



Great Modeling Password Storage

Enumerating & Understanding Threats

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Problem Definition

History /etc/passwd

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:0:0:EC90xWpTKCo

kman:100:100:KMEzyulaQQ2

dthwa:101:101:Po2gweIEPZ2

ven:102:500:EC90xWpTKCo

1:103:500:NTB4S.iQhwk

aj:104:500:a2N/98VTt2c

- Circa 1973
- 'one-way' password encryption
- `chmod a+r /etc/passwd`
- DES took 1 sec per password

...bringing us to 2012

0fac2ec84586f9f5221a05c0e9acc3d2e670
022c7caab3ac515777b611af73afc3d2ee50
6f052152cfed79e3b96f51e52b82c3d2ee8e
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cbe8d2a38a1575d3feed73d3f033c3d304d8
0273b52ee943ab763d2bb3d83f5dc3d30904

What do you see here?

How do we know what it is?

How could we figure this out?

In the news

LinkedIn

IEEE

Yahoo

...



n Rules

Don't be on the front
page of InfoWeek

Have a great story when
you're on the front page of
InfoWeek

Your password
WILL be
extracted from
your system



What is a Threat Model

What is a Threat?

What is the agent who attacks you?

What is the attack?

What is the attack's consequence?

What is the risk?

What is the agent

Threat

Asset under attack

component

Attack
vector



Confusion Over “Threat”

Literature equates “threat” to “event with unwelcome consequence”

Devolves modeling to a checklist of events

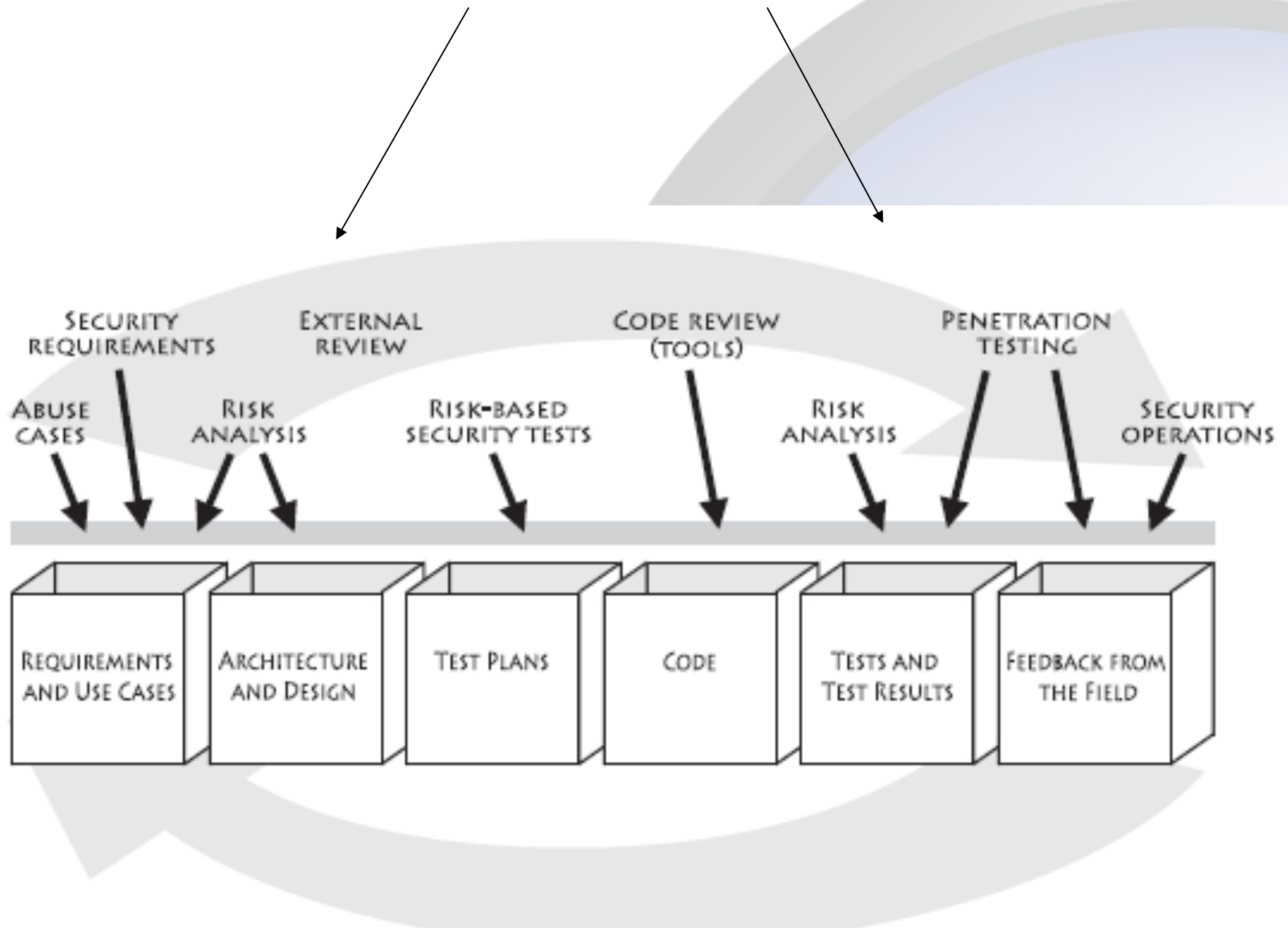
Should expand thinking about possible abuse

- Threats help
 - Encourage thorough thought about how intentions for misuse
 - Determine “out of bounds” scenarios

We refer to “threat” as a person or agent

You Are Here

Architectural Risk Analysis



What is a Threat Model?

Definition of:

the system's *attack surface*

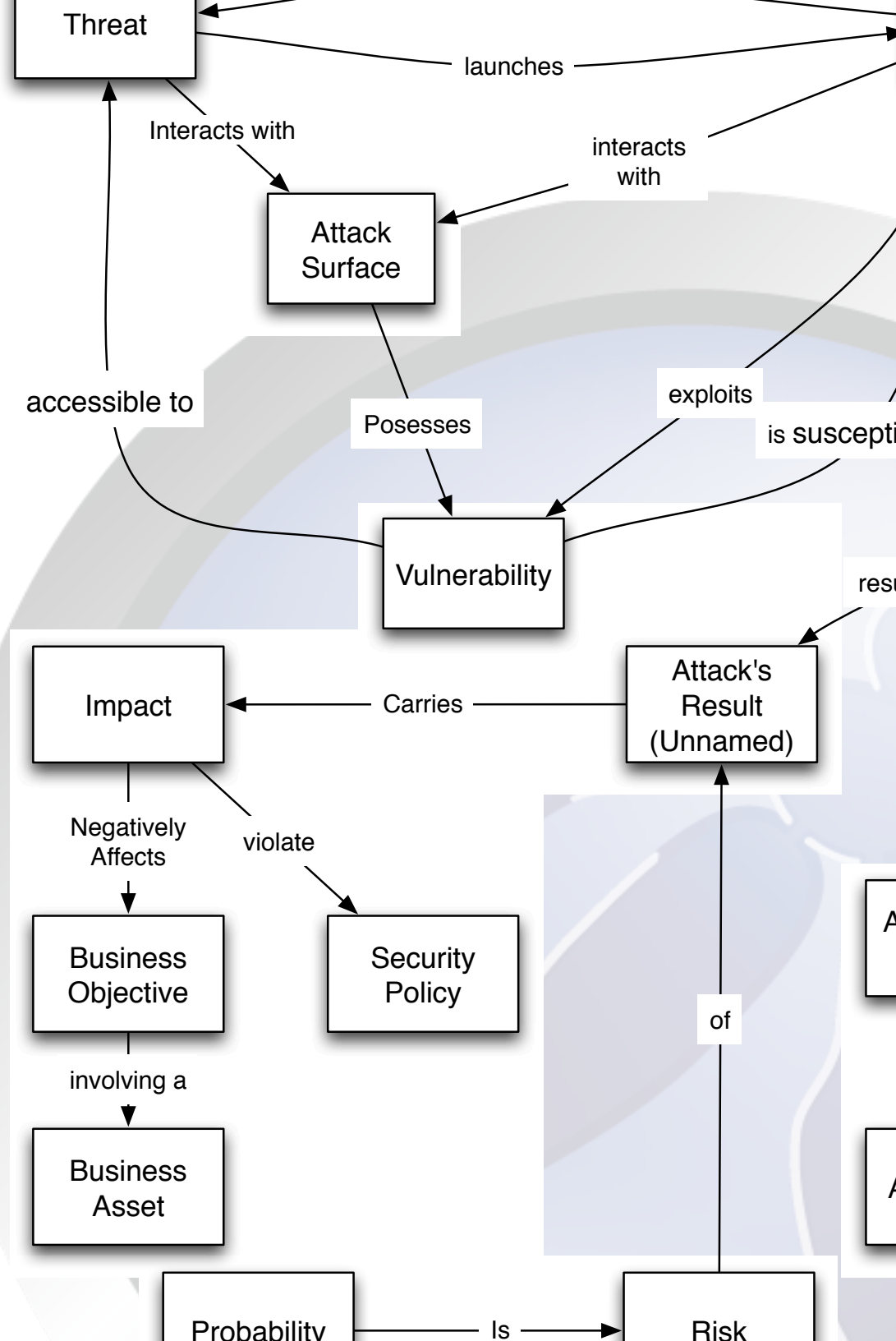
Threats who can attack the system

Assets threats may compromise

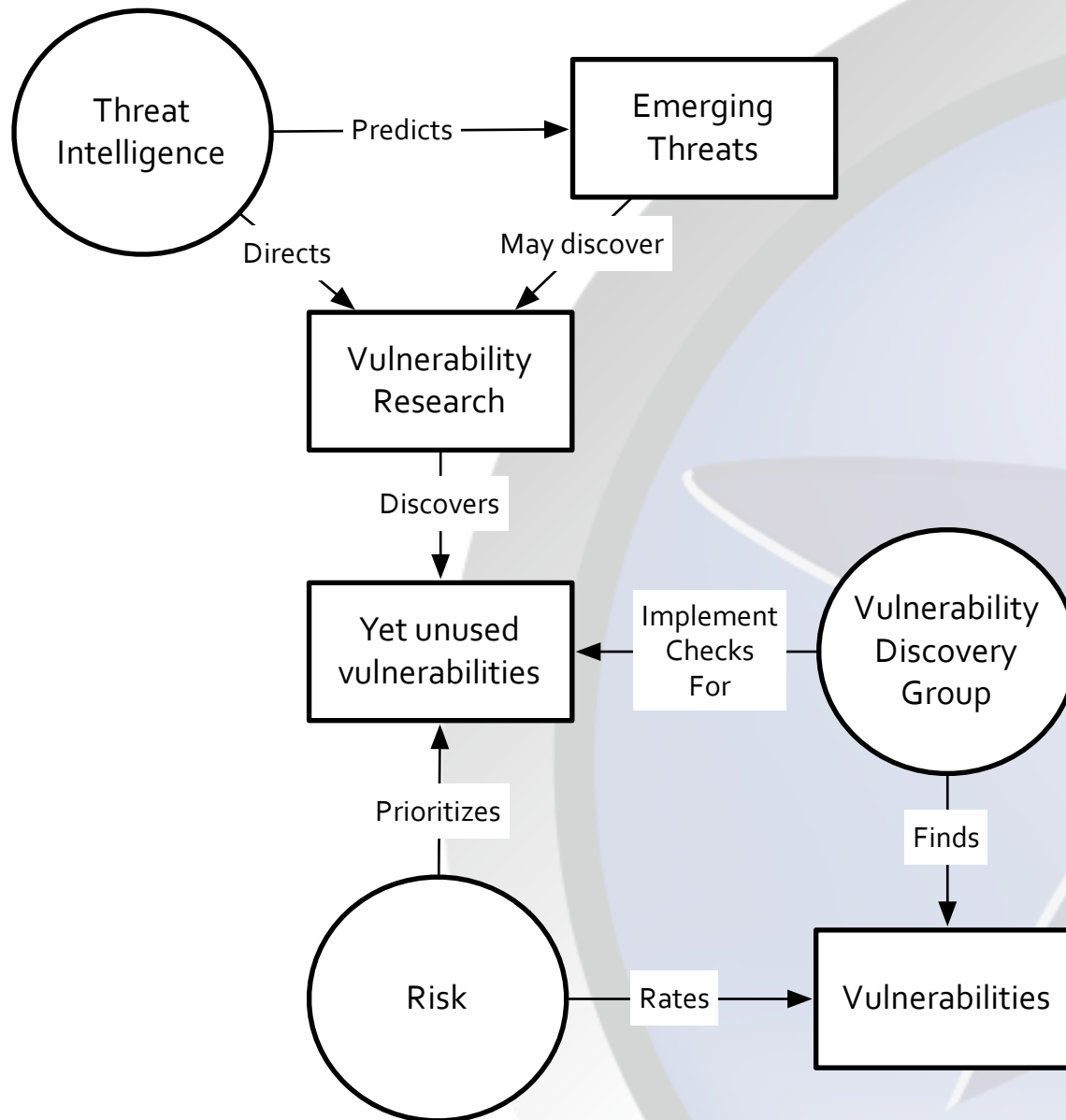
we leverage risk management practices

estimate *probability* of attack

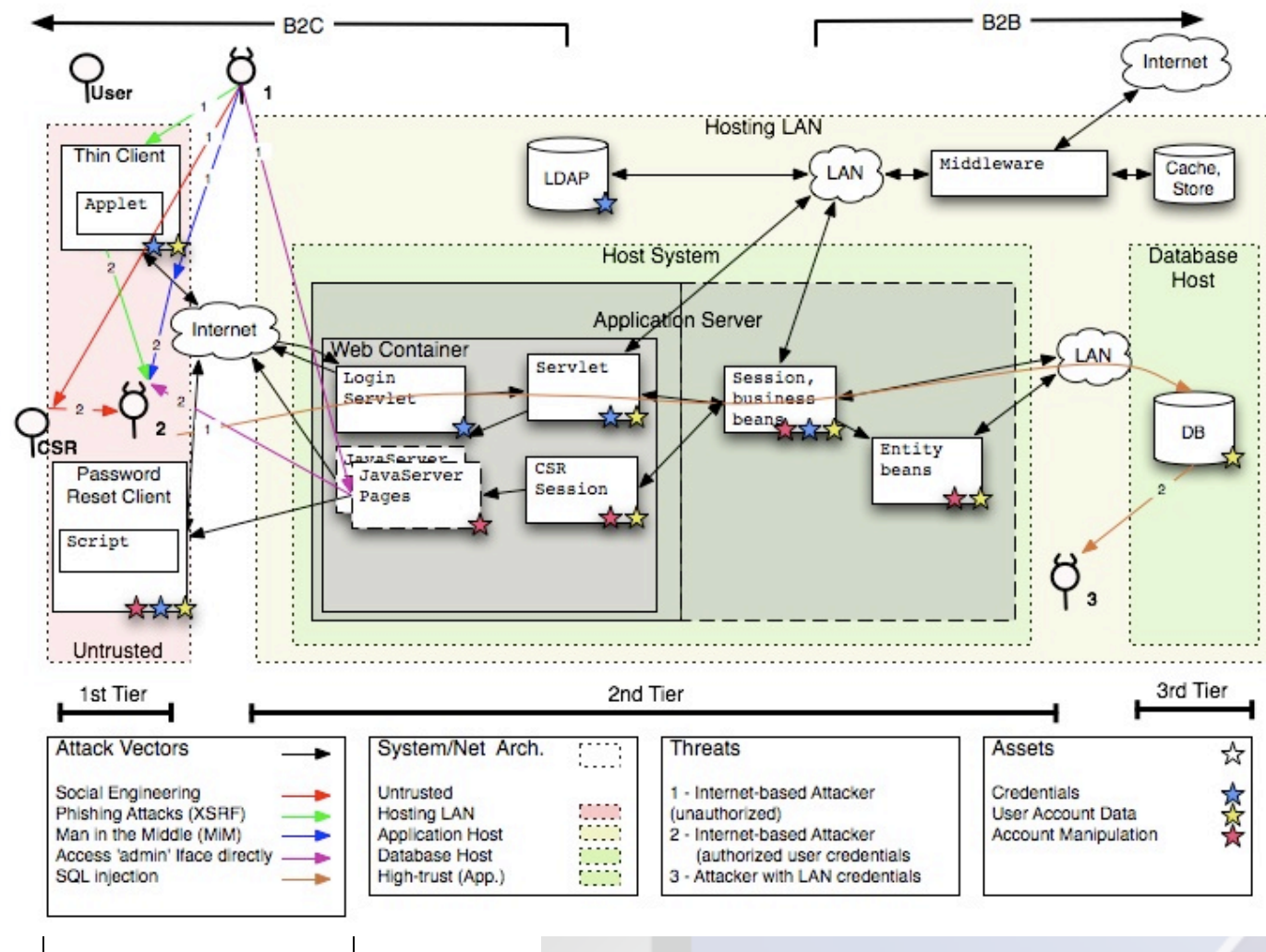
might *impact* of successful attack



Who are the participants



Threat Model's Diagrammatic



■ Structural view

■ Behavioral Views

■ Assets

■ Attack Vectors

Threat Traceability Matrix

	What	How	Impact	Mitigation





Threat Modeling as Process

Heat Modeling – High-level process

Diagram structure

Identify assets


Identify Threats

Enumerate doomsday scenarios

Document misuse/abuse

Architectural Risk Analysis

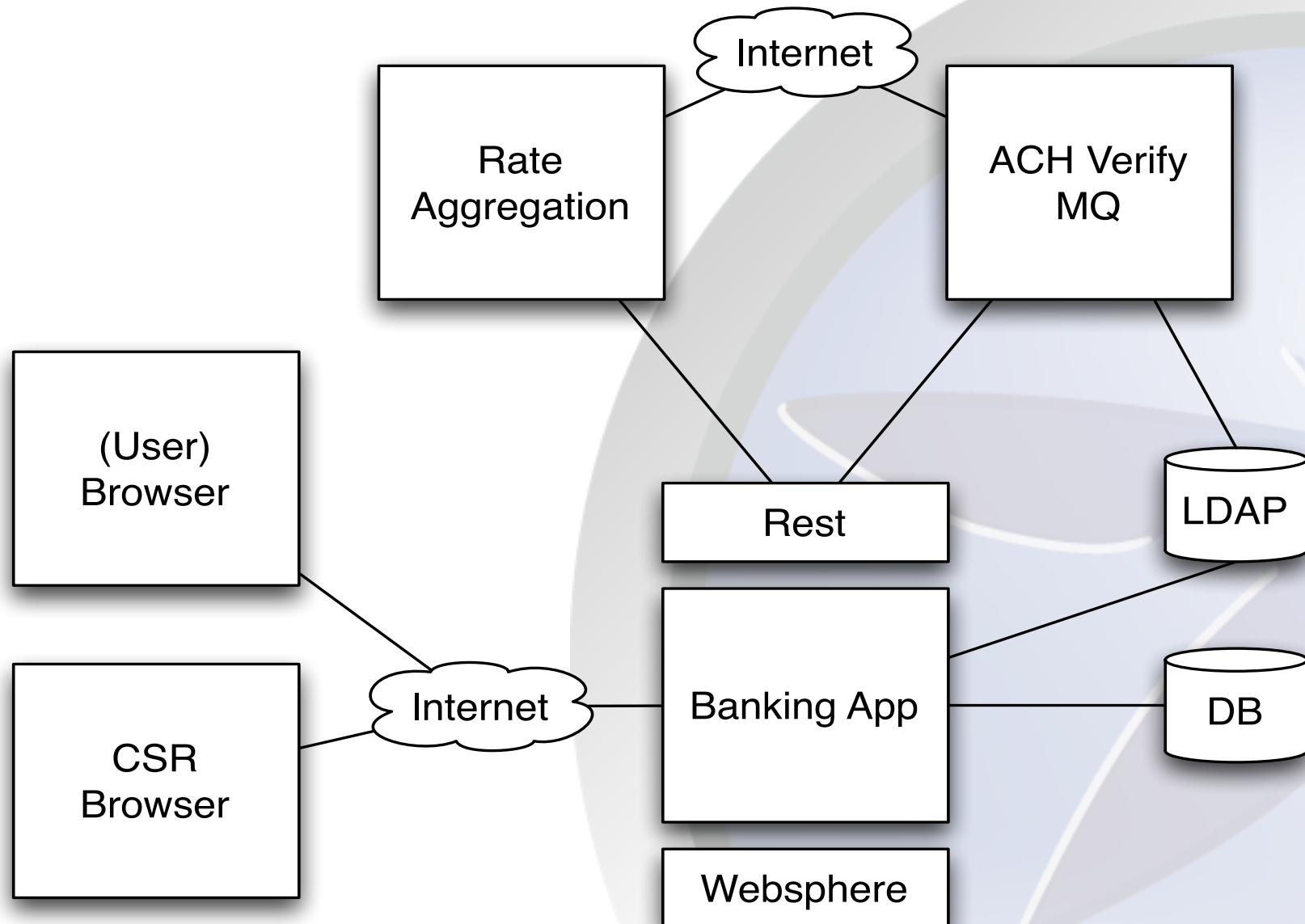
Iterate

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- 1 Identify threats
 - 2 Set particular goals
 - 3 Partition by capability
 - 4 Enumerate attack vectors
 - 5 Explore state of practice of attacks

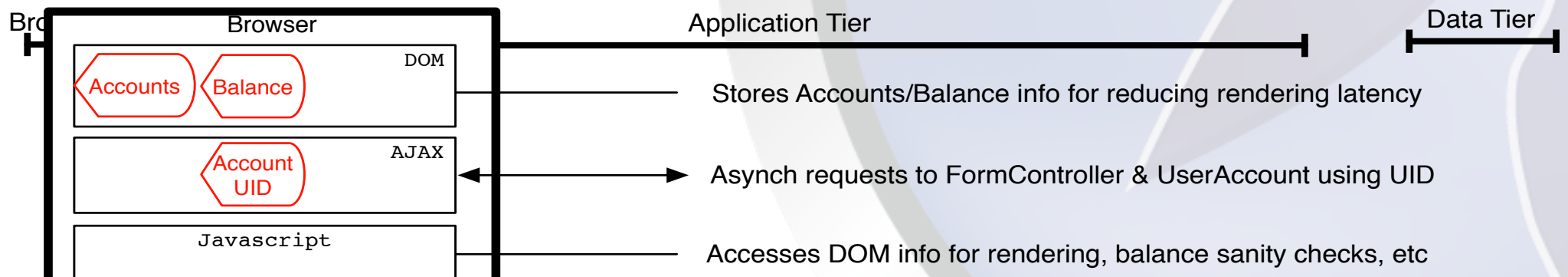
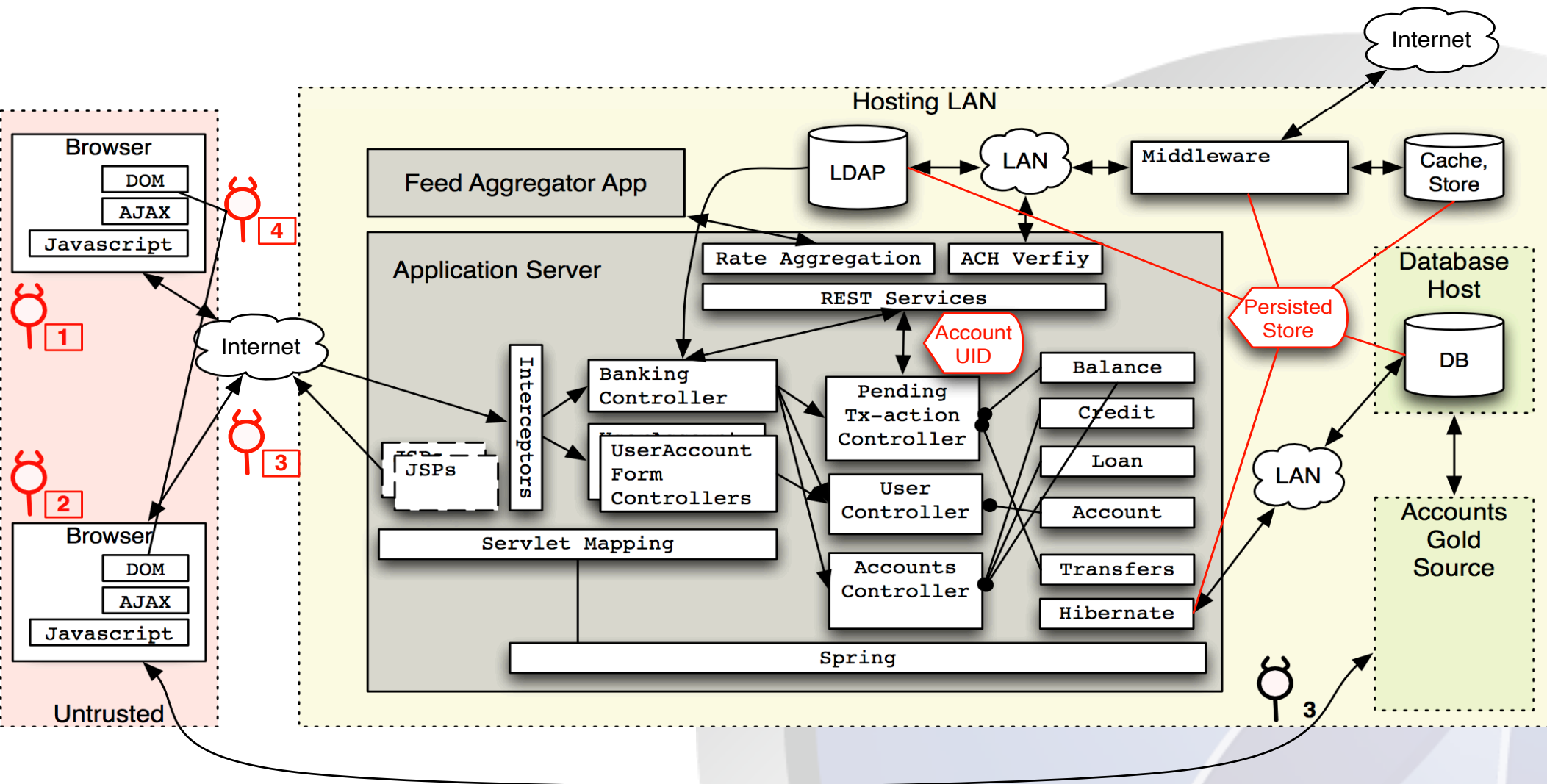


Software Structure & Identify Attack Surfaces

Given



More Useful



1 – Identify Application Attack Surface

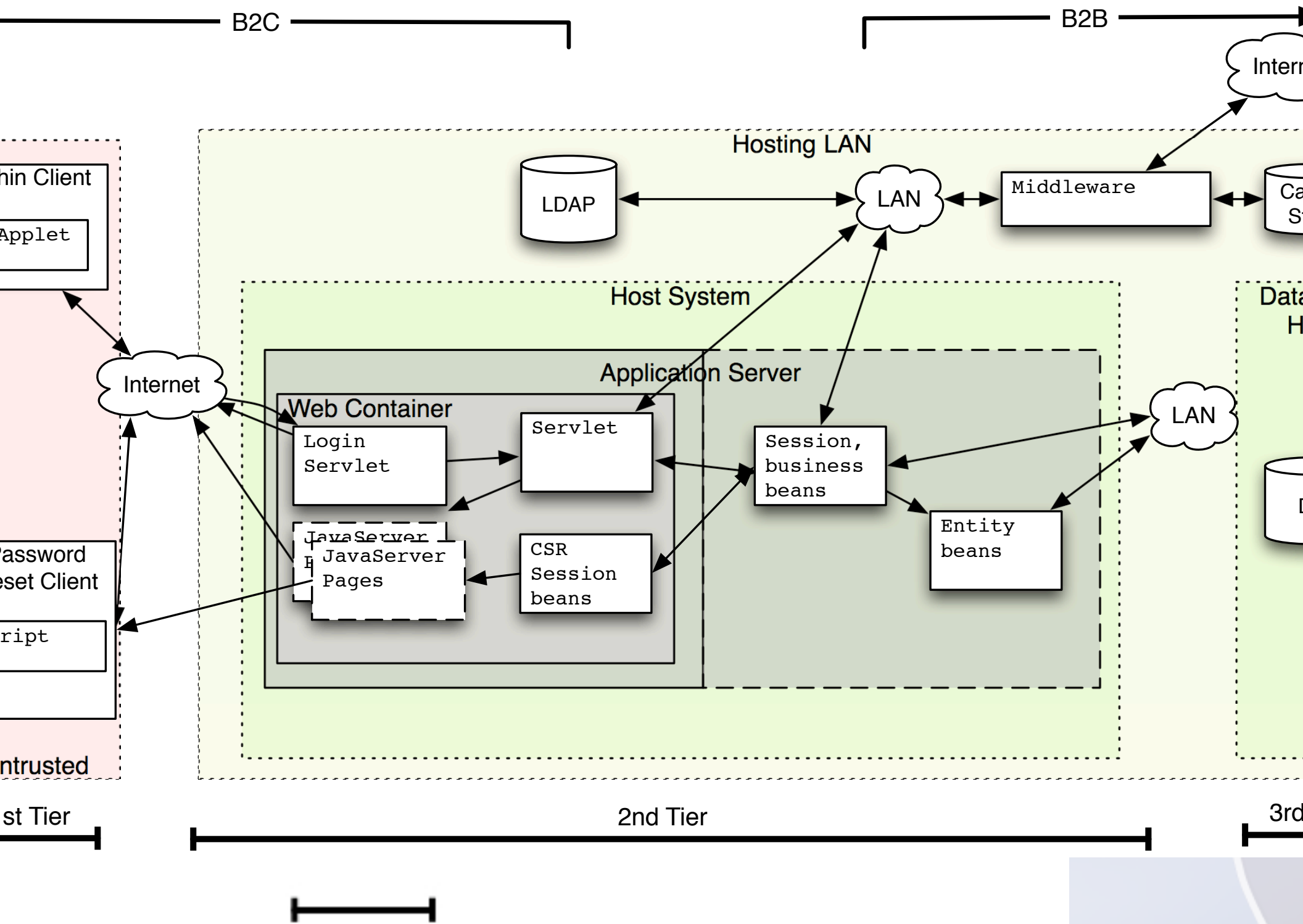
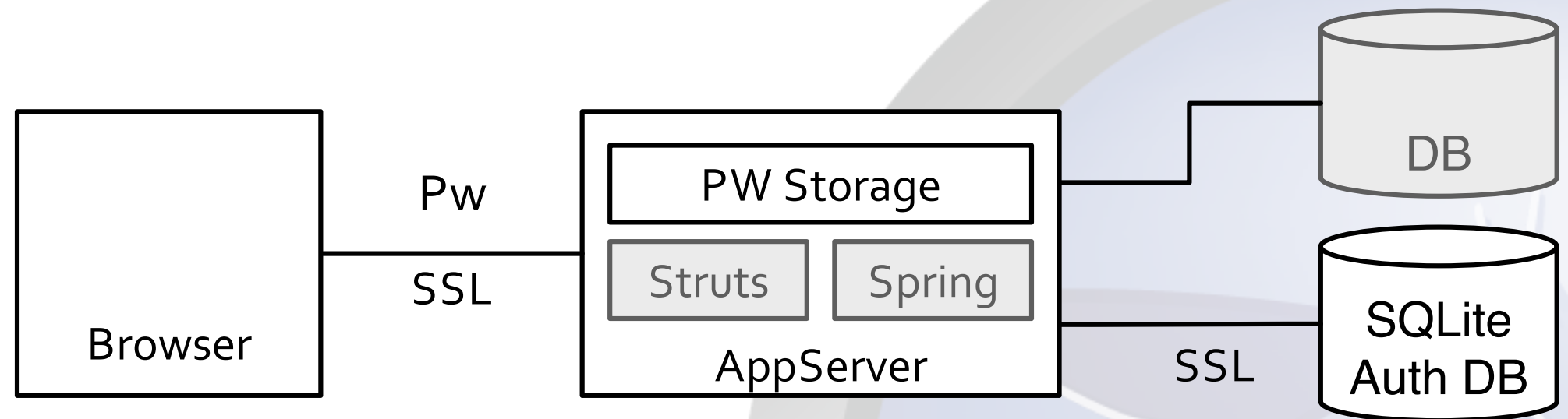


Diagram System/Software structure

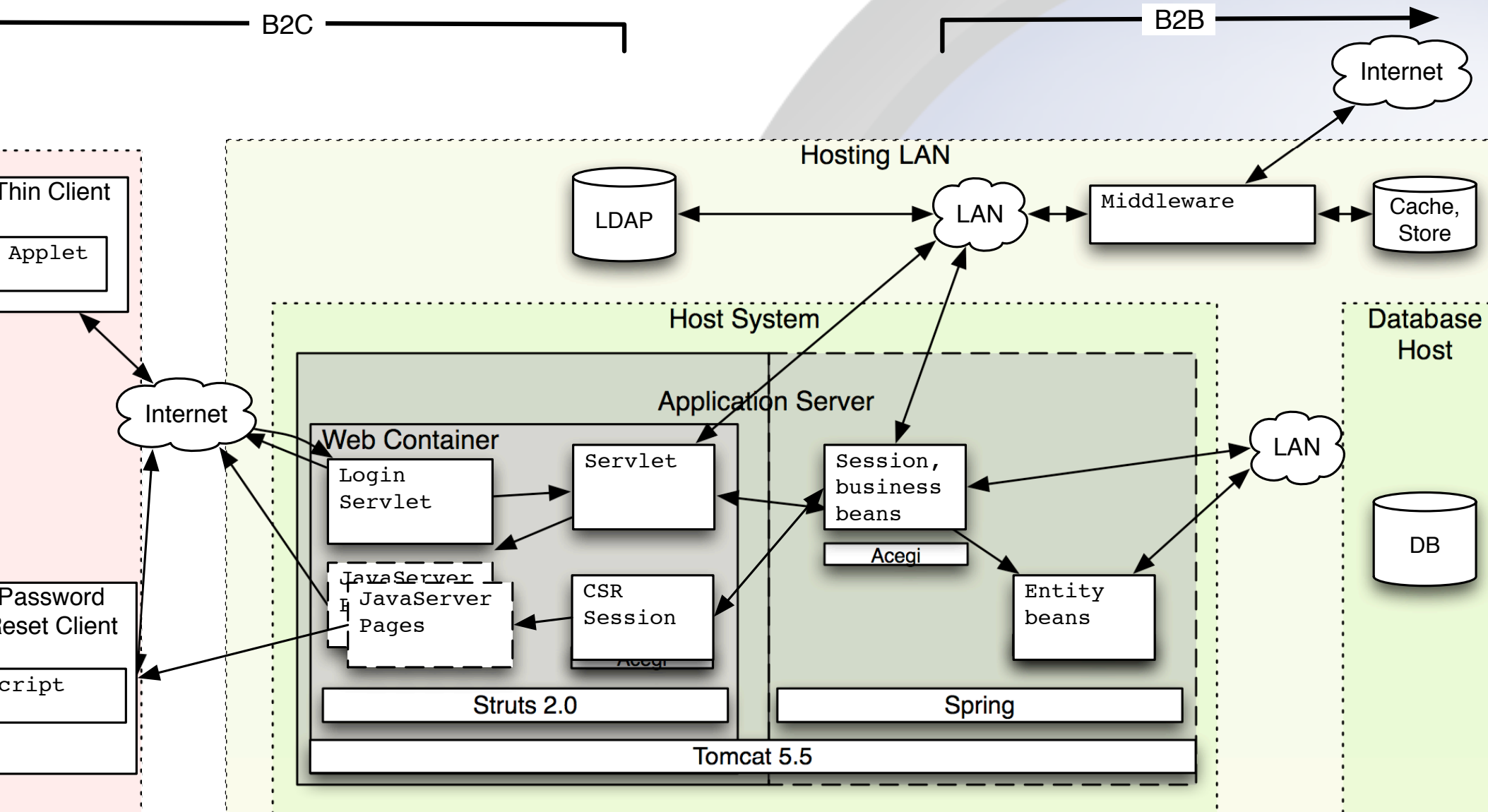


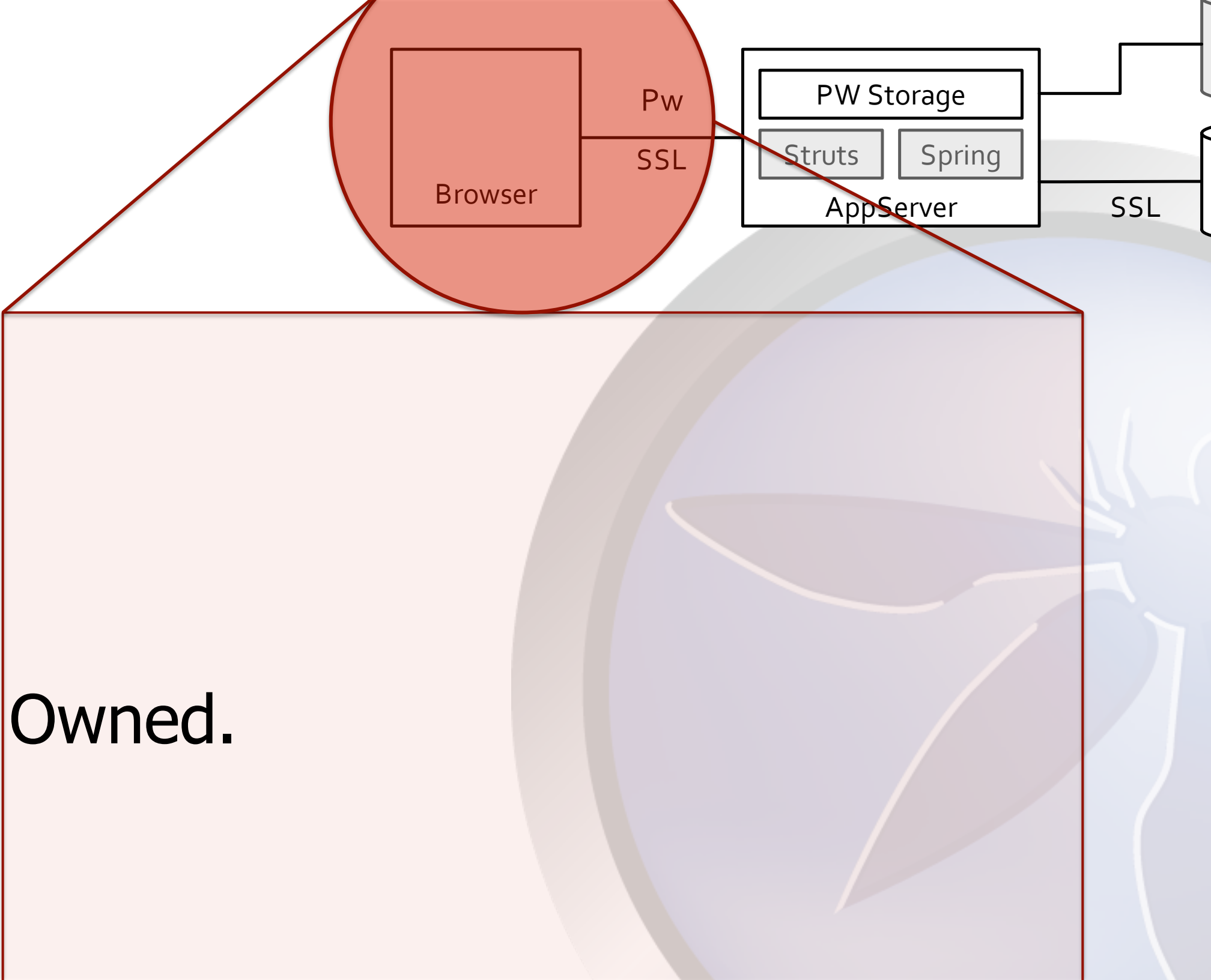
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Reversing PWs from stolen booty

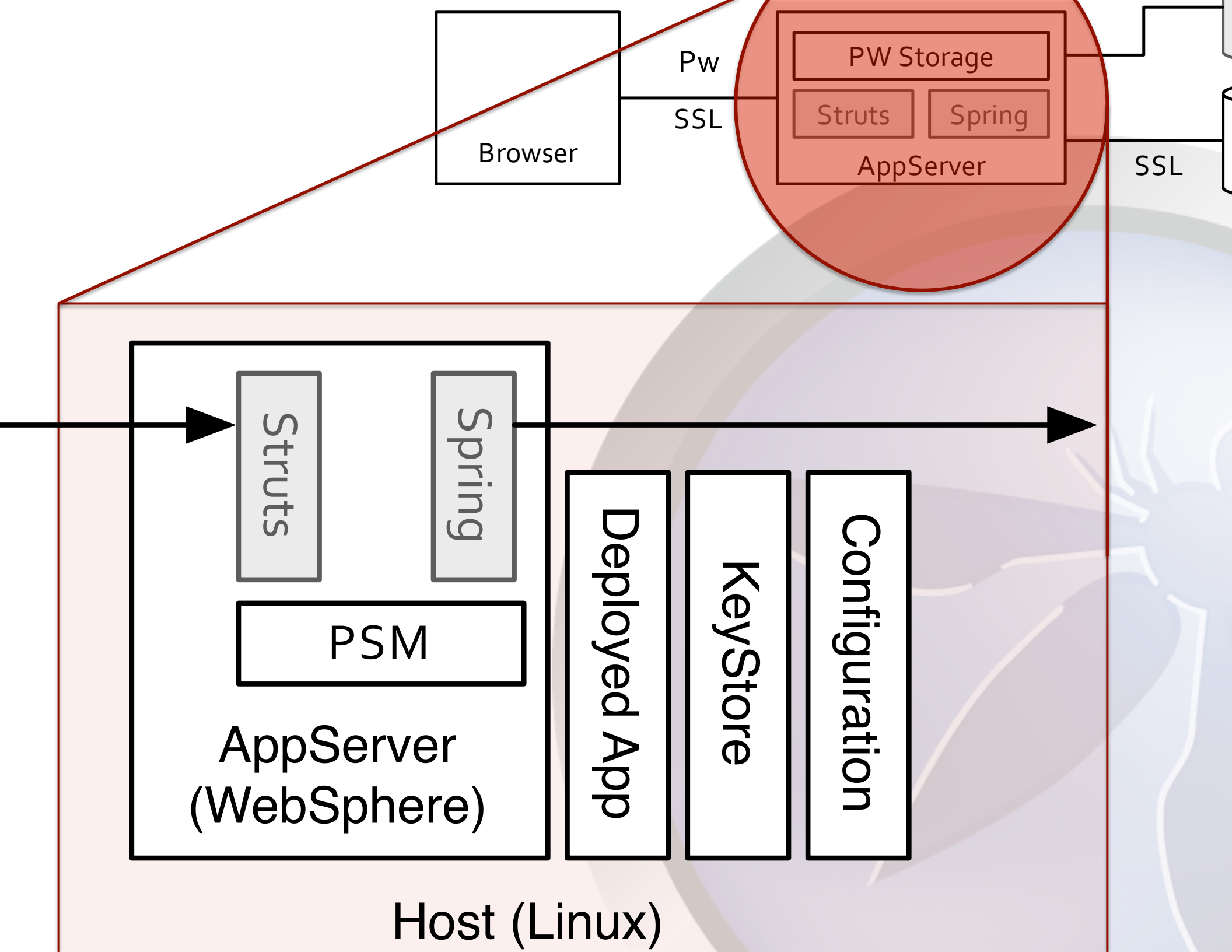
Identify Frameworks

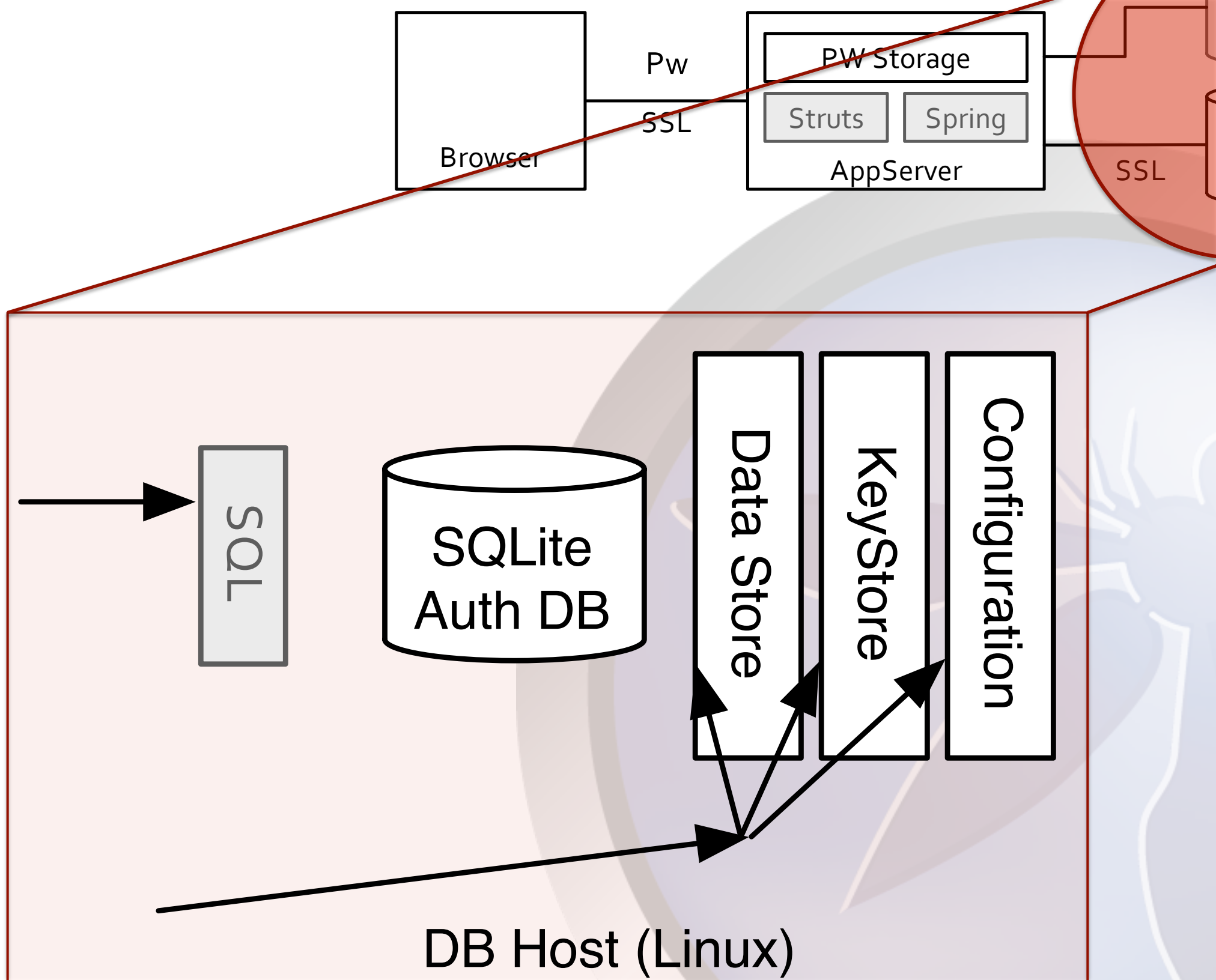
ving frameworks indicates where important service contracts exist and 'down'





Owned.







Identify Threat Agents

Threat

- Access to the system
- Able to reverse engineer binaries
- Able to sniff the network

Skill Level

- Experienced hacker
- Script kiddie
- Insiders

Resources and Tools

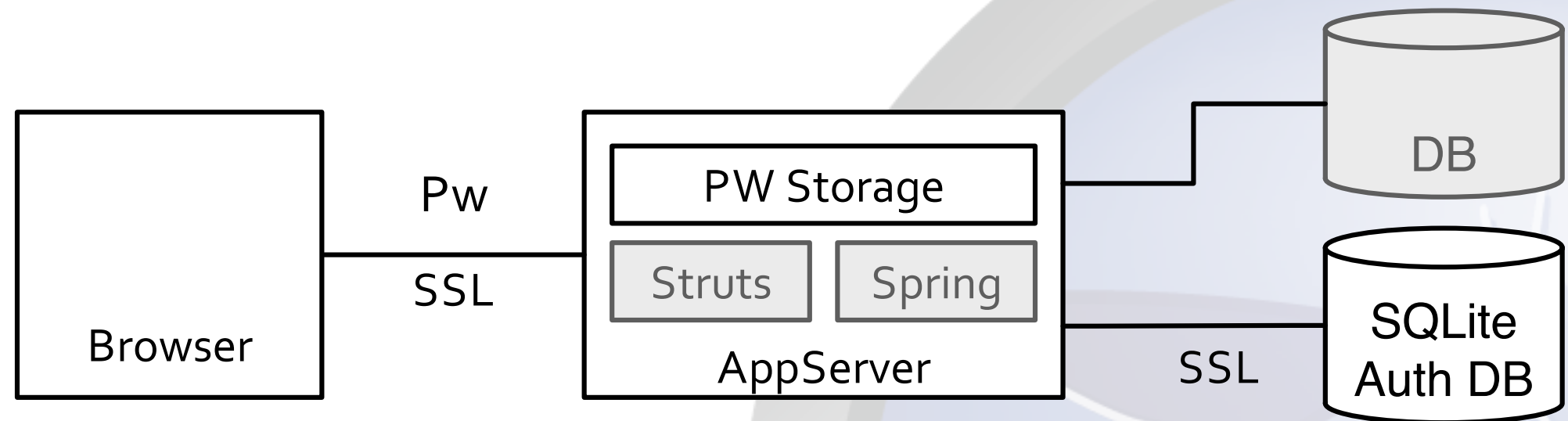
- Simple manual execution
- Distributed bot army
- Well-funded organization
- Access to private information

Threats help

- Encourage thorough thought about how intentions for misuse



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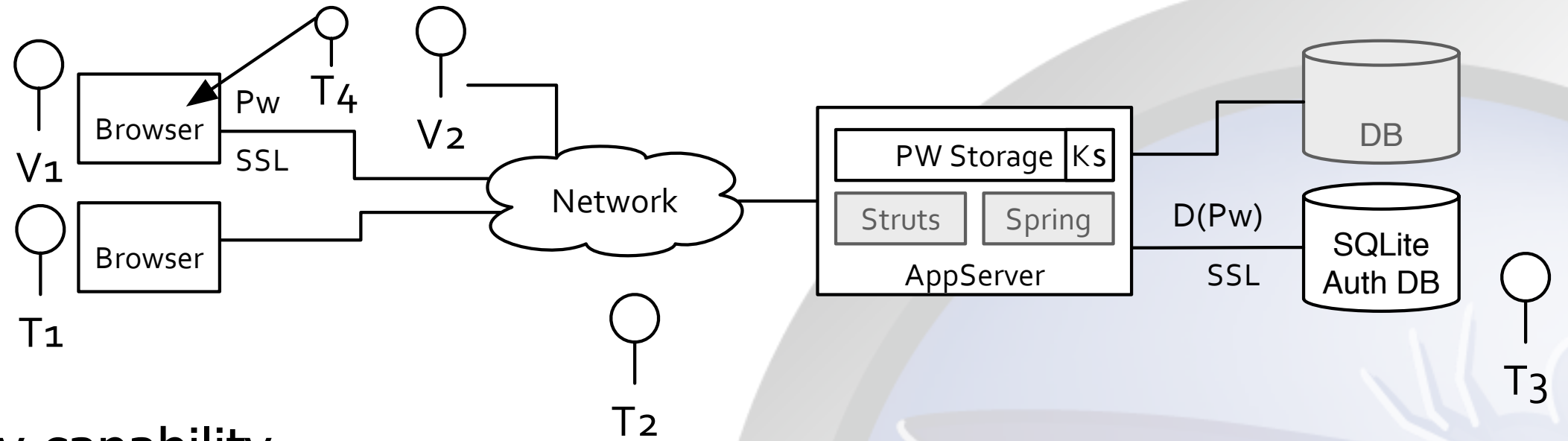
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Threat Model

1) Acquiring PW DB

2) Reversing PWs from stolen boot



by capability

- ▶ Script-kiddie
- ▶ **AppSec Professional**
- ▶ **Well-equipped Attacker**
- ▶ Nation-state

Threat Actors

Threat Actor	Attack Vector
] External Hacker	AV0 - Observe client operations
	AV1 - Inject DB, bulk credentials lift
	AV2 - Brute force PW w/ AuthN API
	AV3 - AppSec attack (XSS, CSRF)
	AV4 - Register 2 users, compare
] MiM	AV1 - Interposition, Proxy
	AV2 - Interposition, Proxy, SSL
	AV3 - Timing attacks
] Internal/Admin	AV1 - Bulk credential export
	AV2 - [T1] style attack

Attacks Specific to PW Storage

- 1 Dictionary attack
- 2 Brute-force attack
- 3 Rainbow Table attack



Well-equipped

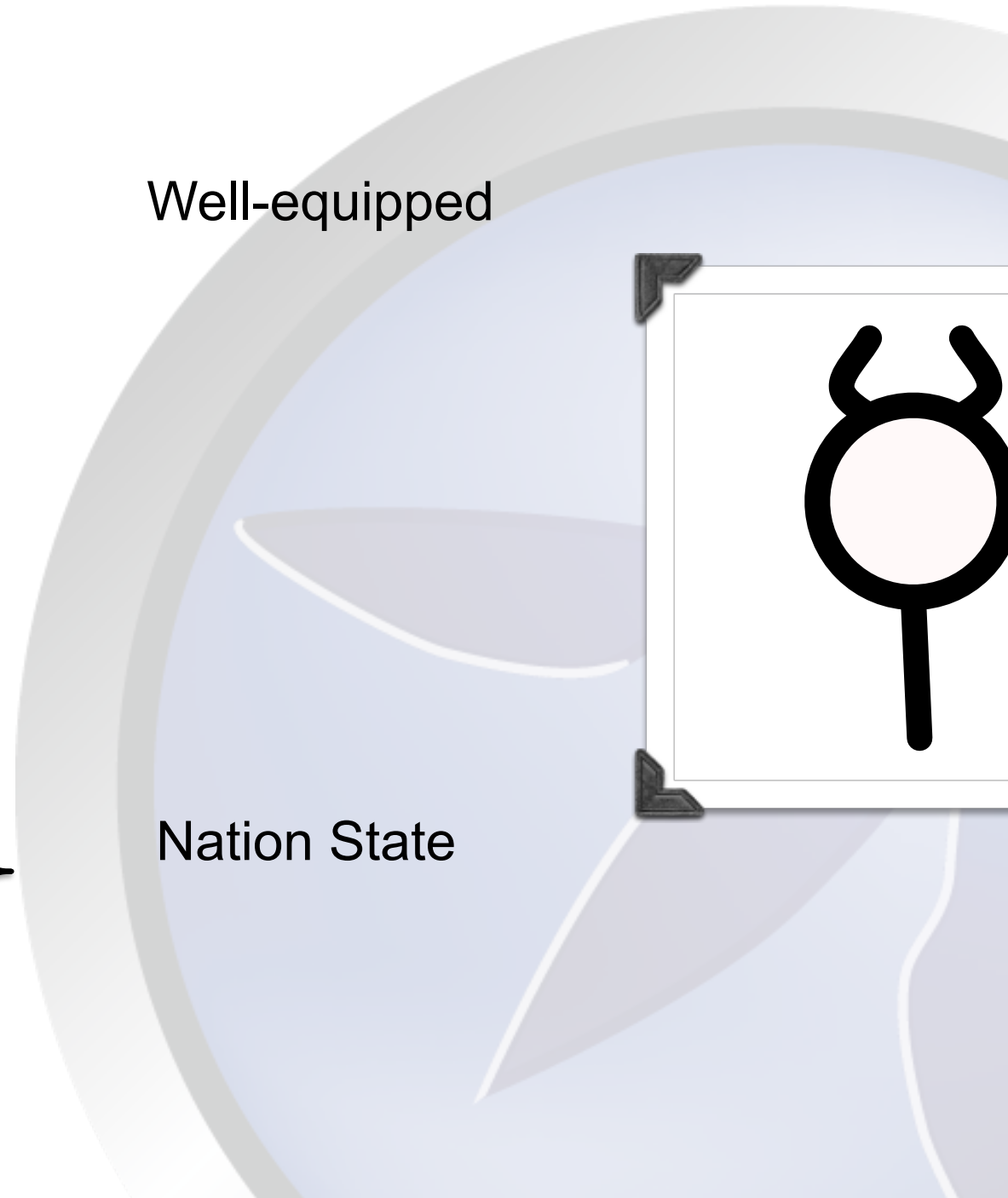
- 4 Length-extension attack
- 5 Padding Oracle attack
- 6 Chosen plaintext attack



Nation State

- 7 Crypt-analytic attack

- 8 Side channel attack





Identify Domain- specific Attacks

Attacks and Capabilities


“Top – N” Lists

- SQLi
- Dictionary Attacks

Best Practices

Threat Intelligence

Data feeds

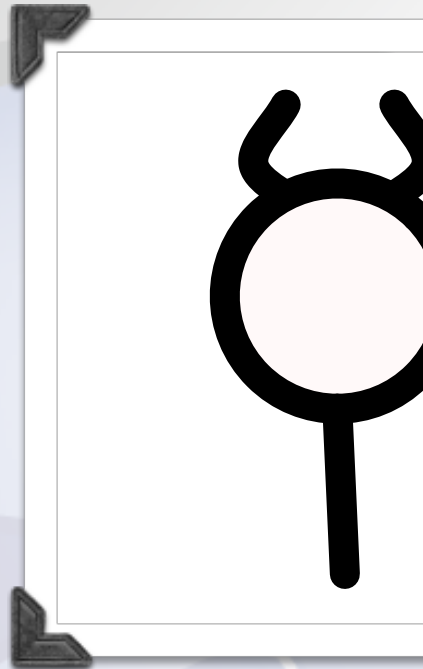
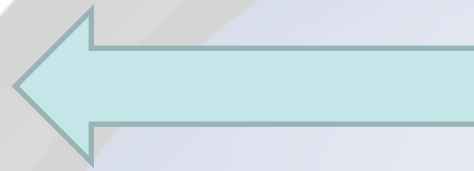


When We Successfully Attack a Hash

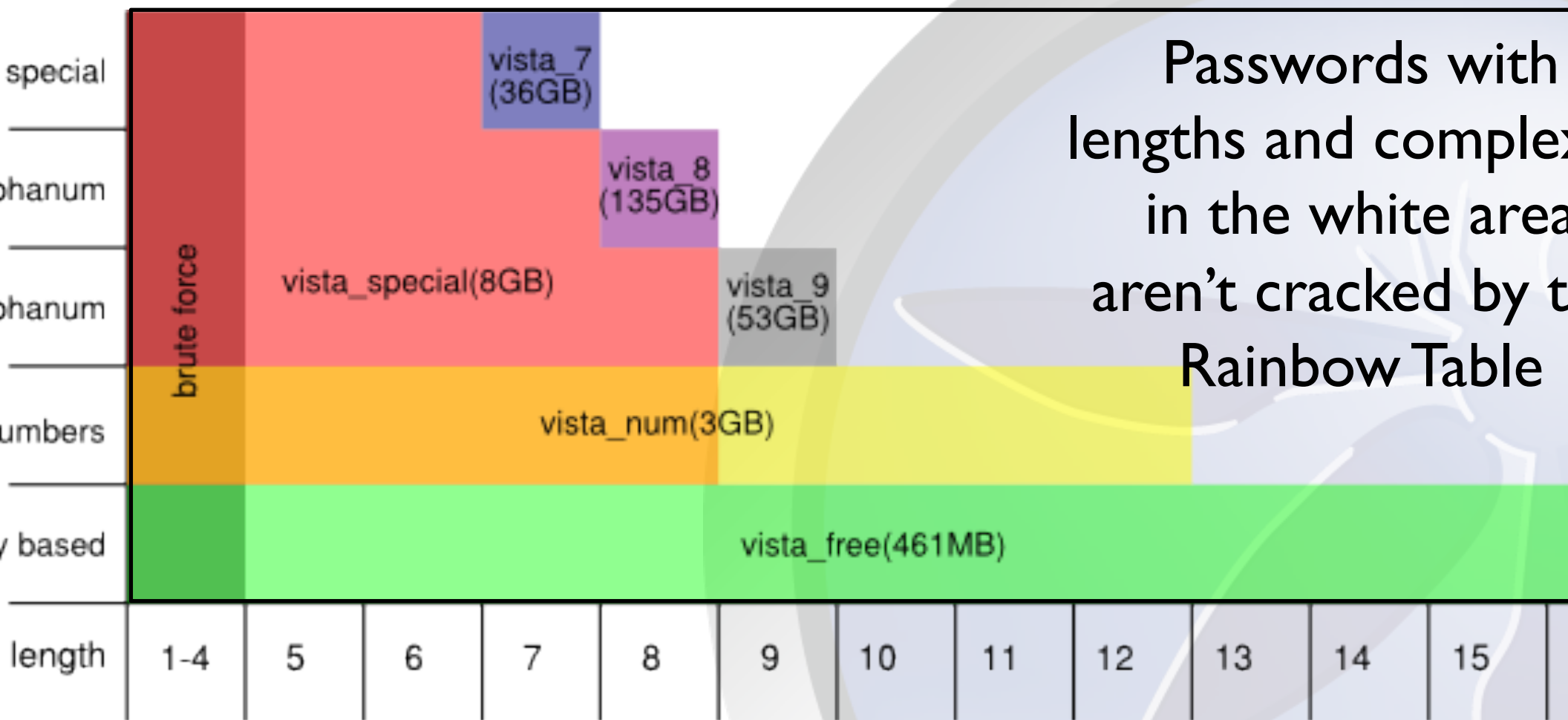
depends on the threat-actor...

- Script-kiddie
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the algorithm supported by a
tool?



Rainbow Tables: Fast but Inherent Limitations



Source: ophcrack

are crafted for specific complexity and length

Table Sizes

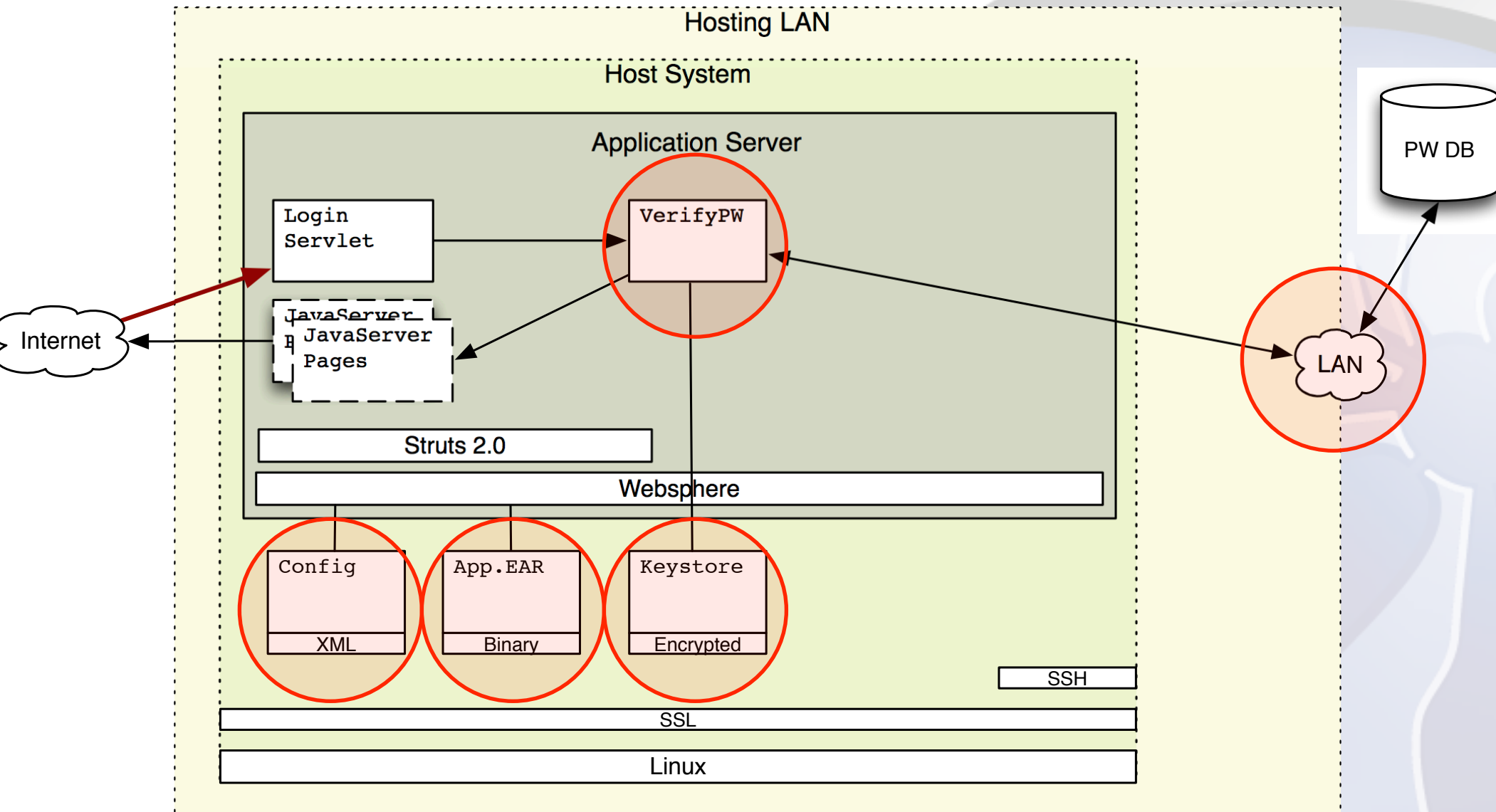
Search Space	Lookup Table (Brute Force)	Rainbow Table (NTLM hashes)
307,000 word dictionary	16 MB	461 MB
$(a-z \mid A-Z \mid 0-9)^4$	338 MB	8.0 GB
$(a-z \mid A-Z \mid 0-9)^5$	21 GB	8.0 GB
$(a-z \mid A-Z \mid 0-9)^6$	1.3 TB	8.0 GB
$(a-z \mid A-Z \mid 0-9)^7$	87 TB	8.0 GB
$(a-z \mid A-Z \mid 0-9)^8$	5,560 TB	134.4 GB
$(a-z \mid A-Z \mid 0-9)^9$	357,000 TB	No table
$(a-z \mid A-Z \mid 0-9)^{10}$	22,900,149 TB	No table

Per User Table Building

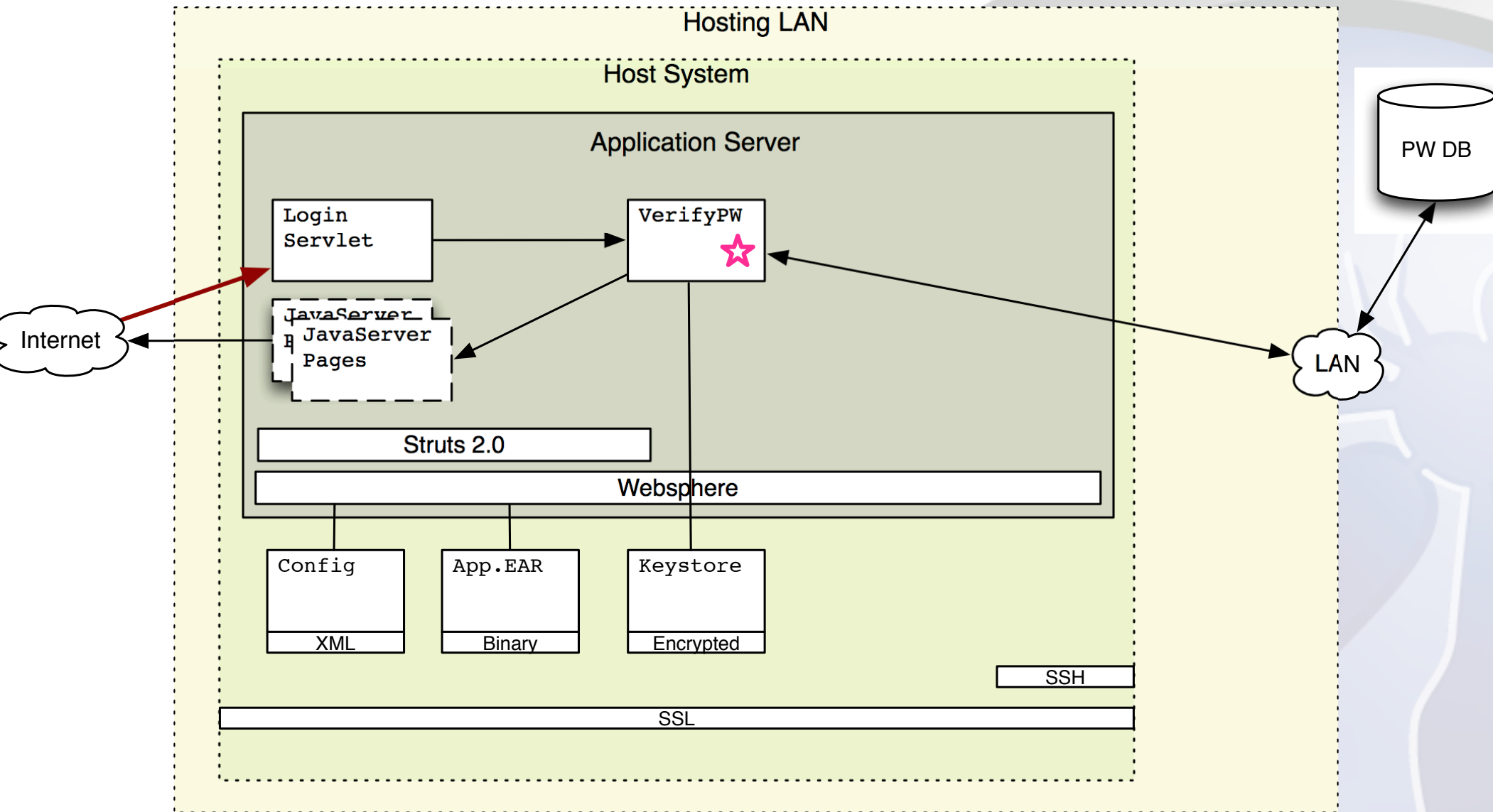
Brute Force Time for SHA-1 hashed,
mixed-case-a alphanumeric password

		8 Characters	9 Characters
Cracking a single hash (32 M/sec)	NVS 4200M GPU (Dell Laptop)	80 days	13 years
Cracking a single hash (85 M/sec)	\$169 Nvidia GTS 250	30 days	5 years
Cracking a single hash (2.3 B/sec)	\$325 ATI Radeon HD 5970	1 day	68 days

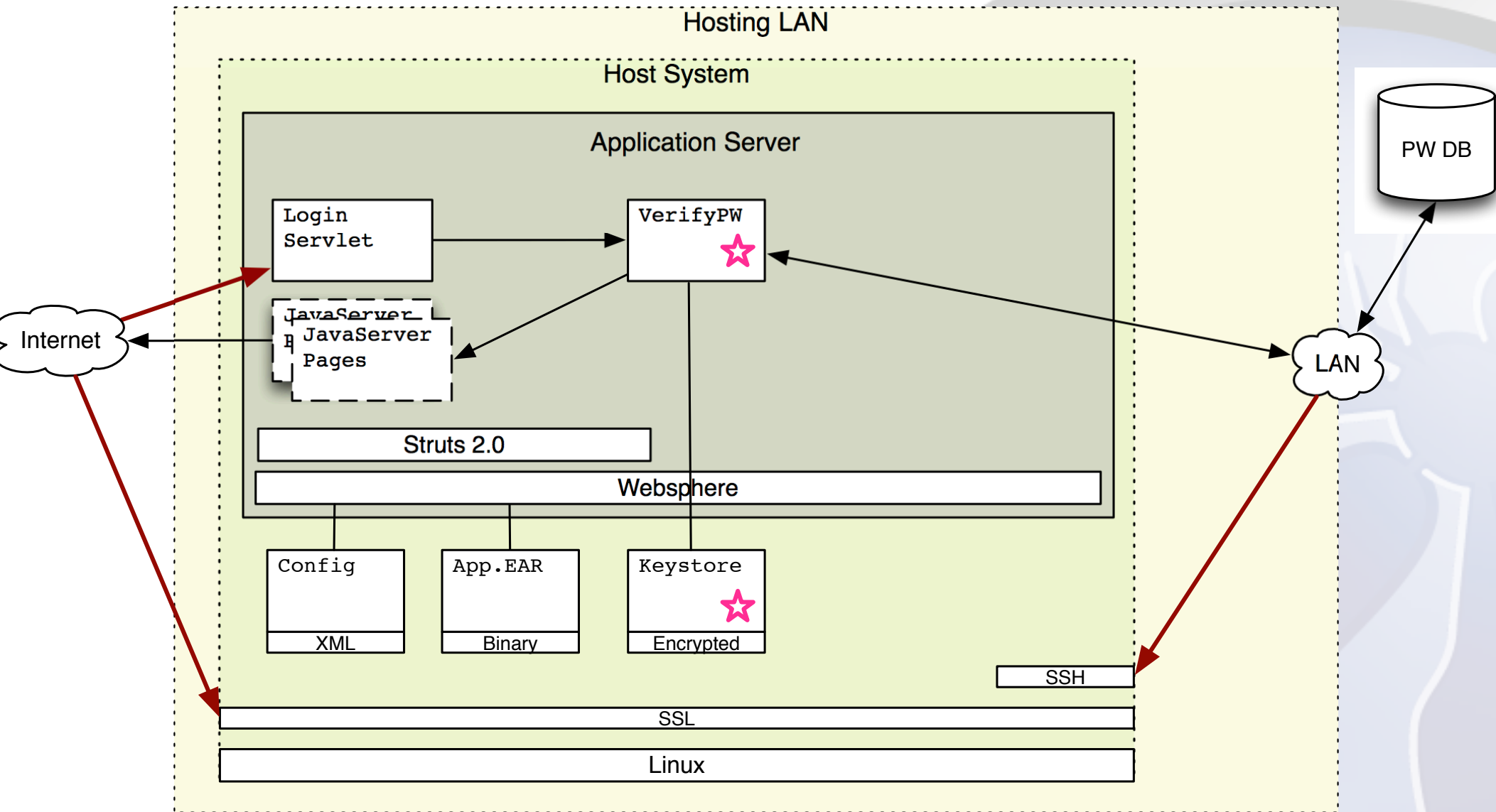
Find Ancillary Targets



Key Theft (technology)



Alternative to Key Theft



Matrix

ATK-1.1 : Resist “chosen plaintext” attacks - Attackers possessing system access and a valid account [T1] (*See [T1.AVA01], [T5.AVA11]*) should **not** be able to:

Discern password protection scheme

Attack another user [V2] in $O(V1_{pw})$ time

Choose and use set(s) of credentials and discern scheme cryptographic secrets

ATK-1.2 : Resist “brute-force” attacks - Attackers possessing access to PW DB and knowledge of protection scheme (*See [T1.AVA02]*) should not be able to:

Discern individual account credentials in reasonable time

- Difficulty $\gg O(V1_{pw})$
- Calendar time ≥ 1 yr

Discern all account credentials in reasonable time

- Difficulty $\gg O(V_{pw}) * \text{Population}(V)$
- Calendar time ≥ 1 yrs

ATK-1.3 : Resist D.o.S. as a result of entropy/randomness exhaustion (*See [T5.AVR08]*);

ATK-1.5 : Resist identifying identical credentials by observing <protected>(PW) (*See [T1.AVA00], [T3.AVR03], [T5.AVA12], [T5.AVR04]*);

ATK-1.6 : Prevent attackers from generating valid forms <protected>(PW) without knowing credentials and possessing any/all secrets;

ATK-1.7 : Prevent attackers from exfiltrating any ancillary secrets associated with <protected>(PW), such as MAC or encryption keys (*See [T3.AVA05-T3.AVA09]*);

ATK-1.8 : Prevent attacks from gaining information about plain/digest-text through side-channel or timing attack: for instance, gauging how long equality check between two digests takes (*See [T5.AVR05]*); [*TA]#

Matrix (Subtle)

- SCC-1.1 : Prevent attackers from gleaning information about server secrets or [V1] plaintext through multiple chosen plaintexts (such as (PW, PW') and (PW', PW'') : $PW' = \text{digest}(PW)$); [RG]#
- SCC-1.2 : Prevent attackers from gleaning information due to use of a common key between cipher and mac constructs, such as when CBC-MAC used; [HA]#
- SCC-1.3 : Prevent leakage of information (such as password, key material, initialization vectors, etc.) when using cryptographic ciphers, hashes, or MACs.
- SCC-1.4 : Assert that input to cryptographic primitives possesses the appropriate level of randomness without imposing such undue requirements on the system so as to easily exhaust its entropy thus denying service;
- SCC-1.5 : Bound input to those primitives which fall prey to length-extension attacks;
- SCC-1.6 : Take care to avoid padding oracle attacks where applicable;
- SCC-1.7 : Take specific steps to prevent primitives from leaking information about plaintext or keys when attackers have access to plaintext/ciphertext pairs.

Thank you for your time



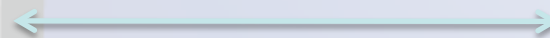
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Business Analyst



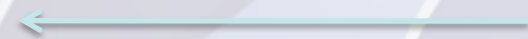
Business Analyst



(Security) Architect



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Don't worry about "left to right"

	What	How	Impact	Mitigation
Unauthorized user	Directly request and gain access to another user's info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Forceful browsingFailure to demand authSession Fixation• CSRF	PR Incident <i>Non-compliance</i> Increase QSA assessment cost Fraud	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FD:3.2: session mgmtSR:2.3.4: URL, forms dFD: 3.4: Controller desiSD: 1.3: WebSeal integSP:1.3: Demanding Aut
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When testing finds an attack:

- First, decide if its *impact* warrants further exploration
- Are additional impacts possible?
- Consider *what* conceptual goals the attack supports
- Then consider *who* could launch the attack against the application

When analysis converges, iterate secure design

How much is enough?

Incrementally improve *from wherever you are*

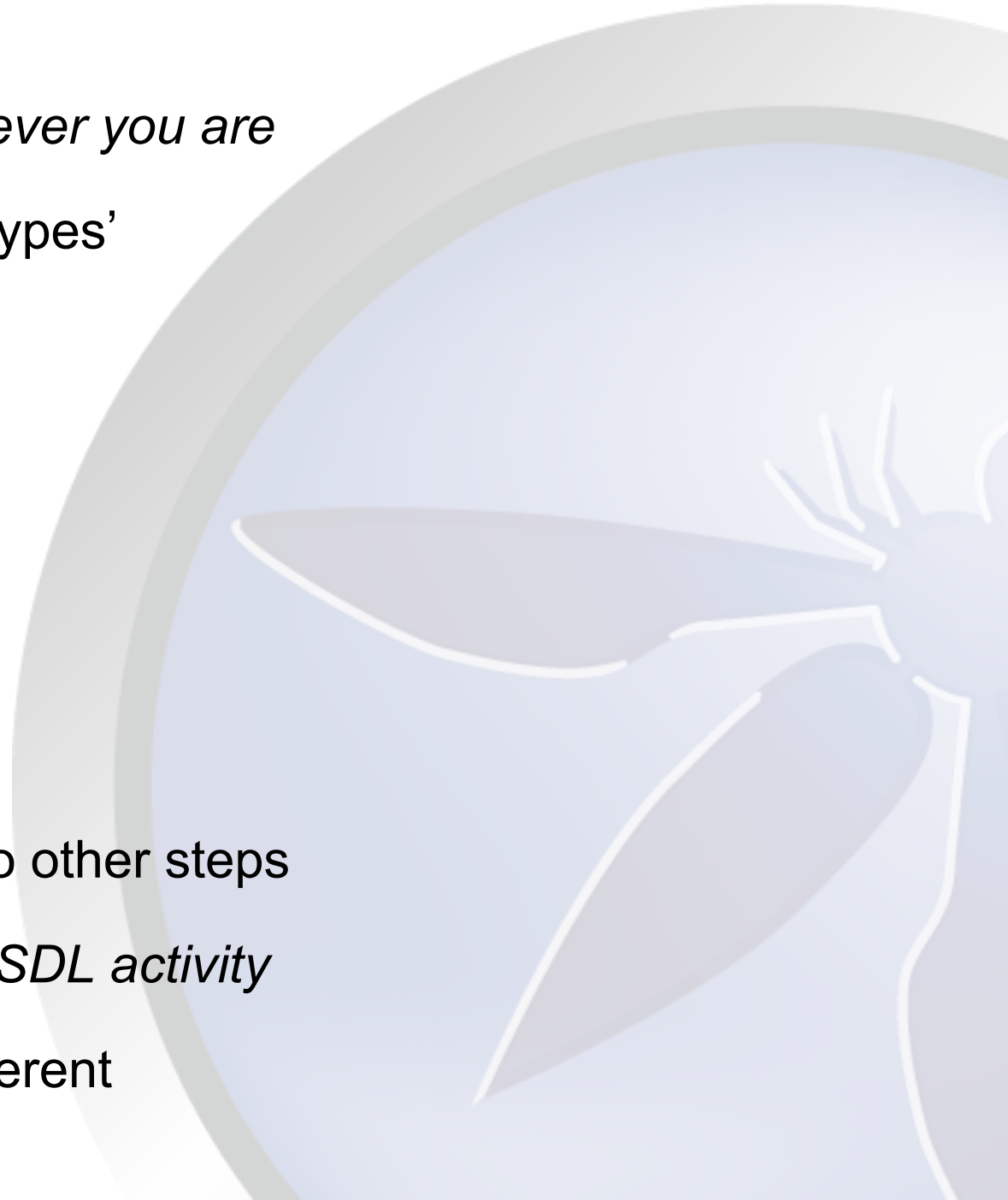
Think about organization's 'arch-types'

- B2C, n-tier*
- Mobile
- B2B, Legacy
- ATMs
- RIA**

Within each step, resist urge to do other steps

Start with step for *corresponding SDL activity*

Threat model what's new and different





Alternative Methods

Security Goals

CIA

Confidentiality

limiting access and disclosure to "the right people"; preventing access by or disclosure to "the wrong people".

Integrity

the trustworthiness of information resources

Availability

information systems provide access to authorized users

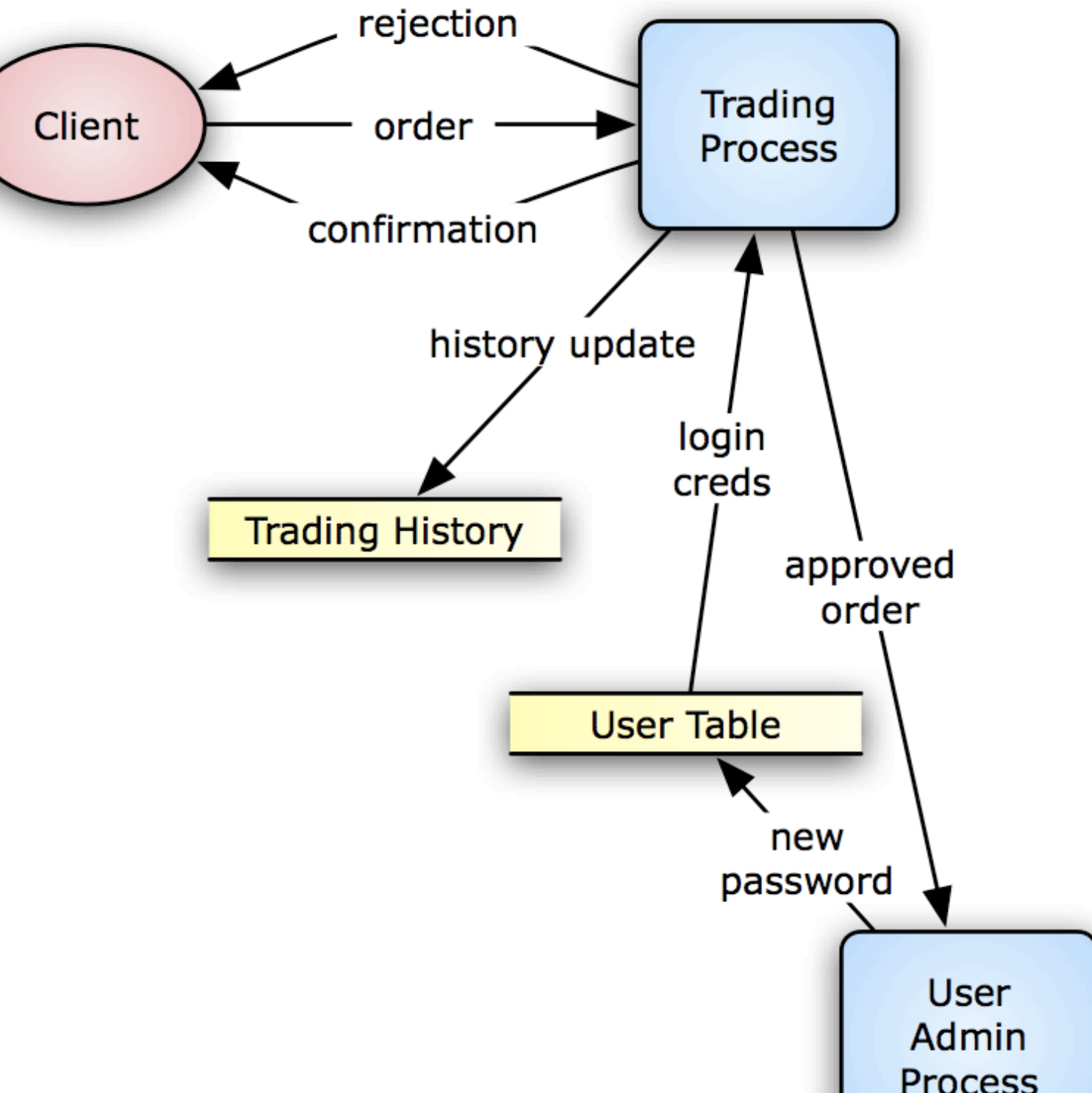


A Few Words on STRIDE

A conceptual attack checklist:

- **S**poofing
 - **T**ampering
 - **R**epudiation
 - **I**nformation Disclosure
 - **D**enial of Service
 - **E**scalation of Privilege
 - **B**acked by DEFs
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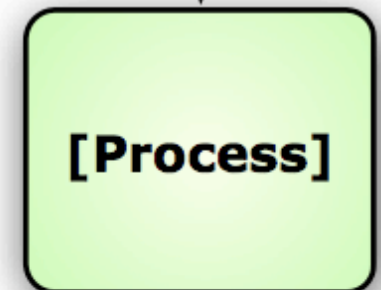
An Example DFD



Legend



[Data Flow]



[Data Flow]

[Data store]

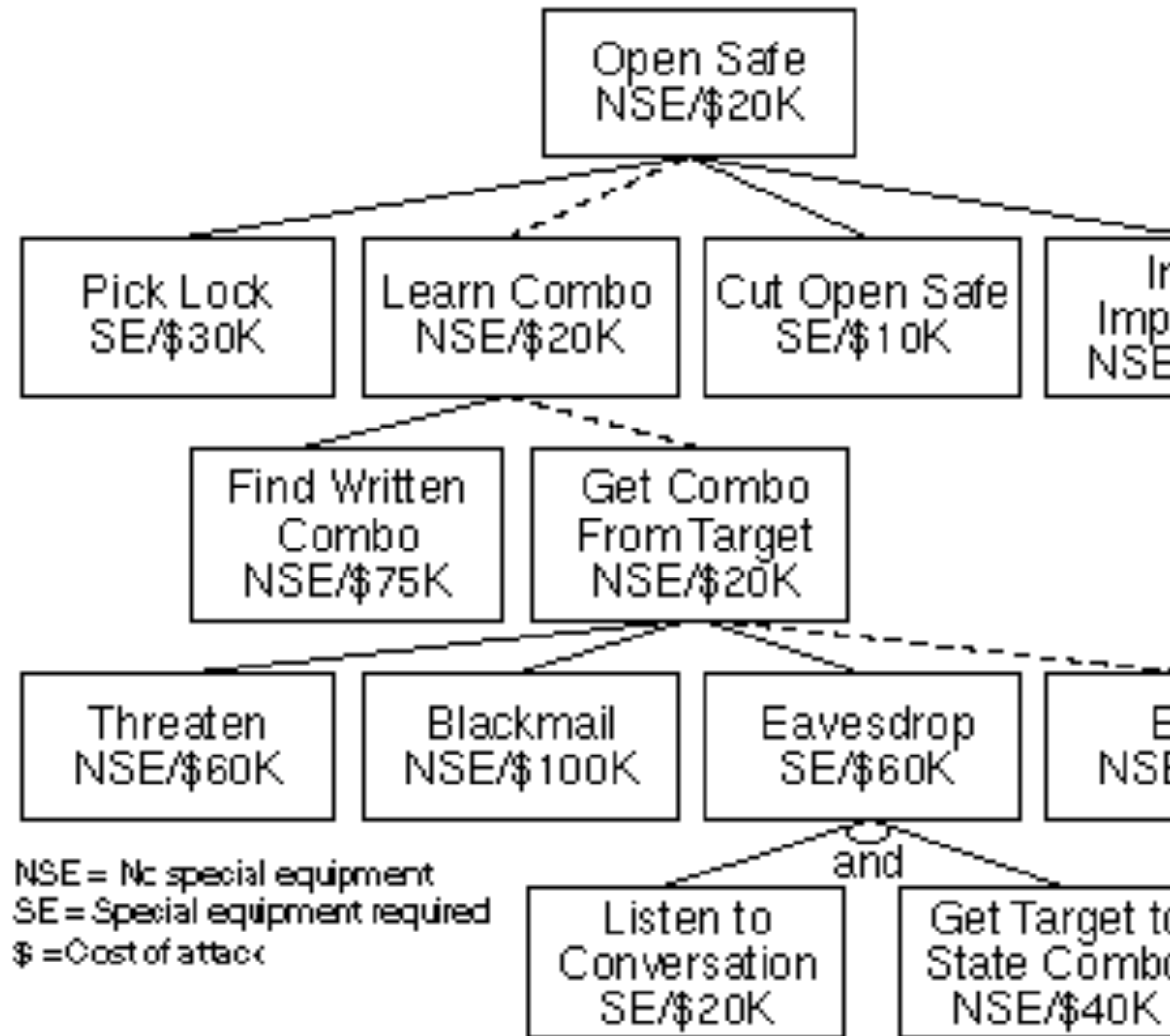
Attack Trees

Aggregate attack possibilities

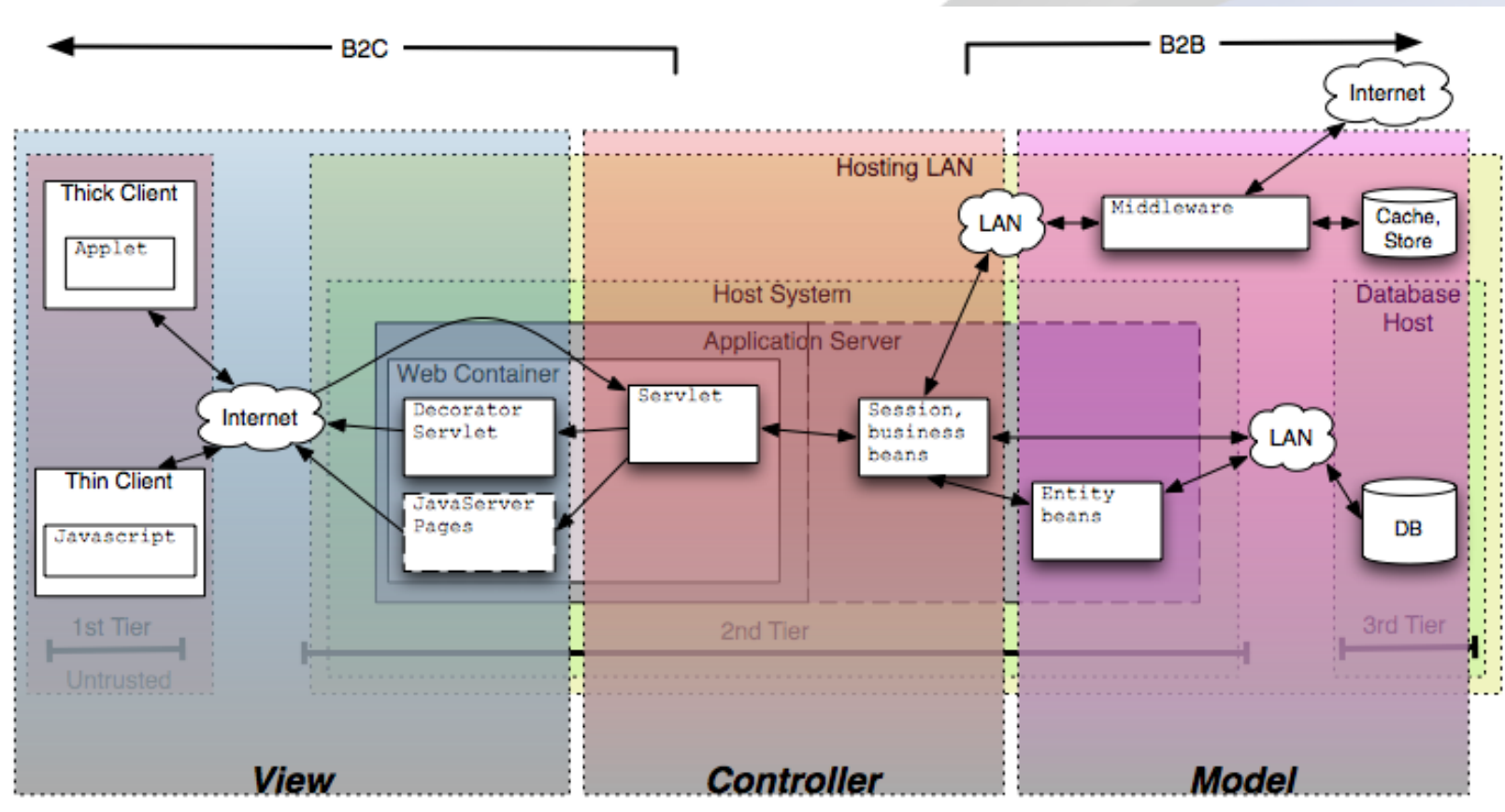
Use OR, AND

Allow for decoration

- Probability
- Cost
- Skills required, etc



Annotate with design pattern



Design Patterns, isn't that a bit Hifalutin



posed to find exploits

s, I don't have good design docs

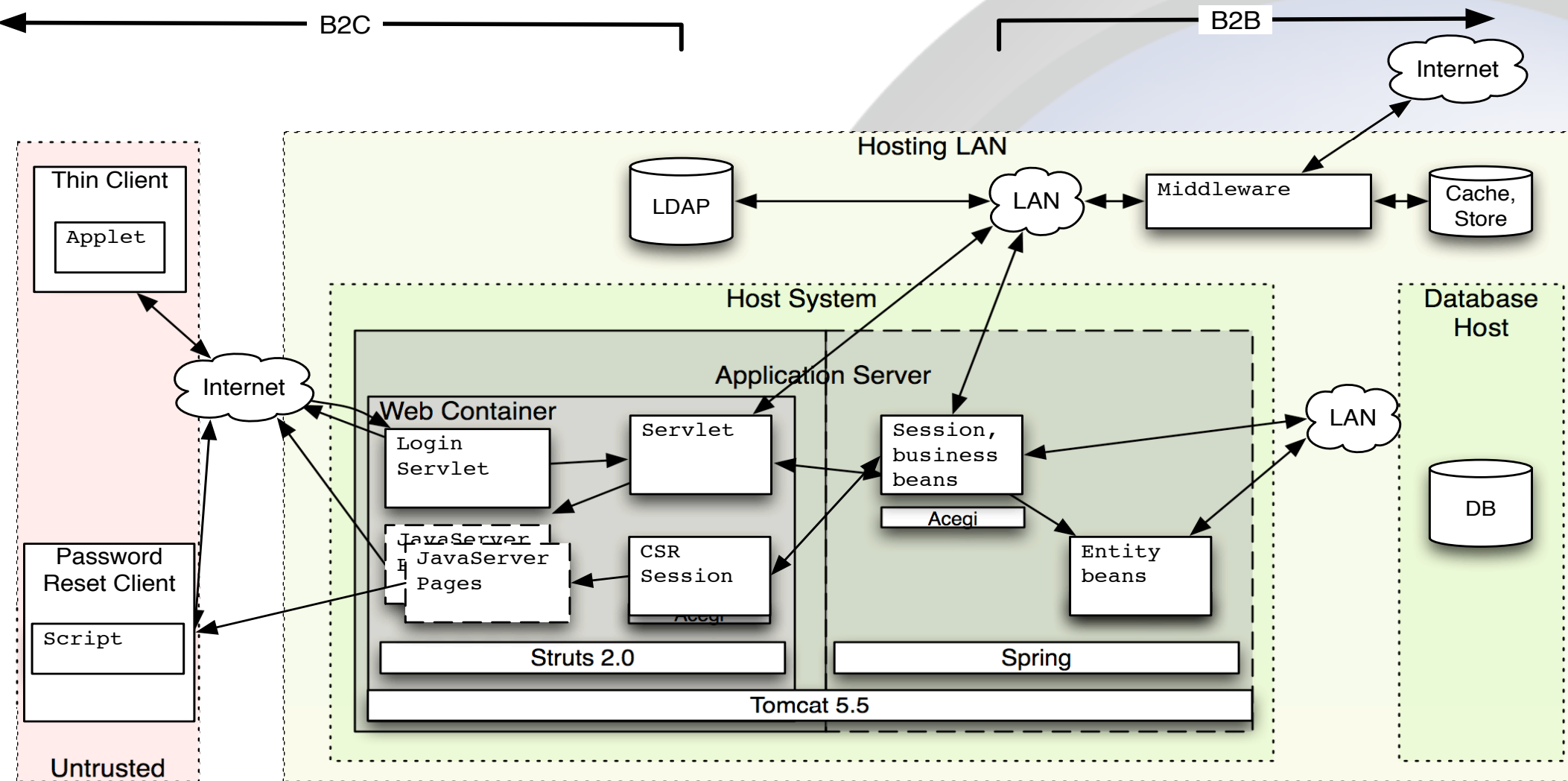
Consider Patterns'

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Element	View		Controller		Model
Component	Client-side Script	Decorator Servlet	Controller Servlet	Action Servlet	Persistent Store
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aspects of User experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consuming and hiding error conditionsFiltering output in a target-specific fashion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Authenticating requestsFiltering / validating inputLimiting user access rights to appropriate workflowsDispatching actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Processing requestsGenerating contentRedirecting sessions to different viewsCoarse-grain transaction boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ACID transaction propertiesHold data

document specific standards for implementing each responsibility

Input Validation – Where does responsibility lie?



Explicit Responsibilities Mean Better Advice

Client Side

User Interface

Responsive, instant

Policy validation

- Perhaps imperfect

- Perhaps quickly

Give the user *good* advice

- Be as specific as possible

- Help the user

Server side

Business logic

Decode

Canonicalize

Apply

- Known-good

- White-list

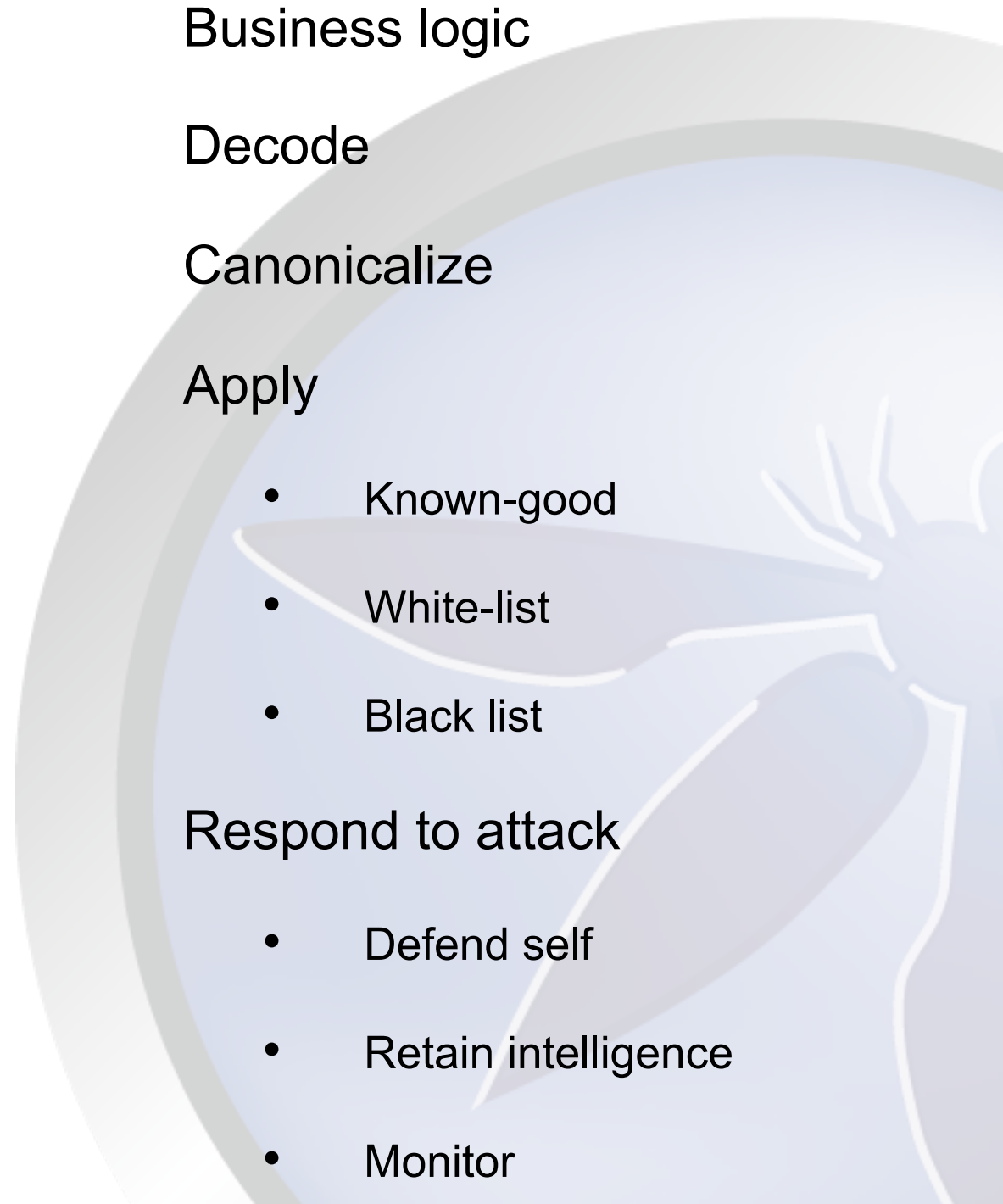
- Black list

Respond to attack

- Defend self

- Retain intelligence

- Monitor



Know thy enemy & how they attack you (REDUX)

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Who: Skill, Motivation, Access

What: Technology-agnostic conceptual

How: The specific tactics that might make attack successful

Impact: the cost of successful attack

Mitigation: traceability into elements designed to resist, identify, or