

Pool Management and Pool Selection

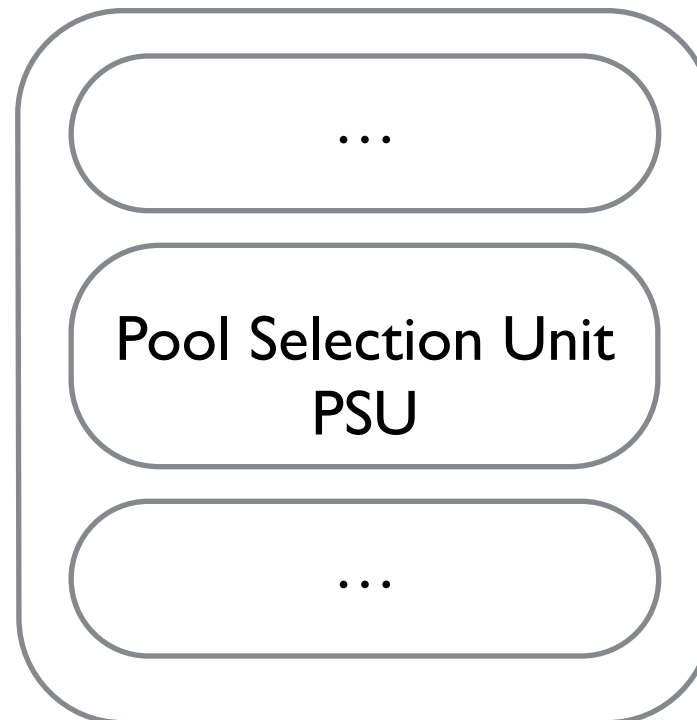
Namespace vs File Location

Namespace



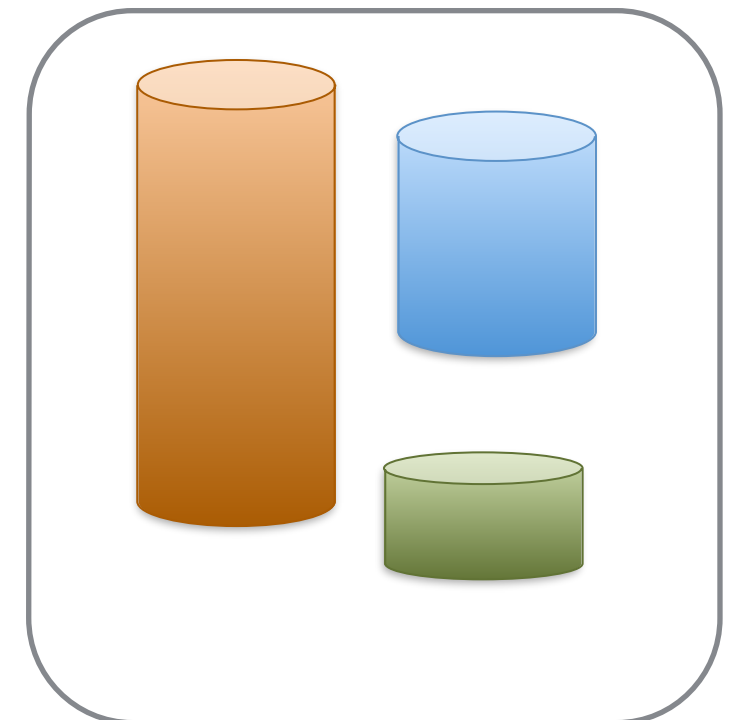
no idea where the
file is stored

Pool Manager



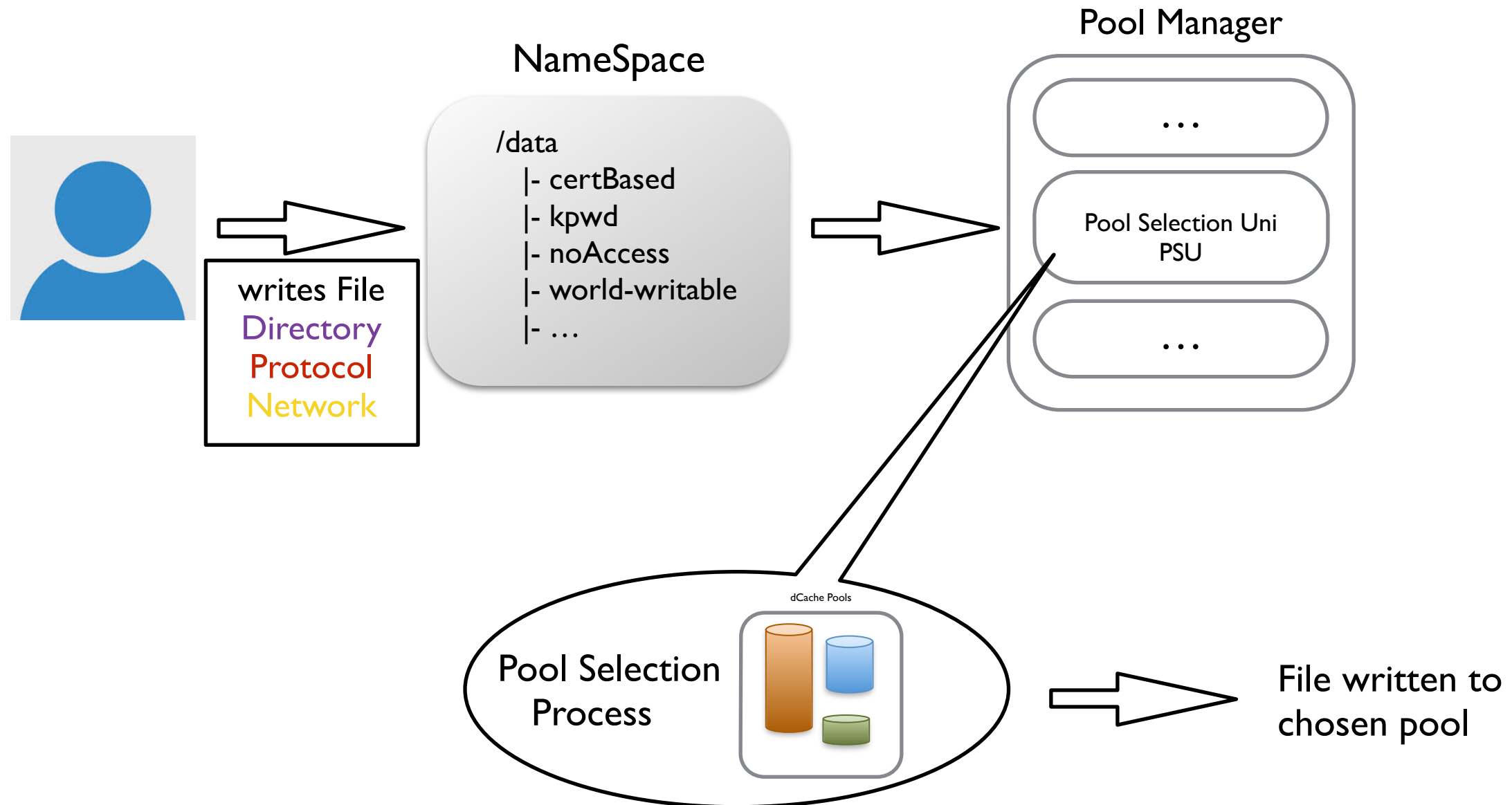
selects the pool
where the physical
file gets stored

dCache Pools



has physical files
stored, is
otherwise dumm

Pool Selection Unit



Pool Selection Process

some terminology

• Pools

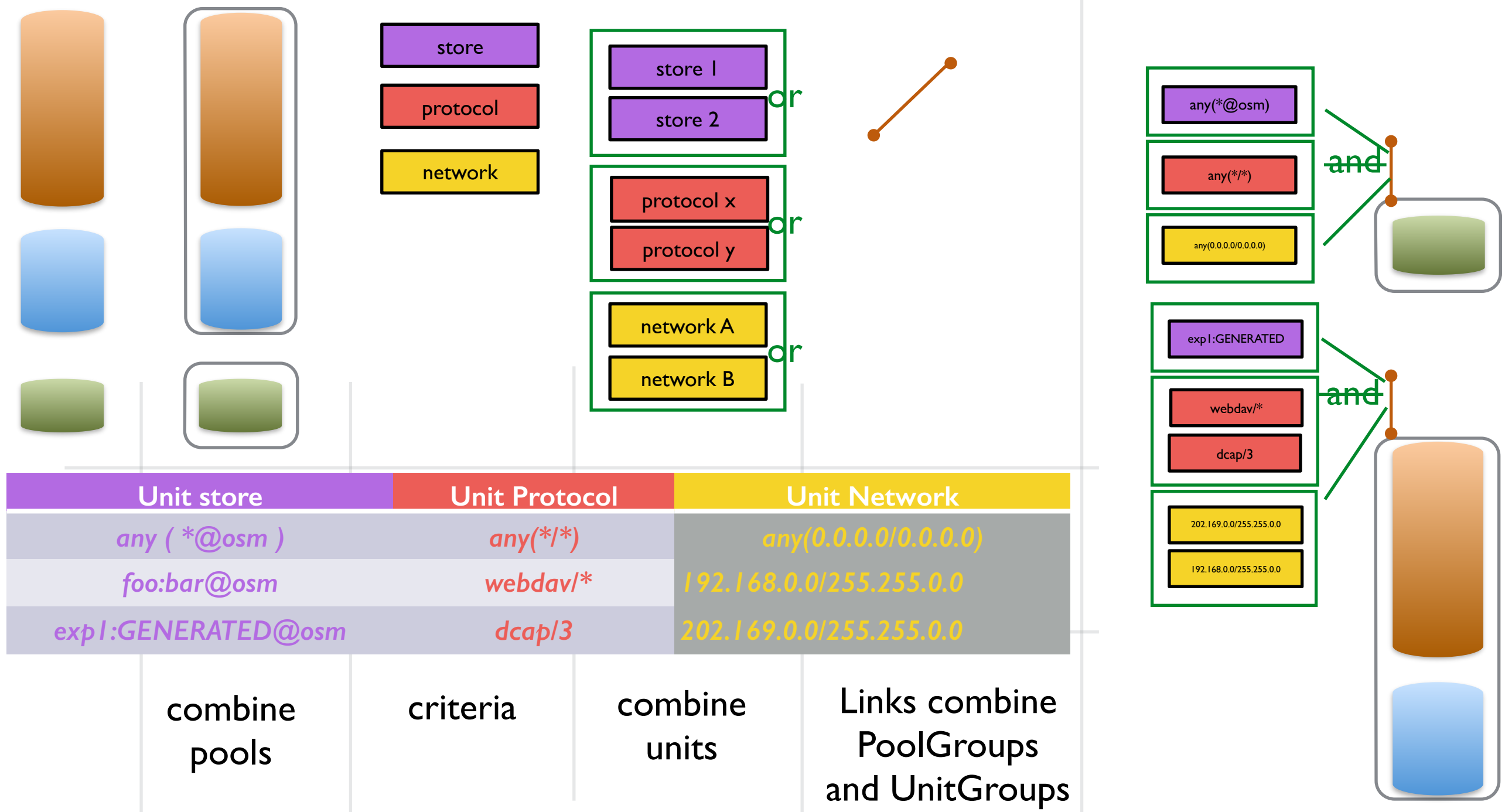
• PoolGroups

• Units

• UnitsGroups

• Links

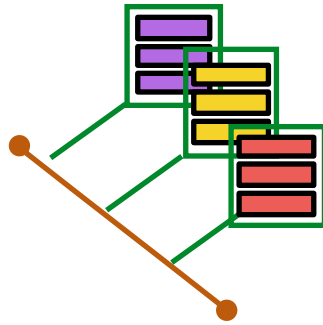
• Links = PoolGroup + UnitGroup(s)



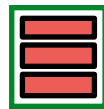
Pool Selection

some rules

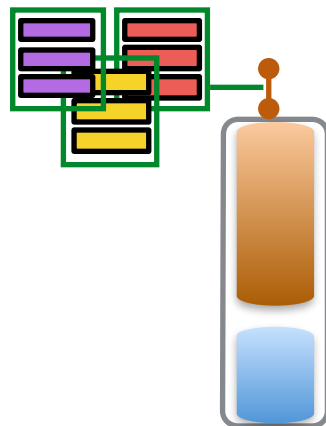
- Links are chosen when all their UnitGroups are matched



- The unit group is matched if at least one of the units is matched



- All pools in the linked PoolGroup are chosen as a possible location to write



- Links have assigned preference values
 - readpref
 - writepref
 - cachepref
 - p2ppref
- Value 0 means NO
- Value > 0 means YES
- For different values >0 a set of lists of pools is created
- Pools with higher preference value are chosen first

Example: Pool Selection

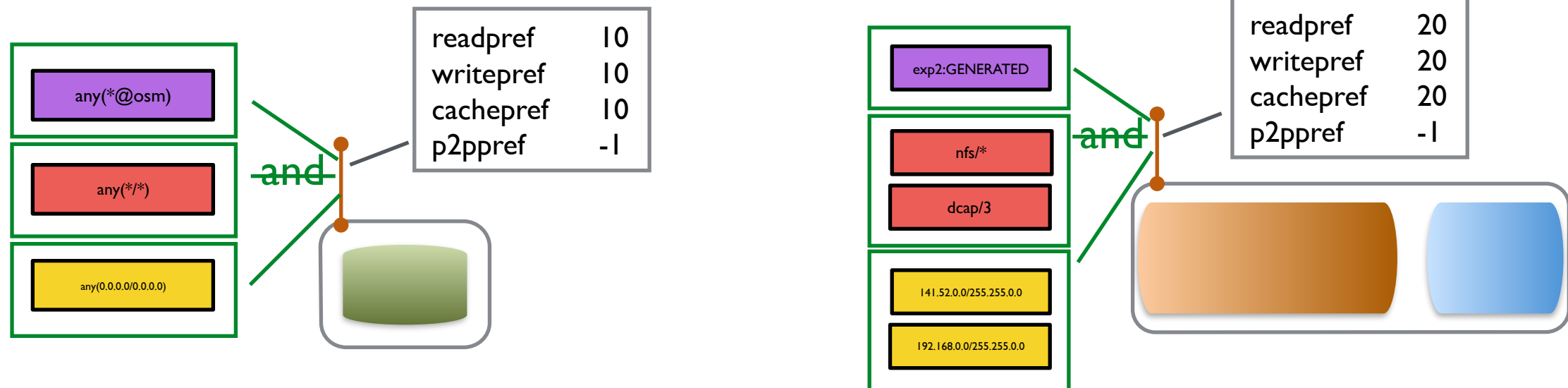
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$ cp /home/localFile /data/exp2/exp2_f5.tst
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(write)
Transfer with

store	exp 2:GENERATED@osm
protocol	nfs
network	141.52.174.112

Looks at links

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all possible pools
are chosen

writepref 20

writepref 10

selected first

Hands-on Content

What you will do in this part of the hands-on:

- reserve pools for storage
- assigning pools to a directory
- configure write and read pools