SOS

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Software security

Software must guarantee the

- **confidentiality**,
- **integrity** and
- **availability**

of critical data.

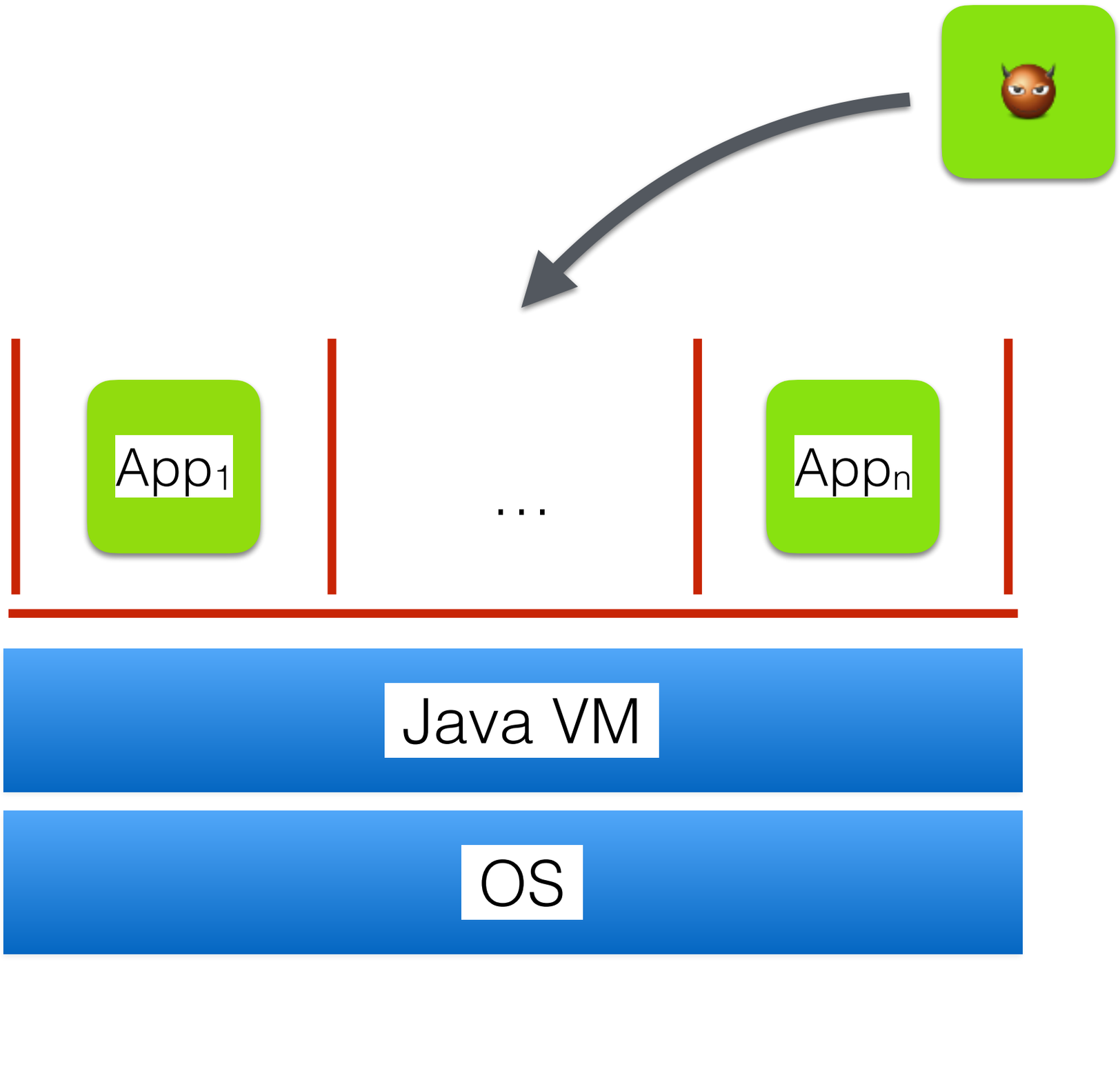
But how?

- use secure programming languages
- follow secure programming guidelines
- static program analysis for spotting vulnerabilities
- monitor executions (dynamic analysis)

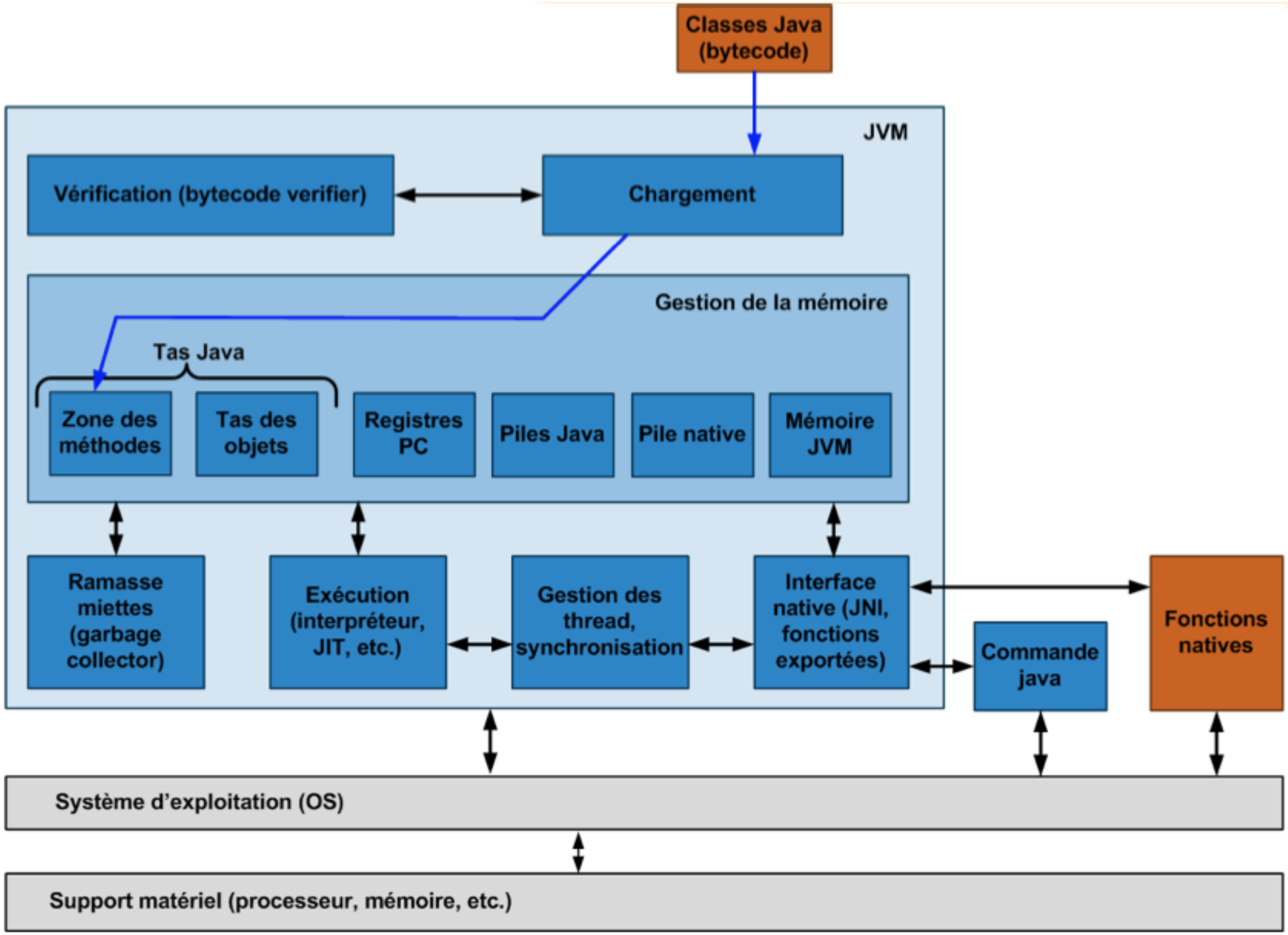
Many aspects of software security

- Viruses, worms, ransomware
- Secure cryptographic protocols
- Operating systems security
  - Isolation of processes, secure crypto,
- Web browser security
- Application security
  - trusting/validating foreign code (eg on an app store)

Ex: The Java virtual machine



The interior of the Java virtual machine



Program semantics

A formal description of the **meaning** of a program

- avoid ambiguities
- write correct interpreters and compilers
- reason about programs

Comes in different flavours:

- operational
- logic/axiomatic
- denotational/mathematical

Static program analysis

Analyzing the behaviour of a program

- without executing it
- giving correct predictions.

Techniques

- types, program logics,
- data flow analysis.

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Detect different ways of leaking secret information

- x:= my_secret; my_wall := x
- **if** secret = 0 **then** print(0) **else** print (1)
- **if** one_secret = 0 **then**
  another_secret := exp(x,p) mod n;
  else skip;

SOS

- Courses on "fundamental techniques"
  - operational semantics,
  - types,
  - data flow analysis.
- Courses of "specialization"
  - static and dynamic information flow control,
  - abstract interpretation,
  - side channels.
- Presentation of research articles.

Organization

- Planning on
  - http://www.irisa.fr/celtique/teaching/SOS/
- Quiz:
  - Tuesday12 October (two hours exercise solving)
- Student presentations of articles:
  - Last week of October.

Planning, lecture notes

Lecture	Date	Topic	Teacher	Handout
1	14/09/2021	Operational semantics (While)	SC	
2	15/09/2021	Operational semantics (References)	SC	
3	21/09/2021	Lambda-calculus and type systems	SC	
4	22/09/2021	Information flow analysis	TJ	
5	28/09/2021	Information flow analysis	TJ	
6	29/09/2021	Dataflow analysis	TJ	
	05/10/2021	Interval analysis and abstract interpretation		
7	06/10/2021	Alias analysis	TJ	
8	12/10/2021	QUIZ	TJ	
9	13/10/2021	Side channel analysis	TJ	
10	19/10/2021	(preparation of presentations)		
11	20/10/2021	(preparation of presentations)		
12	26/10/2021	Student presentations		
13	27/10/2021	Student presentations		
14	02/11/2021	Fall break	SC,TJ	
15	03/11/2021	Fall break	SC,TJ	