

# Interaction-Based Privacy Threat Elicitation

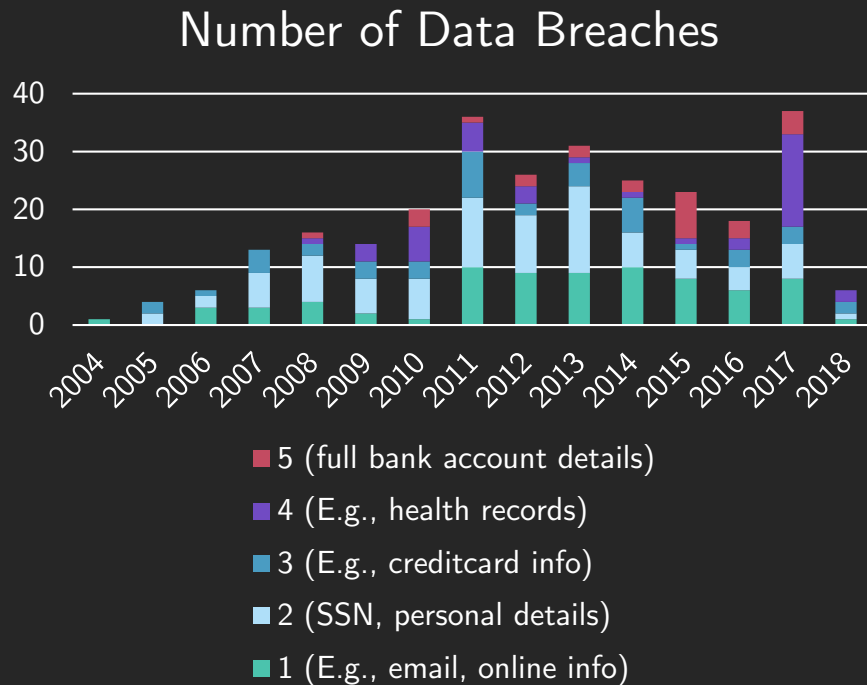
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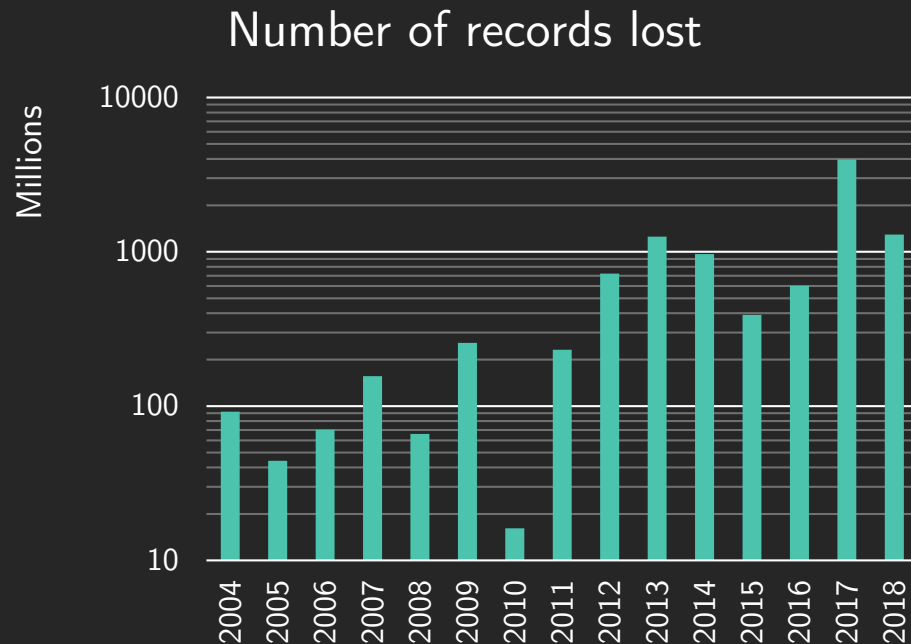
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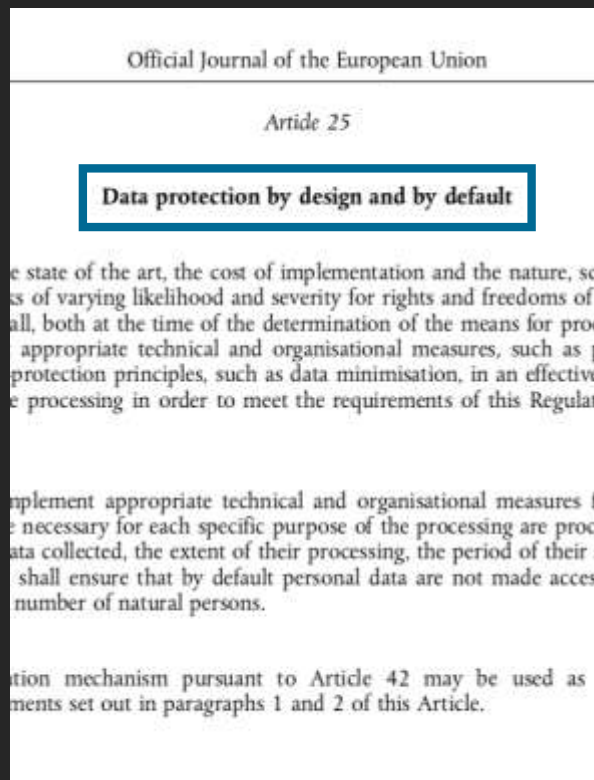
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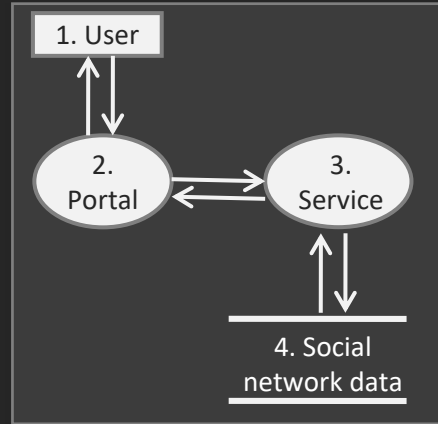
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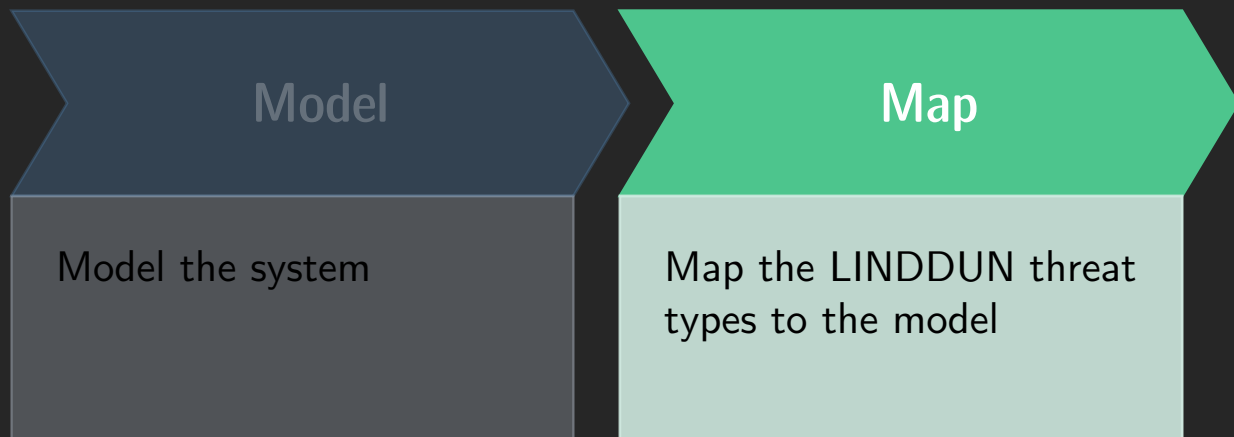
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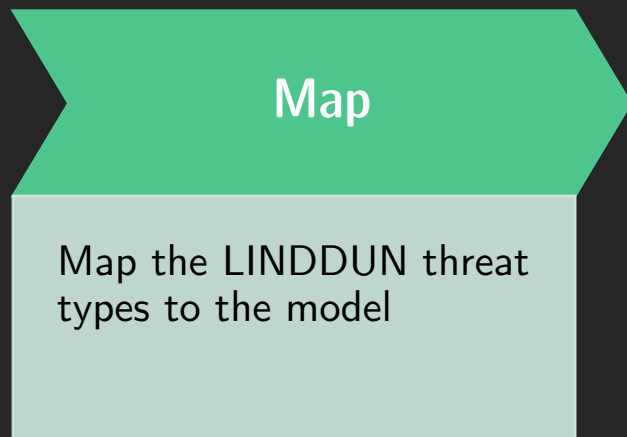
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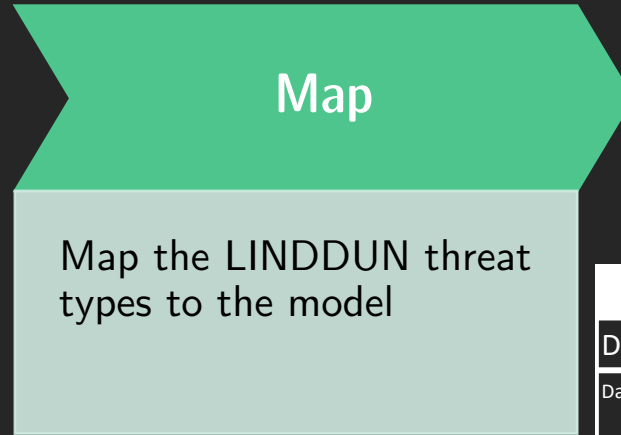
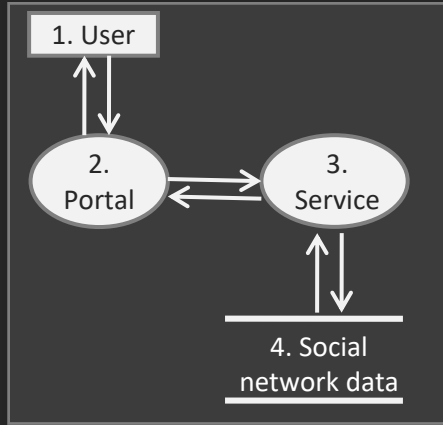
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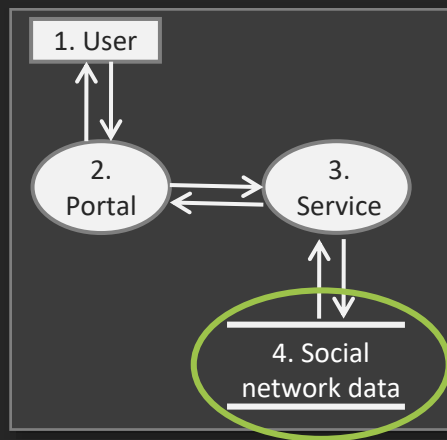


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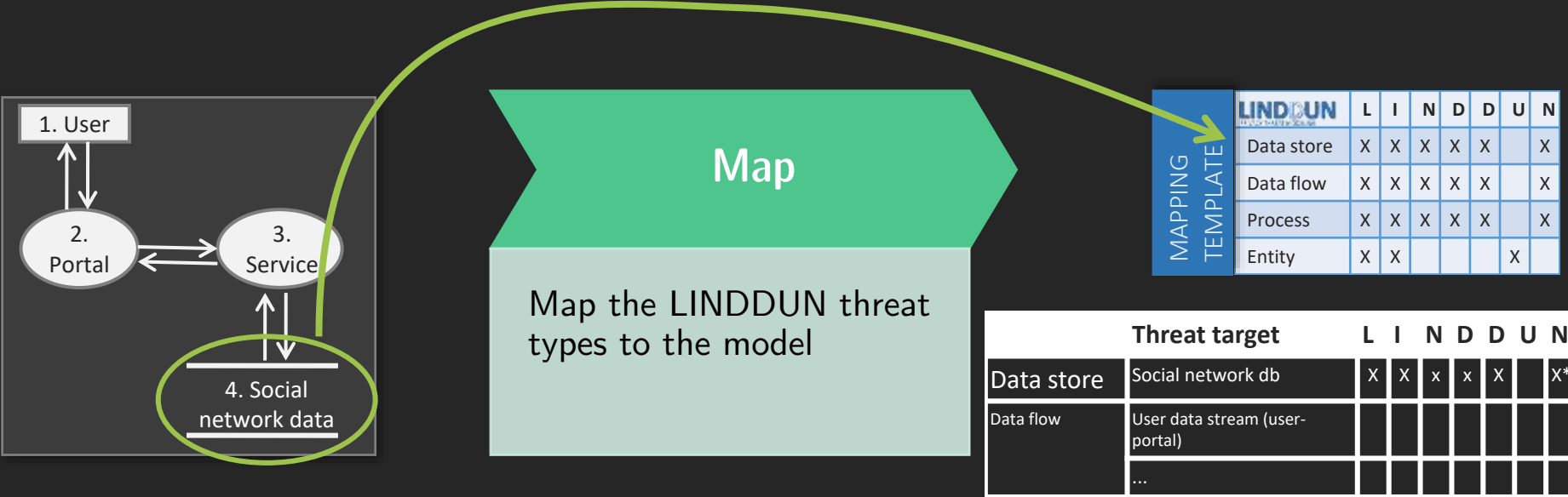
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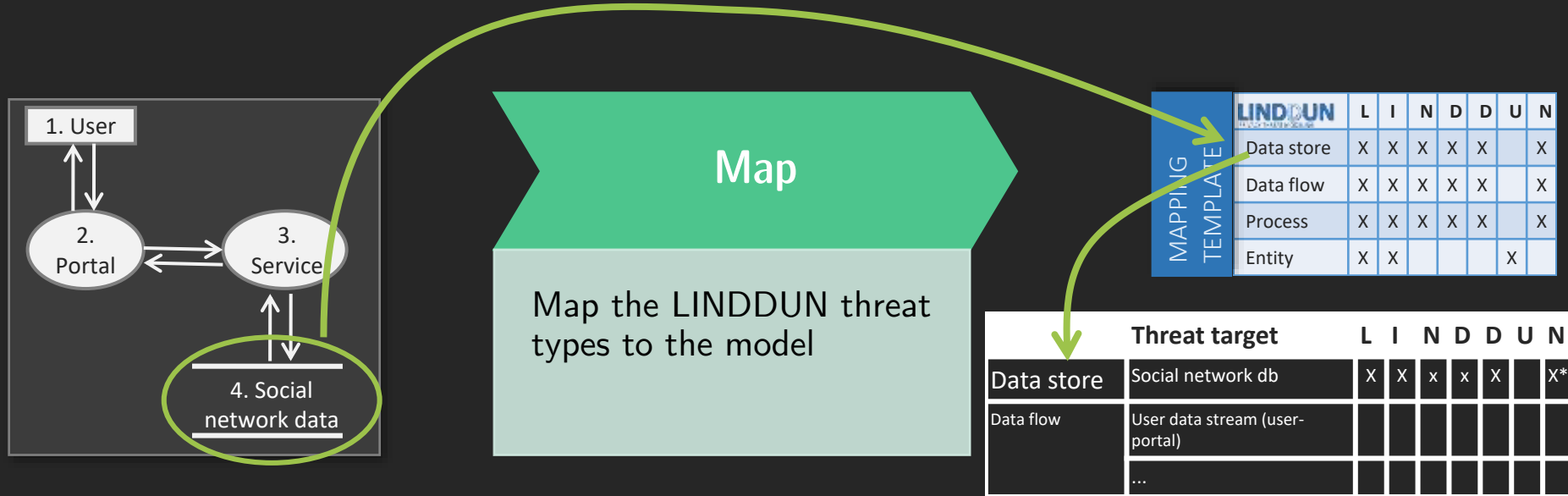
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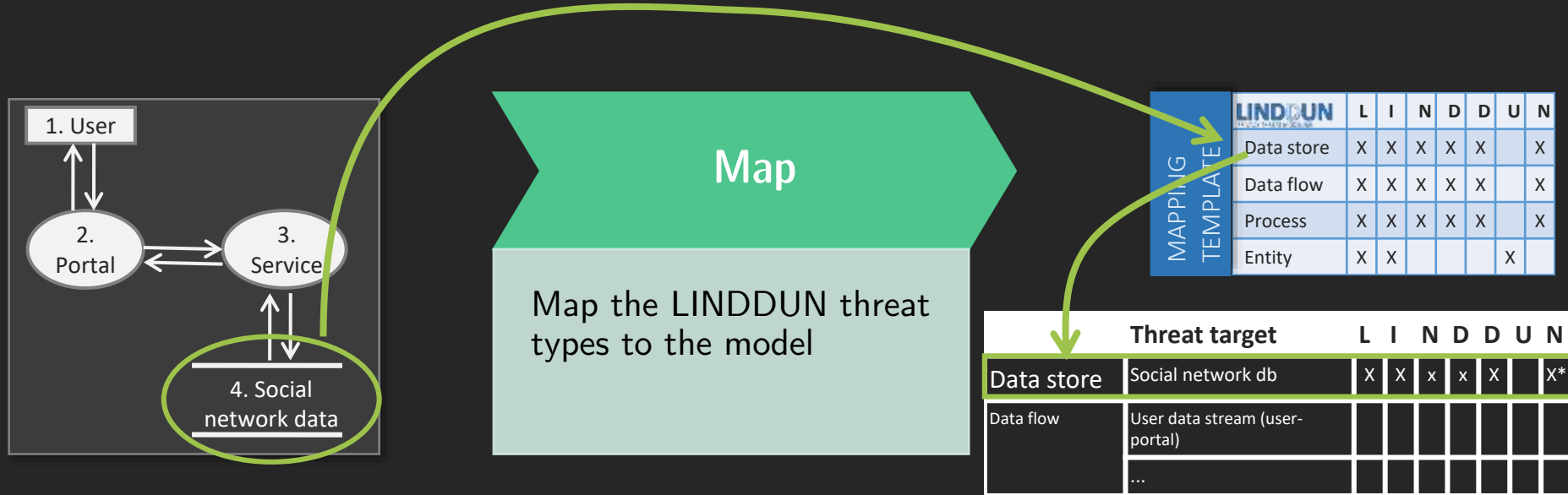
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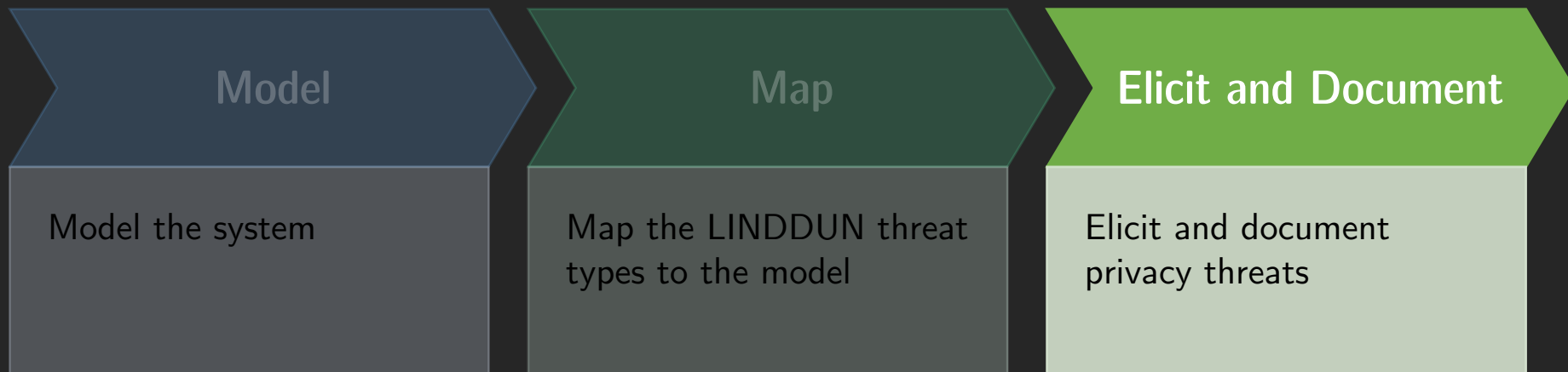


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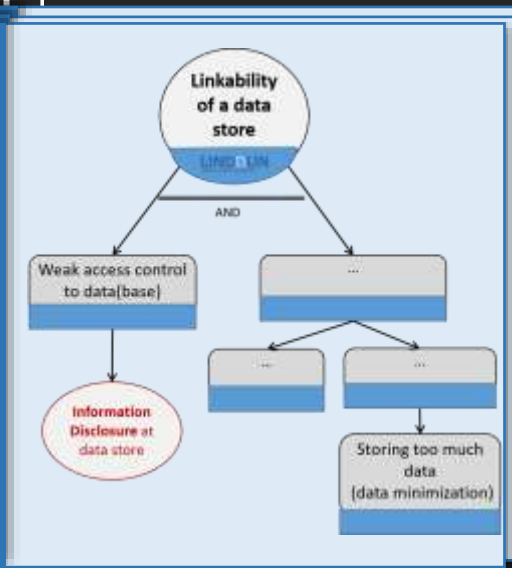


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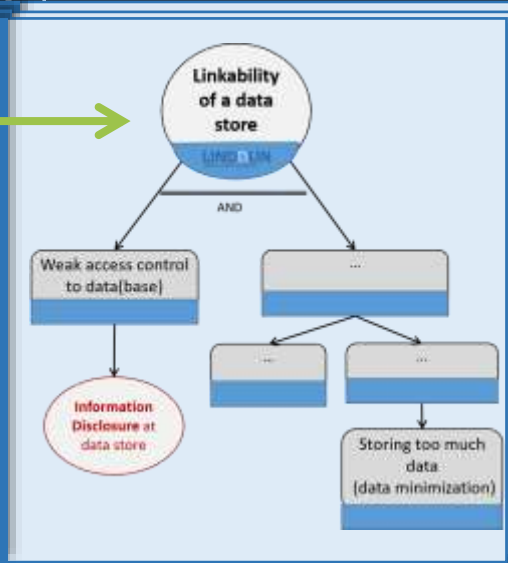
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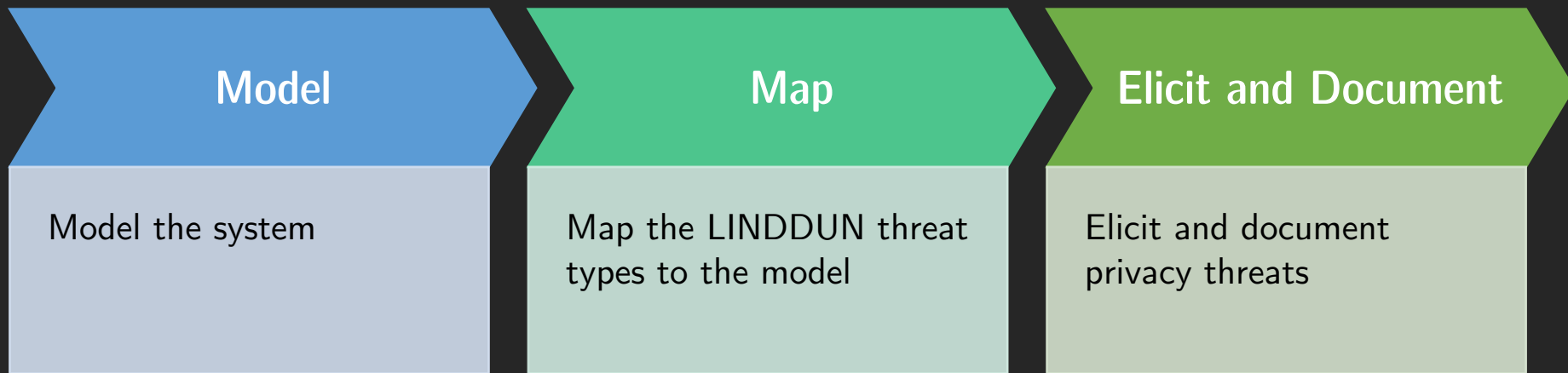
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# The LINDDUN Privacy Framework



**Linkability**



**Identifiability**



**Non-repudiation**



**Detectability**



**Disclosure of Information**



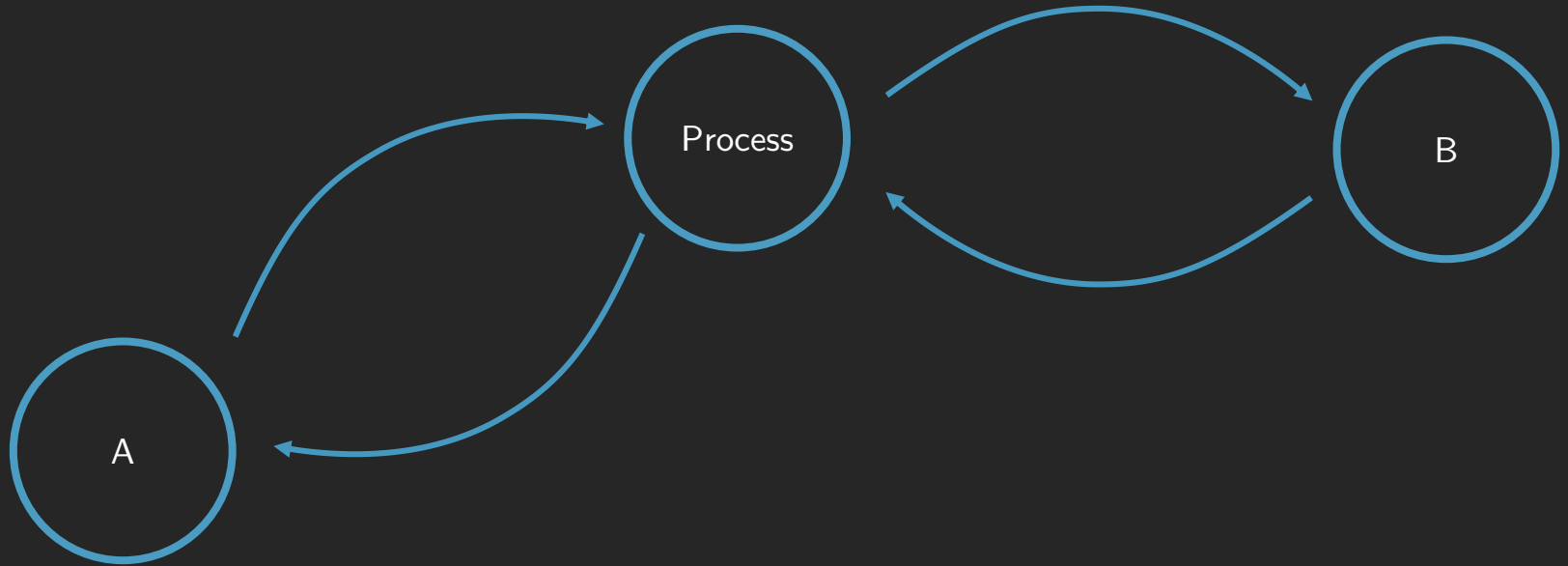
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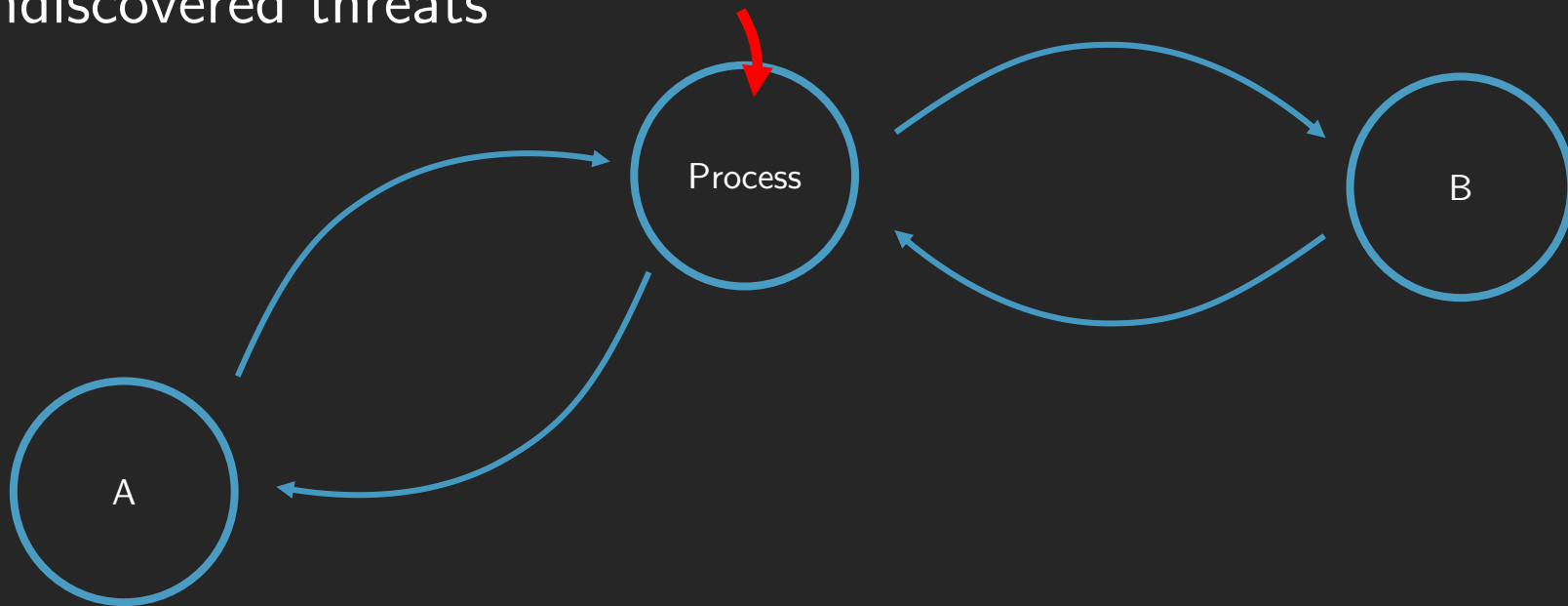
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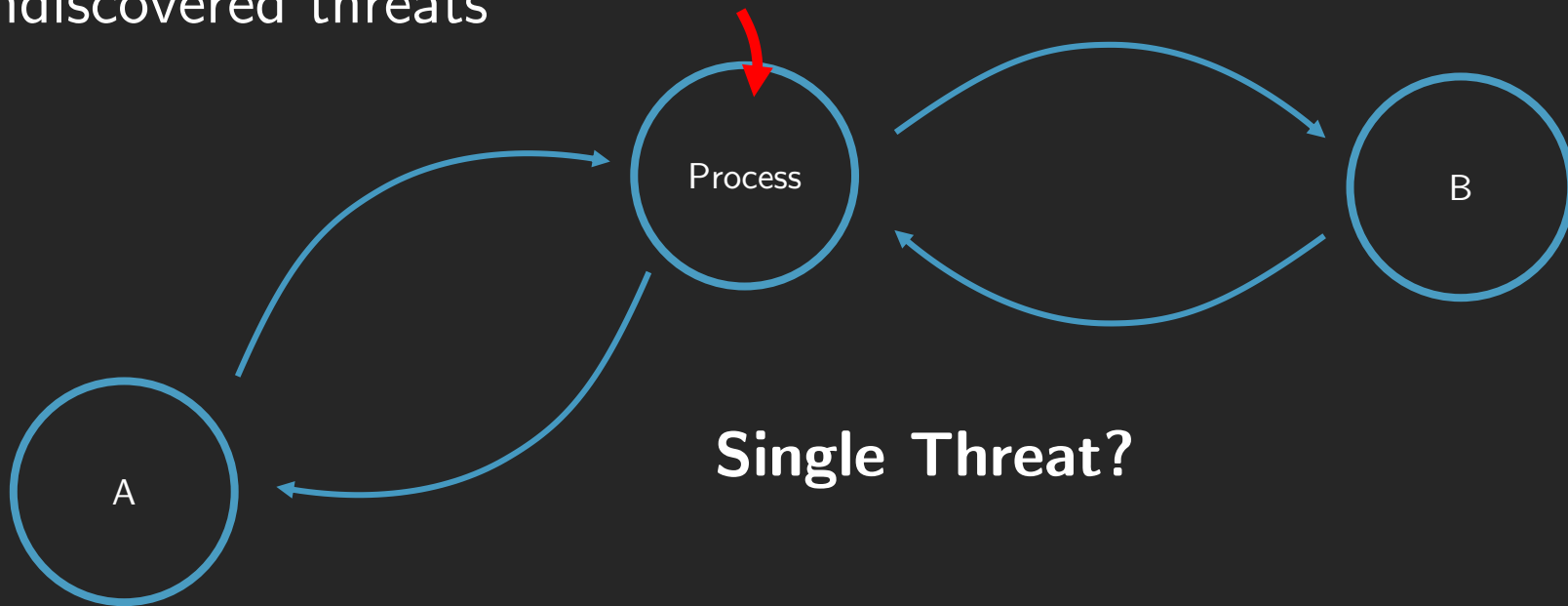
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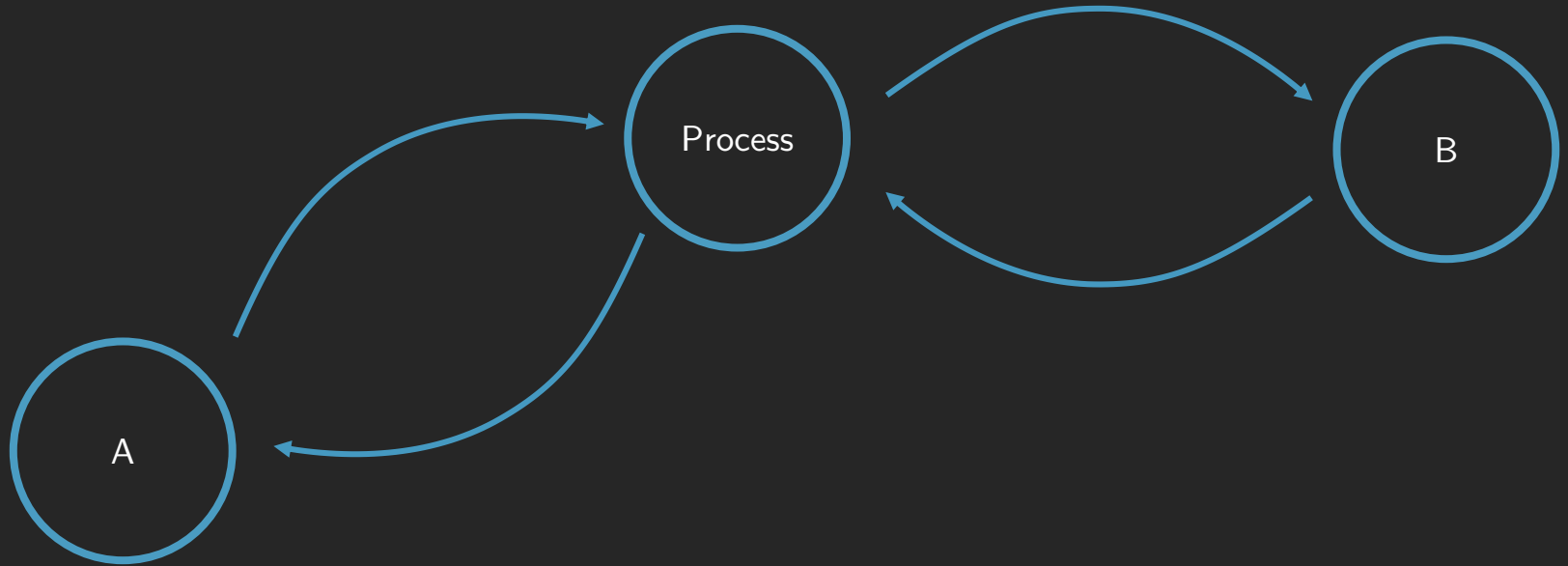
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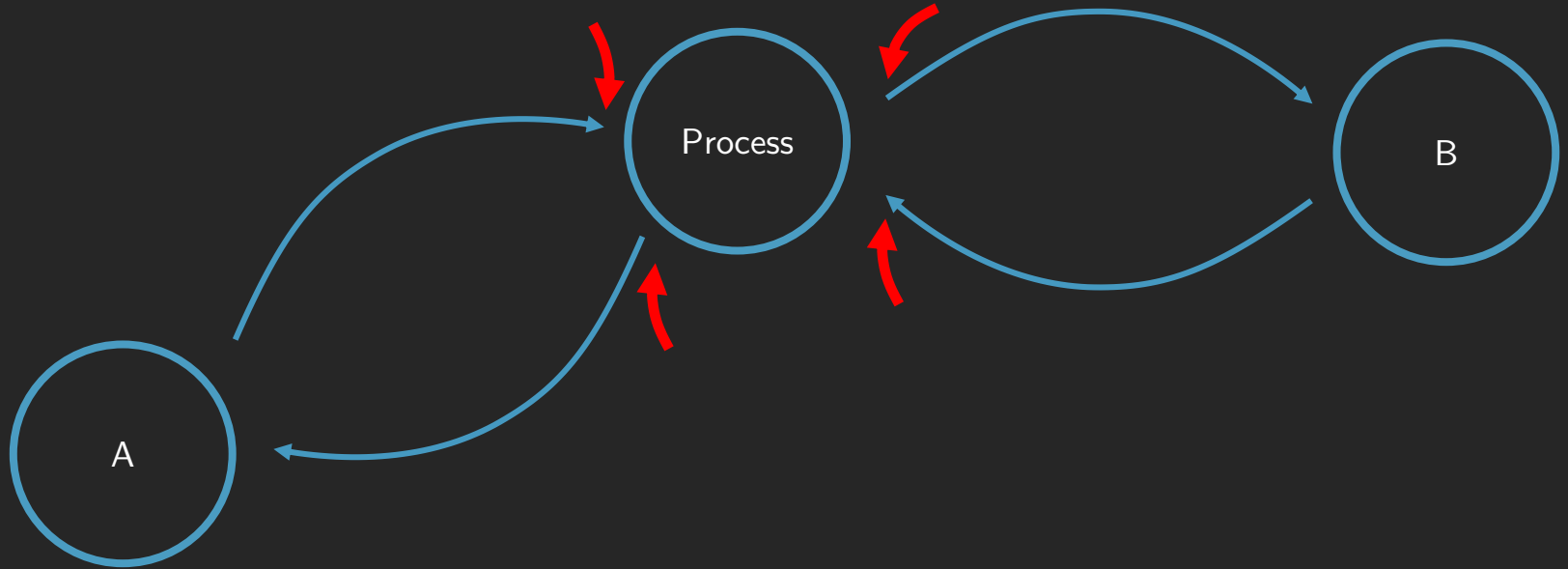
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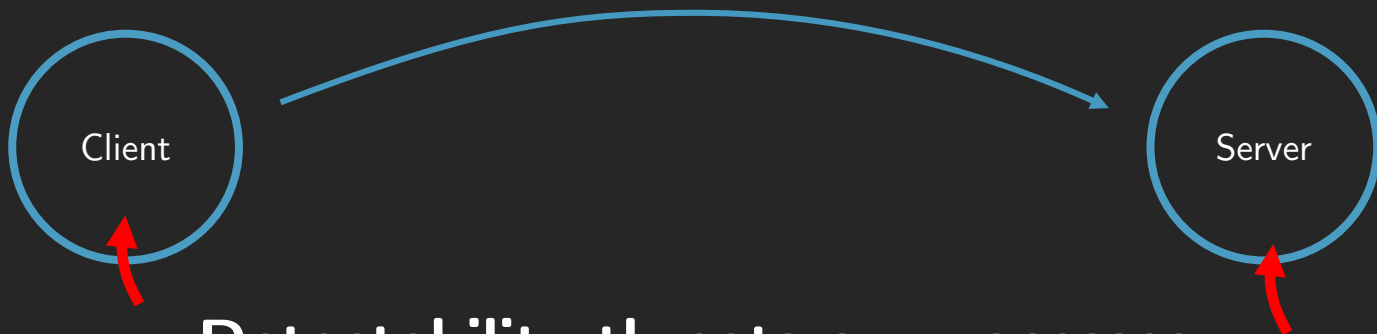
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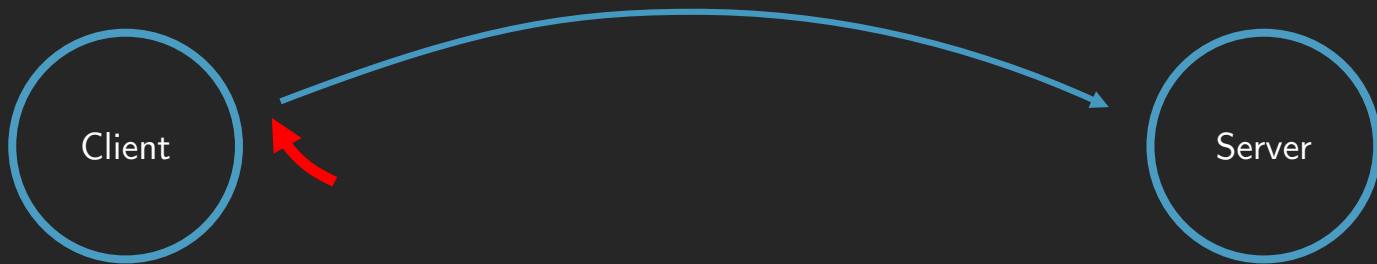
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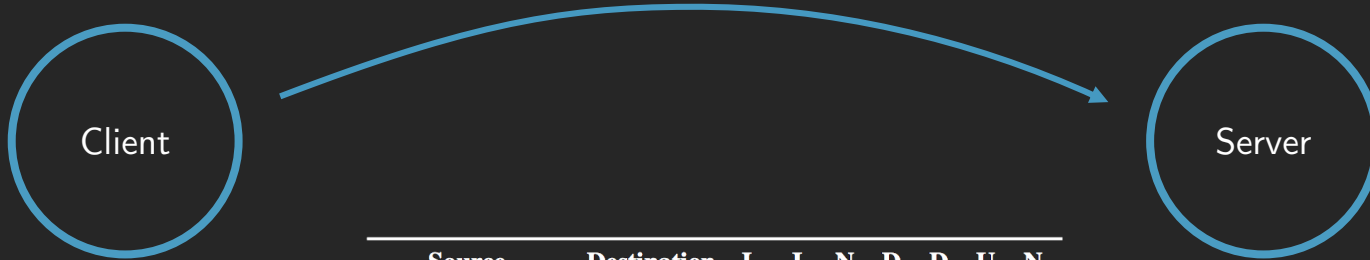
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# Element- vs. Interaction-based Elicitation

- › Take local context into account
  - ›› More explicit and precise
- › Threats not caused by elements but through interactions
- ›  $\#\{interactions\} < \#\{elements\}$
- › Less or more threats?
- › Lack of consensus on the most appropriate approach

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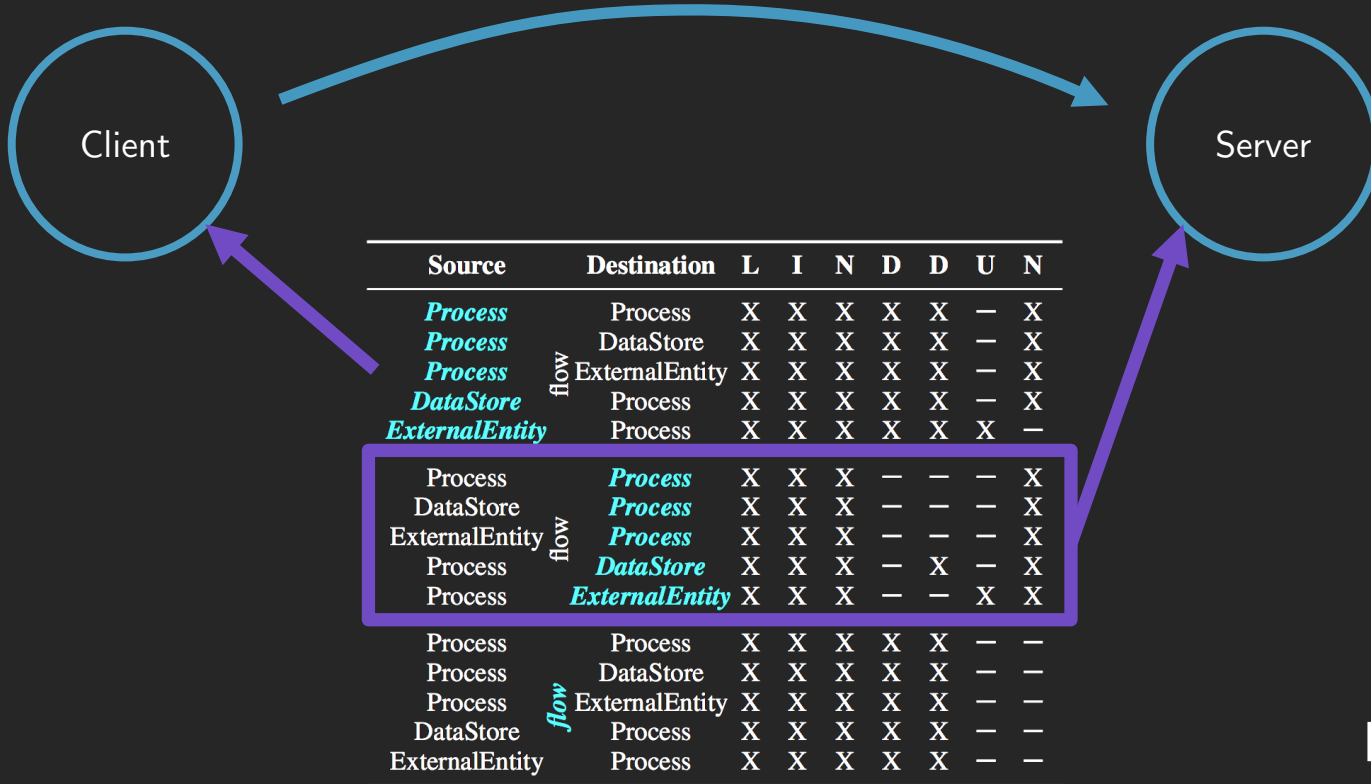
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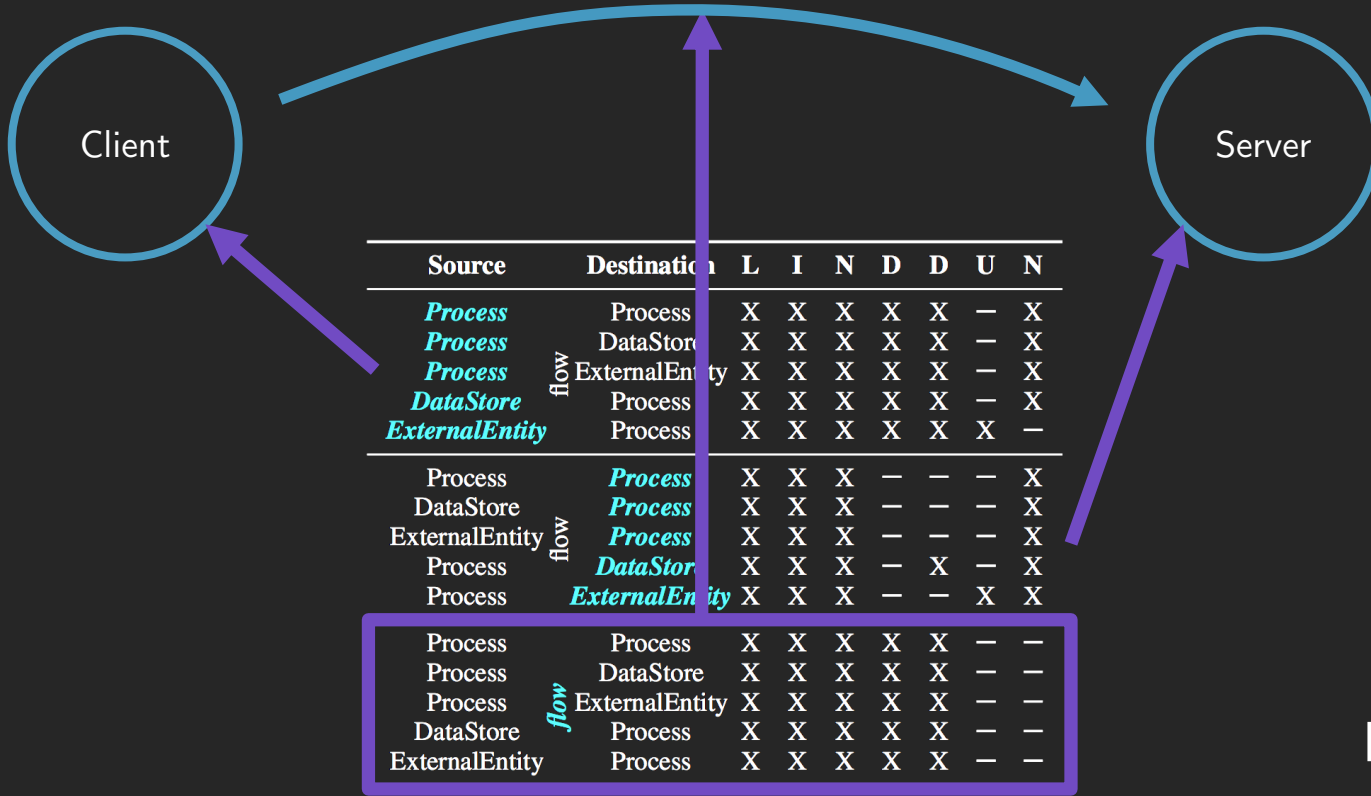


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