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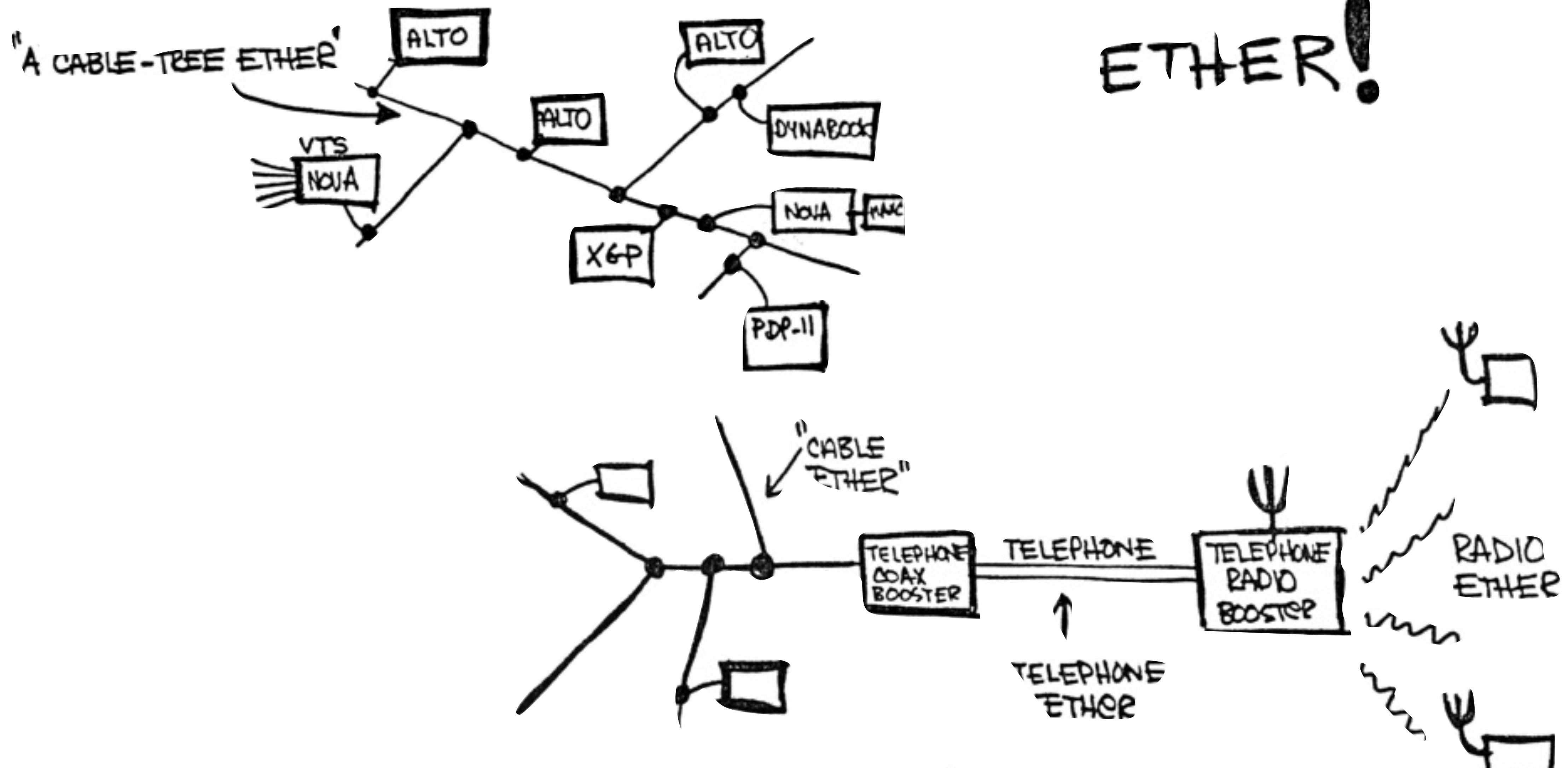
# CCNX Overview

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What is the job of  
the network?



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rethink the network  
rethink the stack

# The future Internet architecture

**We have a proposal that**

- Is secure

- Provides high availability

- Transfers data independent of location

- Takes advantage of storage and processing

**It does this by**

- Naming all data, securing all data and communicating based on name

CCNx (Content-Centric Networks)  
is a  
secure communications architecture  
based on  
transferring named information objects

# The CCNx communication architecture

## **Applications**

User facing programs

## **Services**

Base services required for network operation

## **APIs**

Abstractions for interacting with the network

## **Transport**

Structured and secure “end-to-end” communication

## **Messaging**

Name-based, network wide communication using CCN messages

## **Framing**

Transport for messages over layer 2

# The CCNx project

## **Specifications**

Description of protocols and algorithms

## **Software**

Reference software implementation

## **Hardware**

Hardware prototypes (big and small)

## **Commercial community**

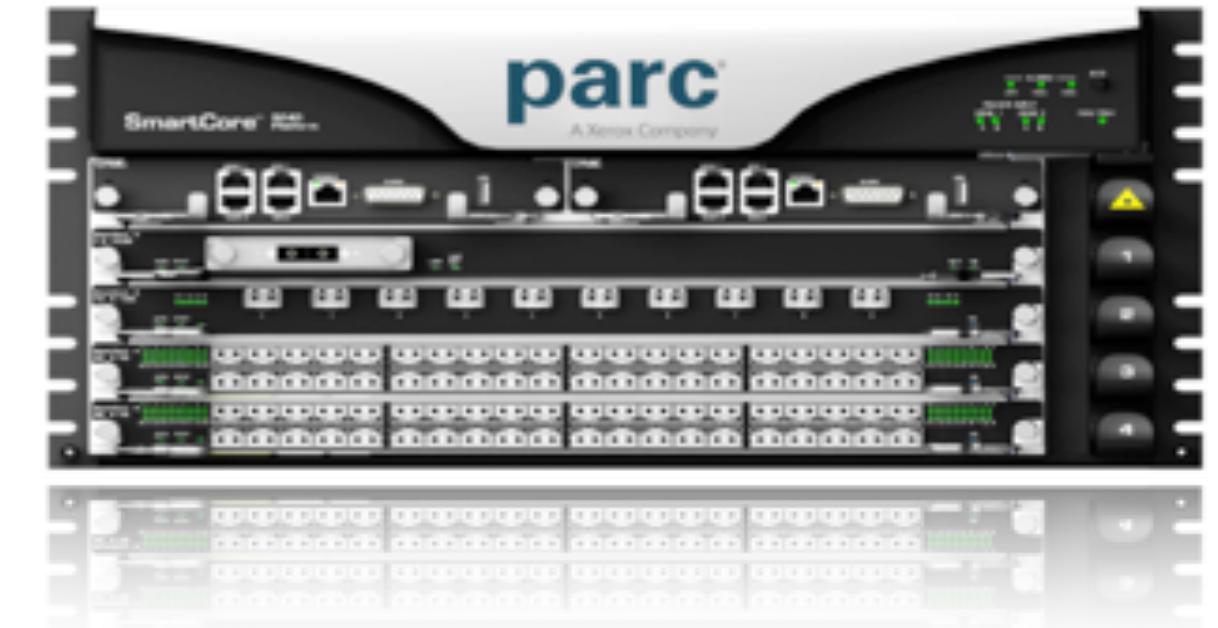
Commercial companies developing CCN

## **Research community**

Researchers, faculty and students working on the CCN technology

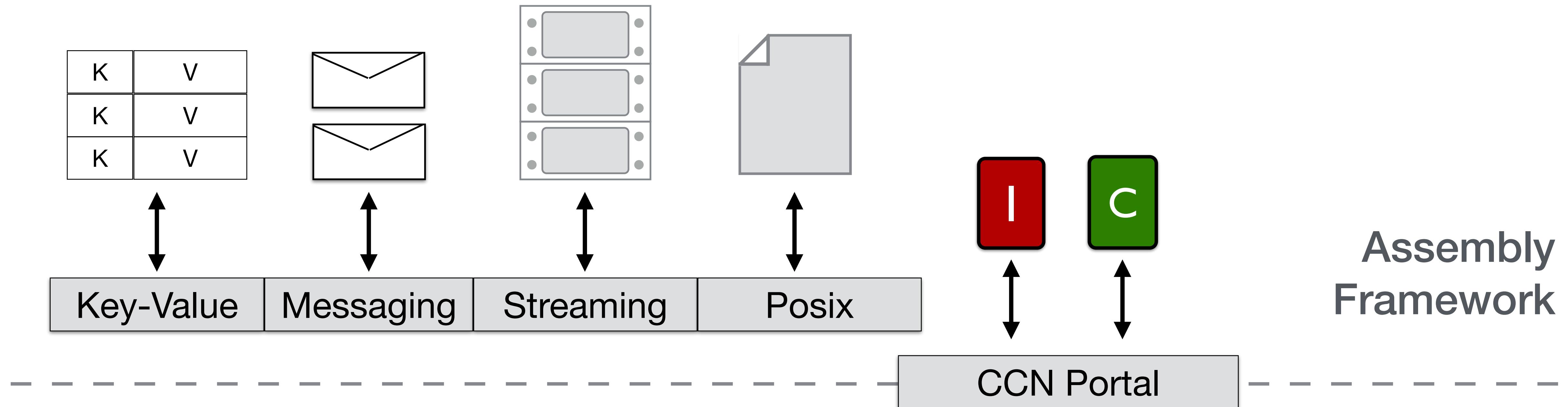
## **Developer community**

Application developers (big and small) using CCN



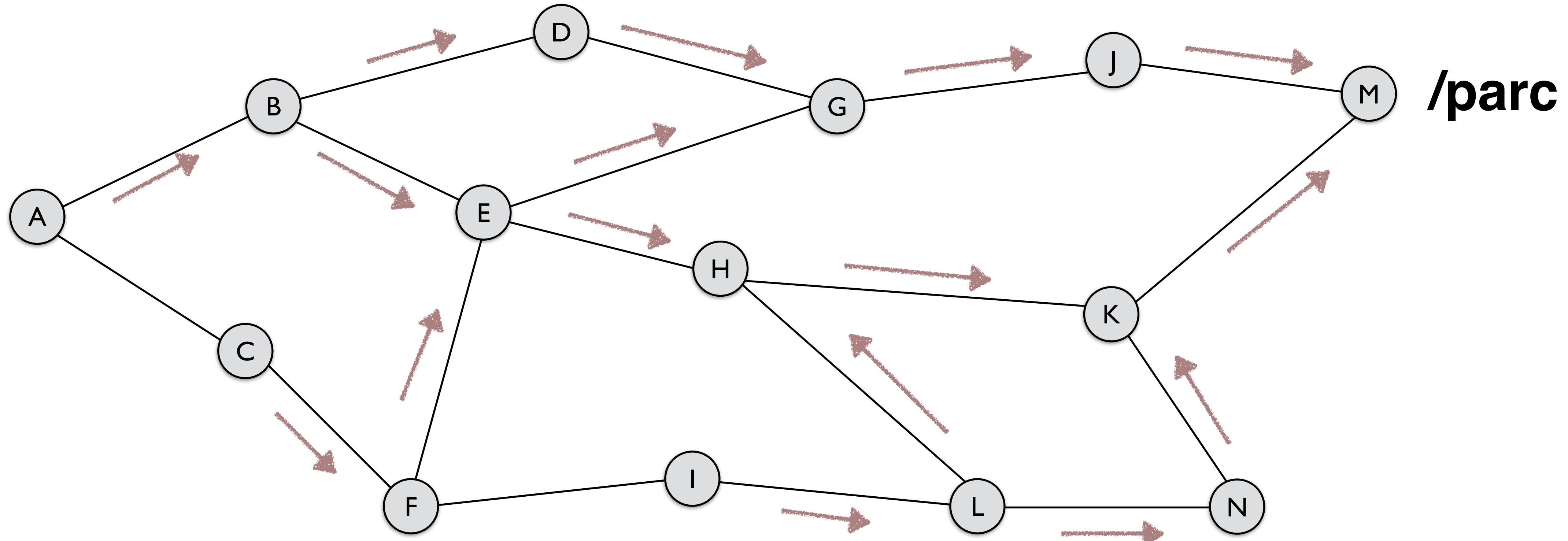
# Rethink the stack?

# Network abstraction



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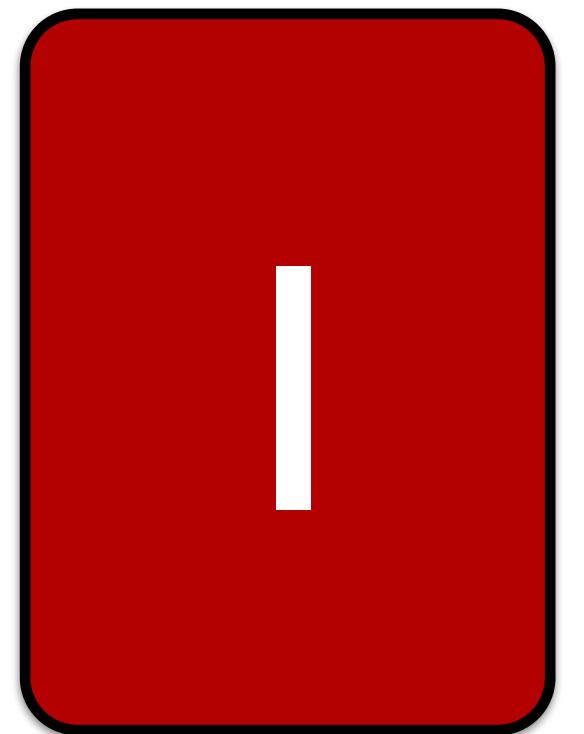
# Names are advertised via routing



Routes are set up pointing to M for prefix **/parc**

# Core protocol

An Interest Message



A request for a named  
piece of content

A Content Message



A reply with a named  
piece of content



# CCNx names

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globally routable  
name segments

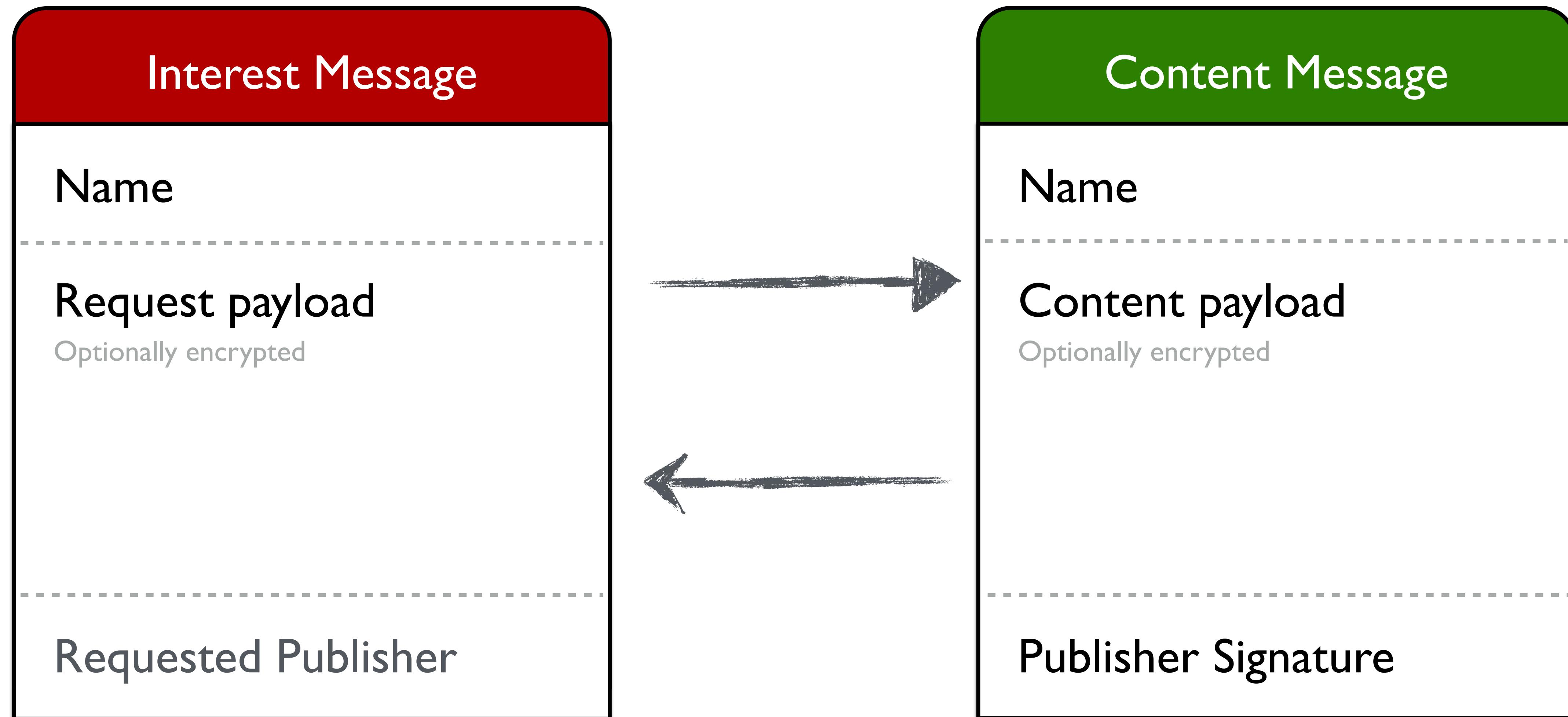
system / application  
dependent name segments

protocol dependent  
name segments

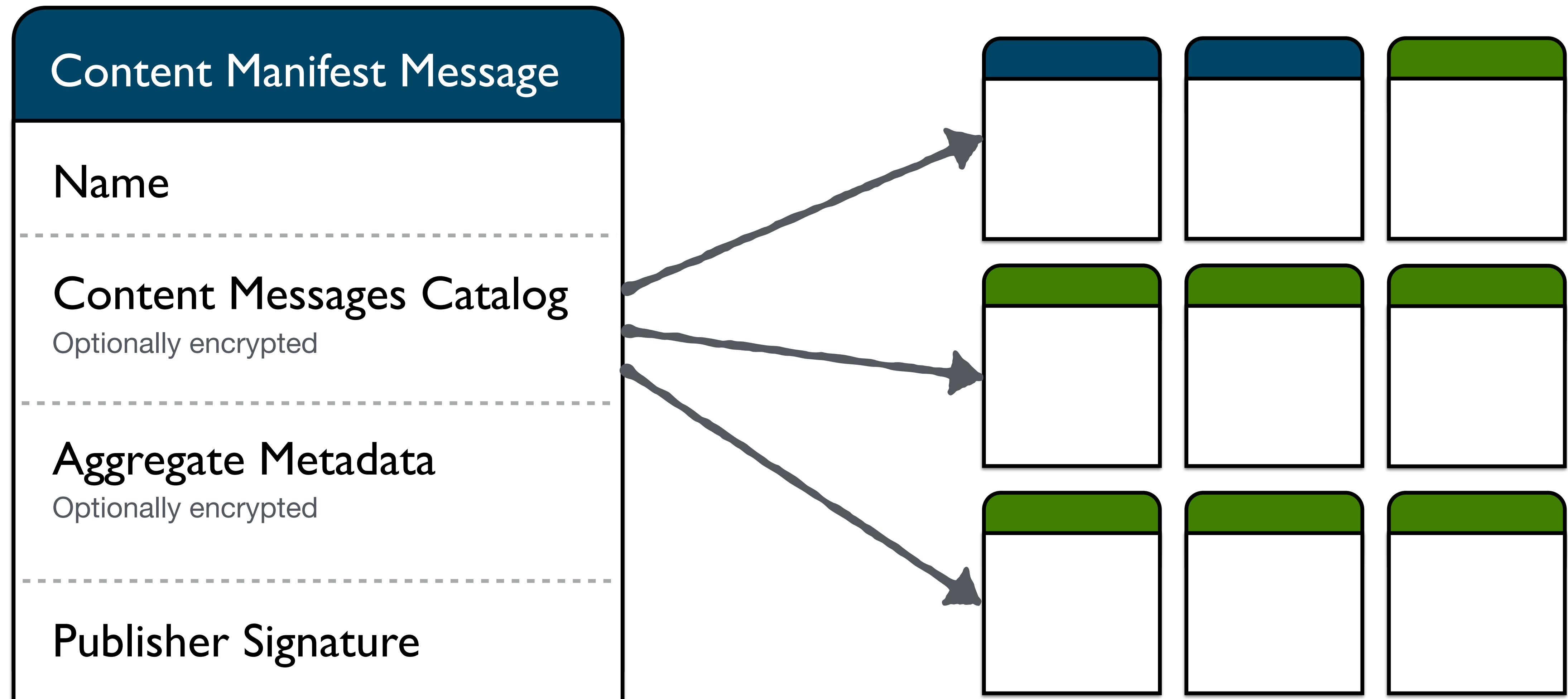
**Everything has a name**  
**Hierarchical**

**Don't have to be human readable**  
**Replaces IP addresses and ports**

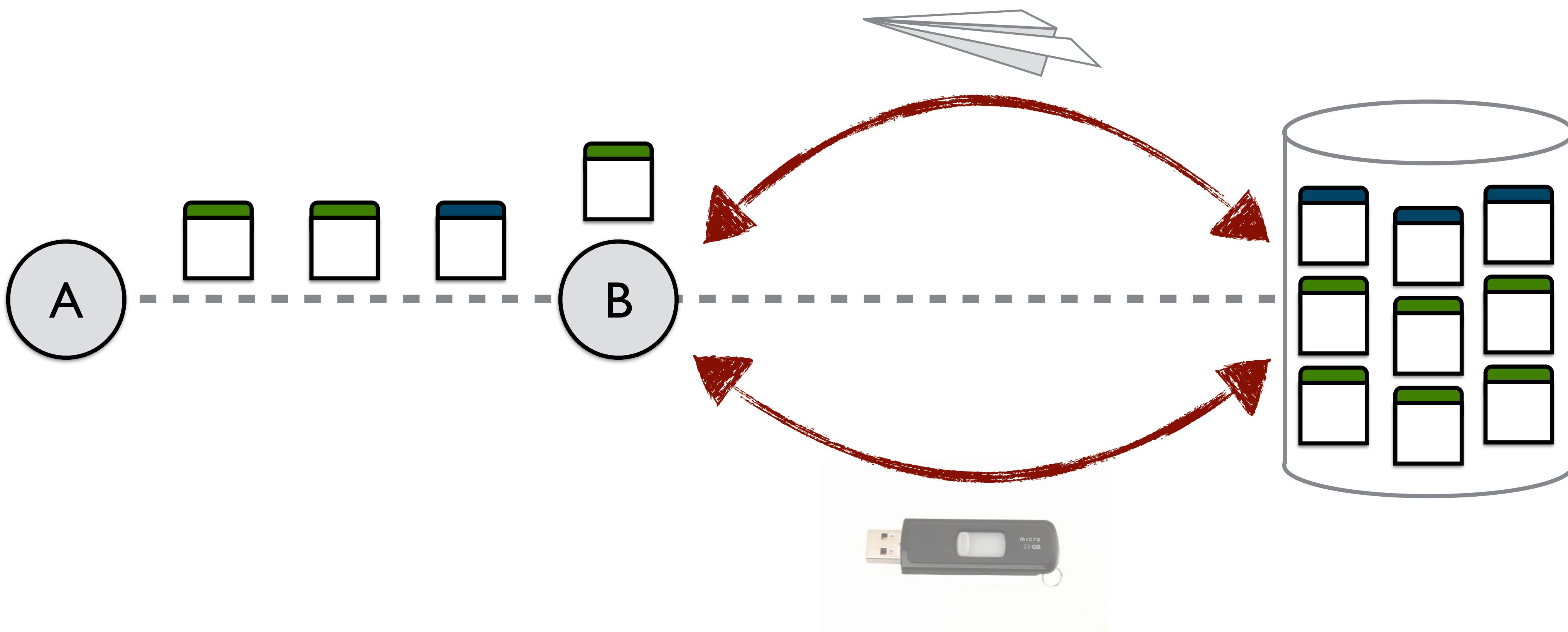
# Core messages



# Network data structures



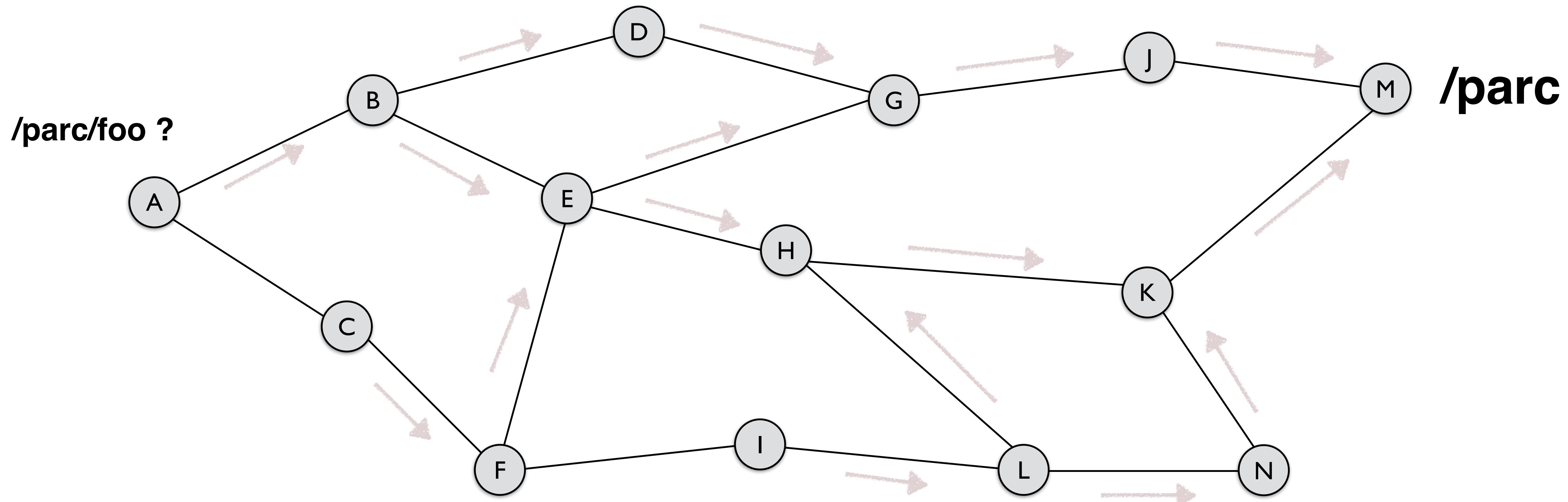
# Unifying network and storage



Messages are secure  
(in motion and at rest)

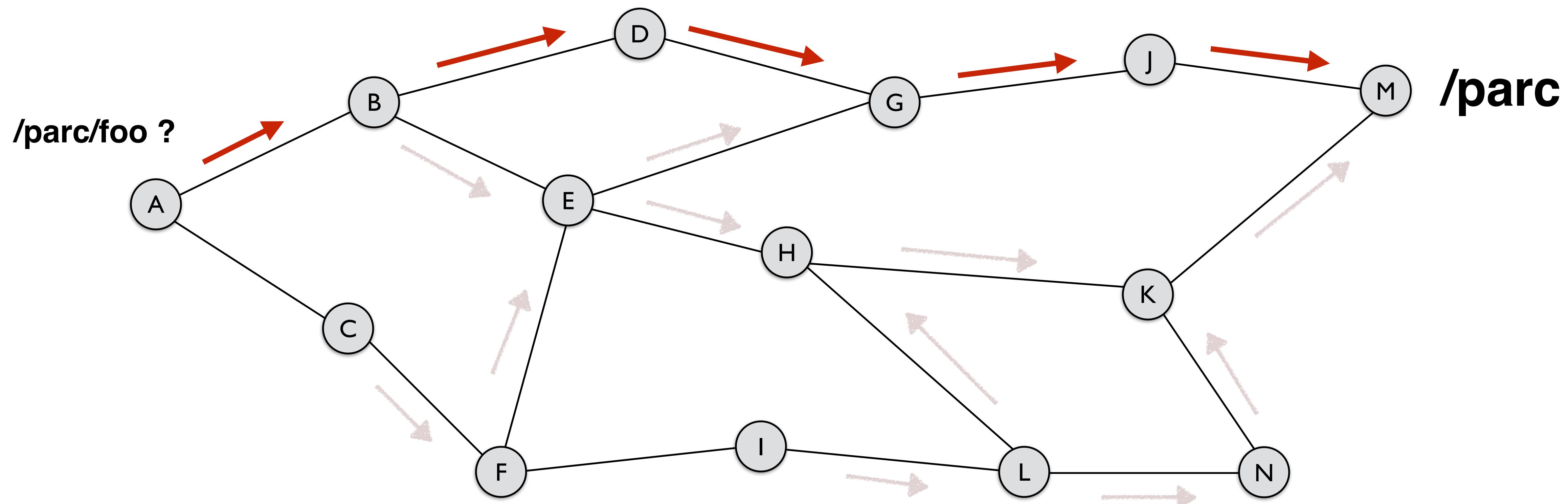
Messages are the same  
(in network and in storage)

# A simple example



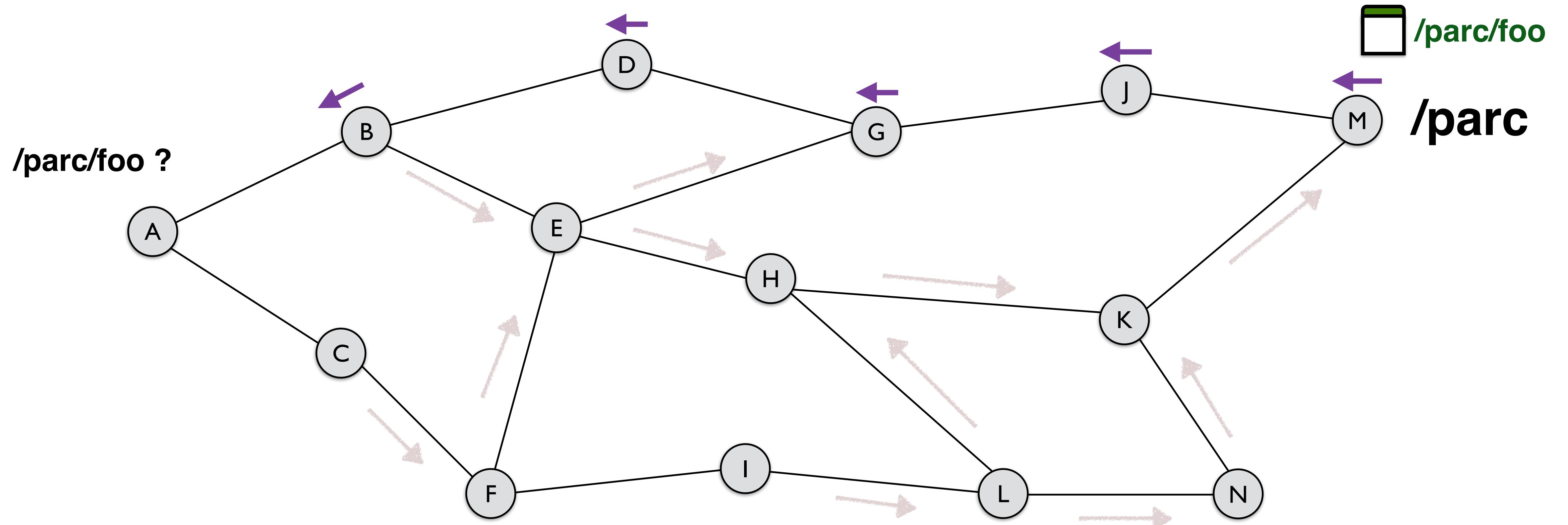
Node A has a request for /parc/foo - issues an interest

# Interests follow the advertised route



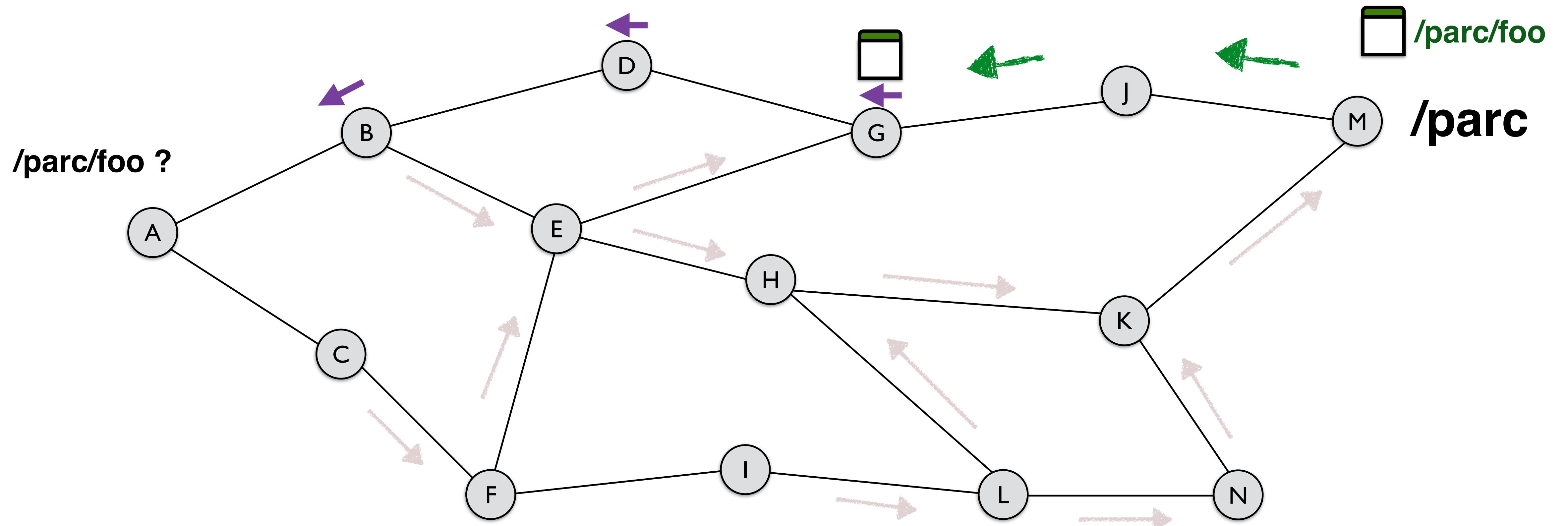
Interests are forwarded towards the node that advertised the name /parc

# Interests leave state along the path



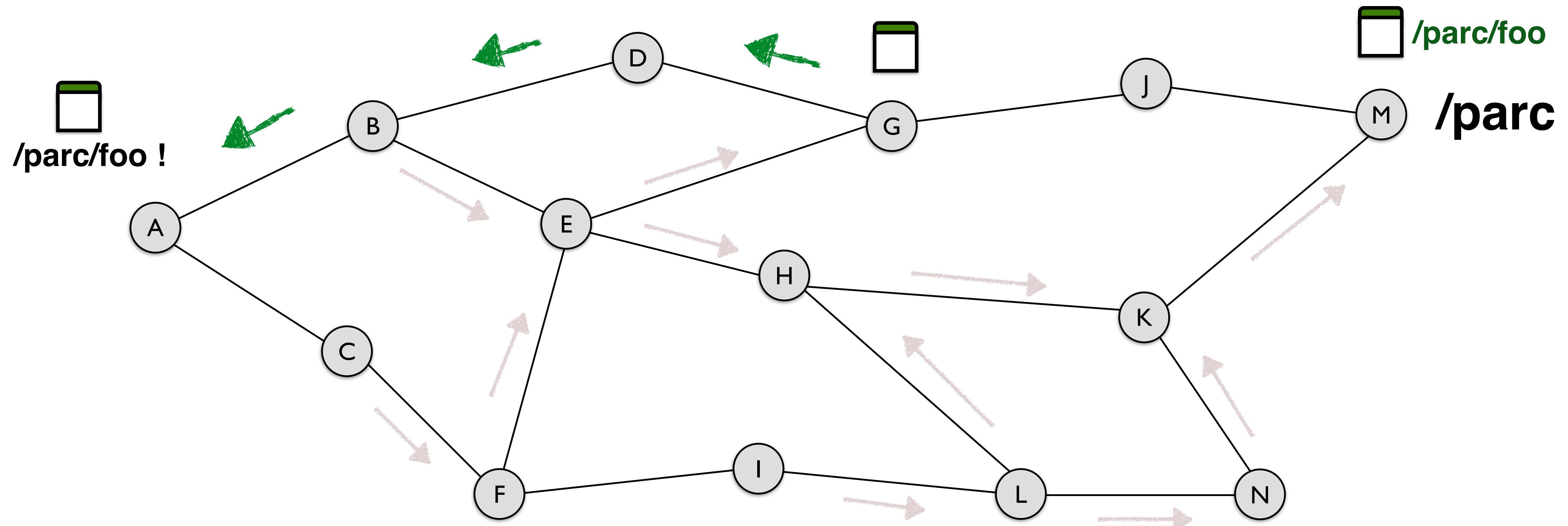
Routers keep information about the reverse path of the request

# Content Messages follow reverse path



Reverse path state gets consumed as Content Messages flow

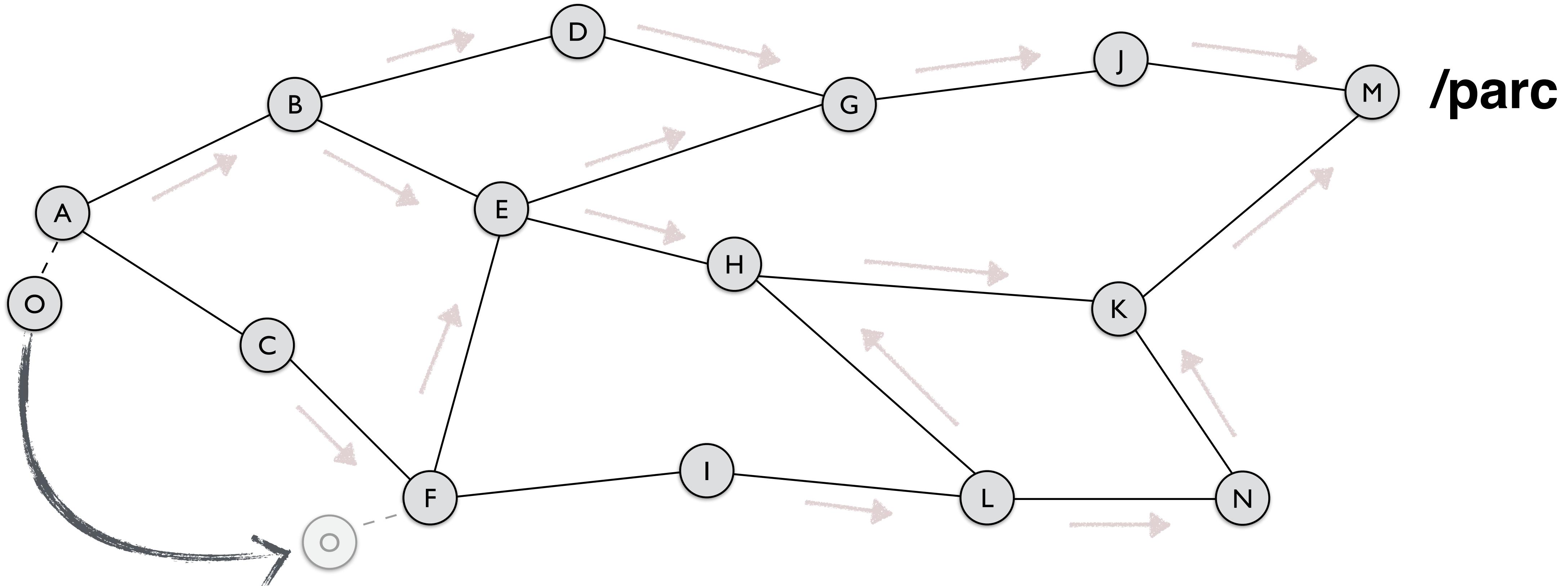
# Nodes can cache Content Messages



Caching reduces load on network

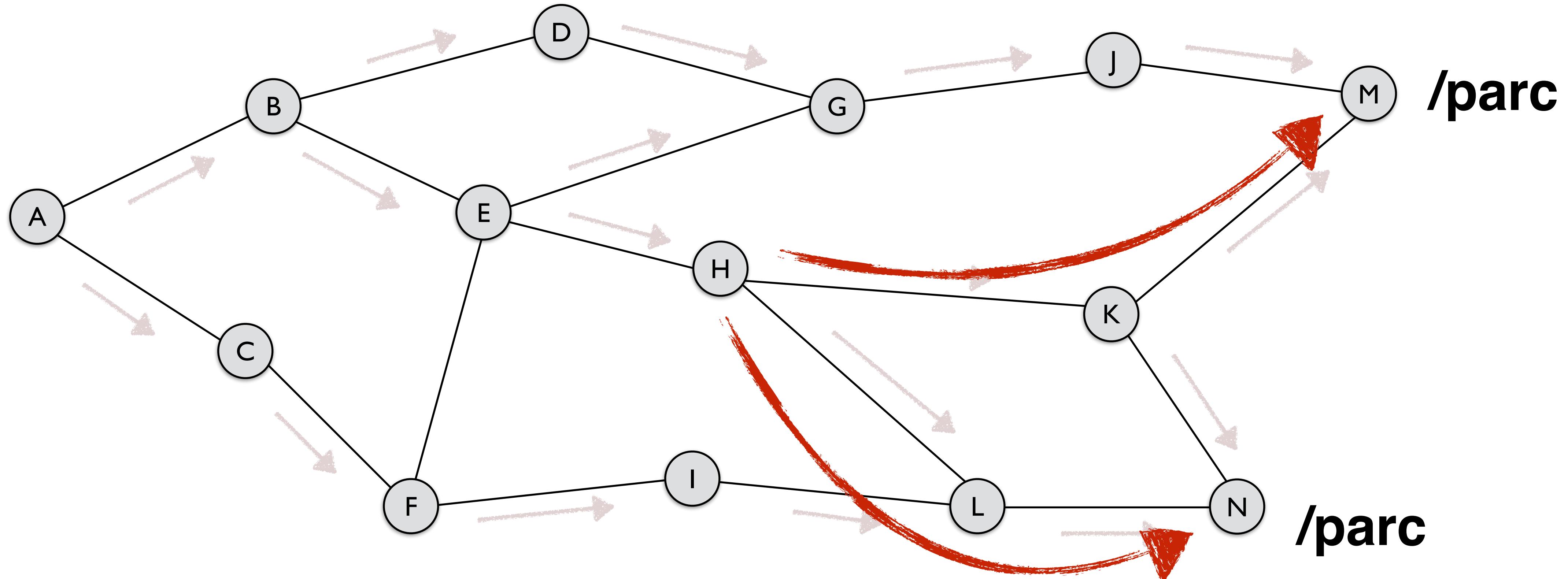
Caching makes error recovery more efficient (local retransmissions)

# Simple mobility



Reverse path routing allows for seamless reattachment

# Load-balancing, redundancy and failover



With multi source, the core protocol allows the network to deliver load balancing, transport redundancy and automatic failover

# Benefits

## Secure and Resilient

Individual content objects secure in motion and at rest

Network not susceptible to IP style network attacks

## Flexible and Efficient

Base network offers load balancing, redundancy and failover

Can handle heavy loads and perform local repair

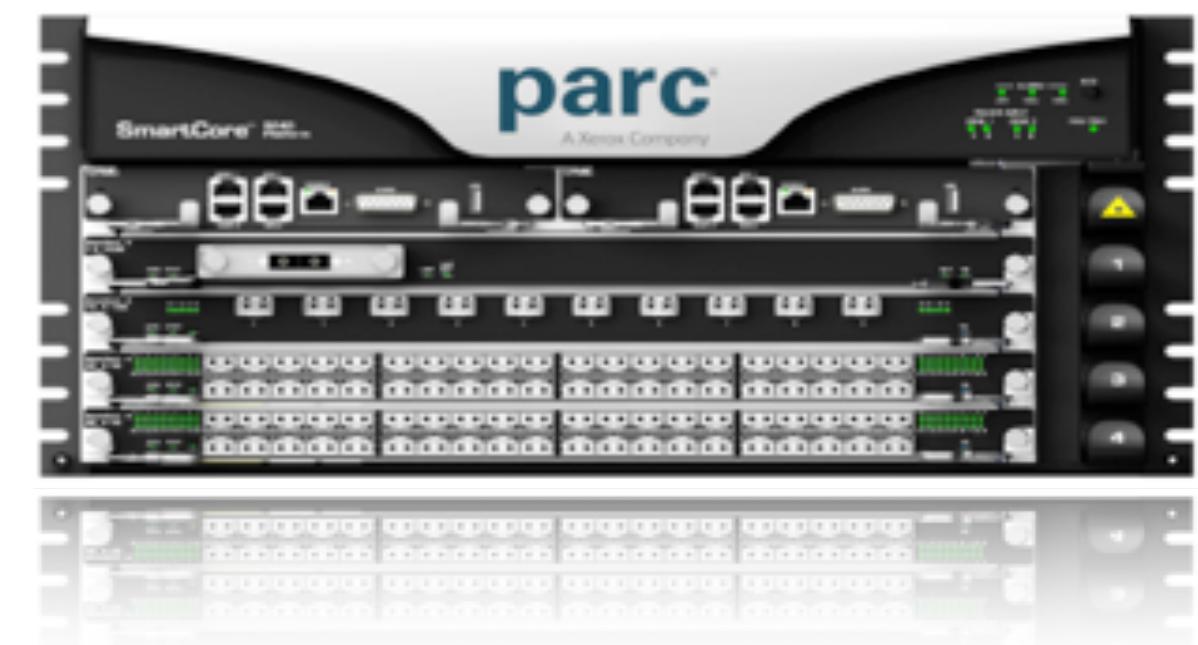
Core protocol and messages scale up and down

## Extensible and Comprehensive

Modular APIs to access network functions and services

Common data structures between network, APIs and applications

# Sensors, servers and supercomputers



# 5G

# 5G

Flexible  
Expandable  
Indirection  
Mobility  
Security  
Content Distribution  
Management  
Resilient  
Peer-to-peer  
Error recovery  
Disruption Tolerant  
Caching  
Extensible

Communication  
Storage  
Processing

# Content-Centric Networking (CCNx)

Secure and Resilient  
Flexible and Efficient  
Extensible and Comprehensive



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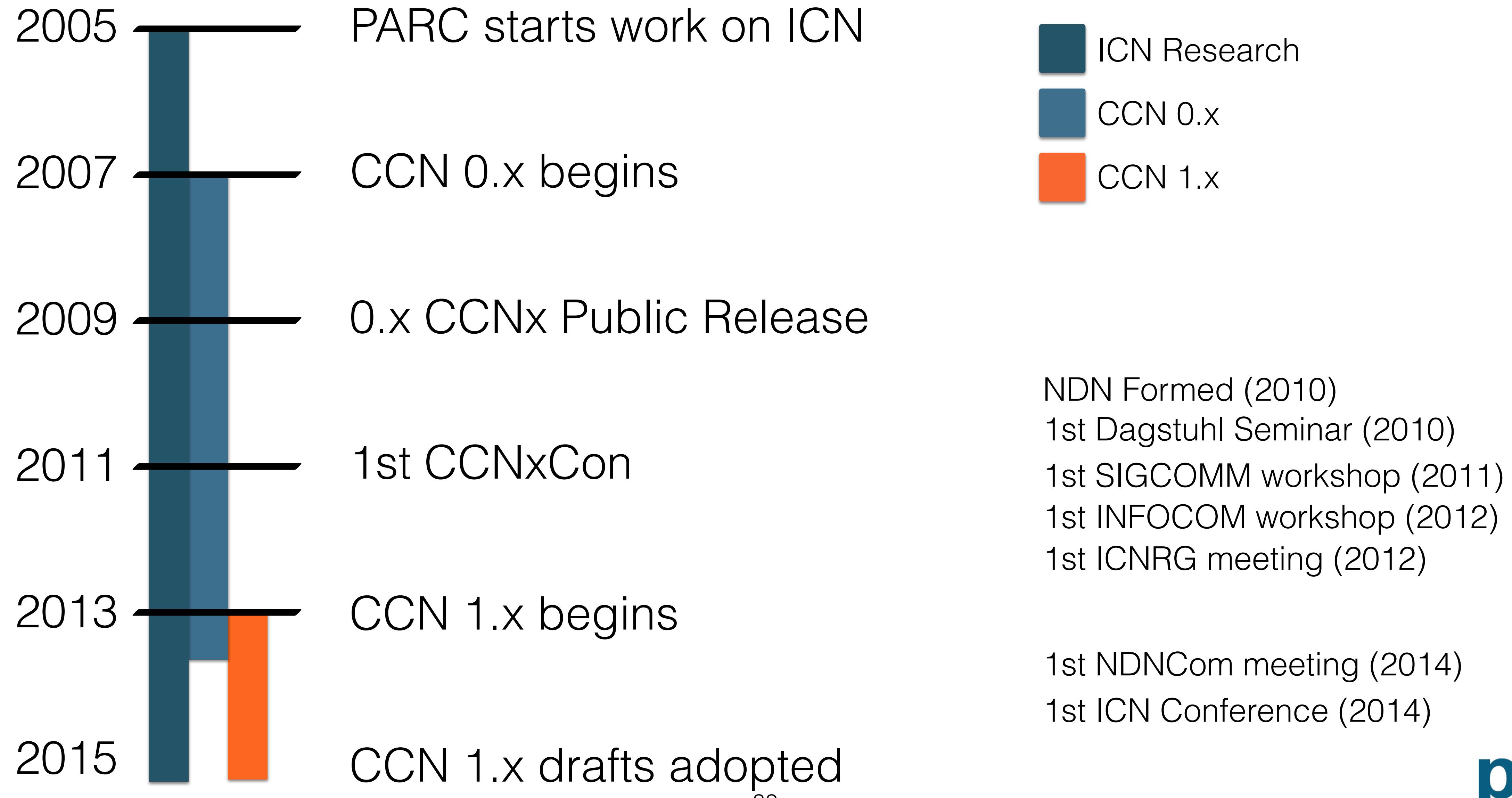
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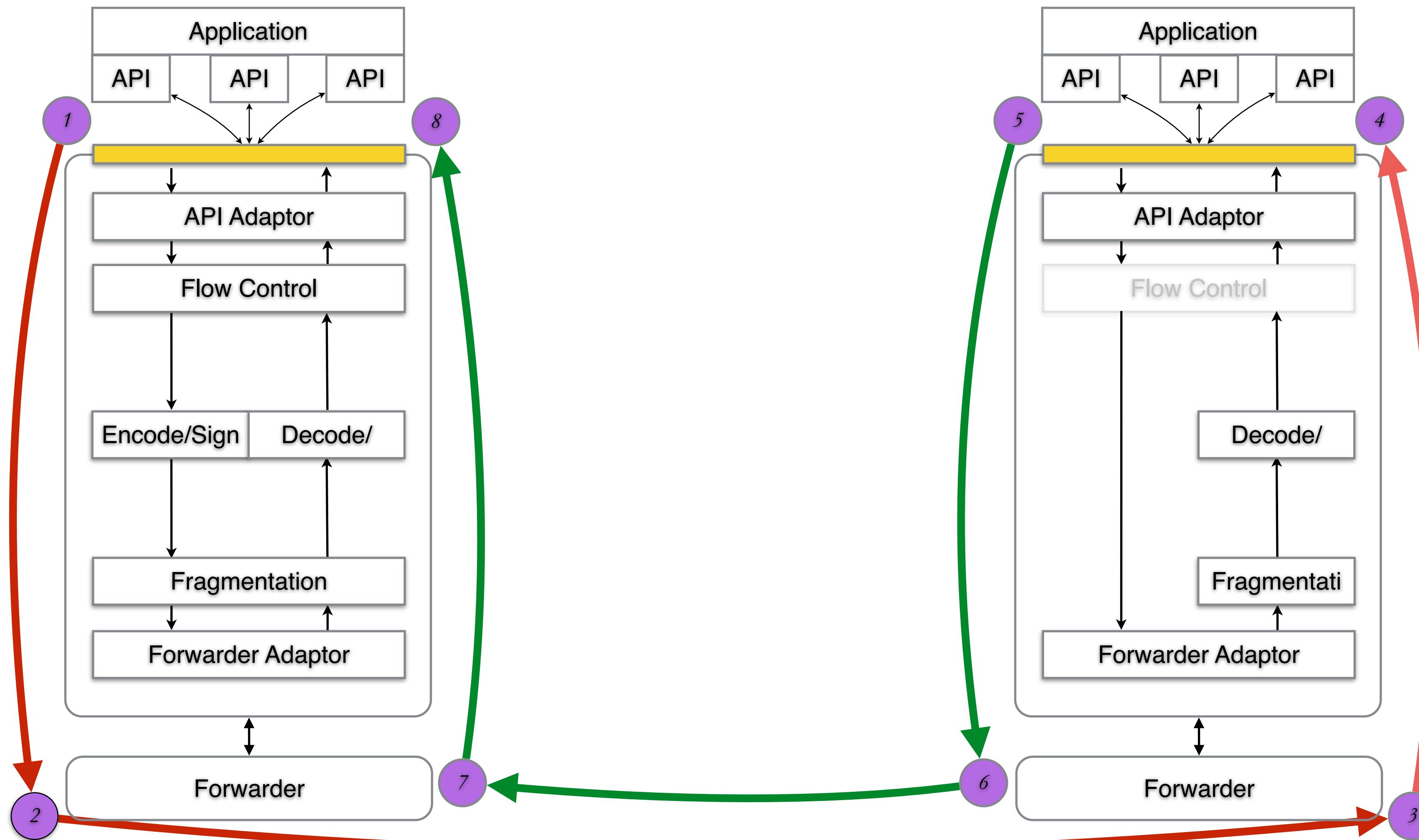
<http://www.ccnx.org/>

# CCNx - Extra Slides

# Timeline

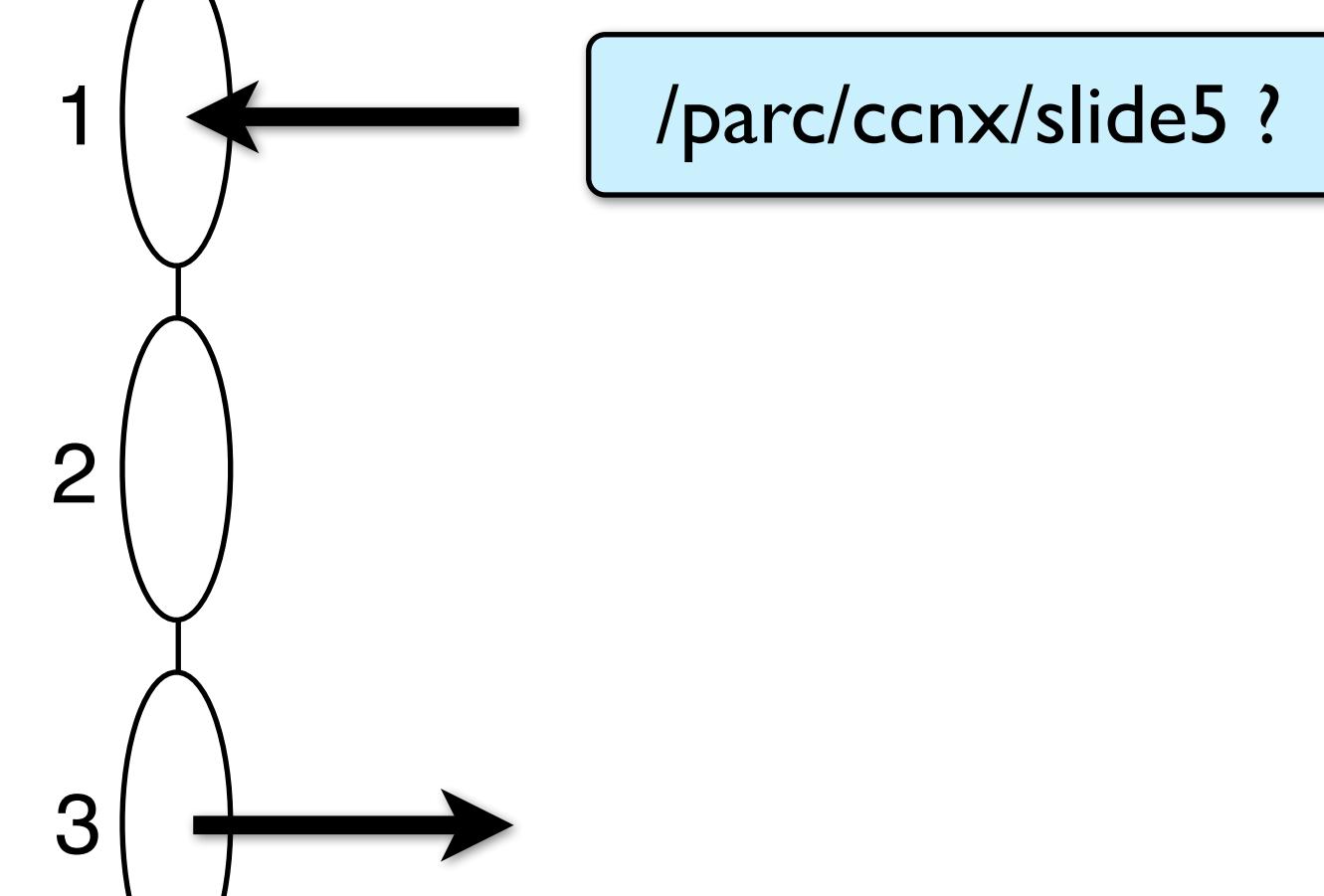
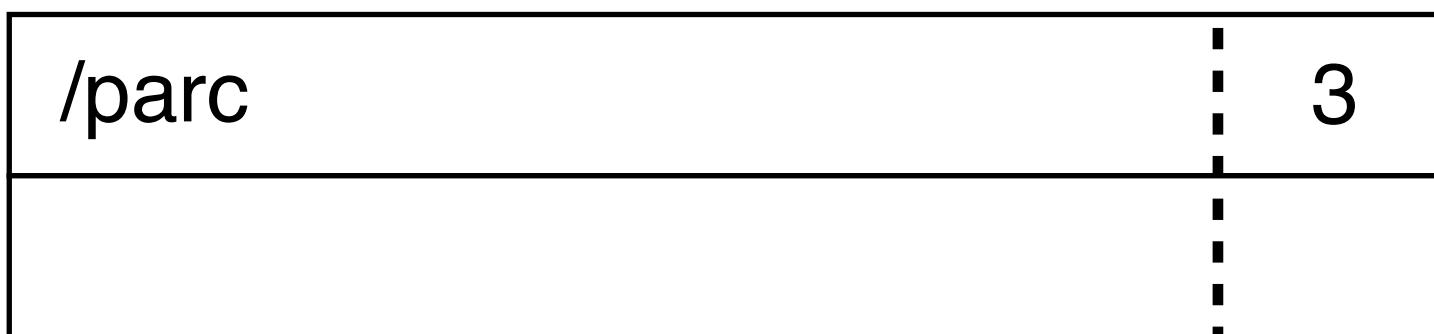


# Transport Stack

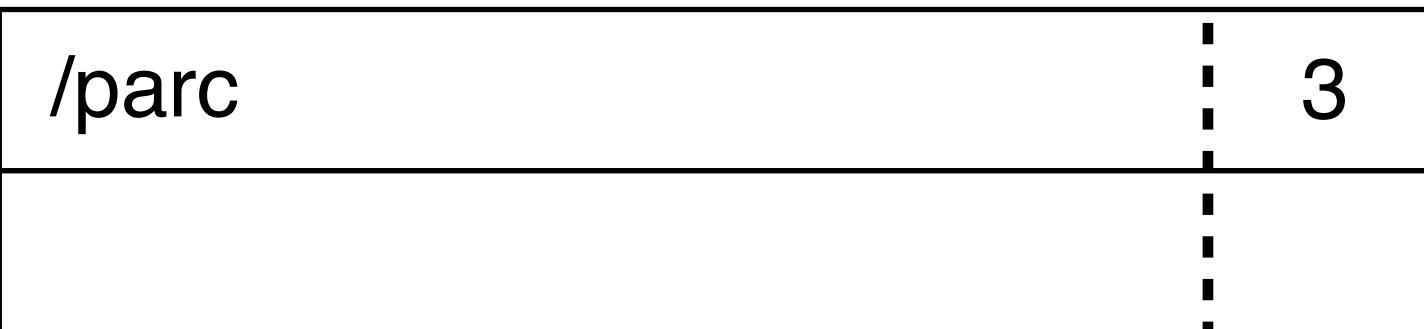


# CCN - Forwarder

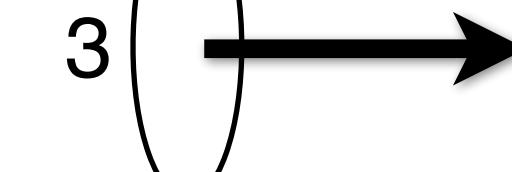
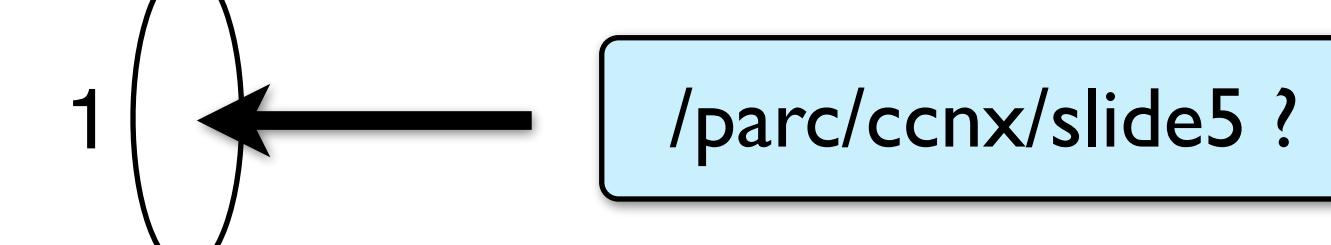
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# PIT



## FIB

/parc	3

## PIT

/parc/ccnx/slide5	1

1

2

3

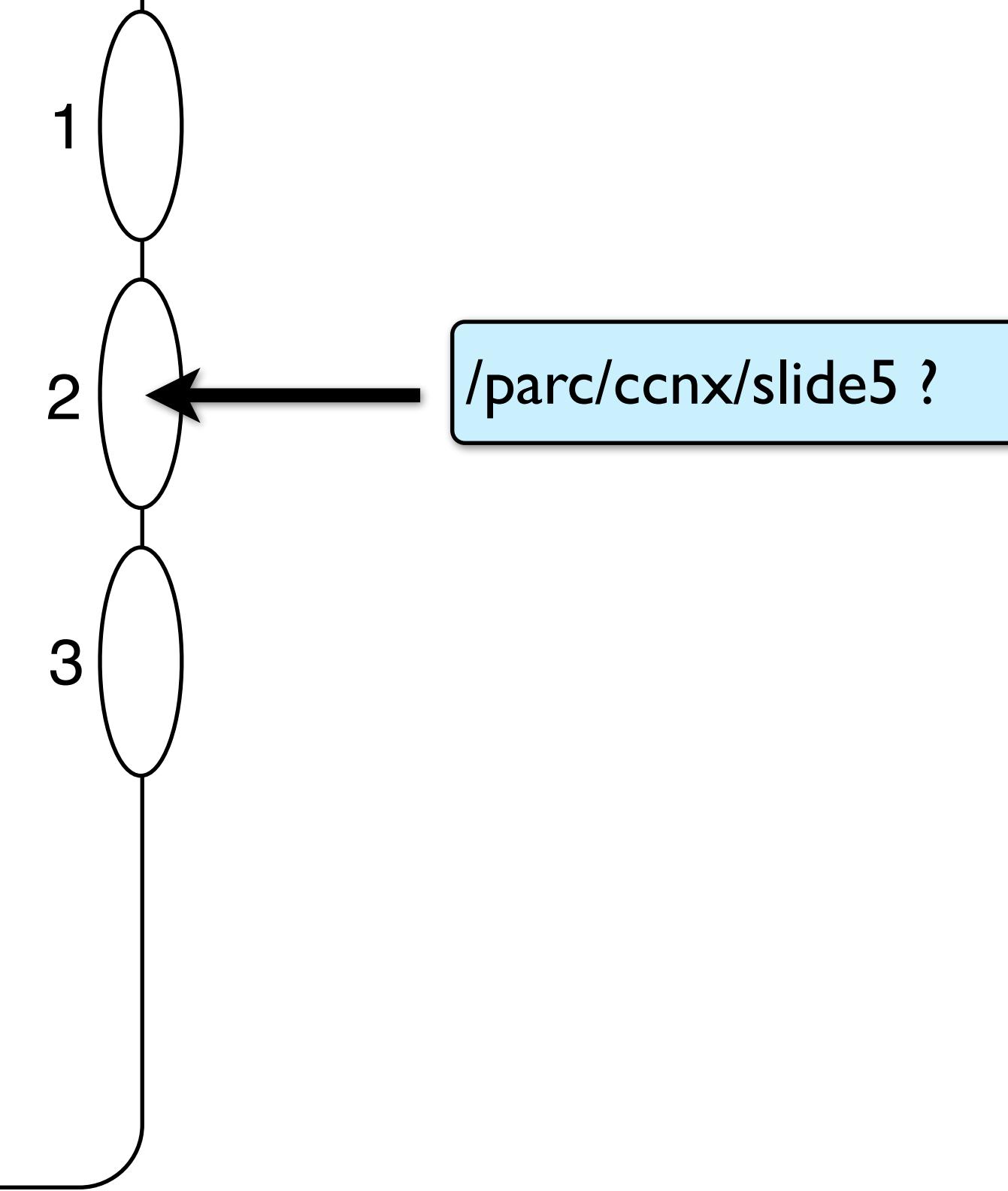
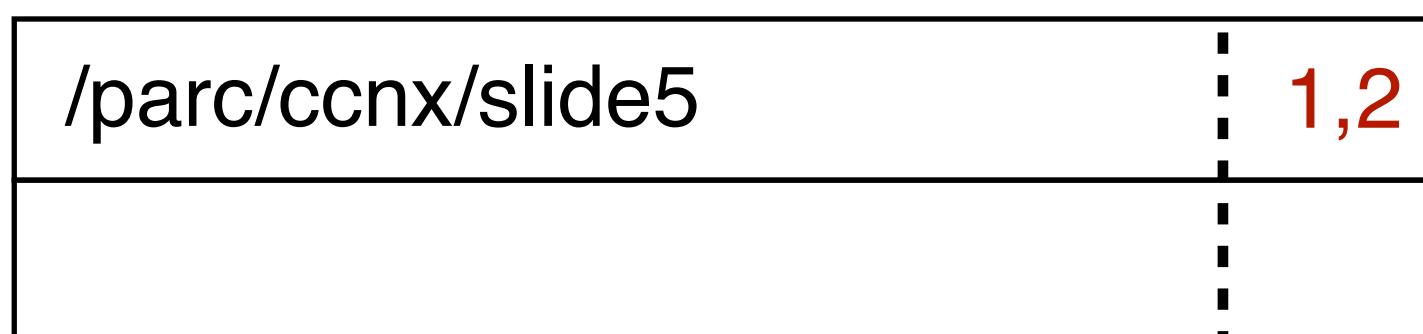
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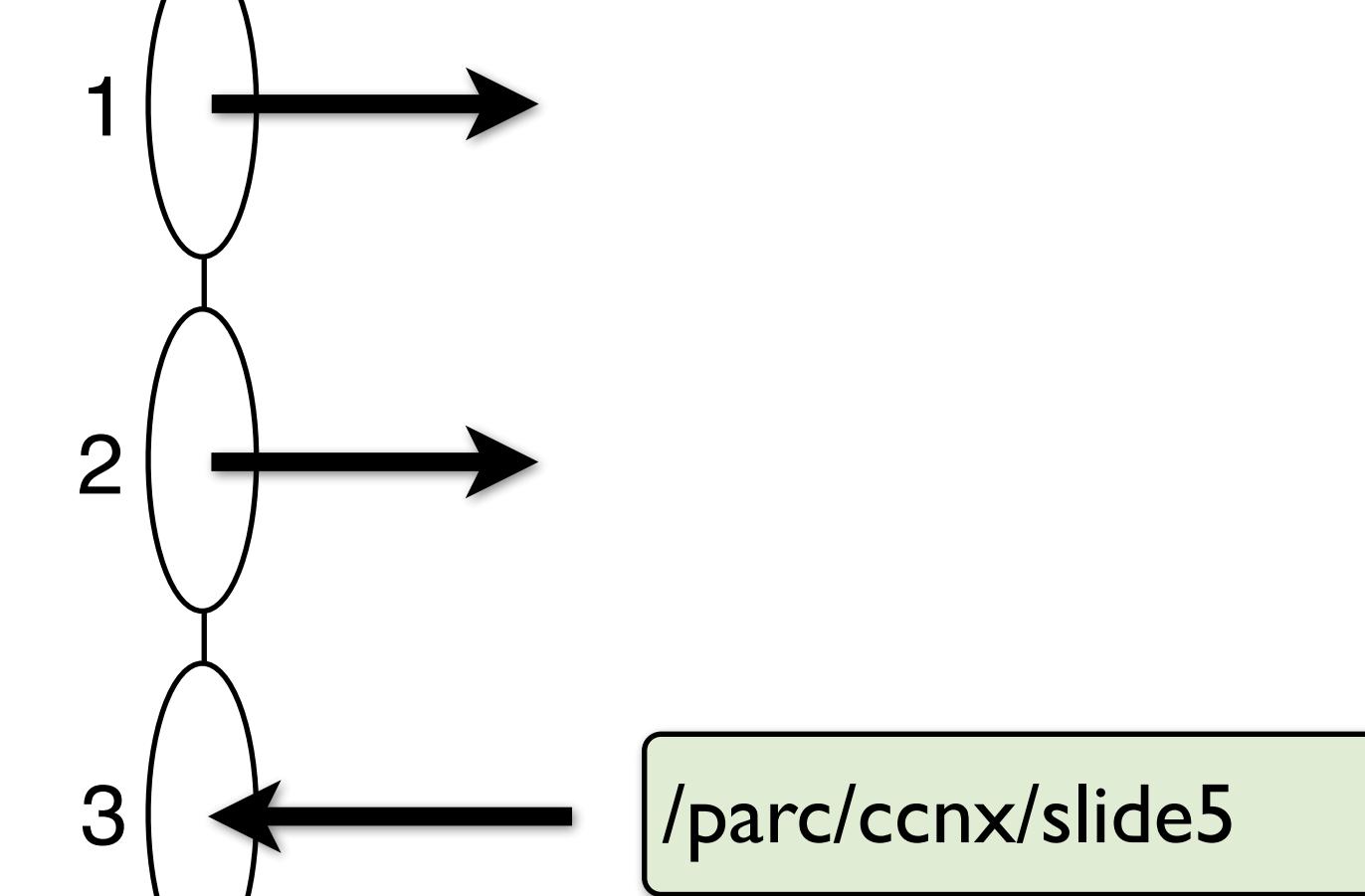
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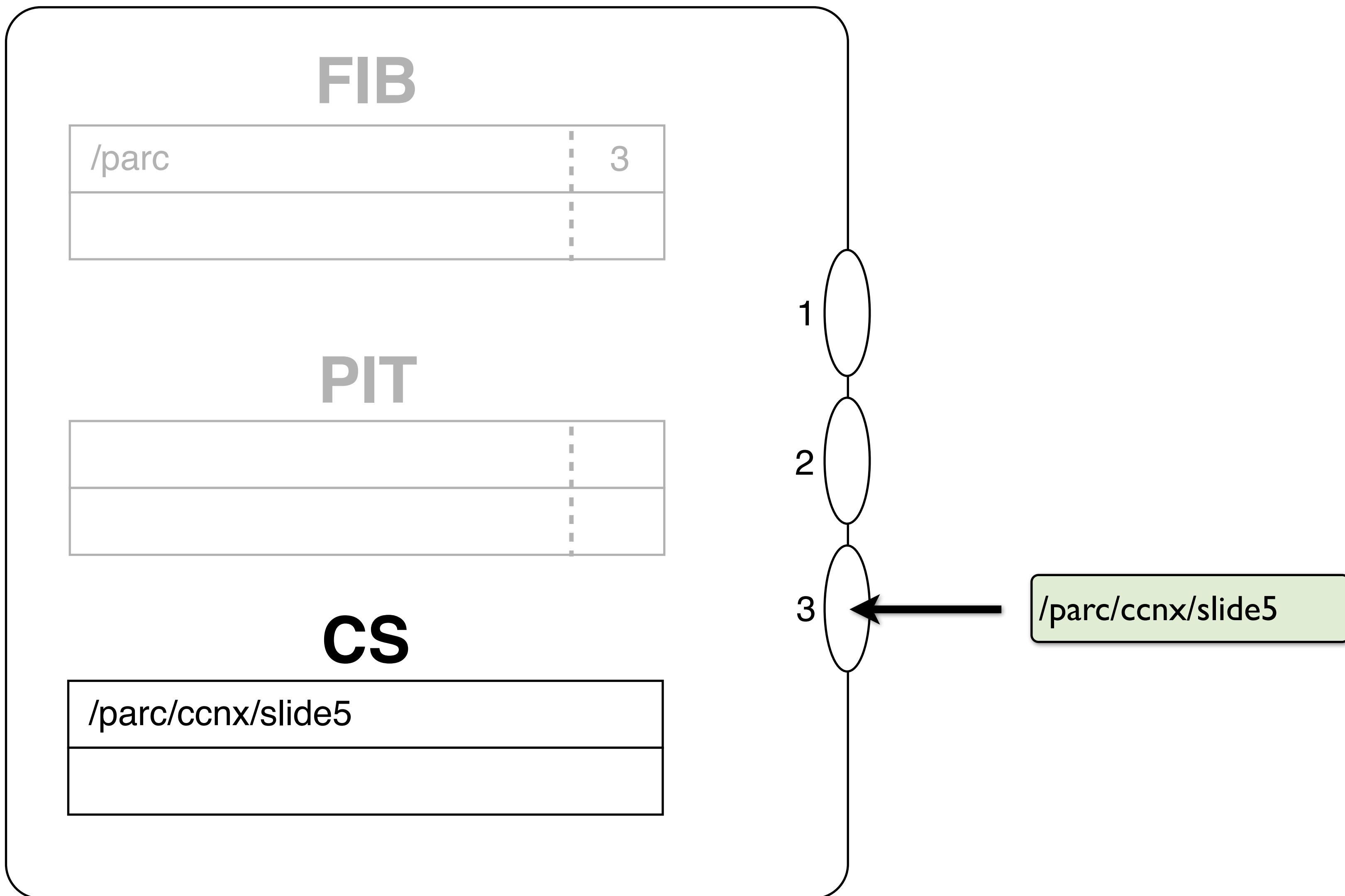


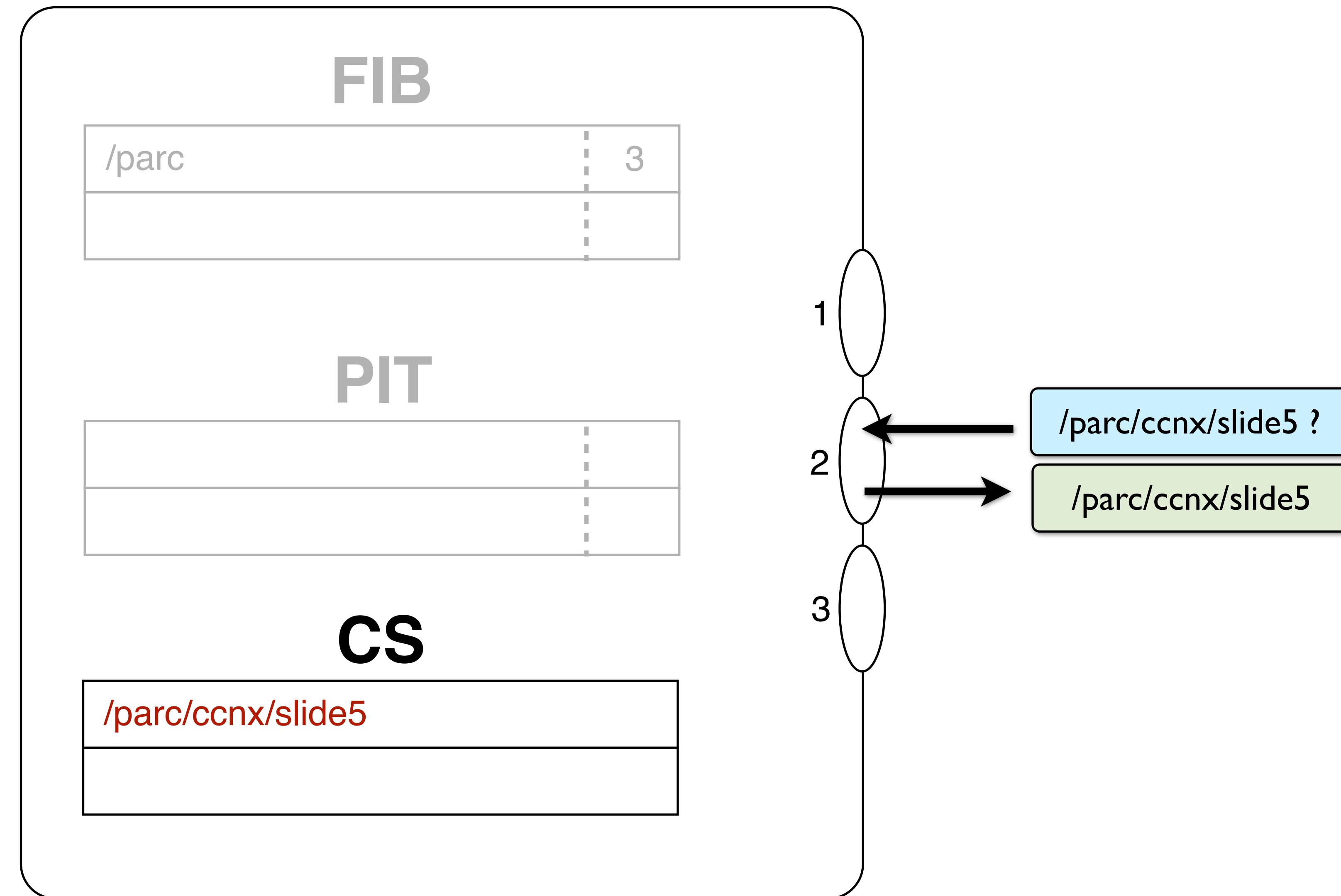
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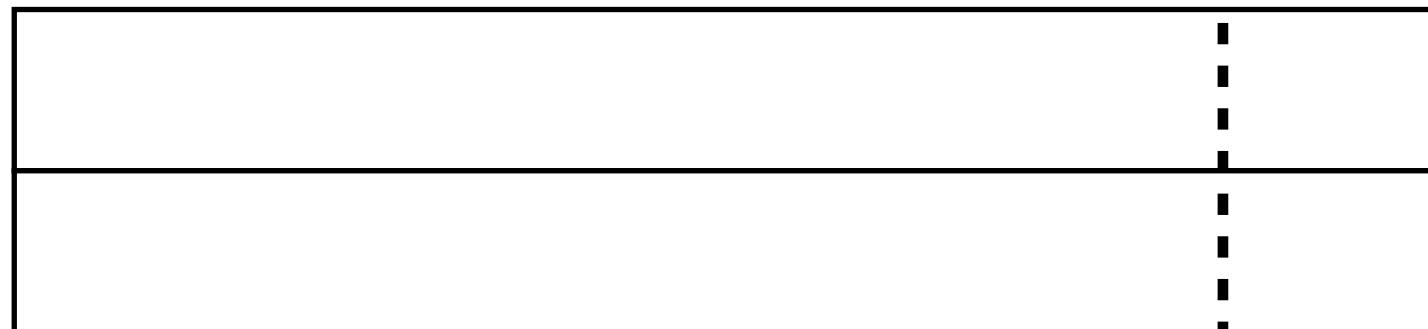
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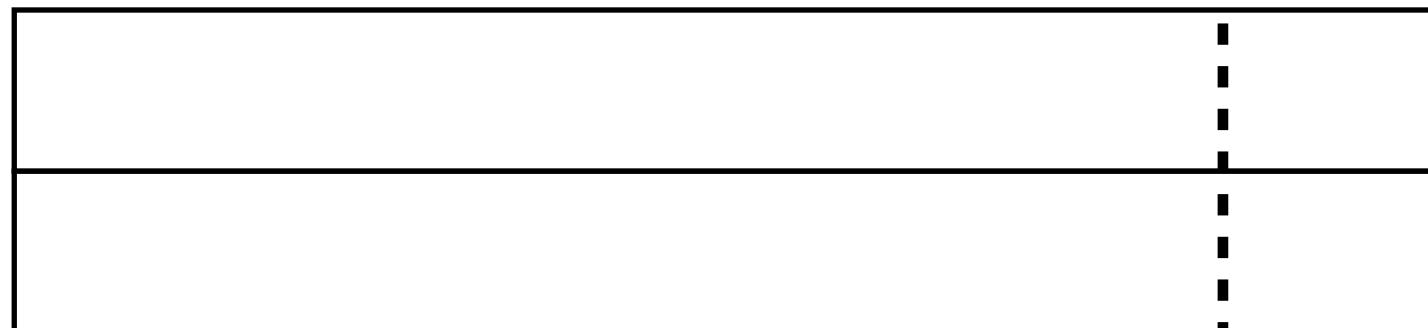
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## Forwarding Information Base

Store information about what face to follow to find a given name

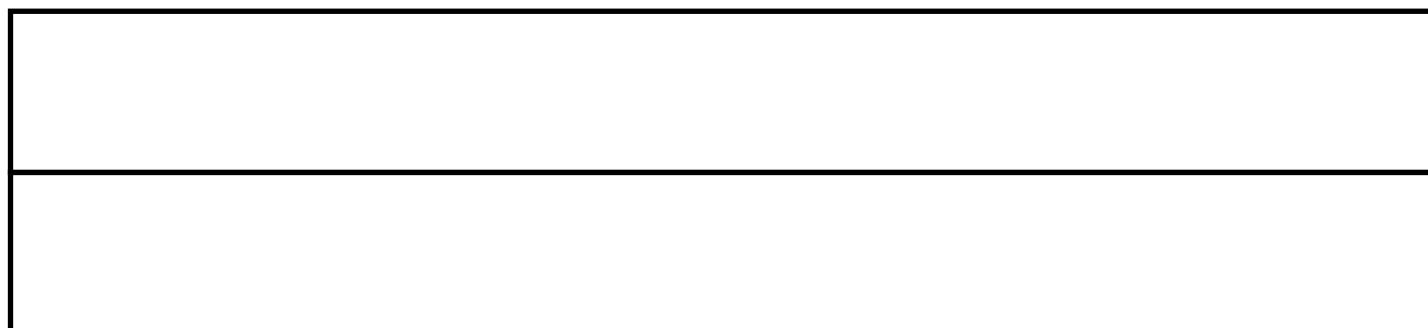
## PIT



## Pending Interest Table

Store information about what interests are pending

## CS



## Content Store

Buffer content objects for potential reuse

- 1
- 2
- 3

# Basic concepts

# CCN overview

## Step 1 - Name the data

Name every piece of network data

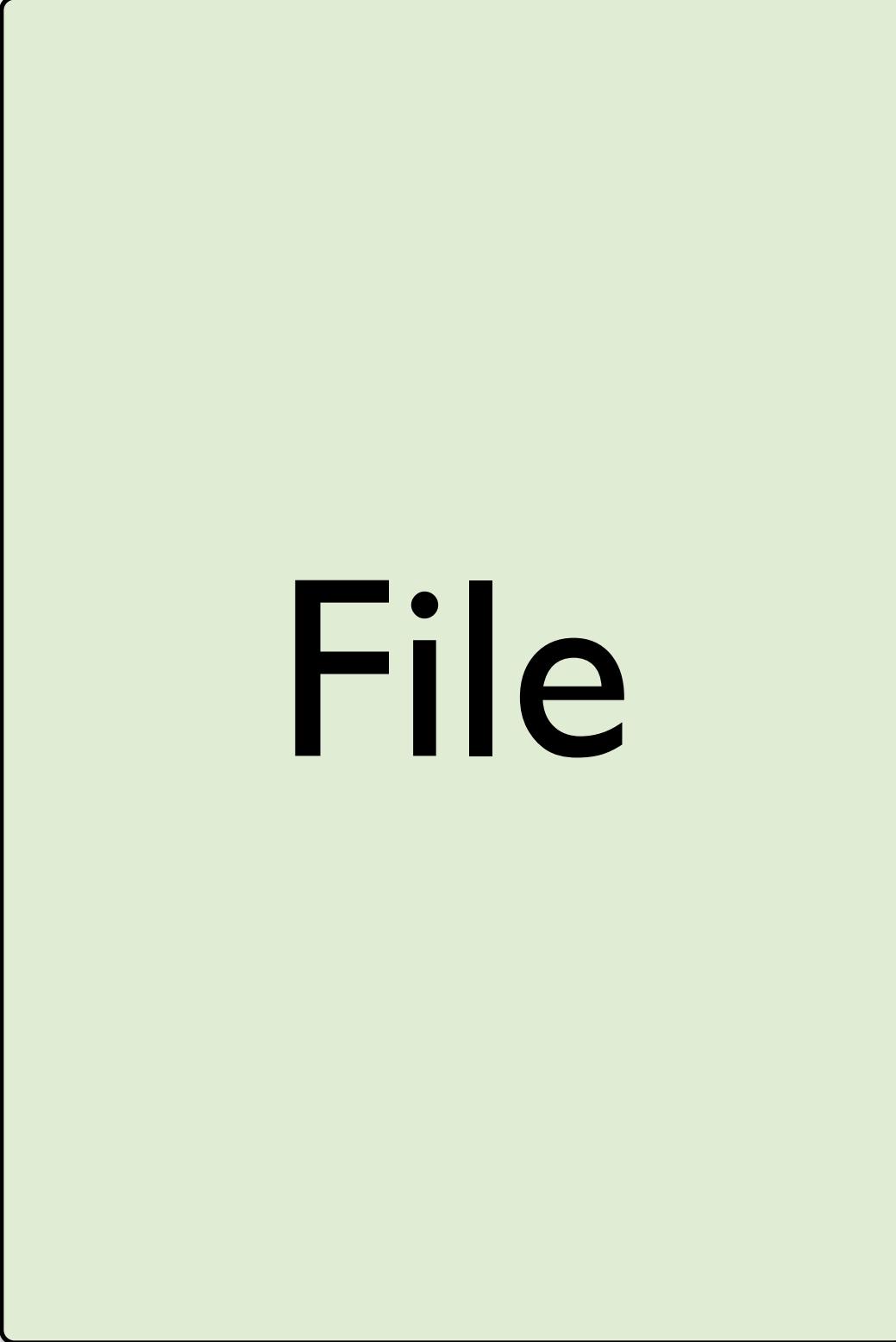
## Step 2 - Secure the data

Secure every piece of network data

## Step 3 - Transfer the data

Move the data to interested recipients

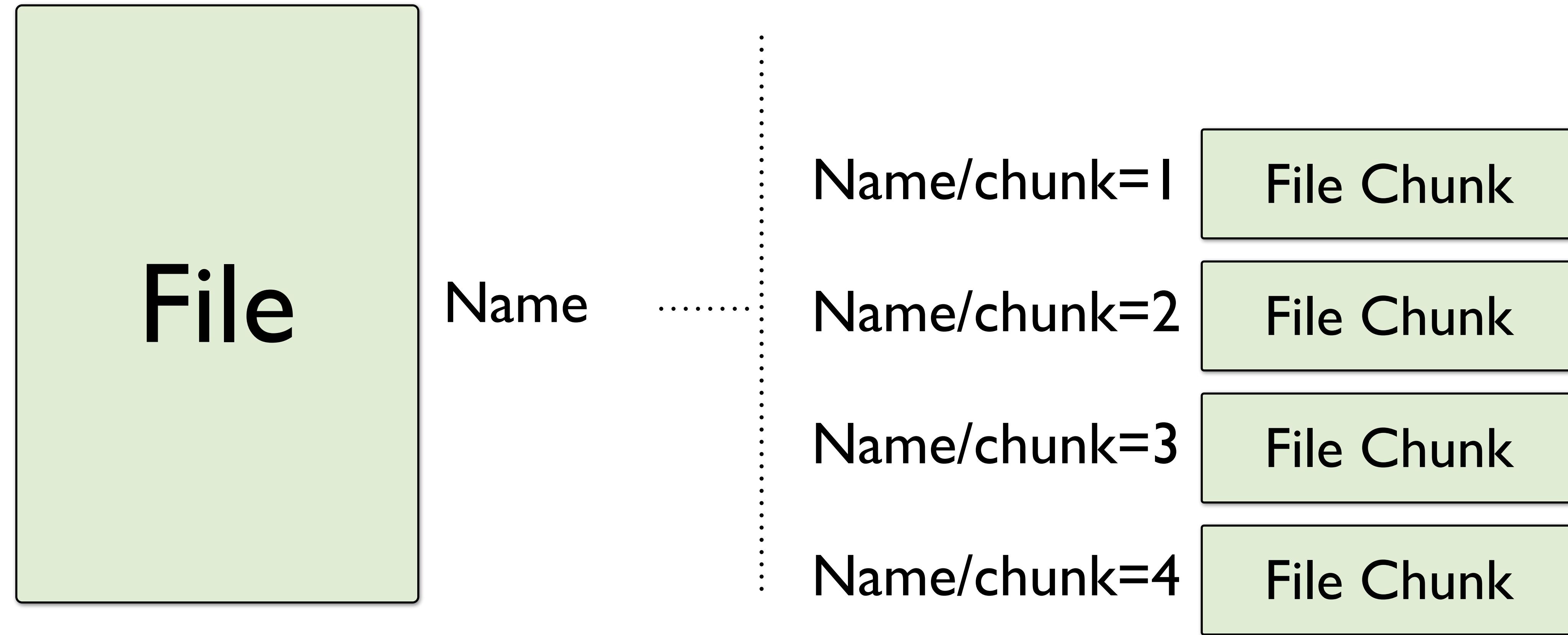
# name data



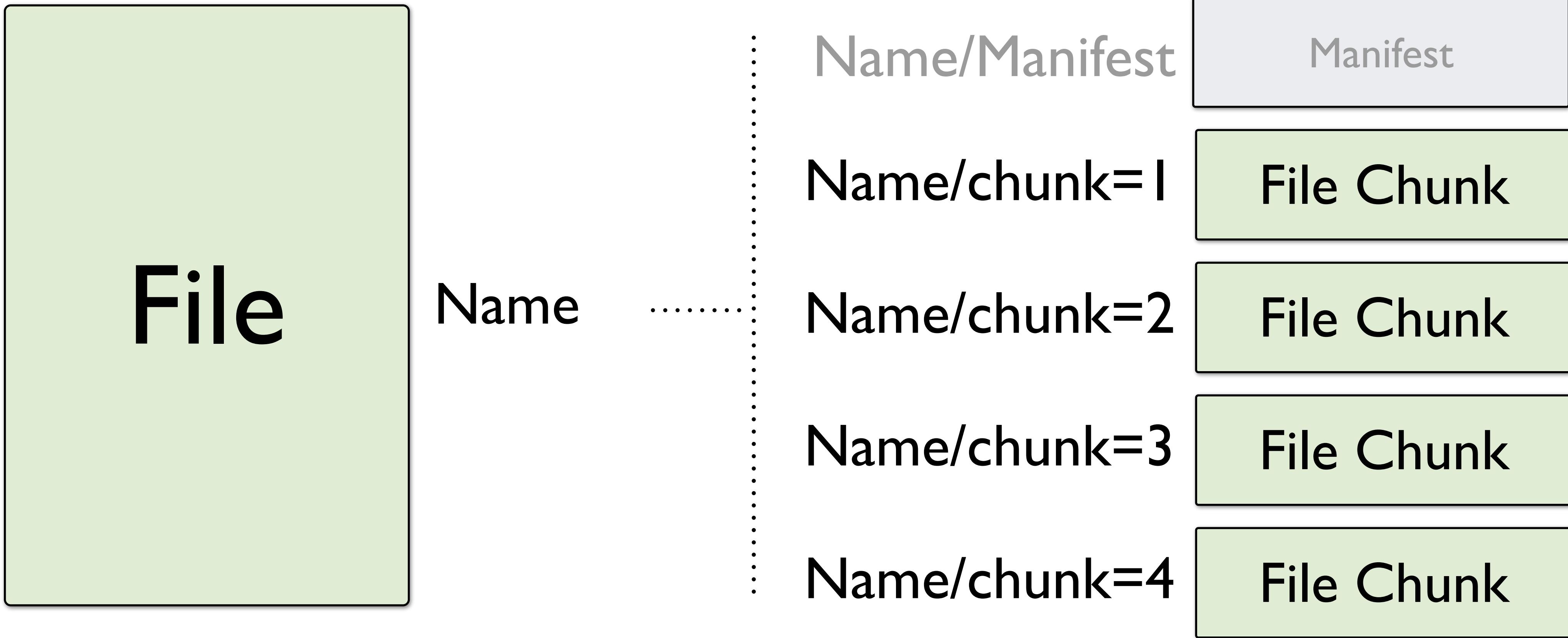
**File**

Name

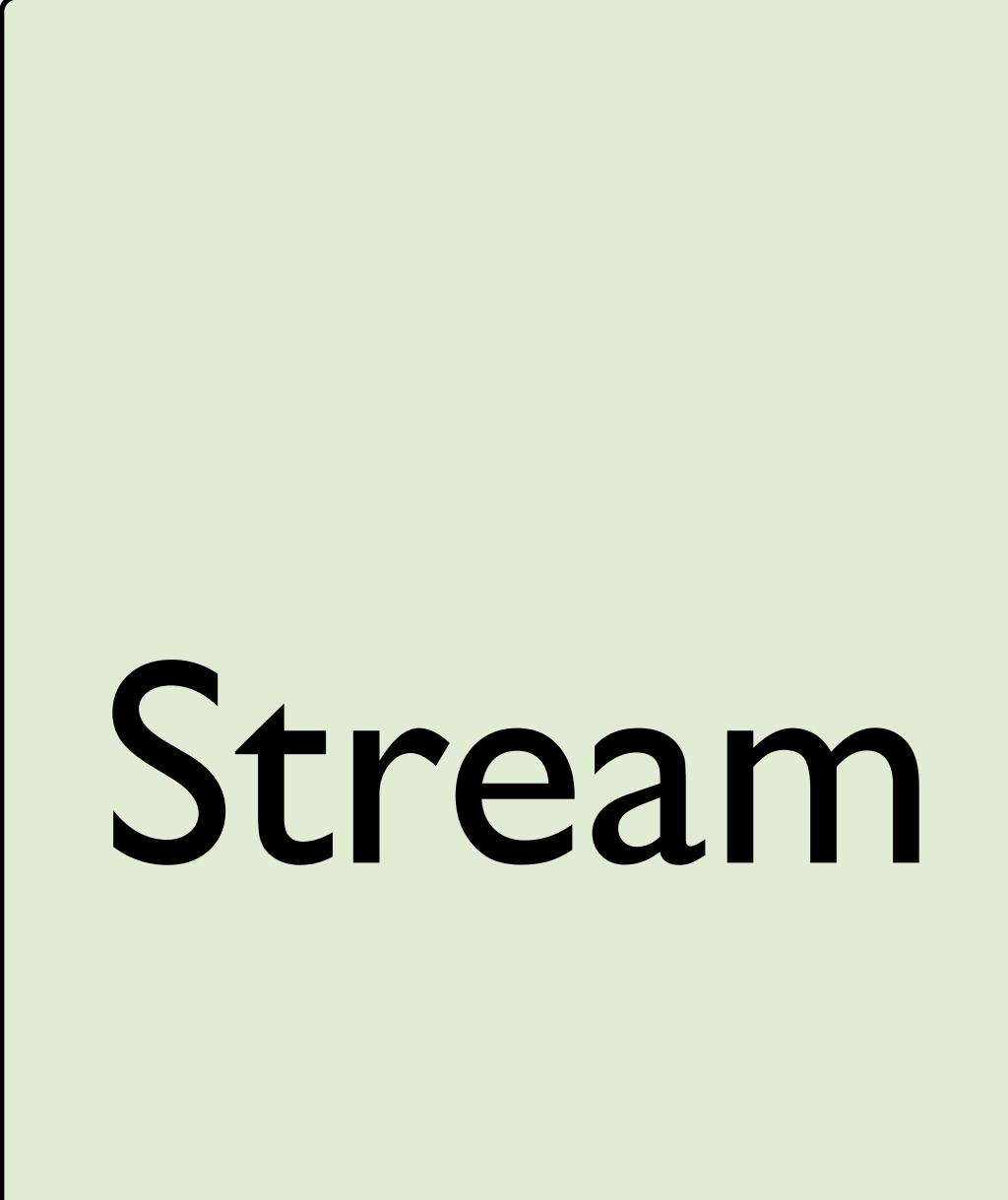
A large object like a file has a CCN name



CCN also names the network sized chunks



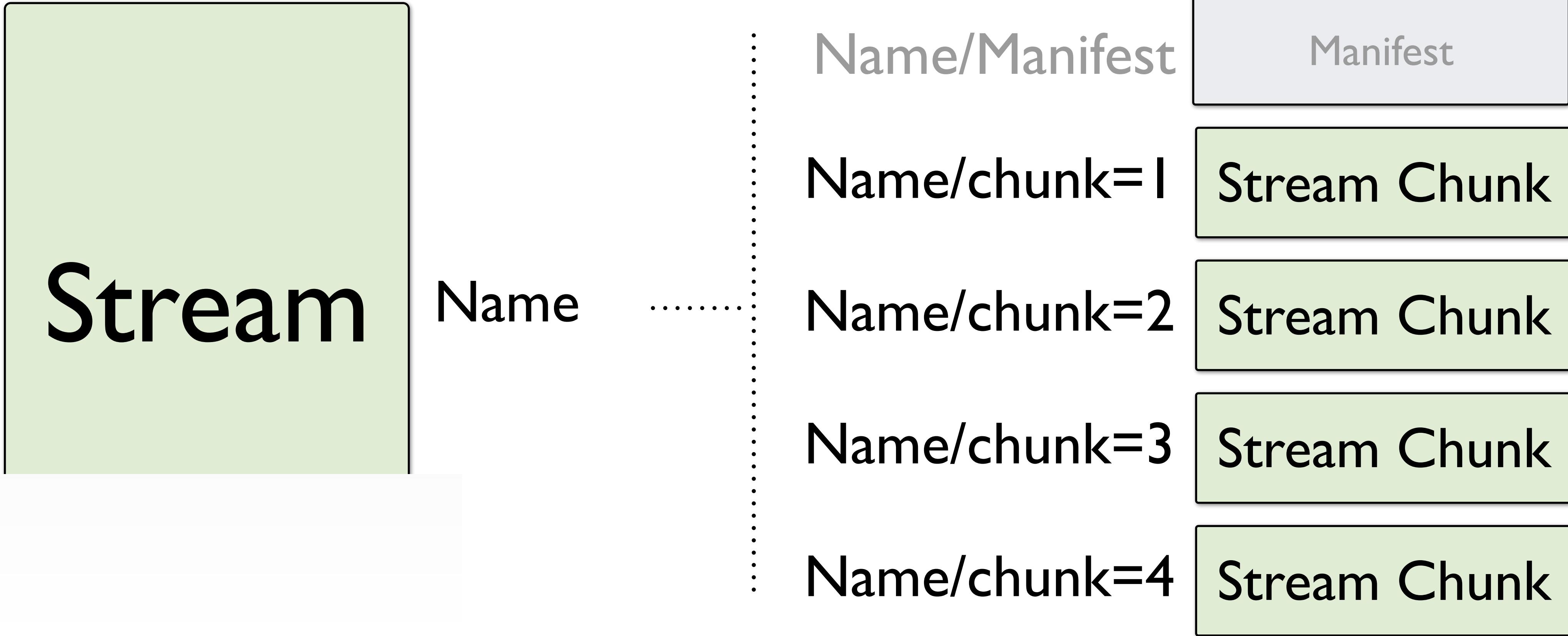
CCN creates a manifest describing the file



**Stream**

Name

A large object like a file has a CCN name



The stream manifest is the metadata for the stream.

# CCN name uses

## Routing/Forwarding

Find the source of the data

## Matching

Determine equivalence

## Demultiplex

Choose between options

## Structure

Inherent information

# CCN name format

**Name Segment based**  
Labeled binary segments

**Hierarchical structure**  
Ordered sequence of segments

/seg1/seg2/seg3/seg4

# CCN name example

/parc/ccnx/presentations/slides20/v=2/c=0

globally  
routable  
name segments

application  
dependent  
name segments

protocol  
dependent  
name segments

# CCN name origins

## Routable name segments

Globally coordinated namespace (like domain names)  
Locally coordinated namespace (like subdomains)

## Application name segments

Applications can name their data any way they want (like filenames)

## Protocol name segments

Protocols use conventions in naming to transmit information (like version, chunk number, etc)

# CCN name qualifier

/parc/ccnx/presentations/slides20/v=2/c=0

ContentObjectHash

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hash of the  
content object  
message

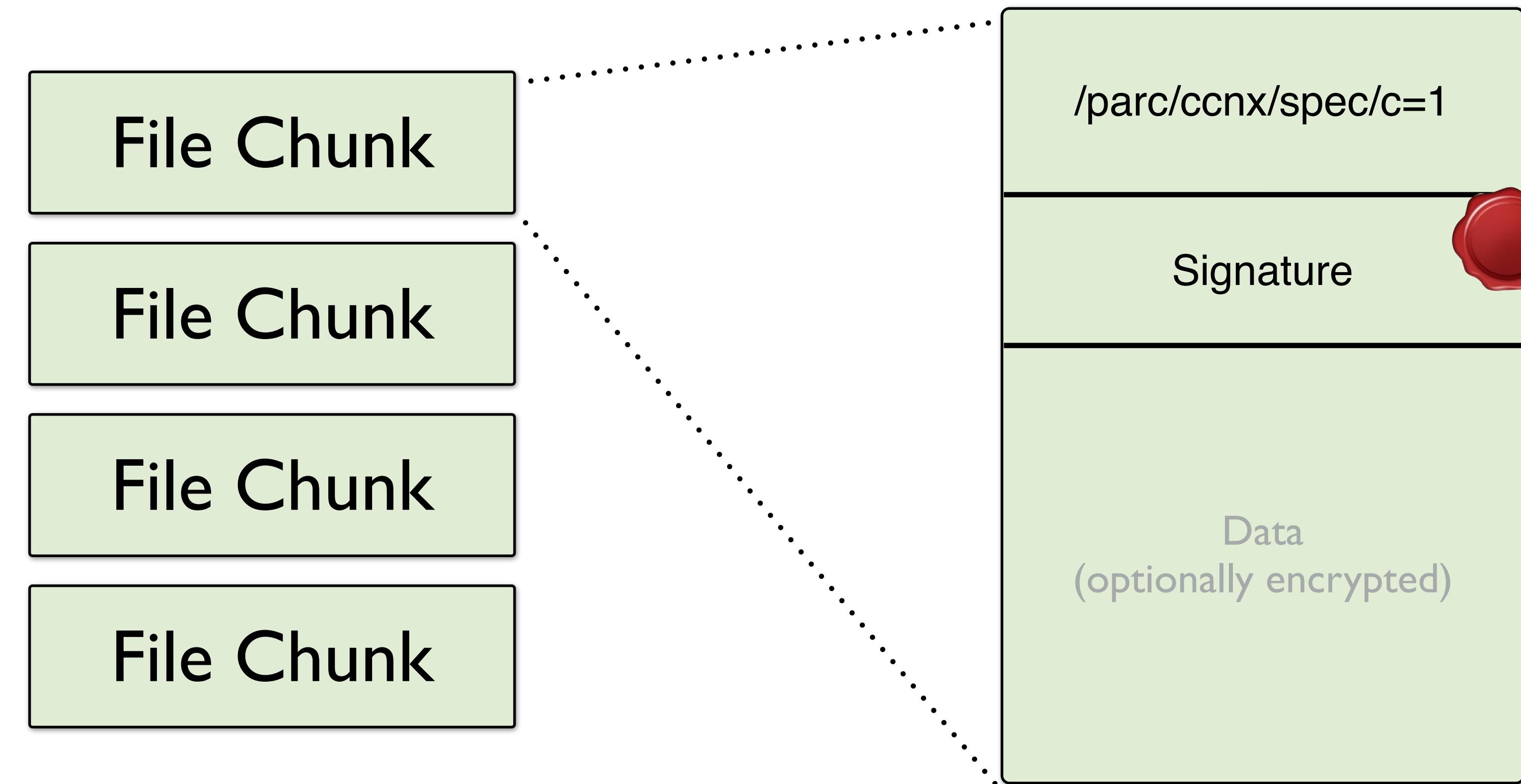
KeyId

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identifier of key  
used to sign the  
object

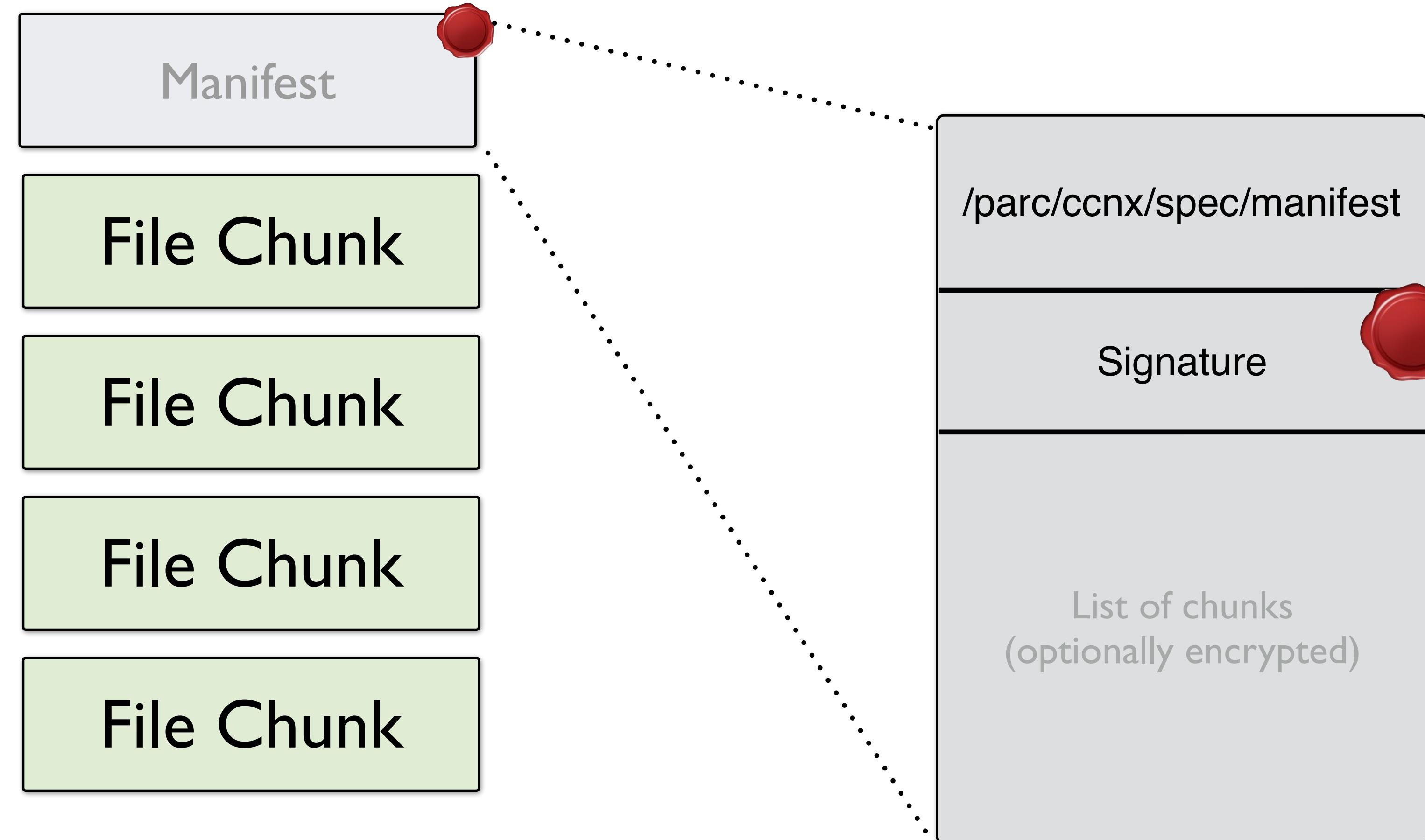
# secure data

# Secure single chunks



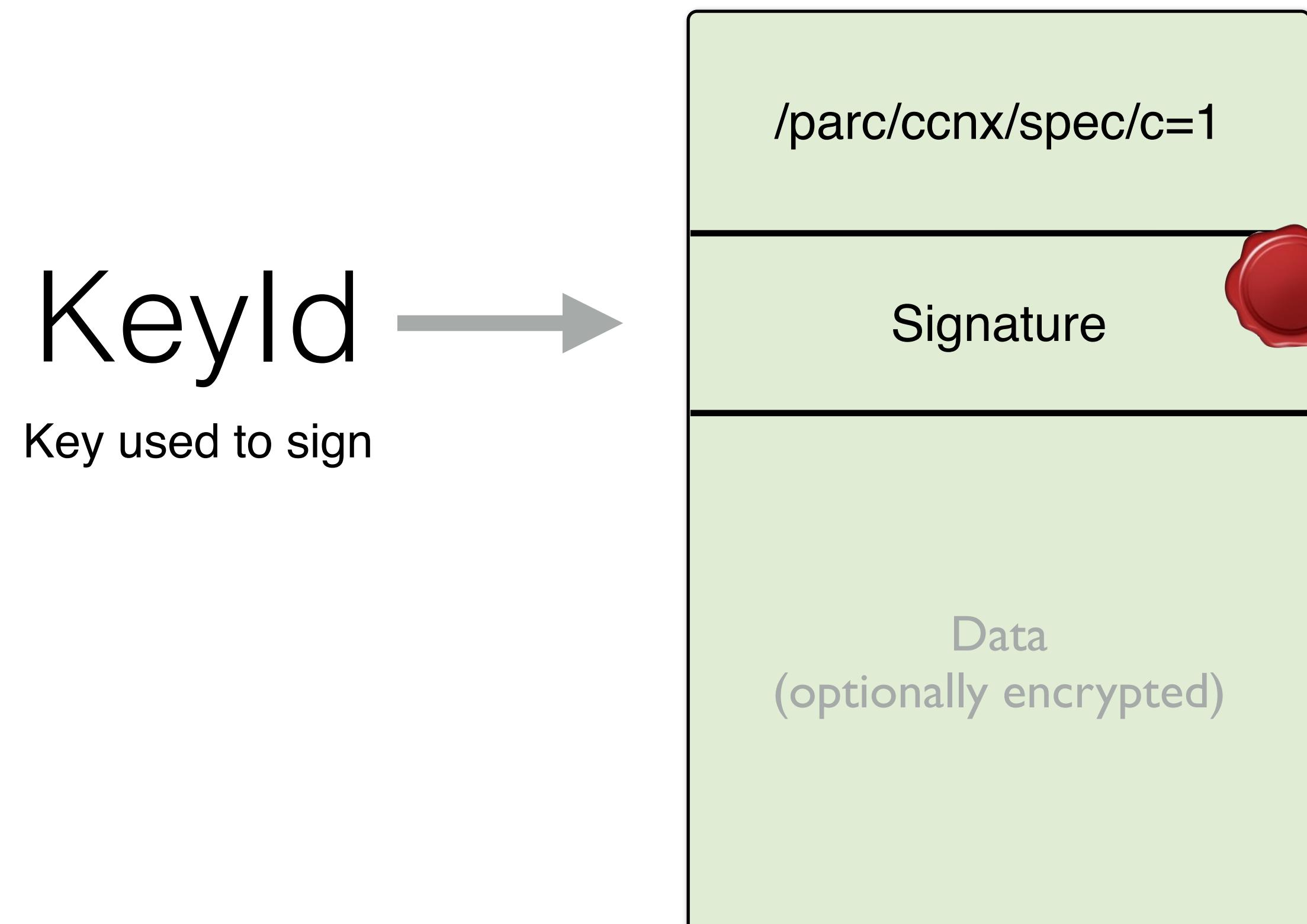
CCN names and signs every chunk

# Secure whole object via manifest



CCN names and signs the file via a manifest

# Secure single chunks



Signature binds the name to a Key

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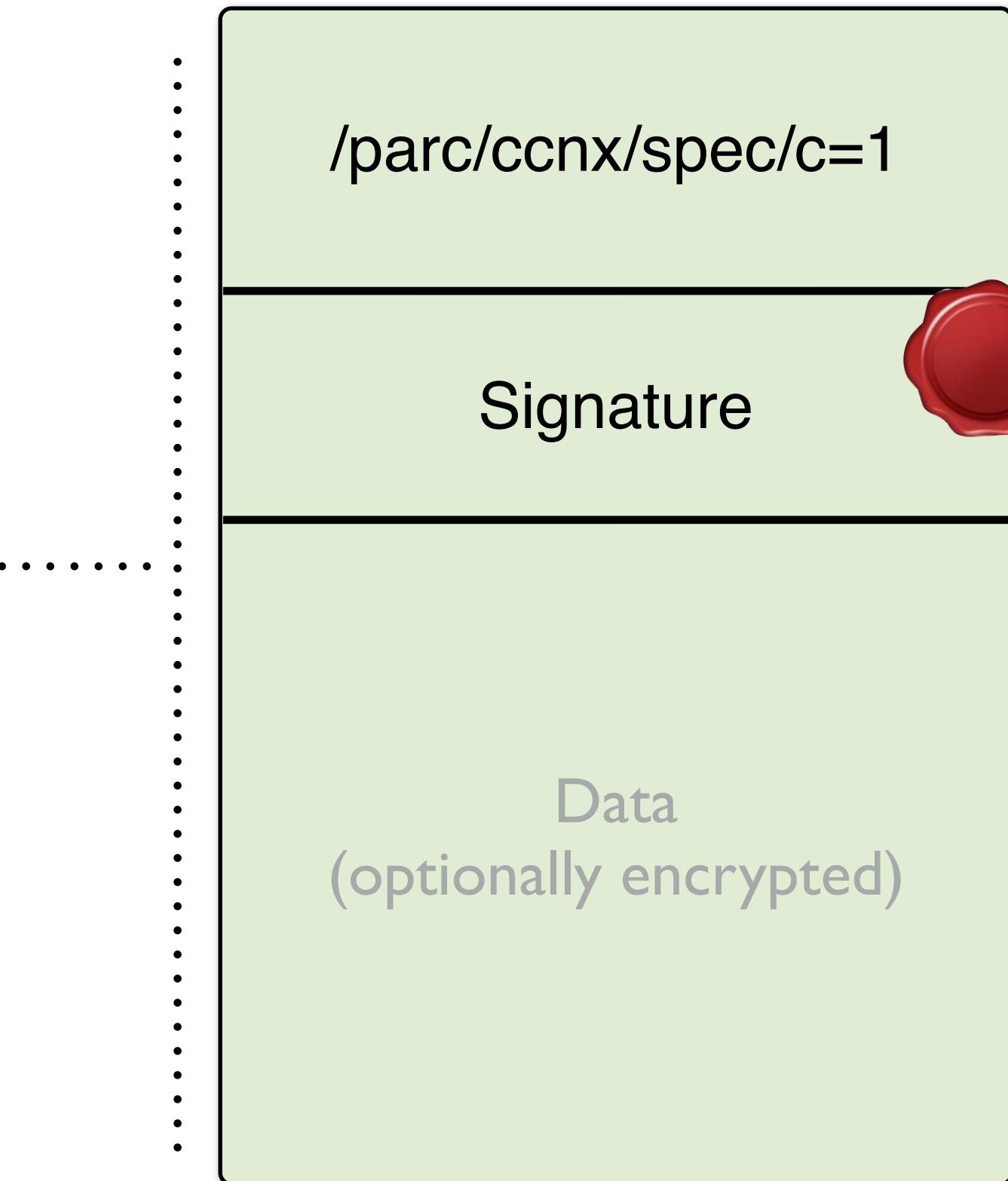
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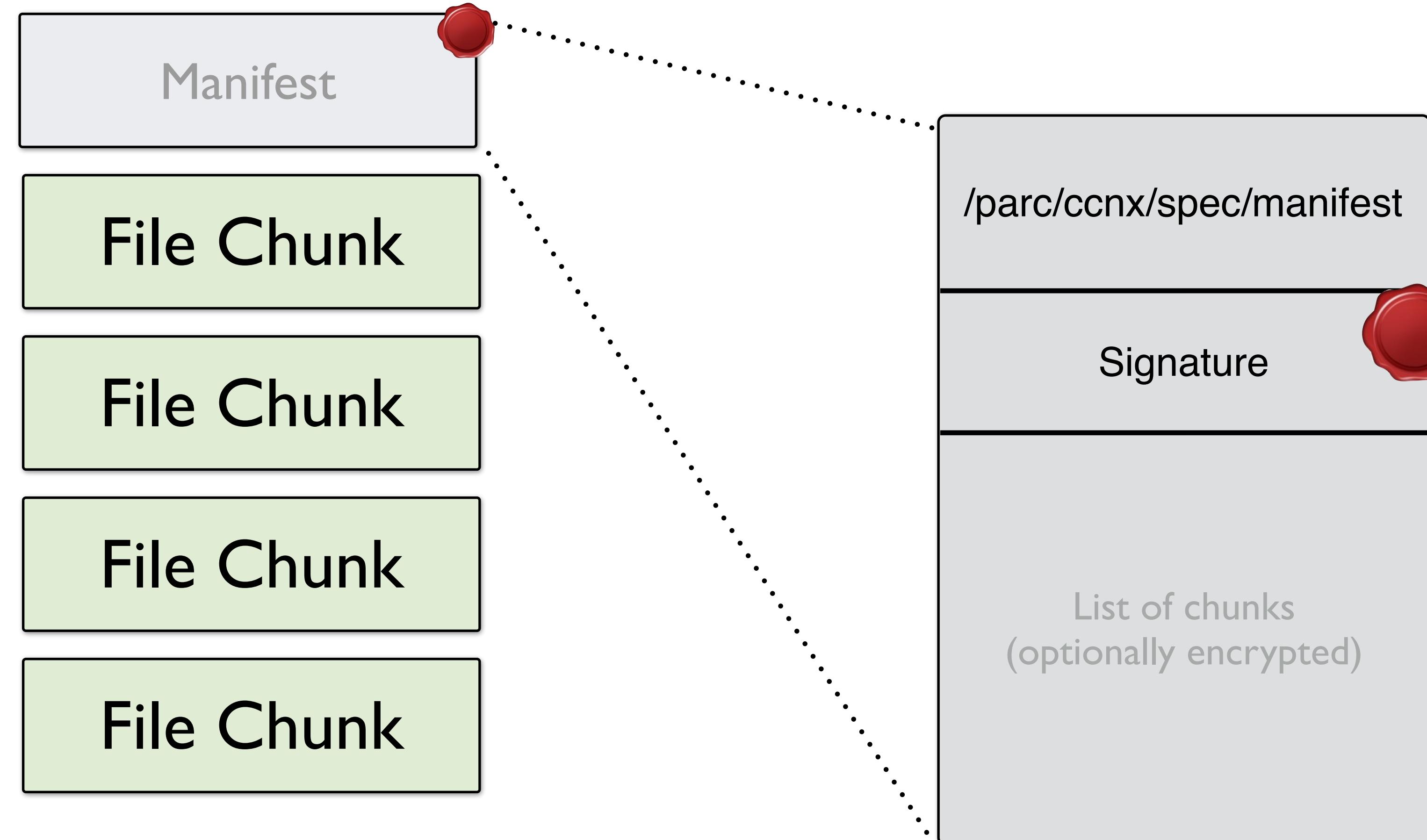
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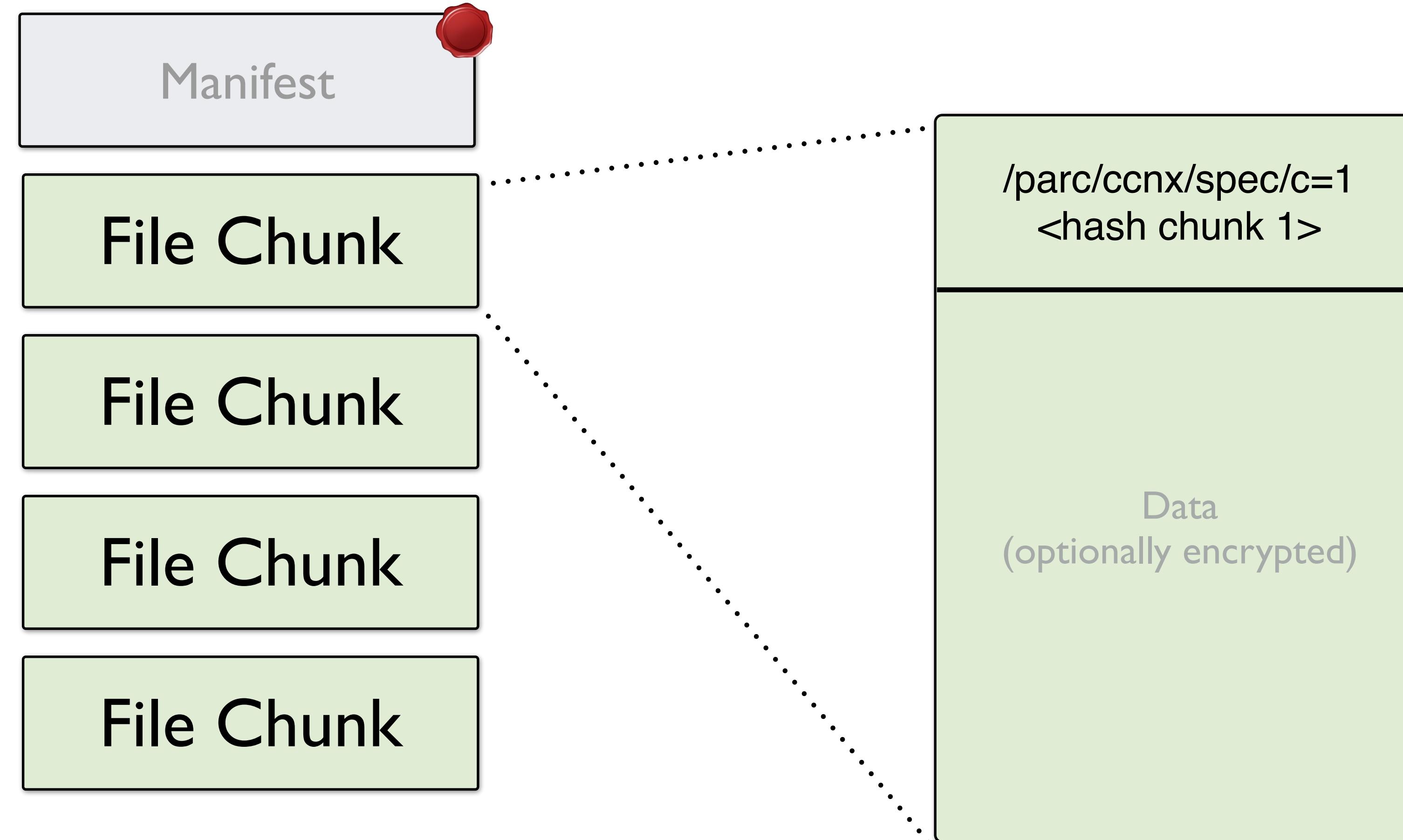
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# Secure whole object via manifest



CCN names and signs the file via a manifest

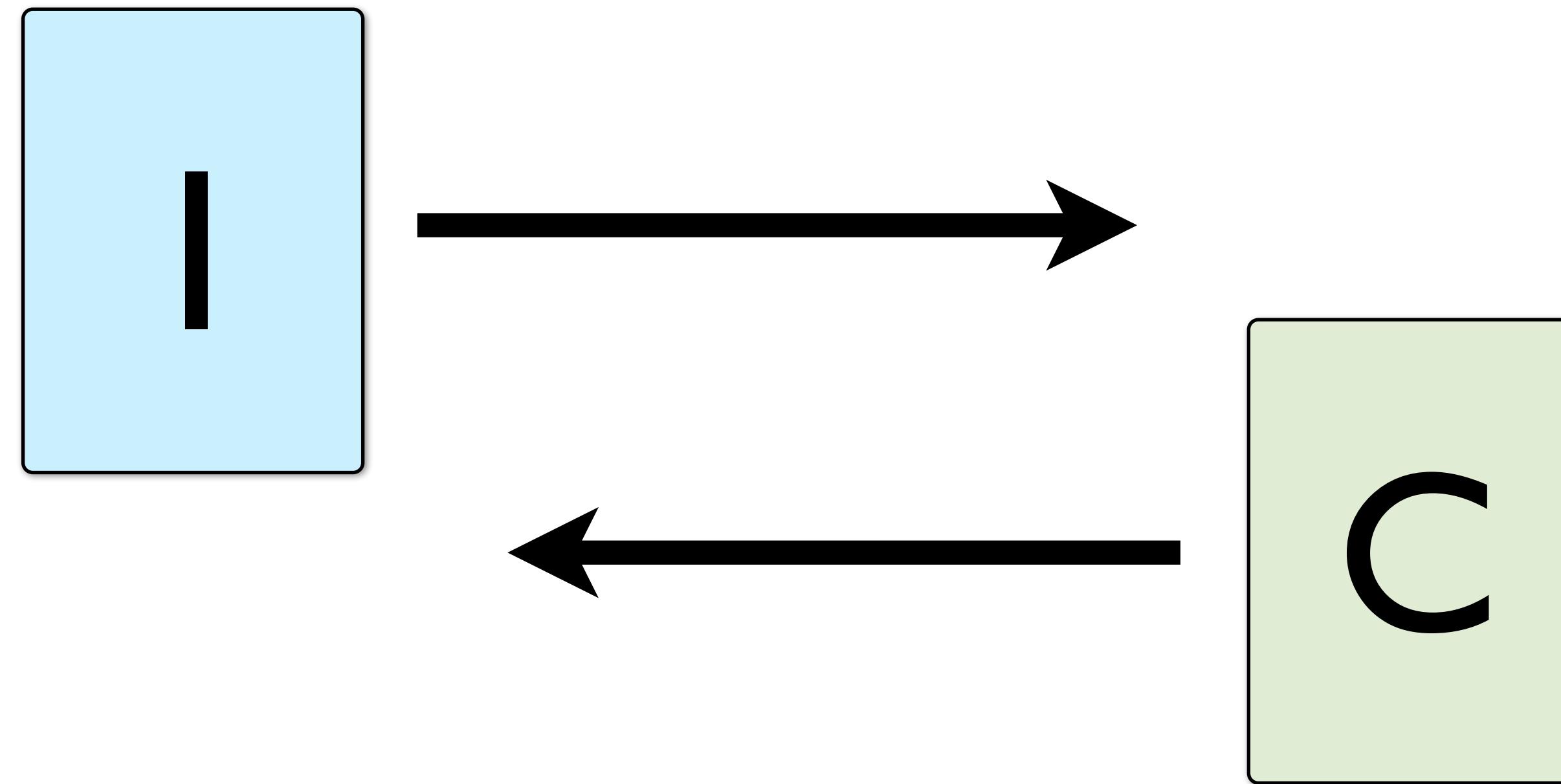
# Secure via manifest



Indirectly sign every chunk through the manifest

# transfer data

# Core Protocol



One interest packet gets one content packet

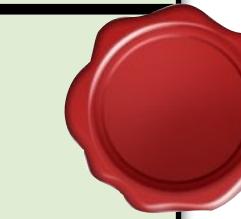
# Interest

/parc/ccnx/slides1/c=5 ?

# Content Object

/parc/ccnx/slides1/c=5

Signature



Data  
(optionally encrypted)

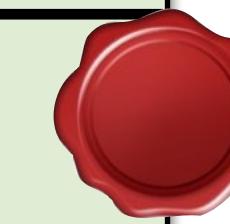
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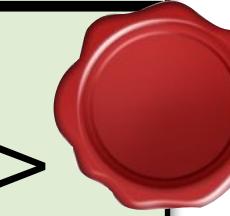
/parc/ccnx/slides1/c=5 ?

KeyID=<keyId>

# Content Object

/parc/ccnx/slides1/c=5

Signature by <keyId>



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# Interest

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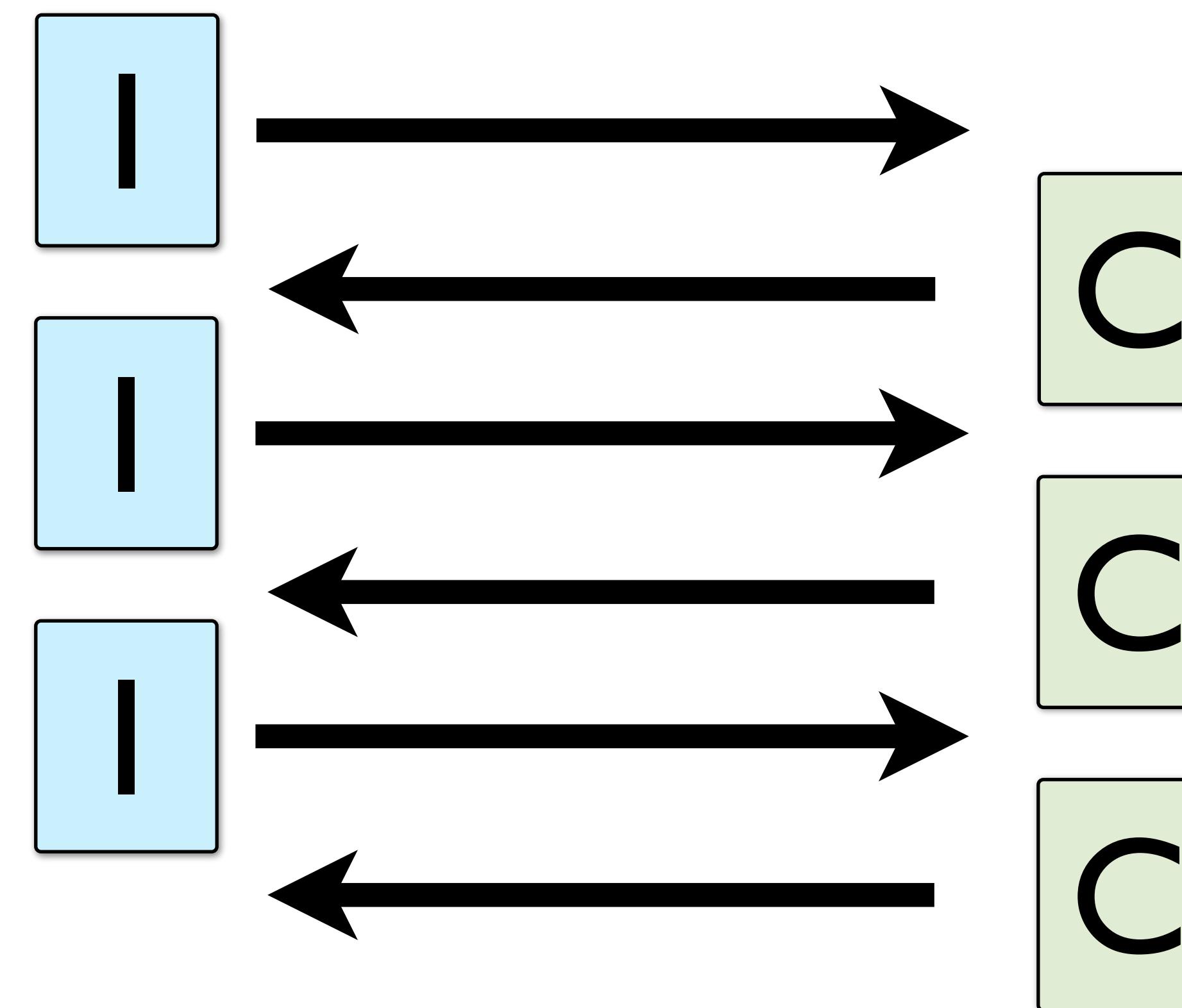
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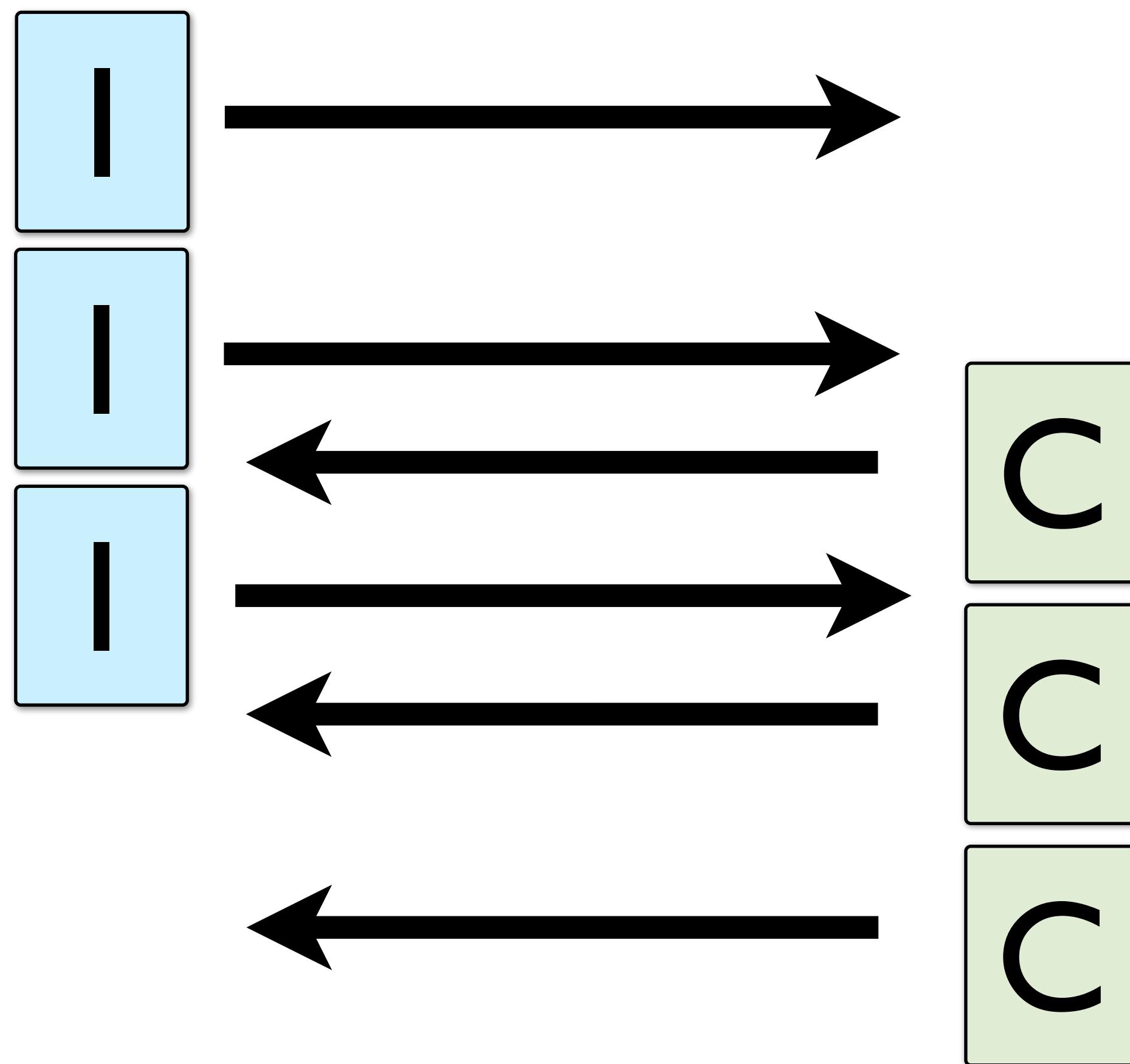
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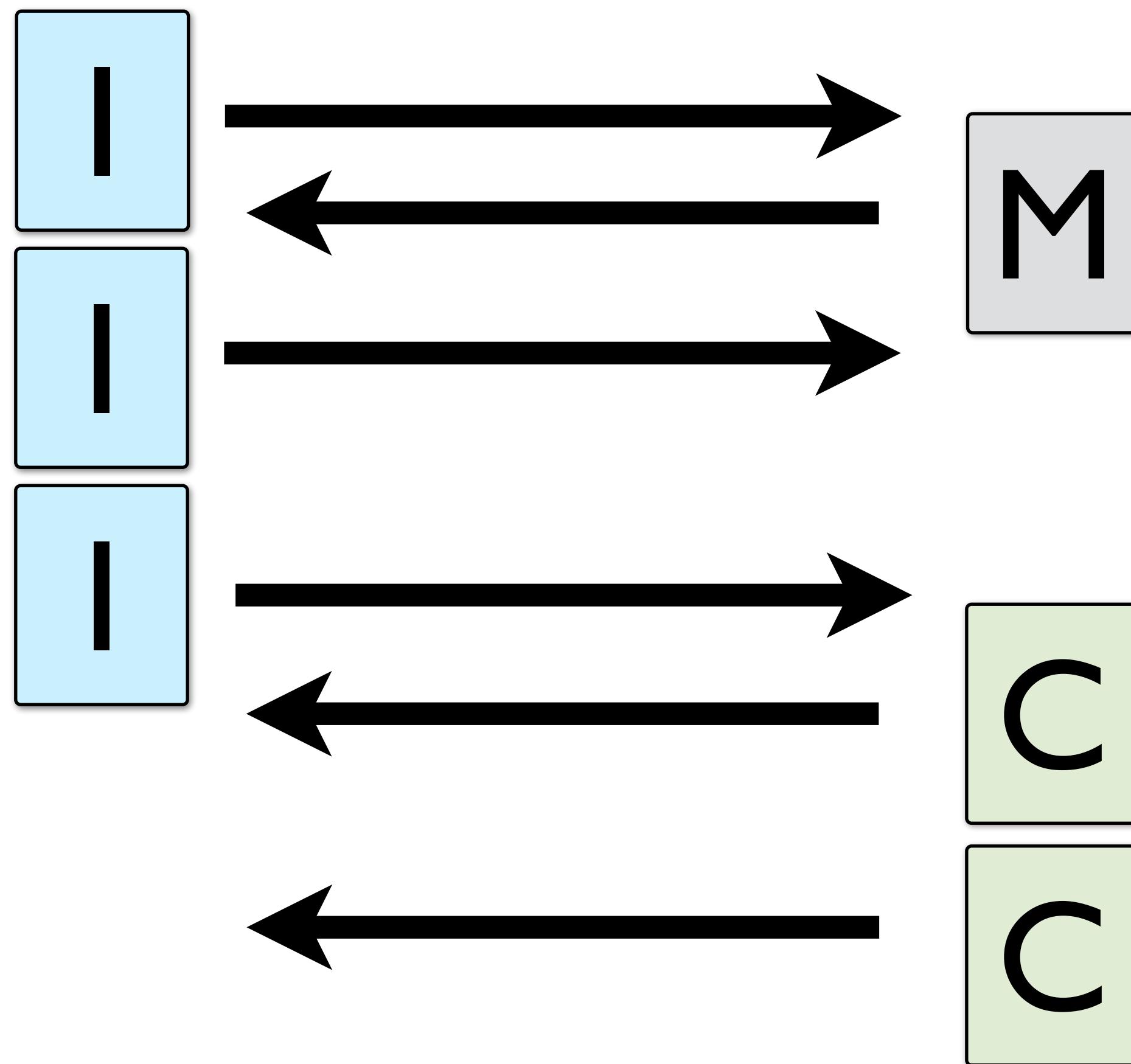
Transport protocols are built on core exchanges

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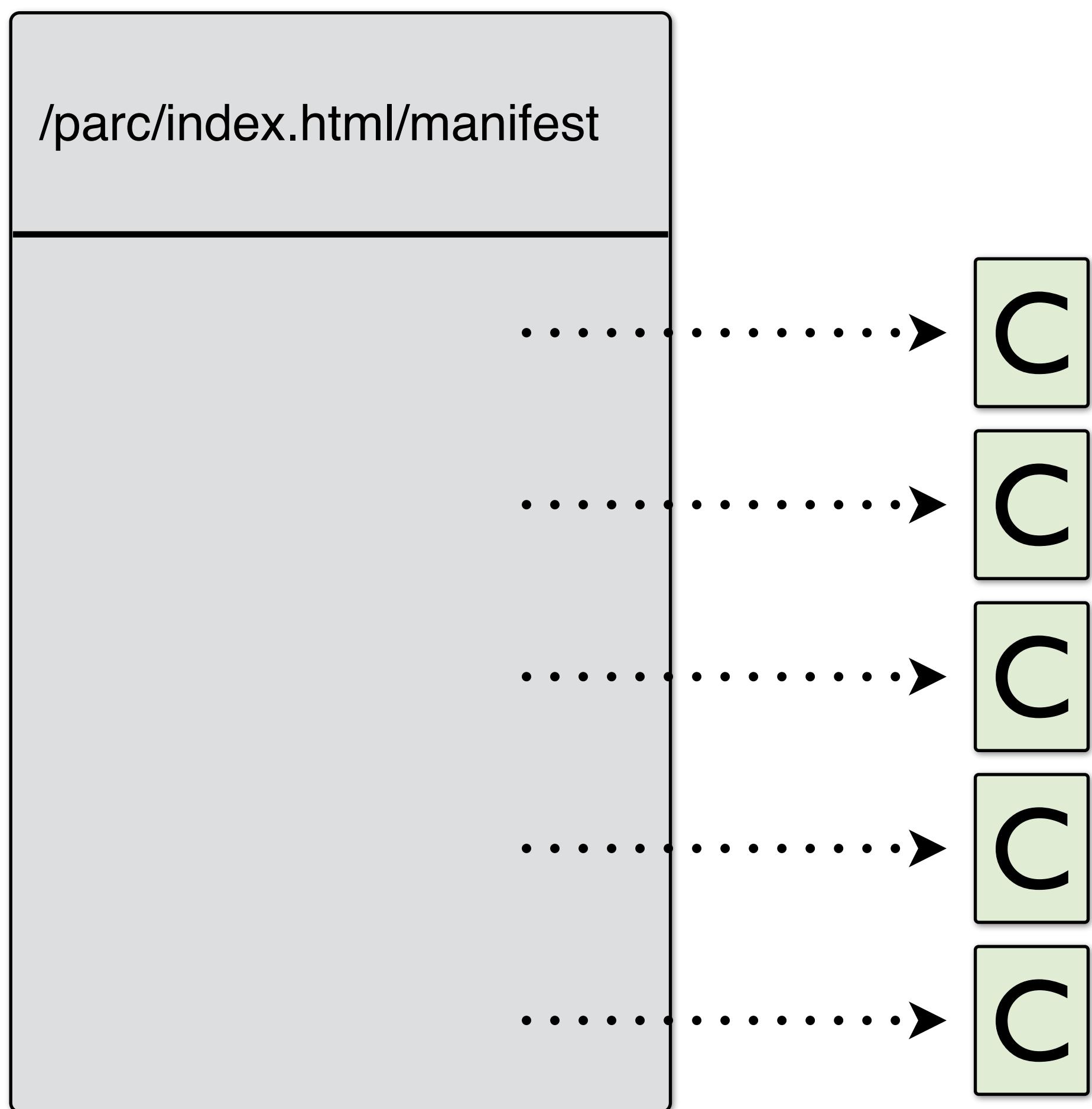
Transport protocols can do parallel requests

# Transport Protocols



Transport protocols can use manifests

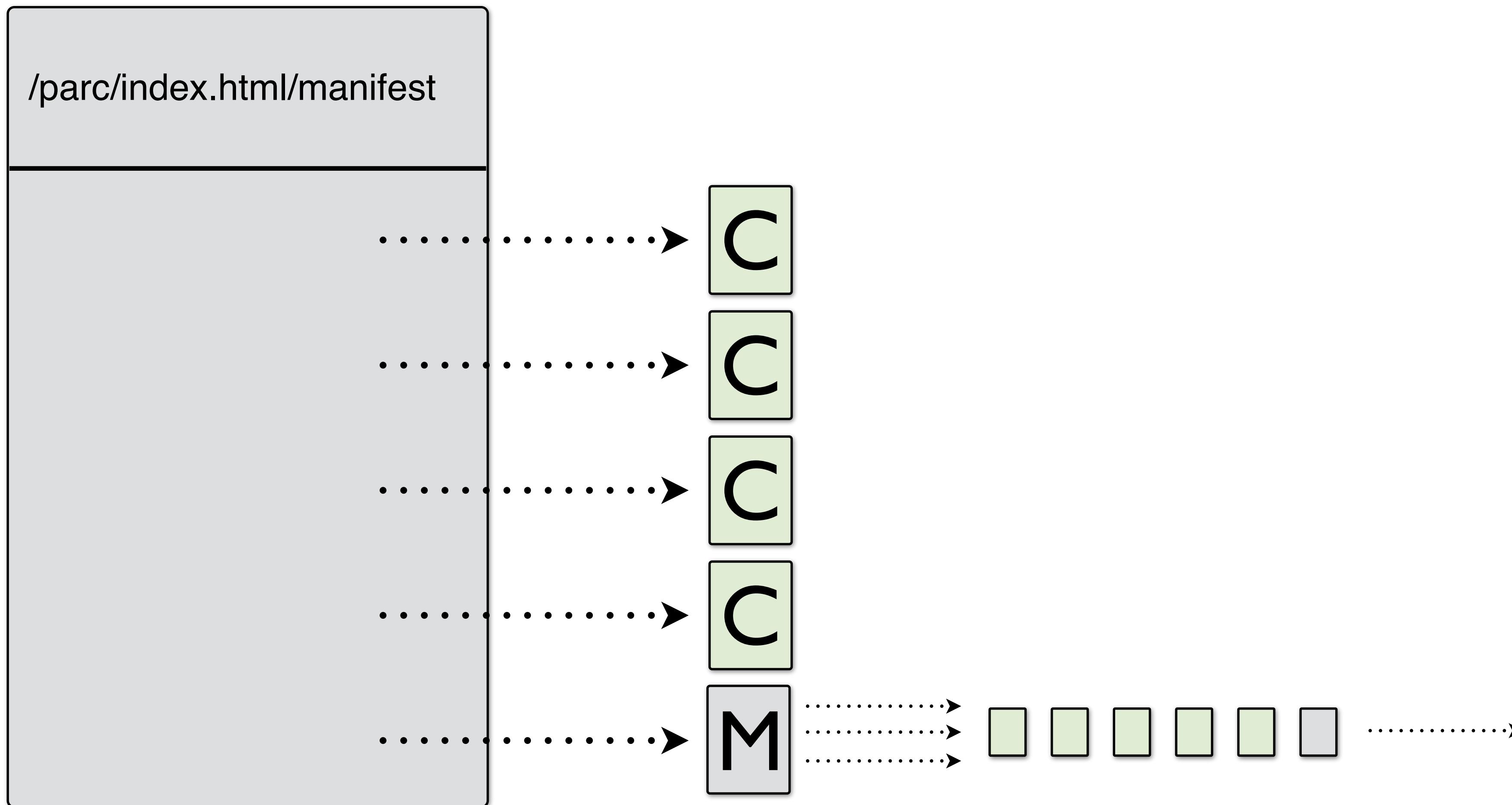
# Manifest structure



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