



# An Interoperable Zero Trust Federated Architecture for Tactical Systems

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# A Need for Interoperability

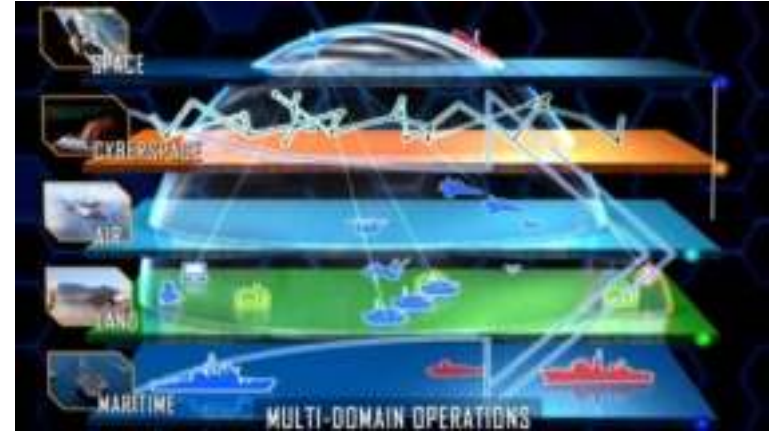
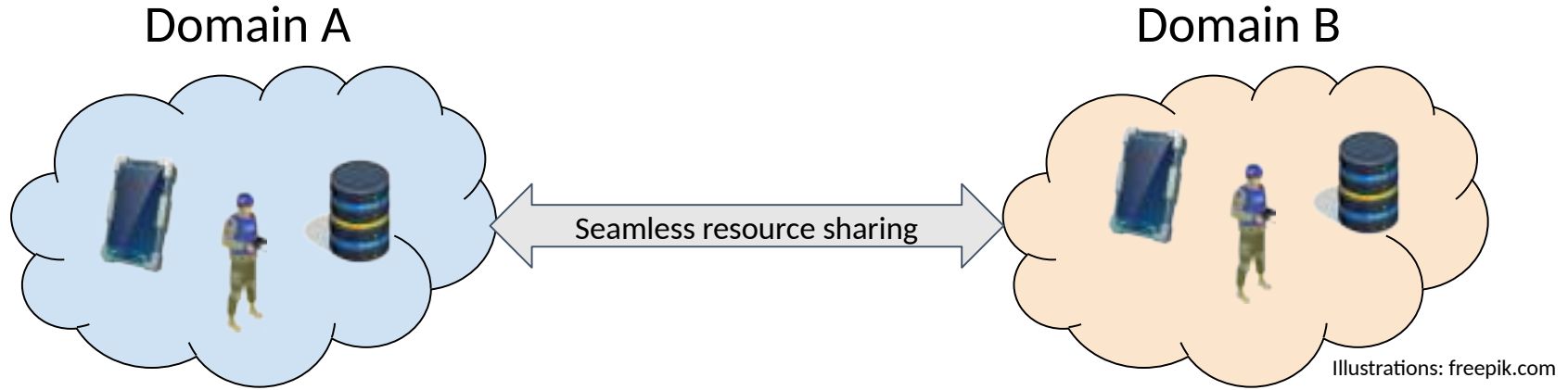


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“Interoperability is the ability to act together coherently, effectively and efficiently to achieve Allied objectives”

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: **Moving the U.S. Government Toward Zero Trust Cybersecurity Principles**

This memorandum sets forth a Federal zero trust architecture (ZTA) strategy, requiring agencies to meet specific cybersecurity standards and objectives **by the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024** in order to reinforce the Government's defenses against increasingly sophisticated and persistent threat campaigns. Those campaigns target Federal technology infrastructure, threatening public safety and privacy, damaging the American economy, and weakening trust in Government.

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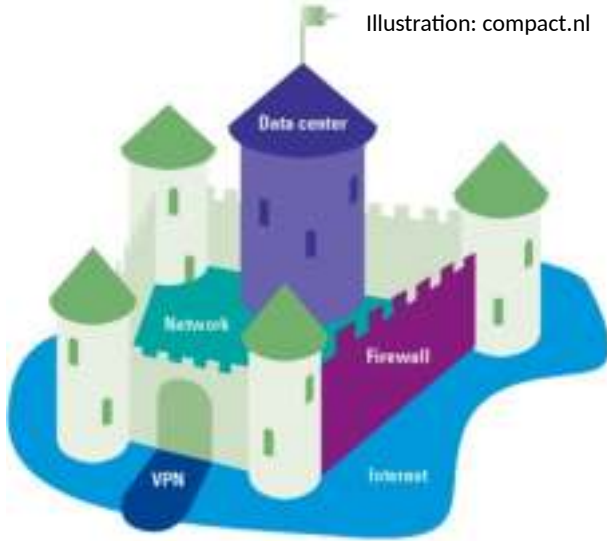


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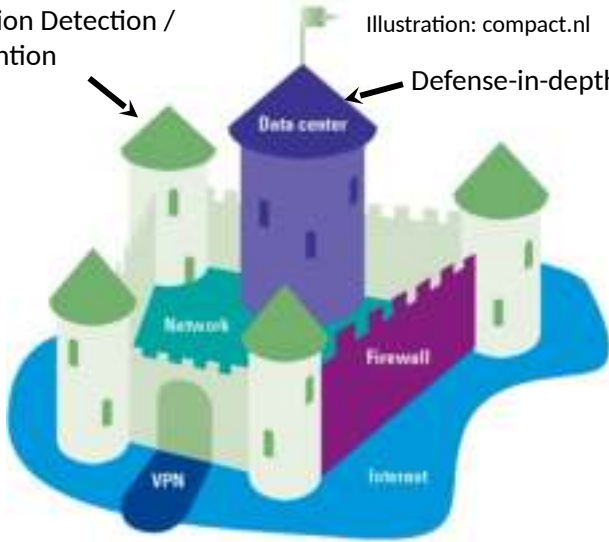
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Intrusion Detection /  
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Defense-in-depth



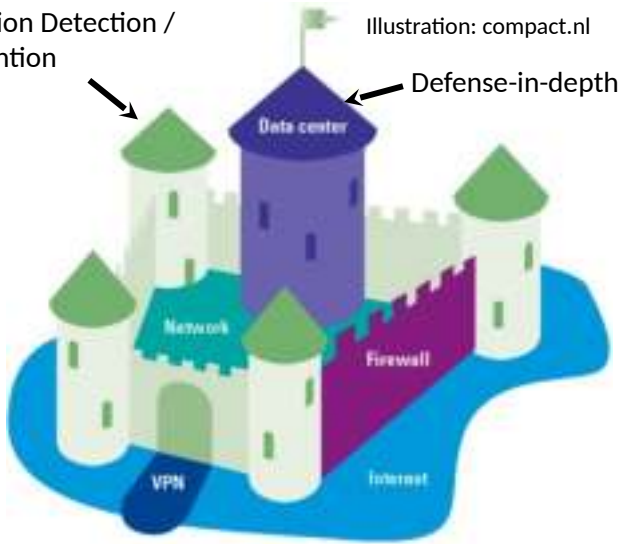
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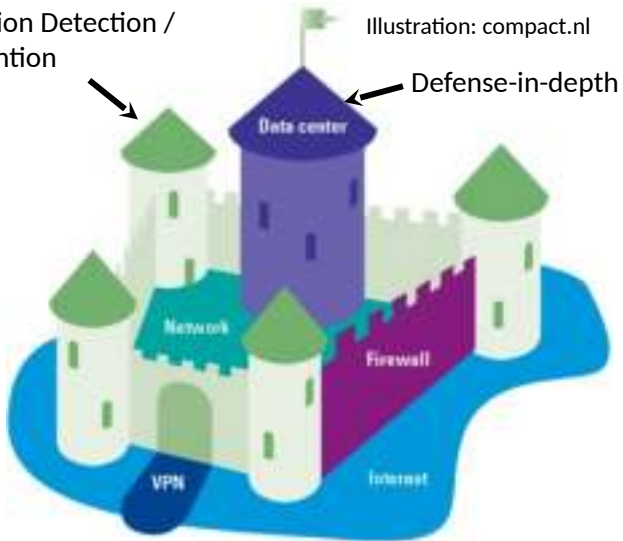


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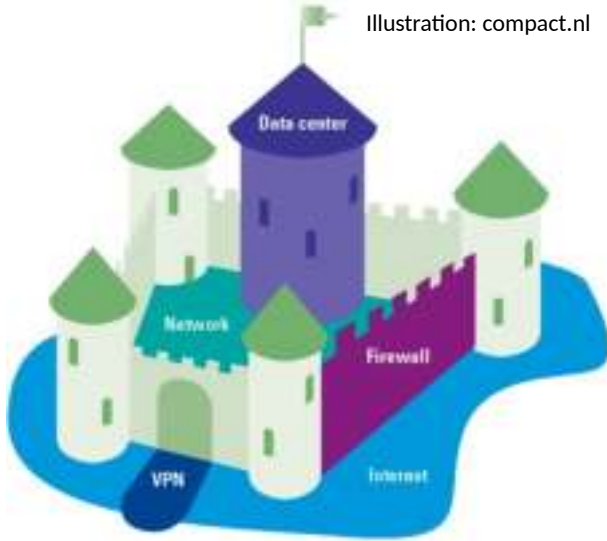
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### Lateral Movement



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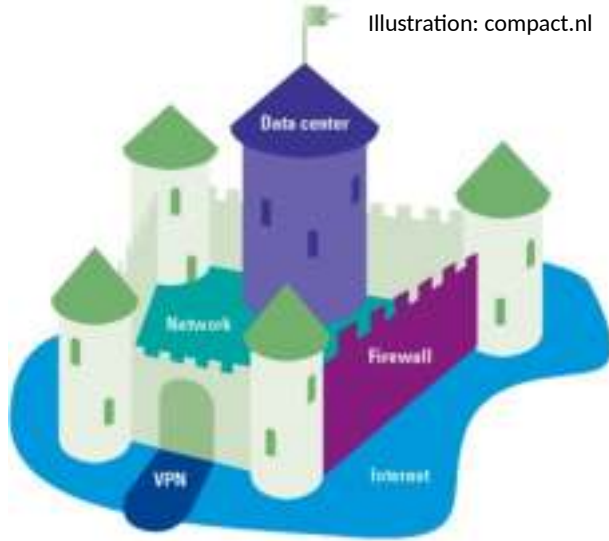
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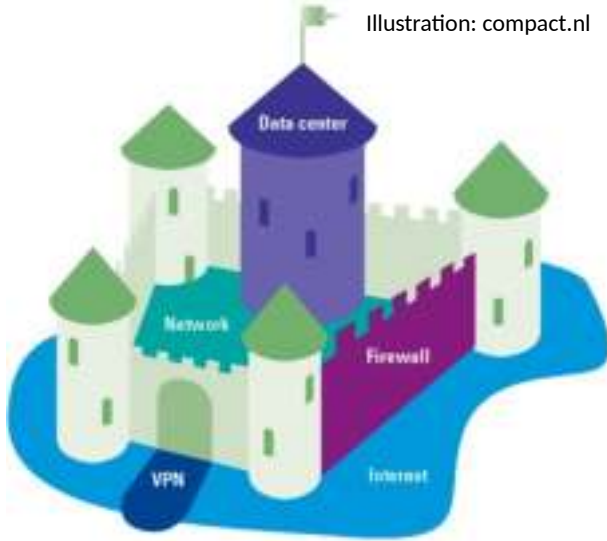
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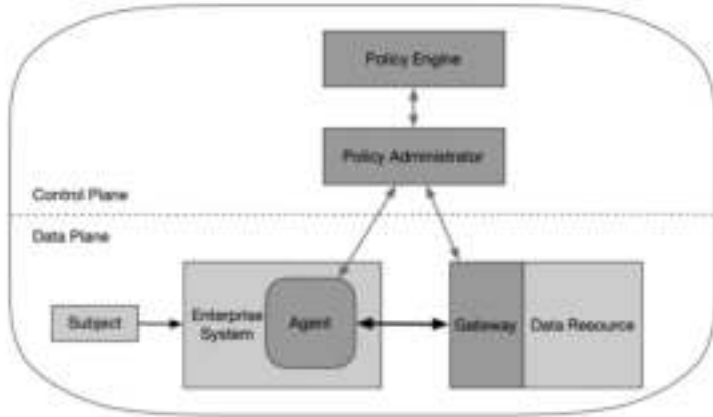
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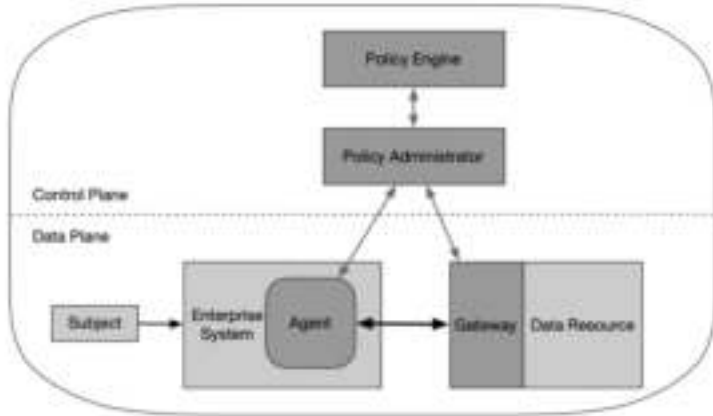
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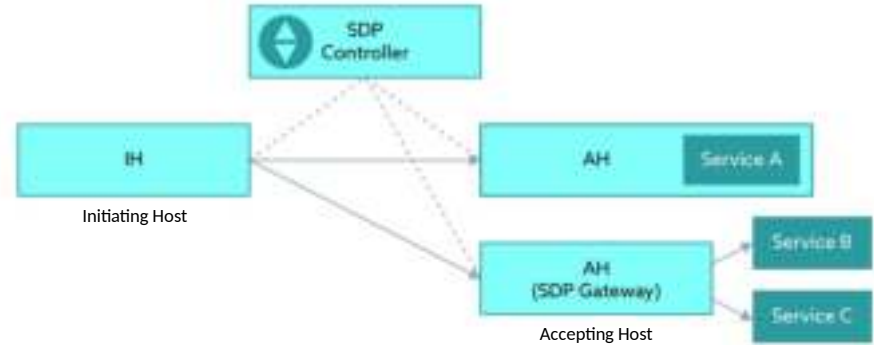
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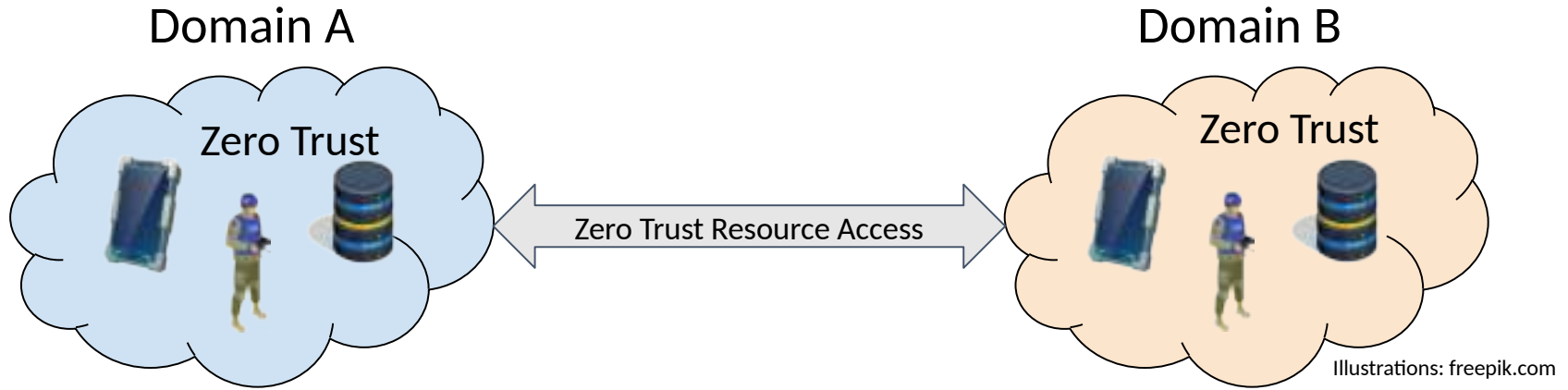


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Cloud Security Alliance - Software-Defined Perimeter (SDP) Specification v2.0

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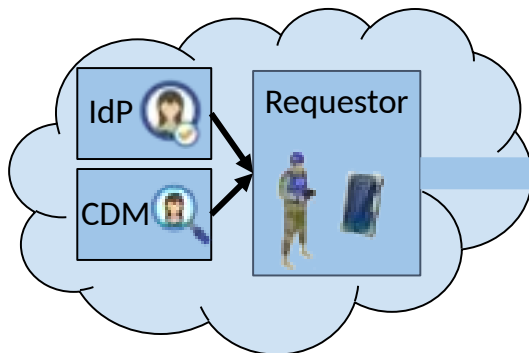


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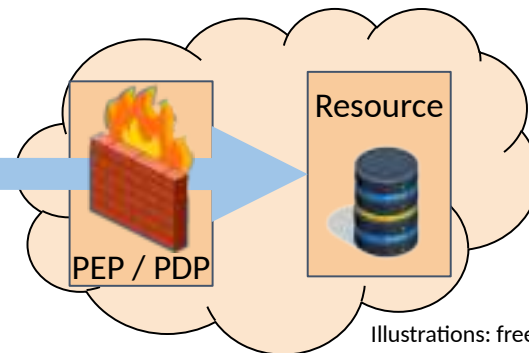
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## Domain A



## Domain B



Zero Trust Access ?



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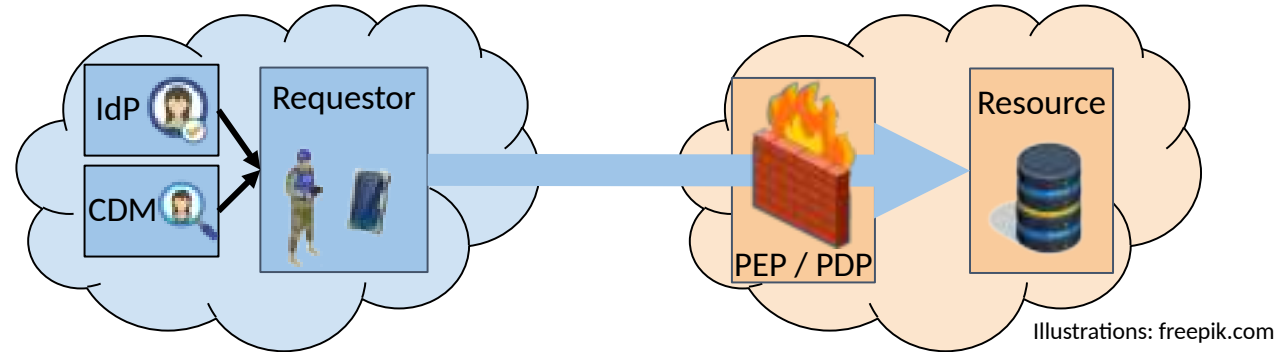
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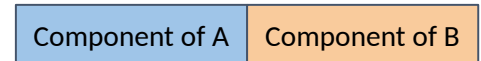
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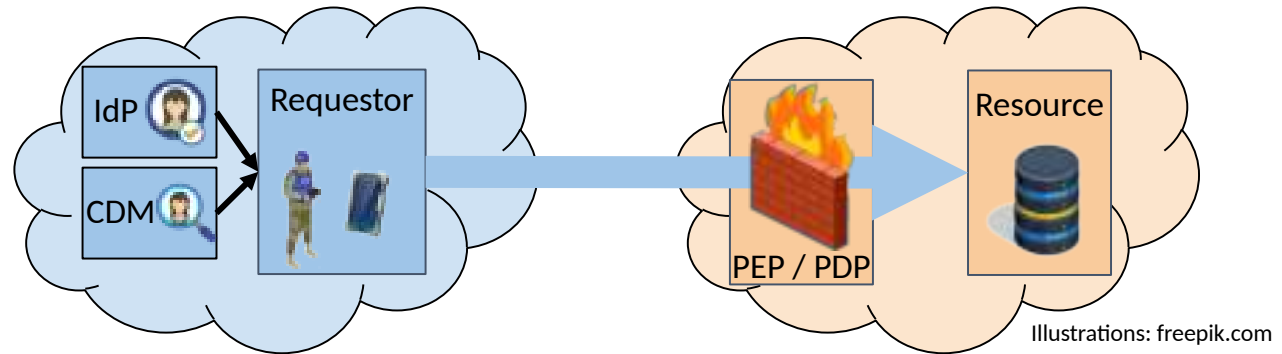
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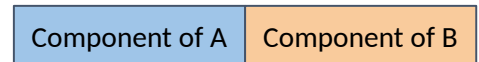
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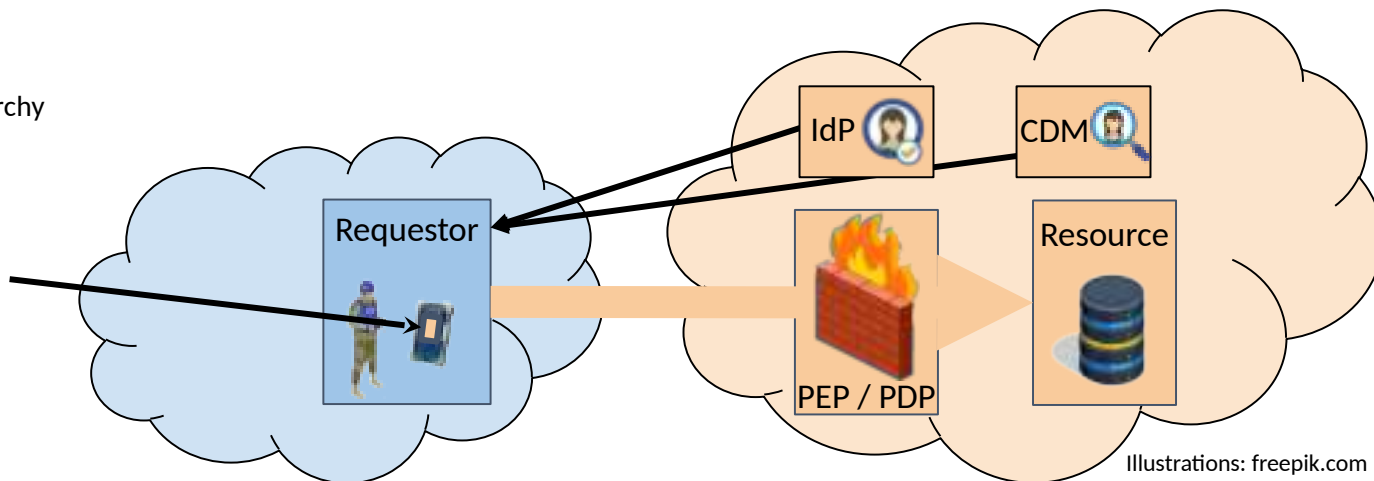


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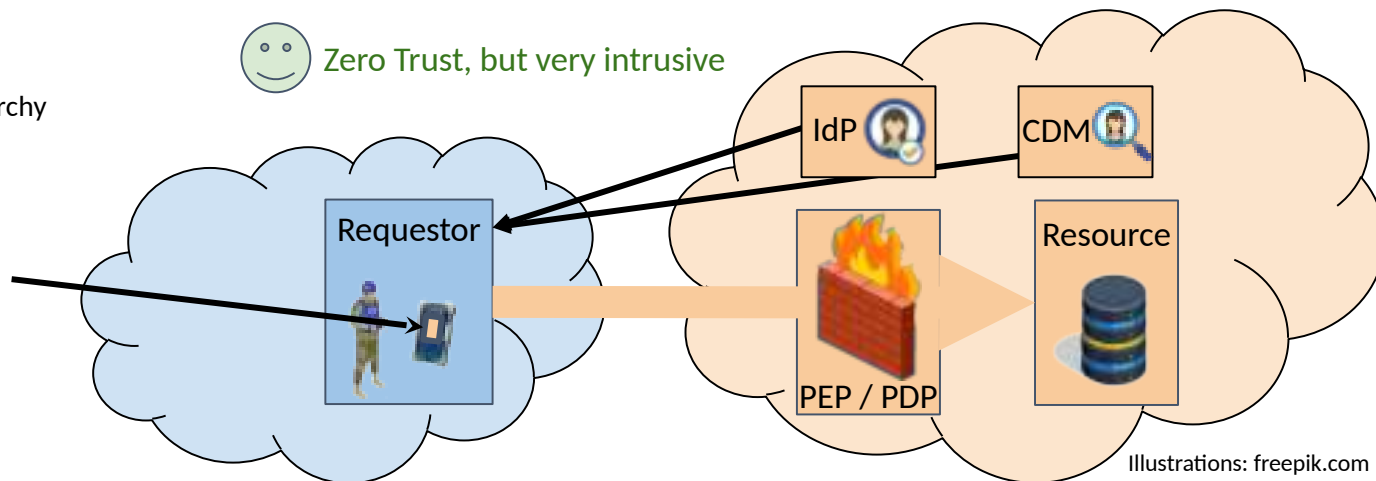


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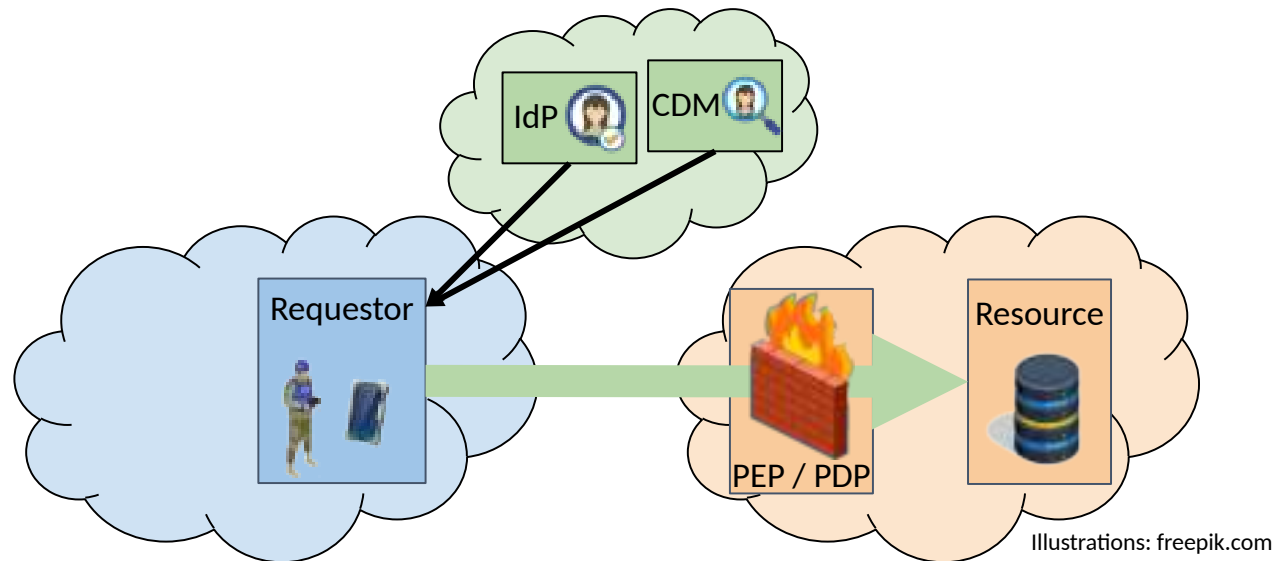
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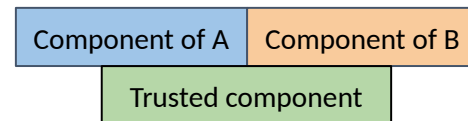
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Trusted Third-Party solution

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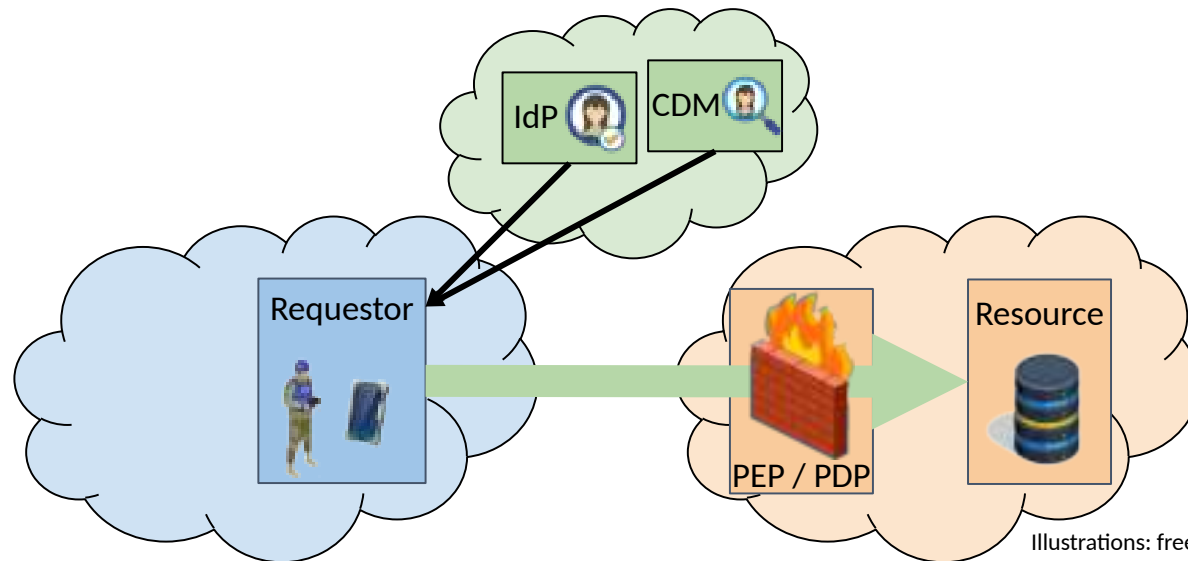
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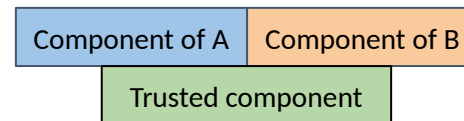
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Trusted Third-Party solution

Legend:



# Proposed Zero Trust Federation



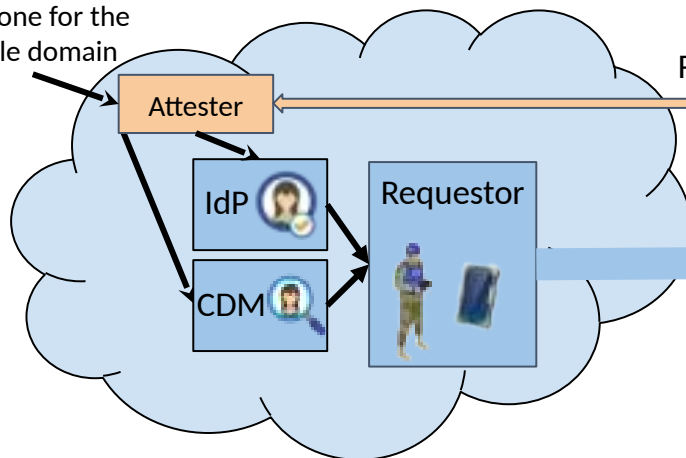
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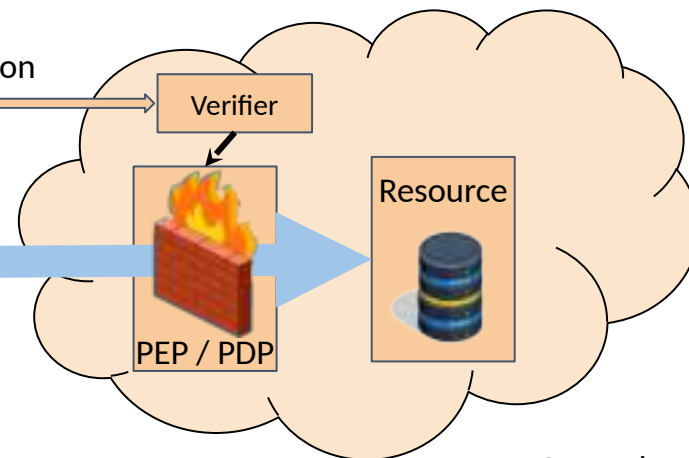
## Domain A

Only one for the whole domain



Remote attestation

## Domain B



Legend:

Component of A

Component of B

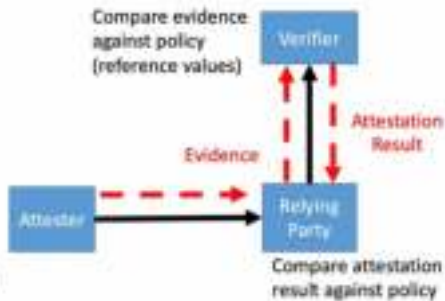
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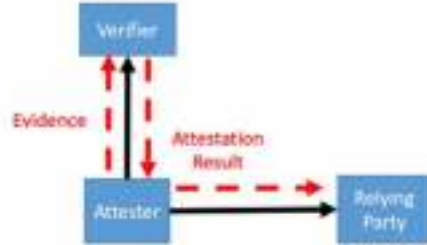
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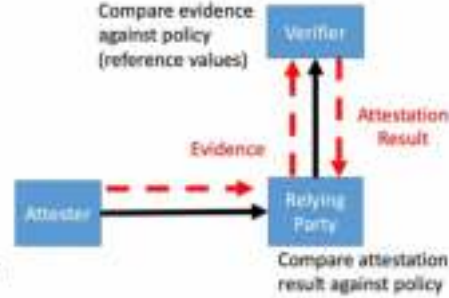
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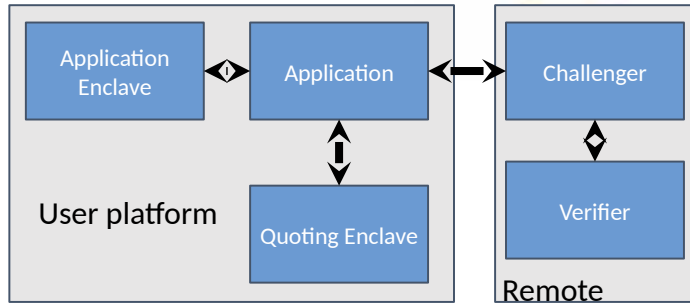
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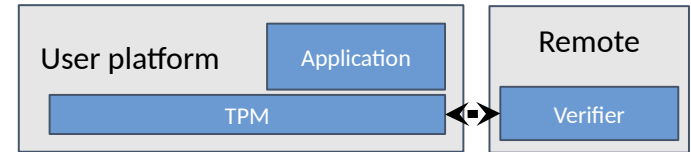
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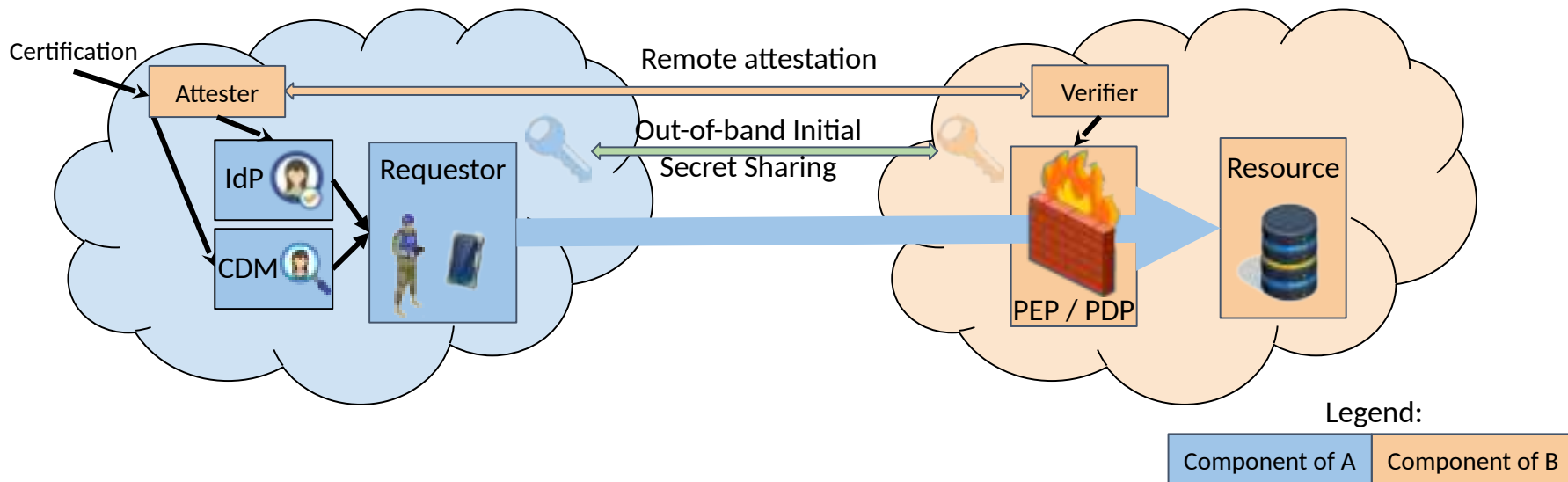
Source: Intel SGX



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Initial trust between domains:

- Certification of remote attestation components
- Onboarding (shared secrets)



# Proof of Concept



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```
Message Data Received:
{"action": "remote_attestation", "attestation_result": true, "client_sdpid": "12347"}
Message parsed
Message received from SDP ID 12350
JSON-Parsed Message Data Received:
key: action value: remote_attestation
key: attestation_result value: true
key: client_sdpid value: 12347

SENDING MESSAGE:
{"action": "remote_attestation_ack"}
```

```
Trying to match:
rank=0F-2
{
  'urn:oid:2.5.4.4': [ 'Poirrier' ],
  rank: [ '0F-2' ],
  'urn:oid:1.2.840.113549.1.9.1': [ 'alexandre.poirrier@polytechnique.edu' ],
  'urn:oid:2.5.4.42': [ 'Alexandre' ]
}
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## SDP Services

Refresh services

Available services:

top Service

Available federated services:

Services

Zero Trust Architecture

Software-Defined Perimeter



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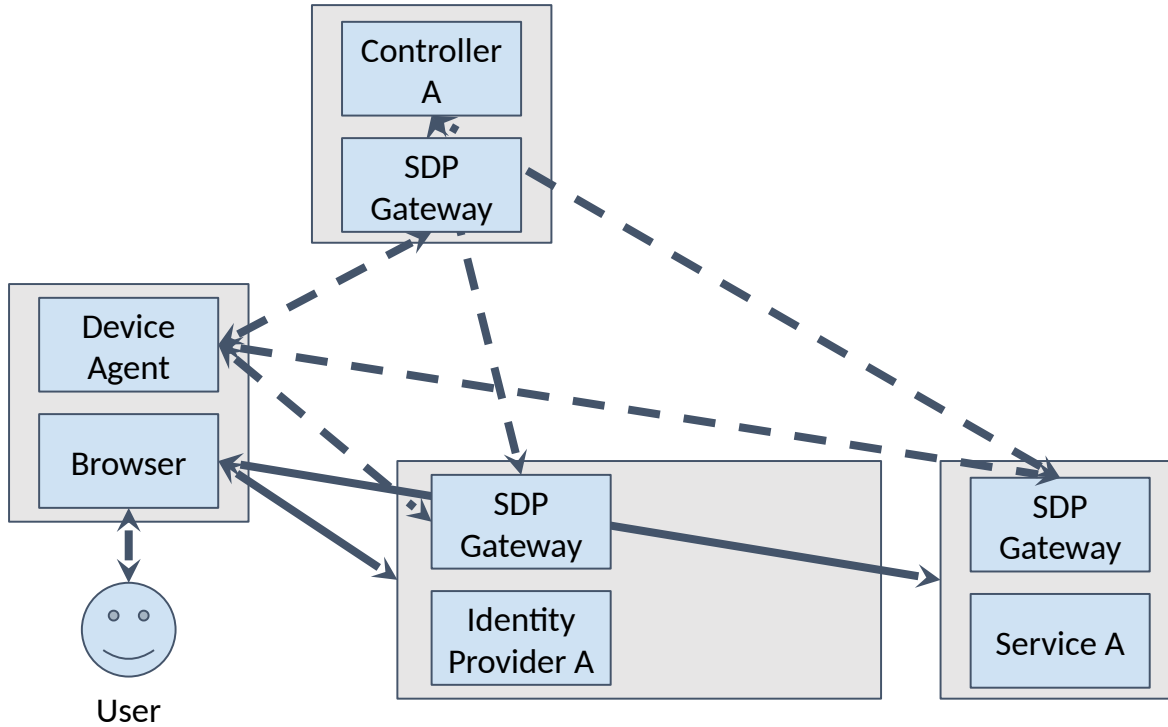


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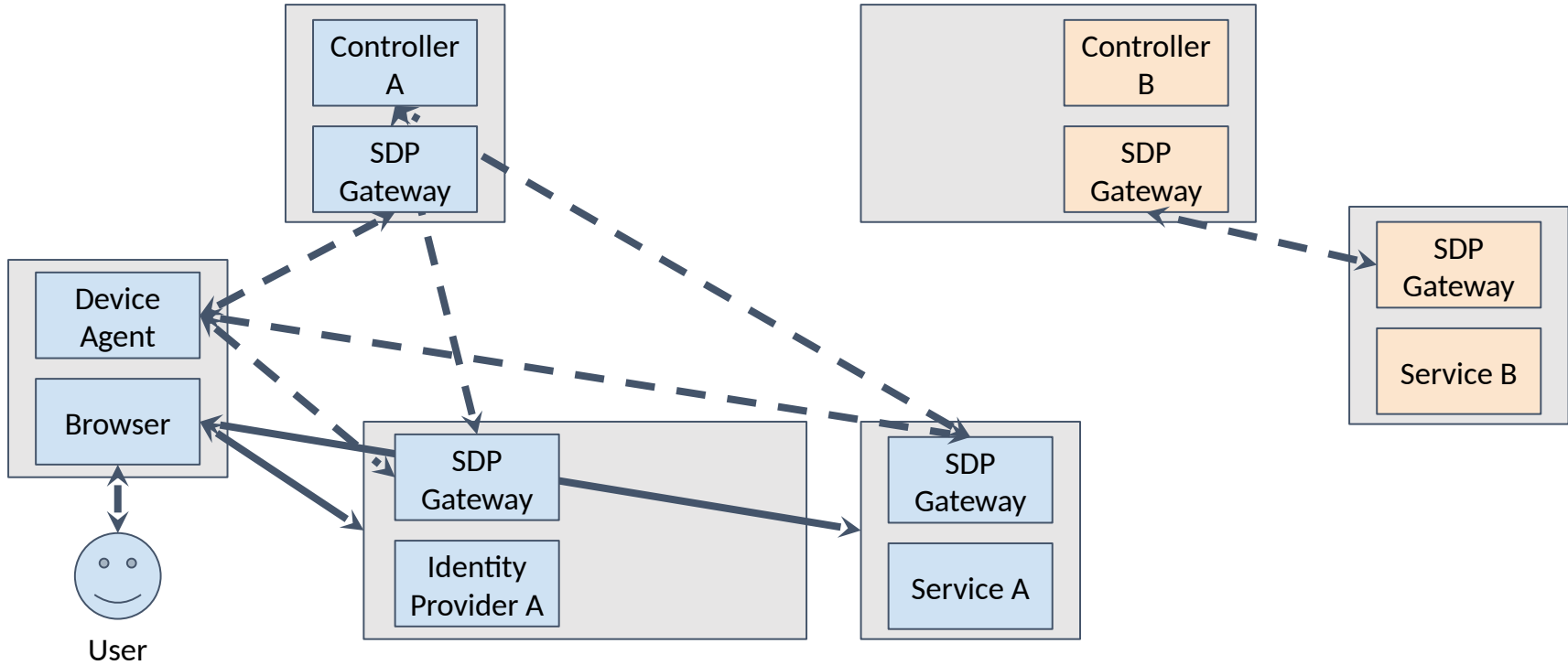
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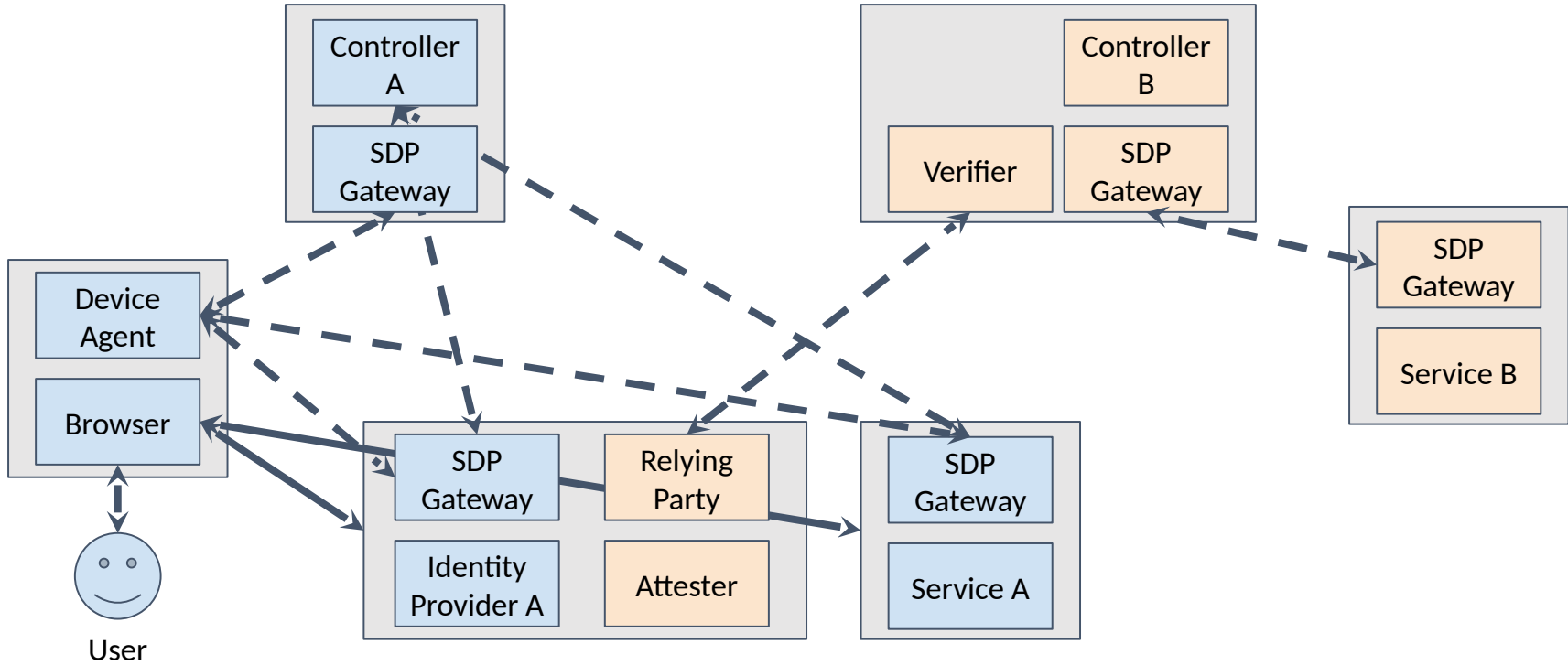


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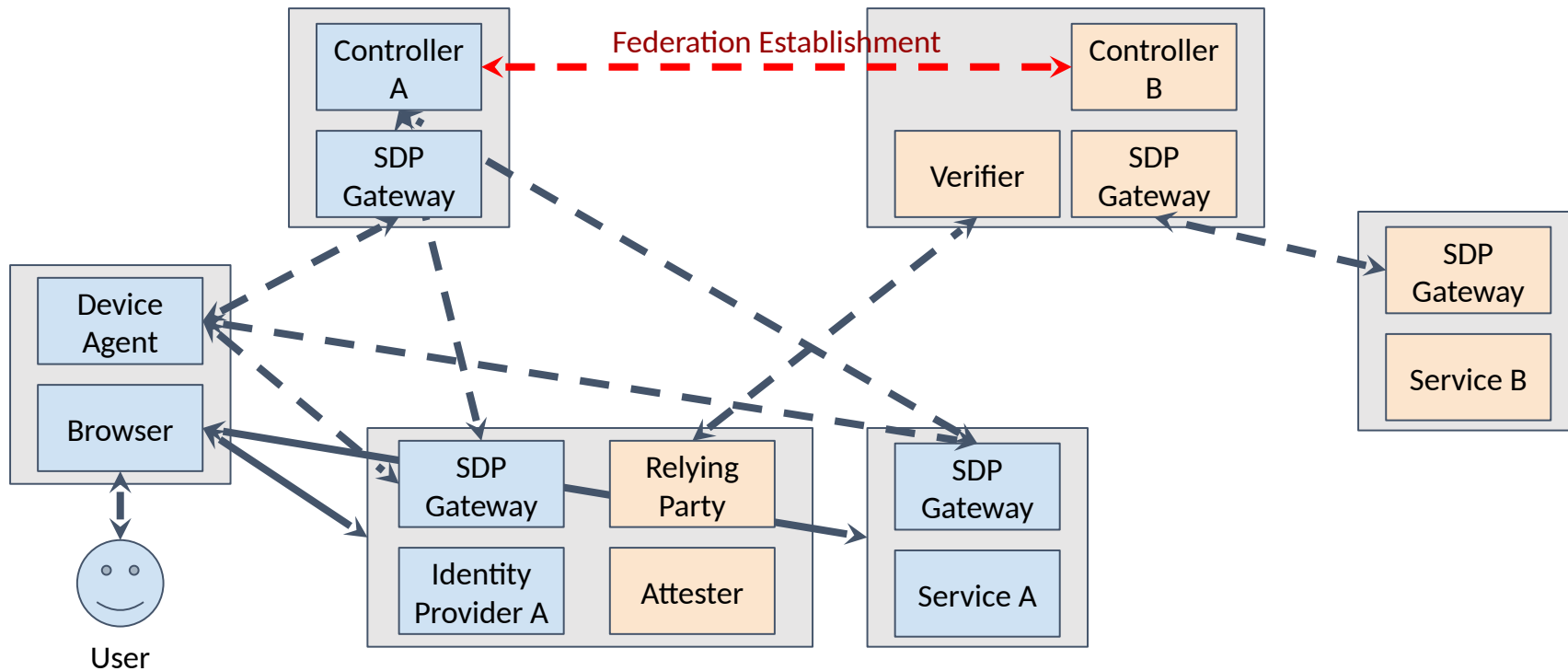




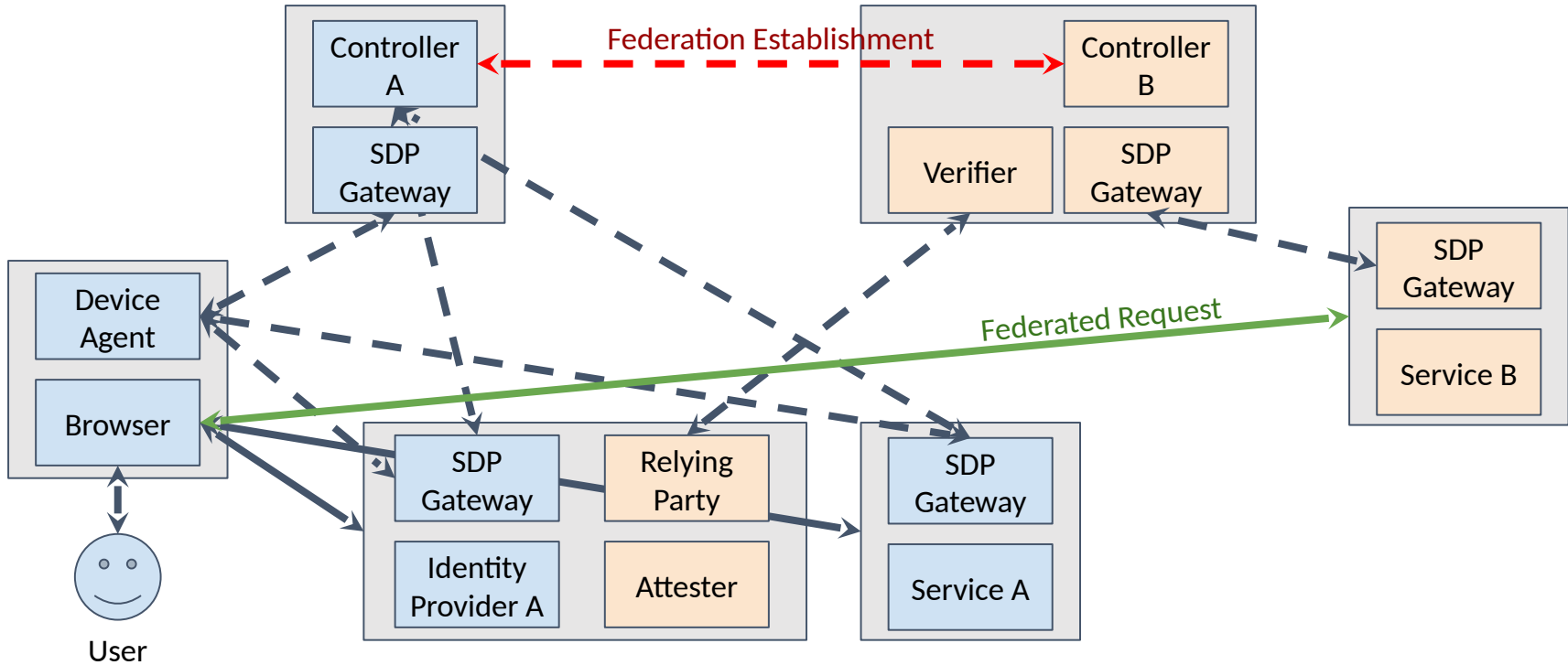
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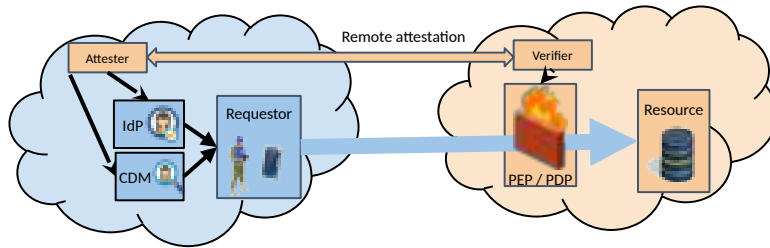


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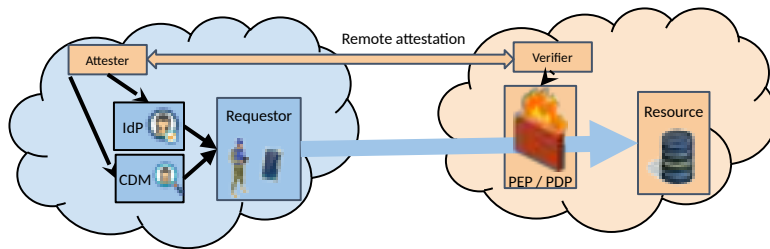


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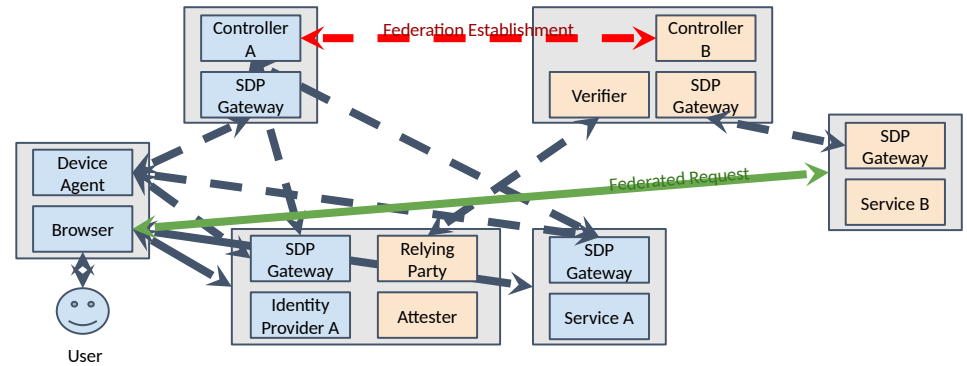
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