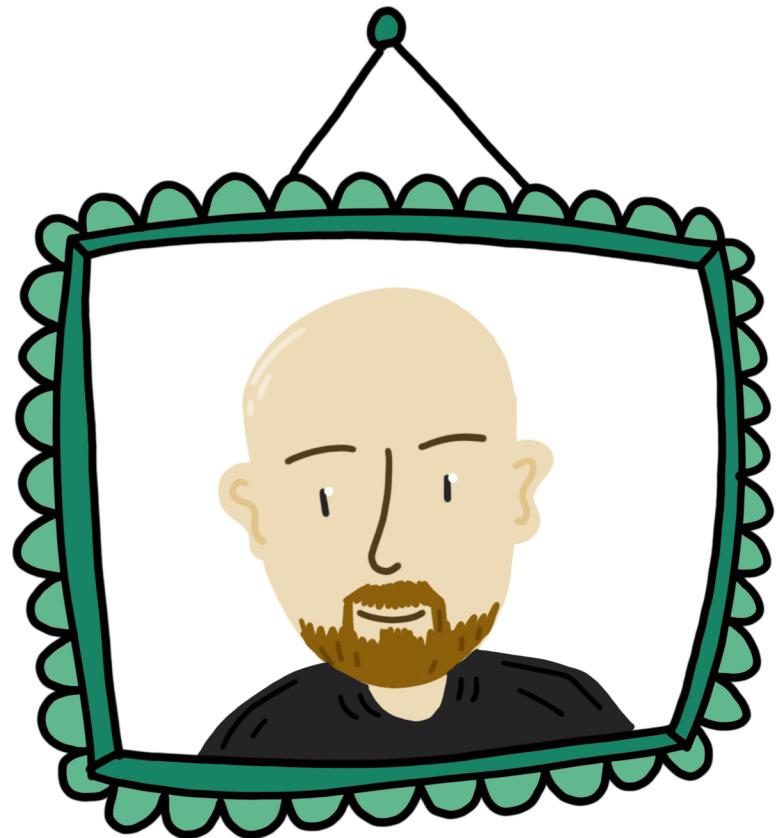


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DCSYNC?  
I WAIT FOR  
NETSYNC

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TEXAS CYBER SUMMIT 2023

# TODAY'S TOPICS

- INTRODUCTIONS
- F#\*\$ U, DCSYNC
- NETSYNC 101
- A NEW NETSYNC POC
- Q&A



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- PRACTICE LEAD @ TRUSTEDSEC
- ATTACK/DETECT ALL THE THINGS
- TOTTENHAM SUPER FAN (COYS!)

- ▲ DEMYSTIFICATION OF NETSYNC
- ▲ PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR ATTACKERS & DEFENDERS
- ▲ NETSYNC > DCSYNC



THREE KEY  
TAKEAWAYS



## A FEW DISCLAIMERS

- ▲ ANY TECHNIQUE CAN BE DETECTED WHEN BEING LOOKED FOR
- ▲ AVOID "SYNCING" CREDENTIALS FROM A DC WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF POSSIBLE
- ▲ HAVING THE ABILITY TO USE DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES TO ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL

# F#\*\$ U, DCSYNC

- DCSYNC TARGETS WINDOWS AD DOMAIN CONTROLLERS
- ENABLES ATTACKERS TO REPLICATE ALL OBJECTS' SECRETS
- POPULARITY HAS DIMINISHED ABILITY TO REMAIN UNDETECTED
- EASY TO DETECT W/ WINDOWS EVENTS, NETWORK TRAFFIC, MDI/CROWDSTRIKE IDP, ETC.
- POOR OPSEC:
  - REPLICATING ALL VS. REPLICATING ONE
  - SOURCE OF REPLICATION

# F#\*\$ U, DCSYNC

Incidents > Suspected DCSync attack (replication of directory services) on one endpoint

**Suspected DCSync attack (replication of direct...**

Manage incident Ask Defender Experts Comments and history

Attack story Alerts (1) Assets (2) Investigations (0) Evidence and Response (0) Summary

Alerts <  
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**Suspected DCSync attack (replication of directory services)**

Manage incident

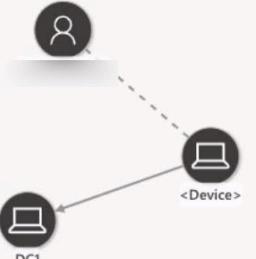
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High Active

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Impacted assets



Communication ... Association

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# NETSYNC 101

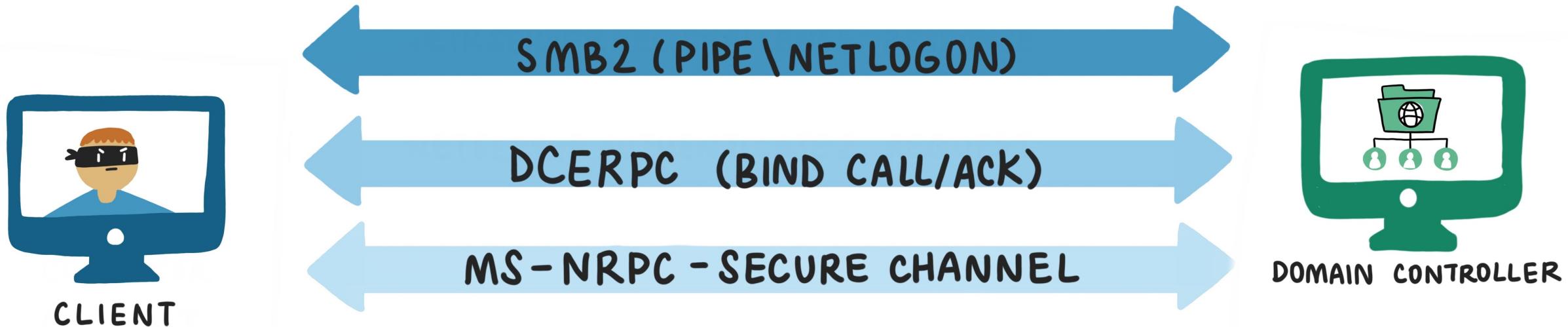


# NETSYNC – “THE CASTRATED DCSYNC”

“SOME WILL SAY IT'S A CASTRATED DCSYNC, SOME WILL SAY IT'S ENOUGH TO PLAY WITH SILVER TICKETS ;).”  
– BENJAMIN DELPY (@GENTILKIWI)

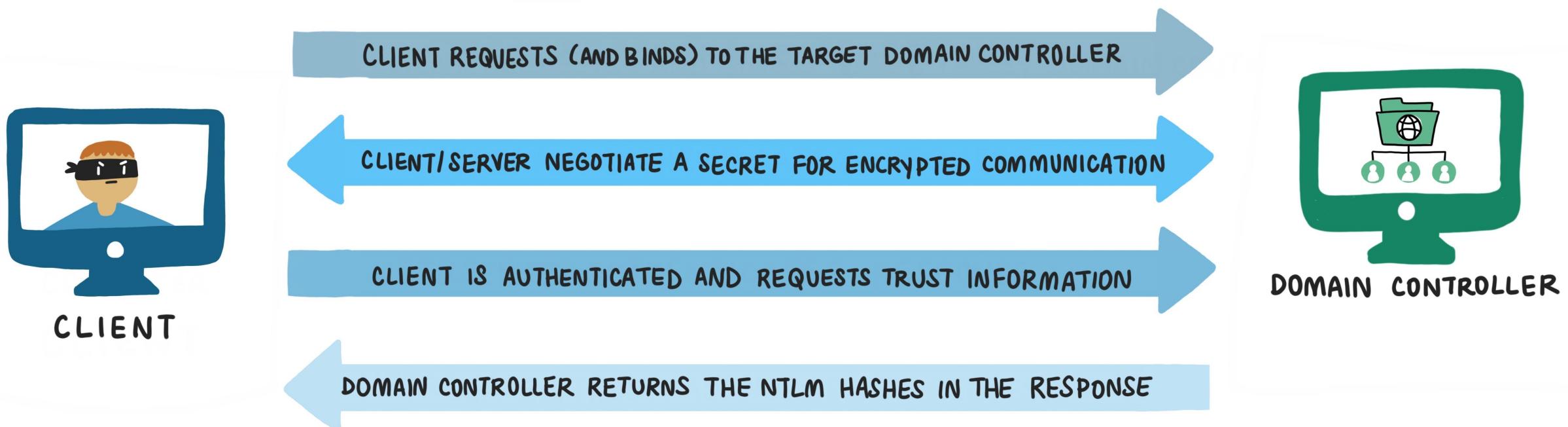
- ALSO TARGETS ACTIVE DIRECTORY DOMAIN CONTROLLERS
- USES PROTOCOL DIFFERENT FROM DCSYNC
- FIRST COMMITTED TO MIMIKATZ IN [MAY 2016](#)
- POC: ENABLES REPLICATION OF ONLY COMPUTER SECRETS (OR SO WE INITIALLY THOUGHT?)
- MINIMAL EXPOSURE: TWEET BY @GENTILKIWI IN APRIL 2019 & BLOGS BY ANDREW IN OCTOBER 2020

# DELPHY'S NETSYNC IMPLEMENTATION HIGH LEVEL PROTOCOL BREAKDOWN



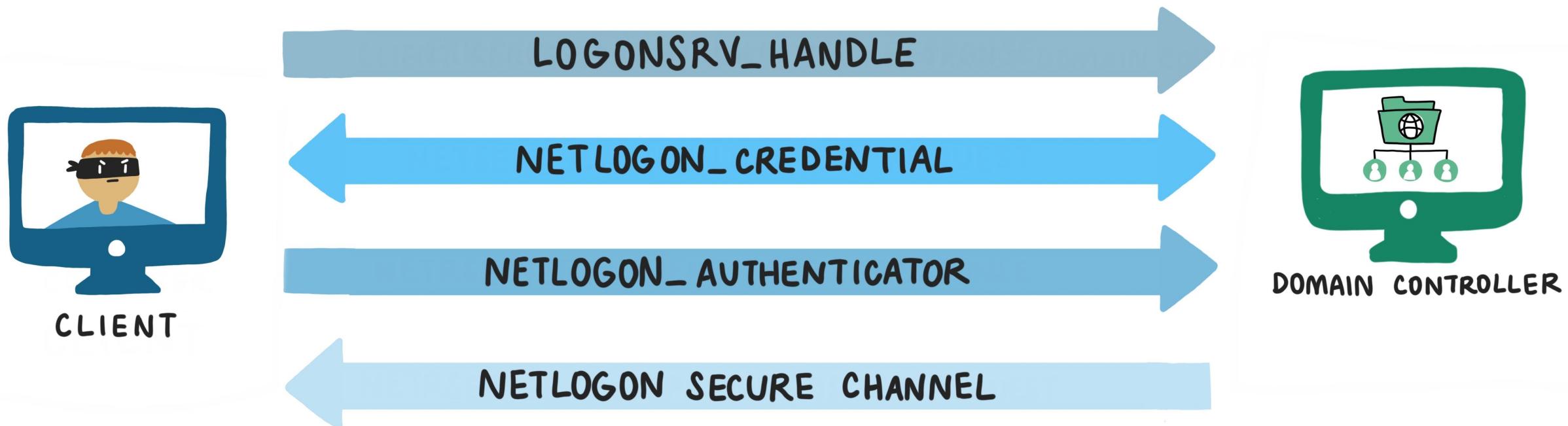
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## MS-NRPC - SECURE CHANNEL ESTABLISHMENTS & MAINTENANCE



# DELPHY'S NETSYNC IMPLEMENTATION BREAKDOWN 2

MS-NRPC - SECURE CHANNEL ESTABLISHMENTS & MAINTENANCE



# DELPHY'S NETSYNC IMPLEMENTATION BREAKDOWN 3

MS-NRPC - SECURE CHANNEL ESTABLISHMENTS & MAINTENANCE

NETRSERVERREQCHALLENGE REQUEST



CLIENT



DOMAIN CONTROLLER

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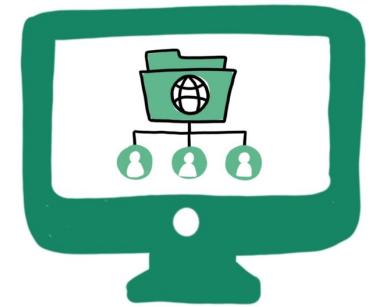
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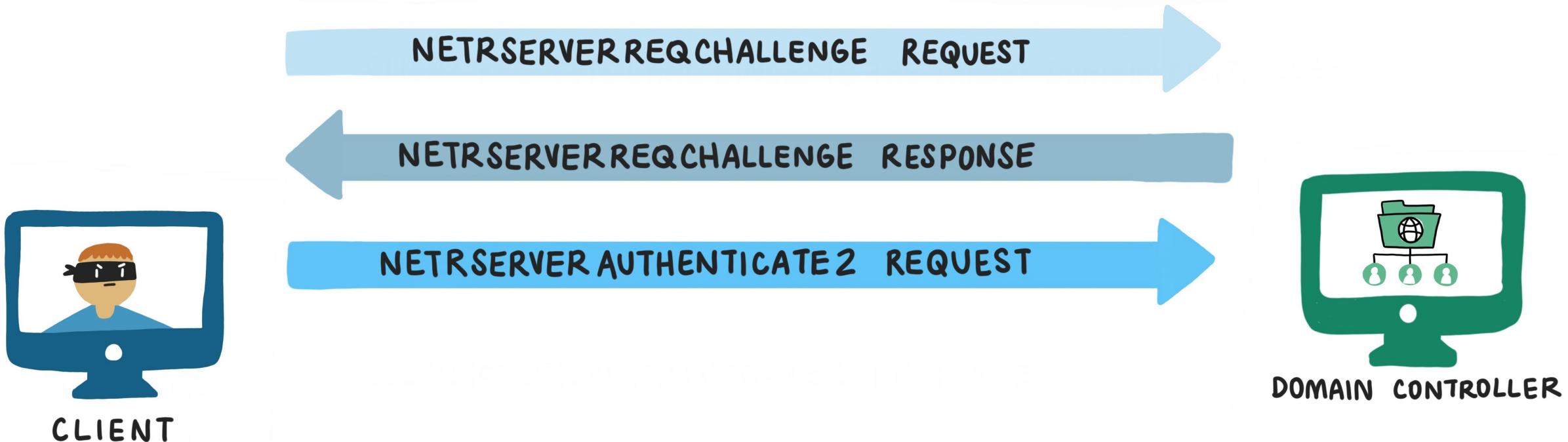
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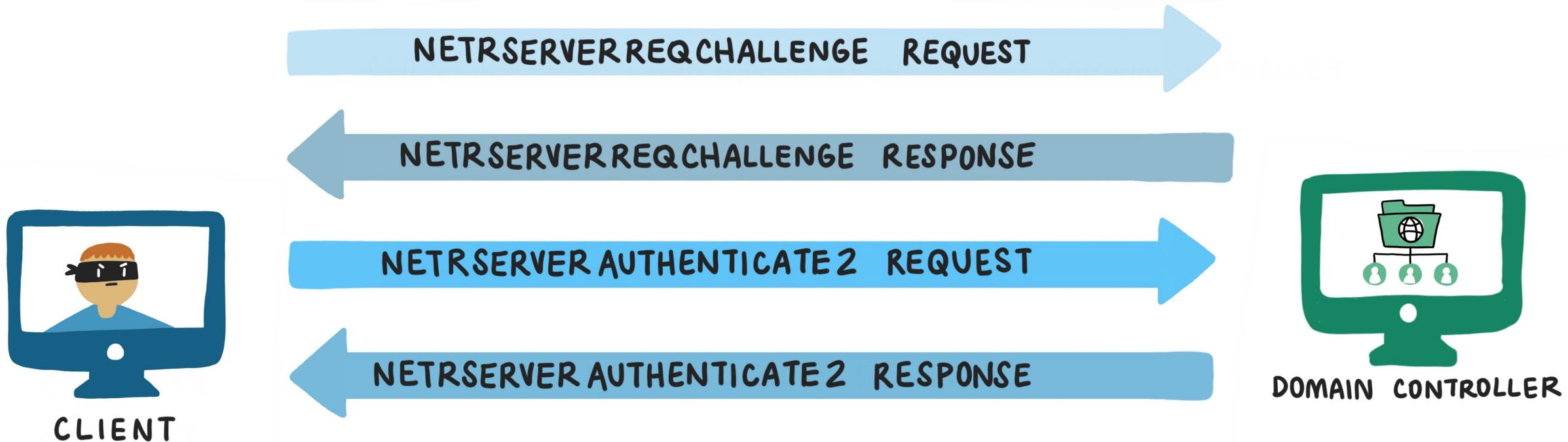
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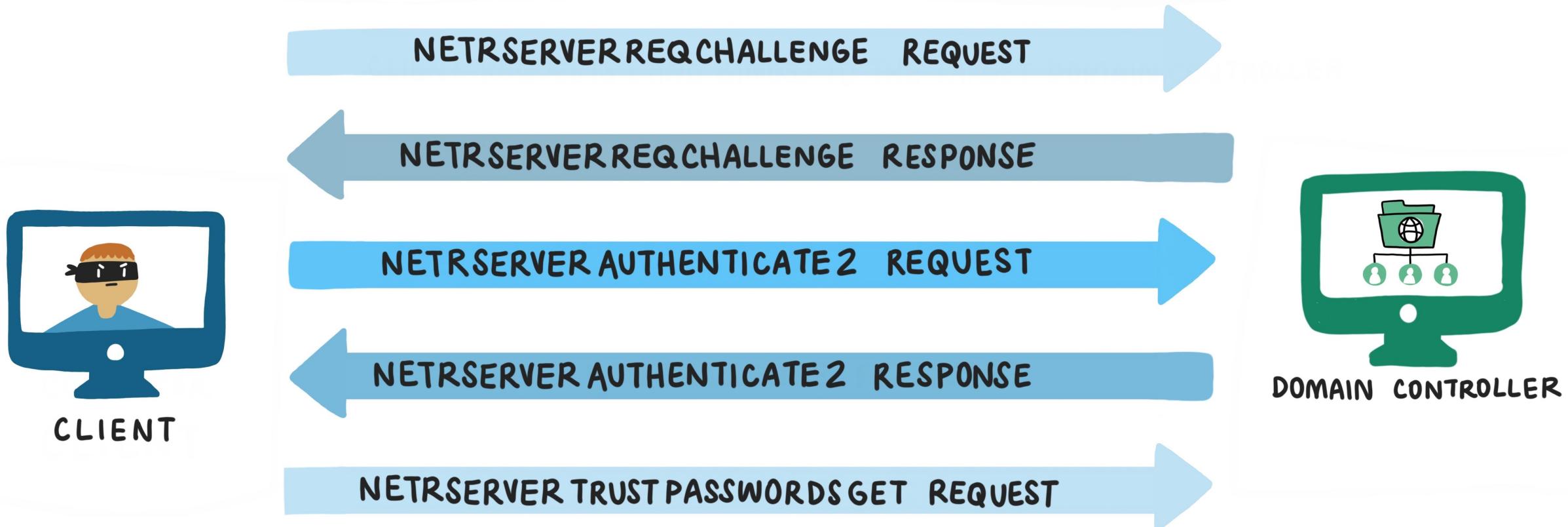
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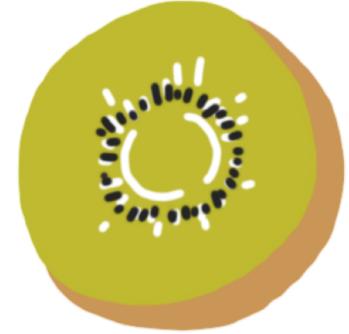
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# NETSYNC



# WITH MIMIKATZ

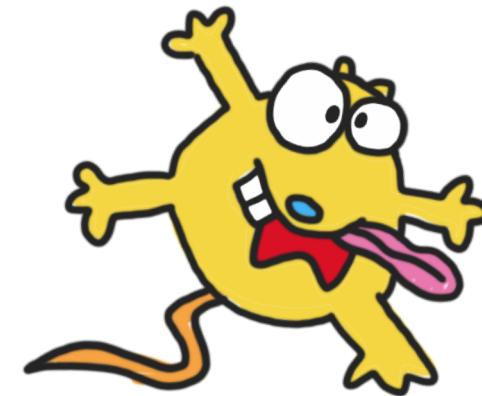


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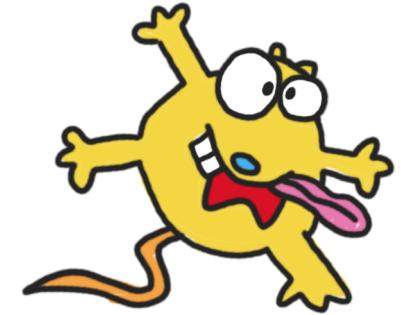
- ▲ INADVERTENTLY BROKE DELPY'S POC DURING ZEROLOGON PATCH RELEASE IN FEB 2021
- ▲ PATCH FORCED PACKET PRIVACY/INTEGRITY CONNECTION BETWEEN CLIENT AND DC



NETSYNC



BROKEN MIMIKATZ



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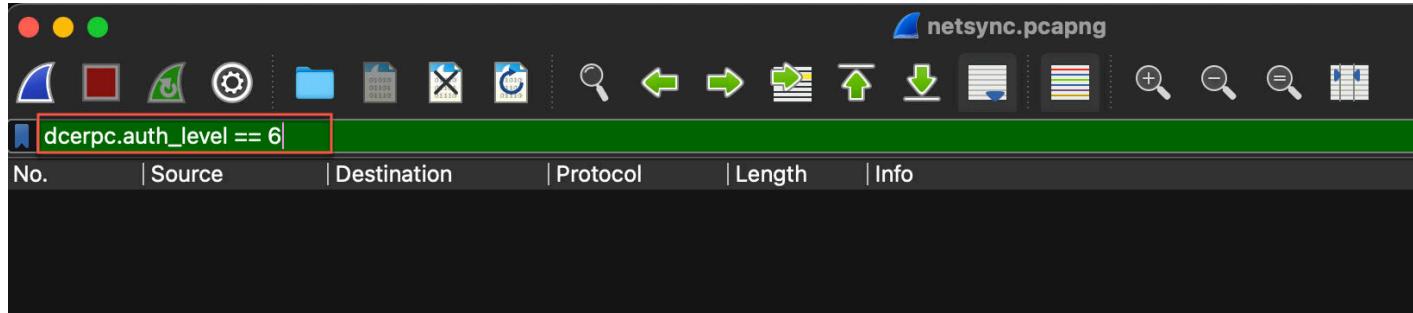


# BUILDING A NEW NETSYNC

# HOW CHARLIE RE-WORKED NETSYNC

- CREATED A NEW POC
- NEW POC FORCES PACKET PRIVACY ON CREDENTIAL RETRIEVAL
- MAKES USE OF AUTH LEVEL 6 -  
`RPC_C_AUTHN_LEVEL_PKT_PRIVACY`

# HOW CHARLIE RE-WORKED NETSYNC



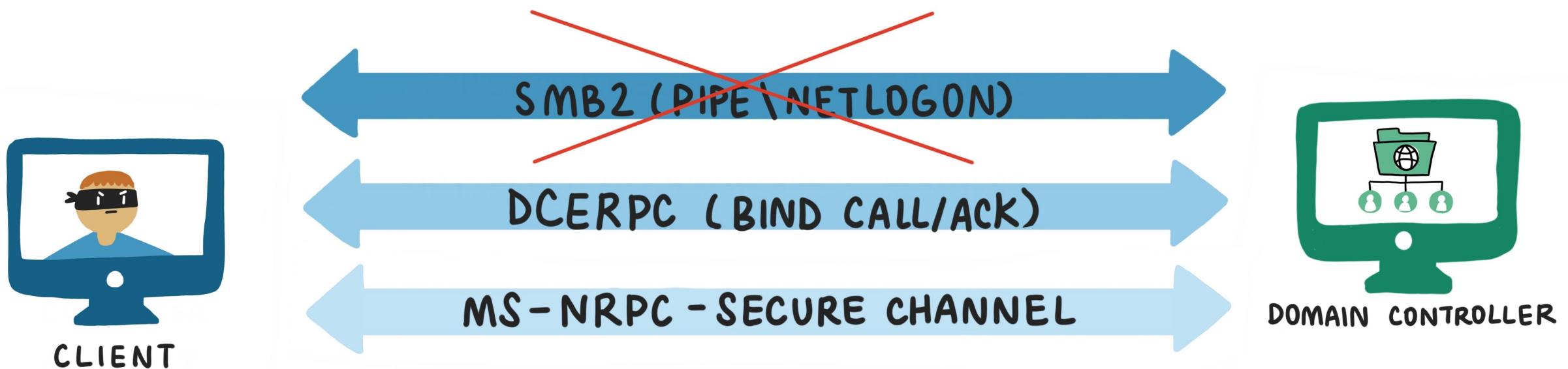
DELPY'S ORIGINAL MIMIKATZ POC

A screenshot of the Wireshark interface. The title bar says "charlie\_poc.pcapng". A search bar at the top contains the filter "dcerpc.auth\_level == 6". Below the search bar is a toolbar with various icons. The main pane shows four rows of network traffic. The columns are "No.", "Source", "Destination", "Protocol", "Length", and "Info". The traffic consists of:

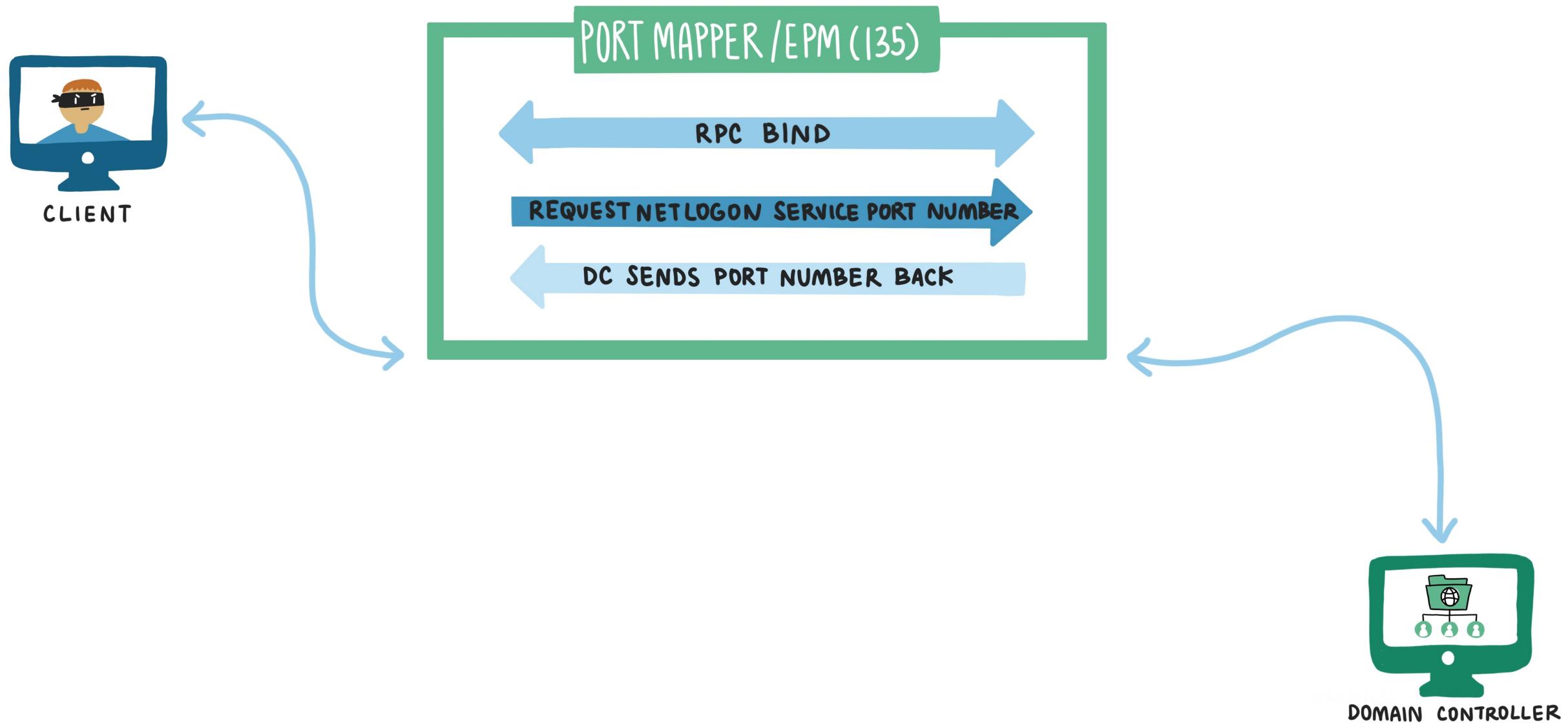
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1050	10.1.1.11	10.1.1.14	DCERPC	134	Bind_ack: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 5840 max_recv: 5
1106	10.1.1.14	10.1.1.11	RPC_NETLOGON	290	NetrServerTrustPasswordsGet request
1107	10.1.1.11	10.1.1.14	RPC_NETLOGON	190	NetrServerTrustPasswordsGet response

CHARLIE'S NEW POC

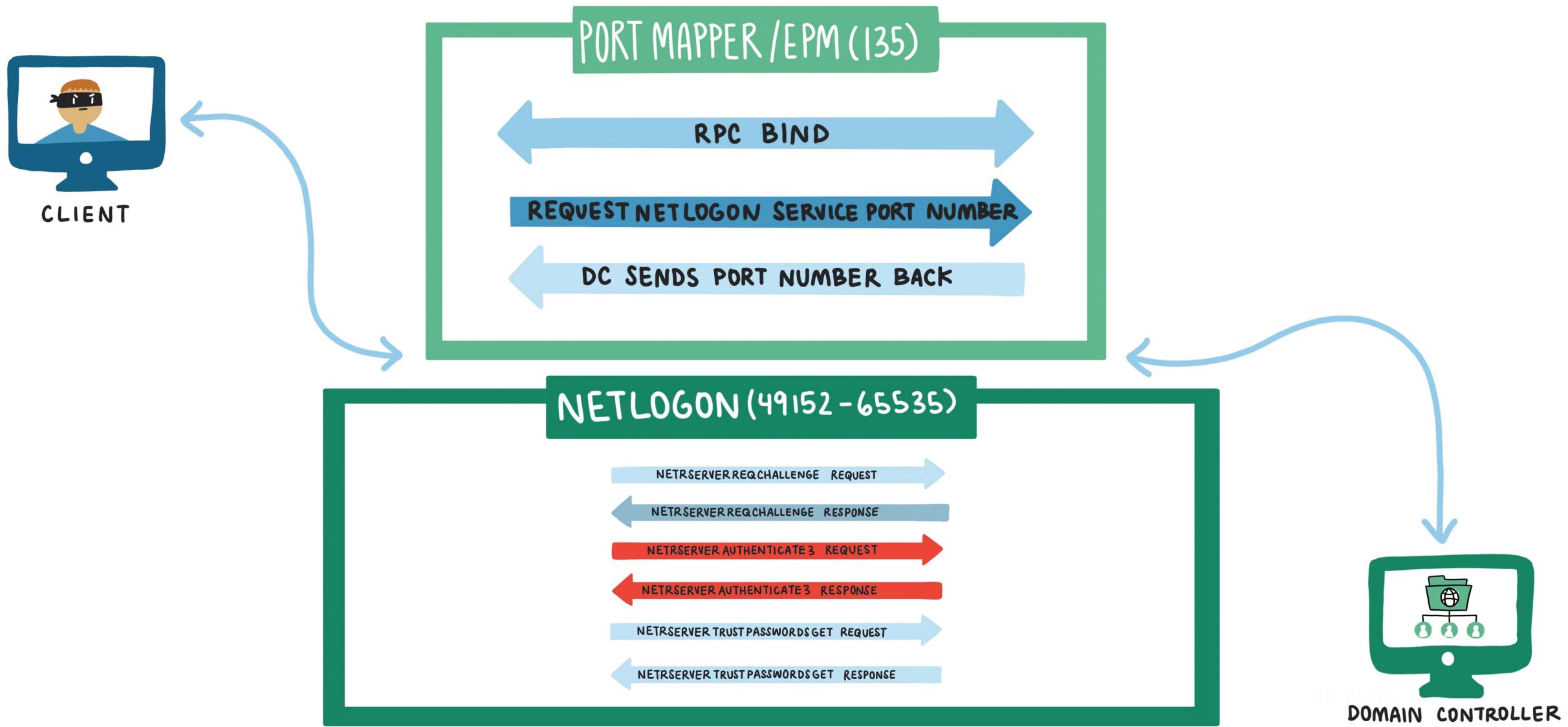
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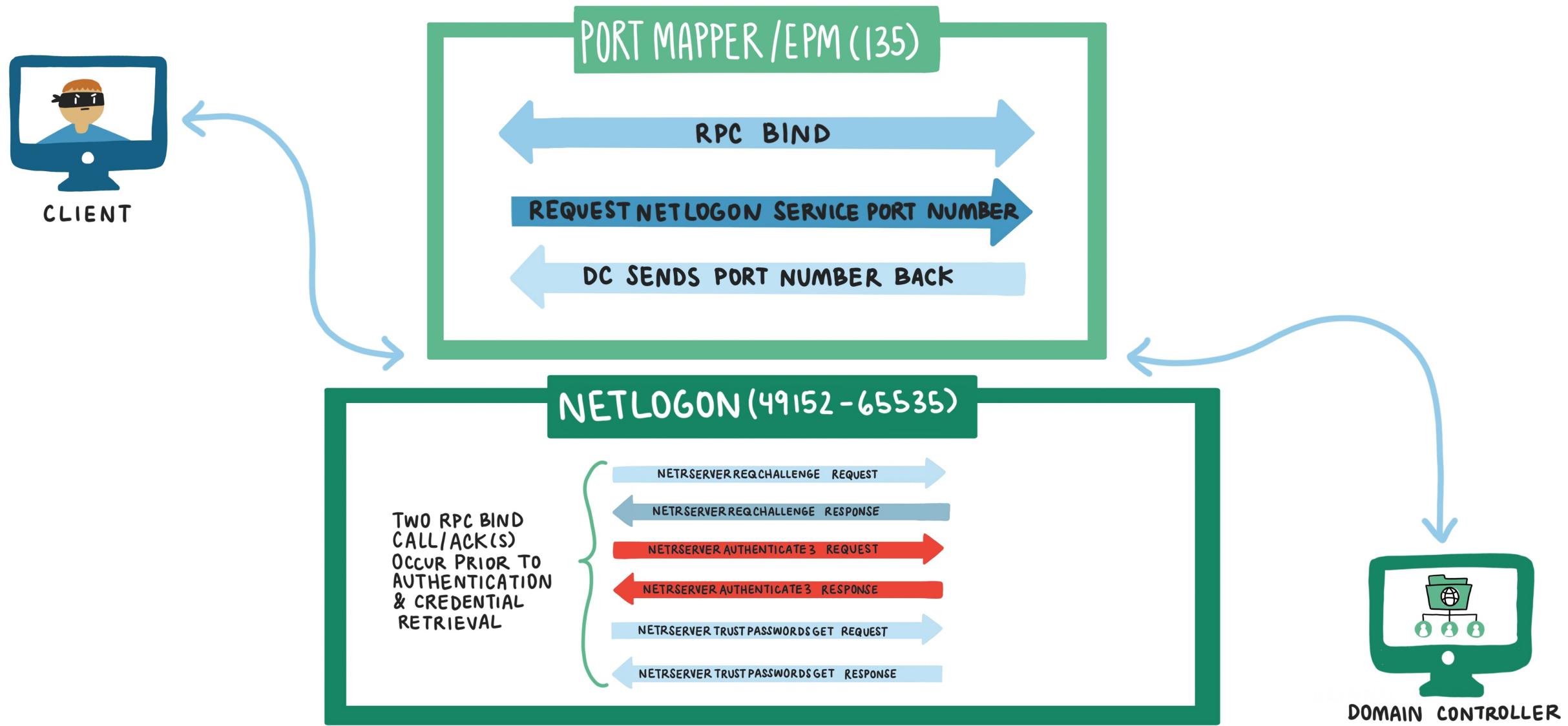
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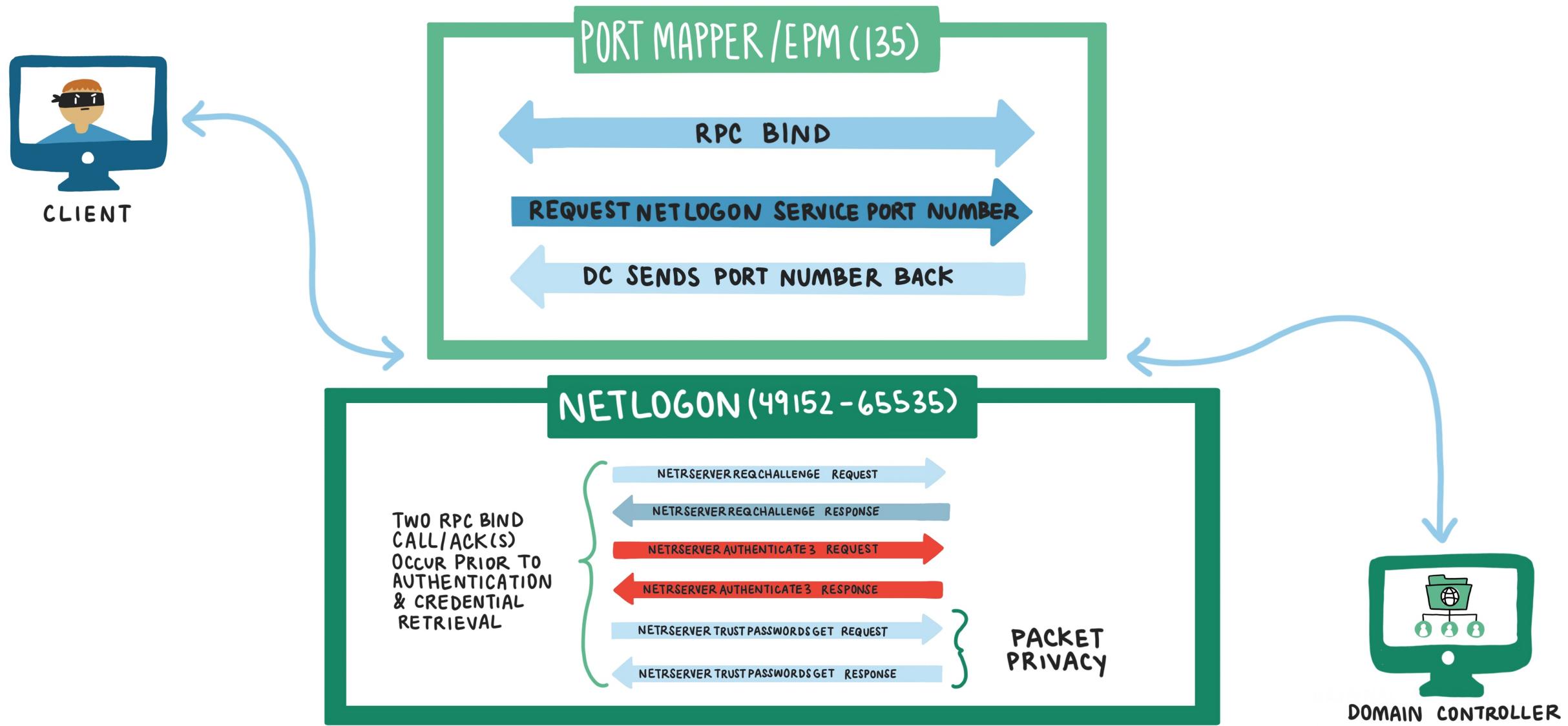
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# ORIGINAL POC VS. NEW POC

<u>API CALL</u>	<u>ATTACK USE CASE</u>	<u>CHARLIE'S POC</u>	<u>DELPHY'S POC</u>
NETRSERVERTRUSTPASSWORDGET	GETTING NT HASH OF ANY "TRUST" ACCOUNT IN THE DOMAIN	Y	Y
NETRSERVERPASSWORDGET		Y	N
NETRSERVERGETTRUSTINFO		Y	N

- THE AUTHENTICATE API CALL IS IRRELEVANT, IT IS THE CALL ABOVE THAT RETRIEVES THE CREDENTIAL ... THAT IS "NETSYNC"

# USER ACCOUNT CONTROL (UAC) CAVEATS

- INTERDOMAIN\_TRUST\_ACCOUNT 2048
  - WORKSTATION\_TRUST\_ACCOUNT 4096
  - SERVER\_TRUST\_ACCOUNT 8192
- 
- ▲ UAC VALUES DETERMINE WHAT CAN BE NETSYNCED
  - ▲ ANY AD OBJECT USING THESE UAC VALUES CAN BE NETSYNCED
  - ▲ 8192 ALLOWS NETSYNCING OF ANY ACCOUNT (A:X)
  - ▲ 2048 OR 4096 LIMITS TO SAME ACCOUNT NETSYNCING (A:A)

# UAC TRICKS ☺

- IF YOU CHANGE NORMAL USER ACCOUNT TO BE A WORKSTATION\_TRUST\_ACCOUNT, THEN YOU CAN NETSYNC IT
- IF YOU CHANGE WORKSTATION\_TRUST\_ACCOUNT TO BE A SERVER\_TRUST\_ACCOUNT, THEN YOU CAN USE IT TO NETSYNC OTHER ACCOUNTS
  - ▲ THE PRIMARY GROUP AUTOMATICALLY CHANGES TO DOMAIN CONTROLLERS (516)

# CHARLIE'S NETSYNC POC



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# GOLDEN NETSYNC



# GOLDEN NETSYNC – THE TRUST KEY

- AN ALTERNATIVE TO TOUCHING KRBTGT
- ENCRYPTED WITH TRUST KEY AND NOT KRBTGT. LIKE A GOLDEN TICKET BUT NOT. FOR A LOCAL USER, JUST AS POWERFUL AS A LOCAL TGT (MAKES NO DIFFERENCE)
- FOR INTRA – FORREST
  - 1) FORGE A REFERRAL WITH THE TRUST KEY
  - 2) USE THAT REFERRAL TO GET A REFERRAL BACK
  - 3) REFERRAL FOR LOCAL USER TO REQUEST STs (AS GENUINE AS A LOCAL TGT)

# INTRA-FOREST



LOCAL DOMAIN CONTROLLER  
EARTH-DC.MARVEL.LOCAL



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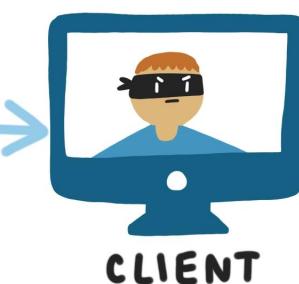


LOCAL FILE SERVER  
XANDAR-FS.MARVEL.LOCAL



FOREIGN DOMAIN CONTROLLER  
EARTH2012-CHILD.QUANTUMREALM.MARVEL.LOCAL

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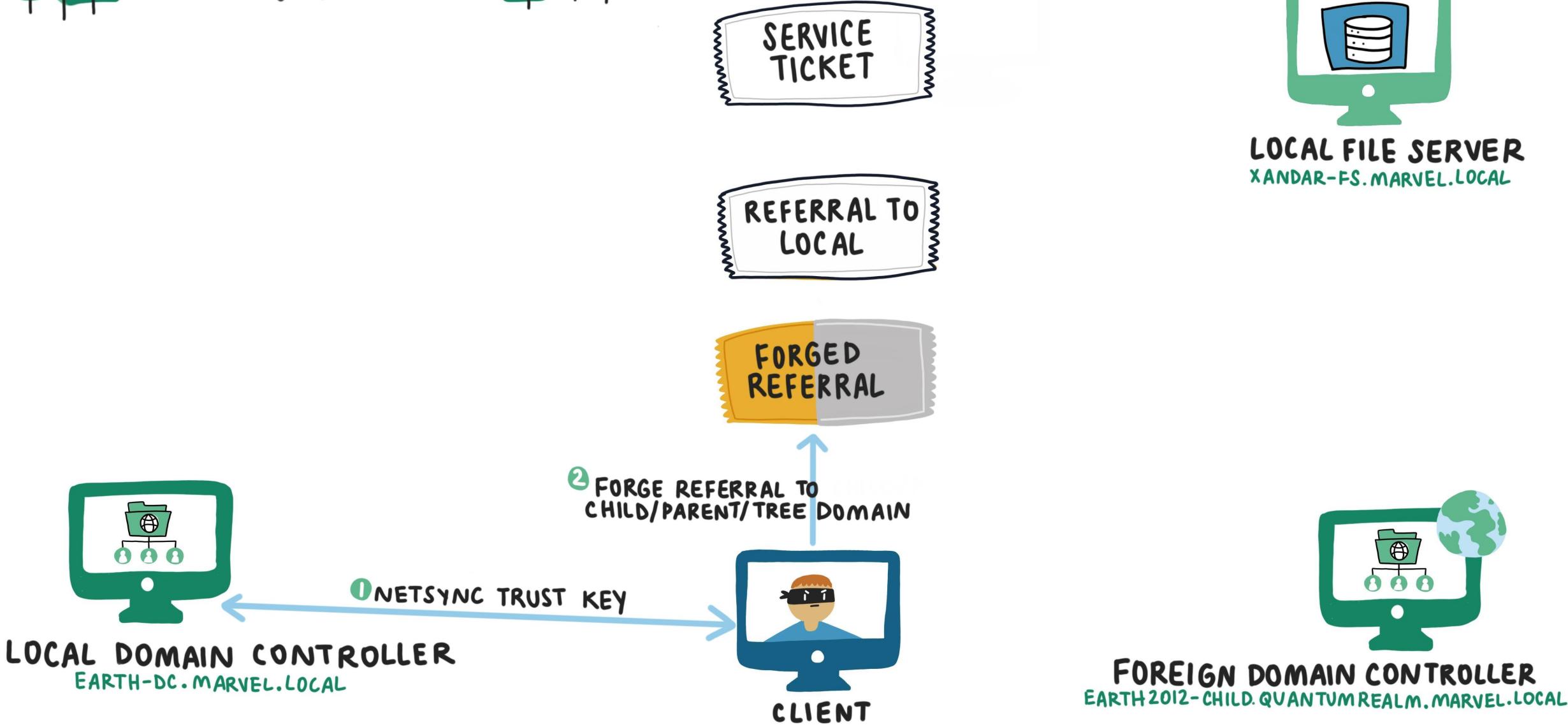
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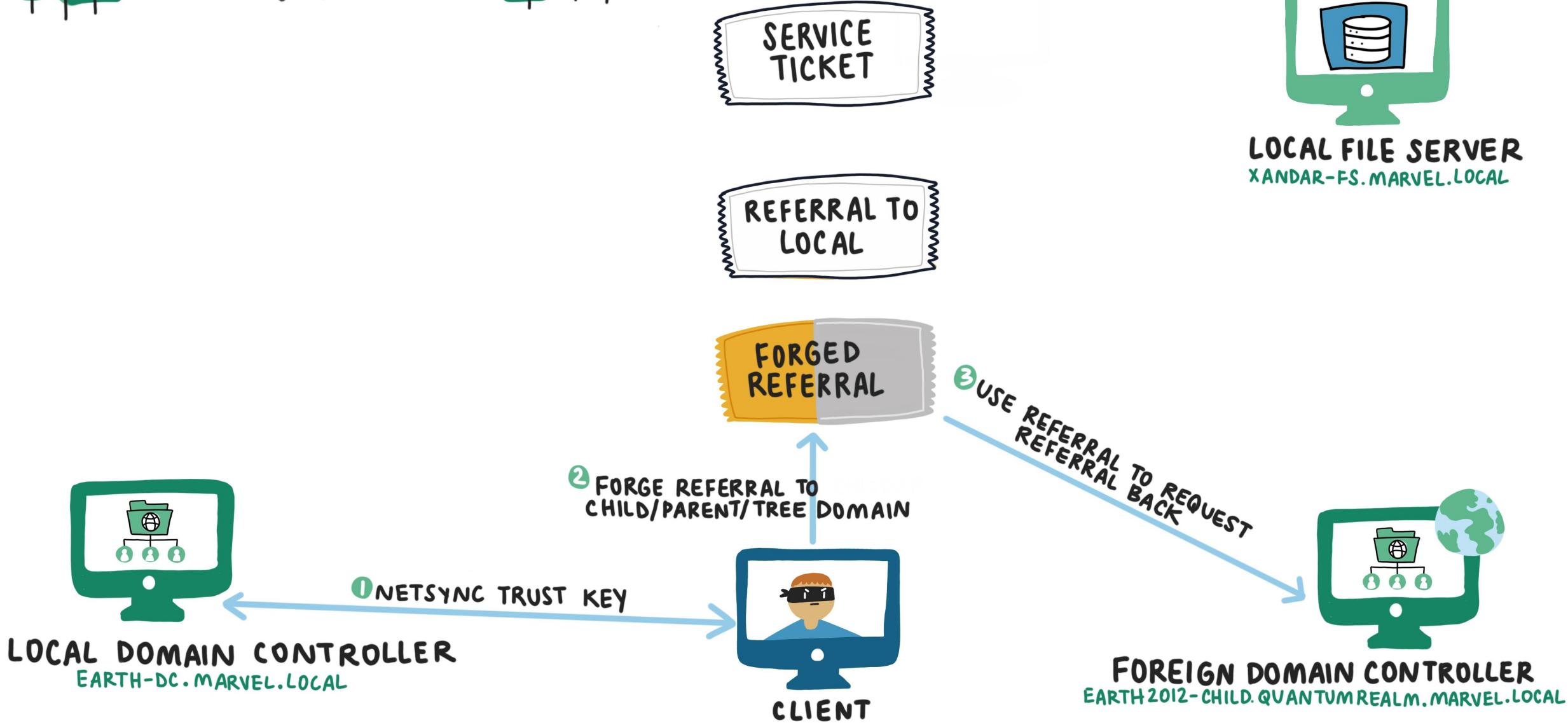


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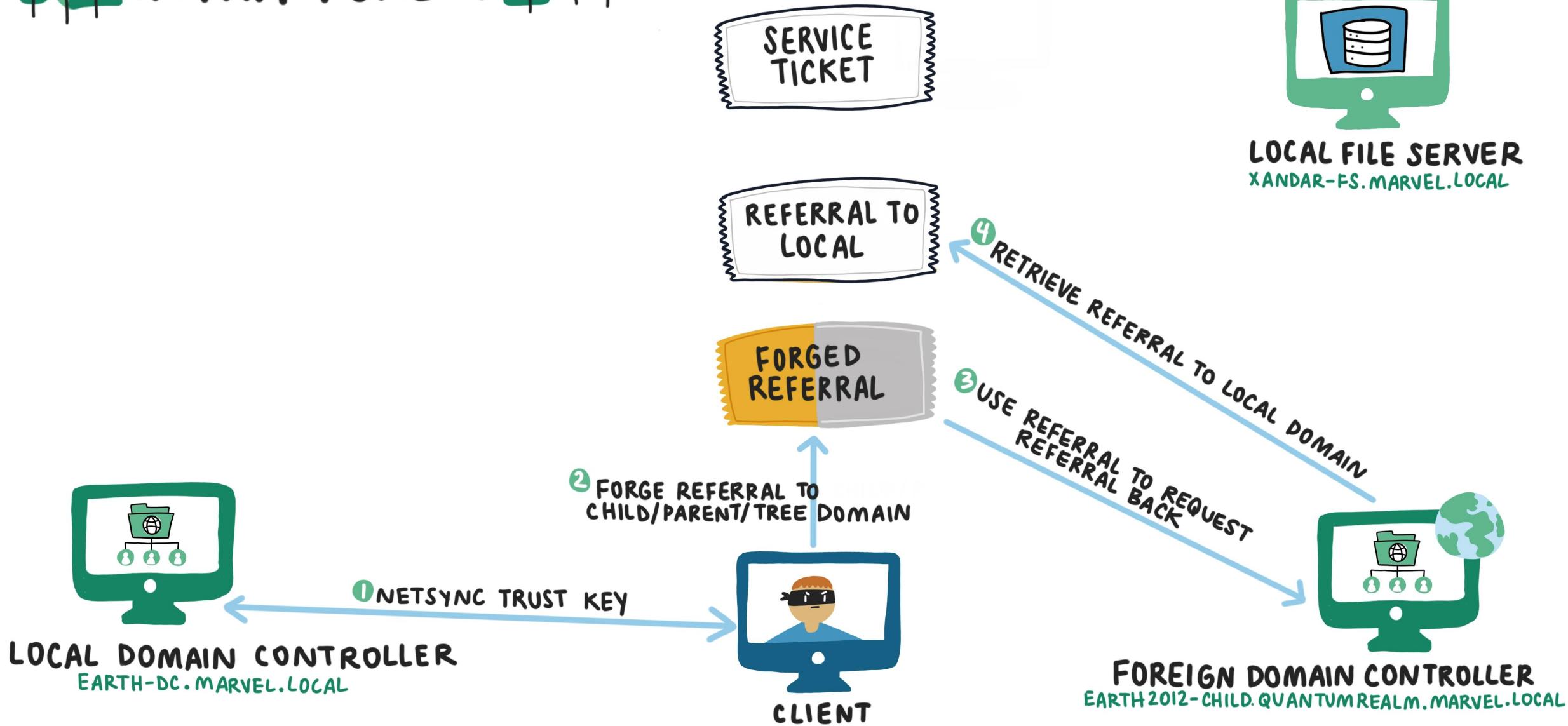
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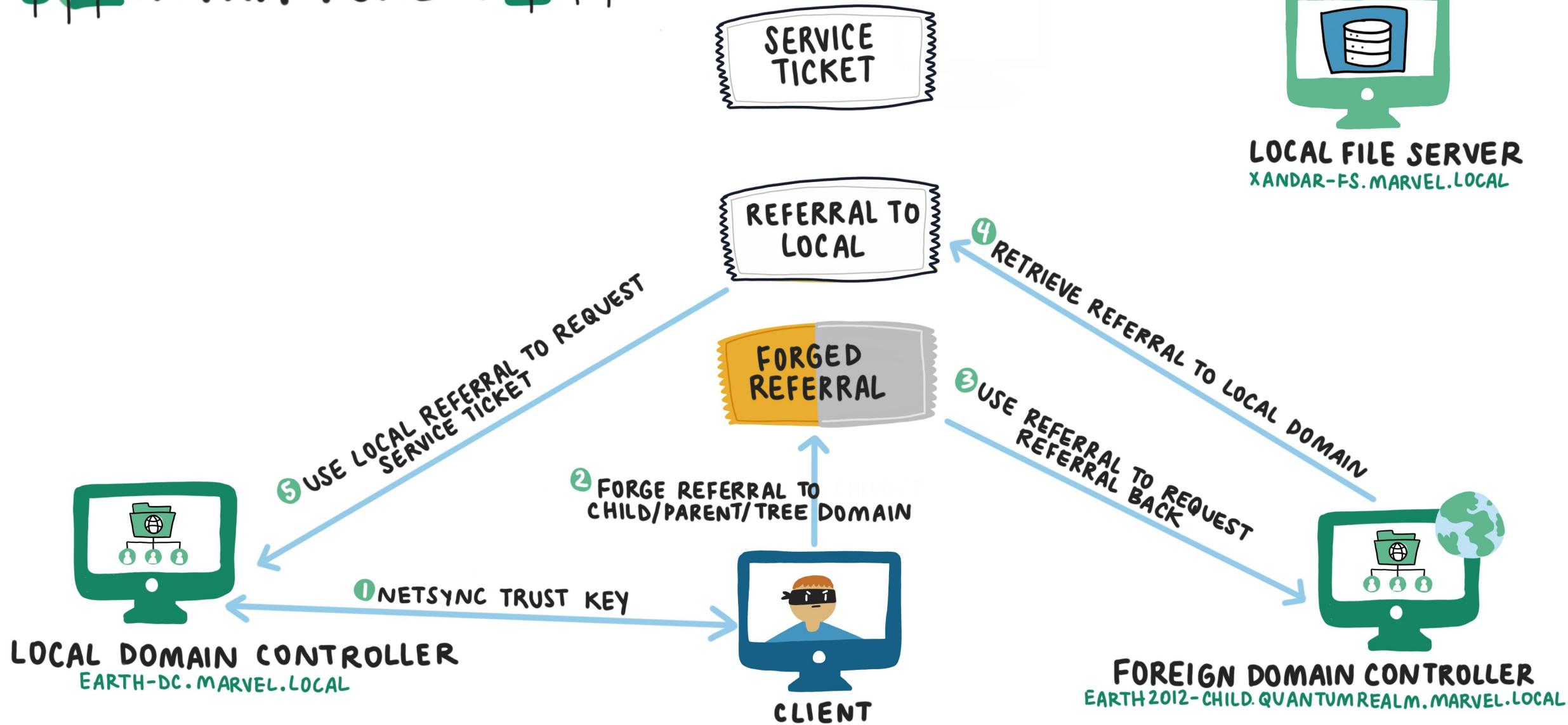
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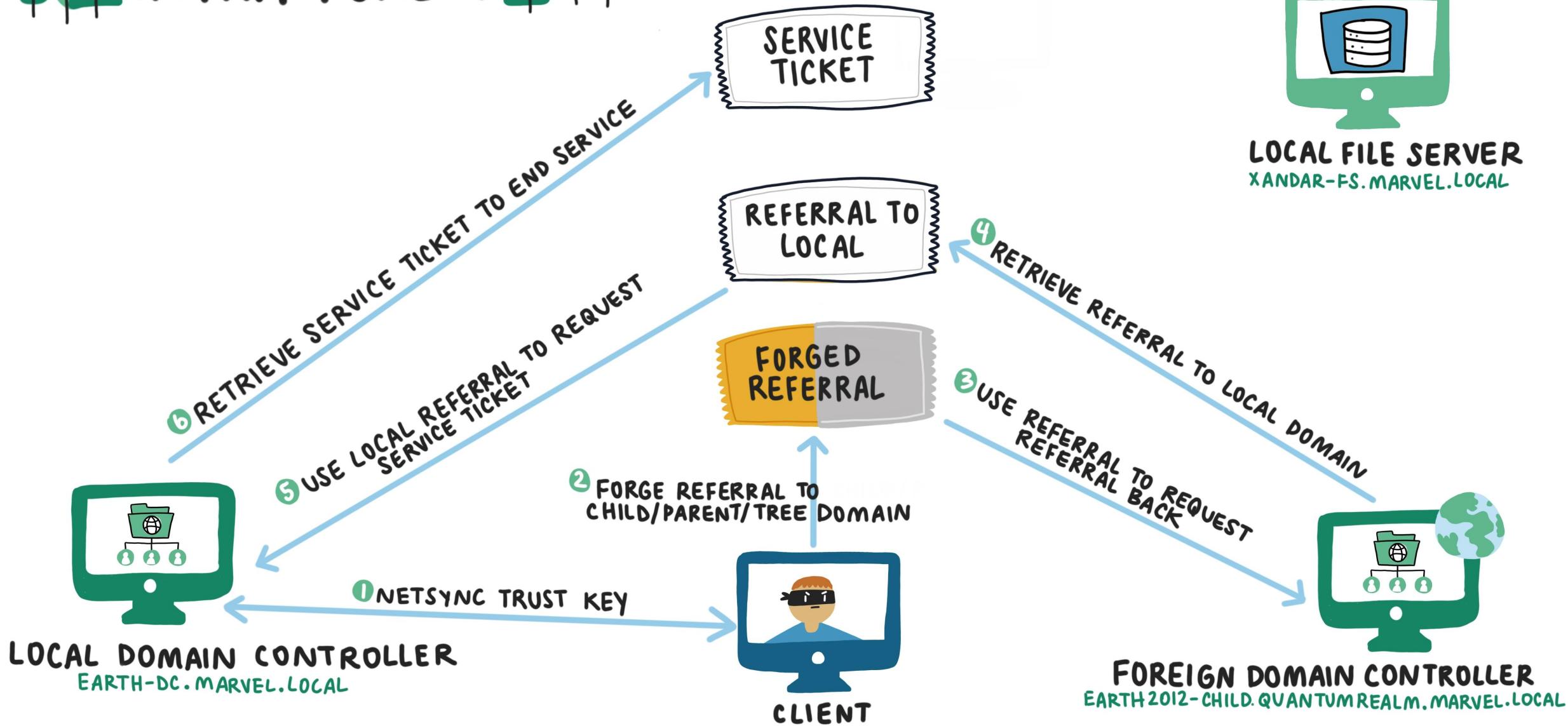
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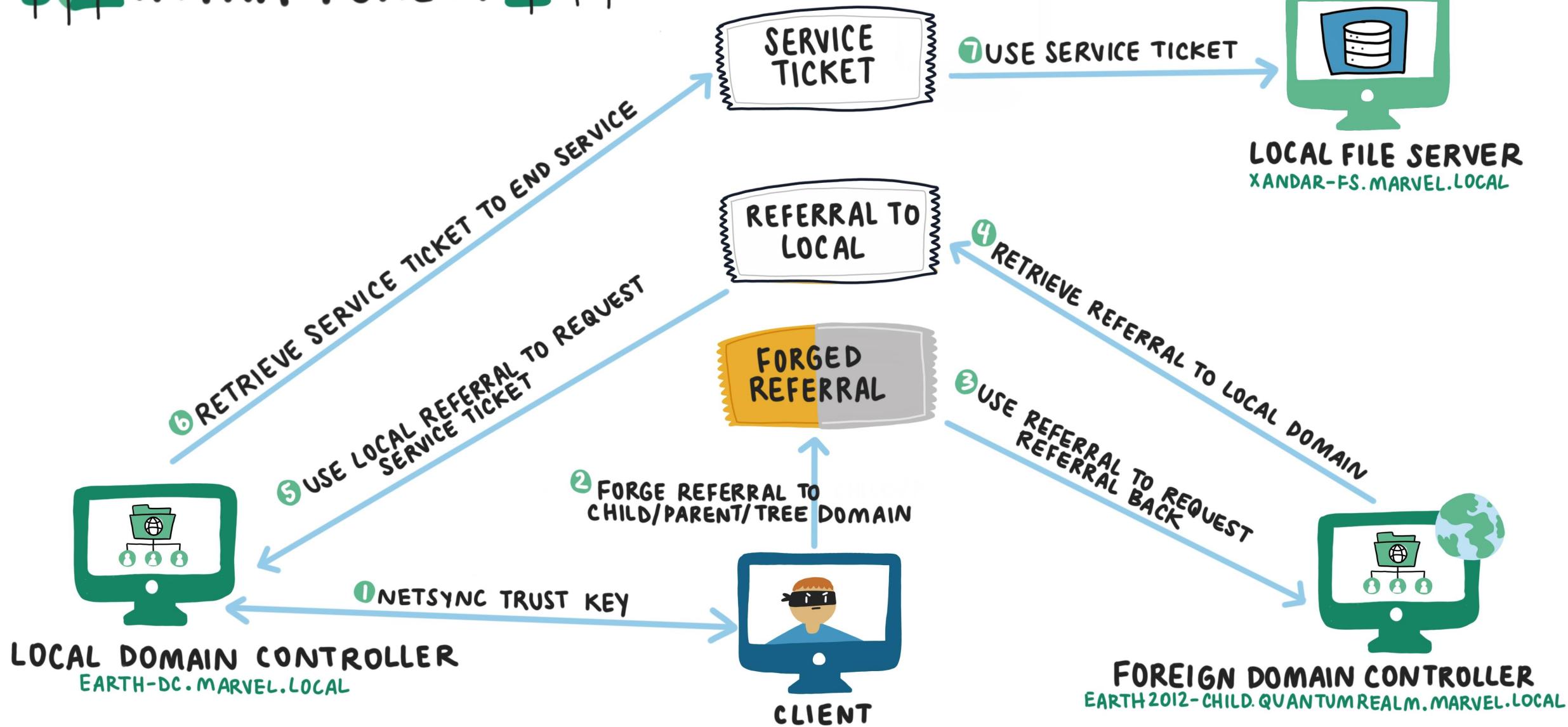
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# GOLDEN NETSYNC CAVEATS

- USED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A GOLDEN TICKET
- NO REQUIREMENT TO SYNC THE KRBTGT KEY
- SILVER TICKET WOULD BE MORE OPSEC



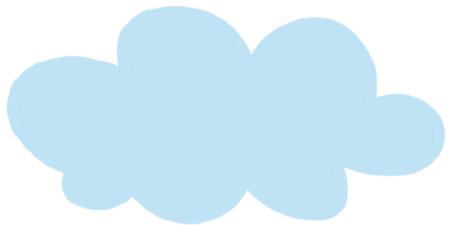
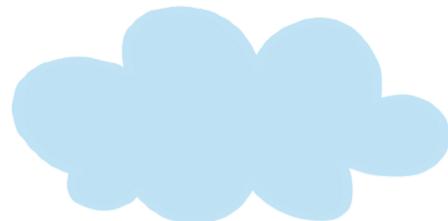
# GOLDEN NETSYNC



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Activate Windows  
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

NETSYNC  
TO THE CLOUD  
W/ AZUREADSSOACC\$



# NETSYNC W/ AZUREADSSOACC\$

- ACCOUNT THAT ALLOWS FOR SSO BETWEEN ON – PREMISES & AZURE
- IS A WORKSTATION\_TRUST\_ACCOUNT, SO YOU CAN NETSYNC IT
- WITH THIS YOU CAN NOW PIVOT UP TO AZURE!

# NETSYNC TO THE CLOUD W/ AZUREADSSOACC\$



NETSYNC RED NOTES

# NETSYNC OPSEC ADVANTAGES

- ▲ ALTERNATIVE TO HEAVILY MONITORED DCSYNC (TOTALLY DIFFERENT ATTACK USING DIFFERENT SUITE MS – DRSR VS MS – NRPC)
- ▲ NOT USING PIPE\NETLOGON (DELPY'S ORIGINAL POC)
- ▲ HARDER TO DETECT
- ▲ CURRENTLY MDI DOESN'T DETECT NETSYNC

THE MORE TECHNIQUES  
THE MORE OPSEC YOU HAVE  
YOU CAN BE!



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