



# PASTA: **PAS**word-based **T**hreshold **A**uthentication

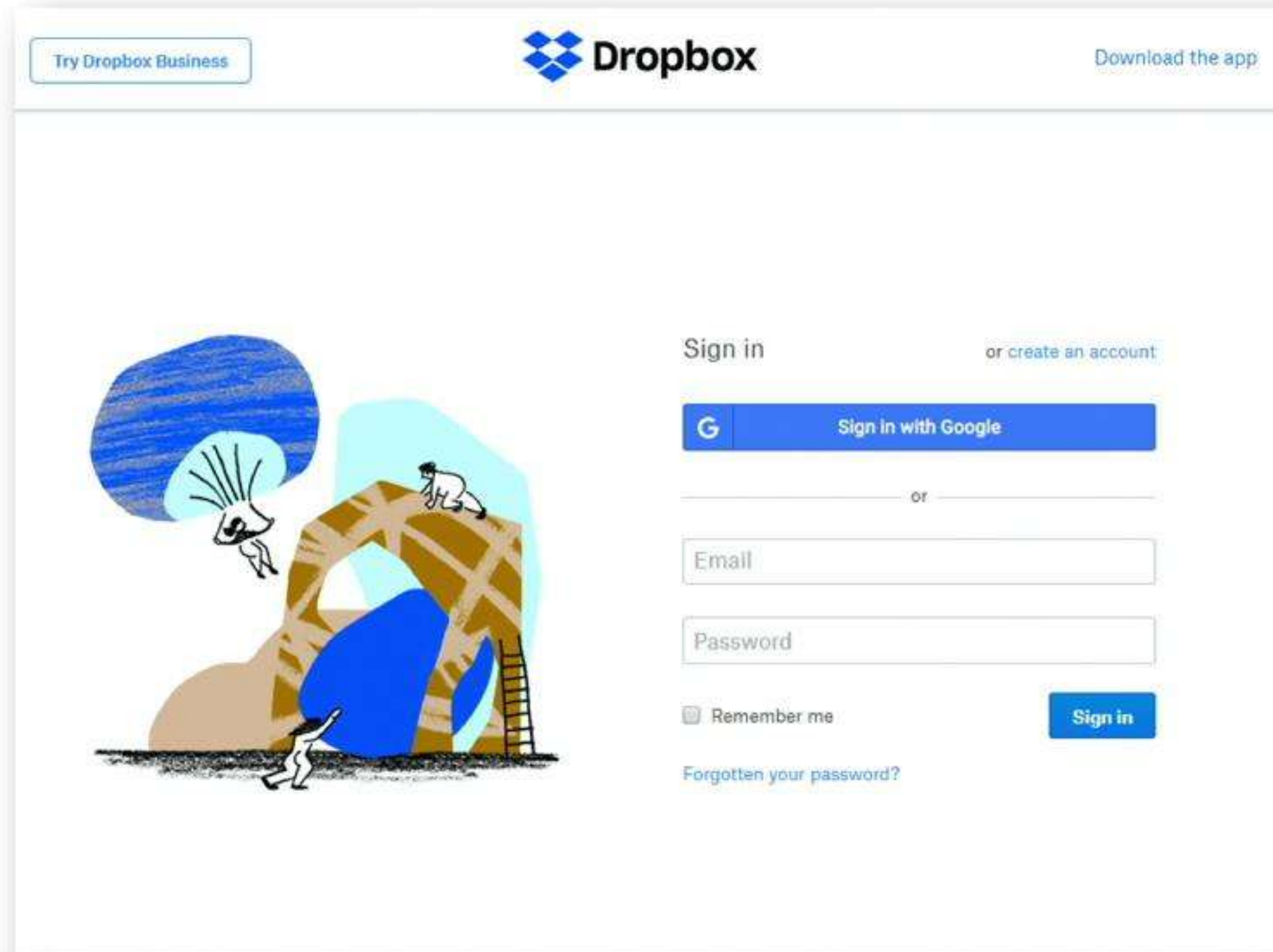
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What problem is **PASTA** trying to solve?

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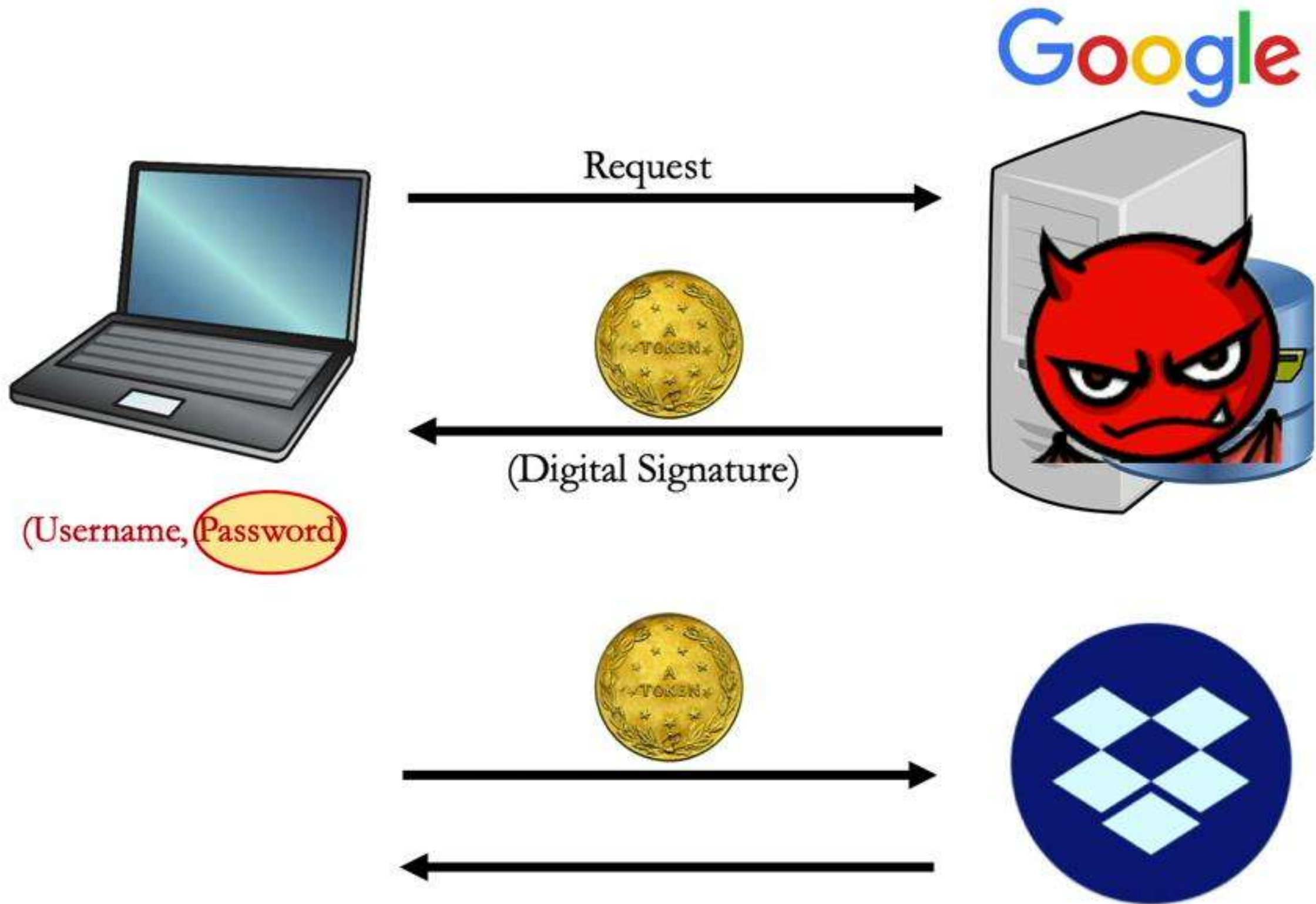
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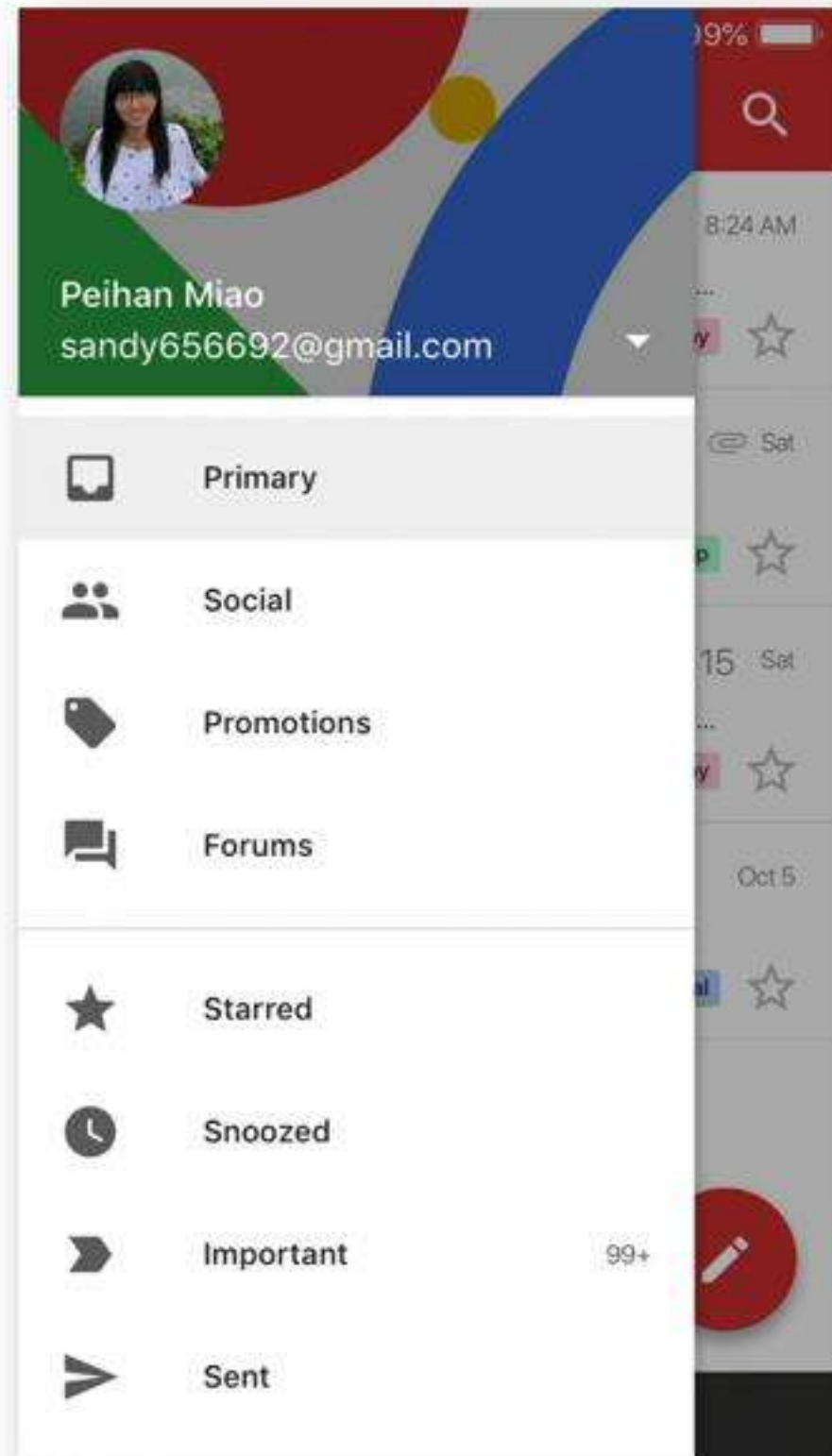


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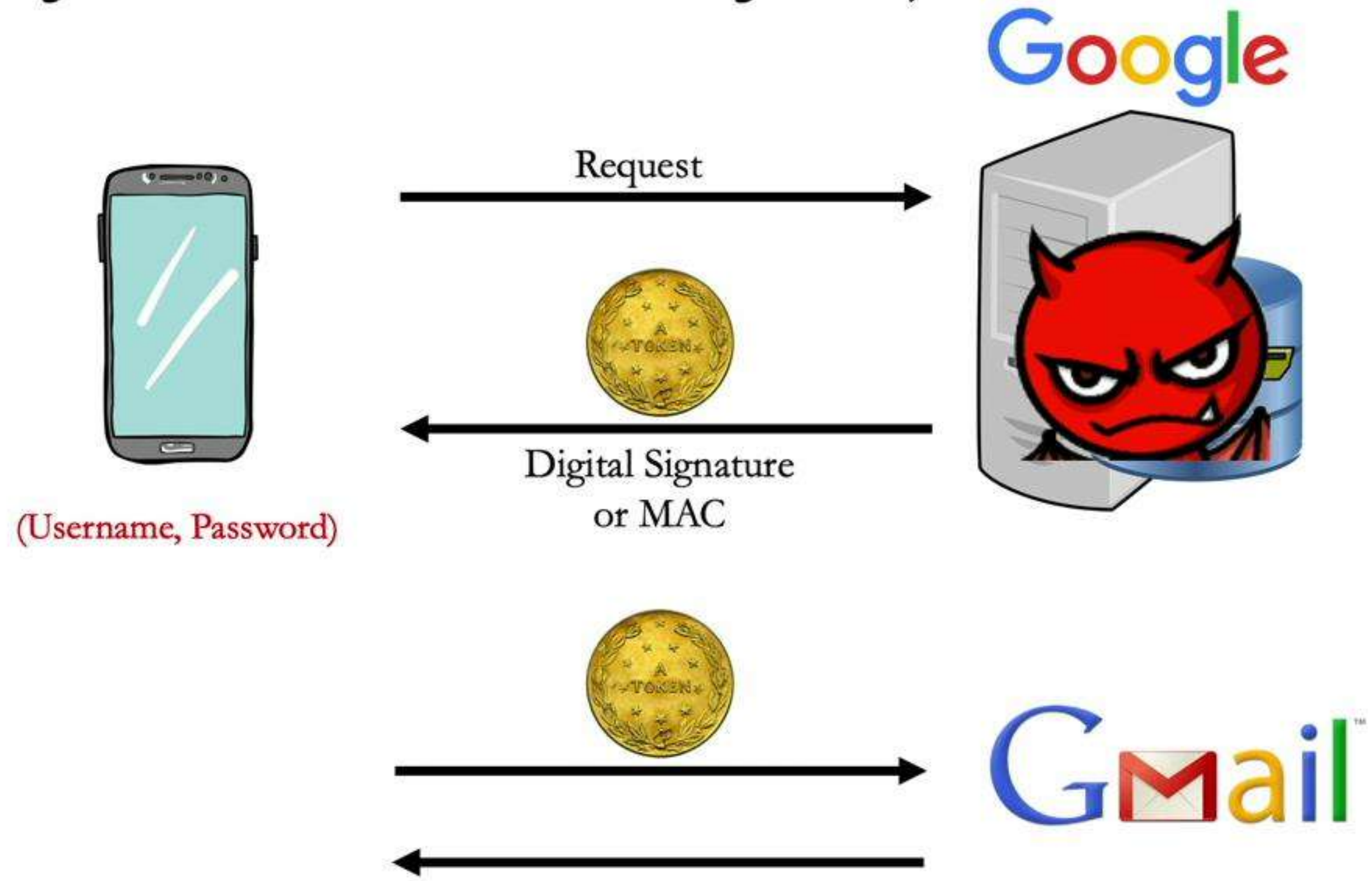




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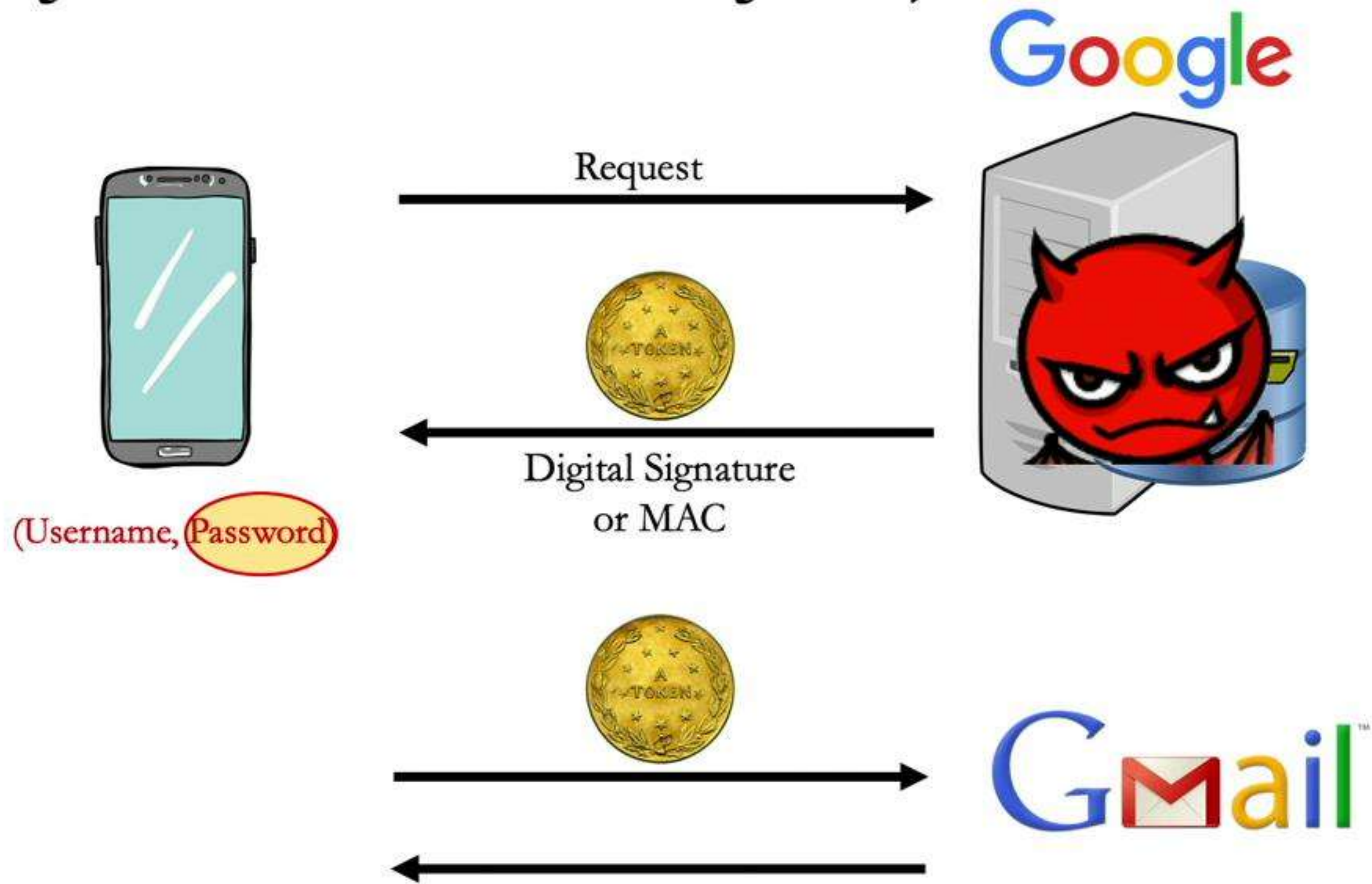


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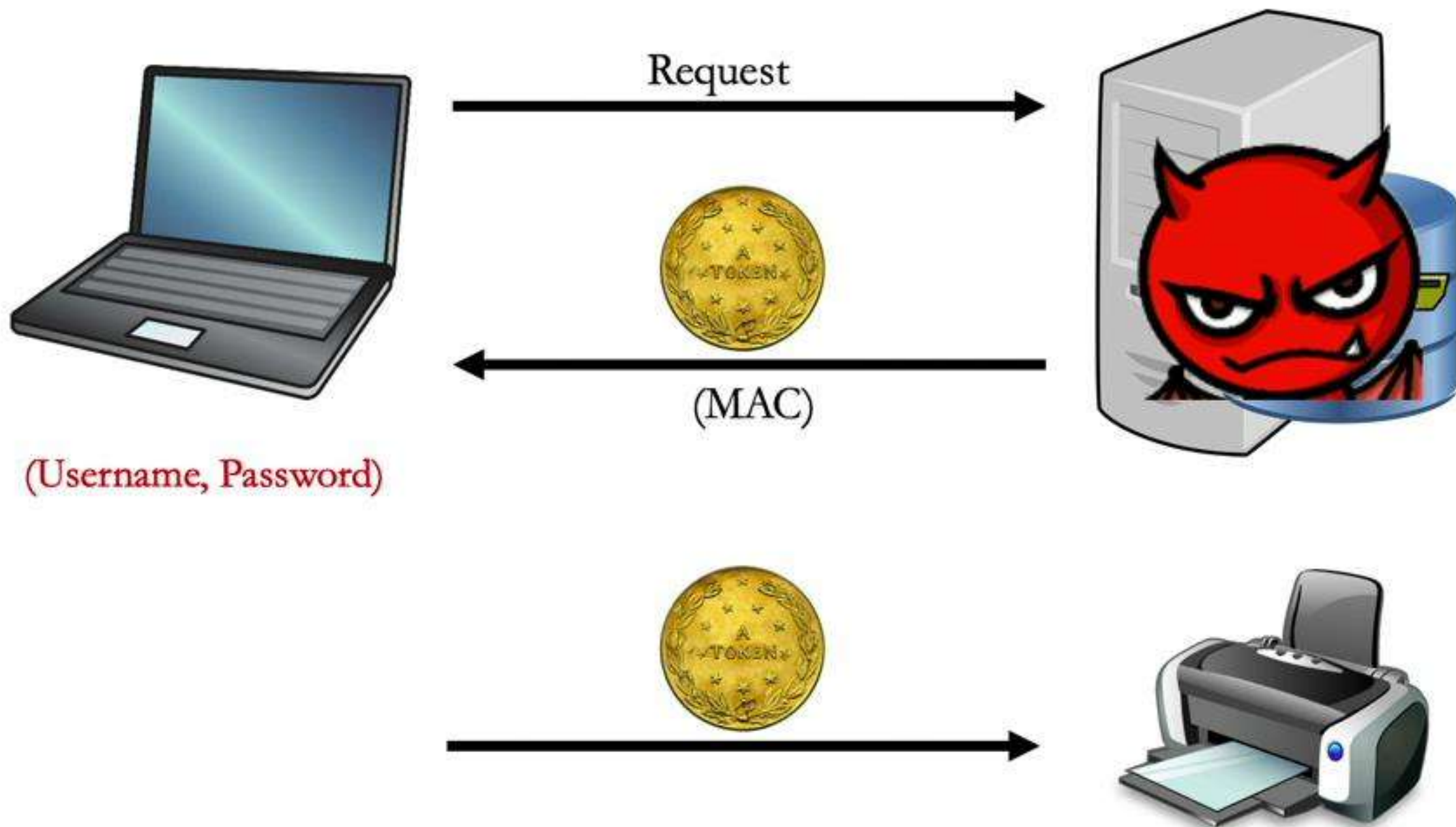


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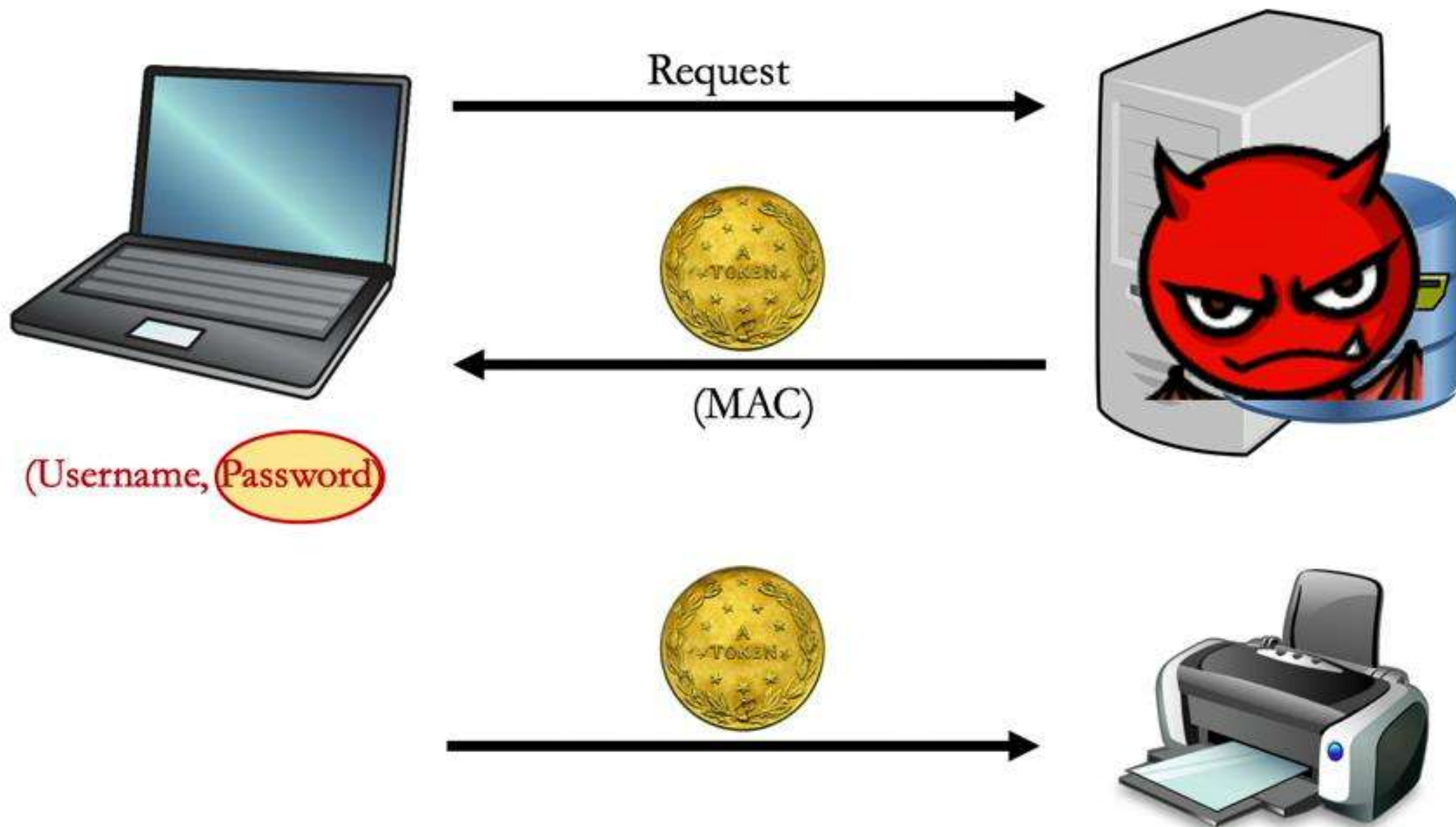




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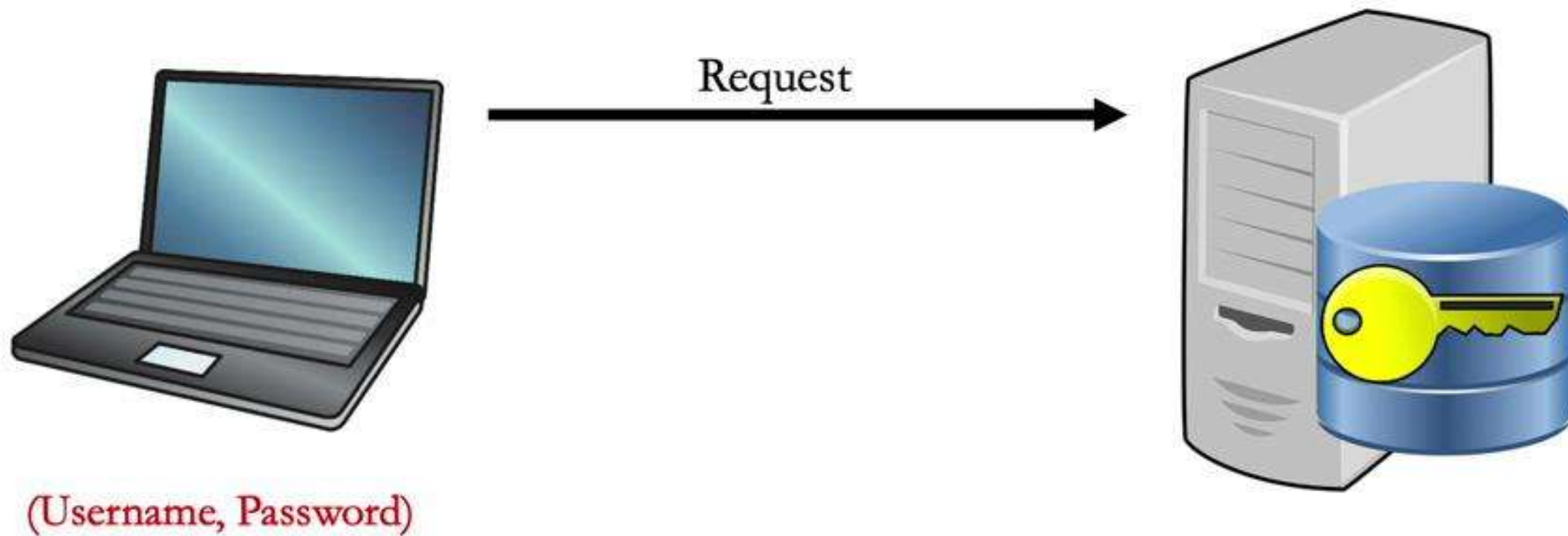
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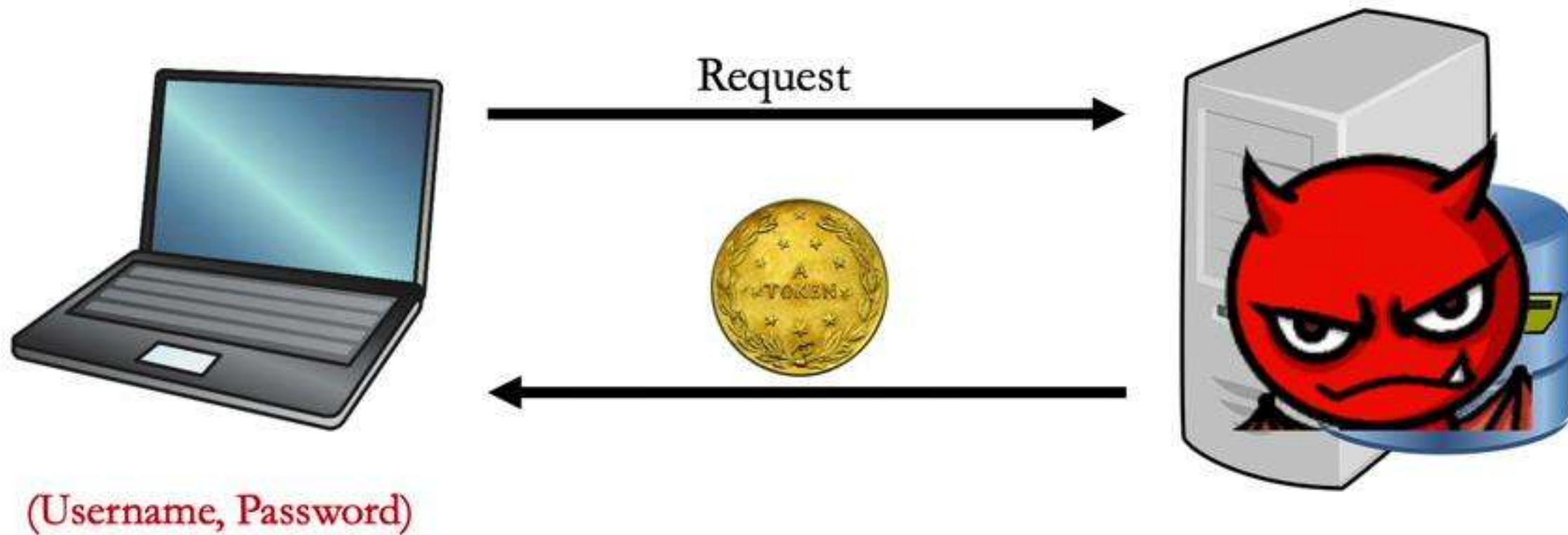


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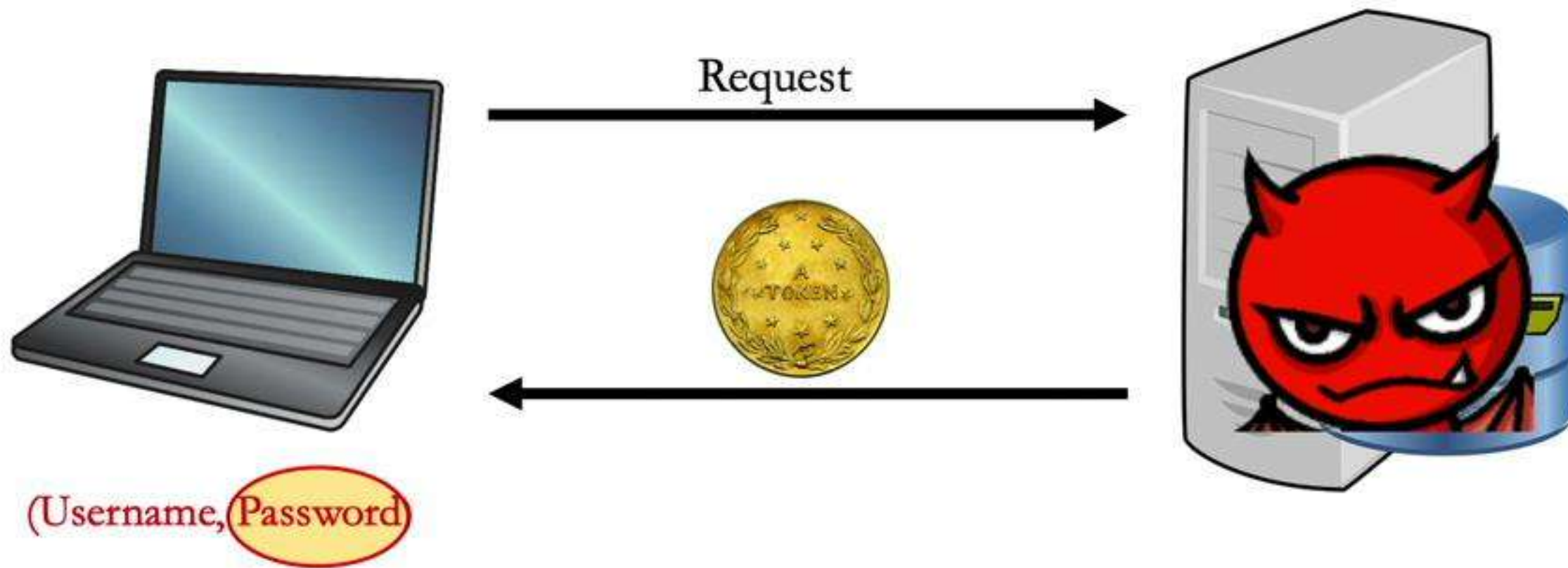




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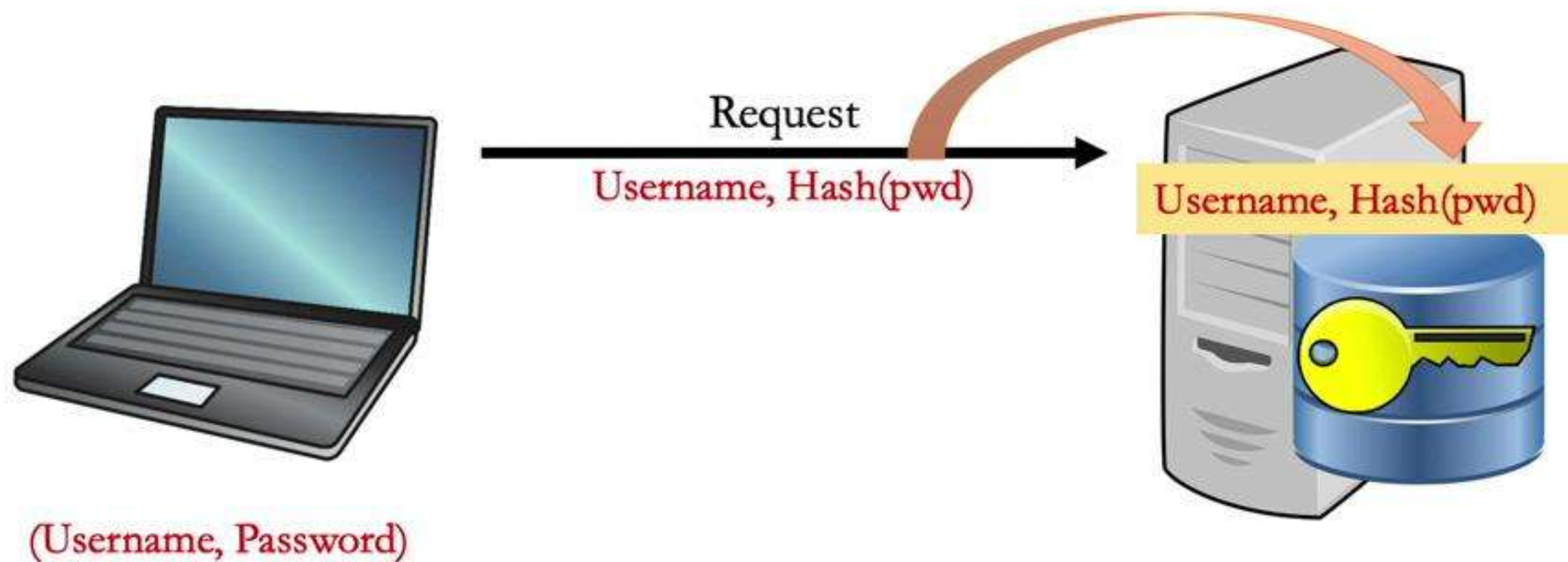




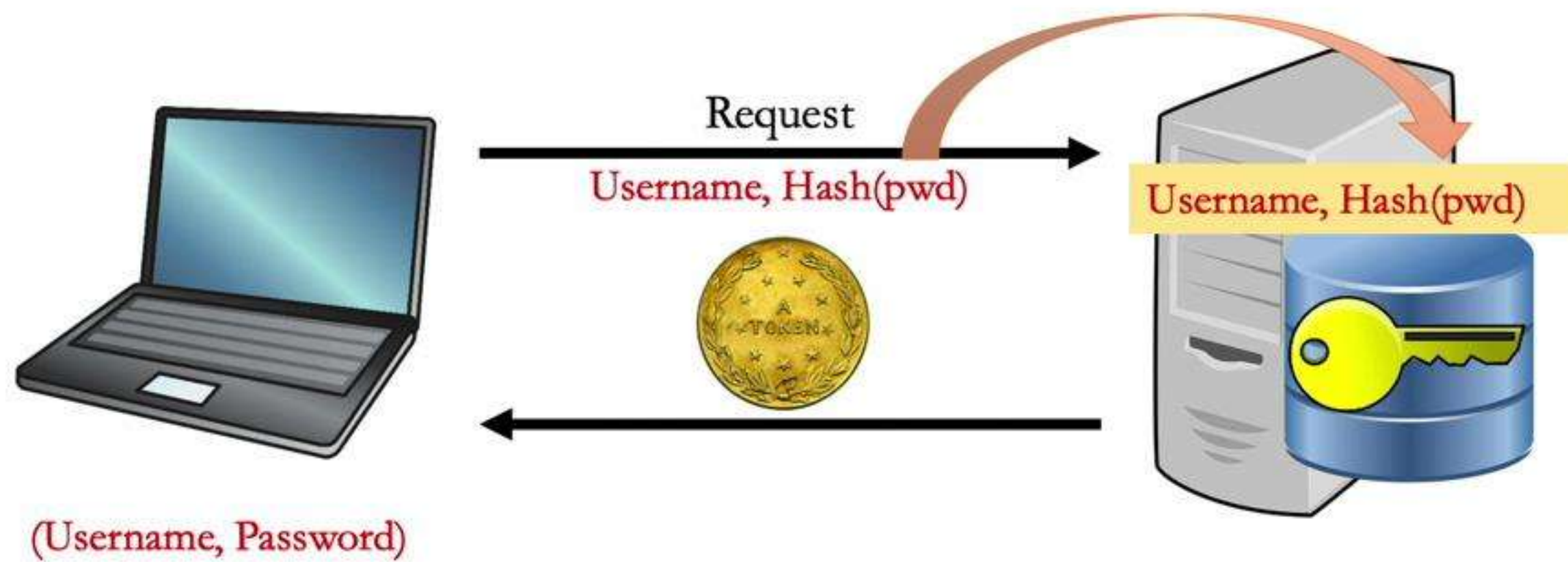
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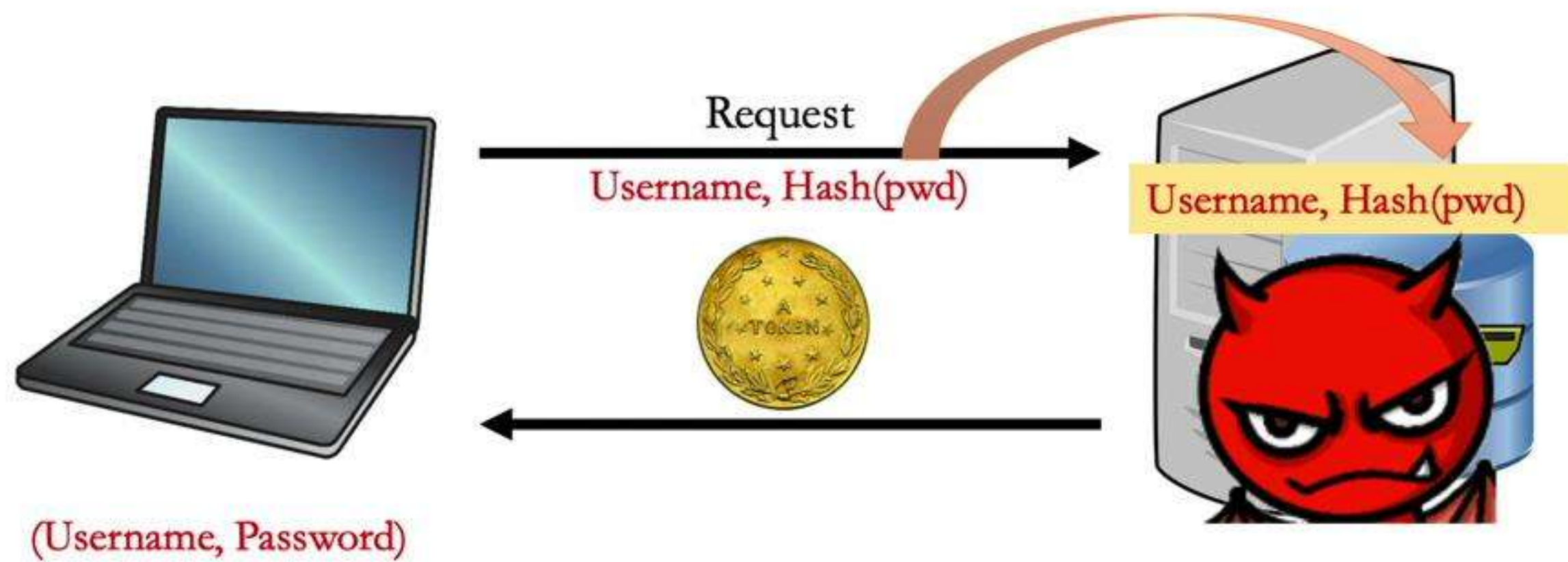


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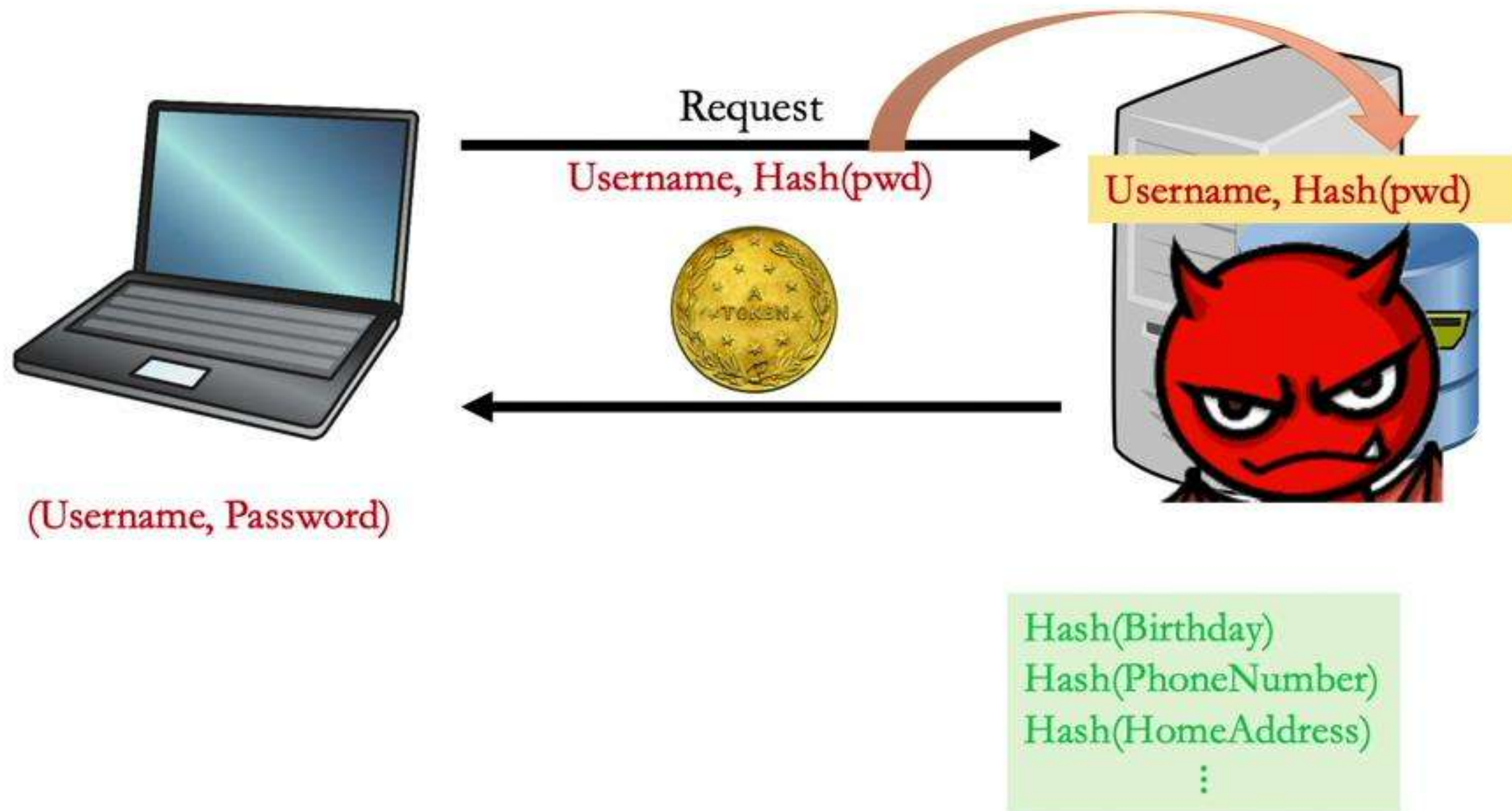




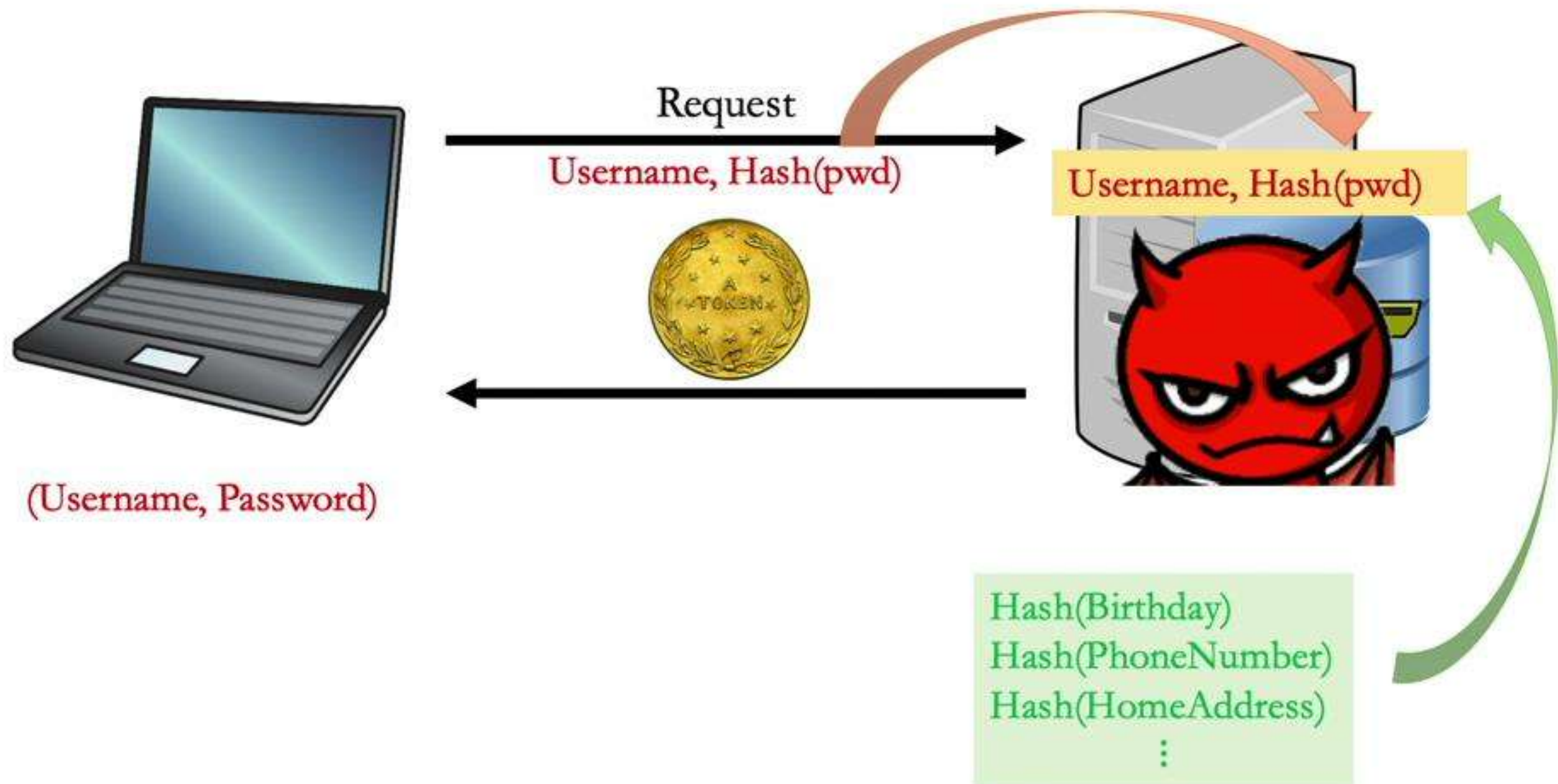
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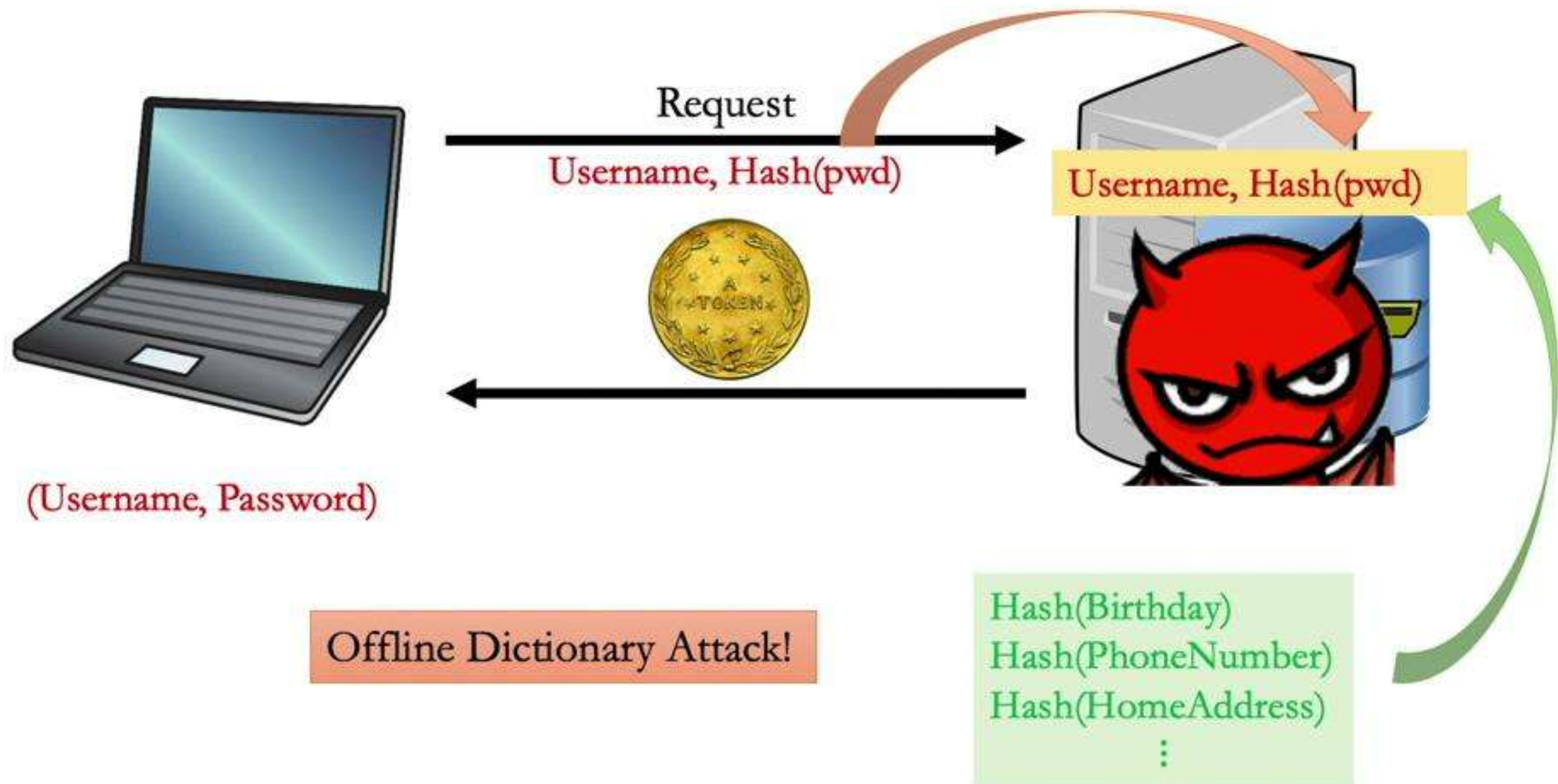


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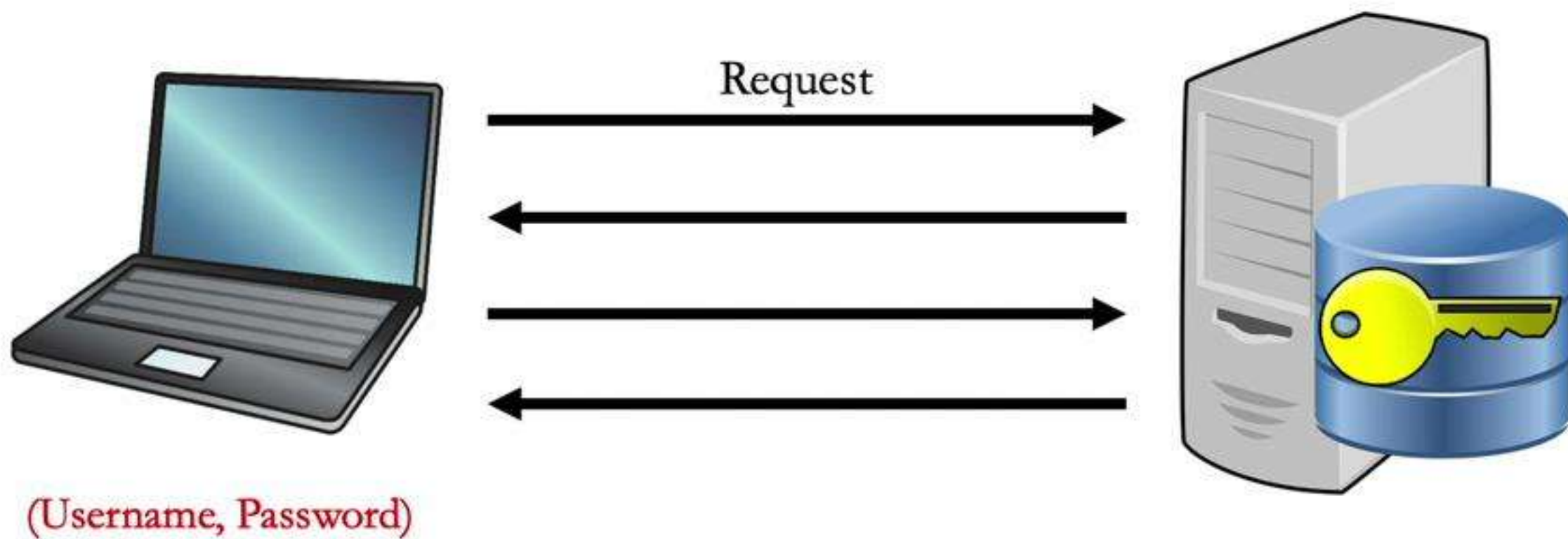
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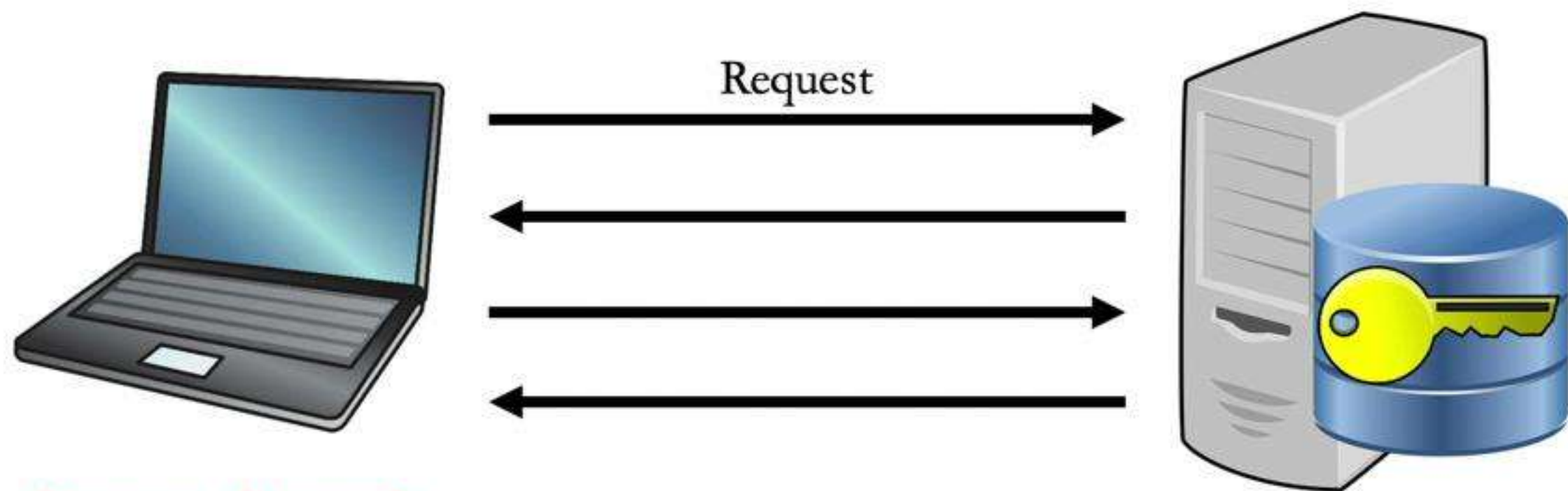
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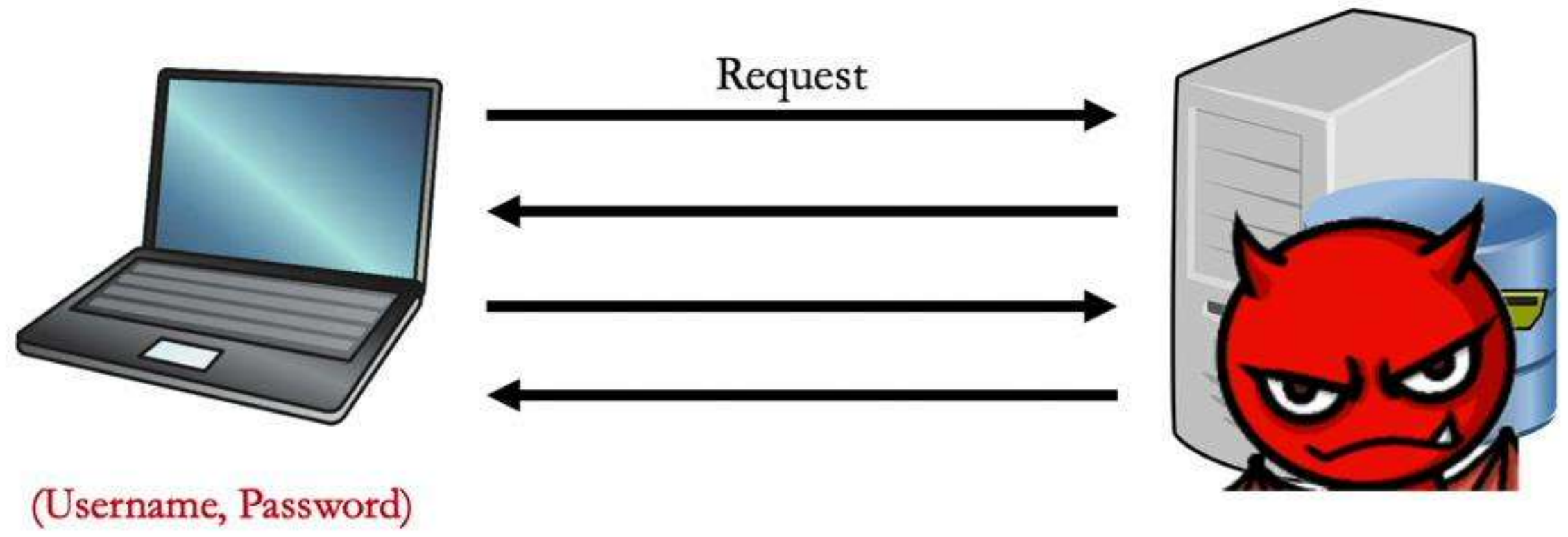


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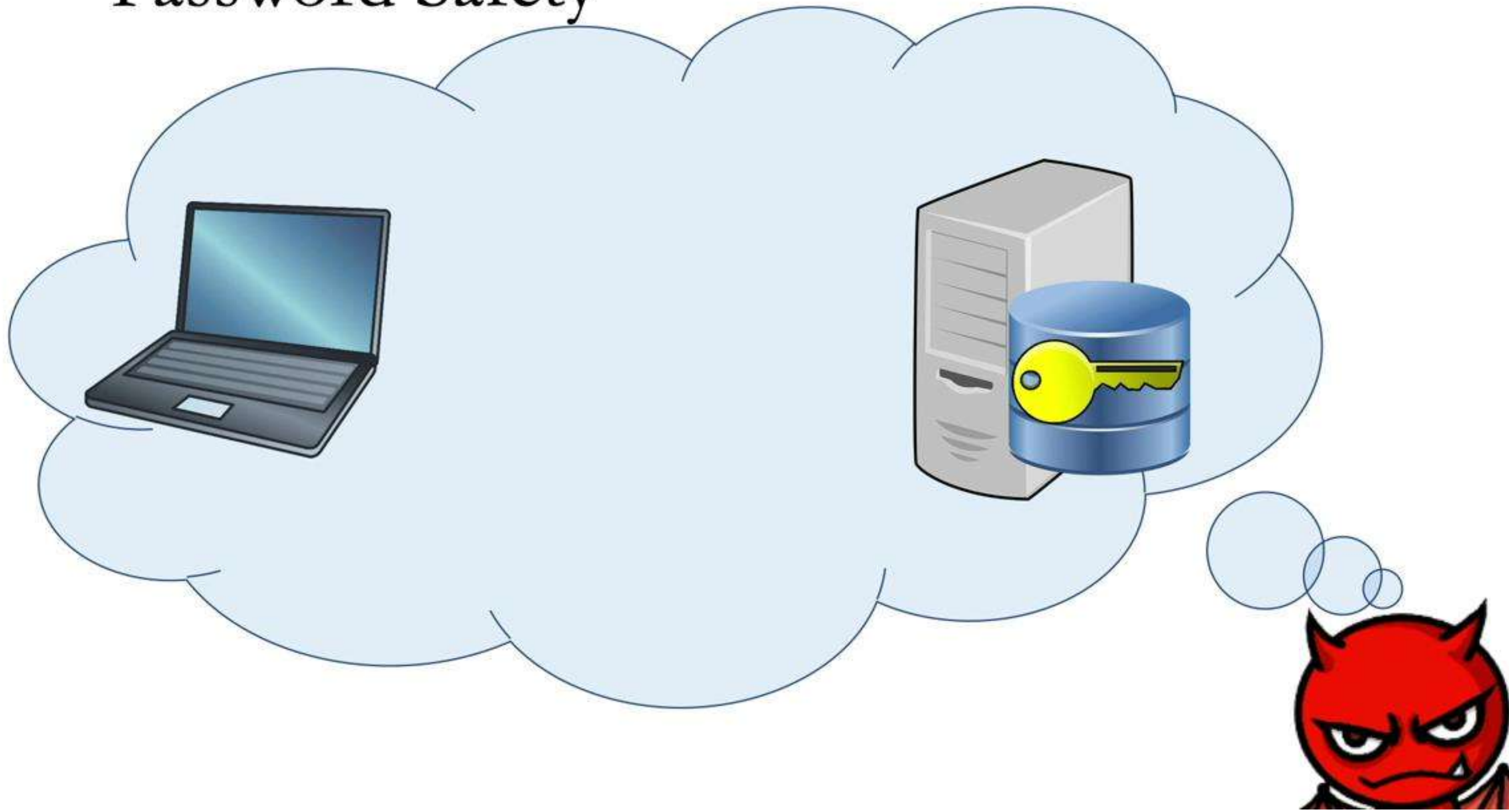
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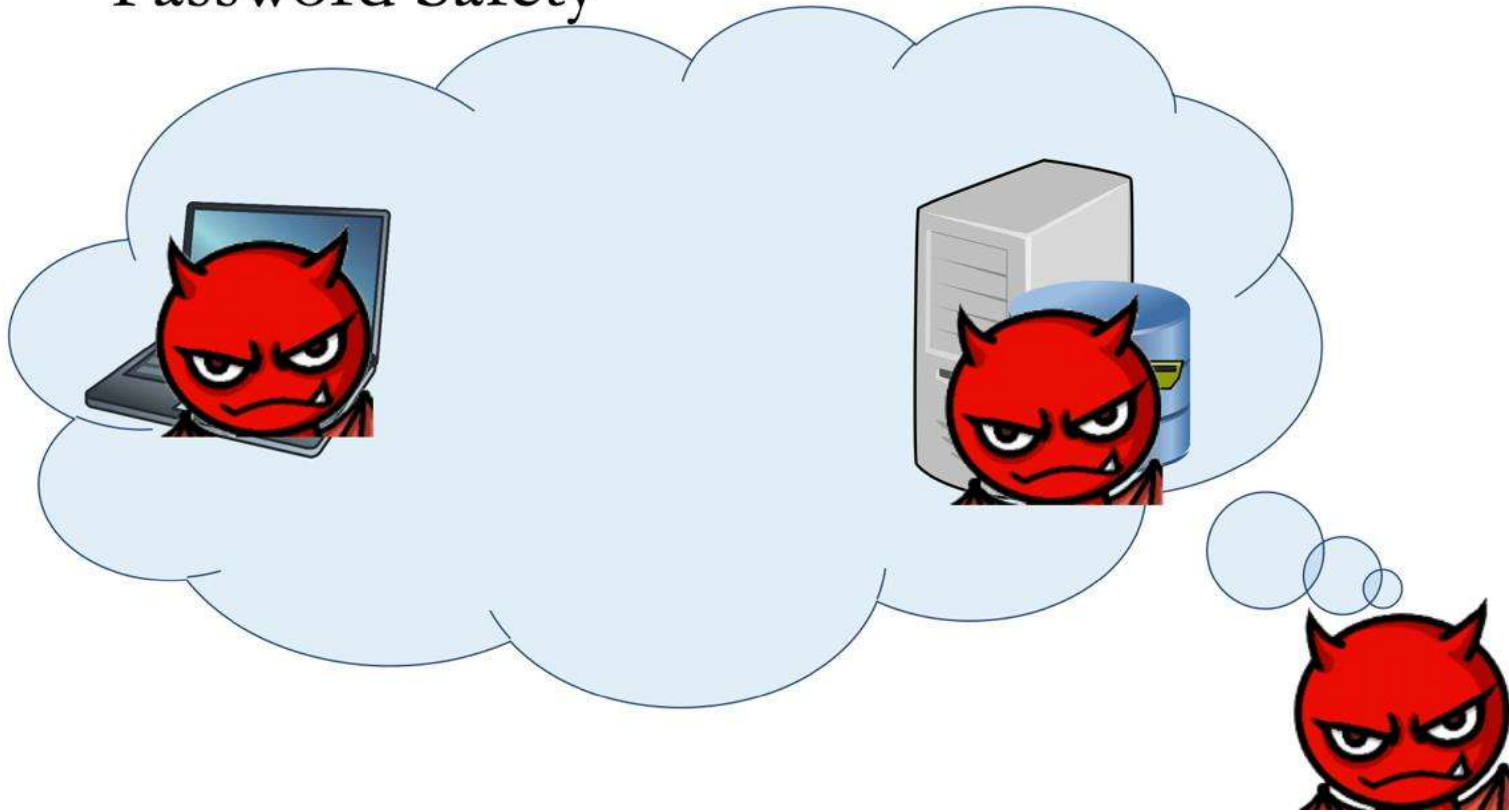


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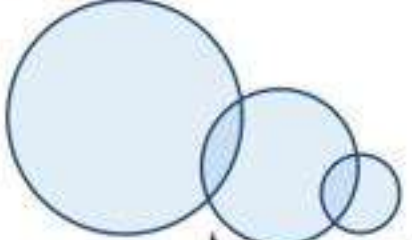




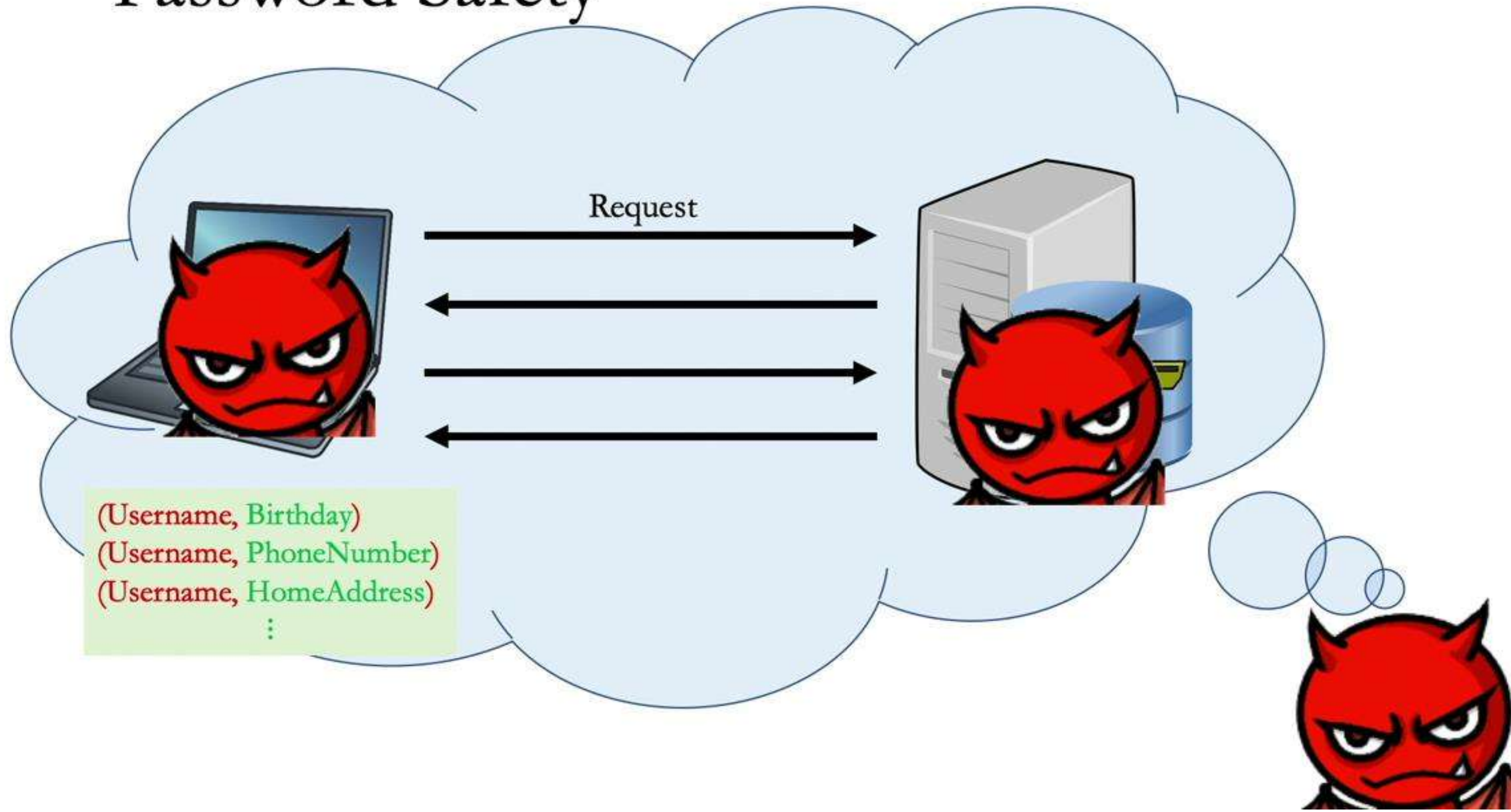
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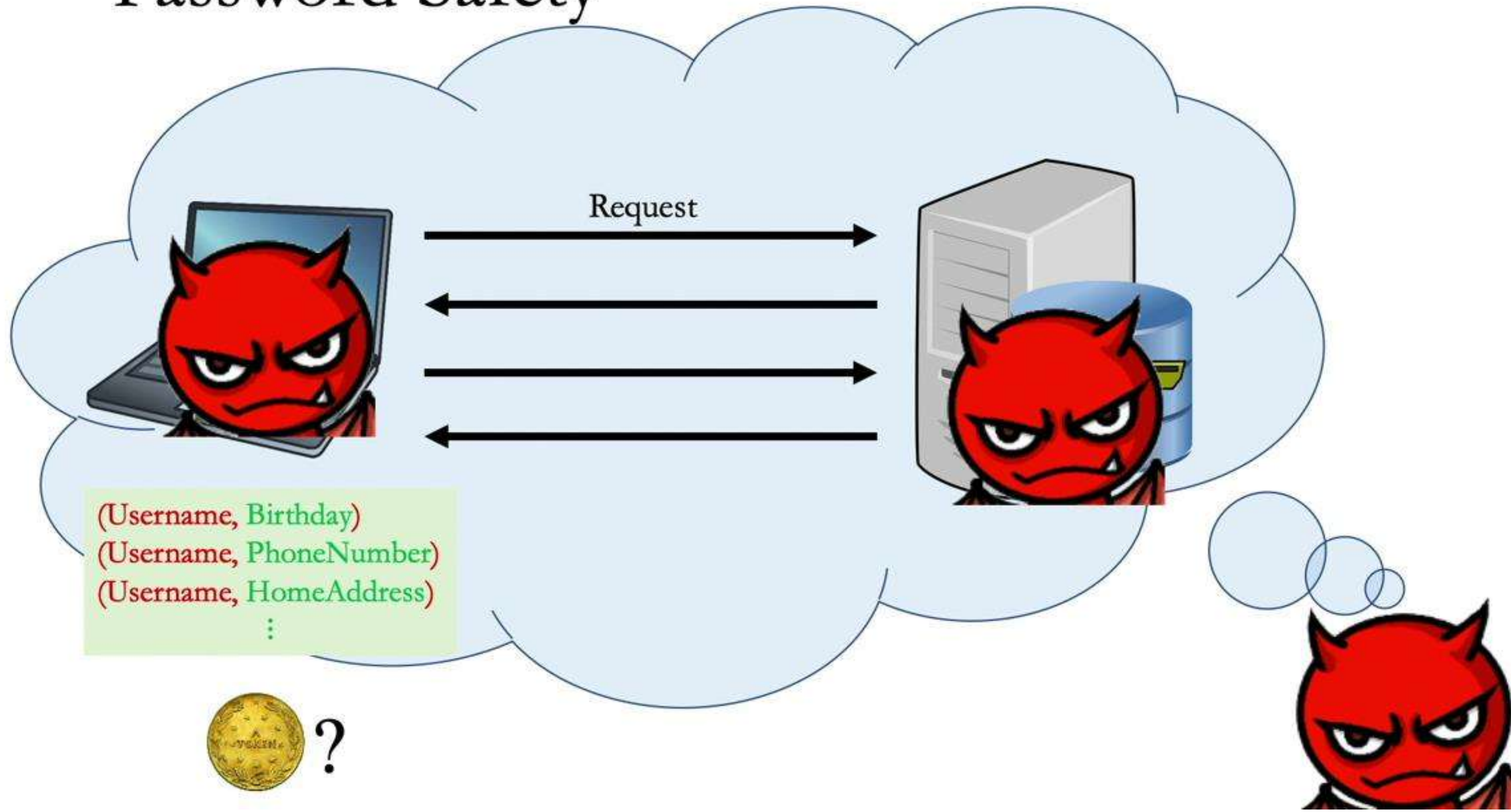


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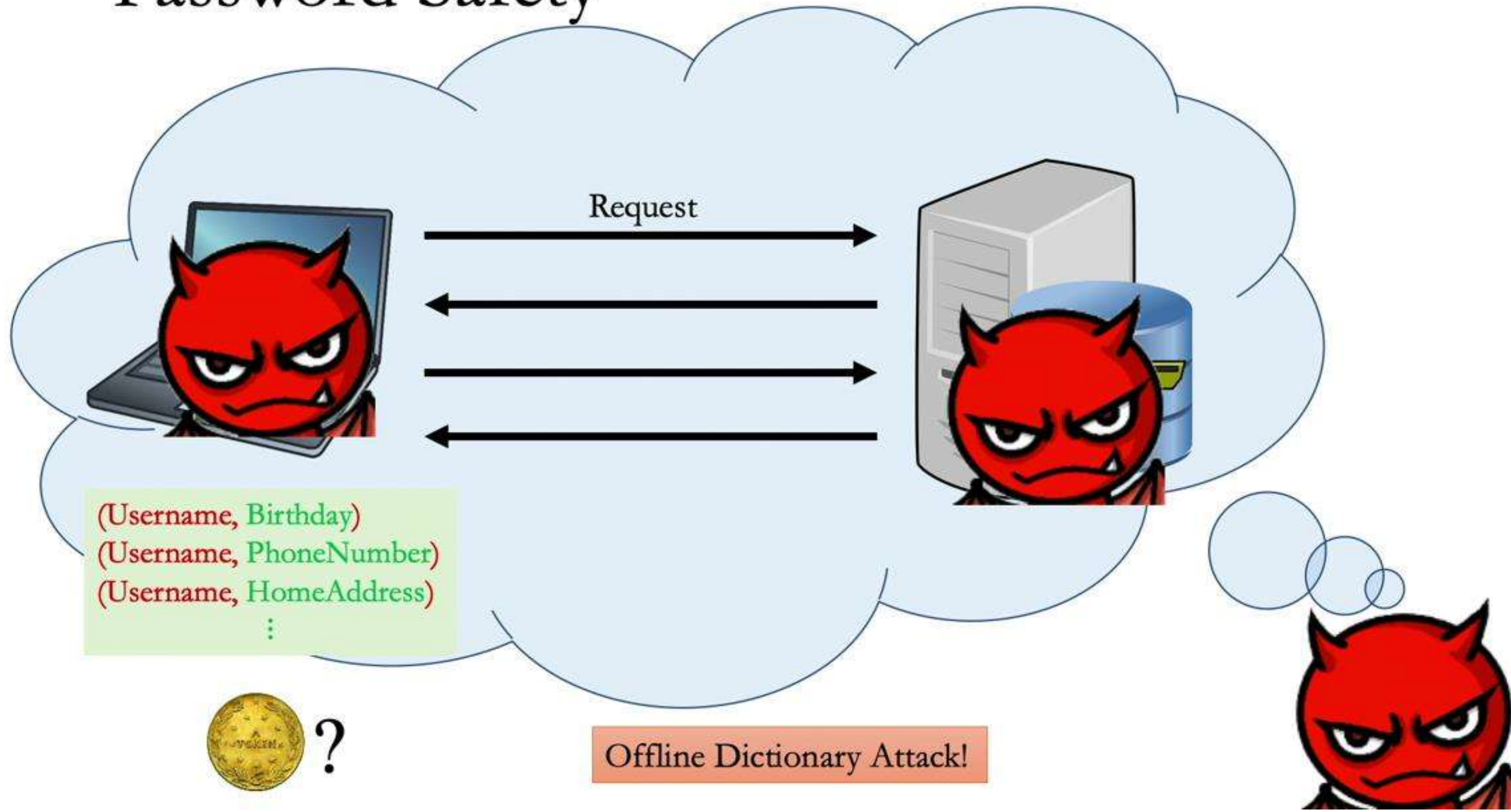




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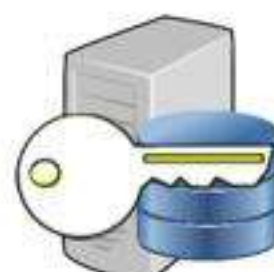
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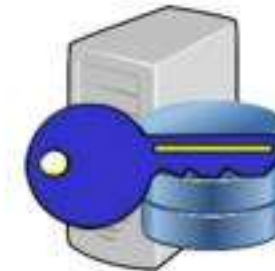
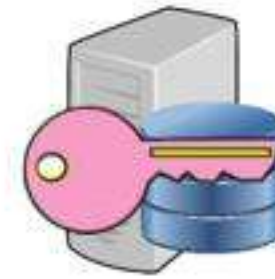
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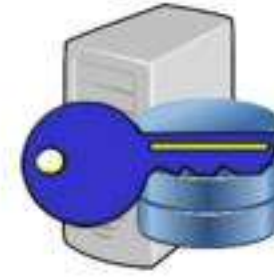
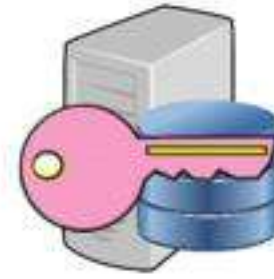
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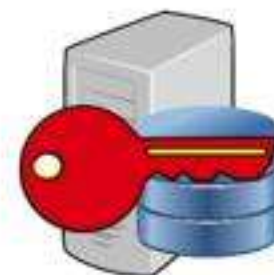
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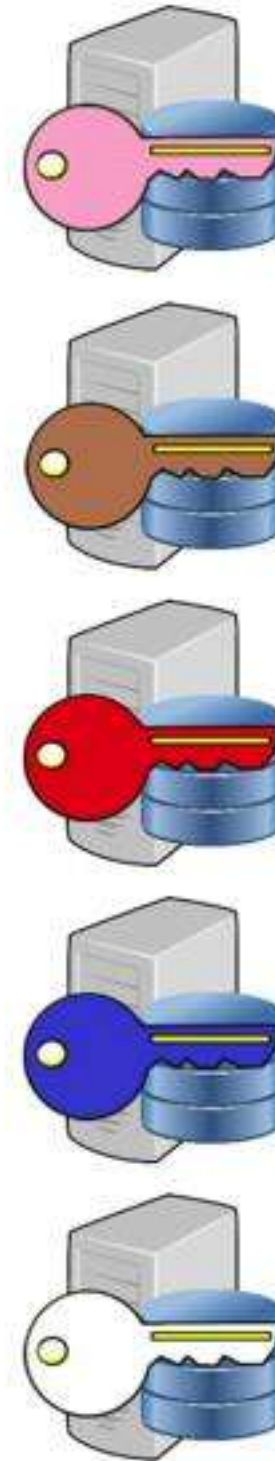


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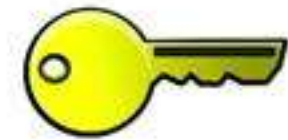
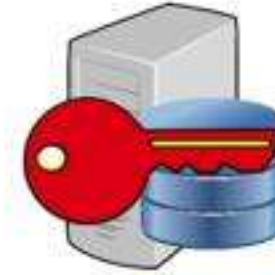
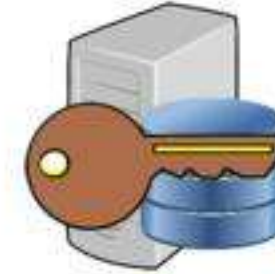
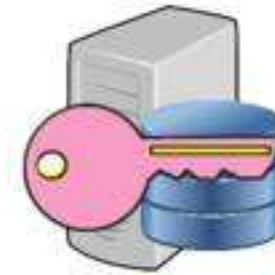


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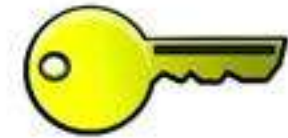
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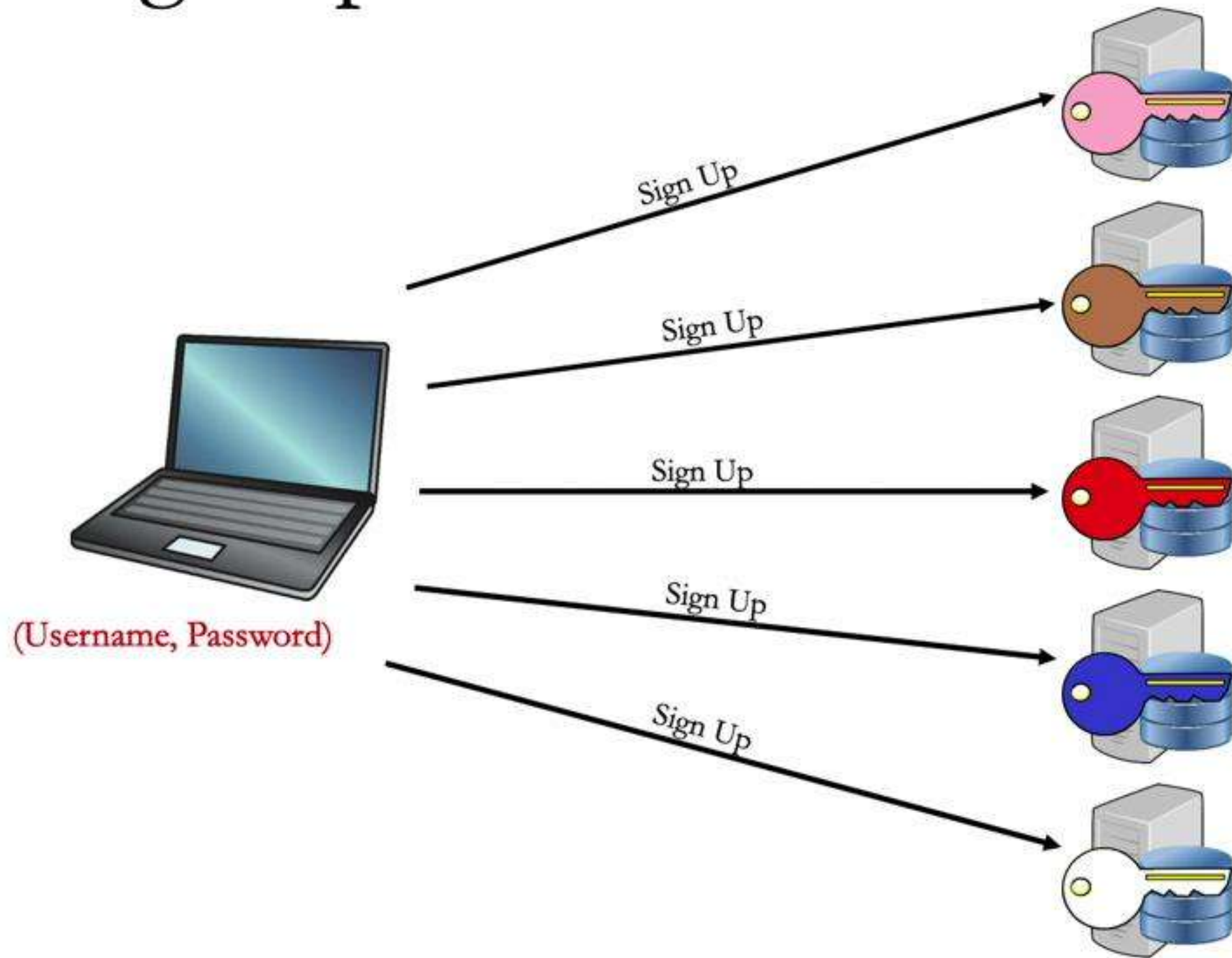




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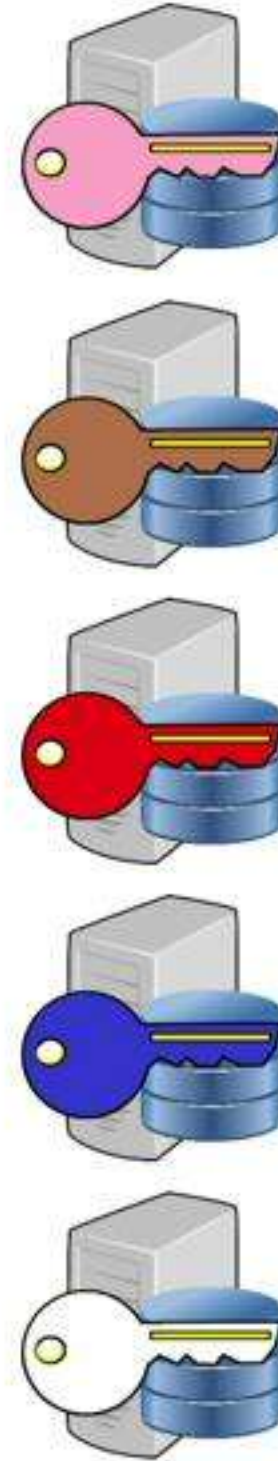
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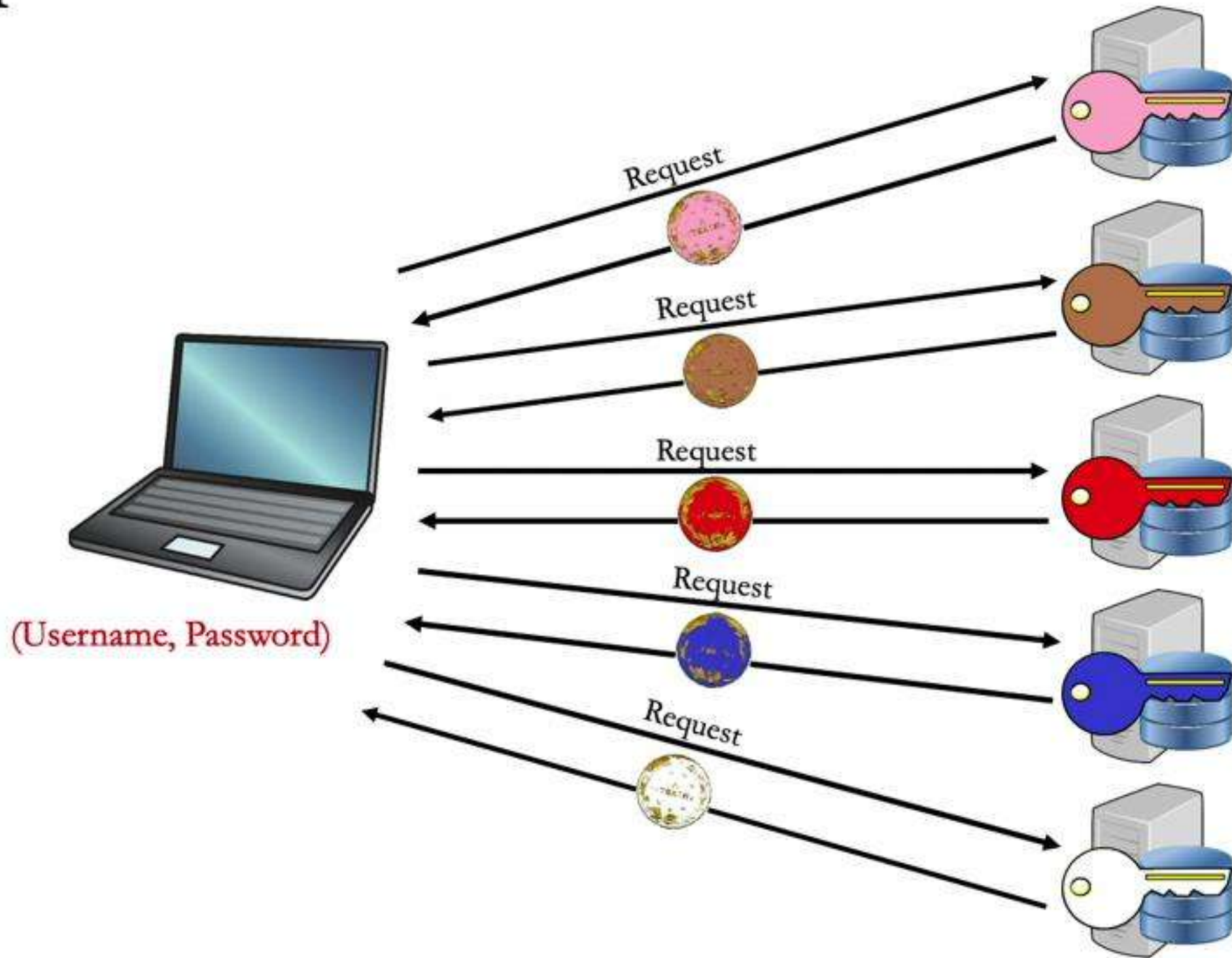


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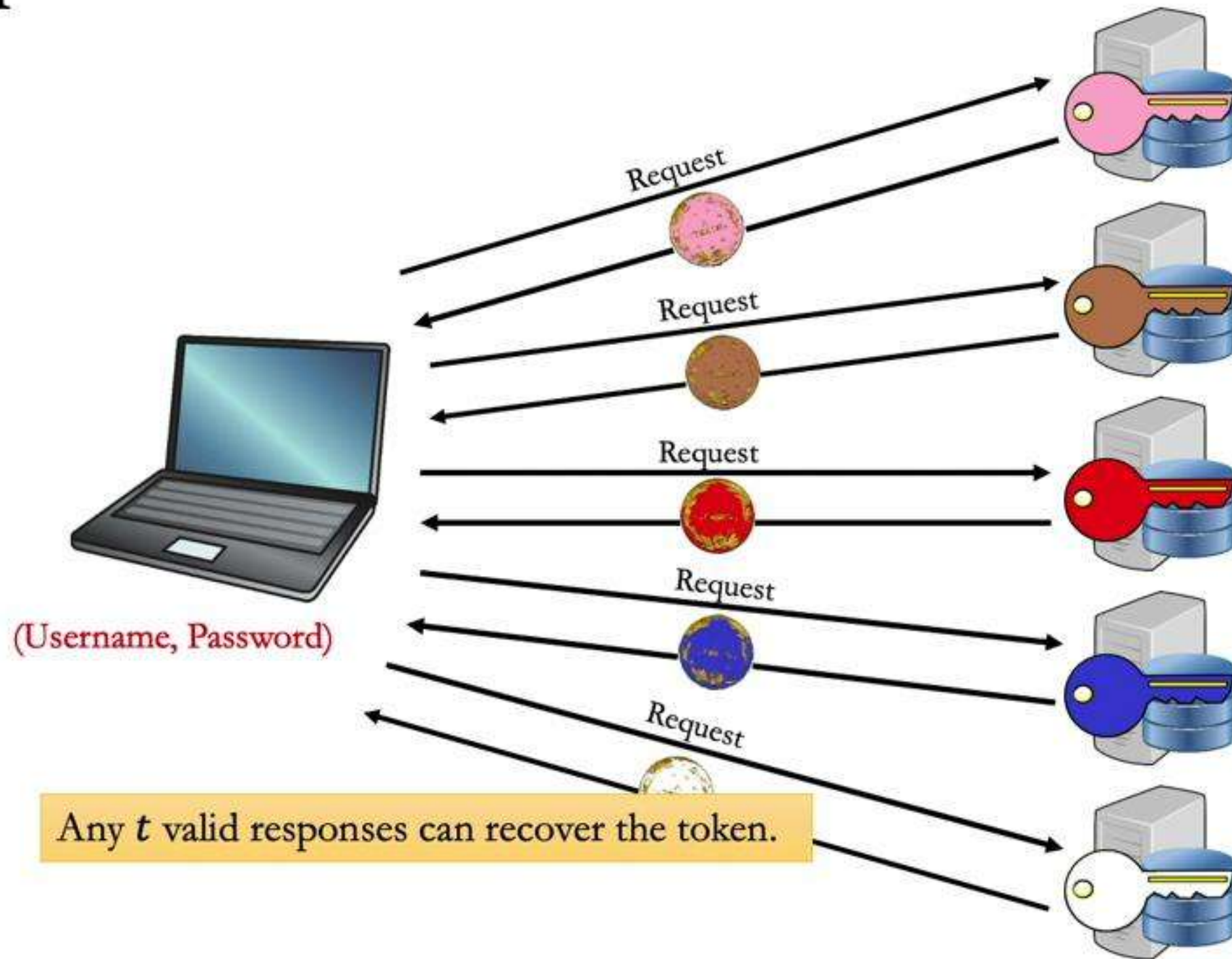




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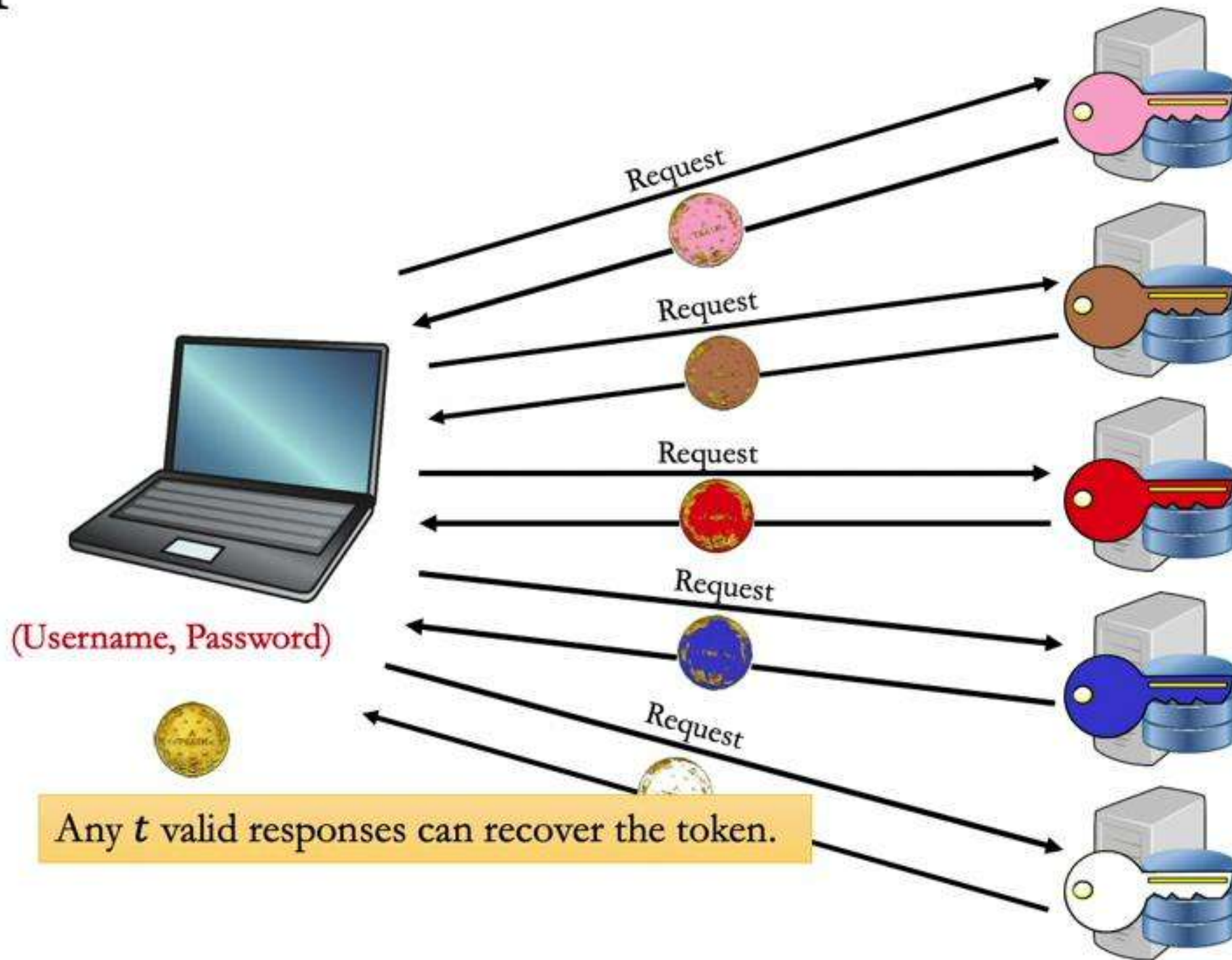


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- How does PASTA work?
- Is it practical?

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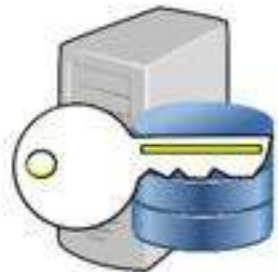
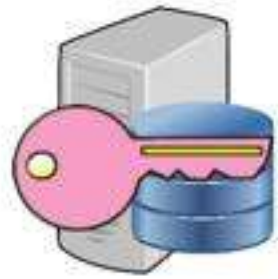
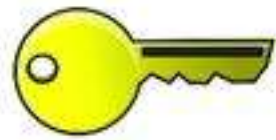
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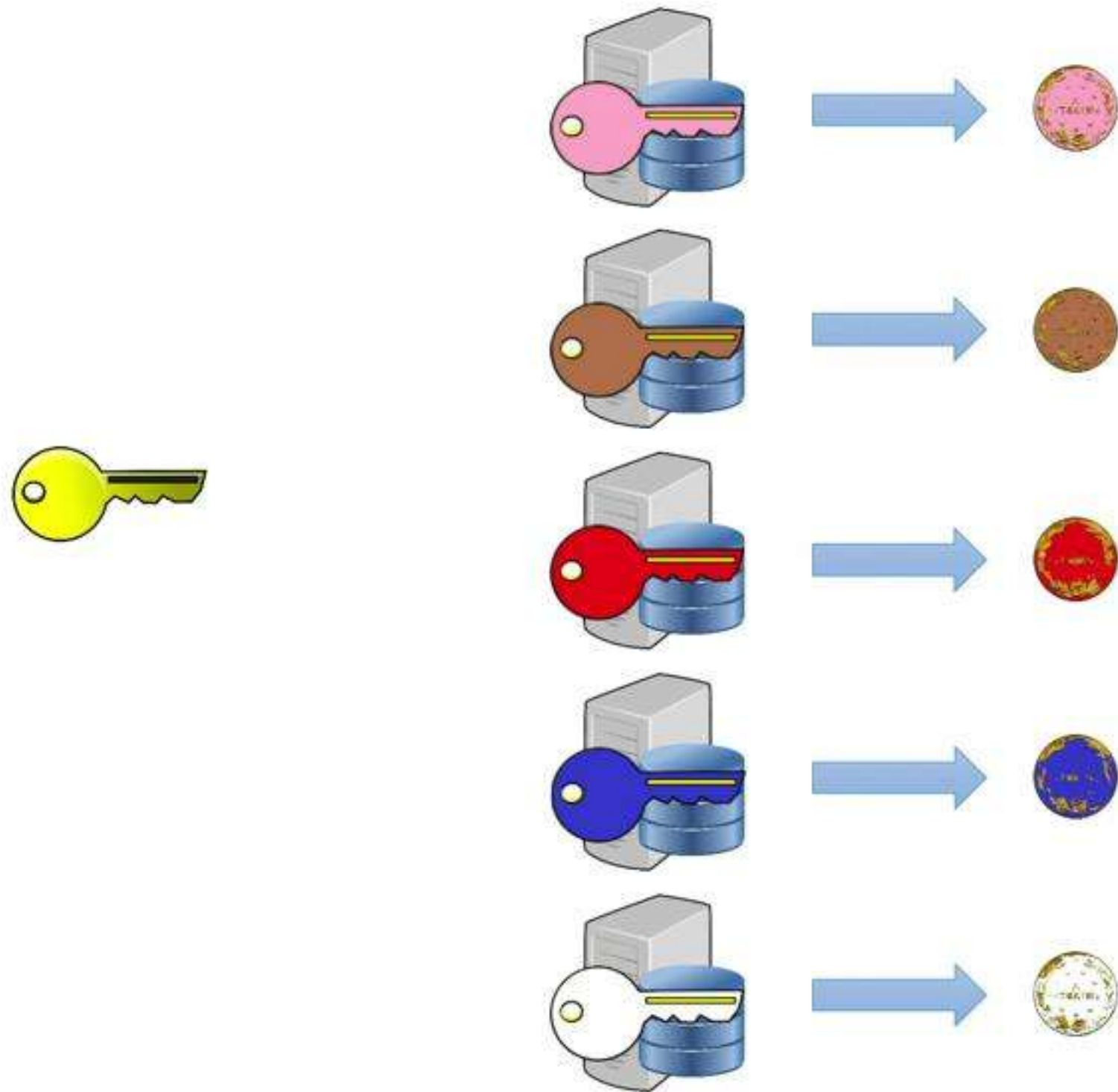


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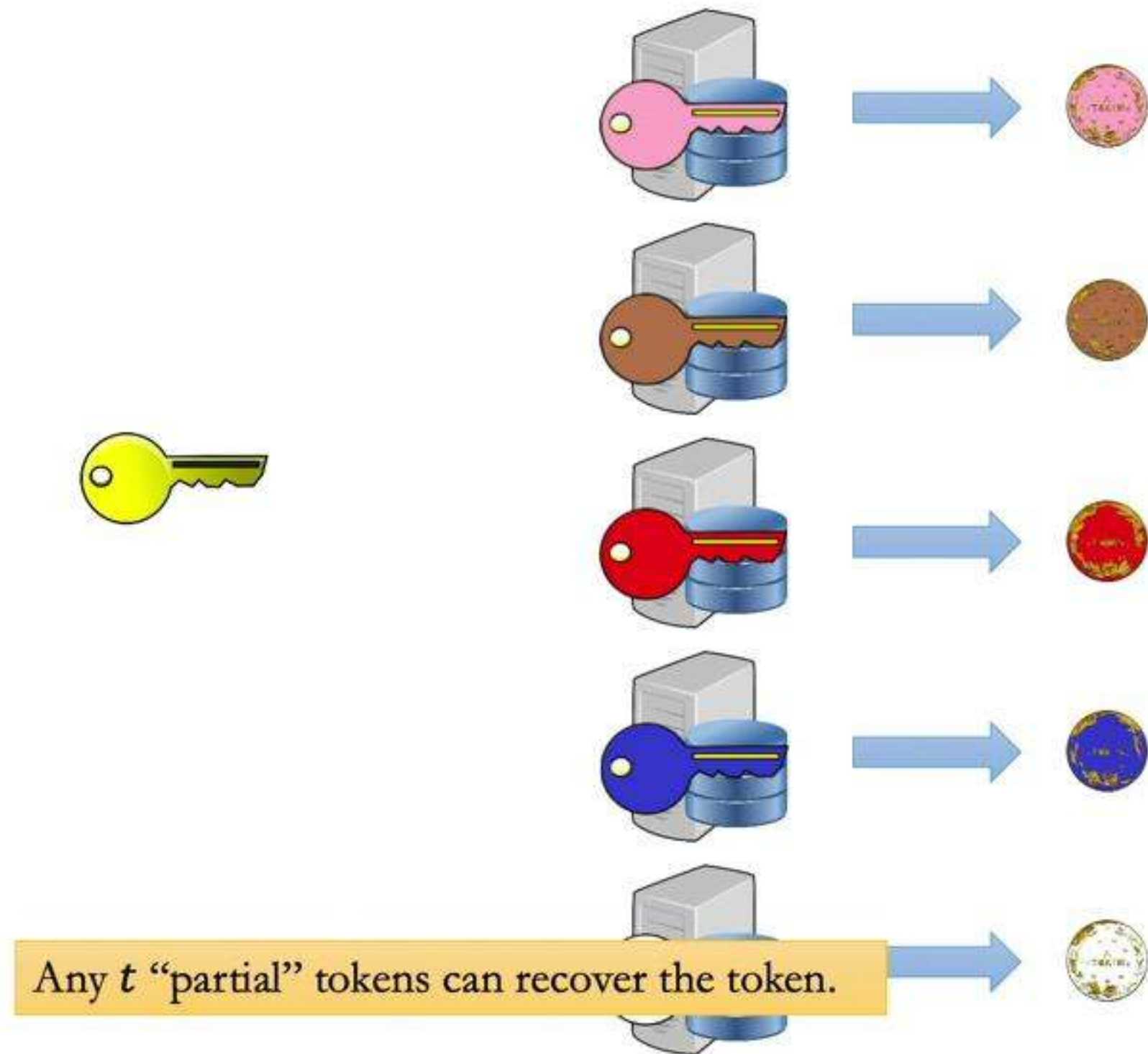




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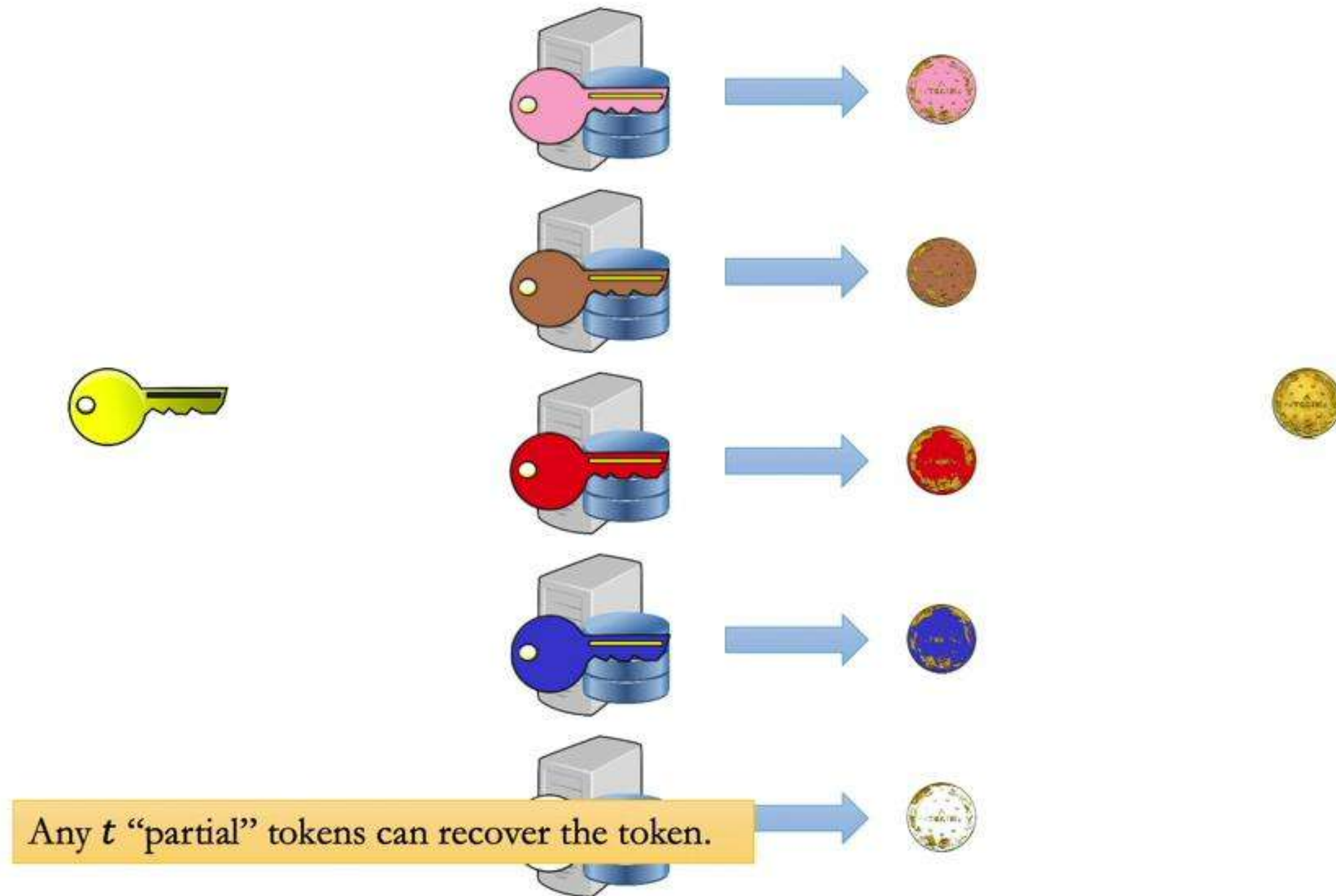


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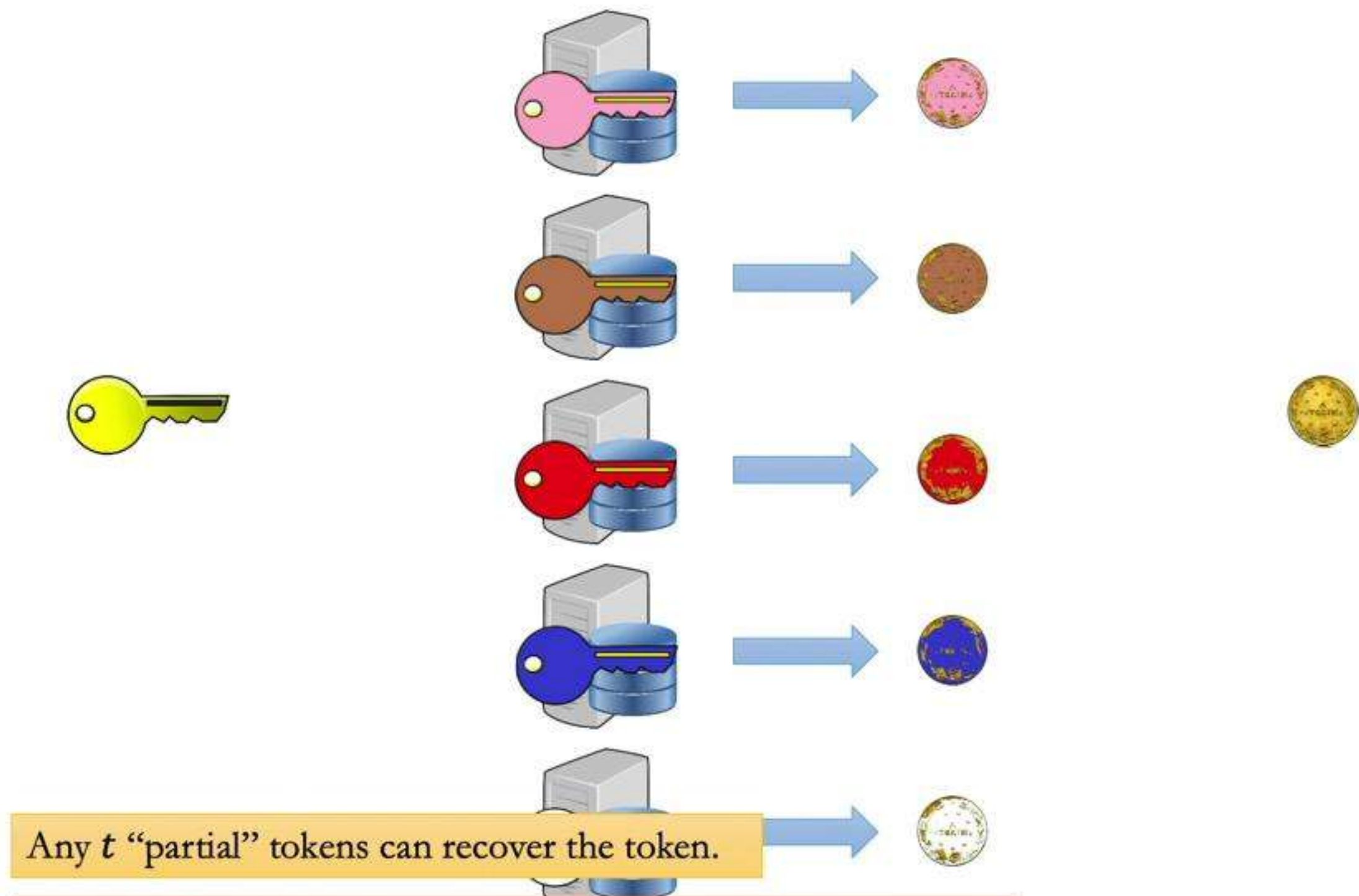
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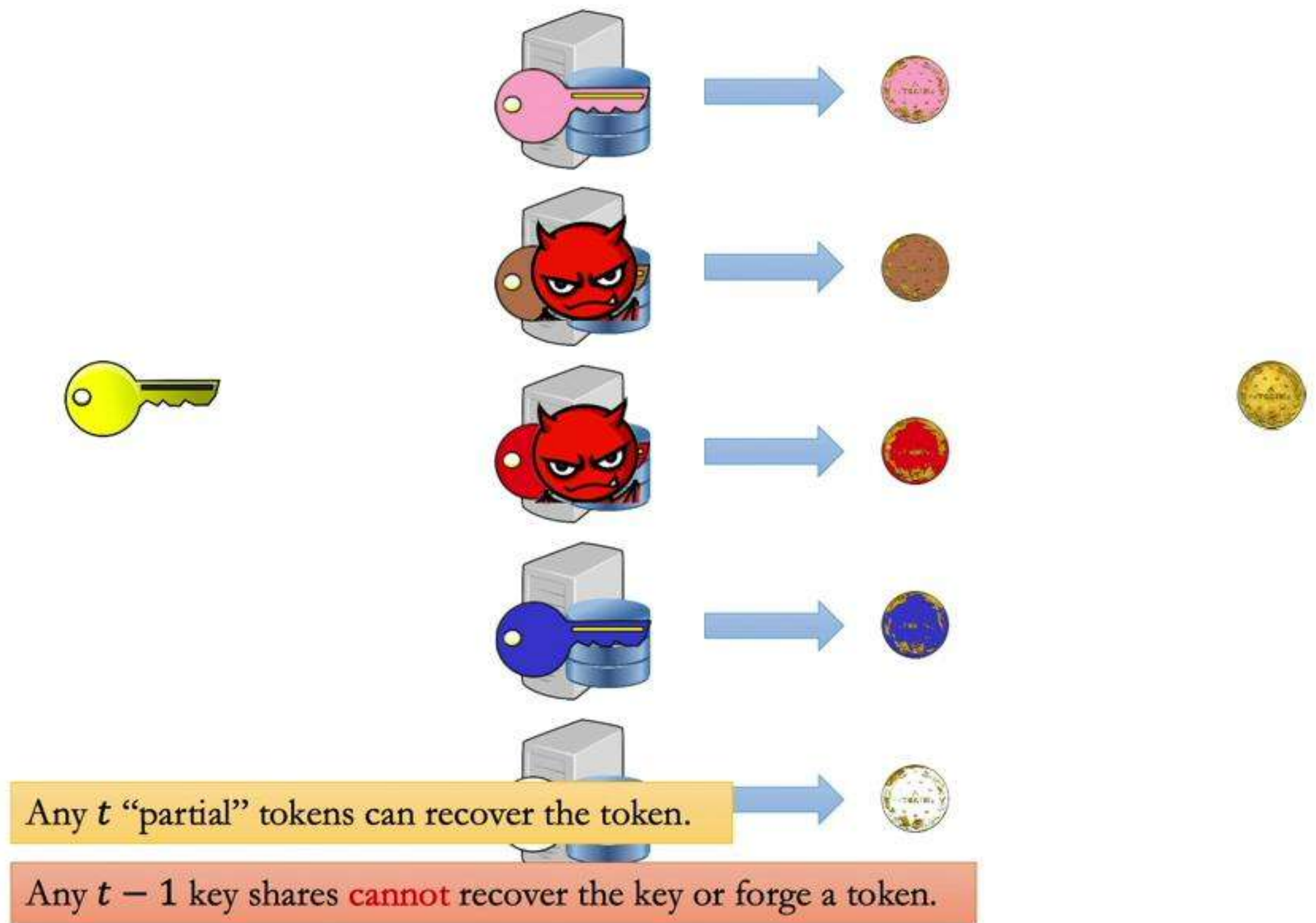
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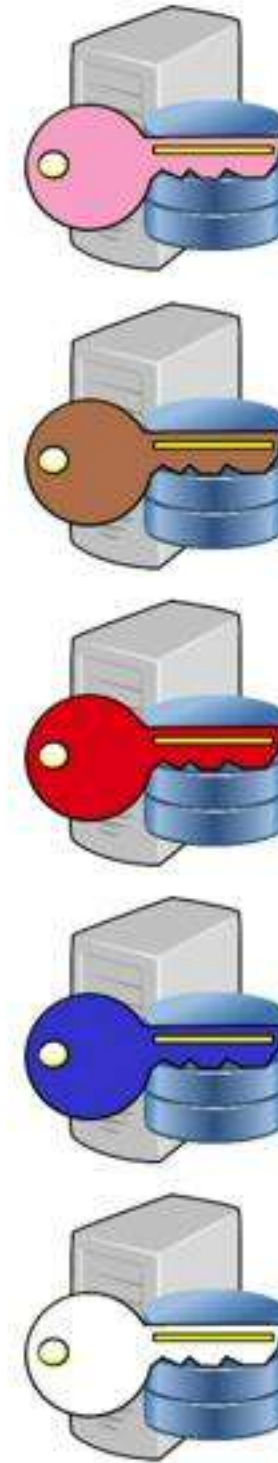
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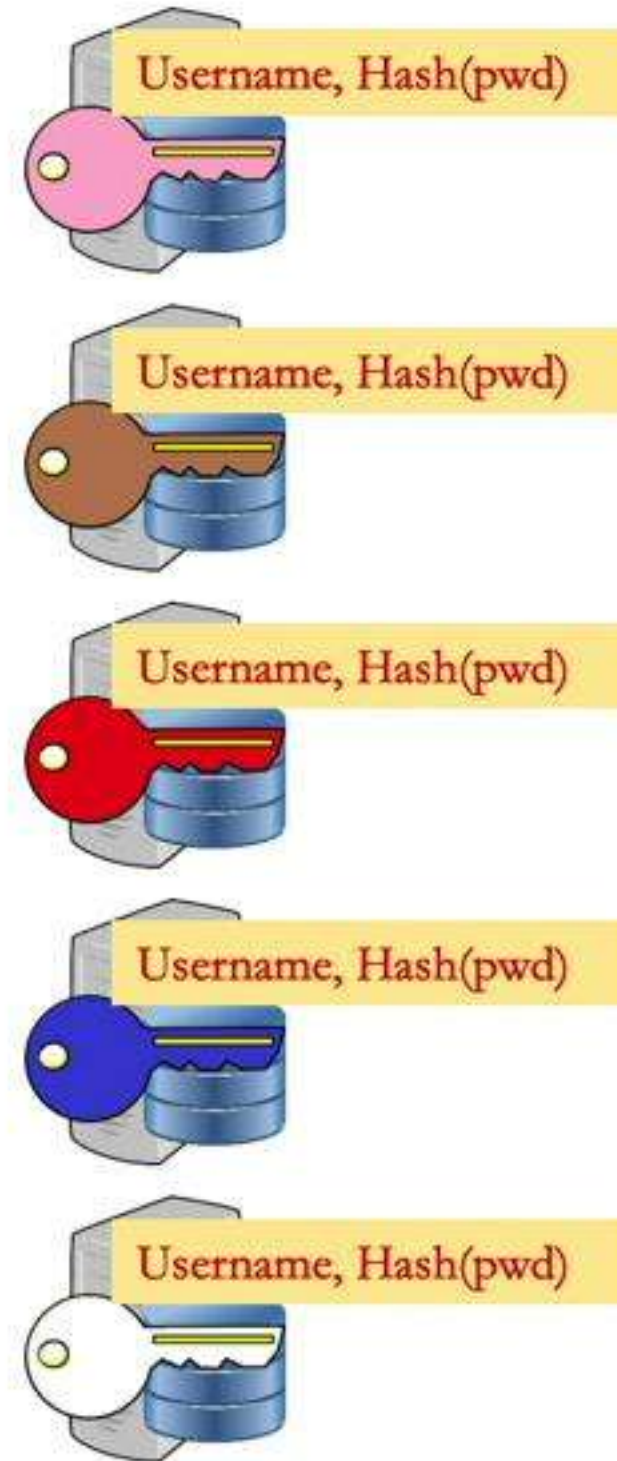
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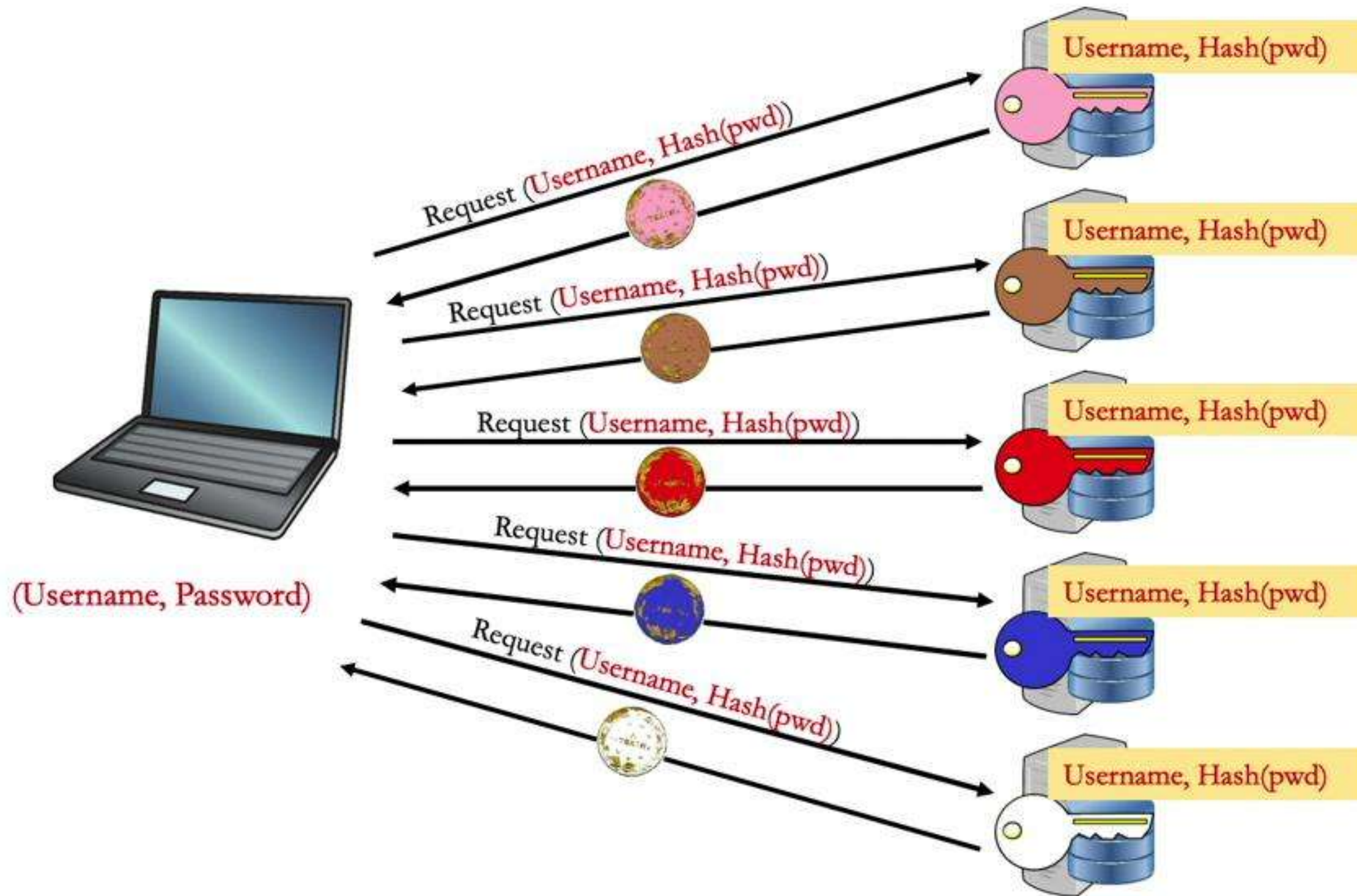


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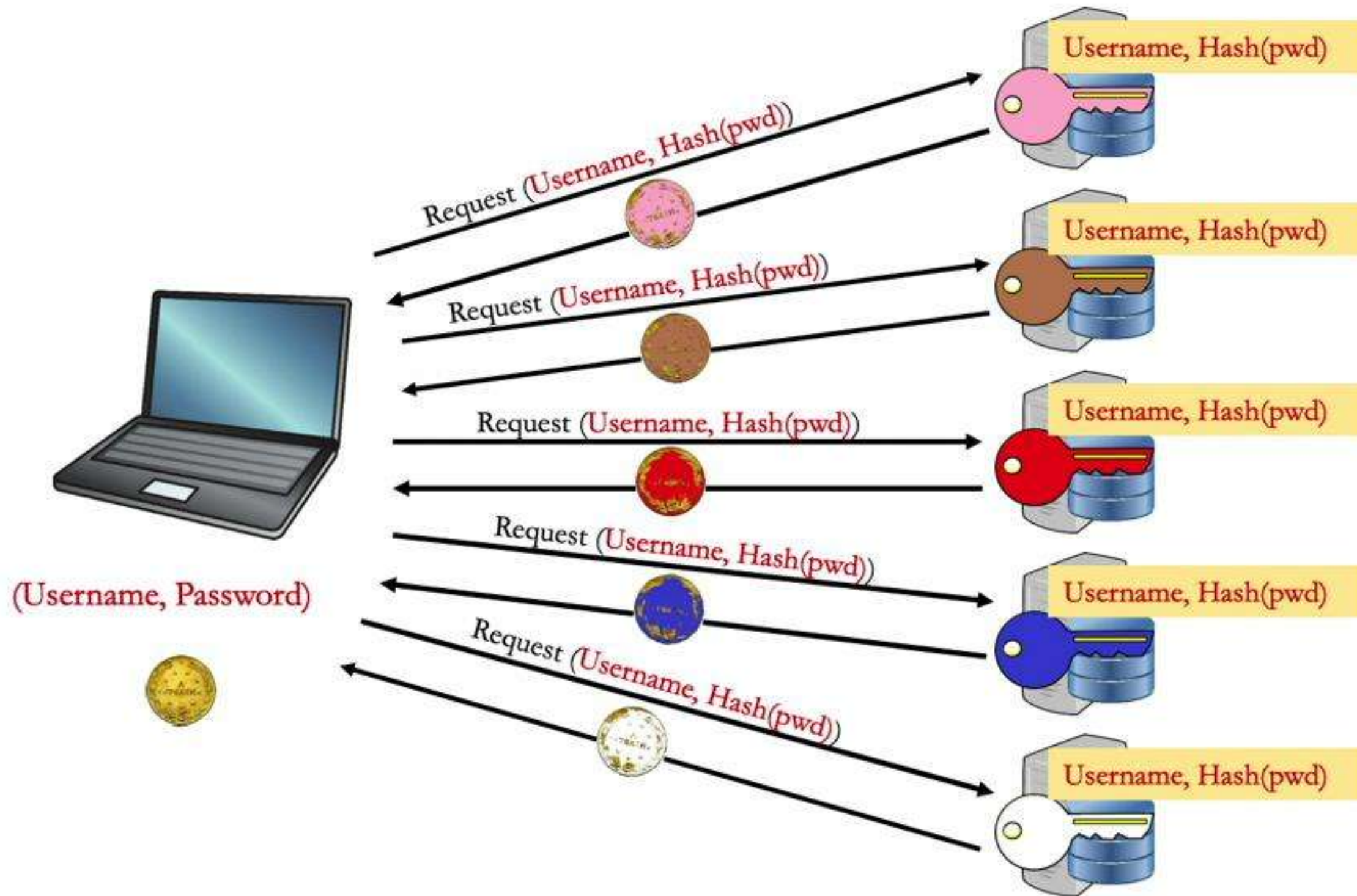




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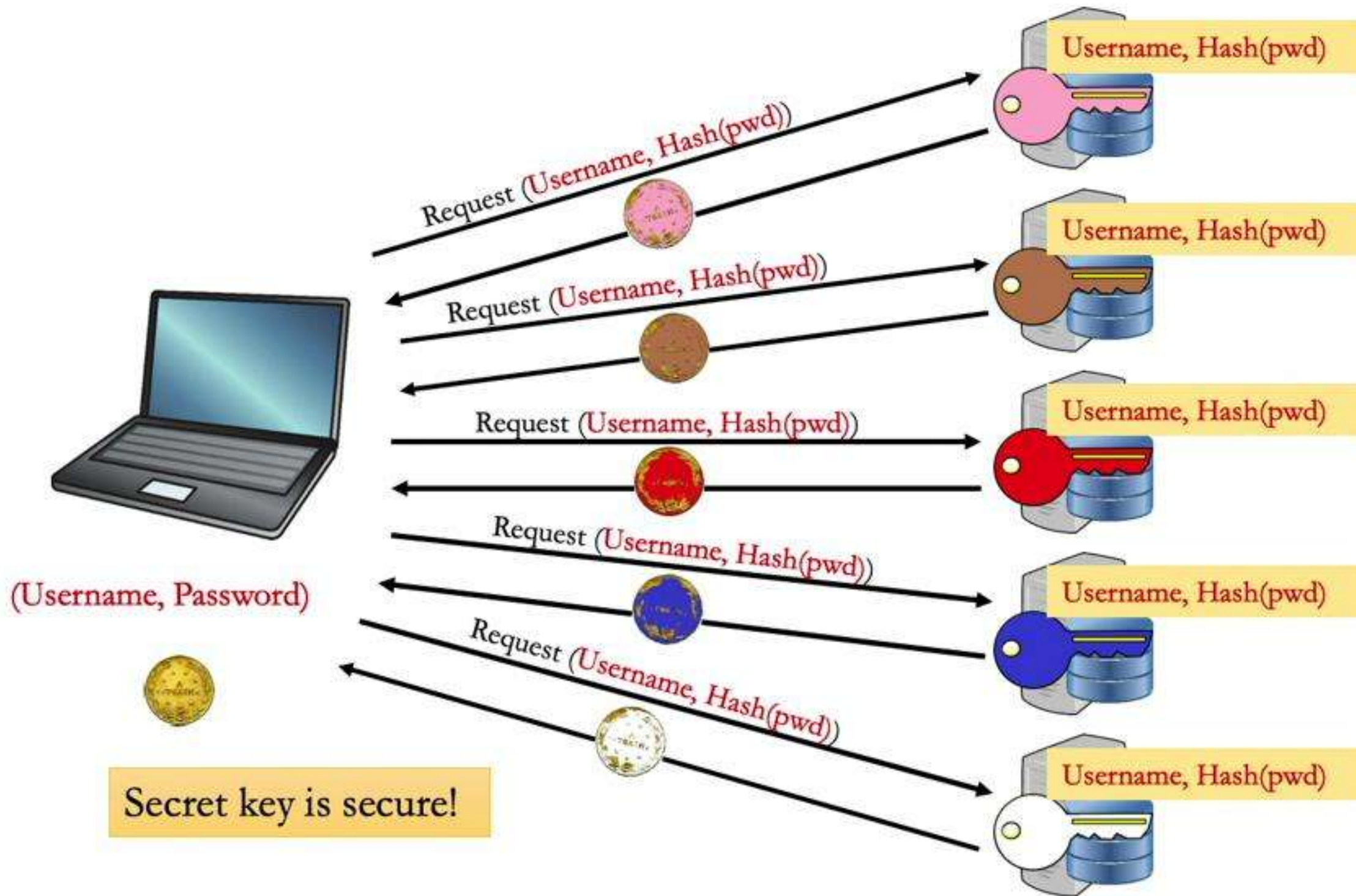


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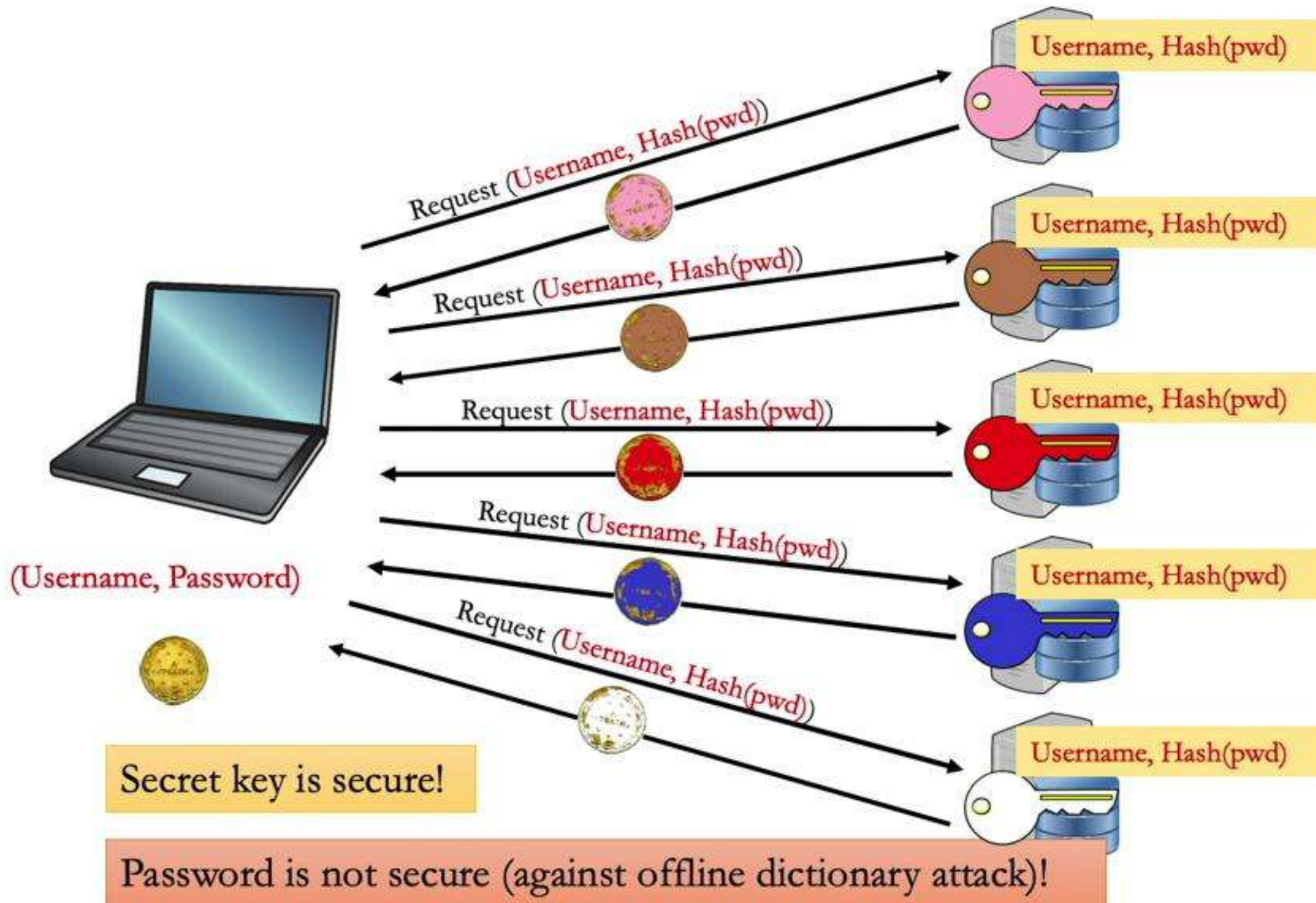




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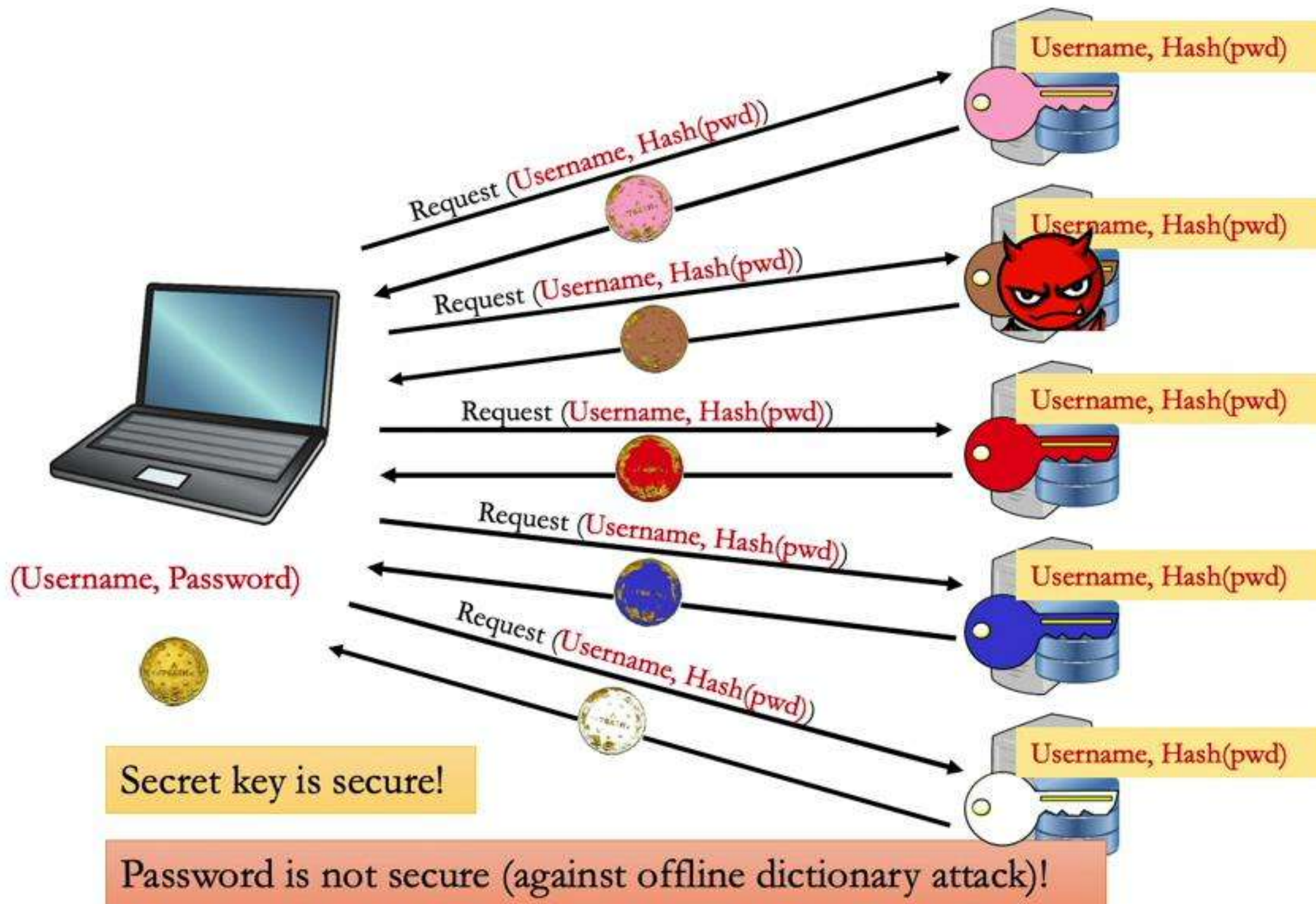


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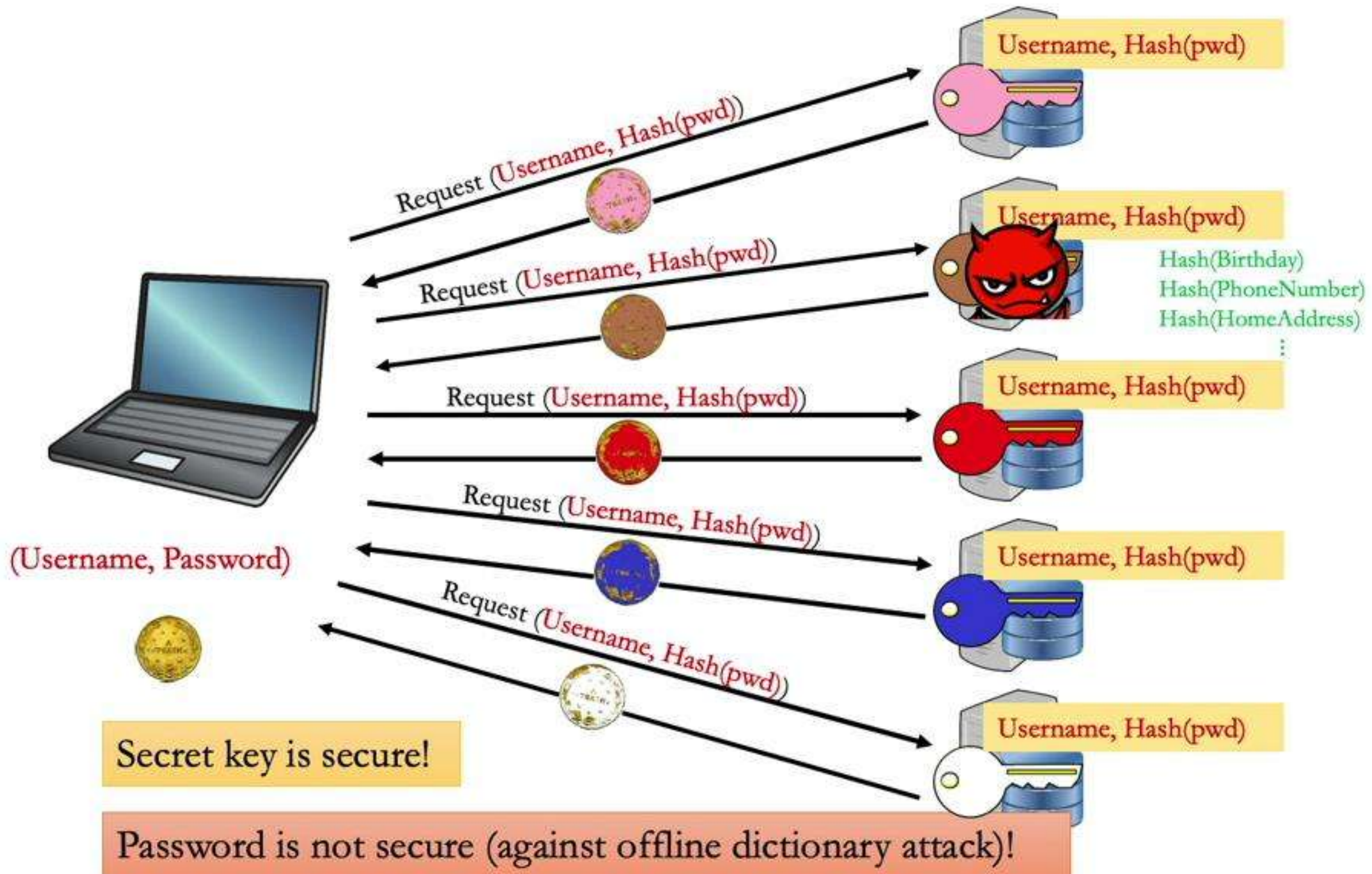




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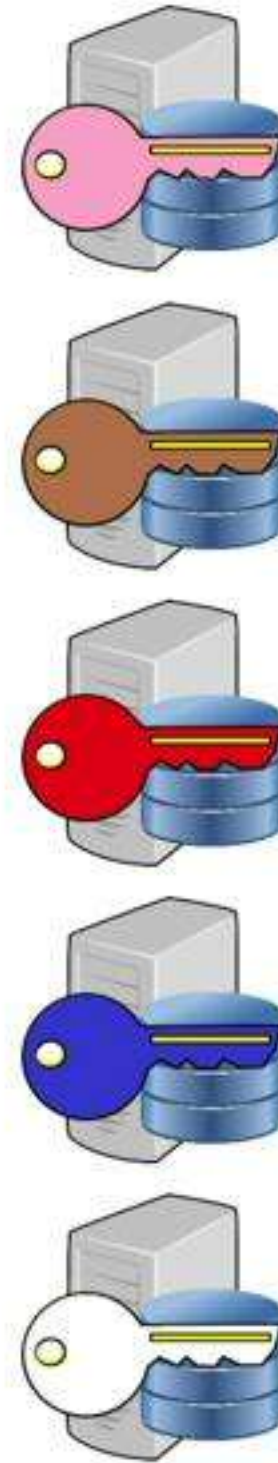




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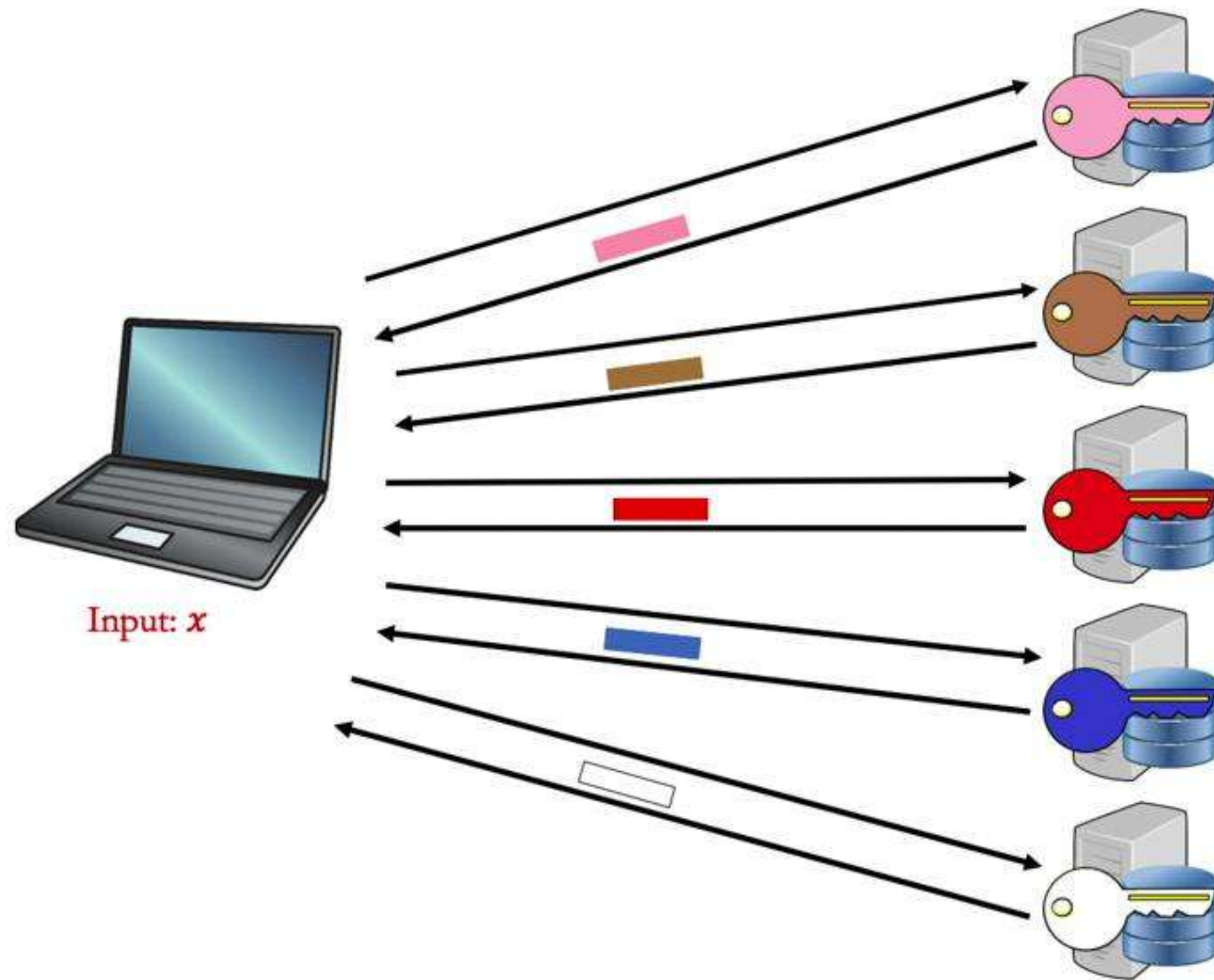


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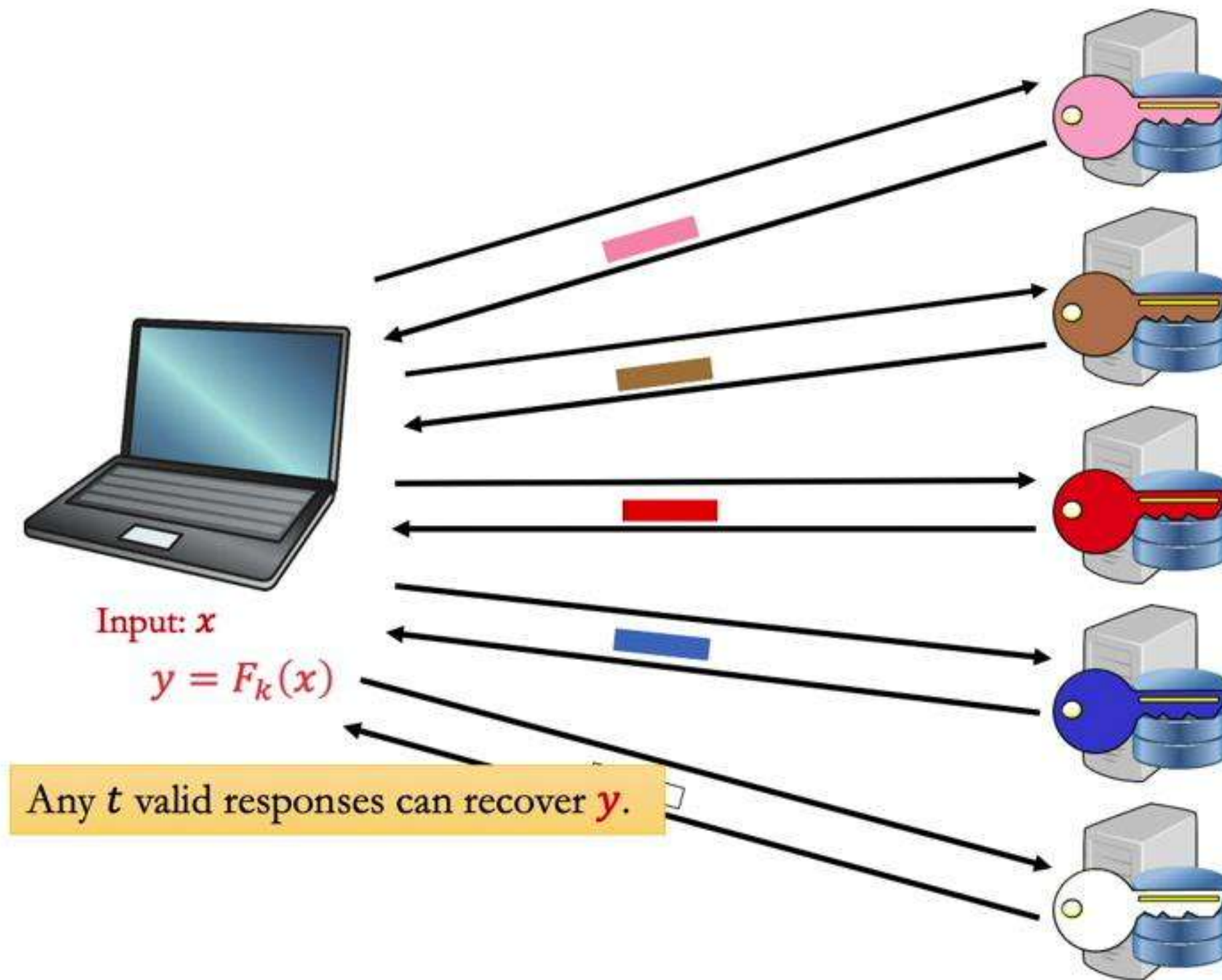




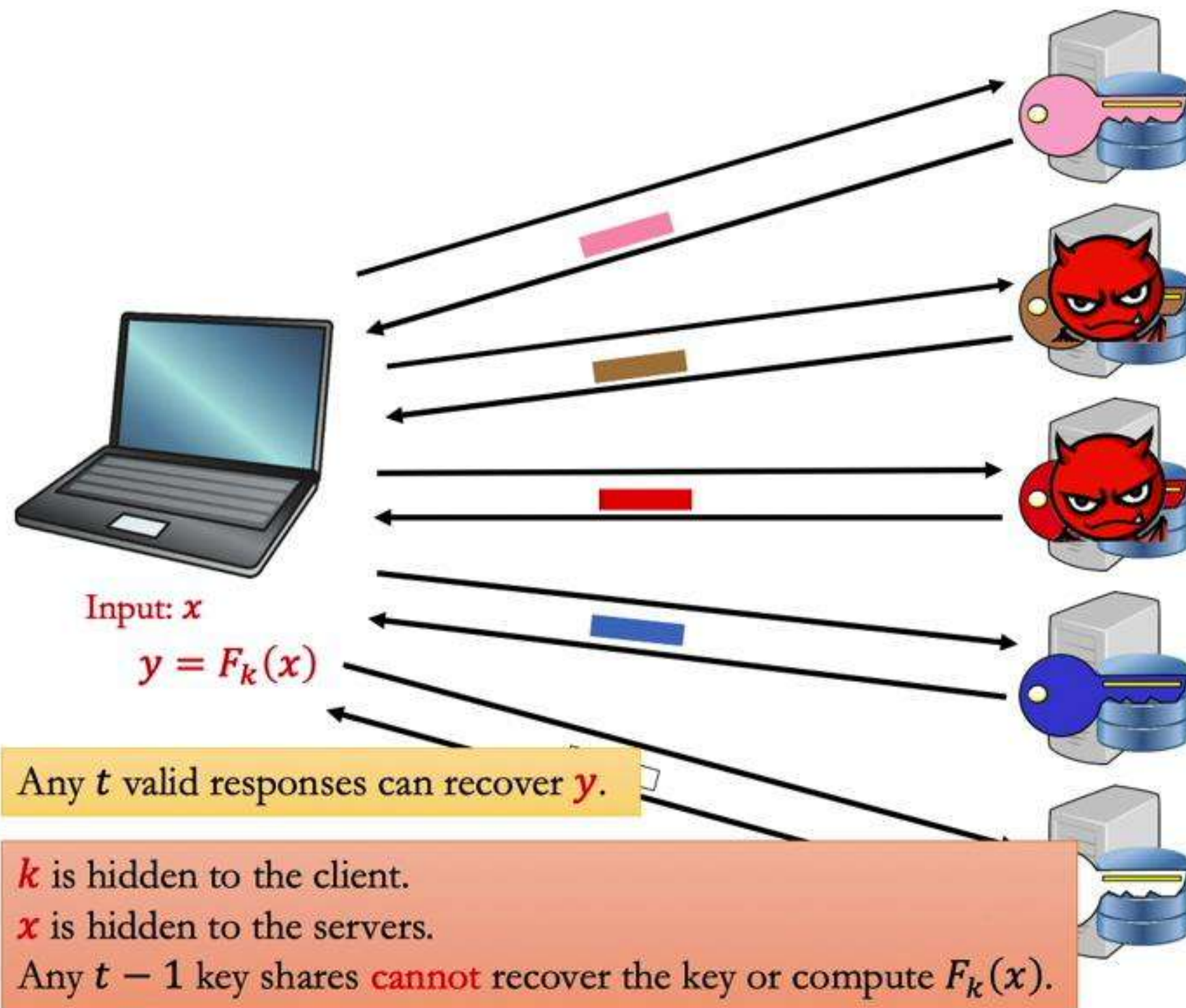
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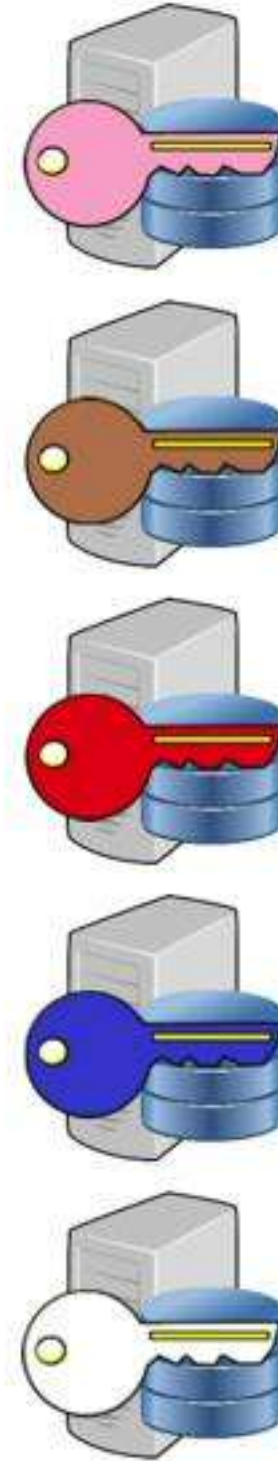
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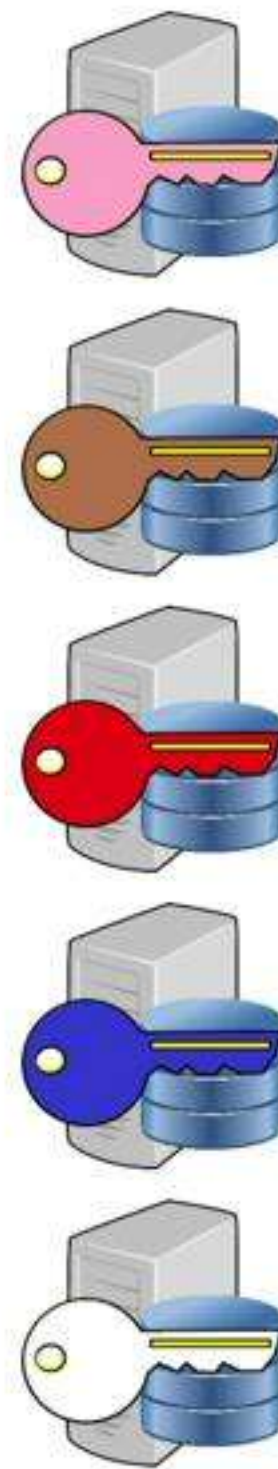
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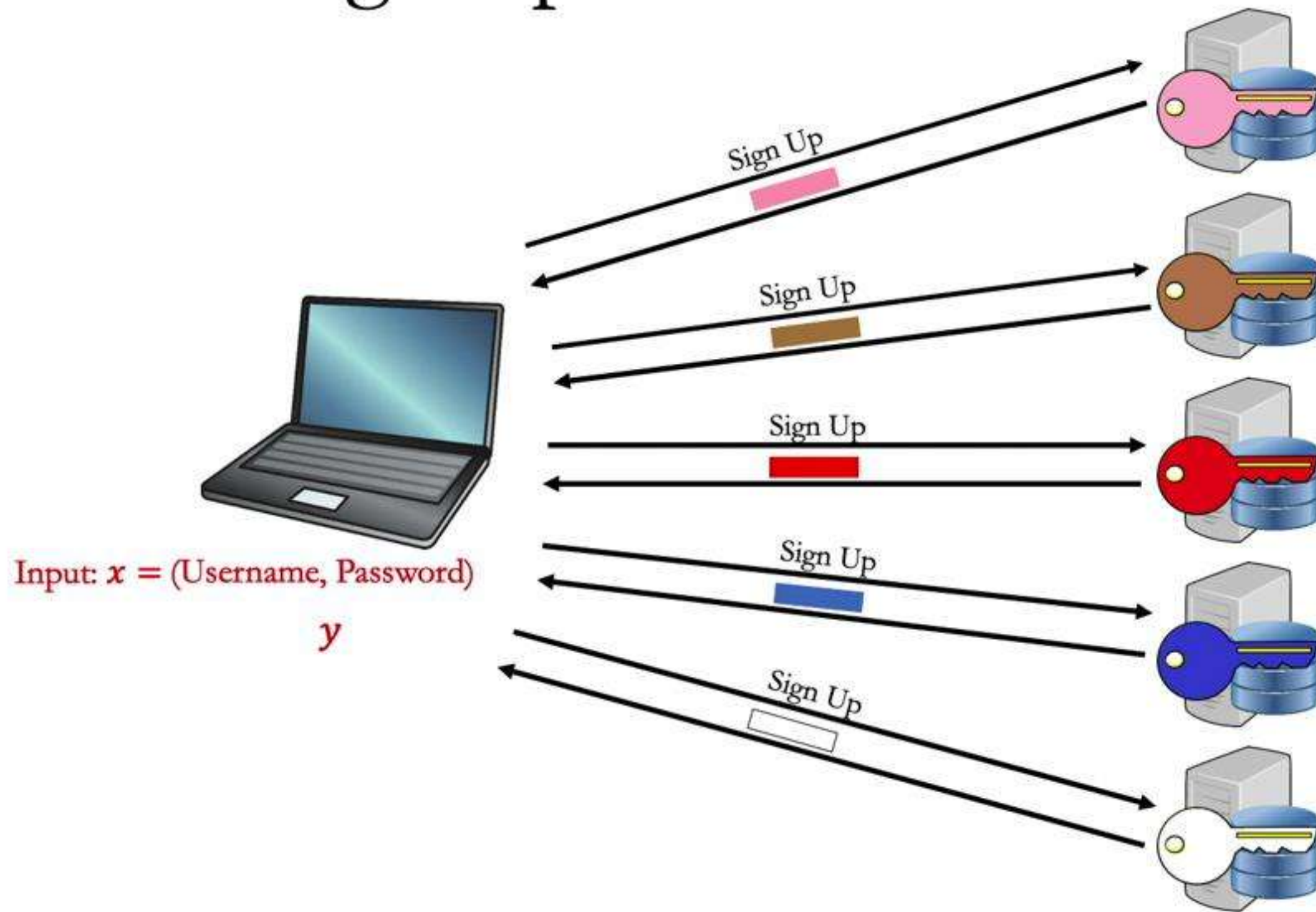
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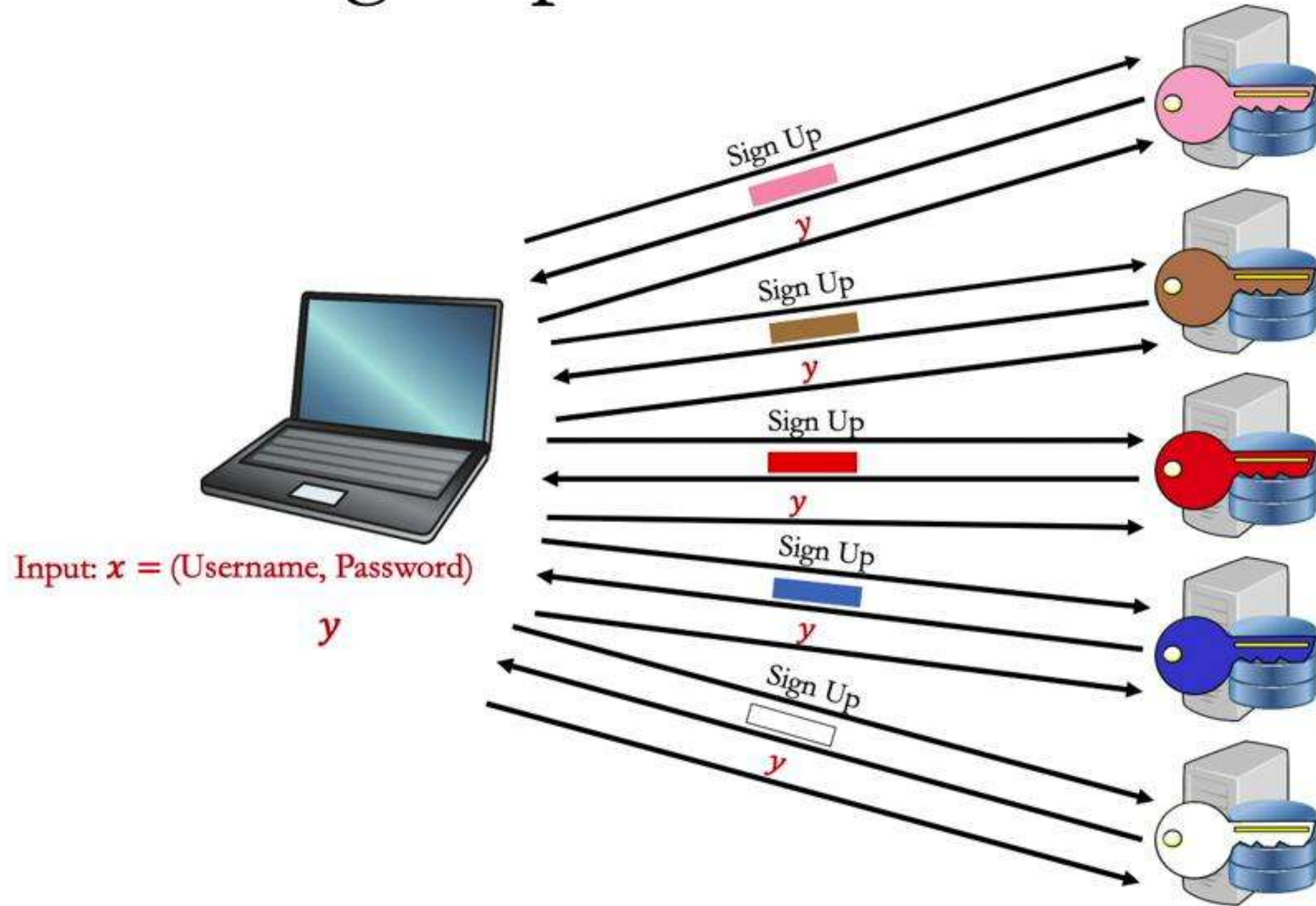
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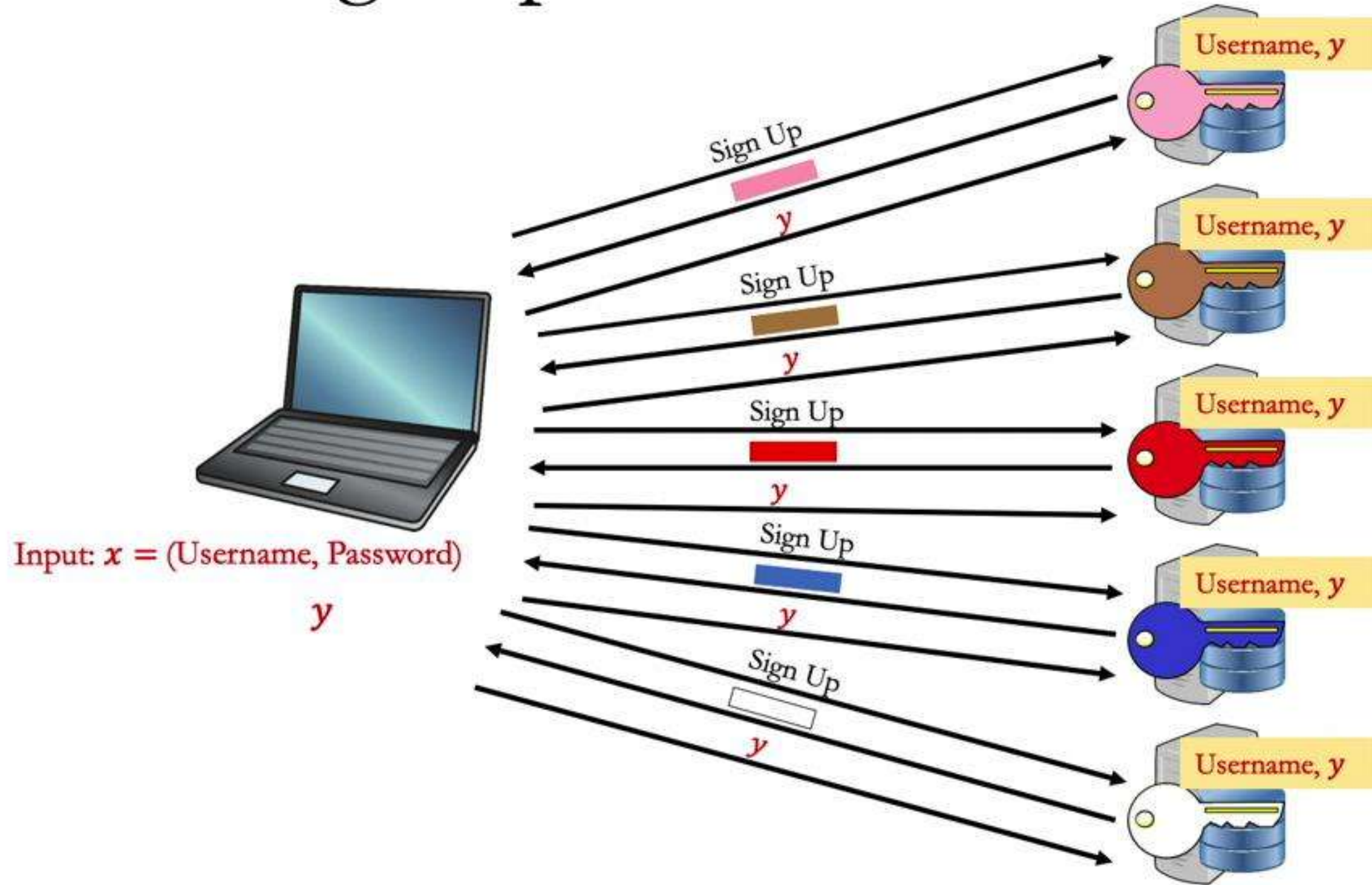


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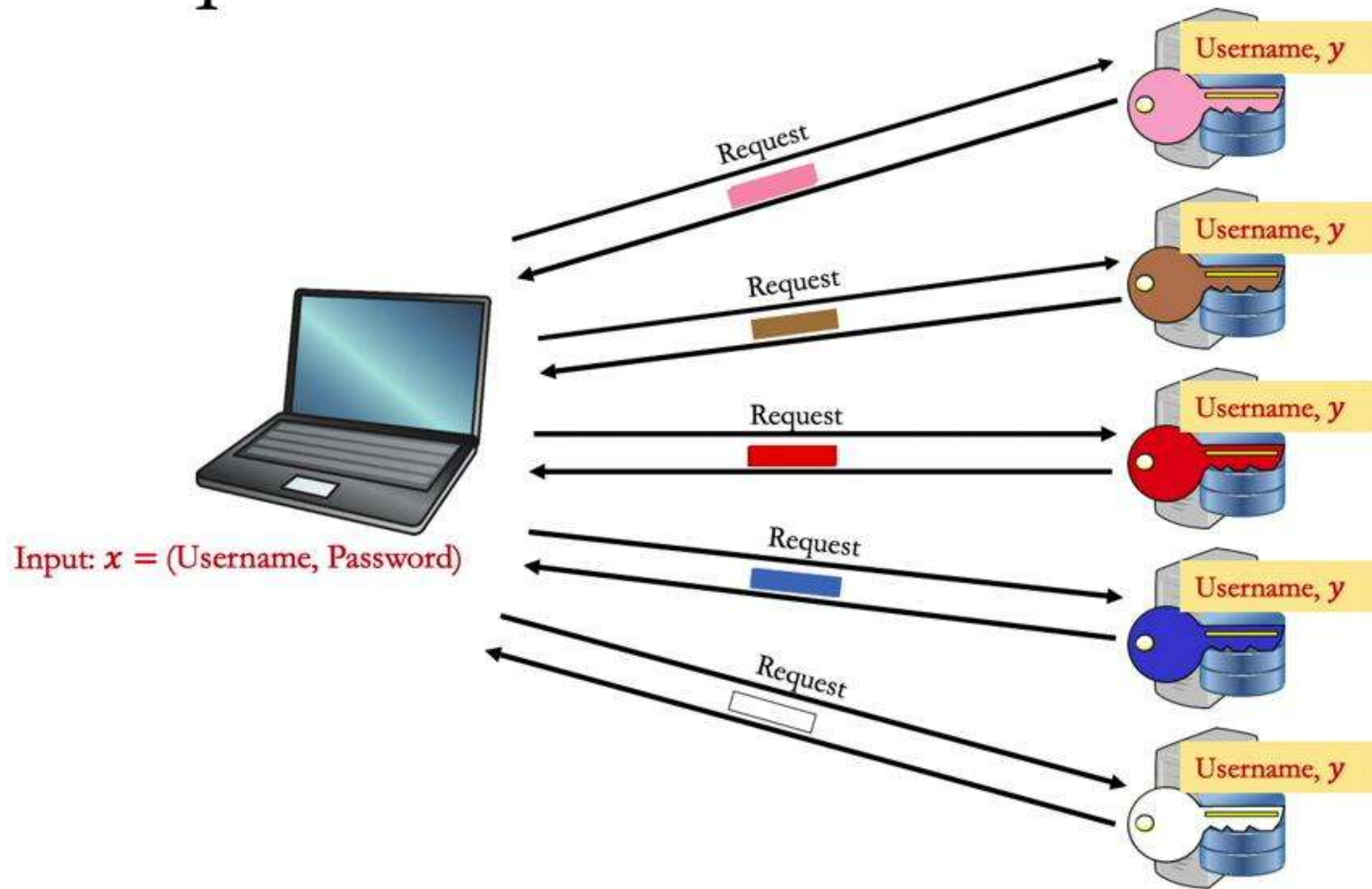
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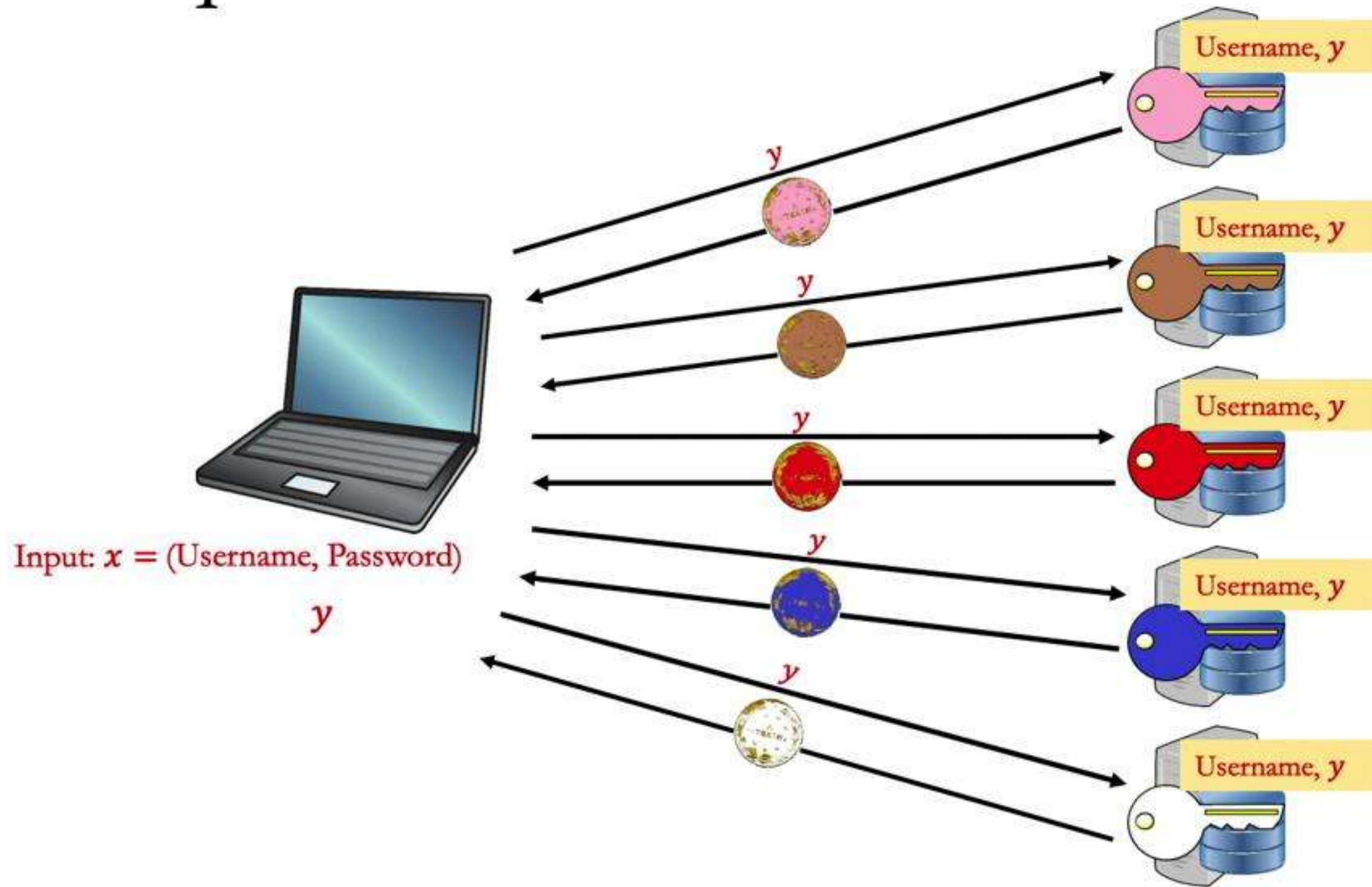
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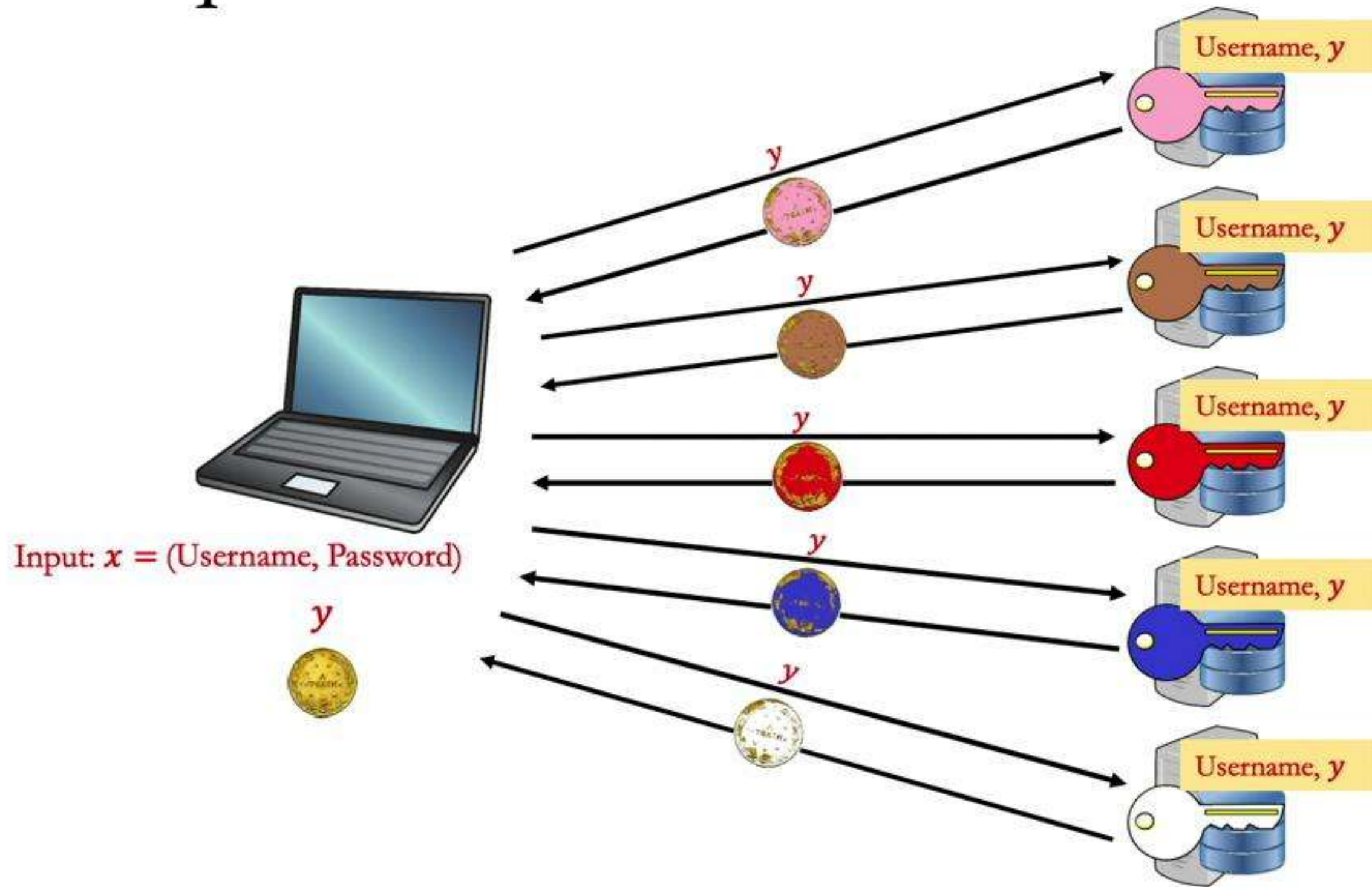




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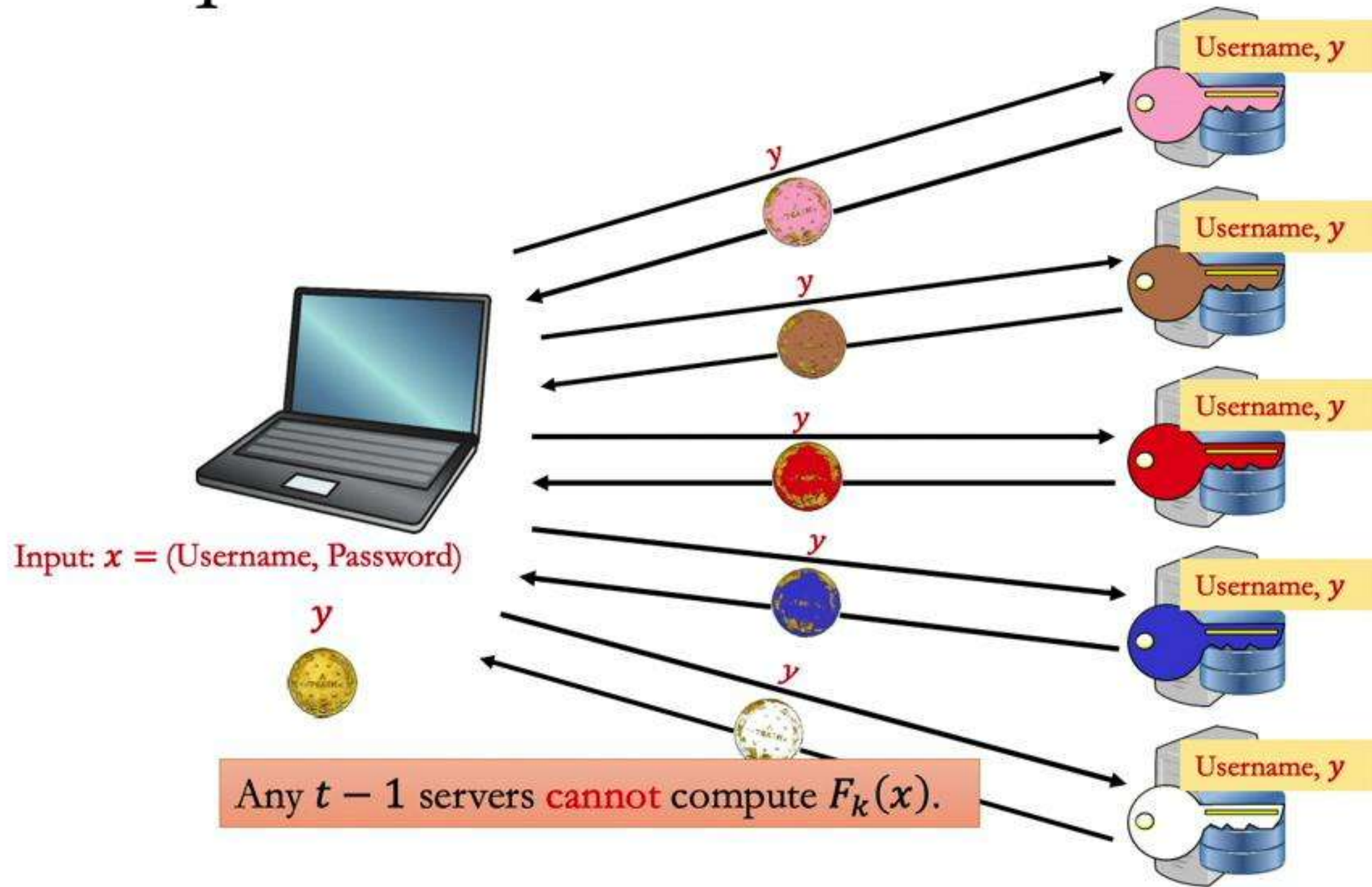


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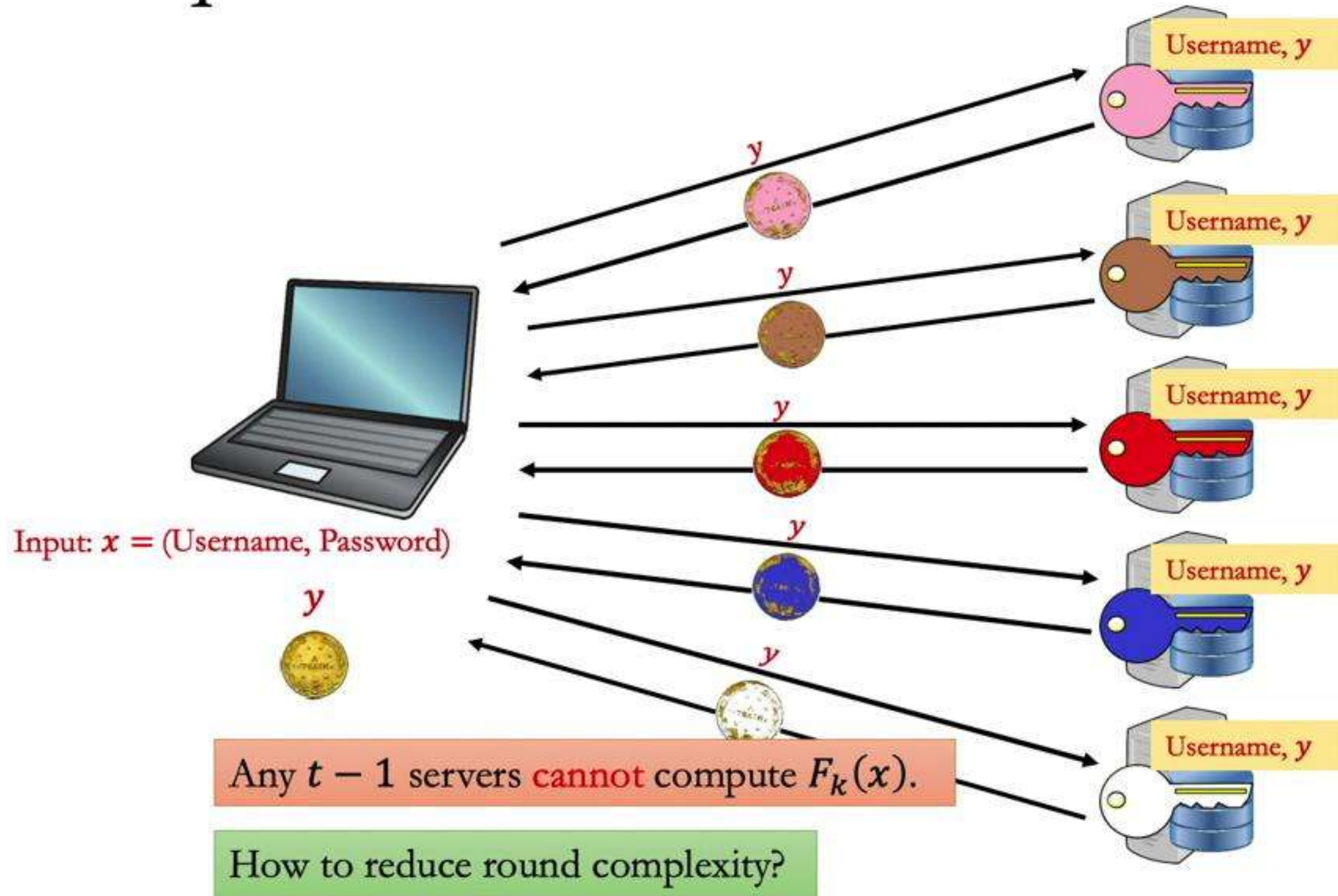




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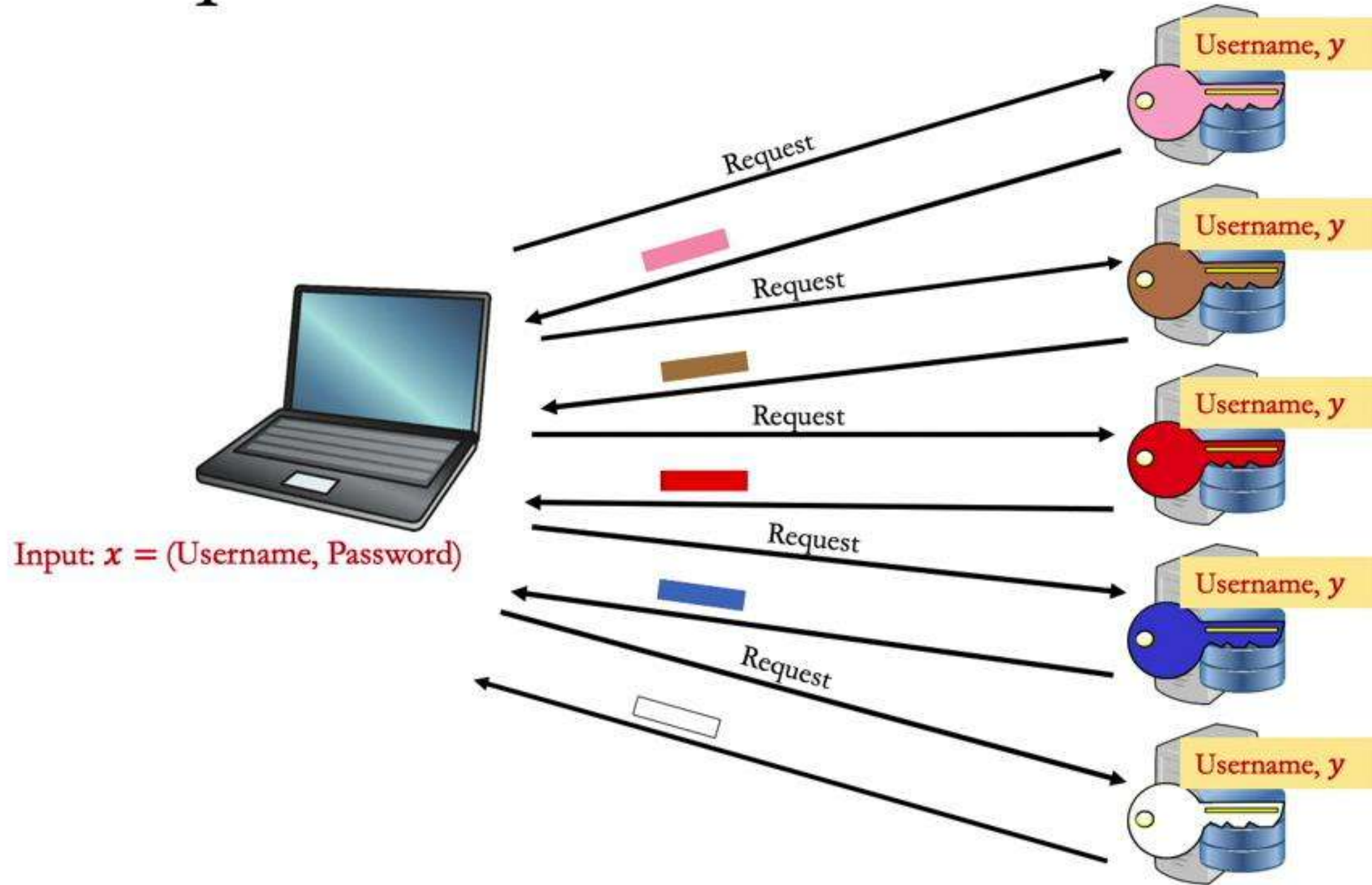
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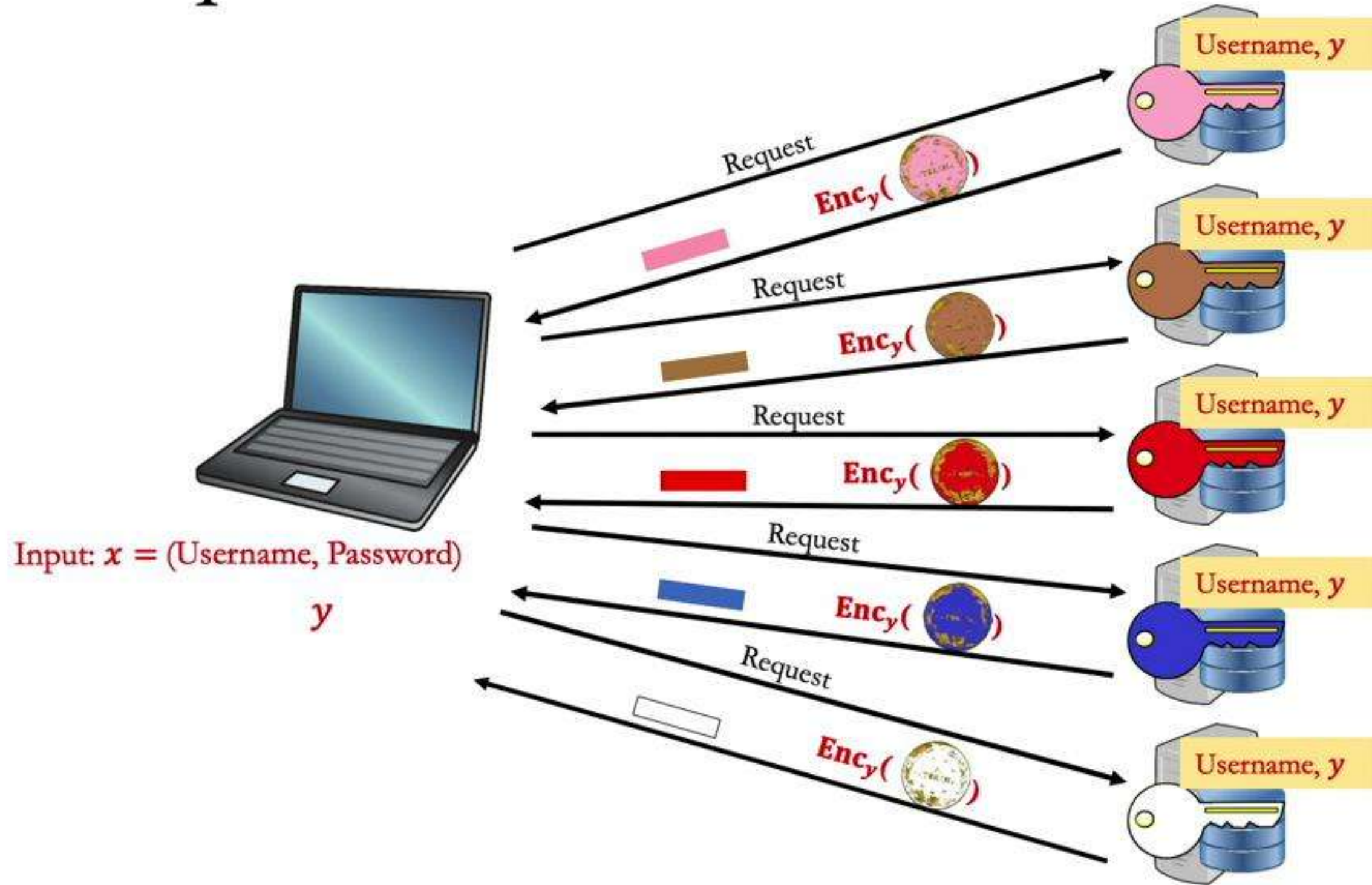


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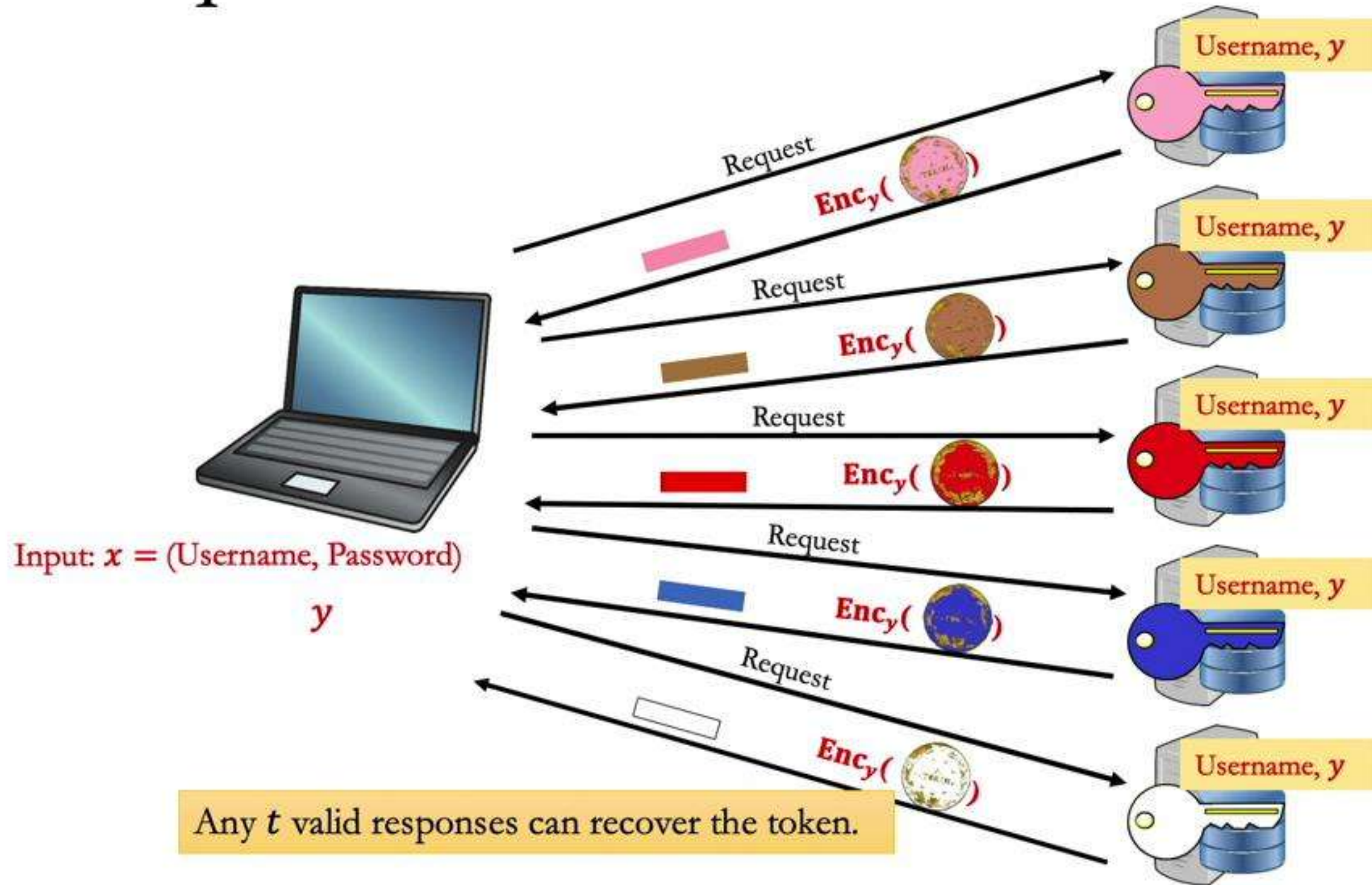


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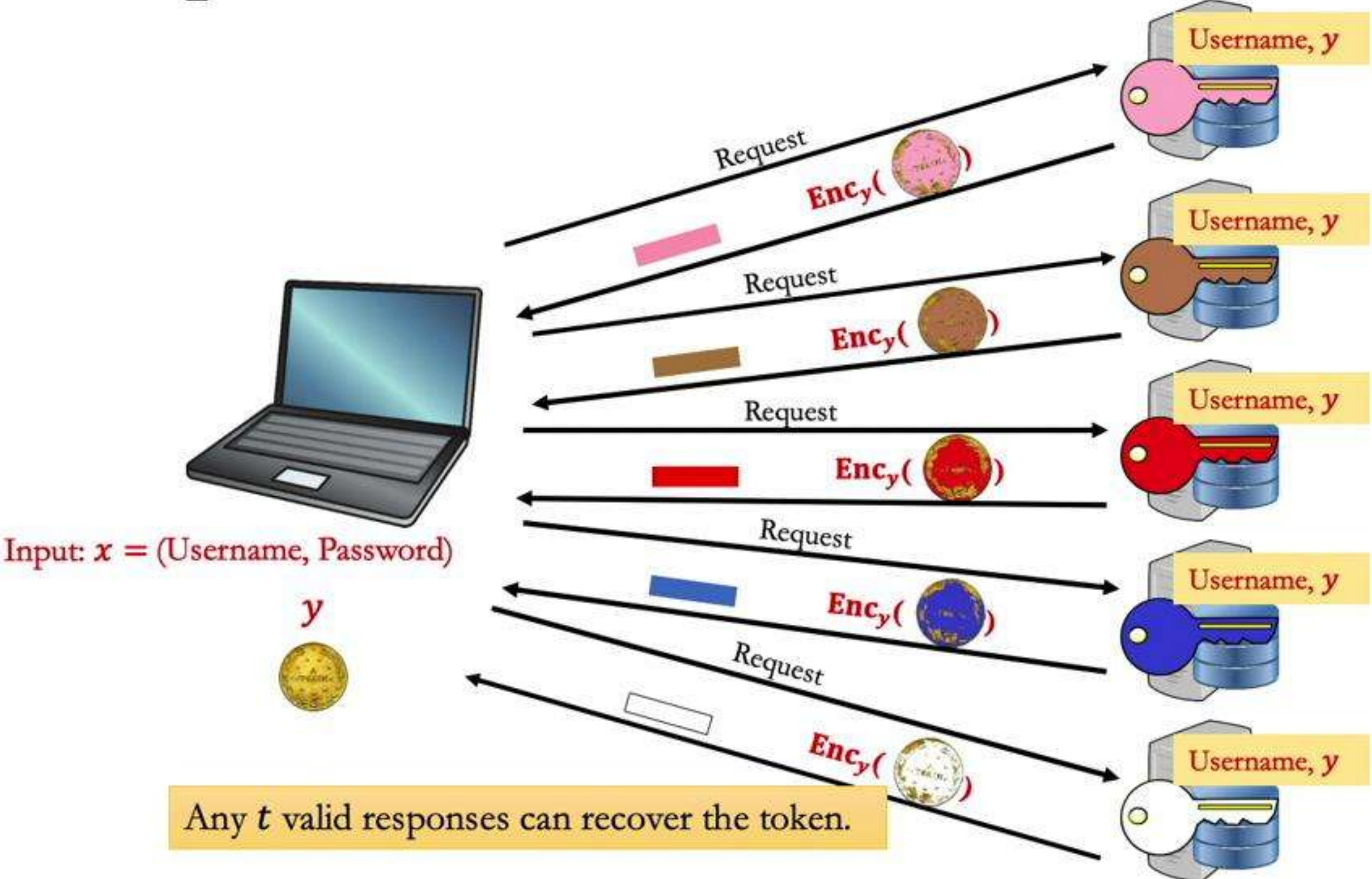




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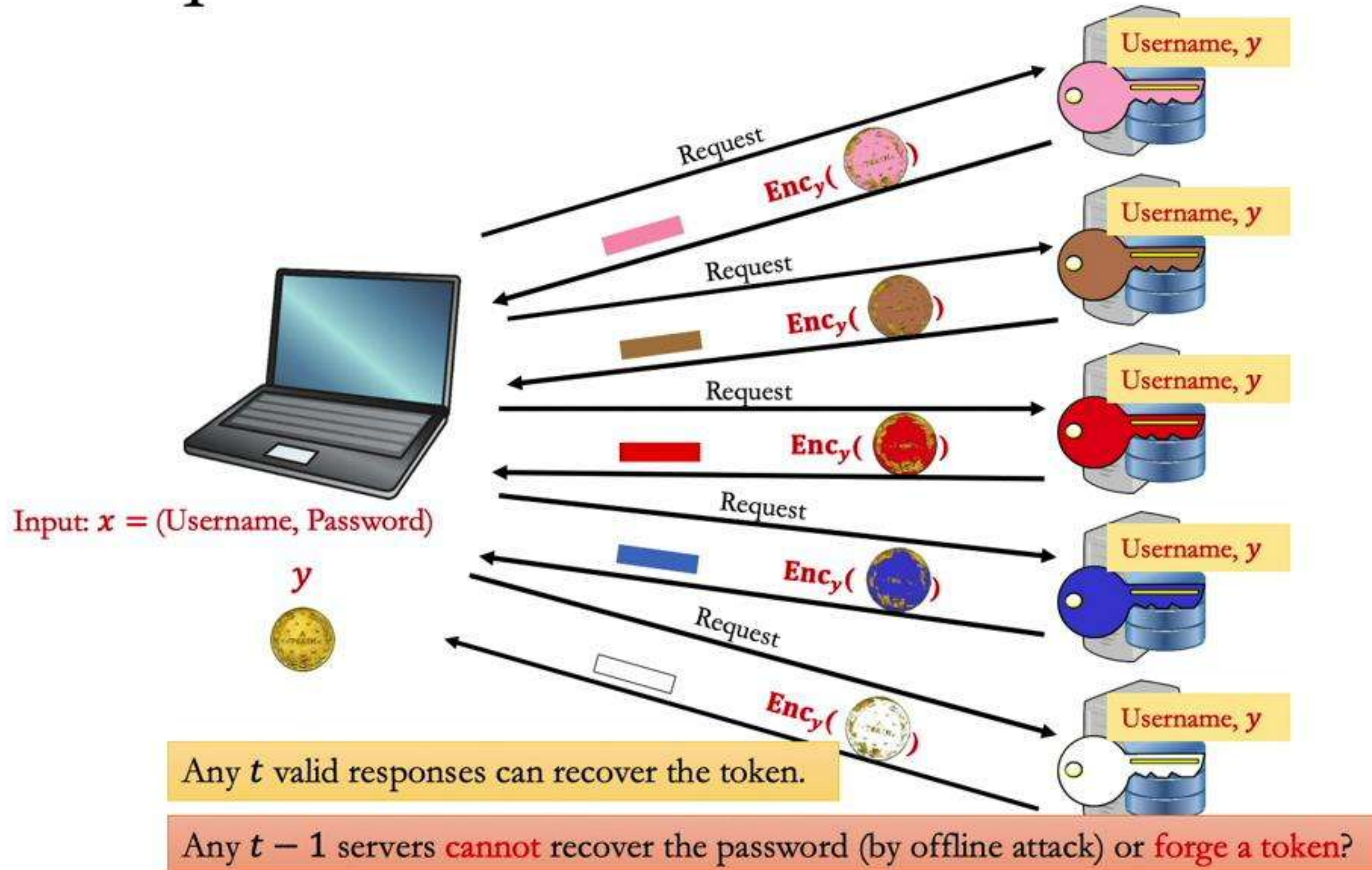


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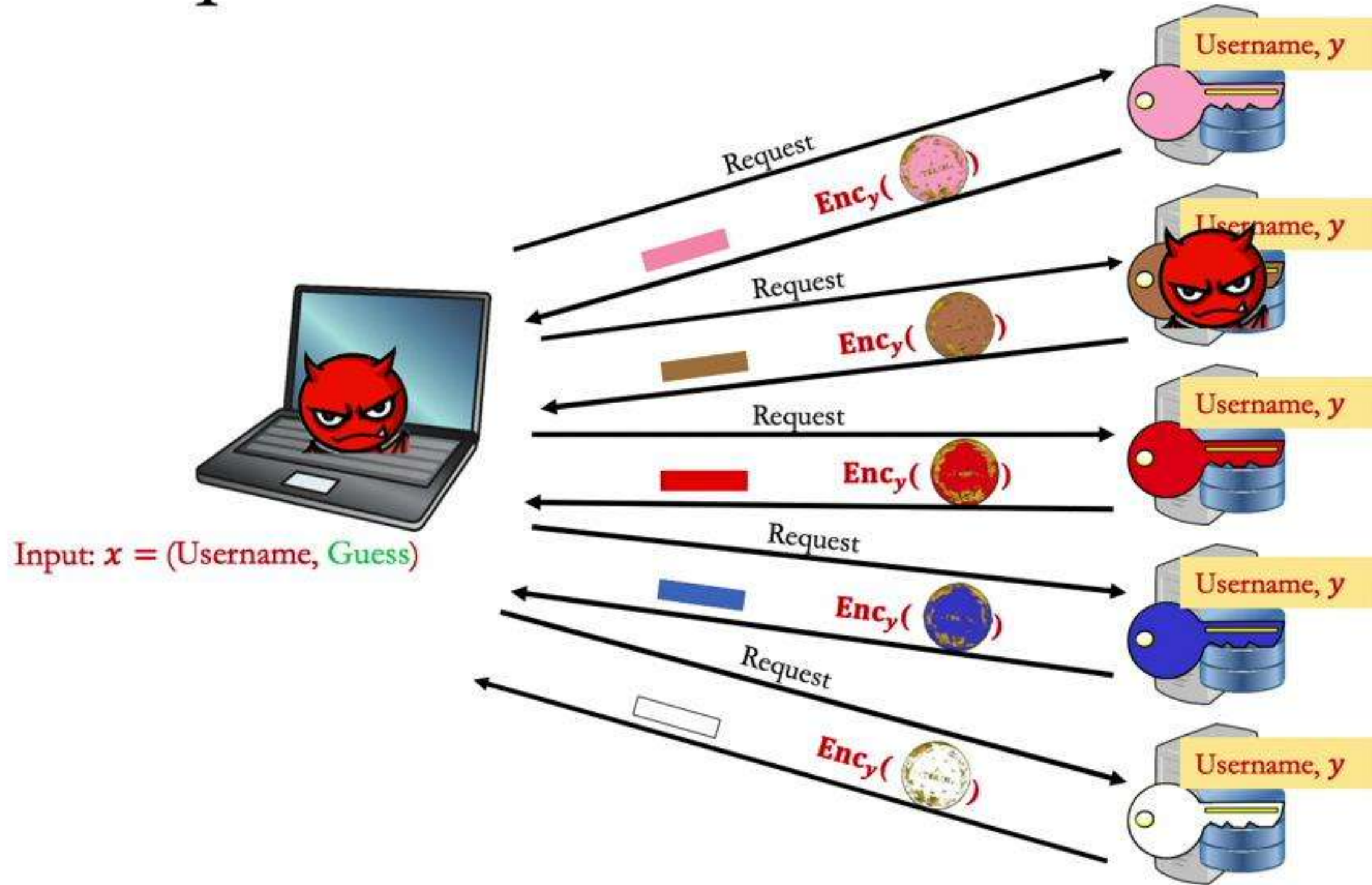
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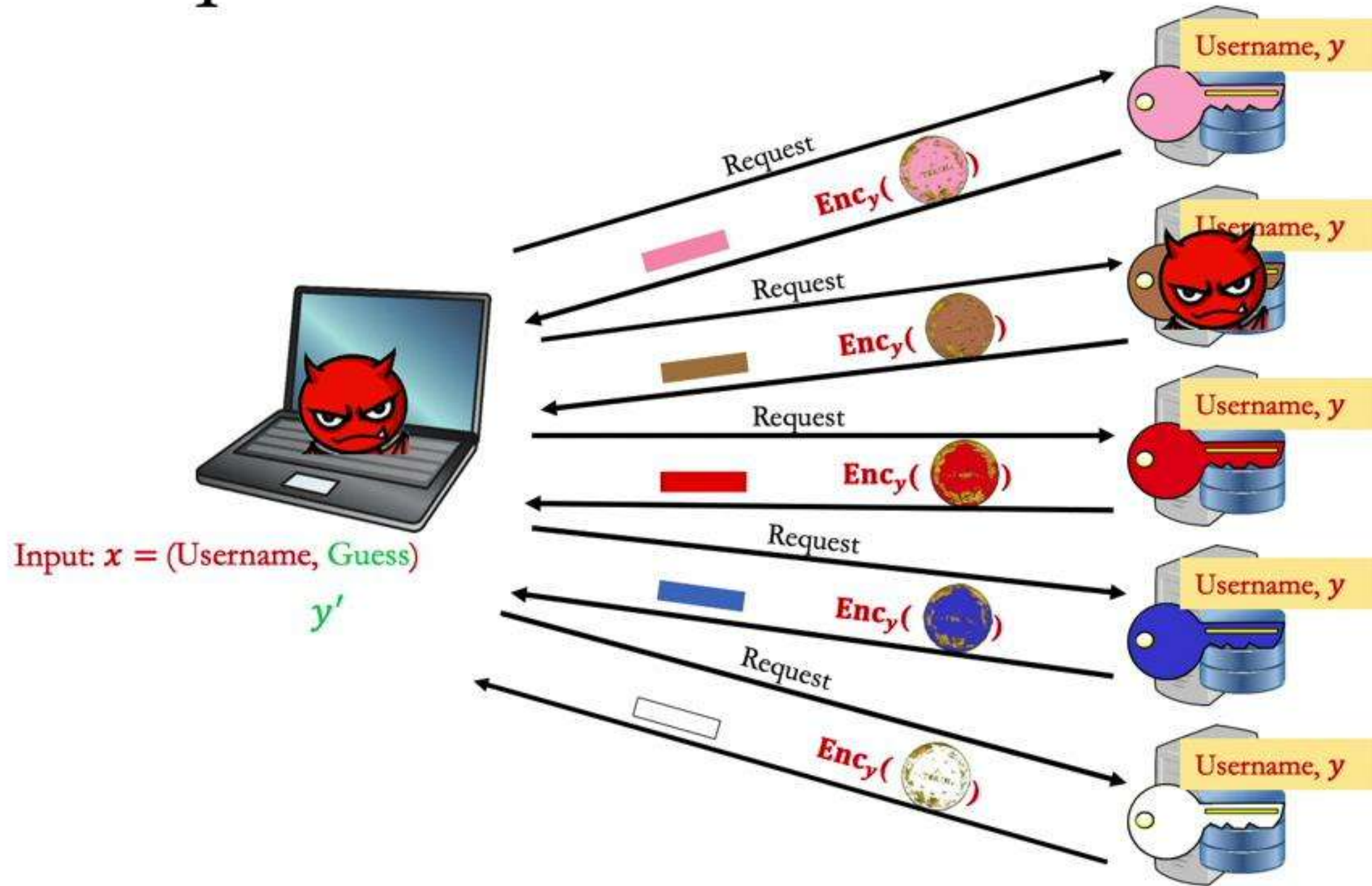
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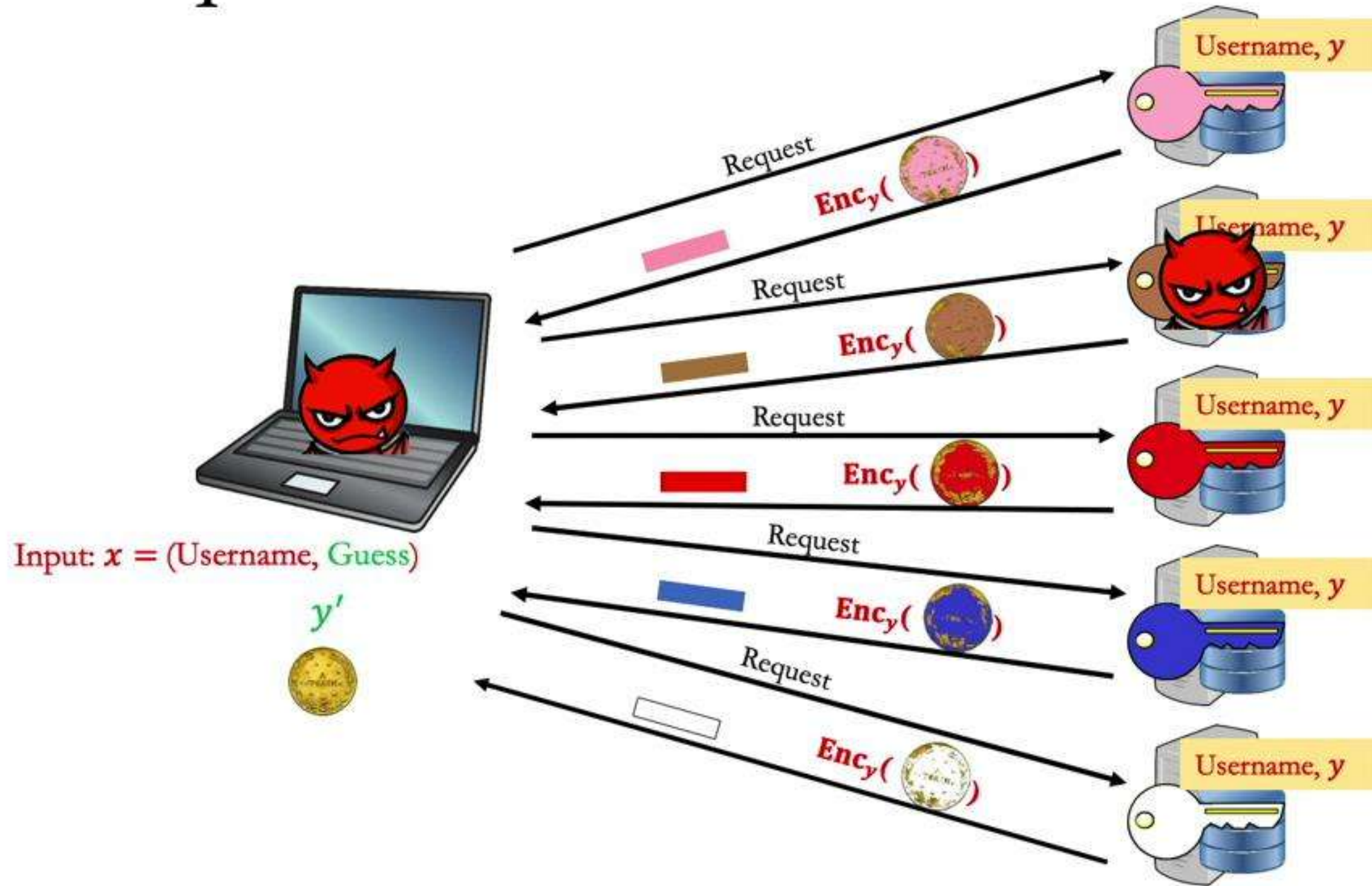


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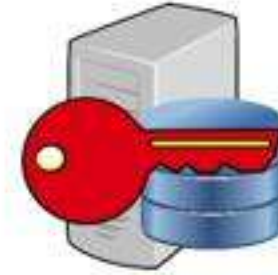


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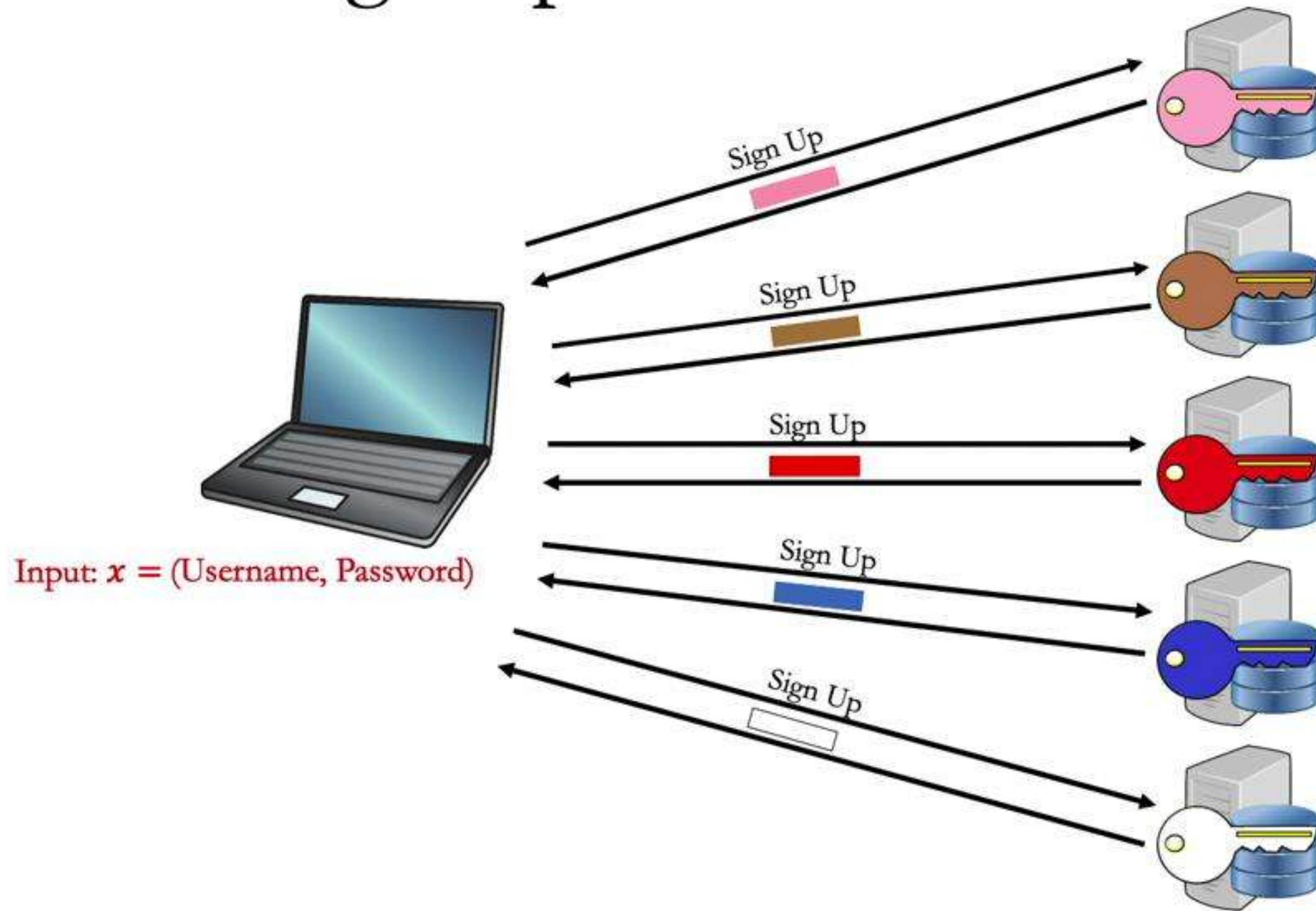
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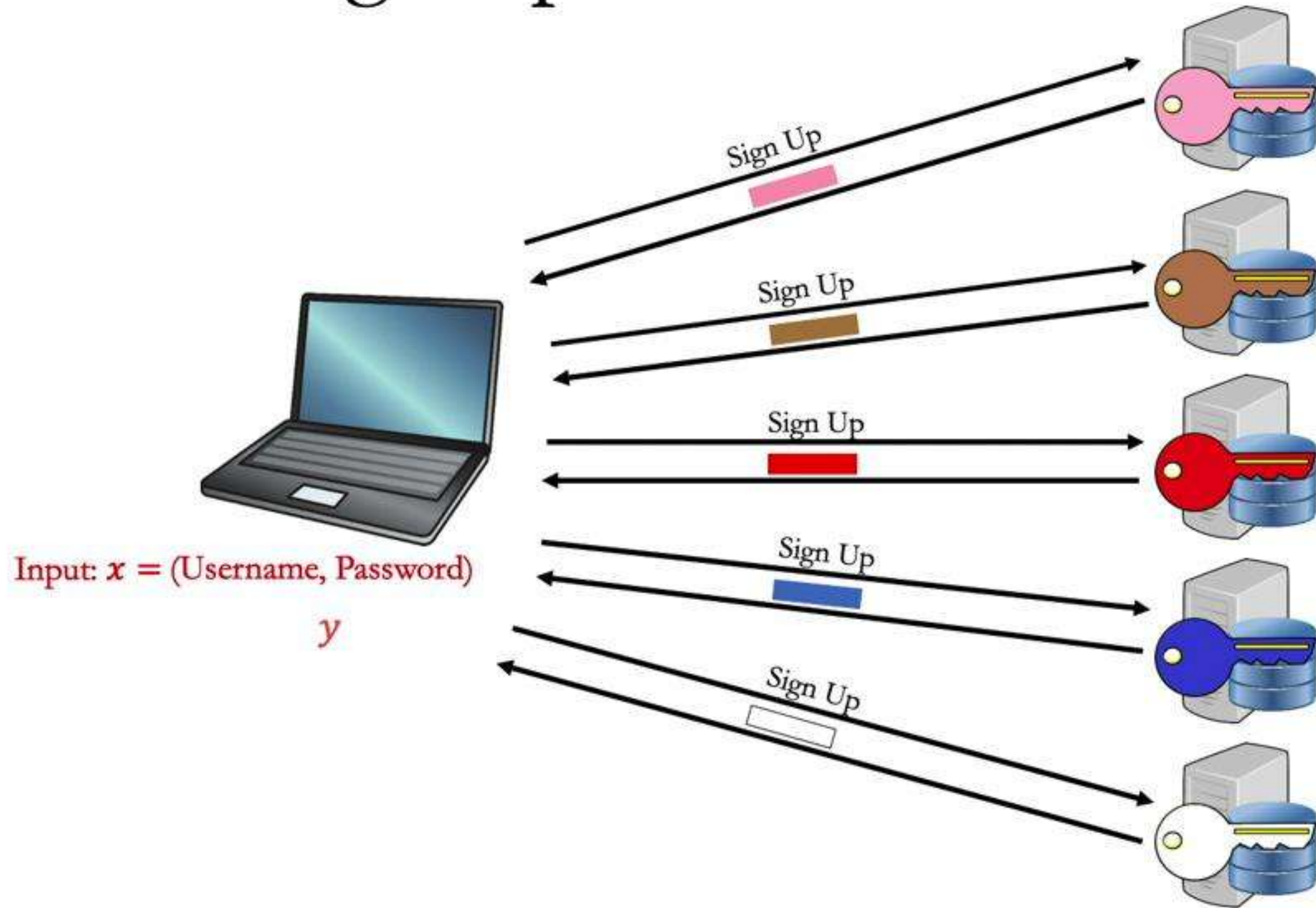
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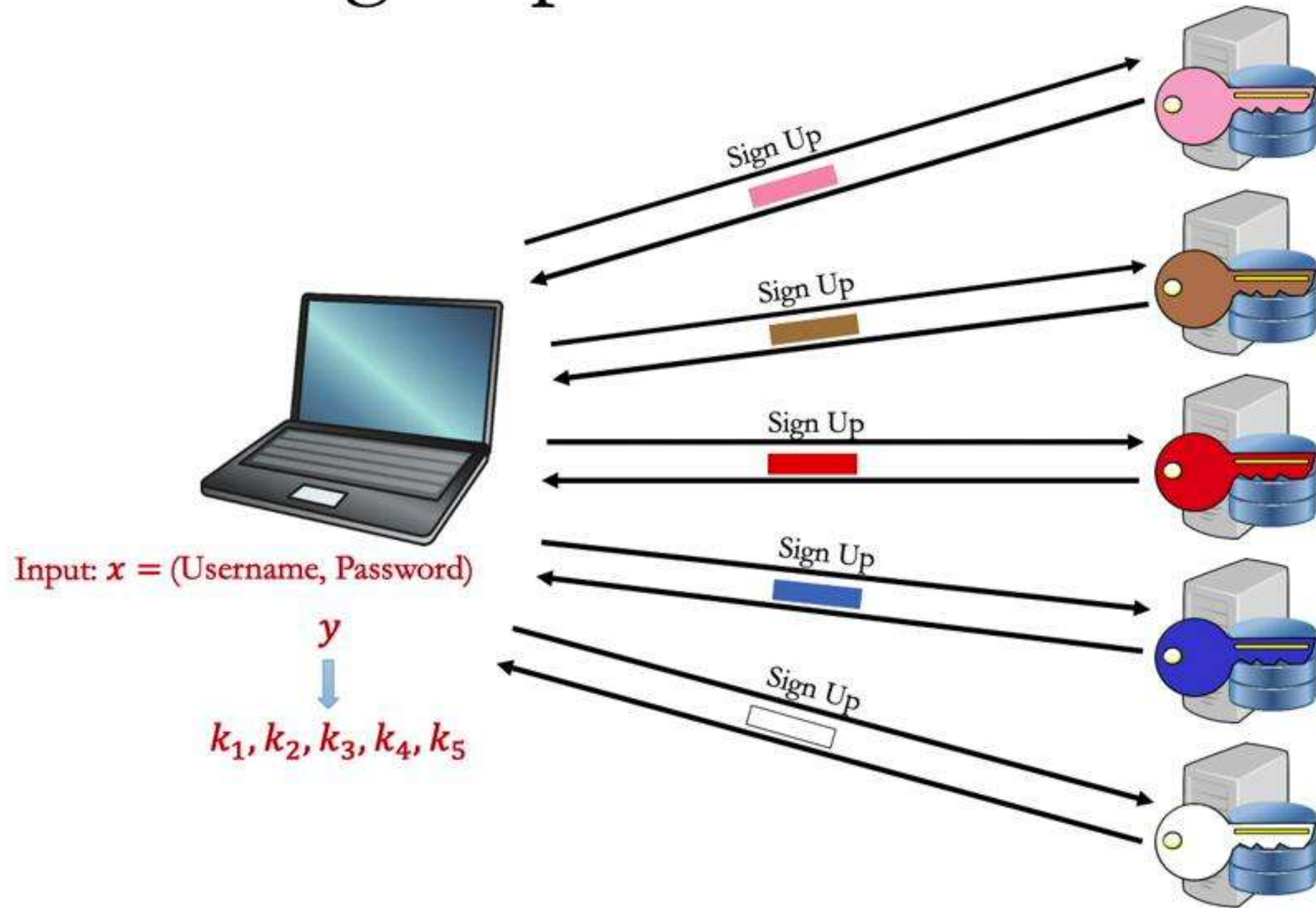


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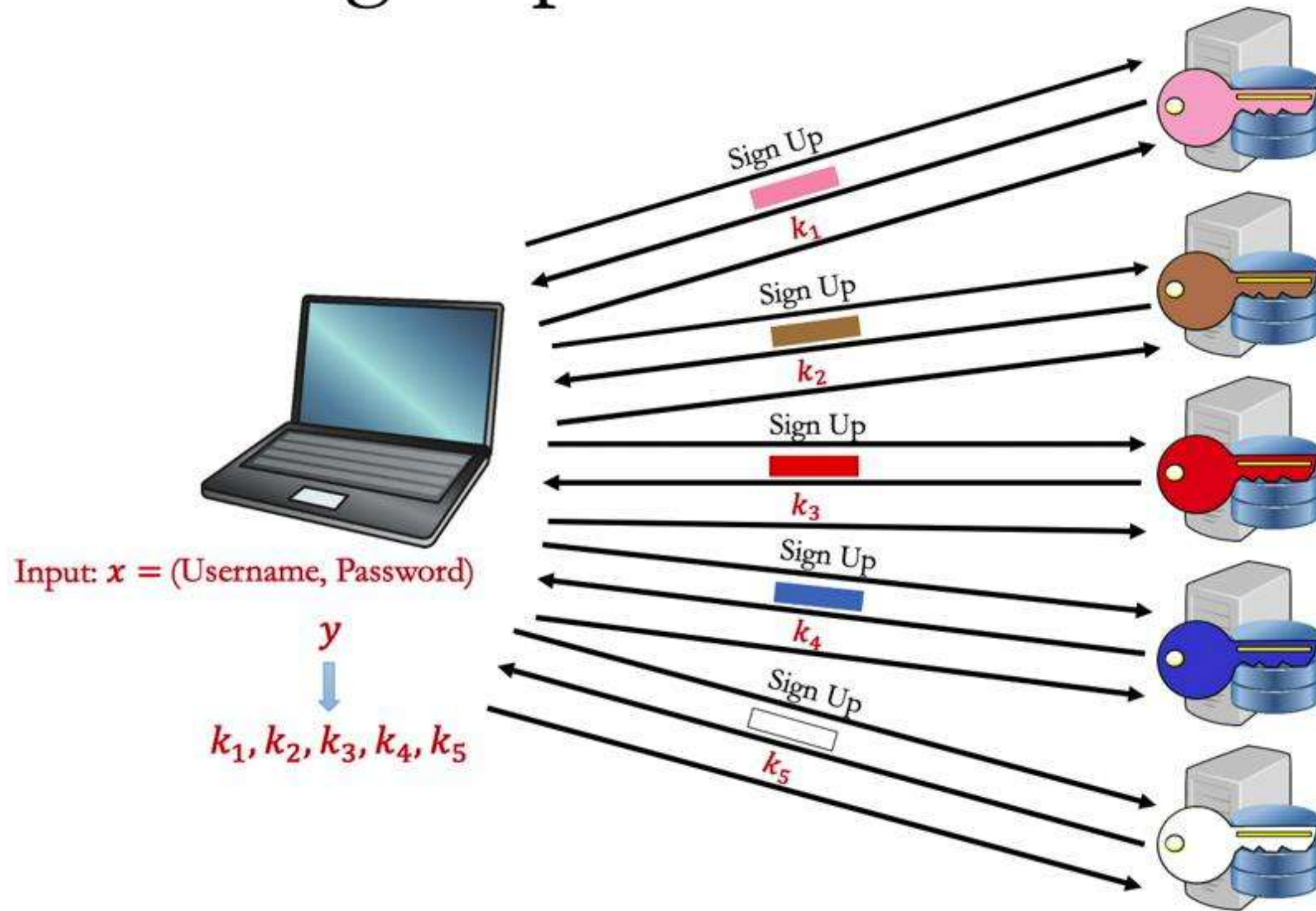




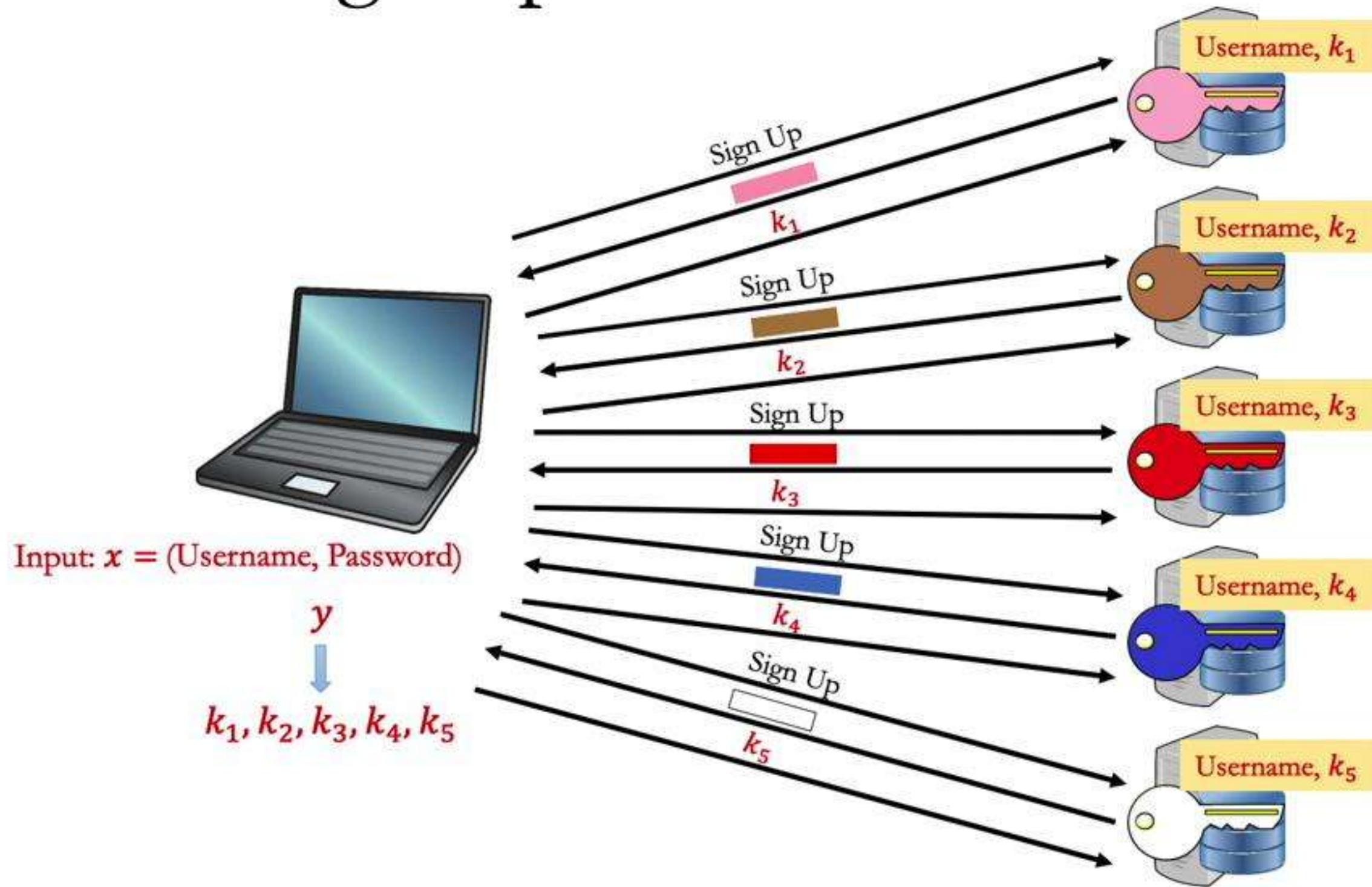
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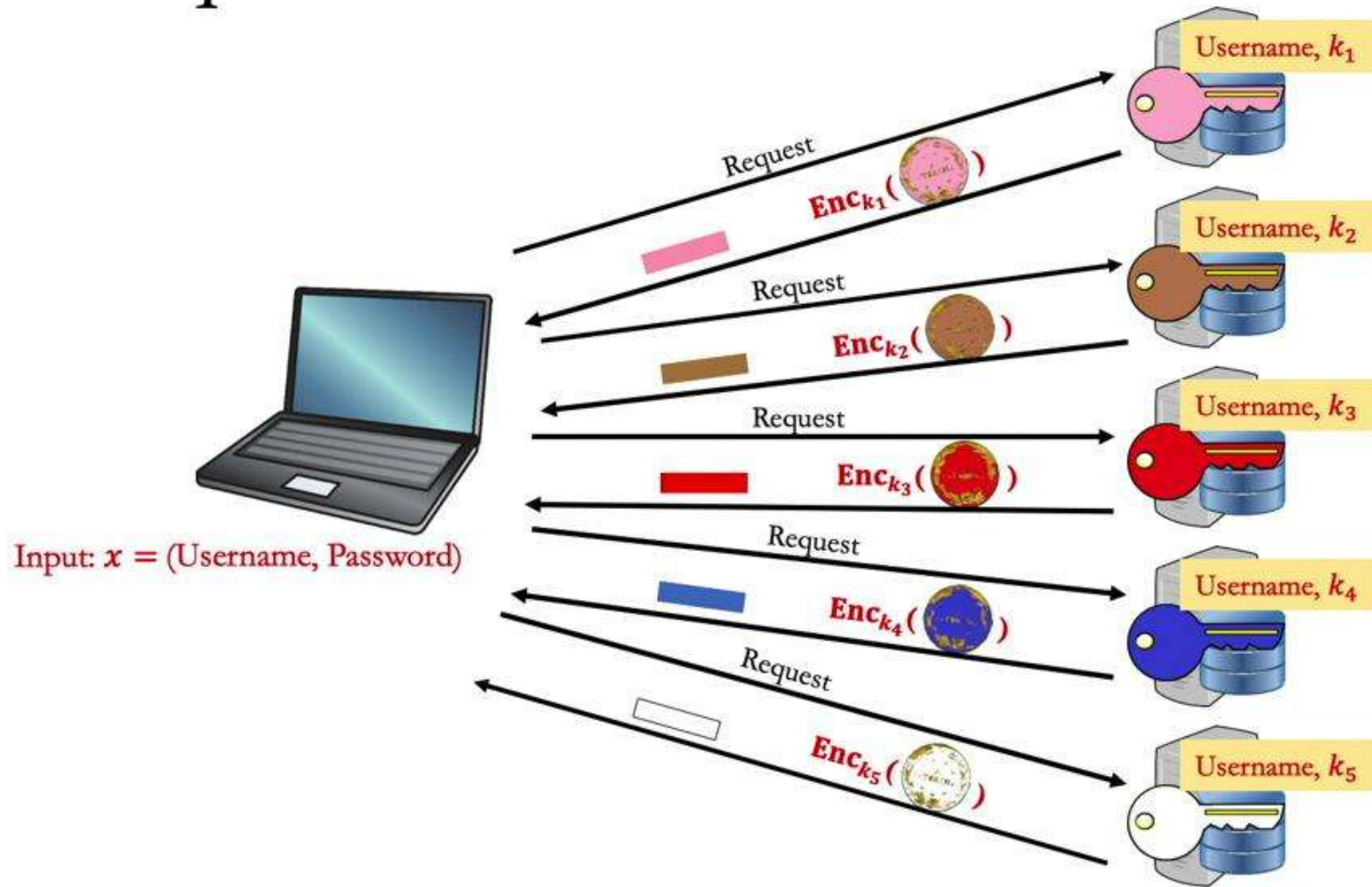


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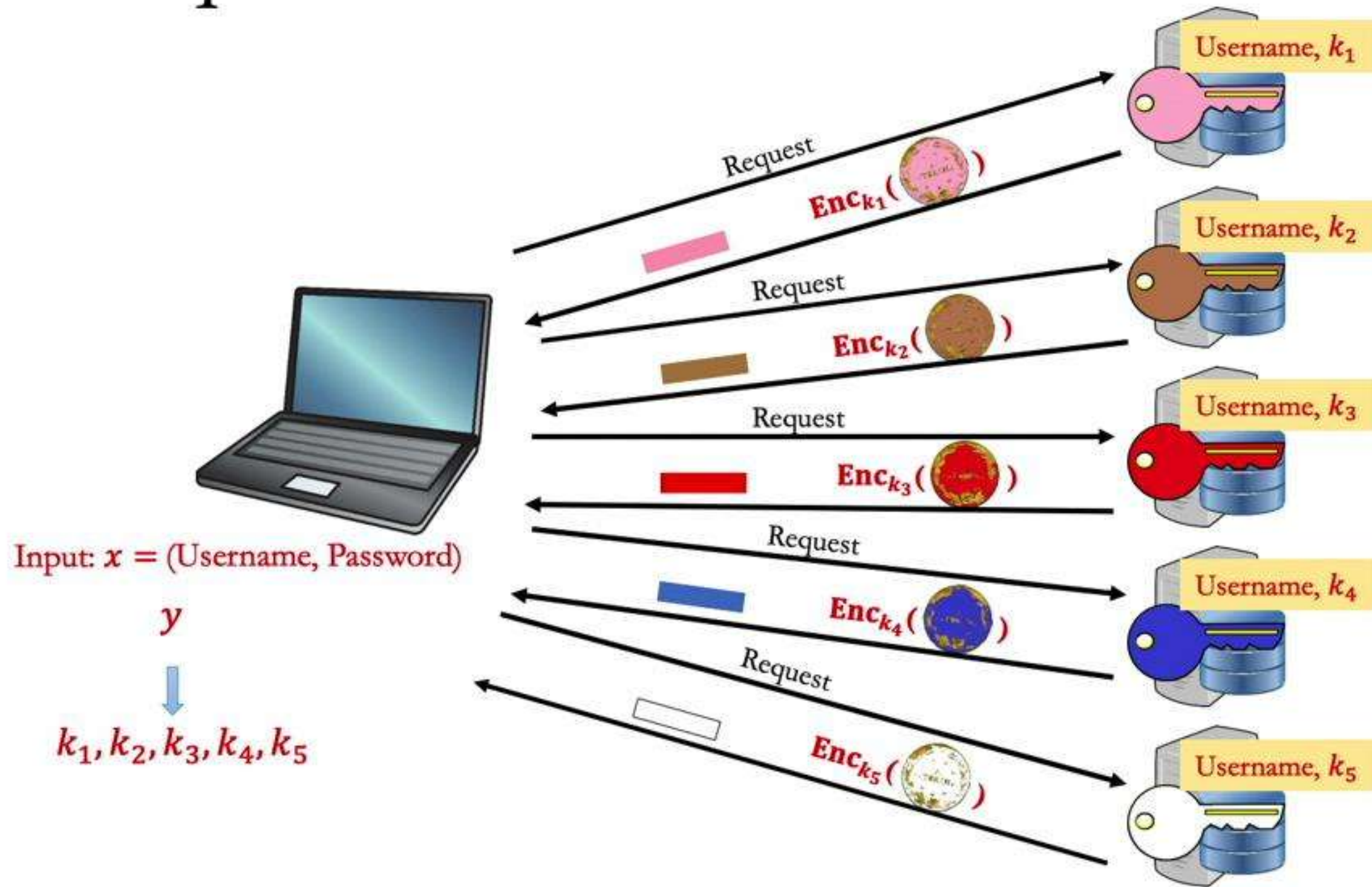




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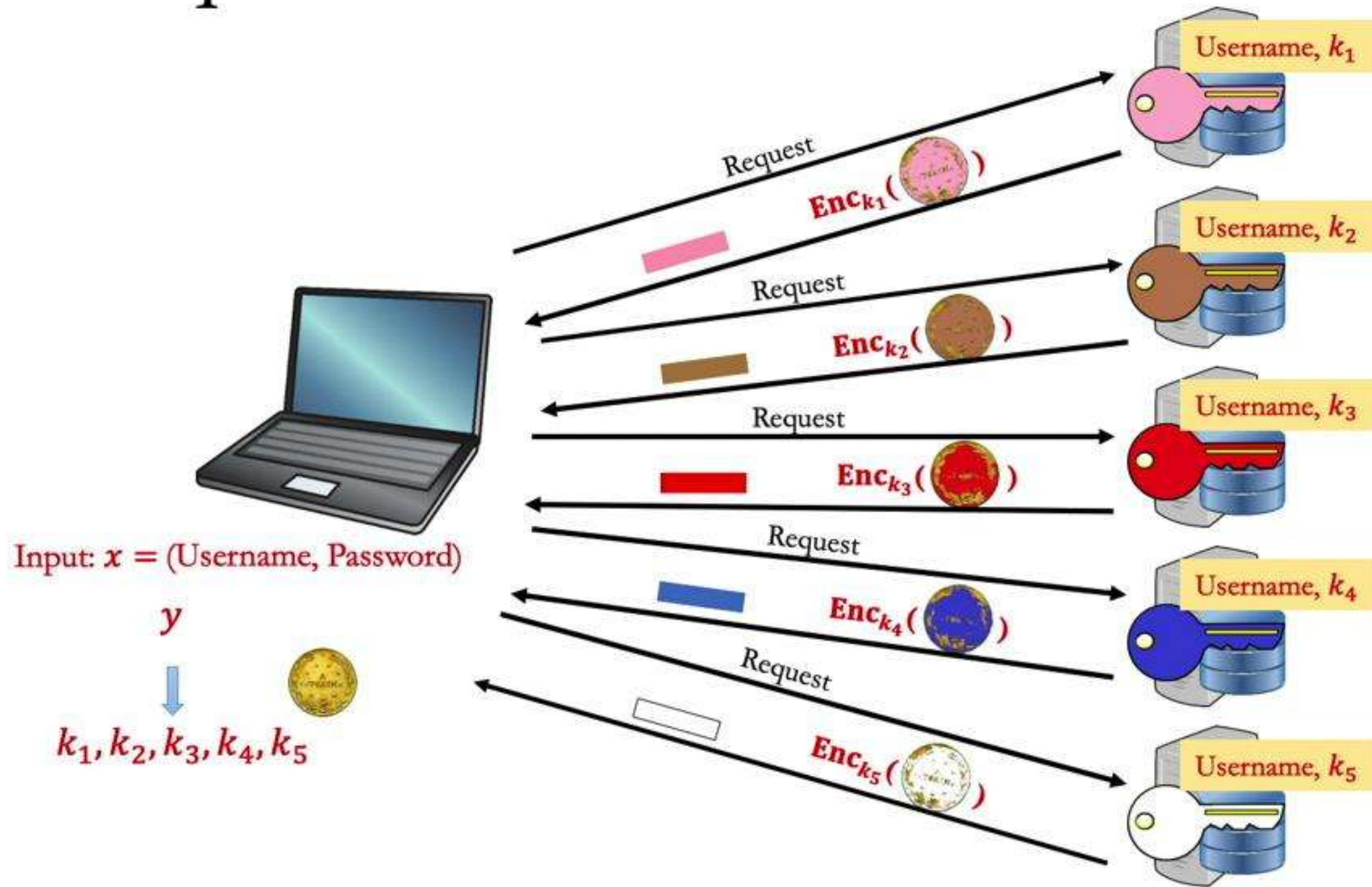


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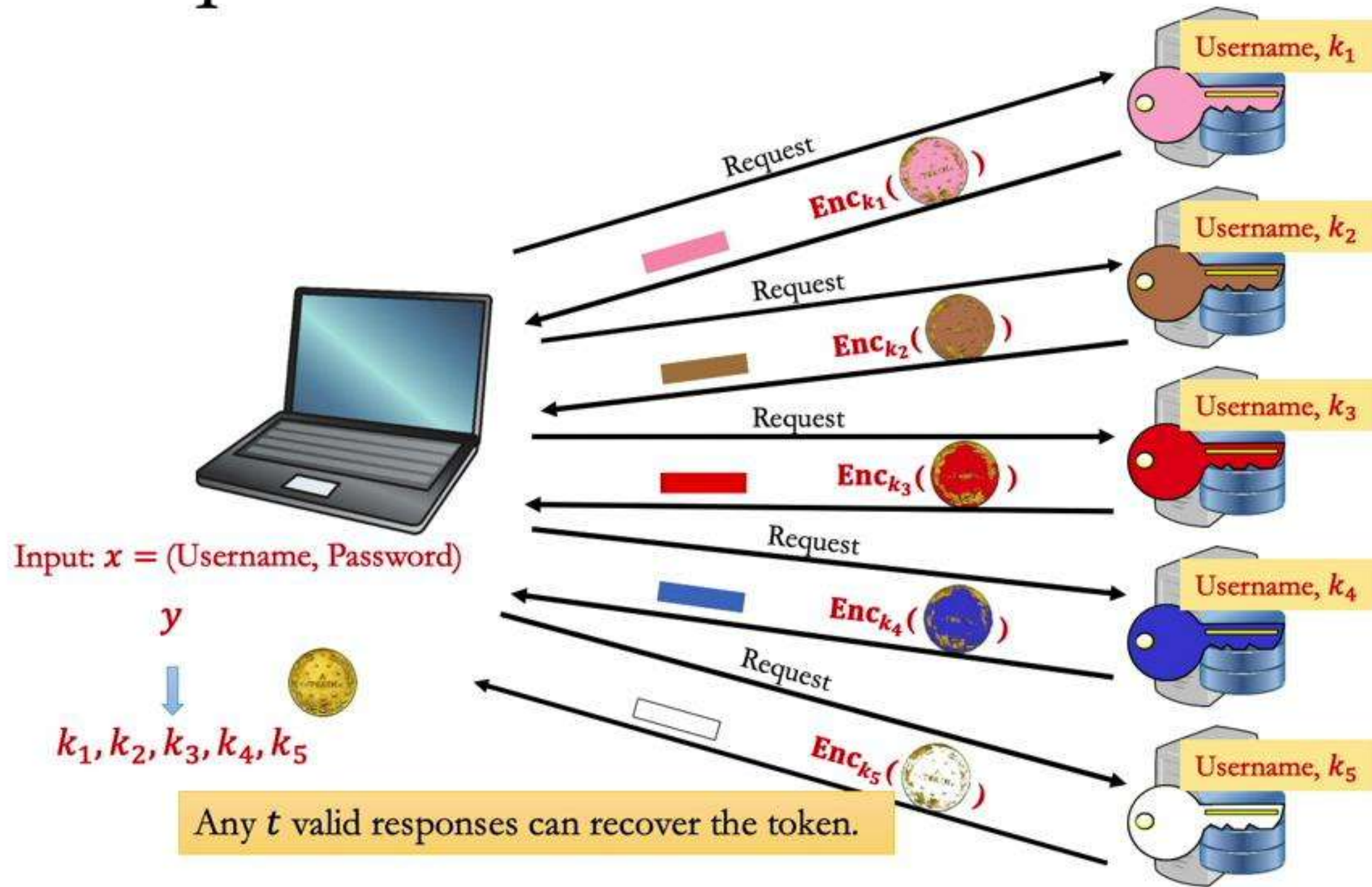




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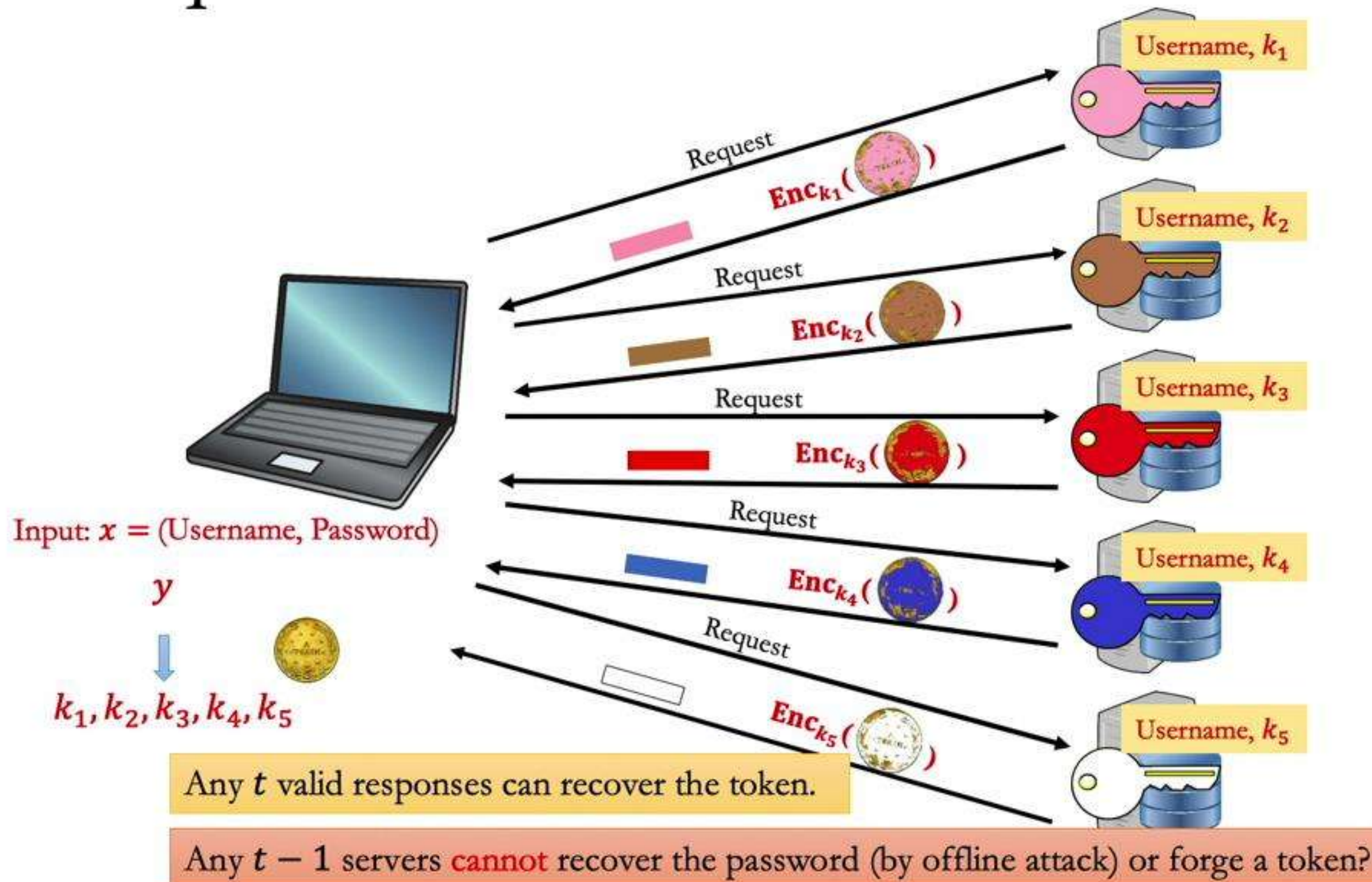


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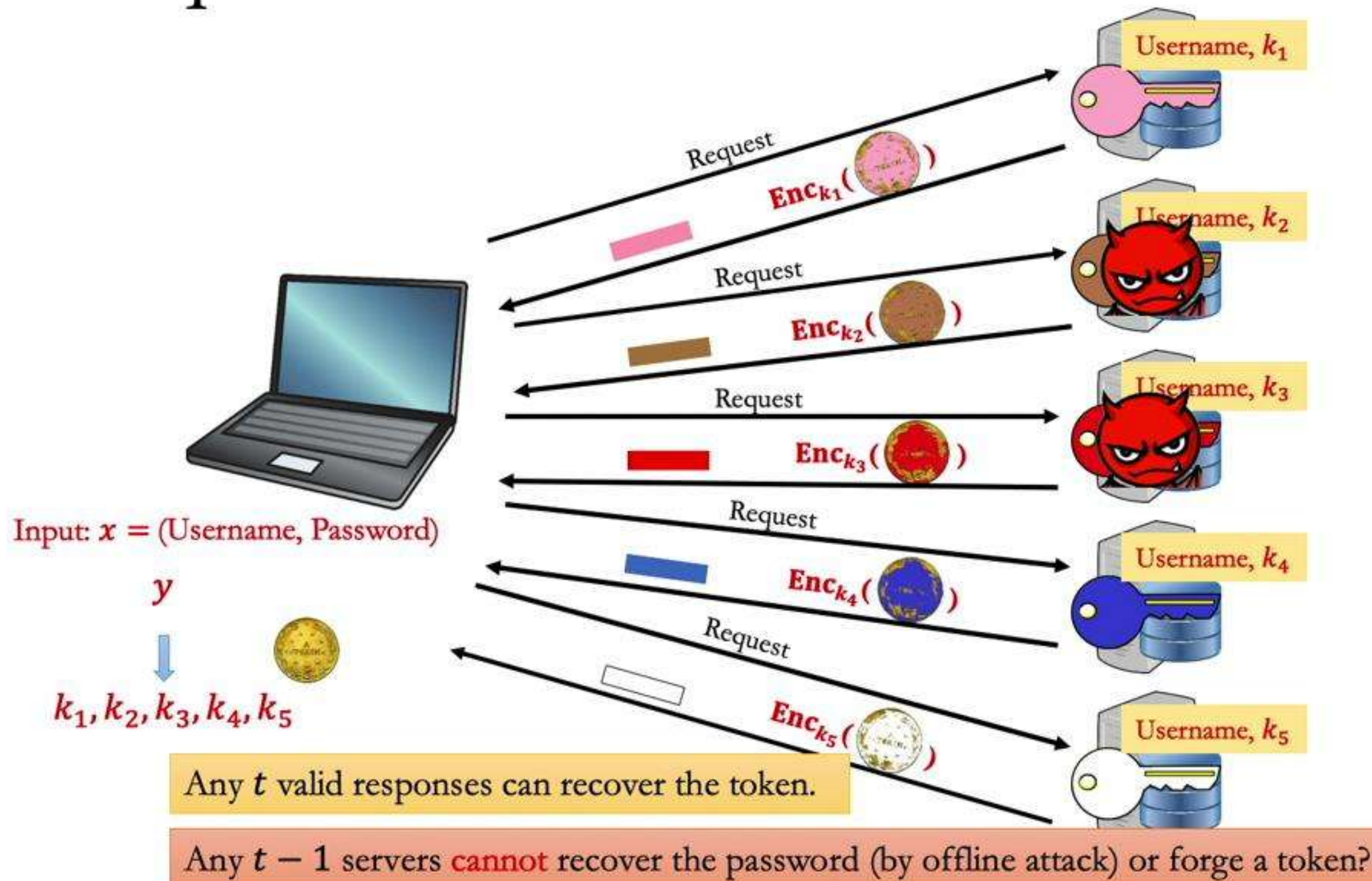




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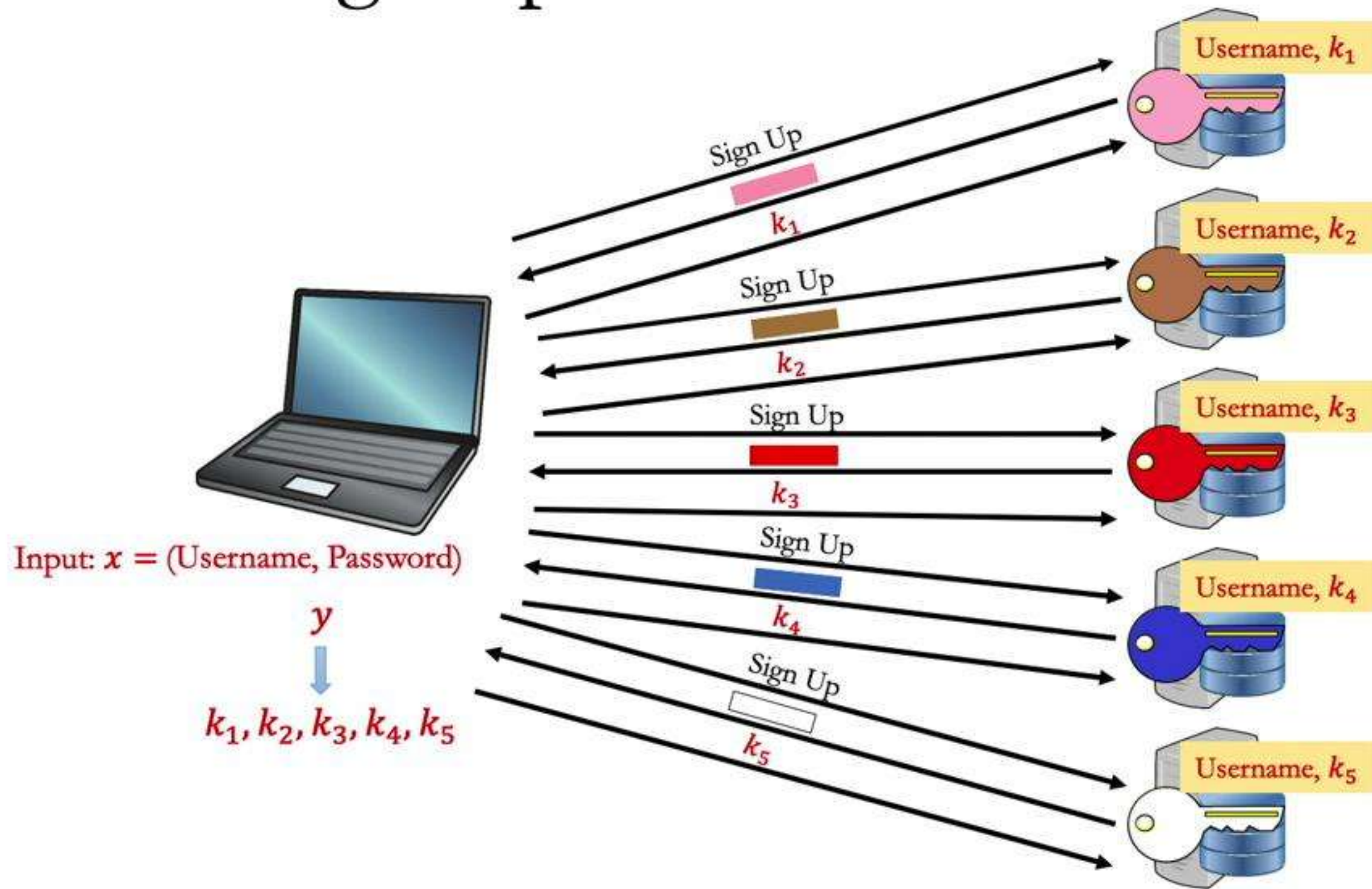


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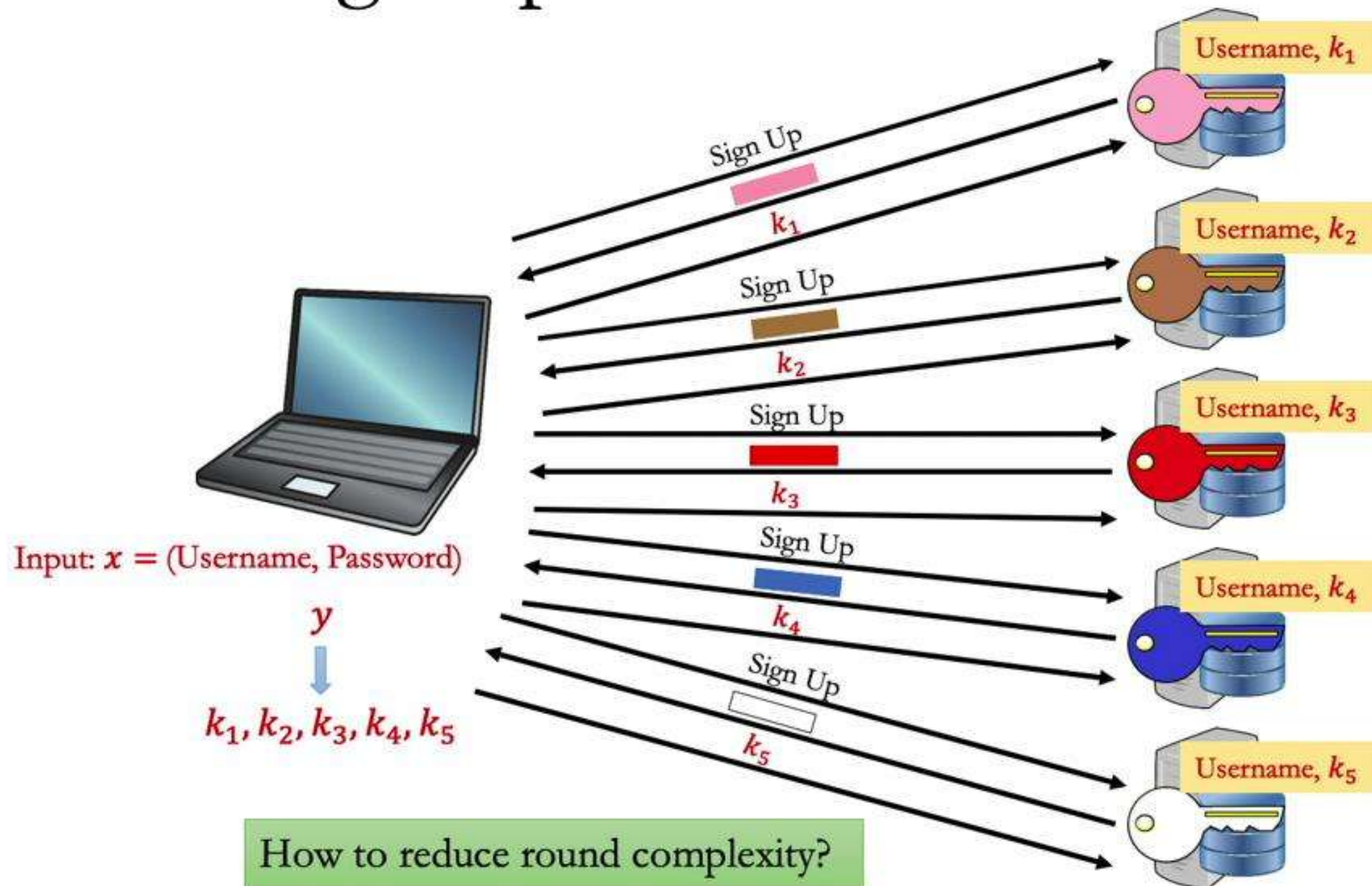


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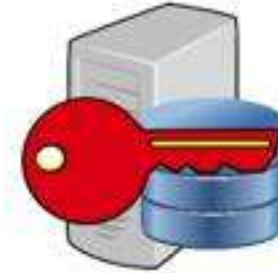




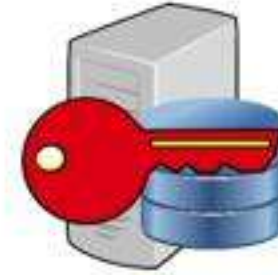
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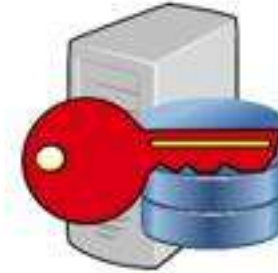


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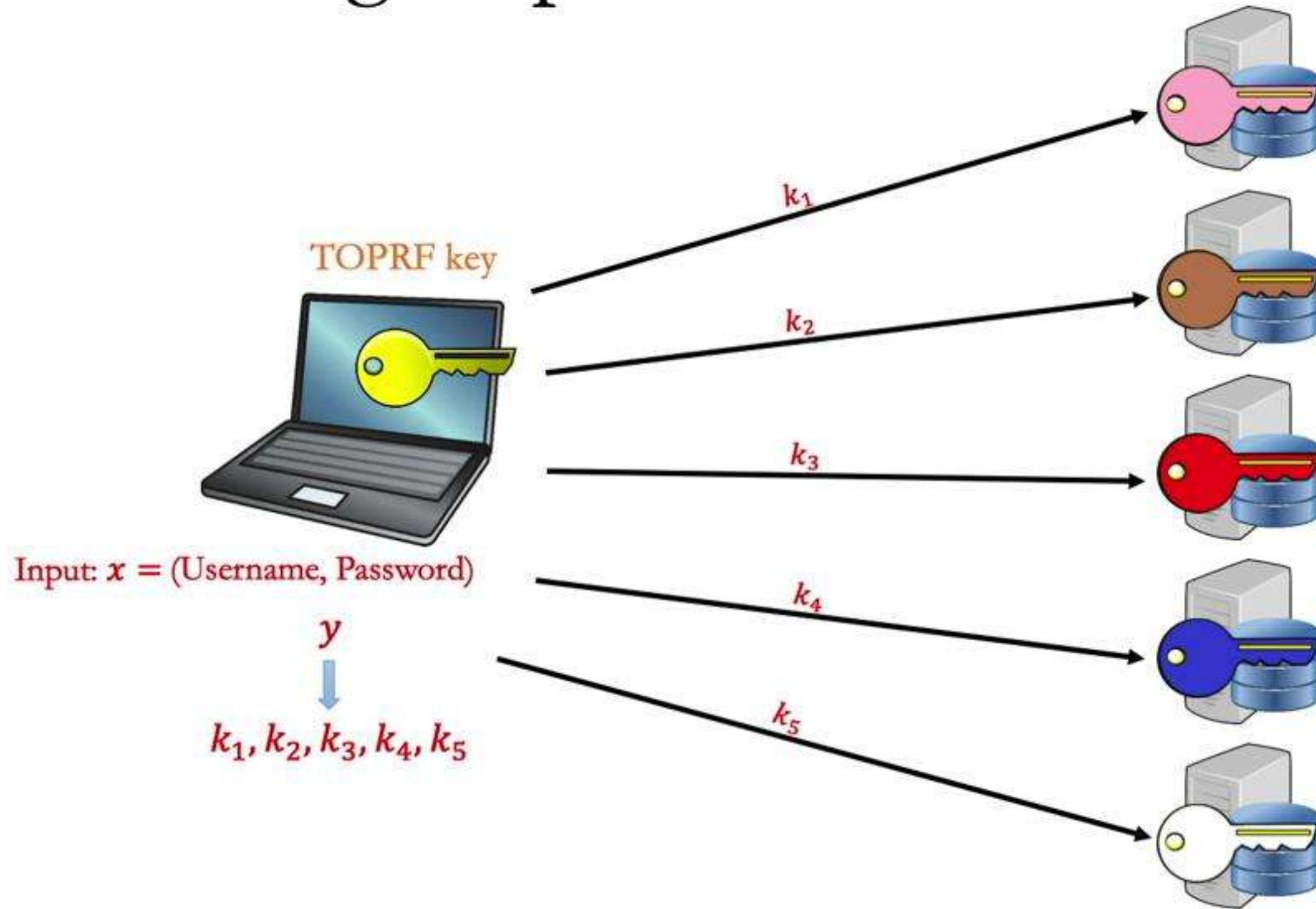
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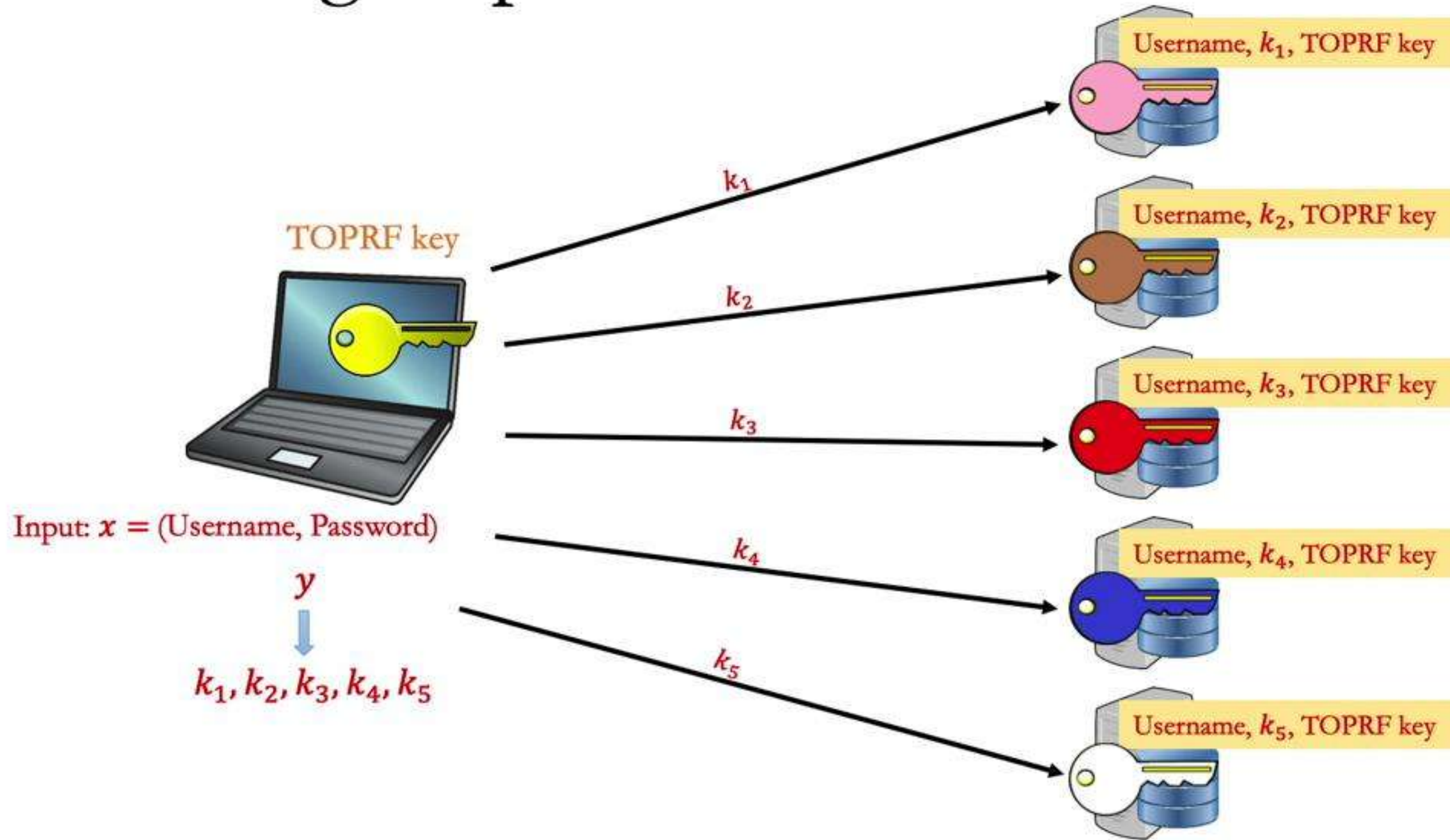


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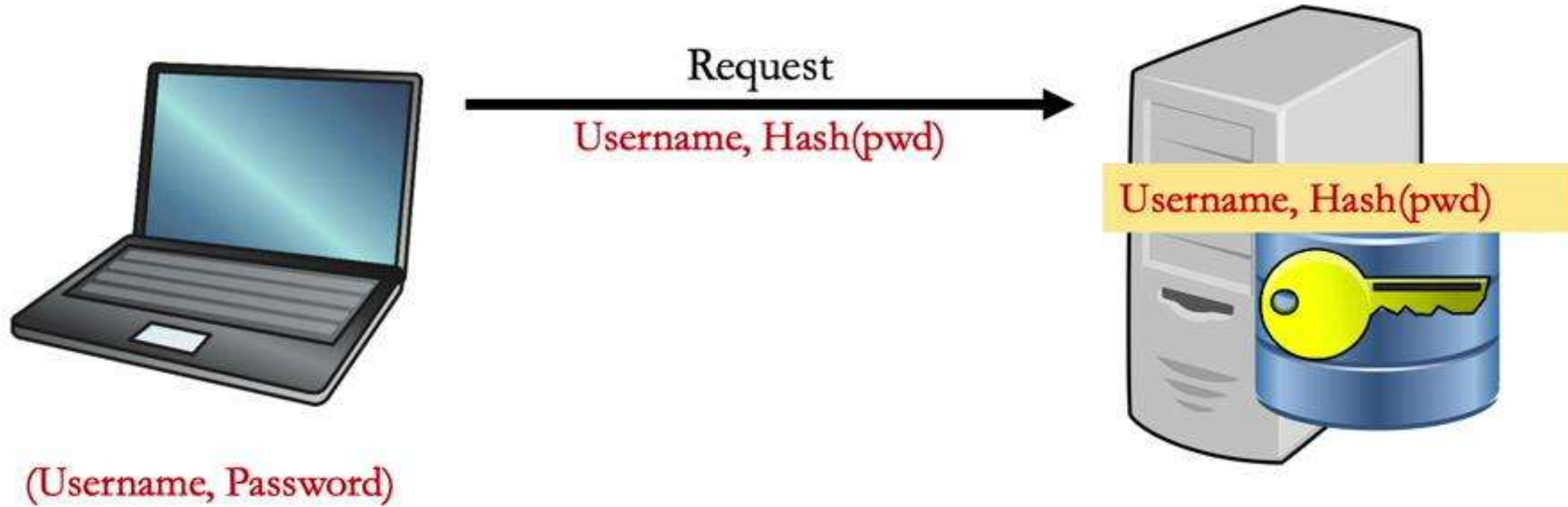


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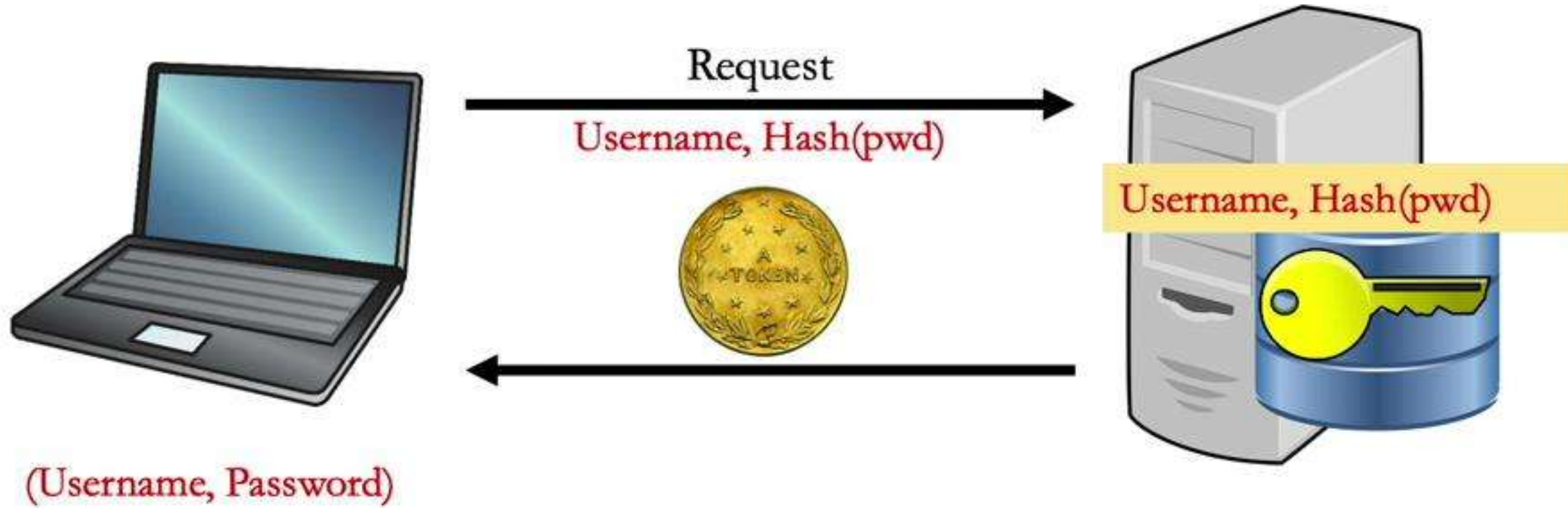




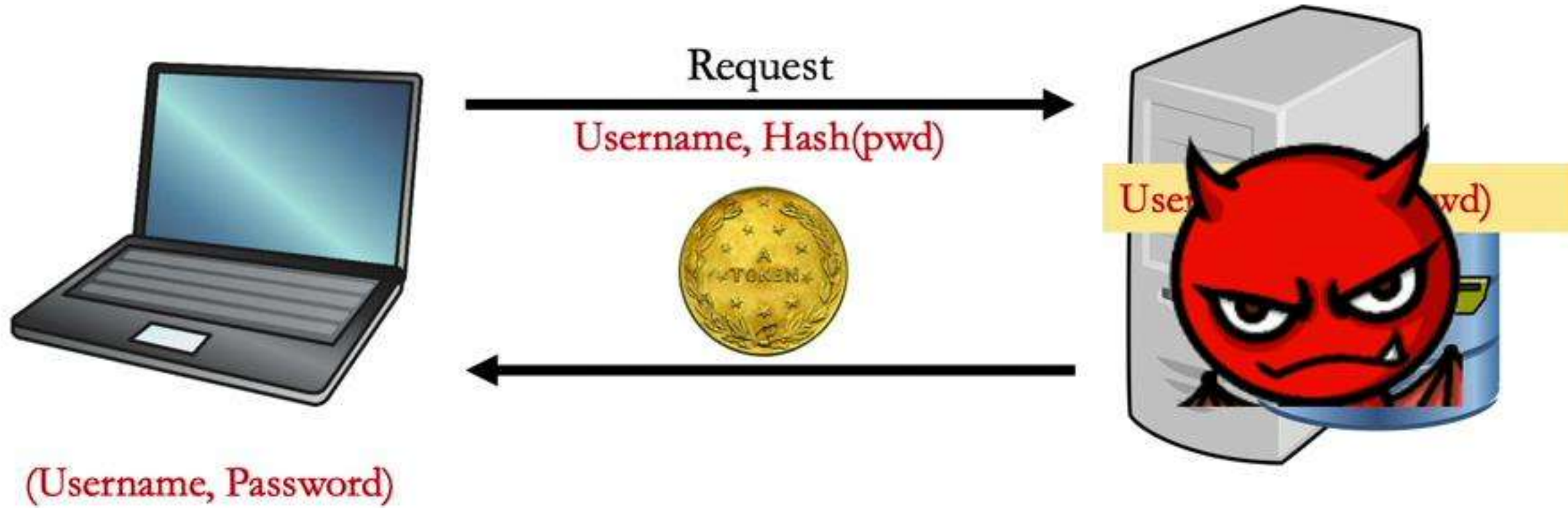
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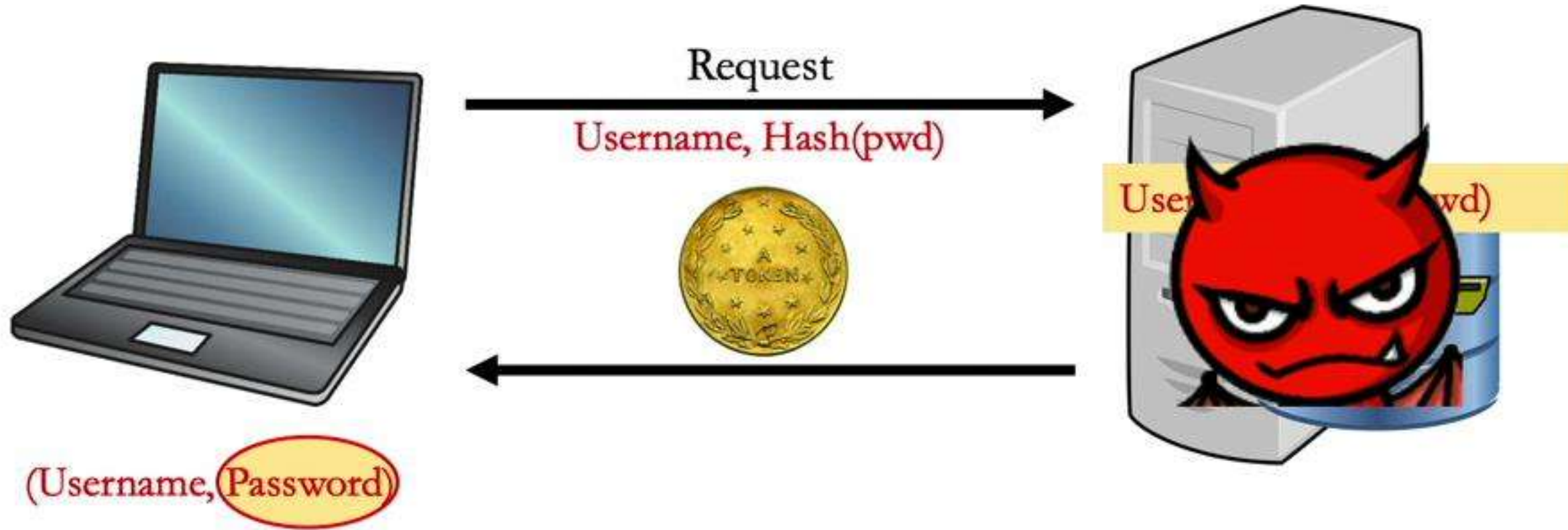


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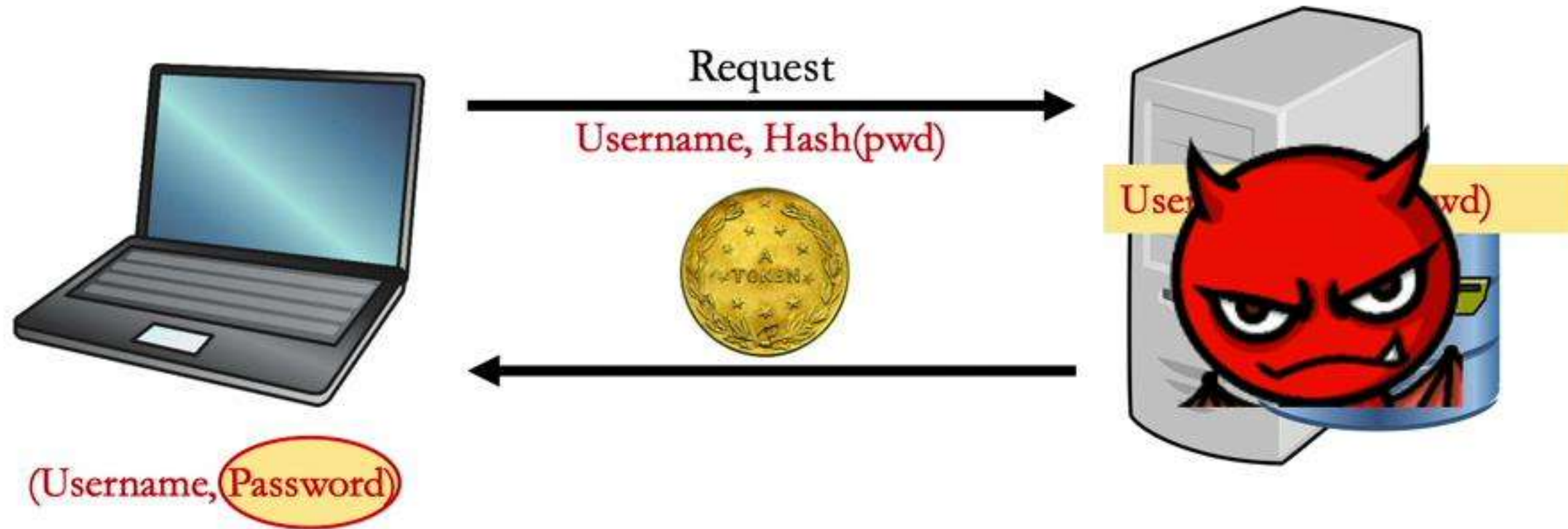




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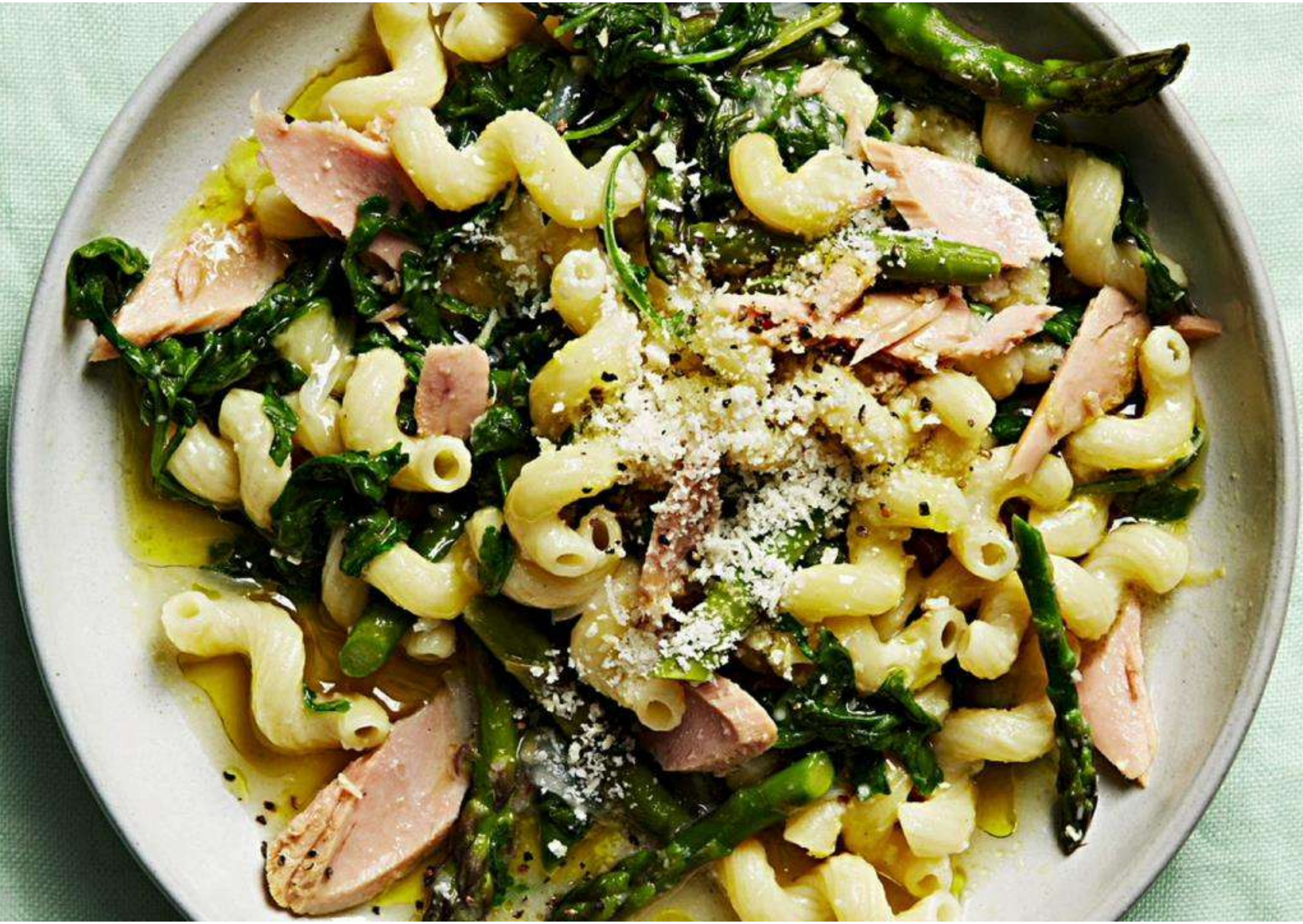
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