

# UEFI & EDK II Base Training

UEFI Network in EDK II

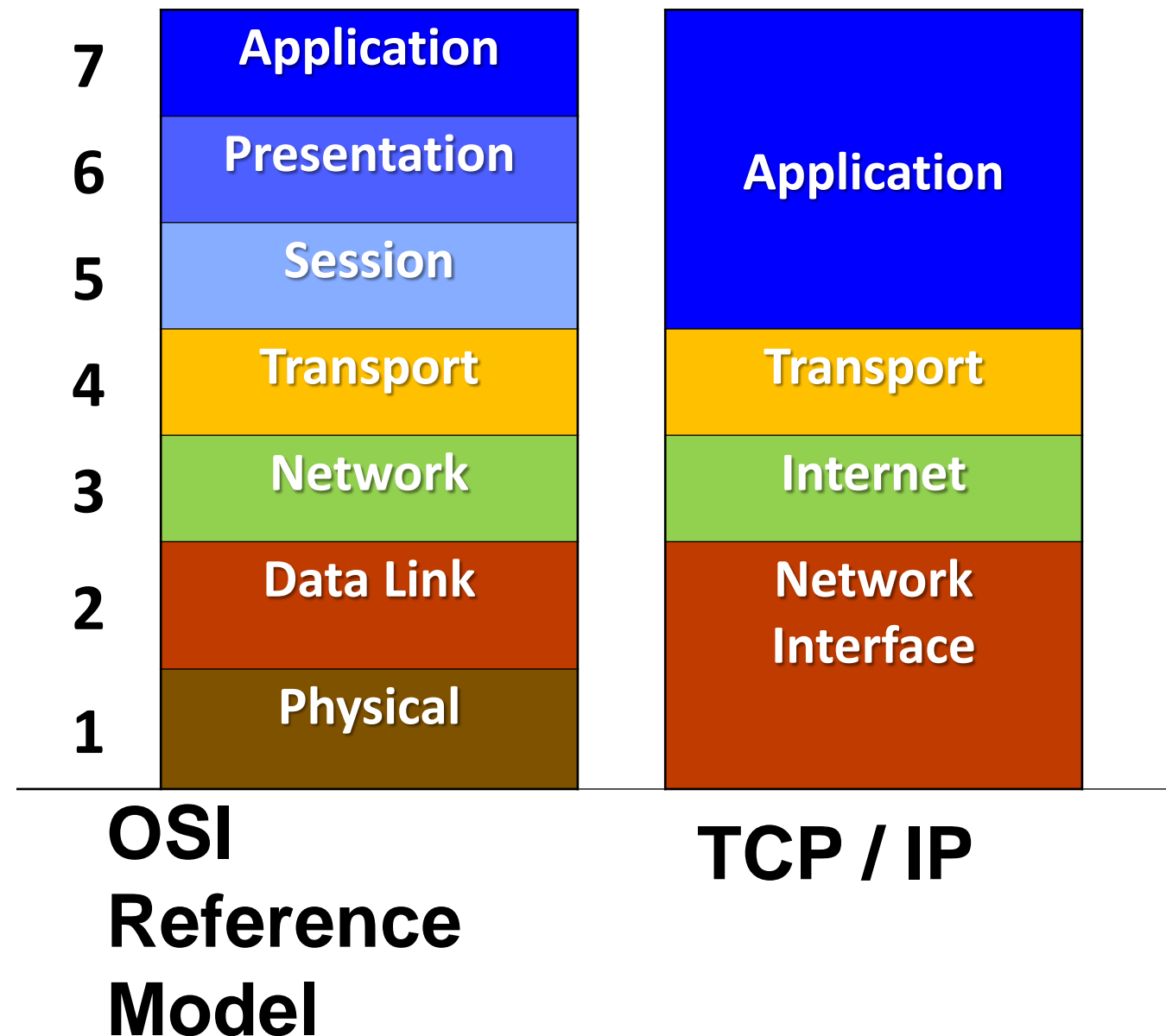
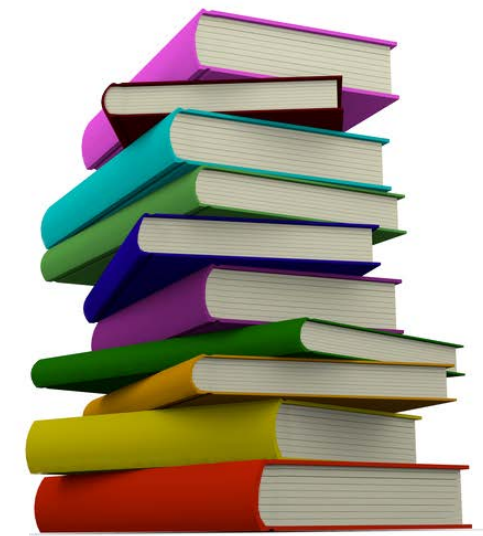
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# Lesson Objective

- UEFI Network Stack Layers
- EDK II Network Features Overview
- What UEFI Protocols Make Network Work in EDK II
- UEFI HTTP(s) Boot Overview

# Industry Standard – Network Stack Layers



1. Open Systems Interconnection(OSI) Model is a reference model.
2. TCP/IP Model roughly covers six layers of the OSI Reference Model with the TCP/IP Application layer as a compound of the Application, Presentation and Session layers in OSI Model.
3. TCP/IP Model doesn't cover the Physical/Hardware layer.
4. The TCP/IP Model is familiar, UEFI network stack also follows this model. We will have a big picture on what we have now in each of the TCP/IP Model layers.

# TCP / IP Network Stack for UEFI

7	Application	MTFTP	PXE	DHCP	ISCSI	HTTP(s)	TLS	DNS
6								
5								
4	Transport	TCP		UDP				
3	Internet	IP (4 6)	ARP	ICMP	IGMP(4)	ND(6)	MLD(6)	
2	Network Interface							
1		MNP						
		SNP						
		UNDI			DPC			

TCP / IP

UEFI Drivers & Applications

# Network Acronyms

## Application

MTFTP	- <u>M</u> ulticast <u>T</u> rivial <u>F</u> ile <u>T</u> ransfer <u>P</u> rotocol
PXE	- <u>P</u> reBoot <u>e</u> Xecution <u>E</u> nvironment
DHCP	- <u>D</u> ynamic <u>H</u> ost <u>C</u> onfiguration <u>P</u> rotocol
iSCSI	- <u>I</u> nternet <u>S</u> mall <u>C</u> omputer <u>S</u> ystem <u>I</u> nterface
HTTP(s)	- <u>H</u> yper <u>T</u> ext <u>T</u> ransfer <u>P</u> rotocol w/ (s)-TLS
TLS	- <u>T</u> ransport <u>L</u> ayer <u>S</u> ecurity

## Transport

DNS	- <u>D</u> omain <u>N</u> ame <u>S</u> erver
TCP	- <u>T</u> ransmission <u>C</u> ontrol <u>P</u> rotocol

## Internet

UDP	- <u>U</u> ser <u>D</u> atagram <u>P</u> rotocol
IP	- <u>I</u> nternet <u>P</u> rotocol

## Network Interface/ Data Link

ARP	- <u>A</u> ddress <u>R</u> esolution <u>P</u> rotocol
MNP	- <u>M</u> anaged <u>N</u> etwork <u>P</u> rotocol
SNP	- <u>S</u> imple <u>N</u> etwork <u>P</u> rotocol
UNDI	- <u>U</u> niversal <u>N</u> etwork <u>D</u> evice <u>I</u> nterface
DPC	- <u>D</u> erferred <u>P</u> rocedure <u>C</u> all

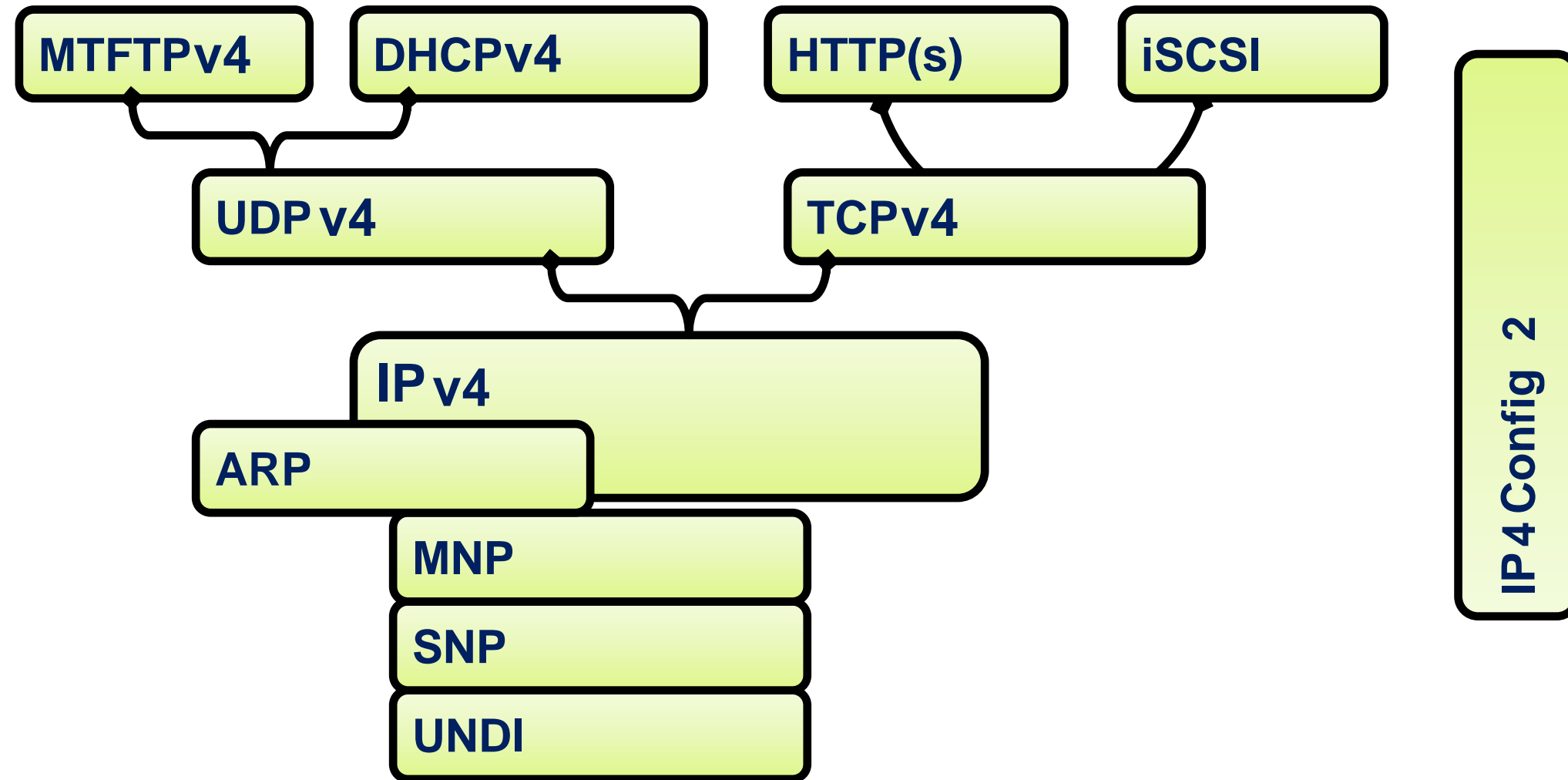
# Network Stack IPv4

Application

Transport

Internet

Network  
Interface/  
Data Link



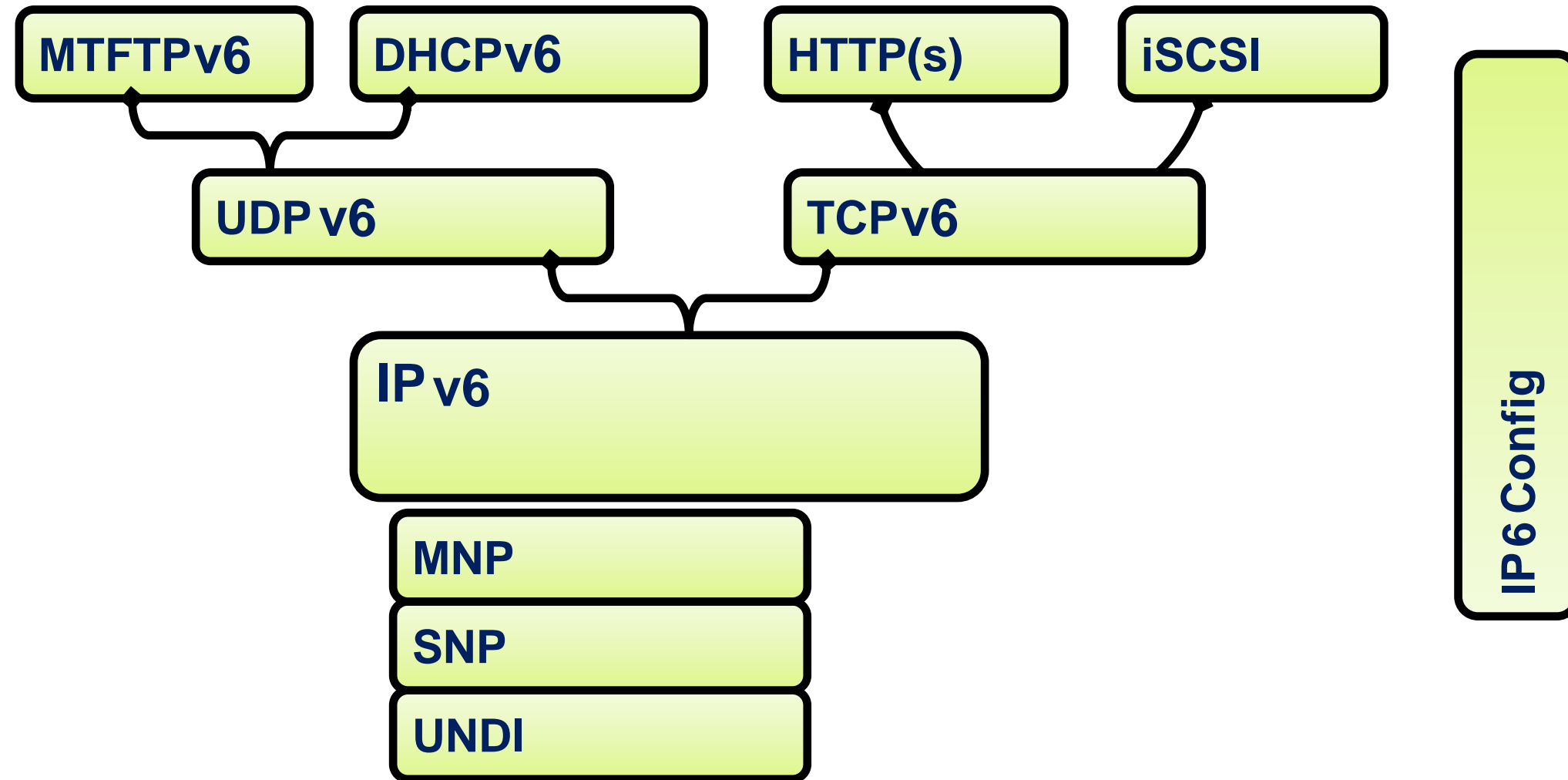
# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

Application

Transport

Internet

Network  
Interface/  
Data Link



# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

**Network  
Interface/  
Data Link**

**MNP**

**SNP**

**UNDI**

Network Interface Card Device  
Driver – Provide interfaces to  
operate the NIC.



# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

**Network  
Interface/  
Data Link**

**MNP**

**SNP**

**UNDI**

Abstract interfaces of UNDI to  
packet level I/O & management  
interfaces.

# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

**Network  
Interface/  
Data Link**

**MNP**

**SNP**

**UNDI**

Provide concurrent access to frame-level functions. Multiplexer and de-multiplexer.

# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

Resolve layer 3 addresses to  
layer 2 hardware addresses

ARP

MNP

SNP

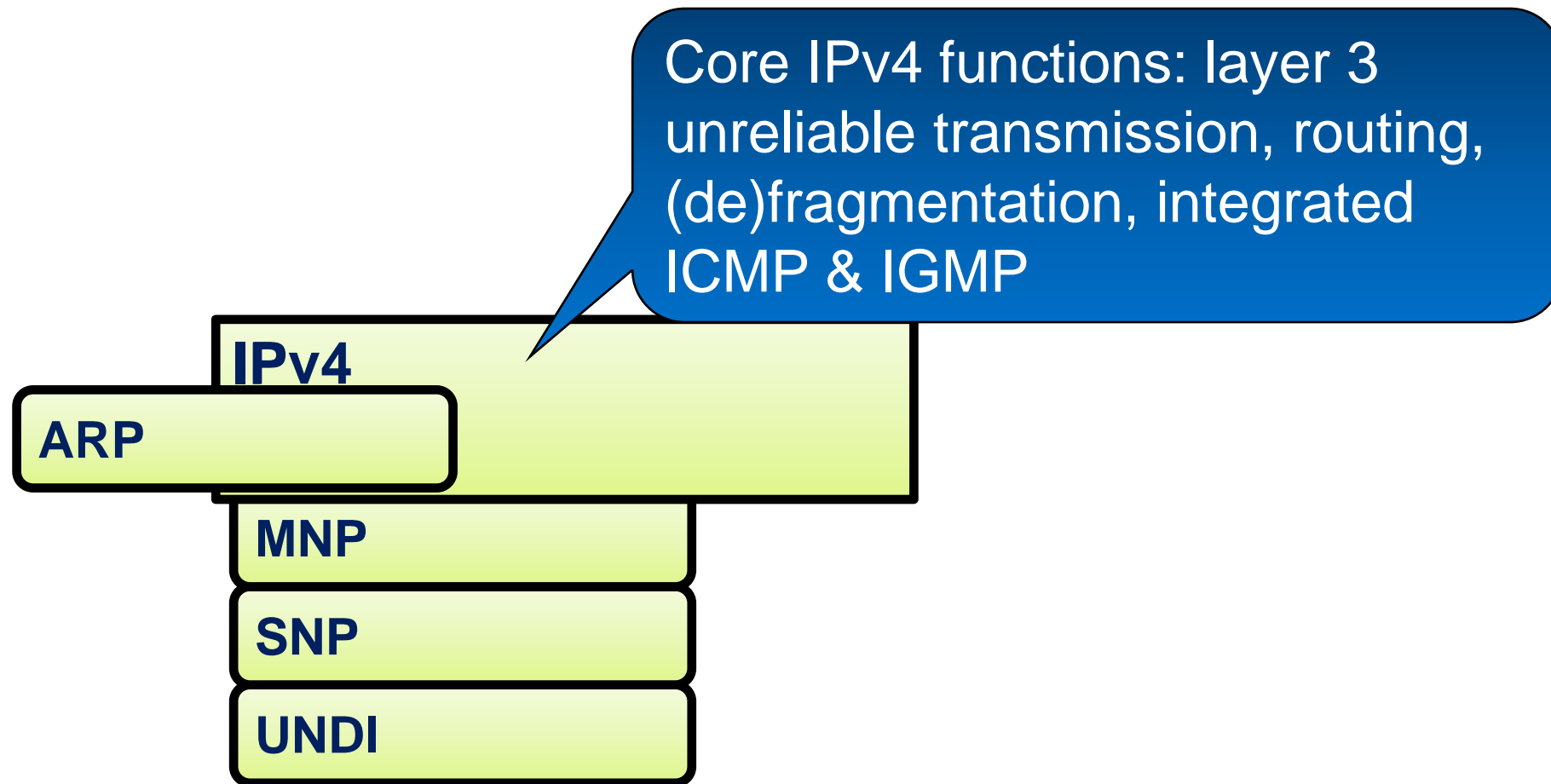
UNDI

**Network  
Interface/  
Data Link**

# Network Stack IPv4

Internet

Network  
Interface/  
Data Link



# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

Internet

Network  
Interface/  
Data Link

IPv6

MNP

SNP

UNDI

Core IPv6 functions: layer 3  
unreliable transmission, routing,  
(de)fragmentation, integrated  
ICMP & MLD & ND

# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

## Transport

UDP

TCP

IPv4 or IPv6

MNP

SNP

UNDI

Unreliable transport layer service.  
Datagram – data is transmitted in  
blocks

## Network

Reliable transport layer service, more  
complex than UDP. Data is transmitted  
as a continuous stream.

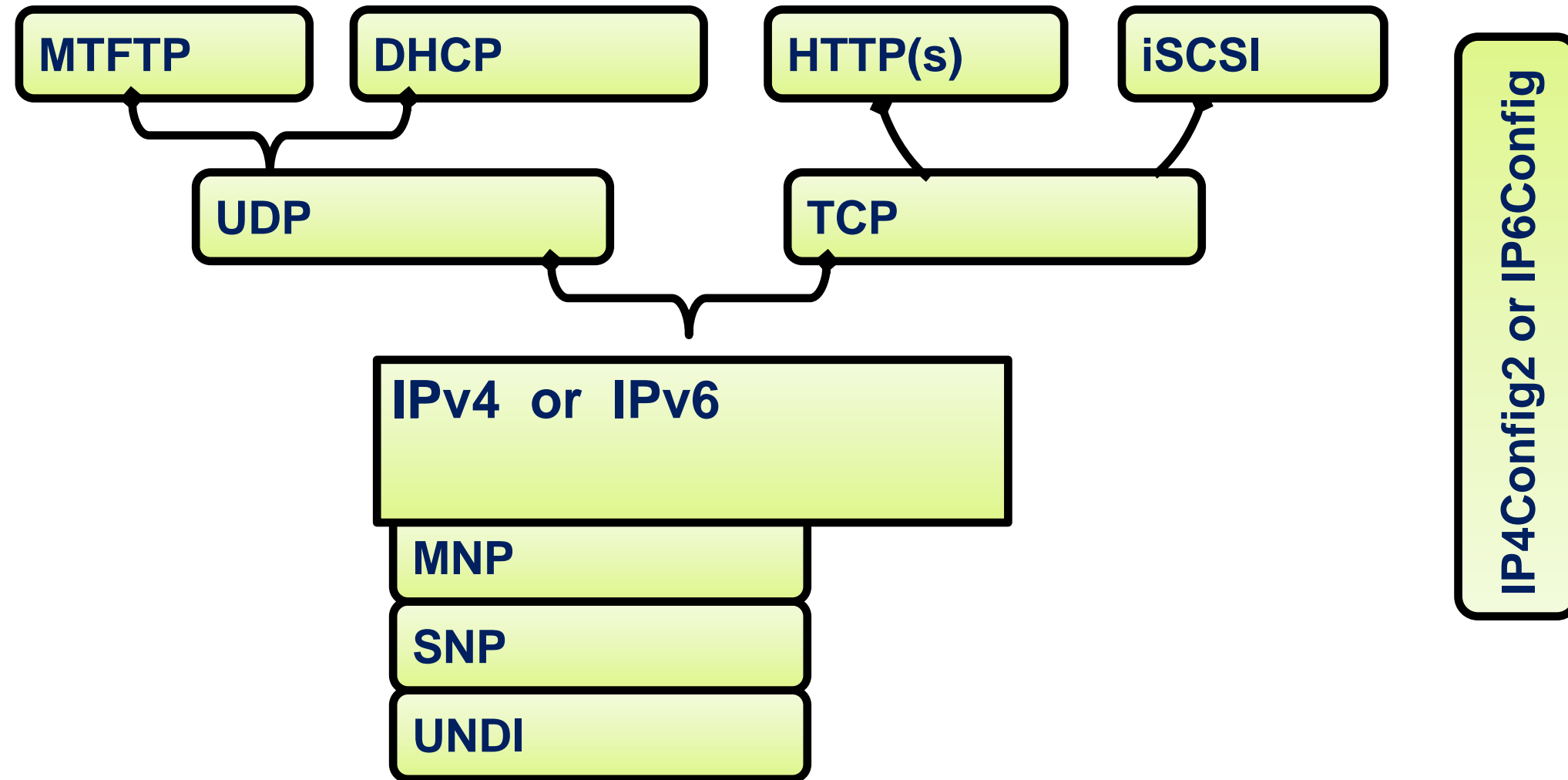
# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

Application

Transport

Internet

Network  
Interface/  
Data Link



# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

Multicast Trivial File Transfer Protocol. Support multicast defined in RFC2090

**Application**

MTFTP

DHCP

HTTP(s)

iSCSI

**Transport**

UDP

TCP

**Internet**

IPv4 or IPv6

**Network Interface/  
Data Link**

MNP

SNP

UNDI

IP4Config2 or IP6Config



# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

Application

Transport

Internet

Network  
Interface/  
Data Link

Dynamic Host Configuration  
Protocol. Typical usage: host  
automatic configuration

MTFTP

DHCP

HTTP(s)

iSCSI

UDP

TCP

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IP4Config2 or IP6Config

# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

Application

Transport

Internet

Network  
Interface/  
Data Link

HTTP(s): Hypertext Transfer Protocol over TLS, for secure network communication

MTFTP

DHCP

HTTP(s)

iSCSI

UDP

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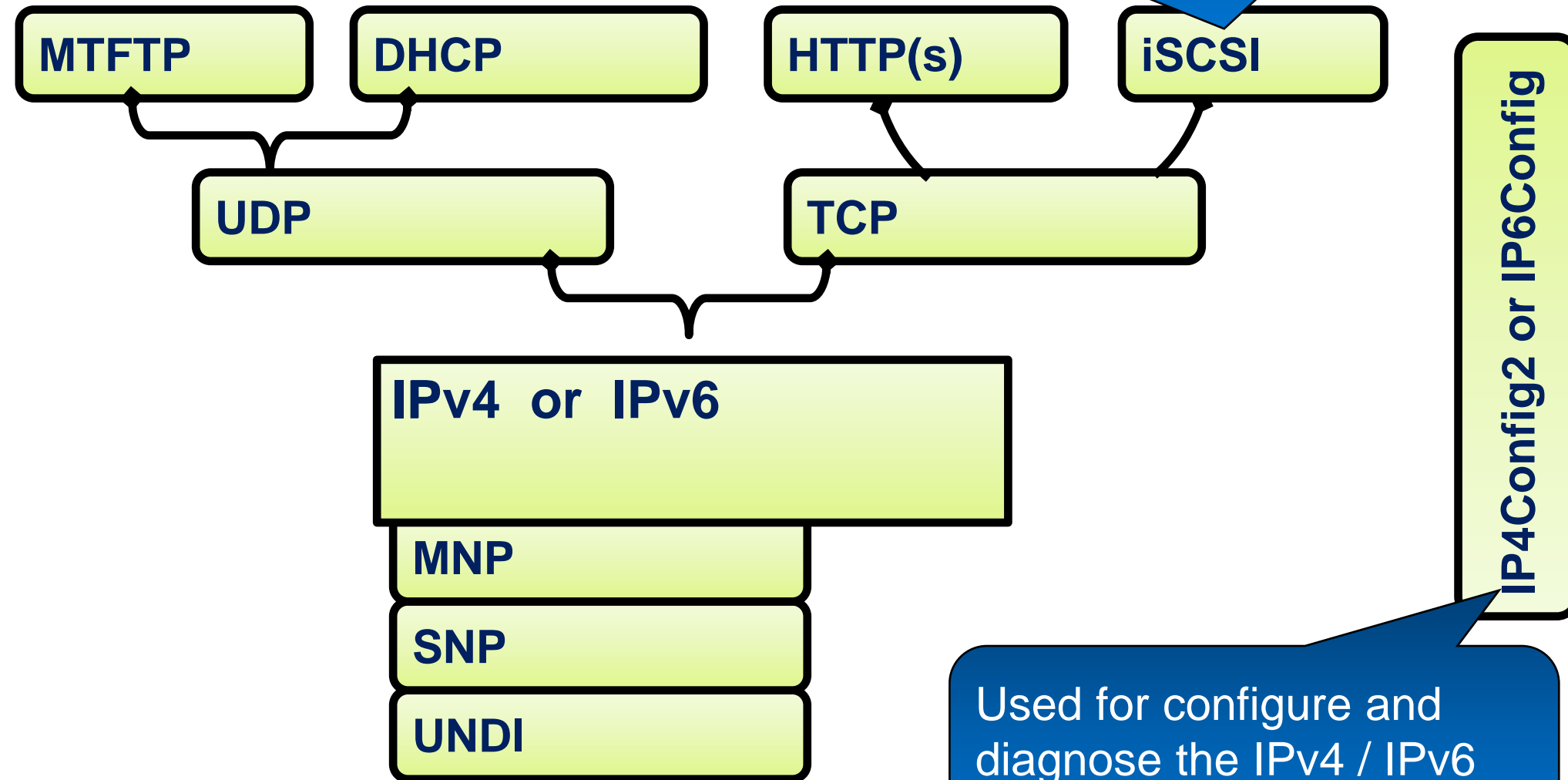
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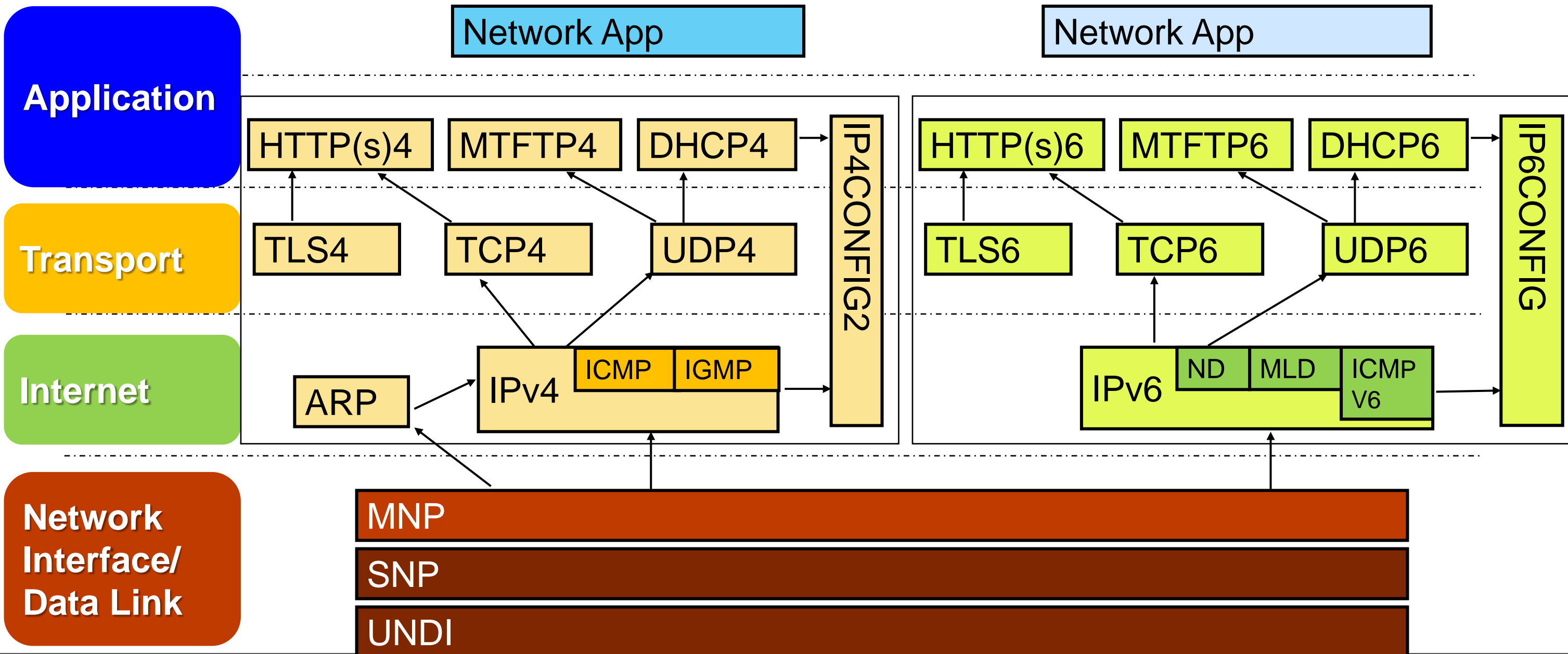
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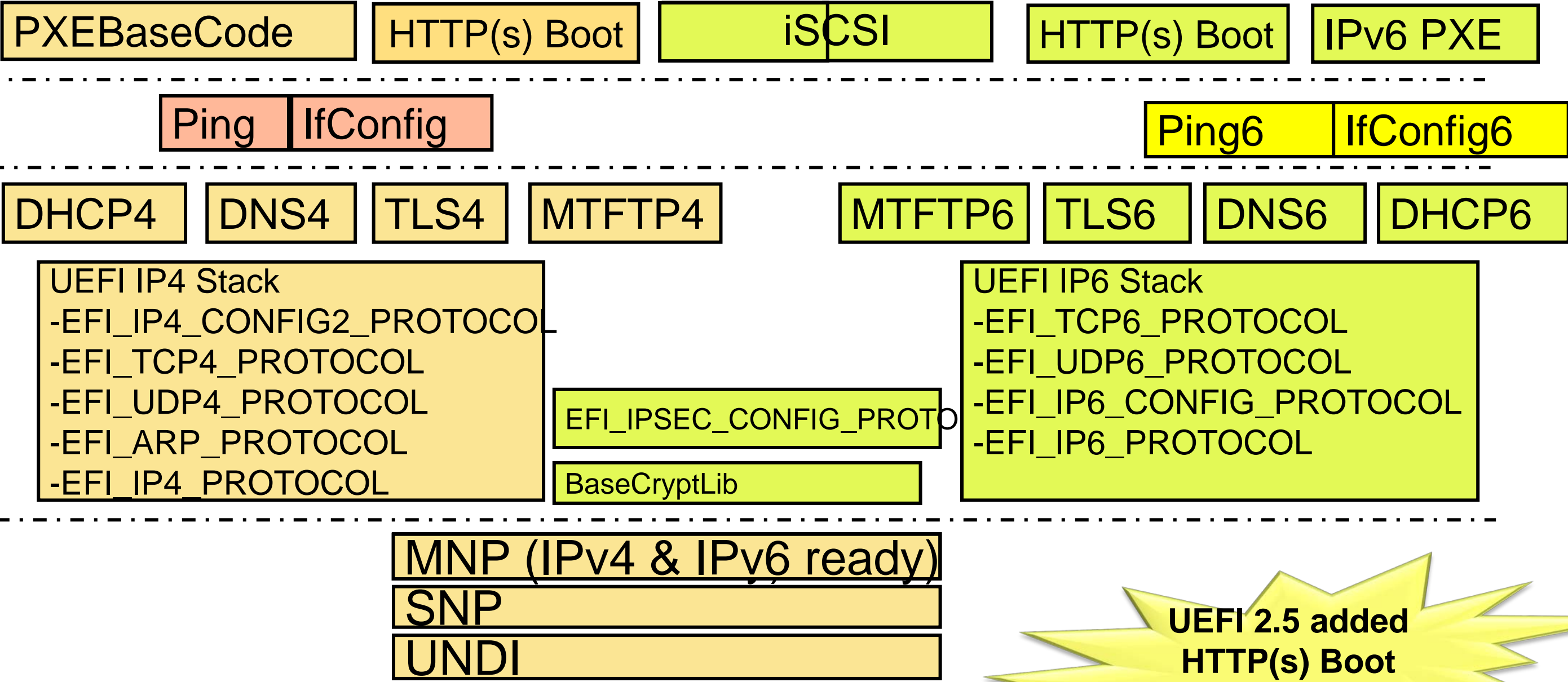
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# UEFI Network Stack: IPv4 vs IPv6



# UEFI Network Stack w/ Protocols



UEFI 2.5 added  
HTTP(s) Boot  
2015

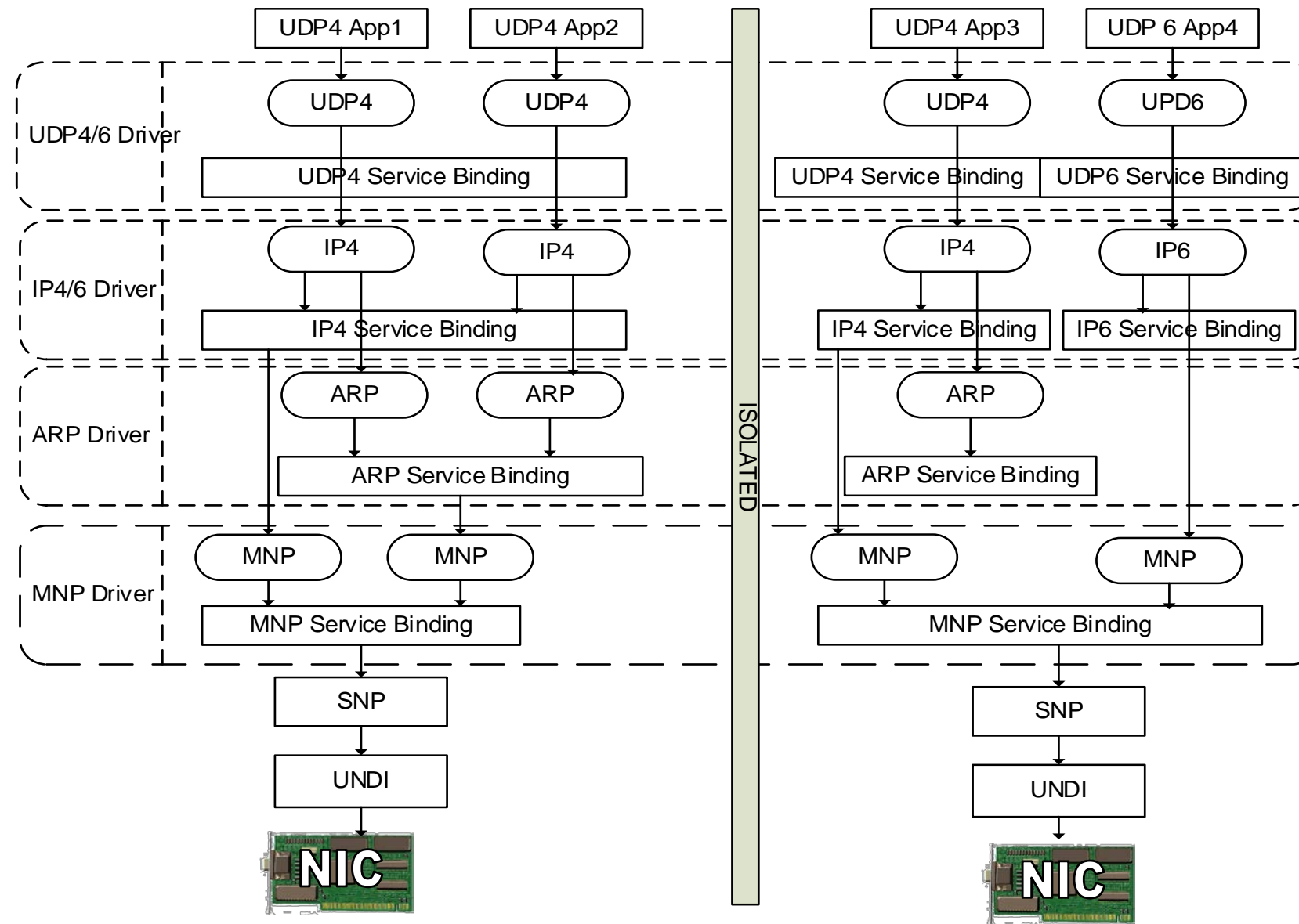
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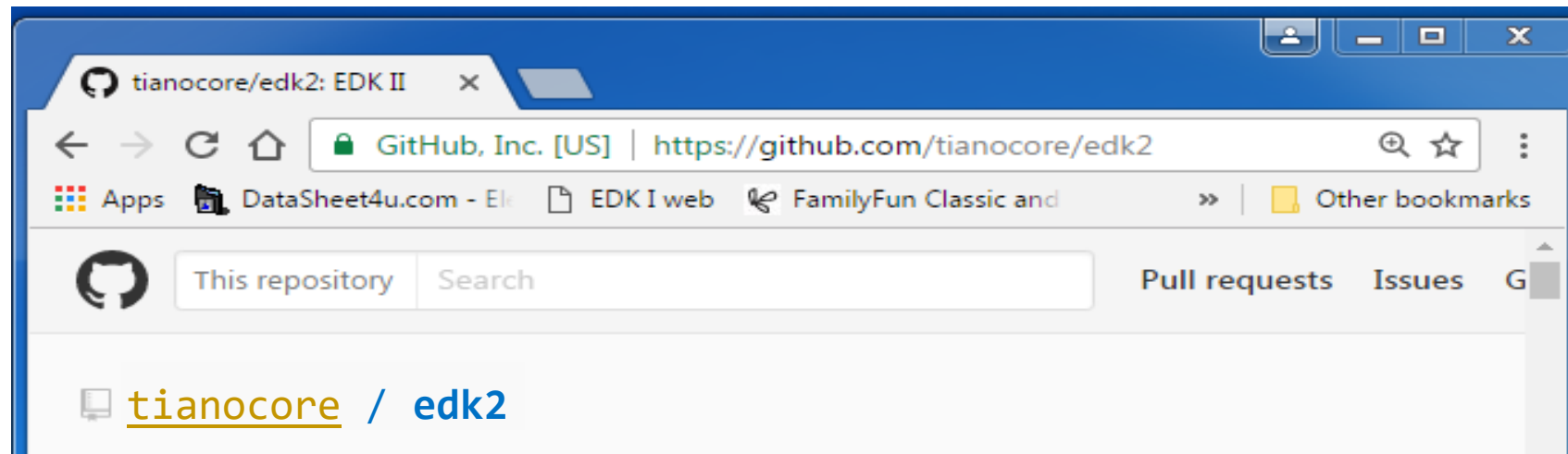
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# A Live Picture



# EDK II Network Features Overview

# Where is the EDK II Network Stack located?



[github.com/tianocore/edk2](https://github.com/tianocore/edk2)

## Network Related Libraries

MdeModulePkg  
Library

## NetworkPkg

- Application
- ArpDxe
- Dhcp4Dxe
- Dhcp6Dxe
- DnsDxe
- DpcDxe
- HttpBootDxe
- HttpDxe
- HttpUtilitiesDxe
- Include
- Ip4Dxe
- Ip6Dxe
- IScsiDxe
- Library
- MnpDxe
- Mtftp4Dxe
- Mtftp6Dxe
- SnxDxe
- TcpDxe
- TlsAuthConfigDxe
- TlsDxe
- Udp4Dxe
- Udp6Dxe
- UefiPxeBcDxe
- VlanConfigDxe
- WifiConnectionManagerDxe



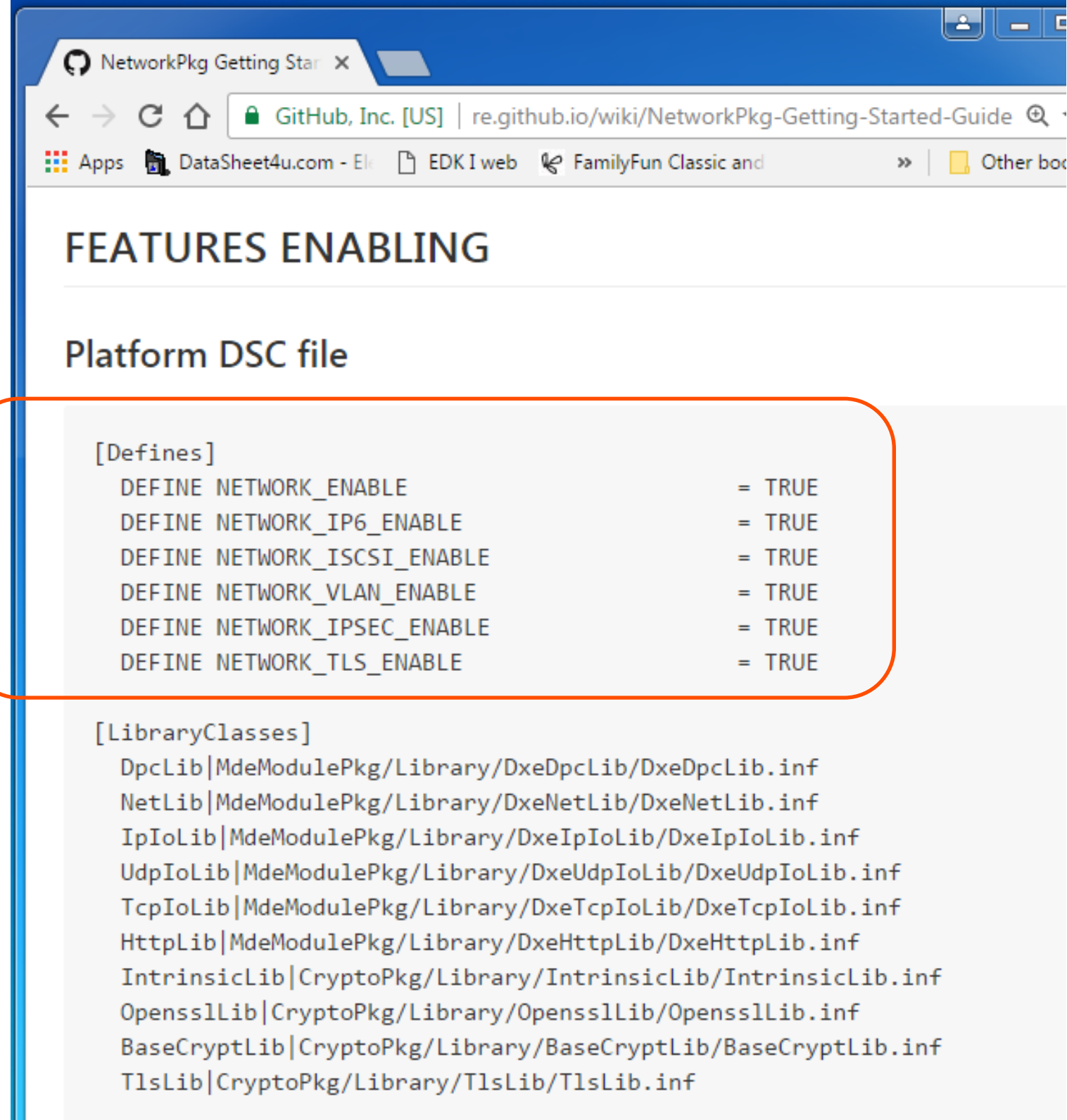
# How to Enable the EDK II Network Stack

Update the Platform DSC and FDF files

- Link:  
<https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/NetworkPkg-Getting-Started-Guide#features-enabling>

```
DEFINE NETWORK_ENABLE = TRUE
```

. . .



# IP6 Networking - Vendors

IPv6 protocols compliance

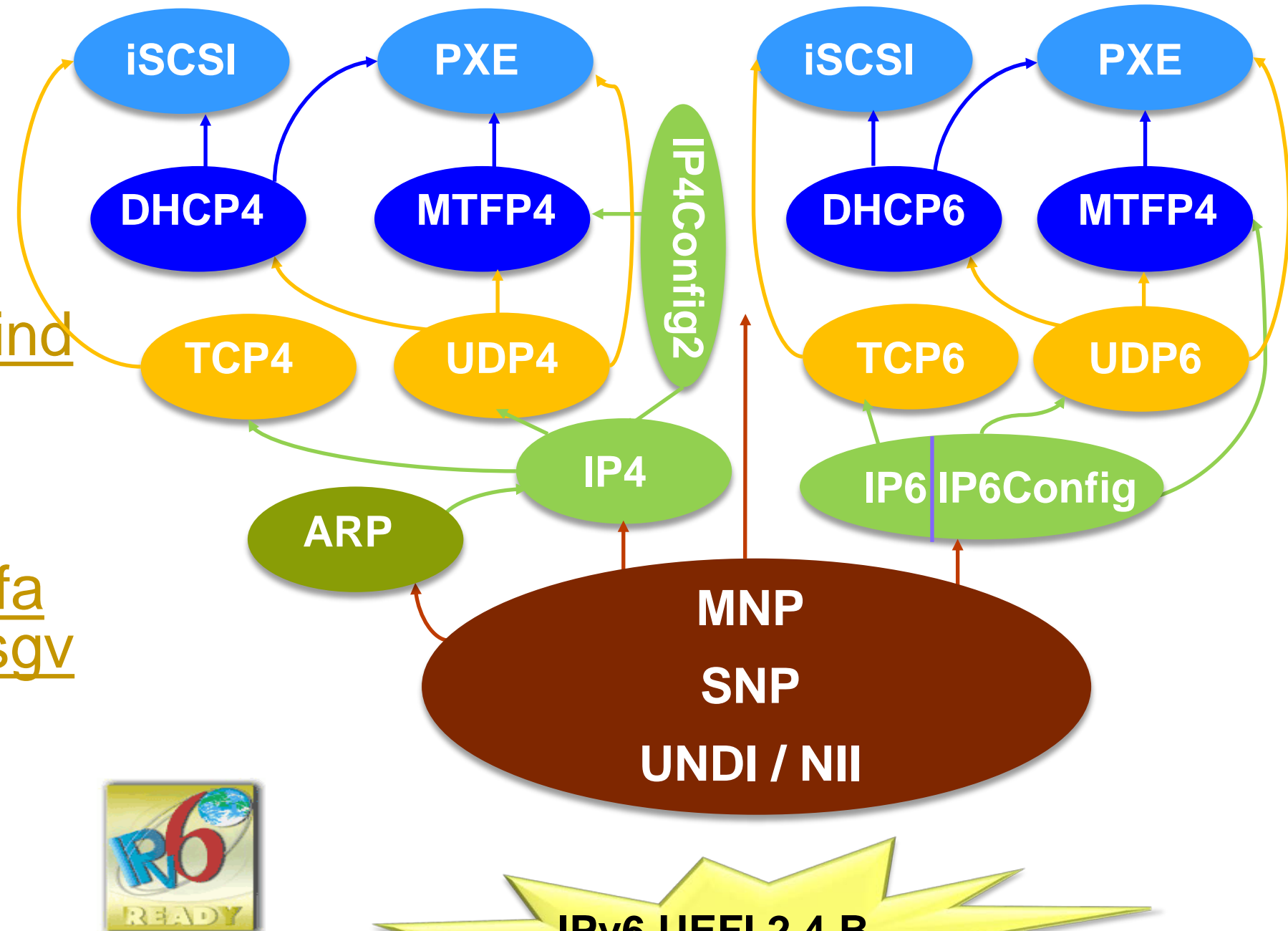
- IPv6 ready logo approved

<http://www.ipv6ready.org/db/index.php/public/>

- Requirements for IPv6 transition

<https://www.nist.gov/sites/default/files/documents/itl/antd/usgv6-v1.pdf>

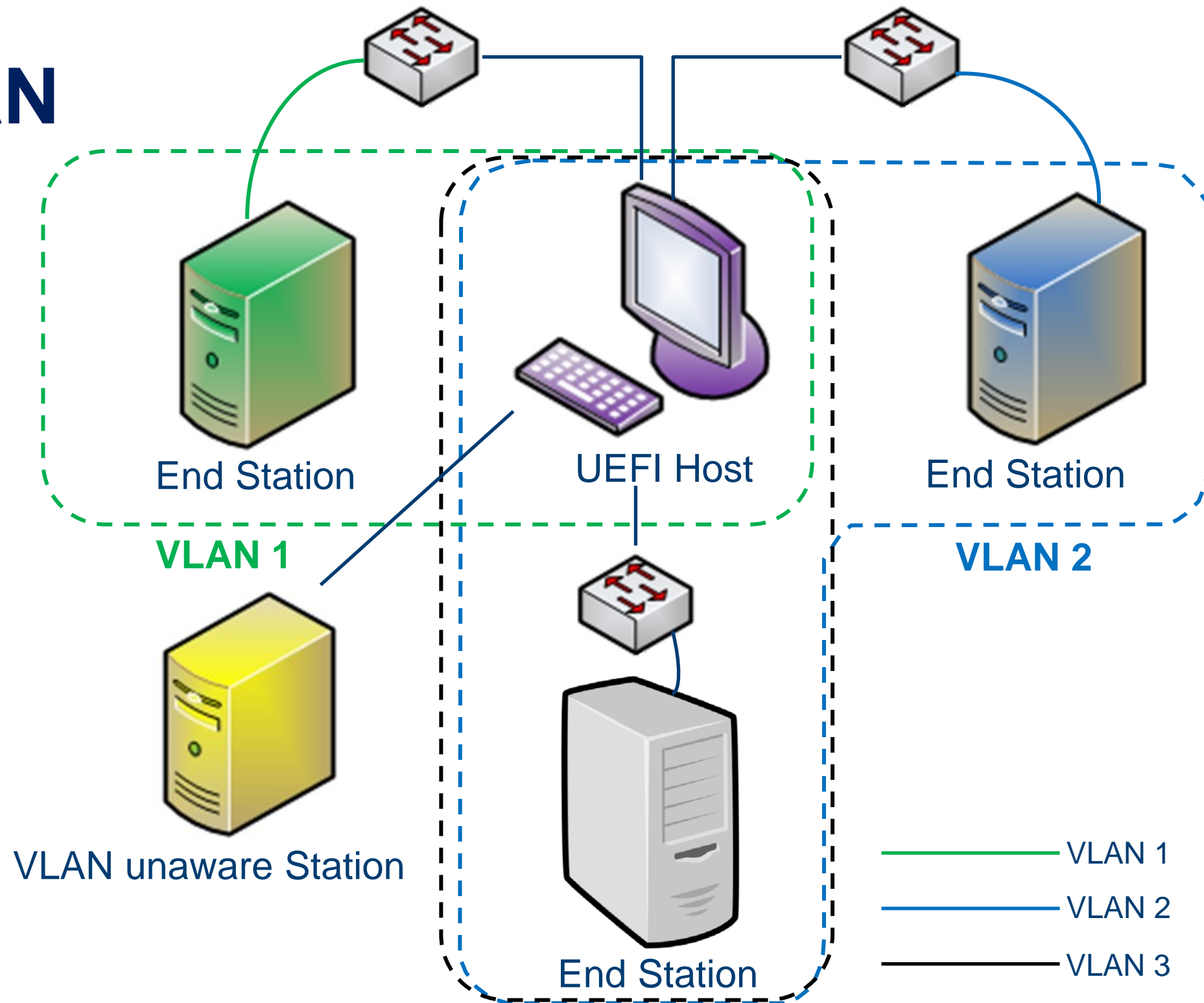
- Vendor Testing: <https://www-x.antd.nist.gov/usgv6/faq-c.html#vendors>



**IPv6 UEFI 2.4 B  
2011**

# Virtual LAN - VLAN

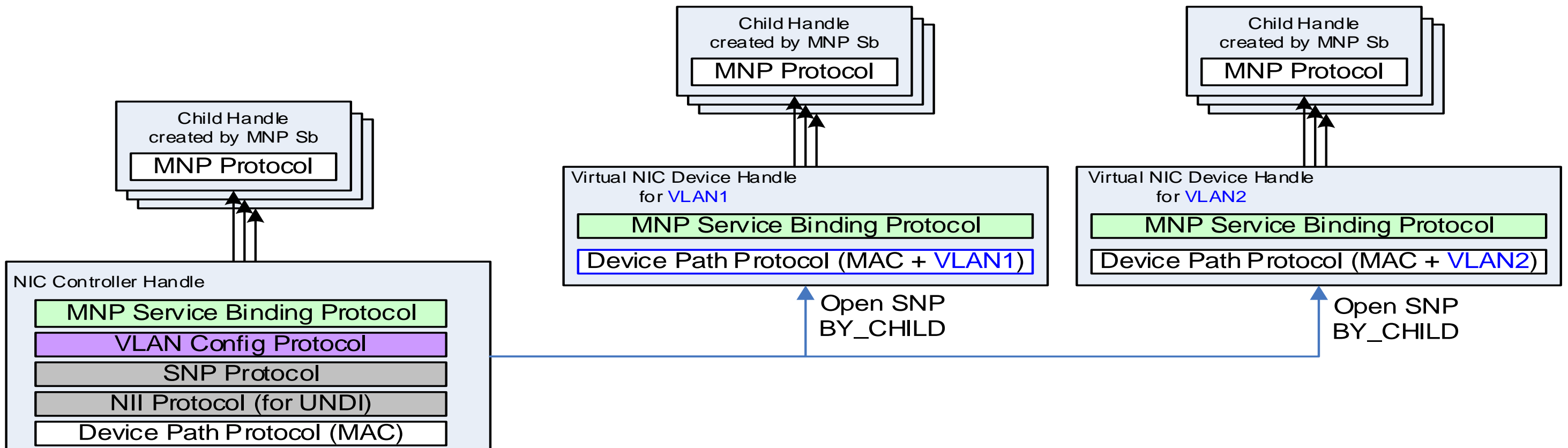
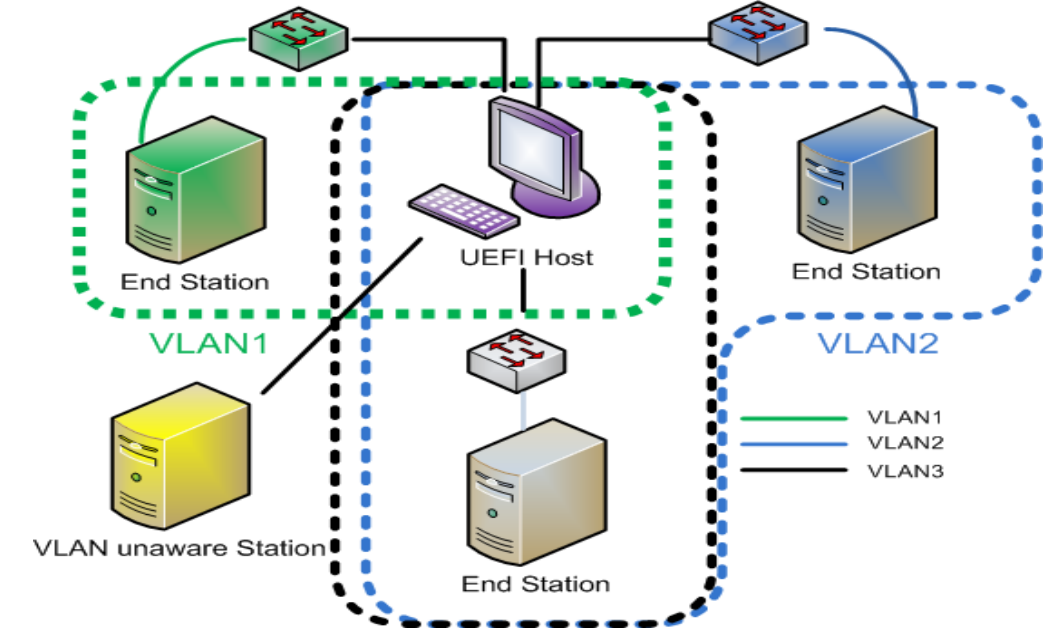
- Logical groups of Stations at the data link layer (Tagging)
- VLAN's allow a network manager to logically segment a LAN into different broadcast domains [Link](#)
- Why VLAN?
  - Performance
  - Security
  - Formation of Virtual Workgroups
  - Simplified Administration
  - Cost
- VLAN Standard: IEEE 802.1Q



# VLAN Support - EDK II

Technology includes

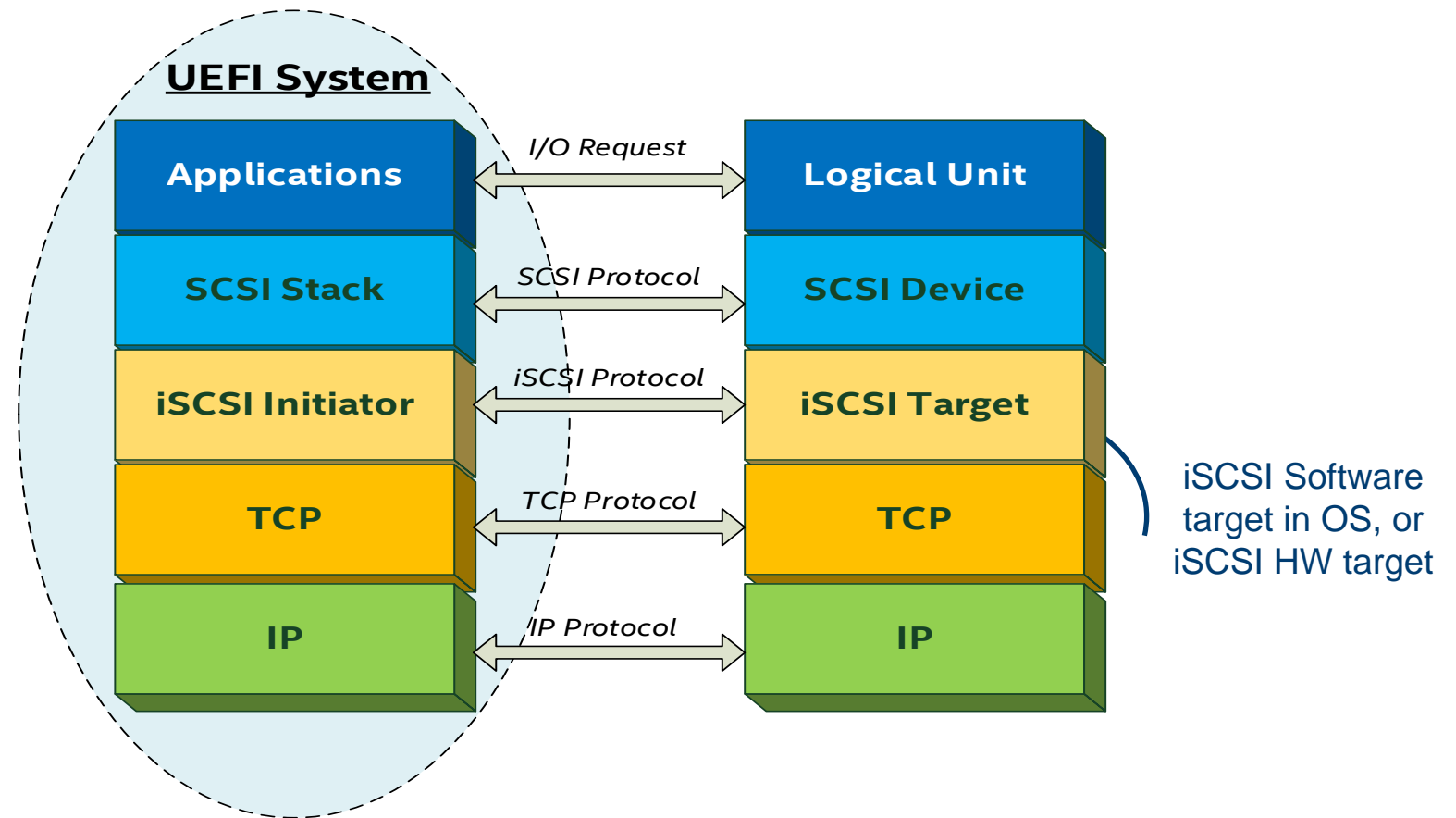
- Support Hybrid LAN topology
- Multiple VLAN for one station
- MNP and VLAN Configuration Protocol
- VLAN configuration by Shell Application Vconfig



# UEFI iSCSI Solutions

## SAN/Data center boot over iSCSI

- Manual/DHCP based configuration allowed
- Cryptographic logon with CHAP
- Multi-path/fail-over capable
- User Interface using HII



The screenshots show the UEFI iSCSI Configuration interface. The first screenshot shows the **iSCSI Configuration** screen with the **iSCSI Initiator Name** field highlighted. The second screenshot shows the **MAC Selection** screen with the **Port 02-00-54-55-4E-01** highlighted. The third screenshot shows the **Attempt Configuration** screen with the **iSCSI Attempt Name** field highlighted. The fourth screenshot shows the **Authentication Type** screen with the **Authentication Type** field highlighted.

**iSCSI Configuration**

iSCSI Initiator Name

Add an Attempt

Delete Attempts

Change Attempt Order

F1=Scroll Help F9=Reset to Defaults  
↑↓=Move Highlight <Enter>=Select Entry

**MAC Selection**

Port 02-00-54-55-4E-01

Port 00-0F-FE-EC-0D-DB

PFA: Bus 0 | Dev 0 | Func 0

F1=Scroll Help F9=Reset to Defaults  
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**Attempt Configuration**

iSCSI Attempt Name

iSCSI Mode <Enabled>

Internet Protocol <IP6>

Connection Retry Count [0]

Connection Establishing Timeout [100]

Enable DHCP [ ]

Target Name iqn.2009-11.com.intel

Target IP Address fec0::1:2:3:4

Target Port [3260]

F1=Scroll Help F9=Reset to Defaults F10=Save  
↑↓=Move Highlight <Enter>=Select Entry Esc=Exit without Save

**Authentication Type**

Authentication Type <CHAP>

CHAP Type <Mutual>

CHAP Name joe

CHAP Secret secret12345678

Reverse CHAP Name jim

Reverse CHAP Secret 12charpasswd8

Authentication method: CHAP, Kerberos, or None

Save Changes

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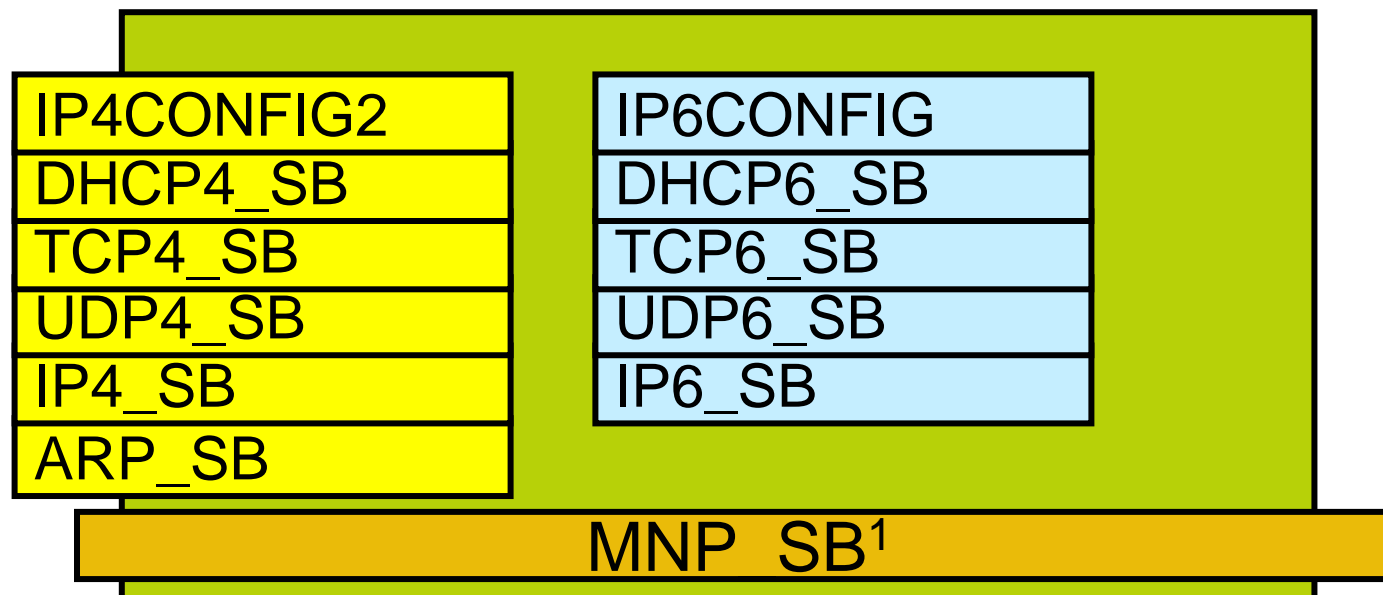
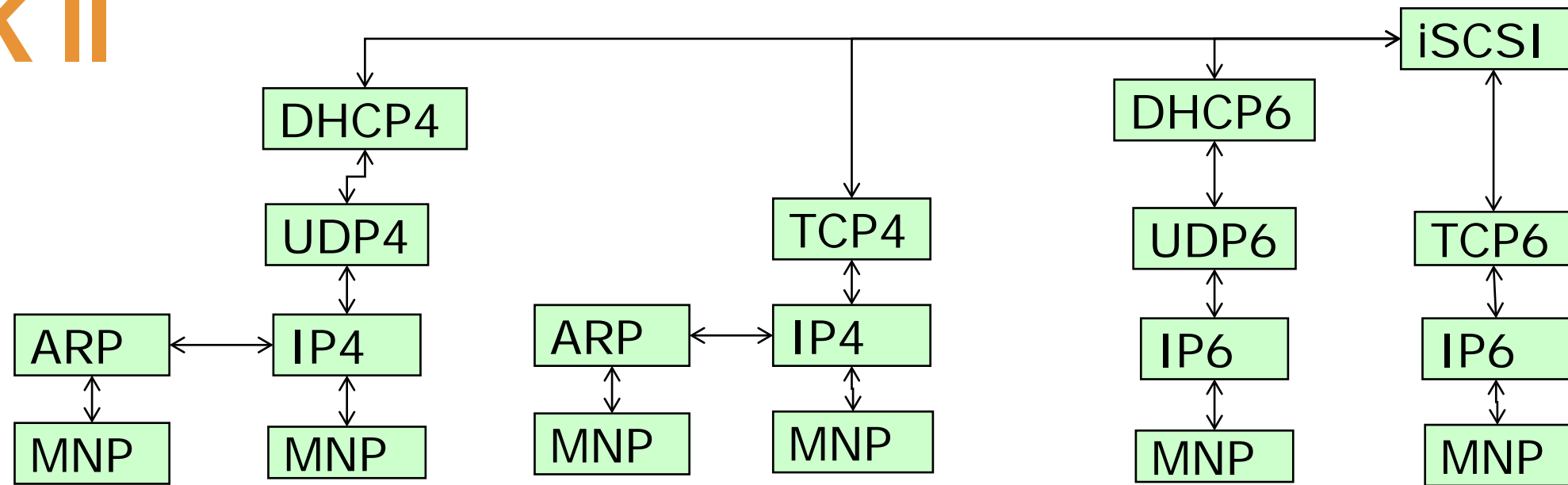
## Uses

- Storage consolidation
- Build a low cost SAN
- Cluster Shared Volumes
- Diskless Booting



# Dual-Stack Heritage – iSCSI usage model

## EDK II



# IPsec – Network Security

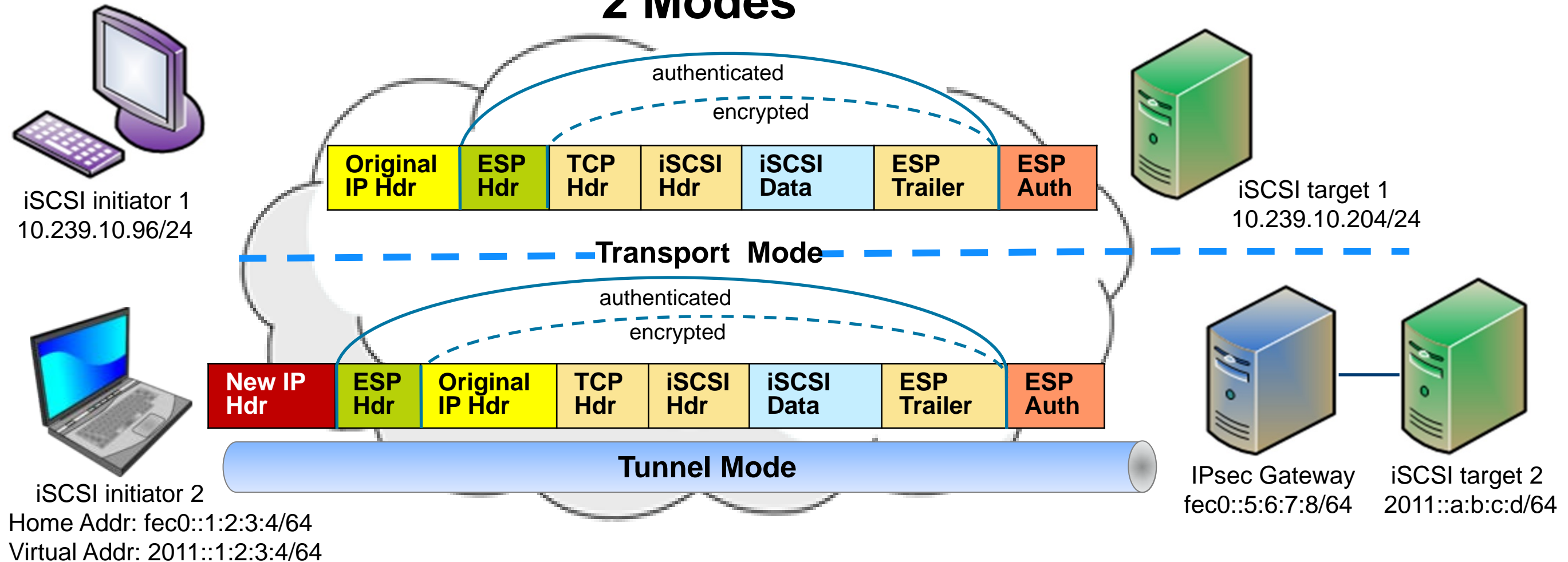
## Secure Internet Protocol Communication

- Protects any application traffic across an IP network
- Mandatory for IPv6

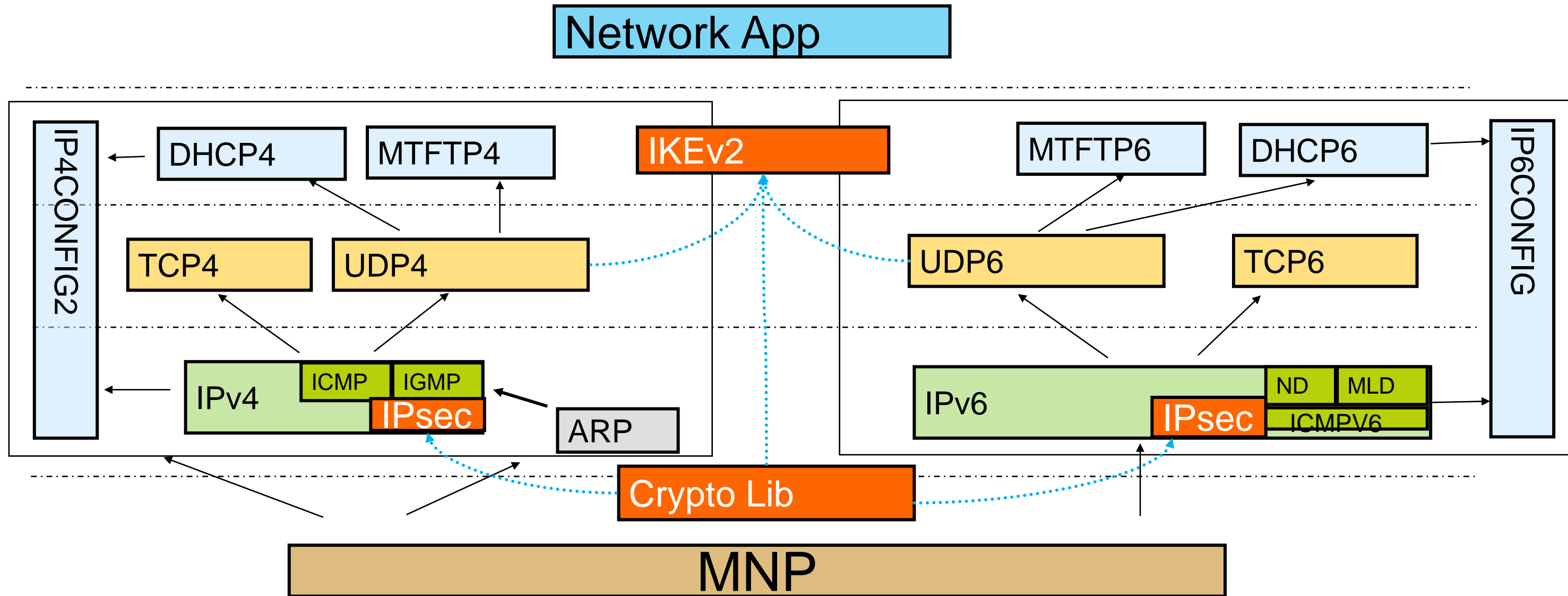
## Features include

- AH, ESP, IKE version 2
- HMAC-SHA1, TripleDES-CBC, AES-CBC
- Modes of operation : Transport vs. Tunnel
- Pre shared Key/X.509 certificate authentication

## 2 Modes



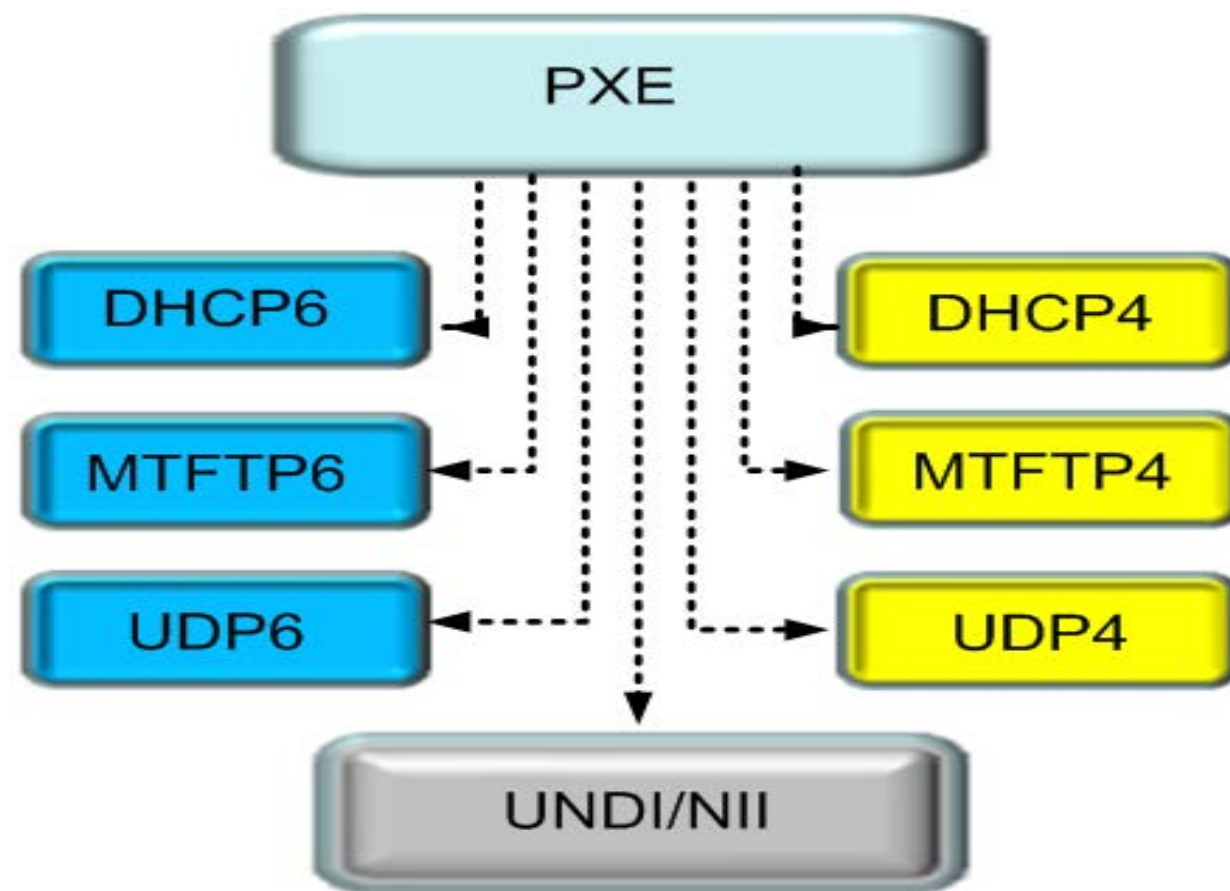
# IPsec support: shared





# UEFI PXE Solutions

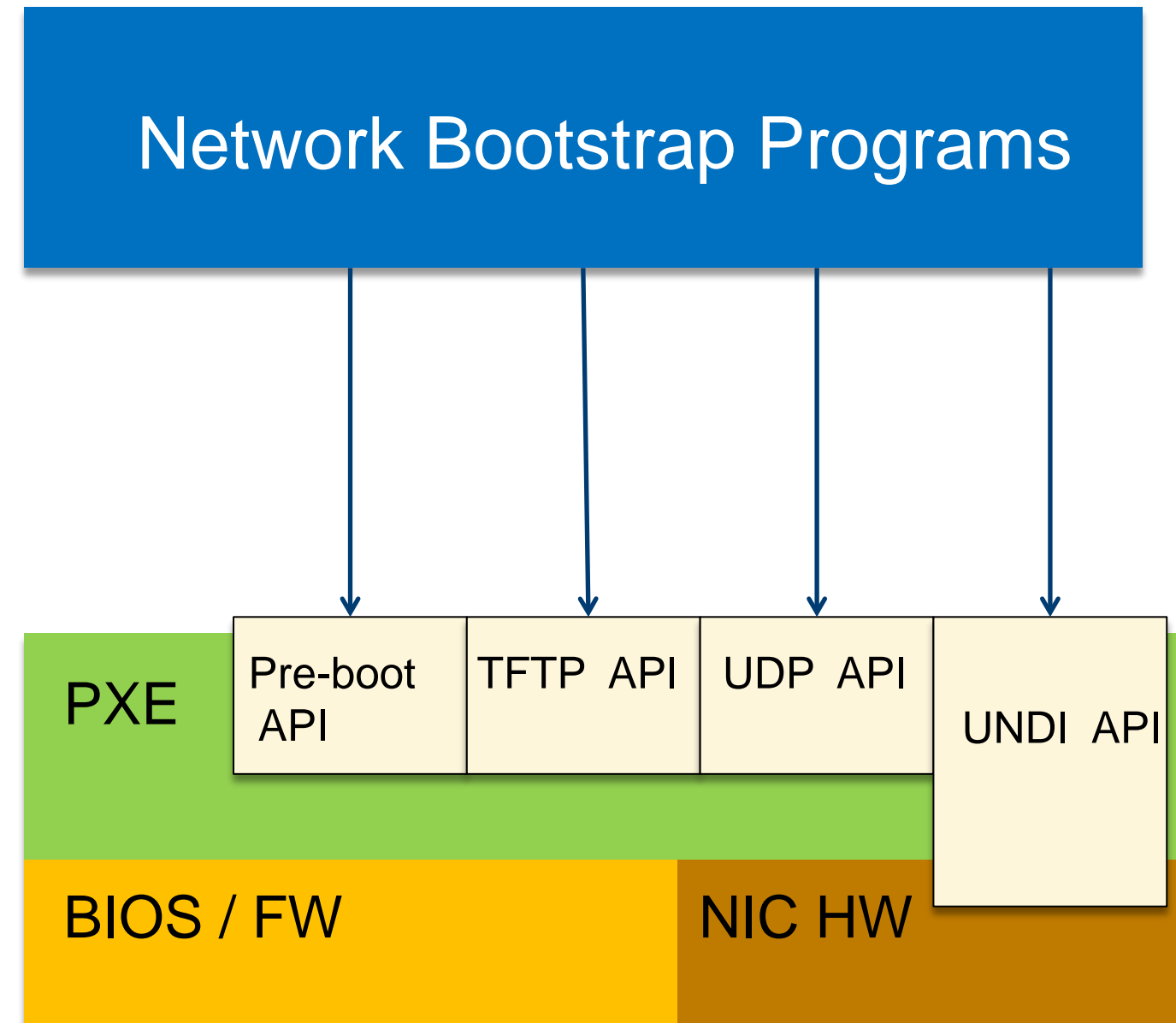
- Preboot eXecution Environment
  - General network booting
    - Independent of data storage device
  - IPv4 based PXE is defined in PXE 2.1
  - IPv6 based PXE is defined in UEFI 2.3
- Technology includes
  - Dual network stack support
  - Evolution of network boot to IPv6 defined in IETF RFC 5970
  - UUID support
    - Use SMBIOS system GUID as UUID



**BUT** PXE is not keeping up with modern data center needs

# PXE Boot Challenges

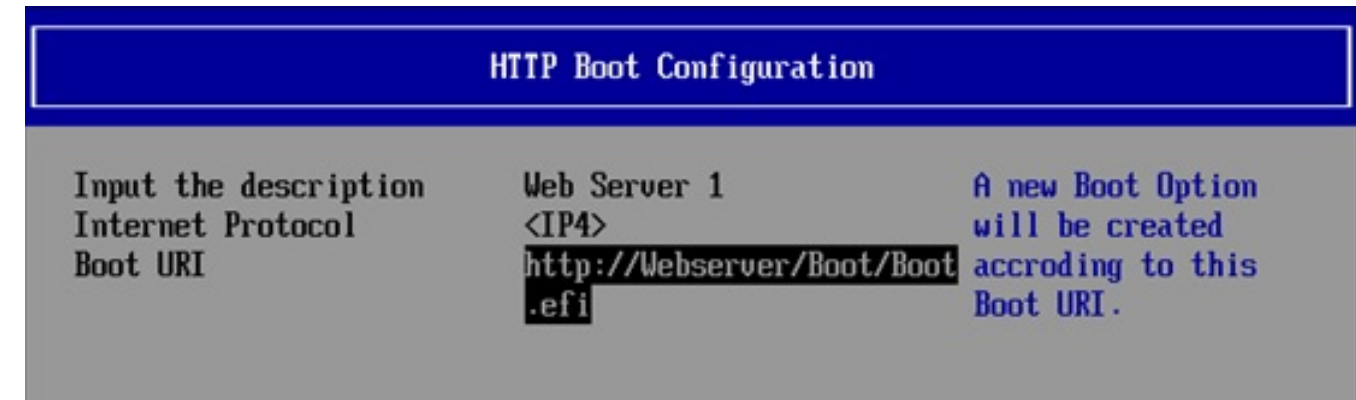
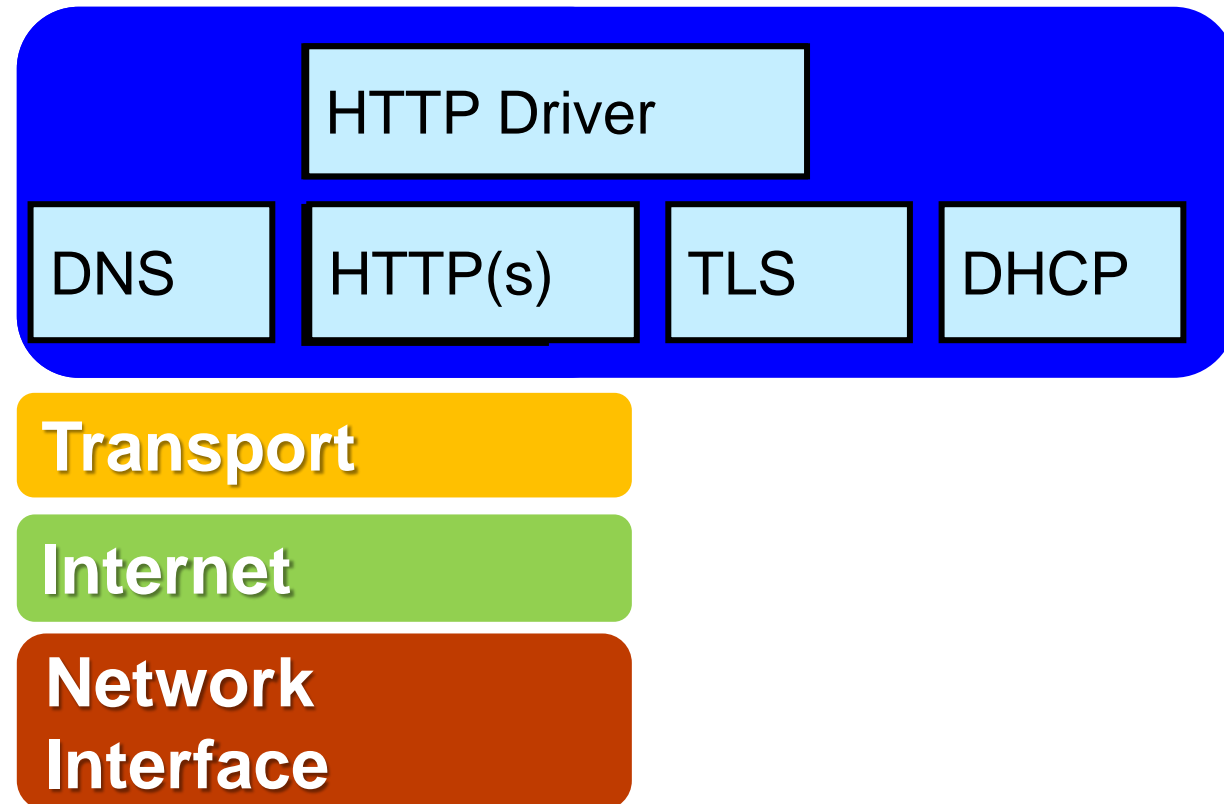
- Security Issues
  - Only physical. No encryption or authentication.
  - Rouge DHCP servers, man-in-the-middle attacks
- Scaling issues
  - Circa 1998
  - TFTP timeouts / UDP packet loss
  - Download time = deployment time = \$\$\$
  - Aggravated in density-optimized data centers
- OEMs and users workarounds “*duct-tape*”
  - Chain-load 3rd party boot loaders (iPXE, mini-OS)
  - Alternative Net Booting (SAN, iSCSI, etc.)
- Open source PXE iPXE issues (<http://ipxe.org>) – pre UEFI 2.5



Why not solve PXE Boot challenges natively with standards using UEFI

# HTTP(s) Boot Solutions

## Add HTTP(s) to Network Stack



UEFI 2.5 defined RAM Disk device path nodes

- Standard access to a RAM Disk in UEFI and Virtual CD (ISO image)

ACPI 6.0 NVDIMM Firmware Interface Table (NFIT)

- Describe the RAM Disks to the OS
- Runtime access of the ISO boot image in memory

**HTTP UEFI  
2.5 2015**

# What UEFI Protocols Make Network Work

A deeper dive into the Network implementation in EDK II

# Problem Statement

The original UEFI Driver Model is not complete

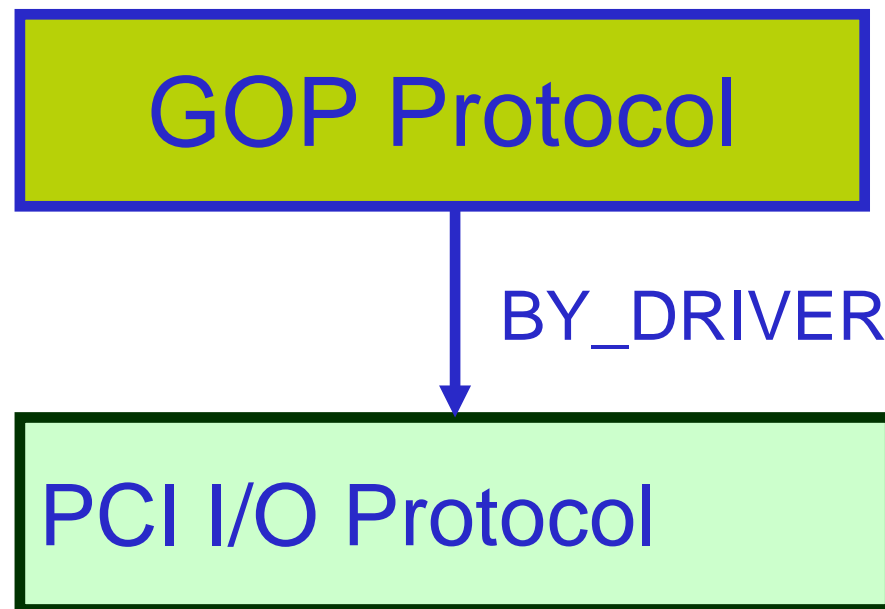
Good support for HW Device Driver

Good support for HW Bus/Hybrid Driver

Good support for Simple SW Layering driver

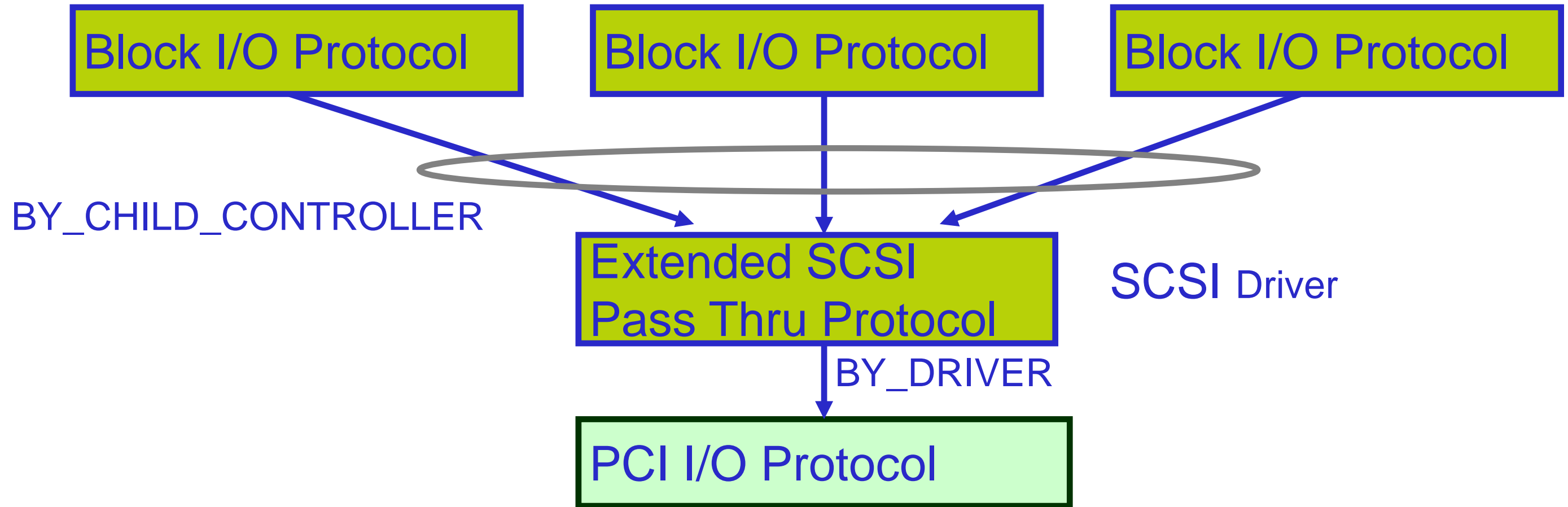
Poor support for complex SW Layering driver

# UEFI Hardware Device Driver

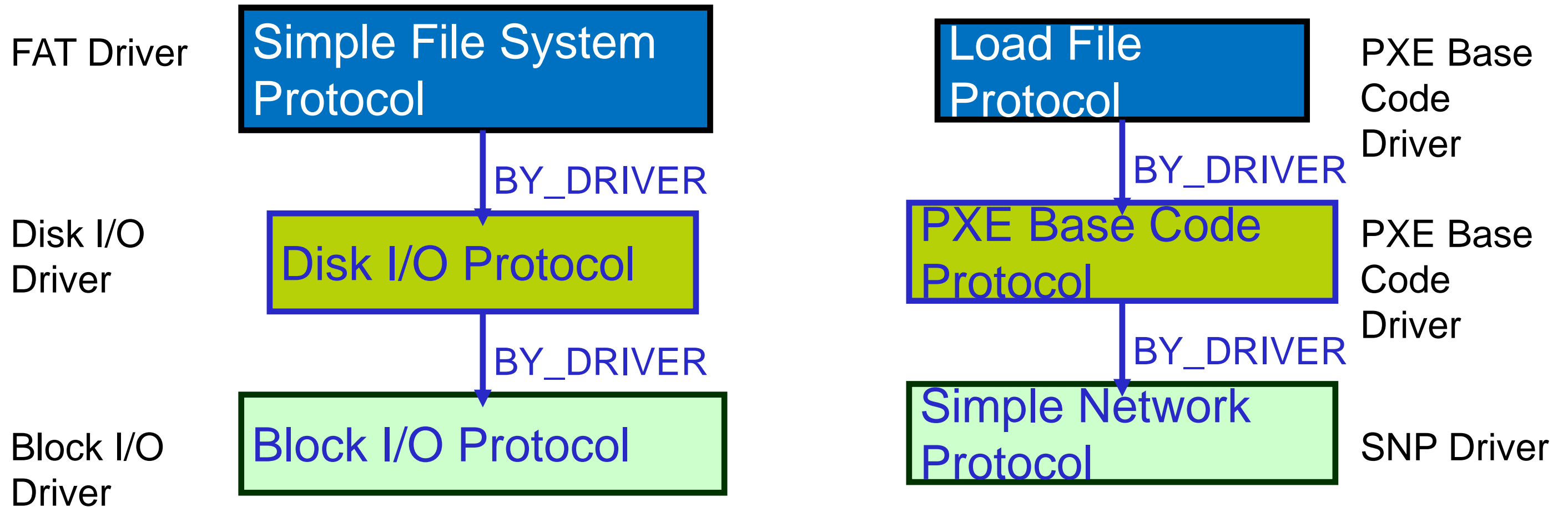


Graphics  
PCI Device Driver

# UEFI Hardware Bus/Hybrid Driver

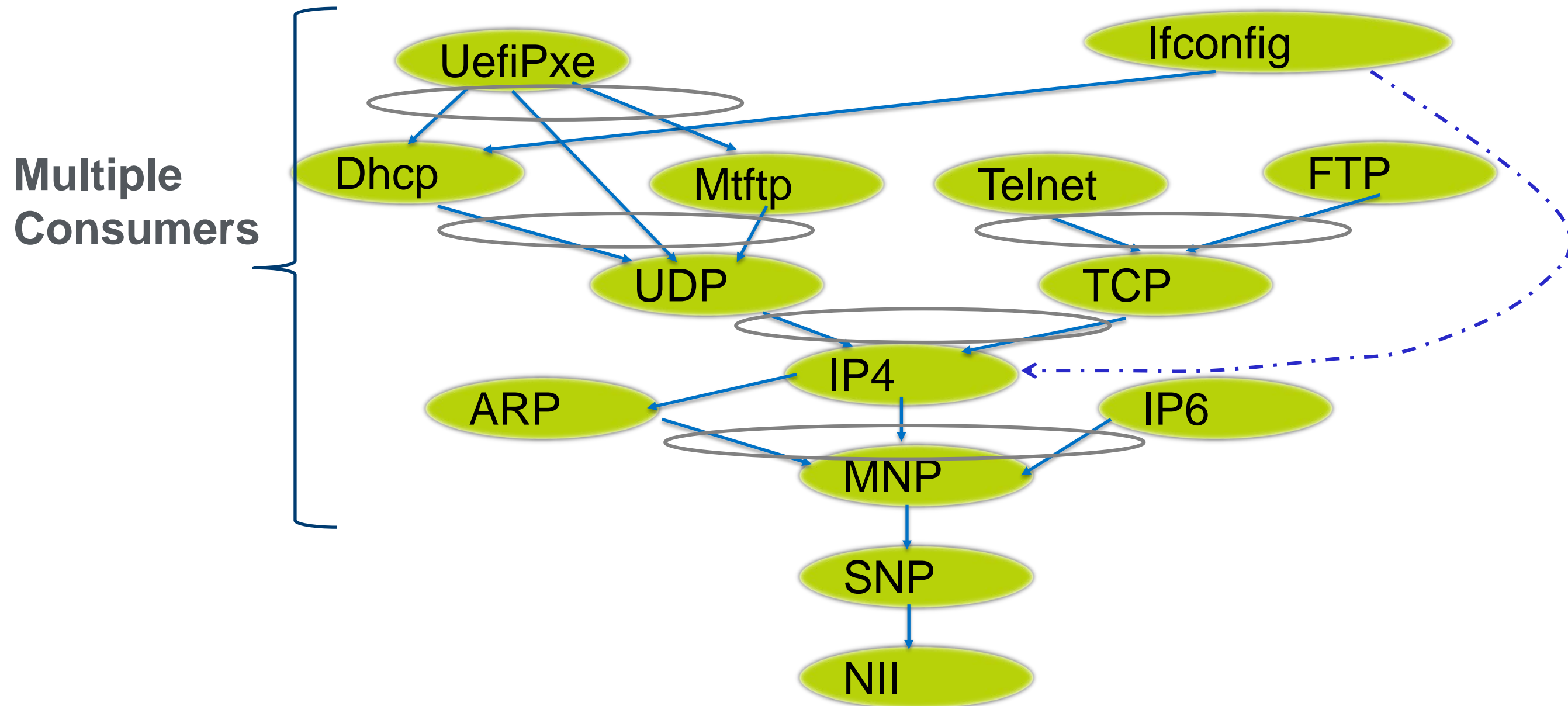


# UEFI Simple Software Driver





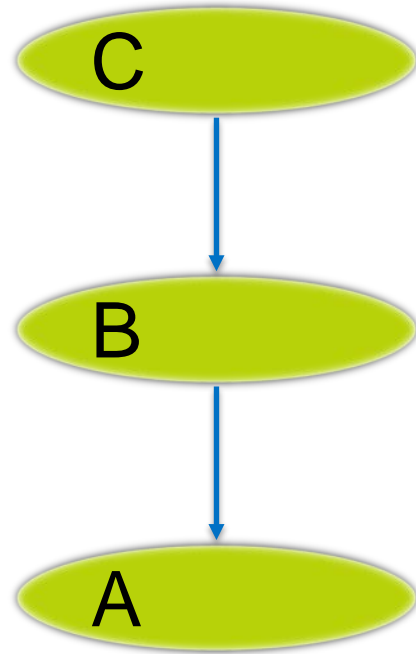
# Complex Software Drivers



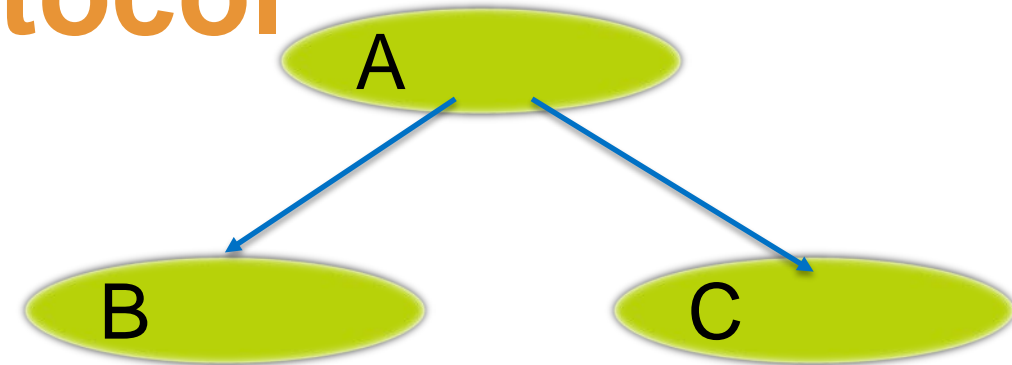
# Complex Software Drivers

- OpenProtocol() BY\_DRIVER does not support sharing of protocol interfaces
- Number of Children is not fixed
  - Different than enumerable Hardware busses (PCI, ISA)
  - Similar to hot plug Hardware buses (USB)
- Must support Load/Unload at the Network Service Level
- Must support Connect/Disconnect at the Network Service Level

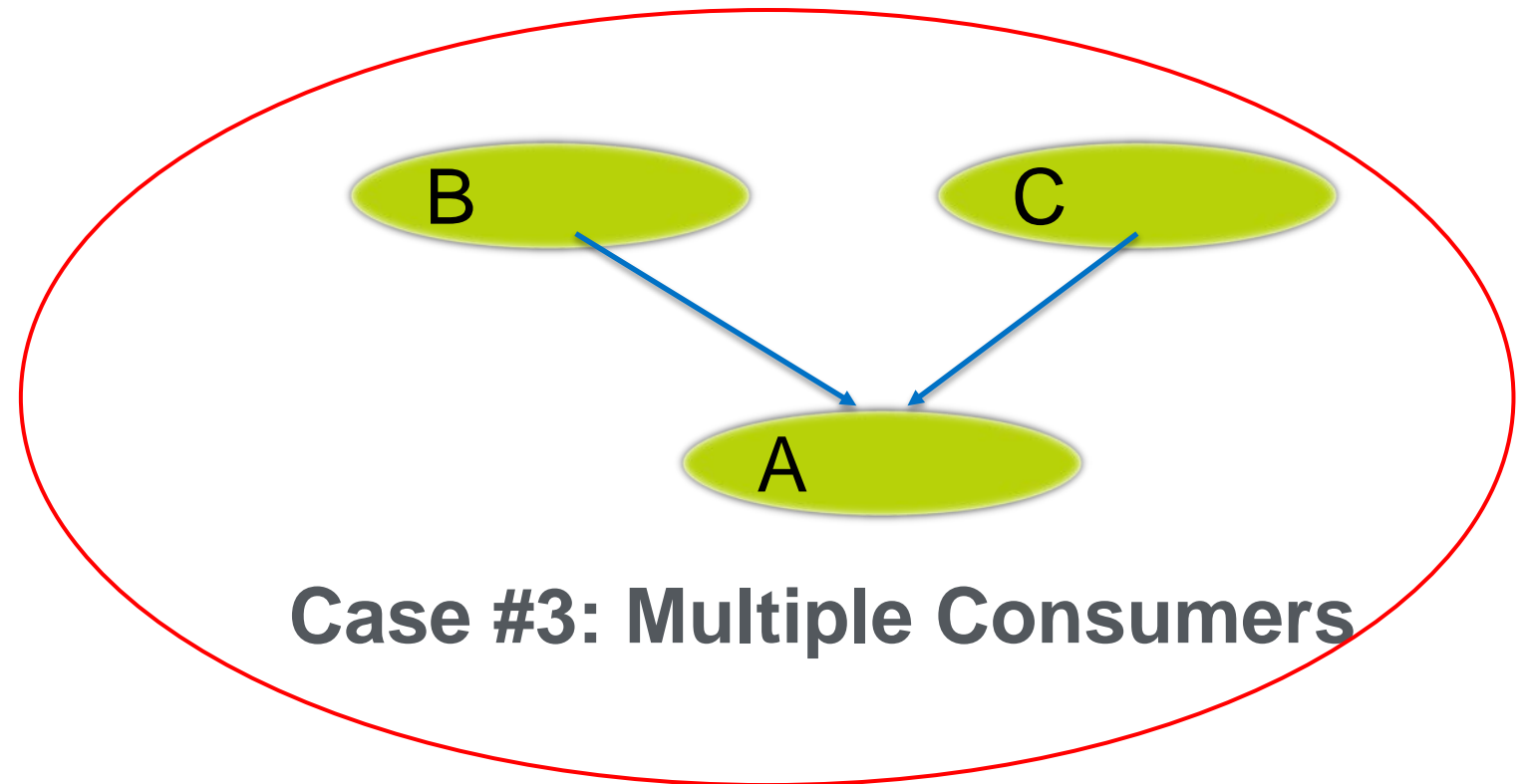
# UEFI Service Binding Protocol



**Case #1: Linear Stack**



**Case #2: Multiple Dependencies**



**Case #3: Multiple Consumers**

# UEFI Service Binding Protocol

## – Complex Software Service Drivers

Multiple Consumers

This Protocol is only produced by drivers that know they will have multiple consumers

No changes

to the existing UEFI Driver Model

Supports

Load/Unload and Connect/Disconnect

Required

Additional protocol is only required for complex software service drivers

Hot-Plug

Software Service Drivers are Hot-Plug Hybrid Drivers  
Dynamically creates child handles based on number of Consumers

# UEFI Service Binding Protocol

```
typedef struct _EFI_SERVICE_BINDING_PROTOCOL {  
    EFI_SERVICE_BINDING_CREATE_CHILD    CreateChild;  
    EFI_SERVICE_BINDING_DESTROY_CHILD DestroyChild;  
} EFI_SERVICE_BINDING_PROTOCOL;  
  
EFI_STATUS
```

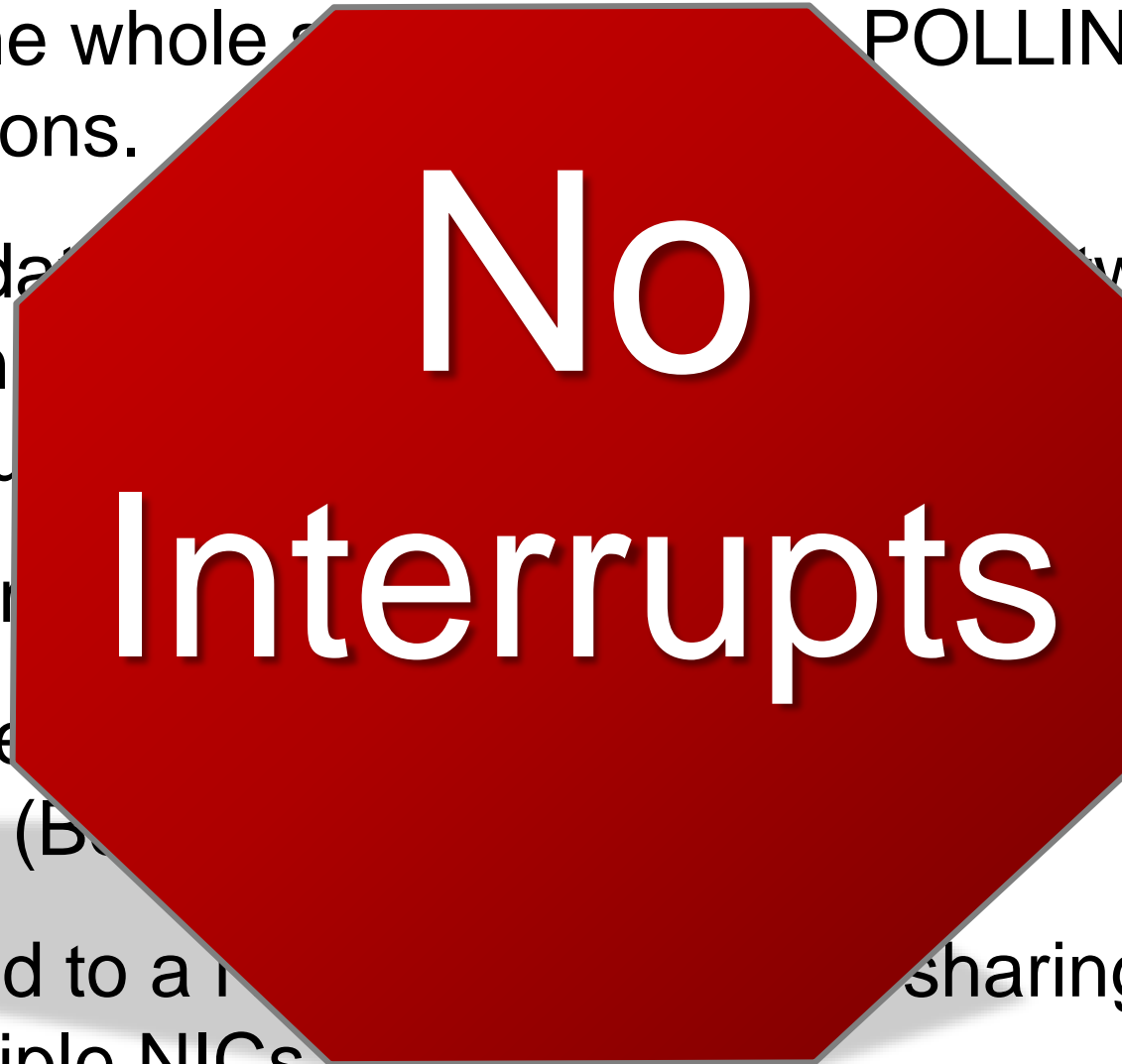
```
EFI_STATUS  
(EFIAPI *EFI_SERVICE_BINDING_CREATE_CHILD)  
(  
    IN EFI_SERVICE_BINDING_PROTOCOL*This,  
    IN OUT EFI_HANDLE*ChildHandle  
);  
  
EFI_STATUS  
(EFIAPI  
*EFI_SERVICE_BINDING_DESTROY_CHILD) (  
    IN EFI_SERVICE_BINDING_PROTOCOL*This,  
    IN EFI_HANDLEChildHandle  
);
```

# UEFI Service Binding Protocol

- CreateChild()
  - Synchronous hot-plug add event
- DestroyChild()
  - Synchronous hot-plug remove event
- Consumers
  - Test for UEFI Service Binding Protocols for the software services the consumer depends upon
  - Call CreateChild() from Start() for each dependent software service
  - Creates a child handle with one or more software services
  - Call DestroyChild() from Stop() for each dependent software service

# EDK II Only Supports Polling (NO Interrupts)

- The IO engine of the whole system is **POLLING**, either timer driven or invoked in applications.
- **Asynchronous** – data transfer is done in two part, similar with the asynchronous IO in OS. 1. send the **request**; 2. wait for the result of the IO request.
- Most drivers support **polling** transmission.
- Separated IP, Route, MTFTP and DHCP (Base) is based on IP, UDP, TCP, MTFTP and DHCP (Base).
- Instances are bound to a **polling** sharing mechanism in layers spanning over multiple NICs.



# Deferred Procedure Call Protocol (DPC)

## Method

- Used by UEFI Drivers to **queue** a deferred procedure call at a **lower TPL**

## TPL levels

- Used by UEFI Drivers with event notification functions that execute at high TPL levels, and require the use of services that must be executed at **lower TPL levels** (i.e. Call Back)

## Implementation

- EDK II specific implementation defined in *MdeModulePkg/Include/Protocol/Dpc.h*.

	TPL Levels
0	Application
➔ 1	Call Back
2	Notify
3	High



# EDK II DPC Protocol

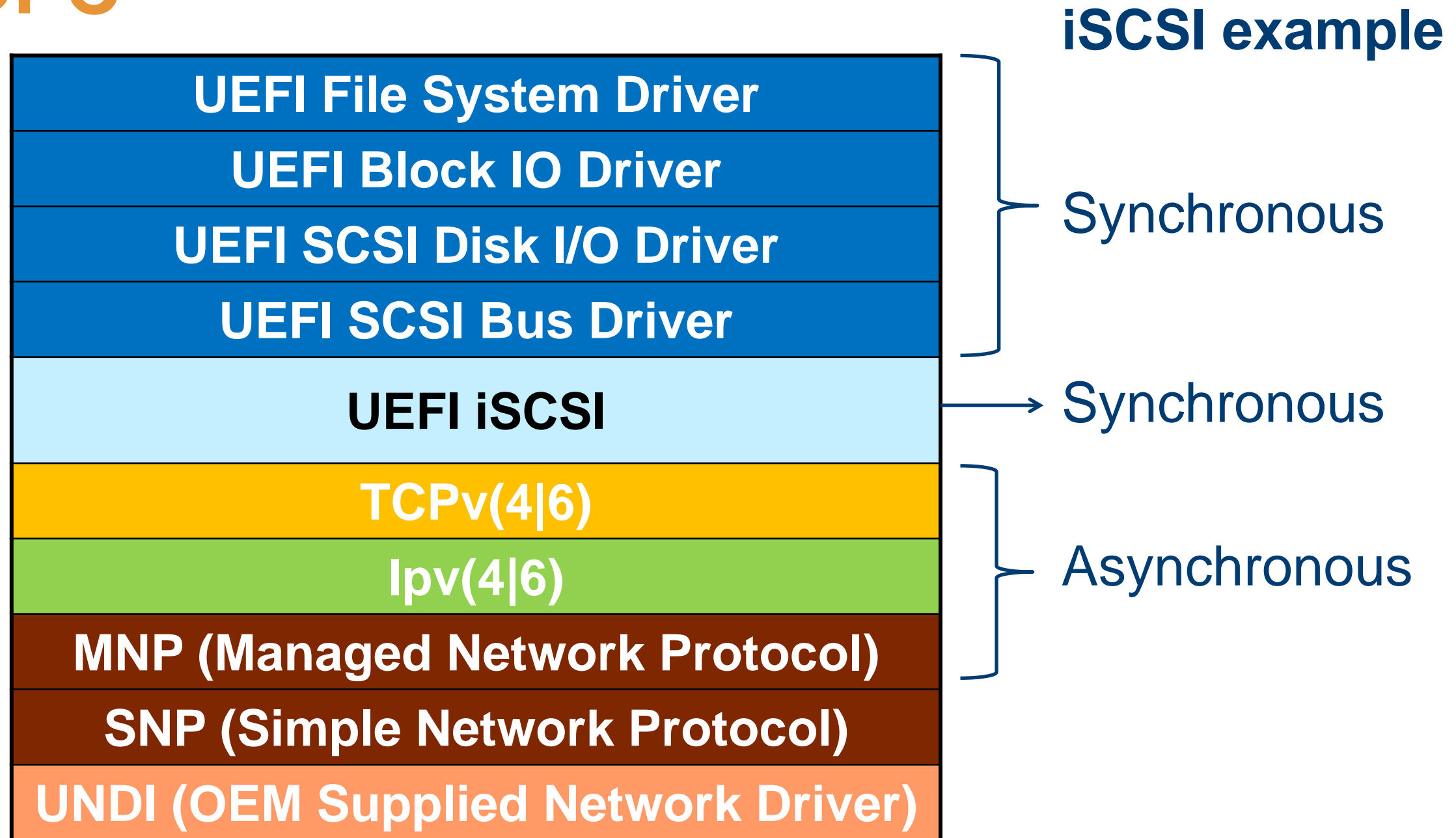
## Queue DPC

```
typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EFIAPI *EFI_DPC_QUEUE_DPC)(
    IN EFI_DPC_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN EFI_TPL           DpcTpl,
    IN EFI_DPC_PROCEDURE DpcProcedure,
    IN VOID              *DpcContext OPTIONAL
);
```

## Dispatch DPC

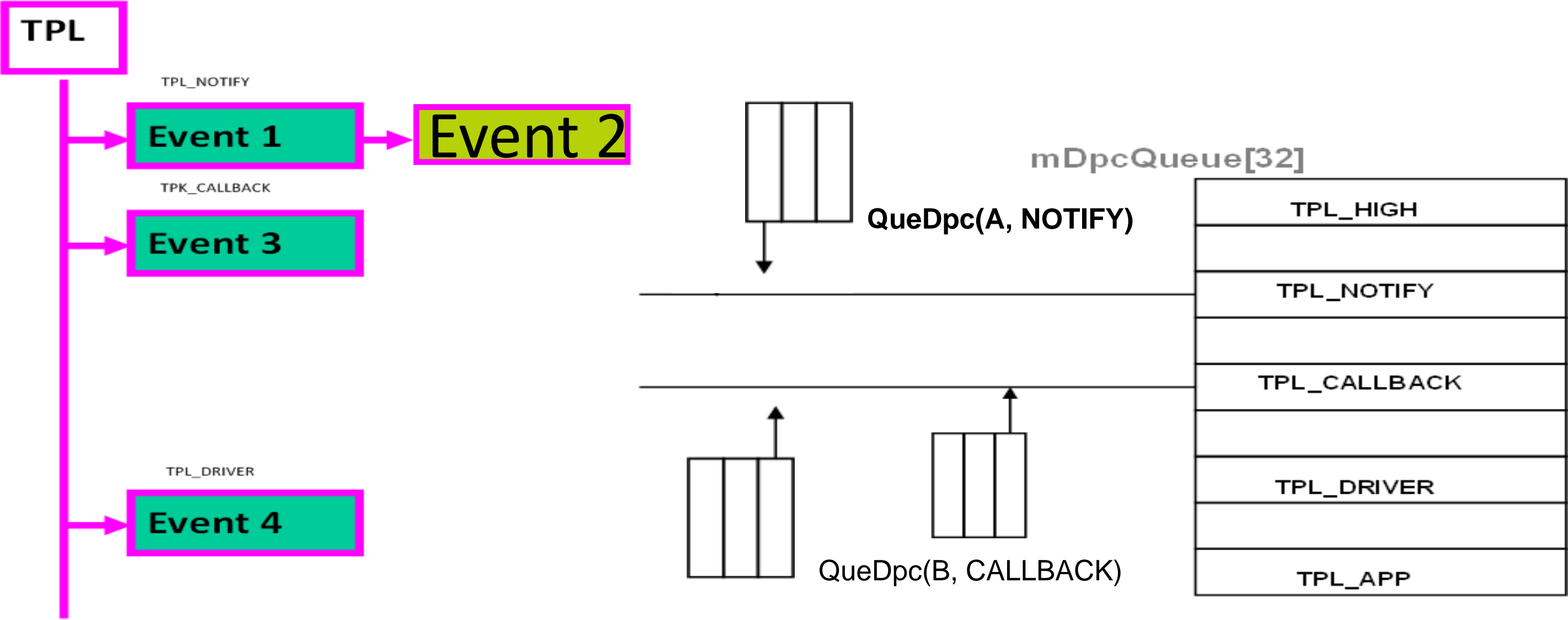
```
typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EFIAPI *EFI_DPC_DISPATCH_DPC)(
    IN EFI_DPC_PROTOCOL *This
);
```

# WHY DPC

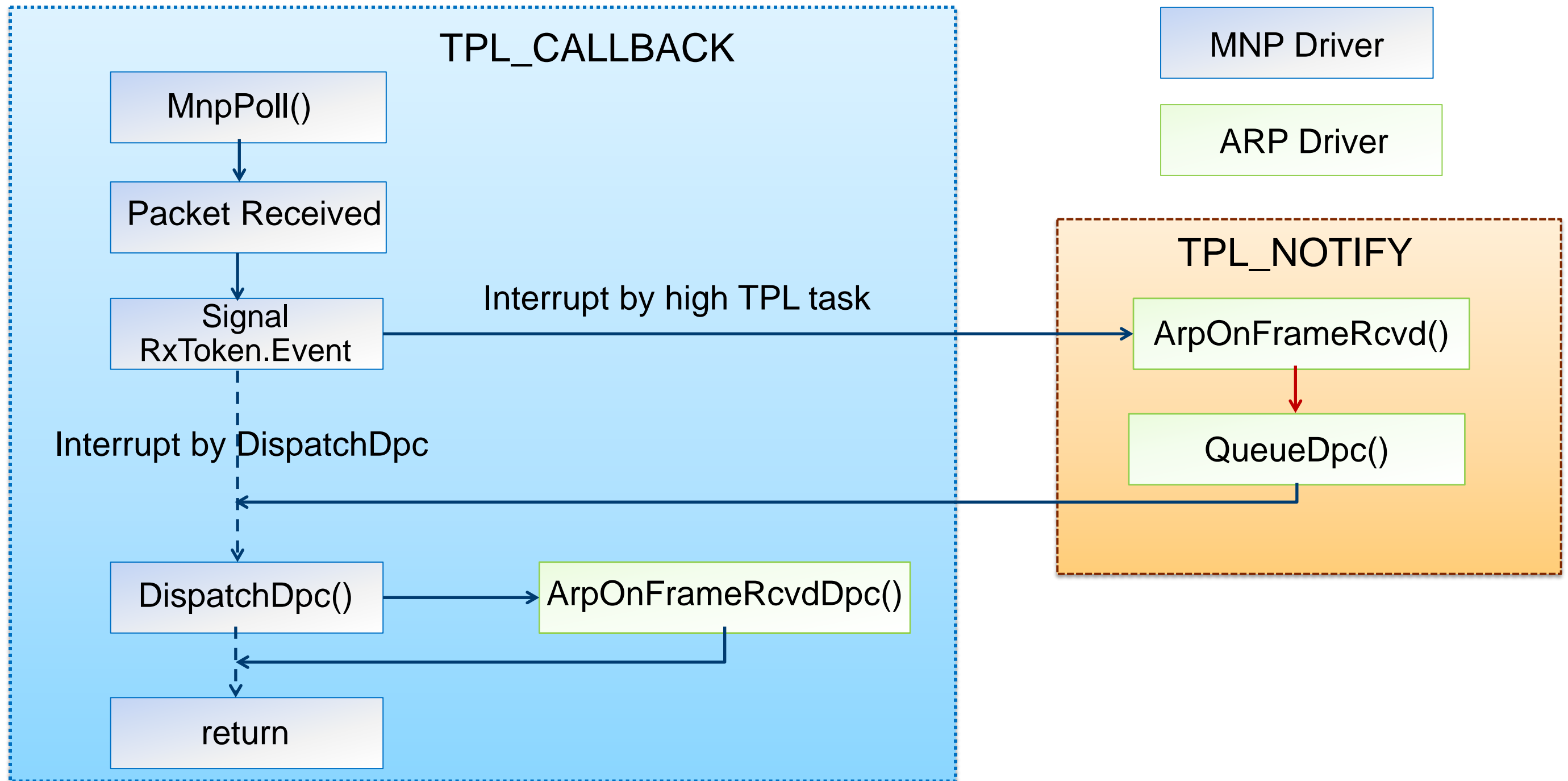


DPC Solves the TPL deadlock issue in UEFI network stack

# How DPC Solves the Problem

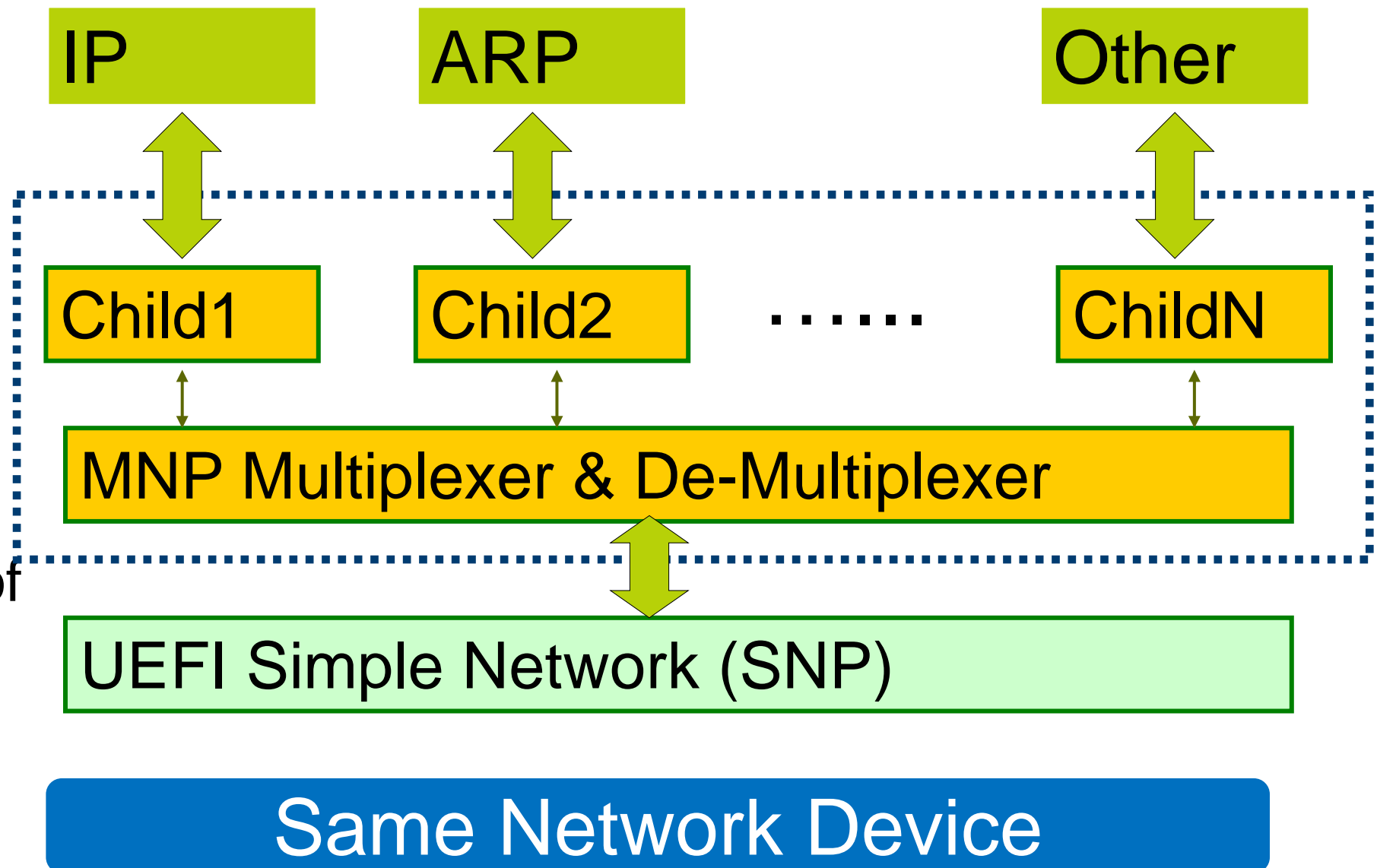


# How DPC Solves the Problem -ARP Example



# UEFI Managed Network Protocol (MNP)

- Provides raw (unformatted) asynchronous network packet I/O services and Managed Network Service Binding Protocol
- Used to locate communication devices that are supported by an MNP driver.
- Create and destroy instances of the MNP child protocol driver that can use the underlying communications devices.



# UEFI MNP

## Transmission:

- Transmitting packets is simple in the MNP driver - if MNP just appends the media header to the packets and send it via SNP regardless of the return status of the SNP sending function.

## Receiving:

- Fetch - a buffer unit from the buffer pool, call SNP.Receive() to receive packets from SNP.
- Delivery - Try to deliver the packet to the appropriate receivers.
- Iterate - the MNP children, and check the receiving filters of the children against the packet. If matched and there is a receive token submitted by the upper layer protocol, wrap the received packet, queue it into the delivered queue, fill the receive token and signal the event in the token to notify the upper layer protocol.
- Post - Post receiving: recycle the buffer when the recycle event is signaled by the upper layer protocol.

## System Polling:

- Use a timer event to periodically poll the SNP driver
- Guarantee in-sequence packets delivery.
- Intelligent Poll

## Buffer management

- The MNP driver needs pre-allocation of enough buffer units for receiving to reduce the overhead.

# IPv4 Driver – in Detail

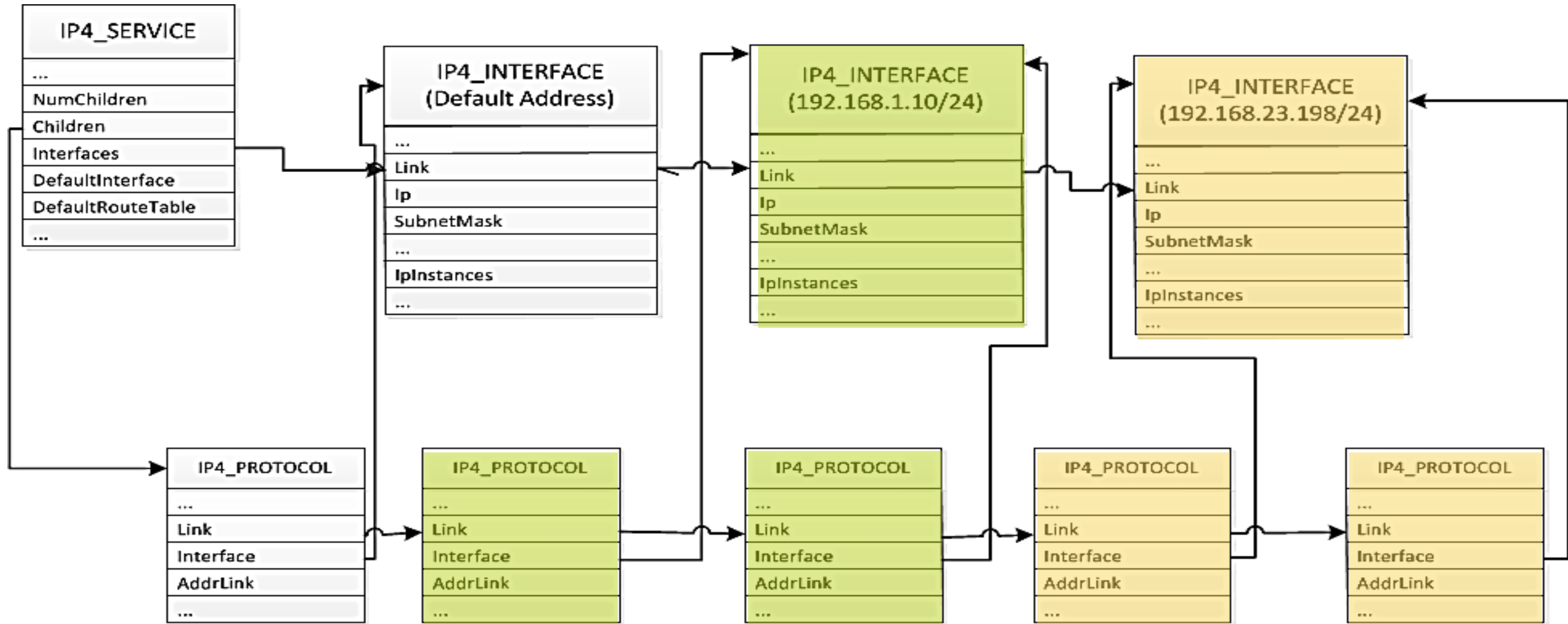
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# IPv6 Driver – In Detail

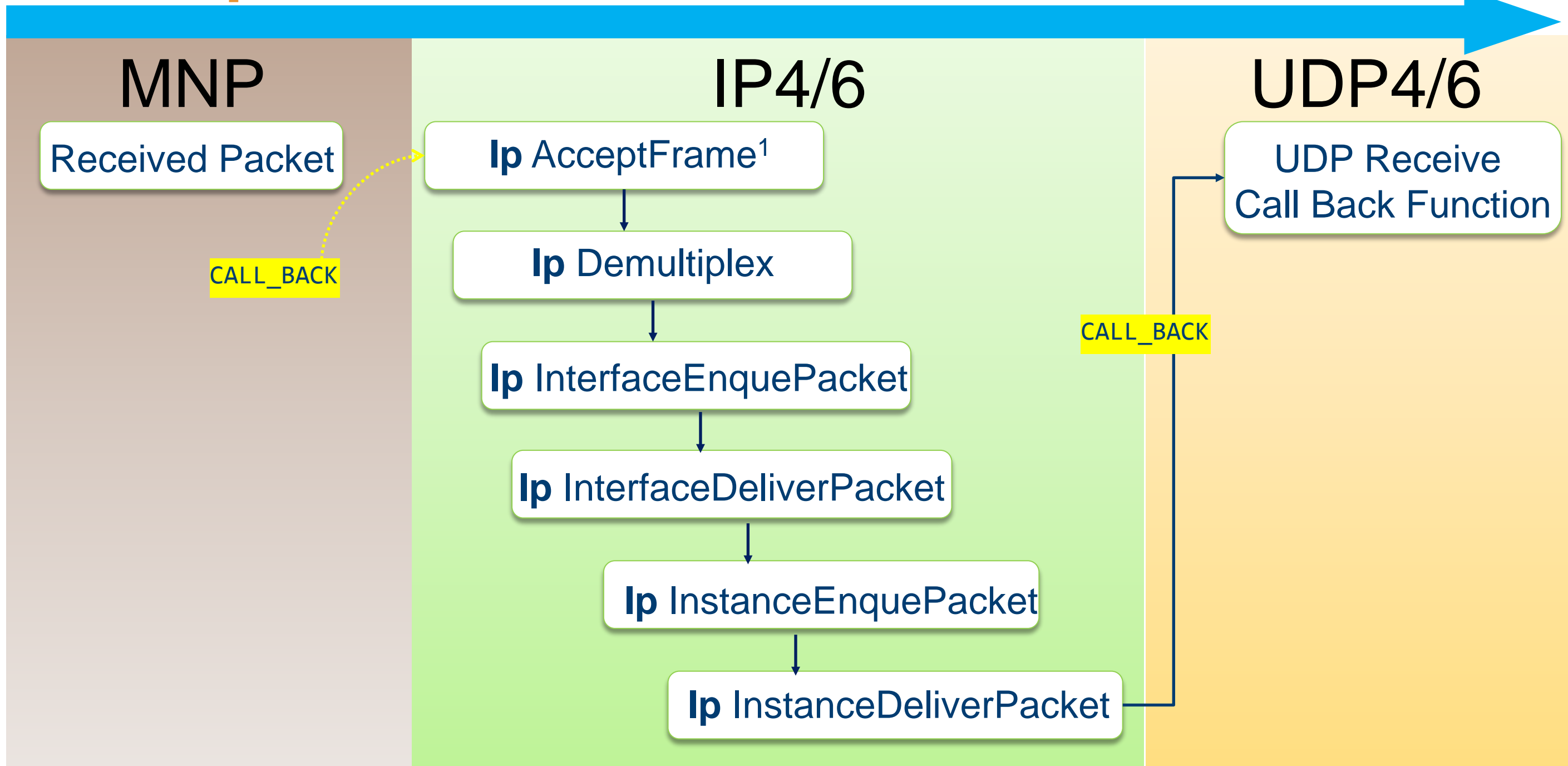
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# IP Internal Structure – Example IPv4



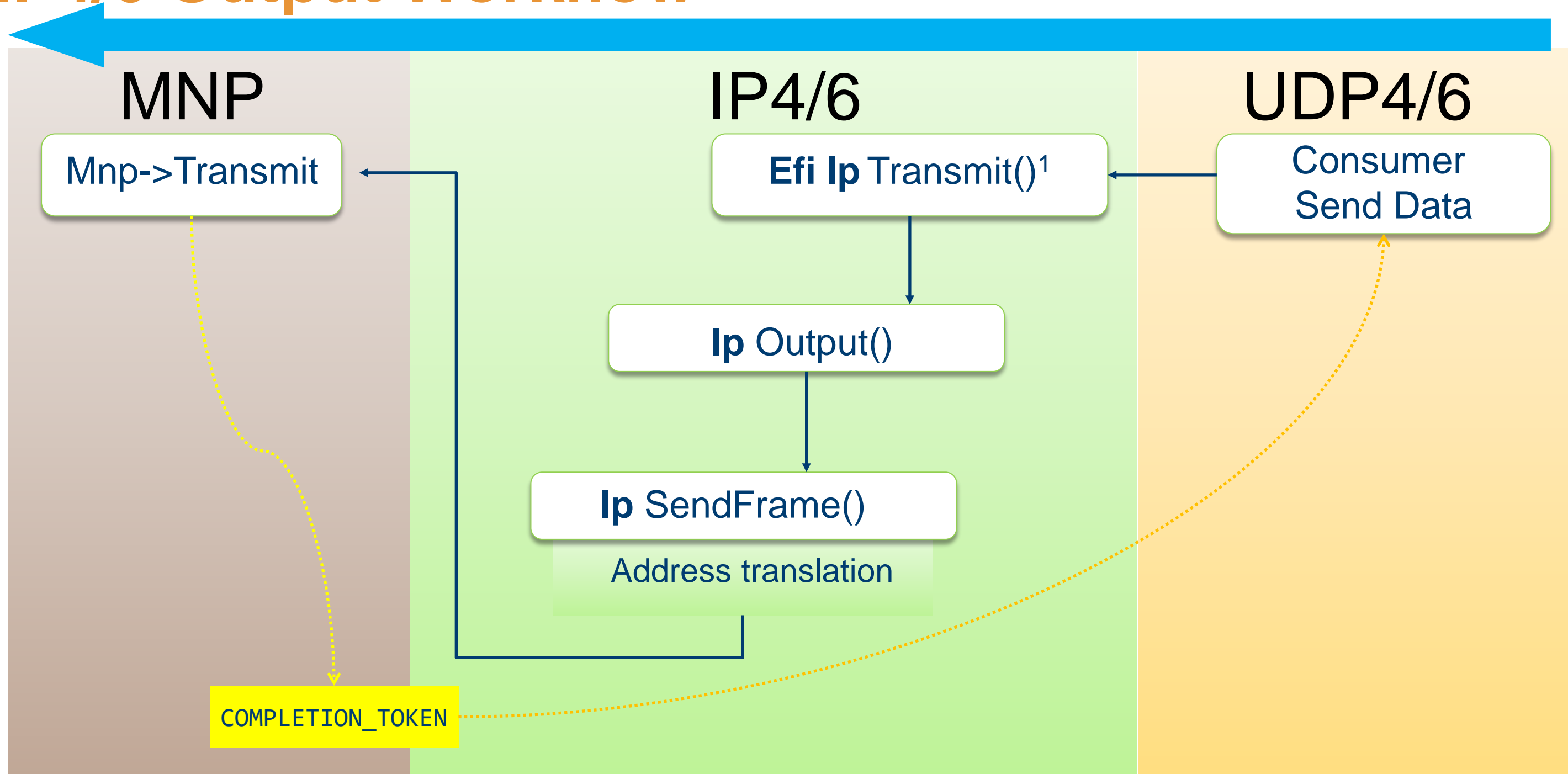
# IP4/6 Input Workflow



# IP4/6 Input Workflow

- `Ip4ReceiveFrame ()`
  - Request to receive the packet from the interface. Wrap receive procedure related information into an `IP4_LINK_RX_TOKEN`. On completion of the receive, `Ip4OnFrameReceived ()` and `Ip4OnFrameReceivedDpc ()`. After some simple check is done, the `CallBack` function provided will be called with a packet, or some error information. Normally, the `CallBack` function is `Ip4AcceptFrame ()`.
- `Ip4AcceptFrame ()`
  - Most work of processing a received IP packet is done here.
    - Sanity check: version number, checksum, size, options, etc.
    - Reassemble fragments of an big IP packet.
    - Invoke IGMP or ICMP processing if it's an IGMP or ICMP packet respectively, else invoke `Ip4Demultiplex ()` to demultiplex the packet to any IP4 instance who is interested in it.
  - the receive procedure by calling `Ip4ReceiveFrame ()`.
- `Ip4Demultiplex ()`
  - Iterate all the Ip4 Interfaces, and calling `Ip4InterfaceEnqueuePacket ()` to let every Ip4 Interface check whether this IP4 packet matches their receive filter. If matches, enqueue it; else, do nothing.
  - If any IP4 interface is willing to receive this packet, iterate all the IP4 interfaces and call `Ip4InterfaceDeliverPacket ()`.
- `Ip4InterfaceEnqueuePacket ()`
  - Match cast type first, such as, Multicast, Broadcast or Promiscuous.
  - Iterate all the Ip4 instances belonging to this Interface by calling `Ip4InstanceEnqueuePacket ()` to check whether there is instance interested in this packet.
- `Ip4InterfaceDeliverPacket ()`
  - Iterate all the IP4 instances and call `Ip4InstanceDeliverPacket ()` to deliver any queued packets of the instances
- `Ip4InstanceEnqueuePacket ()`
  - Check whether this instance is willing to receive the current IP packet. If all match rules are passed, clone this packet and put it into the Received list.
- `Ip4InstanceDeliverPacket ()`
  - Deliver all the queued IP packets to the consumer of this IP4 protocol by every time putting an IP packet into a consumer provided `EFI_IP4_COMPETITION_TOKEN`, and finally signal the event in the token. The end condition is either there is no IP packet or no consumer provided token.
  - The consumer provided tokens for receive purpose come from the callings to `EFI_IP4_PROTOCOL.Receive ()`.

# IP4/6 Output Workflow



# IP4/6 Output Workflow

- `Efilp4/6Transmit ()` – `EFI_IP4/6_PROTOCOL.Transmit ()`
  - The initial source of most IP4/6 output packets.
  - Sanity check.
  - Append IP4/6 head to the buffer passed in.
  - Record the Token and the corresponding Wrap (`IP4/6_TXTOKEN_WRAP`) to the TxTokens `NET_MAP`.
  - Call `Ip4/6Output` to output this packet.
- `Ip4/6Output ()`
  - Decide the IP address of the next hop for this packet, aka, route selection.
  - Fragment it if needed.
  - Call `Ip4/6SendFrame ()` to send this packet.
- `Ip4/6SendFrame ()`
  - Do layer-3 to layer-2 address translation, in most cases need the help from the Arp instance belonging to the IP4 interface selected.
    - Immediately send out the packet by `Mnp->Transmit` if the translation can be done directly from the arp cache.
    - Or create an `ArpQue` which assembles all the IP4 packets with the same next hop. Once the translation is done, all these packets are transmitted out in the event notify function.
- Upon completion of the transmit, either successful or with some failure, the status will be returned to the consumer provided `EFI_IP4/6_COMPLETION_TOKEN.Status` with the signaling of the event, and at this time, the control of the token is returned to the consumer.

# UEFI HTTP(S) BOOT OVERVIEW

# UEFI HTTP Boot Overview

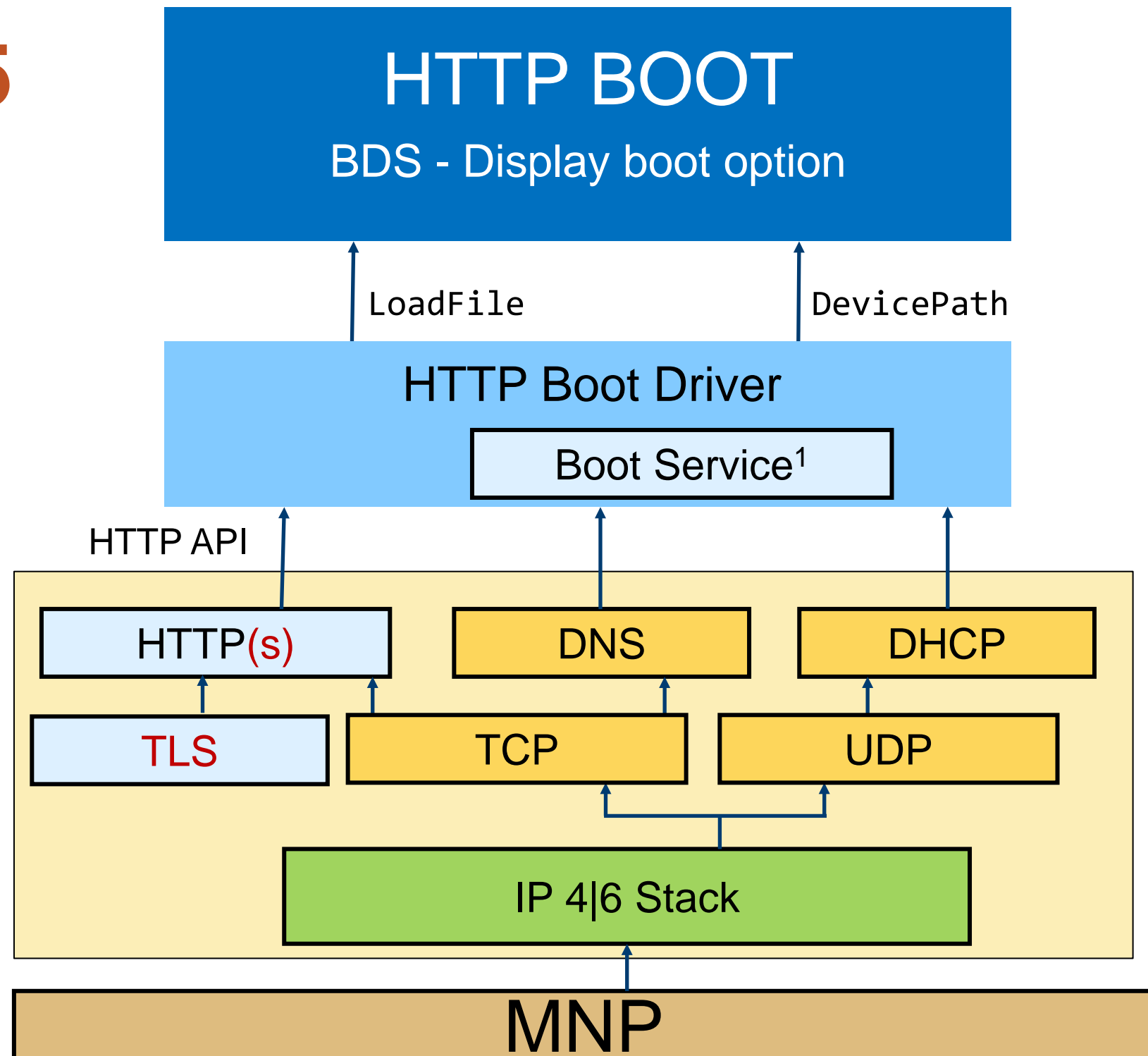
## -HTTP protocol for network booting

- HTTP can handle much larger files than TFTP, and scale to much larger distances. You can easily download multi-megabyte files, such as a Linux kernel and a root file system, and you can download from servers that are not on your local area network
- Booting from HTTP is as simple as replacing the DHCP filename field with an http:// URL
  - Specify URI<sup>1</sup>-based pointers to the “Network Boot Program (NBP)”, the binary image to download and run, which can be used using HTTP instead of TFTP
- DHCP Servers will need to support HTTP Boot

# HTTP(s) Boot UEFI 2.5

## - Network Stack

- DNS IPv4 / IPv6
- HTTP IPv4 / IPv6
- TLS for HTTPs
- HTTP Boot Driver

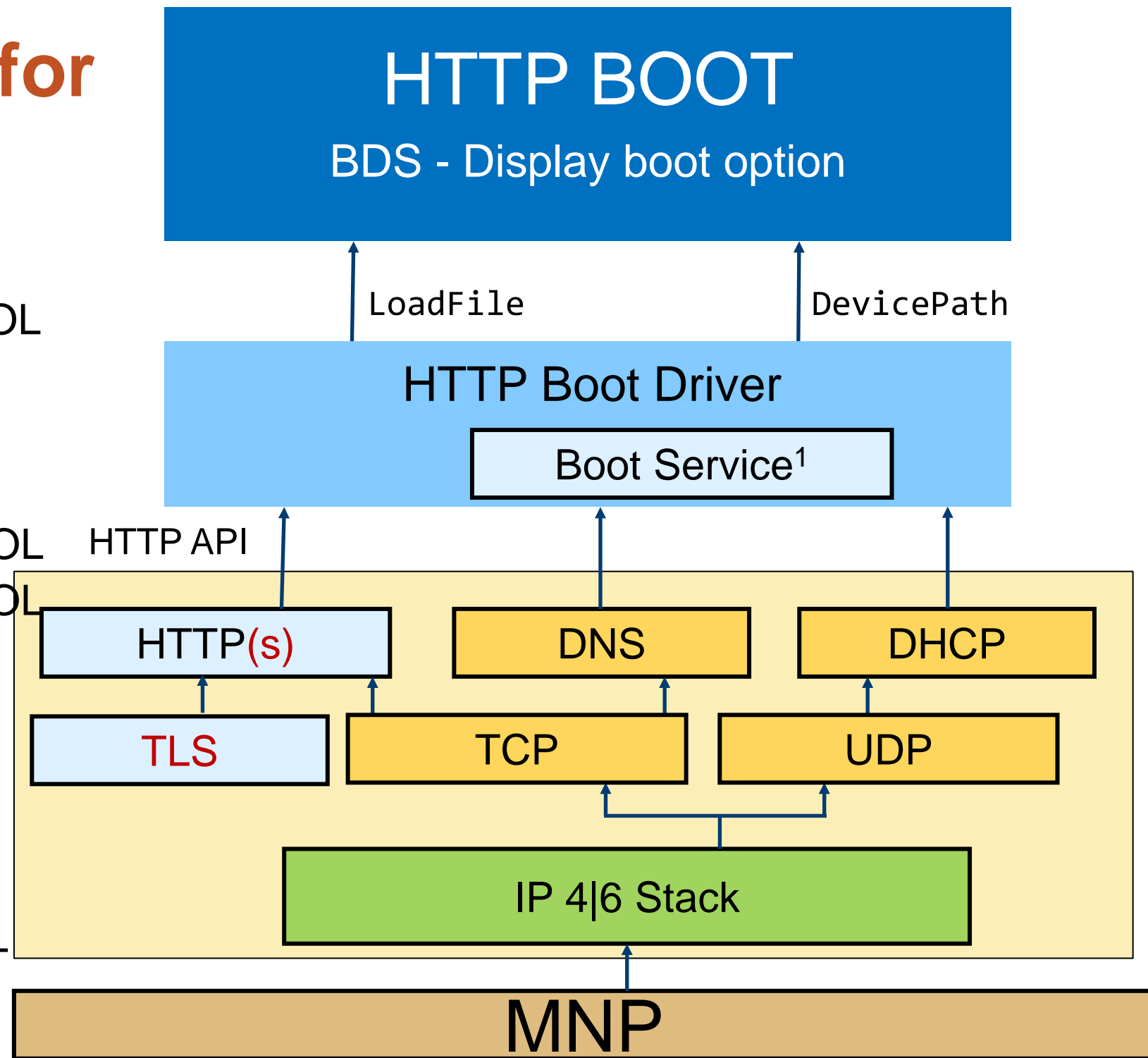


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# UEFI & EDK II Protocols for HTTP(s) Network Stack

- HTTP support
  - EFI\_HTTP\_SERVICE\_BINDING\_PROTOCOL
  - EFI\_HTTP\_PROTOCOL
  - EFI\_HTTP\_UTILITIES\_PROTOCOL
- DNS Support
  - EFI\_DNS4\_SERVICE\_BINDING\_PROTOCOL
  - EFI\_DNS6\_SERVICE\_BINDING\_PROTOCOL
  - EFI\_DNS4\_PROTOCOL
  - EFI\_DNS6\_PROTOCOL
  - EFI\_IP4\_CONFIG2\_PROTOCOL
  - EFI\_IP6\_CONFIG\_PROTOCOL
- TLS support
  - EFI\_TLS\_SERVICE\_BINDING\_PROTOCOL
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  - EFI\_TLS\_CONFIGURATION\_PROTOCOL



# UEFI Native HTTP Boot – Corporate Environment

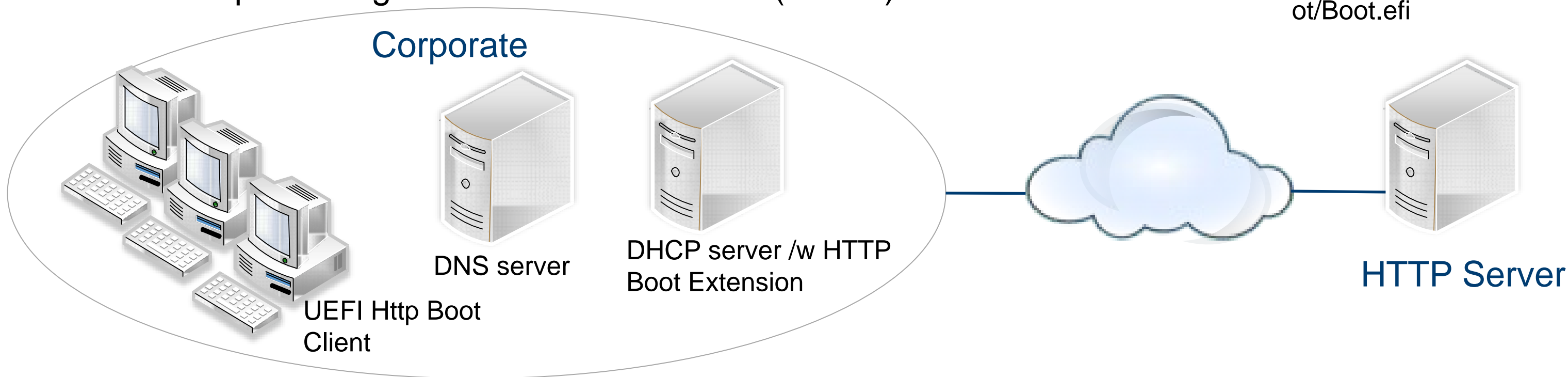
## HTTP Protocols

- Boot from a configured URL
- Target can be:
  - UEFI Network Boot Program (NBP)
  - Shrink-wrapped ISO image
- URL pre-configured or auto-discovered (DHCP)

## Addresses PXE issues

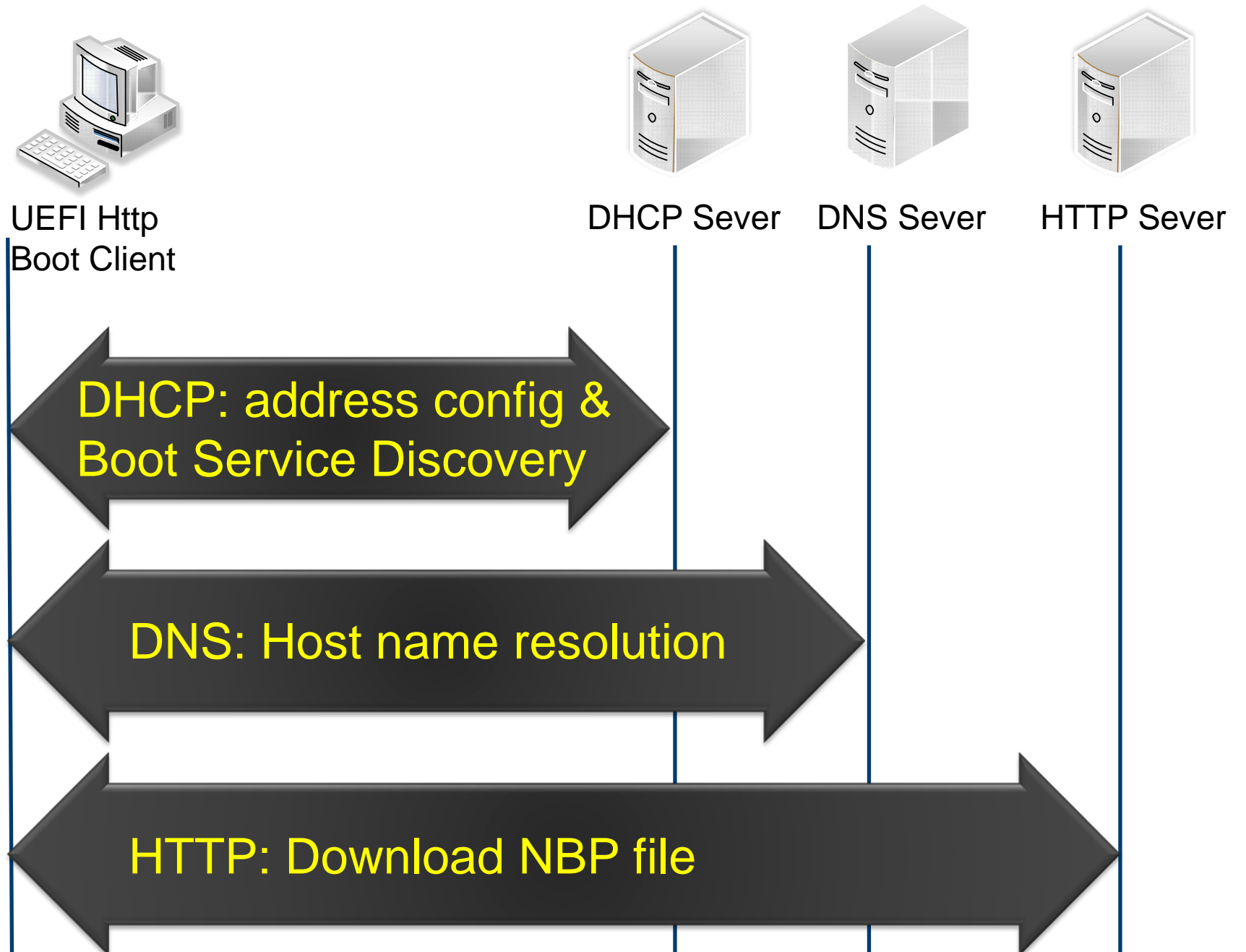
- HTTP(s) addresses security
- TCP reliability
- HTTP load balancing

Http://webserver/Boot/Boot.efi



# HTTP Boot DHCP Discovery

- New HTTP Boot “Architectural Types” to distinguish from PXE
- Client sends DHCP Discover **request**
- DHCP Server responds with **offer** that includes the boot file URI
- Clients resolves URI server name from **DNS**
- Client downloads boot image from HTTP server using HTTP(s)



# HTTP(s) Boot Discovery - Architectural Types

- DHCP -  
<http://www.iana.org/assignments/dhcpv6-parameters/dhcpv6-parameters.xml>
- IPv4/IPv6 DHCP Discover request
  - DHCP Option 93: Client system Architecture
- DHCPv6 Option 61: Client system Architecture
  - 0x10 = x64 UEFI boot from HTTP
  - 0x0F = x86 UEFI boot from HTTP
- Server responds with DHCPOFFER that includes the boot file HTTP URI for the requested processor architecture

## Processor Architecture Types

### Registration Procedure(s)

Expert Review

### Expert(s)

Vincent Zimmer, Bernie Volz, Tomek Mrugalski

### Reference

[RFC5970]

### Available Formats



CSV

Type	Architecture Name	Reference
0x00 0x00	x86 BIOS	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x01	NEC/PC98 (DEPRECATED)	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x02	Itanium	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x03	DEC Alpha (DEPRECATED)	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x04	Arc x86 (DEPRECATED)	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x05	Intel Lean Client (DEPRECATED)	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x06	x86 UEFI	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x07	x64 UEFI	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x08	EFI Xscale (DEPRECATED)	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x09	EBC	[RFC5970][RFC4578]
0x00 0x0a	ARM 32-bit UEFI	[RFC5970]
0x00 0x0b	ARM 64-bit UEFI	[RFC5970]
0x00 0x0c	PowerPC Open Firmware	[Thomas_Huth]
0x00 0x0d	PowerPC ePAPR	[Thomas_Huth]
0x00 0x0e	POWER OPAL v3	[Jeremy_Kerr]
0x00 0x0f	x86 uefi boot from http	[Samer_El-Haj-Mahmoud]
0x00 0x10	x64 uefi boot from http	[Samer_El-Haj-Mahmoud]
0x00 0x11	ebc boot from http	[Samer_El-Haj-Mahmoud]
0x00 0x12	arm uefi 32 boot from http	[Samer_El-Haj-Mahmoud]
0x00 0x13	arm uefi 64 boot from http	[Samer_El-Haj-Mahmoud]
0x00 0x14	pc/at bios boot from http	[Samer_El-Haj-Mahmoud]
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0x00 0x16	arm 64 uboot	[Joseph_Shifflett]

# iPXE – UEFI HTTP Chainloading

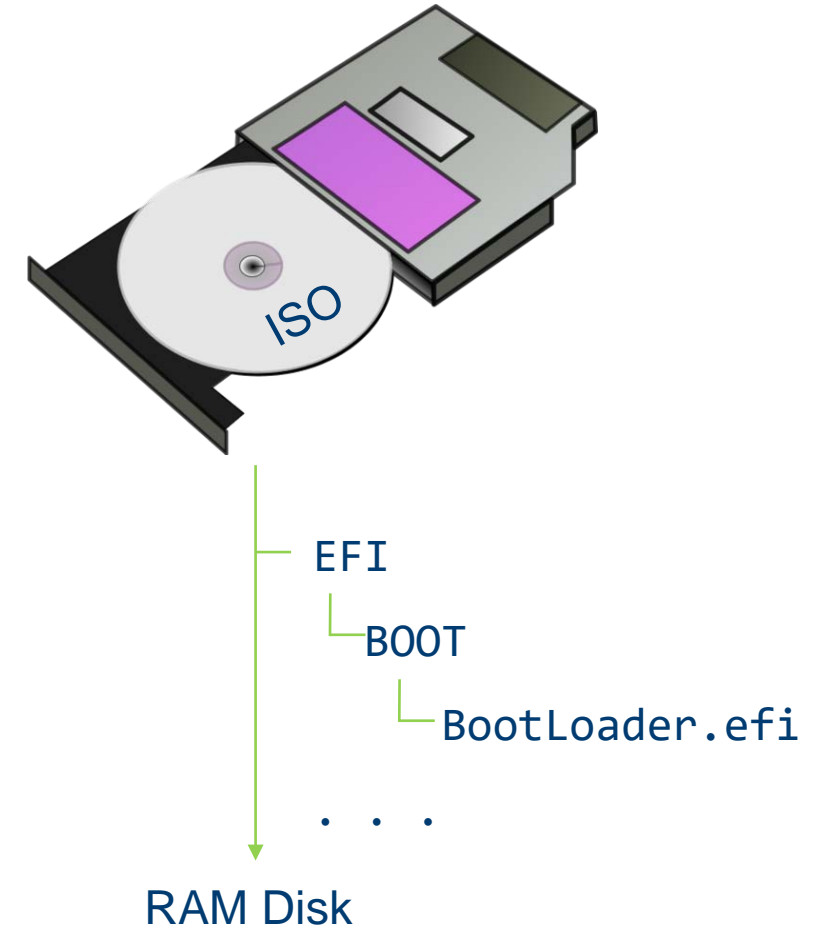
UEFI HTTP Boot client to chainload iPXE from an HTTP server  
(HTTP boot to iPXE then run iPXE to HTTP download)

- Eliminates need for separate TFTP server
- UEFI HTTP Boot client will download and boot iPXE
- iPxe offers advanced features to download and boot OS
- Application note: <http://ipxe.org/appnote/uefihttp>

***2 Options to address the PXE challenges:  
Native UEFI HTTP Boot and iPXE using  
UEFI HTTP***

# RAM Disk Boot from HTTP

- UEFI 2.5 defined RAM Disk device path nodes
  - Standard access to a RAM Disk in UEFI
  - Supports Virtual Disk and Virtual CD (ISO image) in persistent or volatile memory
  - Device Path: Type:4 Subtype: 9
- ACPI 6.0 NVDIMM Firmware Interface Table (NFIT)
  - Describe the RAM Disks to the OS
  - Runtime access of the ISO boot image in memory
- Supported Image Types
  - \*.ISO      Virtual CD Image
  - \*.img Virtual Disk Image
  - \*.efi      UEFI Executable Image

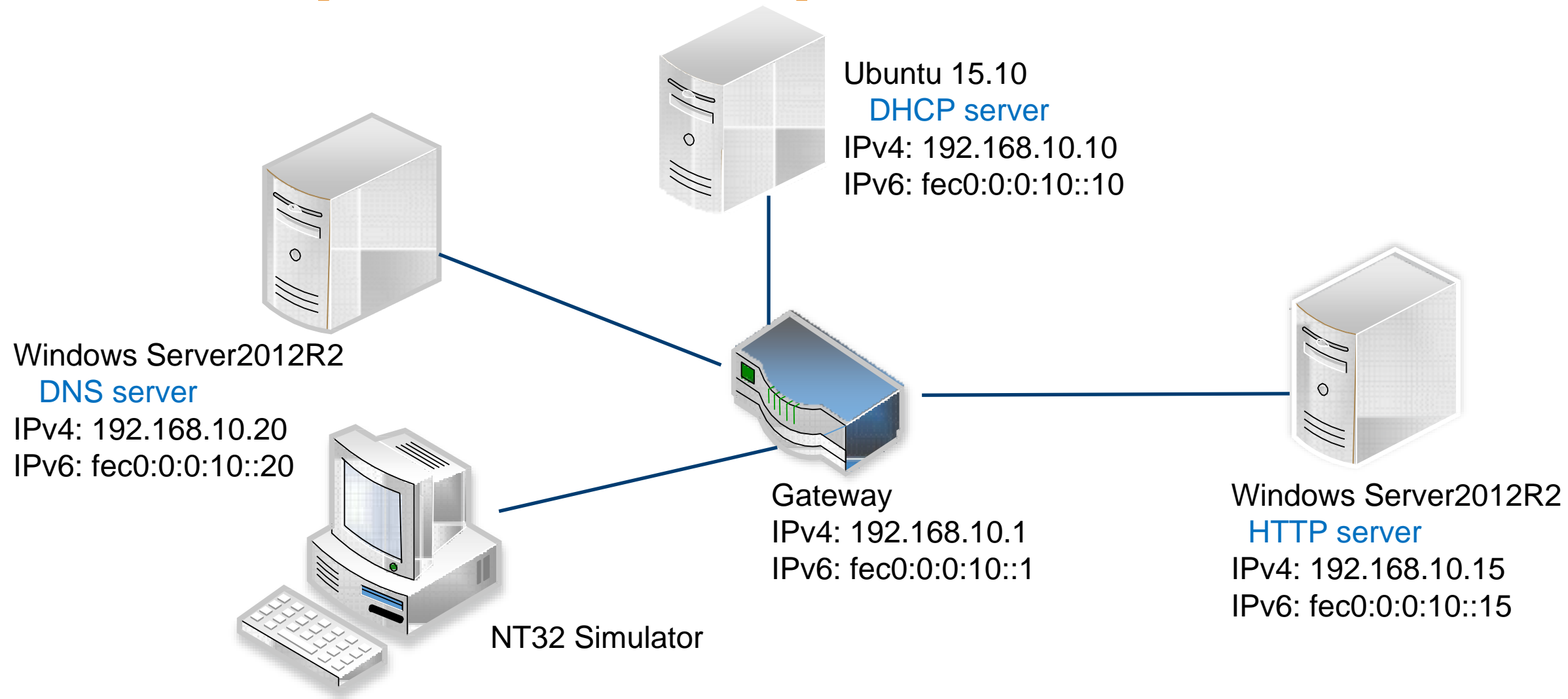


## Feature Enabling:

Add `Edk2 RamDiskDxe.inf` to Platform .DSC

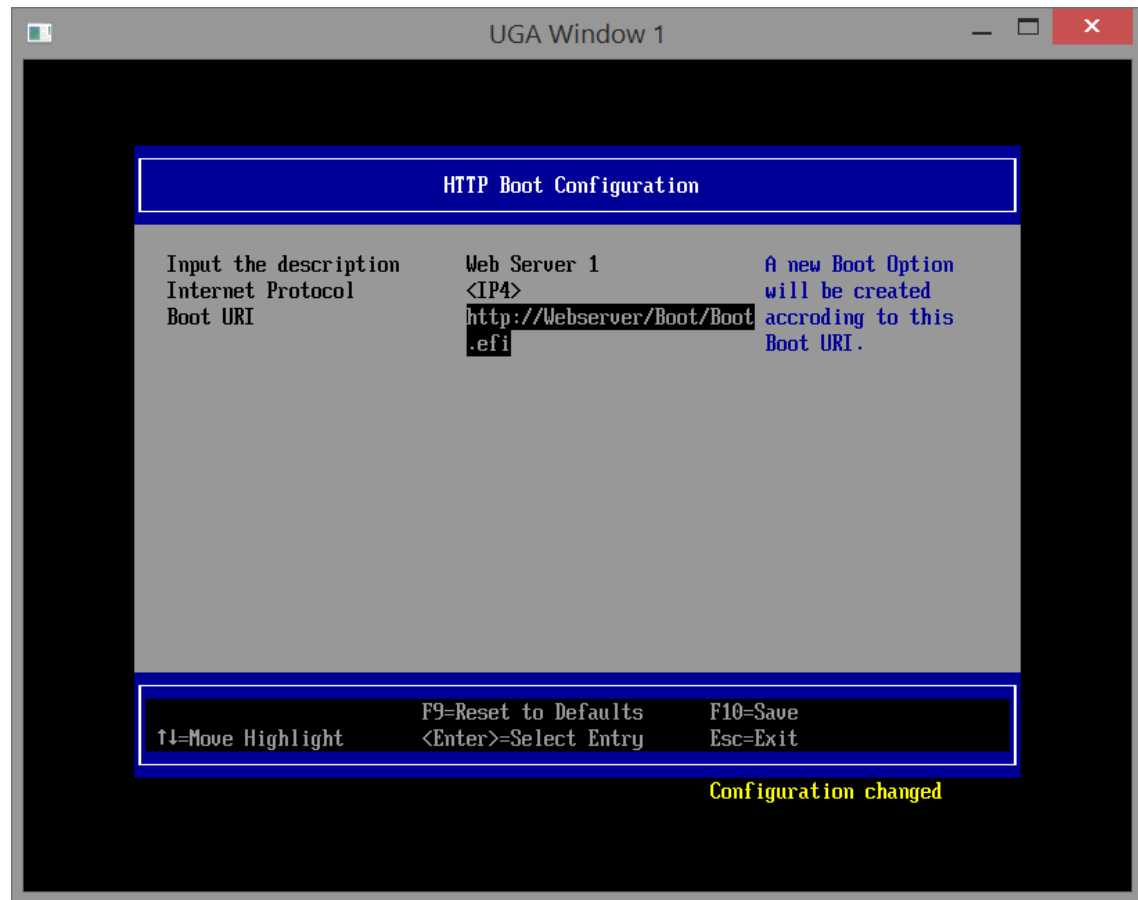


# UEFI Http Boot Example



Public paper [EDK II HTTP Boot Getting Started Guide](#) for a step-by-step guide of the HTTP Boot enabling and server configuration in **corporate environment**.

# EDK II HTTP Boot Configuration



In the main page of Boot Manager Menu, enter [Device Manager] -> [Network Device List] -> Select a NIC device -> [HTTP Boot Configuration], set the HTTP boot parameters such as the boot option title, IP start version and the URI address

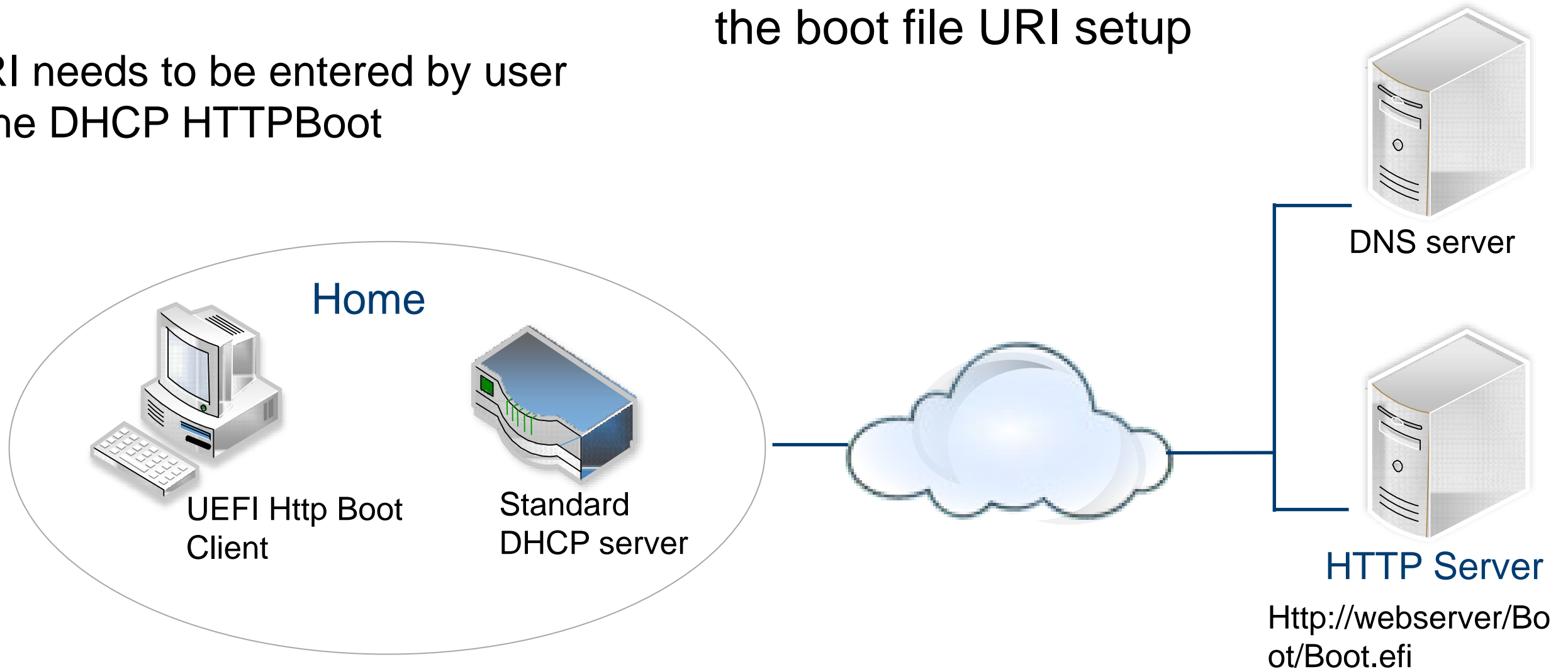


Save the configuration and back to the main page, enter [Boot Manager] menu and select the new created boot option to start the HTTP Boot



# UEFI Native HTTP Boot – Home Environment

- Only a Standard DHCP server is available for host IP configuration assignment
- Boot file URI needs to be entered by user instead of the DHCP HTTPBoot extensions.
- The EDK II HTTP Boot Driver provides a configuration pages for the boot file URI setup



# Getting Started Guides

## HTTP:

*Wiki Page* <https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/HTTP-Boot>

*PDF* [HttpBootGettingStartedGuide\\_0\\_9.pdf](#)

## HTTPS:

*Wiki Page* <https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/HTTPS-Boot>

*PDF* [Getting Started with UEFI HTTPS Boot on EDK II .pdf](#)

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# Network Stack IPv4 and/or IPv6

Multicast Trivial File Transfer Protocol. Support multicast defined in RFC2090

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol. Typical usage automatic configuration

HTTP(s): Hypertext Transfer Protocol over TLS, for secure network communication

A transport method for SCSI, over TCP/IP networks.

## Application

MTFTP

DHCP

## Transport

UDP

Core IPv6 functions: layer 3 unreliable transmission, routing, (de)fragmentation, integrated ICMP & MLD & ND

Resolve layer 3 addresses to layer 2 hardware addresses

## Internet

IPv6

Unreliable transport layer service. Datagram – data is transmitted in blocks

Provide concurrent access to frame-level functions. Multiplexer and de-multiplexer.

## Network

Reliable transport layer service, more complex than UDP. Data is transmitted as a continuous stream.

ARP

MNP

SNP

UNDI

Abstract interfaces of UNDI to packet level I/O & management interfaces.

Network Interface Card Device Driver – Provide interfaces to operate the NIC.