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Background image: Thijs van den Hout & Midjourney



Guest Lecture
'From IP addresses to domain names'
A crash course in internet architecture

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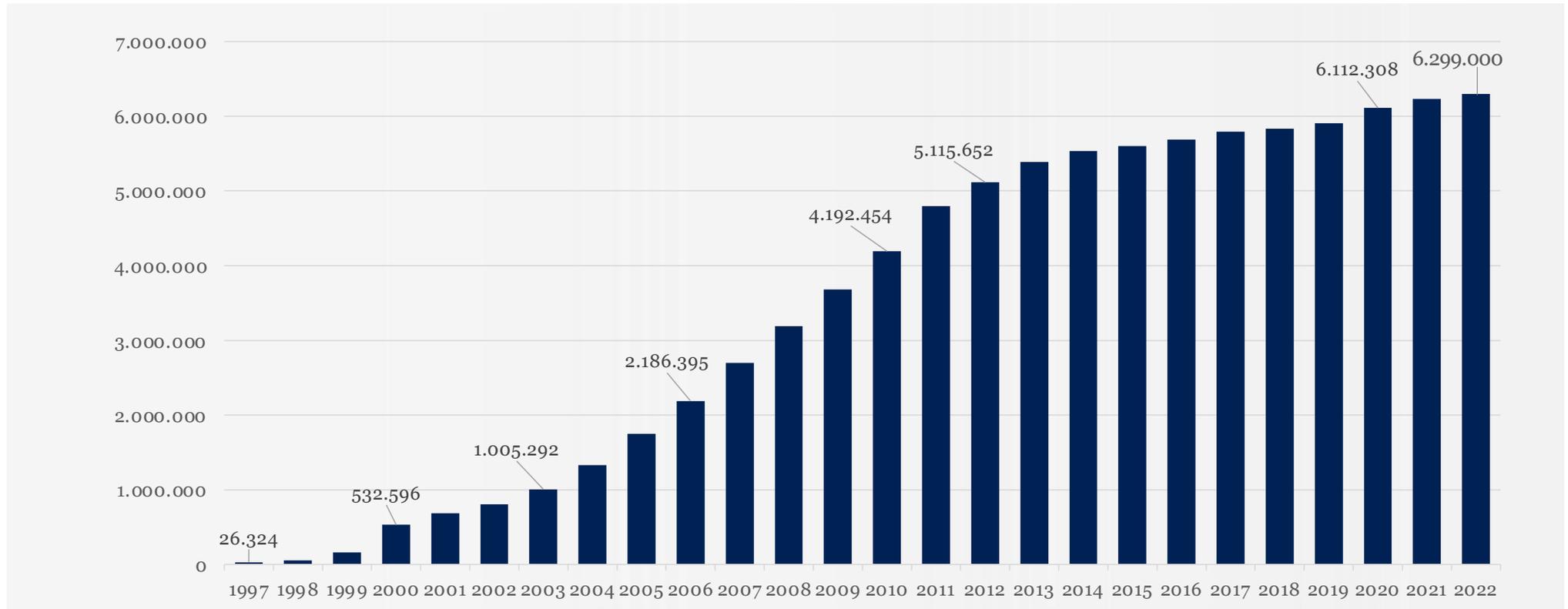
About SIDN

- *Registry* for the *.nl country code top-level* domain
 - Nowadays also *.amsterdam*, *.politie* and *.aw* (technical management)
 - 6,3 million *.nl* domain names - 61% DNSSEC
 - Brand monitoring, *.nl-Control*, portfolio checker, *abuse204.nl*, etc.
- SIDN Fonds
- SIDN Labs

<https://www.sidn.nl/en/about-sidn/what-we-do>



Number of .nl domain names: 4th largest ccTLD



About SIDN Labs

*Applied technical research
to the security of internet infrastructure*

- Three themes:
 - Domain name security
 - Infrastructure security
 - Emerging internet technologies

<https://www.sidnlabs.nl/en/about-sidnlabs>



Terminology

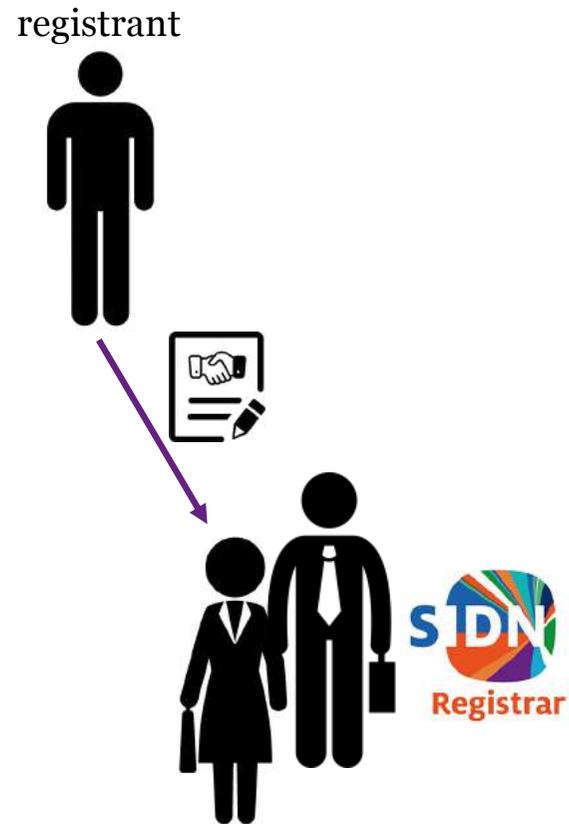
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registrant



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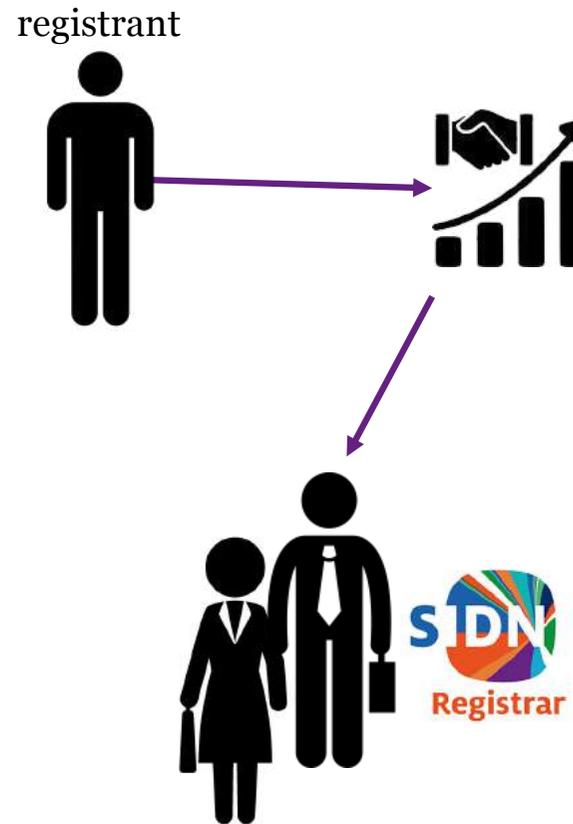
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<https://www.sidn.nl/nl-domeinnaam/registrar-zoeken>

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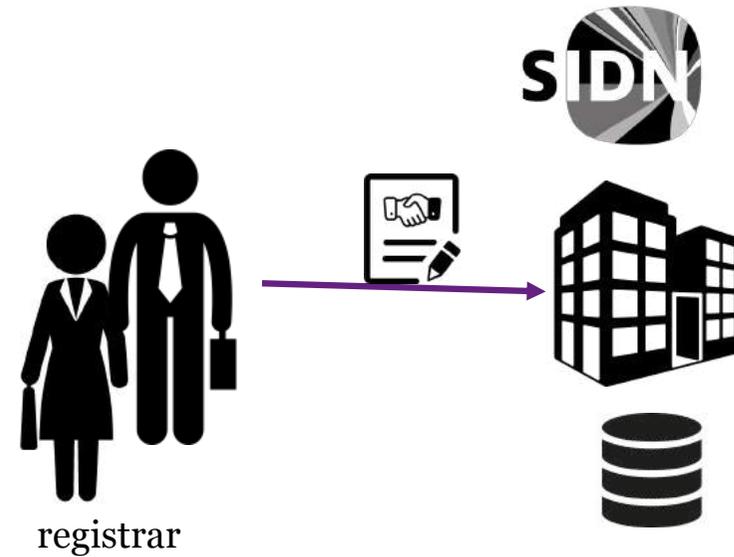
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- (possibly via Reseller)



<https://www.verenigingvanregistrars.nl/>

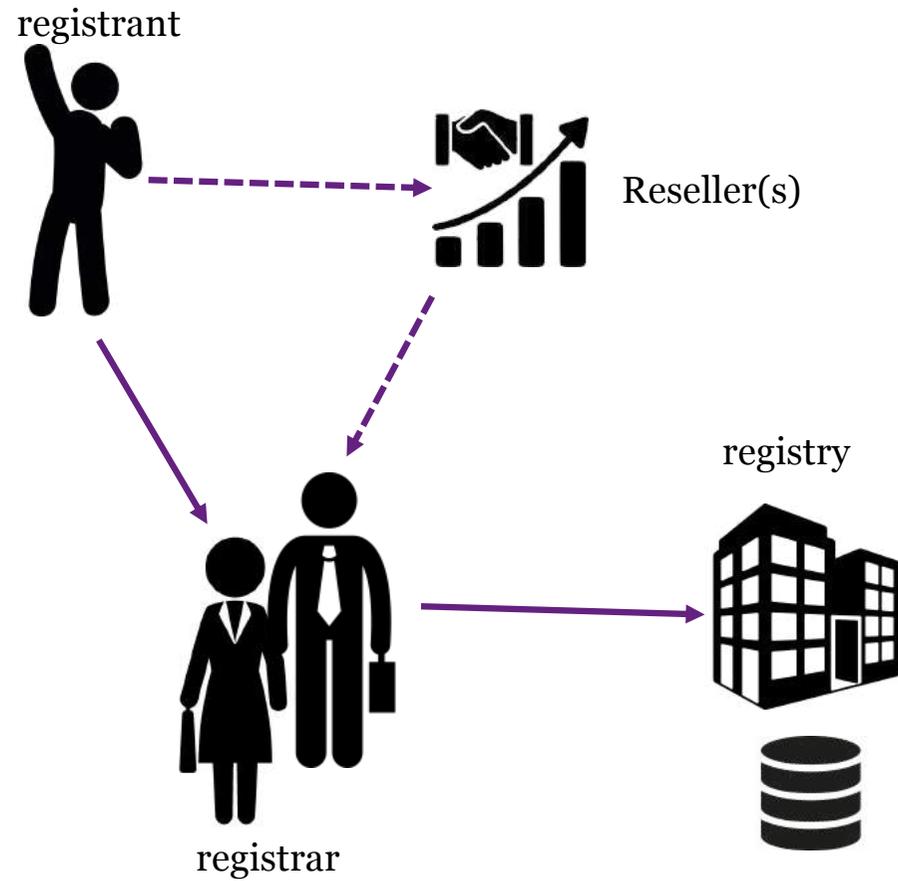
Terminology

- Registrar is affiliated with Registry
- That's us 😊



Terminology

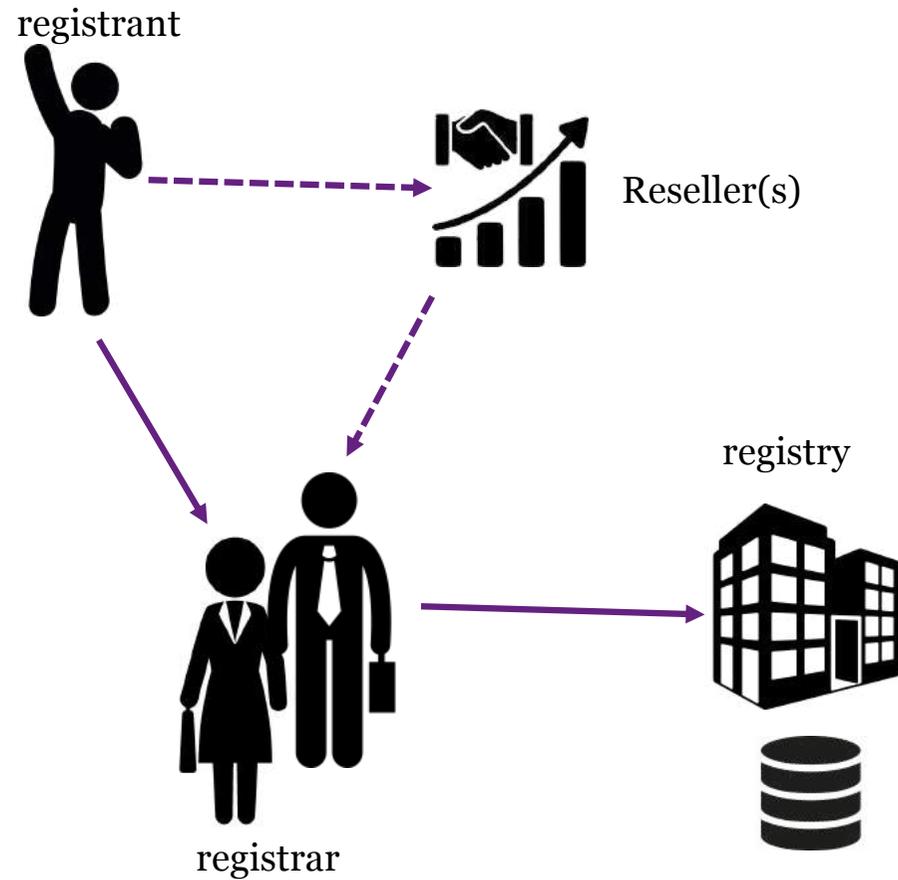
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<https://whois.nl/>

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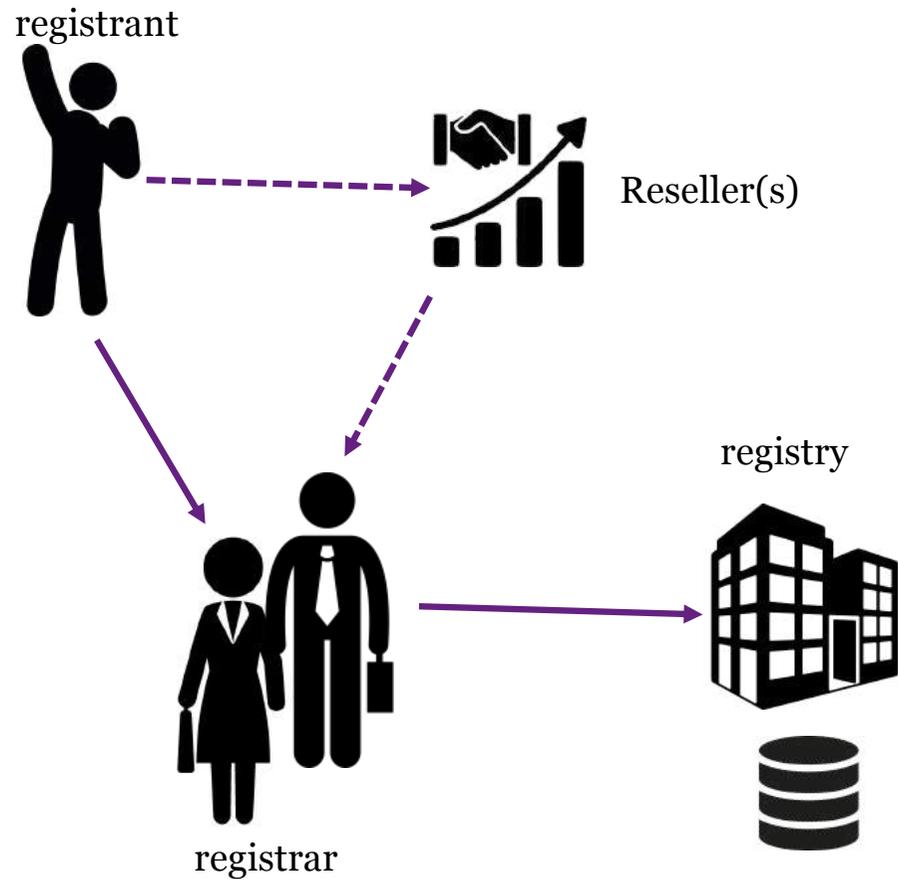
- 1 Registry (per TLD)
- ~1300 Registrars
- ??? Resellers
- ??? Unique registrants
- RRR model



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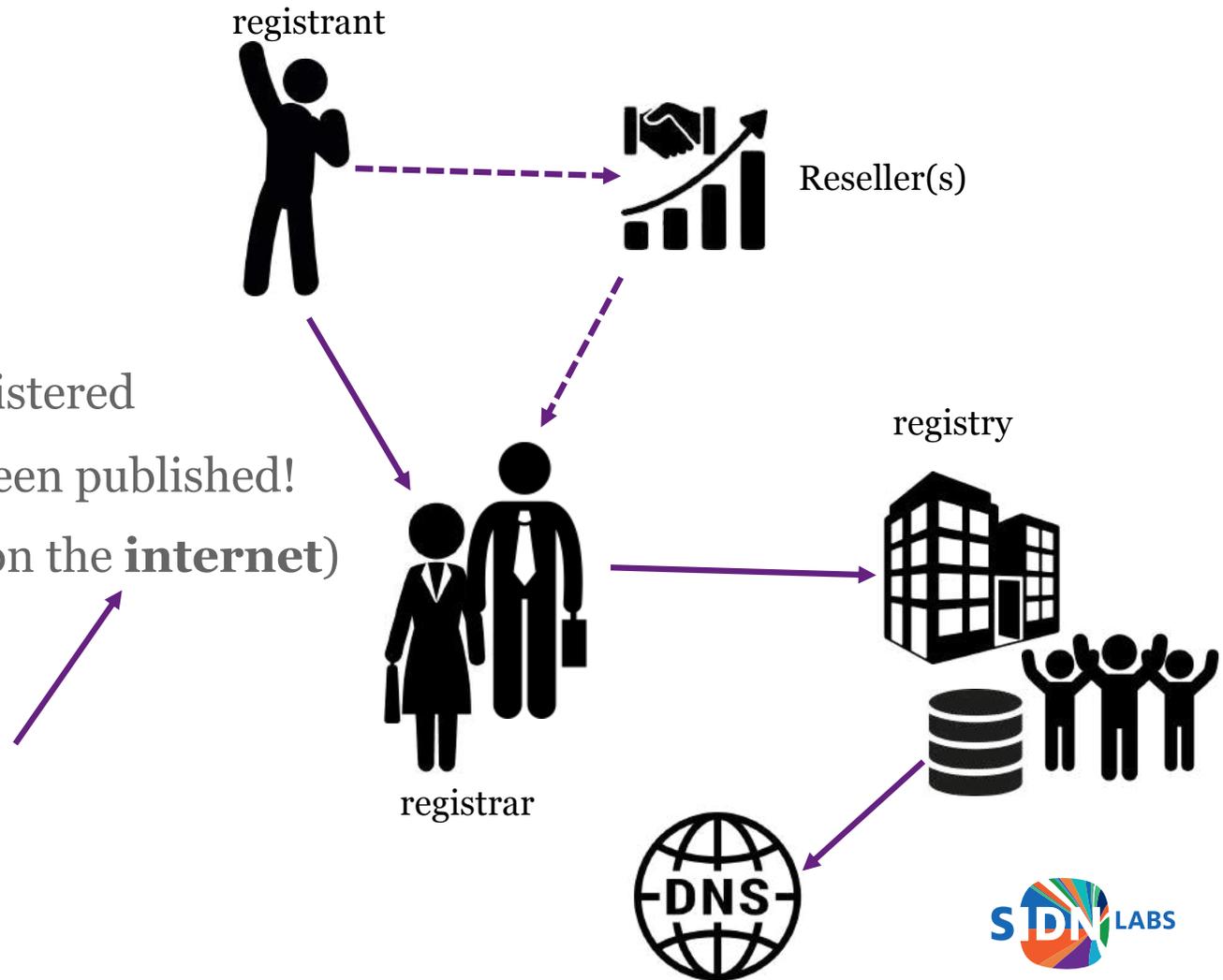
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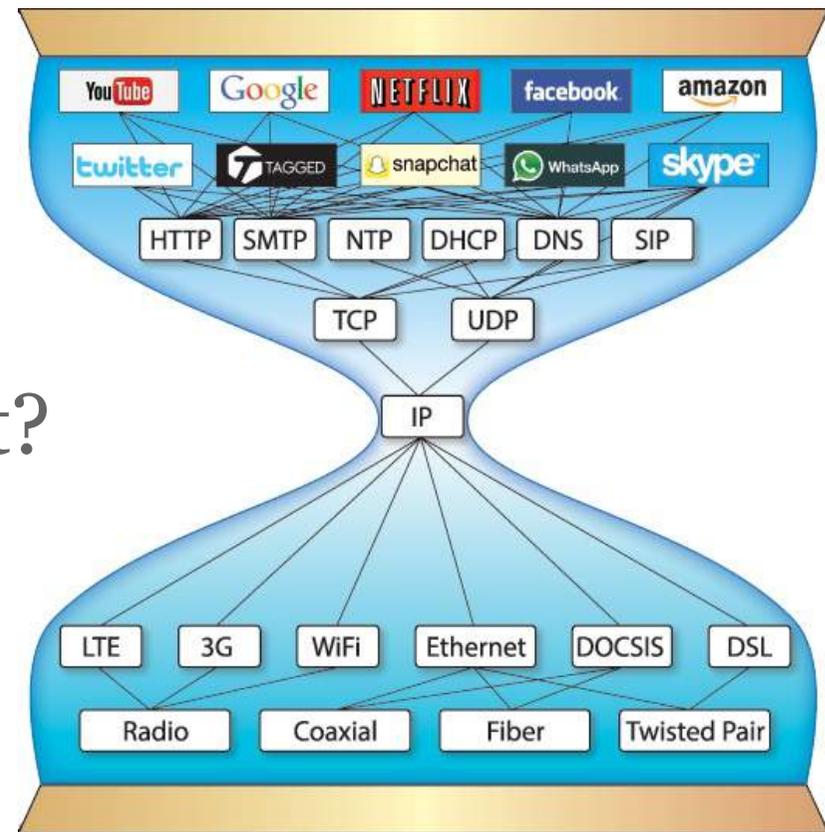
Terminology

- The domain name is registered
- The domain name has been published!
- (only then does it work on the **internet**)



The term 'internet'

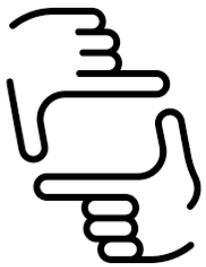
What do we mean by that?



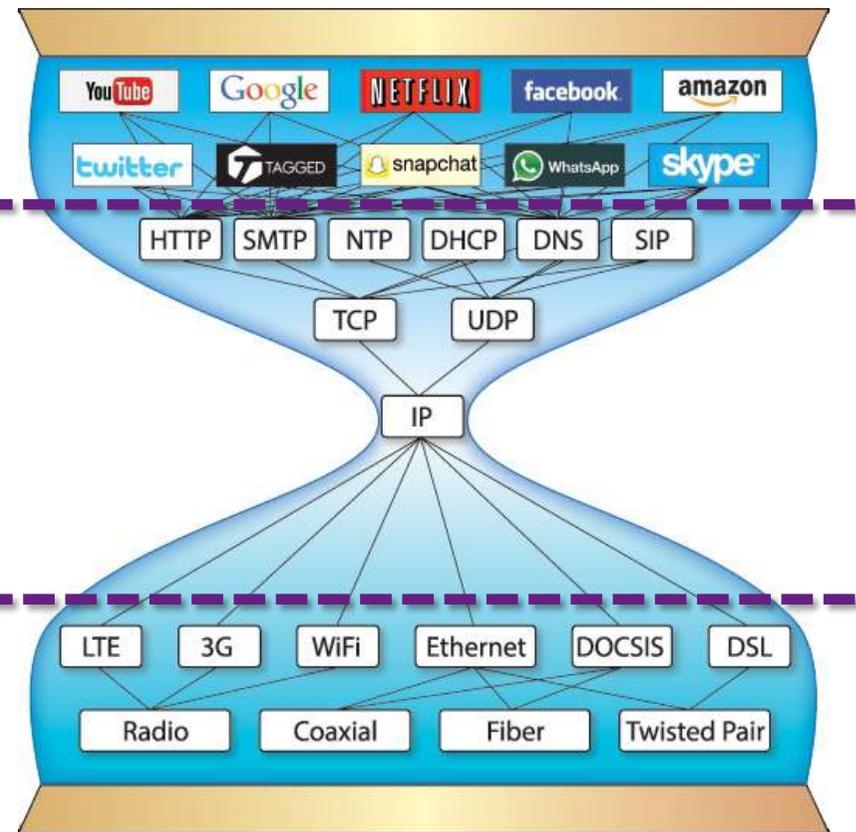
The internet



Most people



Me



The internet

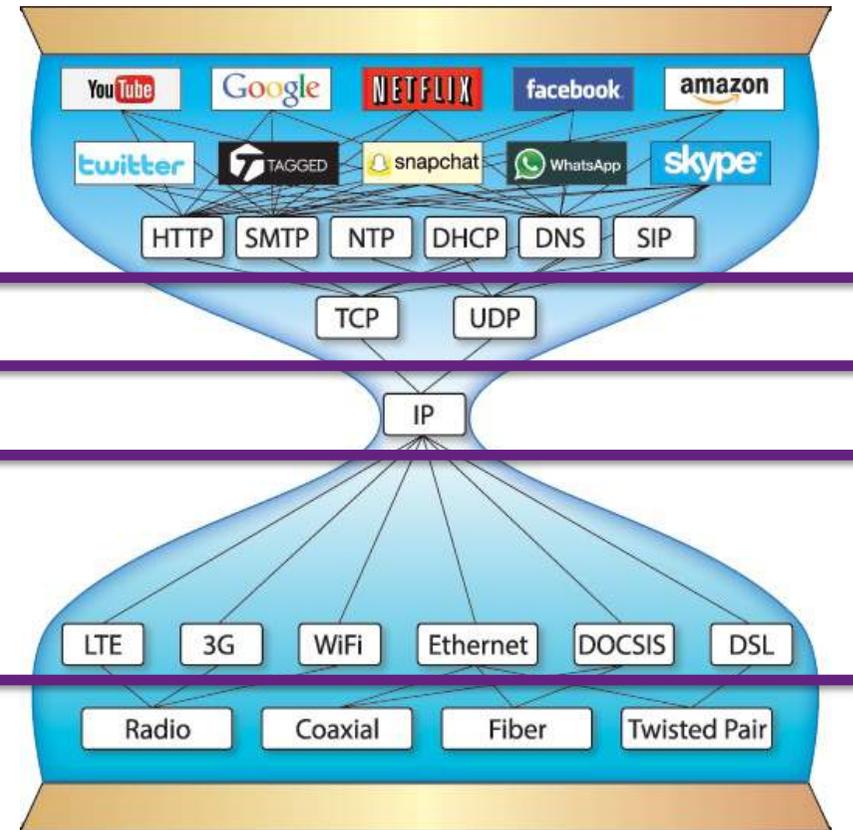
Application (Presentation / session)

Transport

Internet (network)

Link (datalink)

(Physical)

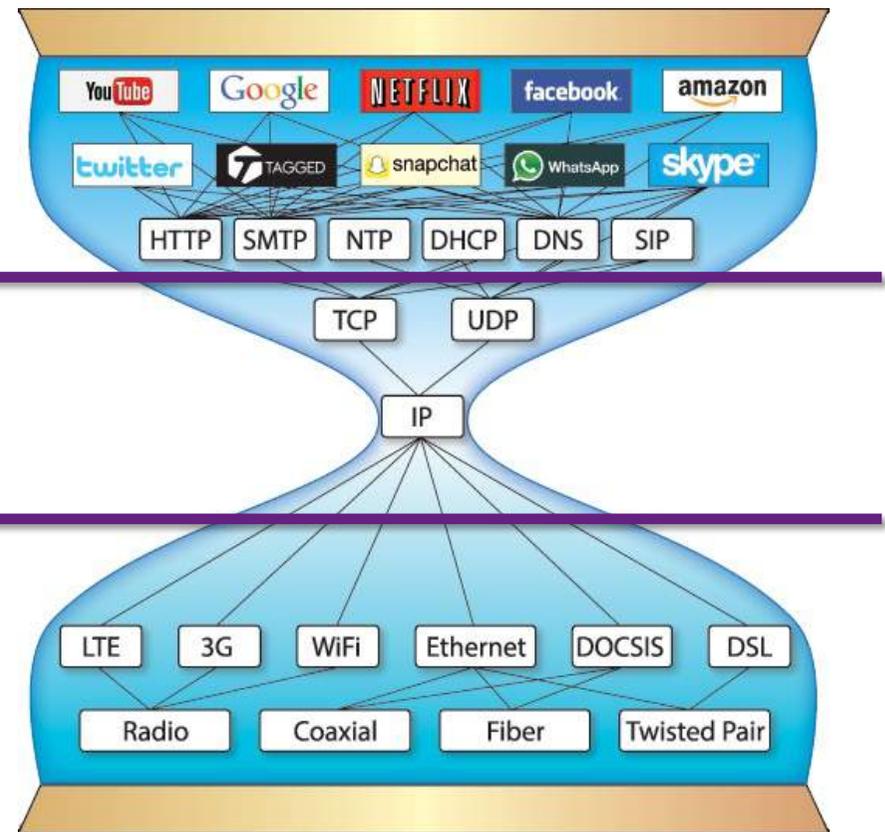


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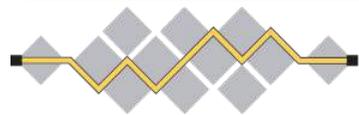
Fast

Slow!

Fast



The internet

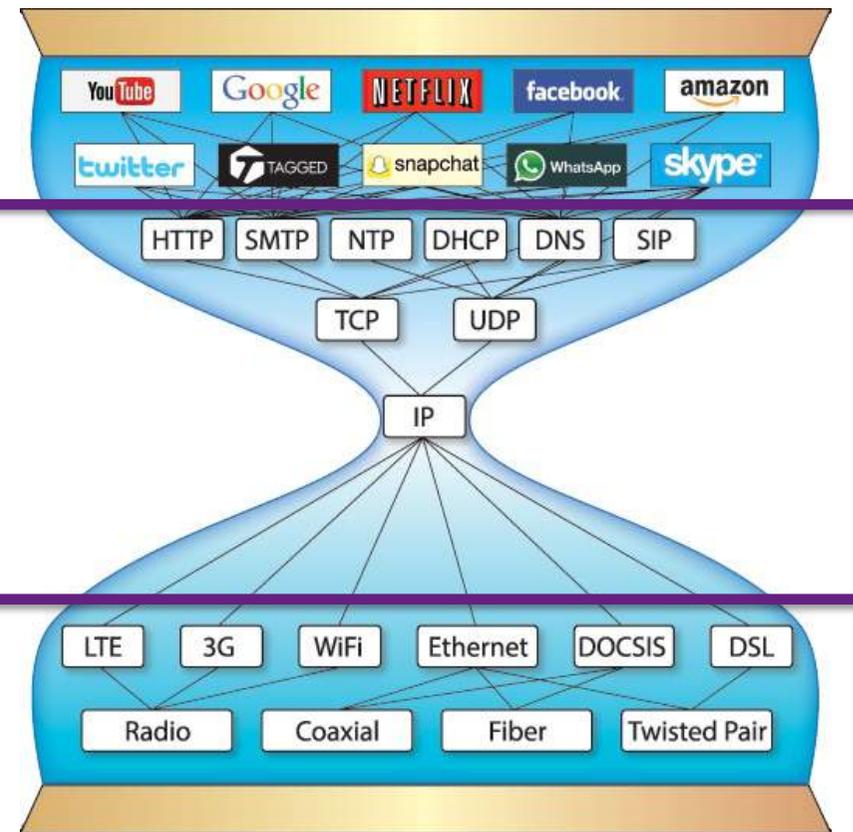


I E T F[®]

(and others, such as **W3C**[®])



(and others, such as **Bluetooth**[®])



Internet Standards



"We reject kings, presidents and voting.
We believe in rough consensus and running code"
-- David Clark

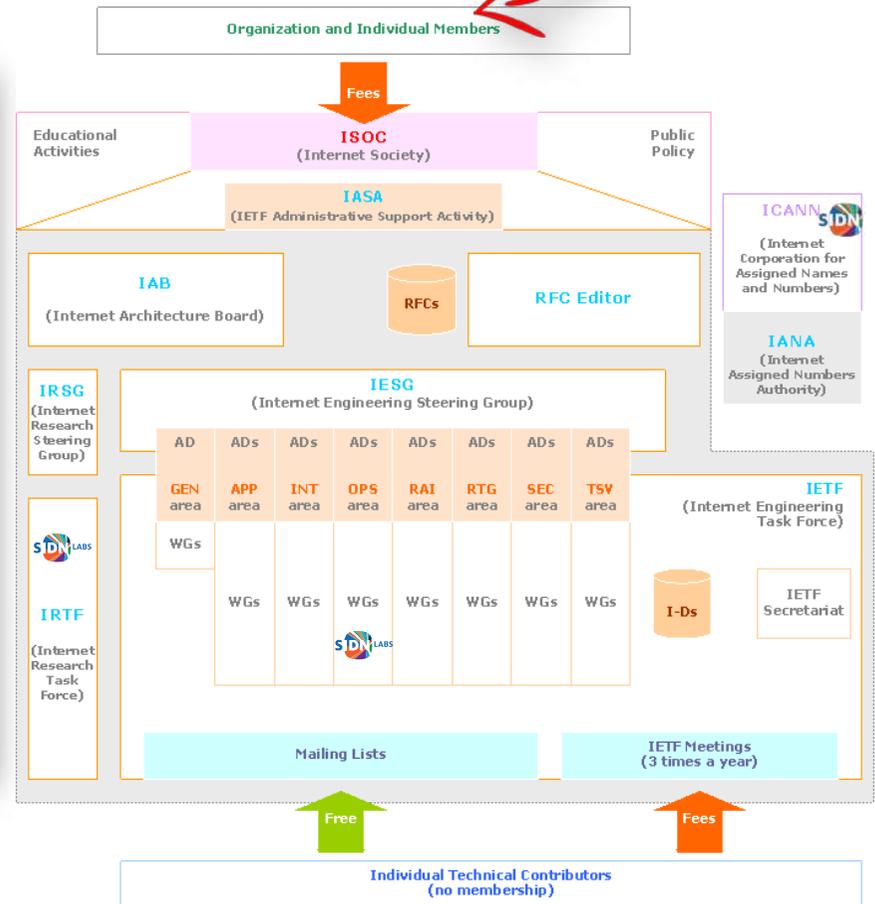
IETF, Internet Engineering Task Force:

- Open standards organization, without formal membership
- Everyone can participate (in person or via mailing lists)
- Under the auspices of the Internet Society (ISOC)
- Many working groups and informal discussions
- Rough consensus* is the primary basis for decision-making
- Often slow processes!
- But many RFCs ! About 9568 and a multitude of drafts

* <https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc7282>



IETF: bottom-up standards development



IETF: many RFC's

The mission of the IETF is to make the Internet work better by producing high quality, relevant technical documents that influence the way people design, use, and manage the Internet.

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Authenticated Denial of Existence in the DNS

Abstract

Authenticated denial of existence allows a resolver to validate a certain domain name does not exist. It is also used to signal a domain name exists but does not have the specific resource record (RR) type you were asking for. When returning a negative DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) response, a name server usually includes up to two NSEC records. With NSEC version 3 (NSEC3), this amount is up to three.

This document provides additional background commentary and some context for the NSEC and NSEC3 mechanisms used by DNSSEC to provide authenticated denial-of-existence responses.

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Considerations for Large Authoritative DNS Server Operators

Abstract

Recent research work has explored the deployment characteristics and configuration of the Domain Name System (DNS). This document summarizes the conclusions from these research efforts and offers

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Key Relay Mapping for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol

Abstract

This document describes an Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) key relay mapping for a key relay object between EPP clients using

that relays DNSSEC key material in a queue defined in [RFC 5730](#). This key relay mapping facilitates changing the DNS operator chain of trust intact.

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  <http://www.arkko.com/tools/allstats/thenetherlands.html>



Really a lot, maybe even too much...

<https://emallab.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/RFC-DNS.pdf>

185 RFC's
2781 pages
166891 lines
888233 words

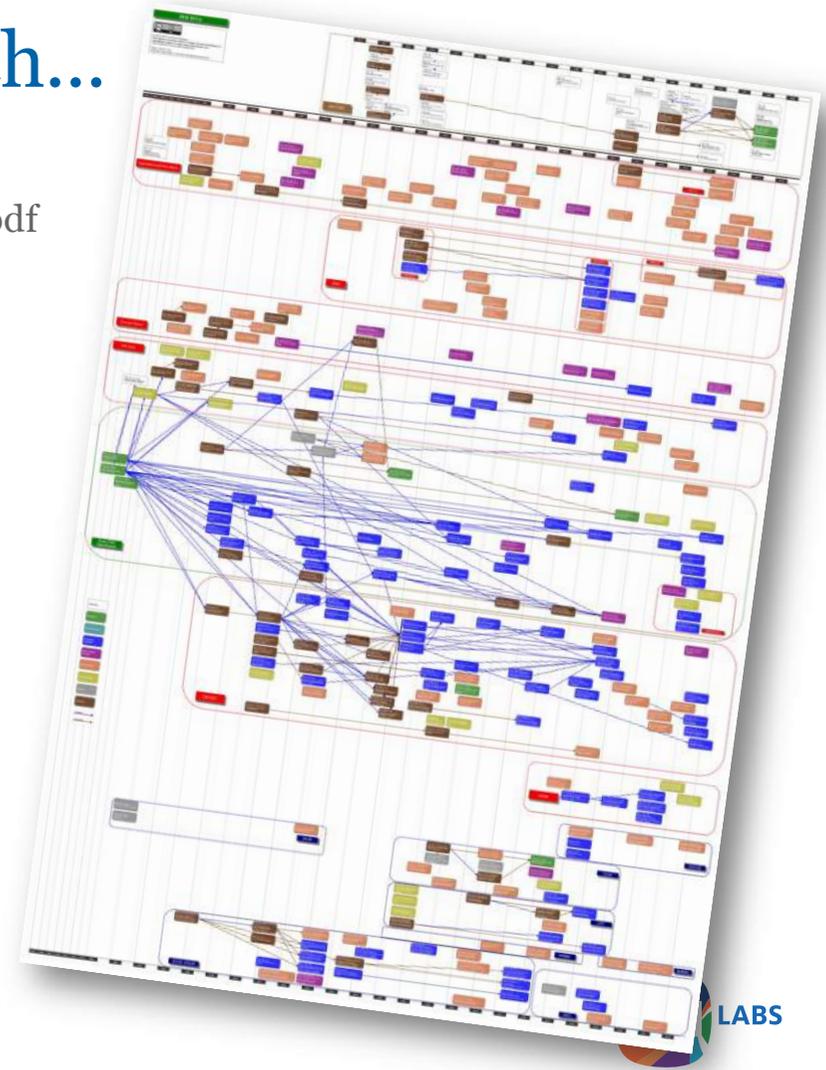
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Some good words on this are in RFC 8324

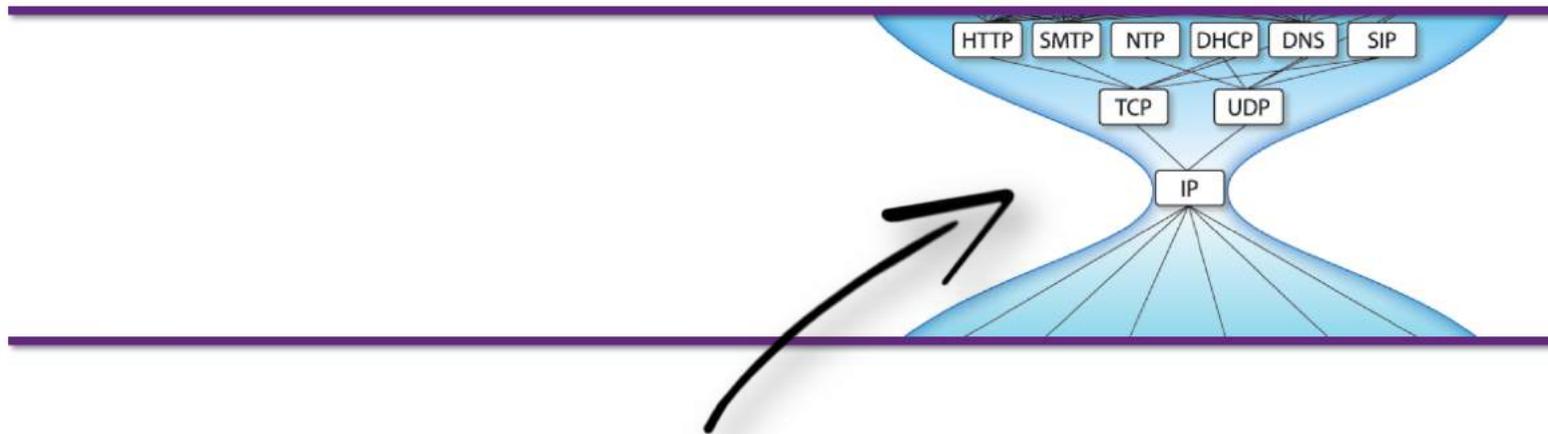
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/101/materials/slides-101-dnsop-sessa-the-dns-camel-01>

DNS(SEC)

See also: <https://powerdns.org/dns-camel/>



Names and numbers



Names and numbers

Do you recognize these?

192.168.0.1

192.168.1.1

192.168.100.1

192.168.2.1



<https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc1918>

Names and number

A 'global' IP address

198.51.100.123

But this one?

2001:db8::198:51:100:123



Names and numbers

Good to know:

*Every device connected directly to the Internet
requires a unique* IP address.*

* exception: anycast



Control of IP address space issuance



The mission of ICANN is to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems

ICANN (the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers)



<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/>

Control of IP address space issuance (and more)

DNS space



AS numbers
IP space

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'Global number registries'

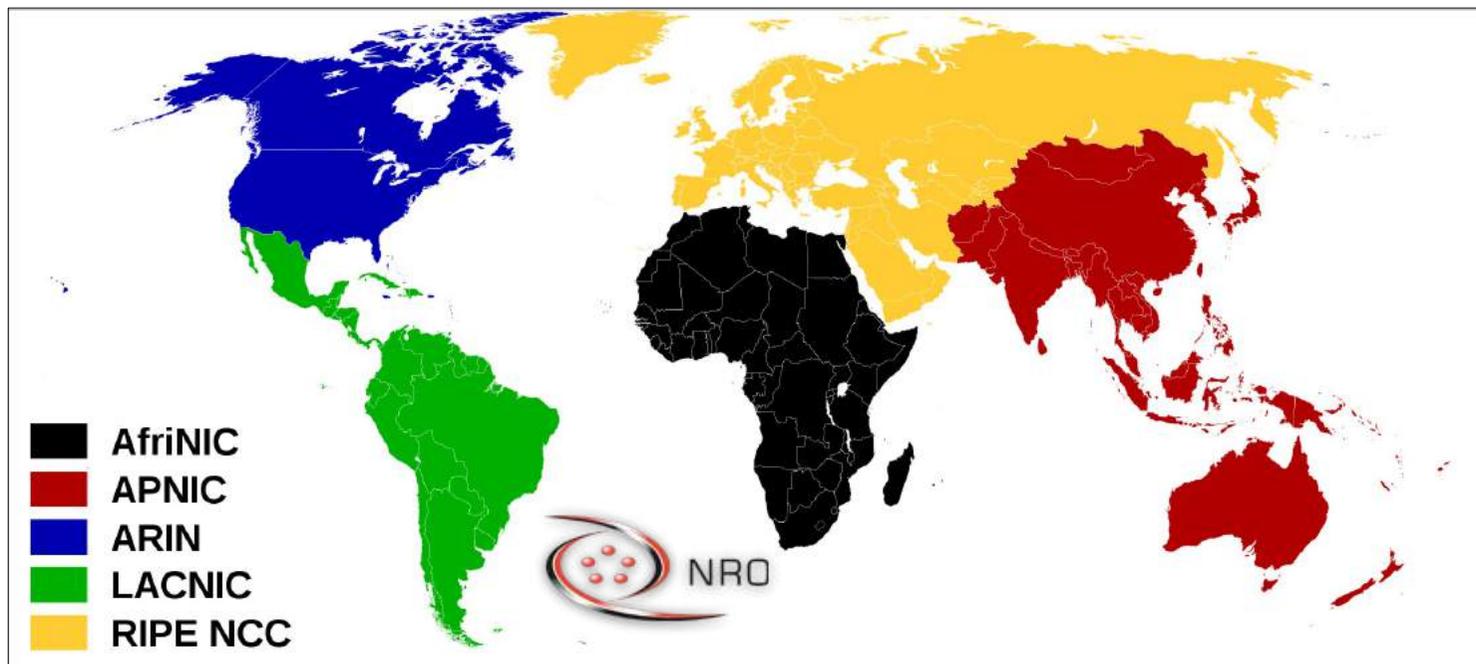
ICANN (the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers)



Issueance of IP address space

<https://www.iana.org/assignments/ipv4-address-space/>

<https://www.iana.org/assignments/ipv6-address-space/>



IANA (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority) → RIRs → LIRs

<https://www.nro.net/>



But ICANN does more (top level domains)

<https://www.iana.org/domains/root/db>

Root Zone Database

The Root Zone Database represents the delegation details of top-level domains, including gTLDs such as .com, and country-code TLDs such as .uk. As the manager of the DNS root zone, we are responsible for coordinating these delegations in accordance with our [policies and procedures](#).

Much of this data is also available via the WHOIS protocol at whois.iana.org.



Internet Assigned Numbers Authority



<https://www.iana.org/>

And ICANN does even more (protocol assignments)

<https://www.iana.org/assignments/dns-parameters/dns-parameters.xhtml#dns-parameters-12>

DNS Header Flags



Internet Assigned Numbers Authority

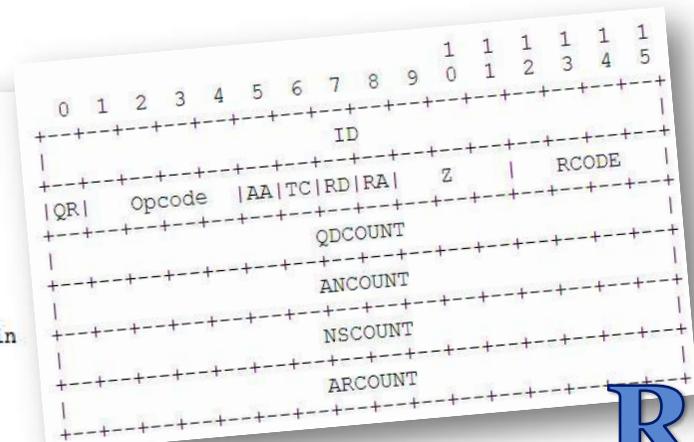
Registration Procedure(s)
Standards Action

Reference
[\[RFC6895\]](#)[\[RFC1035\]](#)

Note
In DNS query header there is a flag field in the second 16 bit word in query from bit 5 through bit 11 ([\[RFC1035\]](#) section 4.1.1)

Available Formats
 CSV

Bit	Flag	Description	Reference
bit 5	AA	Authoritative Answer	[RFC1035]
bit 6	TC	Truncated Response	[RFC1035]
bit 7	RD	Recursion Desired	[RFC1035]
bit 8	RA	Recursion Available	[RFC1035]
bit 9		Reserved	
bit 10	AD	Authentic Data	[RFC4035] [RFC6840] [RFC Errata]
bit 11	CD	Checking Disabled	[RFC4035] [RFC6840] [RFC Errata]



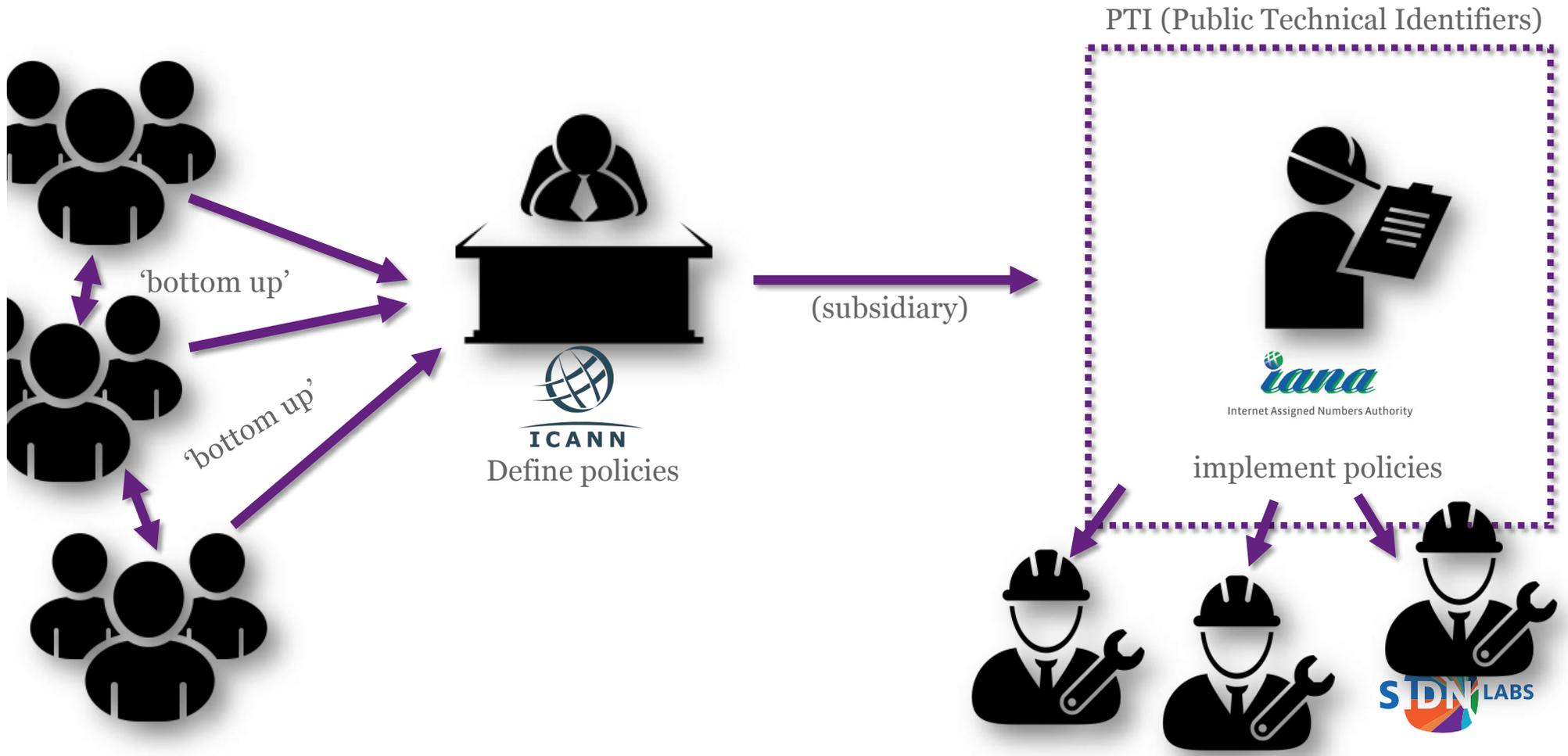
RFC

6. IANA Considerations

[RFC4034] contains a review of the IANA considerations introduced by DNSSEC. The following are additional IANA considerations discussed in this document:

[RFC2535] reserved the CD and AD bits in the message header. The meaning of the AD bit was redefined in [RFC3655], and the meaning of both the CD and AD bit are restated in this document. No new bits in the DNS message header are defined in this document.

Overview ICANN / IANA



(back to) Names and numbers

www.example.nl

This will be familiar.

And what do we see here?

www.sidn.team



(back to) Names and numbers

www.example.испытание

What about this one?

www.日本レジストリサービス.jp



(back to) Names and numbers

www.bücher.de

Allowed or...?

www.café.nl

www.café.be

Internationalized domain name (IDN)

www.bücher.de
www.xn--bcher-kva.de

IDNA / punycode / ACE-string

www.café.be
www.xn--caf-dma.be

Leestip: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IDN_homograph_attack



Names and numbers

And have you ever seen these ones?

marco-gw.home.arpa

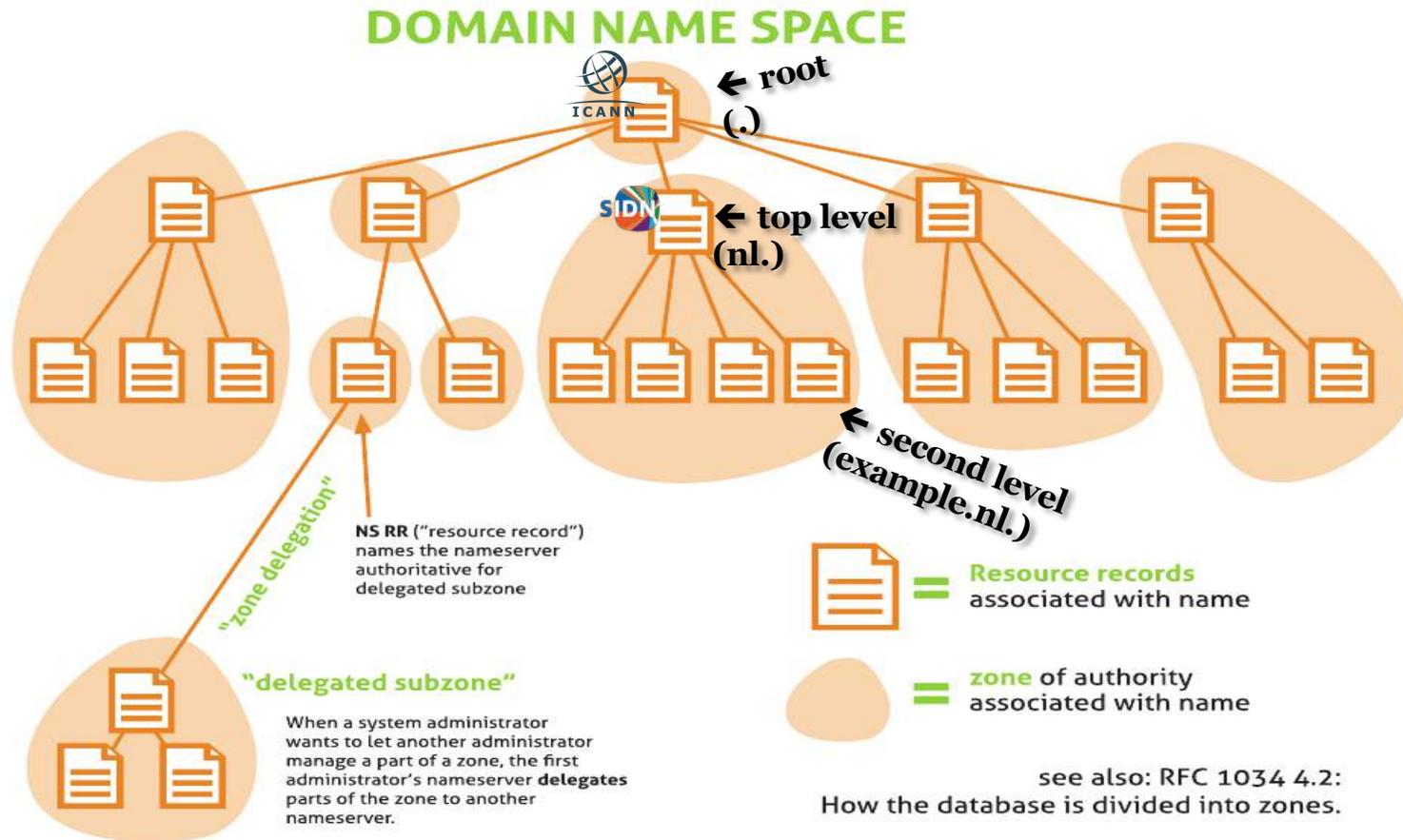
darknetsite.onion

e164.arpa

eat.kiwi



Domain Name System (DNS)

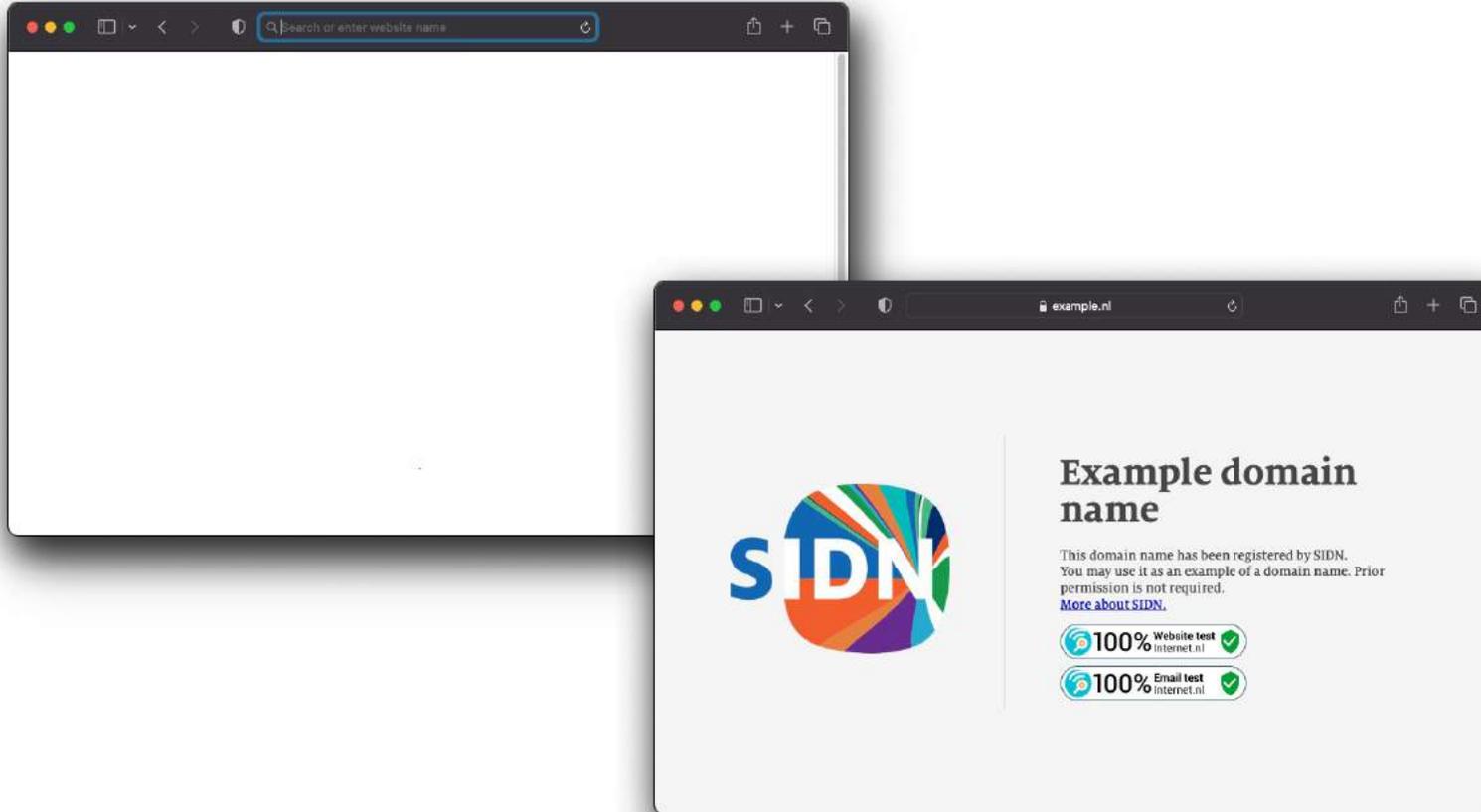


About DNS

- DNS is a kind of ‘internet signage’
- Some compare it with a telephone directory
- You know the name (sidn.nl), your browser can't do much with it
- Your browser wants the IP address (2600:1901:0:7947::0)
- DNS makes this possible



How do you get from blank page to website?



DNS: What happens when you surf to <http://example.nl>?



Local user

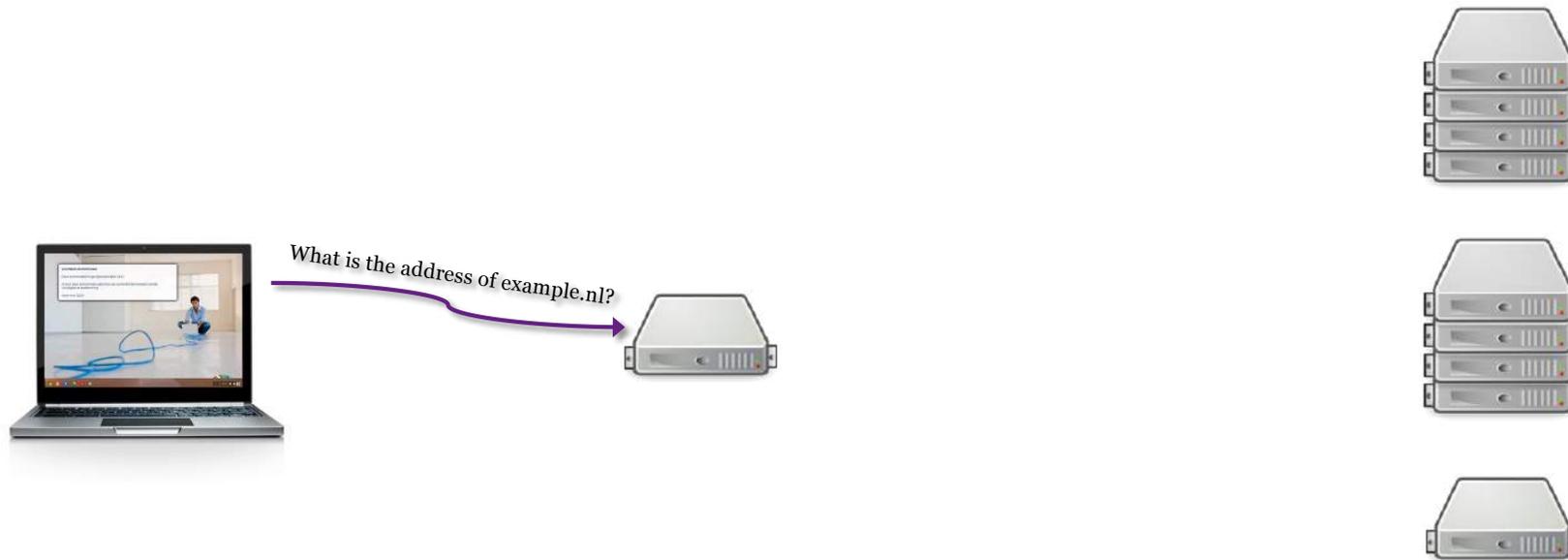


Resolver

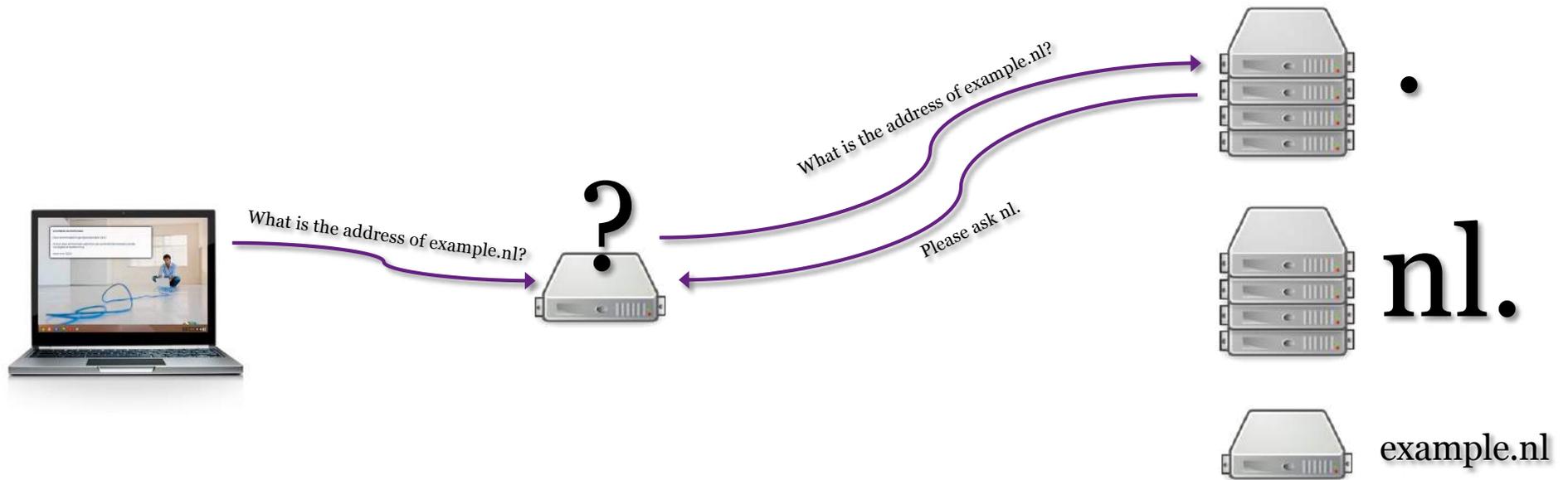


Autoritatieve name servers

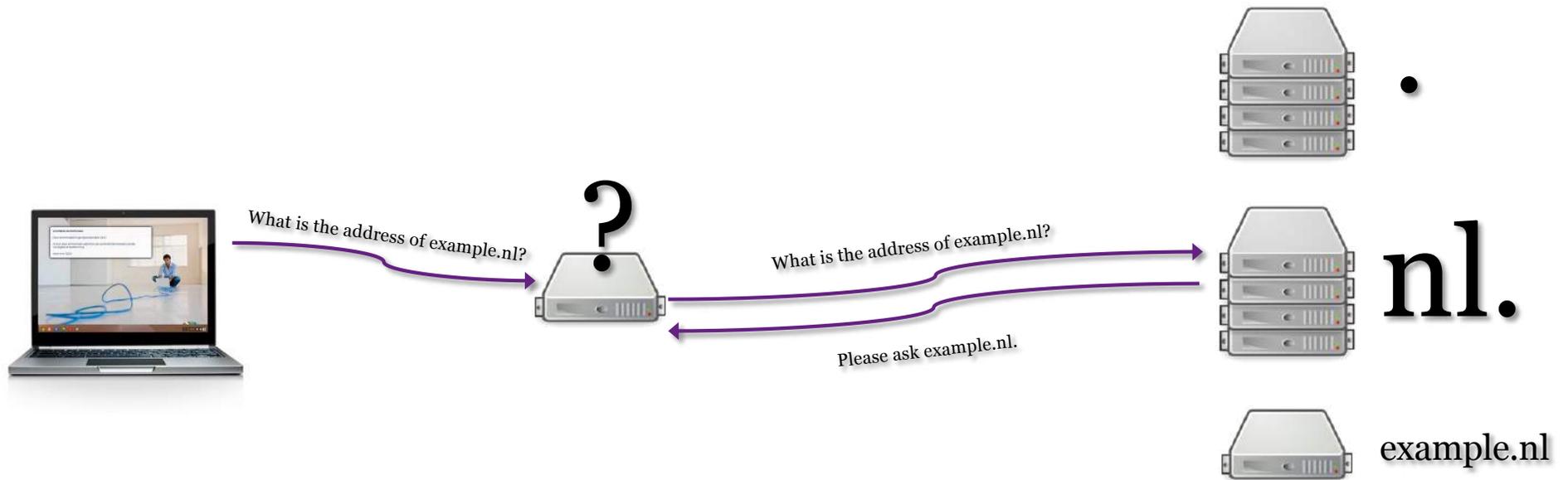
DNS: The 'stub-resolver' asks a question to the 'resolver'...



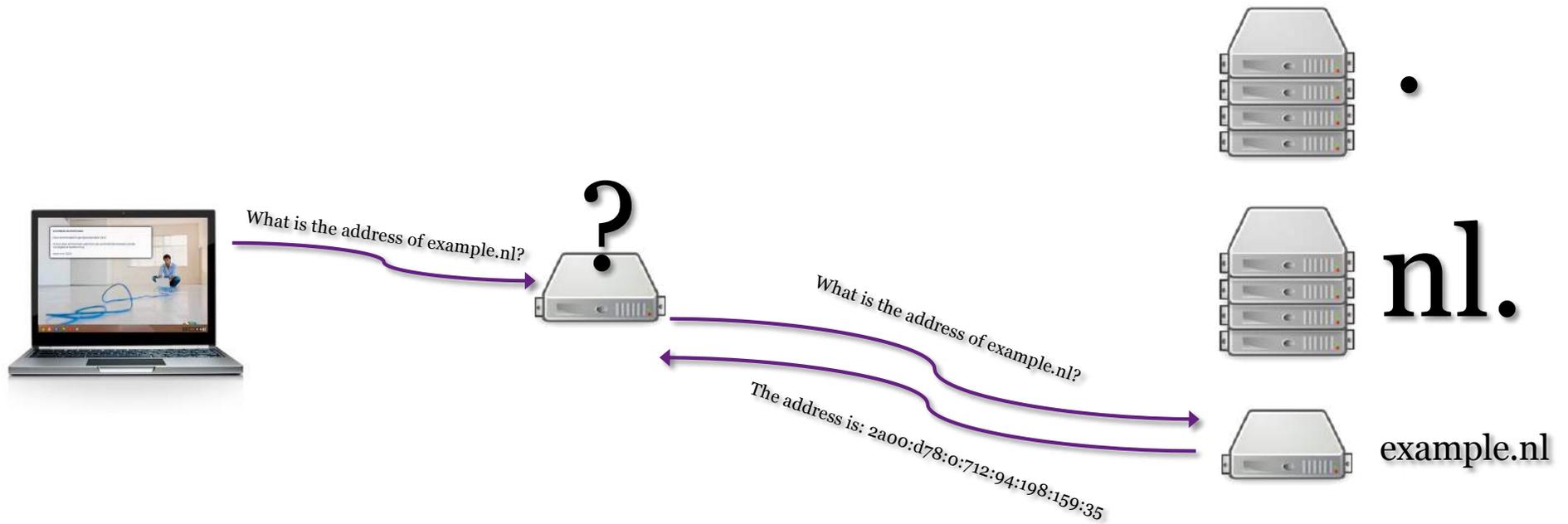
DNS: The resolver starts looking for the answer...



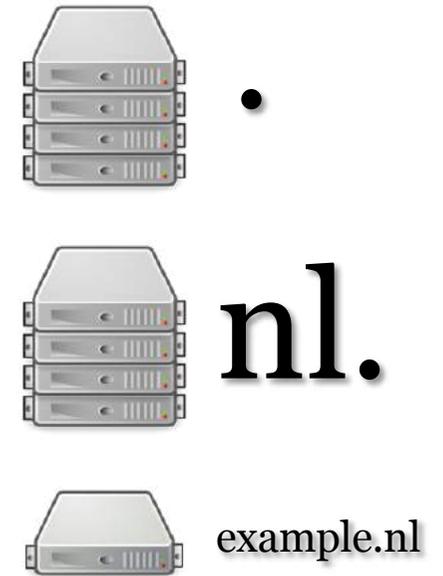
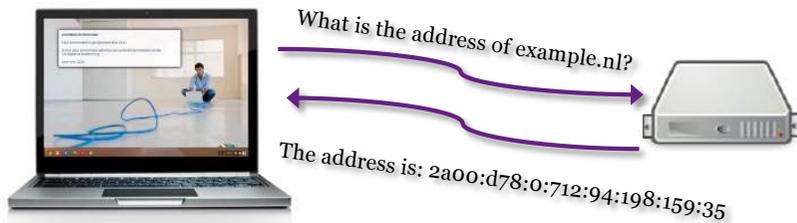
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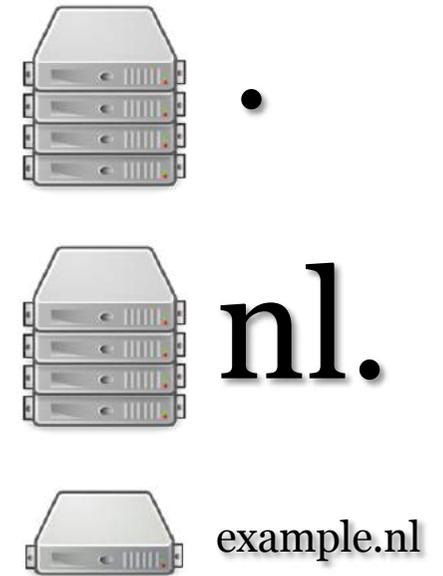
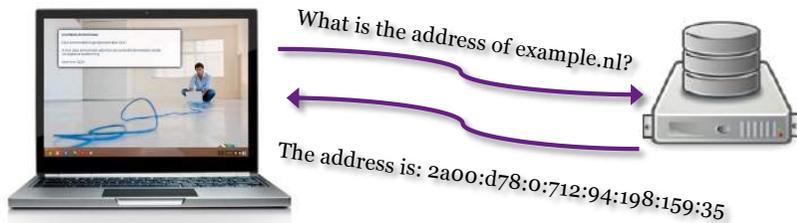
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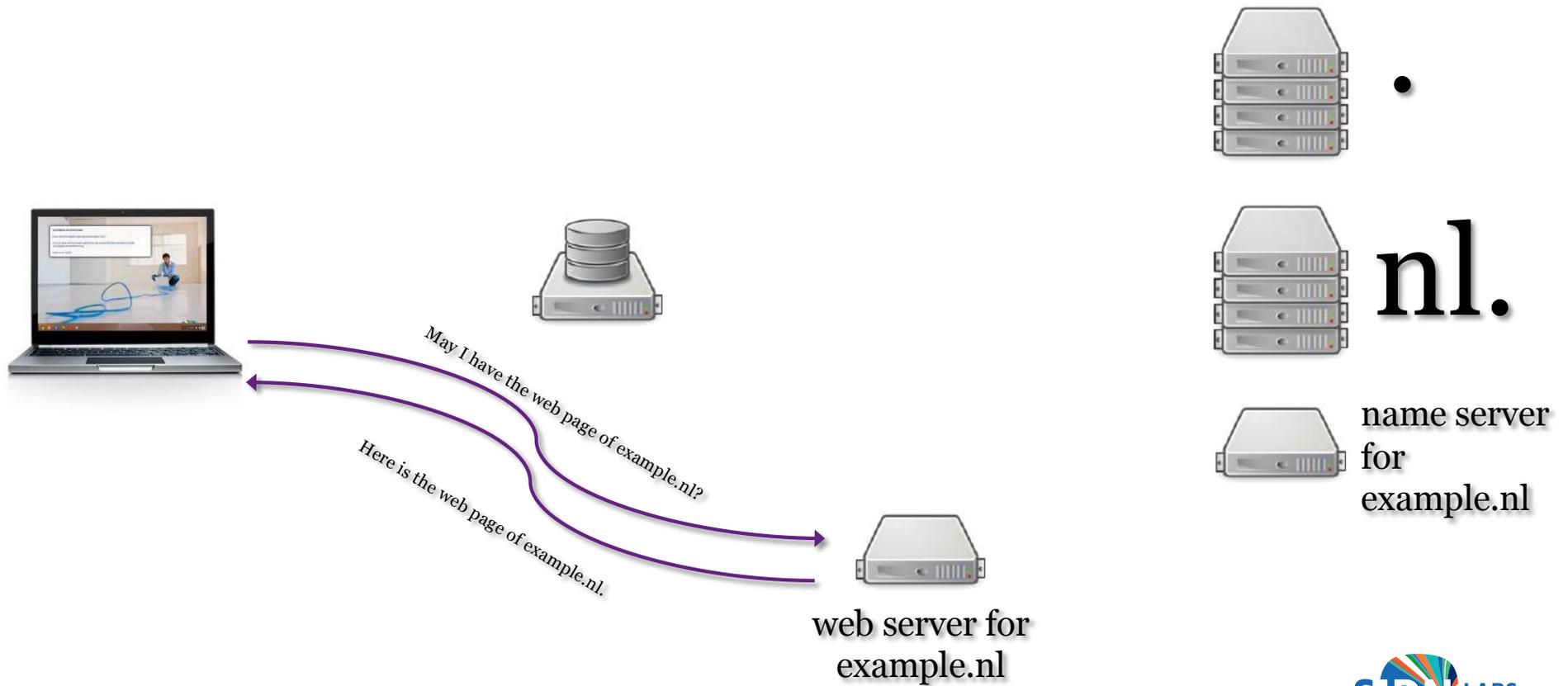
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DNSSEC



About DNSSEC

Workings:

- DNS responses are digitally signed
- These digital signatures are checked by the resolver
- If the answer has been tampered with, the signature is incorrect



What could go wrong?



Local user



Resolver

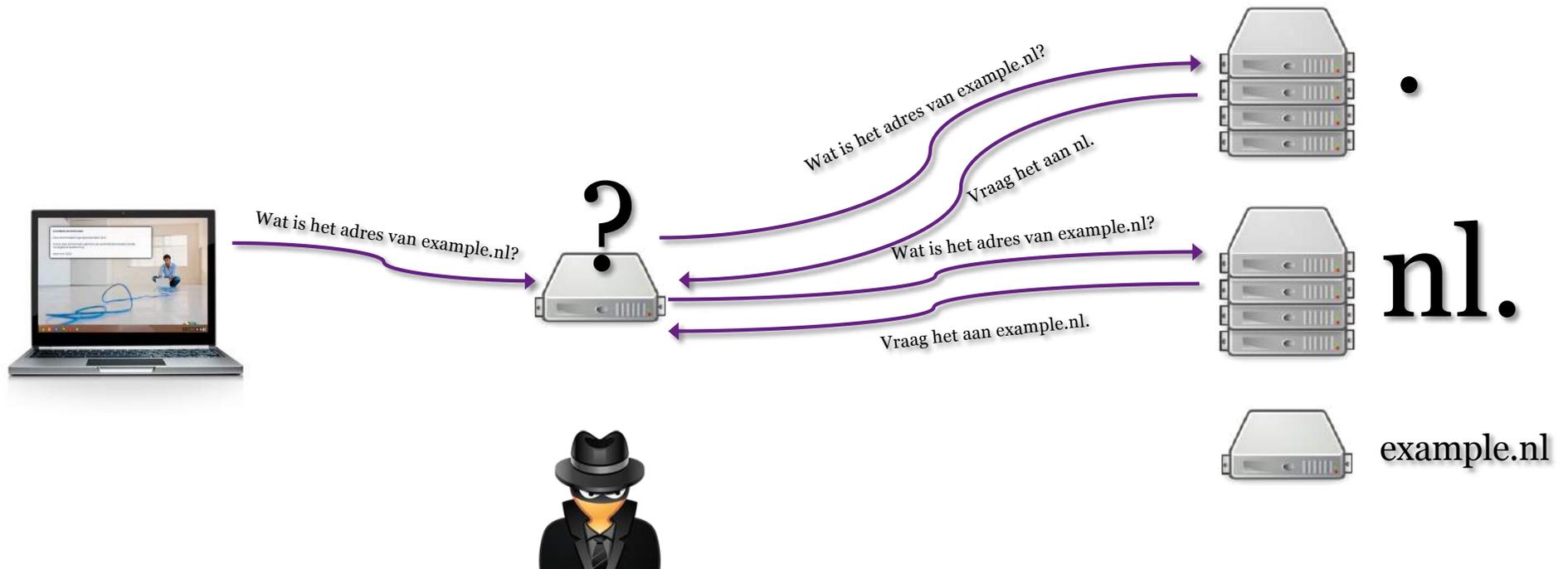


Malicious hacker

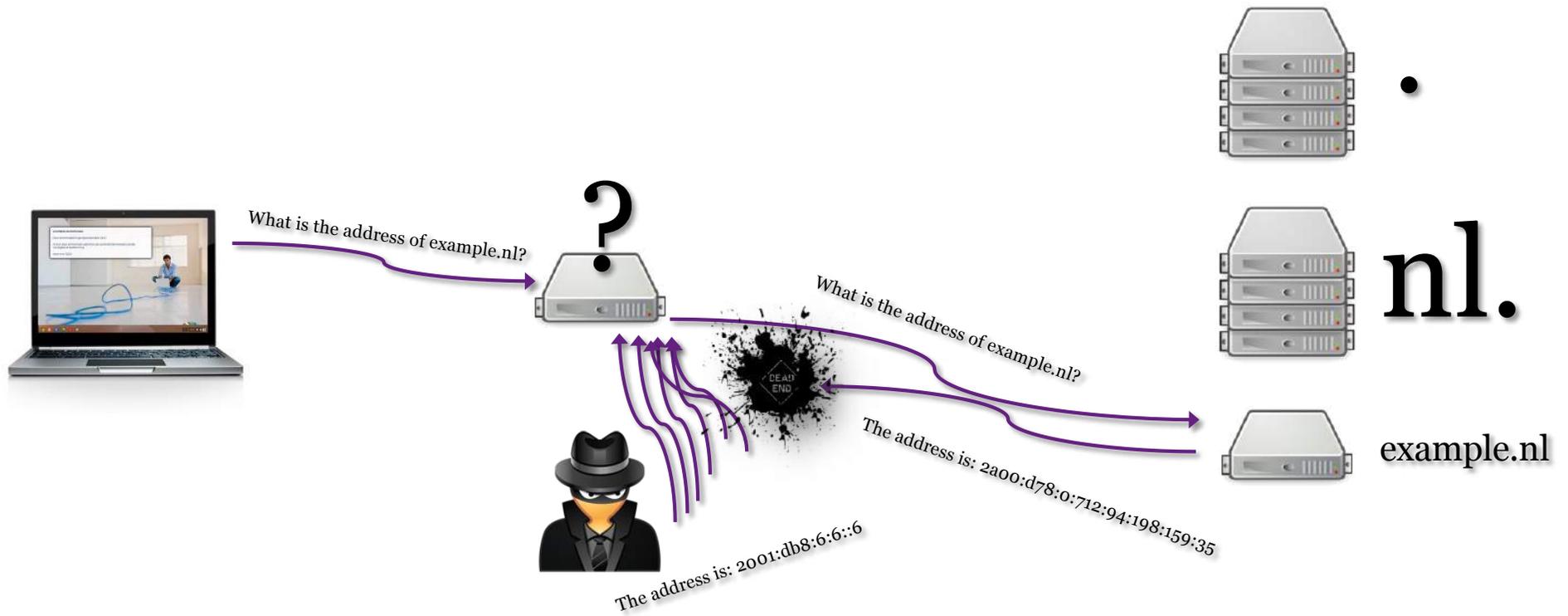


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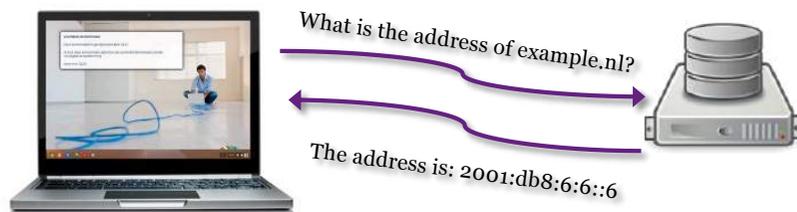
De resolver gaat op zoek naar het antwoord...



Lots of fake answers!



The resolver has fallen for a false answer...



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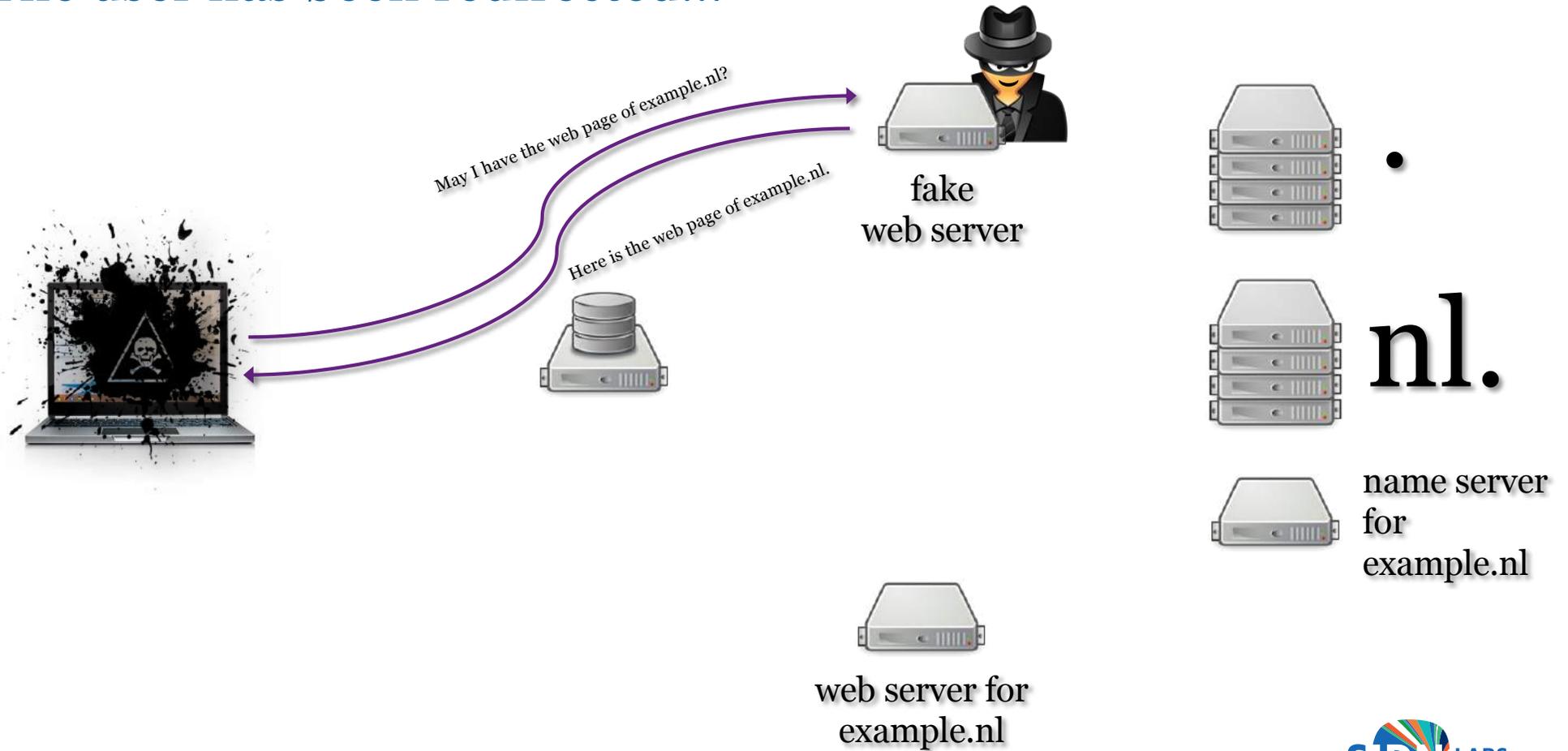


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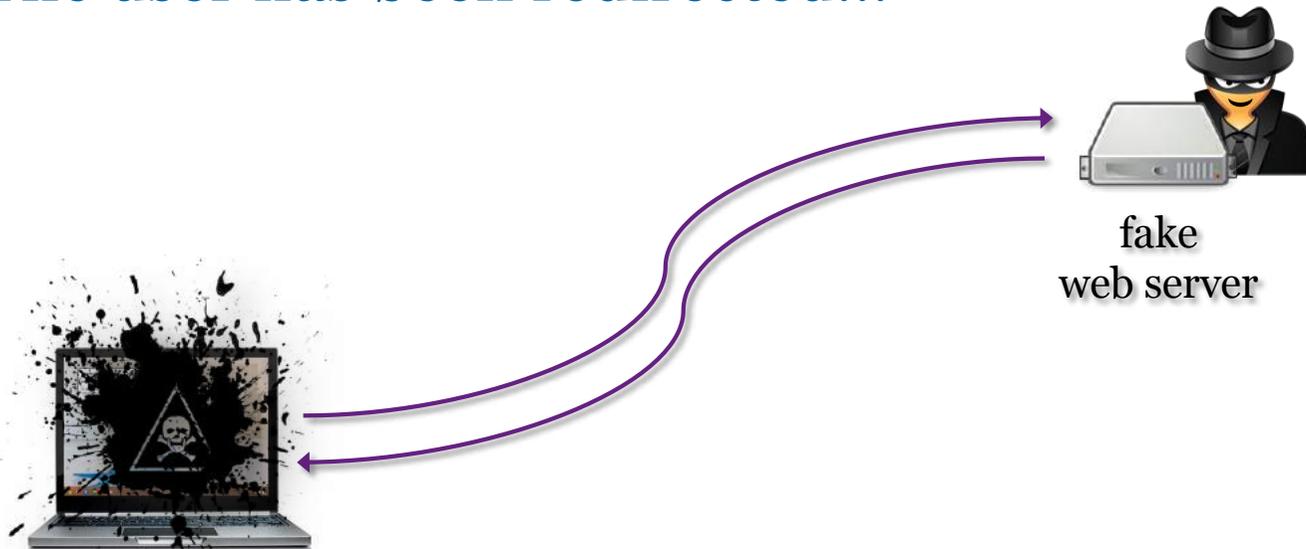


example.nl

The user has been redirected...



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Possible consequences:

- Interception (such as emails or passwords)
- Presenting fake content (including malware)
- All the consequences as a result
 - (financial damage, reputational damage, etc.)

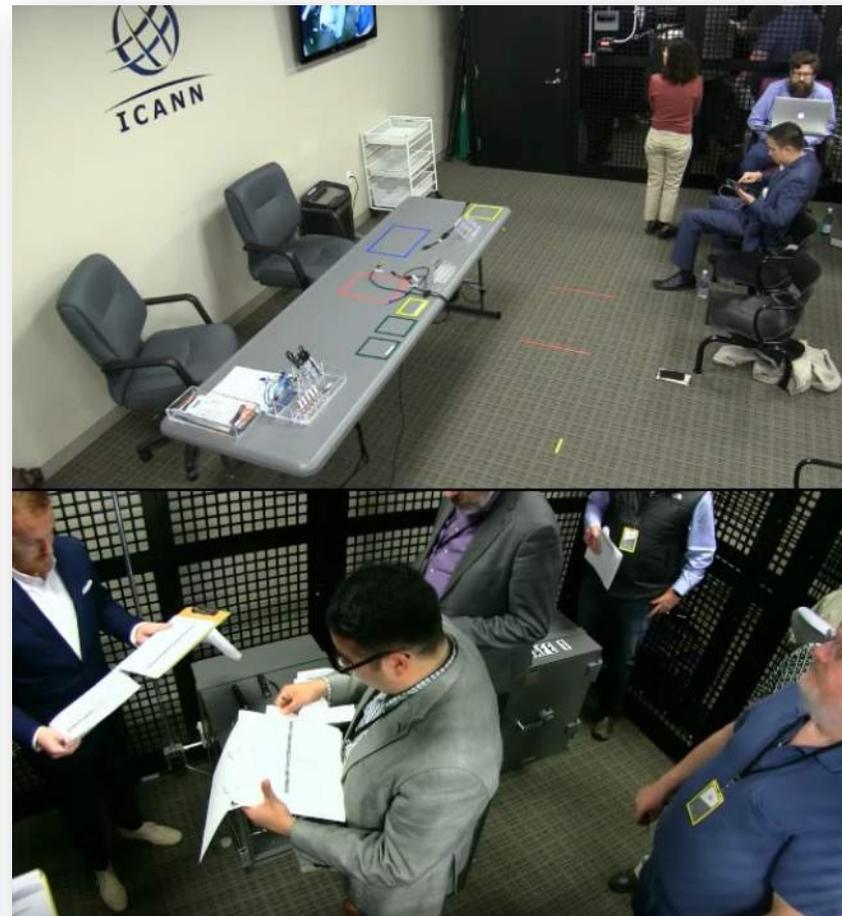
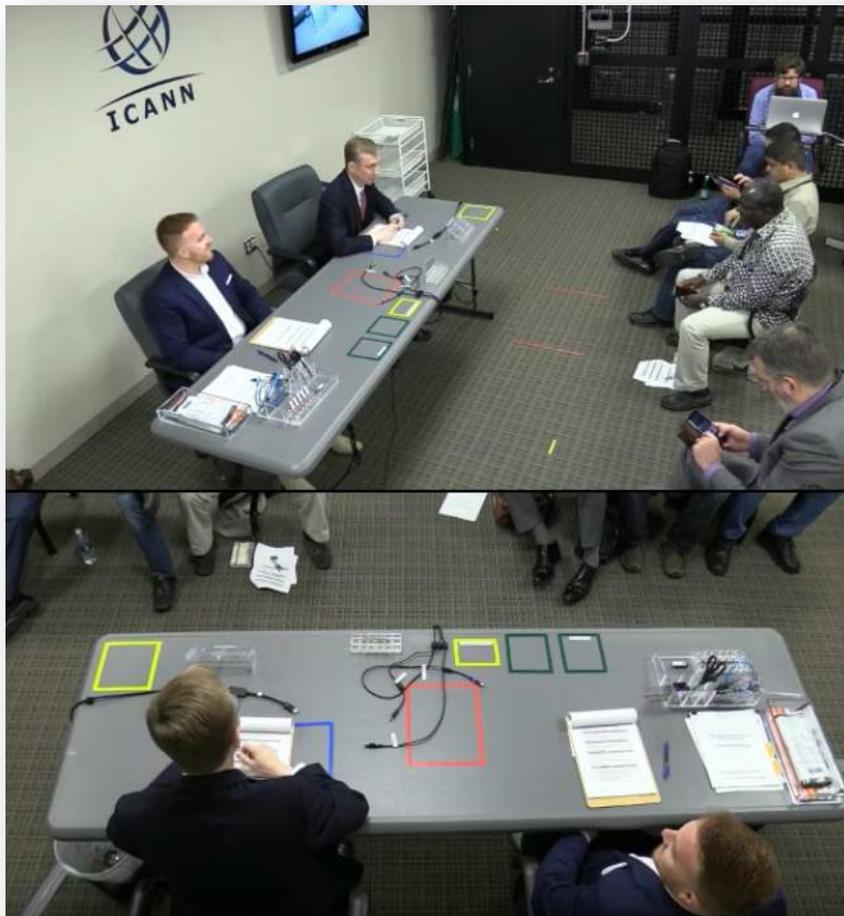
About DNSSEC

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;; ANSWER SECTION:  
example.nl.      3600 IN AAAA 2a00:d78::712:94:198:159:35  
example.nl.      3600 IN RRSIG AAAA 5 2 3600 20160514113814 (  
                20160414113121 15516 example.nl.  
                gFgoC1jh7AMNbxDmCfP2kxQ7FJt7rE1lAUshps1YIXLN  
                CA2T2z80xZMYUyAT9fx0Y0jVIbL6NVFiHAuQ3bz4xSsw  
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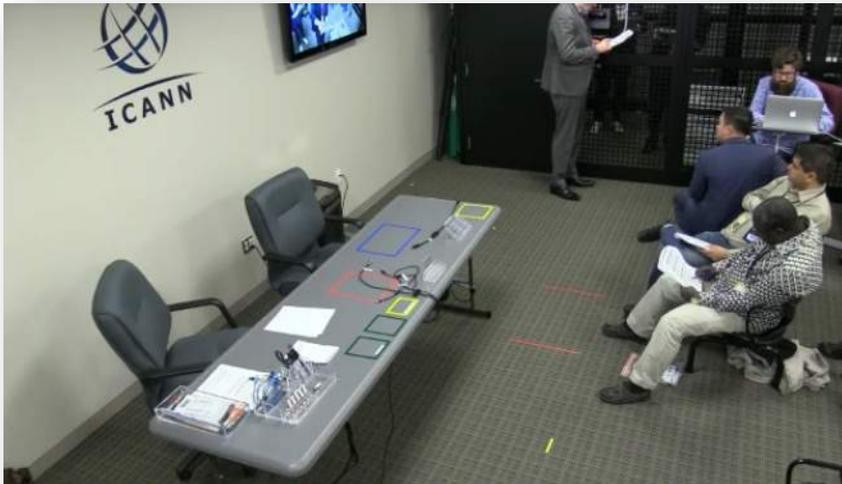
With DNSSEC,
every DNS response is provided with a digital signature,
so that the content can be checked for authenticity.

DNSSEC Key Signing Ceremony



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTxweLGjZSU>

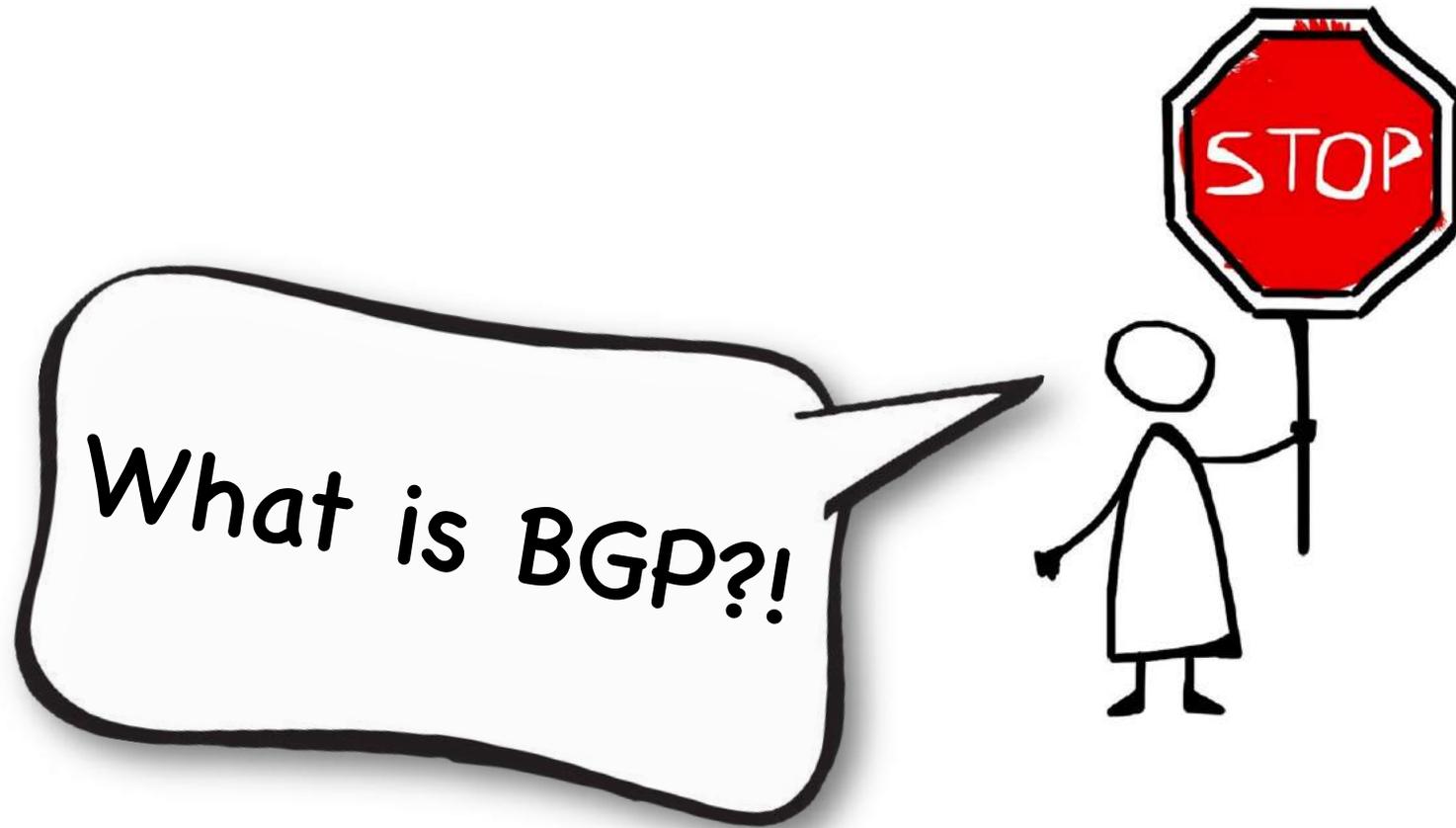
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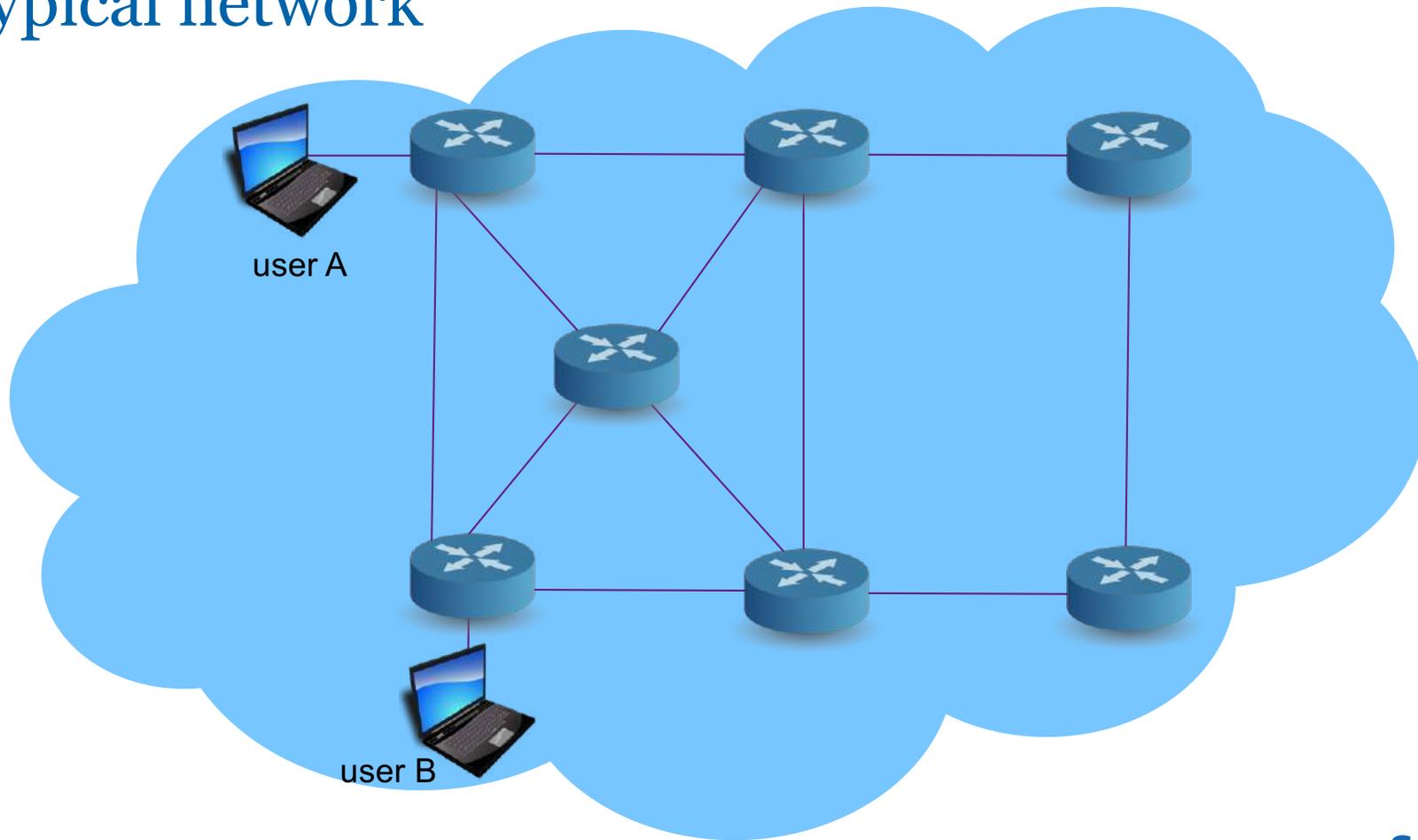
Open the Credential Safe #2

Step	Activity	Initials	Time
7.	CA and IW1 brings a flashlight then escorts SSC2, COs into the safe room.		
8.	SSC2 opens Safe #2 while shielding the combination from the camera.		
9.	SSC2 removes the existing safe log and shows the most recent page to the audit camera. SSC2 obtains the pre-printed safe log from IW1, then writes the date/time and signature on the safe log where "Open Safe" is indicated. IW1 verifies this entry, then initials it.		

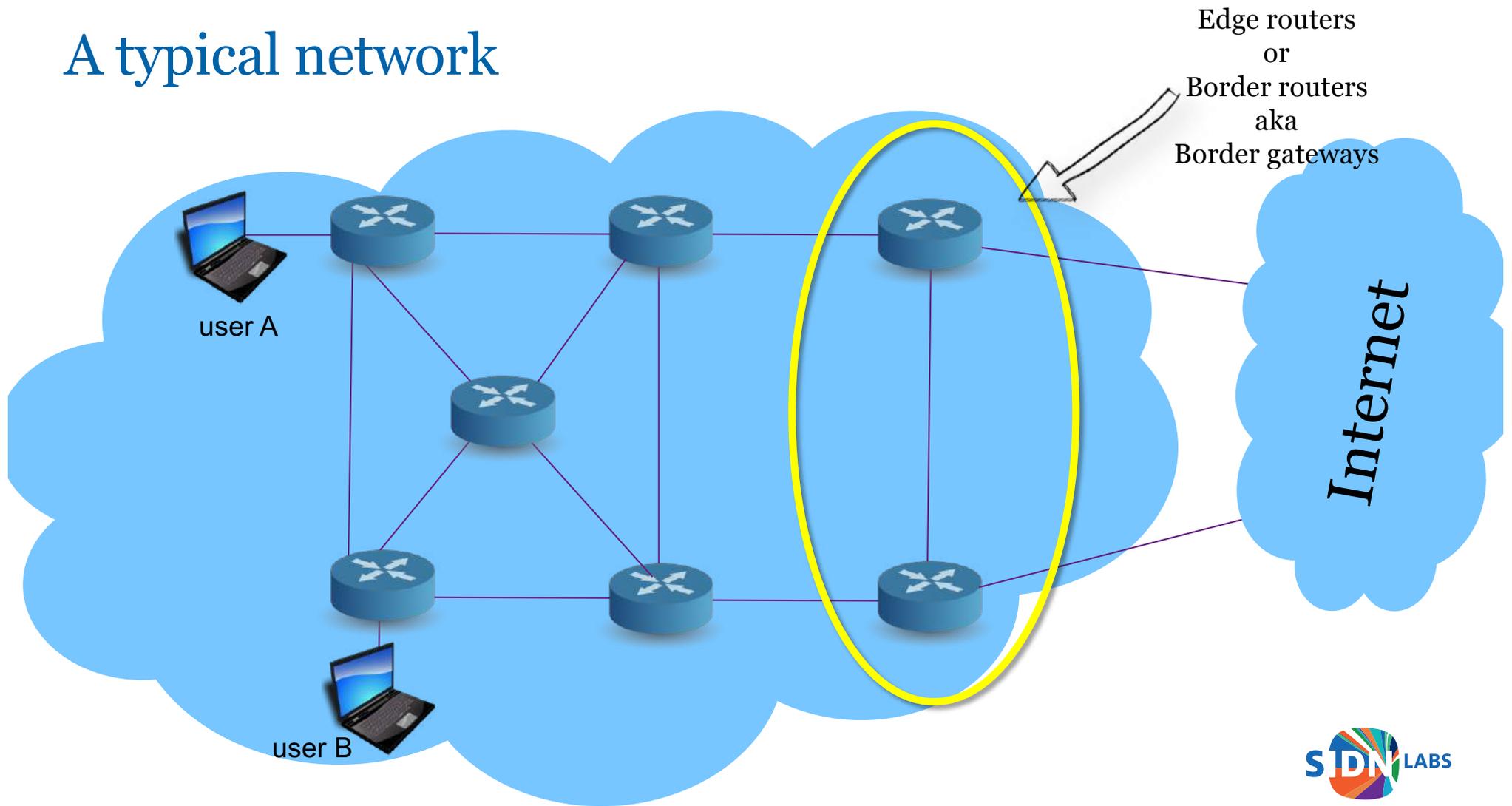
Part 2: Routing



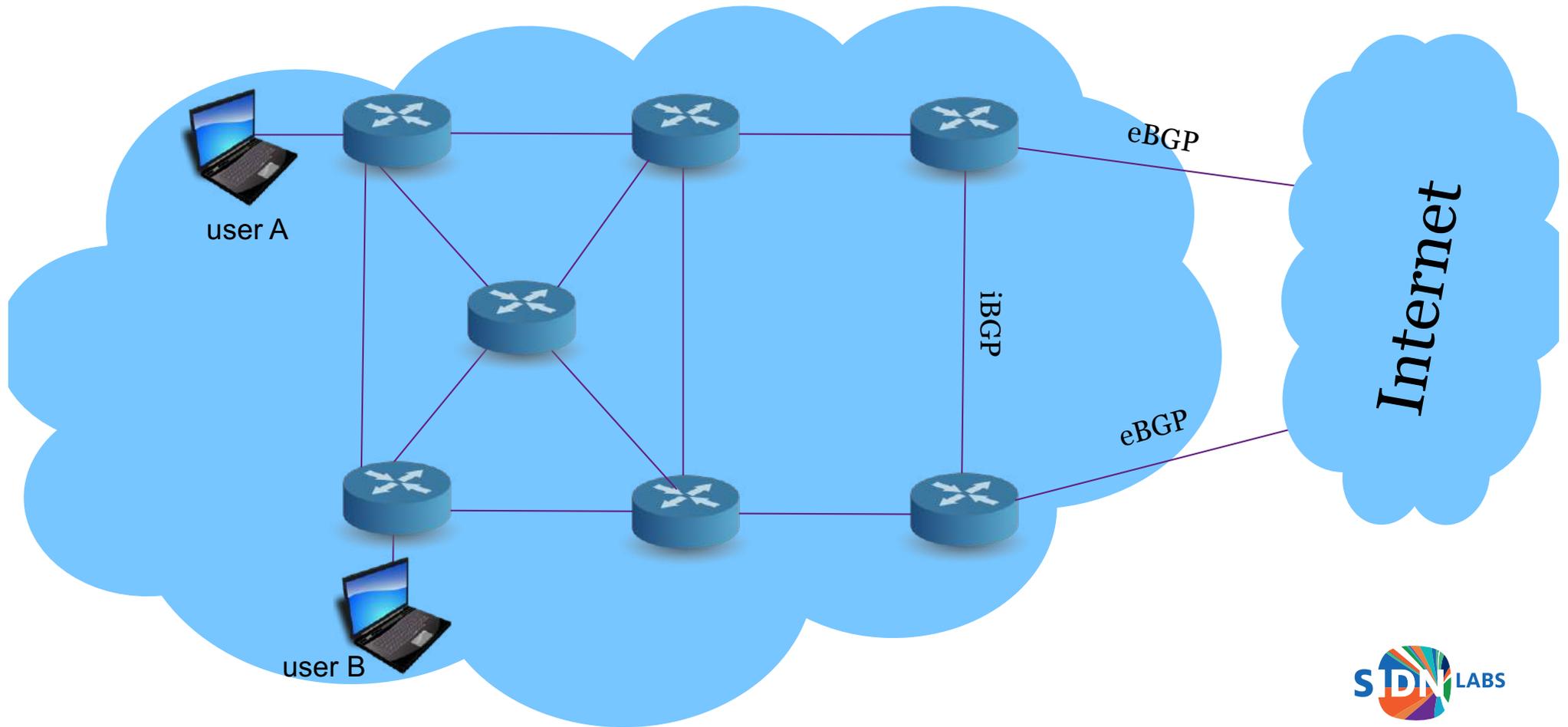
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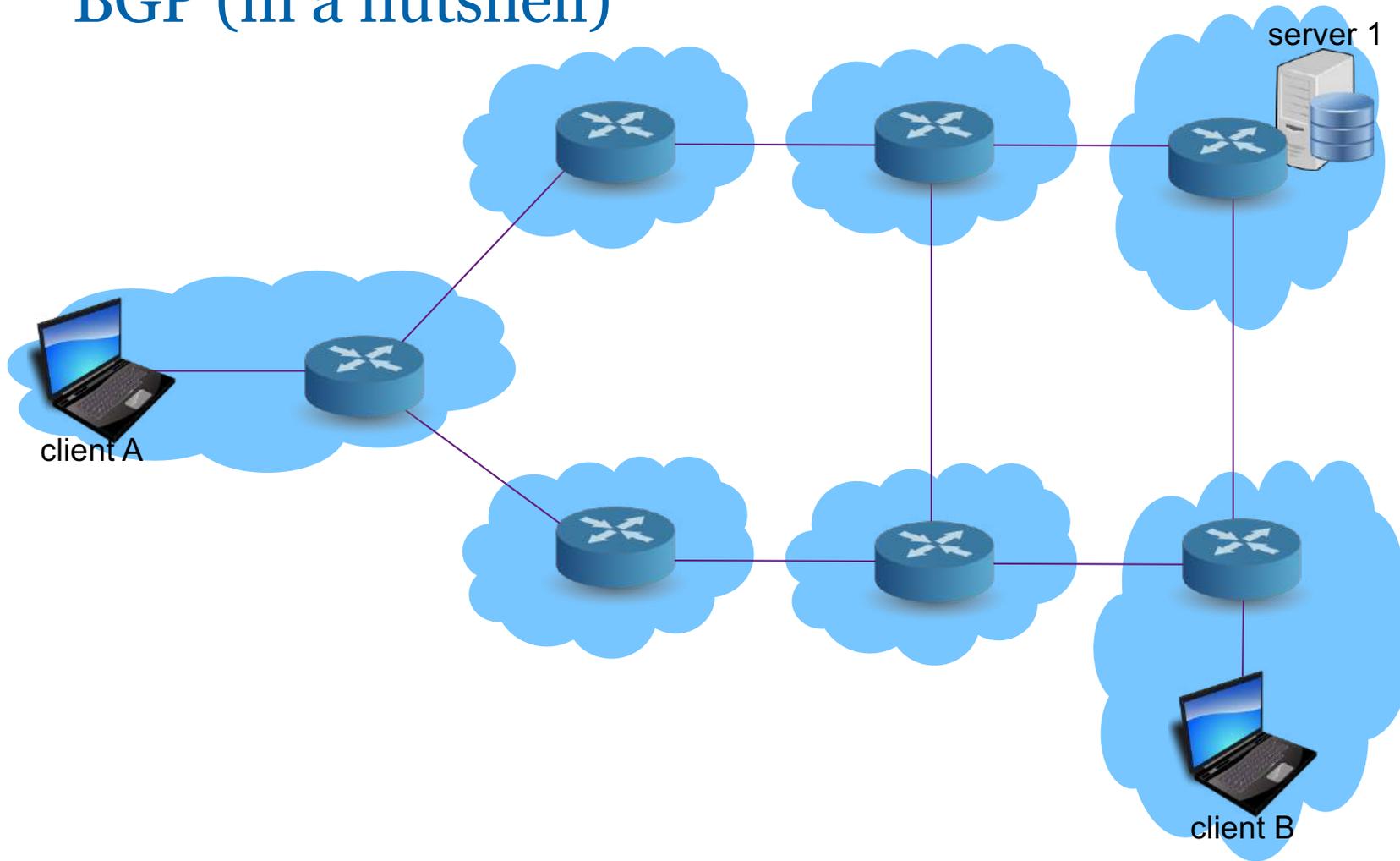
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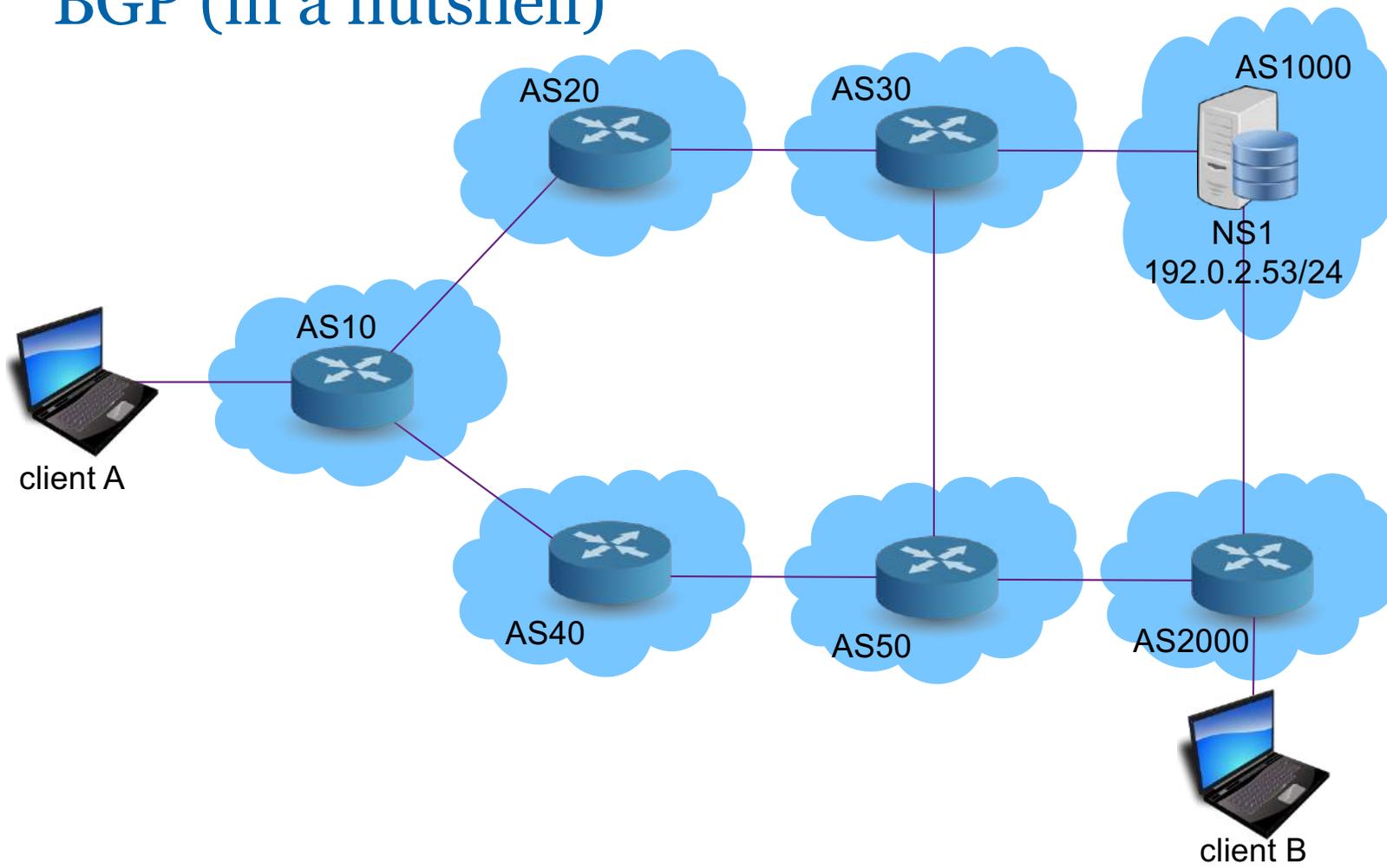
Average network



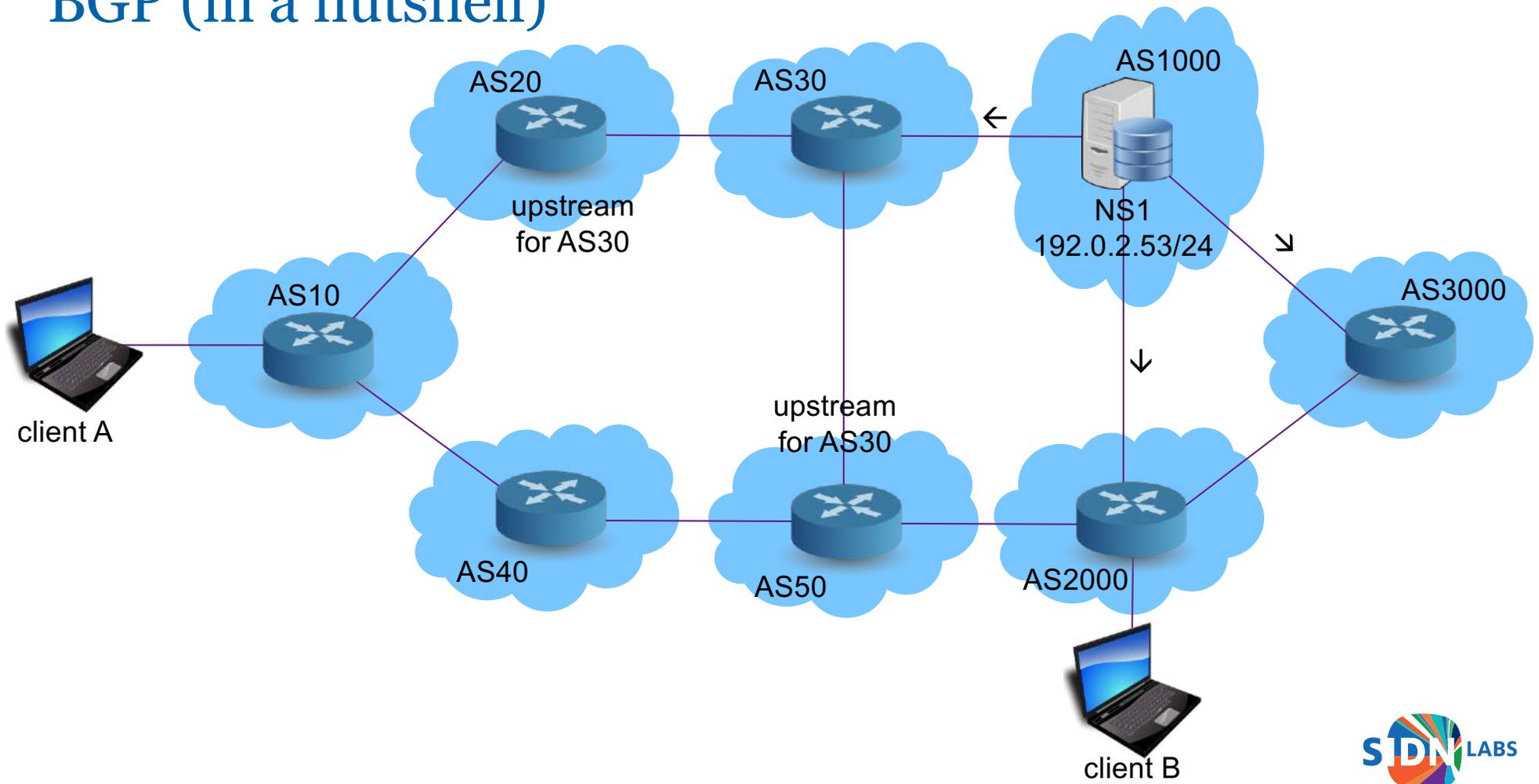
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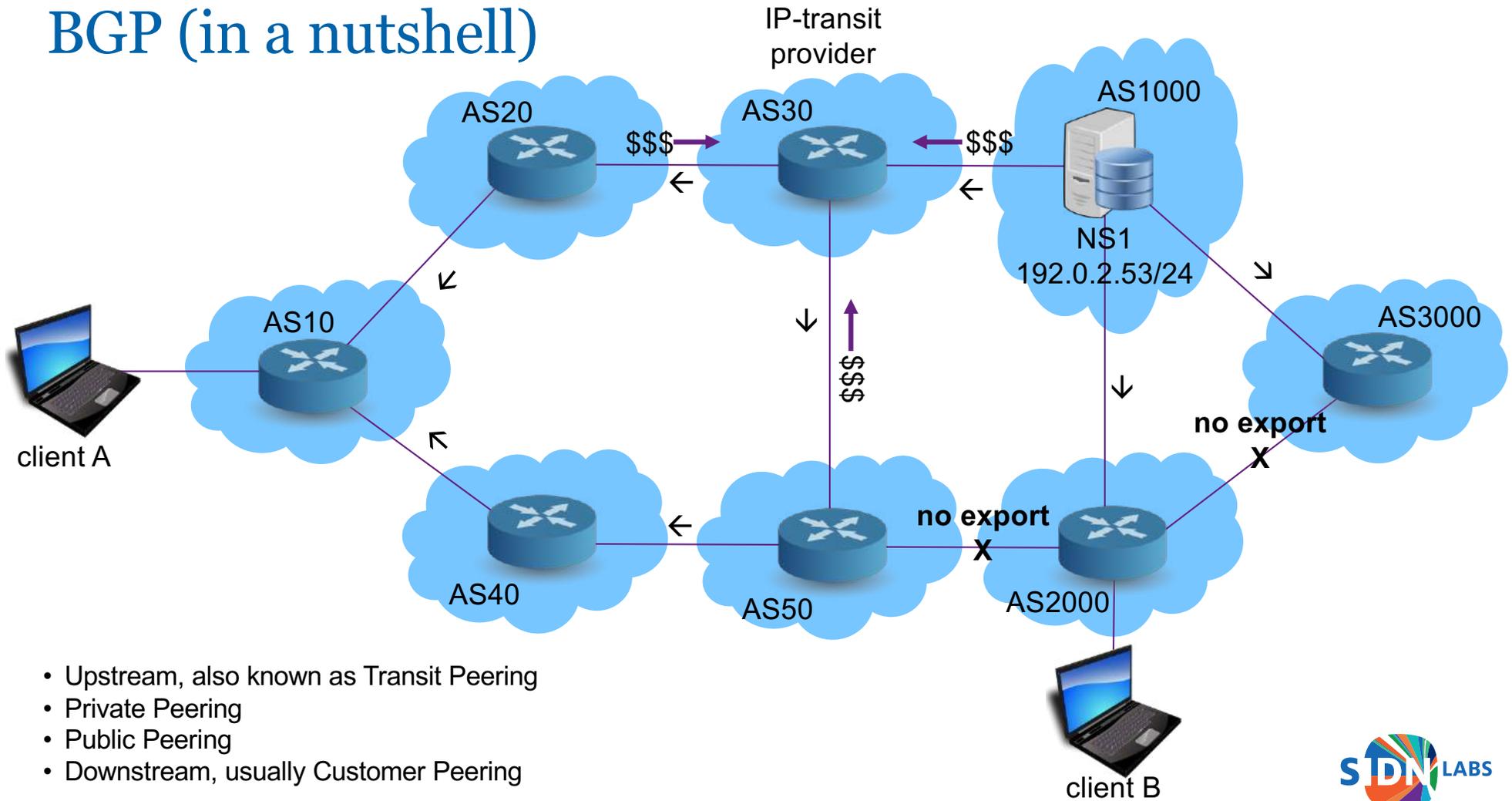
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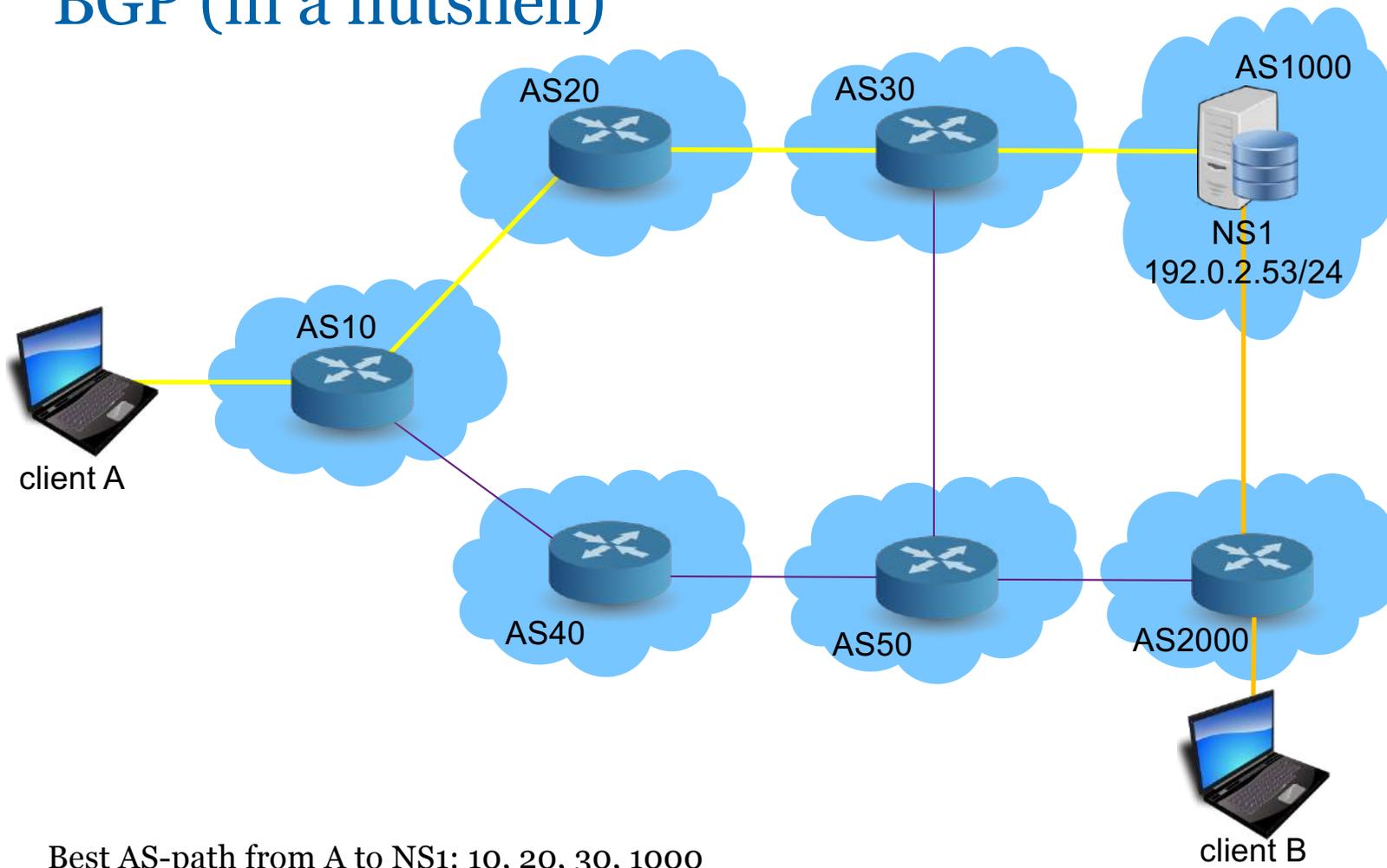


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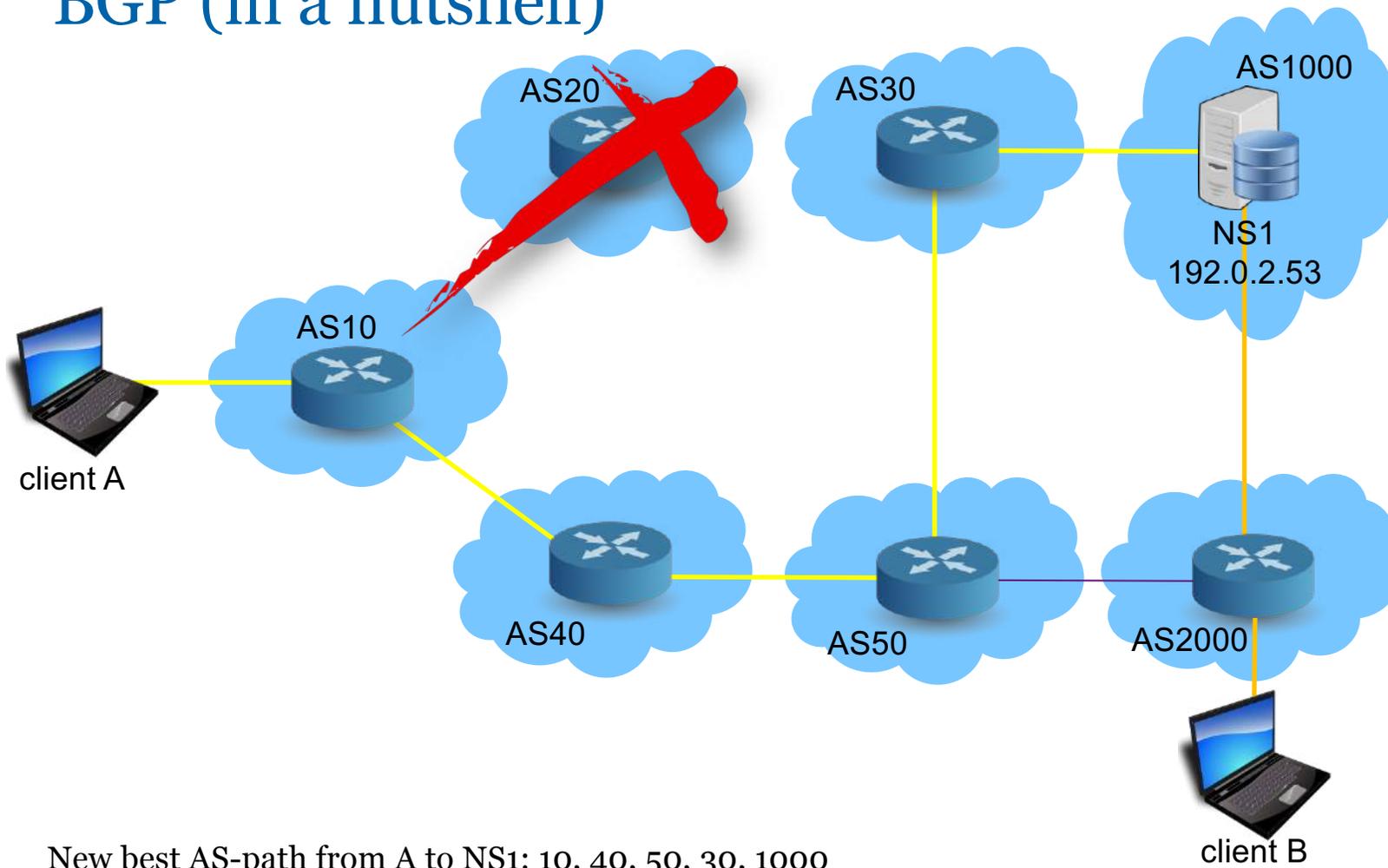


- Upstream, also known as Transit Peering
- Private Peering
- Public Peering
- Downstream, usually Customer Peering

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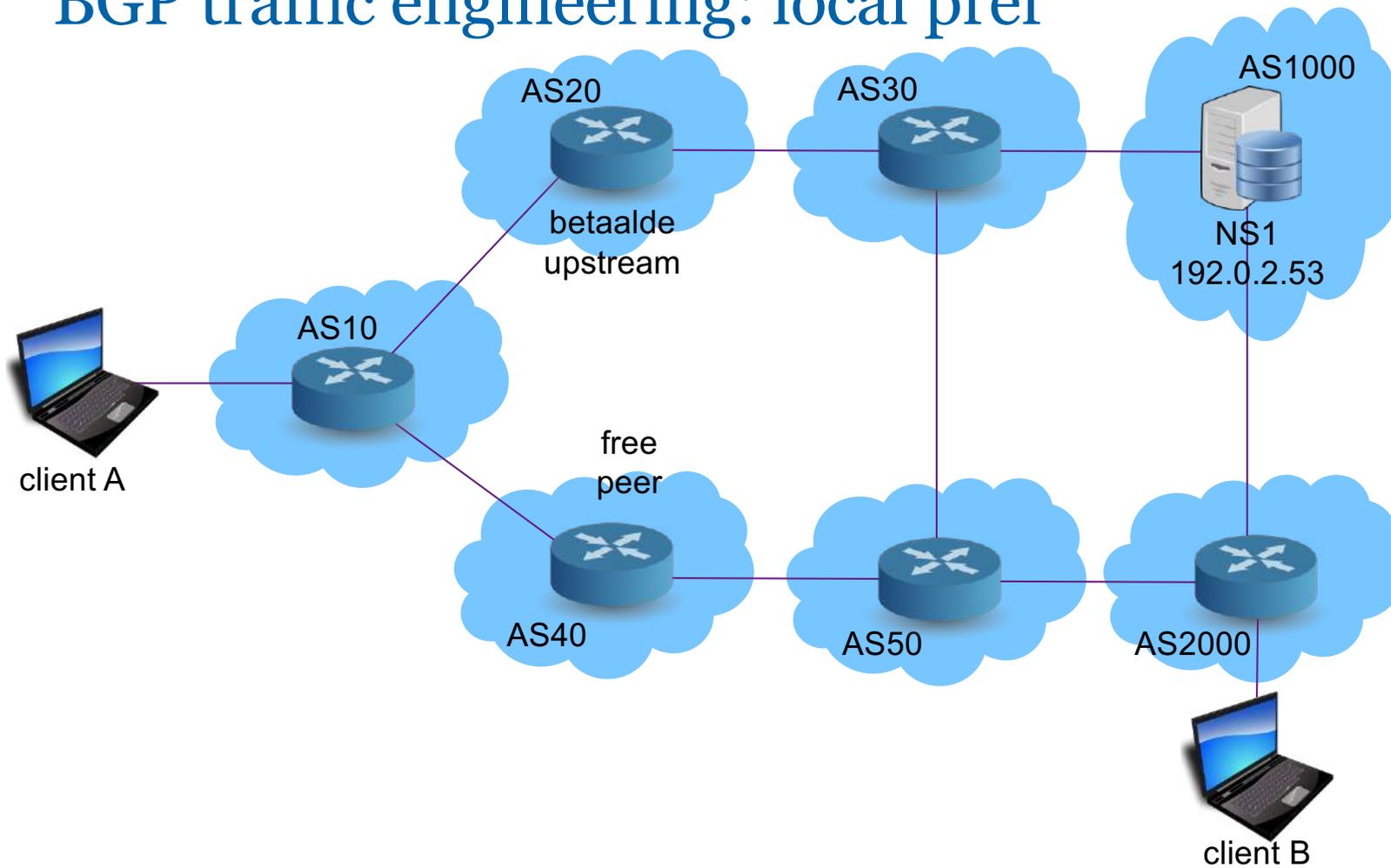
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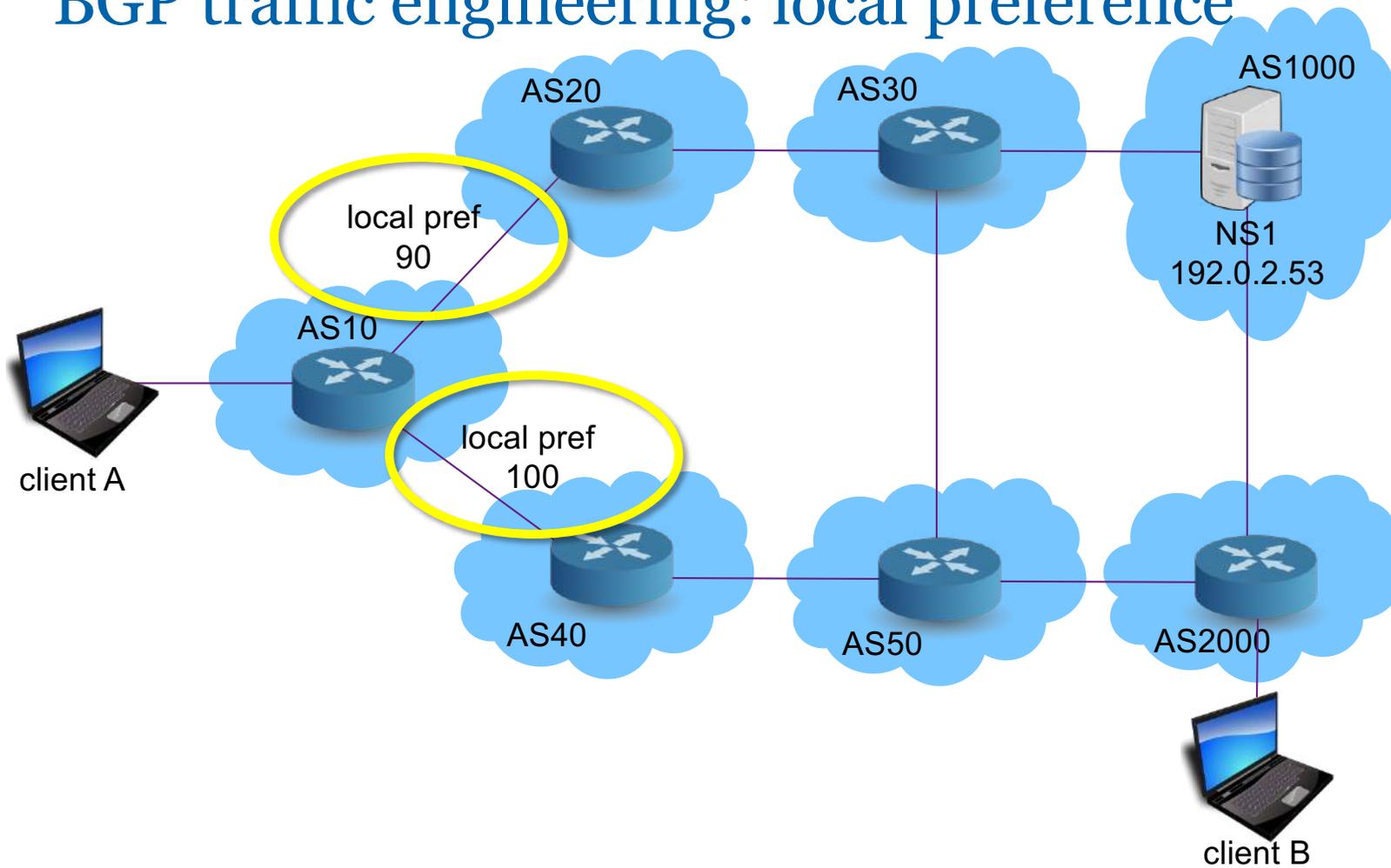
Traffic engineering



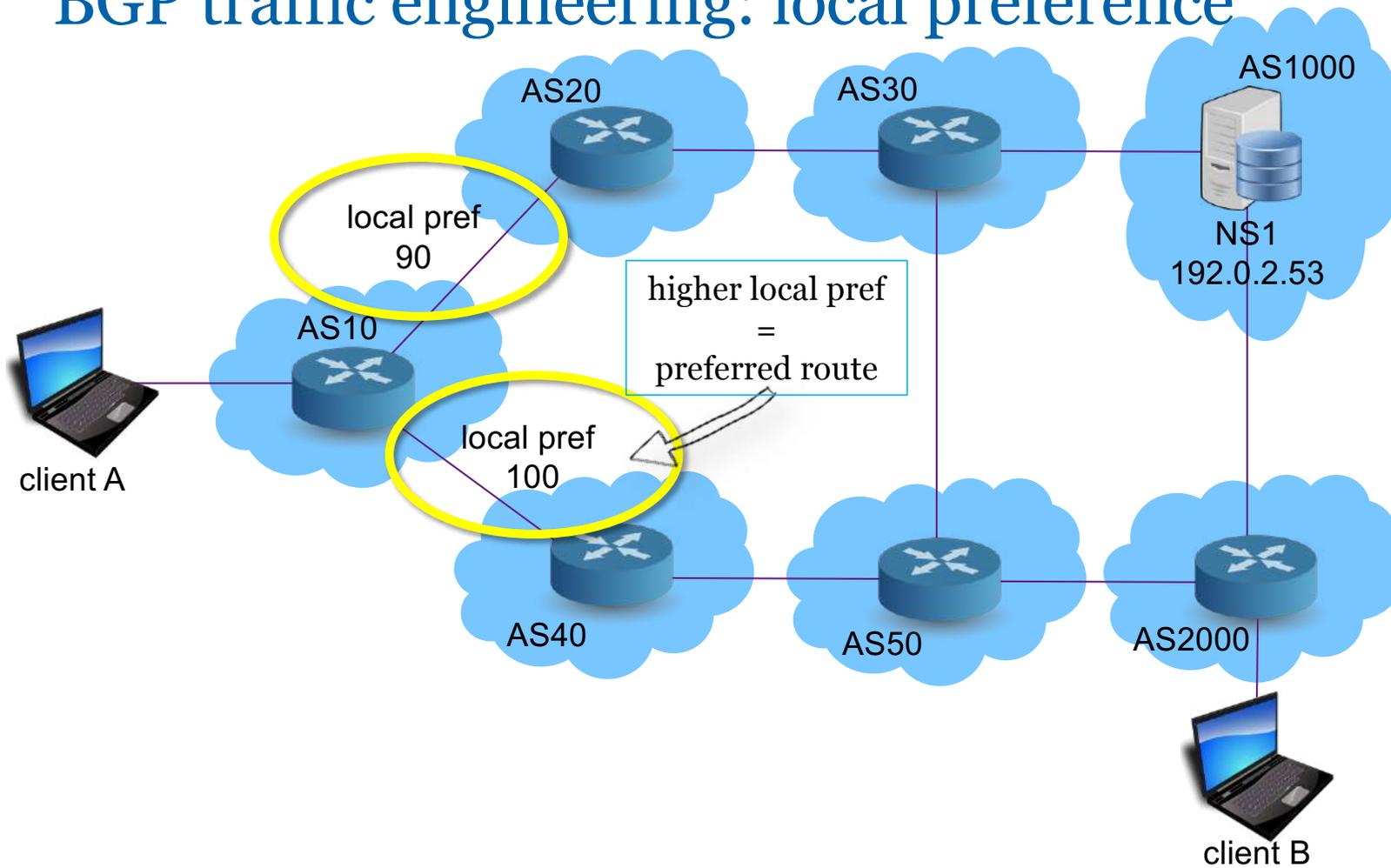
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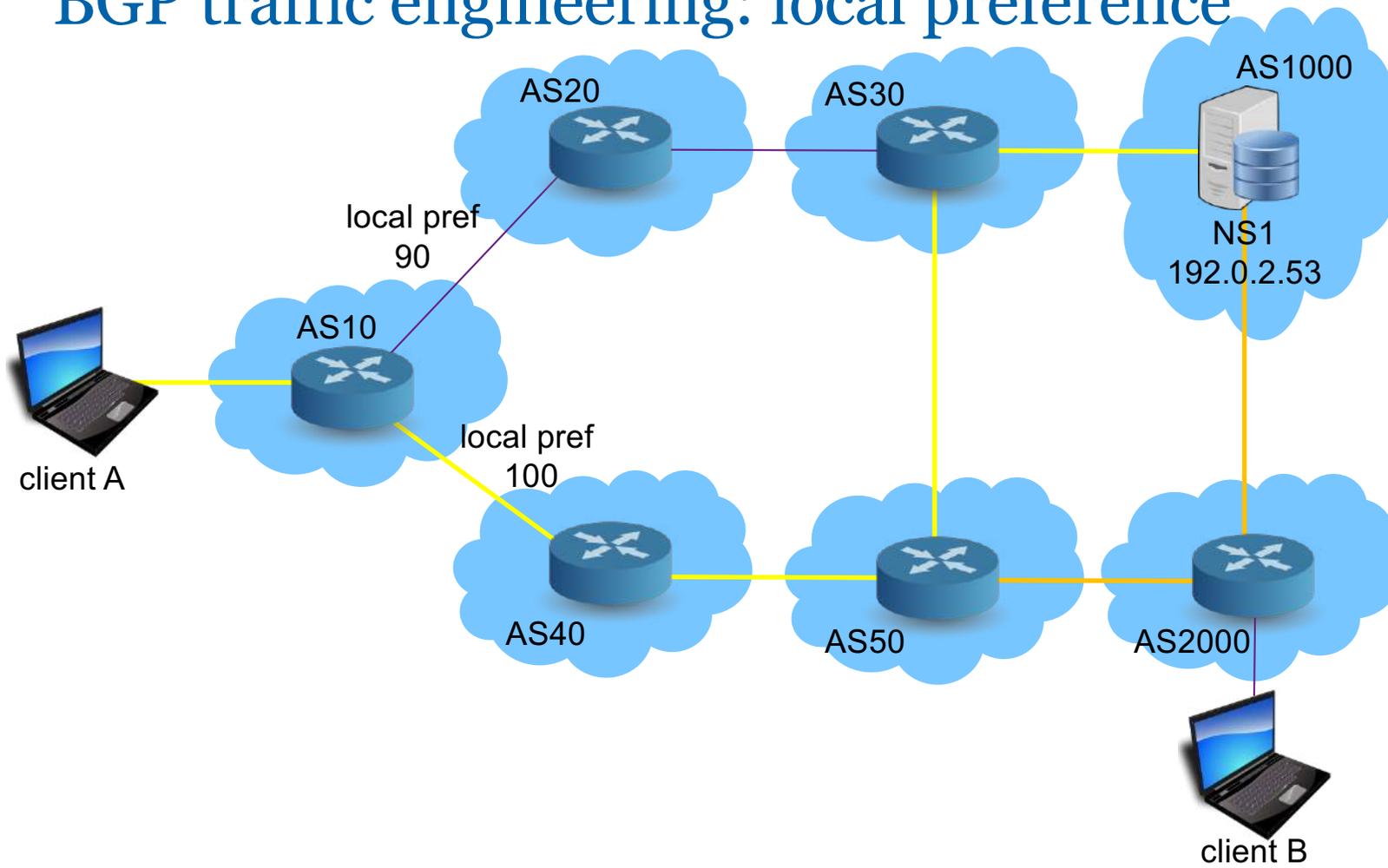
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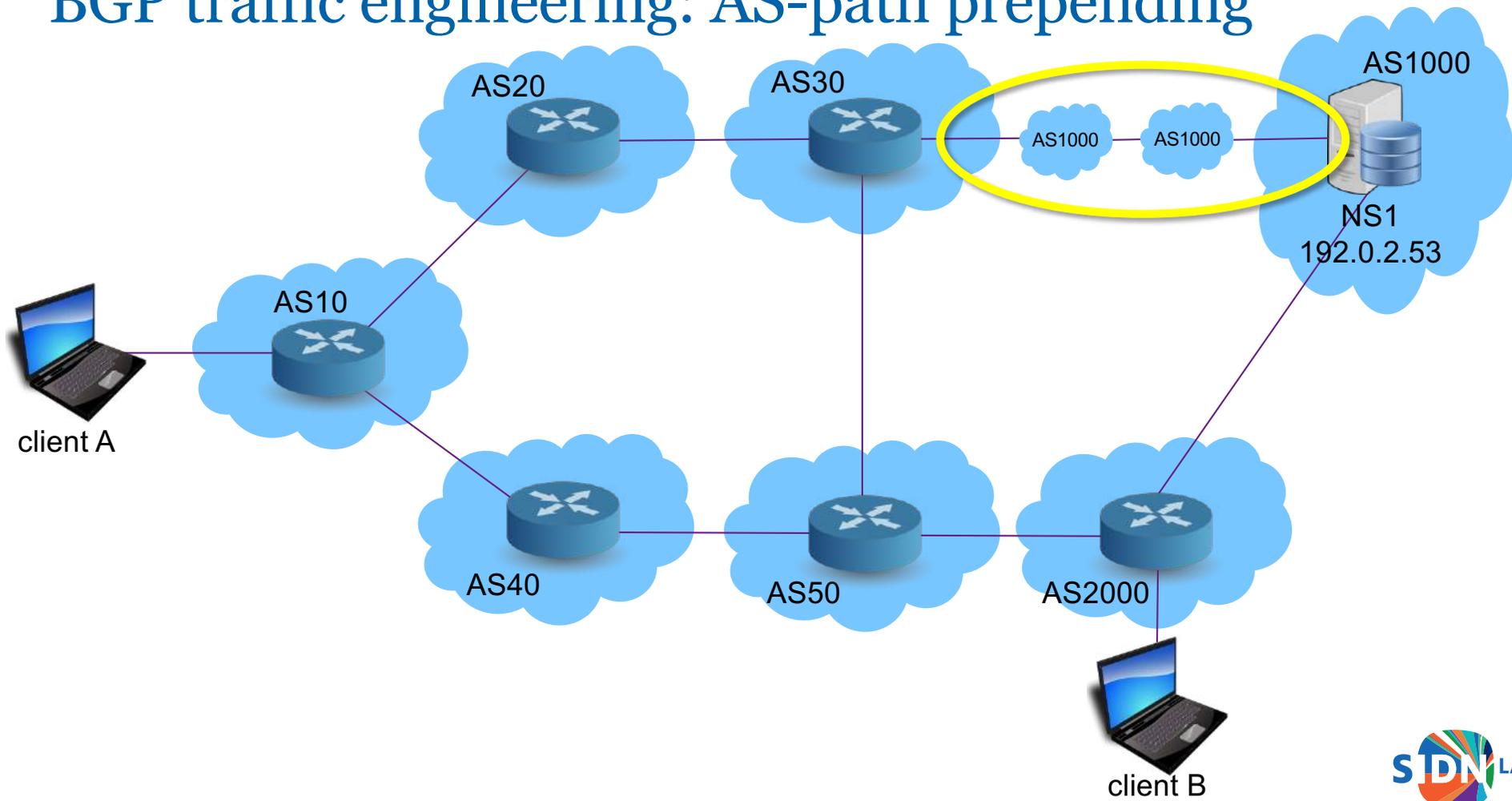
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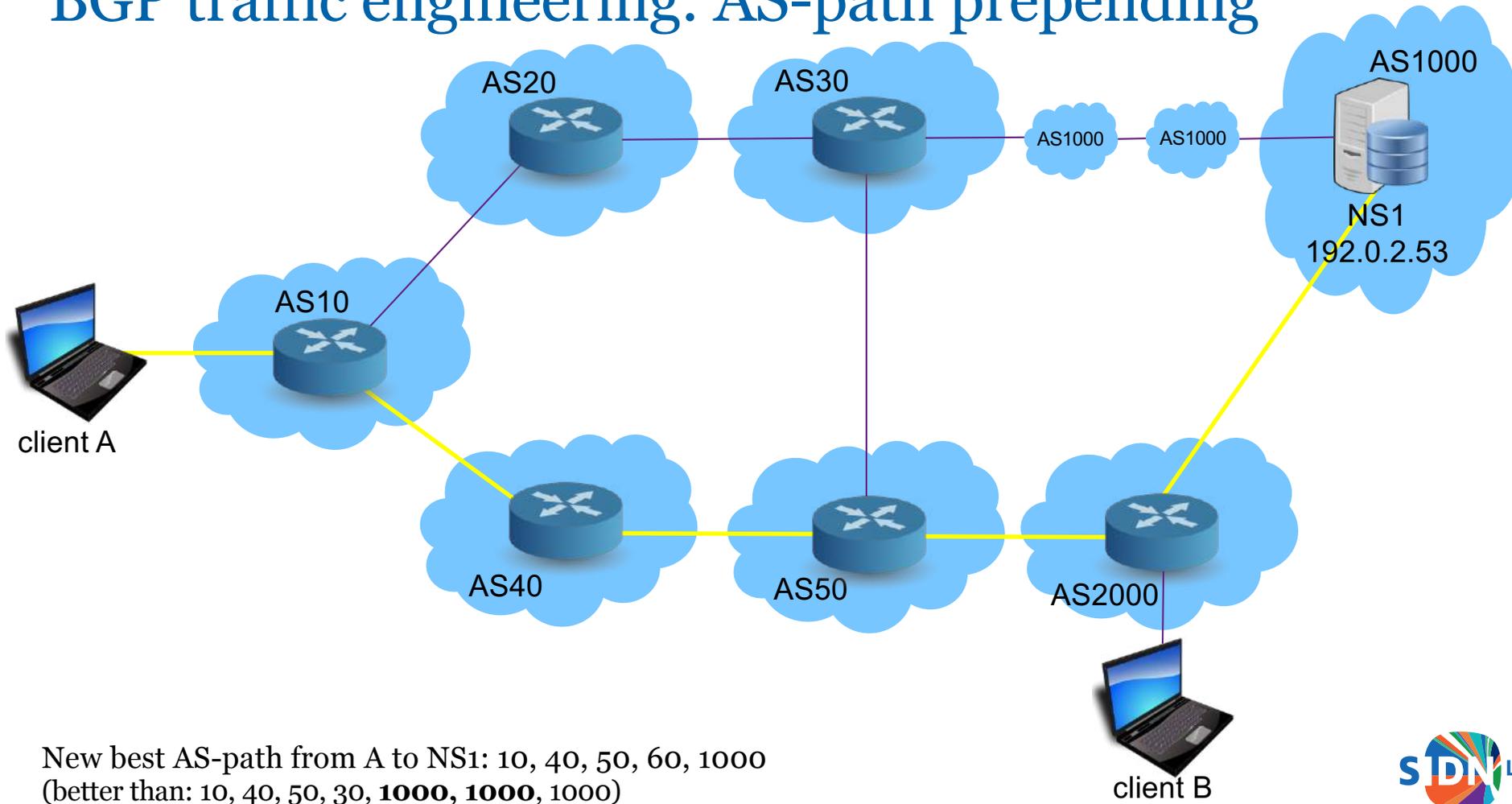
BGP traffic engineering: local preference



BGP traffic engineering: AS-path prepending



BGP traffic engineering: AS-path prepending



New best AS-path from A to NS1: 10, 40, 50, 60, 1000
(better than: 10, 40, 50, 30, **1000**, **1000**, 1000)

BGP Best Path Selection Algorithm

BGP – Routing Algorithm*

*According to RFC4271 – Implementations are vendor-specific

1. Check if *next hop* is reachable
- 2. Choose route with the highest **Local Preference**
- 3. Prefer the route with the shortest **AS path**
4. Prefer the route with the lowest *origin attribute*
- 5. Prefer the route with the lowest **MED** value
6. Prefer routes received from *eBGP* over *iBGP*
7. Prefer the nearest *exit* from your network
(in terms of your internal routing protocol)
- 8. **Implementation dependent:**
Prefer **older** (= more stable) routes
9. Prefer routes learned from the router with lower *router ID*
10. Prefer routes learned from the router with lower *IP address*

This is where
you prefer peering
over upstream

Next hop reachable?	continue if "yes"
Local Preference	higher wins
AS path	shorter wins
Origin Type	IGP over EGP over incomplete
MED	lower wins
eBGP, iBGP	eBGP wins
Network exit	nearest wins
Age of route	older wins
Router ID	lower wins
Neighbor IP	lower wins

→ = most important rules

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Source: <https://www.de-cix.net/en/resources/bgp-basics>



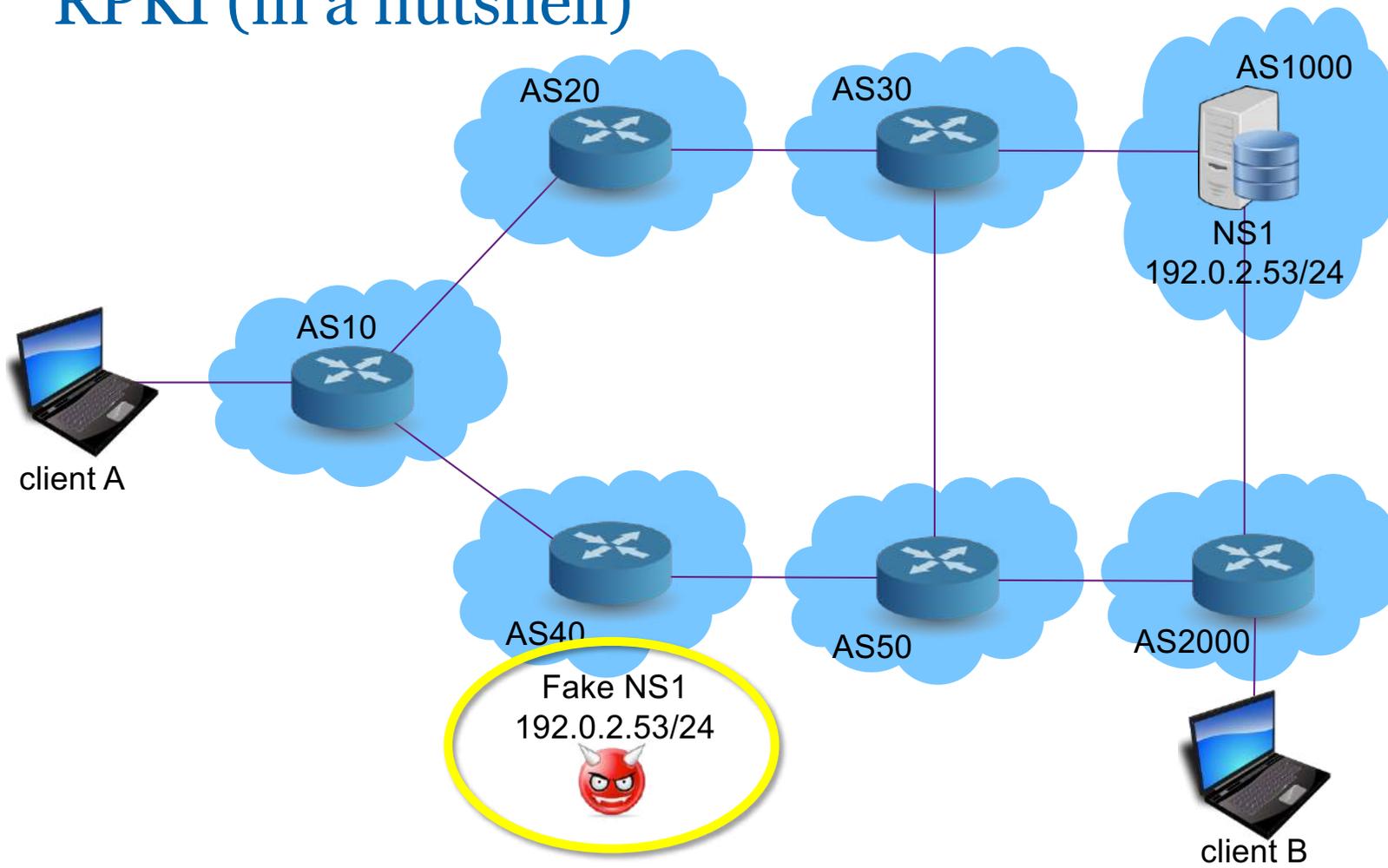
Traffic engineering with BGP communities

- *Transitive attribute tags* that can be applied to inbound or outbound prefixes to achieve a particular goal.
- For example: local pref adjustments, geographical adjustments, AS-path prepending or blackholing.
- No universal definitions, except the so-called *well-known*

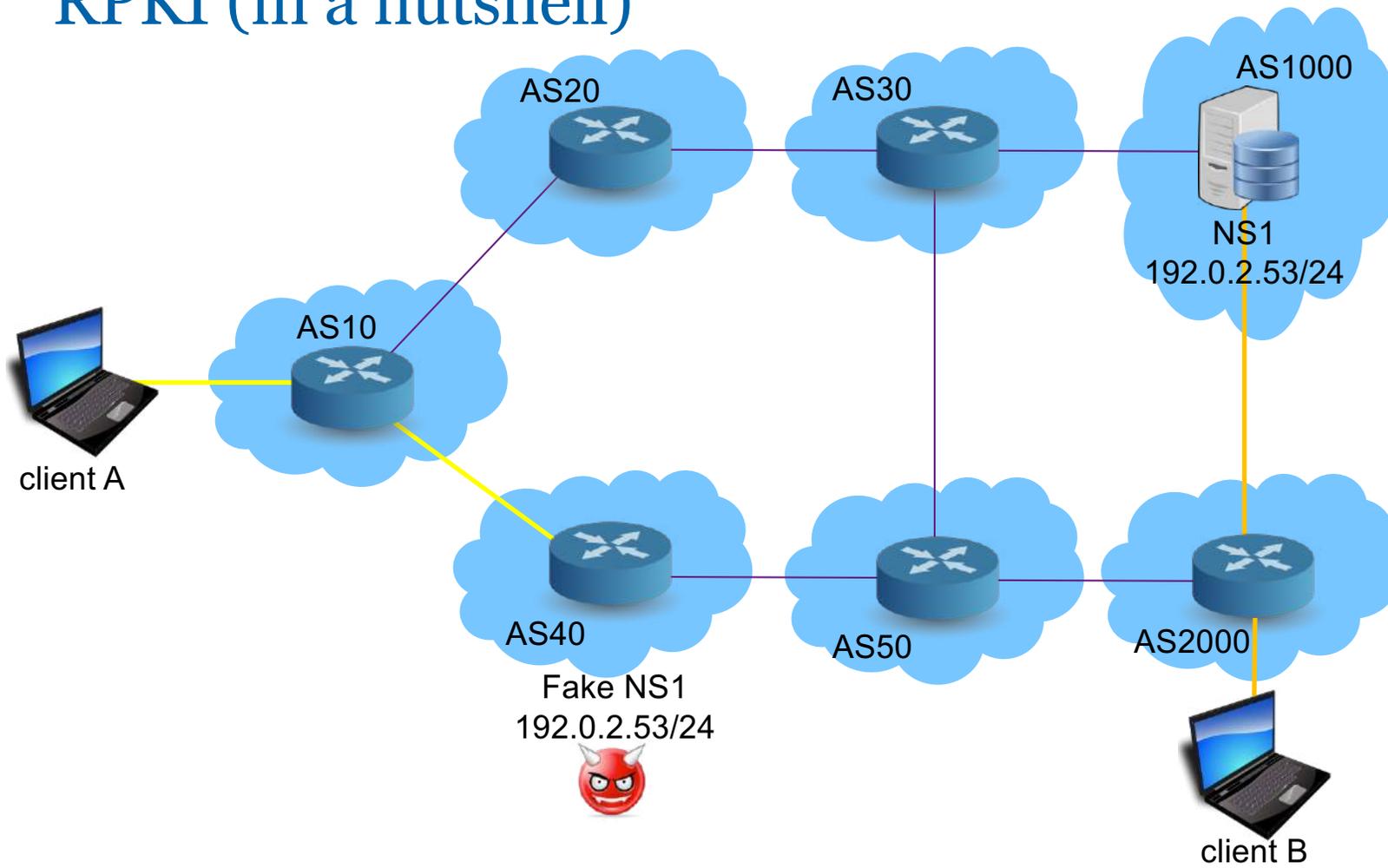
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route-server> show ip bgp 194.0.5.0/24
BGP routing table entry for 194.0.5.0/24
Paths: (23 available, best #18, table Default-IP-Routing-Table)
  Not advertised to any peer
  20473 210004
    206.53.202.75 from 216.218.252.190 (216.218.252.167)
      Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 100, valid, internal
      Large Community: 6695:1000:1 20473:0:3021840115 210004:3000:1004
      Originator: 216.218.252.167, Cluster list: 216.218.252.190
      Last update: Wed Apr 15 16:06:36 2020
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RPKI (in a nutshell)



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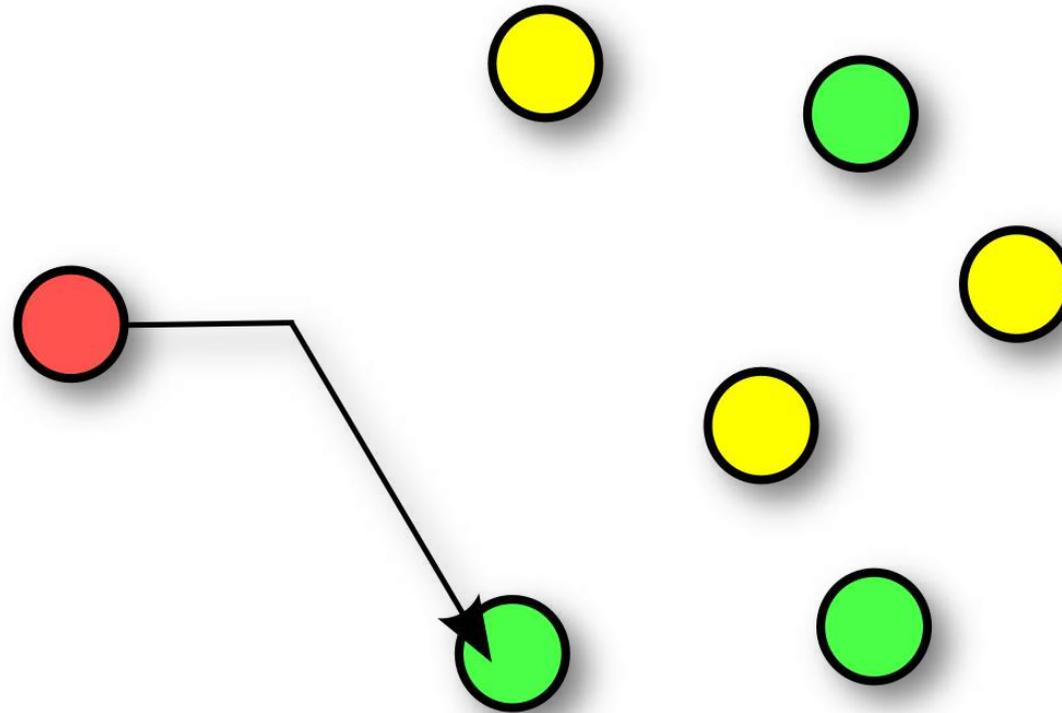
RPKI: Resource Public Key Infrastructure

- A public key infrastructure to secure BGP
- Resource certification of IP prefixes / ASN combination
- Prevents (to some extent) route hijacking
- There are two sides: publishing ROAs and validating them
- Origin validation, **not** path validation (that's BGPSEC, still in the works)

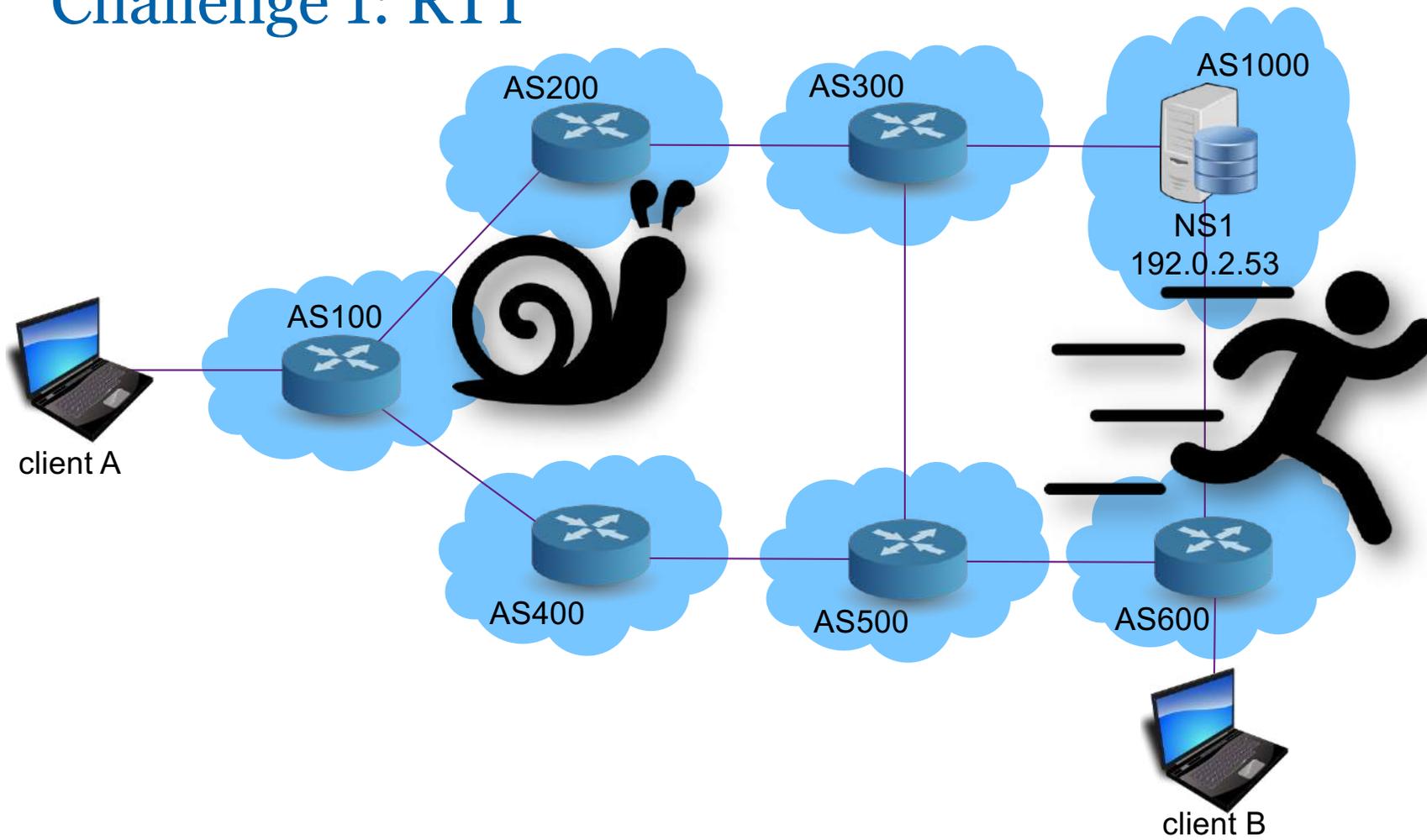
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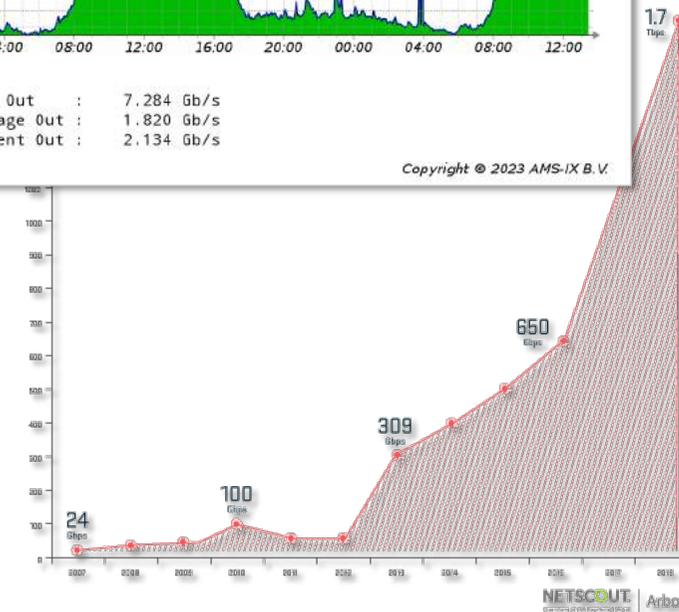
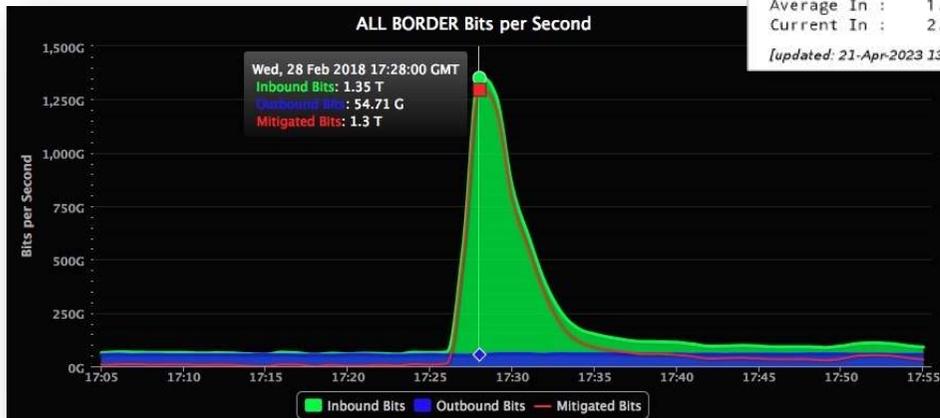
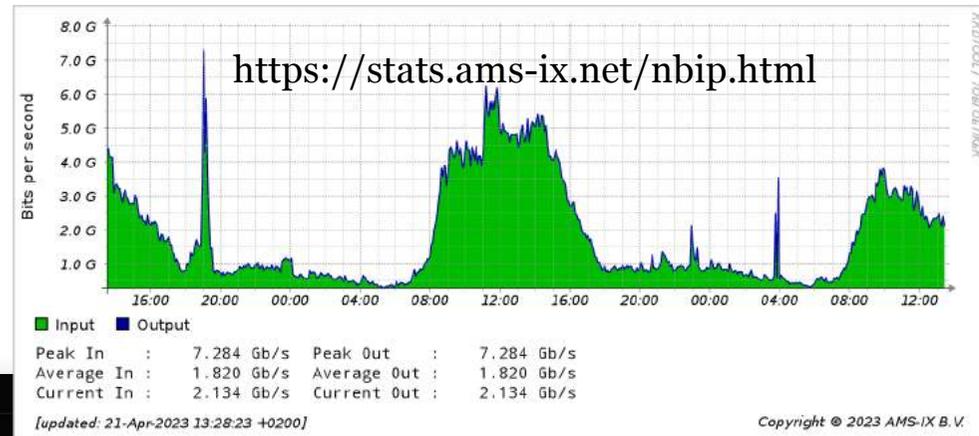
Anycast and why it's a good idea



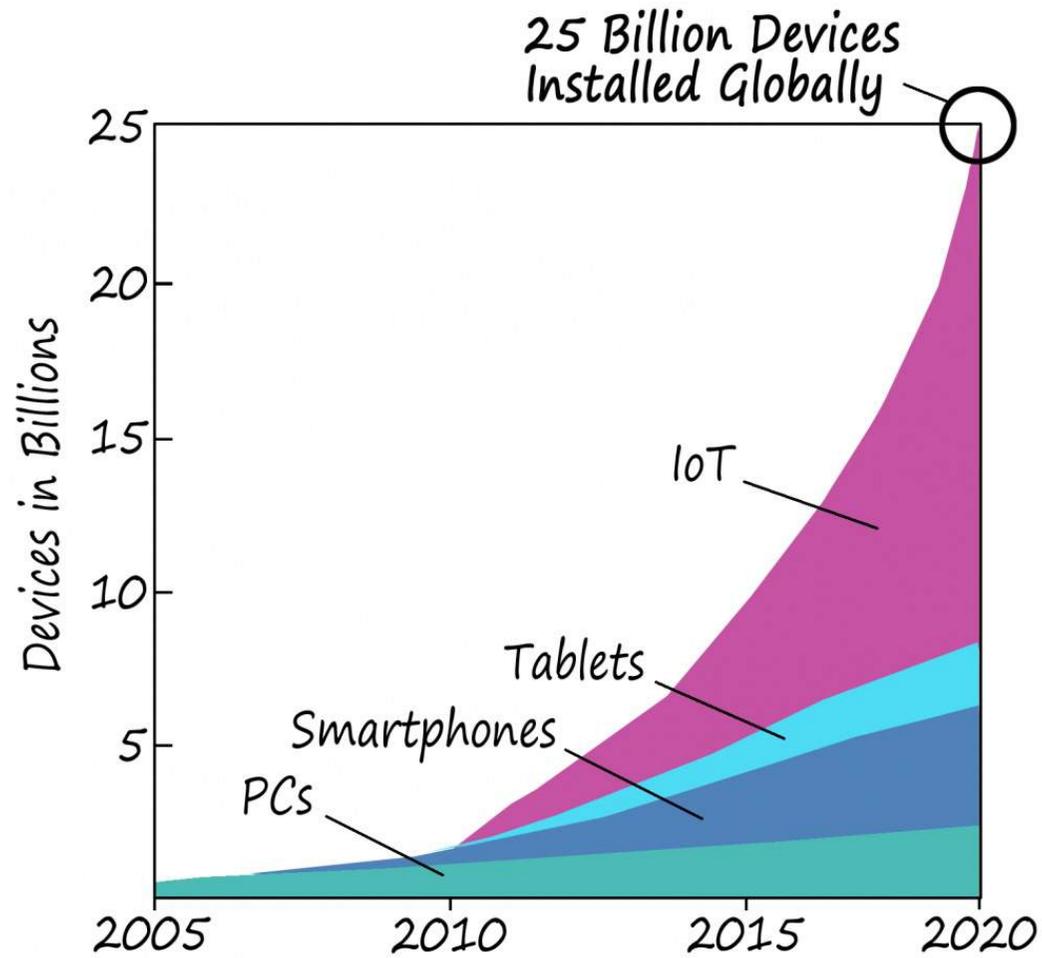
Challenge 1: RTT



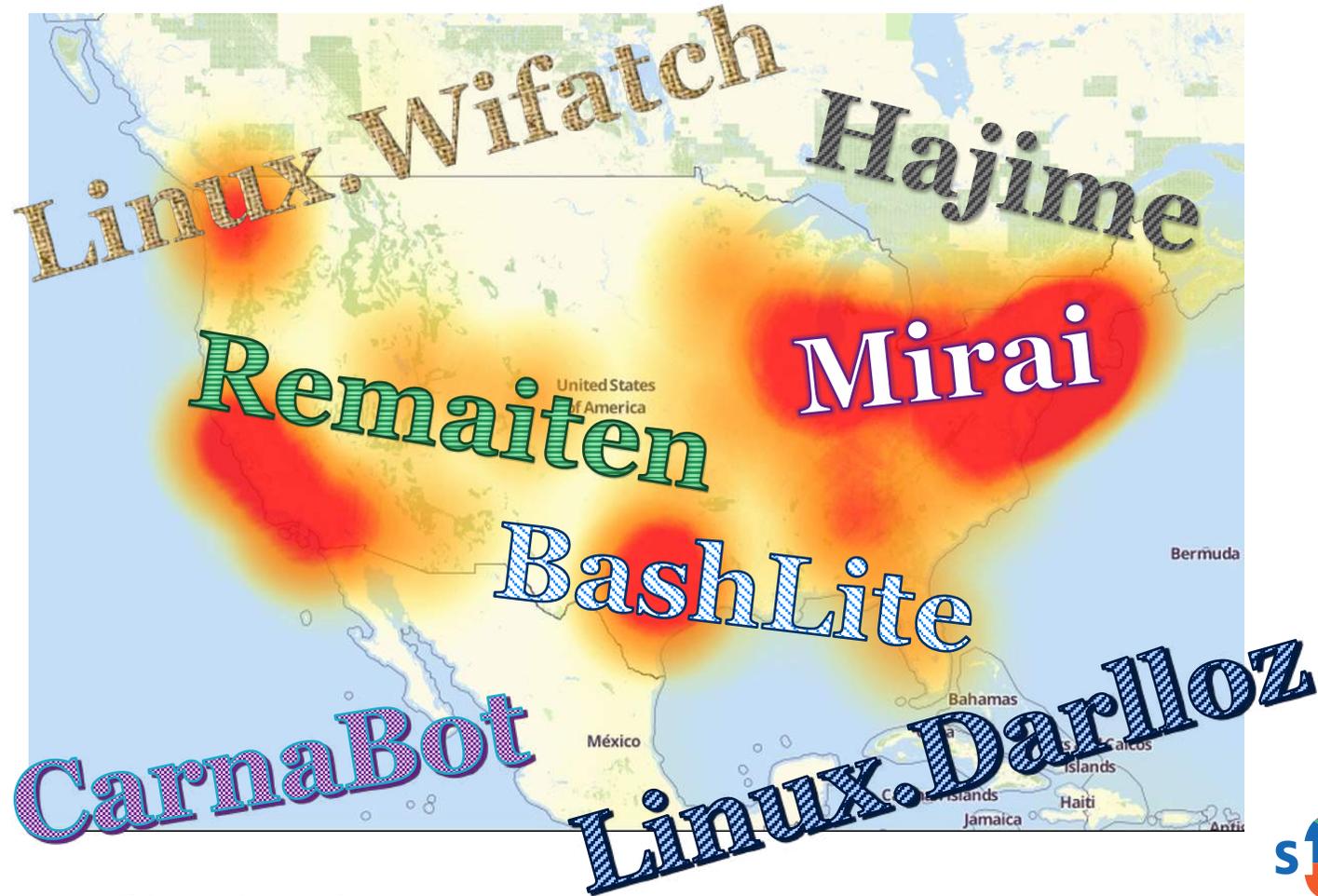
Challenge 2: DDoS



Main reason: IoT devices



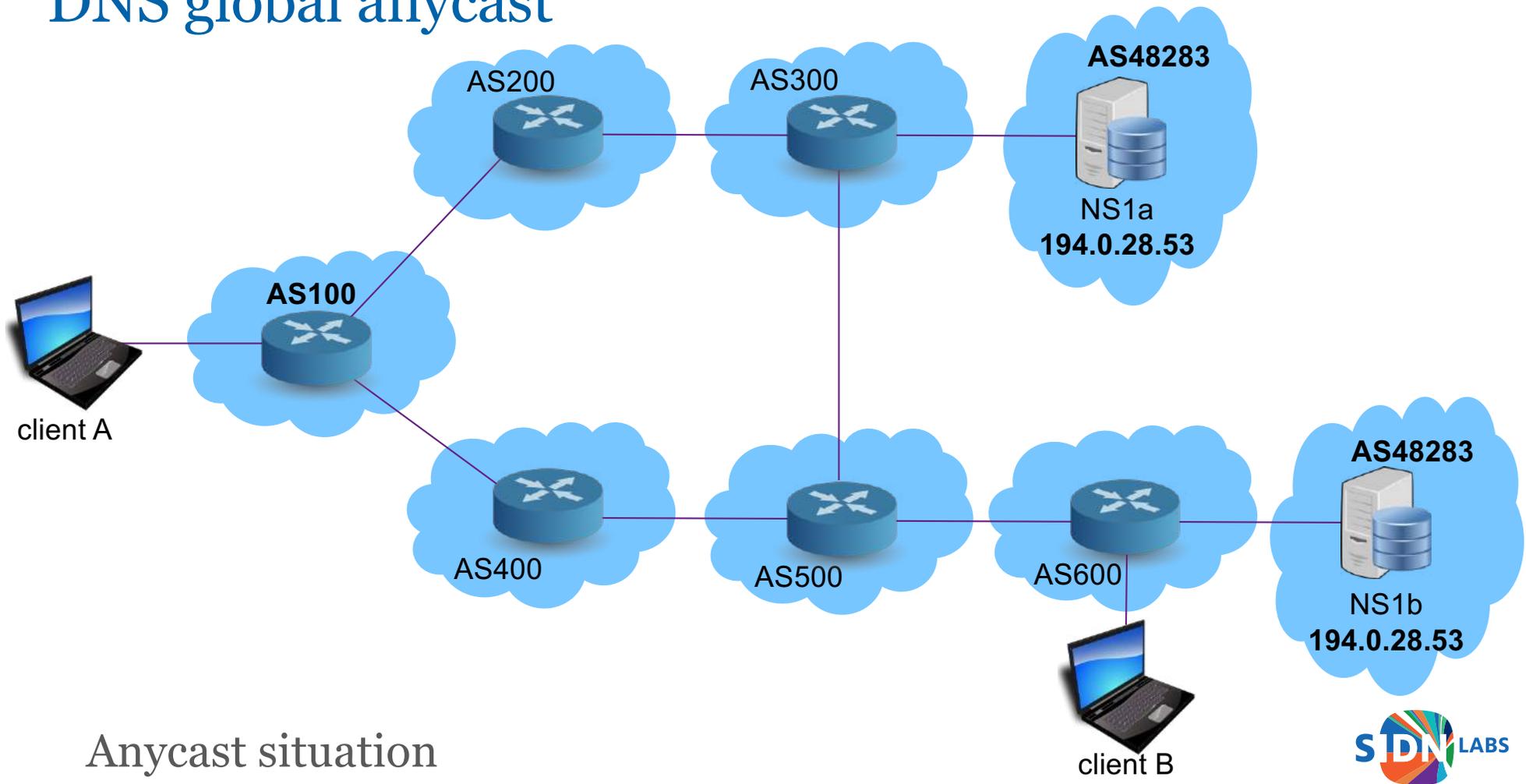
IoT botnets



Bron: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DDoS_attacks_on_Dyn

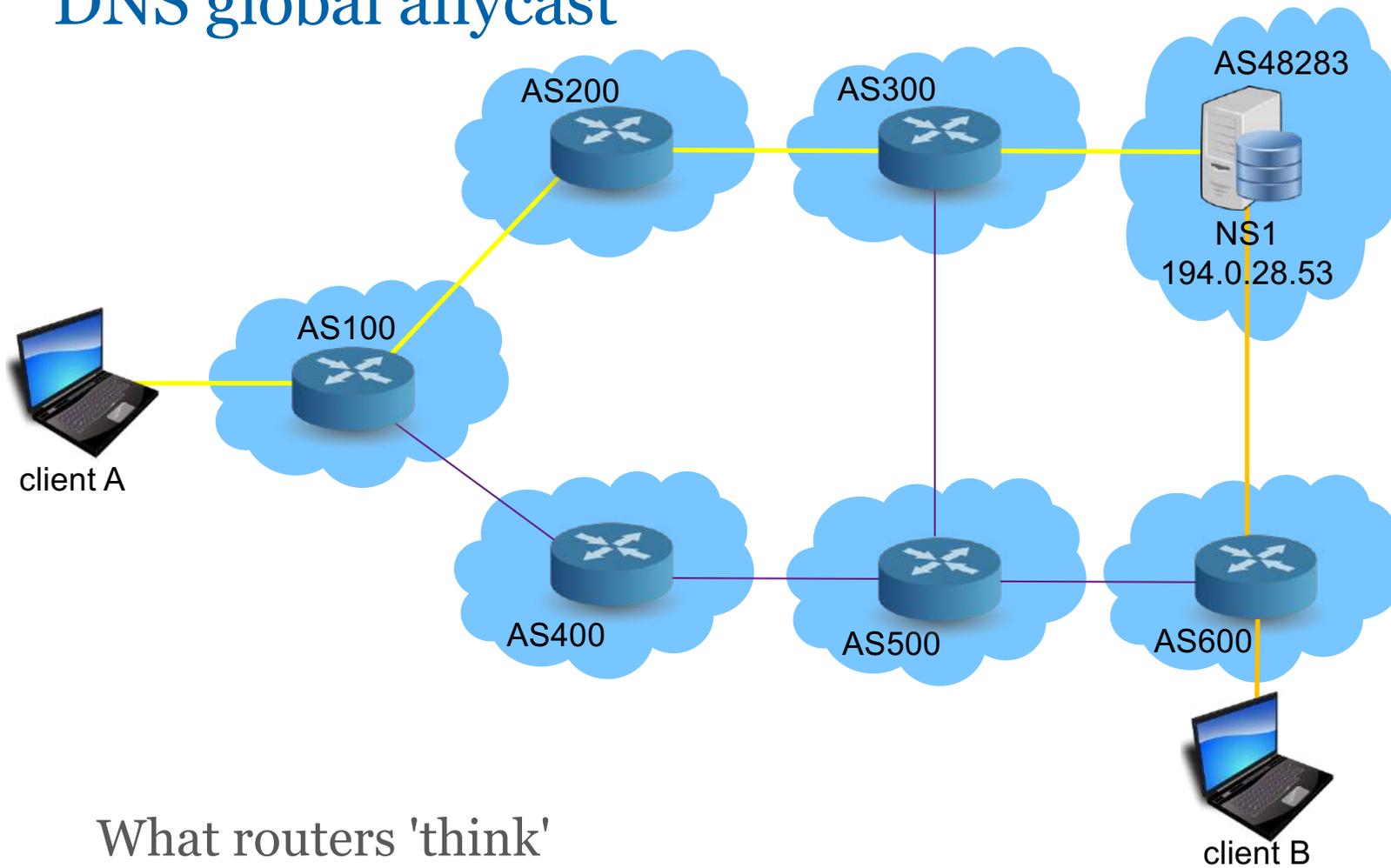


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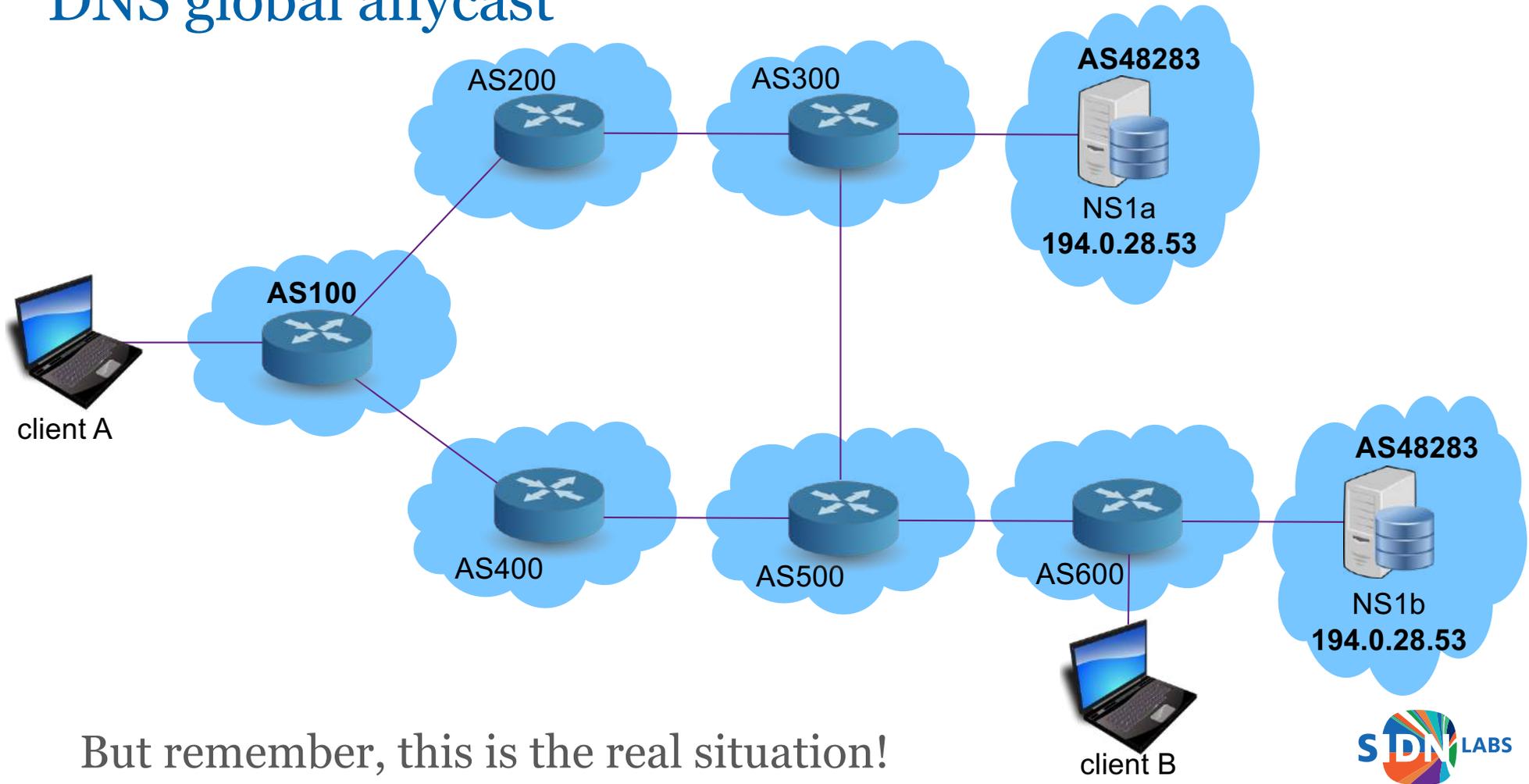
Anycast situation

DNS global anycast



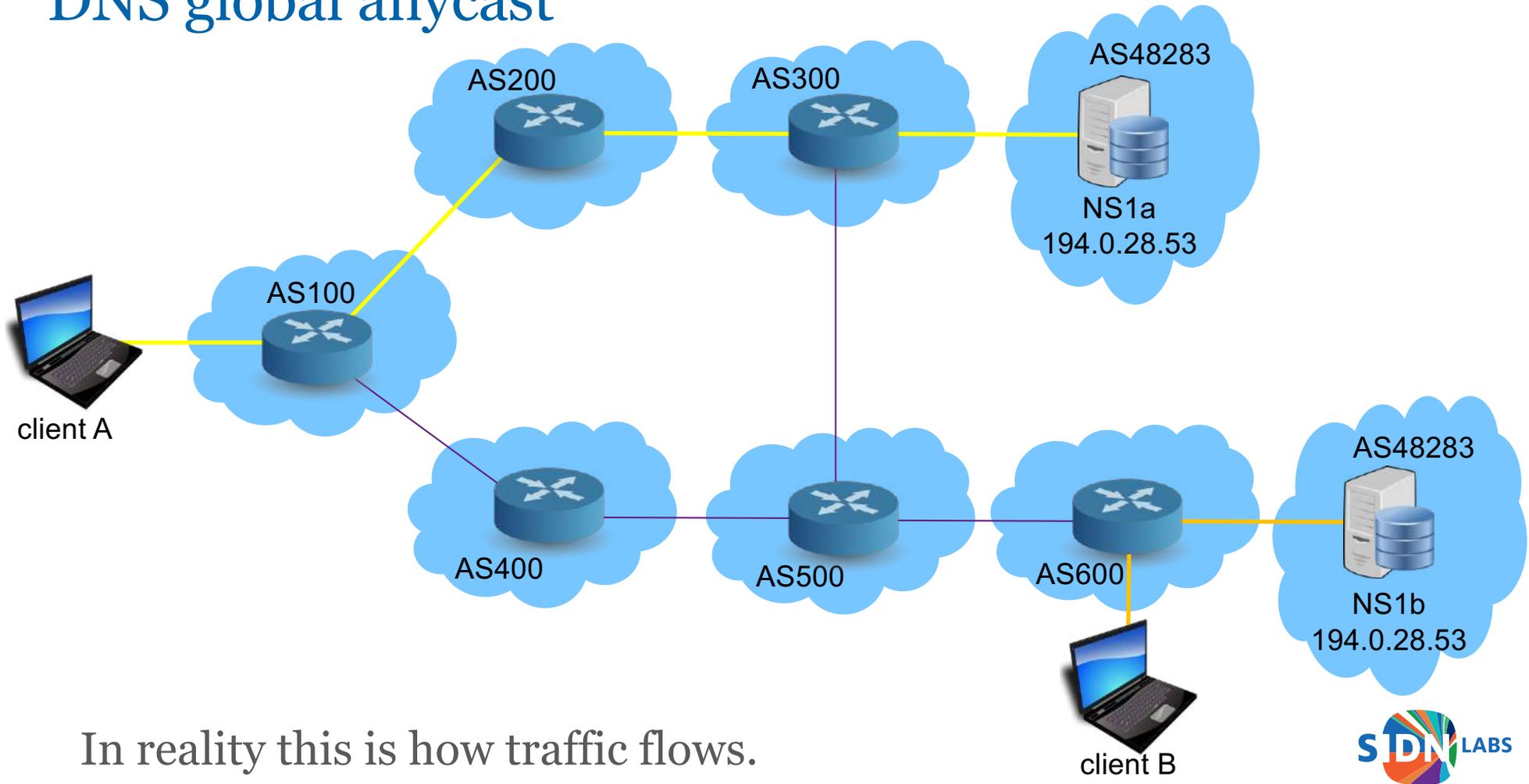
What routers 'think'

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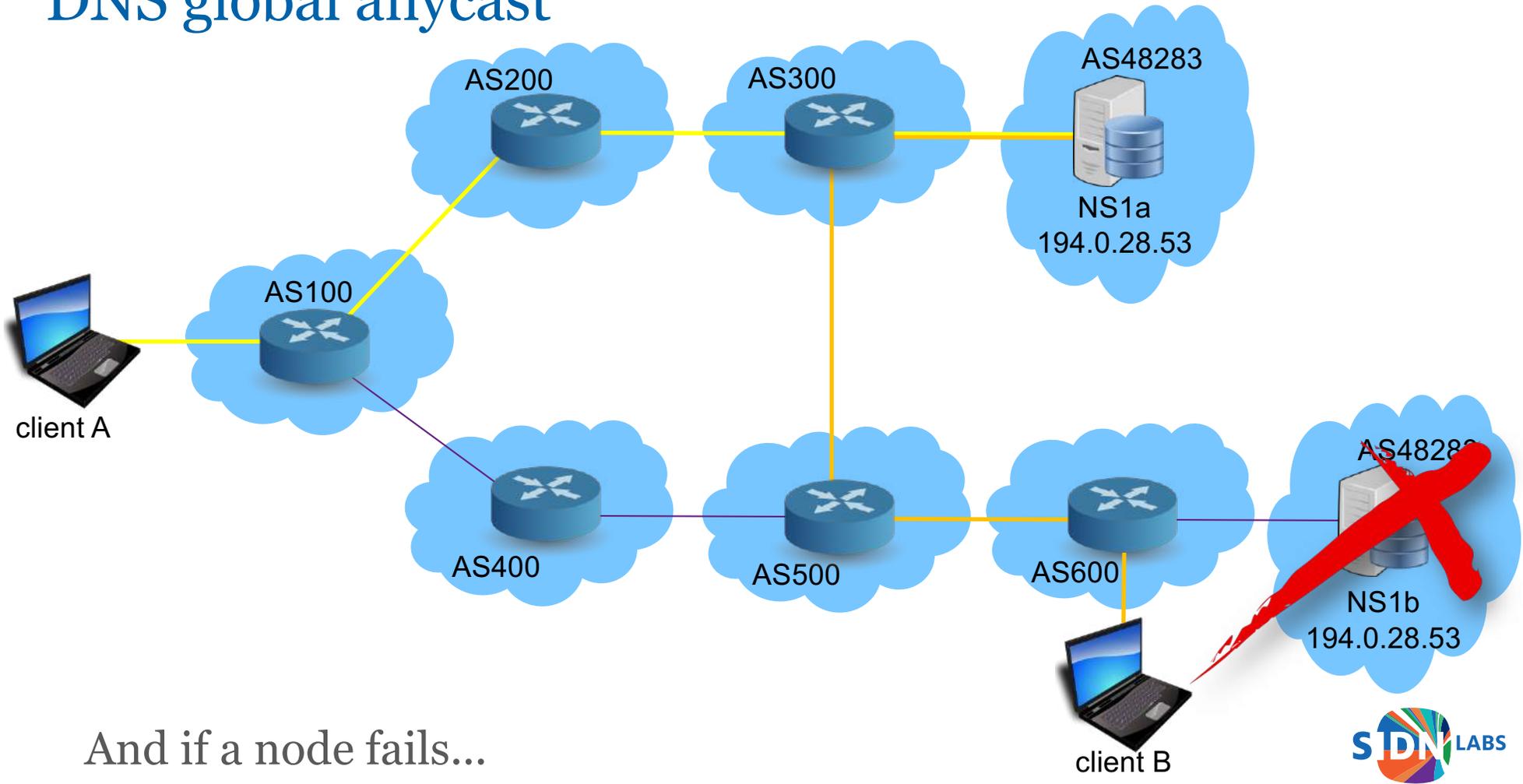


But remember, this is the real situation!

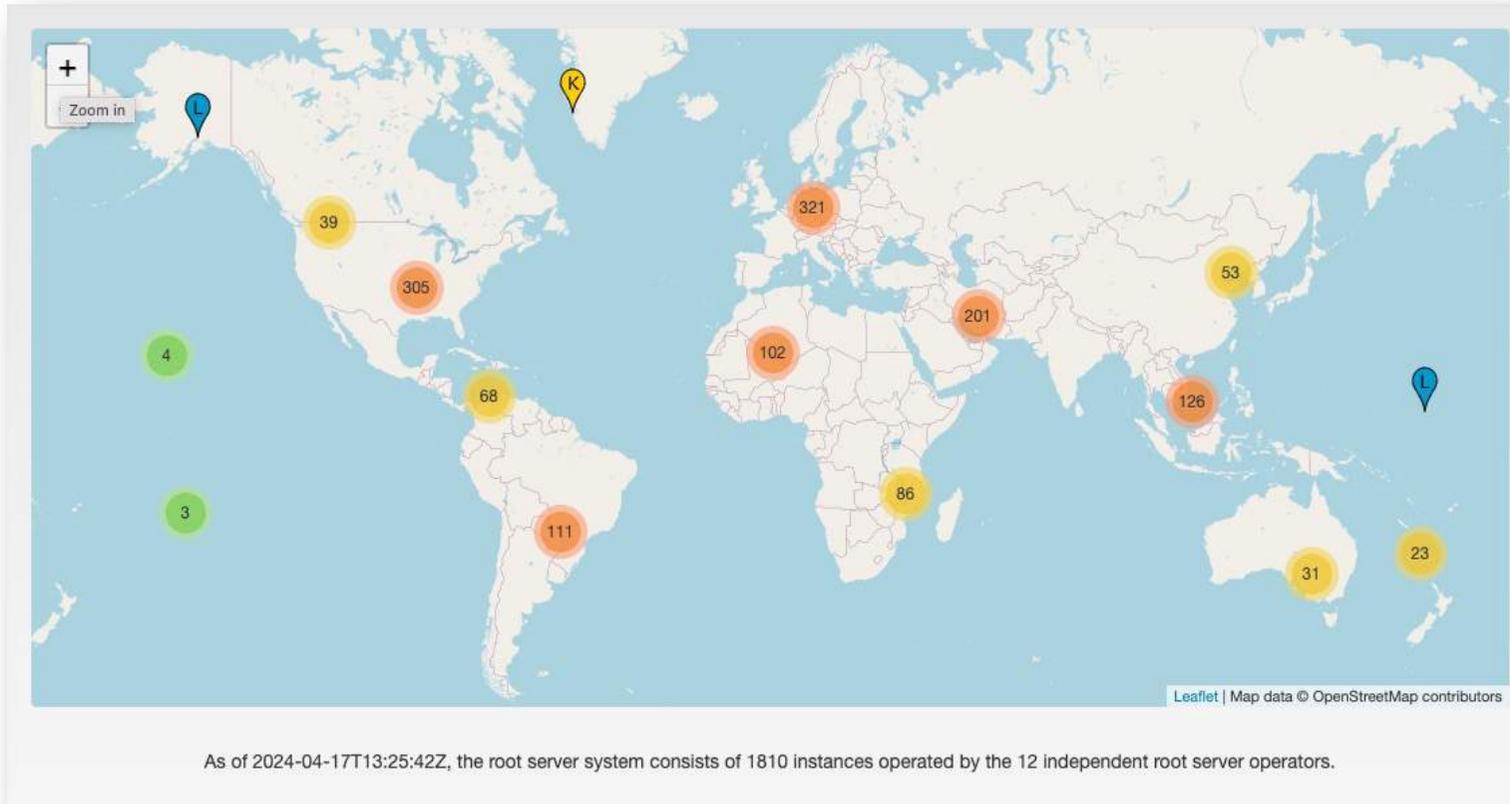
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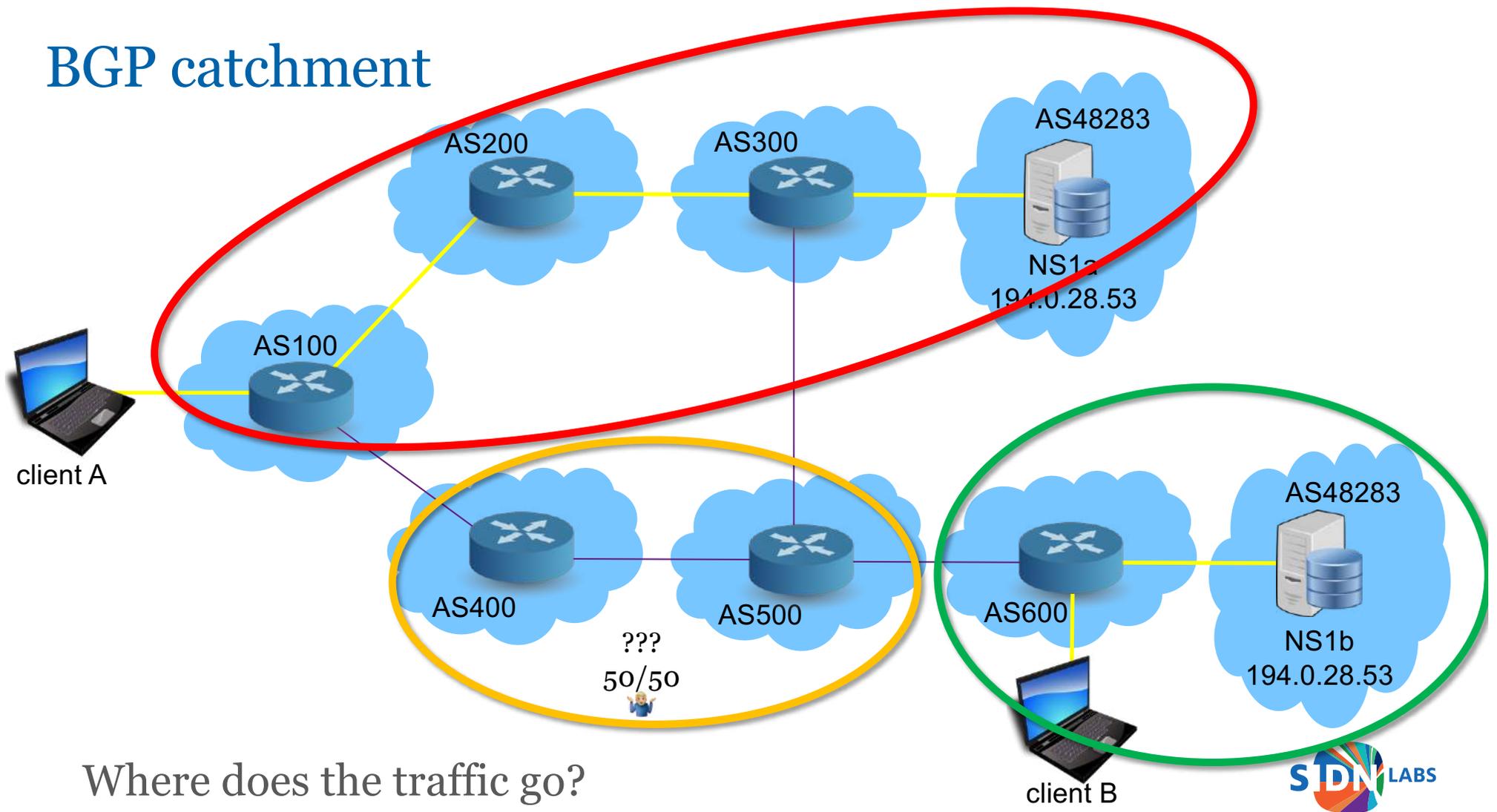
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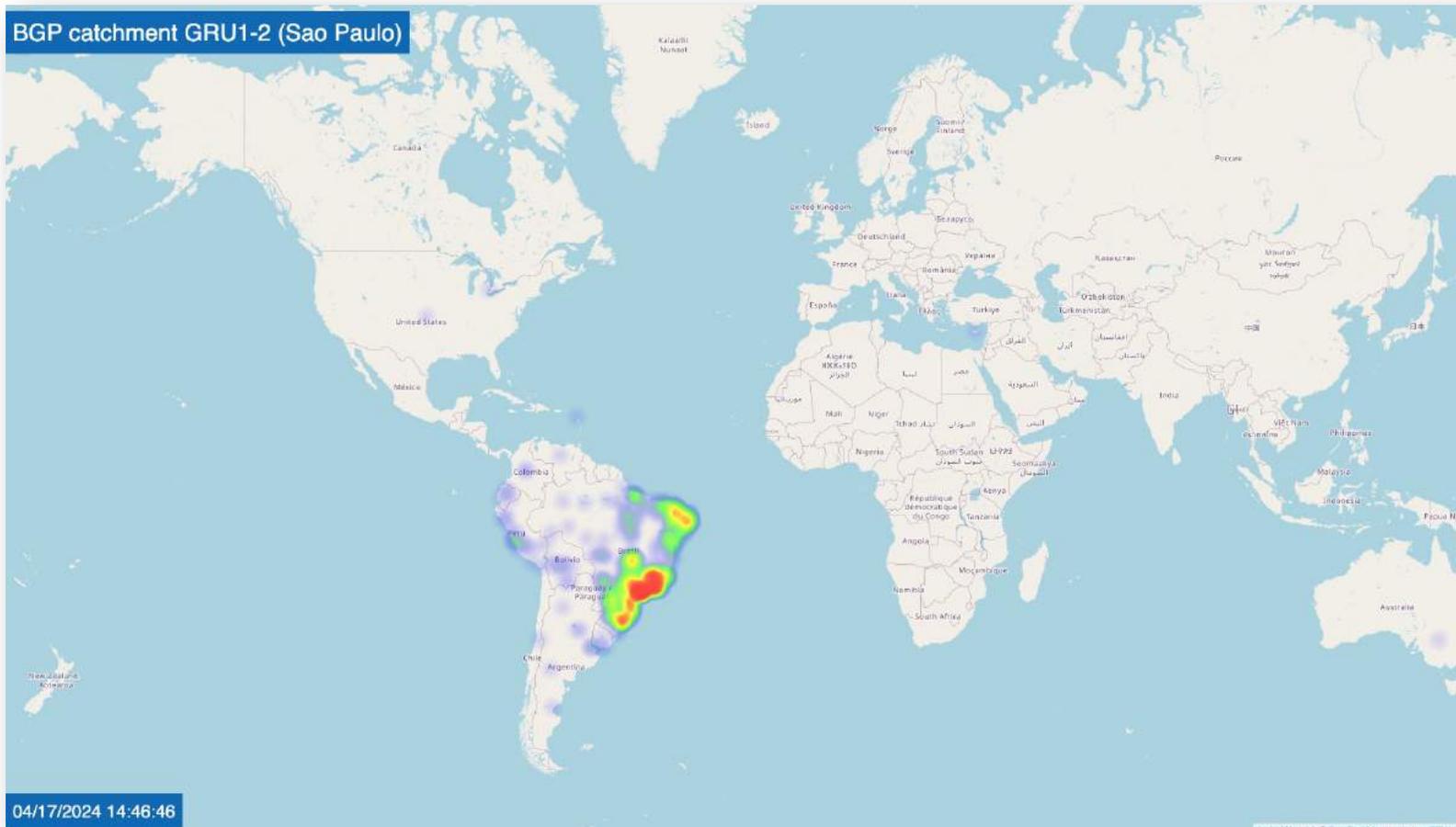
1810 servers!
<http://www.root-servers.org/>



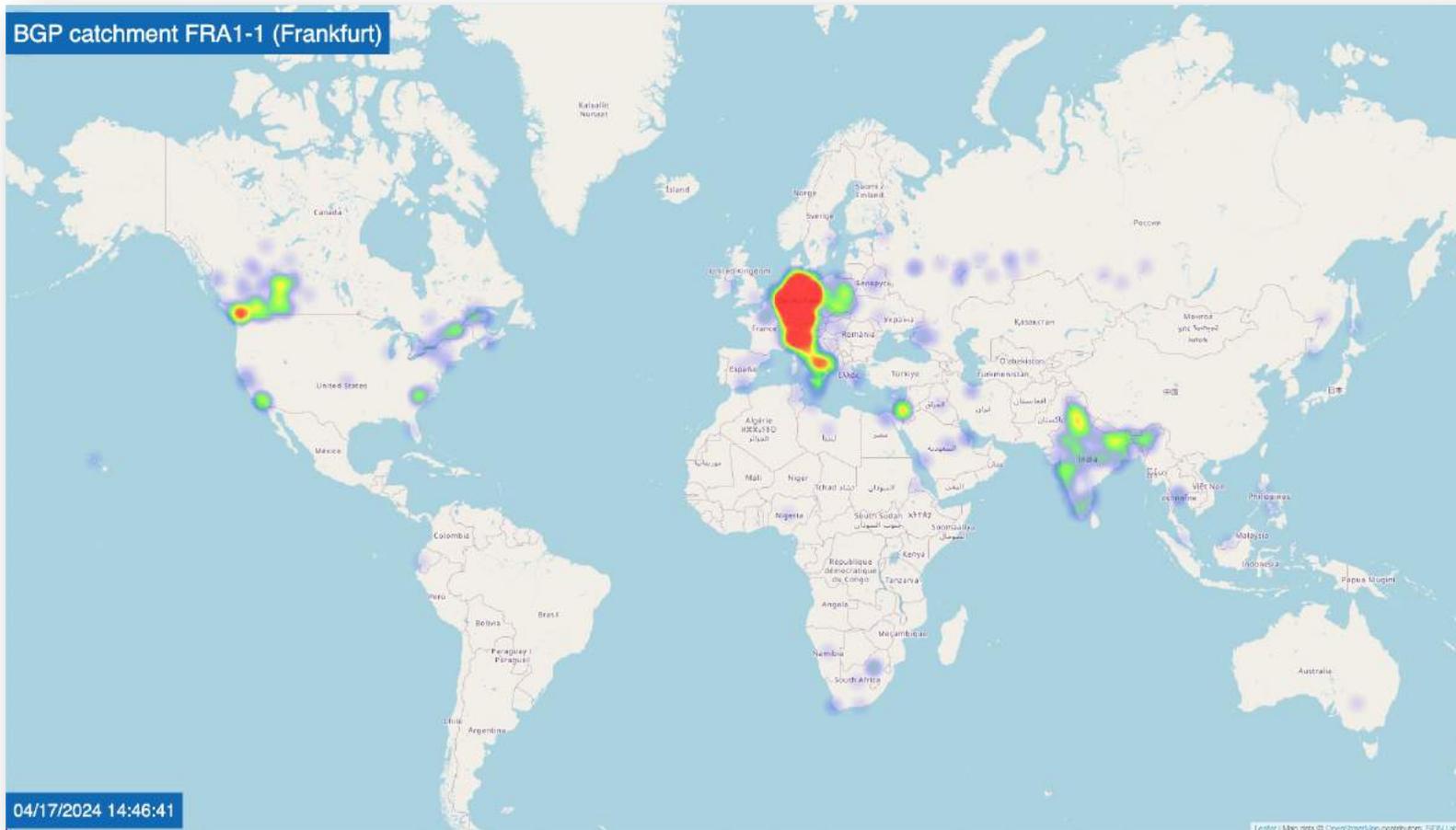
BGP catchment



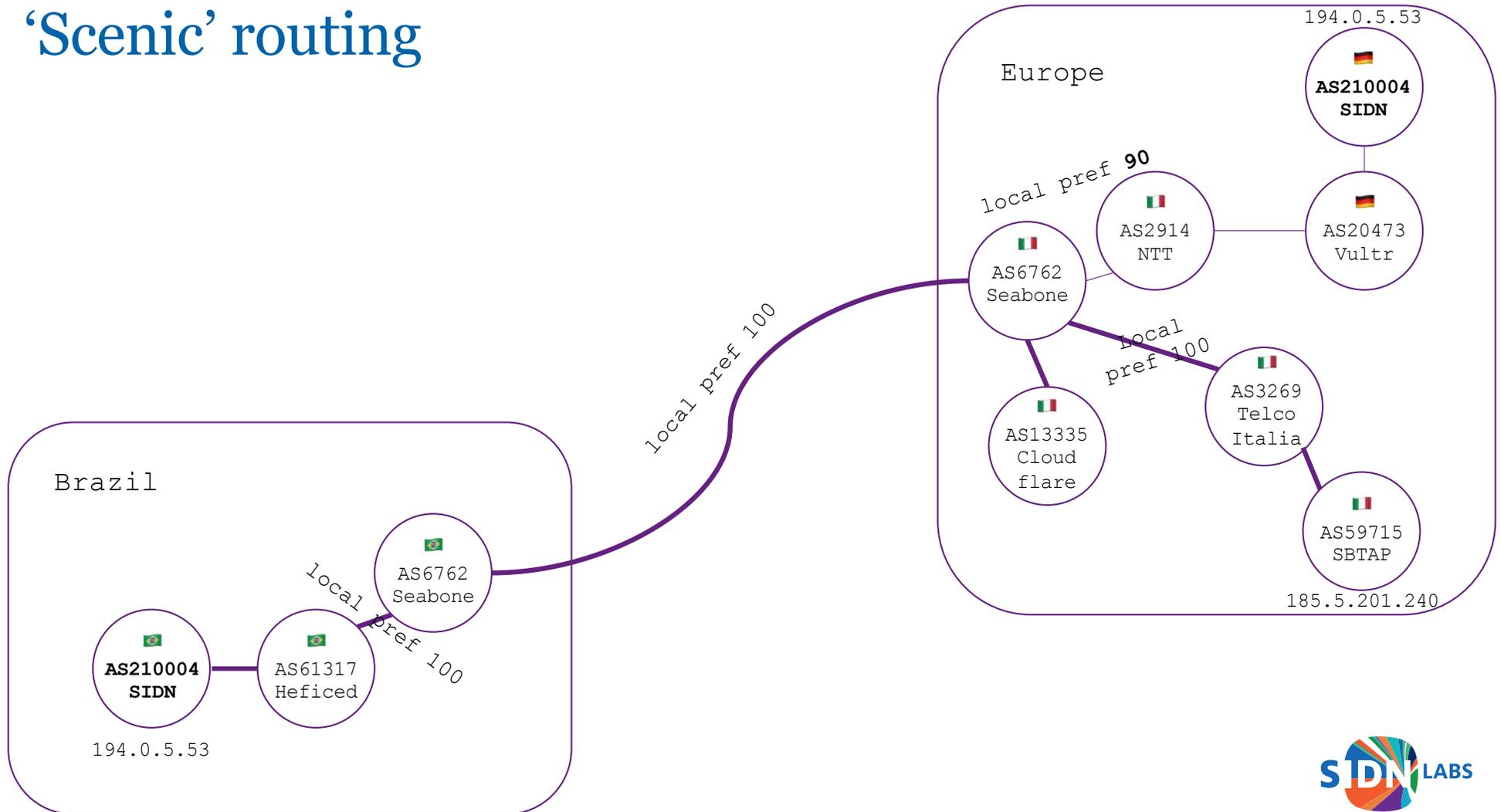
BGP catchment São Paulo ✓



BGP catchment Frankfurt ⚠️



'Scenic' routing



Questions, discussion



Thank you!

