



THIN ICE

Thin ICE and semantics of connectivity candidate exchange

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ICE in 10 Seconds

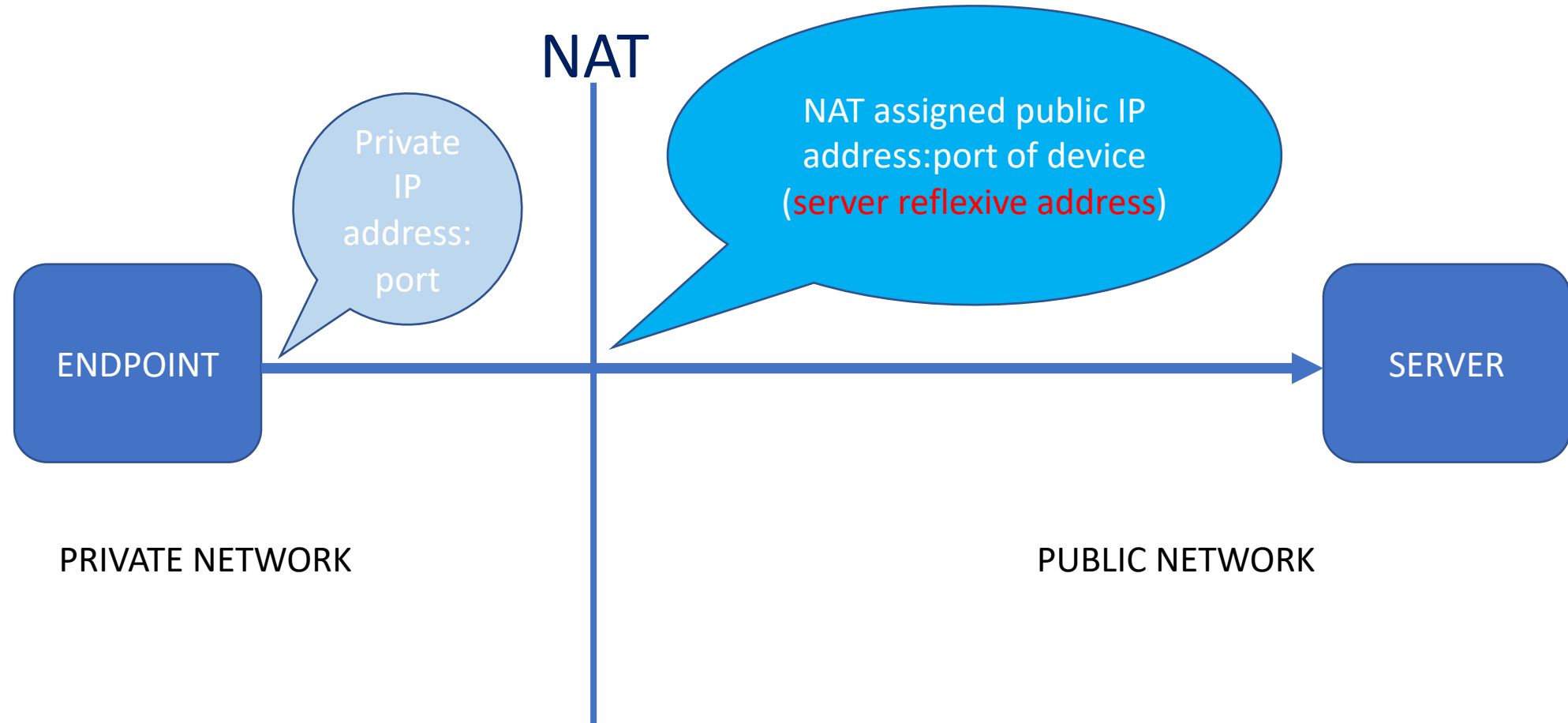
- **Candidate**

- Public IP address:port that can be used to reach an endpoint located behind a NAT
 - NAT assigned public IP address:port
 - Public IP address:port of relay

- **ICE Steps**

- Fetch public IP addresses:ports
 - STUN protocol, STUN servers, TURN relays
- Create candidates
- Distribute/exchange candidates
 - Some signalling protocol (e.g., SDP)
- Use candidates to establish connectivity

ICE in 10 Seconds: Server Reflexive Address



thin ICE in One Sentence

“Usage of CoAP protocol and infrastructure to implement ICE”

thin ICE (1/5)

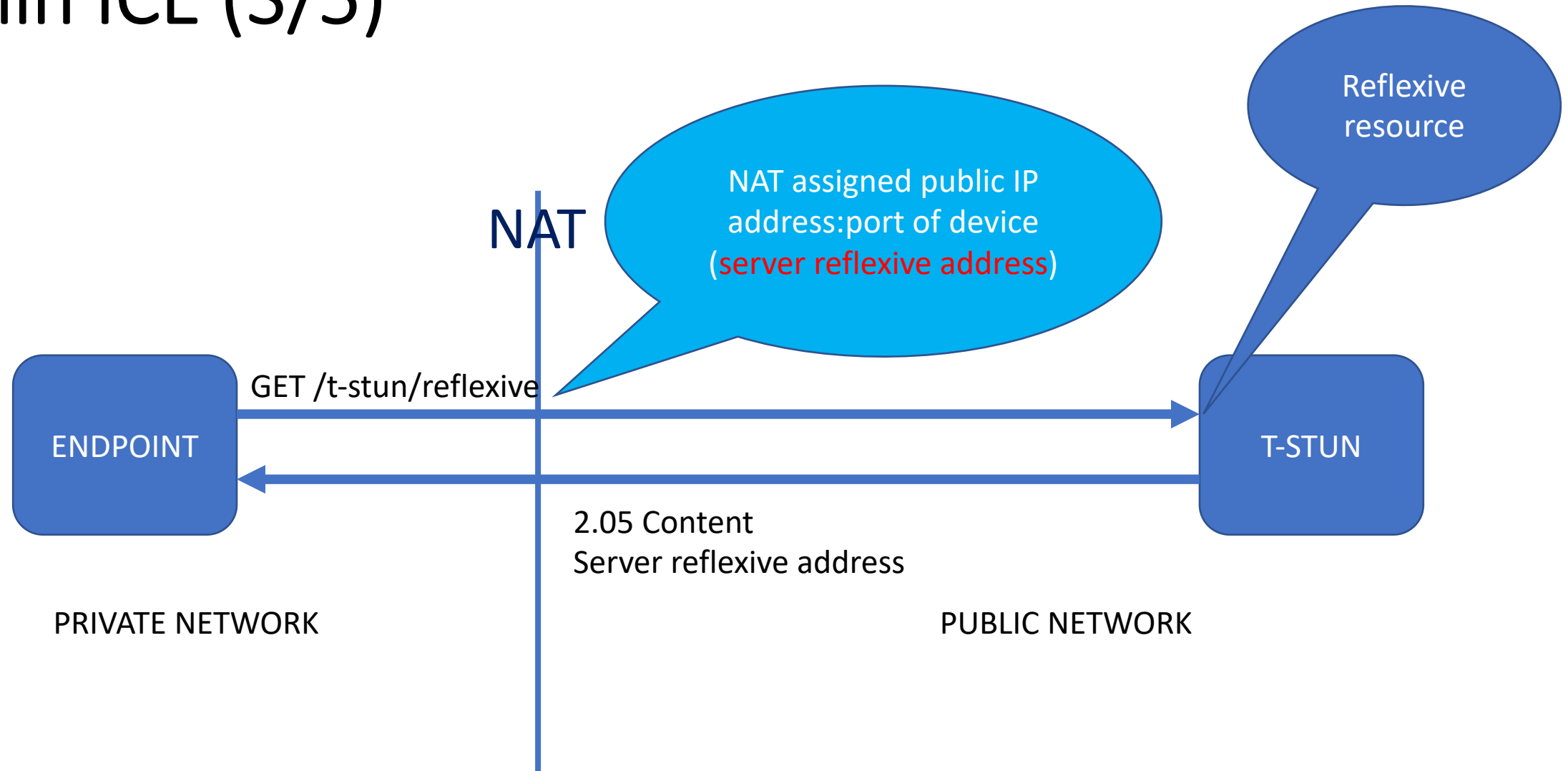
- **thin ICE Steps**

- Fetch public IP addresses:ports (server reflexive address)
 - **CoAP protocol**
 - **CoAP server resources**
- Create candidates
- Distribute/exchange candidates
 - **CoAP protocol**
 - **Resource Directory (RD)**
 - **Resource links**
- Use candidates to establish connectivity

thin ICE (2/5)

- Fetch server reflexive address
 - Send CoAP GET Request to CoAP Server
 - Referred to as T-STUN server
 - GET request addressed to "**reflexive resource**"
 - Server reflexive address returned in GET response as reflexive resource representation
 - Subsequent GET request used as keepalive
 - Client can check keepalive response whether server reflexive address has been modified

thin ICE (3/5)



thin ICE (4/5)

- **Distribute candidate (endpoint hosting candidate)**
 - **Alt 1) Candidate Resource**
 - Create "**candidate resource**" (data contains server reflexive address)
 - Register candidate resource link
 - Link URI: server reflexive address (public IP address:port)
 - Link rel: "candidate"
 - Link anchor: link URI of sensor resource links (sensors etc)
 - Register sensor resource link
 - **Alt 2) Embedded Candidate**
 - No candidate resource. No candidate resource link.
 - Register sensor resource link
 - Link URI: server reflexive address (public IP address:port)

thin ICE (5/5)

- Distribute candidate (endpoint using candidate)
 - Alt 1) Candidate Resource
 - Fetch candidate resource link from RD
 - Fetch sensor resource link from RD
 - Add server reflexive address link URI of sensor resource link
 - Use sensor resource link to access resource
 - Alt 2) Fetch sensor resource link from RD
 - No candidate resource. No candidate resource link
 - Fetch sensor resource link from RD
 - Use sensor link to access remote resource
 - Link URI contains server reflexive address

THE FLOW (1/2)

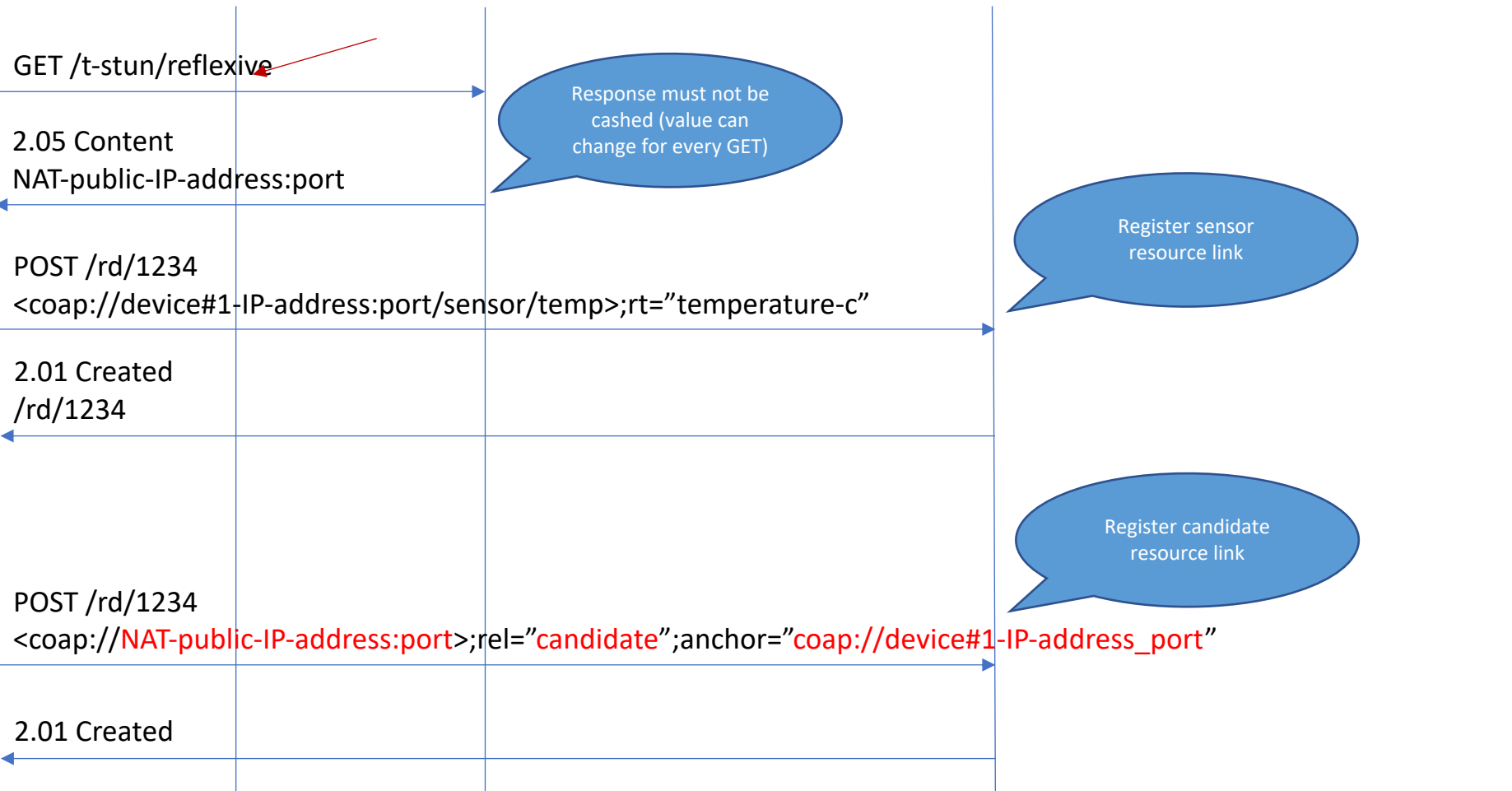
Device #1

NAT

T-STUN

RD

Device #2



THE FLOW (2/2)

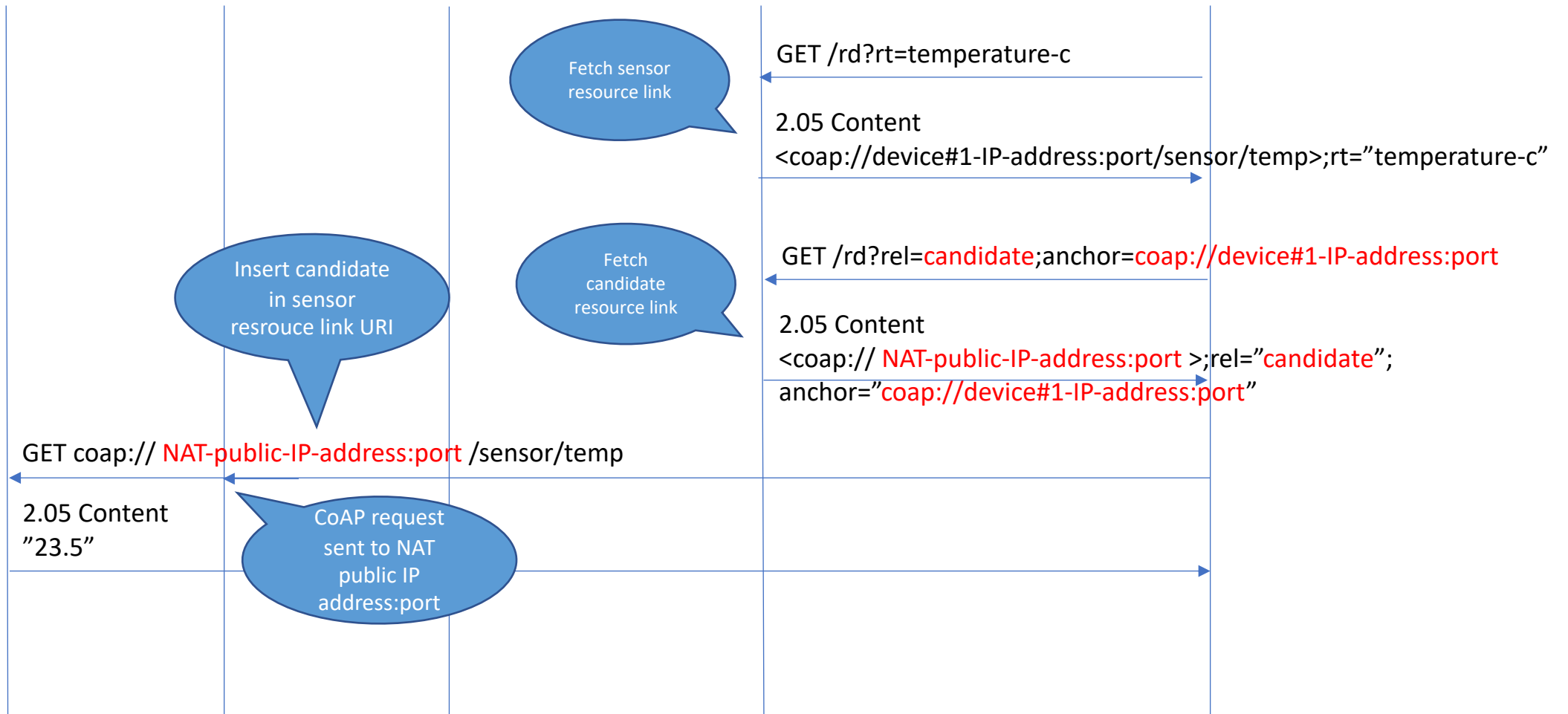
Device #1

NAT

T-STUN

RD

Device #2



SEMANTIC CONSIDERATIONS

- **Reflexive resource**
 - Value is set when CoAP server hosting the resource receives GET request
 - Value based on source IP address:port (as seen by the CoAP server) of GET request
- **Candidate resource**
 - Not a value of the physical endpoint
 - Value assigned by NAT
- **Candidate resource link**
 - Resource link (link URI) contains actual value of candidate (server reflexive address)
 - Link rel: "candidate"
 - Link anchor: link URI of sensor resource links
 - Used to associated a candidate resource link with a candidate resource link

THE END

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