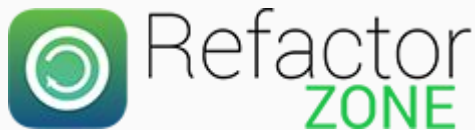




Janos Pasztor

How I built my own CDN  
for less than 100\$ a month

# Stuff I do



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You know what a CDN is.

# Warning!

## Don't do this at home!

This is as experimental as it gets.

# The problem with CDNs

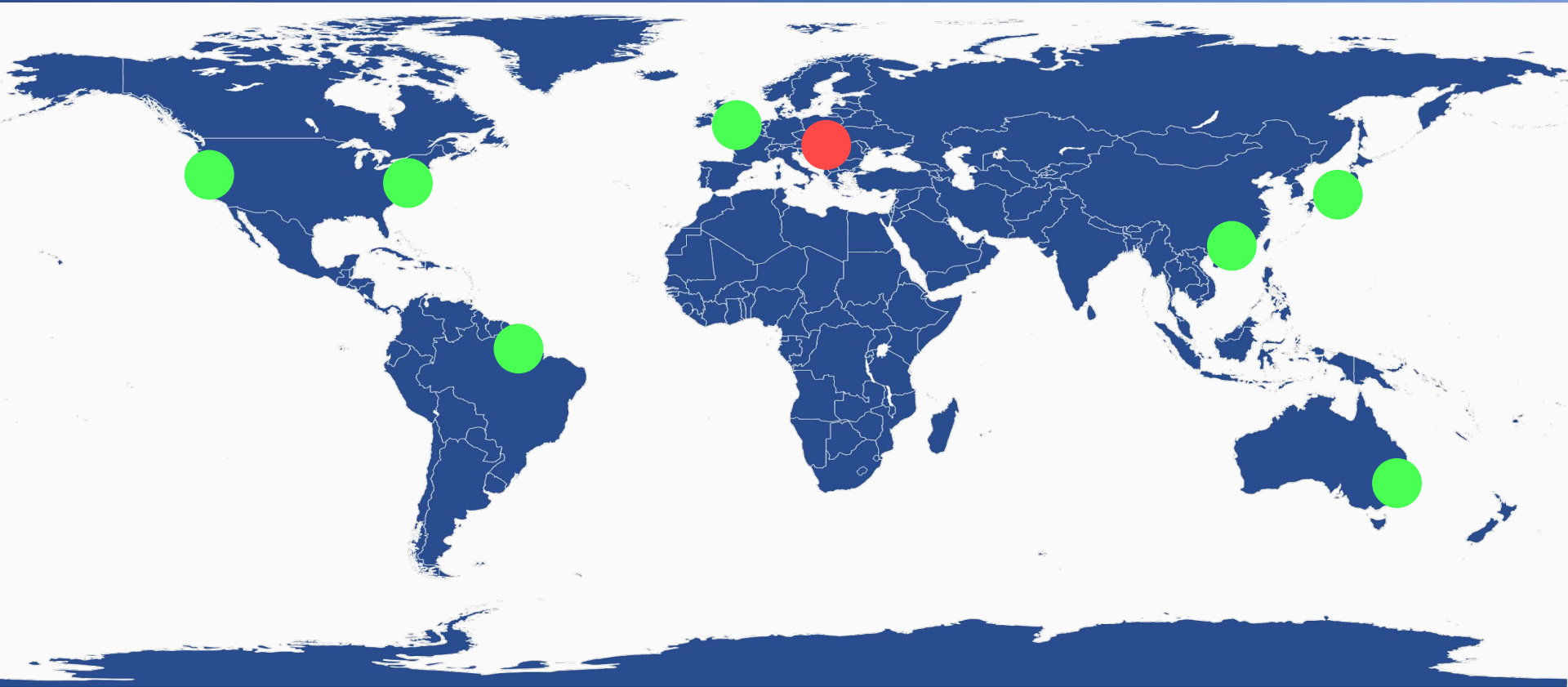


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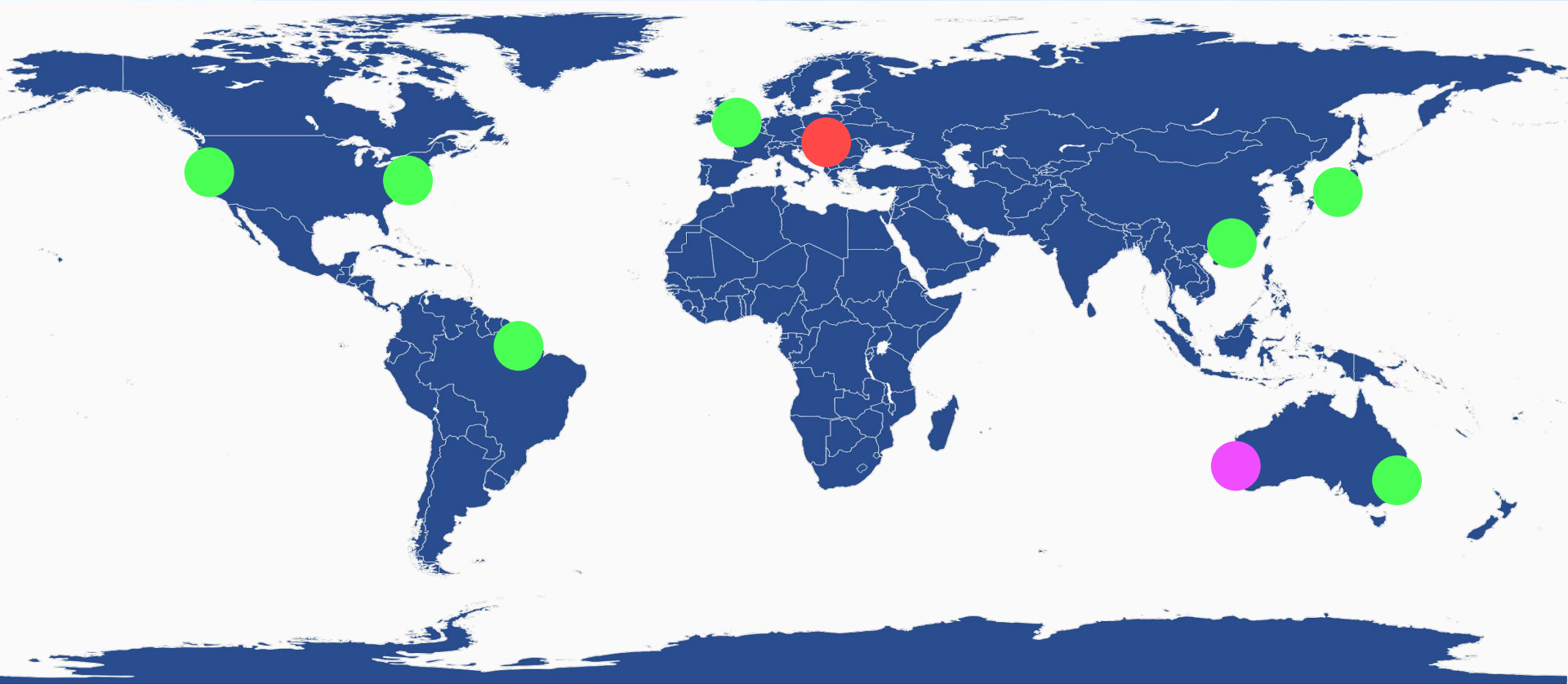
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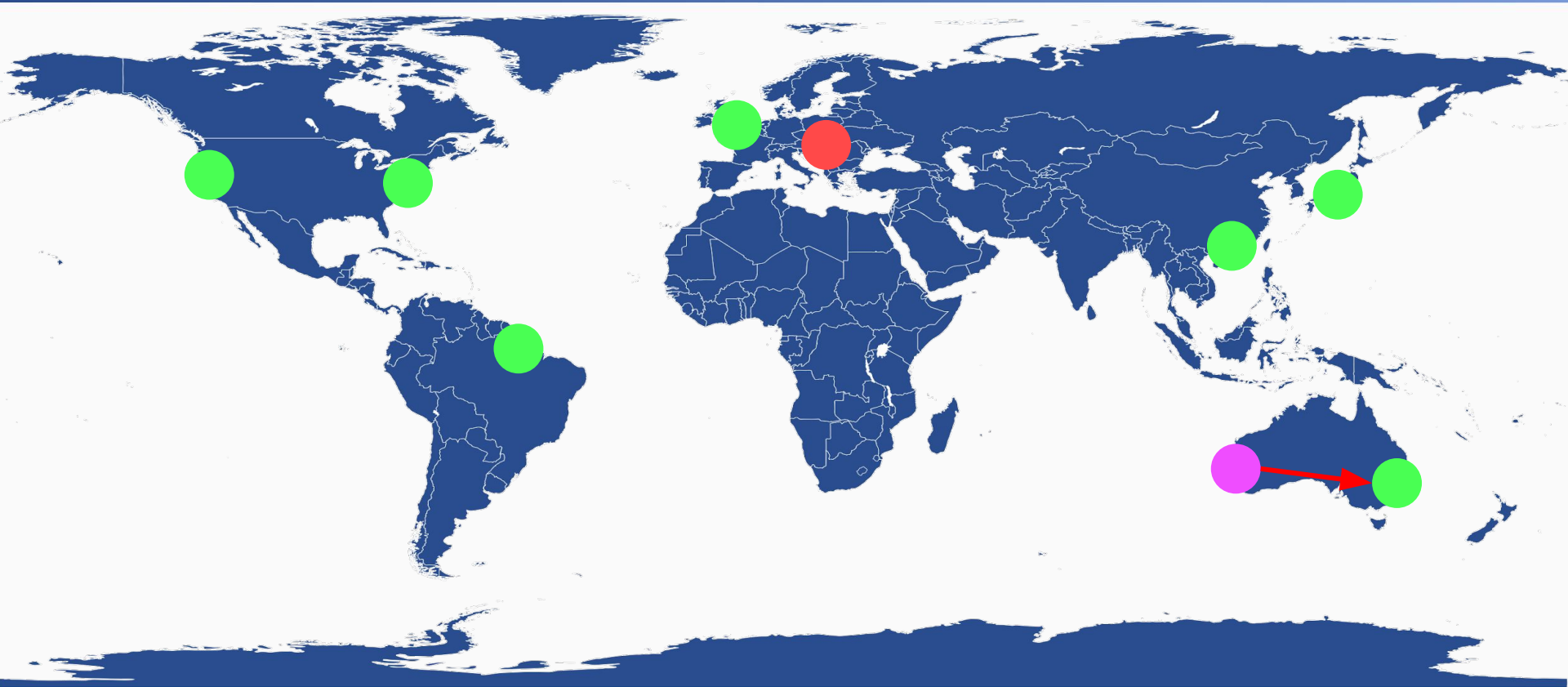
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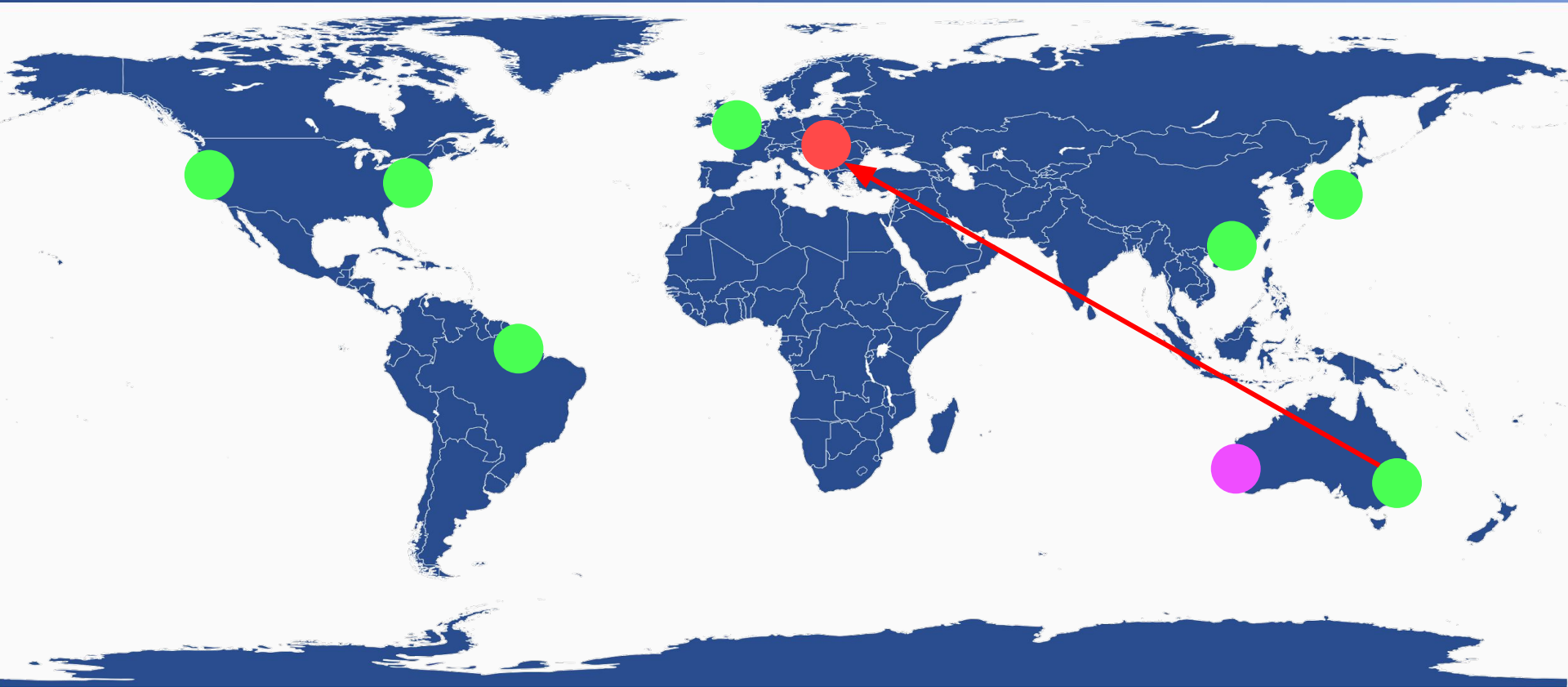


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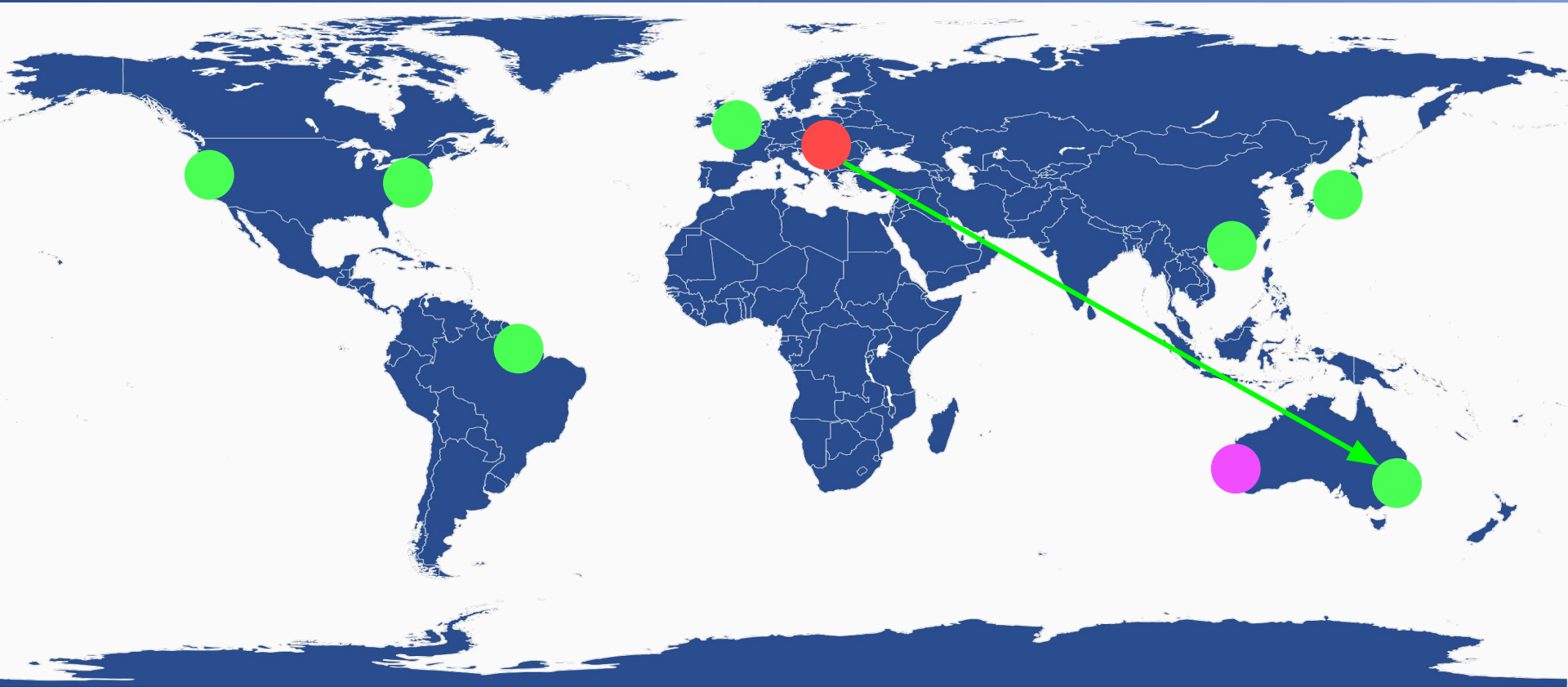




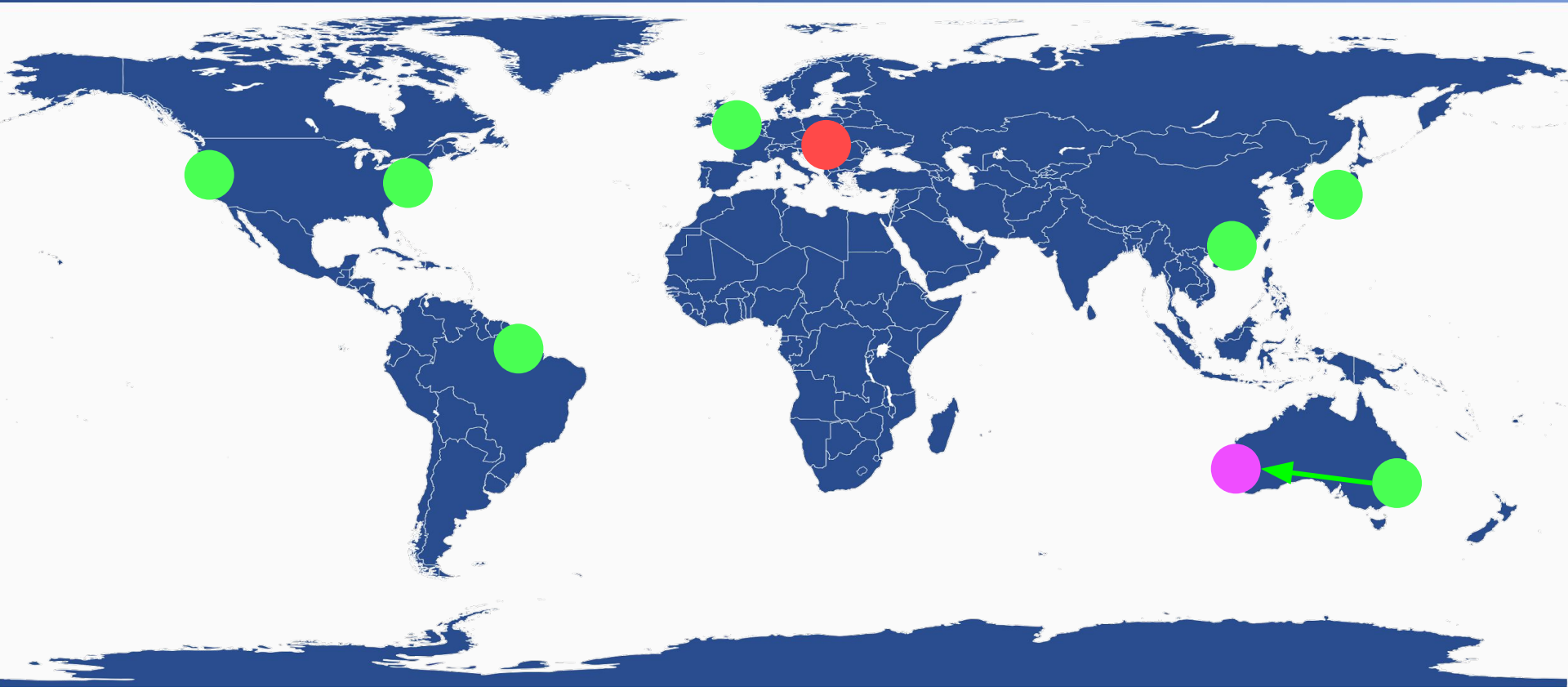
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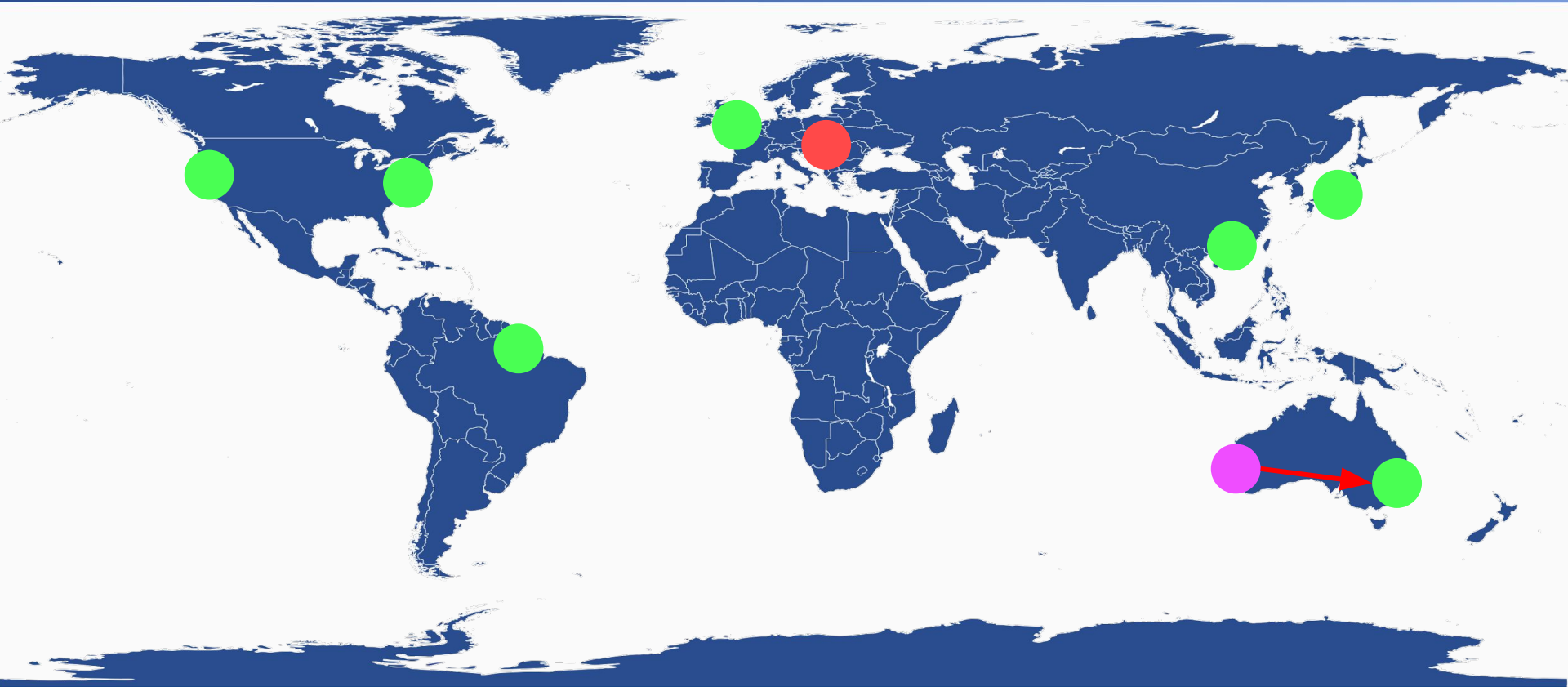
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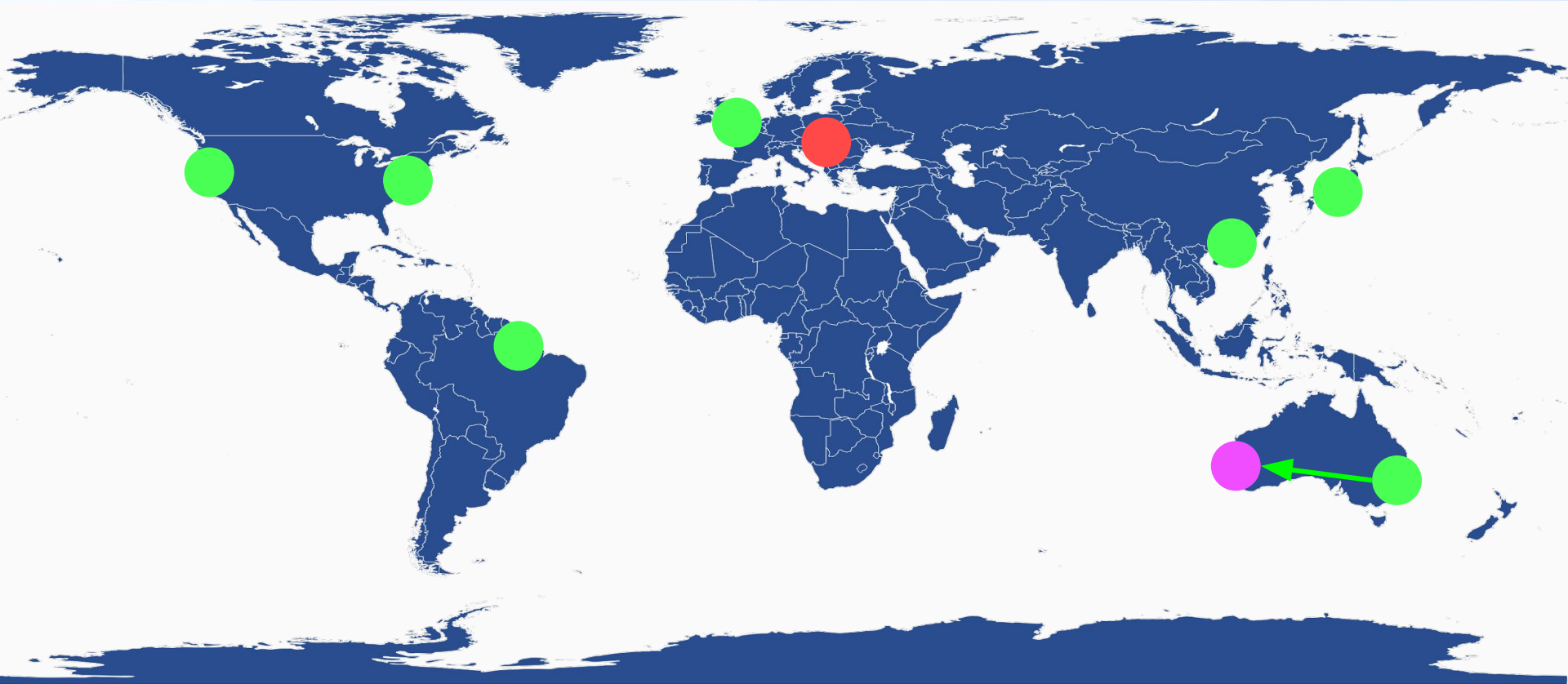
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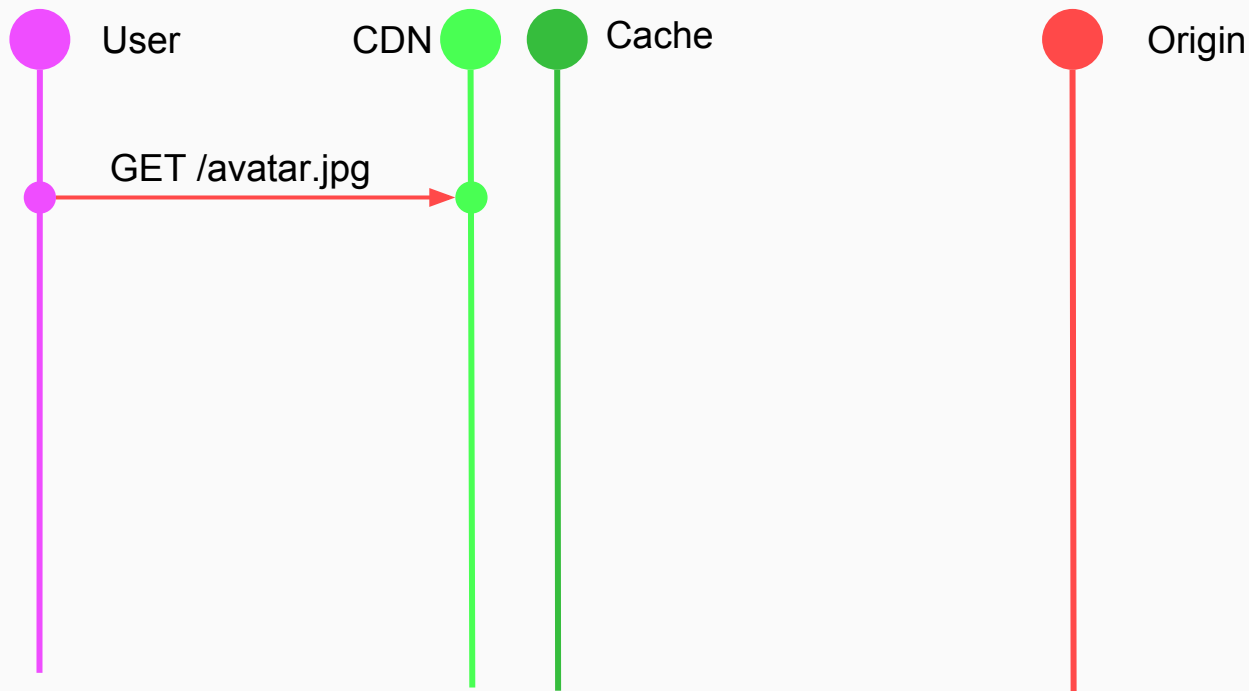
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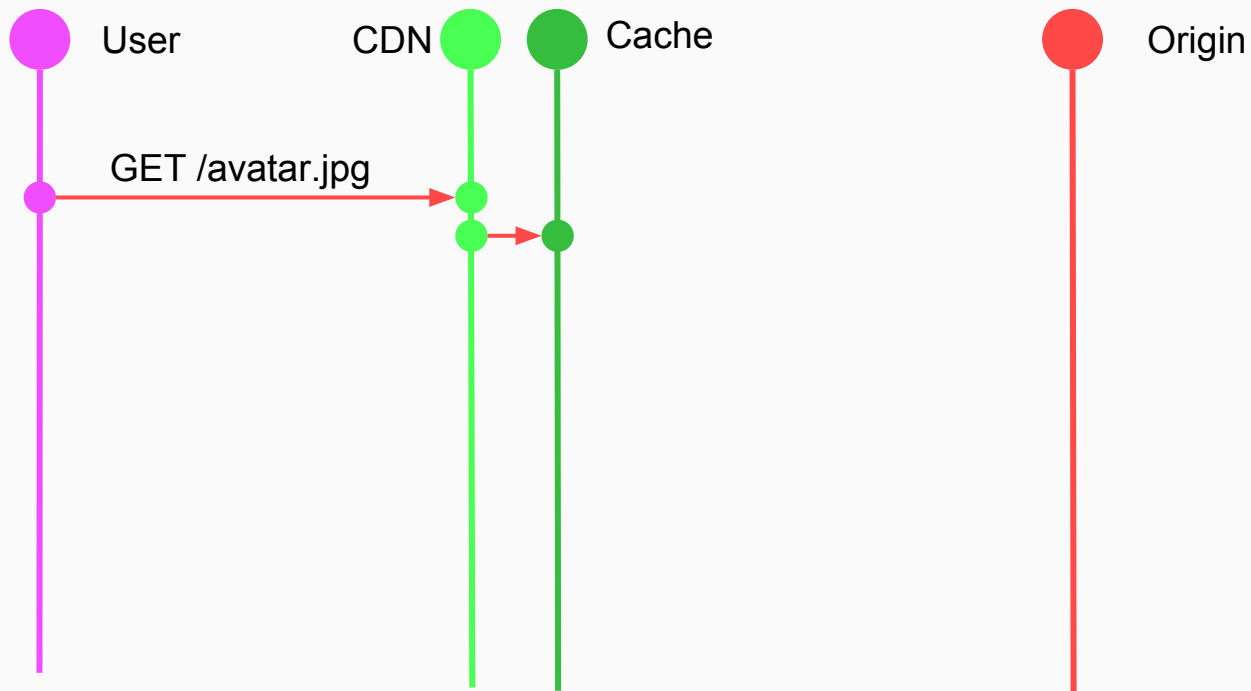
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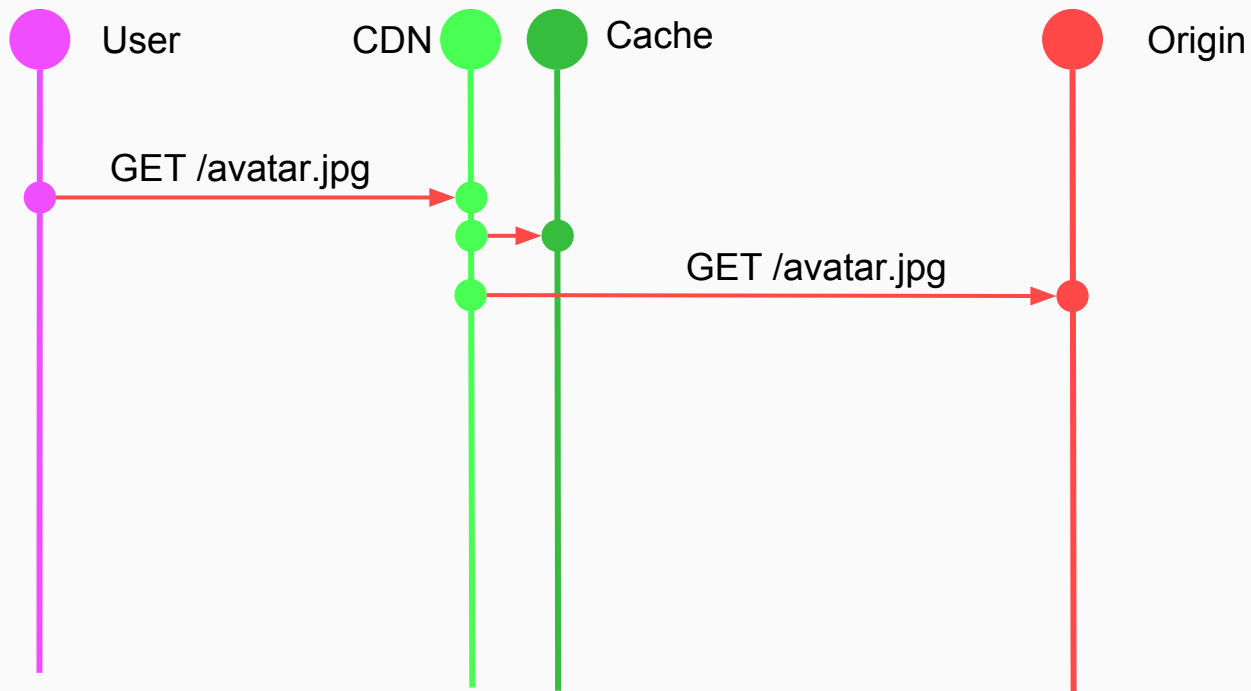
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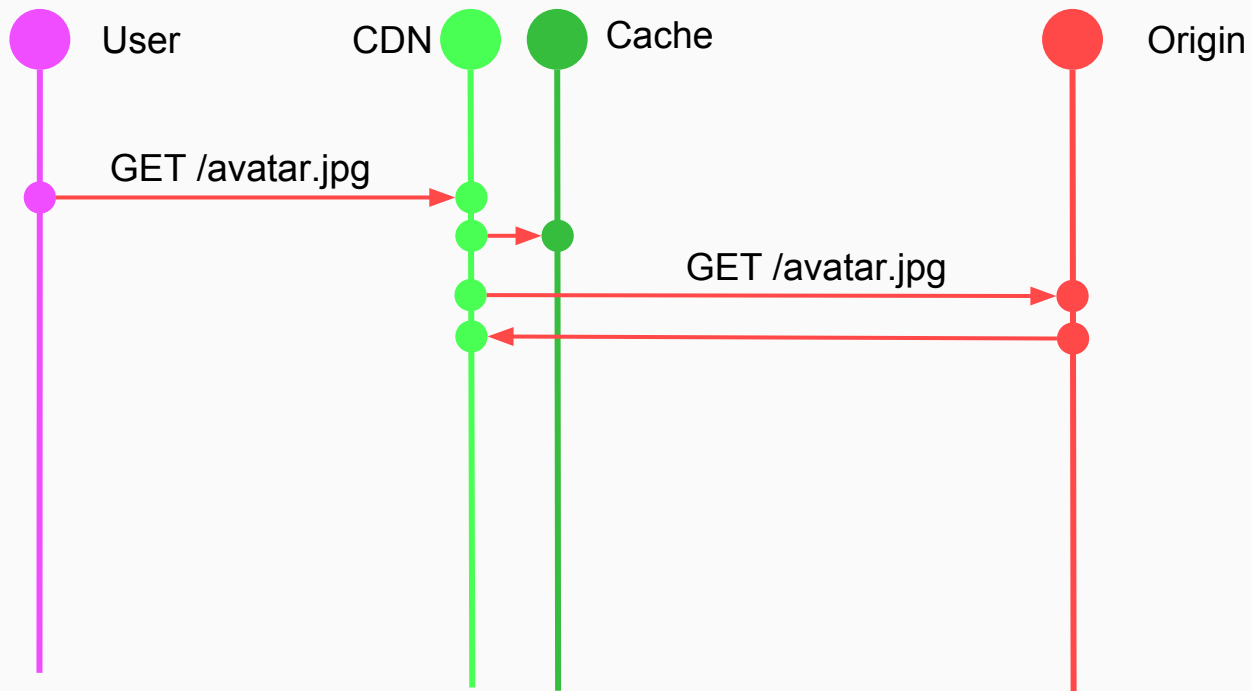


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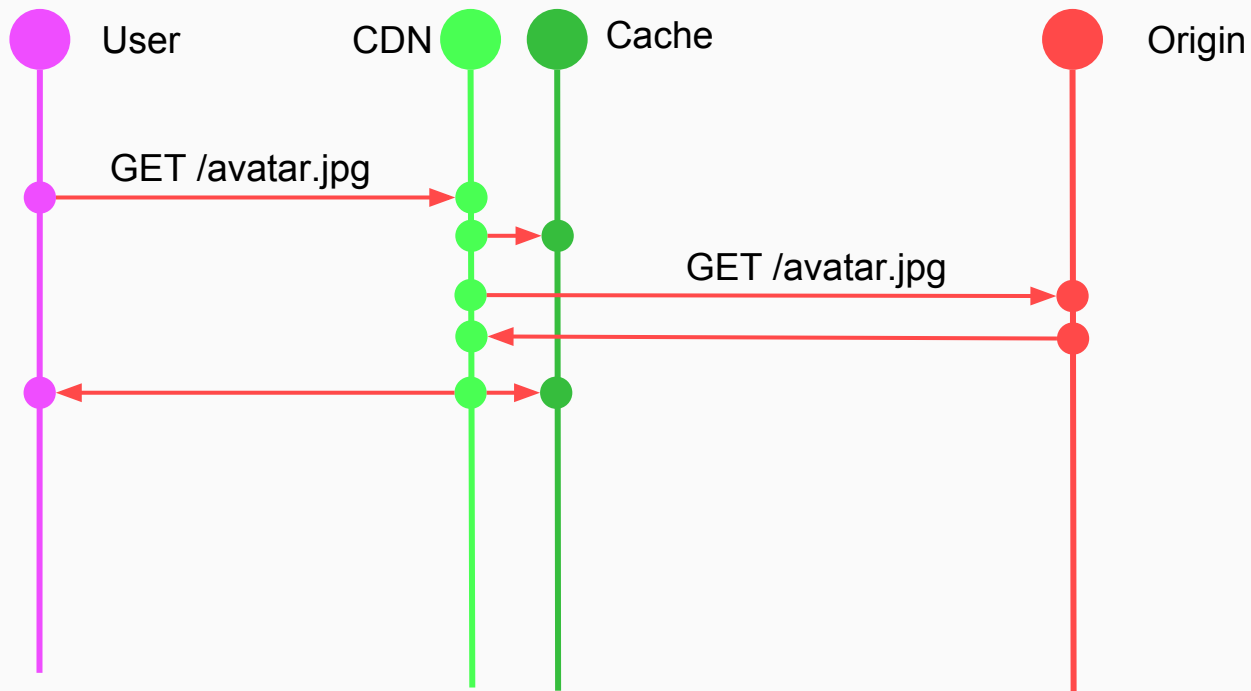




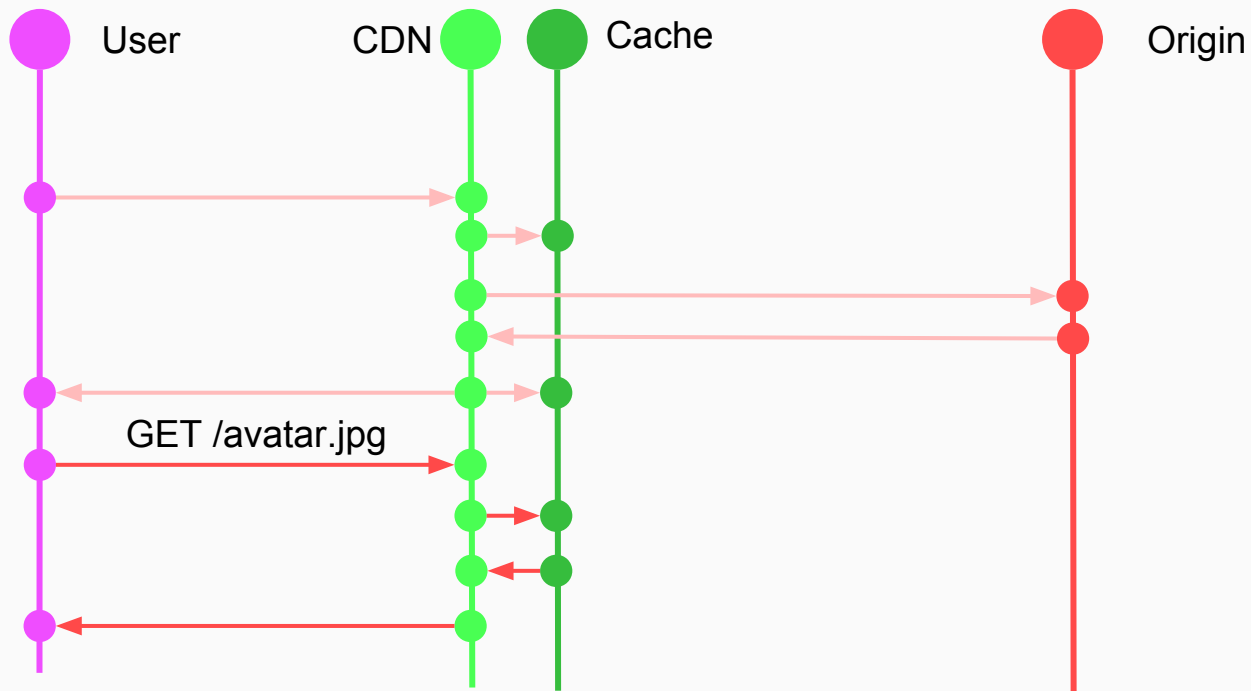
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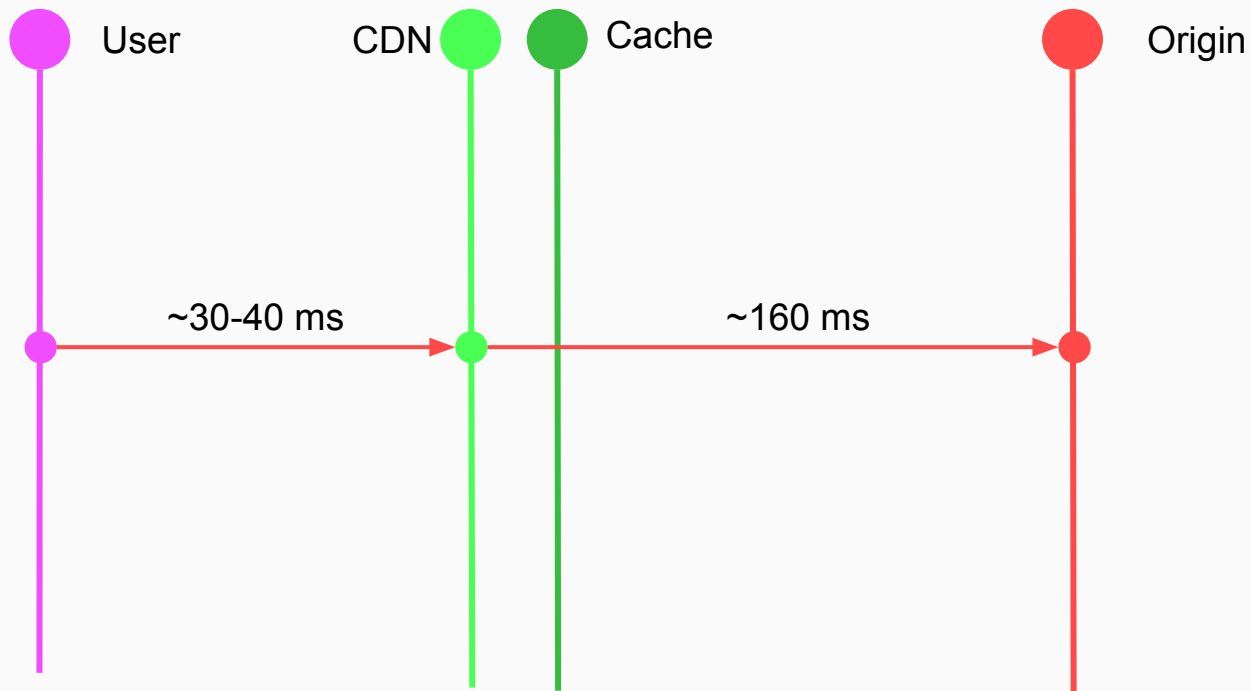
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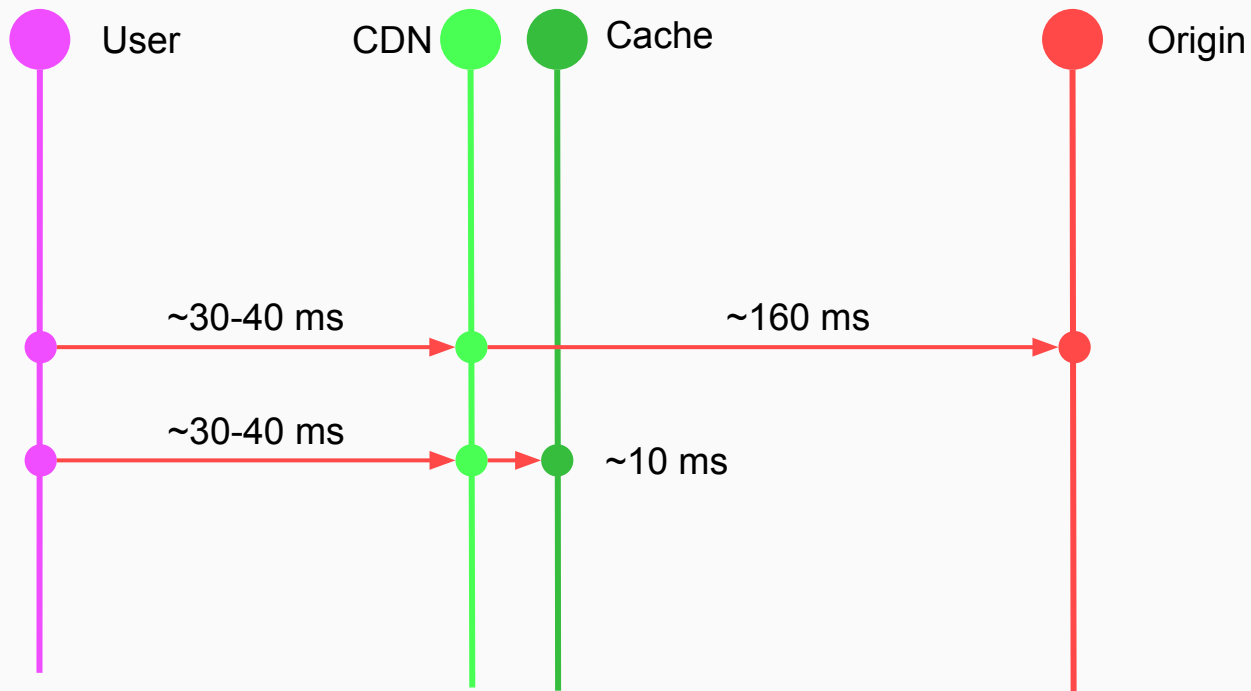
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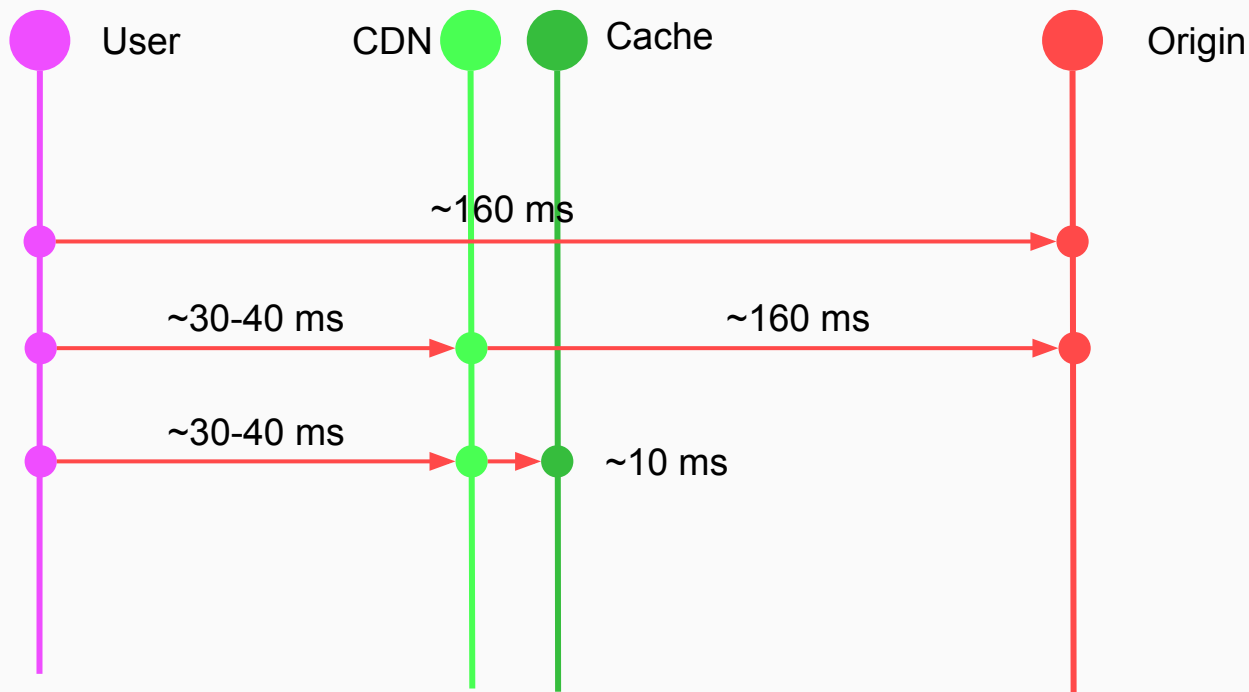
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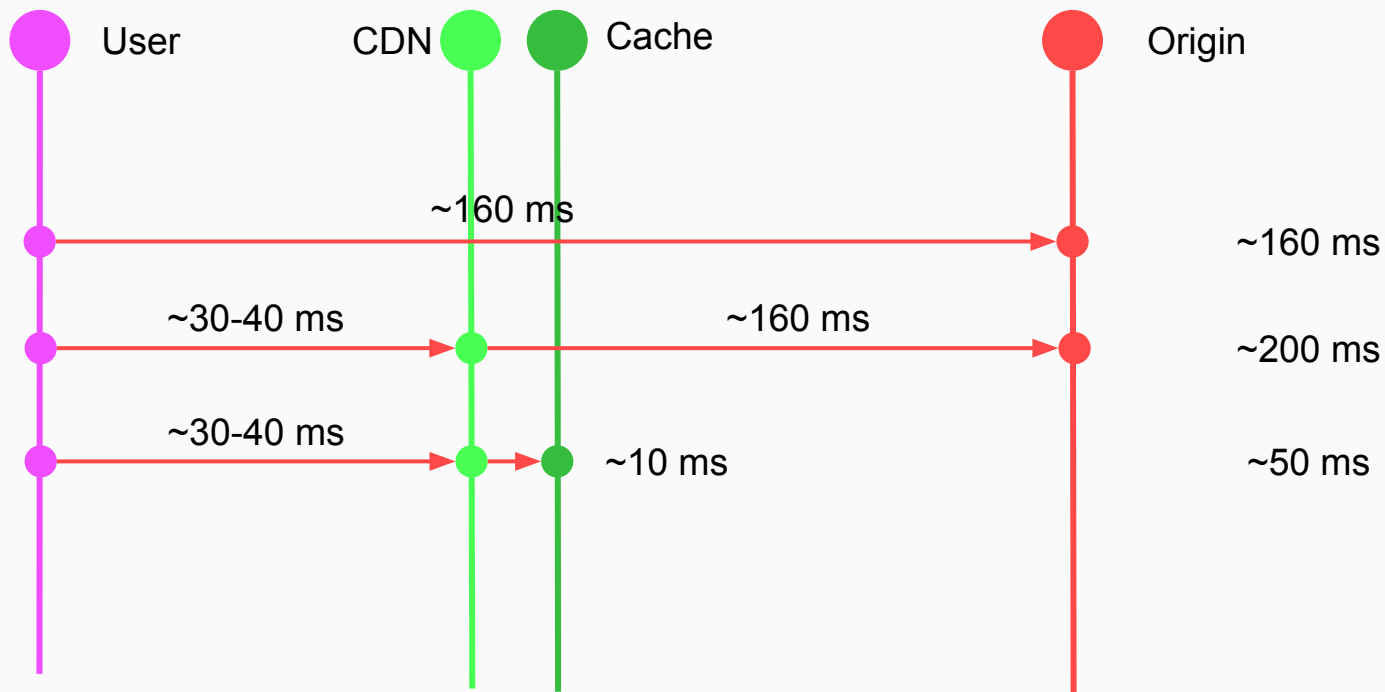
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Workaround:



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Cache-Control: s-maxage=31536000


# The problem with CDNs

Caveat:

All files must have unique URLs!

Does not always work.

# How do CDNs work?

A world map with a light blue background and white landmasses. Several green dots are placed on the map to represent CDN edge nodes. The dots are located in North America (USA, Canada), Europe (UK, Germany), Asia (Japan, India), and Australia. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the map, containing the text "Locating the proper edge node".

Locating the proper  
edge node

# How do CDNs work?

CDN POP in Europe



CDN POP in the USA



User



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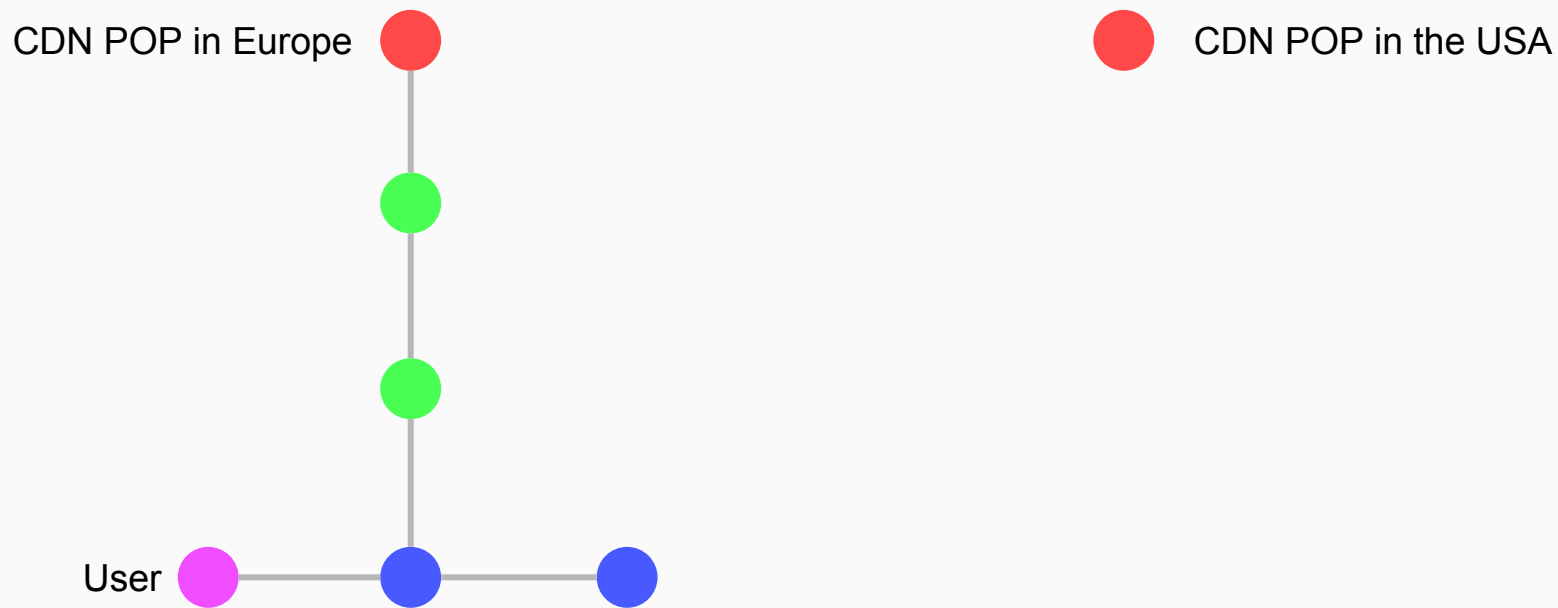


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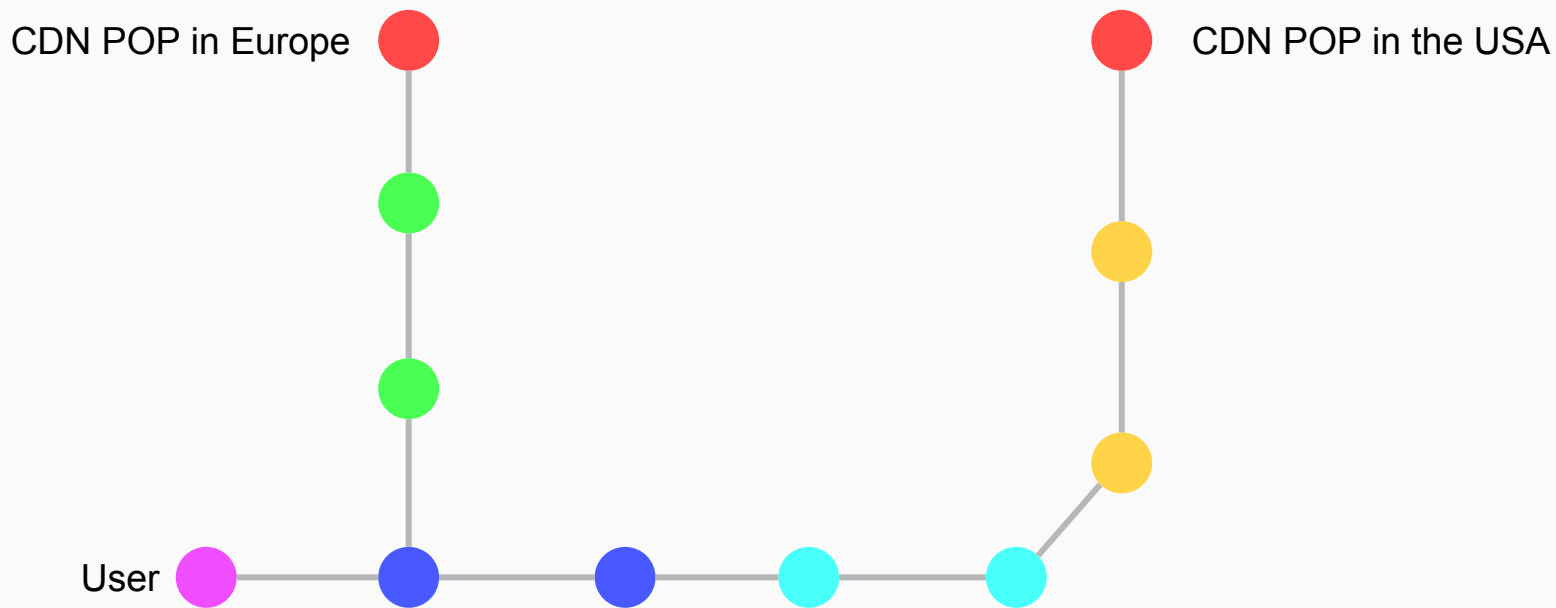
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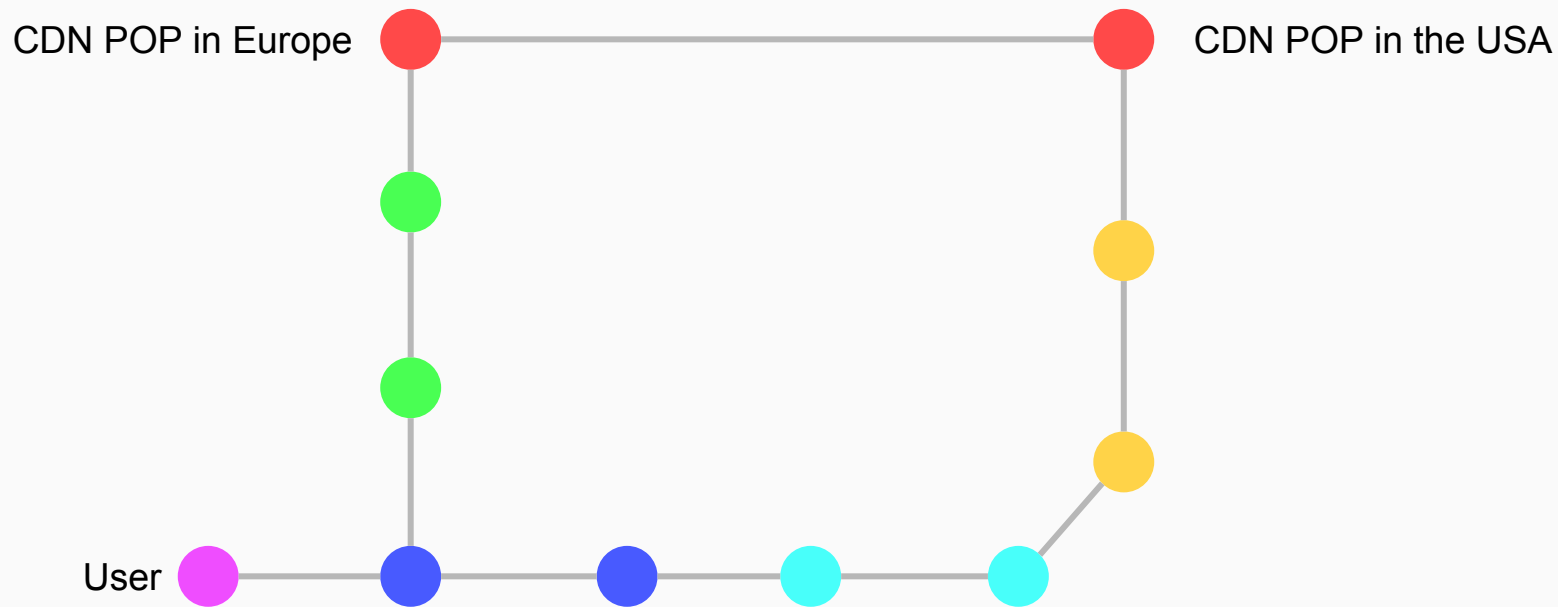


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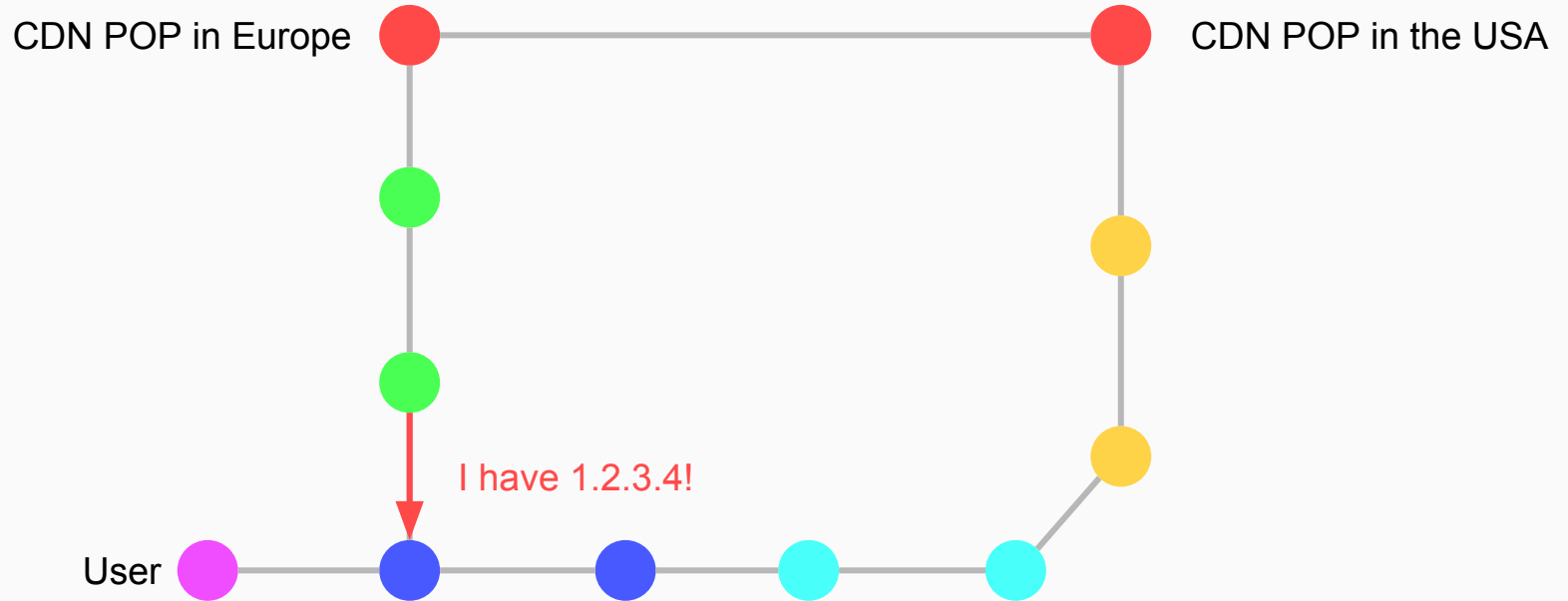
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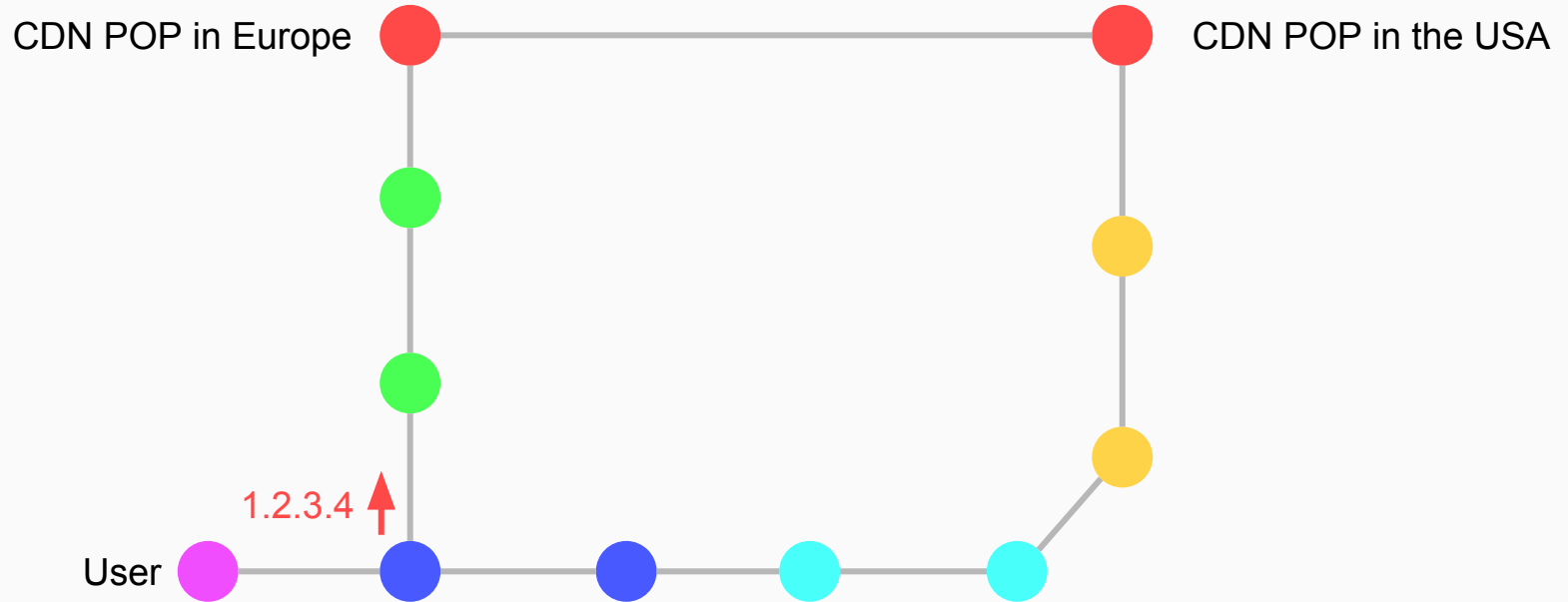
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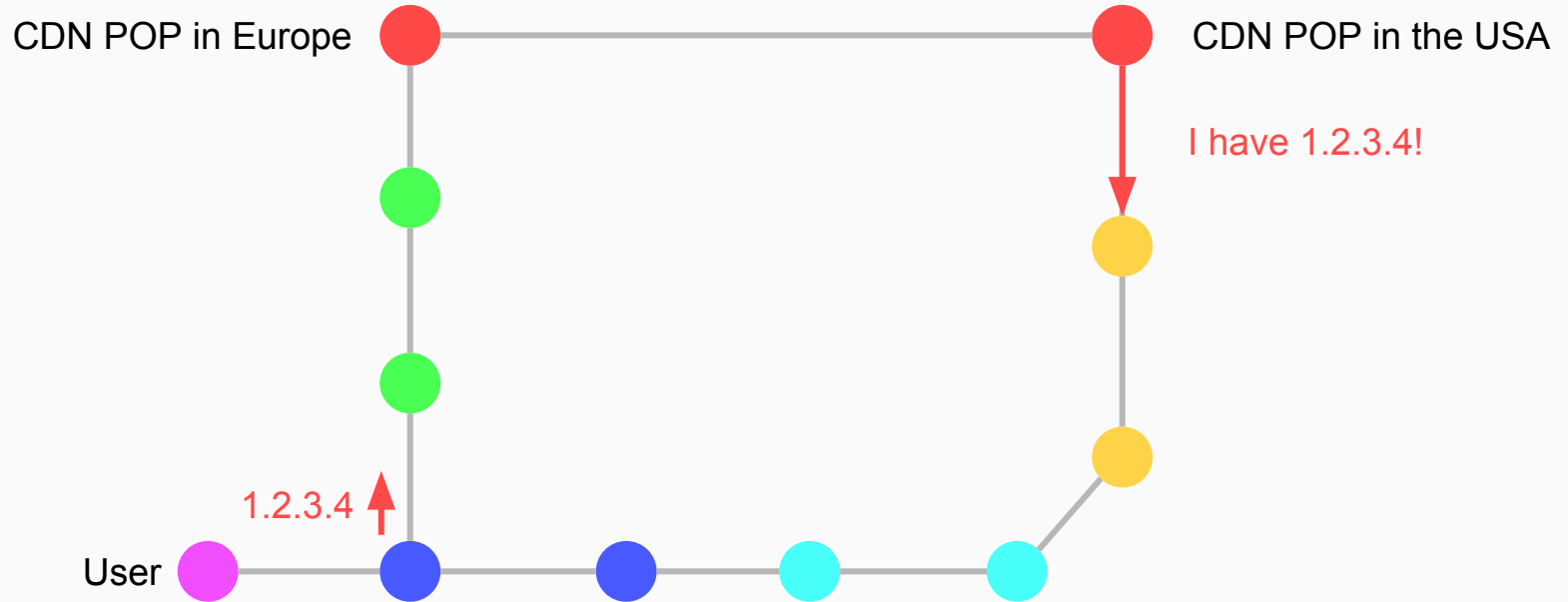
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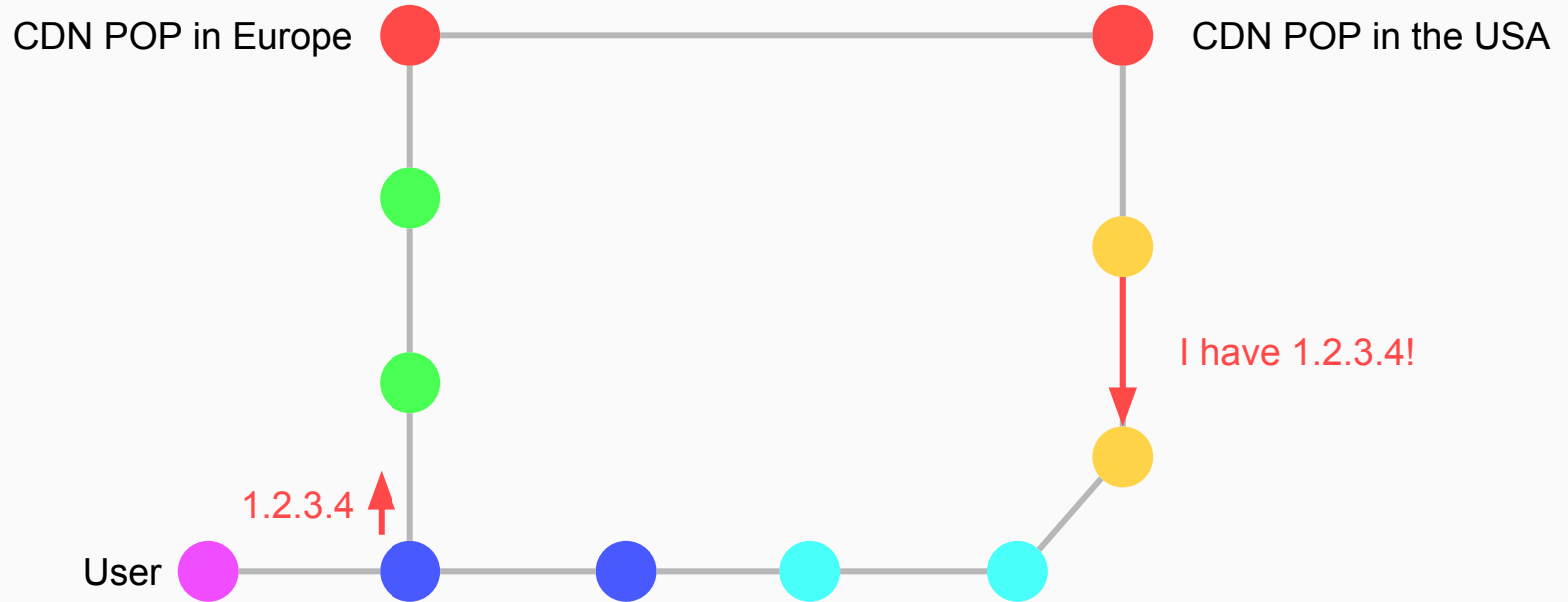
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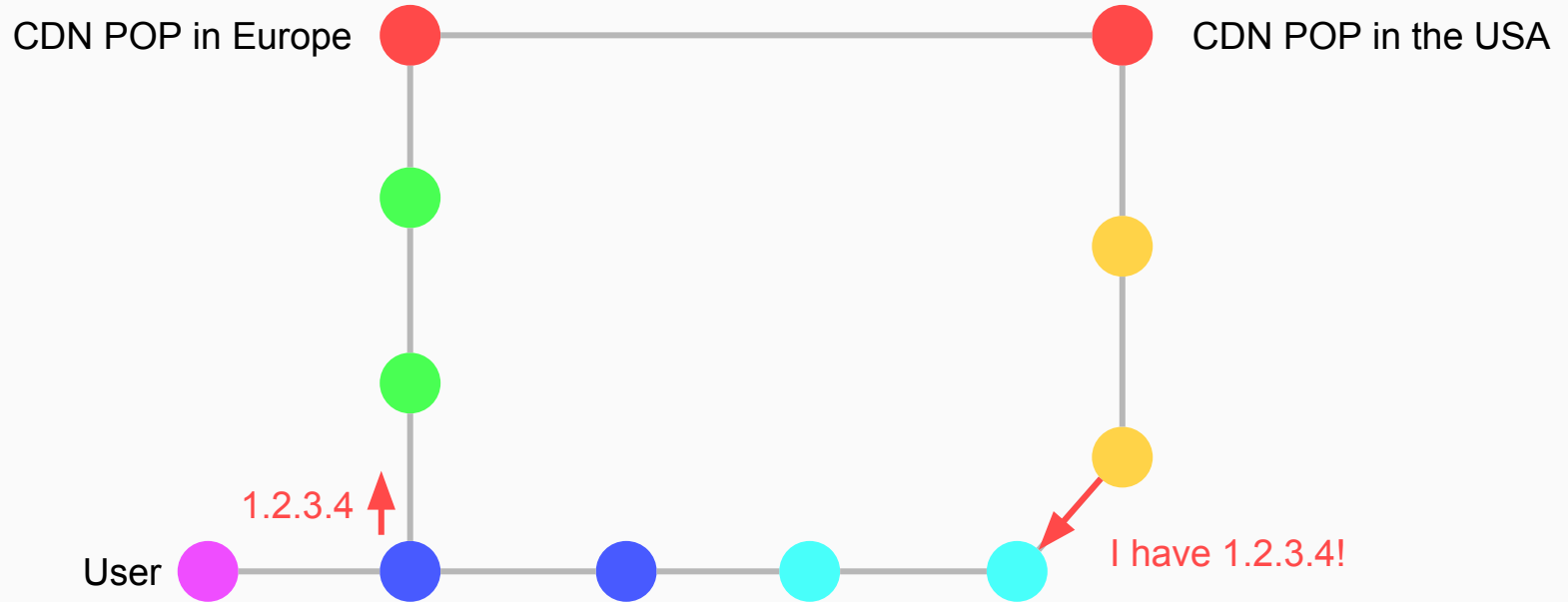
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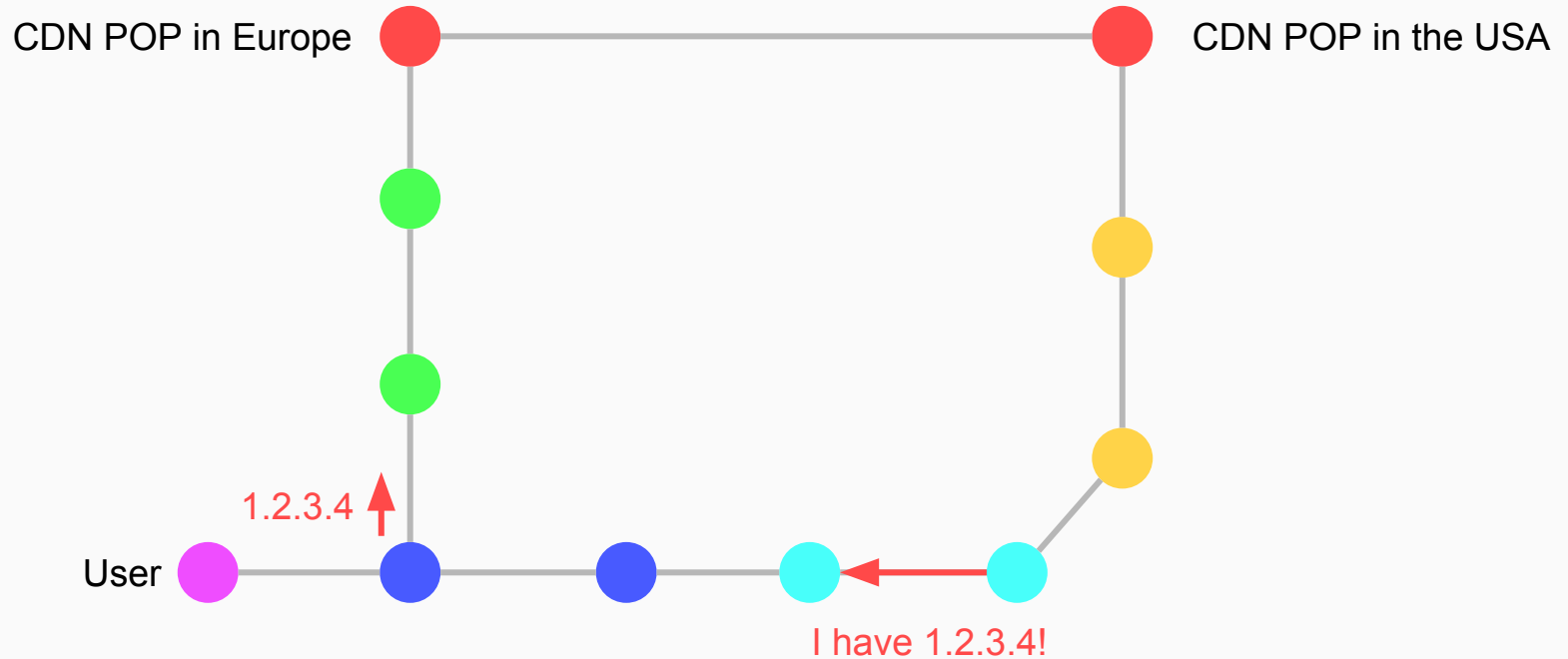


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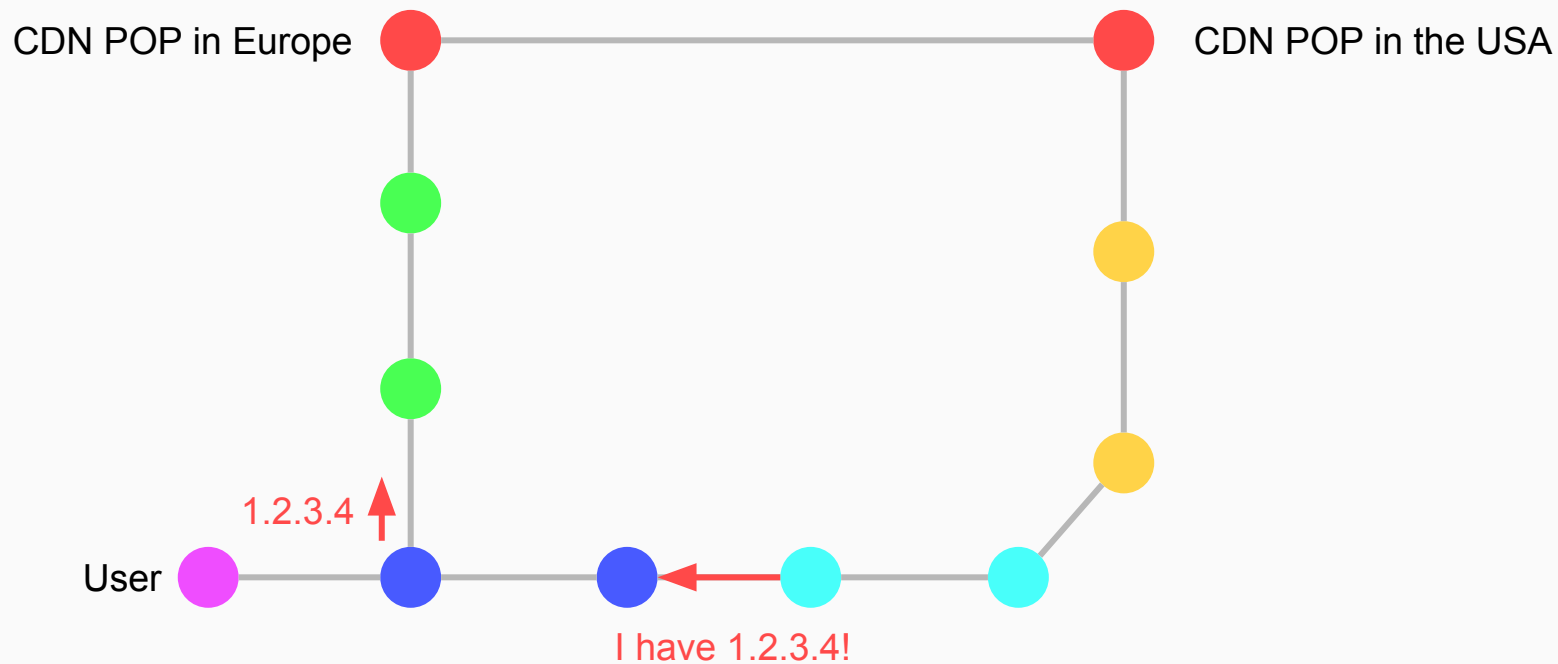




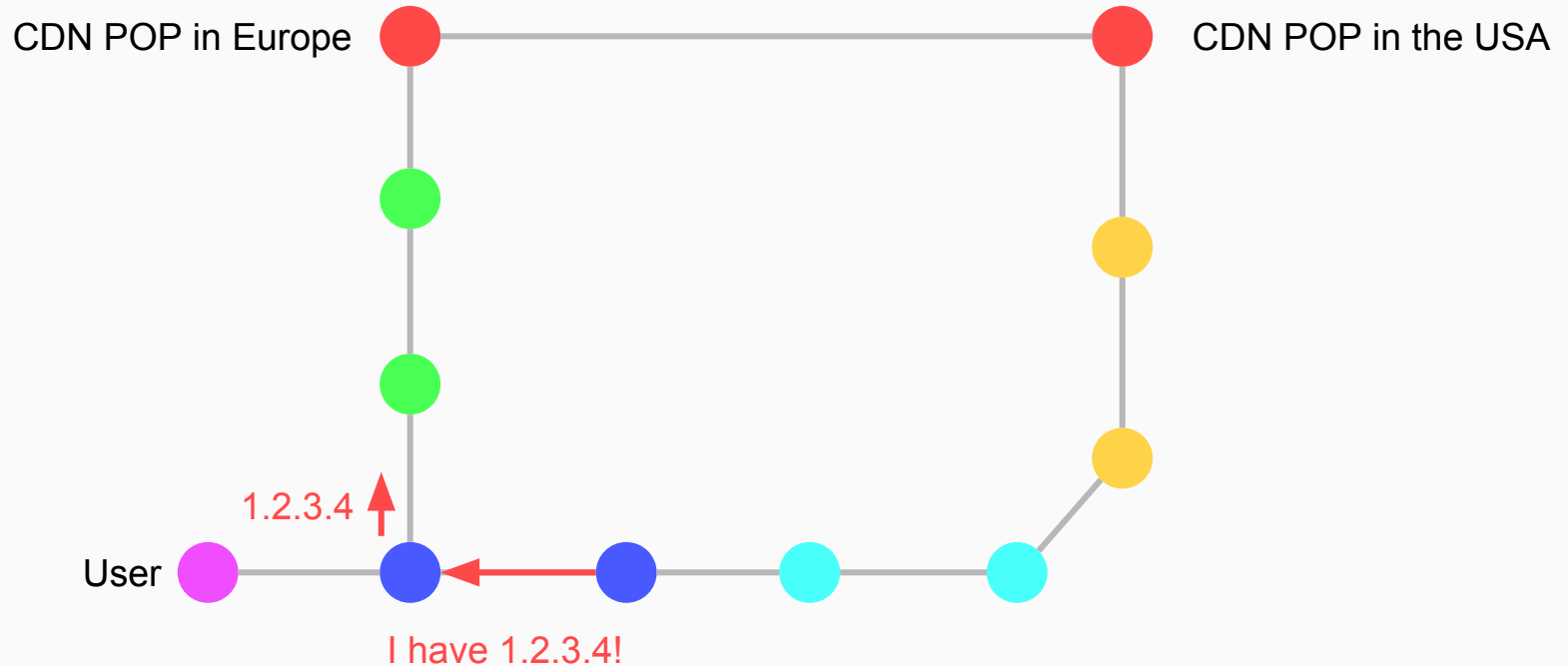
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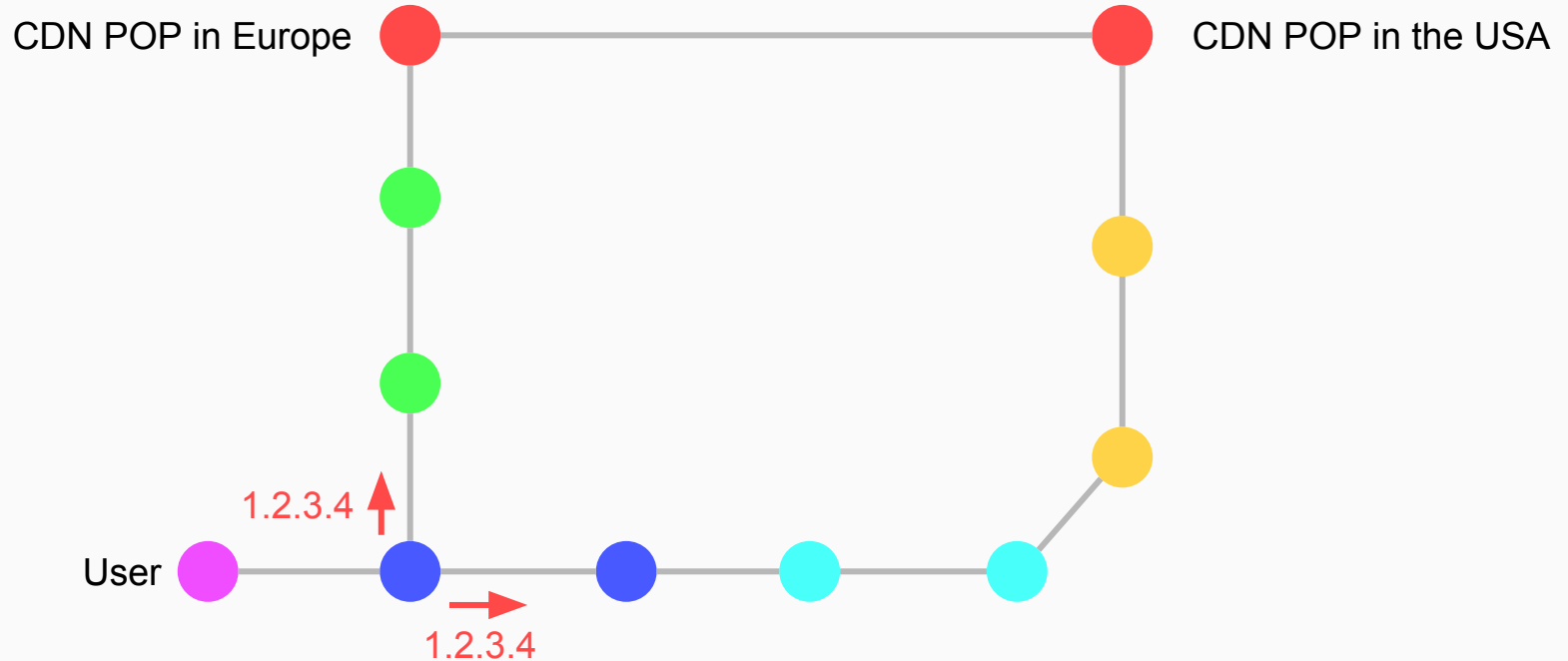
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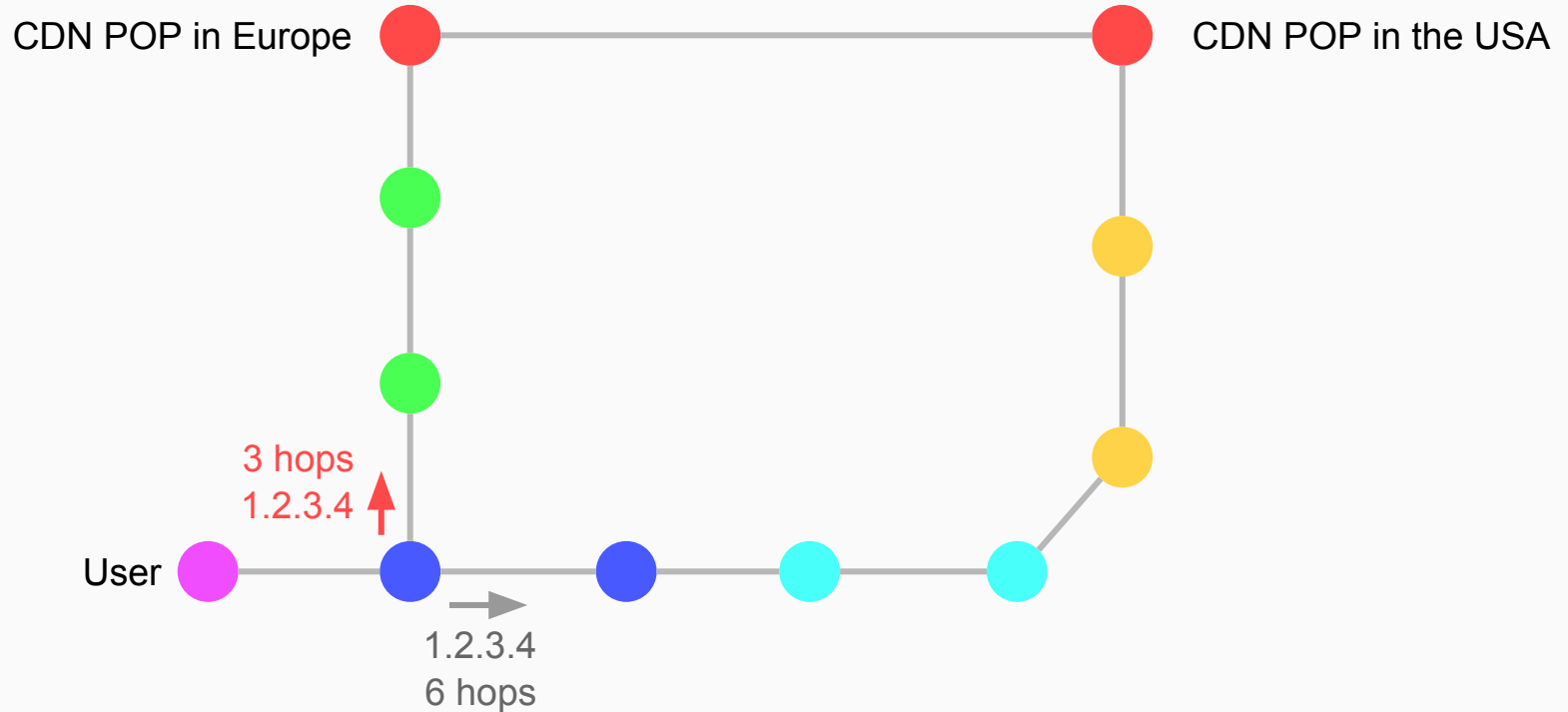
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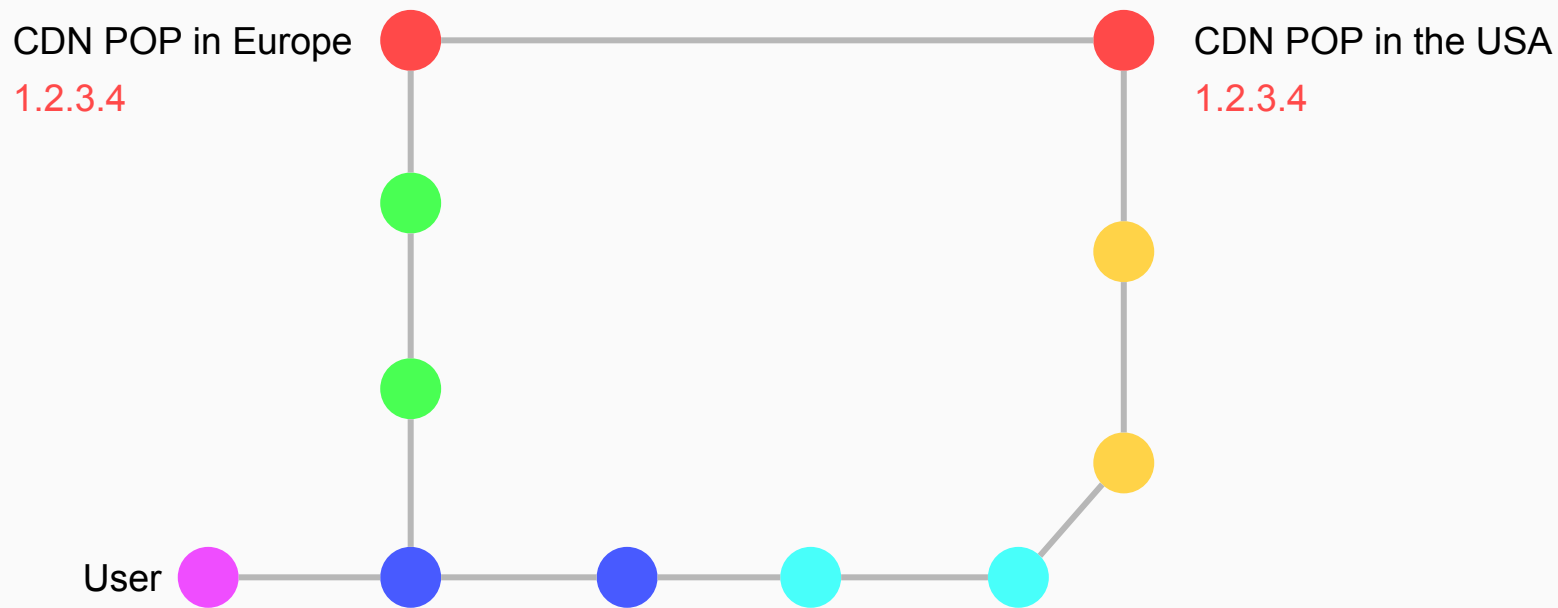
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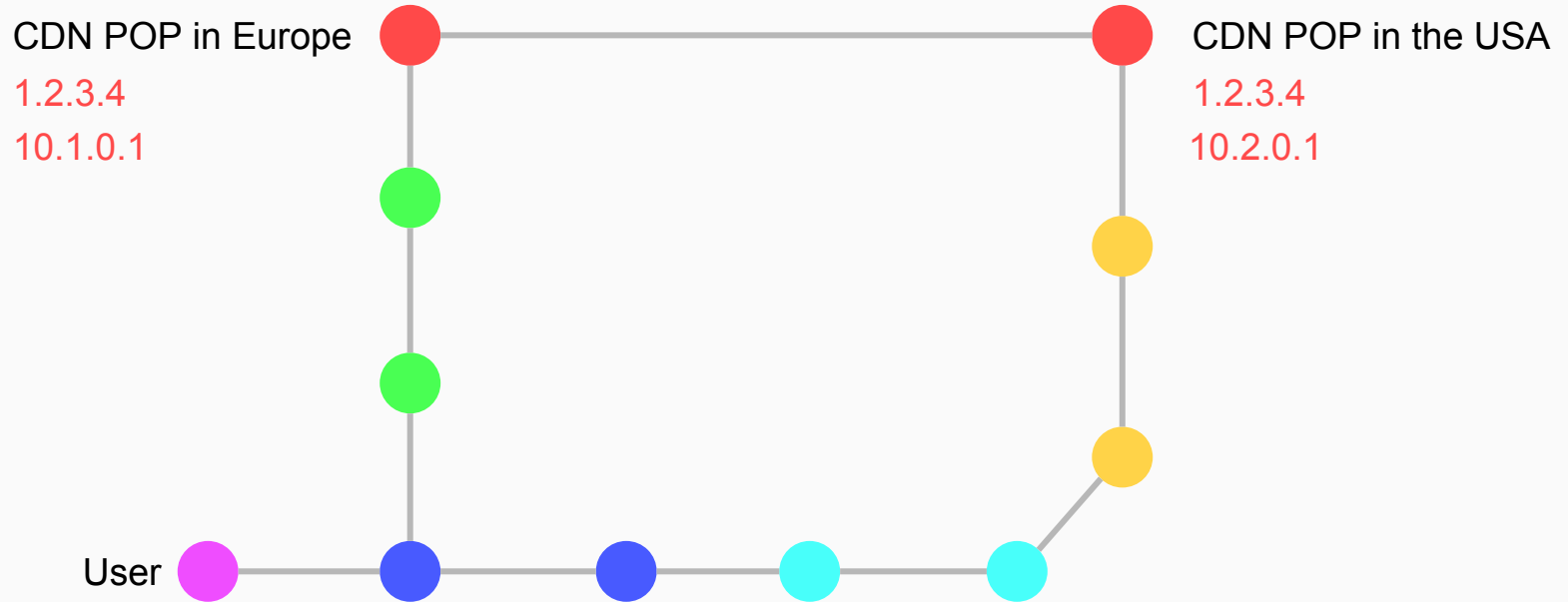
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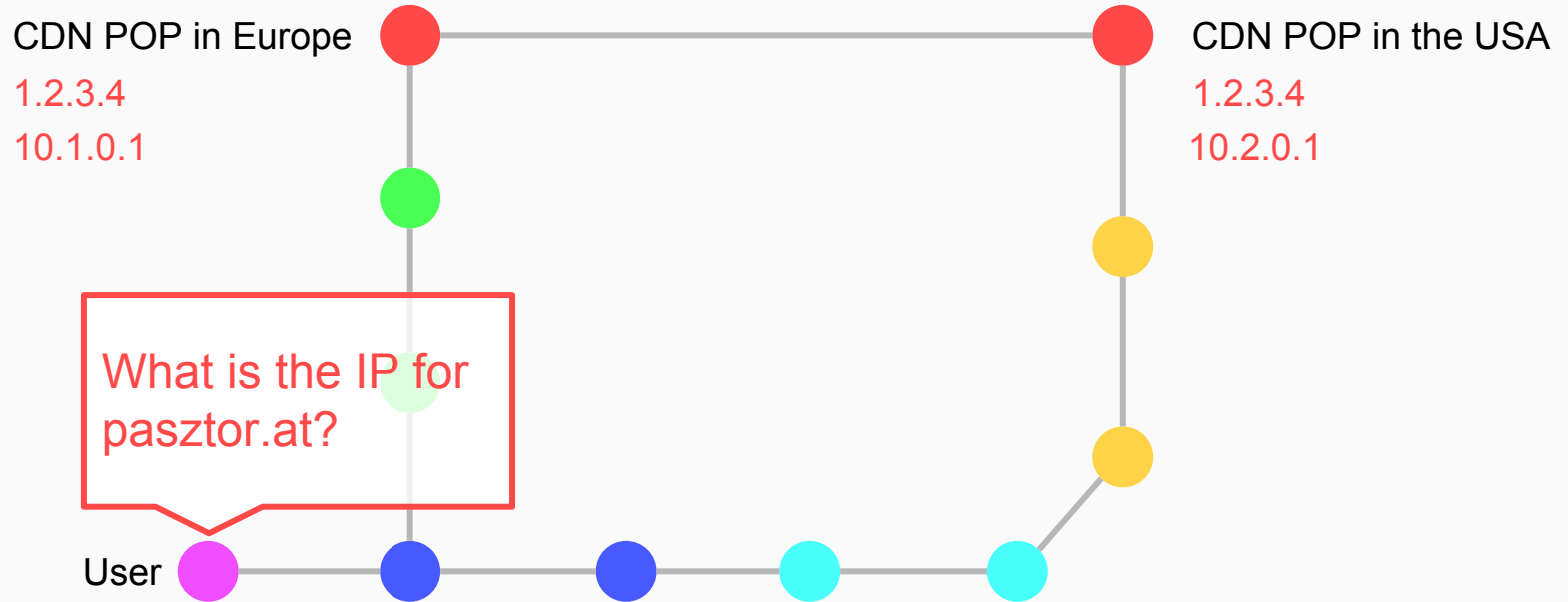
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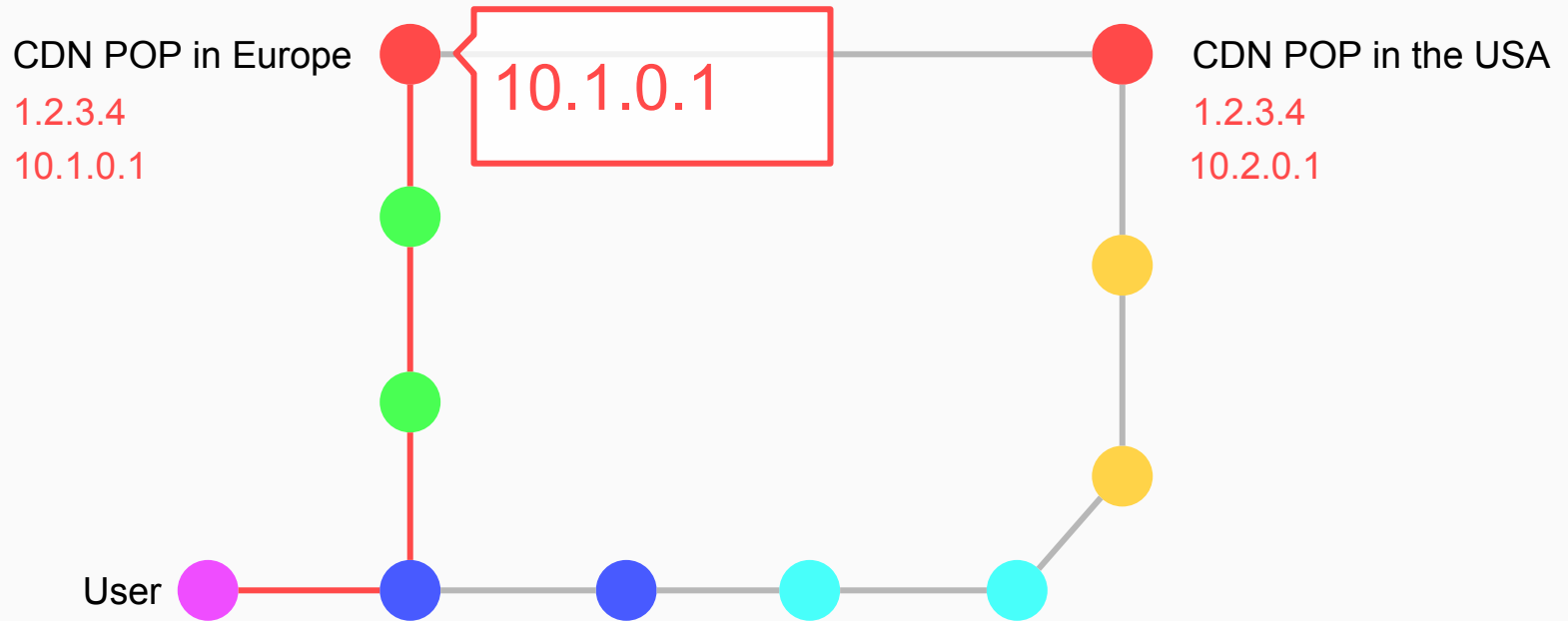


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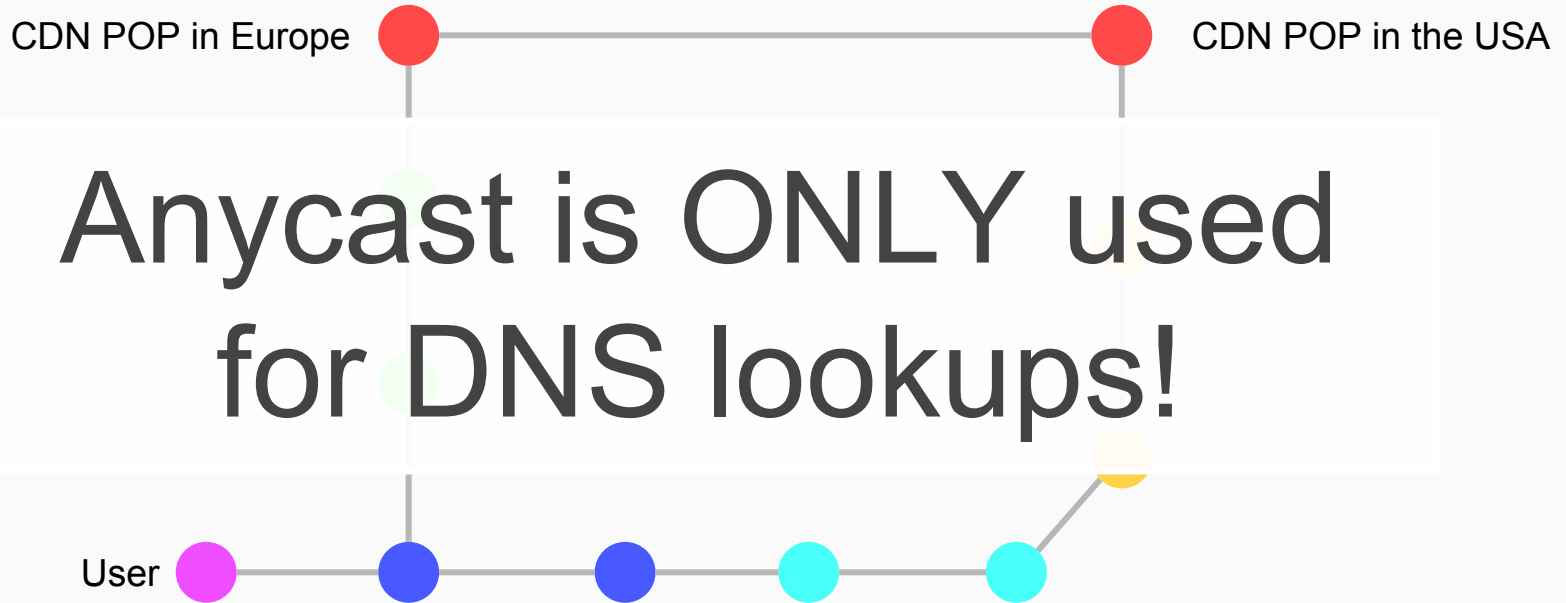




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See <https://engineering.linkedin.com/network-performance/tcp-over-ip-anycast-pipe-dream-or-reality>

# Hosting static content

## Part 1:

Finding a DNS provider

# Hosting static content



Anycast servers

# Hosting static content

- ☐ Anycast servers
- ☐ Latency- or GeoIP based responses

# Hosting static content



Anycast servers



Latency- or GeoIP based responses



# Hosting static content

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us-east-1.glb.techblog.cloud.	IN	A	54.152.113.29
us-west-1.glb.techblog.cloud.	IN	A	52.9.244.13

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# Hosting static content

Record Set Name	Any Type	Aliases Only	Weighted Only	Displaying 1 to 15 out of 15 Record Sets					
Name	Type	Value	Evaluate Target Health	Health Check ID	TTL	Region	Weight	Geolocation	
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techblog.cloud.	NS	ns1.techblog.cloud. ns2.techblog.cloud. ns3.techblog.cloud. ns4.techblog.cloud.	-	-	172800				
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ns3.techblog.cloud.	A	205.251.199.159	-	-	3600				
ns4.techblog.cloud.	A	205.251.193.202	-	-	3600				
www.techblog.cloud.	A	ALIAS glb.techblog.cloud. (zvm597mo9f8w)	No	-					

## Edit Record Set

Name: glb.techblog.cloud.

Type: A – IPv4 address

Alias: Yes No

Alias Target: eu-central-1.glb.techblog.cloud.

Alias Hosted Zone ID: ZVM597MO9F8W

You can also type the domain name for the resource. Examples:

- CloudFront distribution domain name: d111111abcdef8.cloudfront.net
- Elastic Beanstalk environment CNAME: example.elasticbeanstalk.com
- ELB load balancer DNS name: example-1.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com
- S3 website endpoint: s3-website.us-east-2.amazonaws.com
- Resource record set in this hosted zone: www.example.com

[Learn More](#)

Routing Policy: Latency

Route 53 responds to queries based on regions that you specify in this and other record sets that have the same name and type. [Learn More](#)

Region: eu-central-1

Set ID: eu-central-1

Description of this record set that is unique within the group of latency sets.

Example:  
My Seattle Data Center

Evaluate Target Health: Yes No

Associate with Health Check: Yes No

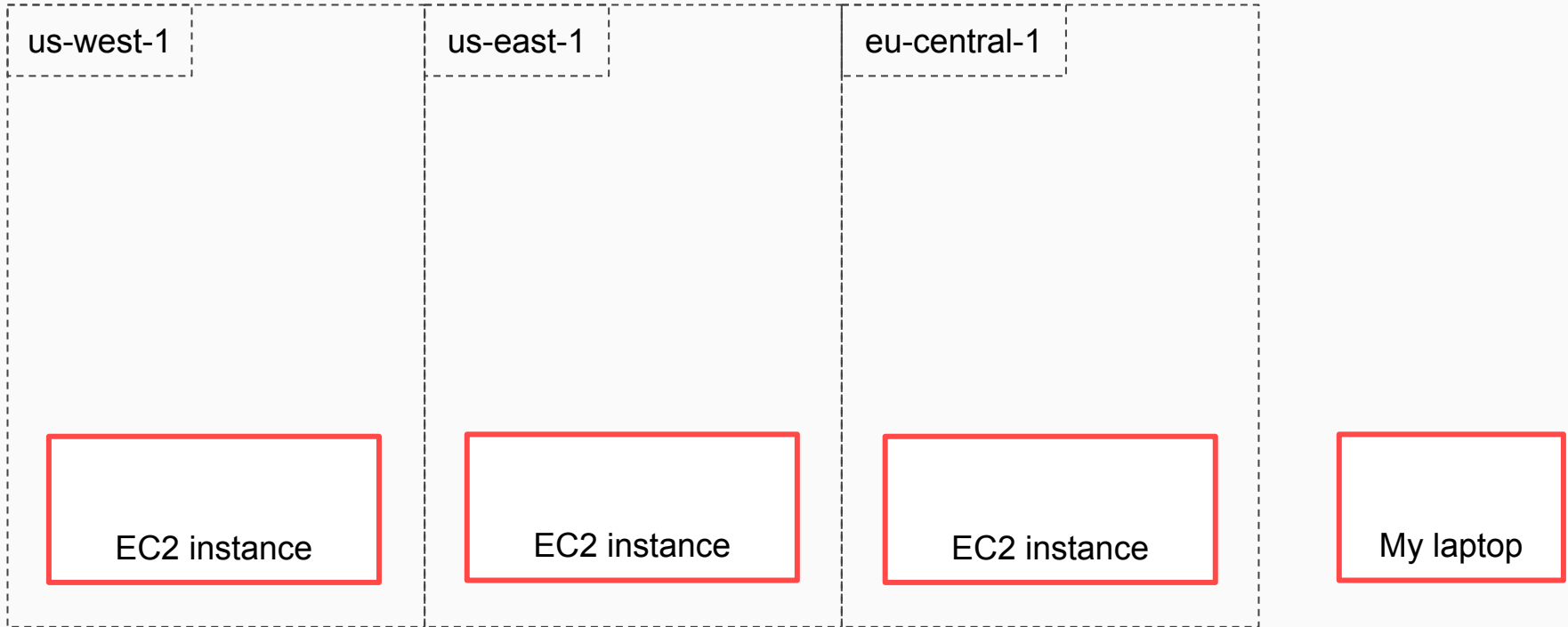
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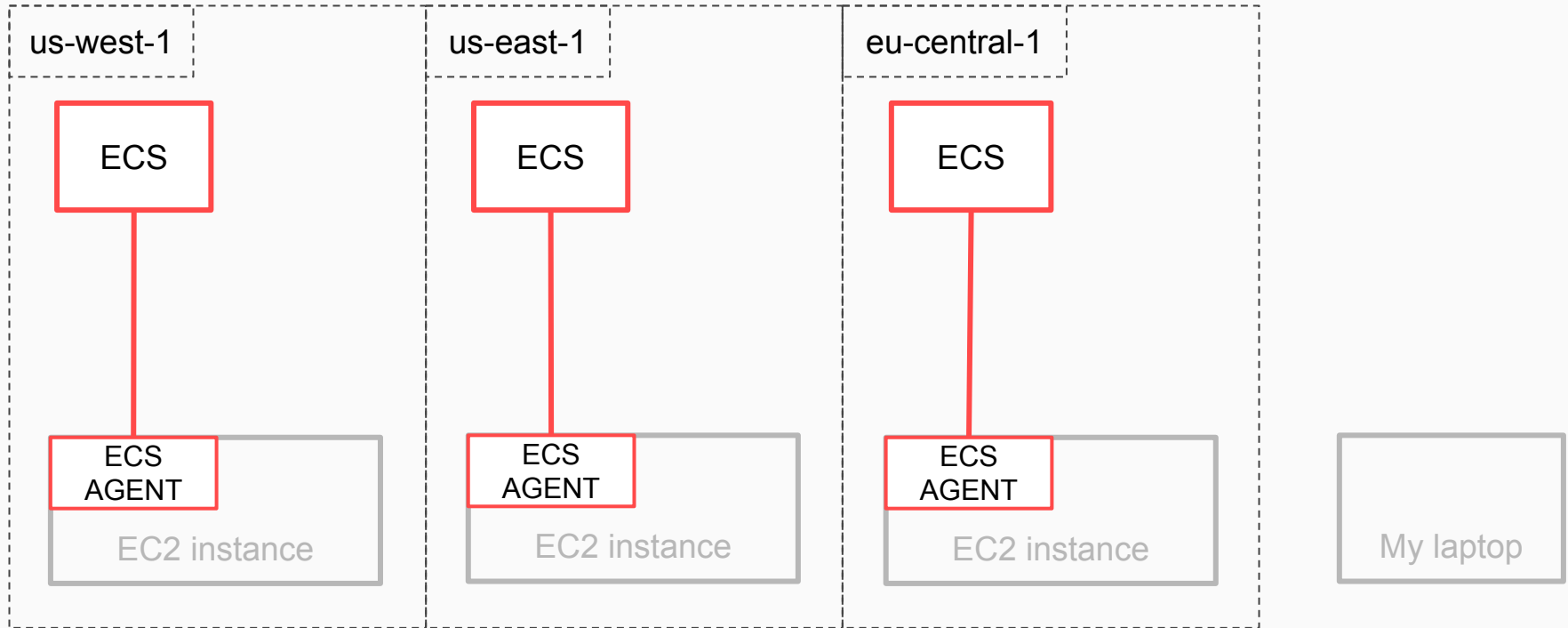
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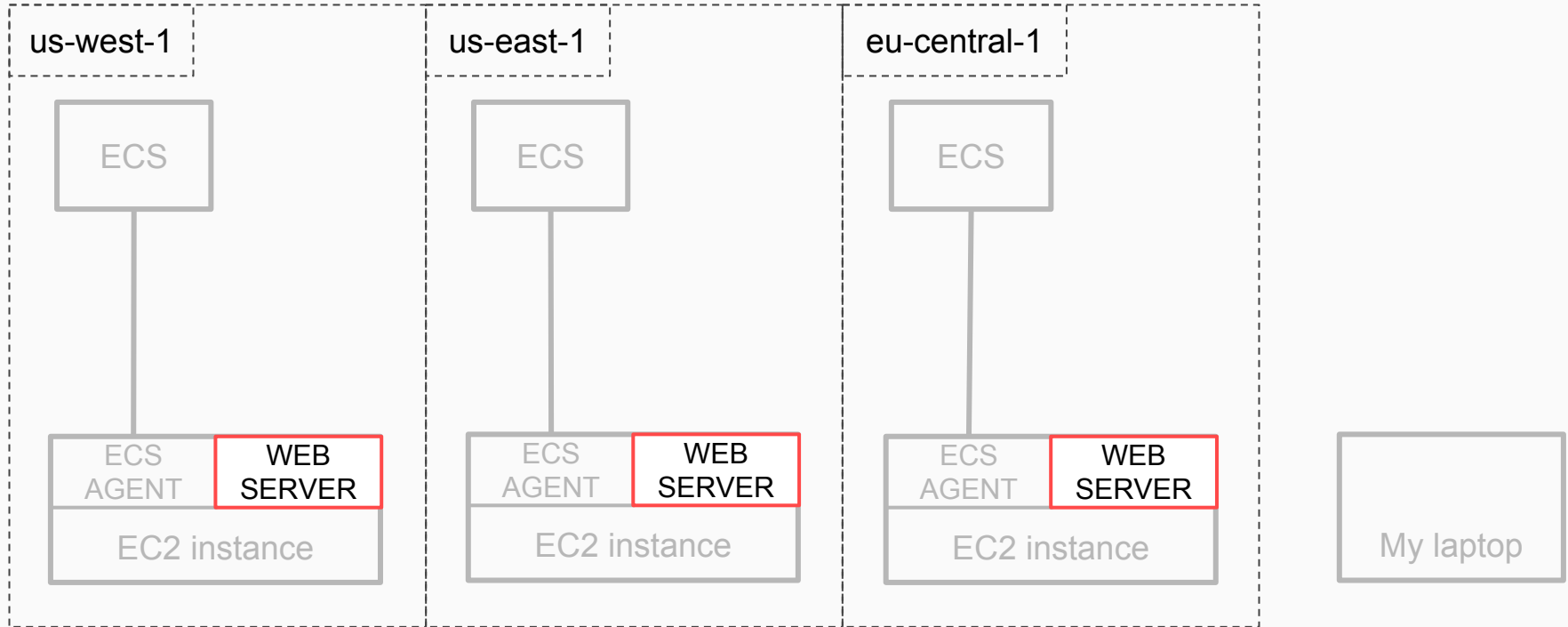
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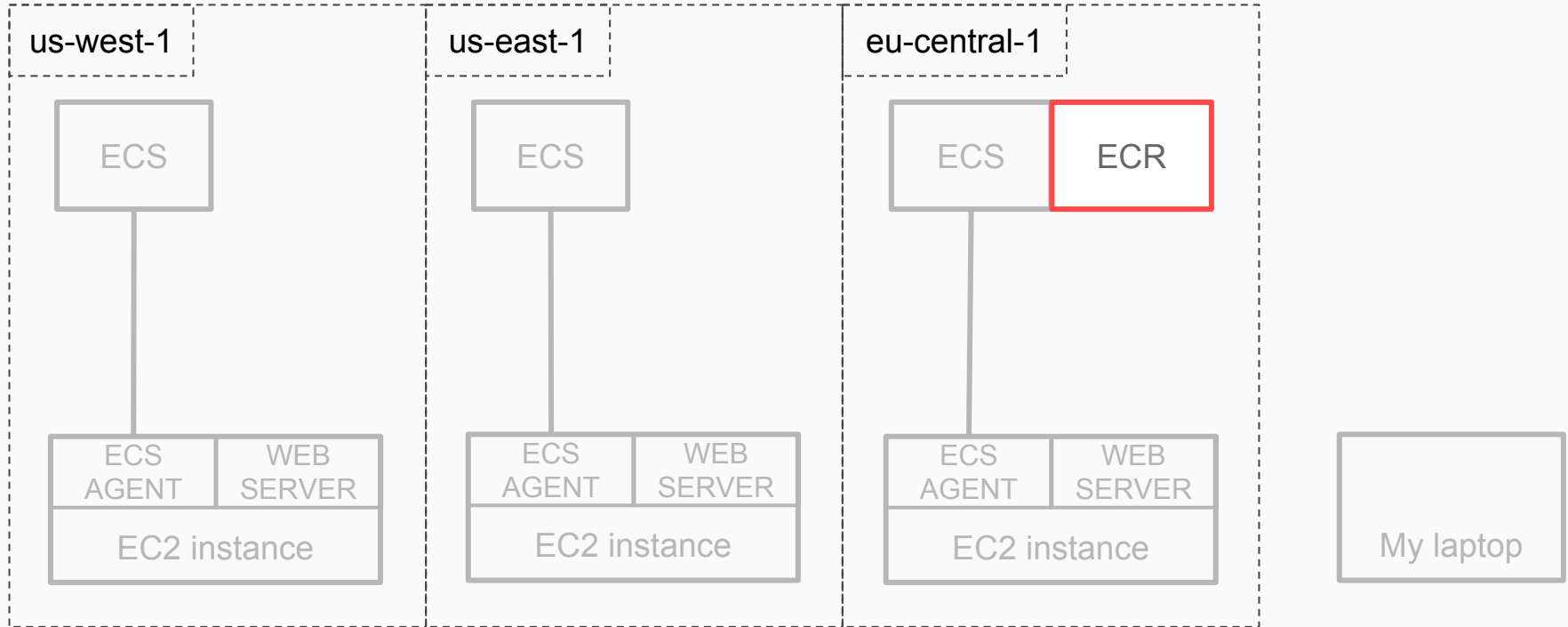
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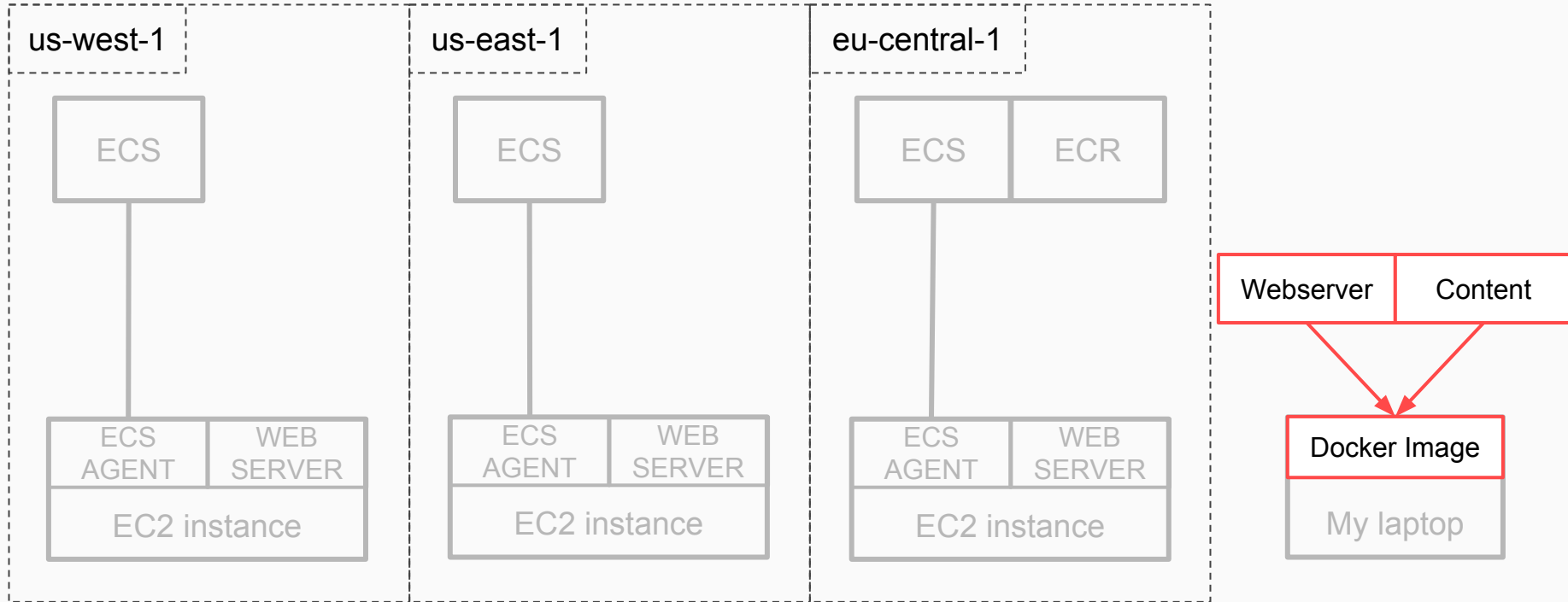
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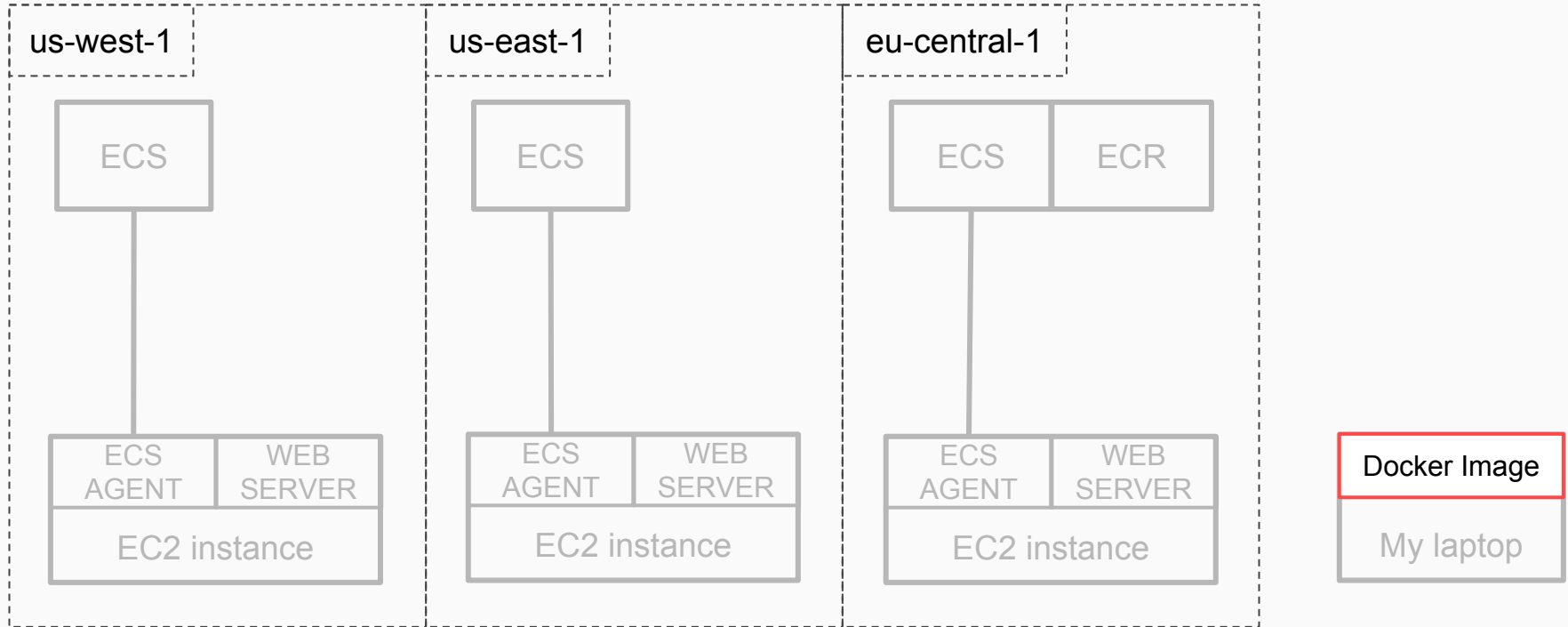
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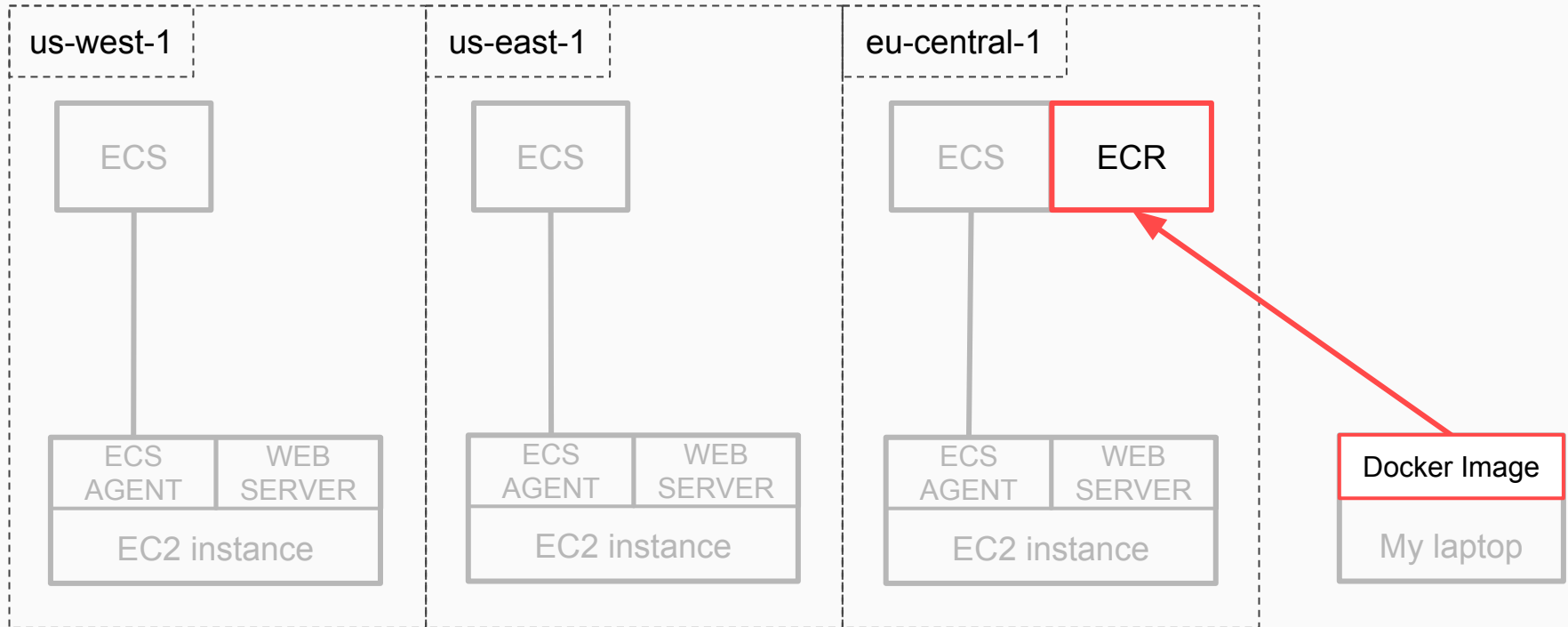


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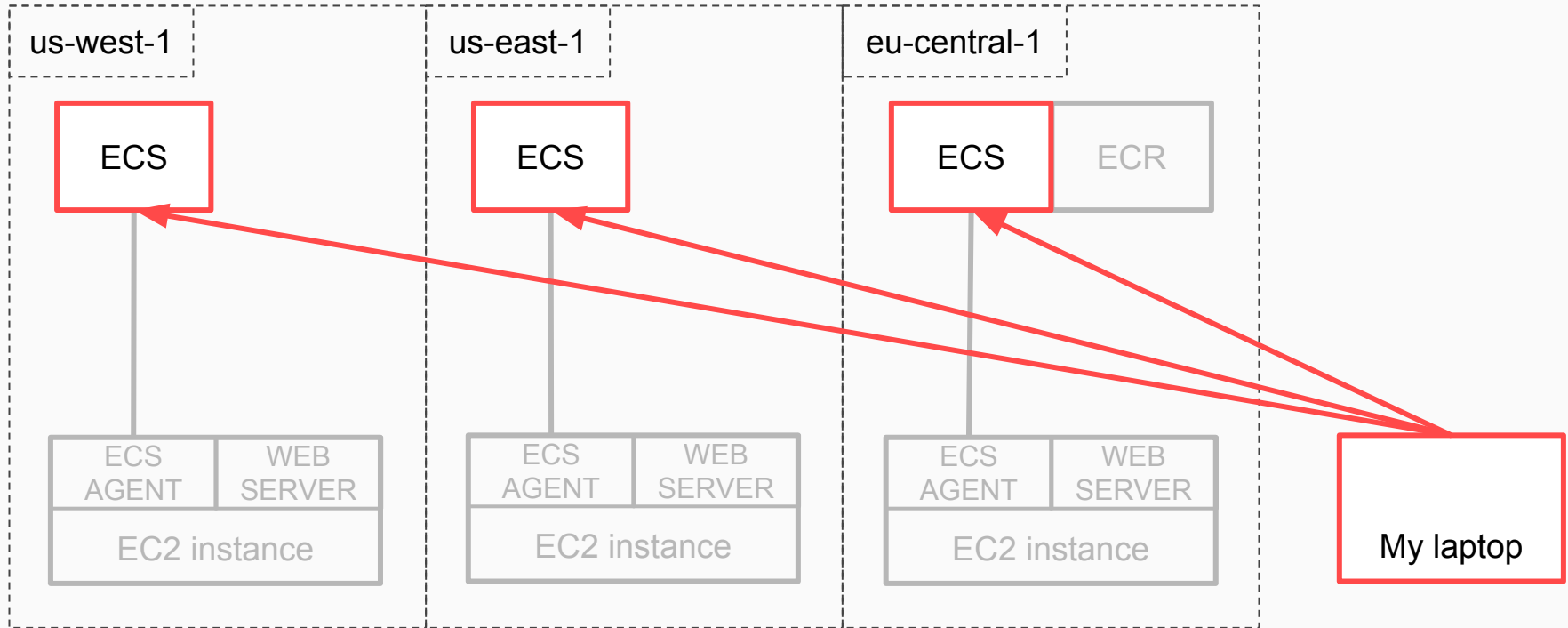




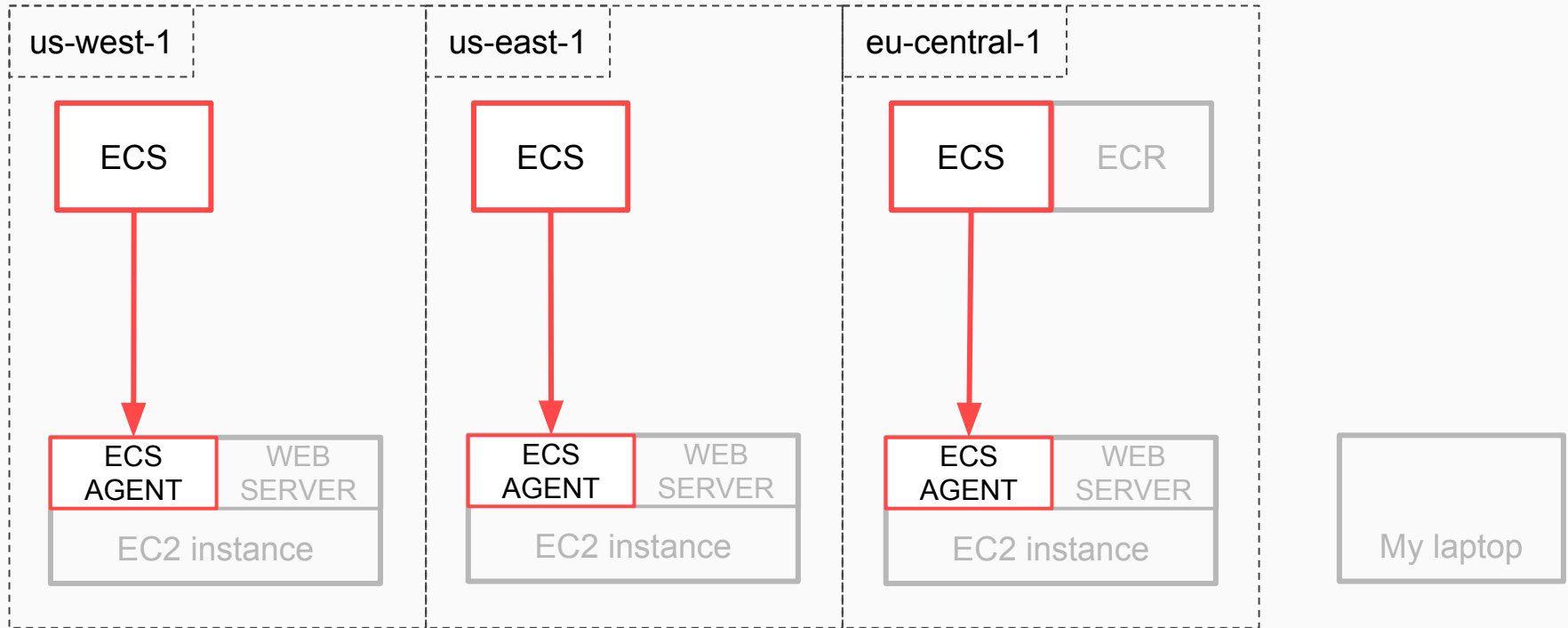
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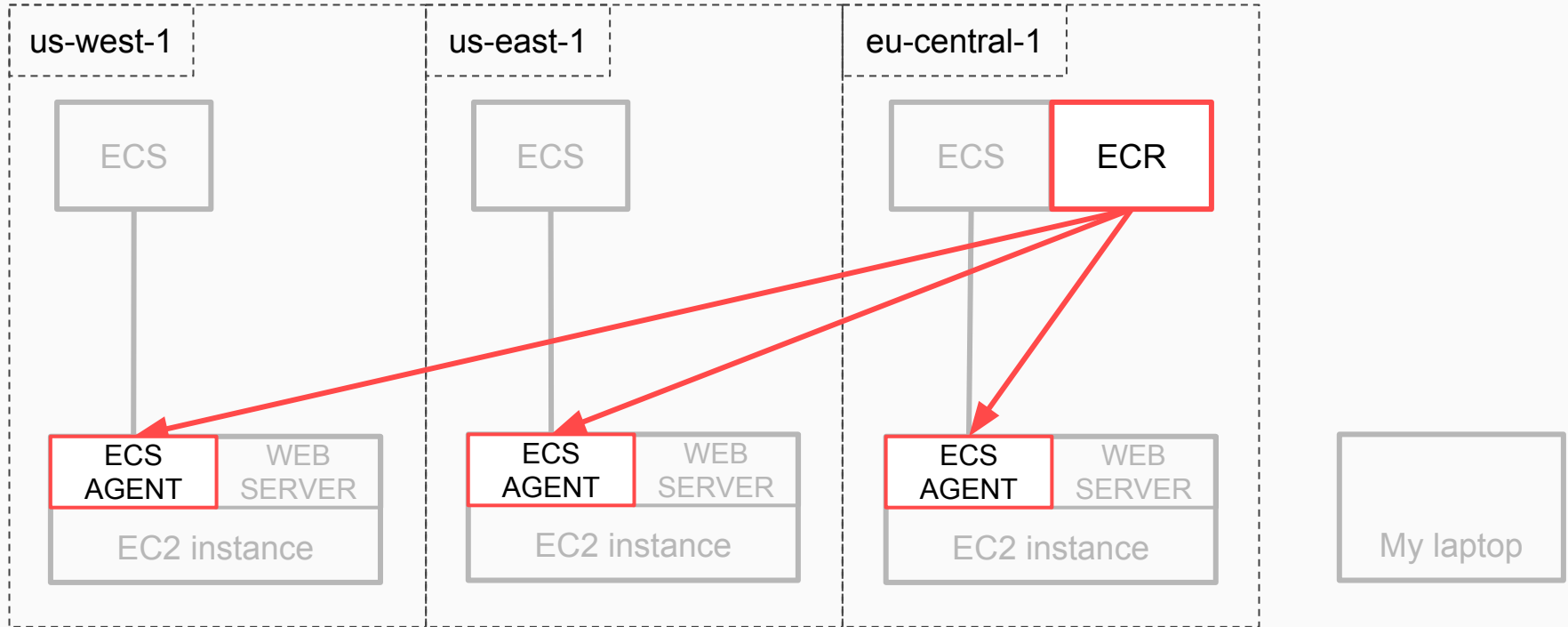
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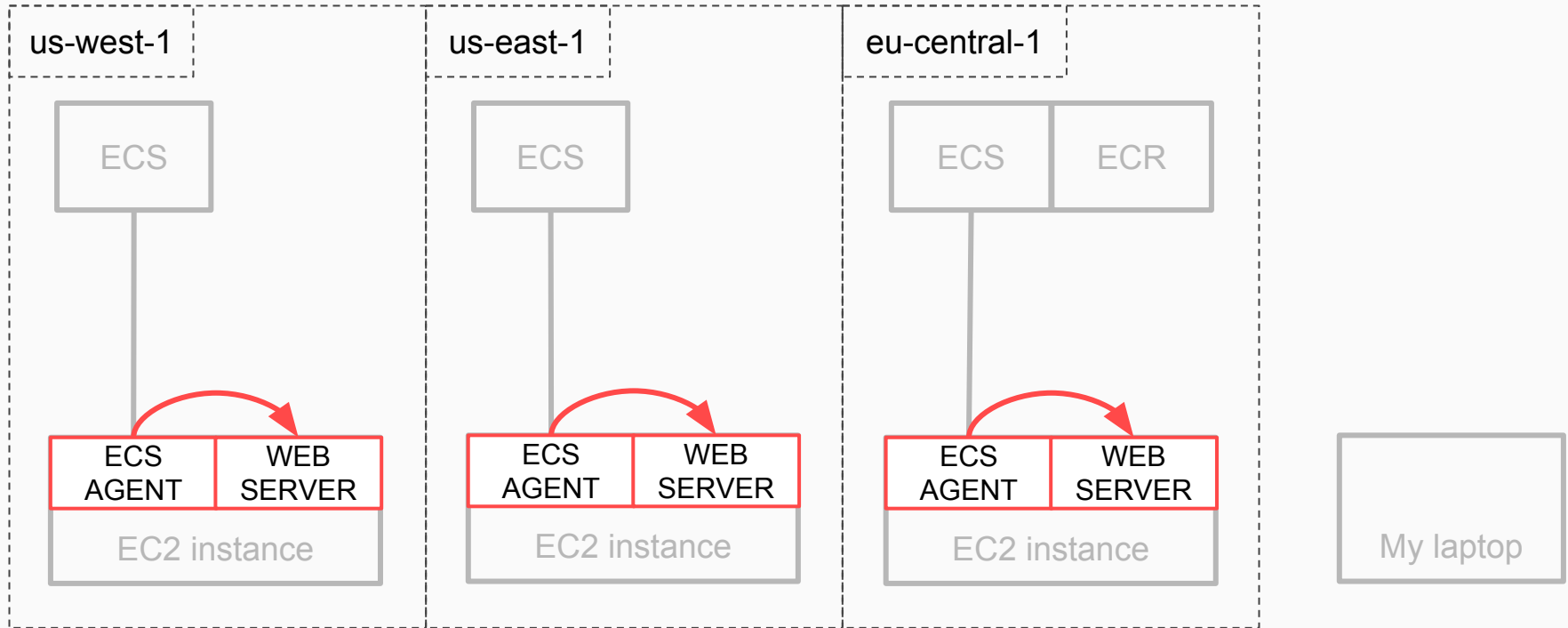
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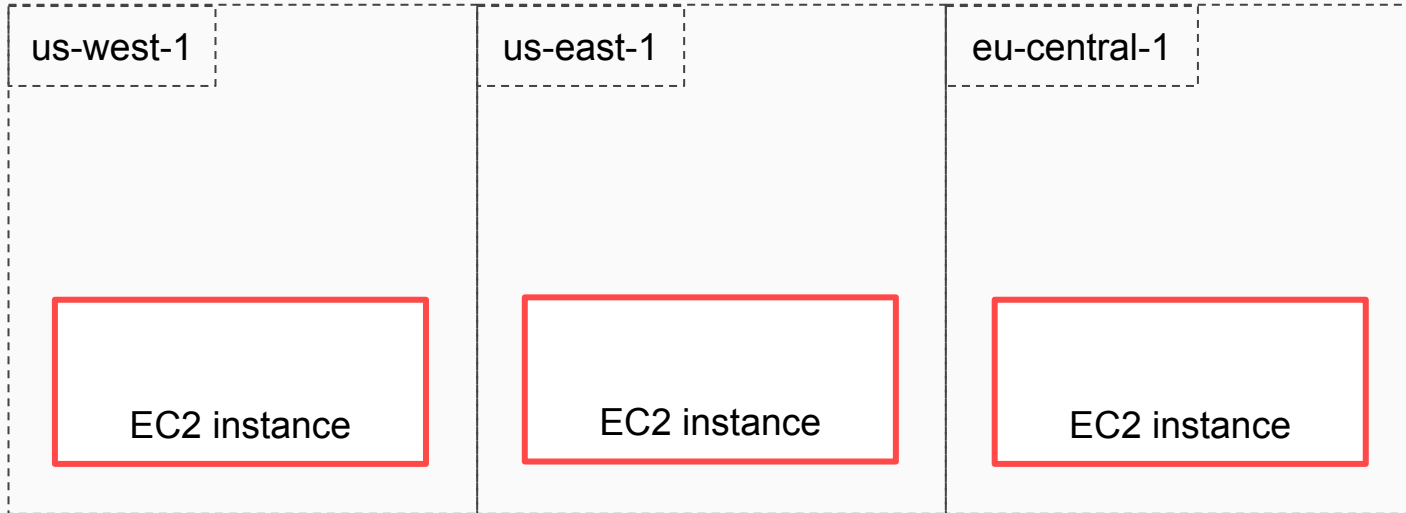
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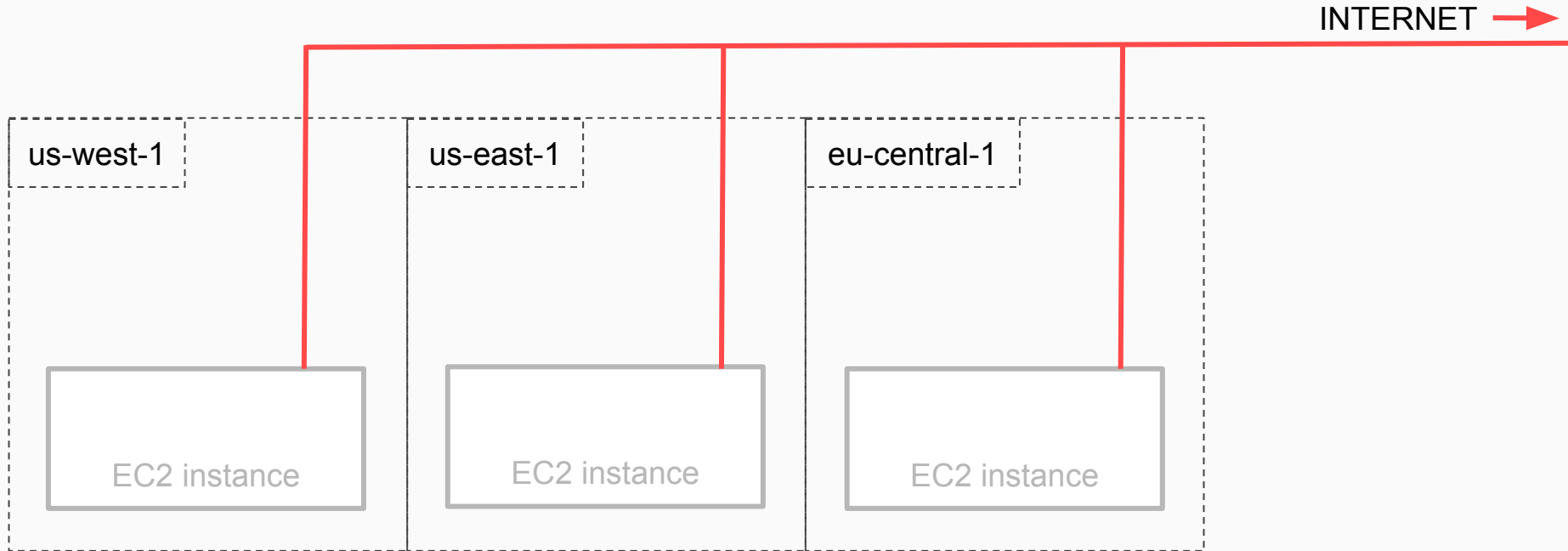
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Can it run Wordpress?

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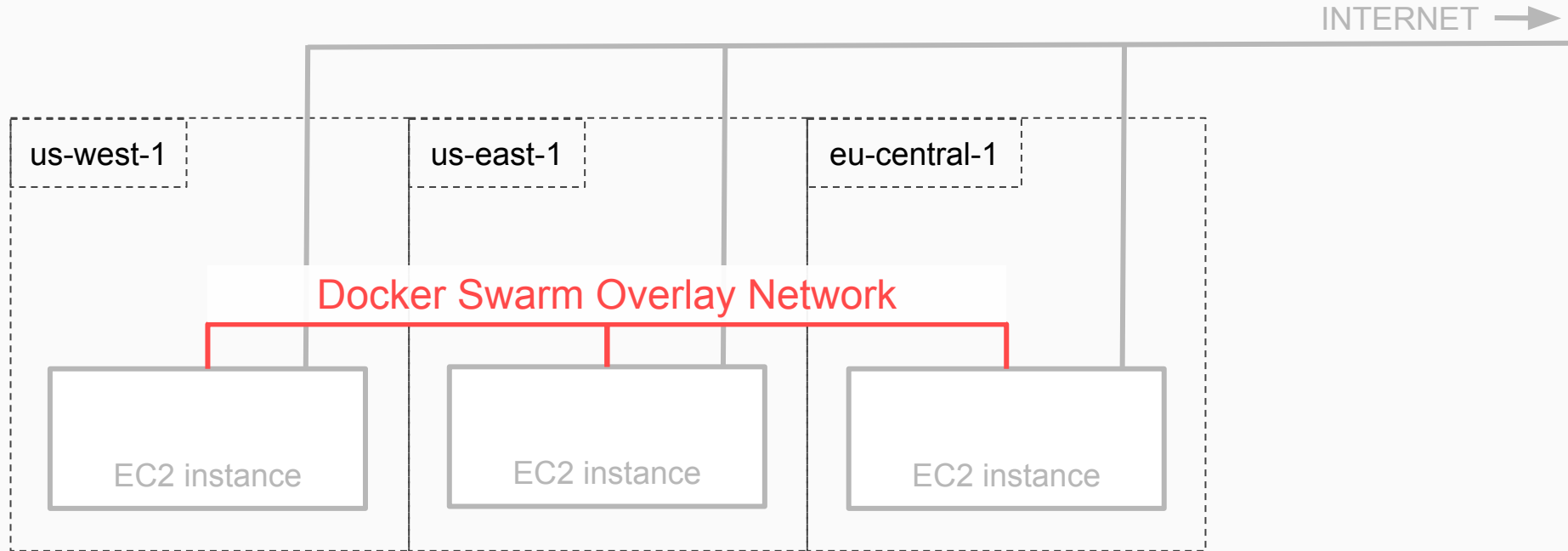


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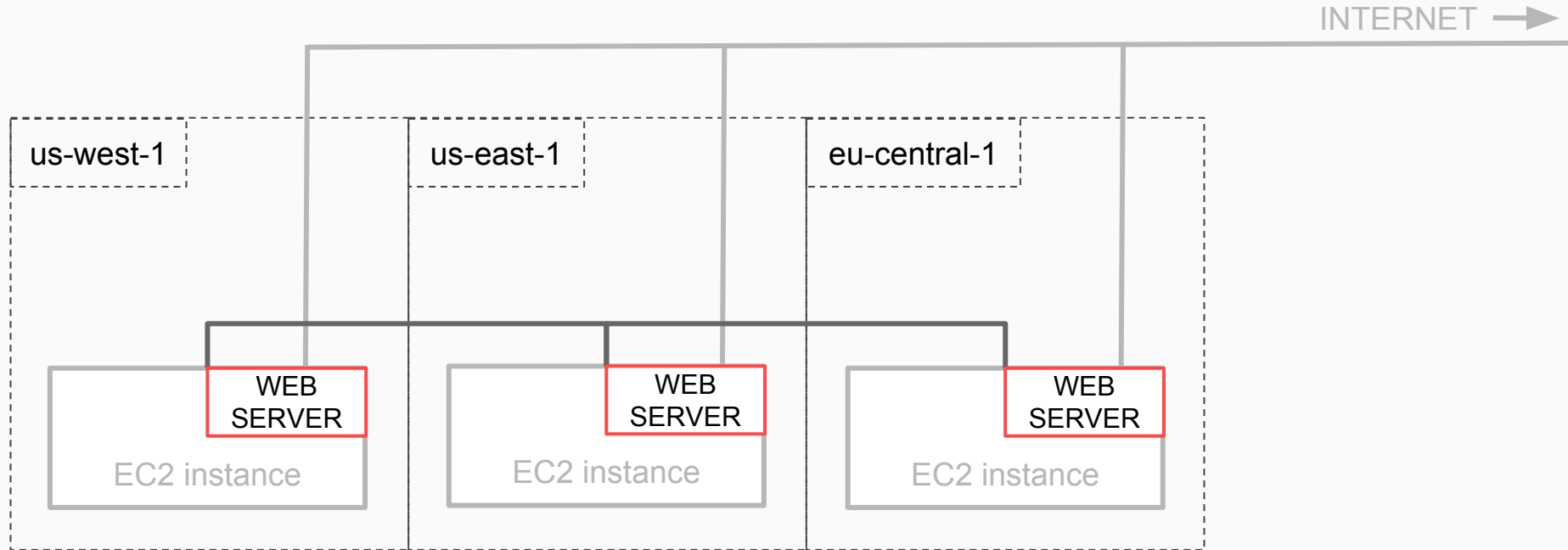




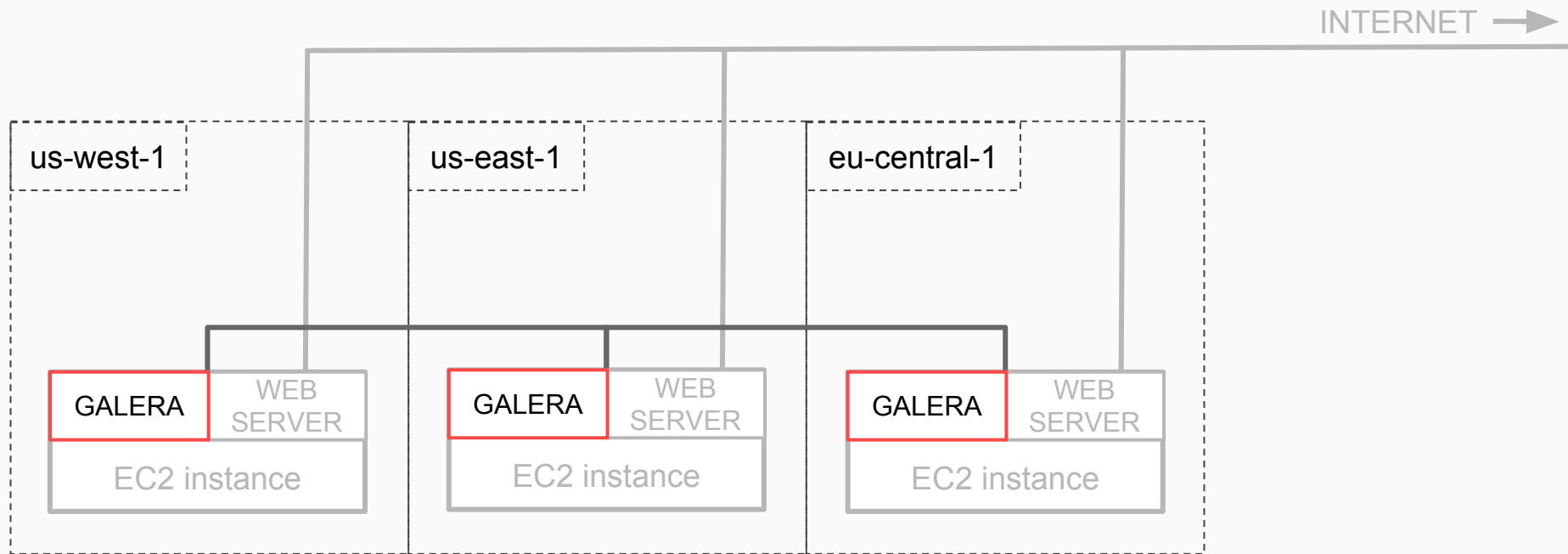
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## Summary



Performance grade <sup>?</sup>

**C** 79

Load time

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Faster than

99 %

of tested sites

Page size

445.2 kB

Requests

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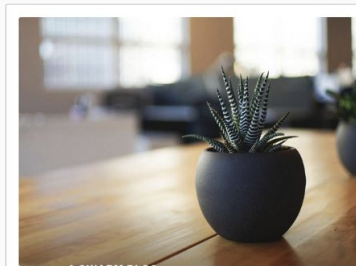
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 San Jose

on Nov 1 at 10:23

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## Summary



Performance grade <sup>?</sup>

**C** 79

Load time

305 ms

Faster than

99 %

of tested sites

Page size

445.3 kB

Requests

14

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 Stockholm

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# Hosting dynamic content

Unsolved issues:

# Hosting dynamic content

Unsolved issues:

**Distributing Static Content**

# Hosting dynamic content

Unsolved issues:

Distributing Static Content

Downtime-less Updates

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Unsolved issues:

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Monitoring



# Summary

Is it worth it?

# Summary



## Janos Pasztor

DevOps Engineer with a Nack for the Unusual



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Speaking



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Contact

Hello, I'm Janos, and I'm a DevOps Engineer.

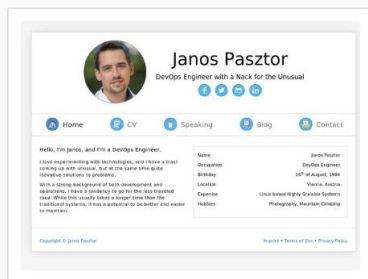
I love experimenting with technologies, and I have a blast coming up with unusual, but at the same time quite innovative solutions to problems.

With a strong background of both development and operations, I have a tendency to go for the less traveled road. While this usually takes a longer time than the traditional systems, it has a potential to be better and easier to maintain.

Name	Janos Pasztor
Occupation	DevOps Engineer
Birthday	16 <sup>th</sup> of August, 1984
Location	Vienna, Austria
Expertise	Linux-based Highly Scalable Systems
Hobbies	Photography, Mountain Climbing

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Performance grade <sup>?</sup>

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1.16 s

Faster than

86 %

of tested sites

Page size

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Requests

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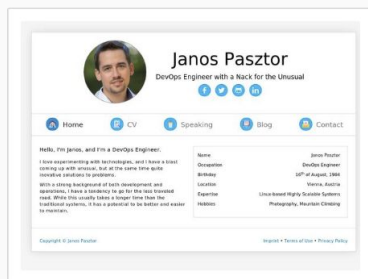
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Performance grade <sup>?</sup>

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Faster than

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of tested sites

Page size

77.1 kB

Requests

15












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# Summary

Good

97 / 100

Great job! This page applies most performance best practices and should deliver a good user experience.

## ! Possible Optimizations

### Leverage browser caching

Setting an expiry date or a maximum age in the HTTP headers for static resources instructs the browser to load previously downloaded resources from local disk rather than over the network.

Leverage browser caching for the following cacheable resources:

https://pasztor.at/assets/analytics.js (expiration not specified)

https://www.googletagmanager.com/gtag/js?id=UA-108462692-1 (15 minutes)

https://www.google-analytics.com/analytics.js (2 hours)

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## ✓ Optimizations Found

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*\*The results are cached for 30s. If you have made changes to your page, please wait for 30s before re-running the test.*

*\*This test checks to see if a page has applied common performance best practices. A high score is correlated with a fast user experience but does not guarantee it.*

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Probably not.

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## Questions?

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