

# Securing data in compromised clouds

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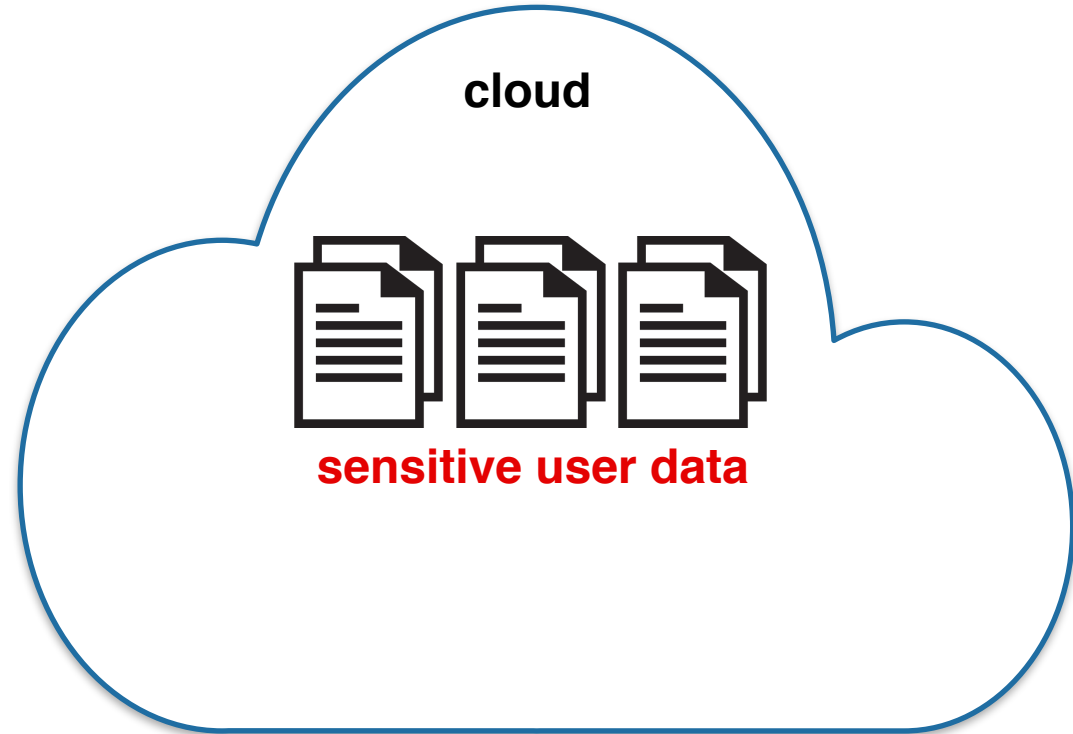
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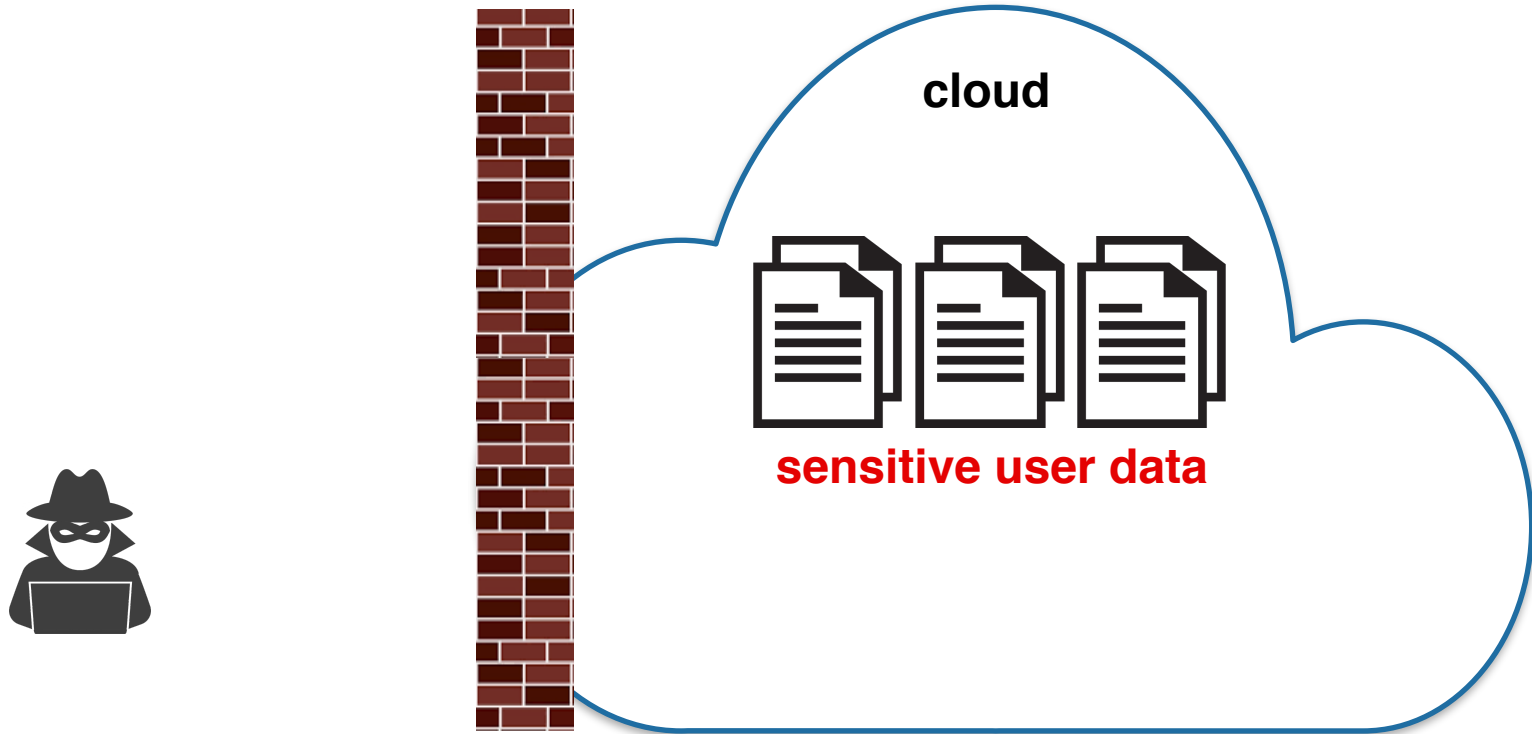
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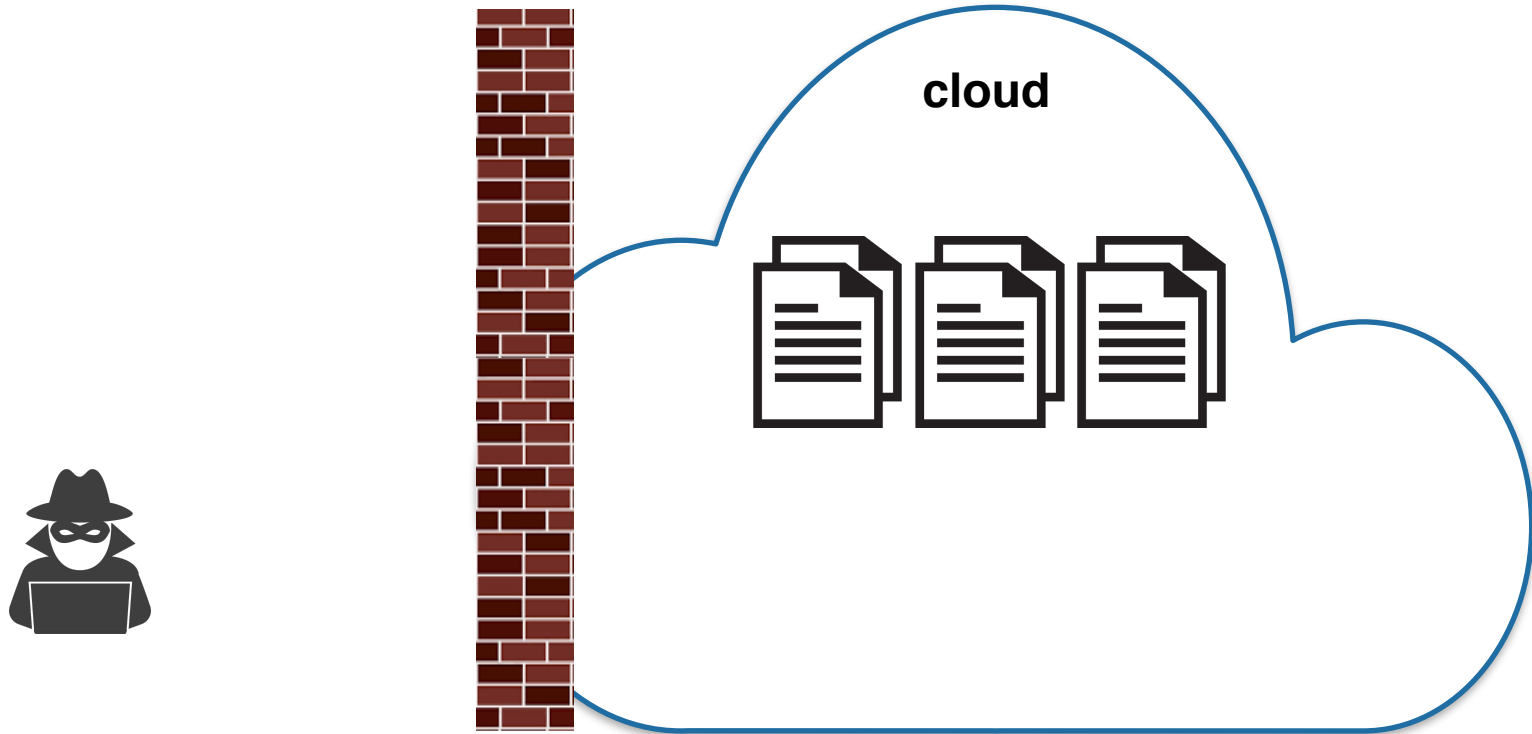
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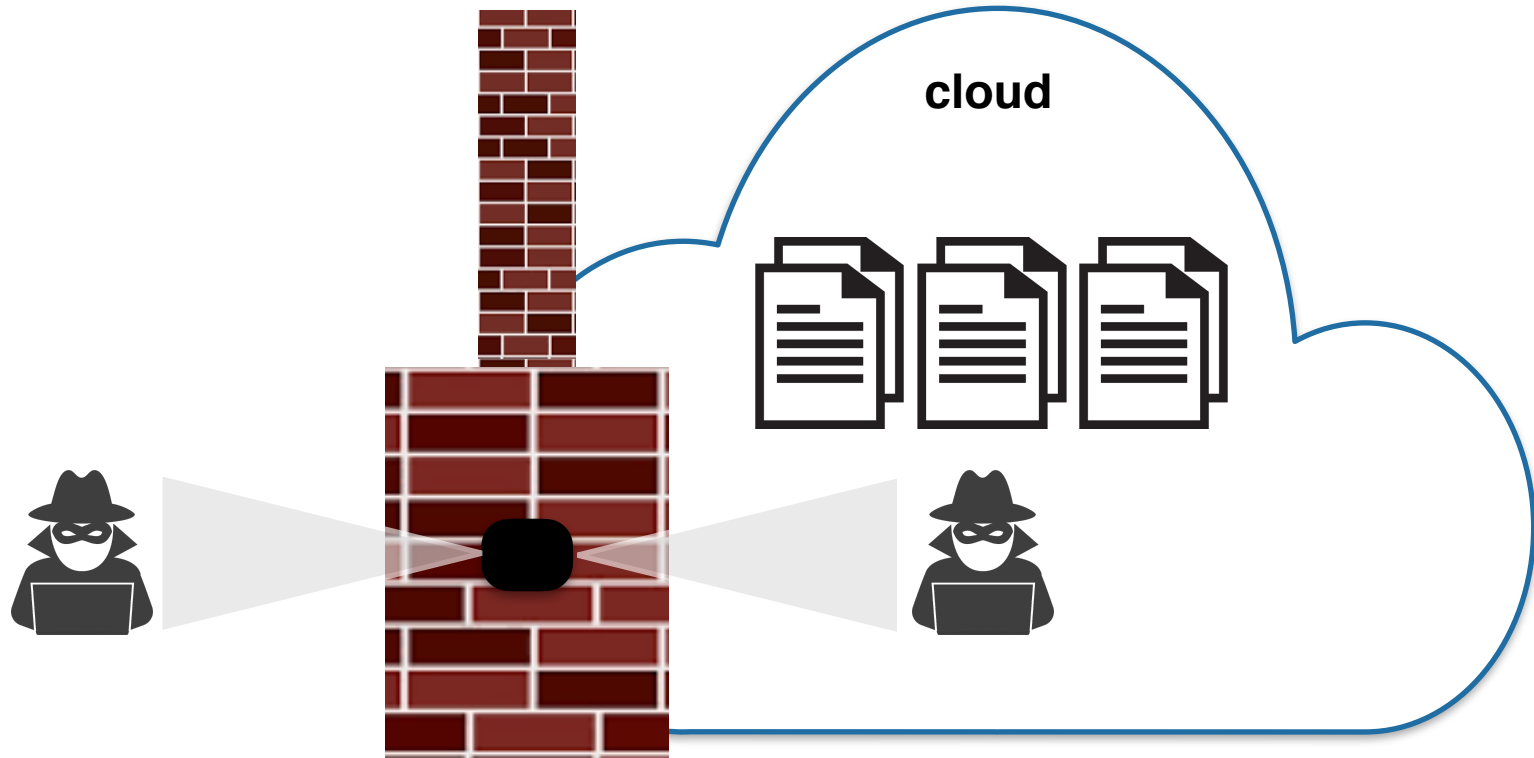
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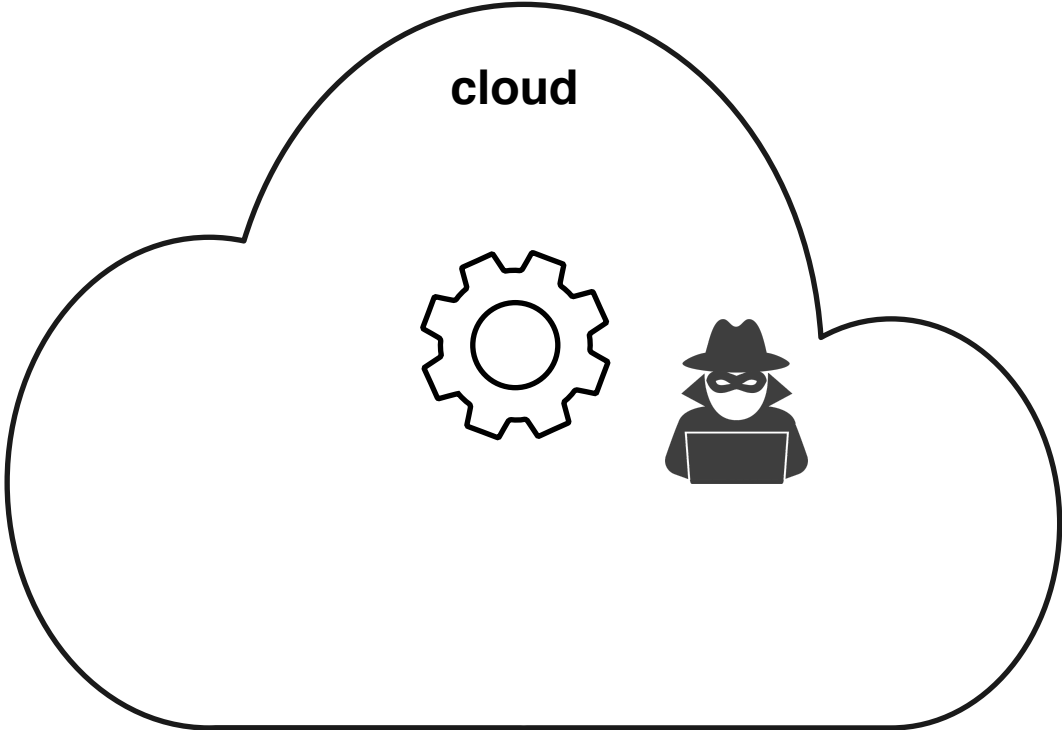
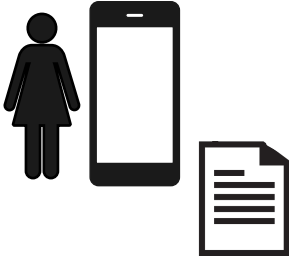
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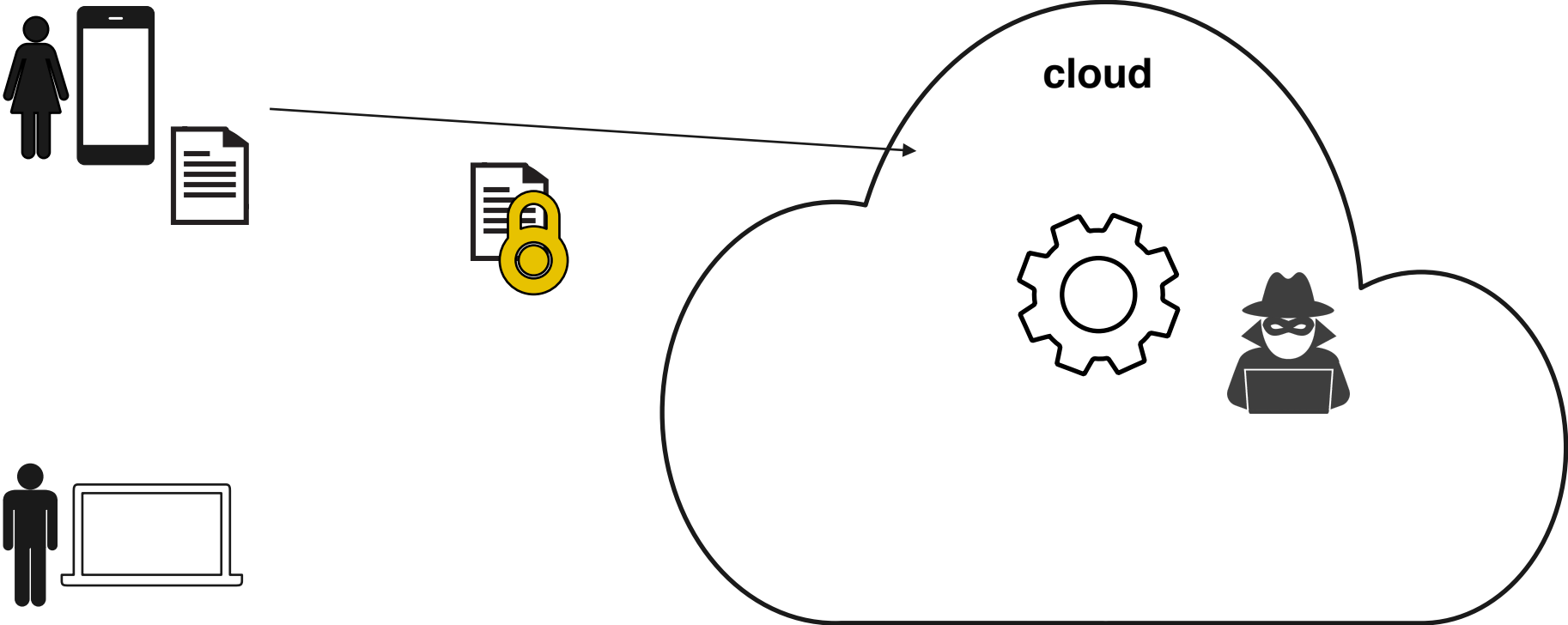
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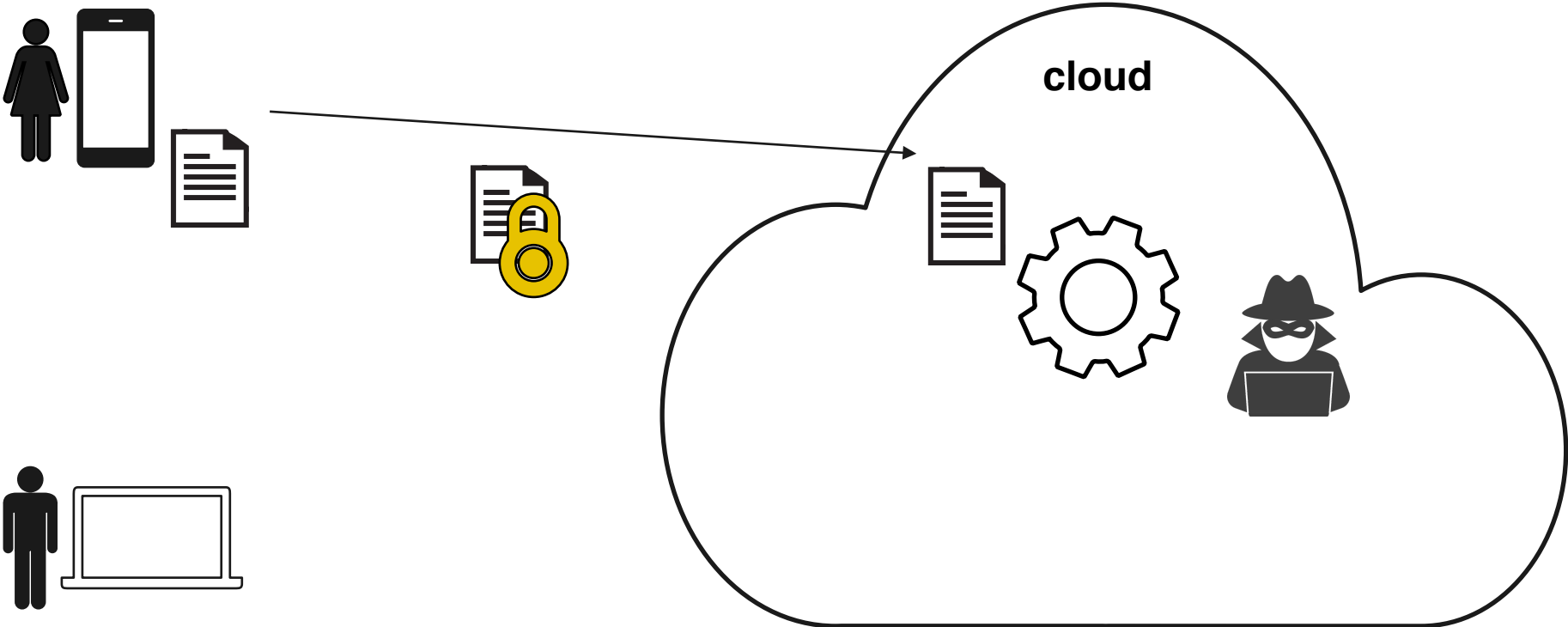
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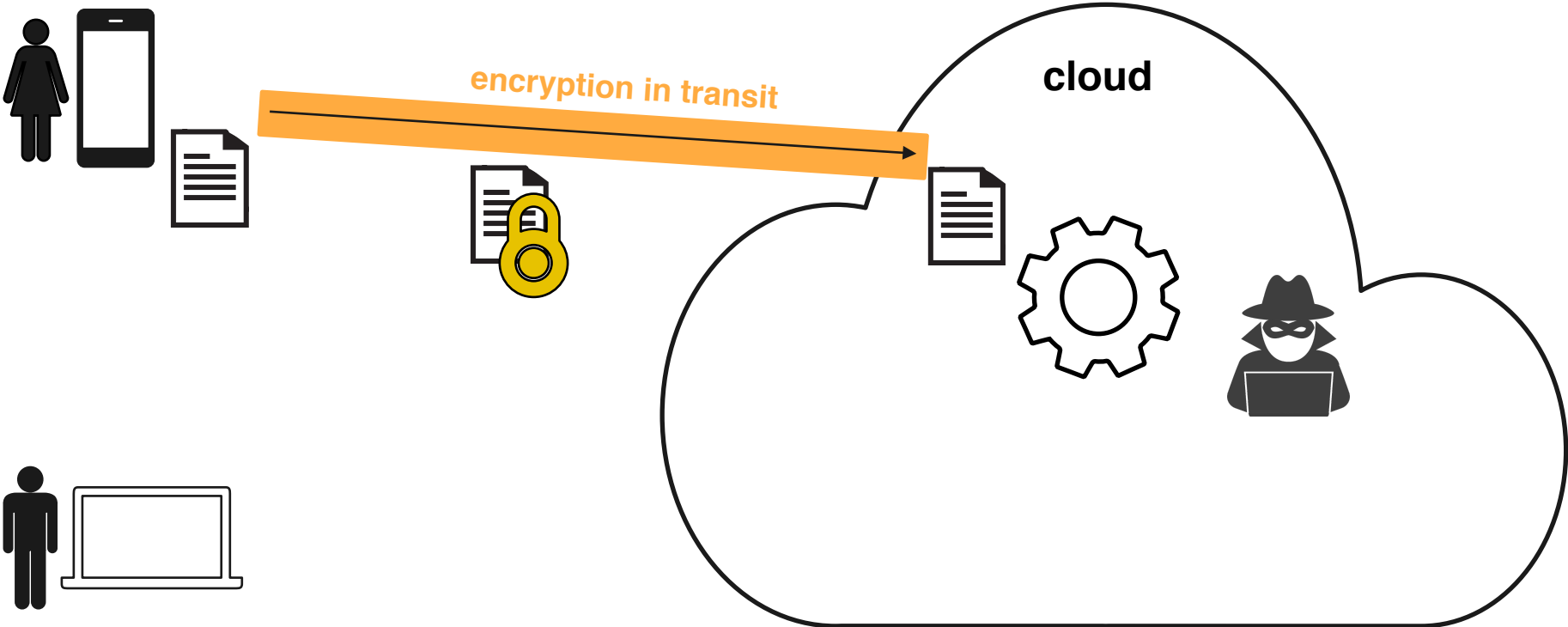
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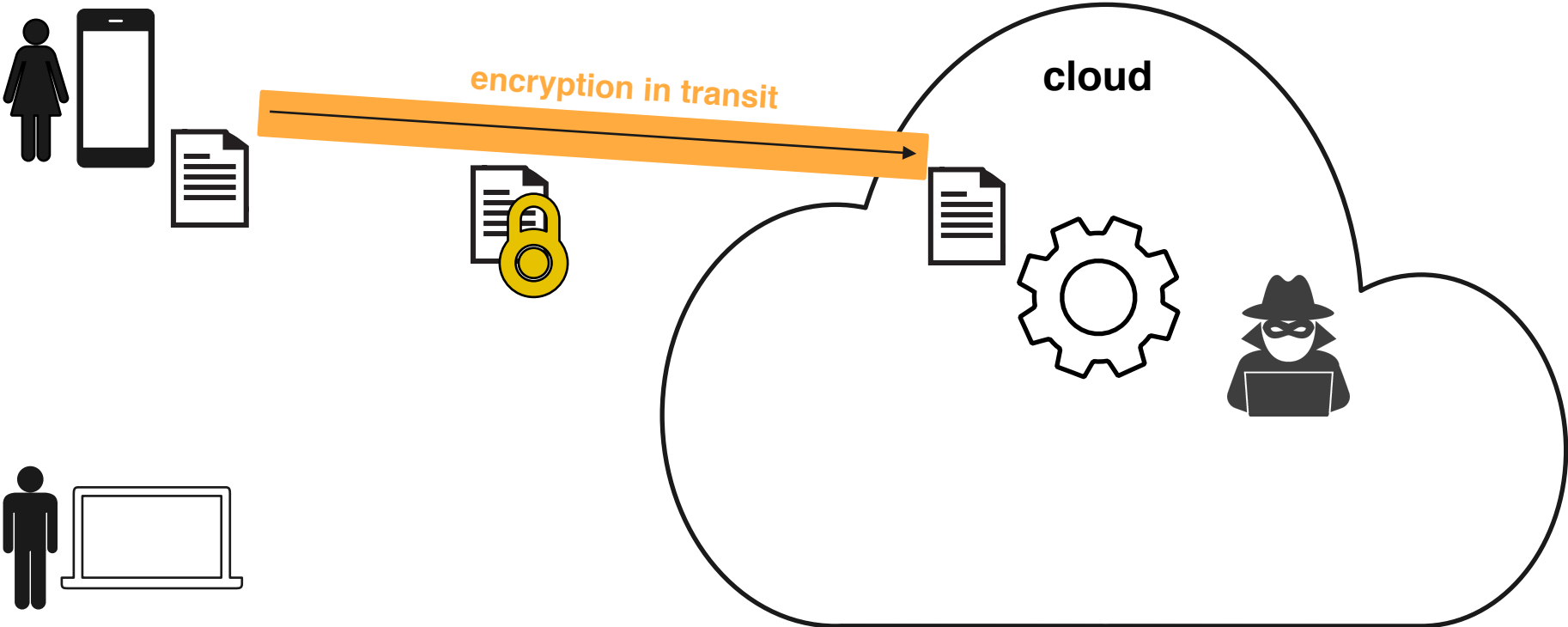
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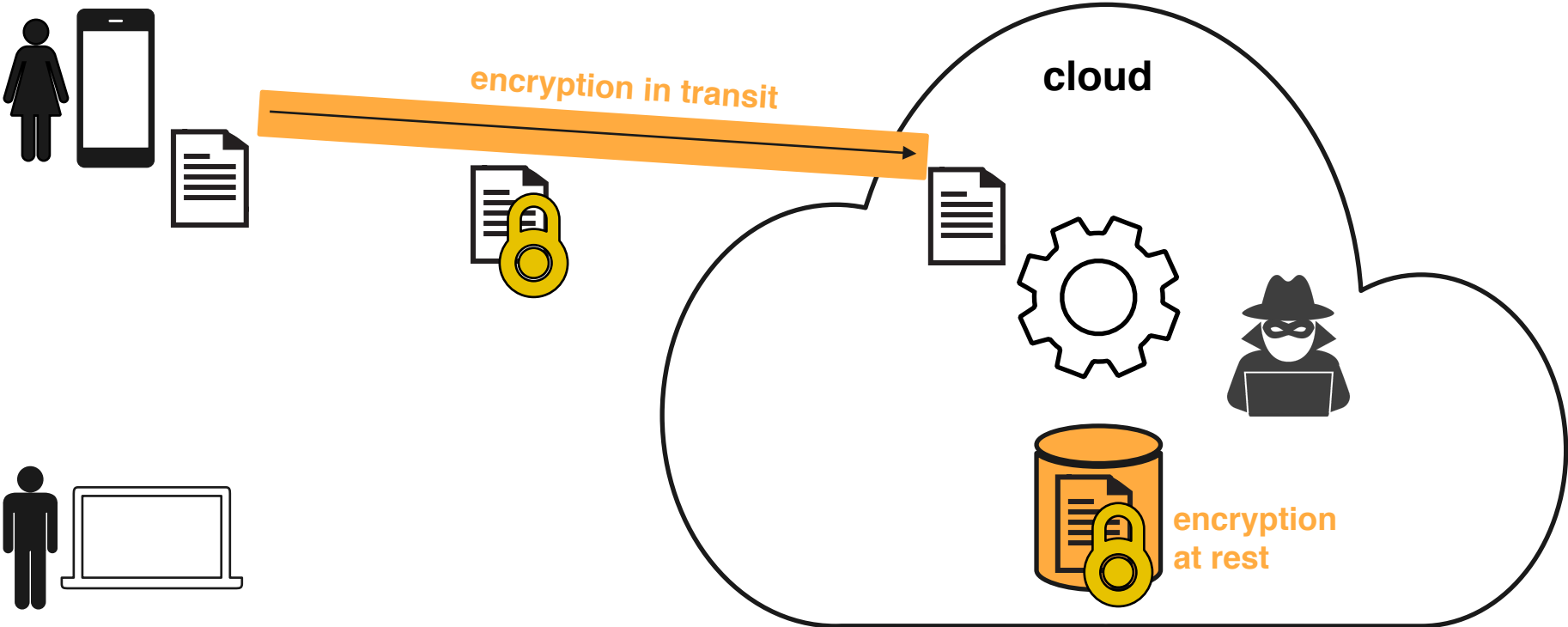
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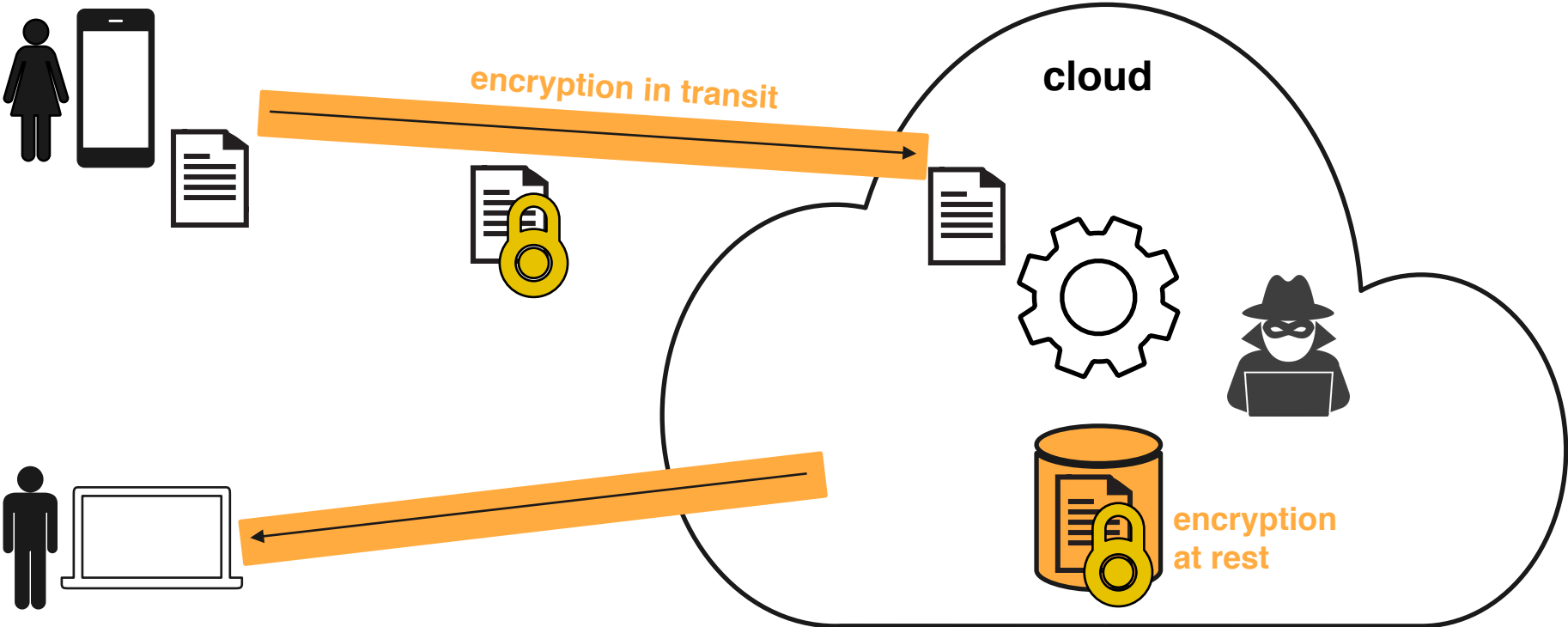
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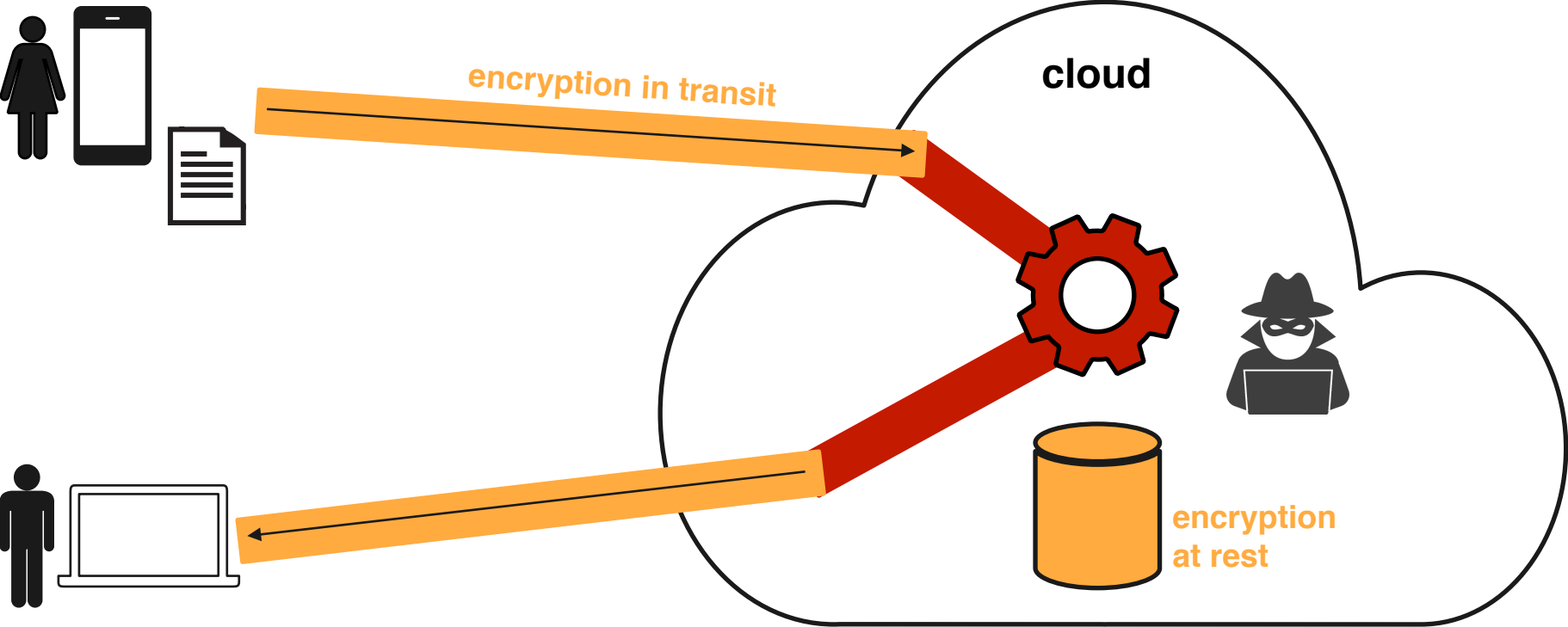
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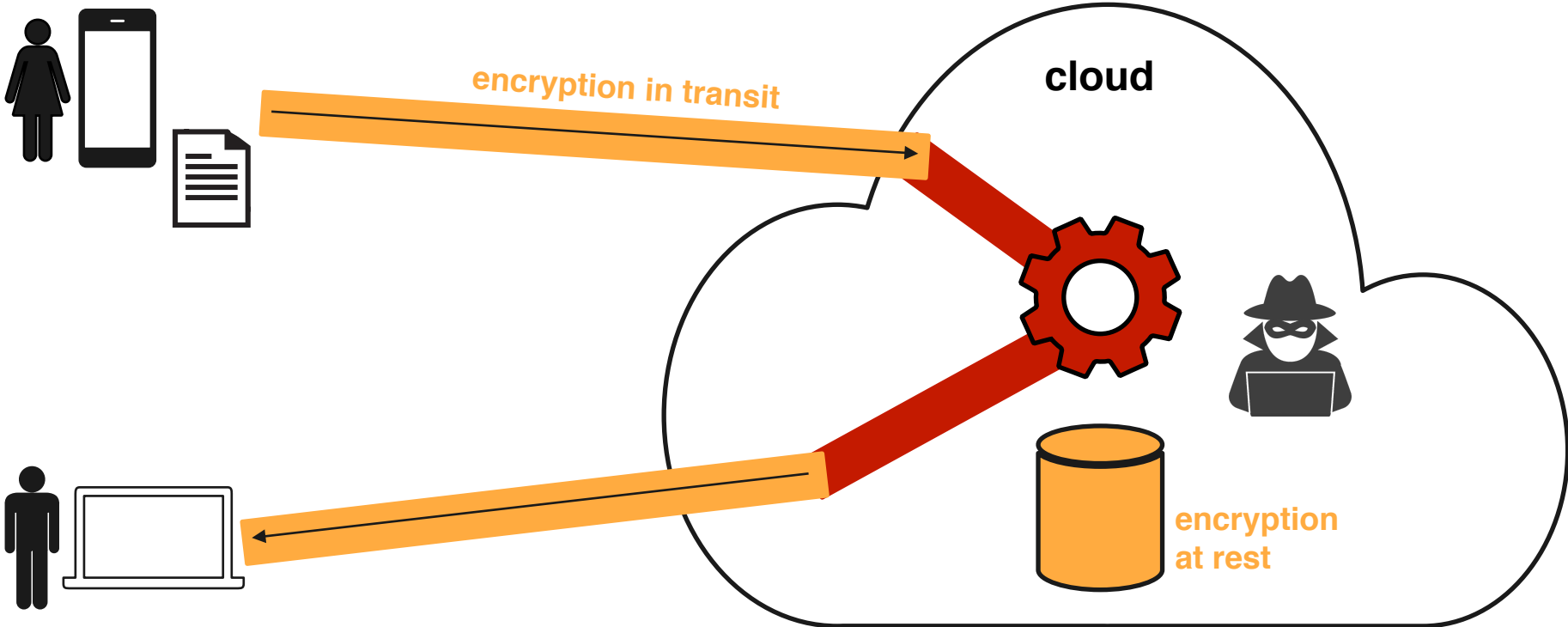


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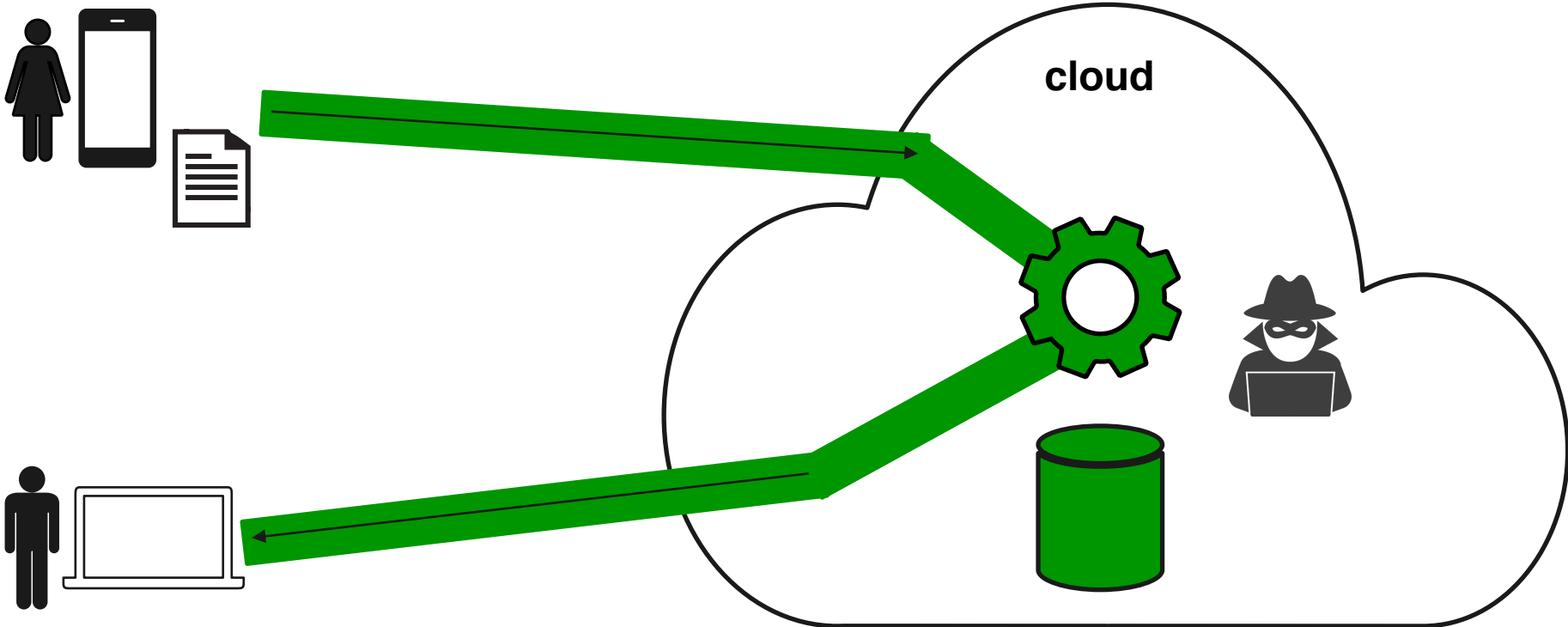




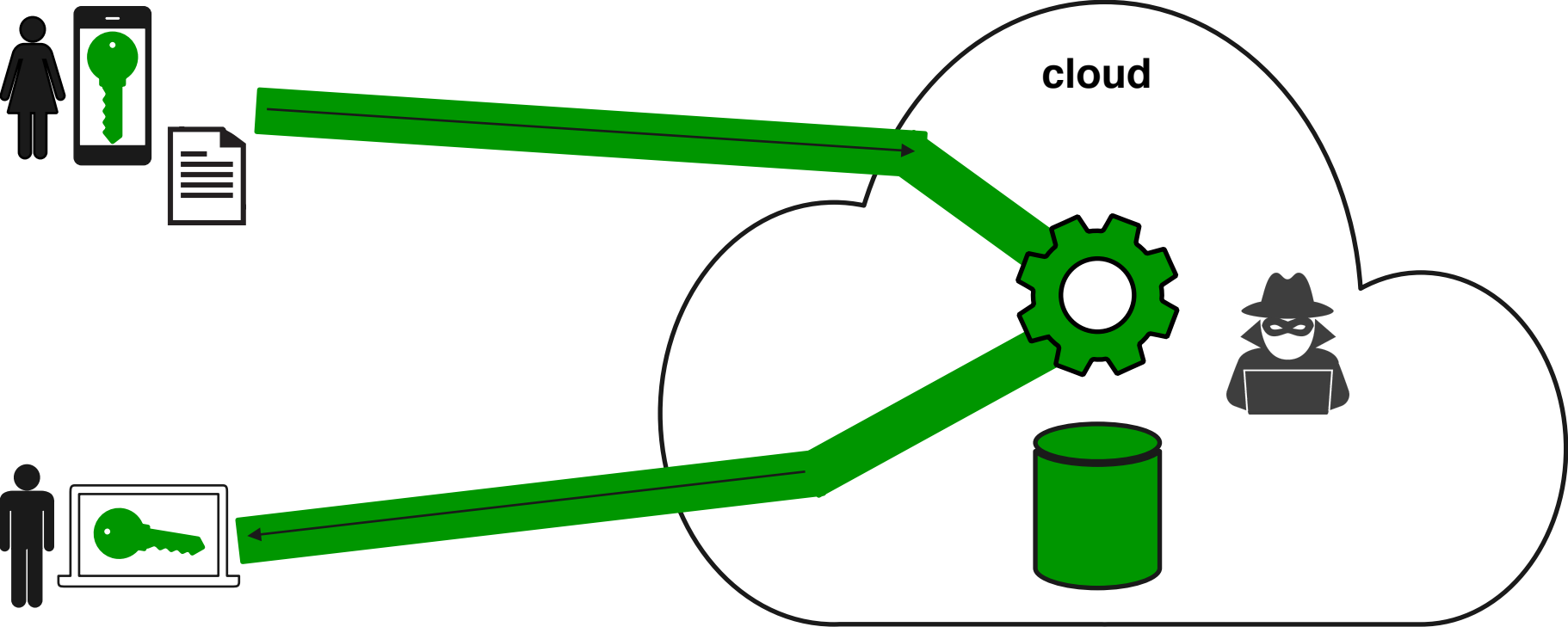
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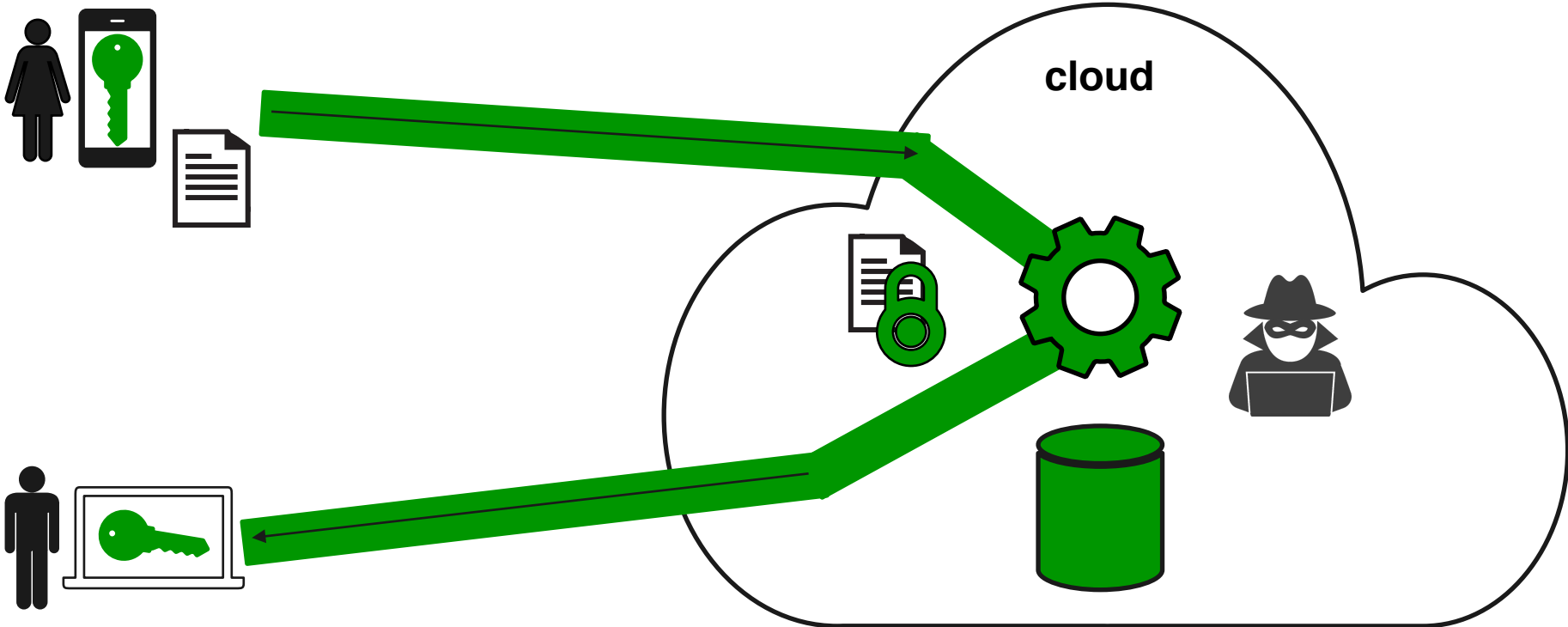
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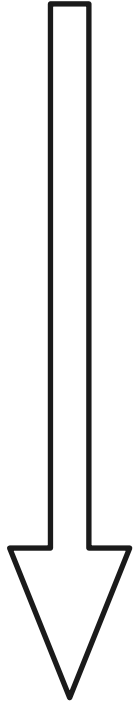
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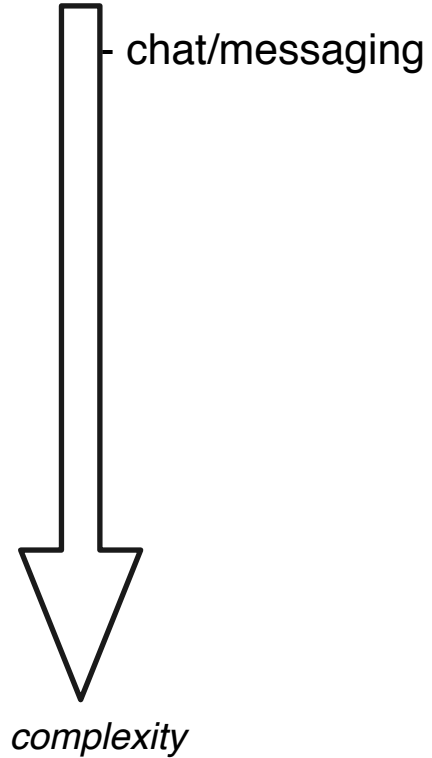
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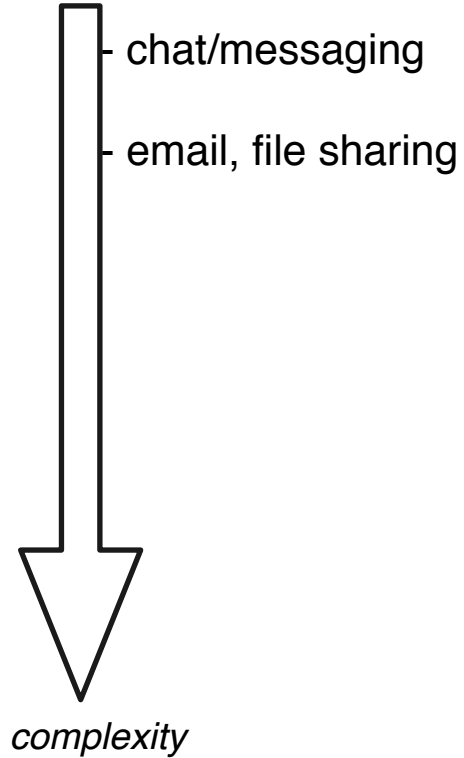
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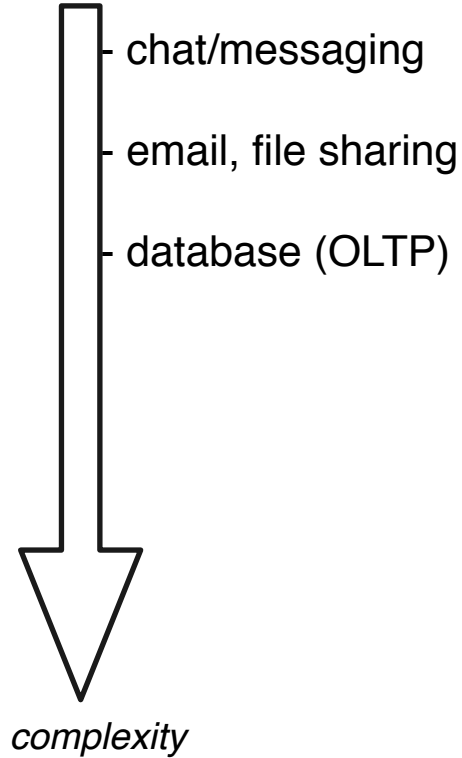


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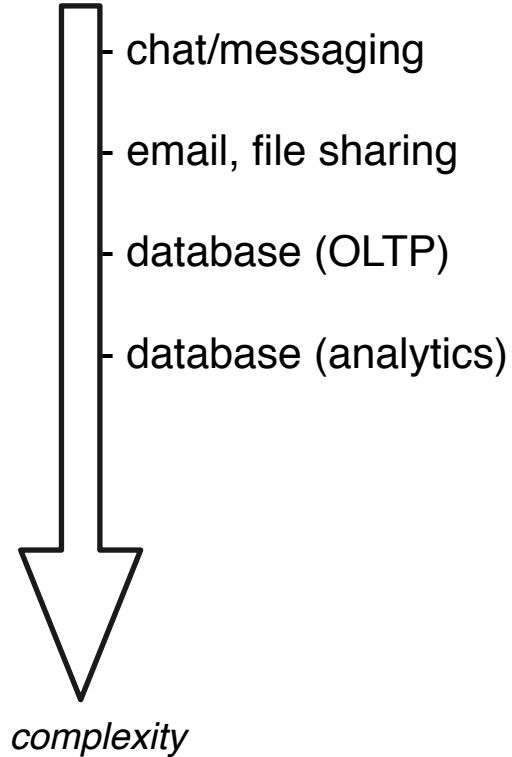




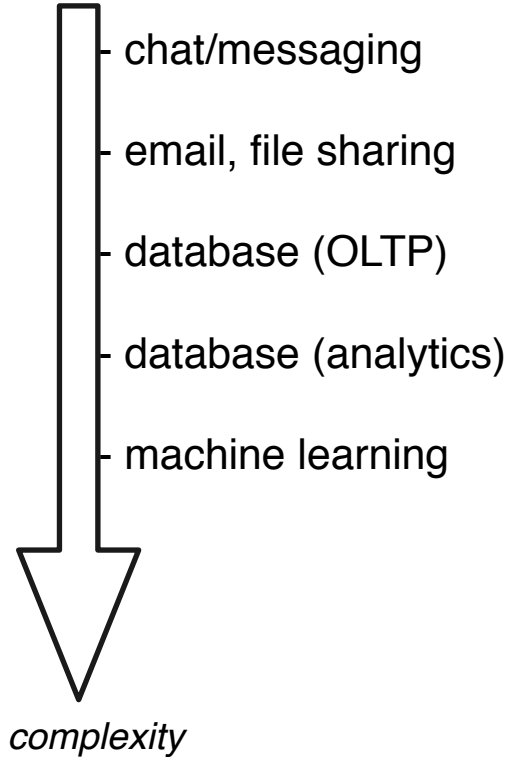
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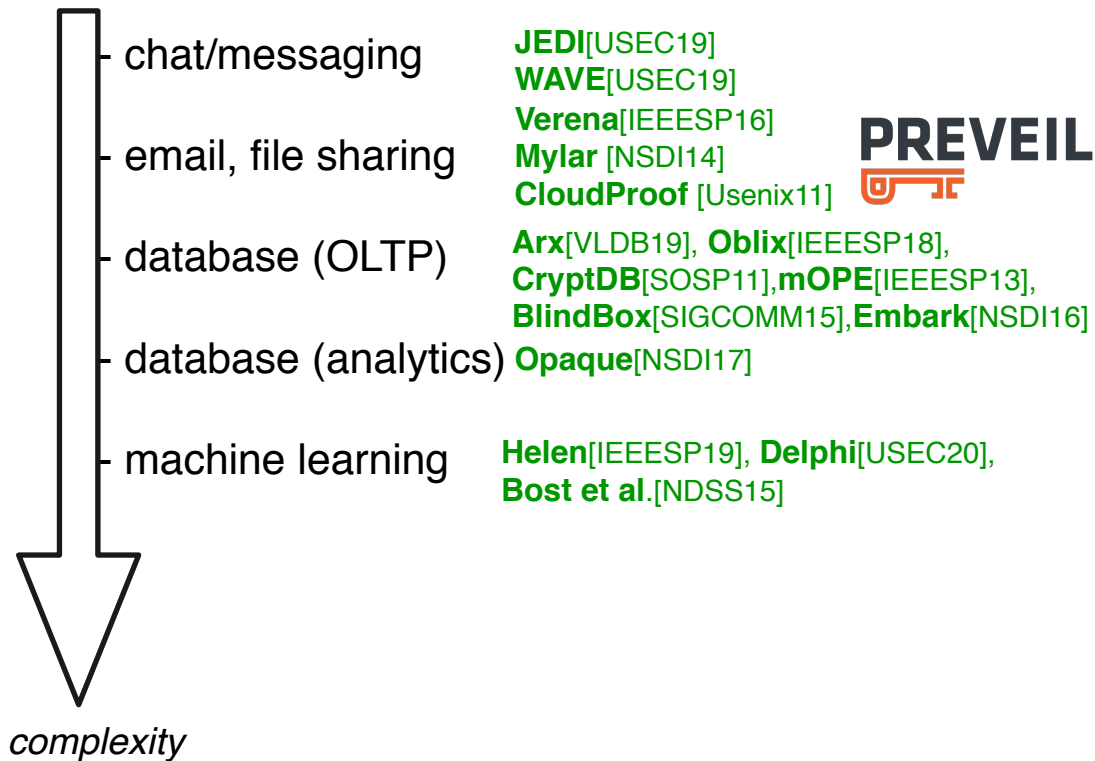
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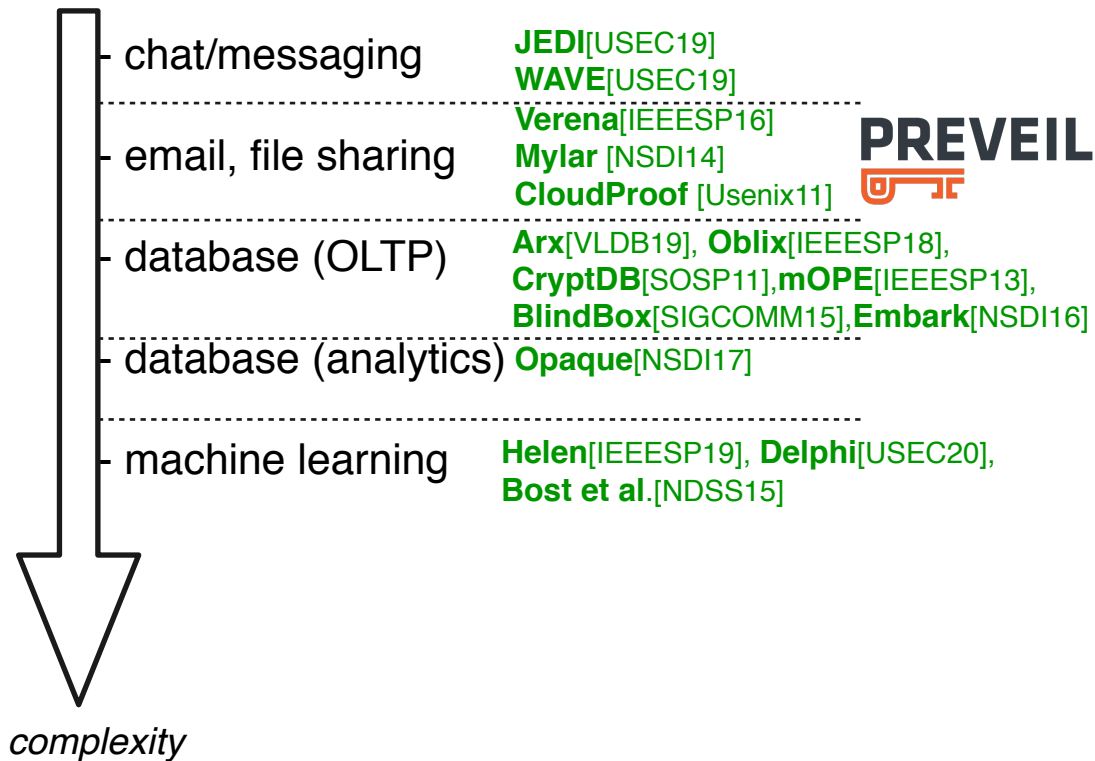
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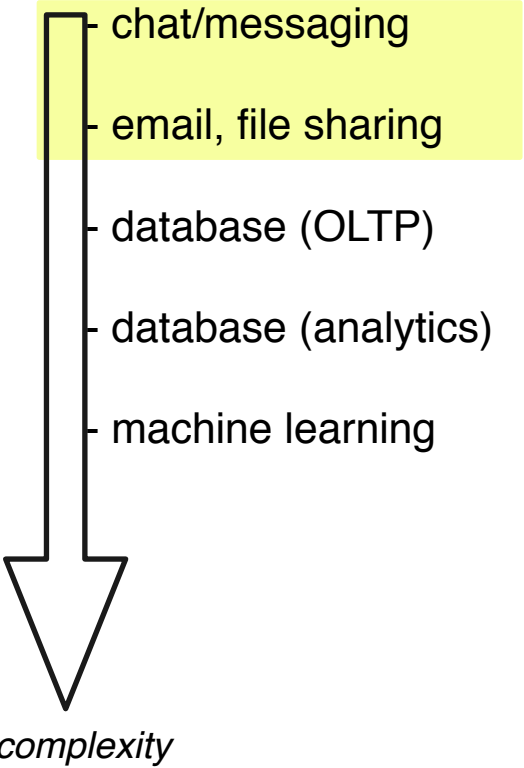
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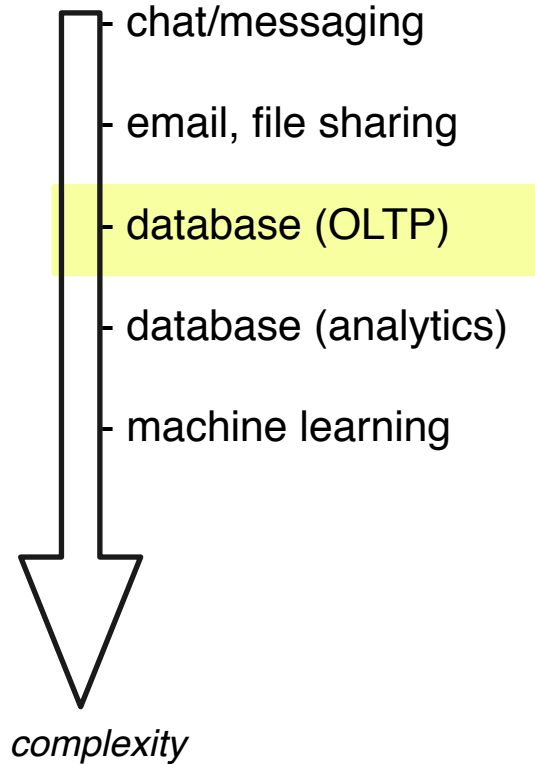


- Research focusing on malicious cloud attackers (Verena<sup>[IEEE SP16]</sup>), usability, search

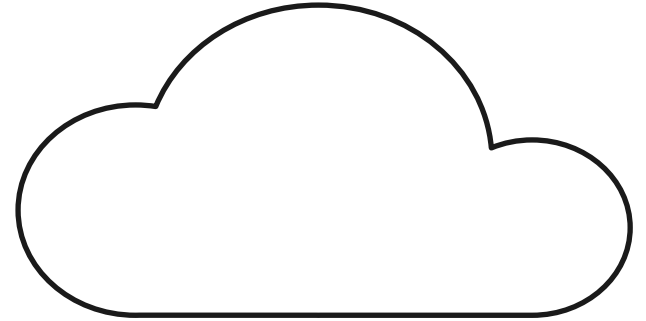
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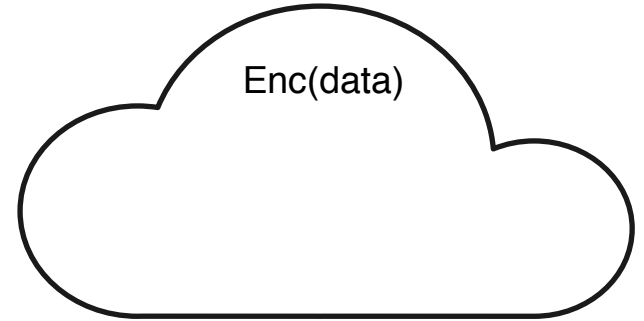


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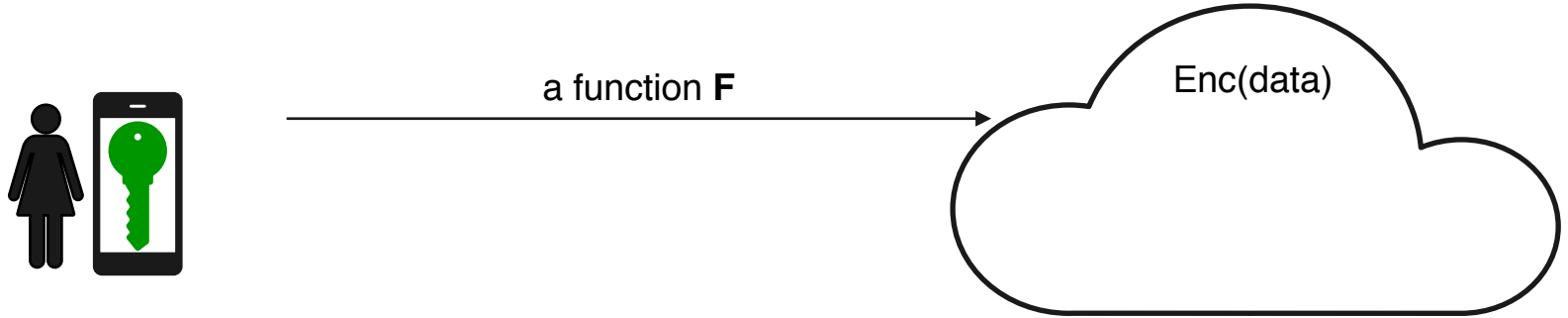




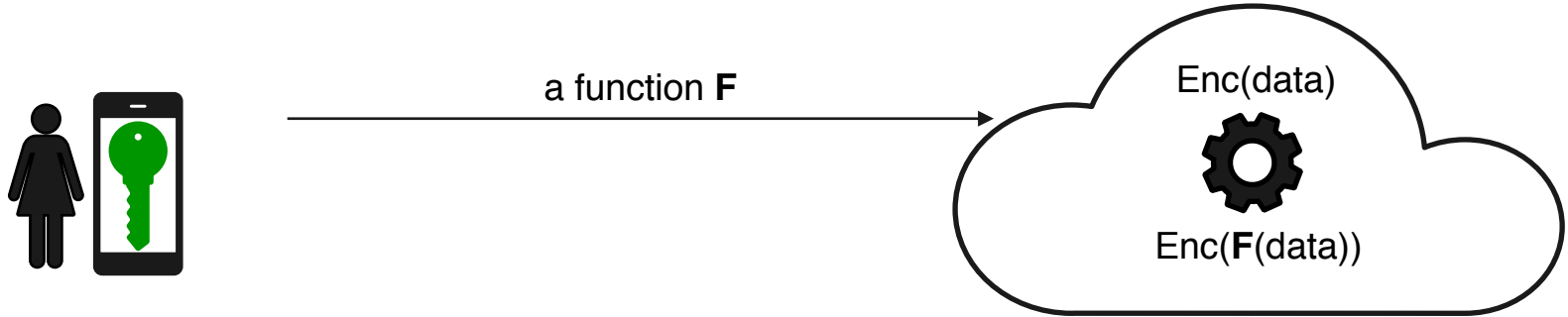
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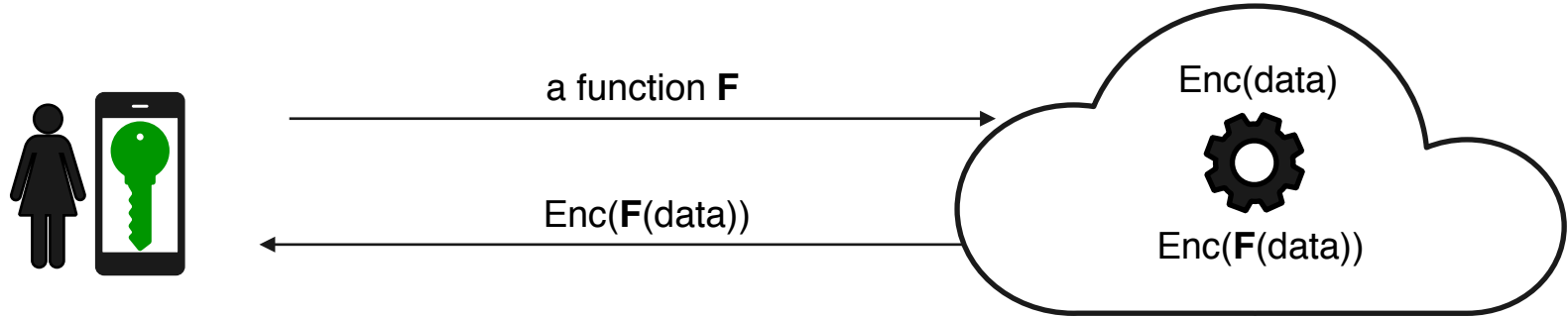
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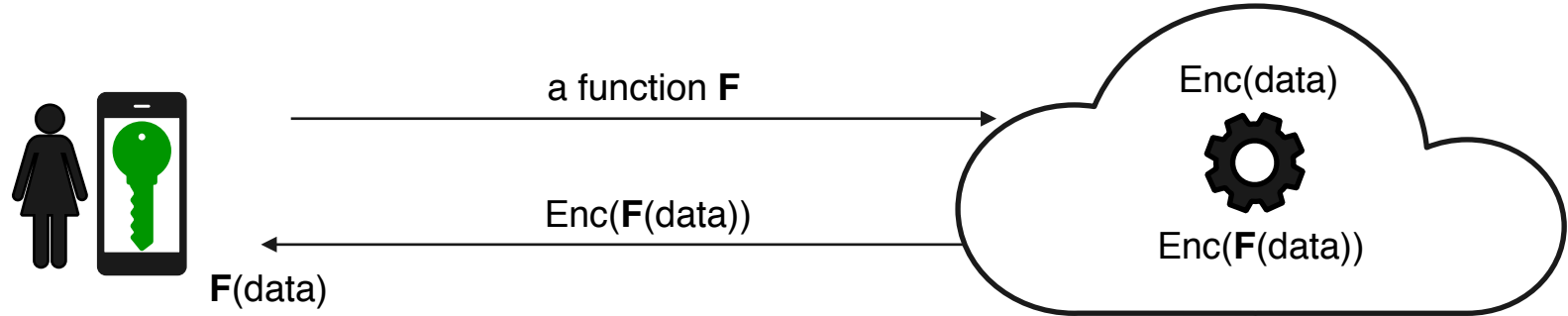
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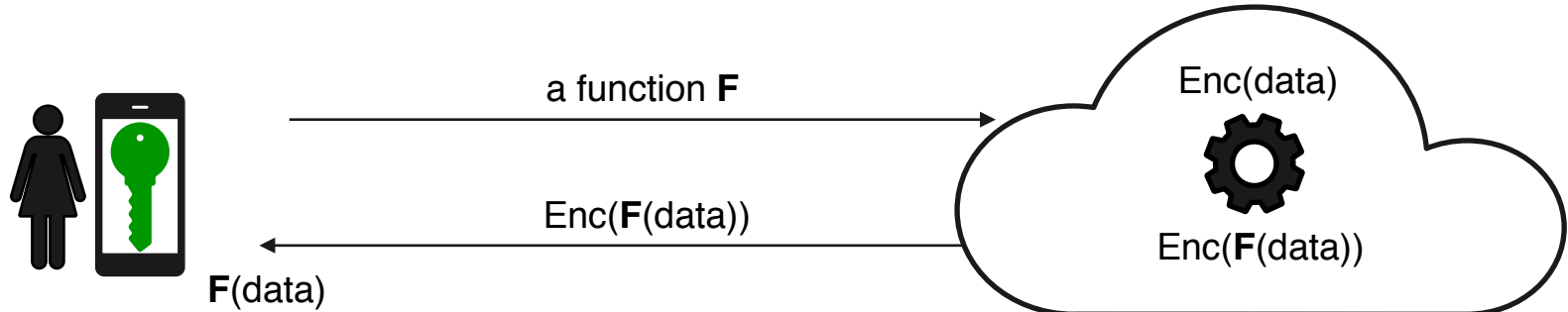
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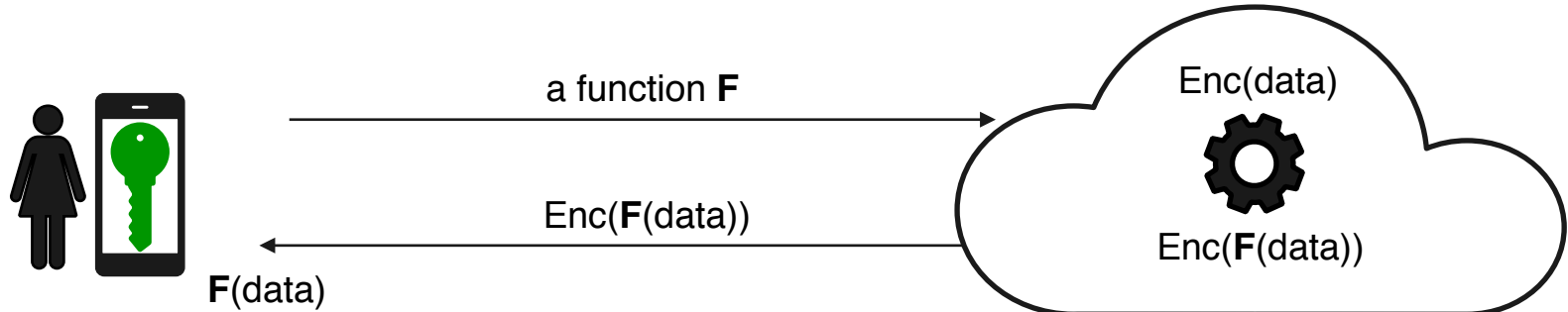


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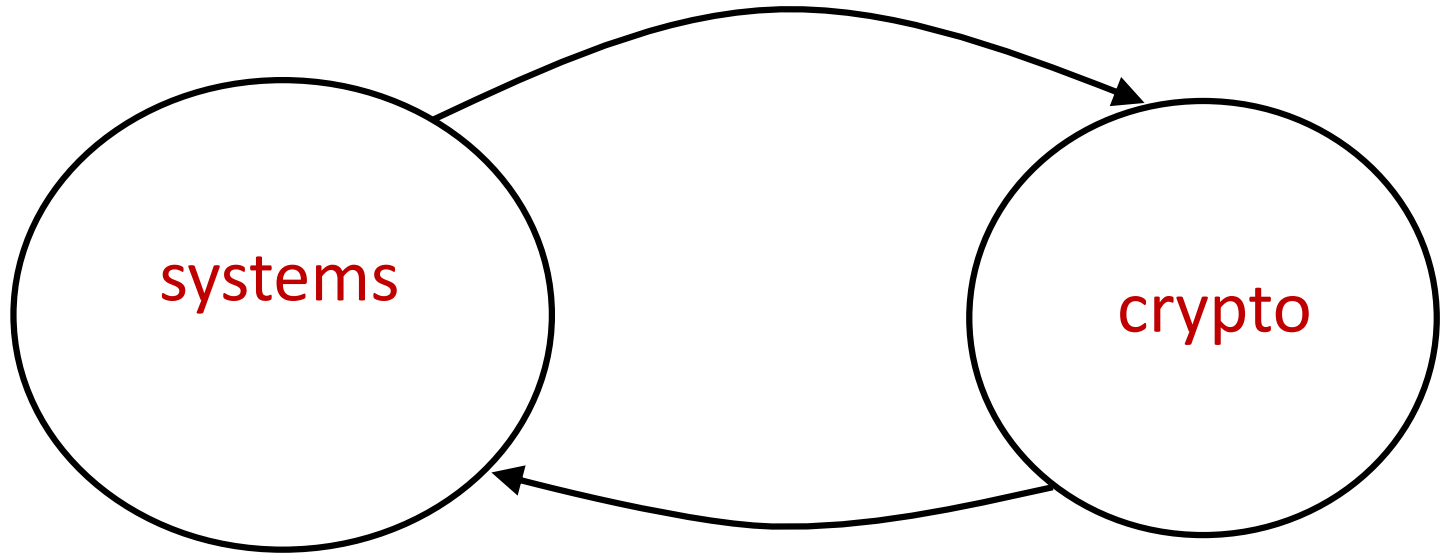
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# Fully homomorphic encryption [Gentry09]

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- despite much progress, remains orders of magnitude too slow

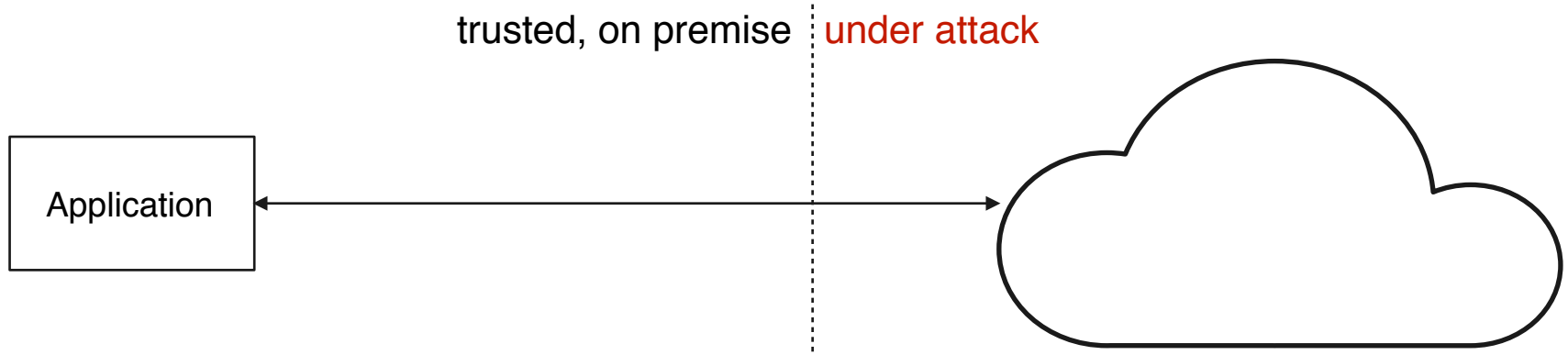


Approach to build practical systems: **co-design systems and cryptography**



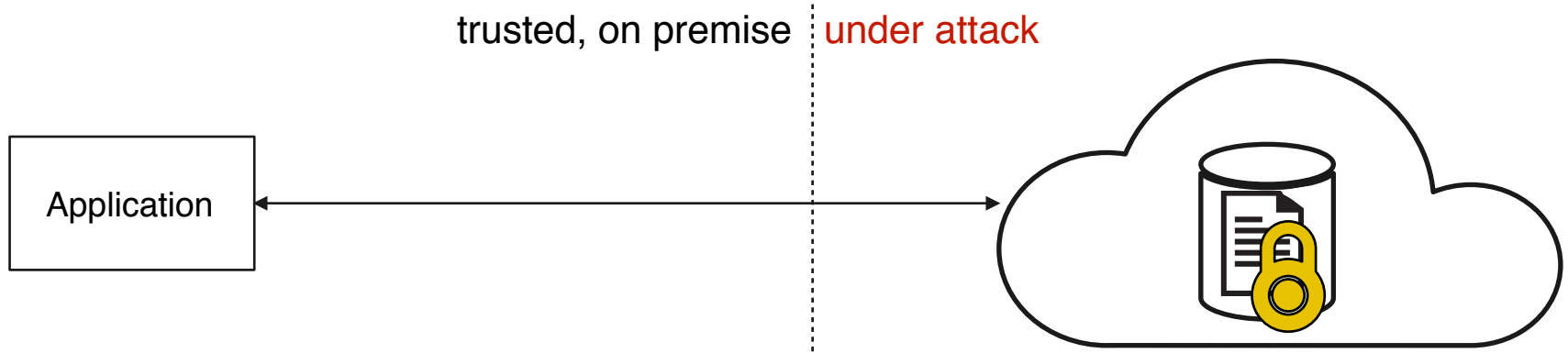
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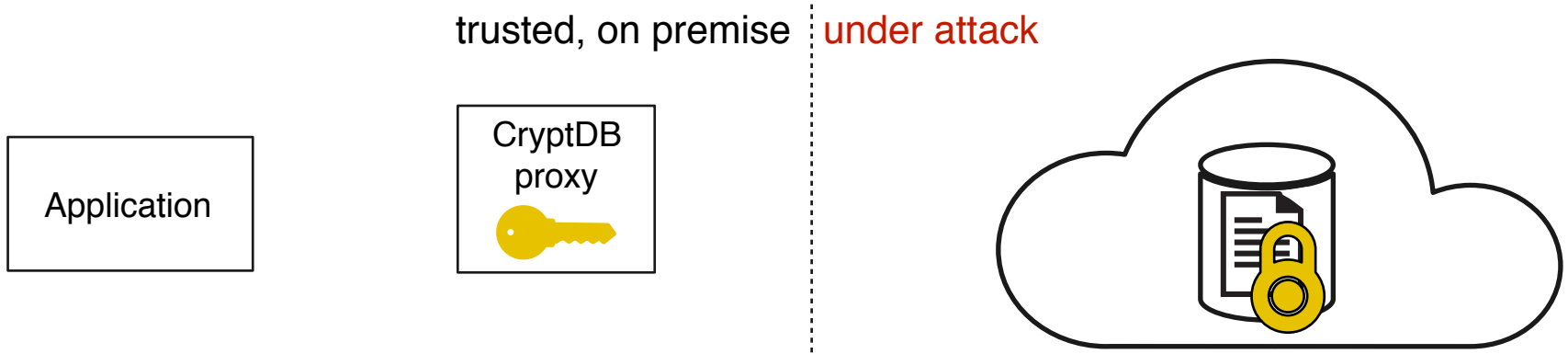
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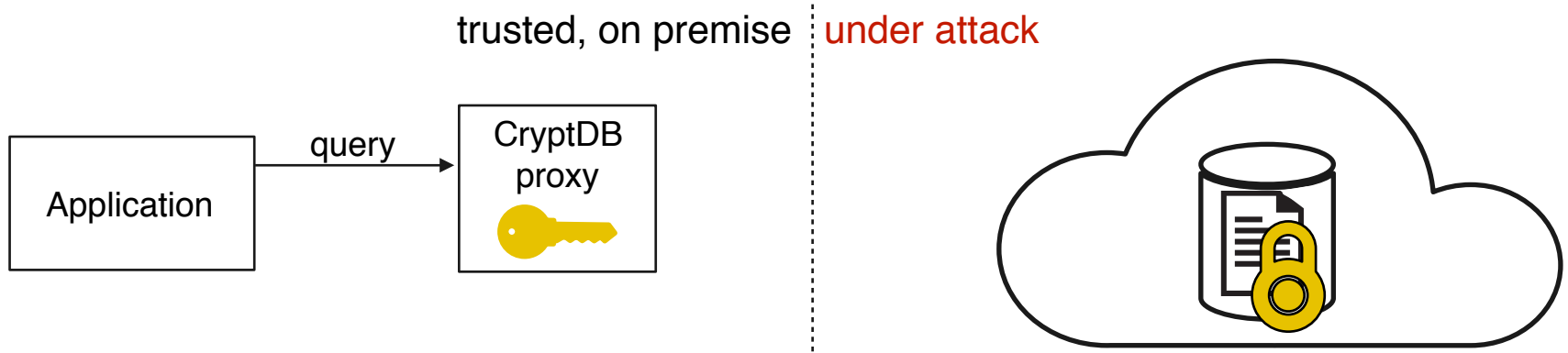
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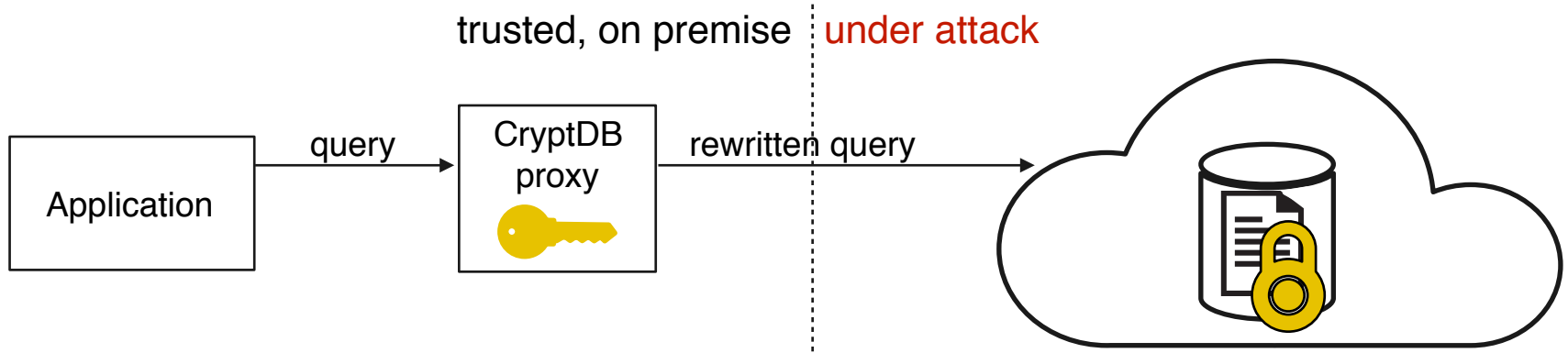
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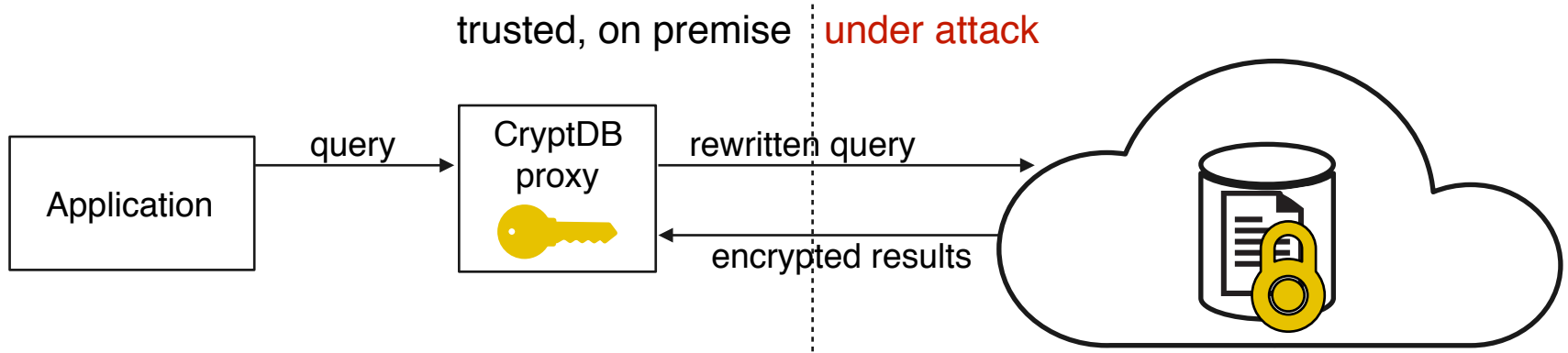
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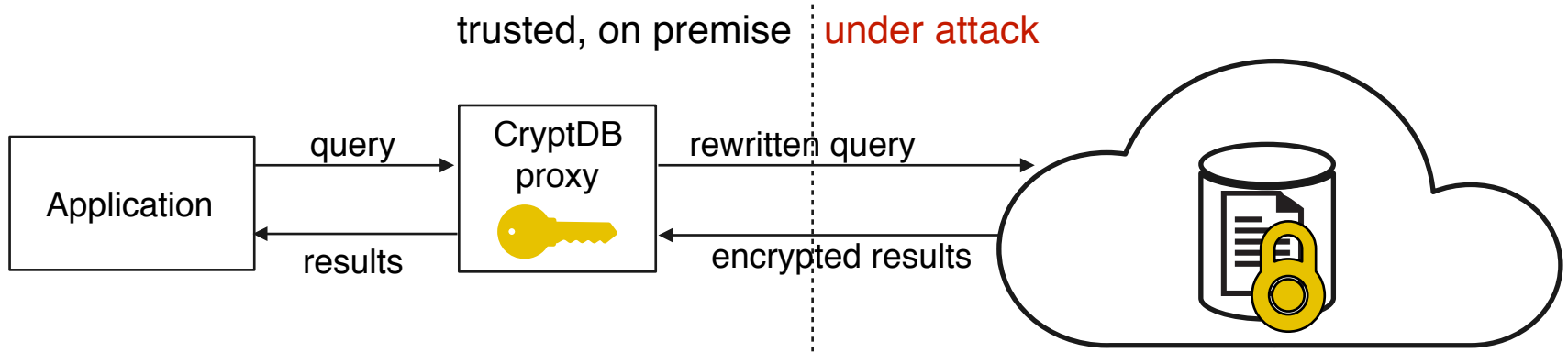
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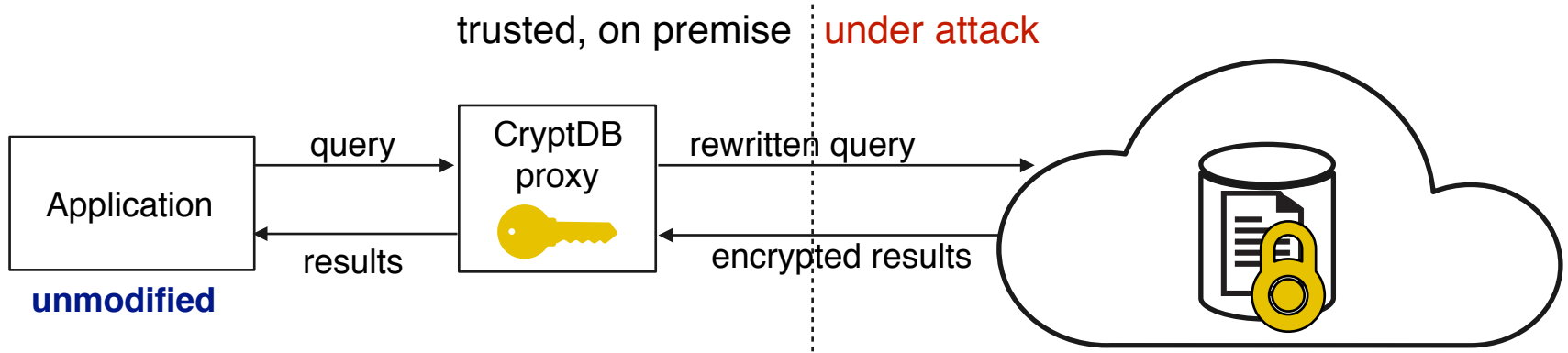
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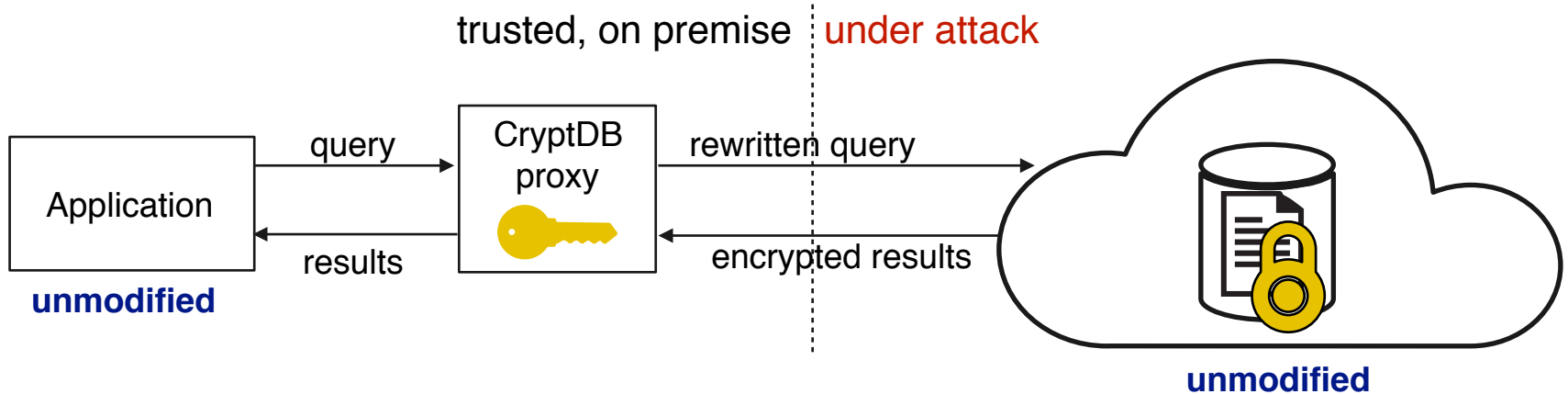
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# A rich line of work followed

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- Industry deployments:



AlwaysEncrypted



Google's  
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SEED

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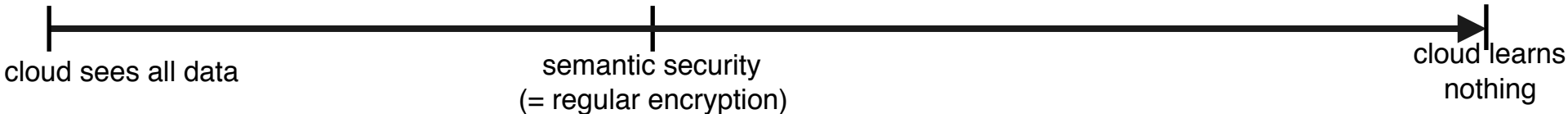


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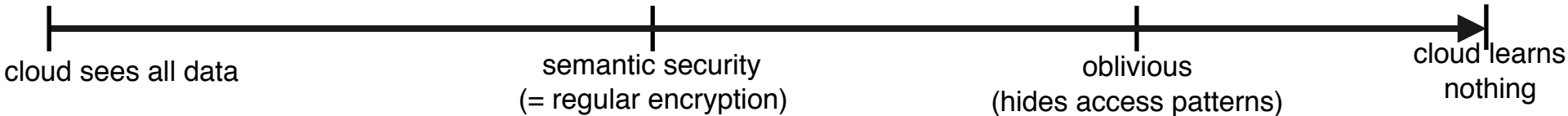


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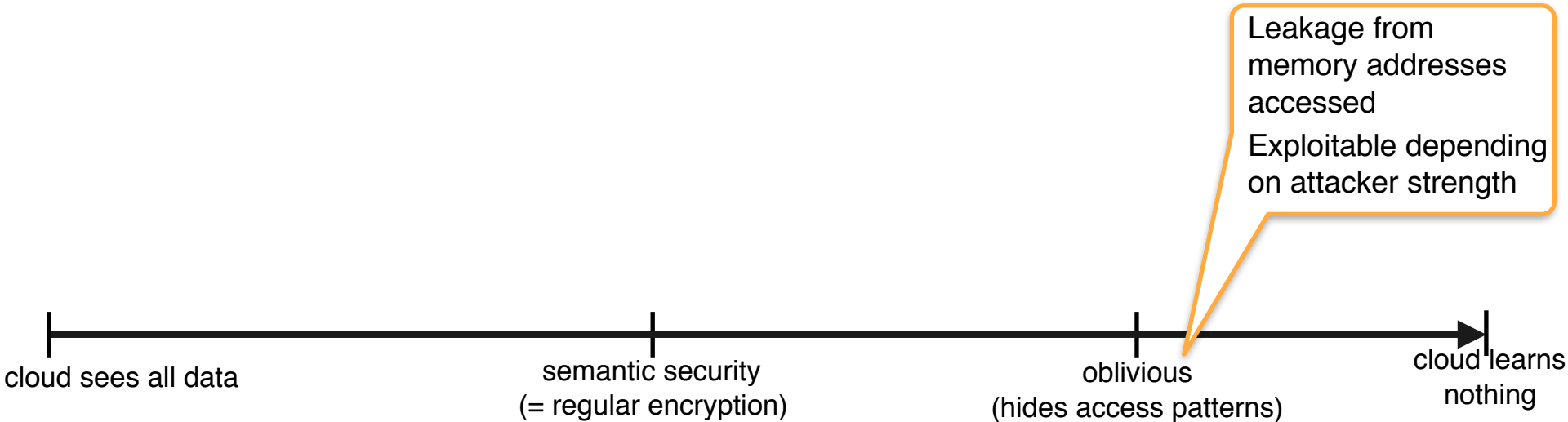


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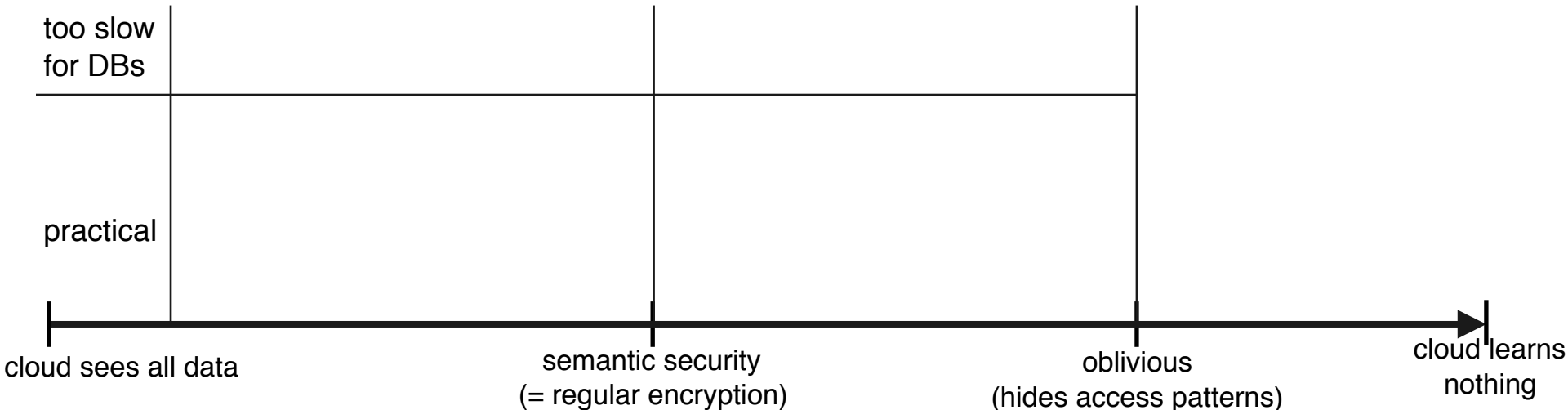


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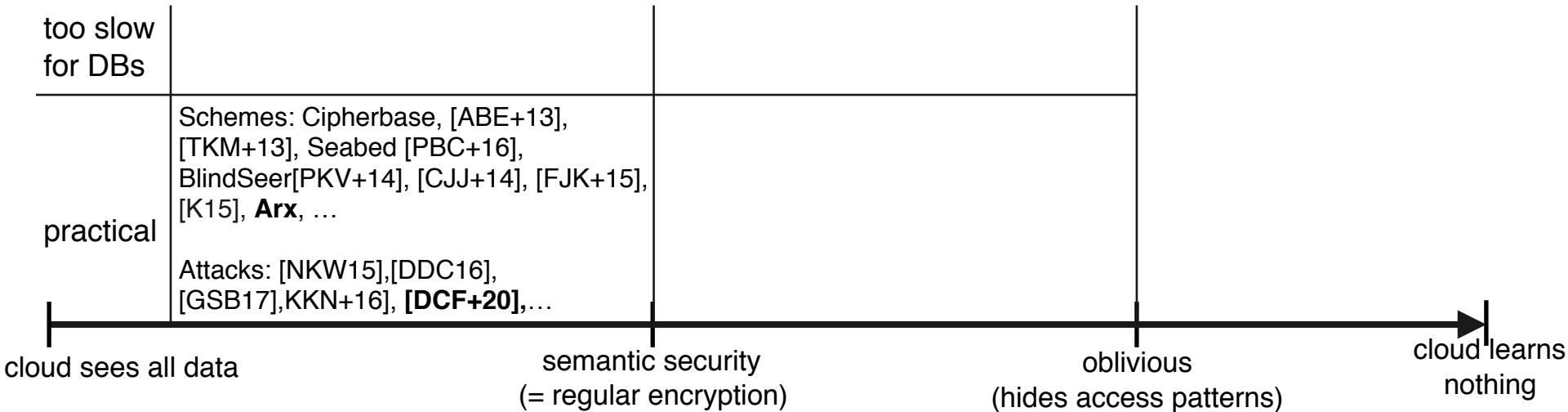


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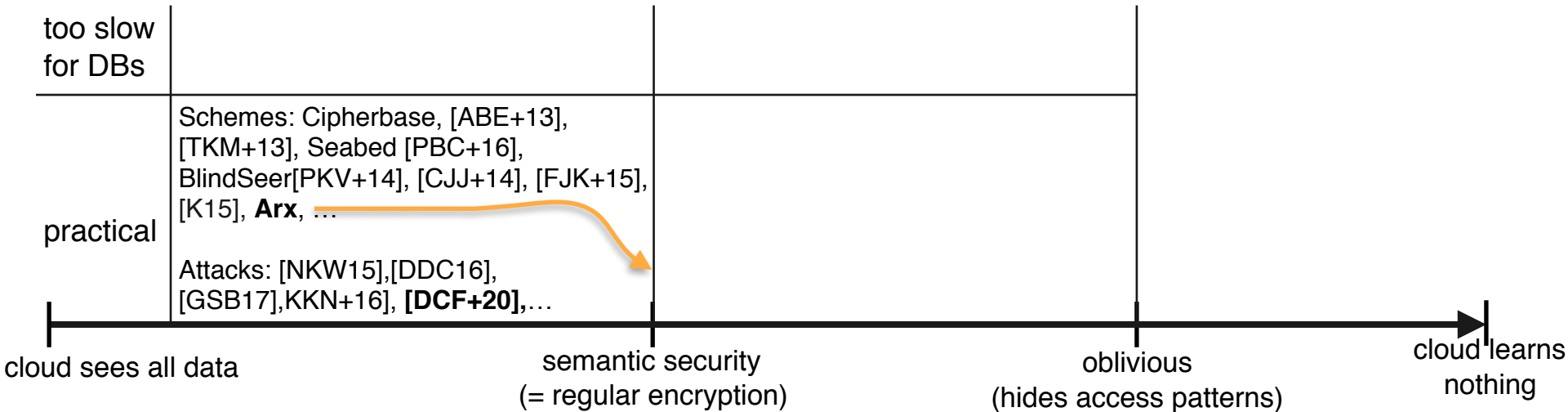


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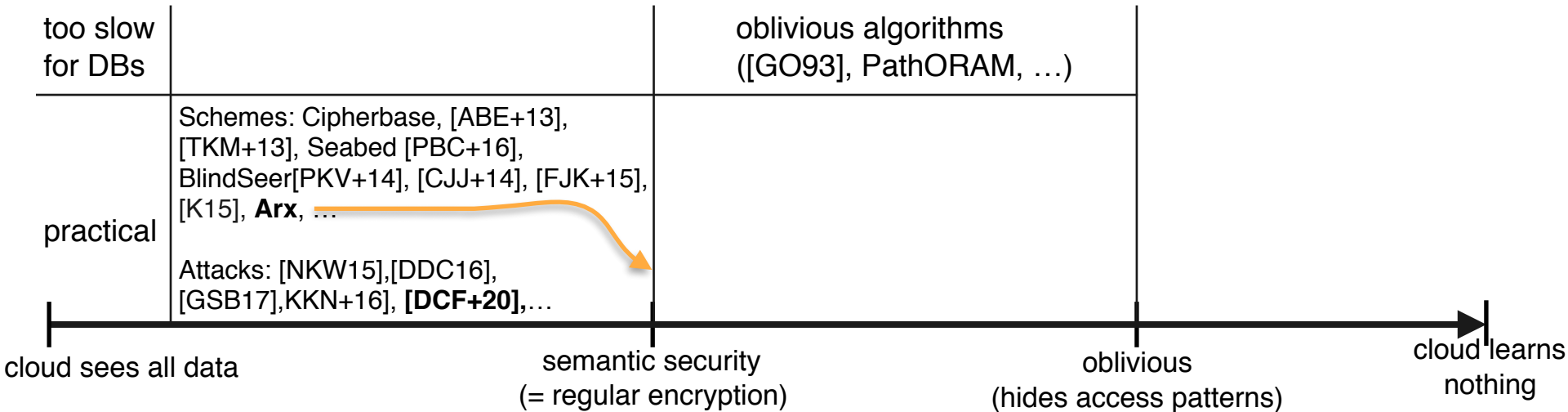


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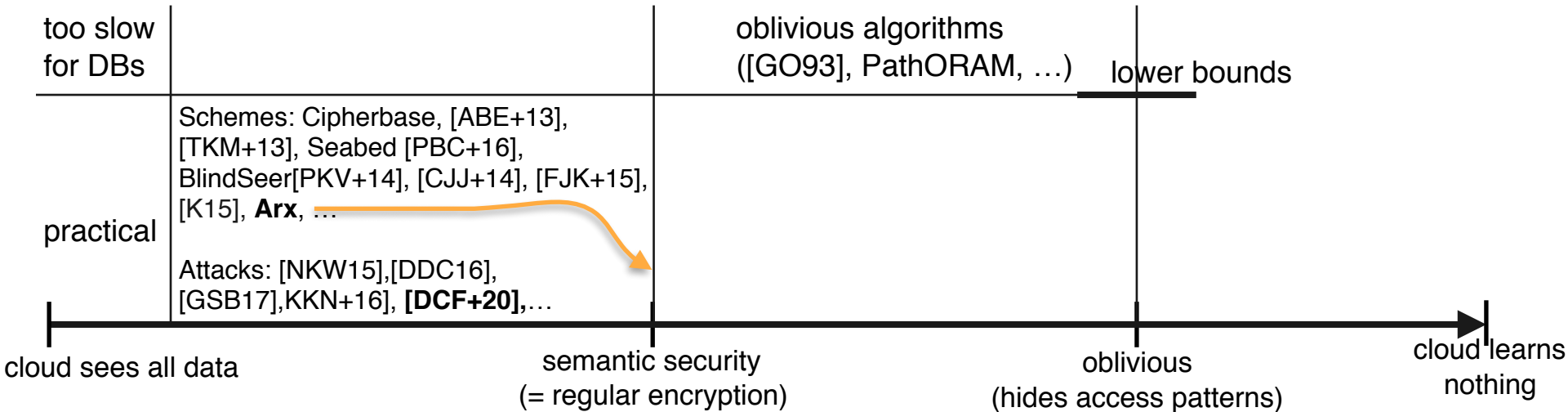


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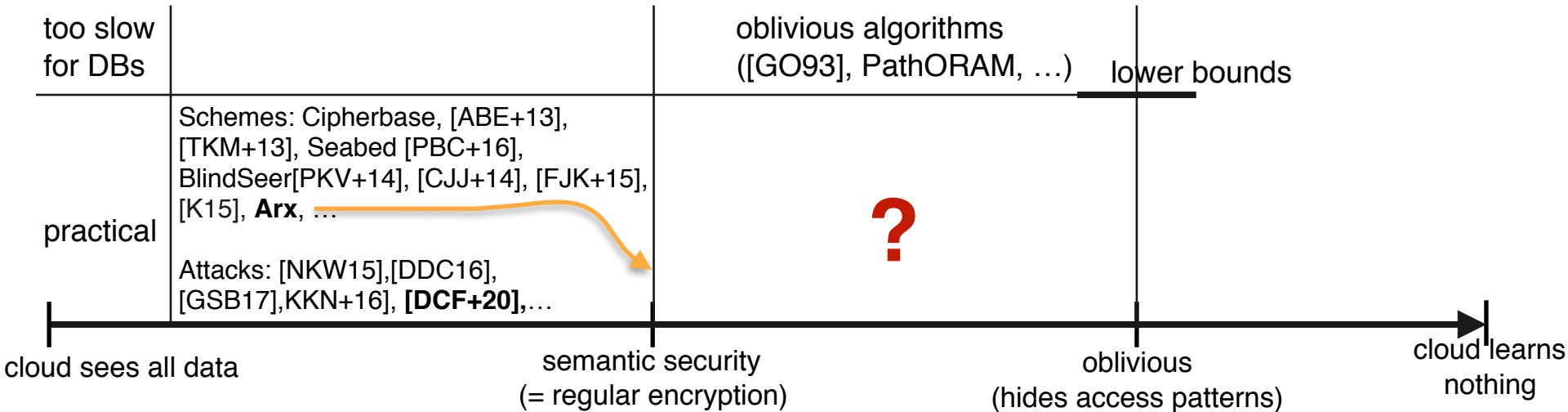


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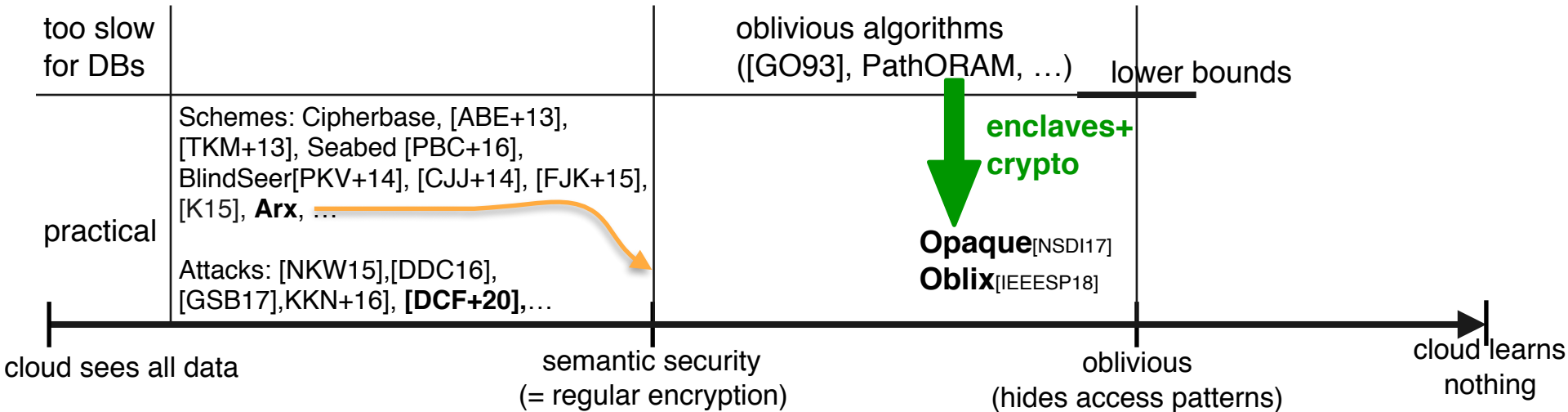


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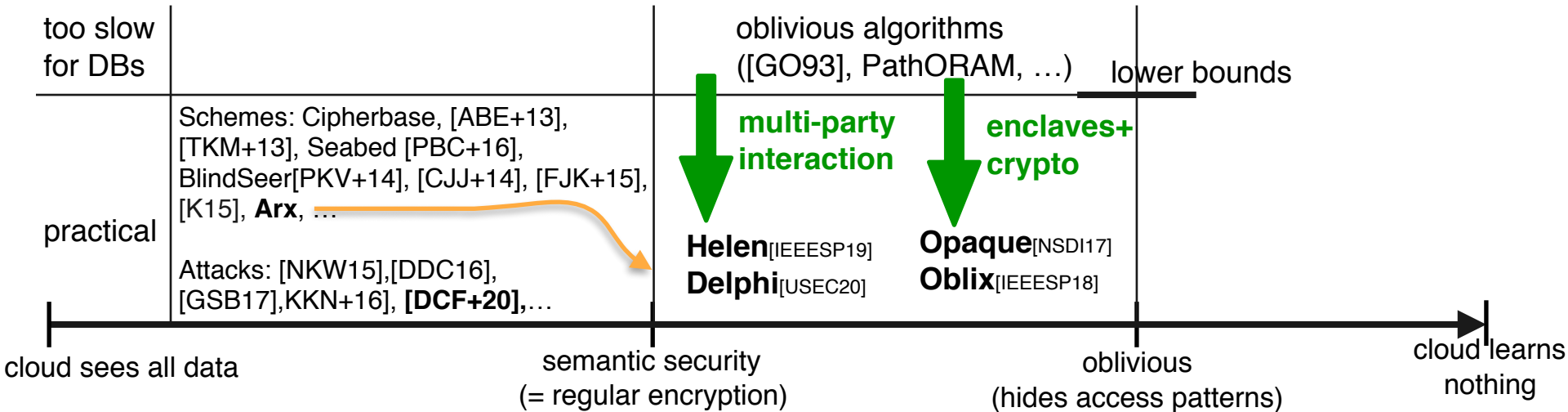


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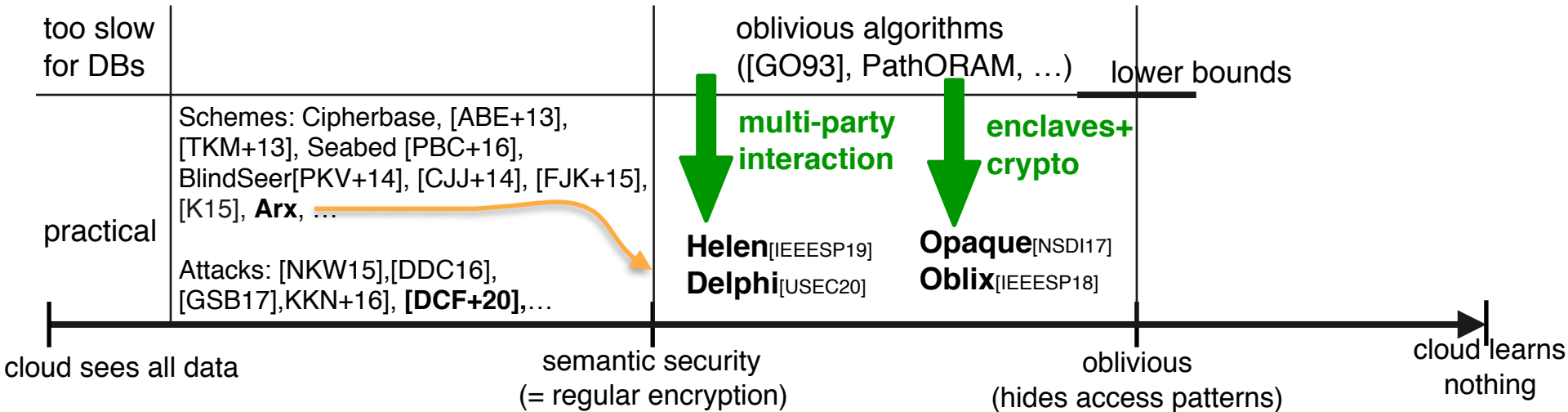


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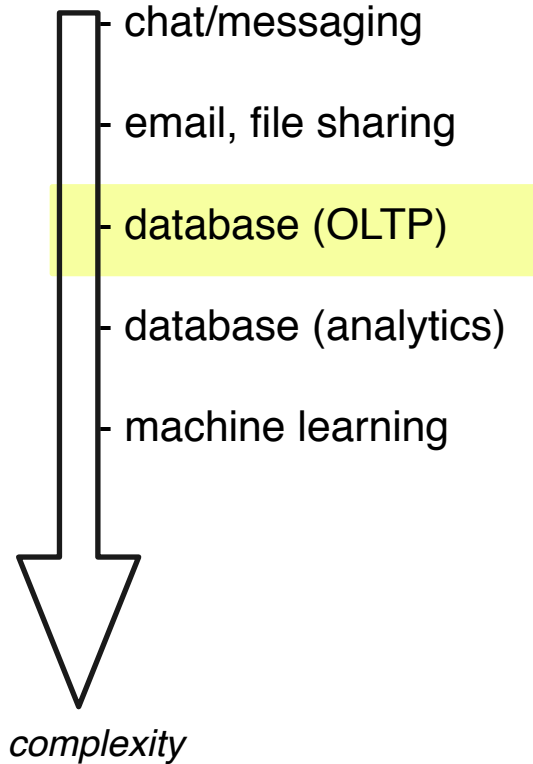
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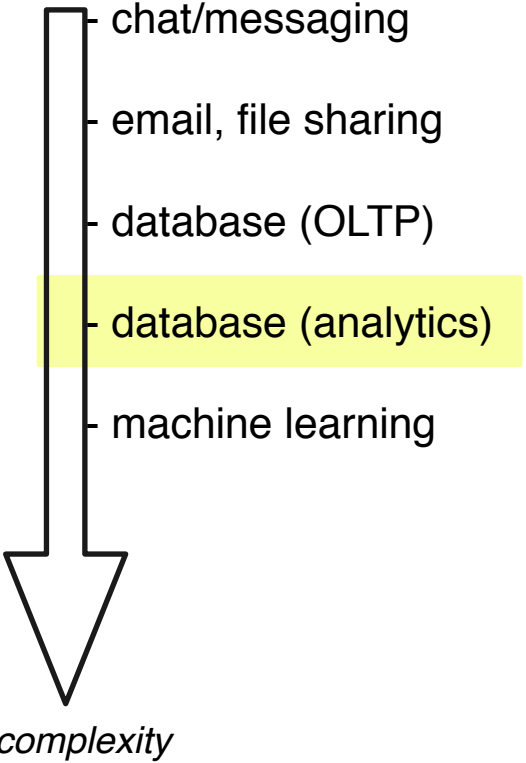
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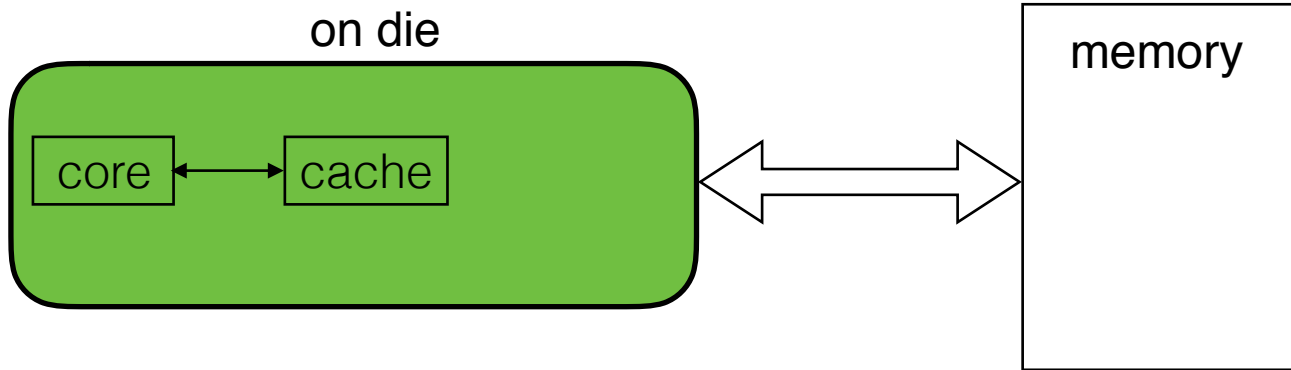
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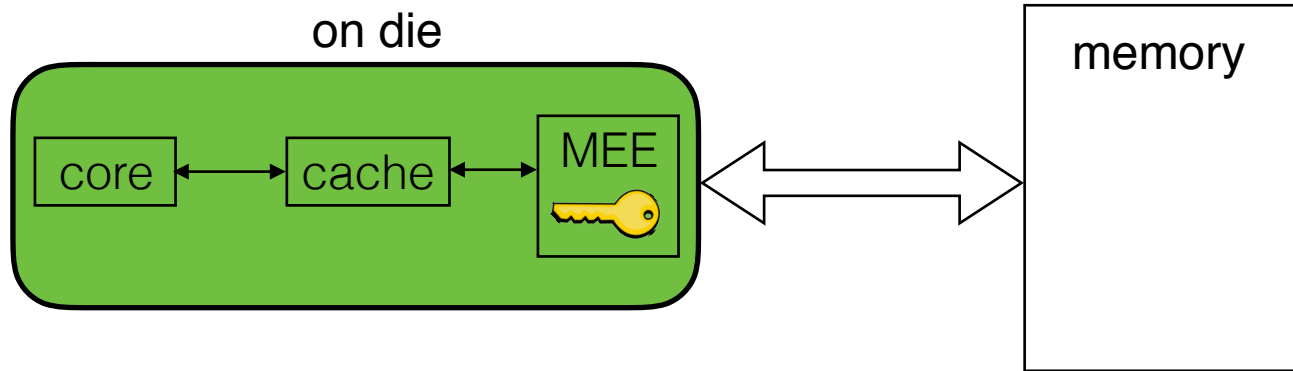
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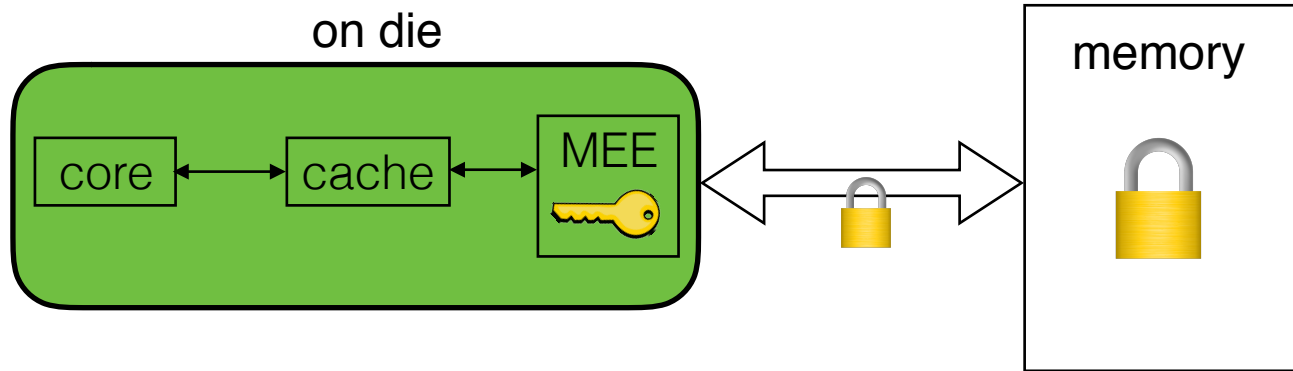
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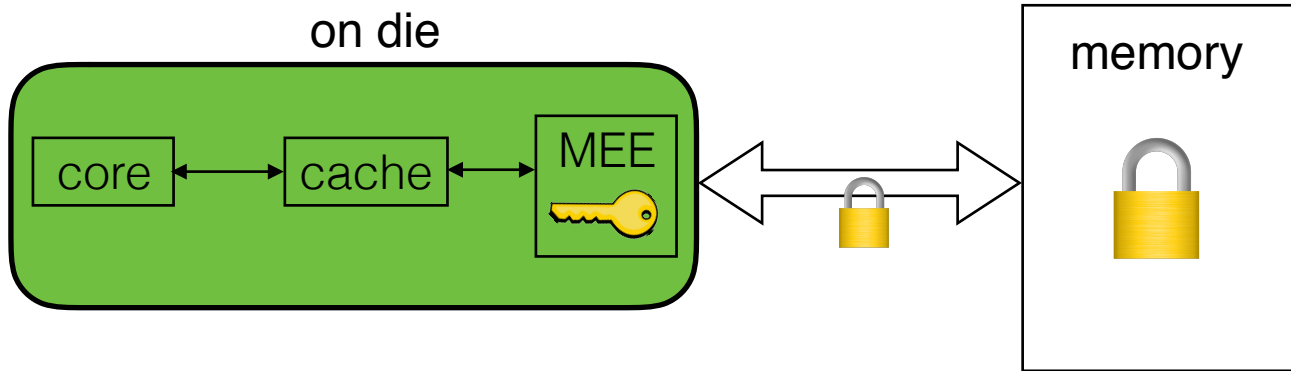
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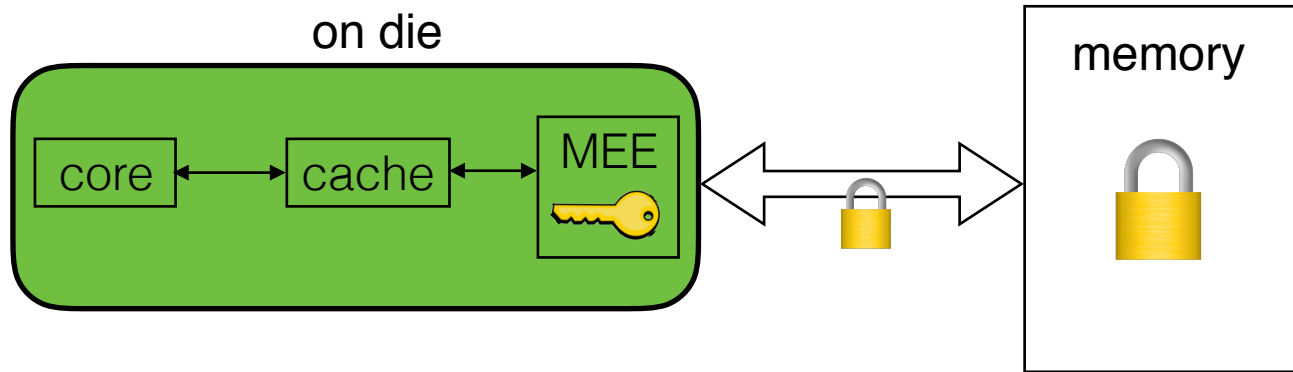
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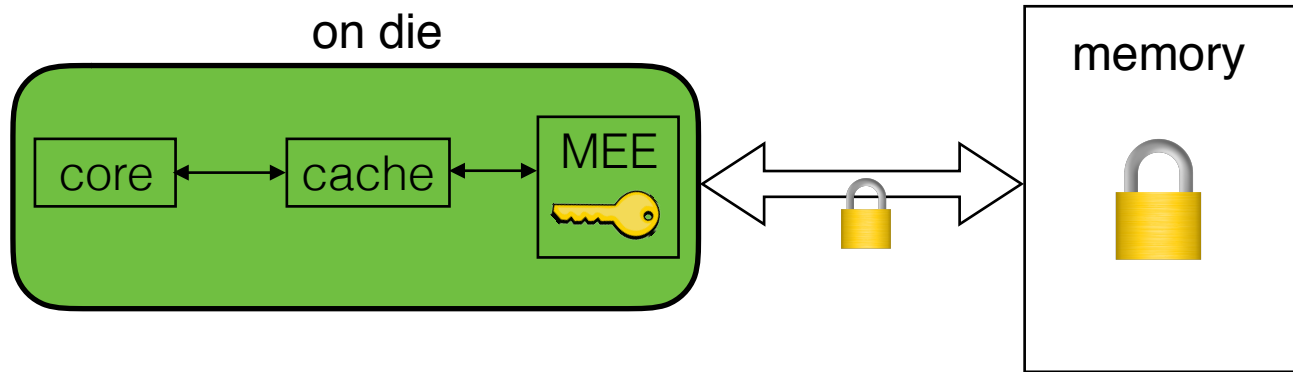
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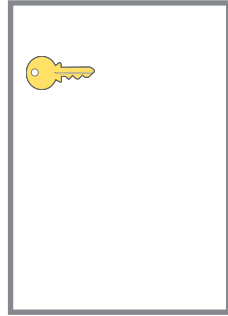
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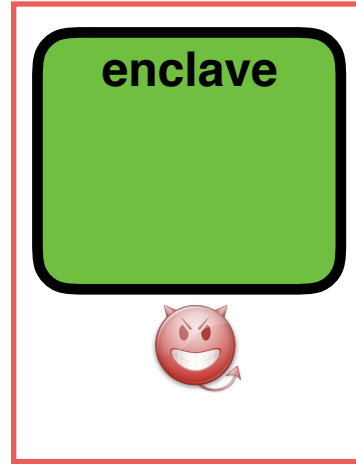


- Cloud offerings: Azure Confidential Computing, Alibaba Cloud

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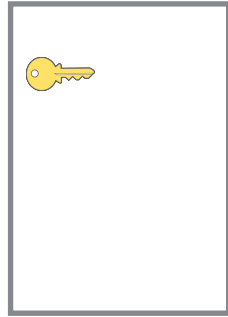
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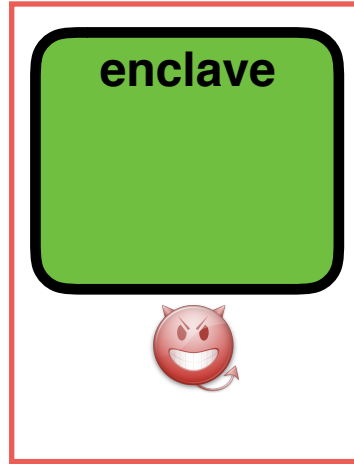
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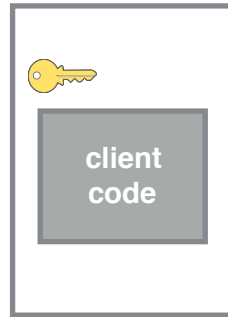
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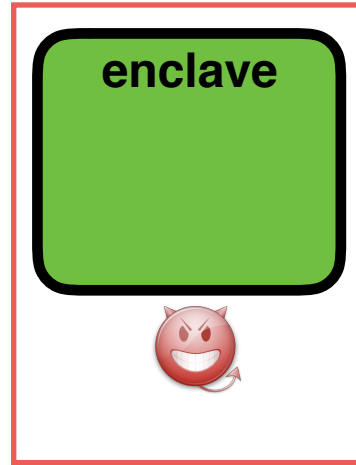
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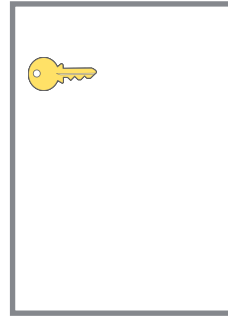
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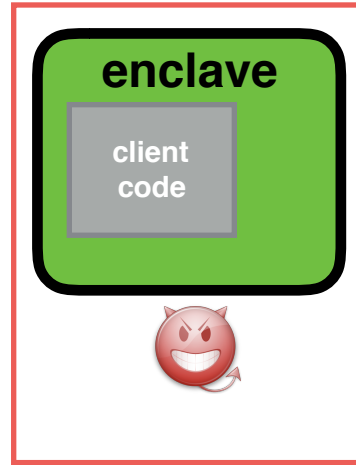
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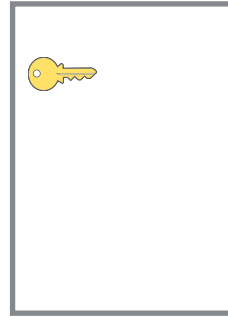
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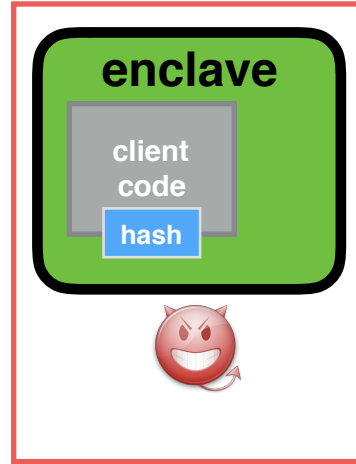
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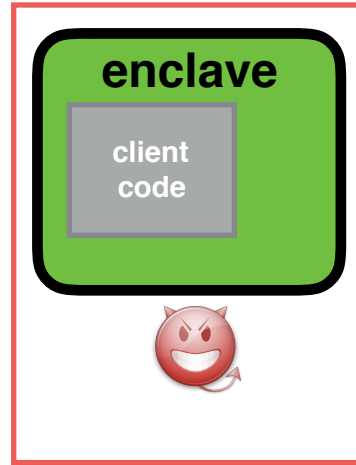
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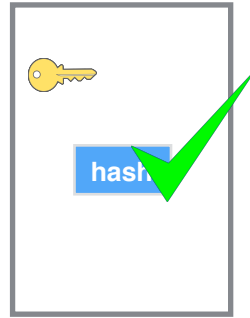


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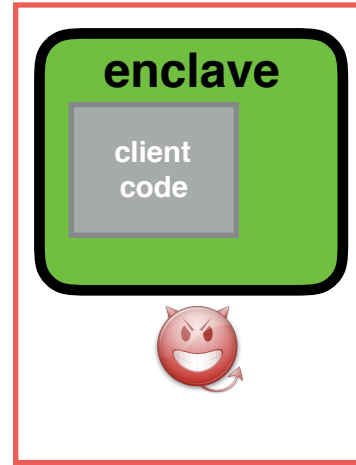


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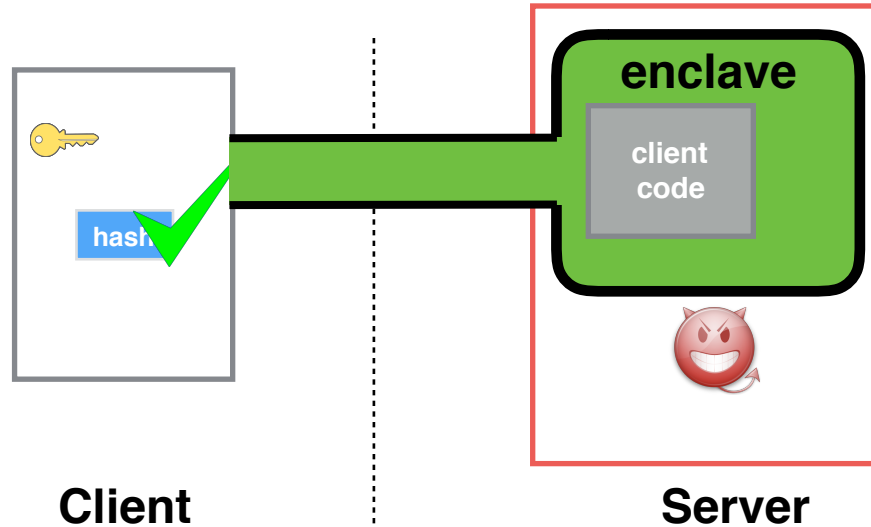
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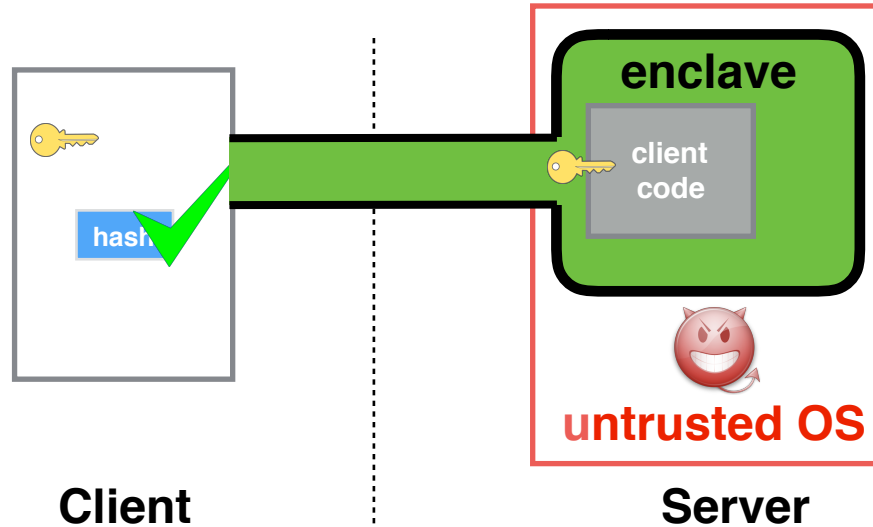
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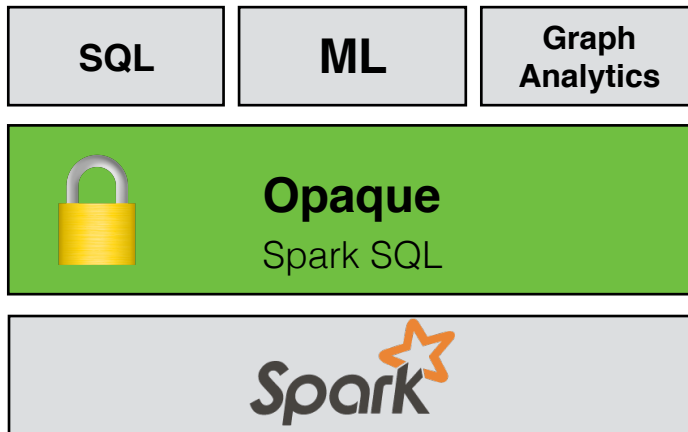


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Synergy: enclaves remove expensive network communication of oblivious algorithms

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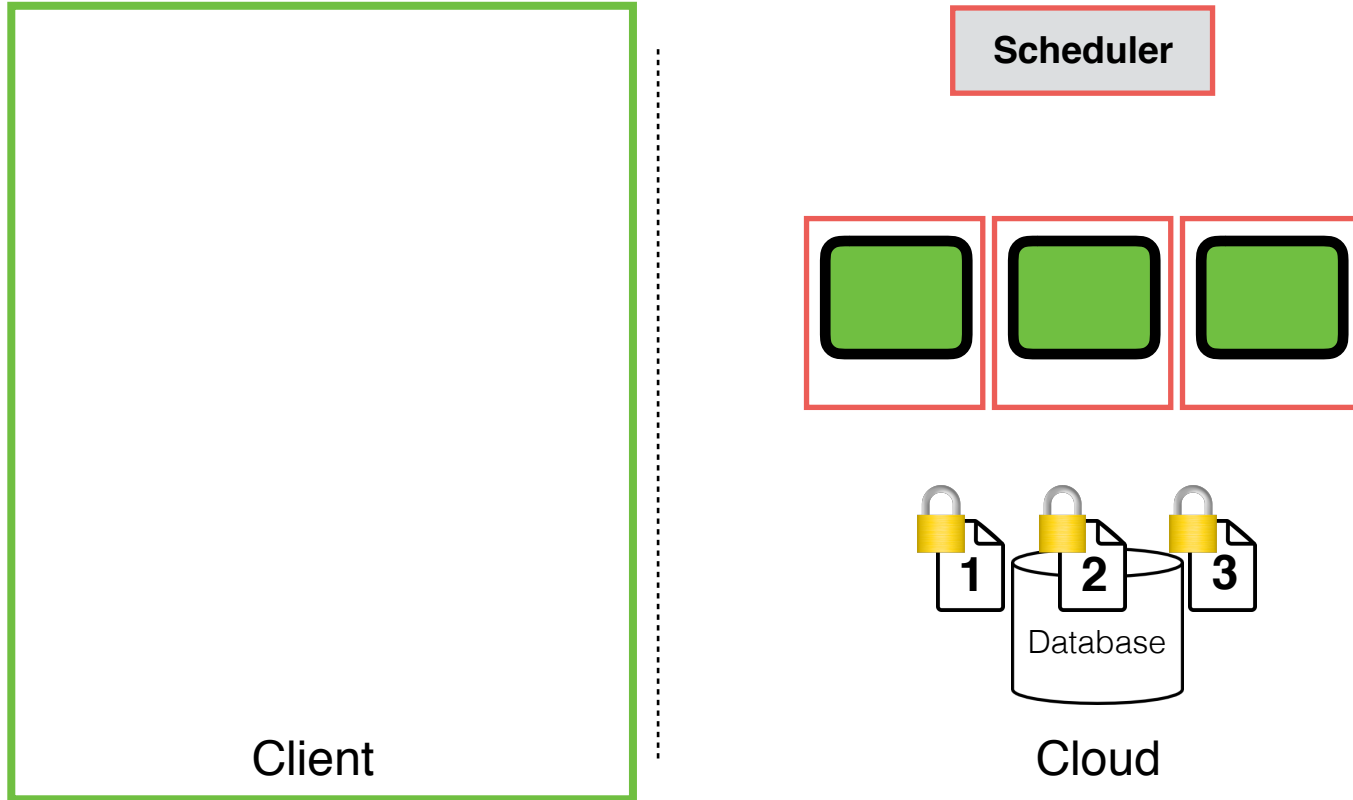
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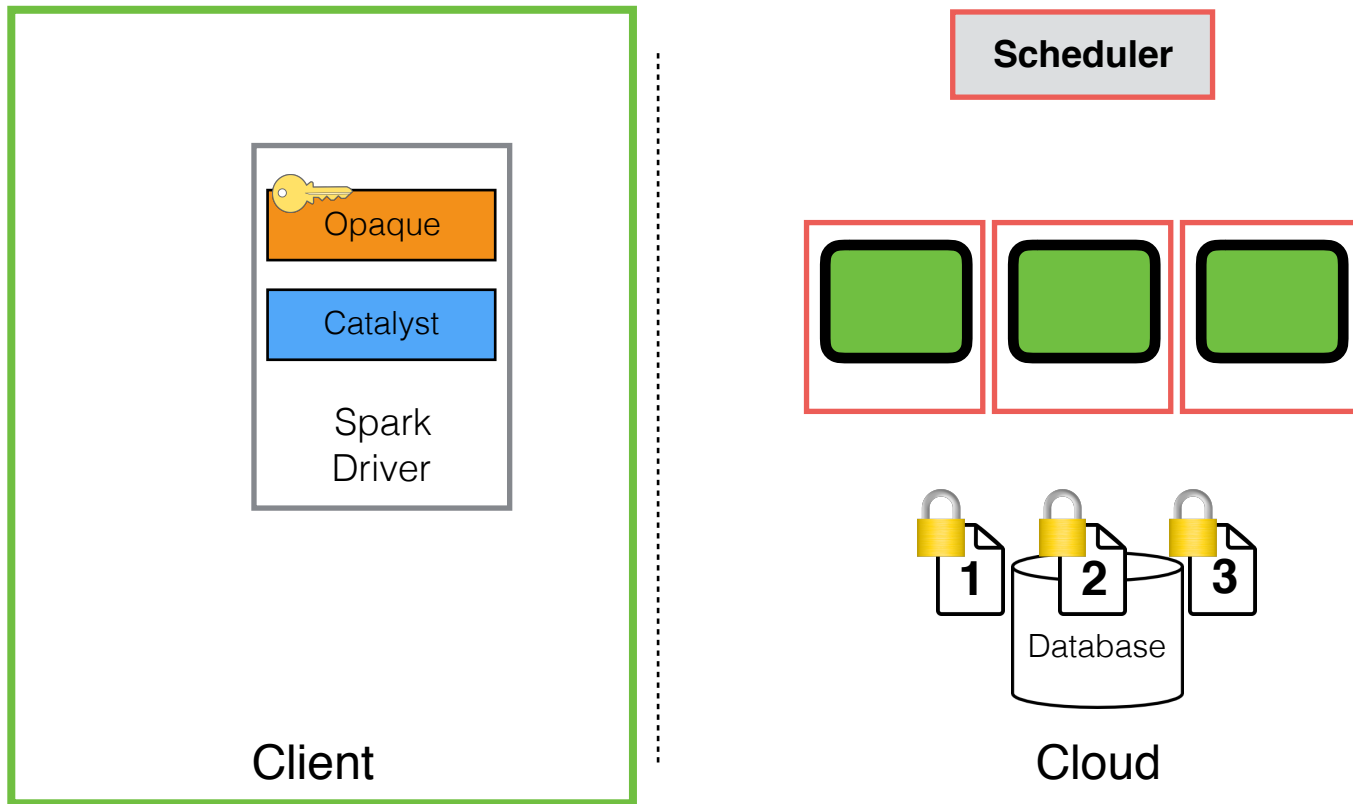
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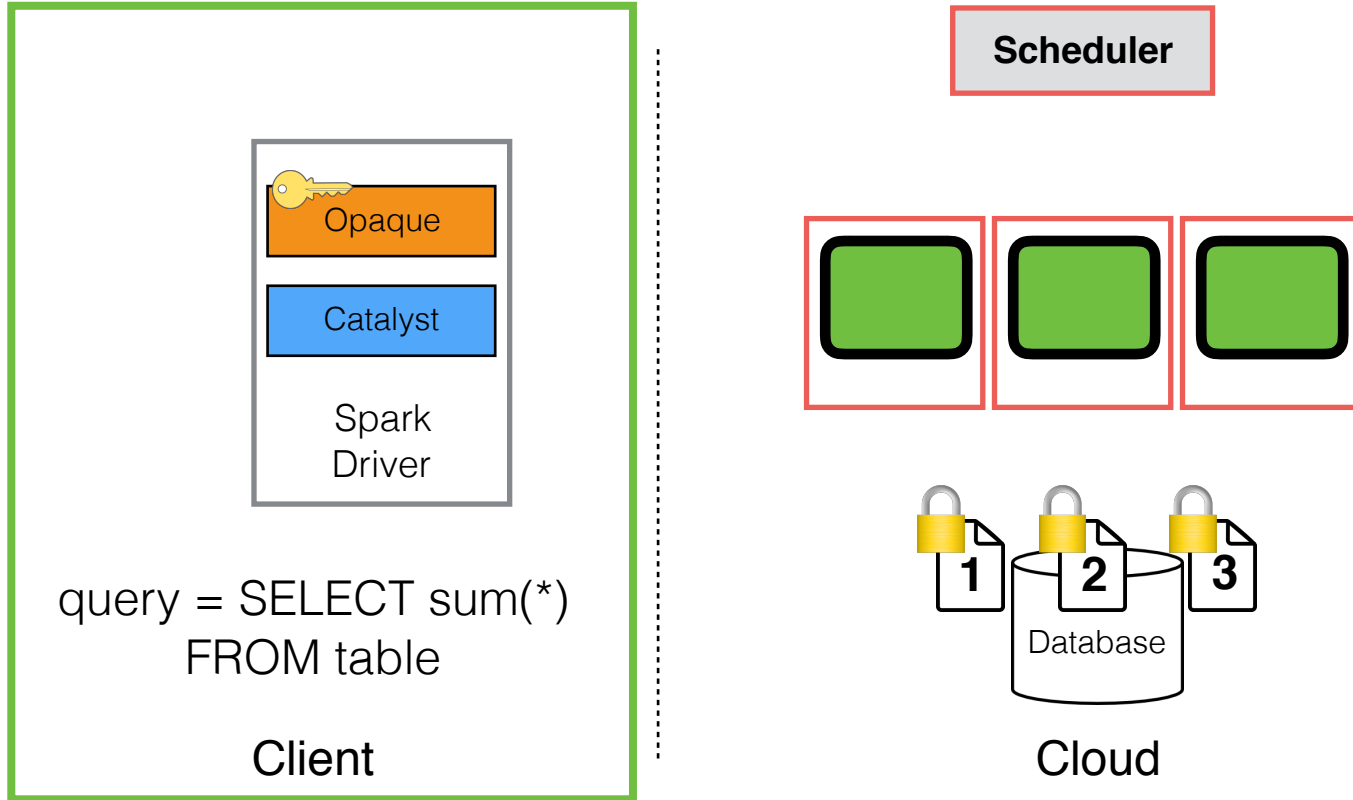
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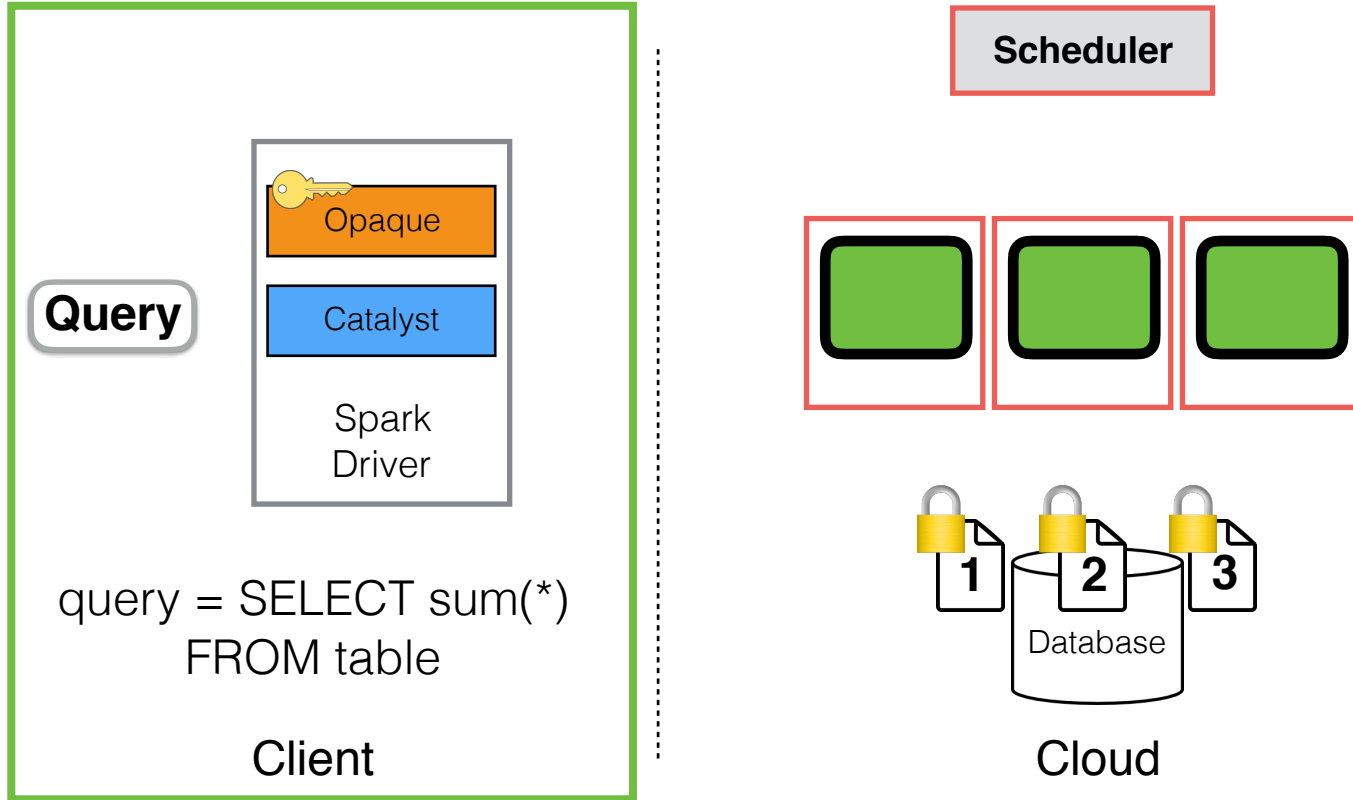
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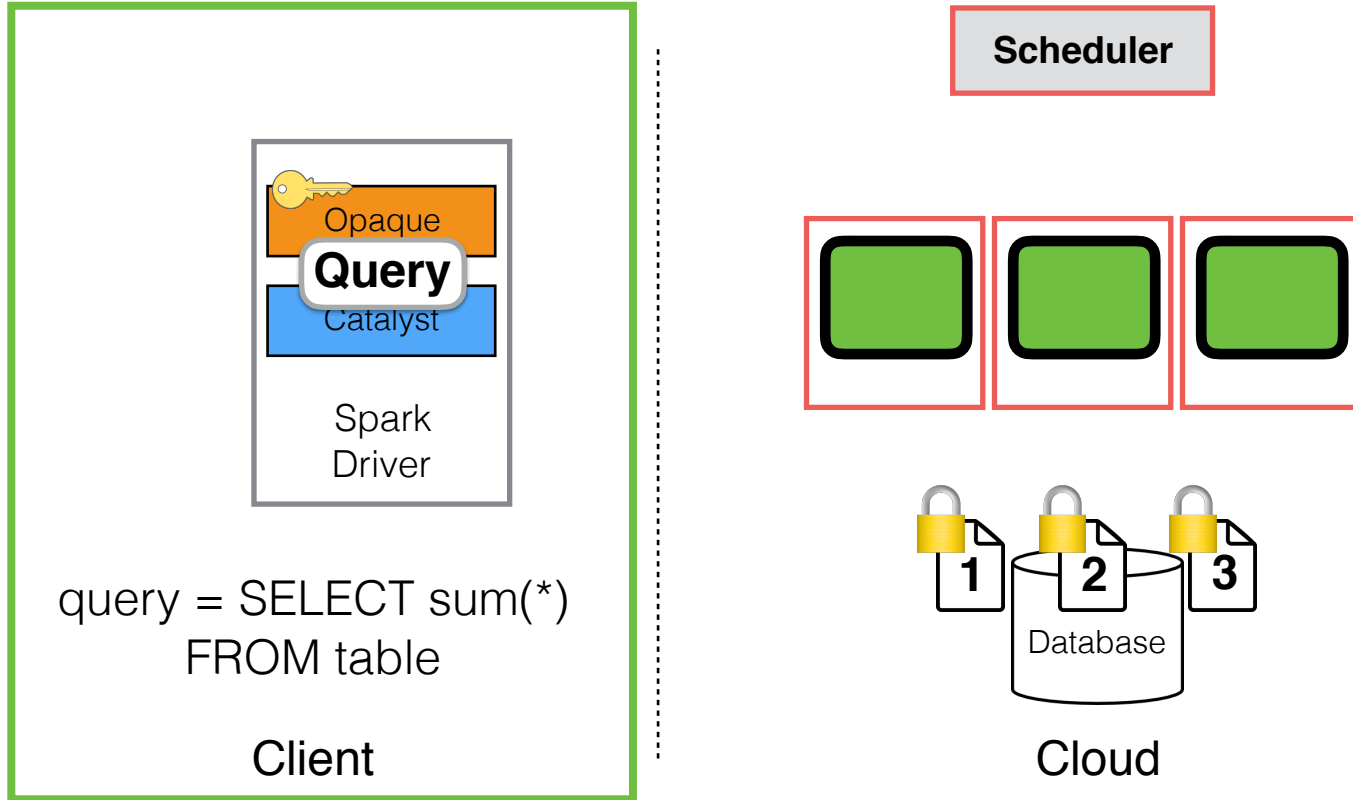
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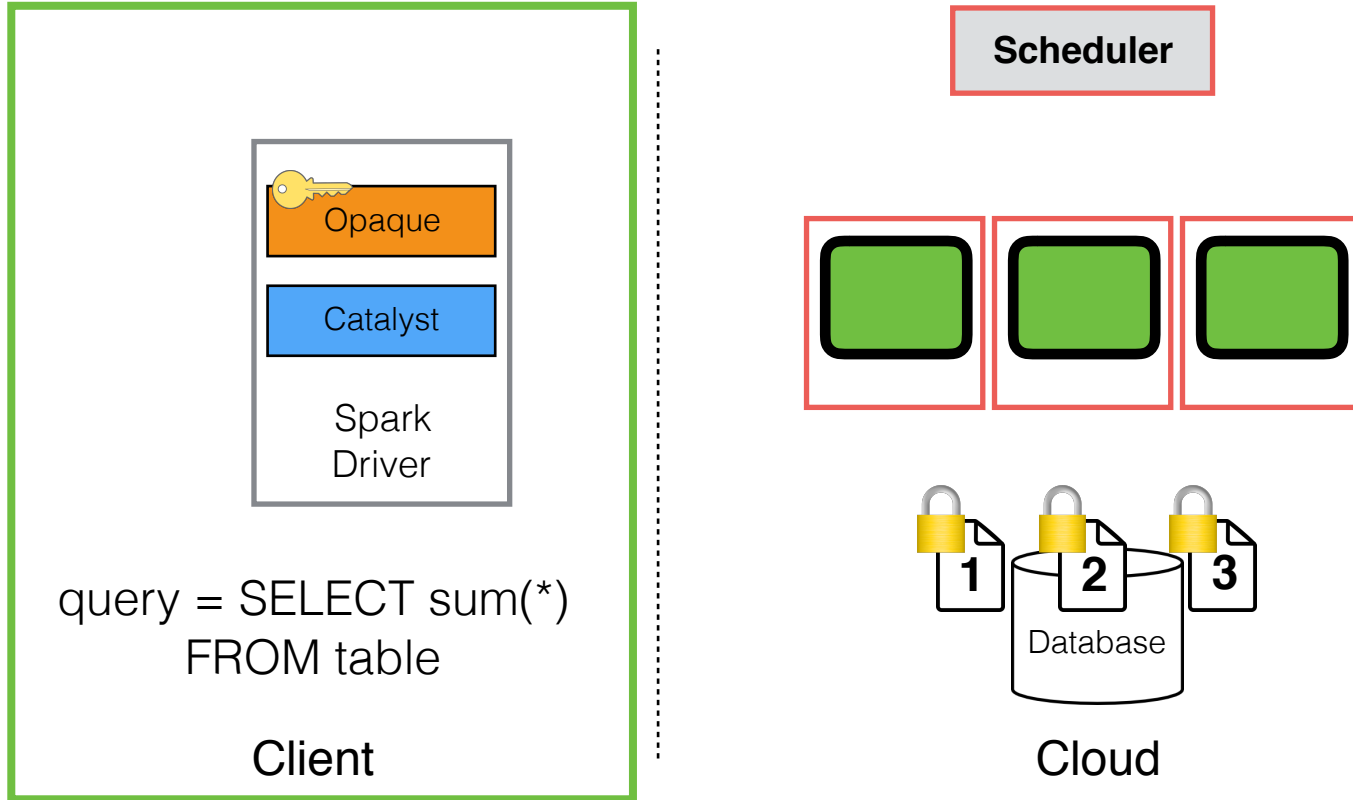
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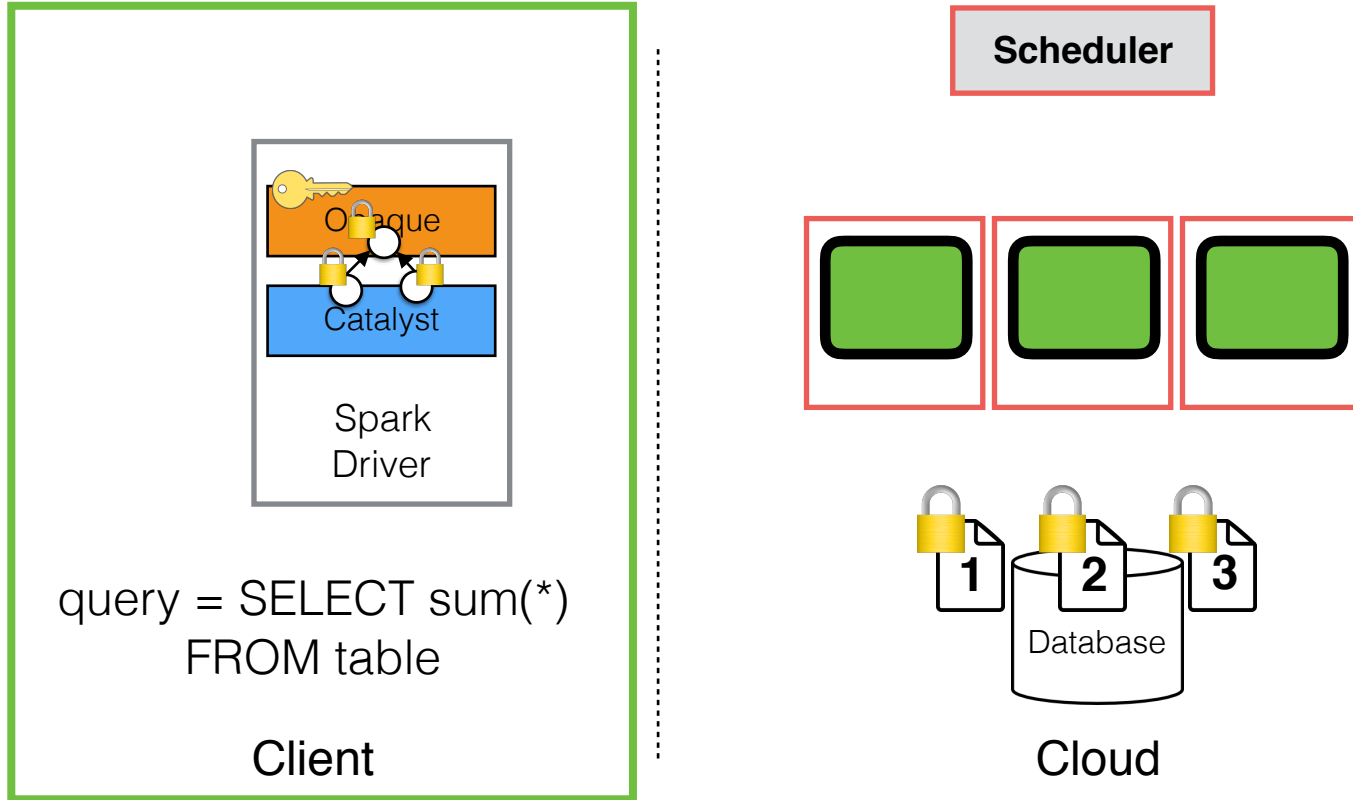
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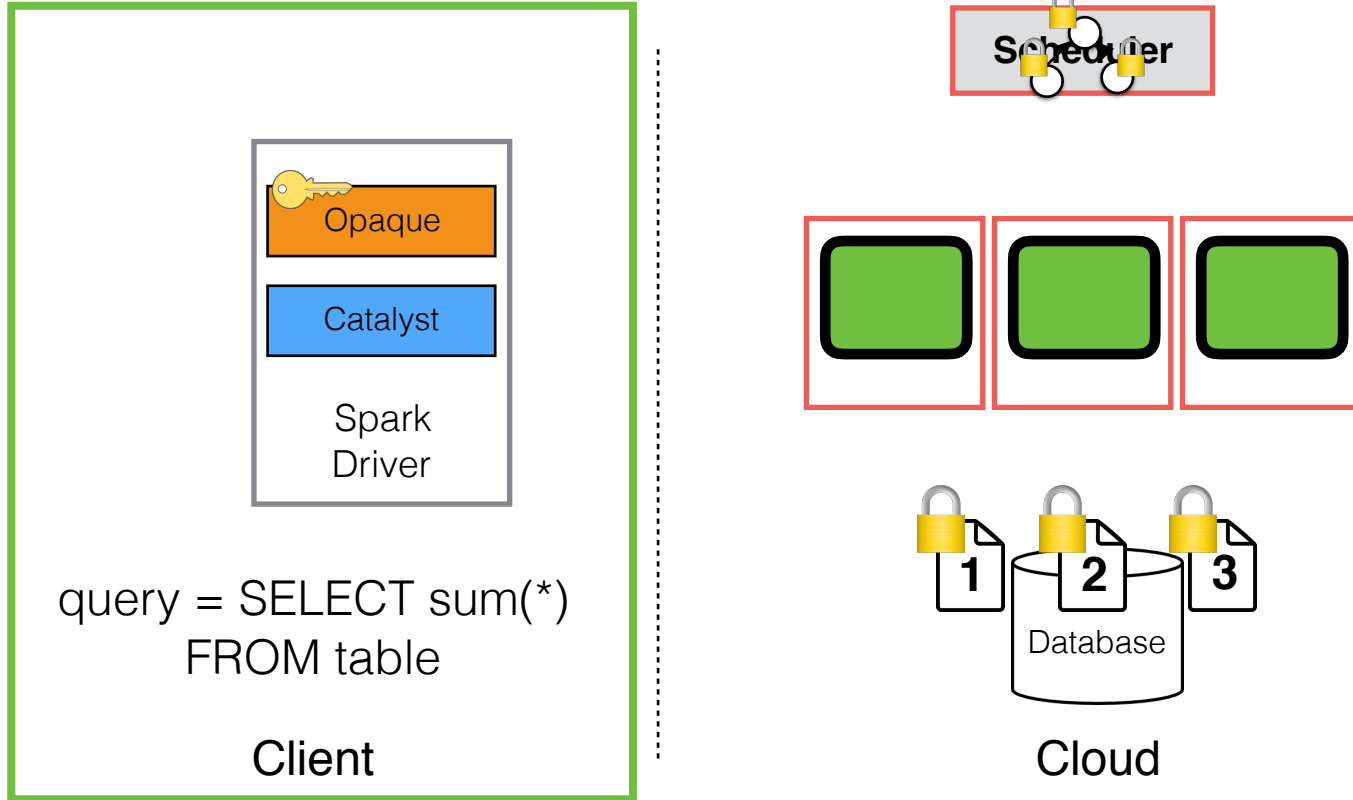
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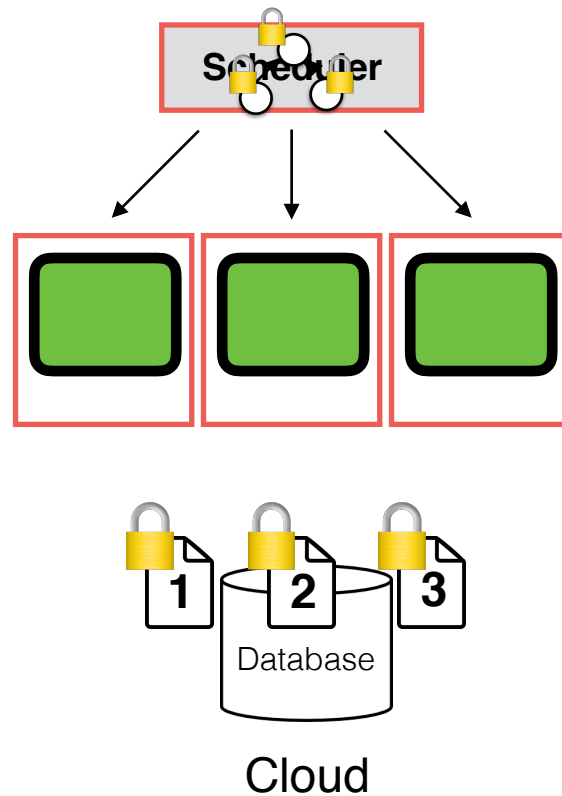
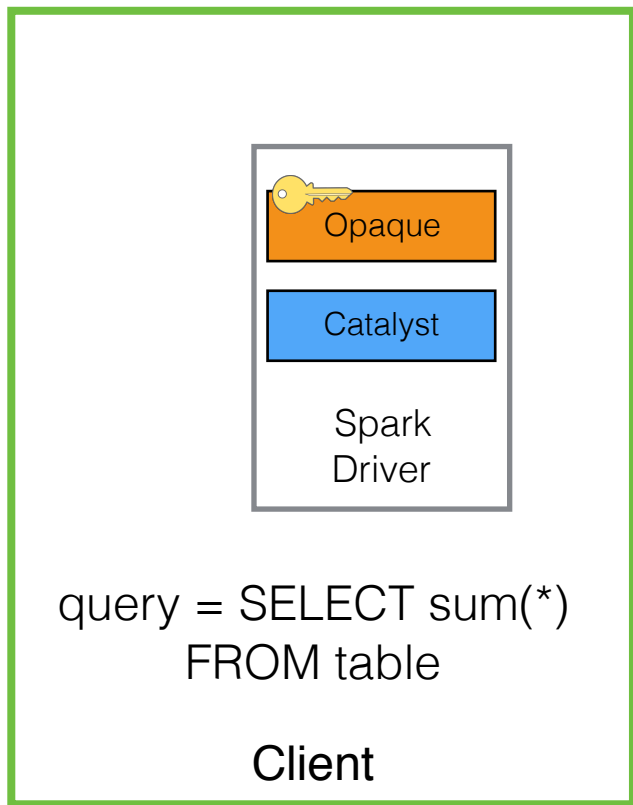


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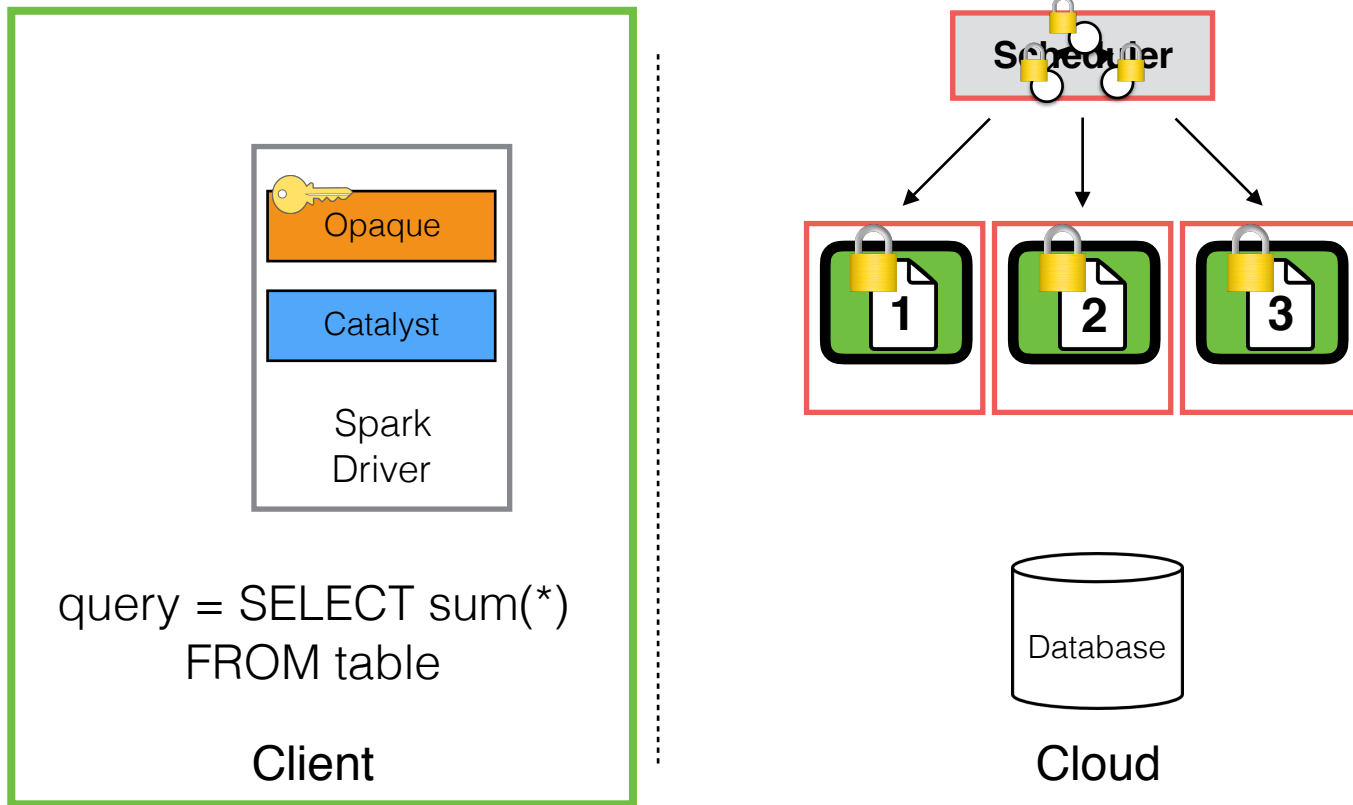




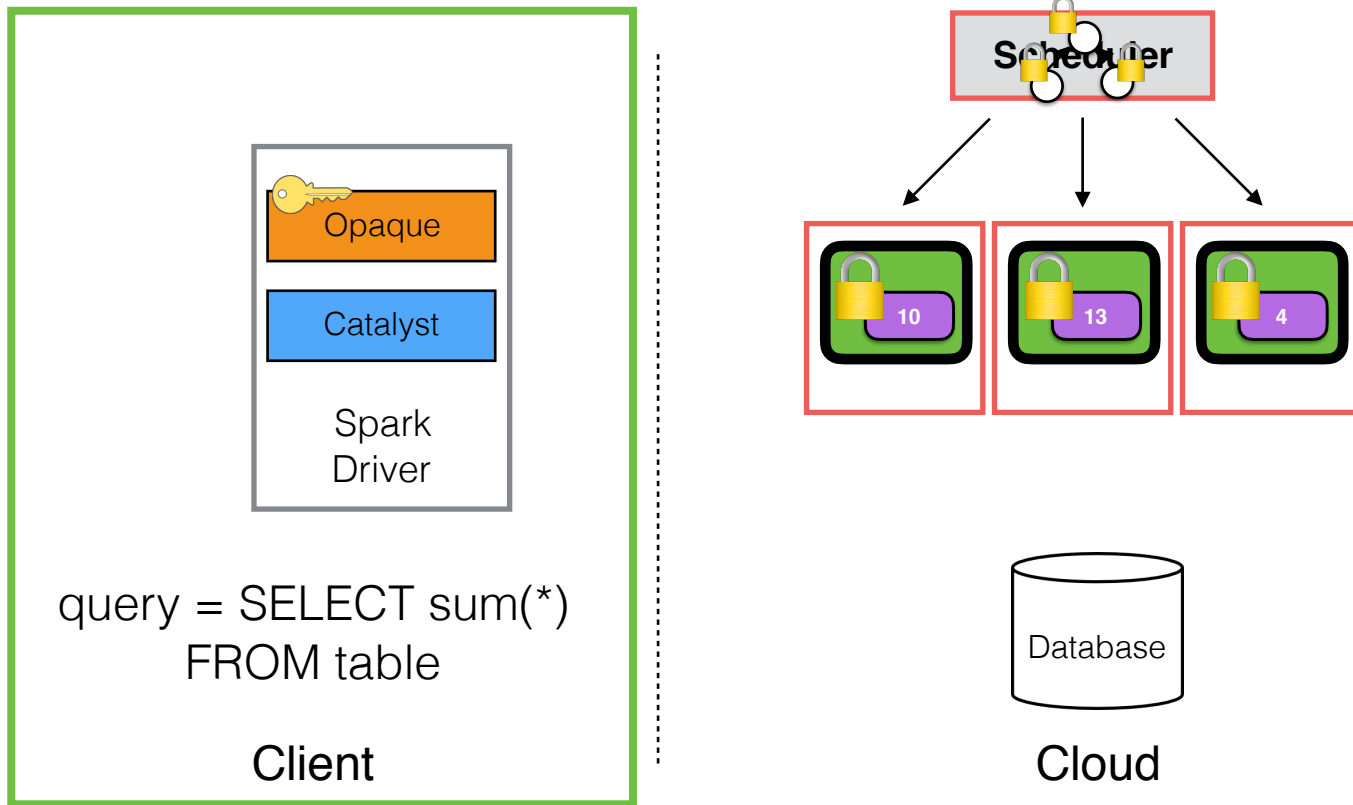
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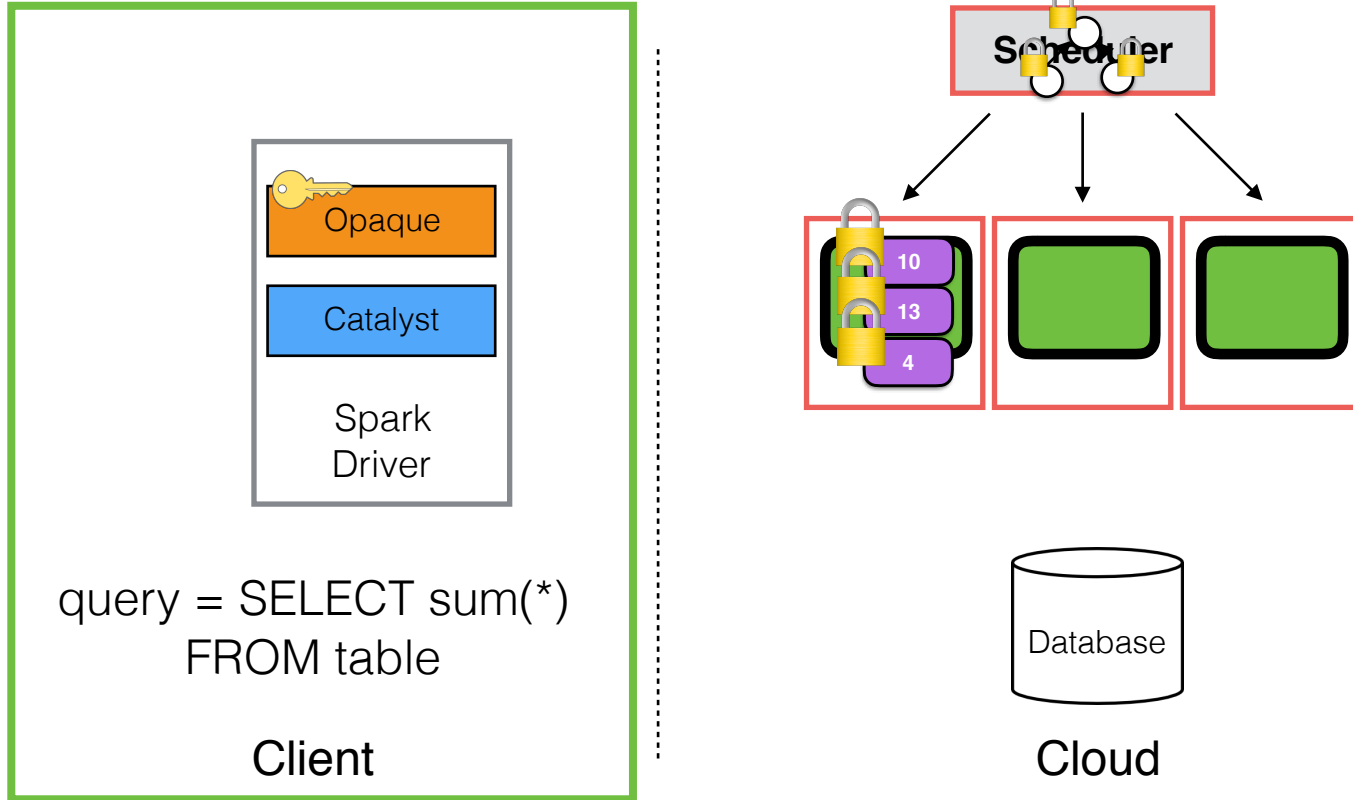
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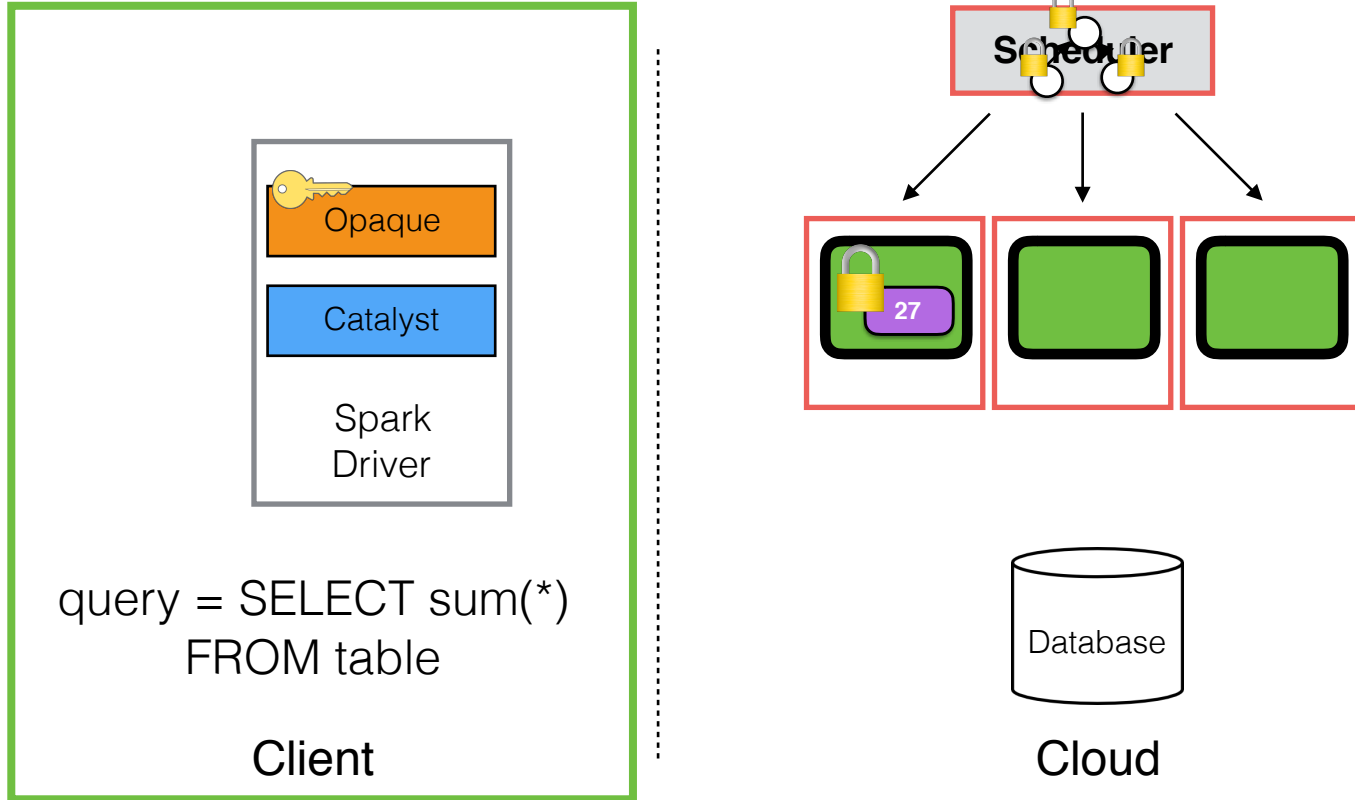
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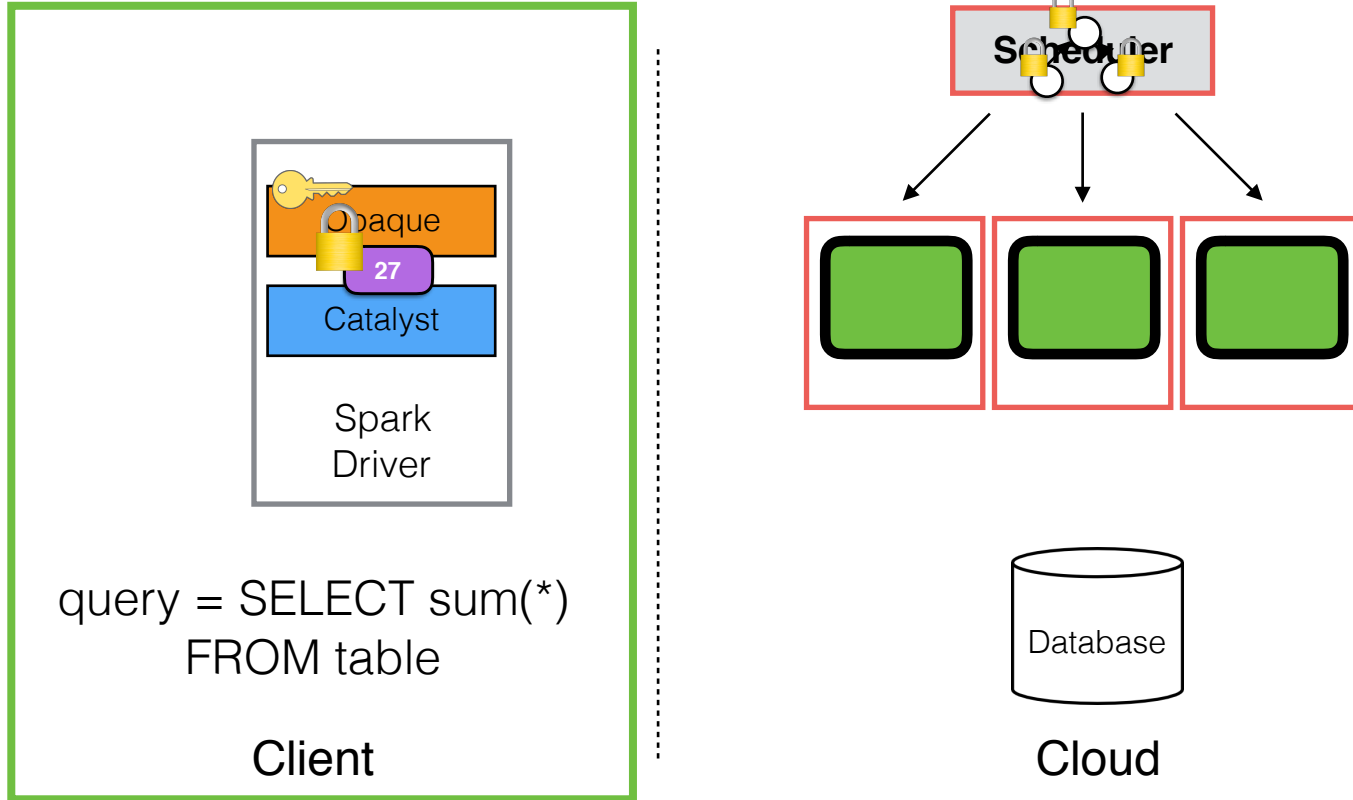
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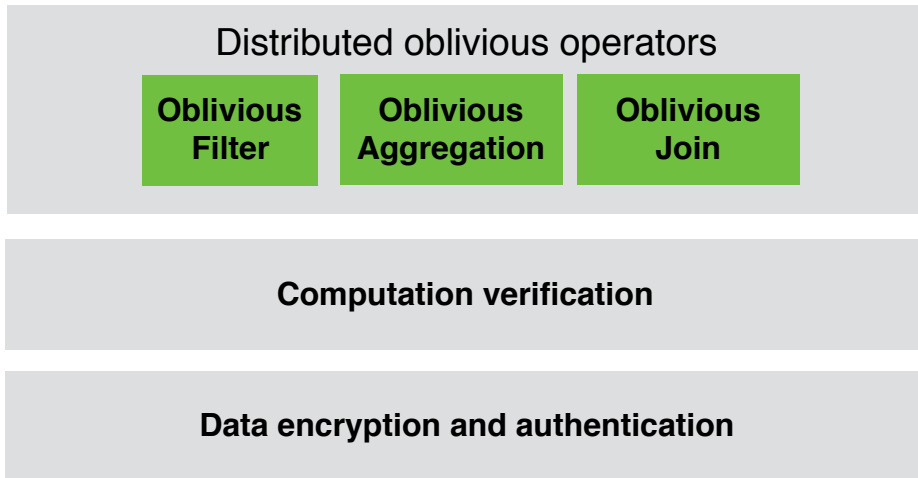


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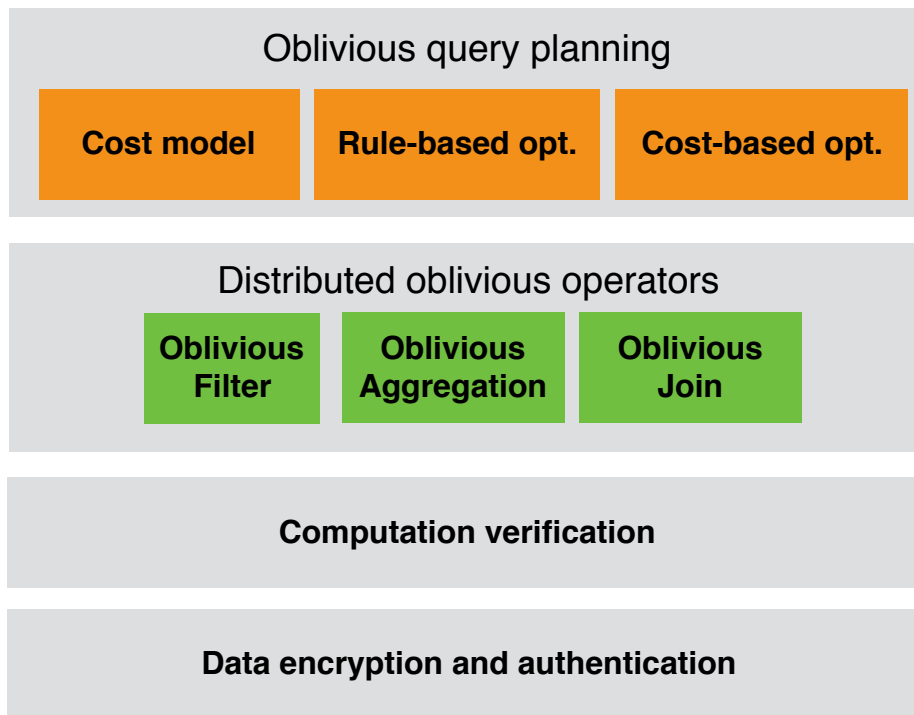
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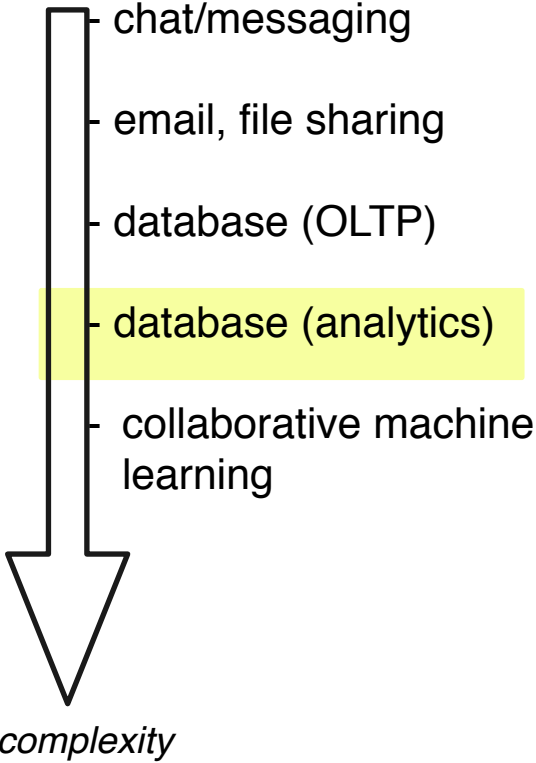


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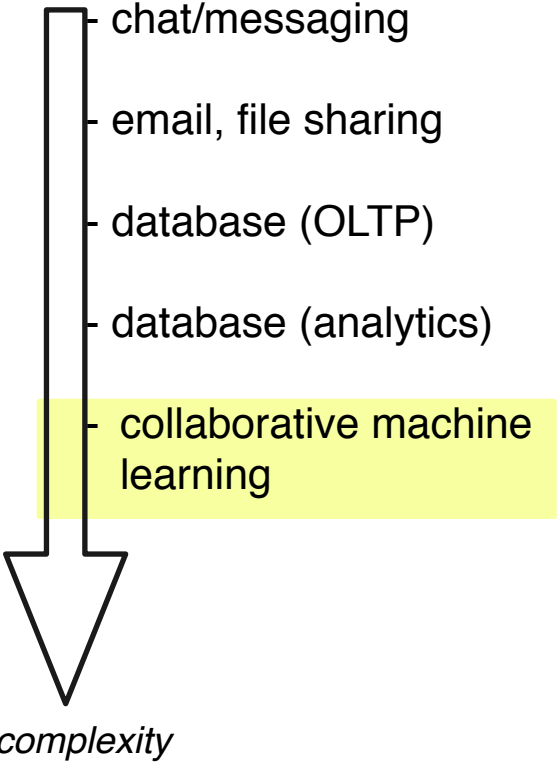
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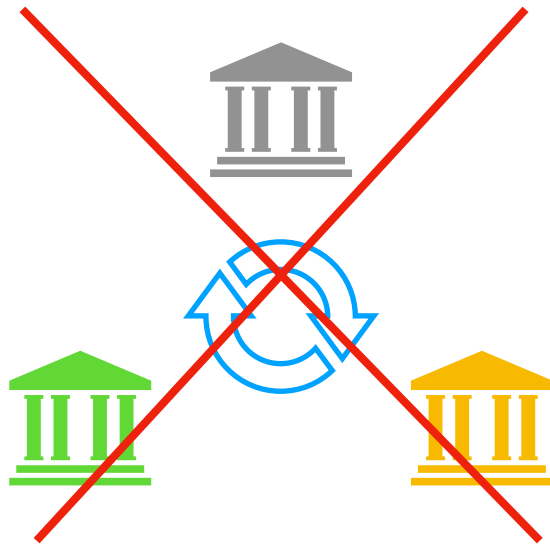
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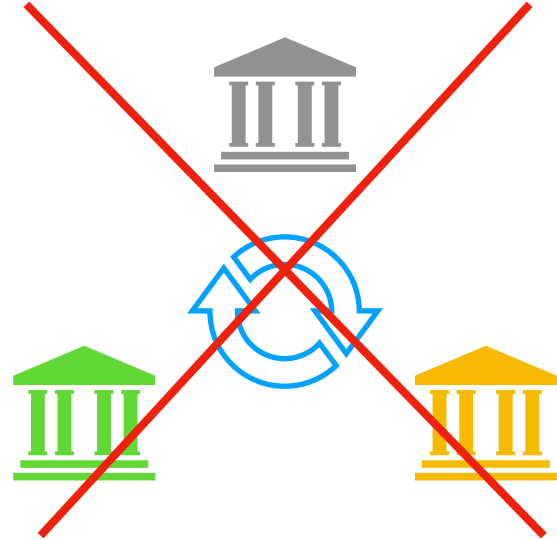
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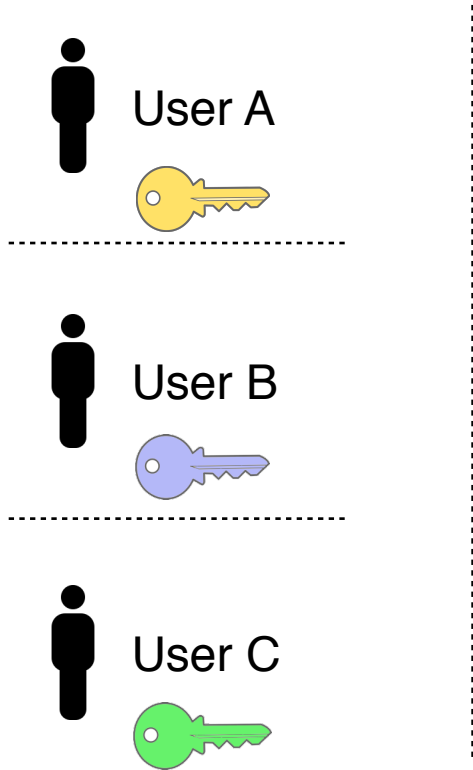
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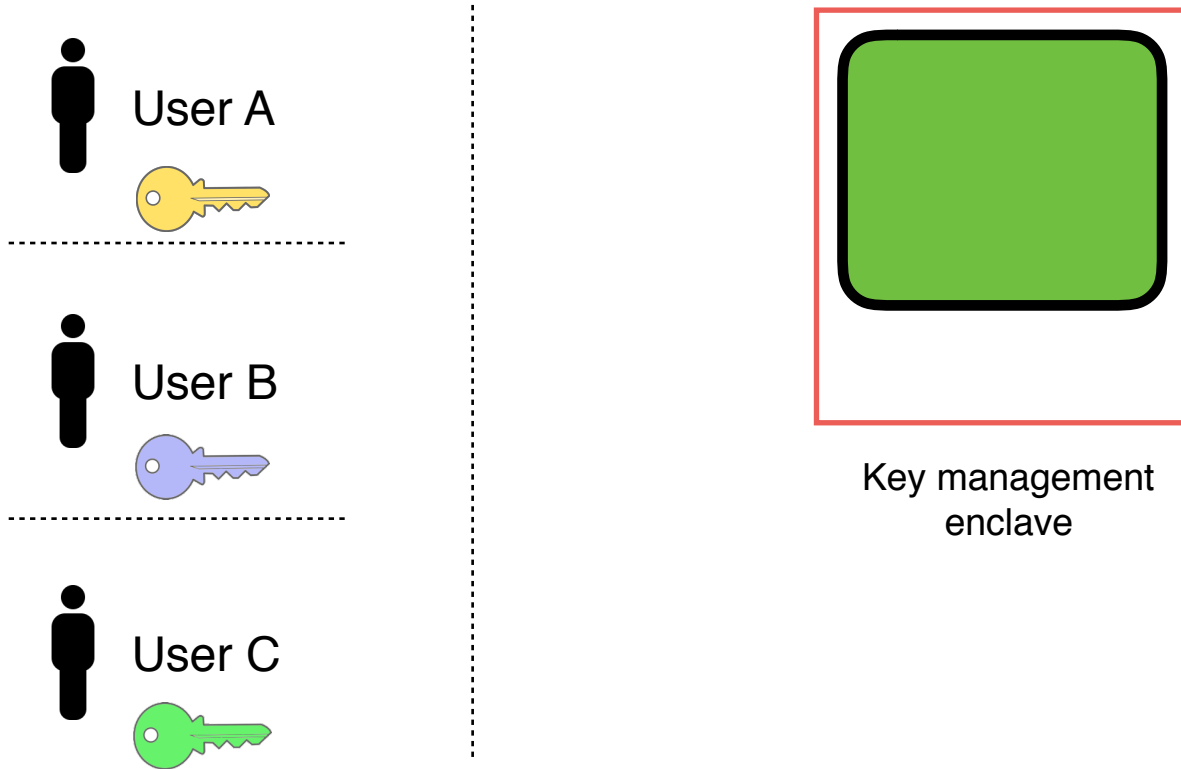
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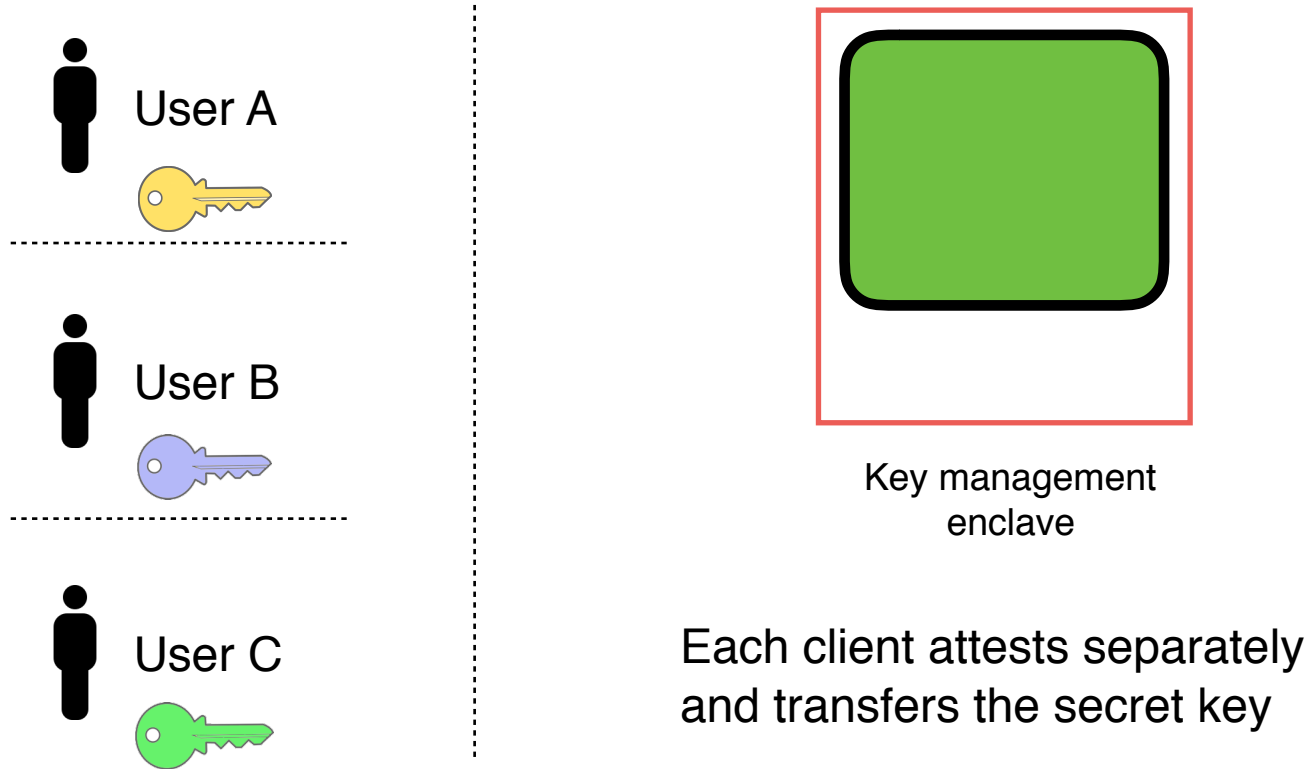
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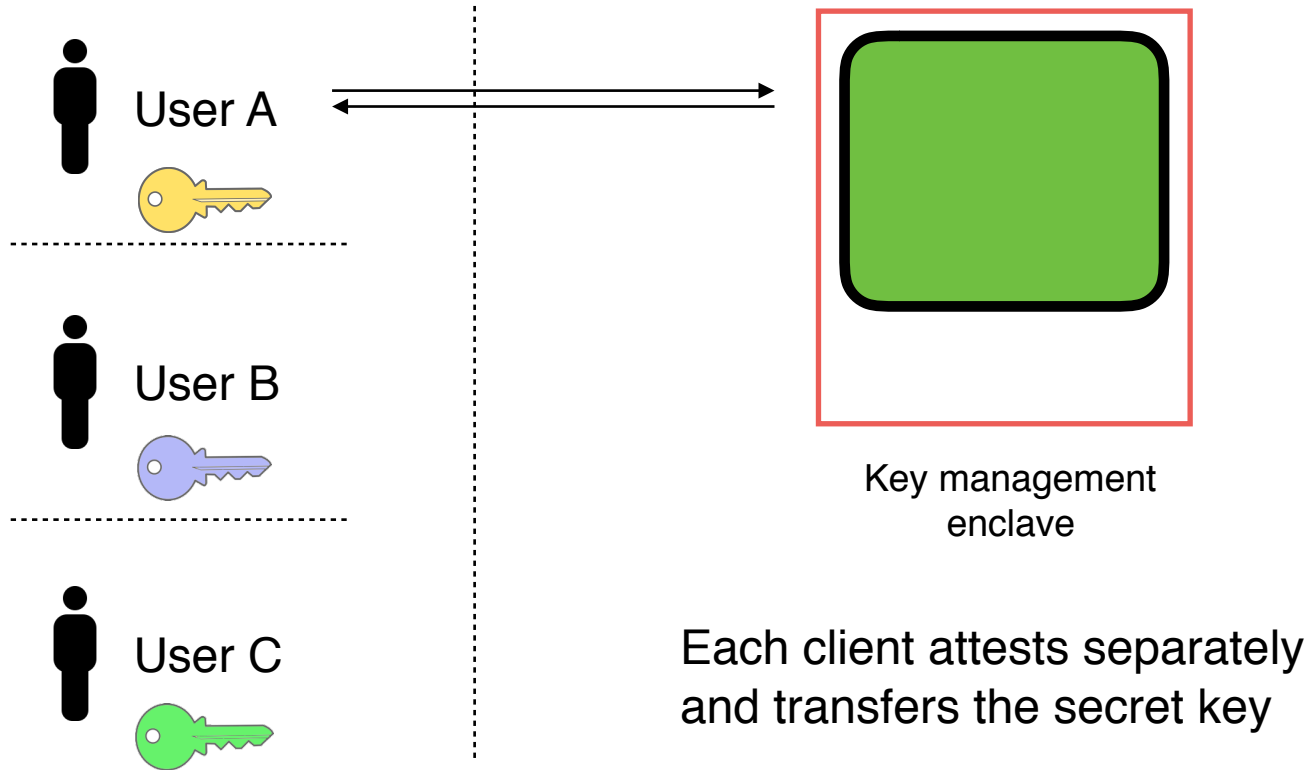
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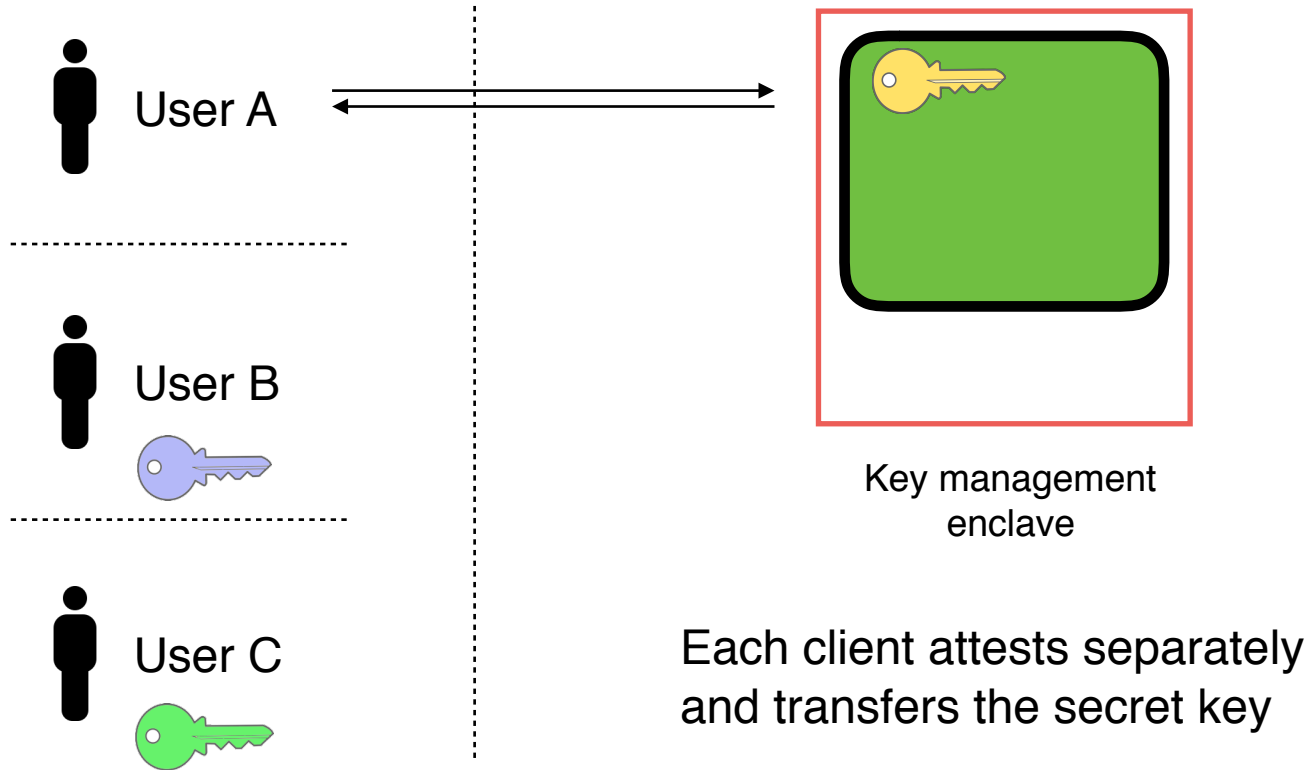
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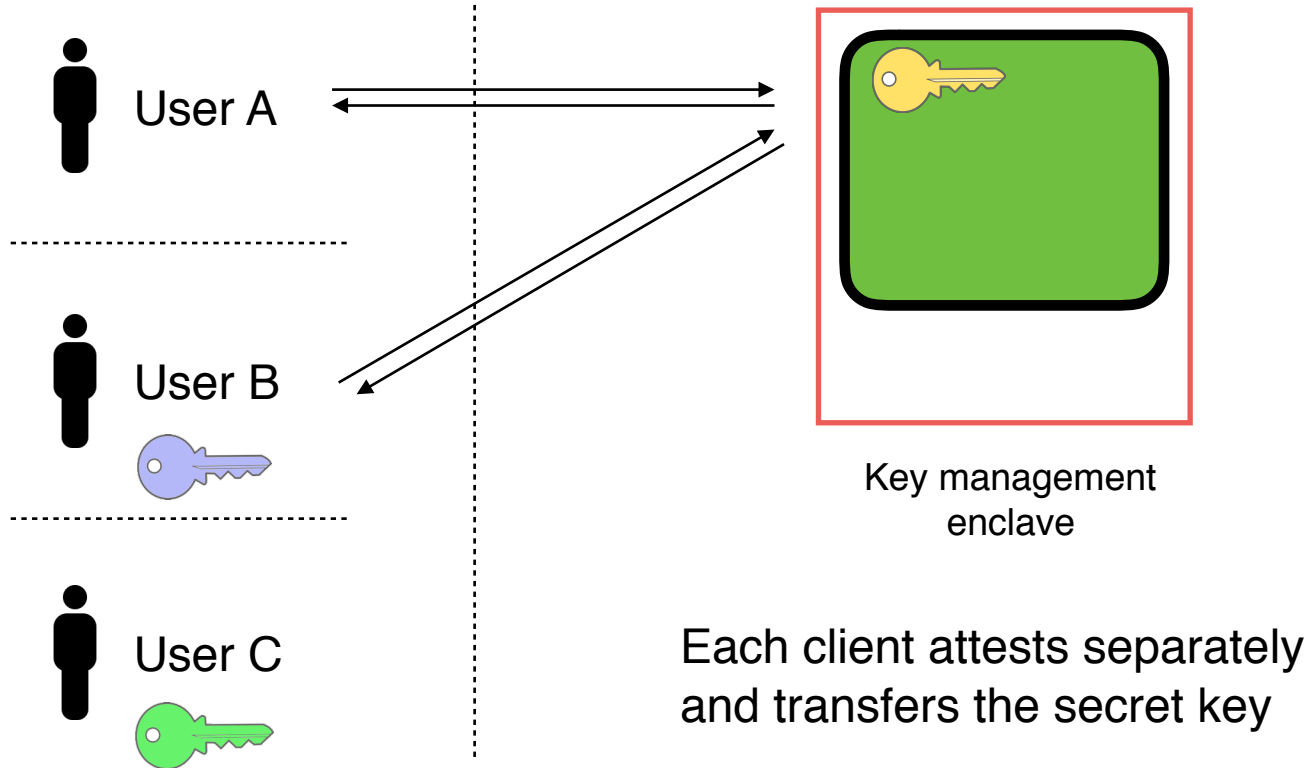
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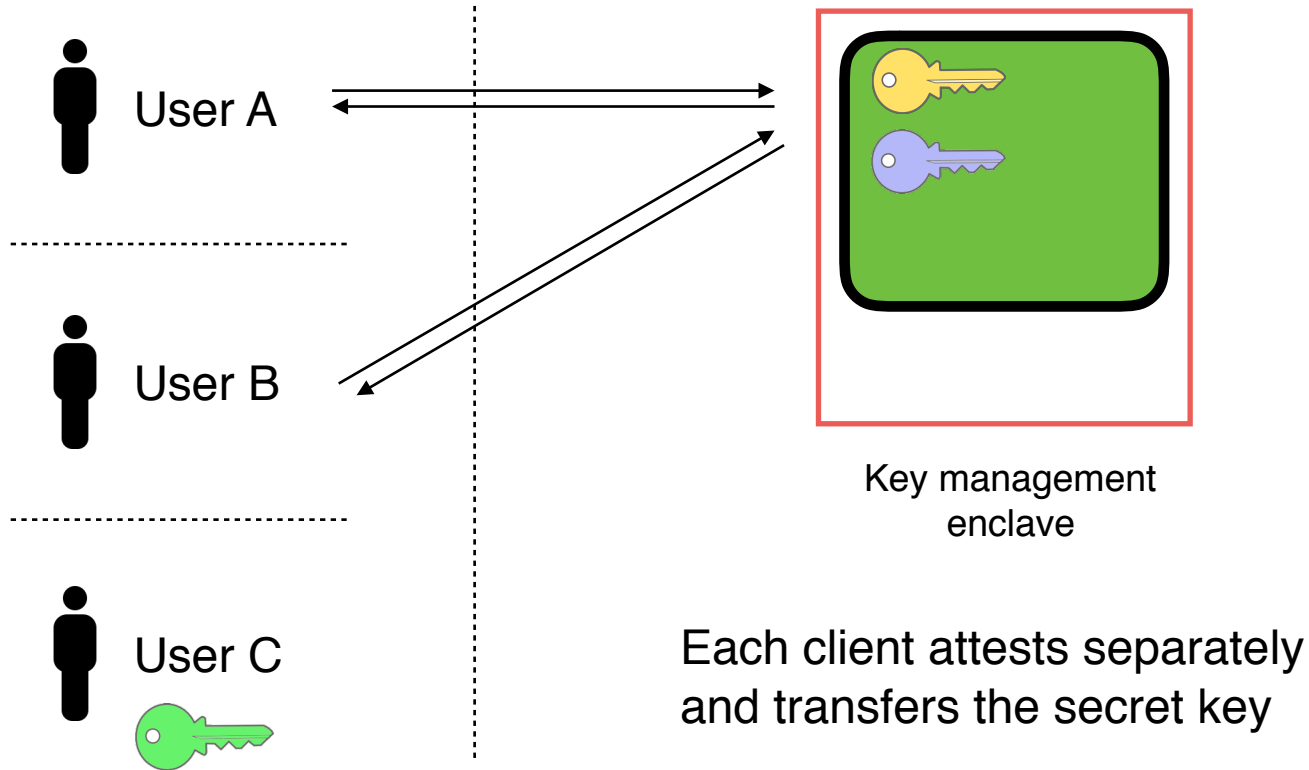


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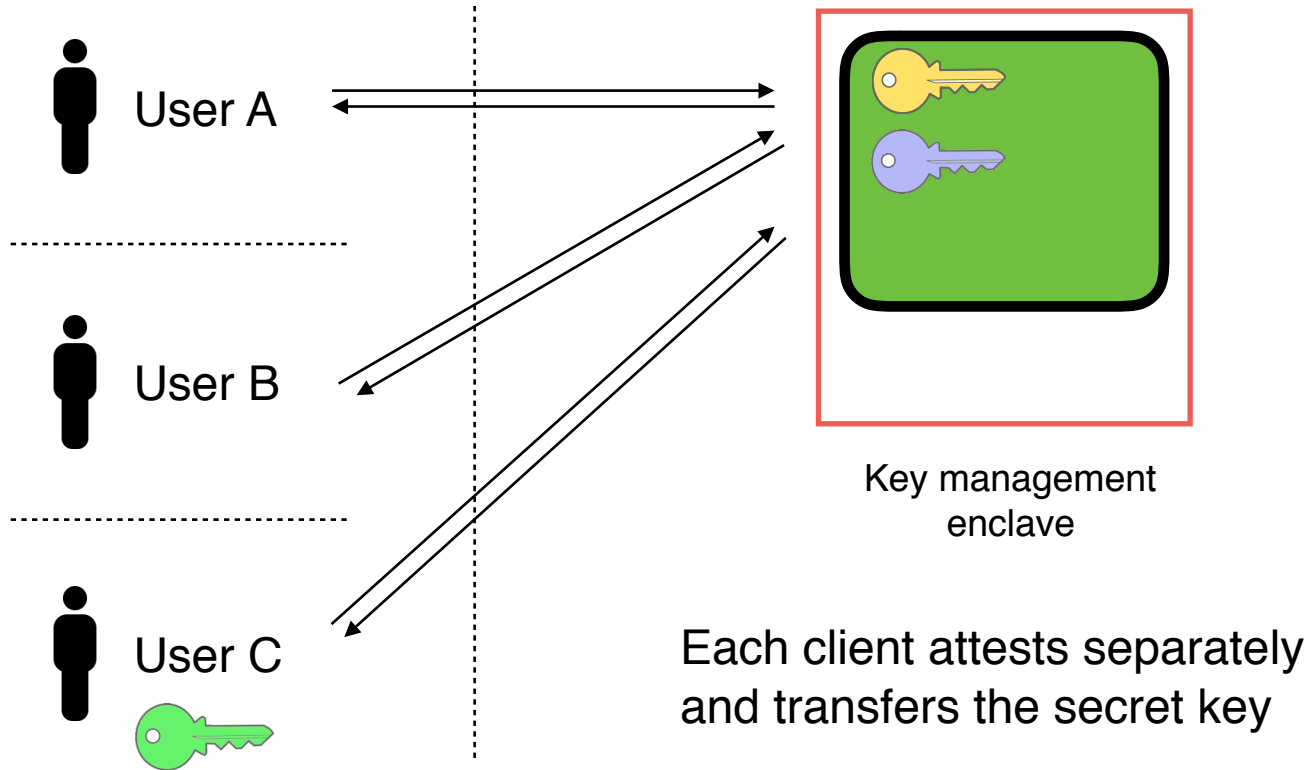




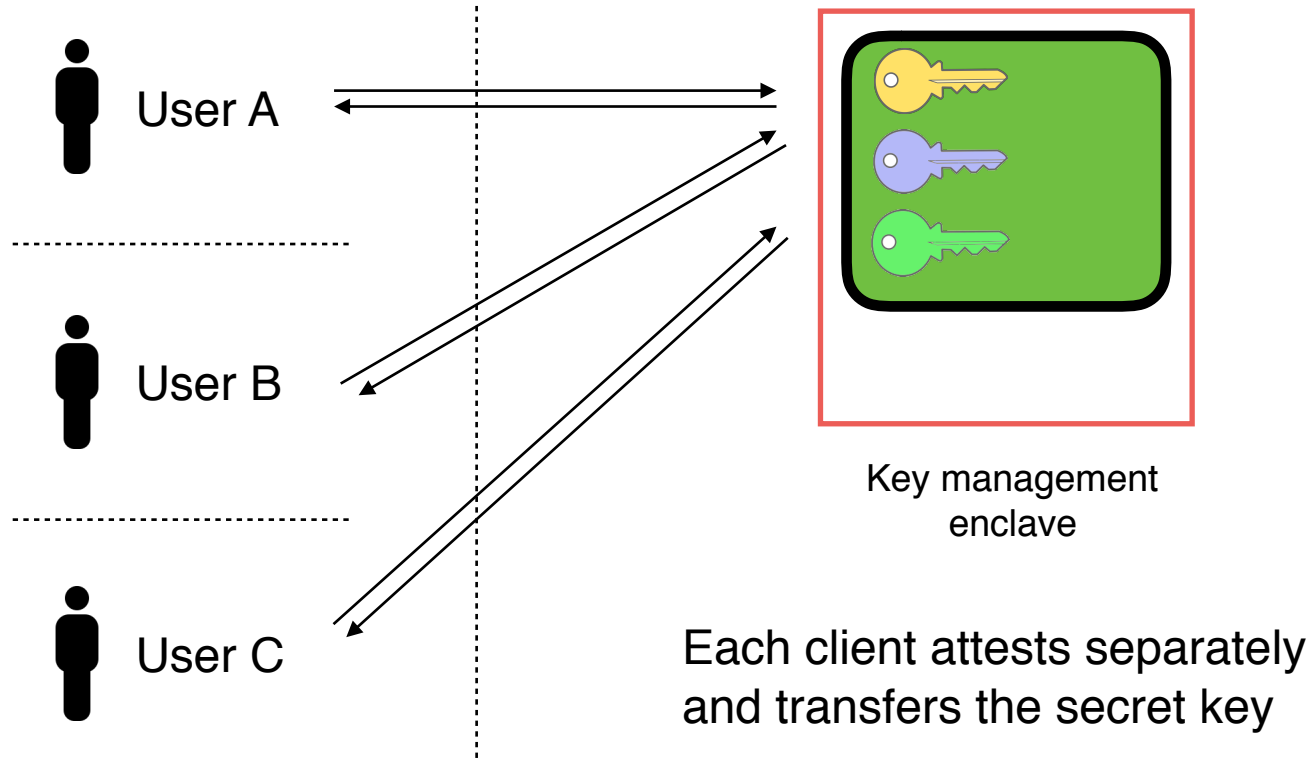
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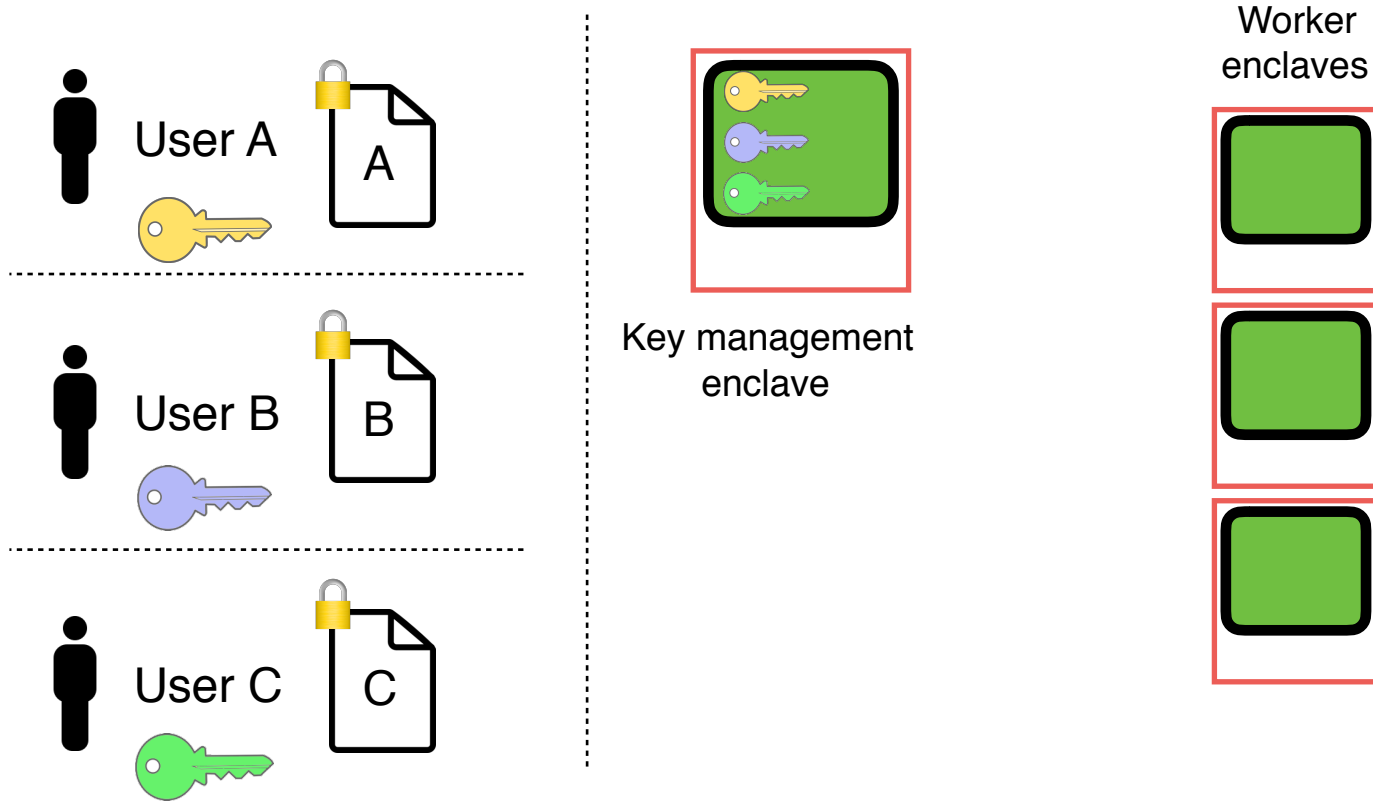
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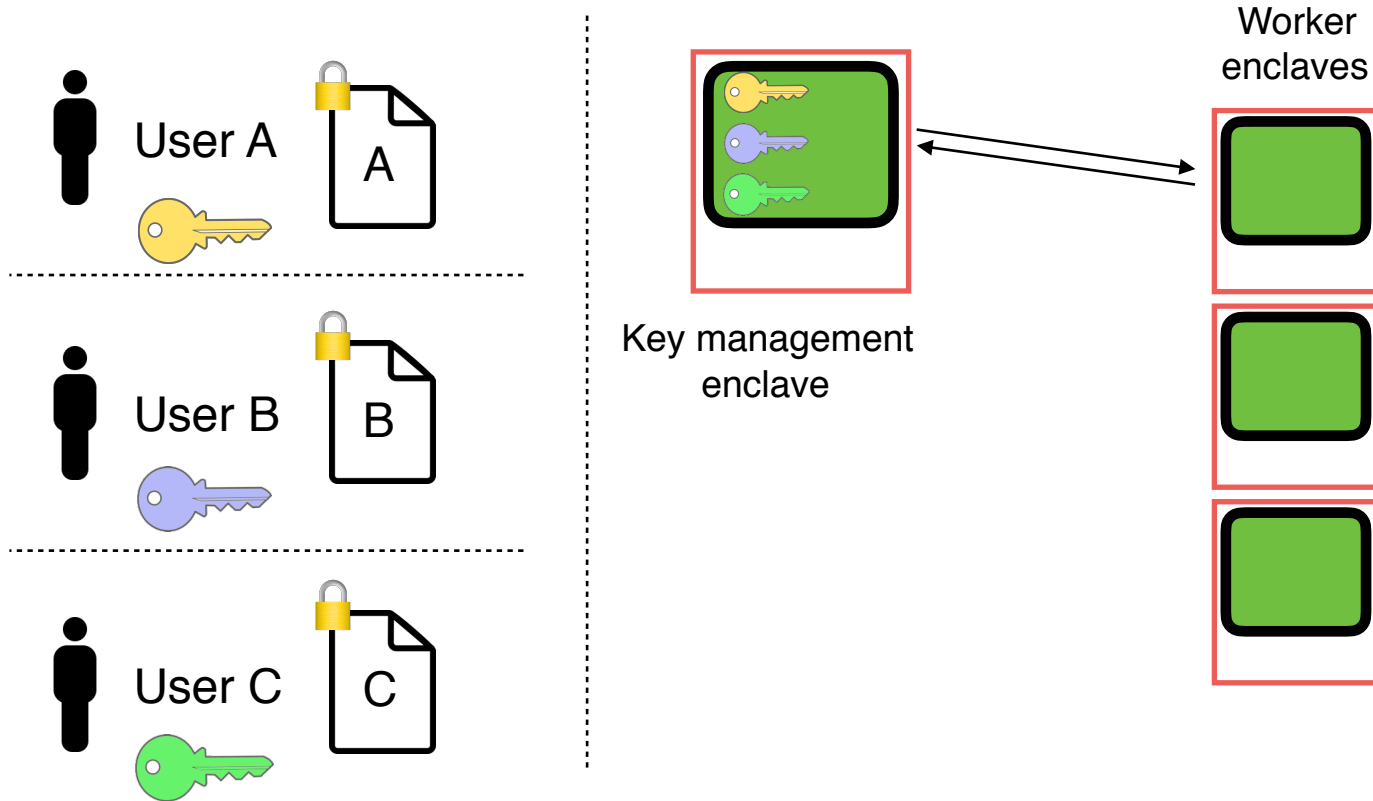
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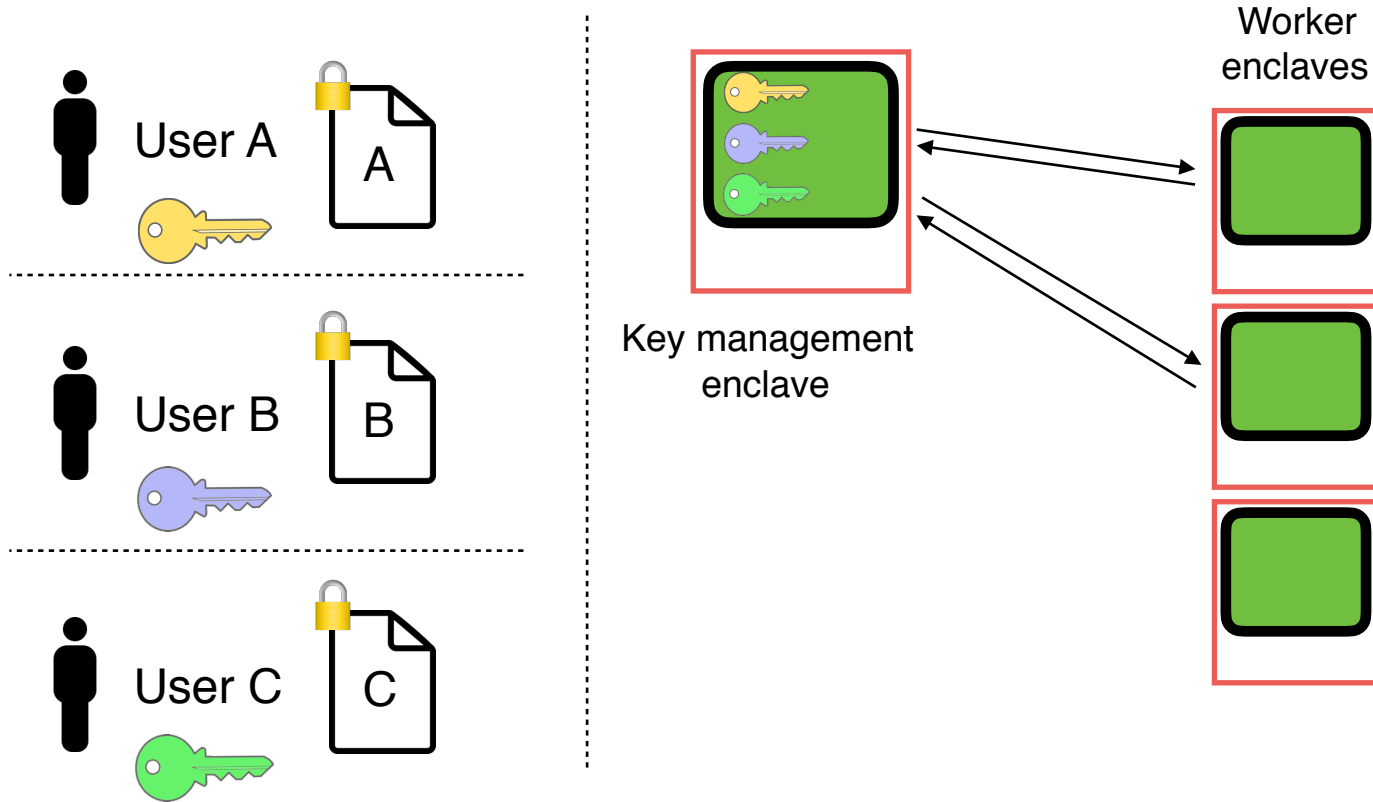
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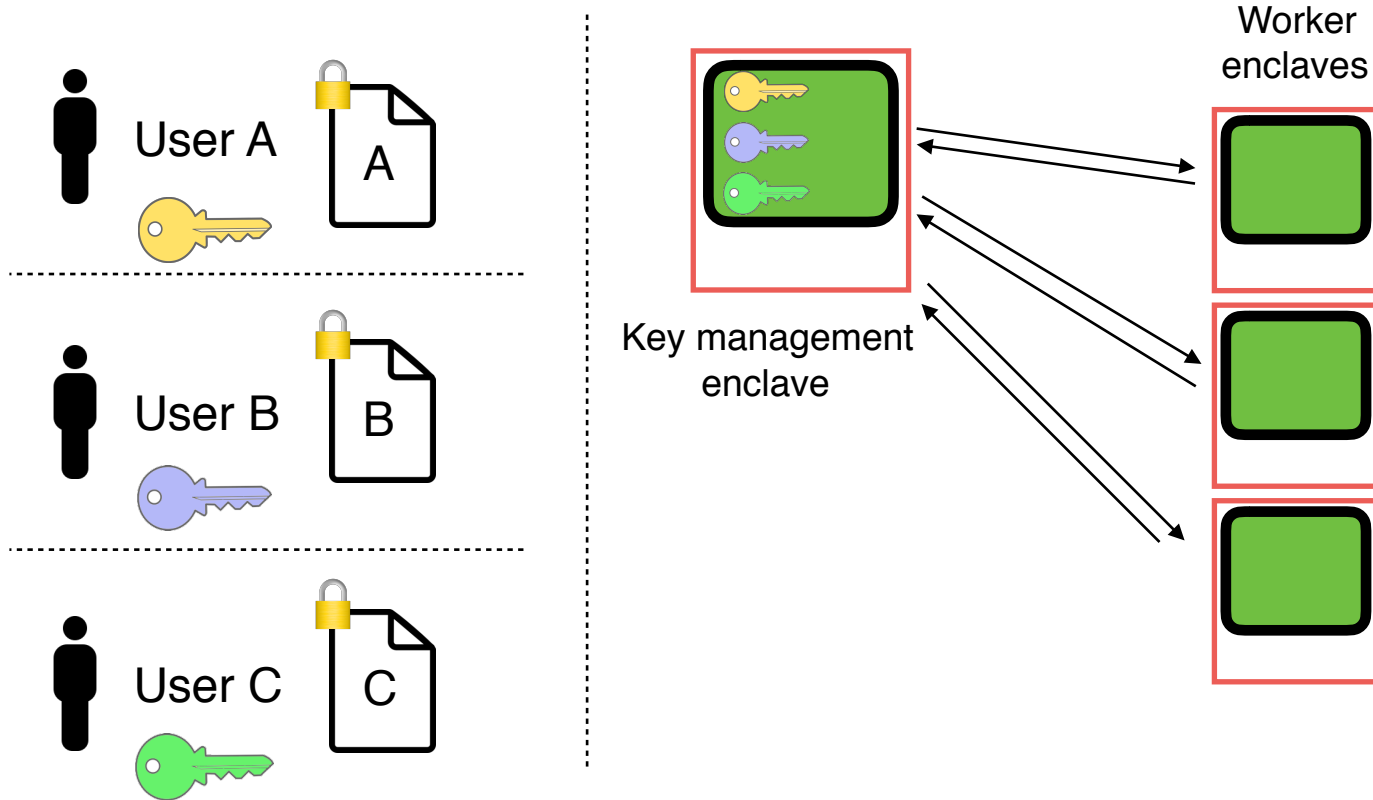
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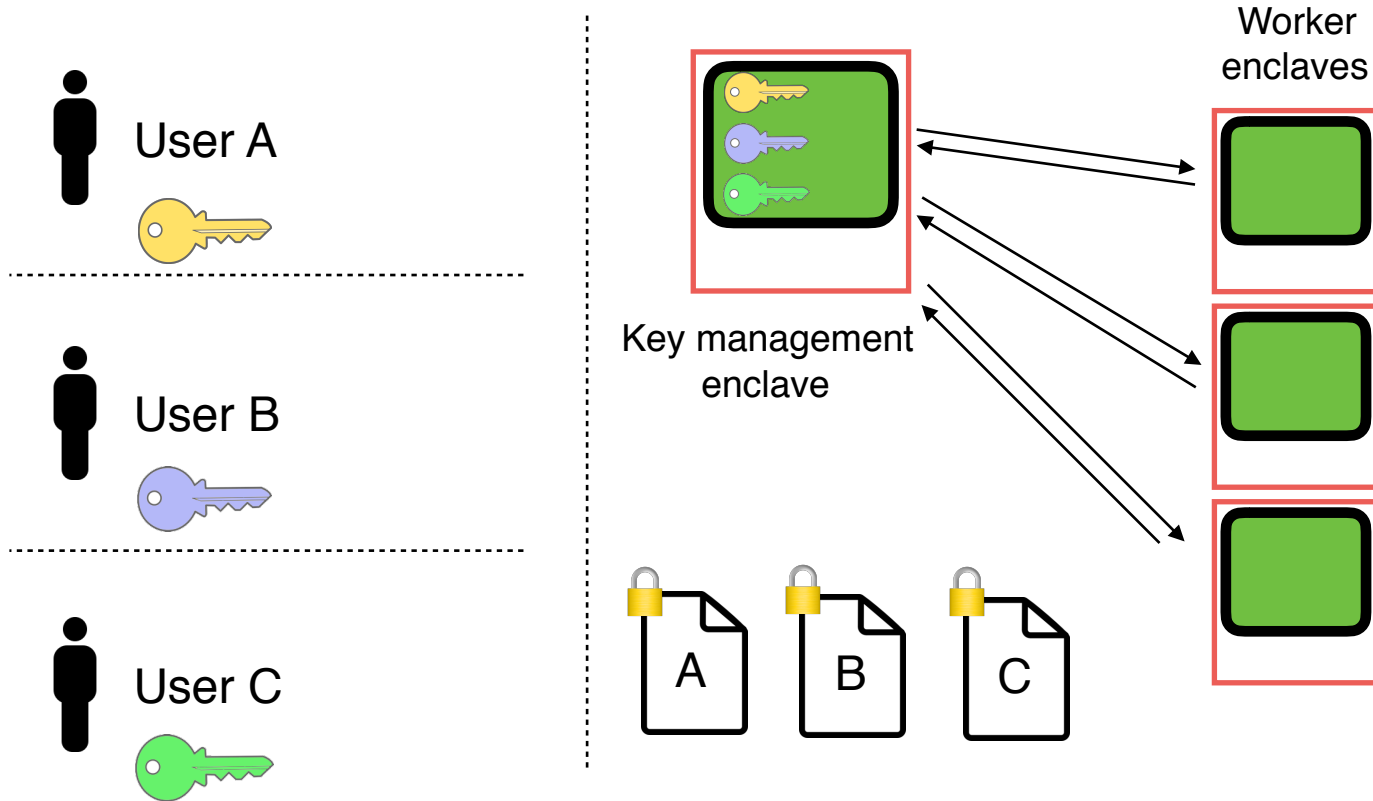
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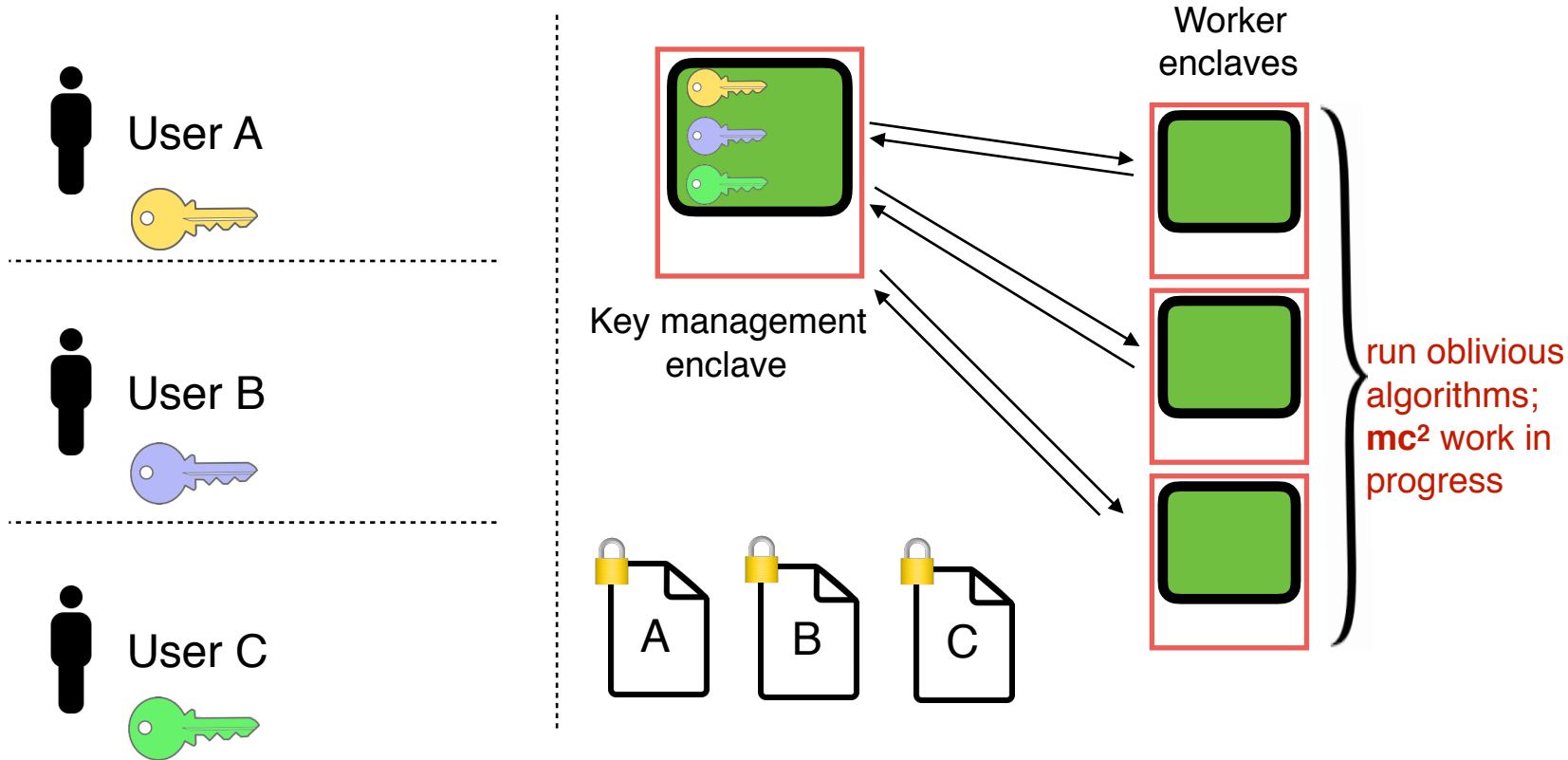


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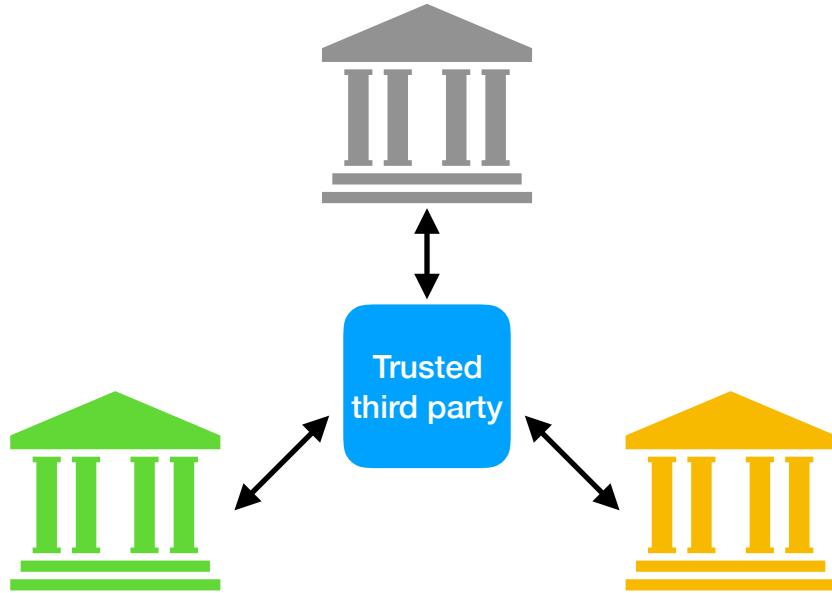
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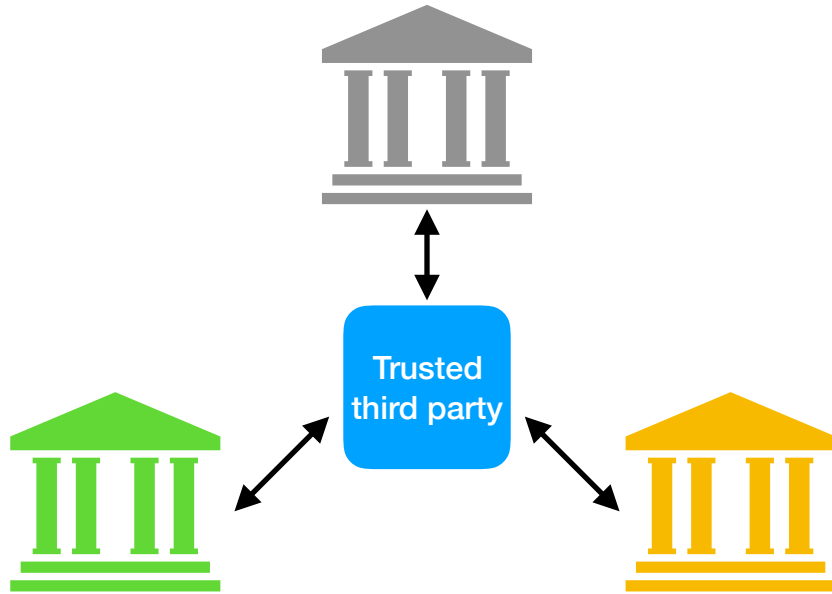


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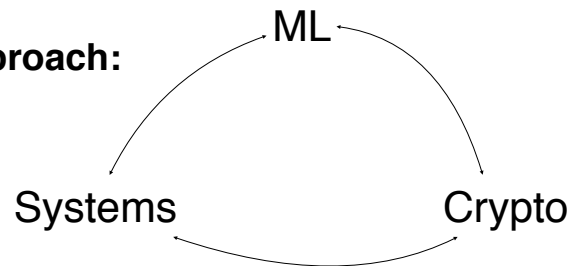
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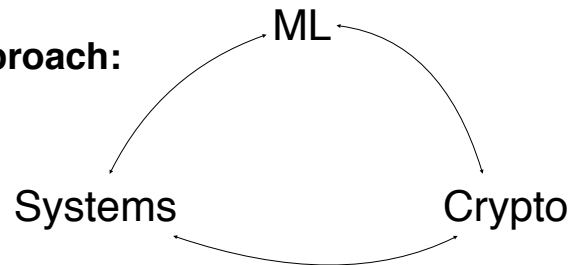
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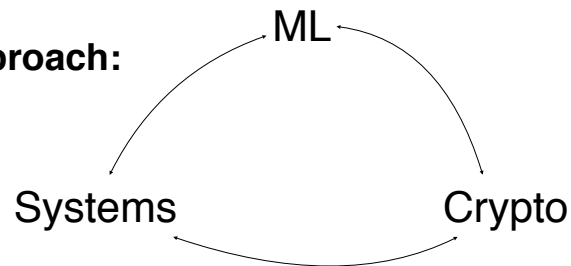


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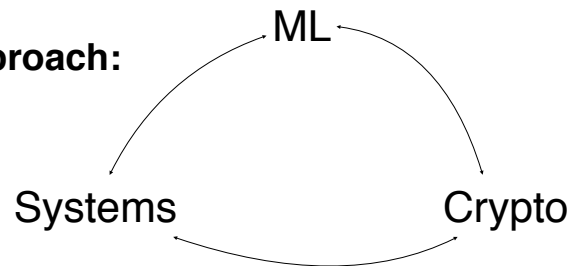
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An easy-to-use secure collaborative learning platform for the non-expert

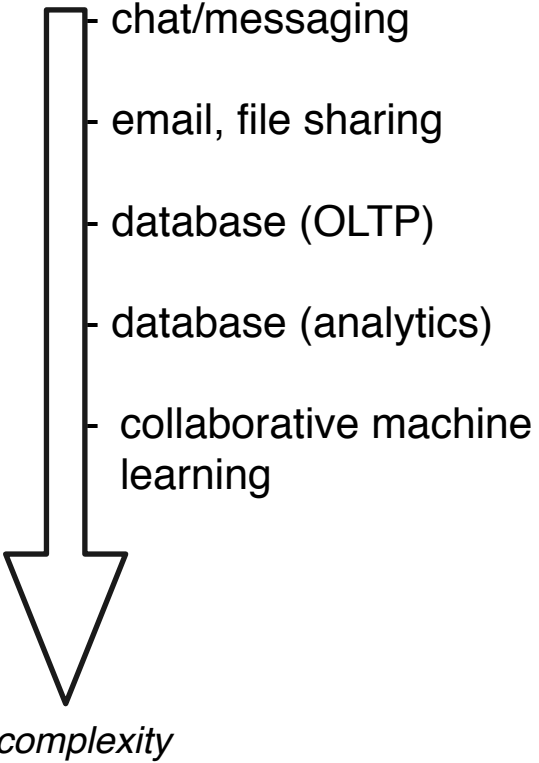
User specifies Python DSL for learning task which automatically compiles to oblivious collaborative computation in enclaves or in MPC

Open source: <https://github.com/mc2-project>

- Secure collaborative XGBoost
- Collaboration with ScotiaBank, Azure Confidential, Ericsson, and Ant Financial

Potential societal impact is exciting

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