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# Maintaining Security & Privacy w/in a Peer to Peer Network



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# How is P2P Different?

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Nothing inherently client-server in Web protocols;  
just most commonly deployed network  
architecture

	<b>Client-server</b>	<b>P2P</b>
<b>Network traffic</b>	asymmetric, e.g., cable modem, ADSL	symmetric (threatens cable & ADSL)
<b>Intellectual property</b>	under the control of the server	under the control of each and every peer (threatens copyright)
<b>Intranet control</b>	firewalls protect servers, port 80 used by Web clients	firewalls restrict peer behavior, port 80 subverted
<b>Addressing</b>	primarily static DNS, Network Address Translation (NAT) for clients is transparent	uses dynamic real-time registries in place of DNS, NAT can be restrictive



# Analyst Predictions for P2P

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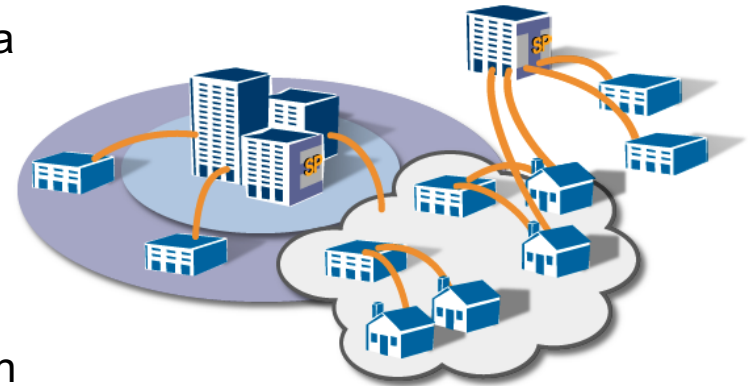
- IDC - 23.6% of large corporations will install an instant messaging system in the next year.
- Gartner - By 2002, >50% of global Internet users will regularly sign on to at least 2 P2P Internet applications
- Forrester - By 2002, 3 million households will use P2P applications to make their digital photos available to family and friends.
- Forrester - By 2004, 33% of the online population will use P2P services for storing and retrieving personal data.
- Forrester - By 2005, P2P services will come bundled in premium broadband fees and personal information-sharing applications from Adobe, Palm, and AOL.



# Why Decentralize? It's Where the Data Is.

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- 70% of enterprise data is not located in a centralized server or database,(Gartner/Bear-Stearns)
  - It's on the desktops, laptops, palmtops, PDAs, smartphones, etc.
  - Need to centrally scale the business logic with access to information "in place"
- Decentralizing IT Administration is difficult
  - Users don't have the skills to secure their own data
  - Preventing access is extremely difficult
  - Revocations difficult to update
- It is an expensive operation to centralize data,
  - It's constantly changing
  - Centralizing metadata is a much cheaper operation
  - ERP & Large Database systems have discovered this
- Tracking, Status, Audit, Search is difficult
  - Human nature, I want to copy it and do it myself
  - Human work not easily segmentable, overlap of work leads to social and political problems



# Why Magi P2P?

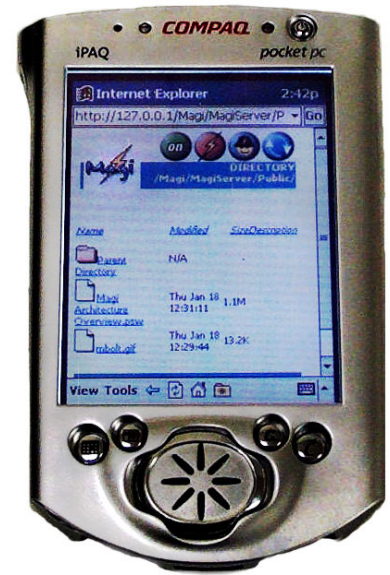
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- Searching is as crucial to P2P as it is to the Web
- Scale Web Protocols to billions instead of millions
  - Nothing inherently client-server in Web protocols
  - Just the most commonly deployed architecture
  - Internet-Scale architecture versus Enterprise-Scale architecture
- Not pure P2P, but can be
  - Thin-server on every device to speak HTTP and WebDAV
  - Naming, security, registration, tracking can all be centralized
- Smart Proxying and Value added Web Svcs.
- Similar to Freenet, Gnutella, Napster but doesn't reinvent the Web;
  - Apache or Tomcat HTTP server & plugins & other p2p protocols
  - Extensible Java/Python/C interoperable protocol implementations
  - XML-based access controls using user controlled "Buddy lists"
  - Dynamic authentication controls; IT friendly, parseable vocabulary
  - Public & Private Key certificates & OpenSSL
  - WML and X.10 modules



# Open GUI w/ Multiple Pathways to Data

The screenshot displays the MagiExpress web interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Buddies', 'Go', 'Links', 'Services', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. The address bar shows 'http://192.168.0.124/Magi/MagiServer/joea'Office/Shared'. The main content area is a file browser showing folders like 'endtech', 'Graphics', 'Graphics1', 'Intel', 'Intranet', 'pippy', and 'Presentations', along with files like 'jxtaspec.pdf', 'JxtaWhiteP...', 'Media.htm', and 'P2P Summary US.PDF'. On the left, there is a 'Buddies' sidebar with a list of users including 'dchase', 'Greg', 'huy\_tran', 'jim', 'joea', 'joesteppe', 'Joycelie', 'mark', 'MikeOliverAZ', 'Peter', 'plin', and 'RT'. Below the buddies list, there is a 'Services' section with options like 'Inbox', 'Outbox', 'Private', 'Public', 'Purchase', 'Services', and 'Shared'. A 'Message' window is open in the foreground, showing a message from 'Gbolcer'. At the bottom, there is a 'Buddies' table with columns for 'Public', 'Private', 'Shared', 'Inbox', 'Outbox', and 'Services', listing users like 'Clay', 'jim', 'Arthur', 'pkammer', 'mark', 'robert', 'Greg', and 'Gbolcer'. The interface also includes a 'Done' button at the bottom left and a 'Magi' logo at the bottom center.



Dozens of Commercial Tools that are WebDAV compliant



# Magi is Standards “Smart”

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- Deep involvement in standards groups and efforts
- HTTP RFC 1945, 2068, 2616
- WebDAV RFC 2291, 2518
- XML, Java, Python
- OpenSSL, RSA keys, X509 certificates, X509 CRLs
- Universal Resource Identifiers RFC 1630, 2396
  - Locators RFC 1736,1738,1808
  - Names RFC 1737,2141



# P2P Searching

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- Gnutella
- Napster
- Magi/Web
- Filtered Search
- Network Architectures
- Unique Features





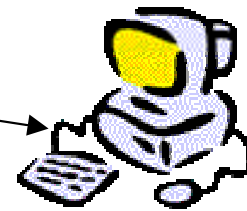
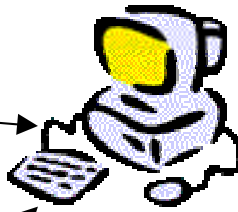
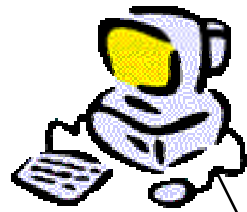
# Gnutella/Infrasearch Queries



Request

1. Peer notifies others of presence on the Network

2. Peer sends Query to immediate peers

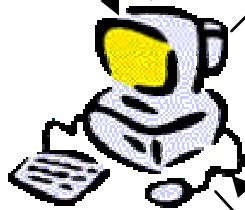


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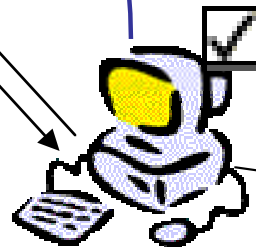
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3. Query is passed along decrementing time-to-live

4. Peer responds to request based on file naming; returns location through query peers



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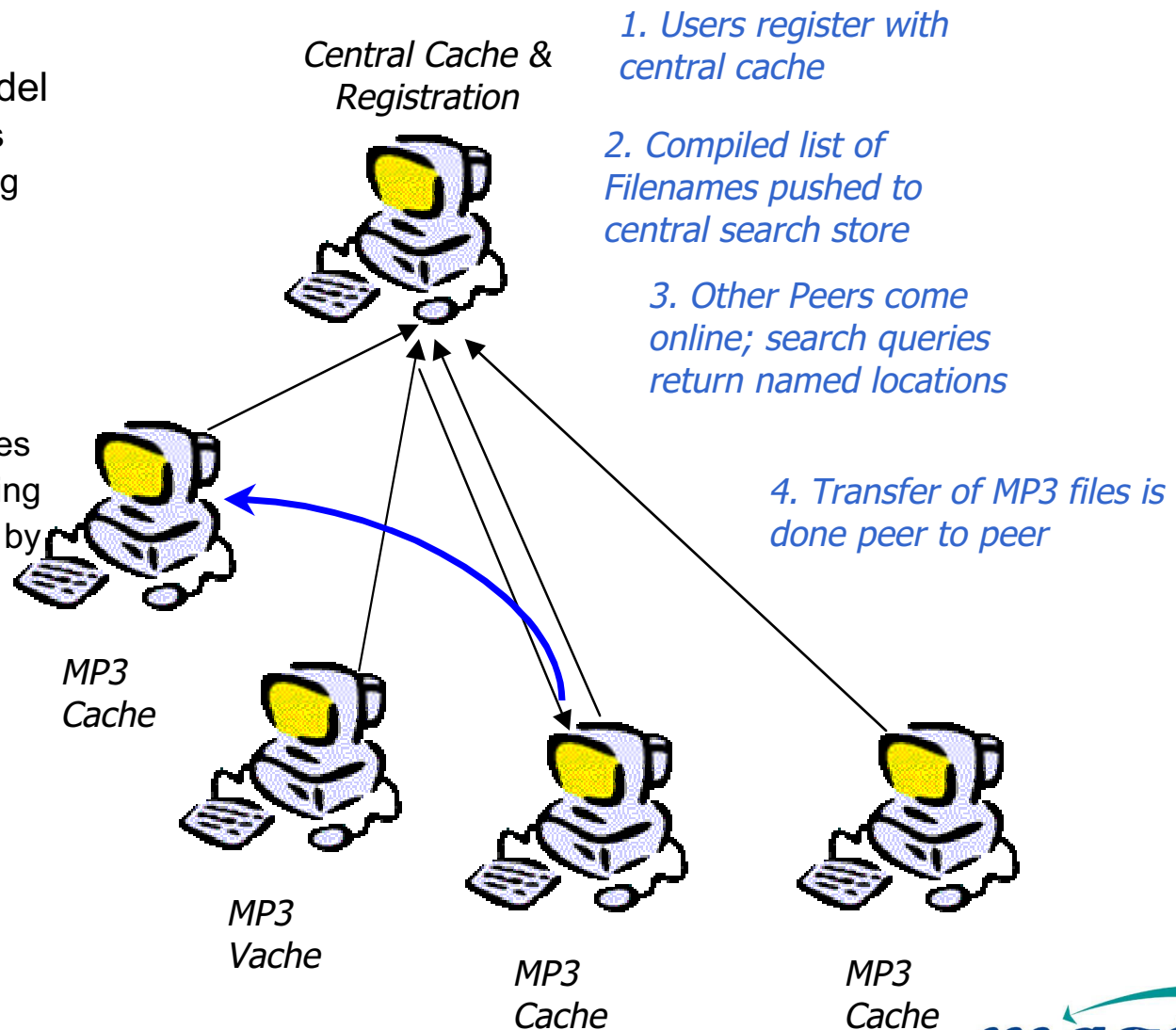
5. File is returned via direct call to Responder



- Dynamic Content Queries
- Ping Flooding
  - Liveness issues
  - Guaranteed connection issue
- Query Flooding
  - Increased bandwidth usage
  - From dialup access point, 64k queries on 56k connection
  - Slow hosts as hubs
- Bugs in Software
- Scaling Problems
  - Broadcast “Push” requests
- Tool Integration
- Freeloading

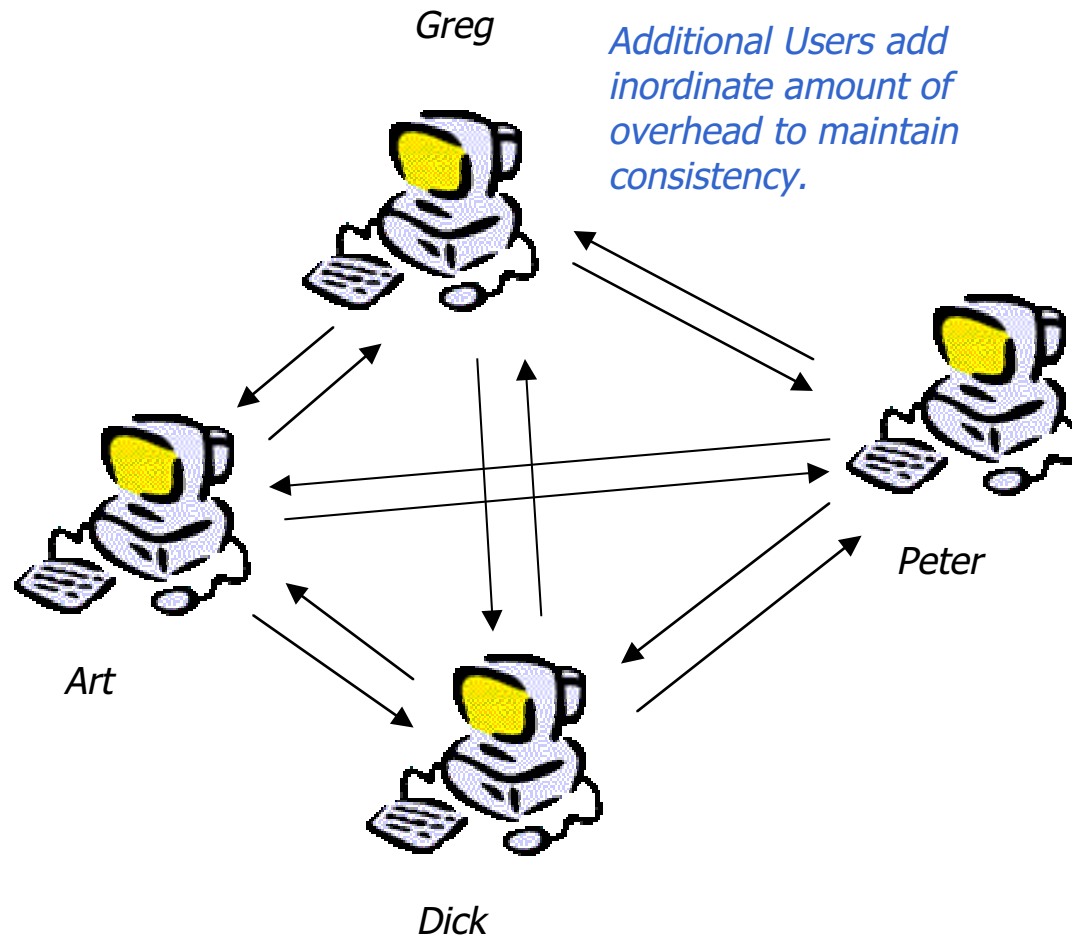
# Napster Searching

- Metadata “Push” model
  - File names & sizes
  - No content indexing
  - No keyword searching
  - Channel metadata
- User namespace
  - Identification only
  - No protected spaces
  - Dynamic IP matching
  - Collisions handled by demand
- Centralized
  - Registration
  - Searching
  - File transfer done peer to peer
- Search Space
  - Segmented by registration server
  - No cross server queries



# Groove Searching

- Users invite individuals into a group workspace
- Initial user authentication is done out of channel
- All data must be kept consistent across all participants
- Removing users leaves user with full permissions to copy of workspace data
- Adding users to workspace or large amount of content to workspace requires
  - High bandwidth requirements
  - High upfront synchronization costs
- Social changes to work habits required to take advantage of collaboration
- Searching is done on assumption that local workspace is consistent



# Searching with Magi



2. Keys are registered through the Certification Register to the Server & are assigned to users.
3. Users access the network workspace through a secure IP-based interface based on ownership of multiple devices & certificates.
4. Groups allow shared authentication and access control is automated via "buddy lists" by shared spaces allow read/write access to devices & synchronized to central server and shared files.



Greg's iPAQ



Greg's Work



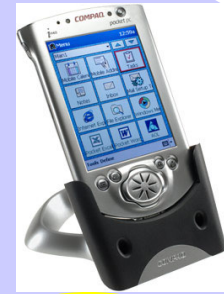
Greg's Home



# Searching with Magi



- *Indexing is done on capable peers;*
- *Small footprint or limited peers allow proxy indexing*
- *Metadata is pushed to central search cache*
- *Search results are up-to-the-minute*
- *Search results return static "named" URL, not URL or IP where it was indexed*
- *All file transfers are done peer to peer using standard Web protocols*
- *Documents can be edited "in place" across the Web using Standard Adobe, Microsoft, other tools*



*magi*

# Magi Supports Group Filtering

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- Groups can be managed centrally or locally
  - [Endeavors@Greg'Work](#)
  - Shared folder automatically created
  - Shared views automatically created
- Search results are filtered according to exhaustive access control
- Search metadata can be stored centrally for efficiency or locally for confidentiality and privacy.



# Magi Unique Search Features

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- Authentication, authorization, security
  - Mobile computing concerns
  - Strong authentication using X.509 symmetric keys
  - Access.xml access control & Web paths
  - Crawling over SSL
- Automated search space partitioning
  - Dynamic enrollment
  - Up to the minute search filtering
  - No lag between crawl and results
  - Push to Altavista central cache



# Magi Unique Search Features

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- Static naming; Dynamic IP addressing
  - Static naming across IP sessions
  - User friendly namespace, I.e. Greg's Laptop
  - Index on one session, results point to live session
- Document Metadata
  - WebDAV Properties
  - Microsoft Office metadata
  - Web caching & metadata searches





# Magi Unique Search Features

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- Heterogenous document types
  - Full support for hundreds of file types using Altavista
- Unique Device Characteristics
  - Device.xml for device-friendly crawling
  - Sensitive to bandwidth constraints
- Resource and Web Service Proxying
  - Proxy services, indexing, crawling to more capable peers
- Intermittent access to the network
  - Can interrupt and continue crawling & caching
- Resource Caching
  - Browsing of offline directory structures
  - Access to last known copy via caching



# P2P Collaboration

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- Media Sharing
- Standards “Smart”
- Ad Hoc Collaboration/Collaborative Authoring
- Writable/Two-Way Web
- Plugin Architecture
- Smart Network Services
- Caching
- Workflow



# Media Sharing

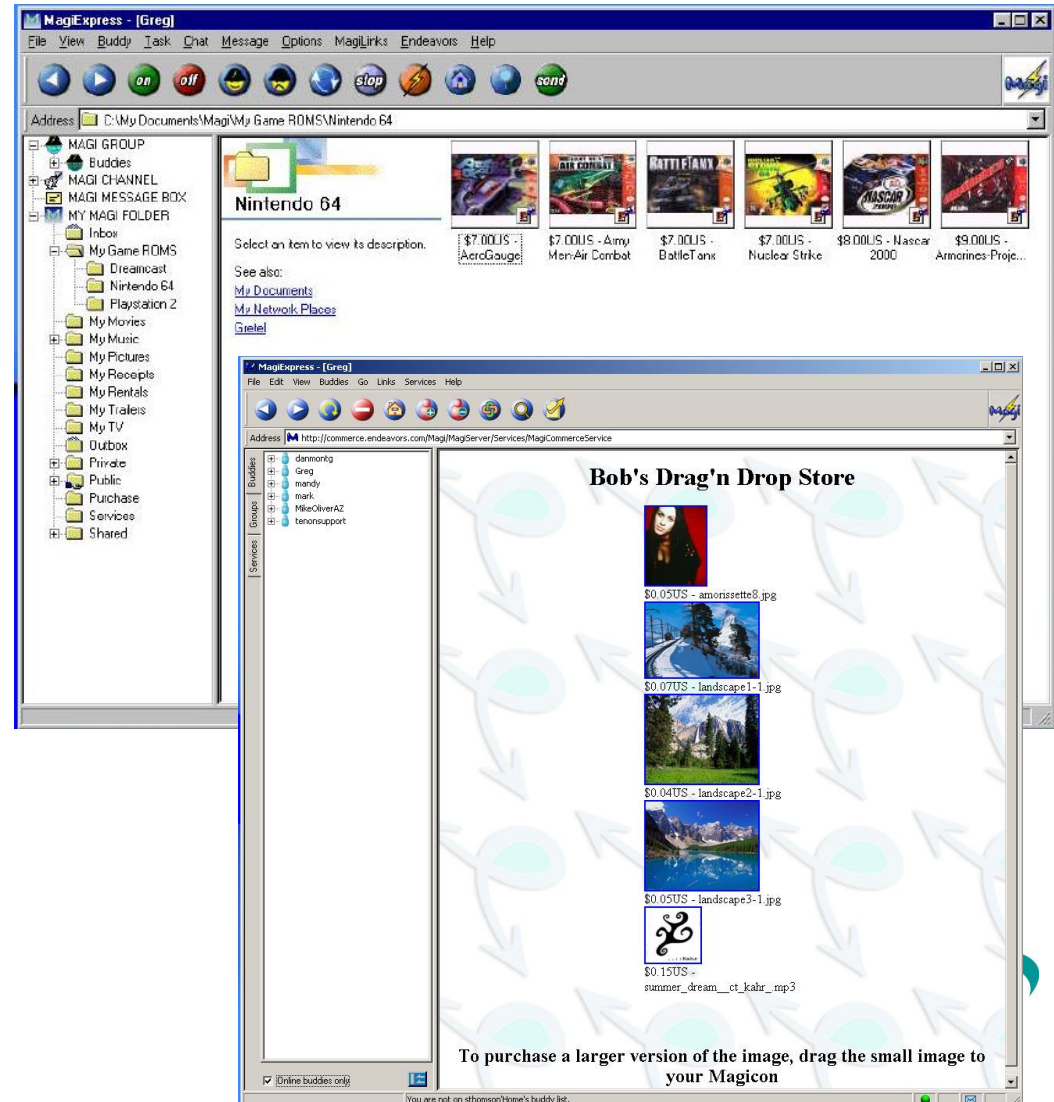
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- Public – Read only, public viewable with browser or DAV client
- Private – Read/Write for owner of namespace only
- Shared – Read/Write for any Buddy
  - Shared/Group provides automated group permissions for sub-resources
- Dynamic Search Model
  - Configurable crawler pushes metadata
  - Filename, metadata tags, and indexed searches



# Media Sharing - Photos

- Thumbnails may be used as metadata
- Metadata can be centralized for efficient searching or decentralized for ease of use
  - Thumbnails
  - Img tags
  - Small photo
  - Large photo
- Photo owners may want to retain control by keeping large photo or thumbnails on own machine
- May centralize thumbnails or small photos to provide offline searching capabilities



# Ad Hoc Collaboration

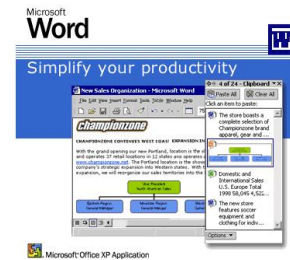
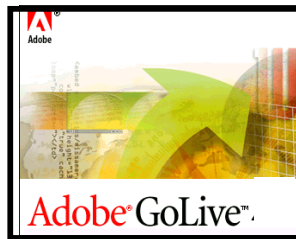
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- SSL between any two points in the network
- Web File System
  - Double click to Open,
  - Cut/Copy/Paste,
  - Drag-and-Drop to Web, Save to Web,
  - File locking
- Collaboration across peers:
  - WebDAV file locking
  - CoBrowsing
  - NetMeeting link & launch
  - Other collaborative browser & server plugins (VNC, Citrix, Placeware, Exceed, etc.)
- User has own namespace, I.e. “Greg”; Greg’s Laptop, Greg’s Home Computer, etc.
- Public, Private, and Shared folders
- Groups require invitation
- Symmetric trust model for Read/Write

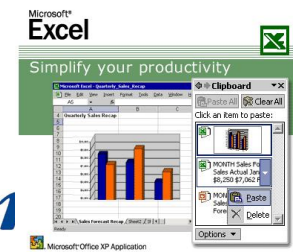
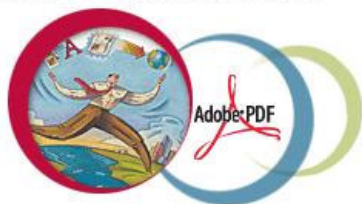


# Web Authoring

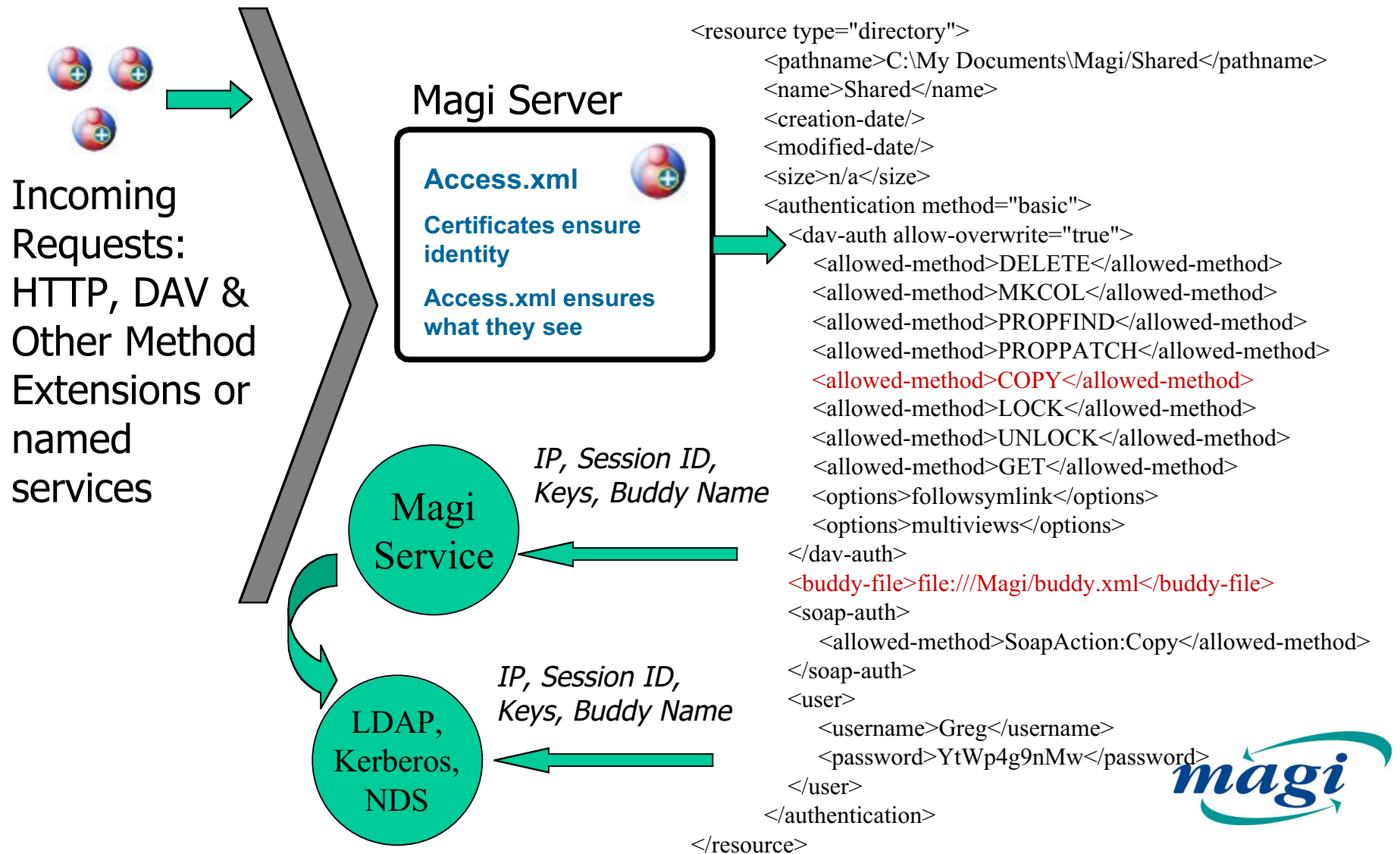
- Evolving WebDAV IETF working groups & standards
- WebDAV, DASL, DeltaV, DAV ACL
- Resource locking, overwrite prevention, metadata mgt.
- Integration with any WebDAV compliant client tool
- Magi Apache 1.3.x/2.0 or Tomcat/Jakarta architecture



Adobe Acrobat 5



# WebDAV Access.XML



# Pluggable Architecture

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- Every peer is both a client and a server
- Client side based on IE 5.5 on Win platforms; Mozilla/Netscape 6.x engines and tools for other platforms
  - Supports standard browser plugins
- Server side based on Apache Module interface & CGI-based scripting languages and packages
  - Large number of packages and modules available through commercial, shareware, open source
- GUI independent of Peer
  - HTTP/XML interface to Peer





# Smart Network Services

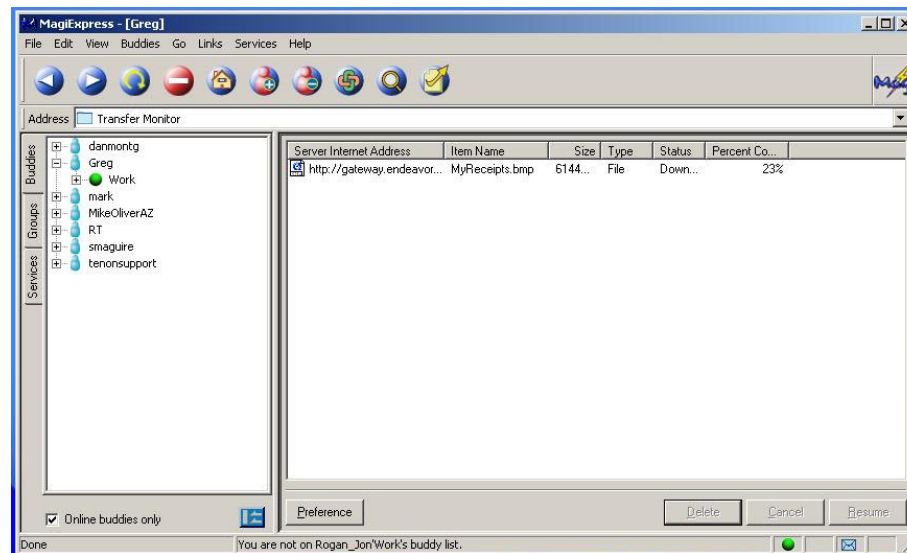
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- Any Magi peer can serve as a store & forward service
- Can be used when two peers unlikely to be online at the same time
- Also used for overcoming firewalls that don't allowing incoming HTTP traffic
- Event Store & Forward
  - Property set in config file
  - Works for instant messaging, notification, pending file
  - Application and End User events
- File Store & Forward
  - General purpose subject to EULA & copyright restrictions, a.k.a. “touching the file”
  - Event service combined with S&F cache
    - “Push” file to S&F cache
    - Notify peer that there is a file pending
    - Peer “Pulls” file from S&F cache
  - SSL between cache and peers; restricted pickup access



# Efficient Web Doc Management

- Both GET and PUT
- Magi Web Folder view allows Right-Click and “Download” monitoring or drag to buddy icon
- Support for one-time tickets & multi-issue
- Compression using mod\_gzip & others
- Xfers are done using HTTP and DAV
  - Support for byte range “GET” using HTTP
  - DAV “PUT”
  - Incremental downloads
  - HTTPR & SRMP for reliable & resume



# Caching

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- Any Magi peer can serve as a cache
- Caching is done at 3 levels:
  - Search cache supports file download & comparison with offline peers
  - Peer-side Web caching controlled through Web browser integration
  - Enterprise Web caching through traditional Web caching models
- Web caching model supports
  - Resources reference by URLs
  - Domain is the authority on resolution
  - Allows resource naming by reference, comparison using HTTP HEAD method, conditional GET, and metadata
  - Avoids resource spoofing of other p2p file systems



# Wide Area Web Services

- Workflow components work in concert:
  - Process.xml
  - Shared Work Across Peers WebDAV derived protocol
  - Endeavors Java workflow engine
- Services are network loadable servlet plugins
- Individual Magi peers can advertise services
- Template and JSP to provide end user views
- eProcesses can be built across peers using network editor

The screenshot displays the MagiExpress application interface. On the left, a file explorer shows a directory structure for 'C:\My Documents\Magi\Services'. The main area features a grid of service icons, including 'Watch Price on eBay', 'Approve Draft', 'Archive to CD', 'Babelish Languages', 'Choose One', 'Combine Work', 'Configure Properties', 'Design Suggestion', 'Do Both', 'Finish', 'Go', 'Order New PC', 'Ping Hostname', 'Publish to Internet', 'Publish to Intranet', 'Run Applet', 'Schedule a Date', 'Schedule a Time', 'Send Short Message', 'Send to Buddies', 'Spell Check', 'Update Checklist', 'View Web Security', 'Voice Mail', and 'Wait for E...'. On the right, a browser window shows a web page with a table of contact information for 'UCI' and 'Traveling Associates'. Below the browser, a 'Network Editor' window displays a workflow diagram for the 'Activity Network Travel Expense Approval Process'. The diagram starts with a 'Start' node, followed by 'Merge', 'Fill In Form', and 'Fill in Spreadsheet'. It then branches into 'Collect Receipts' and 'IRUS/Software', which merge and lead to 'Branch' nodes for 'Dept. Approval' and 'Univ. Approval'. Further steps include 'Approved?', 'Disburse Funds', and 'Finish'.

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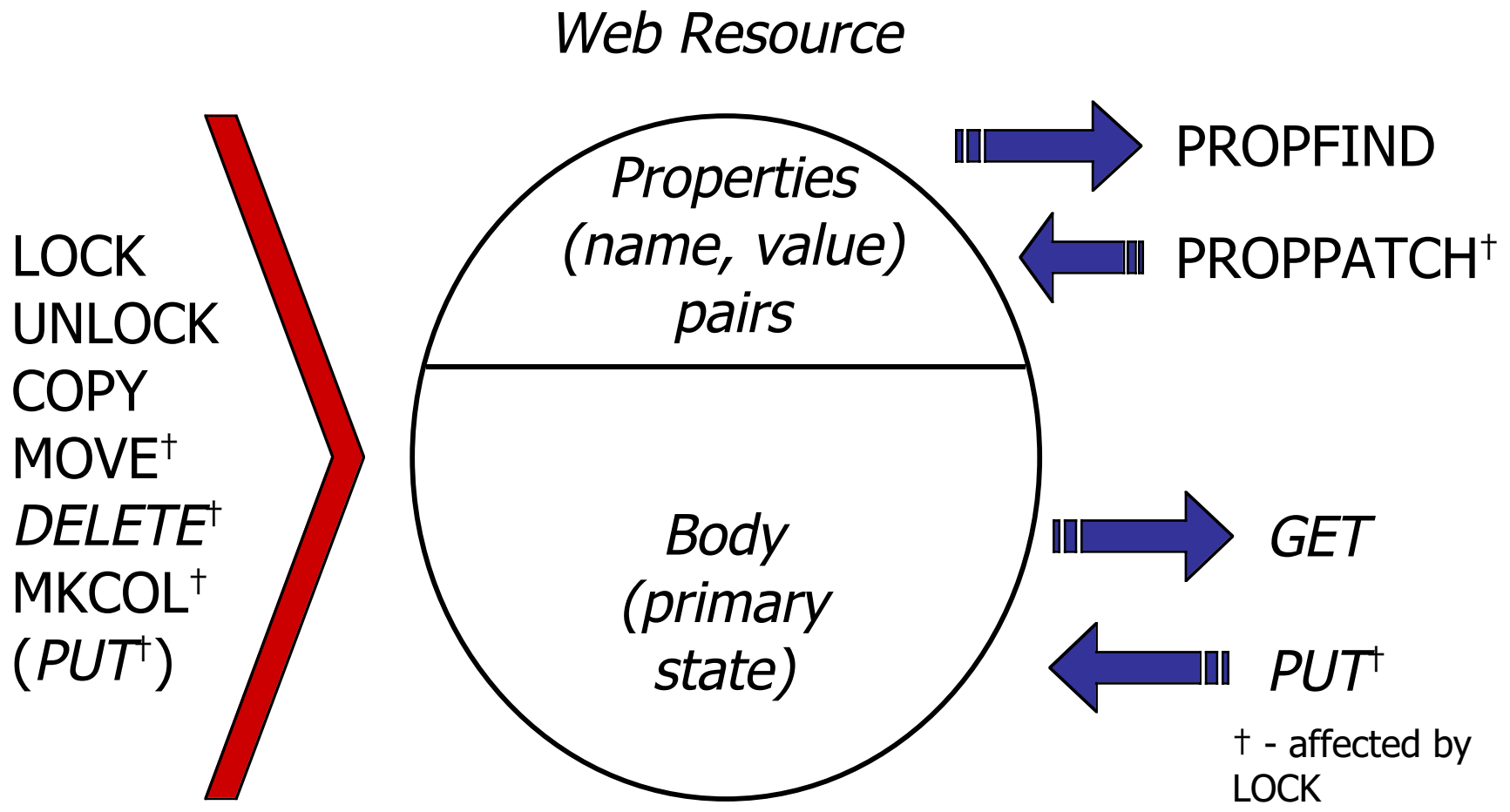
# Overview of Security Concerns

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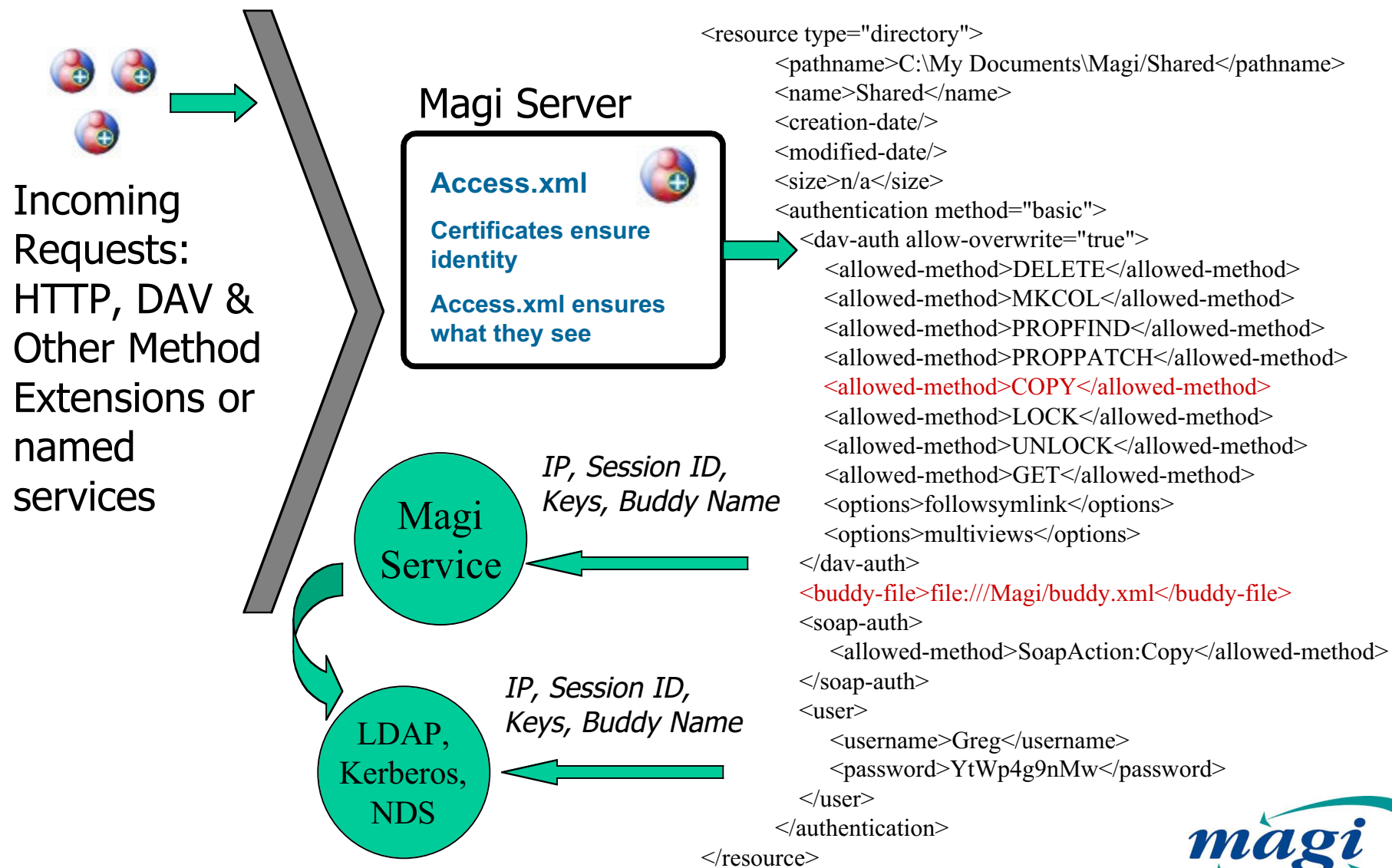
- Authentication/Authorization
  - Who are you?
  - What do you get to look at?
- Integrity
  - Has the message been tampered with?
- Confidentiality
  - Is the message hidden from others?
- Auditing/Logs
  - Who's been here?



# Generic Interface & Properties



# Access.xml & Filtering





# Magi Security Machinery

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- Magi Certificate Authority
  - The authority on who's who in Magi space.
    - Issues certificates.
    - Issues CRLs.
    - Keeps a database of all certificates and all revoked certificates.
- Magi Public Key Infrastructure
  - RSA keys, X509 certificates, X509 CRLs
  - Magi certificate authority server
  - Run time configuration
- RSA keys, X509 certificates, X509 CRLs
  - Magi generates its own key pair.
    - RSA key pair 1024 bit.
    - Private key is stored in Triple DES encoded PEM file.
  - Magi registers the public key with the Magi certificate authority.
    - Magi CA establishes name space for this Magi.
  - Magi uses custom X509 CRLs.
    - At regular intervals Magi queries the Magi CA for a CRL.



# Communication Machinery

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- SSL
  - Accepted Standard
    - Choice of cipher suites
    - Timestamps, nonce values, hashes, signatures...
  - Limitations
    - Point to point
    - Store and forward
    - Chat and Instant messaging
- SSL alternatives
  - Signed Events
    - Secure Authentication
    - Tamperproof
  - Shared Symmetric Keys
    - Content based encryption



# Magi Security Machinery

- HTTP Event Service using SSL – It's really that simple!
  - public static HttpEvent sendRequest(String host, HttpEvent evt, int ssl)
  - SSL limits itself to contracts with known entities with fixed IP
  - Store and Forward or Chat & IM break model
  - Really need signed Content-based encryption and signed events
- Content-based Encryption & Signed Events
  - Authentication/Authorization – Who are you? What do you get to see?
  - Integrity – Has the message been tampered with? During transport?
  - Confidentiality – Is the message hidden from others?
  - Auditing – Who's been here? What did they want?

```
<EVENT>
  <EVENT_TYPE>Yes</EVENT_TYPE>
  <EVENT_BEHAVIOR>NOTIFICATION_EVENT</EVENT_BEHAVIOR>
  <EVENT_VERSION>1.0</EVENT_VERSION>
  <IP>192.168.0.108</IP>
  <TIMESTAMP>985155300289</TIMESTAMP>
  <EVENT_ID>192.168.0.108:985155300289:20131:-1029658595</EVENT_ID>
  <EVENT_COUNT>20131</EVENT_COUNT>
  <PRIORITY>0</PRIORITY>
  <SOURCE>jim'tomcat1</SOURCE>
  <PARAMETERS><Username>jim'tomcat1</Username></PARAMETERS>
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</EVENT>
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# Communication Machinery

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- Audit/Logging
  - Corporate environments demand accountability
  - Permanent records must be maintained regarding who or what accessed or modified critical data, services, or systems configuration
  - System infrastructure must maintain its own log as well as provide facilities for applications to log events
- Intrusion Detection
  - Real-time event monitoring and analysis to detect abuse



# CryptoManager

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- Manages cryptographic functionality
  - Manages all key material
  - Performs all cryptographic manipulations
- Provides services to other parts of Magi
  - CryptoManager presents itself as a service



# CryptoManager Services

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public static HttpEvent sendRequest(String host, HttpEvent evt, int ssl)
```

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public HttpEvent(MagiContext context, String type, String behavior, String parameters, HttpEvent responseTo,  
                HttpEvent[] eventList, boolean signed)
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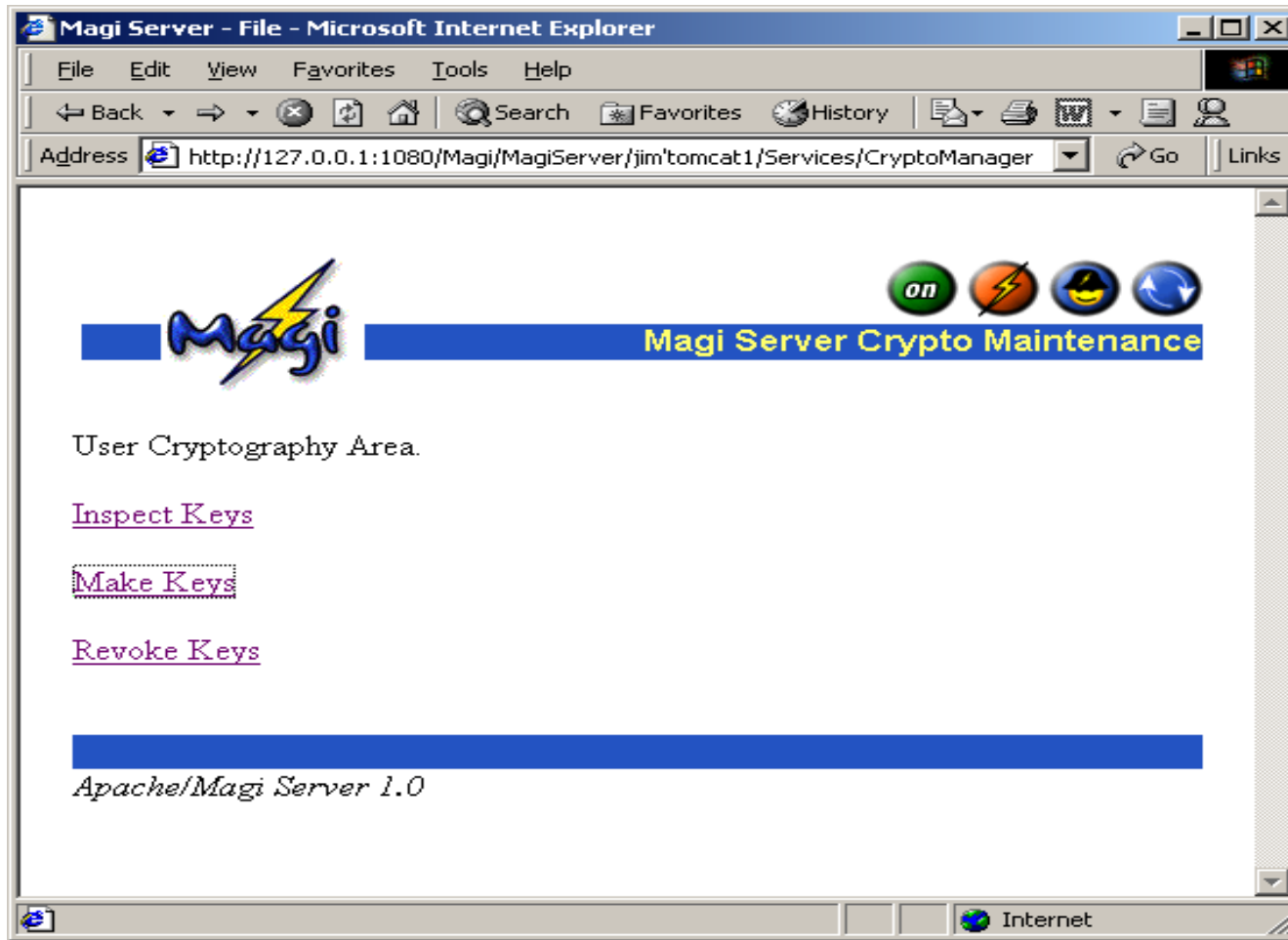
```
public int getSignatureStatus() { return signatureStatus; }
```

```
public static final int SIGNED_AND_VALID           = 1;  
public static final int SIGNED_AND_NOT_VALID      = 2;  
public static final int NOT_SIGNED                = 3;  
public static final int SIGNED_MISSING_CERTIFICATE = 4;  
public static final int UNKNOWN                   = 5;
```

```
//Inside an event instance requesting CryptoManager for a signature  
MagiLog.log("====>>> Querying for CryptoManager Service.");  
CryptoManagerInterface cryptoManagerInstance = (CryptoManagerInterface)  
MagiServiceManager.queryService( "org.endeavors.magi.services.secure.CryptoManagerInterface");  
//various code to make sure cryptoMangerInstance is not null.  
String[] retVals = cryptoManagerInstance.signEvent(this.context, this.toXML());  
if ( retVals != null )  
{  
    this.shaRSASignature = retVals[0];  
    this.x509Cert = retVals[1];  
    MagiLog.log("====>>> Signing was successfull.");  
}
```



# CryptoManager Interface



# Examples

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- What would you use?
  - File transfers
  - HTTP Events
  - Chat
  - Instant Messages

