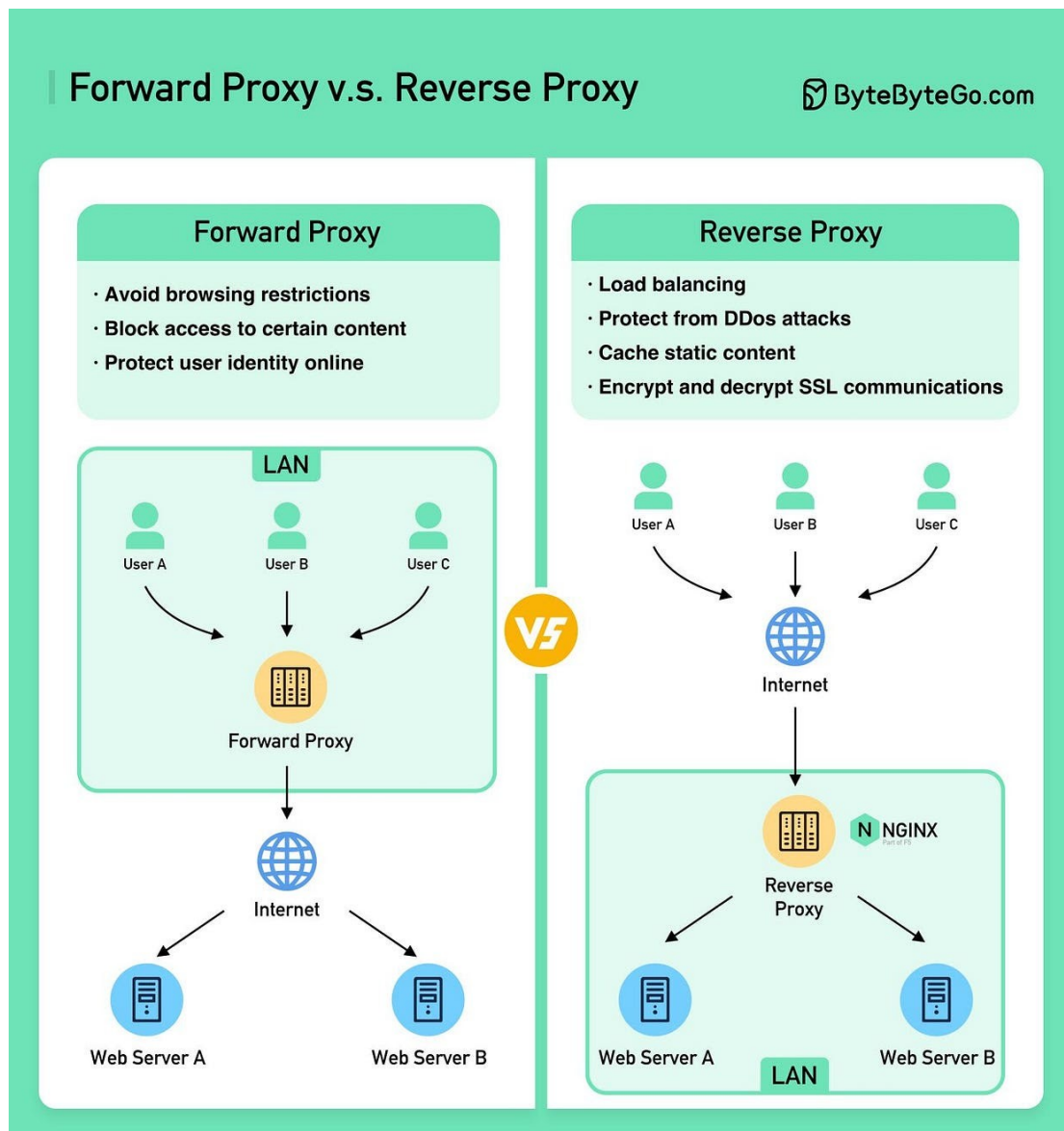


Why is Nginx called a “reverse” proxy?

The diagram below shows the differences between a forward proxy and a reverse proxy.



- A forward proxy is a server that sits between user devices and the internet. A forward proxy is commonly used for:
 1. Protect clients
 2. Avoid browsing restrictions
 3. Block access to certain content

- A reverse proxy is a server that accepts a request from the client, forwards the request to web servers, and returns the results to the client as if the proxy server had processed the request. A reverse proxy is good for:
 1. Protect servers
 2. Load balancing
 3. Cache static contents
 4. Encrypt and decrypt SSL communications