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**ANSA Phase III**

## **ANSA Update**

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### **Abstract**

Presentation for ANSAworks 1995

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# ANSA Update

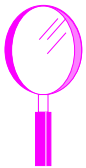
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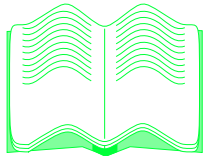
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## Since ANSAworks '94



***New driver - electronic commerce***



***Revised work plan***



***ANSAware/RT***  
***Matchmaking Service Prototype***  
***CORBA-WWW tools***



## This Talk

- *ANSA - a quick reminder*
- *Work programme - vision, objectives, activities*
- *Distributed Interactive Multi-media Architecture*
  - *ANSAware/RT talk on Wednesday*
- *Information Services Architecture*
  - *talk on Objects and WWW on Wednesday*
- *Federation and Repositories*



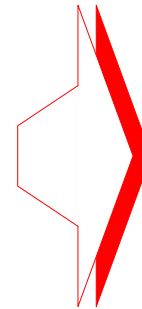
## The Hidden Persuader in Open Systems

# ANSA

Harvest research

Build on current technology  
and open standards

Intercept new requirements



Vision

Architecture

Technology

Standards



## The ANSA Consortium

### ANSA Consortium

Computer vendors  
Telecoms vendors  
Telecoms operators  
Systems integrators  
End users

**SPONSORED  
SHARED  
PROGRAMME**

### Core Team

**Founded in 1985**

Barclays Bellcore BNR  
BT DRA GEC GPT FT HP  
ICL Iona Telefonica

**Research** prototypes  
prototypes animations

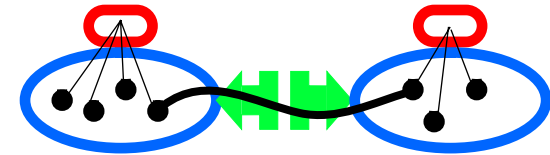
**Technology transfer**  
projects consultancy  
secondment training

**Lead key standards**

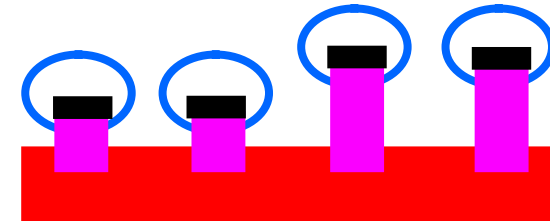


## The ANSA Architecture

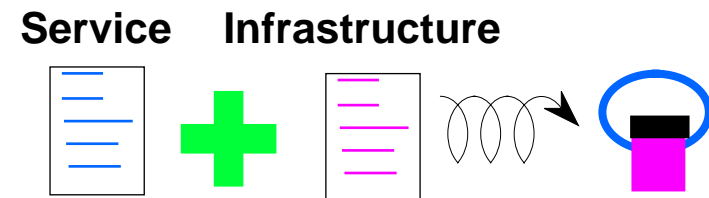
Trading and Federation  
Controlled interoperability



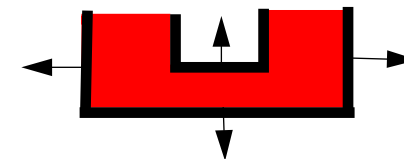
Selective Transparency  
One size does not fit all



Abstract & Automate  
Tools replace APIs

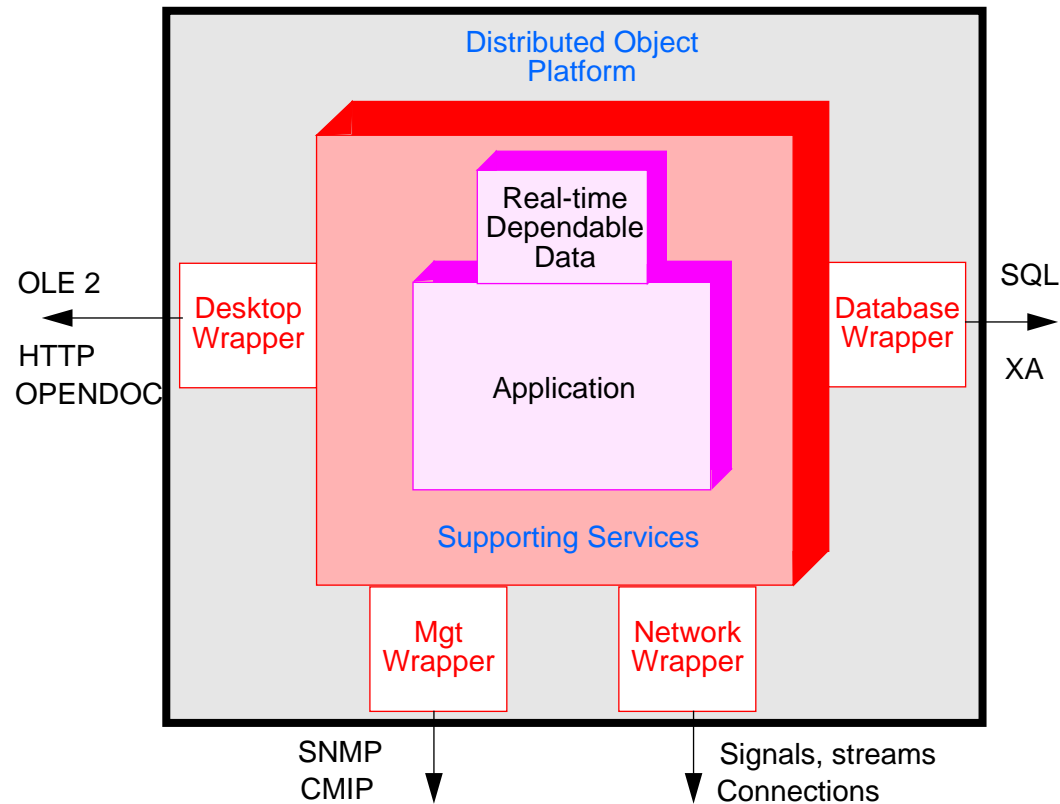


Modular Engineering  
Architected internal interfaces





# Distributed Object Environment for Open Systems



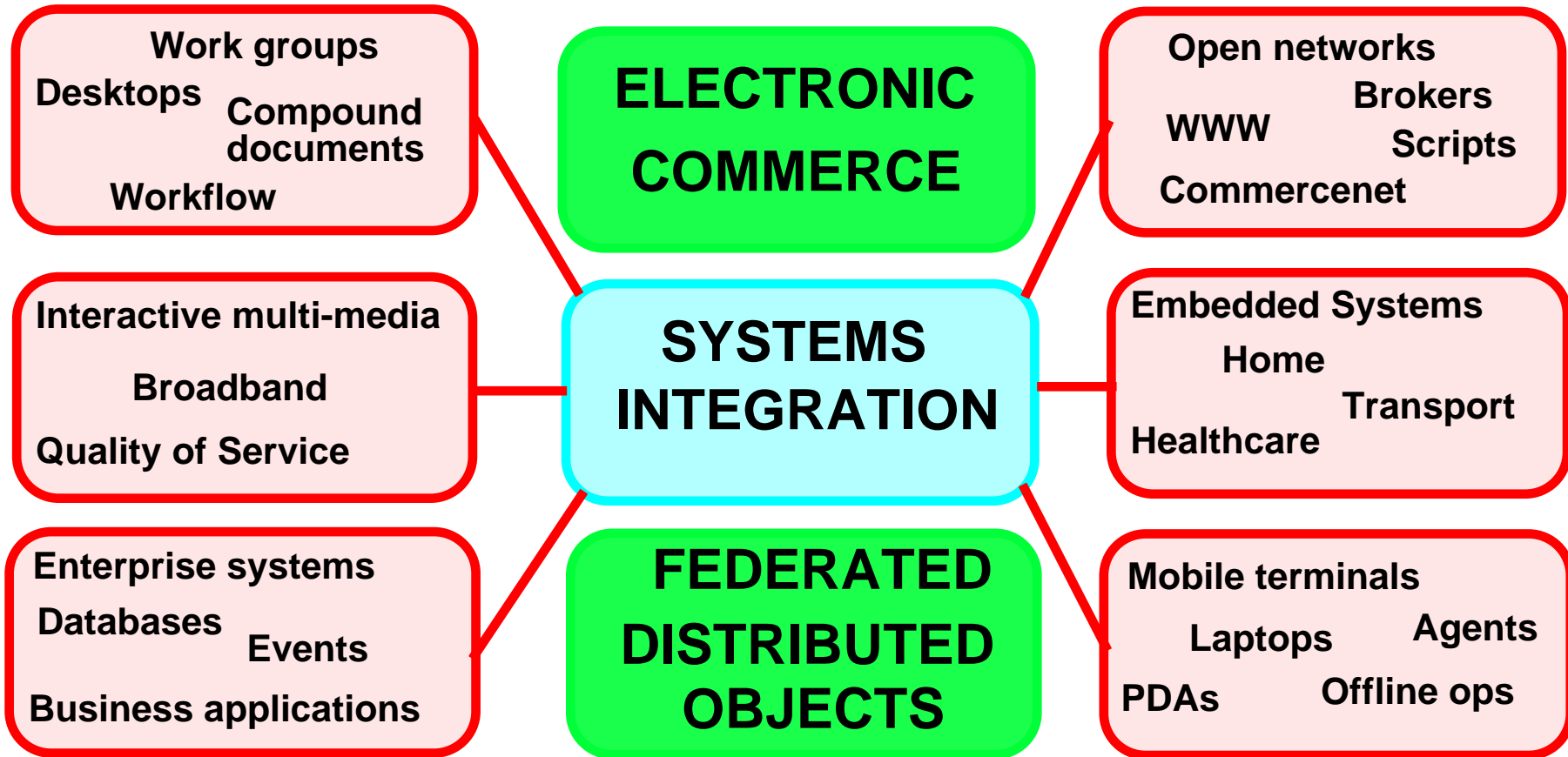
- **Information service system**
- **Business process support system**
- **Systems management system**
- **Interactive multi-media system**



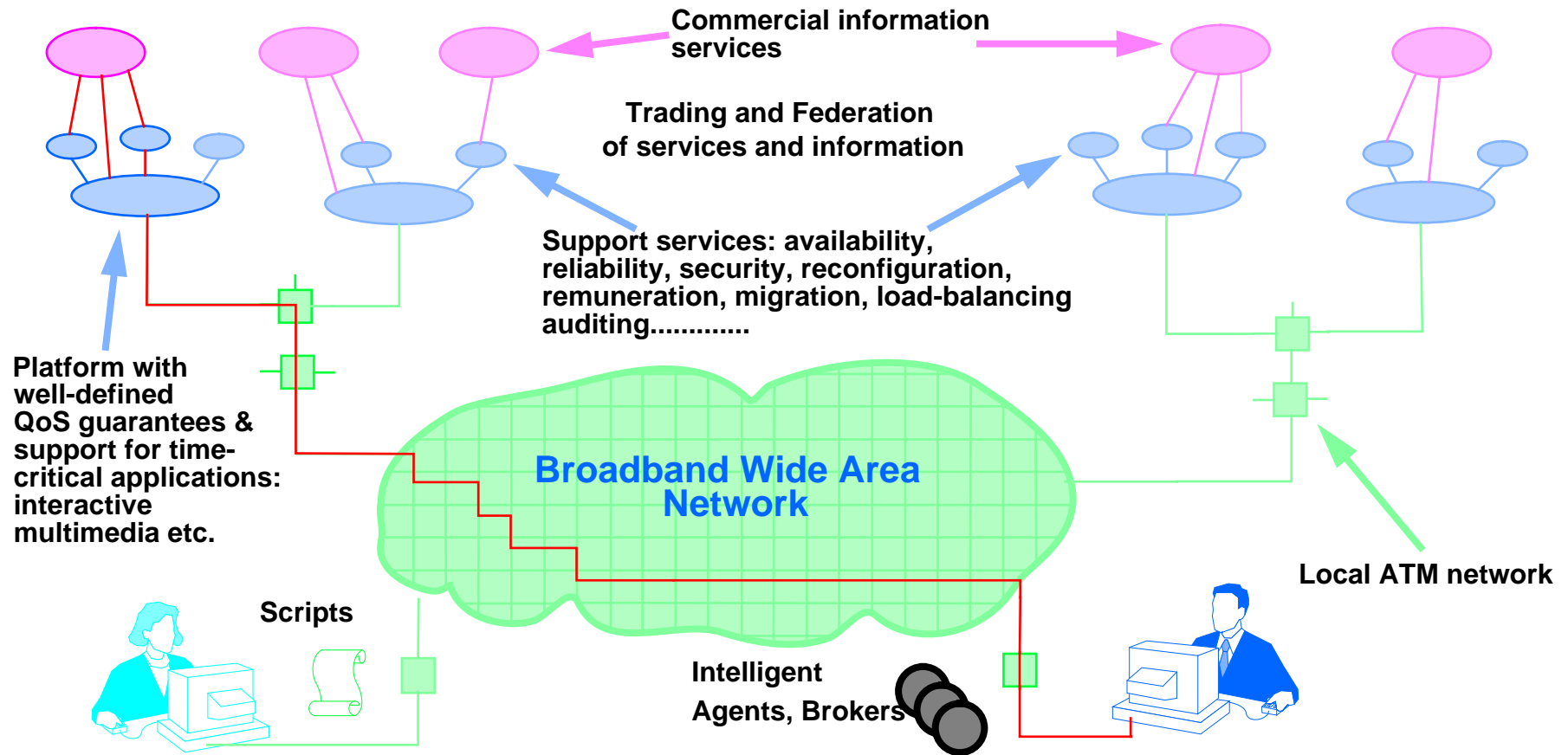
## ANSA Vision 1994-6

- *Business is about to be revolutionized by open, global, networks*
  - *FORESIGHT, Bangemann, NII, CSPP, NRENAISSANCE*
- *Networked computing will be as big an IT revolution as personal computing was in the 80's*
- *Networked computing demands new approaches to systems integration*
  - *convergence of telecoms and computing*
- *Federated distributed objects - ANSA - provide the key*
  - *network linking and embedding*

# The Integration Challenge



# Technology Needs





## New Requirements

**Performance**      **Interactive Multi-media**      **Streams**  
Real-time scheduling      QoS negotiation      **CORBA++**

**Federated naming**      **Open Networks**      Intelligent broking and trading  
Cooperative, autonomous management      Security      **MS NETWORK ++**

**Intelligent information filters and agents**      **Distributed Information**      **OLE/COM++**  
Information servers      Computer assisted business processes

**Down scaling**      **Embedded Systems**      **Events/Signals**  
**Performance**      **Predictability**      **CORBA--**

## 1994-6 Work Plan

**Public electronic  
commerce and  
information services**



**Explore,  
scenarios,  
animations**



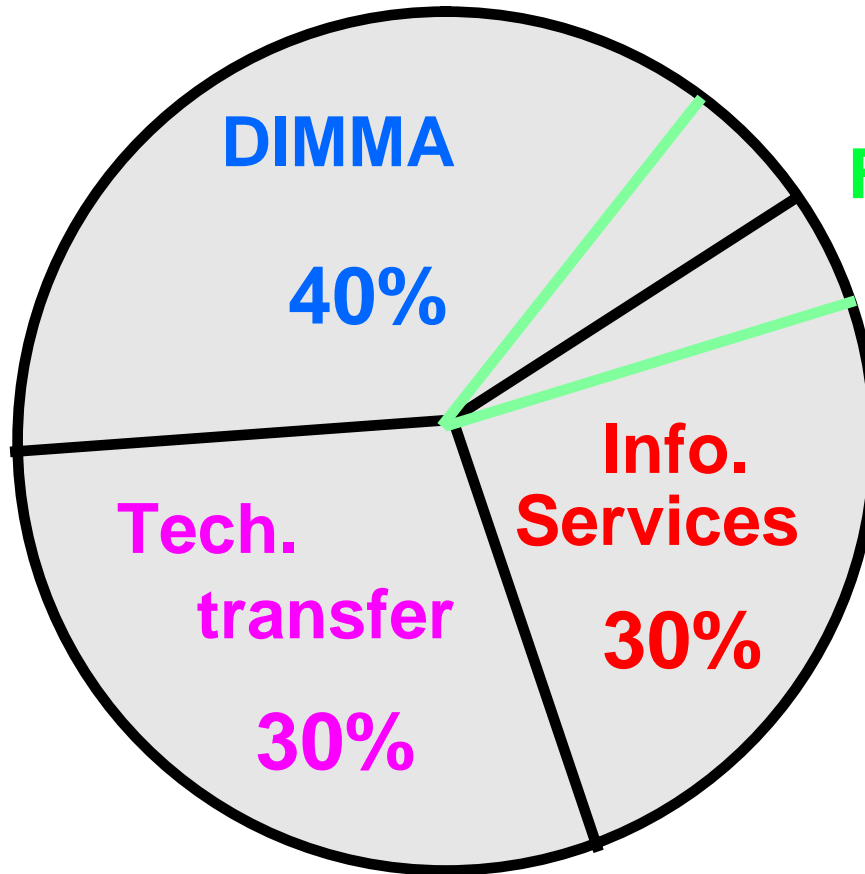
**Distributed control  
and management of  
information networks**



**Prototype,  
extend,  
validate**



## 1994-6 Work packages



**Federation**

**Distributed Interactive  
Multi-media Architecture  
Information Services  
(Federation)**



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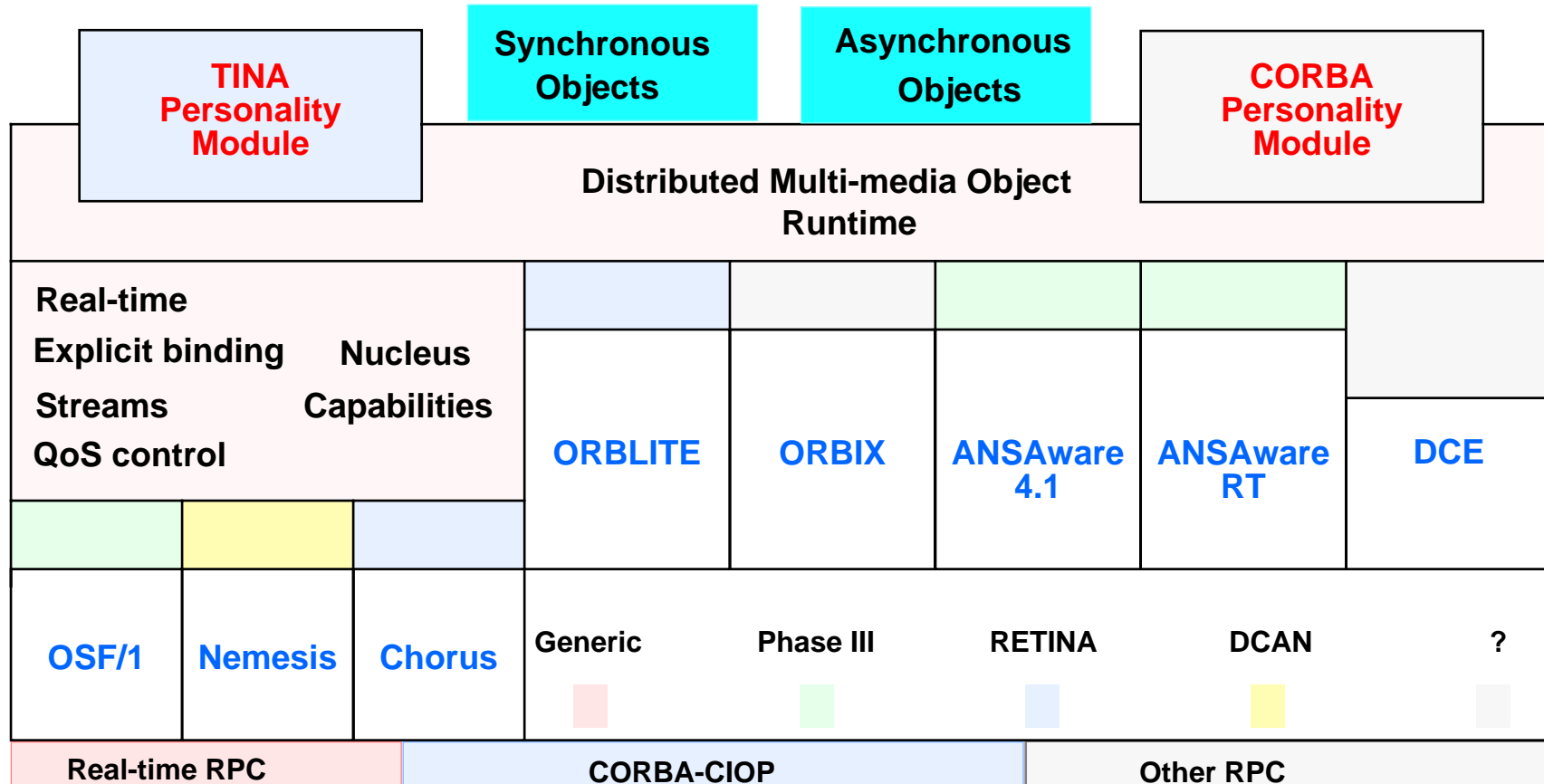
## Distributed Interactive Multi-media Architecture

- *interaction models: client/server (many-to-one) + streams*
- *invocation models: call/reply (RPC) + signals (message passing)*
- *control model: asynchronous + synchronous programming*
- *binding model: implicit + explicit*
- *QoS model: addresses non-functional requirements*
- *scheduling model: resource separation, priority & deadlines*

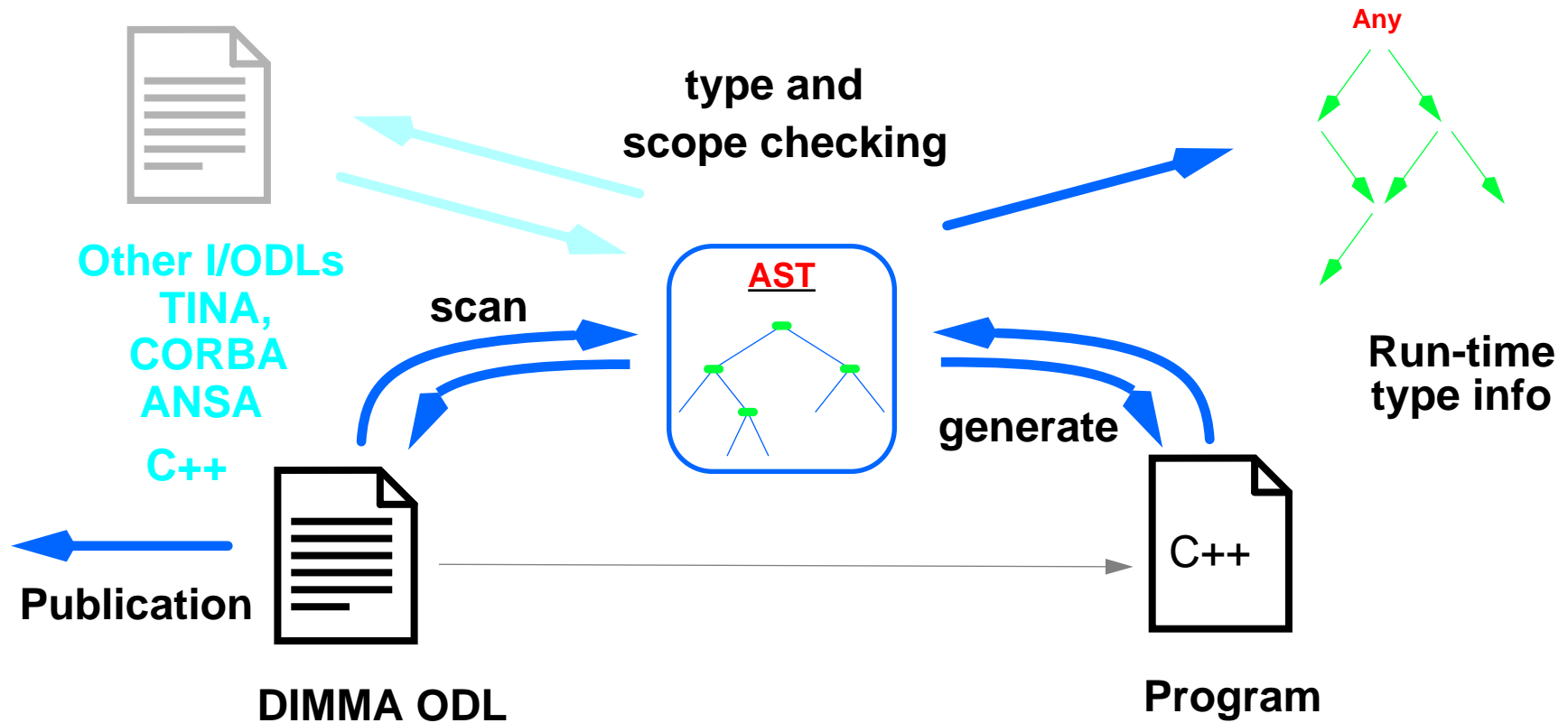




# Implementation Master Plan



# IDL Master Plan

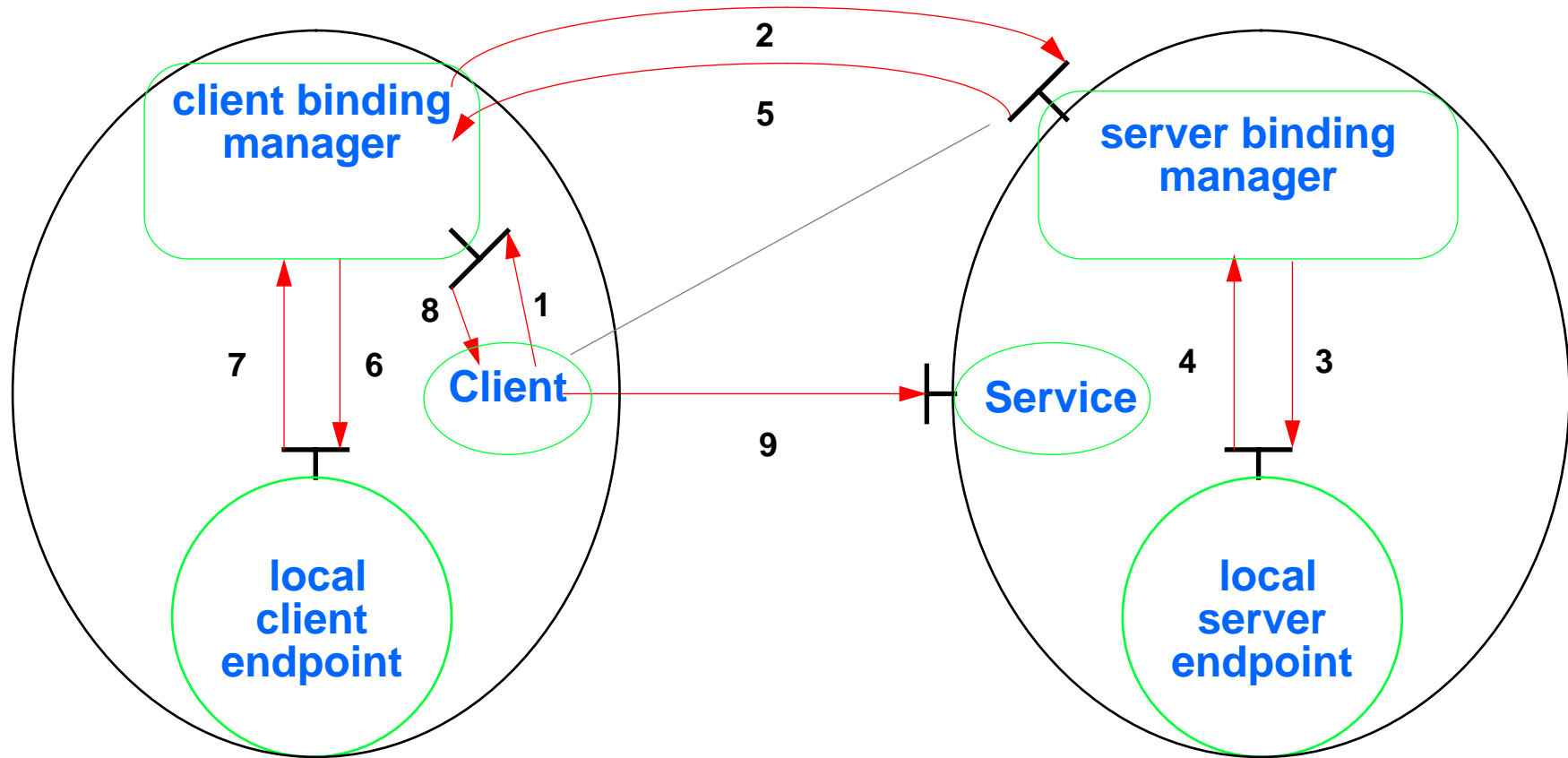


## Streams



- *A stream has a set of flows*
- *A flow has a set of frames (or signals) and a direction*
- *A frame has a name and a set of typed arguments*
- *Streams are typed and can be conformance type checked*
- *Frames are transmitted by non-blocking writes and read by blocking reads*

# Explicit Binding

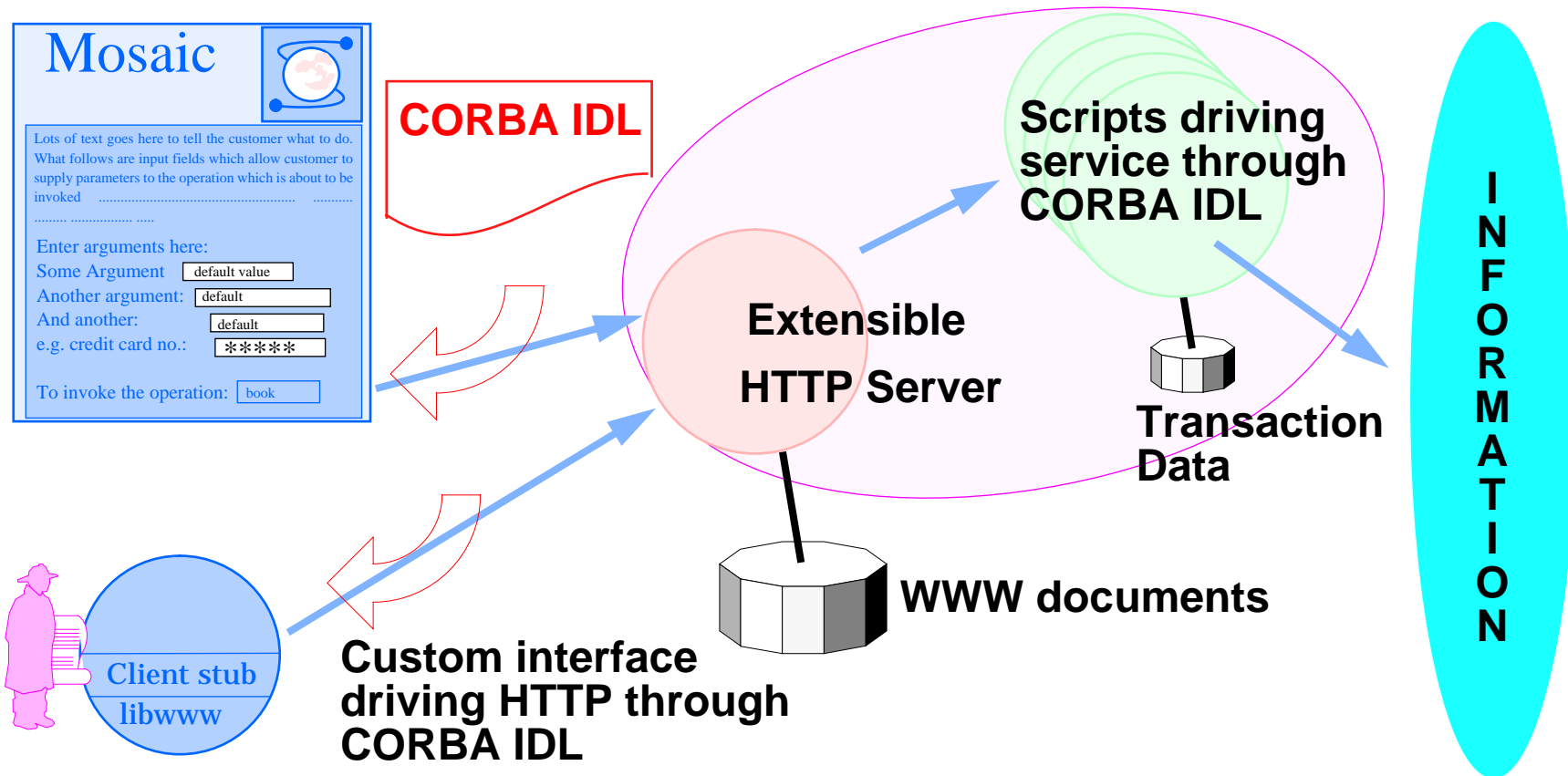




## Information Services

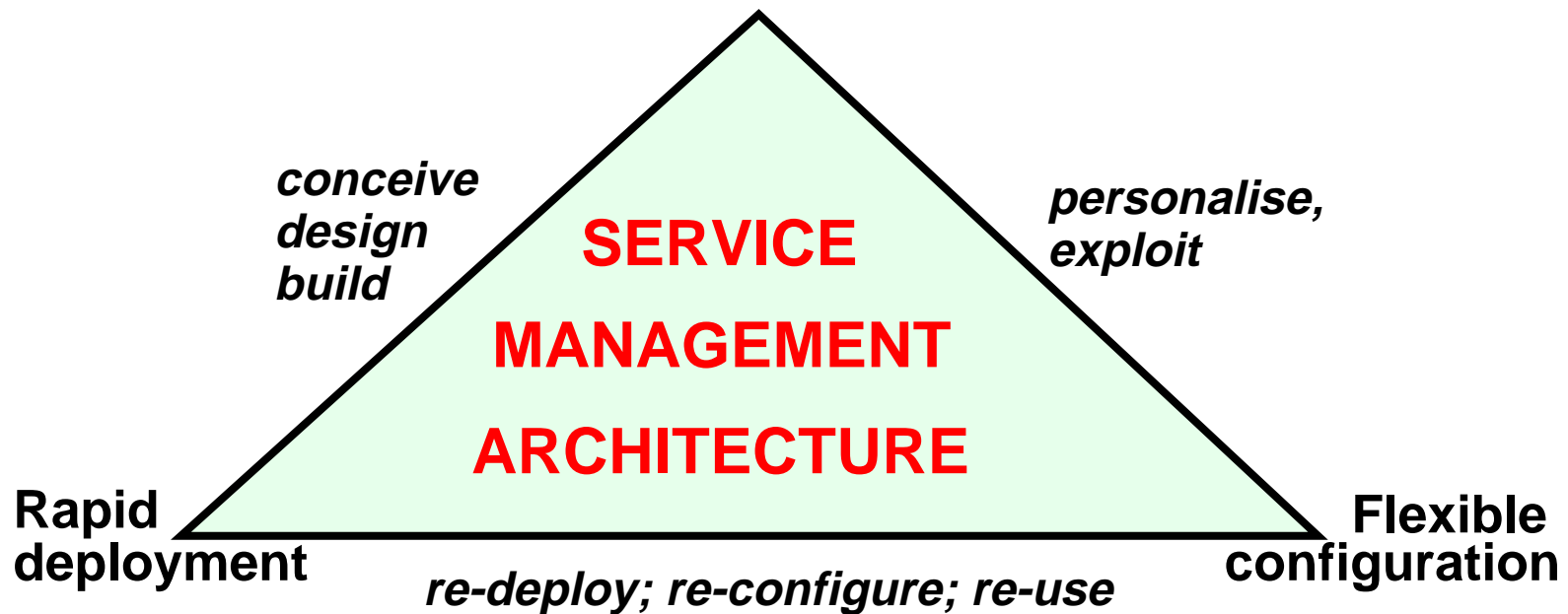
- *WWW is based on viewers, HTTP and libWWW*
- *viewer is a network graphical user interface, not a network operating system*
- *libWWW is monolithic and inextensible*
- *Need an **extensible** interface to add additional services*
- *Need a **programmatic** interface to write network applications (e.g. agents)*

# Information Services - Object Wrapping



## Federation and Repositories

Short market windows

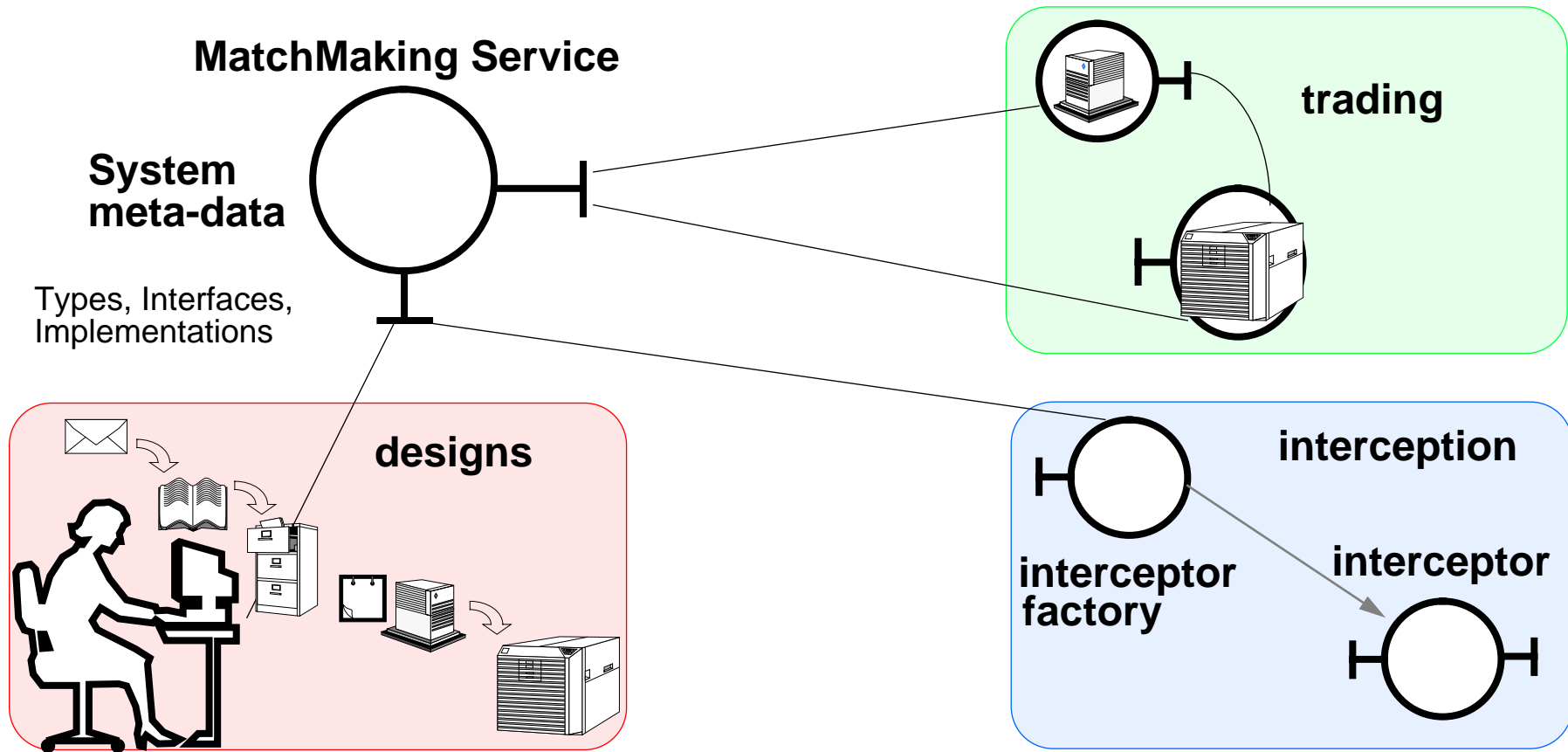


*Systems carry their own model so they can evolve*

*specifications of components are visible from the system*

*implementations of components are available in the system*

# Combined Repository - Matchmaking Service





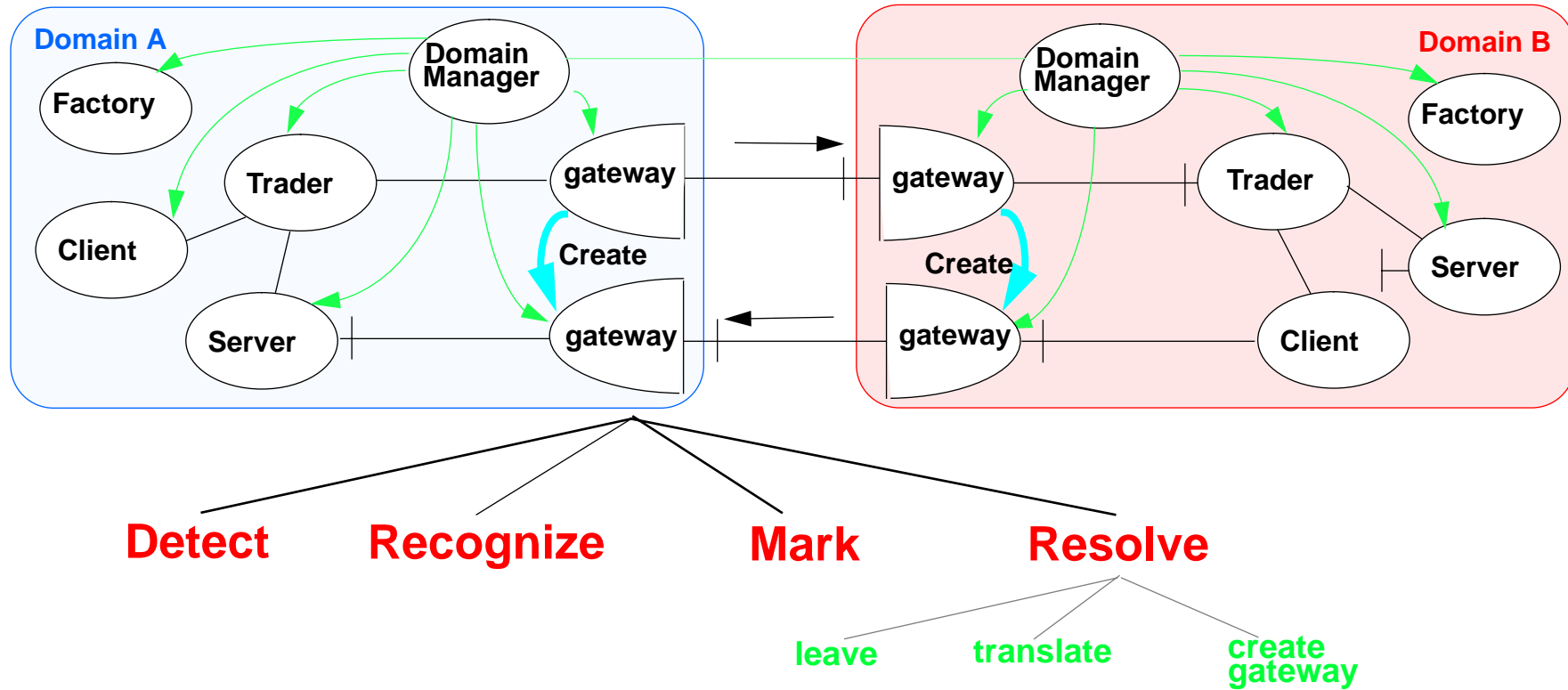


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## Matchmaking Service Prototype

- *Implementation environment: Orbix + Allbase (CORBA + SQL)*
- *Support fairly complex data types for properties, with fair extensibility*
- *“Register” property names and associated data types*
  - *property profile sets for scaling*
- *Provide SQL query facility*
  - *essentially gives matching criteria for complex property types*
  - *essentially allows retrieval of portions of complex properties*
- *Support ODP “Export policy controller”*

# Federation - Interception





## ANSA & STANDARDS

- **ISO/ITU ODP**
  - now an international standard
  - ODP components - fast-track OMG standards - by helping sponsors
  - new work items (binding, transparency) - contributing, lead by sponsors
- **OMG**
  - achieved a good result on interoperability
  - watch for other opportunities to contribute (e.g. WWW interface, multi-media)
- **WWW**
  - create visible presence (by making prototypes available)
  - joined W3O