

eXpressive Internet Architecture:

GEC 15 Demo

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“Narrow Waist” of the Internet Key to its Success

- Has allowed Internet to evolve dramatically
- But now an obstacle to addressing challenges:
 - No built-in security
 - Hard to evolve
 - Limited contract between network edge and core
- XIA exploring three concepts to address issues:
 - Diverse types of end-points
 - Intrinsic security
 - Flexible addressing

Applications

Internet
Protocol

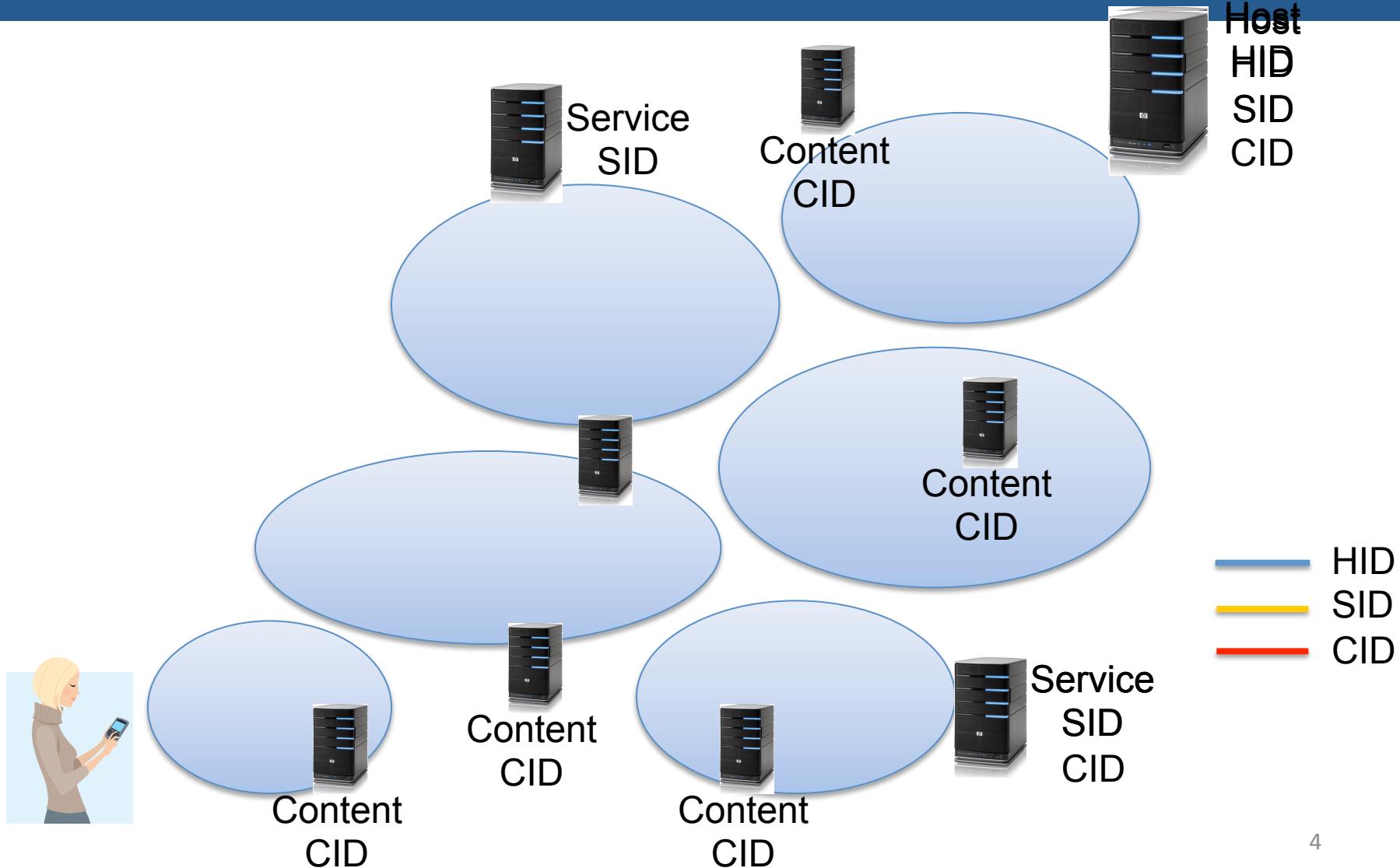
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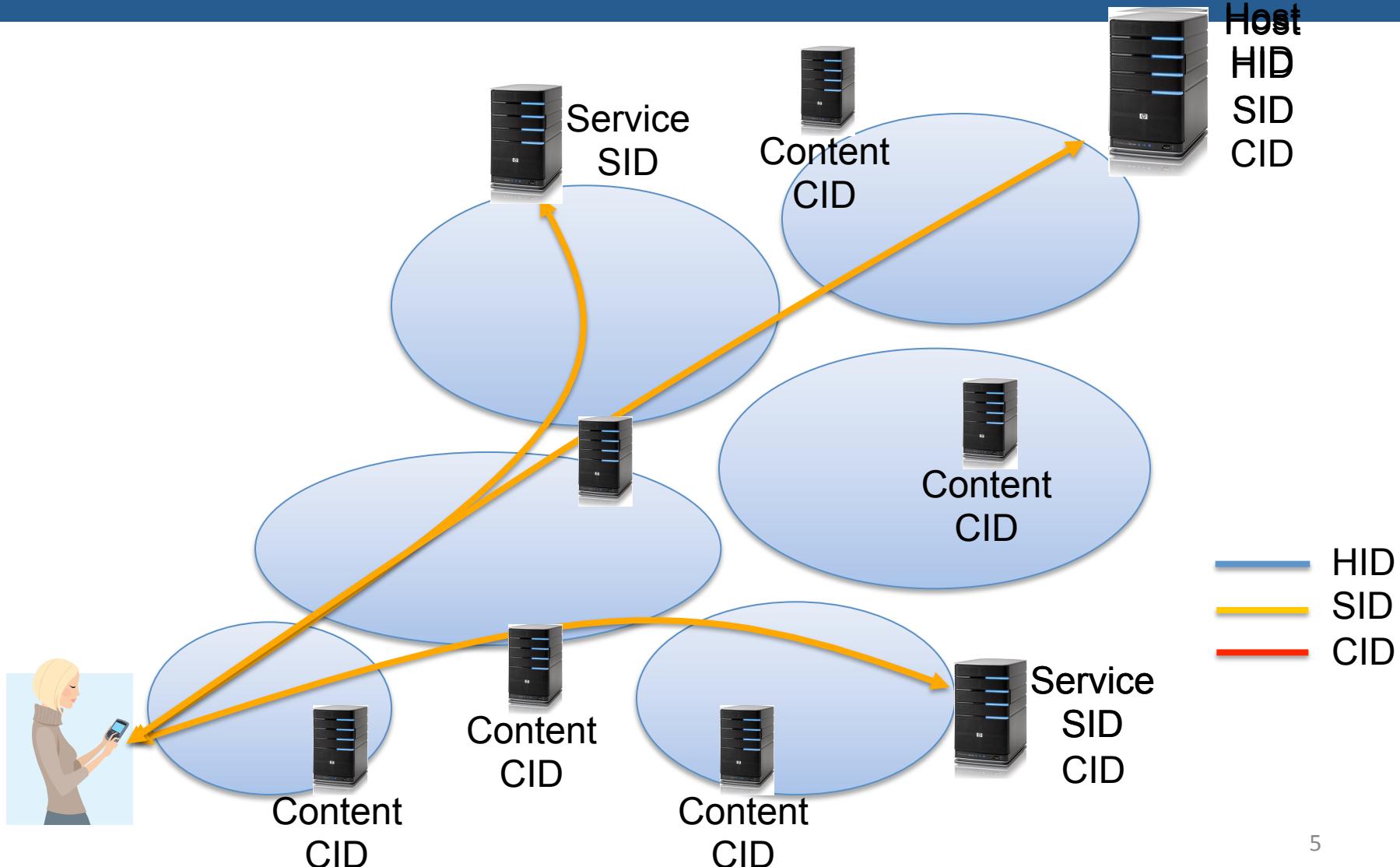
Multiple Principal Types

- Associated with different forwarding semantics
 - Support heterogeneity in usage and deployment models
 - Set of principal types can evolve over time
- Hosts XIDs support host-based communication similar to IP – *who?*
- Service XIDs allow the network to route to possibly replicated services – *what does it do?*
 - LAN services access, WAN replication, ...
- Content XIDs allow network to retrieve content from “anywhere” – *what is it?*
 - Opportunistic caches, CDNs, ...
- Autonomous domains allow scoping, hierarchy

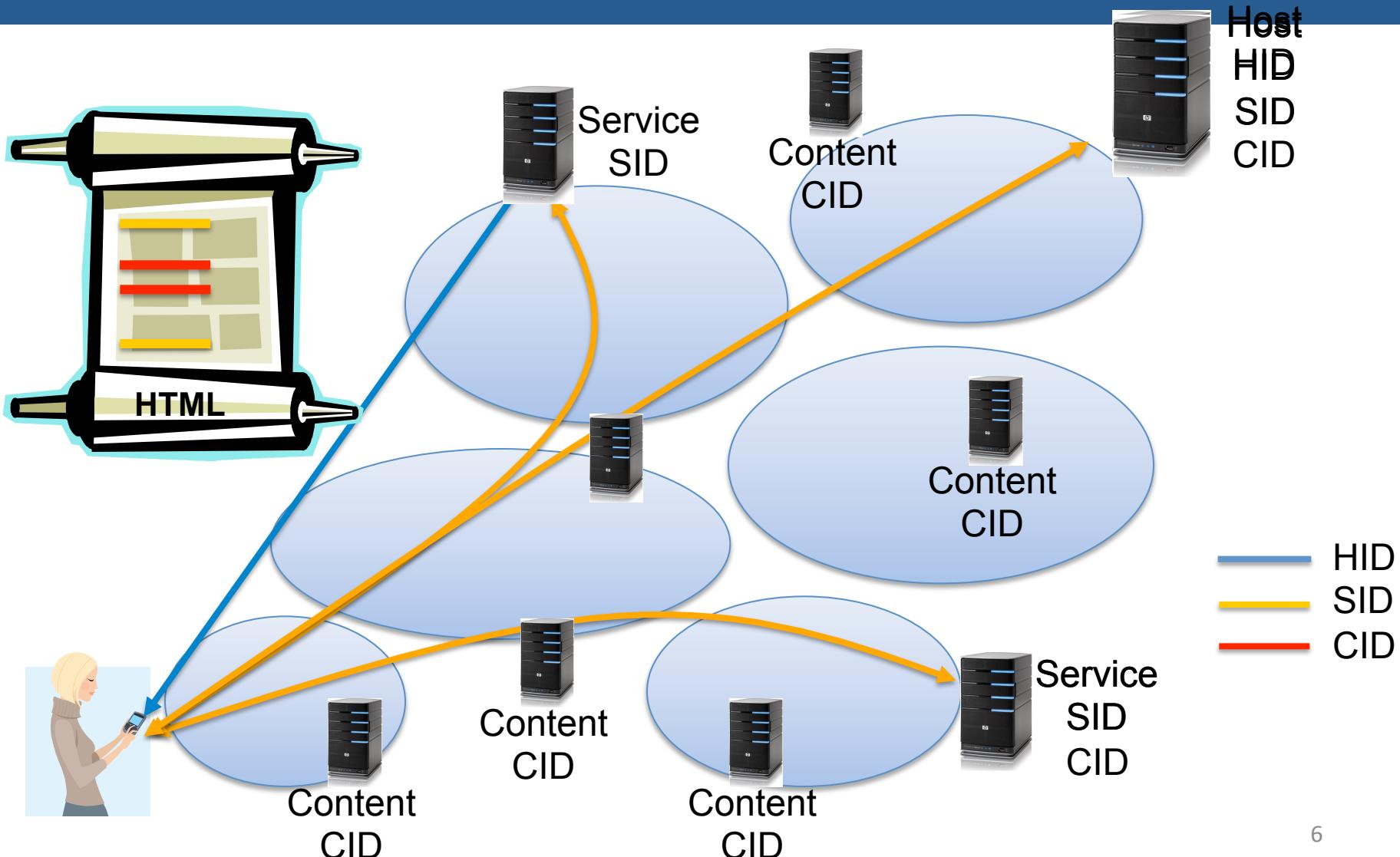
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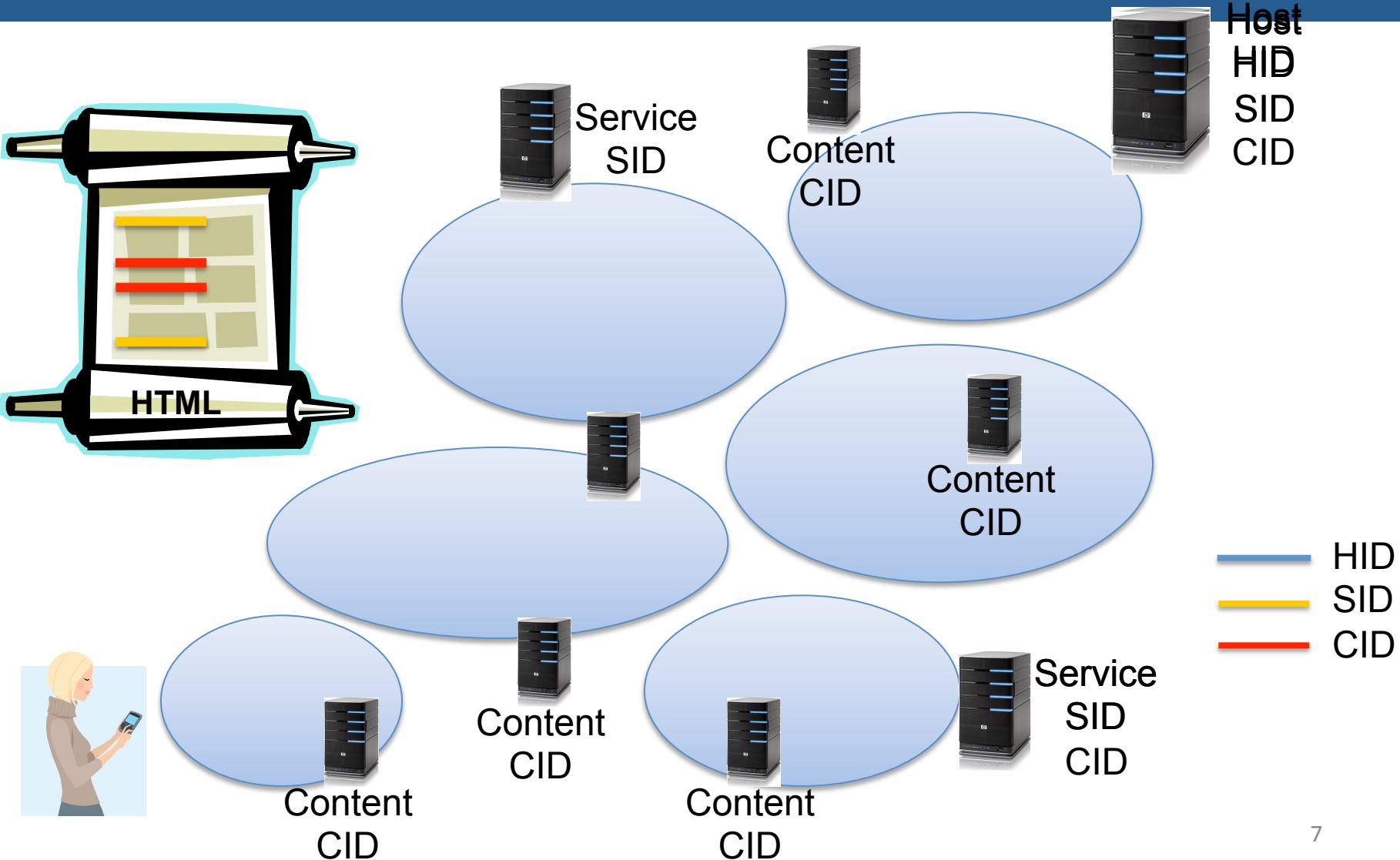
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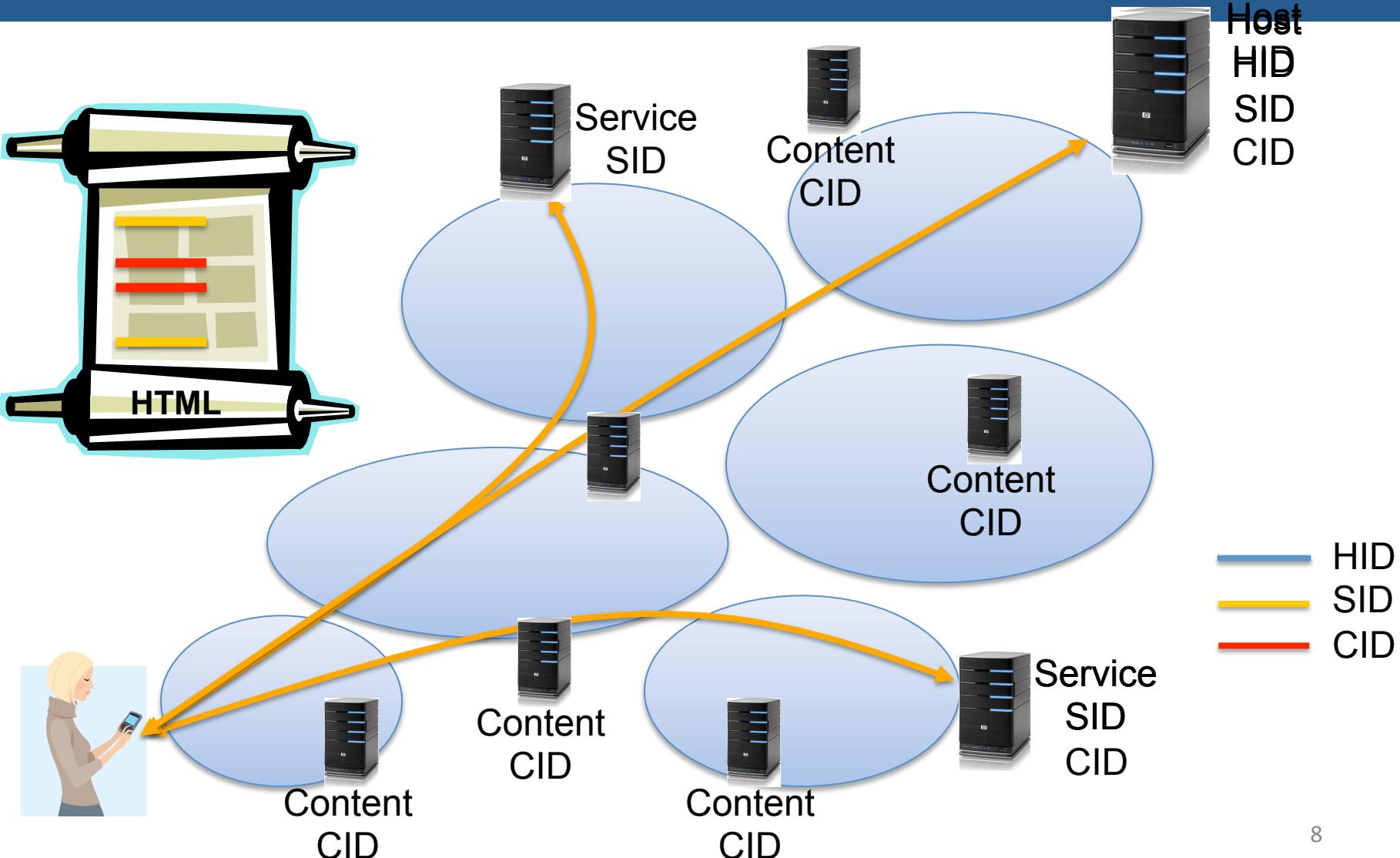
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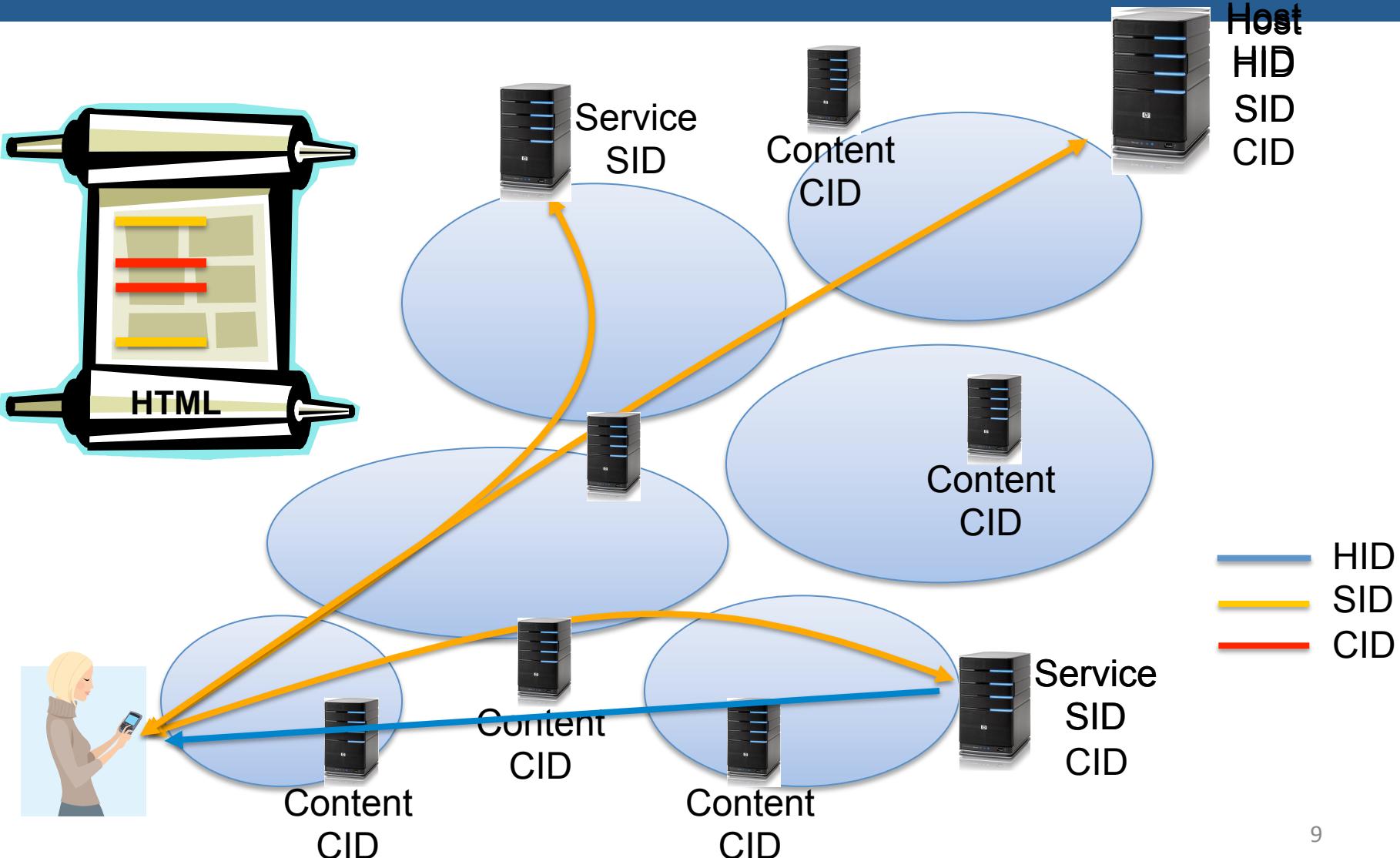
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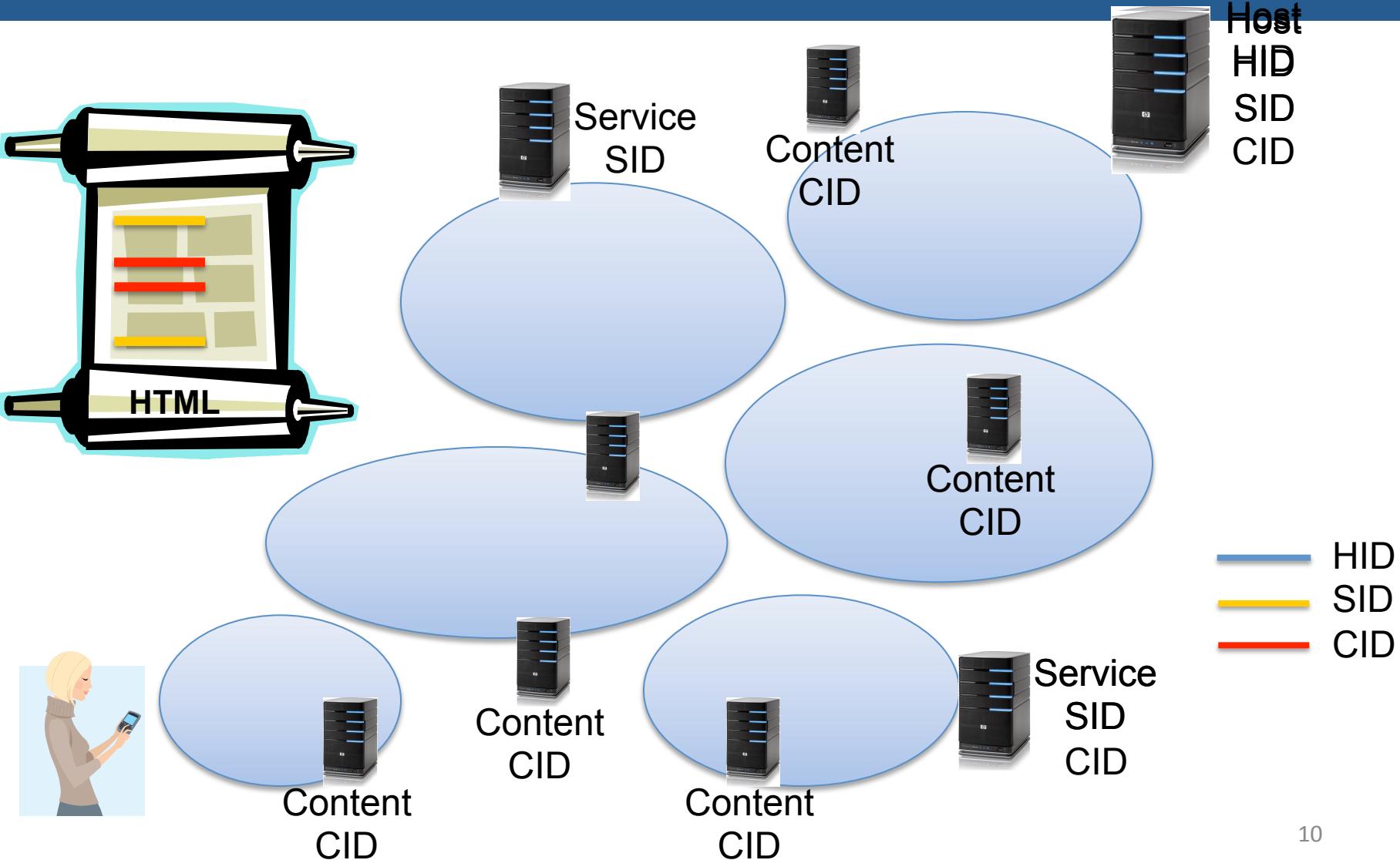
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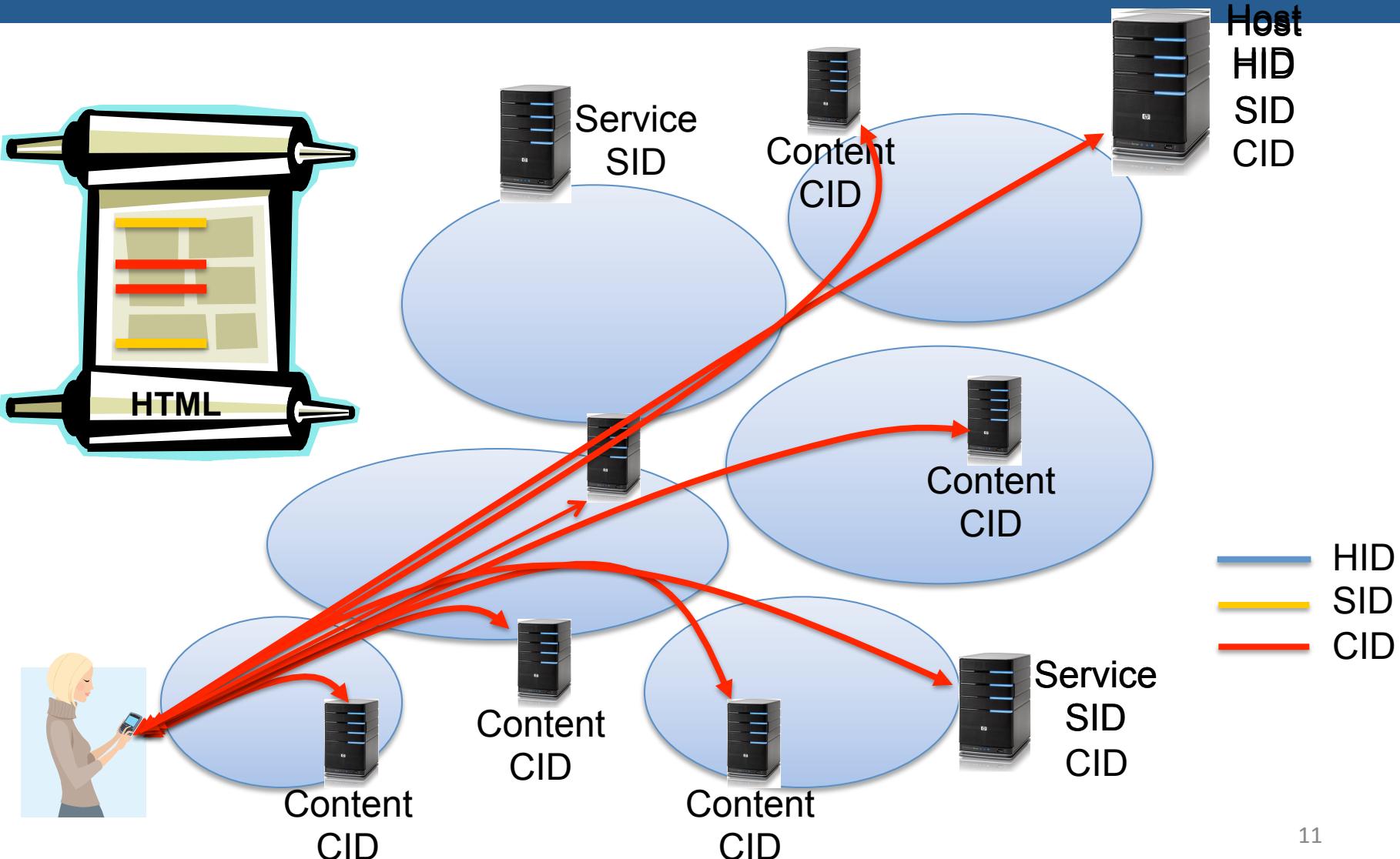
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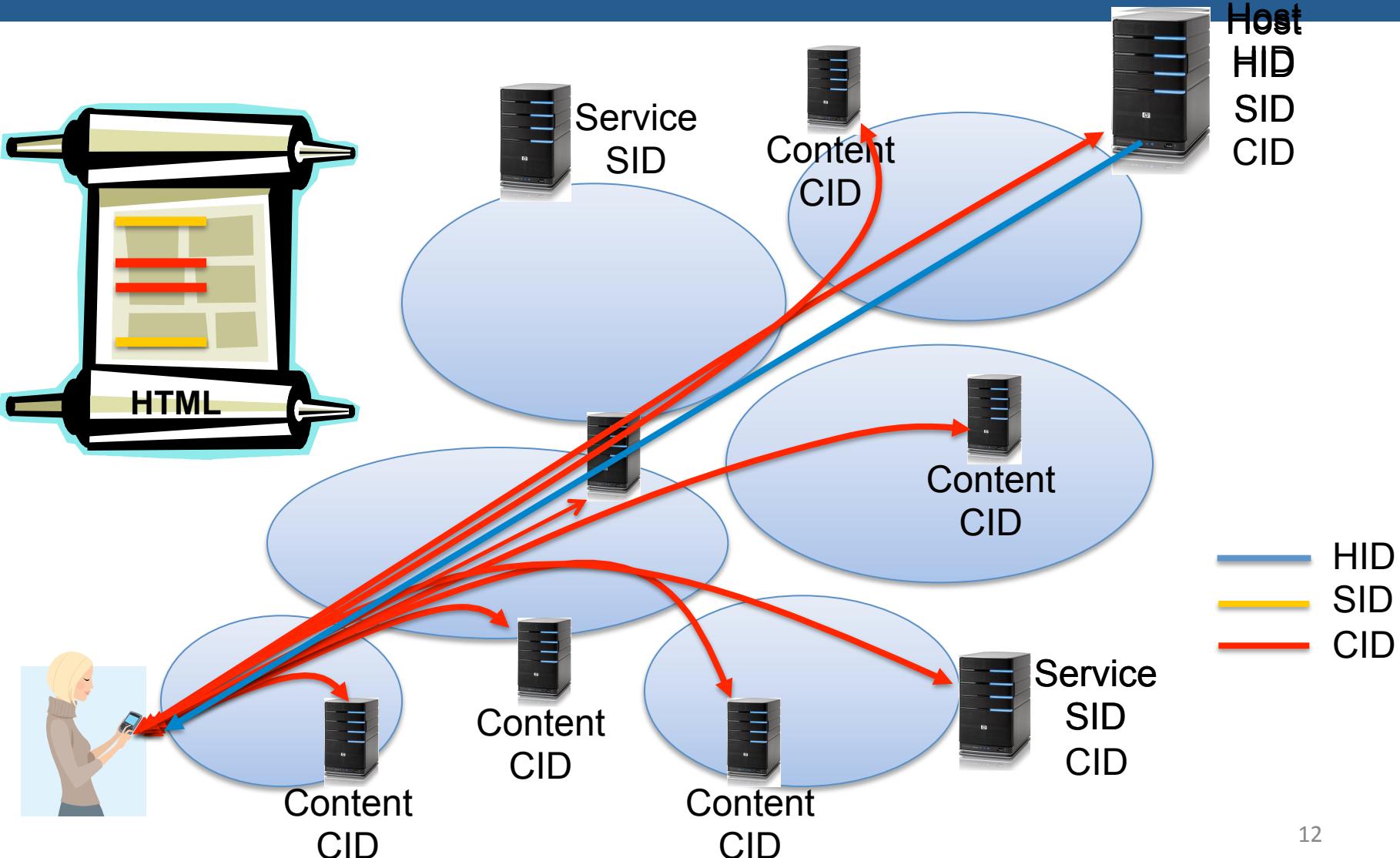
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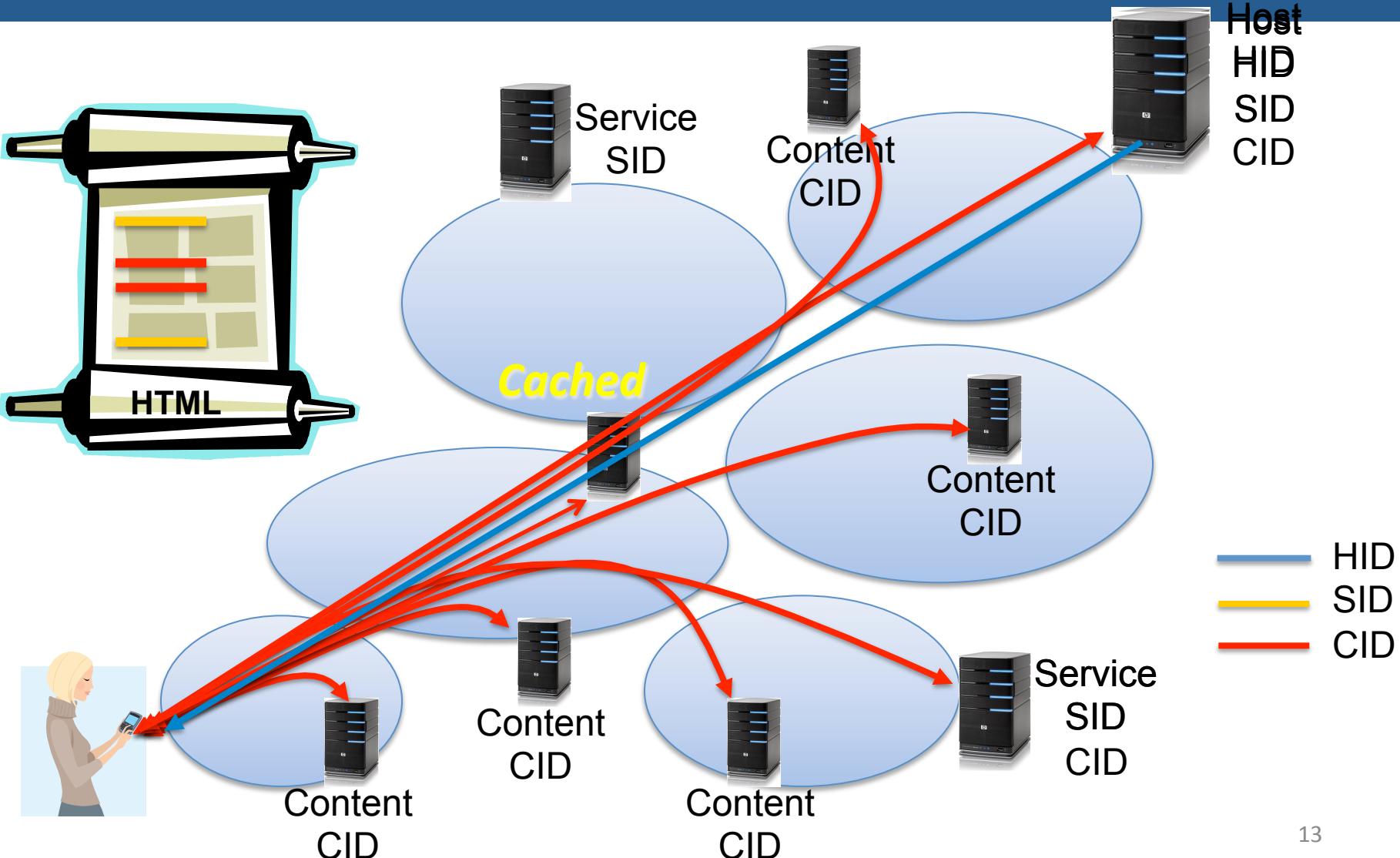
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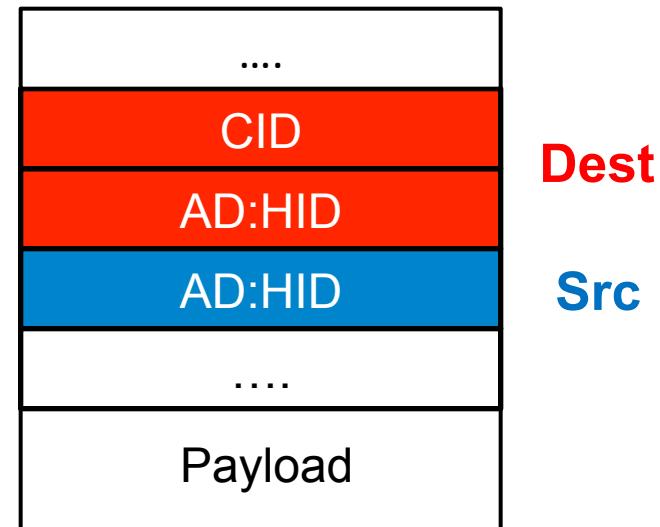


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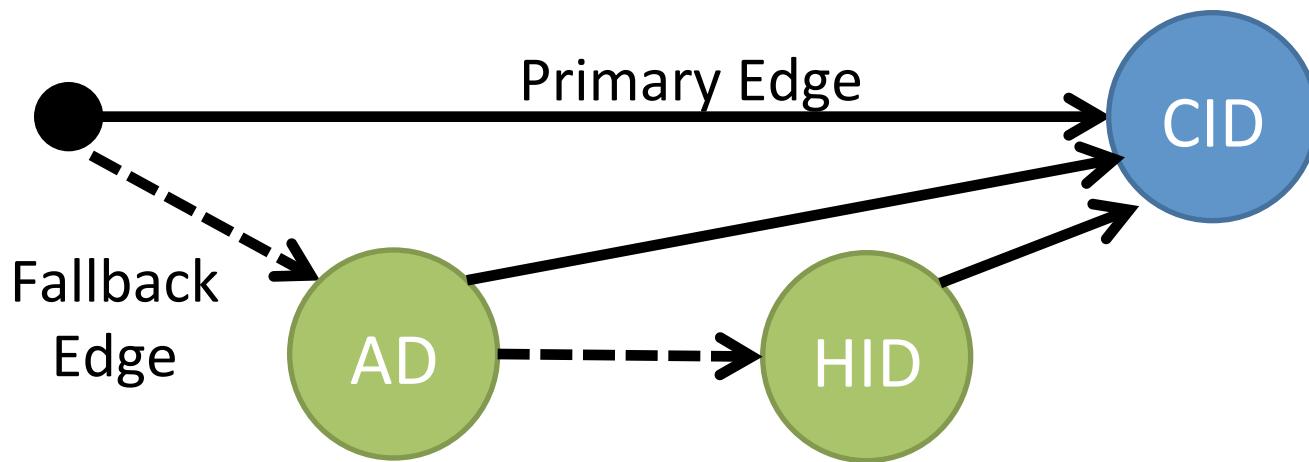
Supporting Evolvability

- New principal types must be deployed incrementally
 - No “flag” day
- Creates chicken and egg problem - what comes first: network support or use in applications
- Solution is to provide an *intent* and *fallback* address
 - Intent address allows in-network optimizations based on user intent
 - Fallback address is guaranteed to be reachable



Support for Fallbacks with DAG

- A node can have **multiple outgoing edges**

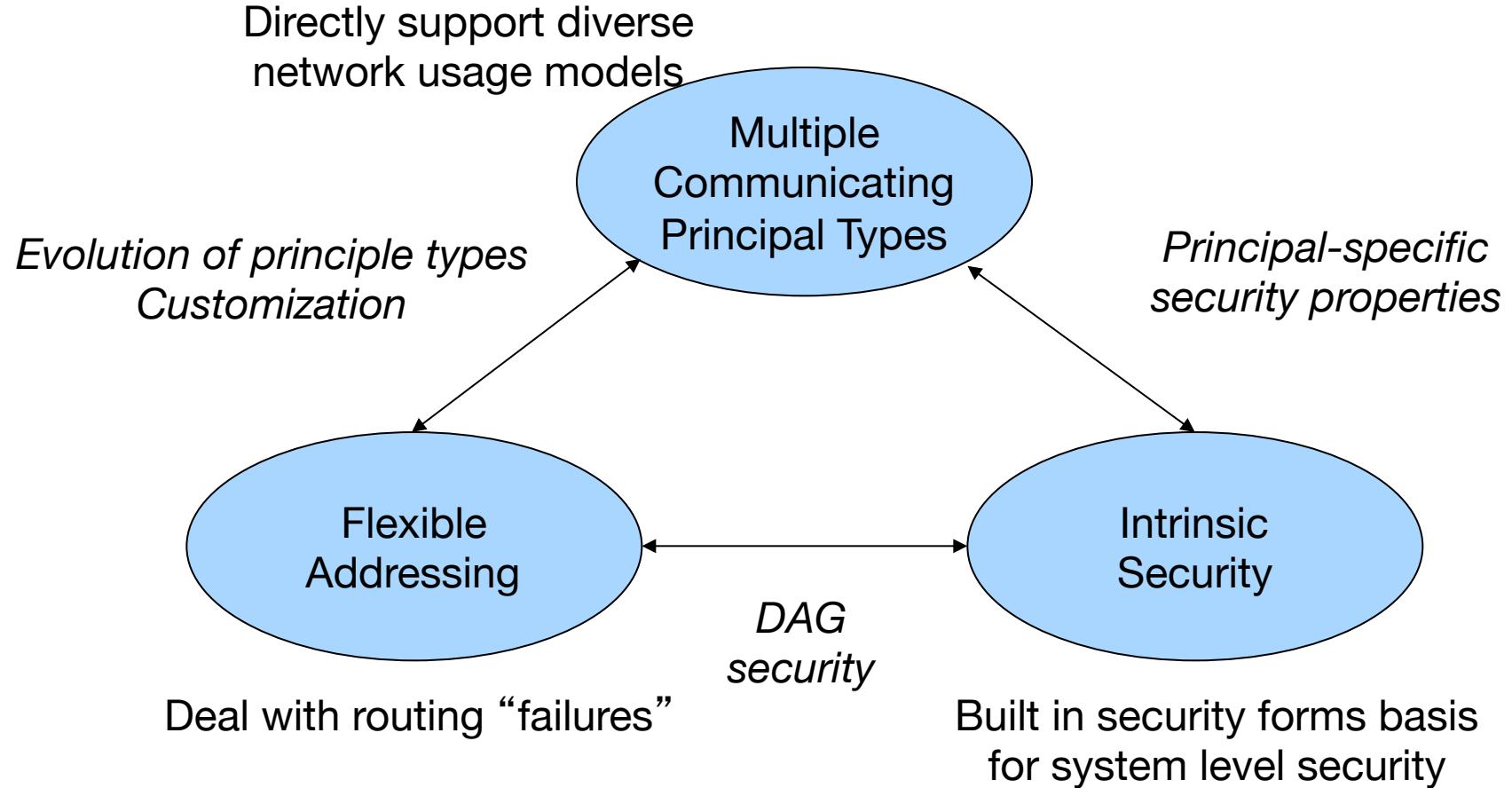


- Outgoing edges are **prioritized**
 - Forwarding to AD, HID is attempted only if forwarding to CID is not possible
- Also supports scoping, mobility, ...

Intrinsic Security in XIA

- XIA uses **self-certifying identifiers** that guarantee security properties for communication operation
 - Host ID is a hash of its public key – accountability (AIP)
 - Content ID is a hash of the content – correctness
 - Does not rely on external configurations
- Intrinsic security is specific to the principal type
- Example: retrieve content using ...
 - Content XID: content is correct
 - Service XID: the right service provided content
 - Host XID: content was delivered from right host

XIA Dataplane Concepts



- Can be implemented in diverse ways
- Networks can implement different features

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4 Things Today

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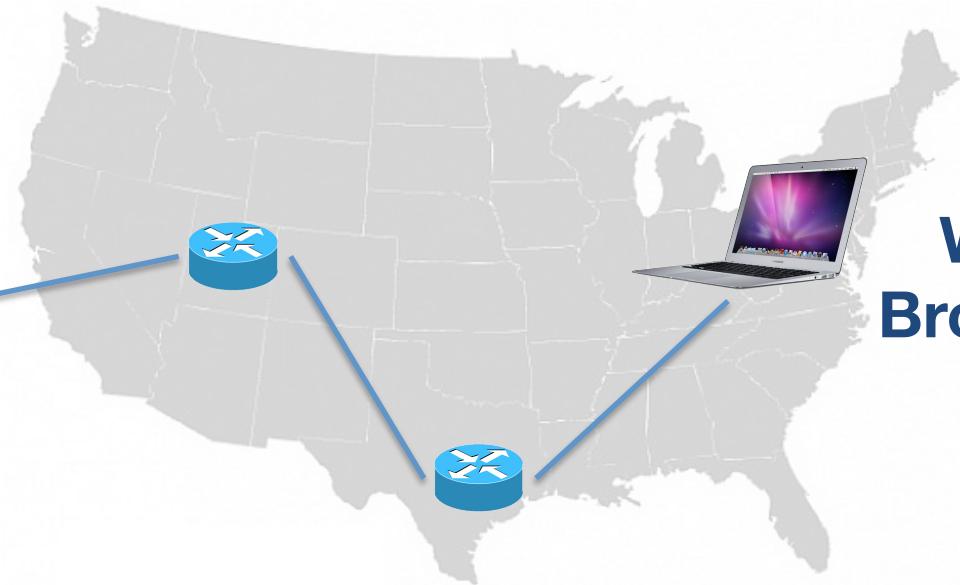
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Topology

Web Server



Web
Browser



Native XIA Applications

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Evolvability

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Web Server



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Host and Domain Only

Introducing Content Principal

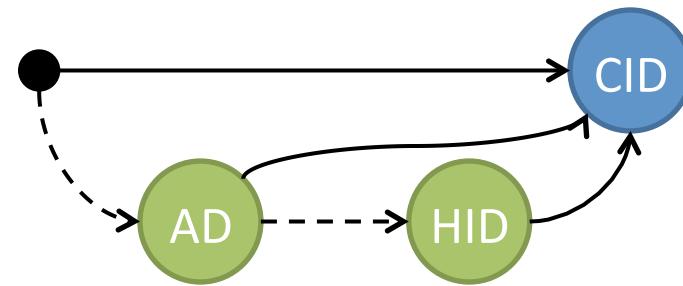
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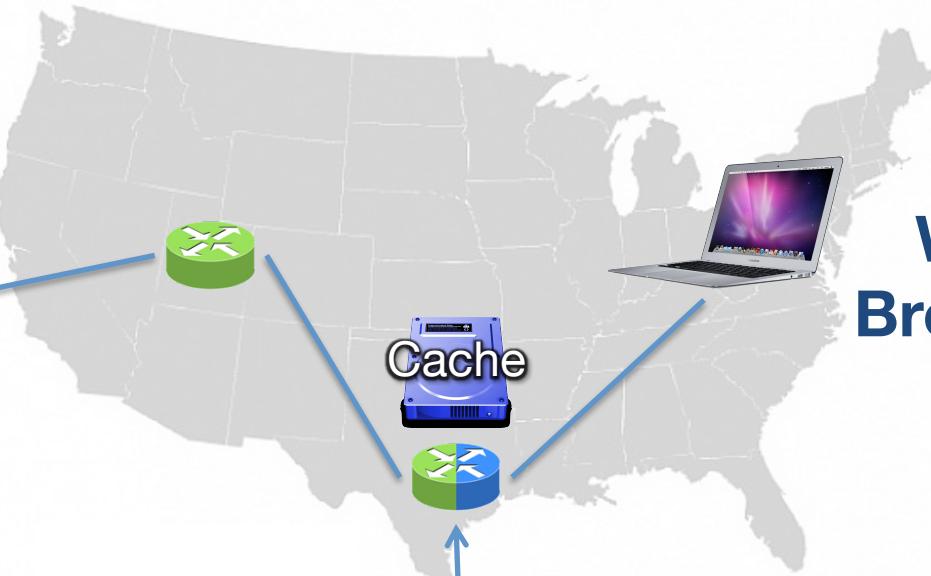
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Evolvability

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Upgrade with Content Support

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Evolvability

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Intrinsic Security

2 Intrinsic Security

Hosts



Services



Content



$$\text{HID} = H(\text{KEY}_{\text{PUB}})$$

$$\text{SID} = H(\text{KEY}_{\text{CERT}})$$

$$\text{CID} = H(\text{CONTENT})$$

2 Intrinsic Security



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CID:237cf8a2b40ee4ba1c1611e2b1d40024e87777d4



2

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000b 2000 0000 b40e e4ba 1c16 11e2 b1d4  
0024 e877 77d4 037f 7f7f 0000 000d 2000  
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2 Intrinsic Security

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Serves Malicious Content

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Intrinsic Security

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Deployment over IP

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New Principal Type: IPv4

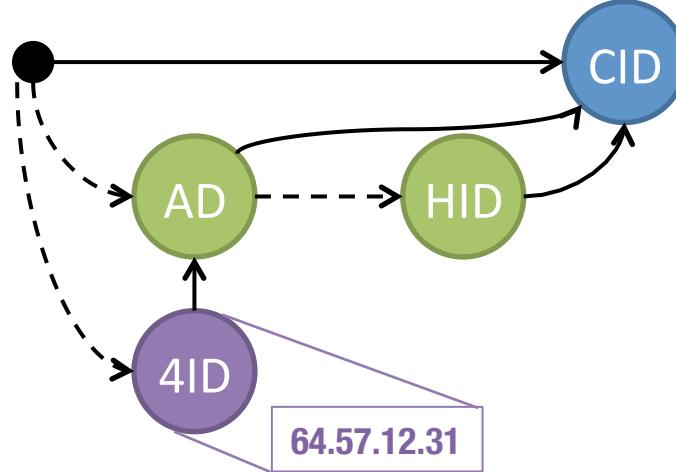
4ID = IPv4 ingress to remote XIA cloud

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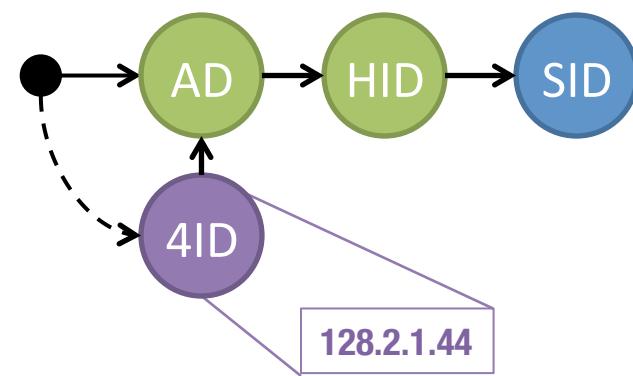
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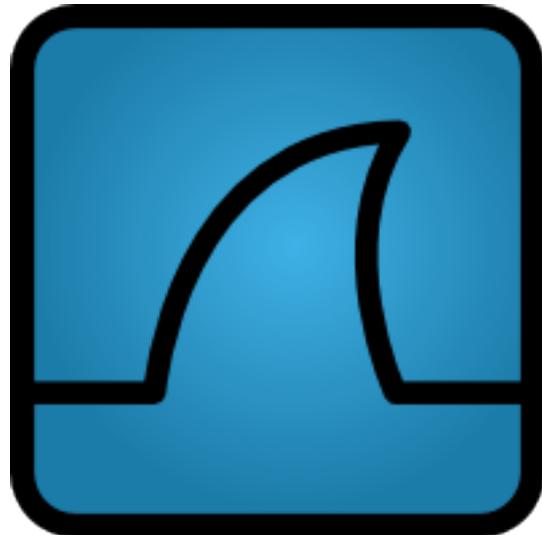
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Deployment over IP

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Wireshark Plugin

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Debug your
XIA network

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Wireshark Plugin

One more thing...

**XIA Prototype:
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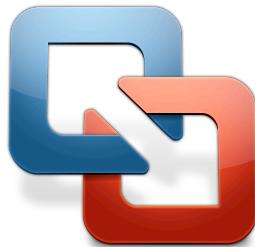
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VM

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Running XIA on GENI

This document describes how to setup XIA experiments on GENI nodes using [Flack tool](#).

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1. GENI Flack tool

- Flack is a GUI tool for setting up GENI resources (nodes, links, connectivity, etc)
- Flack link: <https://www.emulab.net/protogeni/flack2/flack.html> 🔒
- Flack manual: <http://www.protogeni.net/trac/protogeni/wiki/FlackManual>
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