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# URGENT/11

## Critical Zero Days Remotely Compromise VxWorks The Most Popular RTOS

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# Agenda



- What is VxWorks?
- TCP/IP Stack vulnerabilities
- What is URGENT/11?
- Technical deep dive
- Case study & Live demo – Patient Monitor



# What is it and why should I care?

Real-time Operating System

Only 13 CVE's listed on MITRE

Been around for 32 years, runs on over 2 Billion devices

# VxWorks is **everywhere**



**Healthcare**



**Manufacturing**



**Infrastructure/Network**



**Security**



**Auto**



**Aerospace**



**Defense**



**High Tech**

# VxWorks is used by everybody



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**SONICWALL**



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**BELDEN**

A dramatic, low-key lighting photograph of a man in a fedora hat and a dark trench coat. He is looking off to the side with a serious expression. In his right hand, he holds a lit cigarette holder, with smoke visible. The background is dark and out of focus.

Why research TCP/IP stacks?

# Remember WinNuke?

Windows

An exception 0E has occurred at 0028:C1064332 in UxD MSTCP(01) + 000041AE. This was called from 0028:C0050F8B in UxD NDIS(01) + 00006733. It may be possible to continue normally.

- \* Press any key to attempt to continue.
- \* Press CTRL+ALT+DEL to restart your computer. You will lose any unsaved information in all applications.

Press any key to continue





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Video of my PoC for CVE-2018-4407. It crashes any macOS High Sierra or iOS 11 device that is on the same WiFi network. No user interaction required.



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# URGENT/11

**11 Critical Zero Day Vulnerabilities in VxWork's TCP/IP Stack – IPnet**

**6 Remote Code Execution (RCEs)**

**5 Information Leaks, Denial of Service, Logical Flaws**

**Affects VxWorks versions for the last 13 years (v6.5 and up)**

**Affects hundreds of millions of devices**



**IPnet (VxWorks' TCP/IP Stack) is owned and maintained by Wind River**

**IPnet also used by other RTOSs in the past**

INTEGRITY (GreenHills)

ThreadX (Today owned by Microsoft)

OSE (ENEA)

**5 months discloser process**

# Security Advisories



## Security Bulletin – Wind River VxWorks Vulnerabilities (URGENT/11)

2 August 2019

### Overview

Schneider Electric is aware of recently disclosed vulnerabilities in Wind River's VxWorks TCP/IP Stack. These vulnerabilities have wide-ranging impact across multiple IT and industrial applications. We are working closely with Wind River to understand and assess how these vulnerabilities impact Schneider Electric offers and our customers' operations. We downloaded Wind River's patches as soon as they were made available to us, and we have quickly instituted a remediation plan to evolve all current and future products that rely on the Wind River platform to embed these fixes.

We will continue to monitor and will respond further if new information becomes available. In the meantime, customers should immediately make sure they have implemented cybersecurity best practices across their operations to protect themselves from these vulnerabilities. Where appropriate this includes locating your industrial network behind firewalls; installing physical controls on mission-critical systems and devices from being accessed by unauthorized users.

Please subscribe to the Schneider Electric security updates to this disclosure, including details as other important security notifications:

<https://www.schneider-electric.com/en/work>

For additional information and support, please contact your Schneider Electric representative or Schneider Electric's Customer Support Center.

### Details

Additional details on these specific vulnerabilities can be found on the notification webpage:

<https://www.windriver.com/security/announcements>

Of the 11 identified Wind River vulnerabilities, six can be mitigated by patching the device. Execution of four of those six can be mitigated by patching the device. The other vulnerability requires information disclosure.

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## Wind River VXWorks IPnet TCP/IP STACK Vulnerabilities

Name Wind River VXWorks IPnet TCP/IP STACK Vulnerabilities

Tracking Number 2019-001

First Publish Date 22 Jul 2019

Date of Current Status 22 Jul 2019

Next Planned Update 22 Aug 2019

Description A number of vulnerabilities in Wind River's VXWorks IPnet TCP/IP Stack implementation have been reported. These vulnerabilities could allow attackers to hijack existing TCP sessions, or force transmission of intermediate, replay, and other Service attacks.

### What You Need To Know?



## Security Advisory & Archive

VxWorks Urgent/11 Advisory (1 August 2019)

Publication Date: August 1, 2019  
Update Date: August 2, 2019

Security researchers at Armis have disclosed 11 different zero-day vulnerabilities within Wind River's VxWorks TCP/IP Stack used in over 2 billion embedded systems that include medical devices, routers, VOIP phones and more. The collection of vulnerabilities, which Armis refers to as "Urgent/11," could lead to remote code execution on a whole system without interacting with the user. Of the 11 flaws, six are deemed critical. Successful exploitation by an unauthorized user could lead to remote code execution on the target system. An unauthorized user could also; or create new accounts with full user rights.

Philips is currently monitoring developments and updates related to the recent published advisory CVEs as referred to as Urgent/11. In the absence of further information, Philips is taking the following consideration for product evaluation and remediation.

As part of the company's product security strategy, Philips monitors for potential impacts from these reported vulnerabilities and evaluating further actions to remediate these vulnerabilities. Philips is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its products.

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Begin Update A: August 2, 2019



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TOTAL RESULTS  
977,972

TOP COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF DEVICES
United States	599,186
Canada	48,117
United Kingdom	33,686
India	29,834
Germany	26,746

TOP SERVICES

SERVICE	NUMBER OF DEVICES
HTTPS	412,413
HTTP	390,607
Symantec Data Center Security	42,569
HTTP (8080)	34,523
HTTPS (8443)	23,309

TOP ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZATION	NUMBER OF DEVICES
Comcast Business	135,568
Spectrum	46,913
Spectrum Business	45,668
Cox Business	35,819
Verizon Fios Business	24,573

TOP OPERATING SYSTEMS

OPERATING SYSTEM	NUMBER OF DEVICES
Linux 3.x	446
Windows XP	238

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Expires: -1  
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Content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

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Expires: -1  
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X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN  
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' 'unsafe-eval'

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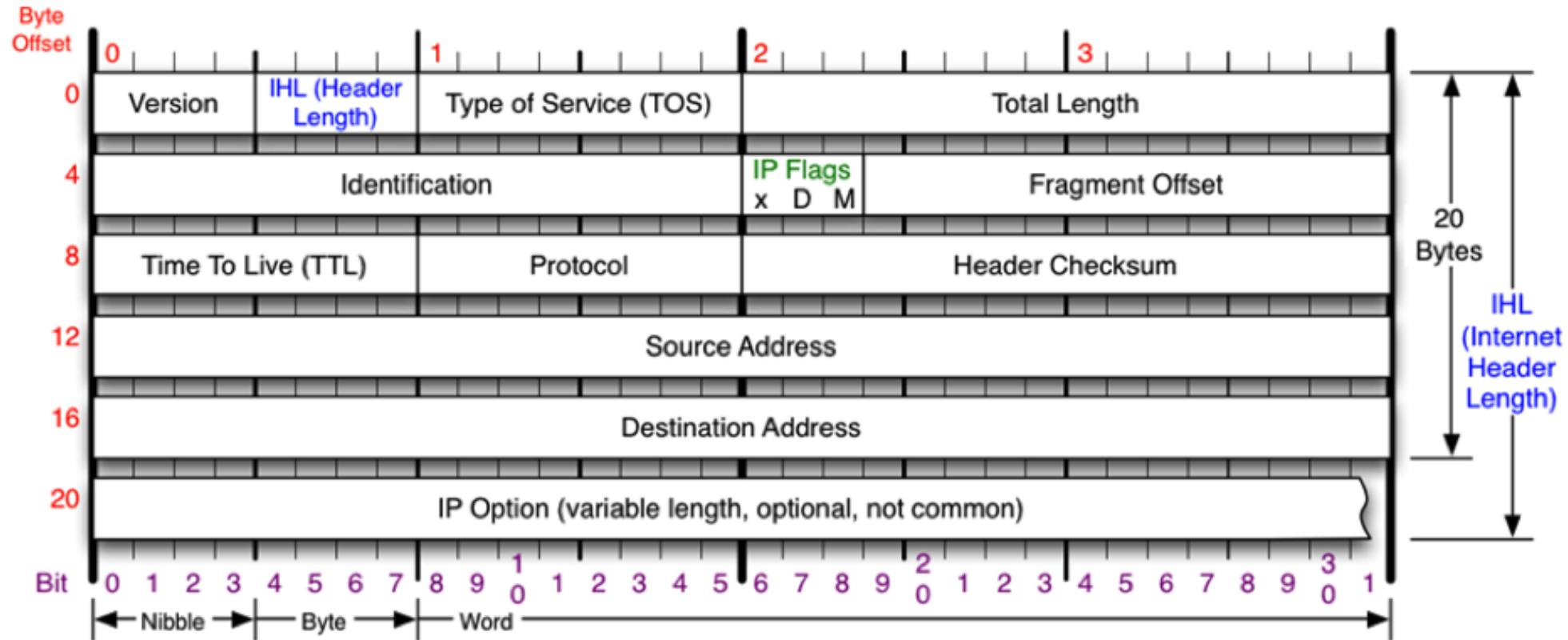
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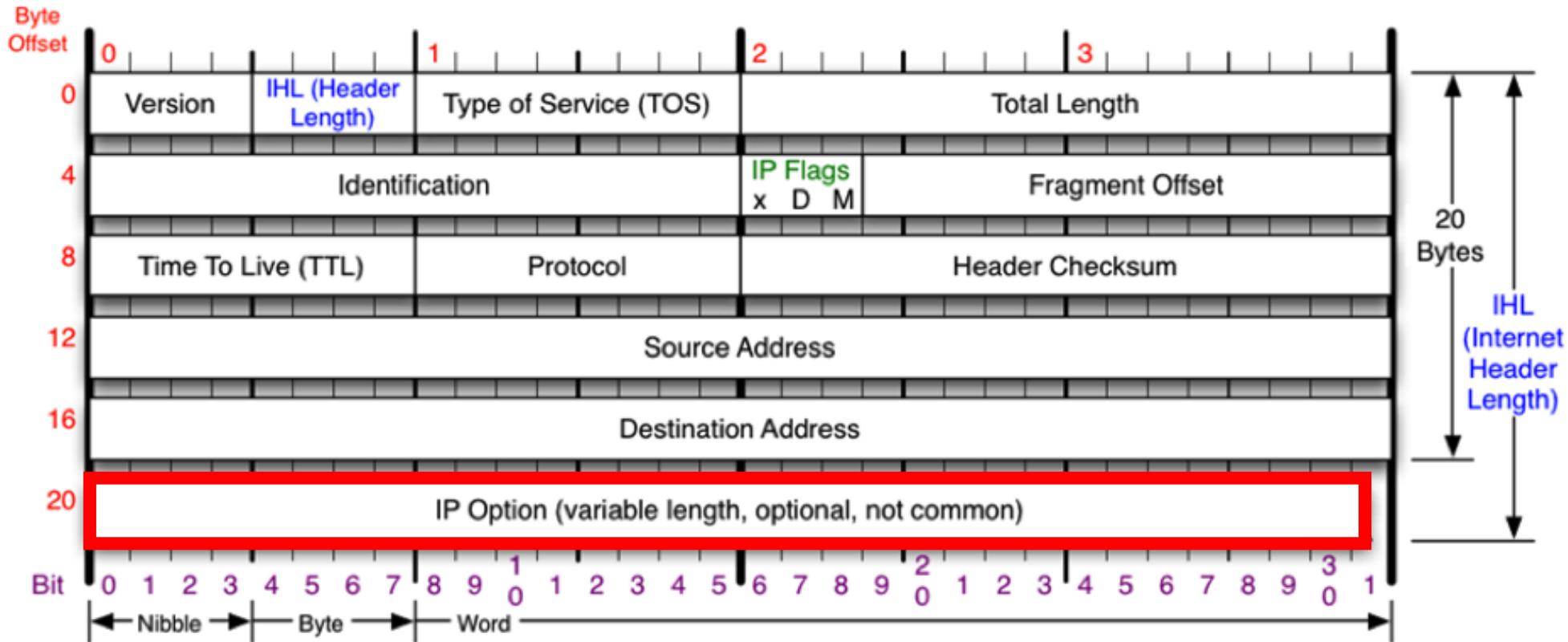
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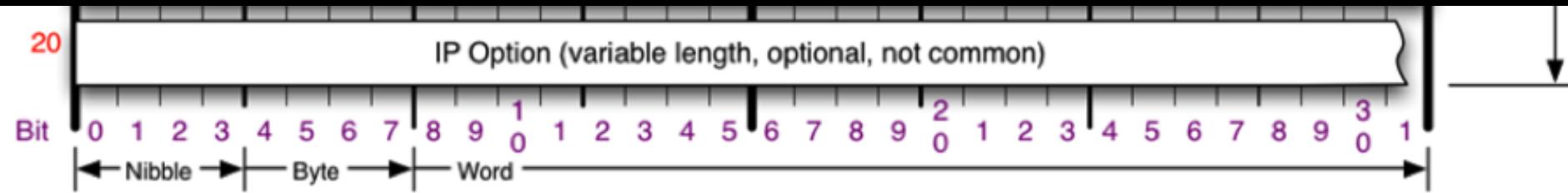
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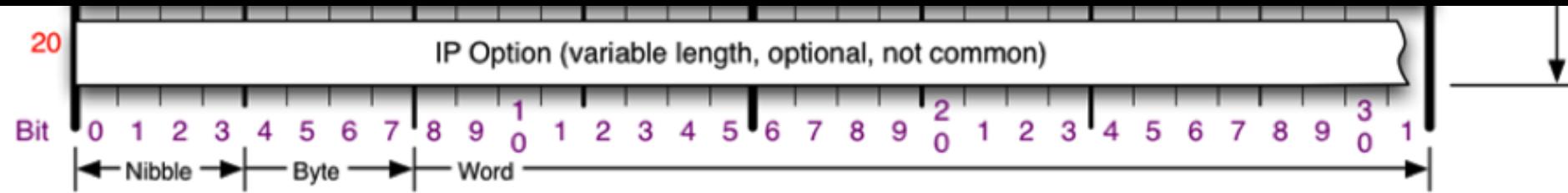


# IP Options



Type	Length	Value
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# IP Source Routing



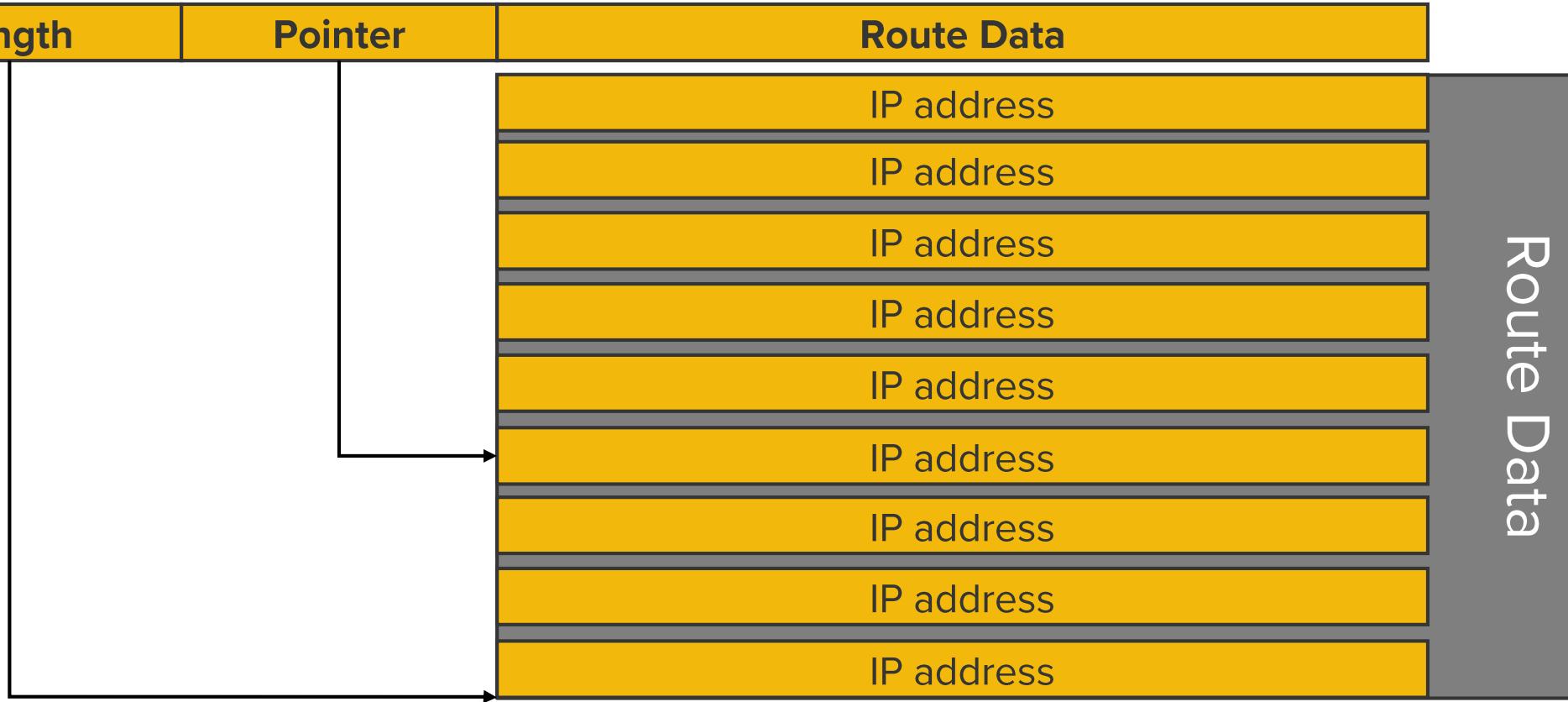
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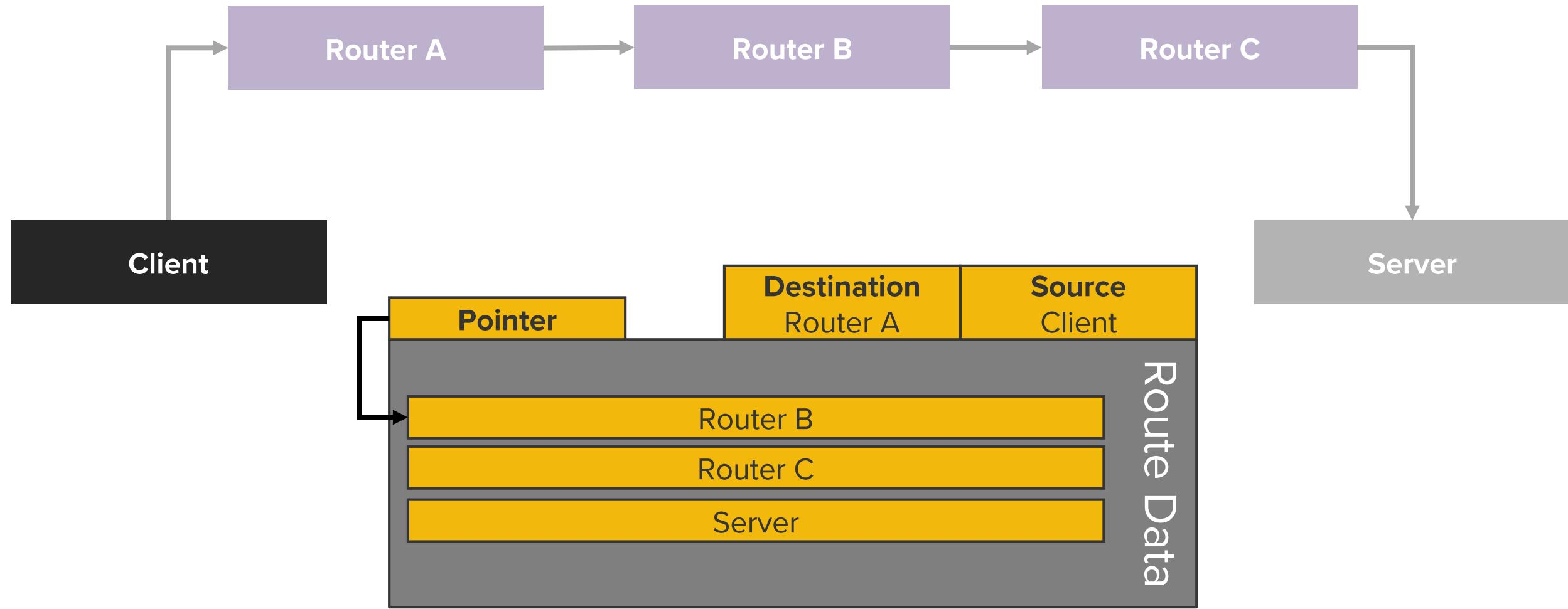
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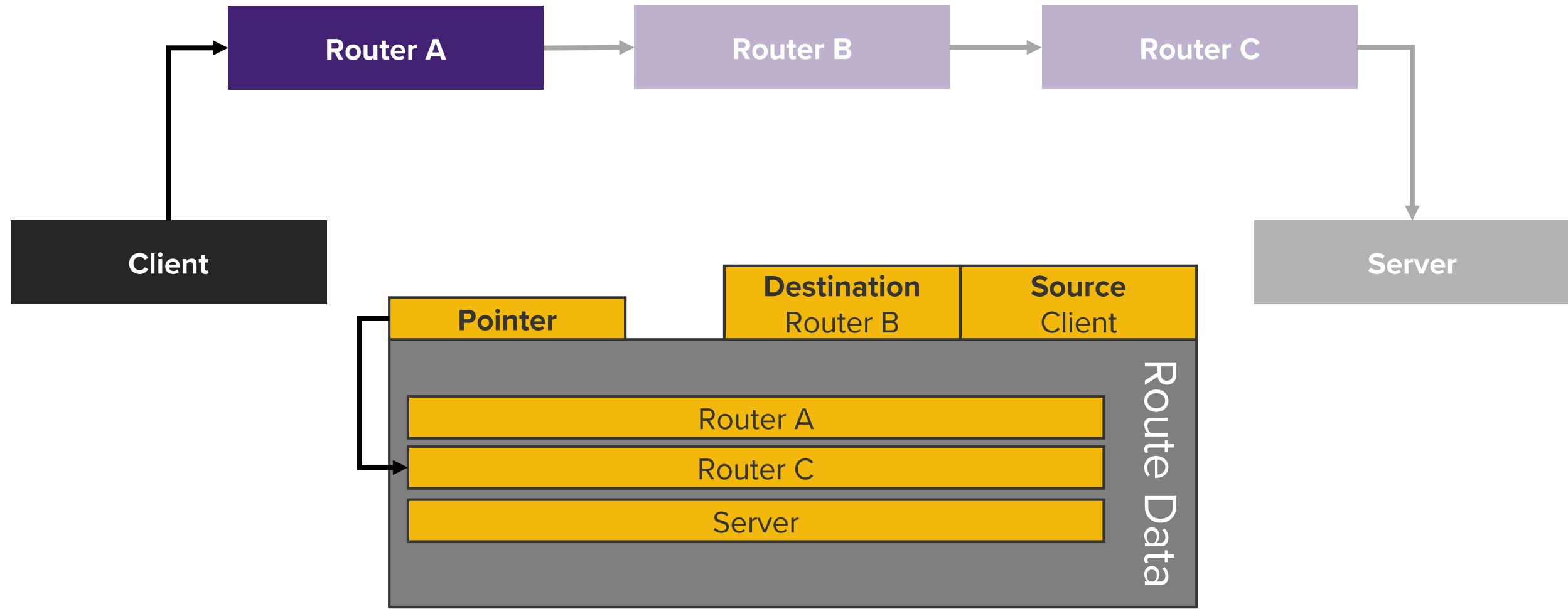
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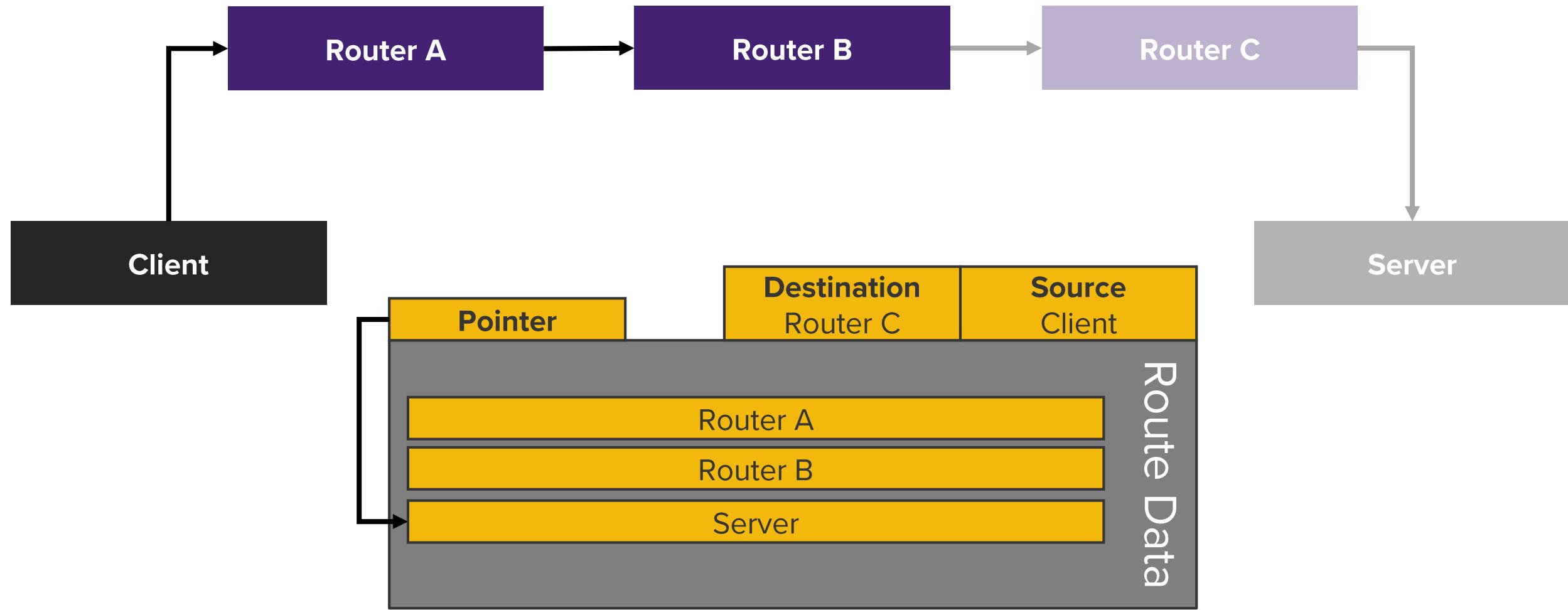
This option lets the originating system specify a number of intermediate systems a packet must pass through to get to the destination host

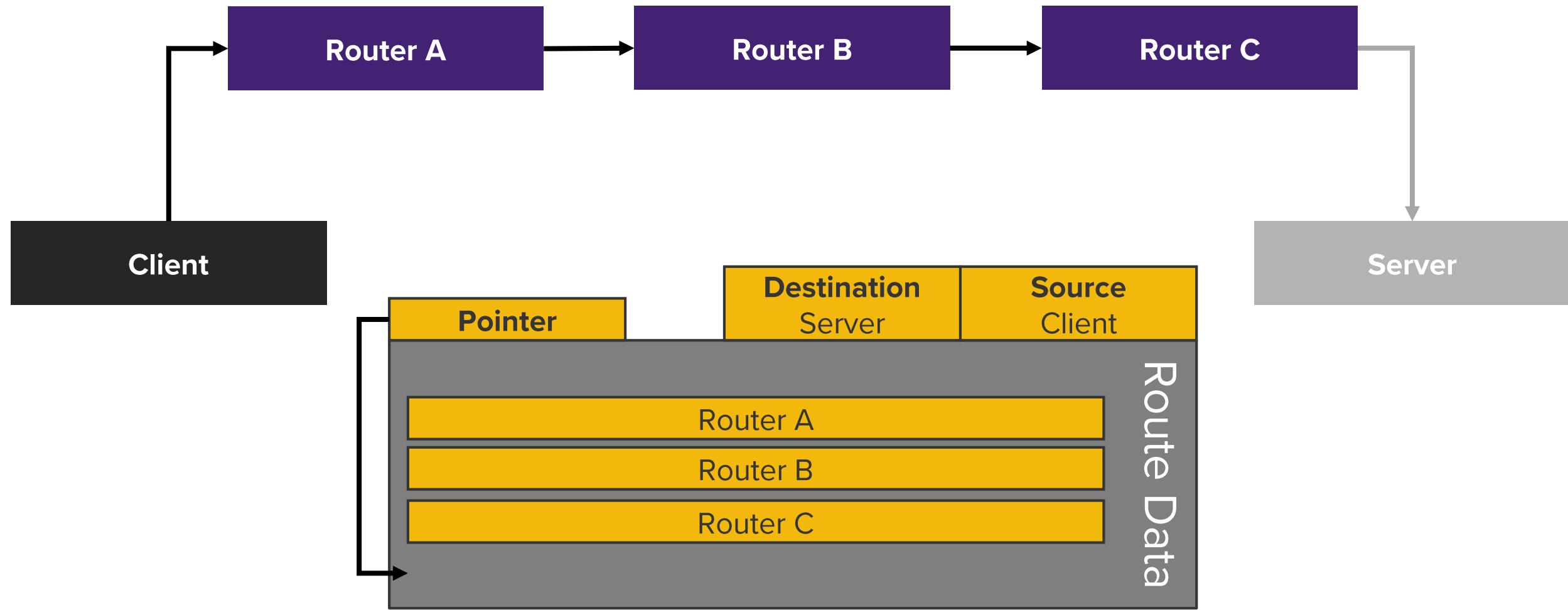
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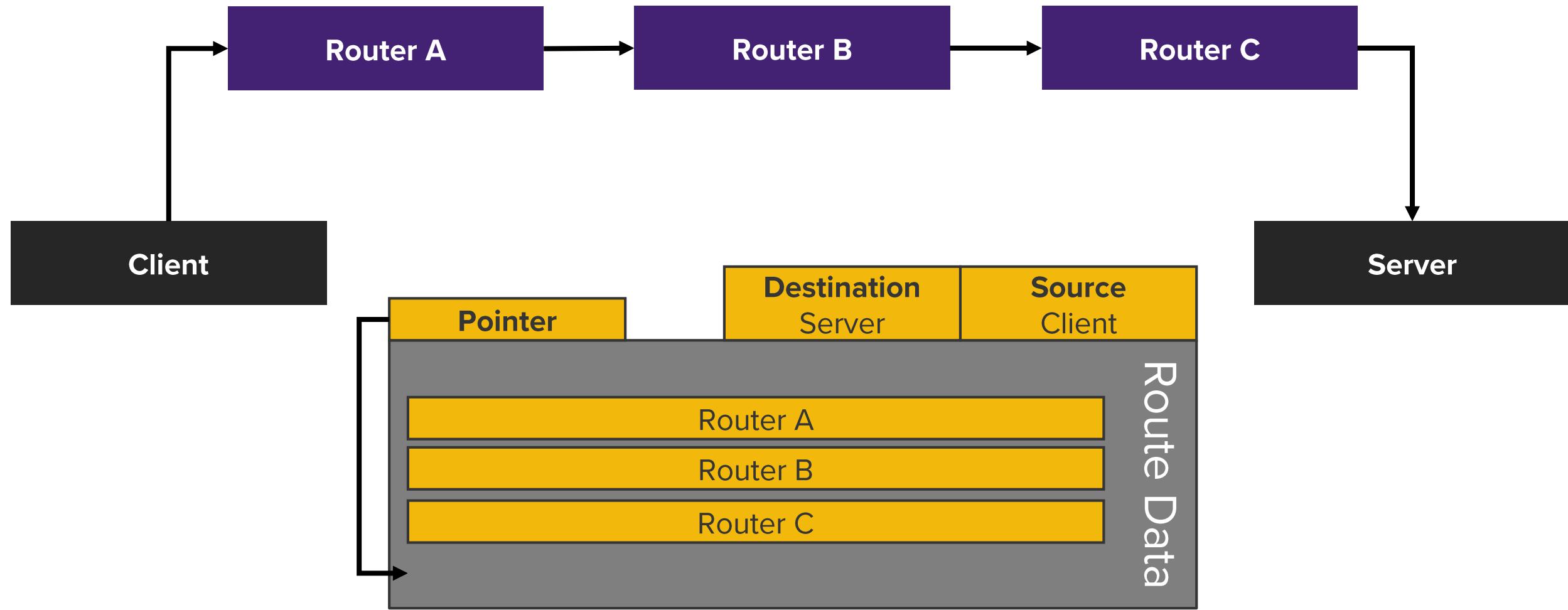


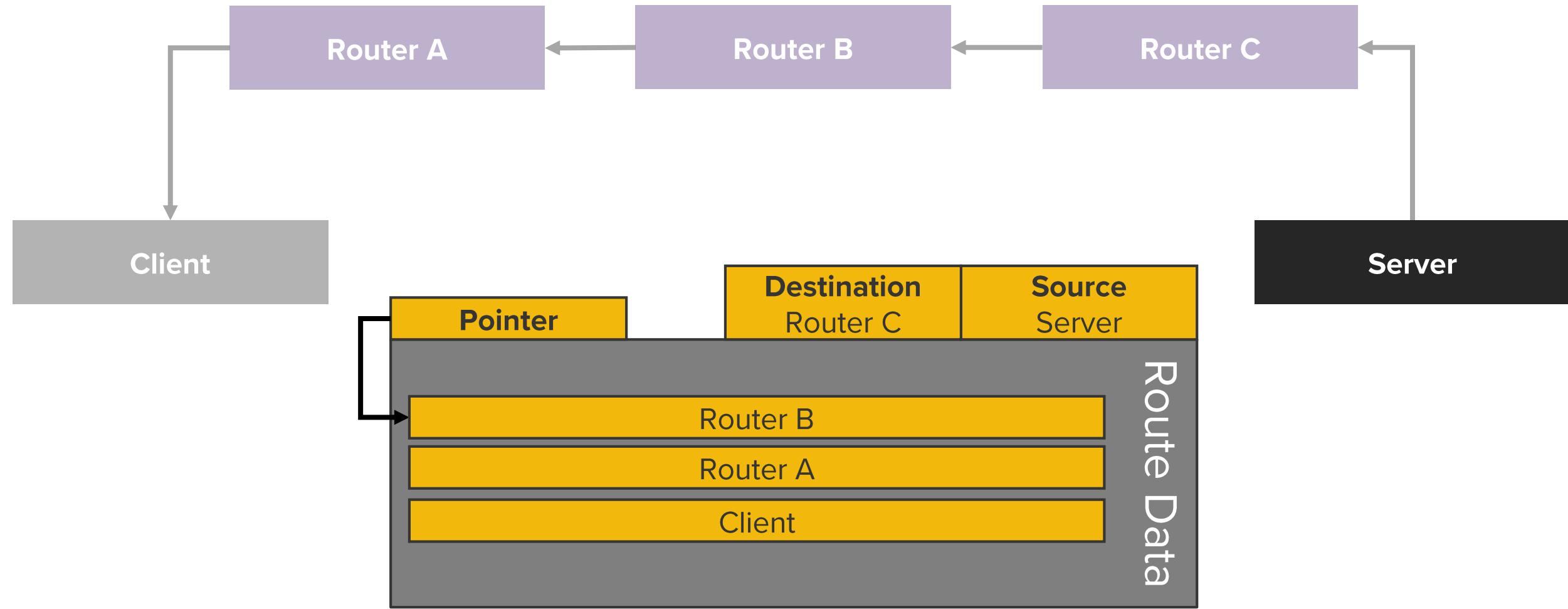




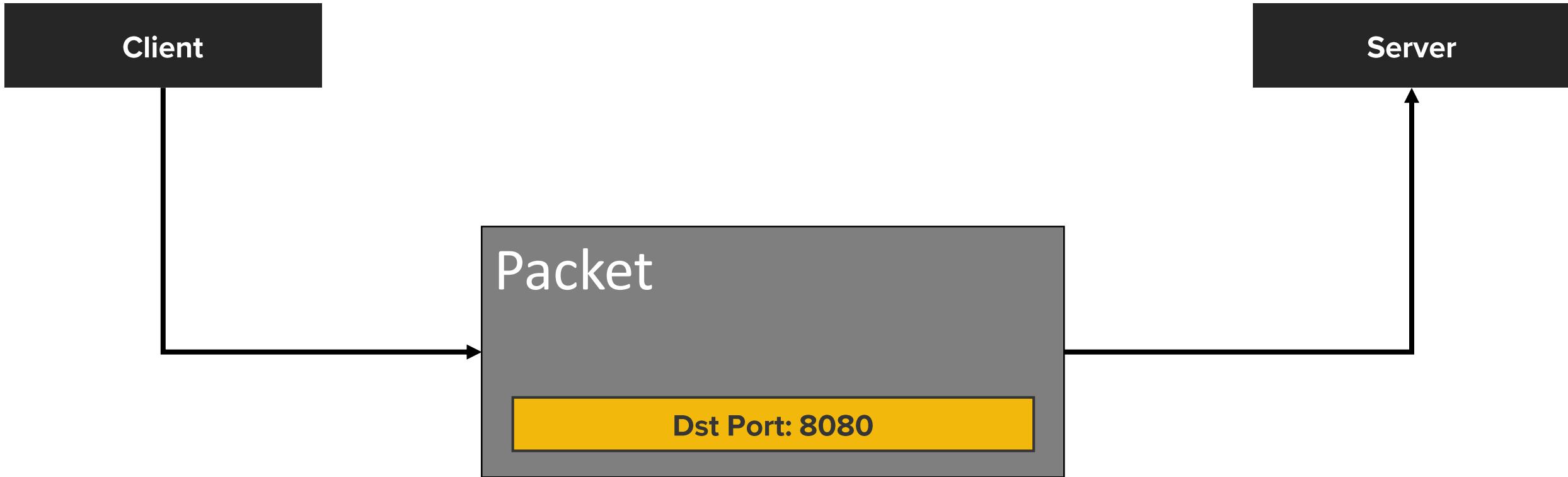








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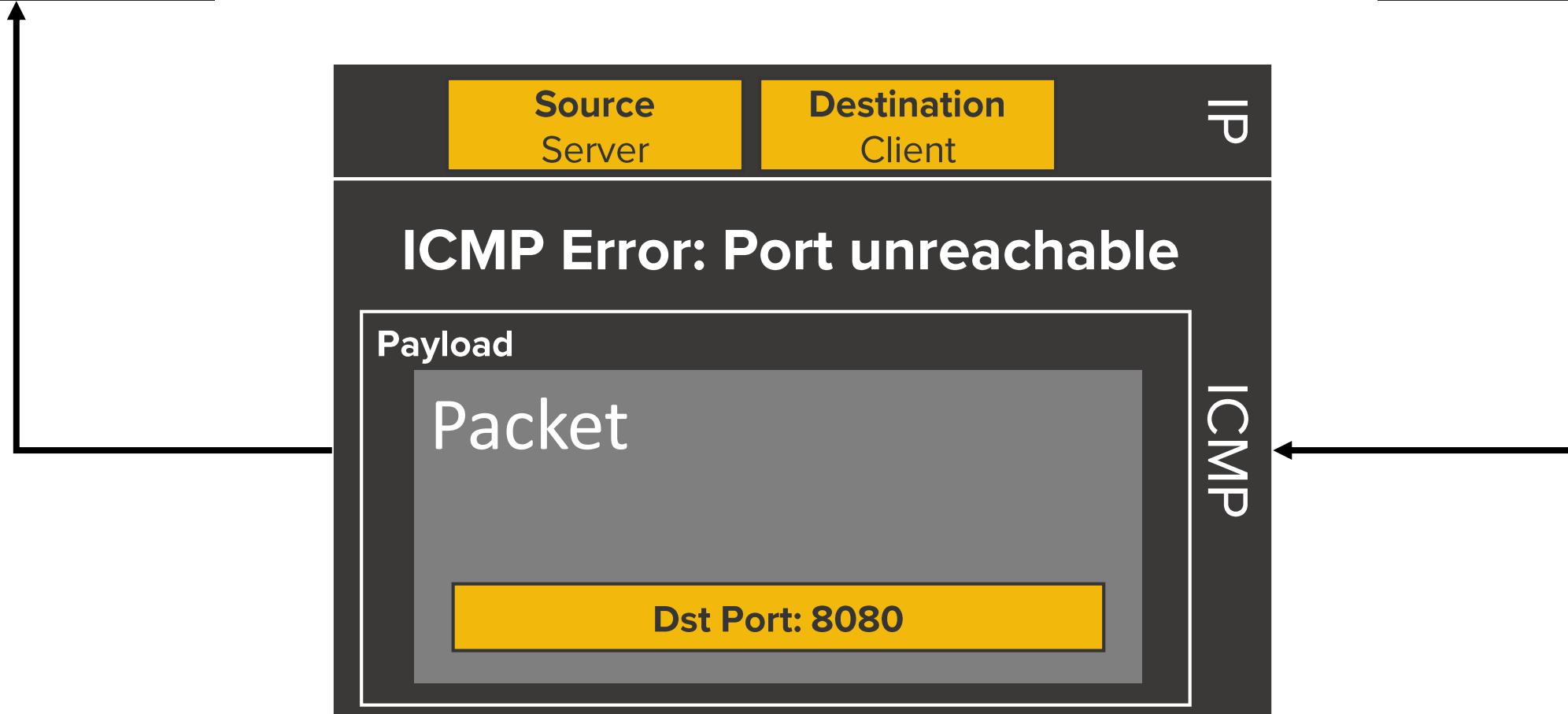


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Client

Server



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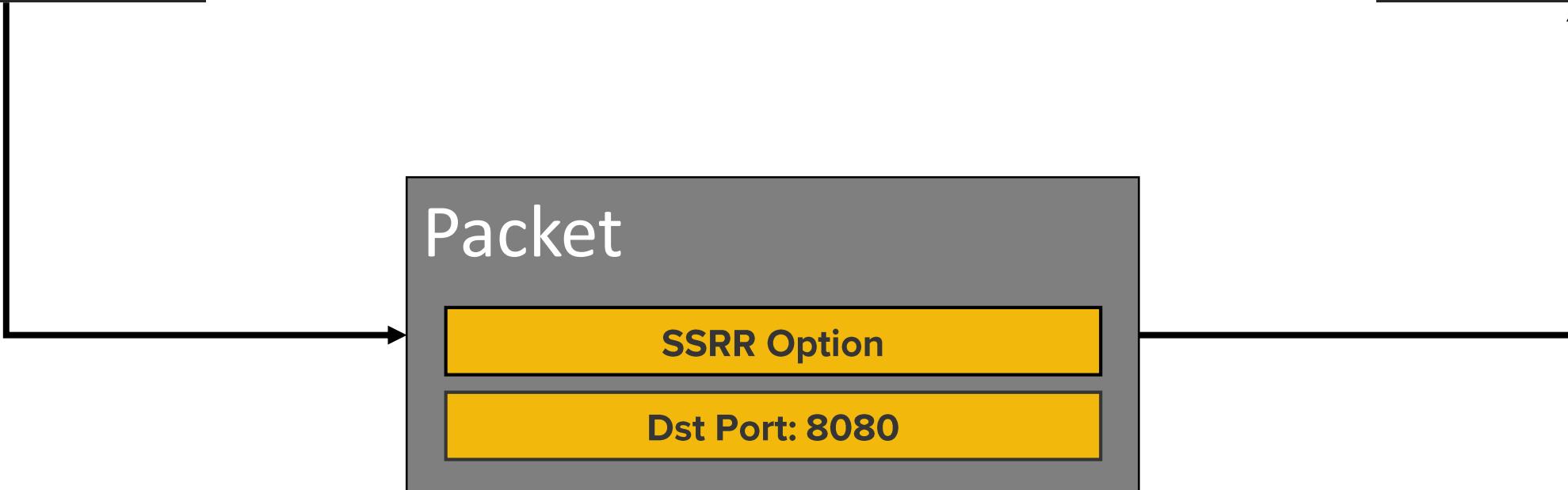
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Packet

SSRR Option

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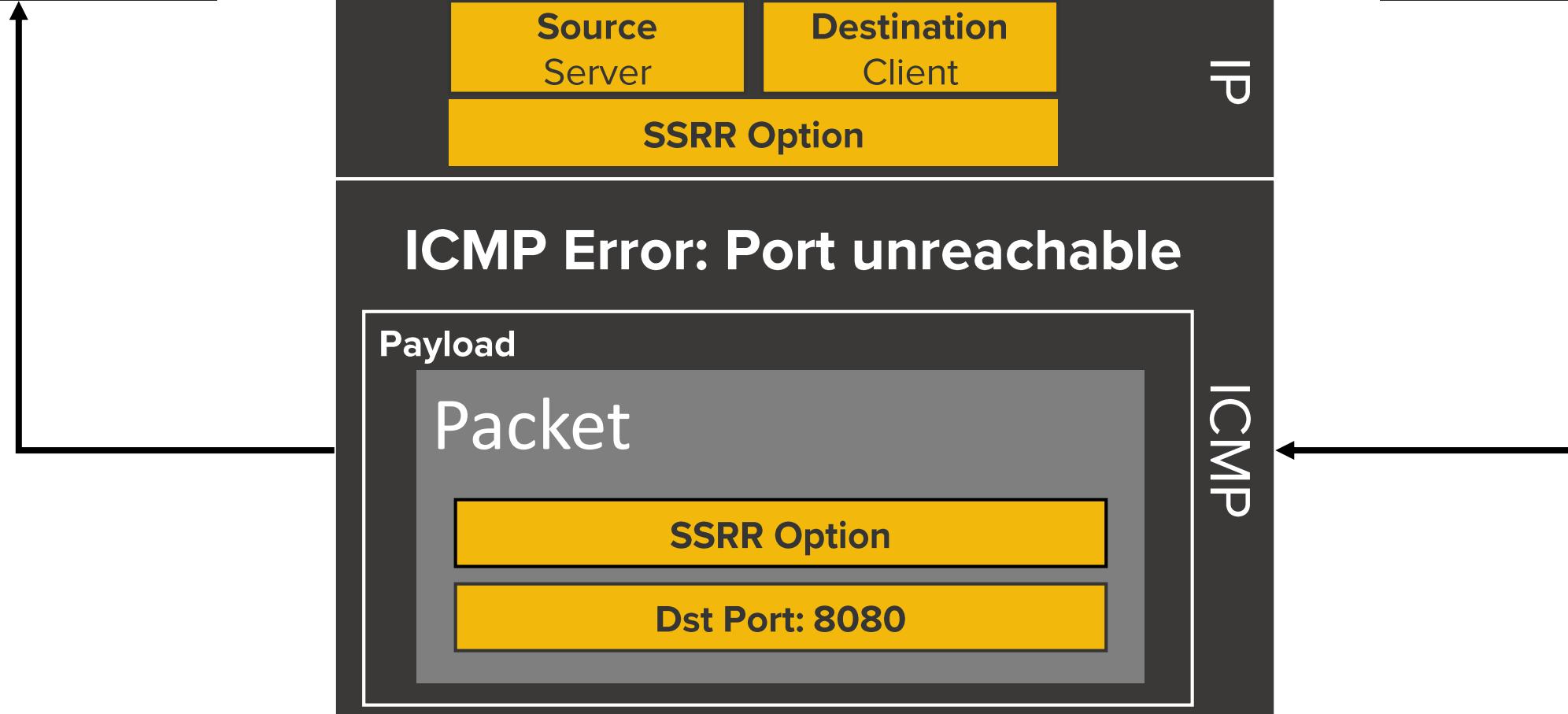


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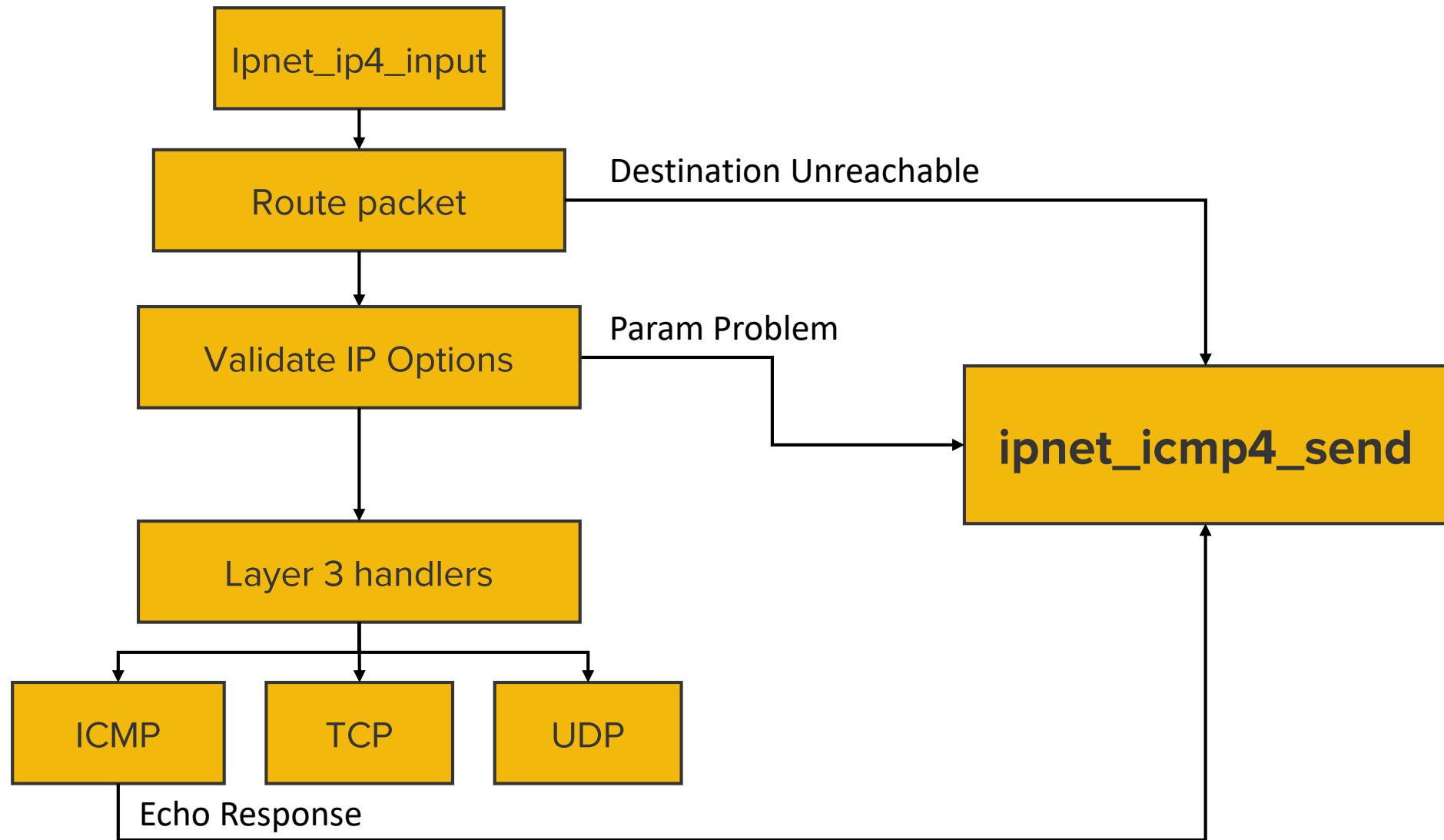
Client

Server





# IP Packet flow



# ipnet\_icmp4\_send



```
while ( 1 ) {
    current_opt = ipnet_ip4_get_ip_opt_next(current_opt, copyopts_param->options_ptr,
                                             copyopts_param->total_opt_size);
    ...
    opt_type = *current_opt;
    if ( opt_type == IP_IPOPT_SSRR ) {
        srr_opt = (srr_opt_t *)&opts->opts[opts->len];
        // Doesn't validate this offset is within the current option
        offset_to_current_route_entry = srr_opt->ptr - 5;
        ...
        current_route_entry = &current_opt[offset_to_current_route_entry];
        while ( offset_to_current_route_entry > 0 ) {
            memcpy((char *)srr_opt + srr_opt->length, current_route_entry, 4);
            current_route_entry -= 4;
            offset_to_current_route_entry -= 4;
            srr_opt->length += 4;
        }
    }
}
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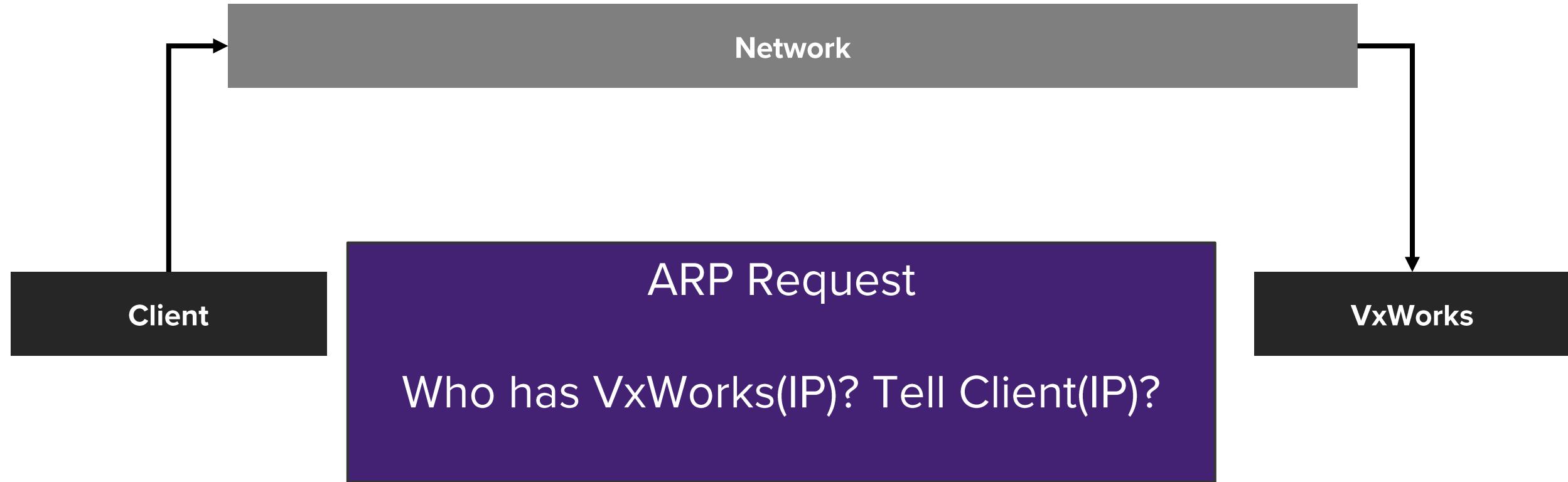
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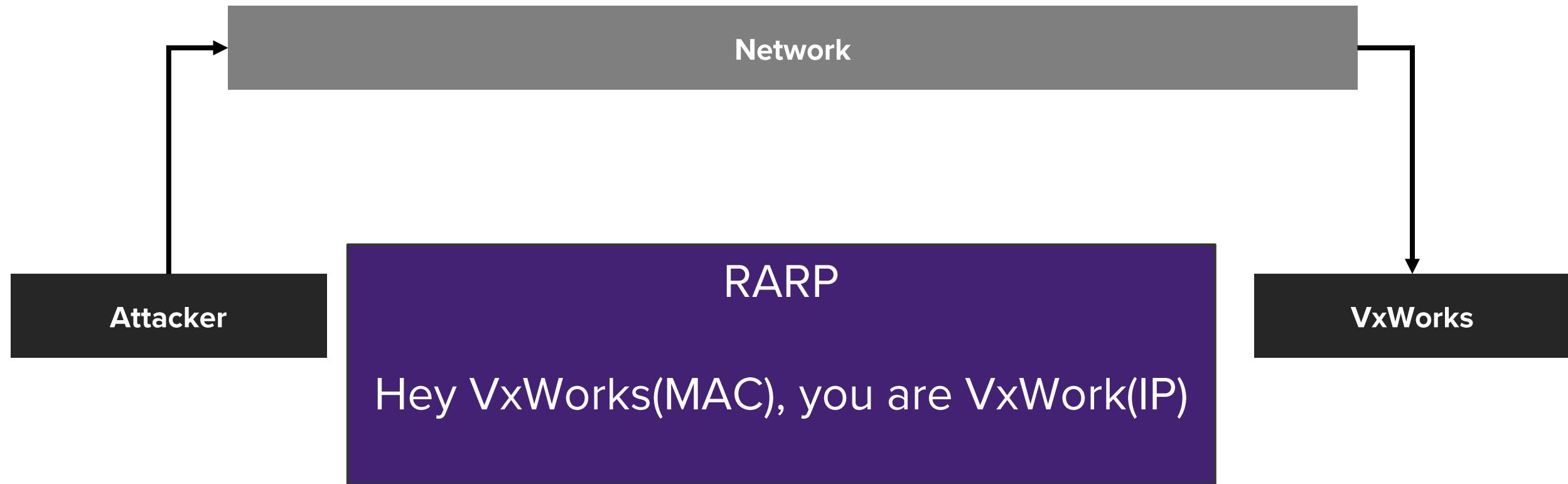
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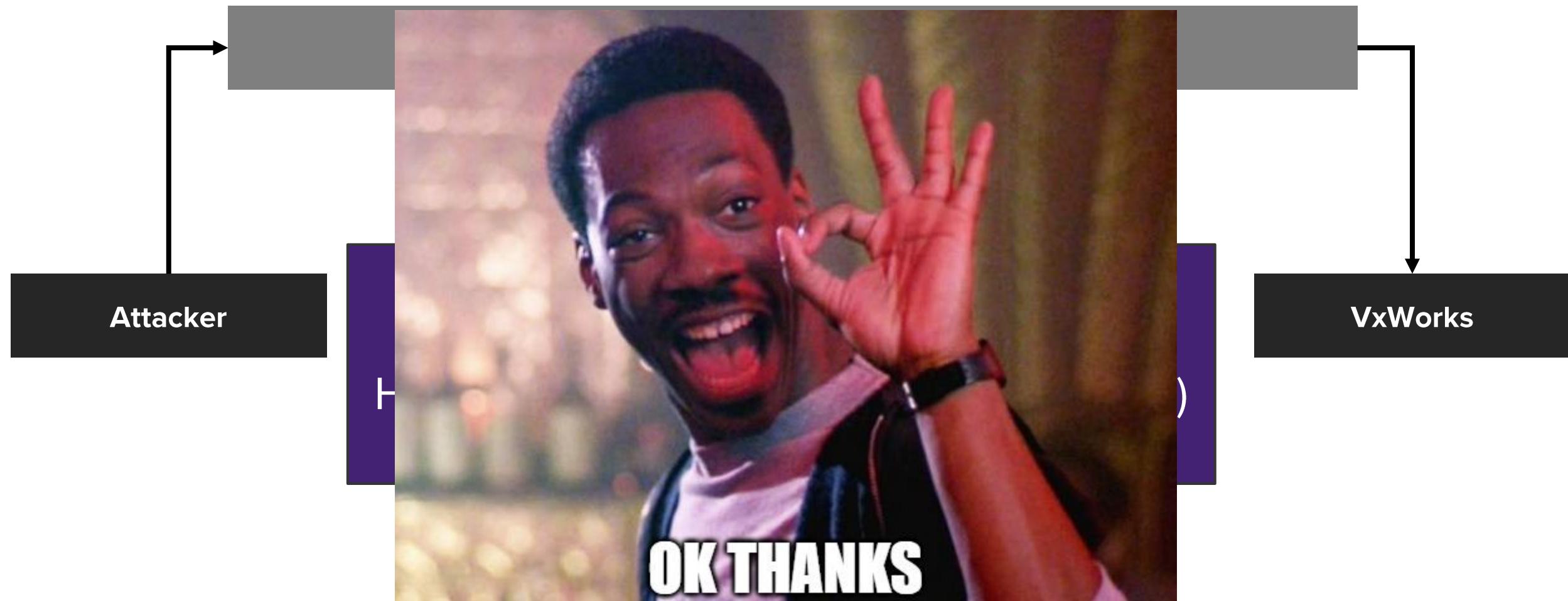
# Your run-of-the-mill ARP



# RARP!



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```
...
if ( *_WORD *)rarp_pkt == 256
    && *_WORD *(rarp_pkt + 2) == 8
    && *_BYTE *(rarp_pkt + 4) == 6
    && *_BYTE *(rarp_pkt + 5) == 4
    && *_WORD *(rarp_pkt + 6) == 1024 )
{
    interface = ipnet_eth_is_valid_node_mac(interface, rarp_pkt + 8);
if ( interface )
{
    // Validate the IP address isn't class D or E
    if ( !(*_WORD *)(rarp_pkt + 24) & 0x80)
        || (*_WORD *)(rarp_pkt + 24) & 0xC0) == 128
        || (interface = *_WORD *(rarp_pkt + 24) & 0xE0, interface == 192) )
{
    ret = ipnet_ip4_add_addr(interface);
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}
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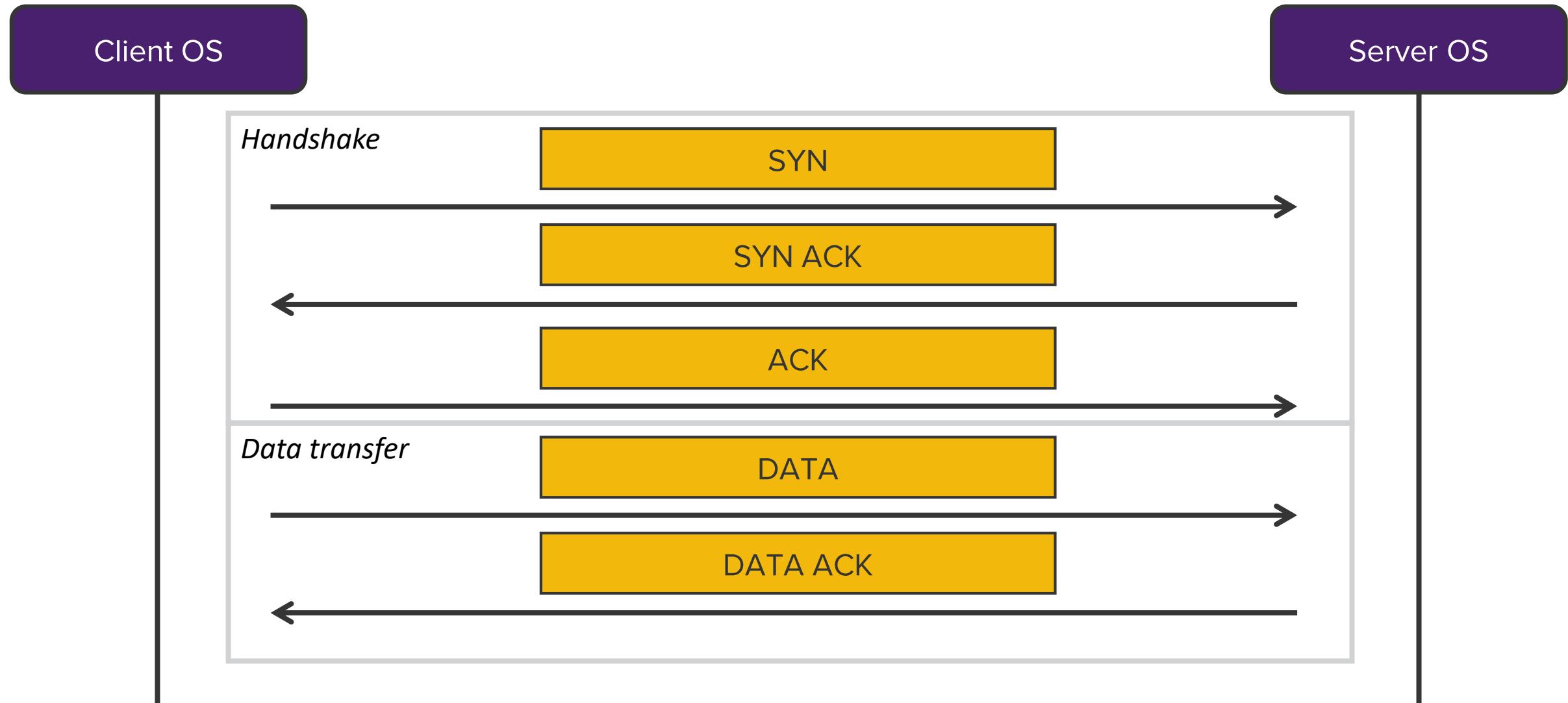
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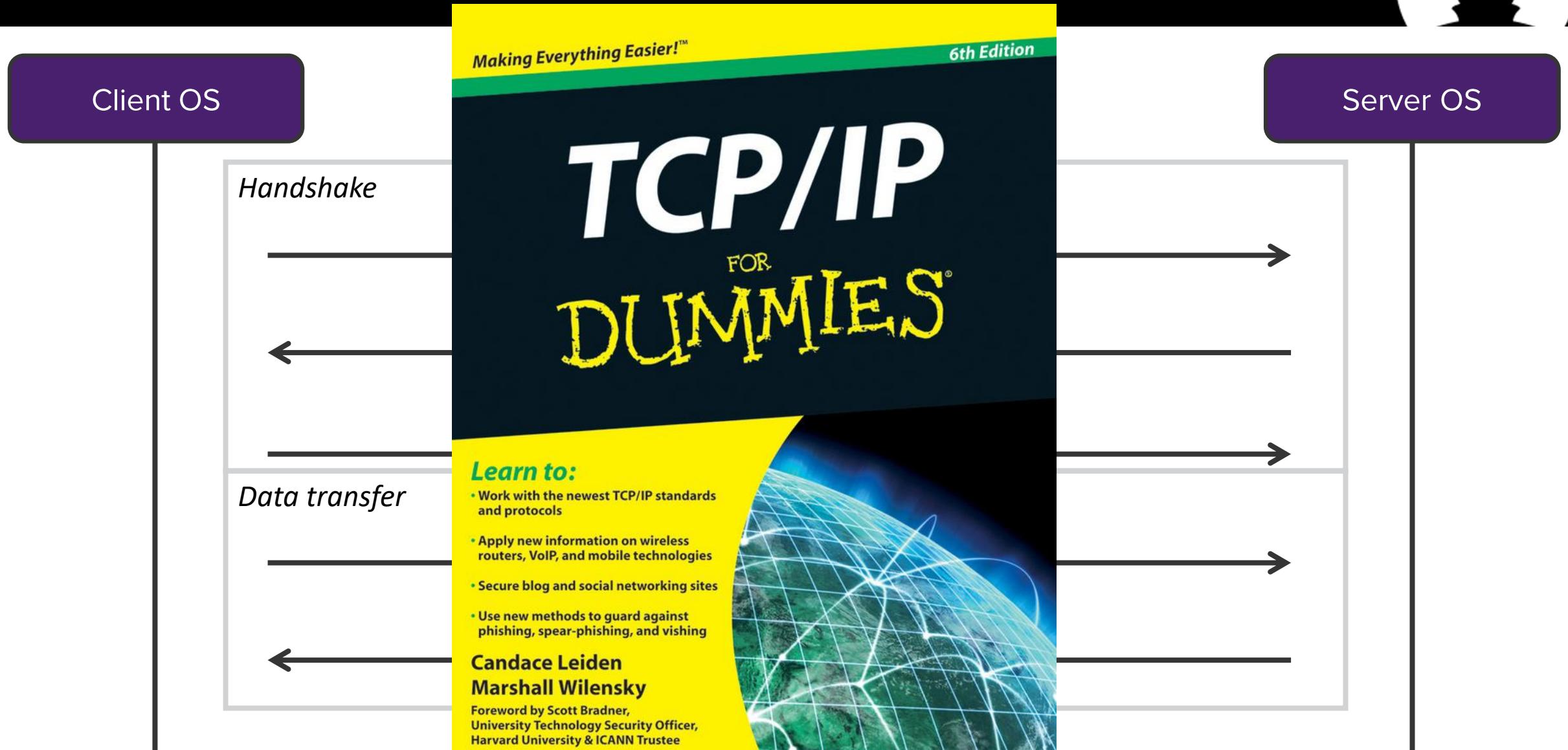
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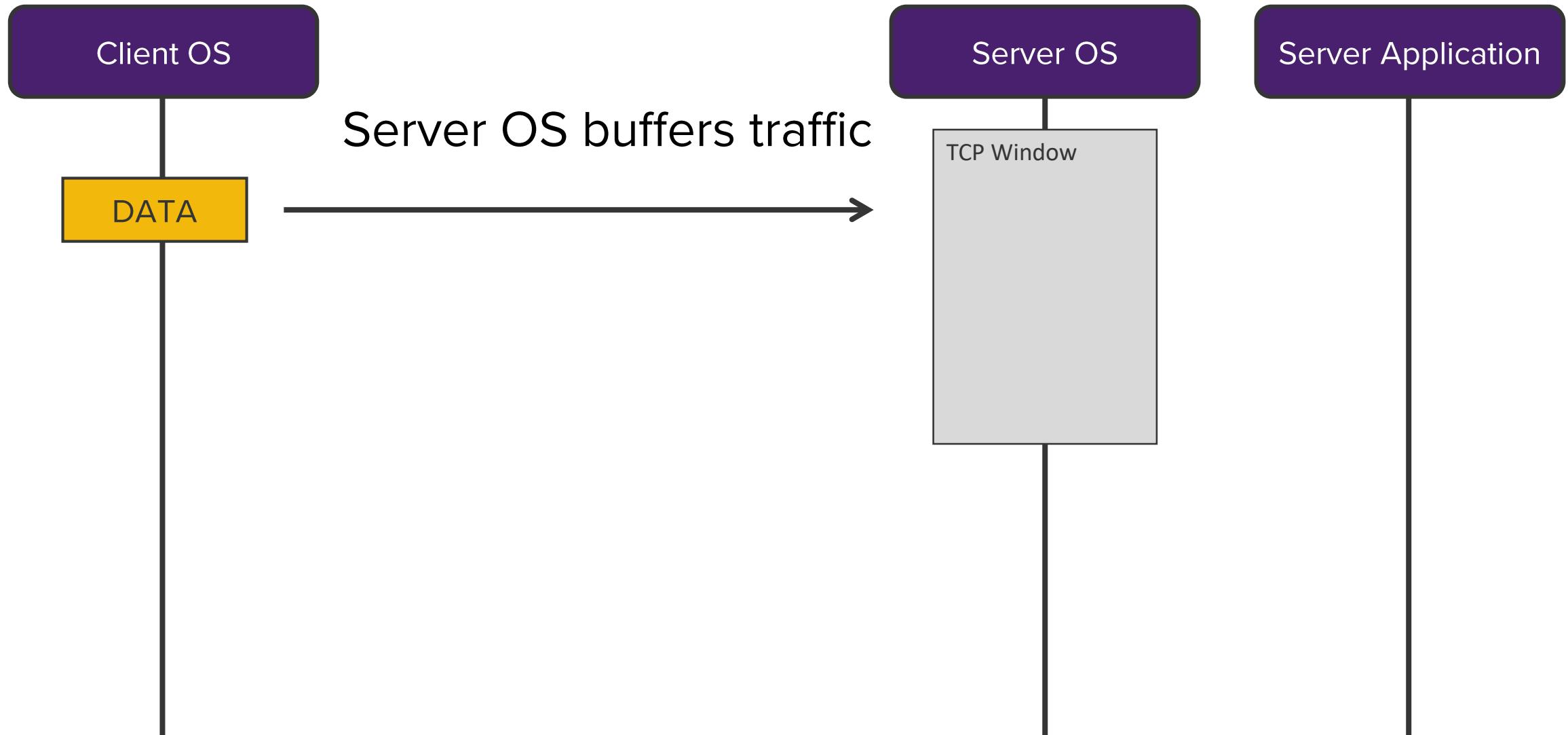


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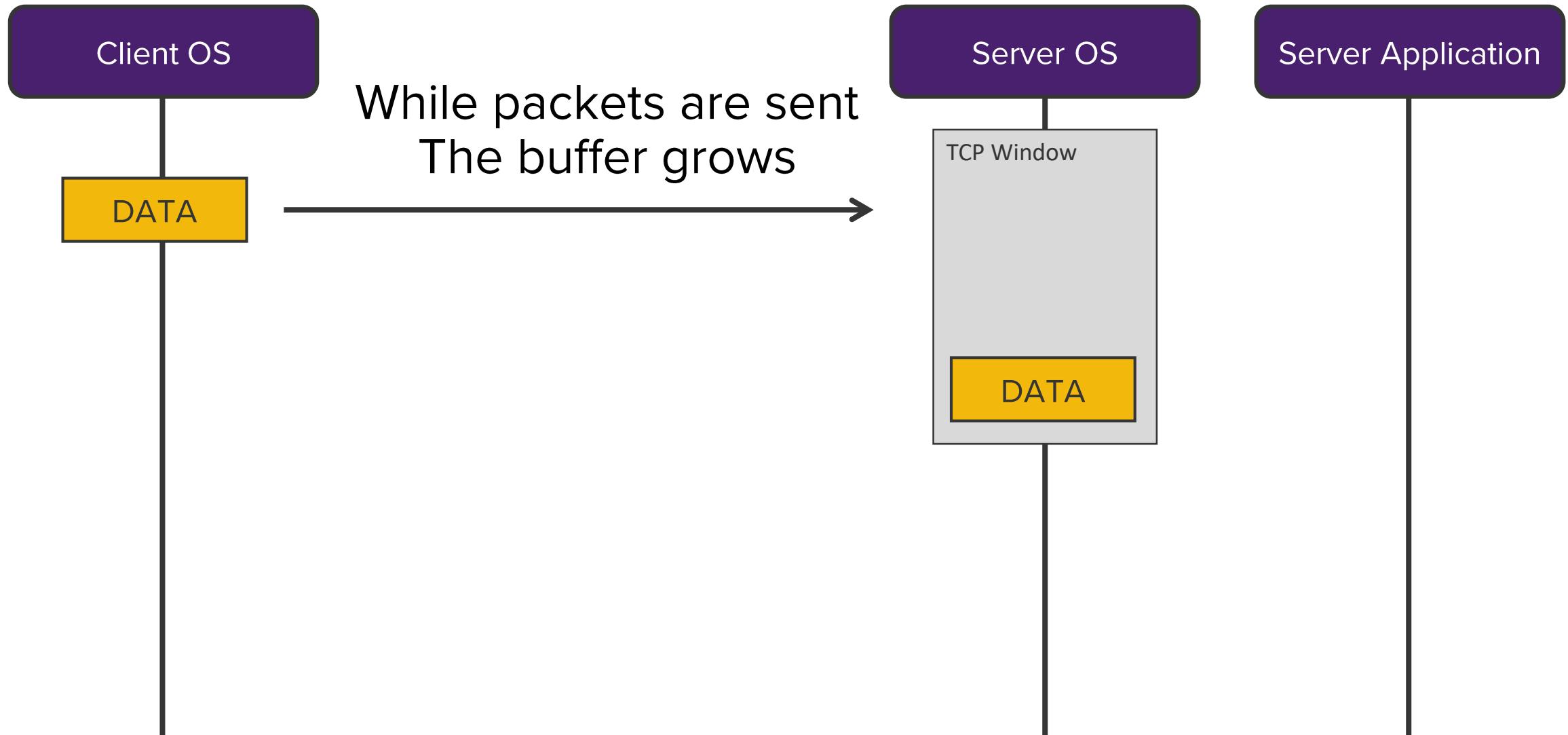


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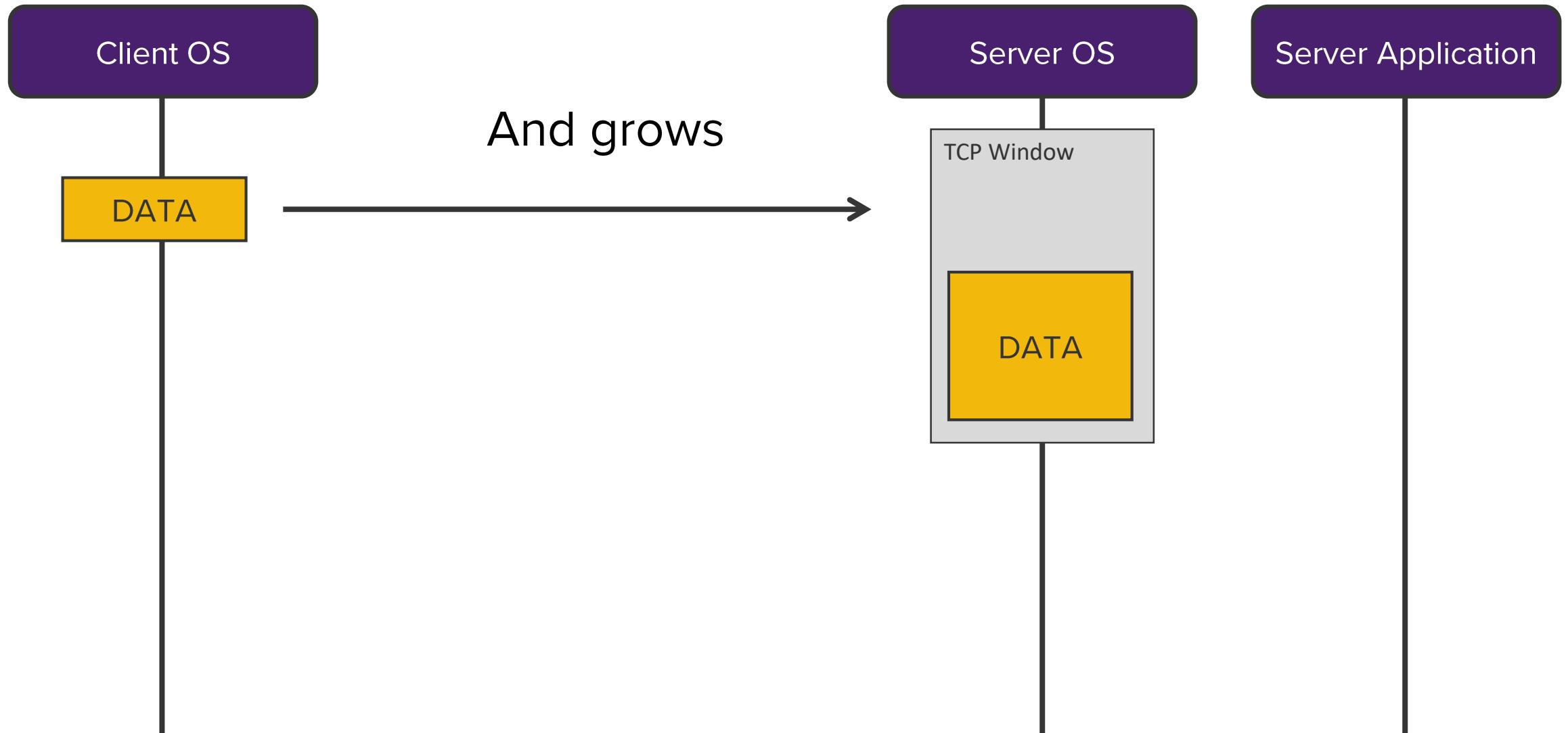




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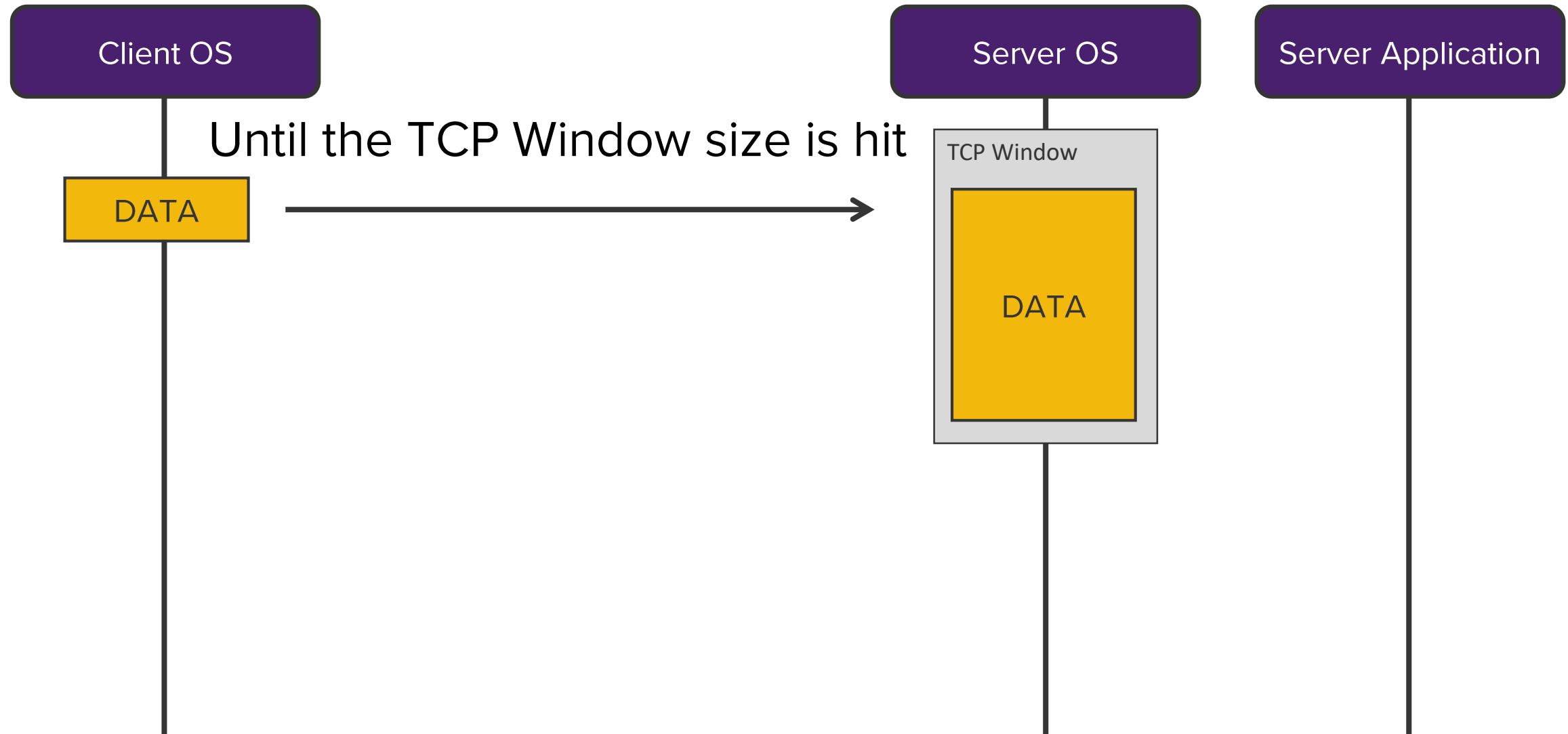


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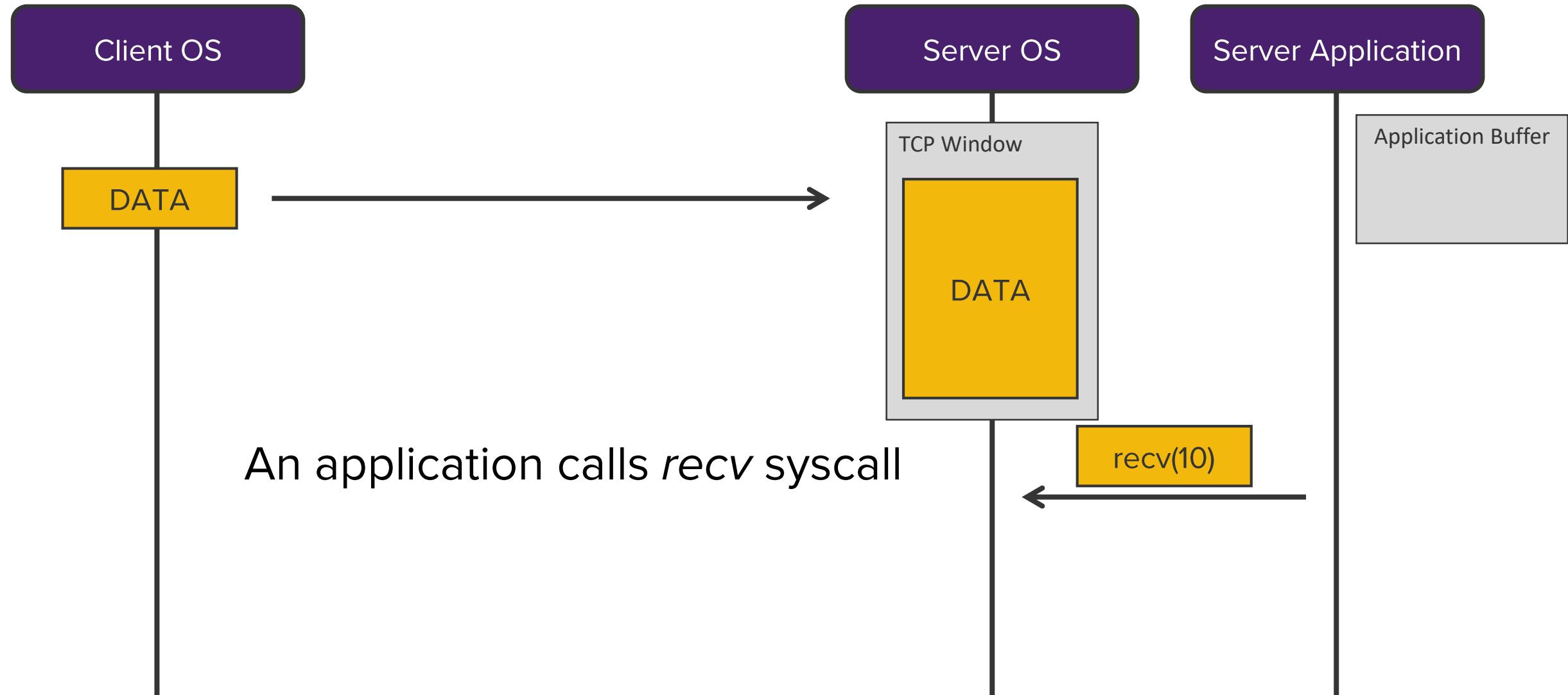




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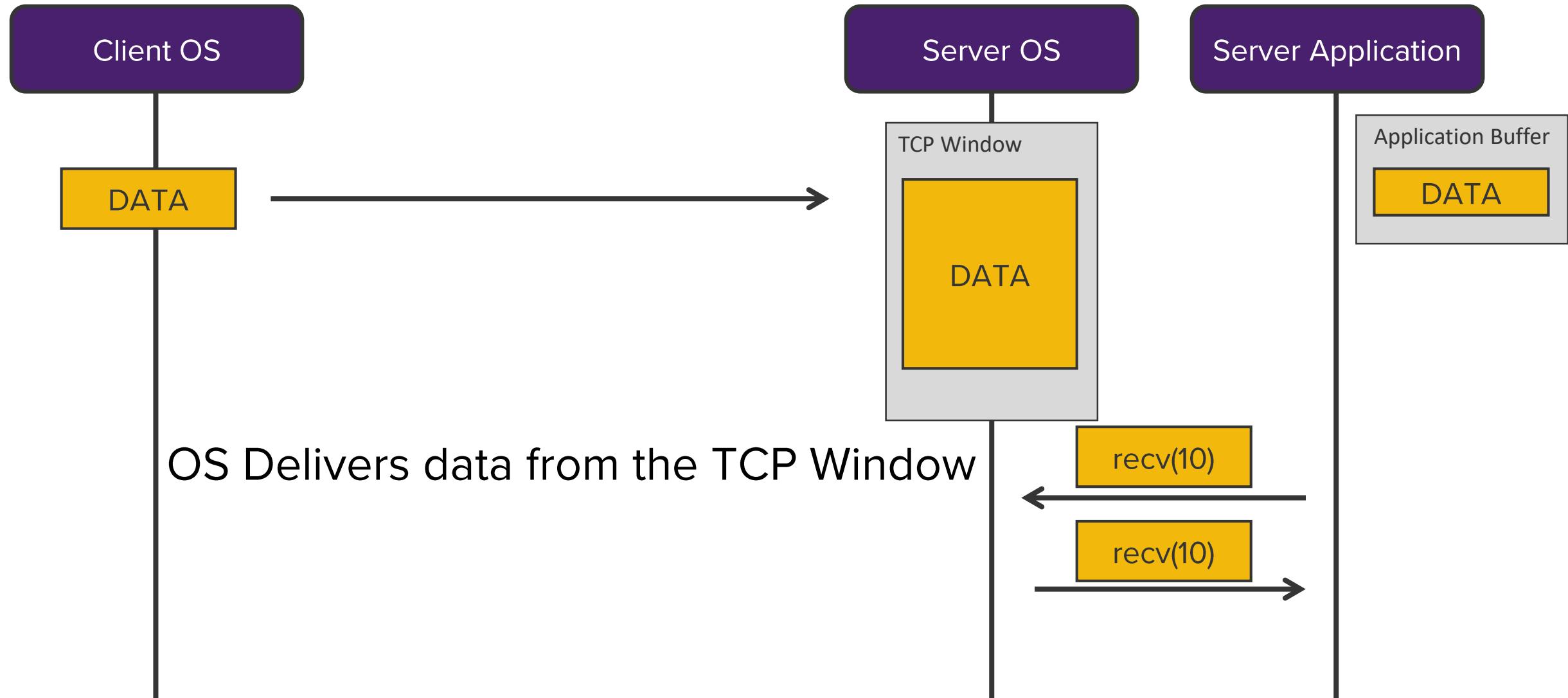


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# TCP Urgent data

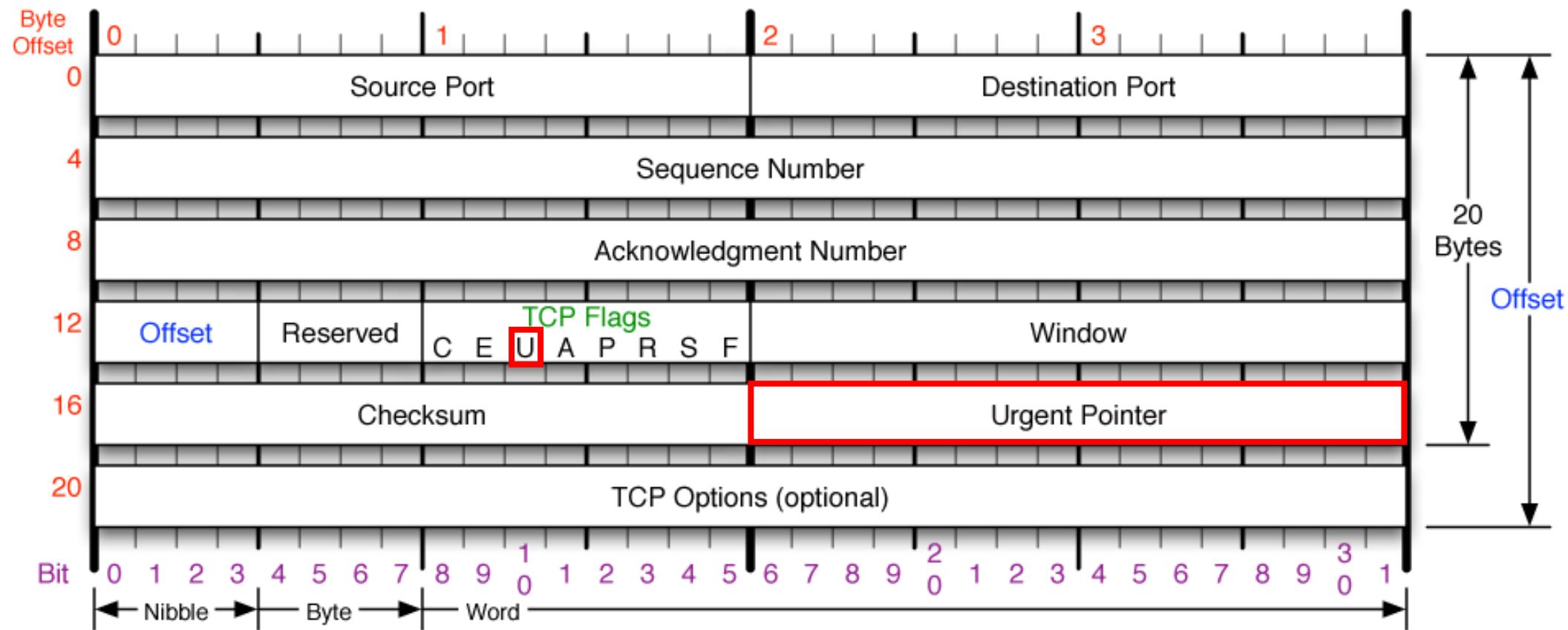


*“.. If all this sounds complicated just  
don't use urgent data”*

*cnicutar, stackoverflow.com  
( first result on google “tcp urgent data”)*



## TCP Header



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If successive indications of 'urgent data' are received before the application reads the pending 'out-of-band' byte, that pending byte will be discarded (i.e., overwritten by the new byte of 'urgent data').

2011

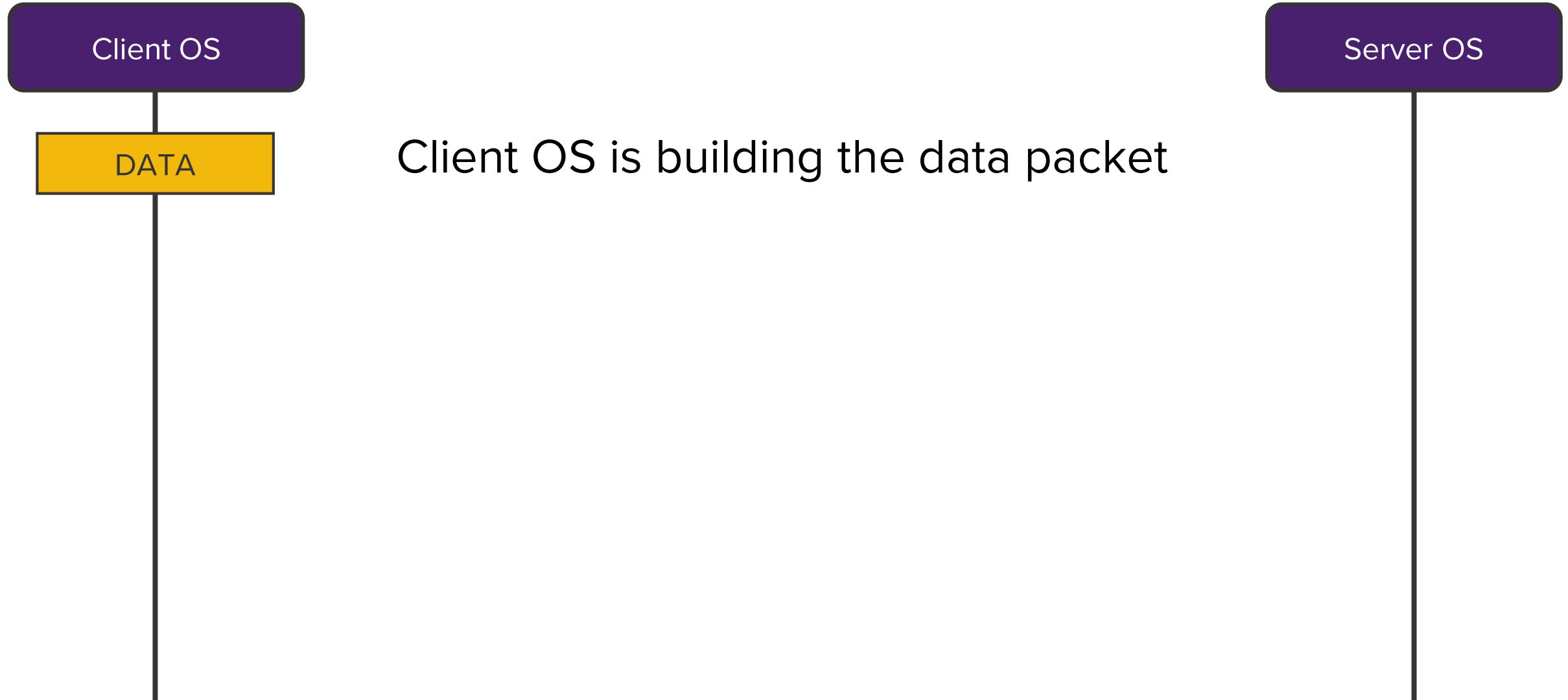


Type a message



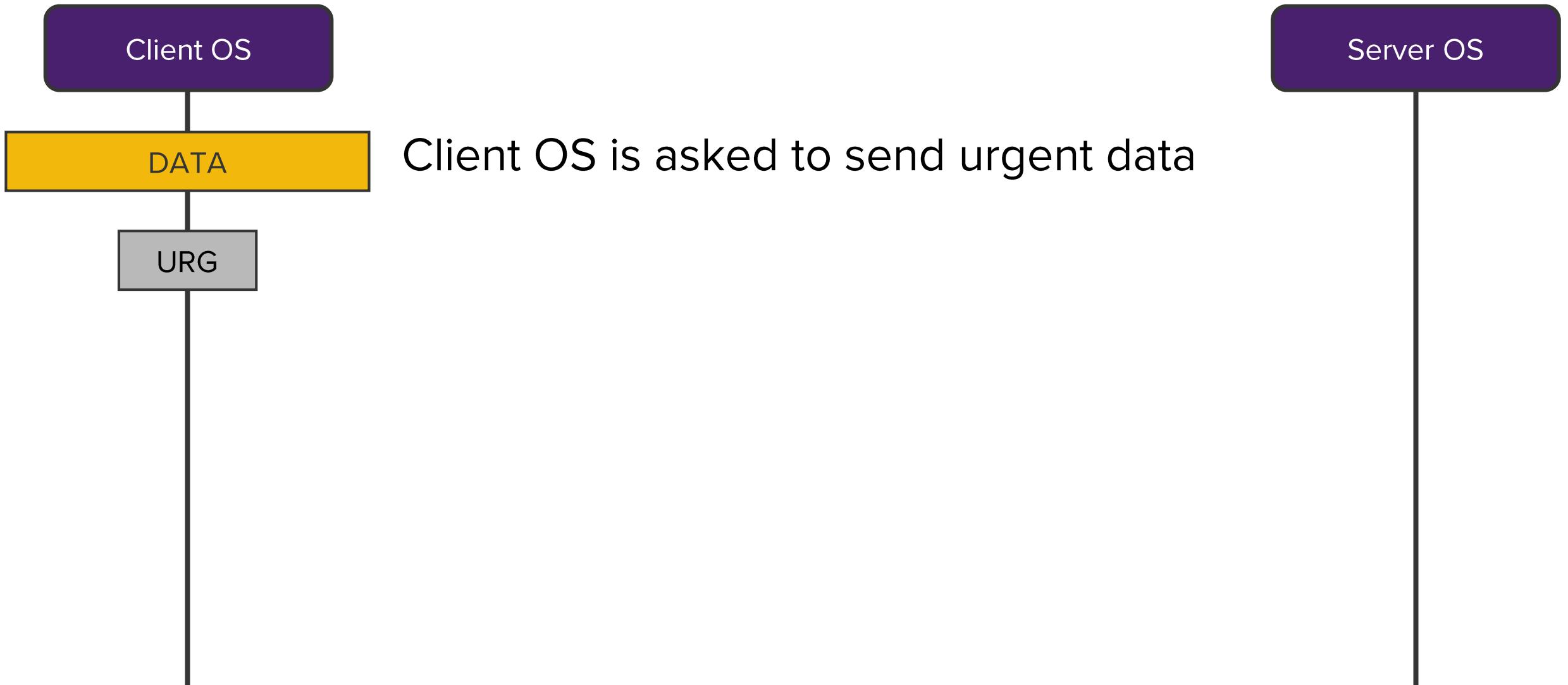


# TCP Urgent data





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Client OS

Server OS

OS embeds the urgent data inside normal data packet





# TCP Urgent data

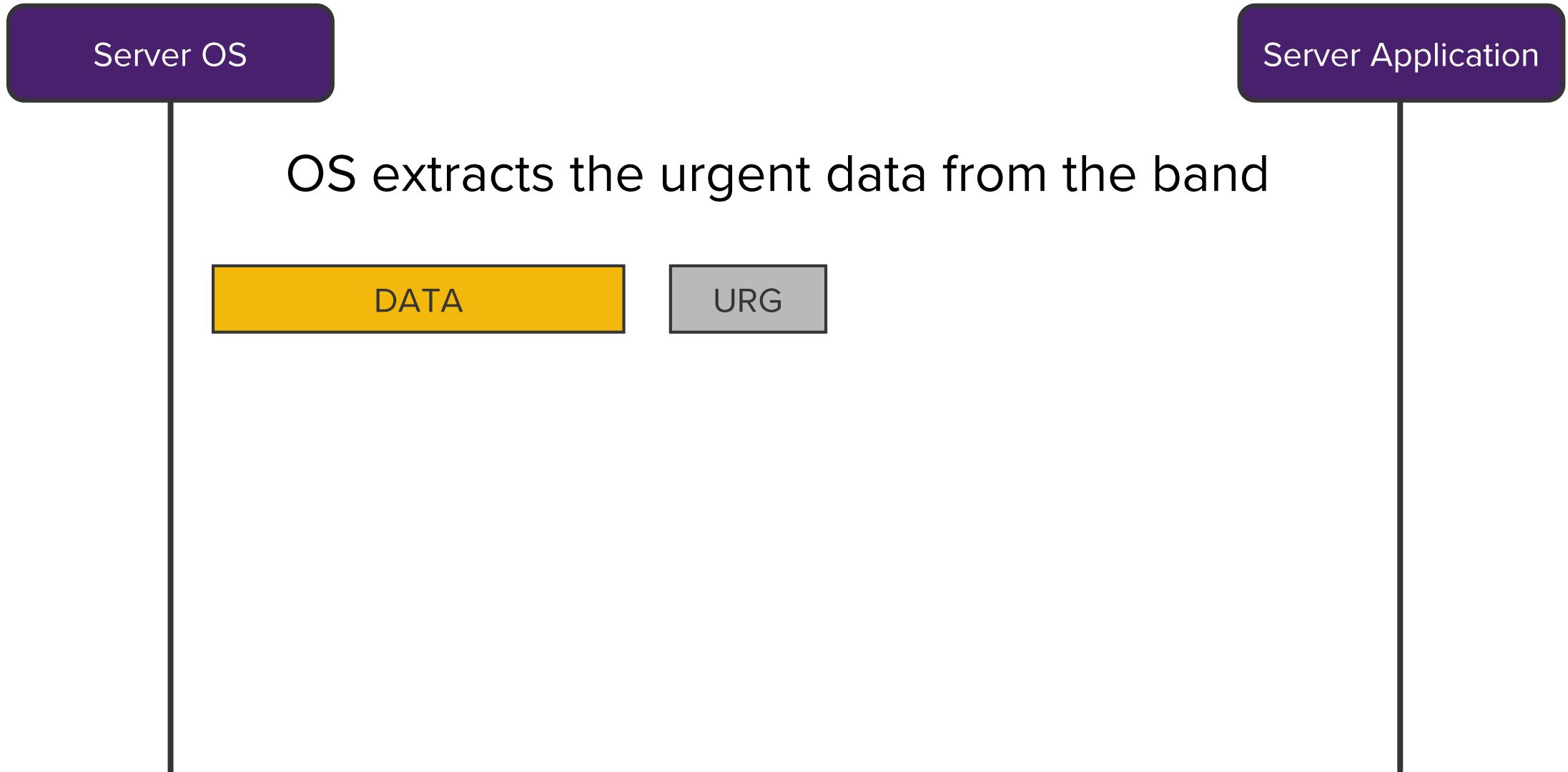
Server OS

Server's OS receives data containing urgent data



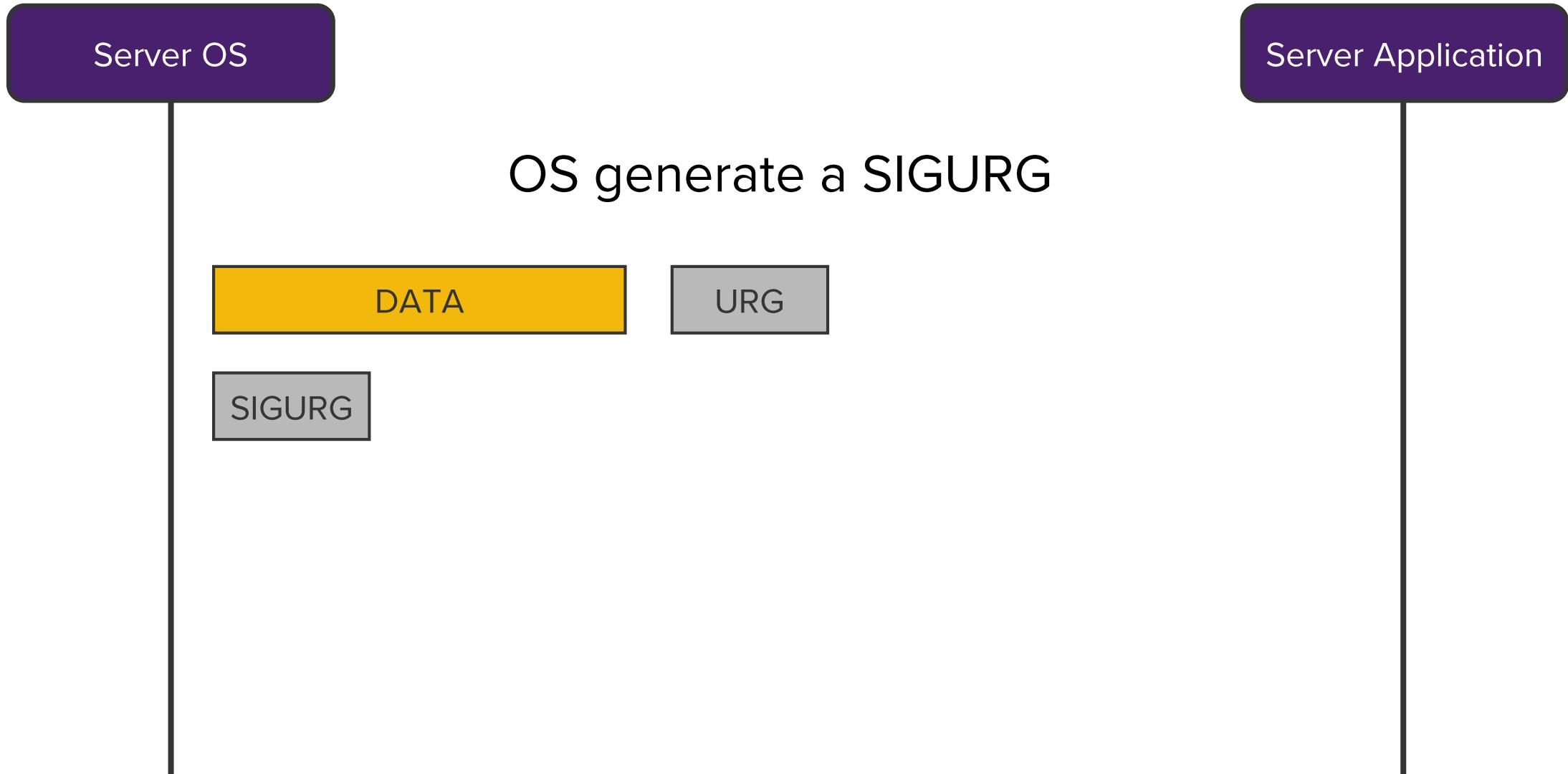


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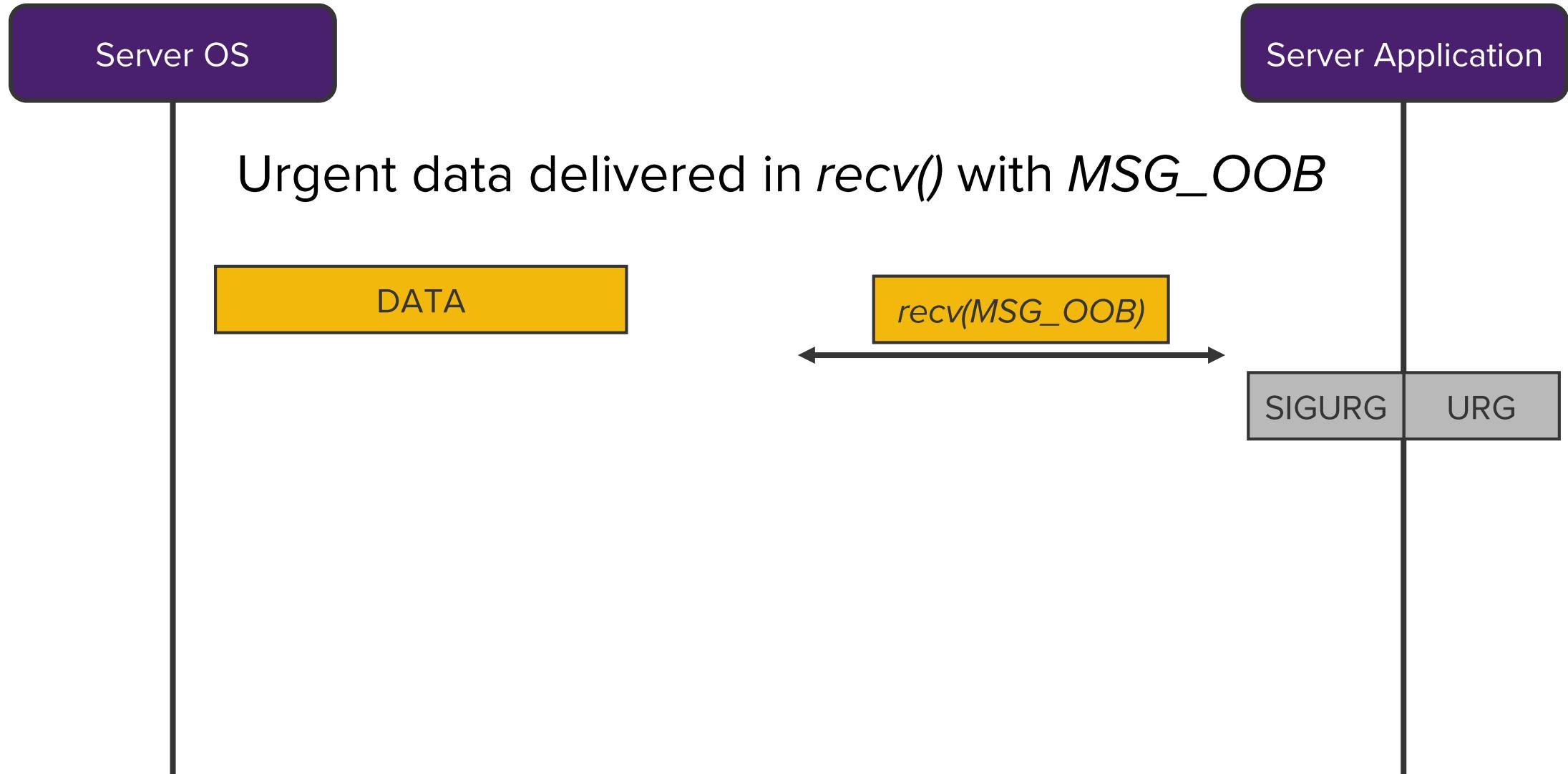


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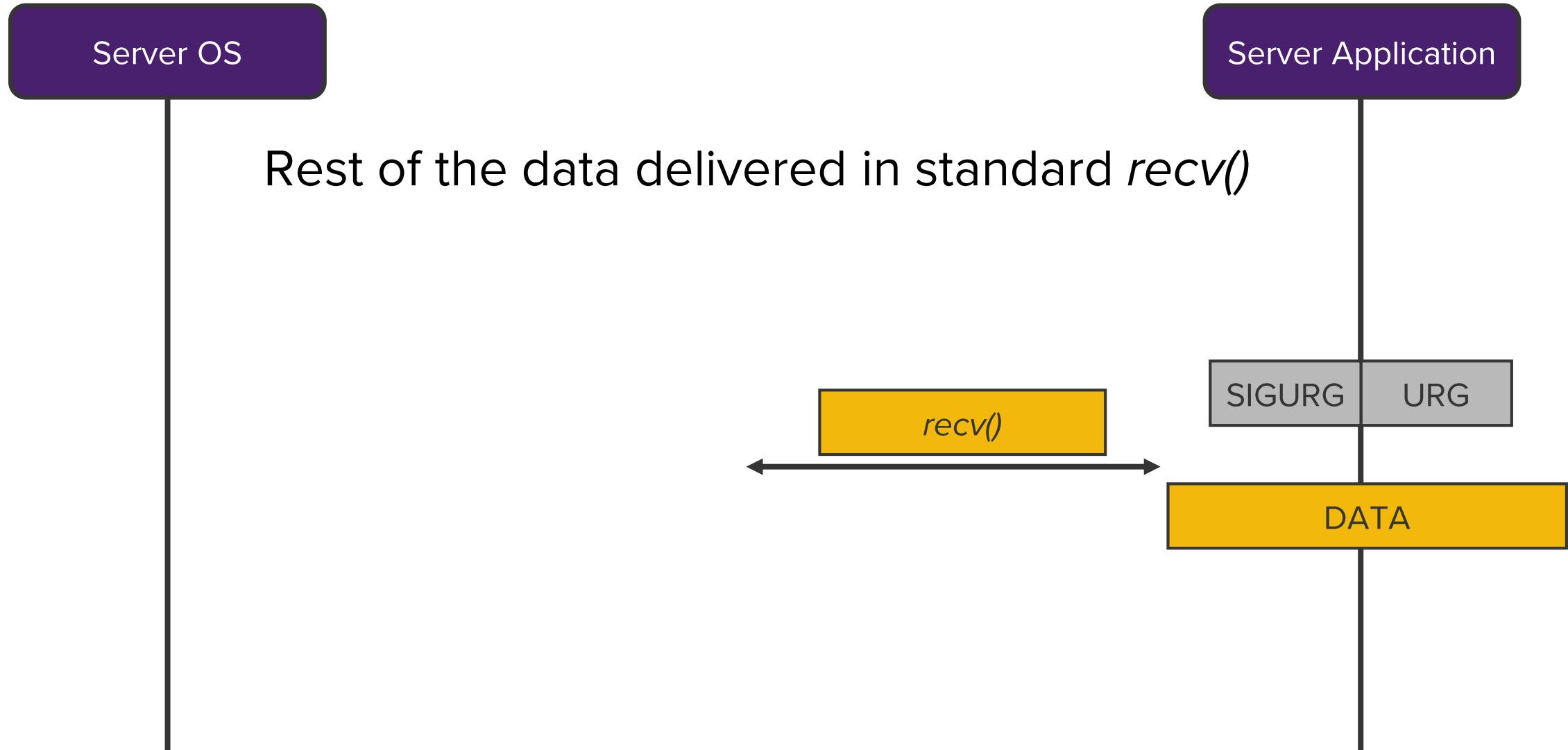


# TCP Urgent data





# TCP Urgent data



# VxWorks implementation



recv()



```
int iptcp_usr_get_from_recv_queue(...) {  
  
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        // Calculate the urgent data offset inside the window, in order to  
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    }  
    ...  
}
```

# VxWorks implementation



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# VxWorks implementation



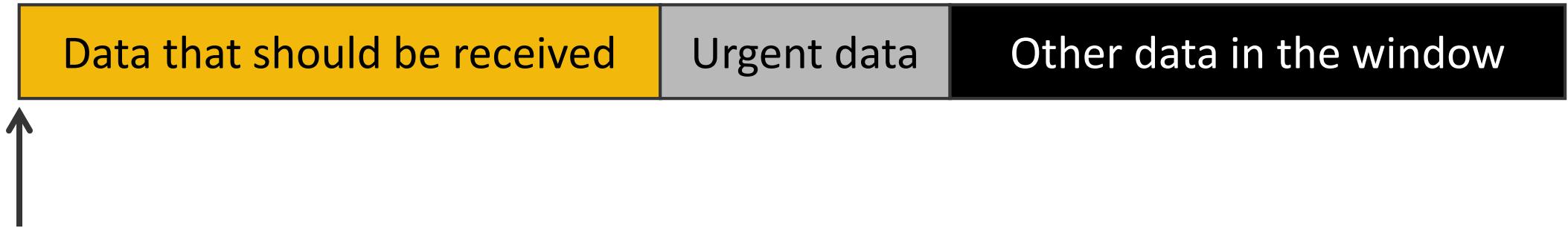
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```



# VxWorks implementation



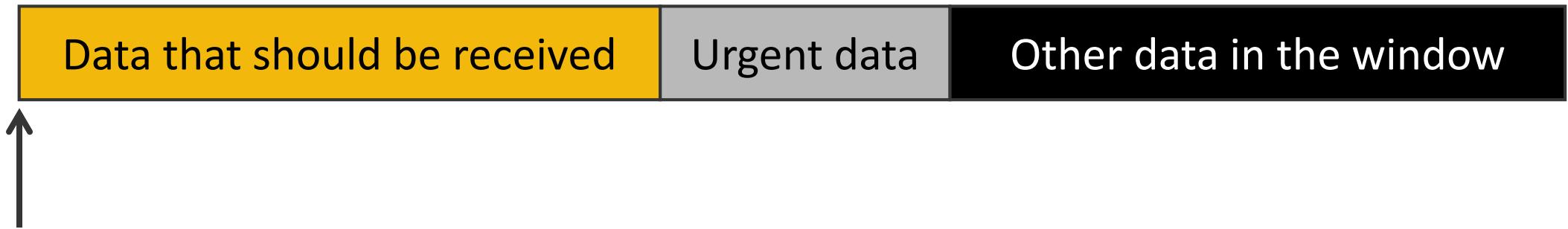
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# VxWorks implementation



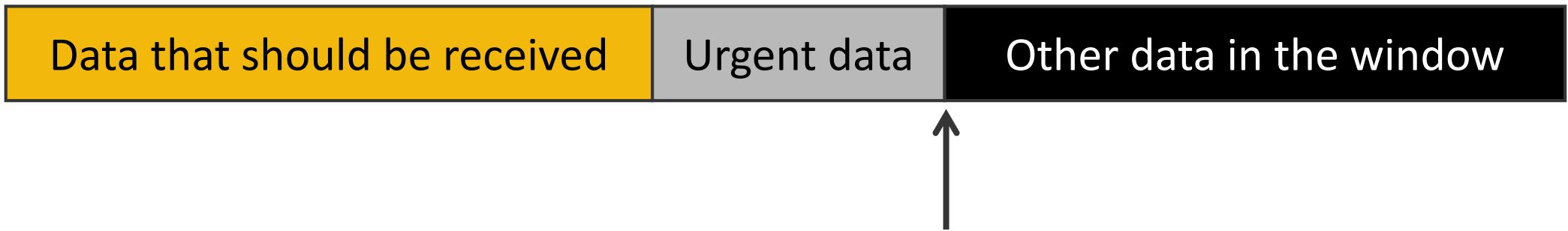
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# VxWorks implementation



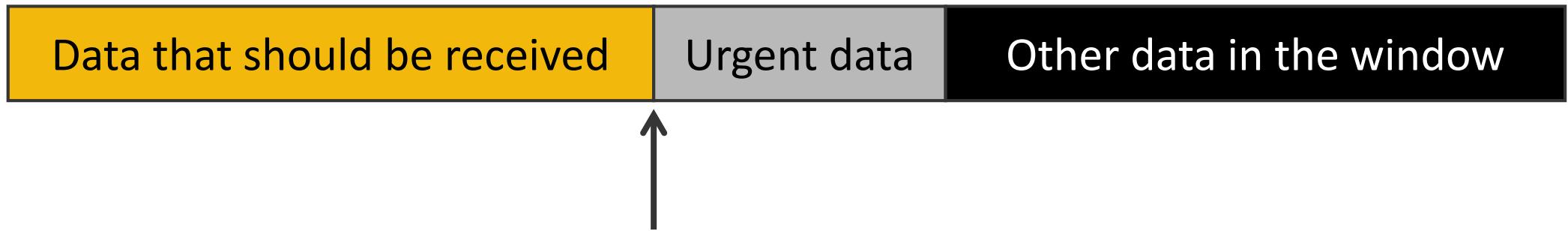
```
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```



# VxWorks implementation



```
len = tcb->recv.urg_ptr - 1 - seq_start
```



# Urgent Pointer = 0



```
len = tcb->recv.urg_ptr - 1 - seq_start
```

Data that should be received

Other data in the window

Urgent Pointer = 0

tcb->recv.urg\_ptr = seq\_start + 0

# Urgent Pointer = 0



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Urgent Pointer = 0

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tcb->recv.urg\_ptr = seq\_start + 0

# Urgent Pointer = 0



```
len = seq_start - 1 - seq_start
```

Data that should be received

Other data in the window



```
Urgent Pointer = 0  
tcb->recv.urg_ptr = seq_start + 0
```

# Urgent Pointer = 0



len = -1

Data that should be received

Other data in the window



```
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tcb->recv.urg_ptr = seq_start + 0
```

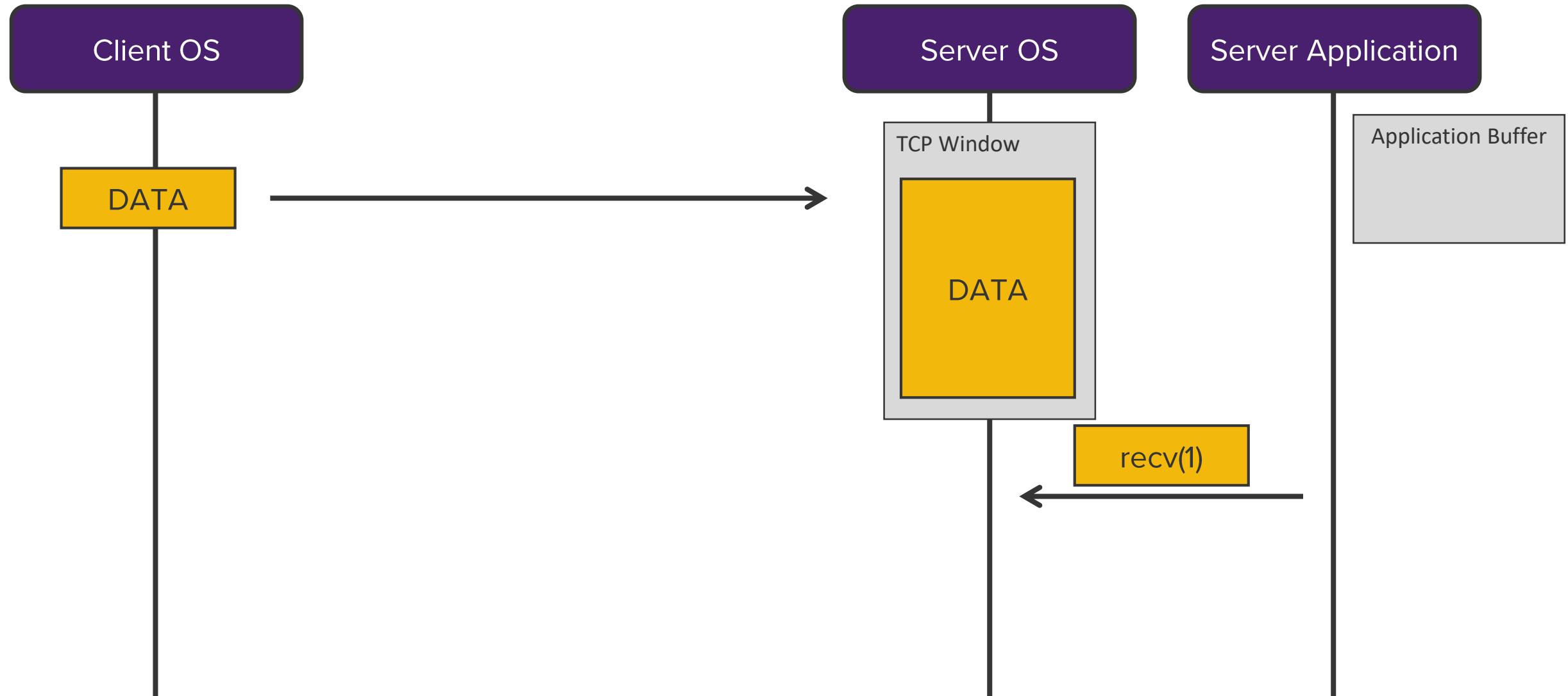
# Urgent Pointer = 0



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        // Calculate the urgent data offset inside the window,  
        // in order to copy data up to, but not including the urgent data  
        len = (unsigned int32) -1;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

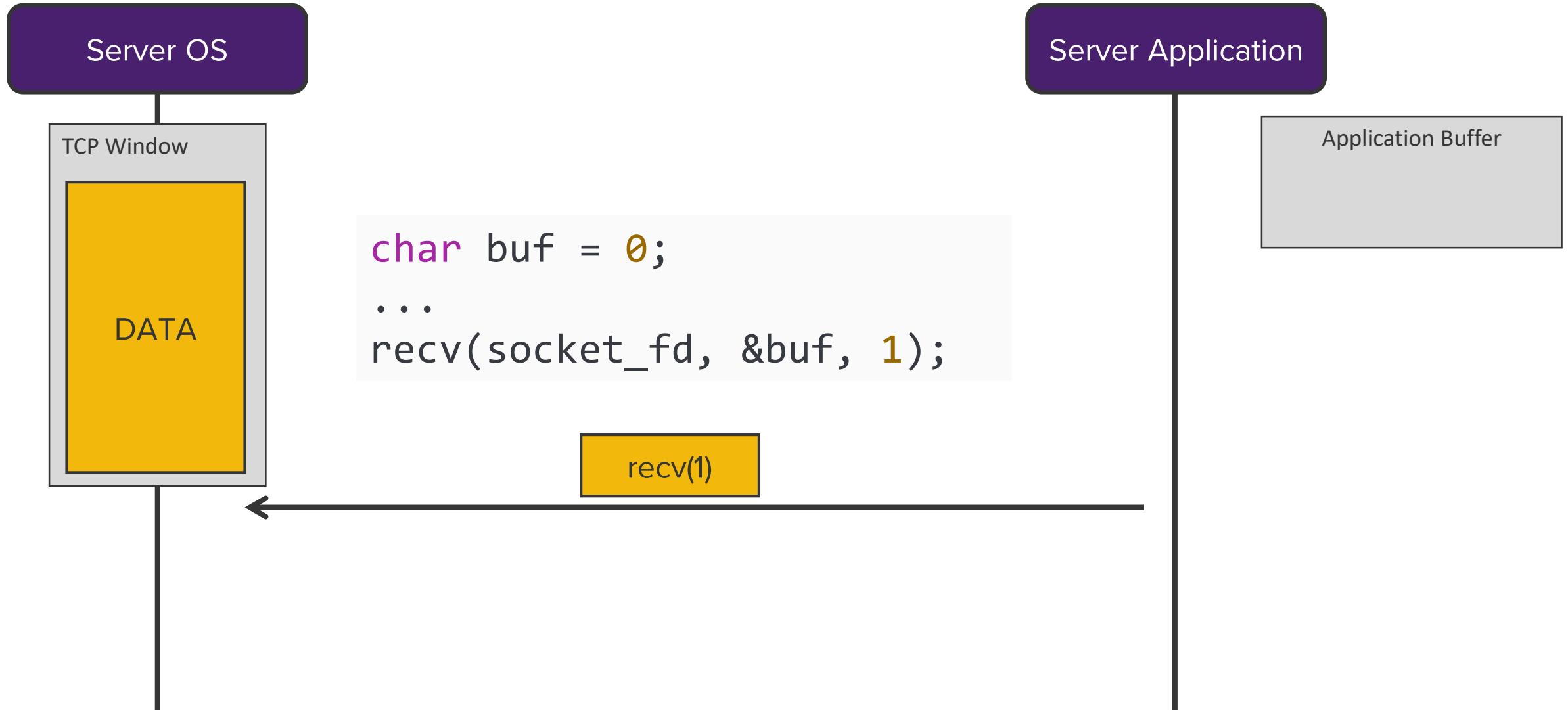


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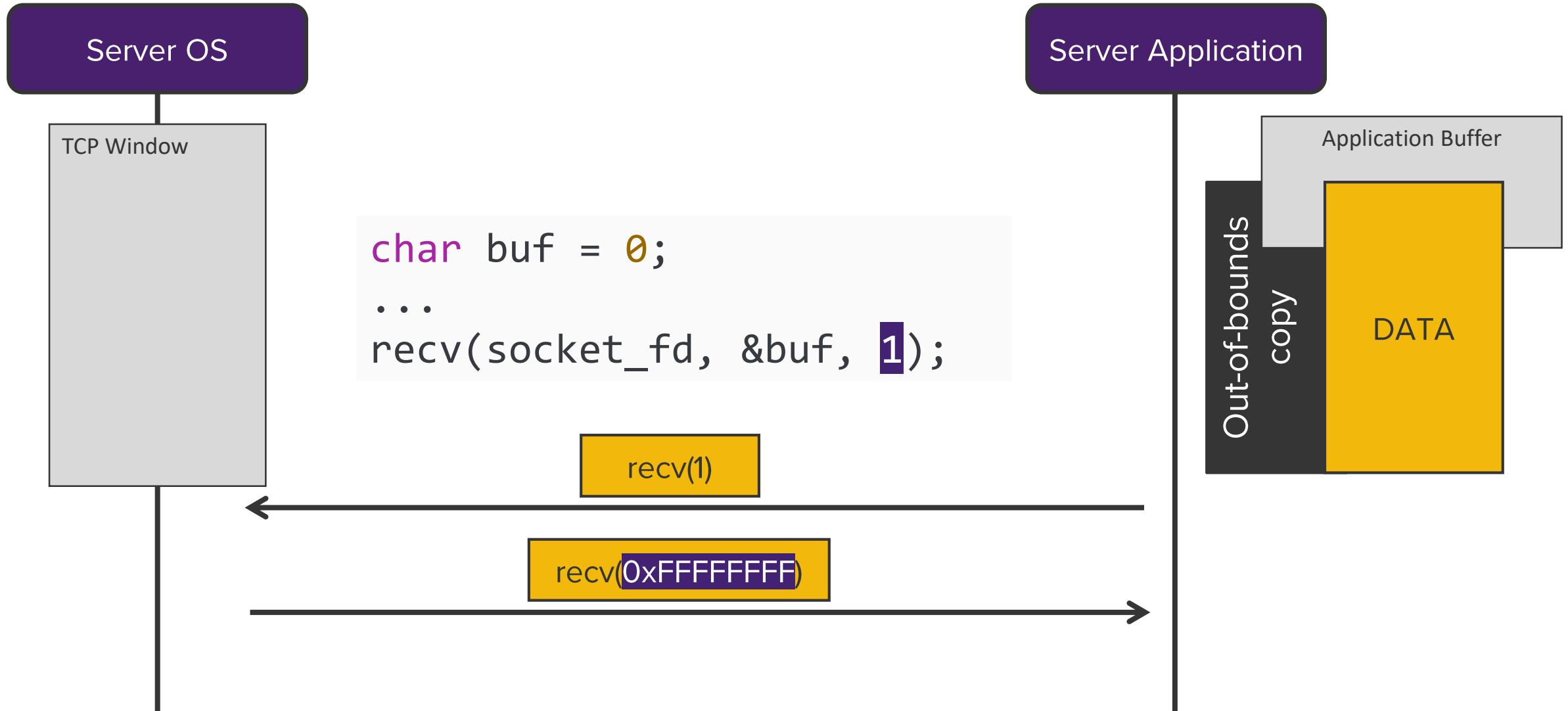




# Urgent Pointer = 0



# Urgent Pointer = 0



# 2013: Code changed; bug averted

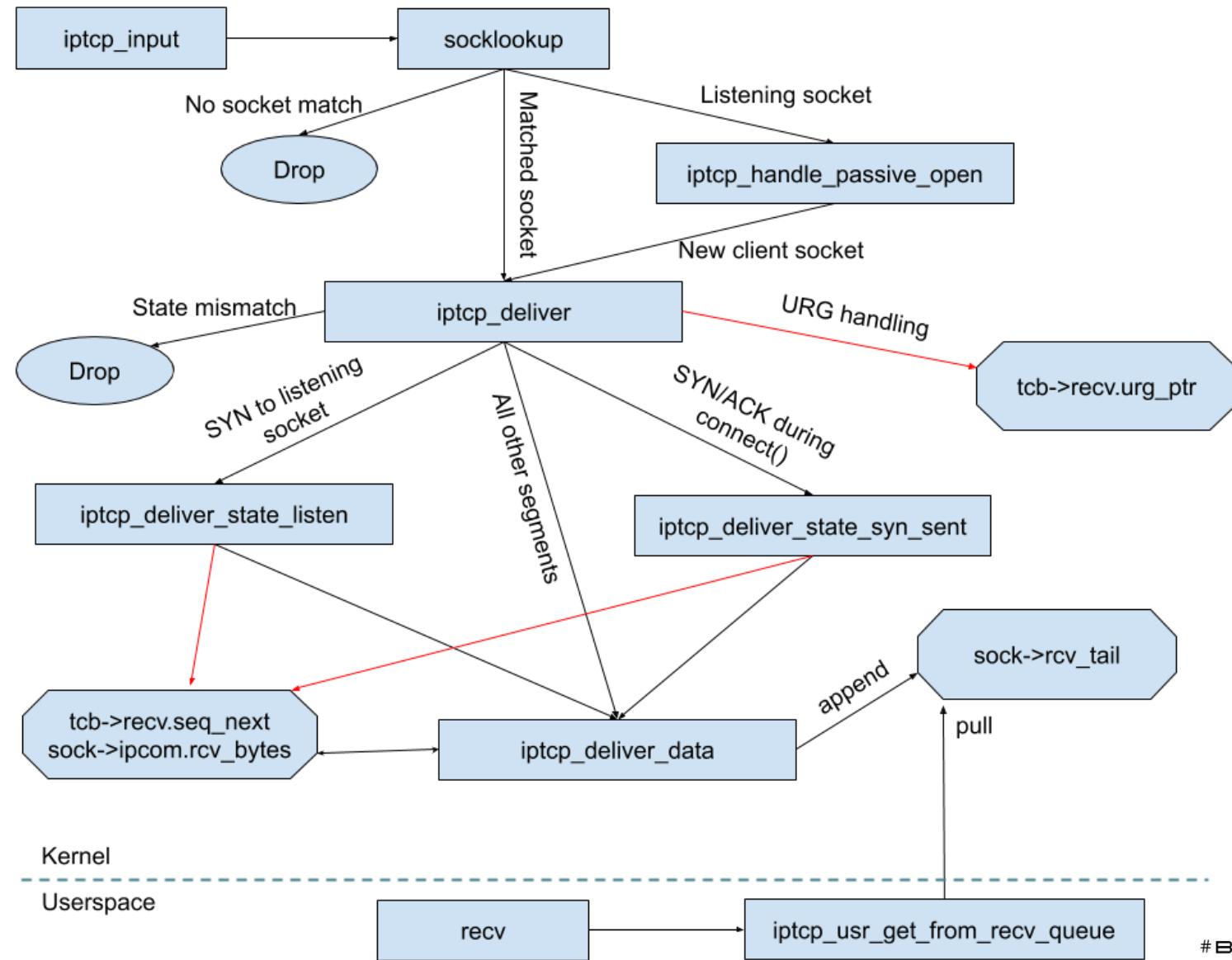


# A closer look



```
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    }  
    ...  
}
```

# State confusions can be confusing





# Five-way handshake

Source	Destination	Length	Proto	Info
192.168.108.1	192.168.108.10	58	TCP	29019 → 59747 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Options: (4 bytes), Unknown (0x1d), End of Option List (EOL)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- TCP Option - Unknown<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kind: TCP Authentication Option (29)</li><li>Length: 3</li><li>Payload: 61</li></ul></li><li>→ TCP Option - End of Option List (EOL)</li></ul></li></ul>				

## Socket Object

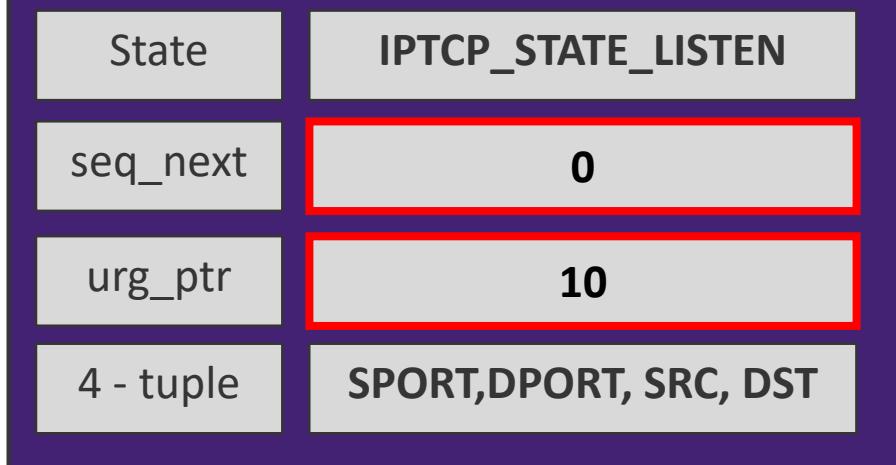
State	IPTCP_STATE_LISTEN
seq_next	NULL
urg_ptr	NULL
4 - tuple	SPORT,DPORT, SRC, DST

# Five-way handshake



Source	Destination	Length	Proto	Info
192.168.108.1	192.168.108.10	58	TCP	29019 → 59747 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0
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## Socket Object





# Five-way handshake

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192.168.108.1	192.168.108.10	58	TCP	29019 → 59747 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0
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192.168.108.1	192.168.108.10	54	TCP	29019 → 59747 [SYN] Seq=1000000 Win=8192 Len=0

## Socket Object

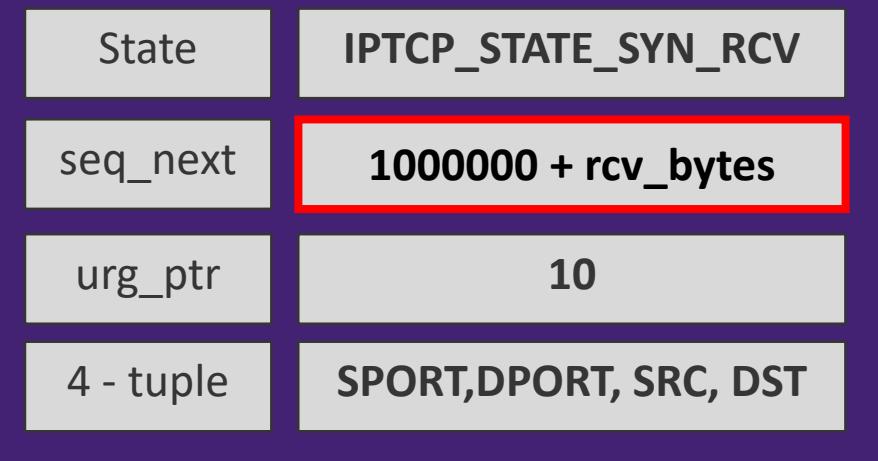
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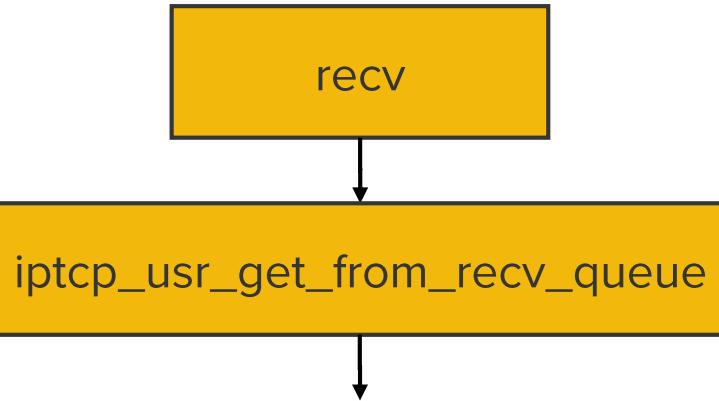
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192.168.108.10	192.168.108.1	58	TCP	59747 → 29019 [SYN, ACK] Seq=1885851430 Ack=1000001 Win=60000 Len=0 MSS=1460
192.168.108.1	192.168.108.10	1078	TCP	29019 → 59747 [ACK] Seq=1000001 Ack=1885851431 Win=8192 Len=1024

## Socket Object



# Triggering an overflow

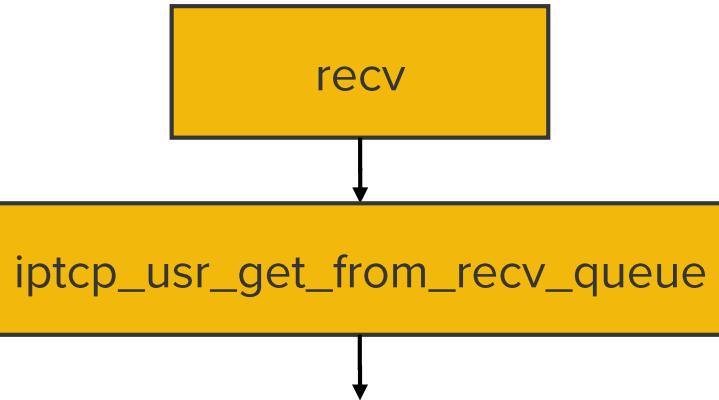


```
len = tcb->recv.urg_ptr - 1 -  
tcb->recv.seq_next - sock->ipcom.rcv_bytes;
```

Socket Object

State	IPTCP_STATE_SYN_RCV
seq_next	1000000 + rcv_bytes
urg_ptr	10
4-tuple	SPORT,DPORT, SRC, DST

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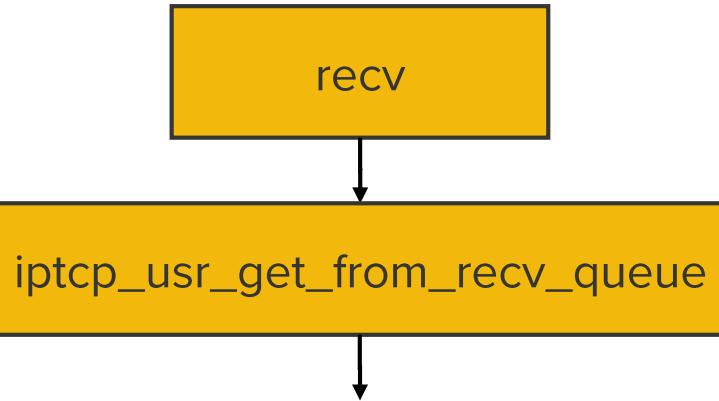


```
len = 10 - 1 -  
      (1000000 + sock->ipcom.recv_bytes) - sock->ipcom.recv_bytes;
```

Socket Object

State	IPTCP_STATE_SYN_RCV
seq_next	<b>1000000 + recv_bytes</b>
urg_ptr	10
4-tuple	SPORT,DPORT, SRC, DST

# Triggering an overflow



```
len = 9 -  
      1000000;
```

Socket Object

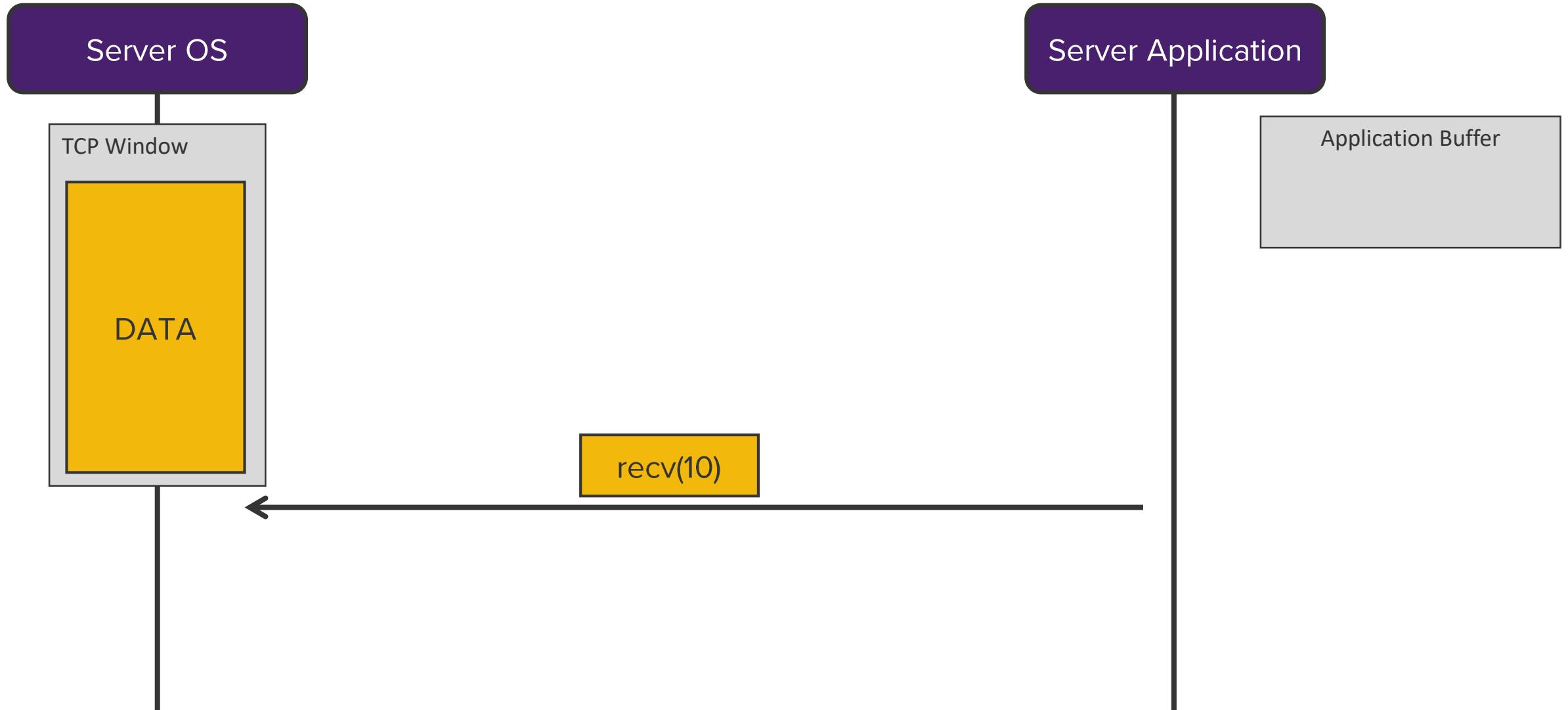
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urg_ptr	10
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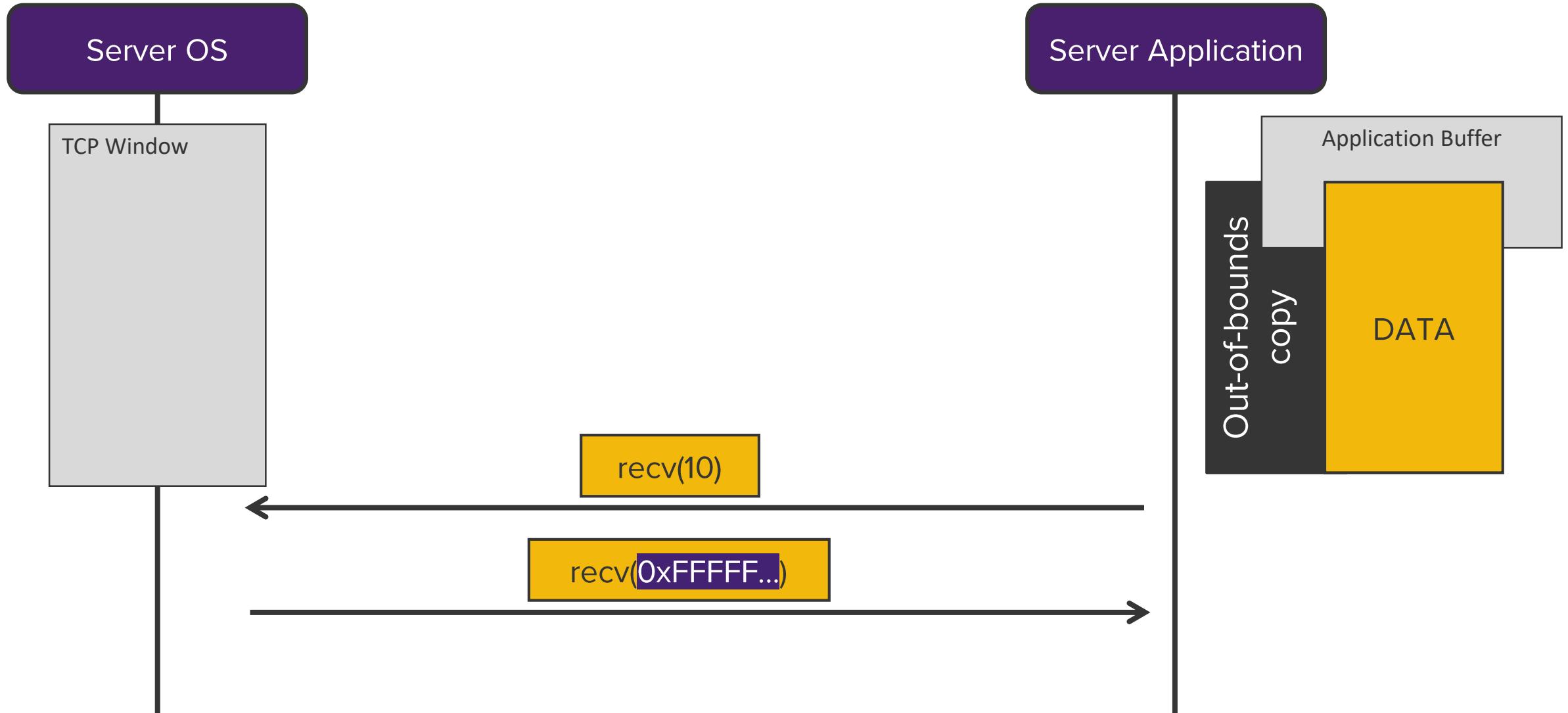
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              tcb->recv.seq_next - sock->ipcom.rcv_bytes) <= 0) {  
  
        // Calculate the urgent data offset inside the window,  
        // in order to copy data up to, but not including the urgent data  
        len = (unsigned int32) -999991;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

# Triggering an overflow





# Triggering an overflow



# TCP Urgent Pointer RCEs



Urg0

5-Way Handshake

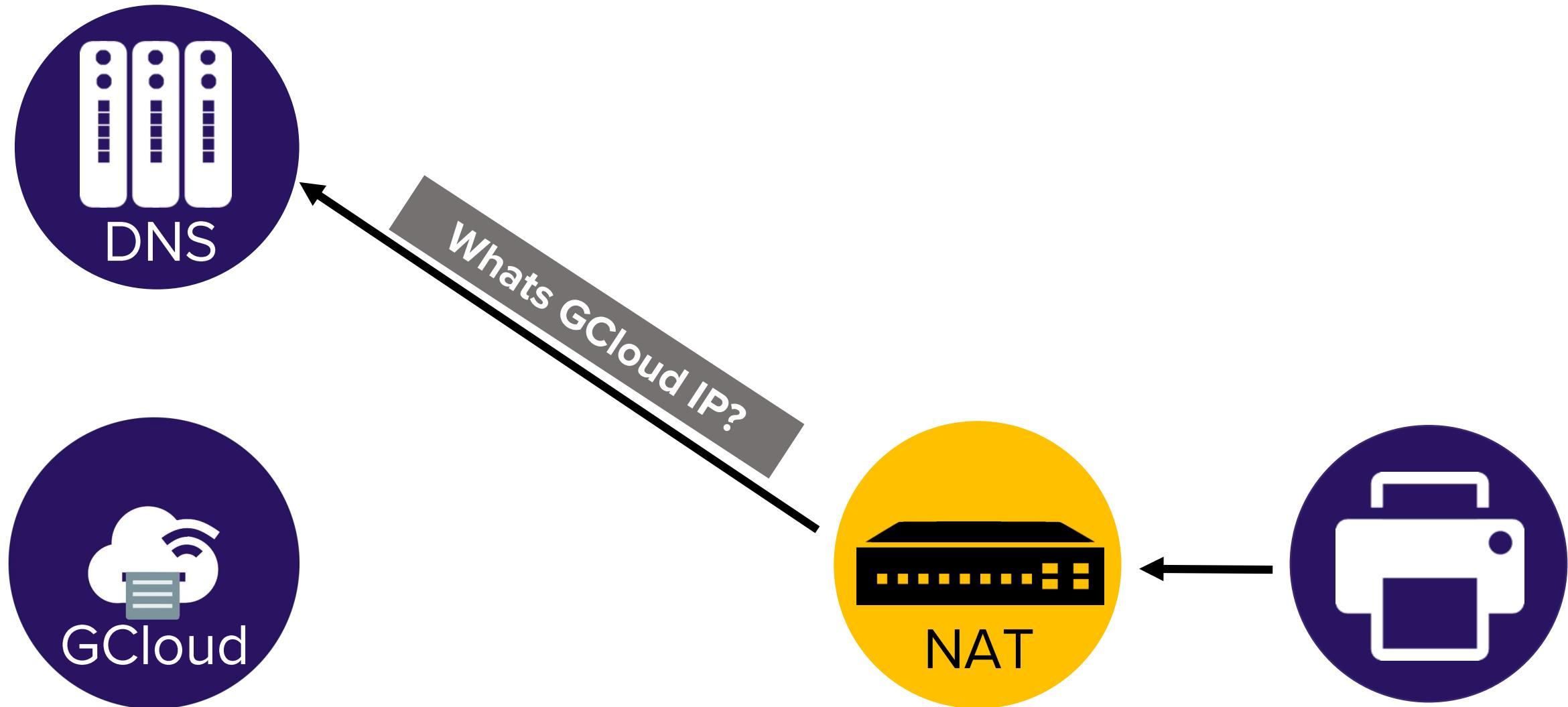
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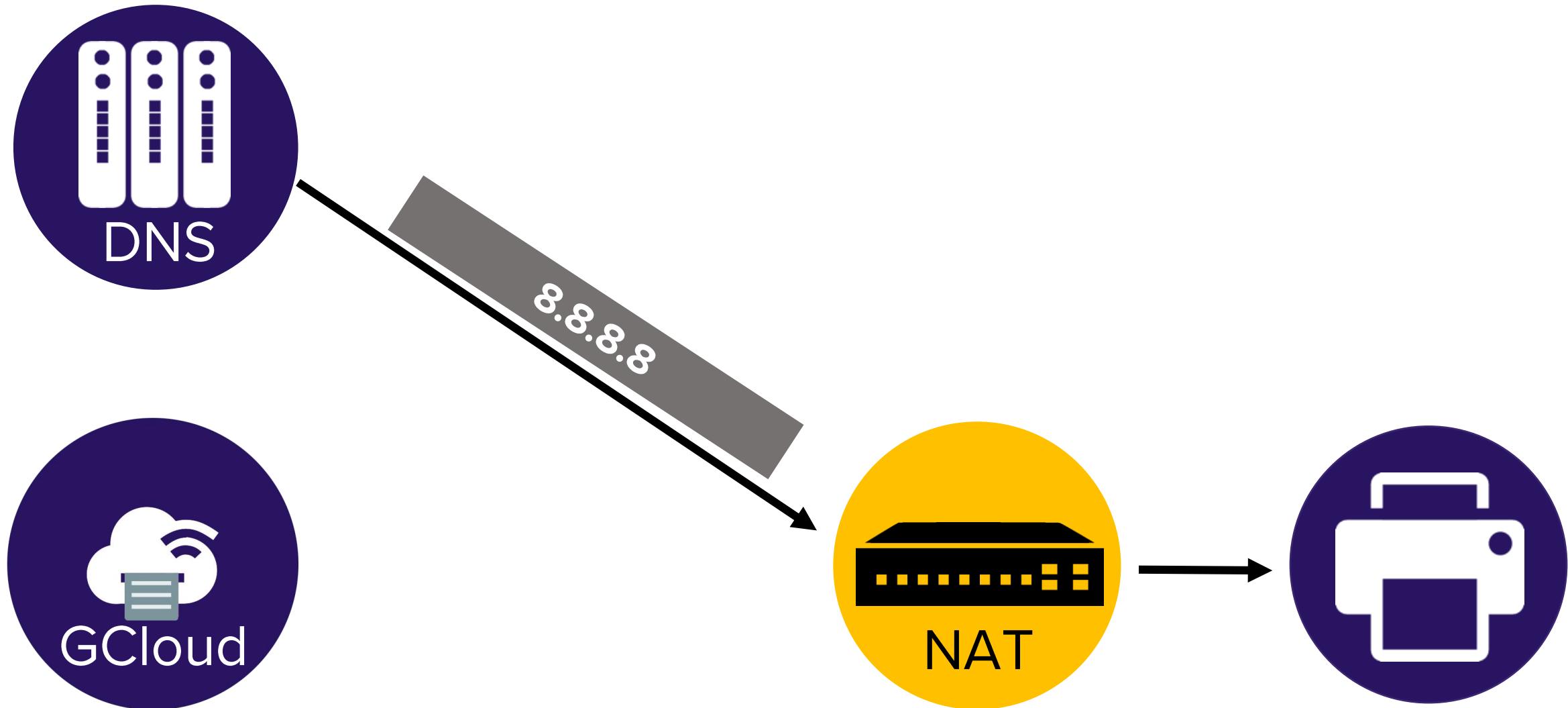
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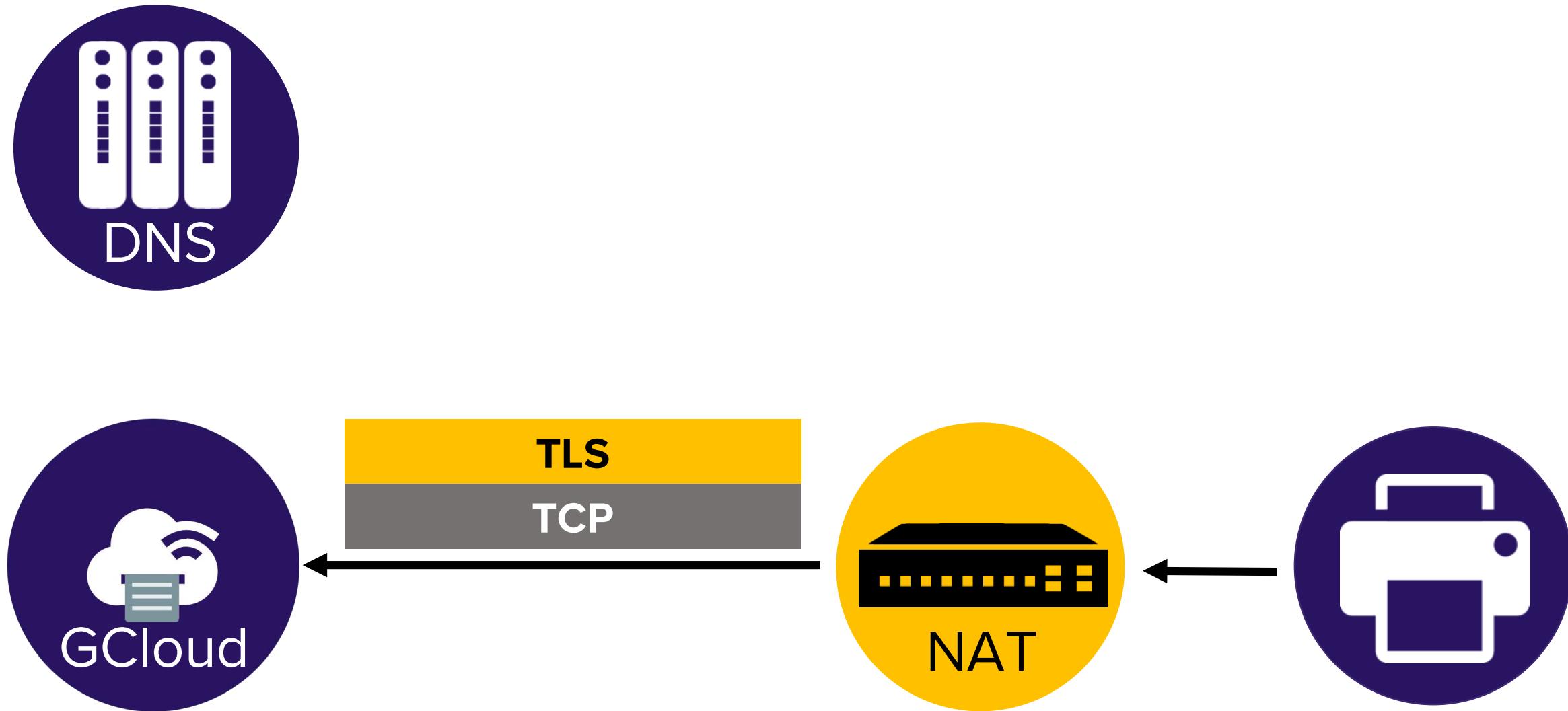
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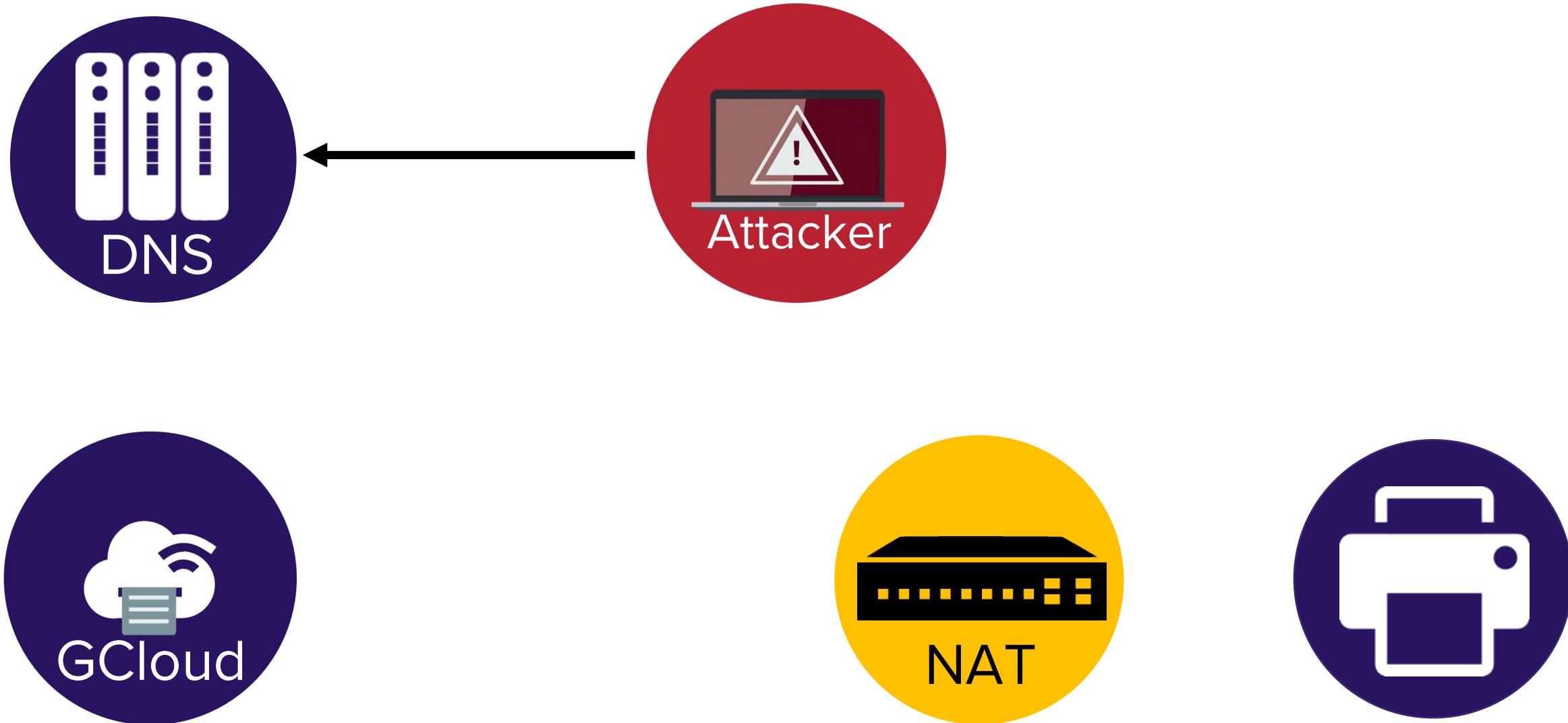
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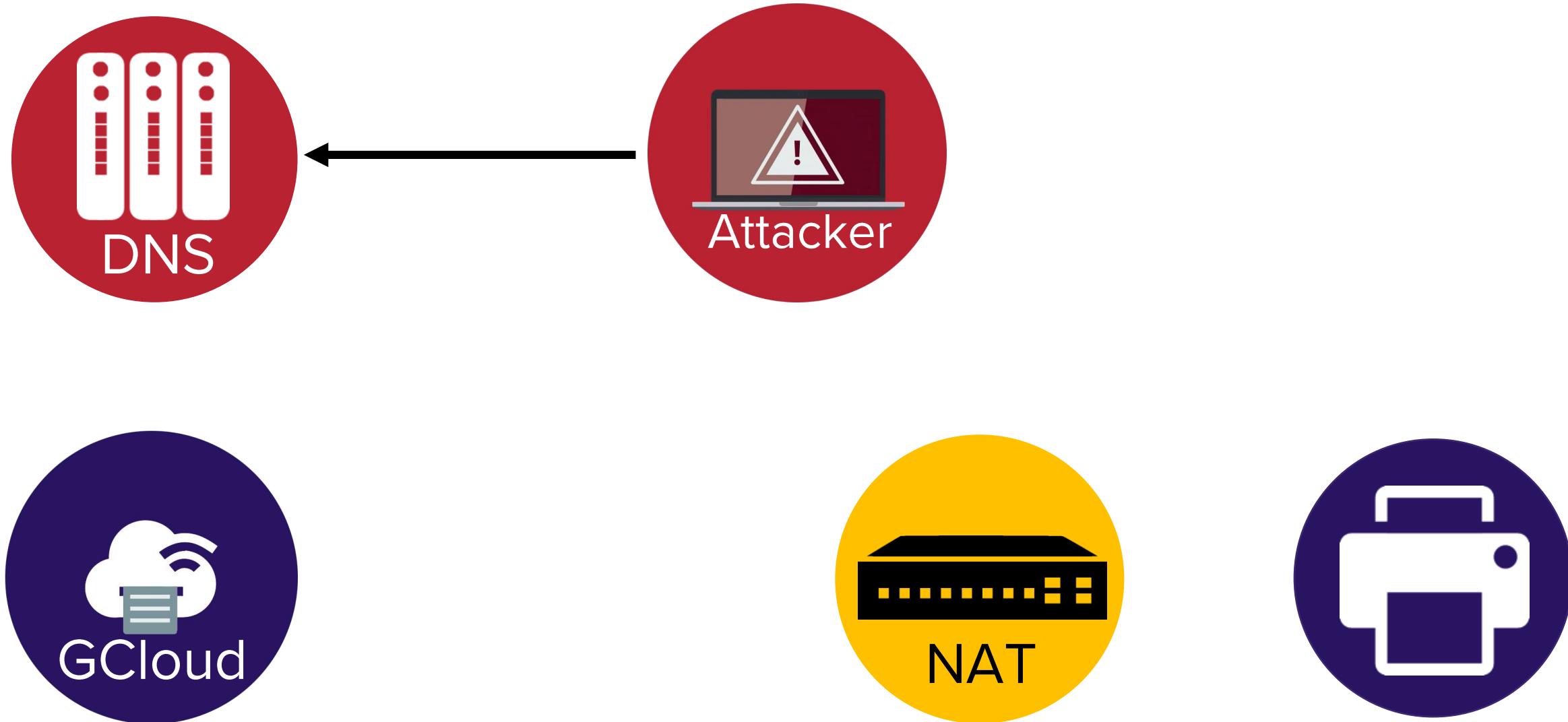
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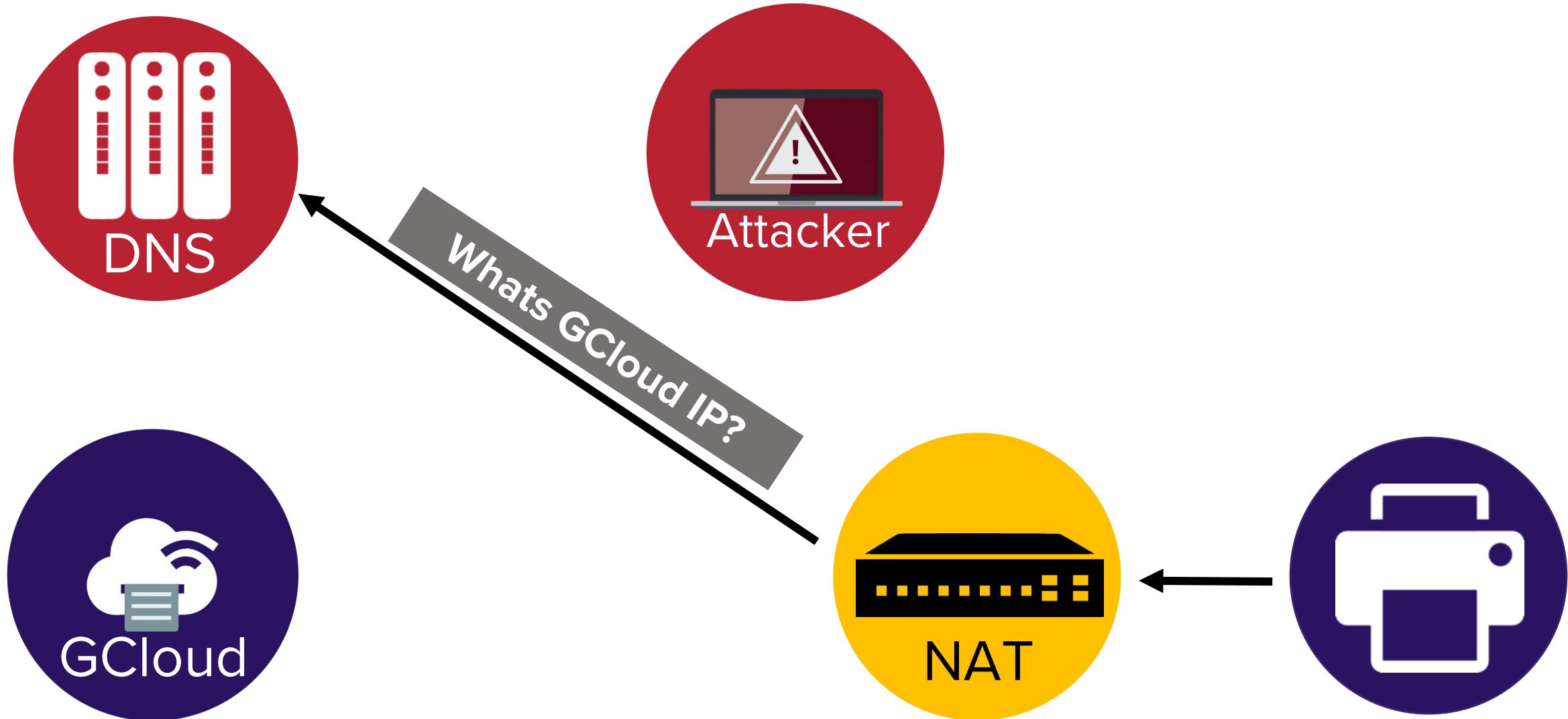
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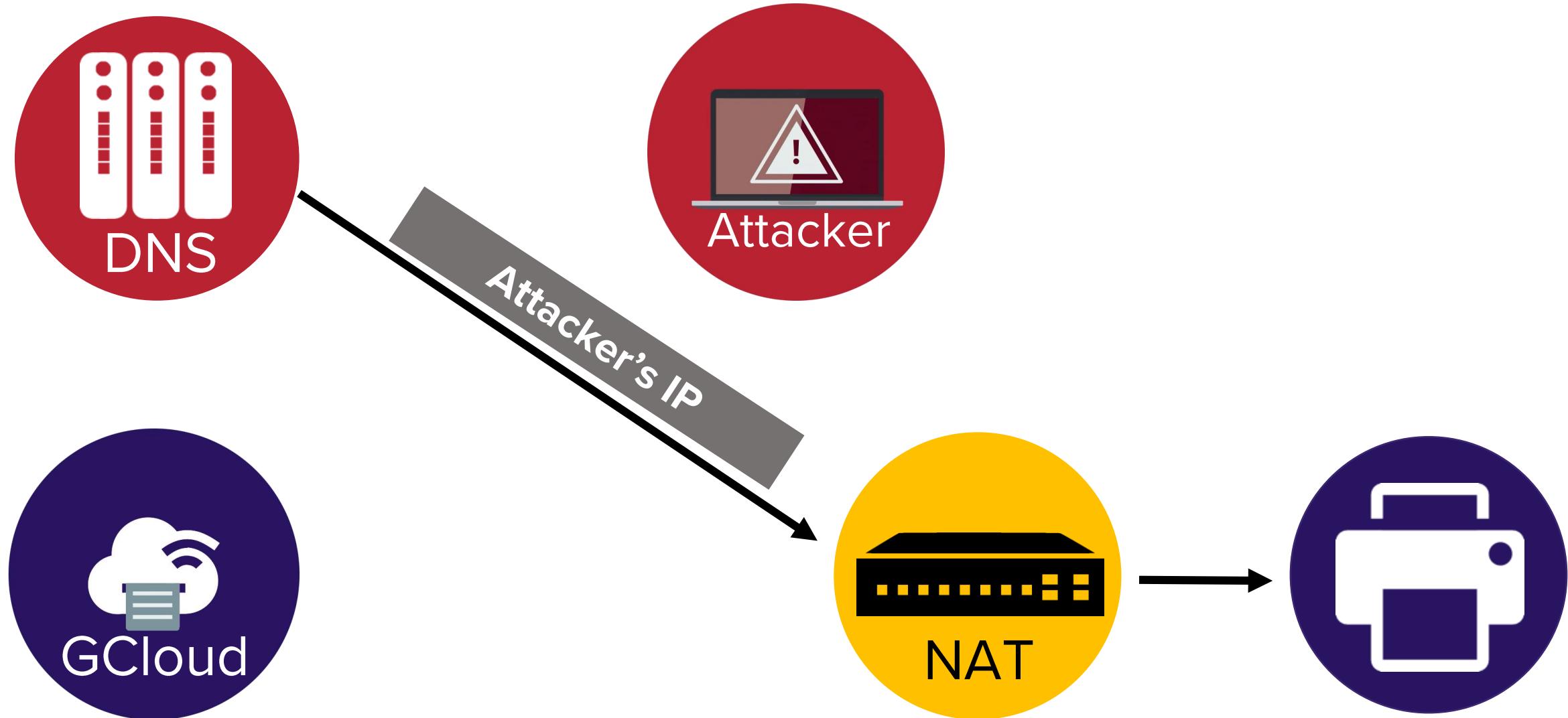
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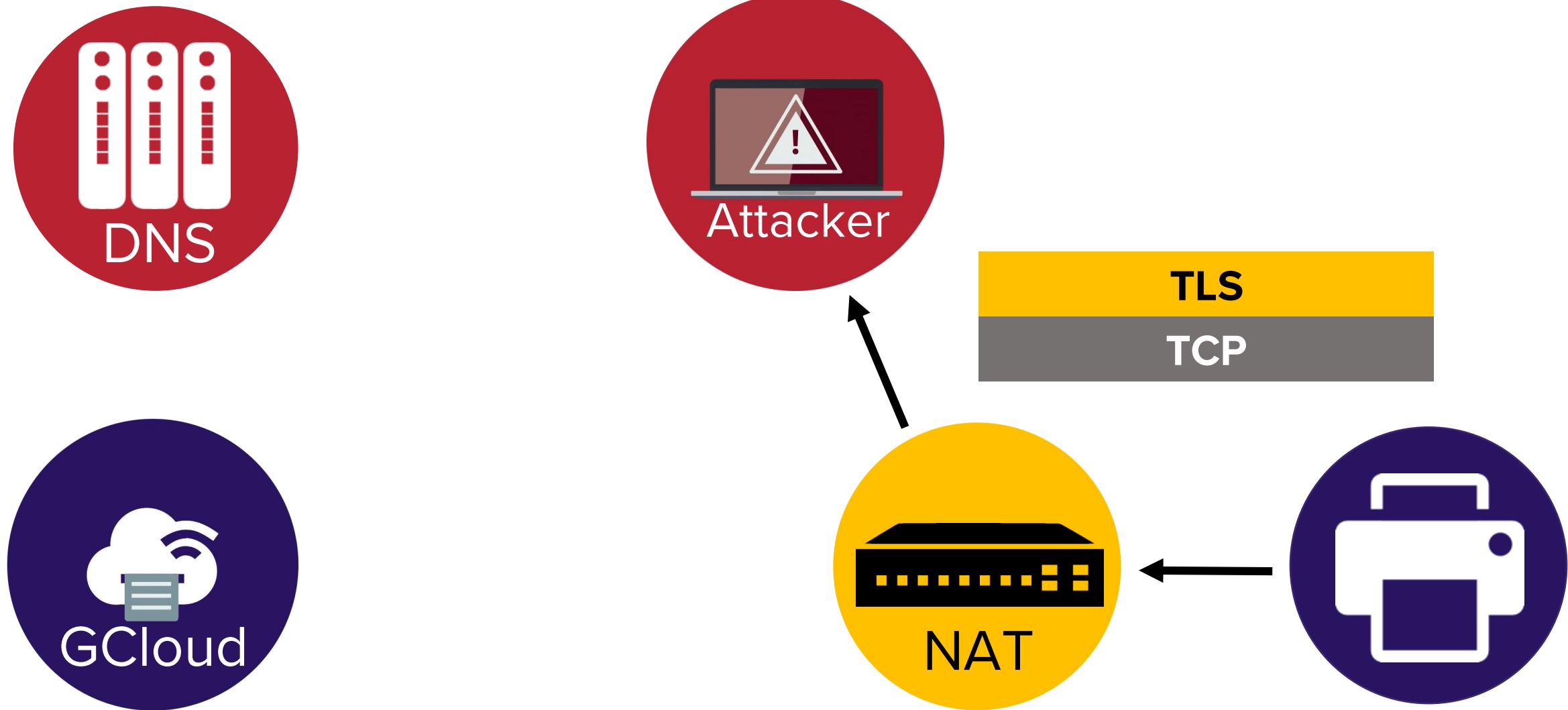
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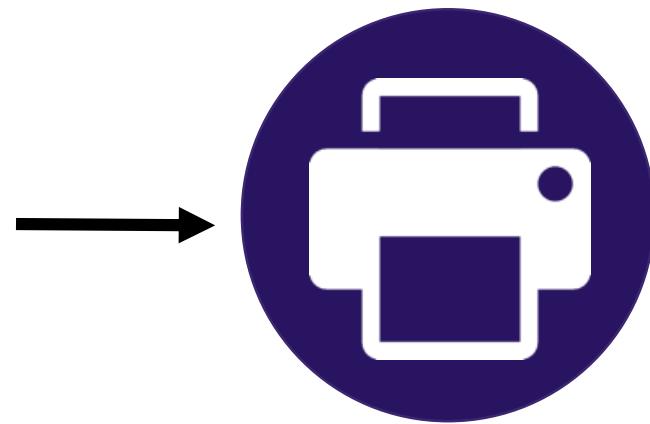
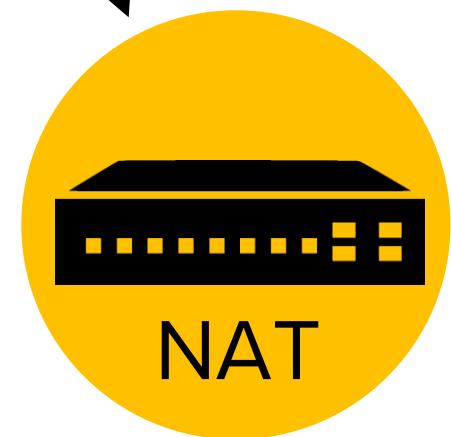
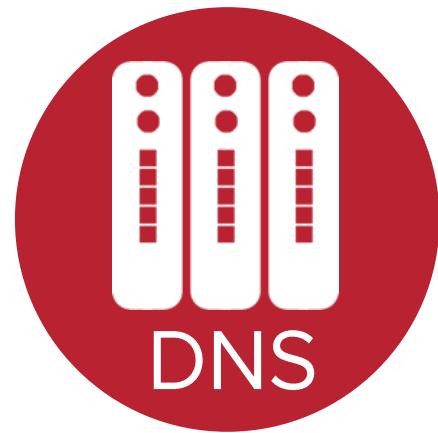
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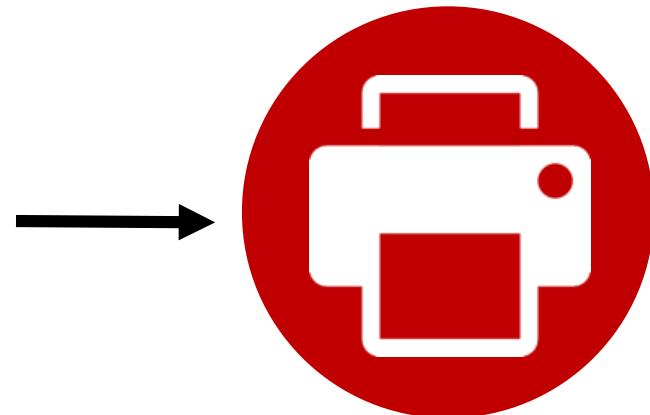
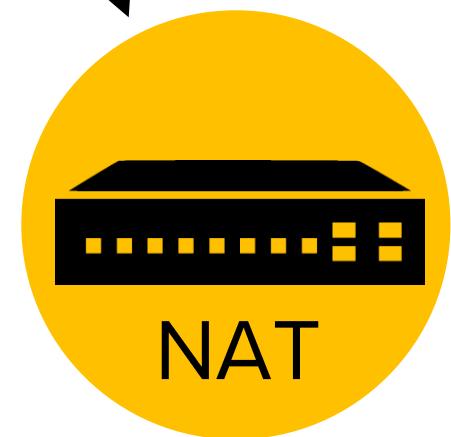
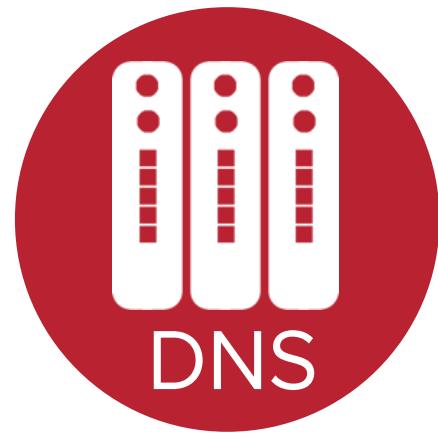
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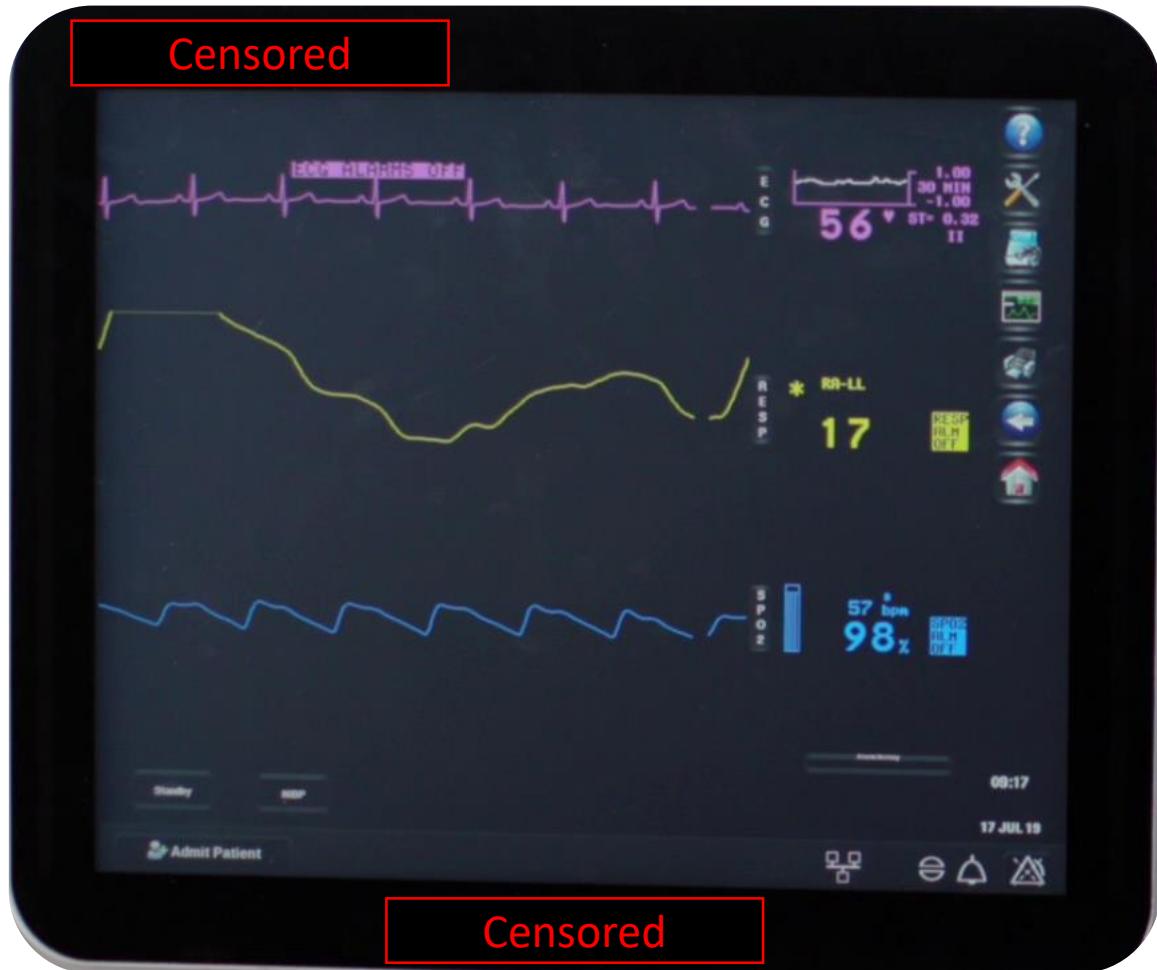


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# Patient monitor



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Run VxWorks 6.6

Vulnerable to the Urg0 RCE

Listening TCP Port that receives to heap

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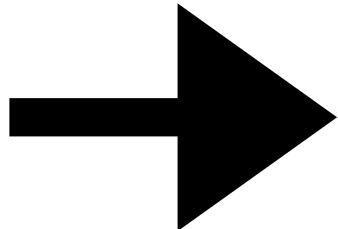
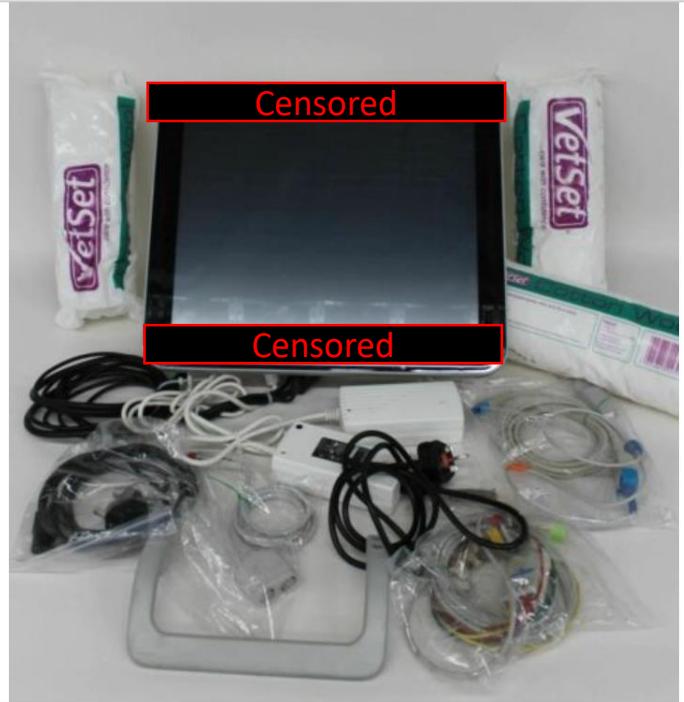
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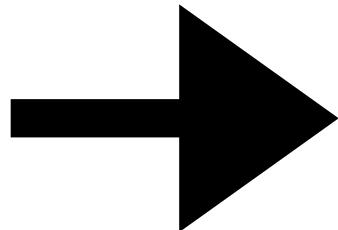
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## In Transit

03/05/2019 - 12:41 P.M.

Lod, Israel

Power of attorney documentation is missing and is required for clearance. We're working to obtain this information.

[Less](#)

03/05/2019 - 12:41 P.M.

Your package is being processed for submission to the FDA or Department of Agriculture. / We've contacted the receiver.

[Less](#)

03/05/2019 - 12:41 P.M.

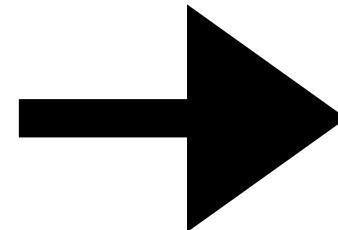
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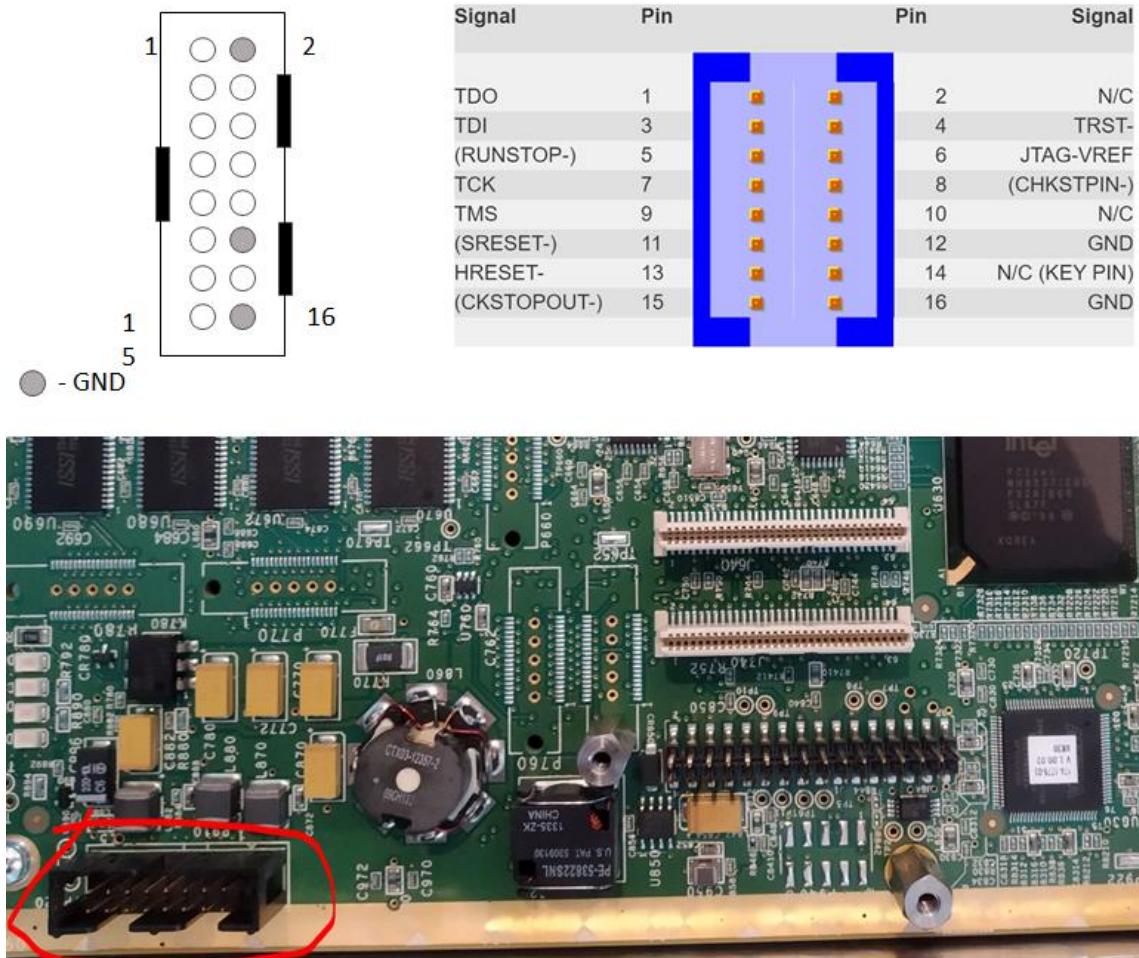
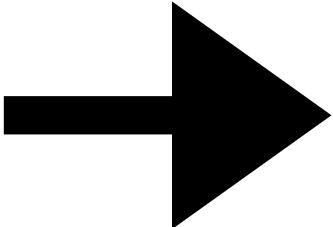


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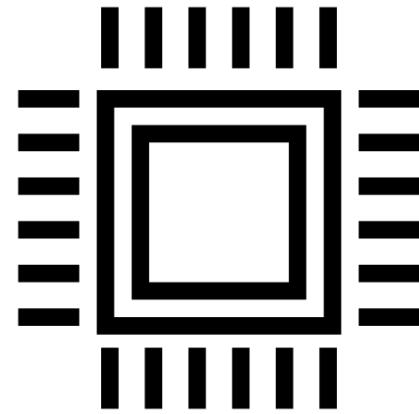
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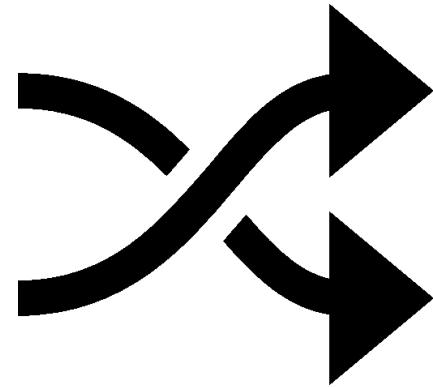
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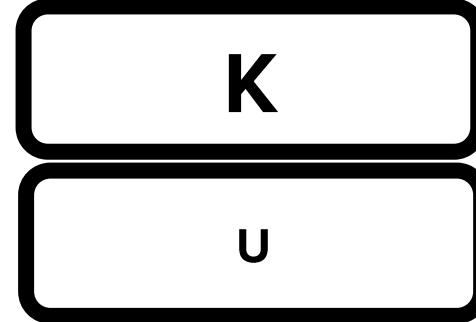
# Patient monitor (lack of) security



**NO DEP  
(NX-BIT)**



**NO ASLR**



**NO  
KERNEL/USER  
SEPERATION**



# VxWorks Heap

Heap

Free Chunk Alloc Chunk Free Chunk Free Chunk Alloc Chunk Alloc Chunk Free Chunk Free Chunk

Free Chunk	Alloc Chunk	Free Chunk	Free Chunk	Alloc Chunk	Alloc Chunk	Free Chunk	Free Chunk
Header	Buffer	Header	Buffer	Header	Buffer	Header	Buffer

# VxWorks Heap



FREE\_CHUNK\_HDR

```
uint32_t prevSize  
uint32_t size  
free_chunk_hdr_t *next  
free_chunk_hdr_t *prev
```

ALLOC\_CHUNK\_HDR

```
uint32_t prevSize  
uint32_t size  
mem_part_t *memPartId  
uint32_t headGuard
```

# VxWorks Heap



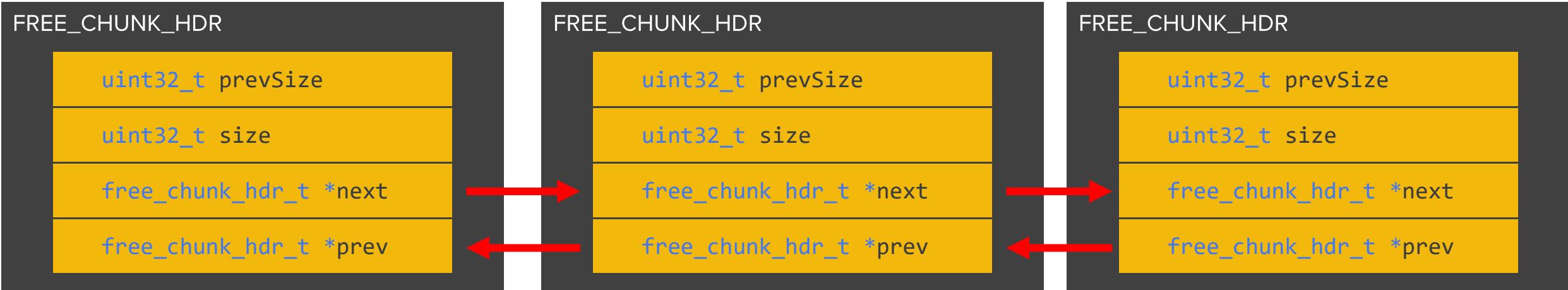
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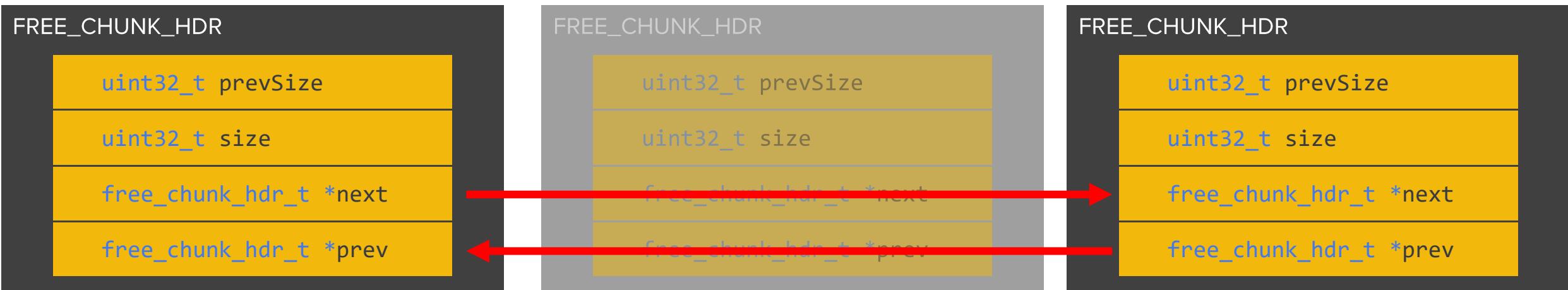
# VxWorks Heap – Free list



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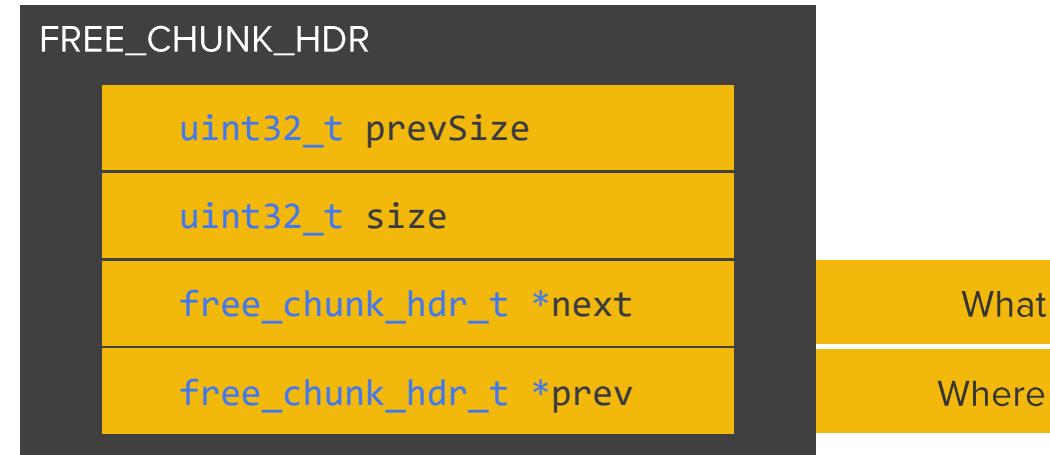
```
void memPartDeleteFree (mem_part * partId, FREE_CHUNK_HDR * node)
{
    /* This is called inside an allocation */
    ...
    ((FREE_CHUNK_HDR *) (node->prev))->next = node->next;
    ((FREE_CHUNK_HDR *) (node->next))->prev = node->prev;
    ...
}
```



# VxWorks Heap – Mirrored Write

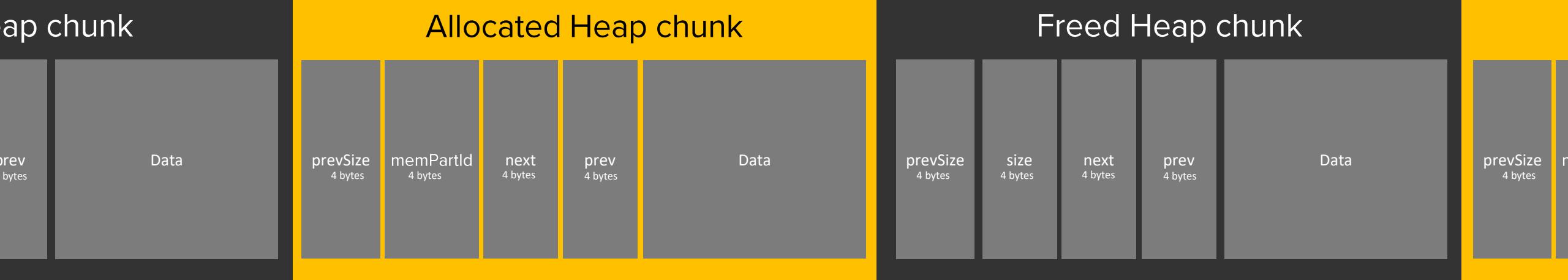


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    /* This is called inside an allocation */
    ...
    ((FREE_CHUNK_HDR *) (Where)) -> next = What;
    ((FREE_CHUNK_HDR *) (What)) -> prev = Where;
    ...
}
```



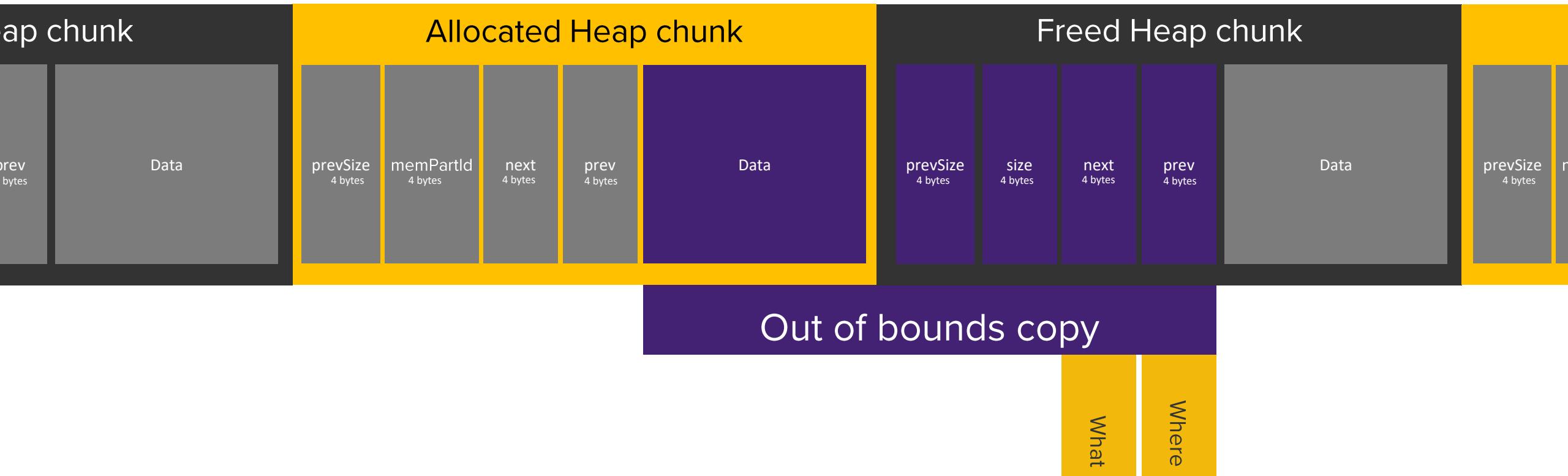


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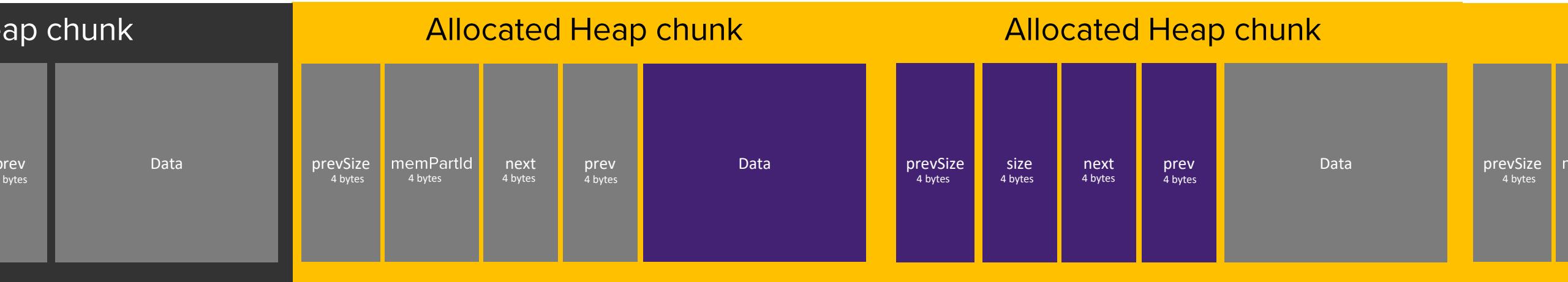


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Out of bounds copy

```
void memPartDeleteFree (mem_part * partId,  
                      FREE_CHUNK_HDR * node)  
{  
    /* This is called inside an allocation */  
    ...  
    ((FREE_CHUNK_HDR *) (Where)) -> next = What;  
    ((FREE_CHUNK_HDR *) (What)) -> prev = Where;  
    ...  
}
```

What  
Where

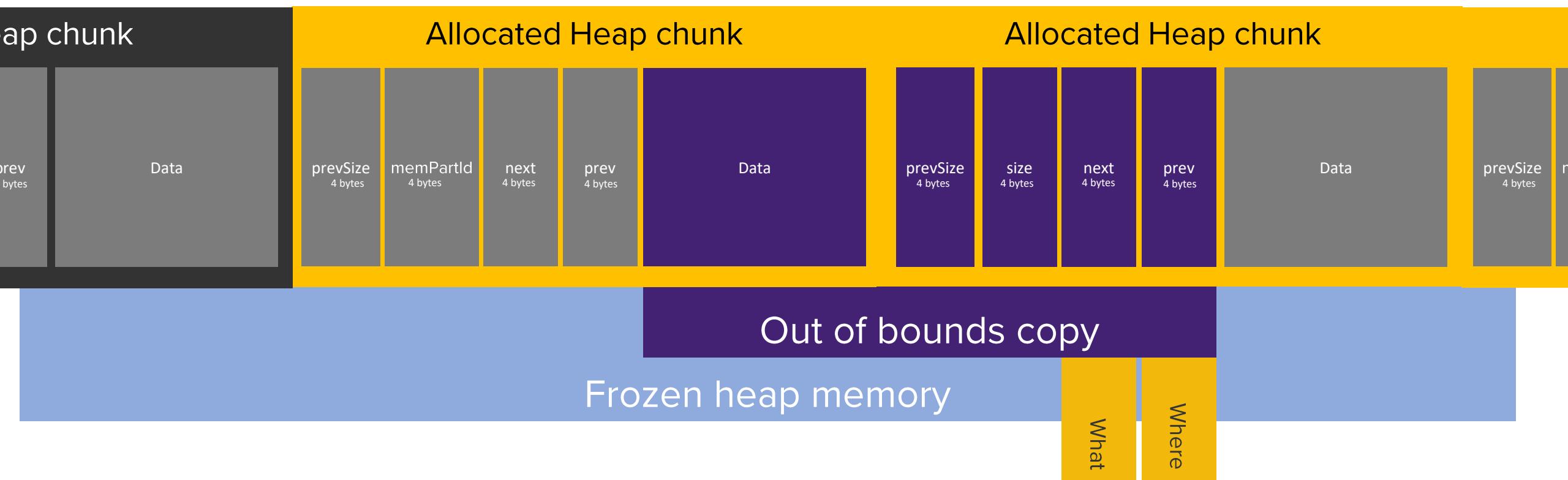
# VxWorks Heap hooks



```
typedef struct mem_part
{
    ...
    /* alloc hooks */
    FUNC_ALLOC_HOOK    allocHook;      /* hook for memPartAlignedAlloc */
    FUNC_FREE_HOOK     freeHook;       /* hook for memPartFree */
    FUNC_REALLOC_HOOK reallocHook;   /* hook for memPartRealloc */
    FUNC_DELETE_HOOK  deleteHook;    /* hook for memPartDelete */
    void *            hookArg;        /* argument for hooks */
    ...
}
```

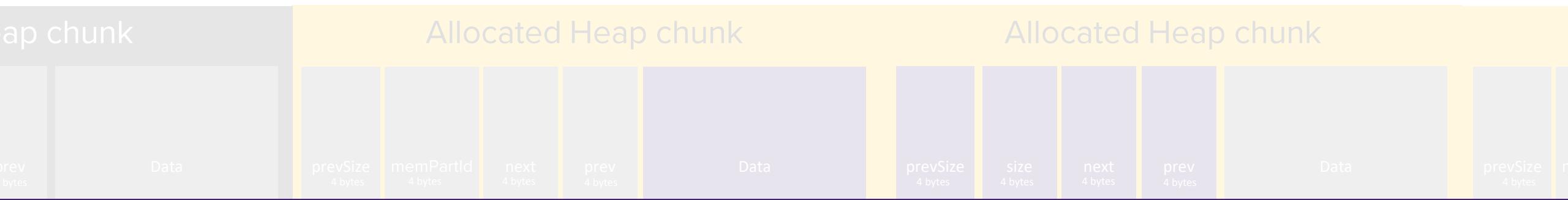


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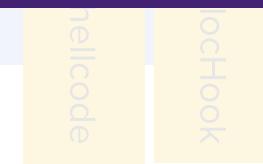


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## Live Demo / Video

Frozen heap memory





# Takeaways

RTOS implementations require more research

Esoteric TCP/IP features needs to be phased out

Identifying the use of underlying OS is very hard, but needed



# Questions?

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