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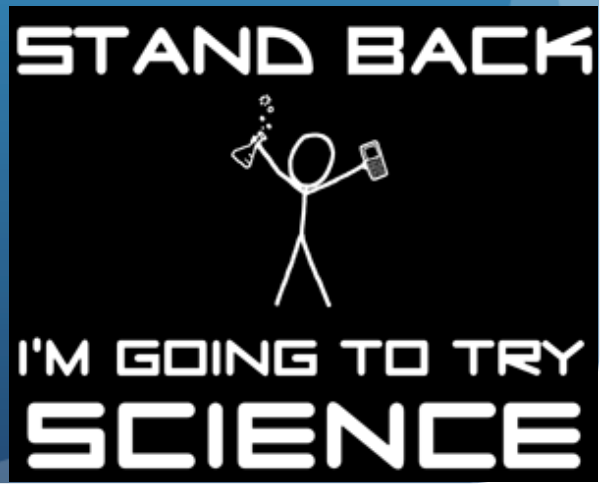
Goals of the Presentation

- Arm you with a basic understanding of computer networks so that you can provide justification for your “unique” requirements to your fellow IT staff.
- Provide you with a common set of nomenclature that you can use when conversing with research peers regarding data exchange.

Overview

- The Evolution of the Science DMZ
- Software Defined Networking and its Components
- OpenFlow and Why it Matters



The Definition of Science DMZ

Wikipedia Definition:

"The term Science DMZ refers to a computer subnetwork that is structured to be secure, but without the performance limits that would otherwise result from passing data through a stateful firewall. The Science DMZ is designed to handle high volume data transfers, typical with scientific and high-performance computing, by creating a special DMZ to accommodate those transfers. It is typically deployed at or near the local network perimeter, and is optimized for a moderate number of high-speed flows, rather than for general-purpose business systems or enterprise computing."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science_DMZ_Network_Architecture

The “Wordly” of Science DMZ

The Evolution of Science DMZ

Corporate Environment:

Offer Goods
and Services

The Evolution of Science DMZ (cont.)

Corporate Environment:

Lock them away in an “online” experience.

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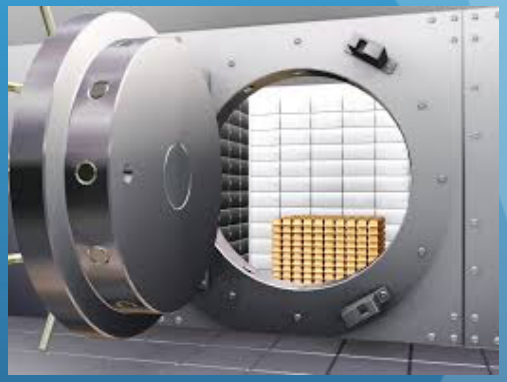

And make them available when someone is willing to pay…

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Corporate Environment:

"It's just good business…"

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Academic Environment:

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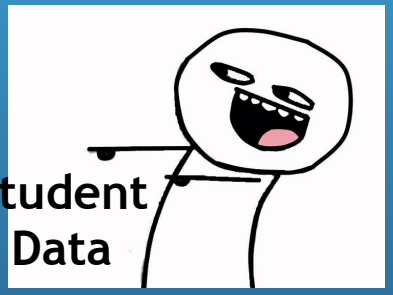

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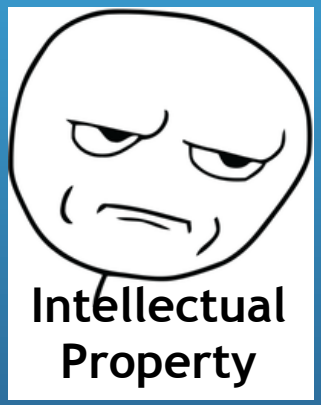

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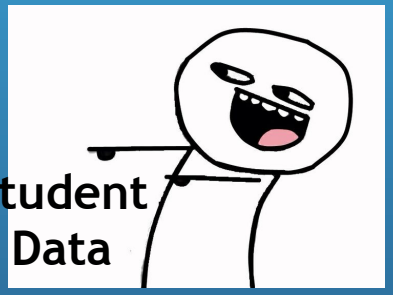

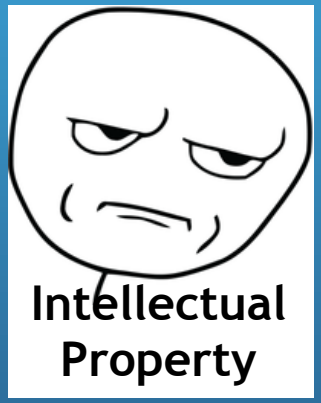

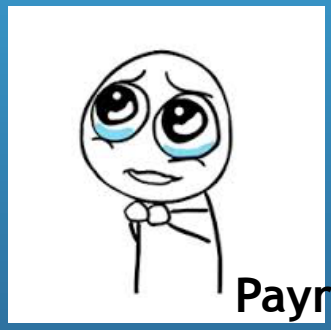

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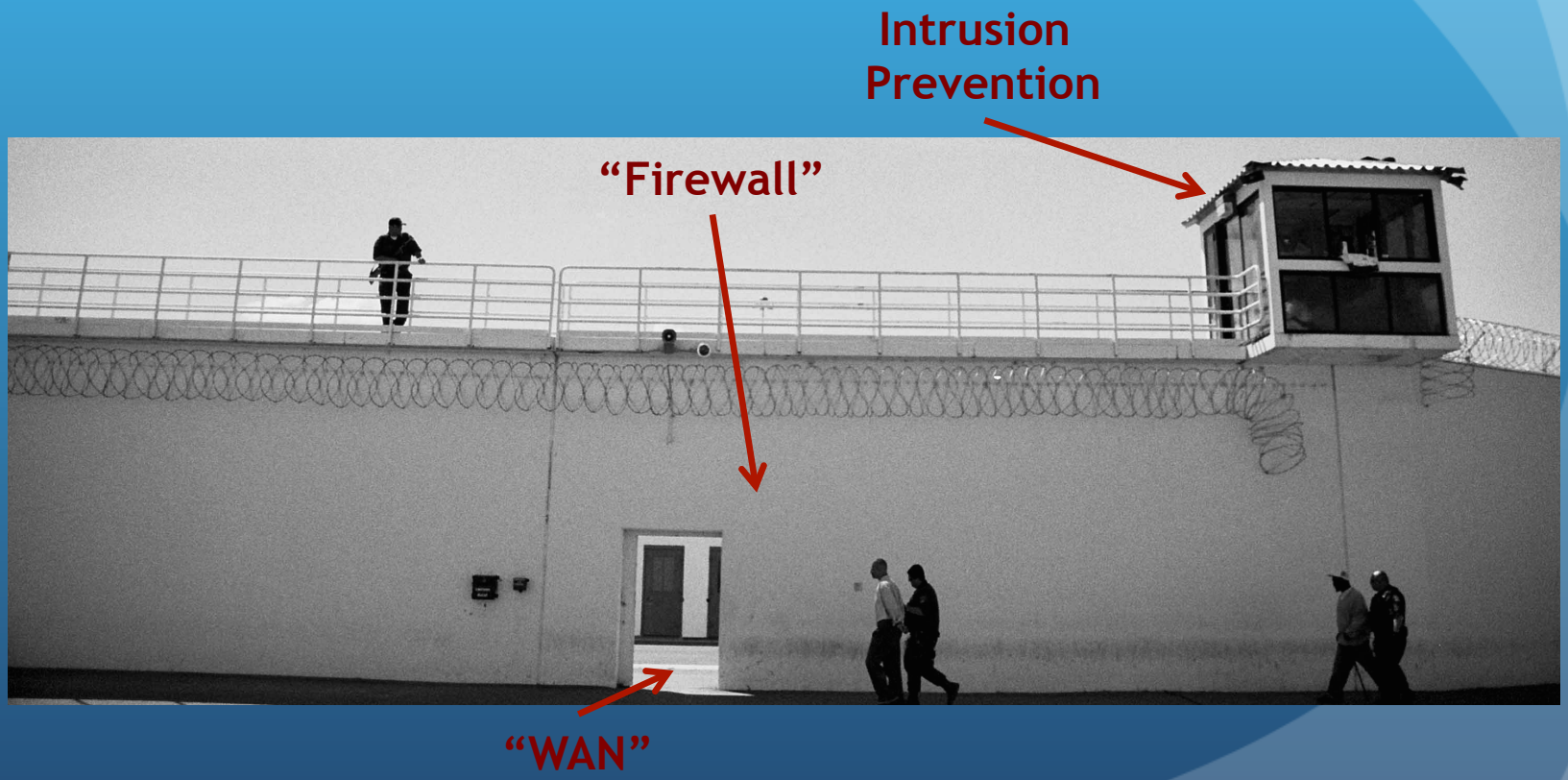

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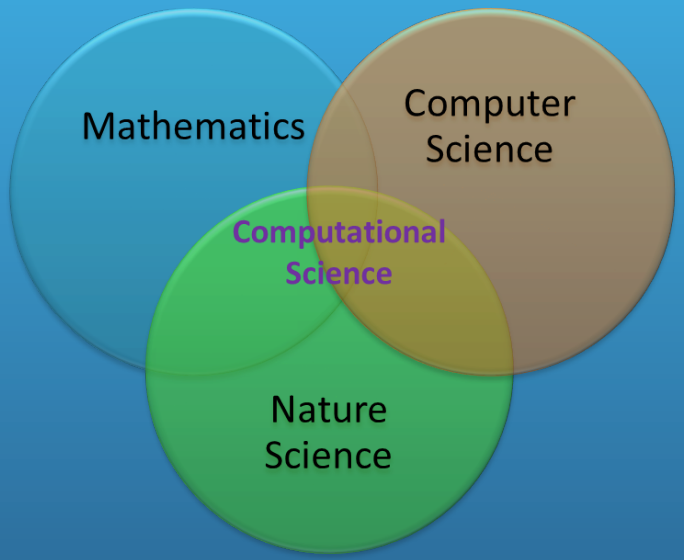

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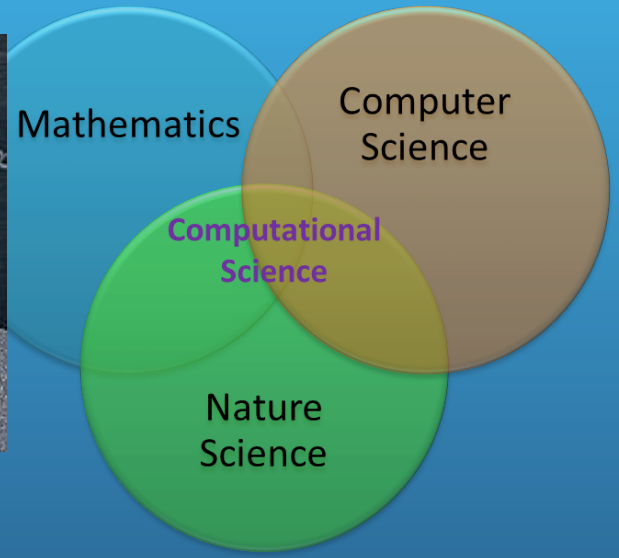

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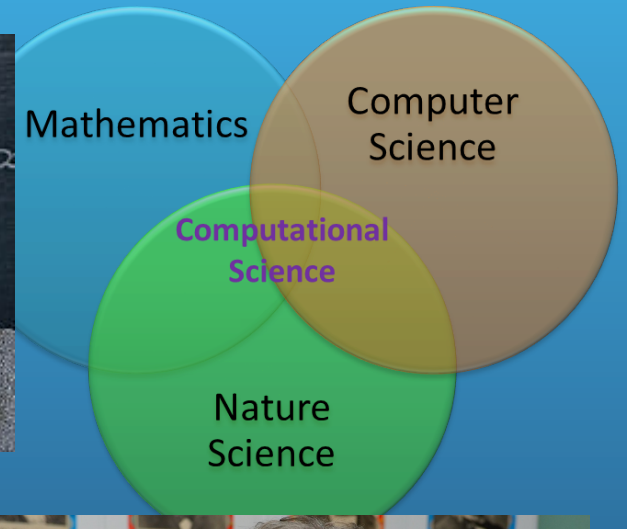

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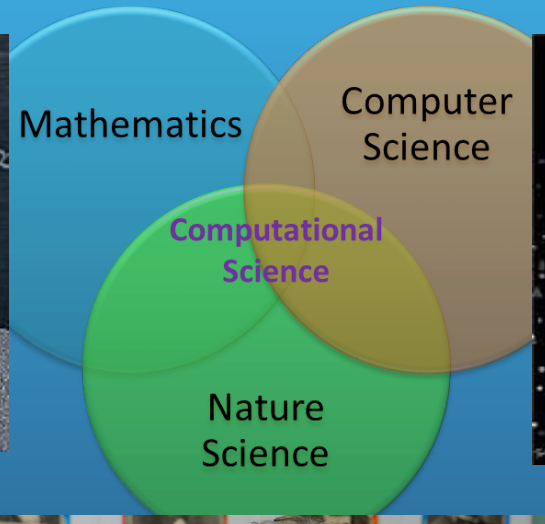

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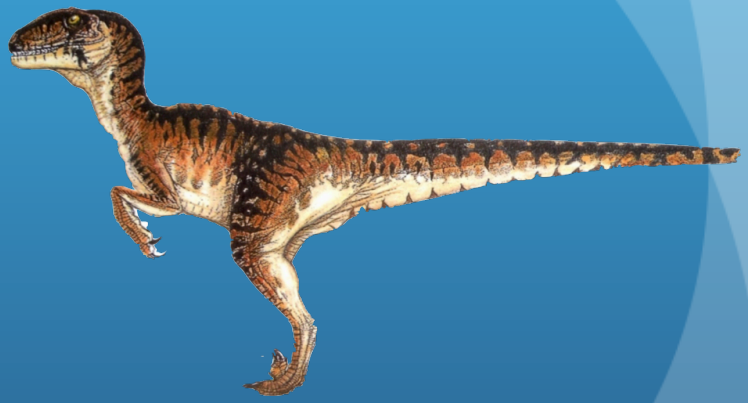

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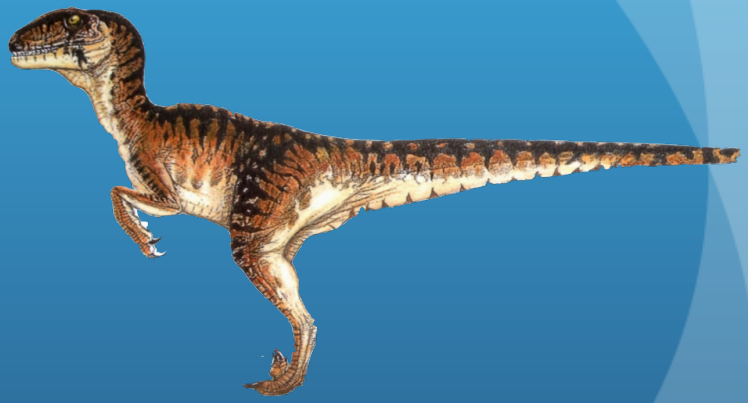

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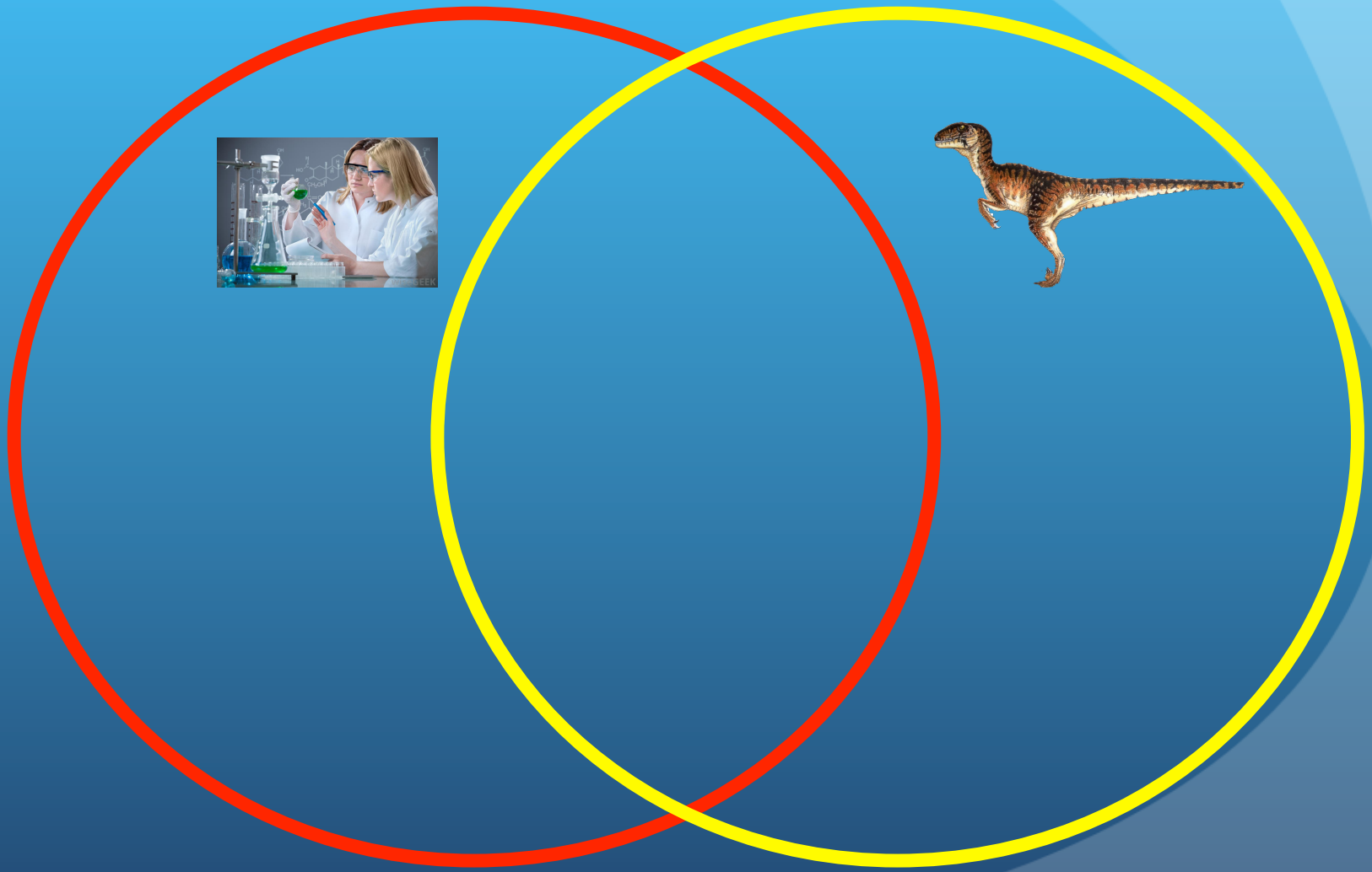

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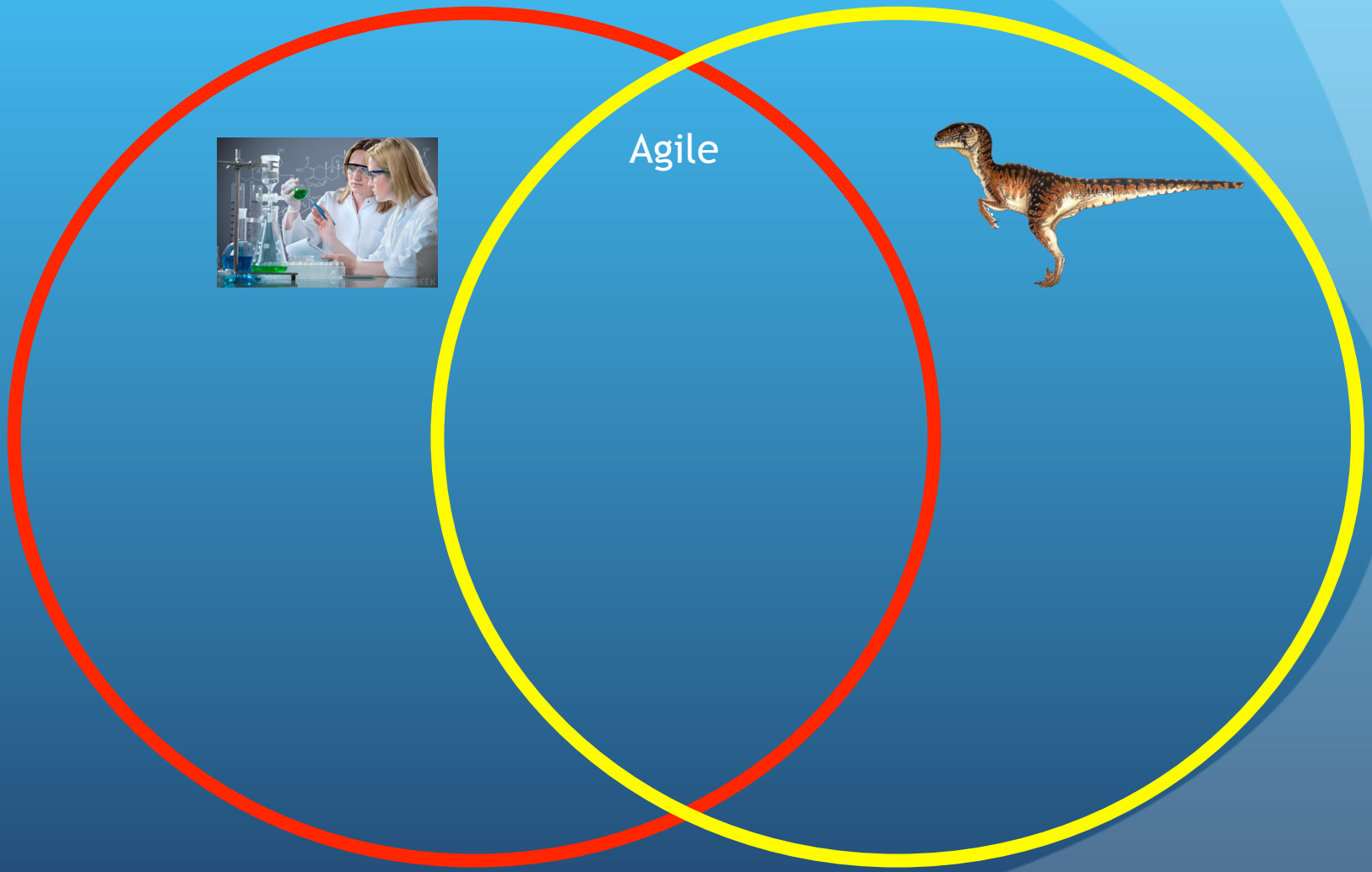

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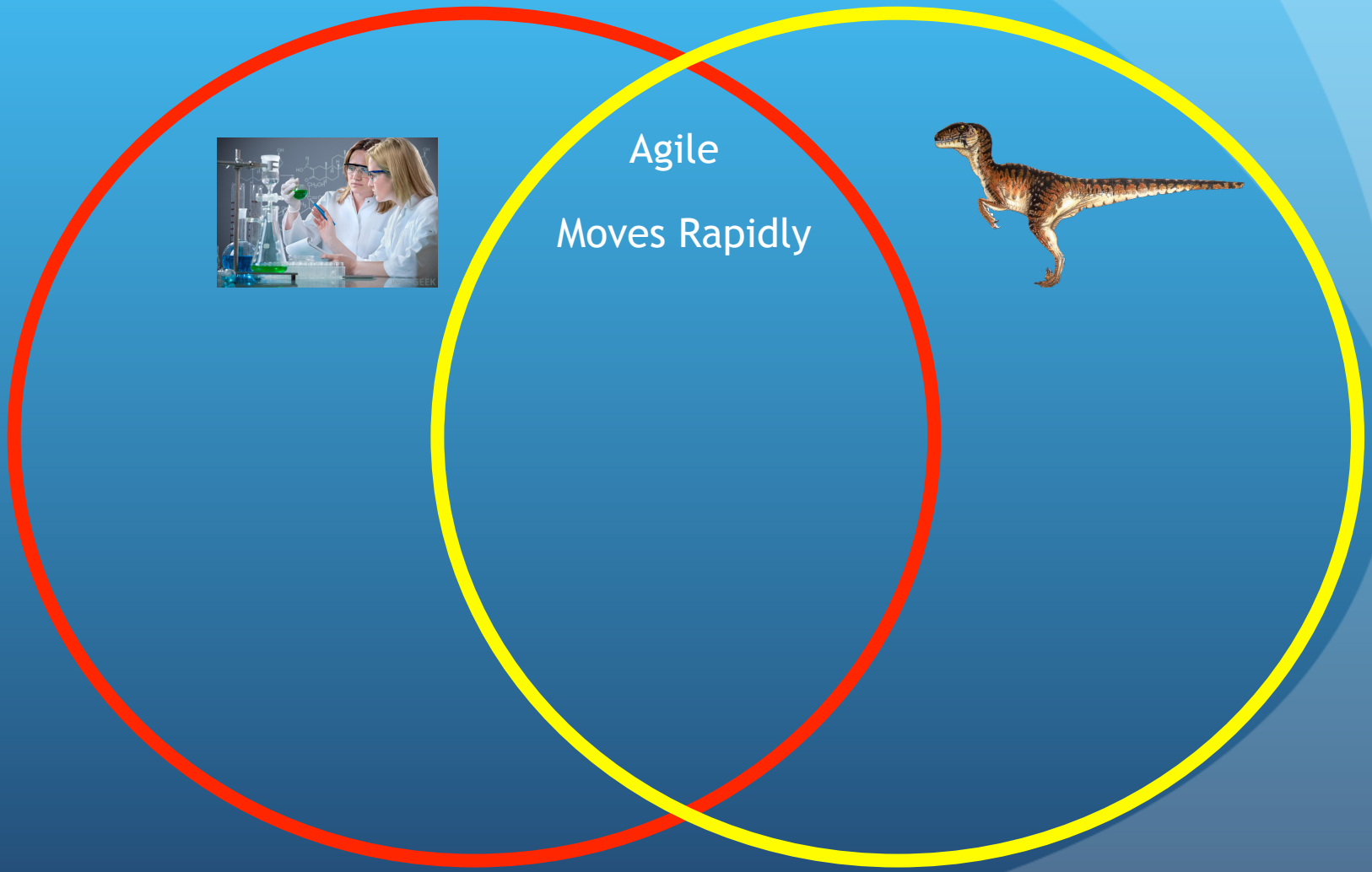

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The Evolution of Science DMZ (cont.)

Would it be possible to place this in a *secure, reliable, flexible, accessible*, as well as *high performing* infrastructure?

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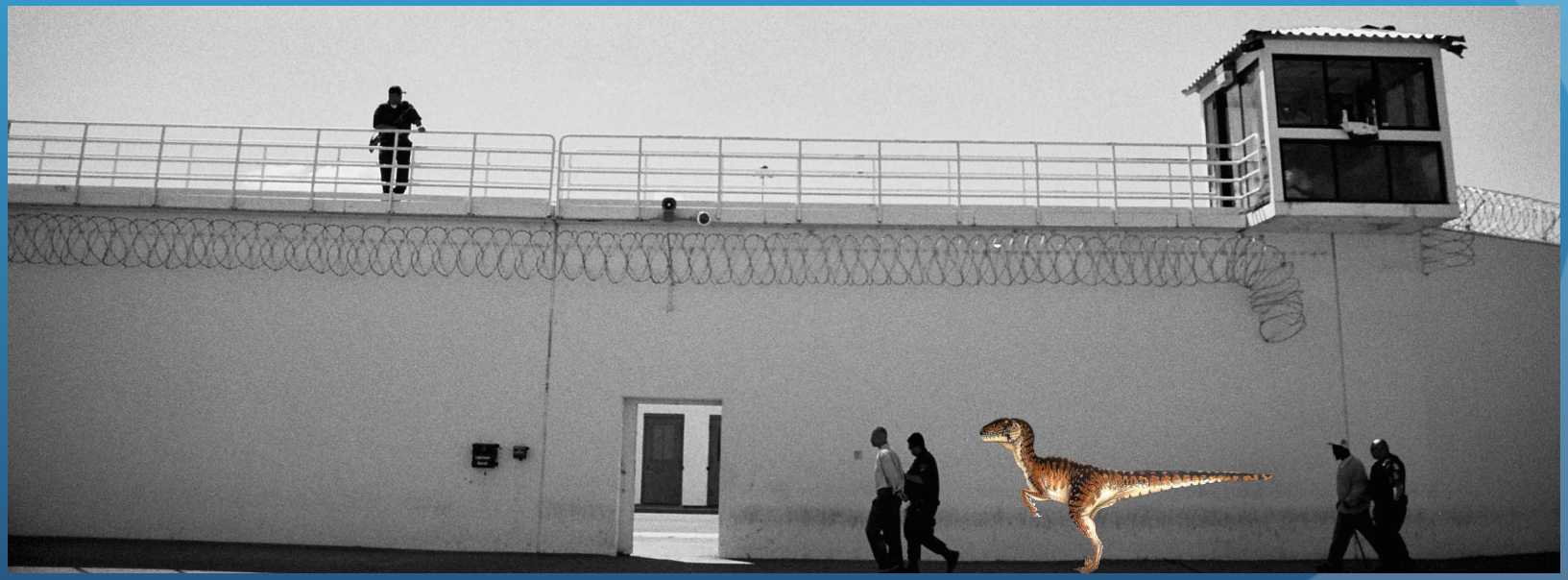

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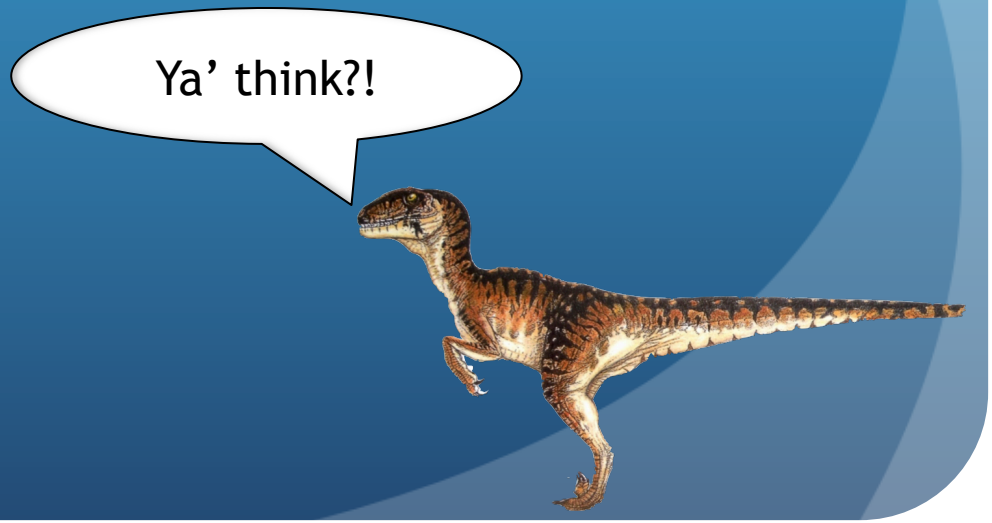

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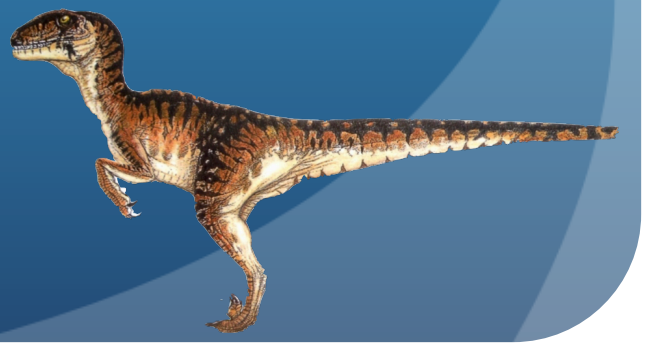

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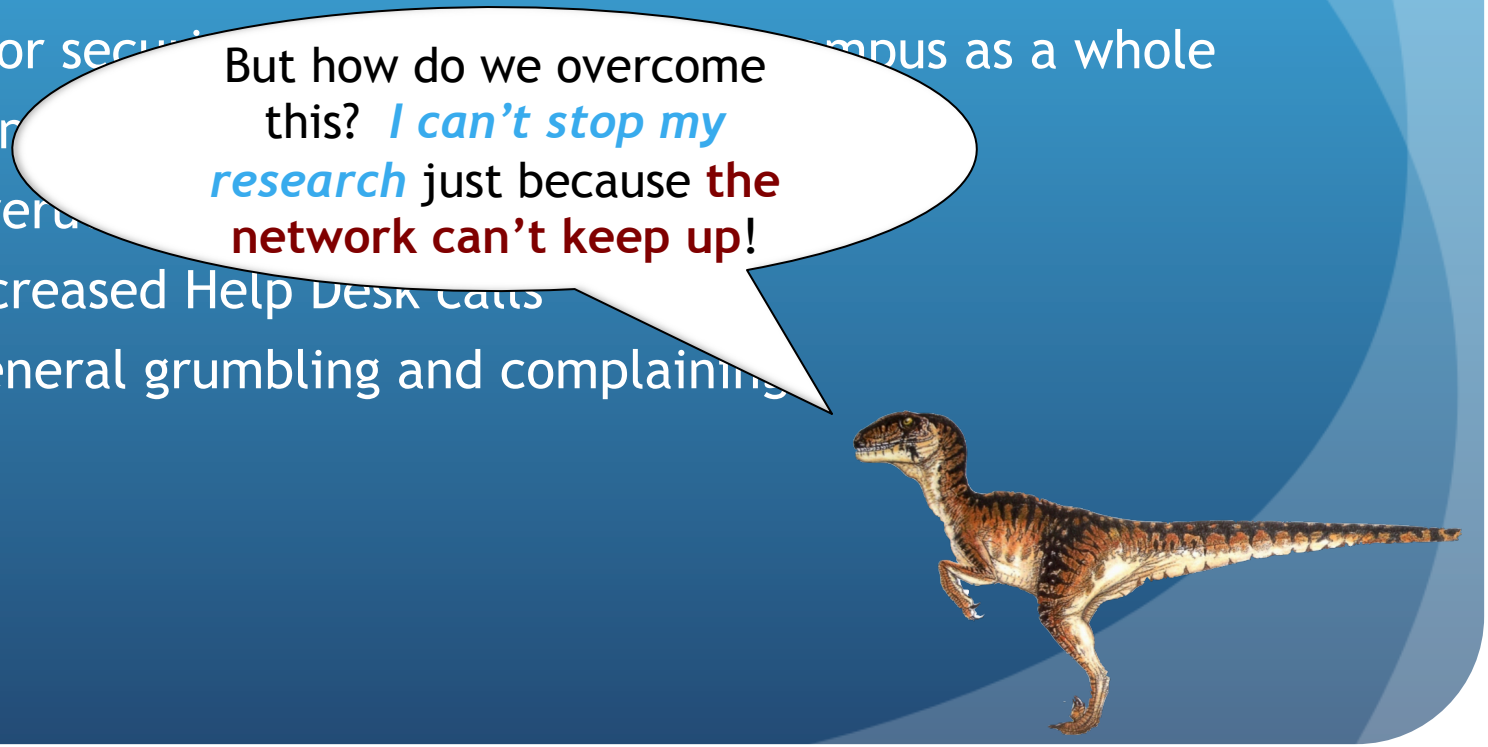

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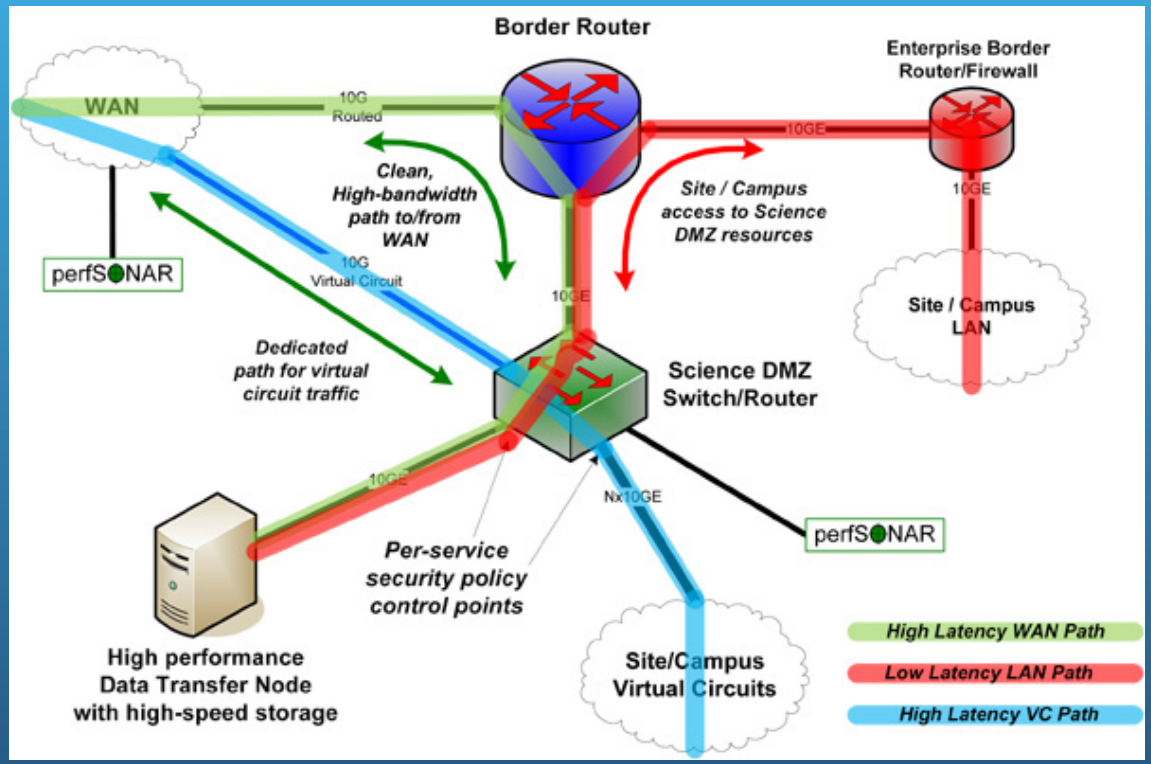

https://fasterdata.es.net/science-dmz/science-dmz-architecture/

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- Sort of like an Interstate highway… no stop lights, and dedicated on and off ramps:

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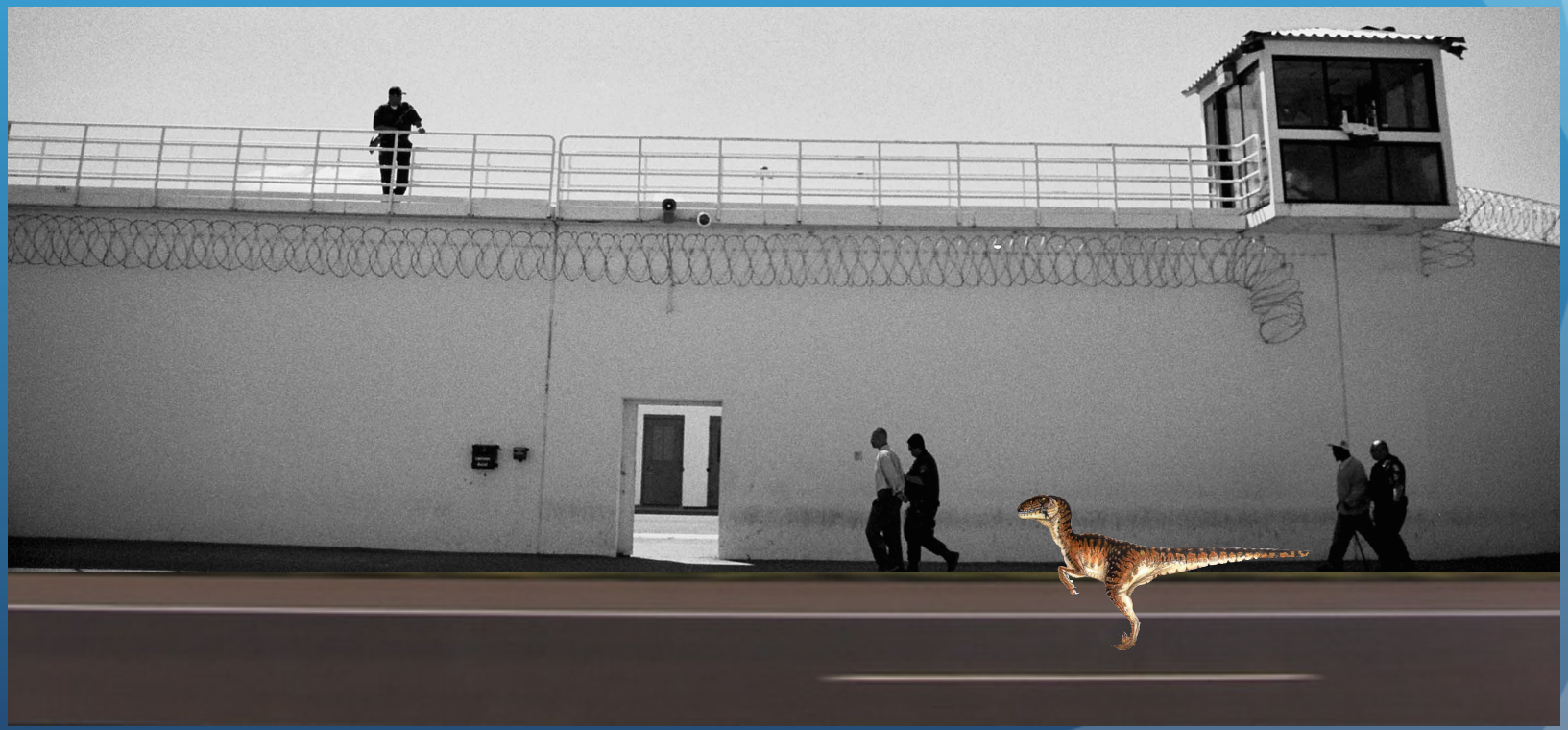

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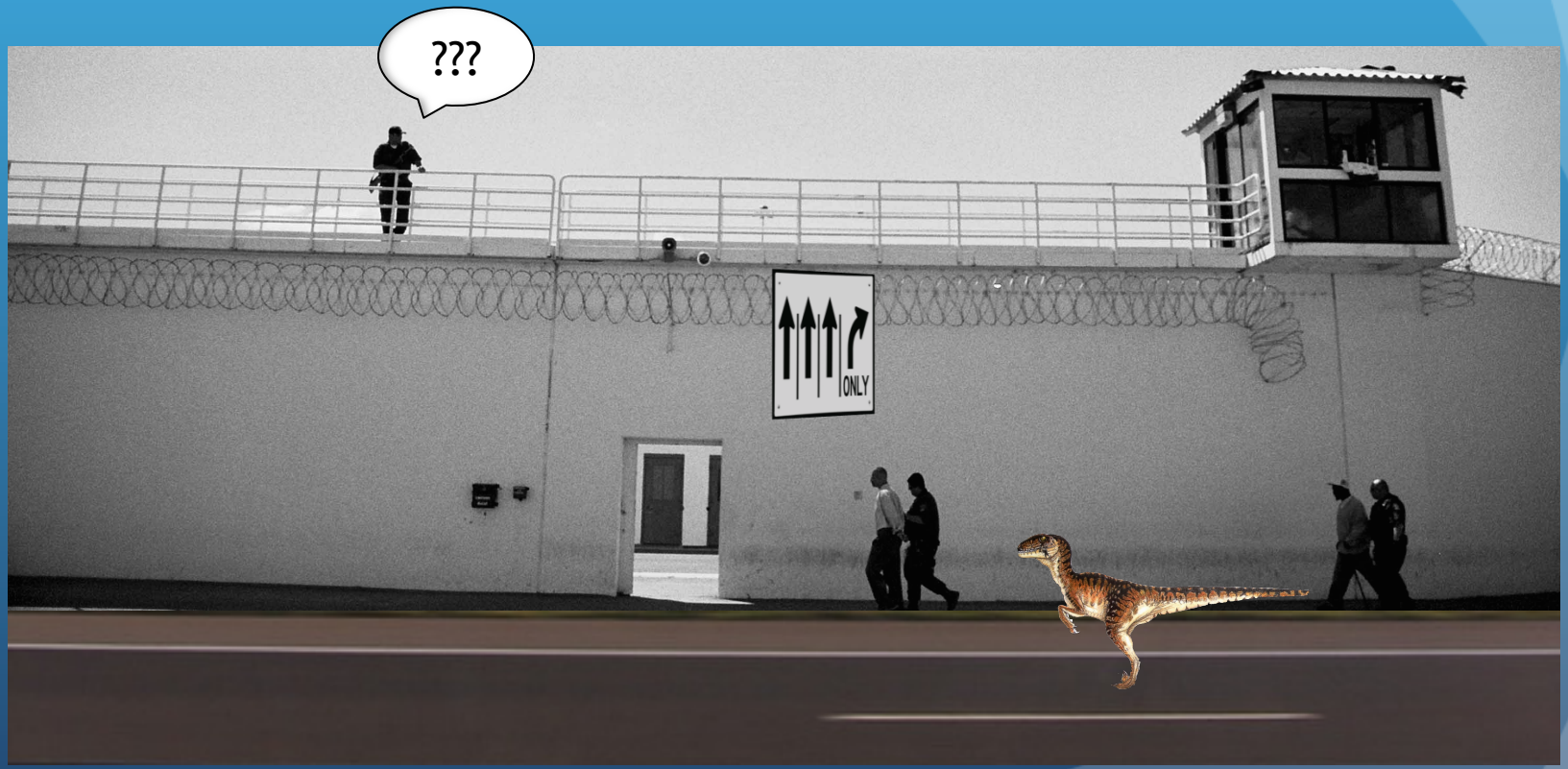

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ANALOGY RECAP…

Corporate Network

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Campus Network

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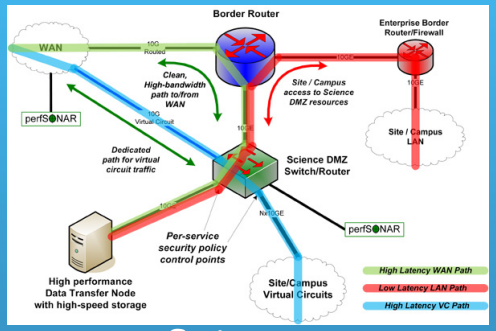

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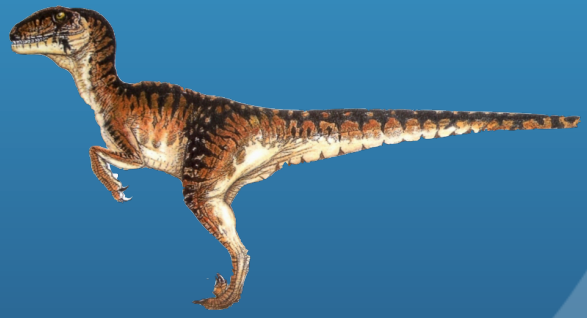

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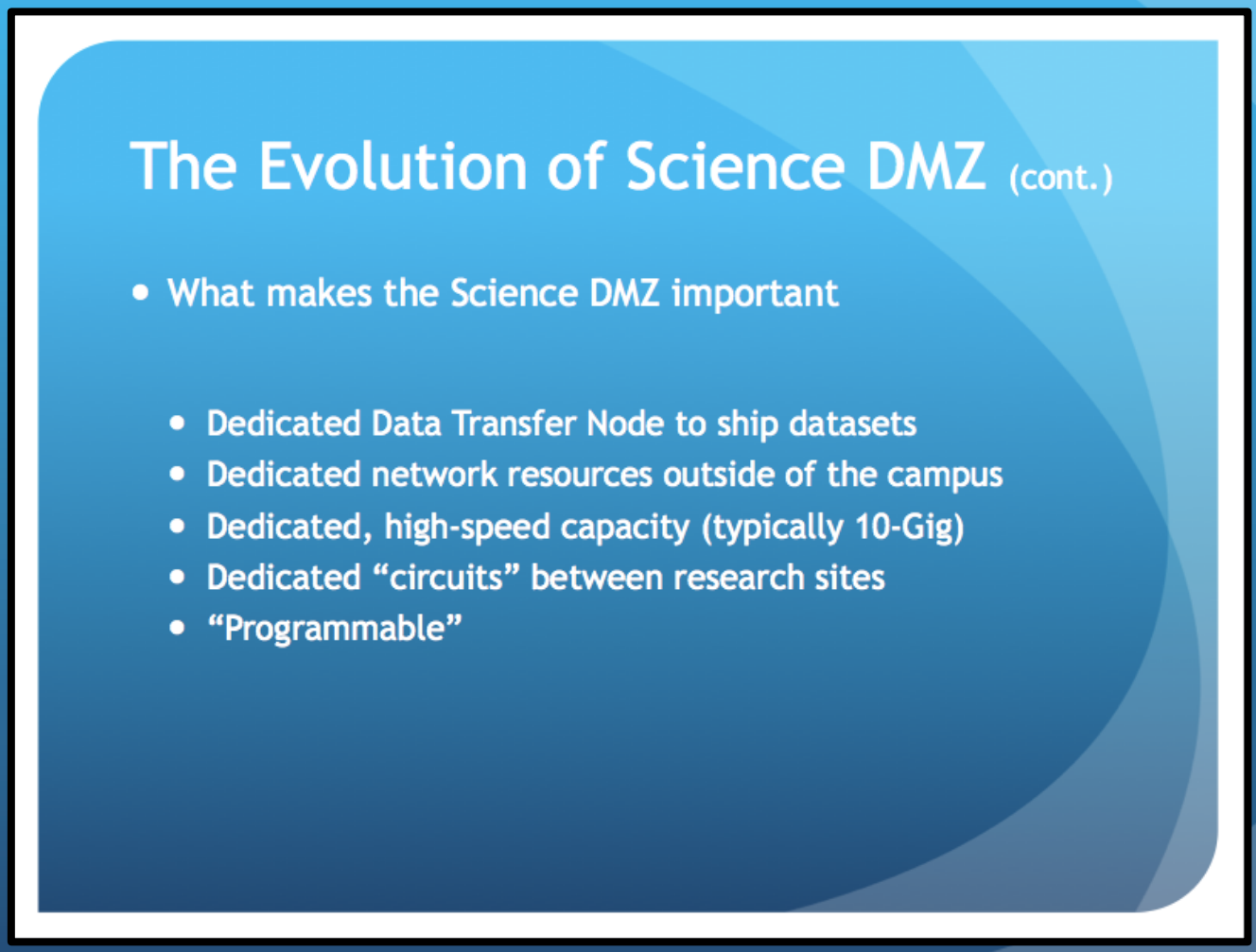

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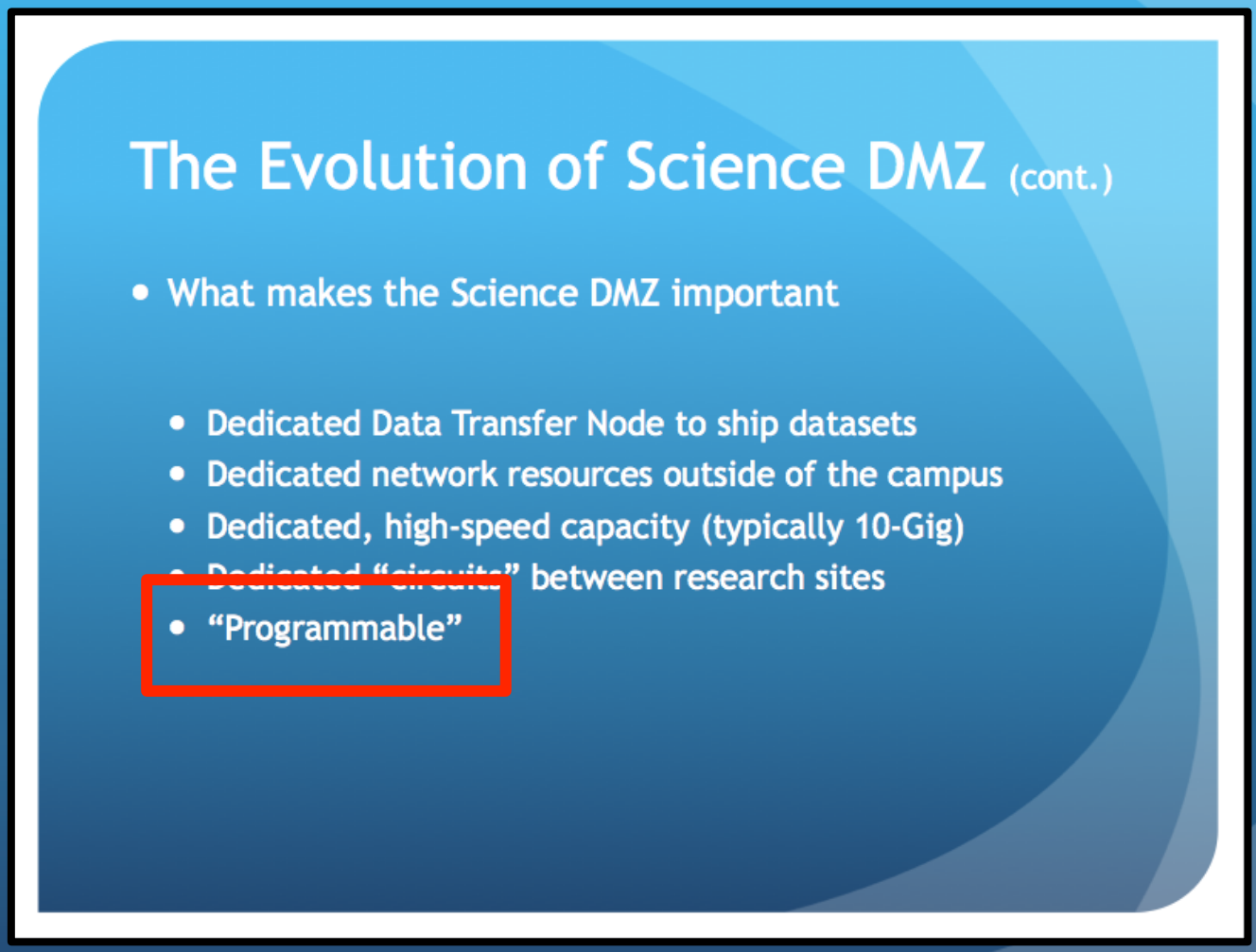

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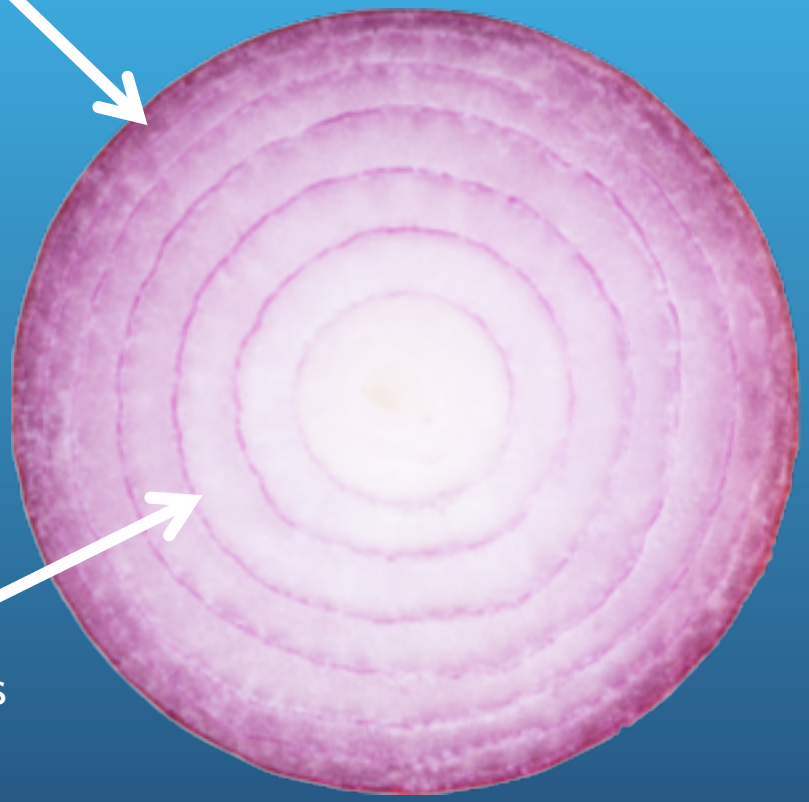

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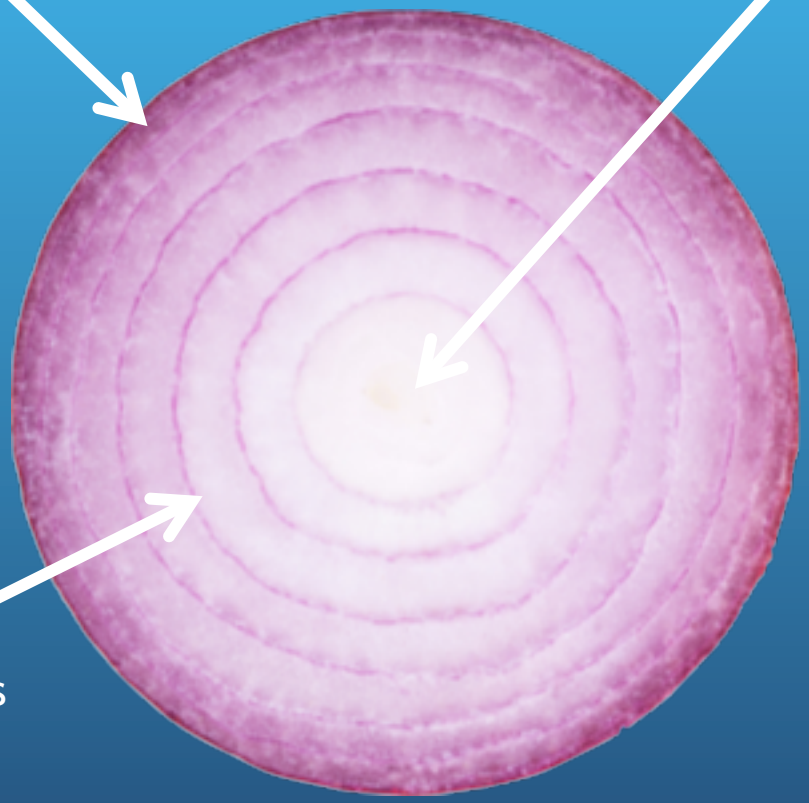

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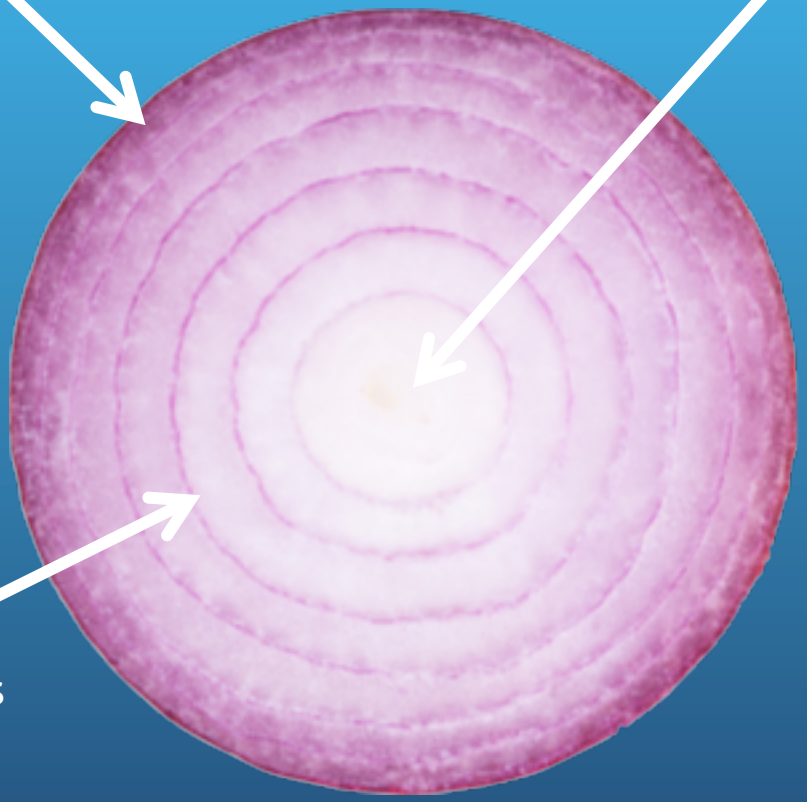

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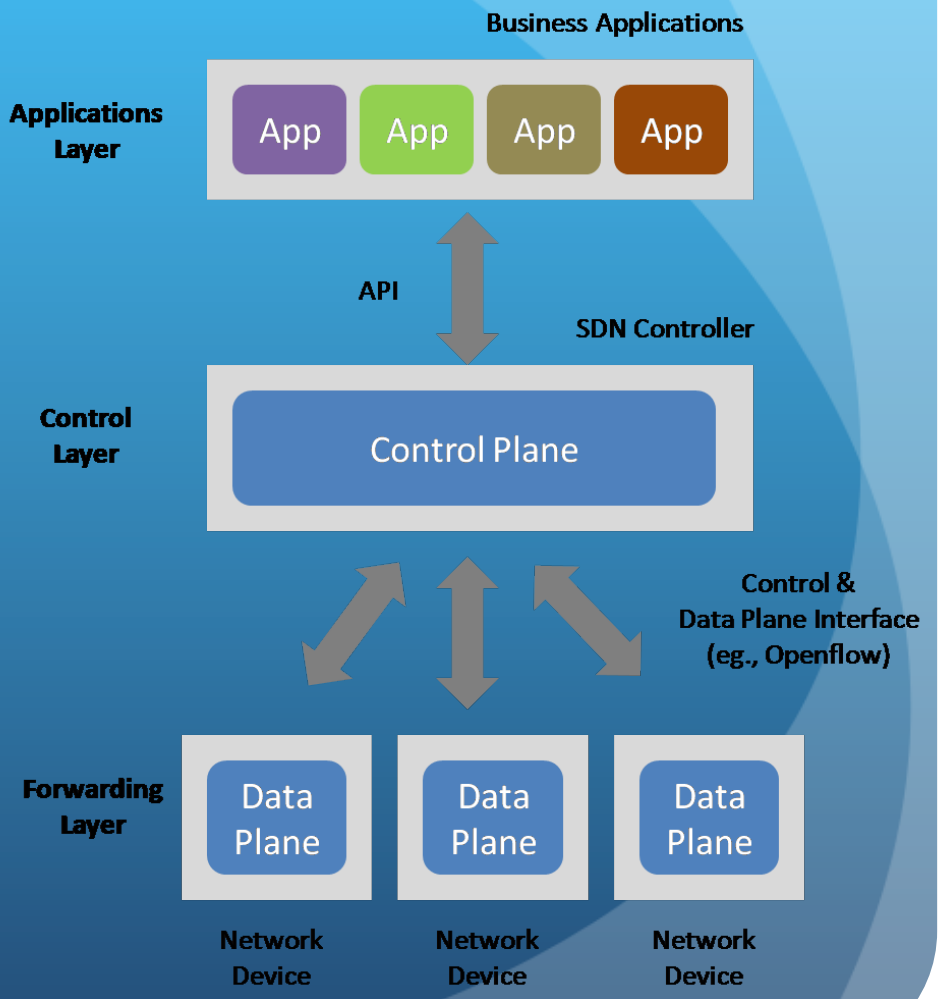

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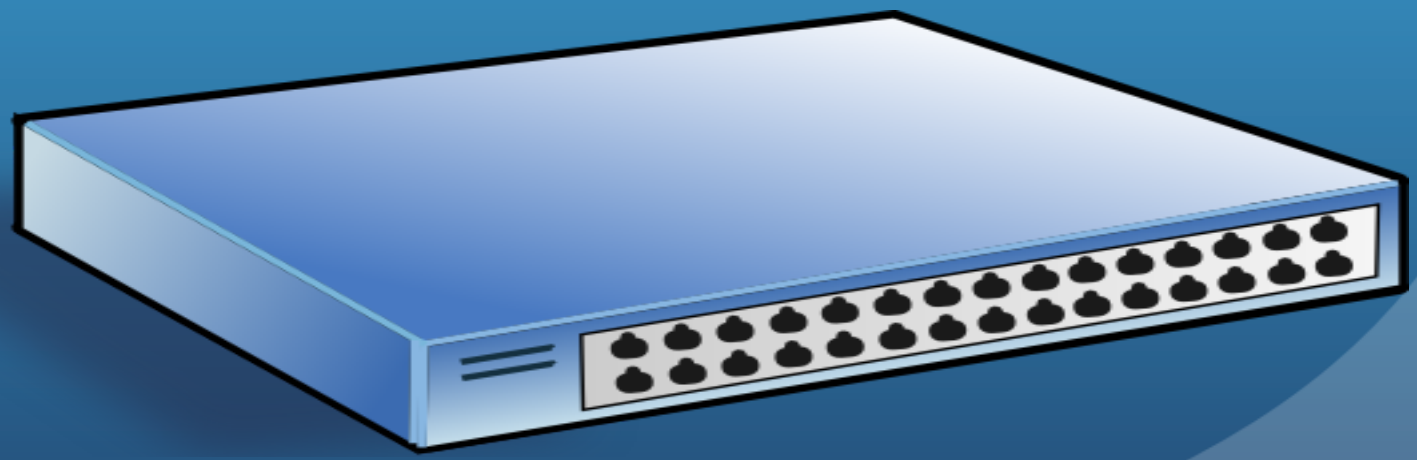

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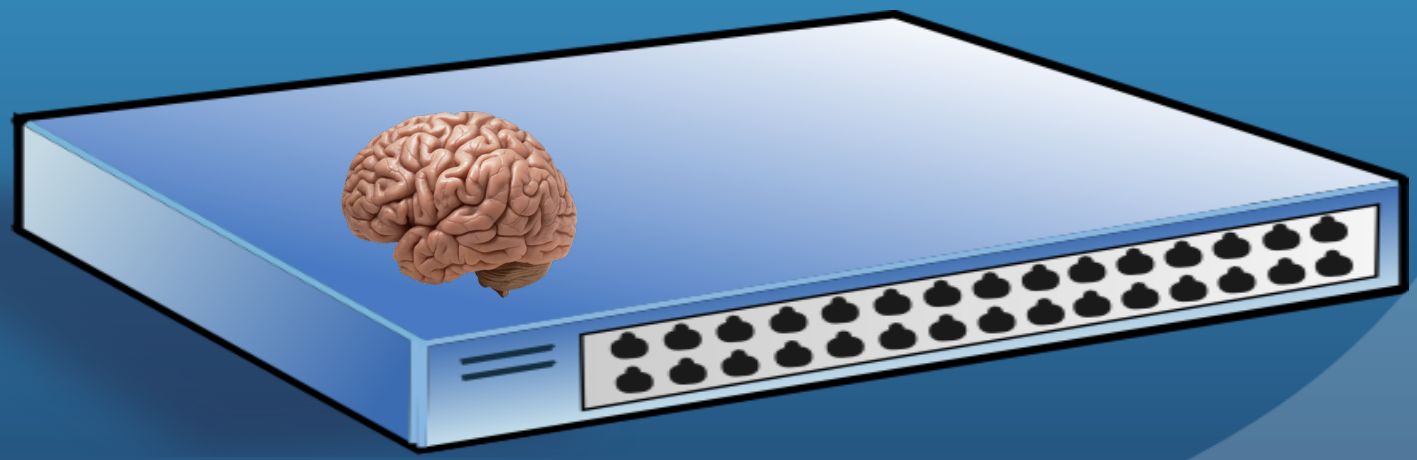

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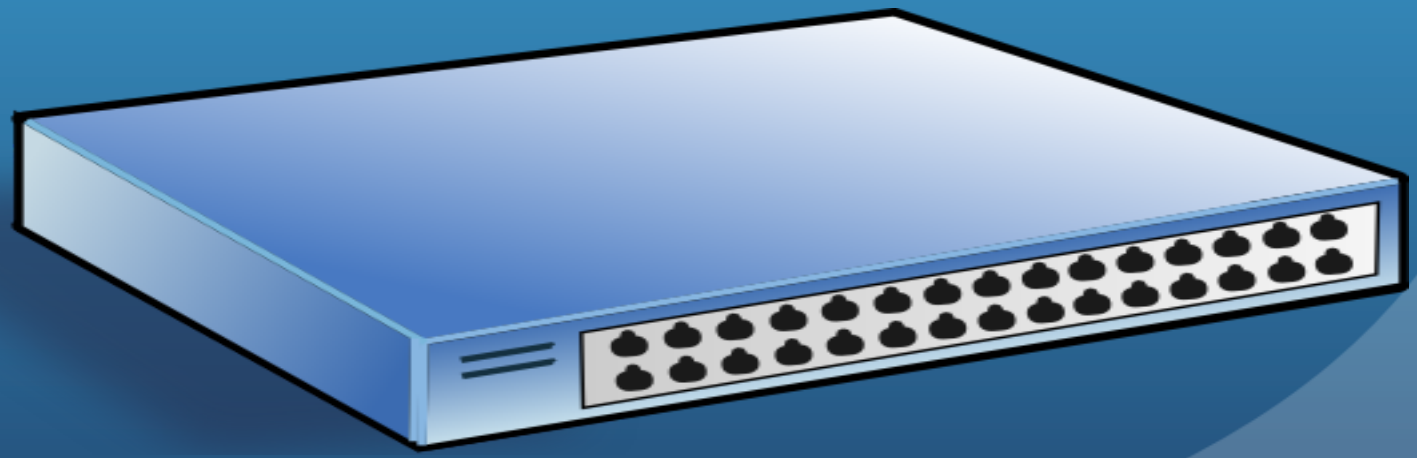

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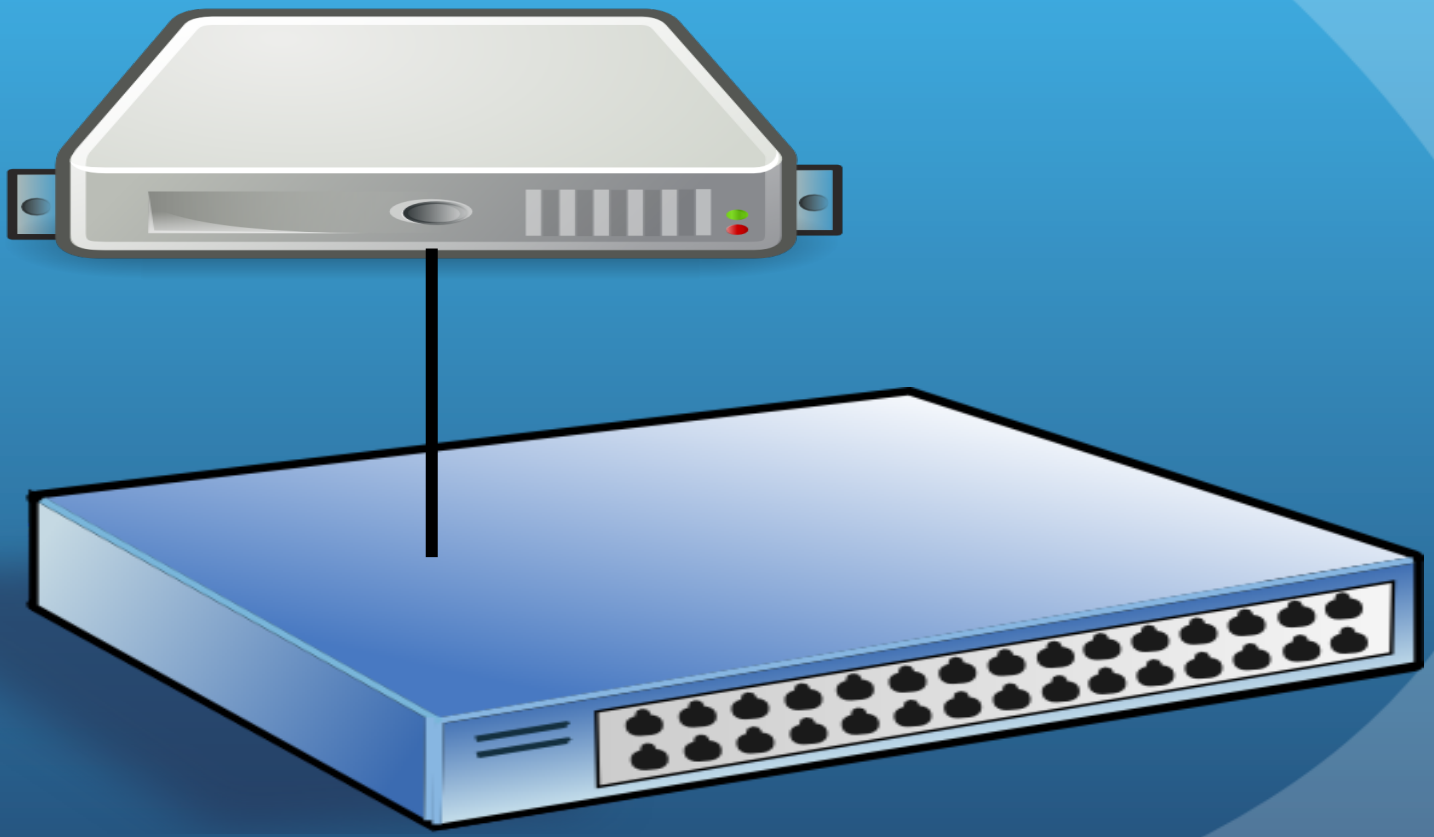

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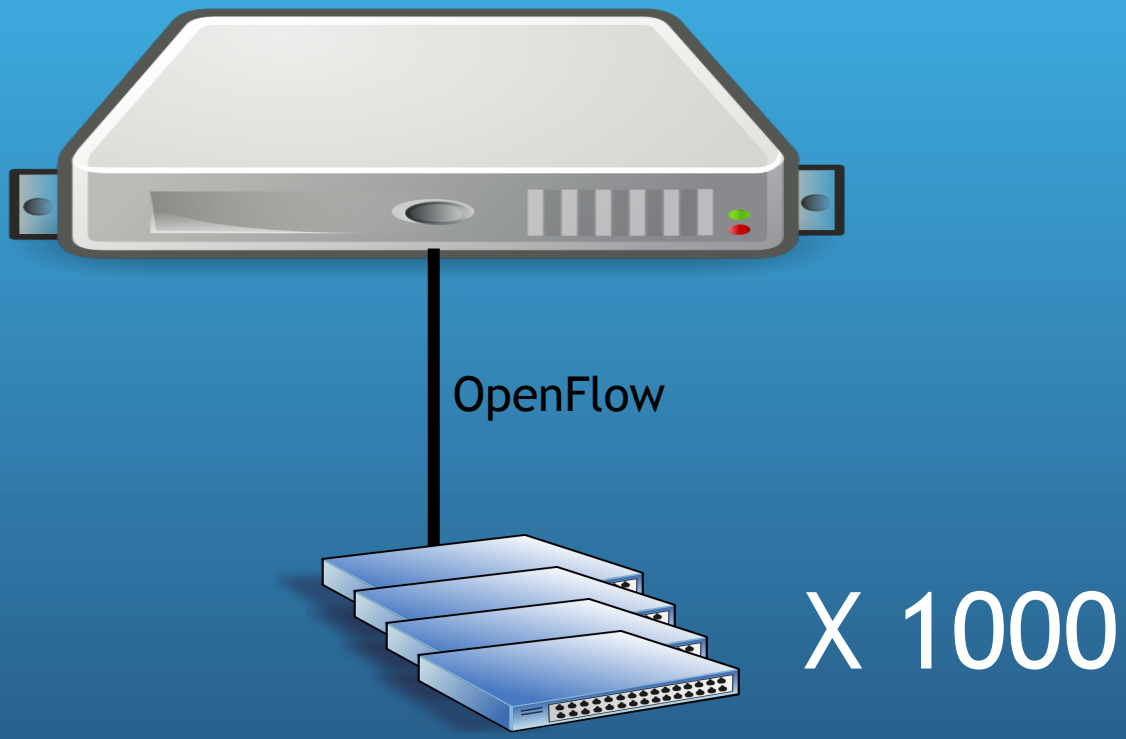

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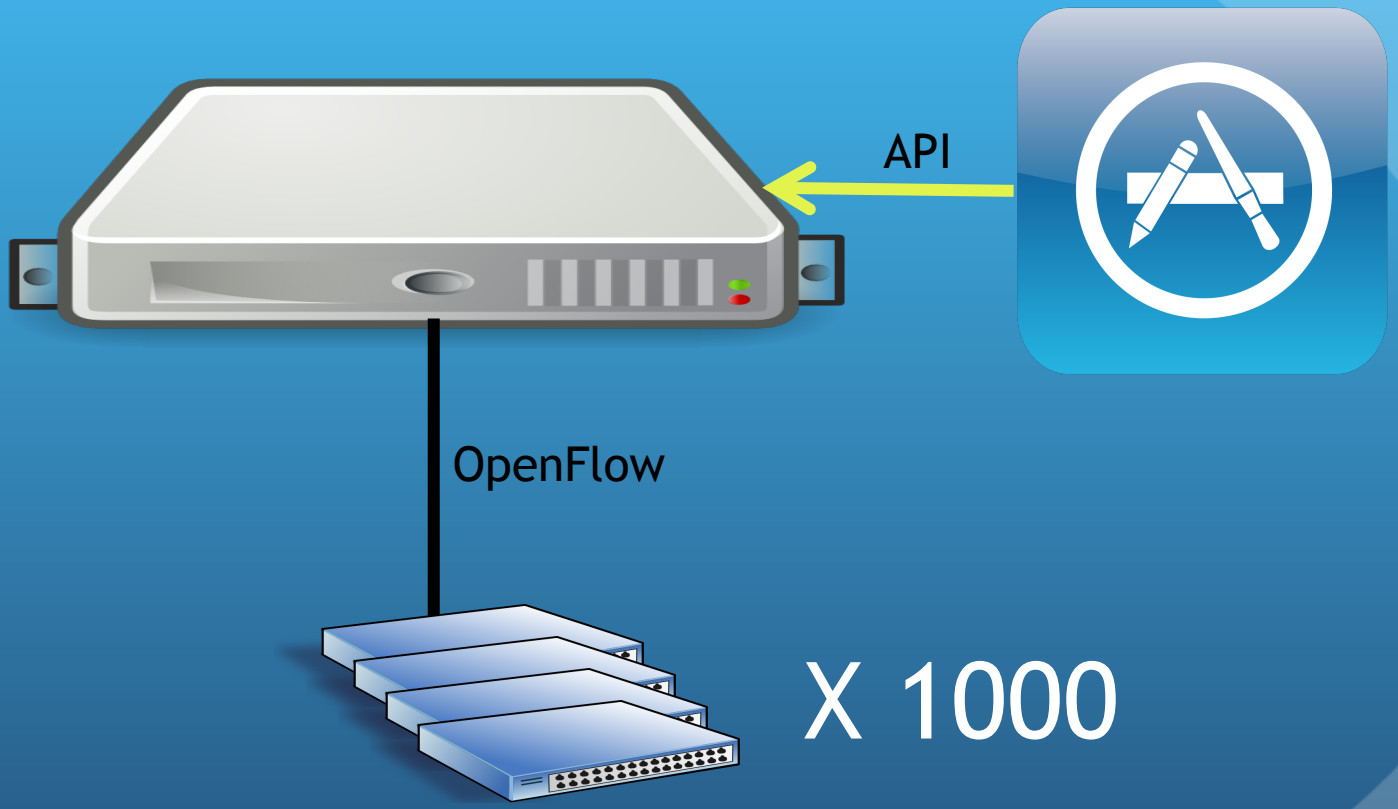

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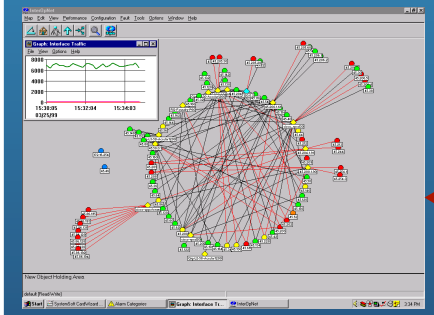
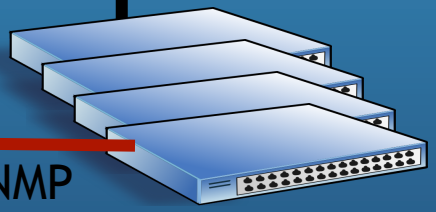
API

OpenFlow





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SNMP
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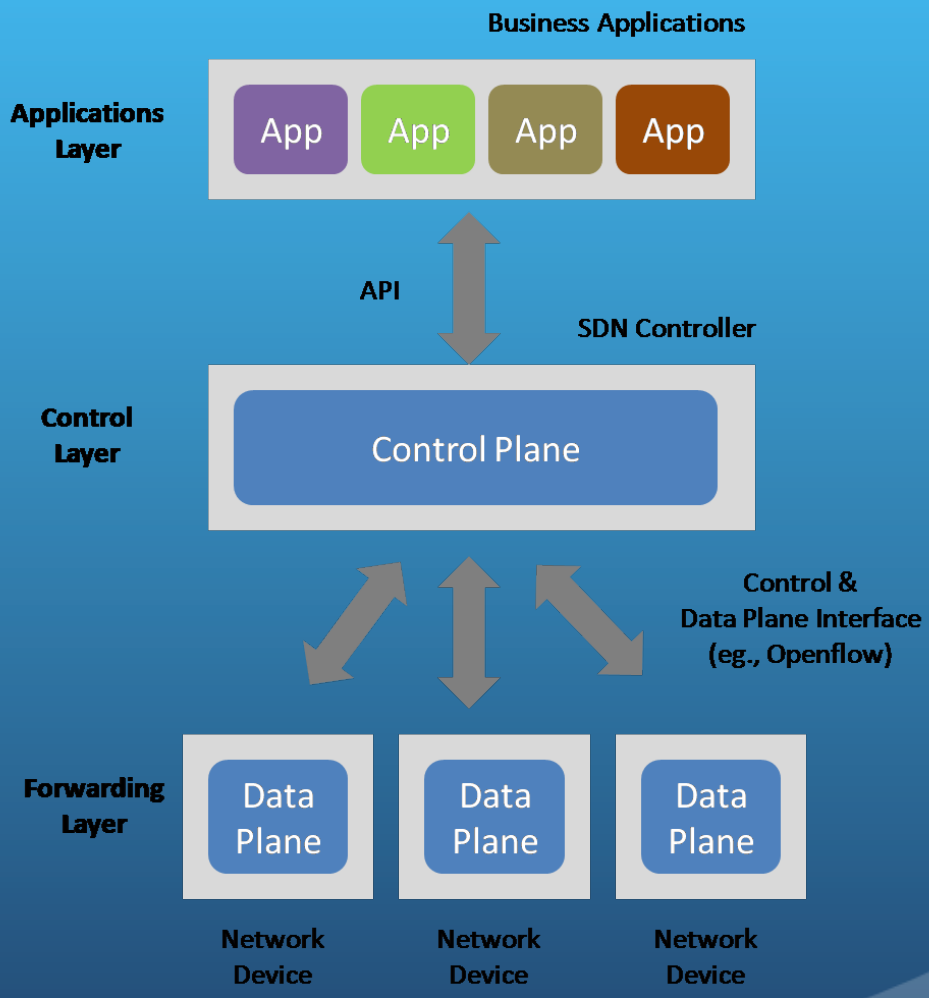

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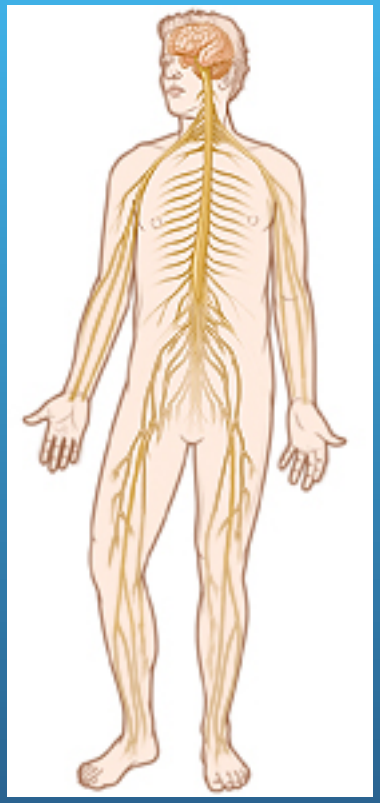
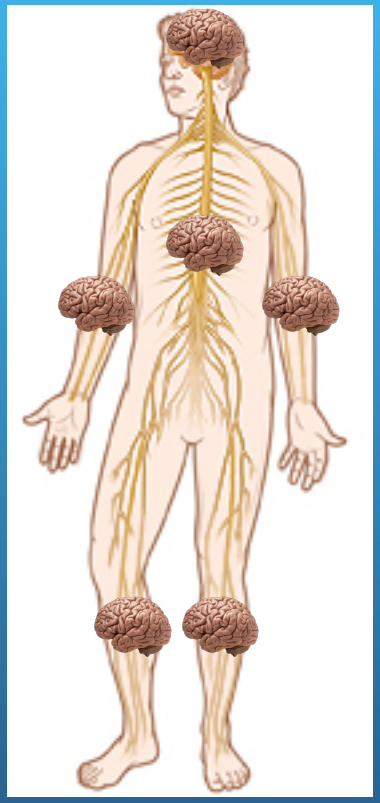


Why Even Do SDN?

Imagine if your brain were distributed throughout your body.

How would you walk? Run? Shop?

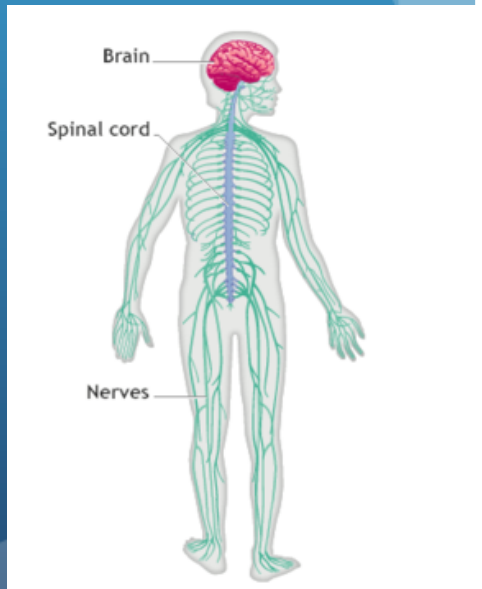
SDN is just a natural evolution of computer networking.



OpenFlow

- OpenFlow is like the “Nerves” of the body
  - Controller (brain)
  - Devices (arms/lets/mouth/tail)
  - Northbound APIs (eyes/ears/tongue/nose)
  - East/West monitoring (pain/soreness/sick)

- Carries messages from the controller to the devices, and vice-versa.



OpenFlow

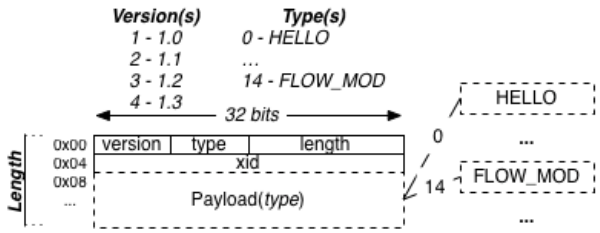
"OpenFlow is an open standard network protocol used to manage traffic between commercial Ethernet switches, routers and wireless access points. OpenFlow enables software-defined networking (SDN) for programmable networks and is based on an Ethernet switch, with an internal flow-table and a standardized interface to add and remove flow entries."

http://www.webopedia.com/TERM/O/openflow.html

OpenFlow:
What you need to know…

- Specifications: Located at the Open Network Foundation web site (www.opennetwork.org)
- Leverages TCP for communication
- Port 6653 is most commonly used
- Specification recommends TLS encryption

OpenFlow:
What you need to know… (cont)

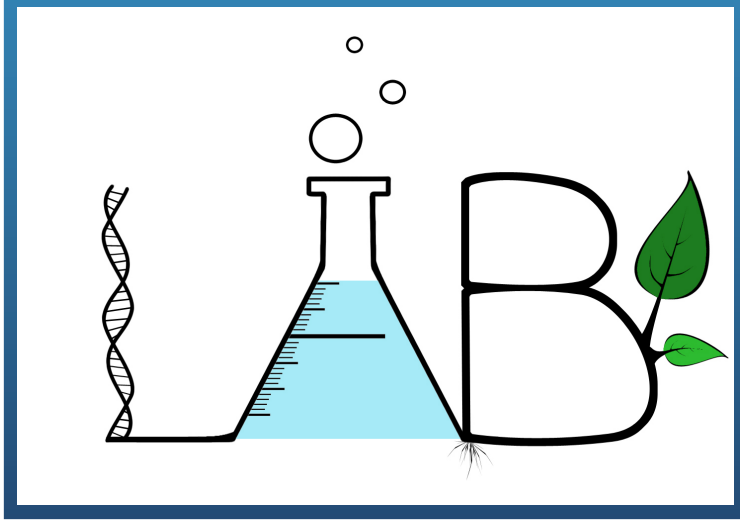


Every OpenFlow message begins with the same header structure. This fixed structure serves three roles that are independent of the version of OpenFlow being used. First, the version field indicates the version of OpenFlow which this message belongs. Second, the length field indicates where this message will end in the byte stream starting from the first byte of the header. Third, the xid, or transaction identifier, is a unique value used to match requests to responses. The type field which indicates what type of message is present and how to interpret the payload, is version dependent.

- OpenFlow Message Types:
  - OpenFlow 1.3 has 30 different message types
  - Details at www.flowgrammable.org
  - Includes things like table requests, table insertions, ports in, ports out, get config, set config, etc.

OpenFlow: Lab this afternoon!

You will have the opportunity to see these messages in real time.



In Summary

When properly equipped…

The computational researcher can use Science DMZ, Software Defined Networks, and OpenFlow communications for more effective data collaboration.

Thank You!

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Reminder: Lab Prereq's

- Download ***and install*** both VirtualBox and the VirtualBox extension pack:
  https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads
- Download the SDN Hub All-in-One App Development Starter virtual machine:
  http://sdnhub.org/tutorials/sdn-tutorial-vm/
- ***NEW*** Lab instructions can be downloaded here:
  http://bit.ly/1FklGYJ or (for the untrusting),
  https://www.dropbox.com/s/yc7k93zwmdsmbq0/ACI-REF-MondayLab.pdf?dl=0

This lab will be hosted on BlueJeans