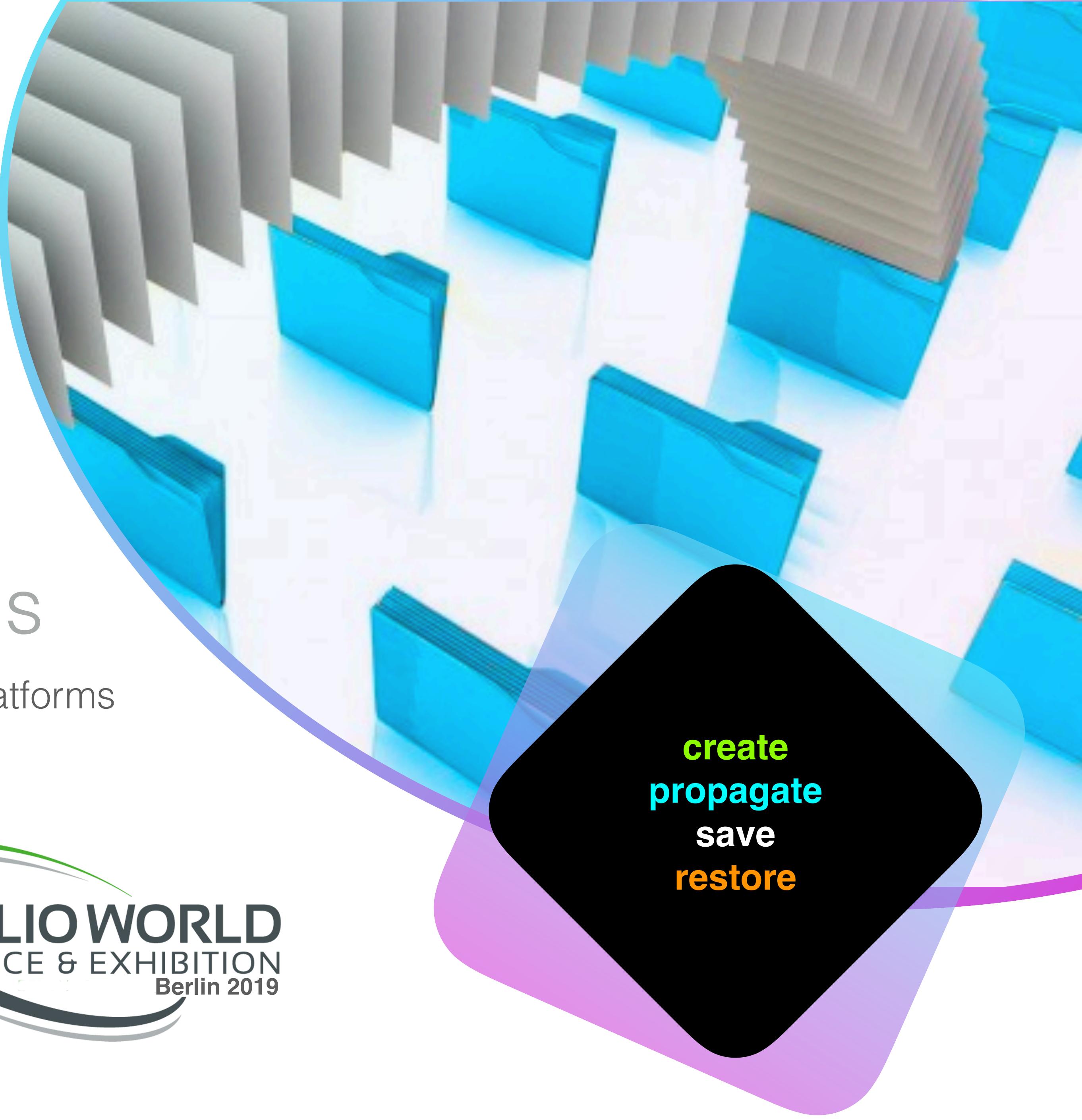




Replication Mechanisms

Distributing data in multi-node Kamailio VoIP platforms

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Replication in computing involves sharing information so as to ensure consistency between redundant resources, such as software or hardware components, to improve reliability, fault-tolerance, or accessibility.

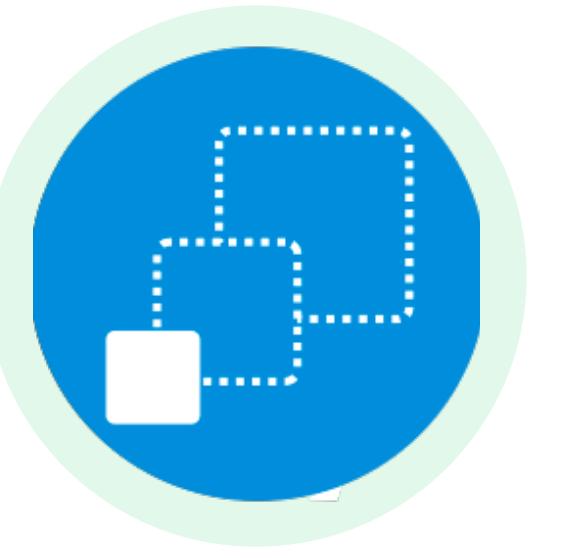
Replication in computing can refer to:

data replication - where the same data is stored on multiple storage devices

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Replication_\(computing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Replication_(computing))

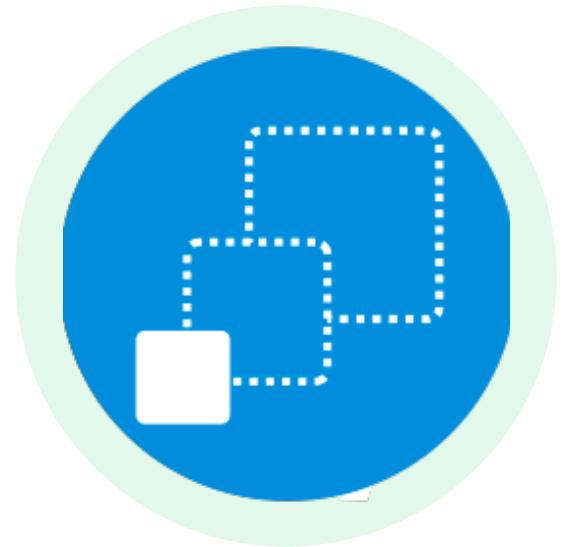


Replication != **Scalability**





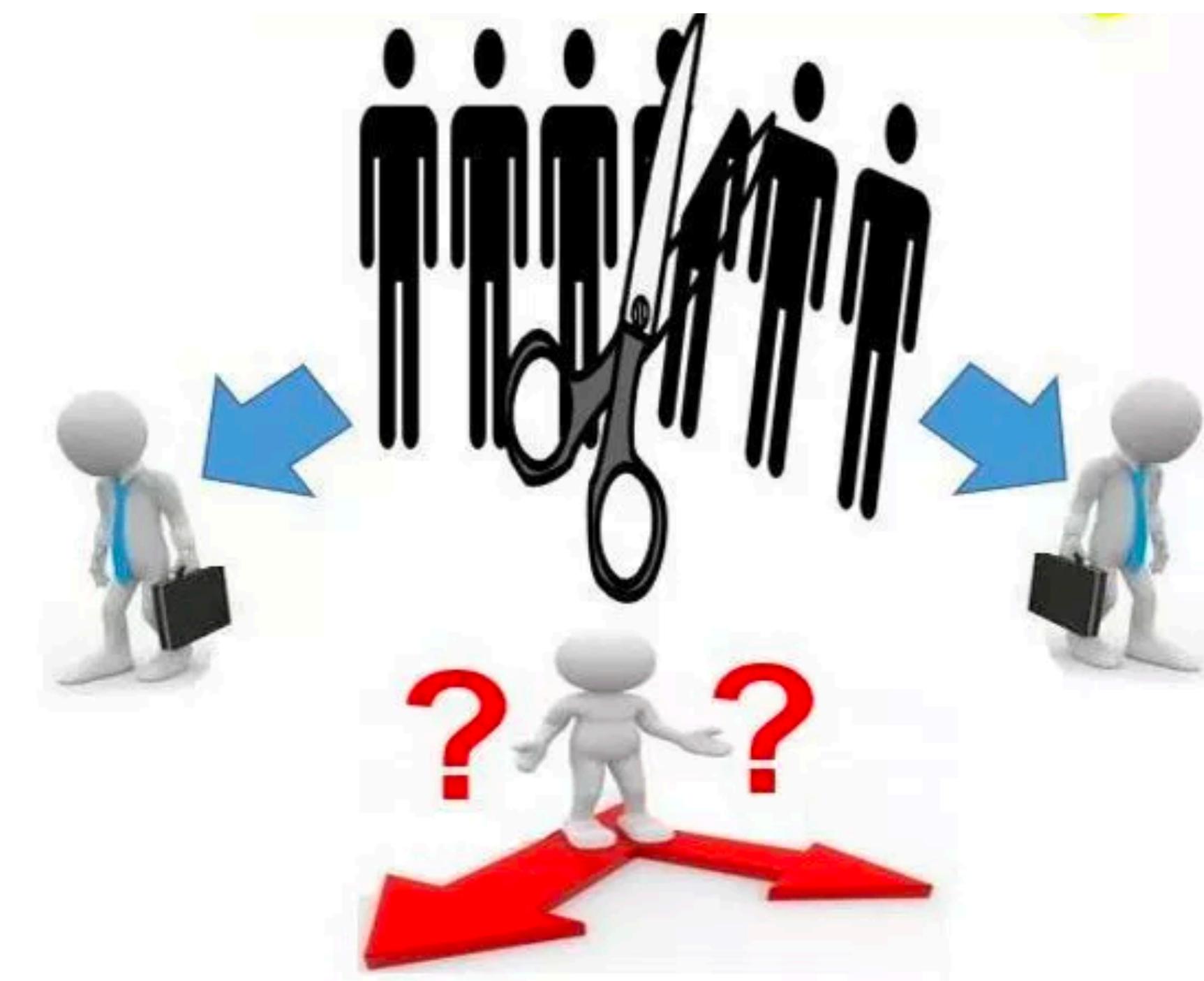
Replication =>



Redundancy

REDUNDANCY IS IMPORTANT
BUT IT IS A COST GENERATOR

AVOID OVER-ENGINEERING



REPLICATION LAYERS

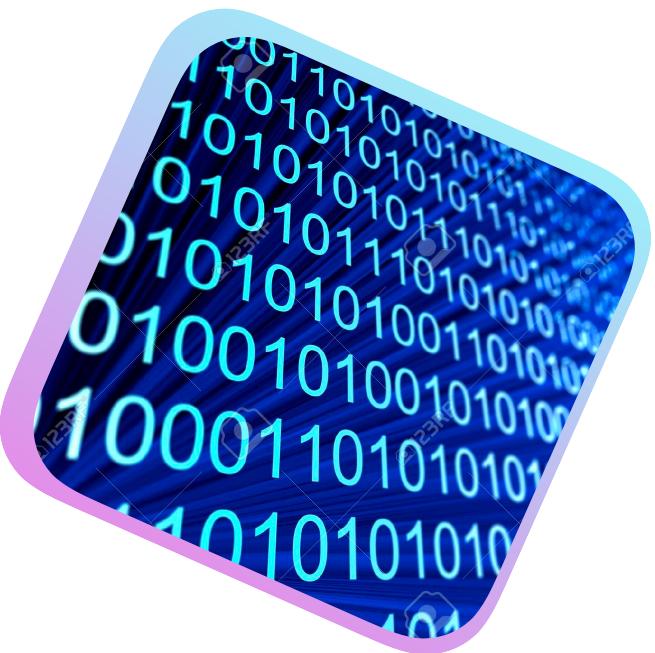
- **Backed storage**

- *database backend modules - sql or no-sql*



- **In-memory storage**

- kamailio specific in-memory data structures



SQL - NoSQL Backend

- their own clustering solutions -

hybrid sql modules

- db_text
- **db_mongodb**
- **db_redis**
- db_flatstore
- db_berkely

sql modules

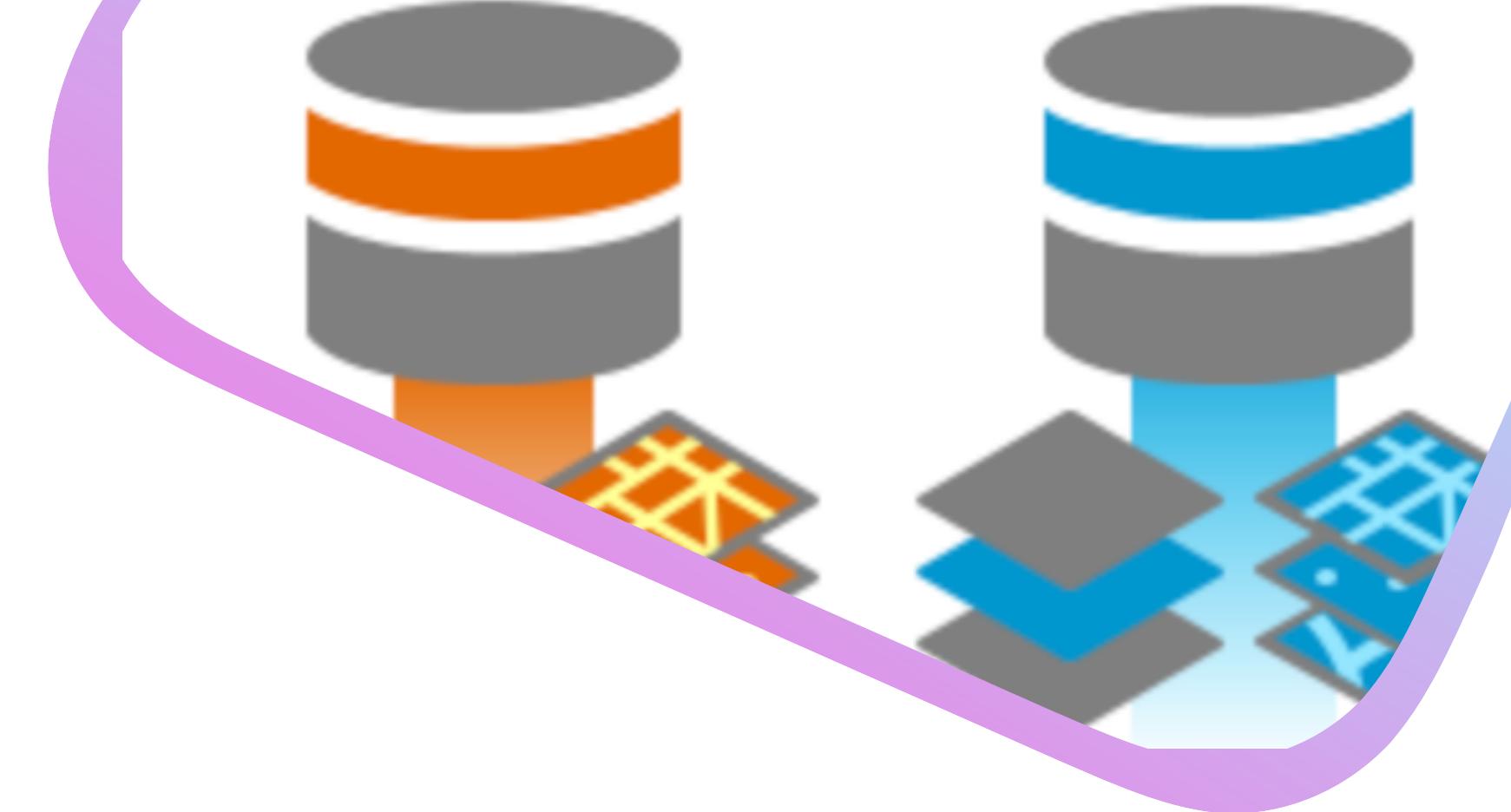
- db_mysql
- db_postgress
- db_sqlite (*)
- db_oracle
- db_unixodbc

nosql modules

- **ndb_redis**
- **ndb_mongodb**
- **ndb_cassandra**
- memcache



CLUSTERING



- **db_cluster module**

- basic clustering (more for redundancy purposes)
- application layer clustering
 - intermediate layer in front of real db connector modules
- features
 - parallel, round robin and serial writing
 - round robin and serial reading
 - can work with different database modules at the same time
 - allows definition of many clusters at the same time
- no function exported to config

```
...
modparam("db_cluster", "connection",
          "c1=>mysql://kamailio:kamailiorw@localhost/kamailio1")
modparam("db_cluster", "connection",
          "c2=>mysql://kamailio:kamailiorw@localhost/kamailio2")
modparam("db_cluster", "cluster", "k1=>c1=9r9p;c2=9r9p")

modparam("acc", "db_url", "cluster://k1")

modparam("sqllops", "sqlcon", "ca=>cluster://k1")
...
```

SQLOPS



- **sqllops module**

- any kind of sql query inside the configuration file
- results accessible via configuration file variables
- could be a solution for 'partial' replication

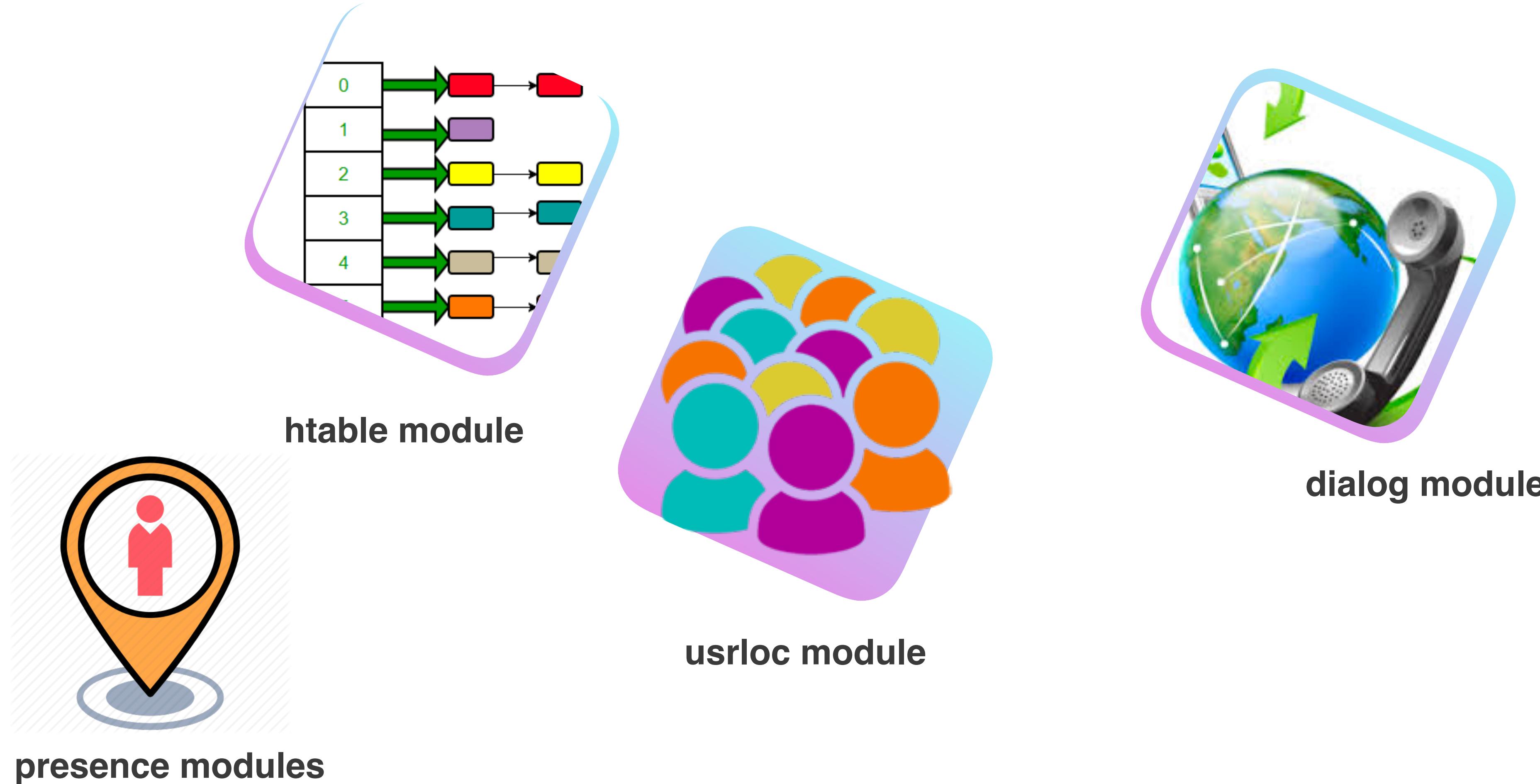
- **Example of usage**

- Define two connections
- Do two insert operations

```
modparam("sqllops", "sqlcon", "ca=>mysql://user:pass@host1/kamailio")
modparam("sqllops", "sqlcon", "cb=>mysql://user:pass@host2/kamailio")
...
sql_query("ca", "INSERT INTO event_history"
          " (src_username, dst_username, callid, event_type, event_code, event_time)"
          " VALUES ('$var(srcuser)', '$var(dstuser)', '$ci', 'call', 408, $Ts)");
sql_query("cb", "INSERT INTO event_history"
          " (src_username, dst_username, callid, event_type, event_code, event_time)"
          " VALUES ('$var(srcuser)', '$var(dstuser)', '$ci', 'call', 408, $Ts);")
```

IN-MEMORY STORAGE REPLICATION

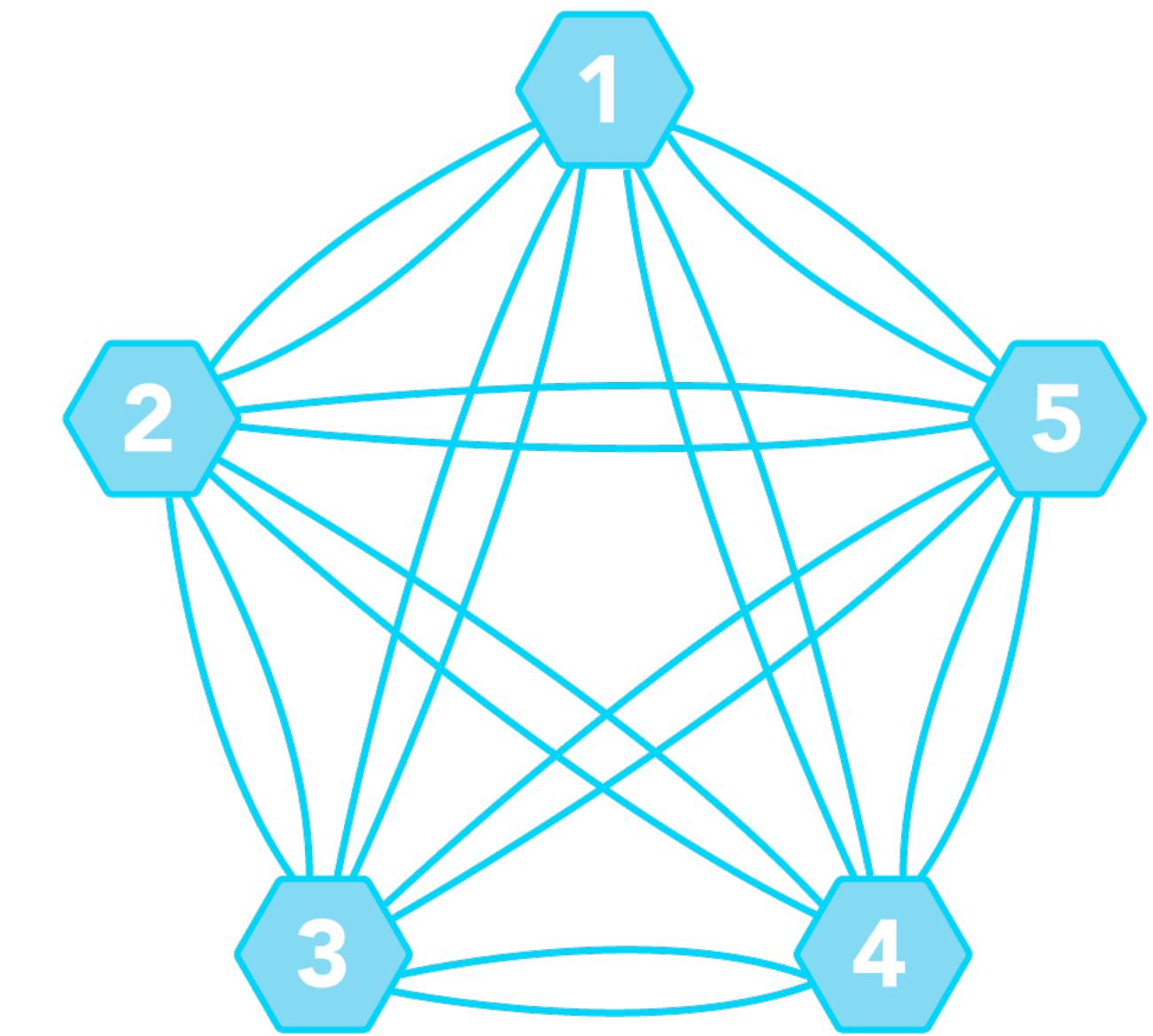
Distributed Message Queues
Hash Tables - Registrations - Calls - Presence States



DMQ: SIP-BASED DISTRIBUTED MESSAGE QUEUE

- **dmq module**

- *Introduced in 2011 (GSOC project)*
- *Uses SIP as a transport protocol*
 - *Kamailio is very fast at routing SIP*
 - *Full flexibility in processing via kamailio.cfg*
- *Features*
 - *Network discovery - new nodes announce themselves and become part of the network*
 - *Synchronization of data by notifying all active nodes*
 - *Monitoring of the nodes in the network*
 - *Scripting flexibility to define channels*
- *Extensions to replicate*
 - *Registration records*
 - *Hash table items*
 - *Dialogs*
 - *Presence*



<https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/dmq.html>

DMQ: NODE DISCOVERY AND HTABLE REPLICATION

```
KDMQ sip:notification_peer@192.168.40.15:5090 SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 192.168.40.15;branch=z9hG4bK55e5.423d95110000
To: <sip:notification_peer@192.168.40.15:5090>
From:
<sip:notification_peer@192.168.40.15:5060>;tag=2cdb7a33a7f21abb98fd3a44968e3ffd-5b01
CSeq: 10 KDMQ
Call-ID: 1fe138e07b5d0a7a-50419
Content-Length: 116
User-Agent: kamailio (5.2.2 (x86_64/linux))
Max-Forwards: 1
Content-Type: text/plain

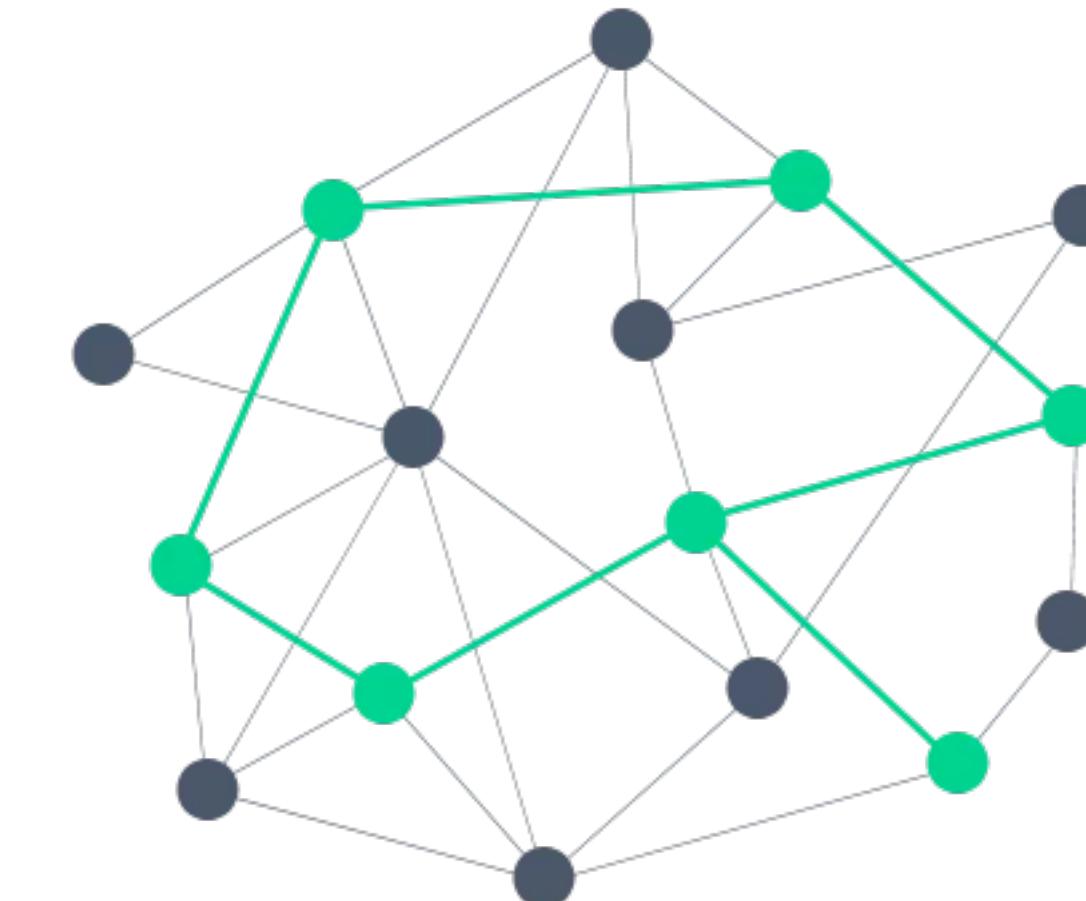
sip:192.168.40.16:5060;status=active
sip:192.168.40.15:5060;status=disabled
sip:192.168.40.17:5060;status=active
```

```
modparam("dmq", "server_address", "sip:LOCAL_IP:5060")
modparam("dmq", "notification_address", "sip:PEER1_IP:5060")
modparam("dmq", "notification_address", "sip:PEER2_IP:5060")

modparam("htable", "htable", "ipban=>size=8;autoexpire=300;dmqreplicate=1;")
. . .
request_route {
. . .
    if(is_method("KDMQ")) {
        dmq_handle_message();
    }
. . .
```

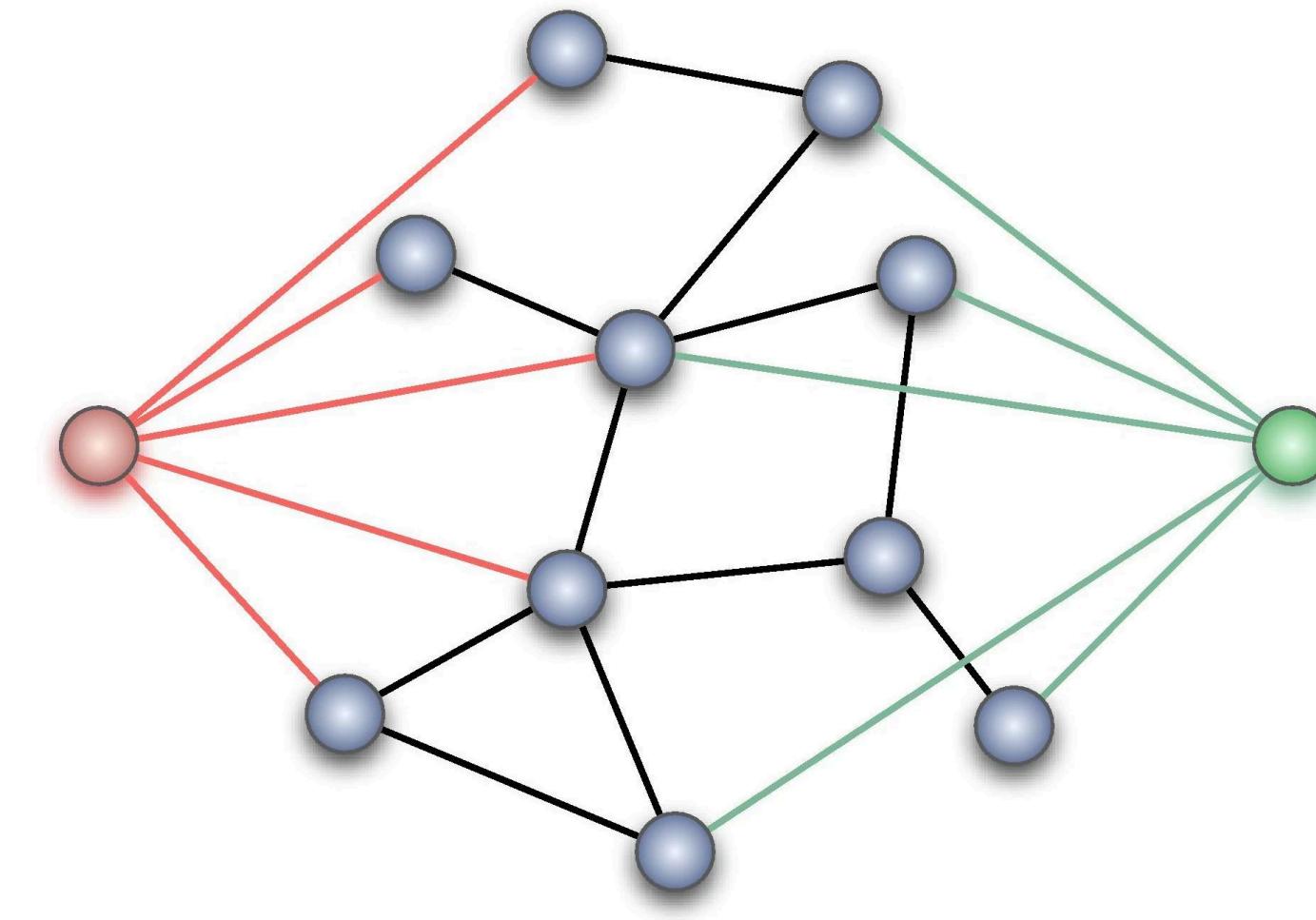
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<https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/htable.html>



DMQ: SIP REQUEST REPLICATION

```
. . .
request_route {
. . .
    if(is_method("REGISTER")) {
        if (dmq_is_from_node()) {
            # from peer node
            save("location");
        } else {
            route(AUTH);
            save("location");
            dmq_t_replicate("1");
        }
    }
. . .
```

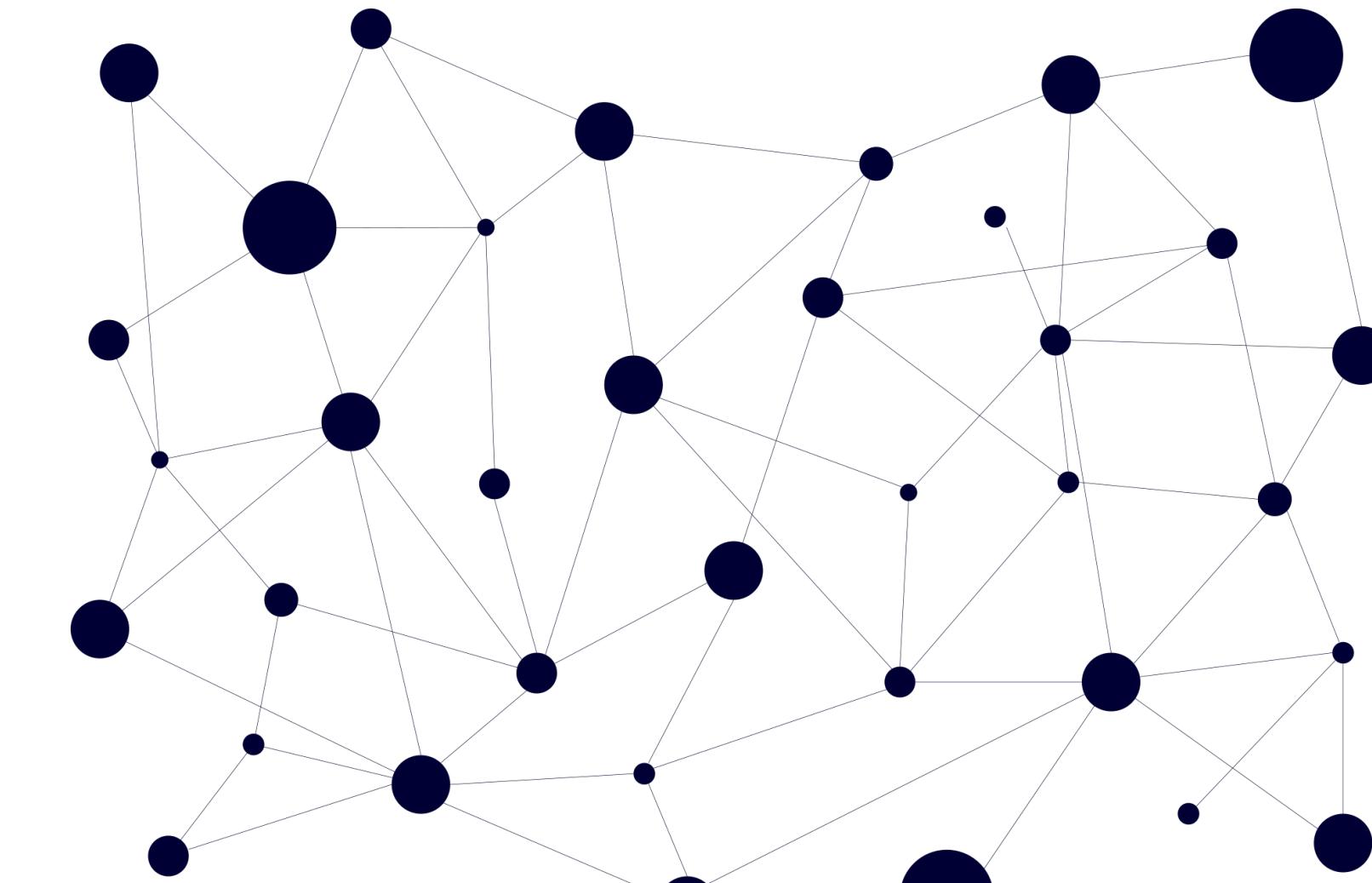


DMQ: USRLOC REPLICATION

```
...
modparam("dmq", "server_address", "sip:LOCAL_IP:5060")
modparam("dmq", "notification_address", "sip:PEER1_IP:5060")
modparam("dmq", "notification_address", "sip:PEER2_IP:5060")
modparam("dmq", "num_workers", 6)
modparam("dmq_usrloc", "enable", 1)
modparam("dmq_usrloc", "sync", 1)
modparam("dmq_usrloc", "batch_size", 2000)
modparam("dmq_usrloc", "batch_usleep", 1000)
...
request_route {
...
    if(is_method("KDMQ")) {
        dmq_handle_message();
    }
...
}
```

<https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/dmq.html>

https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/dmq_usrloc.html



Alternative - using presence framework

<https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/pua.html>

https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/pua_reginfo.html

DMQ: DIALOGS REPLICATION

```
    . . .
modparam("dmq", "server_address", "sip:LOCAL_IP:5060")
modparam("dmq", "notification_address", "sip:PEER1_IP:5060")
modparam("dmq", "notification_address", "sip:PEER2_IP:5060")
modparam("dmq", "num_workers", 6)

modparam("dialog", "enable_dmq", 1)
. . .
request_route {
. . .
    if(is_method("KDMQ")) {
        dmq_handle_message();
    }
. . .
```



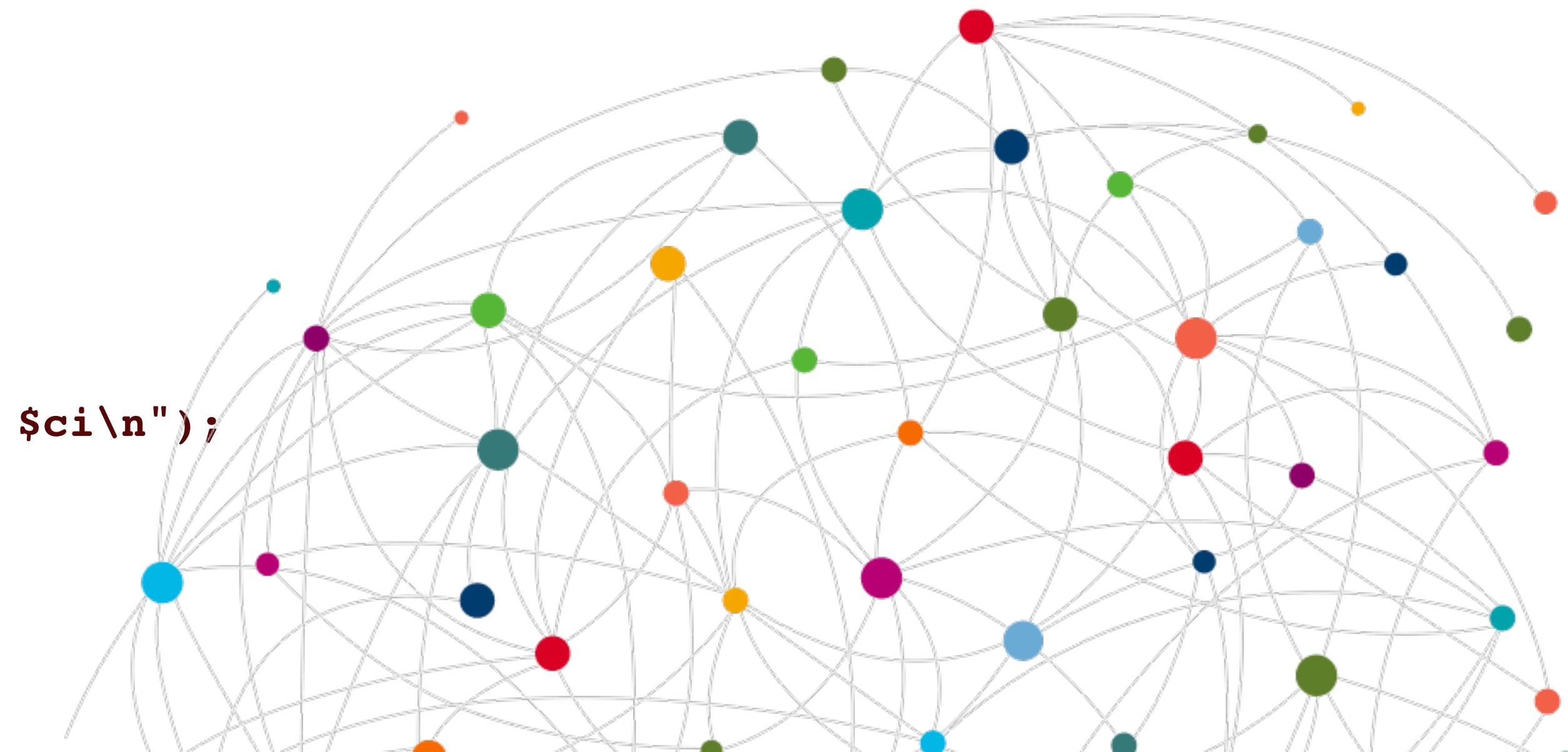
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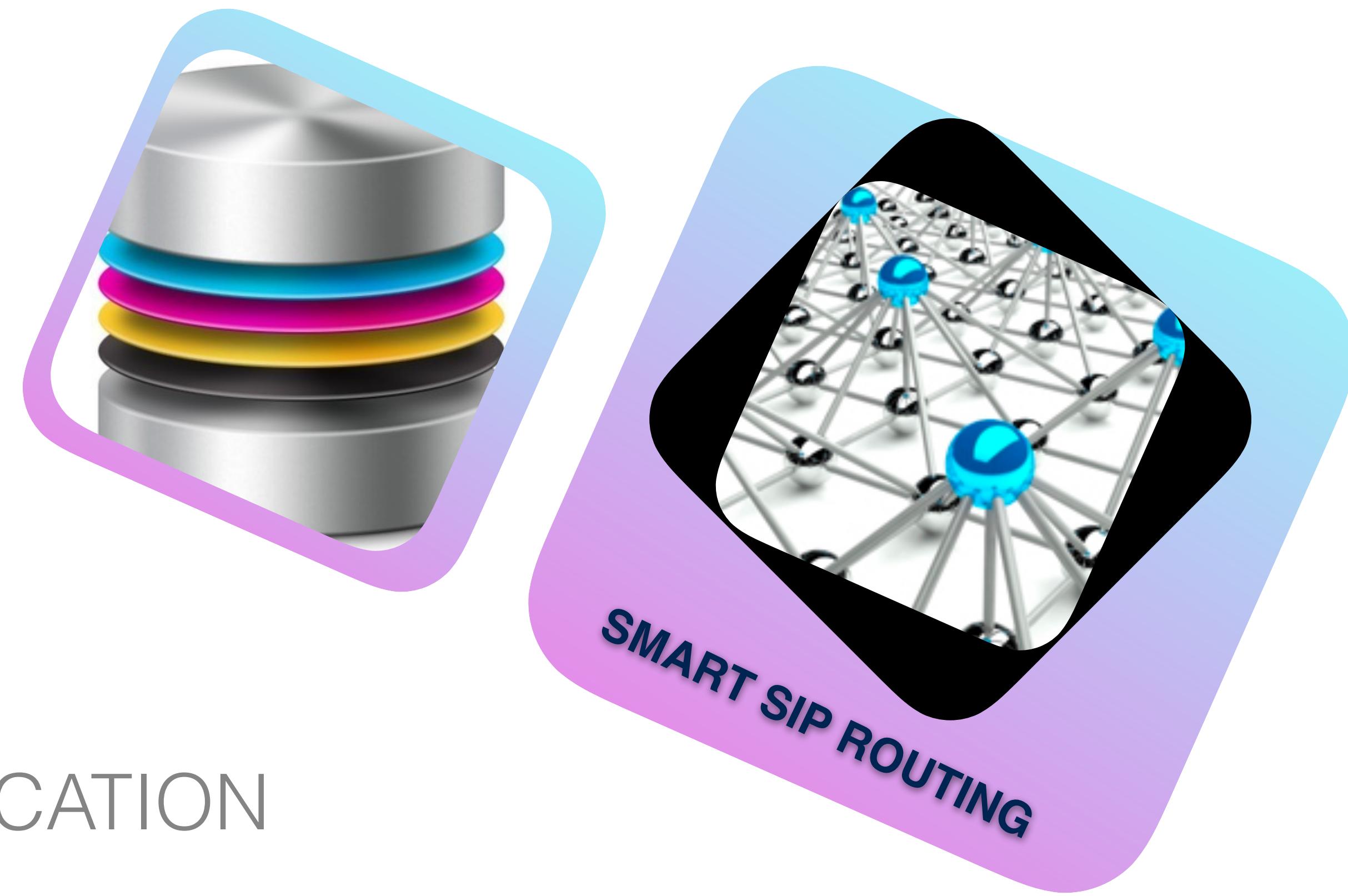
BACKEND REPLICATION: LOAD DIALOGS ON DEMAND

```
 . . .
modparam("dialog", "db_mode", 1)
. . .
request_route {
. . .
    if(has_totag()) {
        if(!is_known_dlg()) {
            dlg_db_load_callid("$ci");
            if(!is_known_dlg()) {
                xlog("no dialog found with callid: $ci\n");
            }
        }
    }
. . .
    modparam("dialog", "db_mode", 1)
. . .
request_route {
. . .
    if(has_totag()) {
        if(!is_known_dlg()) {
            dlg_db_load_extra();
            if(!is_known_dlg()) {
                xlog("no dialog found with callid: $ci\n");
            }
        }
    }
. . .
```

<https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/dialog.html>



TM-BASED REPLICATION



Simplicity - Reliability

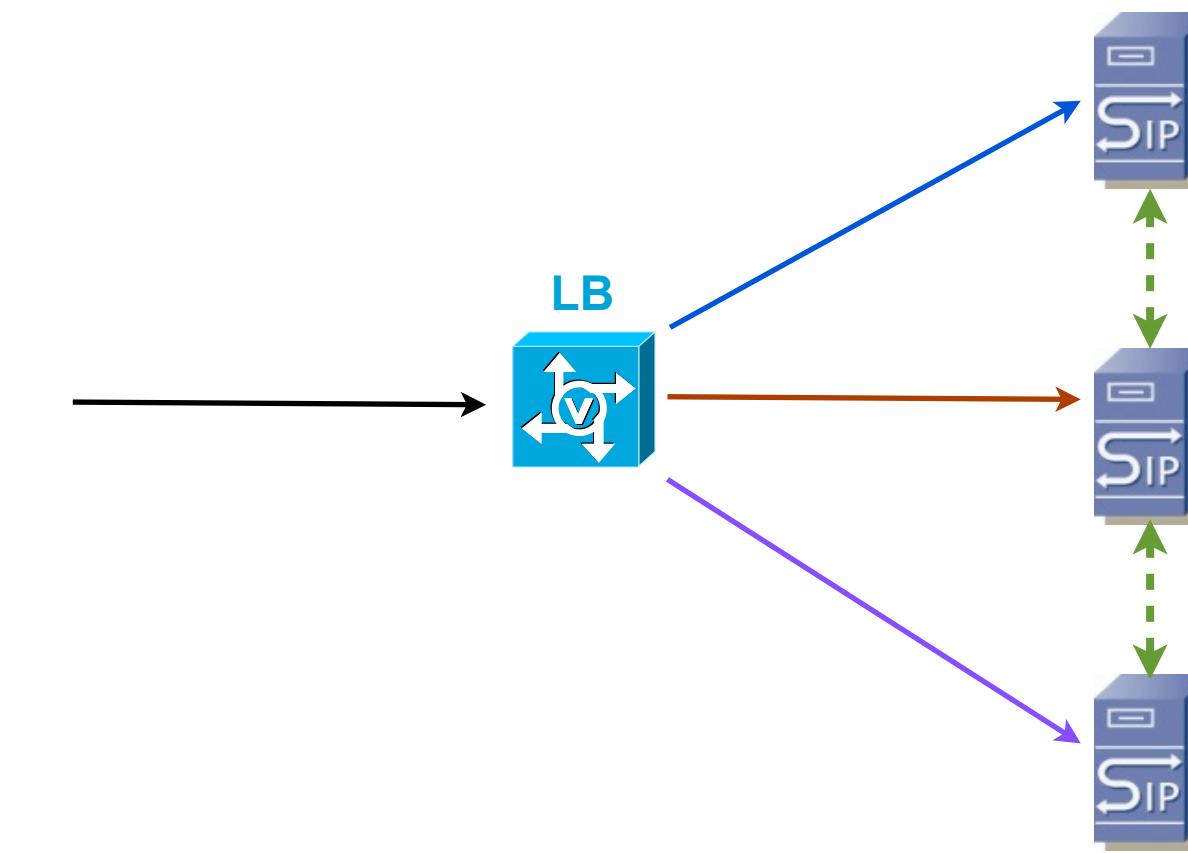
REGISTER REPLICATION

- *load balancer with failover in front of a small farm of SIP servers*

```
modparam("registrar", "sock_flag", FLT_REGSOCKHDR)
modparam("registrar", "sock_hdr_name", "P-Local-Sock")
modparam("registrar", "received_avp", "$avp(received)")

route[REGISTRAR] {
    . . .
    if(src_ip != PAIRSRV_IP) {
        if (!save("location")) {
            sl_reply_error();
            exit;
        }
    }

    # replicate the REGISTER
    if (isbflagset(FLB_NATB)) {
        append_hf("P-SRC-NAT: yes\r\n");
        append_hf("P-RCV-ADDR: $avp(received)\r\n");
    }
    add_sock_hdr("P-Local-Sock");
    force_send_socket(udp:LOCALNET_IP:LOCALNET_PORT);
    if (!t_replicate("sip:PAIRSRV_IP:PAIRSRV_PORT")) {
        xlog("error - t_replicate failed\n");
    }
    exit;
}
. . .
```



```
: if(src_ip == PAIRSRV_IP) {
    # it's a replicated REGISTER
    if (is_present_hf("P-SRC-NAT")) {
        setbflag(FLB_NATB);
        $avp(received) = $hdr(P-RCV-ADDR);
    }
    # set the flag for retrieving socket info from HDR
    setflag(FLT_REGSOCKHDR);
    # just save it into memory
    if (!save("location","0x01")) {
        sl_reply_error();
        exit;
    }
}
```

MESSAGE QUEUE CONNECTORS



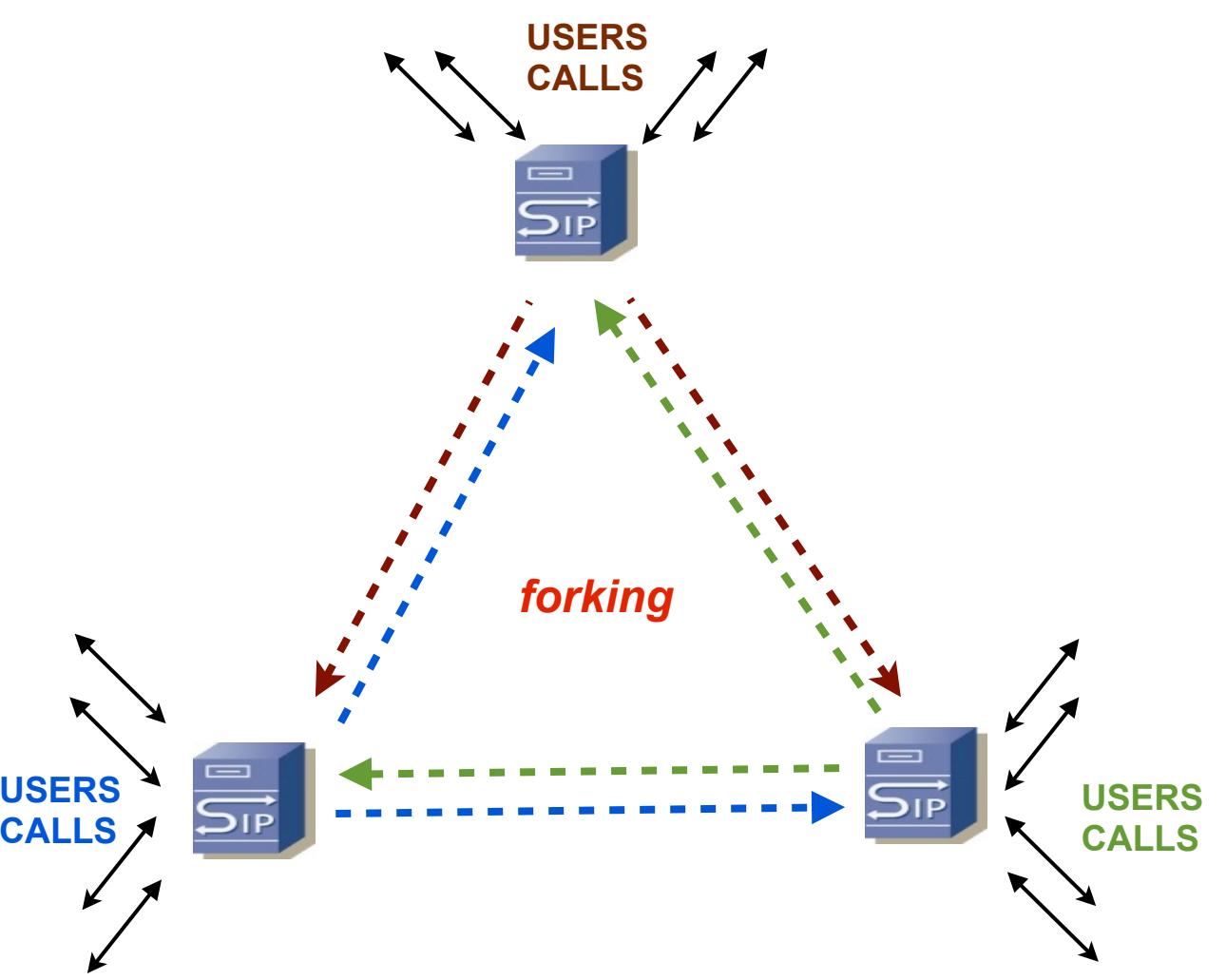
- **rabbitmq module**

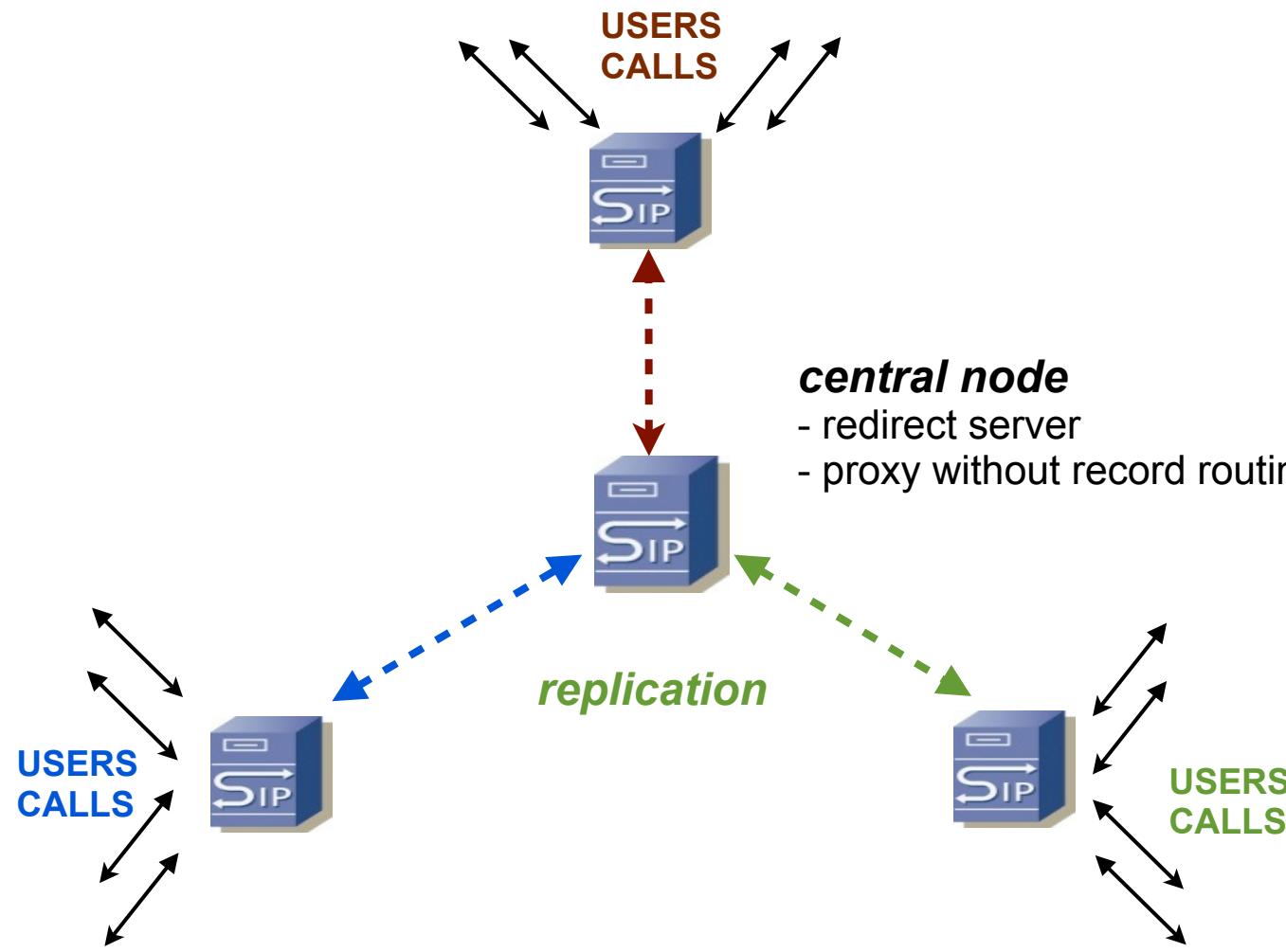
- well known messaging queue system
- rabbitmq.com
- <https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/rabbitmq.html>



- **Nsq module**

- realtime distributed messaging platform
- nsq.io
- <https://www.kamailio.org/docs/modules/stable/modules/nsq.html>





```

modparam("htable", "htable", "kusrloc=>size=10;autoexpire=7200;");
...
request_route {
    # add here ip authorization, etc...

    # handle location update notification
    if(method=="KUSRLOC" && $rU=="store") {
        $sht(kusrloc=>$rb) = "sip:" + $si + ":" + $sp + ";transport=" + $pr;
        send_reply("200", "Stored");
        exit;
    }
    # handle standard SIP requests
    if($sht(kusrloc=>$rU@$rd)!=$null) {
        $du = $sht(kusrloc=>$rU@$rd);
        t_relay();
        exit;
    }
    send_reply("404", "Not found");
    exit;
}

```

```

# Handle SIP registrations
route[REGISTRAR] {
    if (is_method("REGISTER")) {
        if(isflagset(FLT_NATS)) {
            setbflag(FLB_NATB);
            # uncomment next line to do SIP NAT pinging
            ## setbflag(FLB_NATSIPPING);
        }
        if (!lsave("location"))
            sl_reply_error();

        $uac_req(method)="KUSRLOC"
        $uac_req(ruri)="sip:store@centralnode.kamailio.org";
        $uac_req(furi)="sip:server@server1.kamailio.org";
        $uac_req(hdrs)="Content-Type: text/kusrloc\r\n";
        pv_printf("$uac_req(body)", "$fu@fd");
        uac_send_req();

        exit;
    }
}

```

```

route[TOMAIN] {
    $du = "sip:CENTRALNODEIP";
    route(RELAY);
    exit;
}

# USER location service
route[LOCATION] {
    #ifndef WITH_SPEEDDIAL
        # search for short dialing - 2-digit extension
        if($rU=~"^[0-9][0-9]$")
            if(sd_lookup("speed_dial"))
                route(SIPOUT);
    #endif
    #ifndef WITH_ALIASDB
        # search in DB-based aliases
        if(alias_db_lookup("dbaliases"))
            route(SIPOUT);
    #endif

    $avp(oexten) = $rU;
    if (!lookup("location")) {
        if(src_ip!=CENTRALNODEIP)
            route(TOMAIN);
    }
}

```

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