

Content Management in the Next Generation Internet

Innovative Uses of the DOI System

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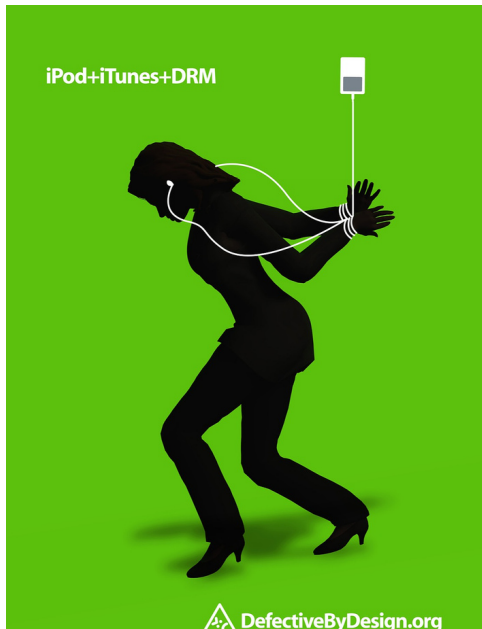
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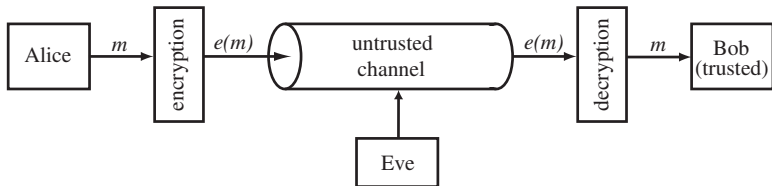
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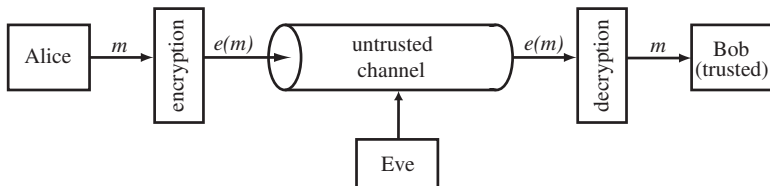
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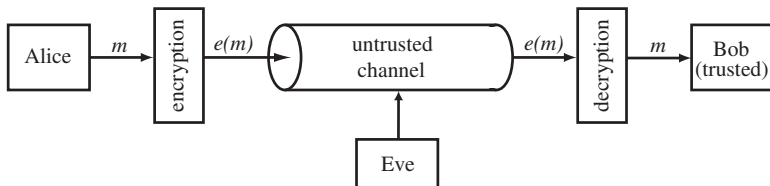
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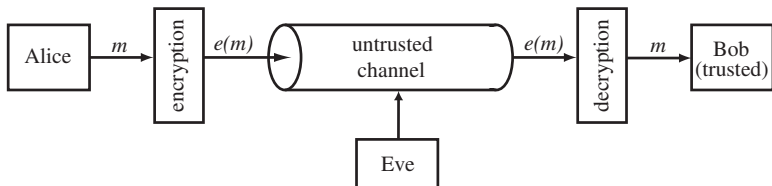
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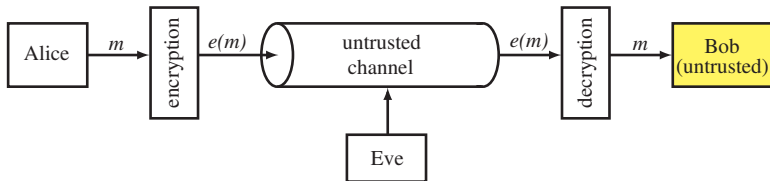
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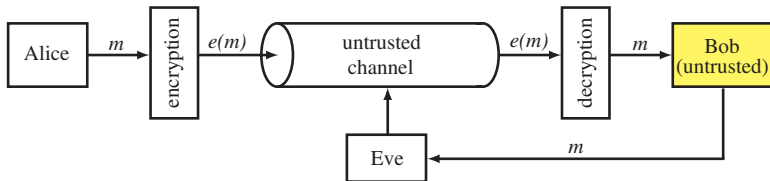
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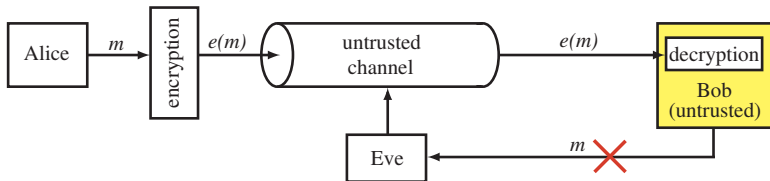
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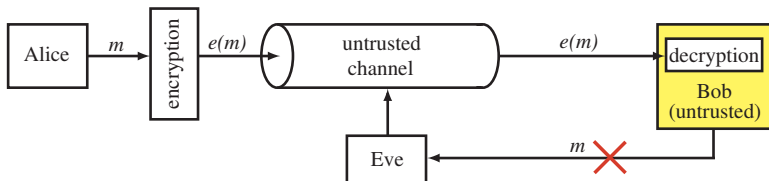
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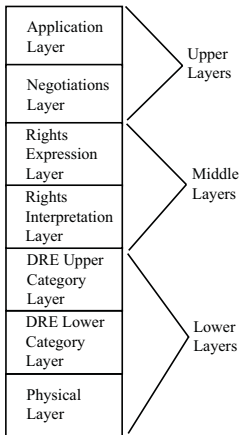
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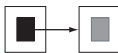


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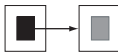


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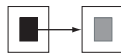


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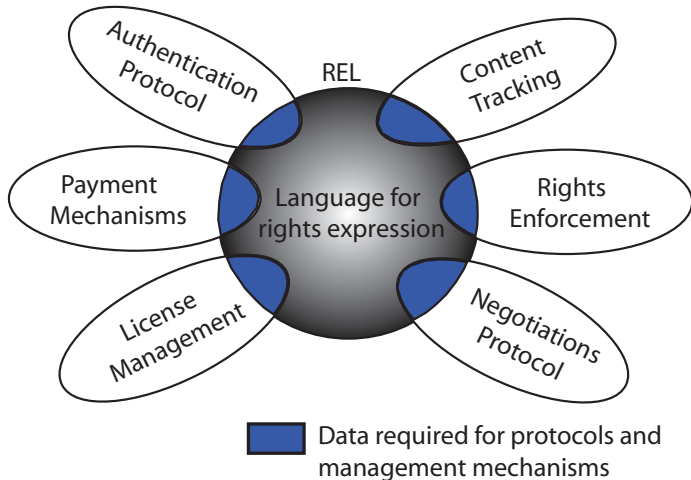
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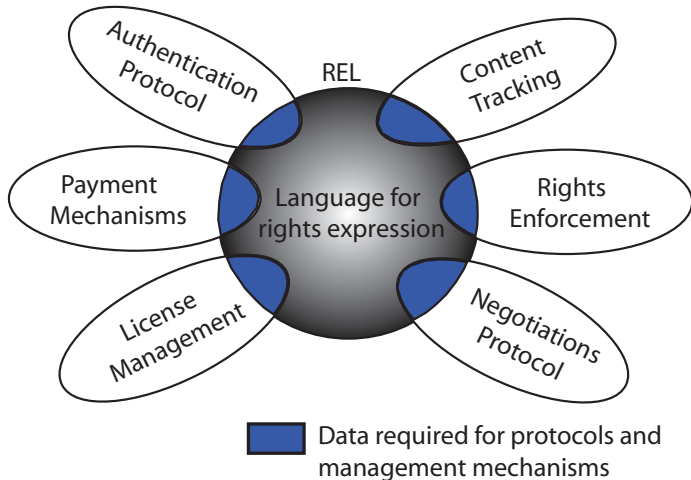
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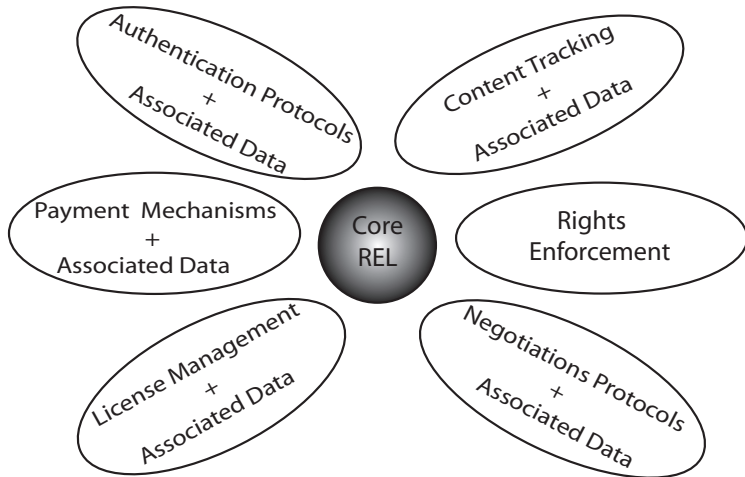
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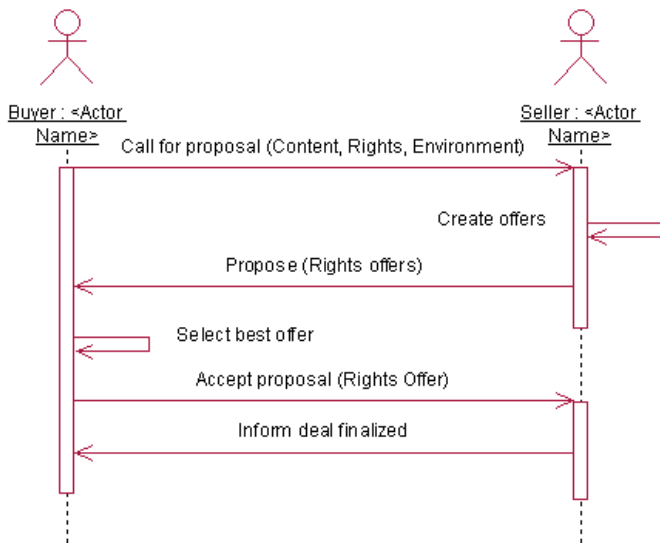


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    <content> ..... </content>
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The Seller analyze the call and creates a set of offers consistent with its policies:

```
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    <rights>.....</rights>
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  <offer2>
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```
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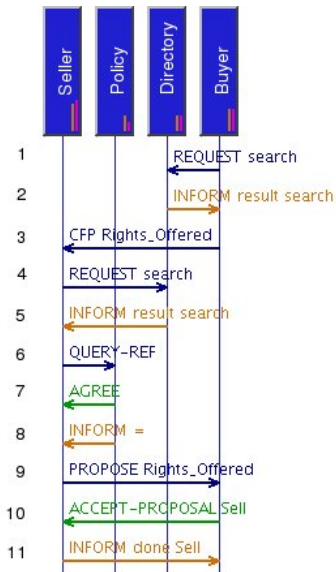
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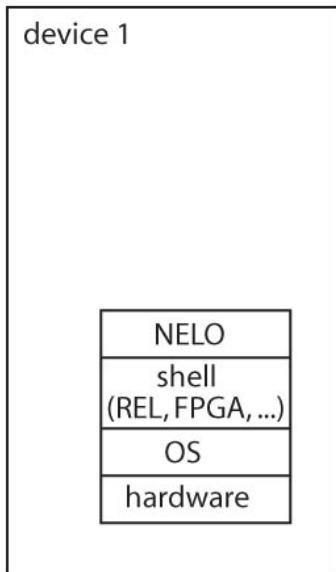
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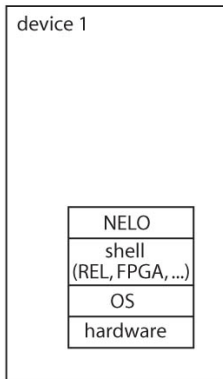
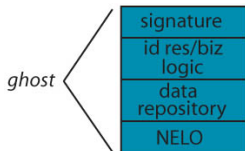
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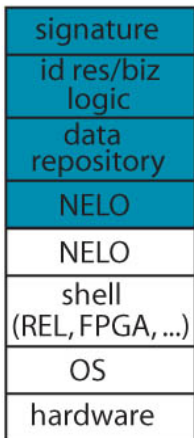


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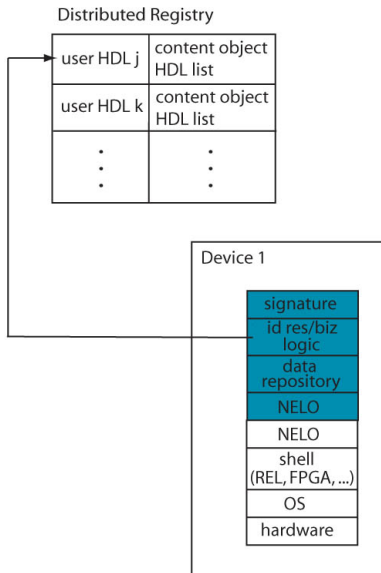


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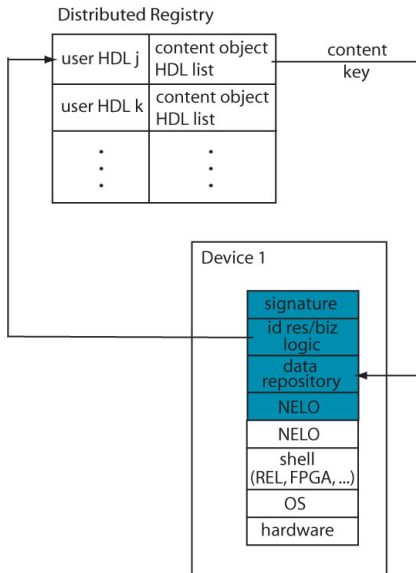
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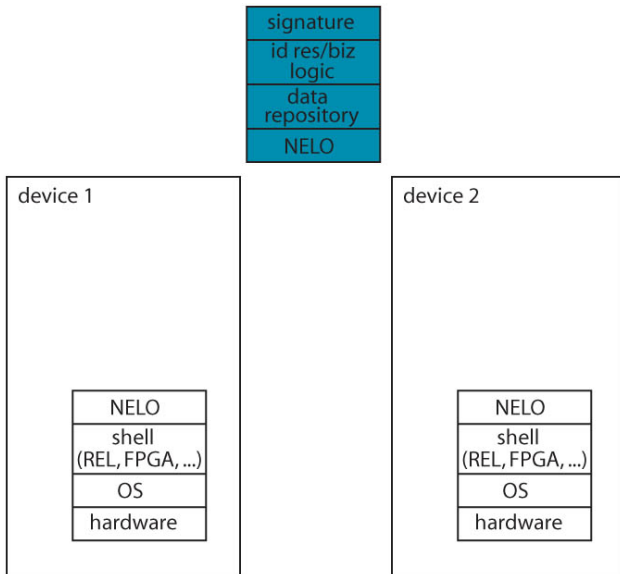
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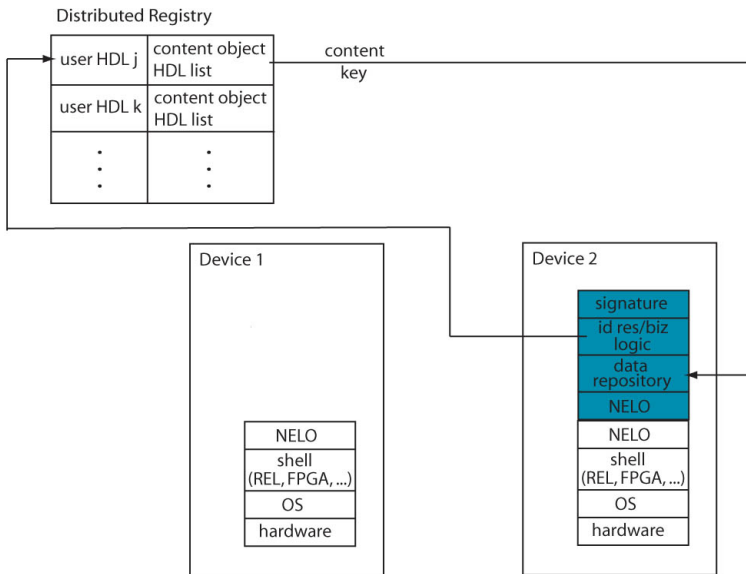
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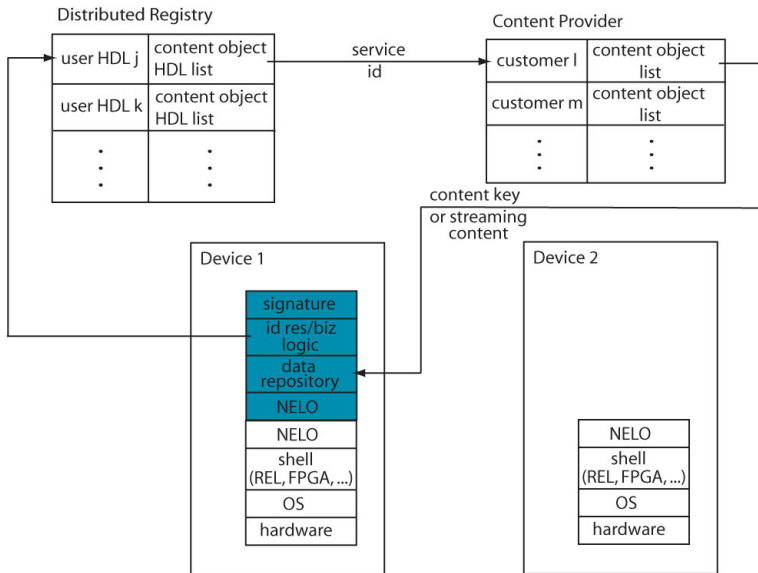
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