

# **Introduction to the IETF ICE/TURN/STUN set of RFCs**

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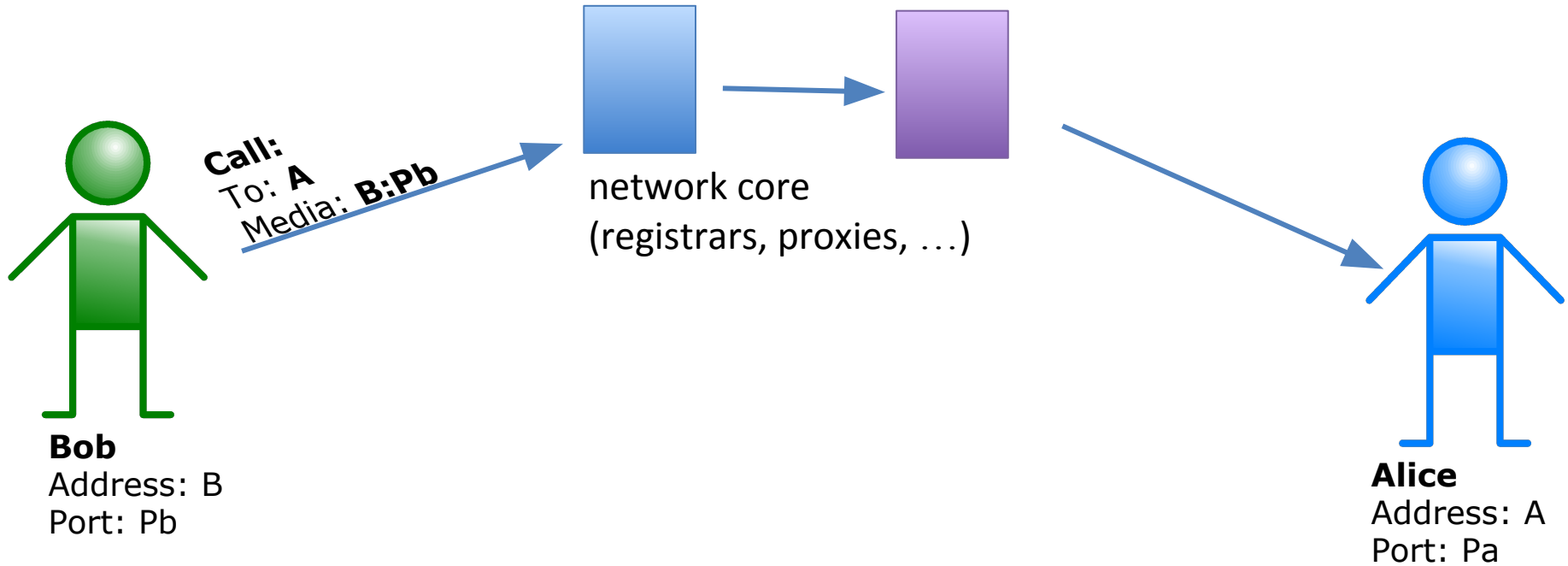
Q and A  
SHOULD happen  
during the session

- What is the Problem?
  - Basics of IP telephony
  - How NAT works
- Core ICE functionality
  - What is a Candidate
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**WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?**

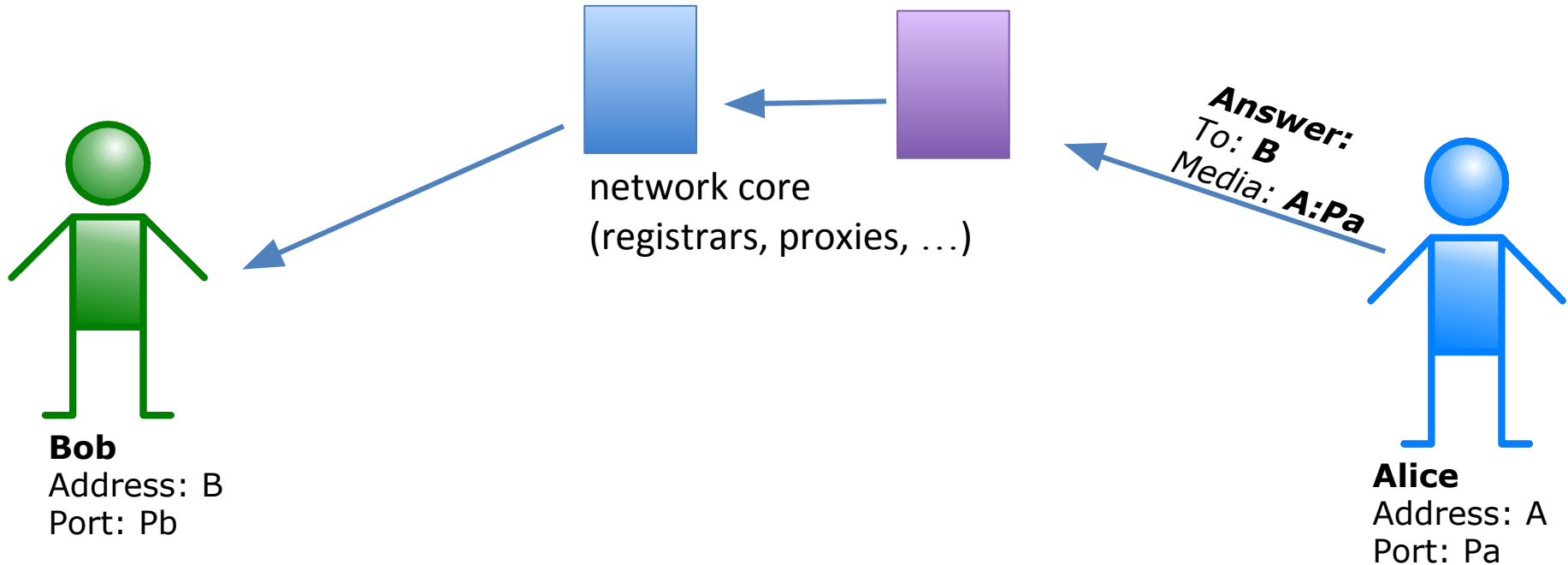
# The basics of IP telephony

## A sample call

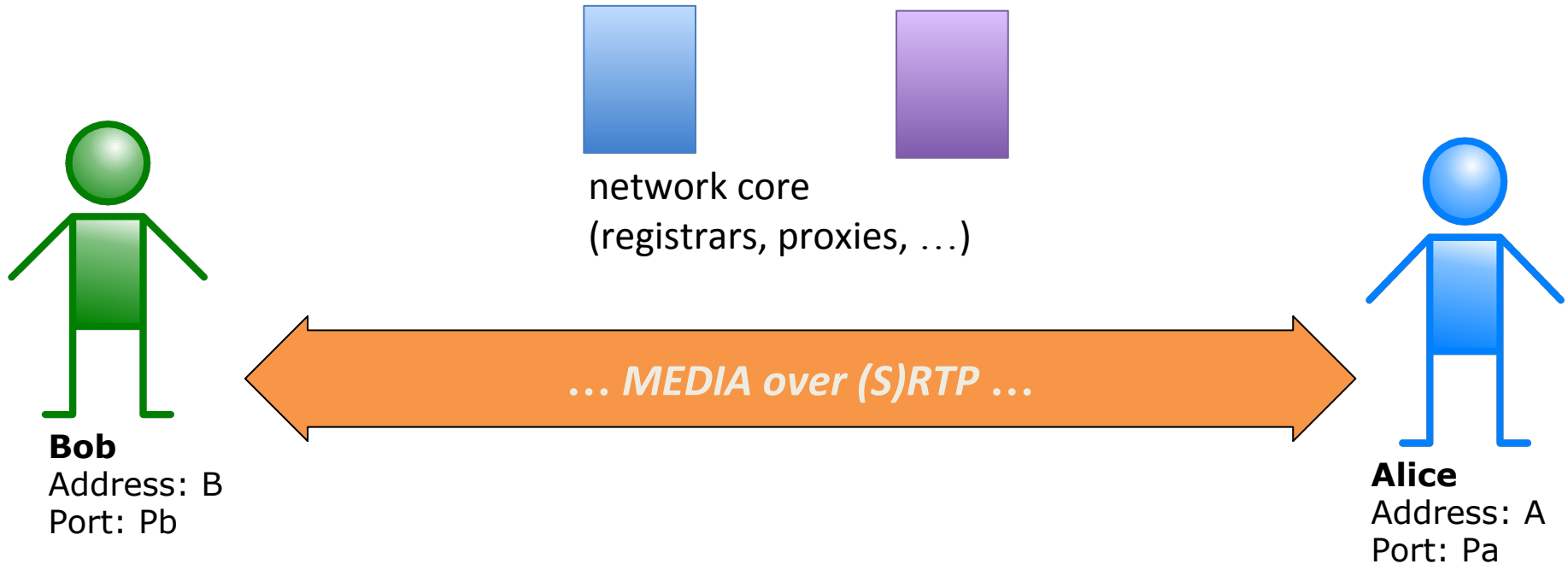


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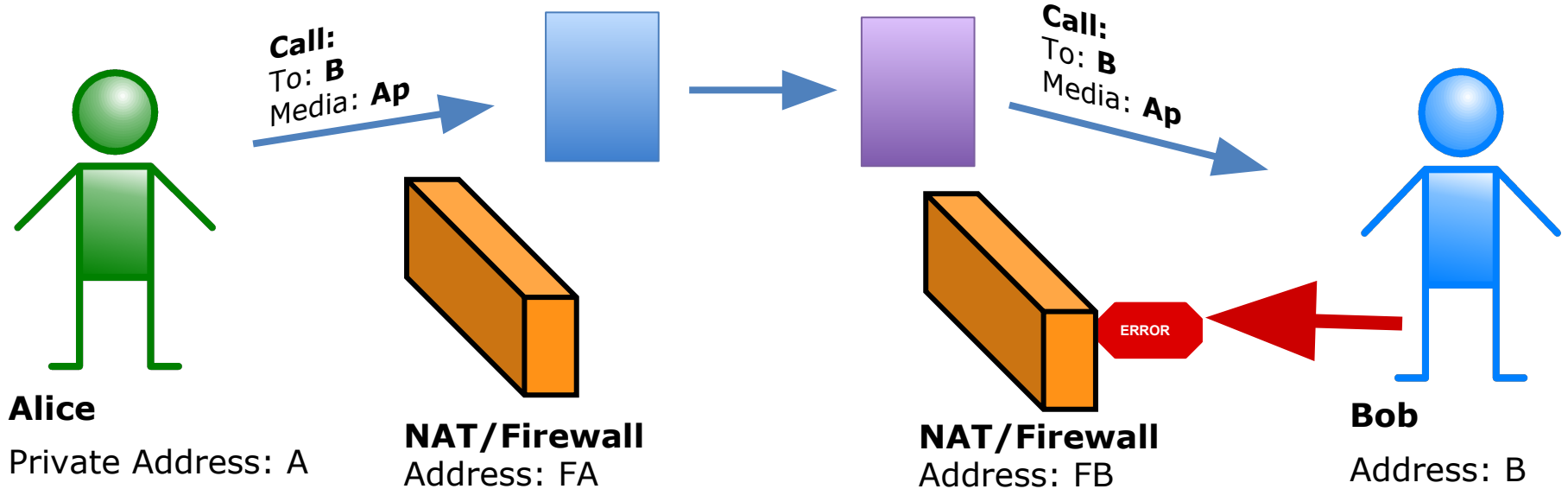
## A sample call



# The basics of IP telephony.



# And then NATs were born ...

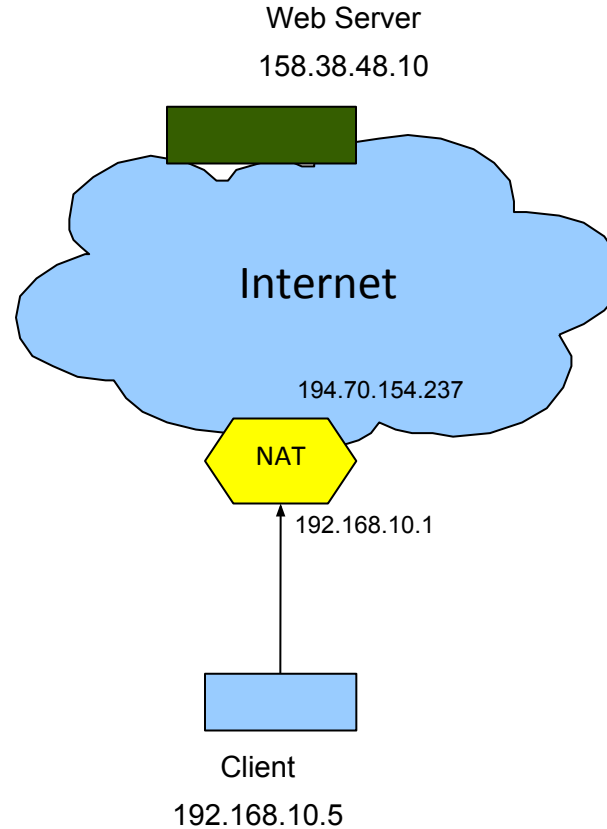


Impossible for Bob to initiate a media connection to Alice  
Impossible for Alice to initiate a media connection to Bob

# How NAT boxes work

## NAT Mappings

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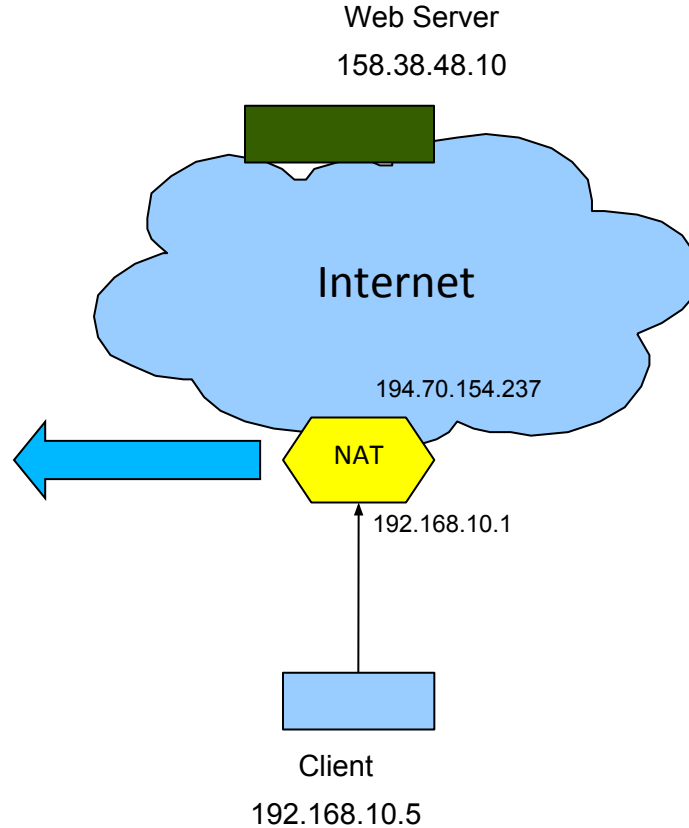




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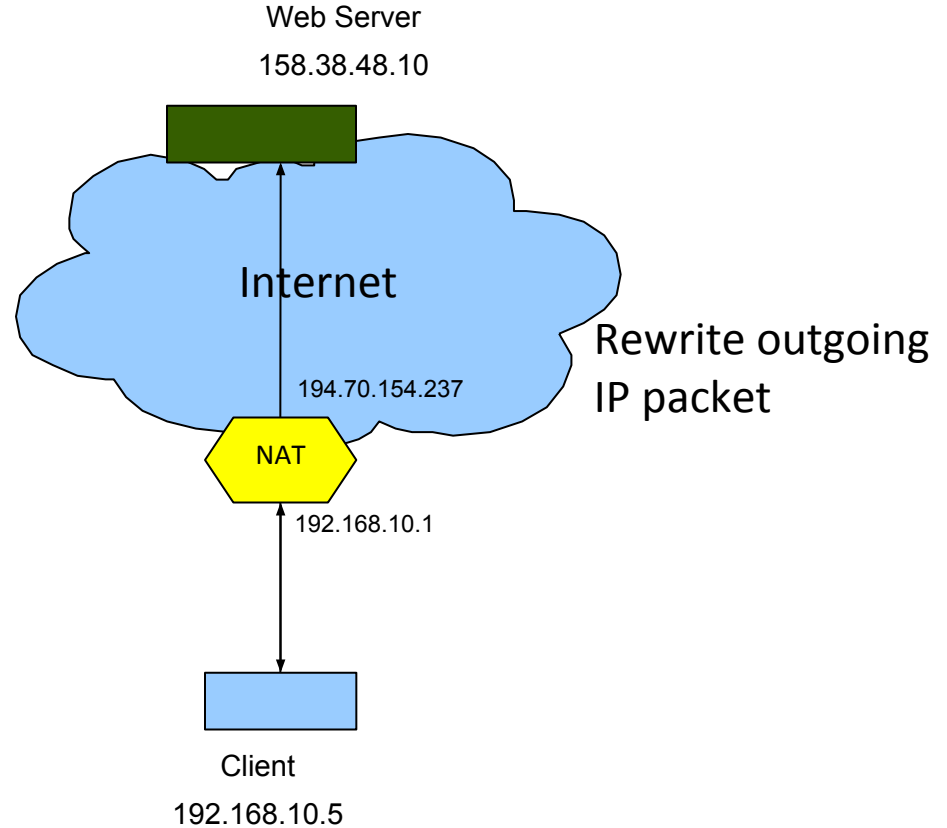
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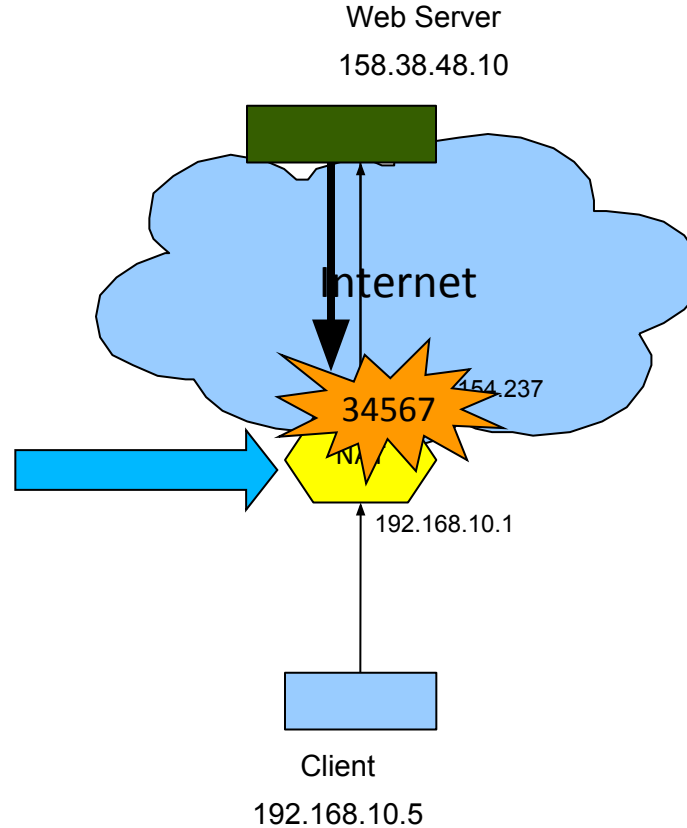
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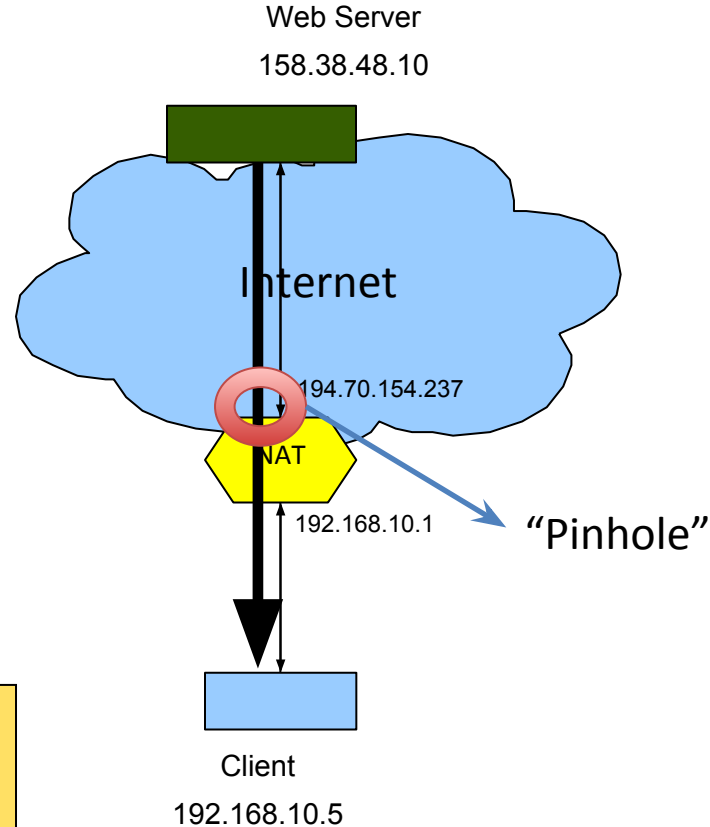


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A client request is required to open the pinhole, but the mapping is usually active for at least 30 sec, so subsequent packets get through.



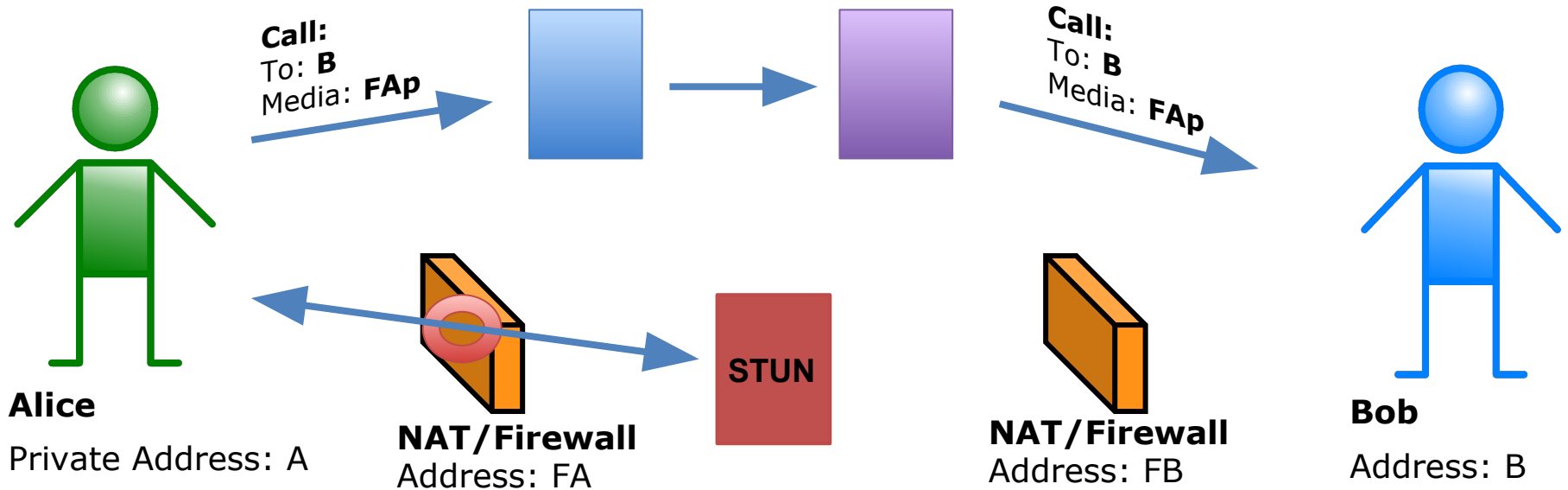
# Problem Summary

- The signaling path works because the server has a known publicly routable IP address.
- The media path breaks because the peers have private non-routable IP addresses.
- IPv6 could solve the problem, except firewalls/NATs still exist there.

# STUN to the Rescue

- STUN binding request exchanged with the server opens a NAT pinhole.
- Client learns the NAT mapping from the STUN server in the binding response.
- Remote peer can send to this address.
- Doesn't work for all NATs. Some NATs only accept from the original server.

# STUN to the Rescue



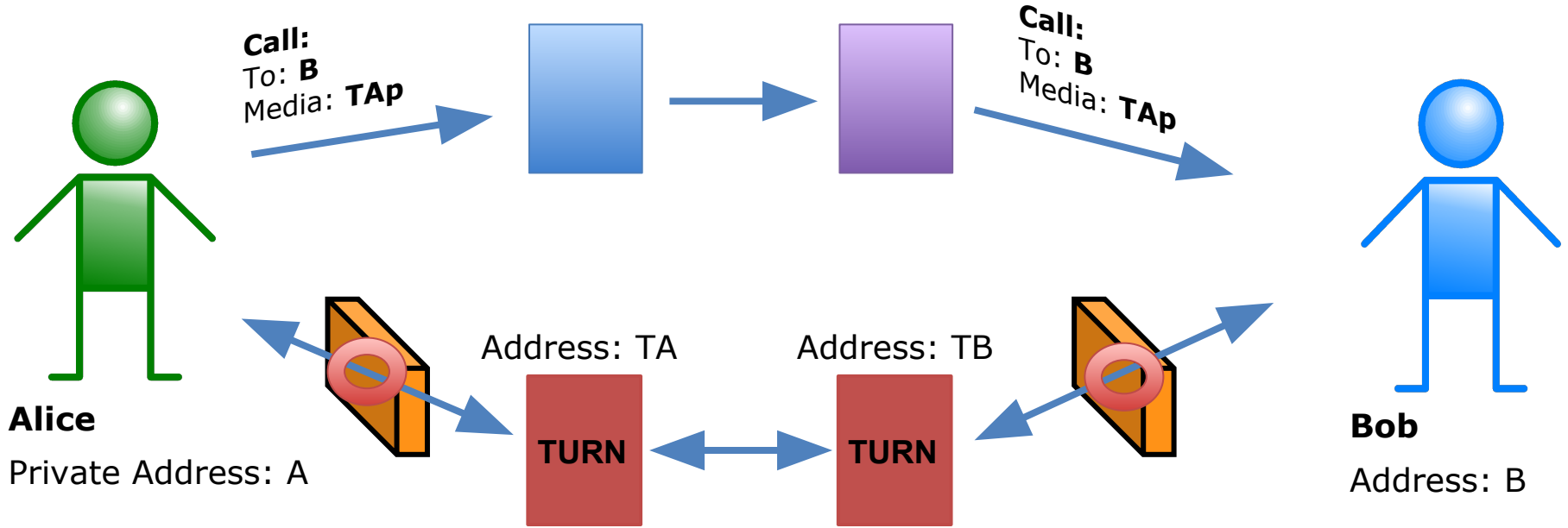
Alice learns FAp from the STUN server, and sends it to Bob.  
Bob can initiate a media connection to Alice via FAp.

# TURN to the Rescue

- TURN server allocates a public address for the client to advertise.
- All p2p data is relayed via the TURN server, so restrictive NAT pinhole works.
- Often more overhead than direct: processing time on relay, additional latency.



# TURN to the Rescue



Alice and Bob get addresses from their TURN servers.  
The media connection is relayed via TA and TB.

# **CORE ICE FUNCTIONALITY**

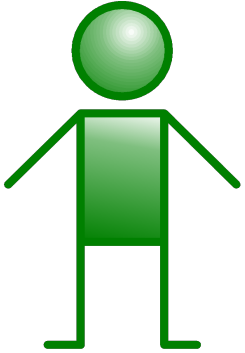
# What is ICE?

- Each peer can have multiple "candidate" addresses.
- Interactive Connectivity Establishment is how the peers pick a candidate pair to use.
- Basically, test connectivity for all pairs and pick the best\* pair that works.

# What is a Candidate?

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I listen for  
media here!



**Bob**

IP: 192.168.1.34

Port: 4567

HOST

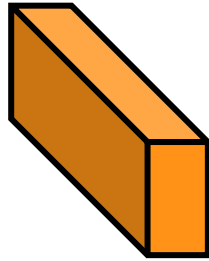
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**NAT/Firewall**  
IP: 1.4.7.4  
Port: 7865

RFLX

And even here!

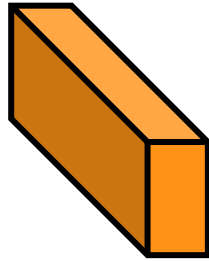
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TURN Server



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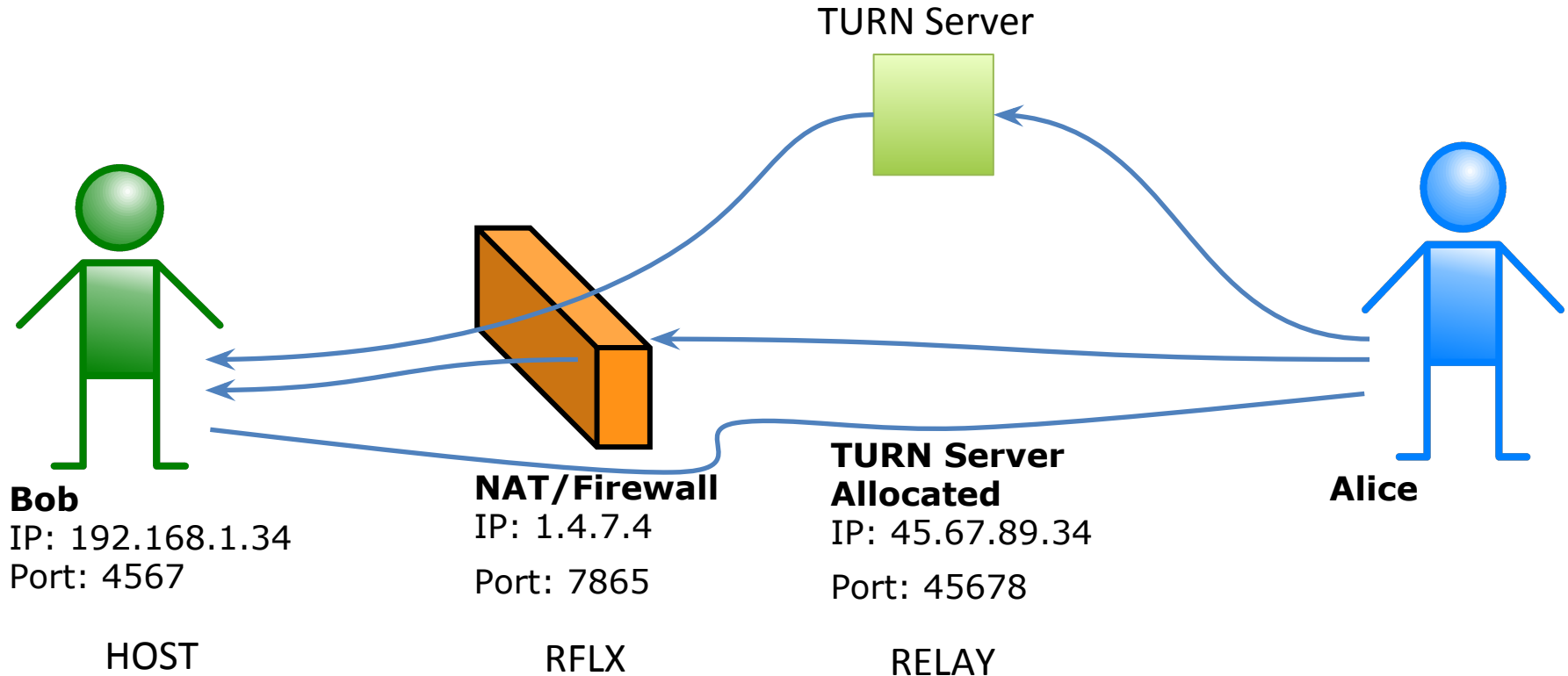
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RFLX

**TURN Server  
Allocated**  
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Port: 45678

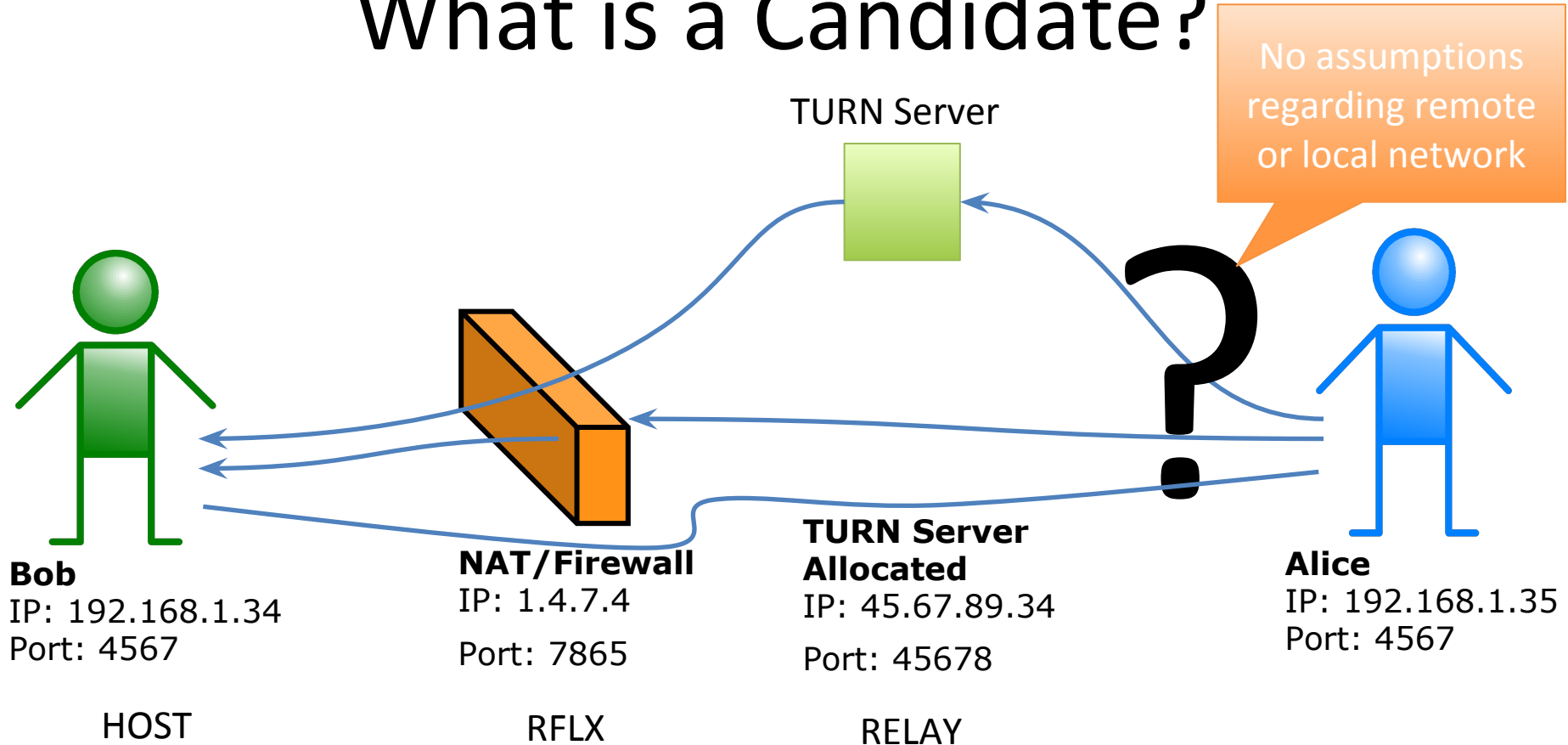
RELAY

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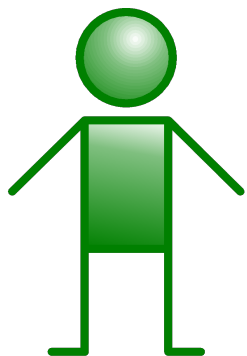
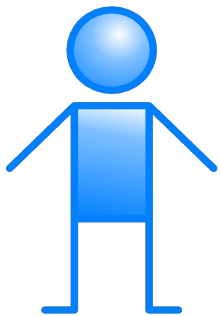




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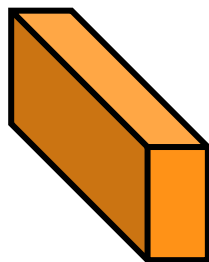


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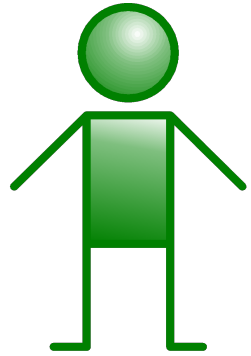
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Alice can even be  
on the desk next  
to Bob..

# Candidate Gathering

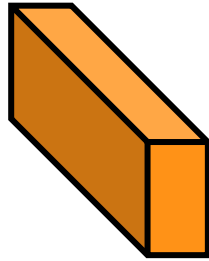


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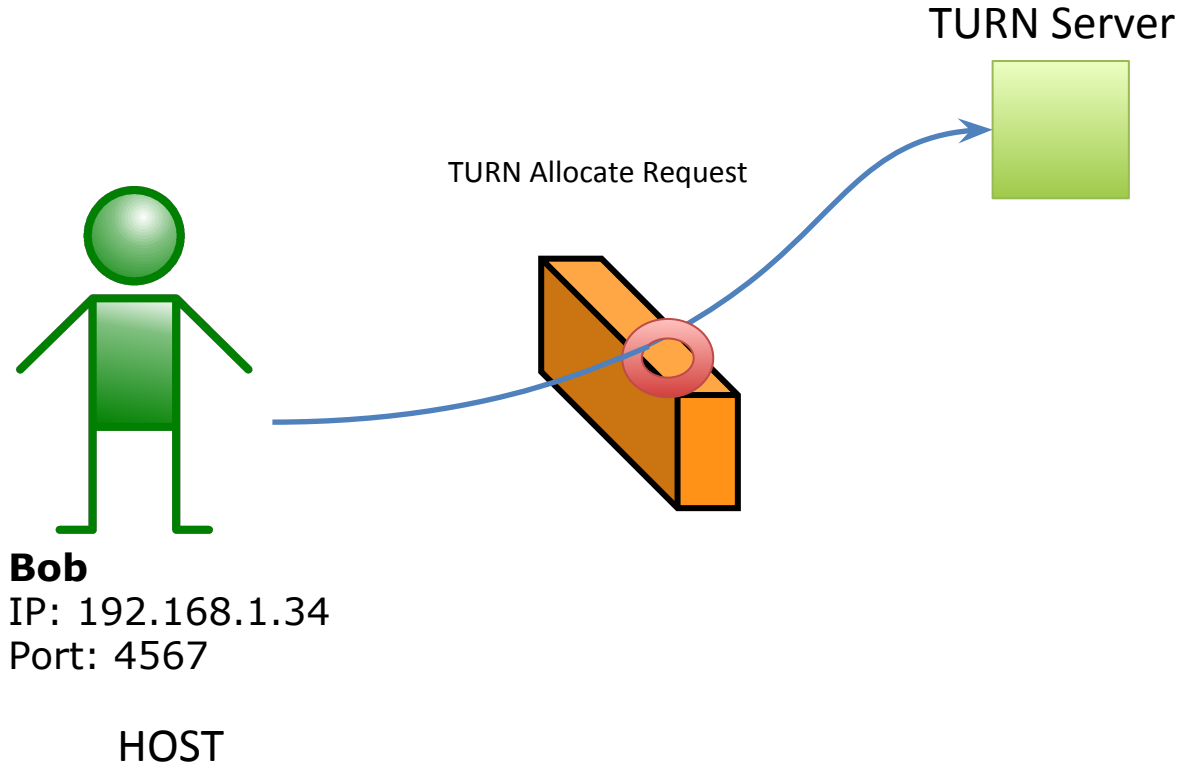
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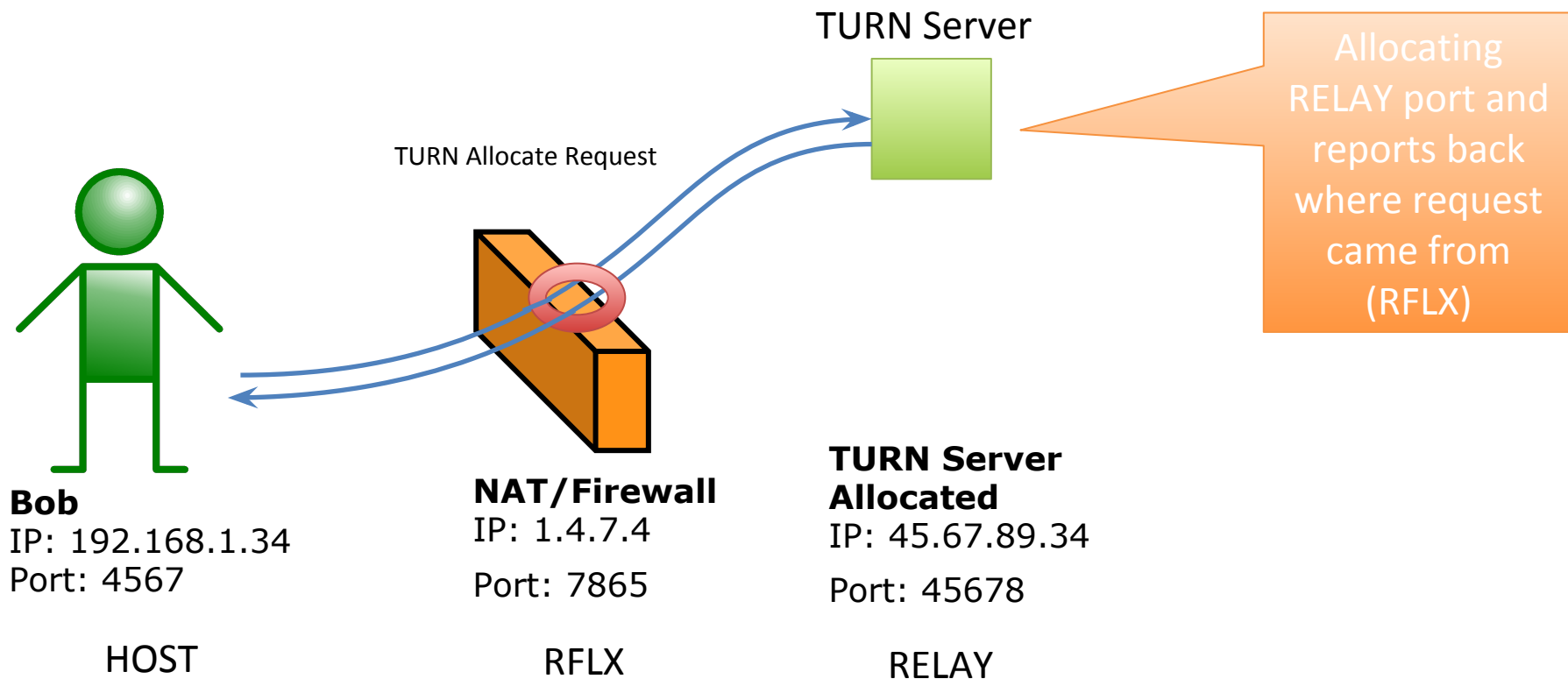
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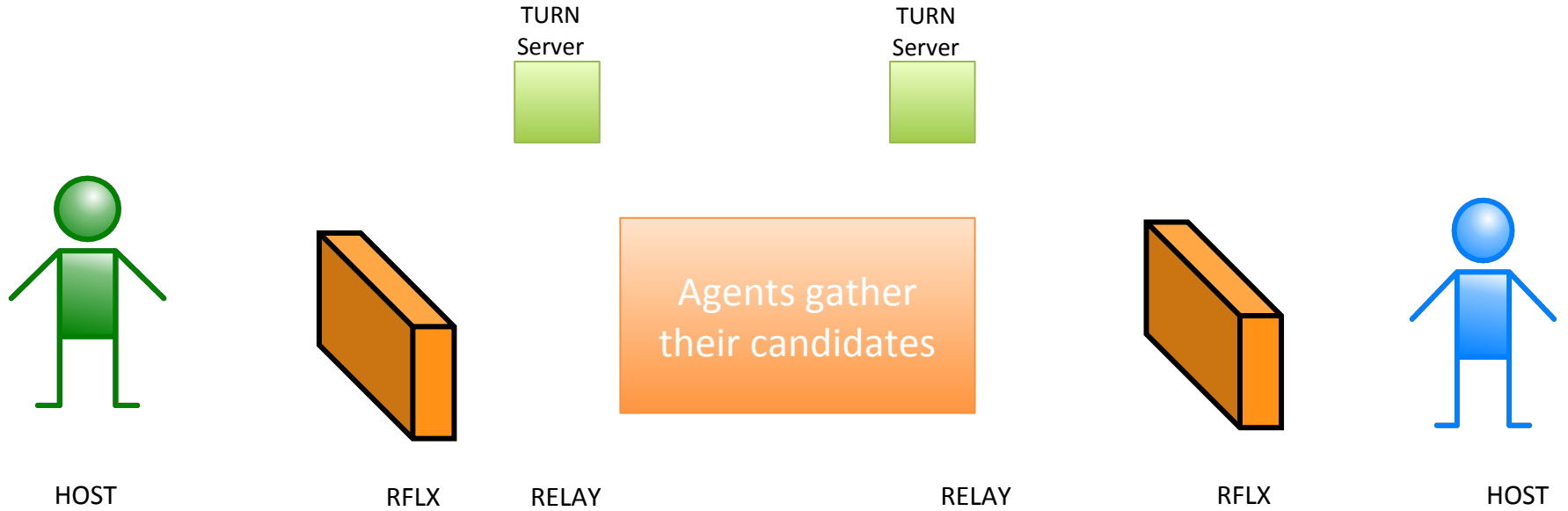
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# Checklist

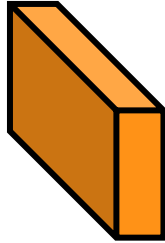


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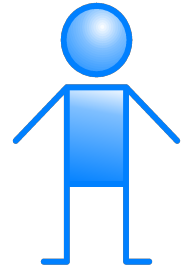
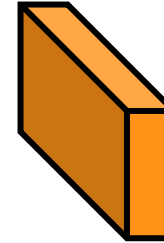
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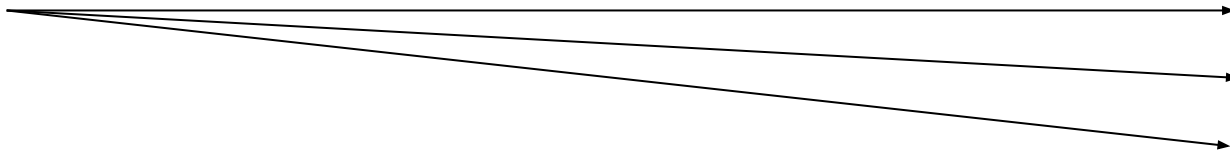


Need to check  
connectivity from  
host candidate



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RFLX  
RELAY

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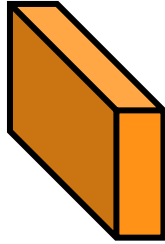


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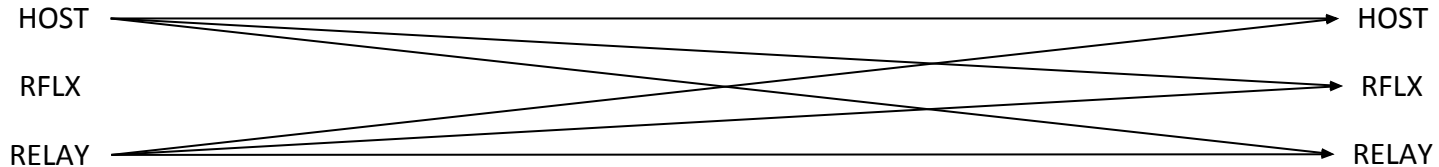
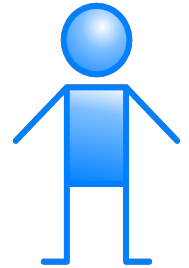
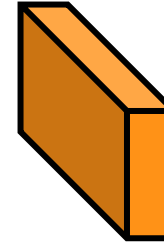
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.. and from RELAY  
candidate.  
Not possible to send from  
RFLX, that "just" happens.



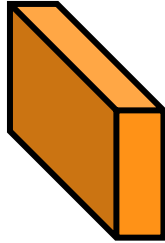


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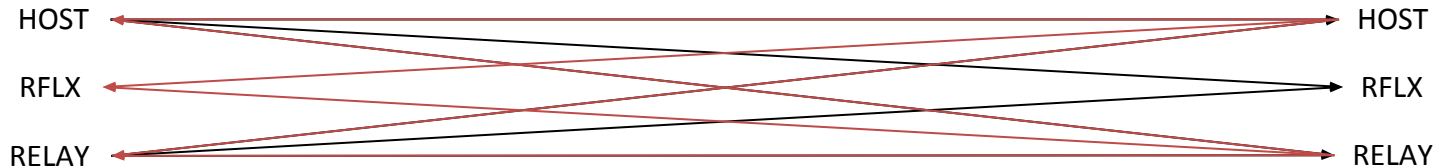
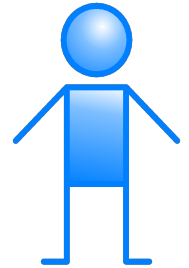
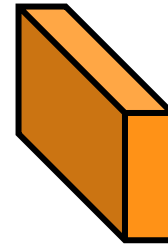
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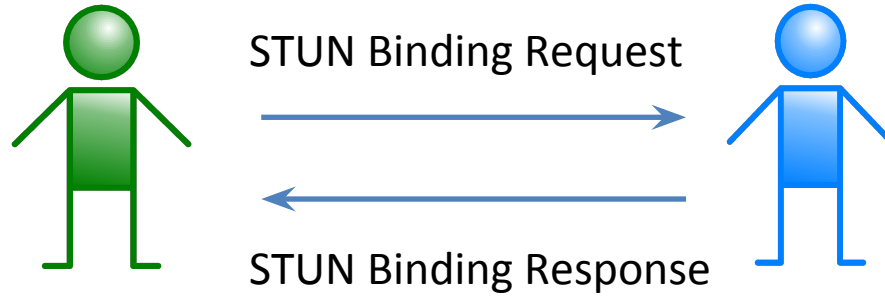
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(This is important, more on that later)

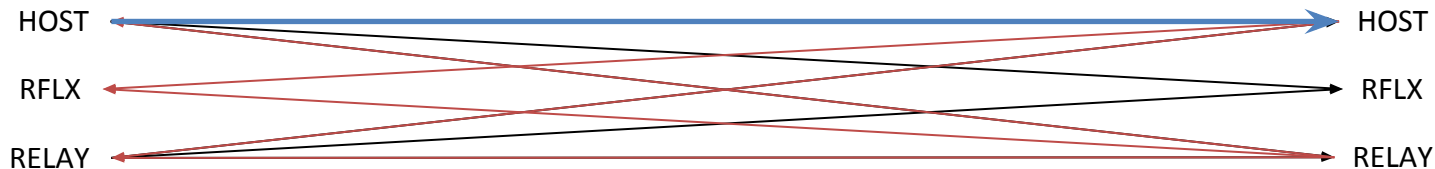
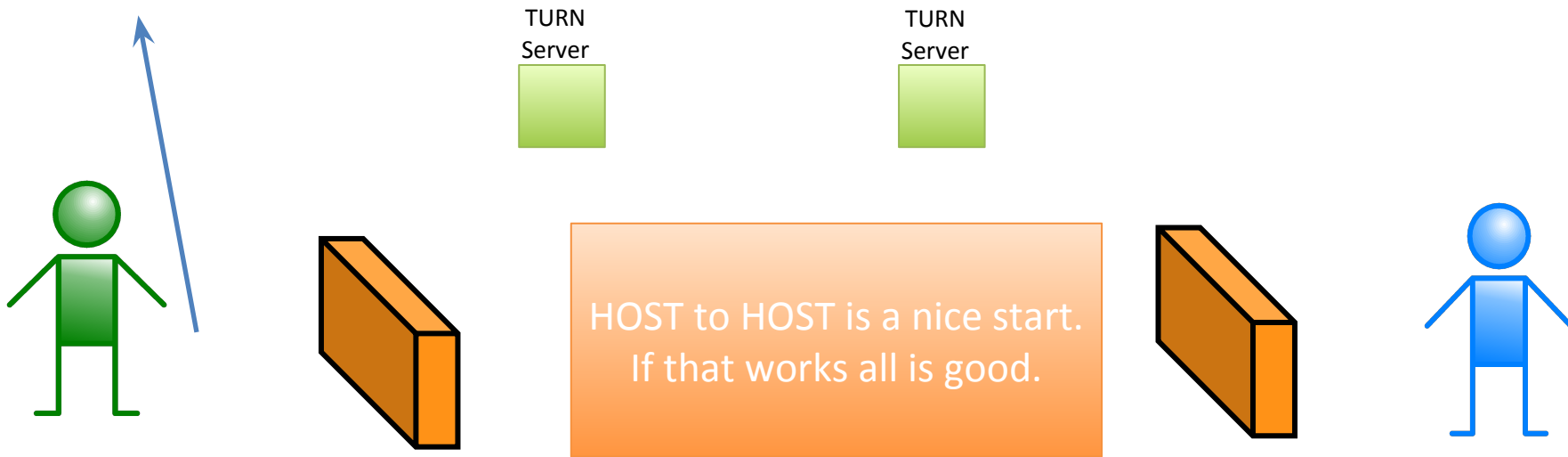


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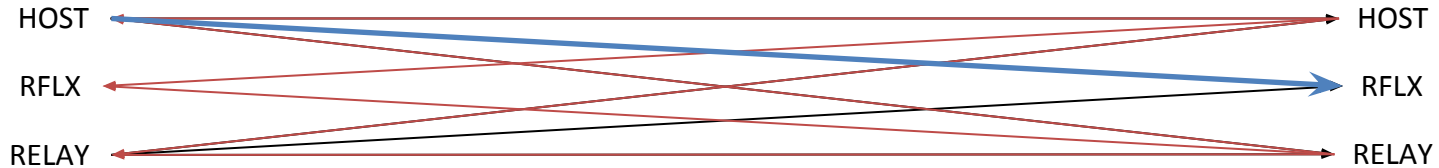
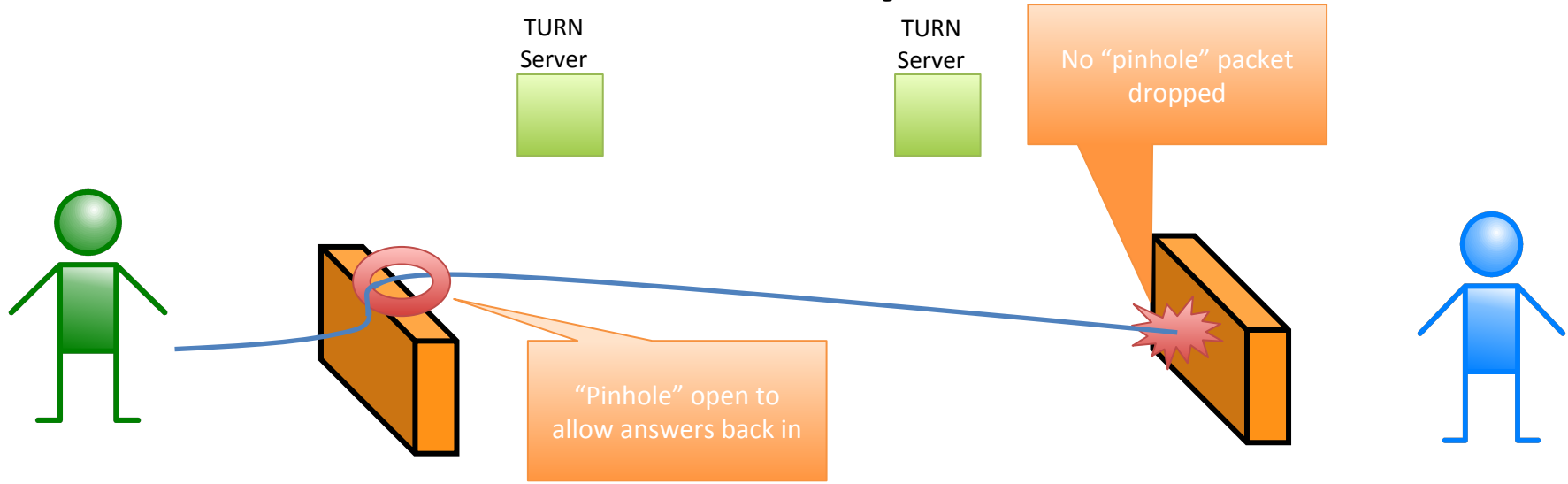


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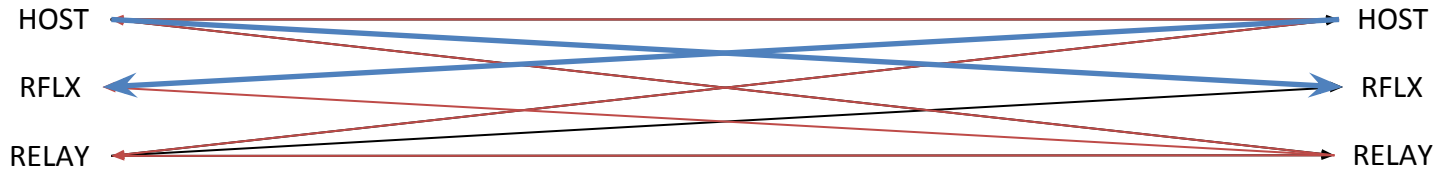
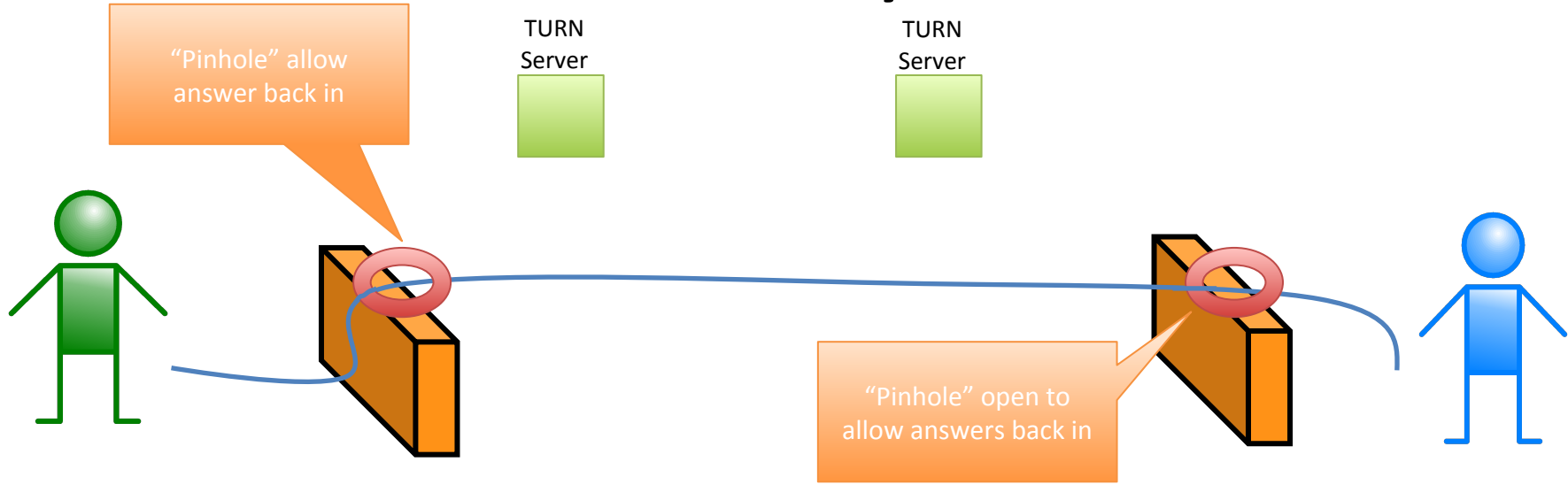
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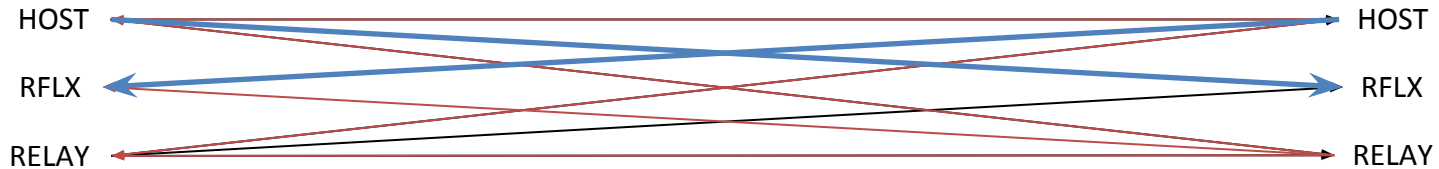
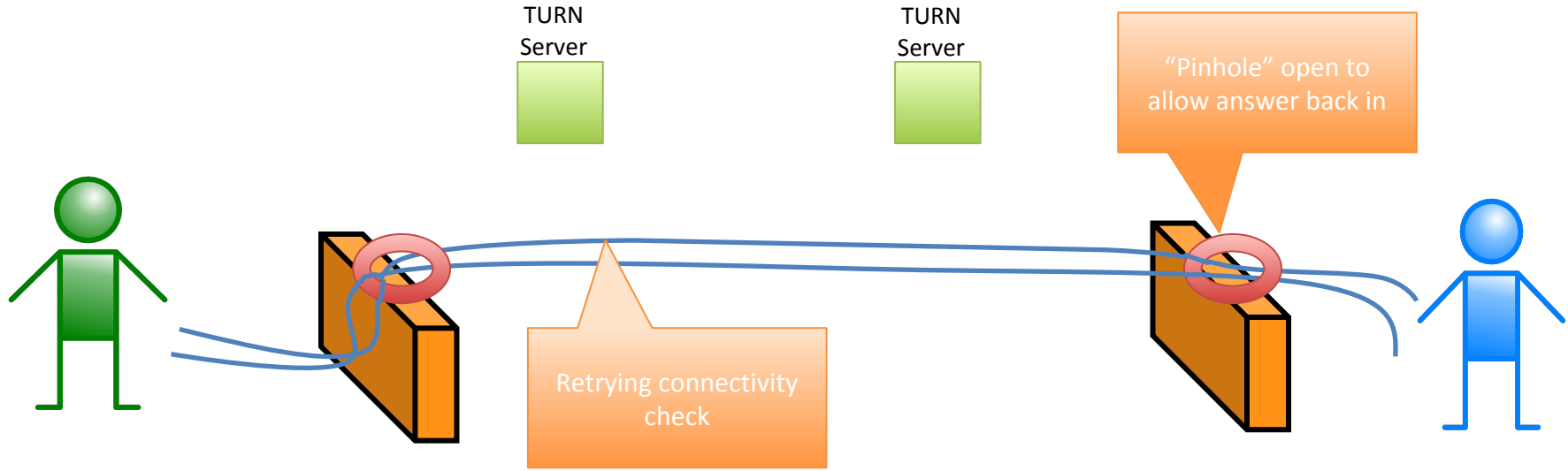
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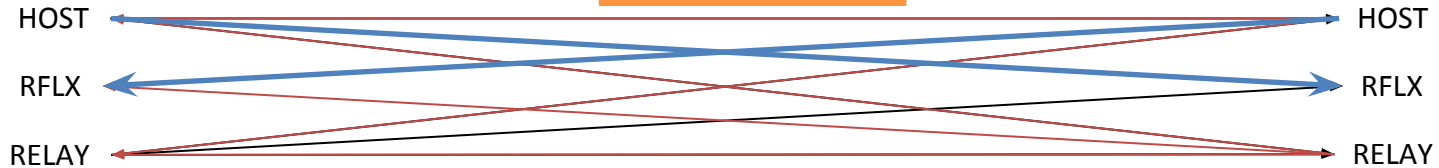
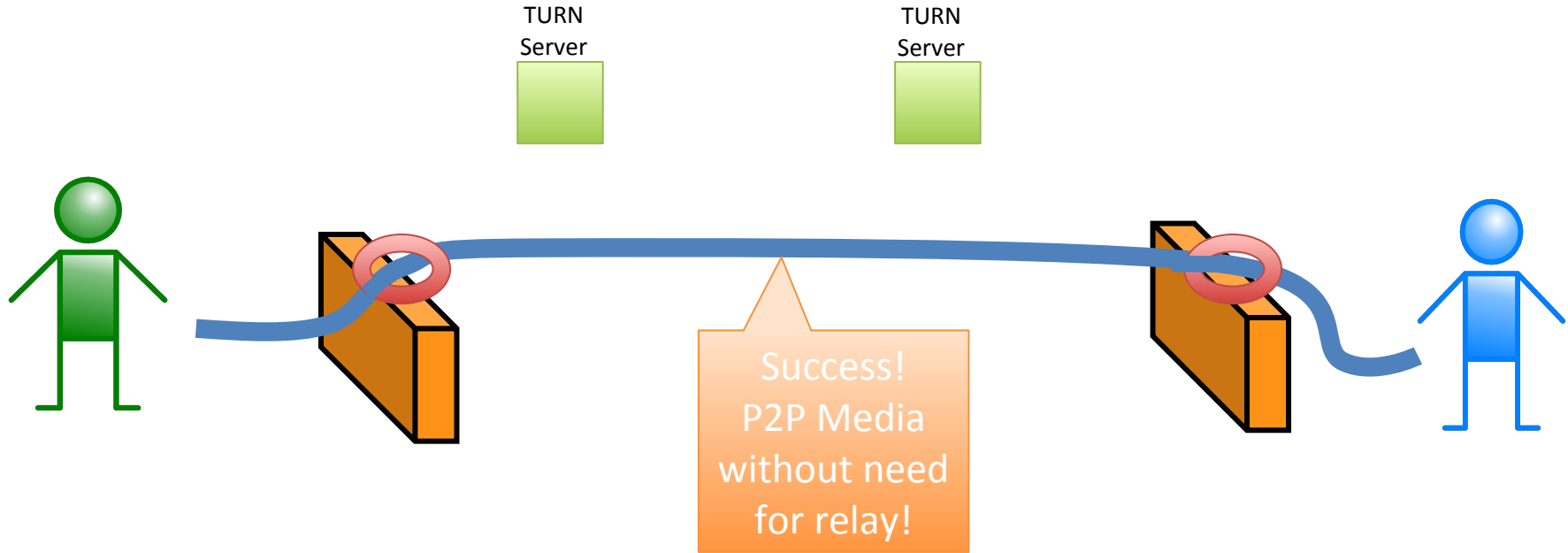
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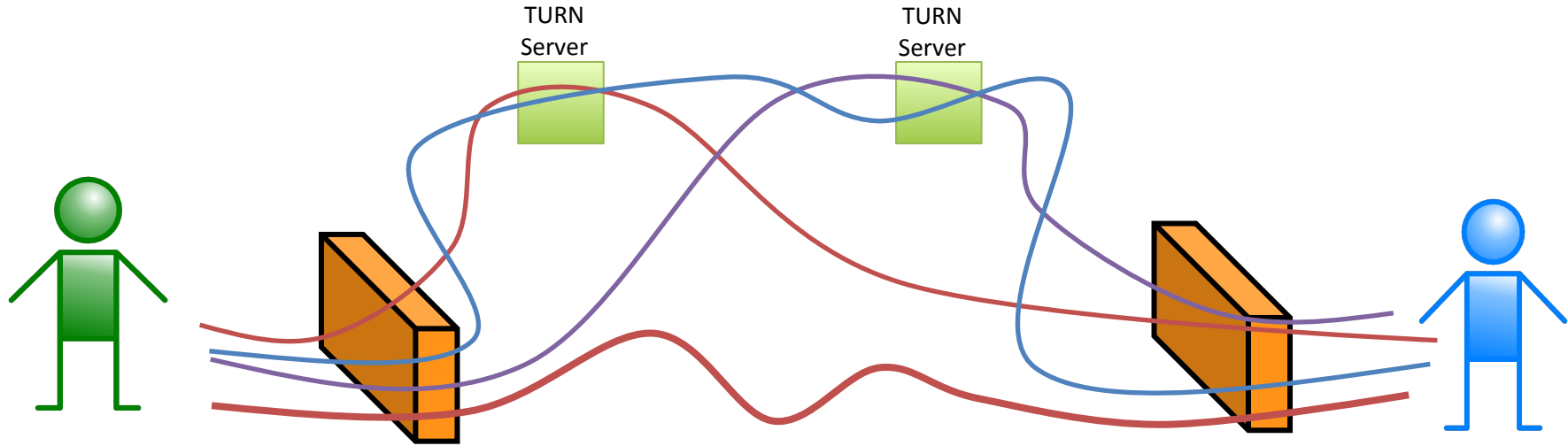
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Dependent on the NAT/FW media  
might take many paths



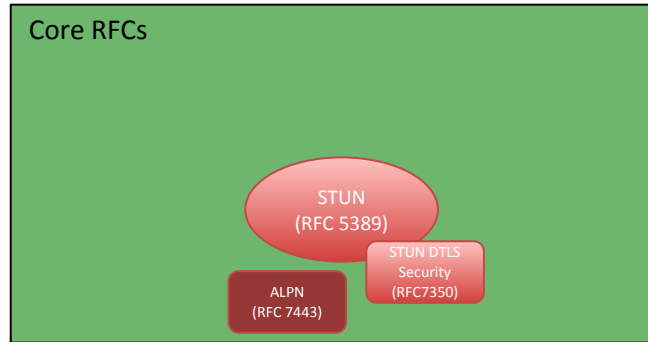
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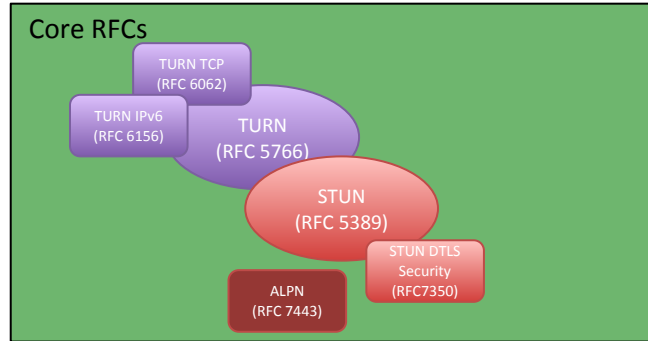


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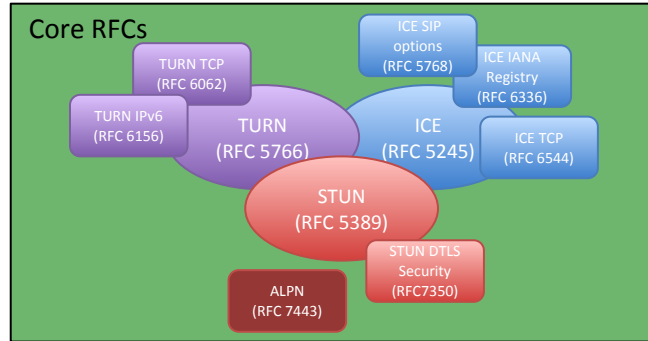
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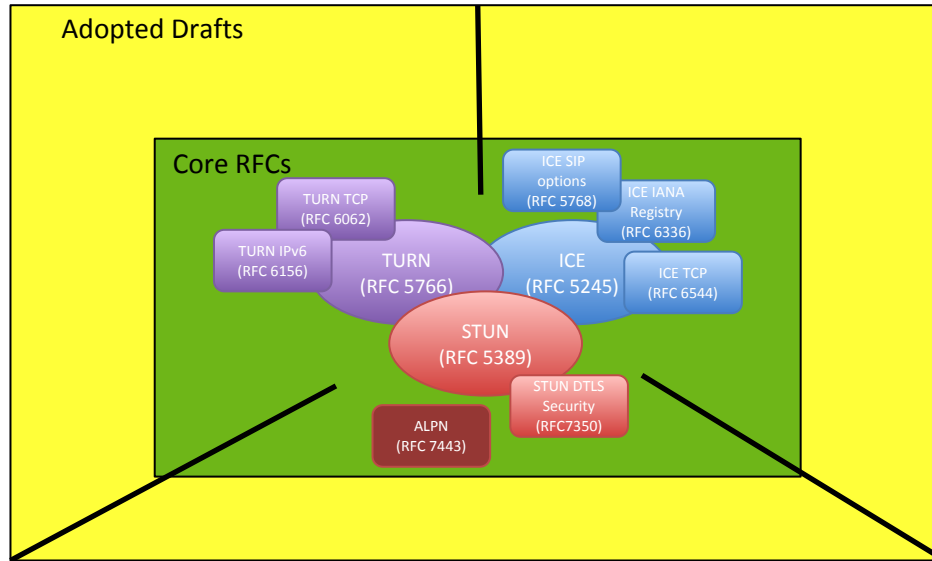
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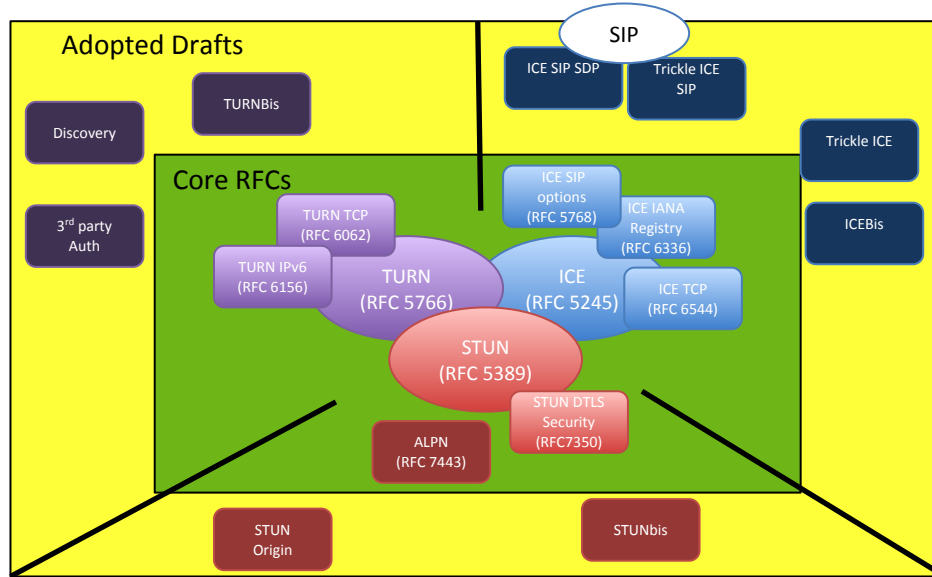
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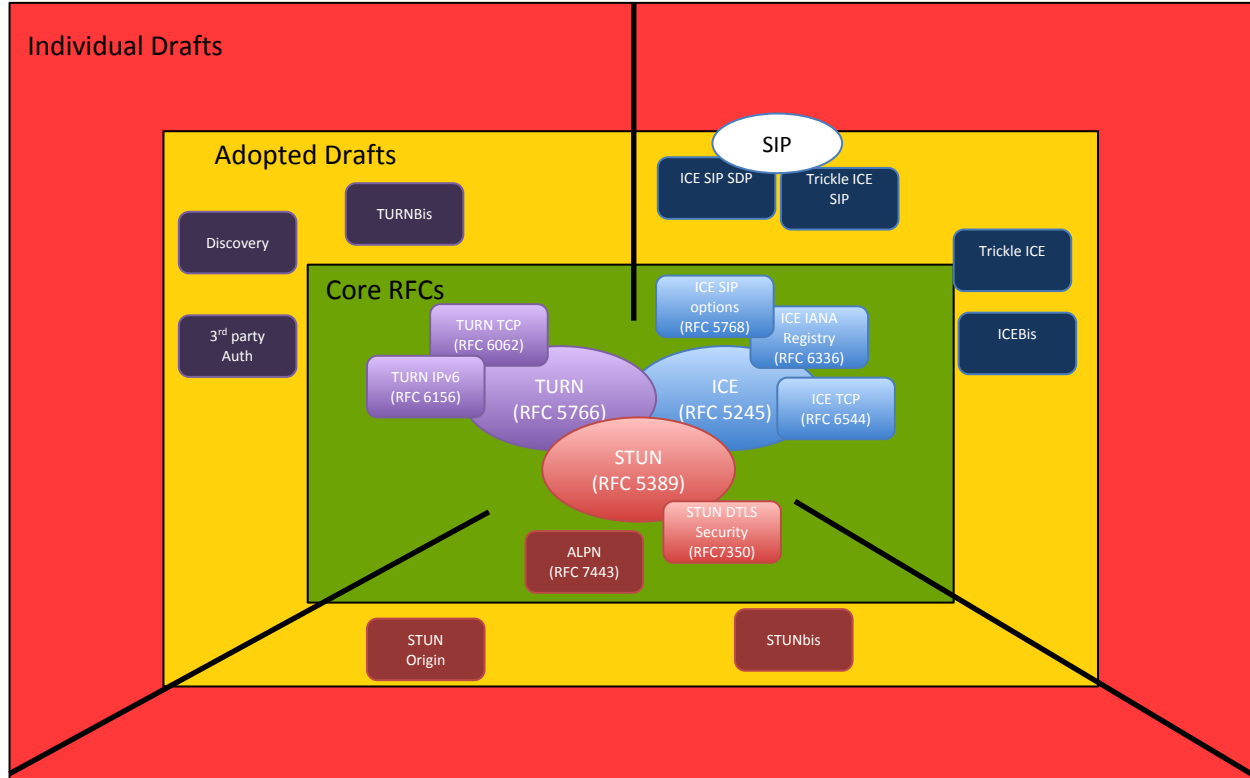
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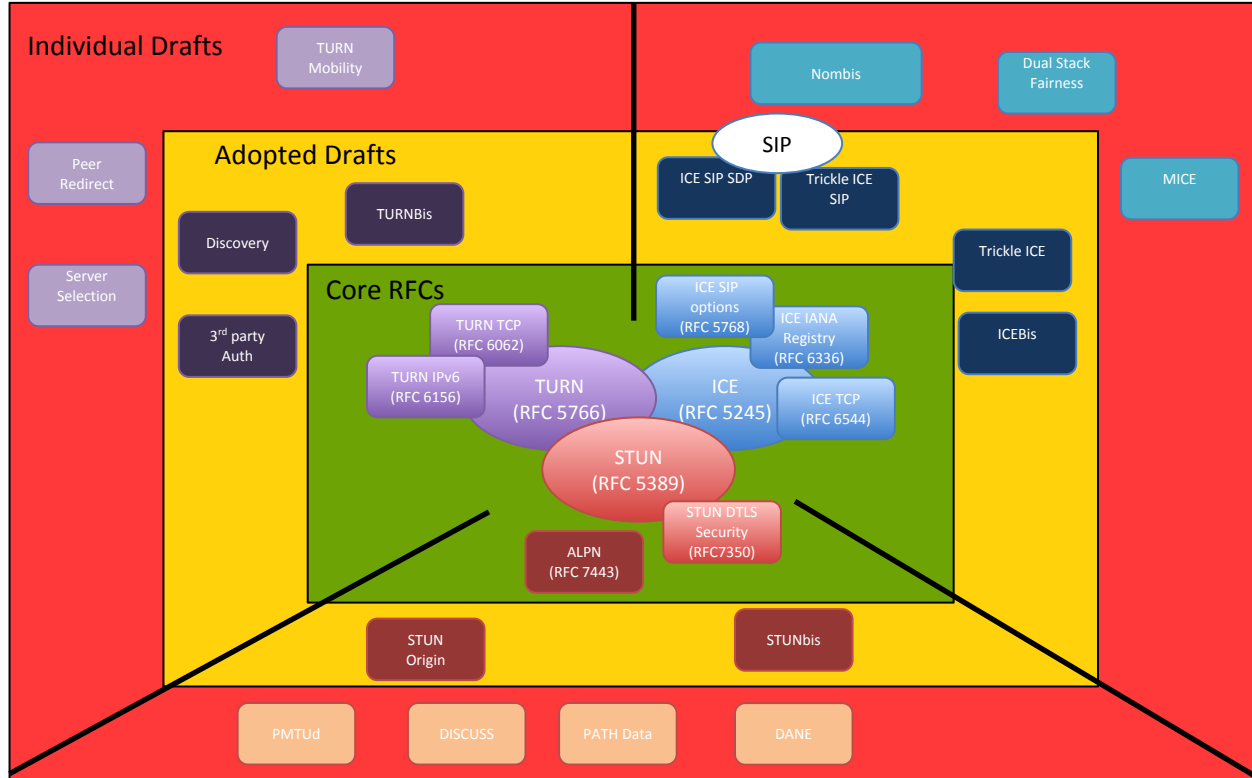


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RFC/Draft	Category	Name	Pages
ICE	RFC	RFC 5245	117
ICE SIP Options	RFC	RFC 5768	6
ICE IANA Registry	RFC		5
ICE TCP	RFC	RFC 6544	31
ICEbis	Adopted Draft	draft-ietf-mmusic-trickle-ice	89
ICE SIP SDP	Adopted Draft	draft-ietf-mmusic-ice-sip-sdp	41
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Trickle ICE SIP	Adopted Draft	draft-ietf-mmusic-trickle-ice-sip	22
Dual Stack Fairness	I-D	draft-martinsen-mmusic-ice-dualstack-fairness	8
MICE	I-D	draft-wing-mmusic-ice-mobility	16
Continous Nomination	?		0
STUN	RFC	RFC 5389	51
STUN DTLS	RFC	RFC 7350	16
STUN Origin	Adopted Draft	draft-ietf-tram-stun-origin	12
ALPN	RFC	RFC 7443	5
STUNbis	Adopted Draft	draft-ietf-tram-stunbis	51
PMTUd	I-D	draft-petithuguenin-tram-stun-pmtud	10
DISCUSS	I-D	draft-martinsen-tram-discuss	15
DANE	I-D	draft-petithuguenin-tram-stun-dane	7
PATH Data	I-D	draft-reddy-tram-stun-path-data	9
TURN	RFC	RFC 5766	67
TURN TCP	RFC	RFC 6062	13
TURN IPv6	RFC	RFC 6156	14
TURNbis	Adopted Draft	draft-ietf-tram-turnbis	68
Discovery	Adopted Draft	draft-ietf-tram-turn-server-discovery	11
3rd Party Auth	Adopted Draft	draft-ietf-tram-turn-third-party-authz	20
TURN Mobility	I-D	draft-wing-tram-turn-mobility	11
Peer Redirect	I-D	draft-williams-peer-redirect	13
Server Selection	I-D	draft-patil-tram-turn-serv-selection	7



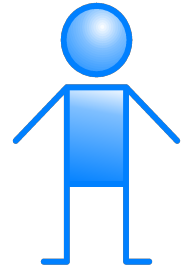
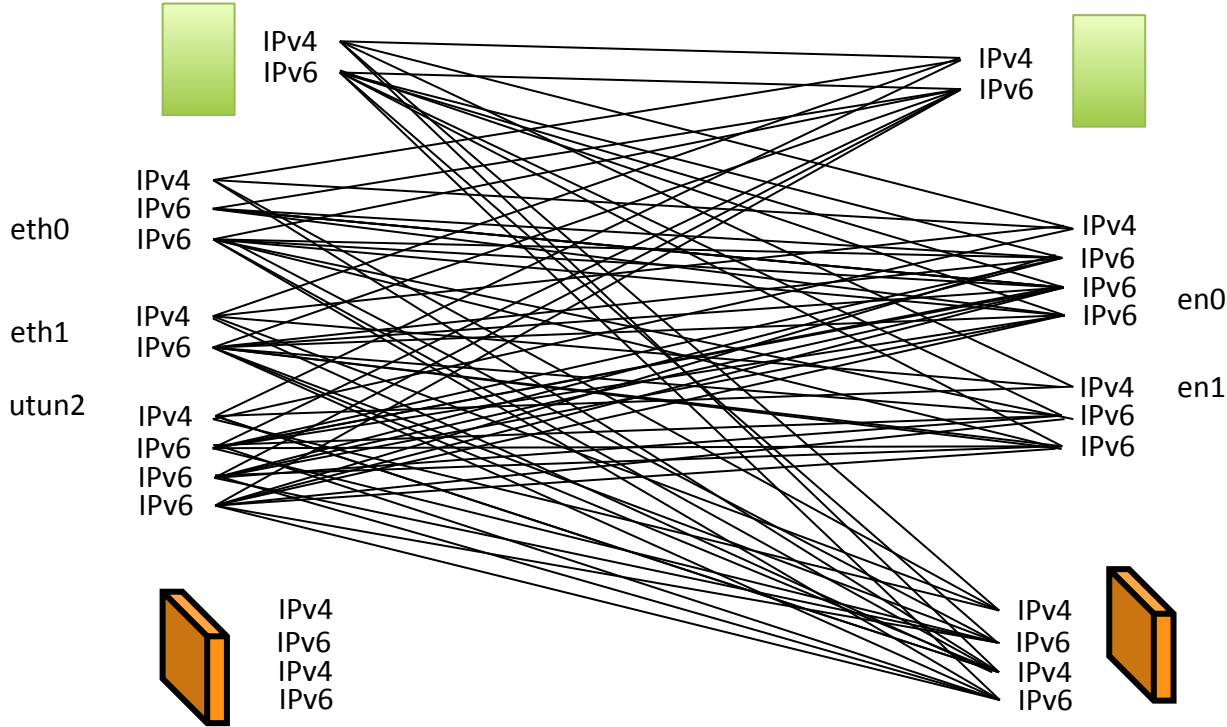
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# **SUMMARY**

# Main Steps

- Gather candidates
- Exchange candidates  
(Signaling path, SIP/XMPP, etc.)
- Create checklist and do connectivity checks
- Stop, conclude and send media

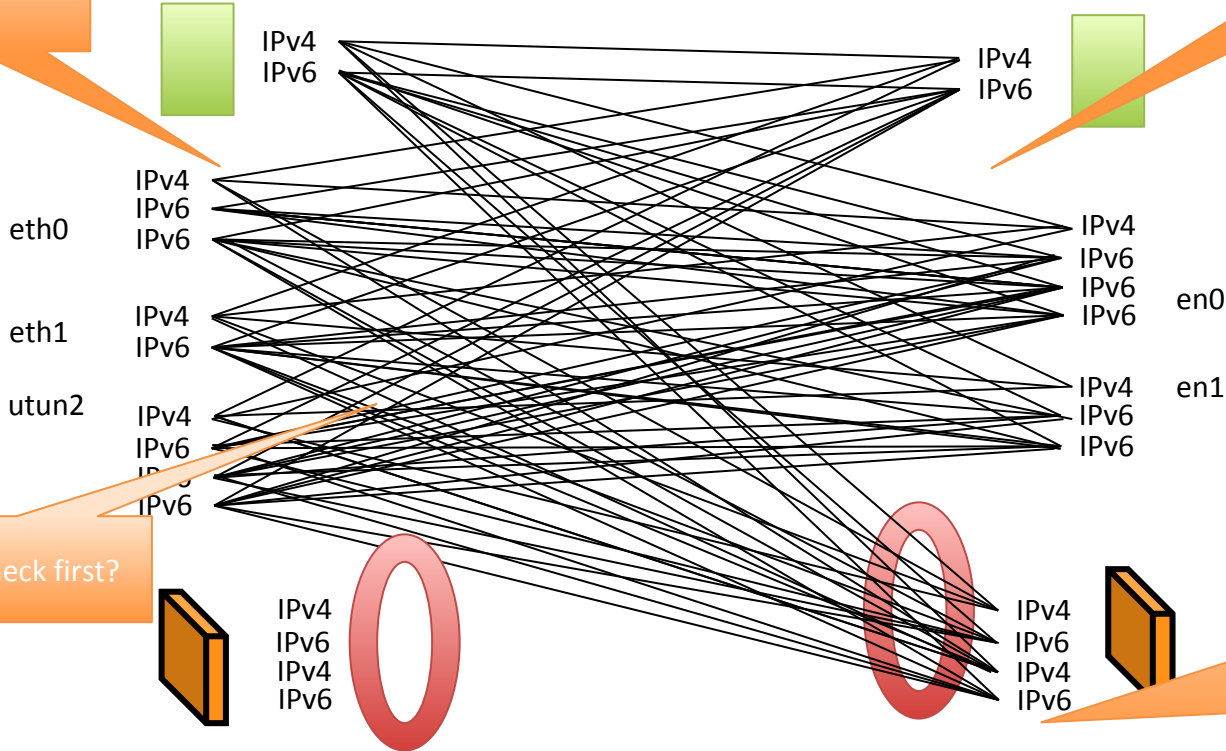
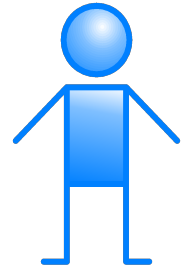
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When to stop?

Default candidate?



What to check first?

Local and Remote checklist need to be coordinated to punch the right holes in the FW/NAT

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IPv4  
IPv6

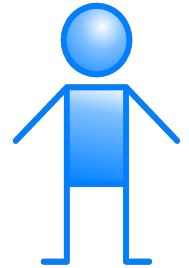
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because we are living in a  
complicated world

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where you try to standardize something that tries to fix up non-standardized behaviour

Local and Remote checklist need to be coordinated to punch the right holes in the FW/NAT

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