Hygienic Macros

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- "Hygiene" maintains lexical scoping for macros

05: Dynamic Scoping with Elisp. Do you really like it?

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(defvar x 42)
(defun sample ()
  (message "%s" x))
(defun dynamic-scope-sample ()
  (let ((x 666))
    (sample)))
(sample)
"42"
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(aif (+ 10 10) it -1)
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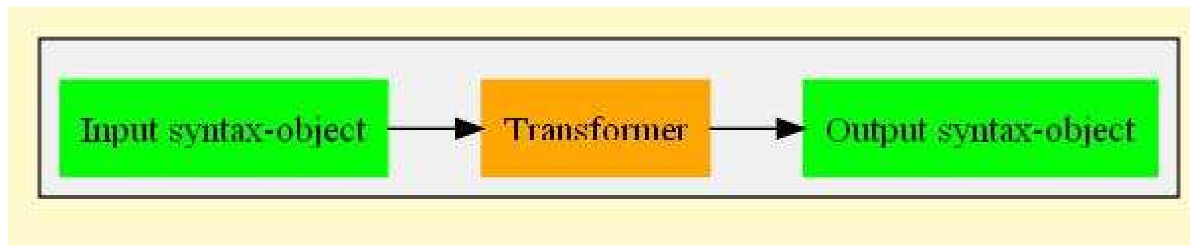

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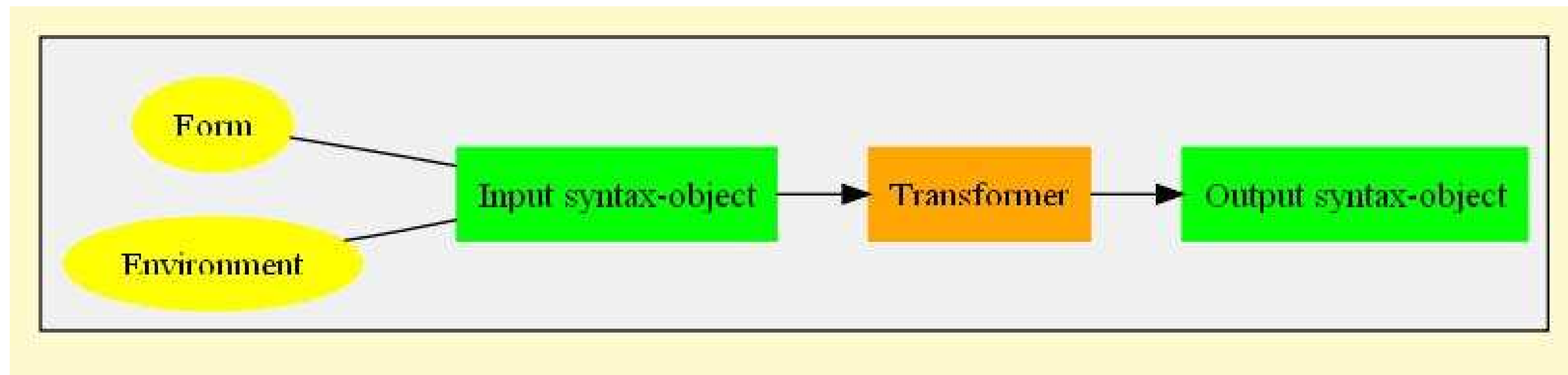

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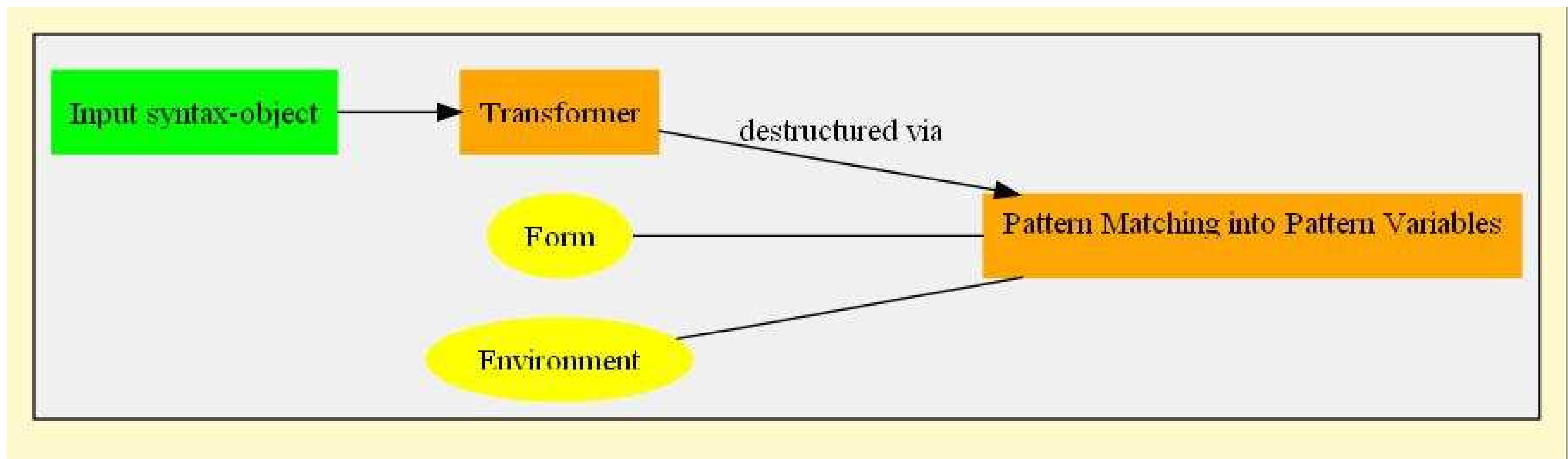

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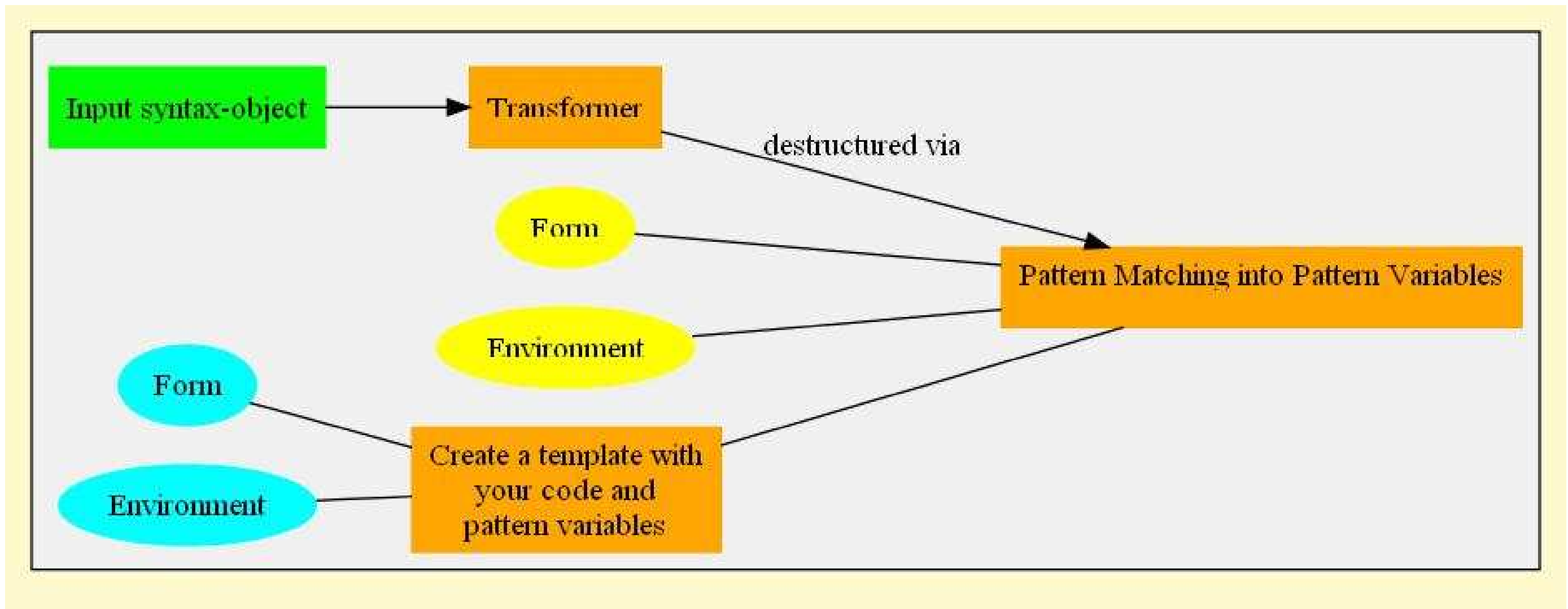

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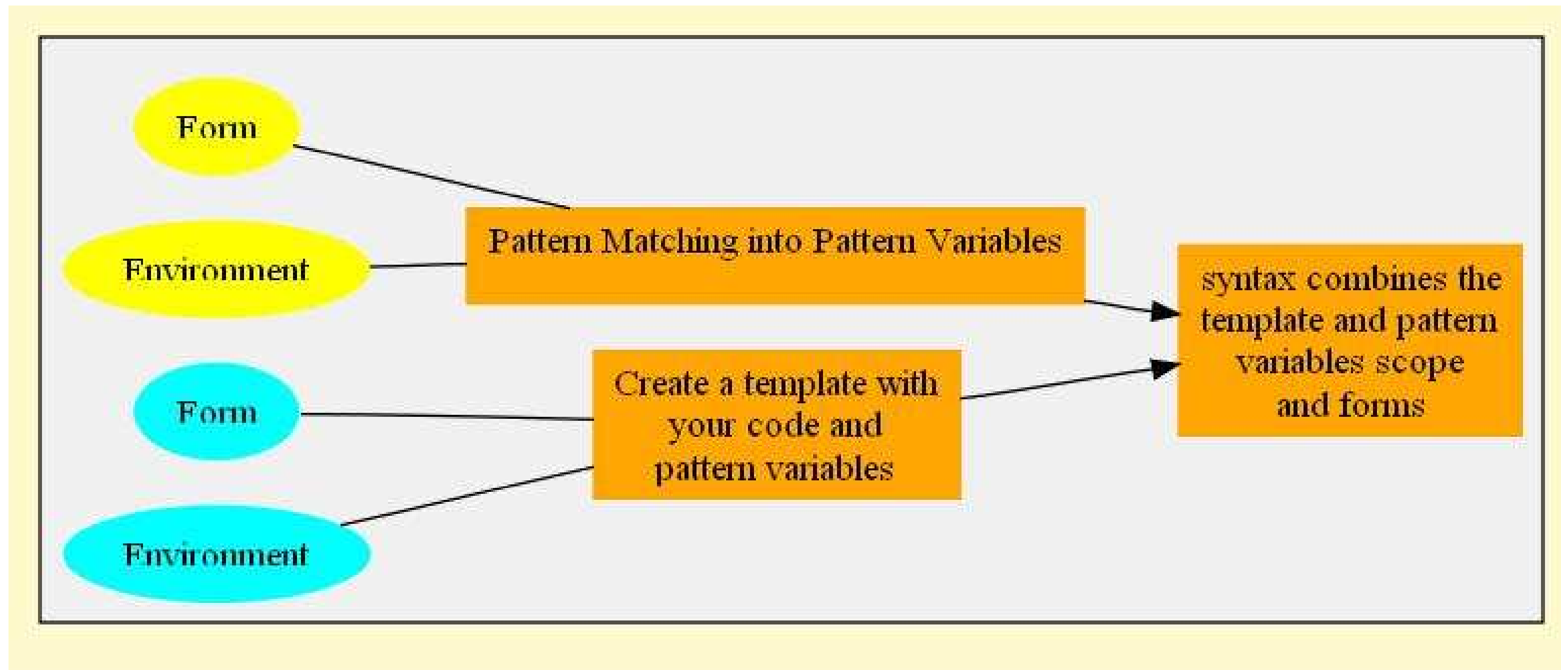

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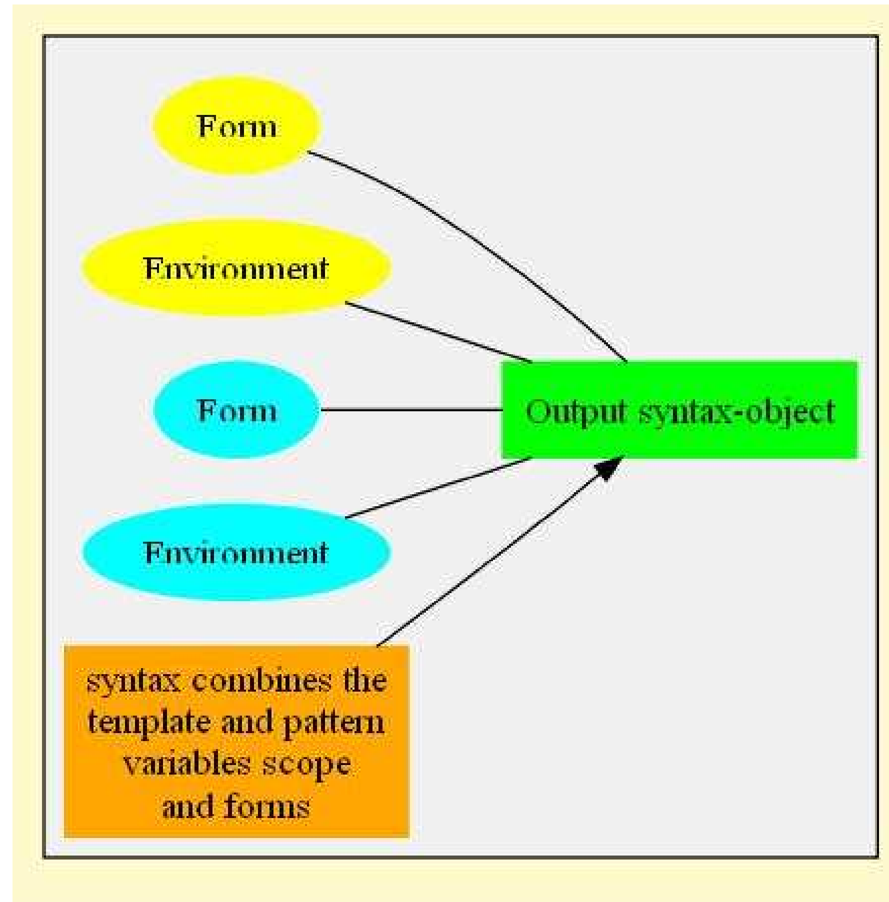

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(define-syntax aif
  (lambda (stx)
    (syntax-case stx ()
      ([aif test-form then-form else-form]
       [with-syntax ([it (datum->syntax #'aif 'it)])
         #'(let ((it test-form))
             (if it
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- syntax-case is a superset of syntax-rules; can do anything defmacro allows
- Respect macros; it is easy to get burned even with hygiene

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(define-syntax sequencing
  (syntax-rules ()
    [(_ expression) expression]
    [(_ expression expressions ...)
     ((lambda (ignored)
        (sequencing expressions ...))
      expression)]))
```