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- DNS

- admin-

originally

all names maintained in
hosts.txt at SRI.

Problems?

- does not scale wrt
names / hosts

- Spoof

- linear cost
of retr.

- consistency?

- censor

DNS : Domain Name System
RFC 1034, 1035

Design Goals

- General Purpose
consistent namespace
- Distributed Maintenance
via Delegation
- Server of data controls
tradeoff between
cost / accuracy

DNS Namespace

- variable depth
rooted tree

- each node has a label
(name)

Resource Records

data associated
with names.

Name Servers

- info. repositories

Resolvers

- extract info. from
NS in response to
client queries

DNS from the perspective of...

user : DNS accessed
via resolvers

Resolver : DNS is composed
of an unknown # of NSs.
Each NS stores some part
of the namespace.

NS: DNS consists of
partitioned info. Each
partition is called
a zone.

DNS namespace

- variable depth rooted tree

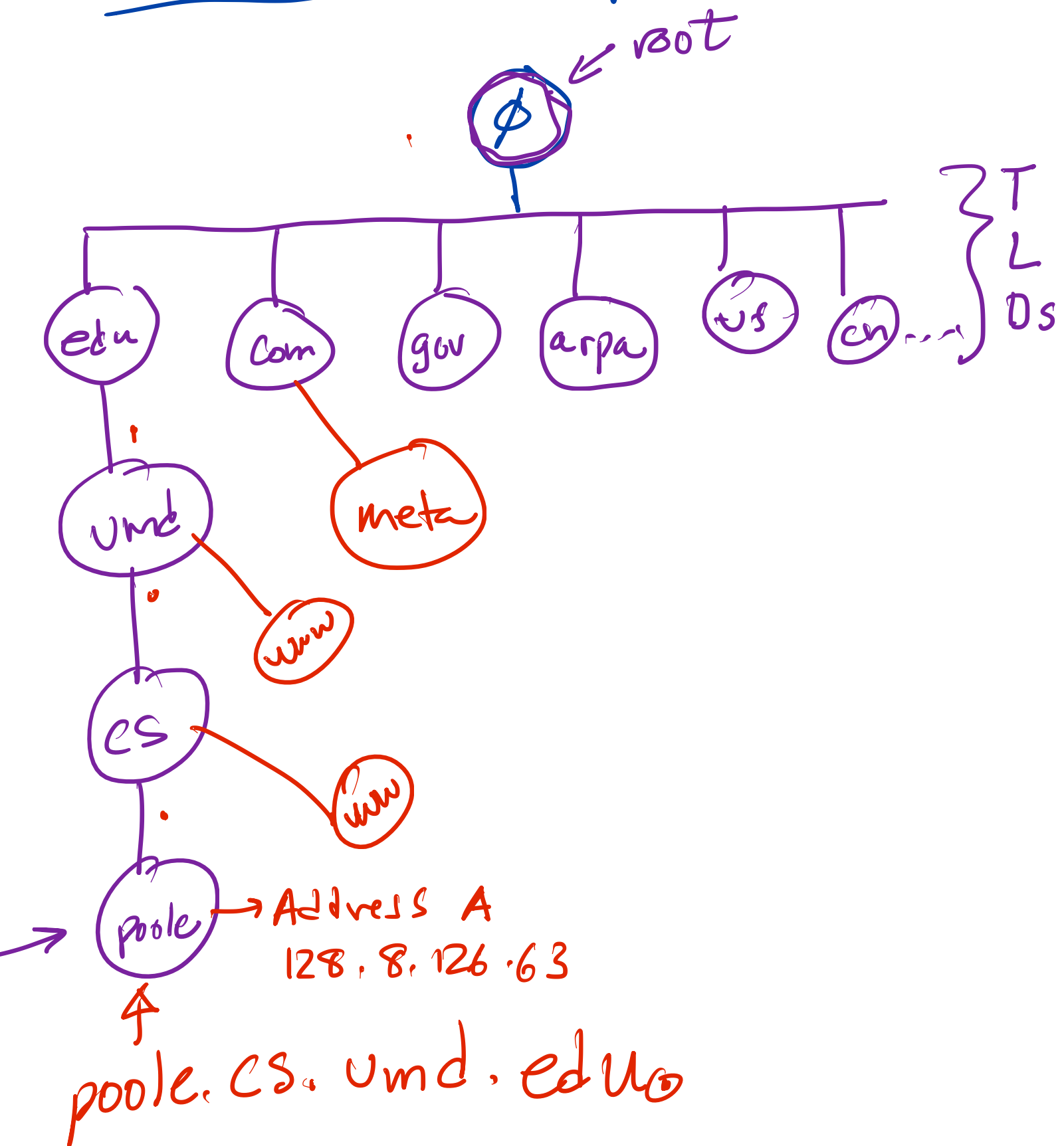
- each node has a corresponding resource set (70 RRs)

- each node has a label (0-63 bytes)

- sibling nodes cannot have the same label

- root label : \emptyset

DNS Namespace



Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN)

FQDN

Resource Records

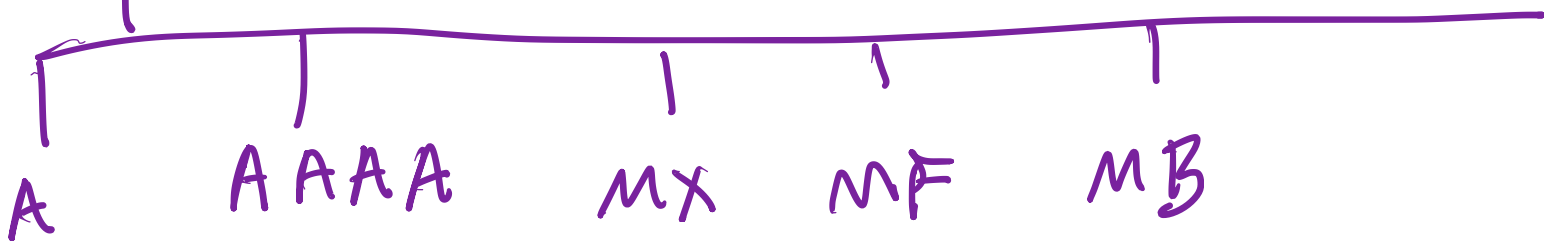
{ type, class, data }



IN, CHAOS, HESIOD, ...

abstract resources :

hostname, mailbox, nameserver...



CNAME

NS

SOA

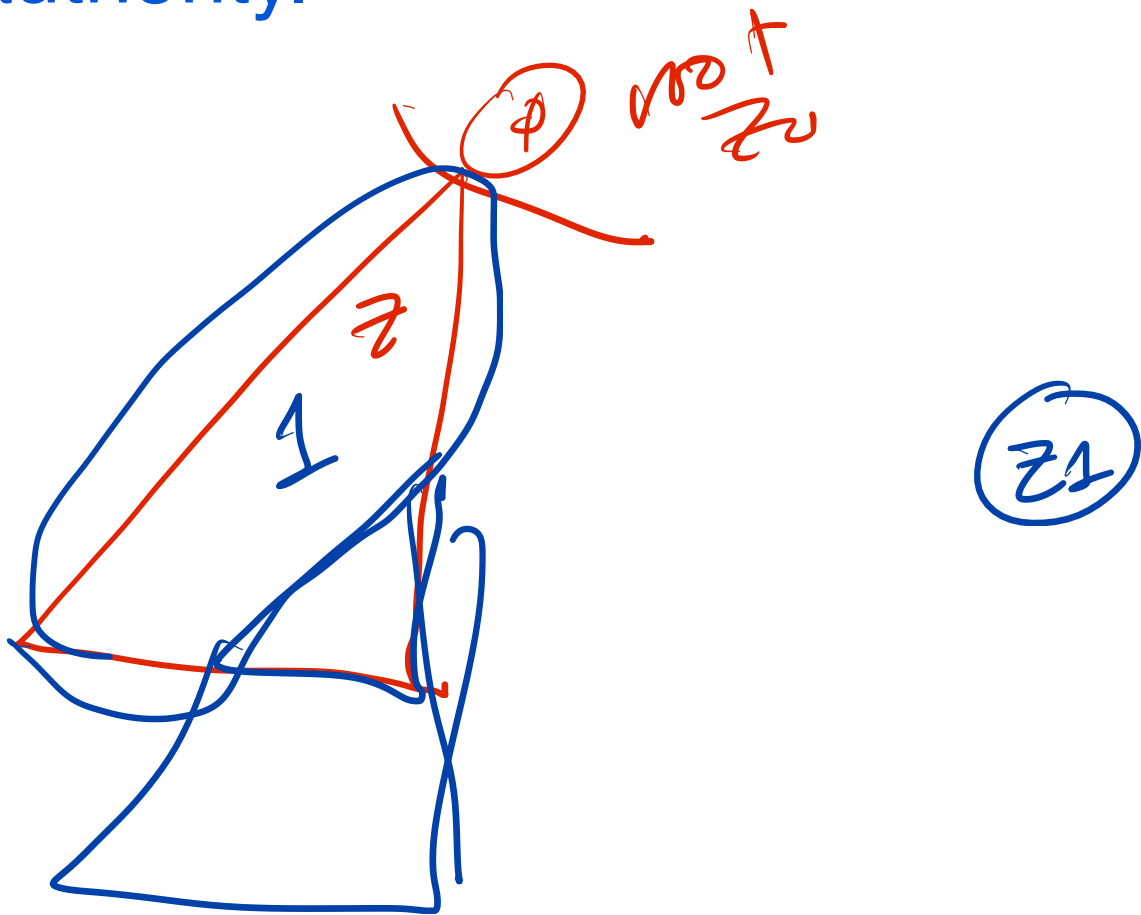
HINFO

PTR

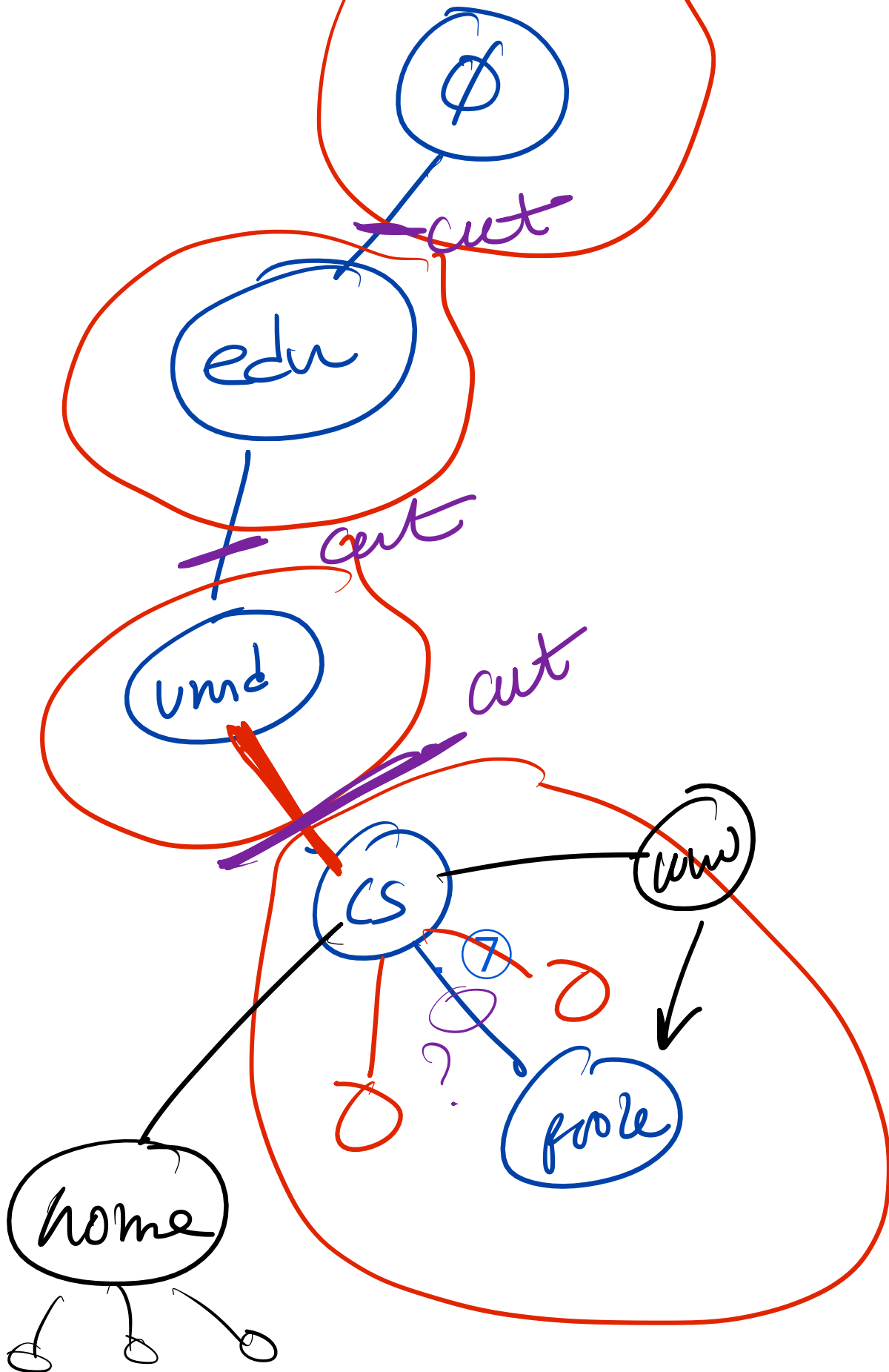
TXT

Zones:

A complete description of all data in a contiguous section of the namespace that is administered by a single authority.



Zone example



SoA record:

authority data that describes the top node in a zone.

cut: denotes zone boundaries
 - may occur between any
 two nodes in the
 namespace.

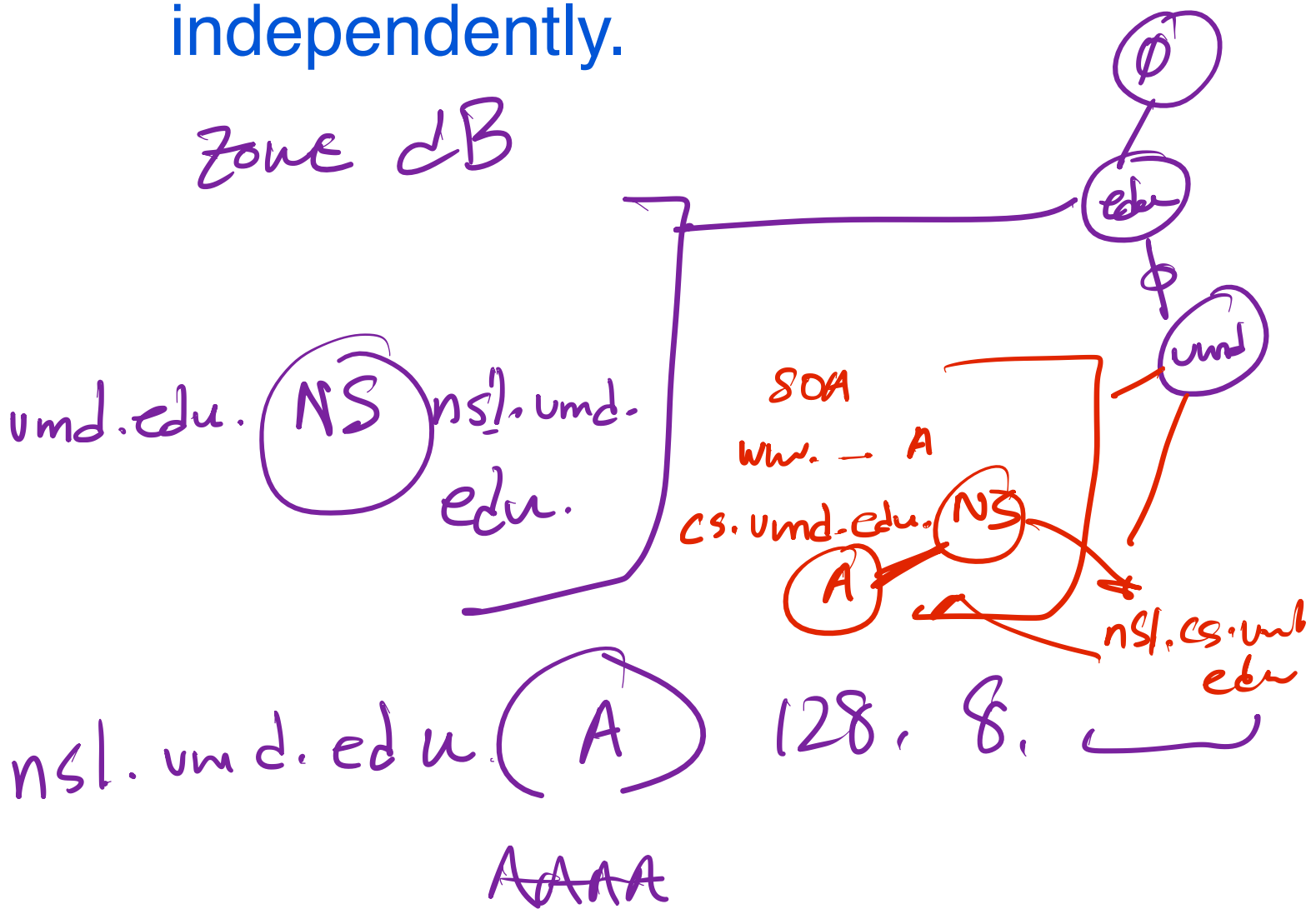
Zones designate administrative boundaries.

- an organization gets control of a zone by persuading parent organization to `_delegate_` a subzone consisting of a `_single_` node.

Parent does this by inserting a single RR into its zone that designates a zone division

- new zone can grow / delegate independently.

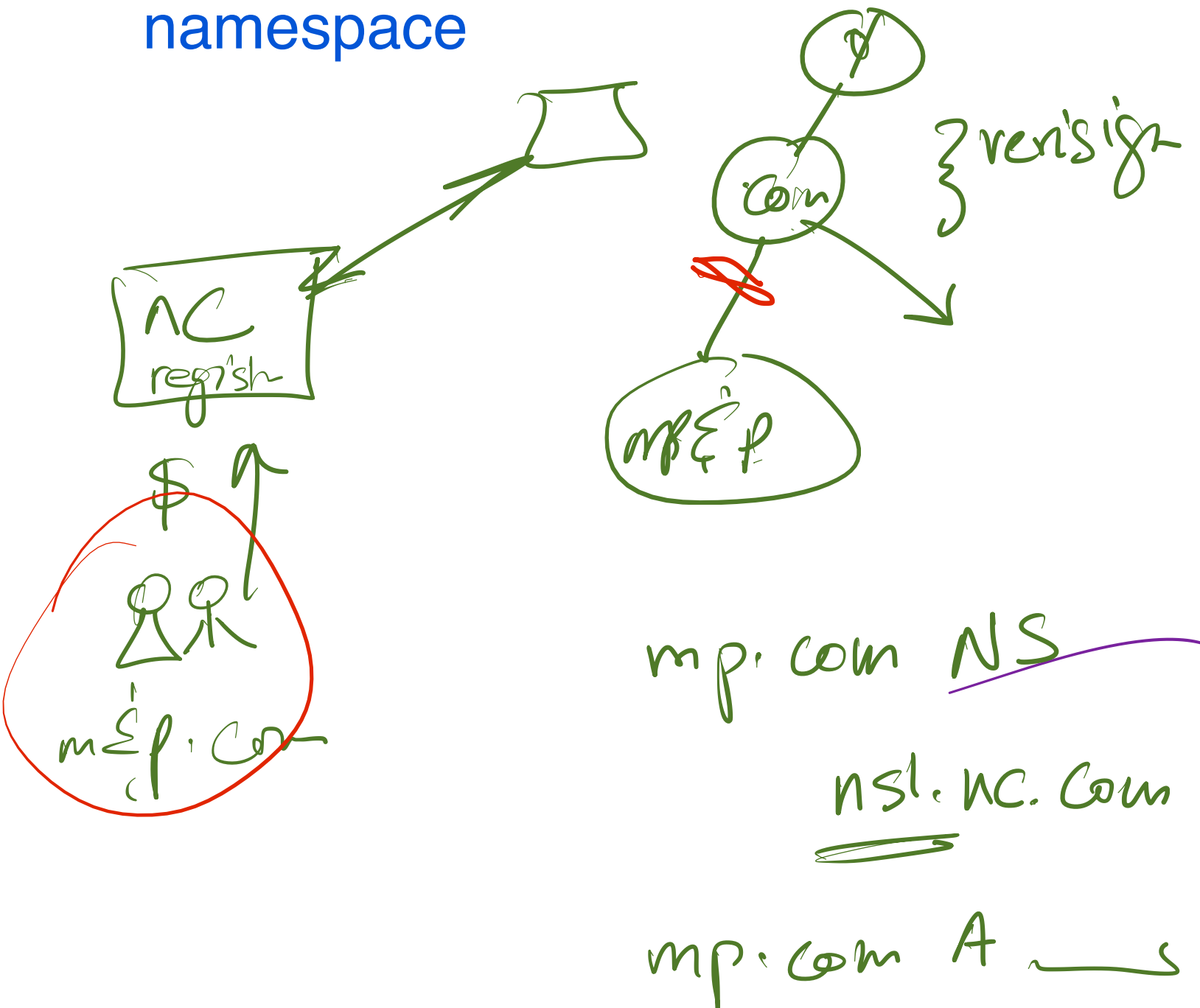
zone DB



Glue records

- used at zone boundaries

(NS, A) record pair for delegated namespace



Each zone must have two power independent NSs serving zone data (one primary, one secondary).

A particular NS (hardware) can serve zone data for any number of zones.

Authoritative Answer:

an answer from a NS about its OWN zone

DNS wire protocol (port 53 UDP/TCP)



flags

#bits	1	4	1	1	1	1	3	4
	QR	opcode	AA	TC	RD	RA	zero	rcode

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Query/
Response

0: normal

1: inverse

2: server
Status

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Auth.
Answer

Truncated

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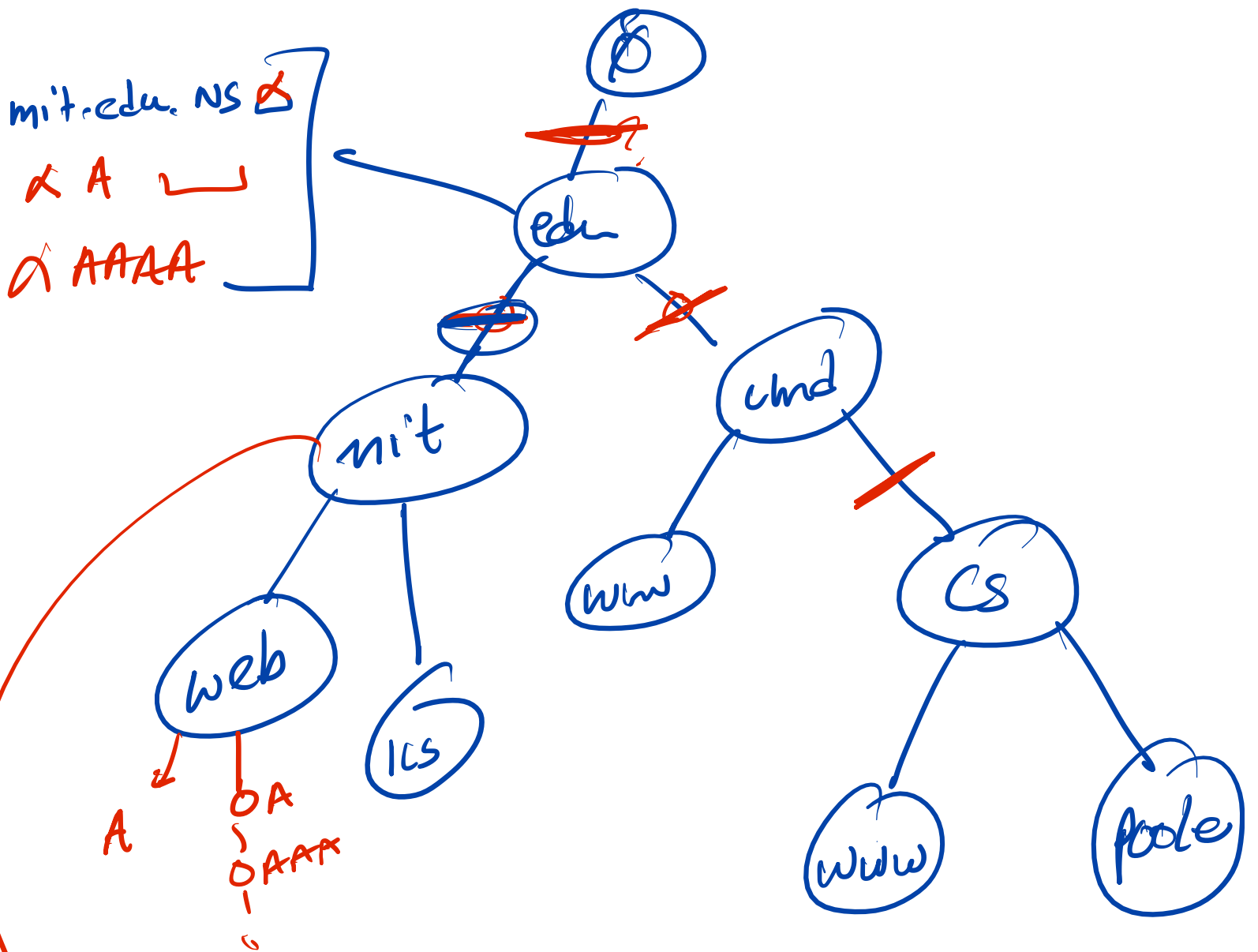
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Recursion
Available

Recursion
Desired

0 no error

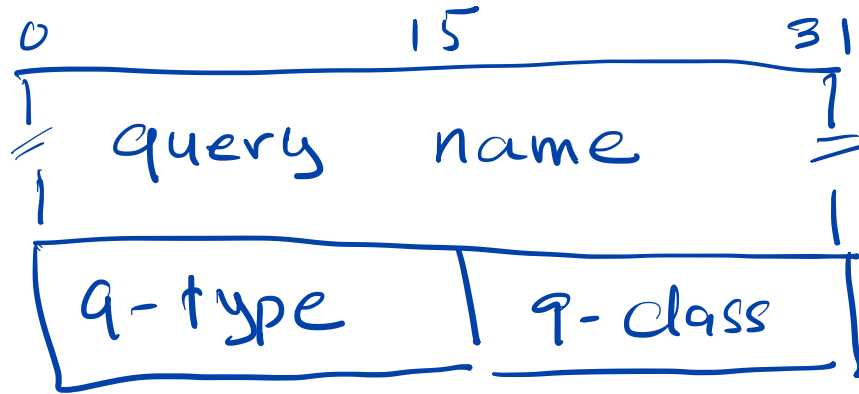
3 name error



ics.mit.edu. A _____
 web.mit.edu. A _____
 web.mit.edu AAAA _____

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Question



encoding

[5] poole [2] cs [3] umd [3] edu [0]
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FQDN

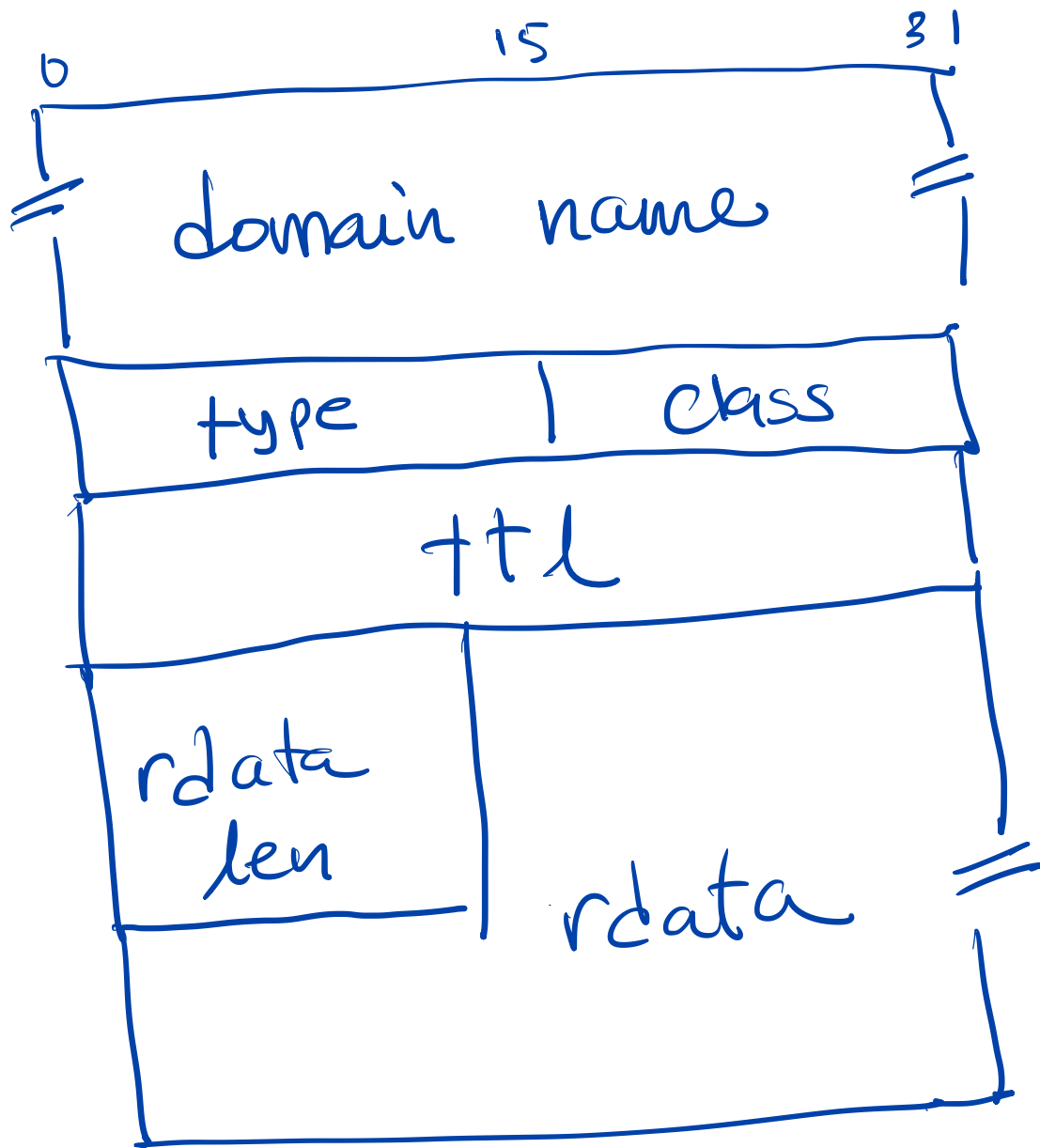
q-type:

A NS CNAME PTR MX

...

AXFR AN }
not RRs

RR formatting

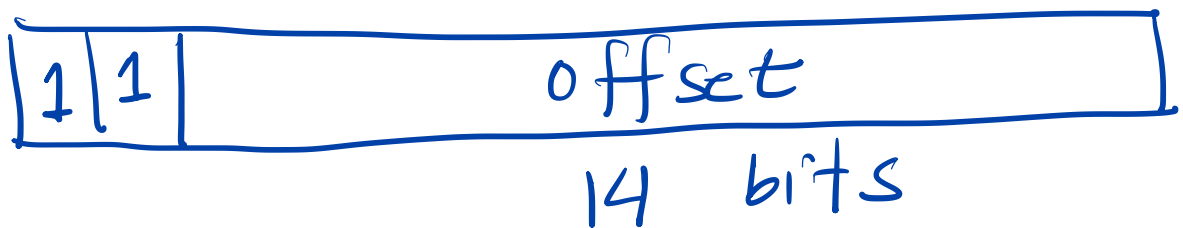


Compression

Count byte 5 pool

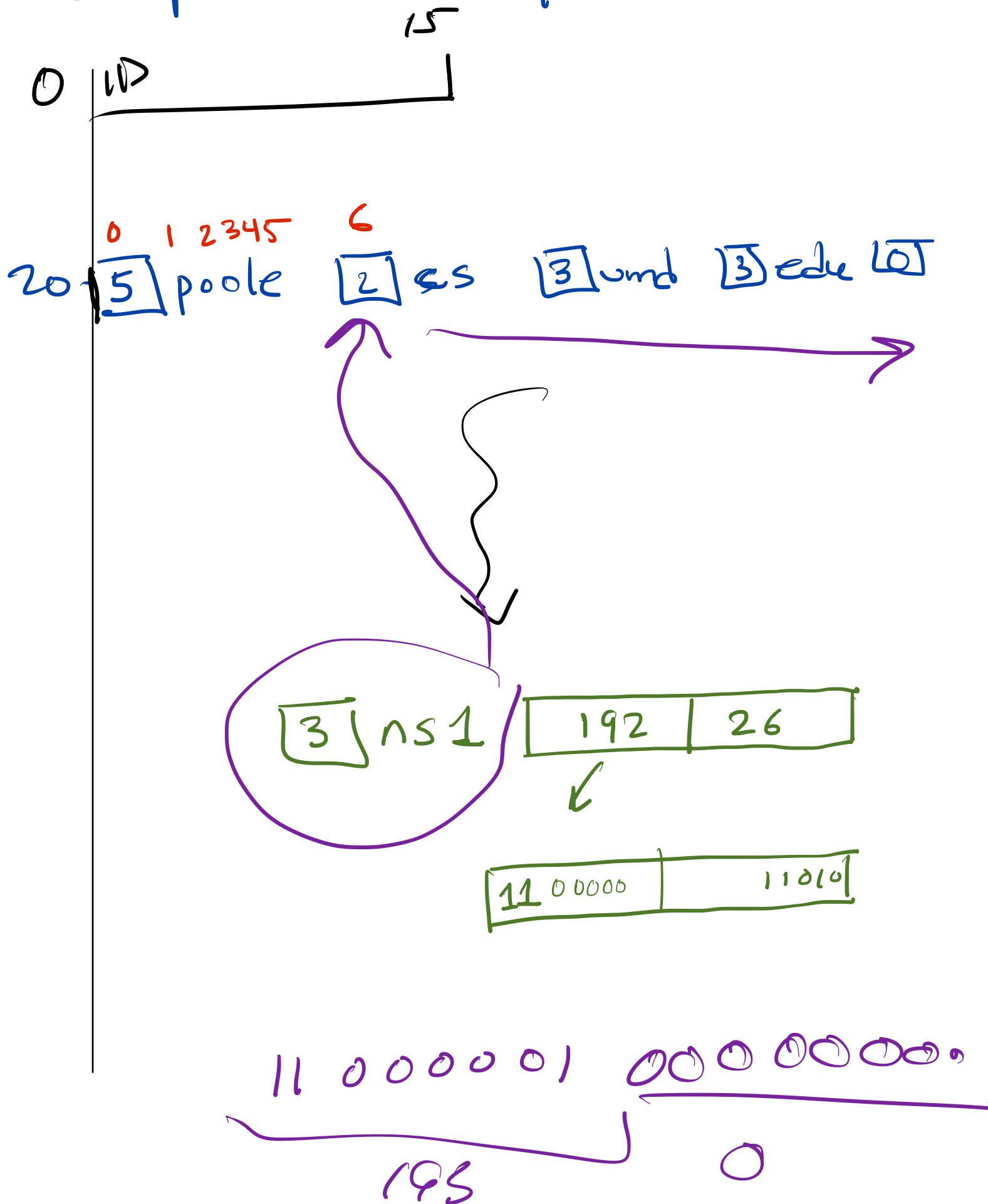
legal range: 0 - 63

if 2 MSB of "count"
are 1 : count is not
a count at all, but
a pointer



id field : offset = 0.

Compression Example



PTR queries

"magic"

in-addr. arpa, suffix

128. 8. 126. 63



63. 126. 8. 128.

in-addr. arpa

PTR query



RR