

Facilitating Flexible and Versatile Centrally Administered Community of Interest Organization and Control

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Agenda

- Introduction to COIs
- Prior Work
- New Contributions

Introduction to Computer Collaboration

- Goal: several people work together and share resources
 - Temporary joining of entities for goal-oriented task
 - Limited trust
 - Limited resource sharing
 - Different types of organizations
 - Parts of organizations involved

Scenario

- Objective: Find terrorist leader known to be hiding in Eastern Europe
- Collaborators: Selected officials from law enforcement and intelligence agencies in U.S and select E. European countries (e.g. Poland, Ukraine, Belarus), as well as European-wide agencies such as Interpol
- Operation Requirements:
 - Collaborators gather data through human and electronic means (i.e. sensors) and combine to analyze information to pinpoint terrorist's whereabouts.
 - Mission is time-sensitive—collaboration must begin quickly
 - Officials will continue to work for their original organizations
- Nature of Collaboration:
 - Intelligence agencies share information learned from regional agents
 - Law enforcement agencies make available portions of criminal database, enlist local law enforcement when needed
 - Electronic intelligence shared among all parties
 - Intelligence agencies given limited freedom in all participating nations

Scenario

➤ Security Requirements

- Information provided is extremely sensitive
- Interactions must be strongly authenticated
- All actions in collaboration fully audited
- All collected data is confined to the collaborator community
- Parties are distrustful of one another
- Collaborators may not share all data collected in pursuing objective

Simple Solutions

Share files
Version Control

Email Files

Y N

Simple Solutions

Share files
Version Control
Finding Resources

Email Files

Y N

Servers Hold Resources

Y Y N

Simple Solutions

Share files
Version Control
Finding Resources
Access Control

Email Files

Y N

Servers Hold Resources

Y Y N

Discovery Service

Y Y Y N

Simple Solutions

| | Share files | Version Control | Finding Resources | Access Control | Authentication |
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| Servers Hold Resources | Y | Y | N | | |
| Discovery Service | Y | Y | Y | N | |
| Membership | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |

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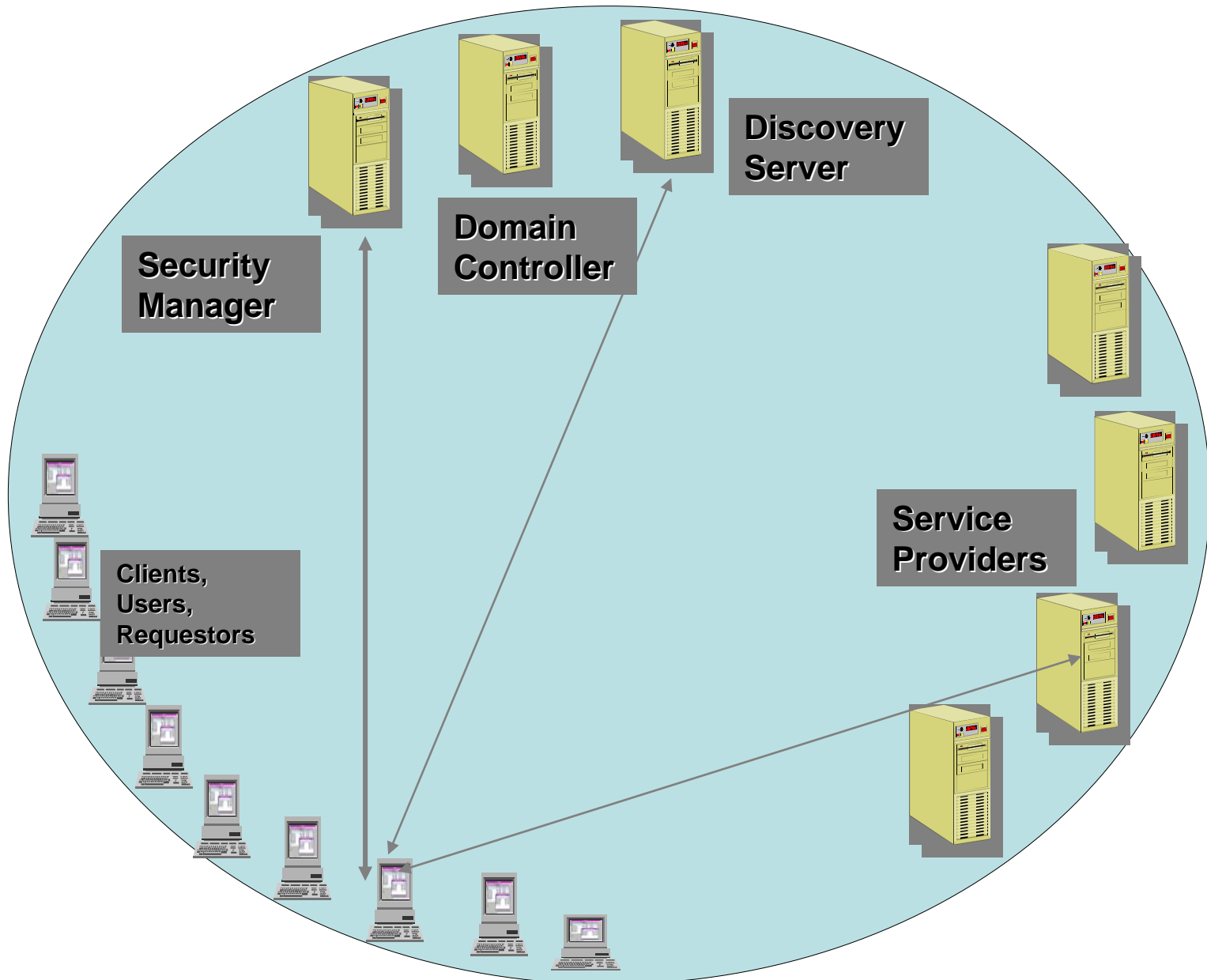
Simple Solutions

| | Share files | Version Control | Finding Resources | Access Control | Authentication | Authorization | Collaboration Rules | Independent Entity |
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| Security policies | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |

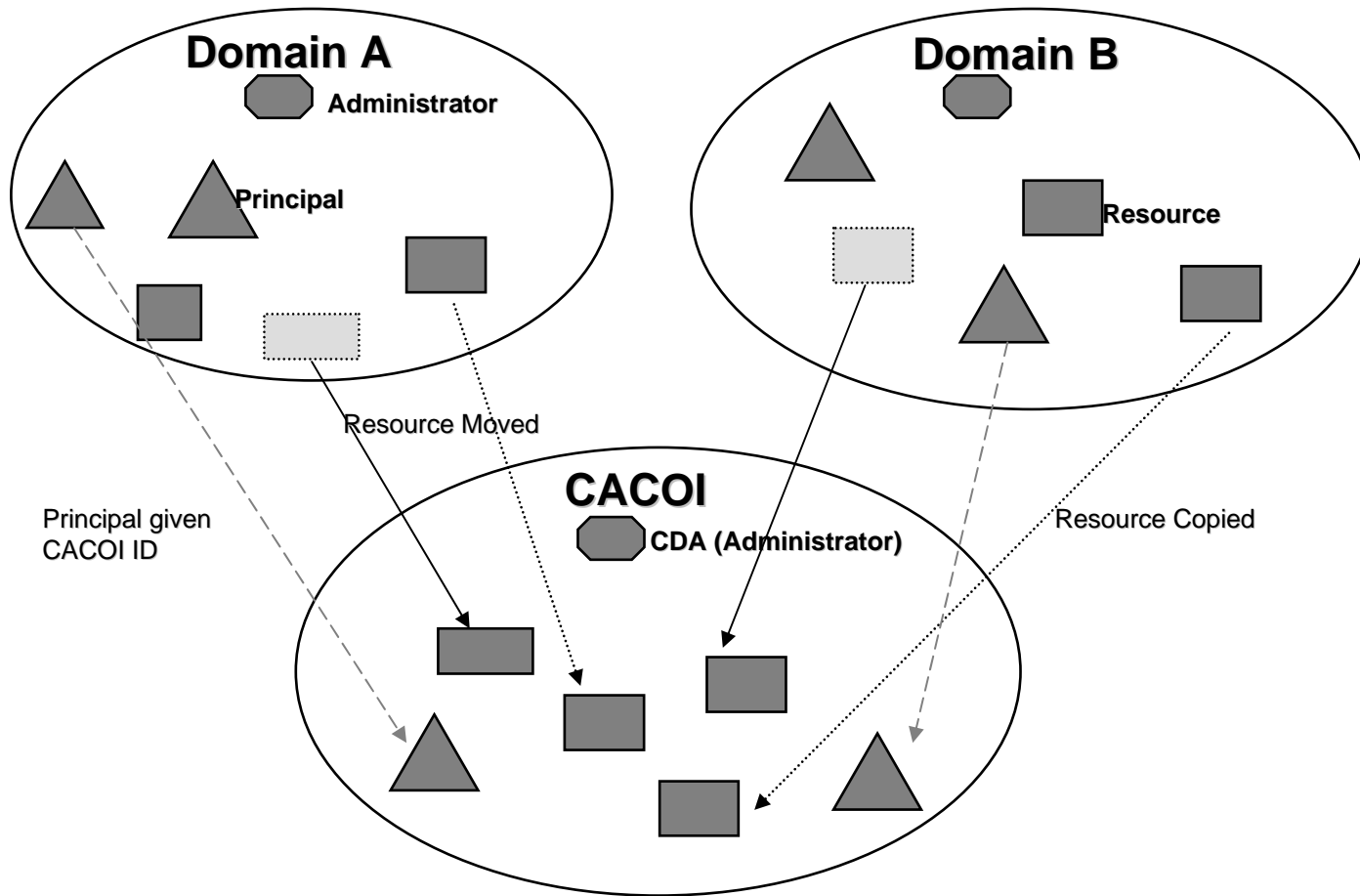
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A Typical Domain



CACOI Basic Structure

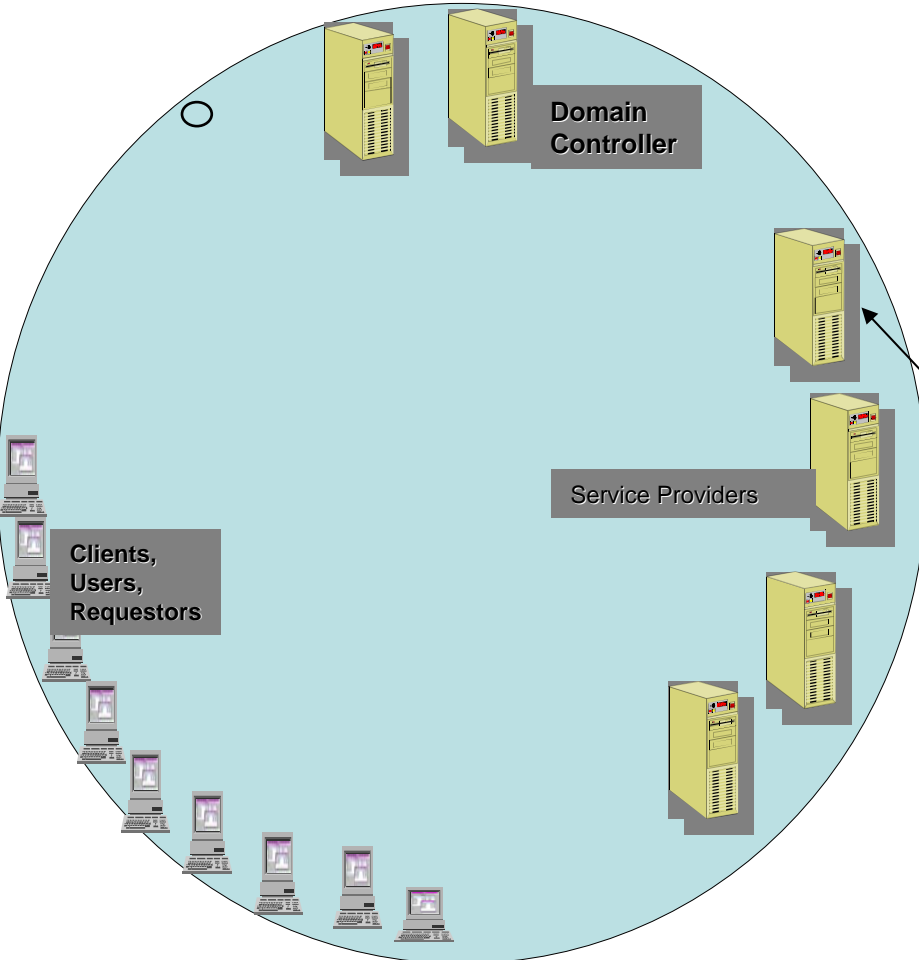


CACOI Basic Facts

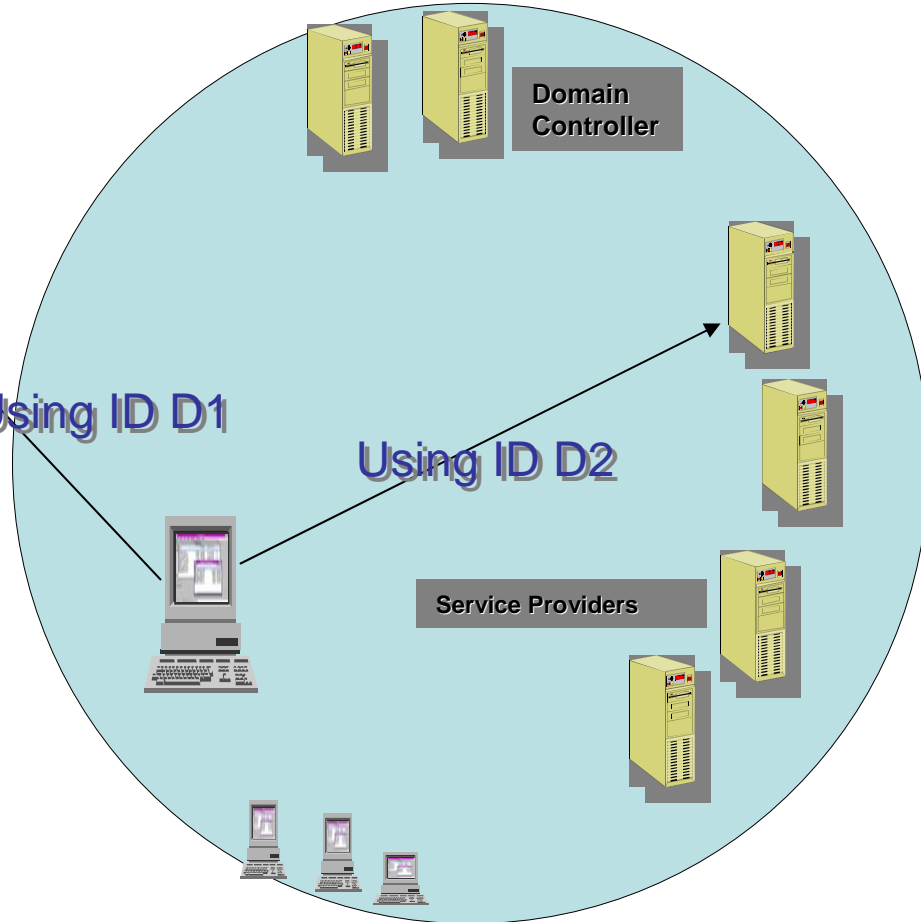
- All entities are included in one domain
- Users must be logged into the CACOI to access CACOI resources
- All resources in the CACOI are owned by the CACOI
- Resources are either moved or copied to the CACOI
- The fate of CACOI resources is not defined after the CACOI is finished
- Administration is centralized, but group-based administration is possible to allow consensus
- Domain structure based on Microsoft Server 2000 domains and related policies

Usage Model

CACOI "D1"



Static Domain "D2"



Using ID D1

Using ID D2

COI Desired Properties

- Rapid assembly/disassembly
- Security policies
- Separate entity
 - Not located within one contributor
 - Not a federation
- Global Data confinement
- Group-based control
- Sharing policies

Prior Studies

- Rapid assembly/disassembly
- Security policies
- Separate entity
- Global data confinement
- Group-based control
- Sharing policies

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Existing Solutions address some, but not all, goals for COIs

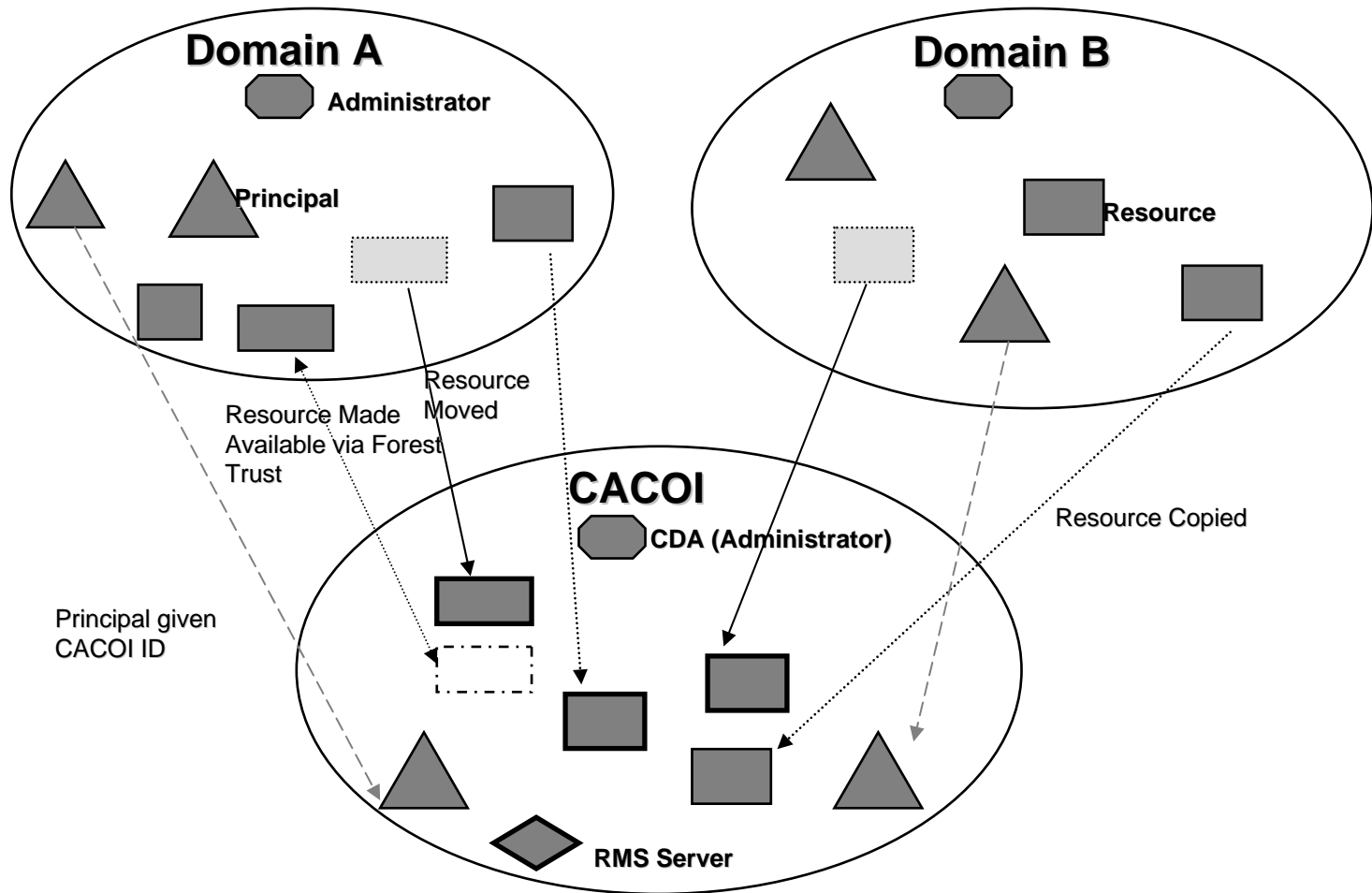
Current Work

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Current work uses Rights Management to enable global data confinement and trust relationships in Microsoft Server 2003 to enable sharing policies.

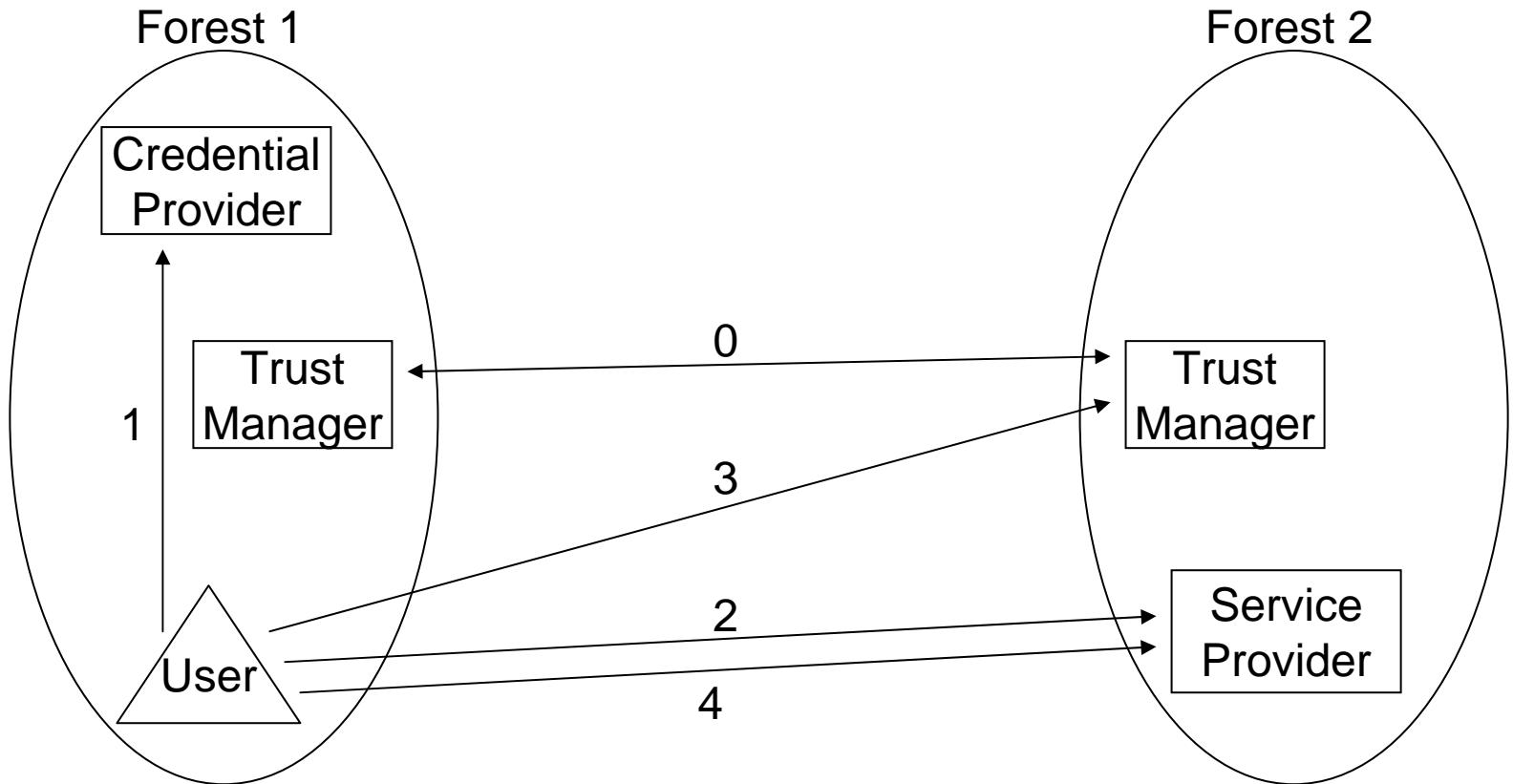
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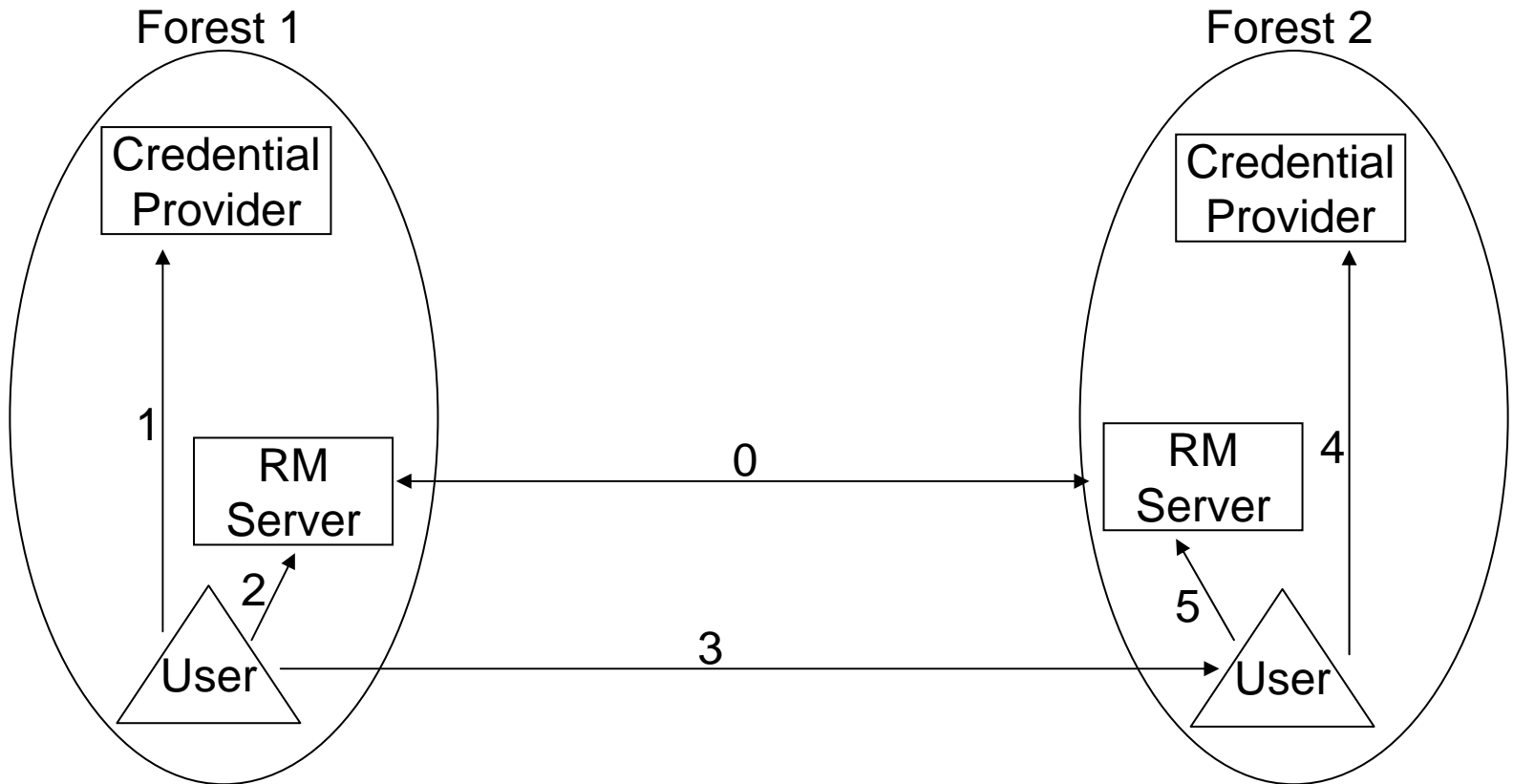
CACOI Enhancements

- Forest Trusts from Microsoft Server 2003
 - Allows remote sharing of resources
 - Gives organizations more control over sharing
- Rights Management Server
 - Allows Digital Rights Management
 - Global confinement

Cross-Forest Trust



Rights Management



Future Work

- Metadata Management
- Operational Issues

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