



Securing data in compromised clouds

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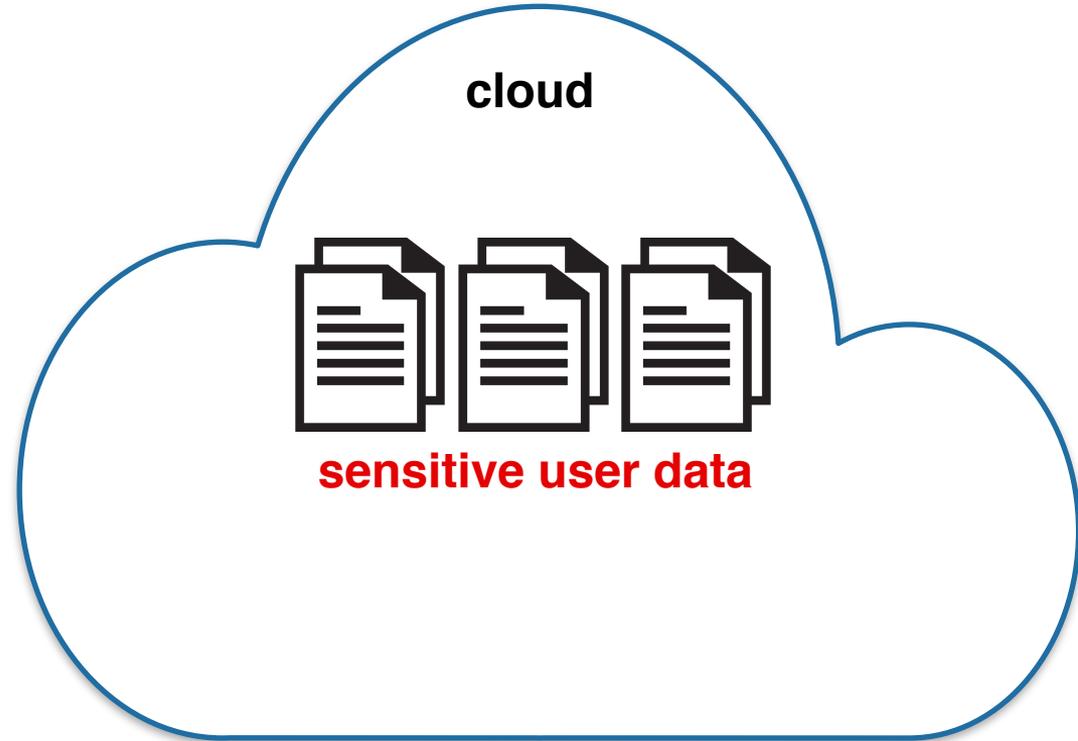
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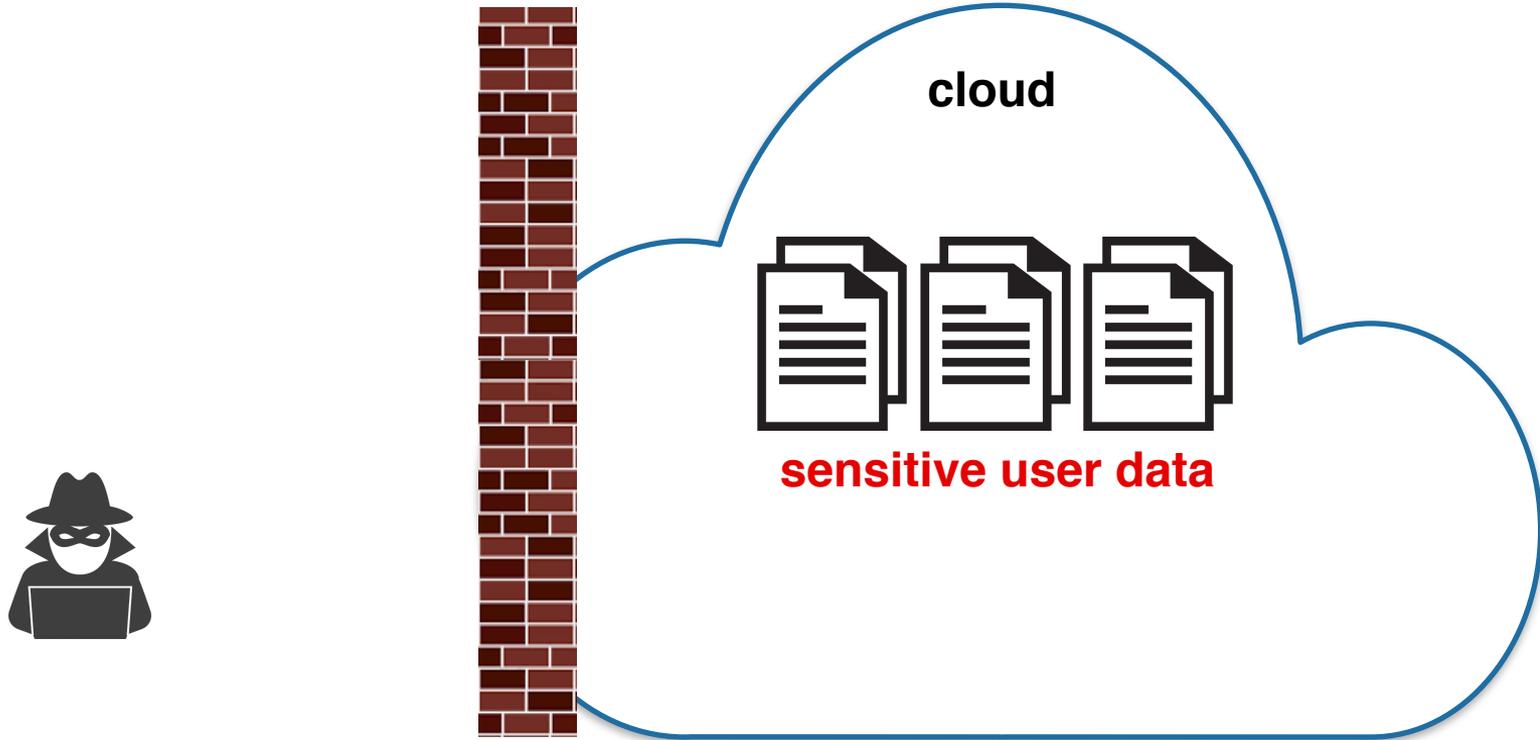
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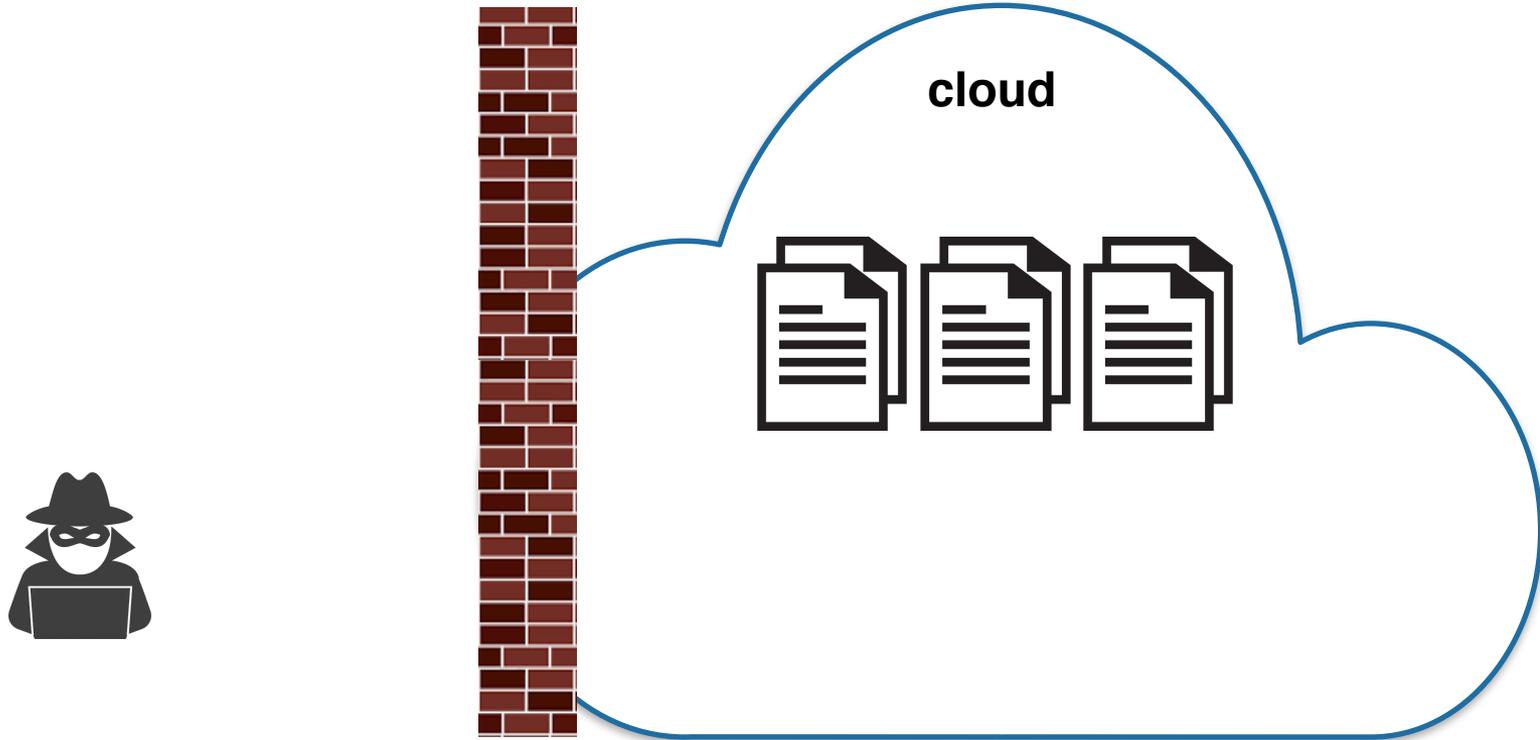
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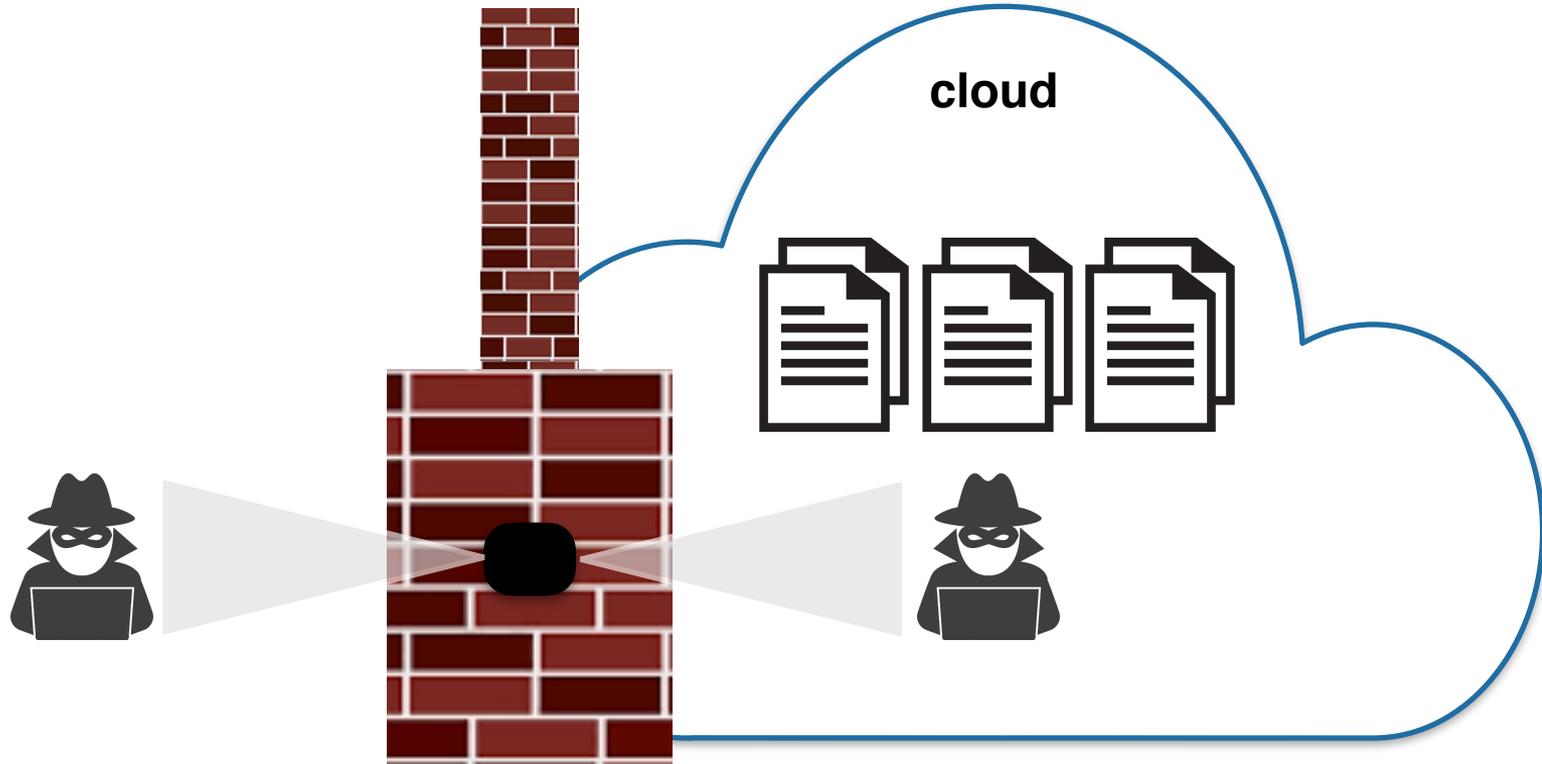
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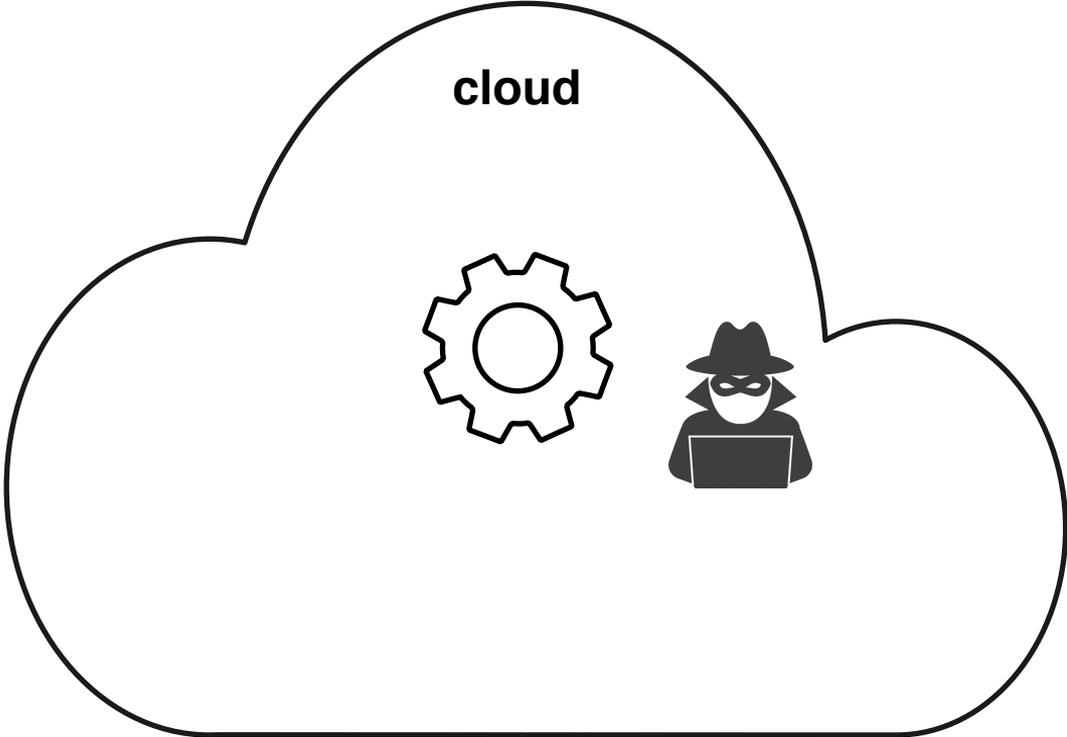
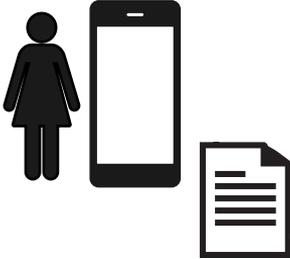
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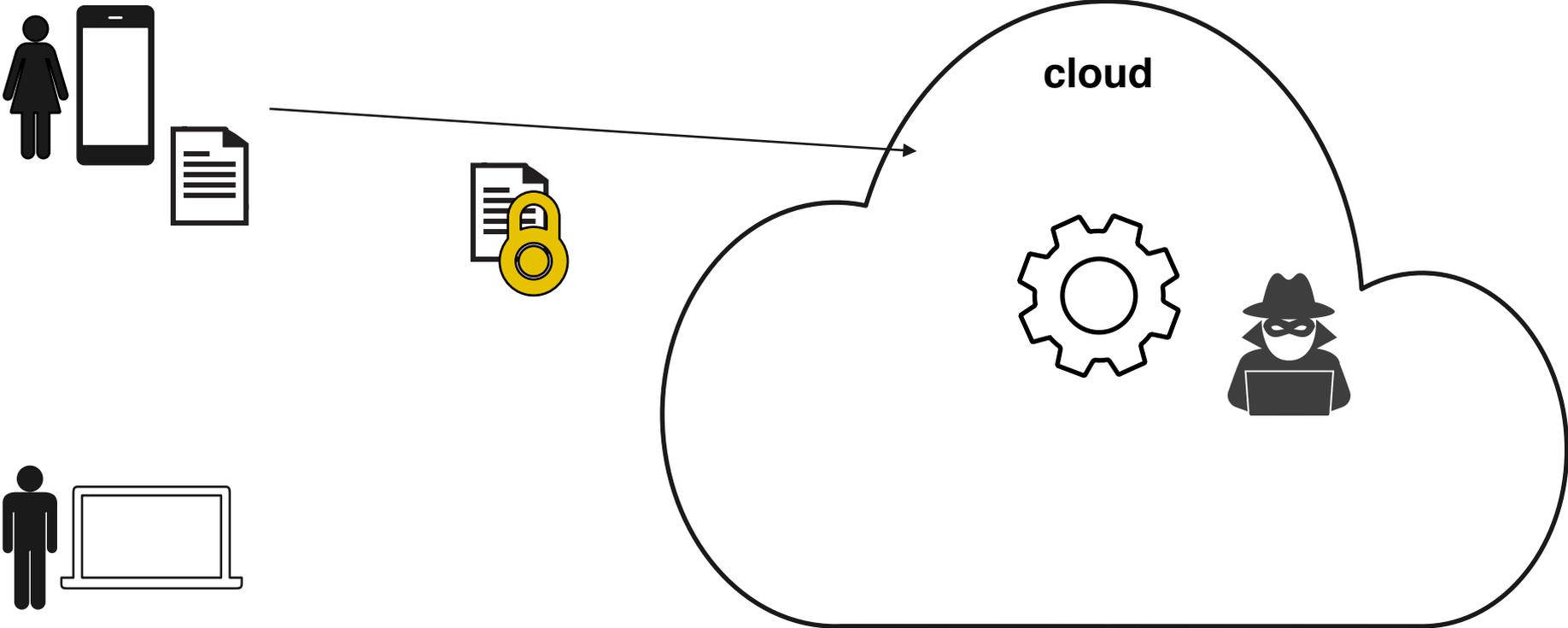


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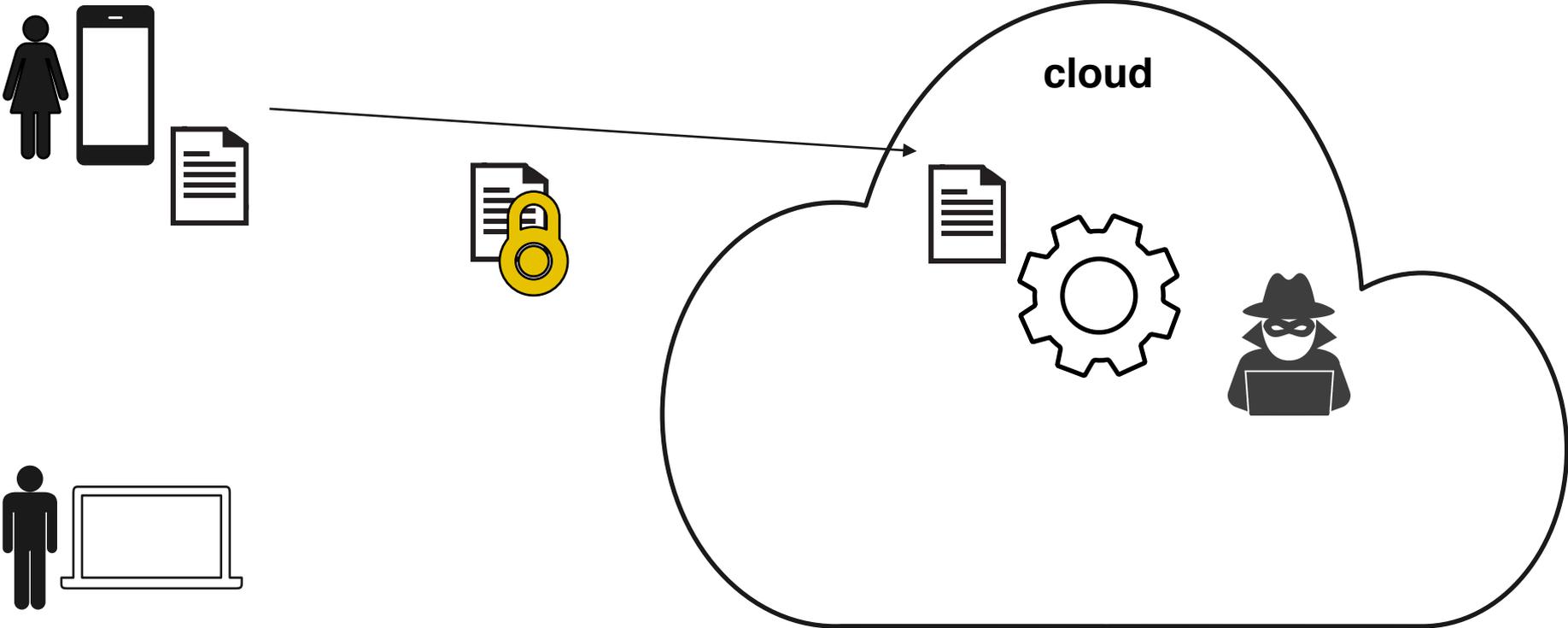
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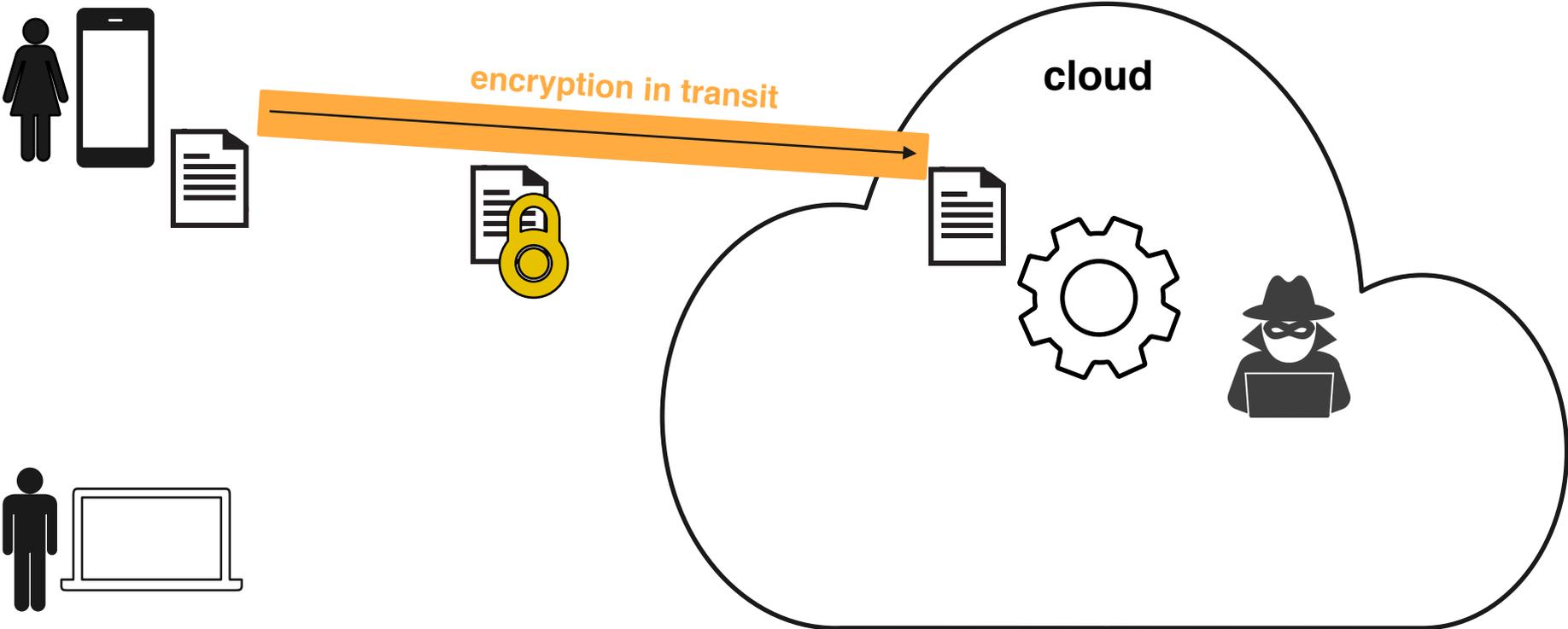
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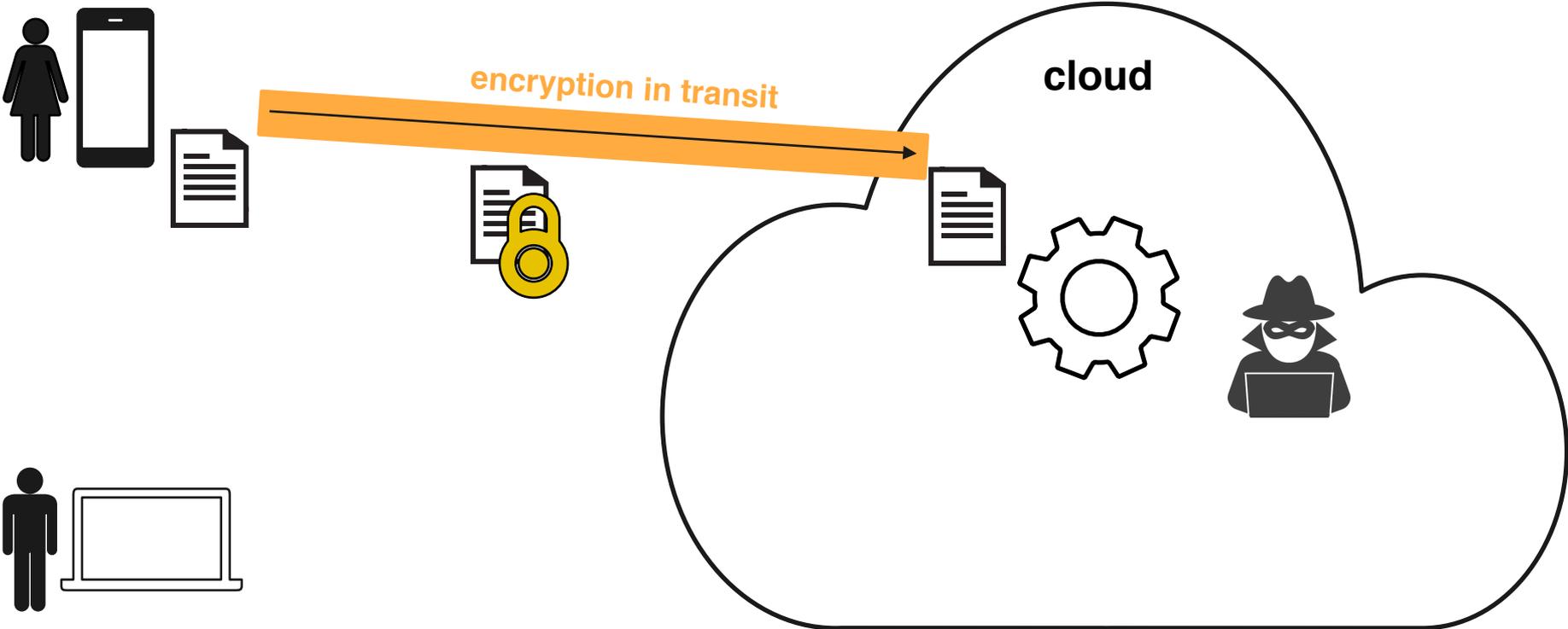
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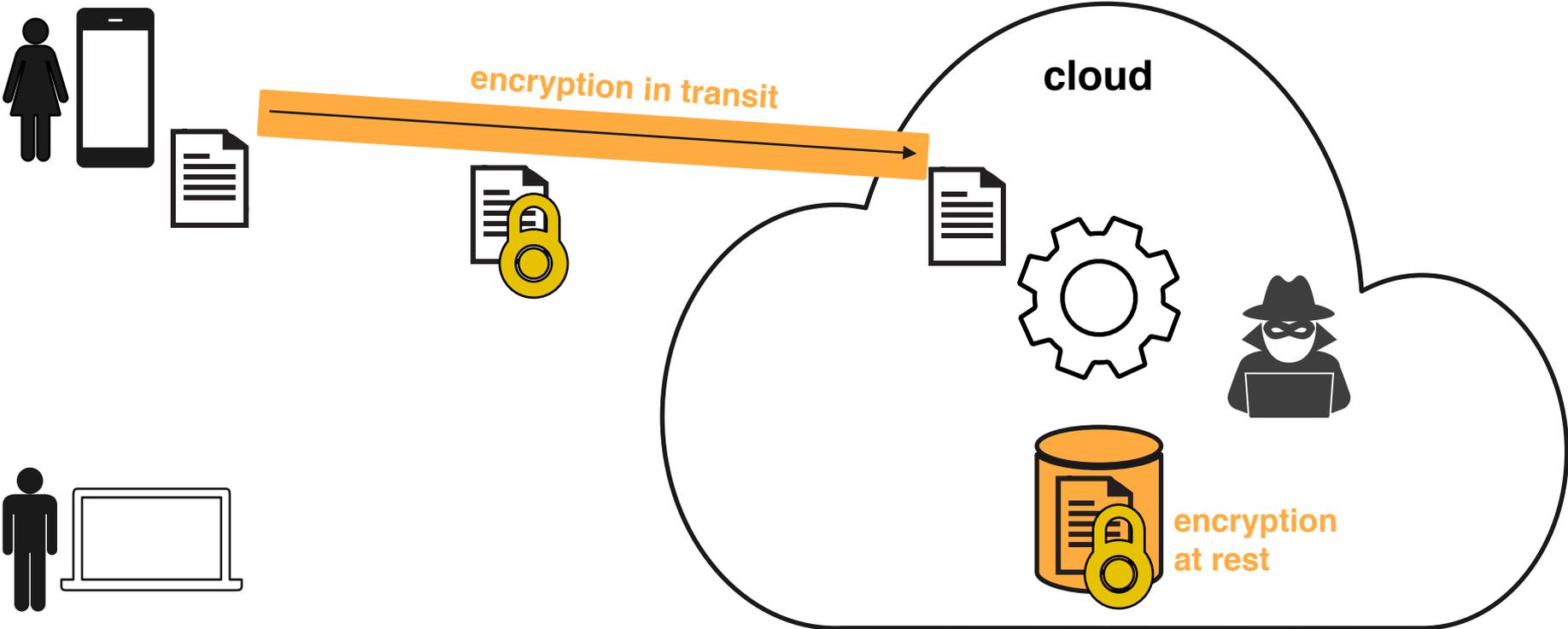
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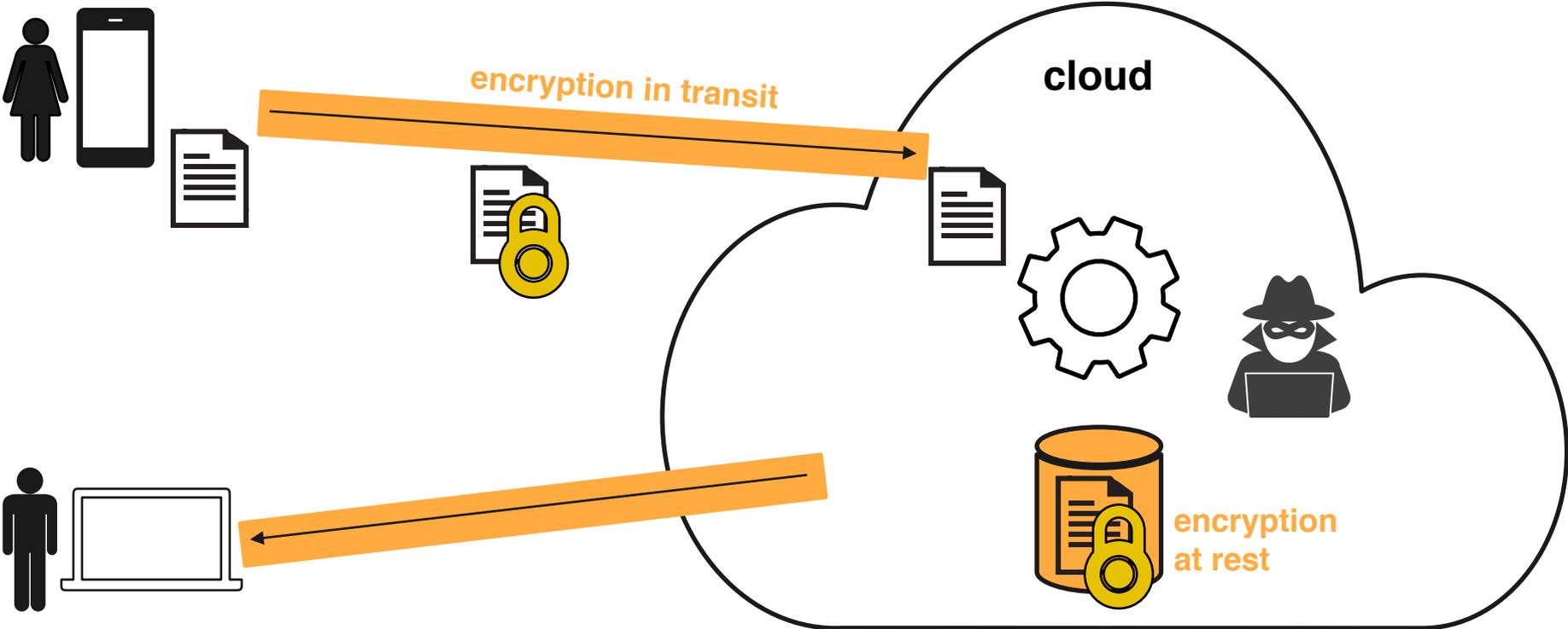
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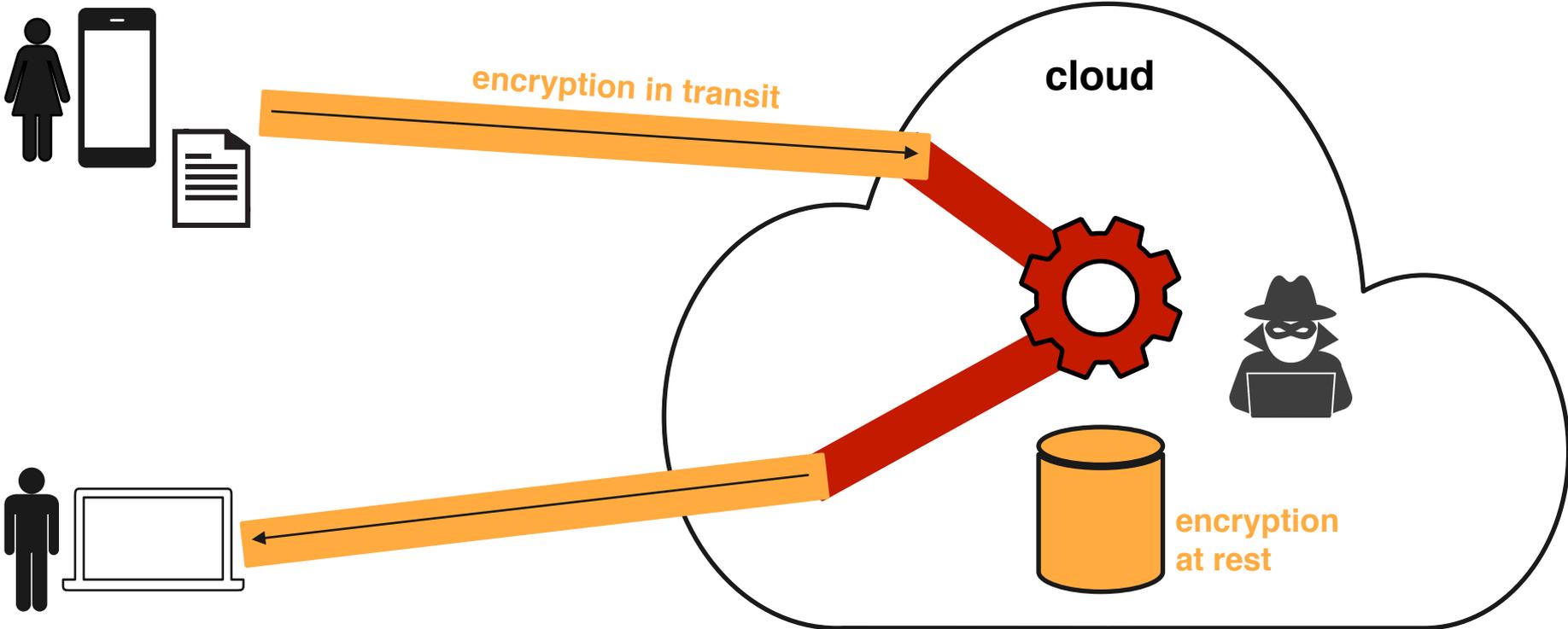
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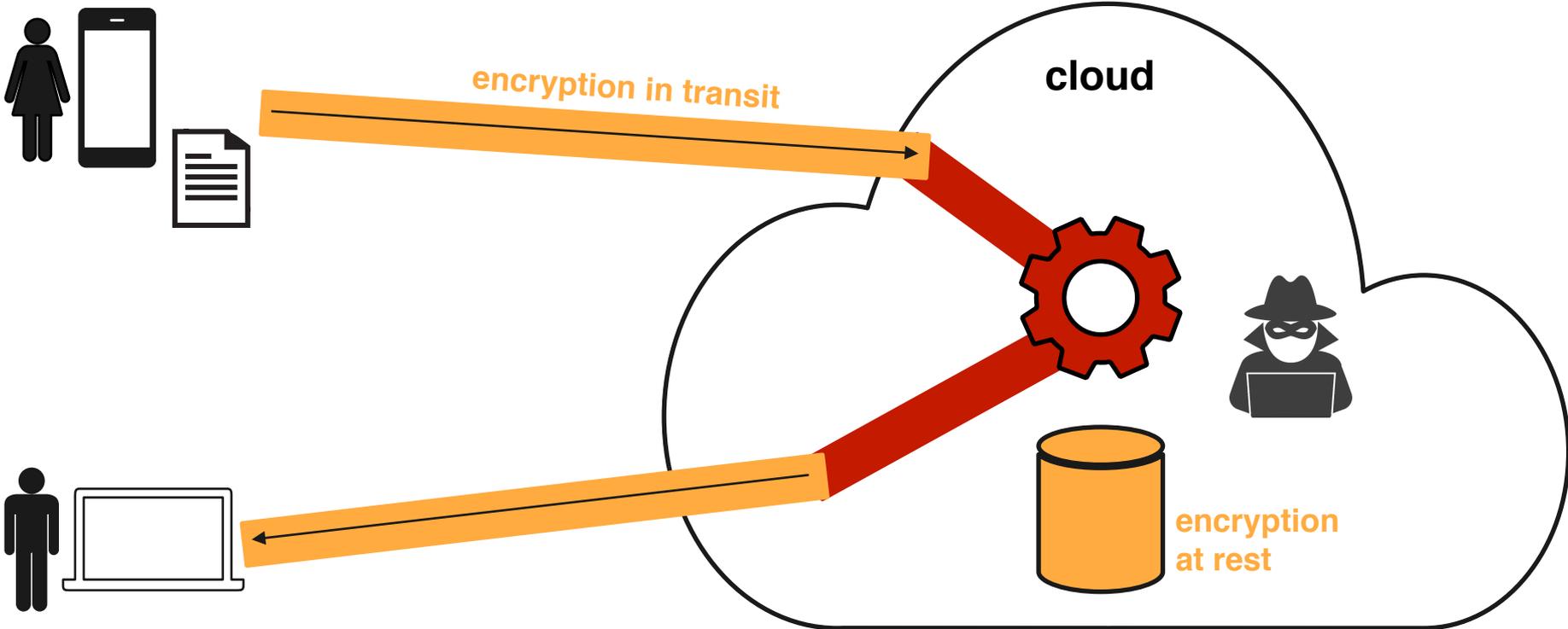
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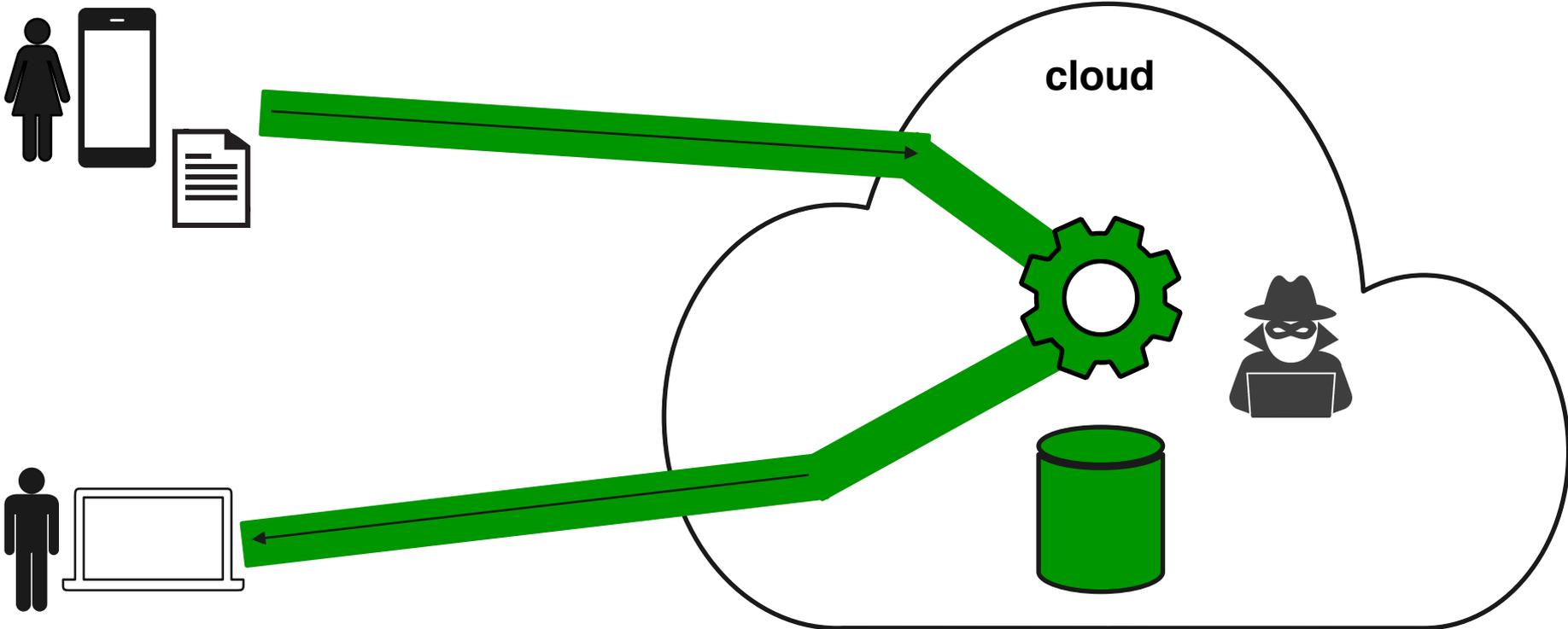
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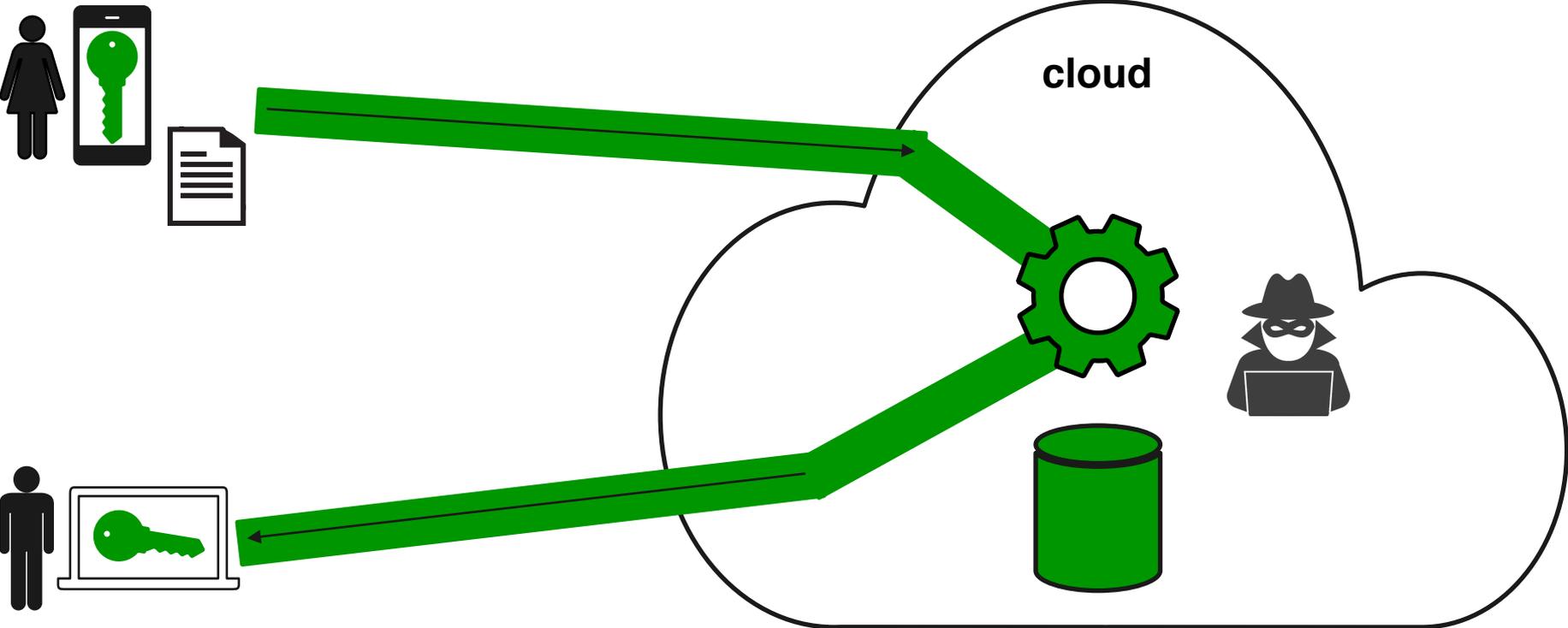
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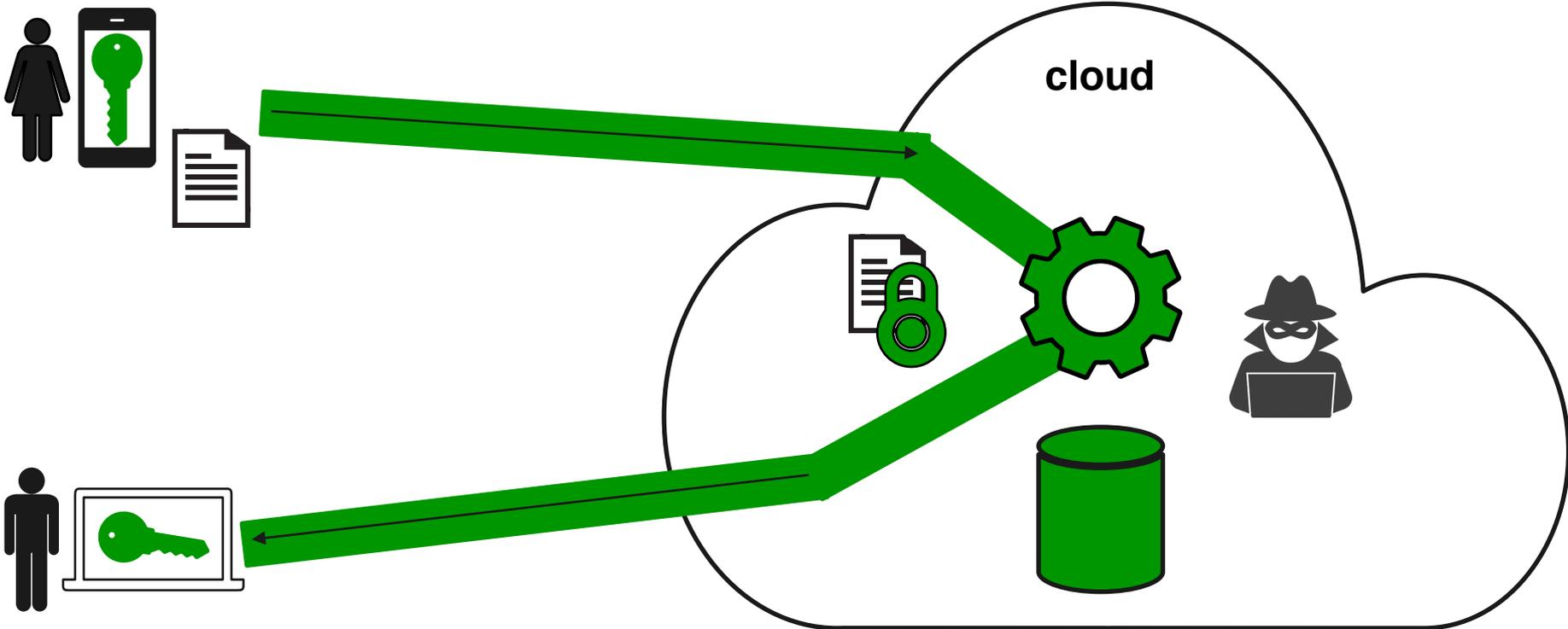
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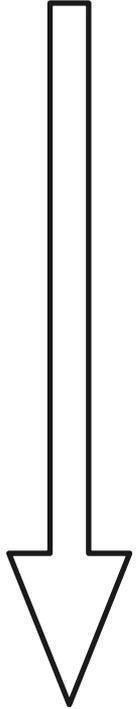
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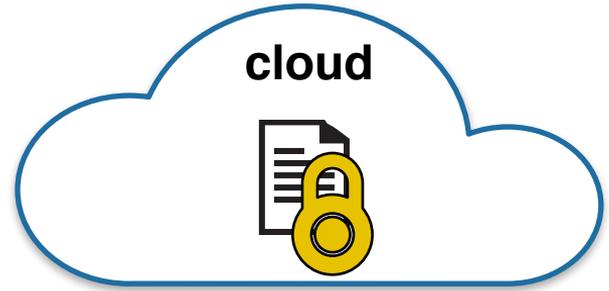
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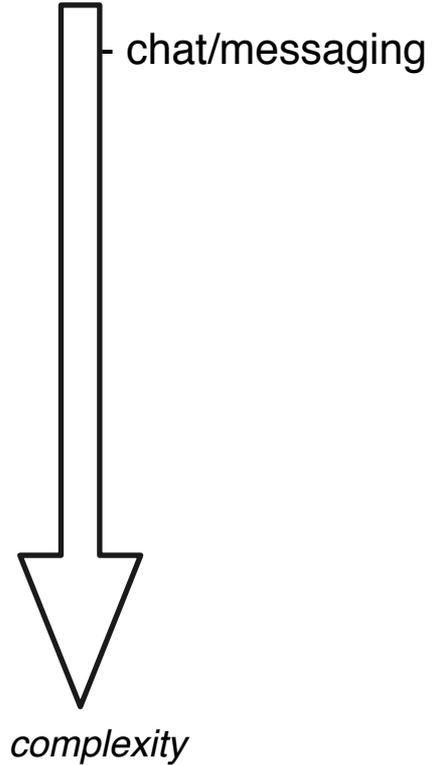
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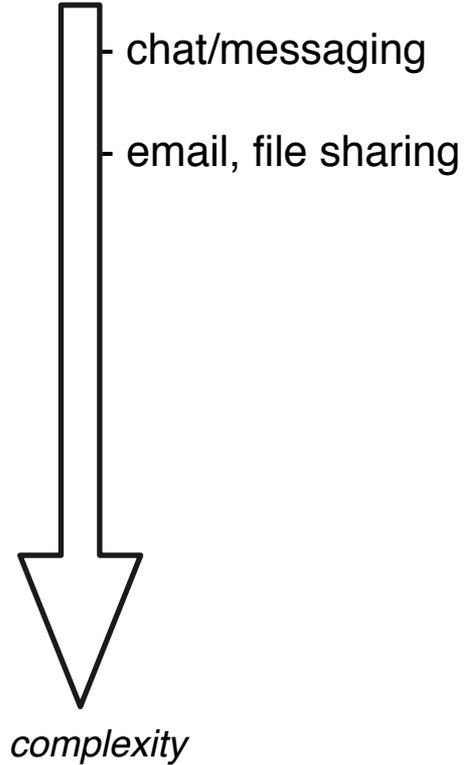
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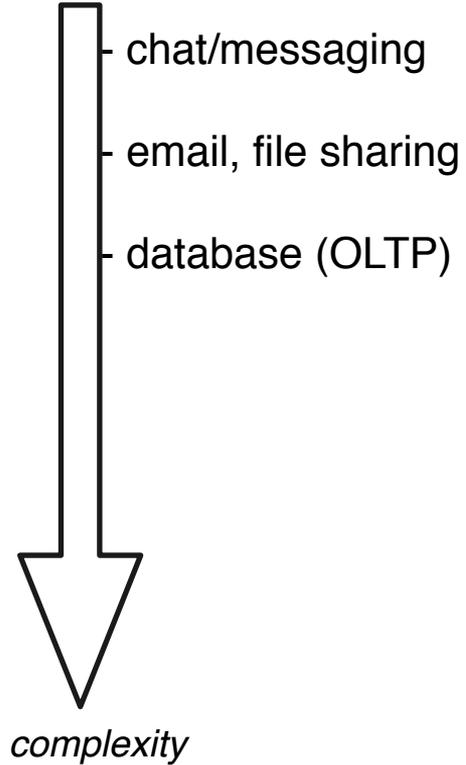
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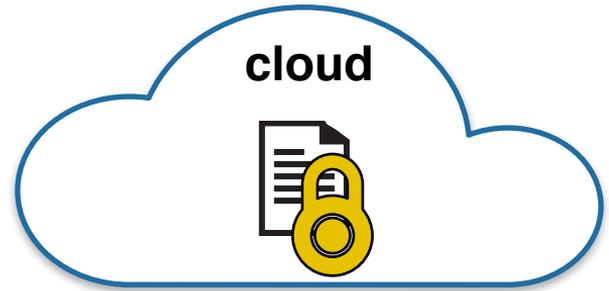
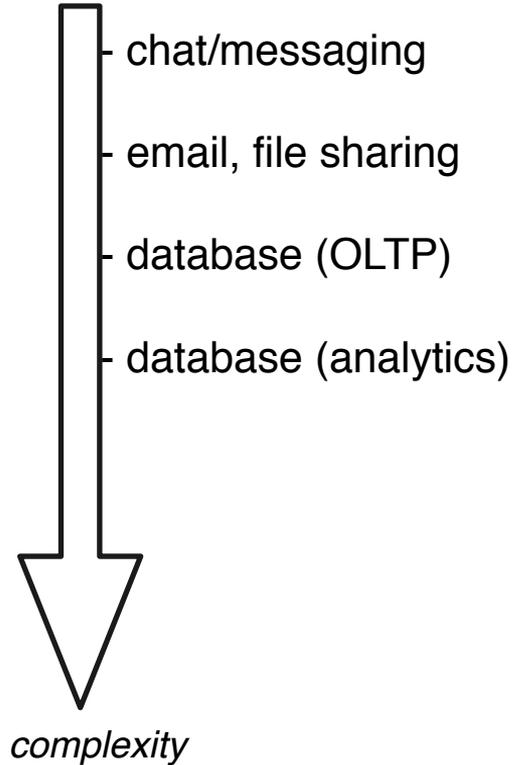
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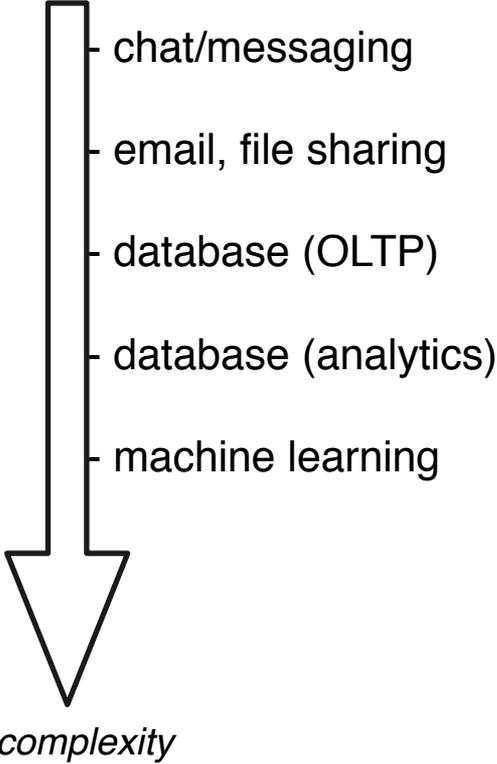
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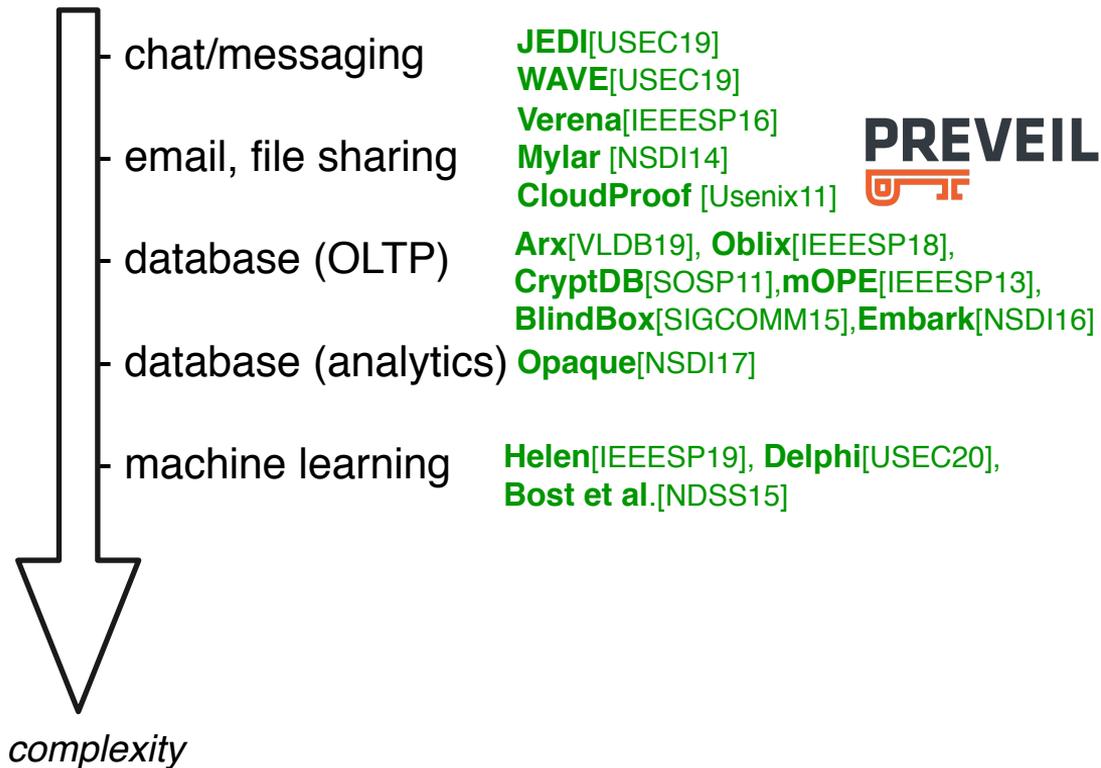
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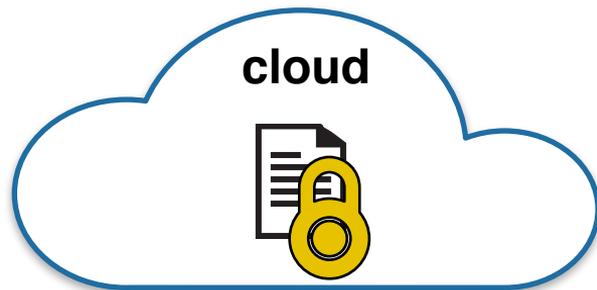
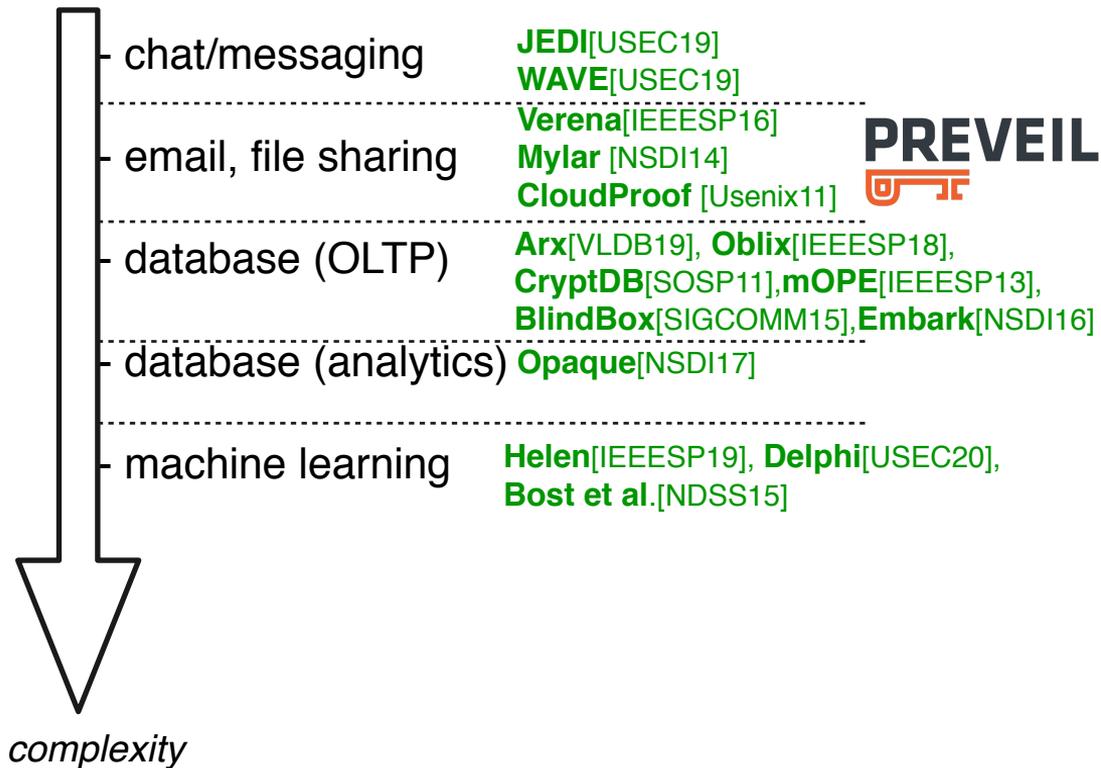
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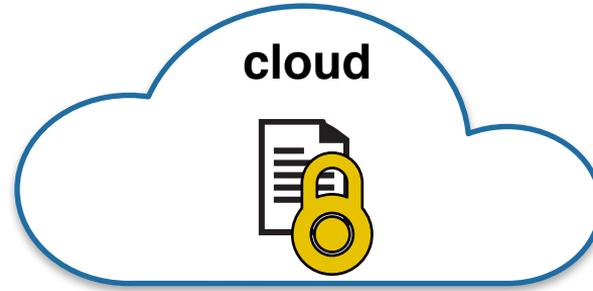
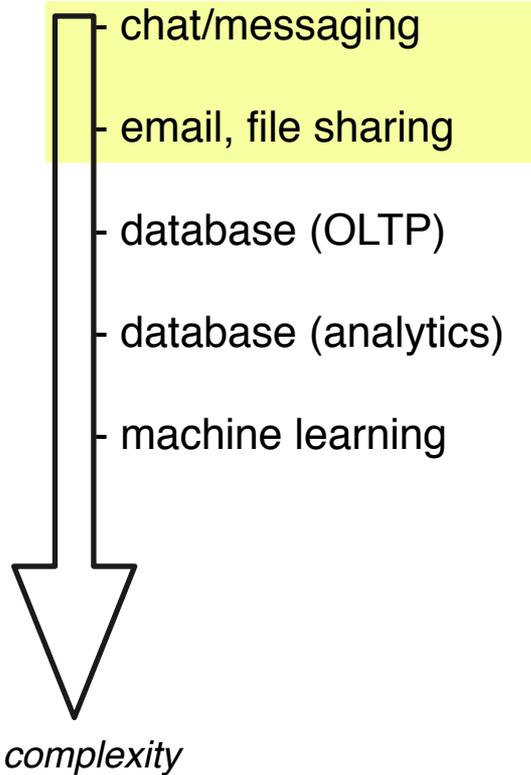
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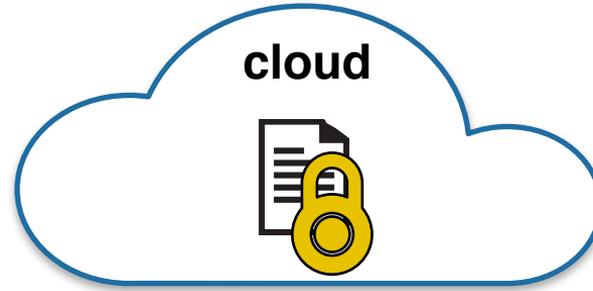
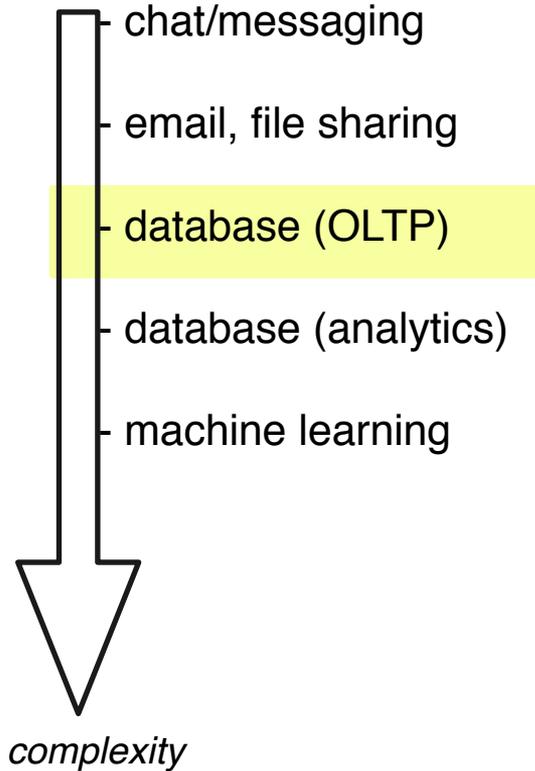


- Research focusing on malicious cloud attackers (Verena^[IEEE SP16]), usability, search

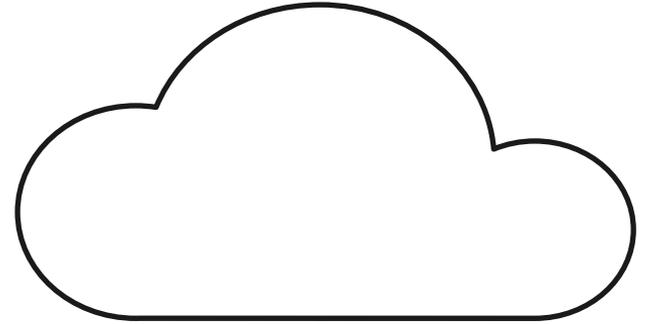
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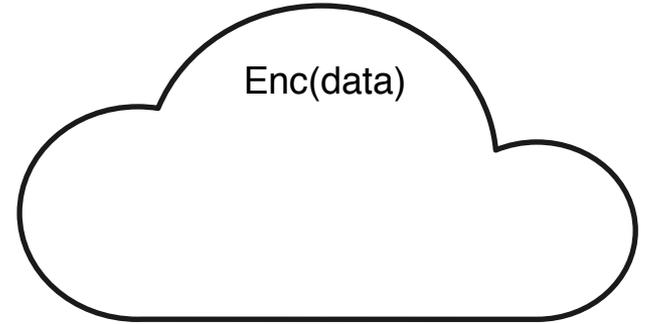
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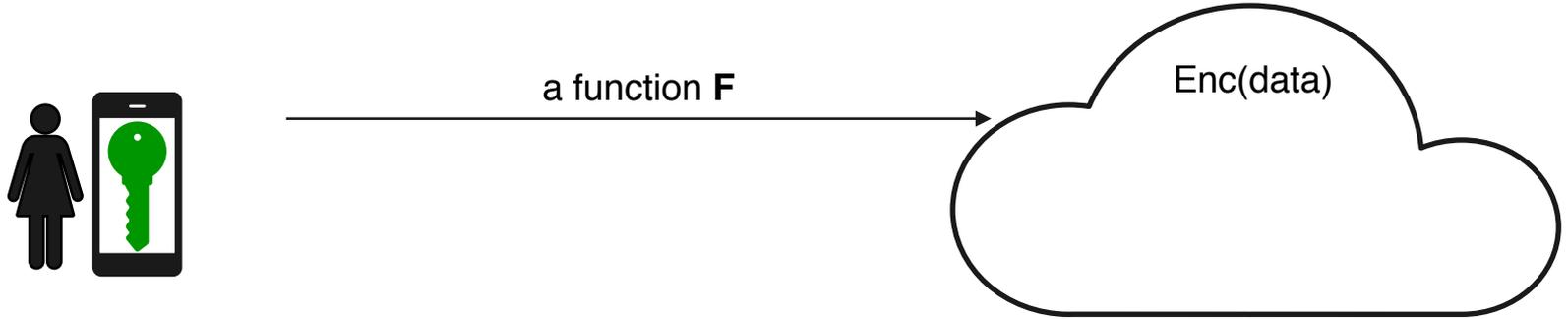
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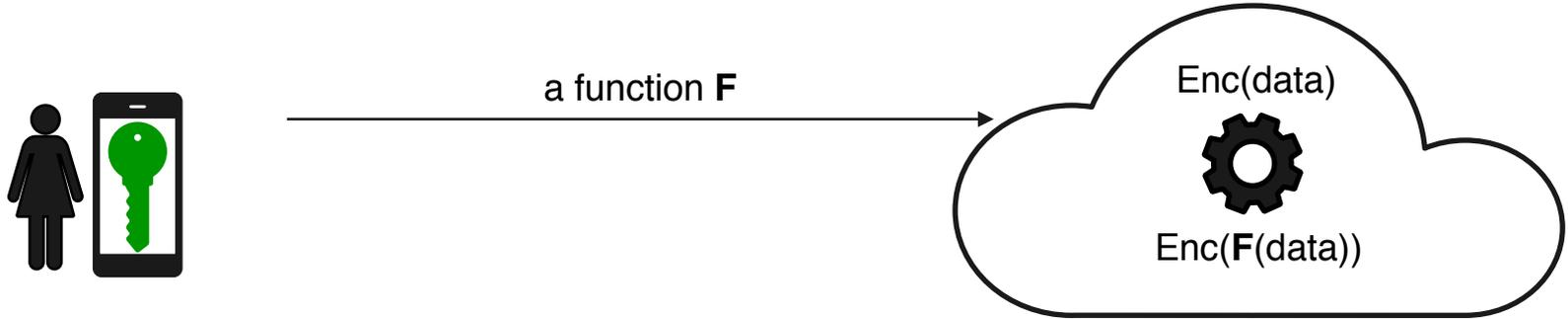
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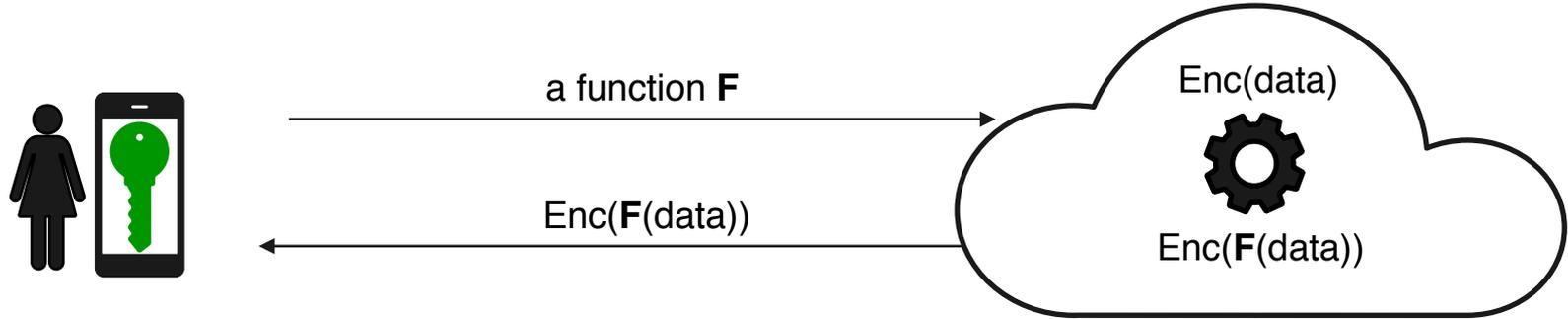
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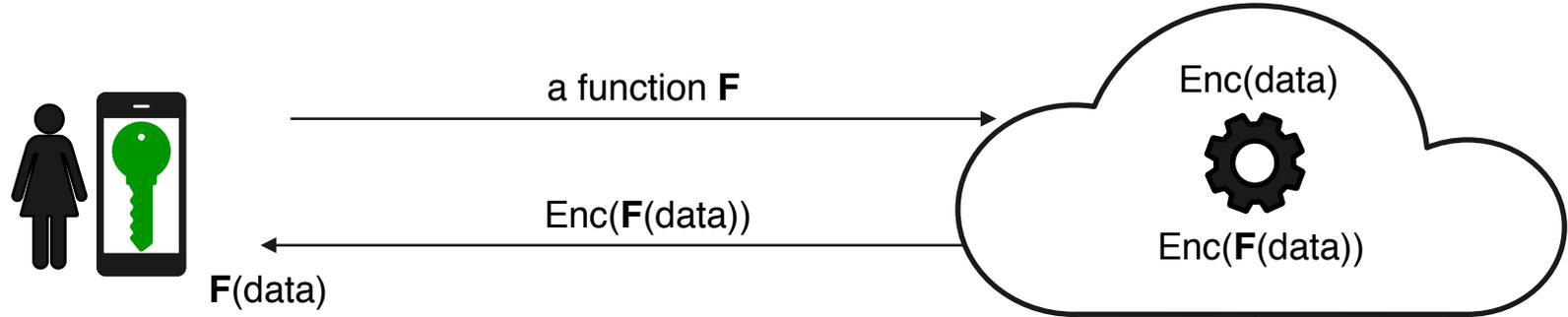
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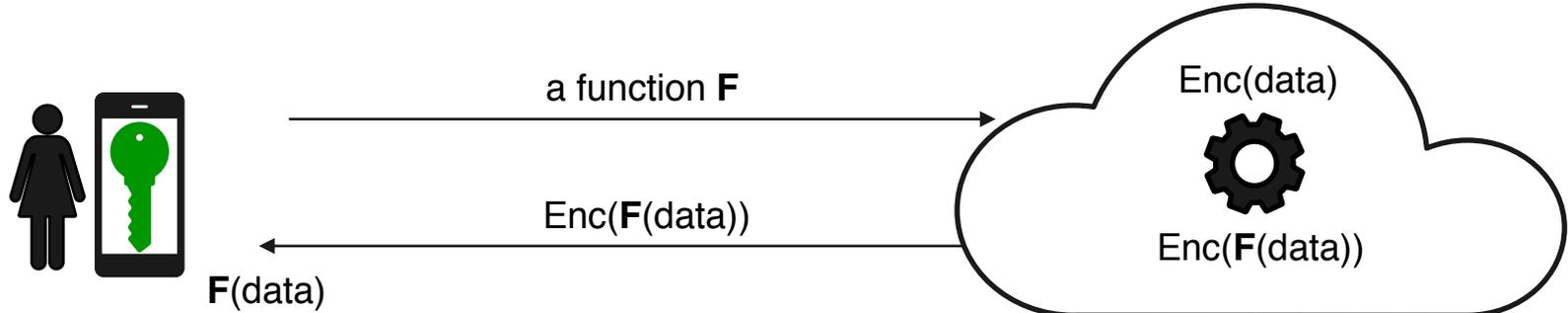
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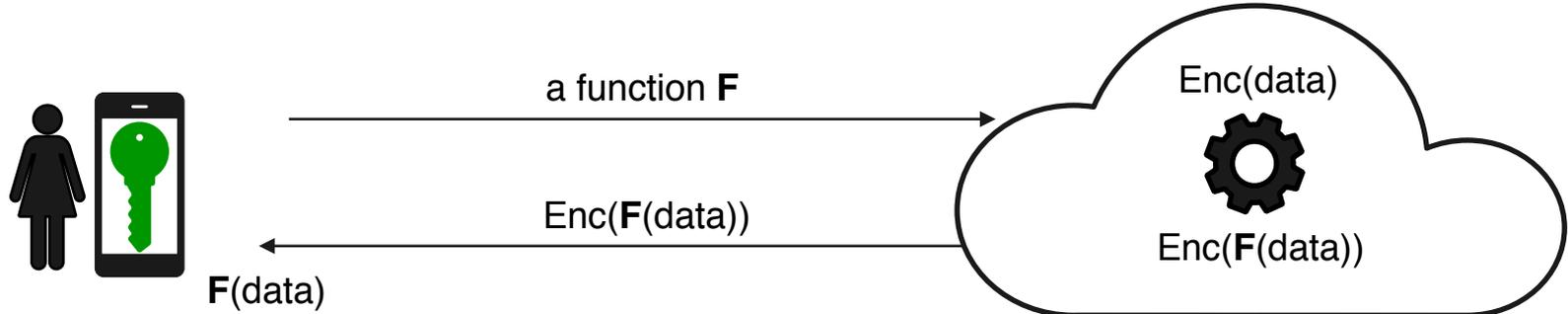


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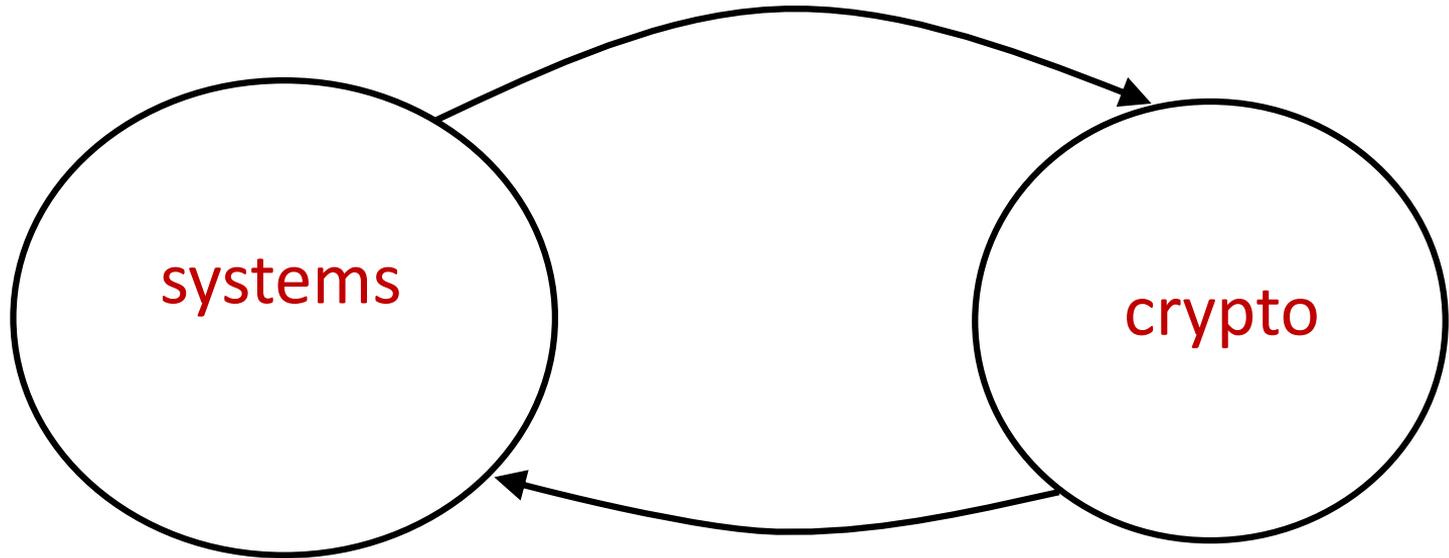
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Fully homomorphic encryption [Gentry09]

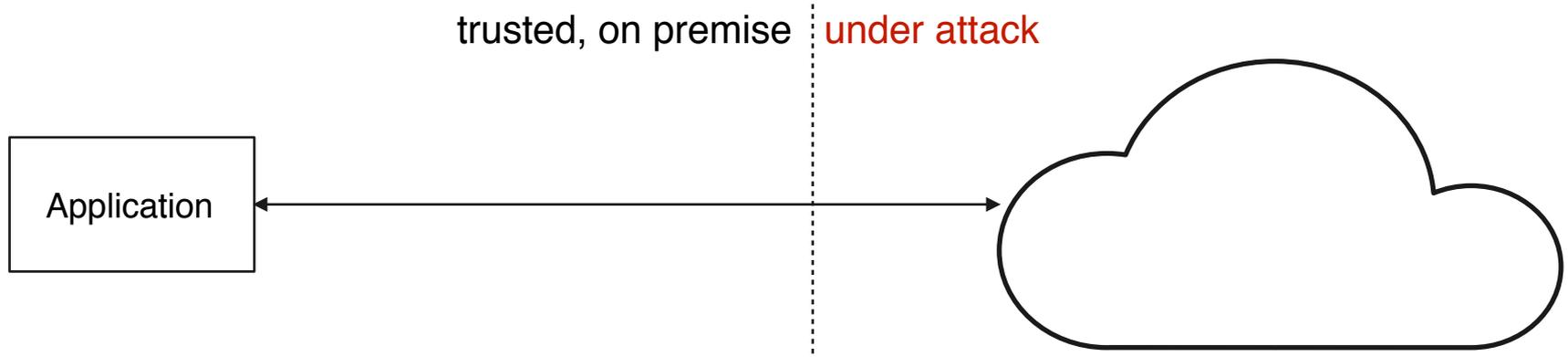
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Approach to build practical systems: **co-design systems and cryptography**



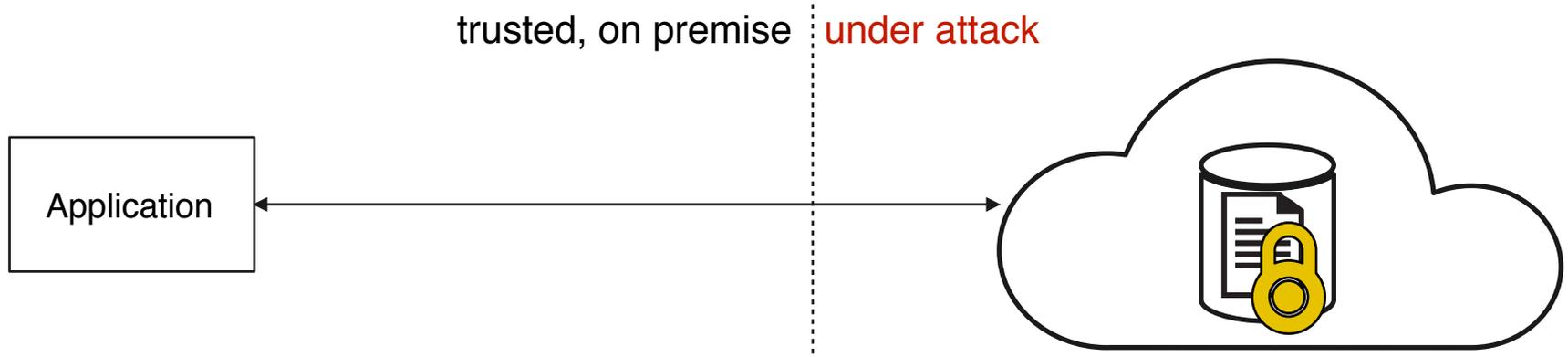
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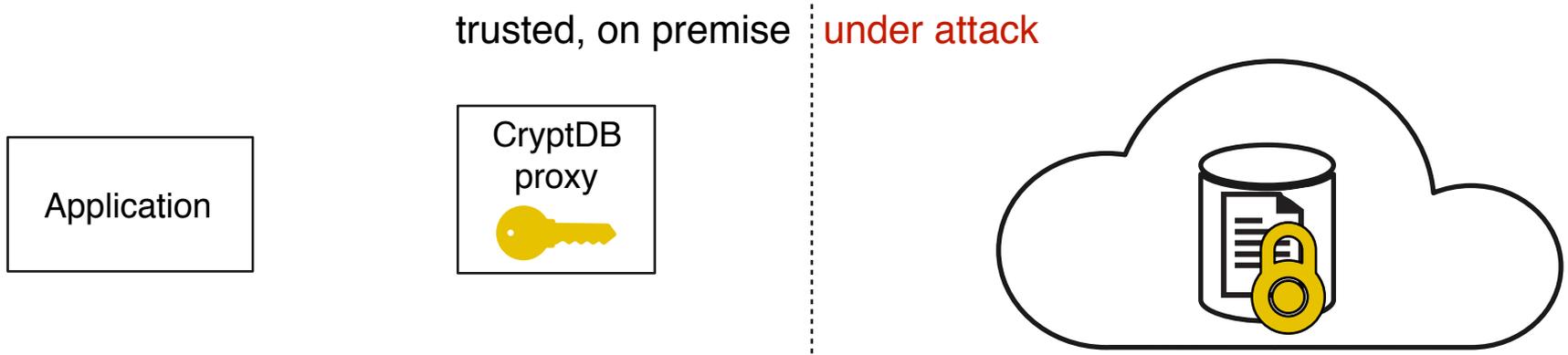
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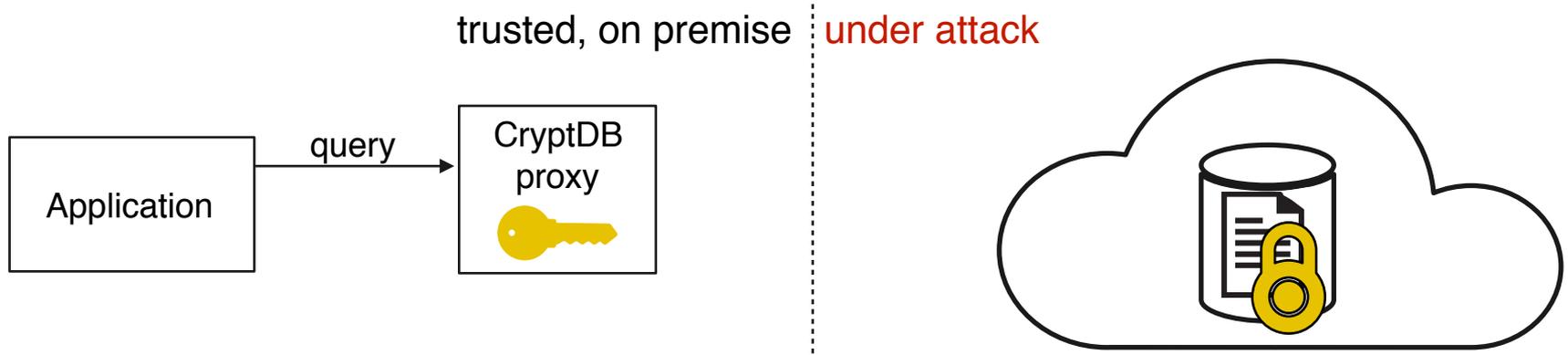
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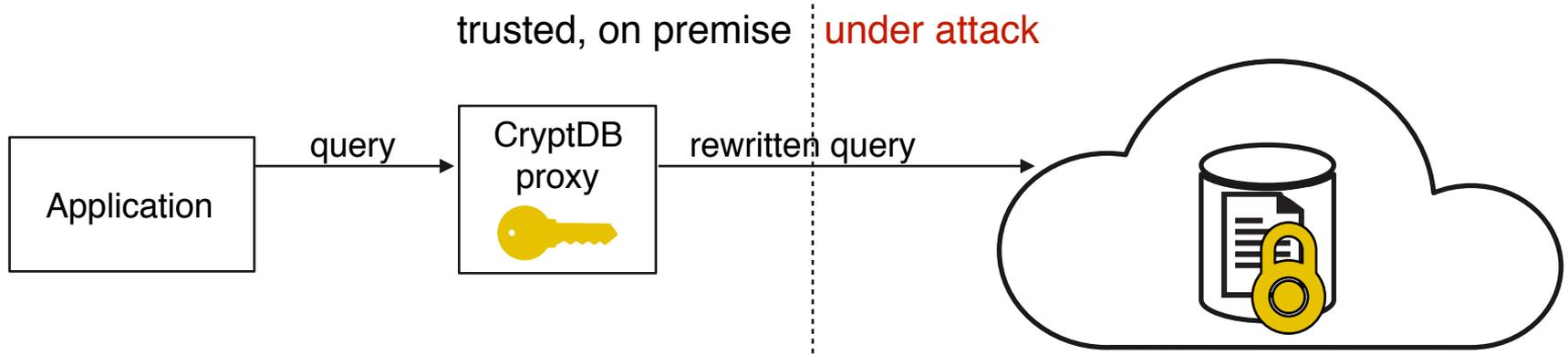
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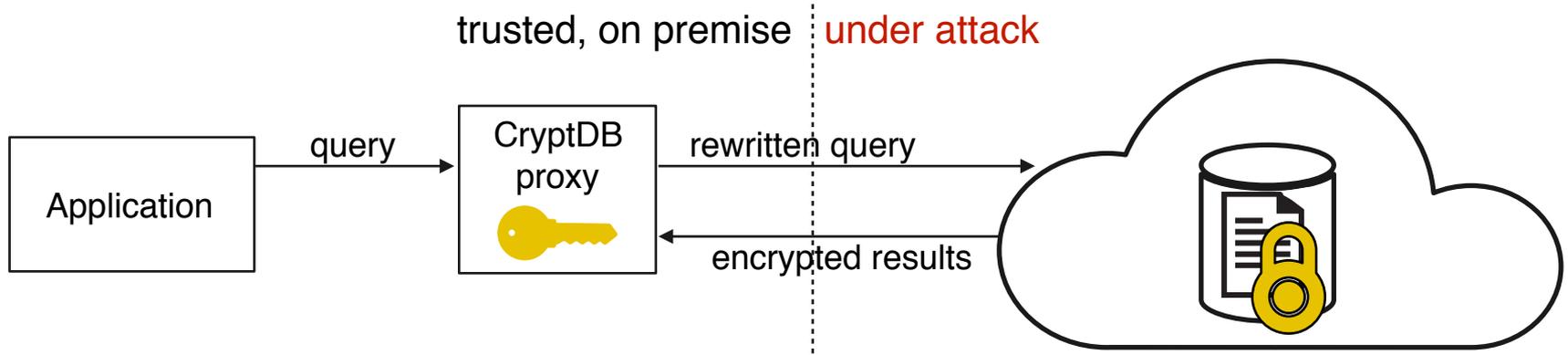
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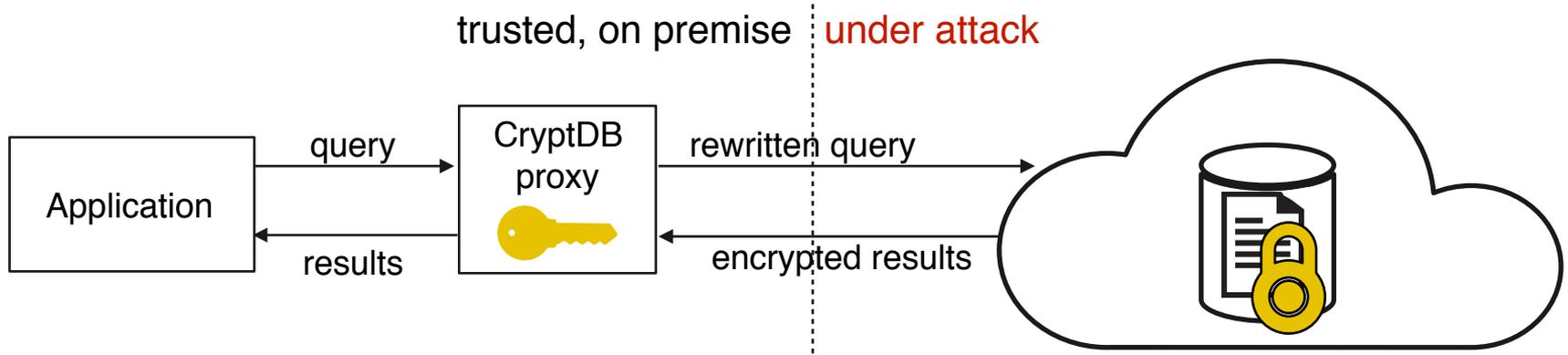
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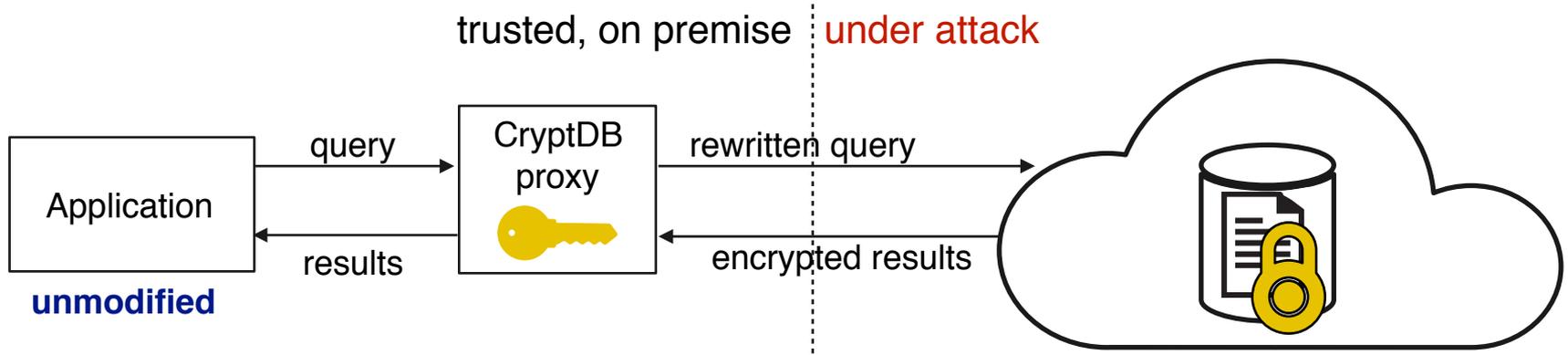
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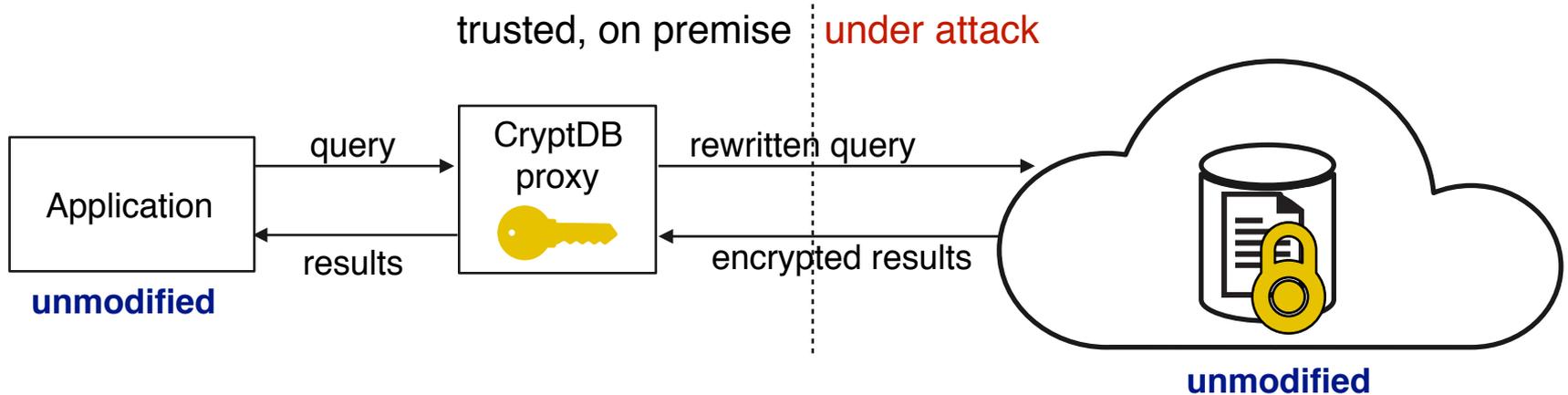
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A rich line of work followed

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Cipherbase, CMD, Cryptsis, Autocrypt, Clome, SensorCloud, [ABE+13], [TKM+13], Seabed [PBC+16], BlindSeer[PKV+14], [CJJ+14], [FJK+15], [K15], Arx, MrCrypt, Monomi, [NKW15],[DDC16],[GSB17],KKN+16], [DCF+20],... > 1000 citations.

- Industry deployments:



AlwaysEncrypted



Google's
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SEED

skyhigh

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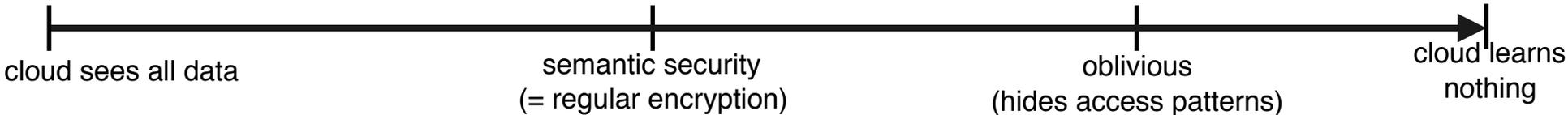


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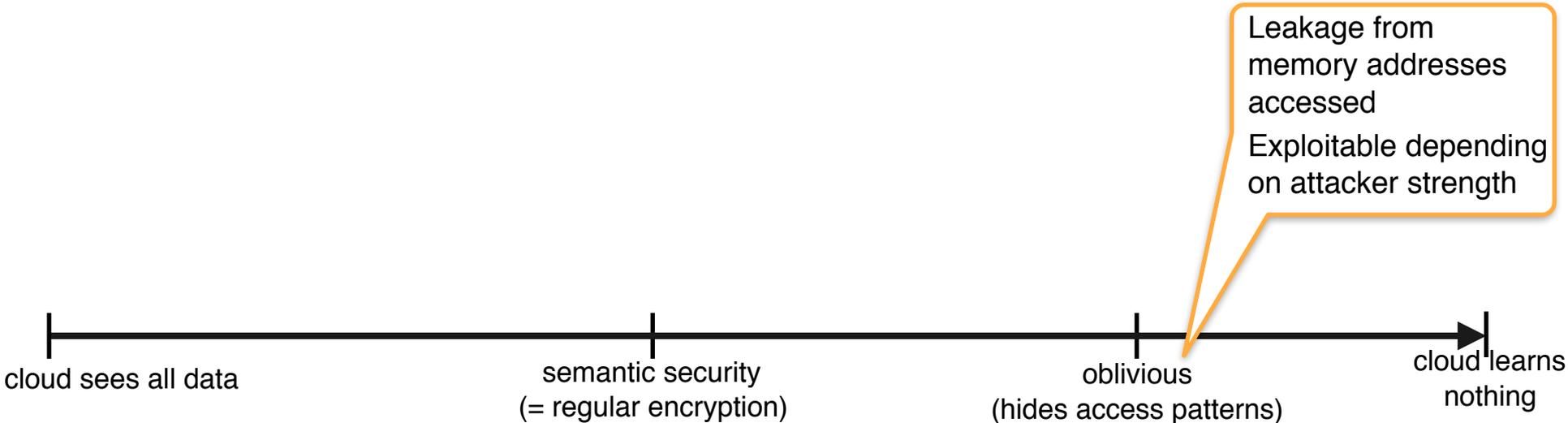


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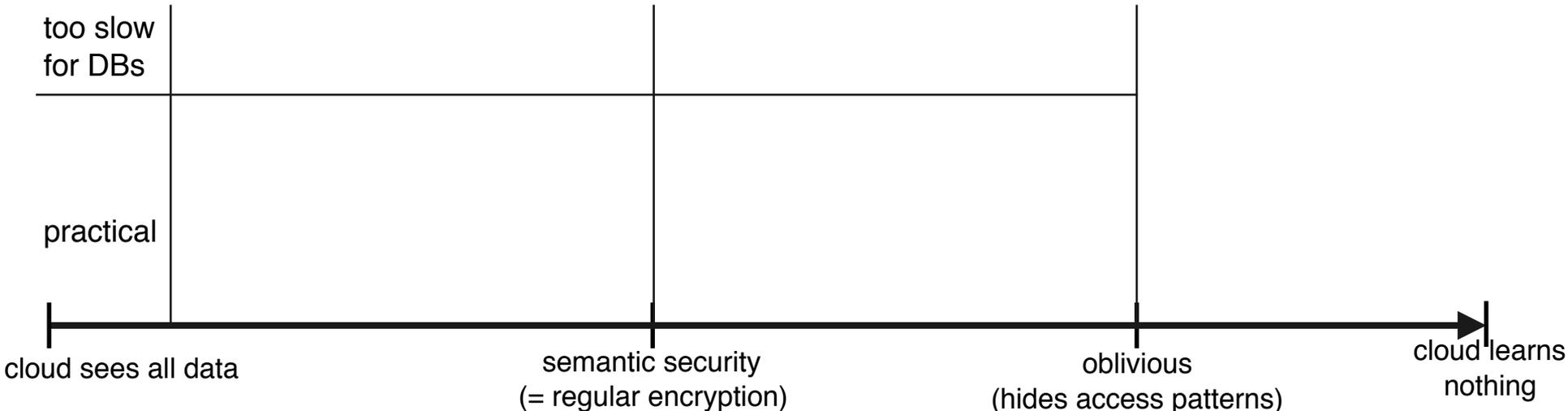


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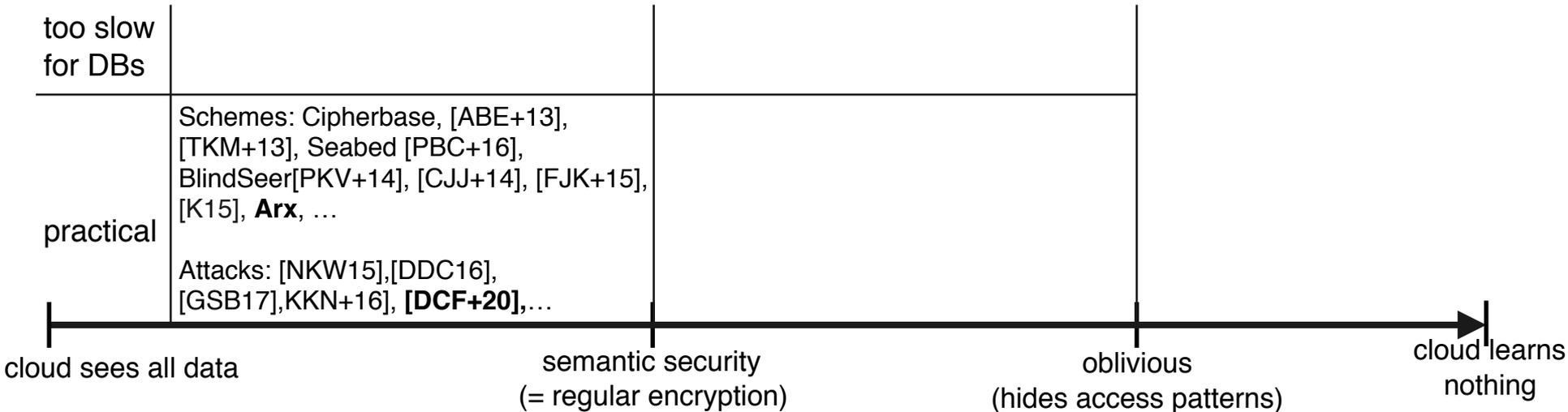


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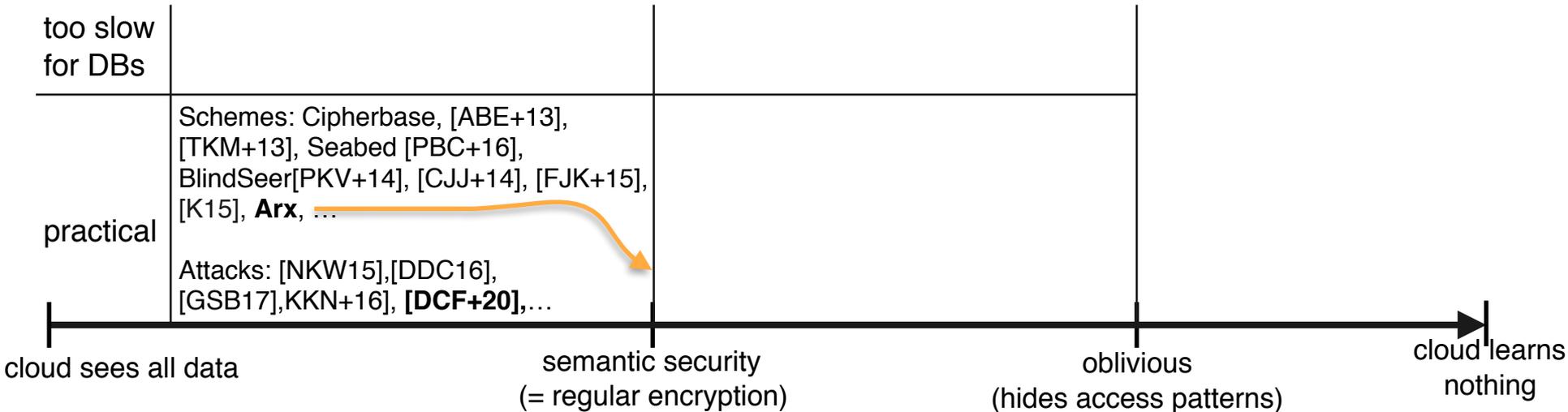


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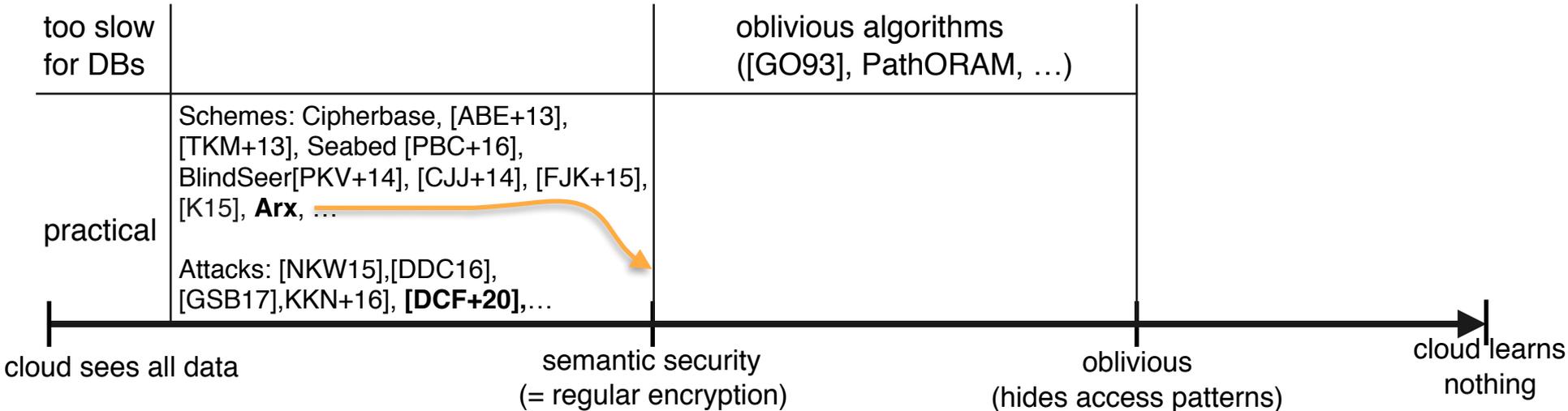


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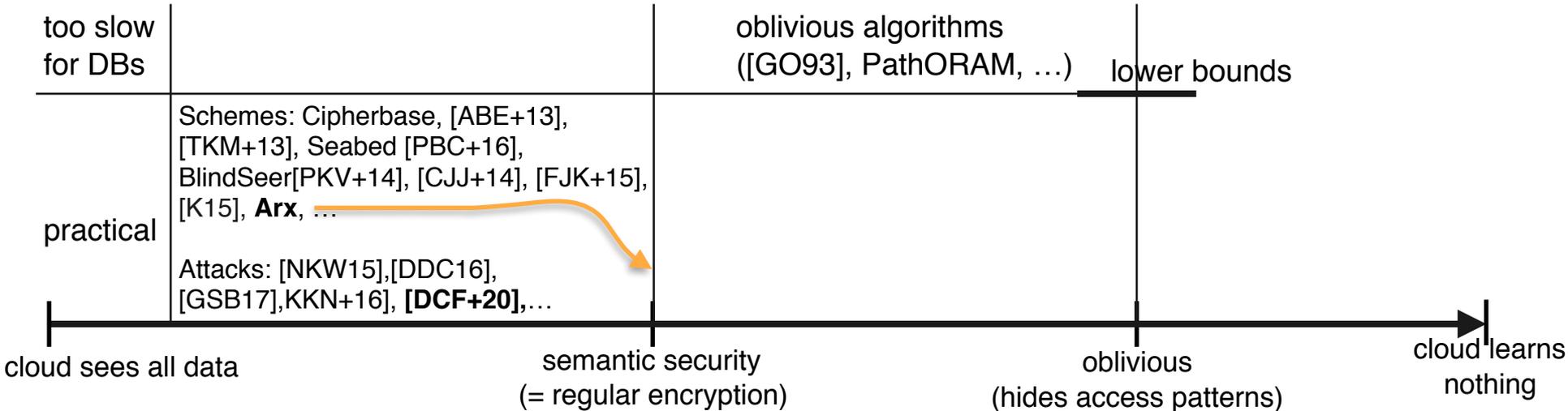


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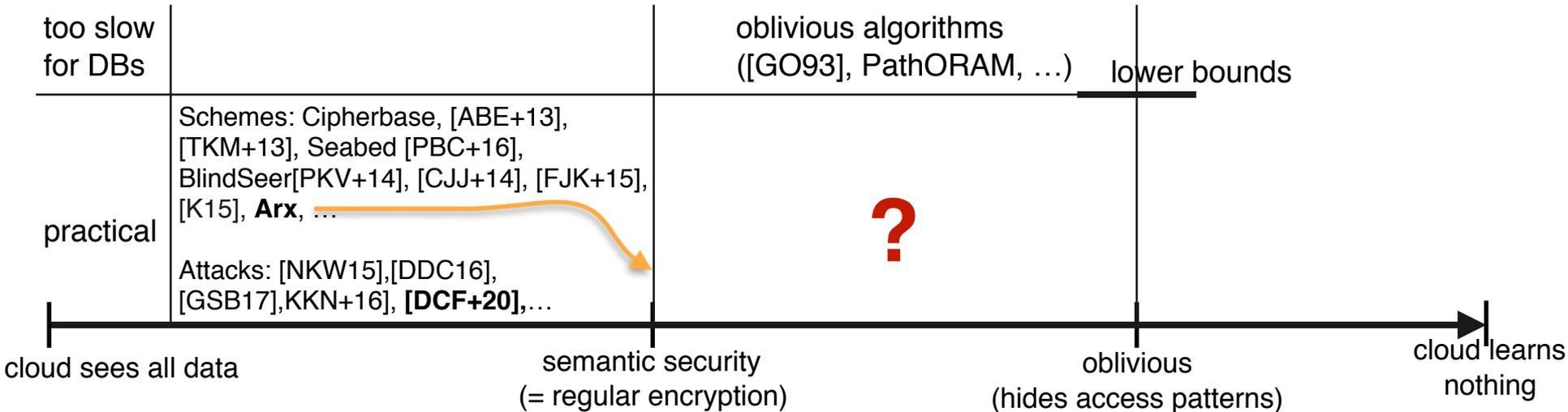


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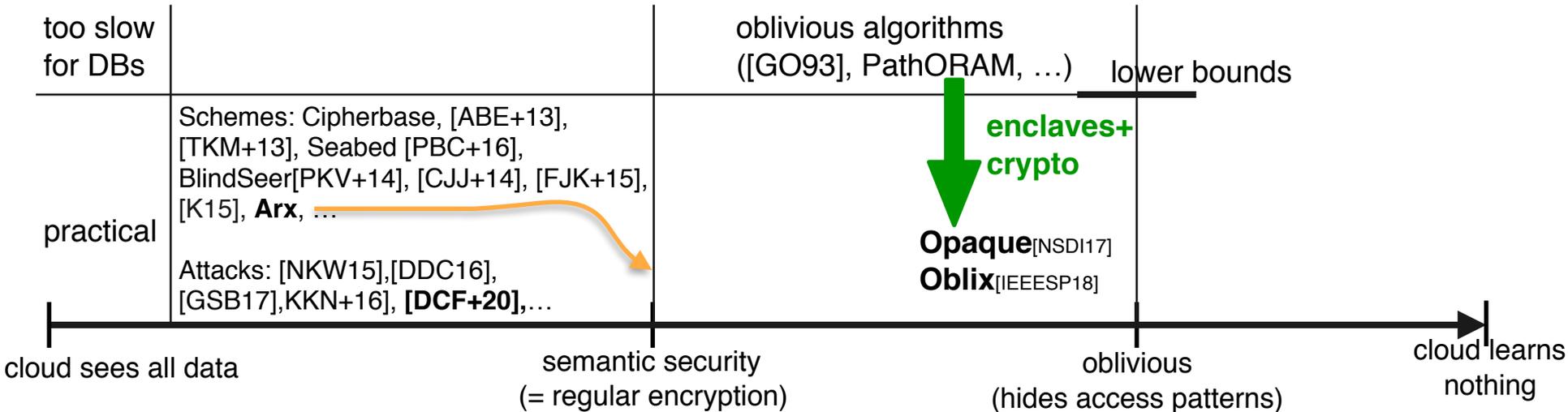


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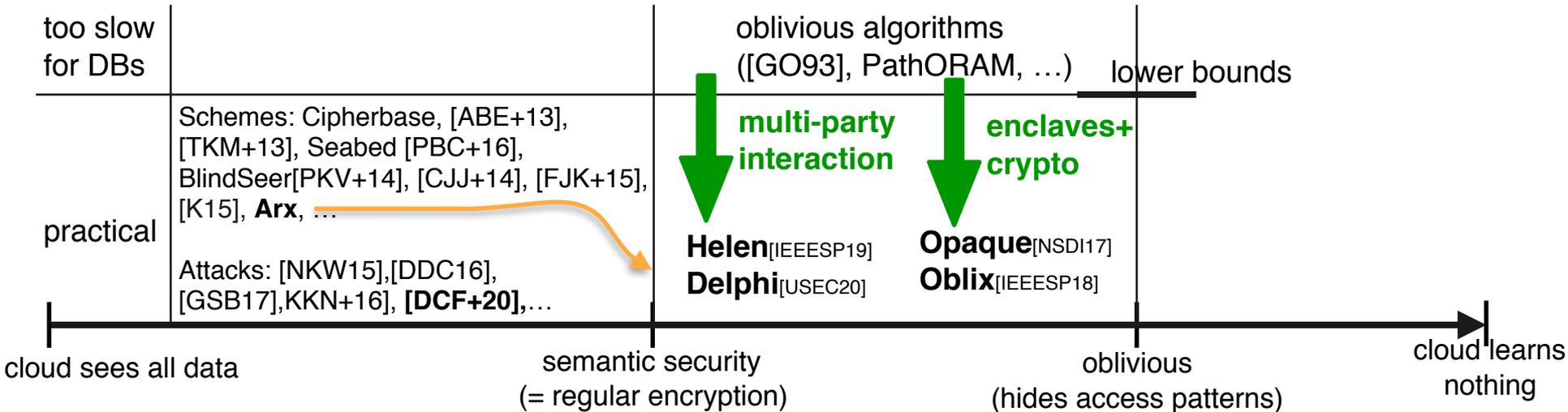


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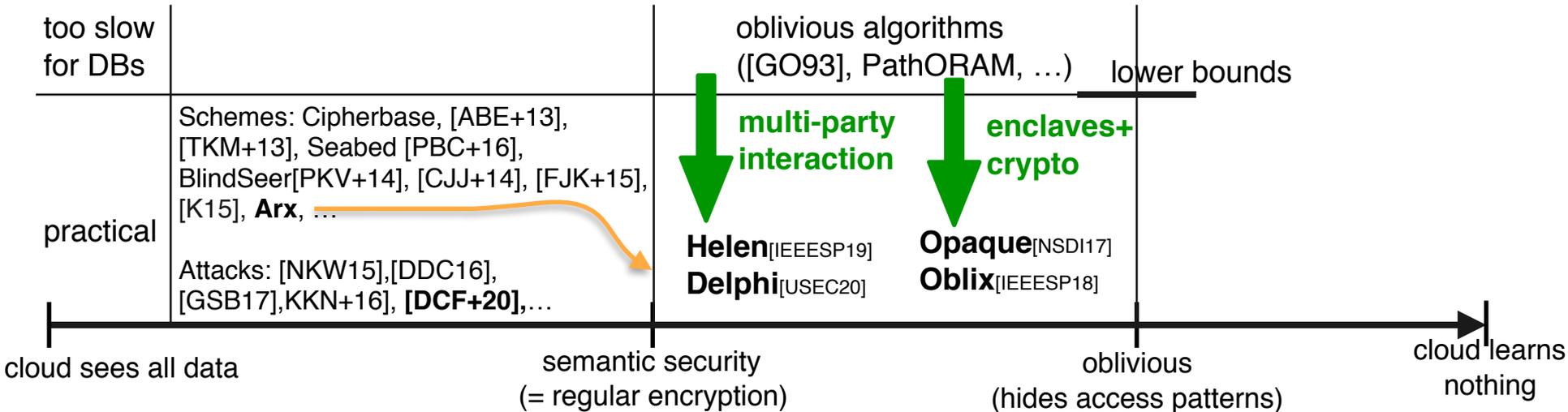


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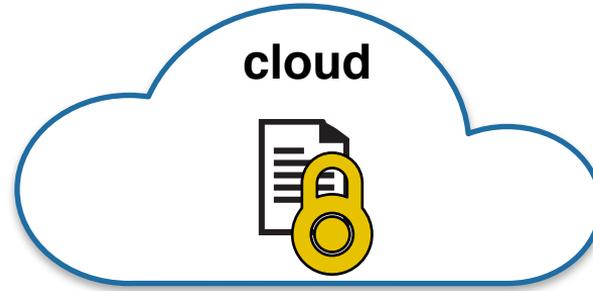
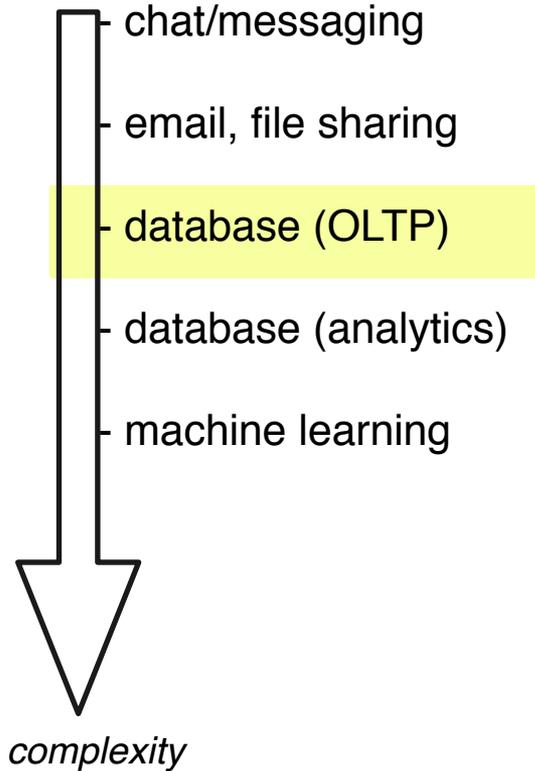
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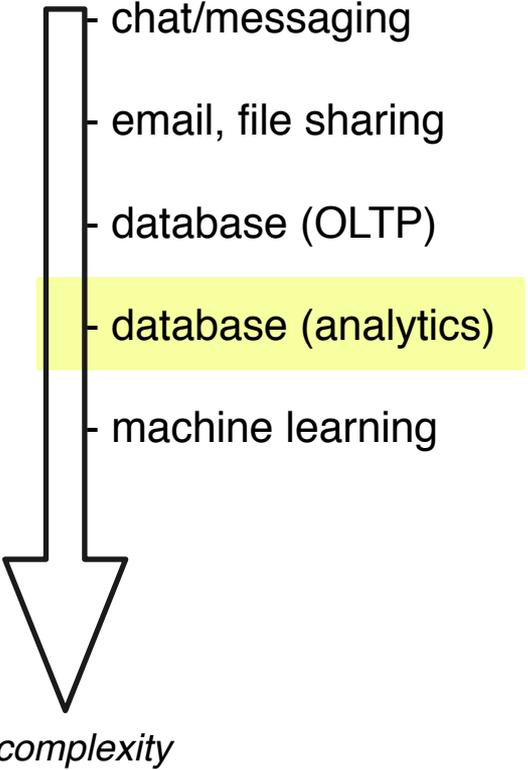
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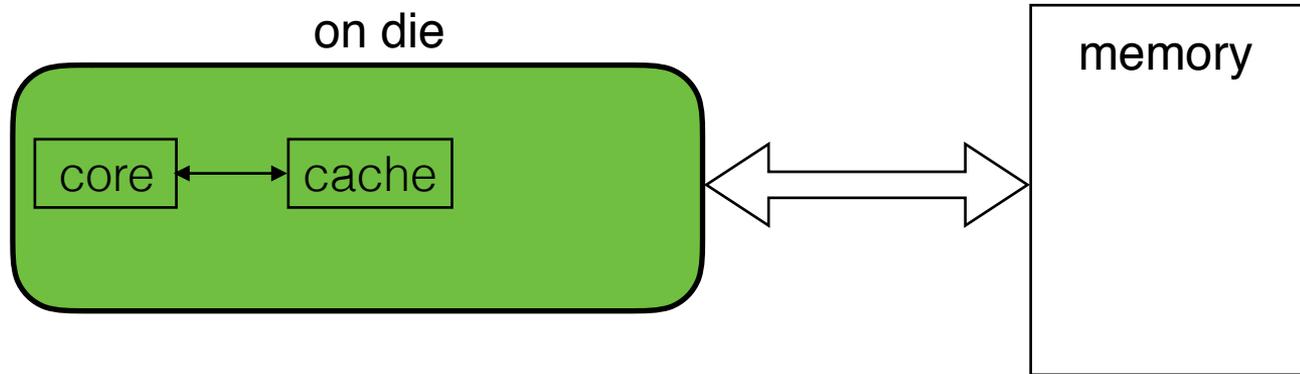
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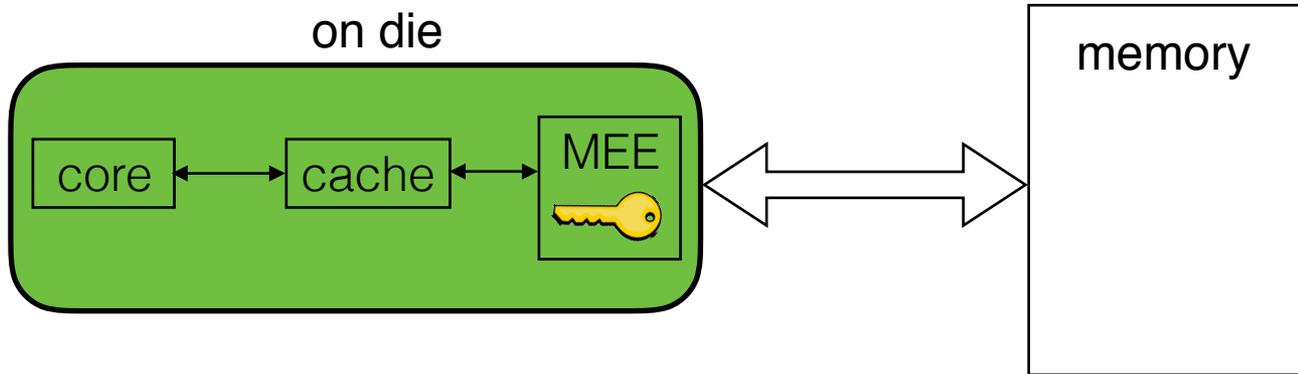
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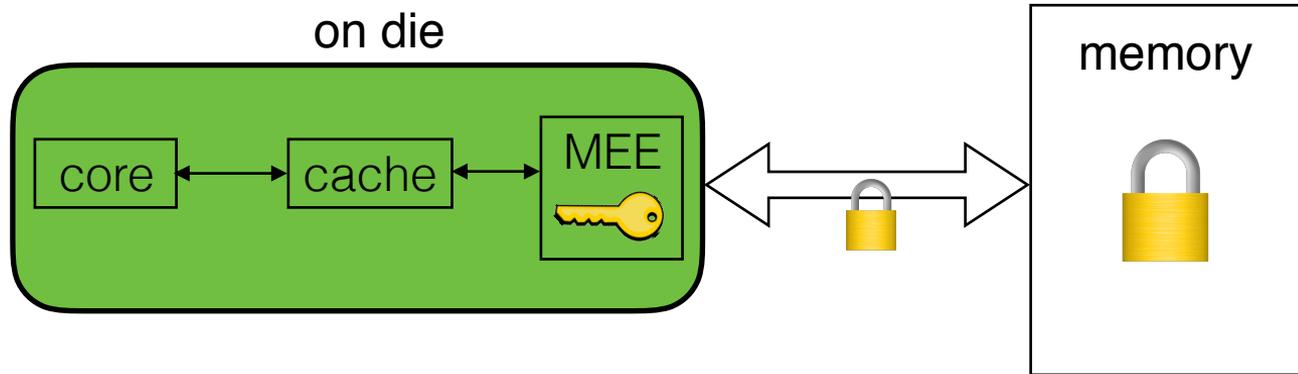
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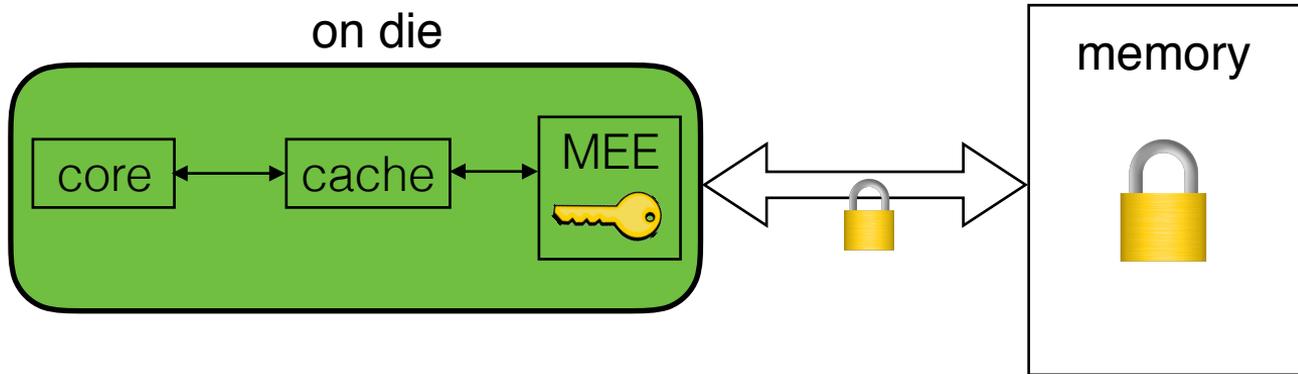
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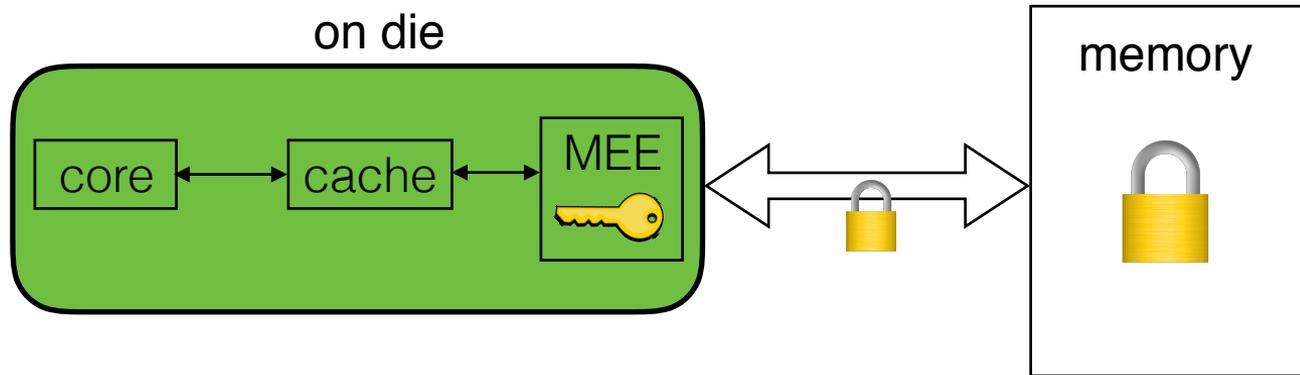
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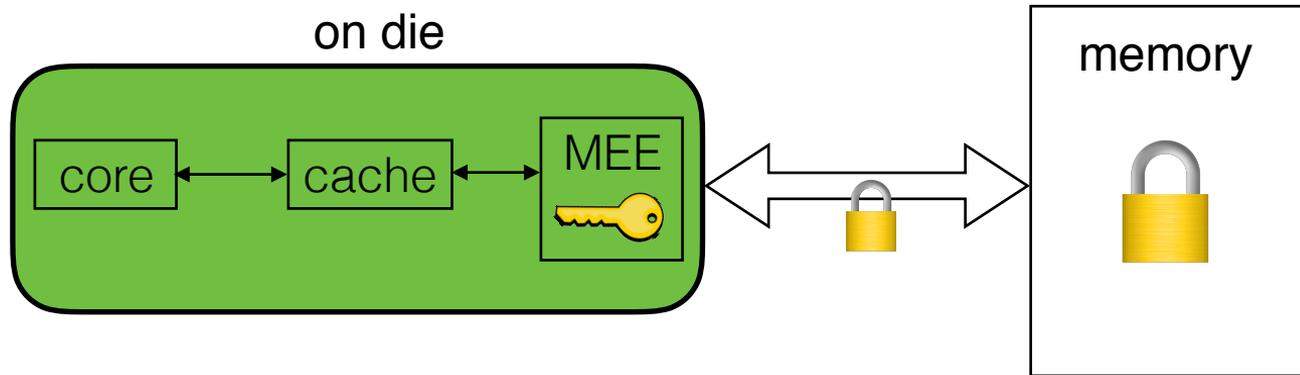
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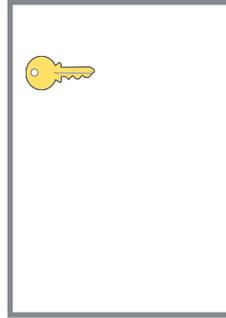
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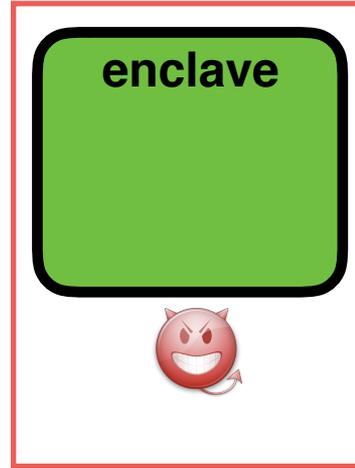


- Cloud offerings: Azure Confidential Computing, Alibaba Cloud

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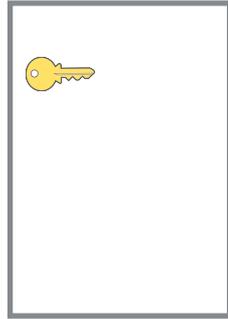
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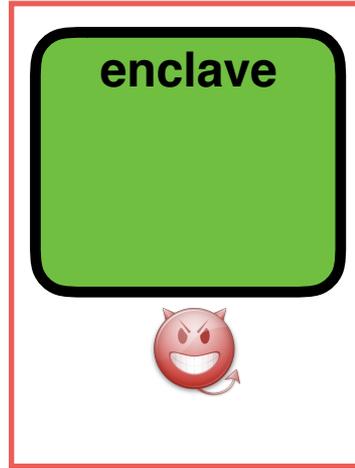
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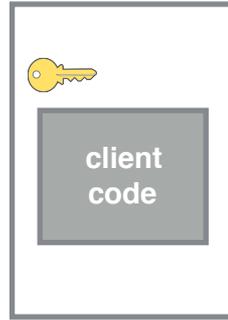
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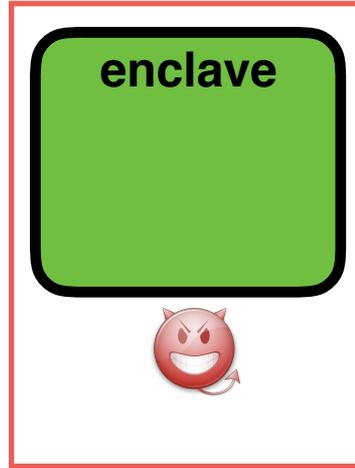
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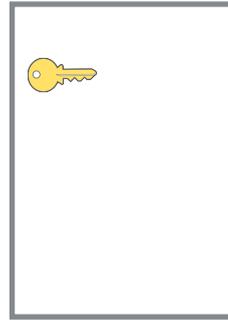
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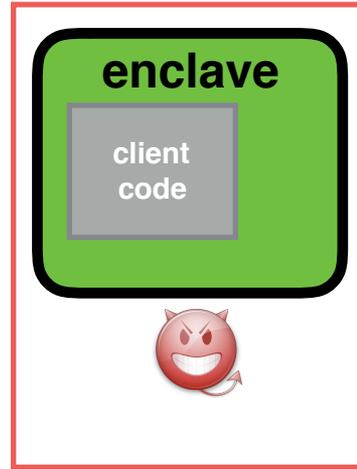
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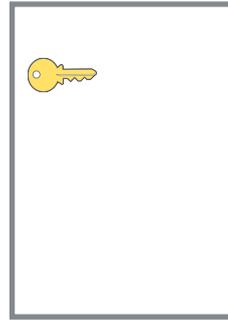
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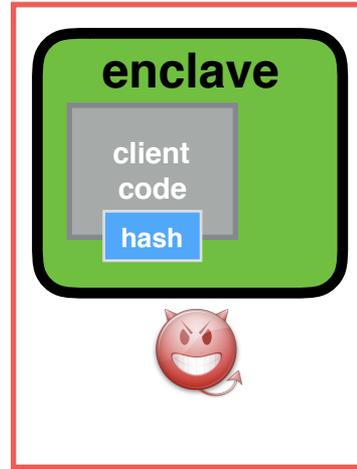
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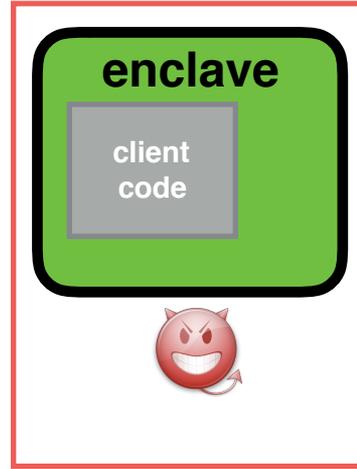
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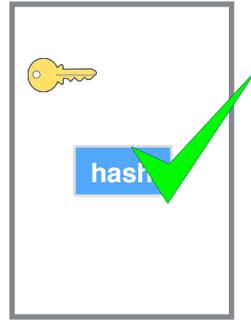
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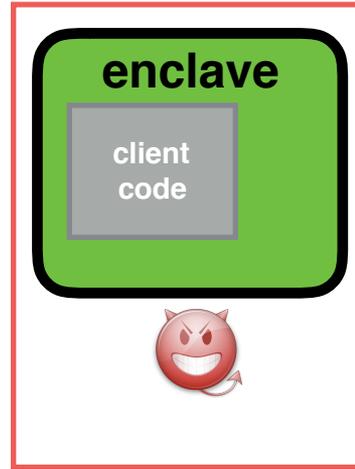
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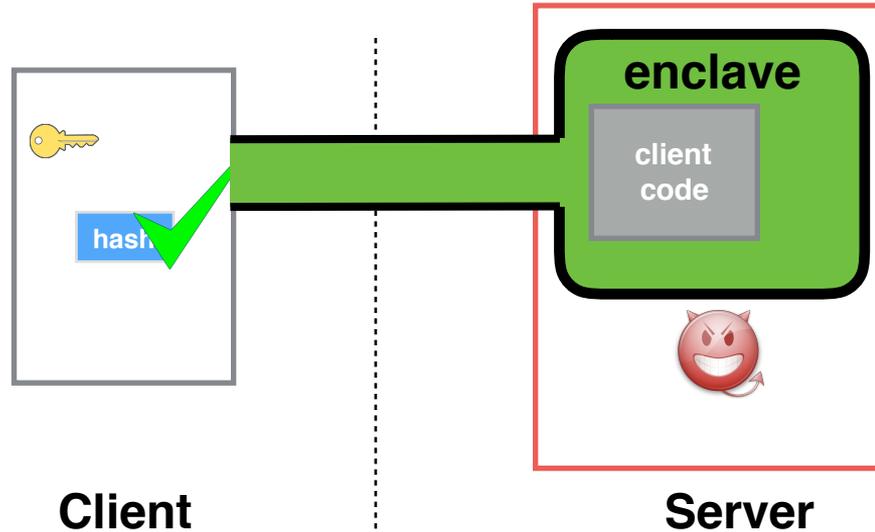
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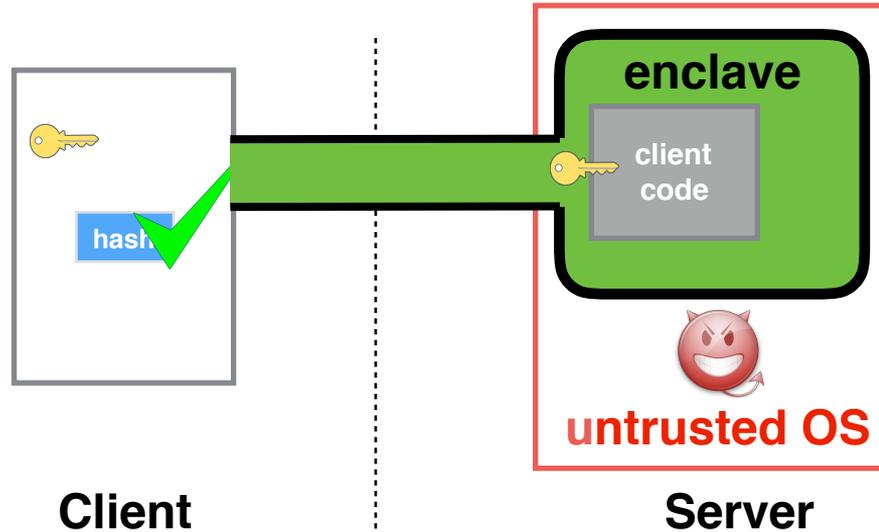
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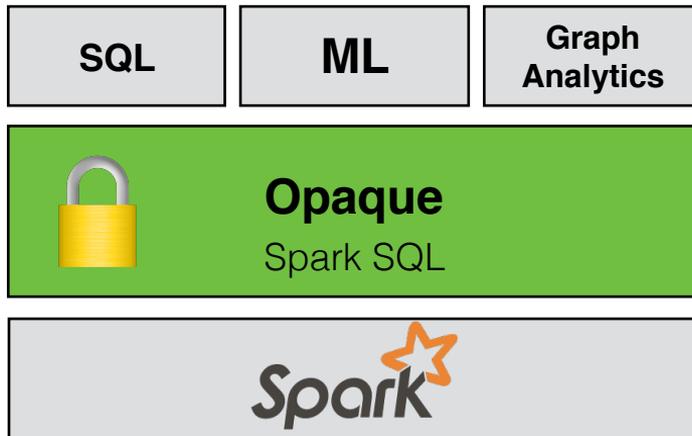


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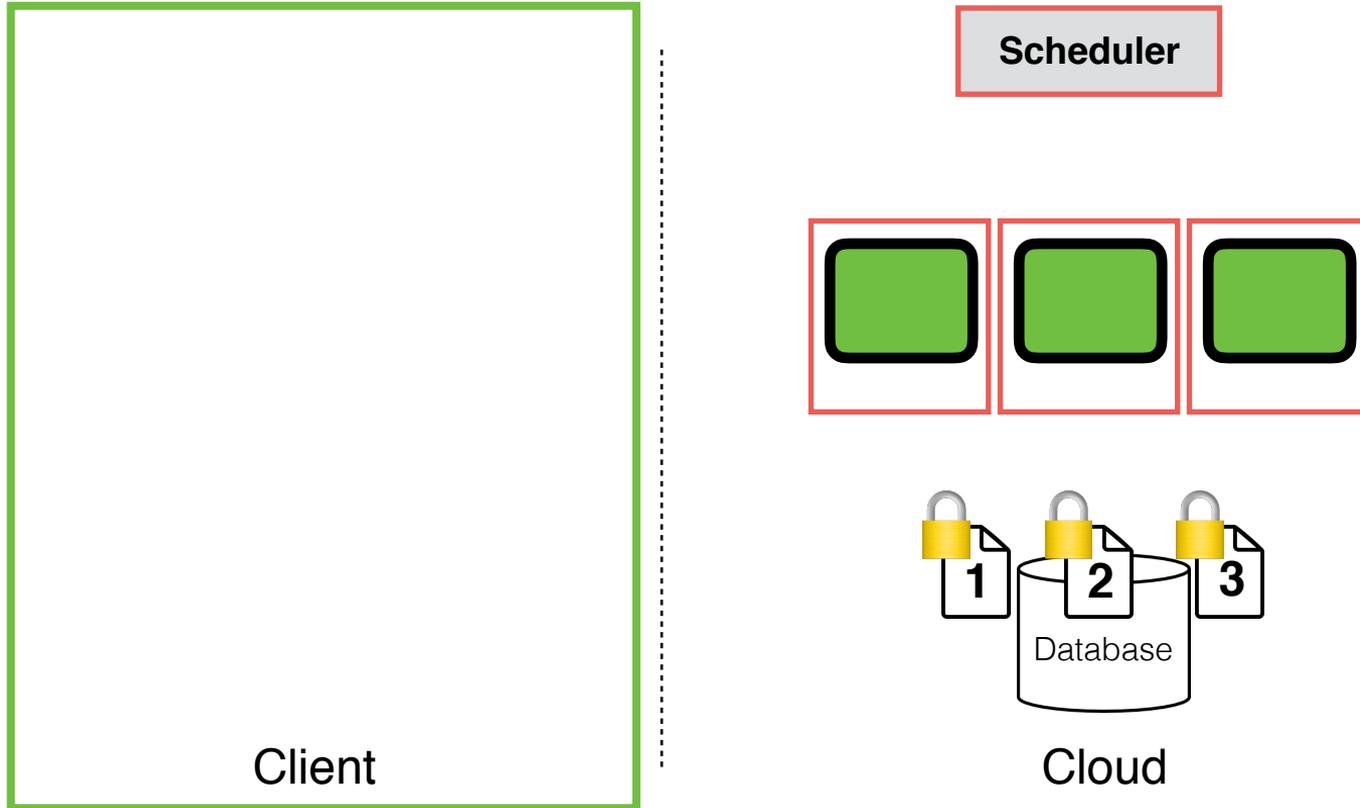
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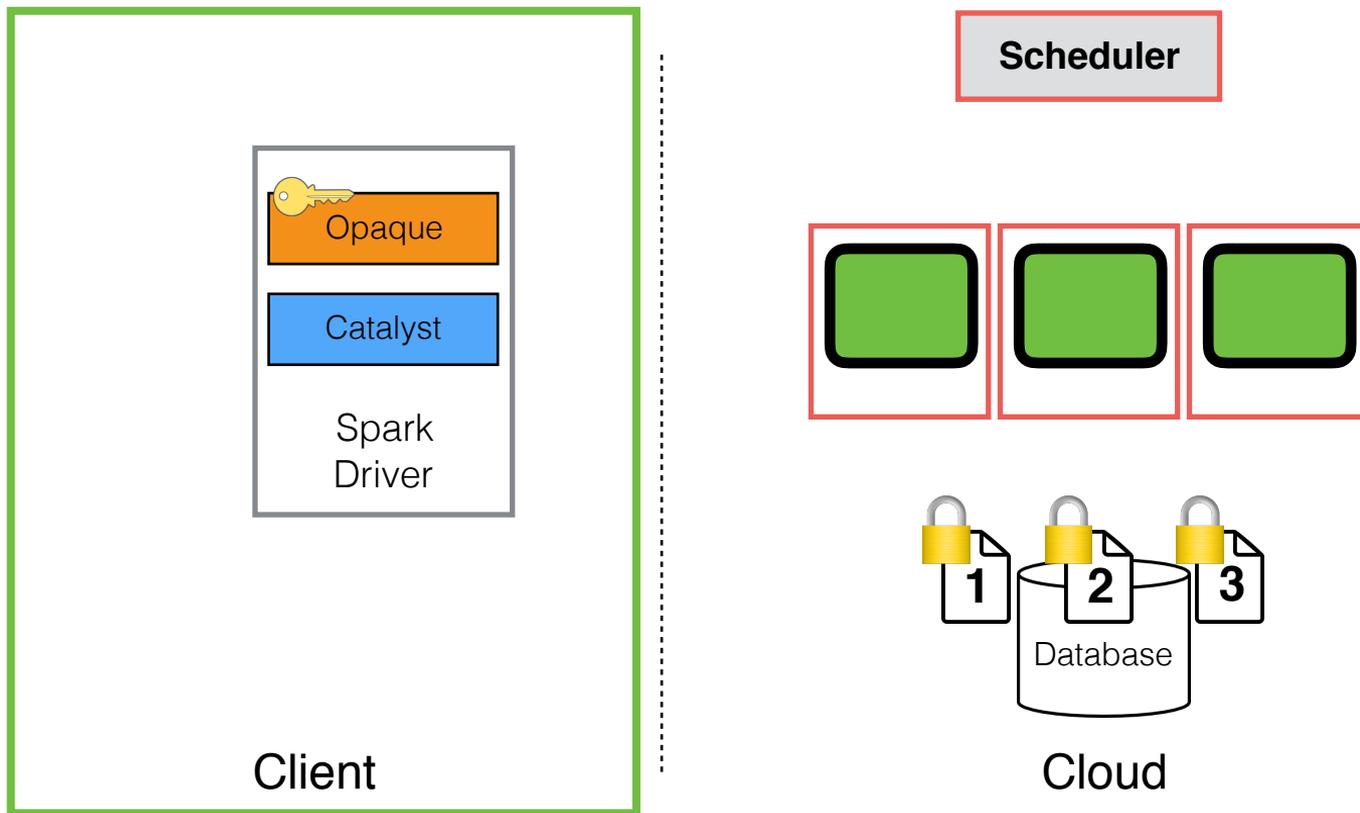


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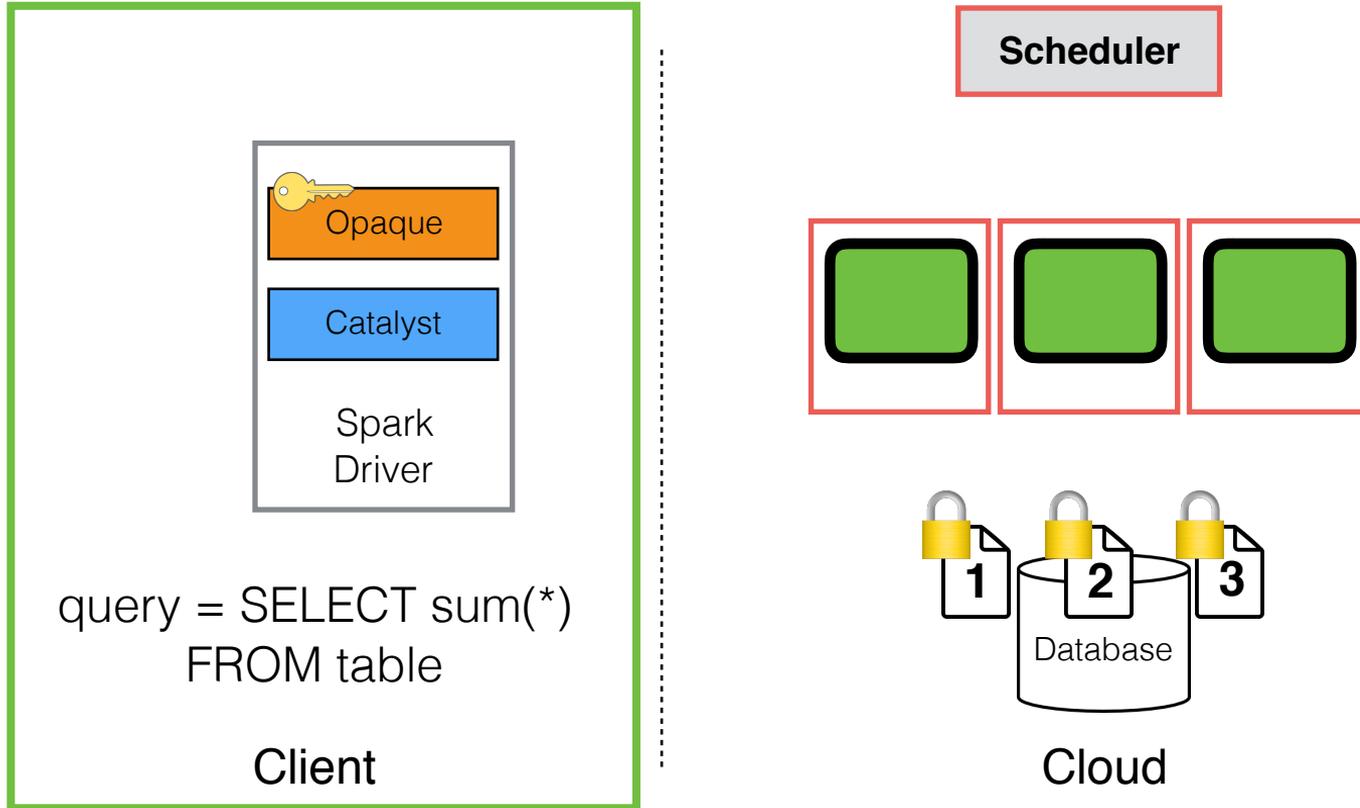
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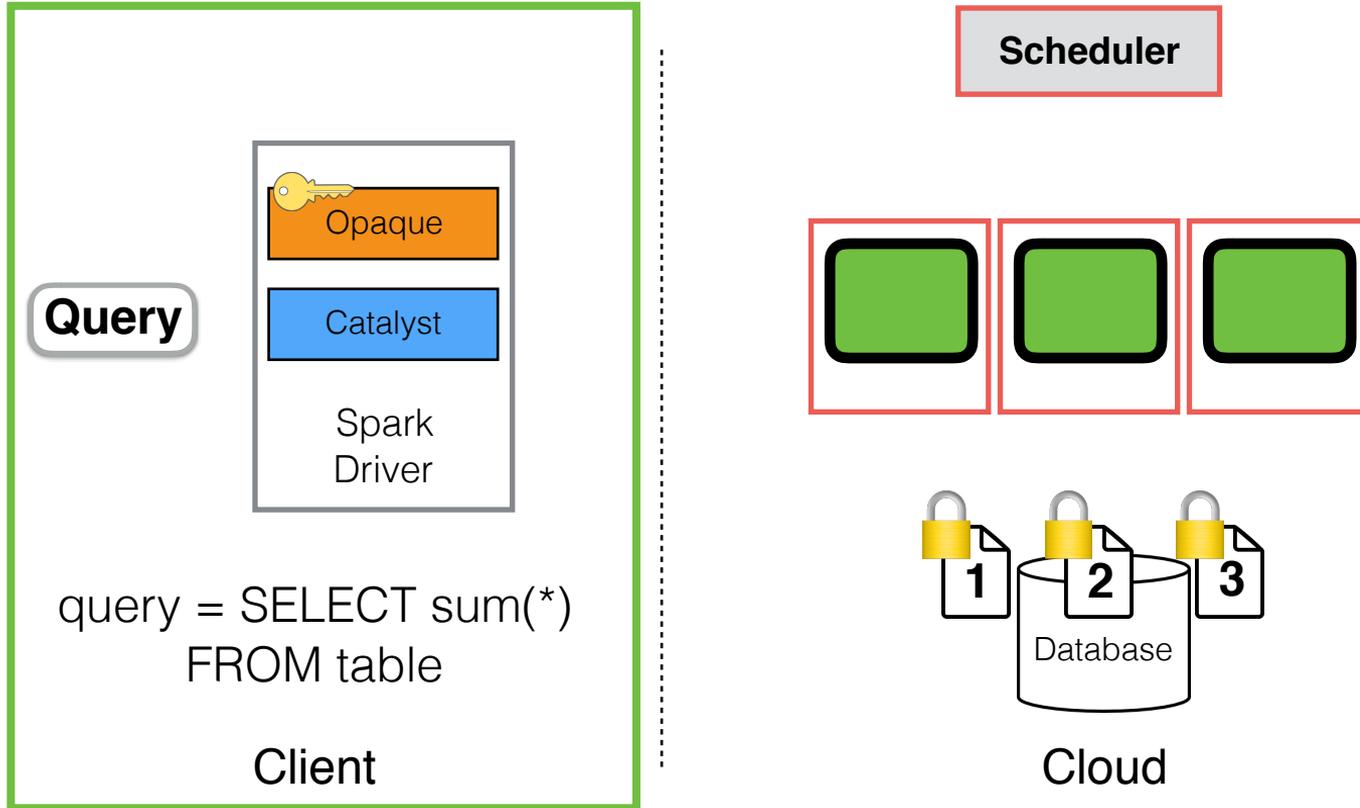
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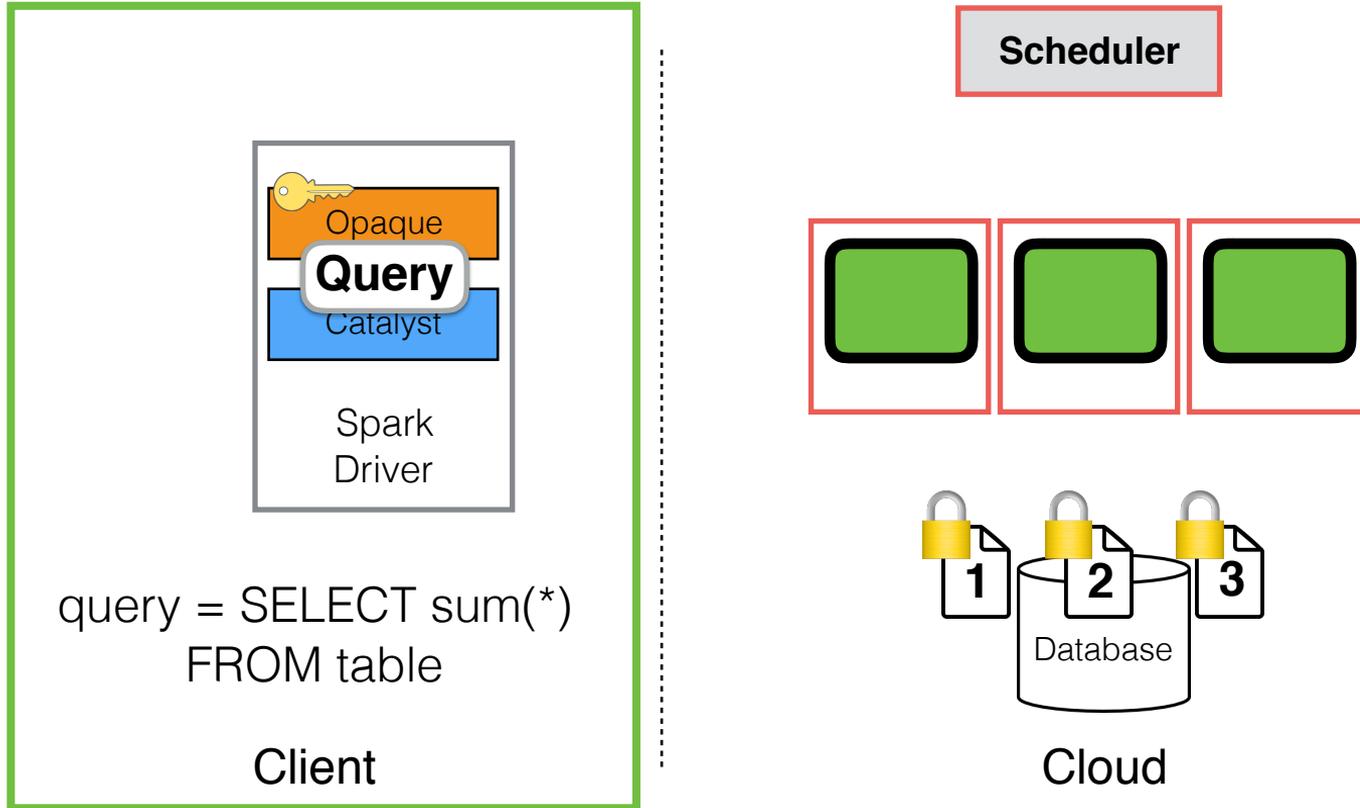
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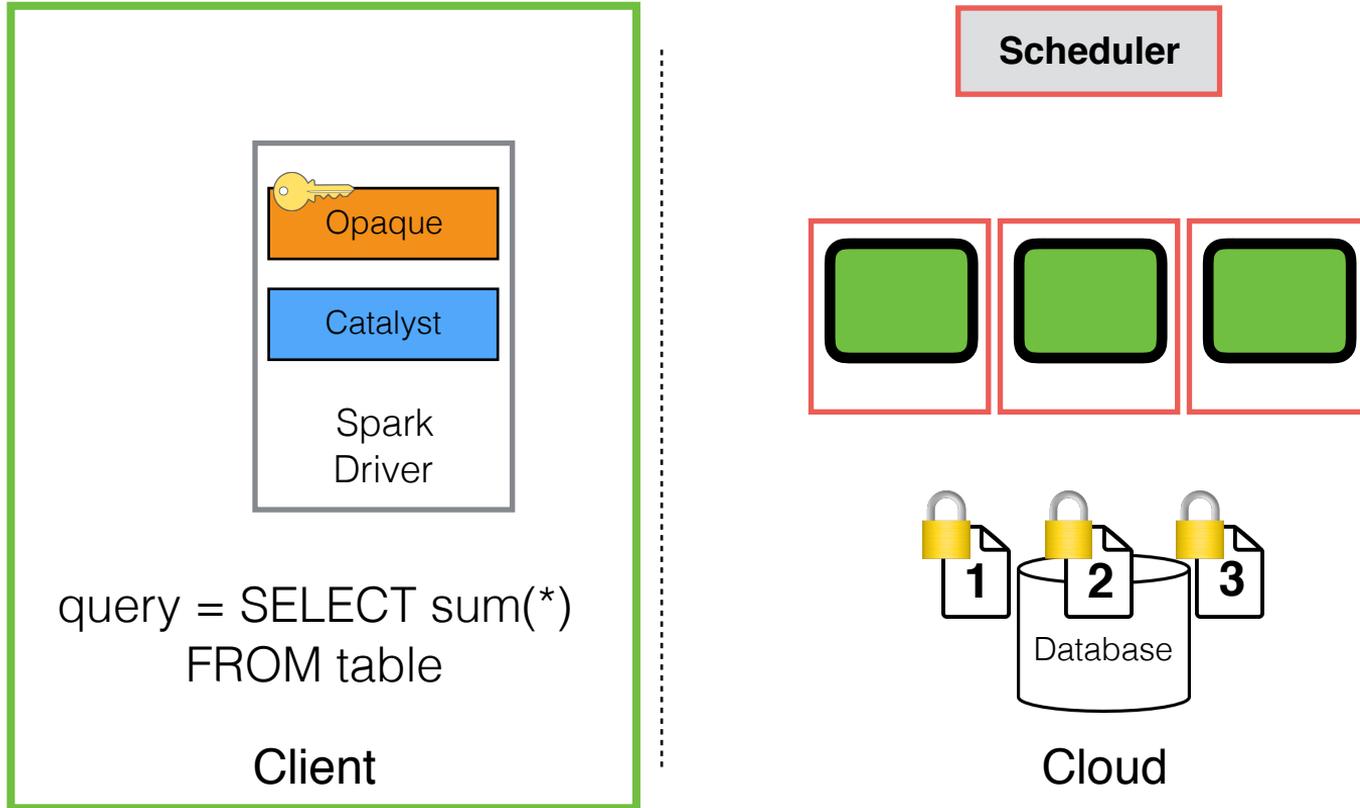
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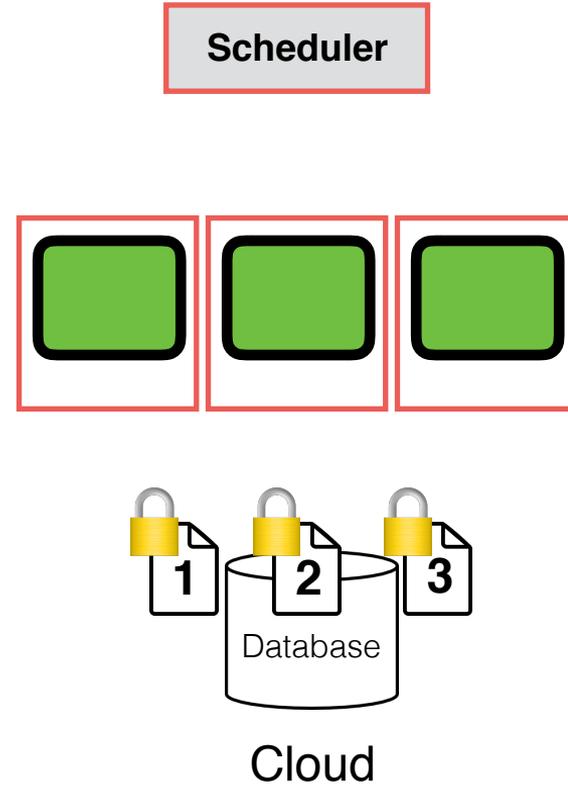
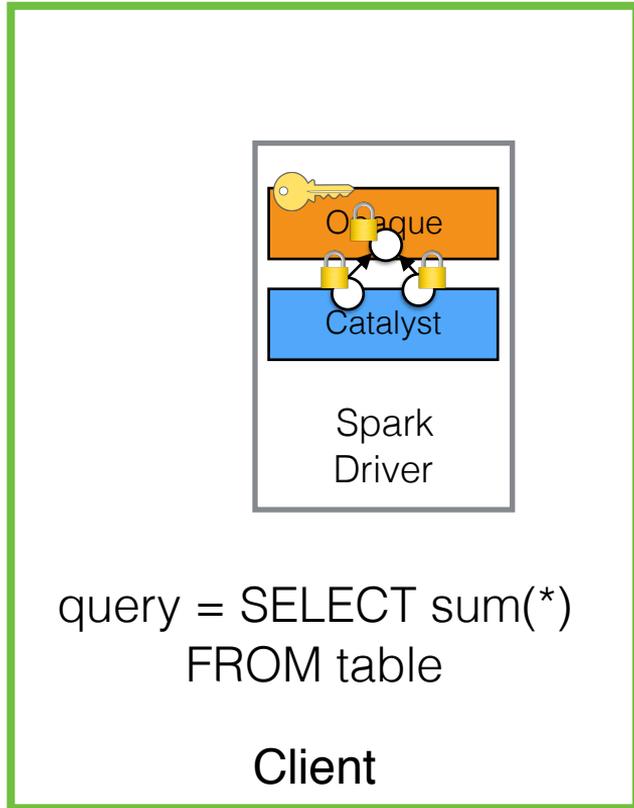
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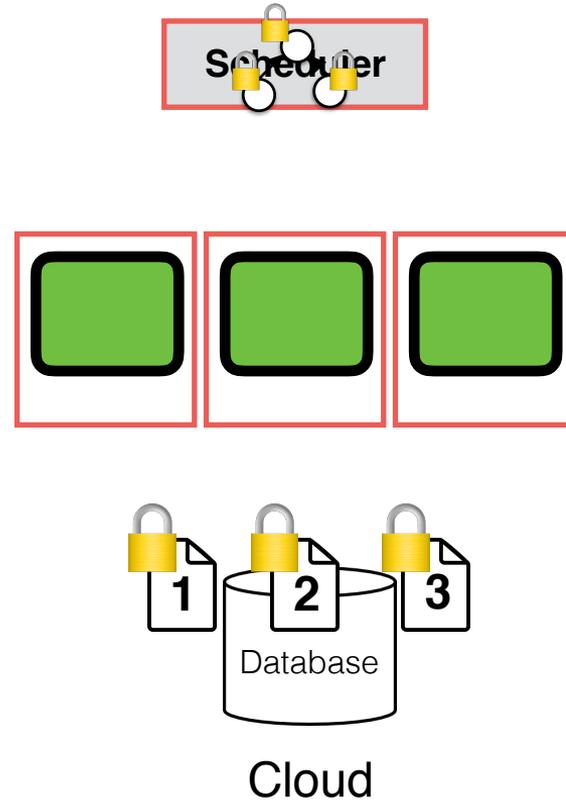
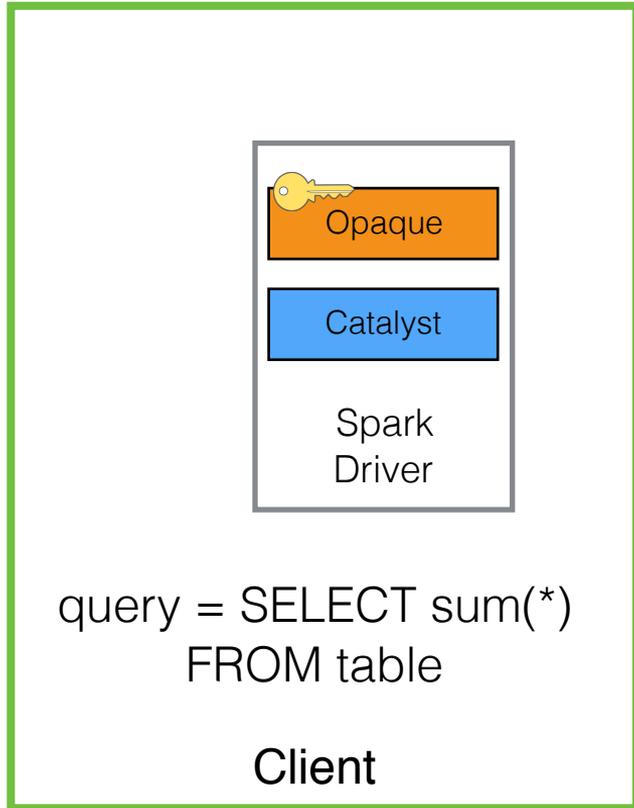
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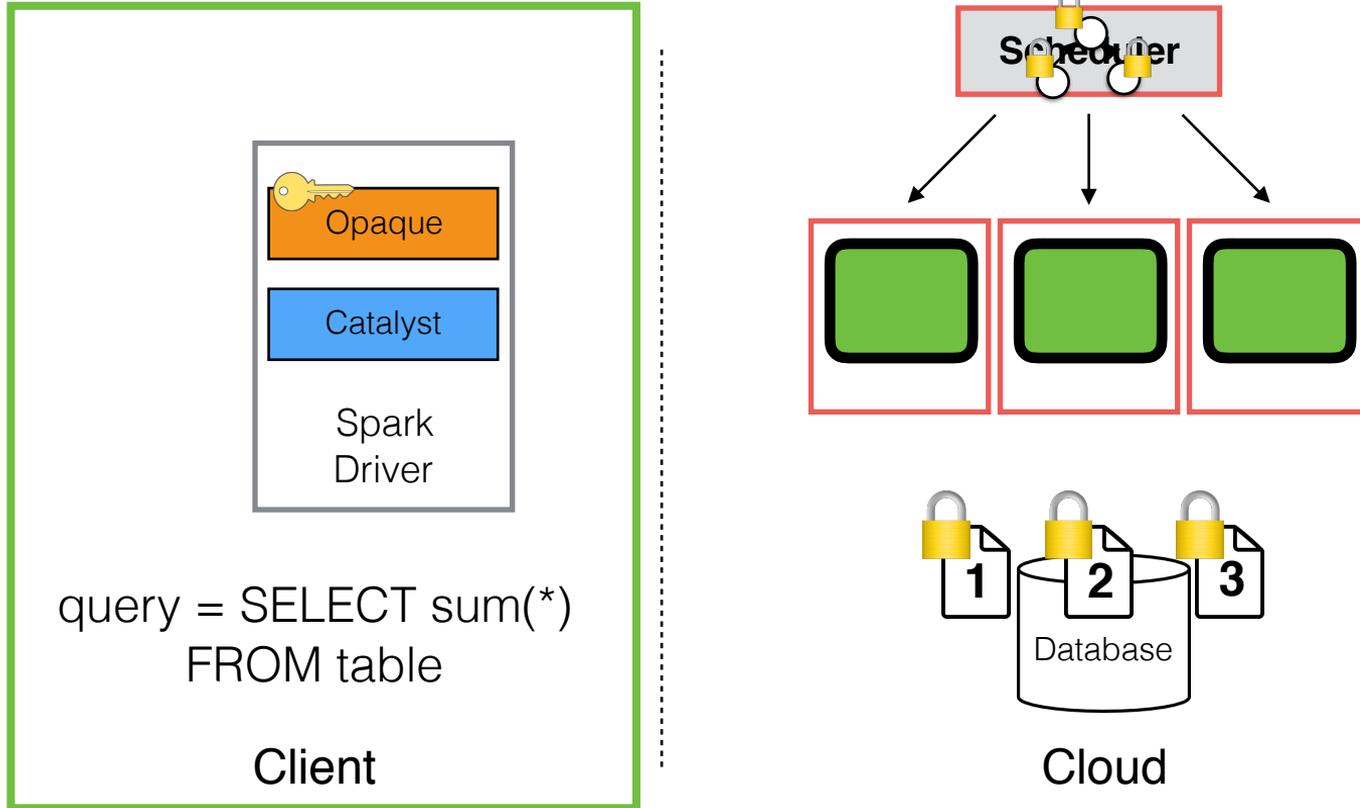
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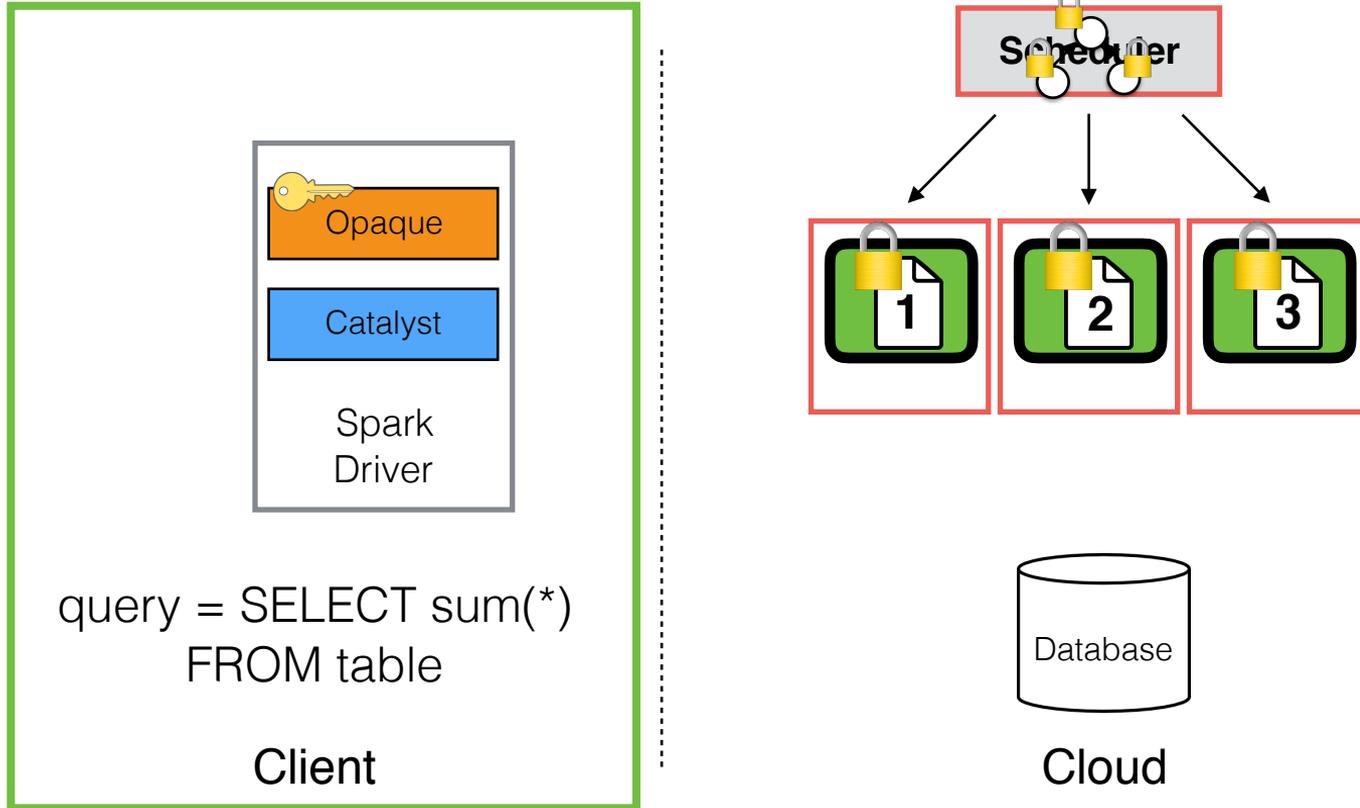
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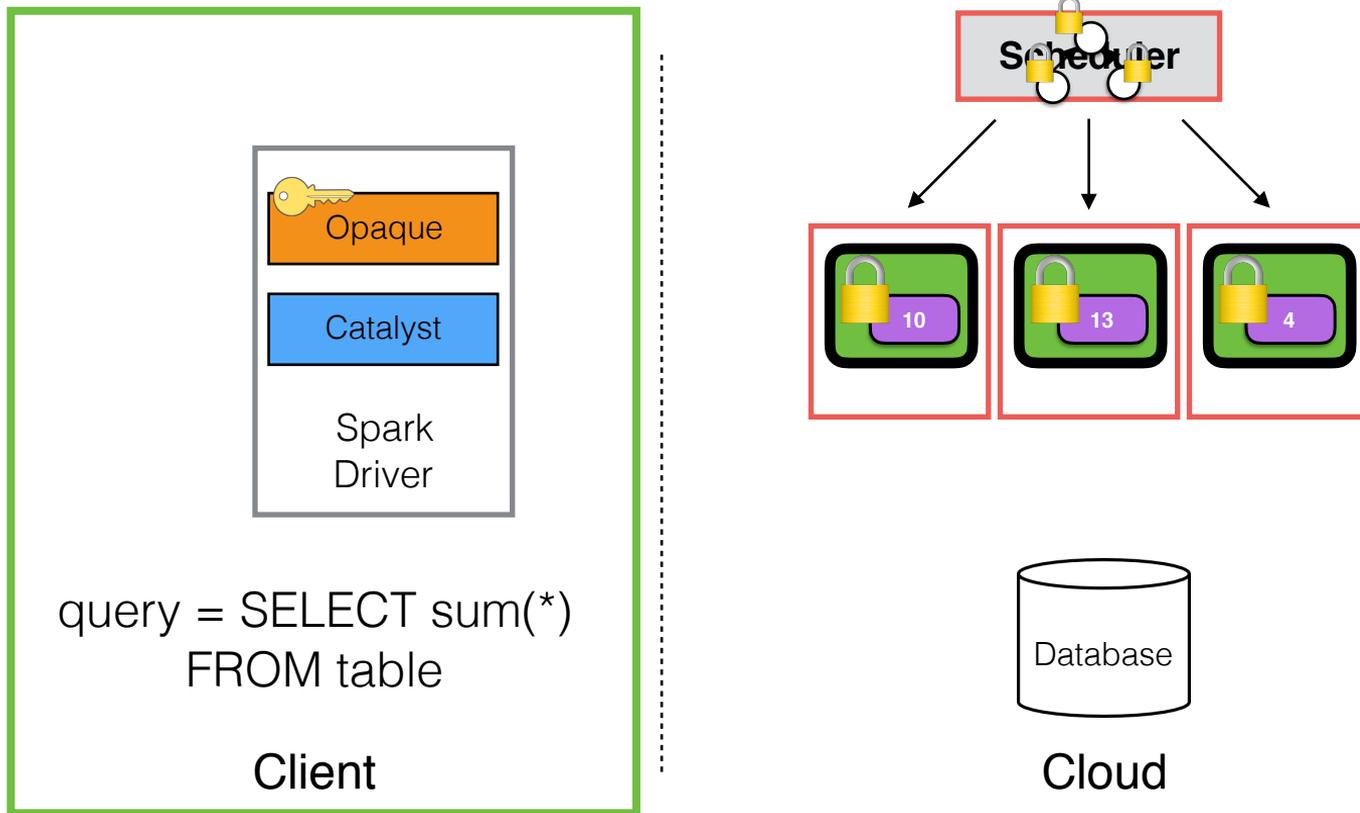
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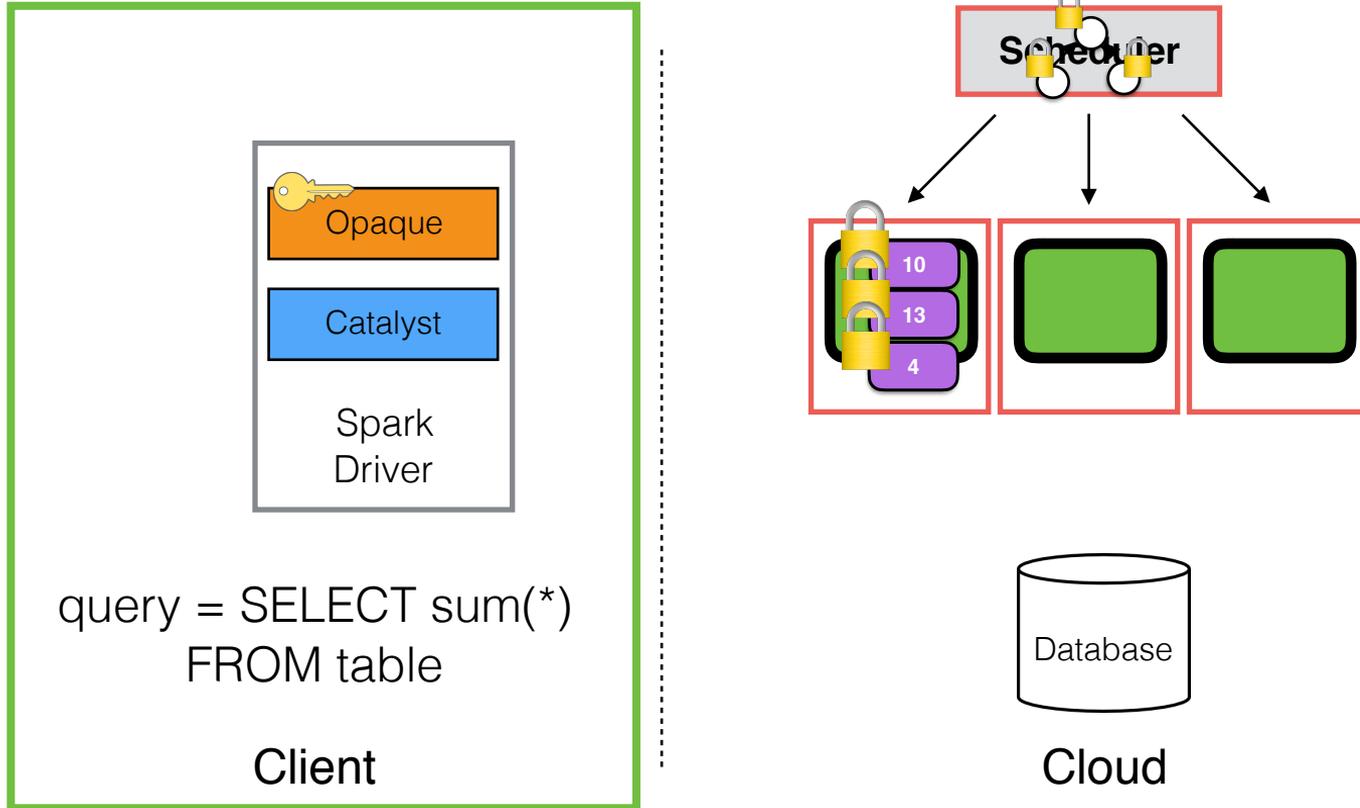
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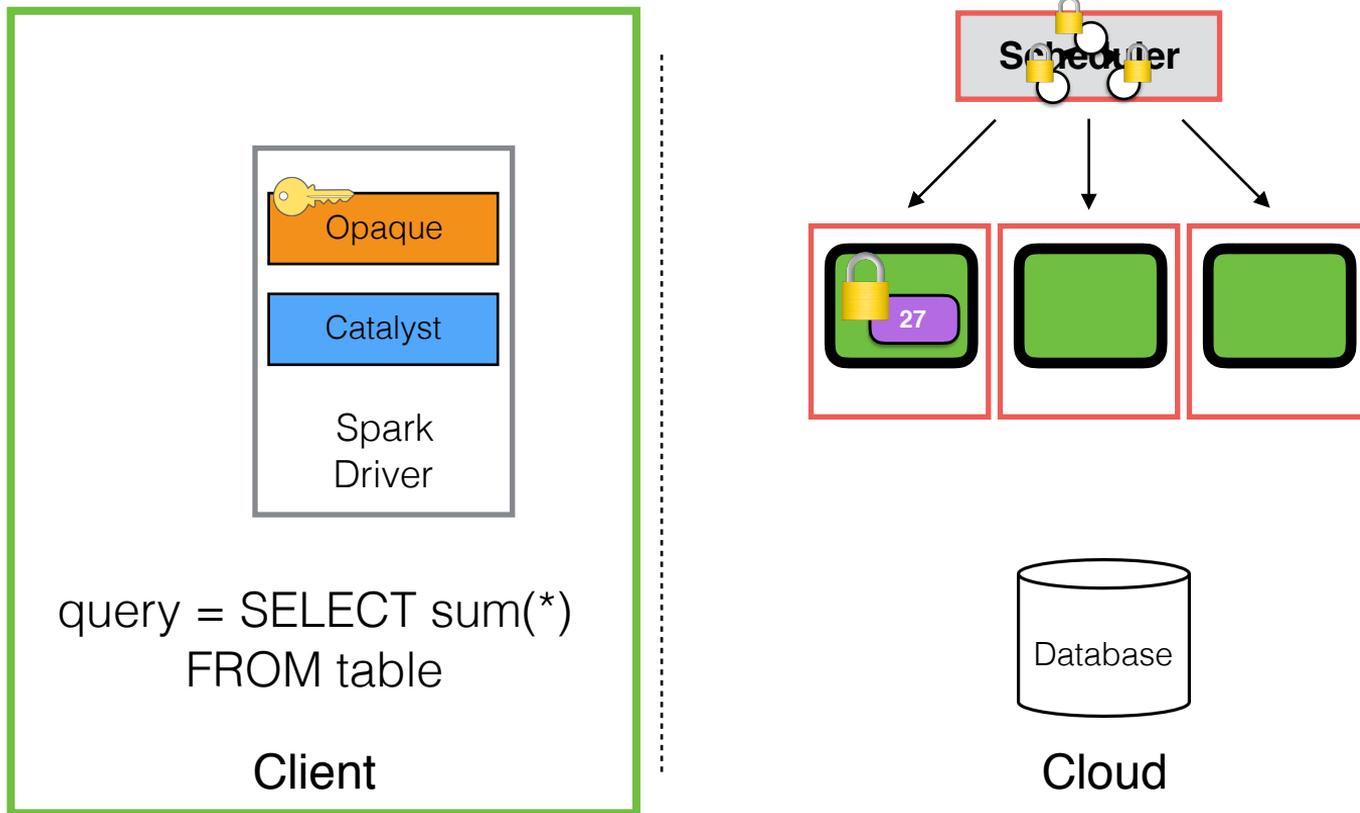
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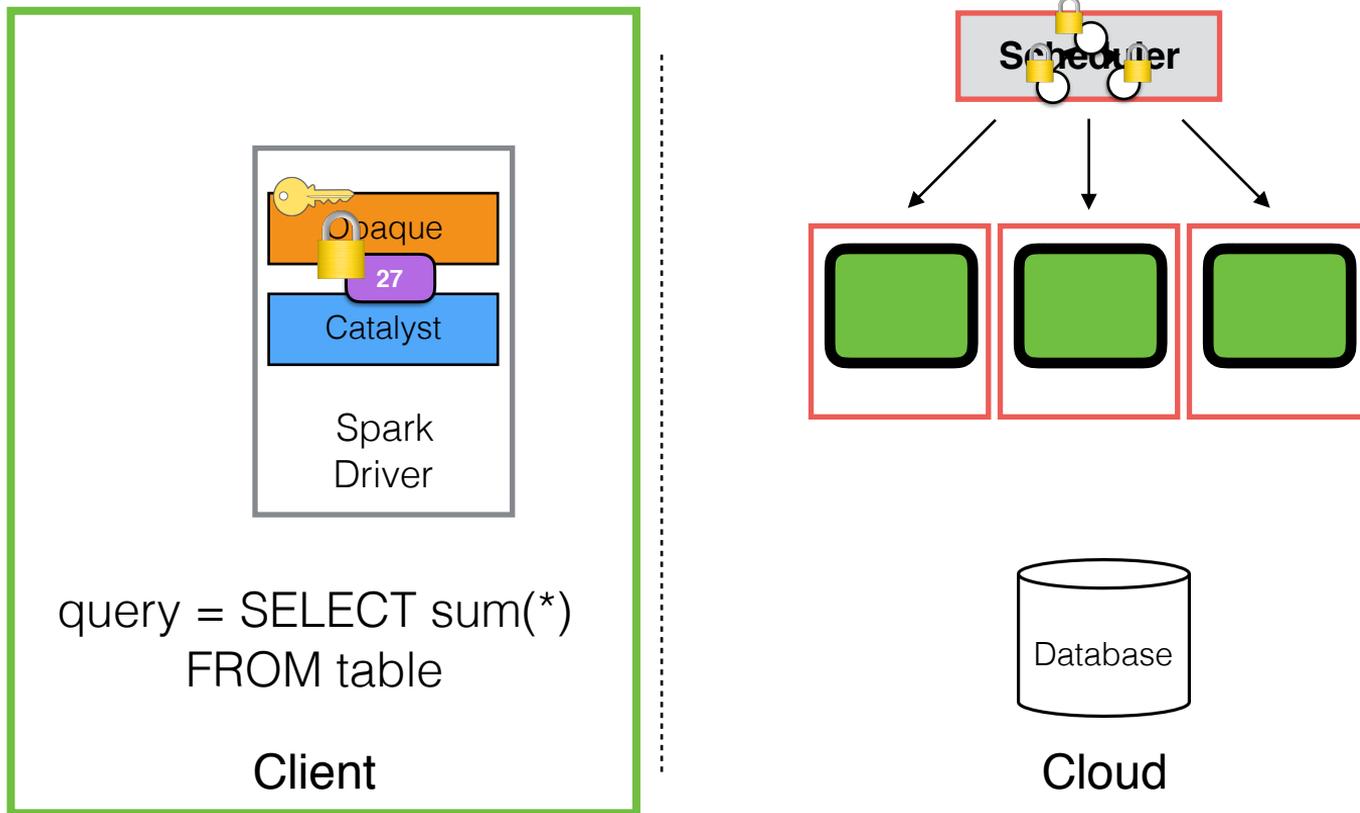
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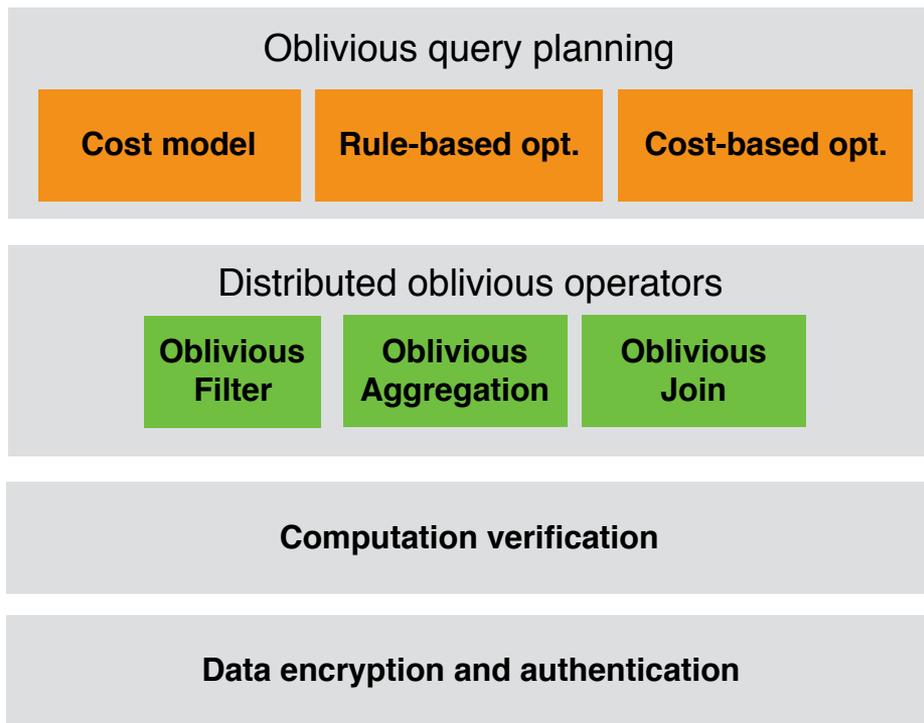
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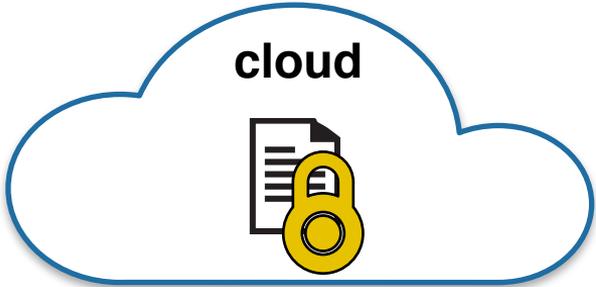
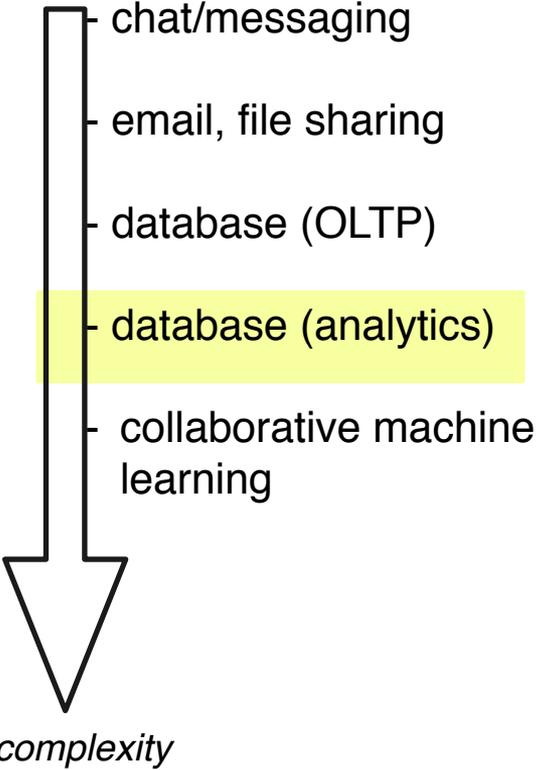


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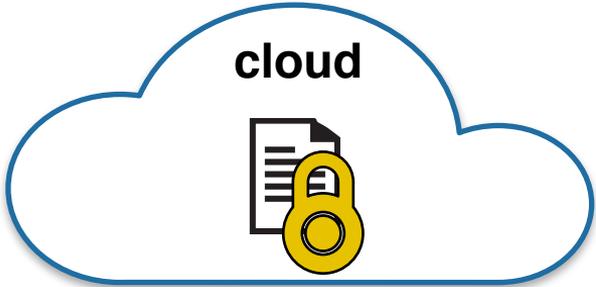
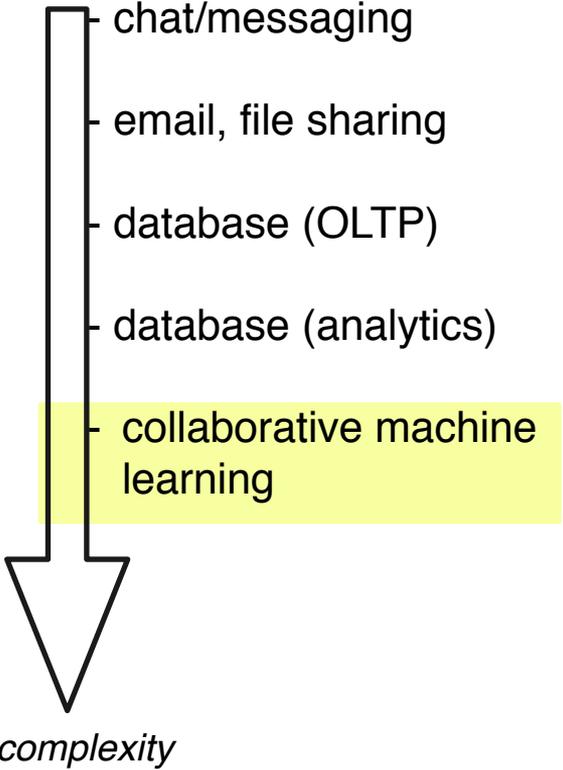
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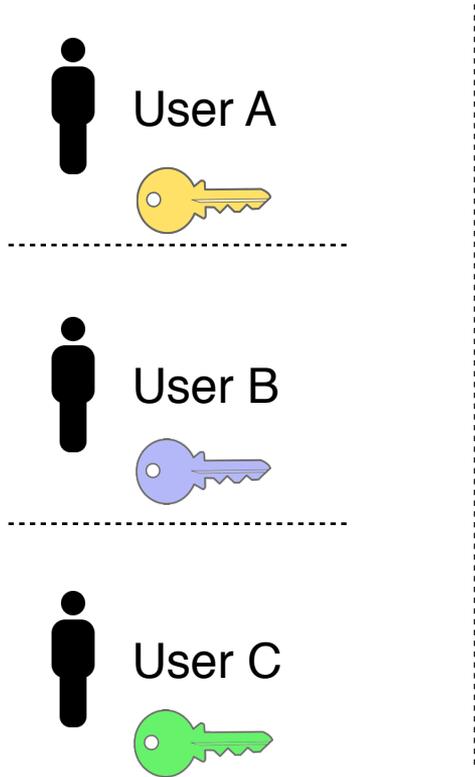
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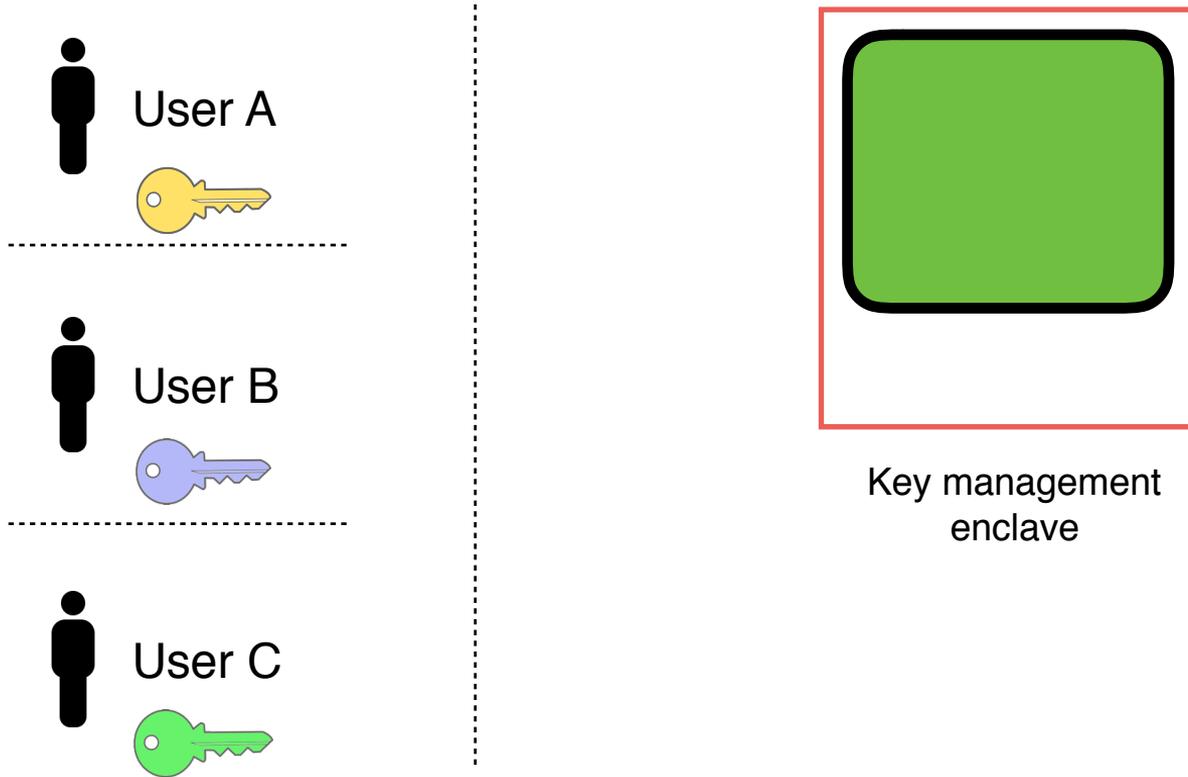
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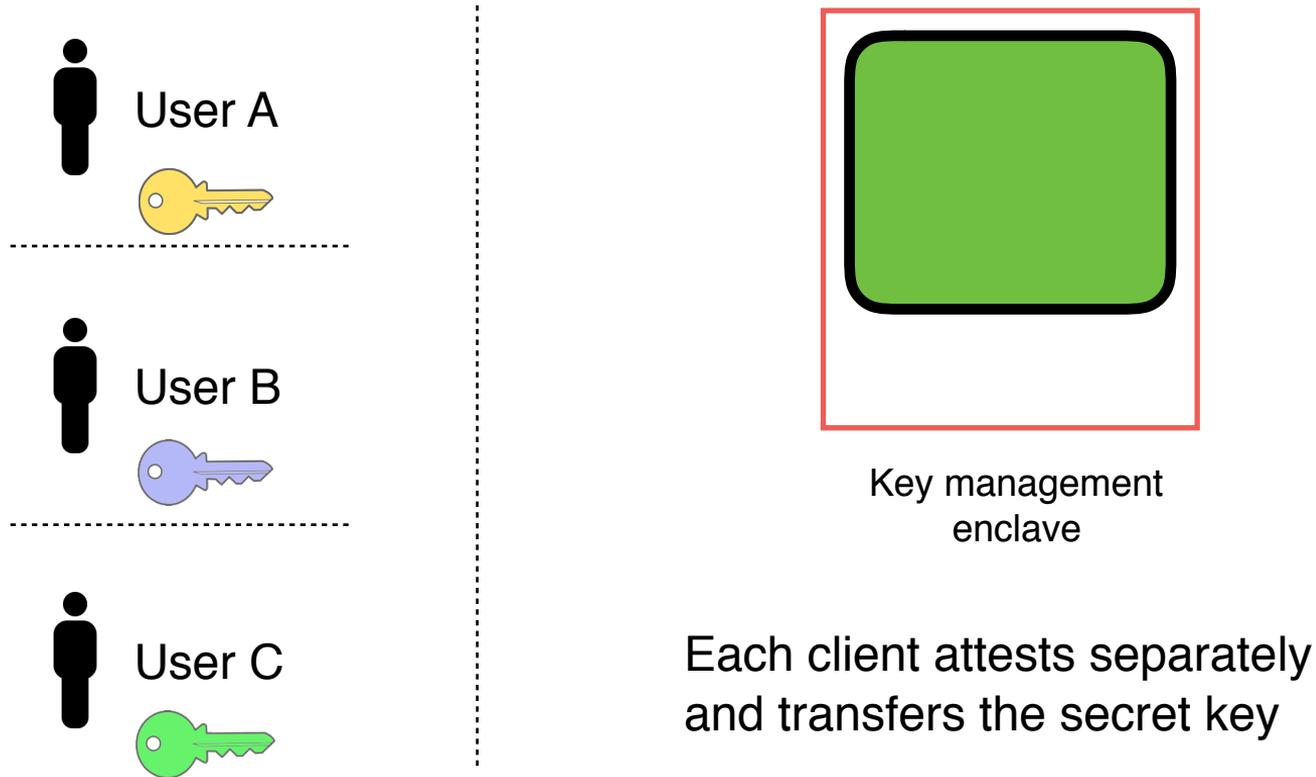
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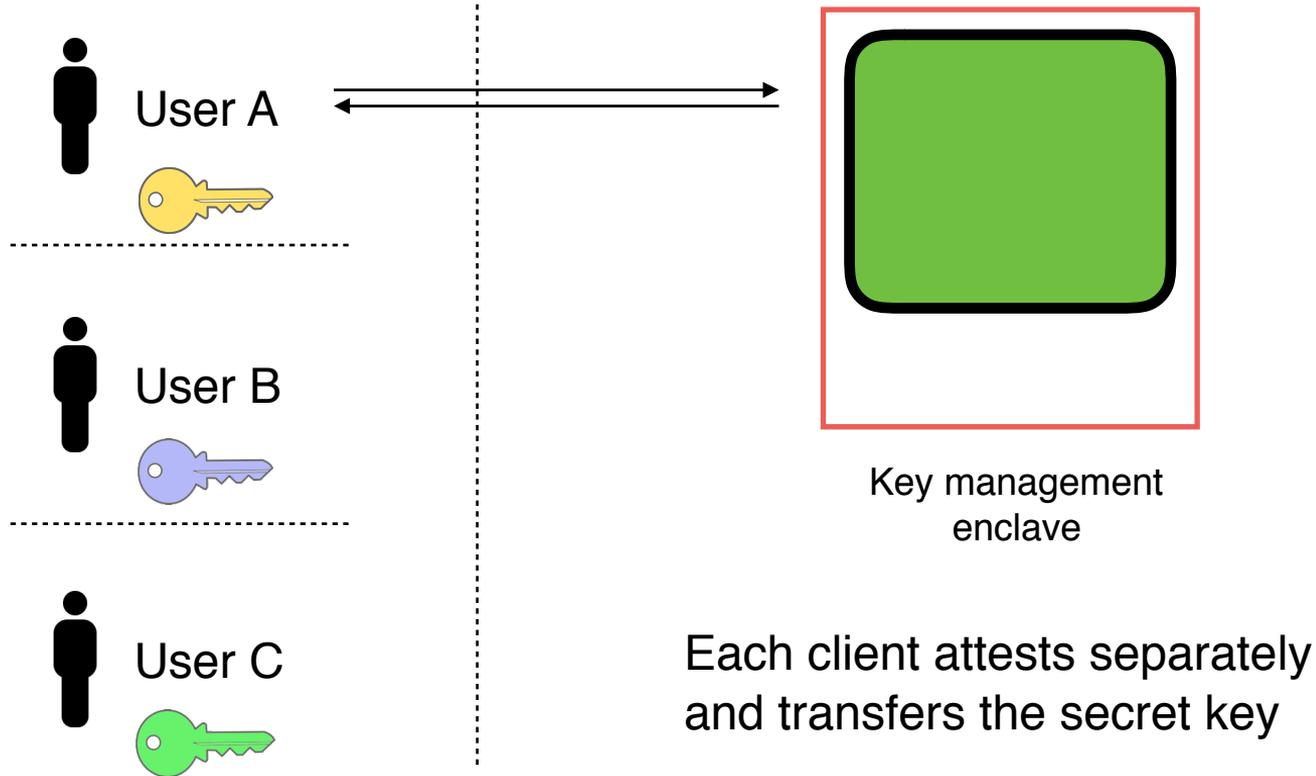
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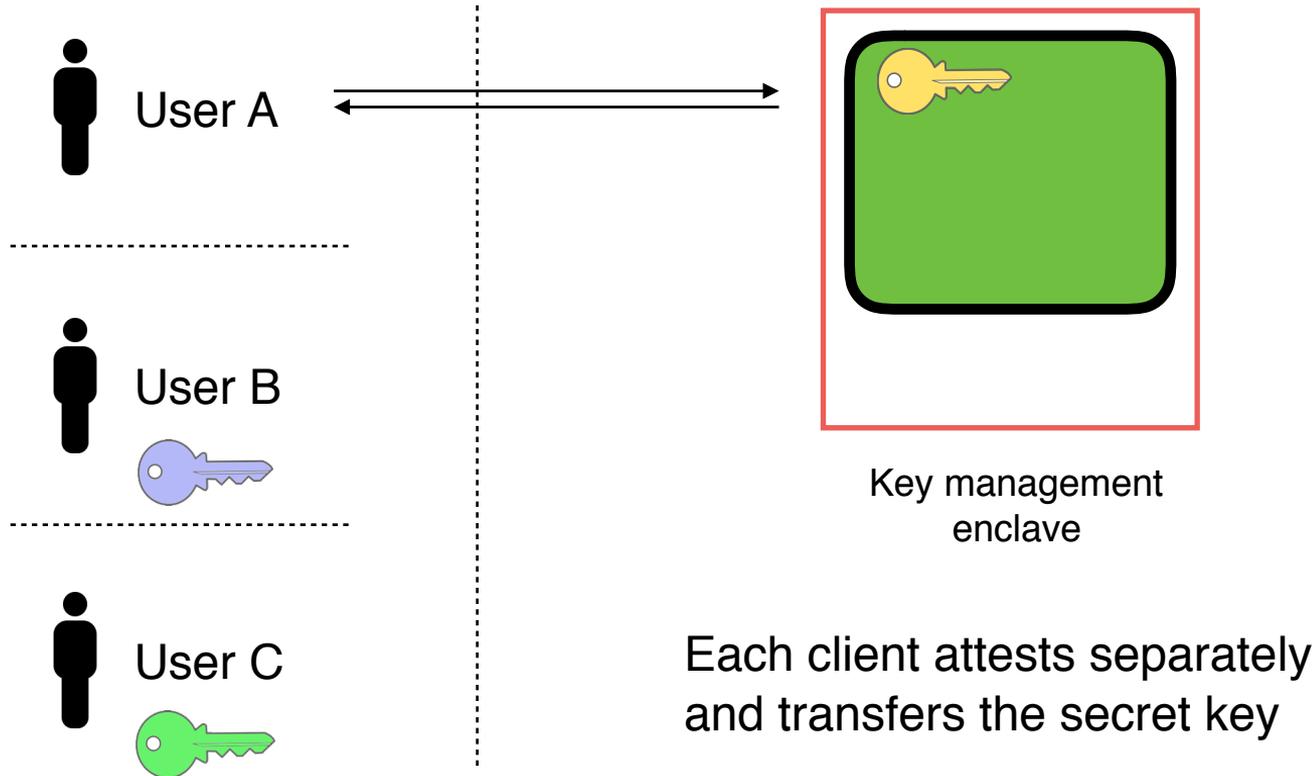
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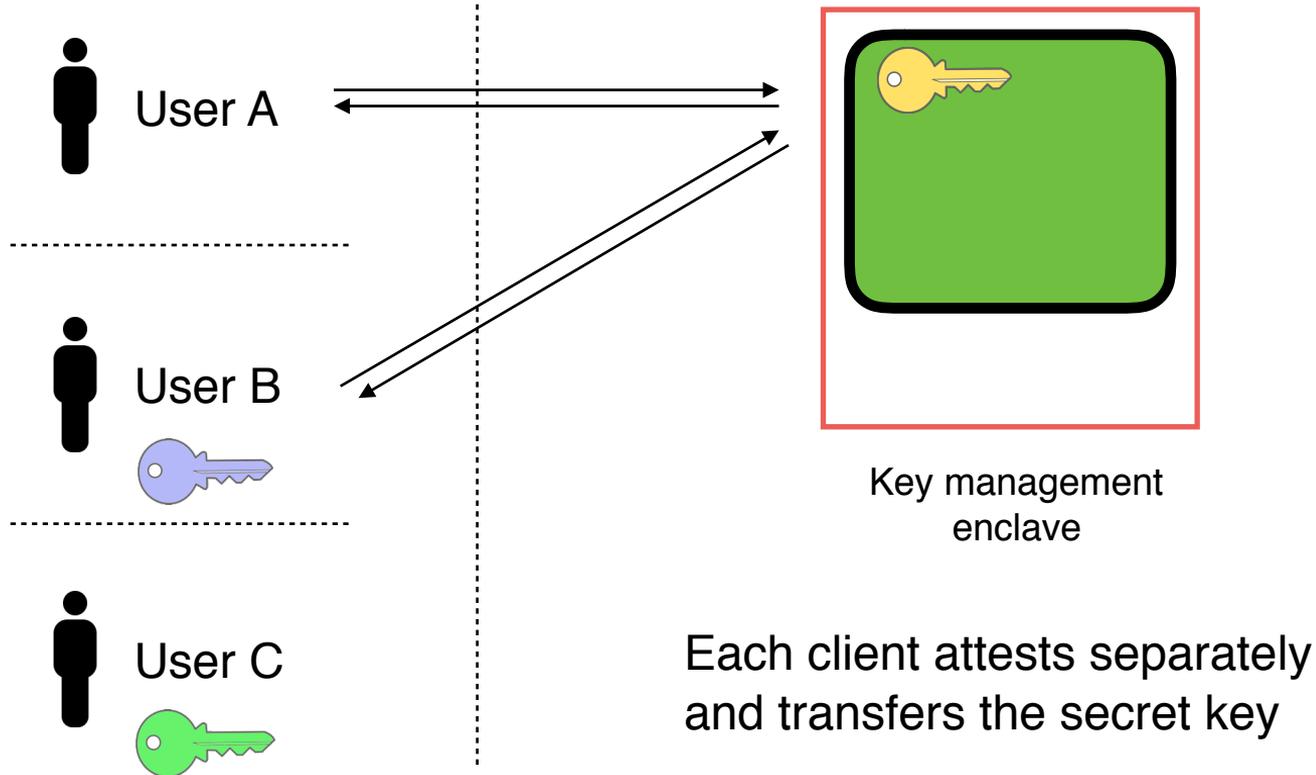
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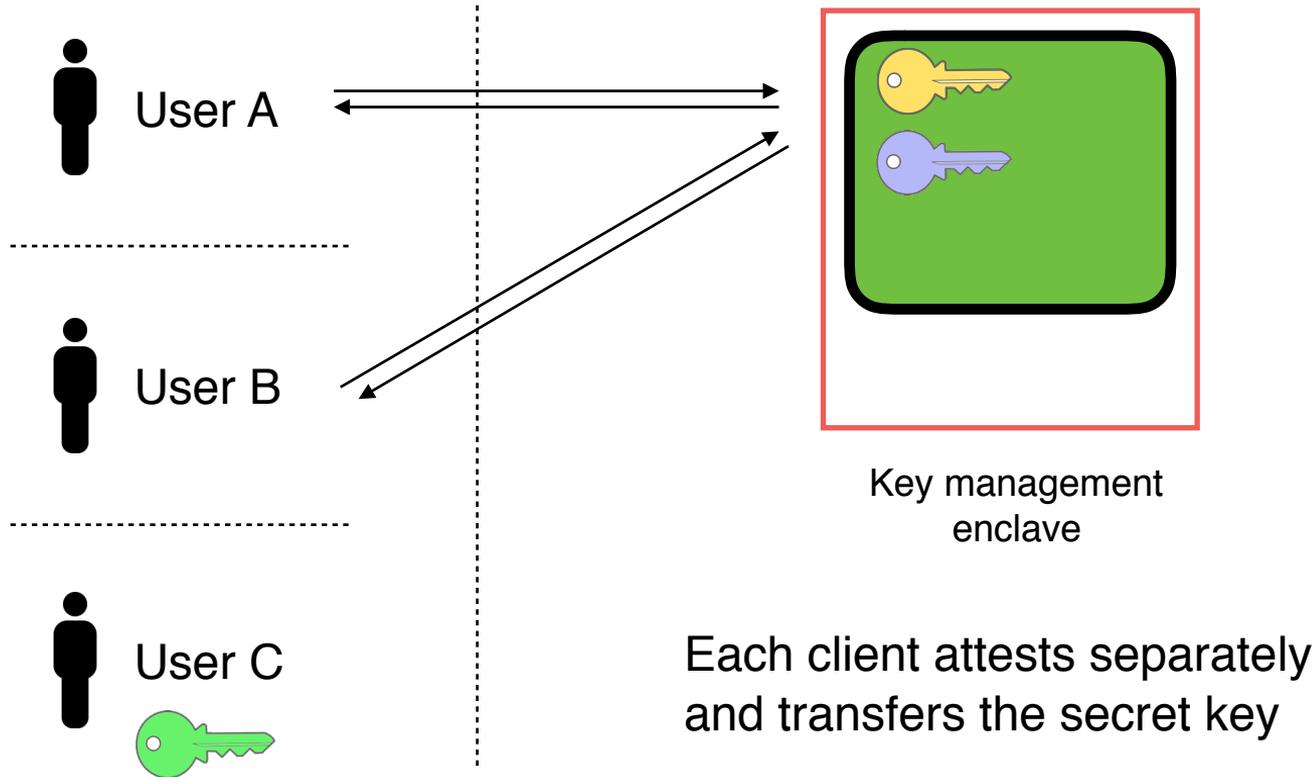
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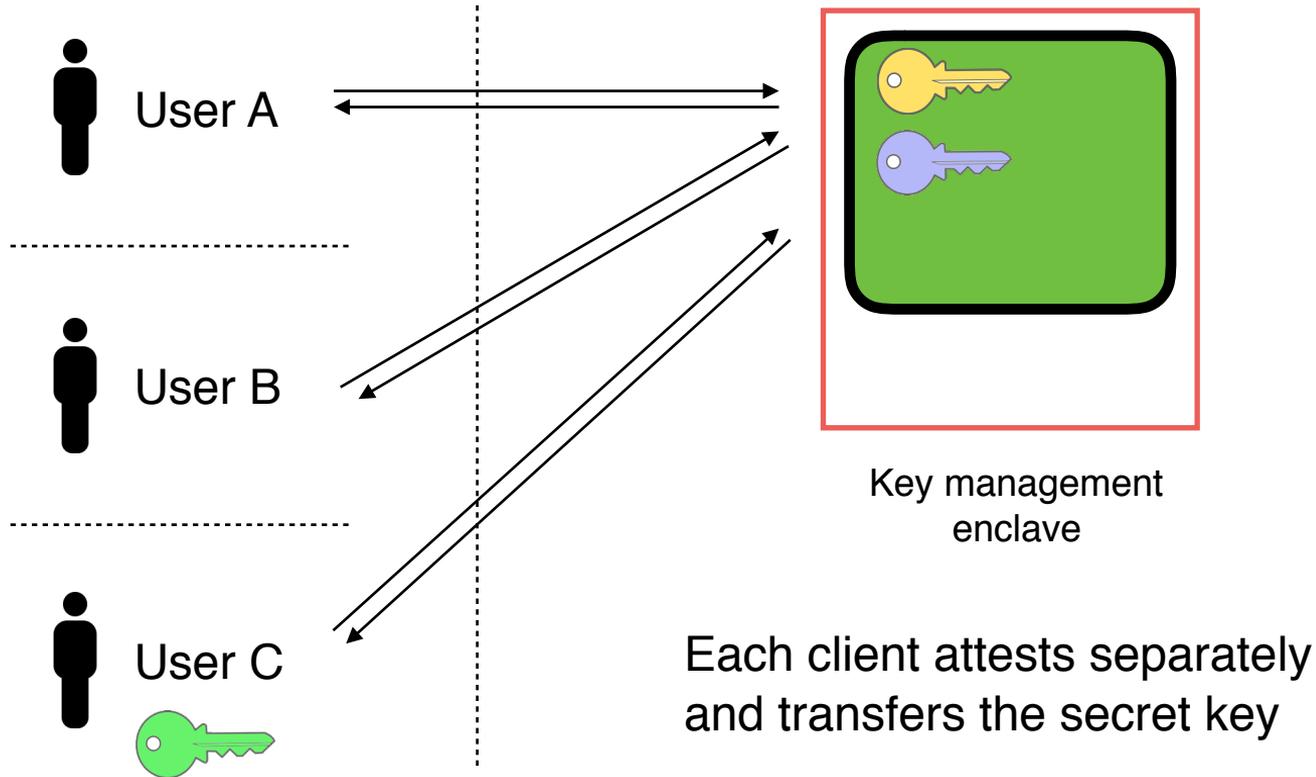
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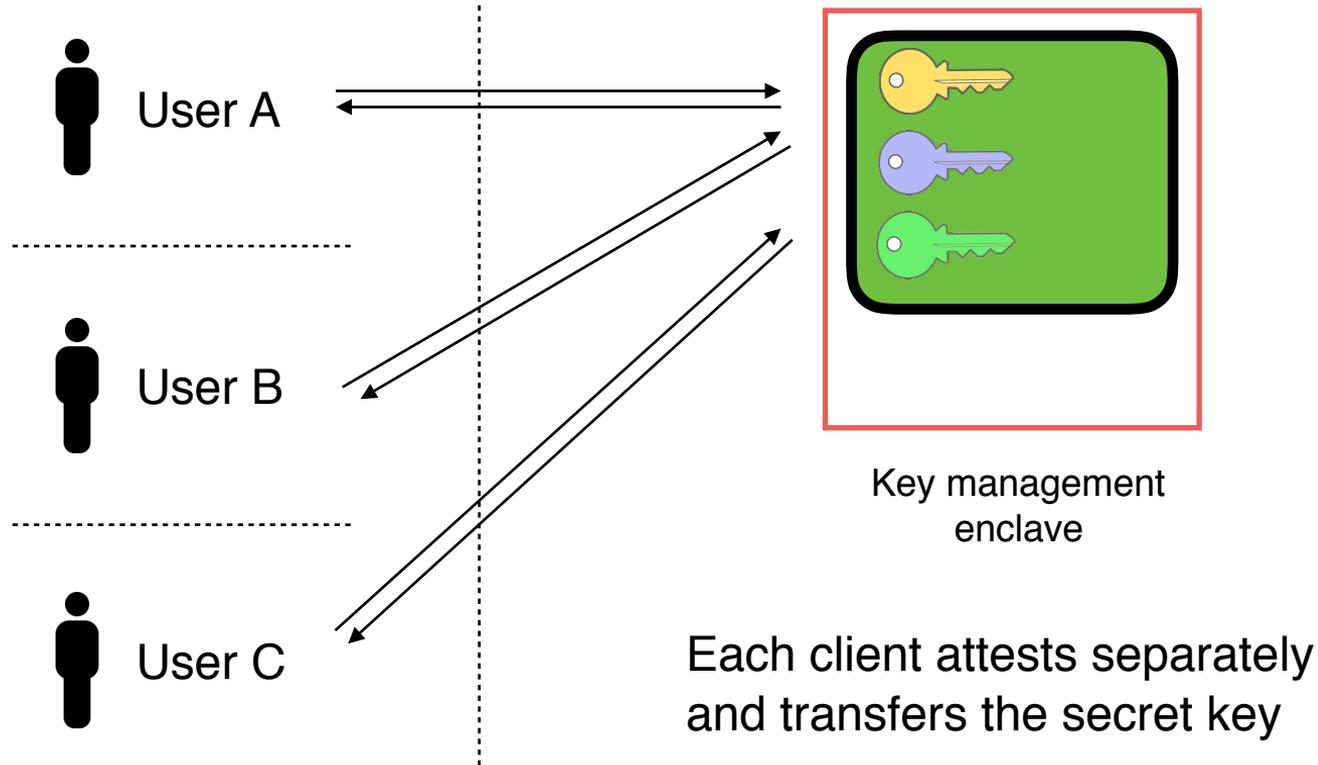
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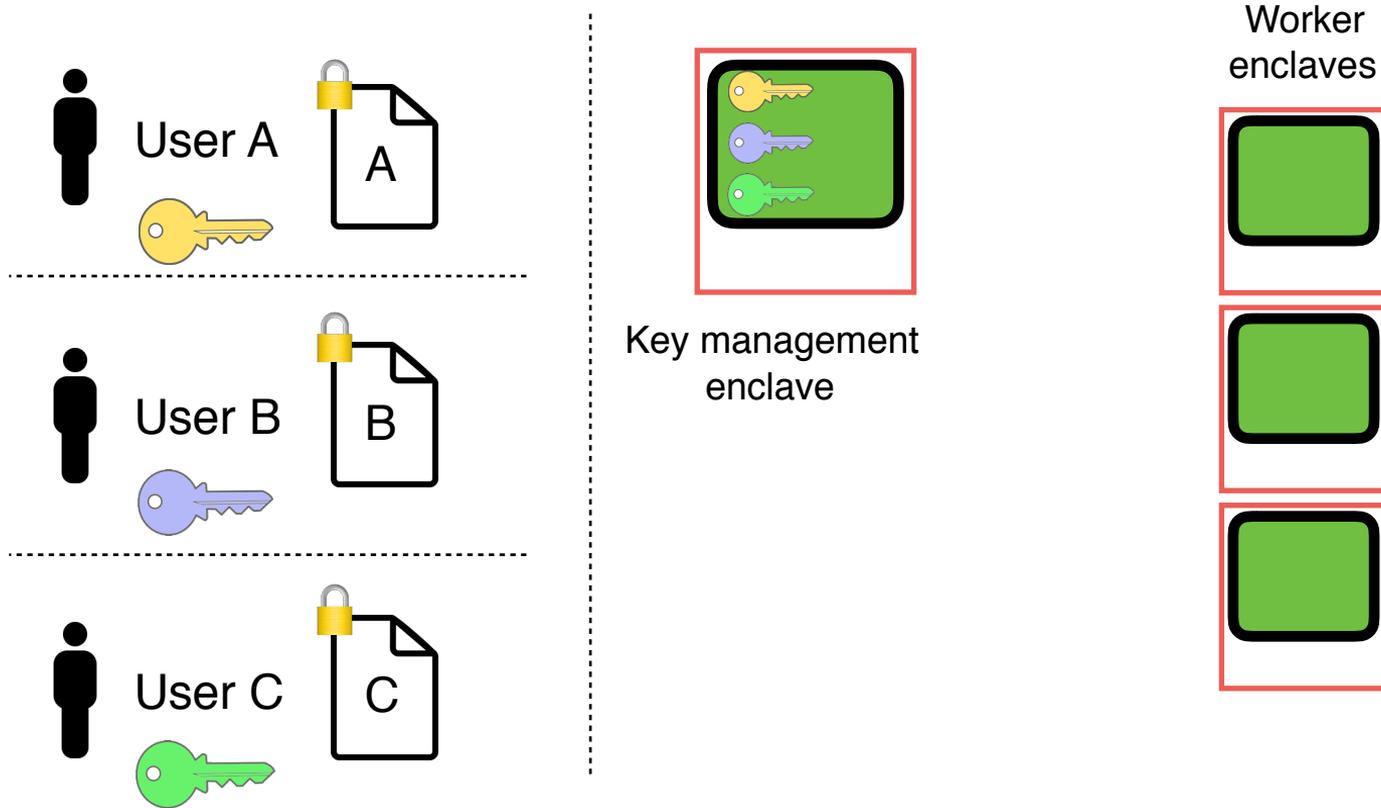
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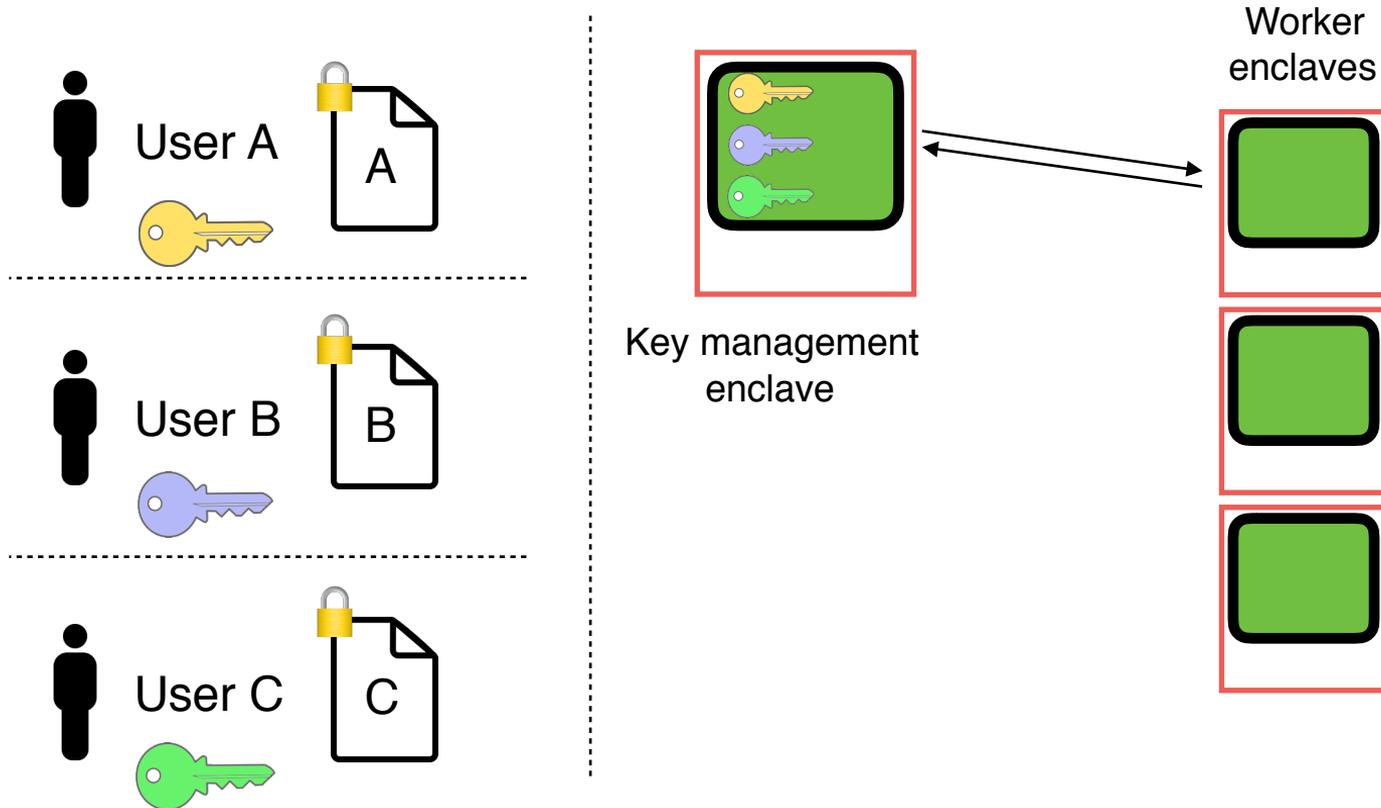
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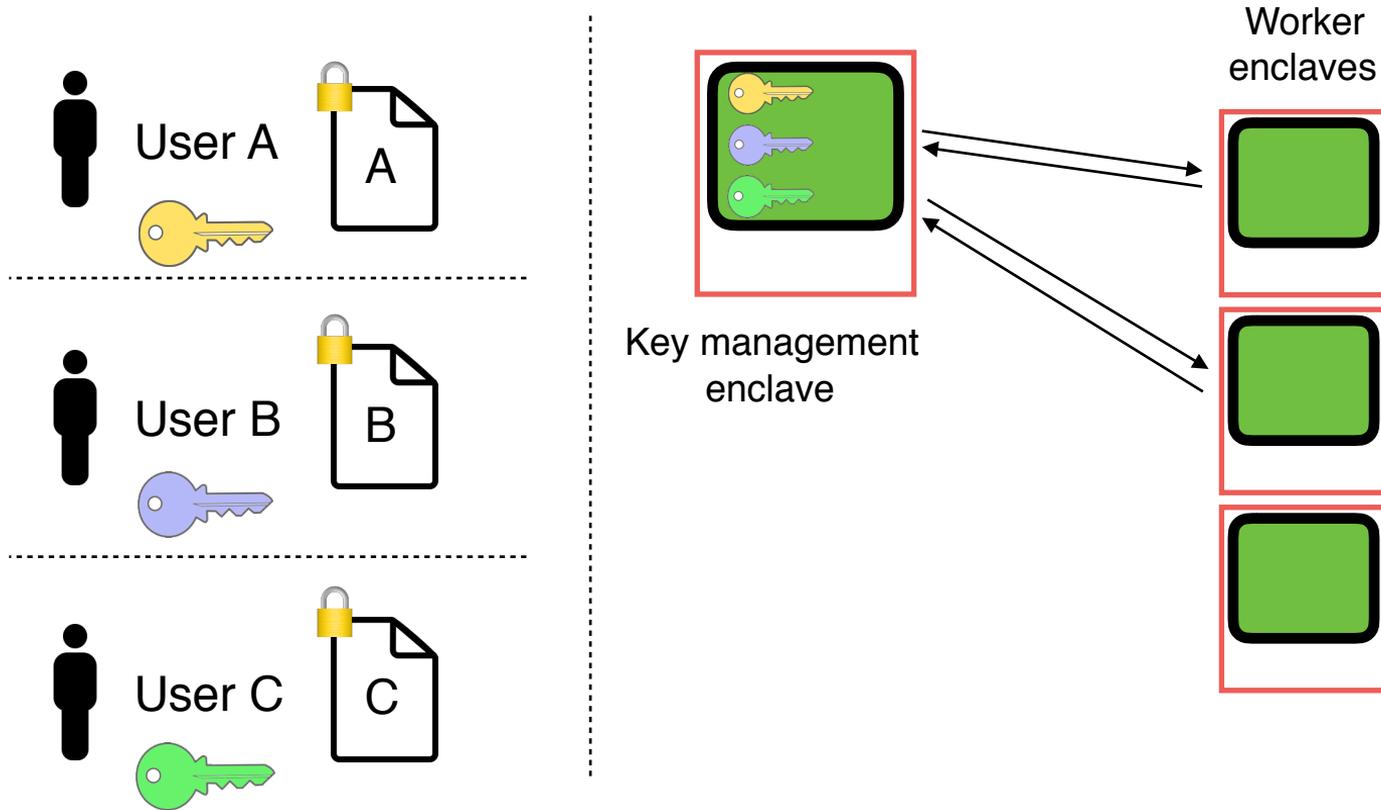
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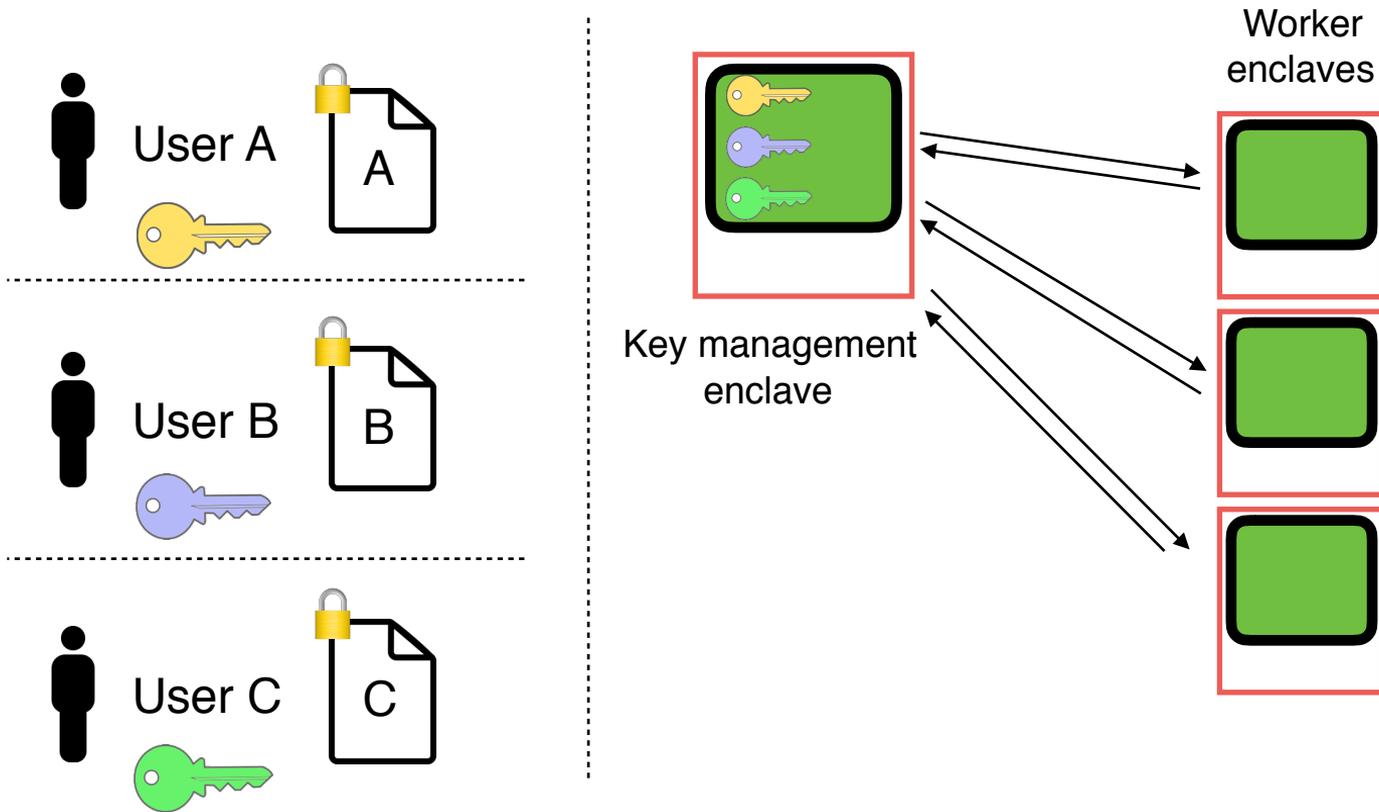
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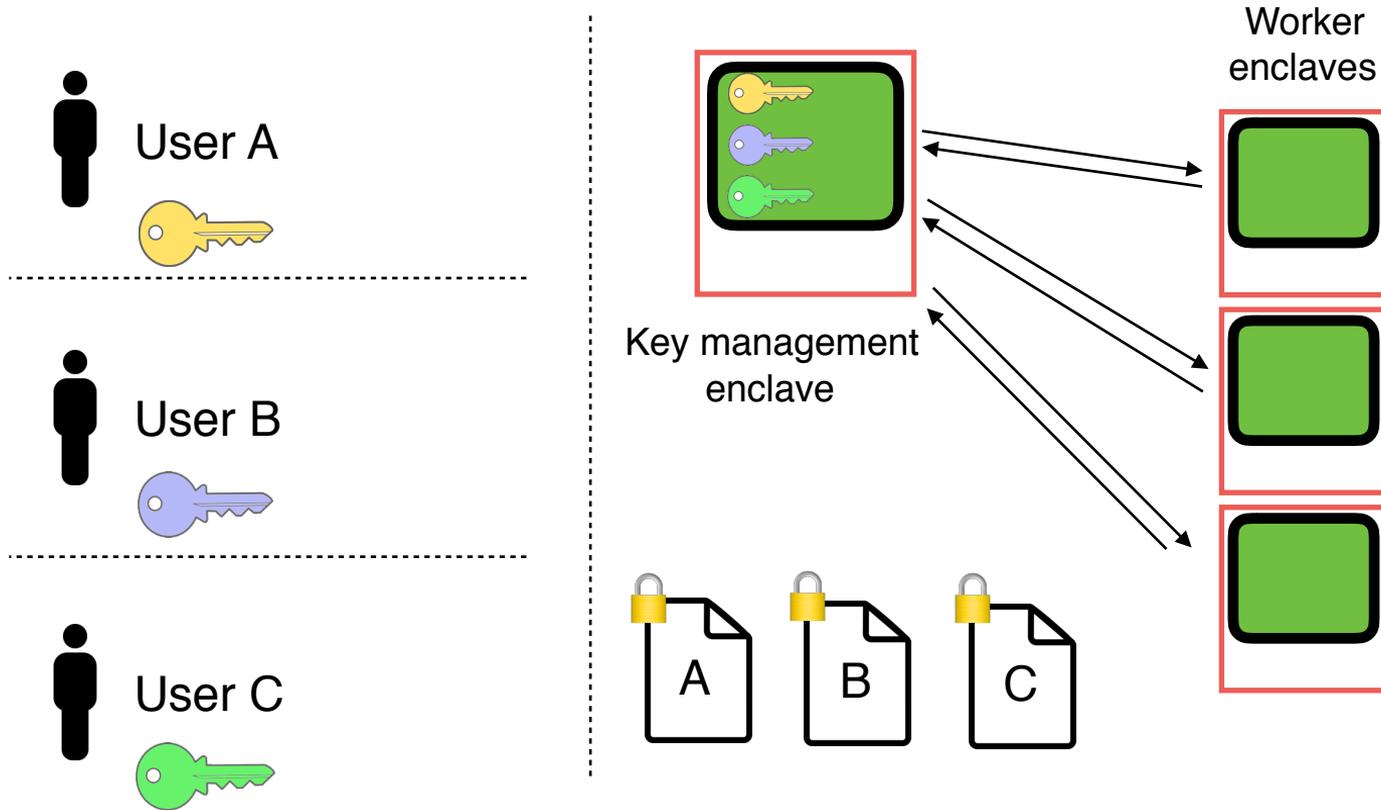
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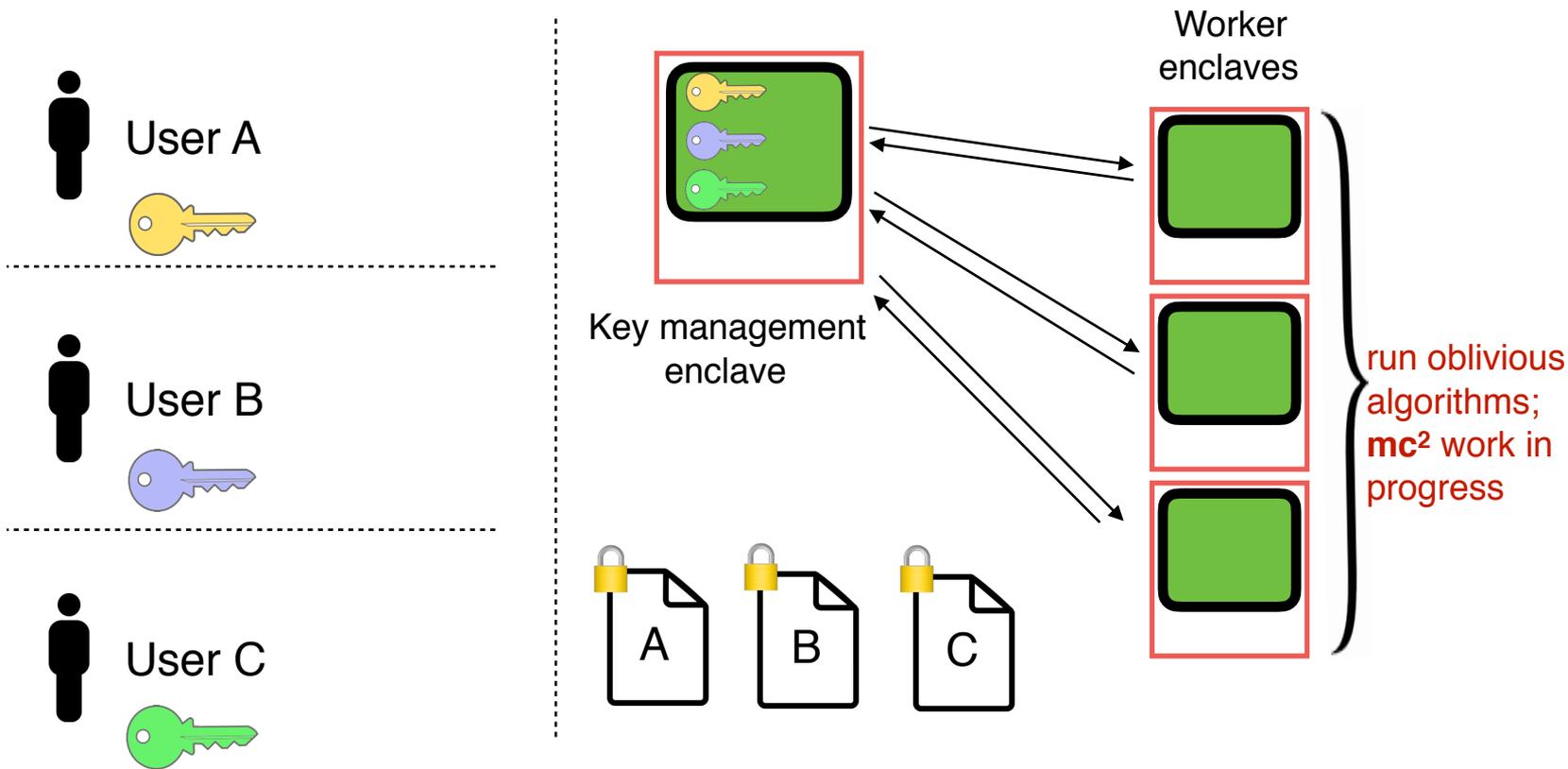
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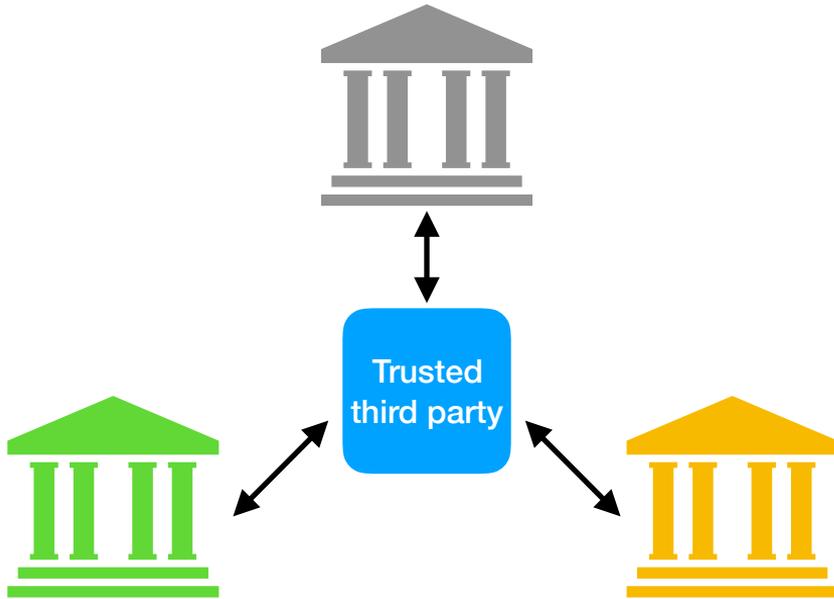
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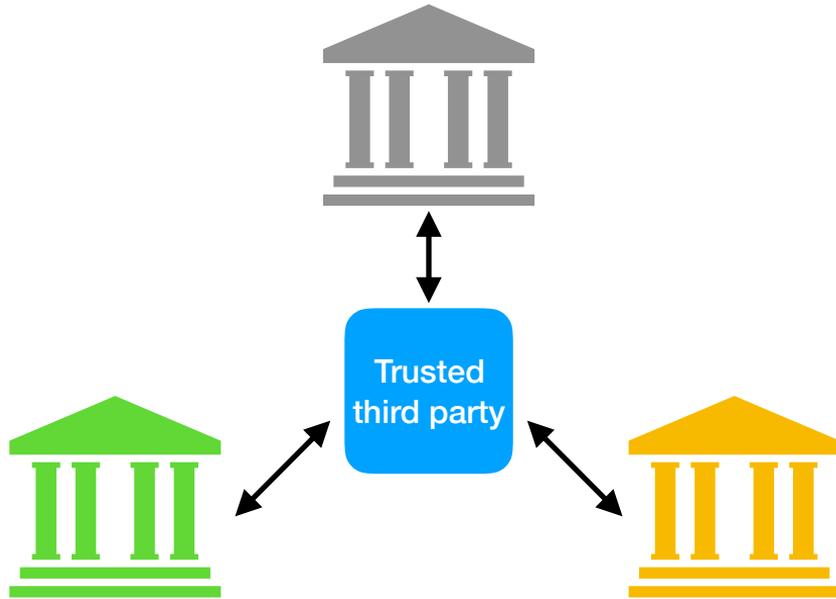


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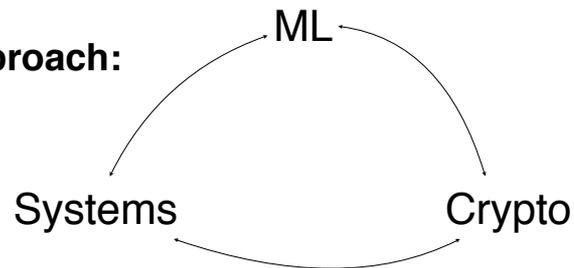
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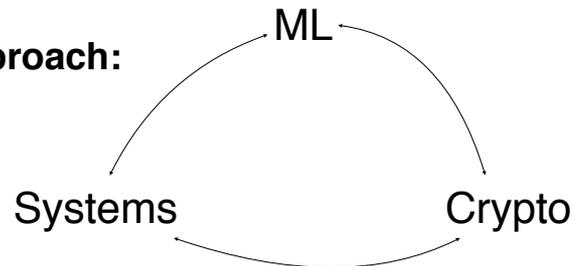
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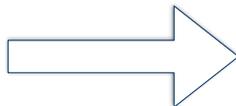
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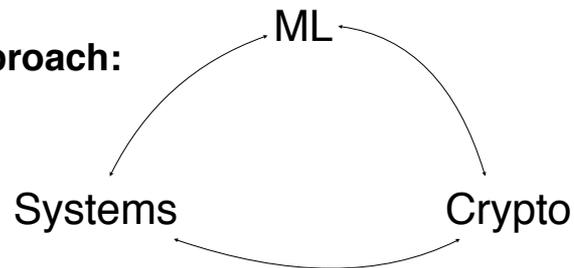


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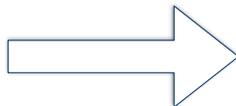
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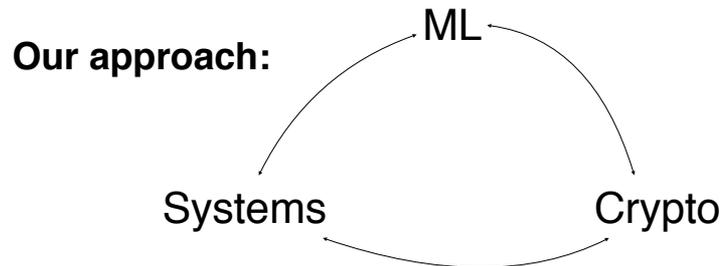
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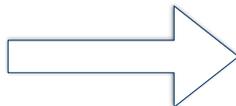
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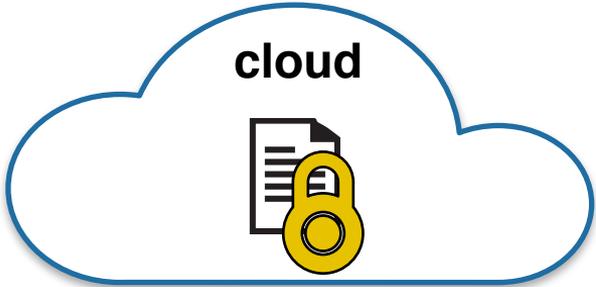
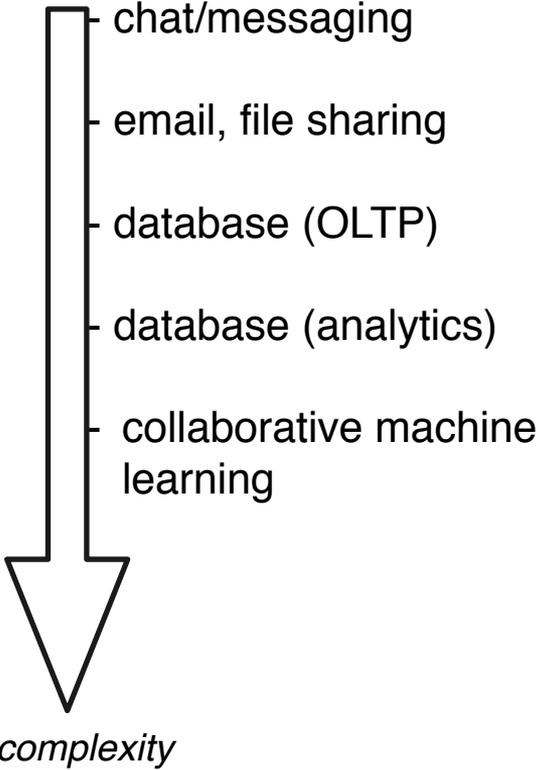
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