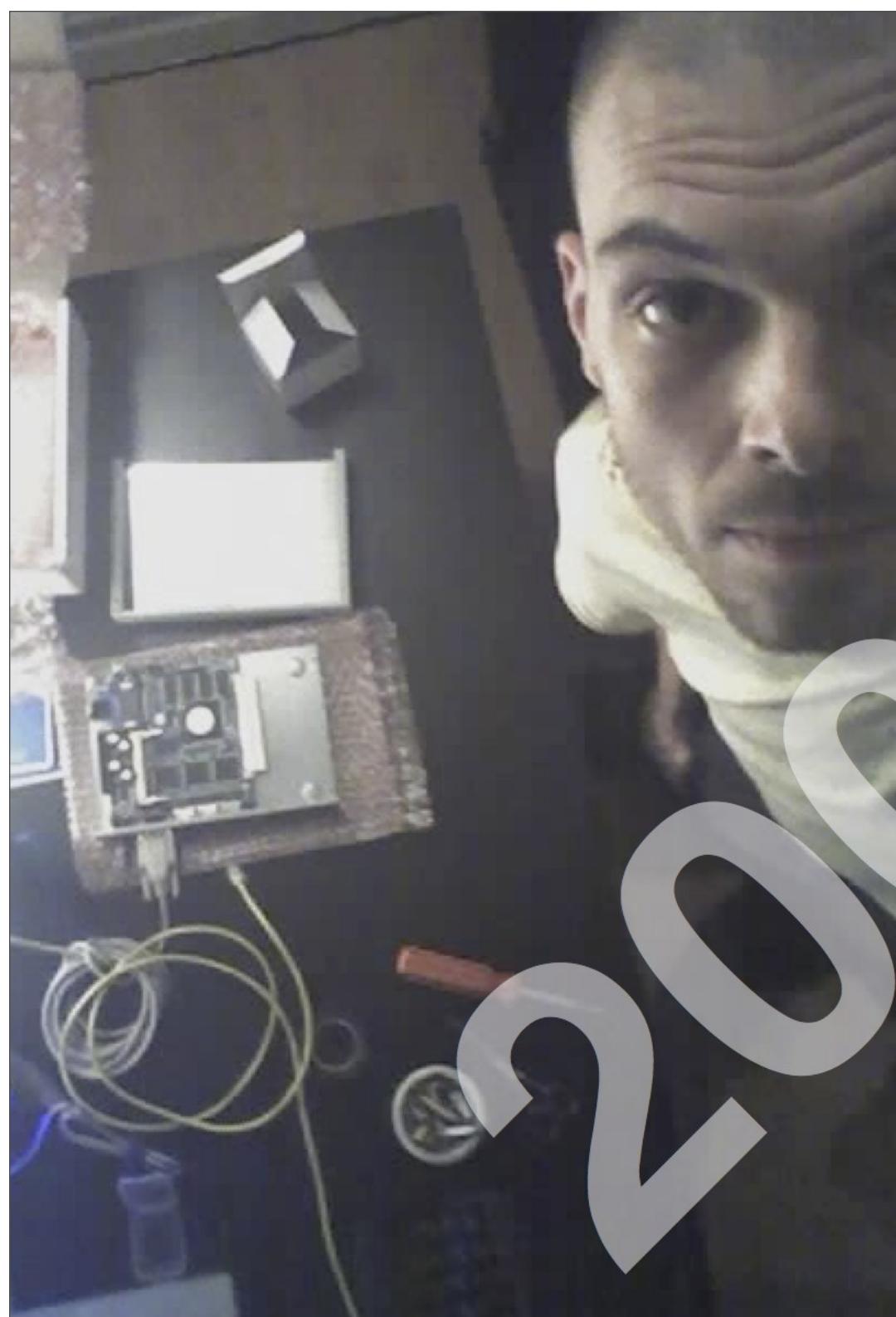


pfSense Practical Experiences

(From home routers, to High-Availability
Datacenter Deployments)

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m0n0wall and pfSense

(for fun and profit)





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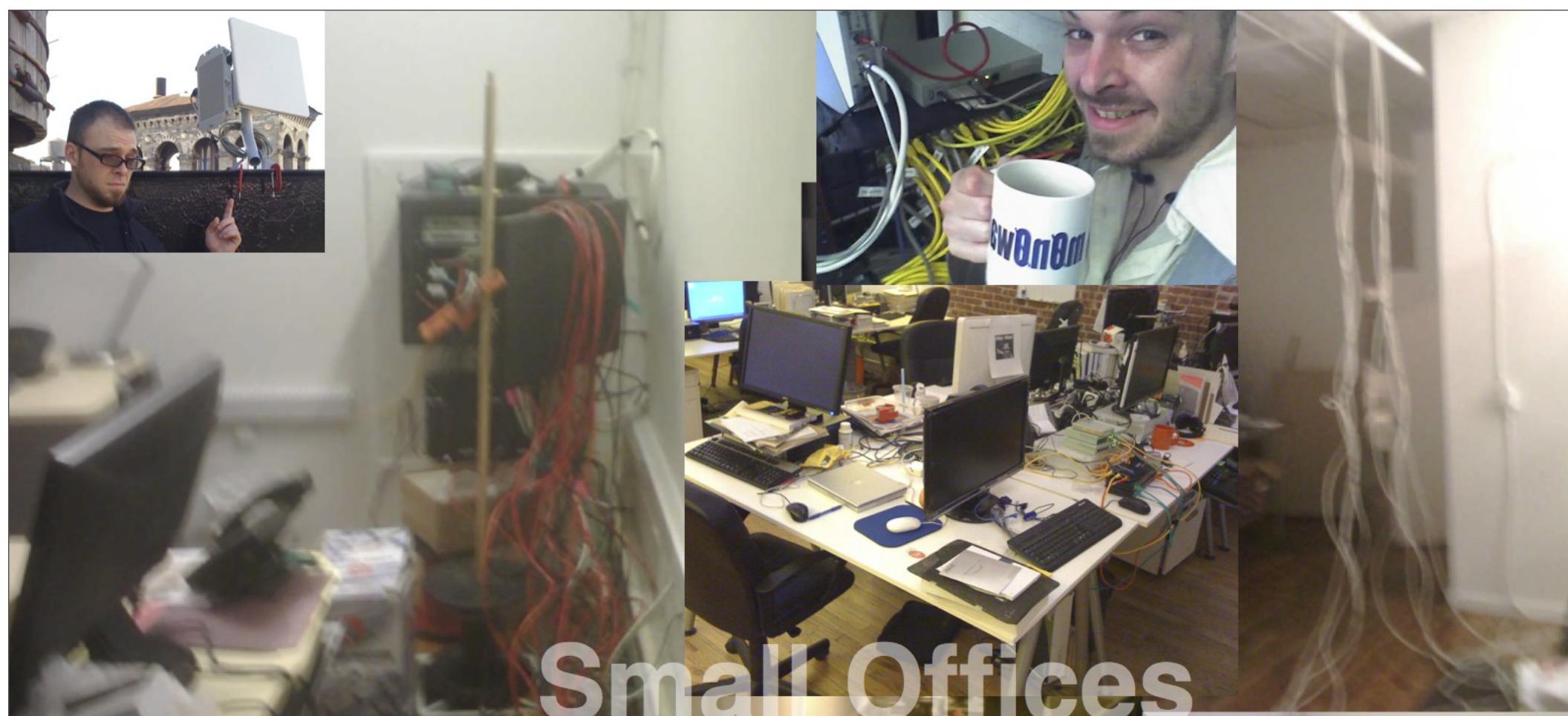
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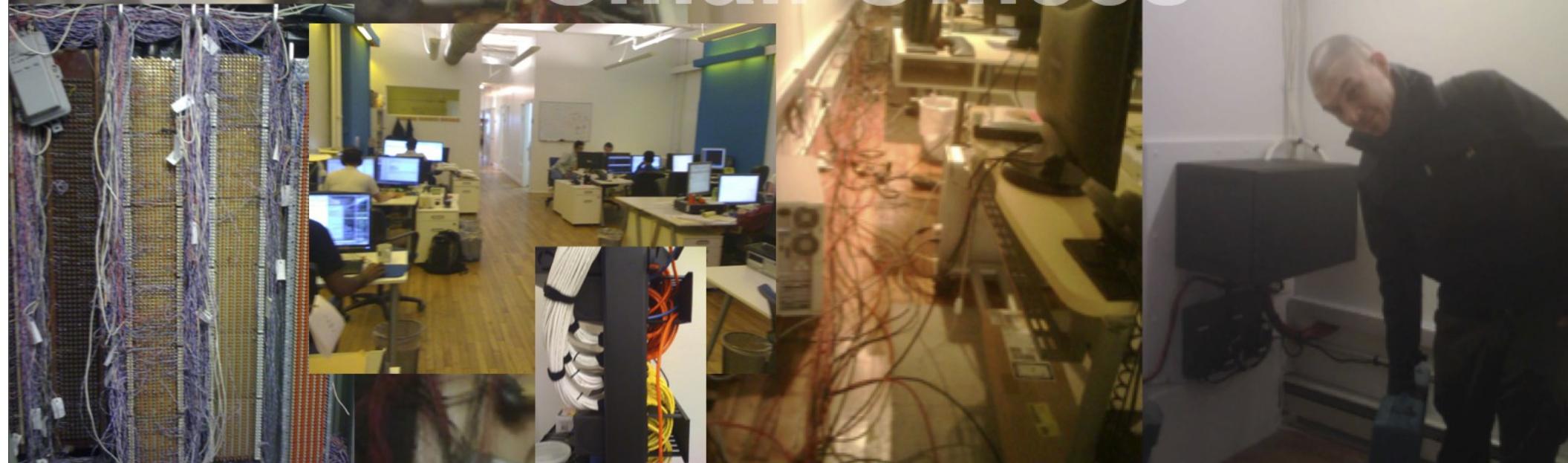
In the meantime...

Colo/Datacenter





Small Offices



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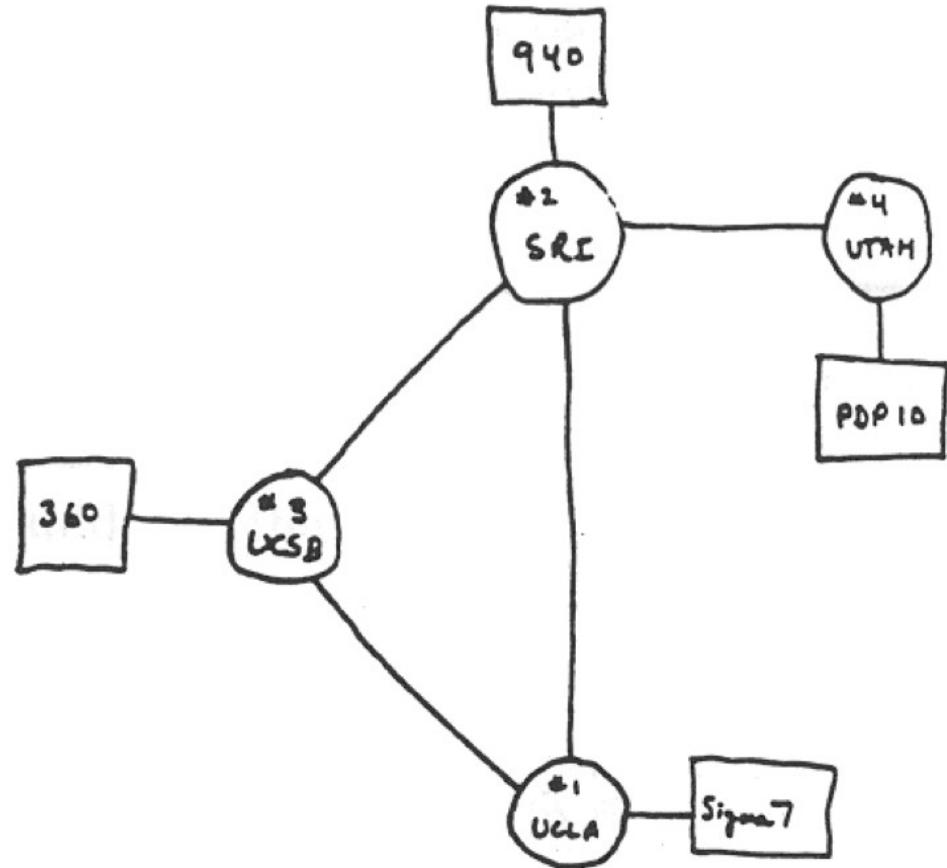
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Where *are* the
Firewalls and Routers?
(a tangent)

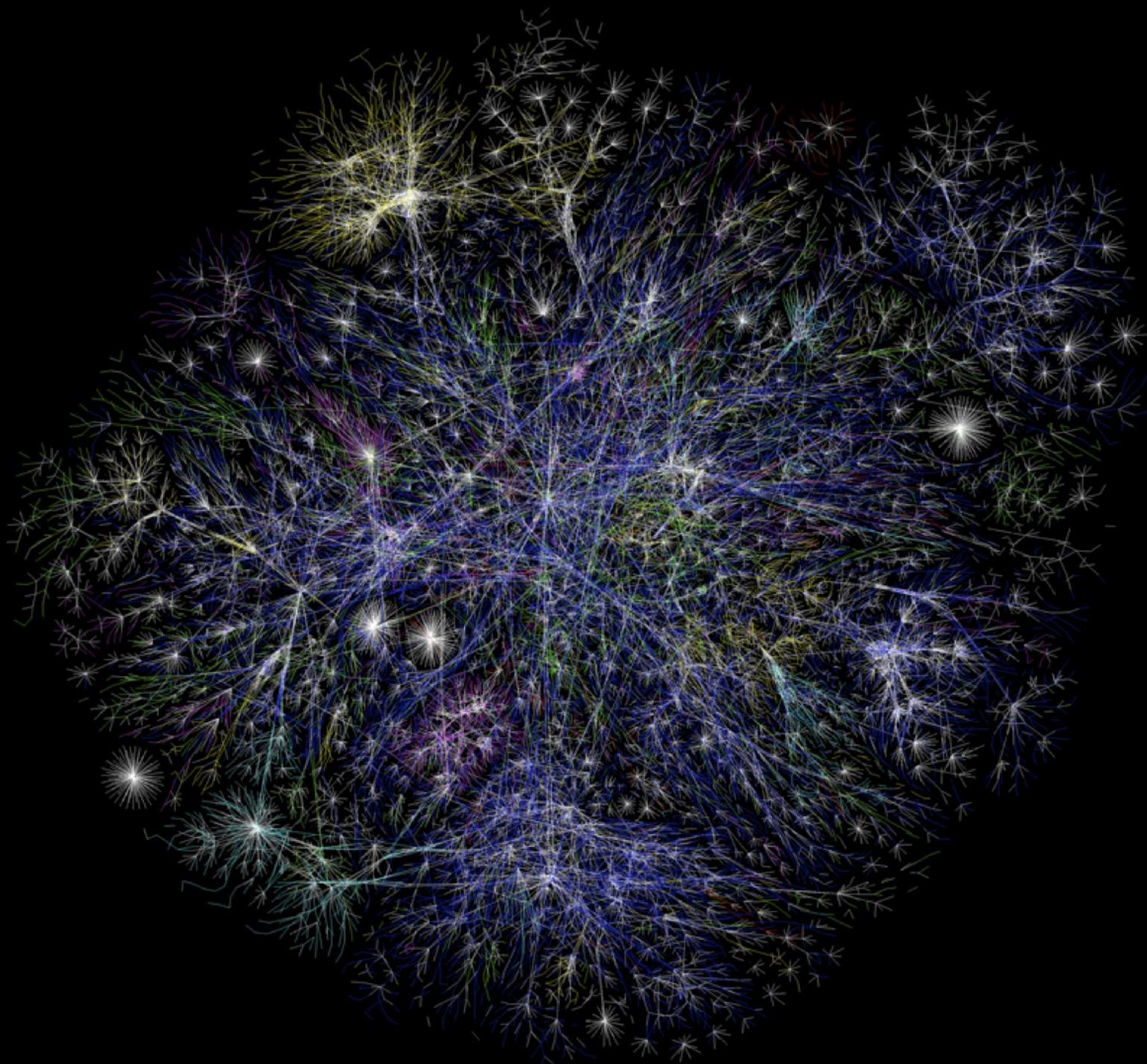


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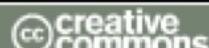
4 NODES

FIGURE 6.2 Drawing of 4 Node Network
(Courtesy of Alex McKenzie)



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● Internet Users Growth

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1,500,000,000

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1975

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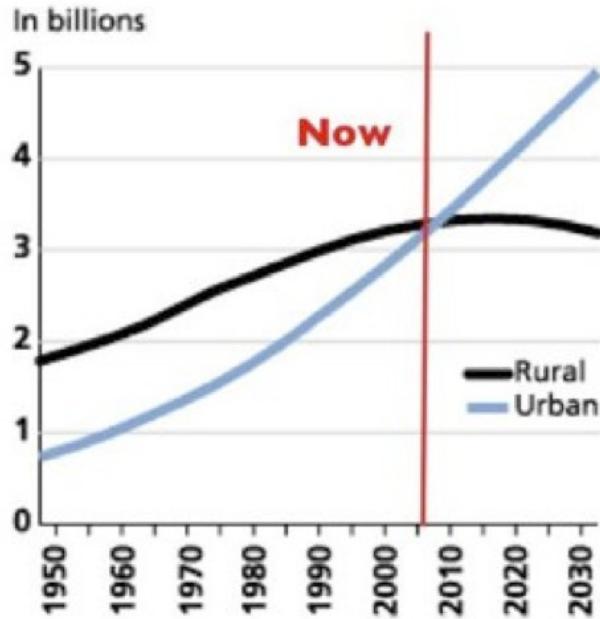
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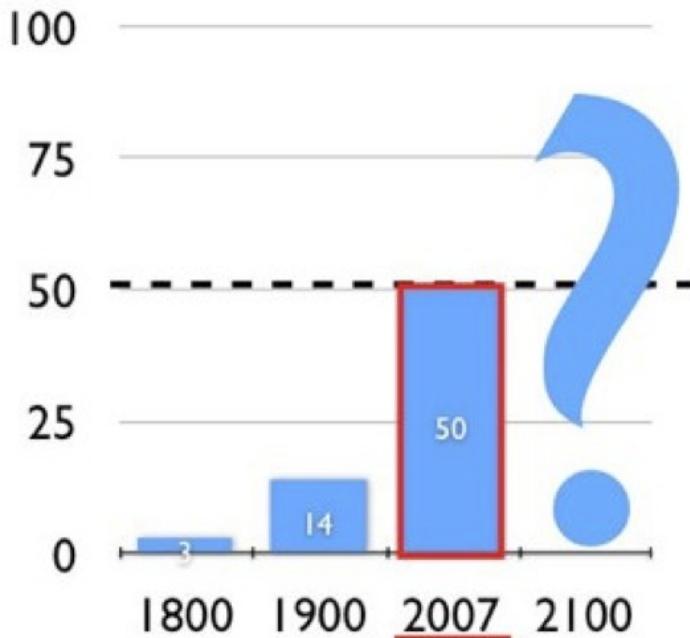
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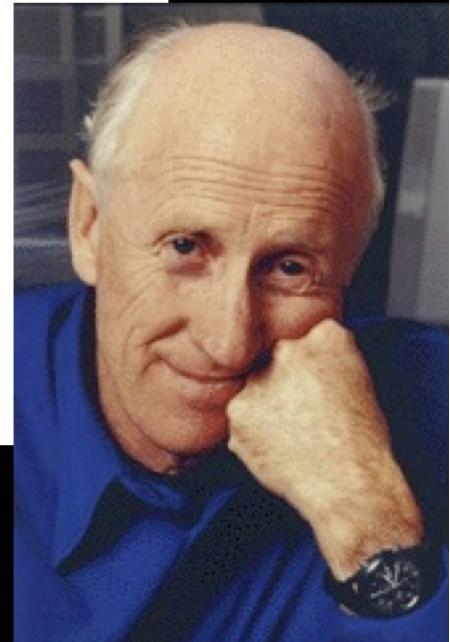
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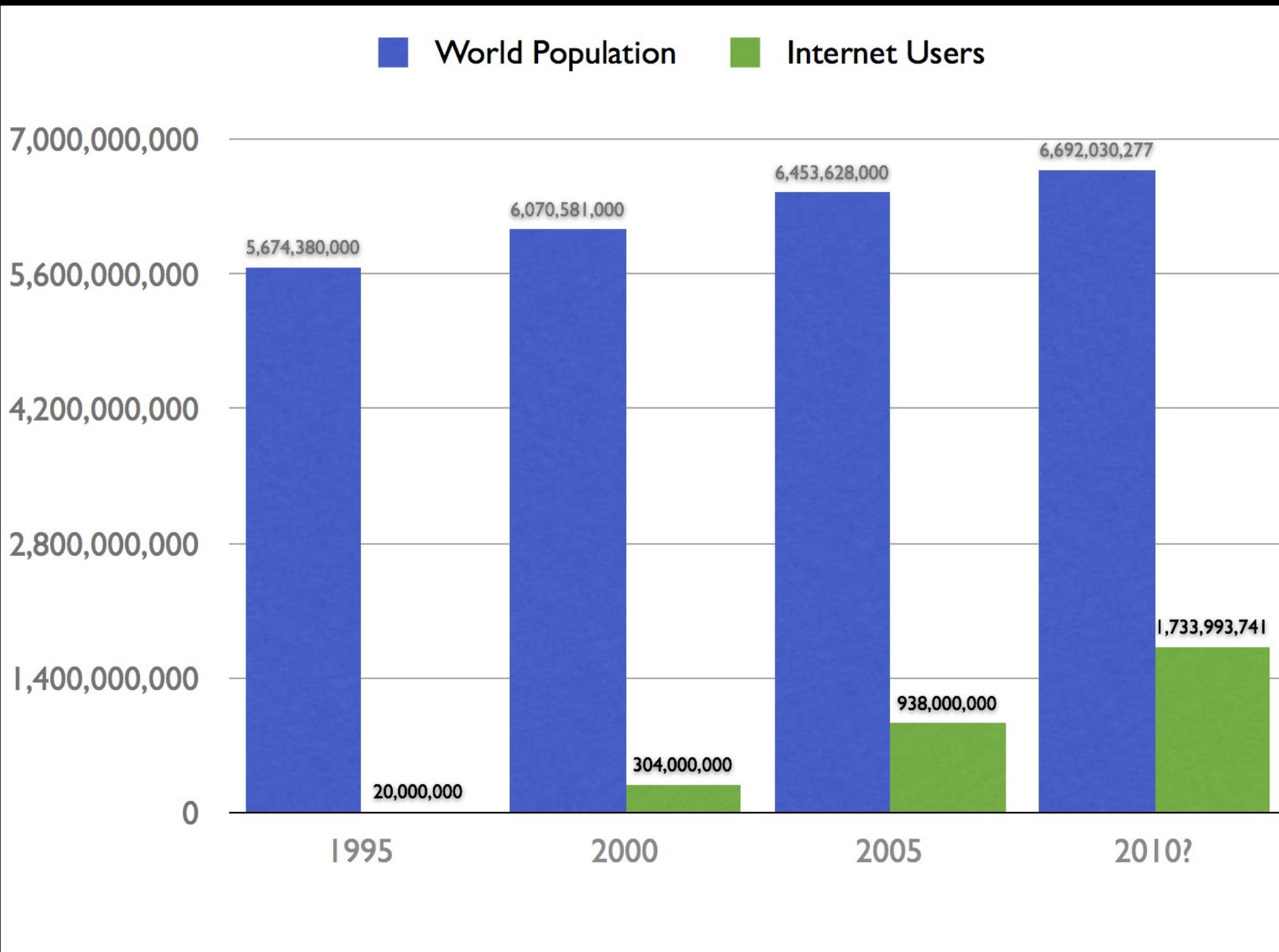


Percent of world urban

In 2007, 50% of the world is urban

- It was 3% in 1800
- 14% in 1900
- 61% expected in 2030





Ethernet Packet

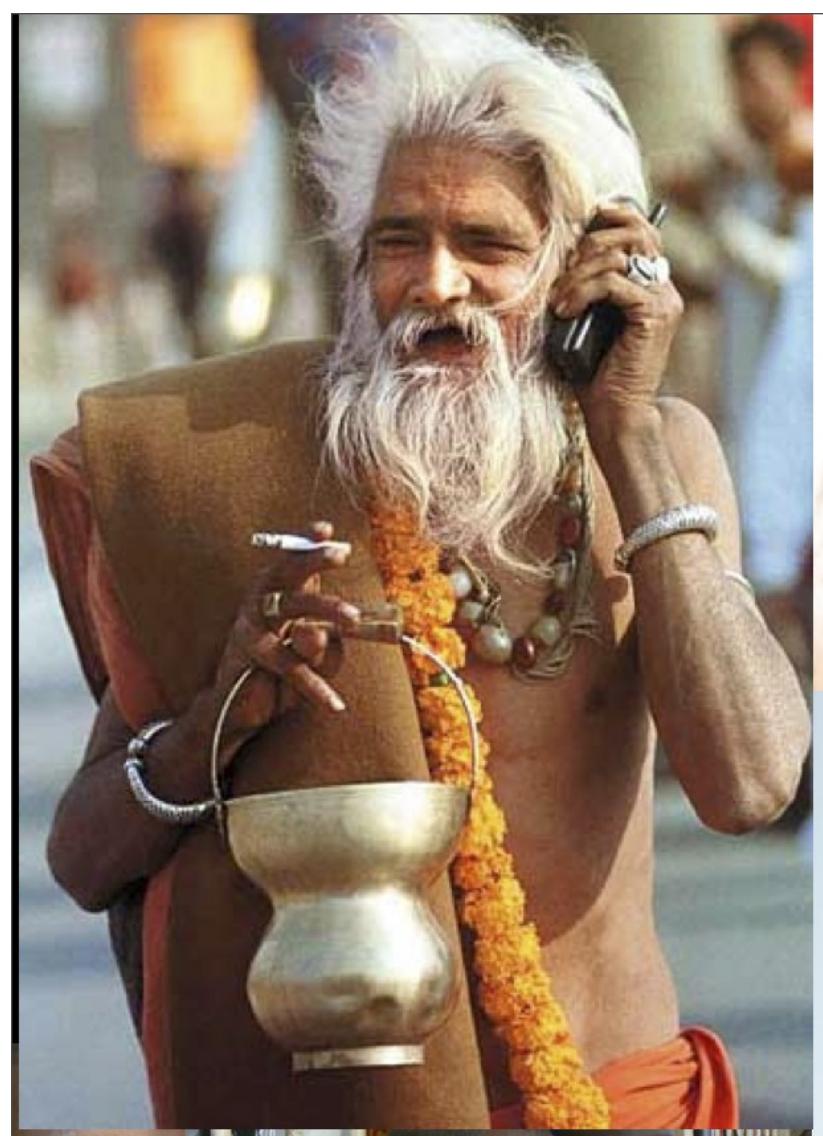
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| Receiver MAC-address | Sender MAC-address | Number of bytes | Data |
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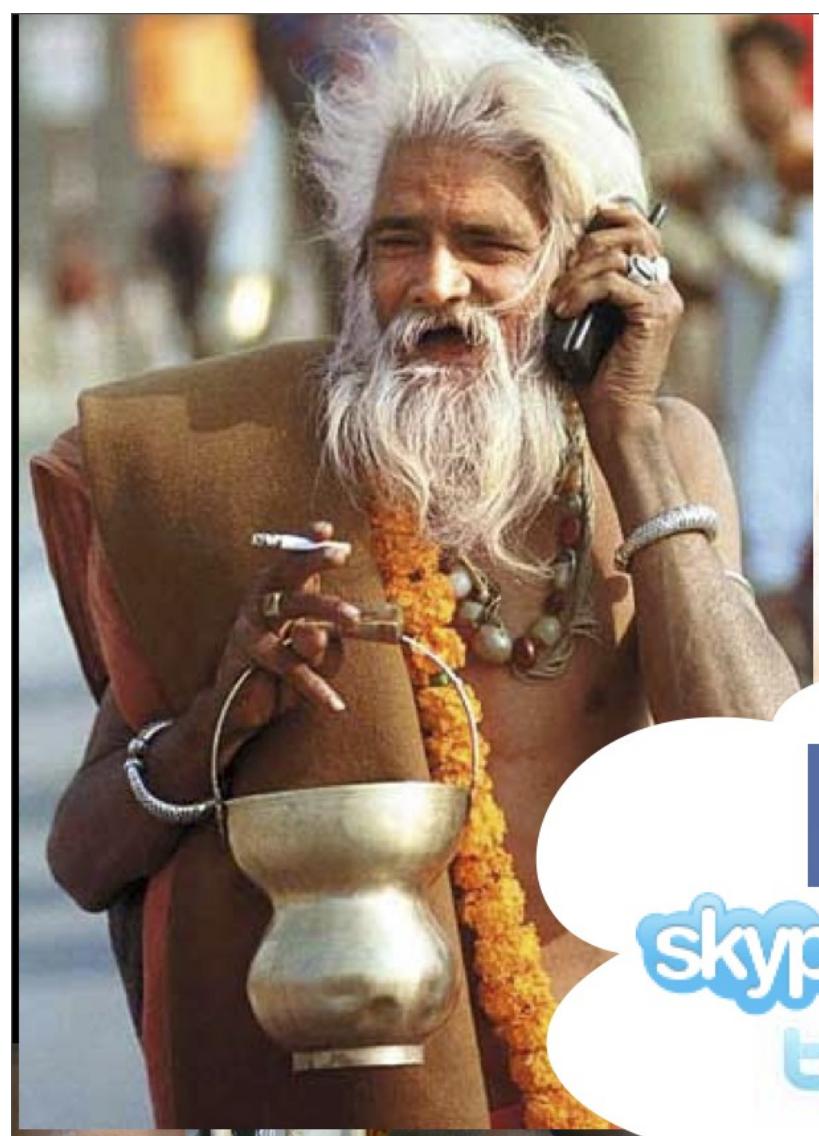
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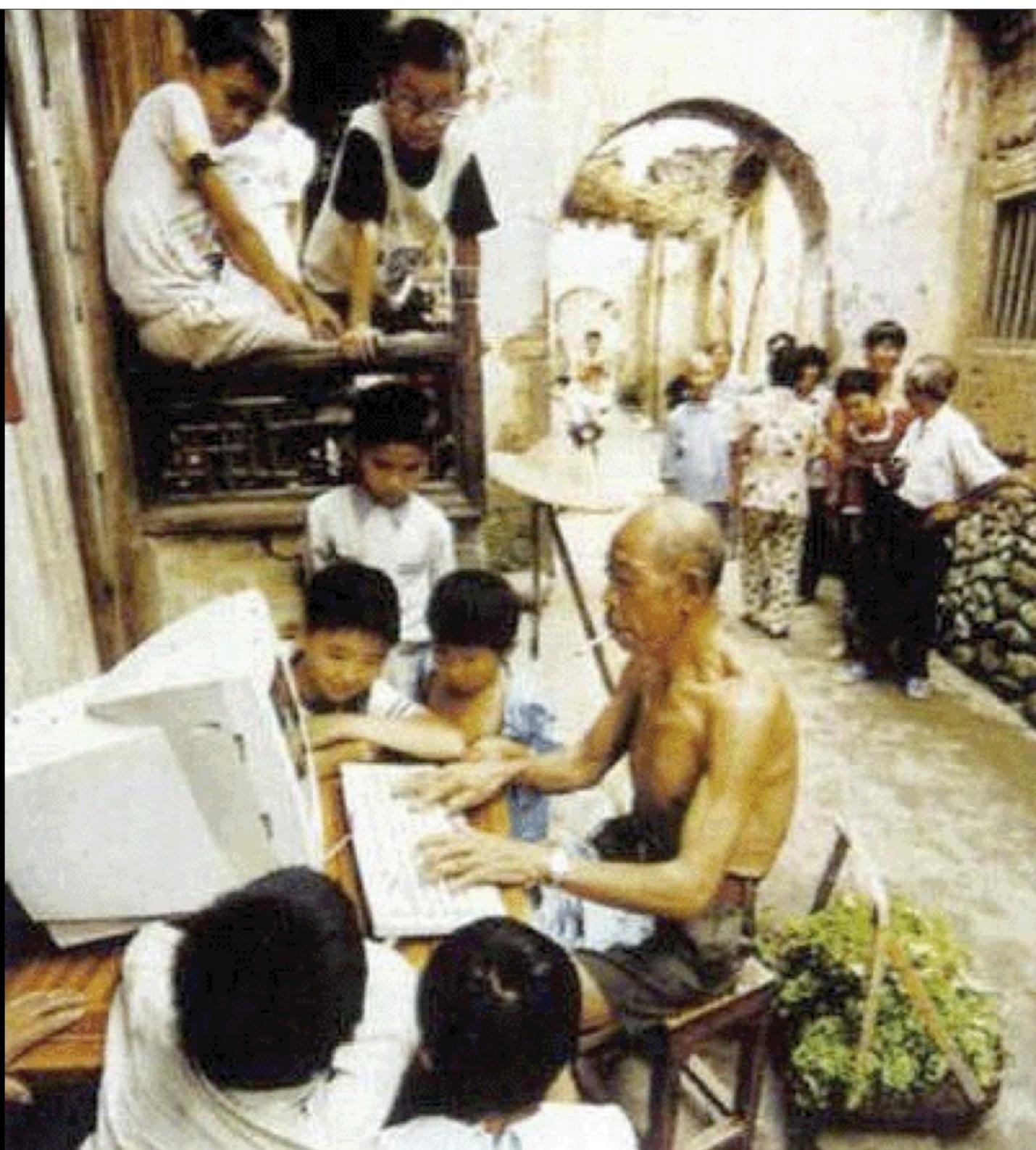
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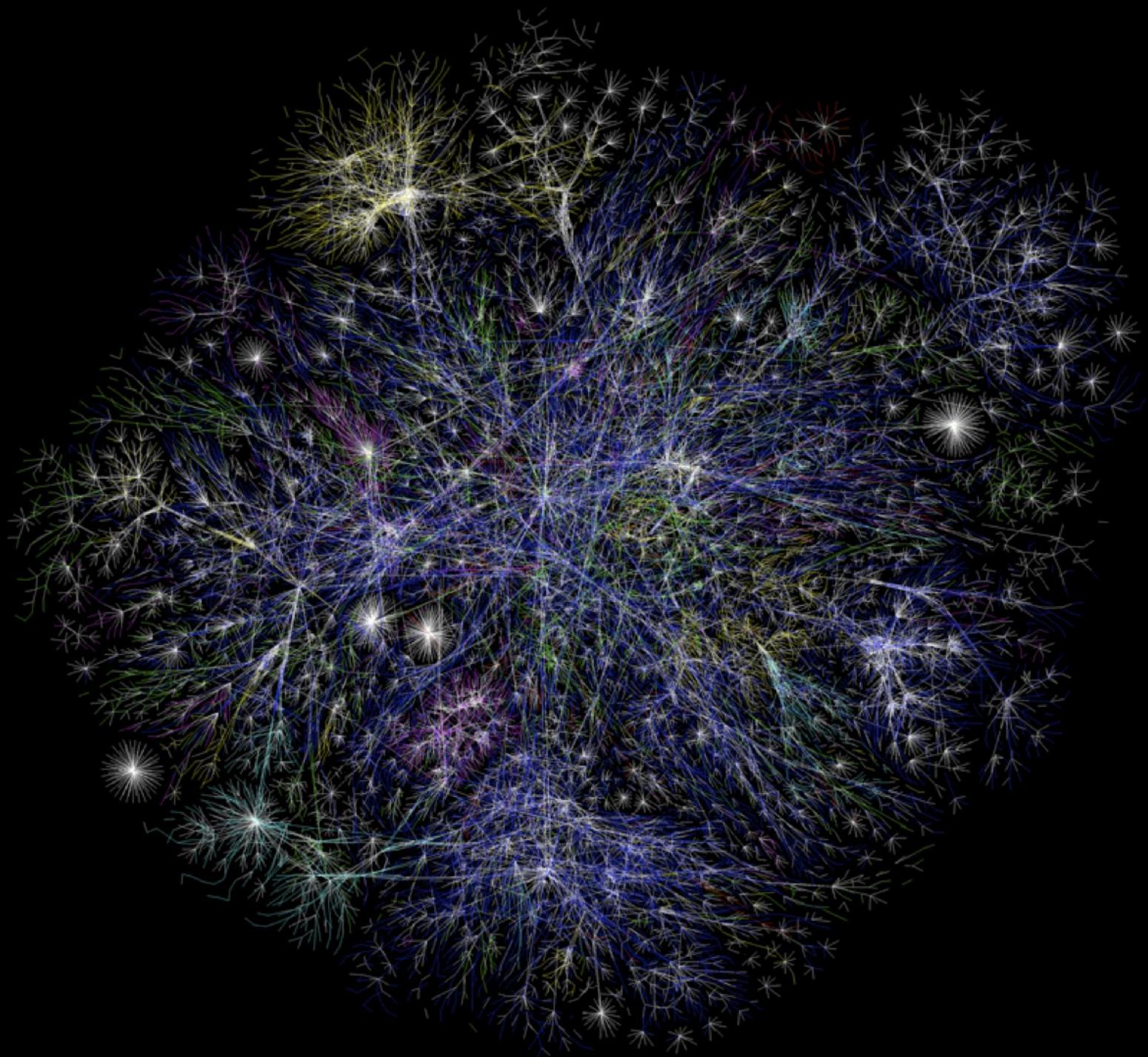
TCP Packet

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| Sender Port number | Receiver Port number | S# | Ack# | Fl | CHs | Data |
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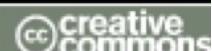






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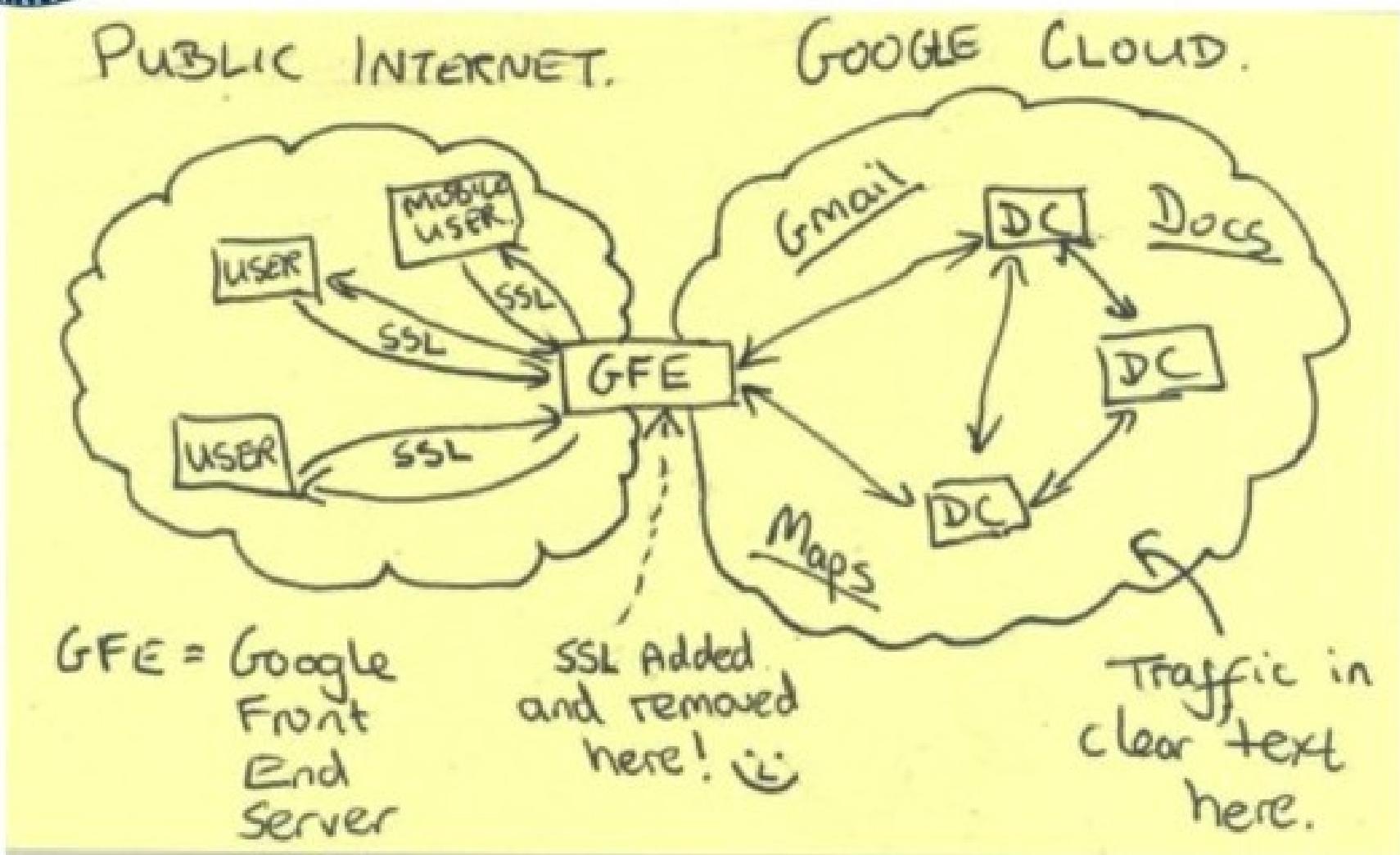


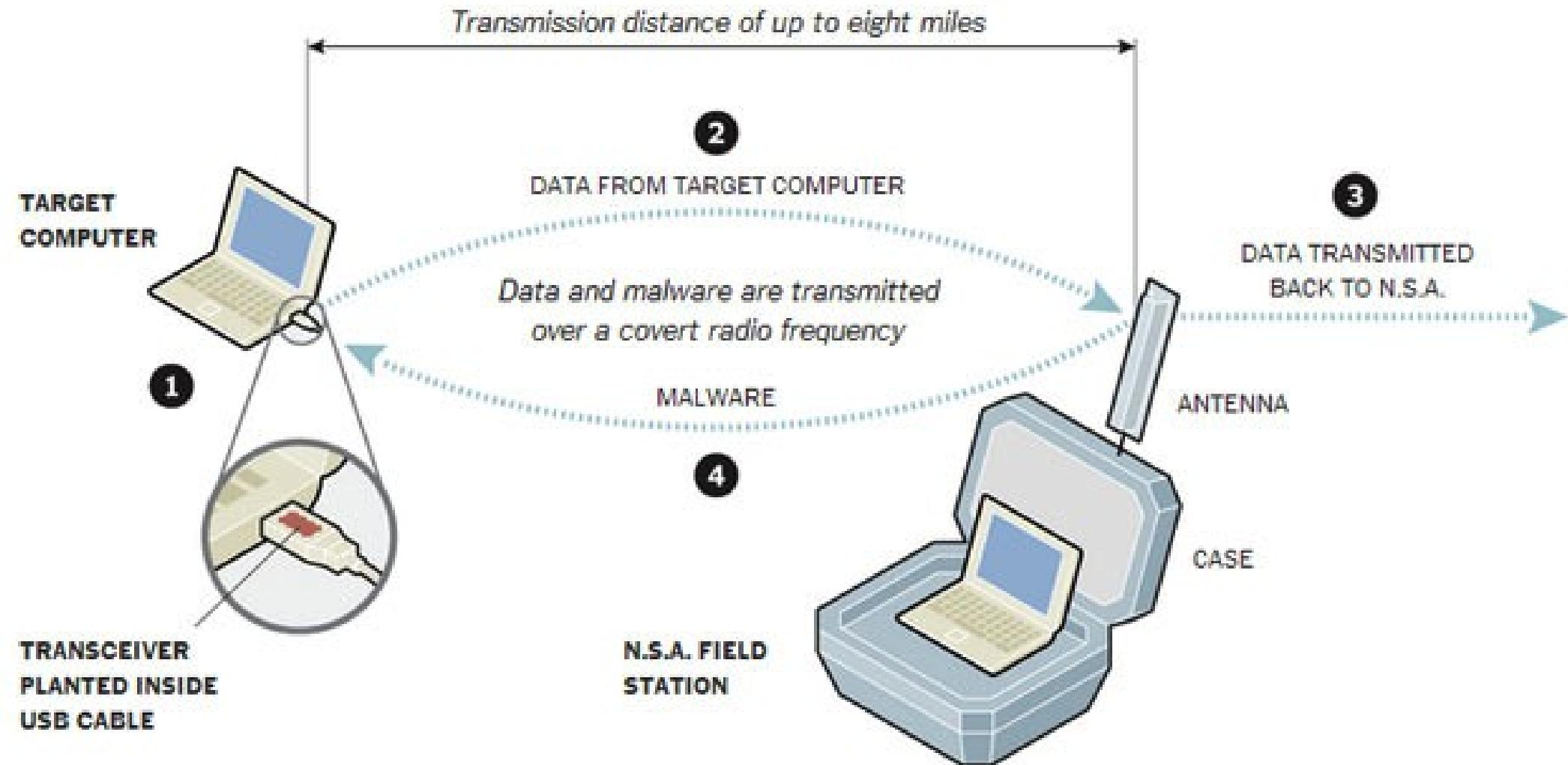


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Current Efforts - Google







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Two Types of Collection



Upstream

- Collection of communications on fiber cables and infrastructure as data flows past.
(FAIRVIEW, STORMBREW, BLARNEY, OAKSTAR)

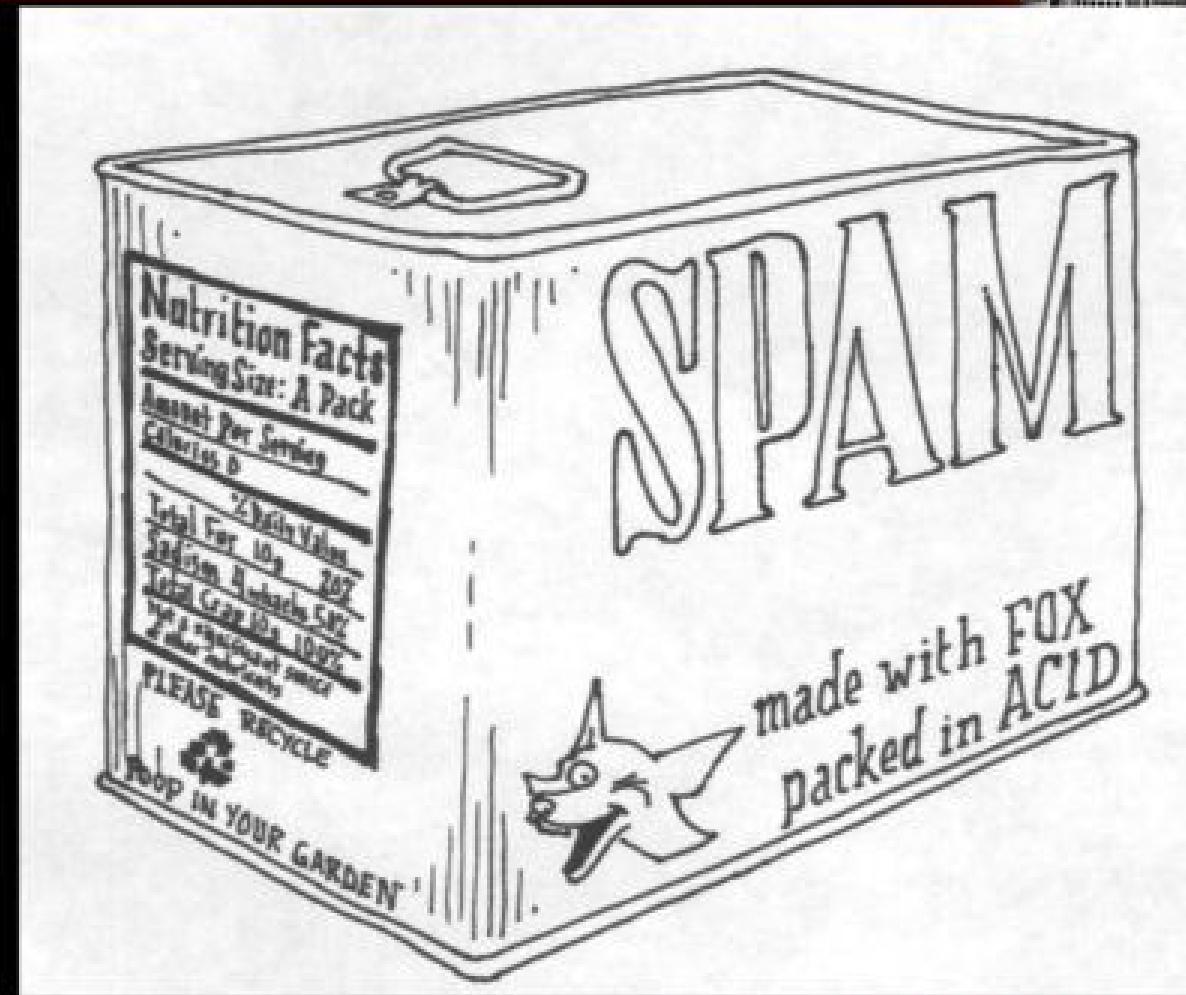
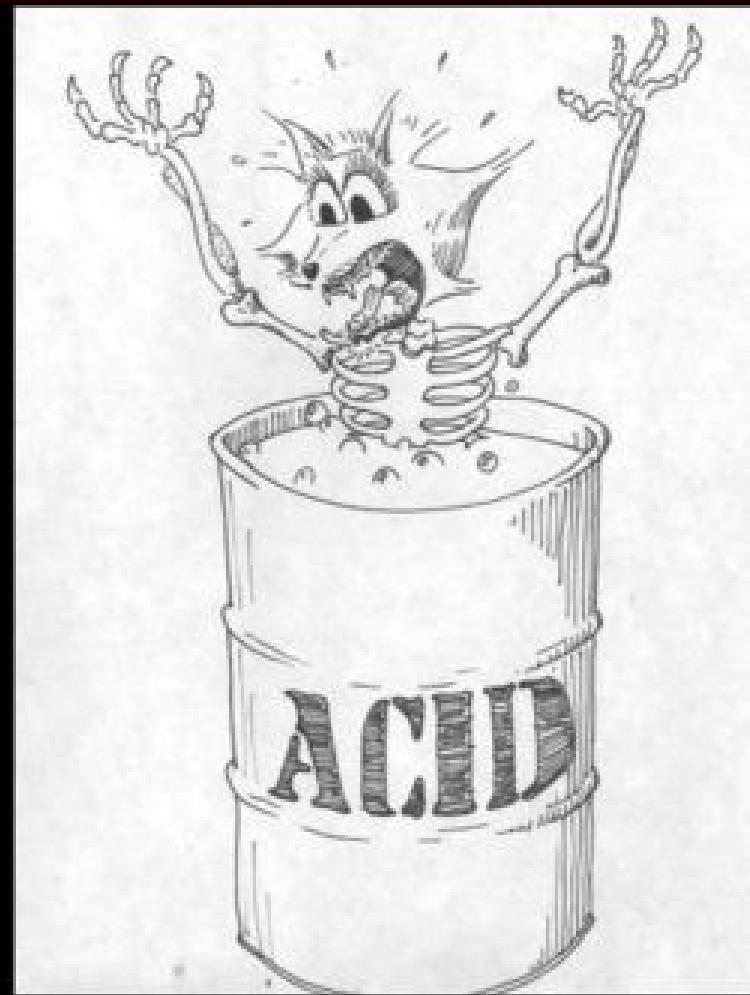
You
Should
Use Both

PRISM

- Collection directly from the servers of these U.S. Service Providers: Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube, Apple.



FOXACID



Derived From: NSA/CSSM 1-62

Dated: 20070108

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Driver 1: Worldwide SIGINT/Defense Cryptologic Platform

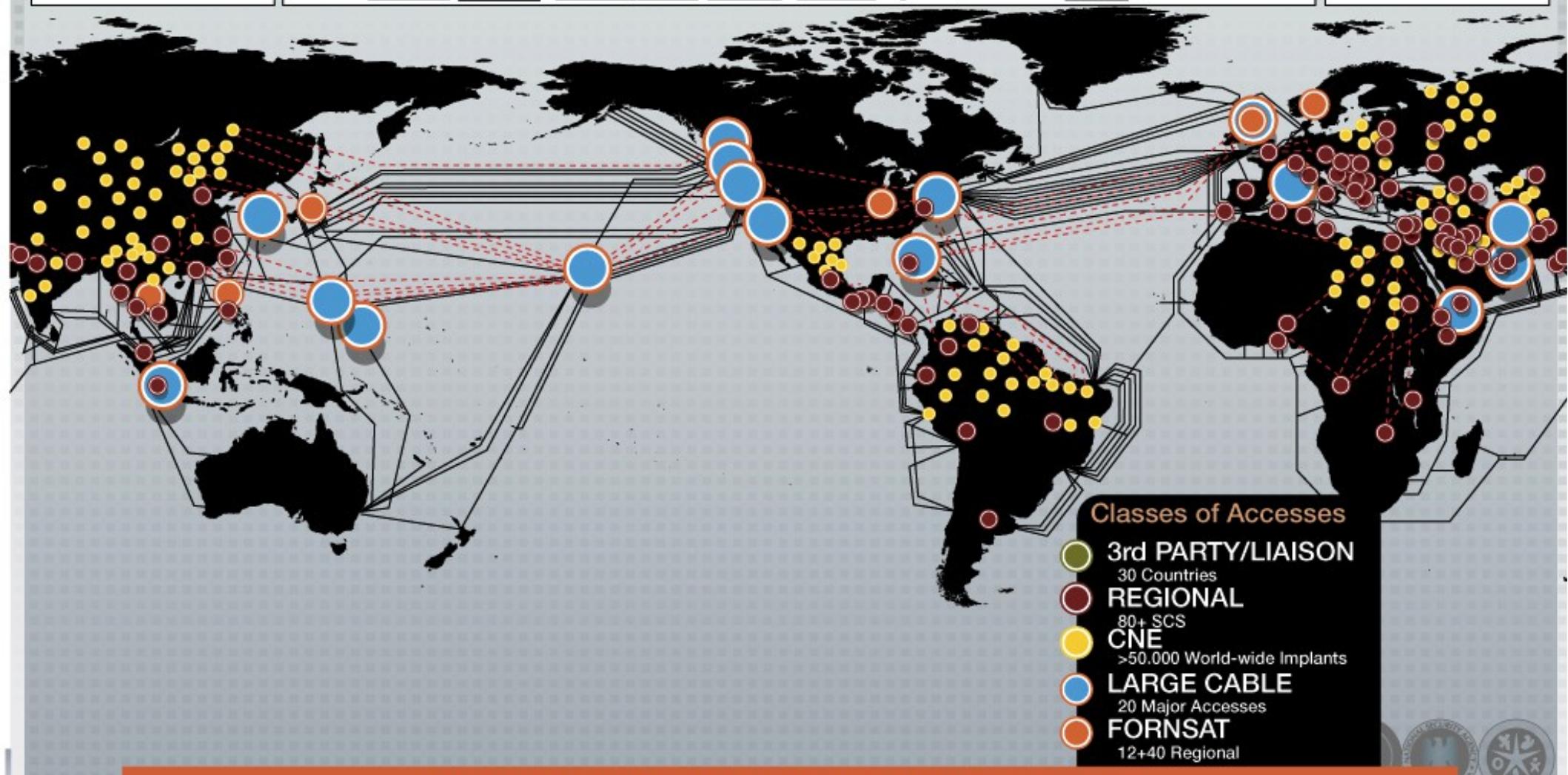
High Speed Optical Cable
Covert, Clandestine or Cooperative Large Accesses
20 Access Programs Worldwide

Regional

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| Tegucigalpa | Panama City | Lusaka | | Bangkok | Tirana | RESC |
| Geneva | Bogota | Budapest | | New Delhi | Phnom Penh | Milan |
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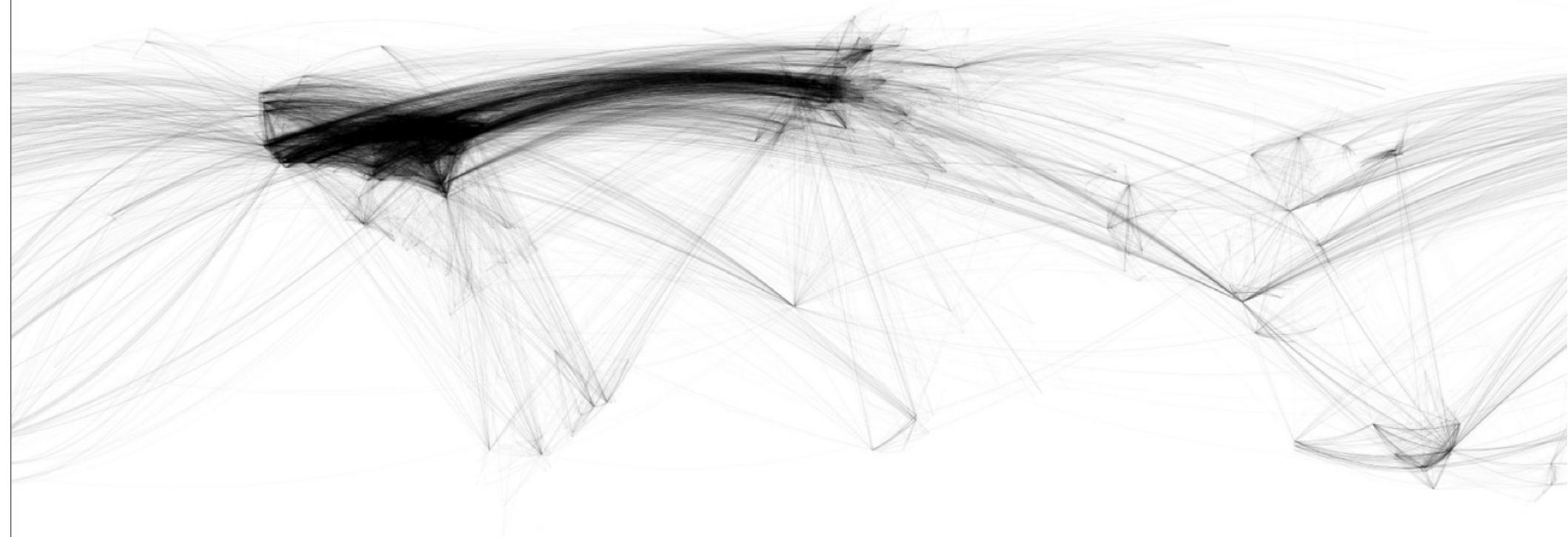
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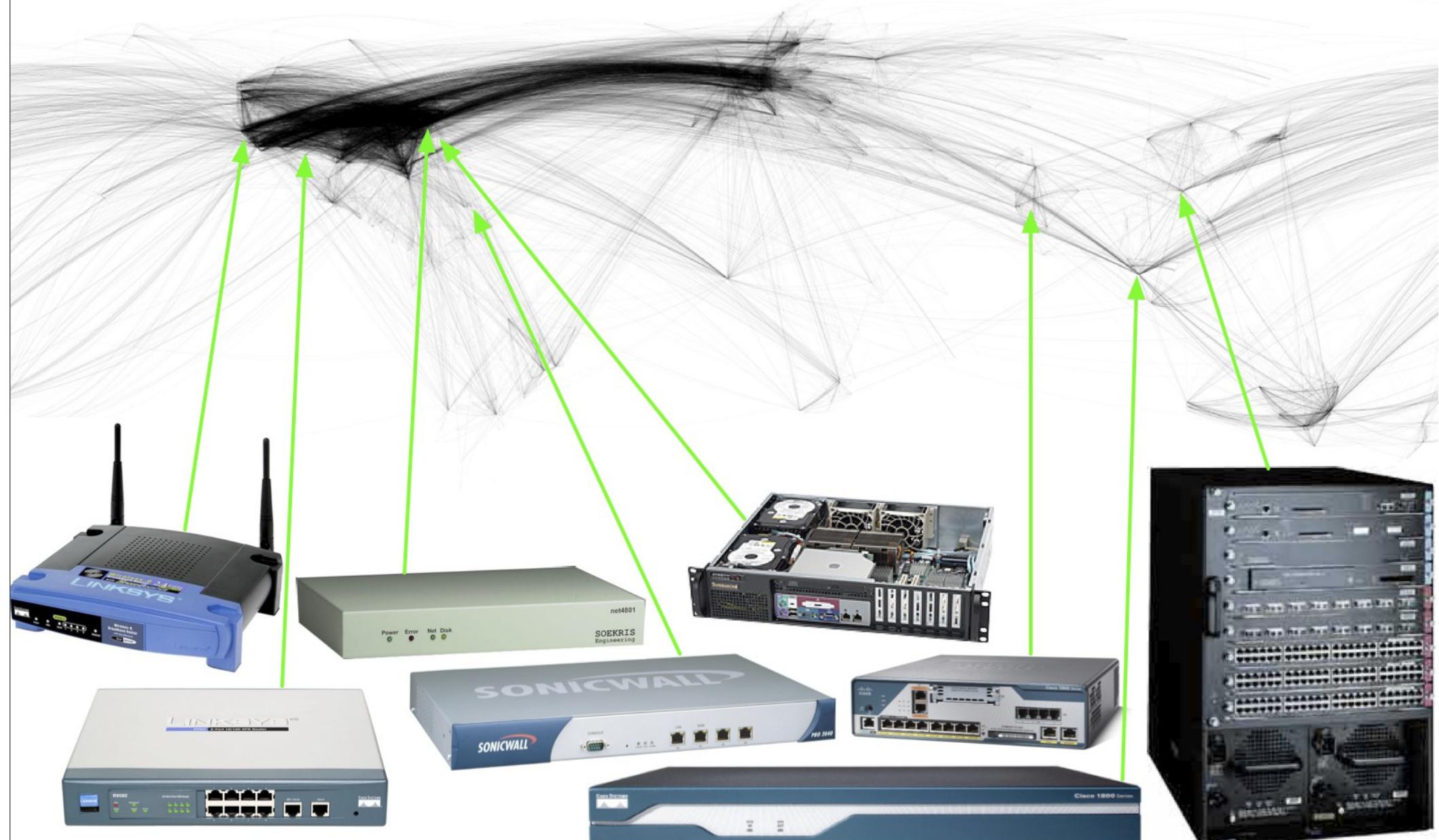
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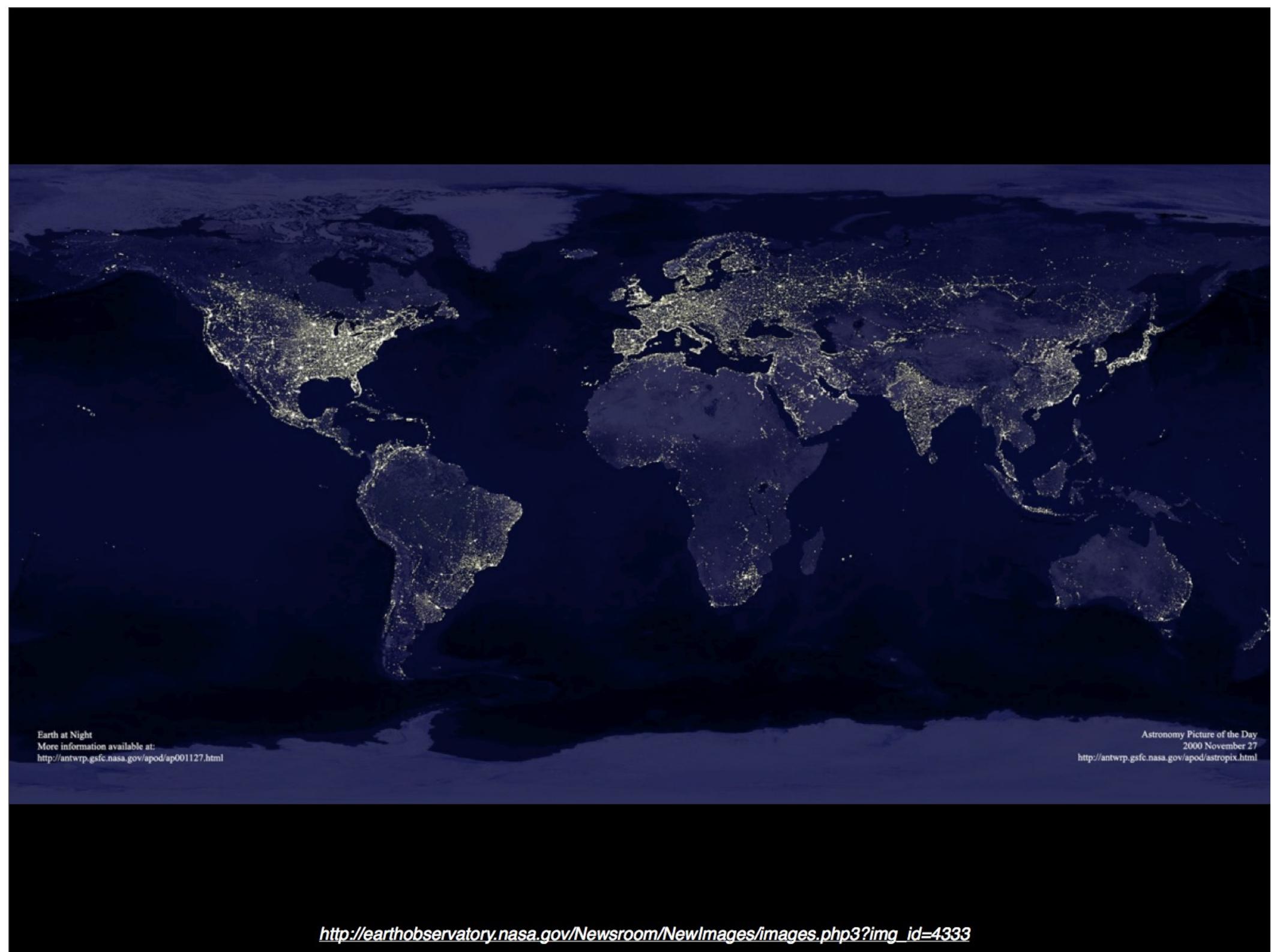
city-to-city connections



ChrisHarrison.net

Routers!





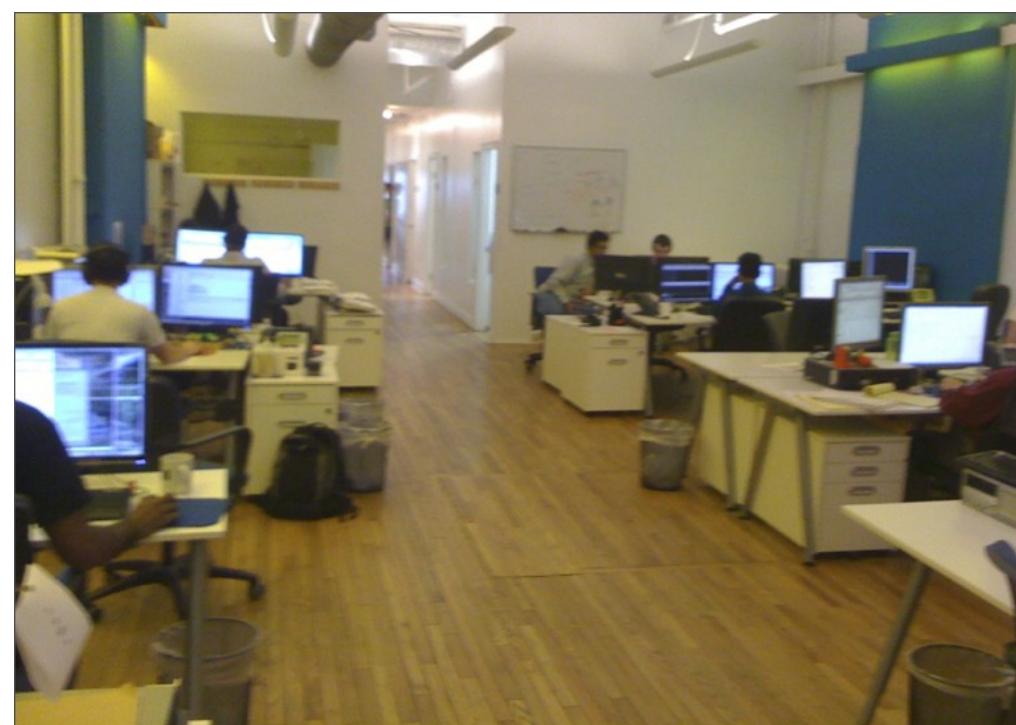
Earth at Night
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<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap001127.html>

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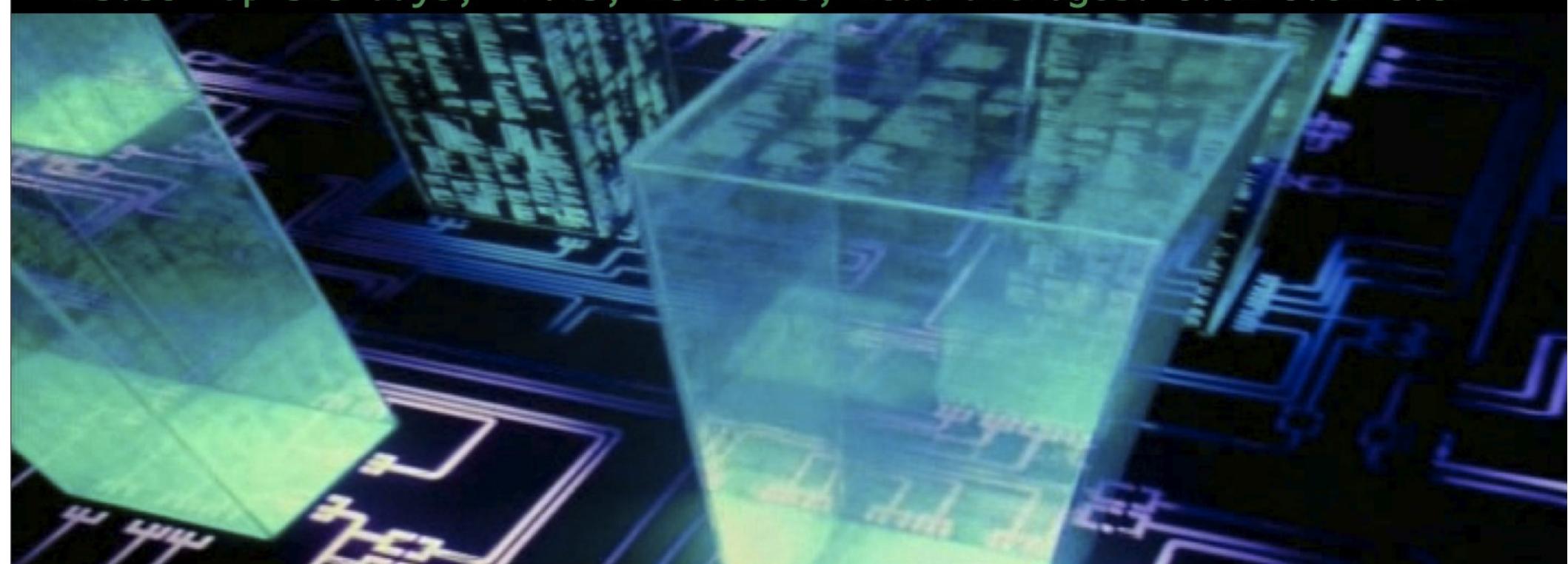
(Sysadmin) Context



NYC



```
$ uptime  
19:56 up 519 days, 7:45, 18 users, load averages: 0.01 0.02 0.01
```



Sarbanes
Oxley
Compliance
Kit

We Speak

PCI
Compliance

ALL YOU UP FOR

you will be, all night, even with VigRX Plus...



BUY
NOW

License Borrowed

! The license on this machine has been borrowed from a license server

You can continue to use this product during the borrow period without a connection to a license server.

The license period for this license expires on Saturday, October 31, 2004 (Midnight)

Install /bin/rpm -U -v --percent /root/scalix-11.0.1-GA/software/scalix-server/scalix-server-11.0.1.11-1.rhel4.i386.rpm' [scalix-server')

To process the product again after the license expires, you must connect to a license server.

'error: %preinstall scriptlet failed: /root/scalix-11.0.1.11-1.rhel4.i386) scriptlet failed, exit status 10's recommended to boot the file system in /dev/sda1 automatically or use fsck ! Clonezilla still can save you want to quit now, press

You need to restart your computer. Click the button for several seconds or press

Veuillez redémarrer votre ordinateur lorsque la touche de démarrage enfoncée pendant plusieurs secondes. Appuyez sur le bouton de réinitialisation

19,049 INFO Starting installation of RPM files [(/root/scalix-11.0.1-GA/software/

Sie müssen Ihren Computer neu starten, wenn die Einschalttaste einige Sekunden

Sie die Neustart-Taste.

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日本語



Sm/Med Businesses

- Few Sysadmin Resources (people, gear)
- Mostly, Infrastructure ‘just works’ (except when it doesn’t...)
- Network activity is not necessarily made transparent to company users (it either “works”, or it doesn’t)
- Unless the business **is** infrastructure, (ISP, etc...), technical personnel and resources are often all focused on abstract business goals (new apps, features, etc...)

Small Business IT

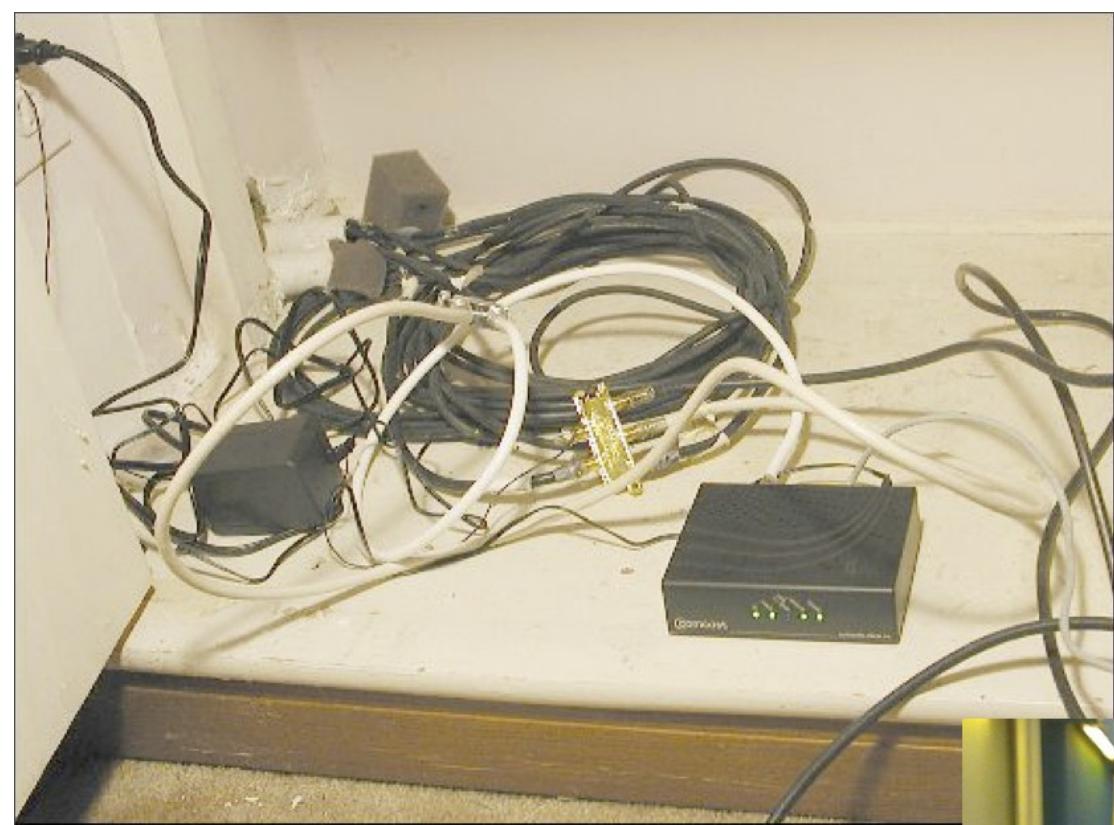
- BUSINESS STOPS WHEN THE NETWORK STOPS

~~Small Business IT~~

- **EVERYONE STOPS WHEN
THE NETWORK STOPS**

Network Deployment

- Deploys: "Performing an Oil Change at 80mph" (quoting Michael Lucas)
- Most businesses, if they're hiring sysadmins, have a “network”
- Few businesses participate in an economy where \$10k routers are common





talking points:

Corporate Office/Colo
Life with pfSense

talking points:

Quickly/Safely Training
Junior/Senior Network

talking points:

Taking the Magic/
Macho out of HA
networking

talking points:

Networking can be:

Reliable

Securable

Understandable

Fun

PFSense Bootstrap

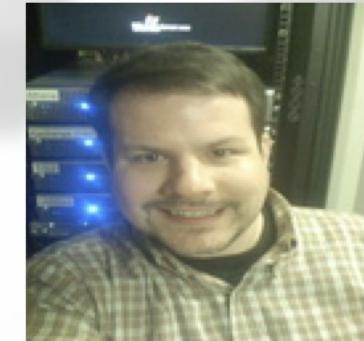


What is pfSense?

- Networking Appliance, (built on FreeBSD)
- Router/Firewall/More
- Originally, fork of `m0n0wall`
- Commercial support available
 - Electric Sheep Fencing
- Open Source, BSD Licenced
 - Various packages may have other licences



AVAILABLE pfSense Tutorial ONLINE



BSDCan 2008

From zero to hero with pfSense

May 13, 2008

Chris Buechler <cmb@bsdperimeter.com>
Scott Ullrich <sullrich@bsdperimeter.com>

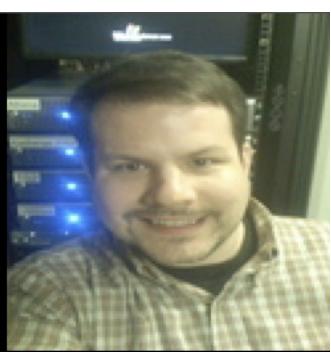
Hardware (x86)

- LiveCD
- Full Install (to a harddrive)
- Embedded
- USB Drive



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Minimum Reqs

- CPU - 100 MHz (500+ MHz for best experience)
RAM - 128 MB (256 MB or more is encouraged)
- Platform Specific Live CD
- CD-ROM drive (currently USB CD-ROM devices are not supported)
- USB flash drive or floppy drive to store configuration Full Installation
- CD-ROM for initial installation
- 1 GB hard drive Embedded
- 128 MB CF serial port for console null modem cable

Going Green

- You ***can*** use older hardware
- Power cost, and reliability are issues



Popular Hardware

- NICs - Intel Pro/100 and Pro/1000
- Embedded hardware
 - PC Engines WRAP and ALIX, Soekris, Nexcom, Hacom, Mini ITX,
- Most Dell servers work well, Many HP and Compaq servers work well, Many Supermicro/Greybox x86 work well
- VMware - entire product line





FRAGILE
ELECTRONIC
EQUIPMENT

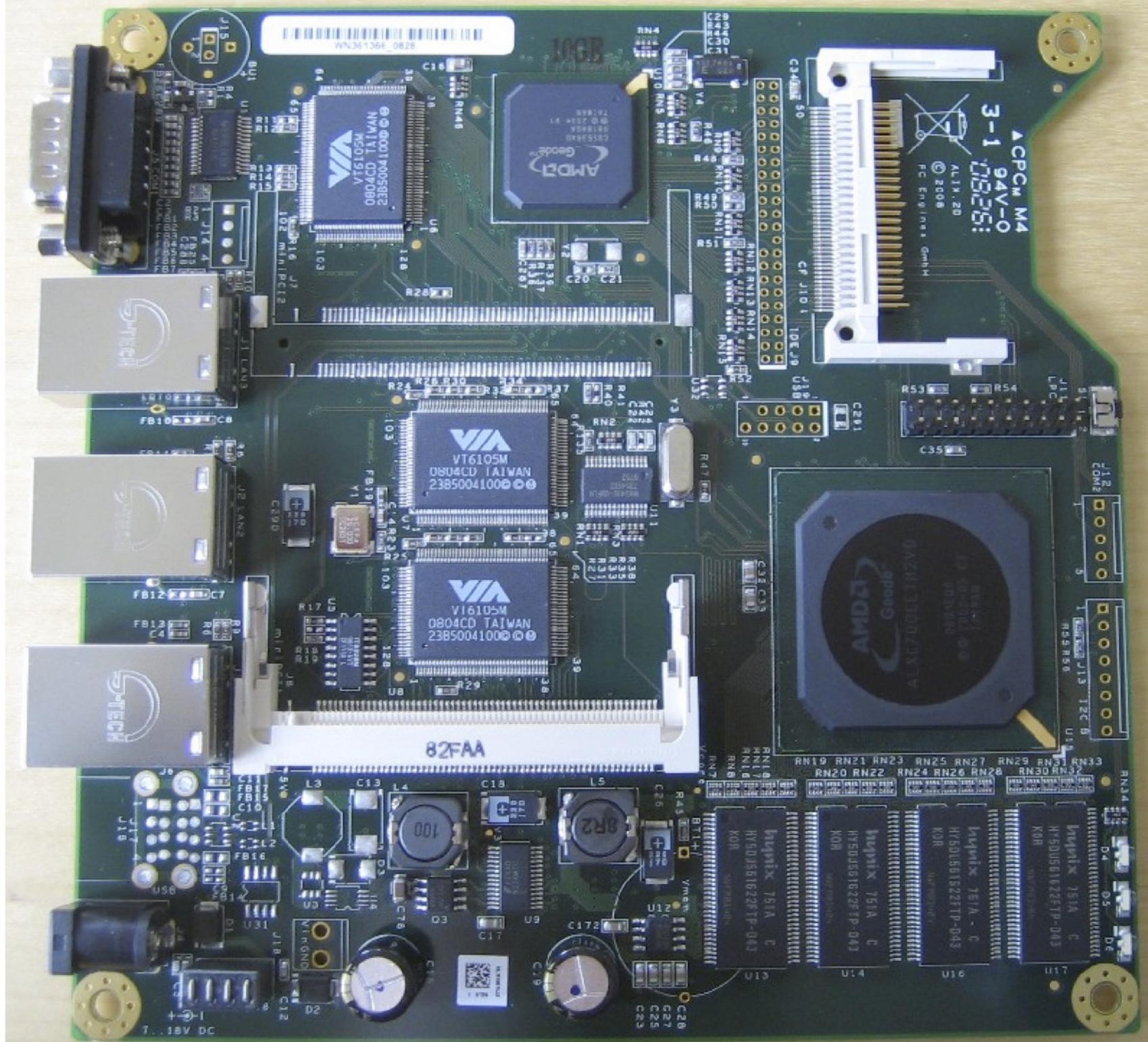
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A1 - 31094
- 800 - 820 - 6SD



GO
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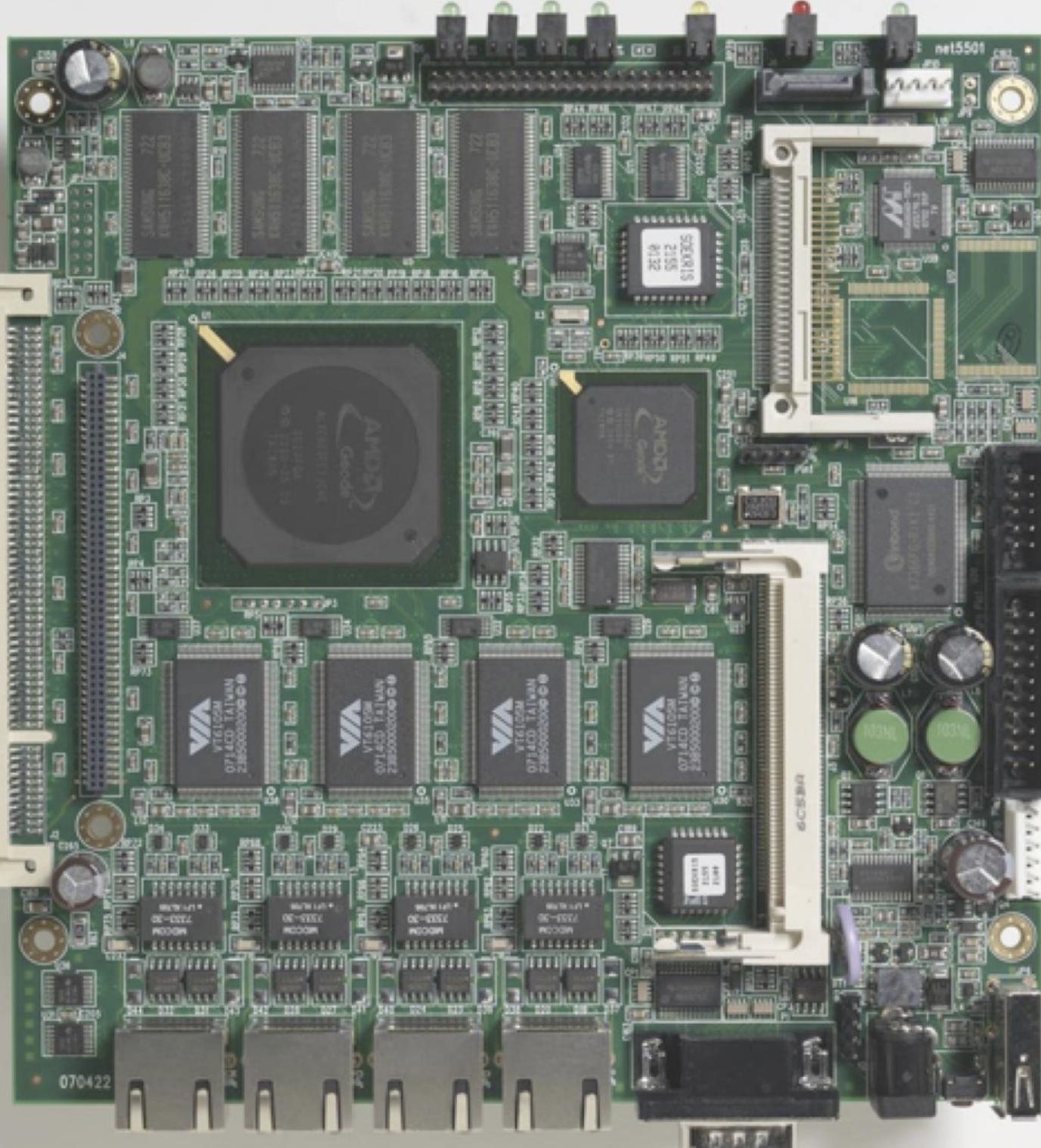
ALIX.2C
\$140us



ALIX.2C Case
\$15us



Soekris 5501
\$300us



Soekris 5501
\$400us





Hardware Sizing Guide

- Throughput Considerations
Packets per second
Bandwidth required
- **10-20 Mbps** - No less than 266 MHz CPU
21-50 Mbps - No less than 500 MHz CPU
51-200 Mbps - No less than 1.0 GHz CPU
201-500 Mbps - server class or newer desktop hardware
- PCI-x or PCI-e network adapters
- No less than 2.0 GHz CPU
501+ Mbps - server class hardware
- PCI-x or PCI-e network adapters
No less than 3.0 GHz CPU



100mbit

11mbit (wifi)

1.5/mbit (T1)

15/mbit async (cable)



100mbit



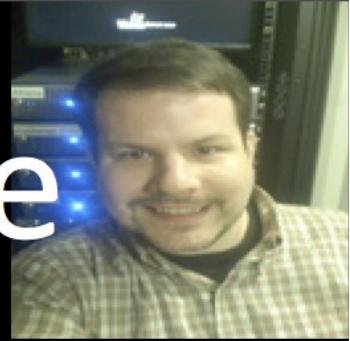
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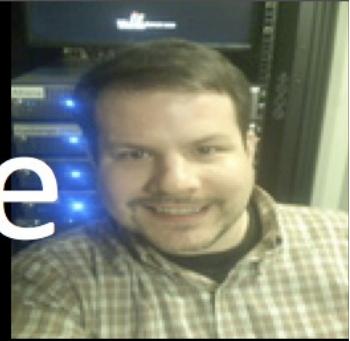


15/mbit async (cable)



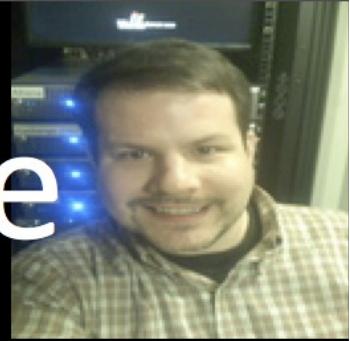
Hardware Sizing Guide

- Feature Considerations
- VPN
- Number of connections not much of a factor
Very CPU intensive Throughput
- 4 Mb - 266 MHz **10 Mb - 500 MHz**



Hardware Sizing Guide

- Feature Considerations Large and busy Captive Portal deployments
- Increased CPU requirements Large state tables
- 1 KB per state RAM requirement
 - 100,000 states = ~97 MB RAM
 - 500,000 states = ~488 MB RAM
 - 1,000,000 states = ~976 MB RAM
 - etc...



Hardware Sizing Guide

- Feature Considerations Packages
- RAM hungry example:
 - ntop
 - Snort
- Disk I/O example
 - Squid



Typical Deployments

- Perimeter firewall
 - BGP router
- LAN router
 - VLAN
 - Multiple interfaces
- WAN router
 - for Ethernet WAN services

Install

- Embedded
- Full Disk

Embedded Install

- Download Embedded Image File
- copy image to a CF card using DD:

```
$ gzcat pfSense-embedded.img.gz | dd of=/dev/disk3s1 bs=16k
```

- Insert CF Card into Embedded machine and move on to configuration

Full (hd) Install

F10=Refresh Display

Select Task

Choose one of the following tasks to perform.

- < Quick/Easy Install >
- < Custom Install >
- < Rescue config.xml >
- < Setup GEOM Mirror >
- < Reboot >
- < Exit >

Invoke Installer with minimal questions

Configuration Methods

- Serial Console (Menu-Based [and Shell])
- http via DHCP, just hit `http://192.168.1.1/`
 - (assuming you know which interface your LAN side is?!)

| | | | | |
|------|----|-----|----|-------------------|
| WAN* | -> | em0 | -> | 10.0.96.197(DHCP) |
| LAN | -> | em1 | -> | 192.168.1.1 |

pfSense console setup

- 0) Logout (SSH only)
- 1) Assign Interfaces
- 2) Set LAN IP address
- 3) Reset webConfigurator password
- 4) Reset to factory defaults
- 5) Reboot system
- 6) Halt system
- 7) Ping host
- 8) Shell
- 9) PFtop
- 10) Filter Logs
- 11) Restart webConfigurator
- 12) pfSense Developer Shell
- 13) Upgrade from console
- 14) Enable Secure Shell (sshd)
- 99) Install pfSense to a hard drive/memory drive, etc.

Enter an option: 99



Post-Configuration

Critical Reccomendations:

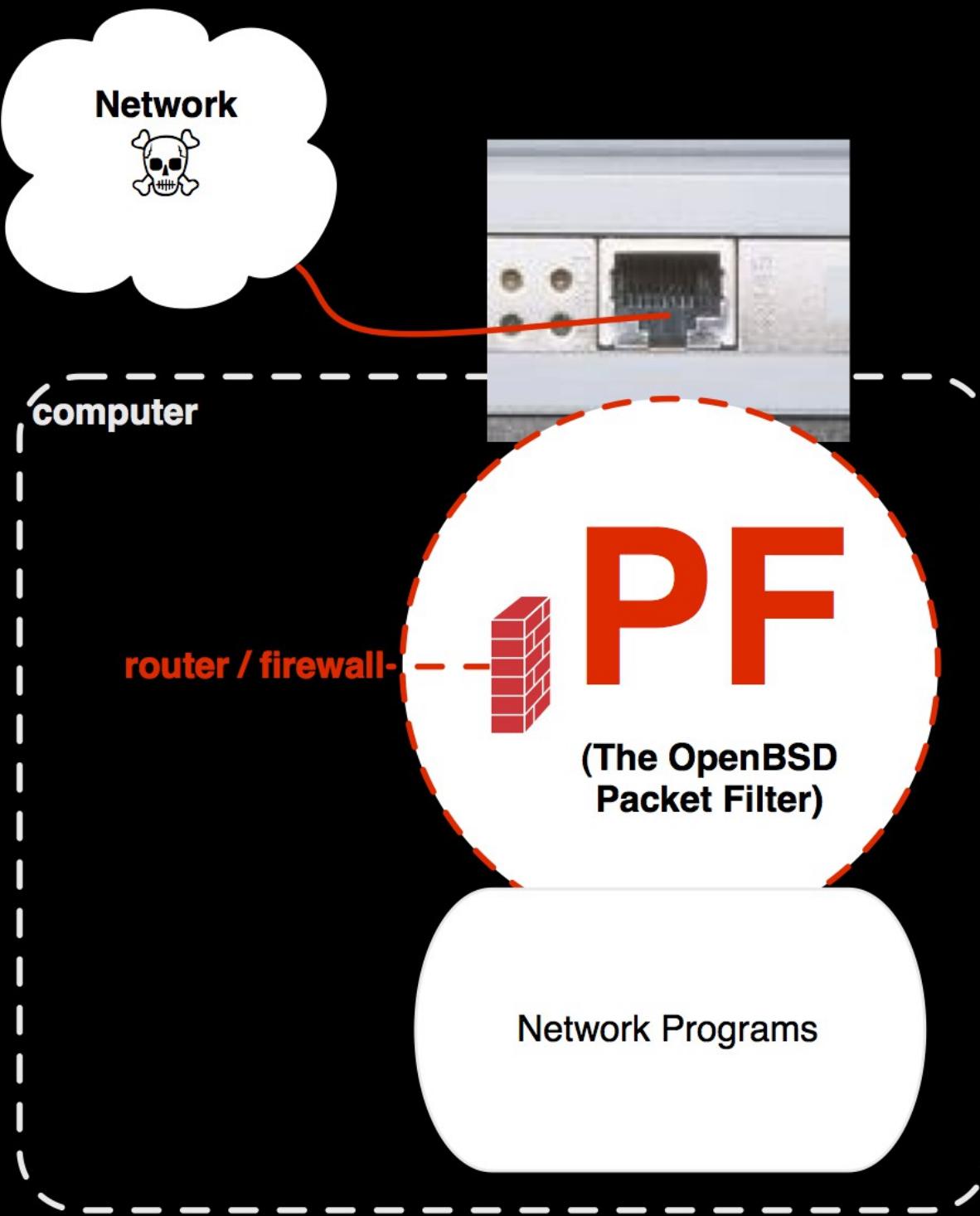
- Set web management to HTTPS
 - can load your own certs, or auto-gen!
- Can turn on SSH immediately if you want it
 - can load your own ssh pub keys!

setup can be demo'd after presentation

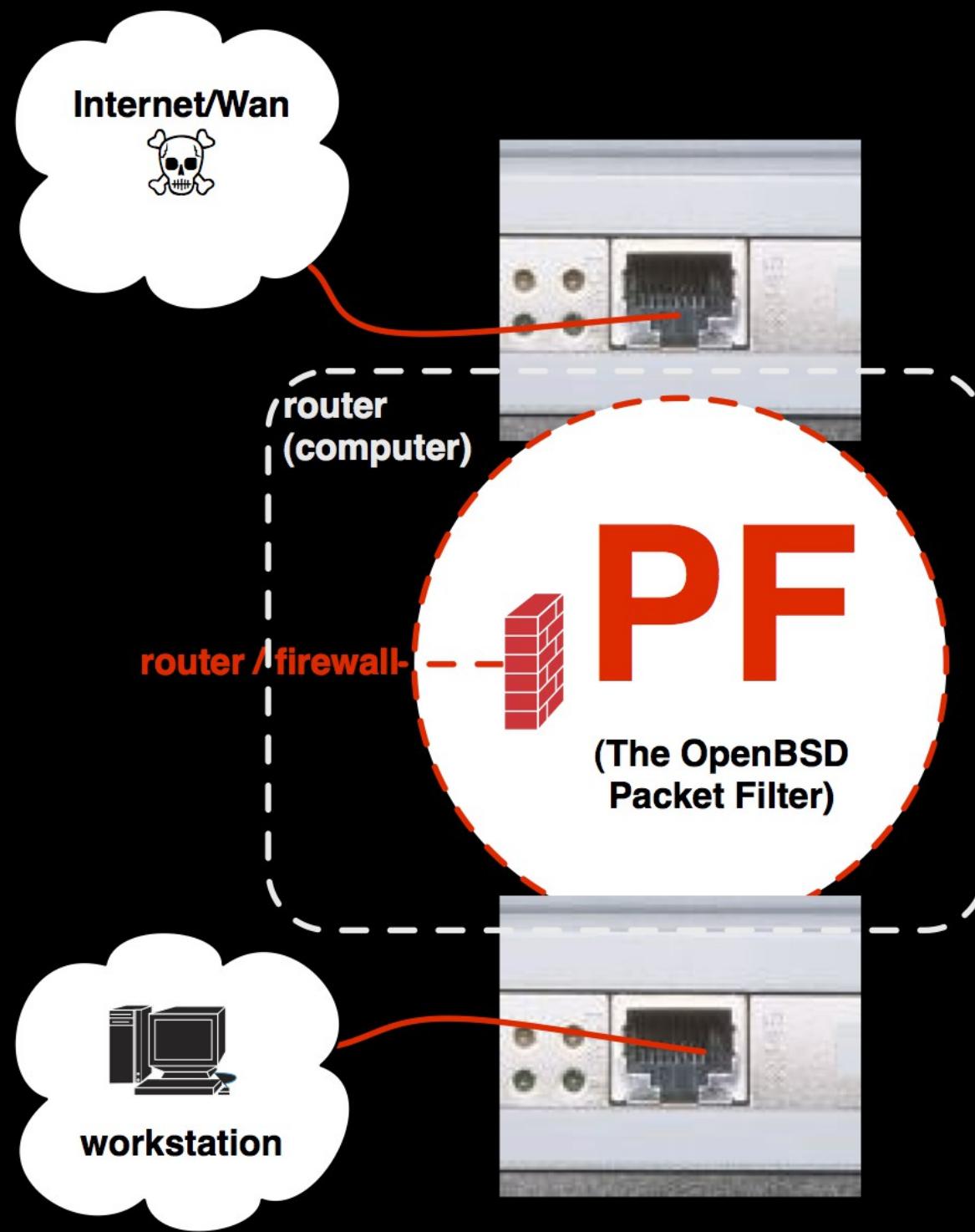
PFSense Firewall

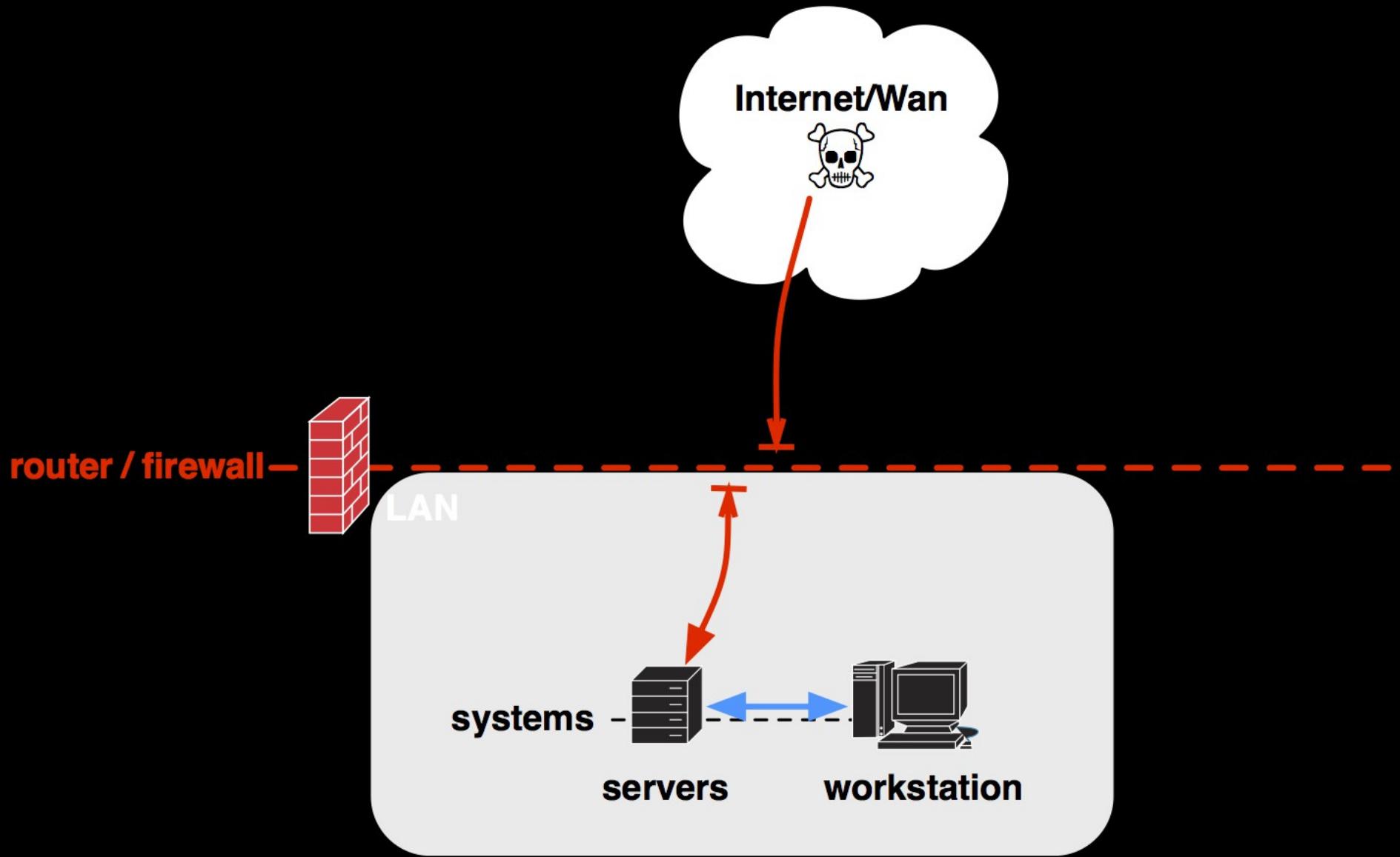
wait,
what is a firewall?

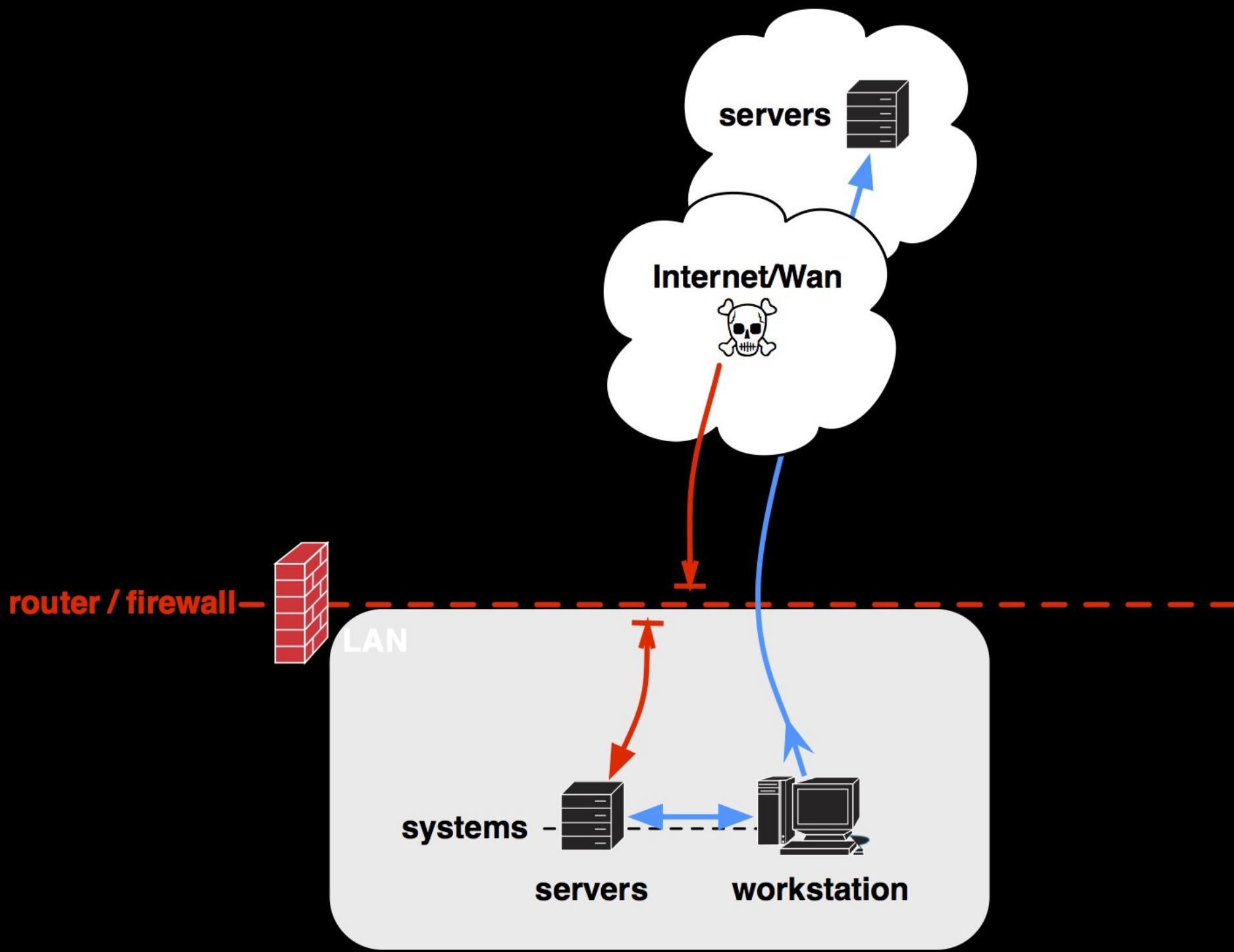
host firewall

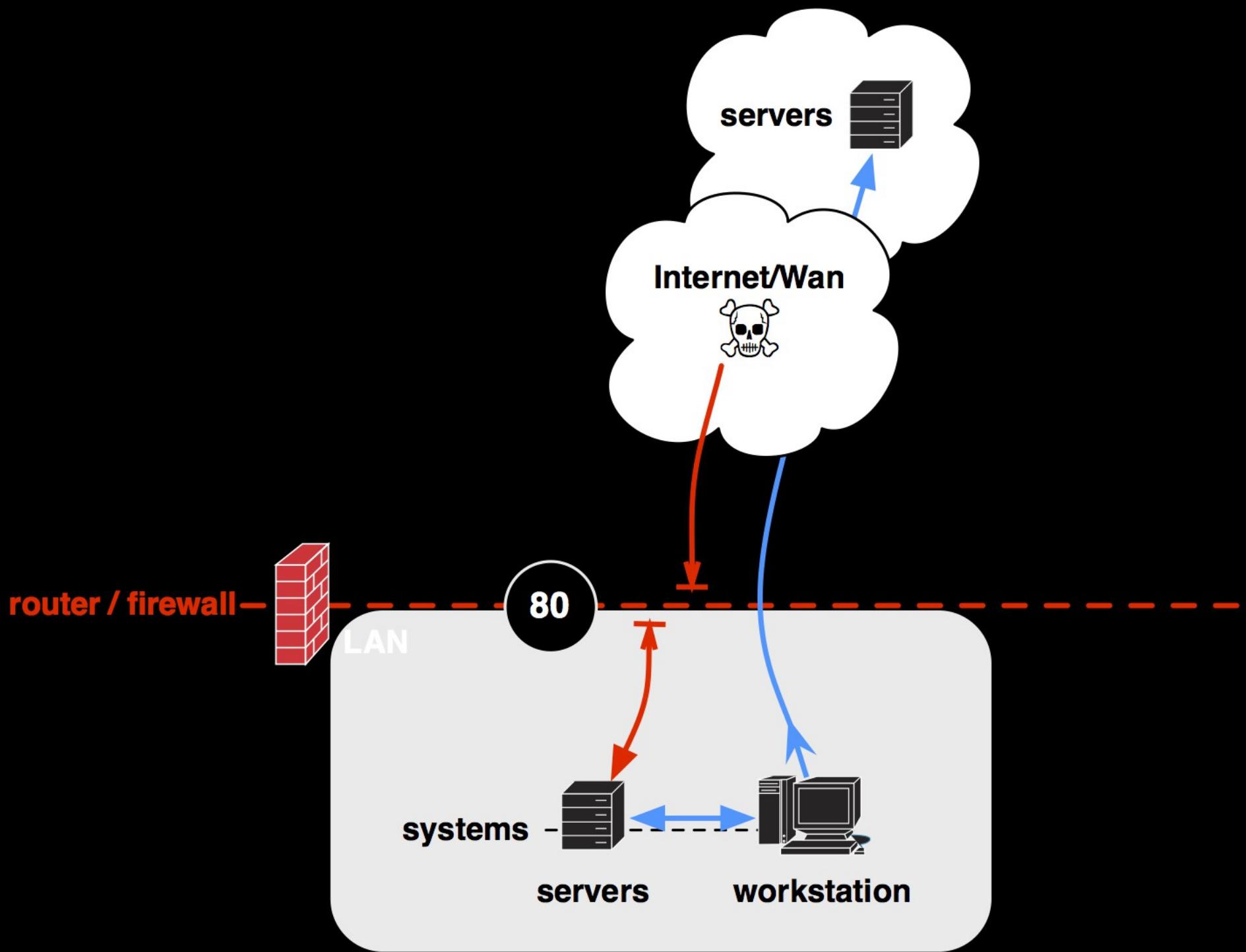


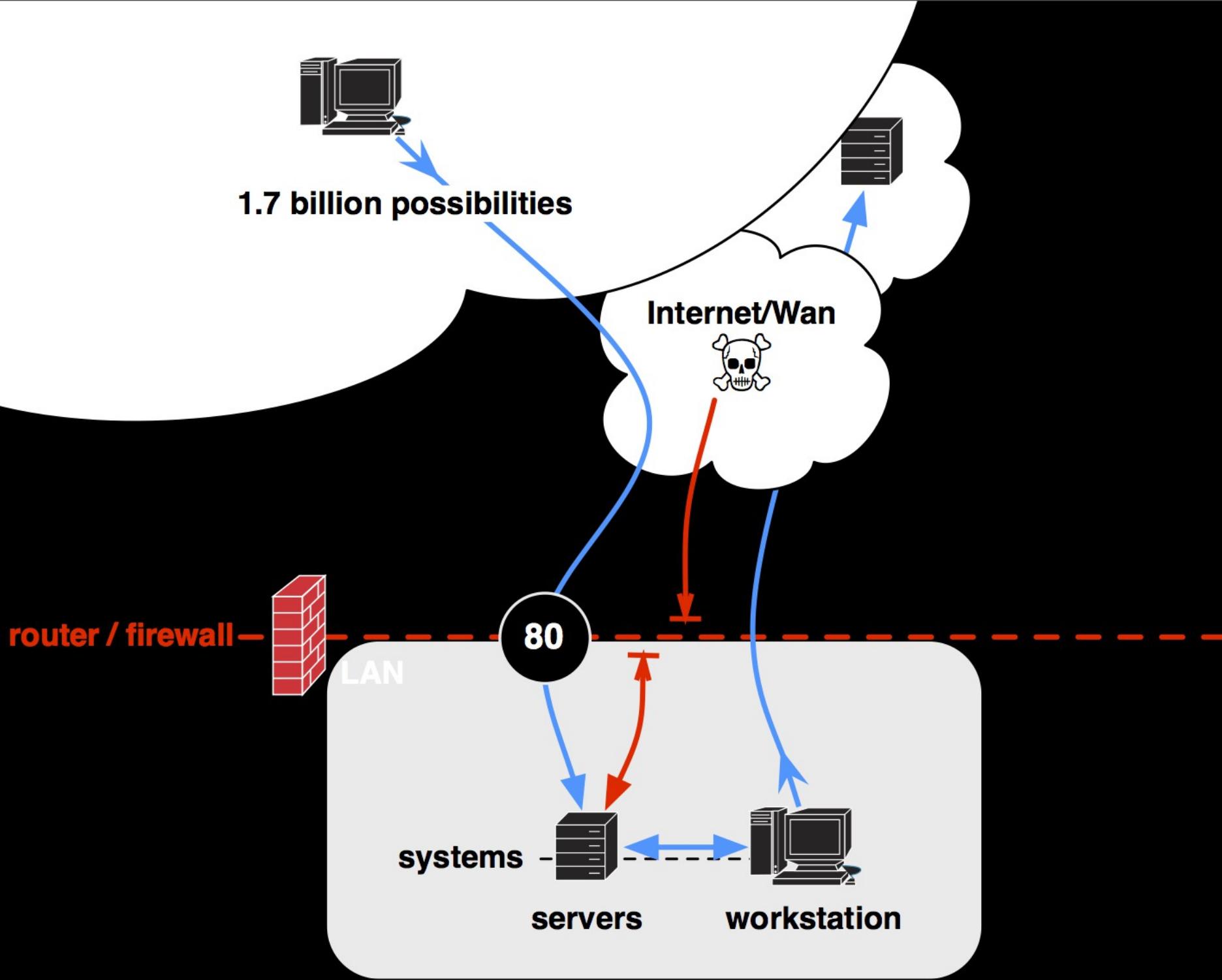
network firewall













demo.local

System

Interfaces

Firewall

Services

VPN

Status

Diagnostics

Firewall: Rules

LAN WAN WANTS WLAN

| Proto | Source | Port | Destination | Port | Gateway | Schedule | Description | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|---|--|--|
| ✗ | RFC 1918 networks | * | * | * | * | * | Block private networks | | |
| ✗ | Reserved/not assigned by IANA | * | * | * | * | * | Block bogon networks | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LAN net | * | * | * | * | * | Default WAN -> any (LETS GO CRAZY TEST) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ICMP | * | * | WAN address | * | * | temp for speakeasy ping | | |

pass
 pass (disabled)

block
 block (disabled)

reject
 reject (disabled)

log
 log (disabled)

Hint:

that if you use block rules, you'll

Terminal — ssh — 80x24

pfTop: Up State 1-21/87, View: default, Order: none, Cache: 10000 23:49:52

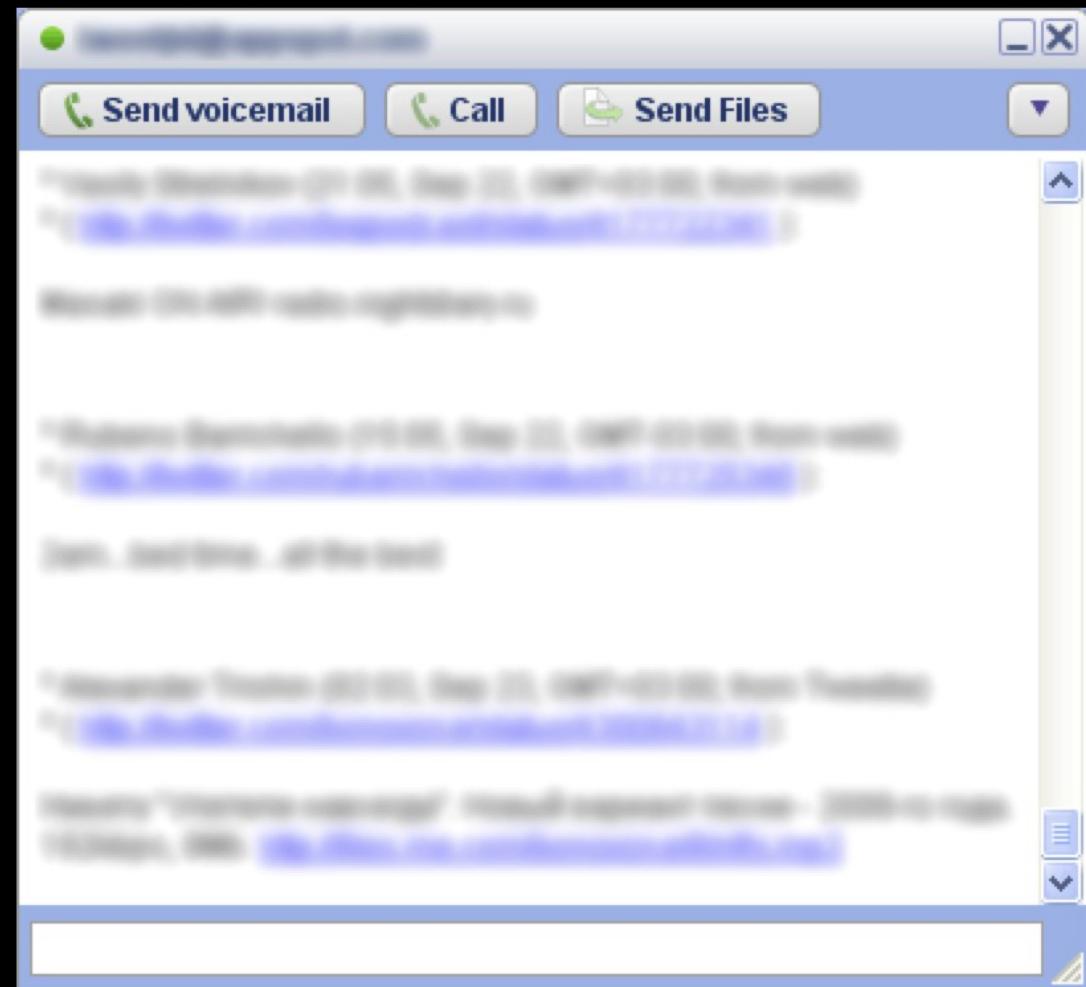
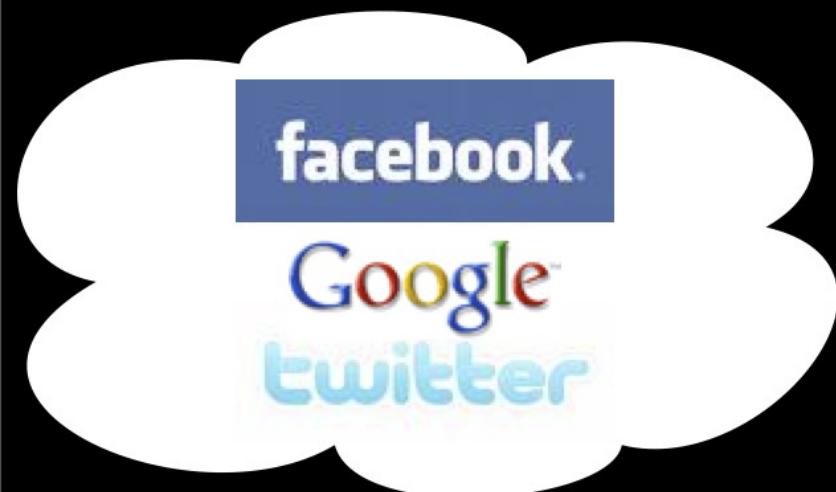
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| tcp | I | 10.0.22.199:49255 | 64.94.184.79:993 | 4:4 | 227h | 86280 | 50604 | 8777K |
| tcp | O | 10.0.22.199:49255 | 64.94.184.79:993 | 4:4 | 227h | 86280 | 50604 | 8777K |
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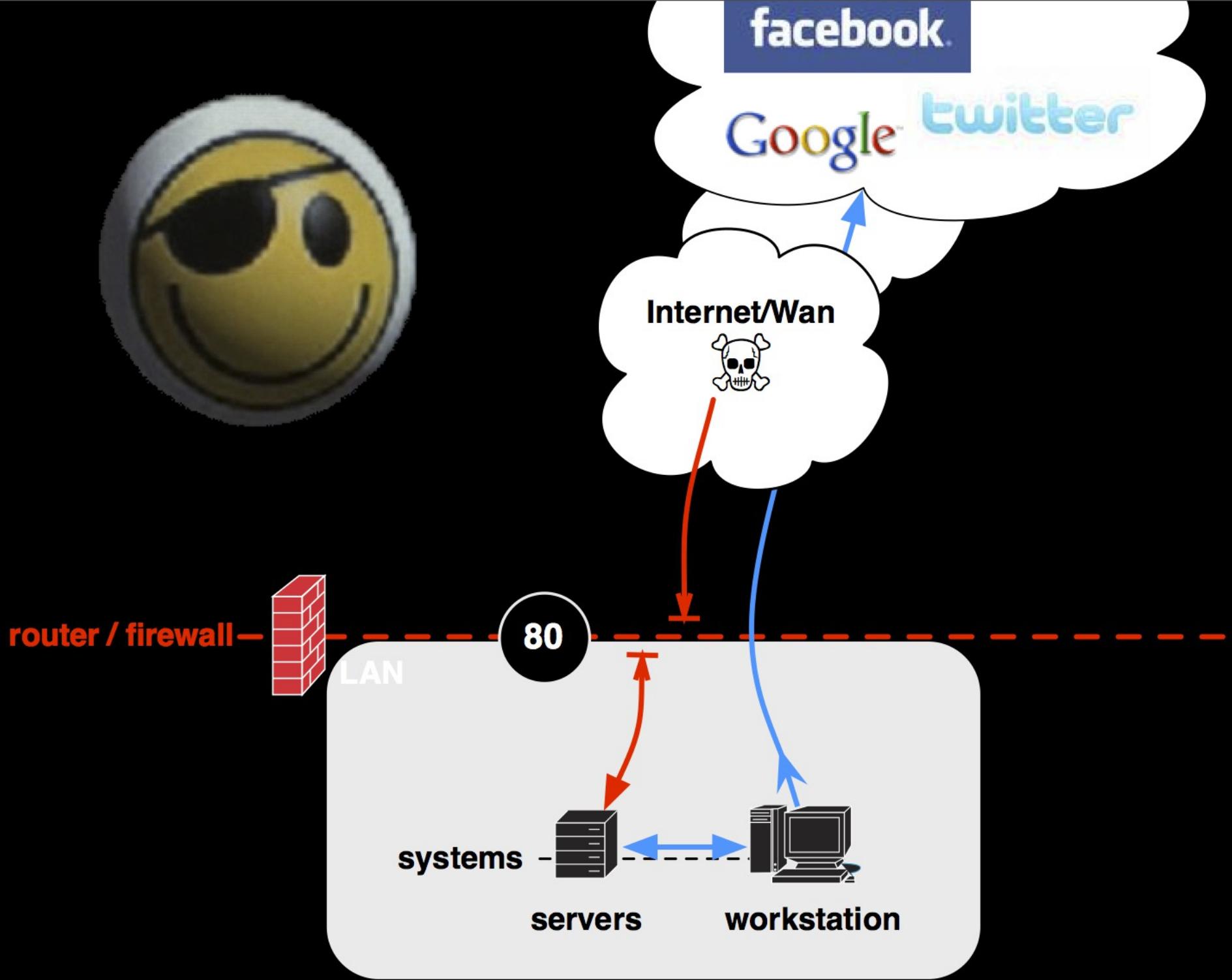
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but what do we let
through our ports?

pure ajax evil





SOCIAL ZOMBIES II

YOUR FRIENDS NEED MORE BRAINS

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More Evil Twitter Bots

- Bots that pull trending topics...post malware links
- Used recently to promote warez like pirated movies
- Easy to code. Twitter API FTW

The image shows a vertical list of tweets from various Twitter users. Each tweet includes a small profile picture, the user's name, a timestamp, and a link to the full tweet. The content of the tweets is promotional, mentioning things like 'apple shampoo' and 'reverse phone', which are known to be tactics used by malicious bots.

-  [LRheman](#): listening to apple shampoo right now.
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it's open source software,
defensible...

Services: Snort 2.8.4.1_1 pkg v. 1.6 Beta

Settings

Update Rules

Categories

Rules

Servers

Blocked

Whitelist

Threshold

Alerts

Advanced

Interface

Select the interface(s) Snort will listen on.

Performance

ac method is the fastest startup but consumes a lot more memory. acs/ac-banded and ac-sparsebands/mwm/lownmem methods use quite a bit less. ac-sparsebands is recommended.

Oinkmaster code

Obtain a snort.org Oinkmaster code and paste here.

Snort.org subscriber

Check this box if you are a Snort.org subscriber (premium rules).

Block offenders

Checking this option will automatically block hosts that generate a snort alert

Remove blocked hosts every

Please select the amount of time hosts are blocked

Update rules automatically

Please select the update times for rules.

Whitelist VPNs automatically

Checking this option will install whitelists for all VPNs.

Convert Snort alerts urls to
clickable links

Checking this option will automatically convert URLs in the Snort alerts tab to clickable links.

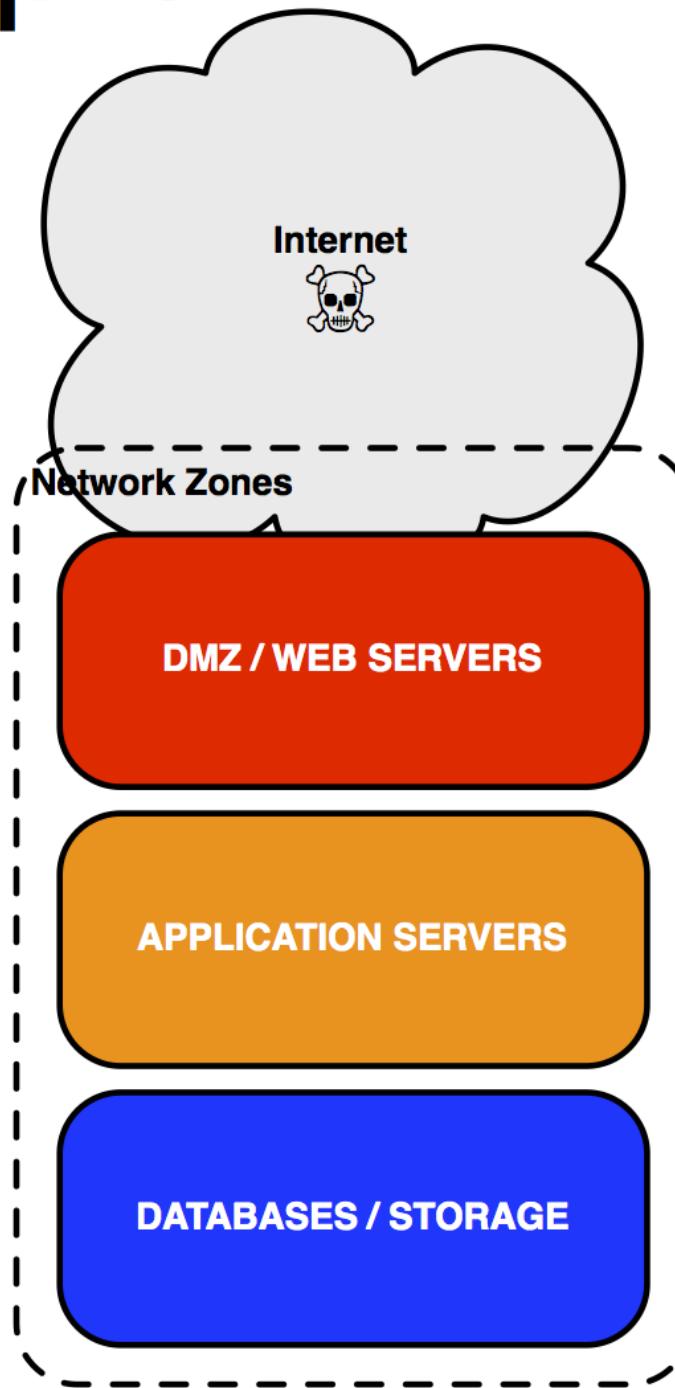
Snort Package?!

full install platform

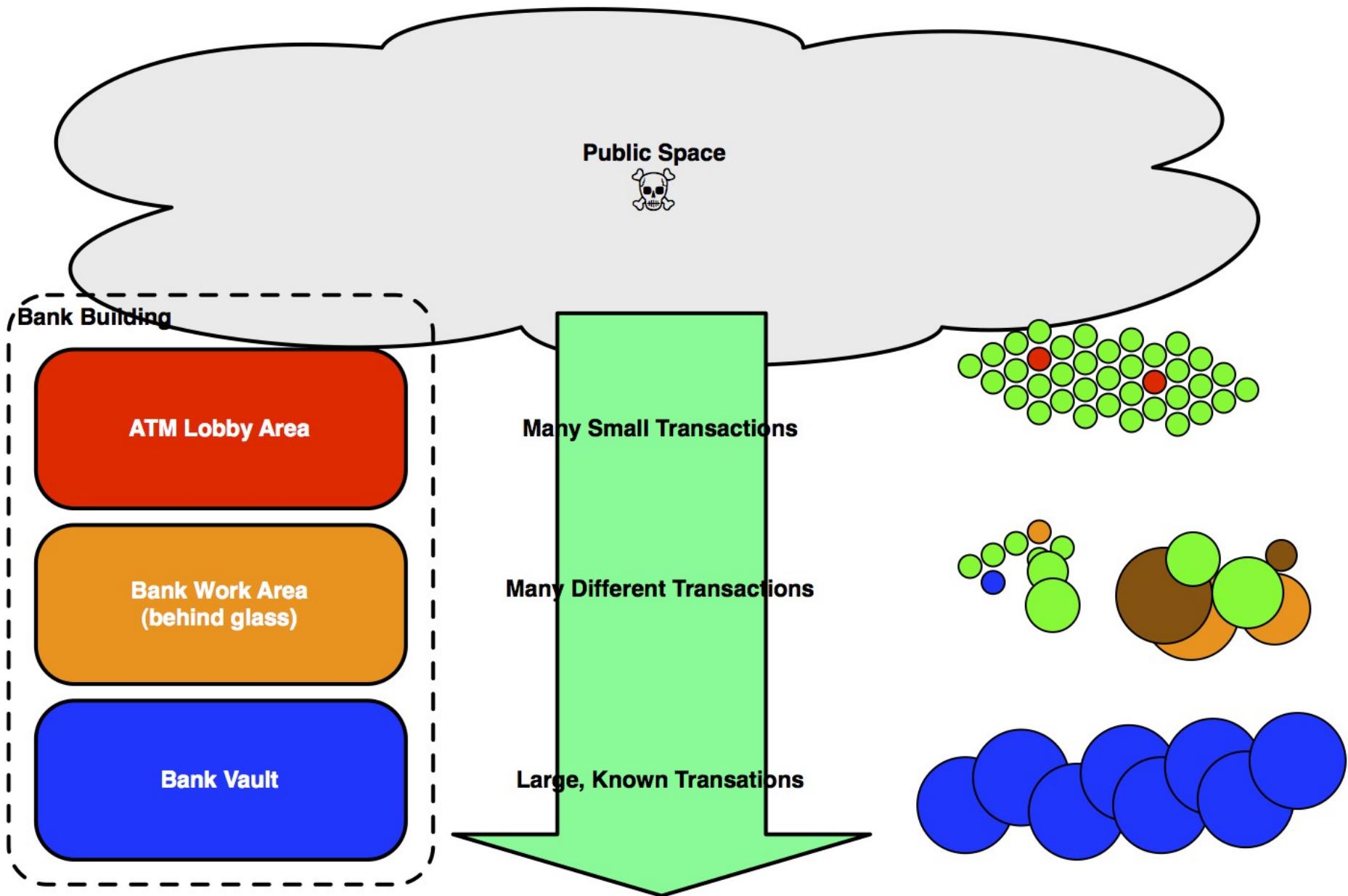
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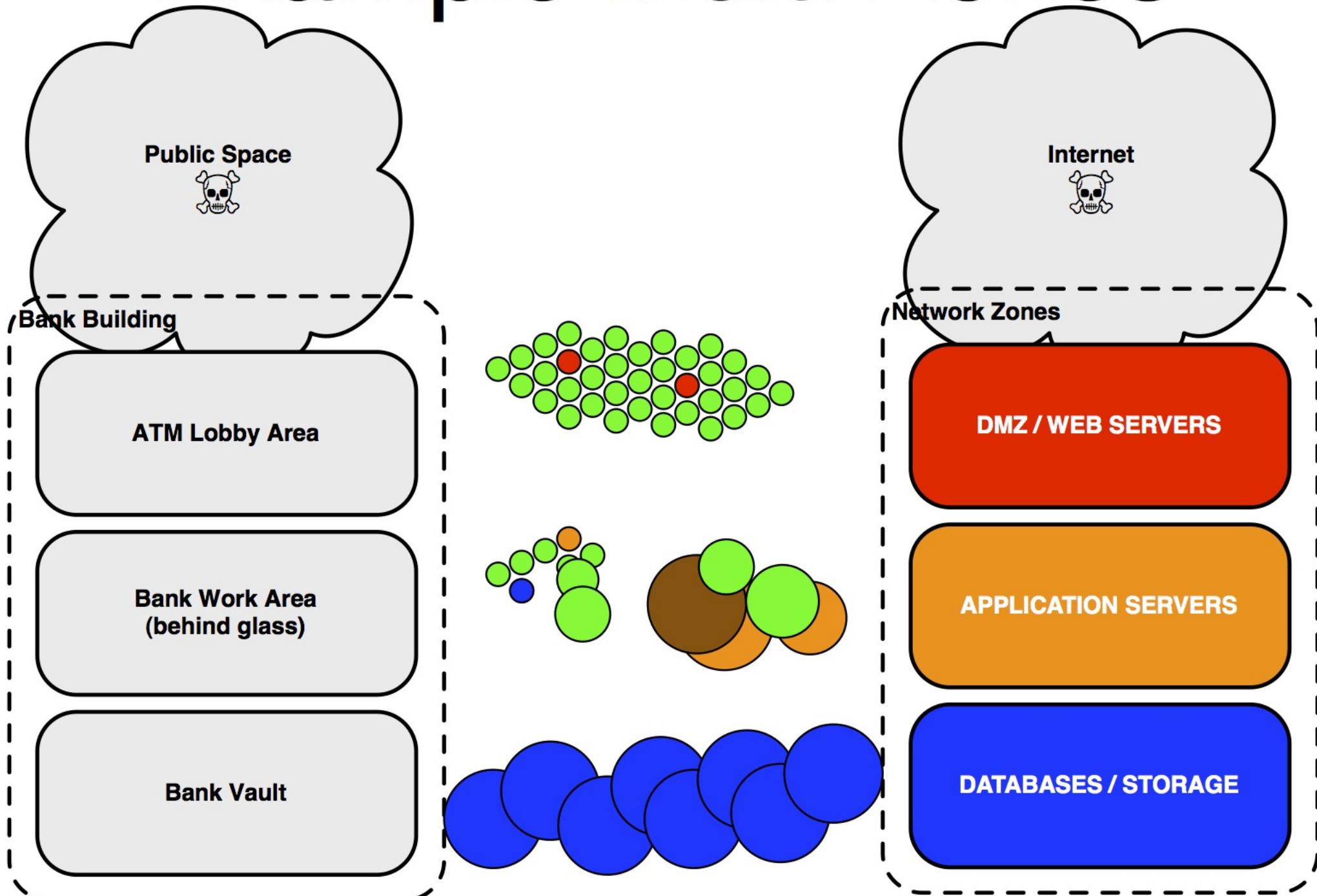
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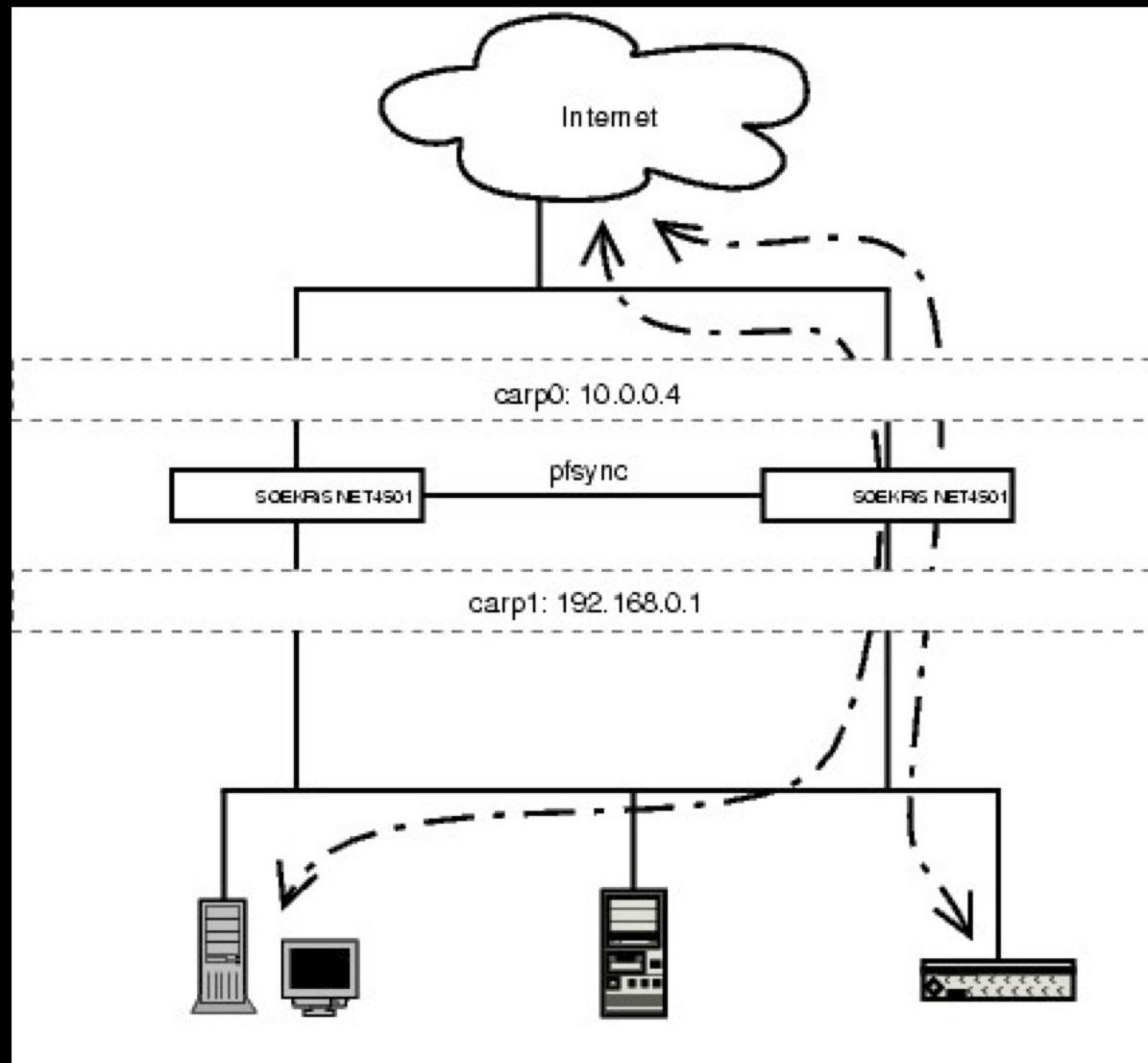
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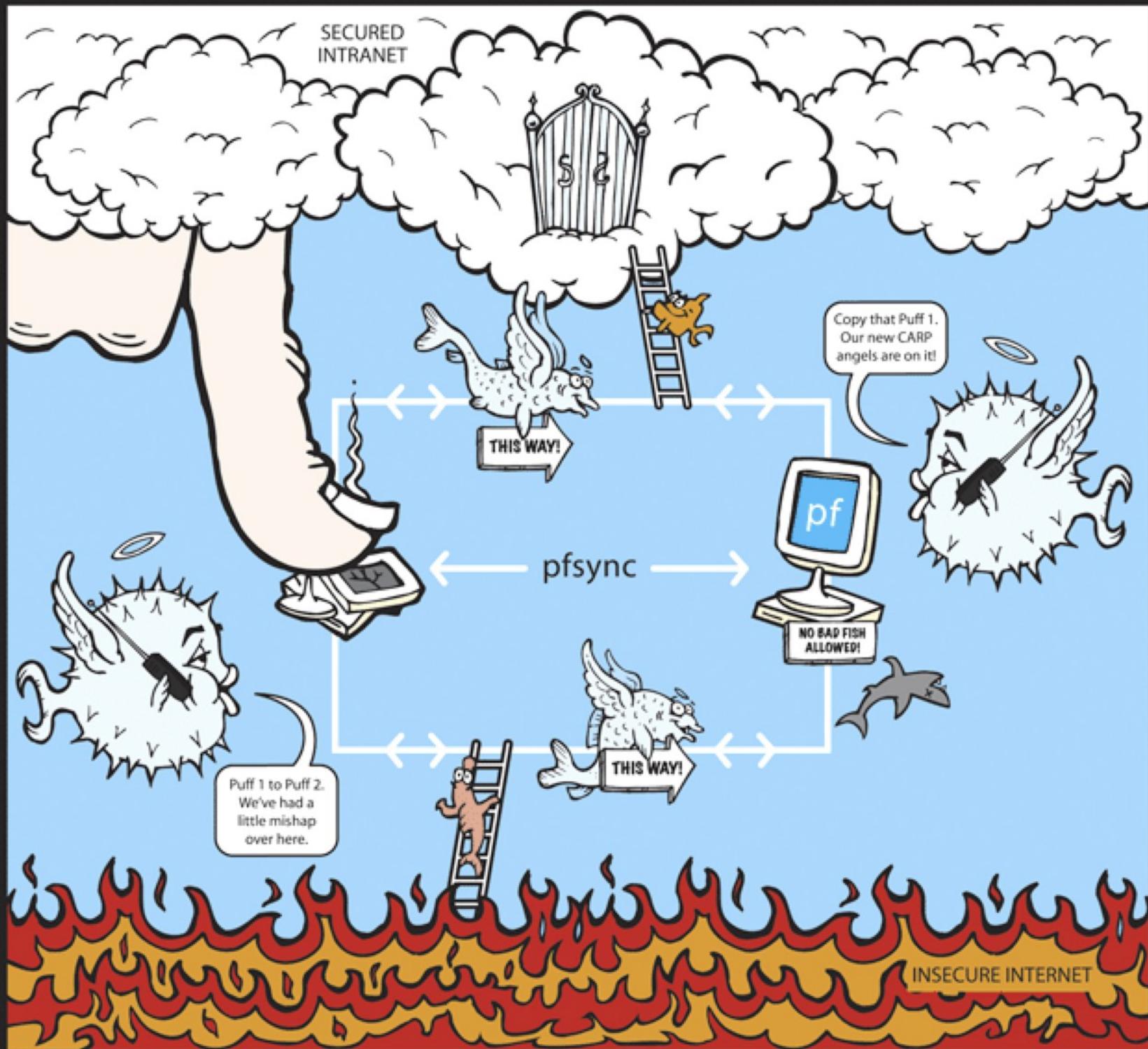
- Came from OpenBSD
- Sister Protocol: PFSync
- PFsense syncs additional softwares

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Router Failover

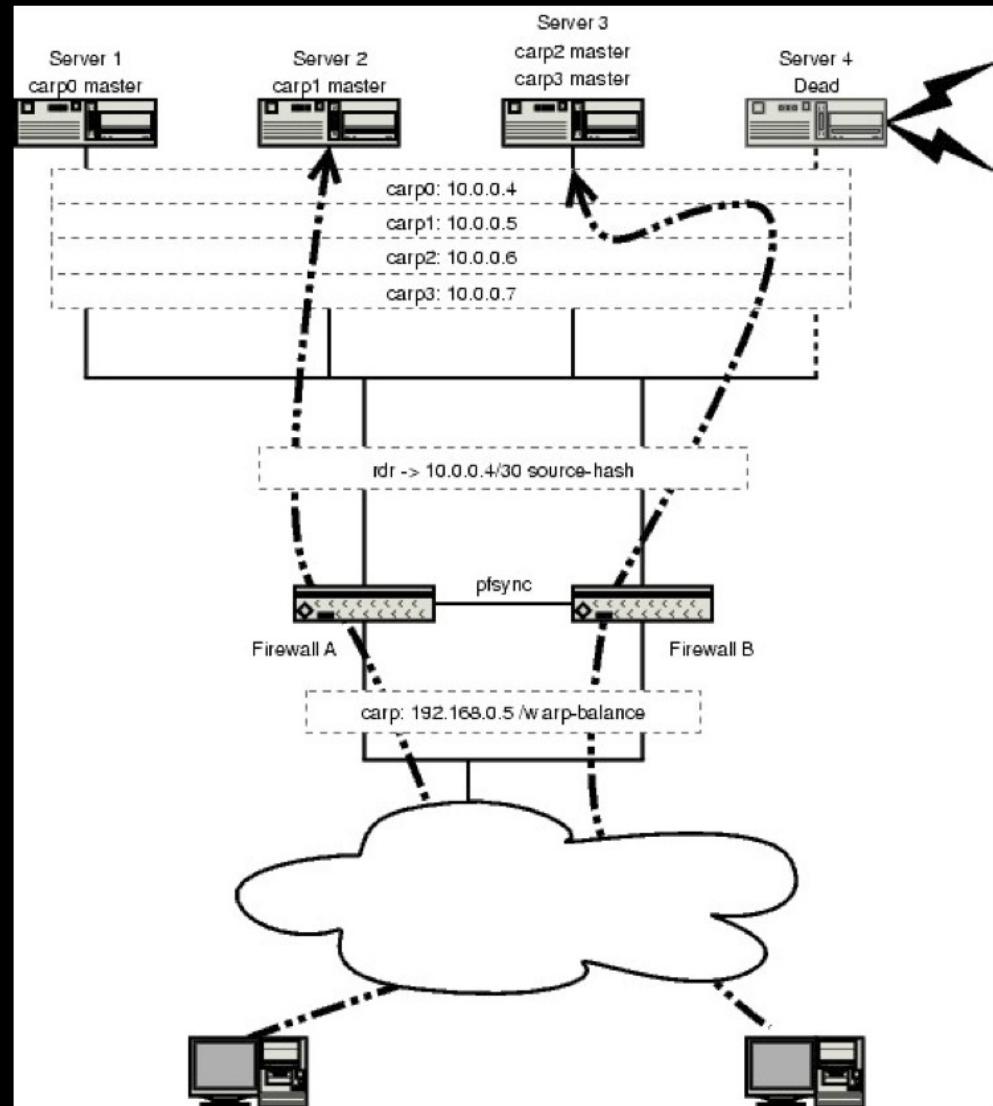


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Redundancy from your ISP

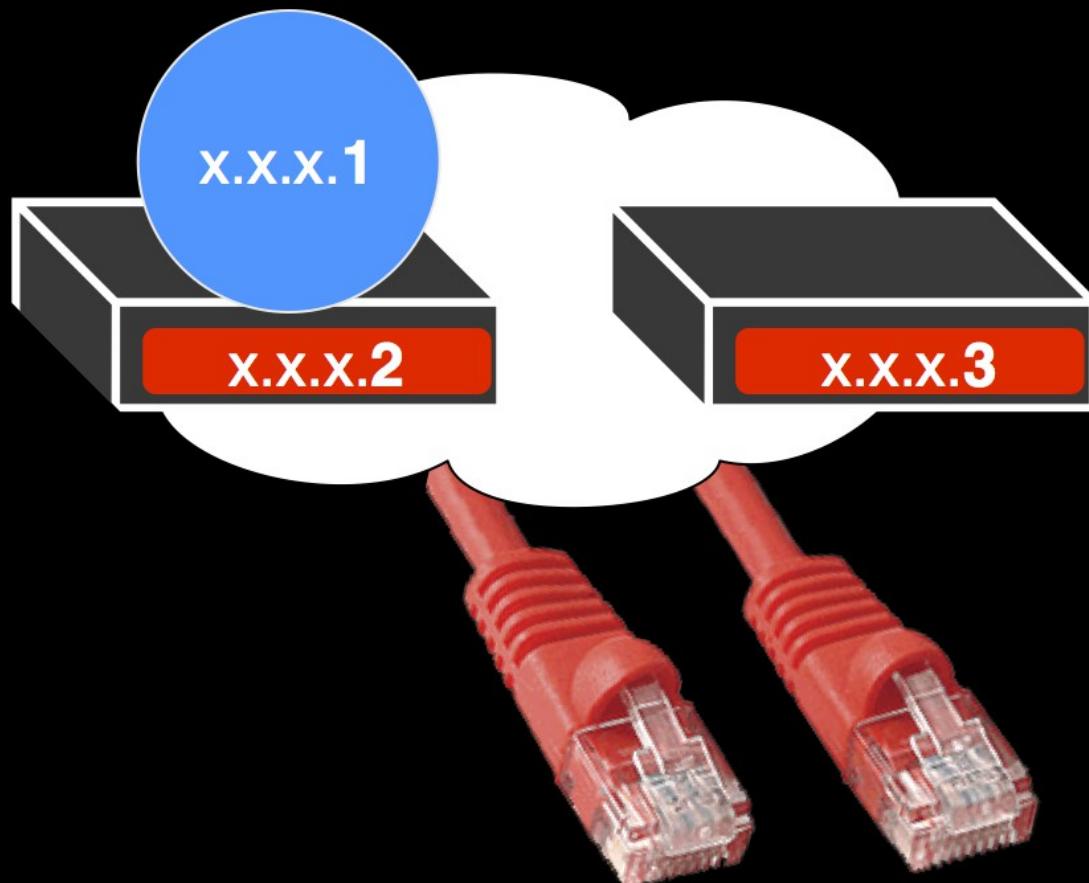
- Typical Provisioning:
 - HSRP (hot standby router protocol)
 - very common
- VRRP (virtual router redundancy protocol)
- GLBP (gateway load balancing protocol)
- Sadly, all Cisco, yet all common...



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Redundancy from your ISP

- **HSRP** (hot standby router protocol)

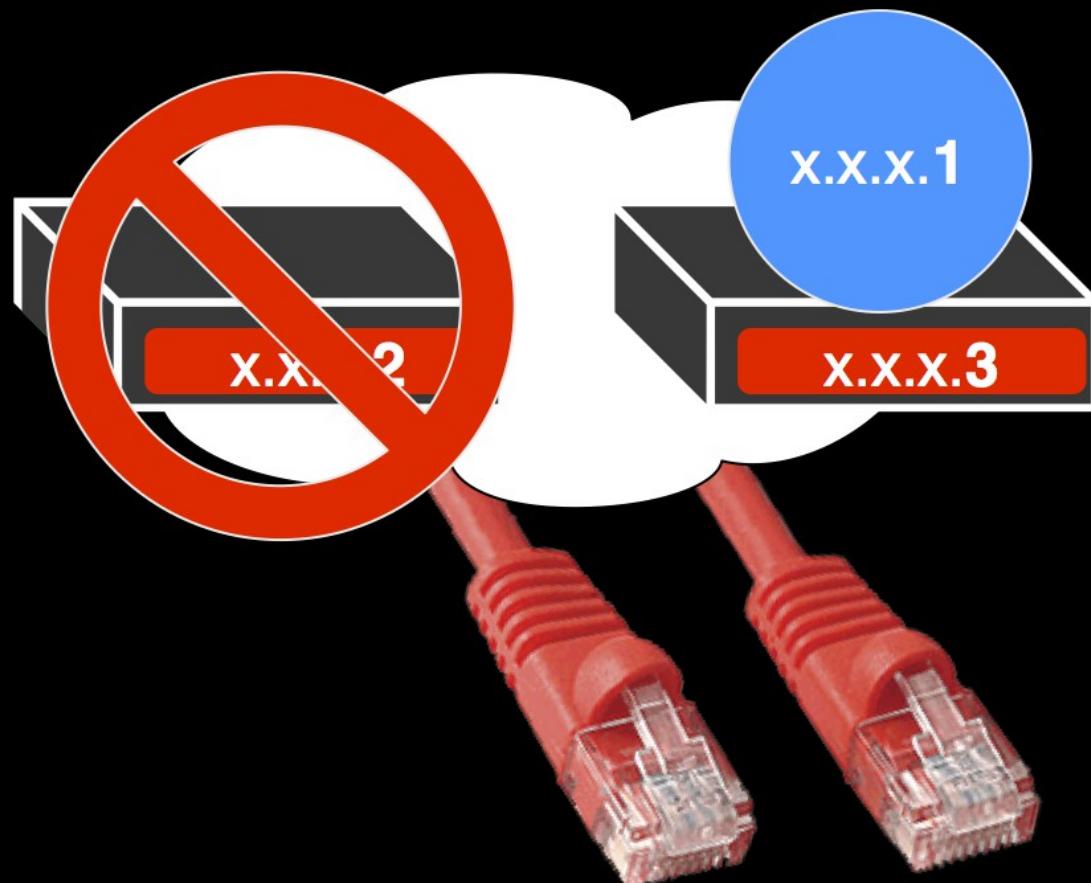


you route to:

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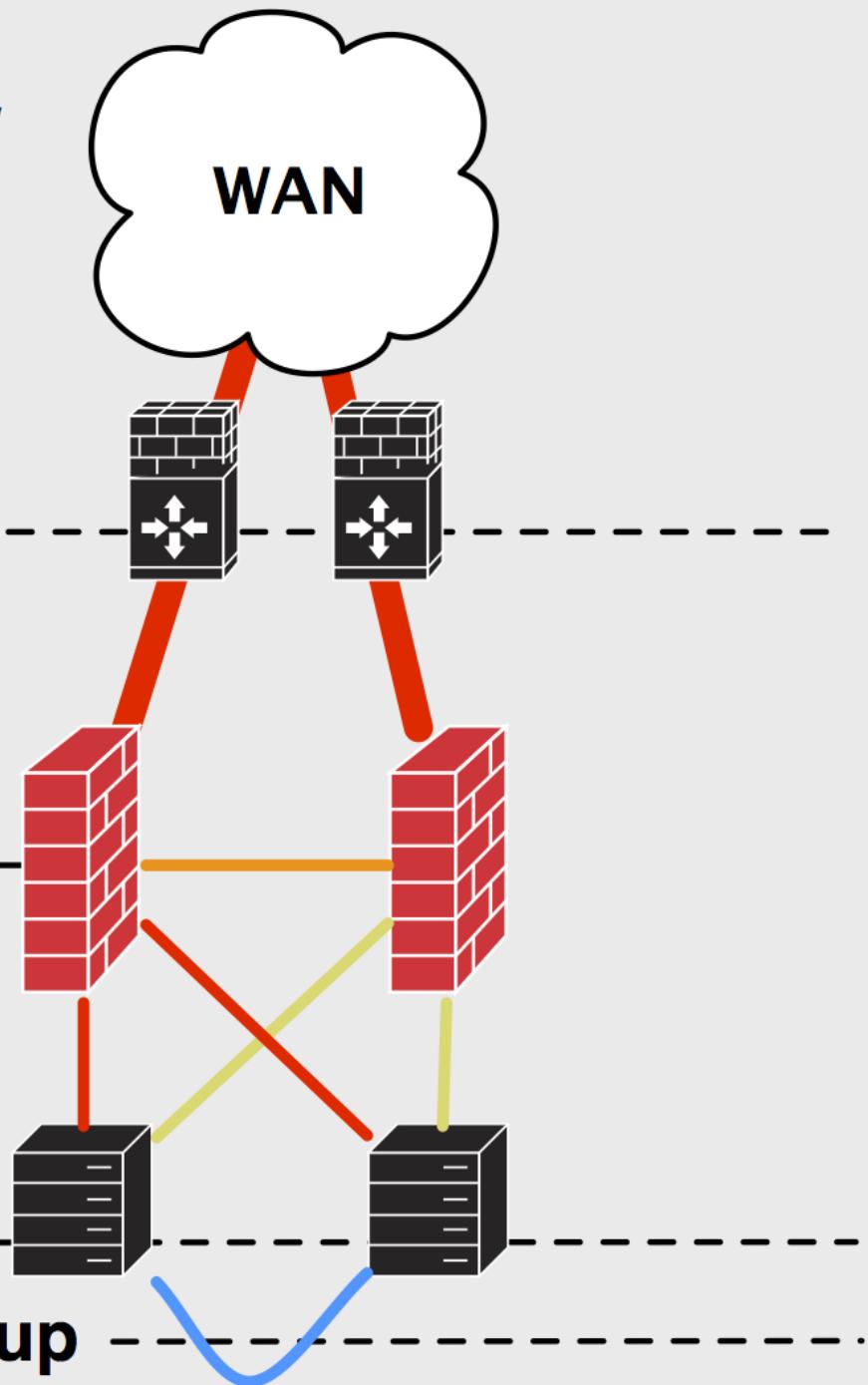
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ISP routing

bridge / firewall

LAN

warm fail-over to backup



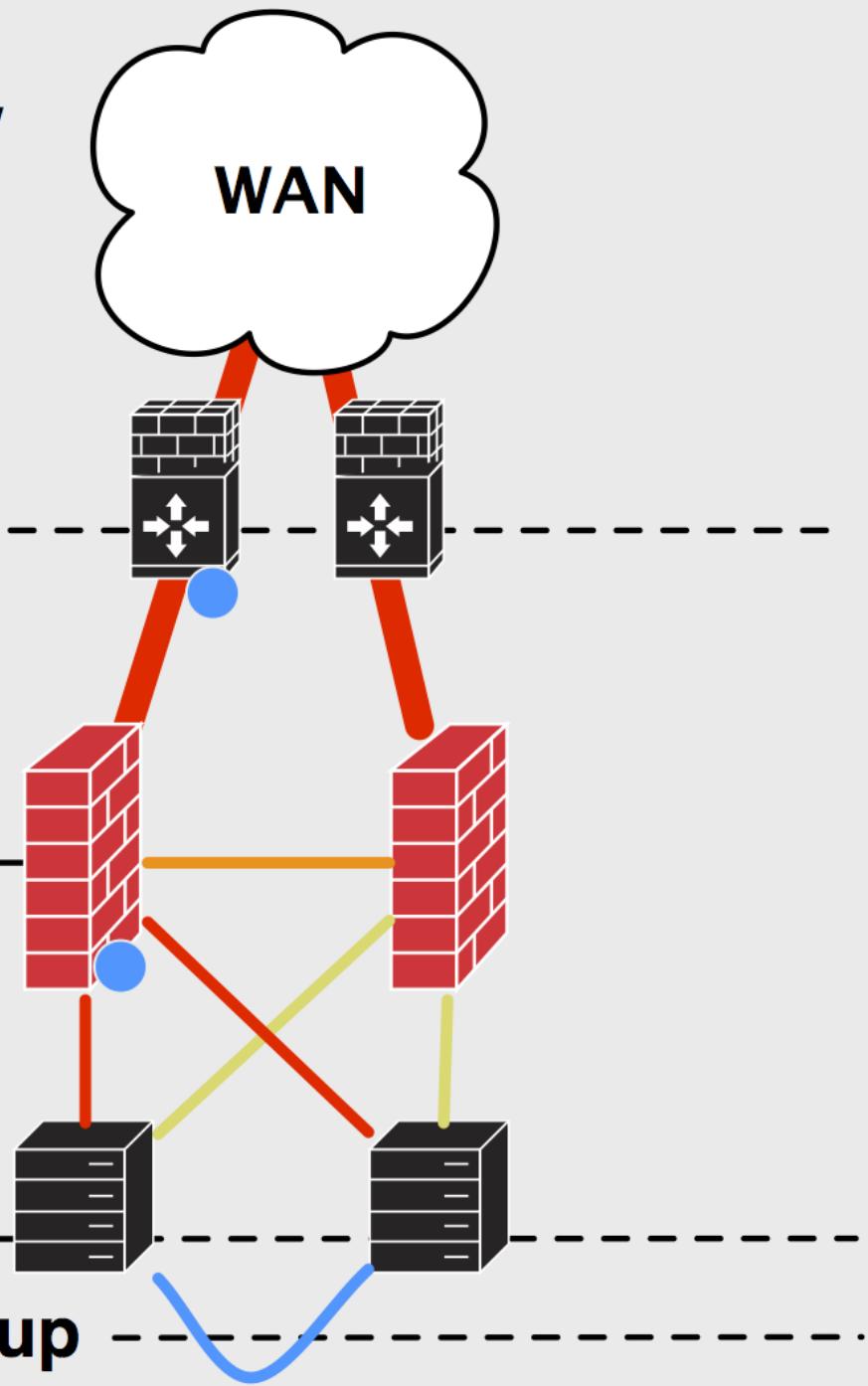
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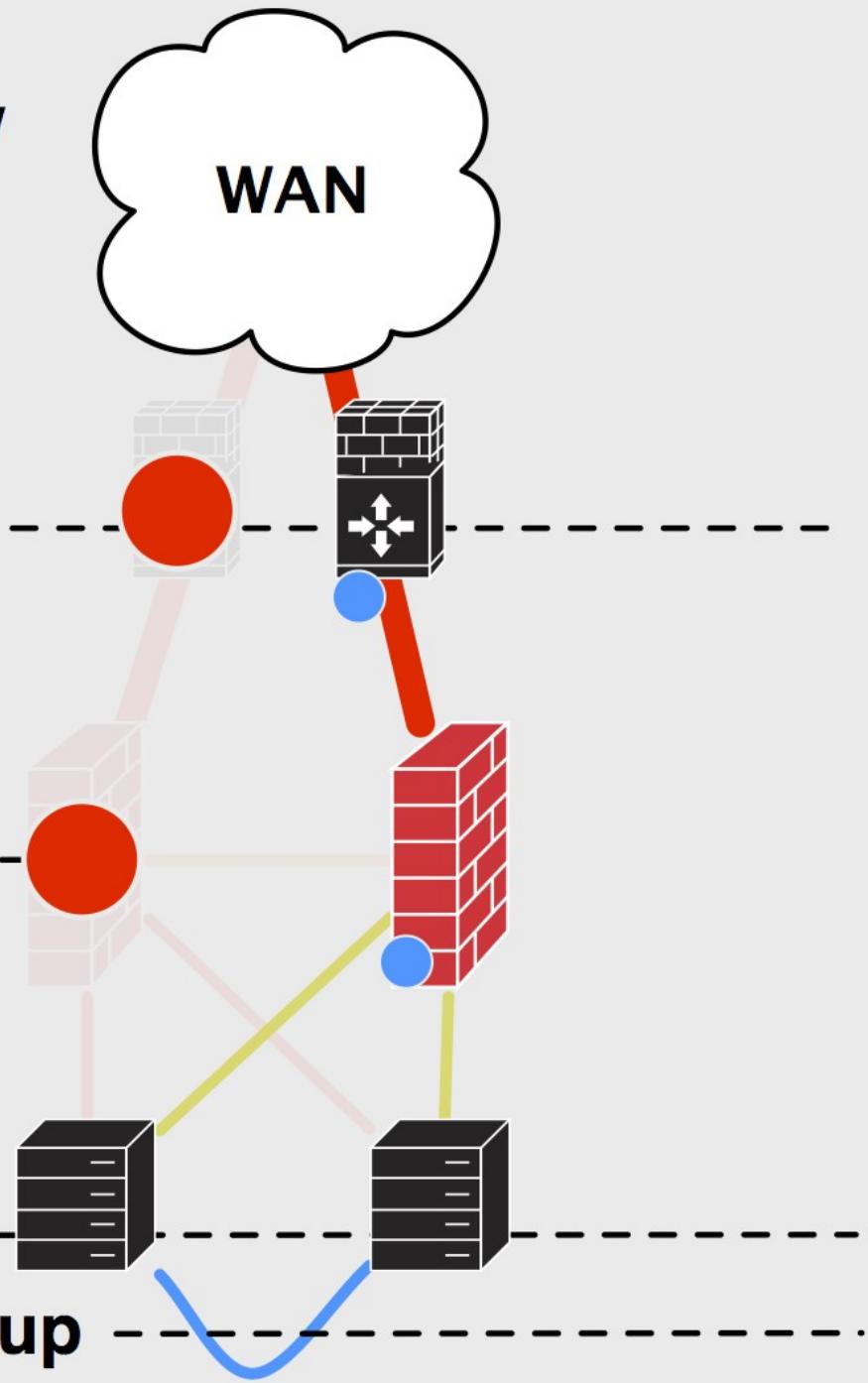
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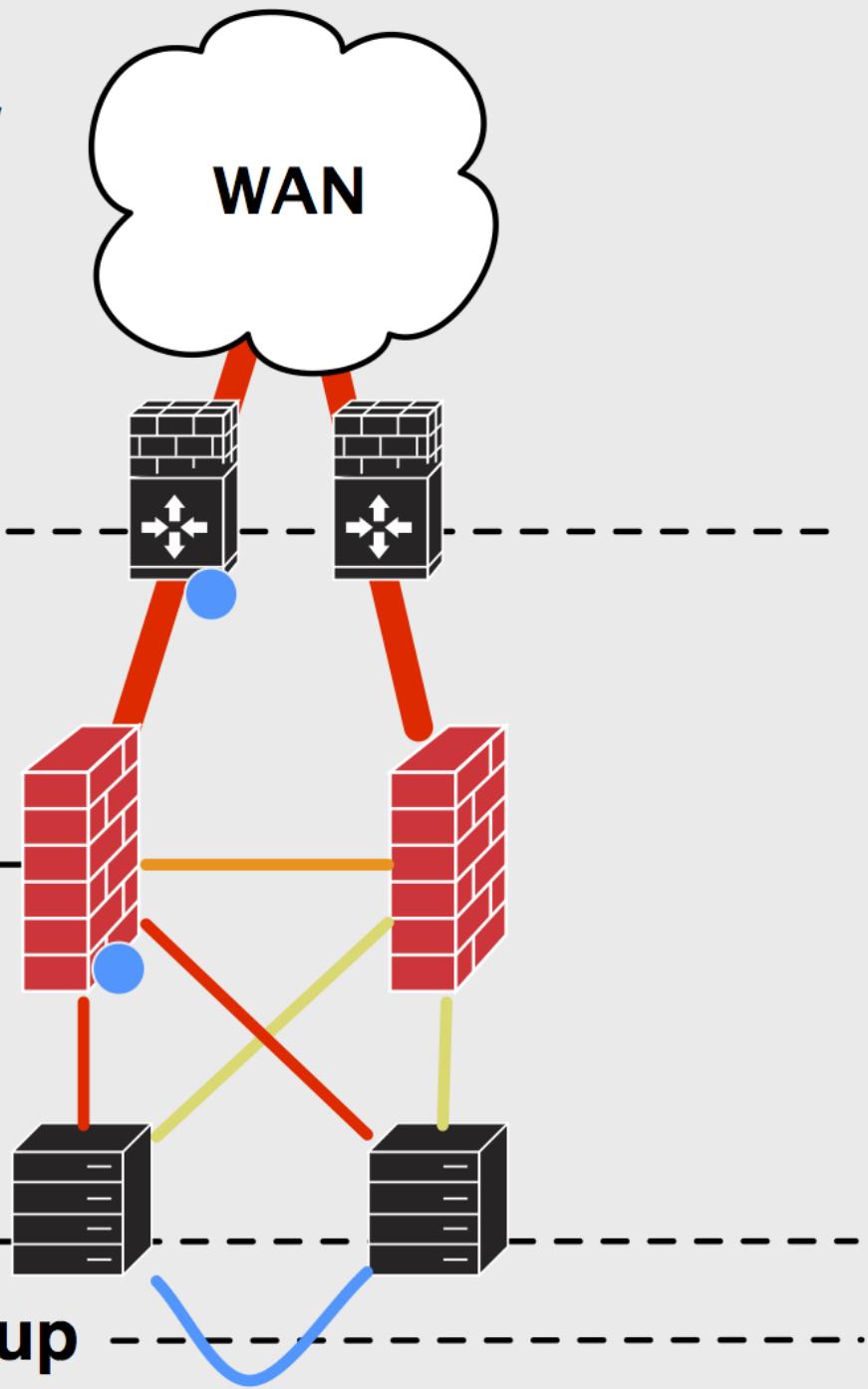
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ISP routing -----

FAILURE!

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The diagram illustrates a network topology with three main components: an ISP router, a bridge/firewall, and a LAN server. The ISP router is connected to a WAN cloud. The bridge/firewall is also connected to the WAN cloud. A red line connects the ISP router and the bridge/firewall. A blue line connects the bridge/firewall and the LAN server. A blue wavy line connects the LAN server back to the bridge/firewall. Red circles are placed on the lines between the ISP router and the bridge/firewall, and between the bridge/firewall and the LAN server. A blue circle is placed on the line between the LAN server and the bridge/firewall. The text "FAILURE!" is displayed prominently in red capital letters.

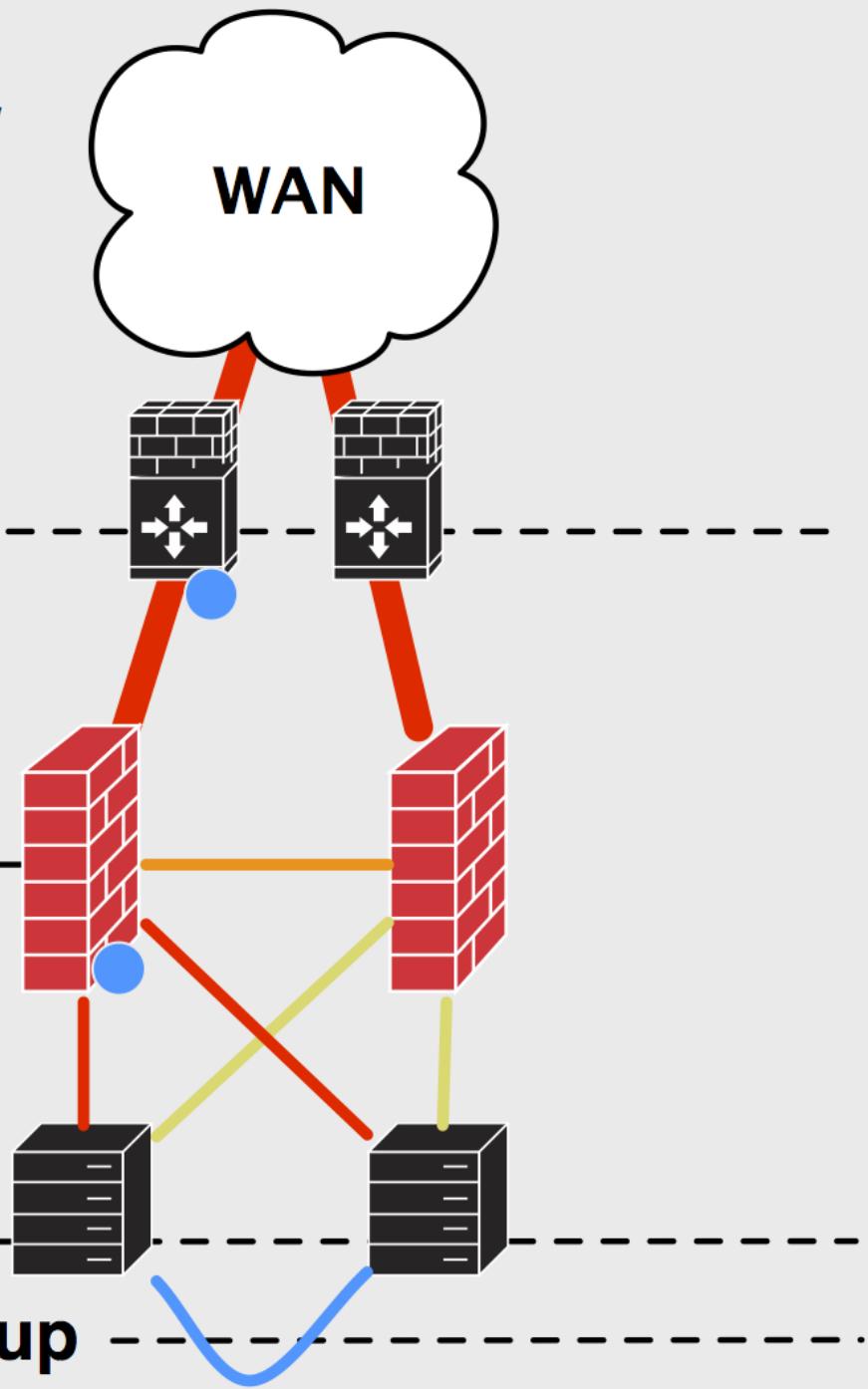
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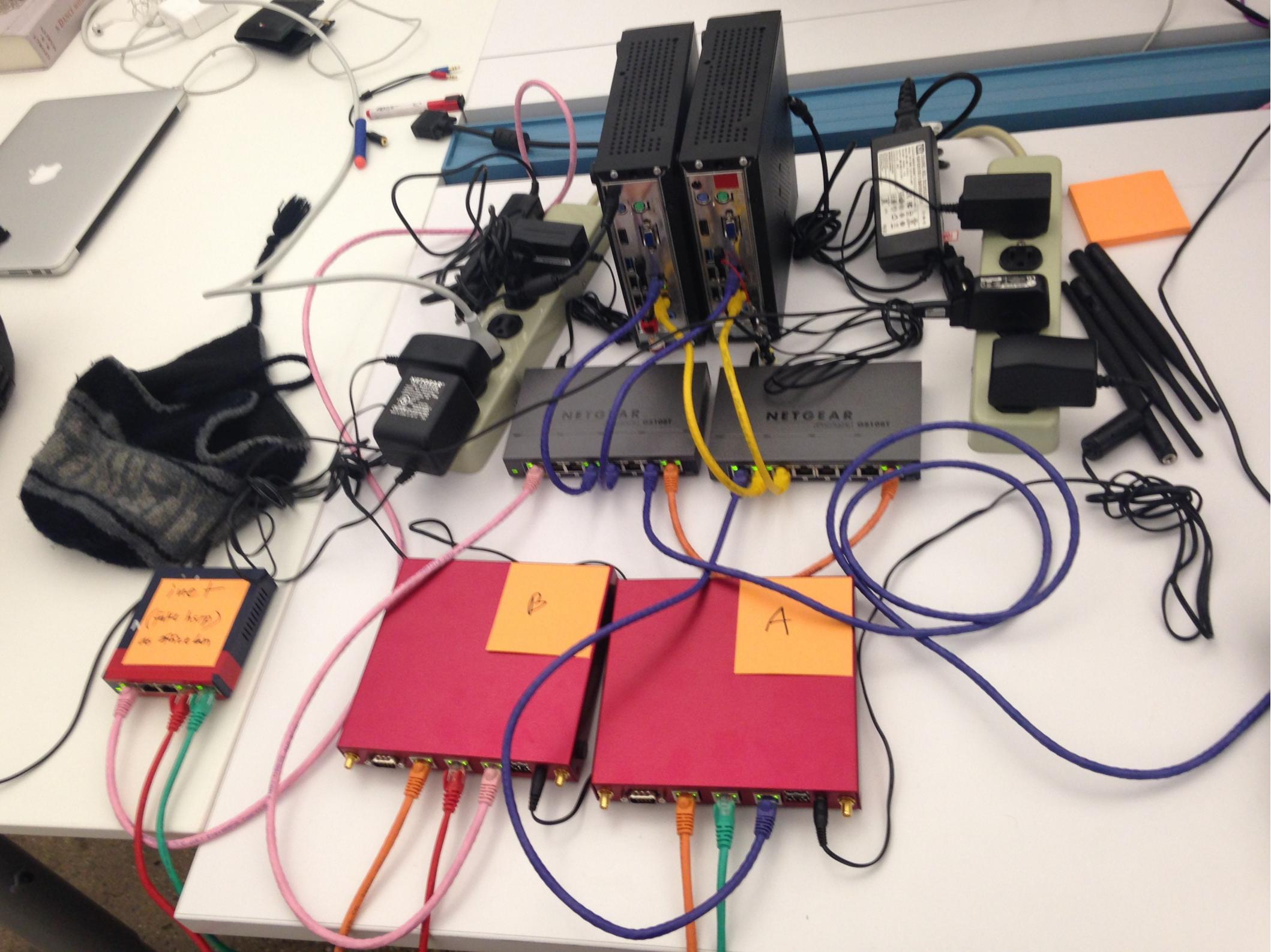
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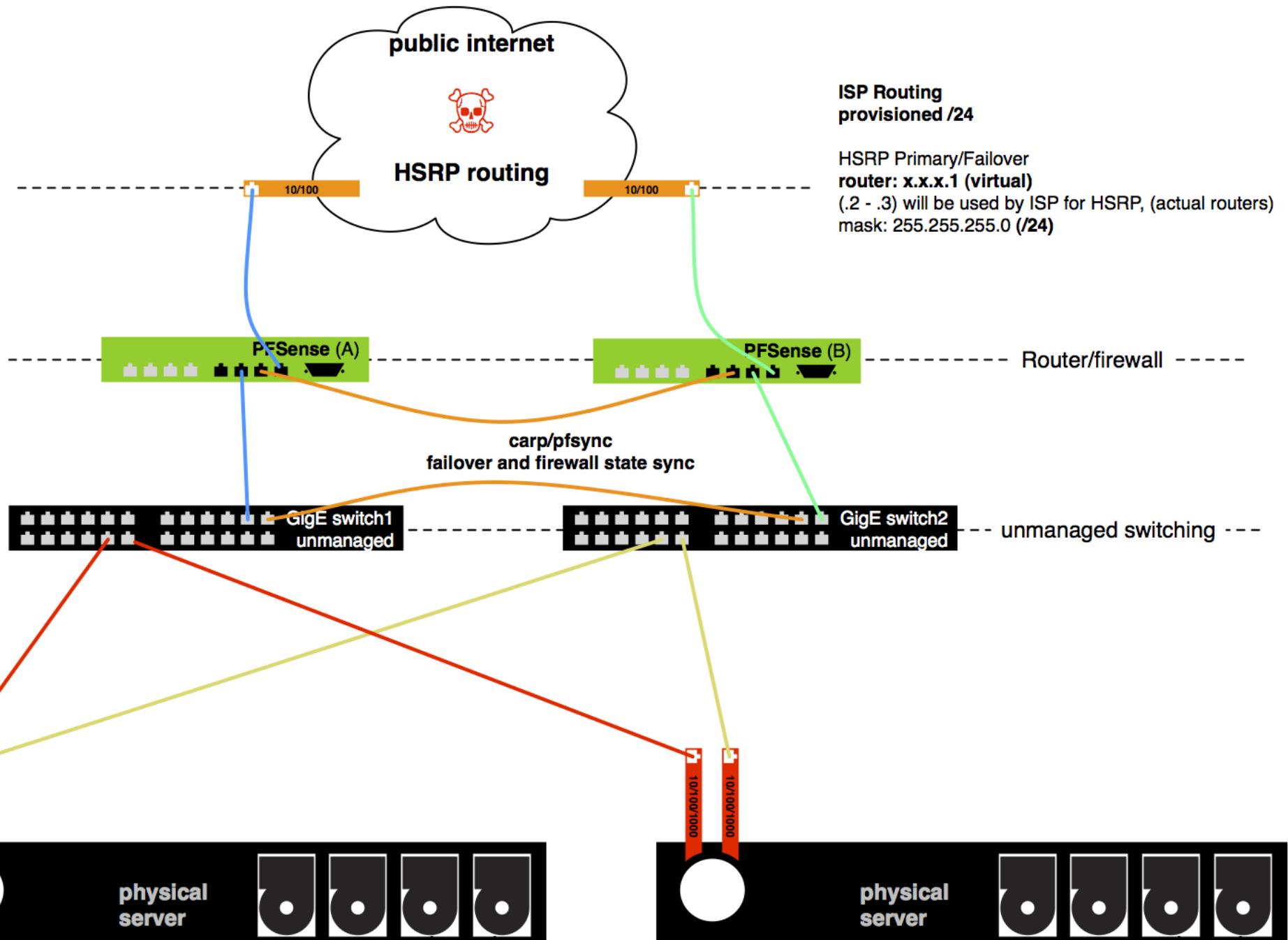
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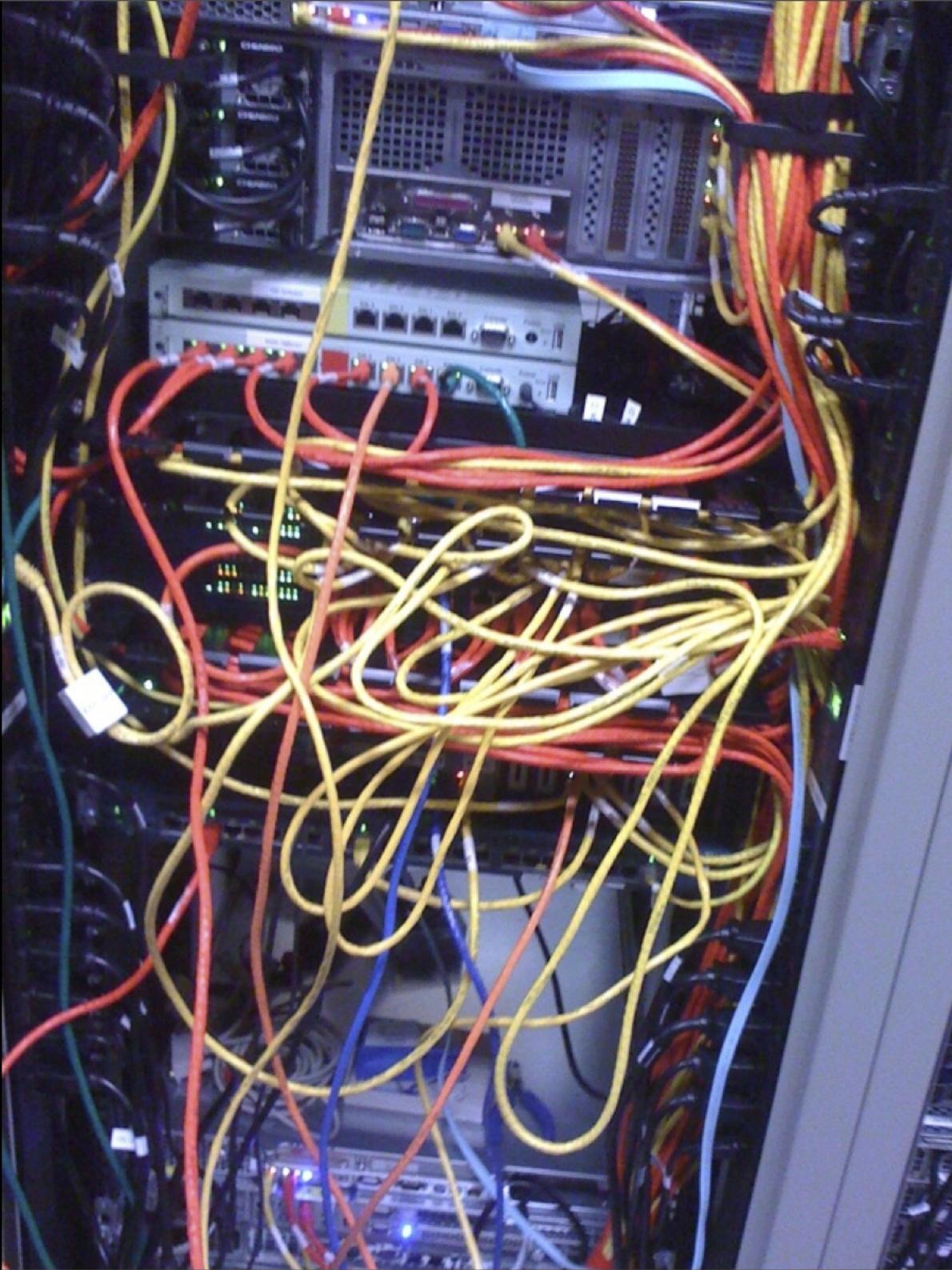


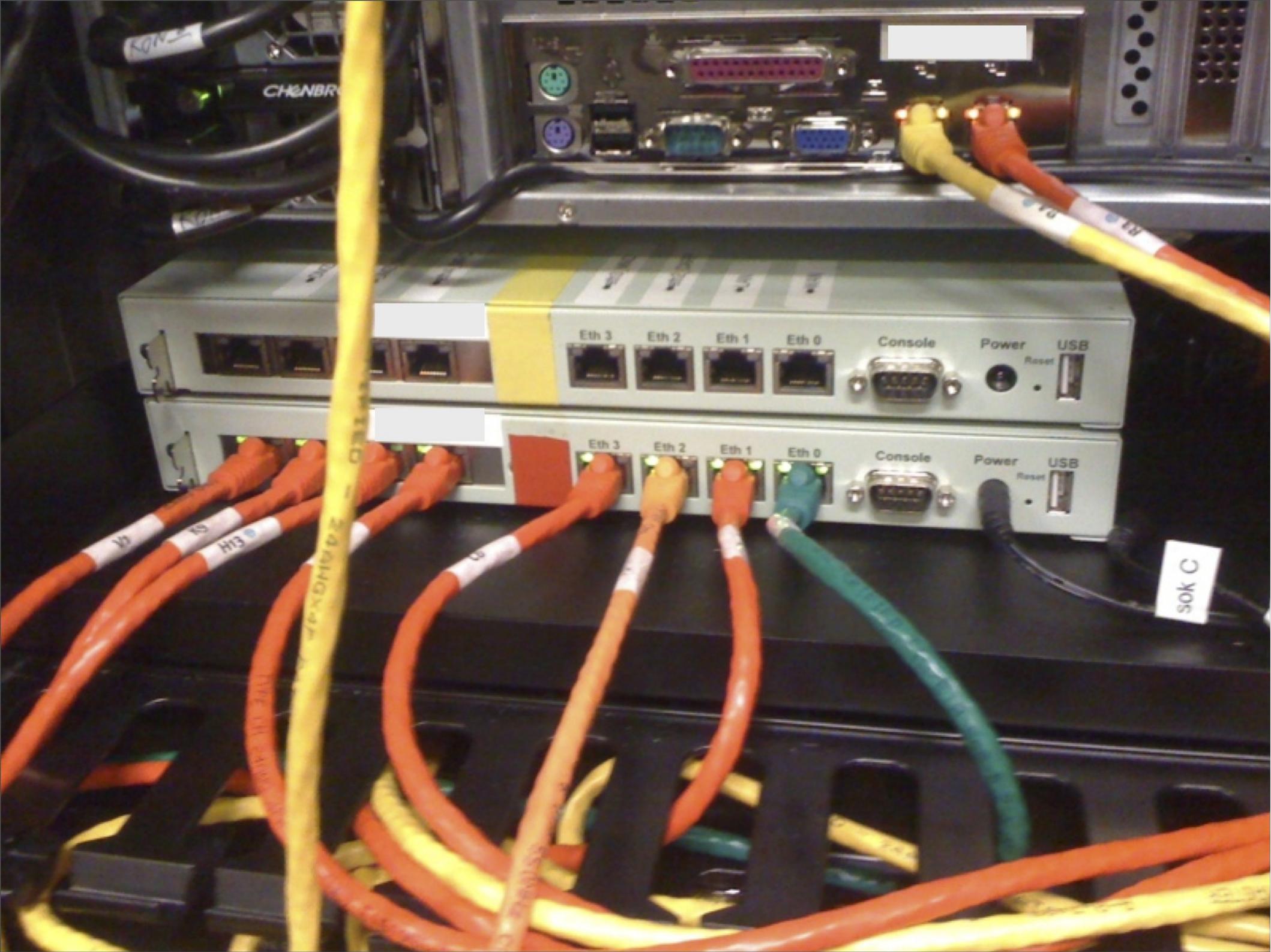


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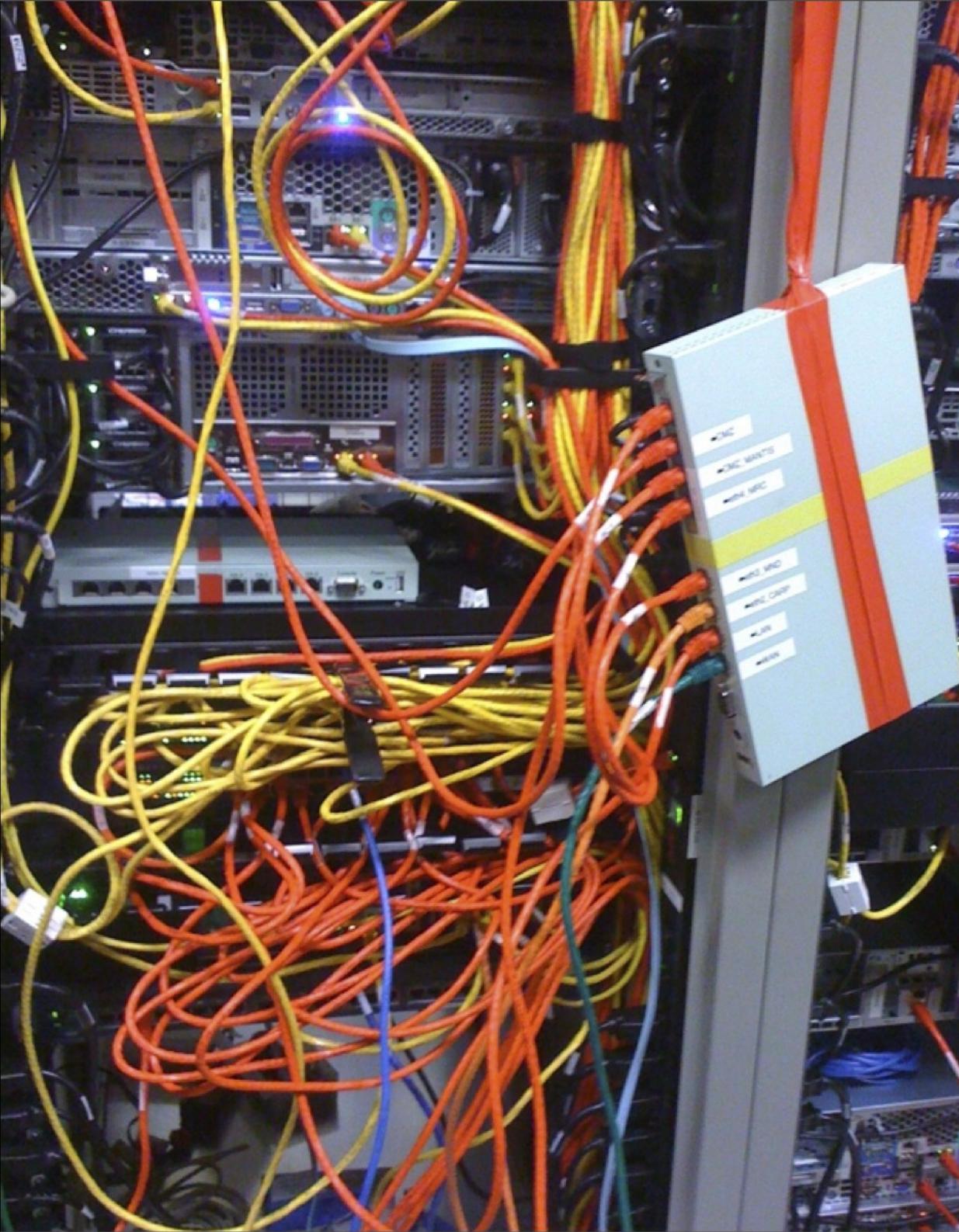








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F10=Refresh Display

Install Kernel(s)

You may now wish to install a custom Kernel configuration.

< Symmetric multiprocessing kernel (more than one processor) >

< Uniprocessor kernel (one processor) >

< Embedded kernel (no vga console, keyboard) >

< Developers kernel (includes GDB, etc) >

Press F1 for Help

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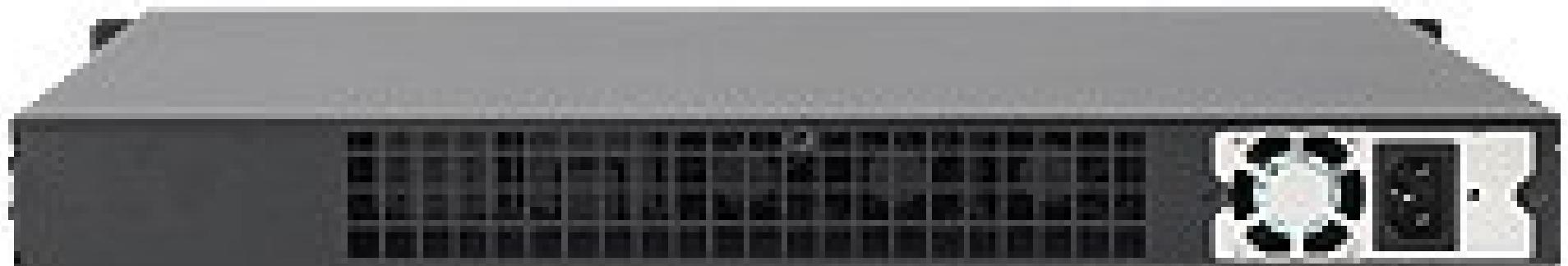
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10x GigE



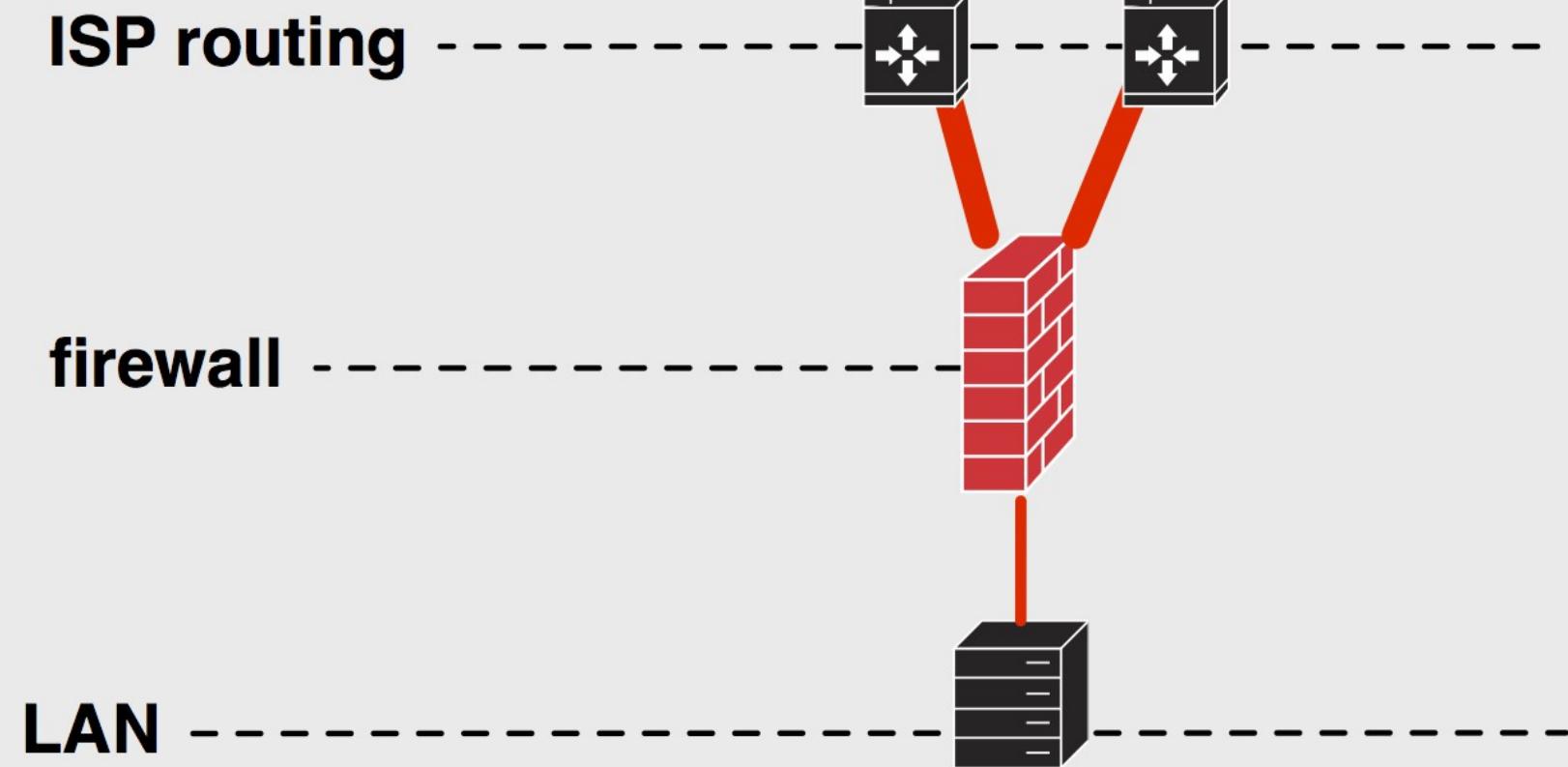
- Supermicro Chassis, Intel dual-core CPU's
- Dual em(4) Gigabit on-board
- Added 2x Quad Intel igb(4) YUCK!!! <- next page
- First Intel nics to bit me in a long time
- read up on your hardware

igb
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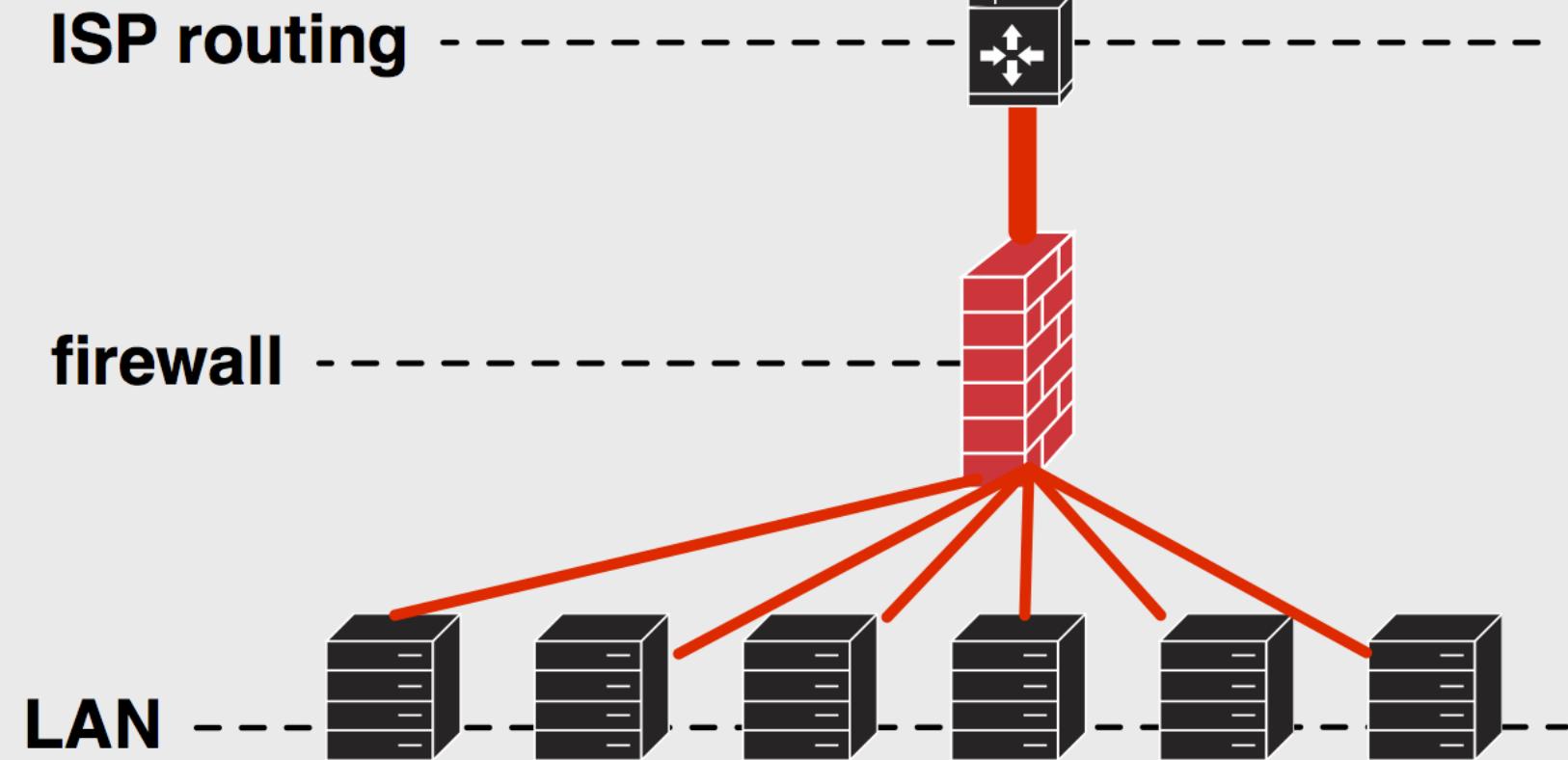


- Fully Redundant Load Balancing, 2 common

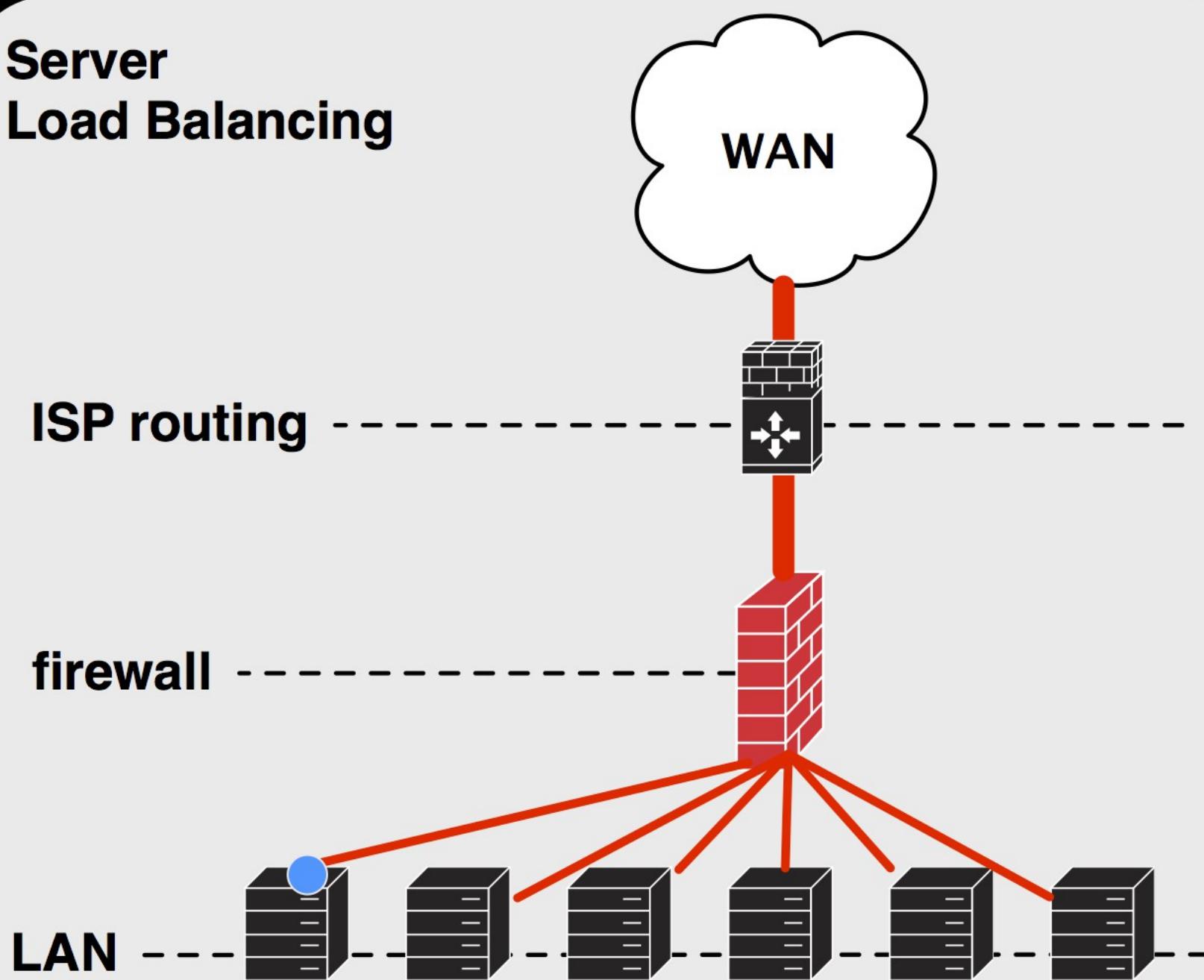
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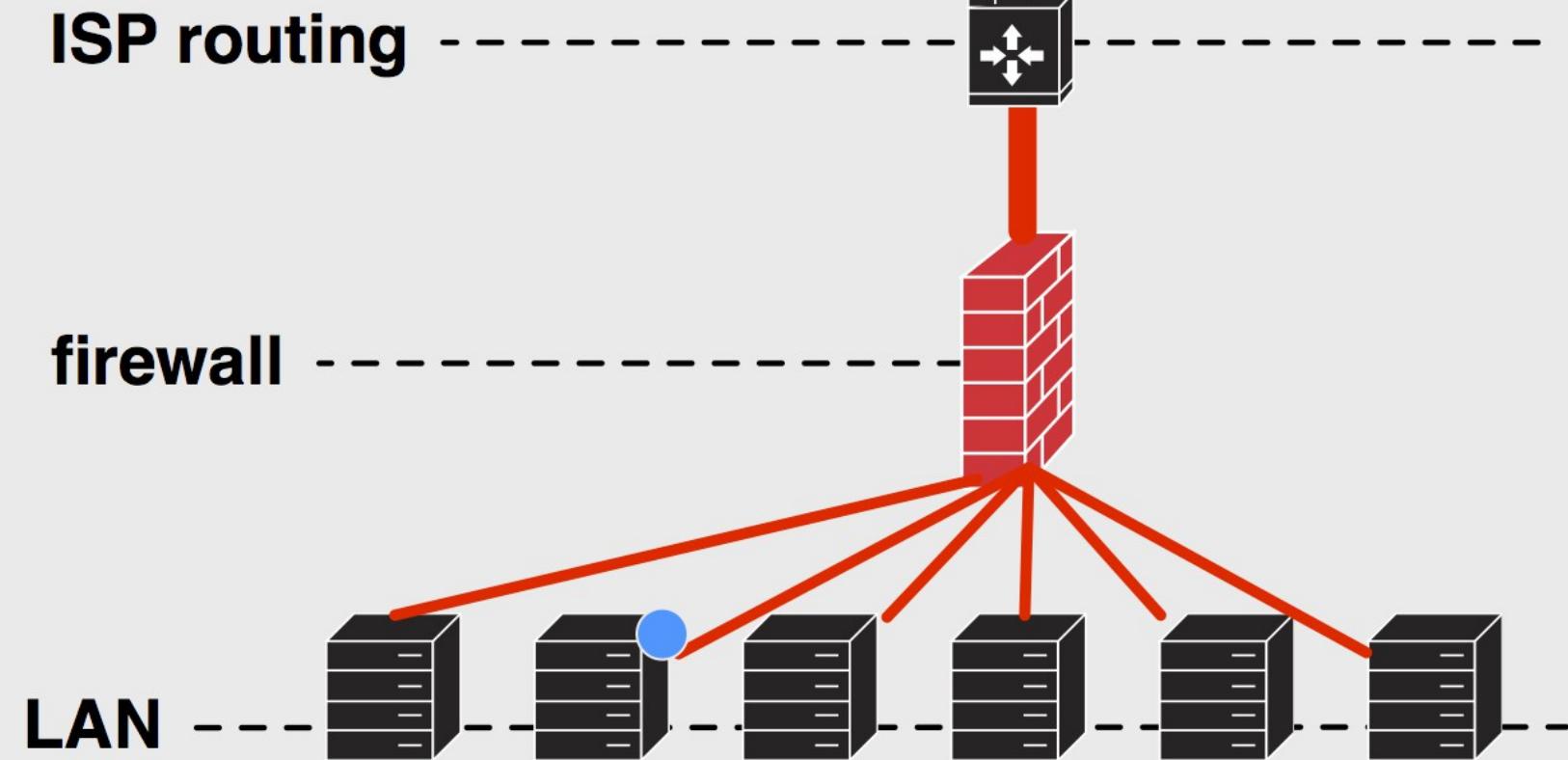
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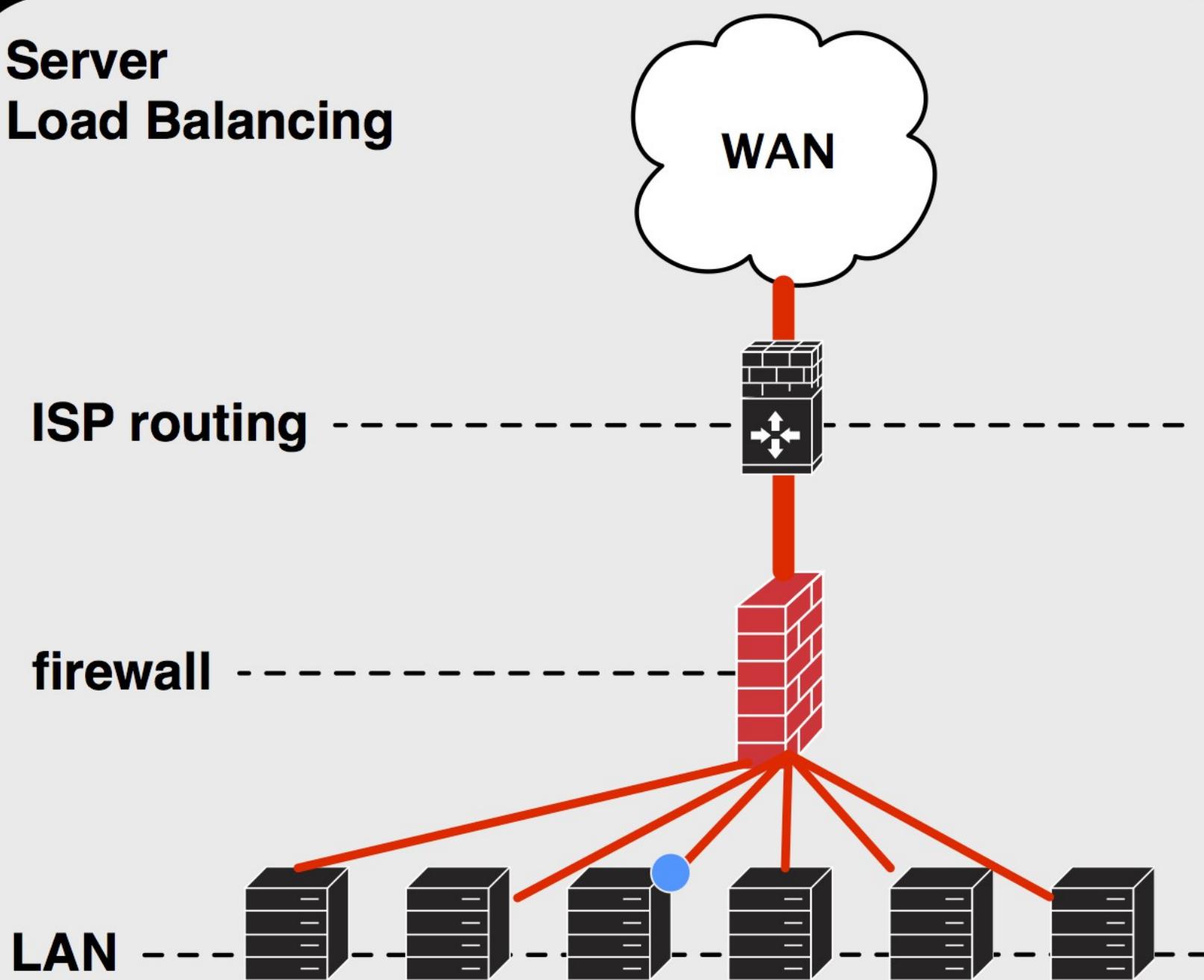
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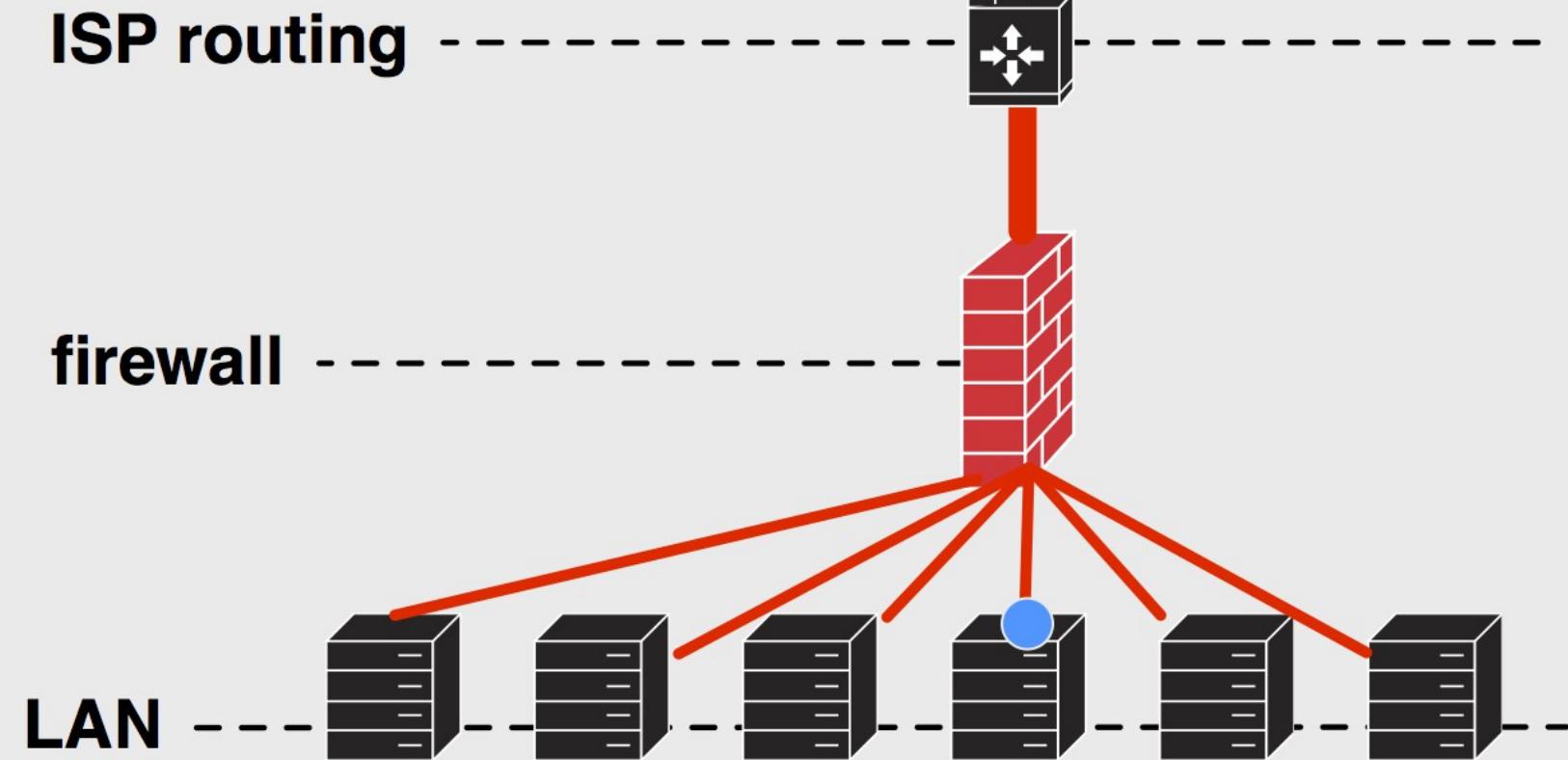
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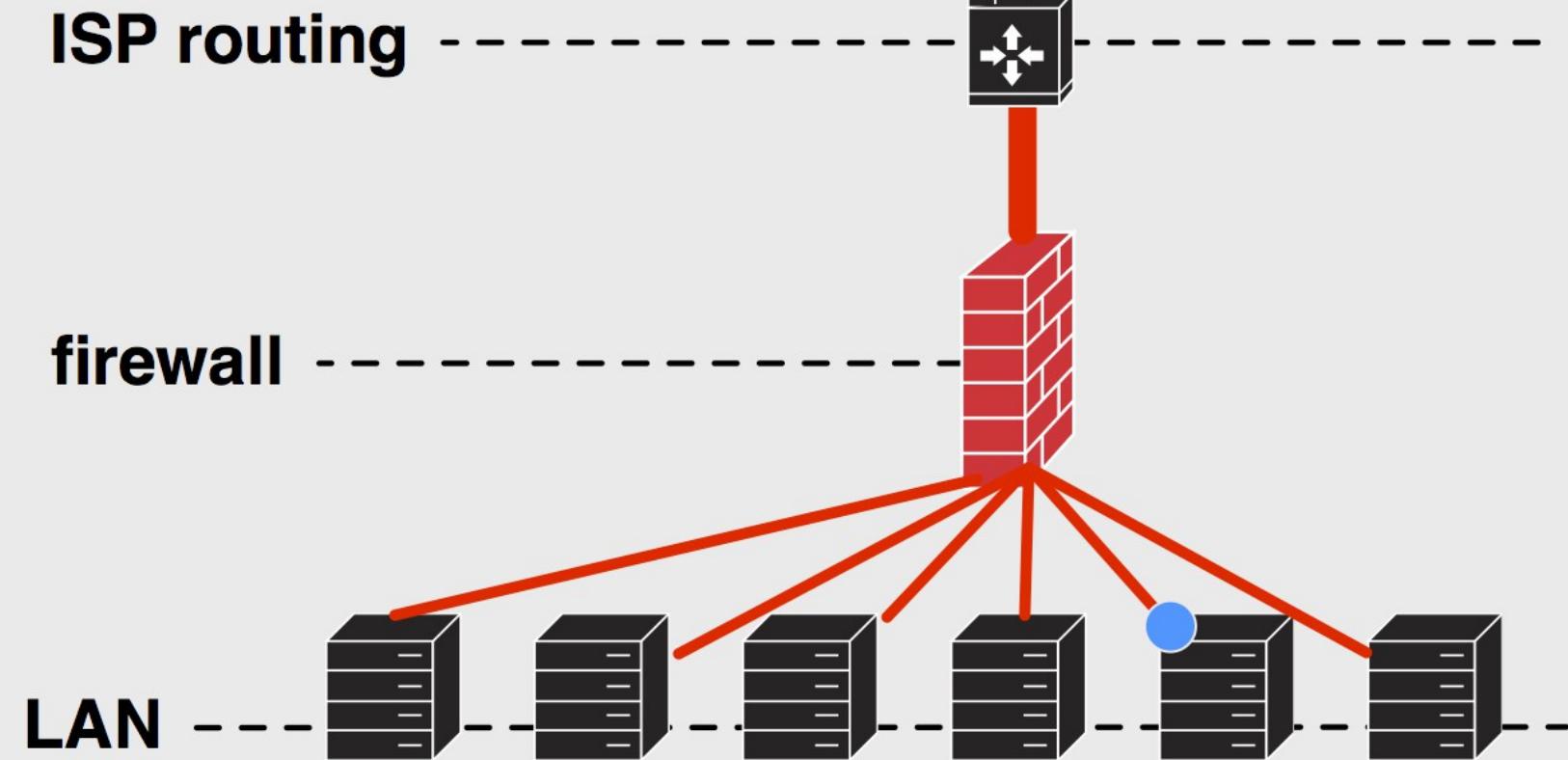
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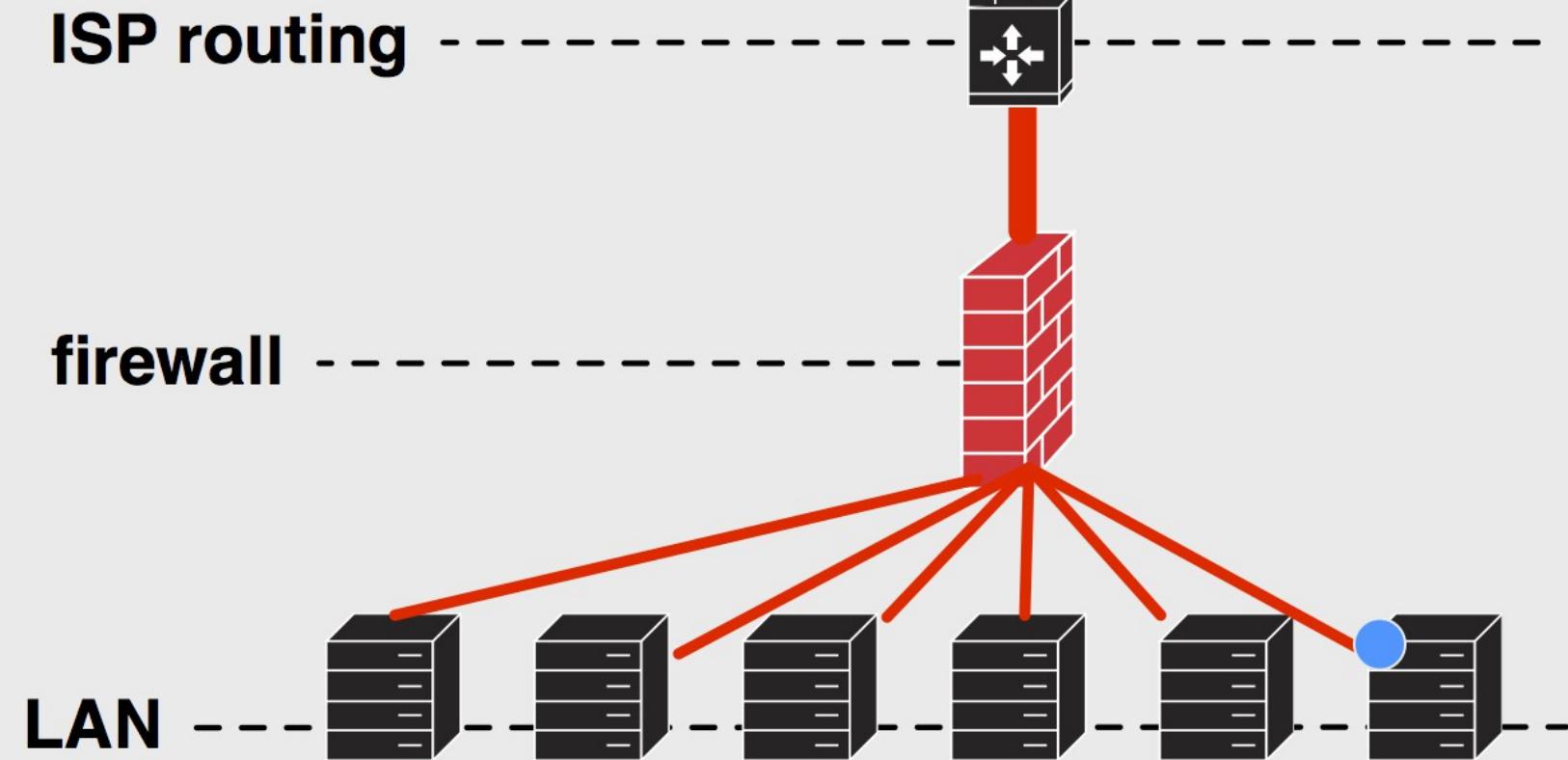
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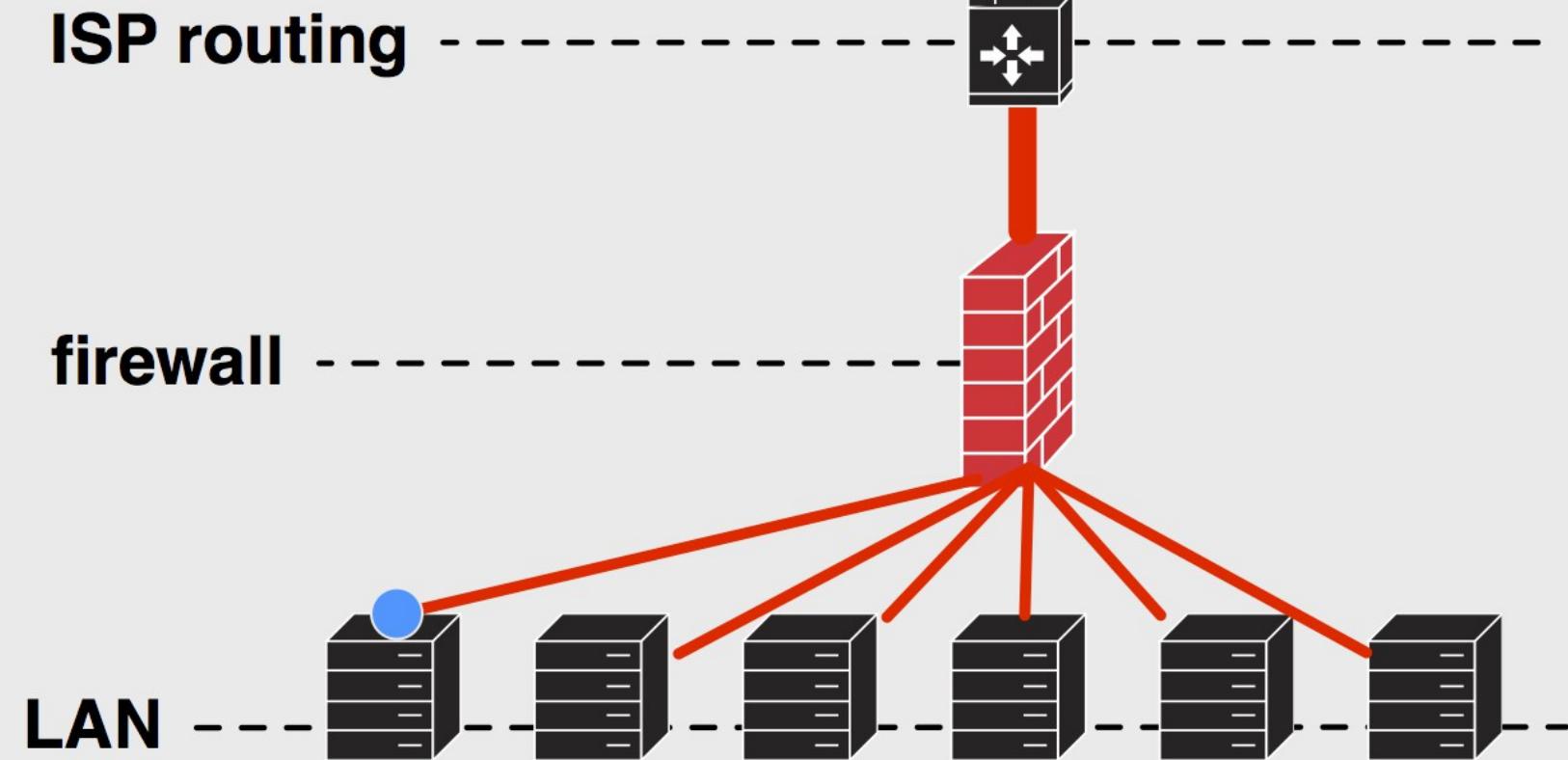
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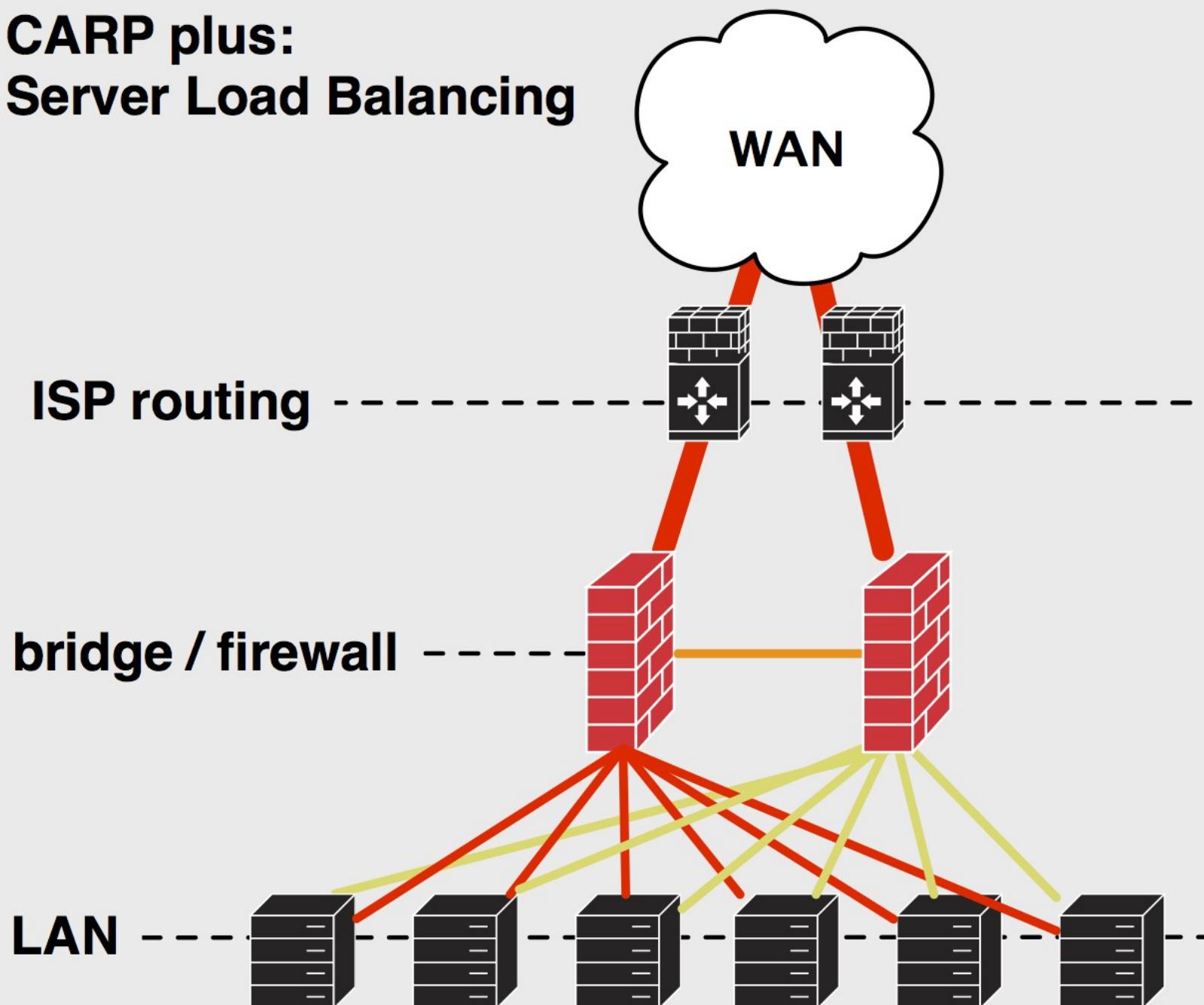


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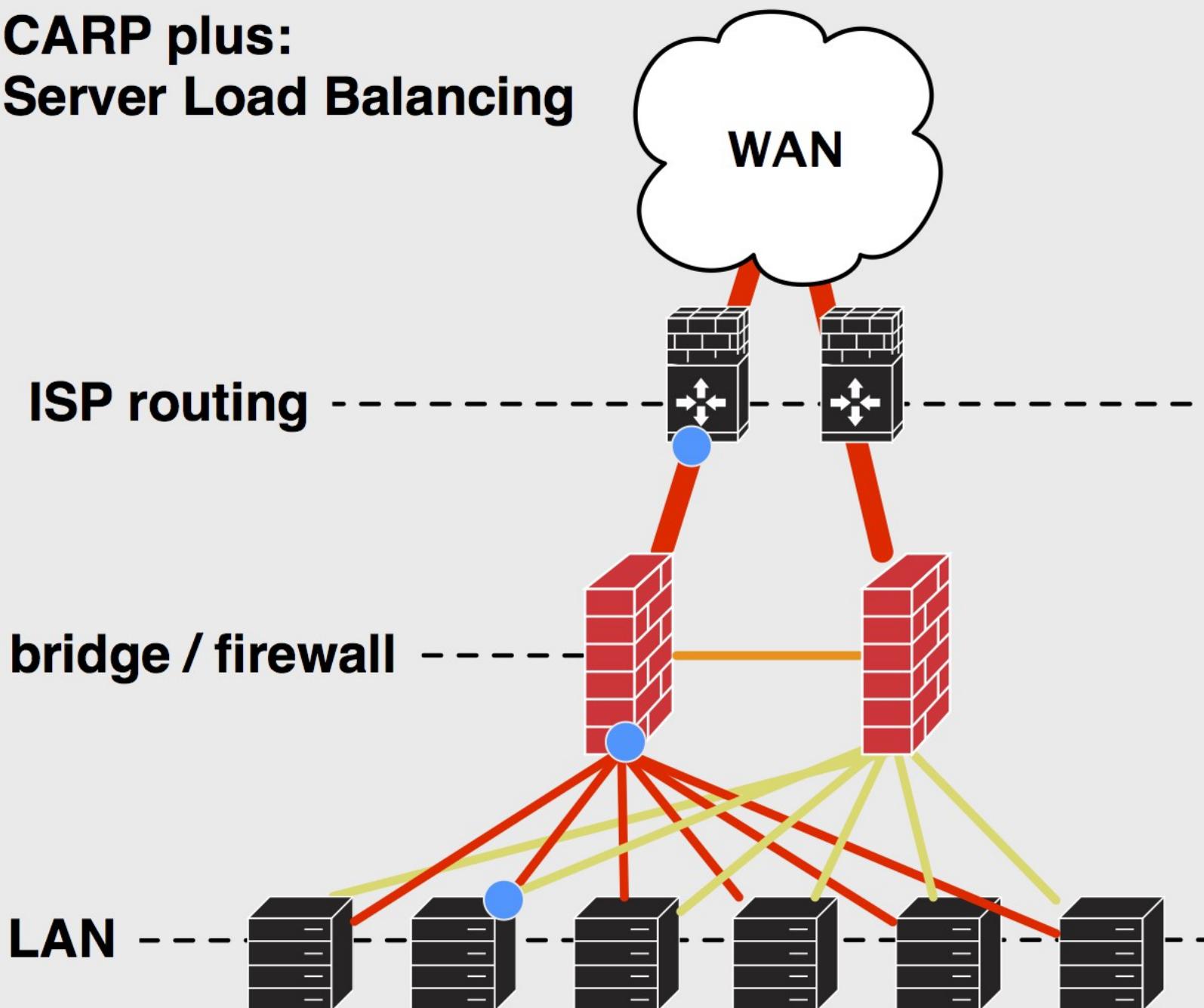


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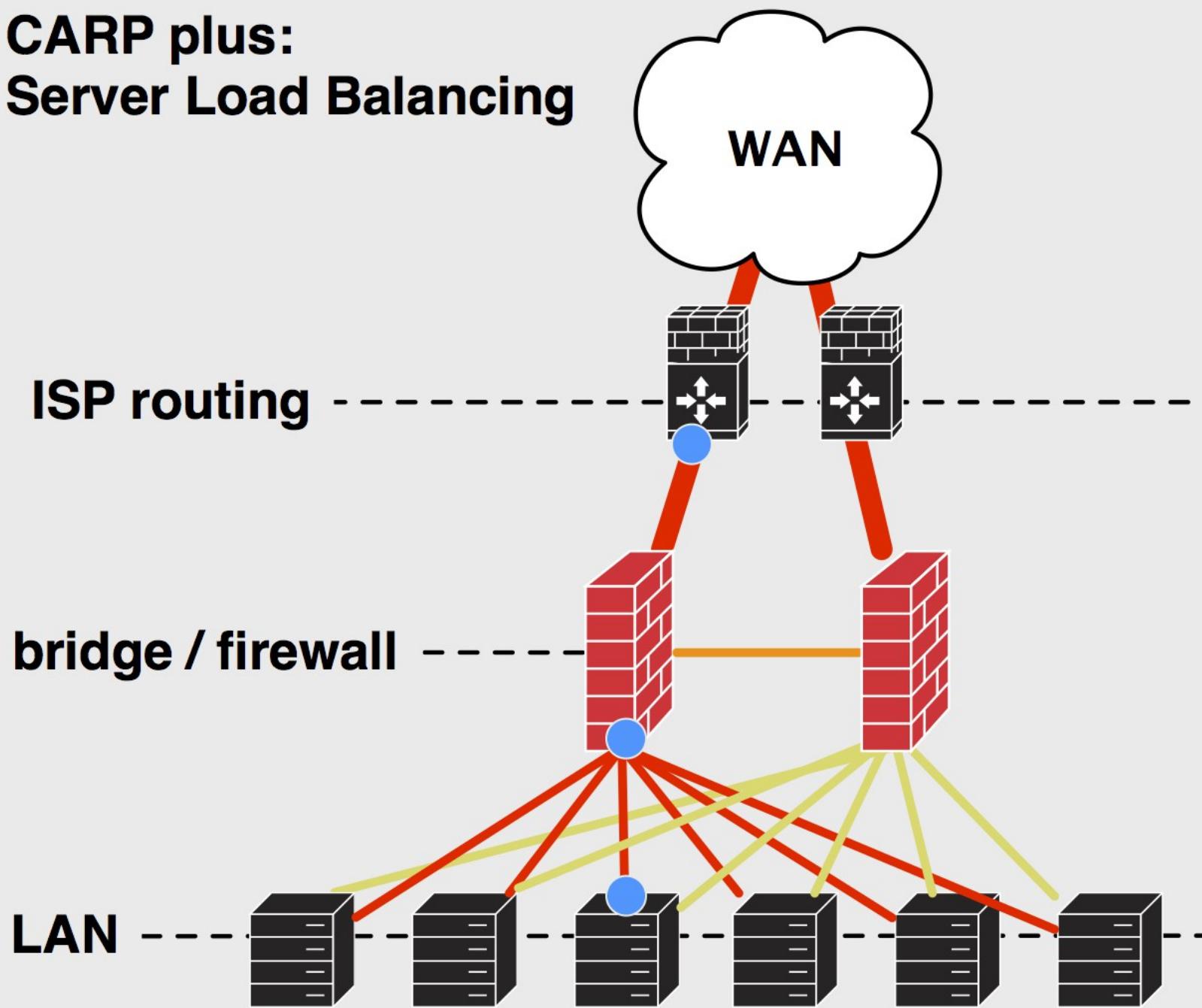
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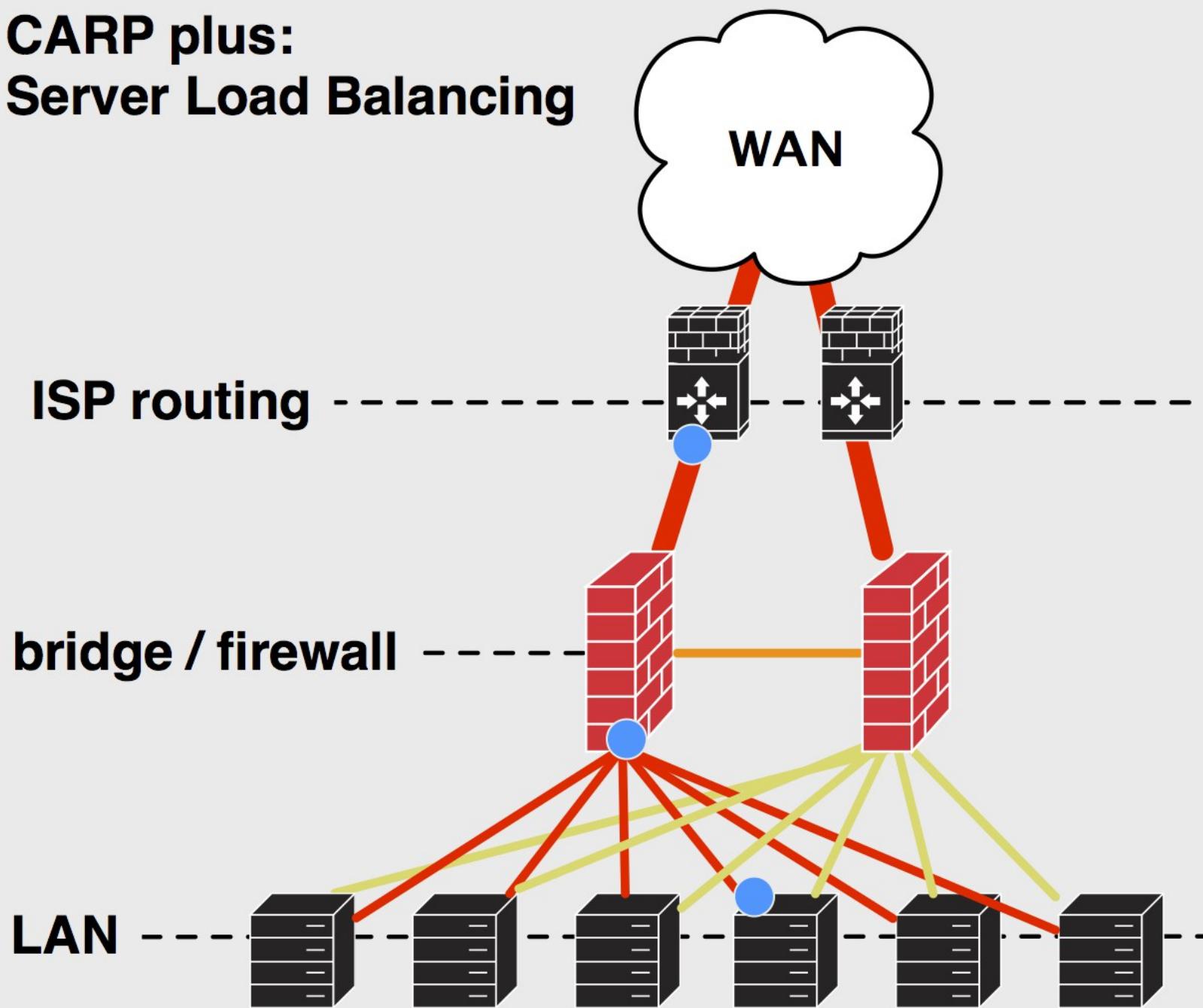
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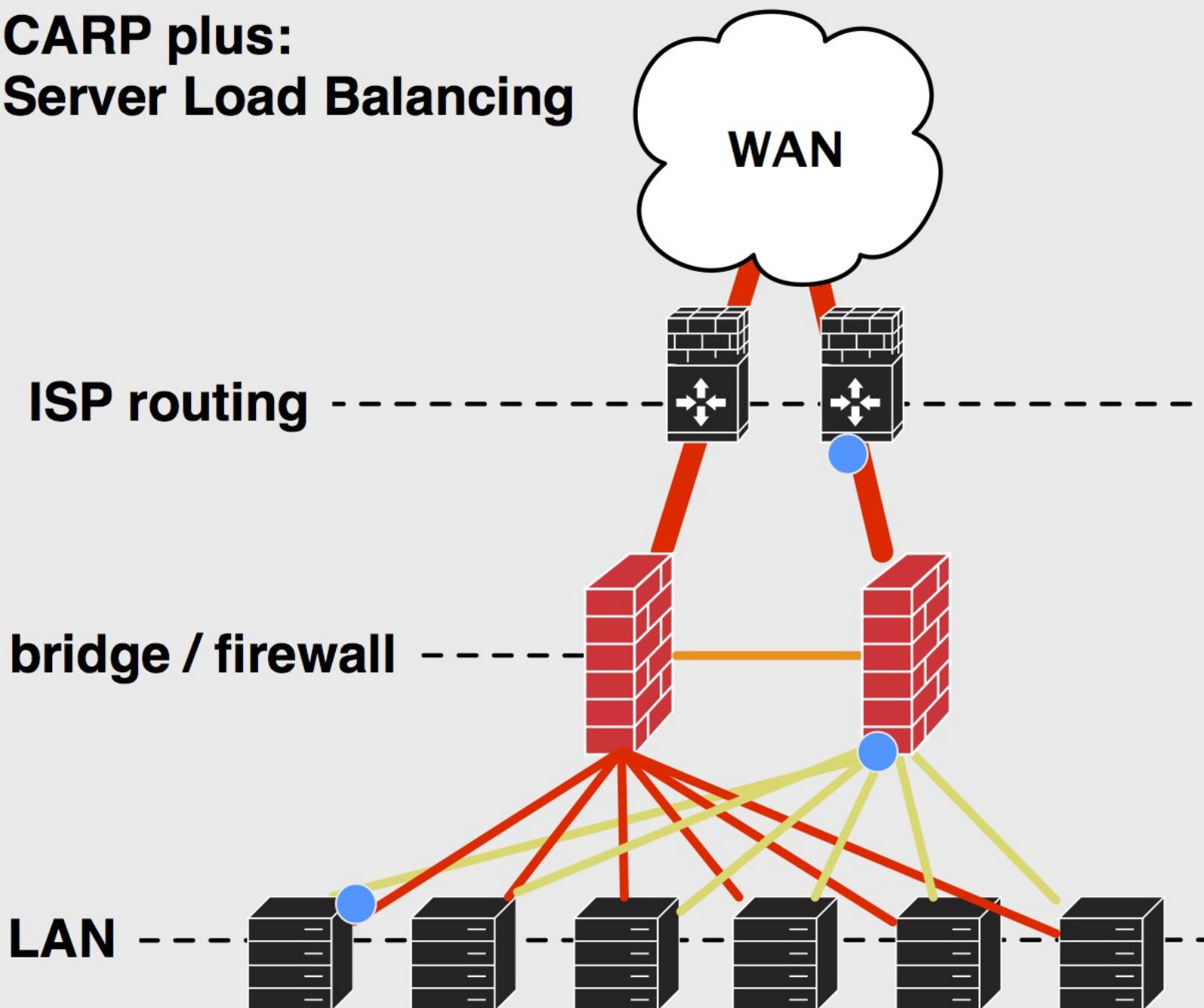
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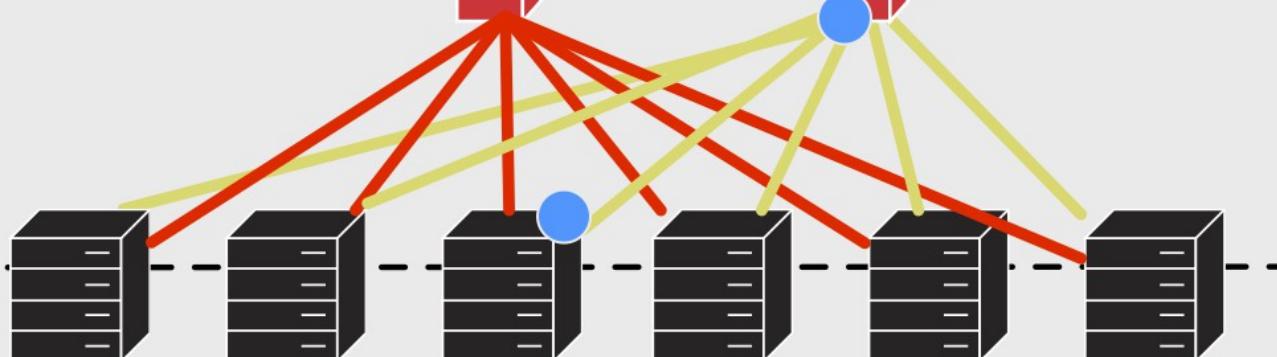
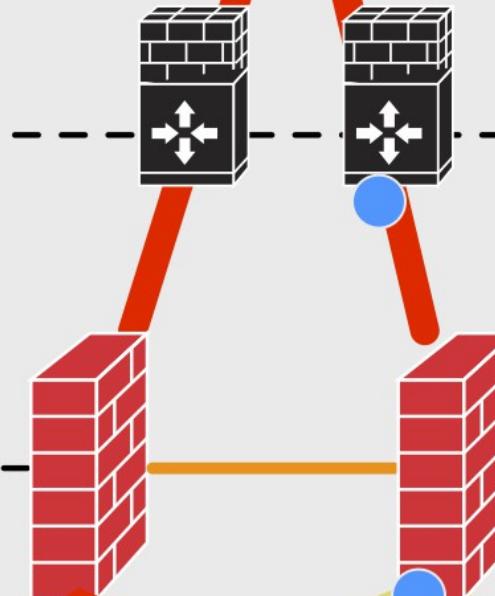


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you get the idea

what does it take for one of
these to do all that?





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Config Management

Config Management

- Downloadable XML file
 - That's it. Really.
- Accessable from Shell
 - (Be careful!)
- Contains hashed/plaintext for various ‘important’ items

UNIX shell ssh/serial RADIUS
Captive read-only filesystem on CF
Portal!!

nanoBSD/implementation
traffic-shaper (and e-z wizzard)

GUI limitations? multi-factor auth

compare/contrast other gear
syslog, smp, all the fixin's

VPN!!! IPSEC Tunnel WIRELESS!!!

DNSMask Roving VPN options

The Bleeding Edge Future?

- All about hardware:
- Changing Wireless Landscape
- 10Gbe Fiber/Copper PCI support, and beyond...
- More support for smaller embedded devices?
- Emerging ARM/Mips hardware?
- Open hardware....

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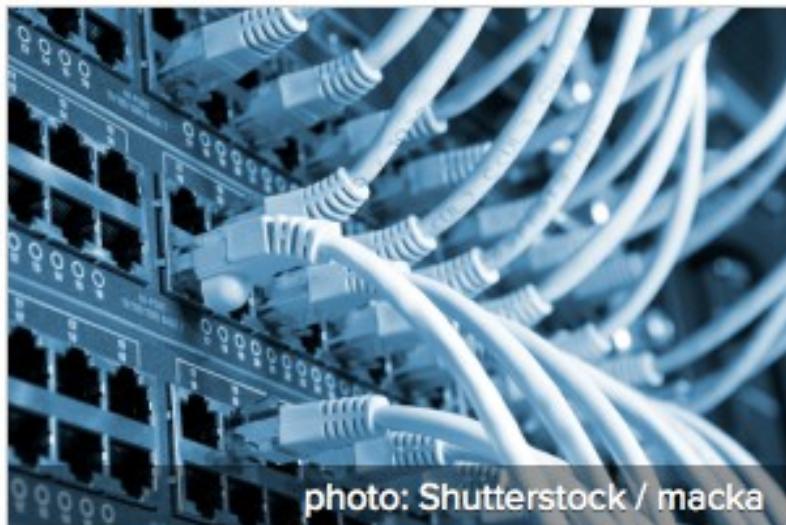


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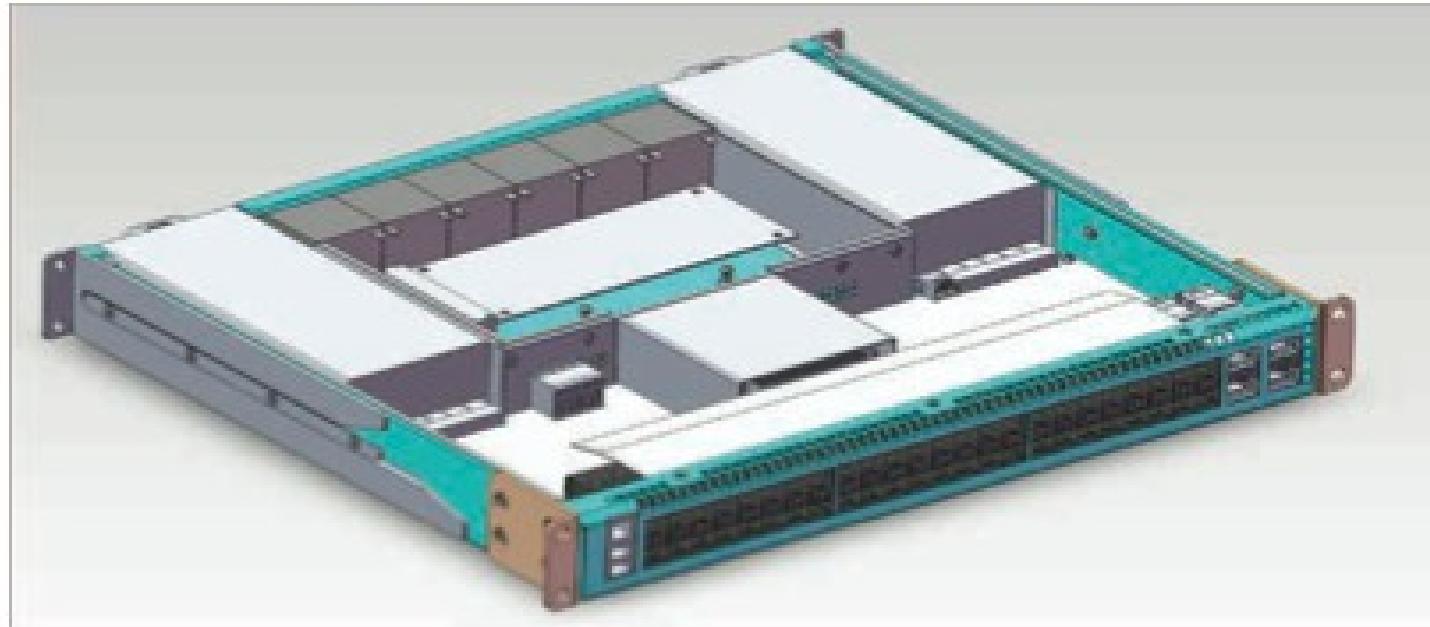
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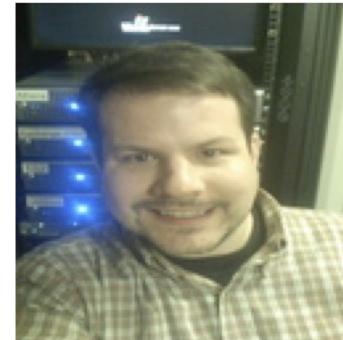


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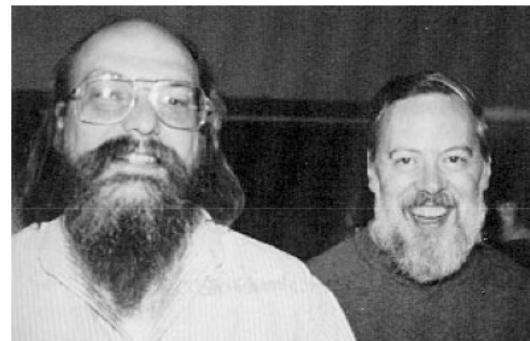
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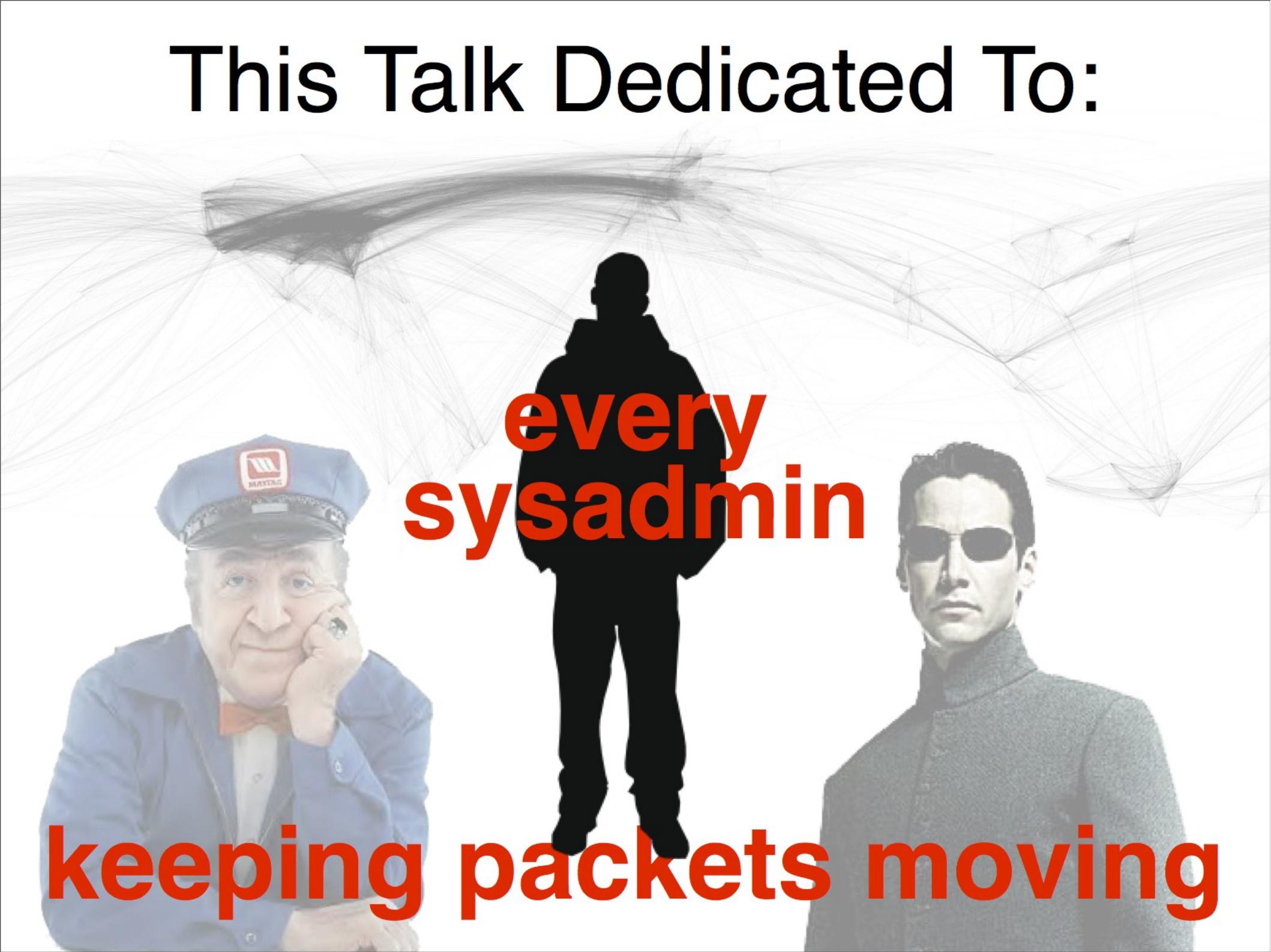
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and,



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**every
sysadmin**

keeping packets moving