The Bro Monitoring Platform

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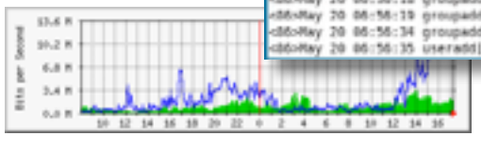

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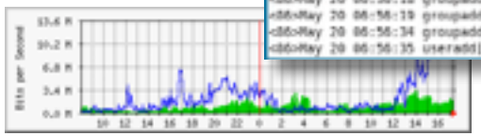

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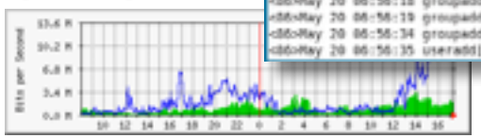

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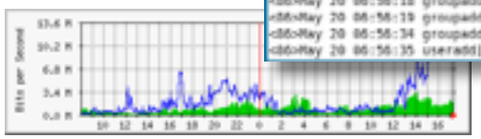

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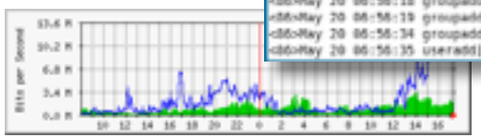

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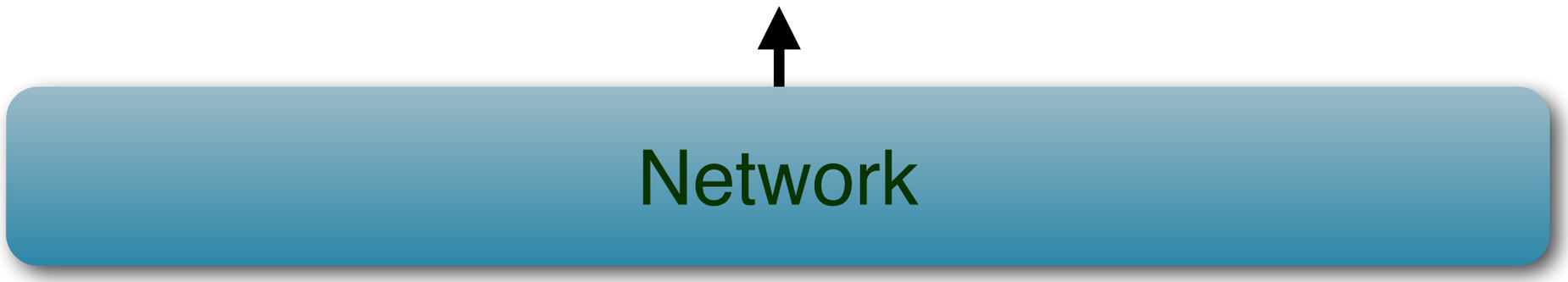

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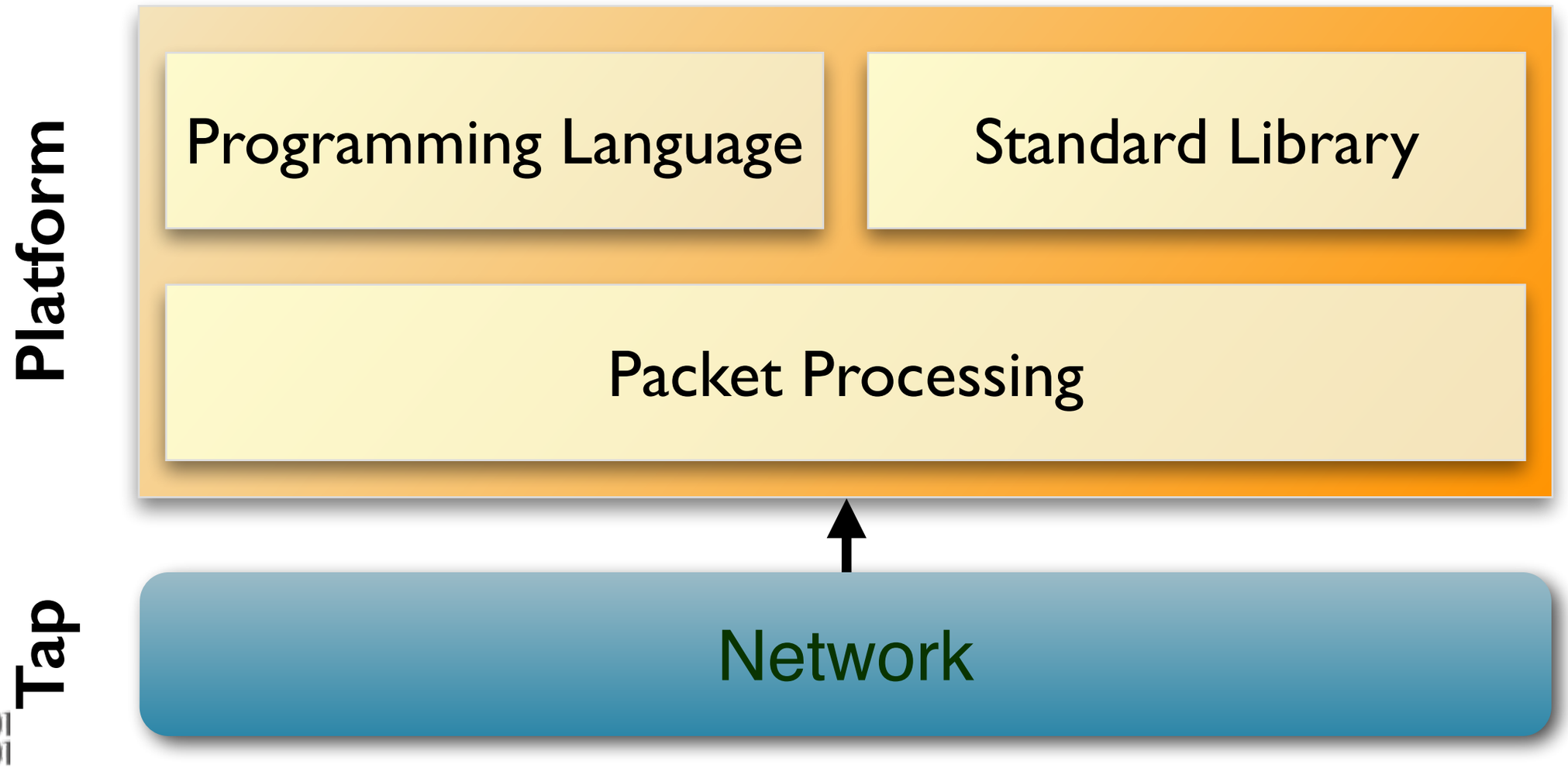

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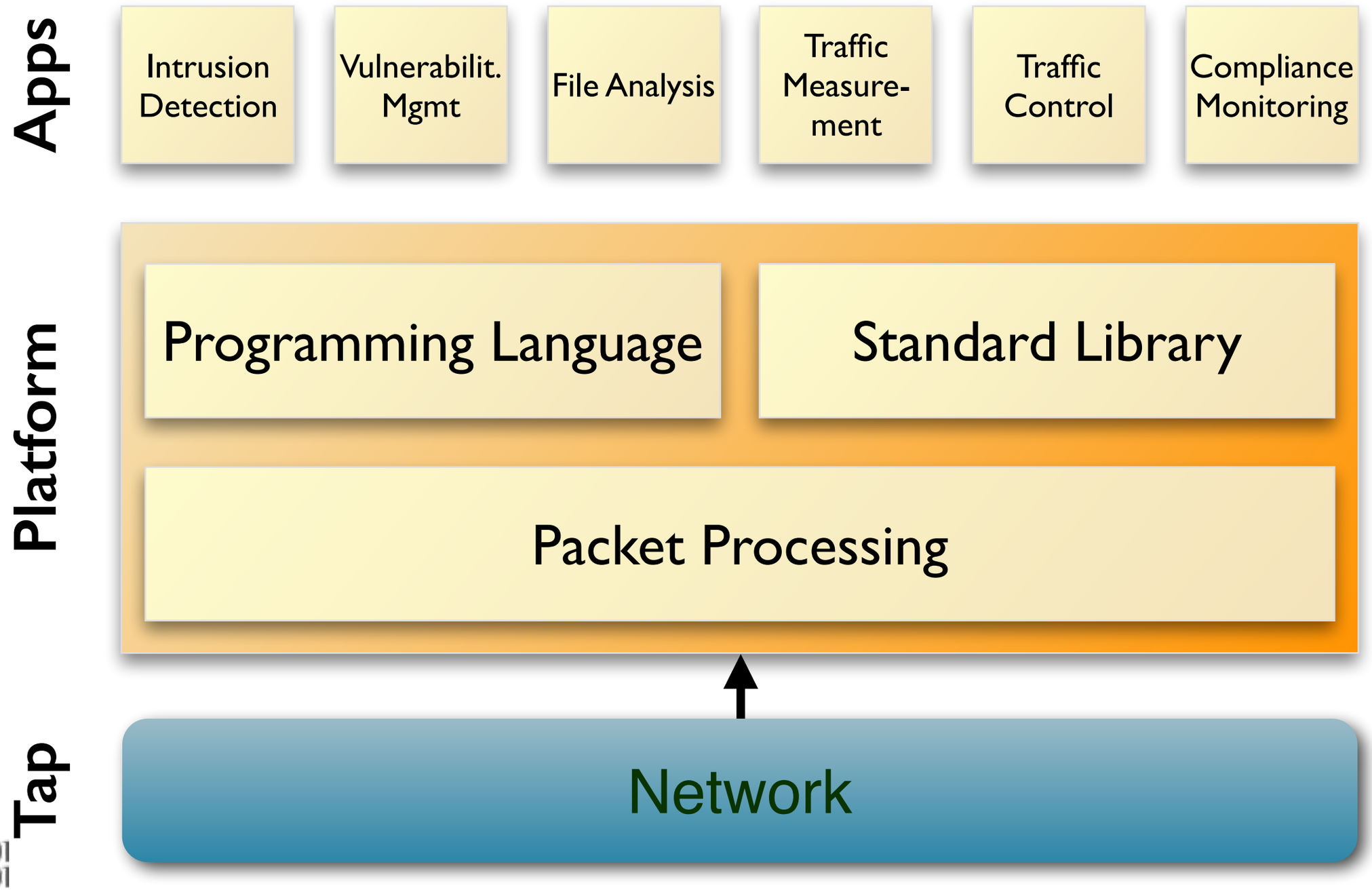

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Open Source
BSD License

Apps

- Intrusion Detection
- Vulnerabilit. Mgmt
- File Analysis
- Traffic Measure-ment
- Traffic Control
- Compliance Monitoring

Platform

- Programming Language
- Standard Library
- Packet Processing

Tap

- Network

"Who's Using It?"

Installations across the US

Universities
Research Labs
Supercomputing Centers
Government Organizations
Fortune 50 Enterprises

Examples

Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
National Center for Supercomputing Applications
Indiana University
Carnegie Mellon
National Center for Atmospheric Research

... and many more sites I can't talk about.

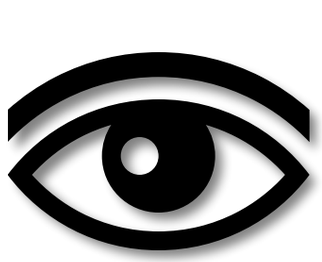
Fully integrated into *Security Onion*

Popular security-oriented Linux distribution

Community

50/90/150 attendees at BroCon '12/'13/'14
60 organizations at BroCon '14
2,500 Twitter followers
800 mailing list subscribers
70 users average on IRC channel
10,000 downloads / version
from 150 countries
> 30,000 Onion downloads ('12)

"What Can It Do?"



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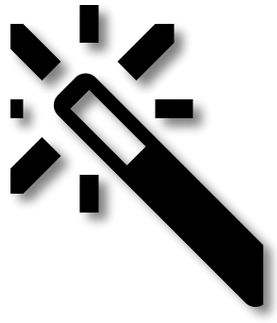

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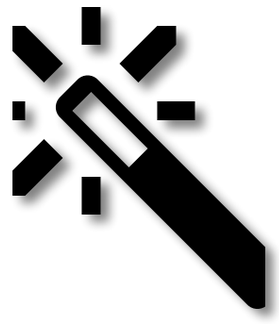

Custom Logic

"Network Ground Truth"

Bro Logs

```
> bro -i eth0
[ … wait … ]
```

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[ … wait … ]
> ls *.log
app_stats.log          irc.log                socks.log
communication.log      known_certs.log        software.log
conn.log               known_hosts.log        ssh.log
dhcp.log               known_services.log     ssl.log
dns.log                modbus.log             syslog.log
dpd.log                notice.log             traceroute.log
files.log              reporter.log           tunnel.log
ftp.log                signatures.log         weird.log
http.log               smtp.log
```

Bro Logs

```
> bro -i eth0
[ … wait … ]
> cat conn.log
#separator \x09
#set_separator  ,
#empty_field    (empty)
#unset_field    -
#path   conn
#open   2013-04-28-23-47-26
#fields ts          uid             id.orig_h       id.orig_p  id.resp_h       […]
#types  time        string          addr            port       addr            […]
1258531221.486539   arKYeMETxOg     192.168.1.102   68         192.168.1.1     […]
1258531680.237254   nQcgTWjvg4c     192.168.1.103   37         192.168.1.255   […]
1258531693.816224   j4u32Pc5bif     192.168.1.102   37         192.168.1.255   […]
1258531635.800933   k6kgXLOoSKl     192.168.1.103   138        192.168.1.255   […]
1258531693.825212   TEfuqmmG4bh     192.168.1.102   138        192.168.1.255   […]
1258531803.872834   5OKnoww6xl4     192.168.1.104   137        192.168.1.255   […]
1258531747.077012   FrJExwHcSal     192.168.1.104   138        192.168.1.255   […]
1258531924.321413   3PKsZ2Uye21     192.168.1.103   68         192.168.1.1     […]
[…]
```

Connections Logs

conn.log

ts	**1393099191.817686**	Timestamp
uid	**Cy3S2U2sbarorQgmw6a**	Unique ID
id.orig_h	**177.22.211.144**	Originator IP
id.orig_p	**43618**	Originator Port
id.resp_h	**115.25.19.26**	Responder IP
id.resp_p	**25**	Responder Port
proto	**tcp**	IP Protocol
service	**smtp**	App-layer Protocol
duration	**1.414936**	Duration
orig_bytes	**9068**	Bytes by Originator
resp_bytes	**4450**	Bytes by Responder
conn_state	**SF**	TCP state
local_orig	**T**	Local Originator?
missed_bytes	**0**	Gaps
history	**ShAdDaFf**	State History
tunnel_parents	**(empty)**	Outer Tunnels

HTTP

http.log

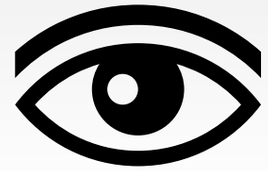
ts	1393099291.589208
uid	CKFUW73bIADw0r9pl
id.orig_h	17.22.7.4
id.orig_p	54352
id.resp_h	24.26.13.36
id.resp_p	80
method	POST
host	com-services.pandonetworks.com
uri	/soapservices/services/SessionStart
referrer	-
user_agent	Mozilla/4.0 (Windows; U) Pando/2.6.0.8
status_code	200
username	anonymous
password	-
orig_mime_types	application/xml
resp_mime_types	application/xml

SSL

ssl.log

ts	1392805957.927087
uid	CEA05l2D7k0BD9Dda2
id.orig_h	2a07:f2c0:90:402:41e:c13:6cb:99c
id.orig_p	40475
id.resp_h	2406:fe60:f47::aaeb:98c
id.resp_p	443
version	TLSv10
cipher	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
server_name	www.netflix.com
subject	CN=www.netflix.com,OU=Operations, O=Netflix, Inc.,L=Los Gatos, ST=CALIFORNIA,C=US
issuer_subject	CN=VeriSign Class 3 Secure Server CA, OU=VeriSign Trust Network,O=VeriSign, C=US
not_valid_before	1389859200.000000
not_valid_after	1452931199.000000
client_subject	-
client_issuer_subject	-
cert_hash	197cab7c6c92a0b9ac5f37cfb0699268
validation_status	ok

Syslog & DHCP



syslog.log

ts	1392796803.311801
uid	CnYivt3ZONHOuBALR8
id.orig_h	12.3.8.161
id.orig_p	514
id.resp_h	16.74.12.24
id.resp_p	514
proto	udp
facility	AUTHPRIV
severity	INFO
message	sshd[13825]: Accepted publickey for harvest from xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx

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dhcp.log

ts	1392796962.091566
uid	Ci3RM24iF4vIYRGHc3
id.orig_h	10.129.5.11
id.resp_h	10.129.5.1
mac	04:12:38:65:fa:68
assigned_ip	10.129.5.11
lease_time	14400.000000

Files

files.log

ts	1392797643.447056
fuid	FnungQ3TI19GahPJP2
tx_hosts	191.168.187.33
rx_hosts	10.1.29.110
conn_uids	CbDgik2fjeKL5qzn55
source	SMTP
analyzers	SHA1,MD5
mime_type	application/x-dosexec
filename	Letter.exe
duration	5.320822
local_orig	T
seen_bytes	39508
md5	93f7f5e7a2096927e06e[…]1085bfcfb
sha1	daed94a5662a920041be[…]a433e501646ef6a03
extracted	-

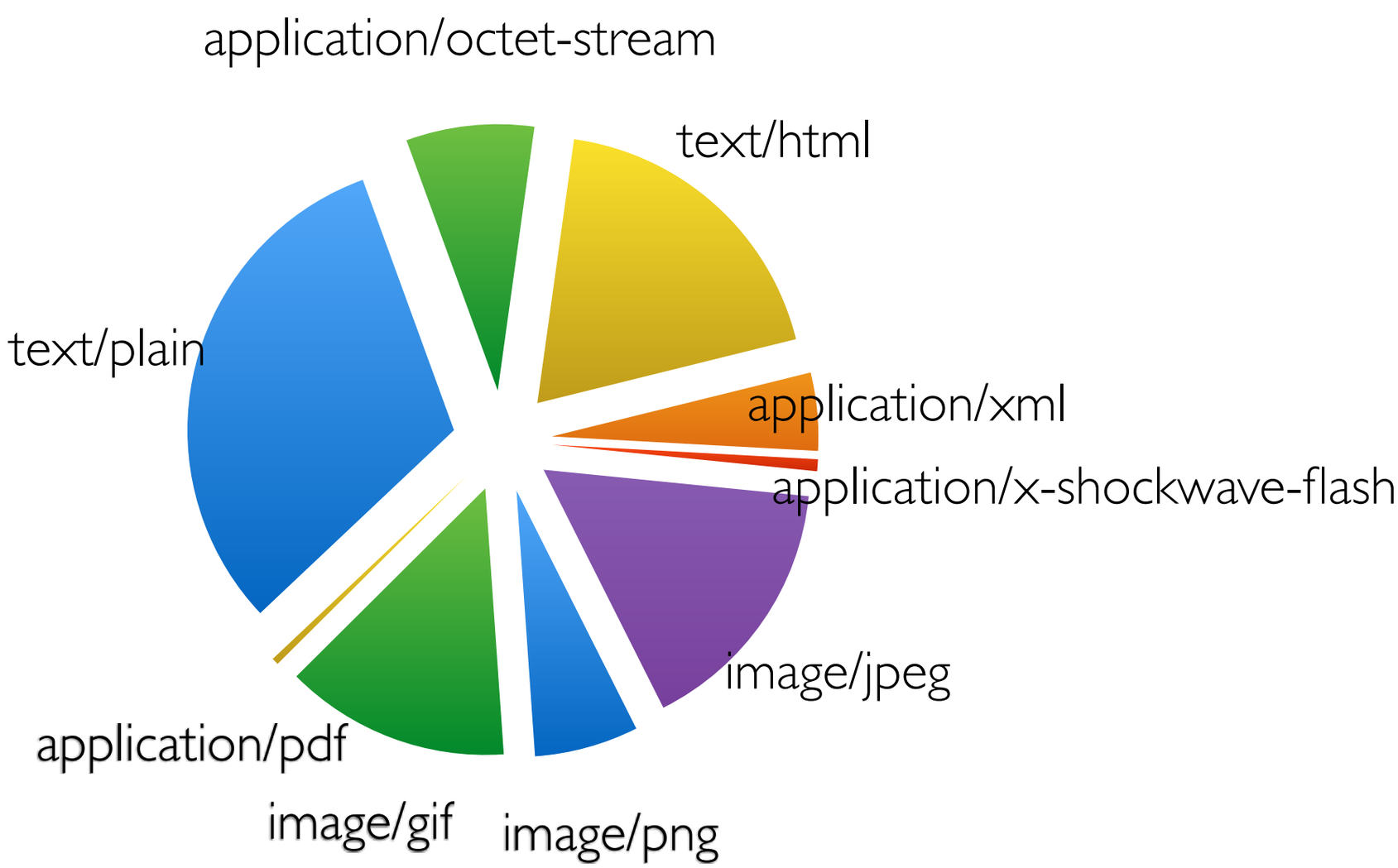
Software

software.log

ts	1392796839.675867
host	10.209.100.2
host_p	-
software_type	HTTP::BROWSER
name	DropboxDesktopClient
version.major	2
version.minor	4
version.minor2	11
version.minor3	-
version.addl	Windows
unparsed_version	DropboxDesktopClient/2.4.11 (Windows; 8; i32; en_US; Trooper 5694-2047-1832-6291-8315)

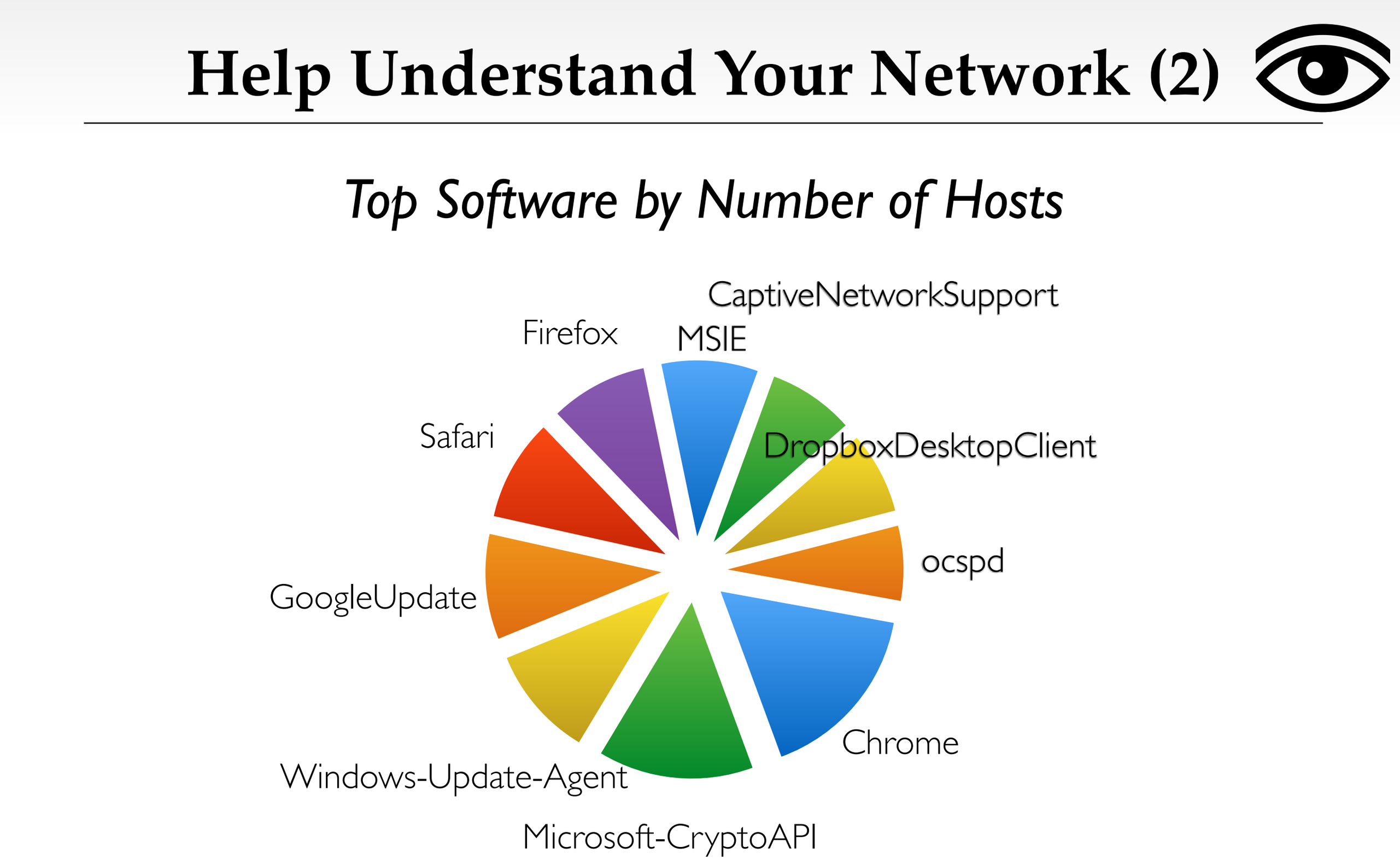
Help Understand Your Network

Top File Types




```
cat files.log | bro-cut mime_type | sort | uniq -c | sort -rn
```

Help Understand Your Network (2)



Top Software by Number of Hosts


```
cat software.log  | bro-cut host name | sort | uniq |
 awk -F '\t' '{print $2}' | sort | uniq -c | sort -rn
```

"What Can It Do?"

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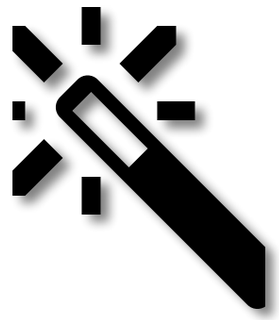
Alerts



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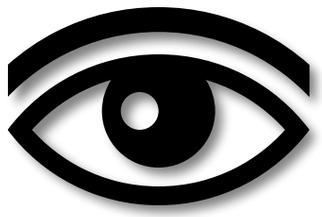

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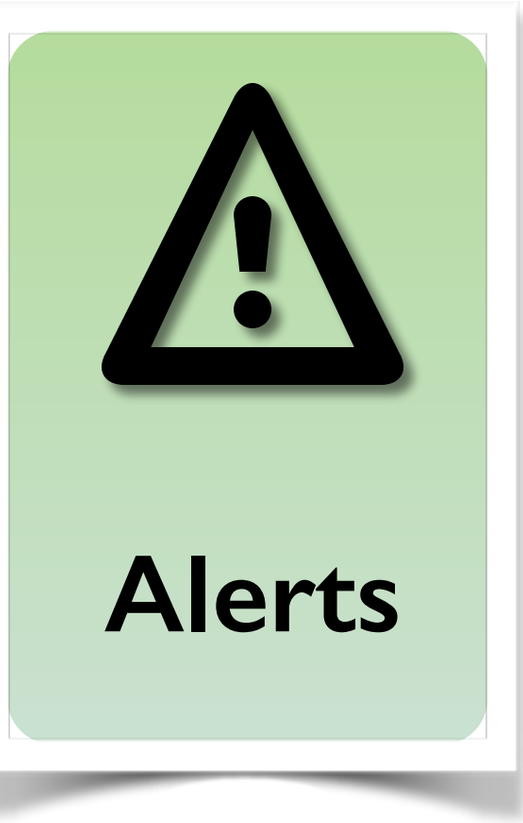
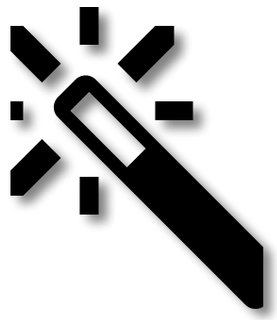


Alerts

"Watch this!"

Recorded in notice.log.
Can trigger actions.



Custom Logic

Alerts in Bro 2.2

```
CaptureLoss::Too_Much_Loss
Conn::Ack_Above_Hole
Conn::Content_Gap
Conn::Retransmission_Inconsistency
DNS::External_Name
FTP::Bruteforcing
FTP::Site_Exec_Success
HTTP::SQL_Injection_Attacker
HTTP::SQL_Injection_Victim
Intel::Notice
PacketFilter::Dropped_Packets
ProtocolDetector::Protocol_Found
ProtocolDetector::Server_Found
SMTP::Blocklist_Blocked_Host
SMTP::Blocklist_Error_Message
SMTP::Suspicious_Origination
SSH::Interesting_Hostname_Login
SSH::Login_By_Password_Guesser
SSH::Password_Guessing
SSH::Watched_Country_Login
SSL::Certificate_Expired
SSL::Certificate_Expires_Soon
SSL::Certificate_Not_Valid_Yet
SSL::Invalid_Server_Cert
Scan::Address_Scan
Scan::Port_Scan
Signatures::Count_Signature
Signatures::Multiple_Sig_Responders
Signatures::Multiple_Signatures
Signatures::Sensitive_Signature
Software::Software_Version_Change
Software::Vulnerable_Version
TeamCymruMalwareHashRegistry::Match
Traceroute::Detected
Weird::Activity
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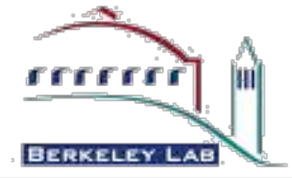

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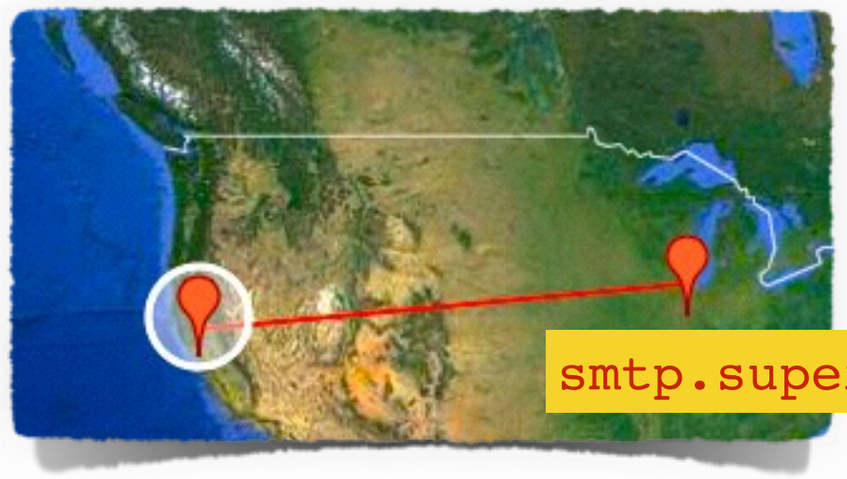

`SSH::Interesting_Hostname_Login`

Login from an unusual host name.

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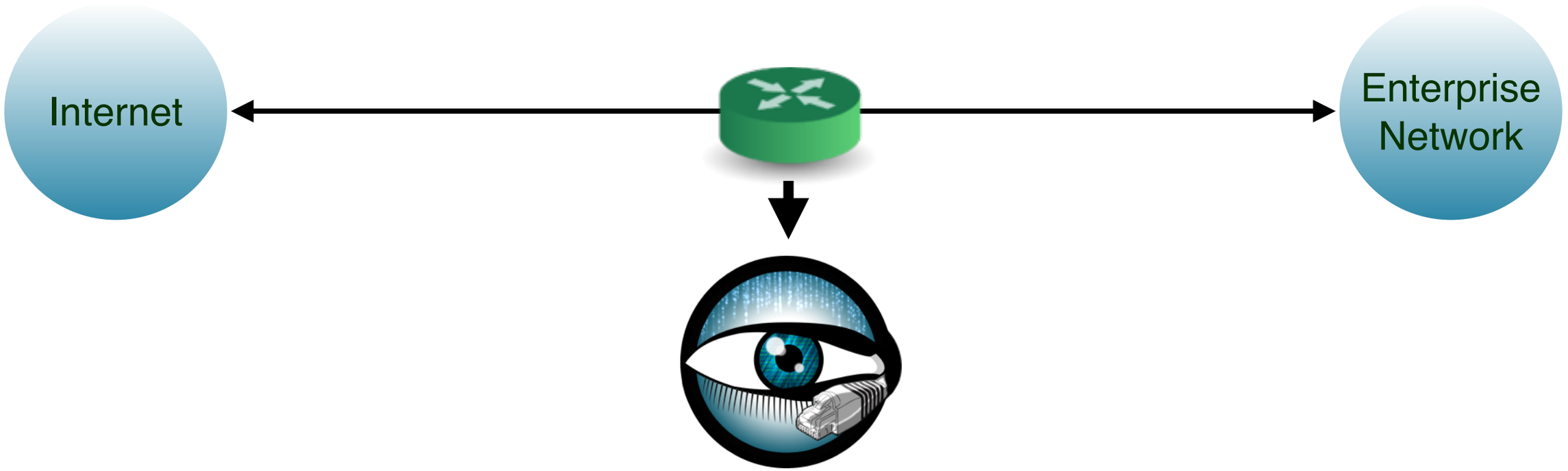

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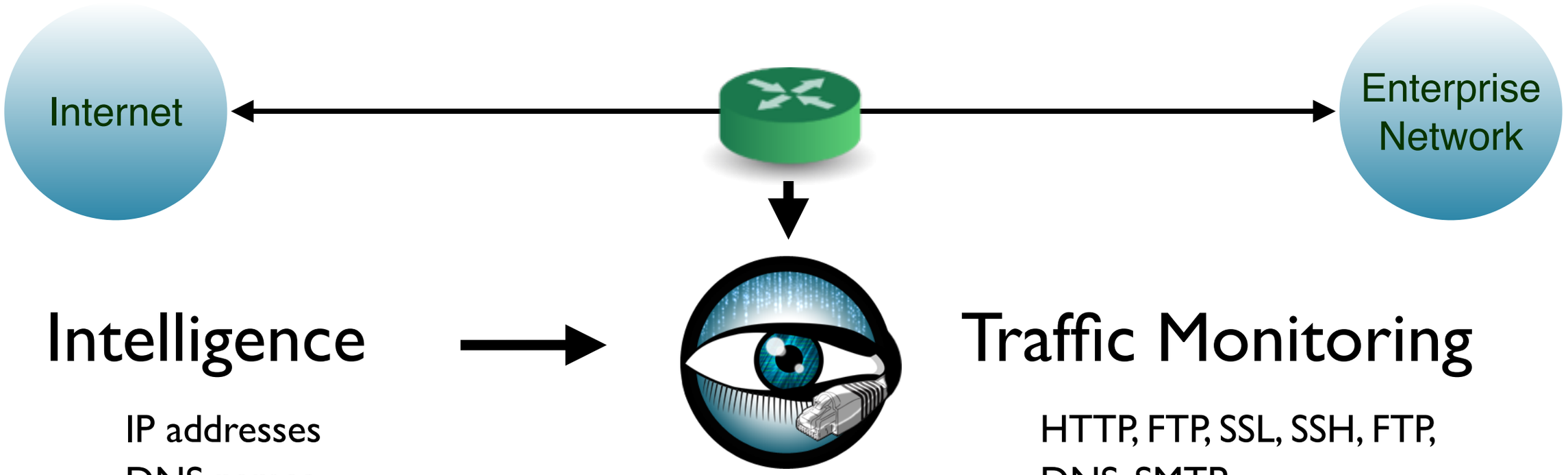

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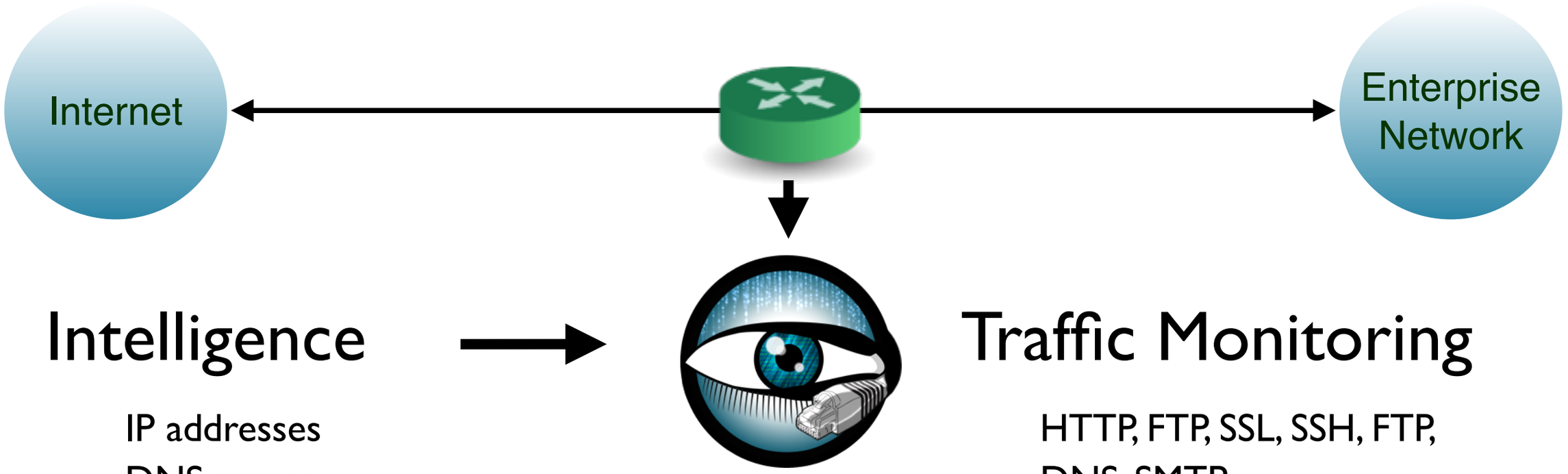

Intelligence

IP addresses
DNS names
URLs
File hashes

Feeds

CIF
JC3
Spamhaus
Custom/Proprietary

Traffic Monitoring

HTTP, FTP, SSL, SSH, FTP,
DNS, SMTP, …

ts	**1258565309.806483**
uid	**CAK677xaOmi66X4Th**
id.orig_h	**192.168.1.103**
id.resp_h	**192.168.1.1**
note	**Intel::Notice**
indicator	**baddomain.com**
indicator_type	**Intel::DOMAIN**
where	**HTTP::IN_HOST_HEADER**
source	**My-Private-Feed**

notice.log

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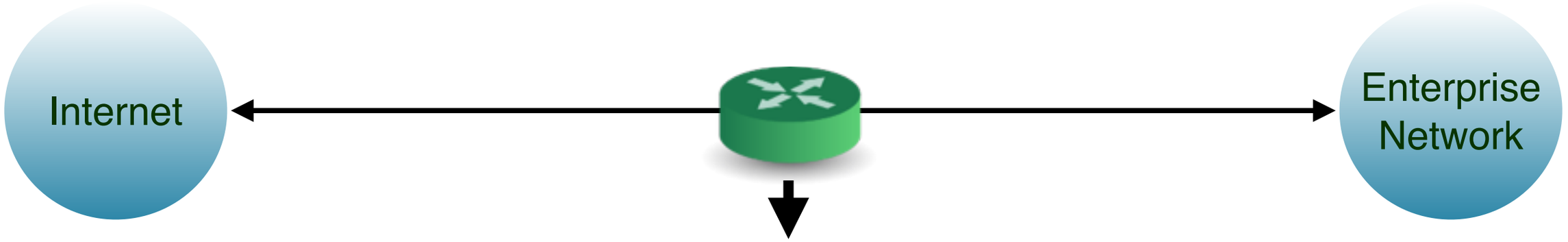


```
Conn::IN_ORIG
Conn::IN_RESP
Files::IN_HASH
Files::IN_NAME
DNS::IN_REQUEST
DNS::IN_RESPONSE
HTTP::IN_HOST_HEADER
HTTP::IN_REFERRER_HEADER
HTTP::IN_USER_AGENT_HEADER
HTTP::IN_X_FORWARDED_FOR_HEADER
HTTP::IN_URL
SMTP::IN_MAIL_FROM
SMTP::IN_RCPT_TO
SMTP::IN_FROM
SMTP::IN_TO
SMTP::IN_RECEIVED_HEADER
SMTP::IN_REPLY_TO
SMTP::IN_X_ORIGINATING_IP_HEADER
SMTP::IN_MESSAGE
SSL::IN_SERVER_CERT
SSL::IN_CLIENT_CERT
SSL::IN_SERVER_NAME
SMTP::IN_HEADER
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Traffic Monitoring

HTTP, FTP, SSL, SSH, FTP,
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```
# cat files.log | bro-cut mime_type sha1 | awk '$1 ~ /x-dosexec/‘
application/x-dosexec   5fd2f37735953427e2f6c593d6ec7ae882c9ab54
application/x-dosexec   00c69013d34601c2174b72c9249a0063959da93a
application/x-dosexec   0d801726d49377bfe989dcca7753a62549f1ddda
[…]
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[…]
```

```
# dig +short 733a48a9cb4[…]2a91e8d00.malware.hash.cymru.com TXT
"1221154281 53"
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notice.log

ts	**1392423980.736470**	Timestamp
uid	**CjKeSB45xaOmiIo4Th**	Connection ID
id.orig_h	**10.2.55.3**	Originator IP
id.resp_h	**192.168.34.12**	Responder IP
fuid	**FEGVbAgcArRQ49347**	File ID
mime_type	**application/jar**	MIME type
description	**http://app.looking3g.com/[…]**	Source URL Bro saw
note	**TeamCymruMalwareHashRegistry::Match**	Notice Type
msg	**2013-09-14 22:06:51 / 20%**	MHR reply
sub	**https://www.virustotal.com/[…]**	VirusTotal URL

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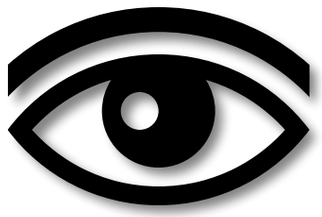

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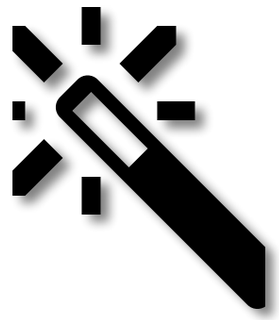
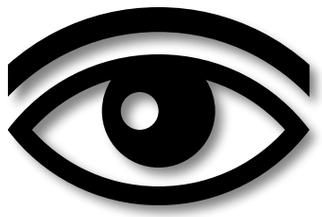


Custom Logic

"What Can It Do?"



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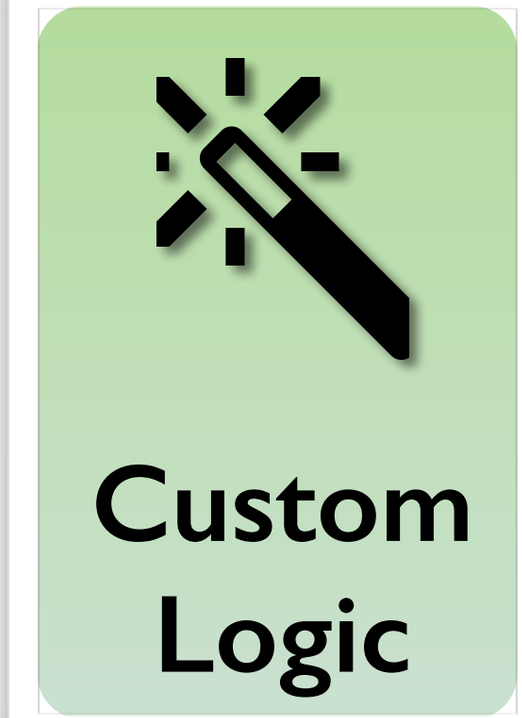

"Don't ask what Bro can do.
*Ask what **you want** it to do."*

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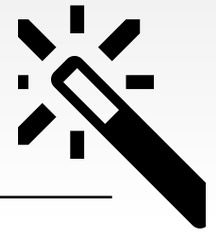

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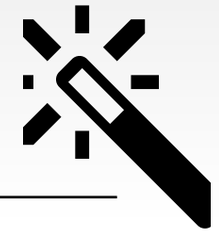

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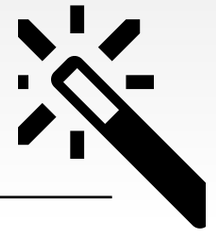
```
event http_request(c: connection,          # Connection.
                   method: string,         # HTTP method.
                   original_URI: string,   # Requested URL.
                   unescaped_URI: string, # Decoded URL.
                   version: string)        # HTTP version.
{
    if ( method == "GET" && unescaped_URI == /.*passwd/ )
        NOTICE(...); # Alarm.
}
```

Script Example: Scan Detector



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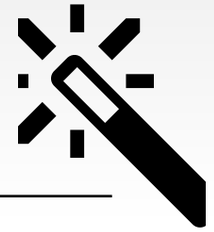


Task: Count failed connection attempts per source address.

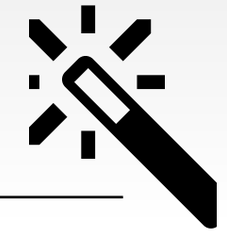
```
global attempts: table[addr] of count &default=0;

event connection_rejected(c: connection)
{
    local source = c$id$orig_h;      # Get source address.

    local n = ++attempts[source];    # Increase counter.

    if ( n == SOME_THRESHOLD )       # Check for threshold.
        NOTICE(...);                 # Alarm.
}
```

Scripts are Bro's "Magic Ingredient"



Bro comes with >10,000 lines of script code.

Prewritten functionality that's just loaded.

Scripts generate everything we have seen.

Amendable to extensive customization and extension.

Growing community writing 3rd party scripts.

Bro could report Mandiant's APT1 indicators within a day.

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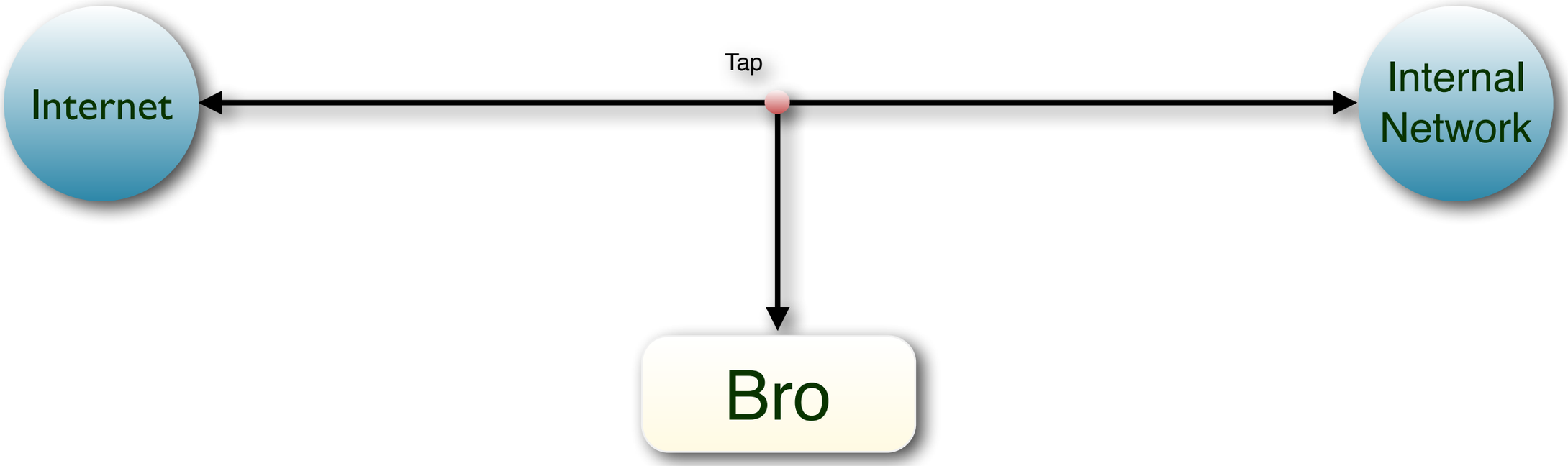

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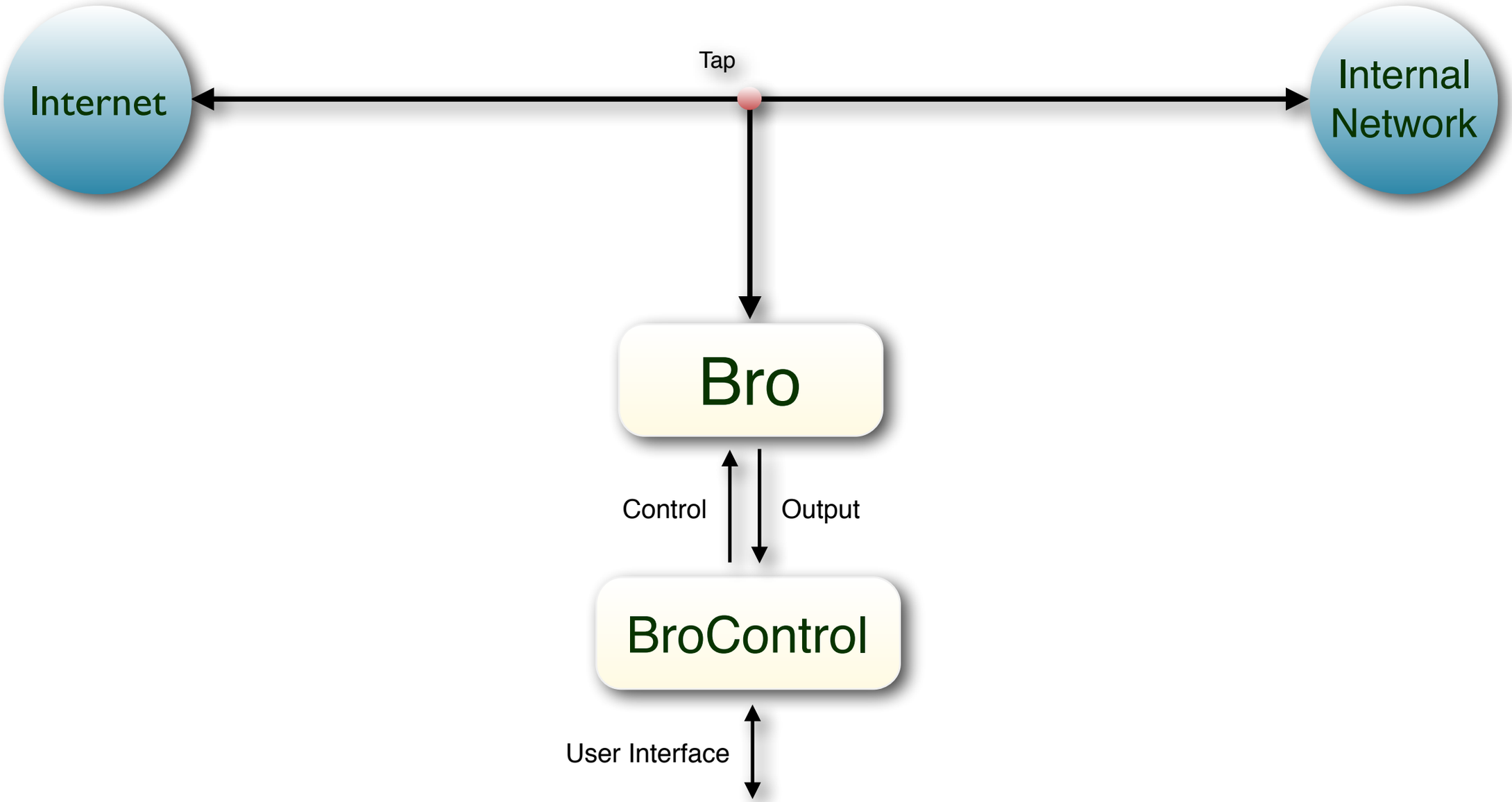

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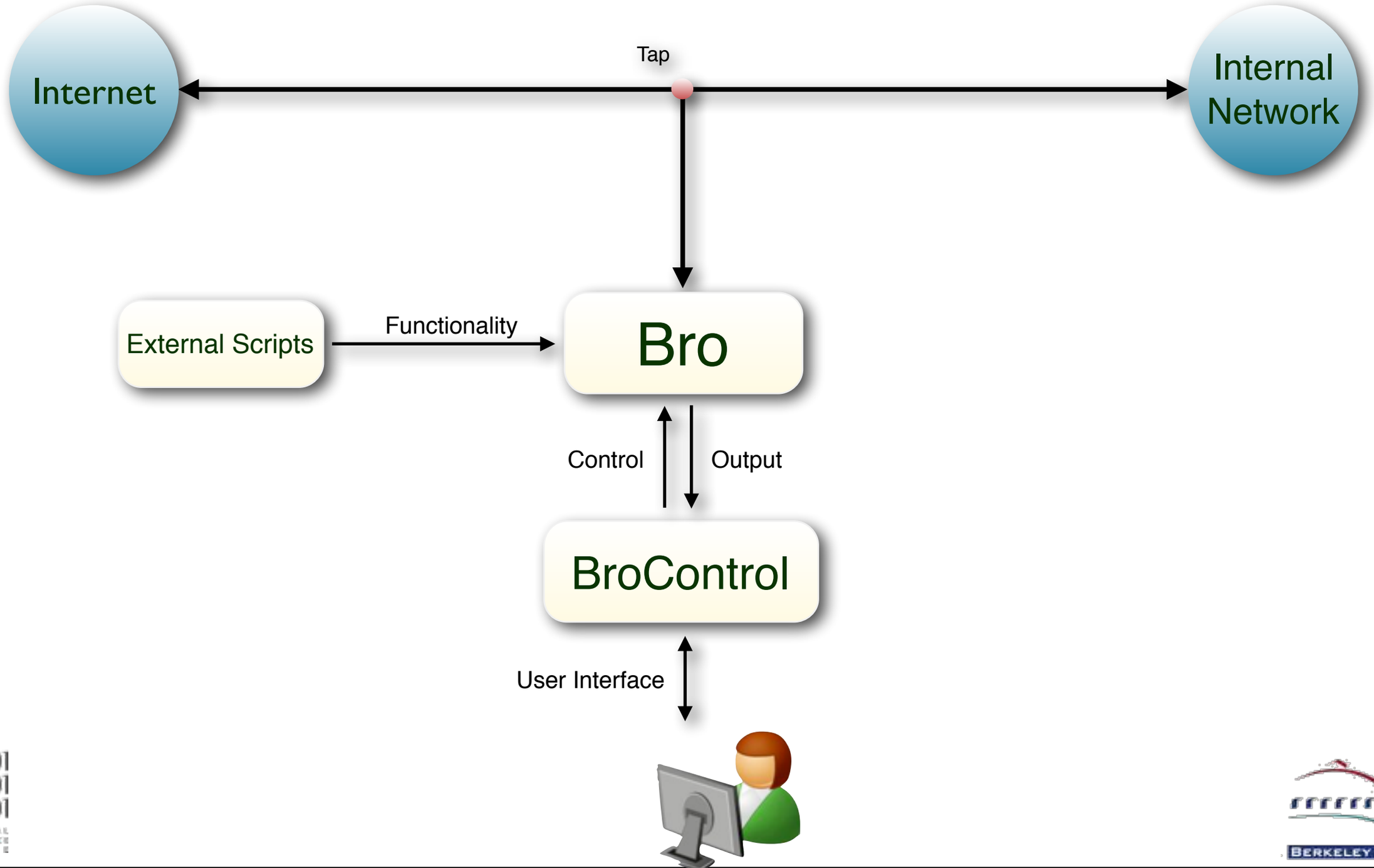

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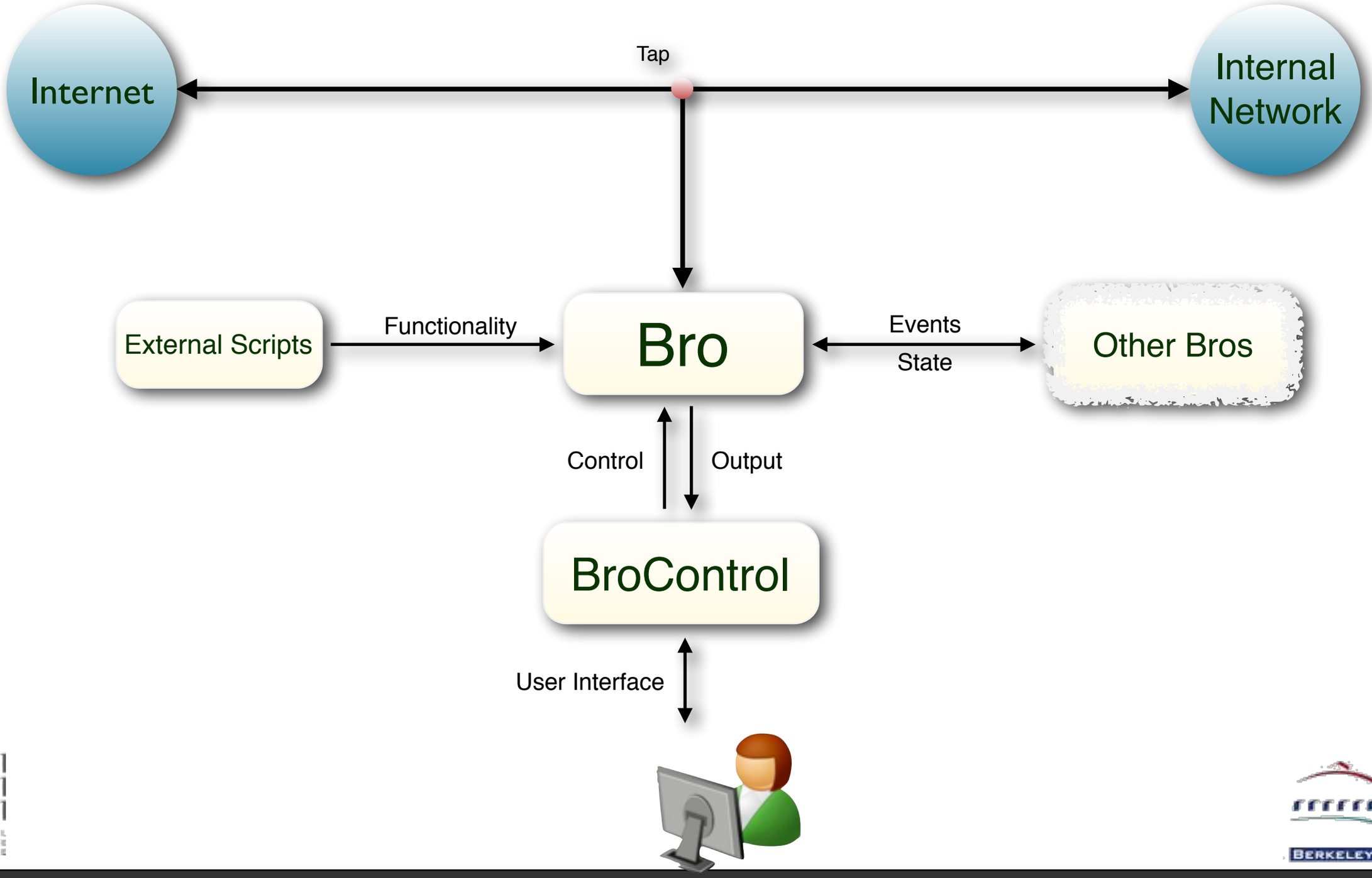

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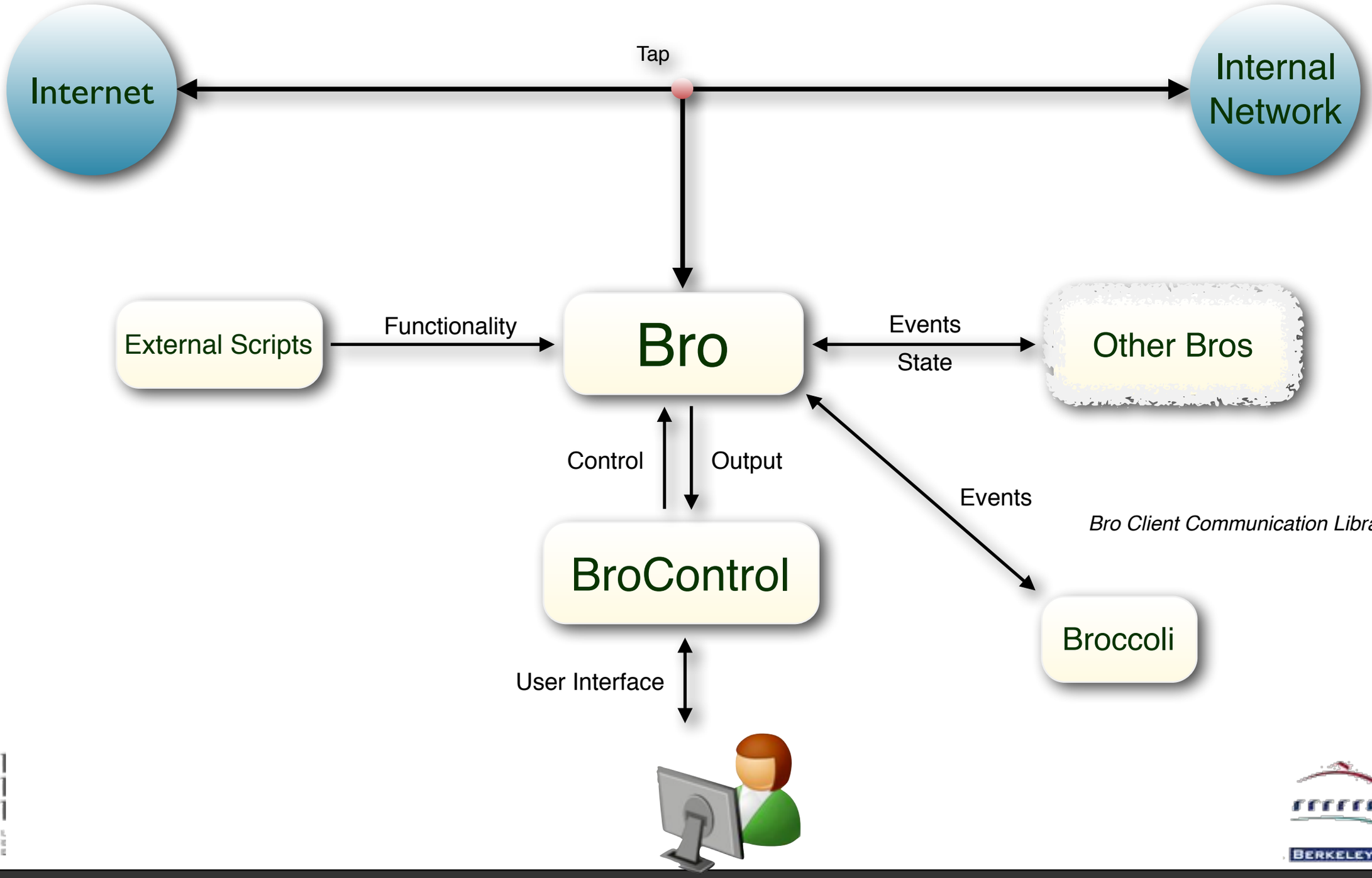

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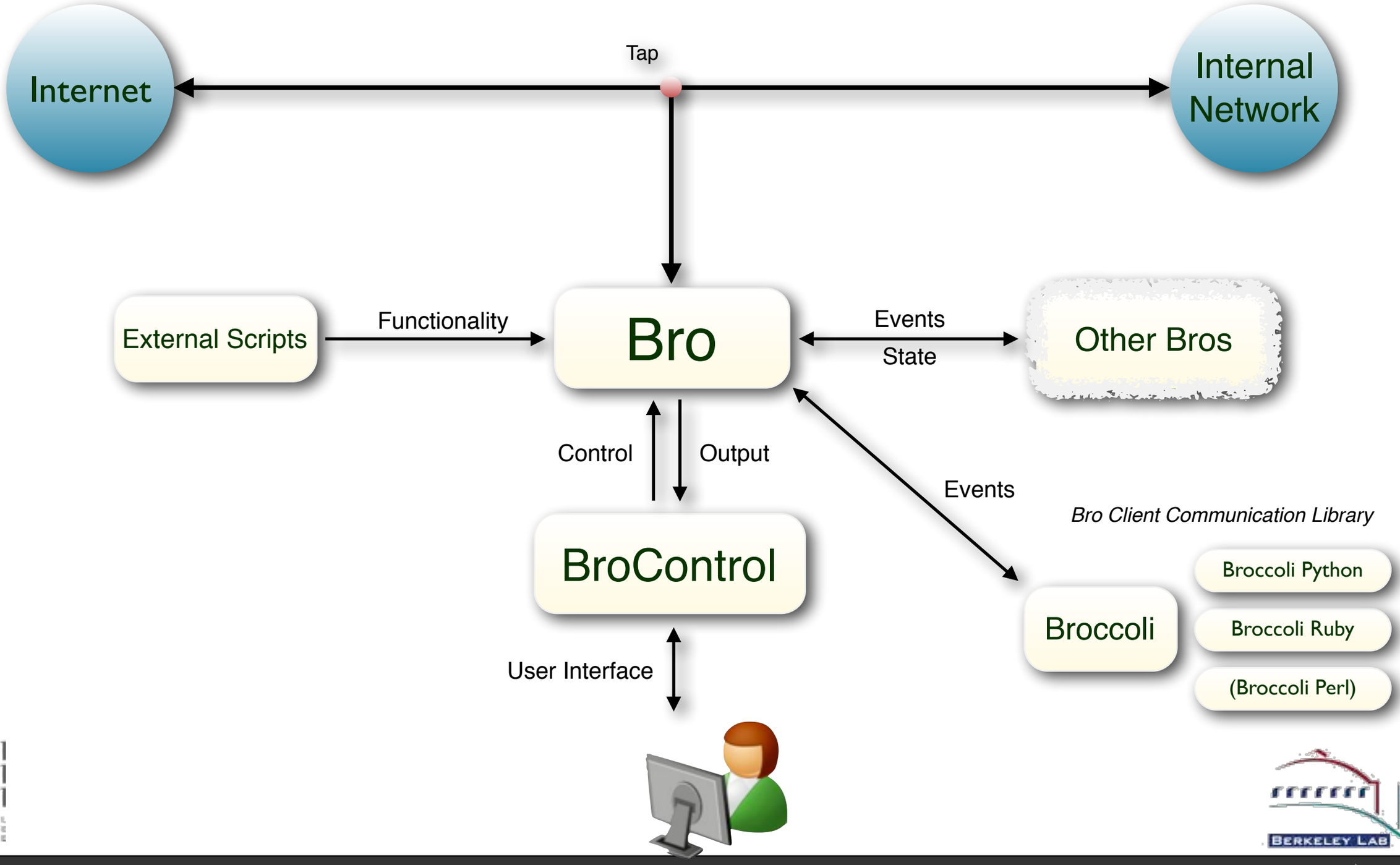

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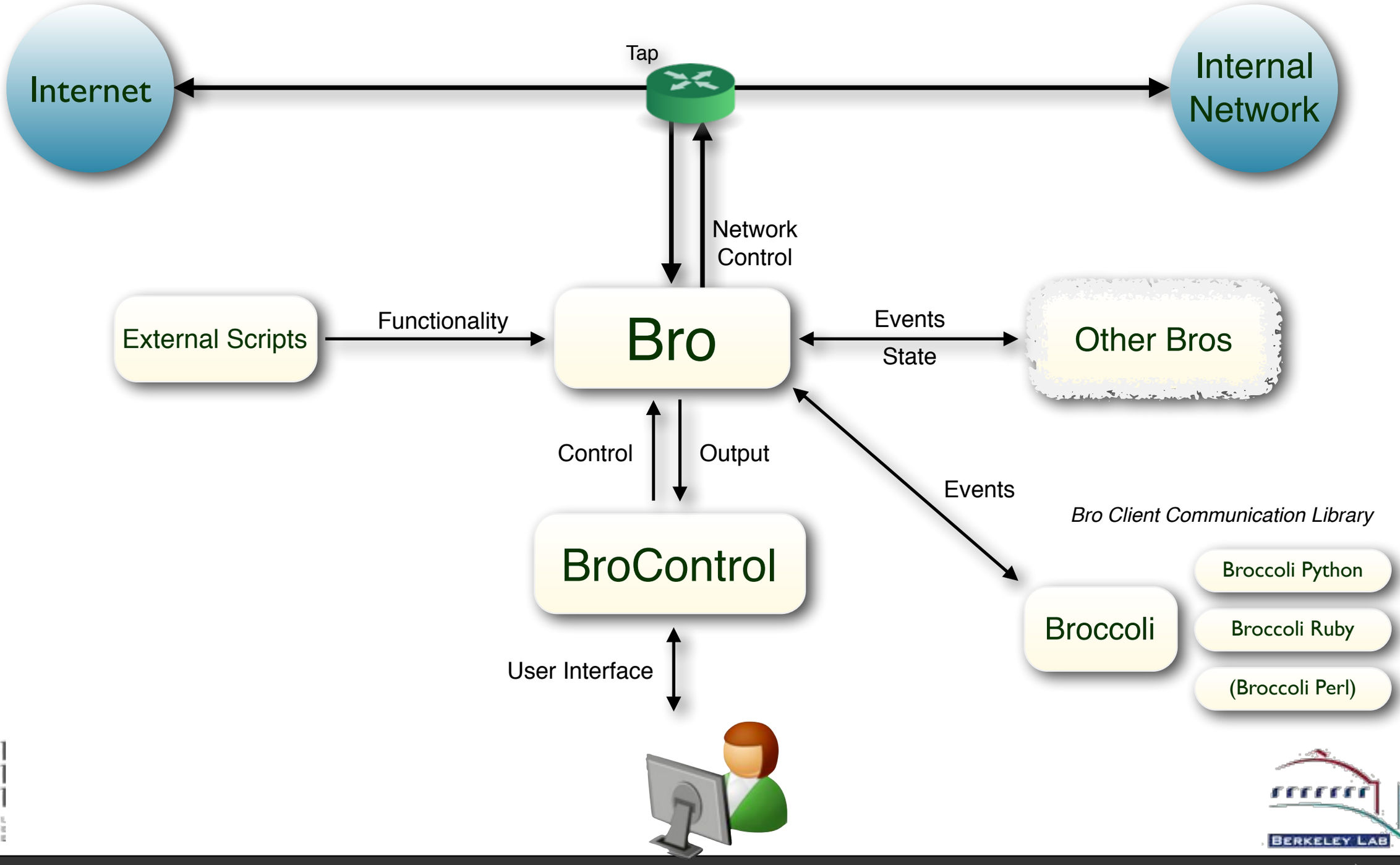

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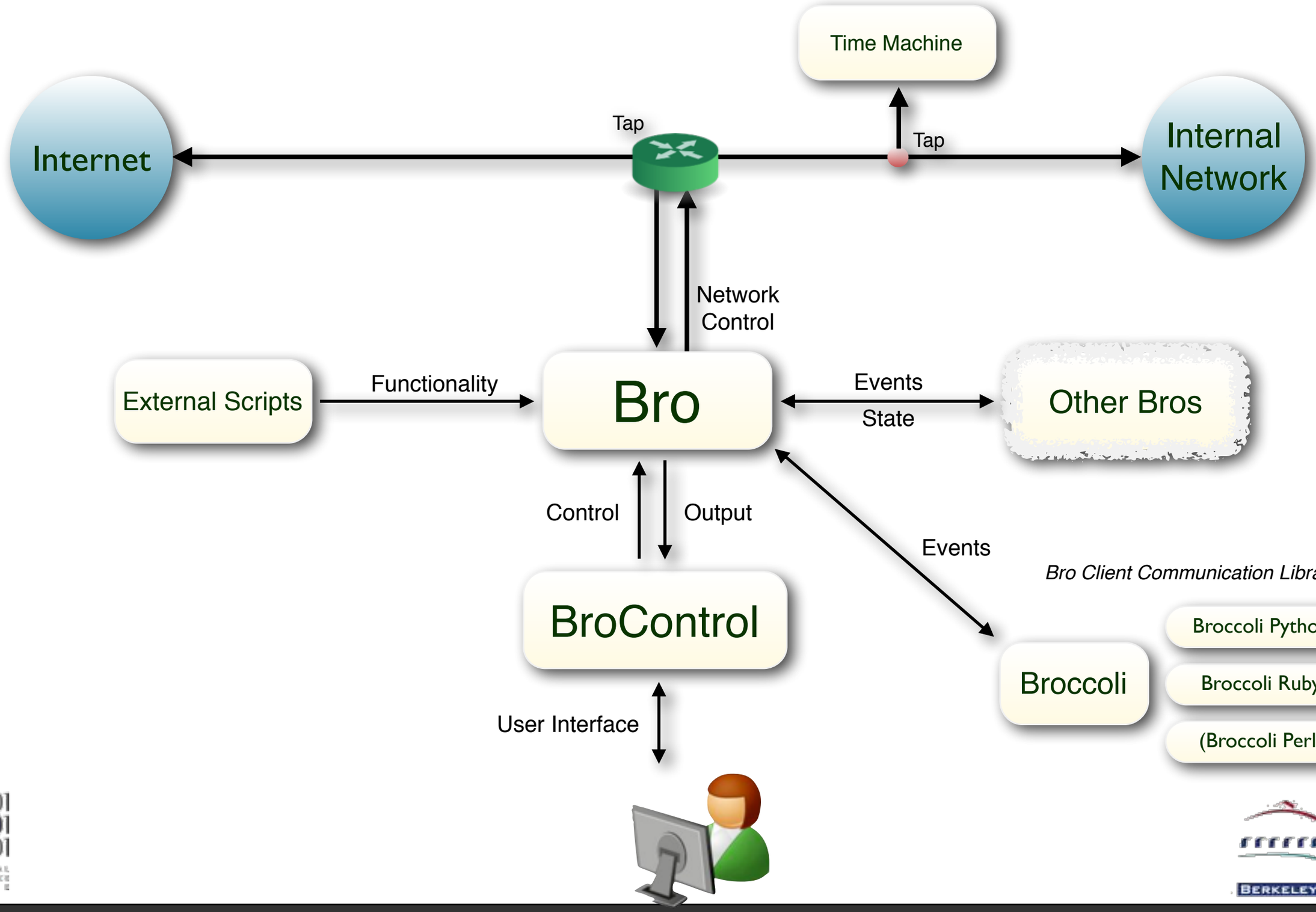

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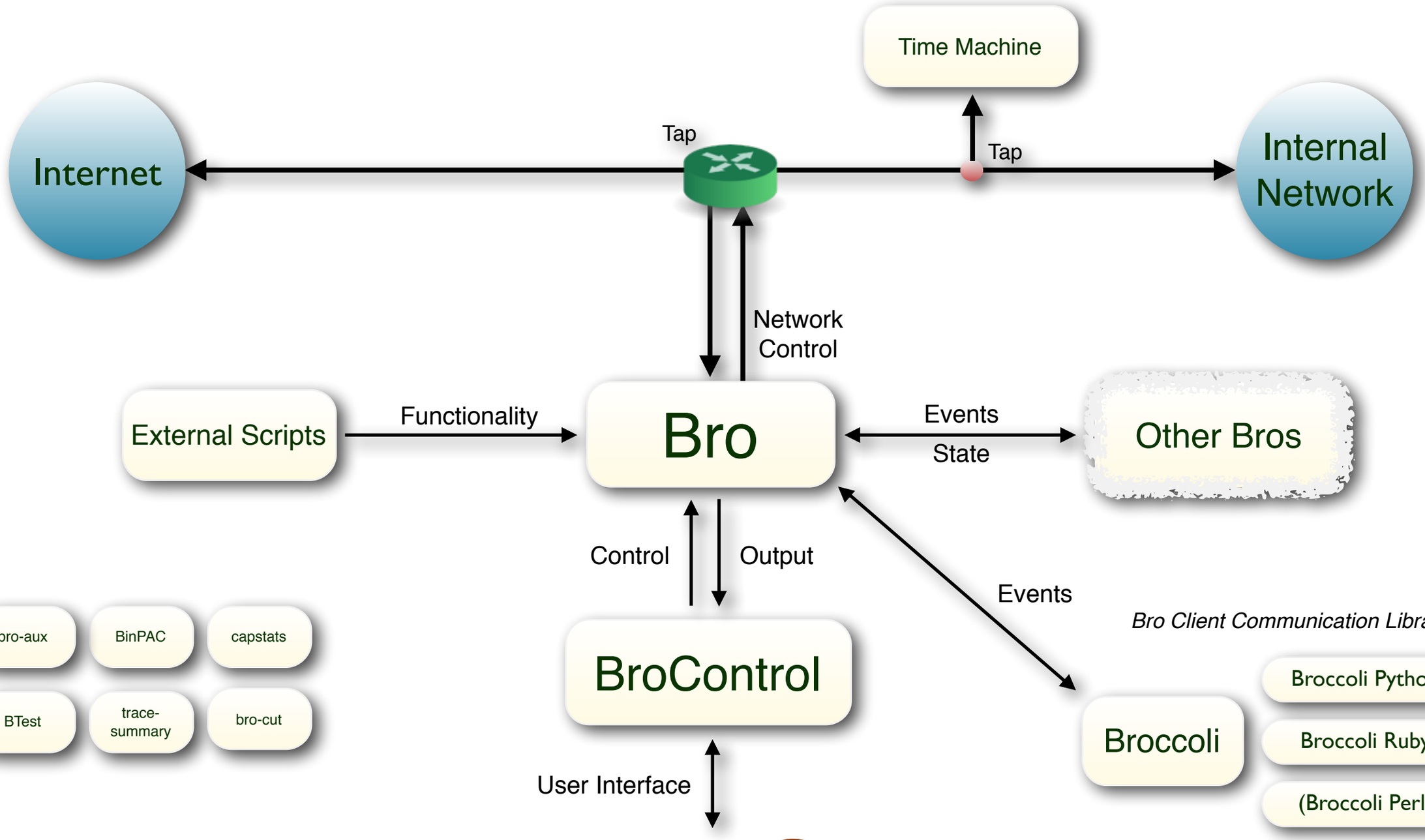

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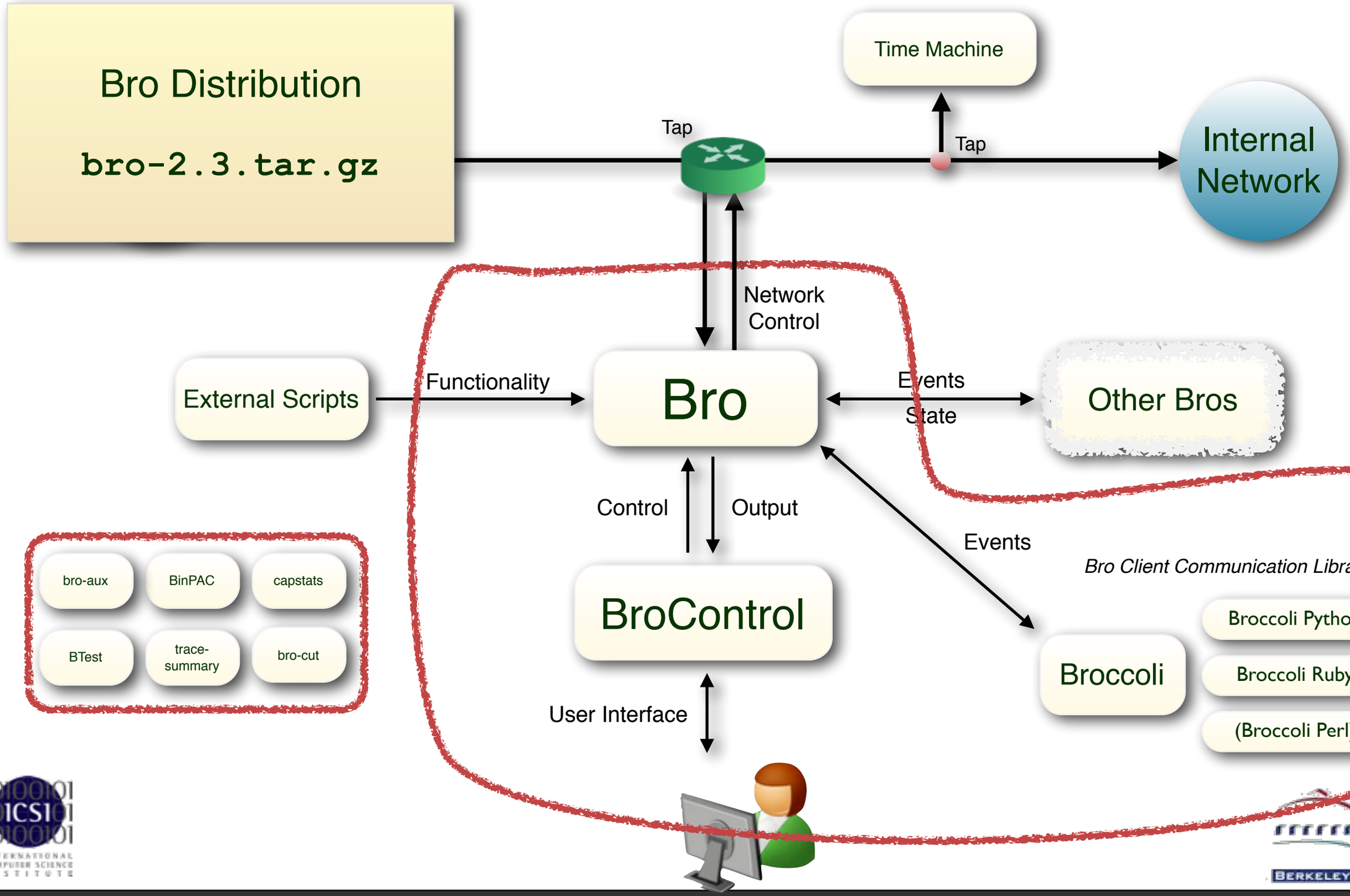

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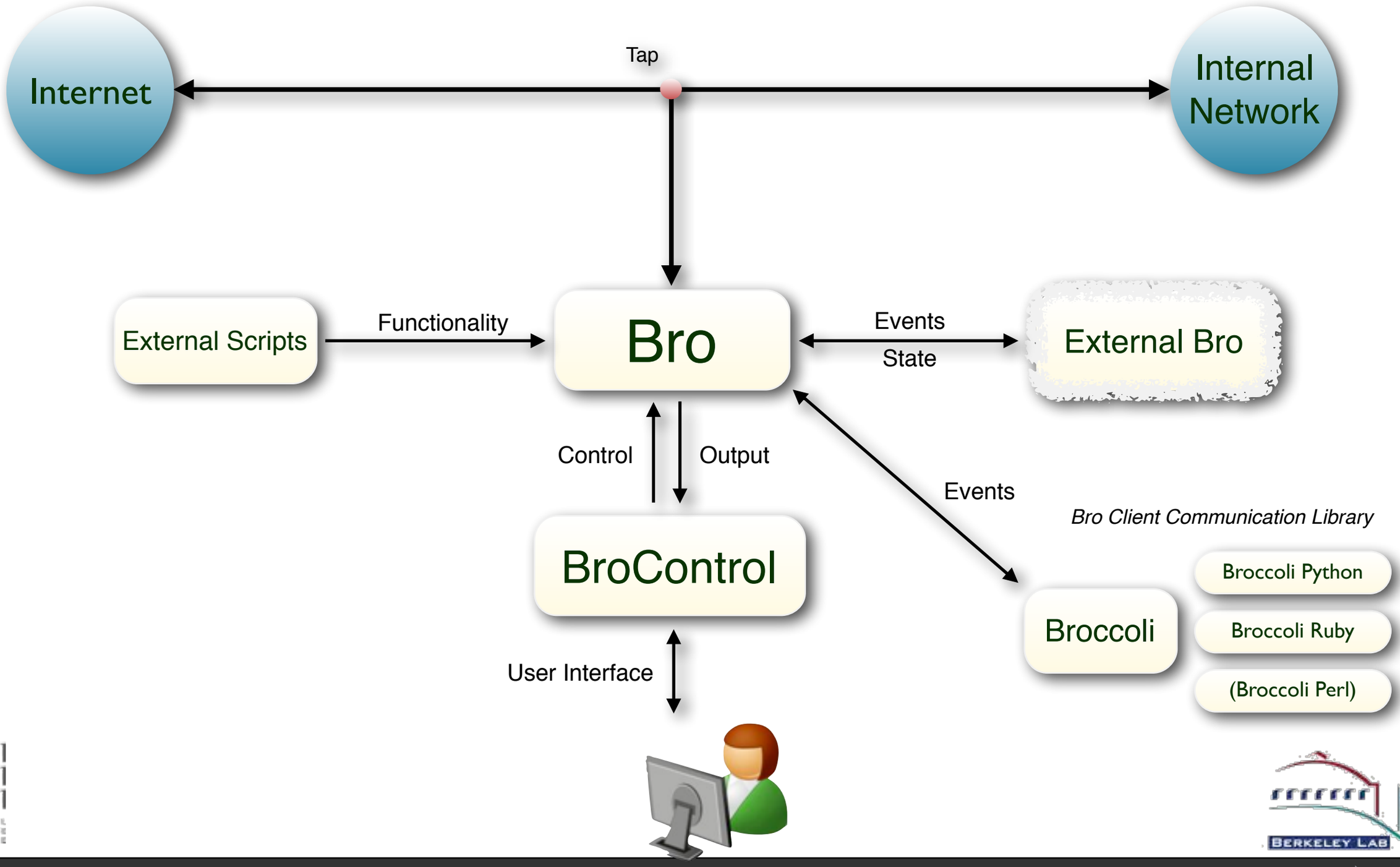

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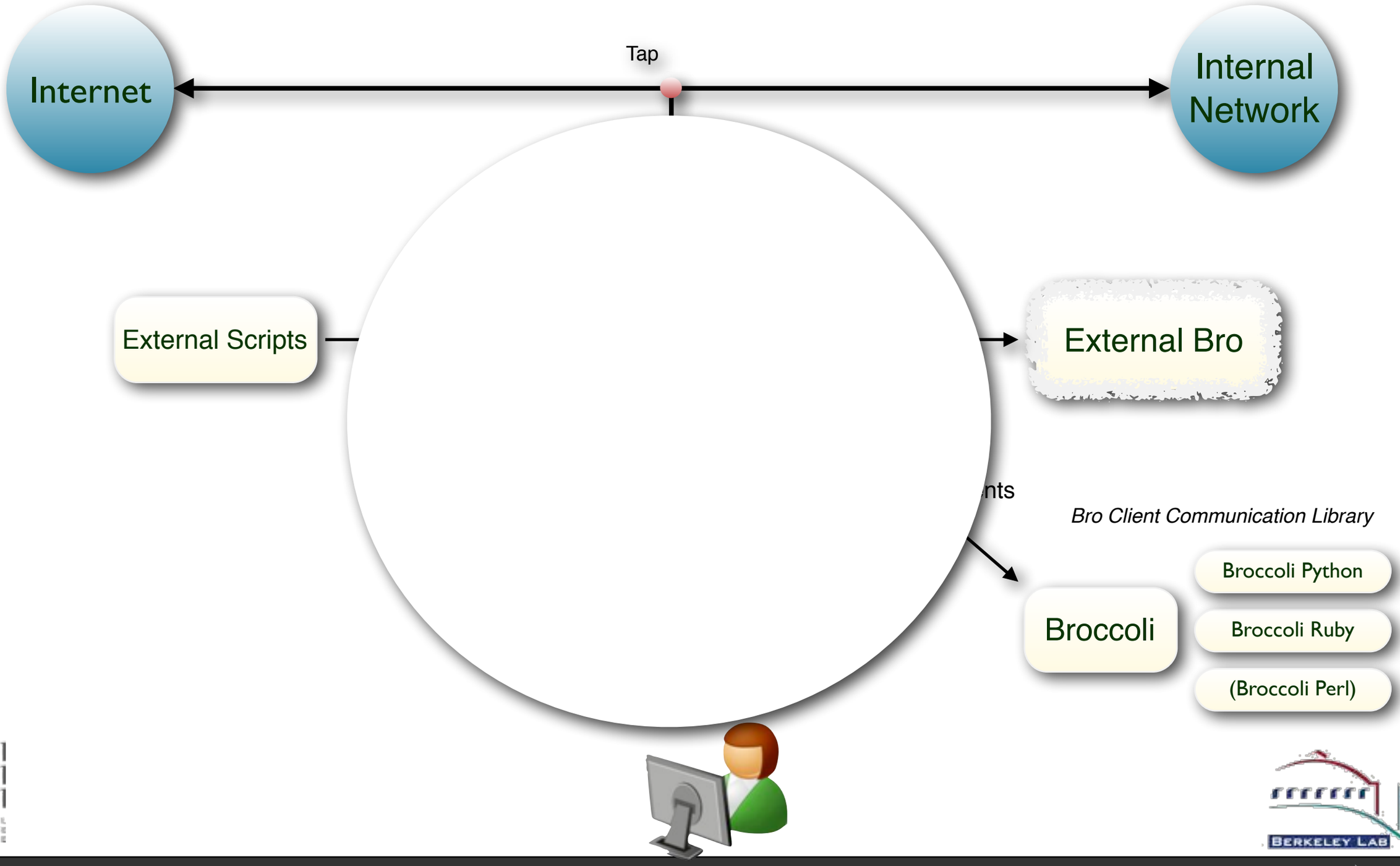

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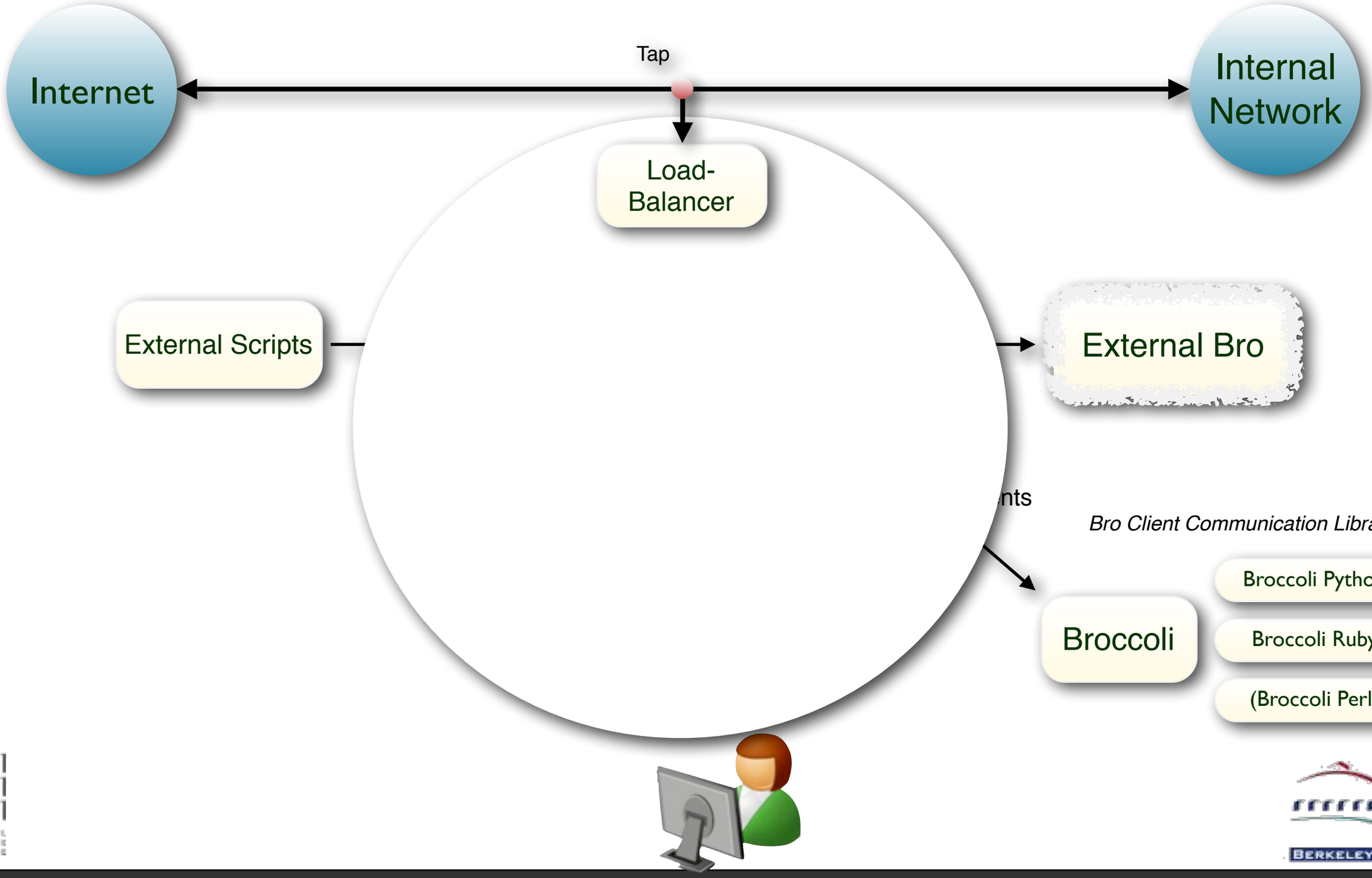

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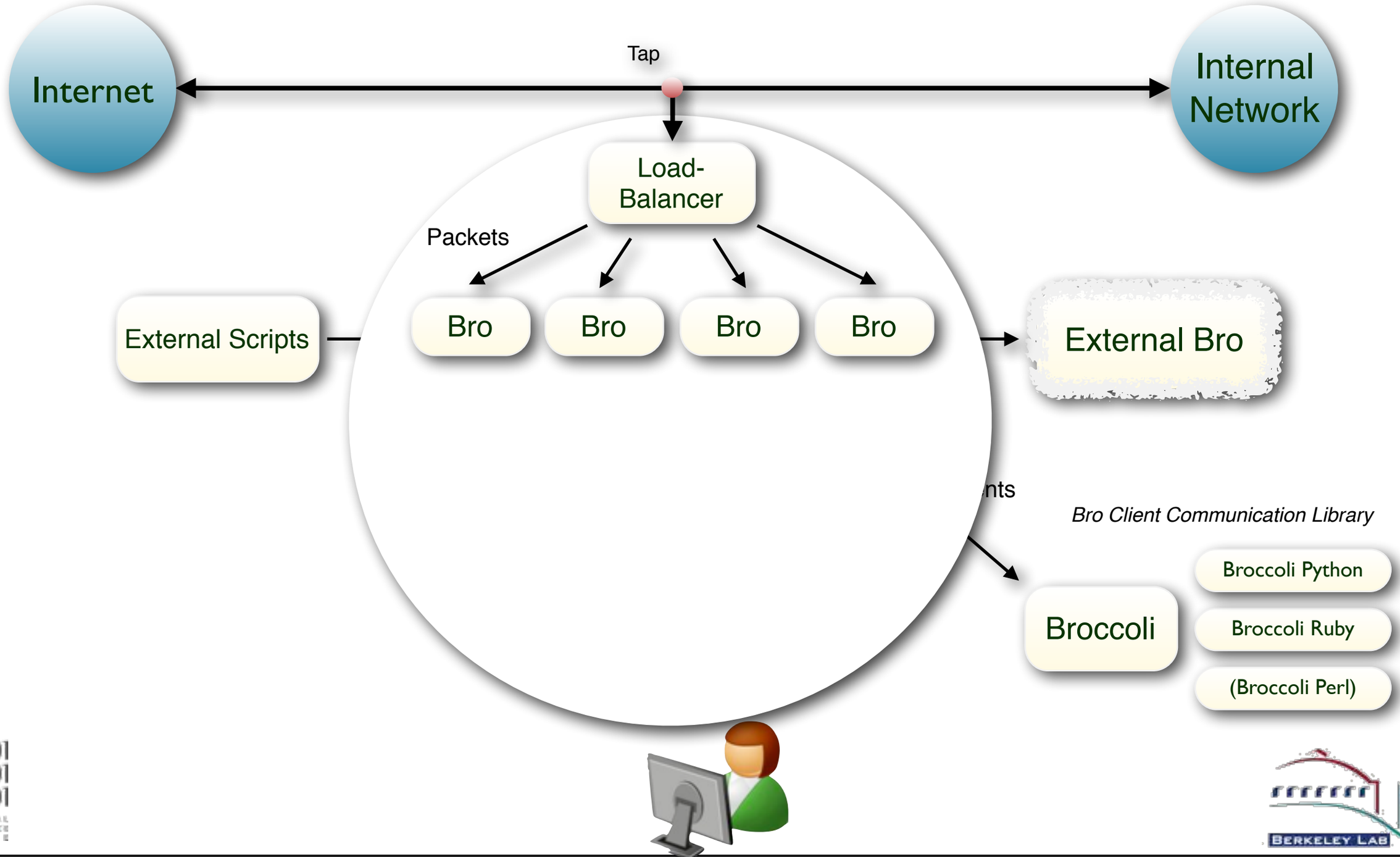

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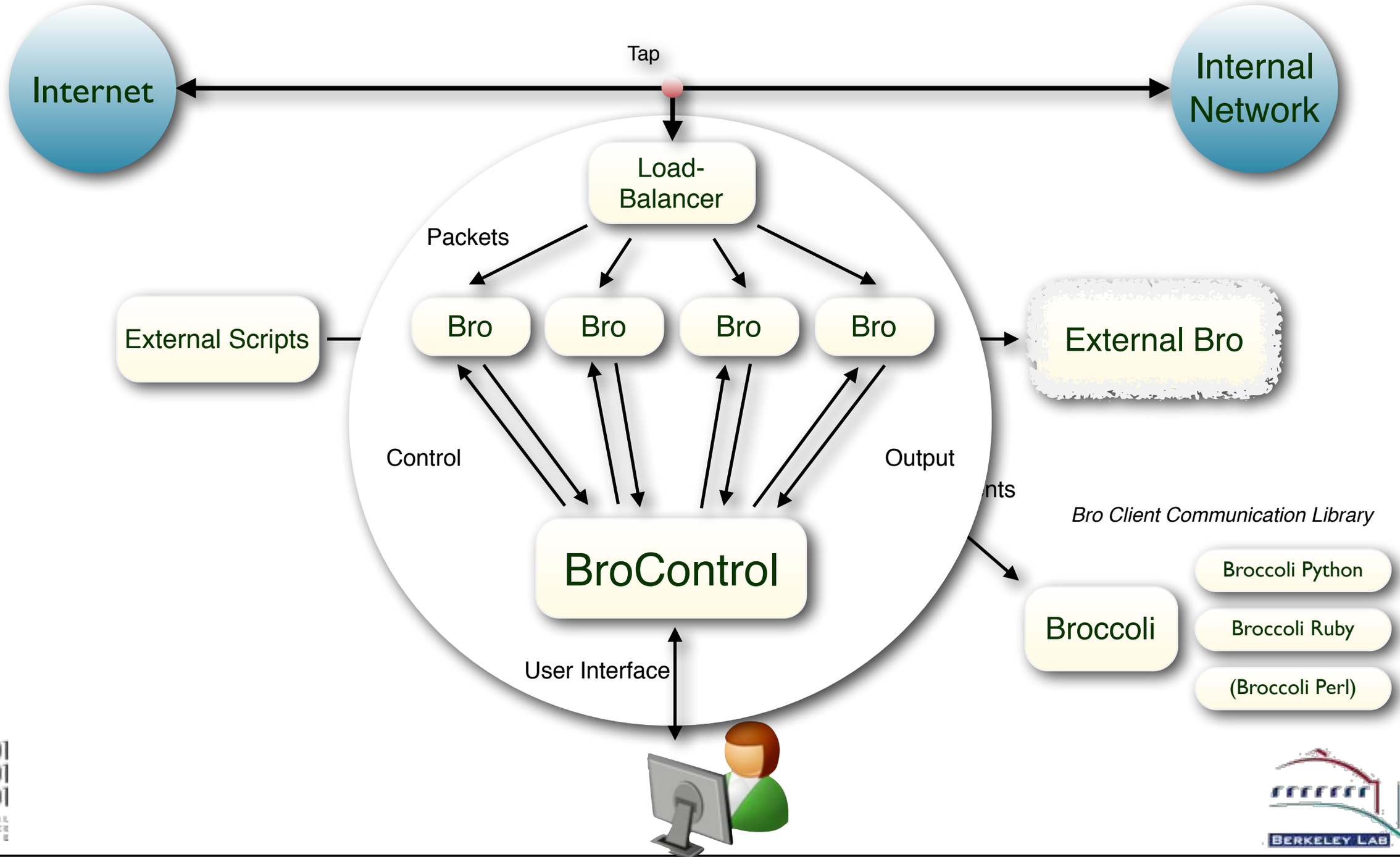

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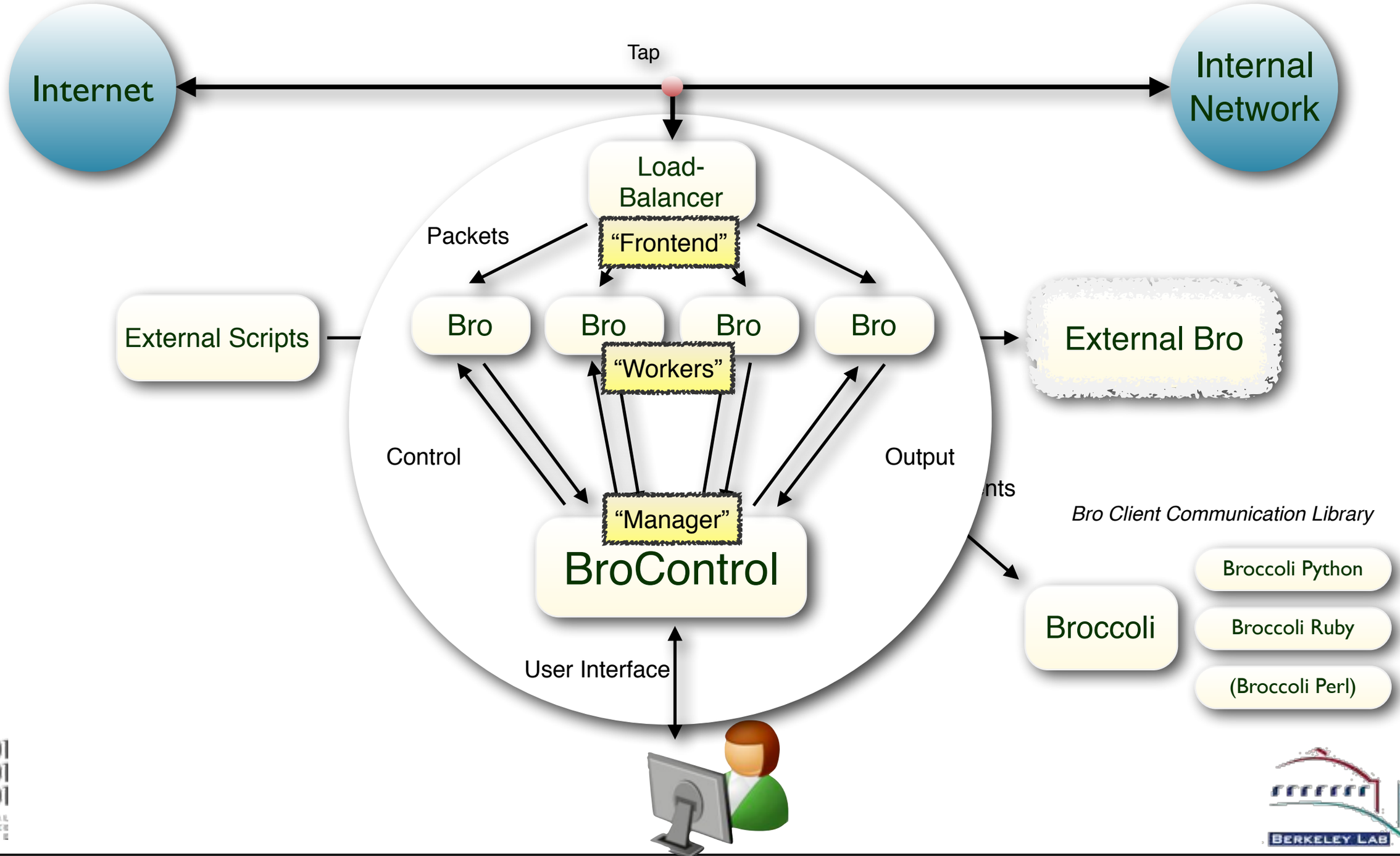

Installing Bro

Here: We'll use the VM (or Bro Live).

Comes with everything preinstalled.

Normally: Follow instructions on bro.org.

`http://www.bro.org/sphinx/install`

Building from source is pretty straight-forward:

```
> yum install cmake flex bison swig libpcap-devel […]

> wget http://www.bro.org/downloads/release/bro-2.2.tar.gz
> tar xzvf bro-2.2.tar.gz
> cd bro

> ./configure --prefix=/usr/local && make && make install
```

Configuring Bro

In many cases, just two files to edit.

<prefix>/etc/node.cfg

```
# If you have a small network and only one interface to monitor,
# this will do it. We'll talk about cluster mode later.
[bro]
type=standalone
host=localhost
interface=eth0
```

<prefix>/etc/networks.cfg

```
# List of local networks in CIDR notation, optionally followed by a
# descriptive tag.
# For example, "10.0.0.0/8" or "fe80::/64" are valid prefixes.

10.0.0.0/8          Private IP space
192.168.0.0/16      Private IP space
```

(There's also `<prefix>/etc/broctl.cfg` with more options you can tweak.)

Using BroControl

Use “broctl” to start & stop.

```
# broctl install
# broctl start
starting bro ...
# broctl status
Name         Type       Host        Status    Pid    Started
bro          standalone localhost   running   16737  15 May 15:57:35
# ls <prefix>/logs/current/
conn.log http.log […]
```

Reinstall after changing Bro’s configuration.

```
# broctl check
bro is ok
# broctl install
# broctl restart
```

Using Bro from the Command Line

We'll use the Bro binary directly.

```
# bro -r trace.pcap
# ls *.log
conn.log http.log […]
```

"bro-cut" is a handy tool to work with logs.

```
# cat http.log | bro-cut -d ts id.orig_h host
2009-11-21T02:19:34-0800 192.168.1.105 download.windowsupdate.com
2009-11-21T02:19:37-0800 192.168.1.105 www.update.microsoft.com
[…]
```

Generally, use your standard Unix tools.

grep, awk, head/tail, sed, etc.

So much more …

Bro is … a Platform

Intrusion Detection	Vulnerabilit. Mgmt	File Analysis	Traffic Measure-ment	Traffic Control	Compliance Monitoring

There's much more we can talk about …

Host-level integration
Data import and export
Automatic Reaction
Monitoring Internal Networks
Measurements
SDN integration
Industrial Control Systems
Embedded Devices
Current Research

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