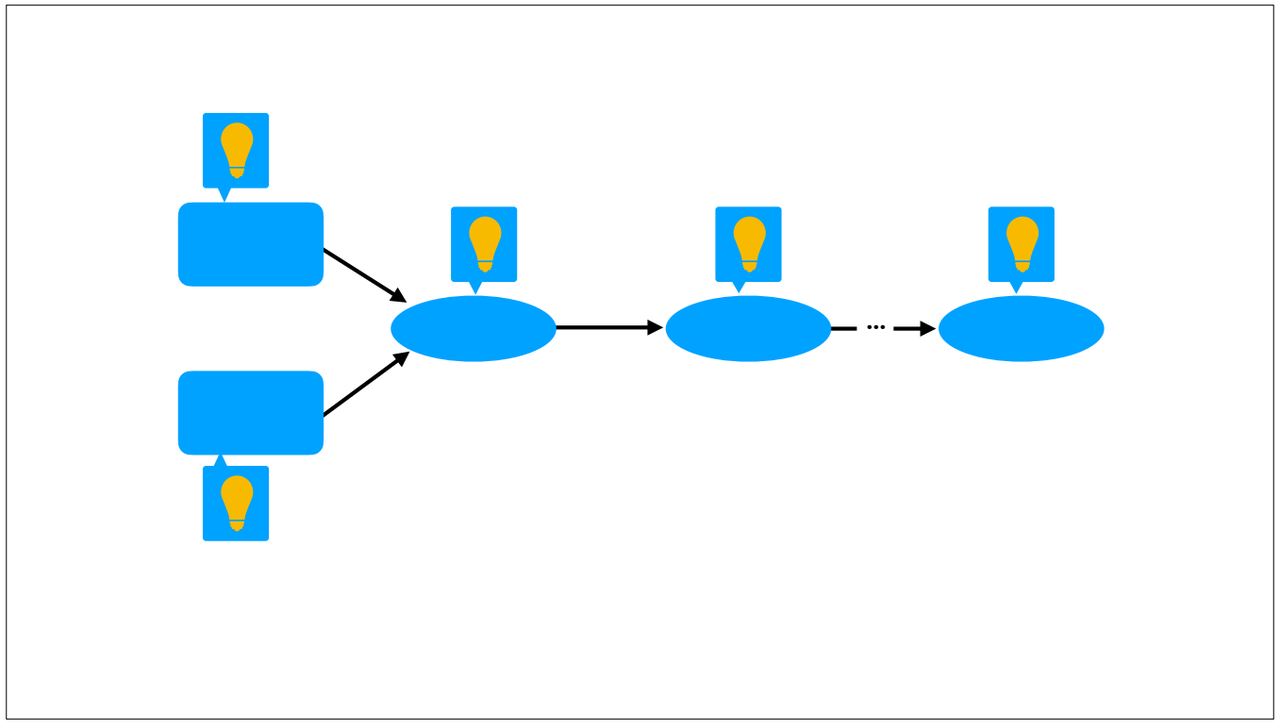
However, when I went to merge the framework back into Relay, I didn’t find any appropriate place for it!

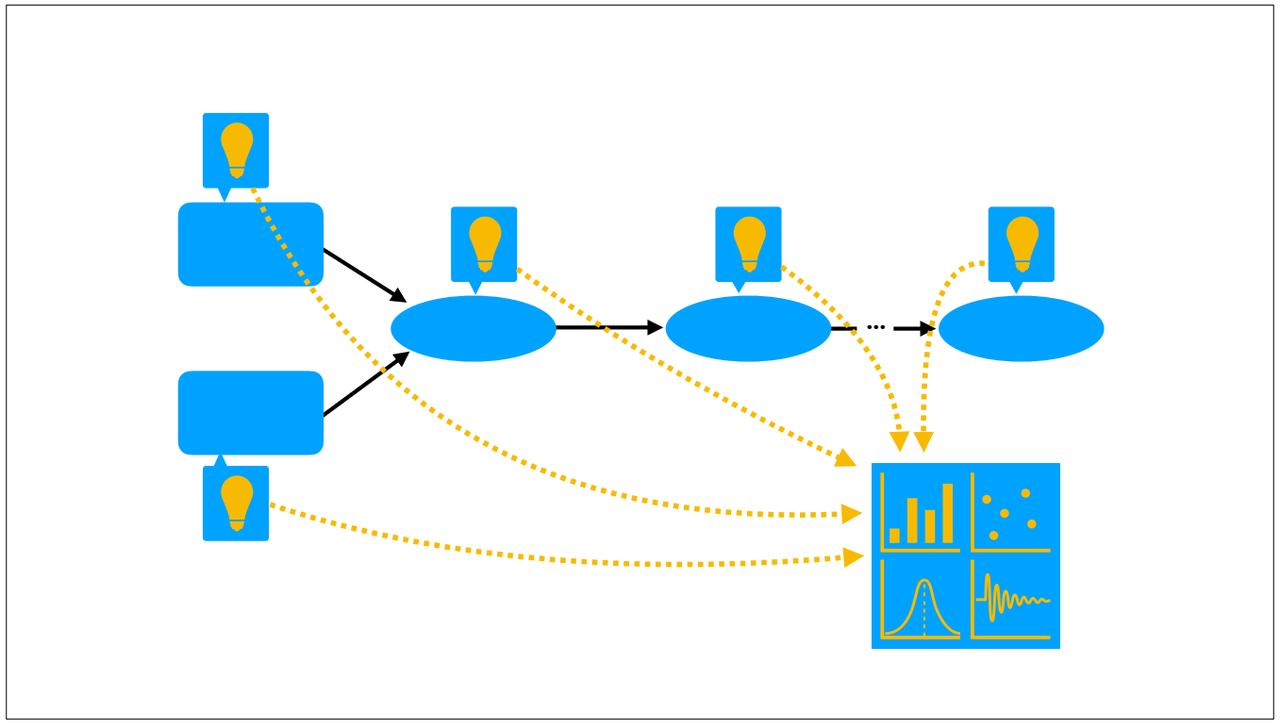


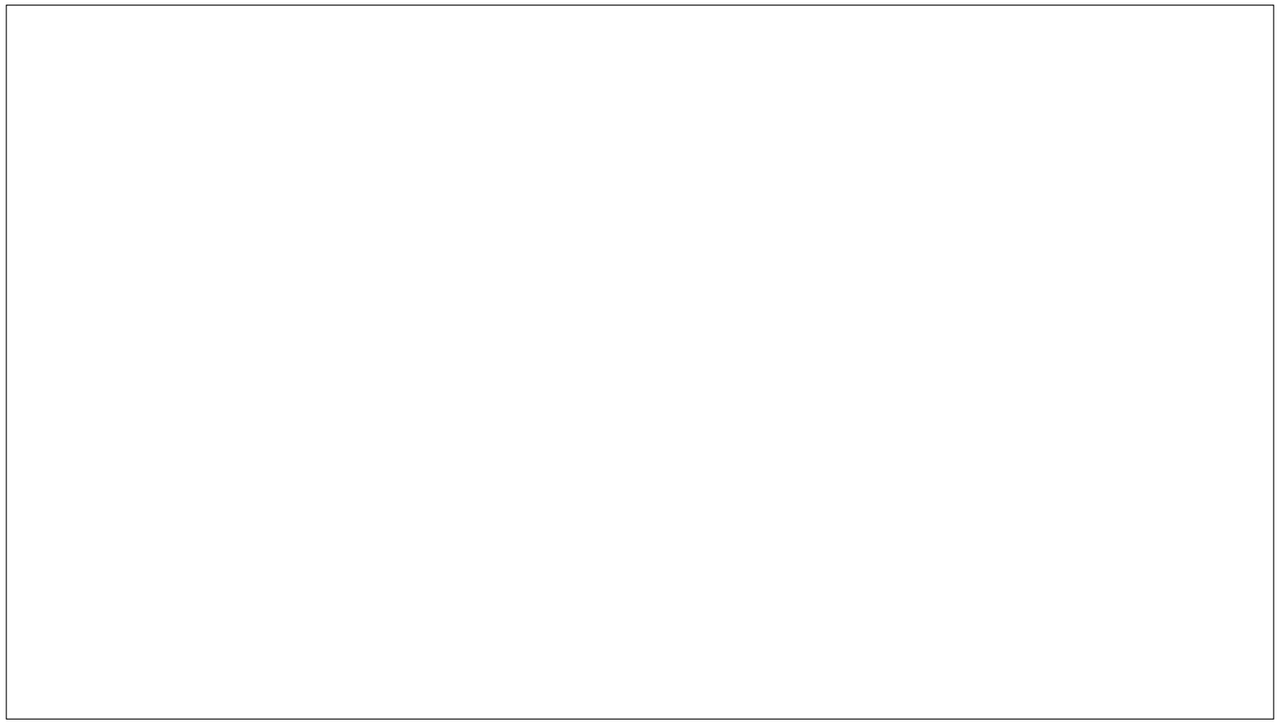












I was surprised by this—digging around in Relay, I saw program analyses of many different
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[build] sizes, from simple static analyses like these, to complex dynamic analyses, such as those needed for quantization.

I discovered that there was no obvious place for my analysis framework because there is little to no analysis tooling in Relay at the moment.
These analyses are all built in an ad-hoc fashion, from the ground up—there's no underlying analysis framework which they rely on.

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class MacCounter : private ExprVisitor {
 public:
  MacCounter() {
    count_ = 0;
  }
  static int64_t GetTotalMacNumber(const Expr& expr) {
    LOG(INFO) << "This pass only counts MACs in direct CONV 2D, "
              << "CONV 2D Transpose and Dense ops";
    MacCounter counter;
    counter(expr);
    return counter.count_;
  }

 private:
  void VisitExpr_(const CallNode* call_node) final {
    static const auto& fprep =
        Op::GetAttr<FMacCount>("FMacCount");
    auto f = fprep.get(call_node->op, nullptr);
    if (f != nullptr) count_ += f(GetRef<Call>(call_node));
    ExprVisitor::VisitExpr_(call_node);
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[build] There can be duplication of effort, if basic analysis tools must be rewritten for each analysis.

[build] There's a high barrier to entry for new developers, who are expected to build their analyses using low-level APIs.

[build] And lastly, complex analyses, which may be written by just one or two people, are much less readable and maintainable by the broader community if they're built entirely from scratch.

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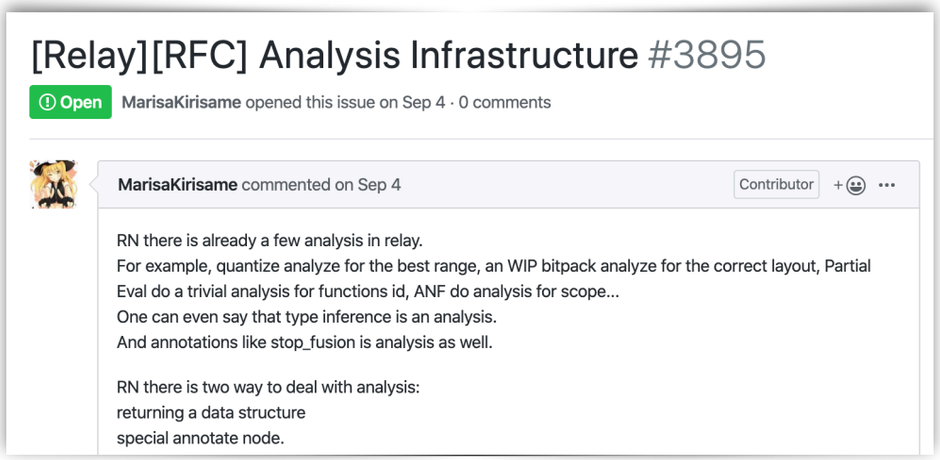
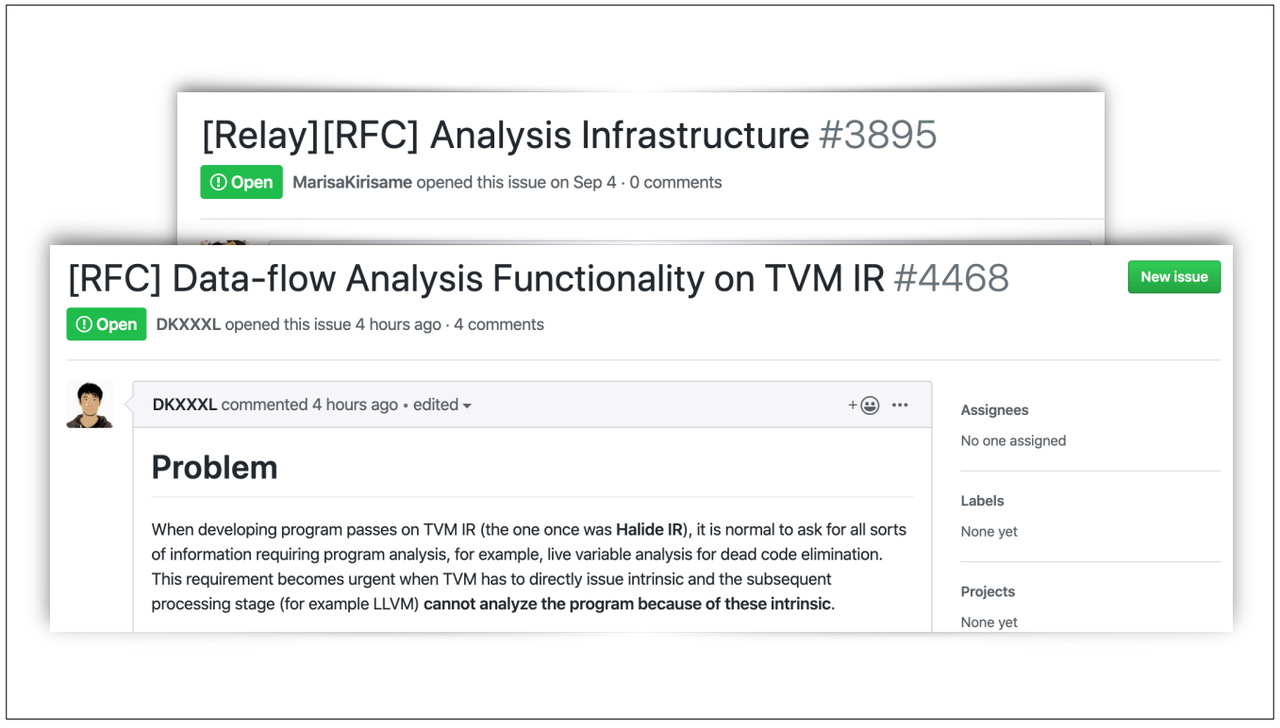



In addition to there being a *need* for better analysis tooling, there's also a community desire for better analysis tooling.
Recently, Marisa opened an RFC regarding analysis infrastructure in Relay.
[build] In addition, just yesterday, there was an RFC posted about dataflow analyses over TVM IR.
So clearly there's a desire to have one (or a few) "approved ways" to do analysis.


[Relay][RFC] Analysis Infrastructure #3895
Open
MarisaKirisame opened this issue on Sep 4 · 0 comments
[RFC] Data-flow Analysis Functionality on TVM IR #4468
New issue
Open
DKXXXL opened this issue 4 hours ago · 4 comments
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Problem
When developing program passes on TVM IR (the one once was Halide IR), it is normal to ask for all sorts of information requiring program analysis, for example, live variable analysis for dead code elimination. This requirement becomes urgent when TVM has to directly issue intrinsic and the subsequent processing stage (for example LLVM) cannot analyze the program because of these intrinsic.
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Let’s look at an example analysis which could be improved by an analysis framework.
This analysis finds the values of variables in Relay programs. It is used in the dead code elimination pass, but you could imagine this analysis being useful elsewhere.
However, before it can be useful elsewhere, it has some problems—problems that could be fixed with an analysis framework.
[build] First, the analysis needs documentation. In addition to code comments and better naming, one of the best ways an analysis could document itself is by leaning on the well-documented features of an analysis framework.
[build] Second, the analysis needs a standard data interchange format so that it can compose with other analyses. This format could be standardized by the analysis framework.
[build] Lastly, the analysis needs to be discoverable and accessible to all developers. This could be achieved by having all analyses register themselves with the analysis framework.

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So, in the end, what we want is an analysis framework with the following features:

[build] The framework should support many types of static and dynamic analyses, and doesn't limit us on the analyses we can build.

[build] The framework should make it quick and easy to write new analyses, especially for new developers.

[build] And the framework should promote composing analyses together, so that larger analyses can be built off of simpler analyses.

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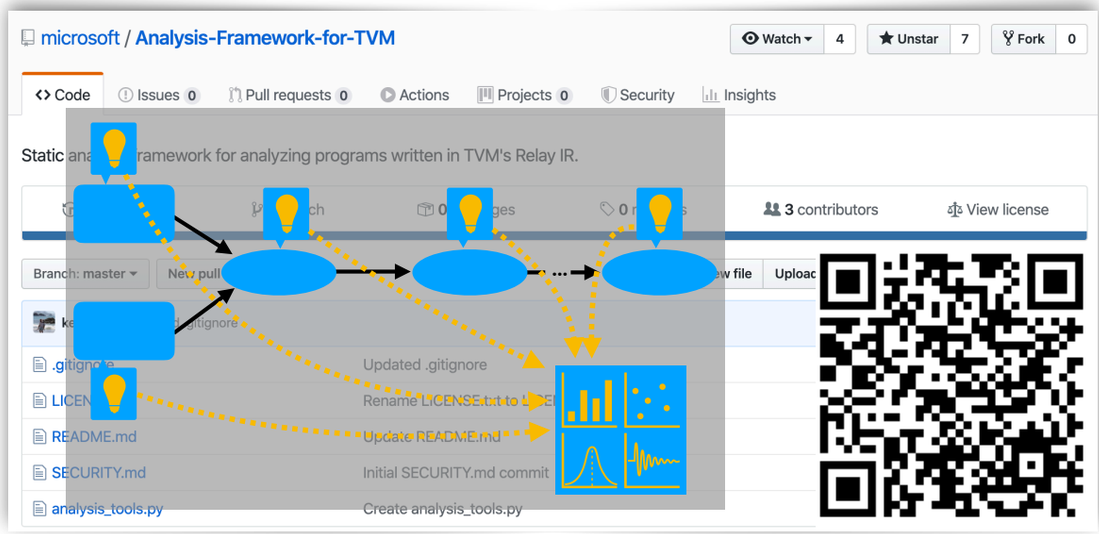
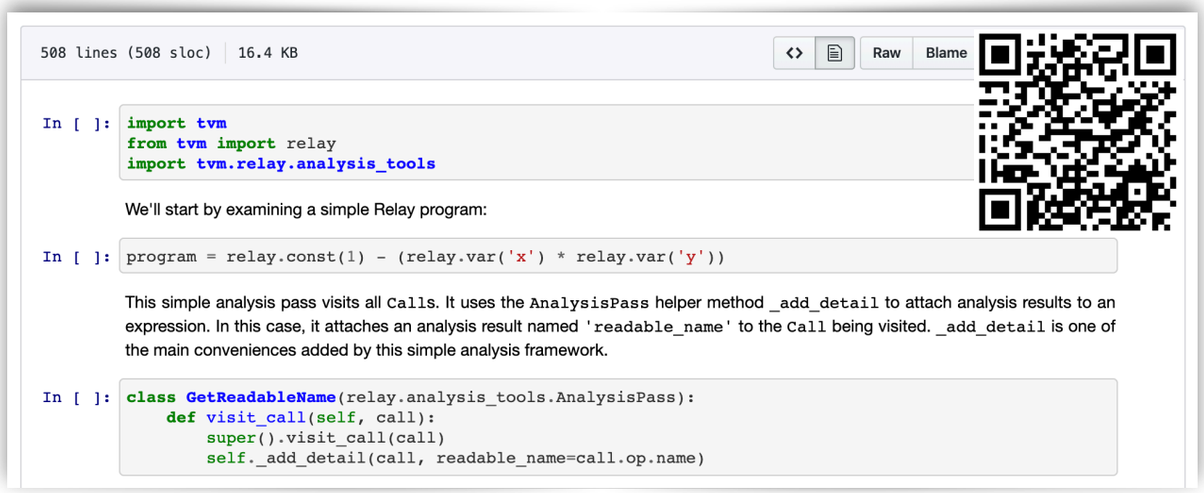



https://github.com/microsoft/Analysis-Framework-for-TVM

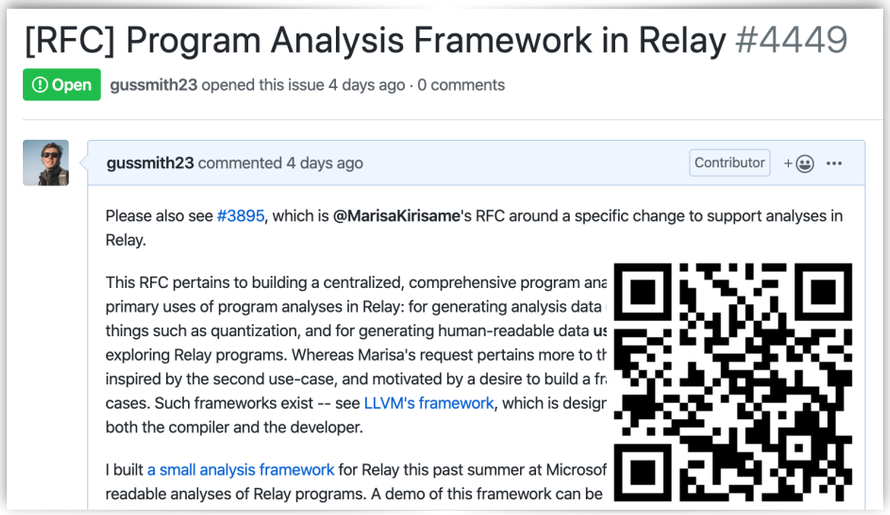
The small program analysis framework I built this past summer at Microsoft achieves some of these goals, at least for simple static analyses. Its code is available on Microsoft's GitHub page, if you want to check it out.




https://github.com/gussmith23/tvm/blob/analysis-framework-demo/demo.ipynb

In addition, I have a demo using the analysis framework on my fork of TVM.

# Moving forward




https://github.com/apache/incubator-tvm/issues/4449

The whole point of this lightning talk is to show that there is need and desire for analysis tooling in Relay.
If you have any opinions on a potential program analysis framework, please contribute to the RFC I opened on the TVM GitHub.
This is not my primary research, and I do not plan on building the analysis framework myself, but I'm happy to help organize and encourage the discussion!

Thanks everybody!