



Internet2 Middleware in ? minutes

Drinking Kool-Aid From A Fire Hose

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*“Middleware is the intersection of what the Network Engineers and the Application Programmers **don’t** want to do”*

- Ken Klingenstein

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Internet2 Middleware

If the goal is a PKI, then you need to consider:

- **Identifiers (SSNs and other untold truths)**
- **Identification process (“I & A”)**
- **Authentication systems (Kerberos, LDAP, etc)**
- **Lawyers, Policy & Money (lawyers, guns & \$\$\$)**
- **Directories (and the applications that use them)**
- **Certificate Mgmt System (CMS) Deployment**
 - **CA Certificate, Server Certificates, Client Certificates**
- **Authorizations (a real hard problem, Roles, etc)**



Internet2 Middleware

- *Building Application/System Infrastructure*
- *What is missing in Internet 1*
- *Not “Network Security” (wire level)*
- *Assumes the wire is insecure*
- *Assumes the Application is insecure*

***If security was easy,
everyone would be doing it.***

- *<http://middleware.internet2.edu>*

Middleware Architecture Committee for Ed.

IT Architects – meet often – no particular religious affiliations

MACE-DIR – eduPerson, Recipe, DoDHE

MACE-SHIBBOLETH – global AuthN/Z

MACE-PKI → HEPKI (TAG/PAG/PKI-Labs)

MACE-MED – HIPAA, mEduPerson

MACE-WebISO – Web Initial Sign-on

VID-MID – Video Middleware (H.323)

MACE-ochists

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Chair, Washington***

***Steven Carmody,
Brown***

***Michael Gettes,
Georgetown***

***Keith Hazelton,
Wisconsin***

Paul Hill, MIT

***Ken Klingenstein,
Colorado***

Mark Poepping, CMU

Jim Jokl, Virginia

David Wasley, UCOP

Keith Hazelton, Chair, Wisconsin

- eduPerson objectclass
- LDAP-Recipe
- Dir of Dirs for Higher Education (DoDHE)
- Shibboleth project dir dependencies
- Meta Directories – MetaMerge free to HE
- <http://middleware.internet2.edu/directories>



MACE-DIR: eduPerson 1.0 (1/22/01 release)

- *MACE initiated (Internet2 + EDUCAUSE)*
- *Globally interesting useful attributes*
- *Get community buy-in, must use it also*
eduPersonAffiliation (DoDHE),
eduPersonPrincipalName (Shibboleth)
- *“Less is more”, how to use standard*
objectclasses
- *<http://www.educause.edu/eduperson>*



MACE-DIR: LDAP-Recipe

DIT, Schema Design, Access Control, Replication, Name population, Good use of LDAP design and features, LDAP configuration, Password Management, eduPerson discussion, DoDHE expectations

<http://middleware.internet2.edu> (locate LDAP-Recipe)



MACE-DIR: Directory of Directories for Higher Education

Web of Data vs. Web of People

Prototype: April, 2000 (by M. Gettes)

Highly scalable parallel searching

- Interesting development/research problems

Realized the need to:

- Promote eduPerson & common schema
- Promote good directory design (recipe)

Work proceeding – Sun Microsystems Grant

<http://middleware.internet2.edu/dodhe>

Steven Carmody, Brown, Chair

A Biblical pass phrase – “password”

- Get it right or “off with your head”
- Inter-institutional
Authentication/Authorization
- Web Authorization of Remote Sites with
Local Credentials
- Authentication via WebISO
- October, 2001 – Demo target
- <http://middleware.internet2.edu/shibboleth>

Recently Formed

Based on University of Washington “pubcookie” implementation

Carnegie Mellon will likely develop and steward for next 2 years with external funding

JA-SIG uPortal, Blackboard, Shibboleth – will do or are highly likely to do.

<http://www.washington.edu/computing/pubcookie>



VIDMID

Video Middleware

Recently Formed

Authentication and Authorization of H.323 sessions.

Client to Client

Client to MCU

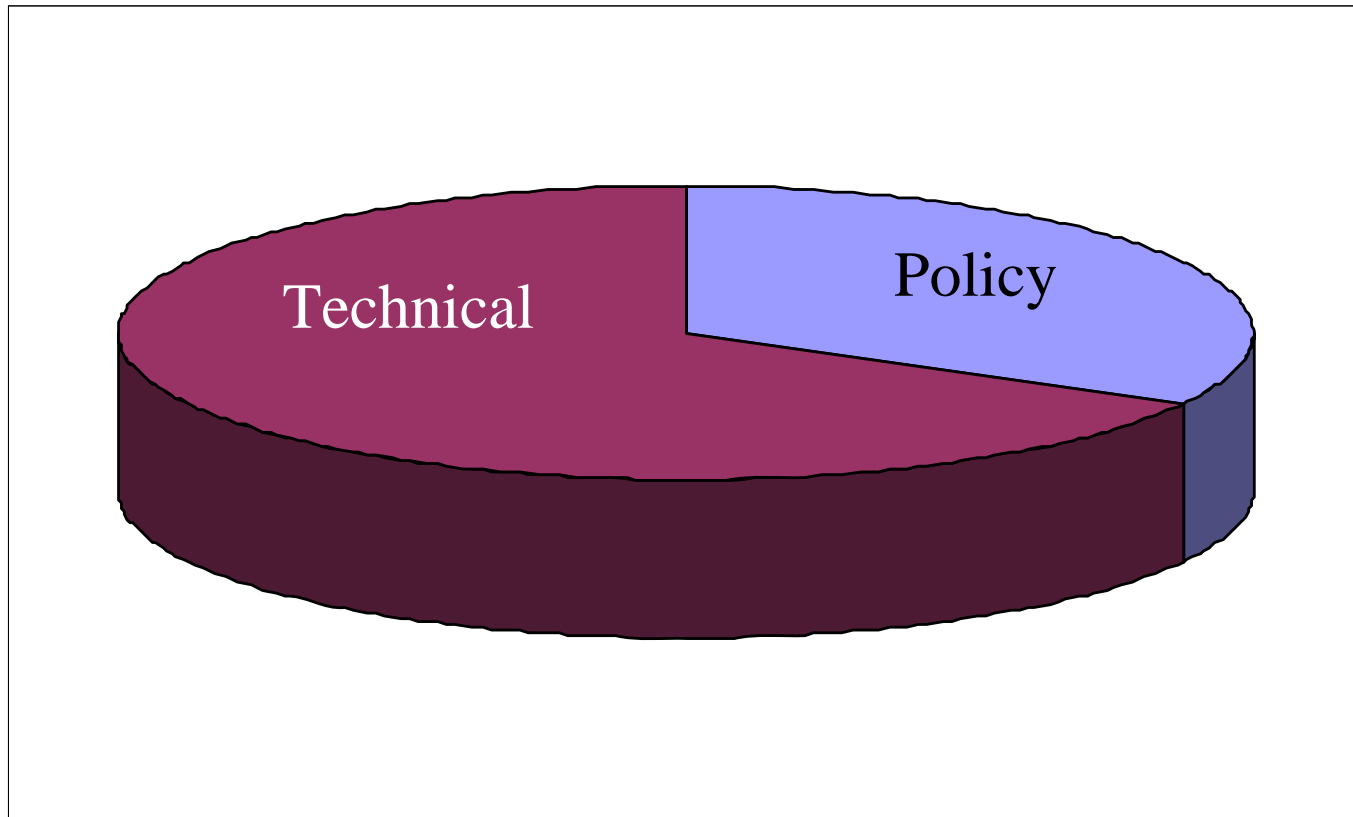
Directory enabled

How to find video enabled people?

What is necessary to describe video capabilities?

Will likely extend to IP Telephony and so on...

PKI is 1/3 Technical and 2/3 Policy?



TAG – Technical Activities Group

- Jim Jokl, Chair, Virginia
- Mobility, Cert Profiles, etc, etc, lots of techno

PAG – Policy Activities Group

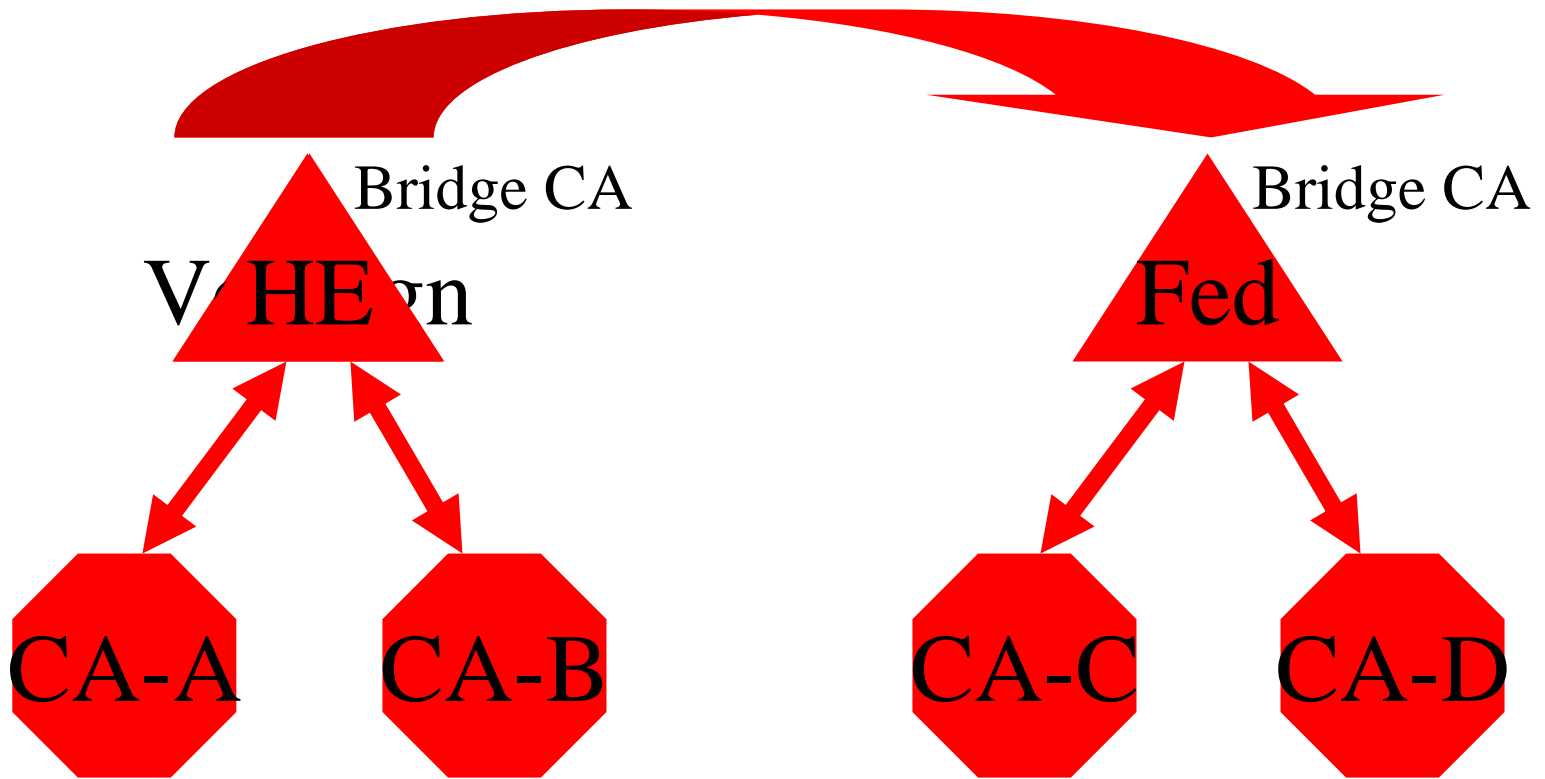
- Default Chair, Ken Klingenstein, Colorado
- Knee-deep in policy, HEBCA, Campus, Subs+RP

PKI Labs (AT&T)– Neal McBurnett, Avaya

- Wisconsin-Madison & Dartmouth
- Industry, Gov., Edu expert guidance

<http://www.educause.edu/hepki>

Bridge CA and Trust Paths



Bridge CAs

- *Higher Education Bridge CA – FBCA peering*
- *We have a draft HEBCA CP (Net@EDU PKI WG) FBCA Compatible*
- *How many HEBCAs? (EDUCAUSE!)*
- *Do we really understand PKI implementations with respect to policy needs? (proxy certificates, relying party agreements, name constraints, FERPA, HIPAA, who eats who?)*
- *BCA seems to be the most promising perspective. Will each person be a BCA?*
- *Does ALL software (Client/Server) need to be changed?*
- *Mitretek announces new BCA deployment model 2/15/2001*
 - Scalable & deployable
 - Server plug-ins make client changes less likely



domainComponent (DC=) Naming

- *Traditional X.500 naming:*

*cn=Michael R Gettes, ou=Server Group, ou=UIS,
o=Georgetown University, c=US*

- *domainComponent (DC) naming:*

uid=gettes,ou=People,dc=georgetown,dc=edu

- HEPKI is issuing guidance and advice on DC= naming

Store them in a Certificate?

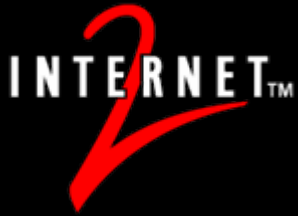
- Attributes persist for life of Certificate
- No need for Directory or other lookup
 - The Certificate itself becomes the AuthZ control point

Store them in a Directory?

- Very light-weight Certificates
- Requires Directory Access
- Long-term Certificate, Directory is AuthZ control point.

How many Certificates will we have?

Pseudonymous Certificates



We're Building A

“Bridge Over The River PKI”



A word about “Portals”

Portals: Authentication

- *Security is not easy*
if it was, then everyone would be doing it. ☺
- *Applications **should not** handle authentication*
 - Don't assume you will have access to passwords at the portal
- *The portal is YAA (yet another application)*
but portals have web servers to do the dirty work
portals can trust the web server to authenticate
and pass "identity" on to the portal

Portals: Authorization

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Portals can decide access on their own by consulting local and remote services to determine eligibility then grant/deny based on response or otherwise by whim.

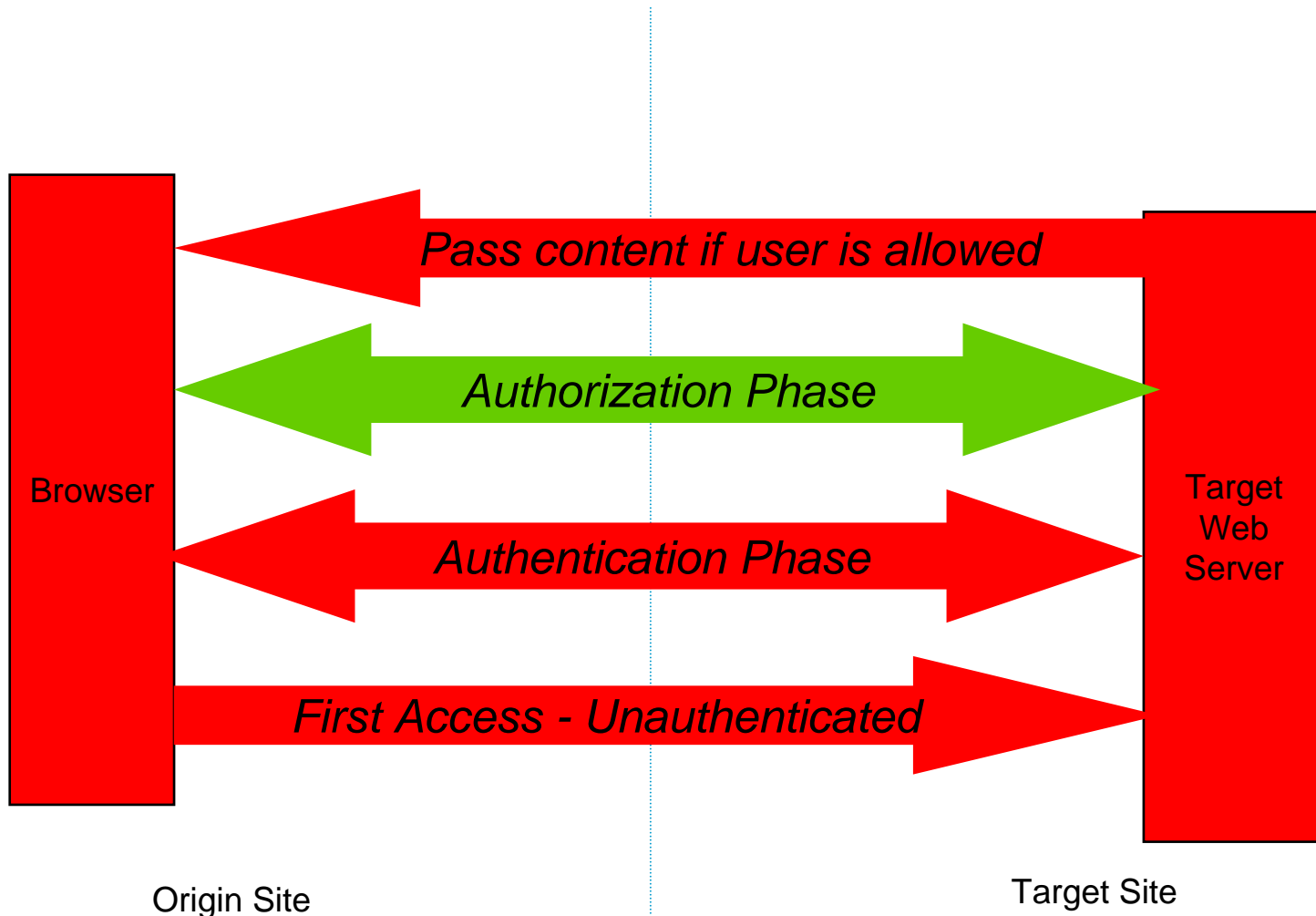


Shibboleth Update

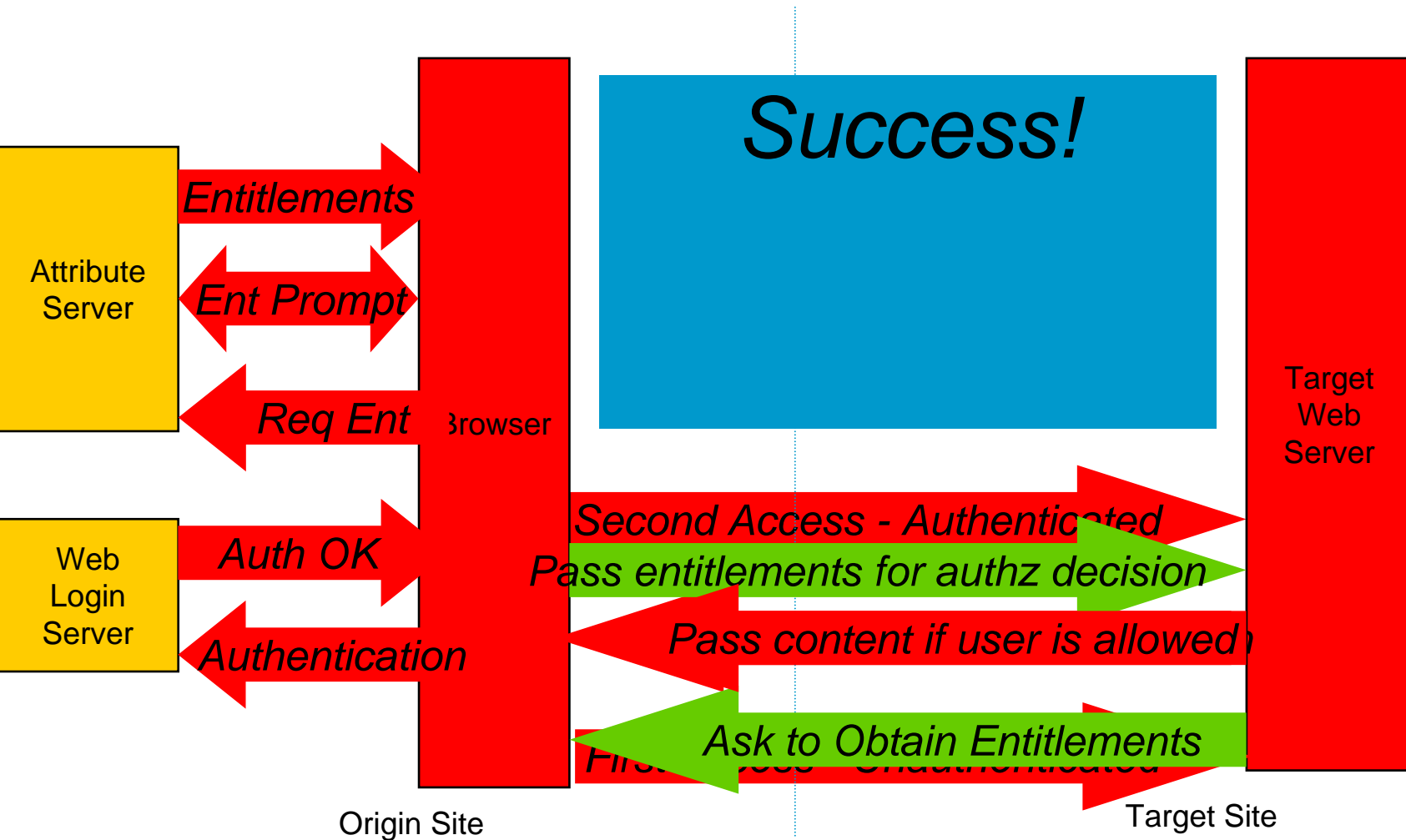
February, 2001

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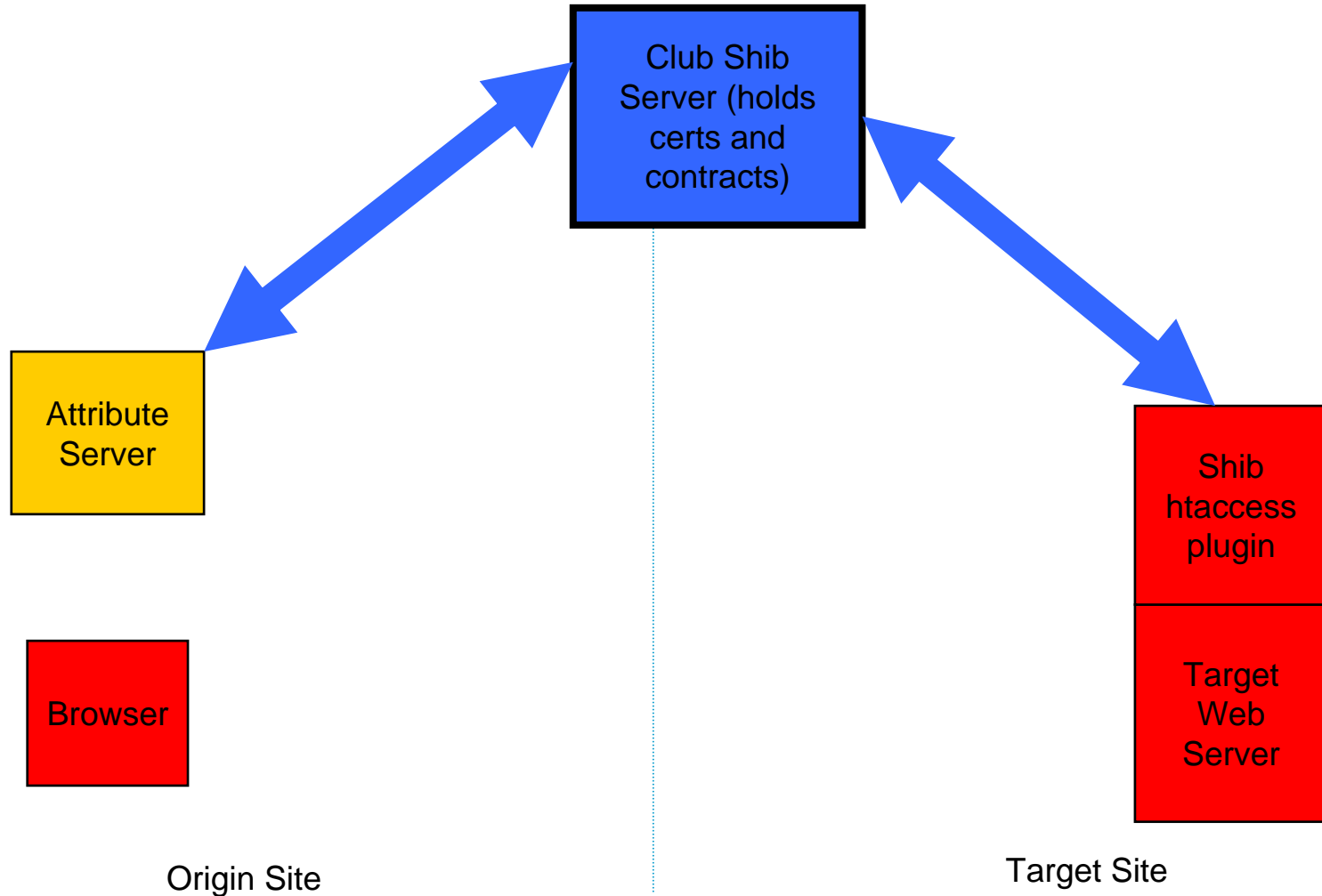
Shibboleth Architecture Concepts - High Level



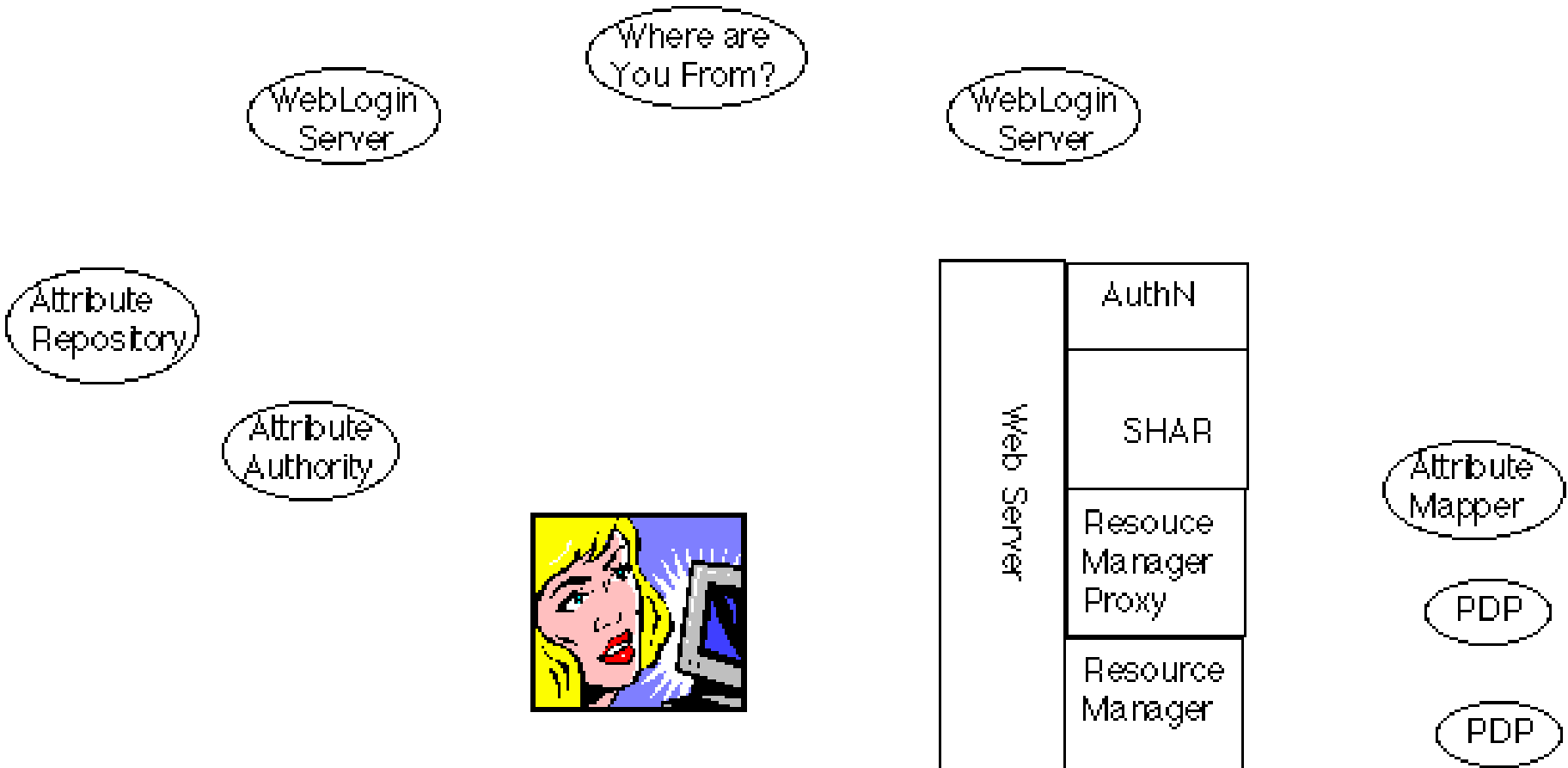
Shibboleth Architecture Concepts (detail)



Shibboleth Architecture Concepts #1 (managing trust)



Shibboleth Components





Descriptions of services

local authn server - assumed part of the campus environment

web sso server - typically works with local authn service to provide web single sign-on

resource manager proxy, resource manager - may serve as control points for actual web page access

attribute authority - assembles/disassembles/validates signed XML objects using attribute repository and policy tables

attribute repository - an LDAP directory, or roles database or....

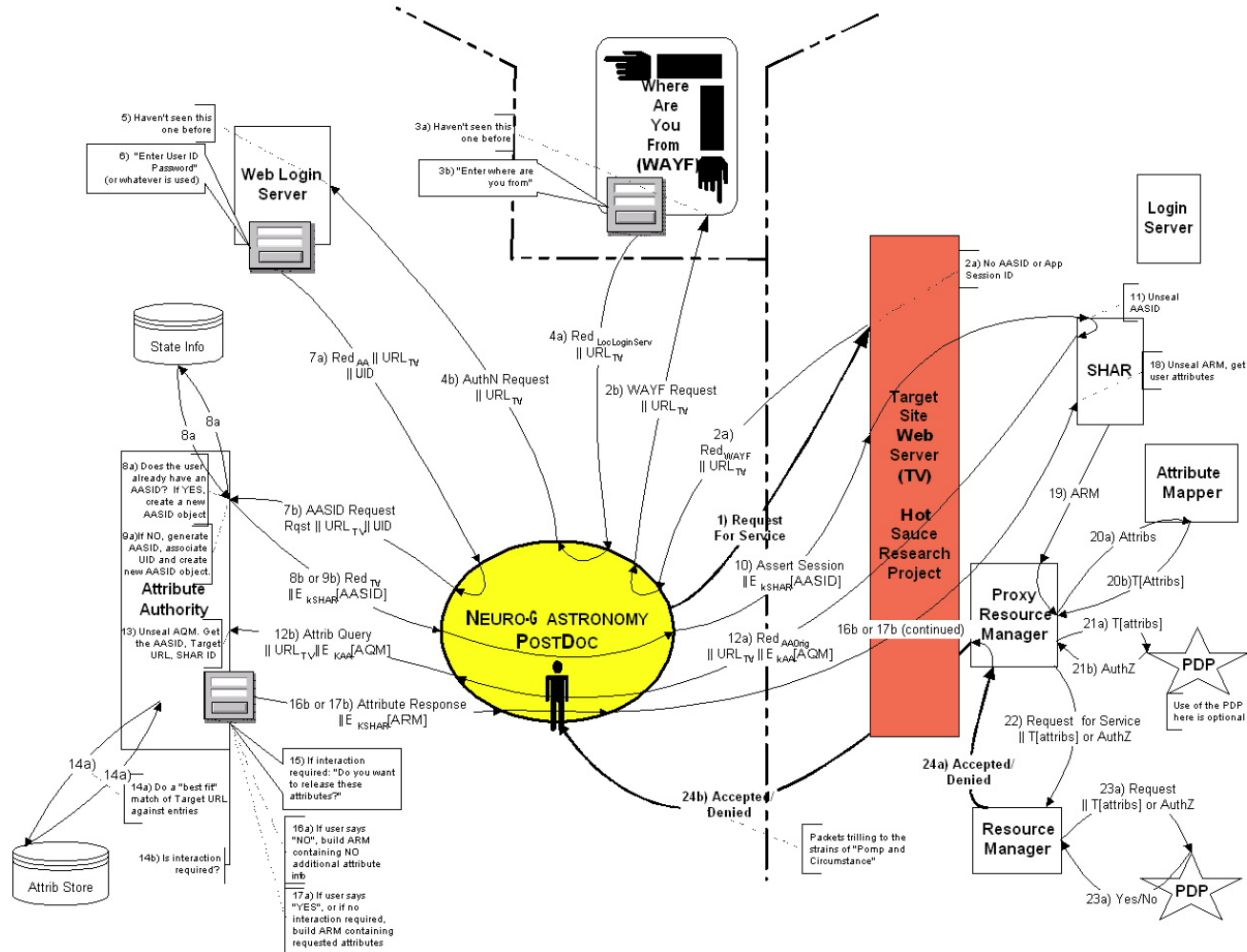
Where are you from service - one possible way to direct external users to their own local authn service

attribute mapper - converts user entitlements into local authorization values

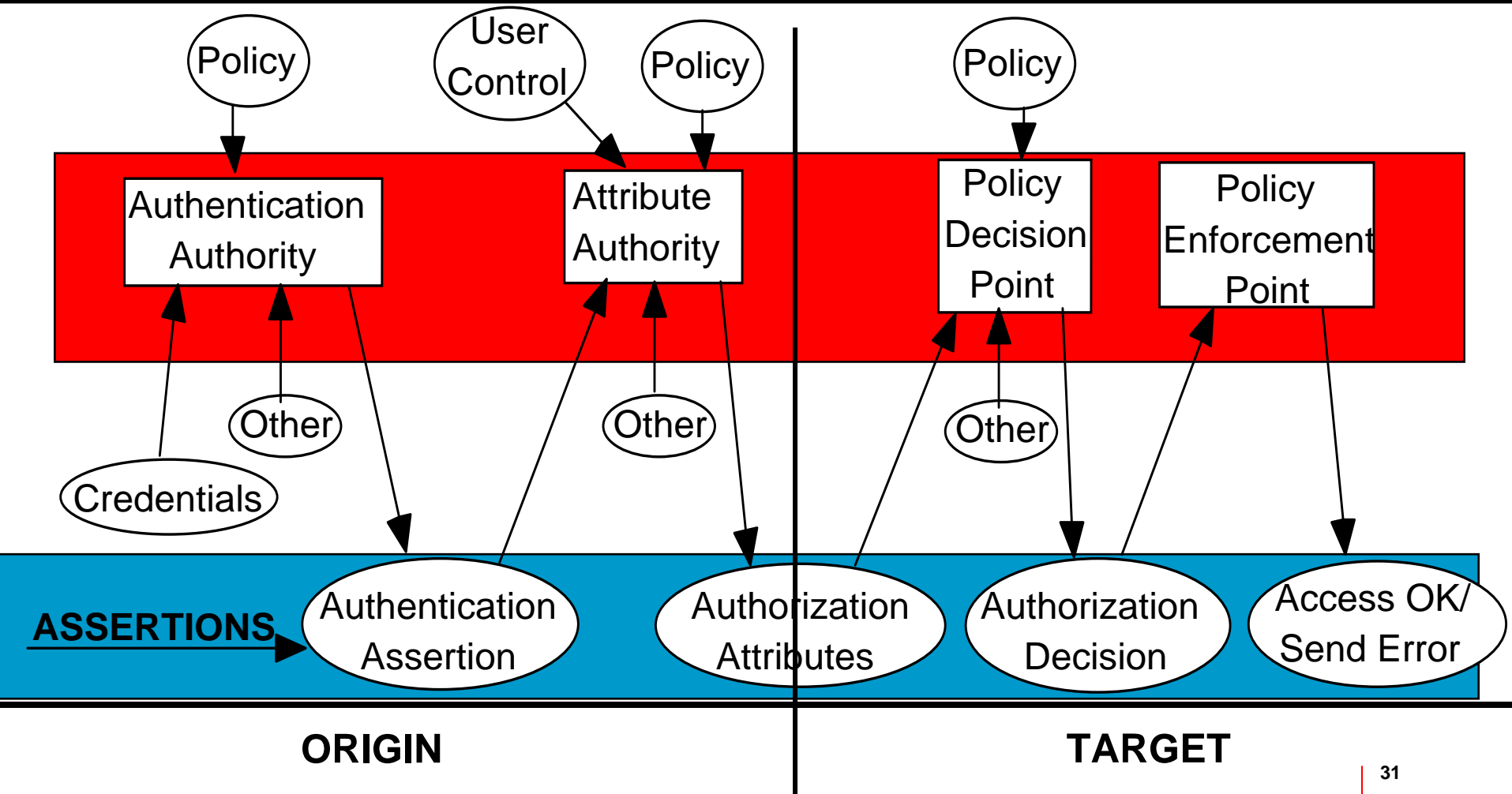
PDP - policy decision points - decide if user attributes meet authorization requirements

SHAR - Shibboleth Attribute Requestor - used by target to request user attributes

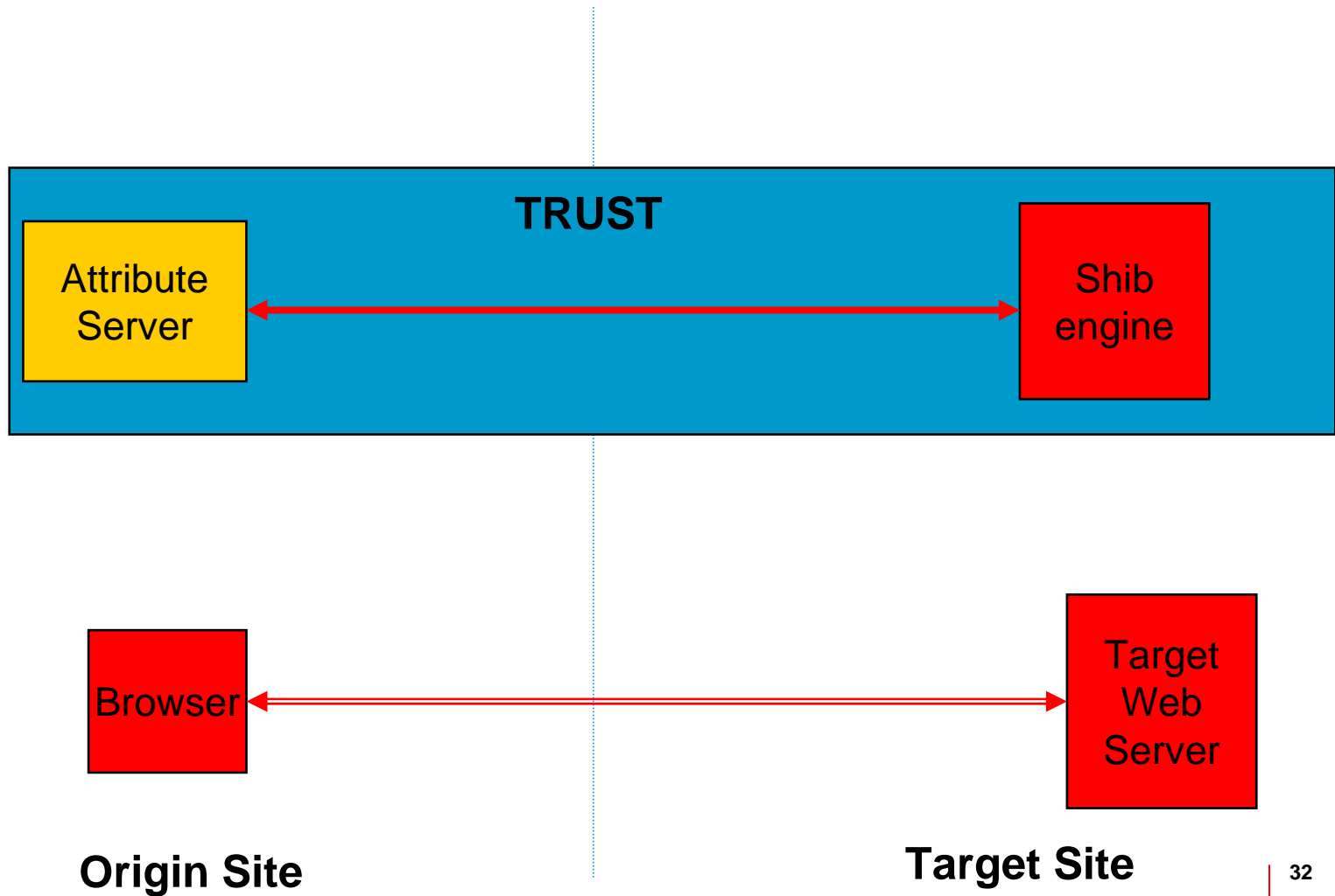
Shibboleth Flows Draft



Component Relationship Model



Shibboleth Architecture -- Managing Trust

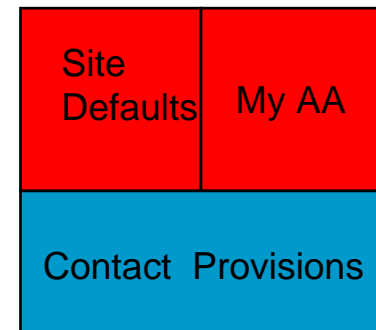


Personal Privacy

Web Login Server provides a pseudonymous identity

An Attribute Authority releases Personal Information associated with that pseudonymous identity to site X based on:

- Site Defaults
 - Business Rules
- User control
 - myAA
- Filtered by
 - Contract provisions



Browser
User



Middleware Marketing

Drivers of Vapor Convergence

Shibboleth Inter-Realm AuthZ

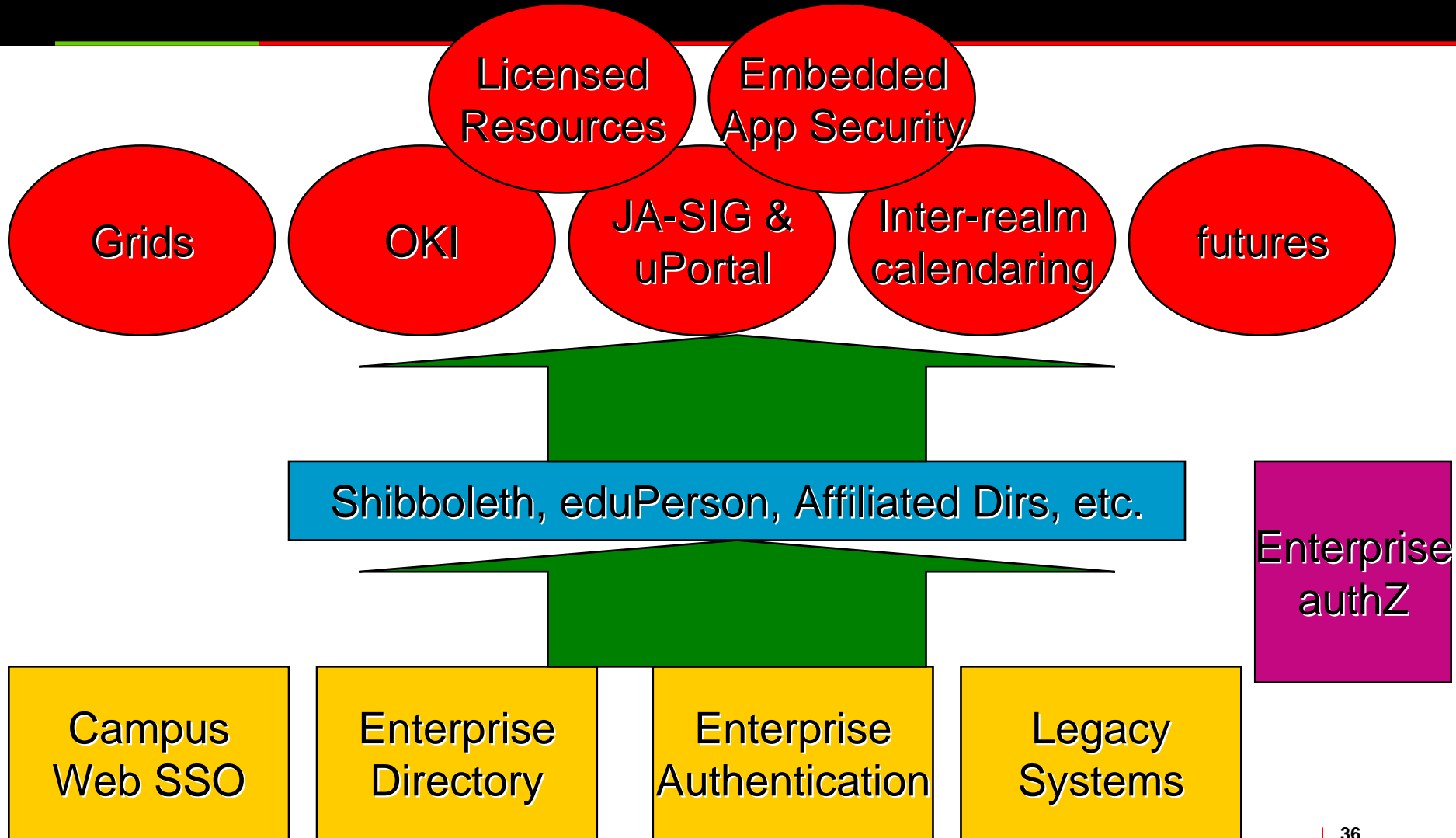
OKI/Web Authentication

JA-SIG uPortal Authen

Local Web SSO Pressures

We all get Web SSO for Local Authentication and an Enterprise Authorization Framework with an Integrated Portal that will all work inter-institutionally!

Middleware Inputs & Outputs





Got Directory?

IN Authentication: Overall Plan @ Georgetown

Currently, Server-Side PKI self-signed

Best of all 3 worlds

- LDAP + Kerberos + PKI
 - LDAP Authentication performs Kerberos Authentication out the backend. Jan. 2001 to finish iPlanet plug-in.
 - Credential Caching handled by Directory.
 - Cooperative effort – Georgetown, GATech, Michigan
 - All directory authentications SSL protected. Enforced with necessary exceptions
- Use Kerberos for Win2K Services and to derive X.509 Client Certificates
- One Userid/Password (single-signon vs. FSO)

Directories *are* part of the I in PKI

Directory (October, 1999 @ Georgetown)

- Centralized, automated Name Space
- VERY carefully controlled
 - Users modify very little
 - Priv'd access highly restricted
- Control considered necessary step for PKI to **trust** the directory
- Eventually, client, server and other certs/CRLs will be published in the directory.



Are Directories part of the I in PKI?

Michigan (Kx509), Columbia

- Short-lived Certificates
- Avoids CRL and Directory Publications

MIT

- 1 year certs, but people can get all they need using Kerberos Authentication



Site Profile

dc=georgetown,dc=edu

Netscape/iPlanet DS version 4.11

- 2 Sun E250 dual cpu, 512MB RAM

75,000 DNs (25K campus, others = alums + etc)

Distinguished names: uid=xxx,ou=people

iDS pre-op plugin (by gettes@Princeton.EDU)

- Authentication over SSL; Required

1 supplier, 4 consumers

Applications @ G'town

iPlanet Messaging Server 4.15 (IMAP)

- WebMail profile stored in directory

Mail routing with Sendmail 8.10 (lists also)

Apache & iPlanet Enterprise web servers

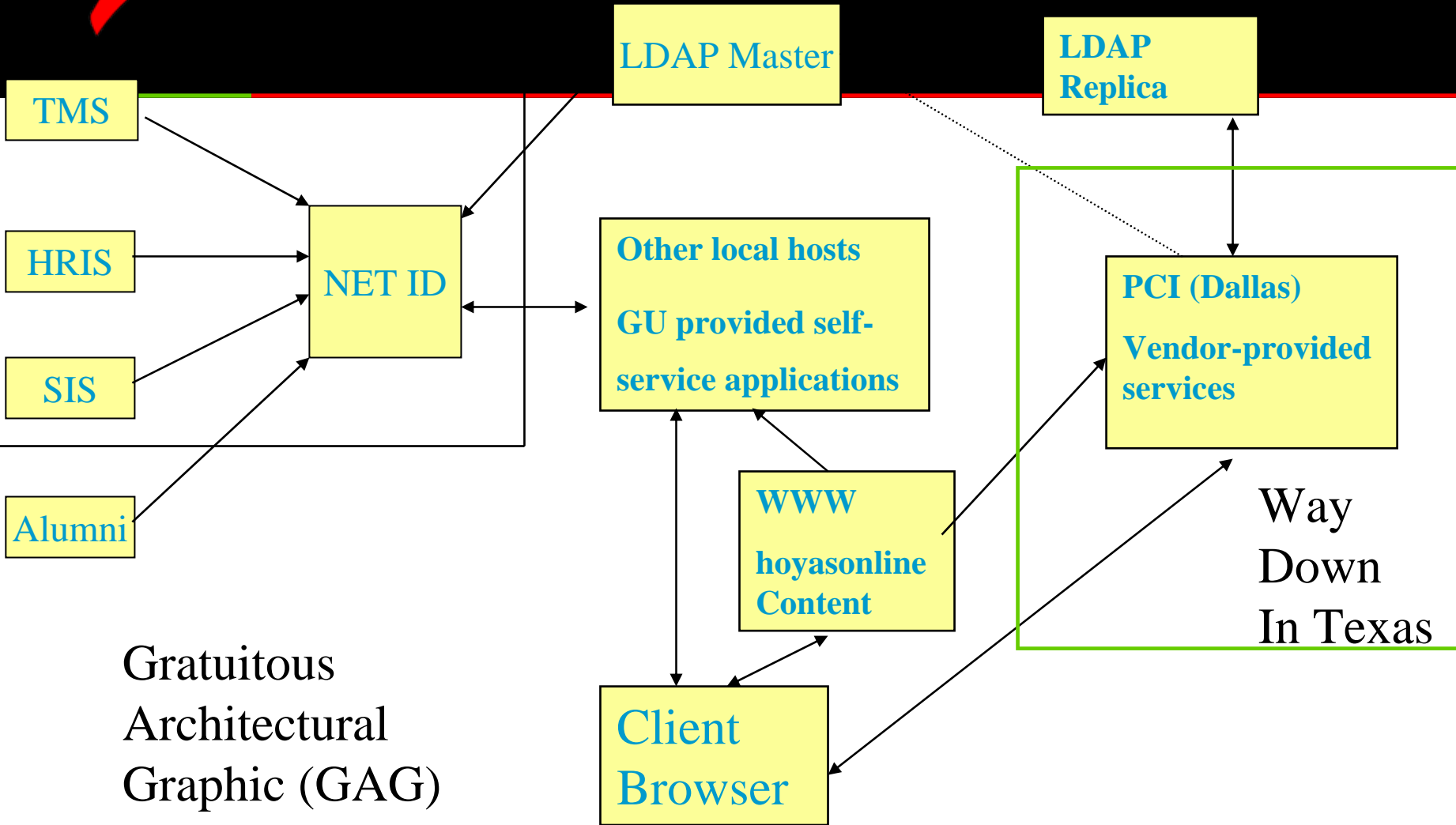
Blackboard CourseInfo Version 5 Level 3

Whitepages: Directory Server GateWay

CorporateTime Calendaring

Alumni HoyasOnline Service w/ PCI (Dallas)

- External Vendor Collaboration & Development



Gratuitous
Architectural
Graphic (GAG)

Applications @ G'town

RADIUS

- Remote Access mgmt: Modem pools, VPN
- Resource Management/Authorization
 - Oracle 8i has RADIUS abilities

Person Registry

- Manages namespace; MVS based for now

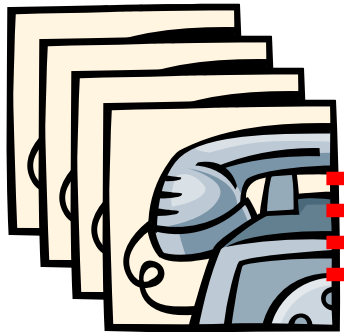
PerLDAP: very powerful. JAVA as well.

Dynamic/Static Groups (authZ, lists, ...)

RADIUS + LDAP

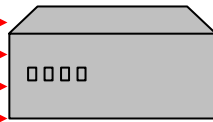
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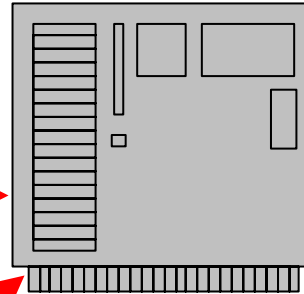


Dialup
Users

NAS
(terminal server)



RADIUS server



Directory
Server

Netid = gettes
guRadProf = 2025550001
guRadProf = 2025551110
guRadProf = OracleFin

CalledId from
NAS is mapped
to guRadProf

LDAP Filter is:
guRadProf =
2025551110
+ NetID = gettes

Specialized support apps

- Self service mail routing
- Help Desk: mail routing, password resets, quota management via iPlanet DSGW
- Change password web page

Applications (Continued)

Georgetown Netscape Communicator Client Customization Kit (CCK).

- Configured for central IMAP/SSL and directory services.
- Handles versions of profiles. Poor man's MCD

Future: more apps! Host DB, Kerberos integration, win2k/ad integration?, Oracle RADIUS integration, Automatic lists, Dynamic/static Groups, Top-Secret, VoIP

Further Integration: Blackboard, CorporateTime Calendaring, Cognos ...