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102         key = [ord(c) for c in f.read().strip()]
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Sponge function

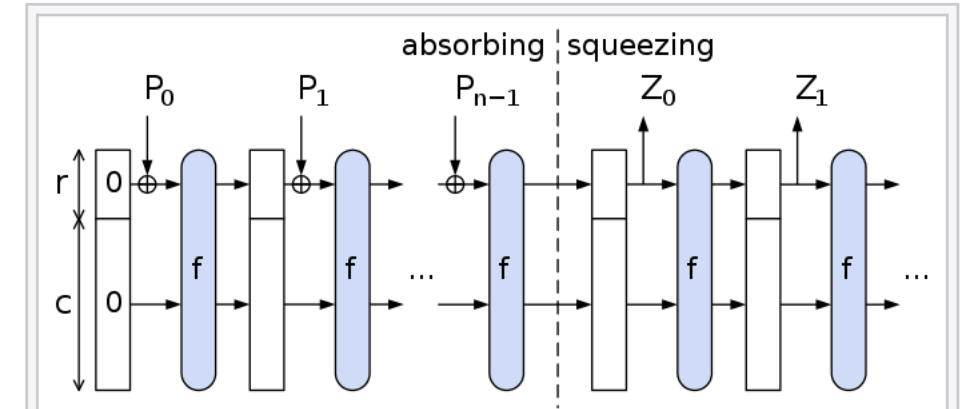
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In **cryptography**, a **sponge function** or **sponge construction** is any of a class of **algorithms** with finite **internal state** that take an input **bit stream** of any length and produce an output bit stream of any desired length. Sponge functions have both theoretical and practical uses. They can be used to model or implement many **cryptographic primitives**, including **cryptographic hashes**, **message authentication codes**, **mask generation functions**, **stream ciphers**, **pseudo-random number generators**, and **authenticated encryption**.^[1]



The sponge construction for hash functions. P_i are blocks of the input string, Z_i are hashed output blocks.

Construction [edit]

A sponge function is built from three components:^[2]

- a state memory, S , containing b bits,
- a function $f : \{0, 1\}^b \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^b$
- a padding function P

S is divided into two sections: one of size r (the bitrate) and the remaining part of size c (the capacity). These sections are denoted R and C respectively.

f produces a **pseudorandom permutation** of the 2^b states from S .

P appends enough bits to the input string so that the length of the padded input is a whole multiple of the bitrate, r . This means the input is segmented into blocks of r bits.

Operation [edit]

The sponge function "absorbs" (in the **sponge** metaphor) all blocks of a padded input string as follows:

- S is initialized to zero
- for each r -bit block B of $P(\text{string})$
 - R is replaced with $R \text{ XOR } B$ (using bitwise **XOR**)
 - S is replaced by $f(S)$

The sponge function output is now ready to be produced ("squeezed out") as follows:

- repeat until output is full
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    def __init__(self):
        self.state = [0] * SPONGE_STATE_SIZE

    def read(self, num):
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    def write(self, src, num):
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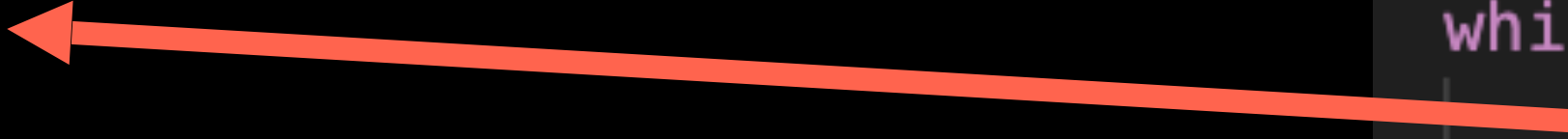
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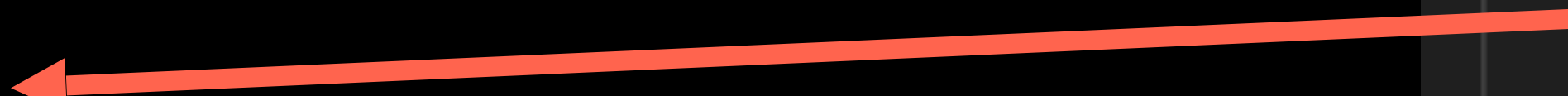
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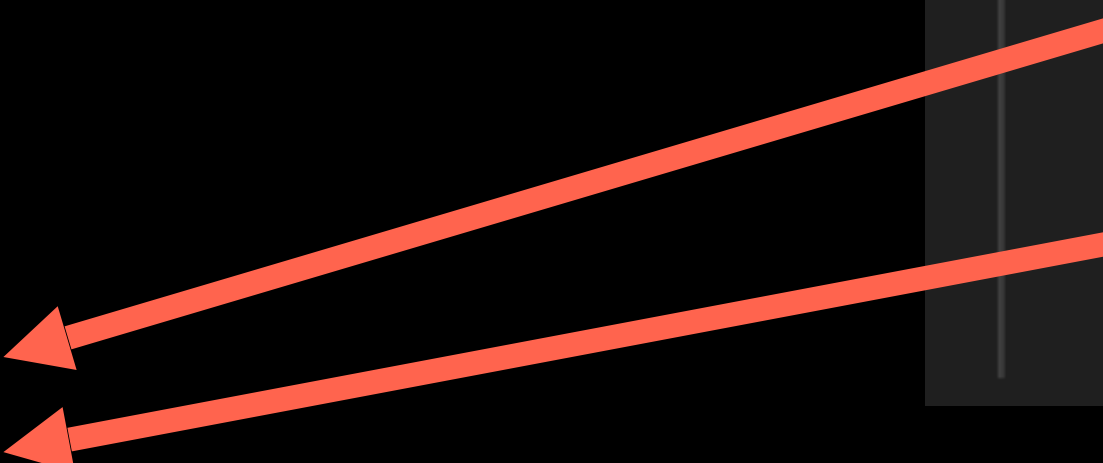
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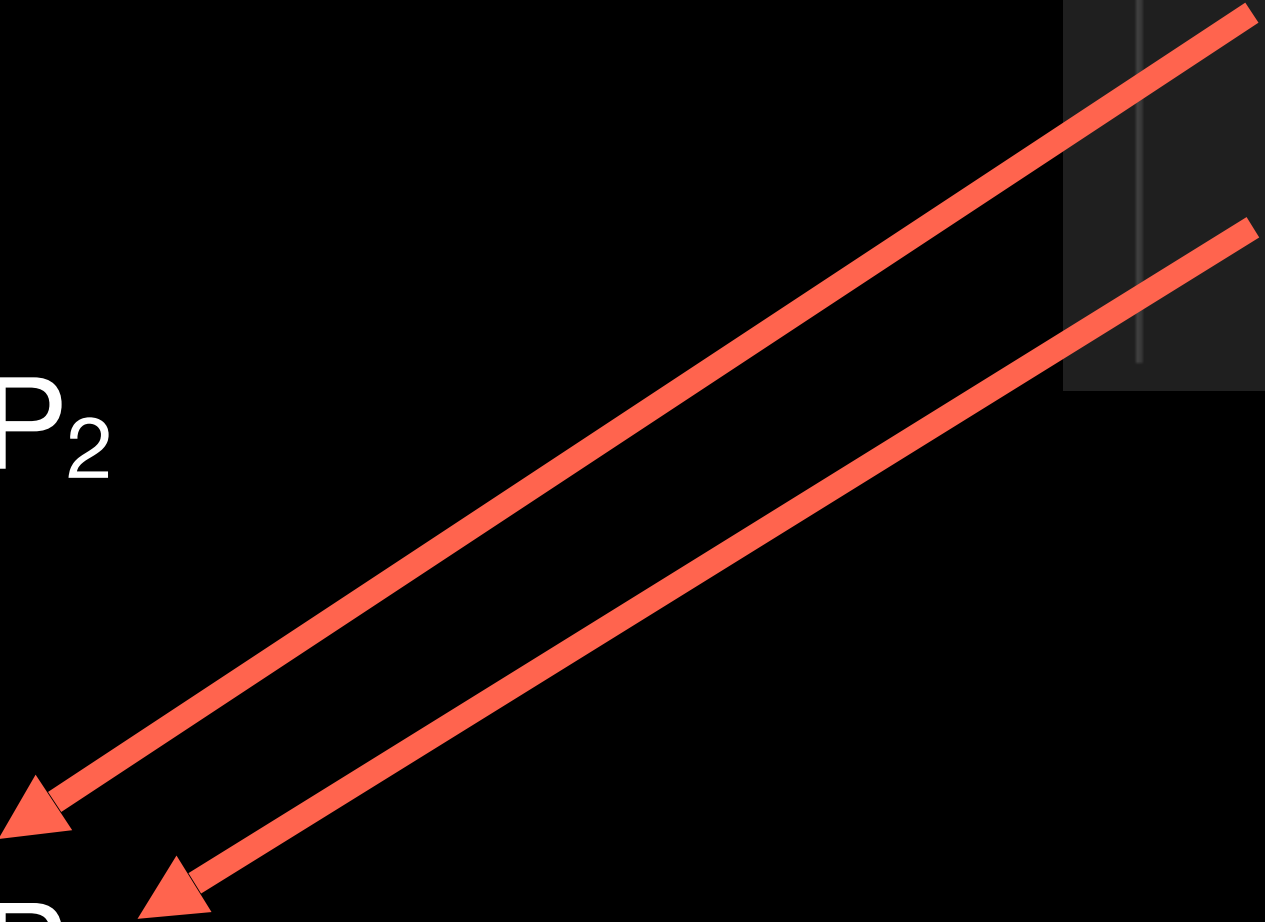


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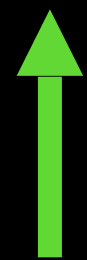
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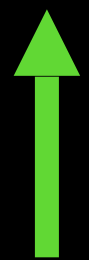
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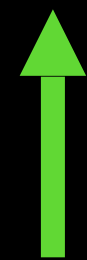
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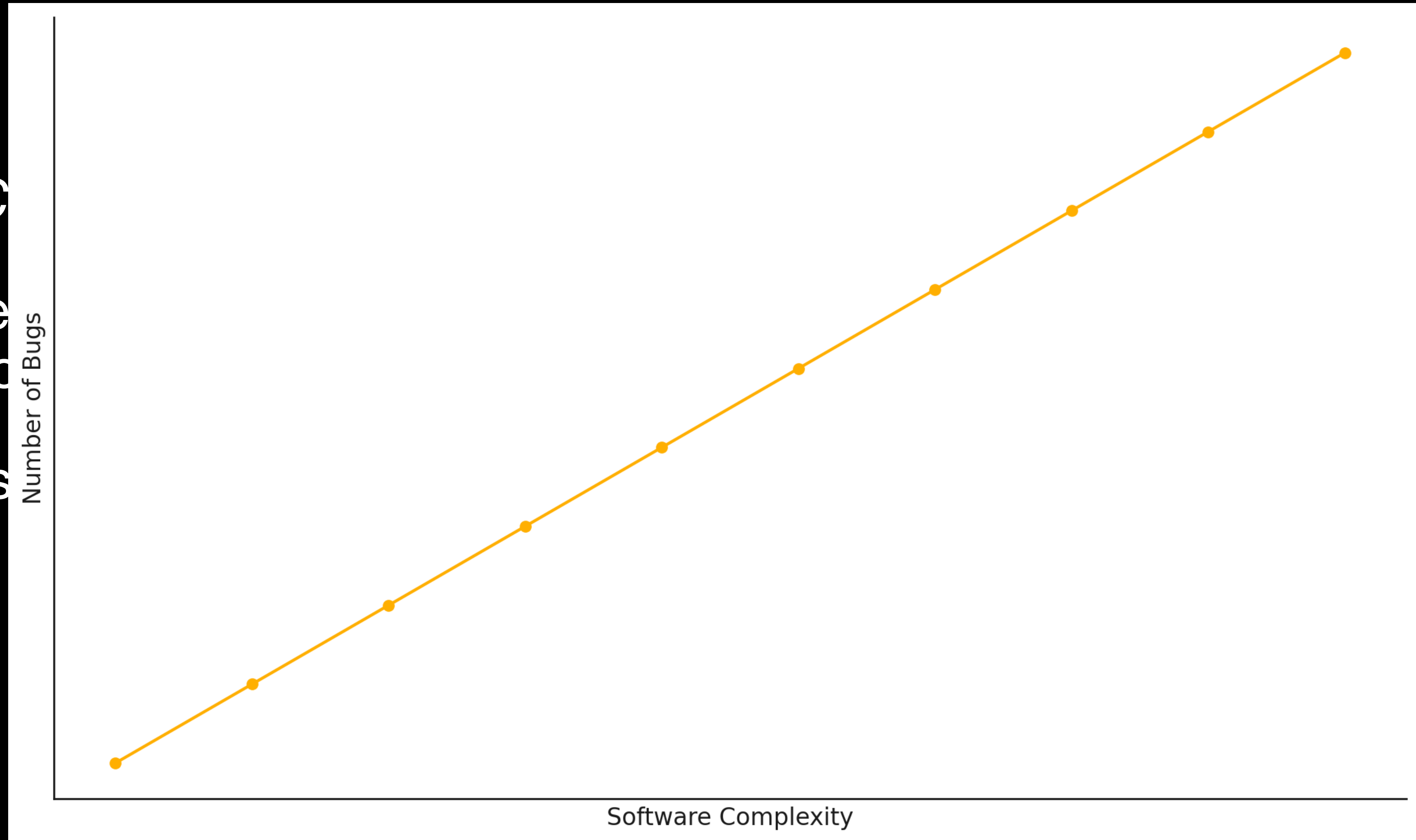
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Security Dashboard x +

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Search...

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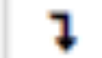








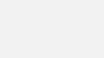
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▼ Your new question

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    FORUM_POST_HERE_  
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The screenshot shows a web interface for creating a new question in a forum titled "Module 1 Discussion: Food and Culture". The interface includes a "Subject" field with the placeholder text "What's your favorite food?" and a "Message" field with a rich text editor. The rich text editor contains the text "We all have that food that we've loved for as long as we can remember. What's that special food for you?" and "Click reply to post your answer. After you post, you'll be able to see the responses of others. Please respond to at least two classmates." The "Subject" field is highlighted with an orange border, and the "Message" field is highlighted with a blue border.

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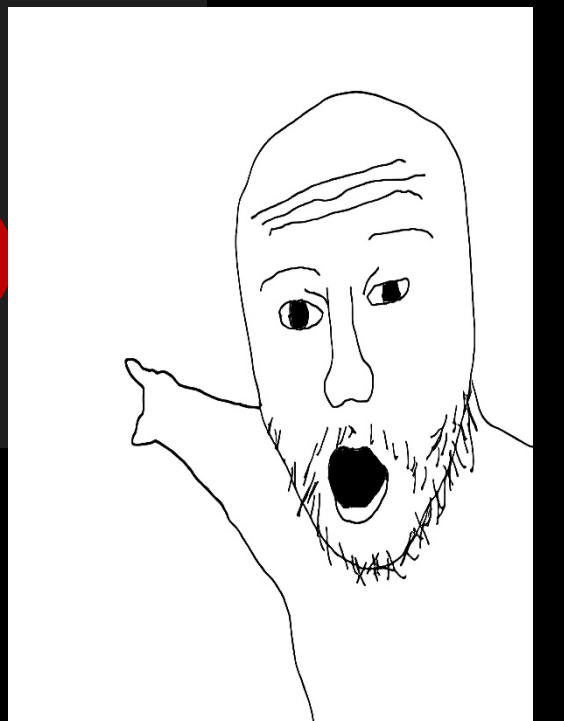
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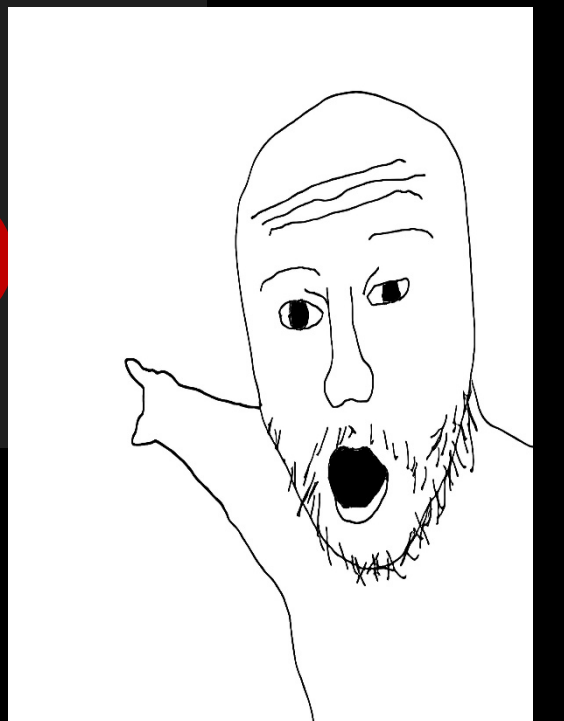


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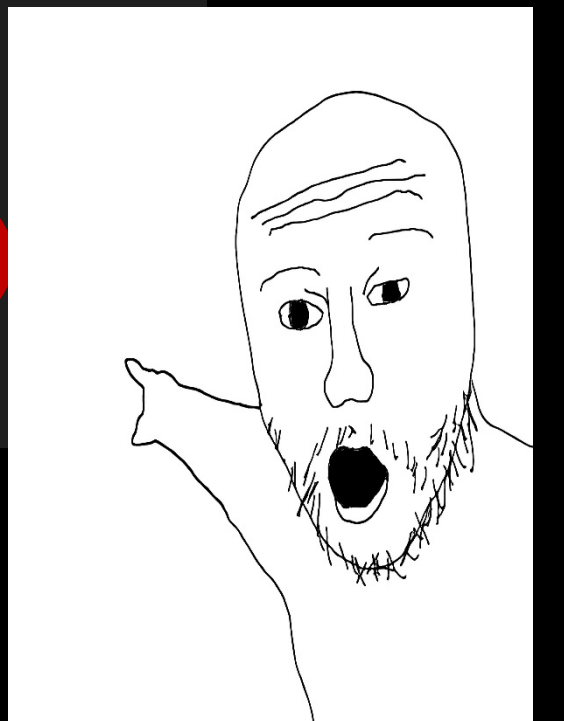
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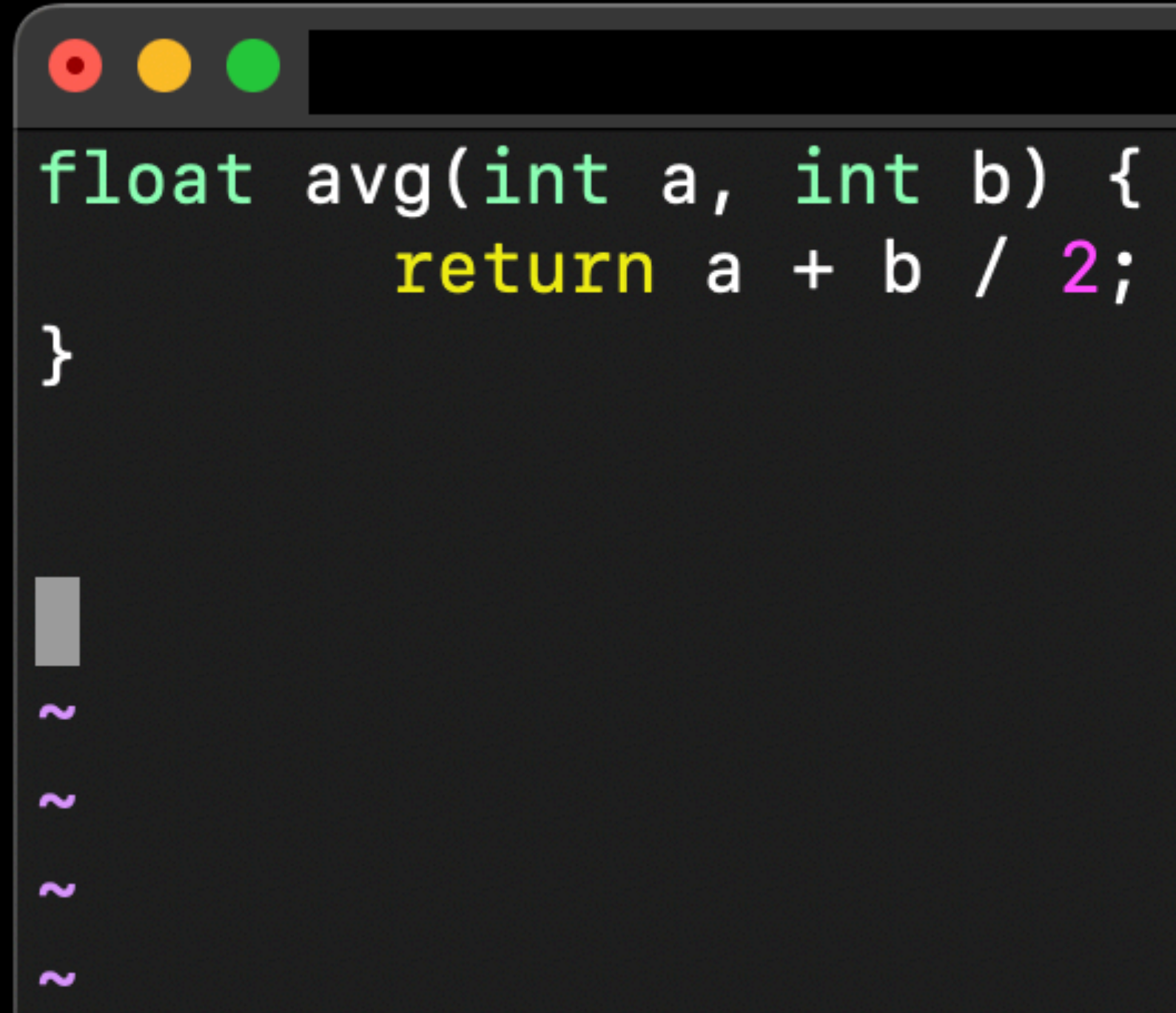
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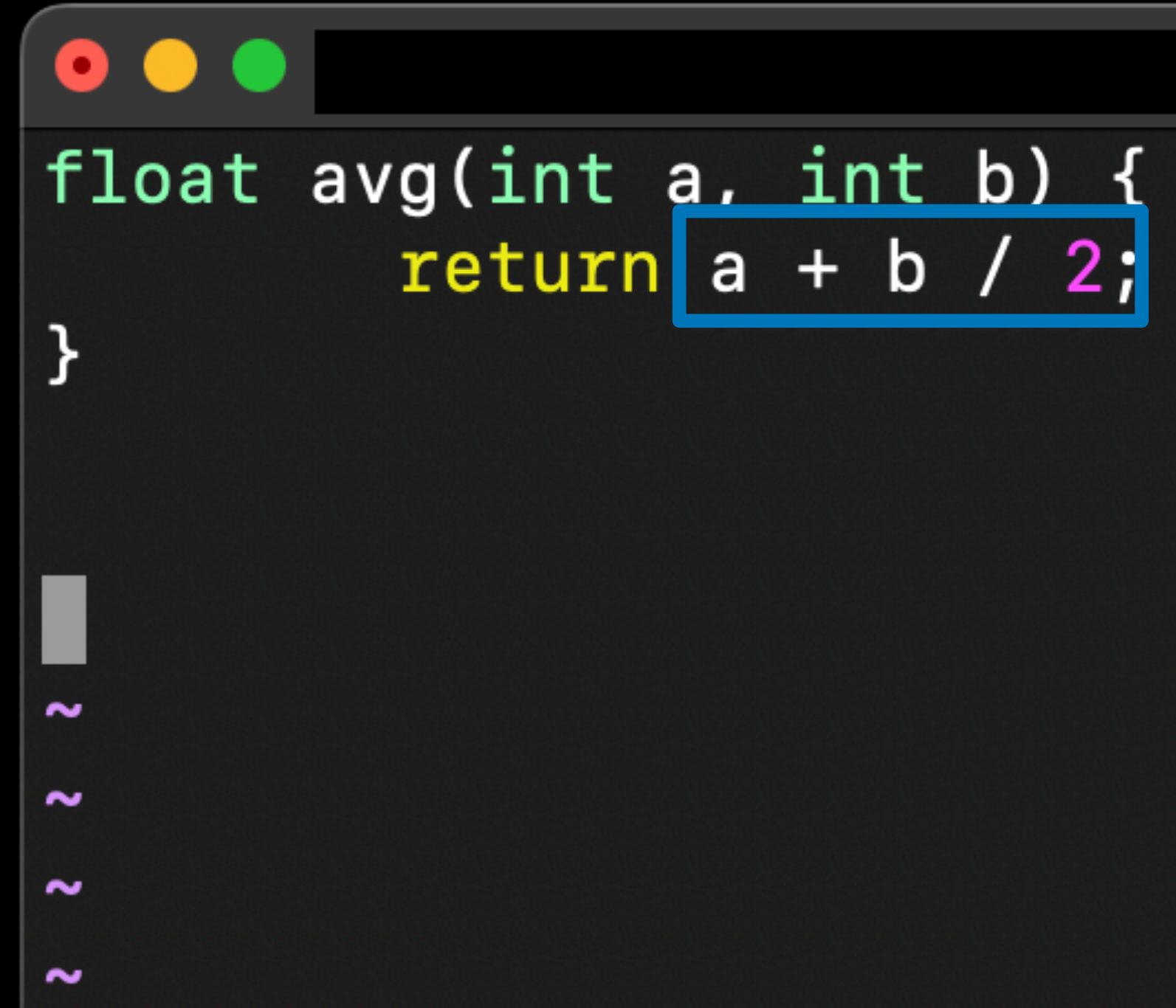


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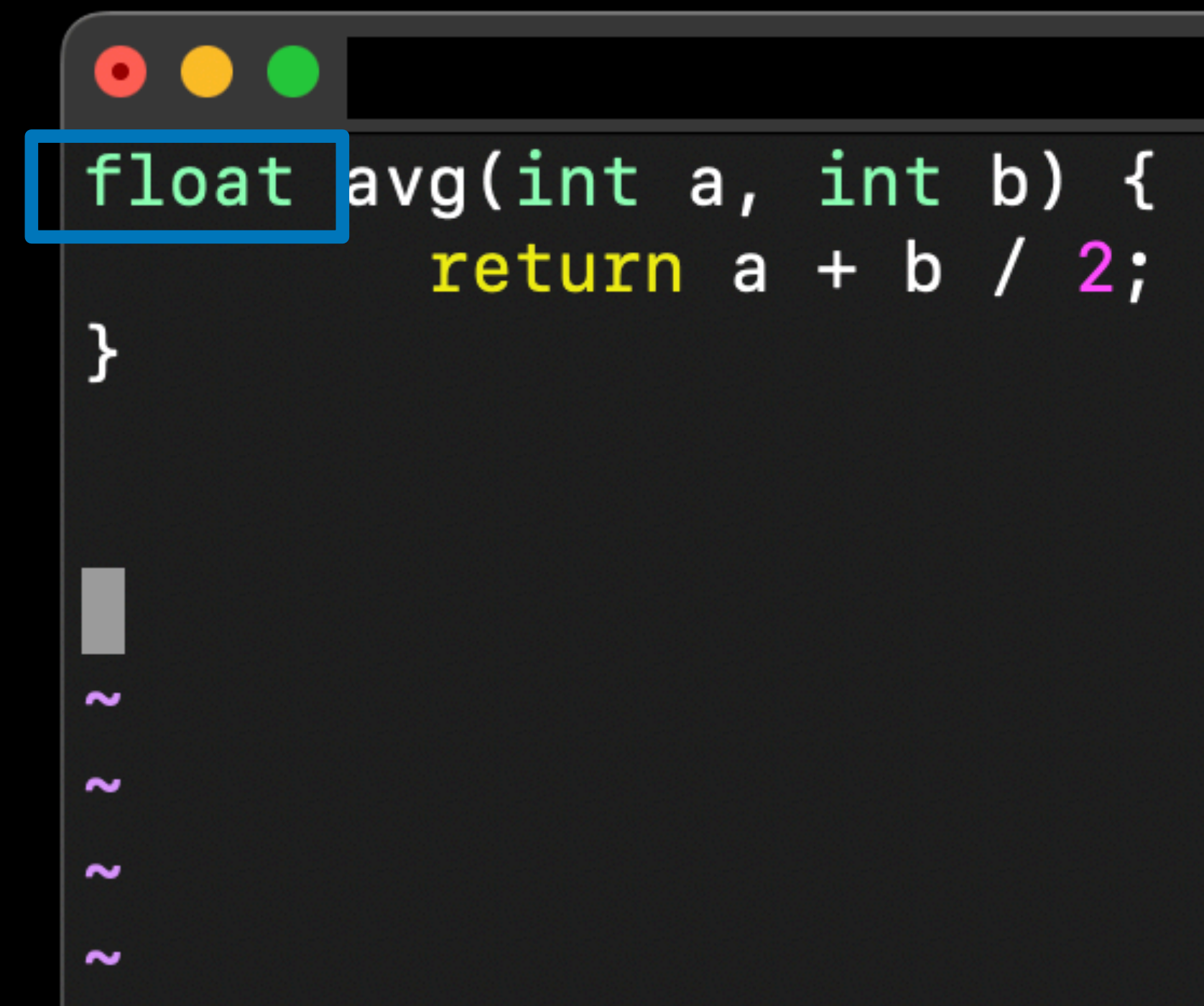


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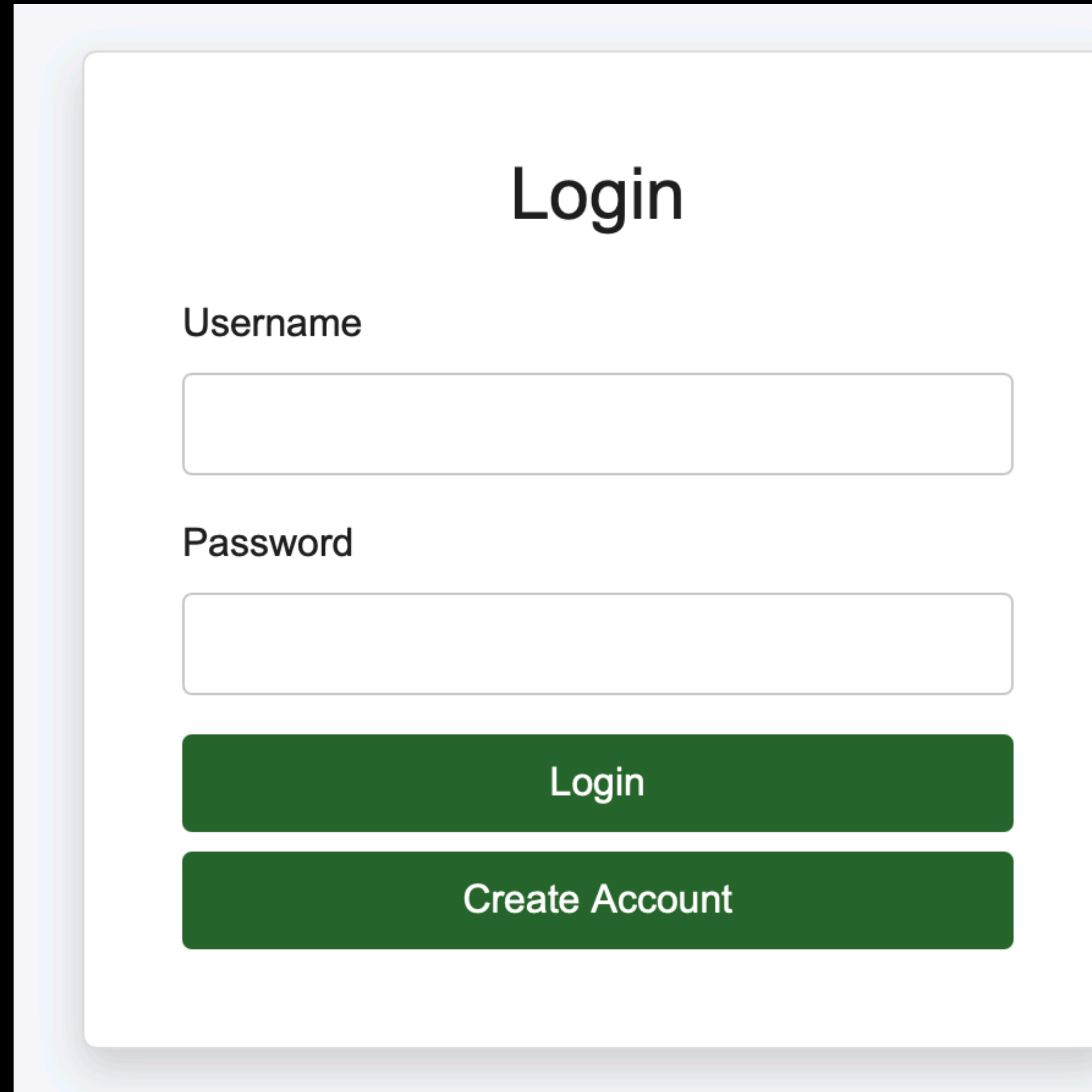
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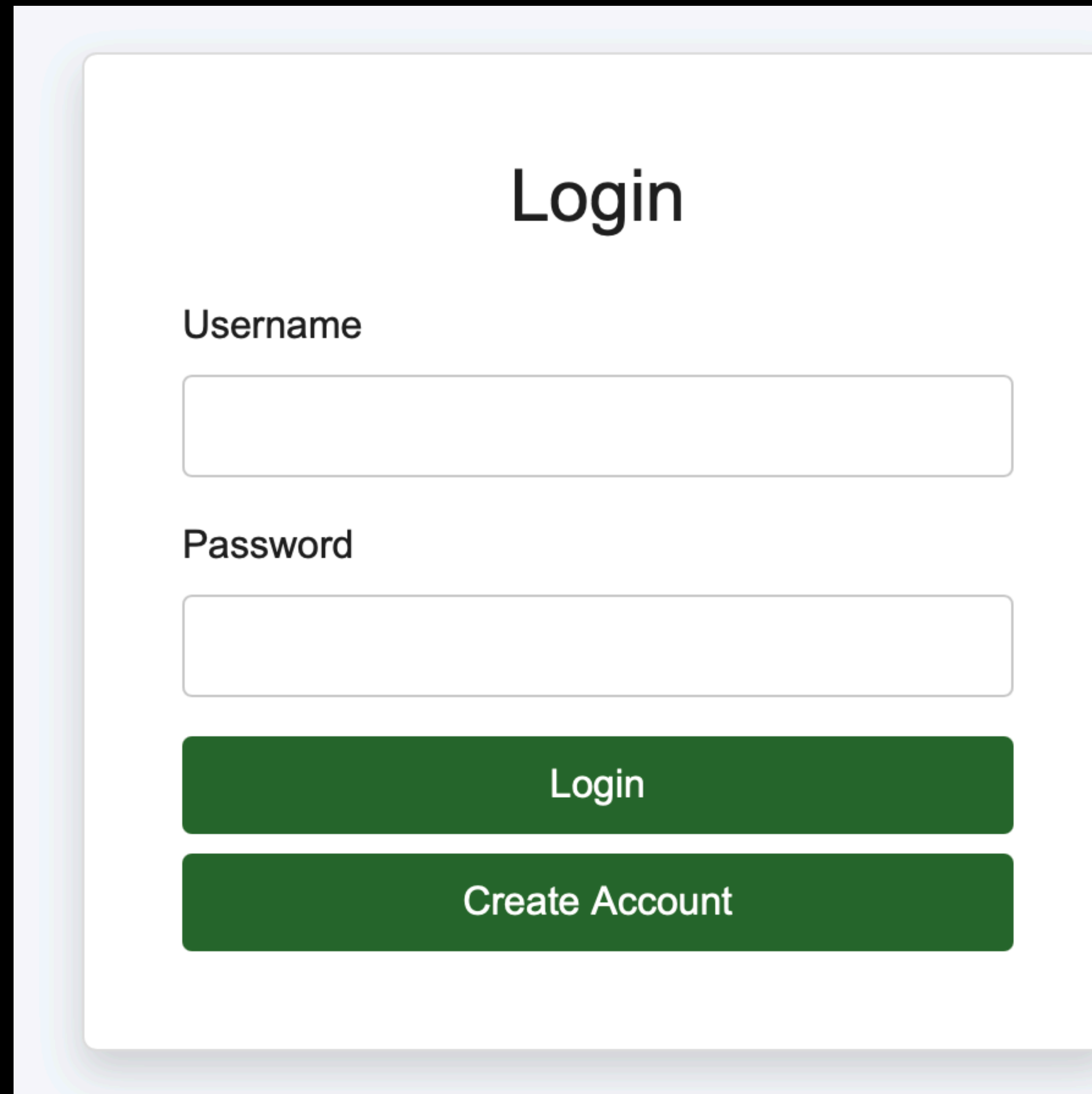
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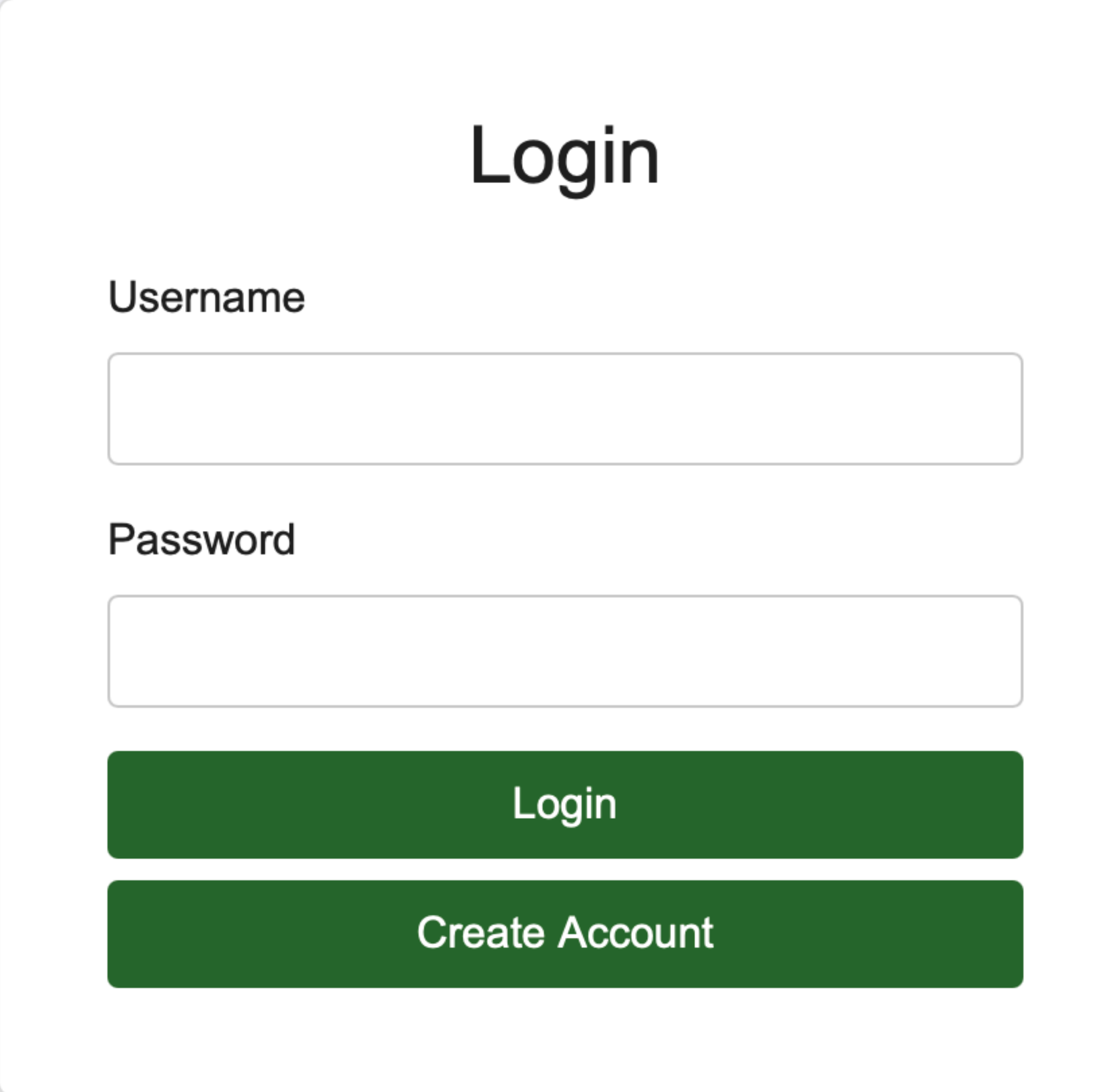
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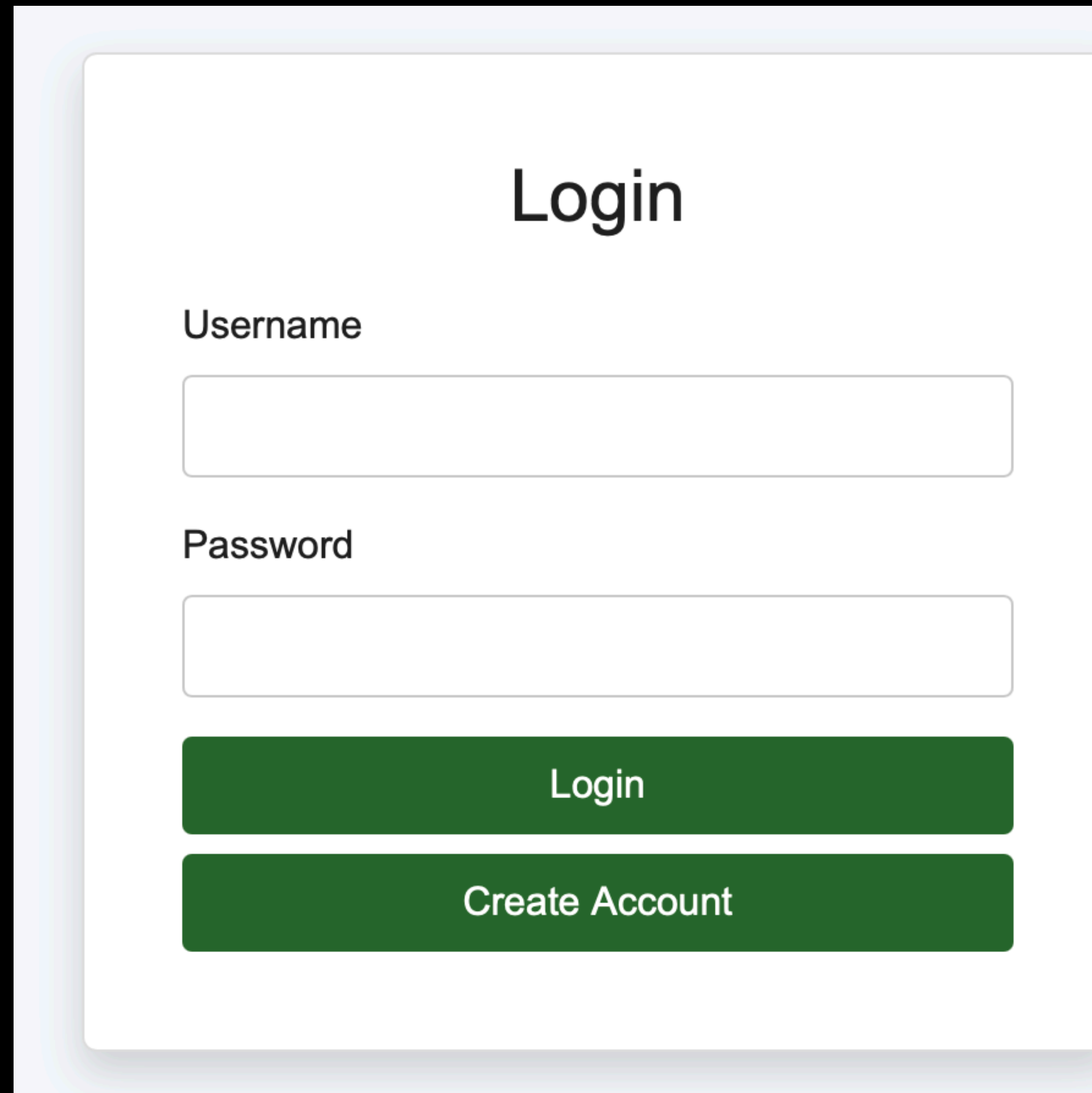
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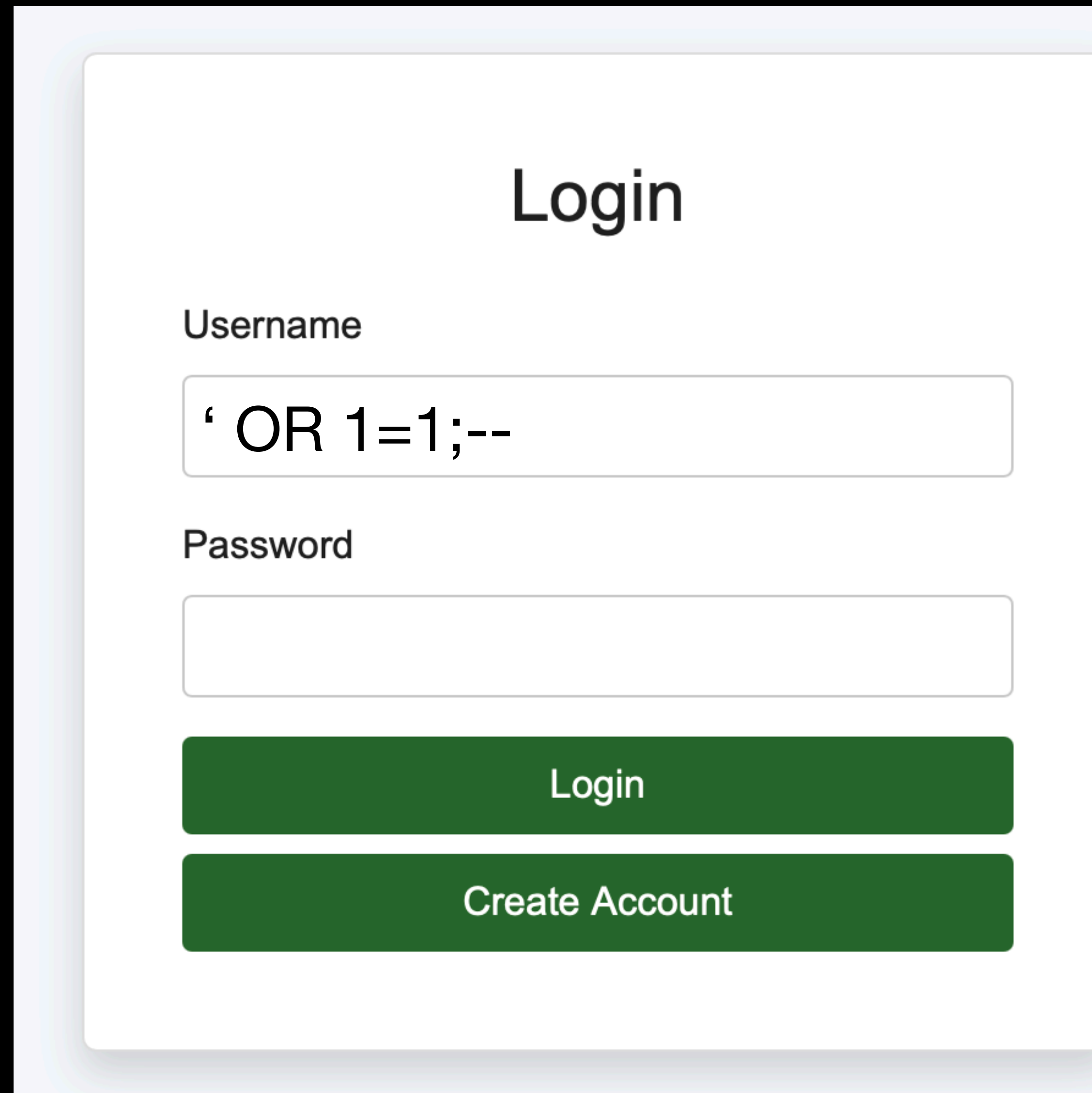
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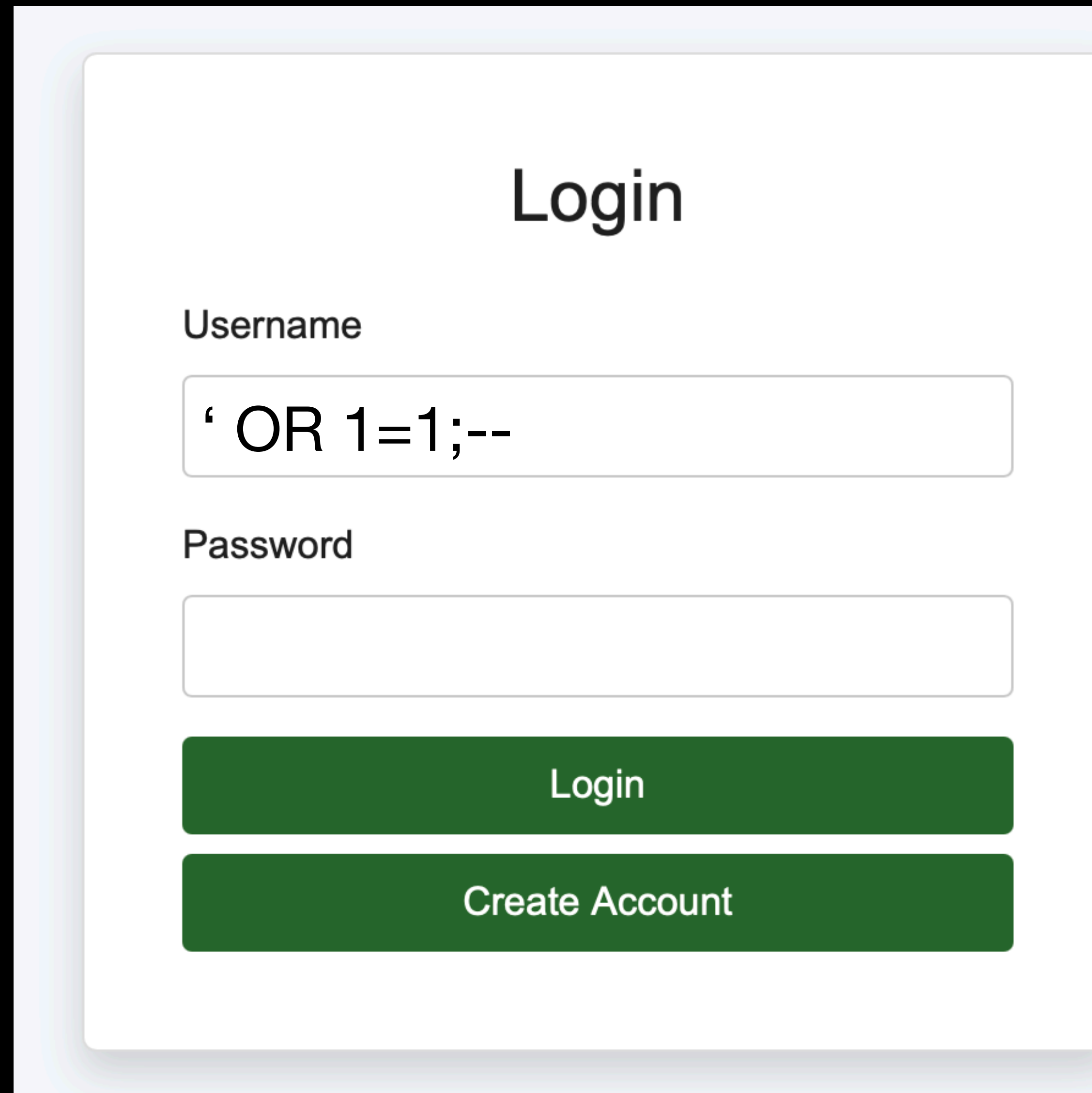
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- ... or logged in as an admin

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Lava Golem

Mega Minion

Skeleton Army

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lava_golem

mega_minion

skeleton_army

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Swing2.6

molten!2025

flyhigh@321

bones4life

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