

# 入無人之徑

於 Mikrotik 蟄伏九載的 Pre-Auth RCE

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# Why?

Target	Vector	Cash Prize	Master of Pwn Points
TP-Link AX1800 WiFi 6 Router (Archer AX21)	WAN Side	\$20,000 (USD)	2
	LAN Side	\$5,000 (USD)	1
NETGEAR Nighthawk WiFi6 Router (RAX30 AX2400)	WAN Side	\$20,000 (USD)	2
	LAN Side	\$5,000 (USD)	1
Synology RT6600ax	WAN Side	\$20,000 (USD)	2
	LAN Side	\$5,000 (USD)	1
Cisco Integrated Service Router C921-4P	WAN Side	\$30,000 (USD)	3
	LAN Side	\$15,000 (USD)	2
Mikrotik RouterBoard RB2011UiAS-IN	WAN Side	\$30,000 (USD)	3
	LAN Side	\$15,000 (USD)	2
Ubiquiti Networks EdgeRouter X SFP	WAN Side	\$30,000 (USD)	3
	LAN Side	\$15,000 (USD)	2

# Why?

Target		Point
Initial Stage	Final Stage	
TP-Link AX1800 WiFi 6 Router	Meta Portal Go	10
NETGEAR Nighthawk WiFi6 Router	Amazon Echo Show 15	
Synology RT6600ax	Google Nest Max	
Cisco Integrated Service Router C921-4P	Sonos One Speaker	
Mikrotik RouterBoard RB2011UiAS-IN	Apple HomePod mini	
Ubiquiti Networks EdgeRouter X SFP	Amazon Echo Studio	
	HP Color LaserJet Pro M479fdw	
	Lexmark MC3224i	
	Canon imageCLASS MF743Cdw	
	Synology DiskStation DS920+	
	My Cloud Pro Series PR4100 from WD	



# RouterOS

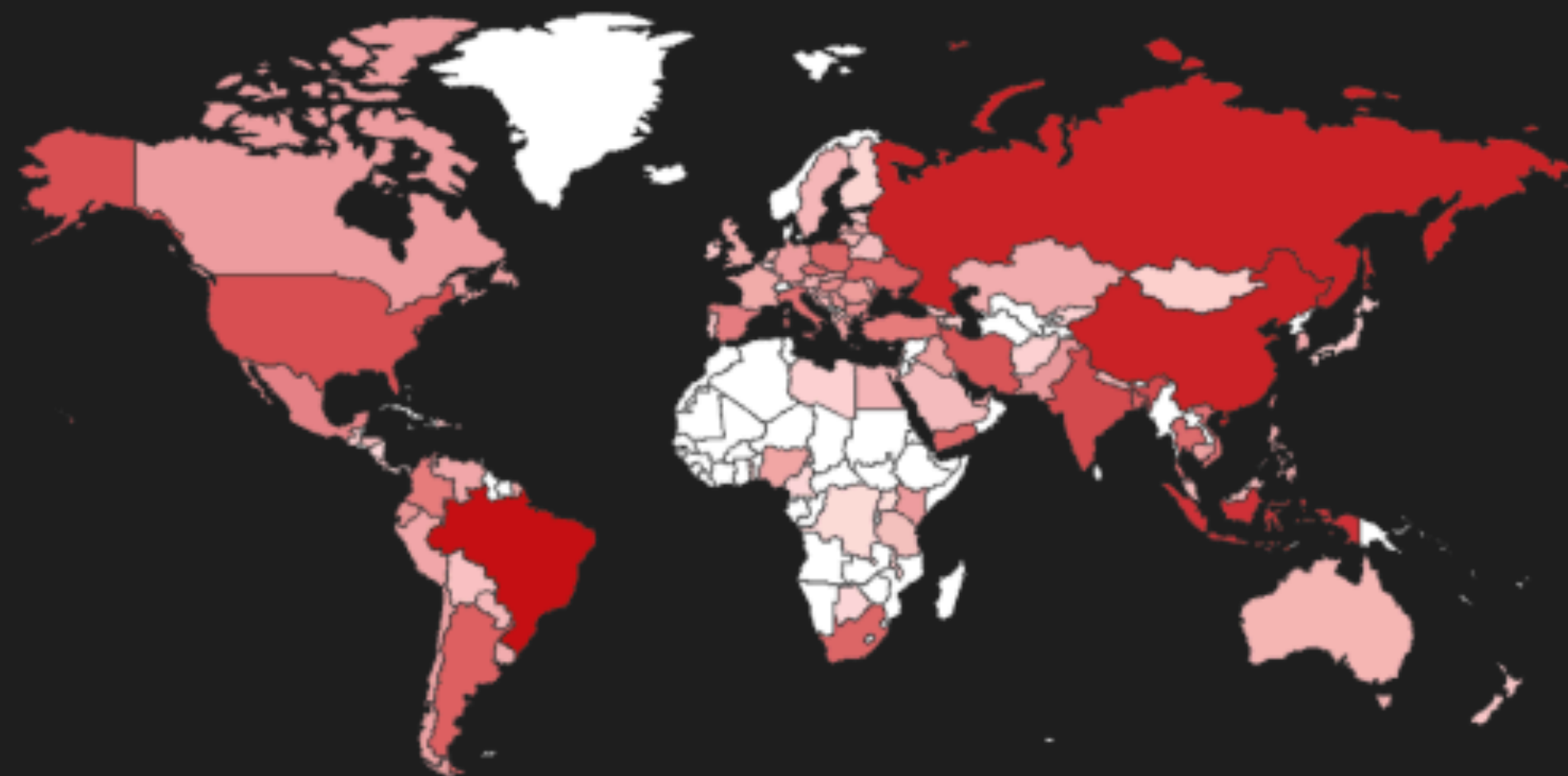
TOTAL RESULTS

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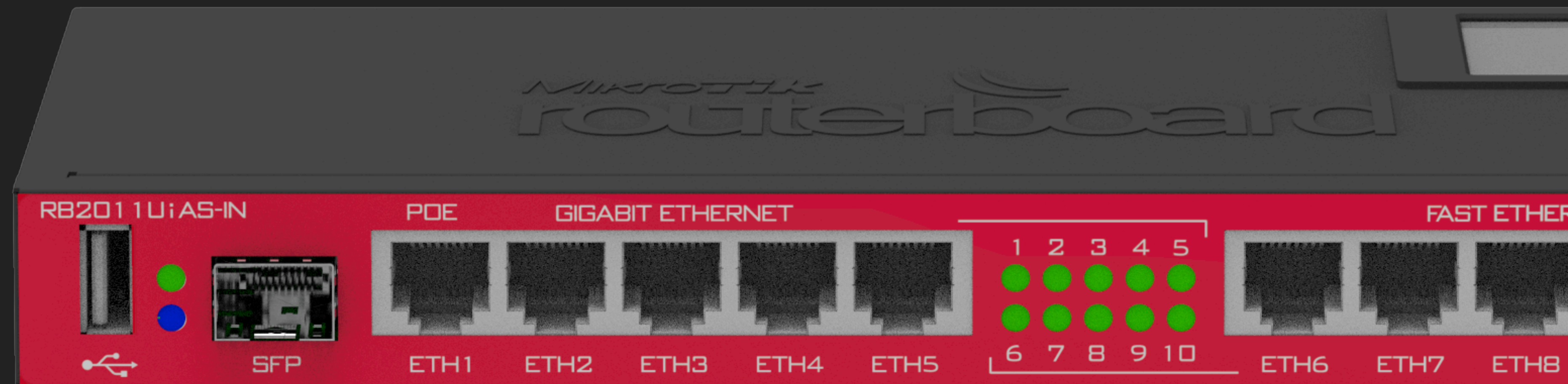
TOP COUNTRIES

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# RouterOS

- A stand-alone operating system based on the Linux kernel
- Also available for virtual machines to turn a PC into a router



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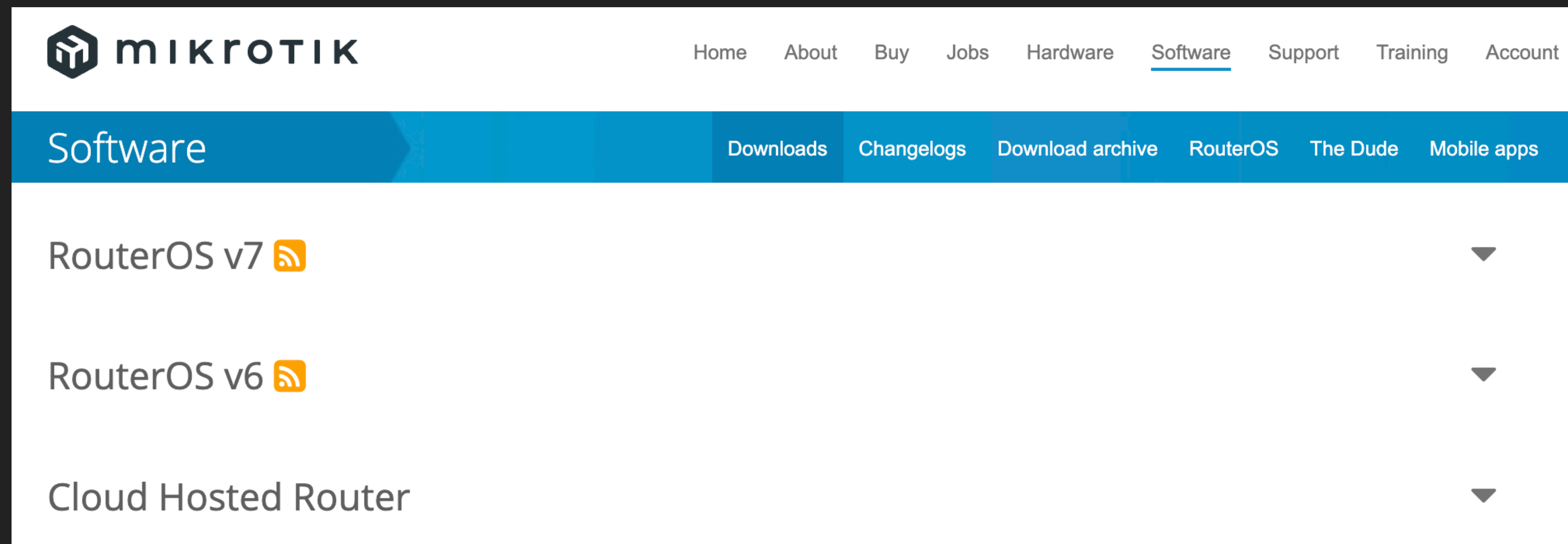
- A stand-alone operating system based on the Linux kernel
- Also available for virtual machines to turn a PC into a router
- Closed source and also a closed ecosystem.  
(It is said that you can get GPL sources used in RouterOS if you ask them)

To get a CD with the corresponding source code for the GPL-covered programs in this distribution, wire transfer \$45 to MikroTiks SIA, Ūnijas iela 2, Rīga, LV-1039, Latvia. Please contact MikroTiks SIA for our current account information and wire transfer instructions. Offer valid for three years from the date of distribution of this software. This CD will only include the source code of the following programs and any non-proprietary programs distributed according to license requirements. This CD will not include MikroTiks proprietary SOFTWARE.

<https://mikrotik.com/downloadterms.html>

# RouterOS

- RouterOS v6 and RouterOS v7 can be considered two different branches
- CHR is the RouterOS image for VM, x86\_64 only



The screenshot shows the Mikrotik website's RouterOS software page. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About, Buy, Jobs, Hardware, Software (underlined), Support, Training, and Account. Below this is a blue sub-navigation bar with links for Software, Downloads, Changelogs, Download archive, RouterOS, The Dude, and Mobile apps. The main content area lists three software options: RouterOS v7, RouterOS v6, and Cloud Hosted Router, each with a feed icon and a dropdown arrow.



# RouterOS

- Most binaries are “Nova binary”
- No official method to access the linux system.

```
Terminal — 117x26

MMM      MMM      KKK      TTTTTTTTTTT      KKK
MMMM     MMMM     KKK      TTTTTTTTTTT      KKK
MMM MMMM MMM III  KKK  KKK  RRRRRR      000000      TTT      III  KKK  KKK
MMM  MM  MMM III  KKKKK  RRR  RRR  000  000      TTT      III  KKKKK
MMM      MMM III  KKK  KKK  RRRRRR      000  000      TTT      III  KKK  KKK
MMM      MMM III  KKK  KKK  RRR  RRR  000000      TTT      III  KKK  KKK

MikroTik RouterOS 6.49.6 (c) 1999–2022      http://www.mikrotik.com/

[?]          Gives the list of available commands
command [?]  Gives help on the command and list of arguments

[Tab]       Completes the command/word. If the input is ambiguous,
            a second [Tab] gives possible options

/           Move up to base level
..         Move up one level
/command   Use command at the base level
jan/02/1970 00:09:21 system,error,critical login failure for user 1\7Fadmin from 192

[admin@MikroTik] > █
```

# Winbox

- Winbox is a native Win32 GUI binary used for managing and configuring MikroTik routers on Windows.

The screenshot displays the WinBox interface for a MikroTik router. The main window is titled "admin@192.168.88.1 (MikroTik) - WinBox v6.49.6 on RB2011UiAS (mipsbe)". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** Contains navigation icons for various configuration areas: Quick Set, Interfaces, Bridge, Switch, Mesh, IP, IPv6, System, Queues, Files, Log, RADIUS, Tools, New Terminal, Dot1X, LCD, MetaROUTER, Partition, Make Supout.rif, New WinBox, and Exit.
- Top Panel:** Shows "Session Settings Dashboard" with "Safe Mode" and "Session: 192.168.88.1".
- Interface List:** A table showing the configuration of various interfaces. The table has columns for Name, Type, Actual MTU, L2 MTU, Tx, Rx, Tx Packet (p/s), and Rx Packet (p/s).
- Bridge Configuration:** A sub-window titled "Bridge" is open, showing a table with columns for Name, Type, Mirror Source, and Mirror Target.

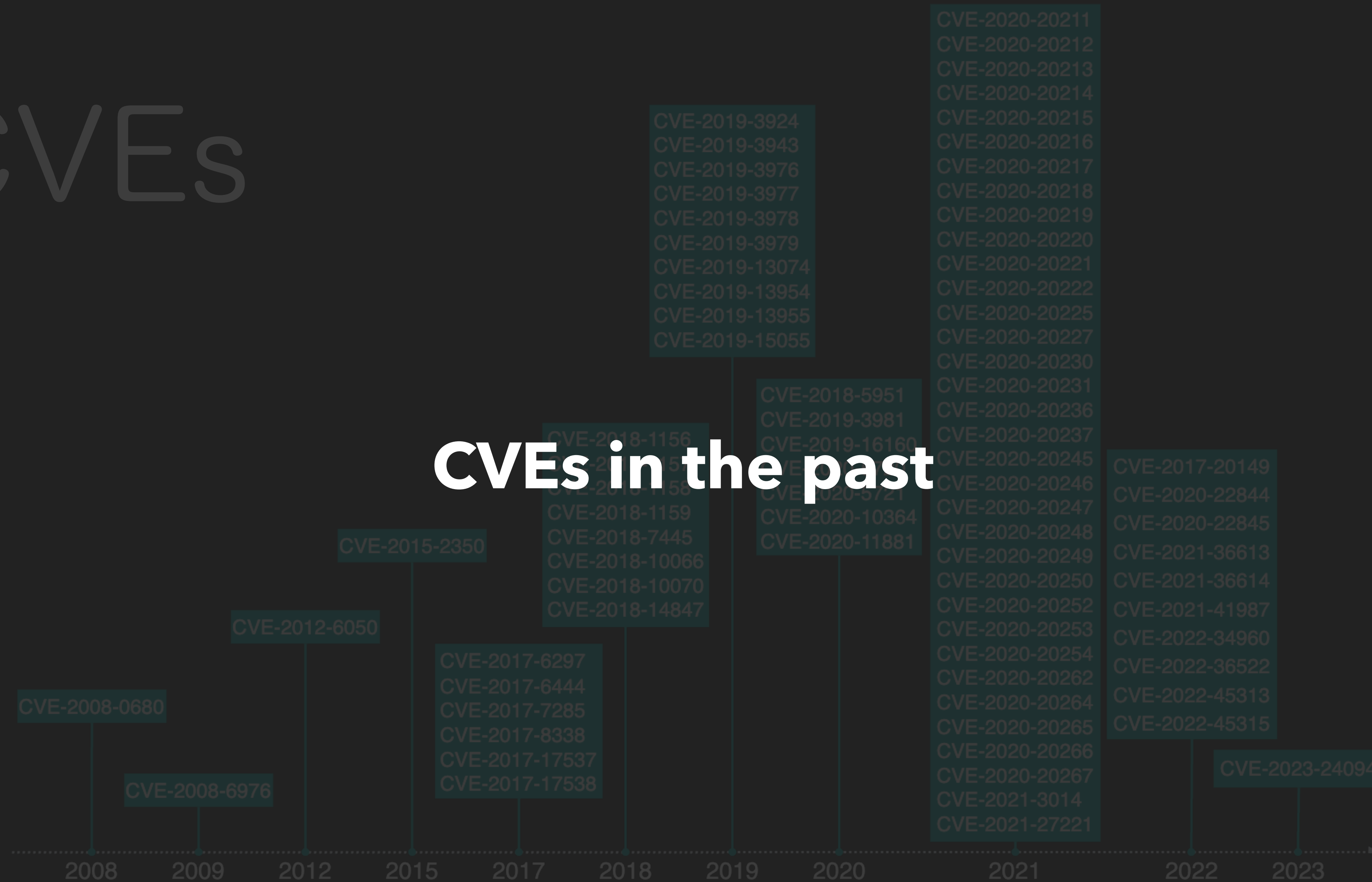
Interface	Name	Type	Actual MTU	L2 MTU	Tx	Rx	Tx Packet (p/s)	Rx Packet (p/s)
R	bridge	Bridge	1500	1598	120.2 kbps	5.0 kbps	11	0
RS	ether1	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	ether2	Ethernet	1500	1598	120.6 kbps	5.2 kbps	11	0
S	ether3	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	ether4	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	ether5	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	ether6	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	ether7	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	ether8	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	ether9	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	ether10	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0
S	sfp1	Ethernet	1500	1598	0 bps	0 bps	0	0

Name	Type	Mirror Source	Mirror Target
switch1	Atheros 8327		
switch2	Atheros 8227		

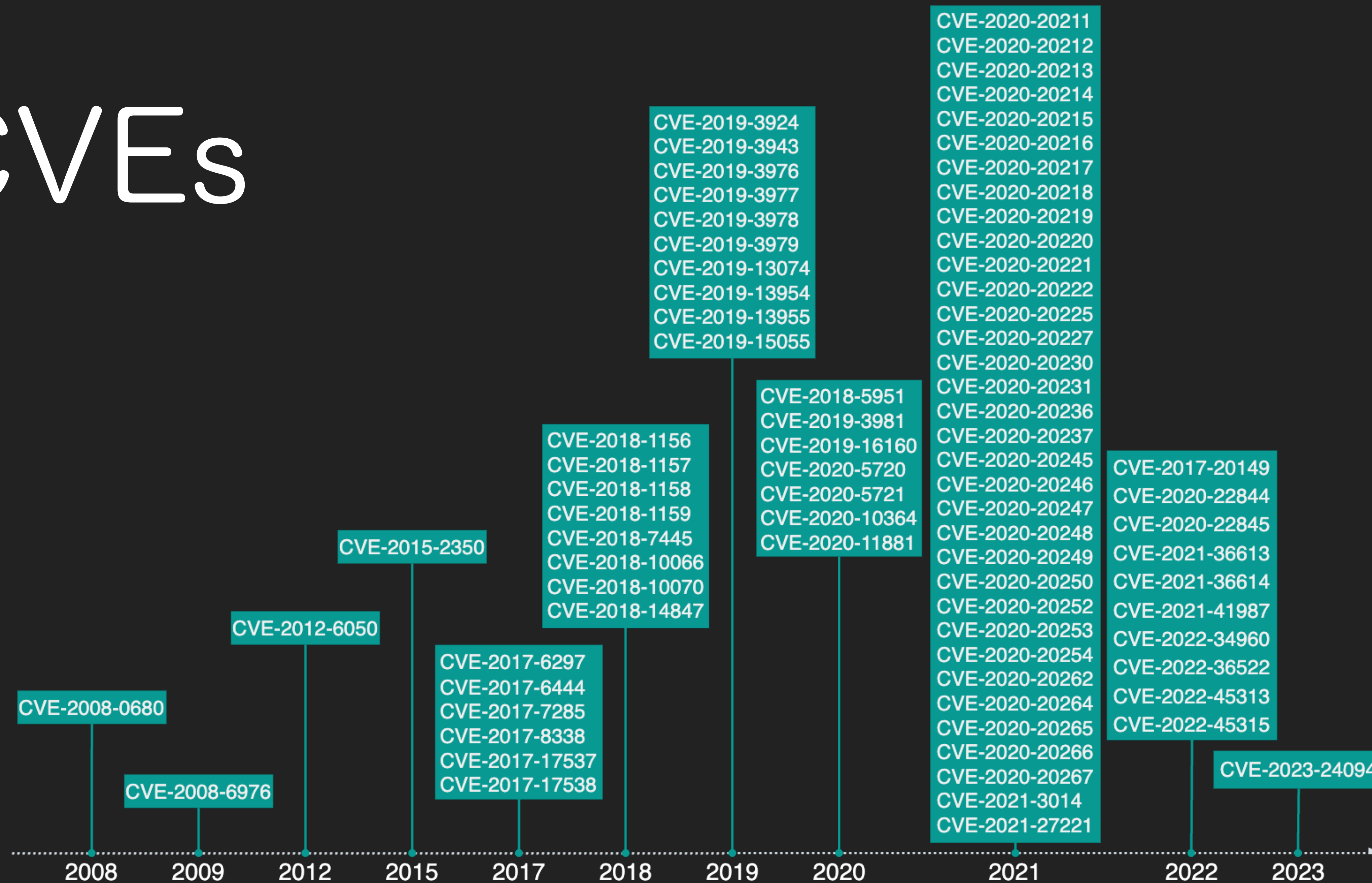


# CVEs

## CVEs in the past

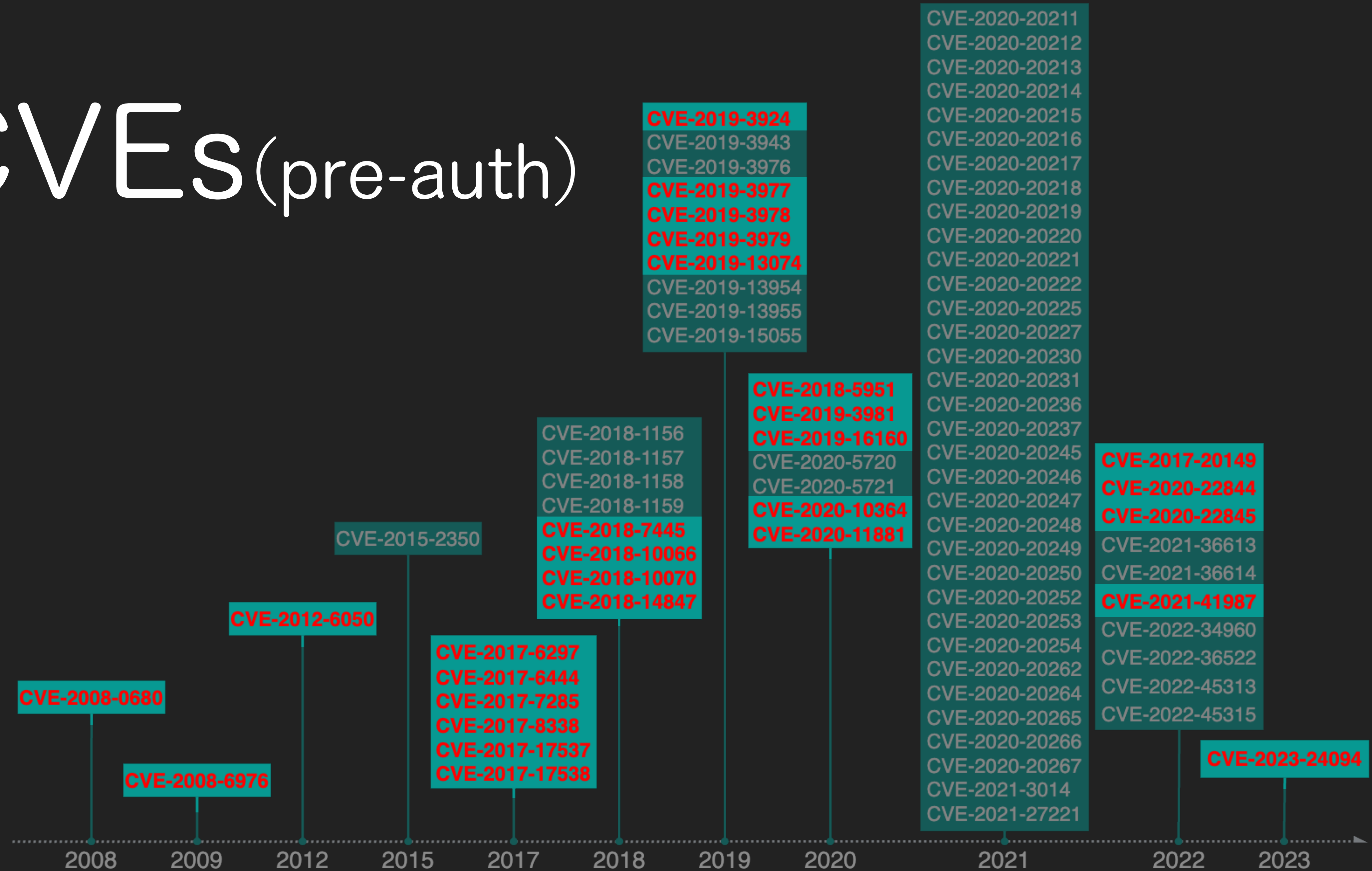


# CVEs





# CVEs (pre-auth)



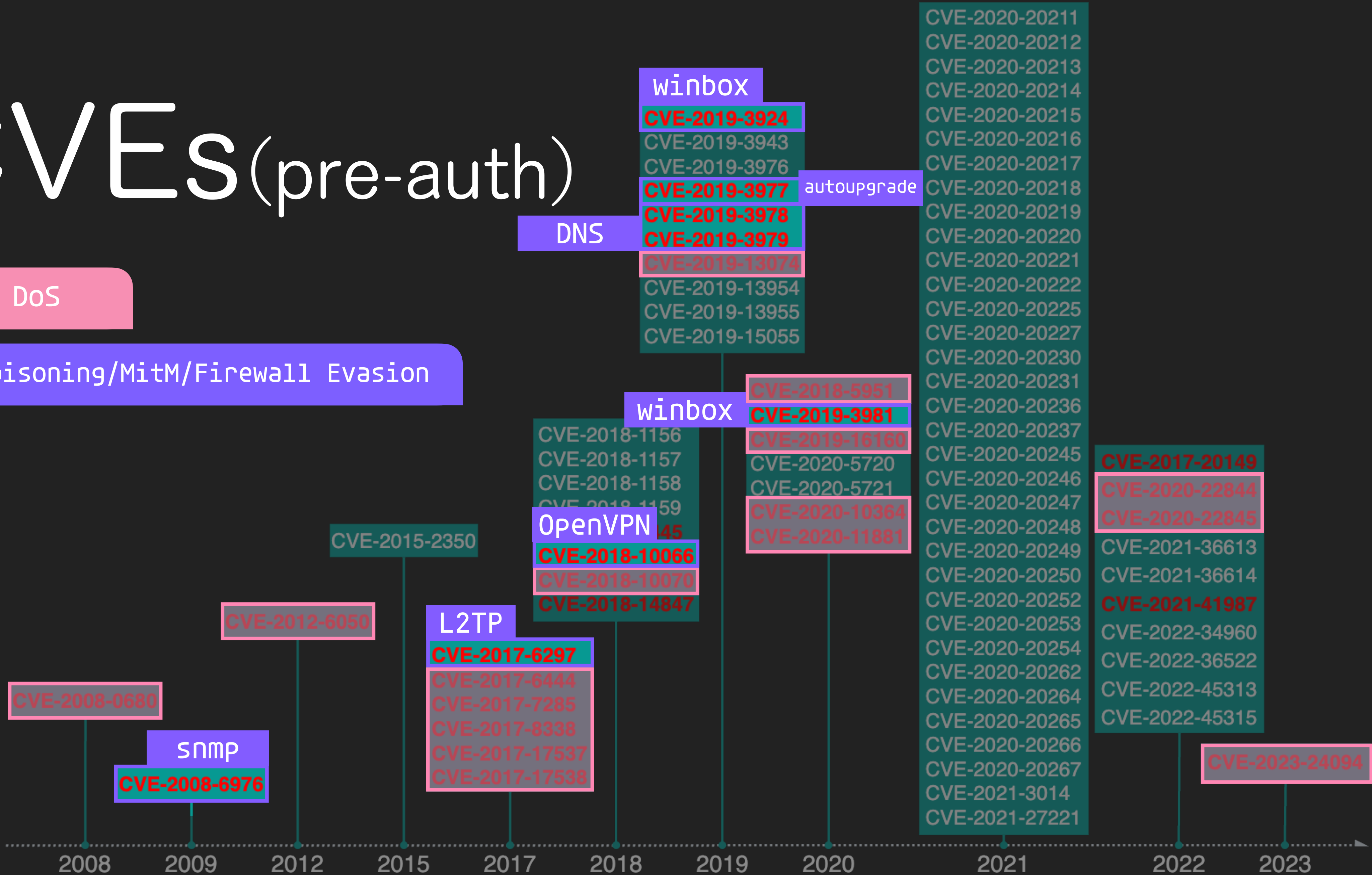




# CVEs (pre-auth)

DoS

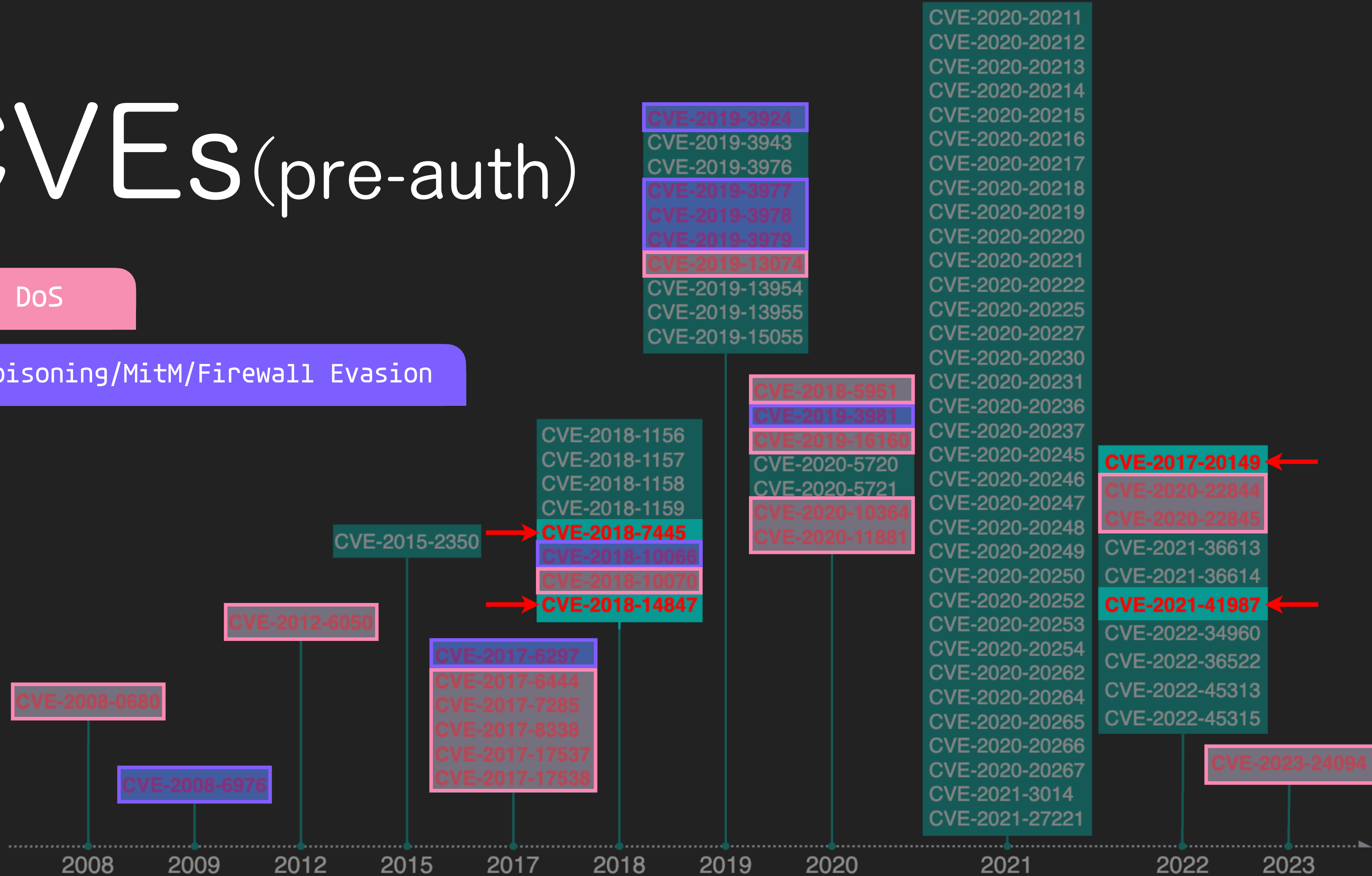
Poisoning/MitM/Firewall Evasion



# CVEs (pre-auth)

DoS

Poisoning/MitM/Firewall Evasion





# CVEs (pre-auth)

**CVE-2017-20149**

CVE-2020-22844

CVE-2020-22845

CVE-2021-36613



- aka Chimay-Red
- One of the exploits leaked from the CIA
- Lacking input validation on Content-Length in HTTP request cause the stack clash attack.

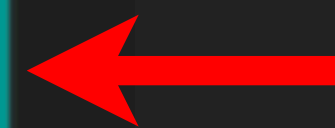
# CVEs (pre-auth)

**CVE-2018-7445**

CVE-2018-10066

CVE-2018-10070

**CVE-2018-14847**



- Buffer overflow in SMB
- It was found by blackbox fuzzing

# CVEs (pre-auth)

CVE-2018-7445

CVE-2018-10066

CVE-2018-10070

CVE-2018-14847

- One of the exploits leaked from the CIA
- A directory traversal vulnerability in the WinBox interface
- Allows unauthenticated attackers to read arbitrary files on RouterOS

# CVEs (pre-auth)

CVE-2018-7445

```
password_db = password_raw xor md5(username + "283i4jfkai3389")
```

CVE-2018-14847

- Allows unauthenticated attackers to read arbitrary files on Router0S



# CVEs (pre-auth)

CVE-2021-36614

**CVE-2021-41987**

CVE-2022-34960

- 00B in the base64decode of SCEP service
- The attacker must know the scep\_server\_name
- It was discovered on an APT's C2 server

# 2017

Kirils

Rooting the MikroTik routers

focus on jailbreak

Kirils

A deeper journey into MikroTik routers

focus on jailbreak

Kirils

Tools for effortless reverse engineering of MikroTik router

focus on jailbreak



# 2018

Jacob Baines

Bug Hunting in RouterOS

focus on nova message in IPC

# 2019

Jacob Baines

Make It Rain with MikroTik

focus on nova message in IPC

Maximiliano Vidal, Juan Caillava

Finding and exploiting CVE-2018-7445

find pre-auth RCE in SMB  
by blackbox fuzzing

Jacob Baines

Help Me Vulnerabilities  
You're My Only Hope

focus on jailbreak

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MikroTik Firewall & NAT Bypass

Firewall bypass (winbox)

Tomas Kirnak

Deep-dive:  
MikroTik exploits - a security analysis

analyze the CIA exploits

Jacob Baines

RouterOS: Chain to Root

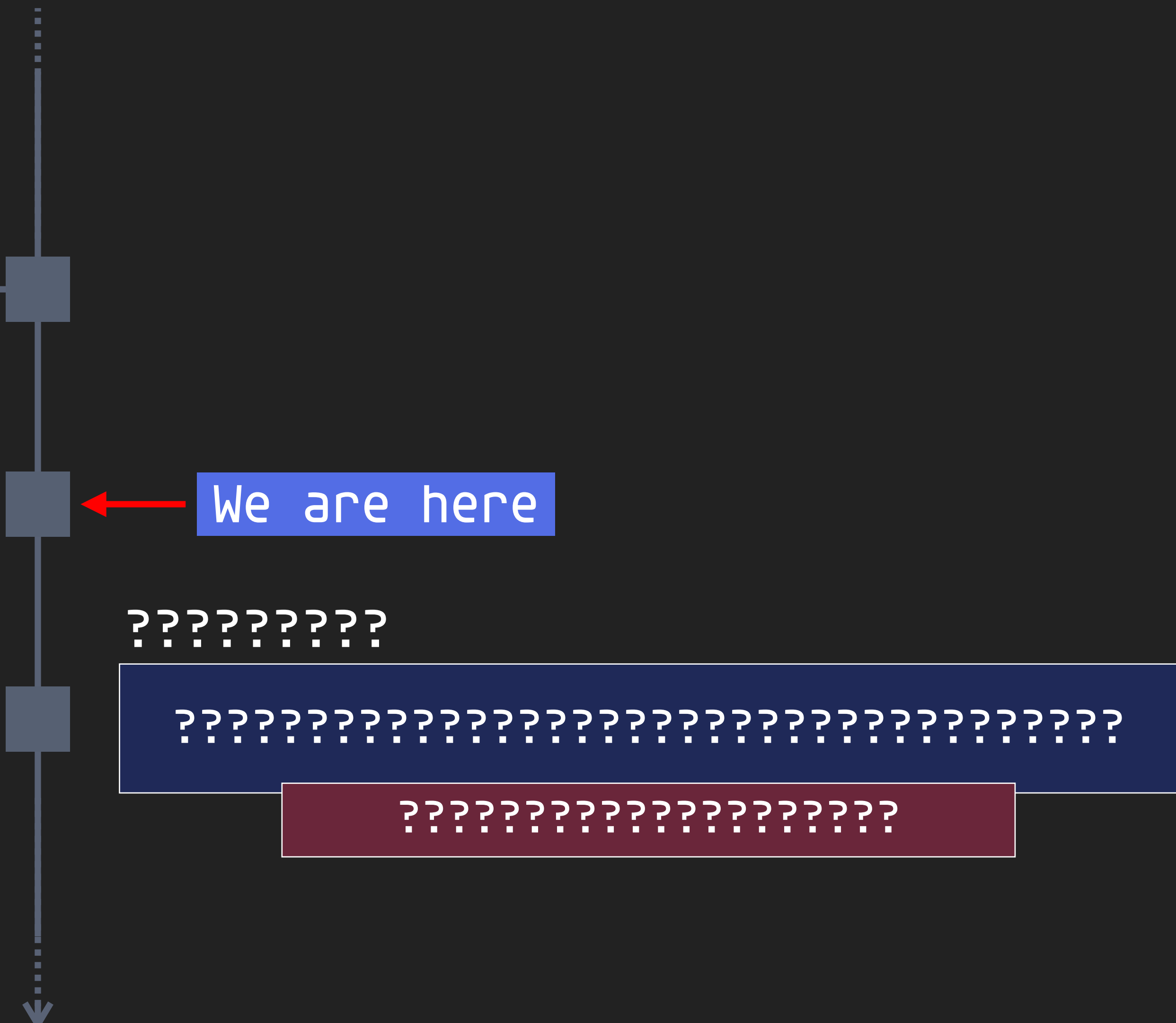
DNS poisoning (winbox)

# 2022

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# IPC

Nova binary

`/nova/bin/telnet`

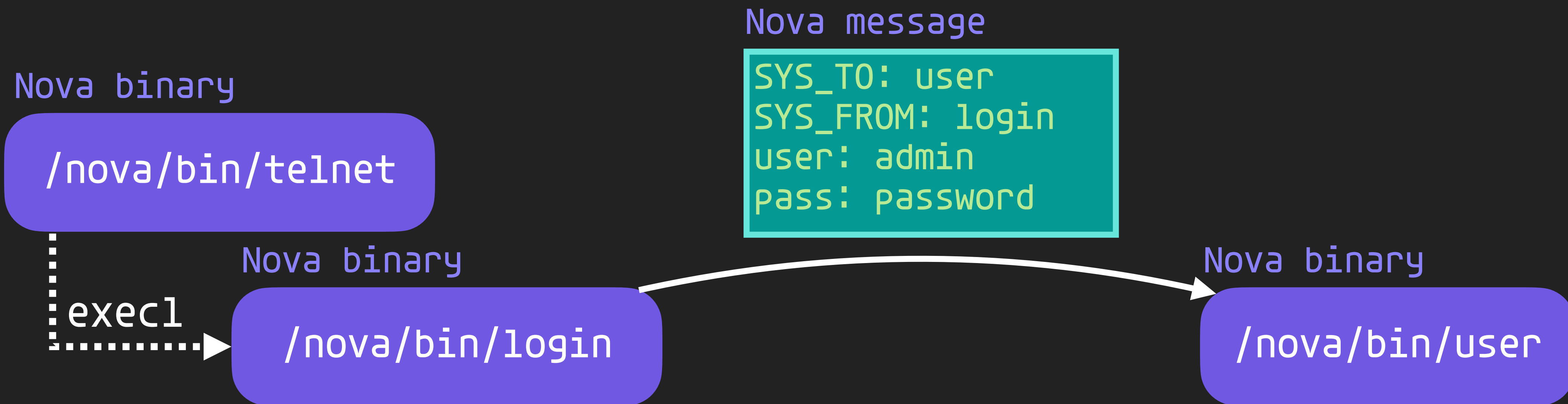
`exec1`

Nova binary

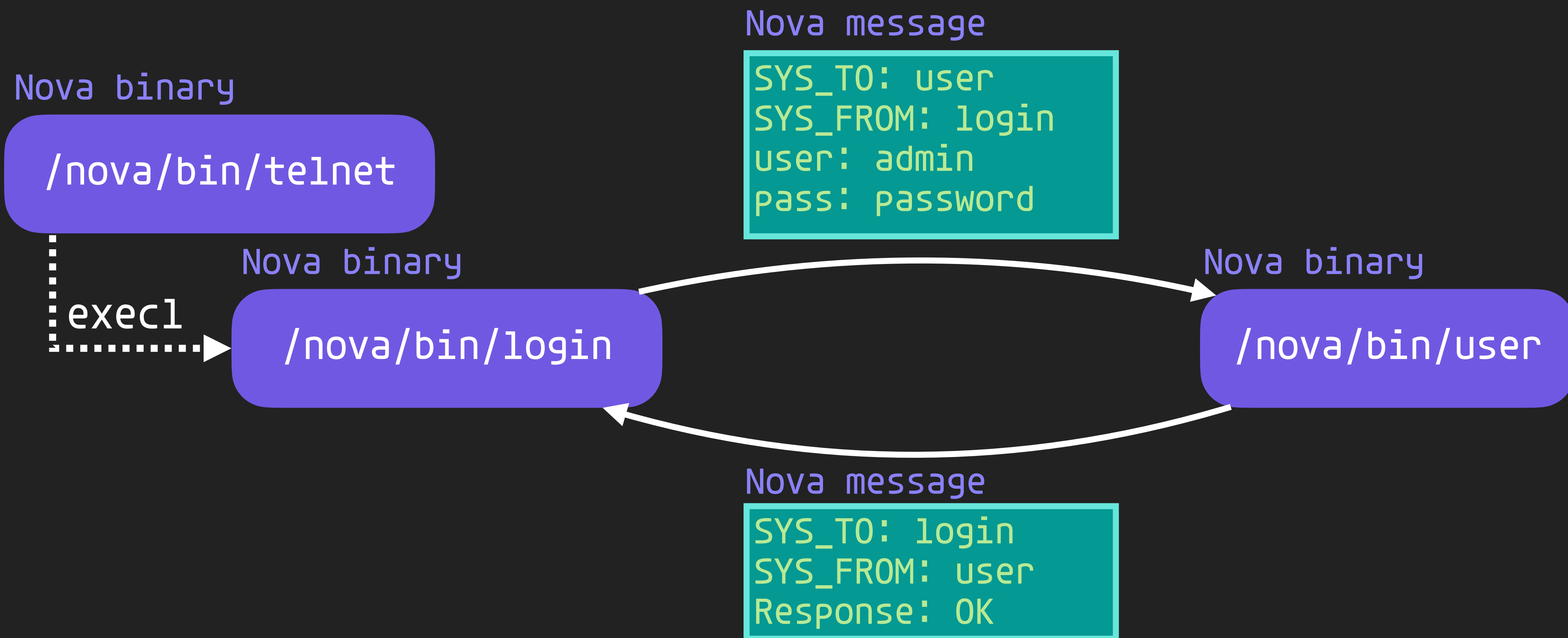
`/nova/bin/login`



# IPC



# IPC



# Nova Message

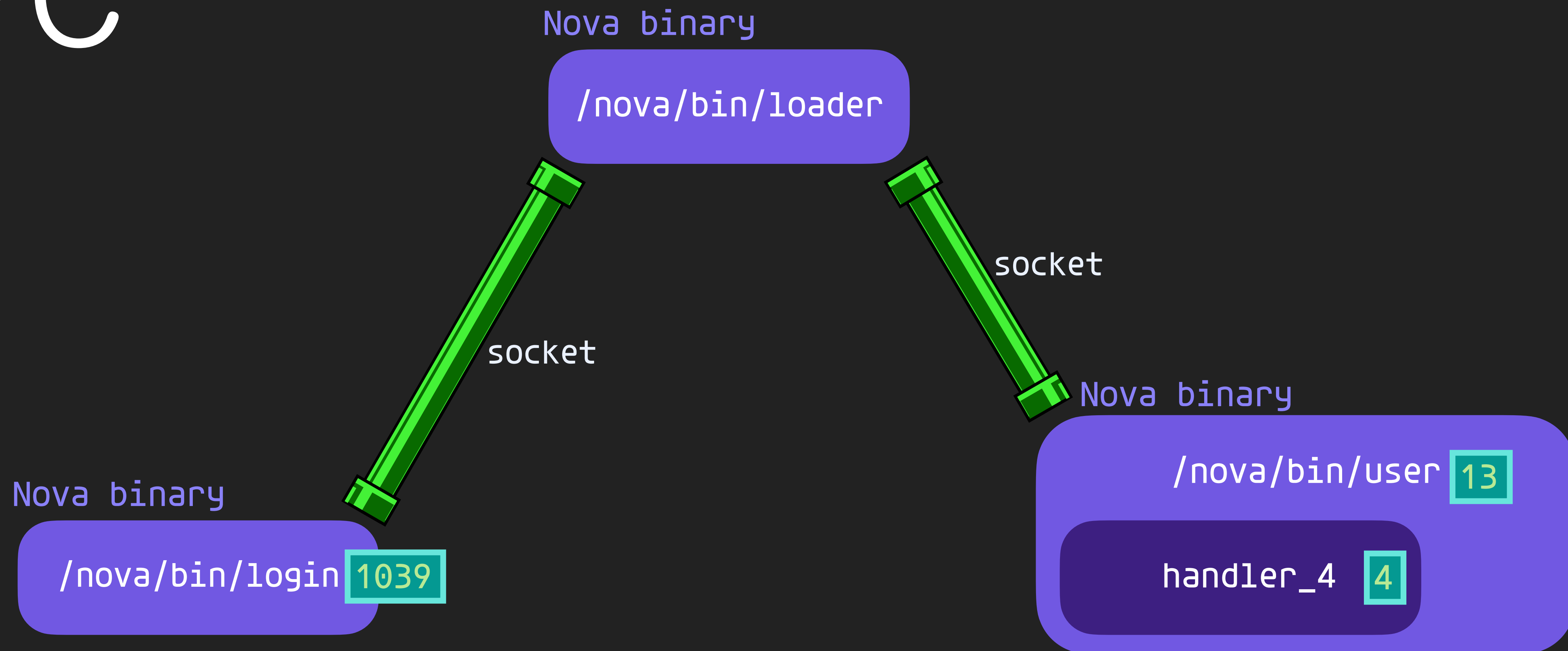
```
SYS_TO: user  
SYS_FROM: login  
user: admin  
pass: password
```



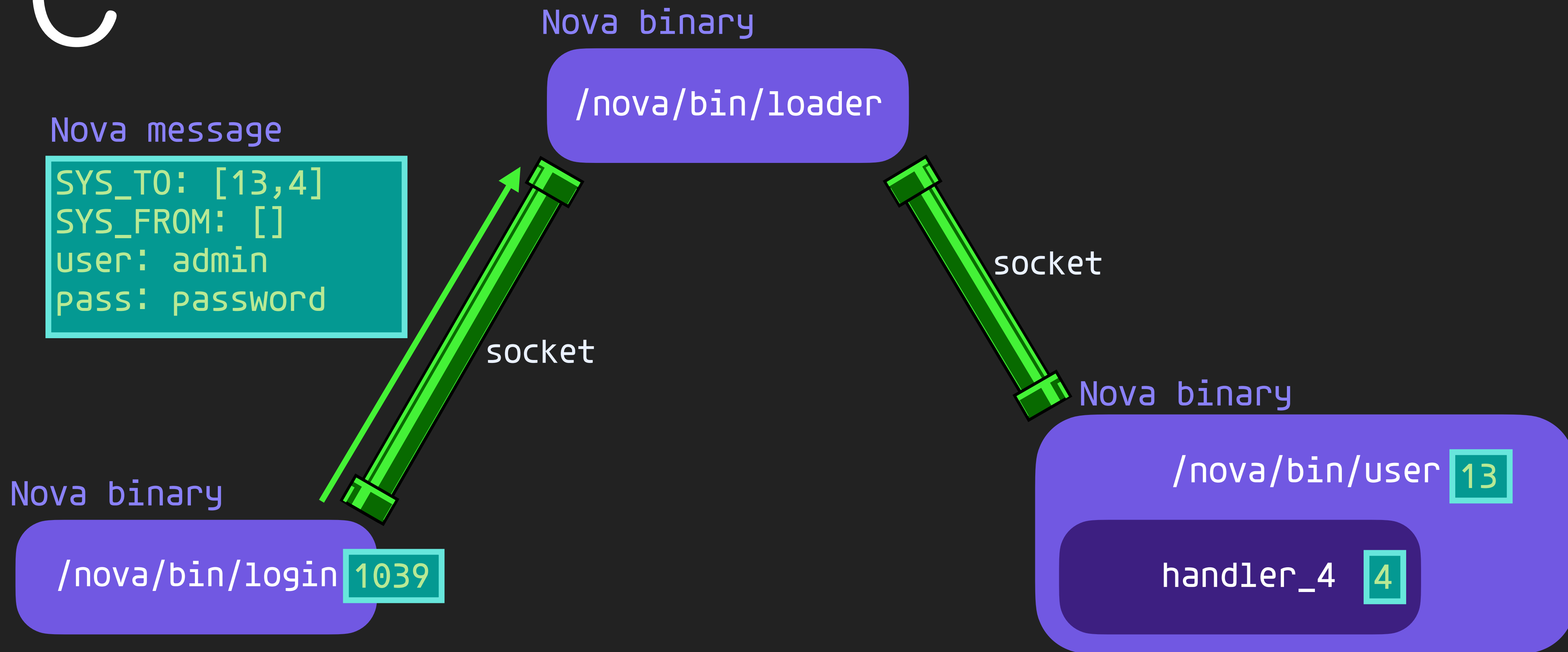
```
0xFF0001: [13,4]  
0xFF0002: [1039]  
1: admin  
3: password
```



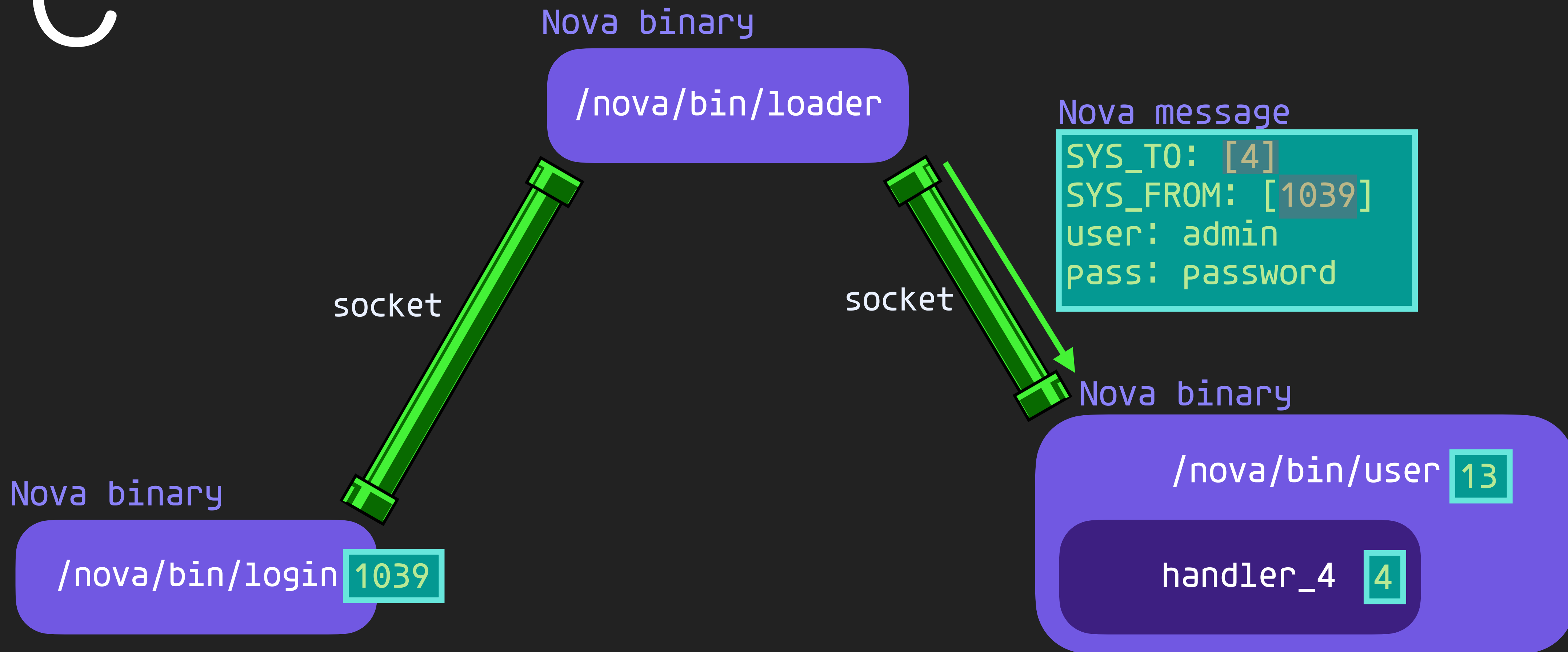
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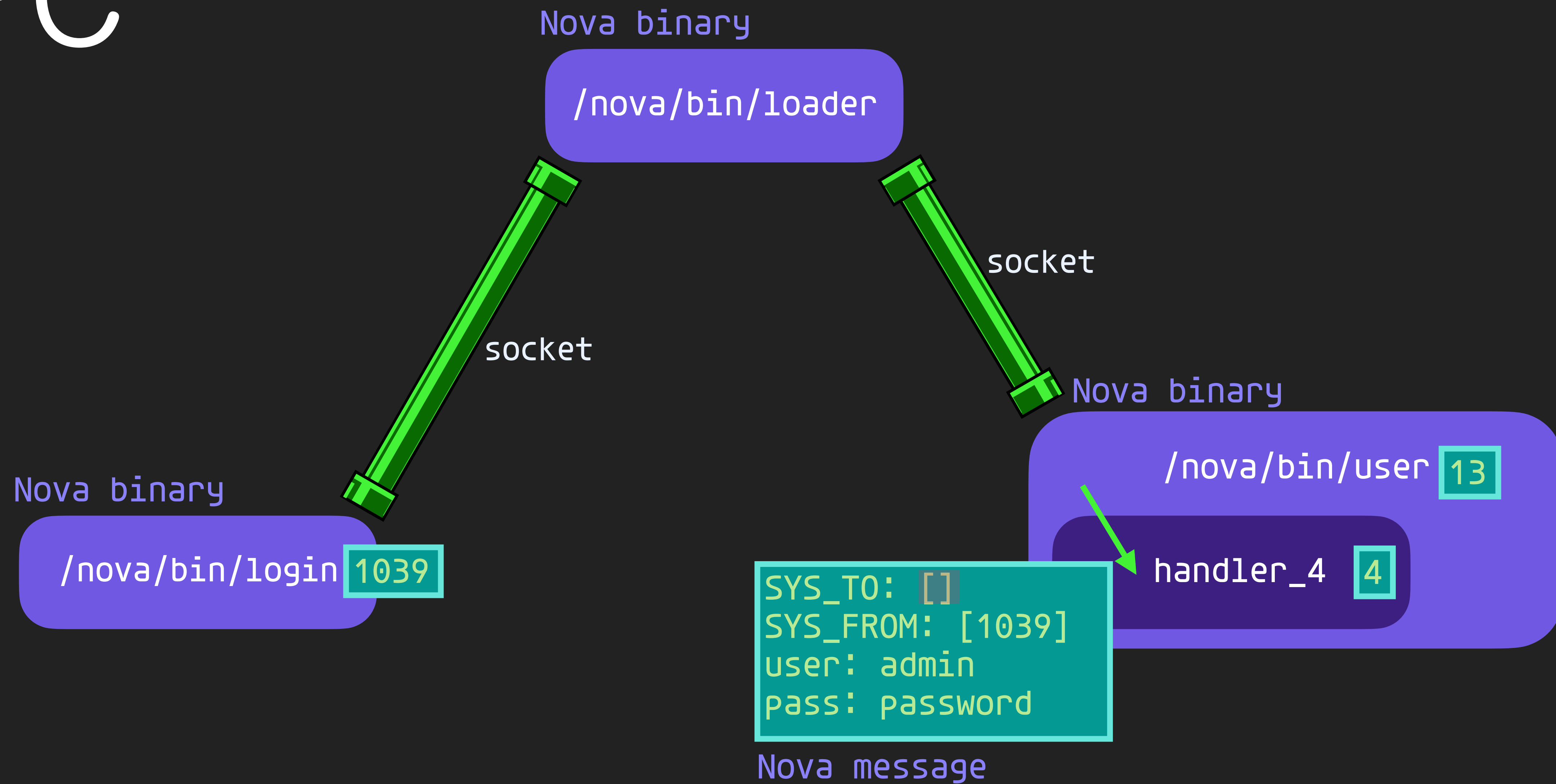


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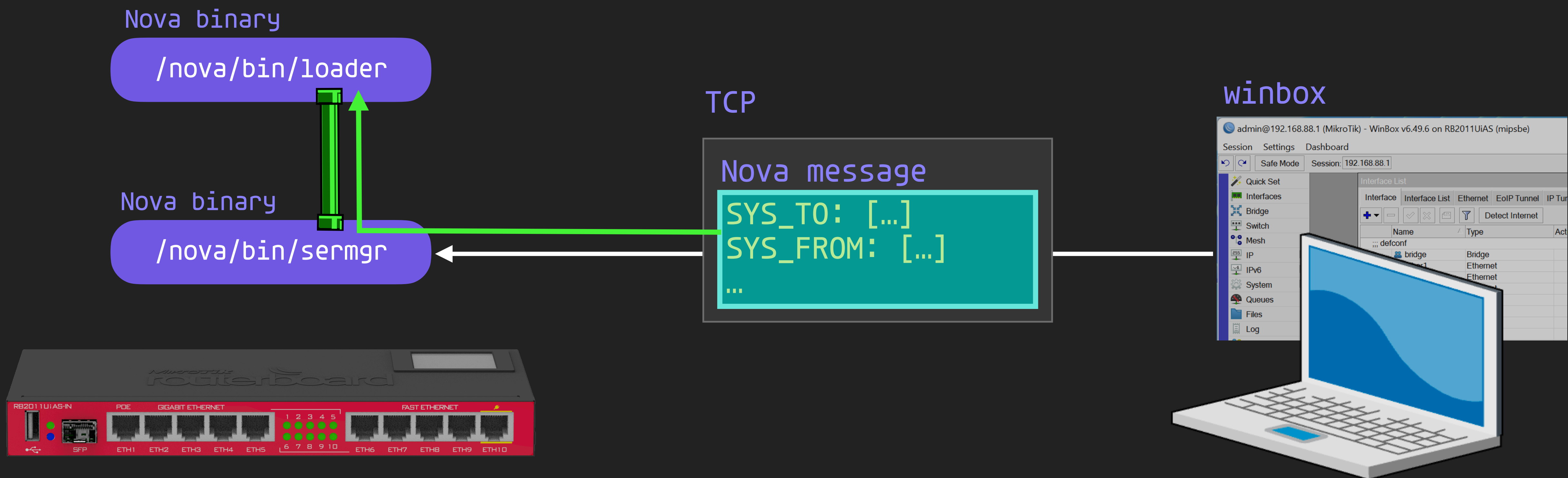




# IPC



# IPC



# Nova Message

- The message used in IPC is constructed by `nv::message` and relative functions
- Nova message is typed key-value mapping and can contain u32, u64, bool, string, bytes, IP, and nova message.

```
nv::message::message((nv::message *)&v121);  
v87 = v82 + 4;  
nv::message::insert_vector((int)&v121, 0xFF0001, 13, 4);  
nv::message::insert<nv::string_id>(&v121, 1, v87); // account  
nv::message::insert<nv::string_id>(&v121, 3, v75 + 4); // password  
nv::message::insert<nv::u32_id>((int)&v121, 7, 9);  
nv::message::insert<nv::addr6_id>(&v121, 23, *(_DWORD *) (a2 + 32) + 152);  
nv::message::insert<nv::bool_id>(&v121, 8, 1);
```

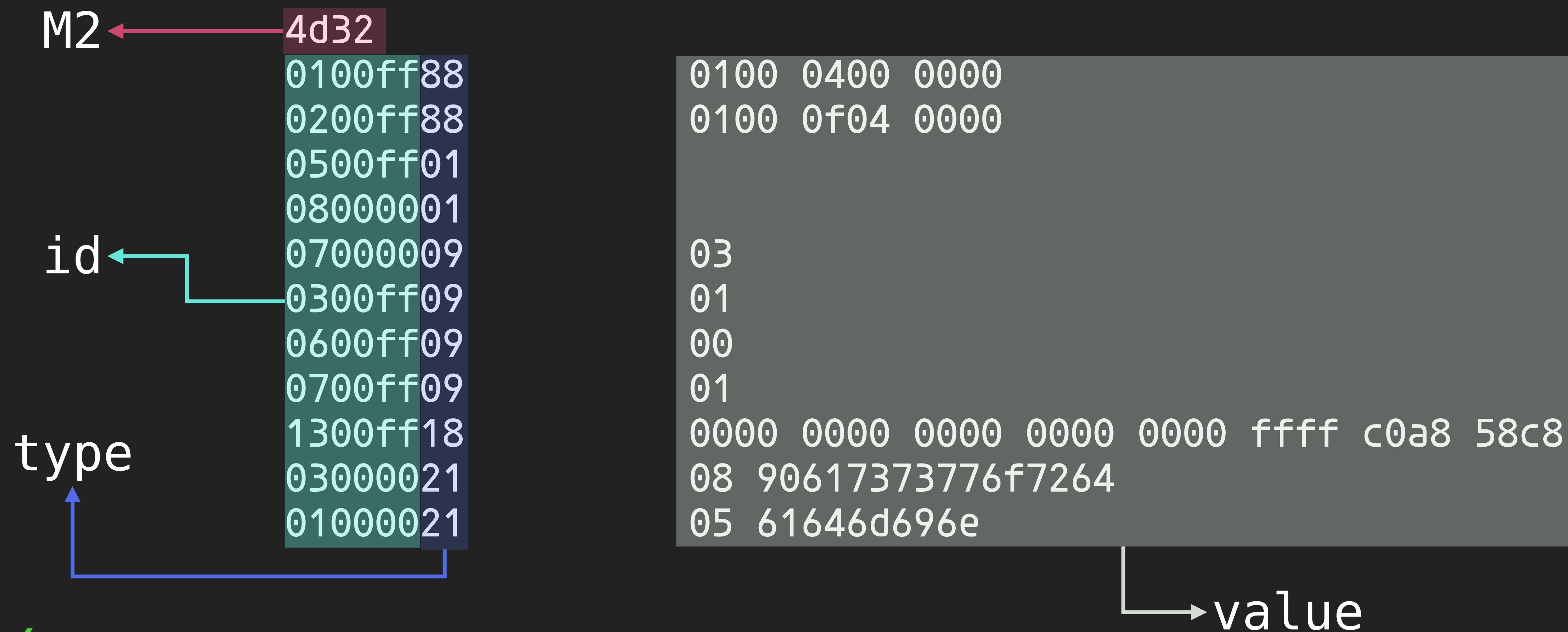
# Nova Message

```
0xFF0001: [13,4]
0xFF0002: [1039]
1: admin
3: password
```

```
00000000: 5d00 0000 4d32 0100 ff88 0100 0400 0000 ]...M2.....
00000010: 0200 ff88 0100 0f04 0000 0500 ff01 0800 .....
00000020: 0001 0700 0009 0303 00ff 0901 0600 ff09 .....
00000030: 0007 00ff 0901 1300 ff18 0000 0000 0000 .....
00000040: 0000 0000 ffff c0a8 58c8 0300 0021 0870 .....X...!.p
00000050: 6173 7377 6f72 6401 0000 2105 6164 6d69 assword...!.admi
00000060: 6e n
```



# Nova Message





# Nova Message

- To understand which binary corresponds to the id in the SYS\_FROM or SYS\_TO of the nova message, we need to parse the \*.x3 file under the /nova/etc/loader/system.x3

```
<33>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/log' (4)=i32 3 (153)=b'\x01' (173)=b'\x01'
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/radius' (4)=i32 5/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/moduler' (4)=i32 6 (153)=b'\x01' (173)=b'\
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/user' (4)=i32 13 (204)=b'\x01' />
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/resolver' (4)=i32 14 (173)=b'\x01' />
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/mactel' (4)=i32 15 (173)=b'\x01' />
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/undo' (4)=i32 17/>
```

# Nova Message

- If the binary was introduced by installing a package, its id is in the `/ram/pckg/<package_name>/nova/etc/loader/<package_name>.x3`

```
<33>  
  <30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/ippool6' (4)=i32 30 (153)=b'\x01' />  
  <30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/radvd' (4)=i32 31 (153)=b'\x01' />  
</33>%
```



# Nova Message

- If the binary was introduced by install a packet, it's id is in the /ram/pckg/<package\_name>/nova/etc/loader/<package\_name>.x

```
<33>  
  <30 (7)=b'/no  
  <30 (7)=b'/no  
</33>%  
  0 (153)=b'\x01' />  
(153)=b'\x01' />
```

```
SYS_TO: [13, 4]
```

```
SYS_FROM: [1039]
```

```
user: admin
```

```
pass: password
```

# Nova Message

- Other binaries also have their .x3 files for different purposes.

```
<169 (2)=b'www'>
  <154 (38)=b'index' (7)=b'/' (40)=b'\x01' />
  <154 (38)=b'jsproxy' (7)=b'/jsproxy' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/img/' (28)=b'/home/web/img' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/doc/' (28)=b'/home/web/doc' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/help/' (28)=b'/home/web/help' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/webfig/list' (28)=b'/home/web/webfig/list' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/webfig/' (28)=b'/home/web/webfig' (283)=b'\x01' />
  <154 (38)=b'winbox' (7)=b'/winbox' (40)=b'\x01' />
  <154 (38)=b'webgraph' (7)=b'/graphs' />
  <154 (38)=b'kidcontrol' (7)=b'/kid-control' (40)=b'\x01' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/winbox/' (28)=b'/home/web/winbox' />
  <154 (38)=b'traflog' (7)=b'/accounting/ip.cgi' (40)=b'\x01' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/' (28)=b'/home/web' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/crl' (28)=b'/var/cm/ca_crl' />
  <154 (38)=b'scep' (7)=b'/scep' />
</169>
```

# Nova Message

- It seems like it's a good target for fuzzing.
- But we can't just fuzz it and expect we can get a pre-auth RCE after two months.

```
00000000: 5d00 0000 4d32 0100 ff88 0100 0400 0000 ]...M2.....
00000010: 0200 ff88 0100 0f04 0000 0500 ff01 0800 .....
00000020: 0001 0700 0009 0303 00ff 0901 0600 ff09 .....
00000030: 0007 00ff 0901 1300 ff18 0000 0000 0000 .....
00000040: 0000 0000 ffff c0a8 58c8 0300 0021 0870 .....X...!.p
00000050: 6173 7377 6f72 6401 0000 2105 6164 6d69 assword...!.admi
00000060: 6e n
```



2022

Spoiler! Spoiler! Spoiler! Spoiler!

Spoiler! Spoiler! Spoiler! Spoiler!

Spoiler! Spoiler! Spoiler! Spoiler!





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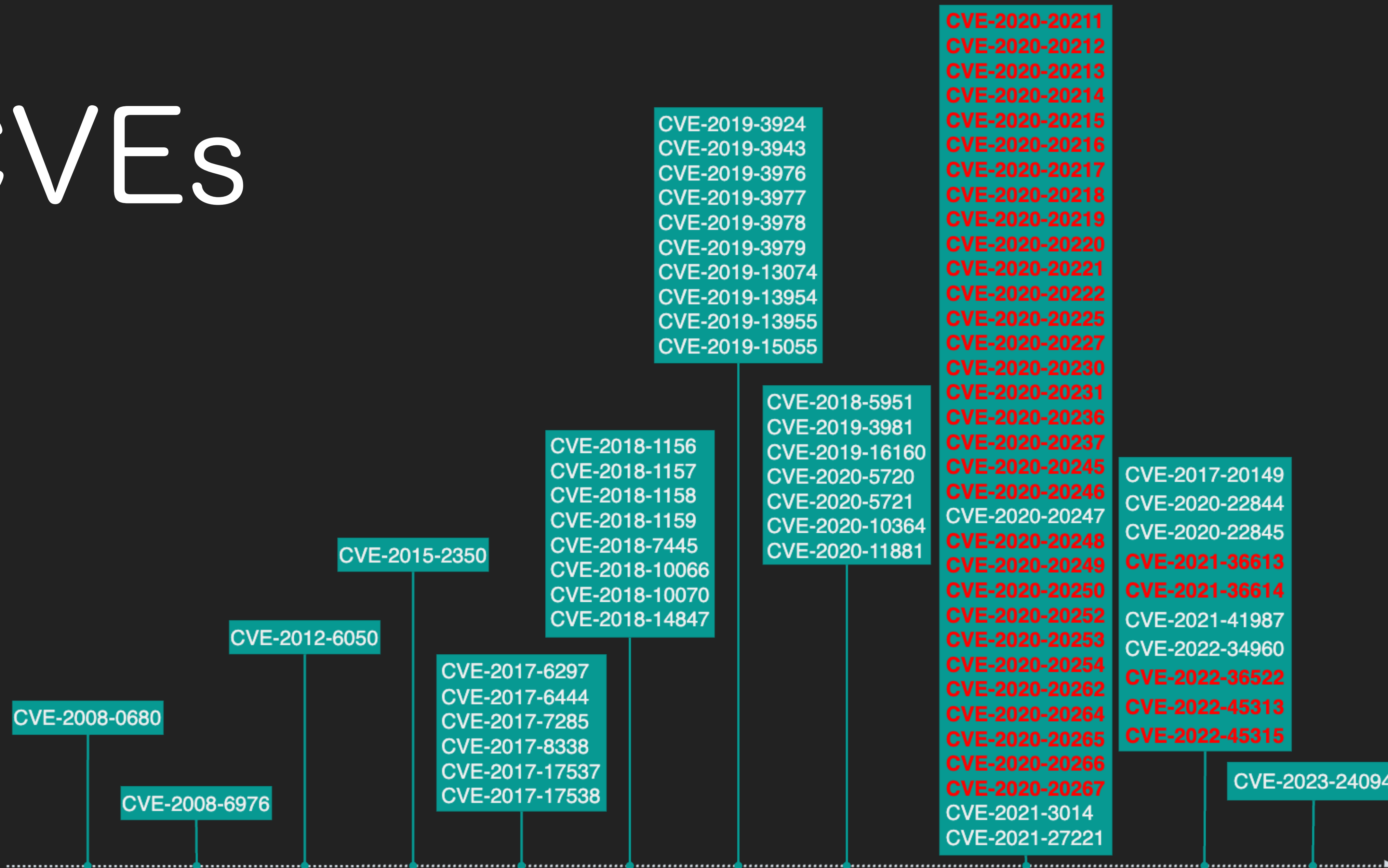
← We are here

Qian Chen

MikroTik RouterOS Security:  
The Forgotten IPC Message

fuzzing nova message in IPC

# CVEs



# CVEs (pre-auth)

DoS

Poisoning/MitM/Firewall Evasion

## Is RouterOS now impervious to hacking?

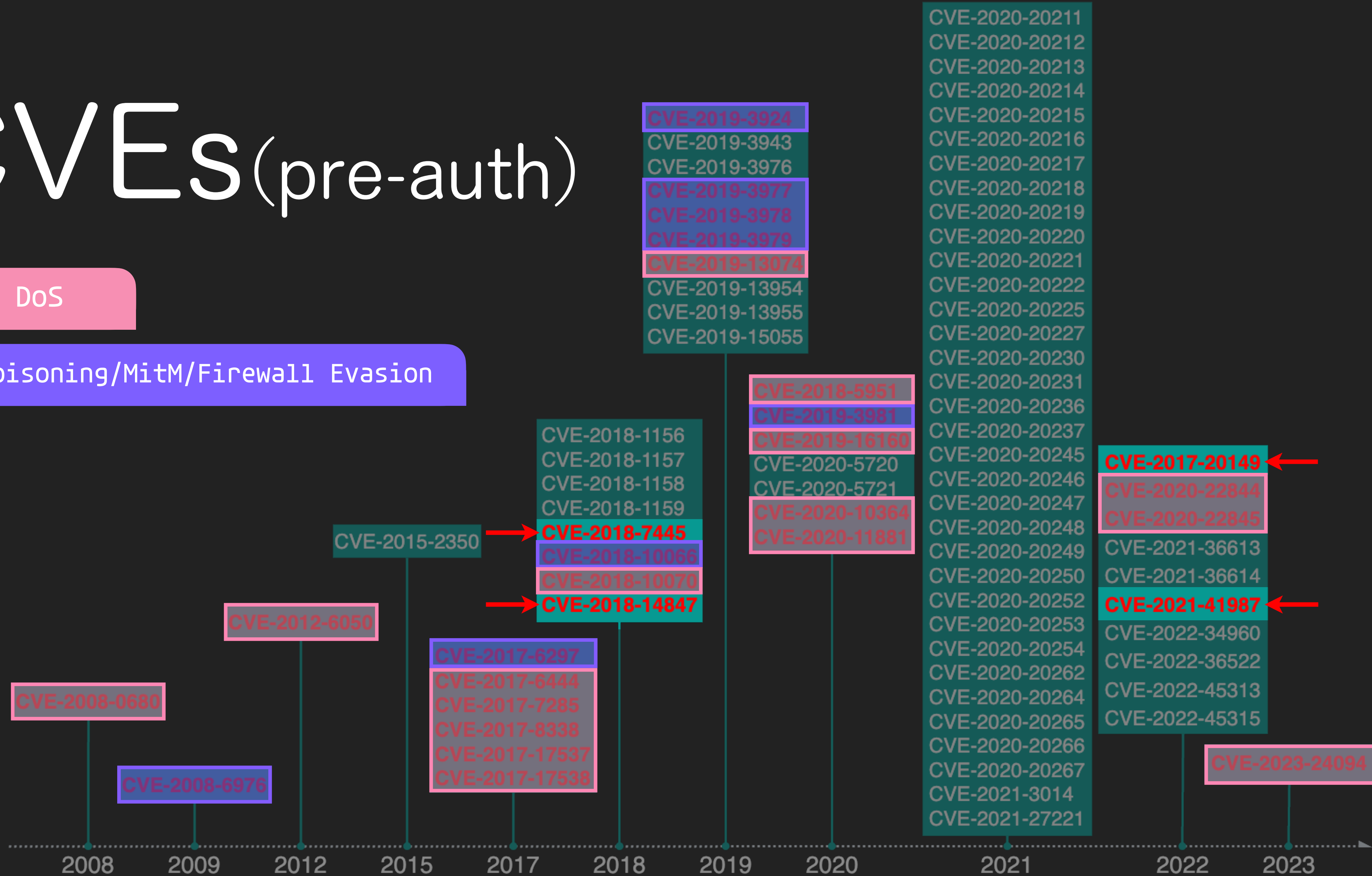




# CVEs (pre-auth)

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# Observation

- Most researches are about
  - Jailbreaking
  - Analyzing the ITW exploits
  - Nova message in IPC

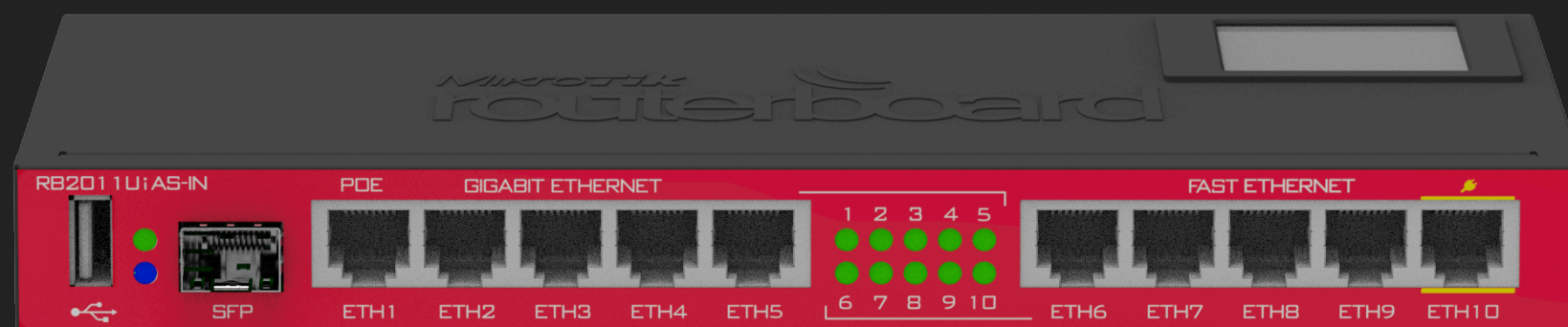
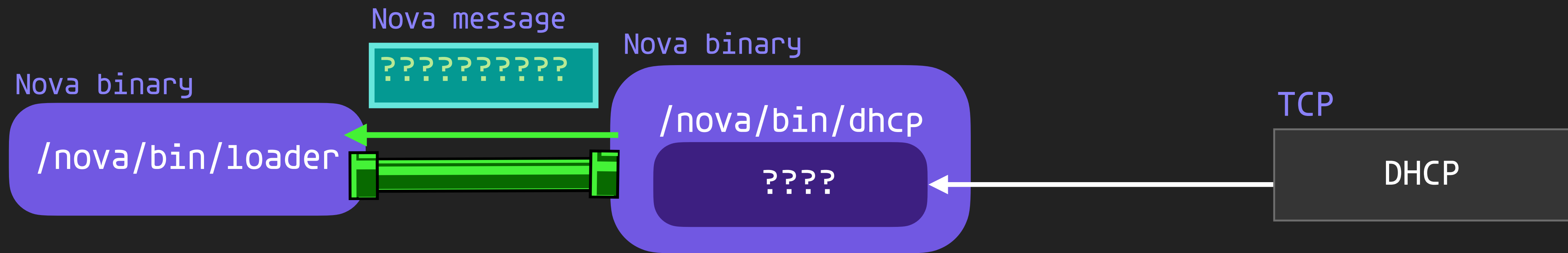
# Brief Summary

No one with sanity  
would like to dive into the details of Nova Binary

**Where to start ?**

# Where to start ?

- Where are the entry points to the customize IPC ?

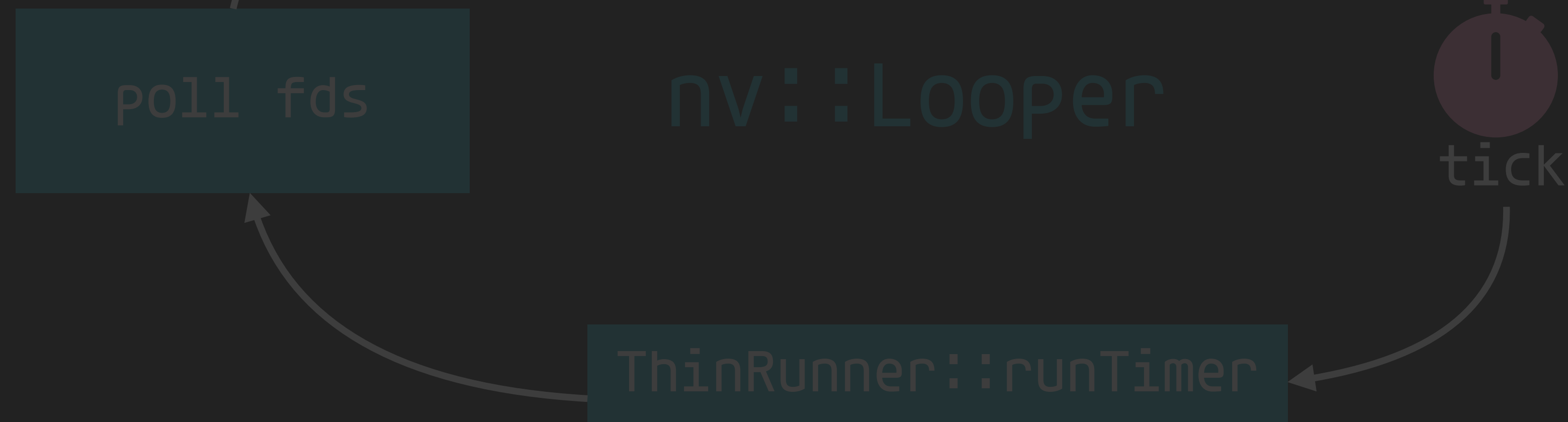




# Nova Binary

- Every Nova binary has a Looper or MultifiberLooper.

## Architecture of the Nova Binary

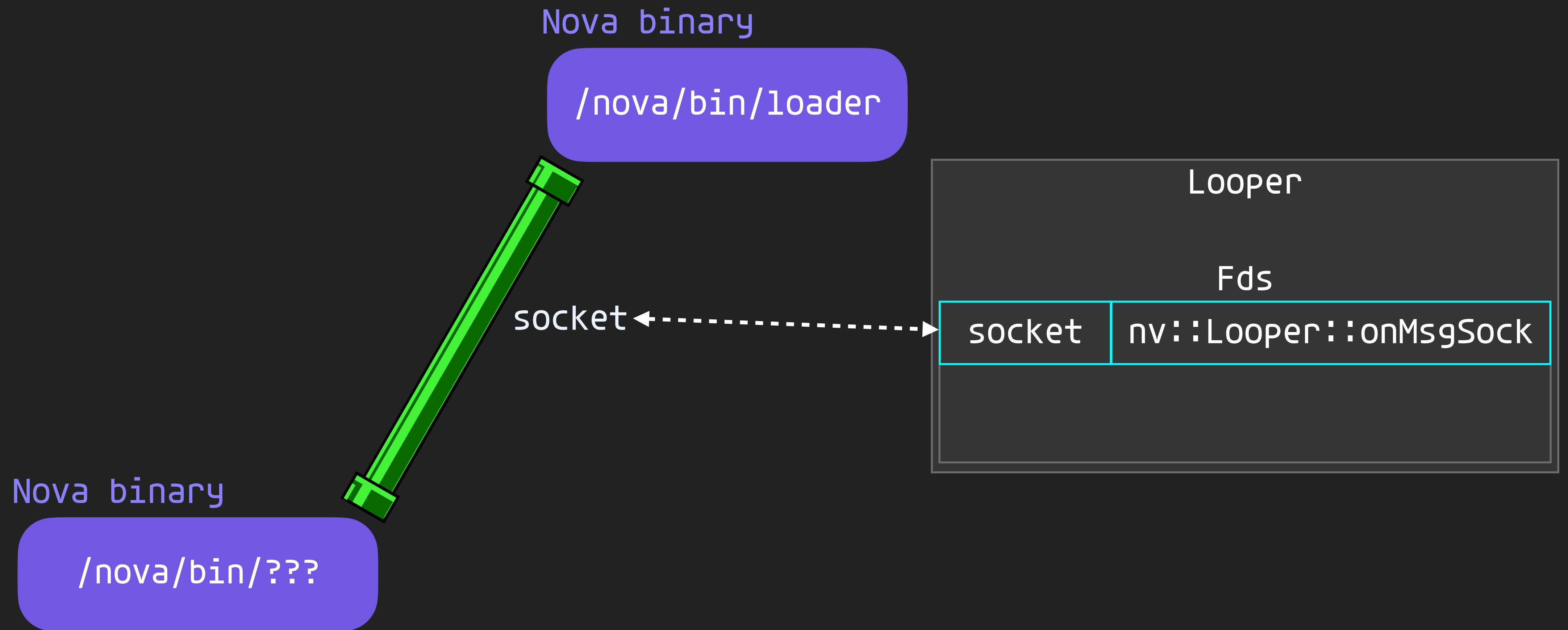


# Nova Binary

- Every Nova binary has a `Looper` or a `MultifiberLooper`.



# Nova Binary



# Nova Binary

Nova binary

/nova/bin/loader

socket

## Handler and its derived classes

??????????

/nova/bin/???

nv::Looper::onMsgSock

Nova binary

nv::Looper::dispatchMessage

SYS\_T0: [14]

Looper

SYS\_T0: [14,0]

Handler 0

SYS\_T0: [14,1]

Handler 1



# Nova Binary

Nova binary

/nova/bin/loader



Nova message  
????????????

/nova/bin/???

nv::Looper::onMsgSock

Nova binary

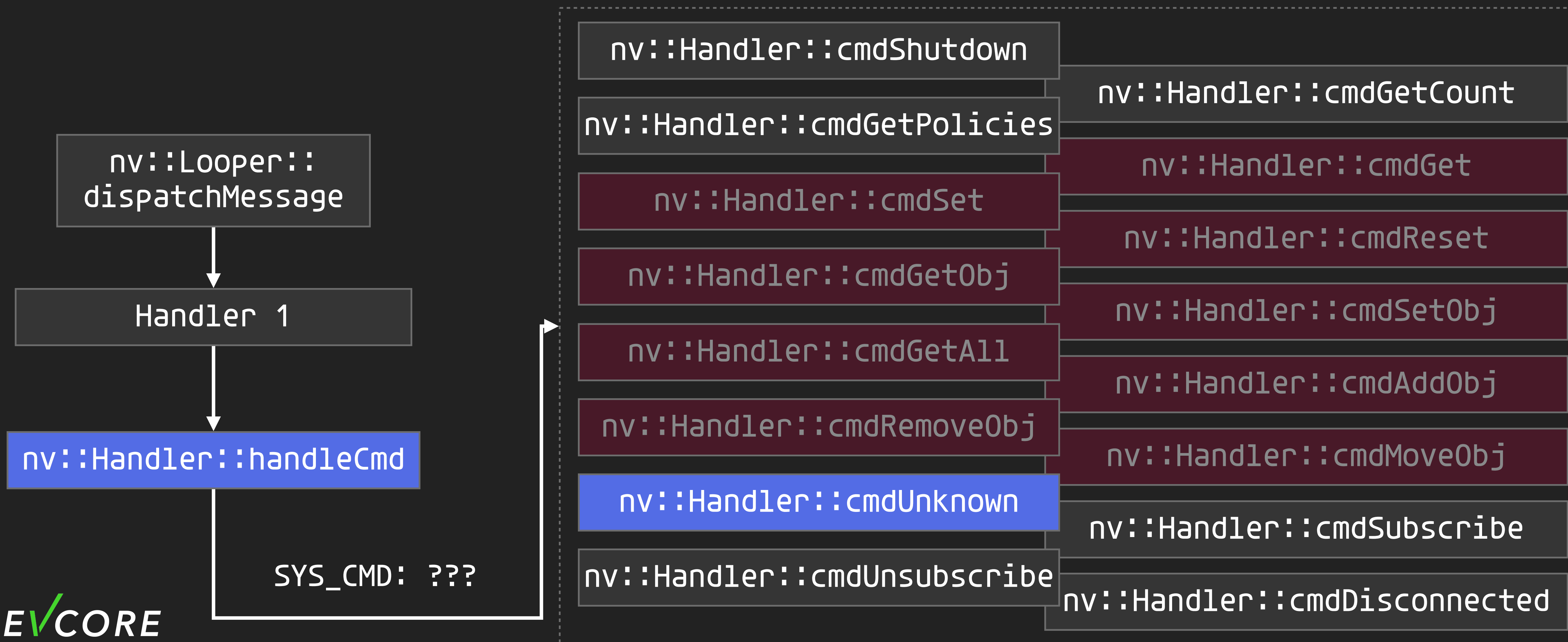
nv::Looper::dispatchMessage

SYS\_T0: [14]  
Looper

SYS\_T0: [14,0]  
Handler 0

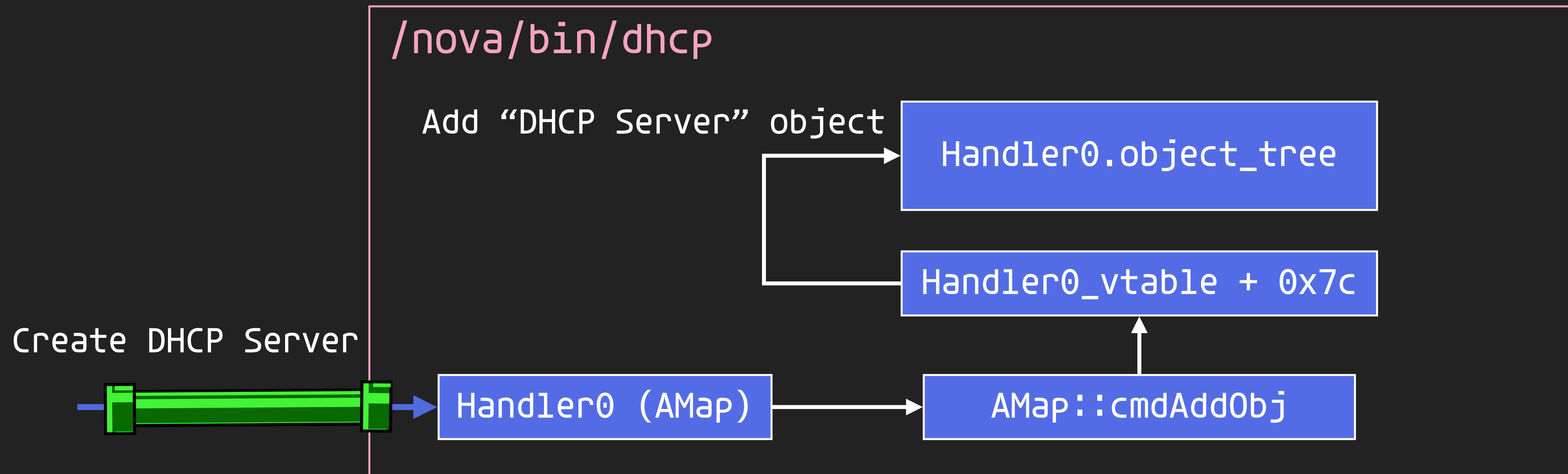
SYS\_T0: [14,1]  
Handler 1

# Nova Binary



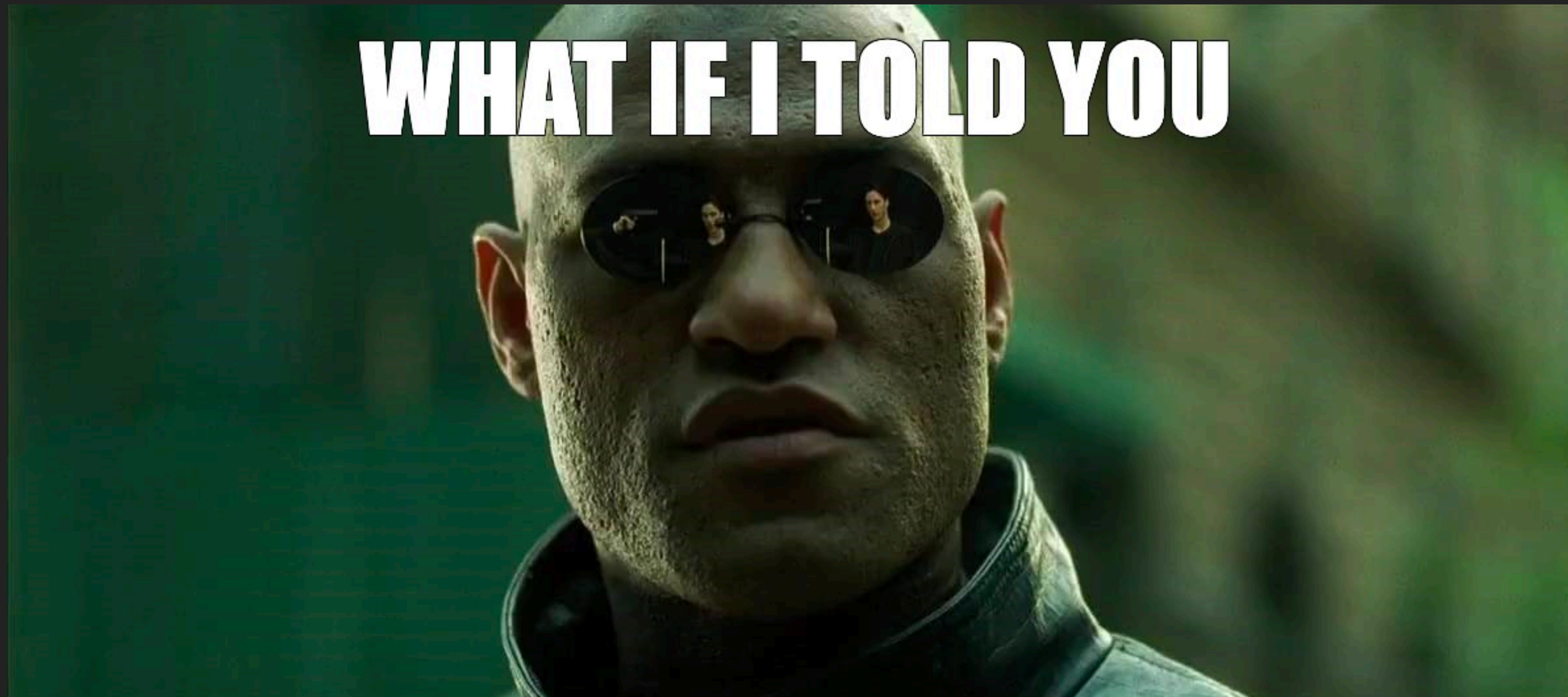
# Nova Binary

- Base class: Handler
- Derived classes: AMap, AHolder, ASecMap, A0map, etc



# Nova Message

- Some functionalities don't even use the Nova message.





/nova/bin/discover

Handler0::cmdUnknown

nv::createPacketReceiver

# Example: CDP, LLDP

Register pairs of  
socket and callback

Looper

Fds

CDP socket	callback
LLDP socket	callback

/nova/bin/discover

Handler0::cmdUnknown



nv::createPacketReceiver

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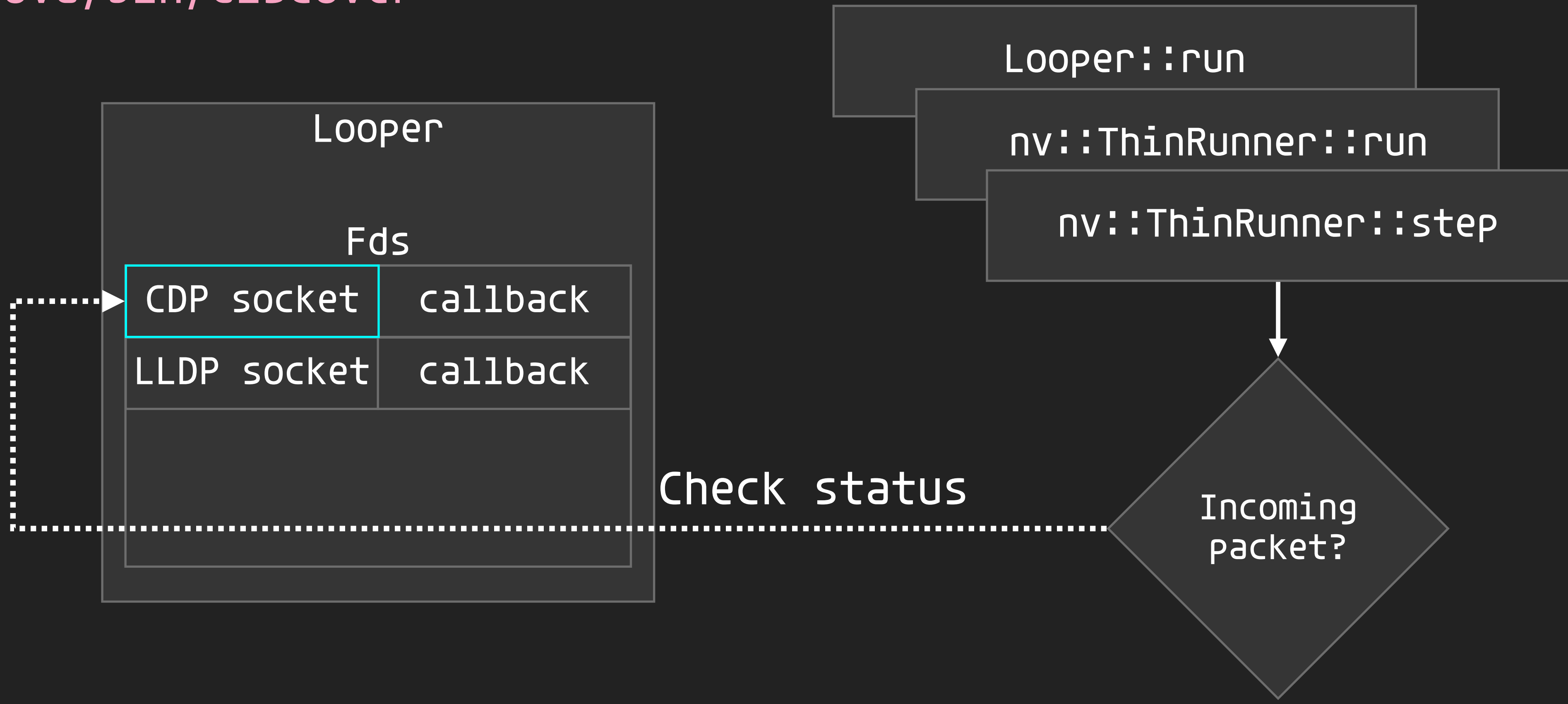


Looper

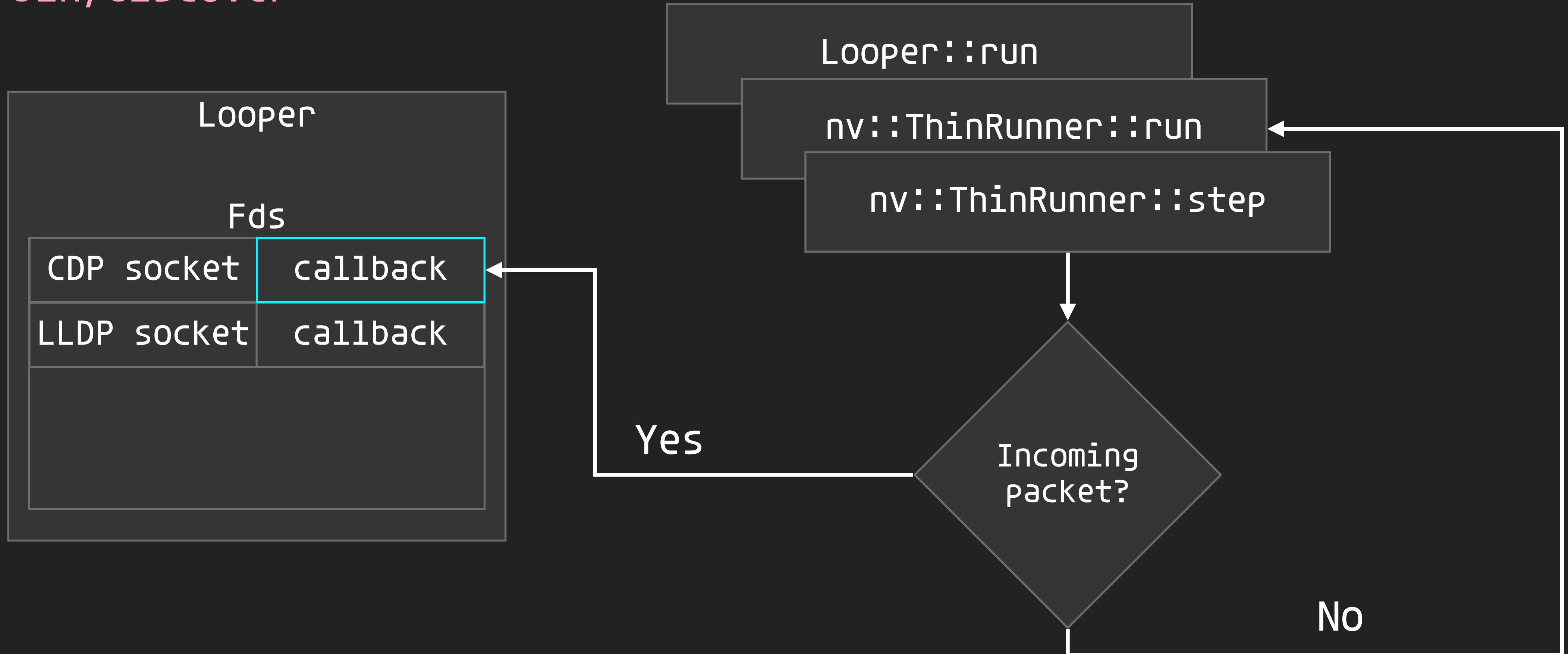
Fds

CDP socket	callback
LLDP socket	callback

/nova/bin/discover

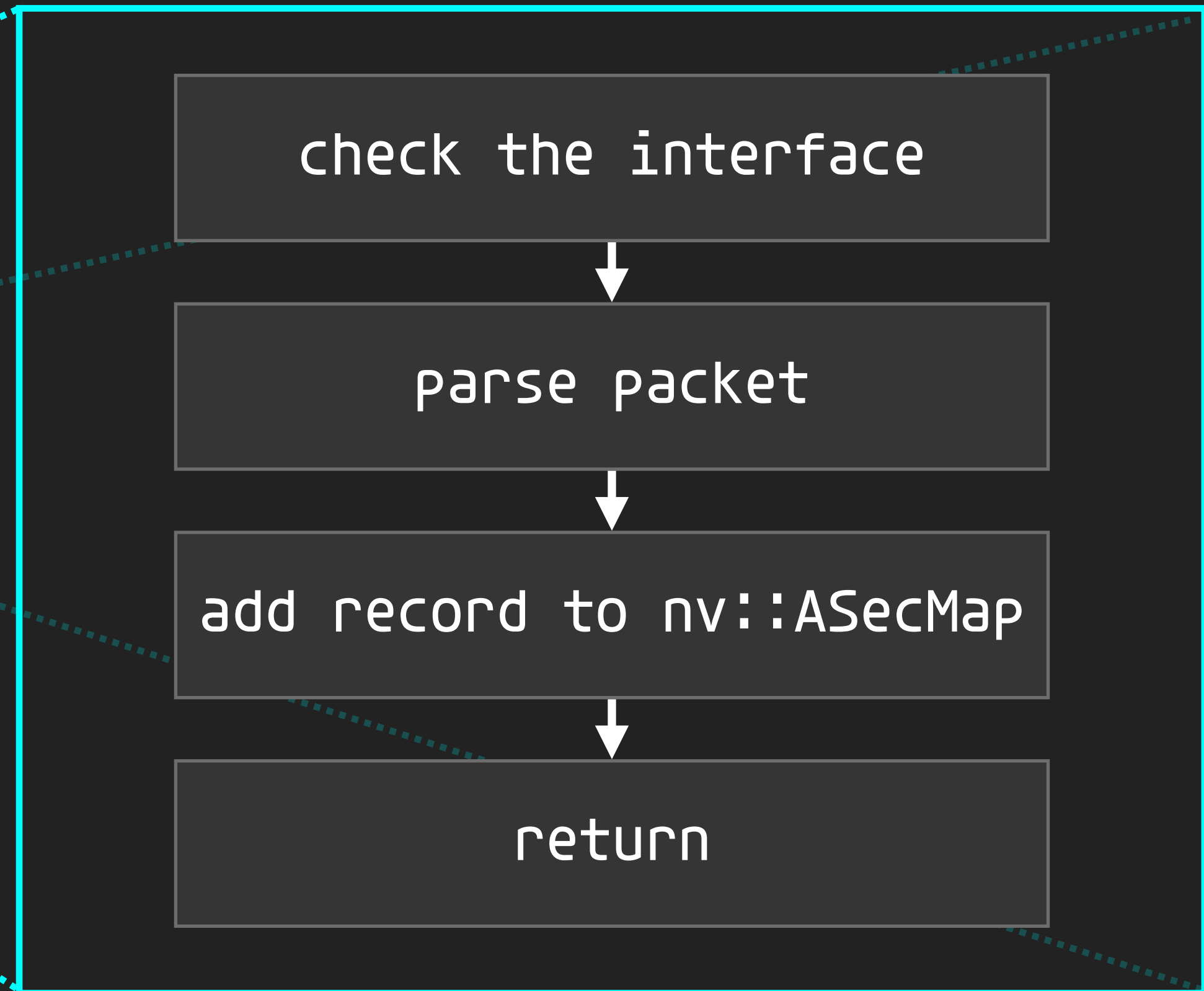
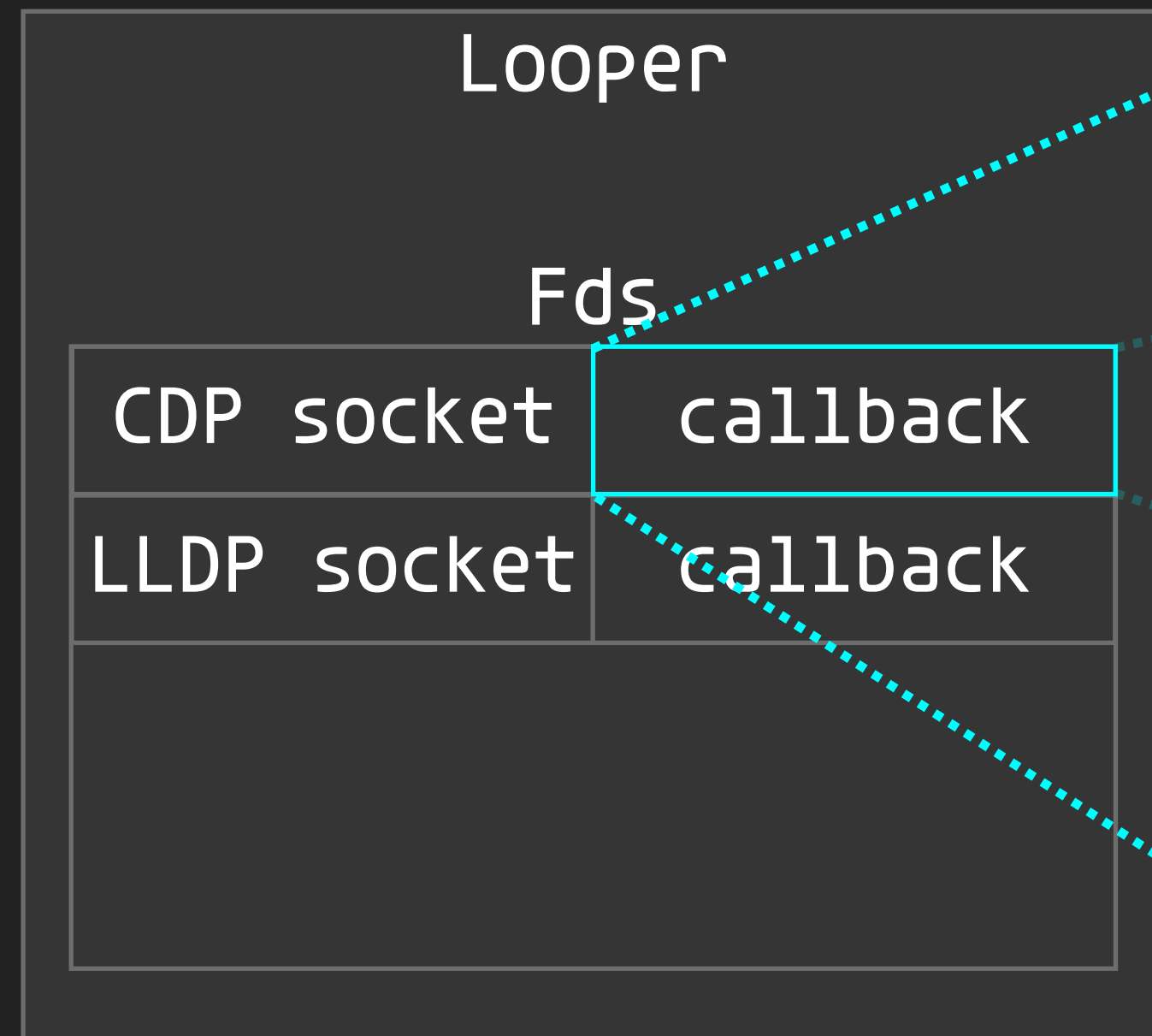


/nova/bin/discover





`/nova/bin/discover`



# The pre-auth RCE

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- Some random crashes of radvd occur while we plugging and unplugging cables on RouterBoard

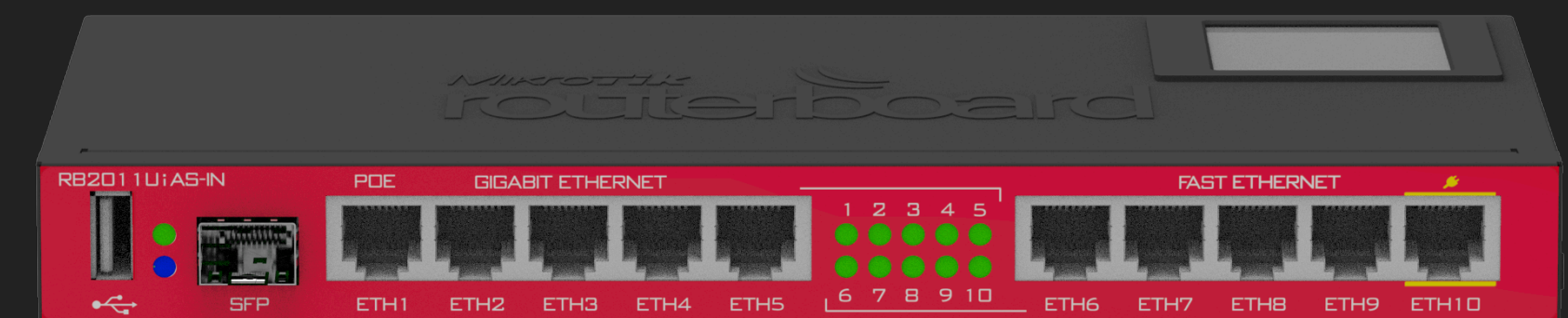


# IPv6 SLAAC



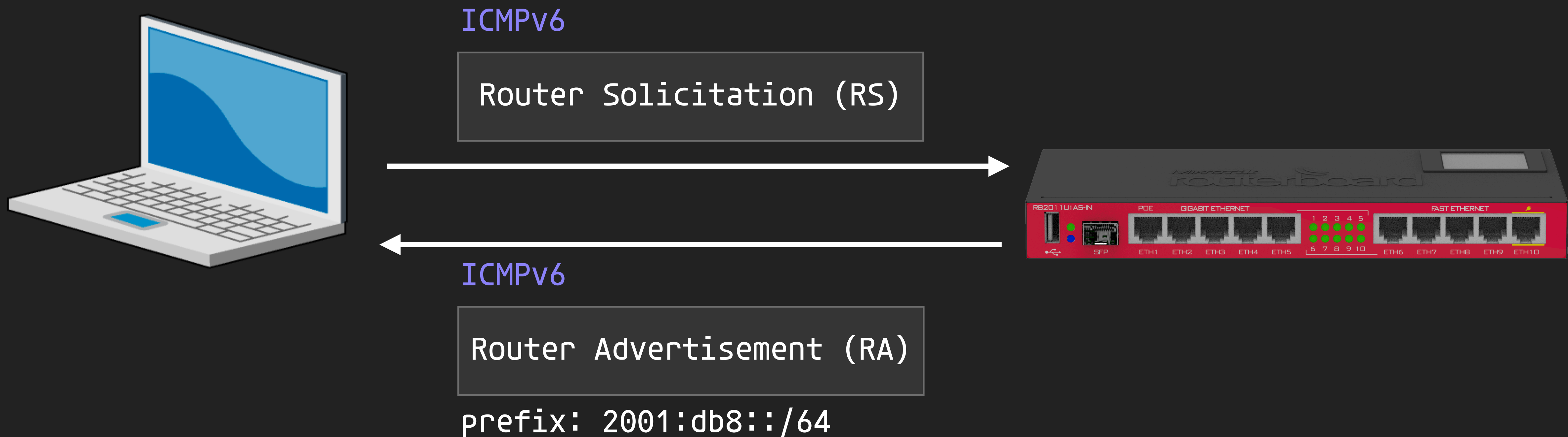
ICMPv6

Router Solicitation (RS)





# IPv6 SLAAC



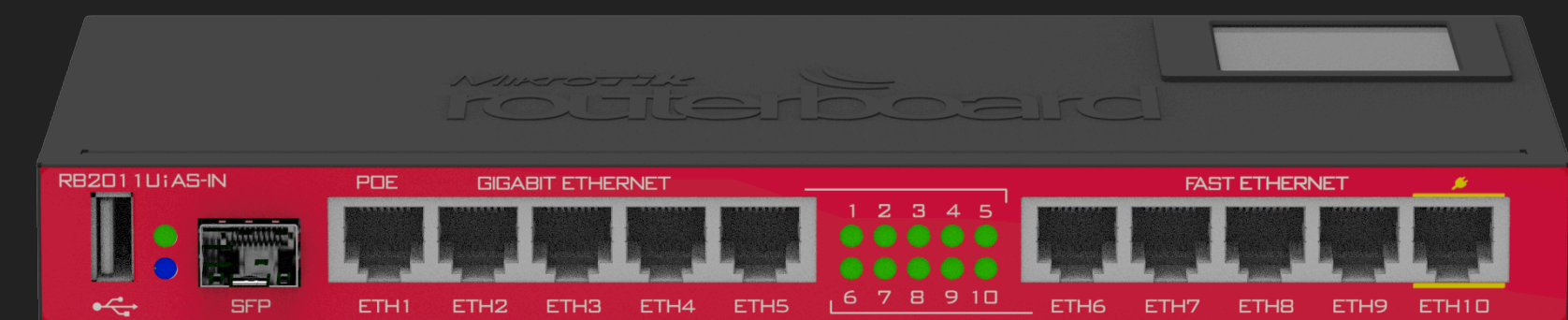
# IPv6 SLAAC



IPv6 = prefix + EUI-64

ICMPv6

Router Solicitation (RS)



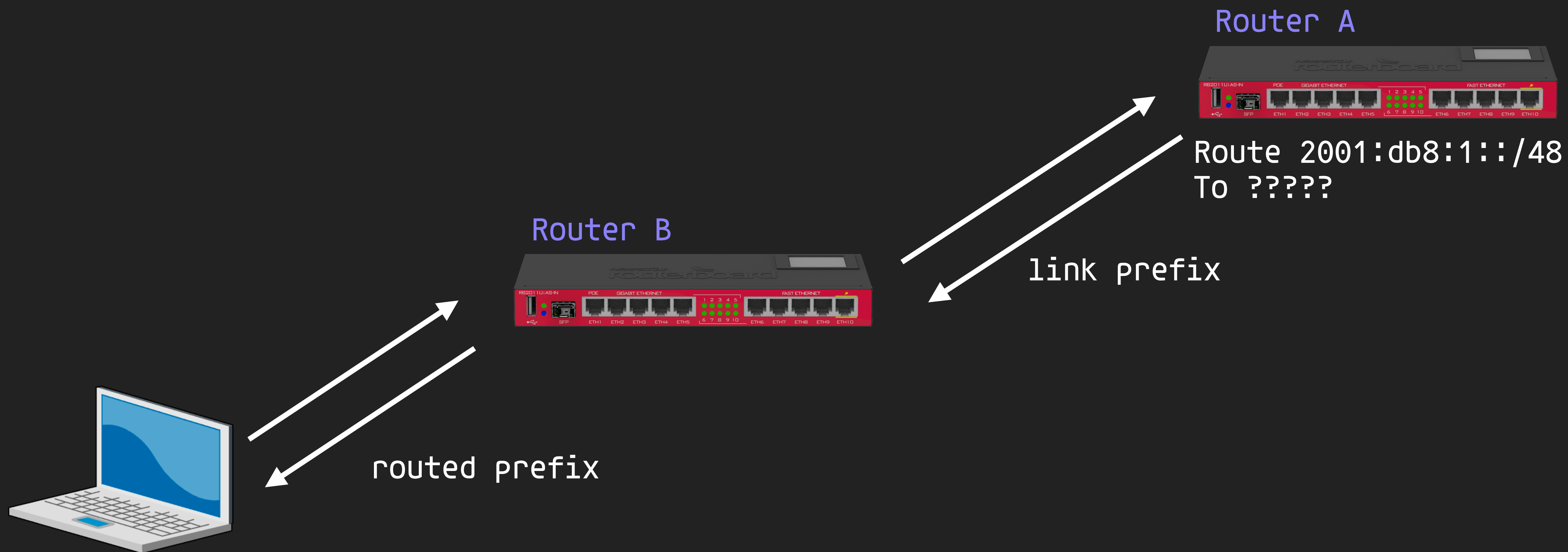
ICMPv6

Router Advertisement (RA)

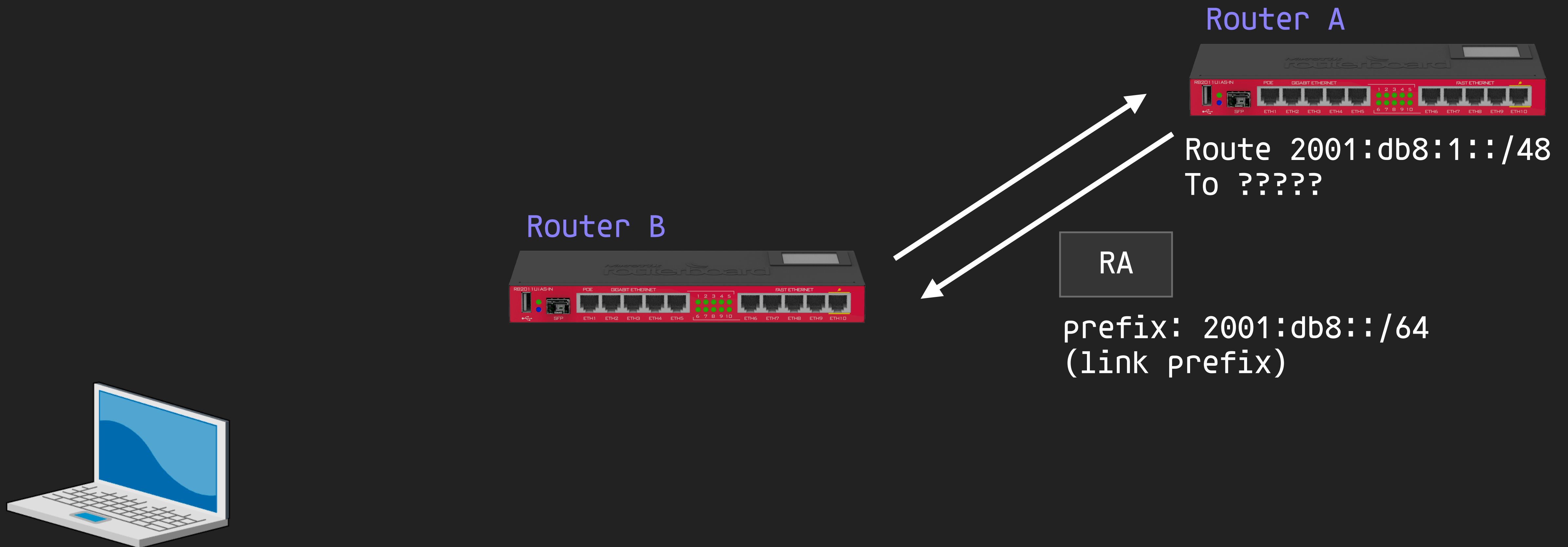


prefix: 2001:db8::/64

# IPv6 SLAAC

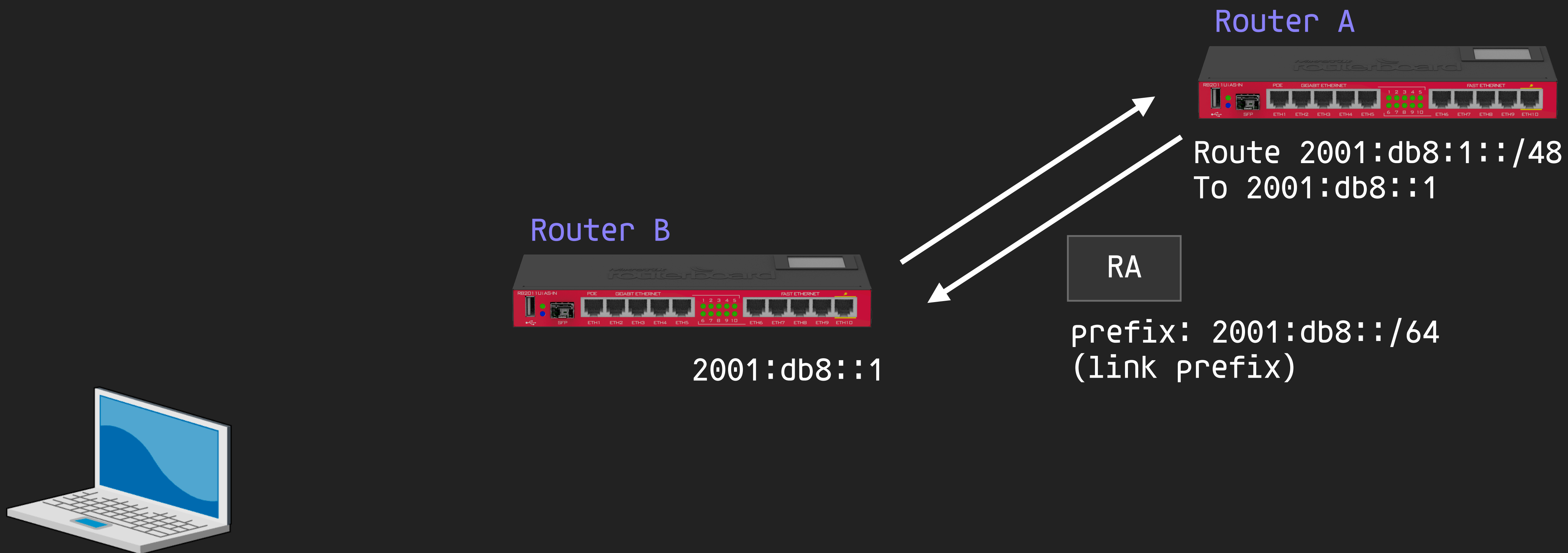


# IPv6 SLAAC



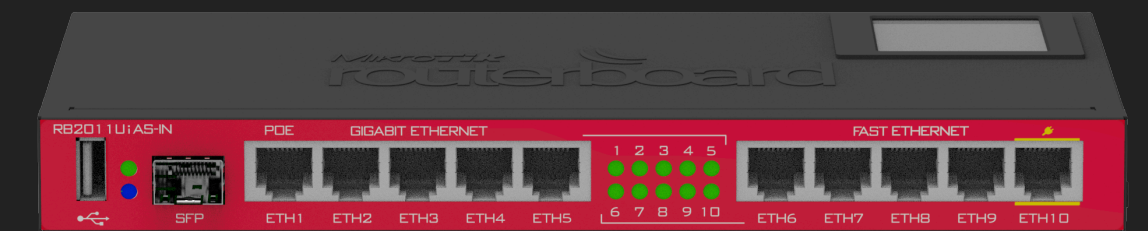


# IPv6 SLAAC



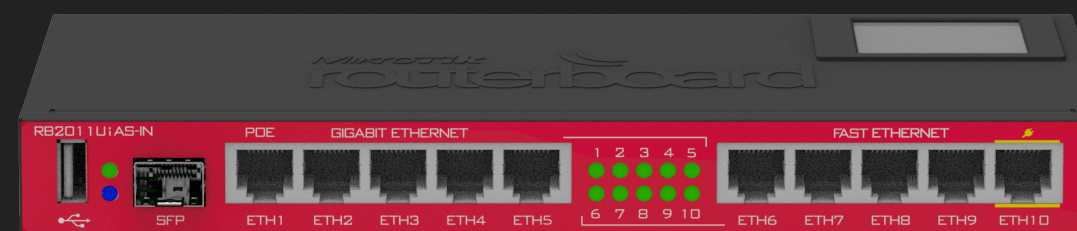
# IPv6 SLAAC

Router A

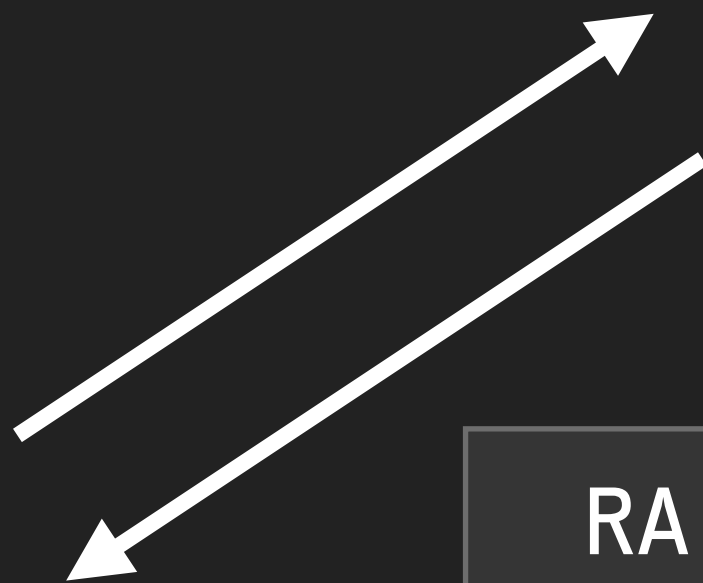


Route 2001:db8:1::/48  
To 2001:db8::1

Router B



2001:db8::1

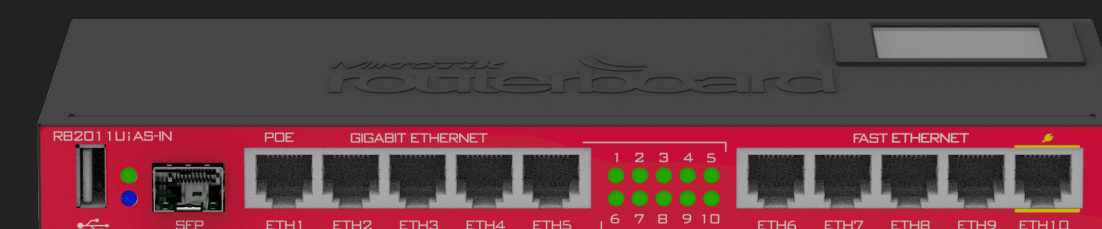


RA

prefix: 2001:db8:1::/48  
(routed prefix)

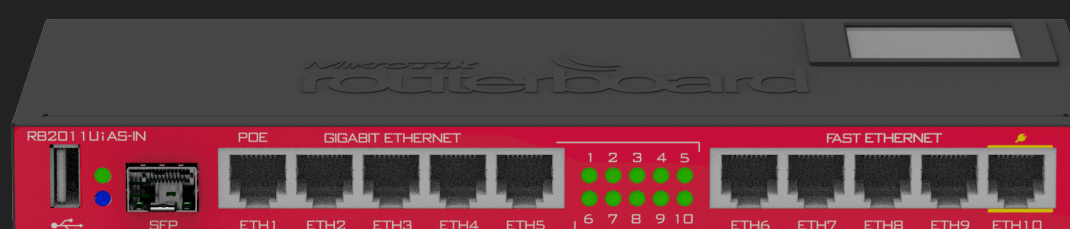
# IPv6 SLAAC

Router A



Route 2001:db8:1::/48  
To 2001:db8::1

Router B



2001:db8::1



2001:db8:1::1

RA

prefix: 2001:db8:1::/48  
(routed prefix)

/bndl/ipv6/nova/bin/radvd

main

# Execution flow of radvd

nv::ThinRunner::addSocket

Register a pair of  
Socket and callback

Looper

Fds

socket

onMsg..

socket

callback



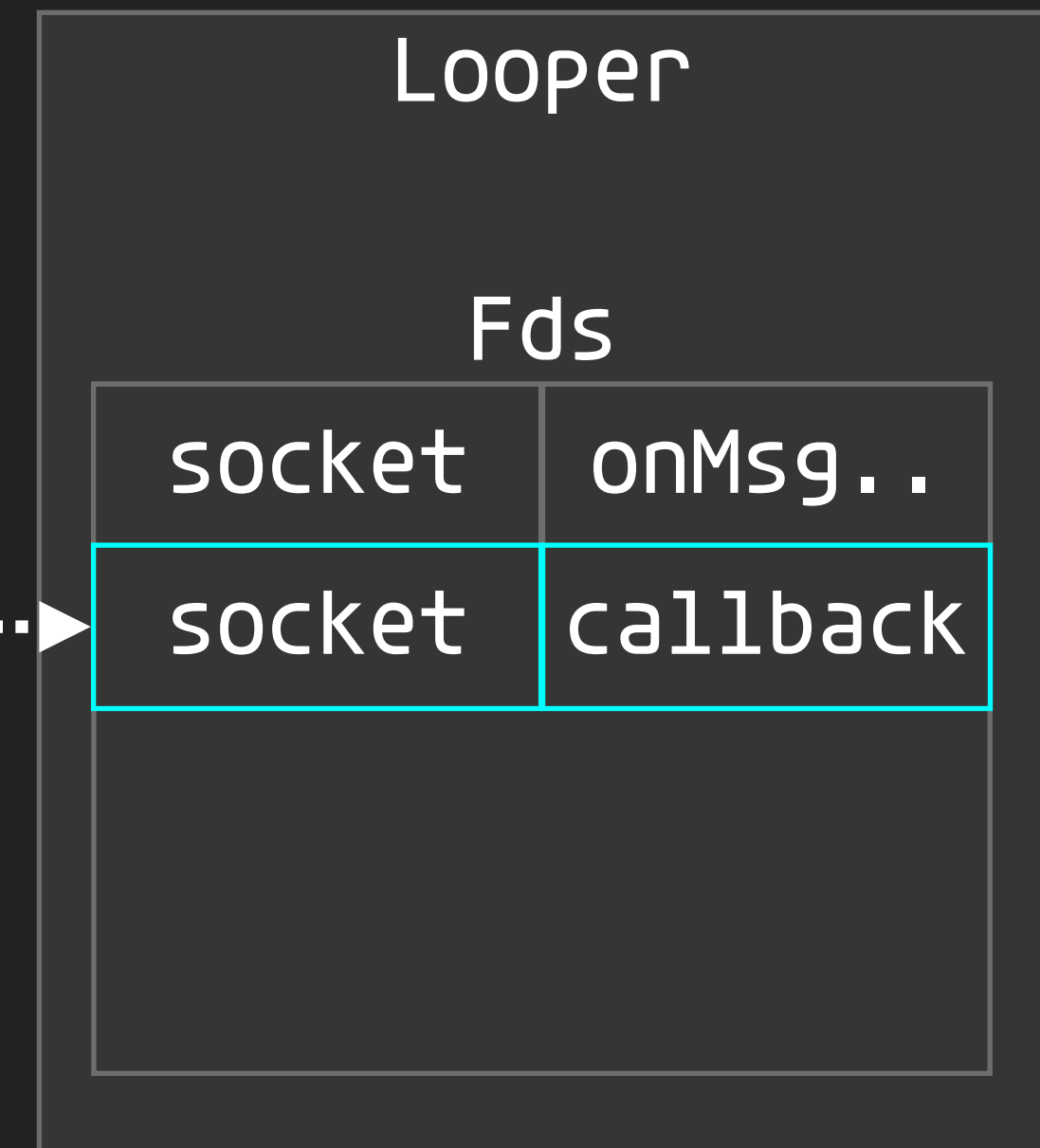
/bnd1/ipv6/nova/bin/radvd

main

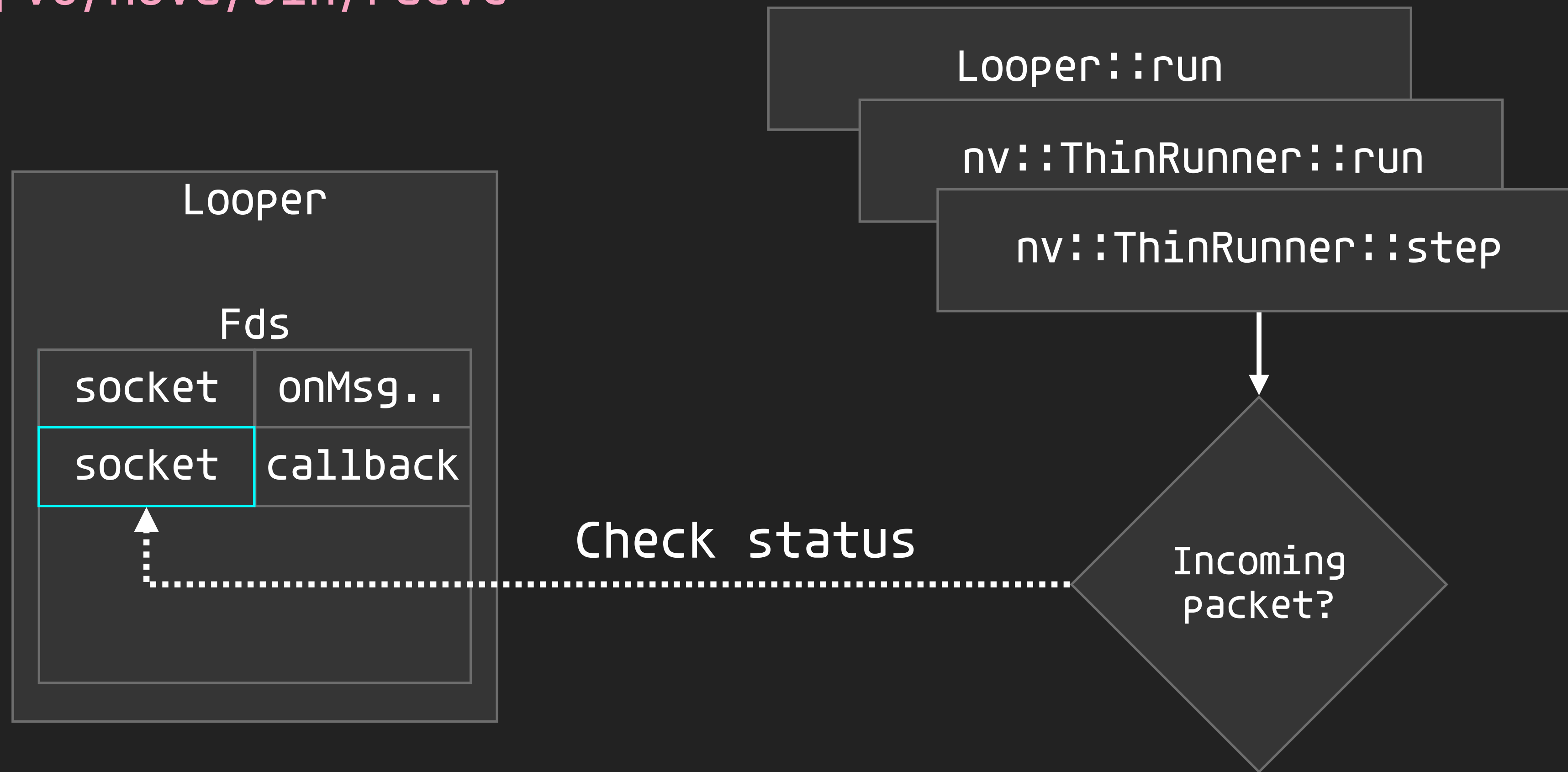


nv::ThinRunner::addSocket

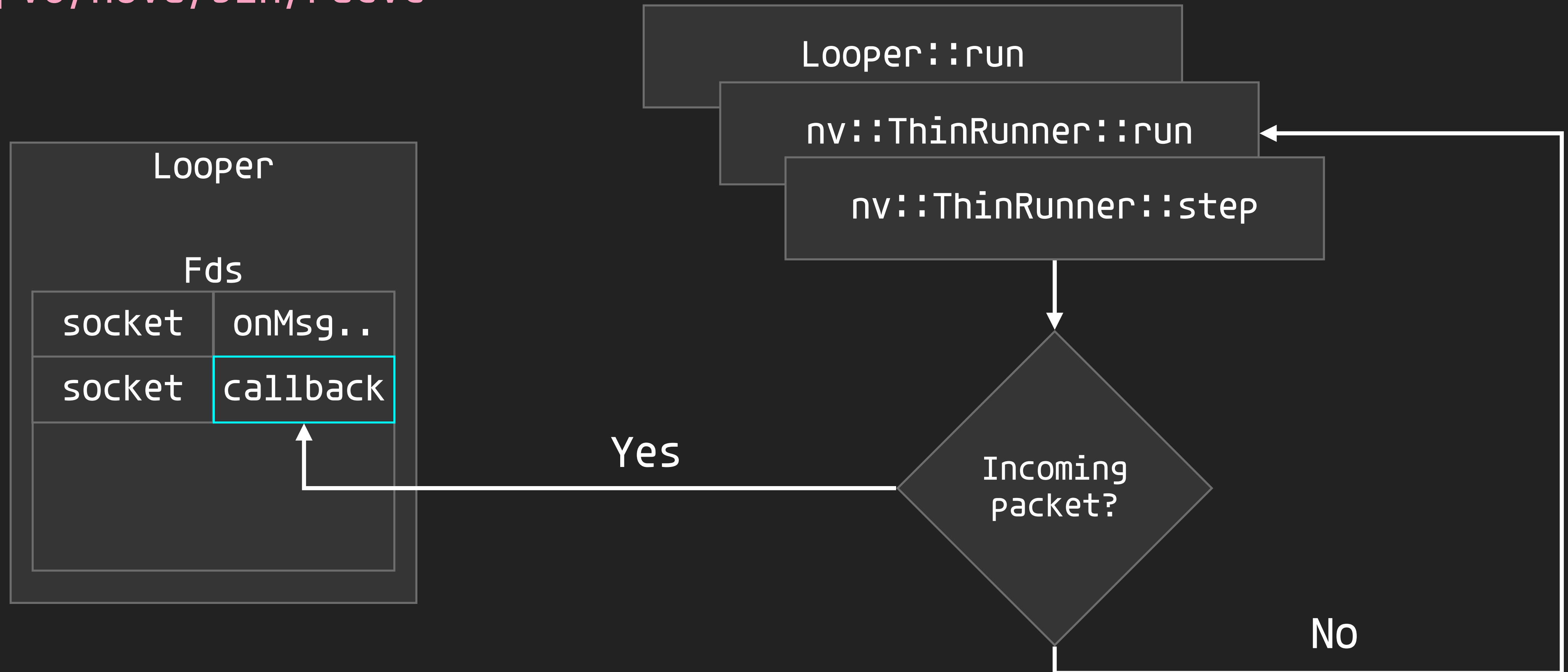
Register a pair of  
Socket and callback



`/bnd1/ipv6/nova/bin/radvd`



/bnd1/ipv6/nova/bin/radvd

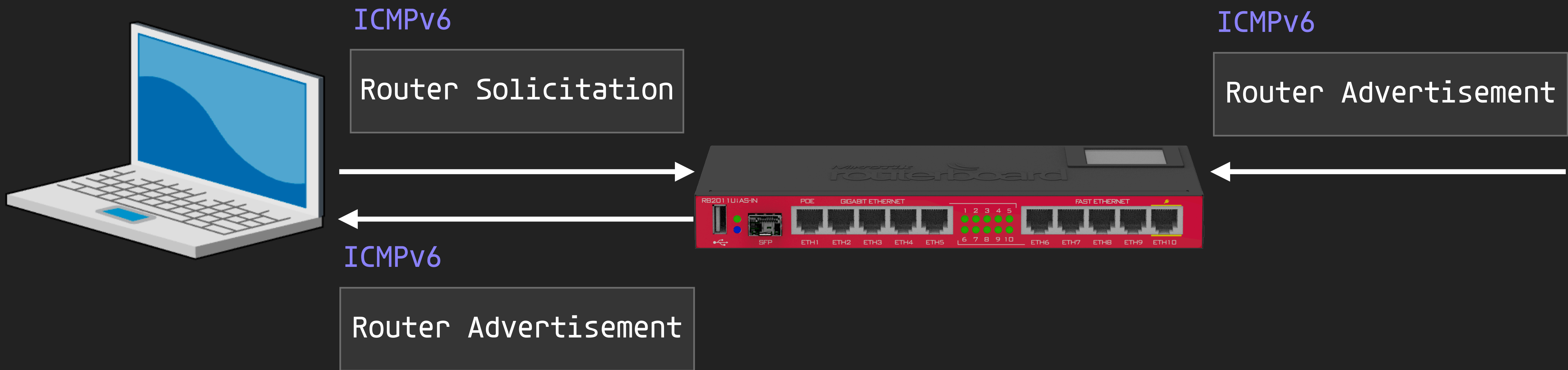
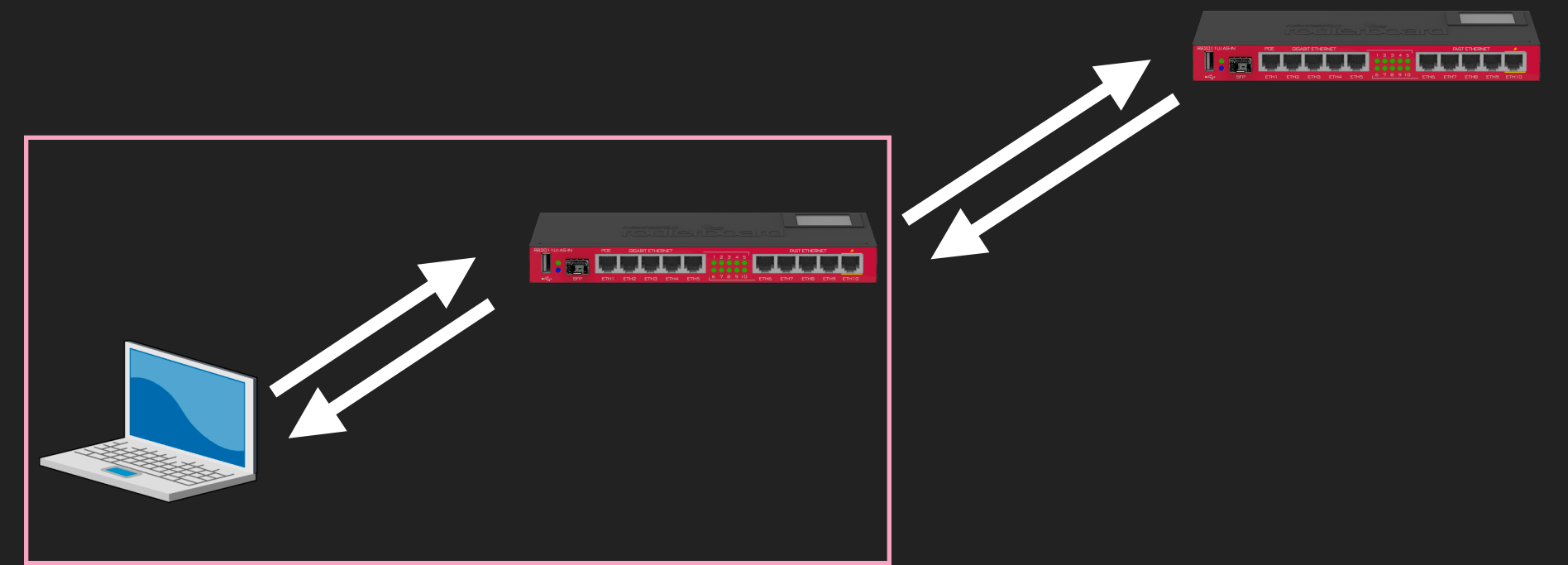


# RADVD

- In callback:
  - Check if the packet is a valid RA or a valid RS
  - Parse the packet
  - If it is RA
    - Store information in handler 1 (AMap)
  - If it is RS
    - Multicast RA



# IPv6 SLAAC



# RADVD

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  - If it is an RA
    - Store information in handler 1 (AMap)
  - If it is an RS
    - Multicast RA



# RADVD

- Where does the radvd construct RA?
  - radvd sends RA right after it receives an RS

```
Jiffies_now = nv::getJiffies();  
jiffies_start = a1->jiffies_start;  
if ( jiffies_start && Jiffies_now - jiffies_start >= (unsigned int)(100 * a1->ndsetting->RADelay_d3) )  
{  
    sendRA_407810(a1);  
    addNextTimer_407308(a1);  
    return 0;  
}
```

← What we really care

# RADVD

- Where does the radvd construct RA?
  - The handler 1 registers a timer to send RA periodically

```
if ( handler_1->ndsetting )
{
    notify(handler_1, 1);
    p_Runner64 = &nv::getLooper()->Runner64;
    callback.function_ptr = RAroutine; ←
    callback.arg = handler_1;
    if ( ((unsigned __int8)handler_1 & 1) != 0 )
        abort();
    nv::ThinRunner::addTimer(&timer_, p_Runner64, 0x32u, (int *)&callback);
    timer = timer_;
    clean_callback(&callback);
    handler_1->timer = timer;
}
```

```
1 void __fastcall RAroutine_407F00(interface *a1)
2 {
3     a1->timer = 0;
4     sendRA_407810(a1); ←
5     addNextTimer_407308(a1);
6 }
```

What we really care

# RADVD

```
if ( v23->enable_advisory )
{
    lifetime = v23->lifetime;
    length = handler_1->DNS_tree.length;
    if ( length )
        length = addDNS((int)&RA_raw[pos], &handler_1->DNS_tree, (lifetime >> 1) + lifetime);
    expire_pos = length + pos;
    v32 = handler_1->expired_DNS_tree.length;
    if ( v32 )
        v32 = addDNS((int)&RA_raw[expire_pos], &handler_1->expired_DNS_tree, 0);
    pos = v32 + expire_pos;
    tree_begin = a1->prefix_tree.tree_begin;
}
else
```

Stack buffer with size 0x1000



```
int __fastcall addDNS(int a1, tree_base *a2, int lifetime)
{
    // [COLLAPSED LOCAL DECLARATIONS. PRESS KEYPAD CTRL-"+" TO EXPAND]
    (void *)a1 = 25;
    a2->length;
    + 2) = 0;
    *(_DWORD *)v14.iter
    v14.iter
    v8 = 8;
    for ( i = (tree_base *)tree_begin; i != (tree_base *)&a2->tree_end; i = (tree_base *)v14.iter )
    {
        if ( sub_406610() )
        {
            operator<<((int)&logger, (int)"adding DNS server option, address=");
            v10 = operator<<();
            v11 = " (expired)";
            if ( lifetime )
                v11 = "";
            v12 = (ostream *)operator<<(v10, (int)v11);
            endl(v12);
        }
        memcpy((void *) (a1 + v8), &v14.iter->data, 0x10u);
        v8 += 16;
        tree_iterator_base::incr(&v14);
    }
    return v8;
}
```

Stack buffer with size 0x1000

```
int __fastcall addDNS(int a1, tree_base *a2, int lifetime)
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        tree_iterator_base::incr(&v14);
    }
    return v8;
}
```

Stack buffer with size 0x1000

No boundary check,  
overflow if the tree is big enough

## 5.1. Recursive DNS Server Option

The RDNSS option contains one or more IPv6 addresses of RDNSSes. All of the addresses share the same Lifetime value. If it is desirable to have different Lifetime values, multiple RDNSS options can be used. Figure 1 shows the format of the RDNSS option.

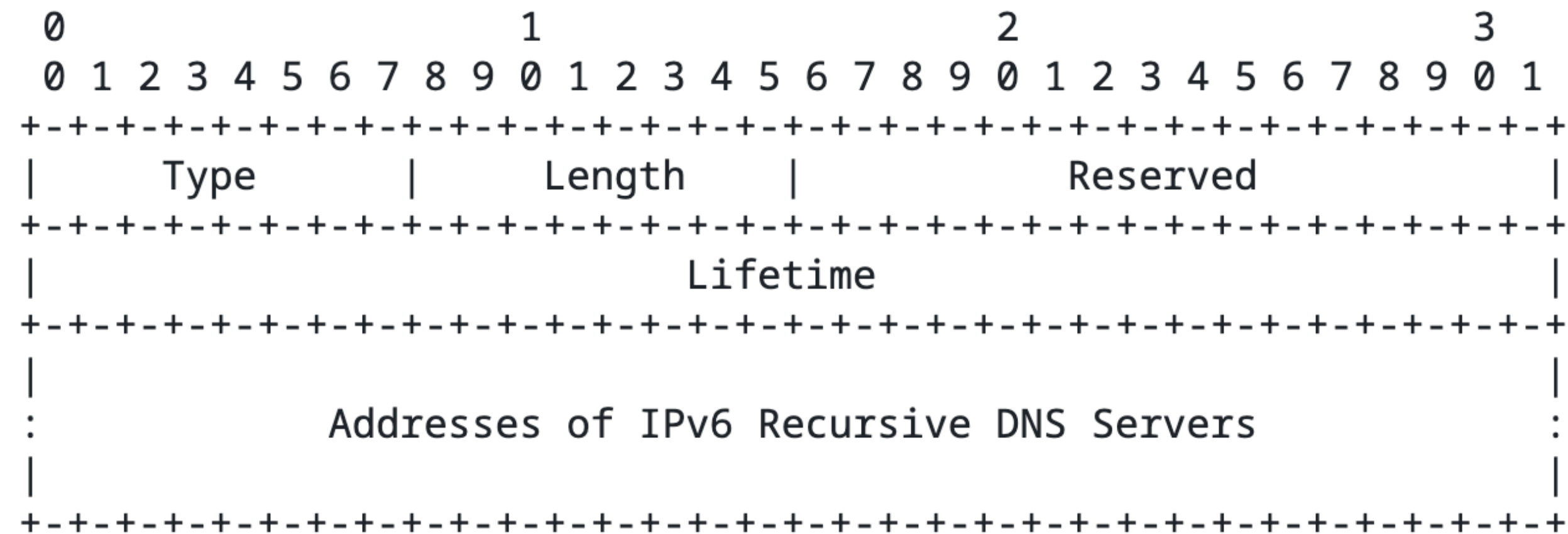


Figure 1: RDNSS Option Format

Fields:

Type            8-bit identifier of the RDNSS option type as assigned by IANA: 25

**Length**        8-bit unsigned integer. The length of the option (including the Type and Length fields) is in units of 8 octets. The minimum value is 3 if one IPv6 address is contained in the option. **Every additional RDNSS address increases the length by 2.** The Length field is used by the receiver to determine the number of IPv6 addresses in the option.

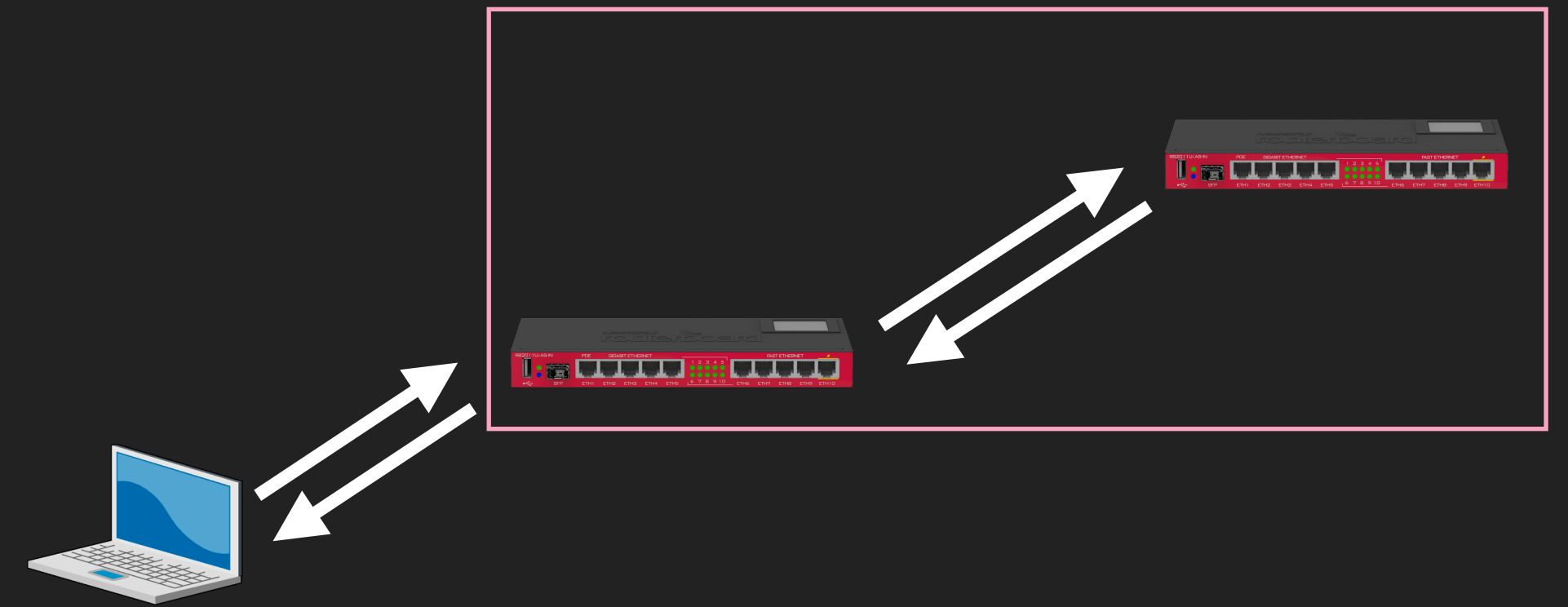


# RADVD

```
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    expire_pos = length + pos;
    v32 = handler_1->expired_DNS_tree.length;
    if ( v32 )
        v32 = addDNS((int)&RA_raw[expire_pos], &handler_1->expired_DNS_tree, 0);
    pos = v32 + expire_pos;
    tree_begin = a1->prefix_tree.tree_begin;
}
else
```

Stack buffer with size 0x1000

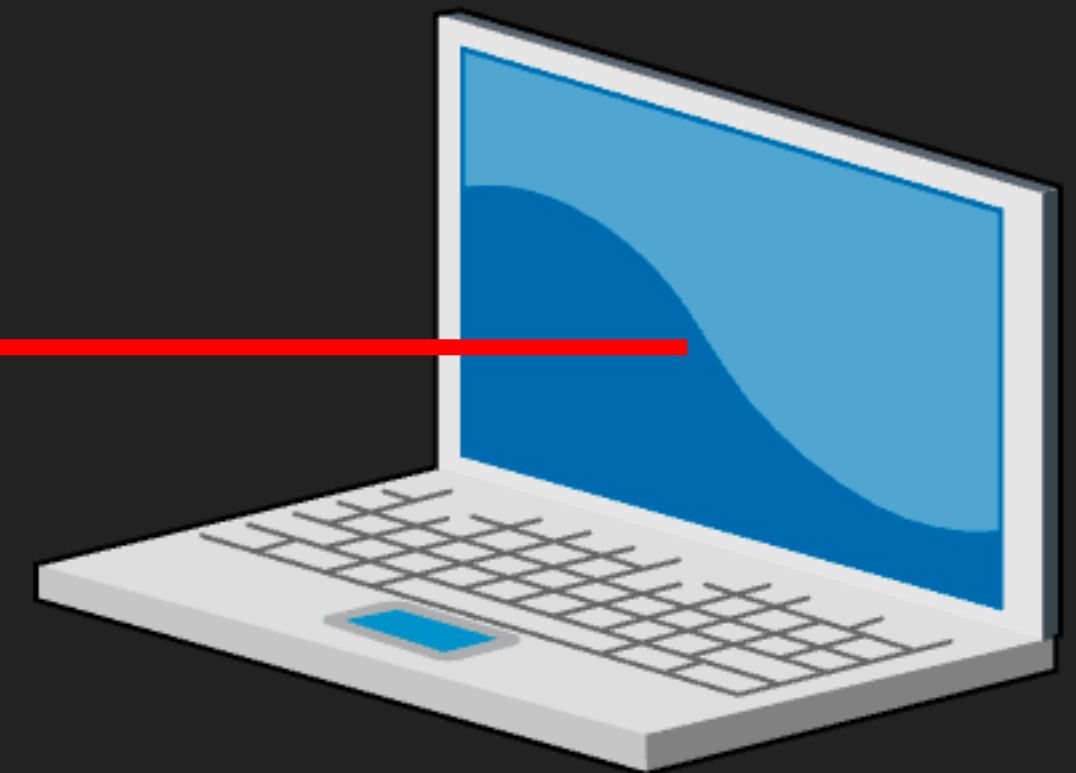
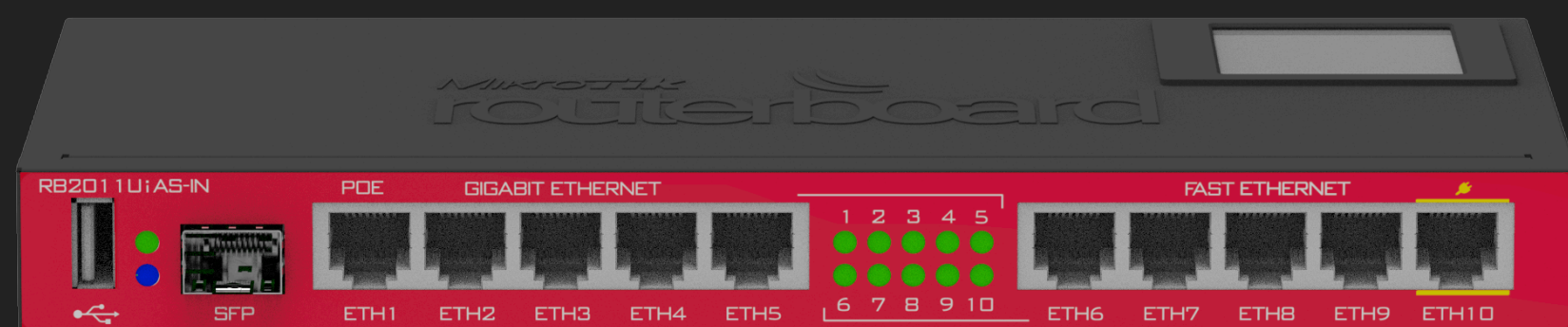
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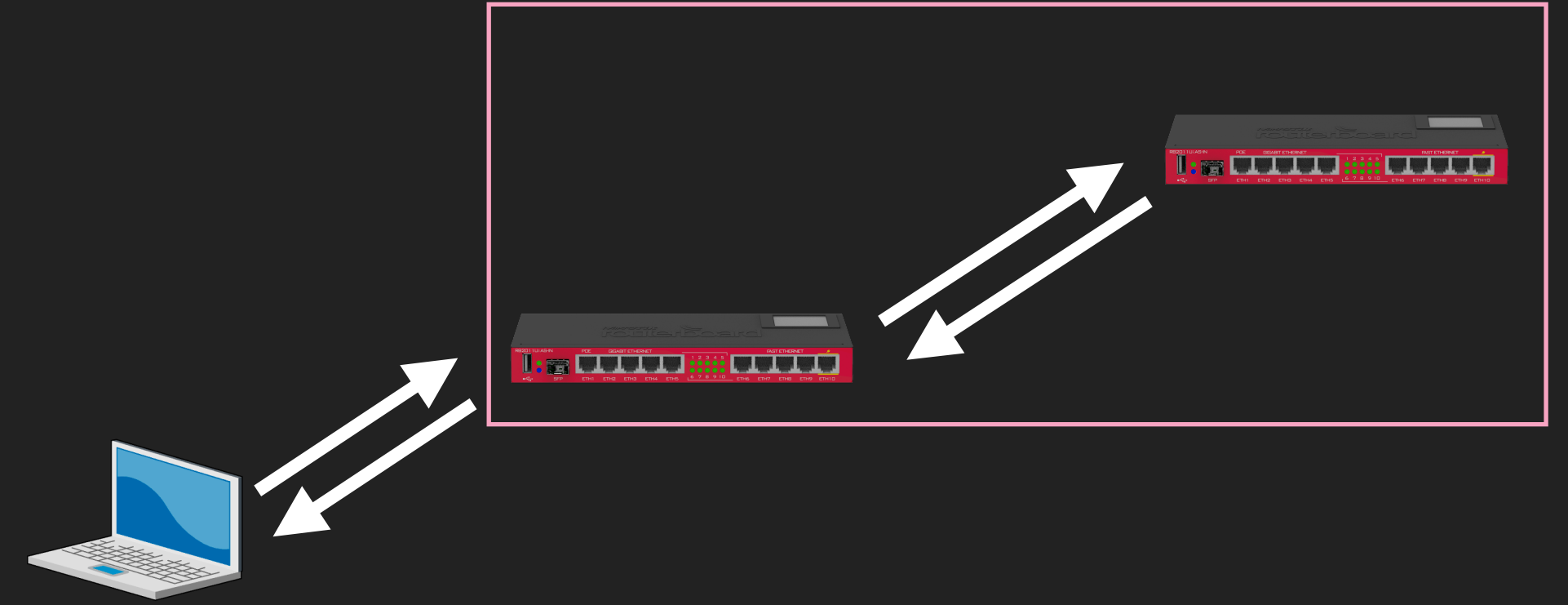
Router Advertisement (RA)

RDNSS: <a big list>





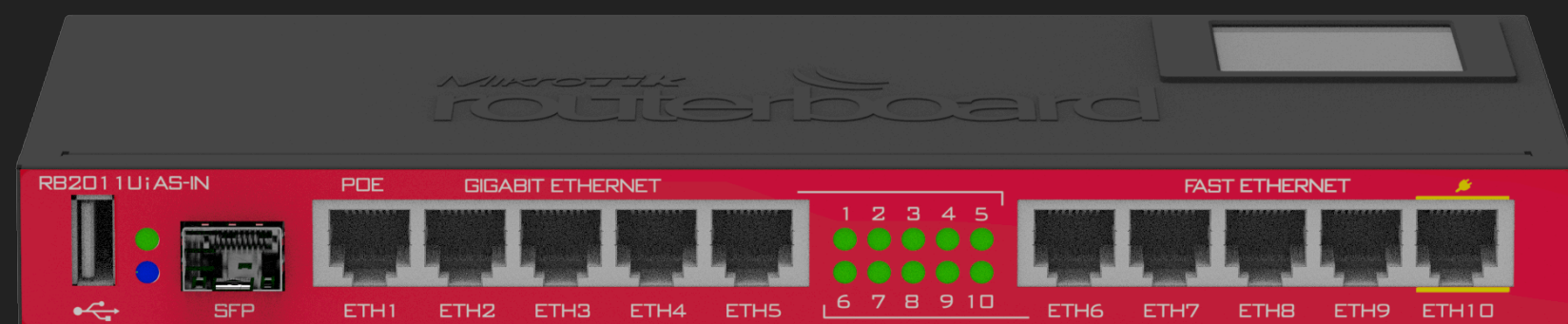
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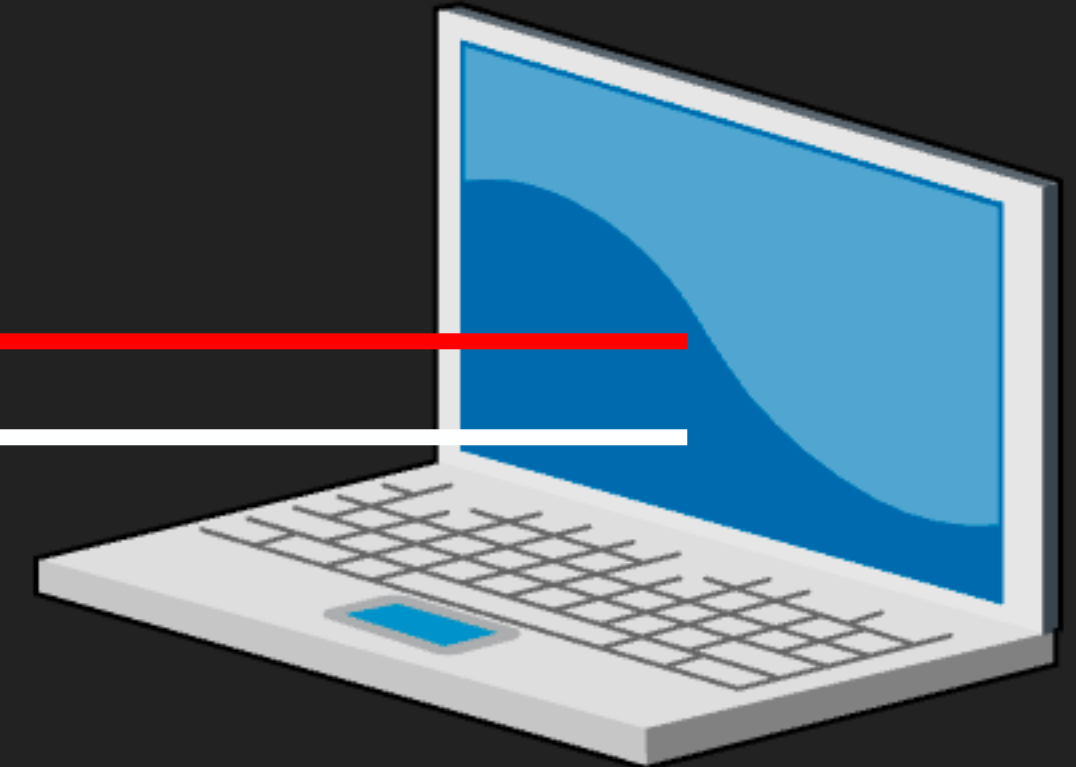
RDNSS: <a big list>



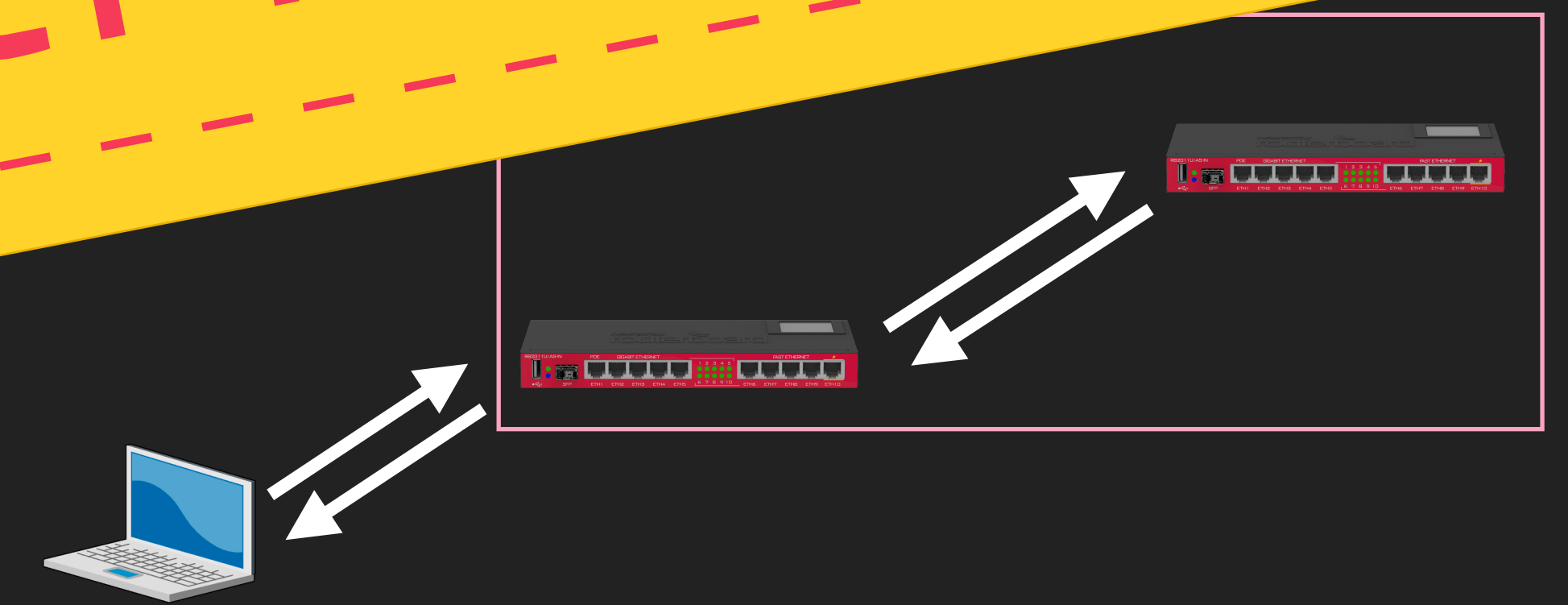
ICMPv6

Router Advertisement (RA)

RDNSS: <a big list>



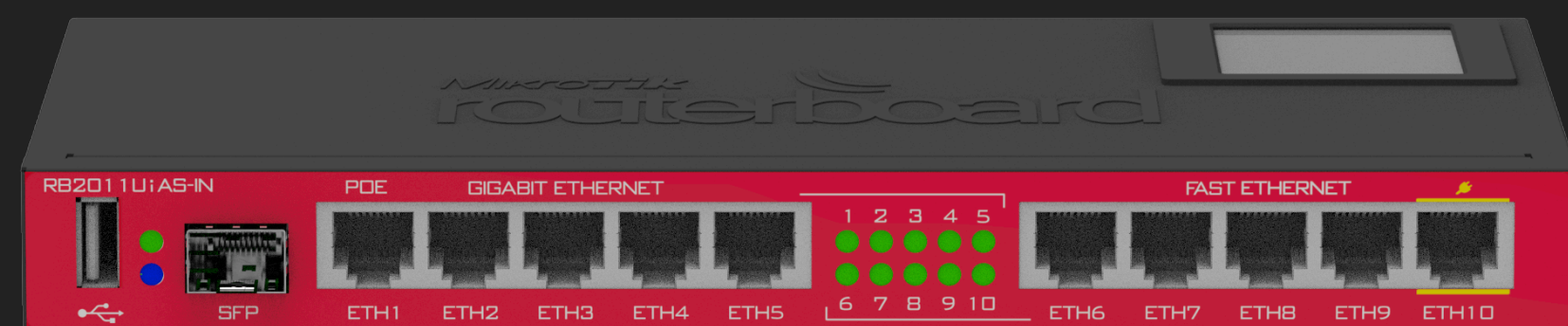
overflow! overflow! overflow!



ICMPv6

Router Advertisement (RA)

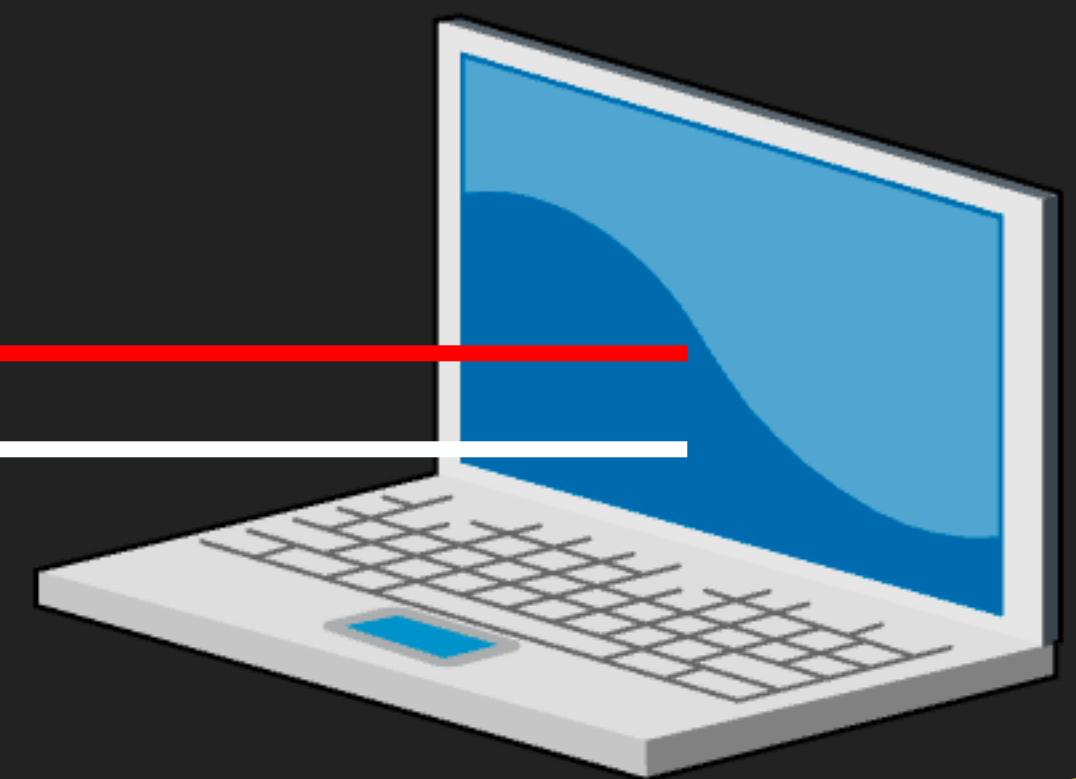
RDNSS: <a big list>



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Router Advertisement (RA)

RDNSS: <a big list>



overflow! overflow! overflow!

```
[*] '/tmp/radvd'  
Arch:      mips-32-big  
RELRO:     No RELRO  
Stack:     No canary found  
NX:        NX disabled  
PIE:       No PIE (0x400000)  
RWX:       Has RWX segments  
ELF('/tmp/radvd')
```





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R0P gadgets

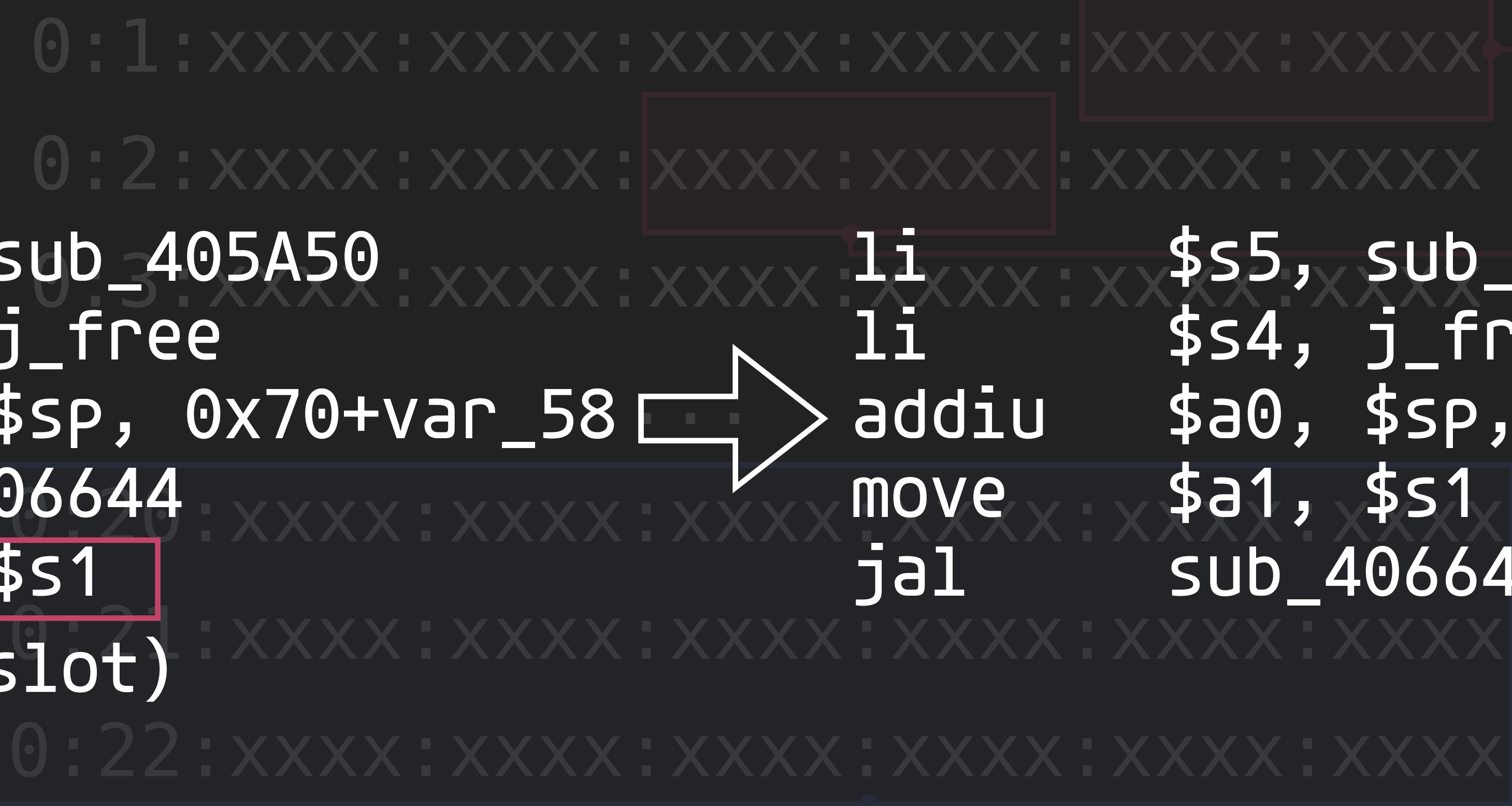
```
0:1:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
0:2:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
0:3:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx
```

...

```
0:20:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:jump $+8  
0:21:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:jump $+8  
0:22:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:jump $+8
```

shellcode

R0P gadgets



```
li    $s5, sub_405A50
li    $s4, j_free
addiu $a0, $sp, 0x70+var_58
jal   sub_406644
move  $a1, $s1
      (Delay slot)
```

```
li    $s5, sub_405A50
li    $s4, j_free
addiu $a0, $sp, 0x70+var_58
move  $a1, $s1
jal   sub_406644
```

R0P gadgets

```
0:1:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
0:2:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
0:3:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx
```

...

```
0:20:xxxx:xxxx:jump $+8:xxxx:xxxx  
0:21:xxxx:xxxx:jump $+8:xxxx:xxxx  
0:22:xxxx:xxxx:jump $+8:xxxx:xxxx
```

shellcode

```
addi s8, s0, 1
```

R0P gadgets

```
221e:1:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx
```

```
221e:2:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx
```

```
221e:3:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx
```

...

```
221e:20:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx
```

```
221e:21:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx
```

```
221e:22:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx
```

shellcode



ROP gadgets

221e:1:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
221e:2:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
221e:3:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
...

1. write

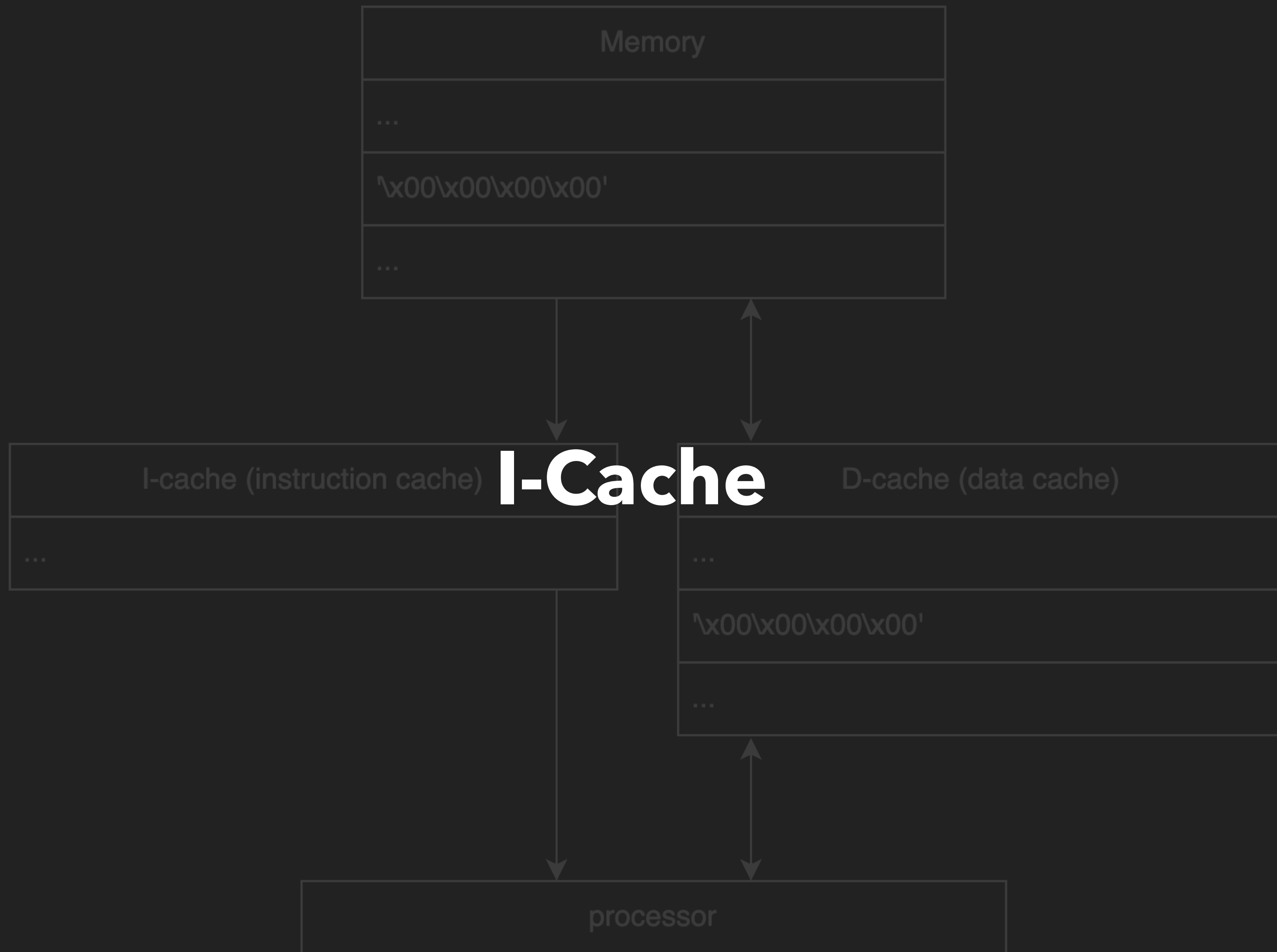
2. jump

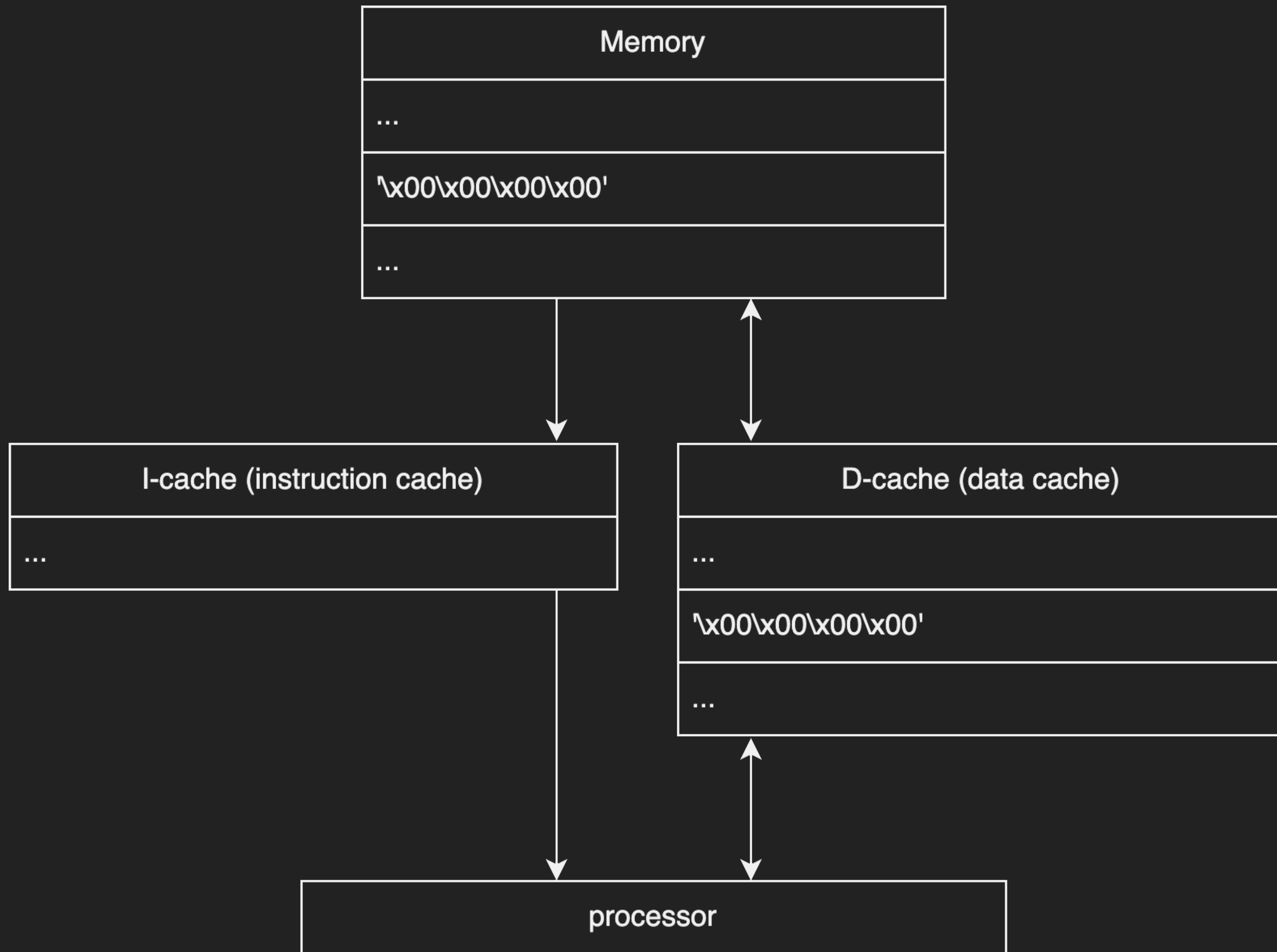
3. jump

jalr \$sp

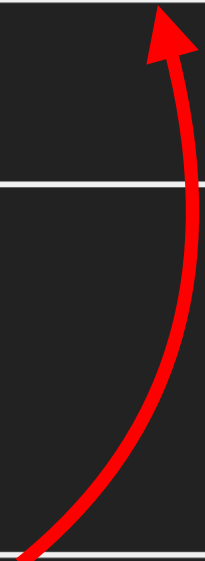
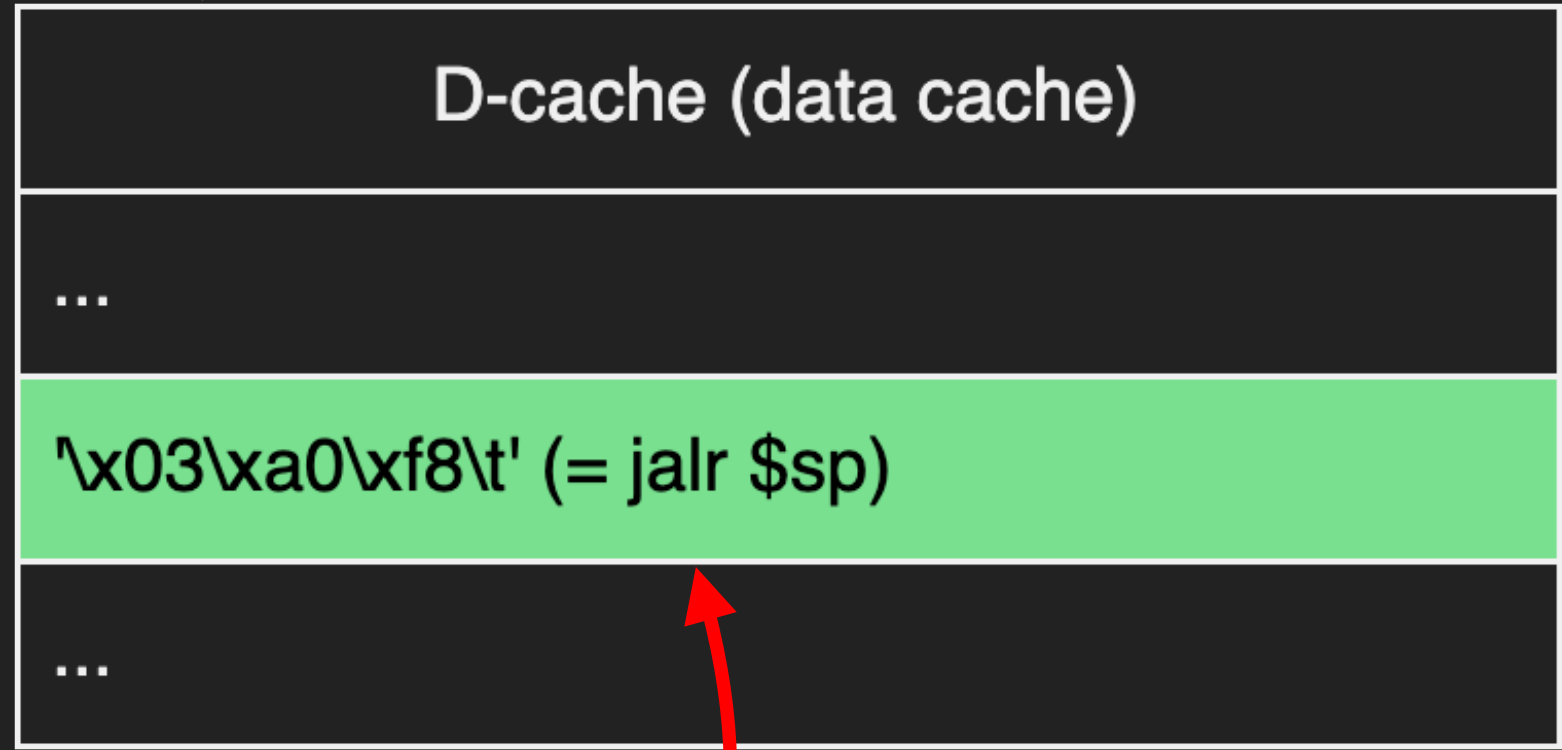
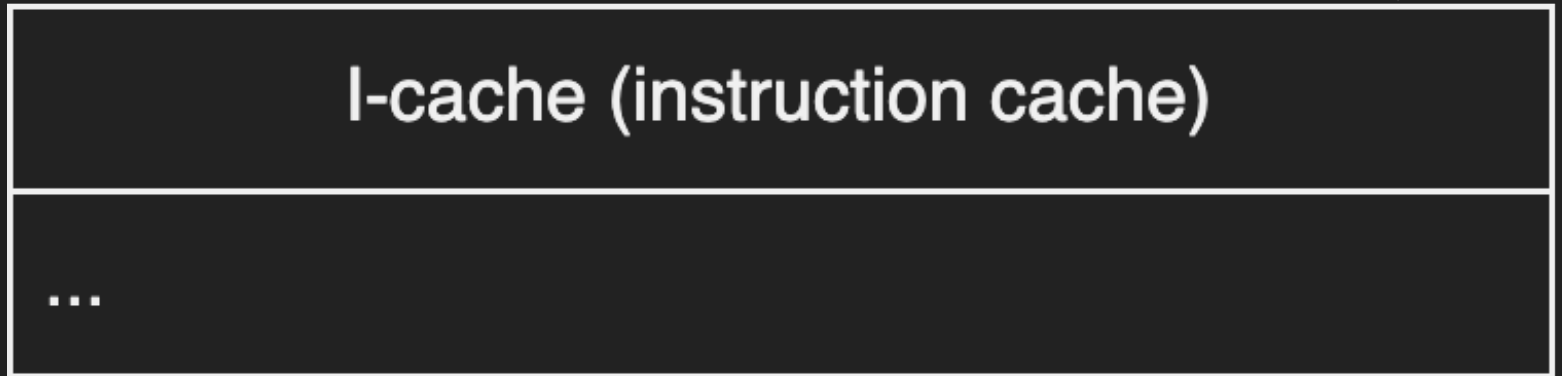
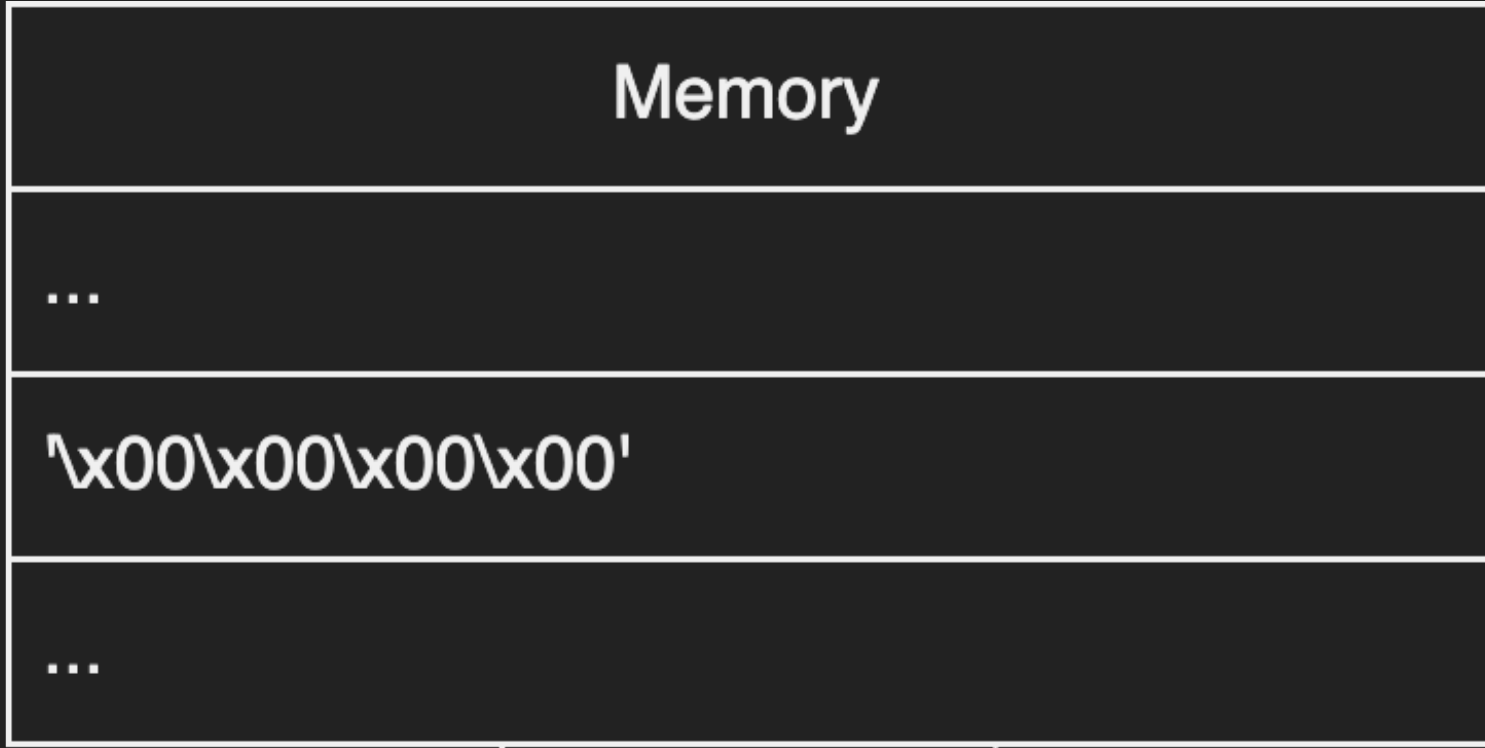
221e:20:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
221e:21:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx  
221e:22:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx

shellcode



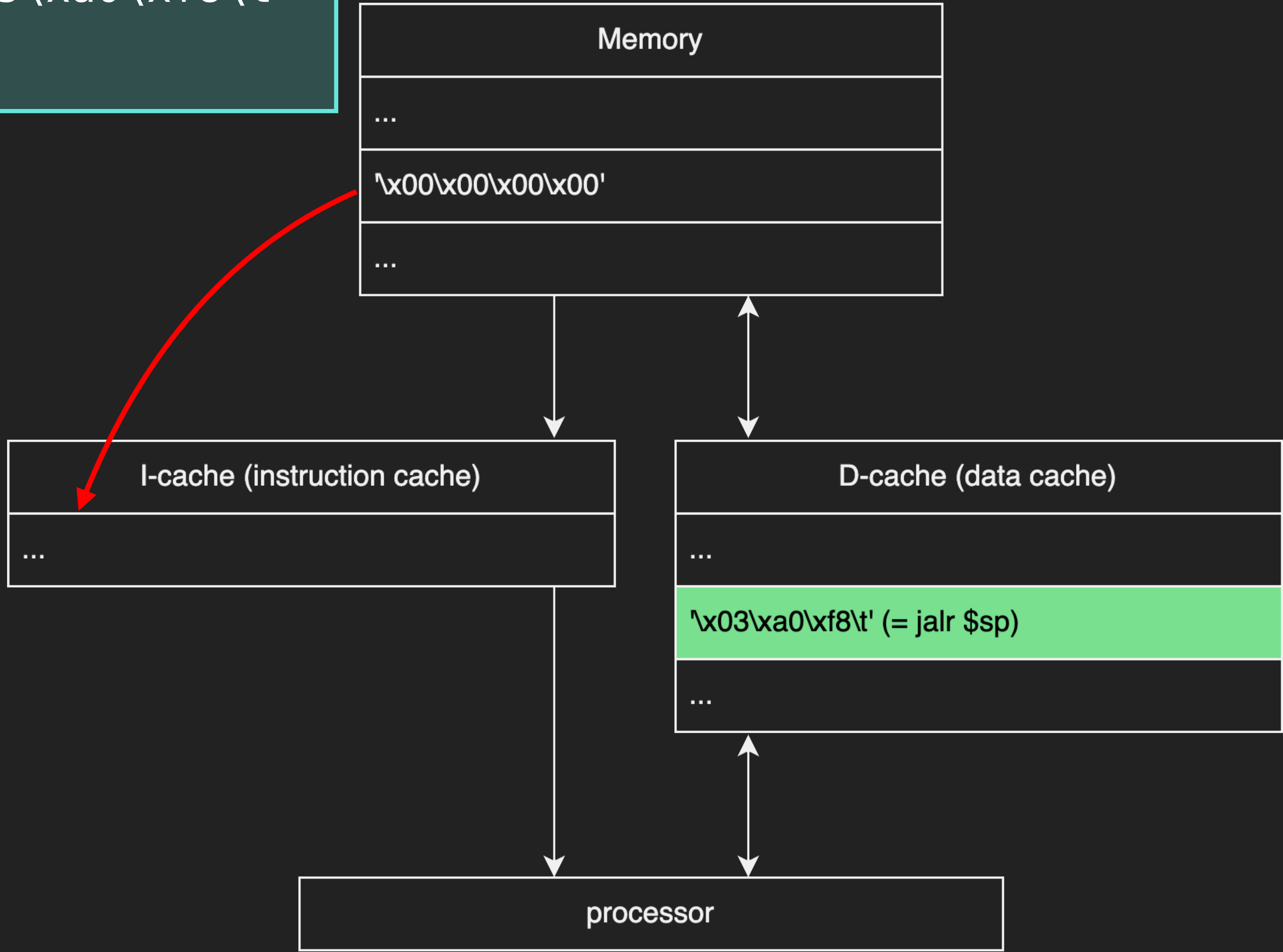


```
write adr, '\x03\xa0\xf8\t'
```

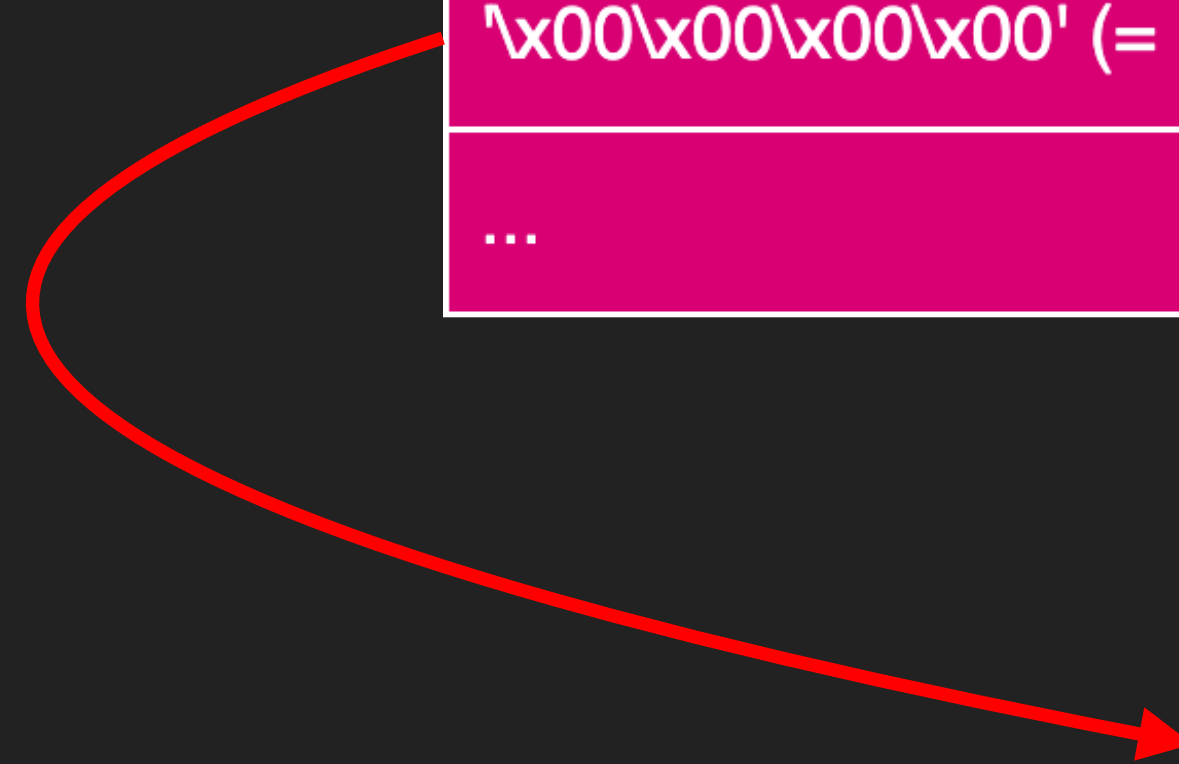
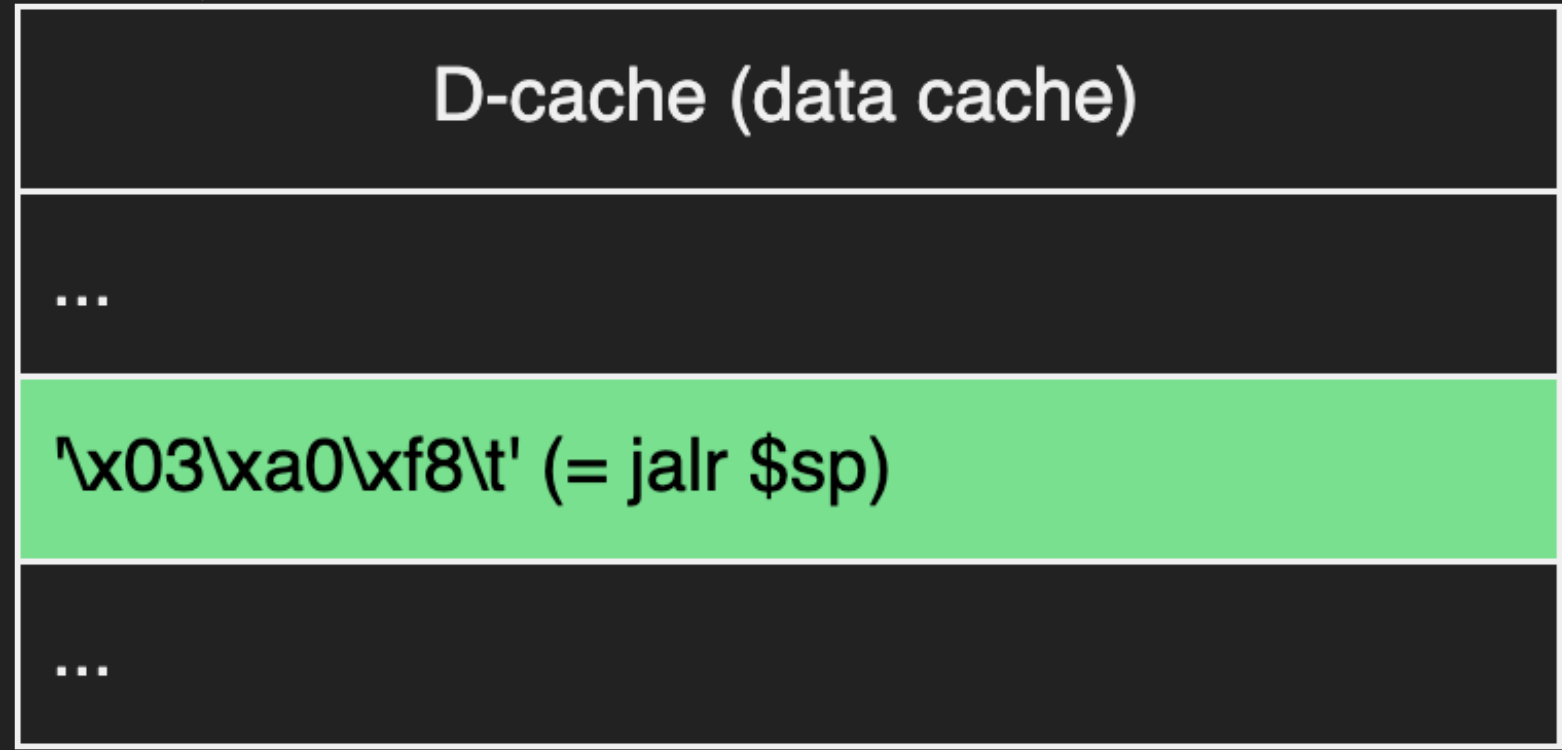
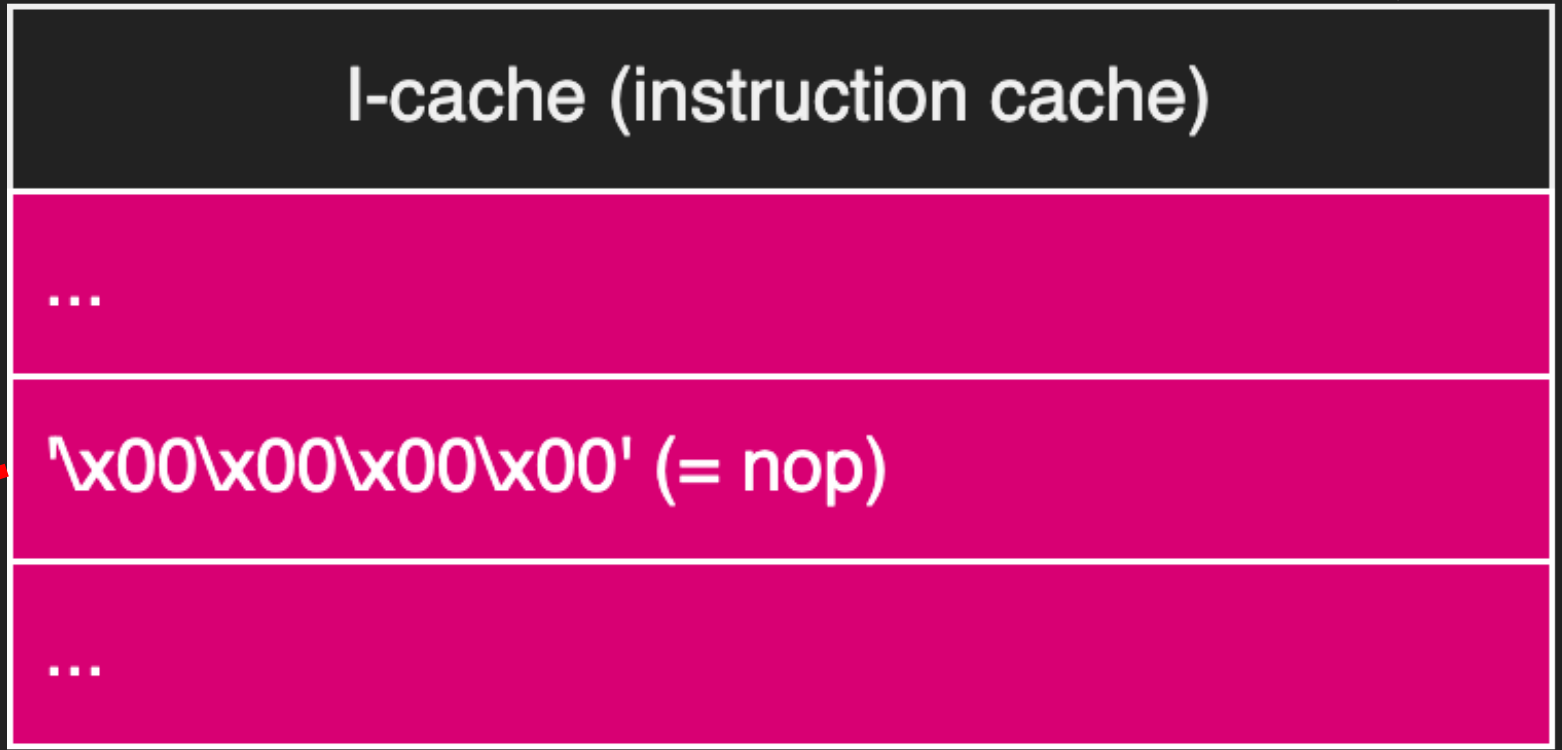
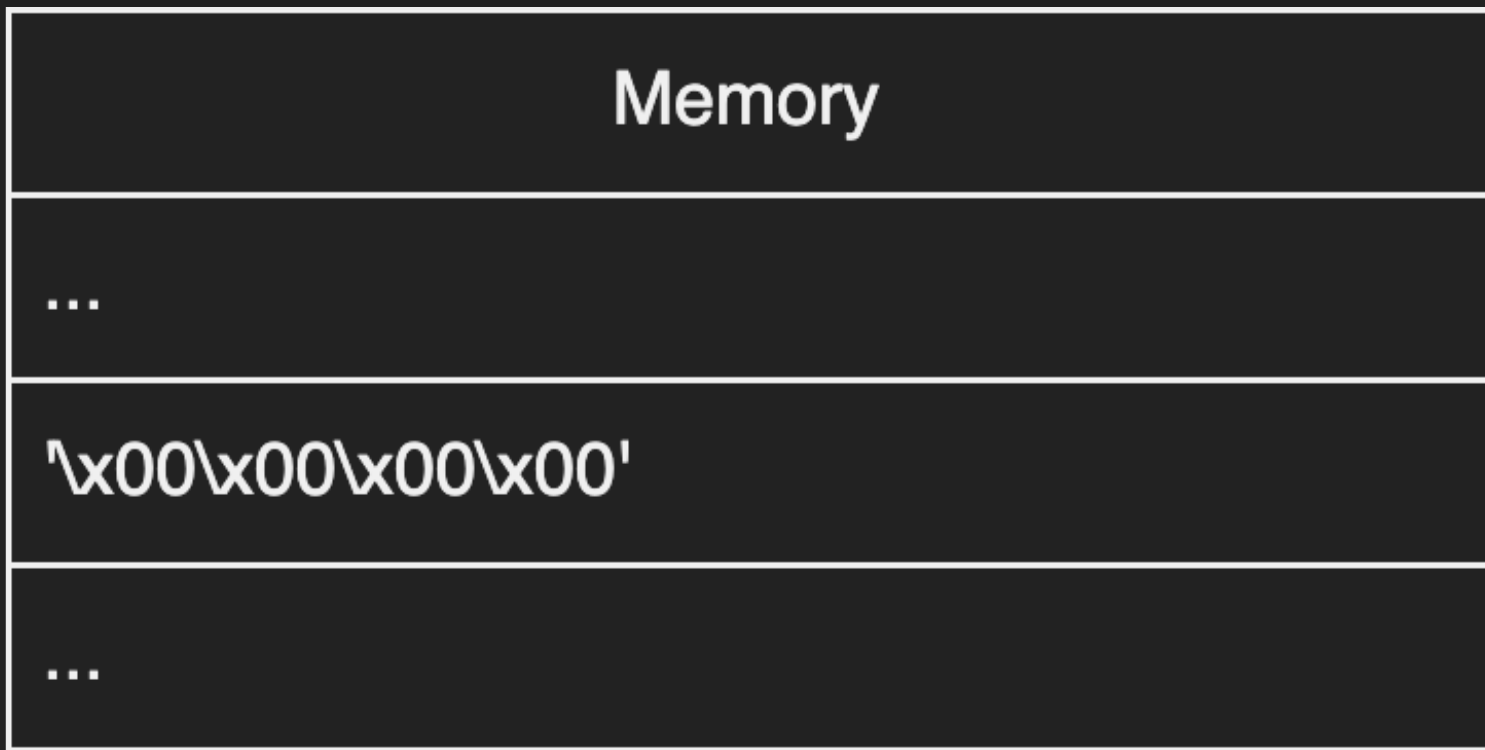




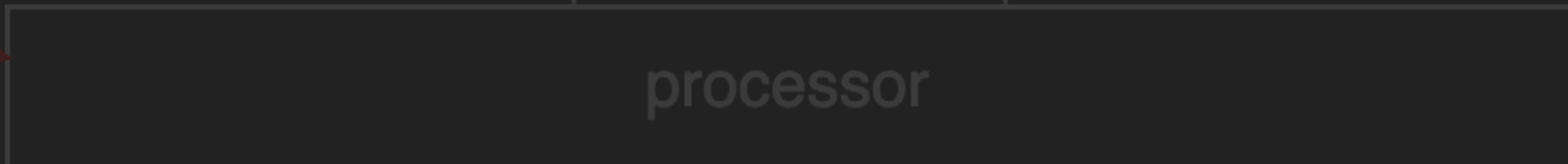
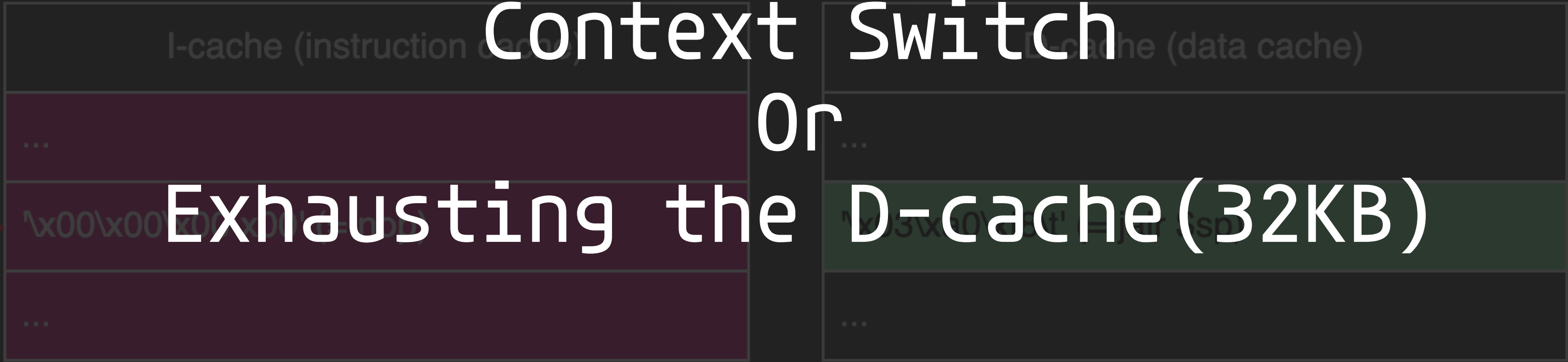
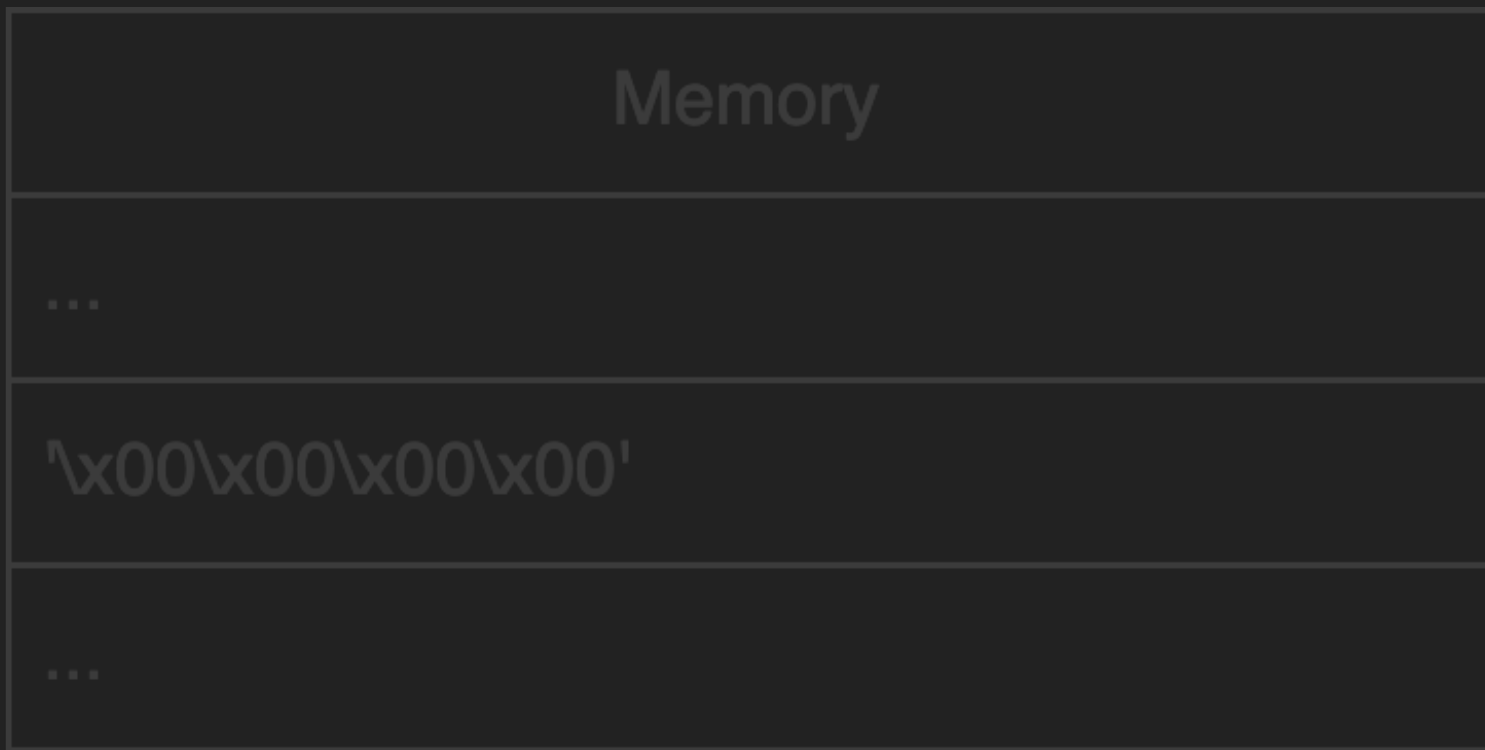
```
write adr, '\x03\xa0\xf8\t'  
jump adr
```



```
write adr, '\x03\xa0\xf8\t'  
jump adr
```



```
write adr, '\x03\xa0\xf8\t'  
jump adr
```





```
cat /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space  
1
```

```
[pwndbg> vmmmap  
LEGEND: STACK | HEAP | CODE | DATA | RWX | RODATA  
0x400000 0x40d000 r-xp d000 0 /ram/pckg/ipv6/nova/bin/radvd  
0x41c000 0x41d000 rw-p 1000 c000 /ram/pckg/ipv6/nova/bin/radvd  
0x41d000 0x427000 rwxp a000 0 [heap]  
0x77031000 0x77078000 r-xp 47000 0 /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so  
0x77078000 0x77087000 ---p f000 0 [anon_77078]  
0x77087000 0x77088000 r--p 1000 46000 /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so  
0x77088000 0x77089000 rw-p 1000 47000 /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so  
0x77089000 0x7708b000 rw-p 2000 0 [anon_77089]  
0x7708b000 0x770b9000 r-xp 2e000 0 /lib/libgcc_s.so.1  
0x770b9000 0x770c8000 ---p f000 0 [anon_770b9]  
0x770c8000 0x770c9000 rw-p 1000 2d000 /lib/libgcc_s.so.1
```



# RADVD

```
if ( v23->enable_advisory )
{
    lifetime = v23->lifetime;
    length = handler_1->DNS_tree.length;
    if ( length )
        length = addDNS((int)&RA_raw[pos], &handler_1->DNS_tree, (lifetime >> 1) + lifetime);
    expire_pos = length + pos;
    v32 = handler_1->expired_DNS_tree.length;
    if ( v32 )
        v32 = addDNS((int)&RA_raw[expire_pos], &handler_1->expired_DNS_tree, 0);
    pos = v32 + expire_pos;
    tree_begin = a1->prefix_tree.tree_begin;
}
else
```

```
[pwndbg> vmmmap
LEGEND: STACK | HEAP | CODE | DATA | RWX | RODATA
0x400000 0x40d000 r-xp  d000 0 /ram/pckg/ipv6/nova/bin/radvd
0x41c000 0x41d000 rw-p  1000 c000 /ram/pckg/ipv6/nova/bin/radvd
0x41d000 0x46f000 rwxp  52000 0 [heap]
0x77931000 0x77978000 r-xp  47000 0 /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77978000 0x77987000 ---p  f000 0 [anon_77978]
0x77987000 0x77988000 r--p  1000 46000 /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77988000 0x77989000 rw-p  1000 47000 /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77989000 0x7798b000 rw-p  2000 0 [anon_77989]
0x7798b000 0x779b9000 r-xp  2e000 0 /lib/libgcc_s.so.1
0x779b9000 0x779c8000 ---p  f000 0 [anon_779b9]
```





## Terminal

/tmp

```
[% python3 exploit.py ]
```

```
[*] [Exploit Script]: Starting Exploit
```

```
[*] [Exploit Script]: Generating shellcode
```

```
[*] [Exploit Script]: Sending RA with RDNSS
```

```
[*] [Exploit Script]: Exploit done
```

```
[*] Switching to interactive mode
```

```
>>> / # / # / # uname -a
```

```
Linux MikroTik 3.3.5 #1 Tue Oct 11 14:41:12 UTC 2022 mips GNU/Linux
```

# CVE-2023-32154

- Fixed at:
  - Long-term Release 6.48.7
  - Stable Release 6.49.8, 7.10
  - Testing Release 7.10rc6
- The vulnerable code has existed at least since v6.0



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**Release 6.0**

2013-05-20

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# CVE-2023-32154

• Fixed at: **No one with sanity would like to dive into the details of Nova Binary**

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• Stable Release 6.49.8, 7.10

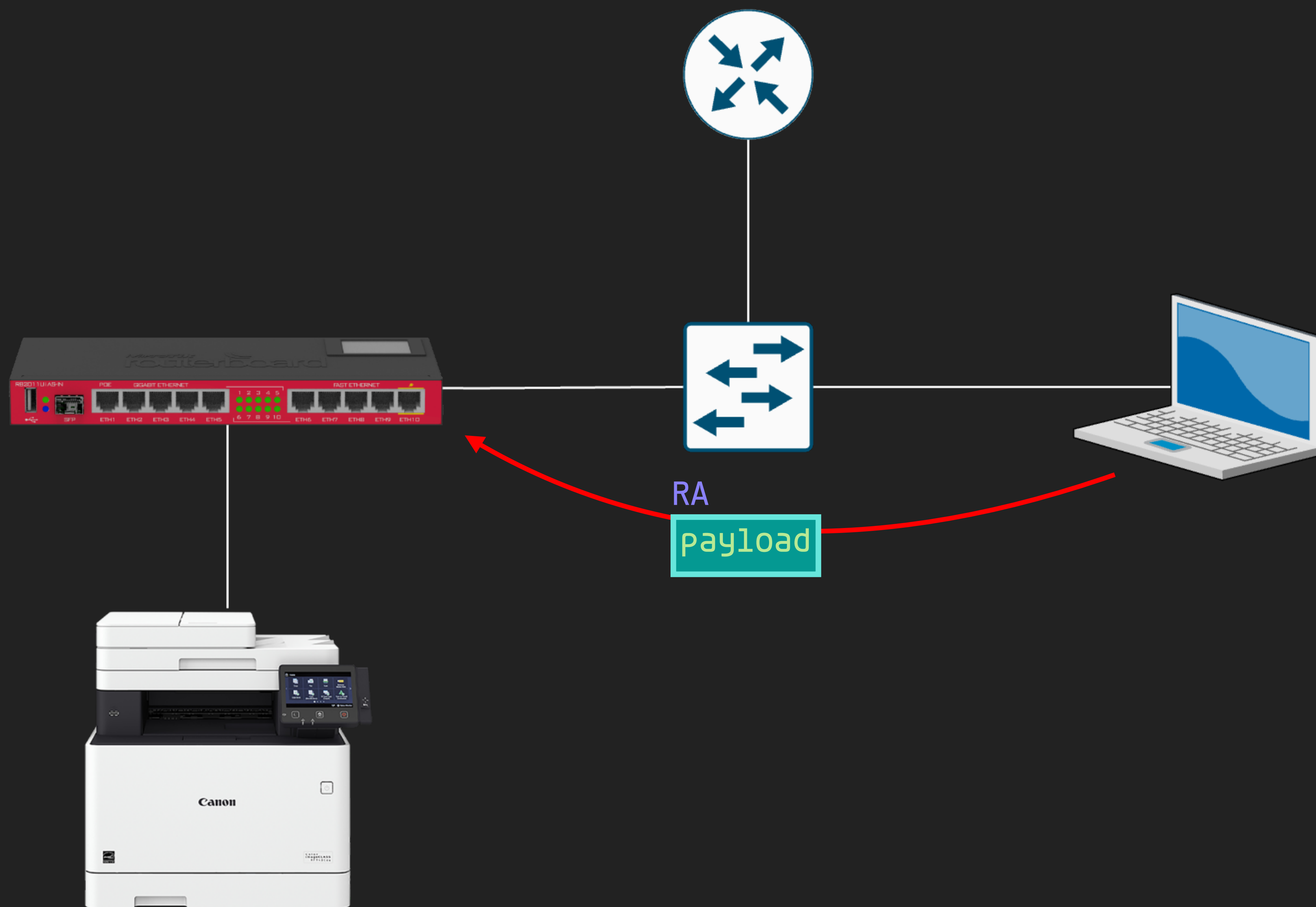
**Release 6.0**

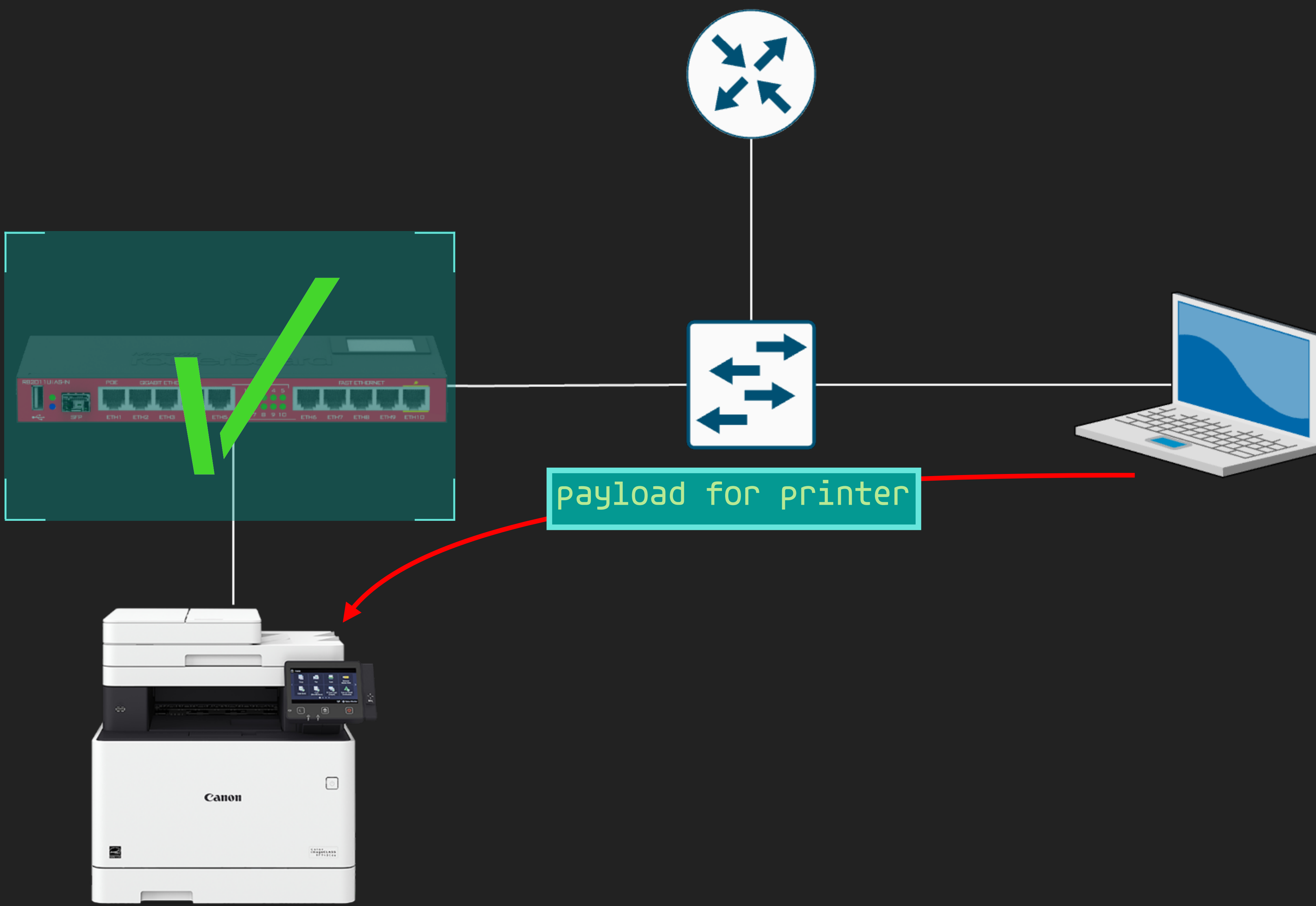
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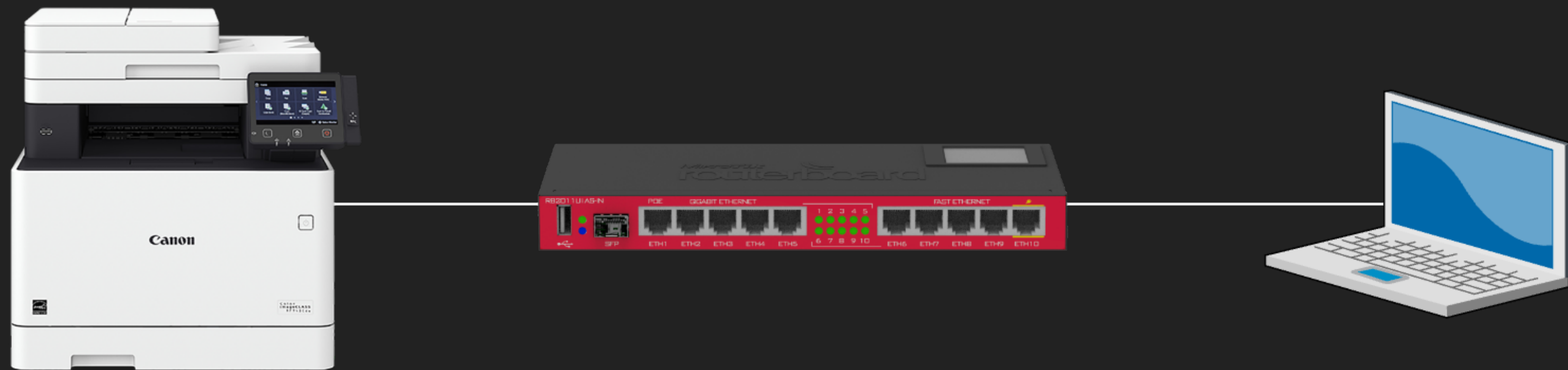
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**Q.E.D.**











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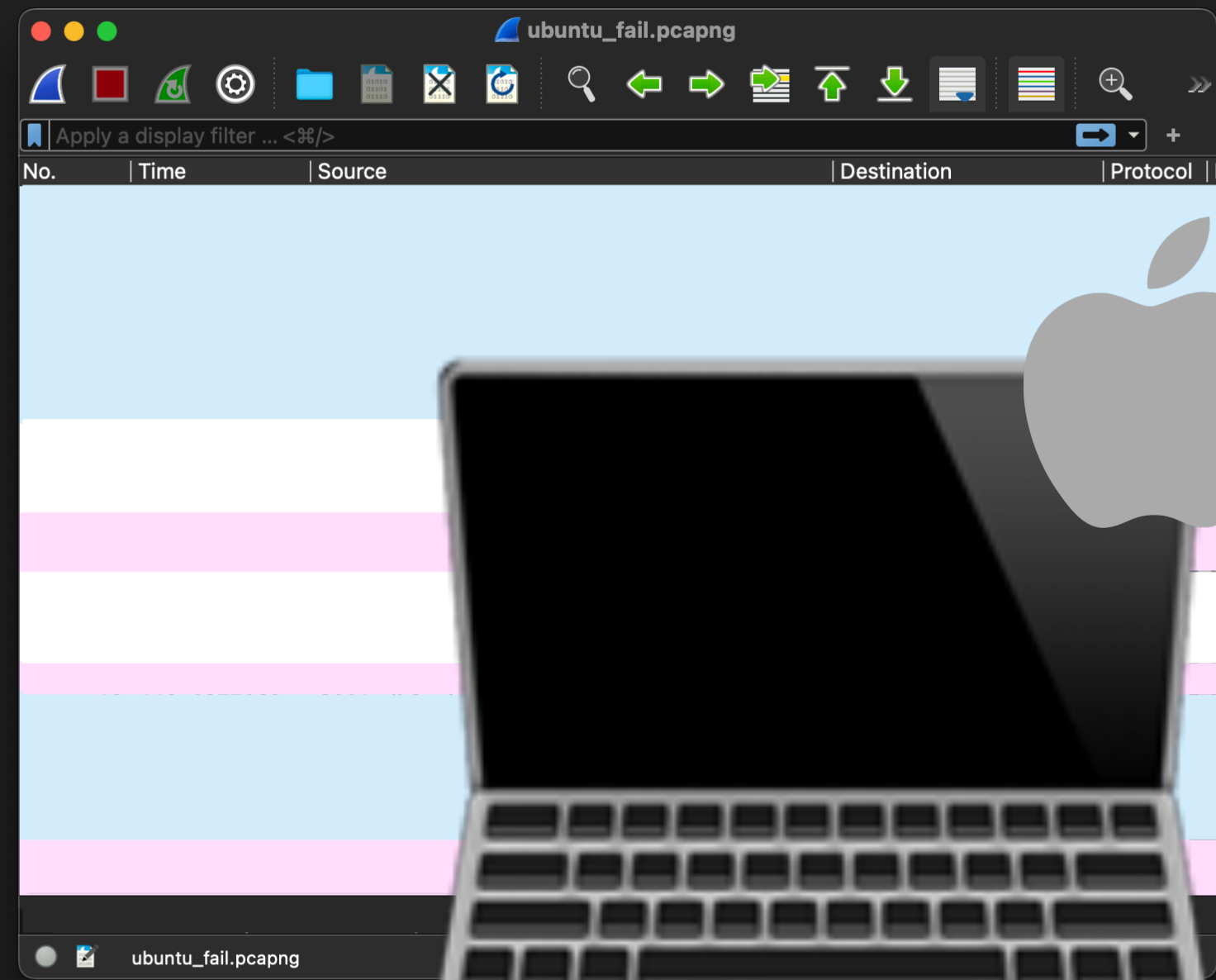
**But...**

# But

- Our exploit only worked on MacOS and failed on Ubuntu, whether it's a VM or not.

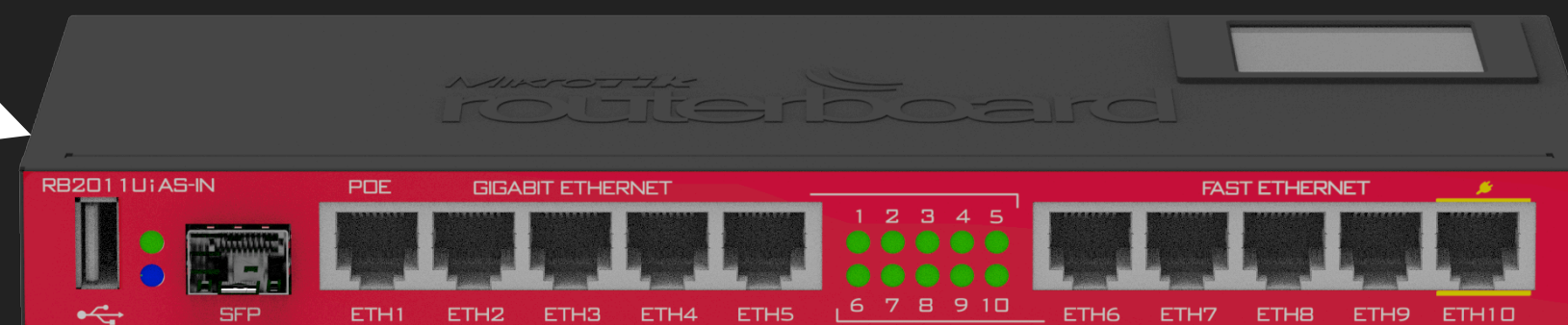




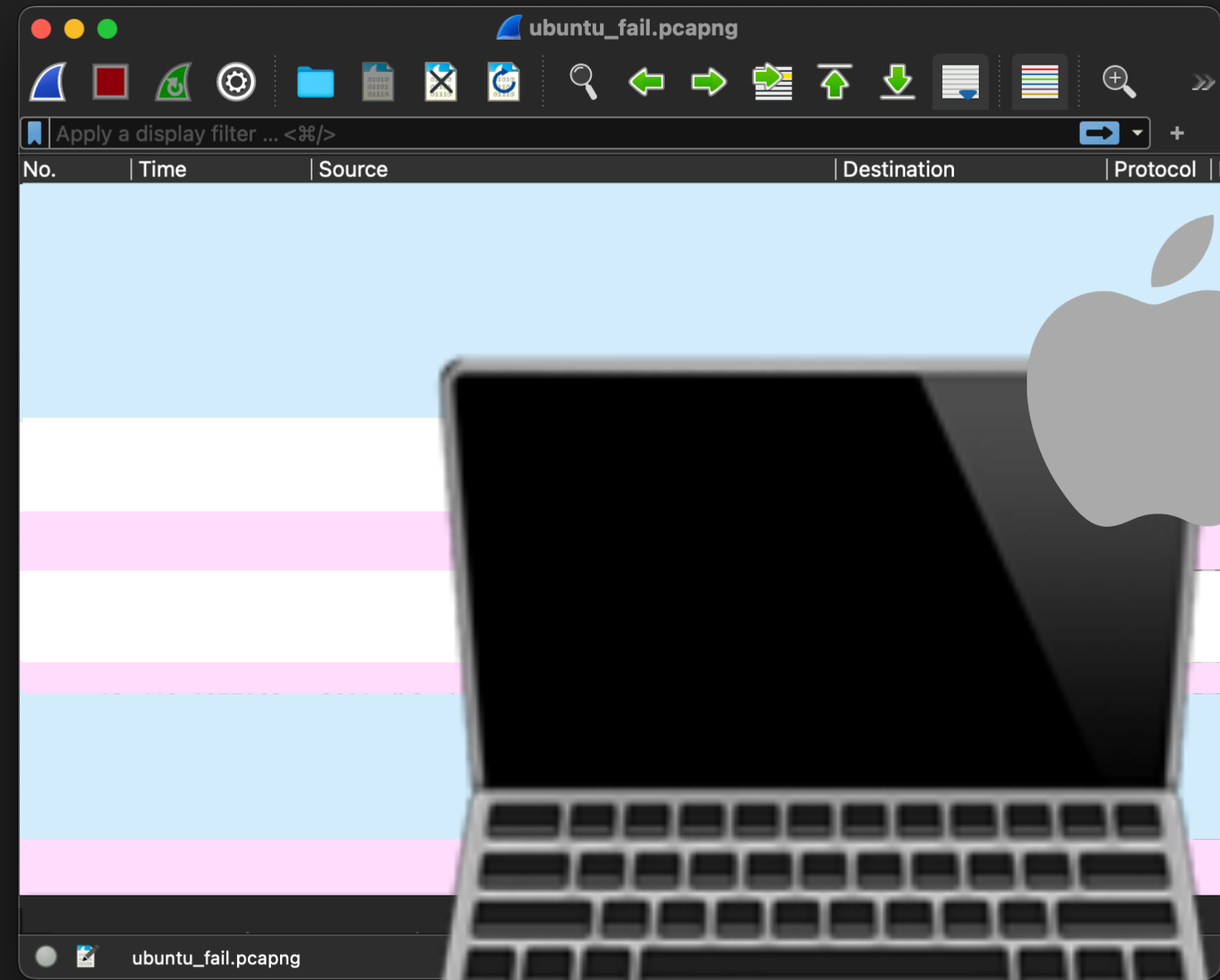


1. exploit & record

Succeed!

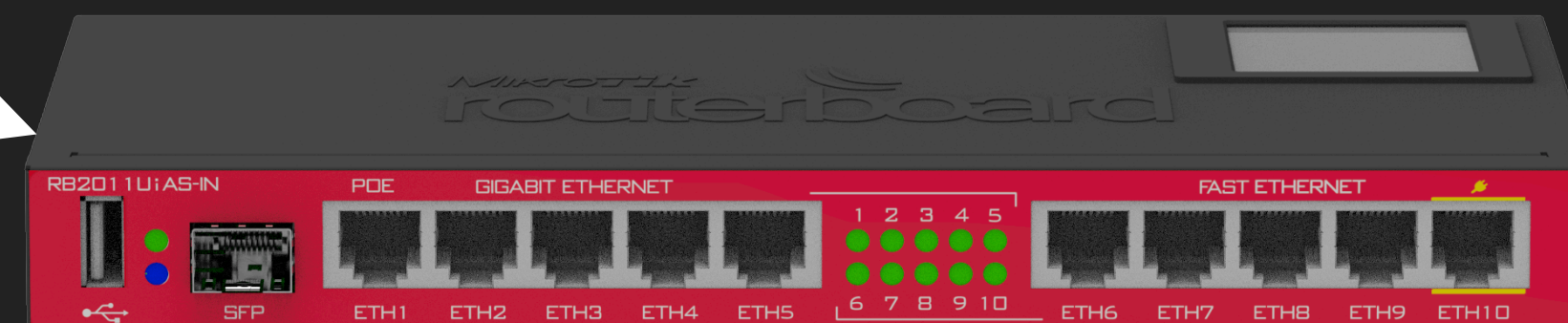


## 2. Dump traffics

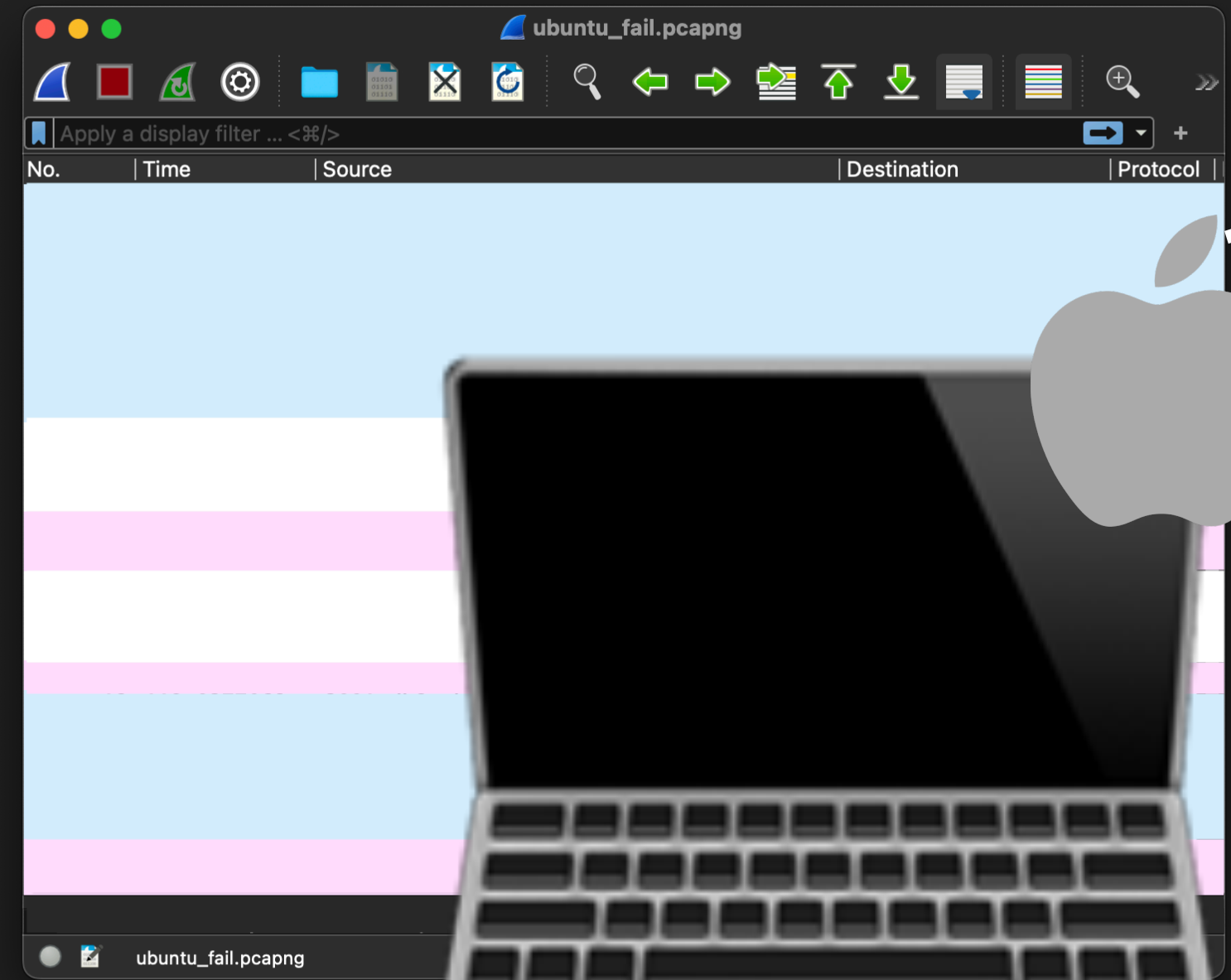


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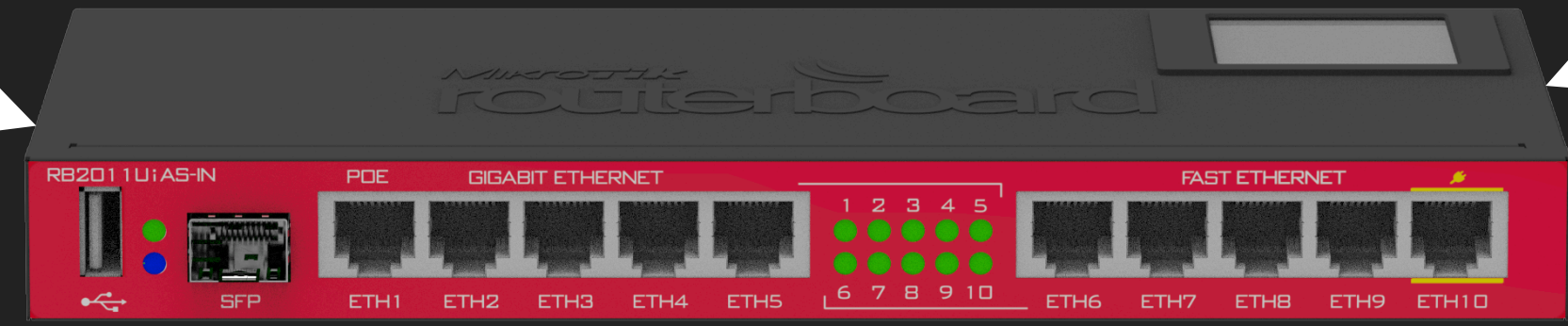


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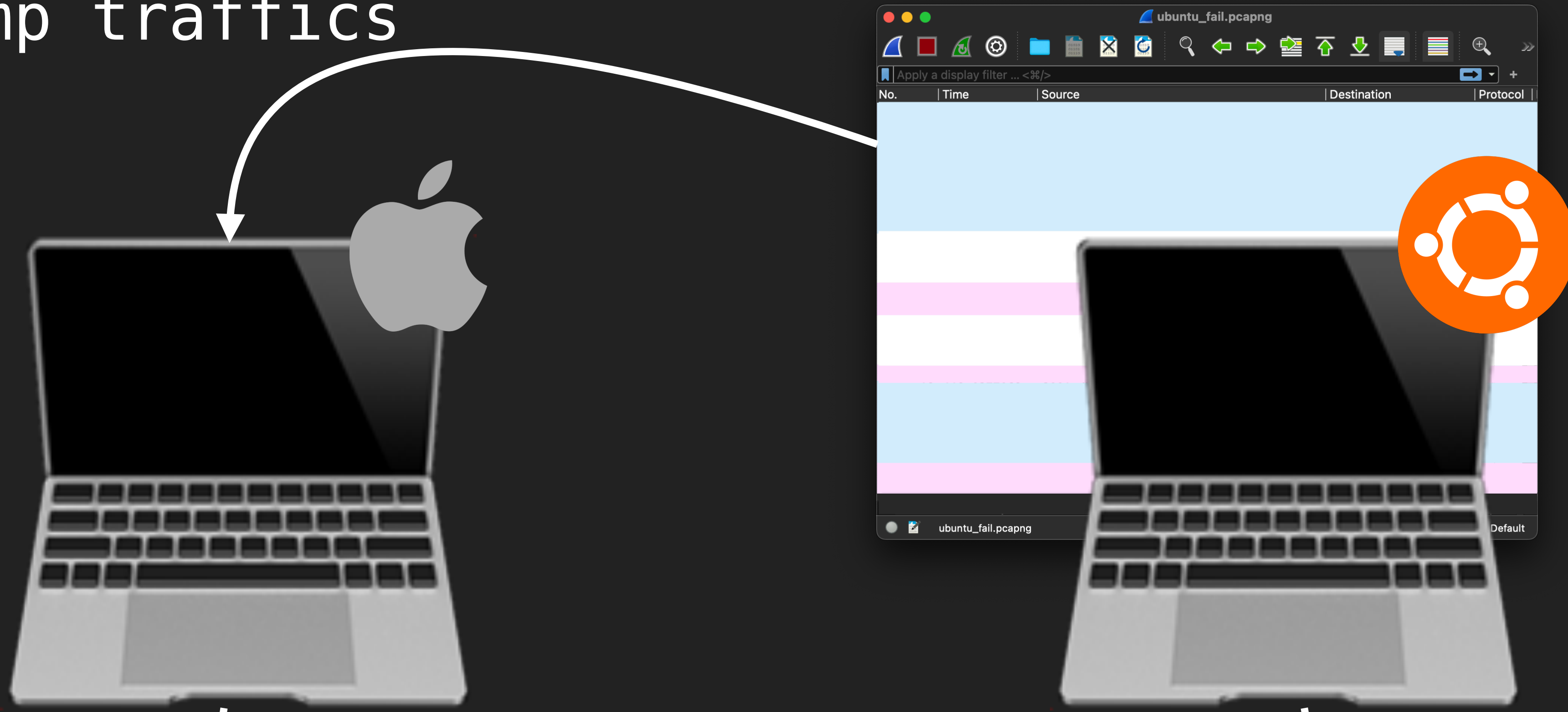
Succeed!

Fail!

3. replay



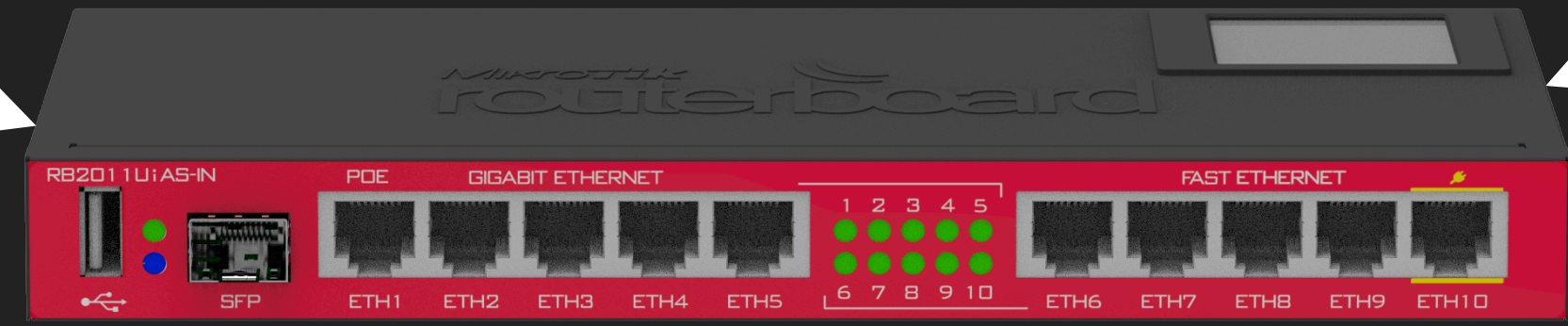
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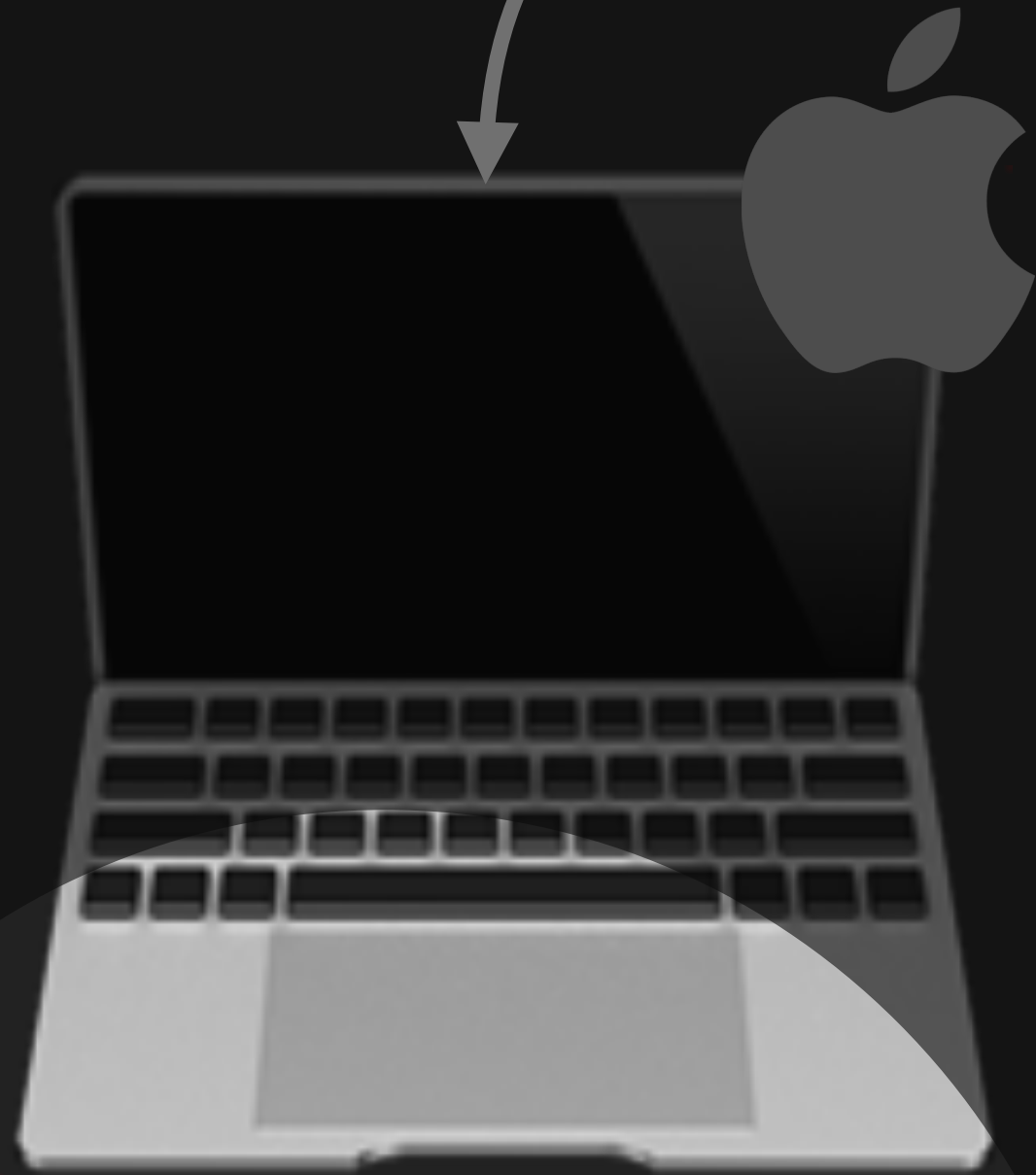
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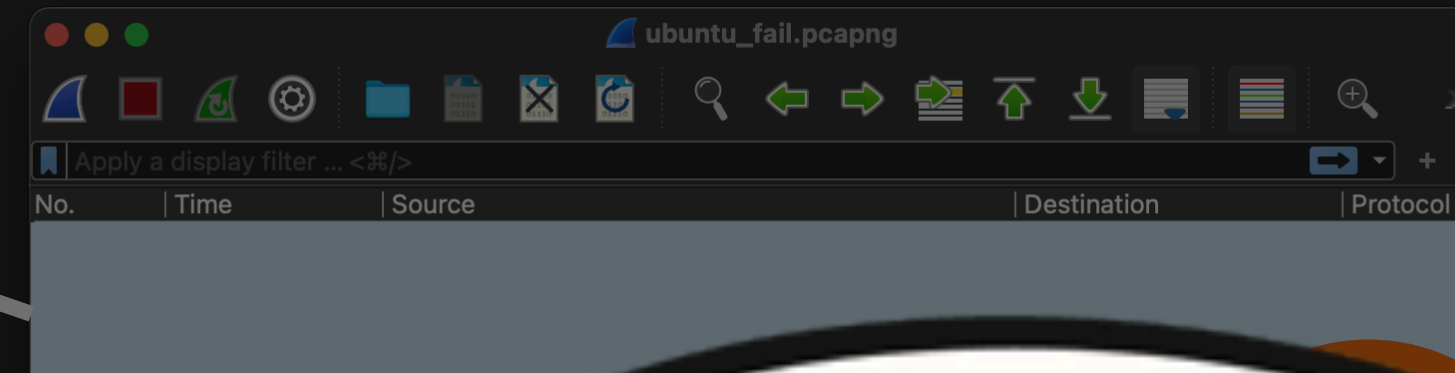
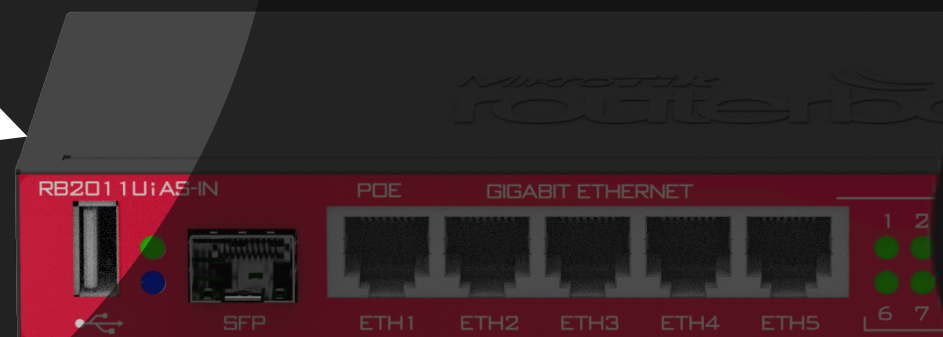
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1. explo

Succeed!

3. replay



Guess:

An OS reorders the packets

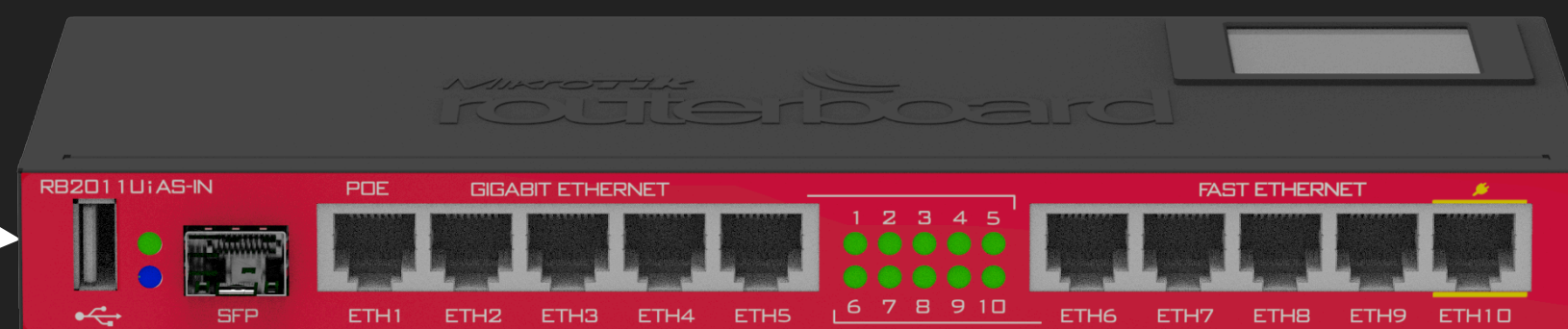


exploit



exploit

```
int s = socket(AF_PACKET, SOCK_RAW, htons(ETH_P_IPV6)) ;
```

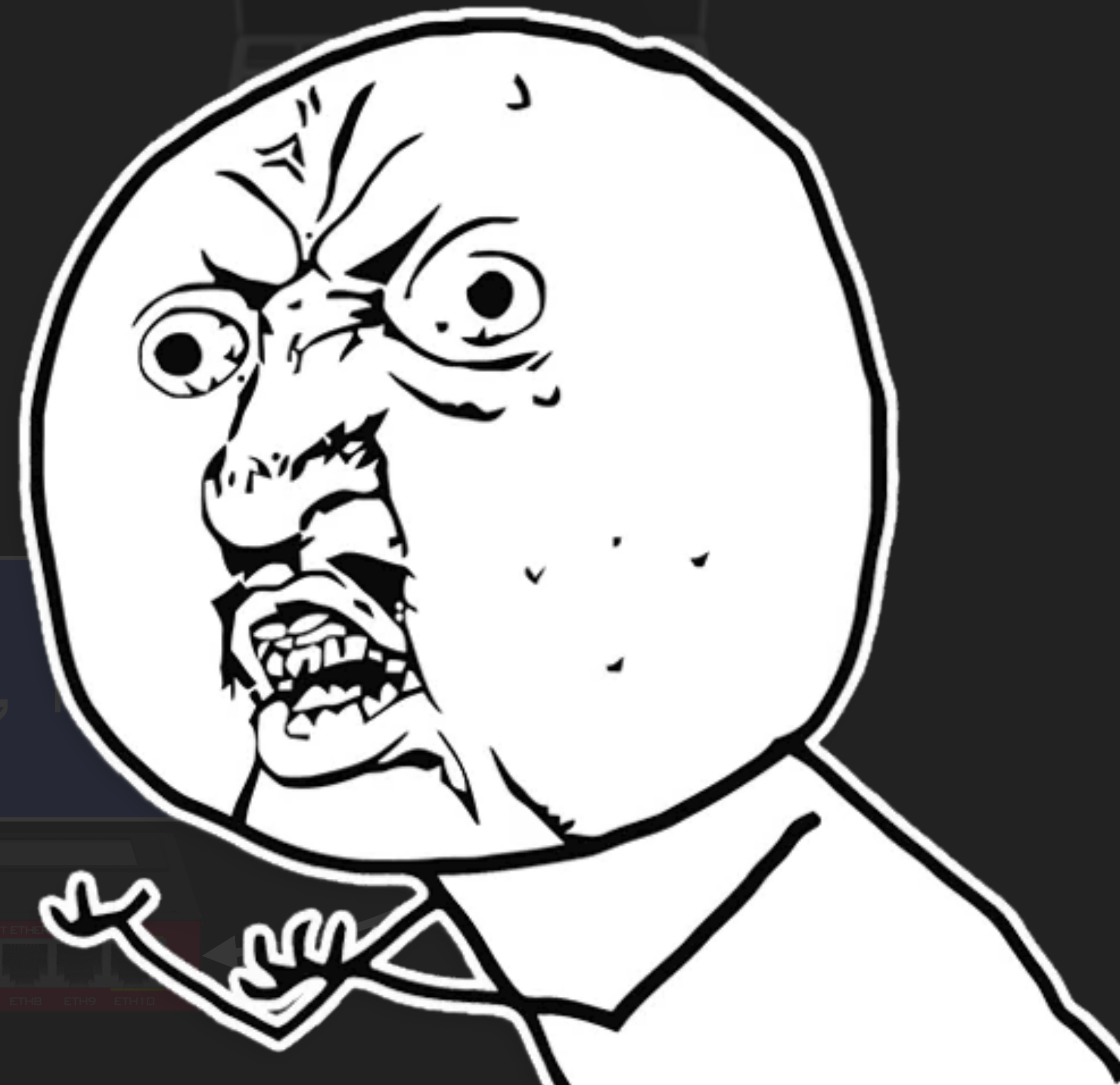




exploit

# Look the same

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int s = socket(AF_PACKET, SOCK_RAW,
```







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5XY'





0.0004



39	149.193503	fe80::
40	149.193659	fe80::
41	149.193788	fe80::
<b>42</b>	<b>149.193898</b>	<b>fe80::</b>
43	149.194025	fe80::
44	149.194151	fe80::
45	149.194257	fe80::
<b>46</b>	<b>149.194373</b>	<b>fe80::</b>

0.1560



9	117.1194004...	fe80::
10	117.1489369...	fe80::
11	117.2049854...	fe80::
<b>12</b>	<b>117.2609559...</b>	<b>fe80::</b>
13	117.2731308...	::
14	117.2828079...	fe80::
15	117.3249979...	fe80::
16	117.3729505...	fe80::
<b>17</b>	<b>117.4169443...</b>	<b>fe80::</b>

390x!!

The logo for Microtik features a stylized 'M' with three curved lines above it. The word 'MIKROTIK' is written in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font. The 'MIKRO' part is in a lighter weight, while the 'TIK' part is significantly heavier and more stylized, with a horizontal bar above the 'I' and 'K'.



The image features the name 'Kirito' in a stylized, italicized black font. The 'i' has two curved lines above it, and the 'r' has two vertical bars above it. The 'i' and 'r' are connected to the 'i' and 't' respectively. The 't' has two horizontal bars above it. The 'o' is a simple circle. The background is a solid blue color with a faint, light blue illustration of Kirito's face and upper body, looking forward. The illustration is semi-transparent and serves as a watermark or background for the text.

*Kirito*



## In callback function (recv RA from WAN)

```
if ( DNS_vector_now == DNS_vector_end )
{
    if ( !operator==(IPAddr6)((int *)&new_DNS_vector, (int *)&handler_1->DNS_raw) )
    {
        clean_remoteObj(handler_1);
        vector_base::swap_raw(&new_DNS_vector, &handler_1->DNS_raw);
        v163 = (void **)handler_1->DNS_raw.end;
        for ( IPAddr6 = handler_1->DNS_raw.start; IPAddr6 != v163; IPAddr6 += 4 )
        {
            *(_DWORD *)v181 = 0;
            v183[0] = 0;
            v191[0] = 0;
            v191[1] = 0;
        }
    }
}
```

## In RAroutine (send RA to LAN)

```
lifetime = ndsetting->lifetime;
length = handler_1->DNS_treeE4.length;
if ( length )
    length = addDNS((int)&raw_packet[v18], &handler_1->DNS_treeE4, (lifetime >> 1) + lifetime);
```

# RADVD

- In callback:
  - Check if the packet is a valid RA or a valid RS
  - Parse the packet
  - If it is an RA
    - Store information in handler 1 (AMap)
  - If it is an RS
    - Multicast RA



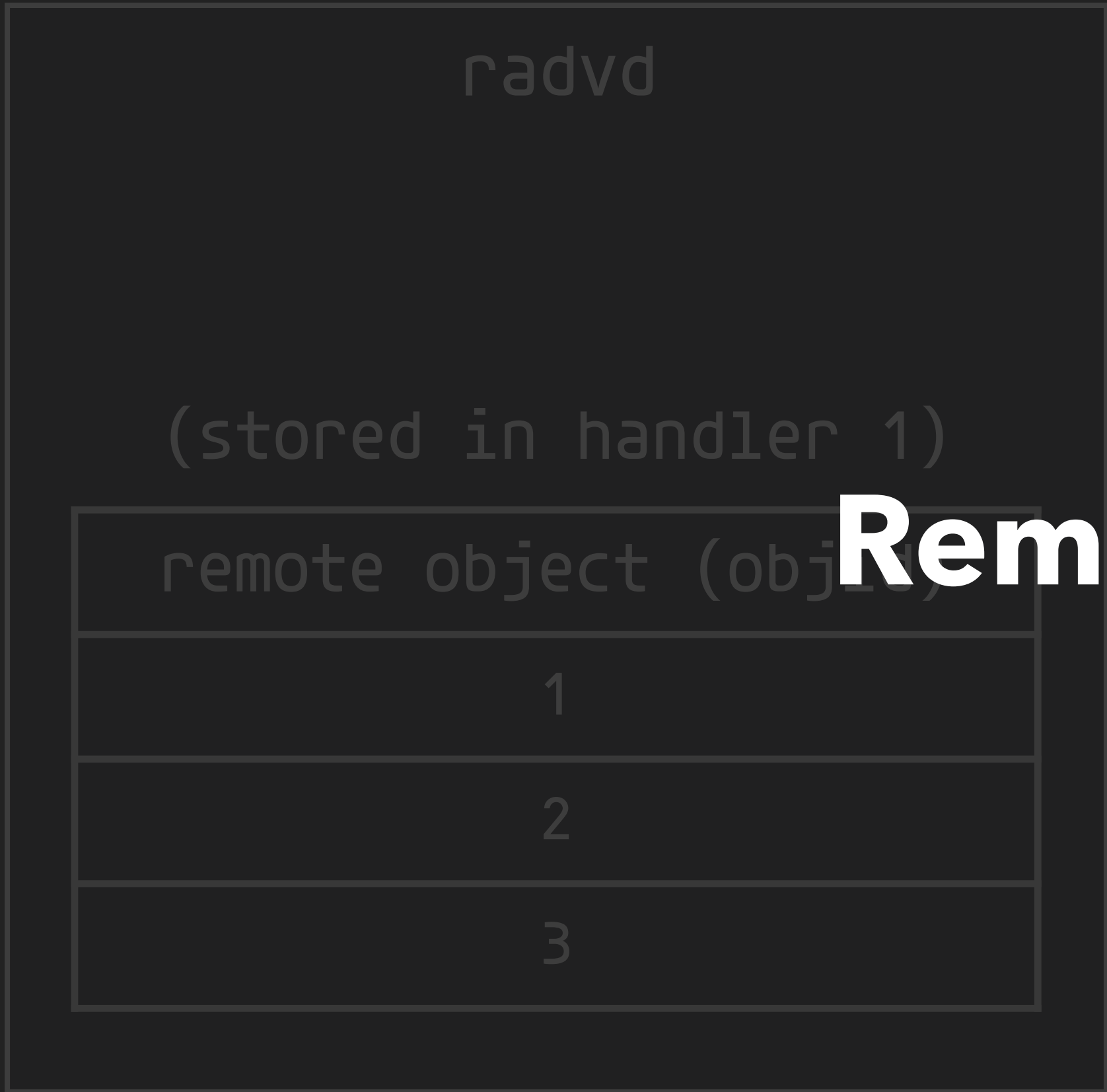


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            → v165 = (nv::RemoteObject *)nv::roDNS((int)IPAddr6, 0, v191);
            v166 = handler_1->DNS_remoteObject.start;
            v167 = v165;
            v168 = handler_1->DNS_remoteObject.end - (void *)v166;
            if ( v168 >> 2 == sizeofAllocatedMem(v166) >> 2 )
```

```
for obj in DNS_remoteObject:
    obj.remote_remove()
DNS_remoteObject = list(map(nv::roDNS, new_DNS_vector))
```

# Remote Object



radvd

(stored in handler 1)

remote object (objid)
1
2
3

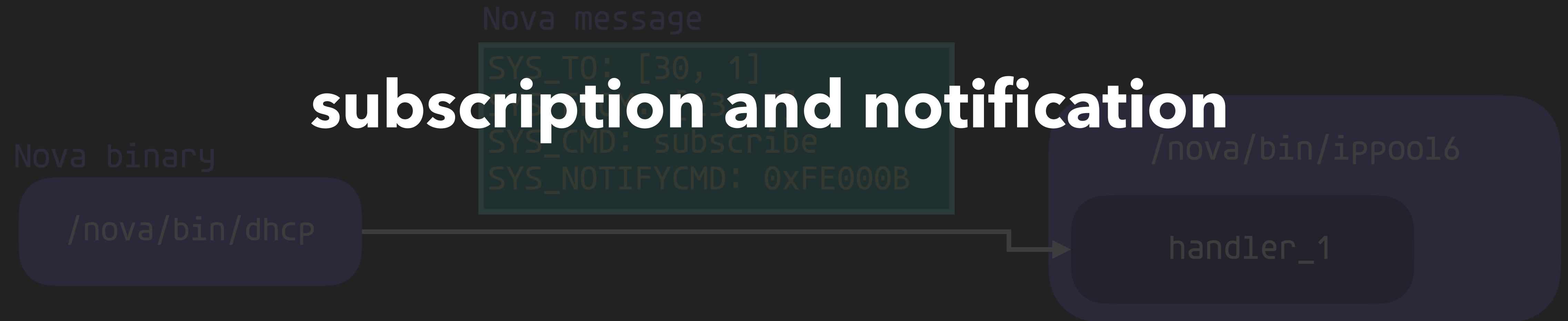
resolver

(stored in handler 2)

remote object (object)
221e:1:::1
221e:1:::2
221e:1:::3

# Subscription

## subscription and notification





# Subscription

Nova binary

/nova/bin/dhcp

handler\_7

Nova message

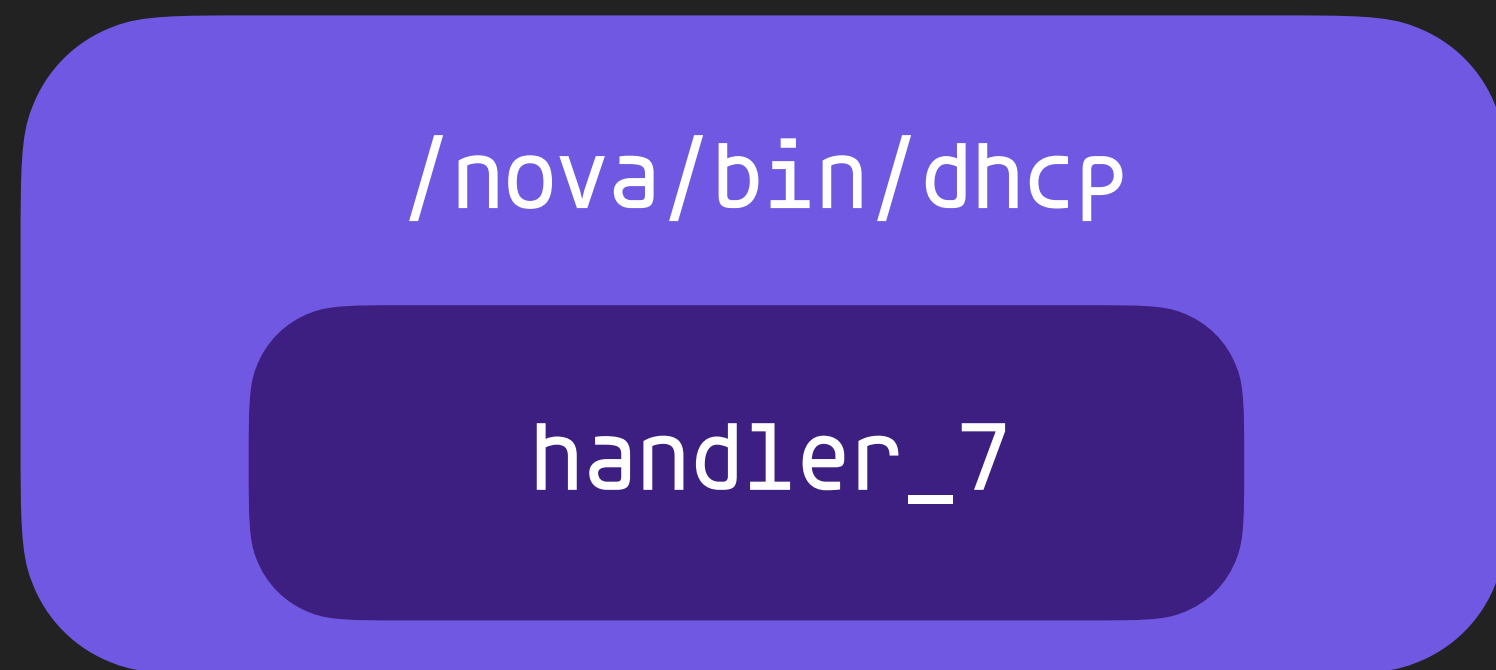
```
SYS_TO: [30, 1]  
SYS_FROM: [23, 7]  
SYS_CMD: subscribe  
SYS_NOTIFYCMD: 0xFE000B
```

/nova/bin/ippool16

handler\_1

# Subscription

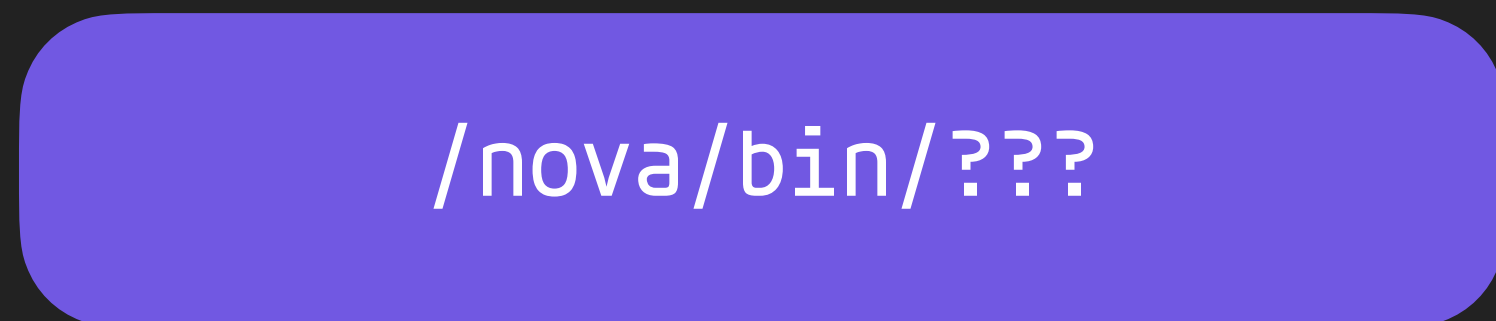
Nova binary



Nova message

```
SYS_TO: [30, 1]  
SYS_FROM: [???]  
SYS_CMD: AddObj
```

Nova binary

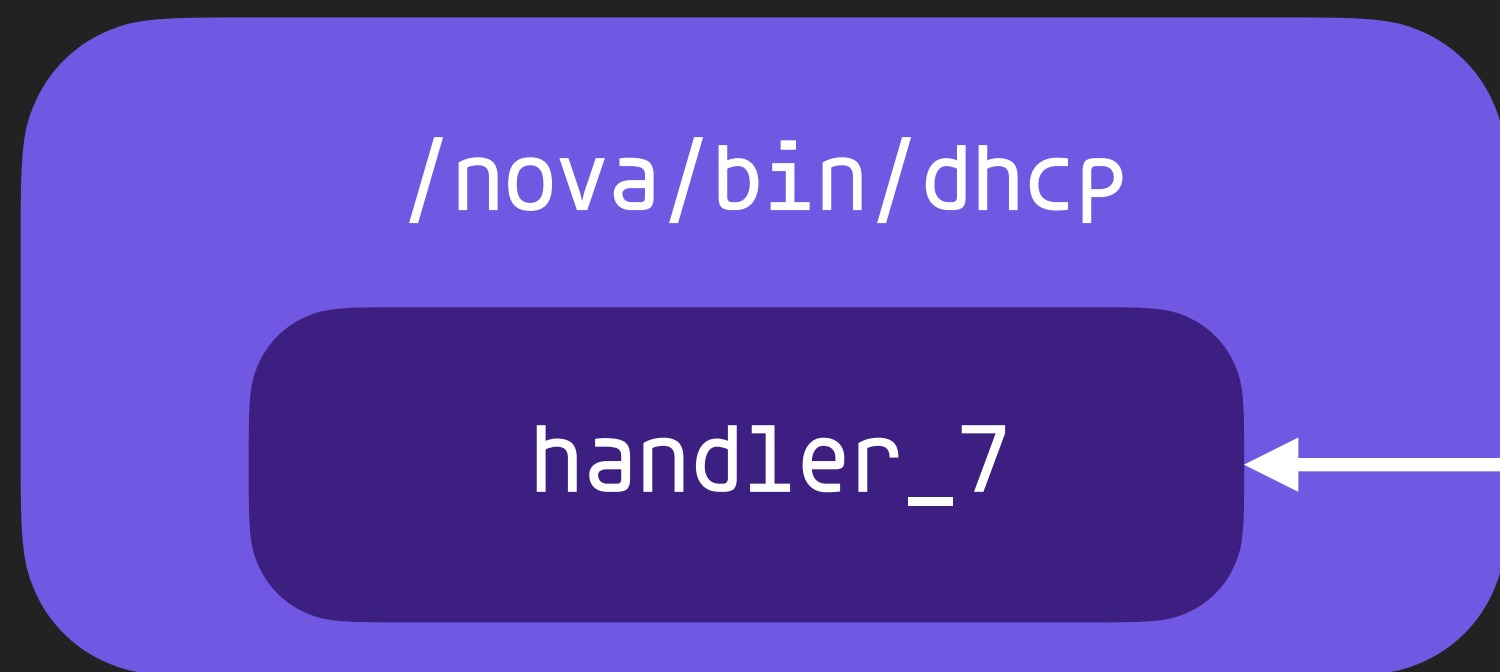


`/nova/bin/ippool6`



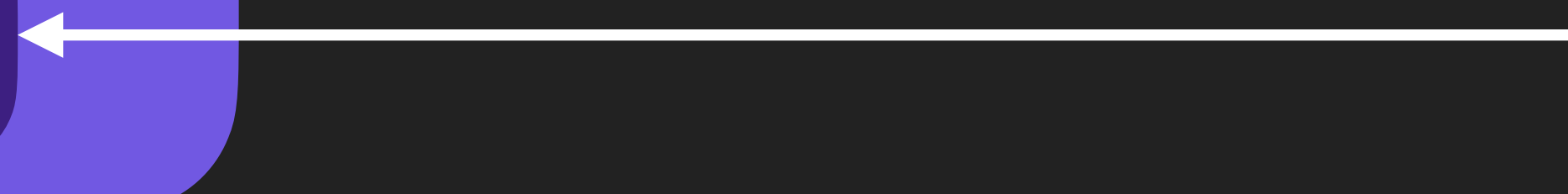
# Subscription

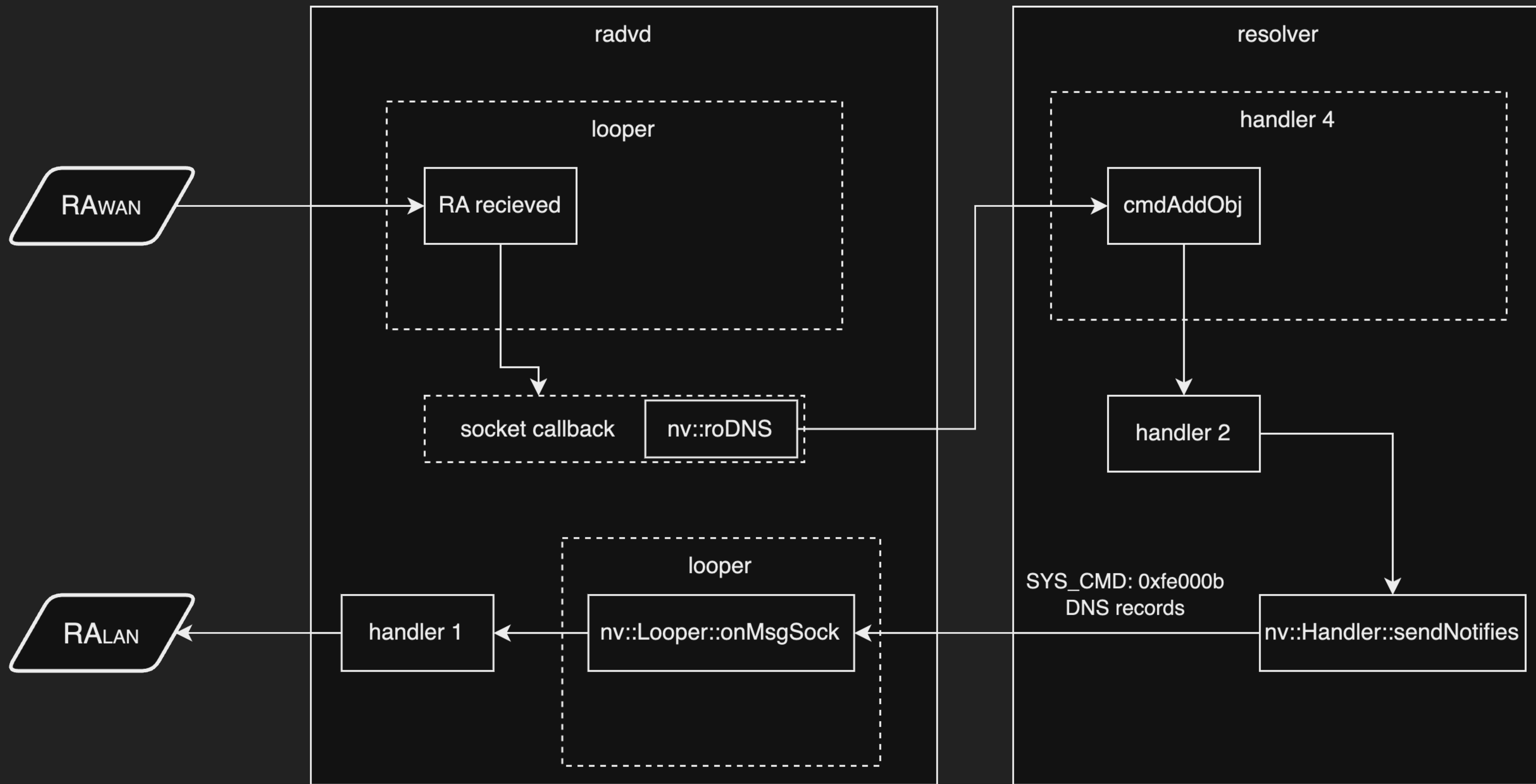
Nova binary



Nova message

```
SYS_T0: [23, 7]  
SYS_FROM: [30, 1]  
SYS_CMD: 0xFE000B  
...
```







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    }
  }
}
```

nv::Handler::postMessage (Non-blocking)

nv::RemoteObjectBackend::request

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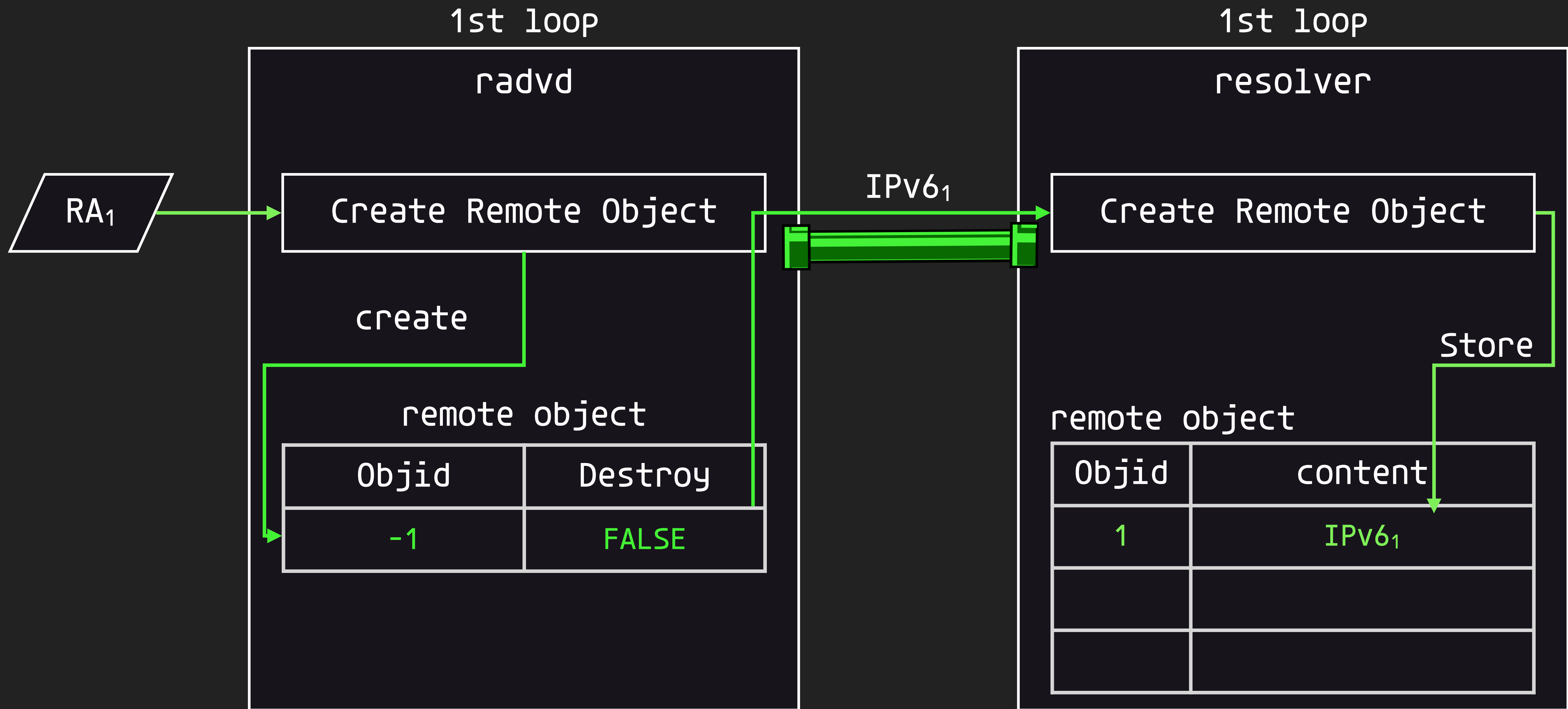
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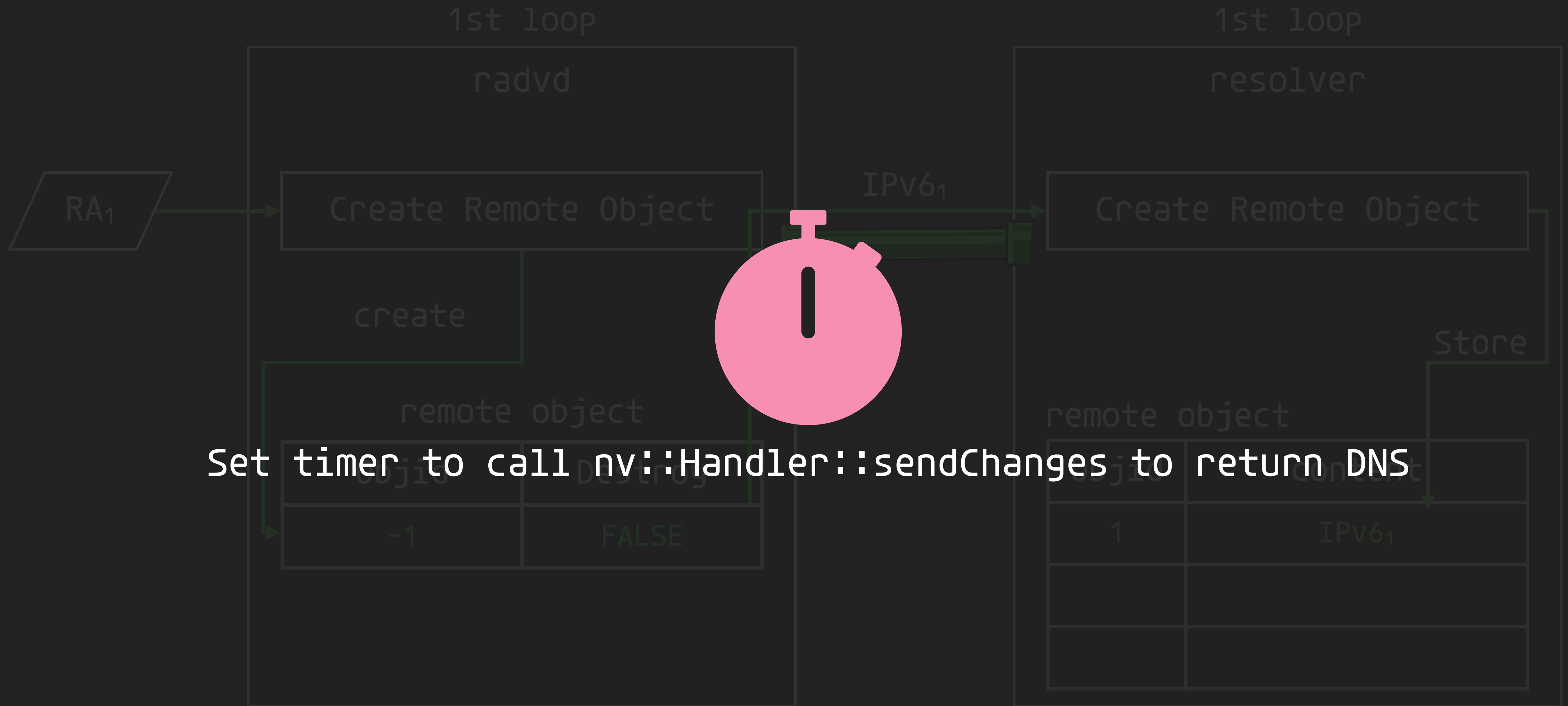
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```

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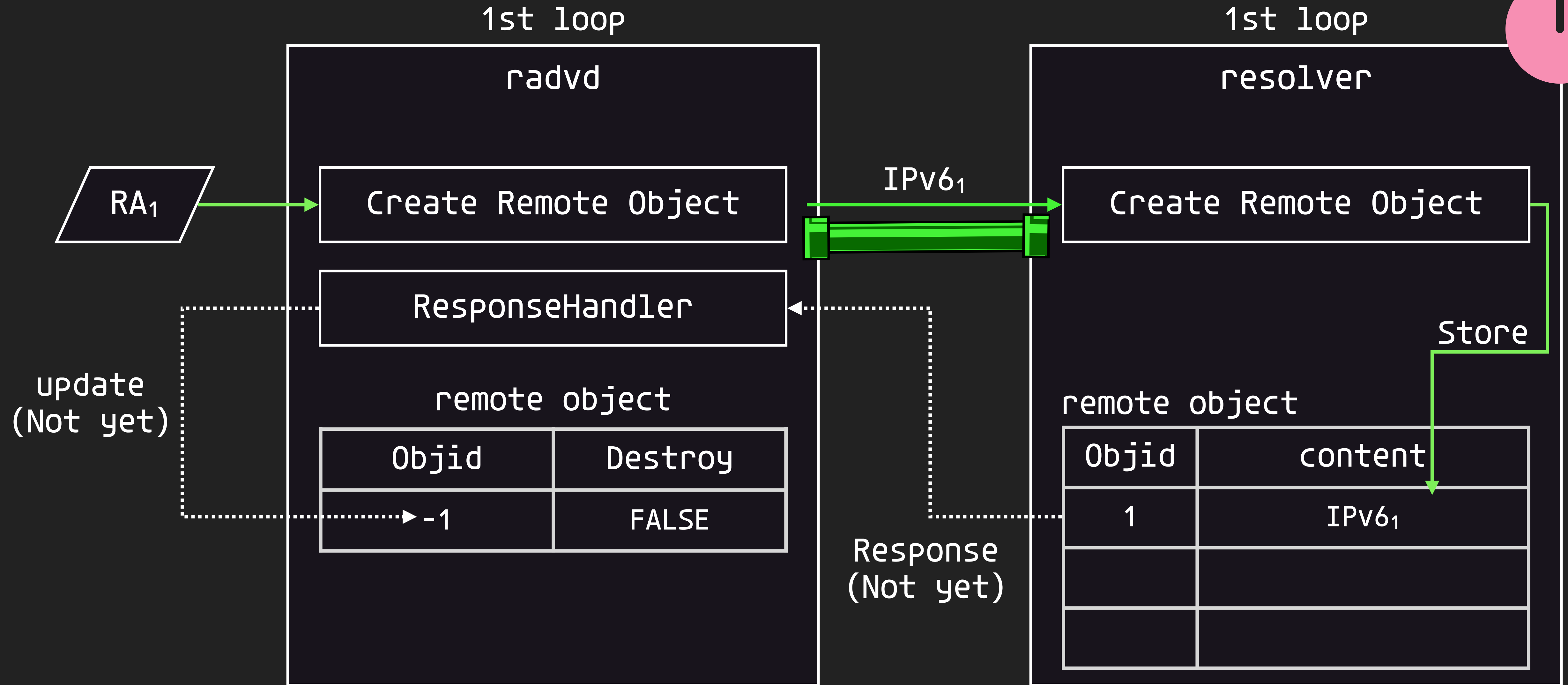
```
void __fastcall nv::RemoteObjectBackend::cleanup(nv::RemoteObjectBackend *this)
{
  this->destroy = 1;
  if ( this->objid != -1 )
    nv::RemoteObjectBackend::postRemove(this); (Non-blocking)
}
```

```
for obj in DNS_remoteObject:
  obj.remote_remove()
DNS_remoteObject = list(map(nv::roDNS, new_DNS_vector))
```











2nd loop

radvd

RA<sub>2</sub>

Delete Remote Object

ignore

set

remote object

Objid	Destroy
-1	TRUE

1st loop

resolver

Create Remote Object

Store

remote object

Objid	content
1	IPv6 <sub>1</sub>



2nd loop

radvd

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2nd loop

radvd

RA<sub>2</sub>

Delete Remote Object

Create Remote Object

remote object

Objid	Destroy
-1	TRUE
-1	FALSE

create

IPv6<sub>2</sub>

1st loop

resolver

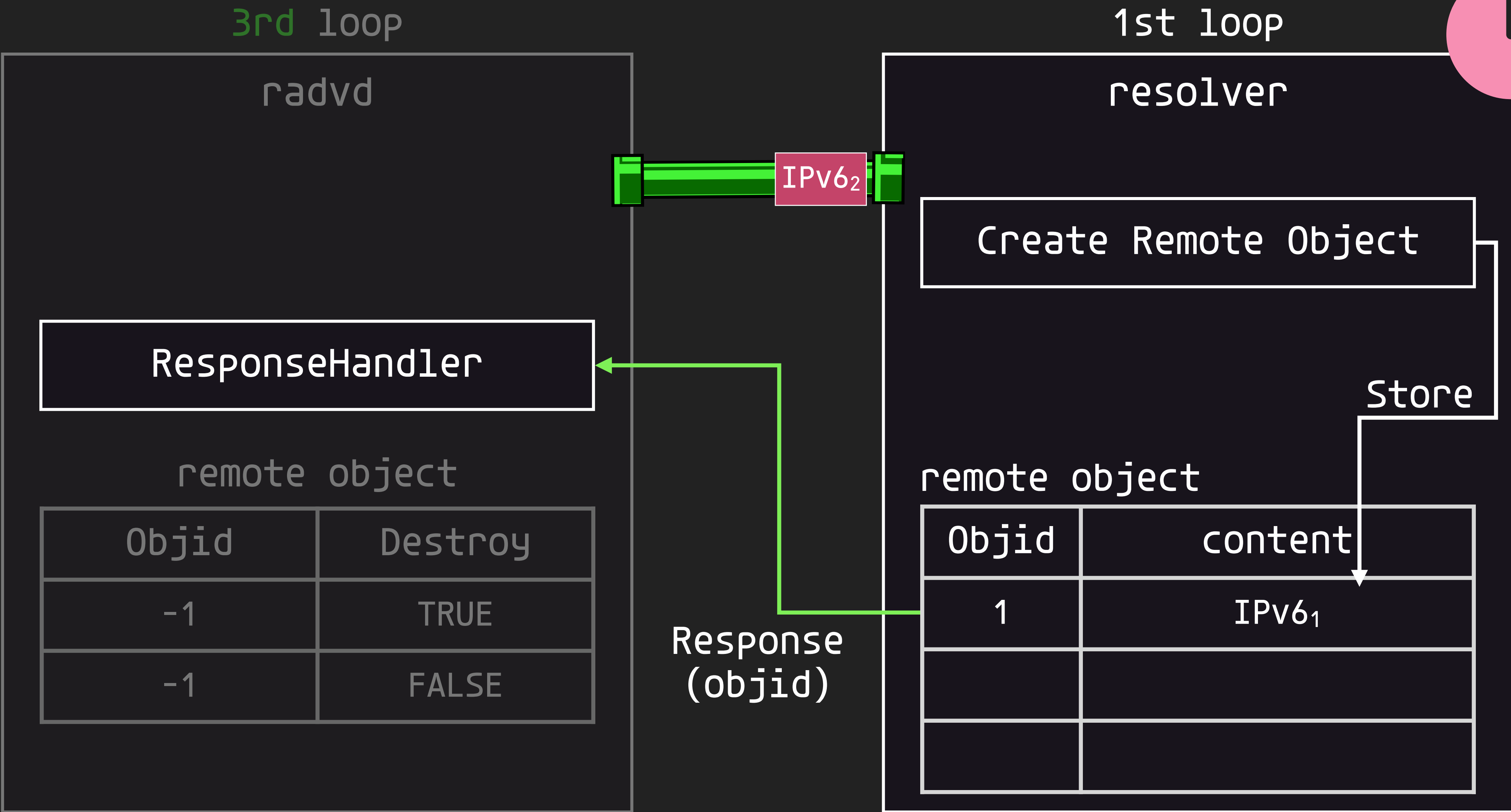
Create Remote Object

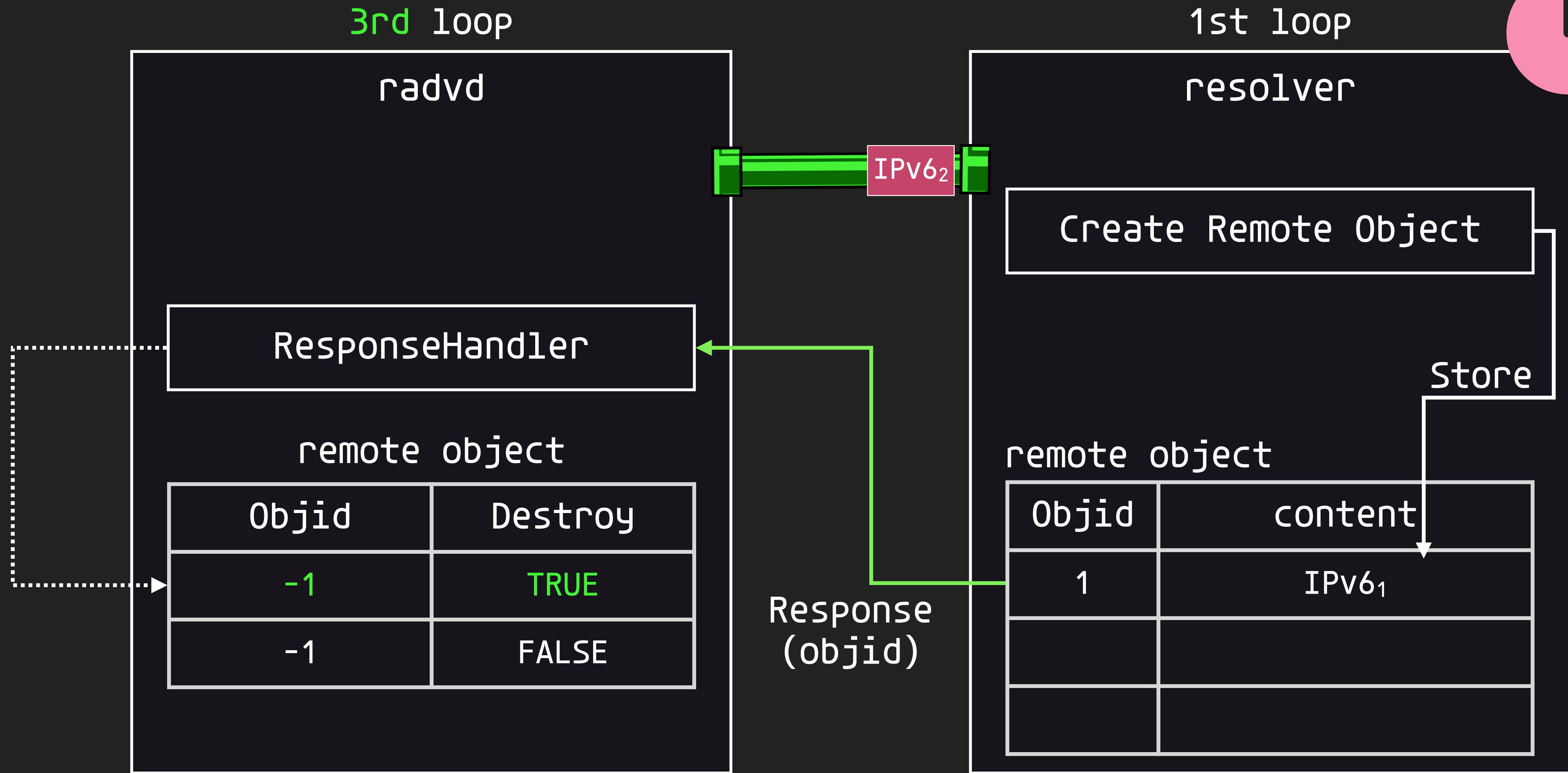
Store

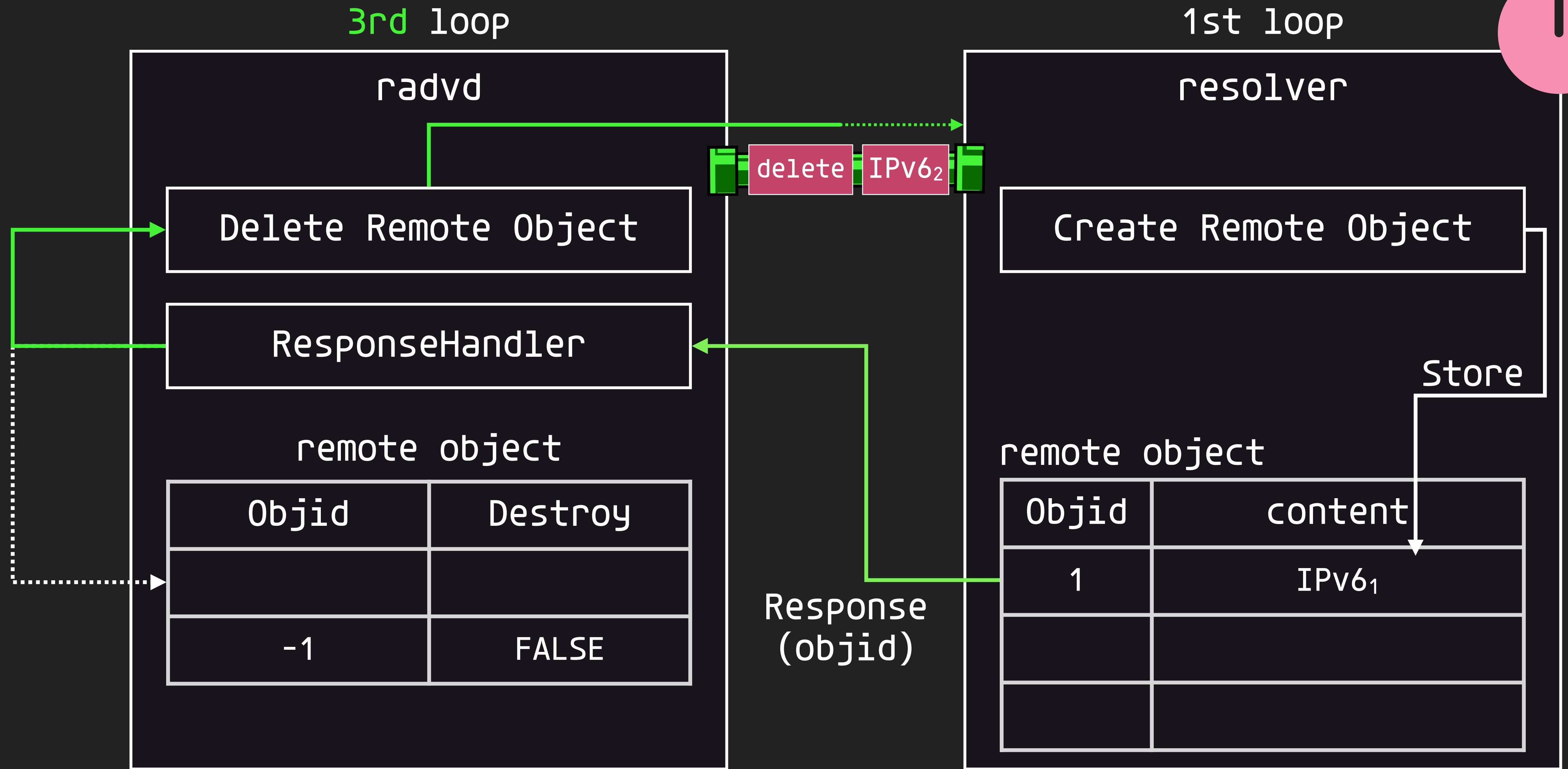
remote object

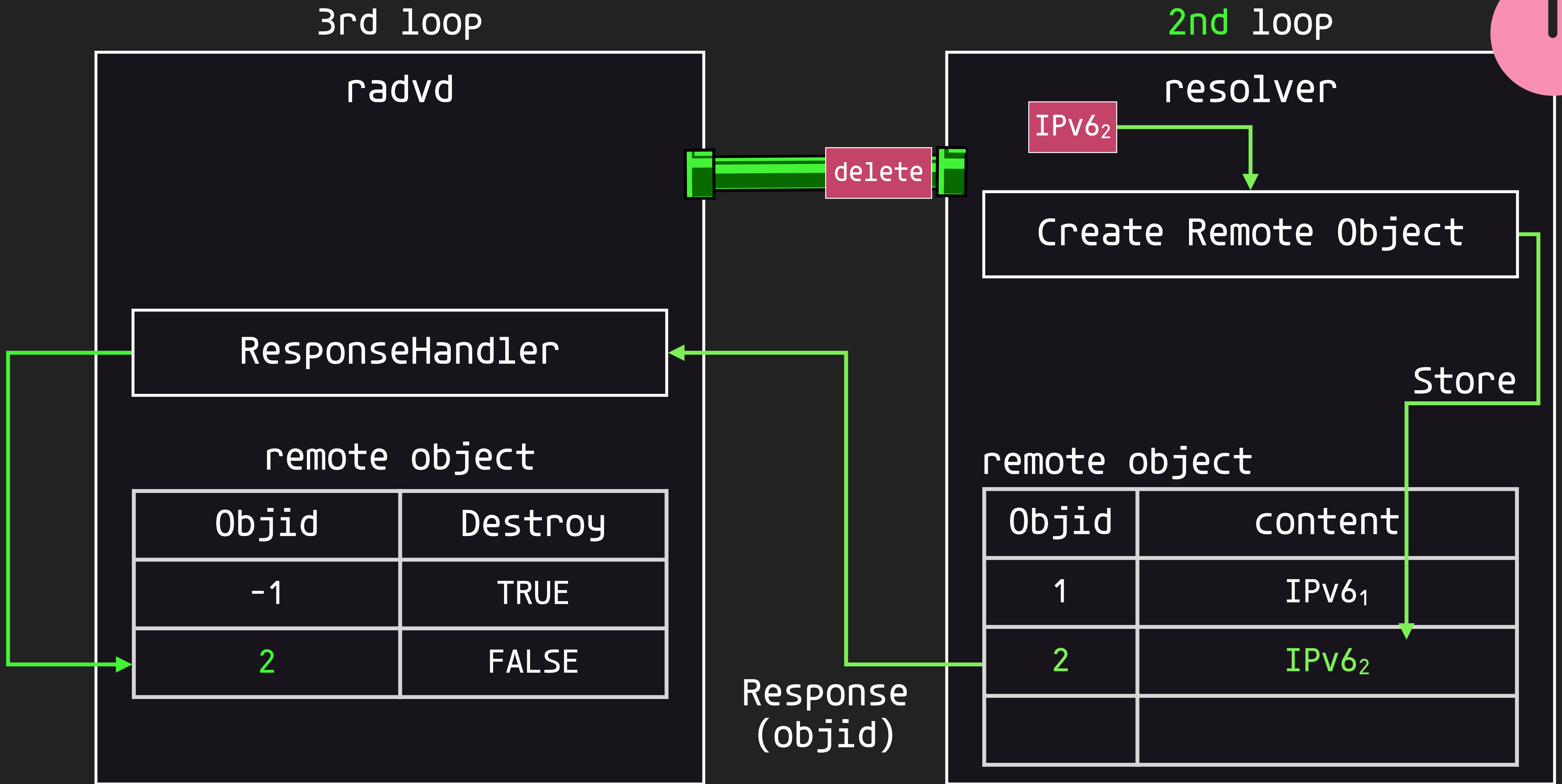
Objid	content
1	IPv6 <sub>1</sub>











3rd loop

radvd

delete

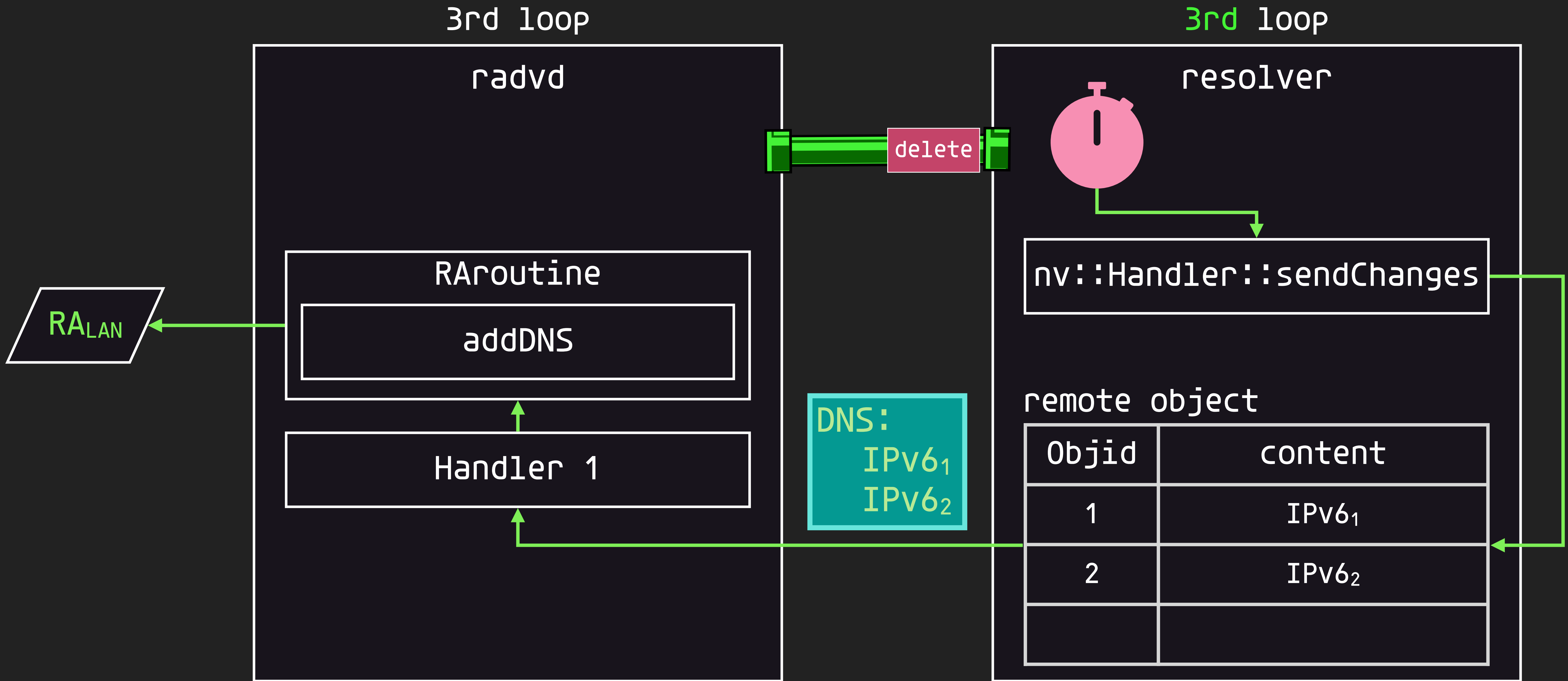
3rd loop

resolver

Create Remote Object

call `nv::Handler::sendChanges` to return DNS





# Race Condition

- Pattern
  - Use non-blocking methods to create/delete the remote object
  - Subscribe to the remote object
- Impact:
  - Maybe it can be used to bypass some checks

# Race Condition

- Pattern

- Use non-blocking methods

- Subscribe to the event

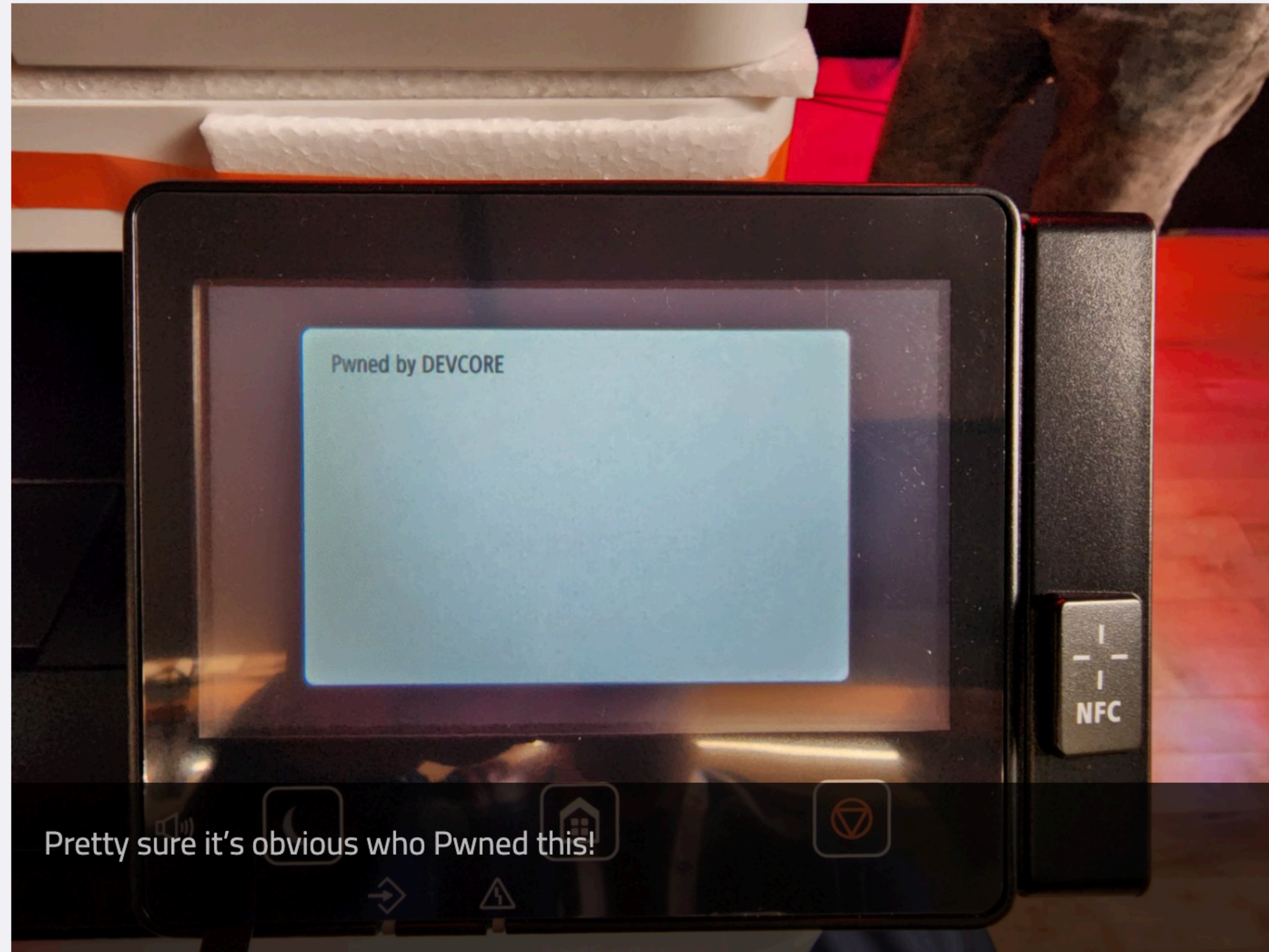
- Impact:

- Maybe can be used





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Pretty sure it's obvious who Pwned this!



# Summary

- MikroTik reimplements everything with its own designed IPC.
  - The business logic is scattered all over.
- A pre-auth RCE on WAN has existed for nine years.
- Race condition in remote objects due to non-blocking methods.
- The tools to ease reversing will be available at:
  - <https://github.com/terrynini/routeros-tools>

Q&A

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