



# **CernVM File System**

## Status and Roadmap

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# Agenda



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Developing and Testing CernVM-FS



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REST API for Stratum0



Smart Stratum1 Servers



Consolidating Parrot





# Introduction



# What is CernVM-FS?

- **Scalable software distribution system**
  - Infrequent atomic updates in a central location
  - Read-only access on the clients
  - Repository signed by a trusted release manager
- **HTTP based global data transfer**
  - Minimal protocol requirements
  - Aggressive hierarchical cache strategy
    - Assumption: Coherent working set on physically close nodes  
(cf. software vs. data distribution)
- **Accessible through a mounted file system (POSIX)**
  - FUSE module, NFS exported FUSE volume or Parrot



# Usage Statistics of CERN Repositories

Repository	Files	Objects	Logical Volume	avg. File Size	
cms.cern.ch	40 M	6.4 M	1.2 TB	31.4 kB	Software
alice.cern.ch	9 M	0.3 M	0.8 TB	94.6 kB	
lhcb.cern.ch	14 M	4.8 M	0.6 TB	44.5 kB	
atlas.cern.ch	40 M	4.2 M	2.5 TB	68.5 kB	
ams.cern.ch	4 M	2.5 M	2.1 TB	0.6 MB	Cond. Data
alice-ocdb.cern.ch	0.8 M	0.8 M	0.1 TB	0.2 MB	
atlas-conddb.cern.ch	8 k	9 k	0.5 TB	62 MB	
lhcbdev.cern.ch	126 M	21.1 M	6.5 TB	56.9 kB	Nightly
cms-ib.cern.ch	9 M	1.6 M	0.3 TB	42.2 kB	

- *Files* and *Volume* as stored in the CernVM-FS catalogs
- Actual number of *Referenced Objects* is compressed and de-duplicated
- Based on latest revision - no history involved

(Effective: February 2015)





# Developing and Testing CernVM-FS



# Developing the CernVM-File System

- Active Development Team
  - Jakob and René
  - José recently joined the team
  - Seppo and Dave provide regular contributions
- Development workflow based on **GitHub Pull Requests**
- **Code Review** before any changes are merged
- Regular **static code analysis** using Coverity
- Regular **automated testing** is crucial
  - New features should to come with tests
  - Idea: *Untested code is broken!*



git-flow: <http://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model/>



# CernVM-FS Source Code Figures

- SLOC of CernVM-File System (no blank lines and comments)
- CernVM-FS **Production Code**
  - 41'840 C/C++ and Header Files
  - 5'008 Shell Scripts and Perl
- CernVM-FS **Unit and Integration Tests**
  - 15'789 C++
  - 16'007 Shell Scripts
- Overall: 475 files and ~115'000 LOC (*including* comments and blanks)
- Measured in *ecce387494ab26758a38943179239accaf03c917*










# CernVM-FS 2.1.x Server Migration



# Repository Server Migration to 2.1.x

- CernVM-FS 2.1.x comes with a different server architecture
  - Based on a **union file system** instead of shadow directory
  - Schema changes in the catalog data structure
- Preconditions for the server migration
  - All clients on CernVM-FS 2.1.x 
  - Stratum 1 replication servers on CernVM-FS 2.1.x 
  - Automatic repository migration available in CernVM-FS   
(First appeared in version 2.1.15- fully stabilised in 2.1.20)
- **Successful migration campaign at CERN in 2014**  
for all hosted CernVM-FS repositories



# Outcome and Experience



- End of Life of CVMFS 2.0.x at CERN on Sept. 2nd 2014
- Overall **smooth transition** with only minor issues
  - Sporadic **outages on two Tier 3 sites** and individual users (still running CernVM-FS 2.0.x clients)
  - **Test4Theory outage** after migrating grid.cern.ch (LHC@Home 2.0) (a central job server was running CernVM-FS 2.0.x)
  - Some **minor bugs** in the server tools (CernVM-FS 2.1.19)
    - Release manager machine locks up repository after reboot (Hotfix: <http://cernvm.cern.ch/portal/cvmfs/fix-failed-remount>)
    - Possible file descriptor leakage during a publish operation (Hotfix: `ulimit -n 100000`)
    - All fixed with CernVM-FS 2.1.20





# Configuration Consolidation



# Consolidated Configuration of CernVM-FS

- Goals:
  - Disentangle CernVM-FS from CERN-specific configuration
  - Simplify CernVM-FS client configuration
  - Allow for 3rd party configuration packages
  - Facilitate support for non-HEP VOs
- New configuration methods in **CernVM-FS 2.1.20**
  - Introduction of *cvmfs-config-\*\*\** packages
  - Ability to use *configuration repositories*
  - Automatic location aware *ordering of Stratum1 servers*



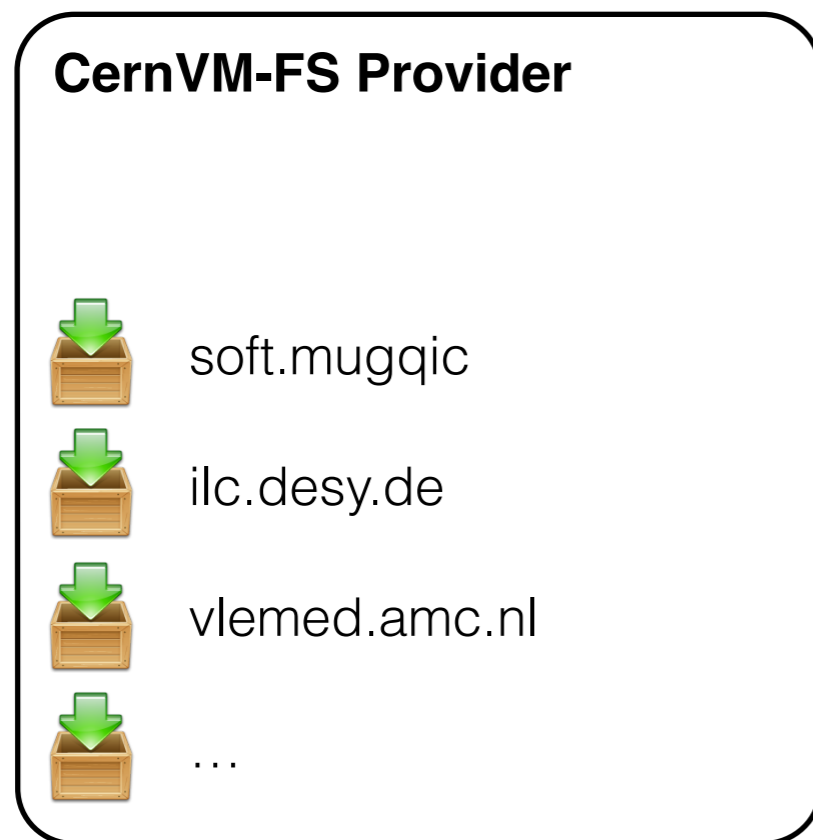
# CernVM-FS Configuration Changes

- Until **CernVM-FS 2.1.19** - Client package depended on:
  - **cvmfs-keys** package
    - contains CERN public keys
    - later also keys and configuration for EGI and OSG
  - (**cvmfs-init-scripts** package)
    - optional configuration for some CERN hosted repositories
- As of **CernVM-FS 2.1.20** - Client package requires *cvmfs-config*
  - Abstract meta-package to be fulfilled by *something*
  - We provide **cvmfs-config-default** and **cvmfs-config-none**
    - replaces legacy *cvmfs-keys* and *cvmfs-init-scripts*



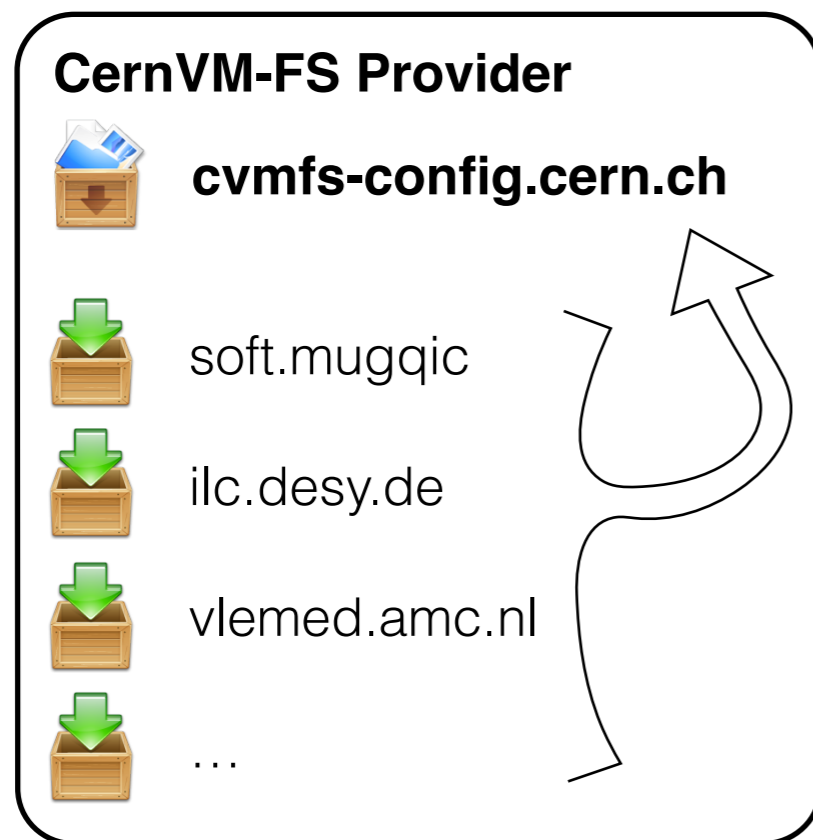
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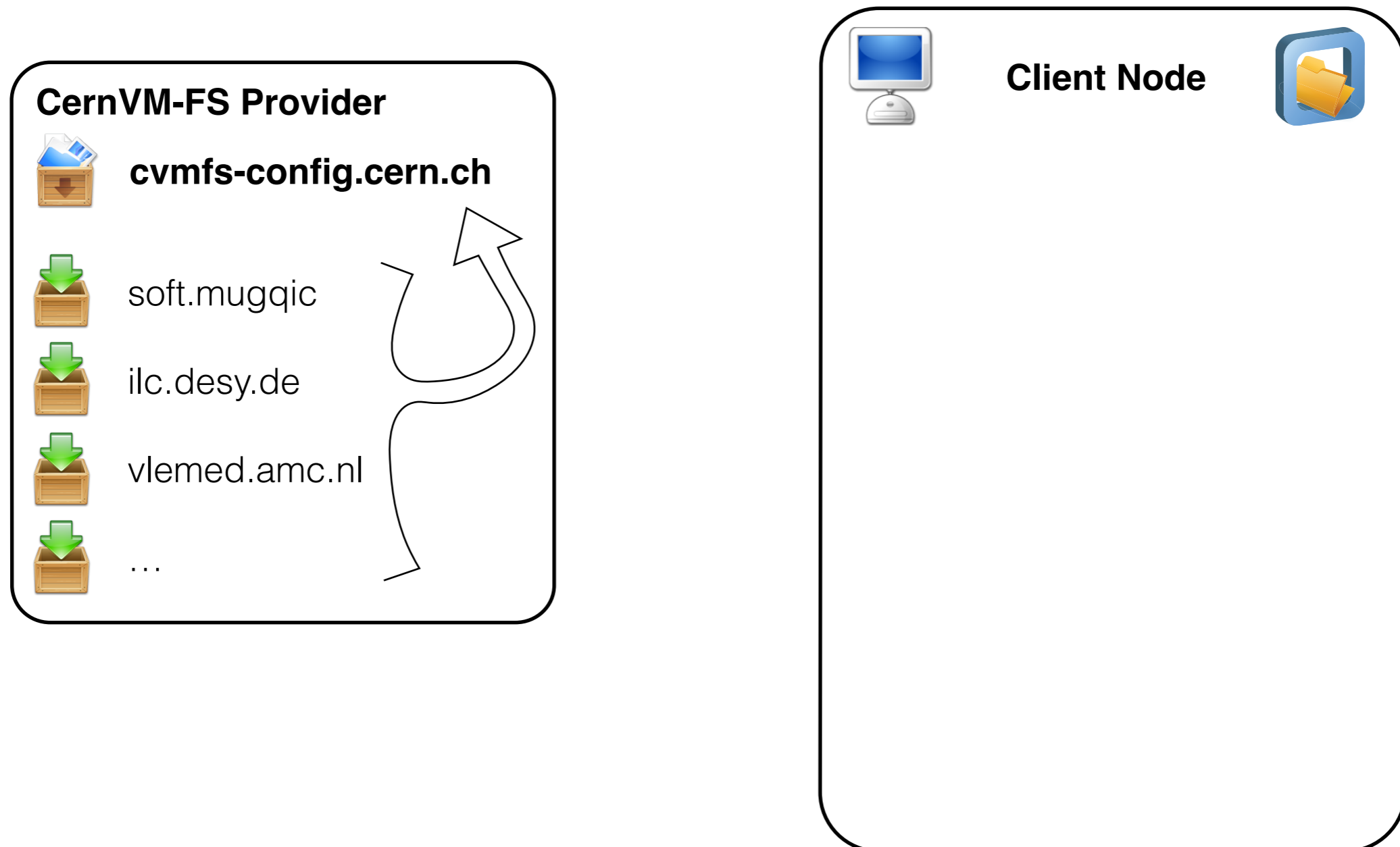
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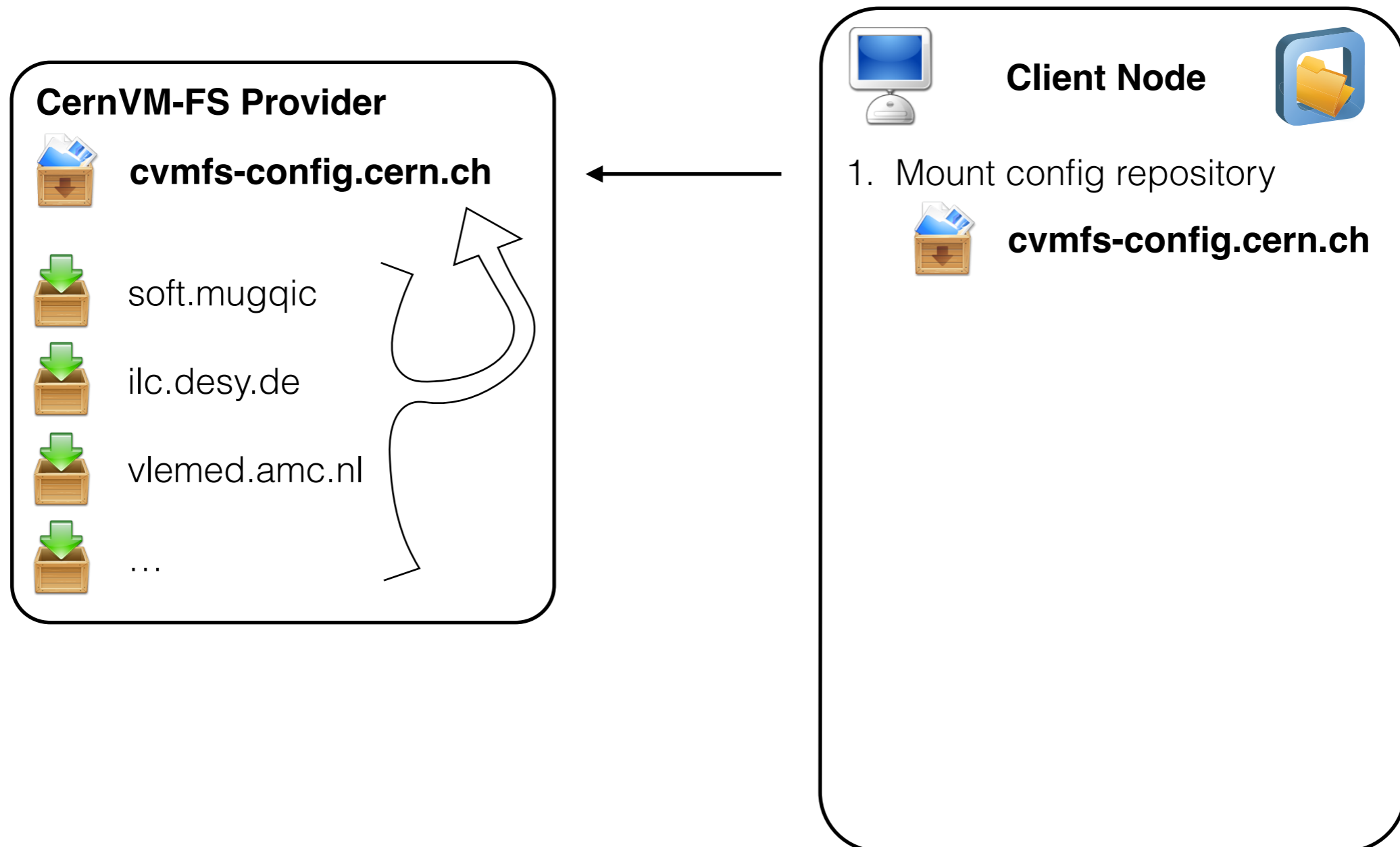
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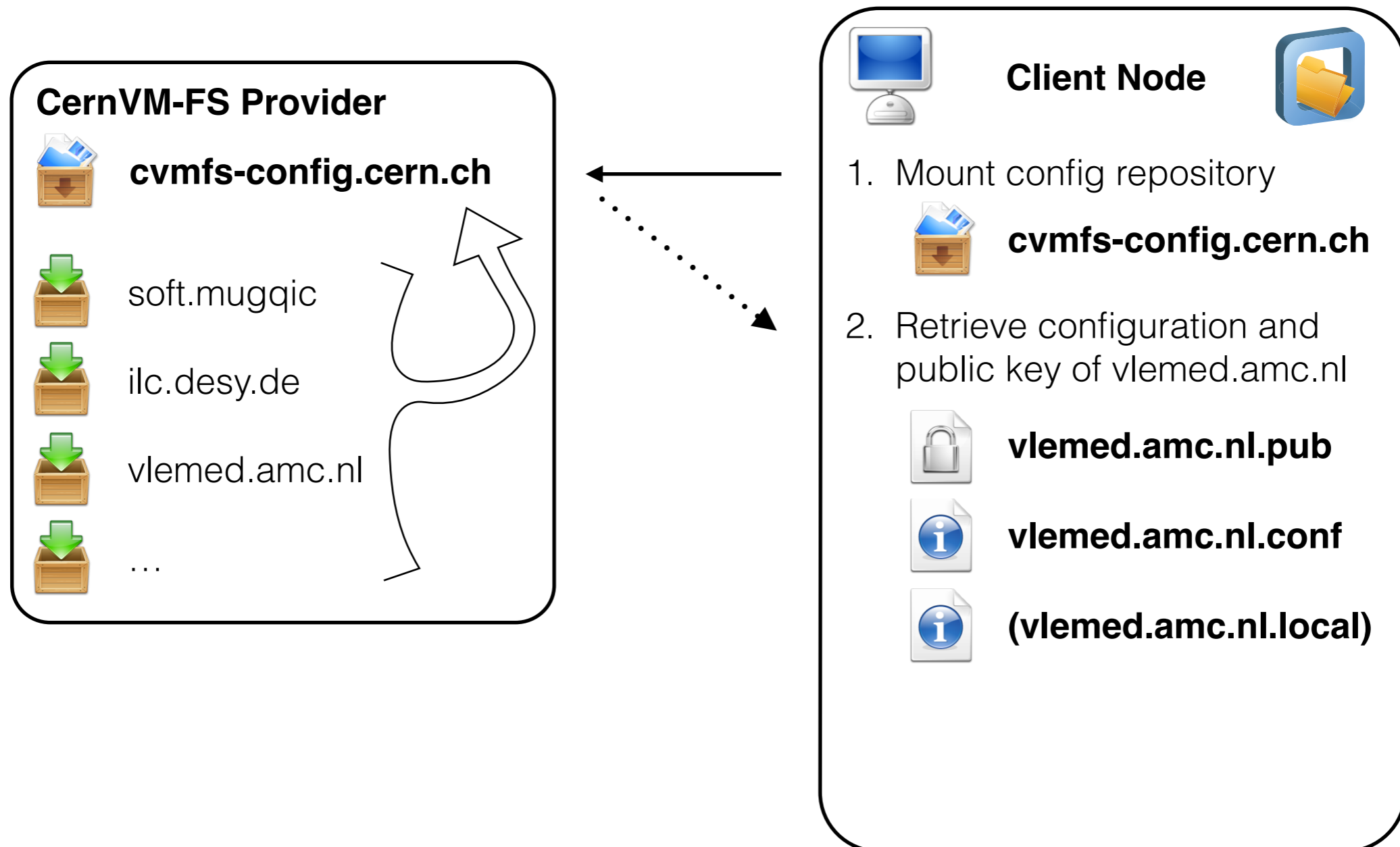
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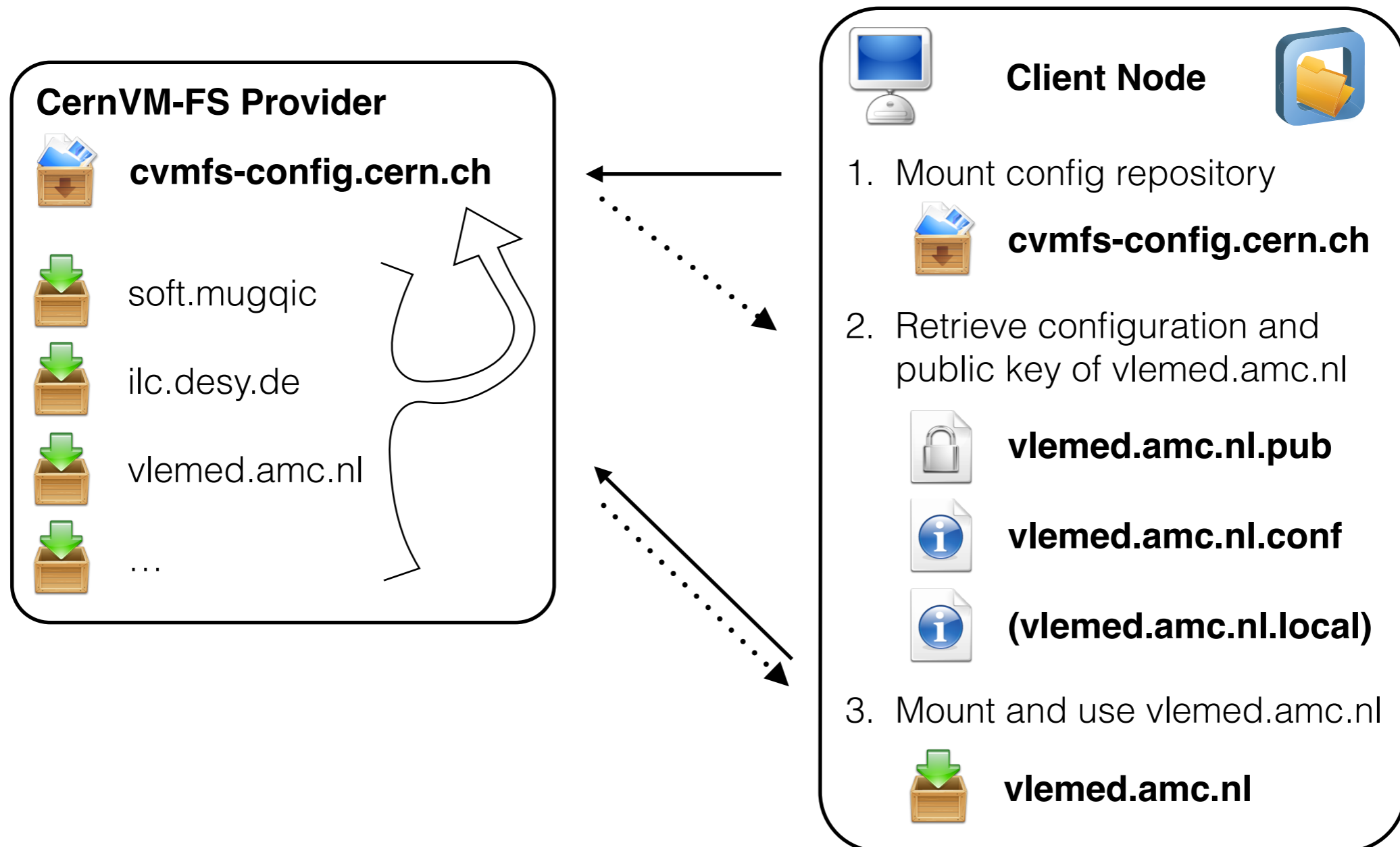
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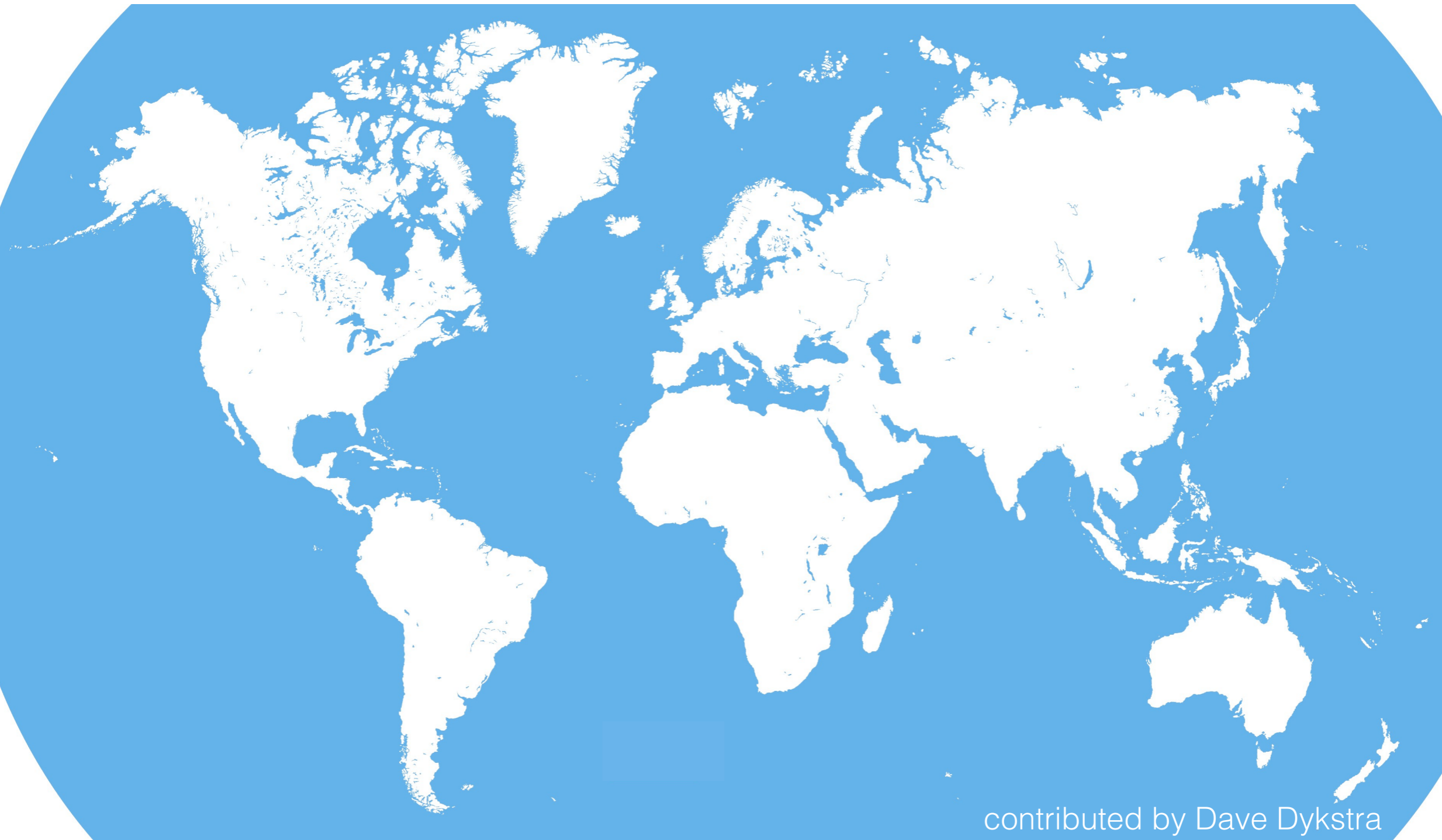


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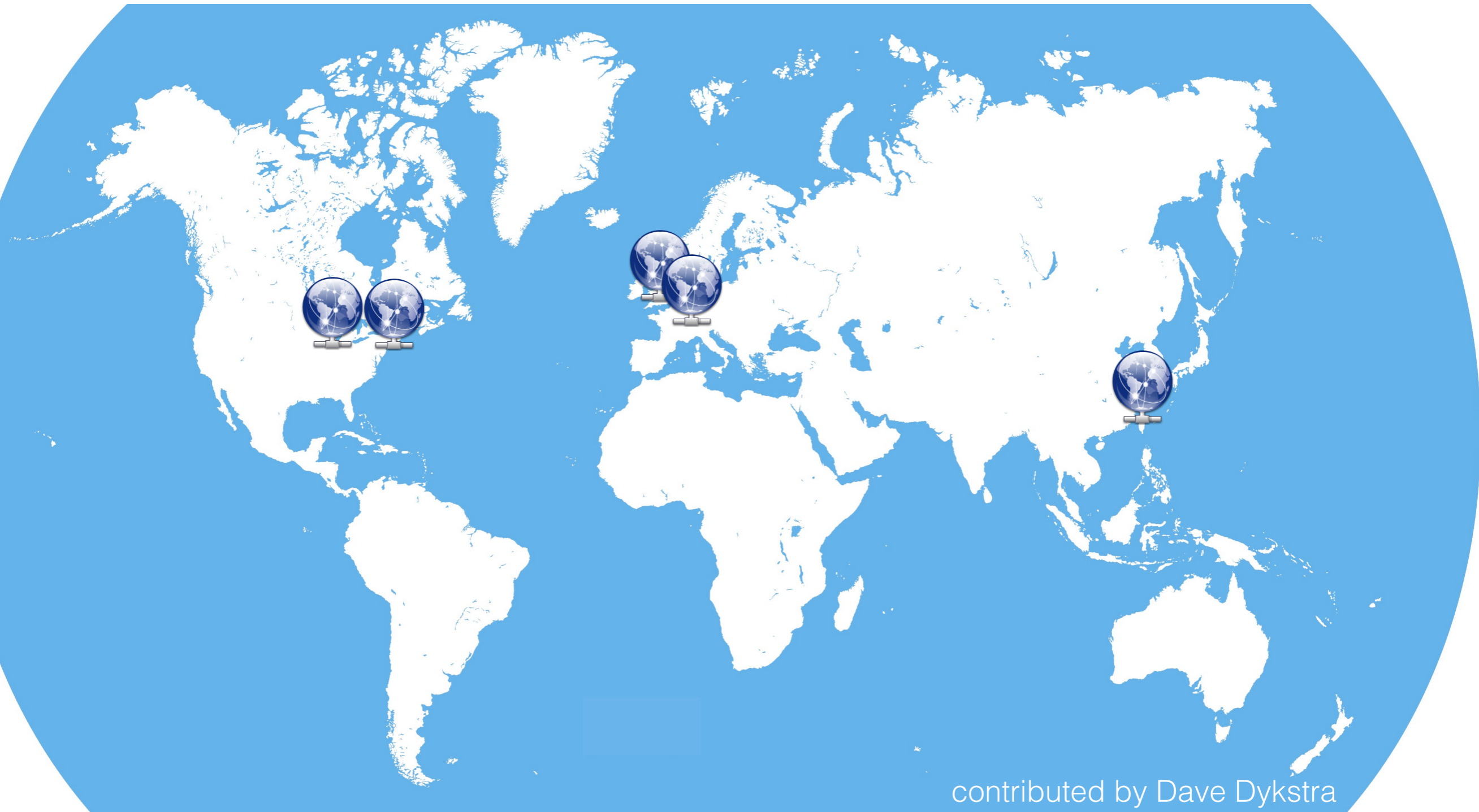
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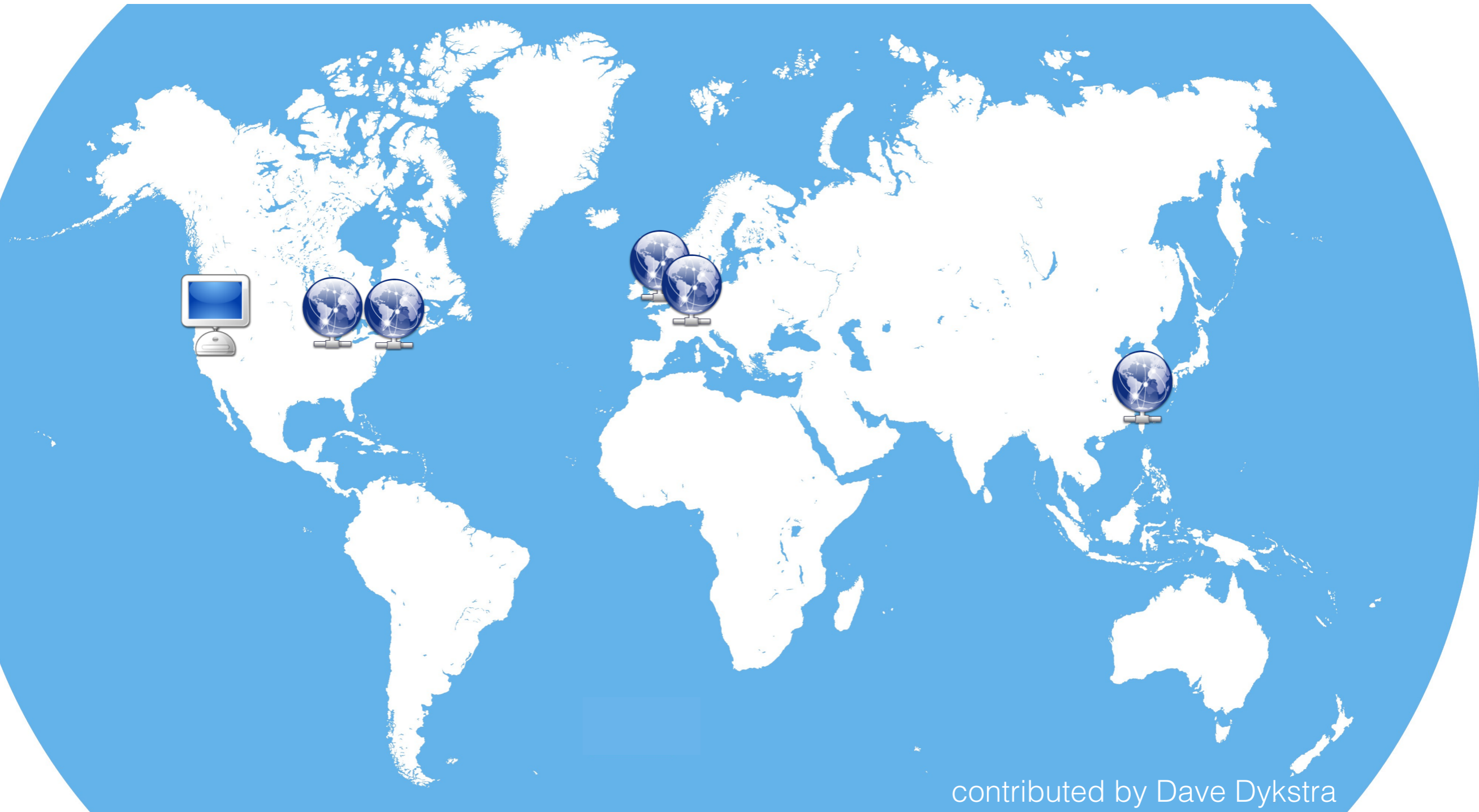
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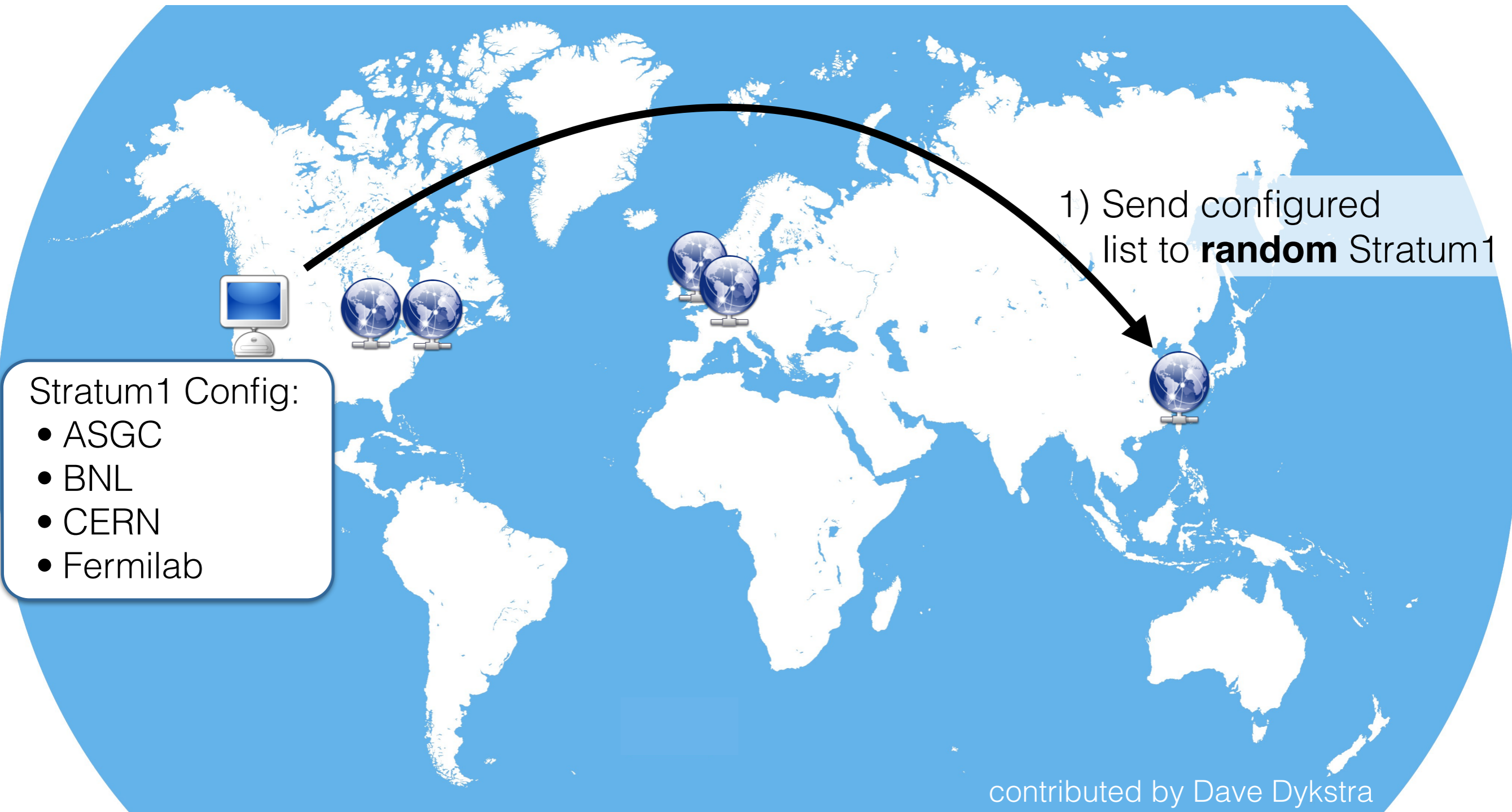
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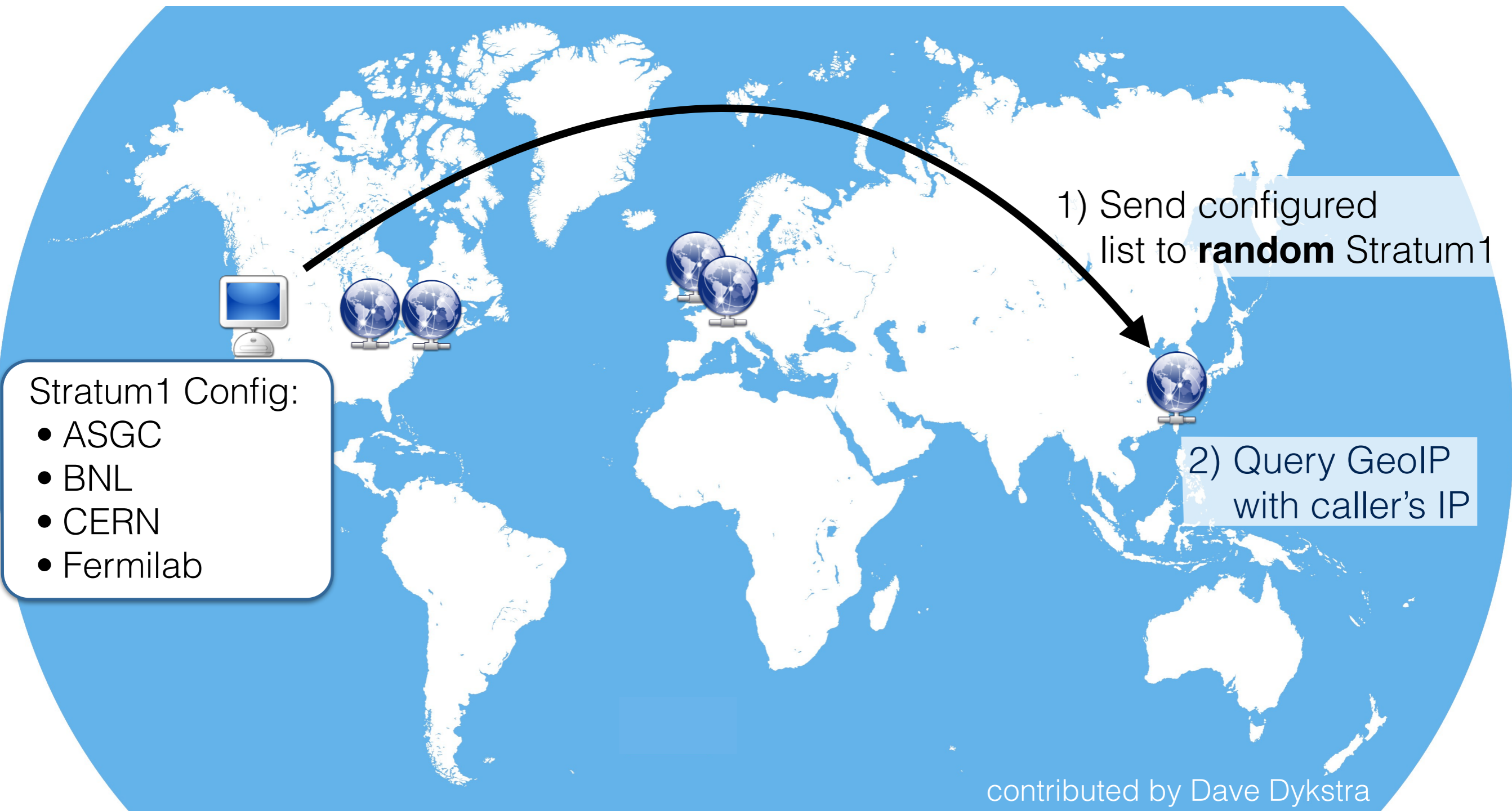




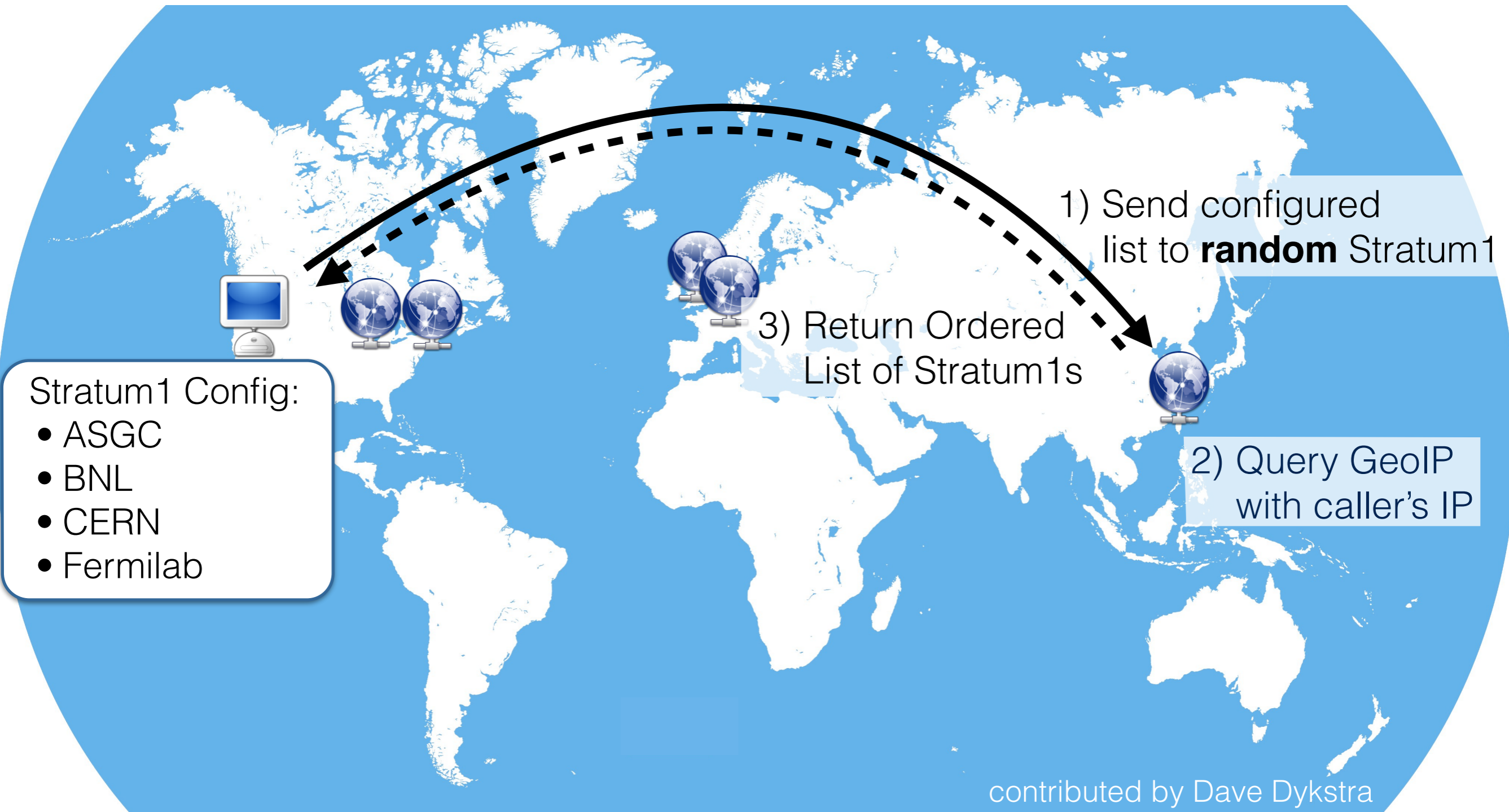
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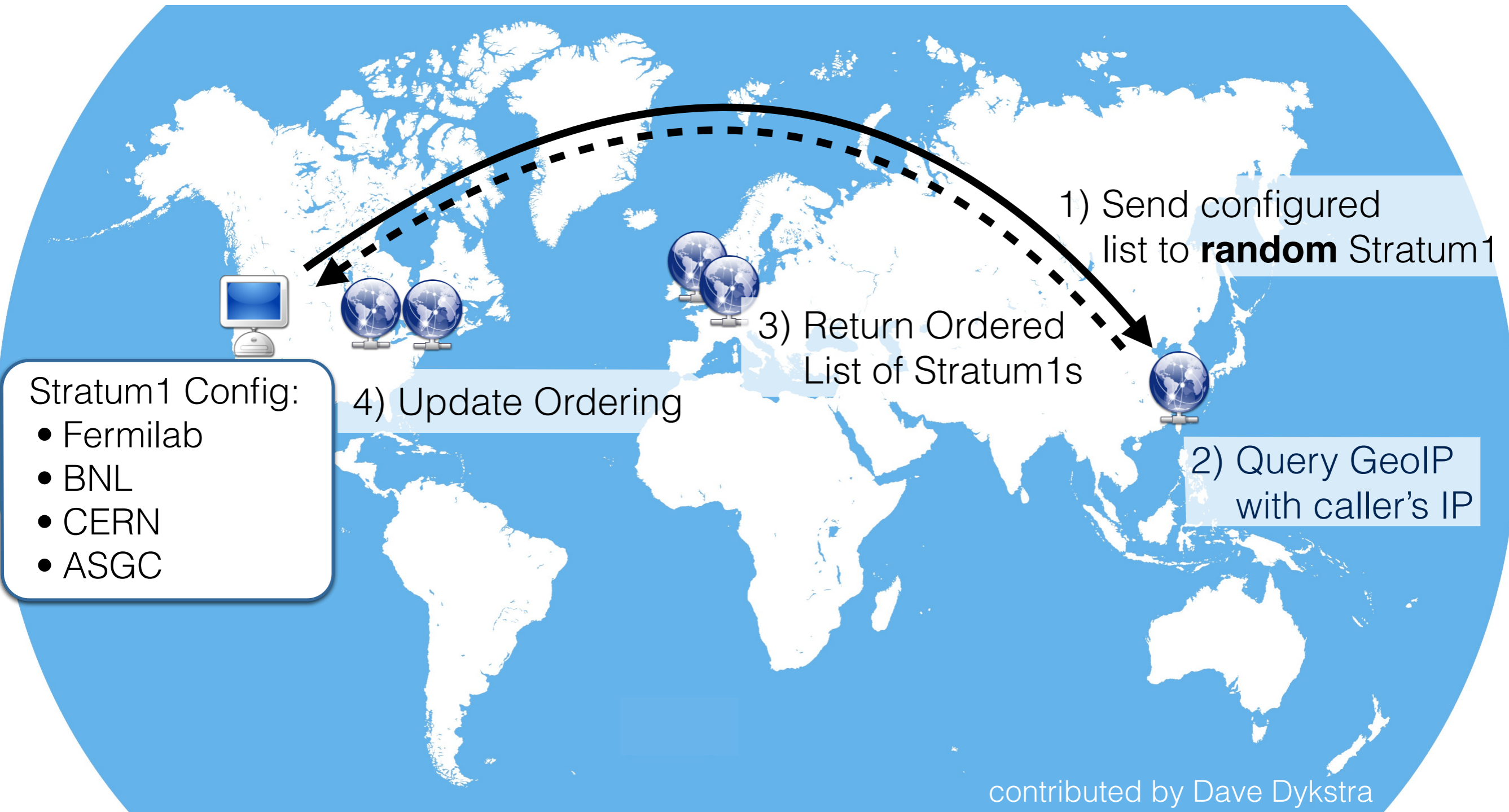
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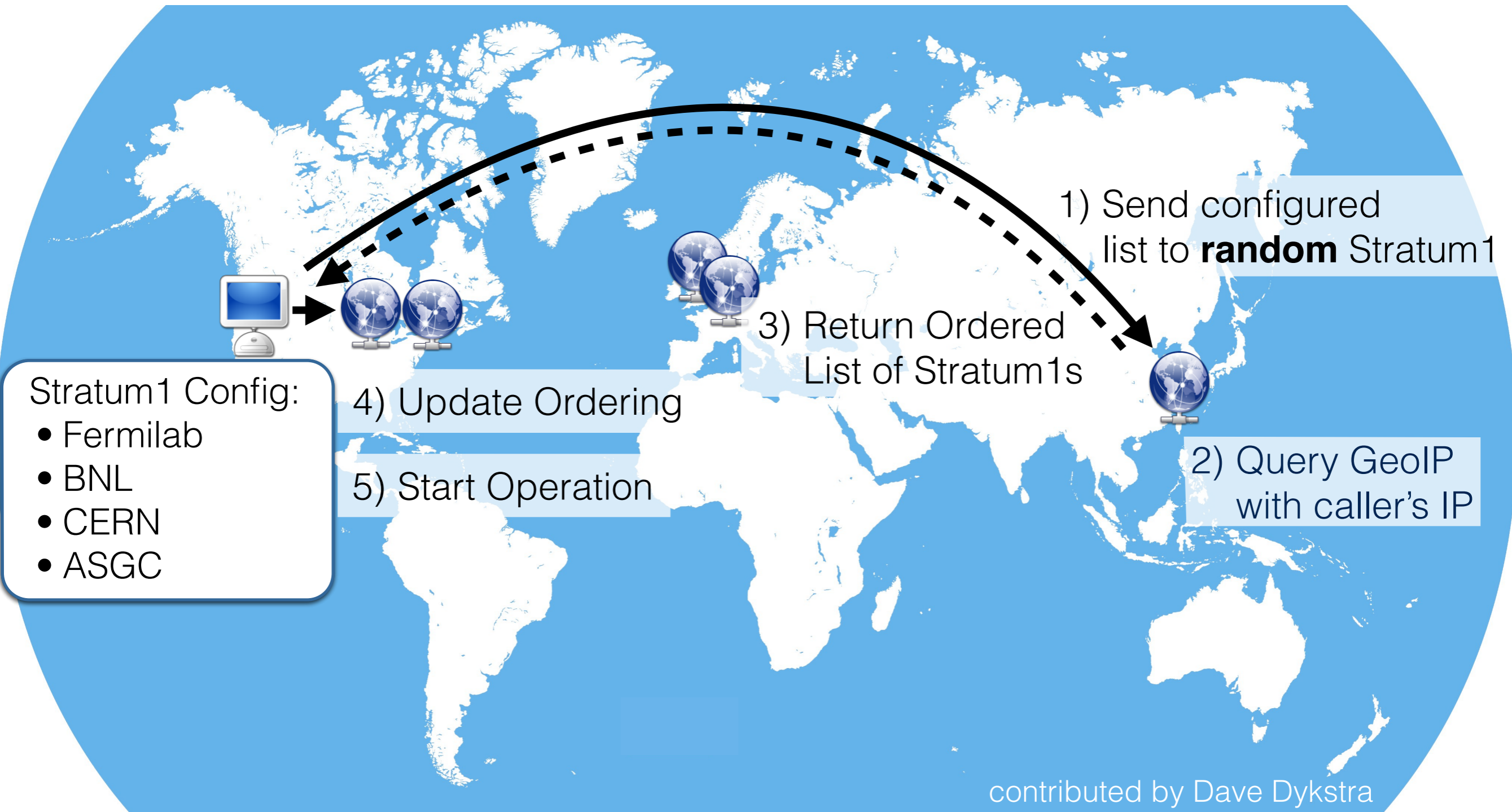
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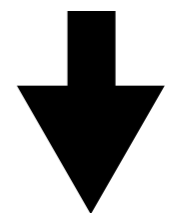
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- CernVM-FS backend initially designed as **insert-only**
- **New use-case:** LHC experiment's nightly integration builds
  - High update rate (up to twice a day)
  - Large volume of newly staged files (10-100GiB per day)
  - Short lived installations (maximal two weeks)

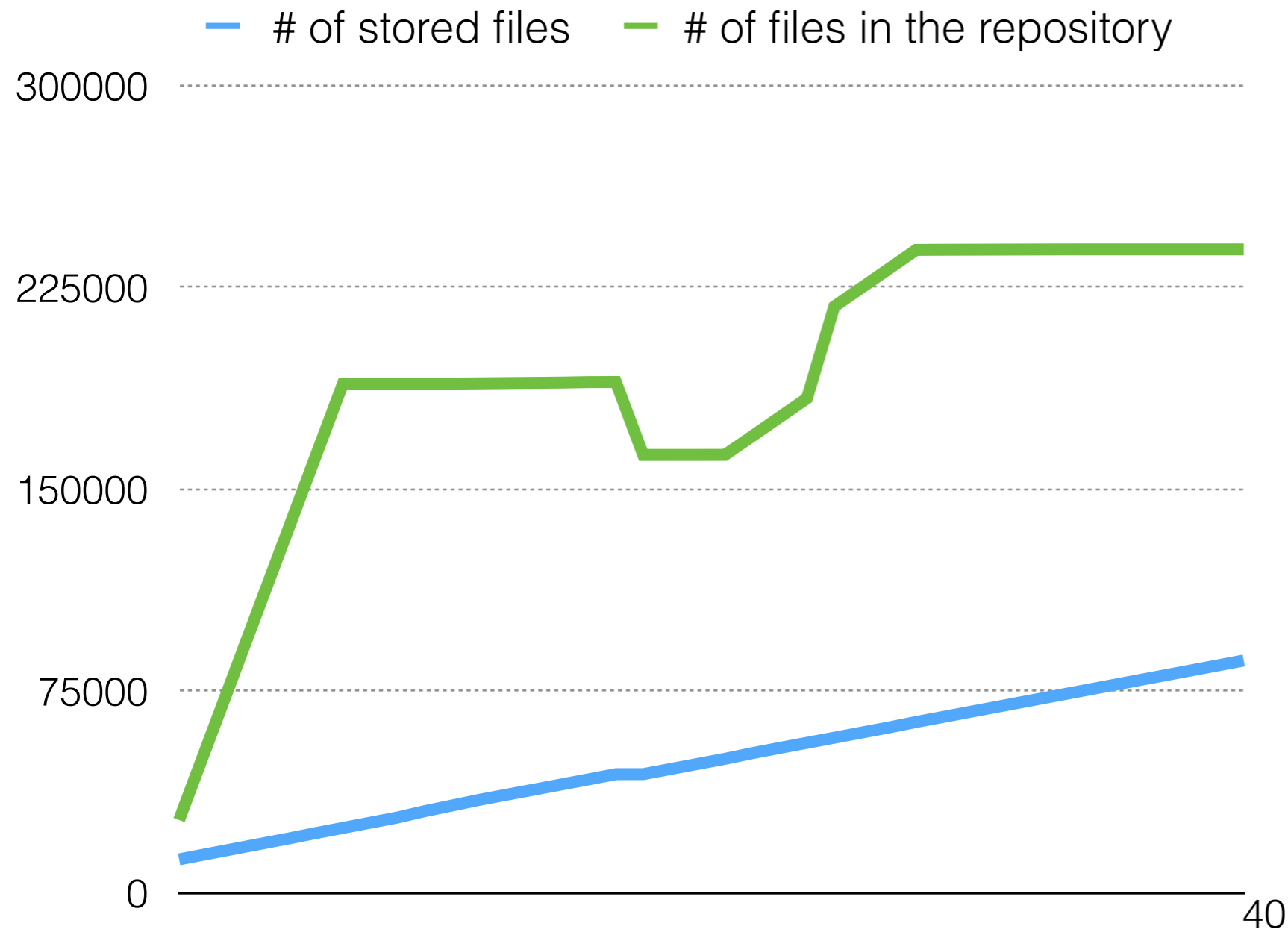
- Insert-only quickly fills up backend storage!
  - History preservation is not needed
  - Transparent backend cleanup required
- ➔ Automatic **garbage collection** mechanism



**Jenkins**



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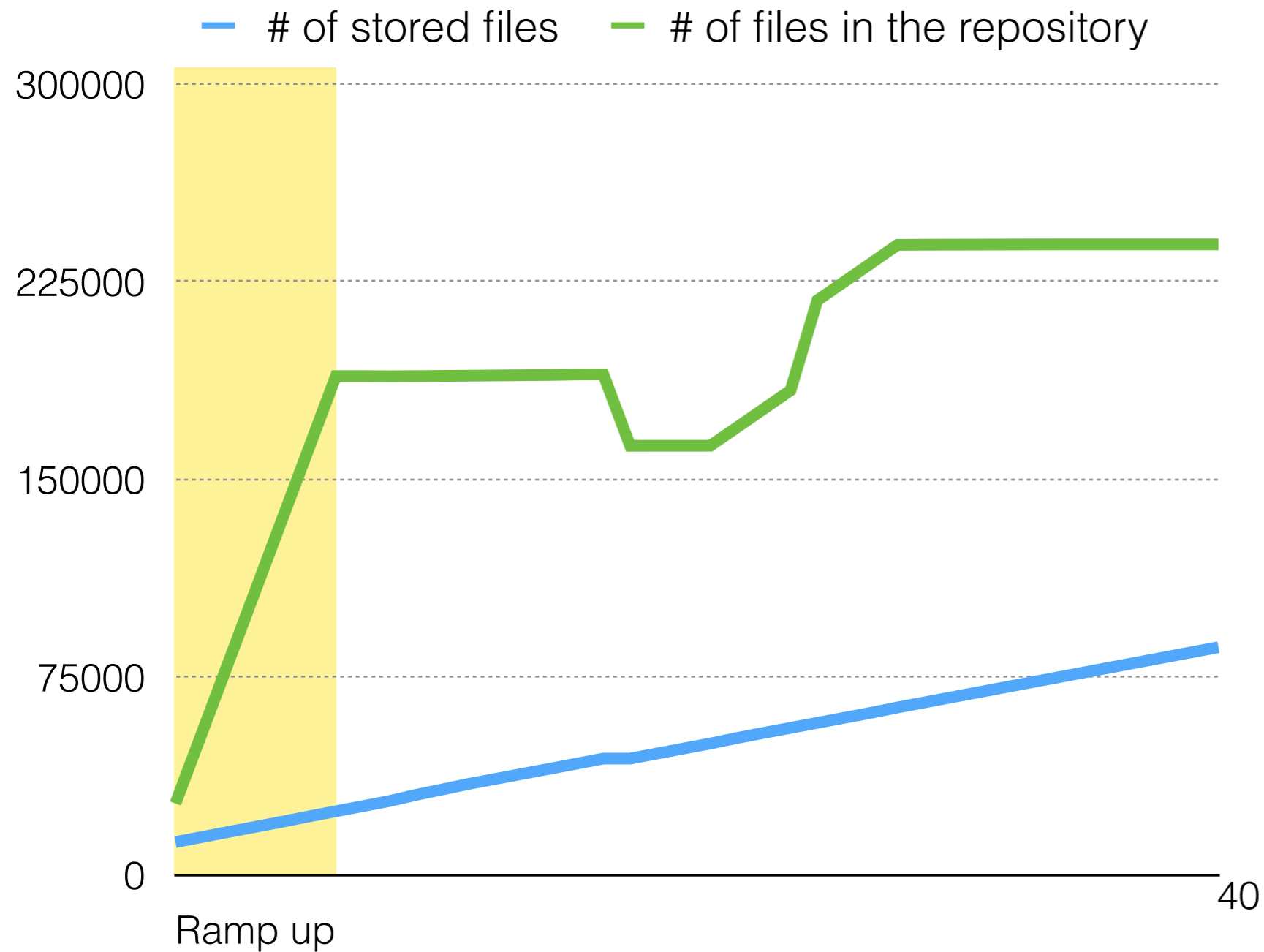
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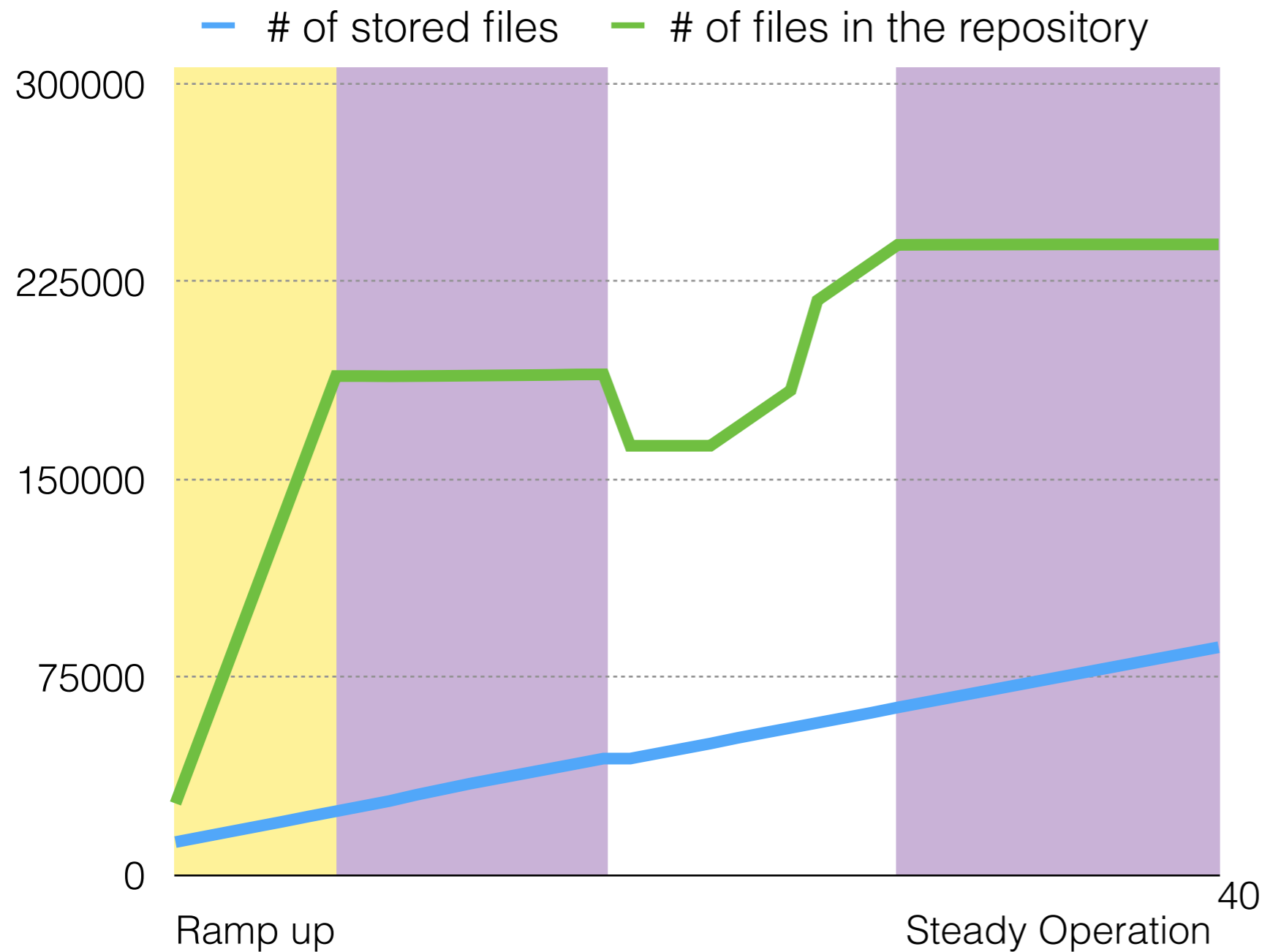
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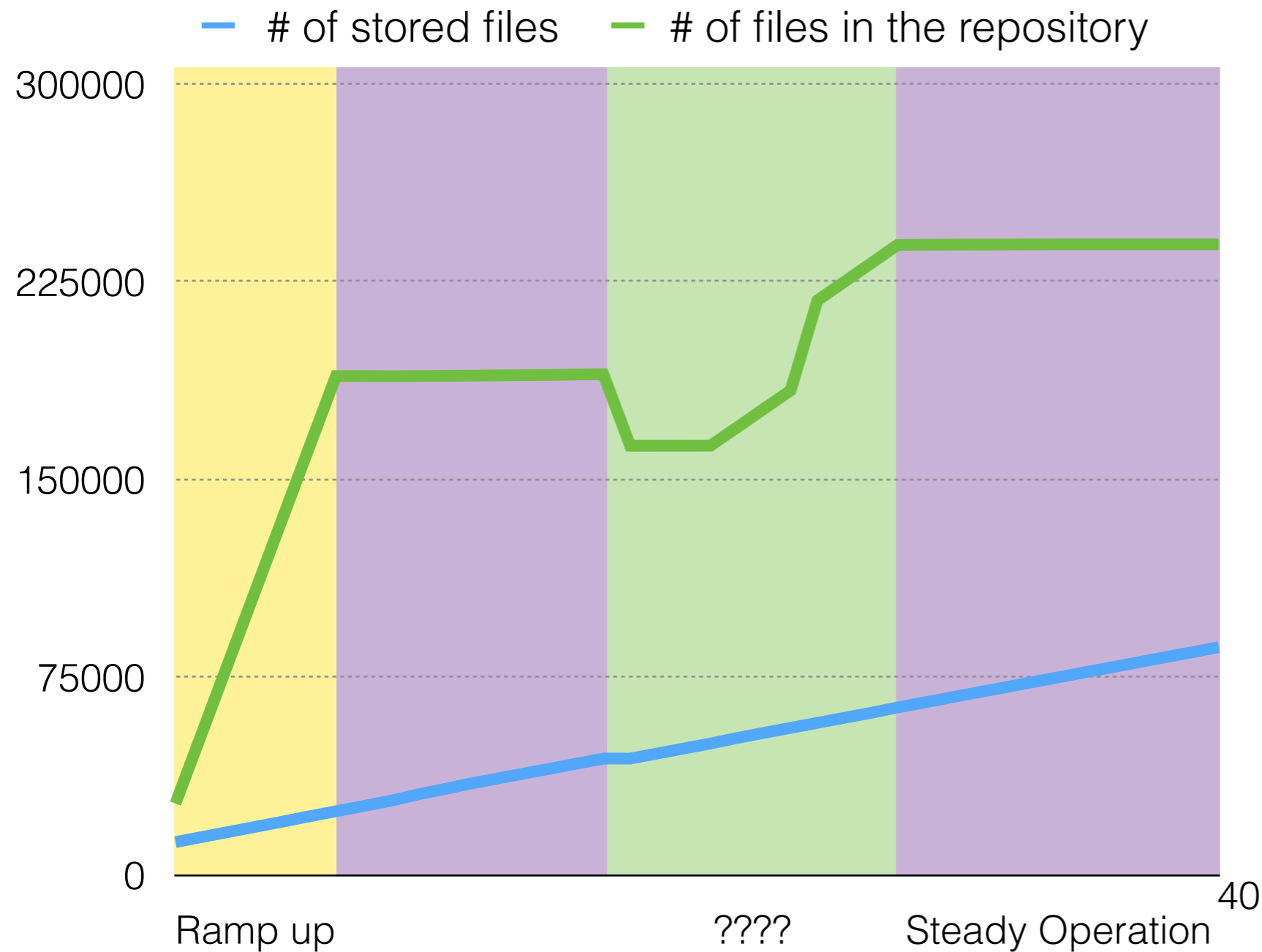
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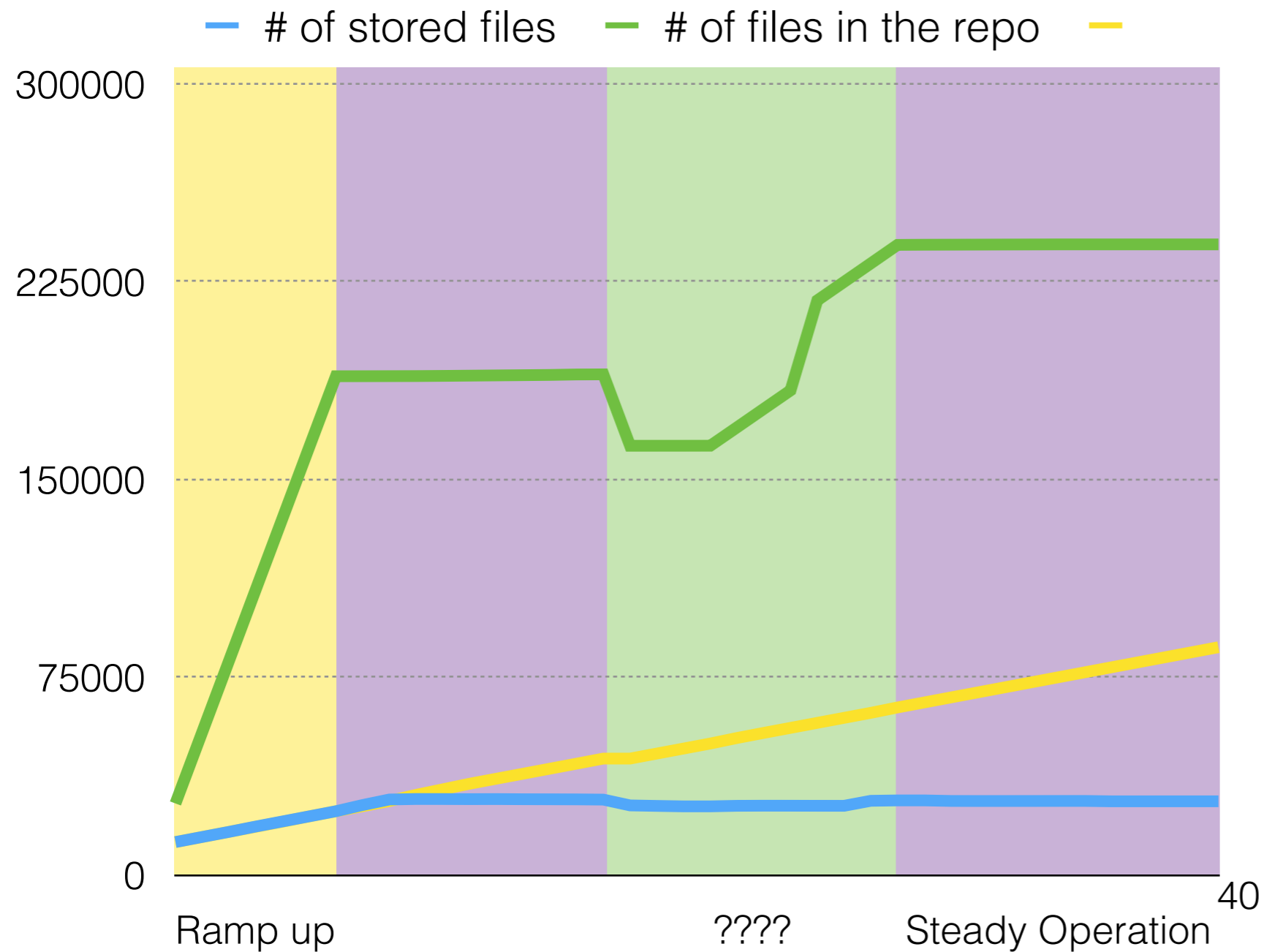
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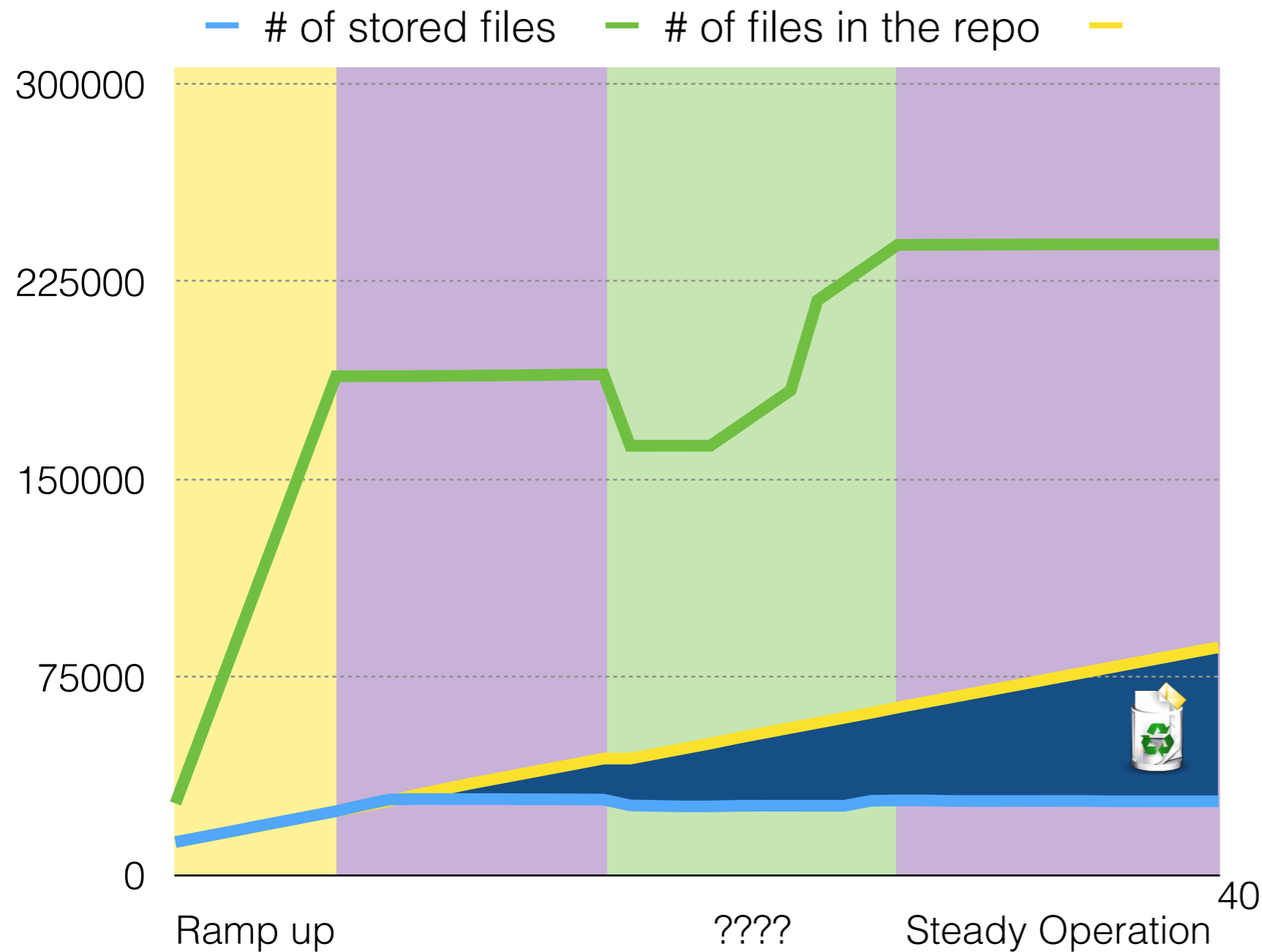
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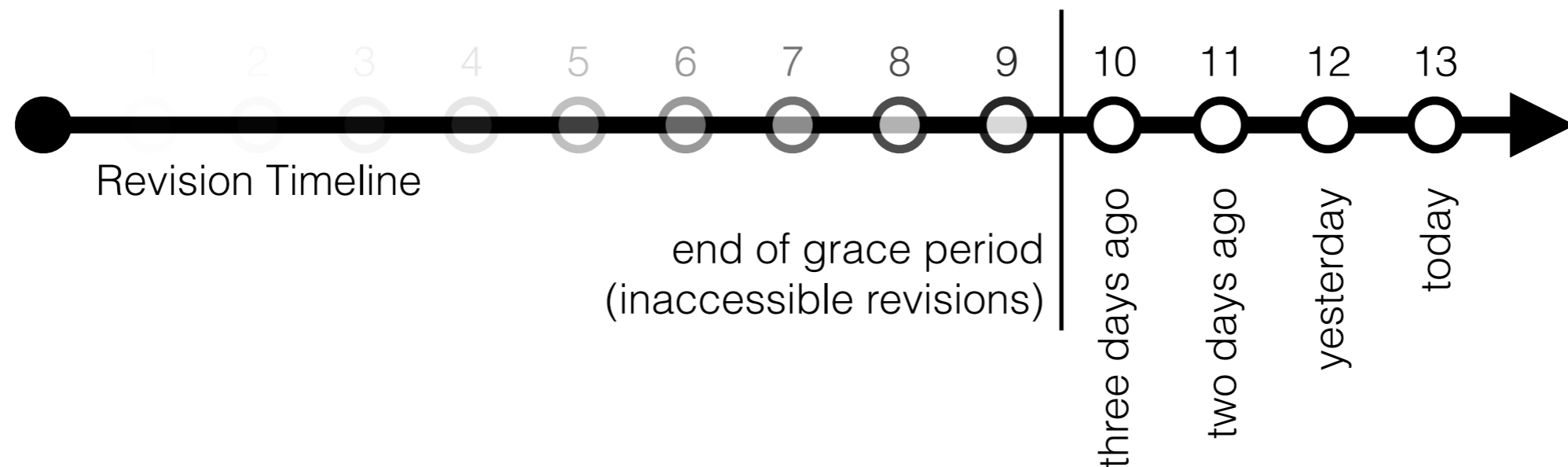
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# Garbage Collection Details

- To come in **CernVM-FS 2.1.20**
- Configurable history preservation grace period (default: 3 days)
- Automatic cleanup of older revisions after each publish/snapshot
- Cleanup on both the stratum 0 and the stratum 1
- Garbage Collection based on “*Mark-and-Sweep*”





# Near Future Developments



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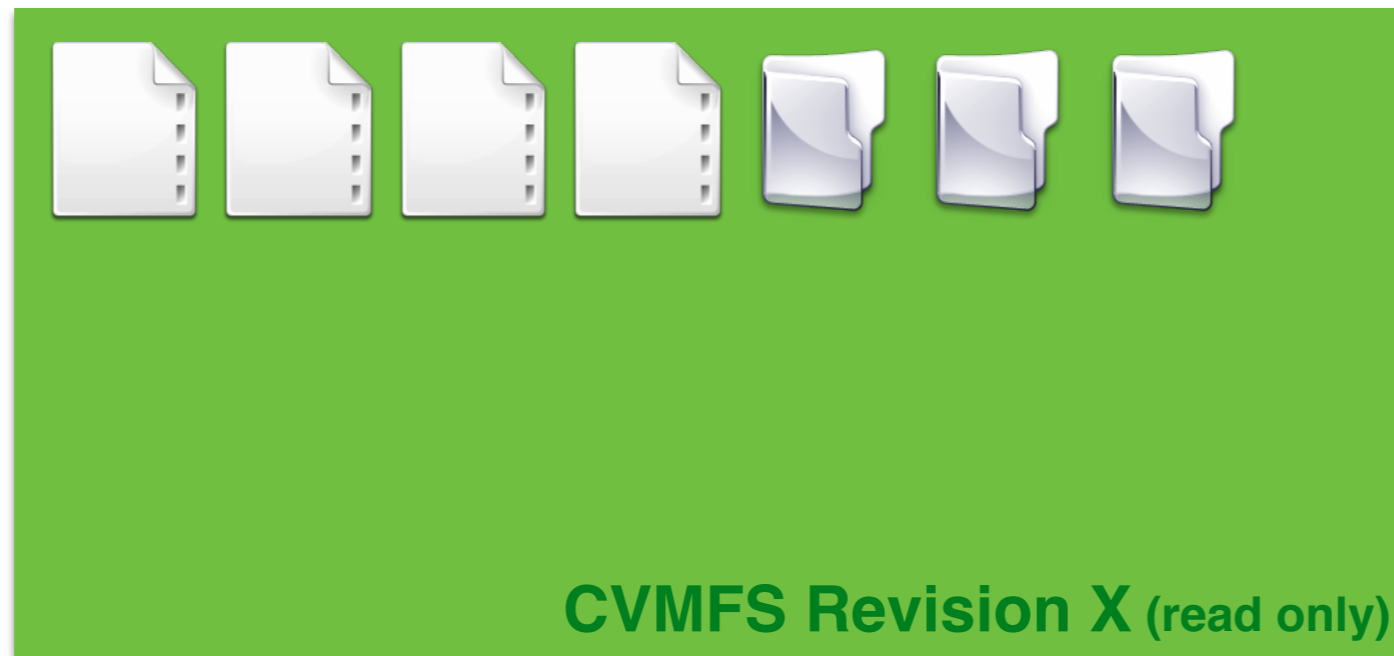


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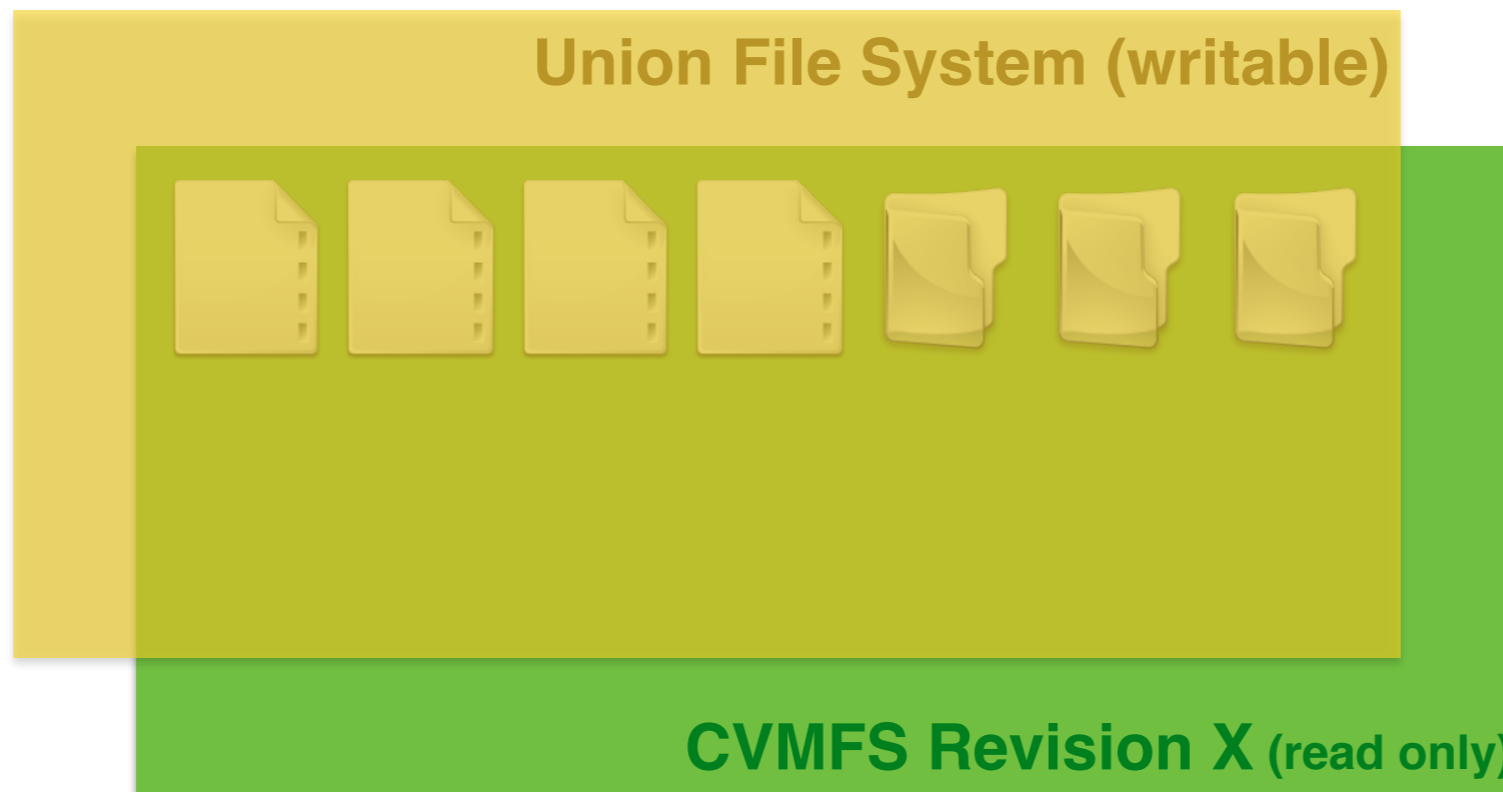
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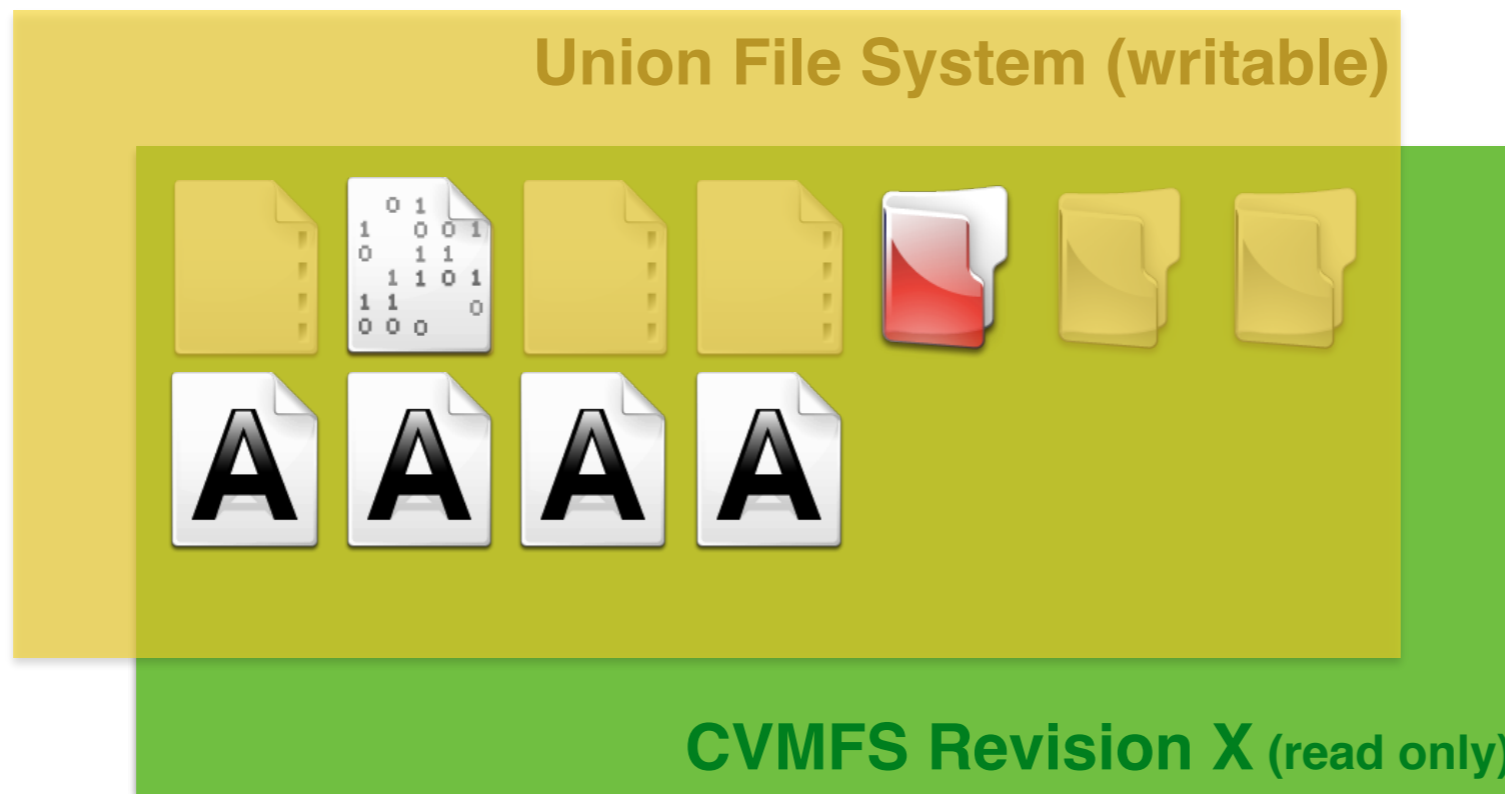
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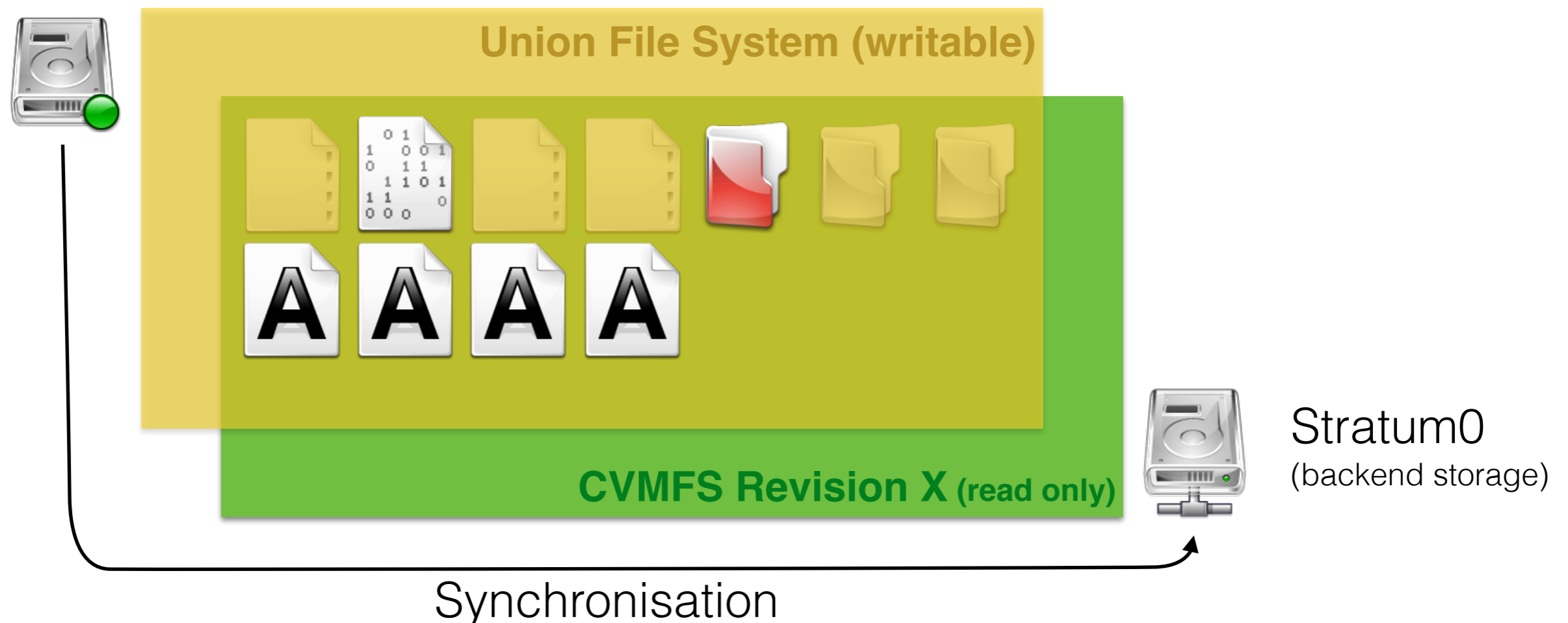
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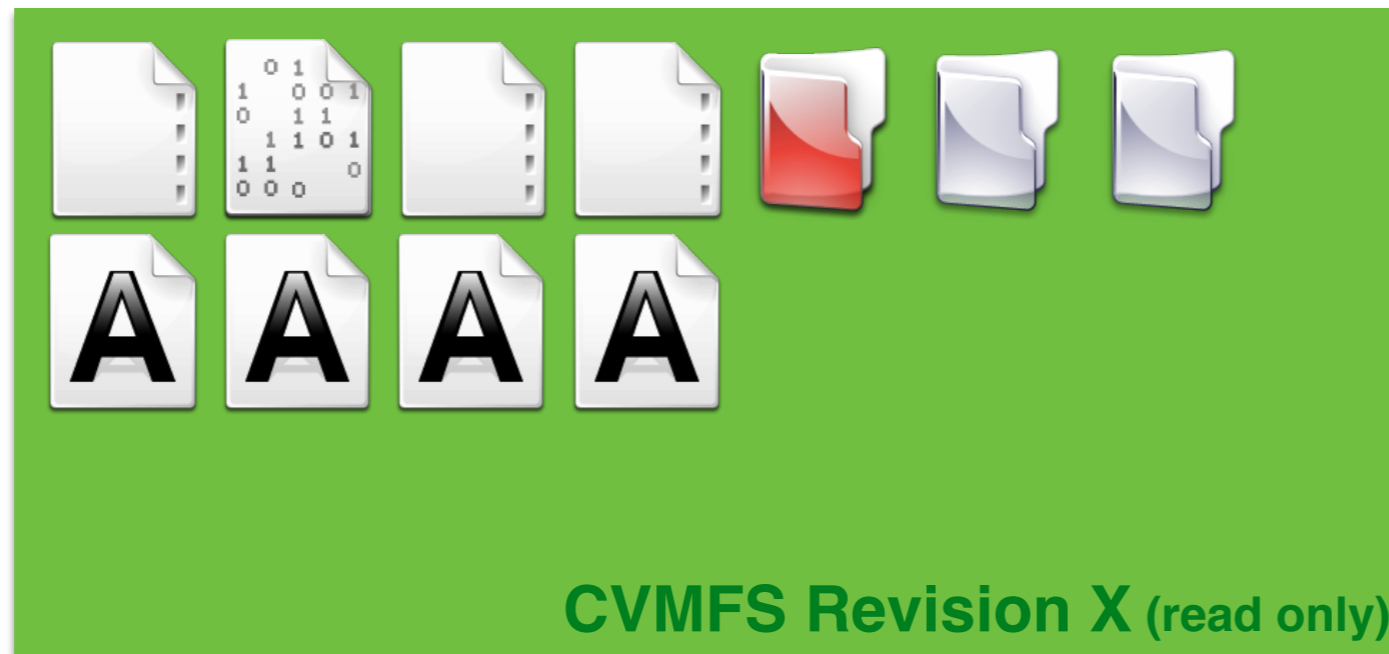


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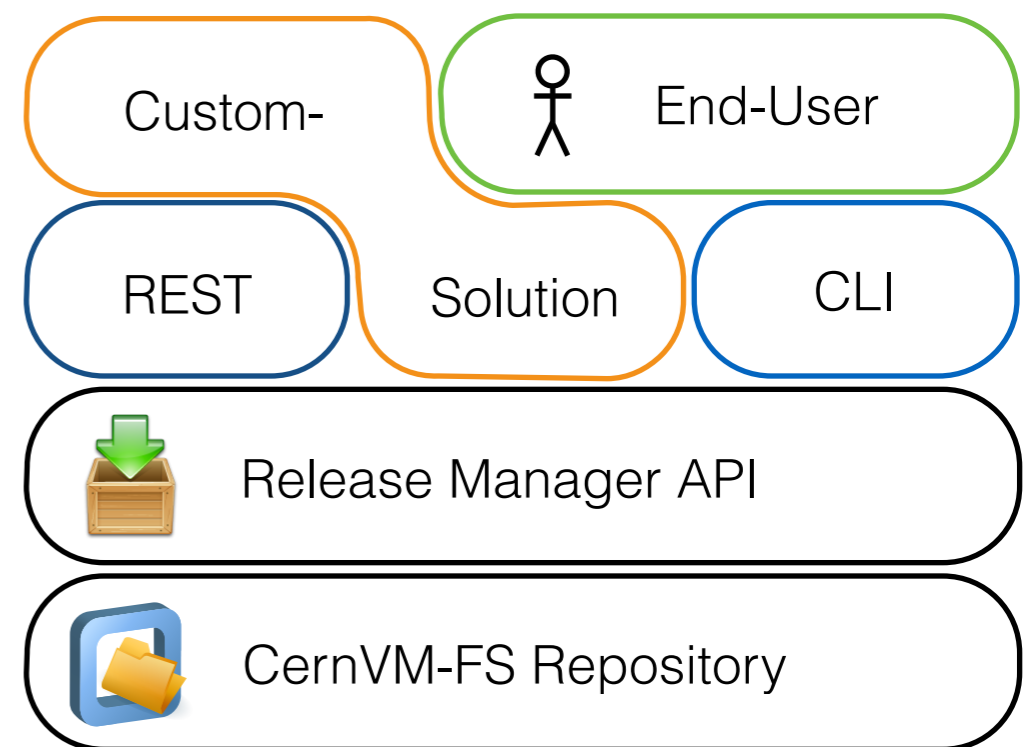
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- **OverlayFS** was merged into the Linux kernel 3.18
  - CernVM-FS has (currently untested) support for OverlayFS (contributed by Joshua C. Randall in 2013)
  - We will work on supporting OverlayFS for the server
  - Unfortunately it breaks POSIX compliance (hard links)



# Customisable Release Manager Tools

- Right now: `cvmfs_server` is used by repository maintainers
- Planned: **REST API support** to remote control a Stratum 0
- Use Cases: **CernVM-FS as a Service** (i.e. OASIS)
- Rough Requirements:
  - Scripted installation and publish
  - Pre-publish transaction inspection
  - Instrumented publishing process
  - Auto-create nested catalogs
- Details are to be discussed
  - Feedback appreciated!



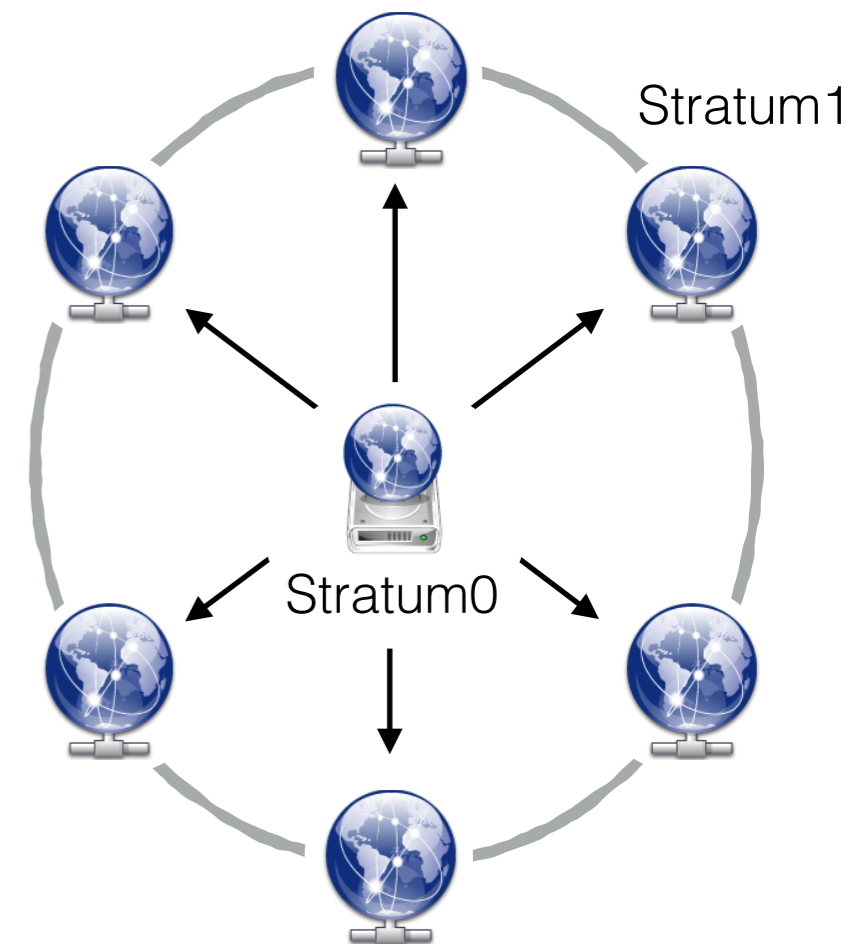
# Smart Stratum1 Servers

- Carefully **enhance Stratum1 servers** with a REST API
- CernVM-FS 2.1.20's **Stratum1 GeolP ordering** is the first step
- Potential Use Cases

- **Push Replication**

- Stratum0 notifies the Stratum1s about published revisions
- Improves update propagation latency
- Stratum0 needs a register of Stratum1s

- Monitoring Status Information
- Stratum1 Peer-to-Peer Updates?





# Consolidating Parrot (libcvmfs)

- Mount CernVM-FS *entirely* in user space *without* FUSE
- Main Use-Case: **Opportunistic Resources**
- Successfully used in production by CMS
- *However:* Current implementation has issues
  - No support for chunked files
  - No local cache management
  - Not covered by our test suite
- Consolidation, bug fixes and performance improvements planned for CernVM-FS 2.1.21





# Release Plan



# (Future) Release Plan

CernVM-FS **2.1.19** *28th of May 2014*

- Still current stable release
- Was mainly a consolidation release
- No known major issues

CernVM-FS **2.1.20** *March 2015 (published for testing\*)*

- Feature release
  - Separation of software and configuration
  - Automatic GeolP ordering of Stratum 1
  - History-less repositories
  - Alternative Storage Backends (i.e. S3)

CernVM-FS **2.1.21** *End 2015*

- Push Replication
- Parrot Improvements

\* <http://cernvm.cern.ch/portal/filesystem/release-procedure>





# Thanks!







# Backup Slides



# New Feature in CernVM-FS 2.1.x

Repository Import

No Need for a Shadow Directory

Stratum 1 Aliases

Revision History Database

File System Snapshotting

pkcs#7 signed whitelists

Parallel File Processing Transactional Repository Updates

Alien Cache

Compatibility to ARM

RipeMD 160 Hash Support

S3 Compatible Server Backend

Filesystem Snapshot Rollbacks

Shared Cache Manager

Multiple Repositories on one Release Manager Machine

Proxy Auto-Config Support

Large File Chunking

Aggregated Catalog Statistics

GeoIP-Based Stratum1 Ordering

Post-Mortem Stack Generation

Pluggable Storage Backends

Client Hot-Patching

NFS Exports

Repository Garbage Collection

Named File System Snapshots

Micro-Syslog

Read-only Cache Mode

Configuration Meta-Repository

Volatile Repositories



# Testing of CernVM-File System

- Testing is part of **continuous integration**
  - Pull Requests are built and tested before being merged
  - Nightly integration build and test
  - Regular full integration test runs (~ 16 hour runtime)
- Multiple Testing Layers
  - Unittests
  - Integration and Regression Tests
  - Stress and Performance Testing (currently not automated)
  - Gradual roll-out of new CernVM-FS releases





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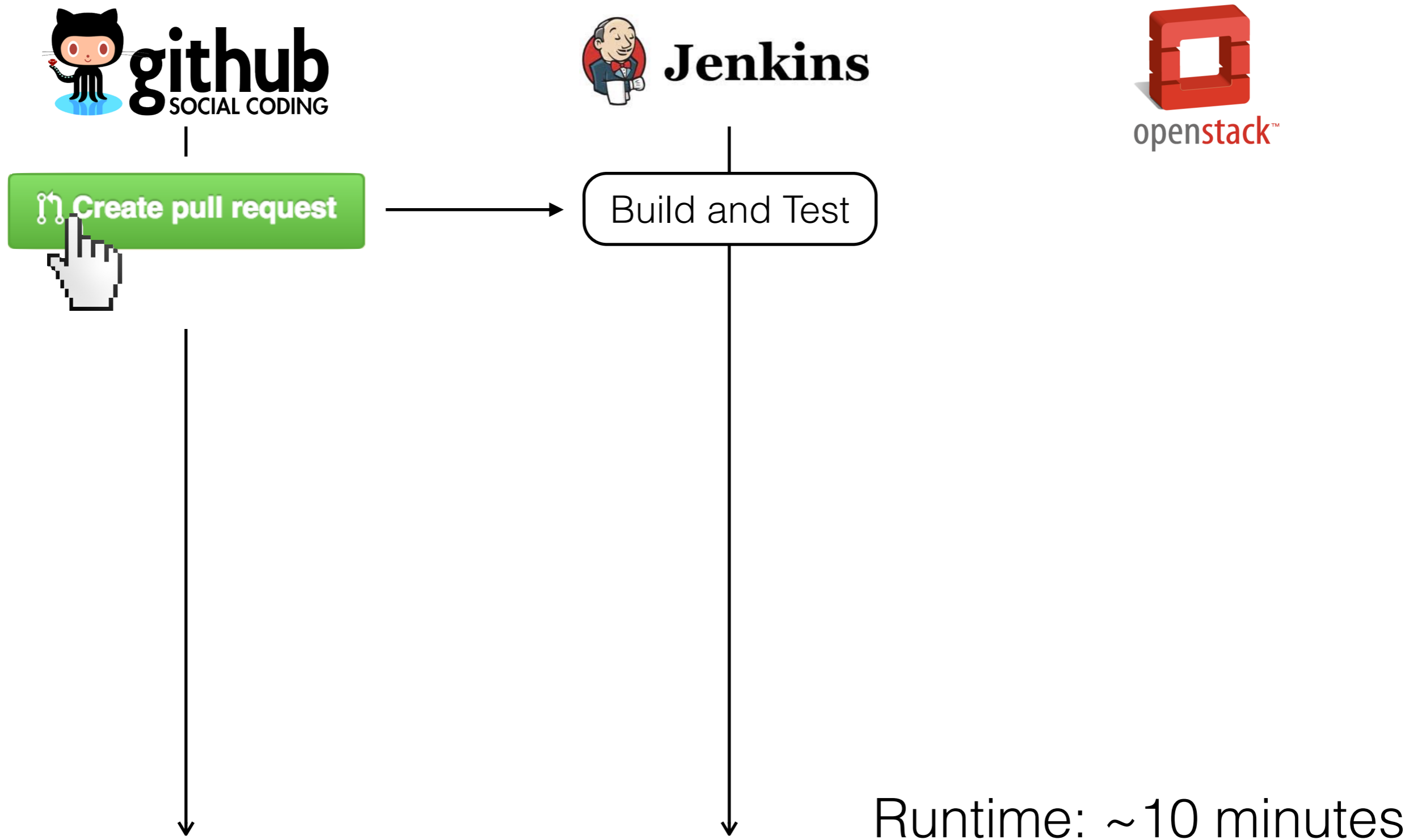
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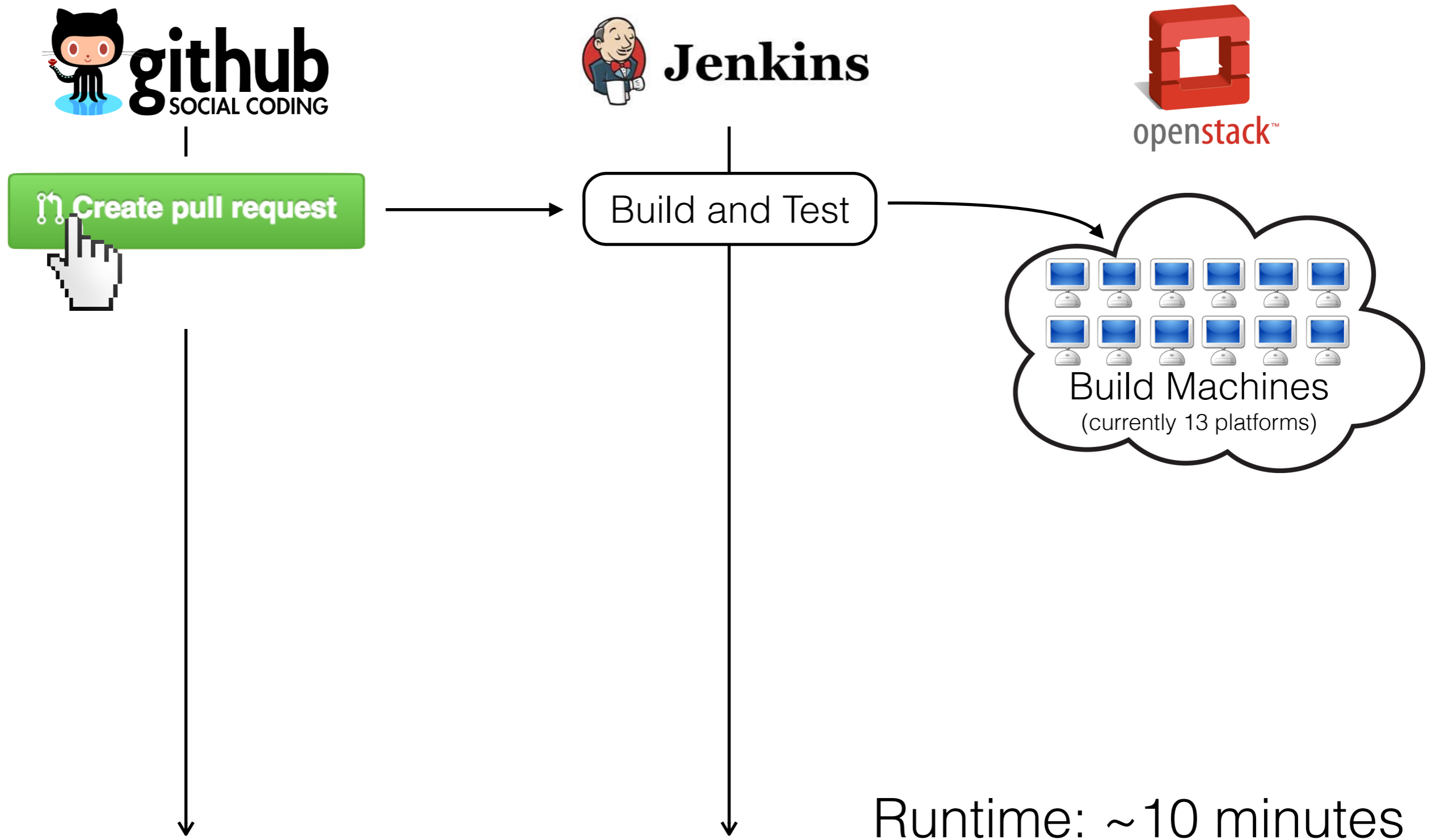
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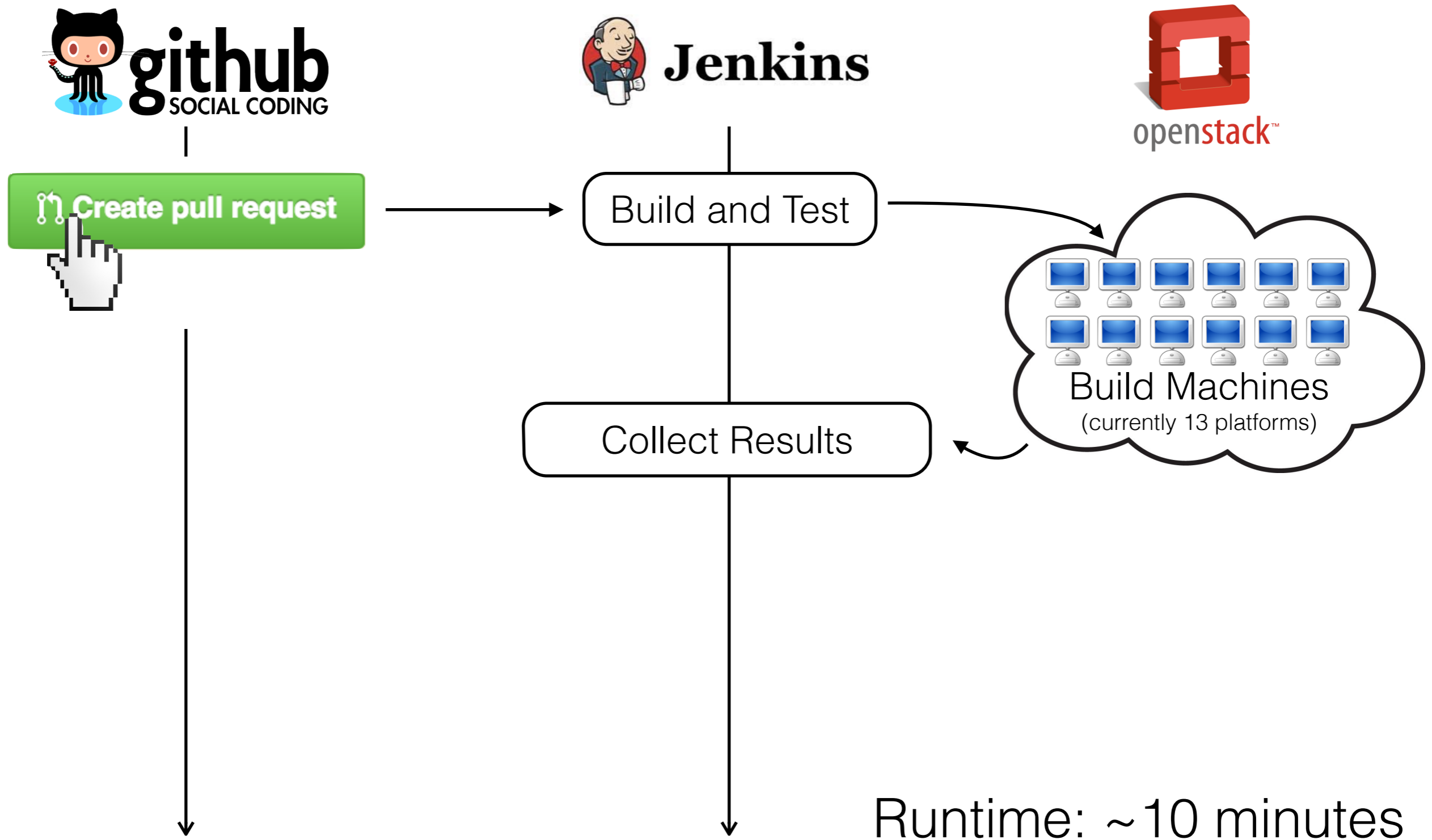
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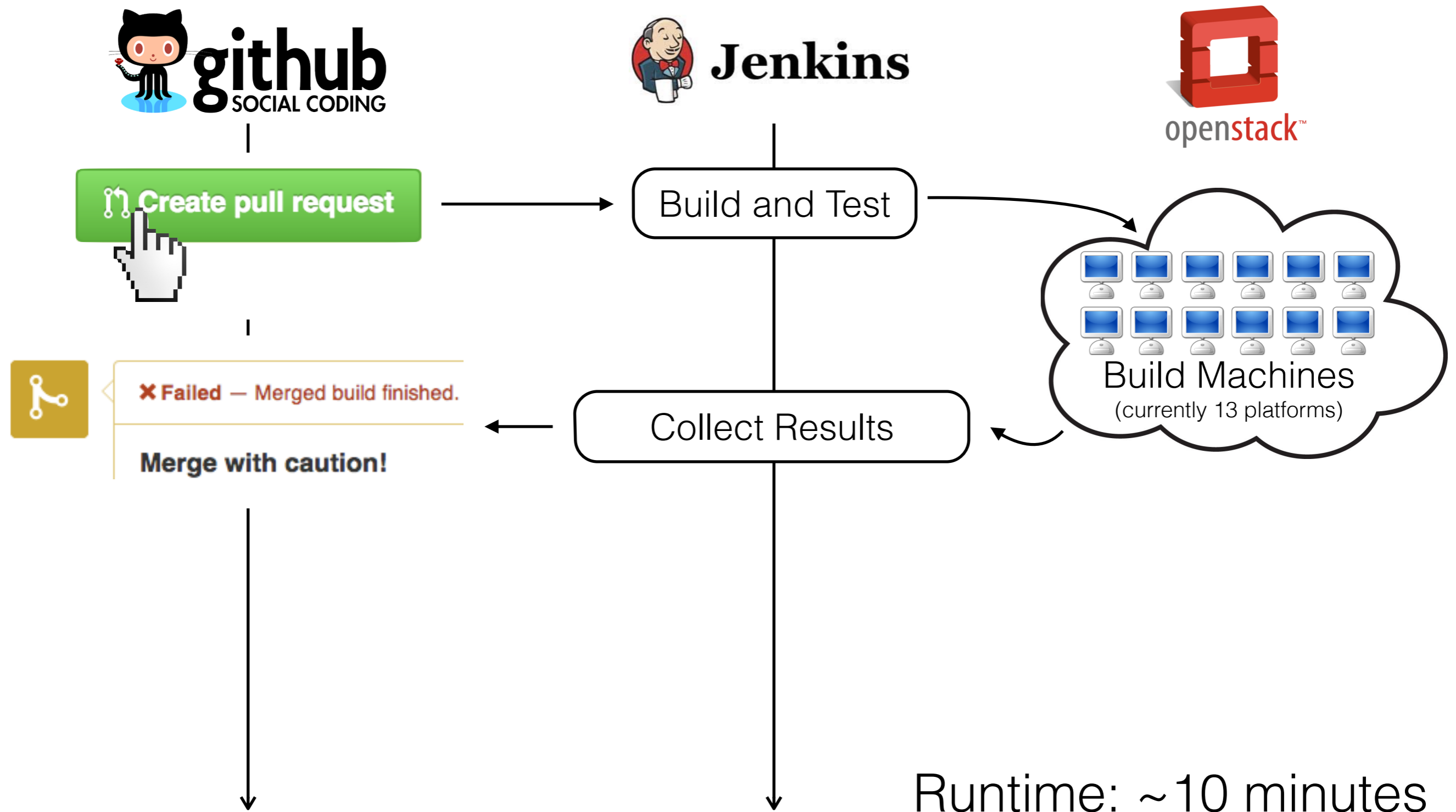
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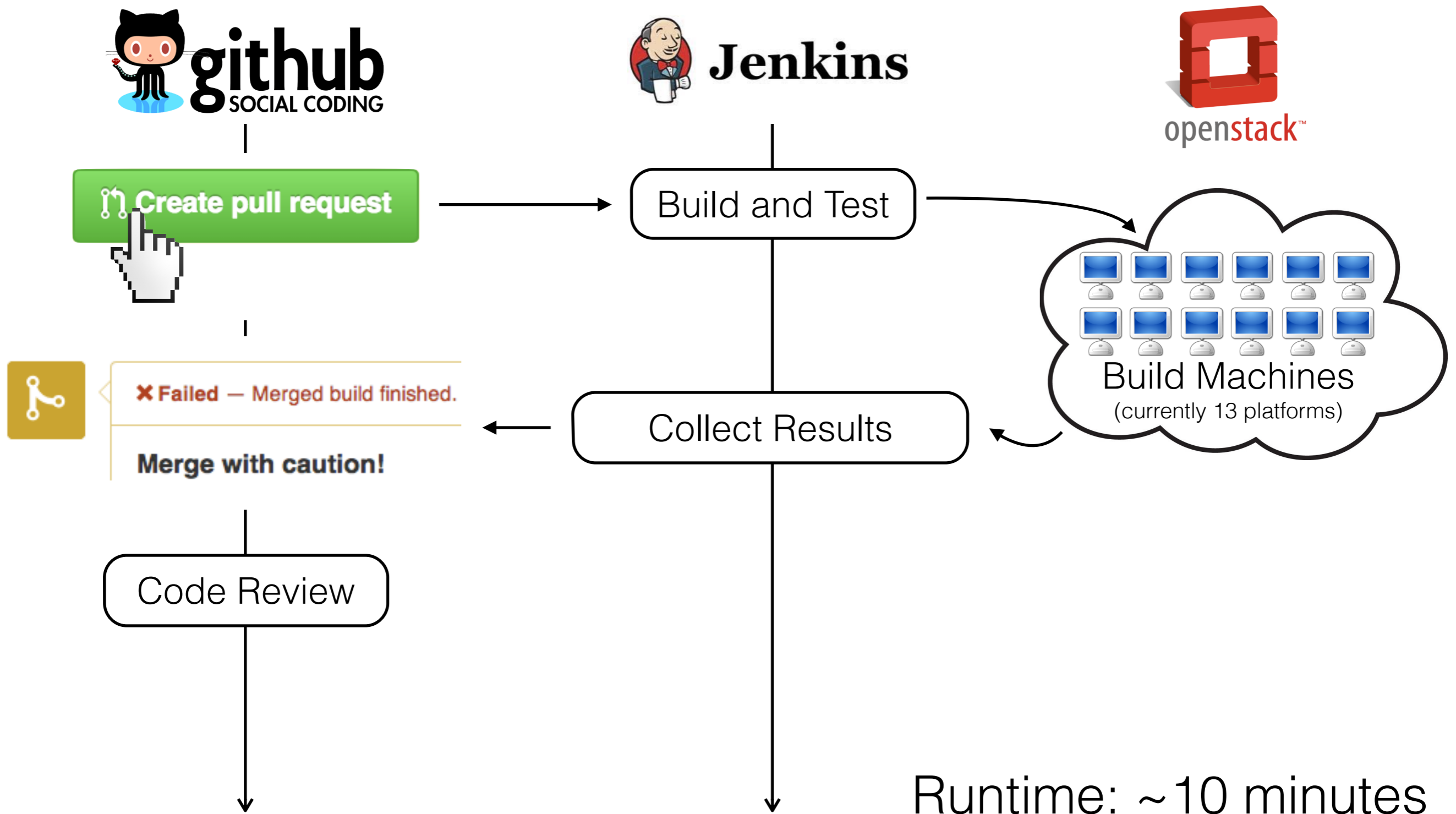
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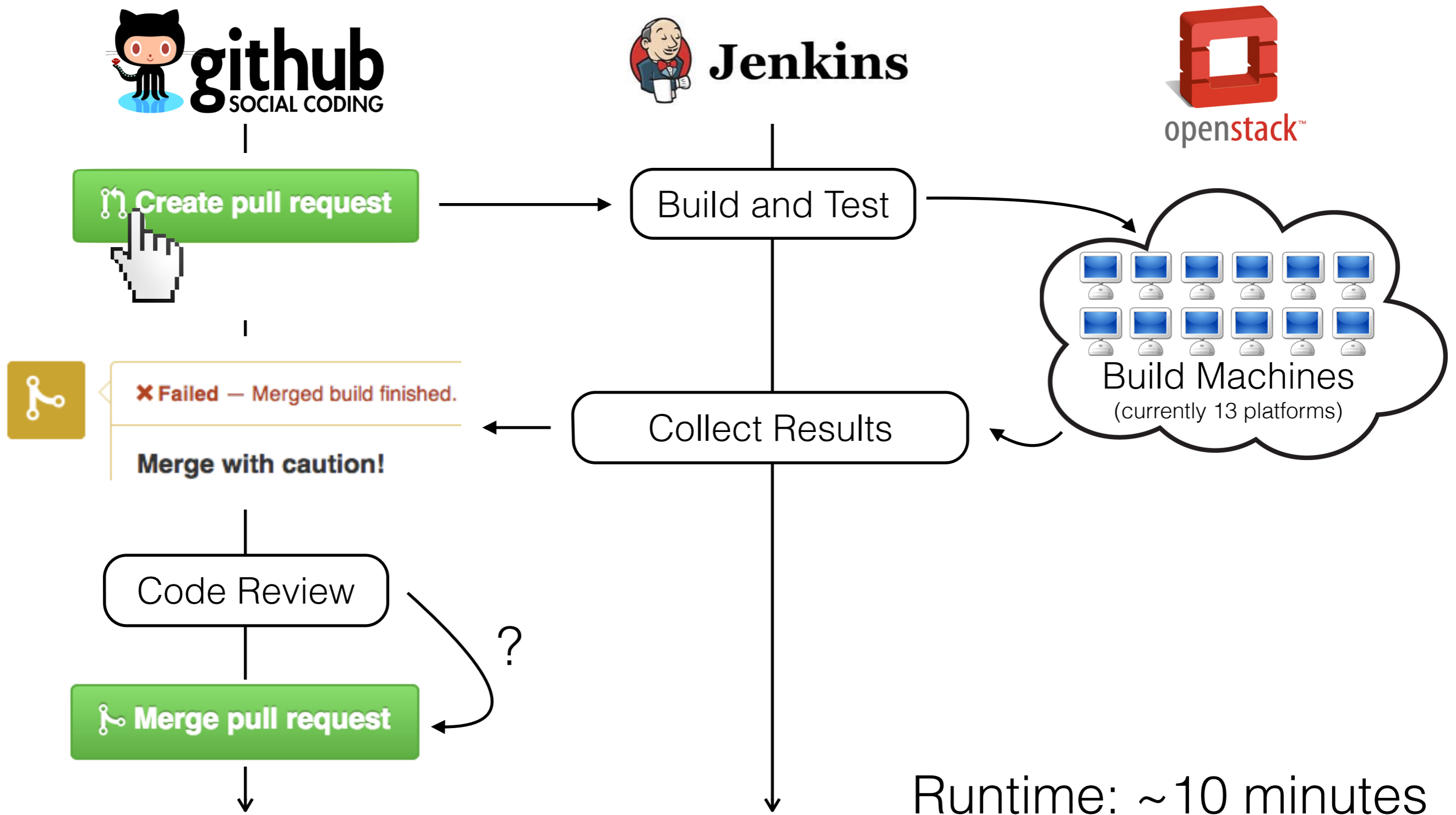
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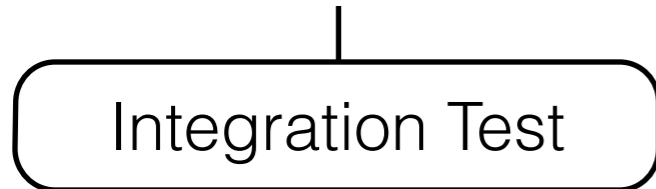
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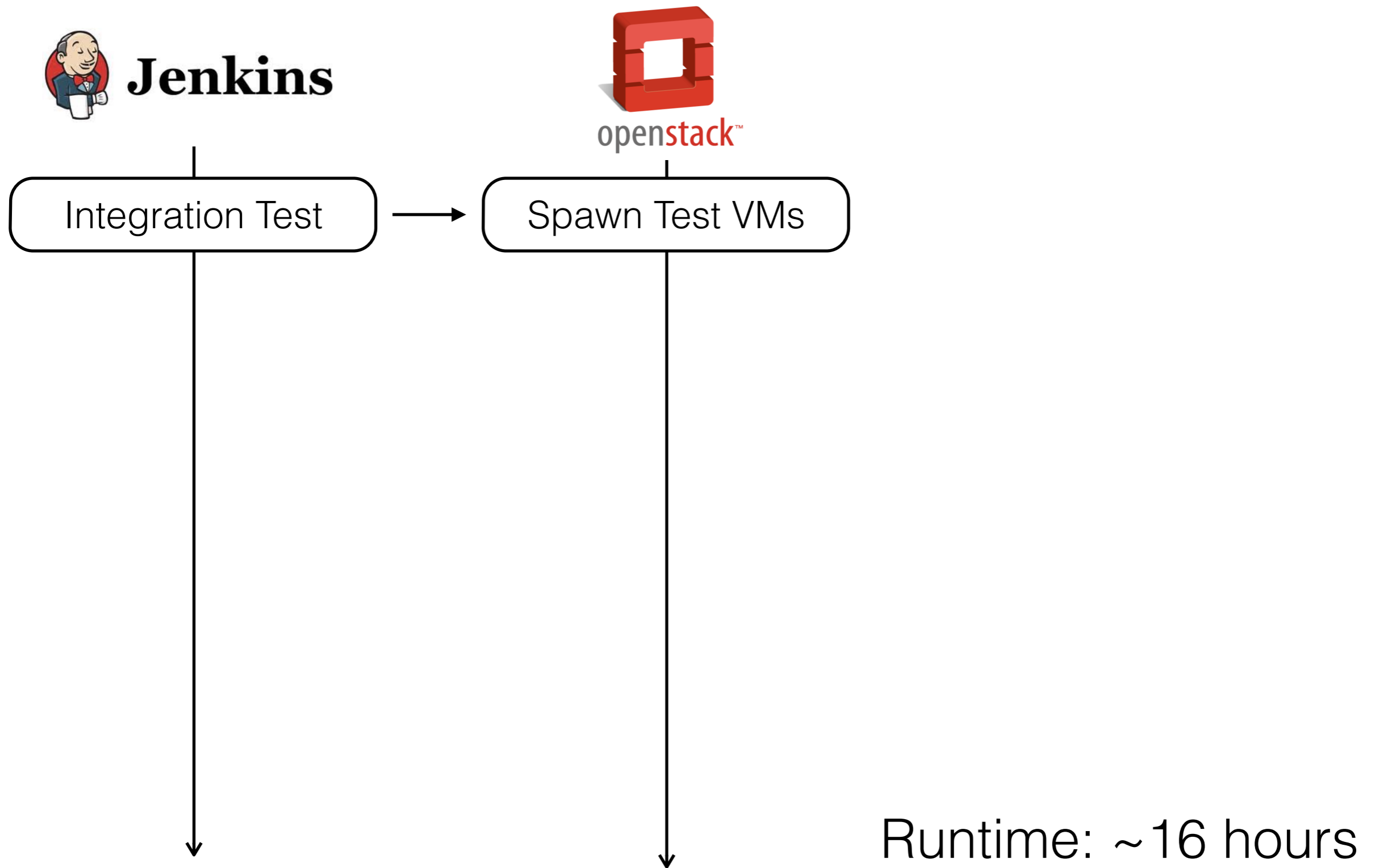
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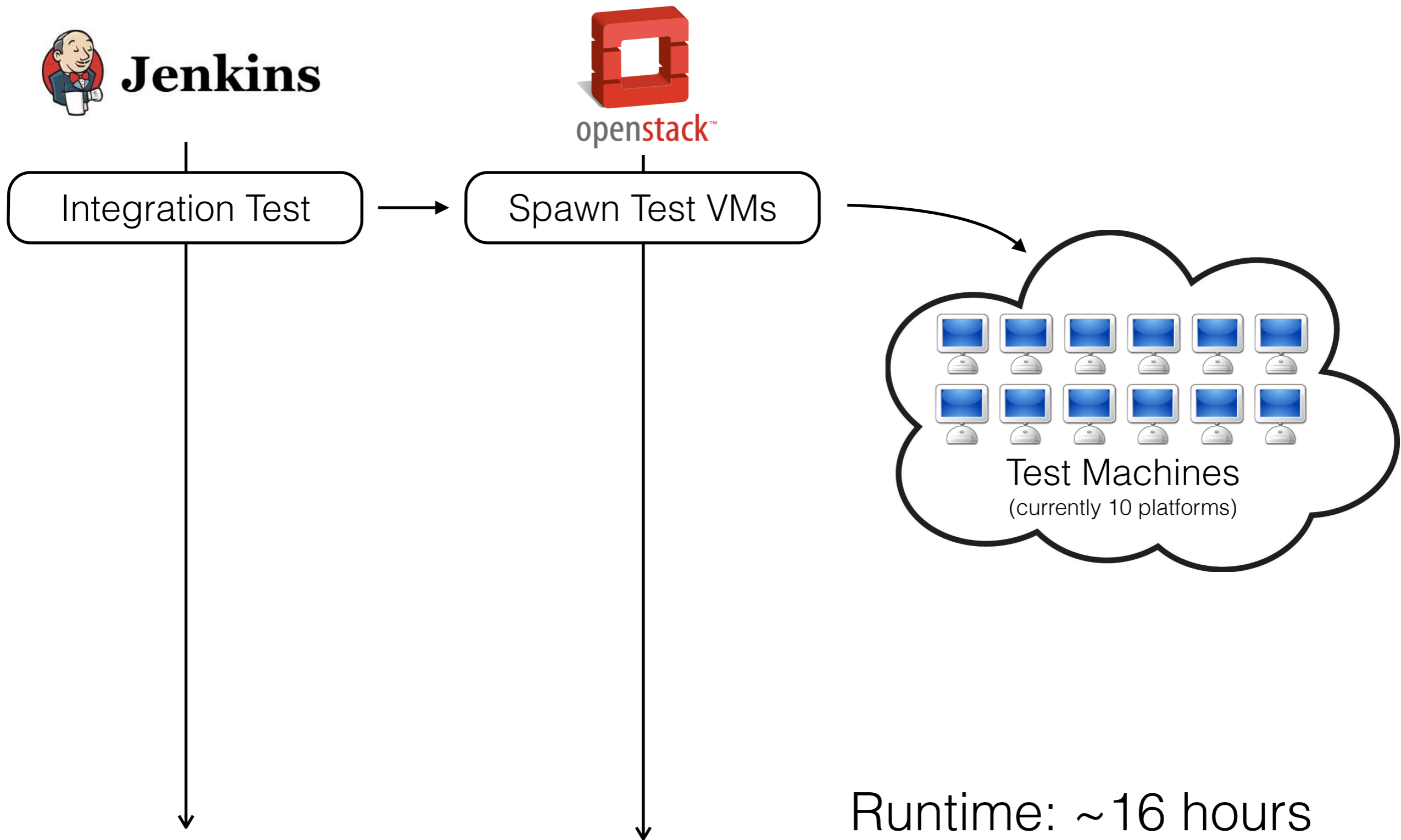
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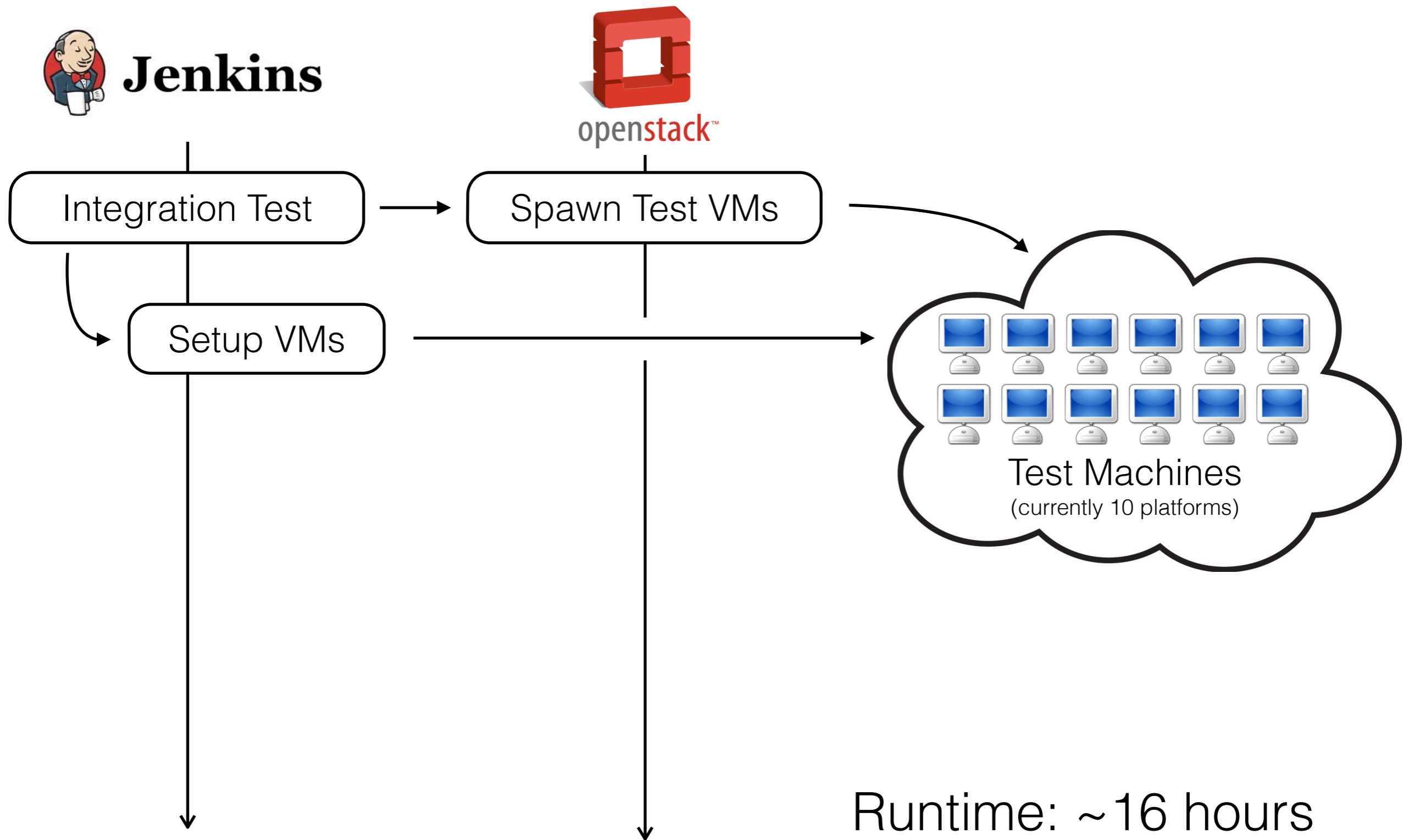
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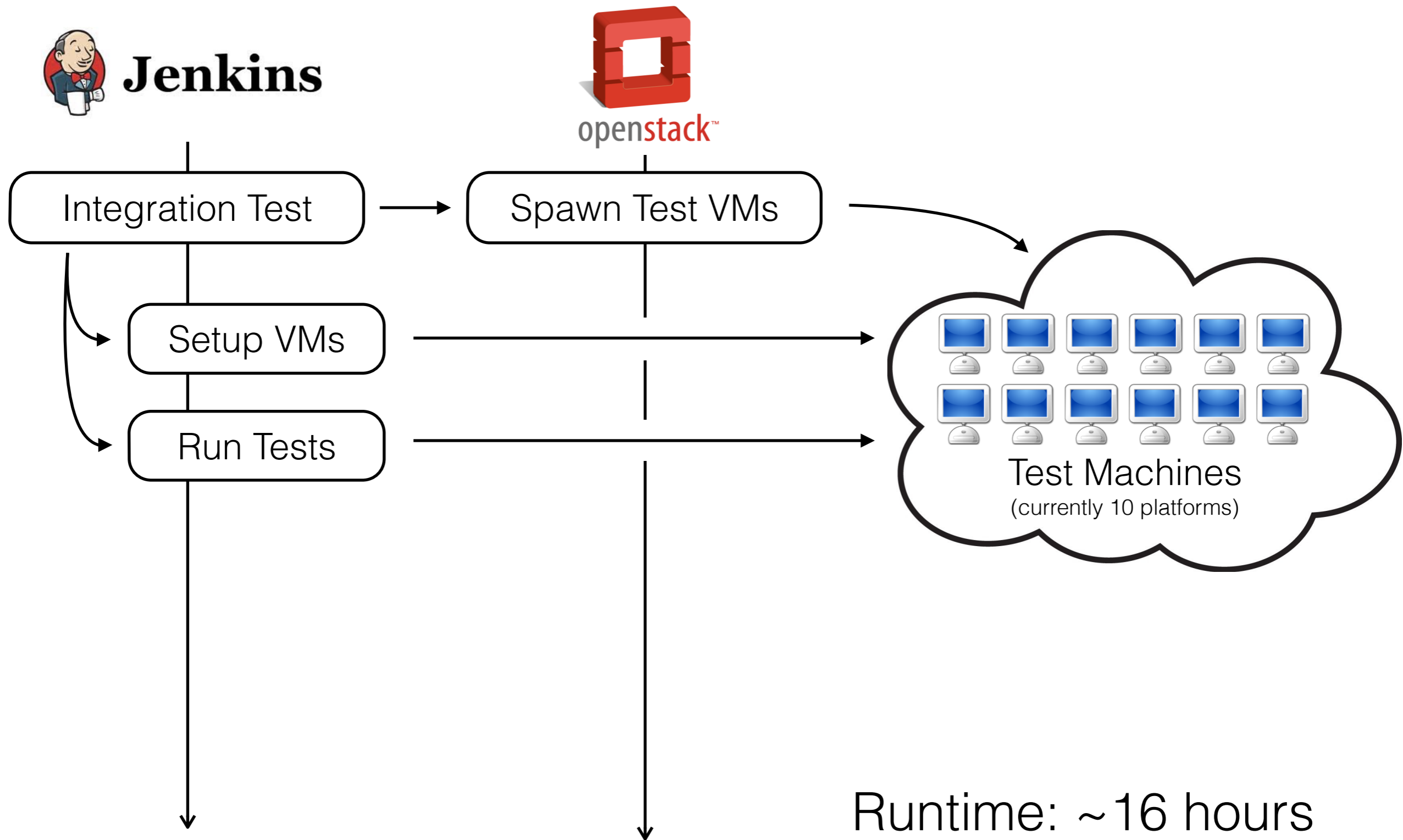
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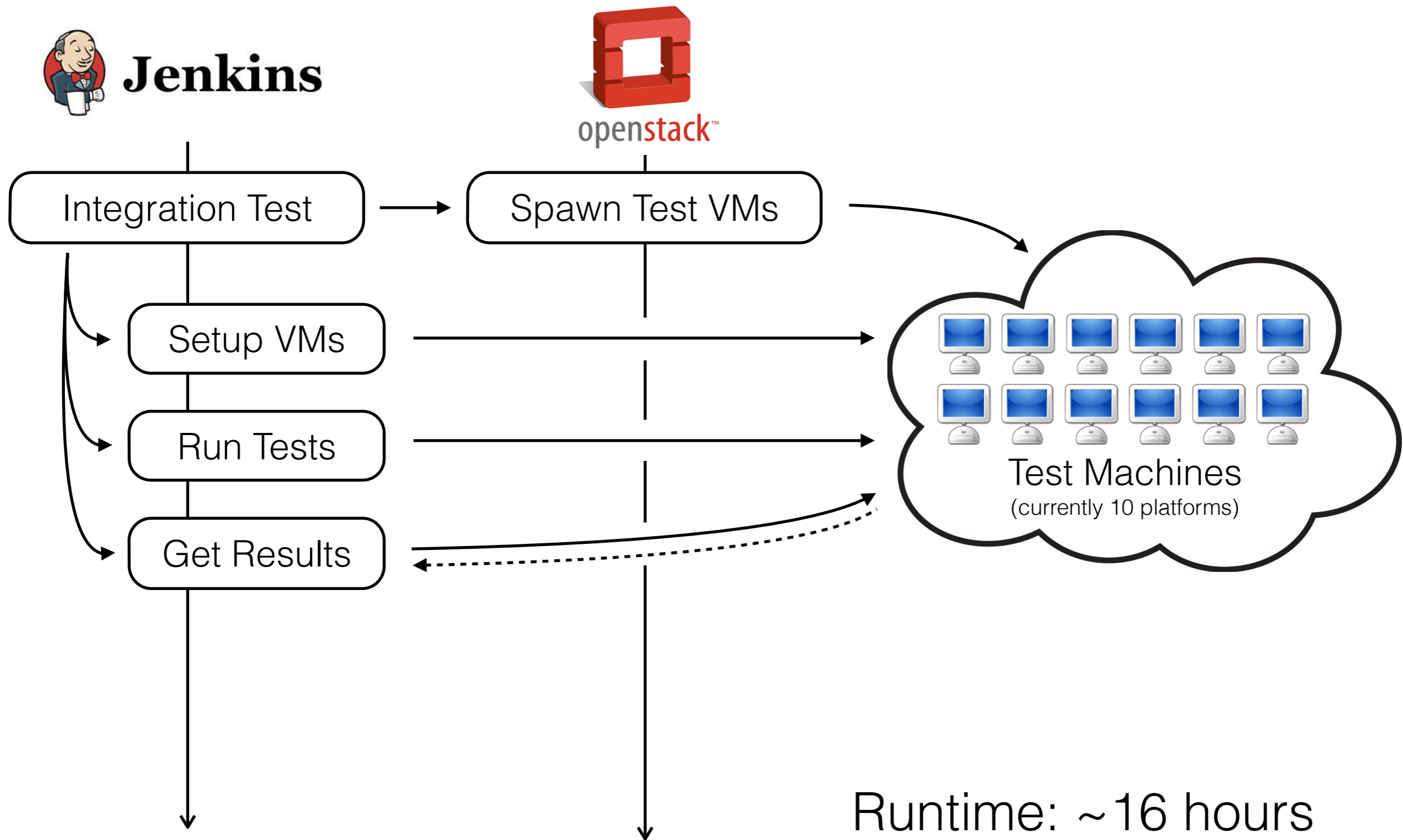
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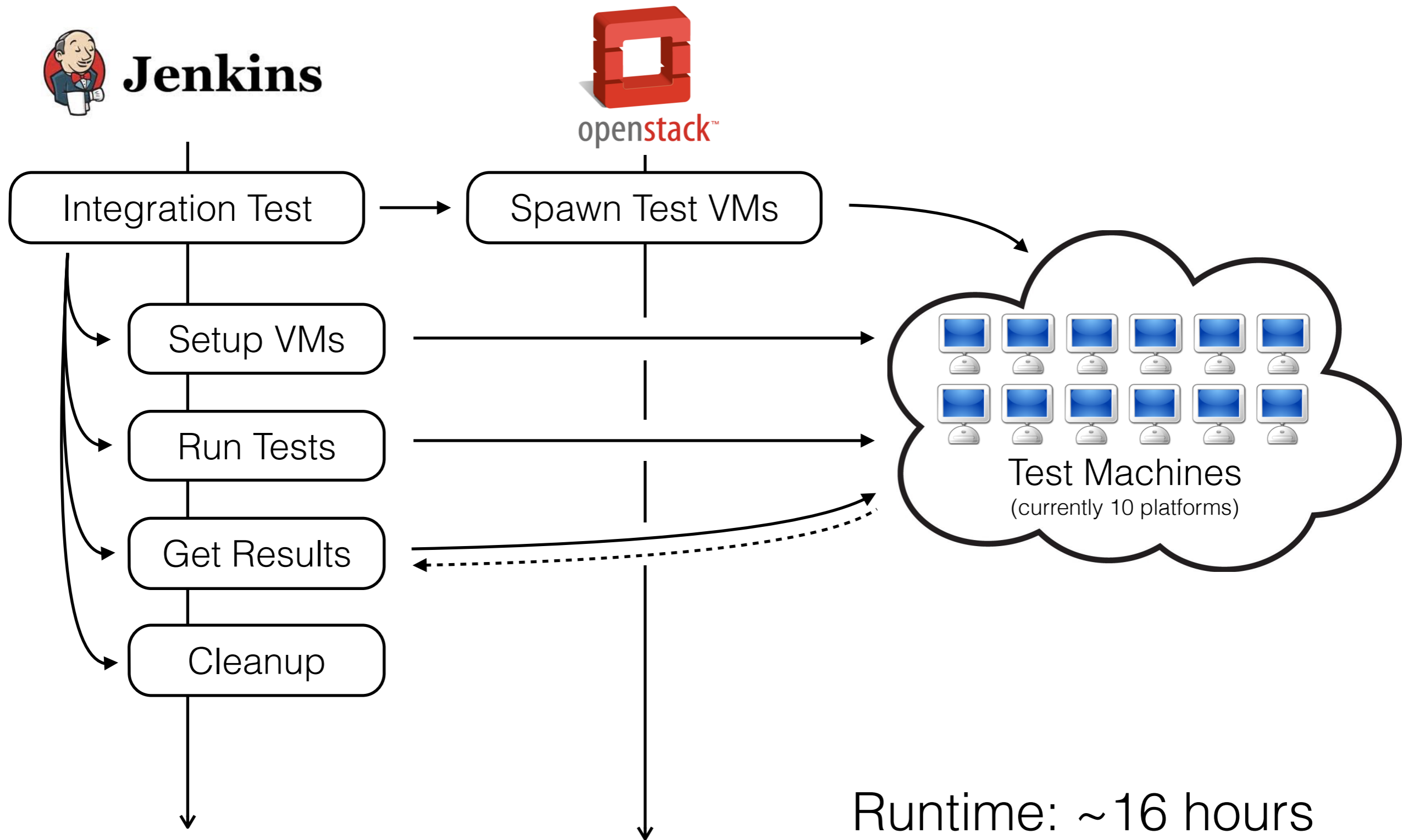
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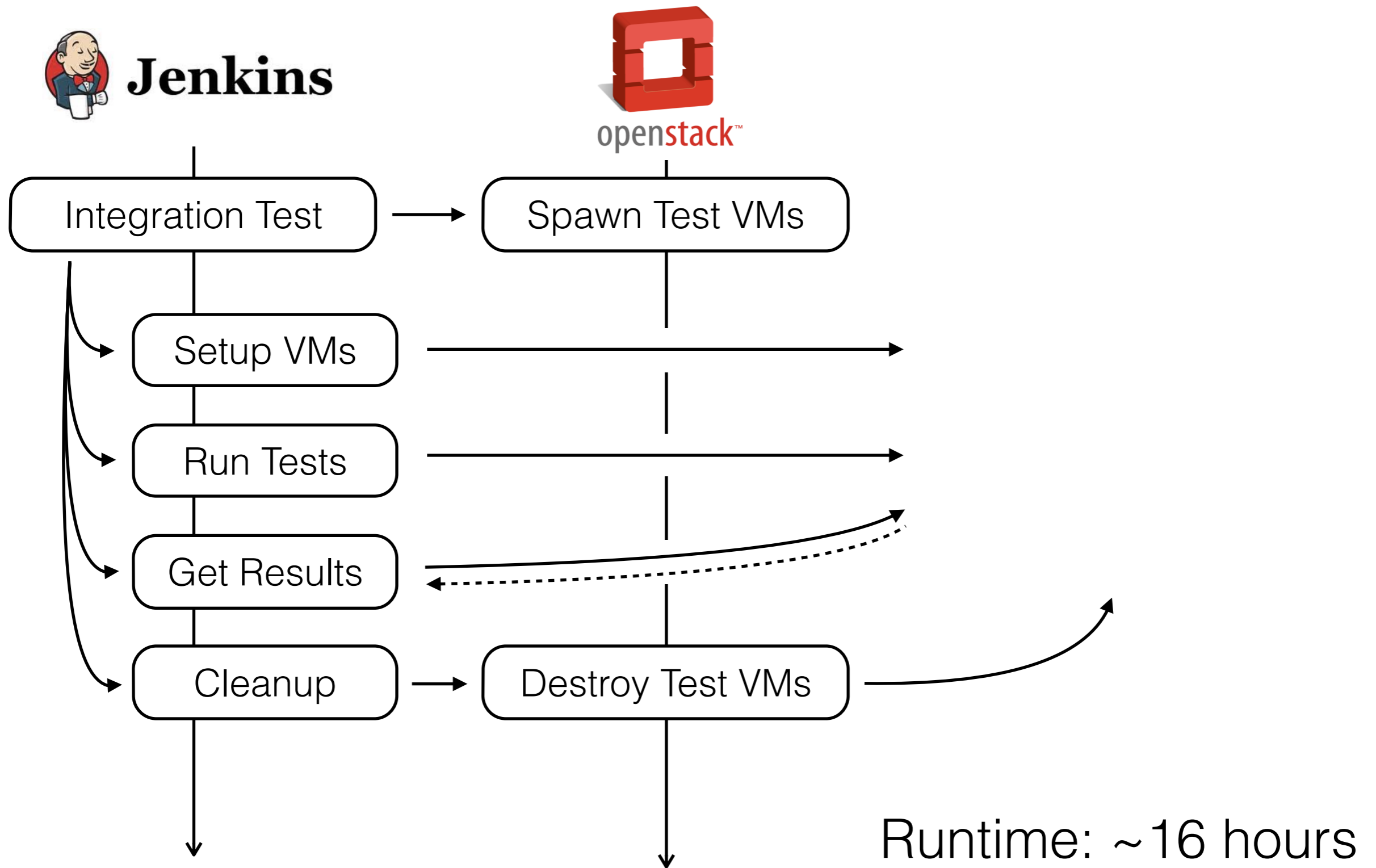
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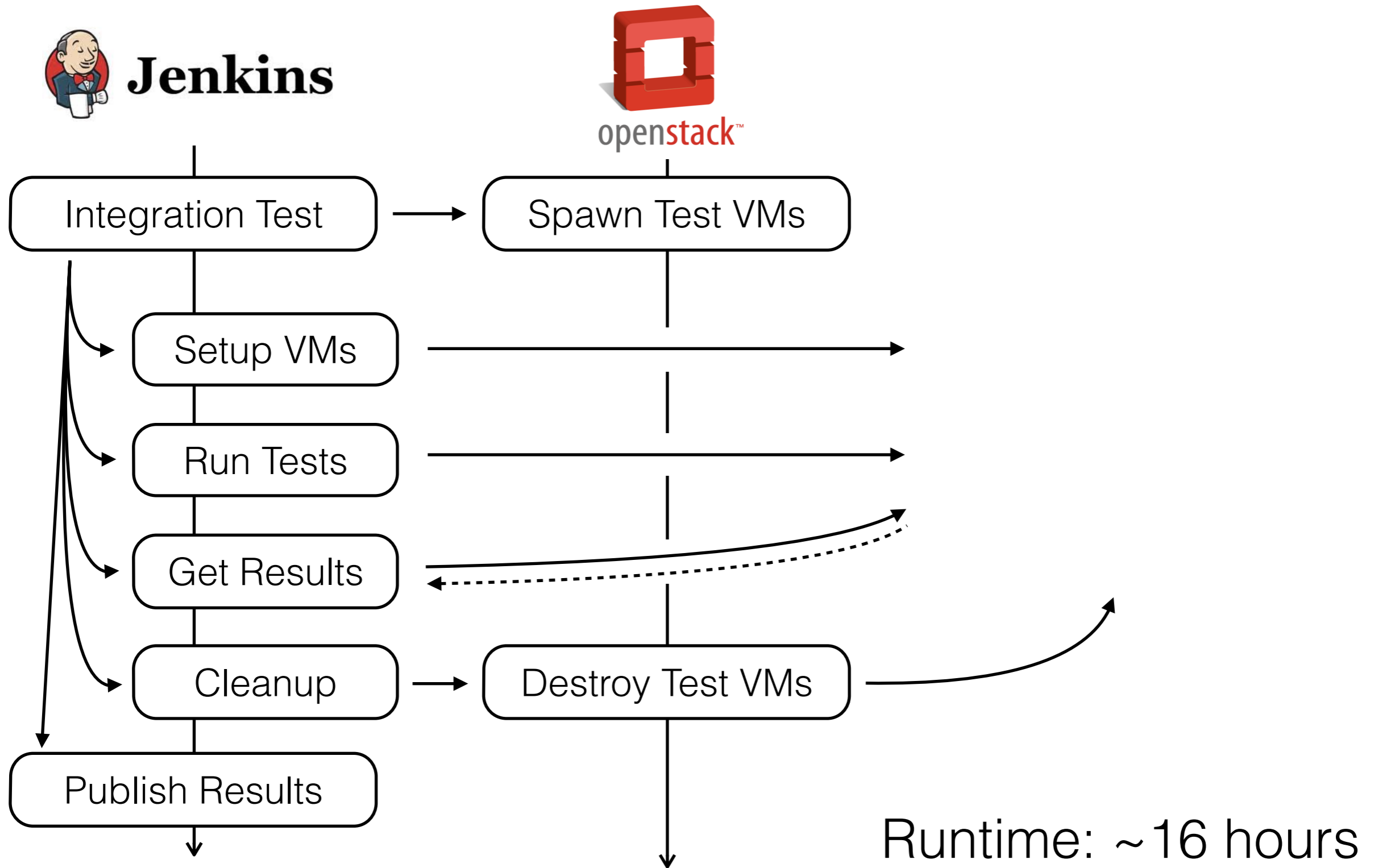


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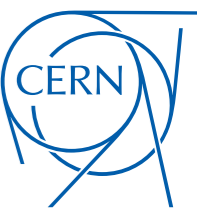
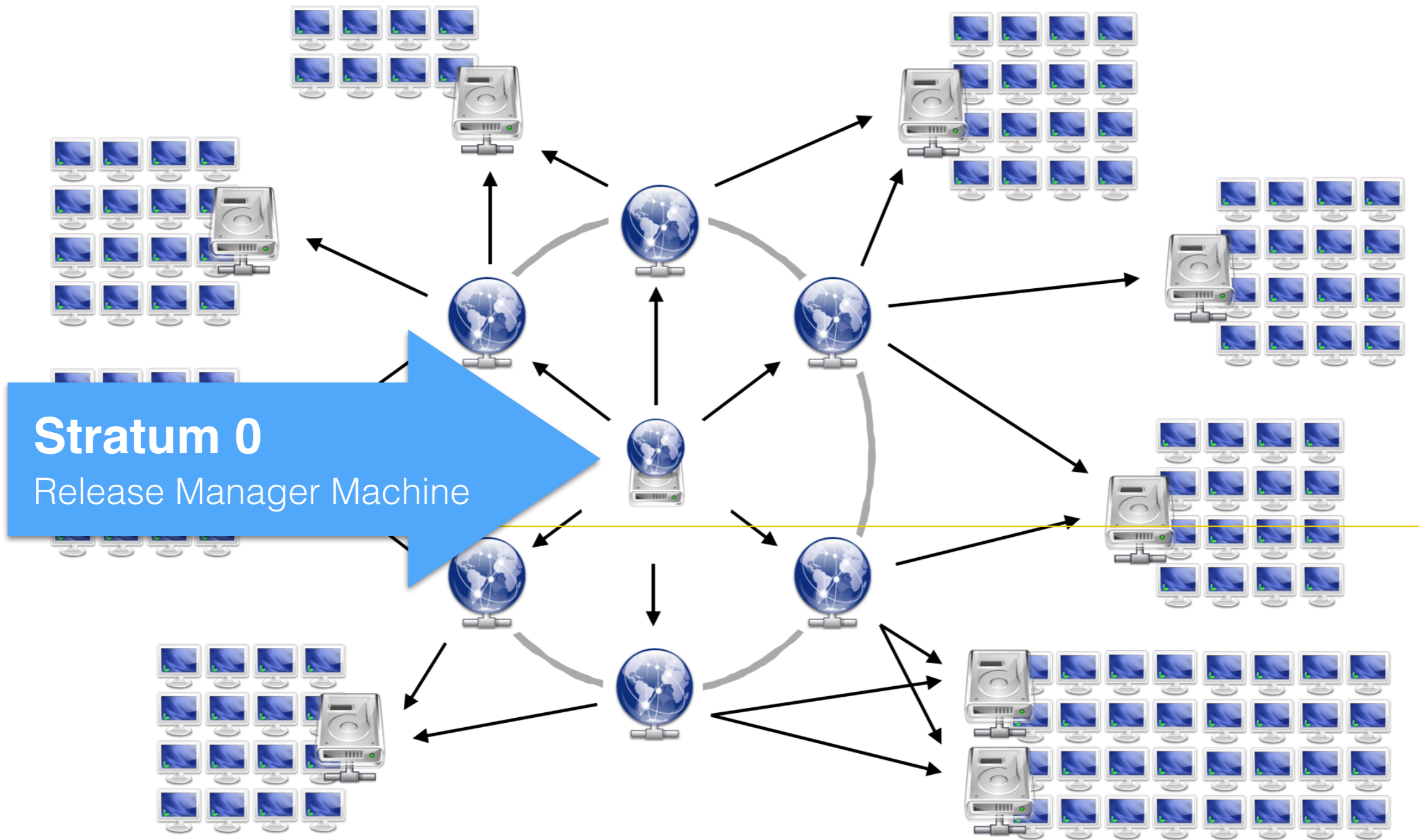


# Server Migration as Done at CERN (2014)

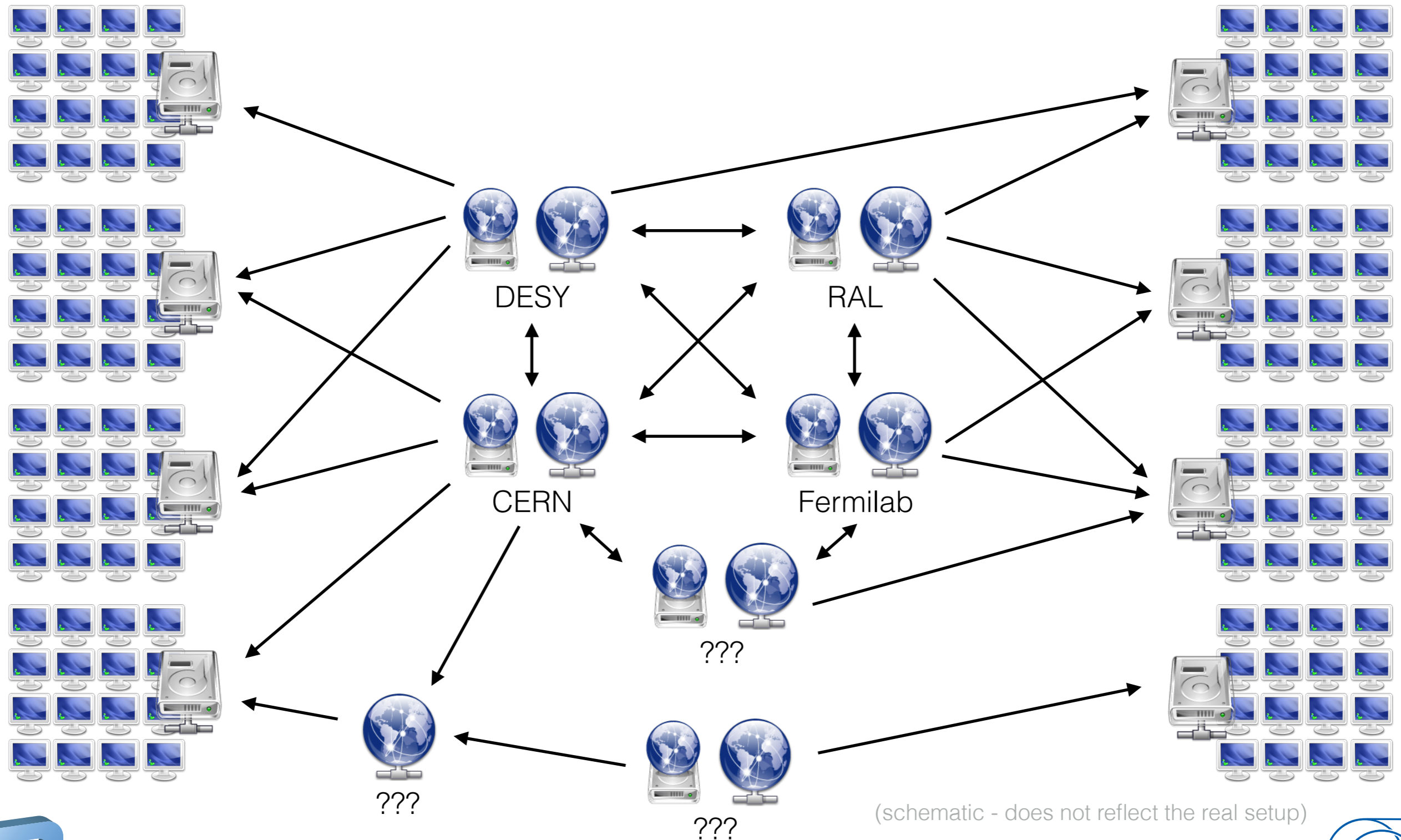
- **Gradual roll-out** from April to September **2014**
- April 11th      First migrated repository: **geant4.cern.ch**
  - ↳ A couple of minor fixes in CernVM-FS 2.1.19
- April/May      Migrated all “small” repositories  
**boss.cern.ch**, **belle.cern.ch**, **grid.cern.ch**, **na49.cern.ch**, **na61.cern.ch**
- August 5th      CernVM-FS 2.1.19 installed on all sites  
(decided in: WLCG Ops Meeting - June 5th [1])
- August/  
September      Migrated “large” repositories  
**sft.cern.ch**, **ams.cern.ch**, **atlas.cern.ch**, **alice.cern.ch**,  
**atlas-condb.cern.ch**, **cms.cern.ch**, **lhcb.cern.ch**
- Sept. 2nd      End of Life of CernVM-FS 2.0.x at CERN

[1] [https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LCG/WLCGOpsMinutes140605#Migration\\_of\\_the\\_CVMFS\\_servers](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LCG/WLCGOpsMinutes140605#Migration_of_the_CVMFS_servers)



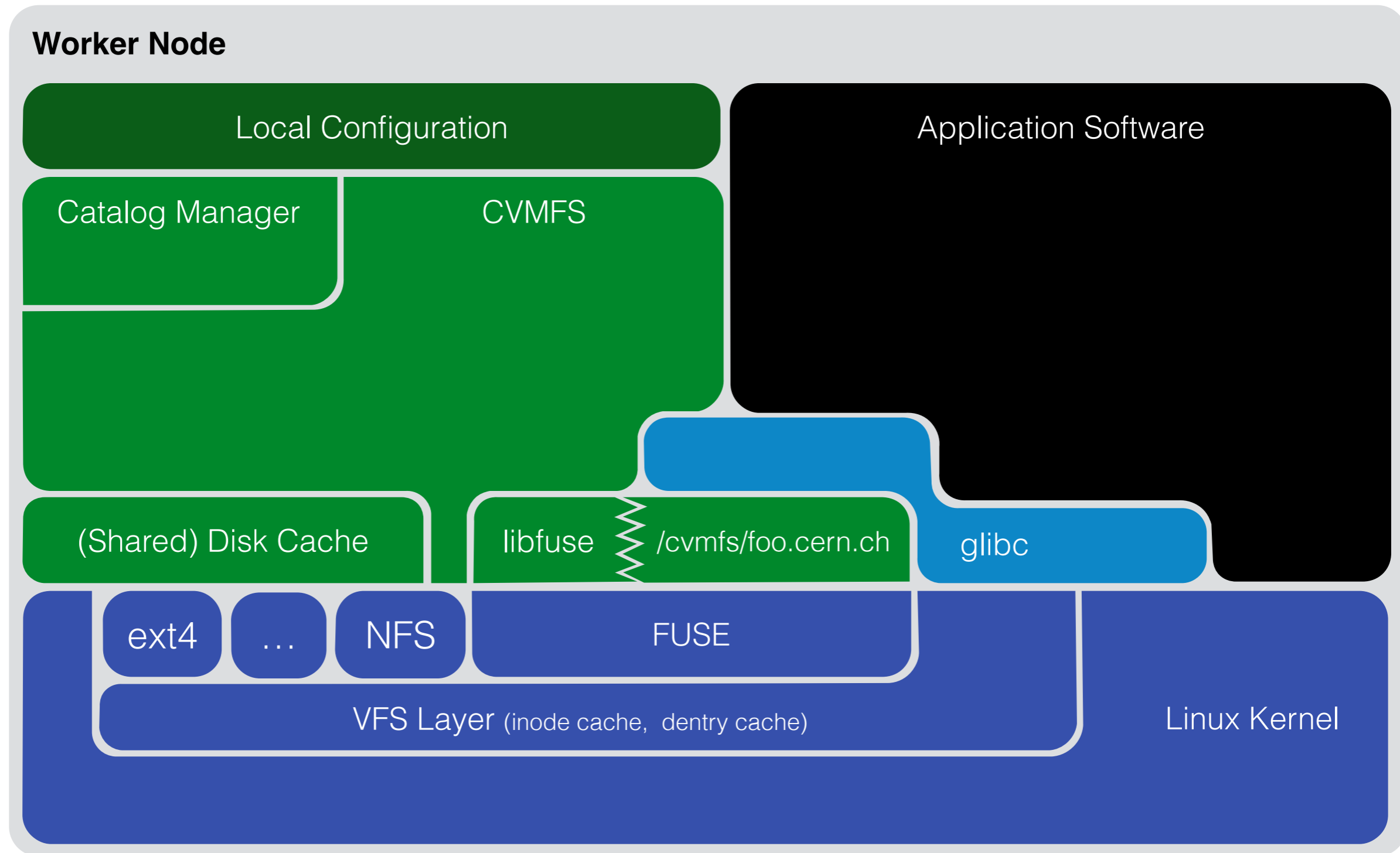


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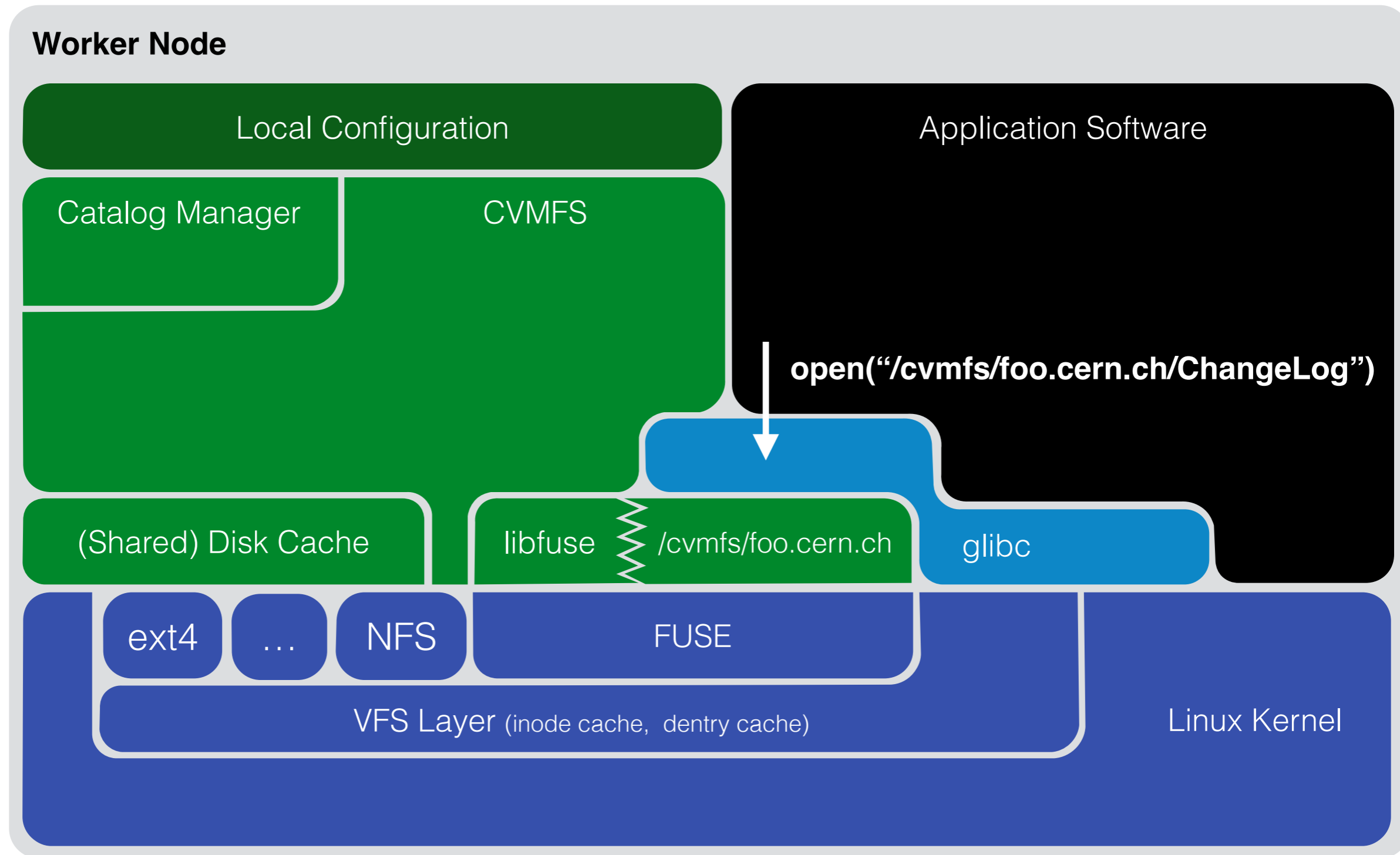


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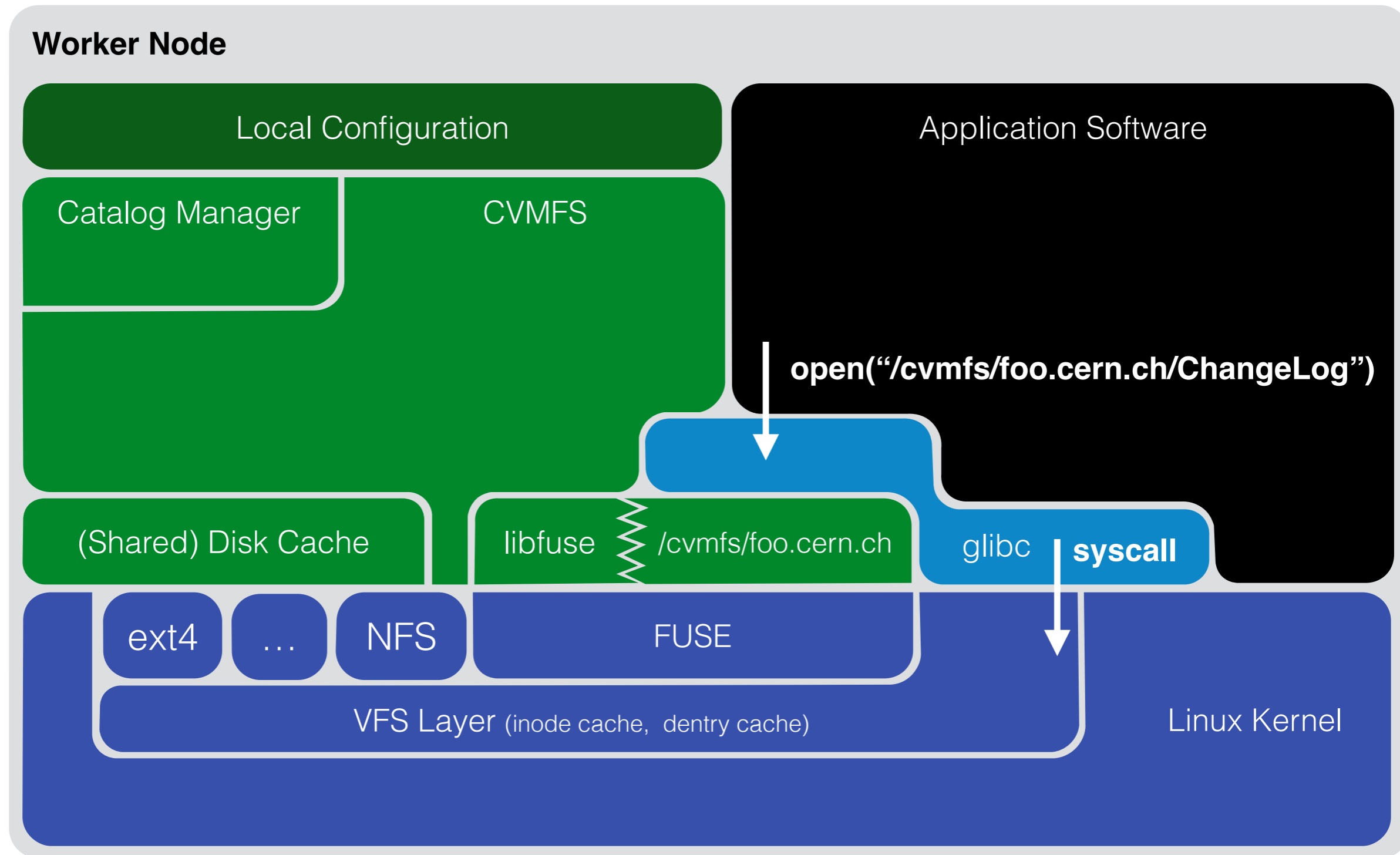


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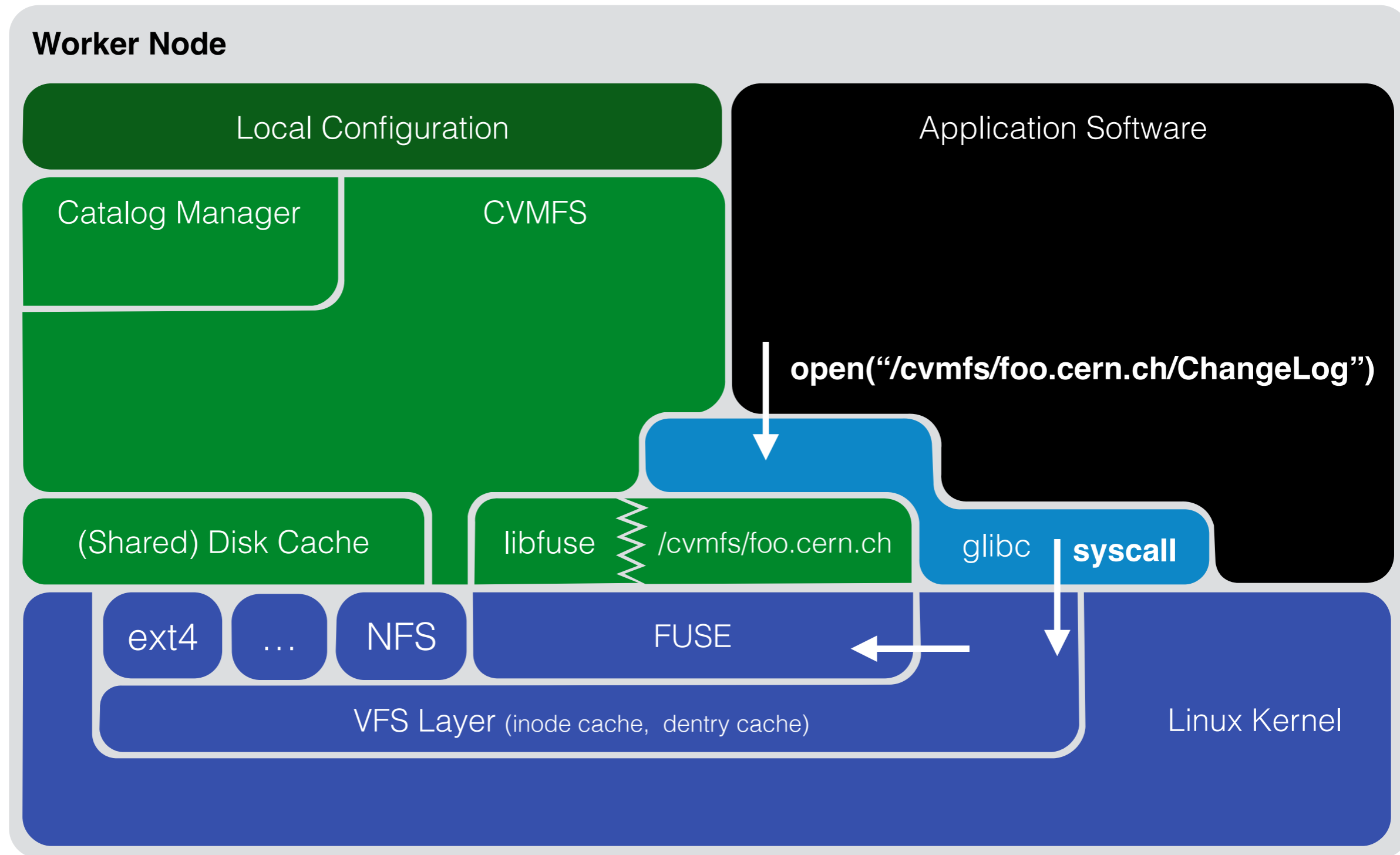


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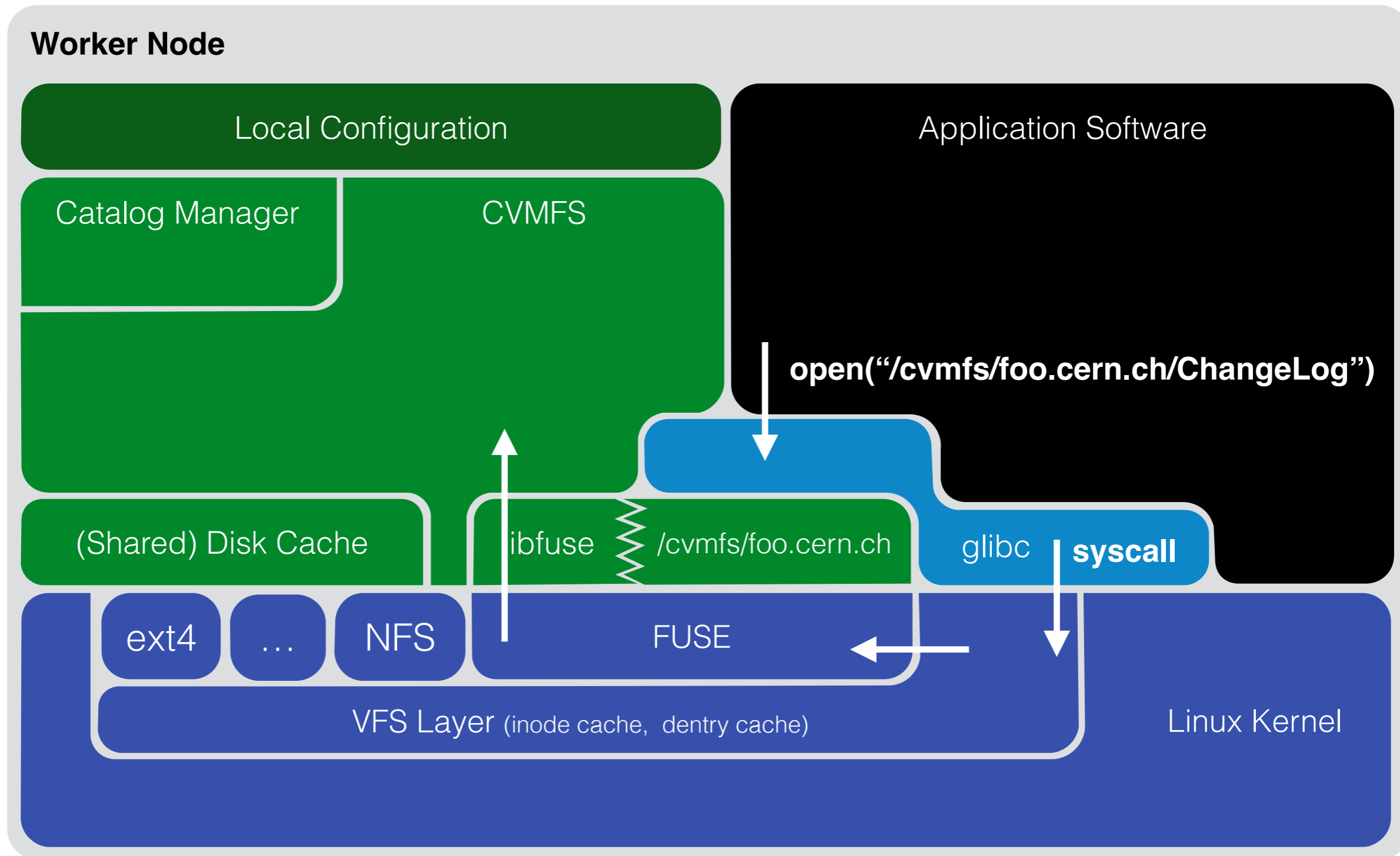
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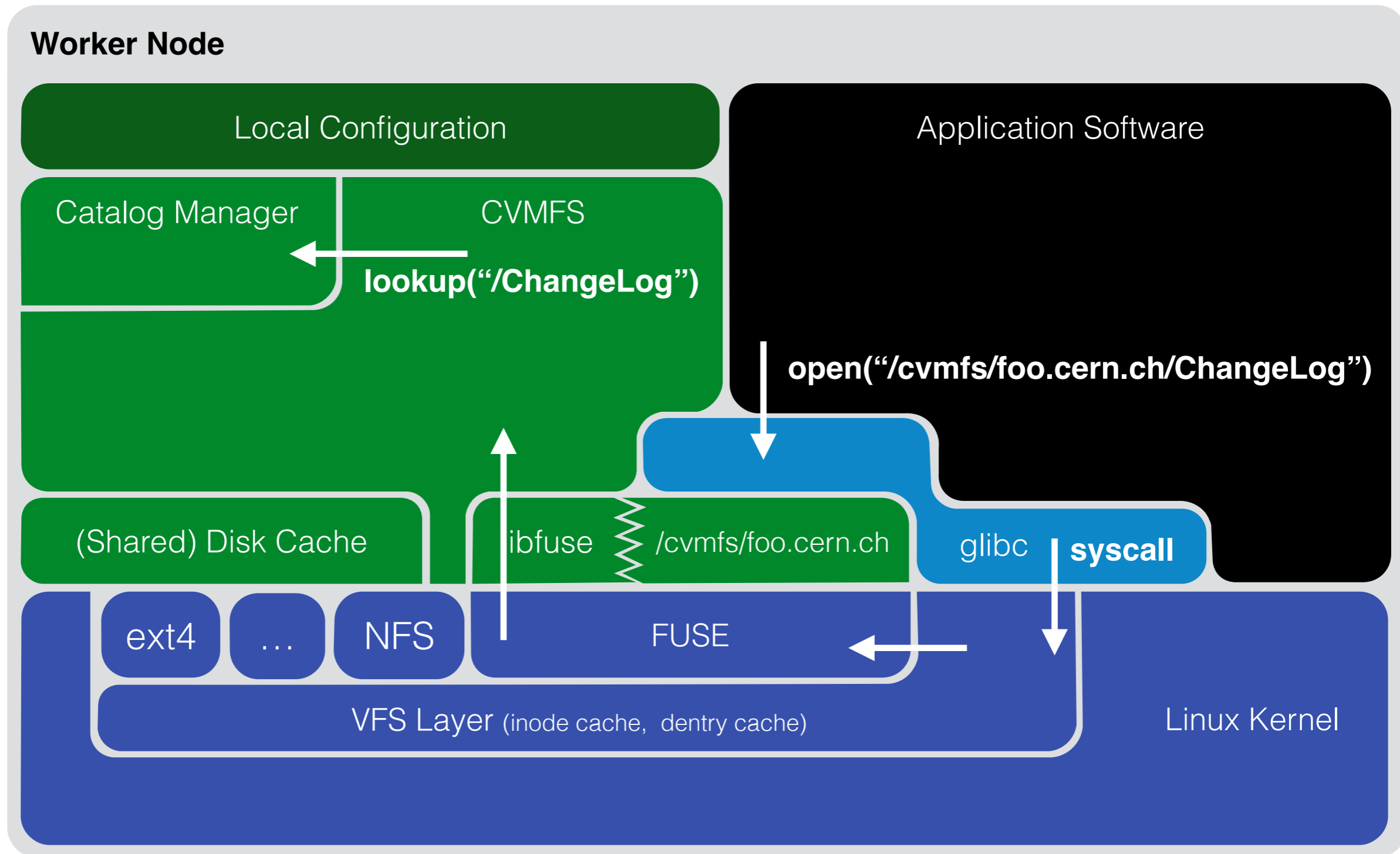


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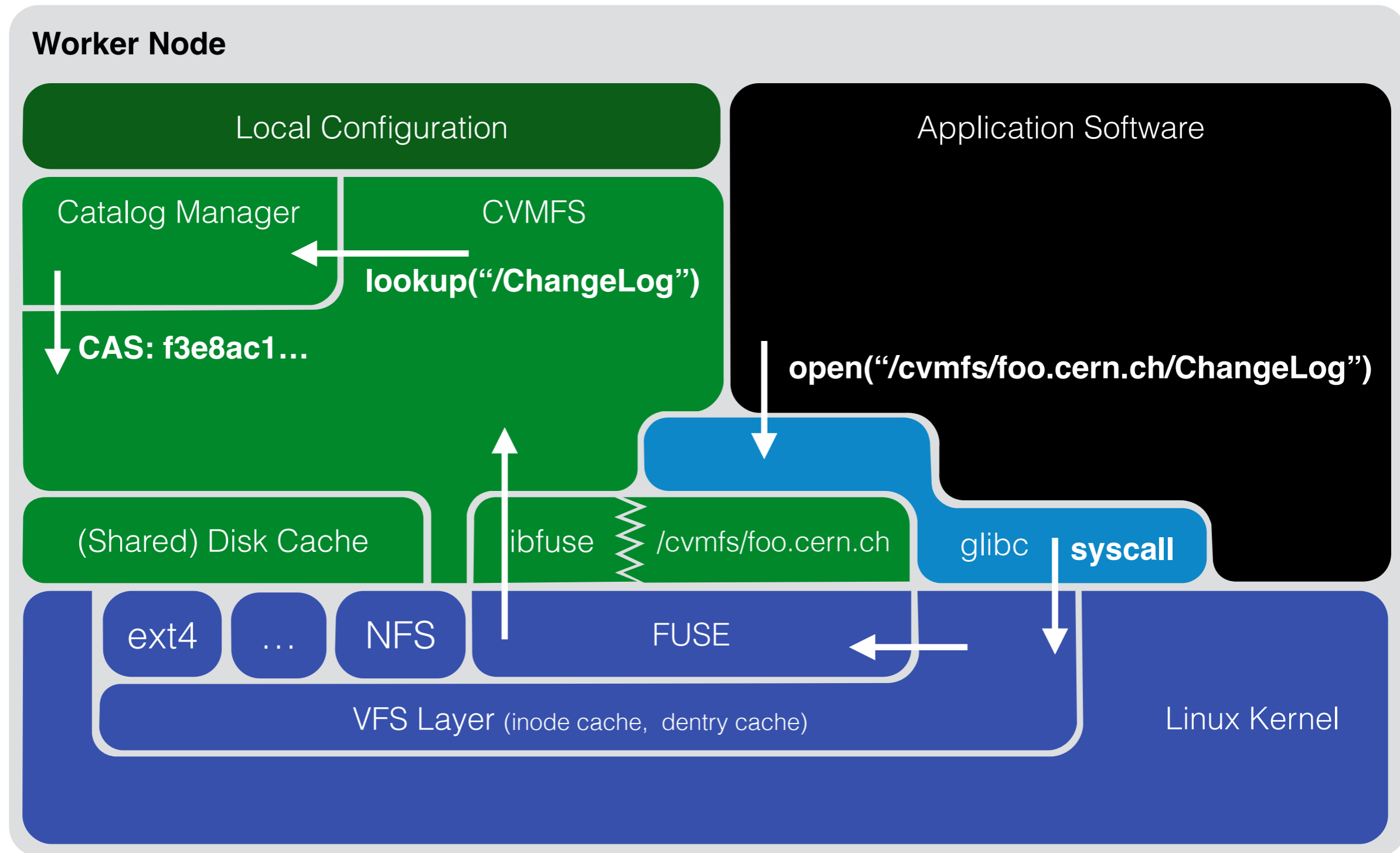


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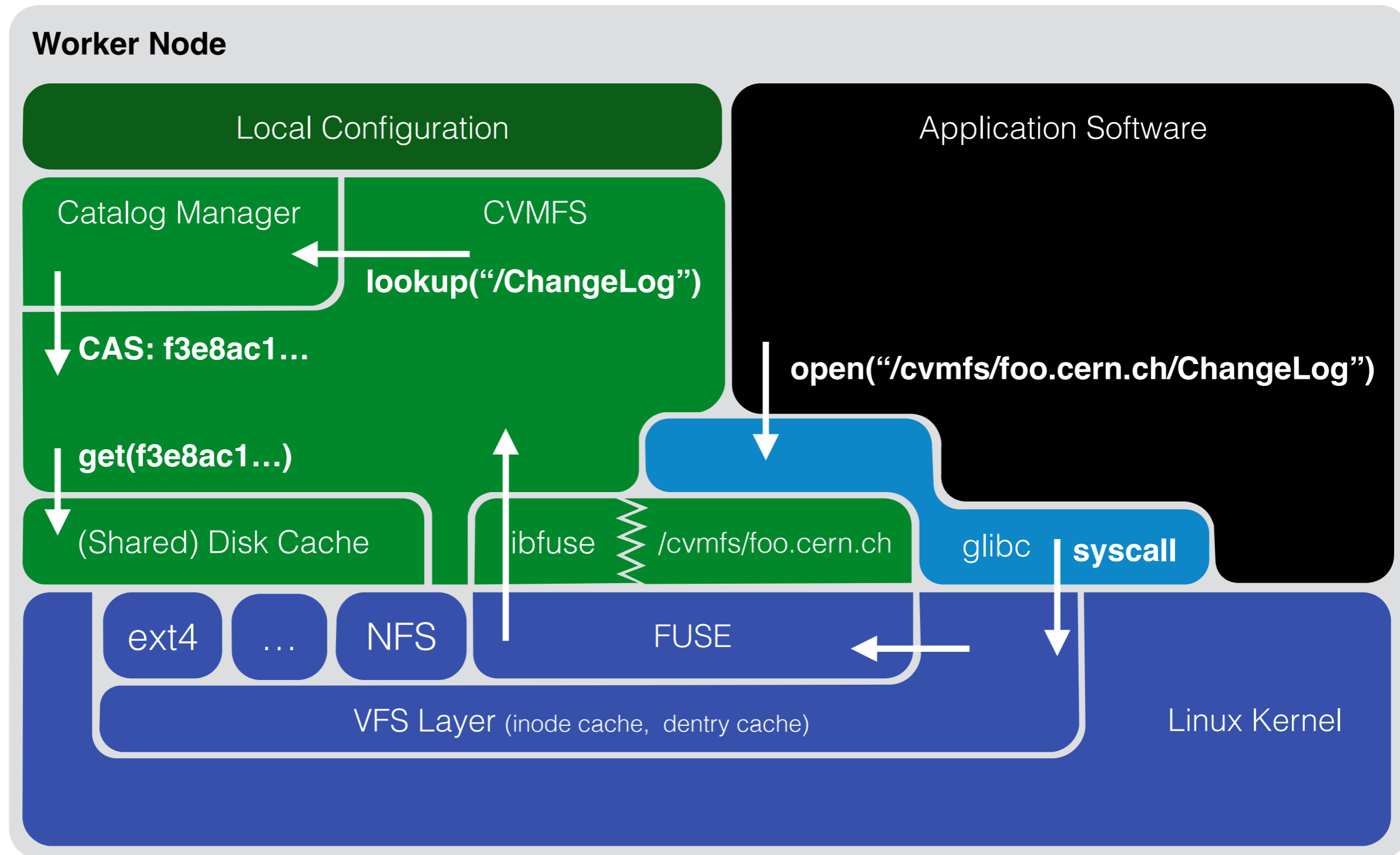


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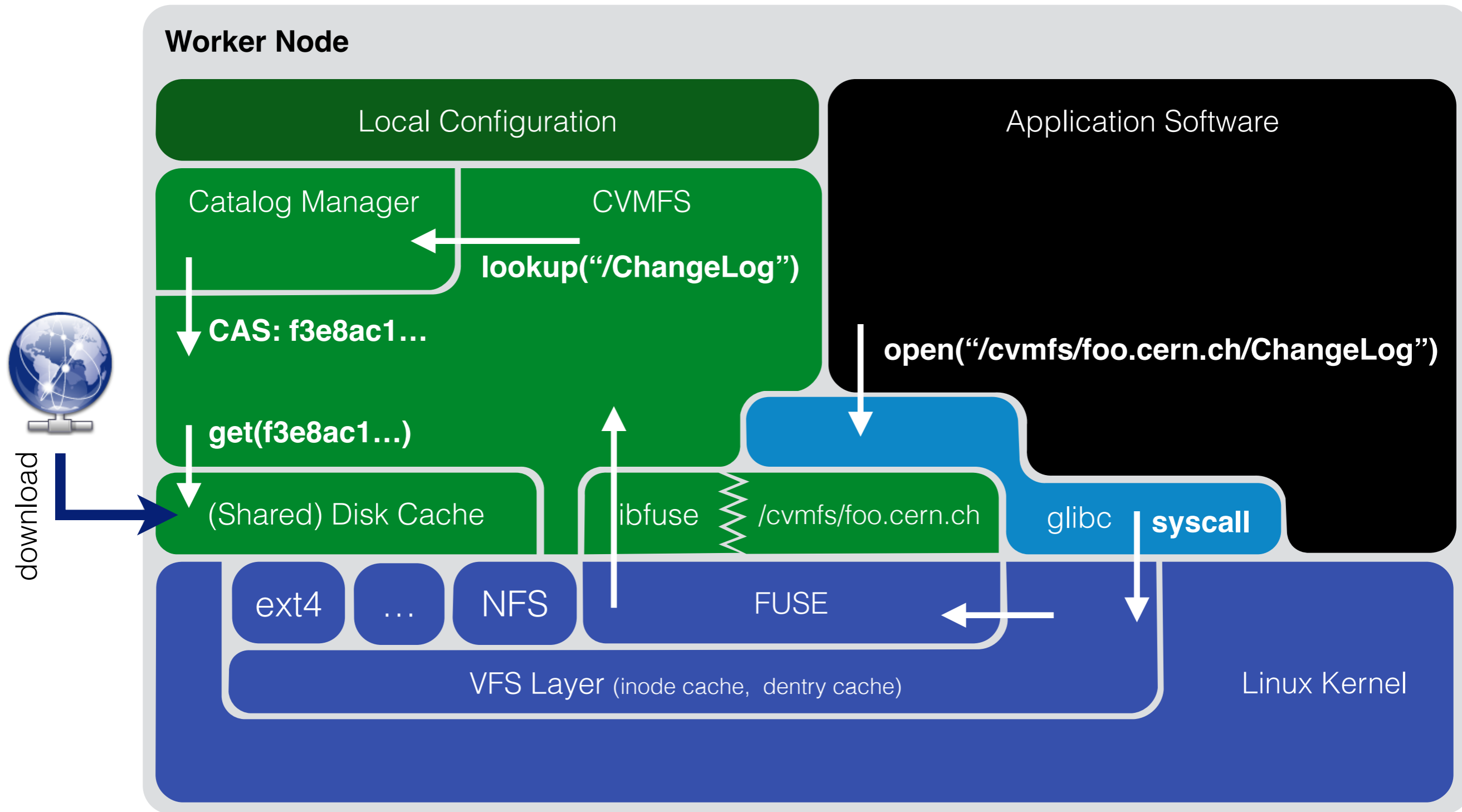


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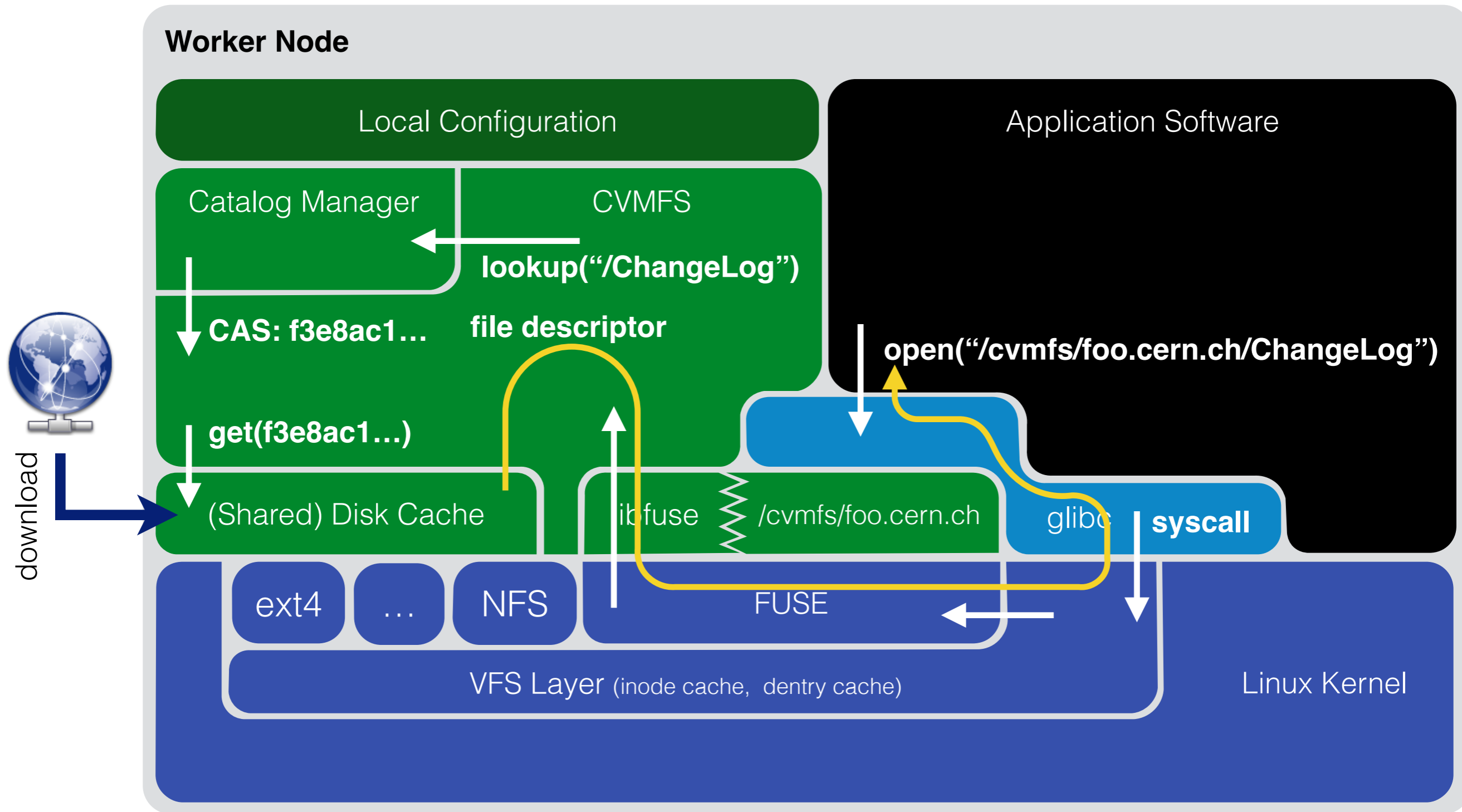


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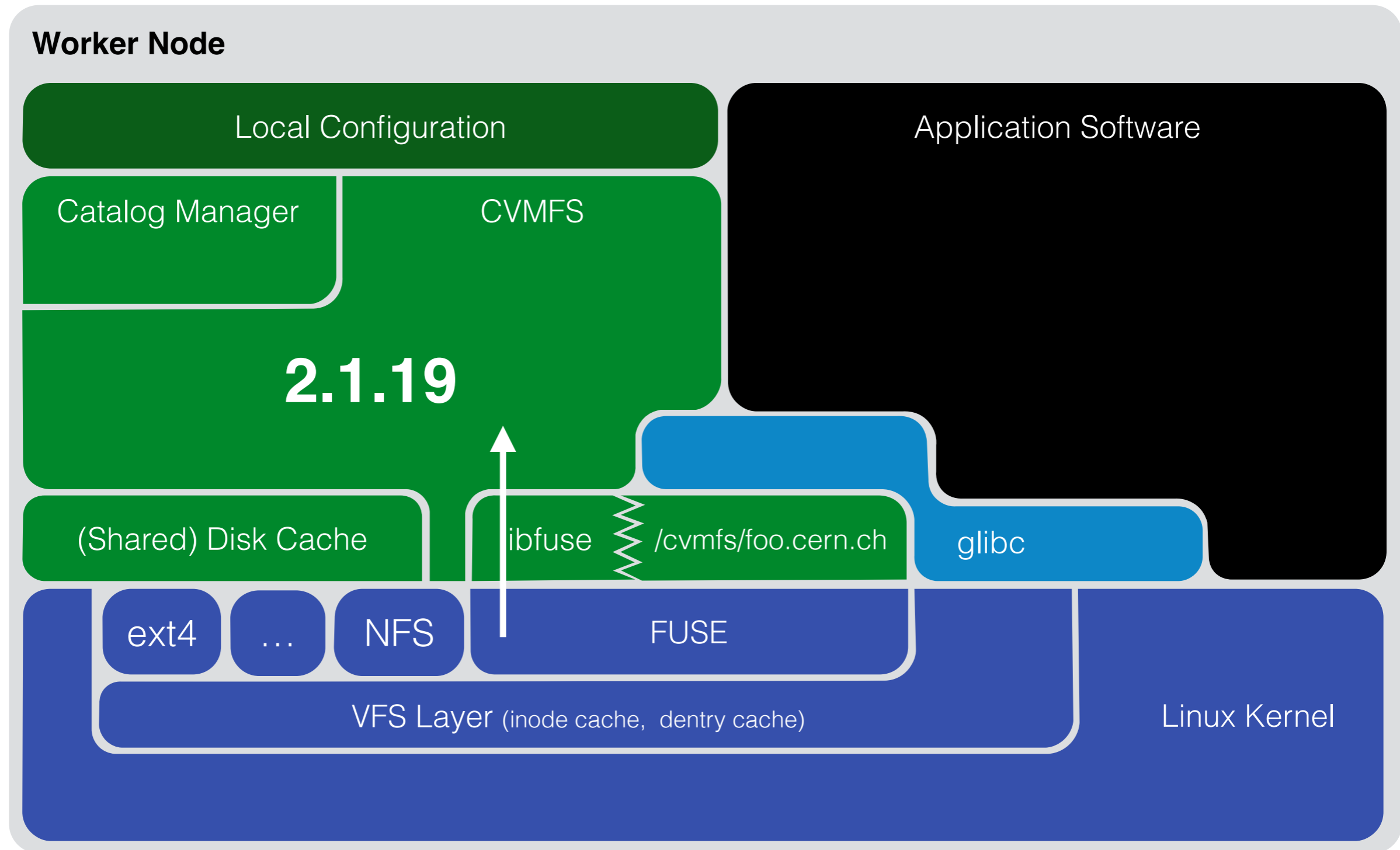


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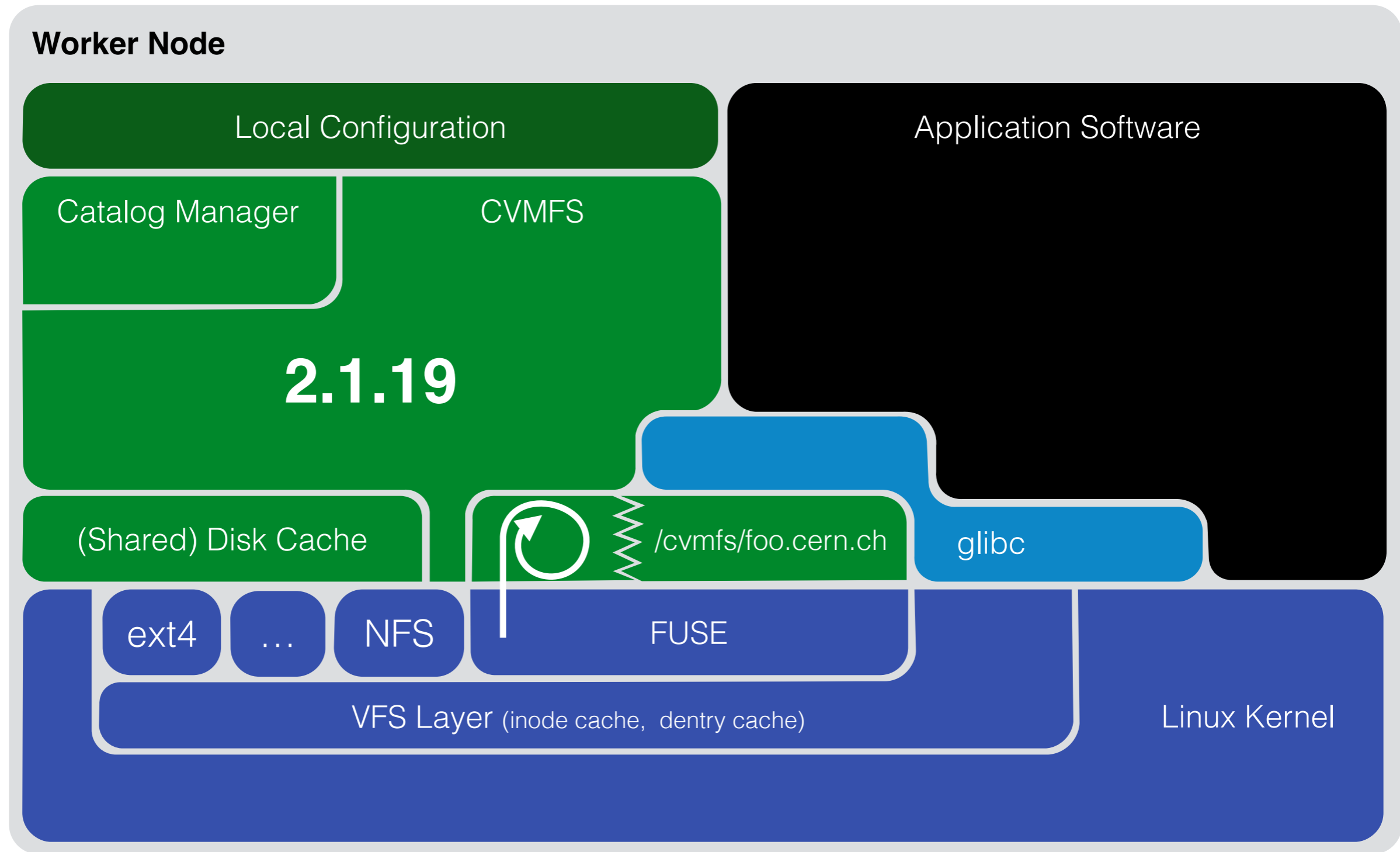


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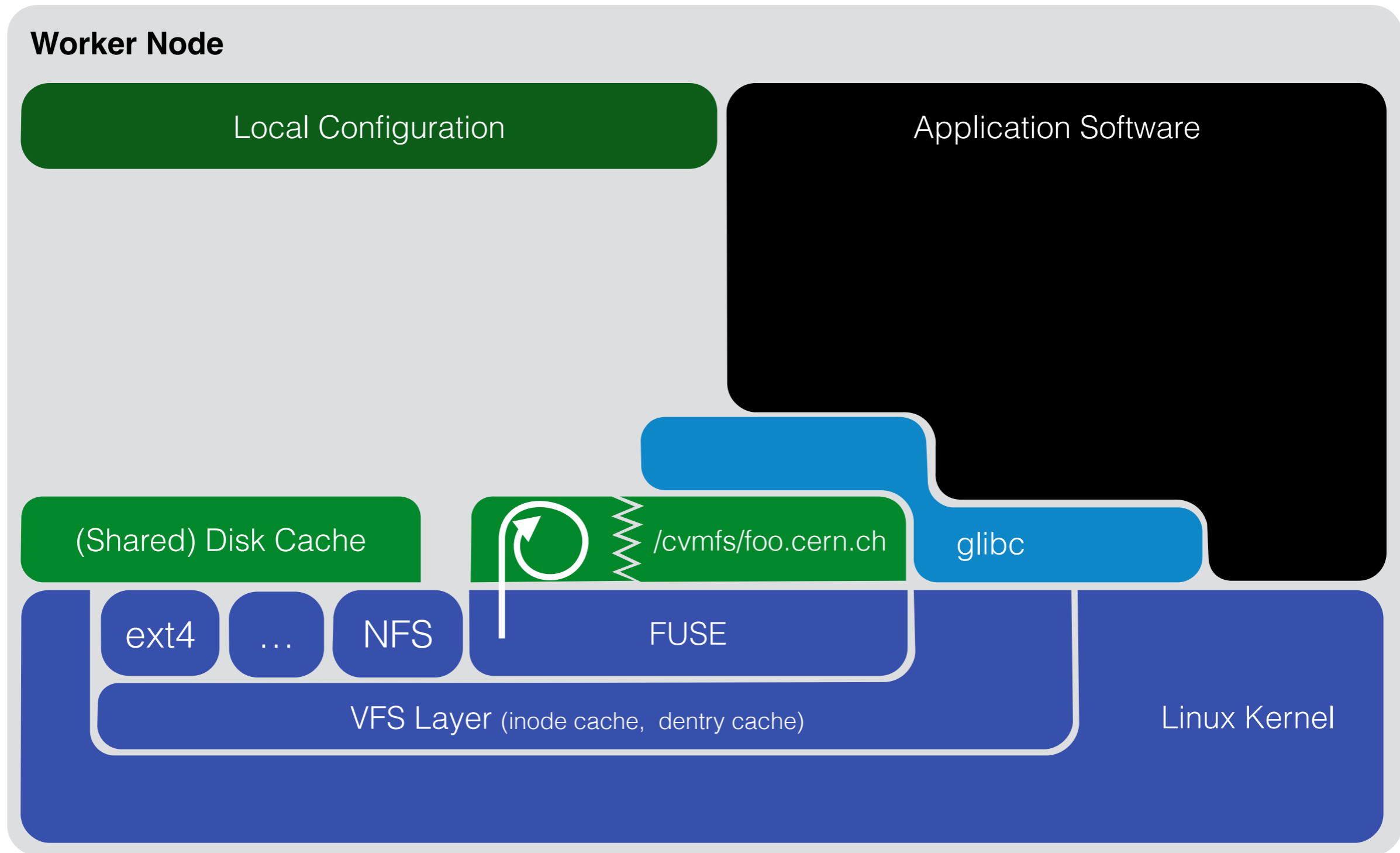
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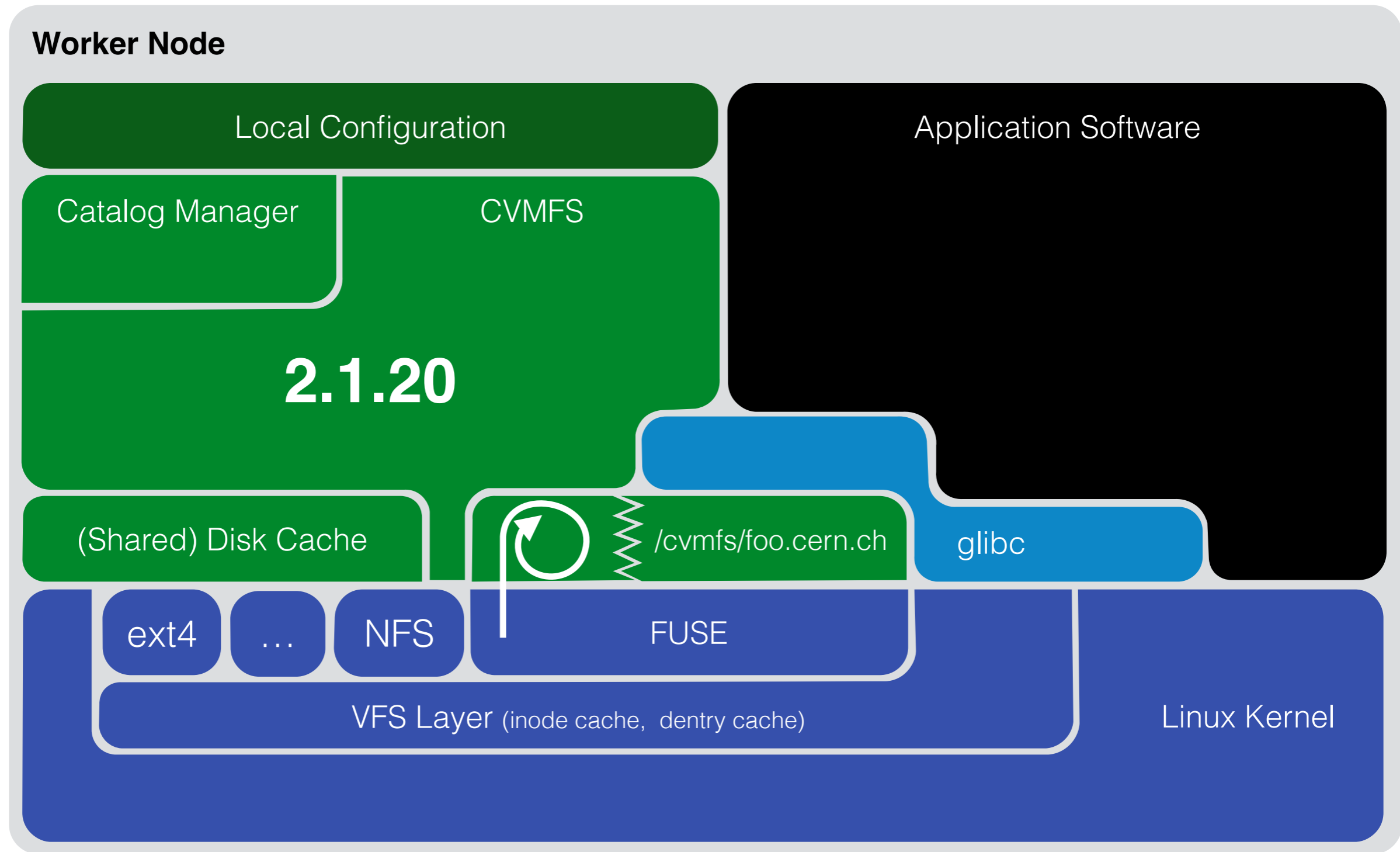


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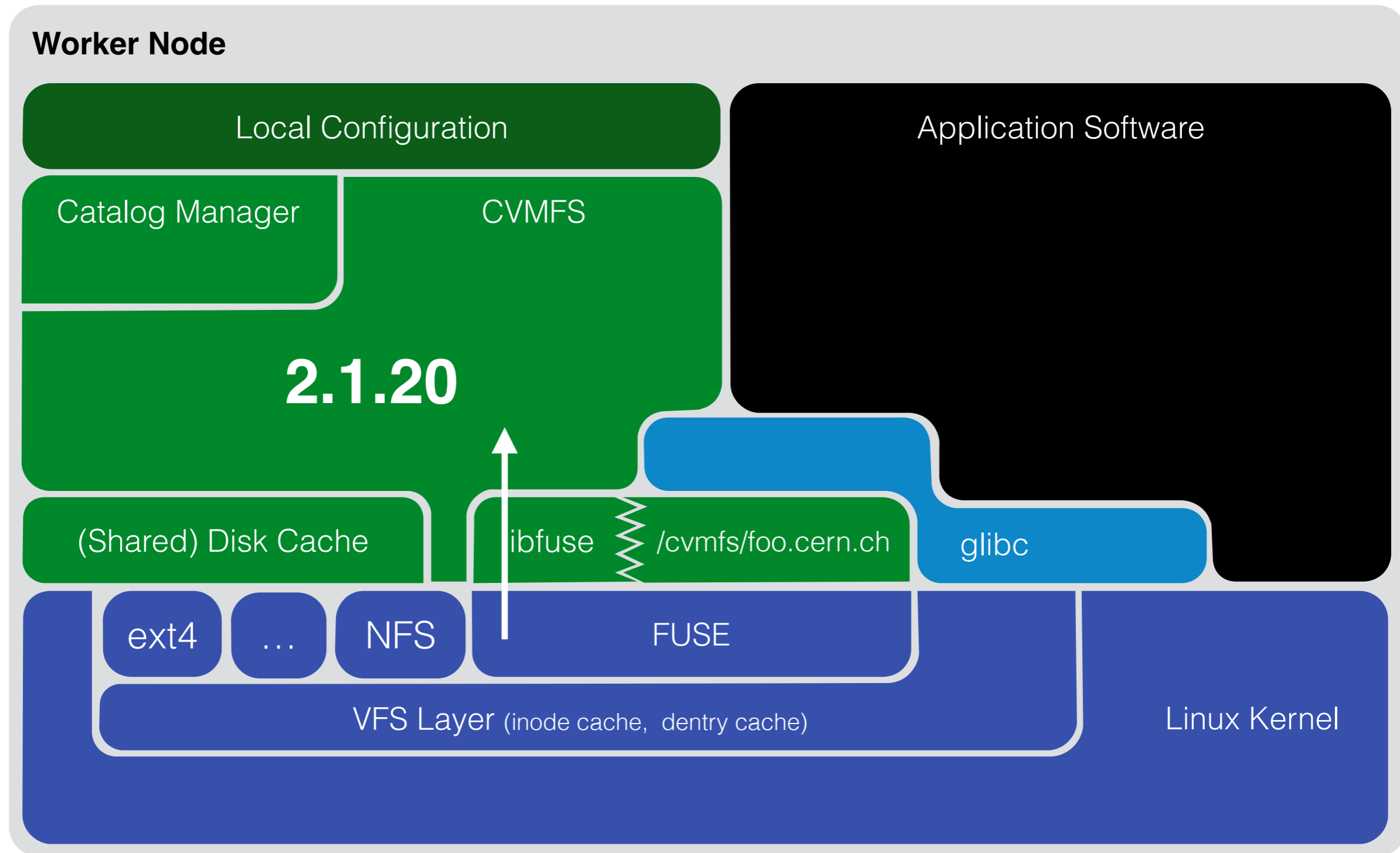


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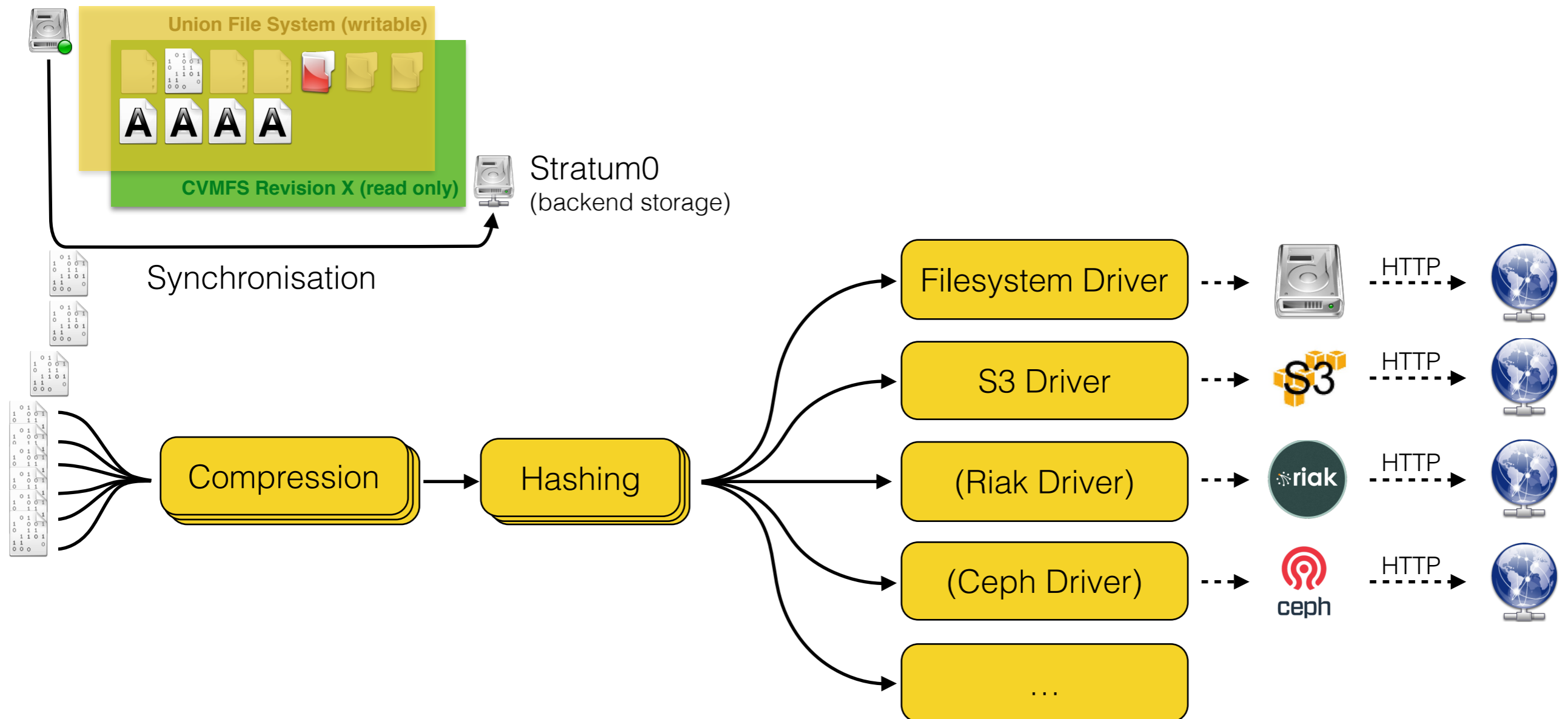
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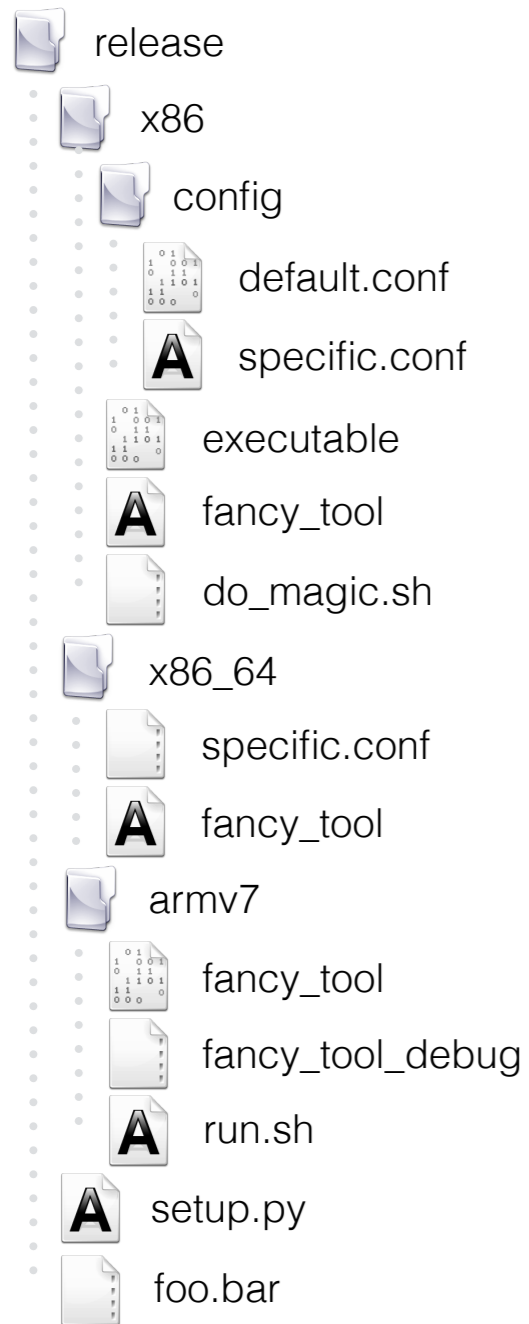


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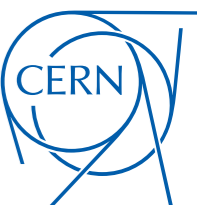
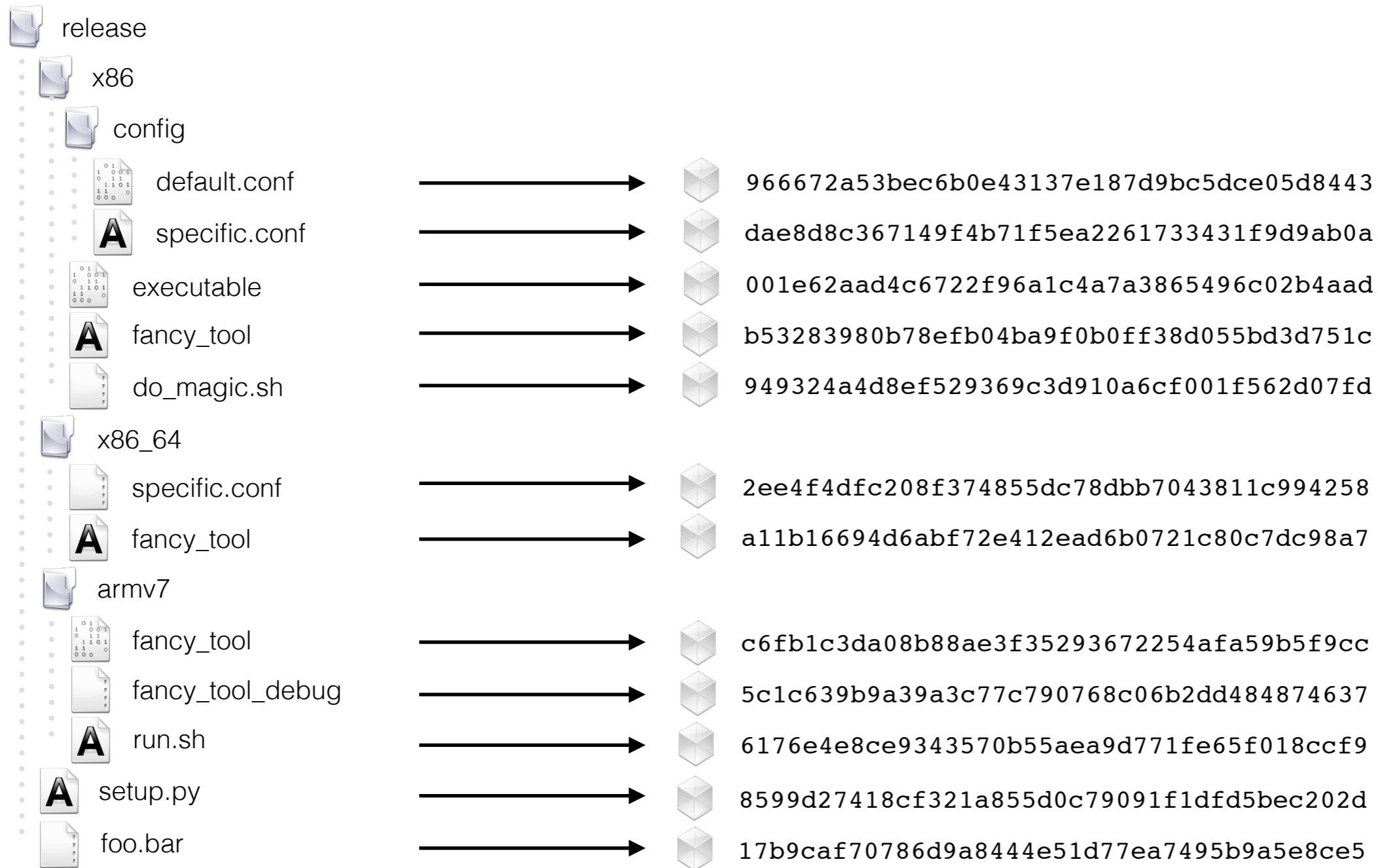
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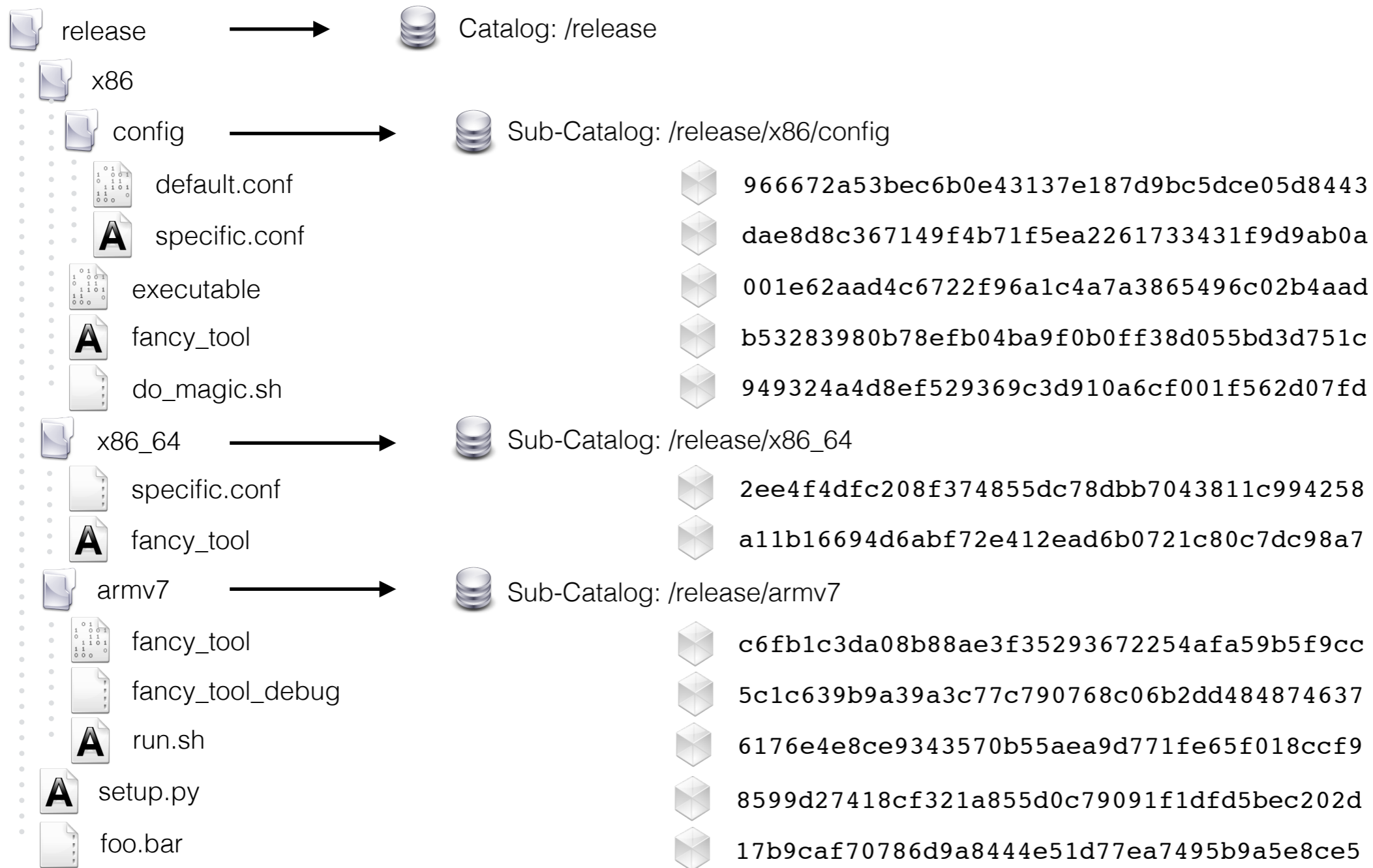
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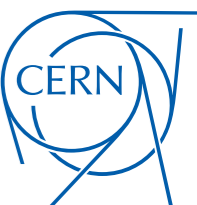
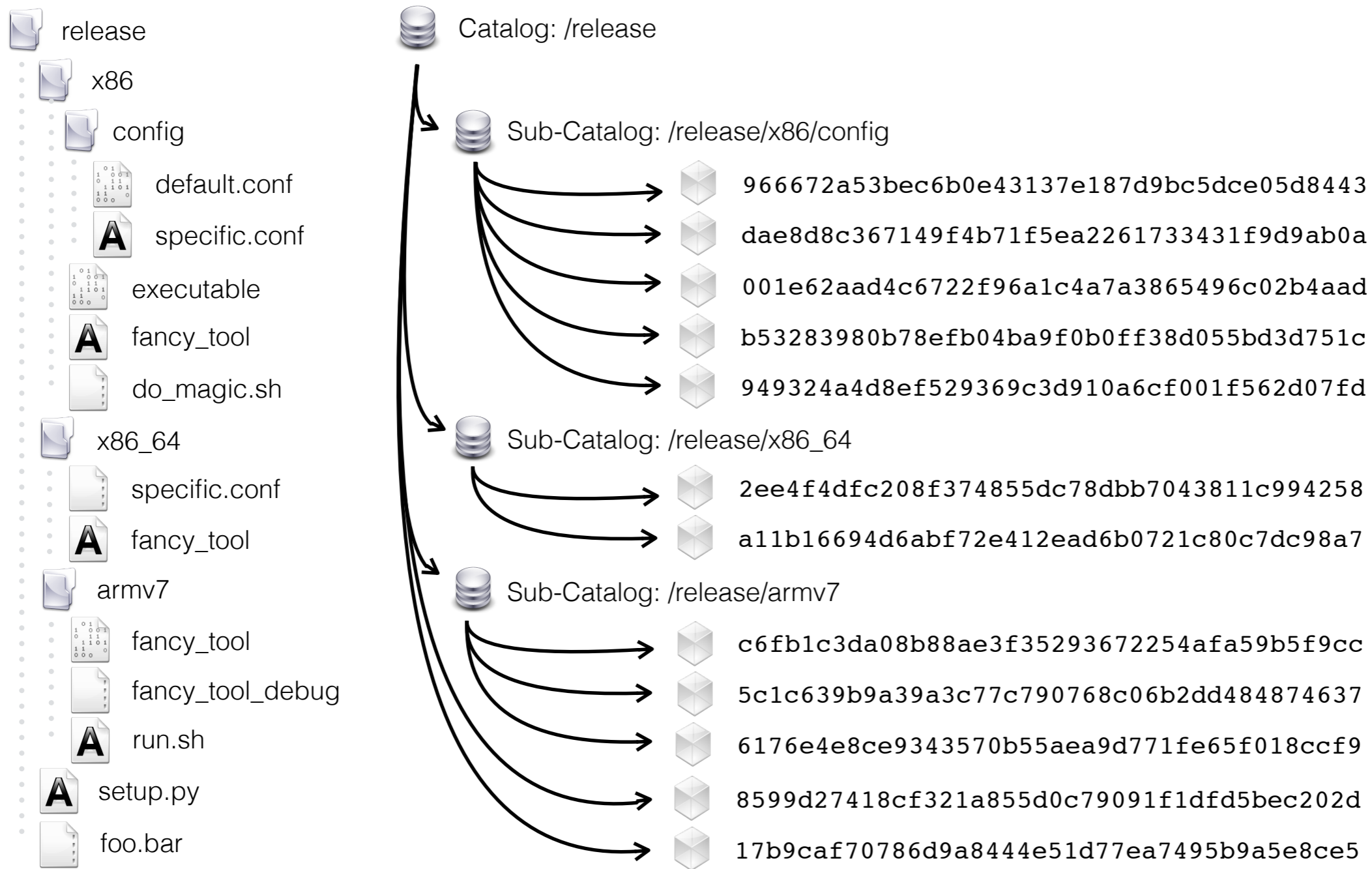
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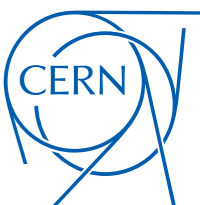
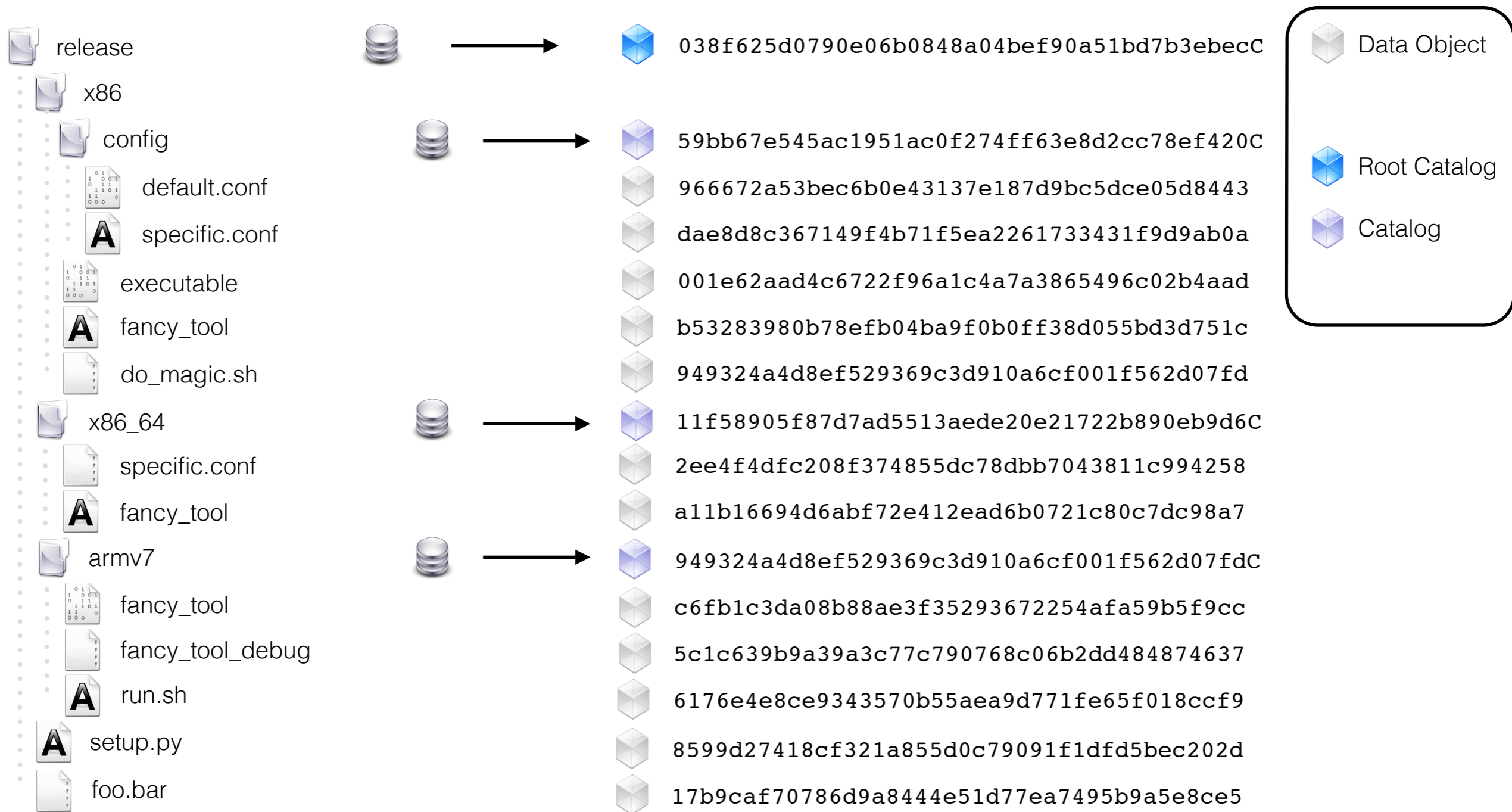


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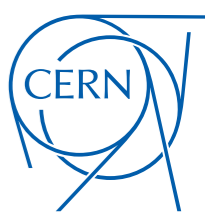
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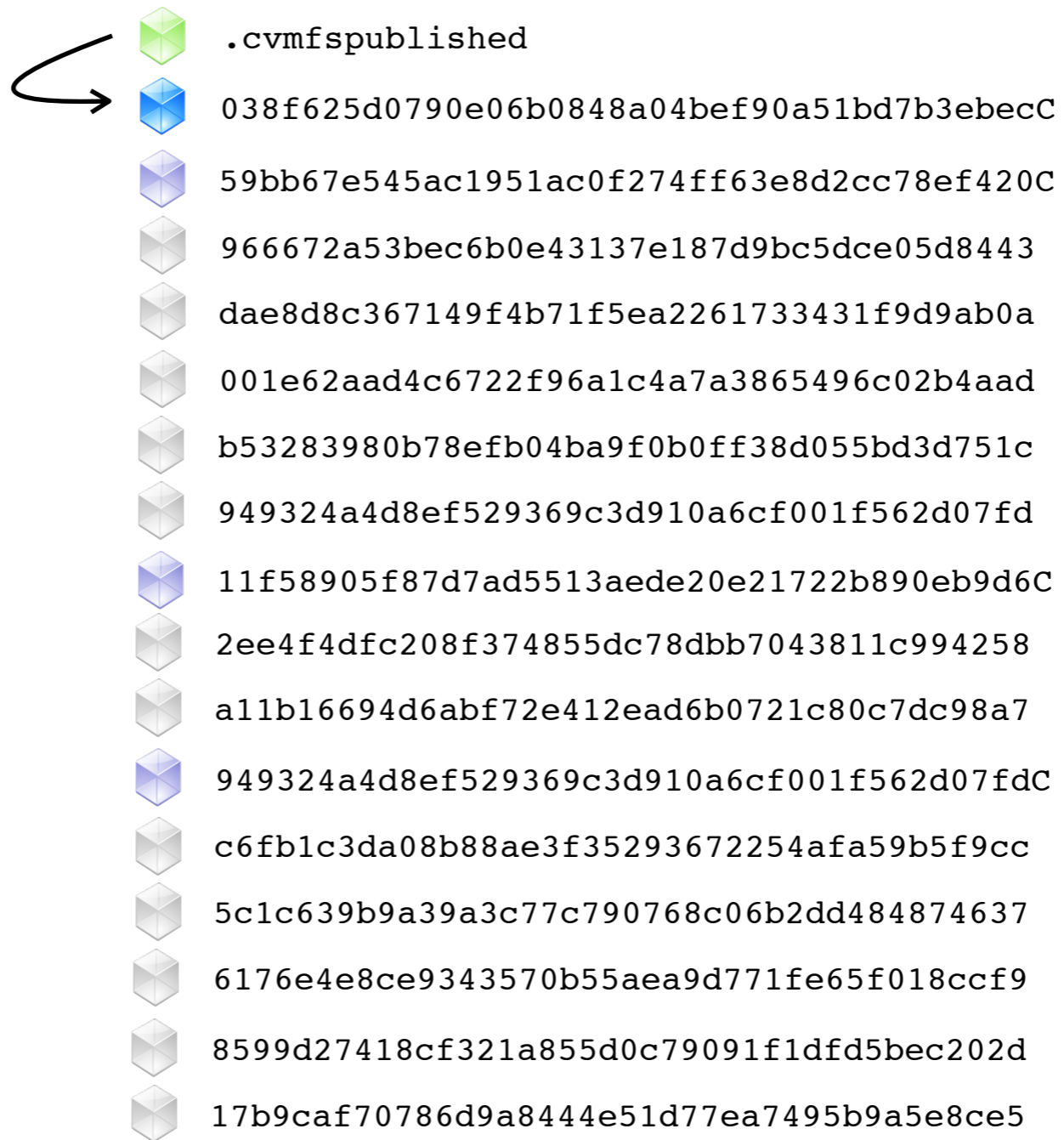
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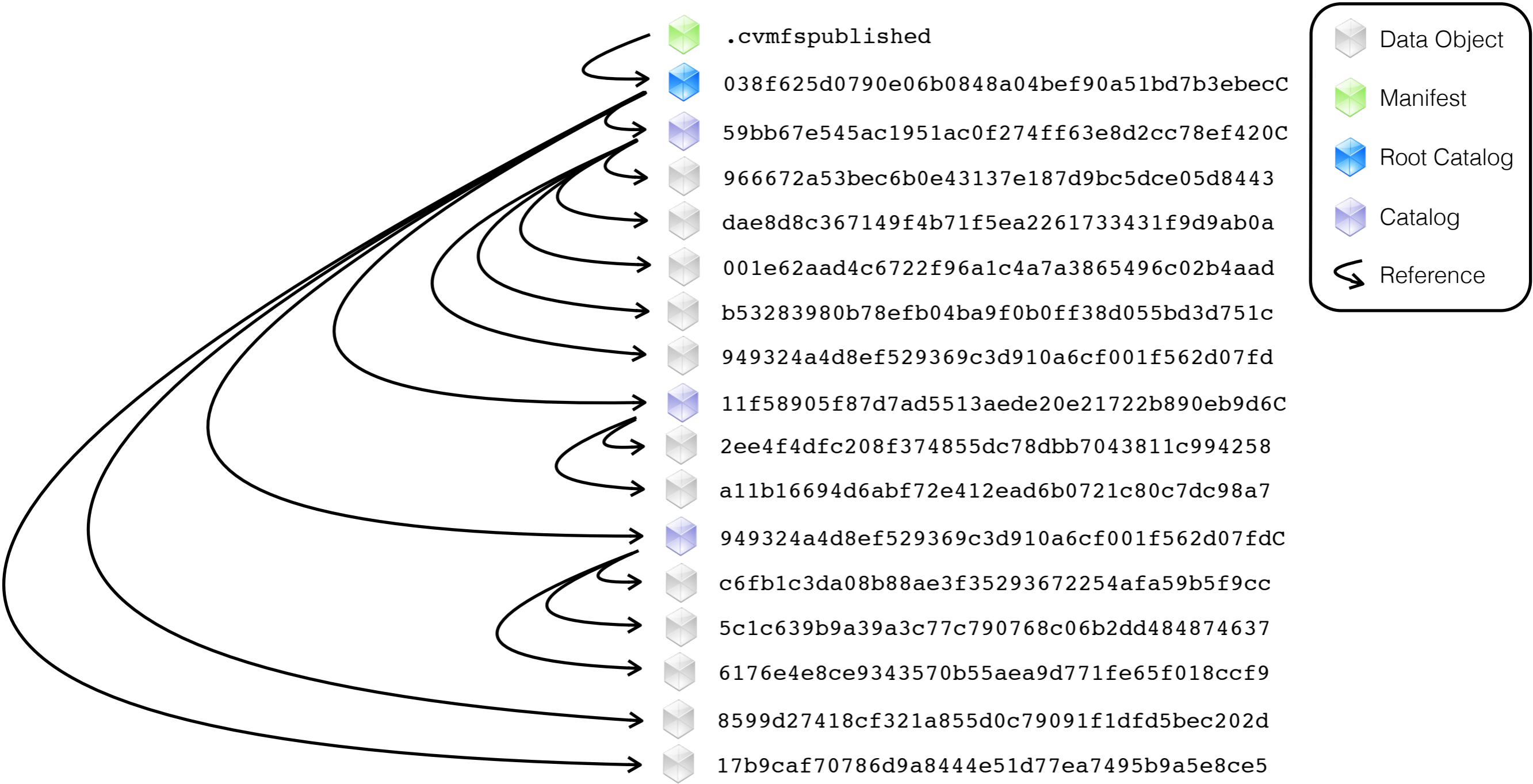
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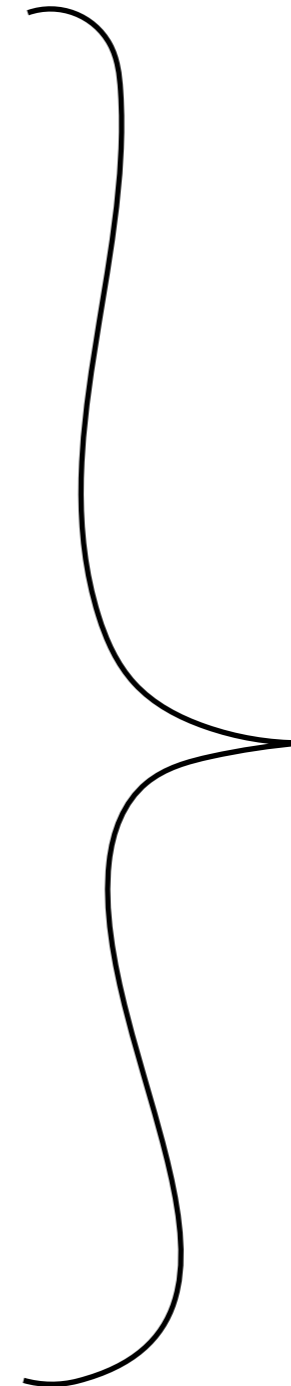
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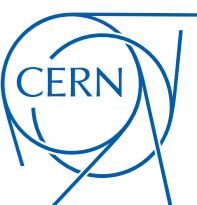
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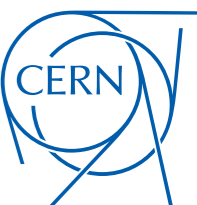
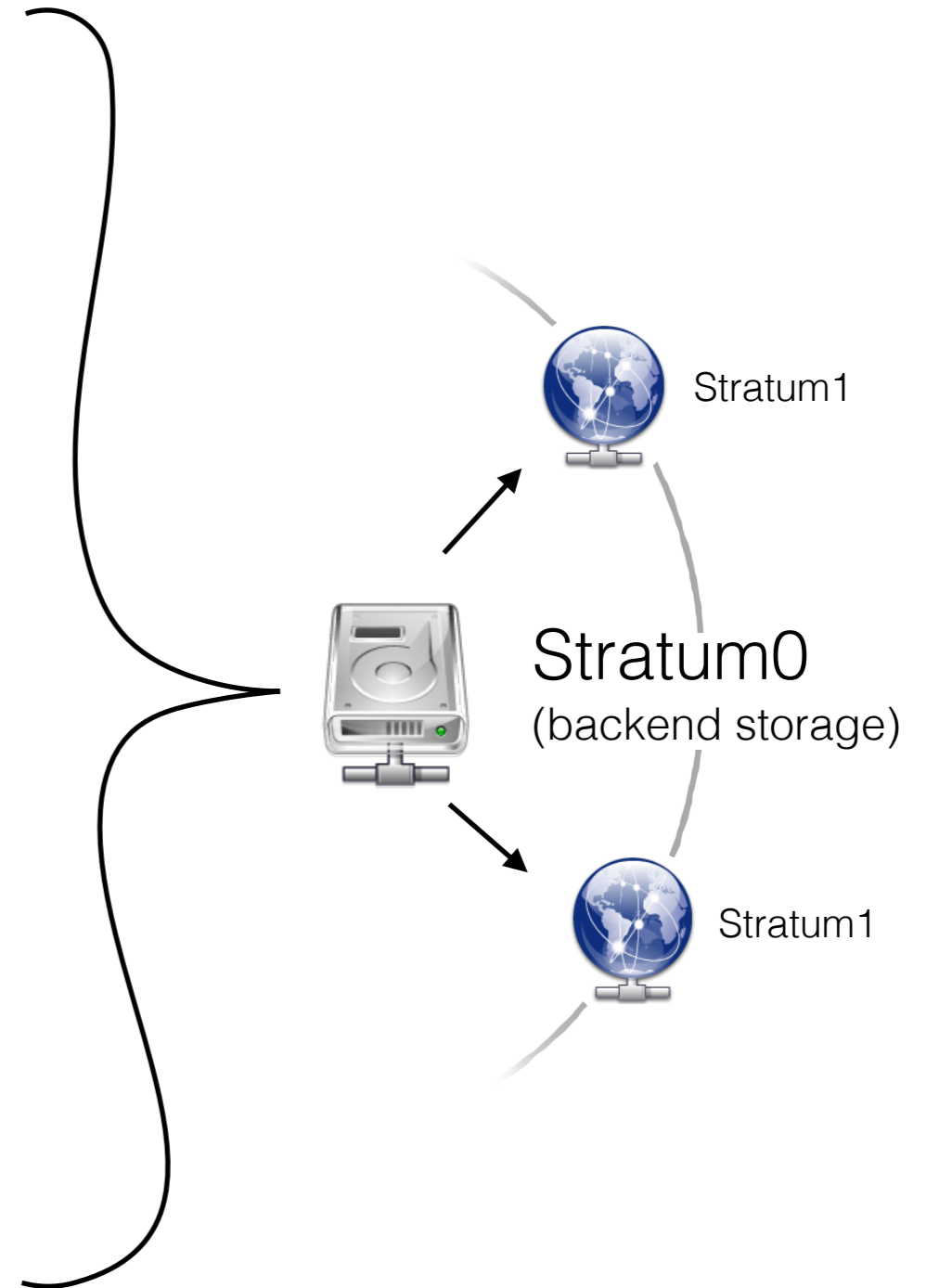
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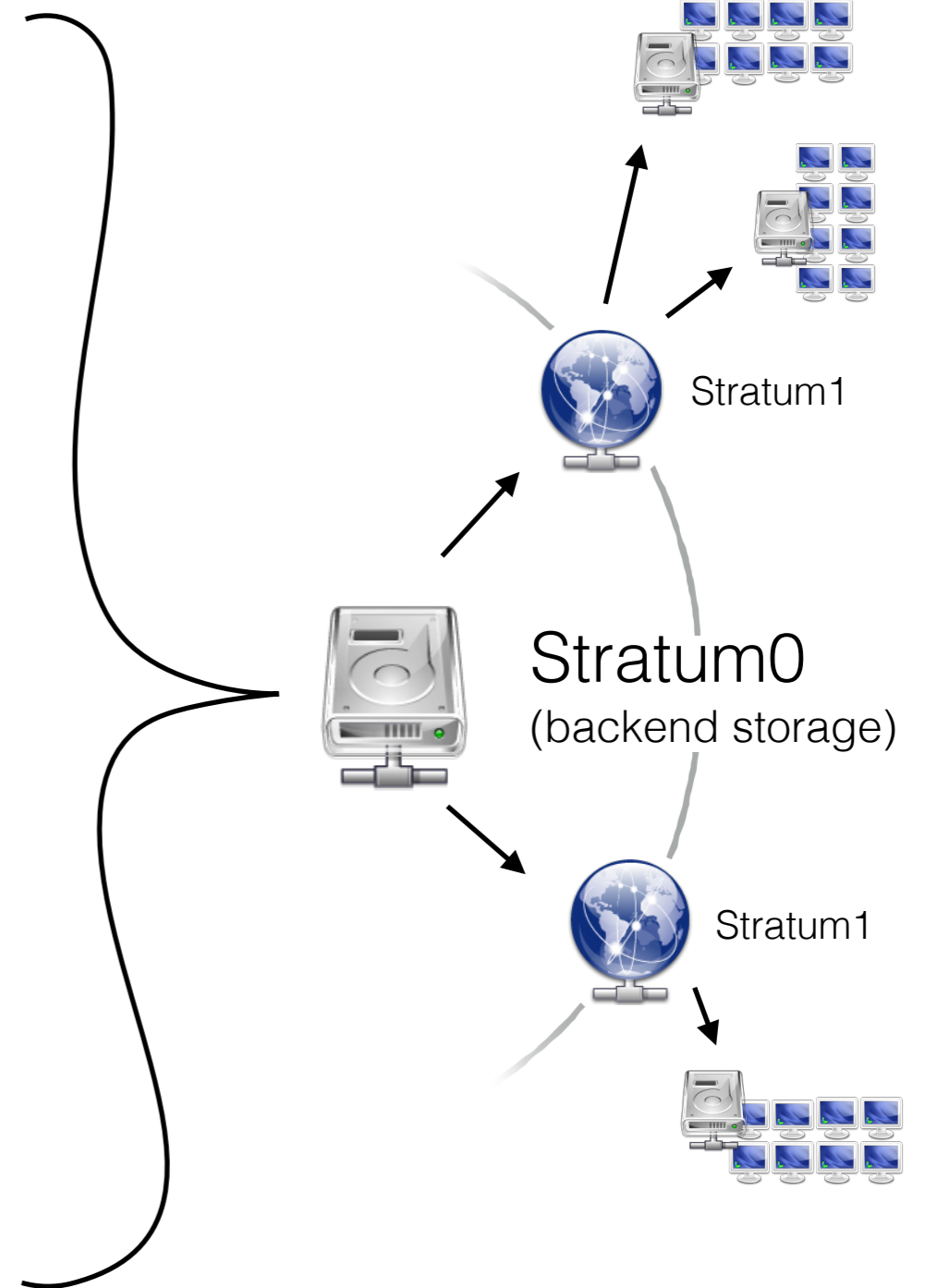
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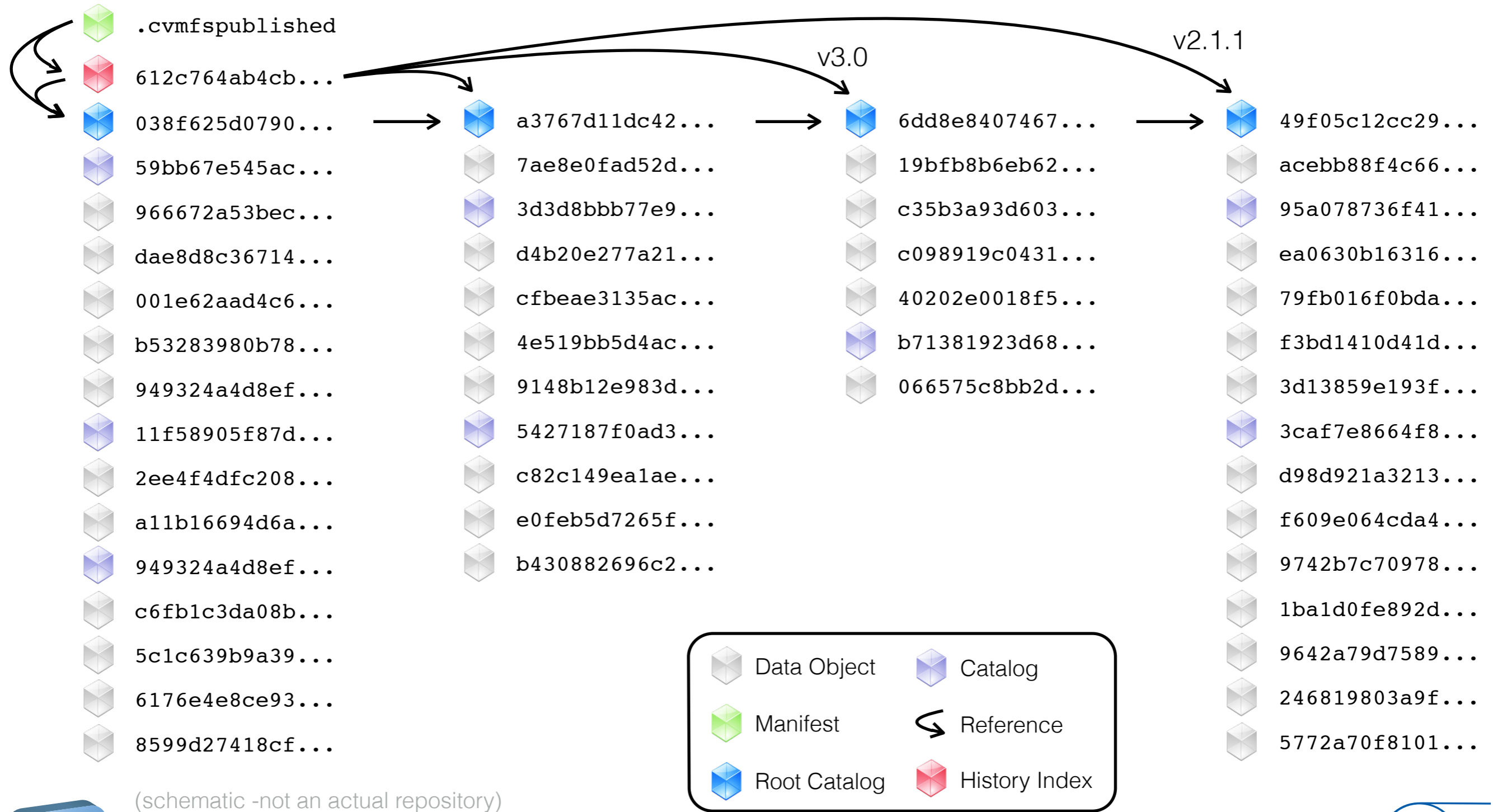
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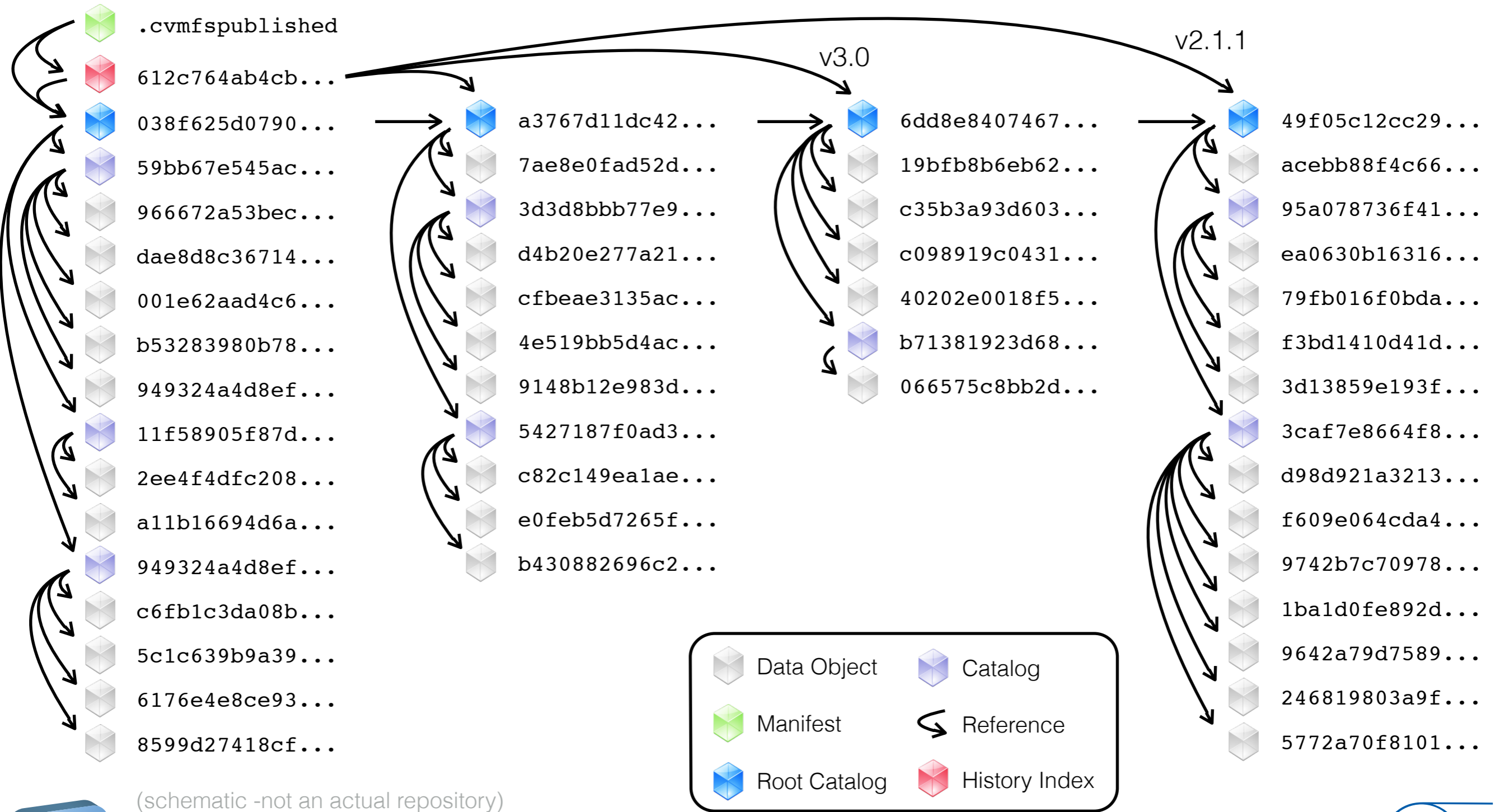
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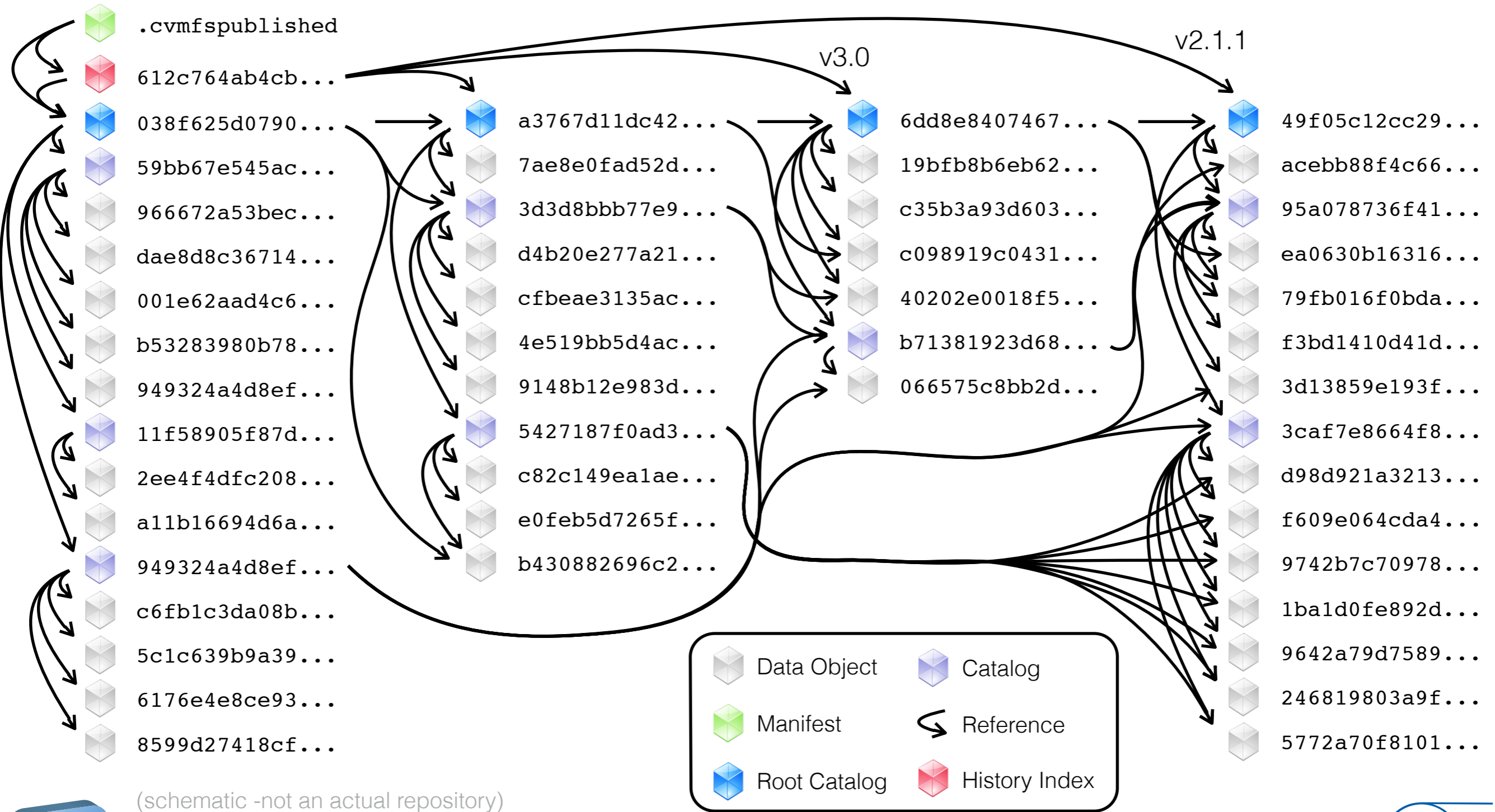




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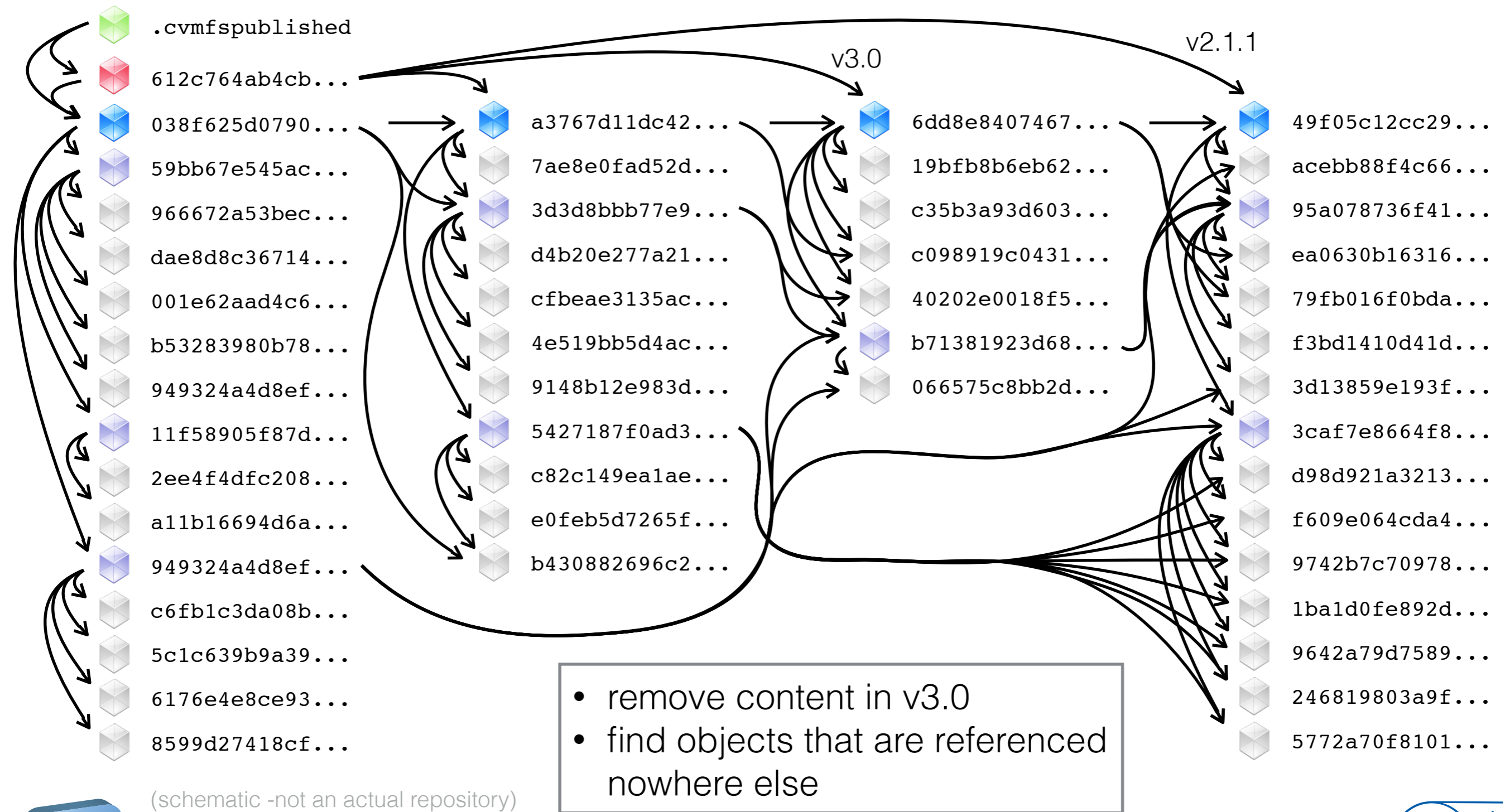
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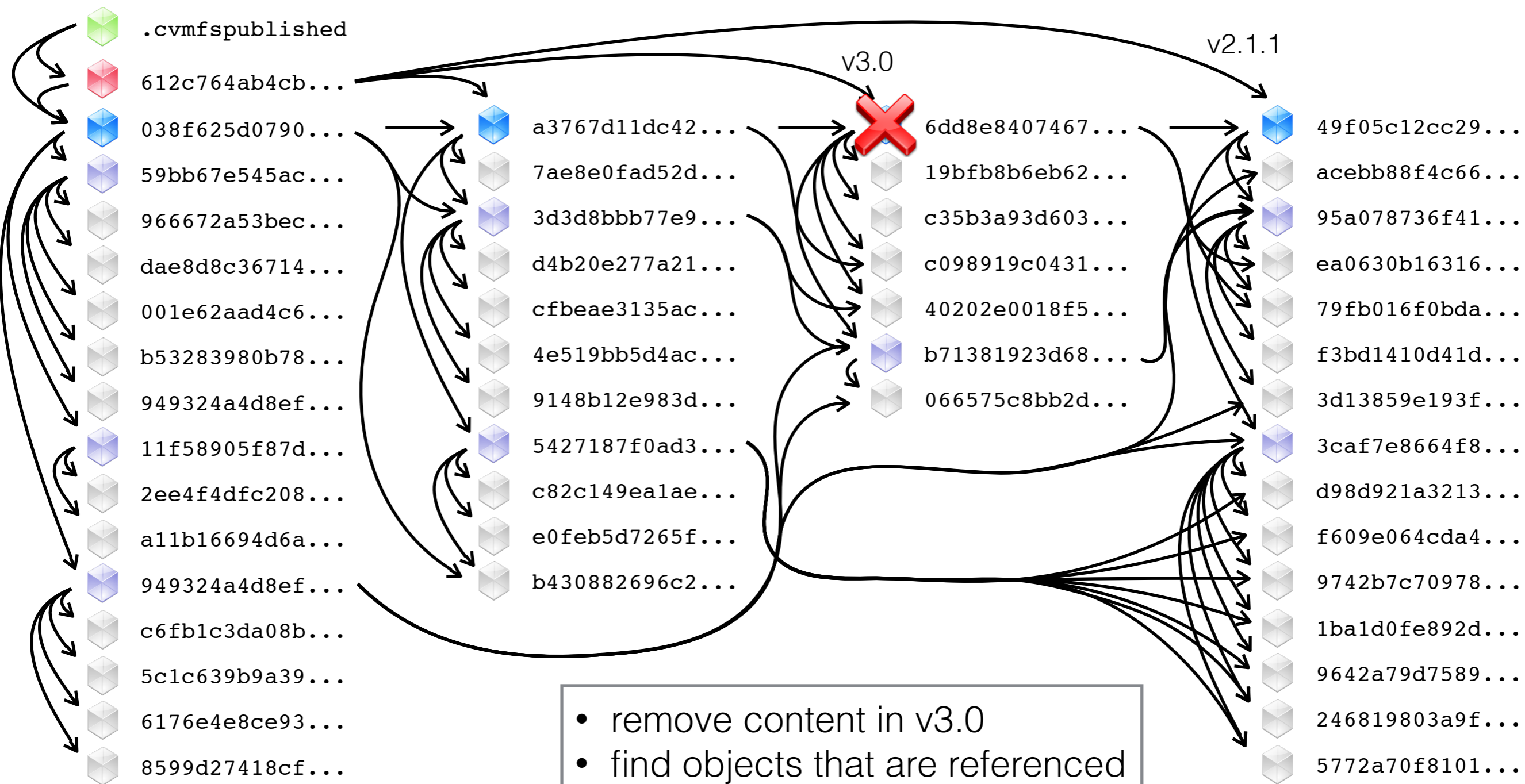
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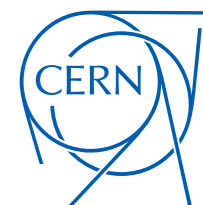
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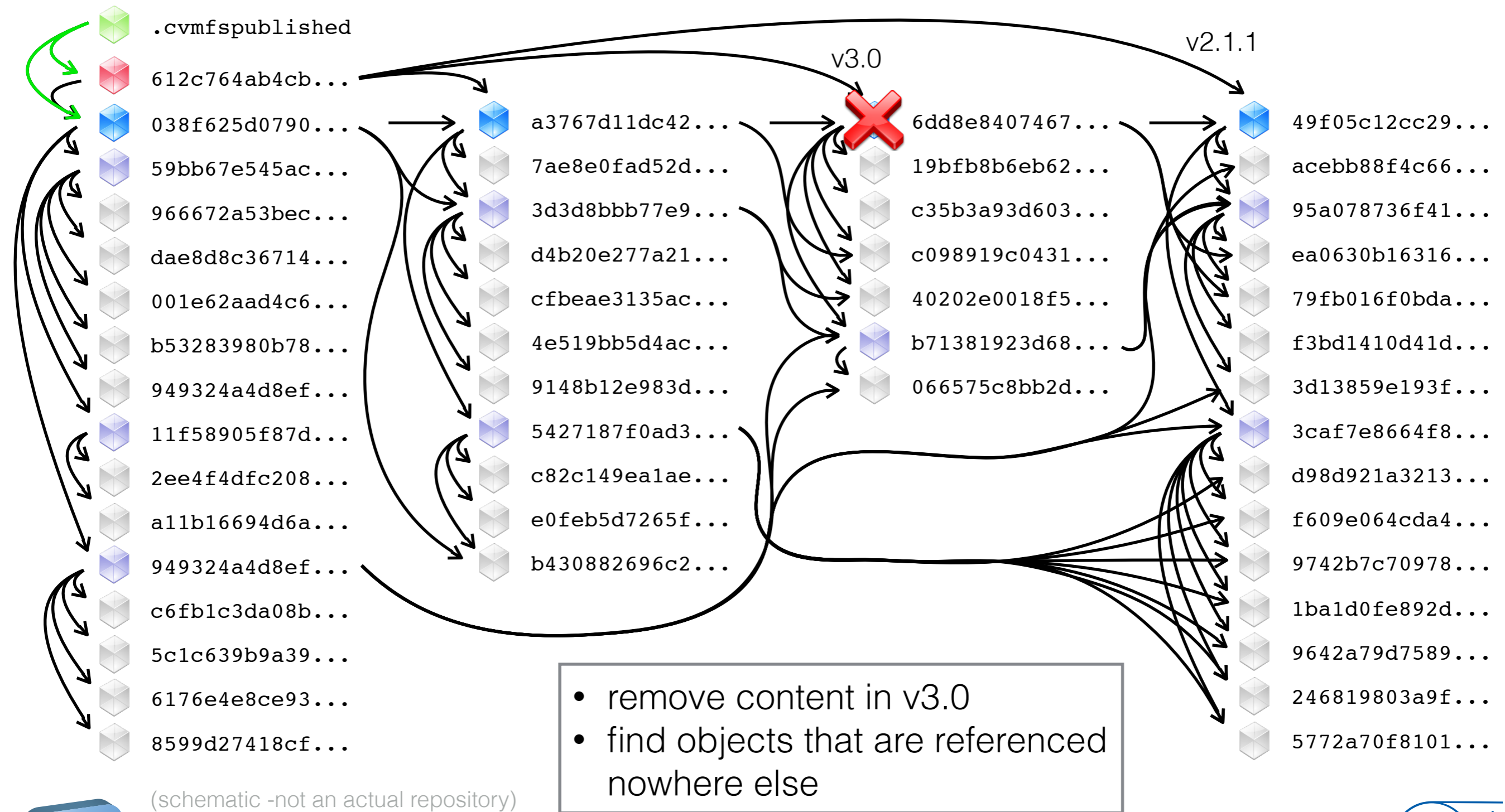
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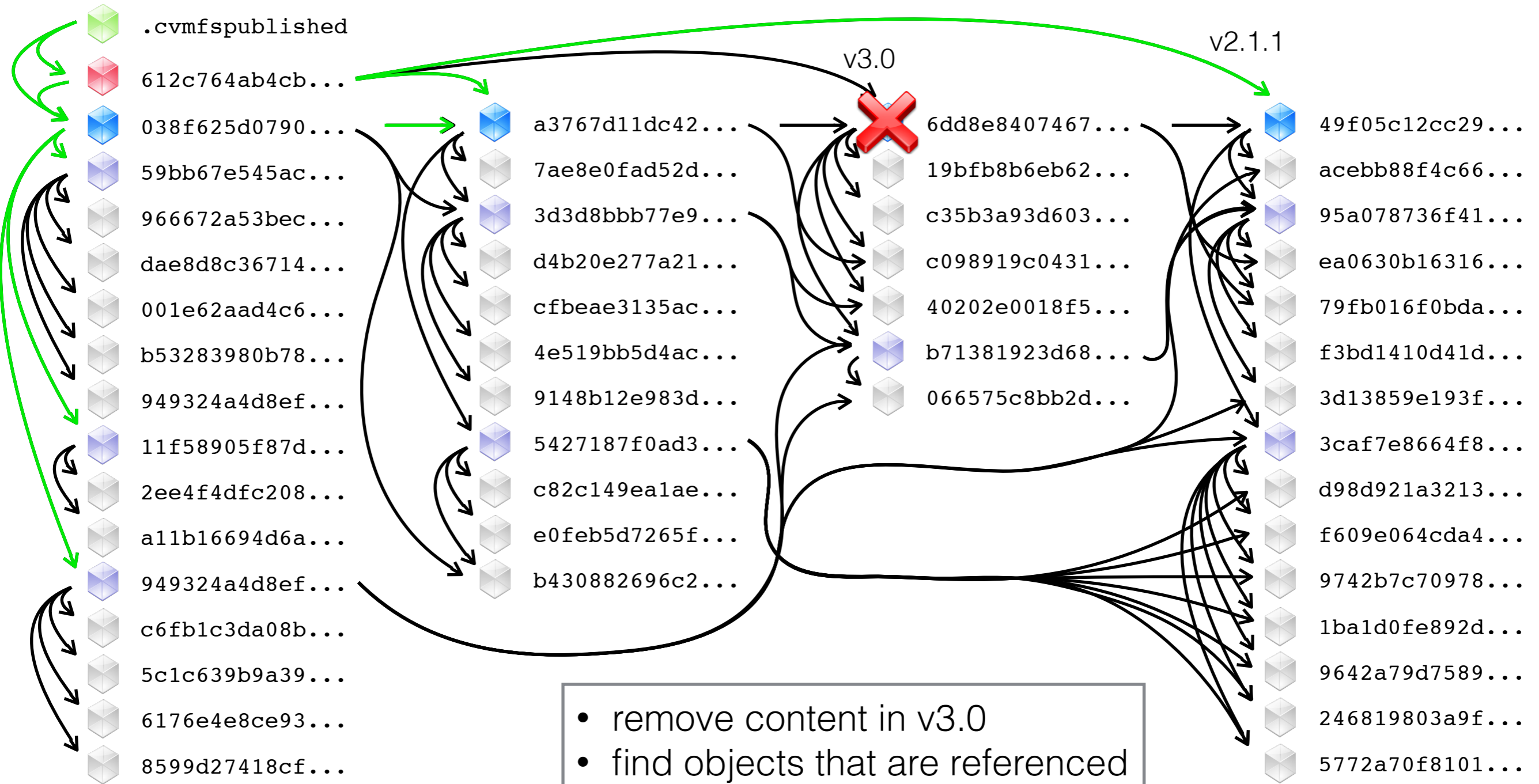
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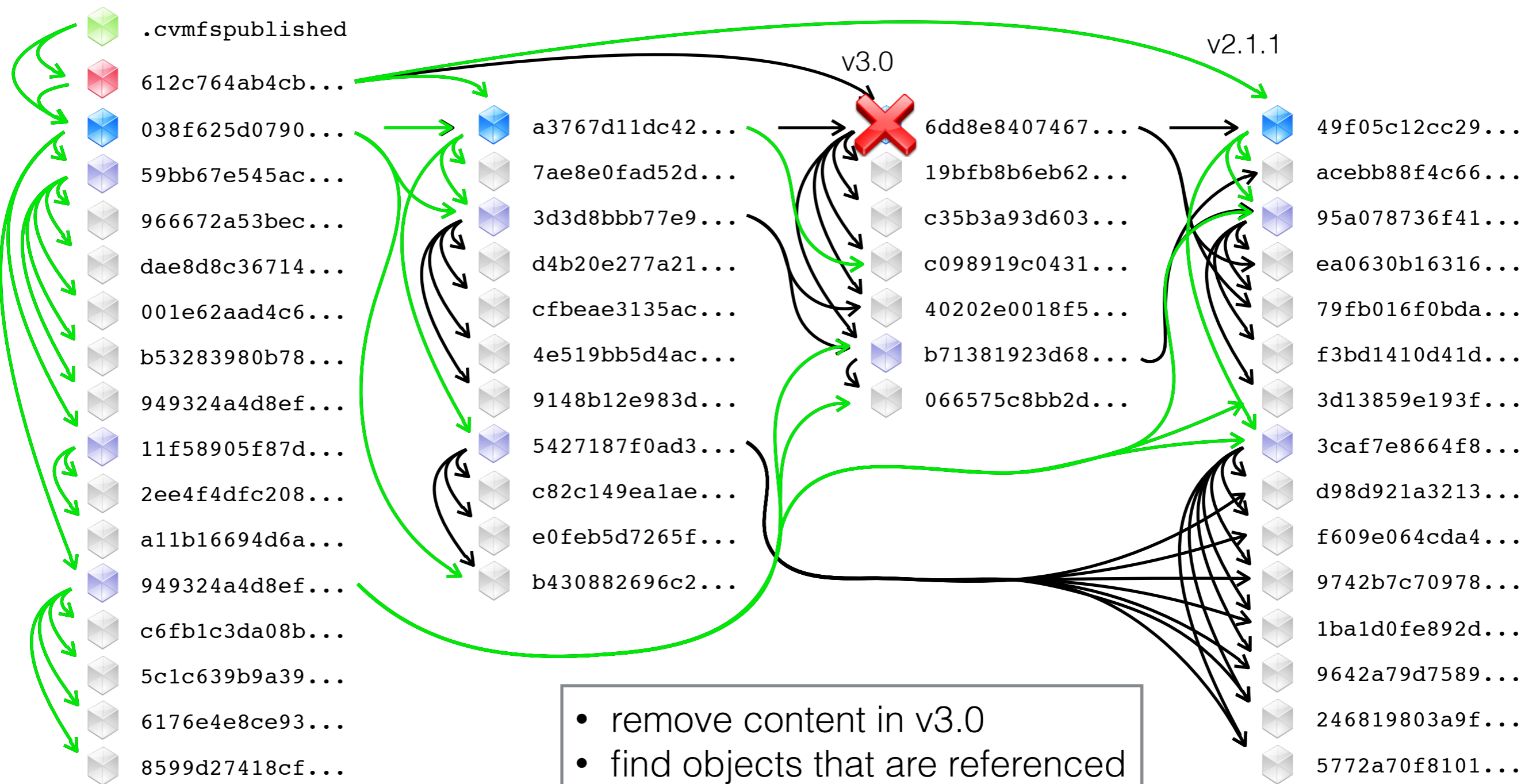
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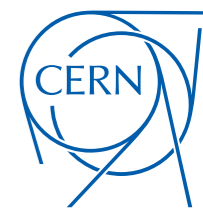


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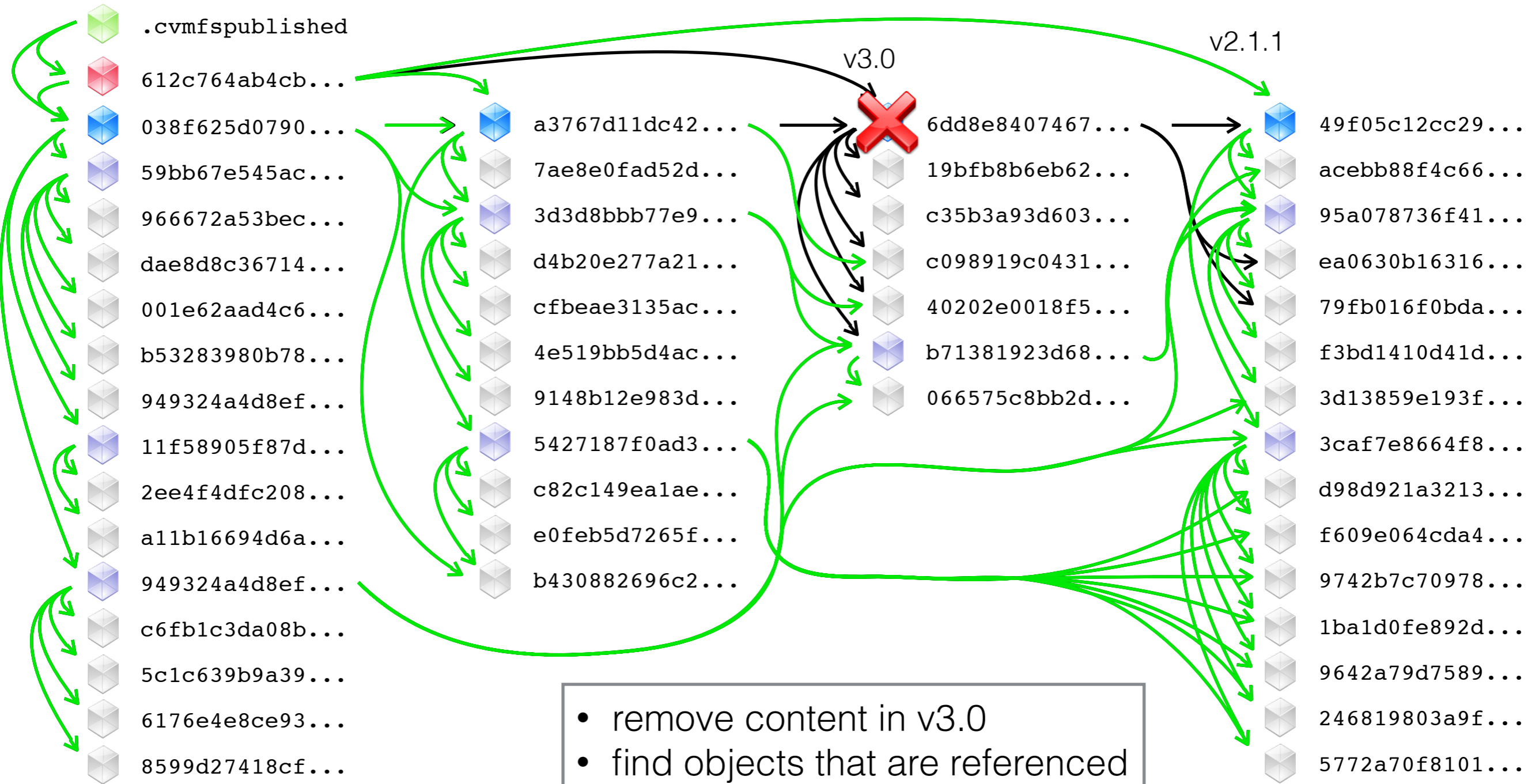


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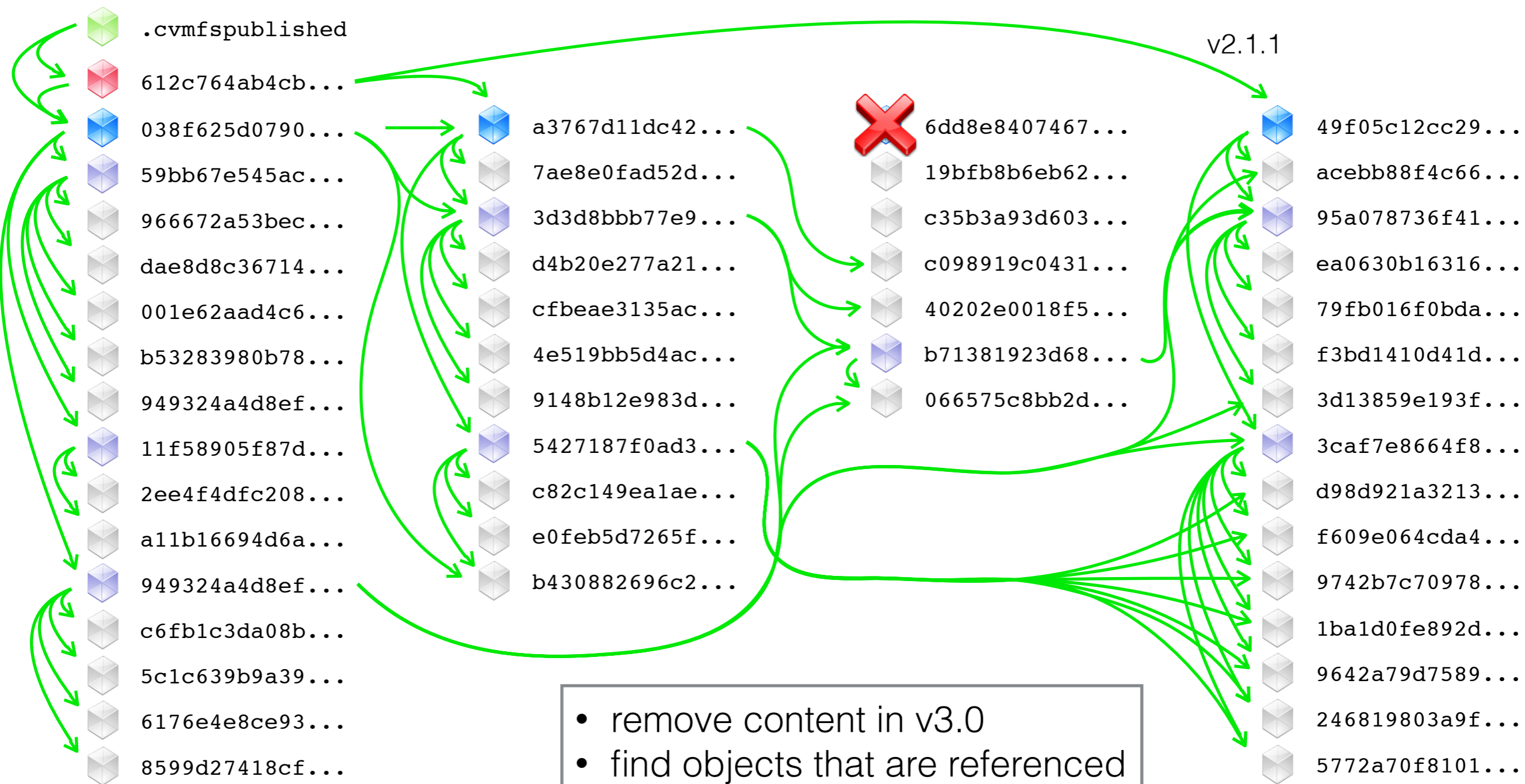


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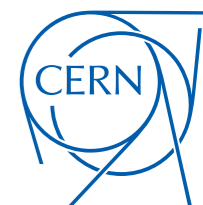
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