



Cyber attack 2019

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- 40 countries
- 140 locations
- 33.000 employees around the world
- Result of 2,4 billion NOK



the world

Preparation for a potential cyber attack

- Restrictions on what to download and how
- Restrictions on web sites and links
- Firewall established
- Behavior training
- Contingency plan in place for years
 - IT breakdown
 - Local cyber attack
- Backup to external servers
- Backup to IBM servers



The attack!

Seen from Hydro Extrusion Denmark A/S

- Monday March 18th 2019 at 23.00 the first report came to local IT.
- Shortly after second plant in Denmark reported issues.
- Within the first hours it was clear that a central server in Norway had been encrypted and ransom was demanded.
- Local management was alerted, and external support was closed and dis-connected.
- Escalation to IBM
 - Austria, Poland, Germany and Denmark effected
- First meeting on March 19th at 08.30
 - Continued discussion of the problem?
 - Which systems are affected?
 - How many customers?
 - How many employees?

Everything was documented!

English

19.03.2019

[March 19, 07:00 CET] Cyber attack against Hydro

All Hydro employees: Due to a cyber-attack against Hydro, employees must NOT turn on their Hydro PC's. Phones are ok to use. We will update as soon as we know more. This is not a drill.

Immediate problems

Can we produce?

- Packing list
- Production orders
- Die storage
- CNC programs
- Drawings
- Expected **full** stop: 3-5 days
- Next meeting at 12.00

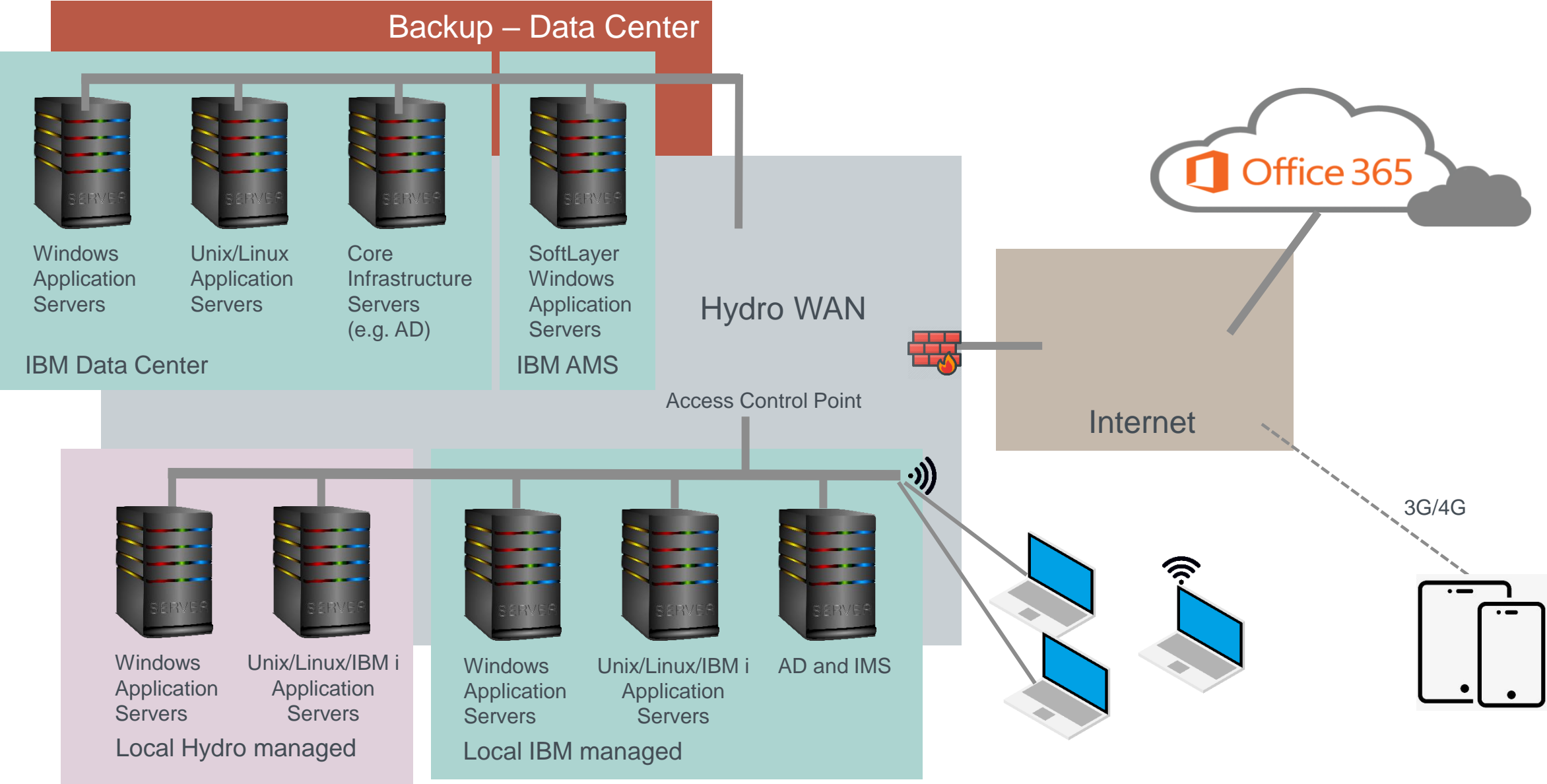


The film about the cyber attack

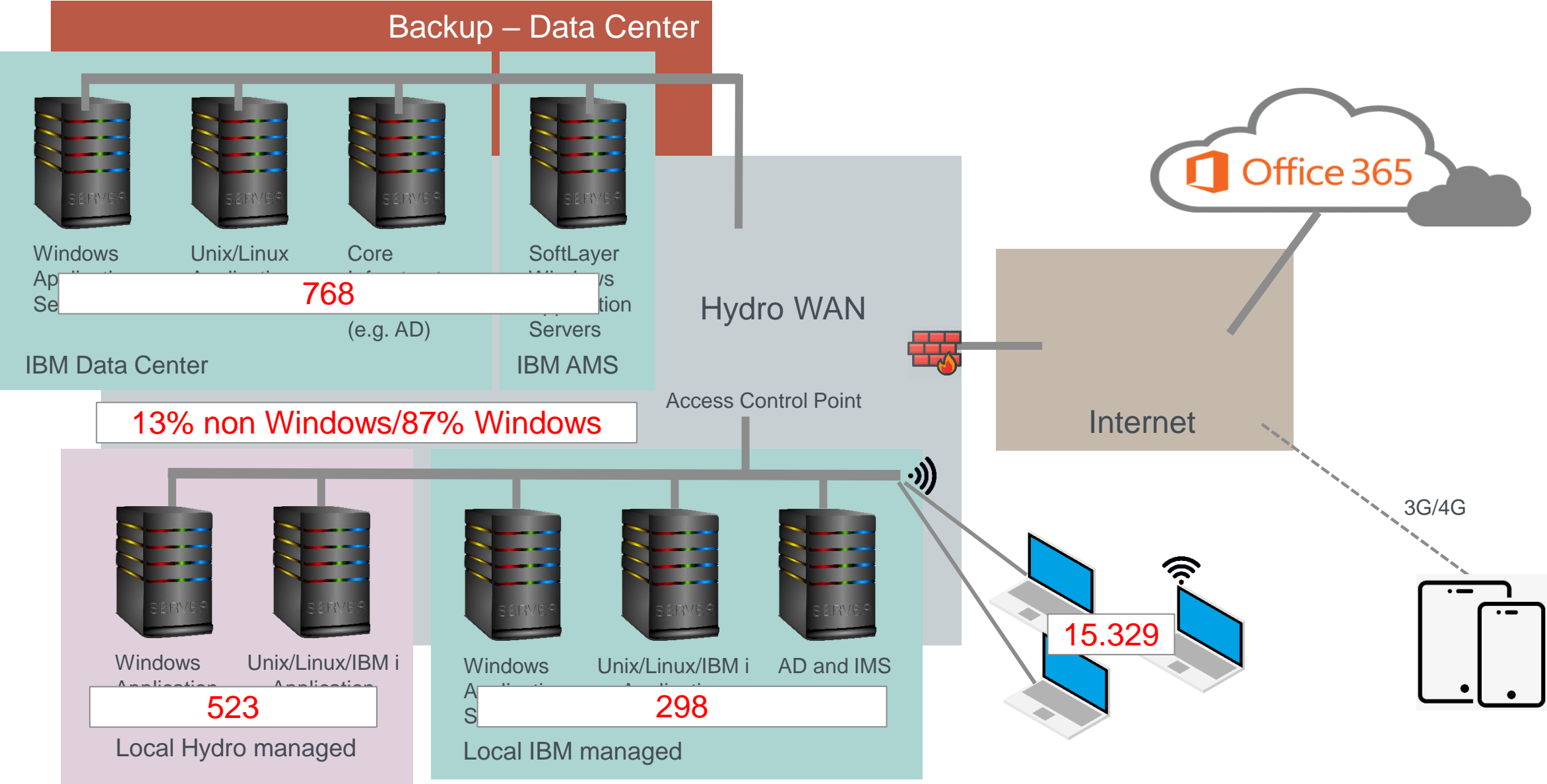
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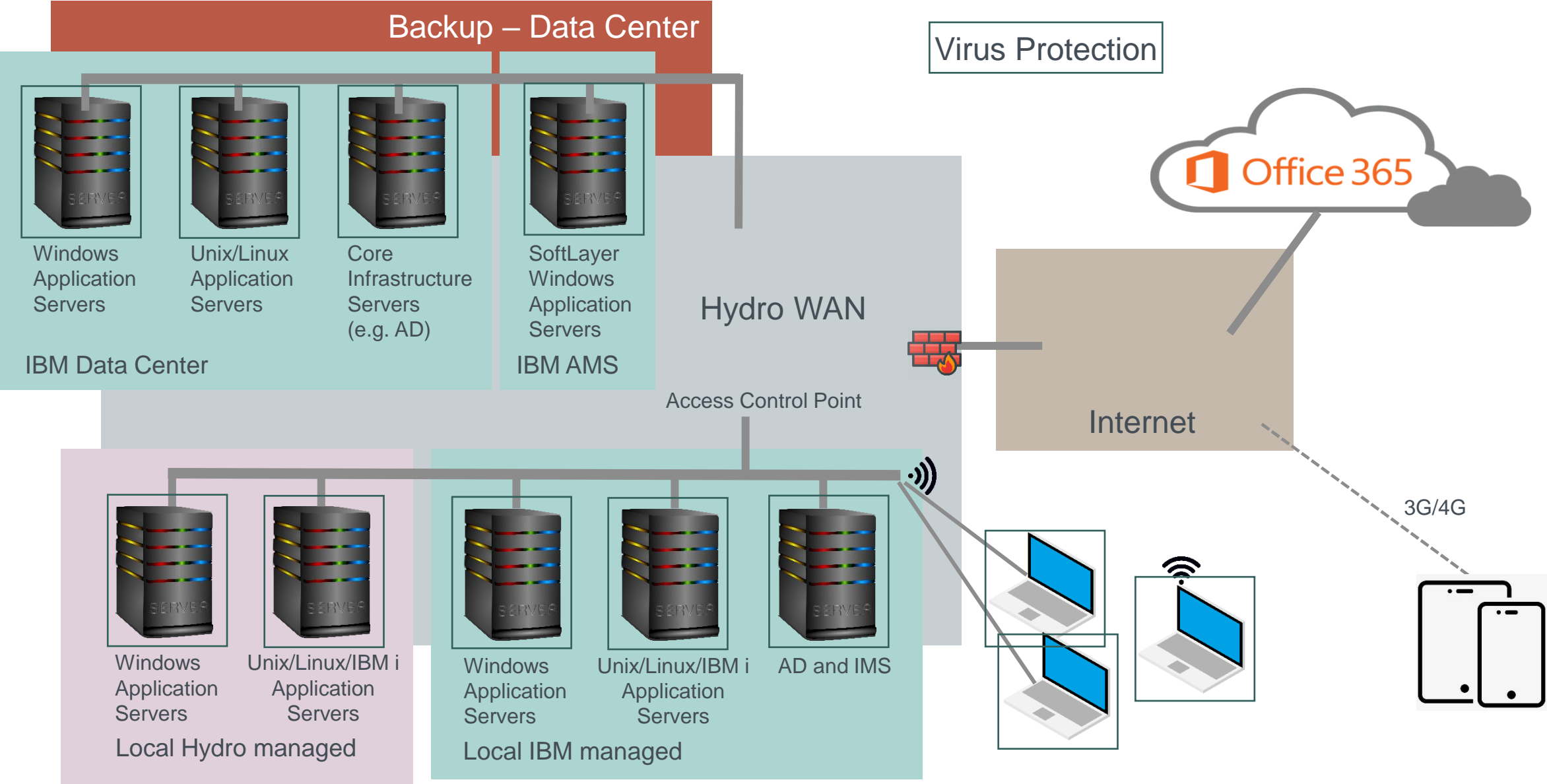
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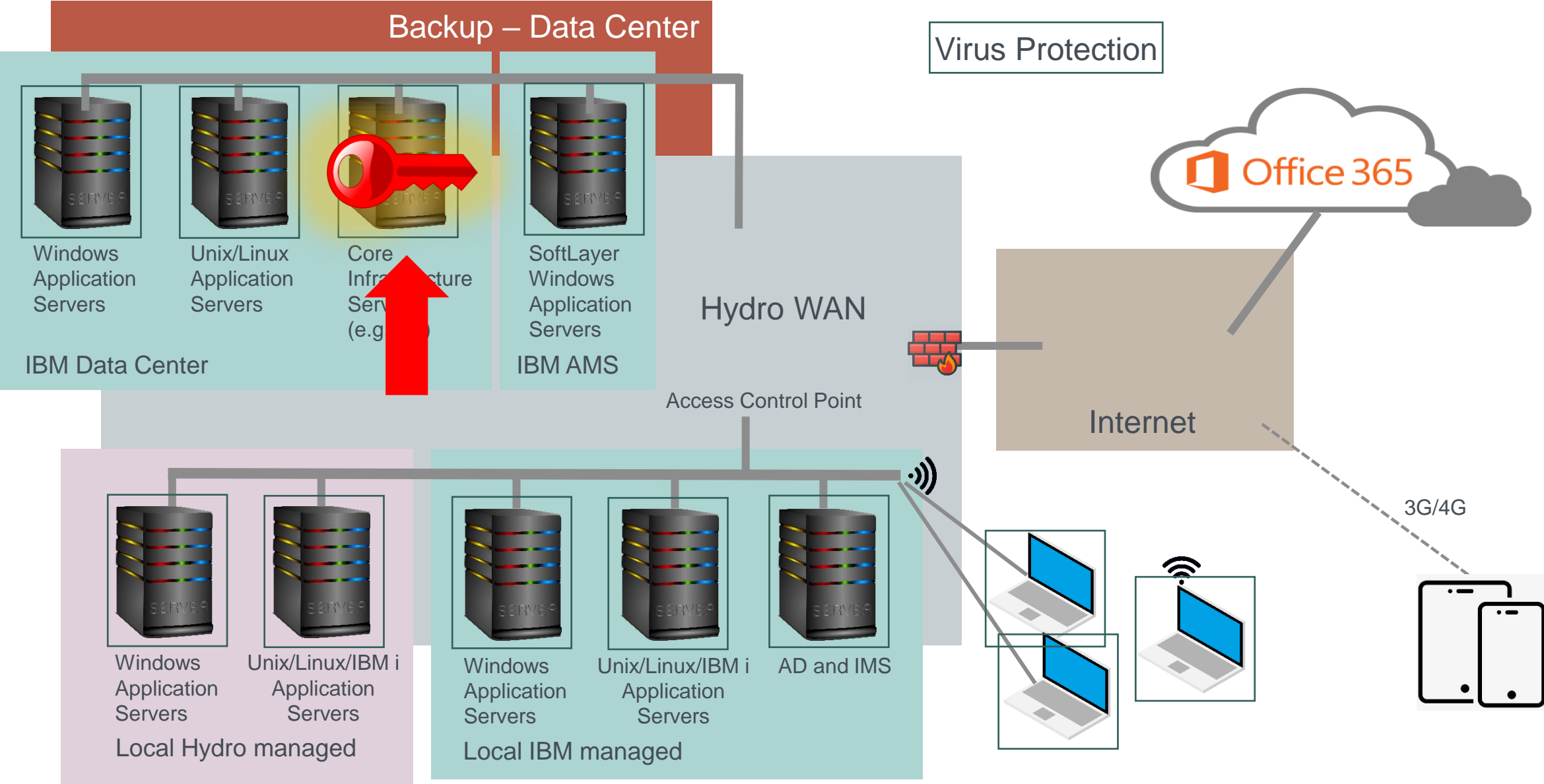
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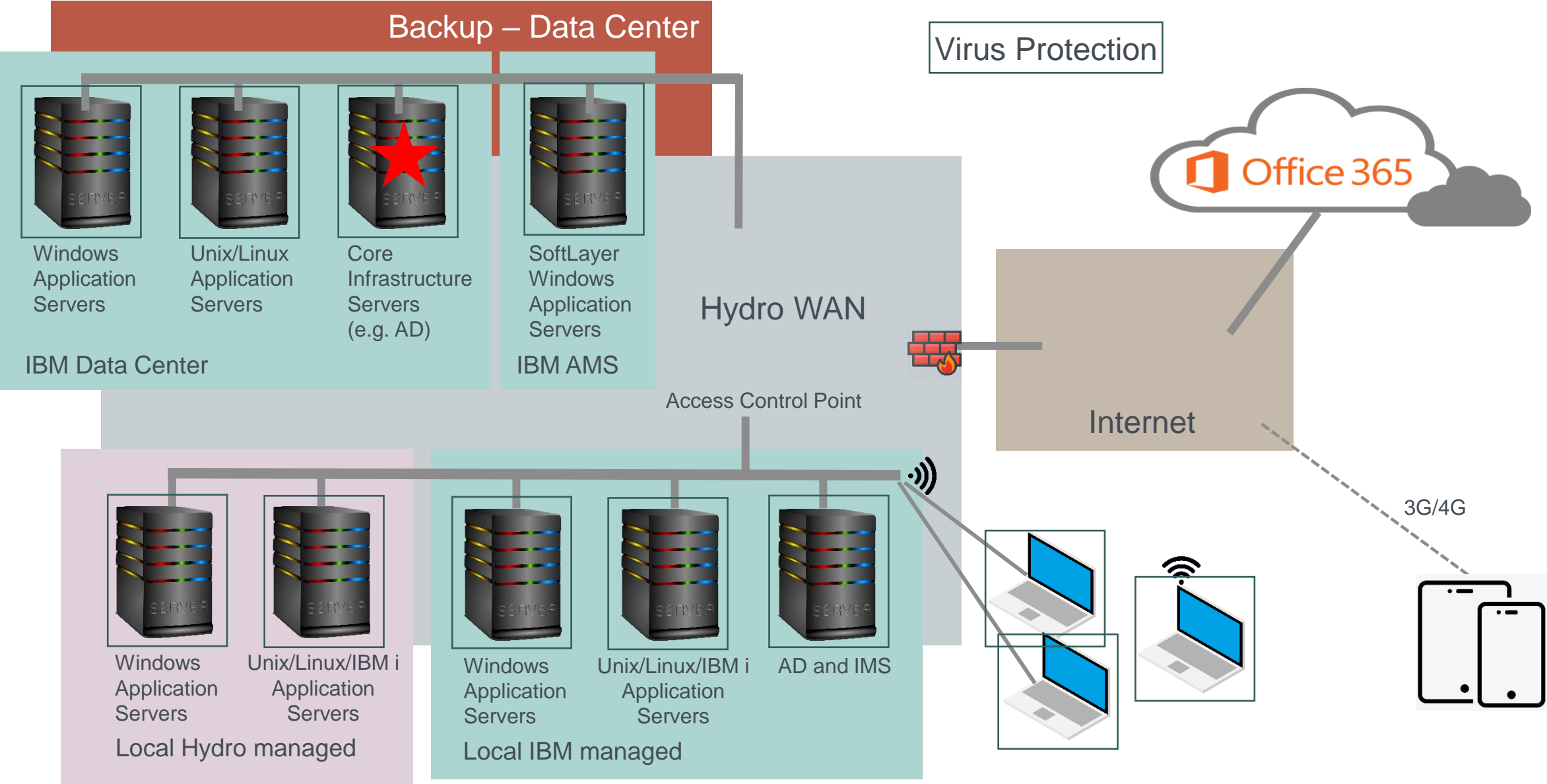
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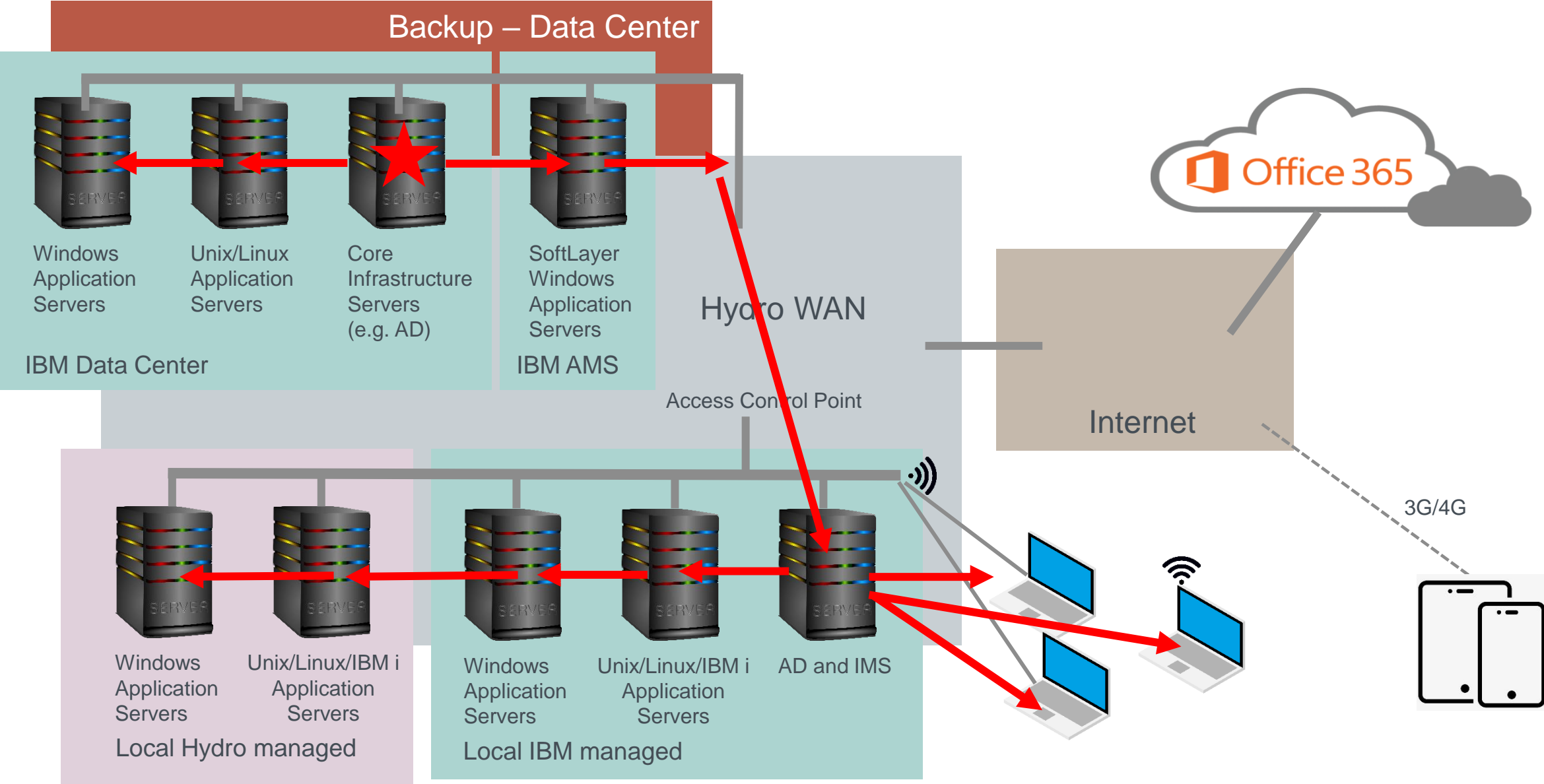
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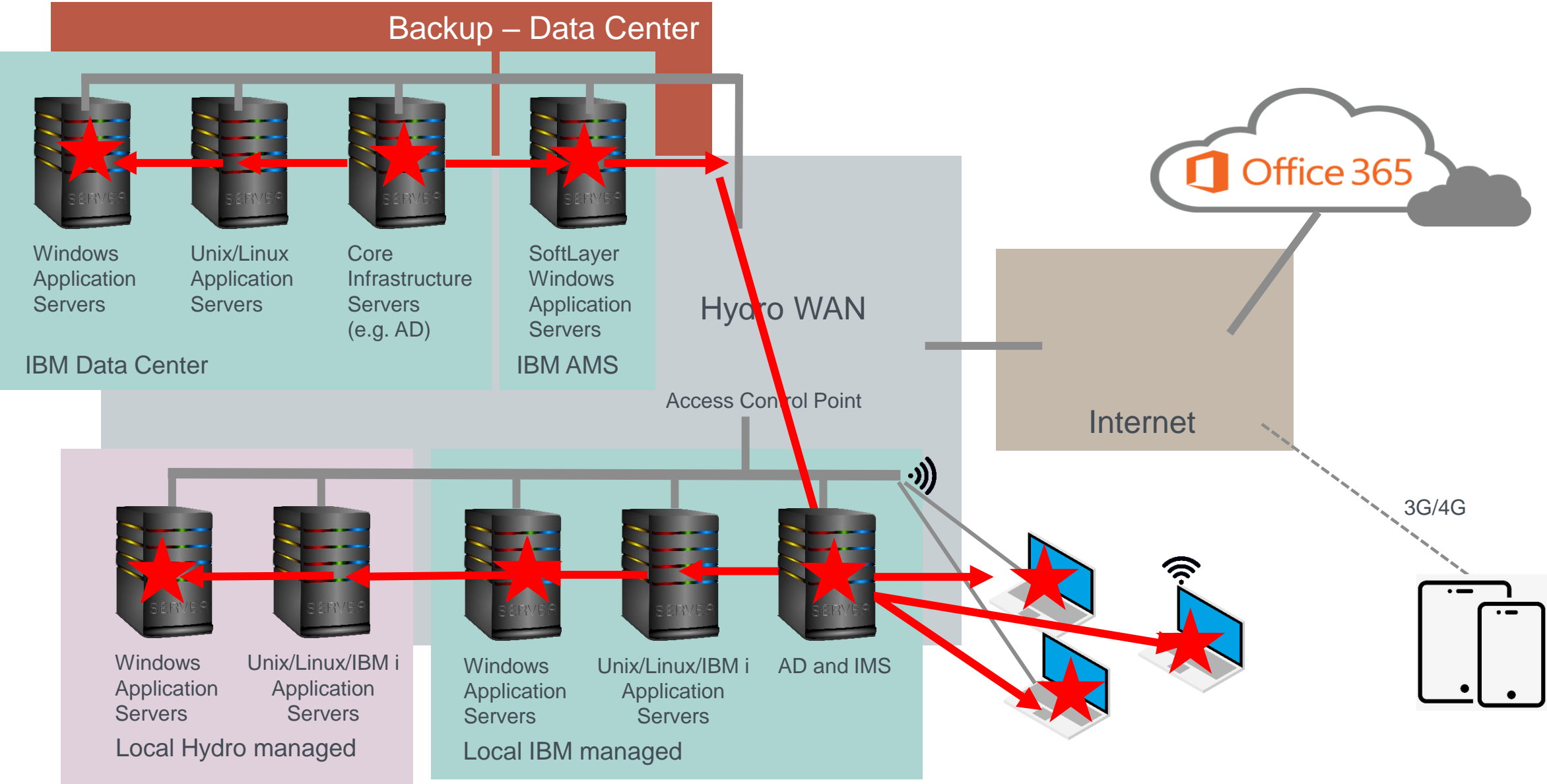
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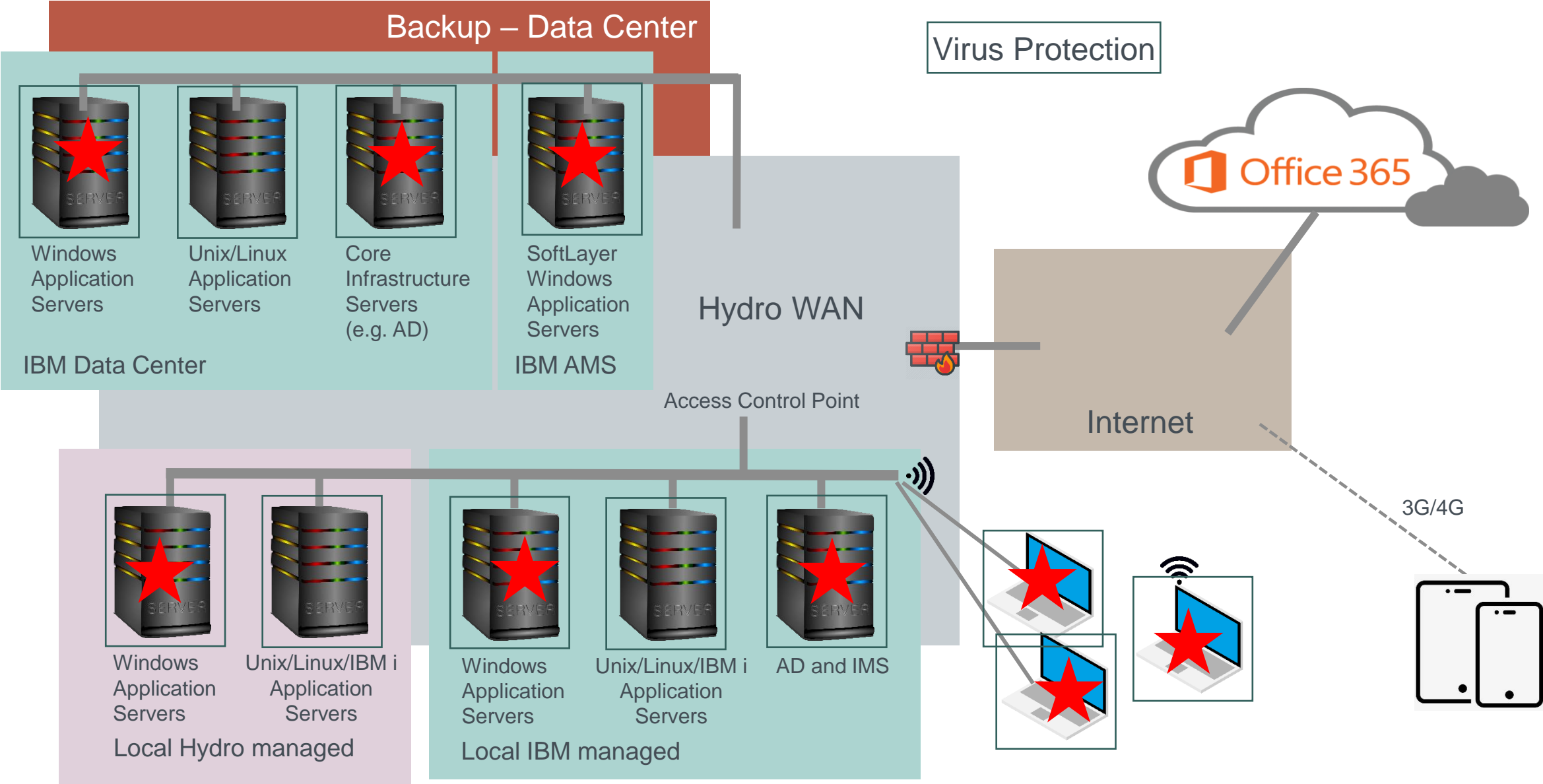
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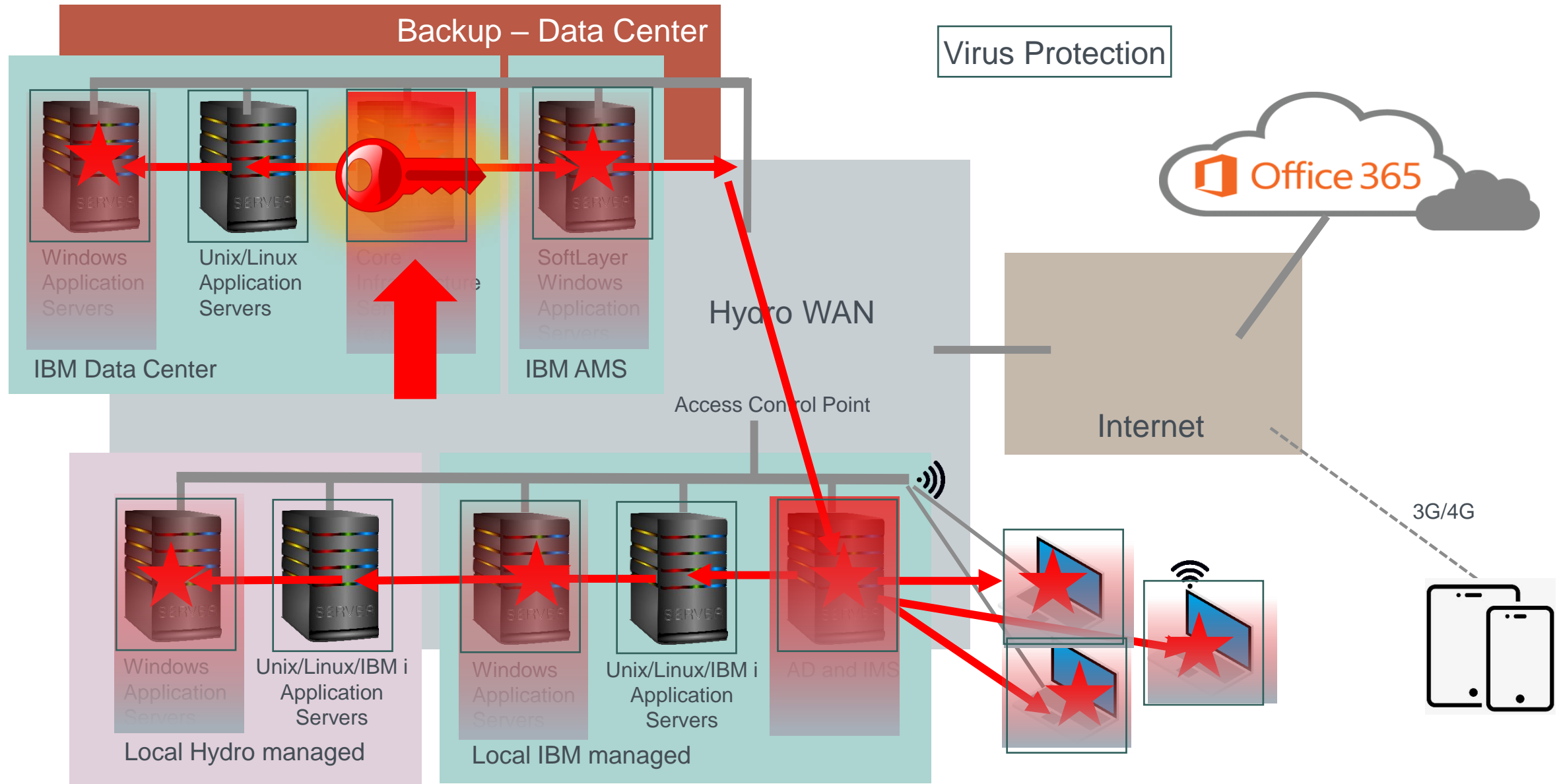
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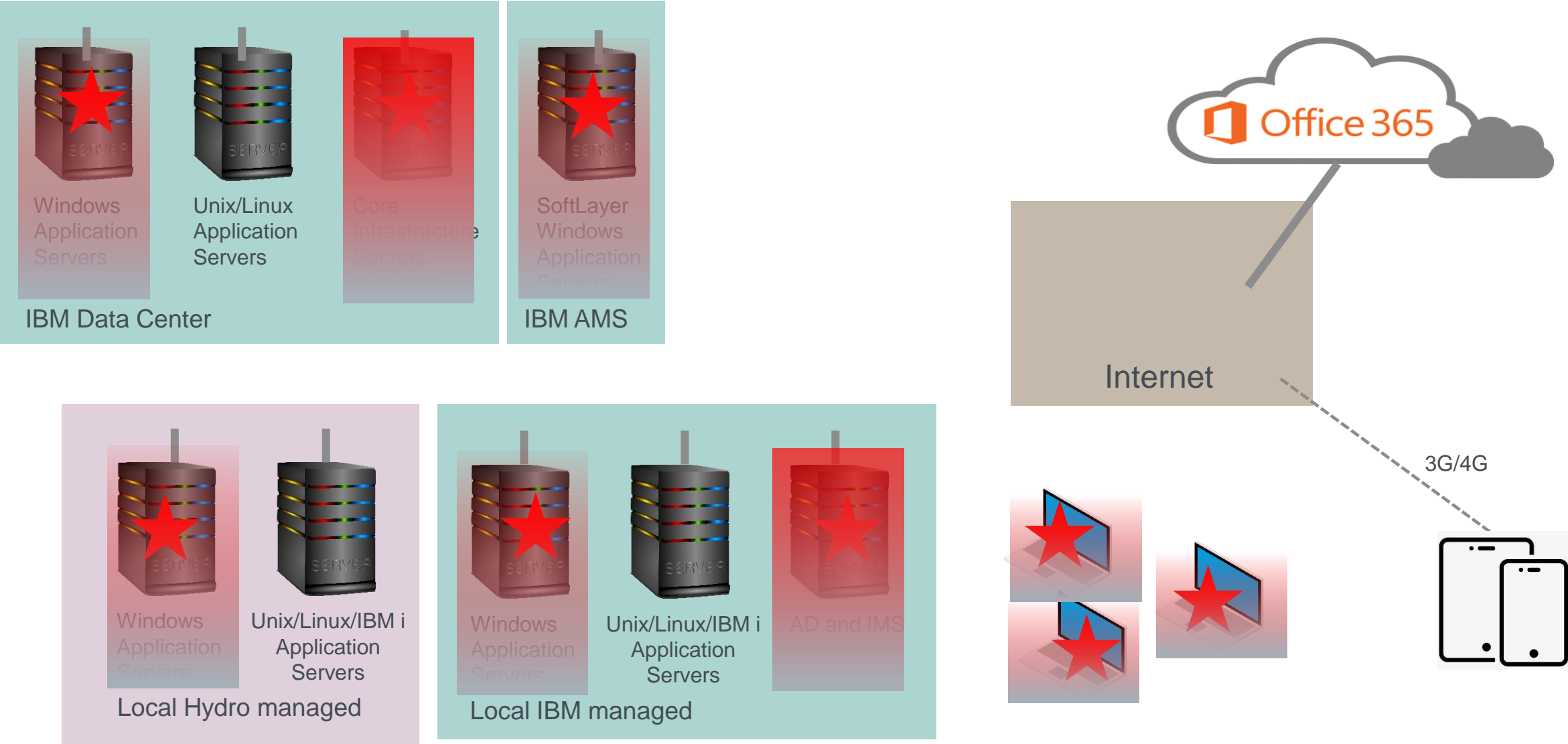
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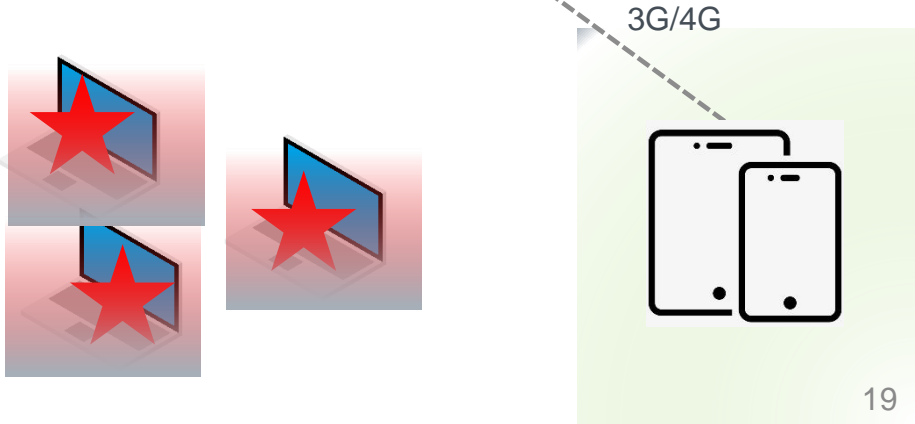
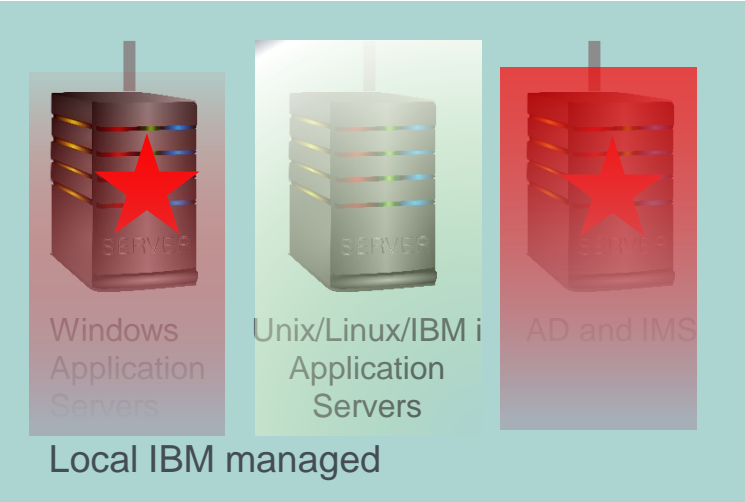
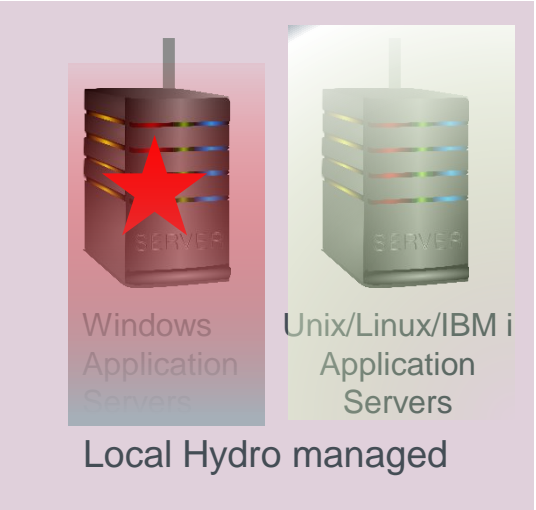
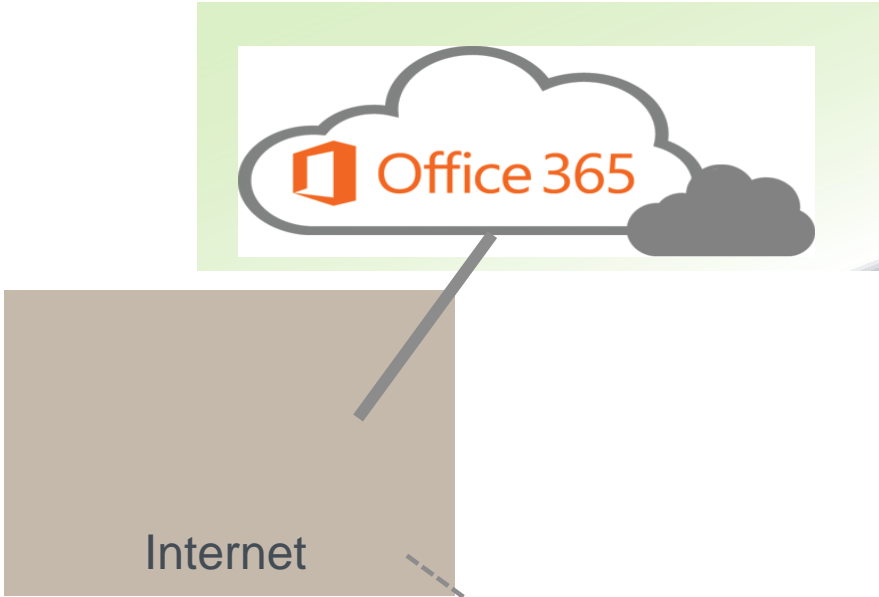
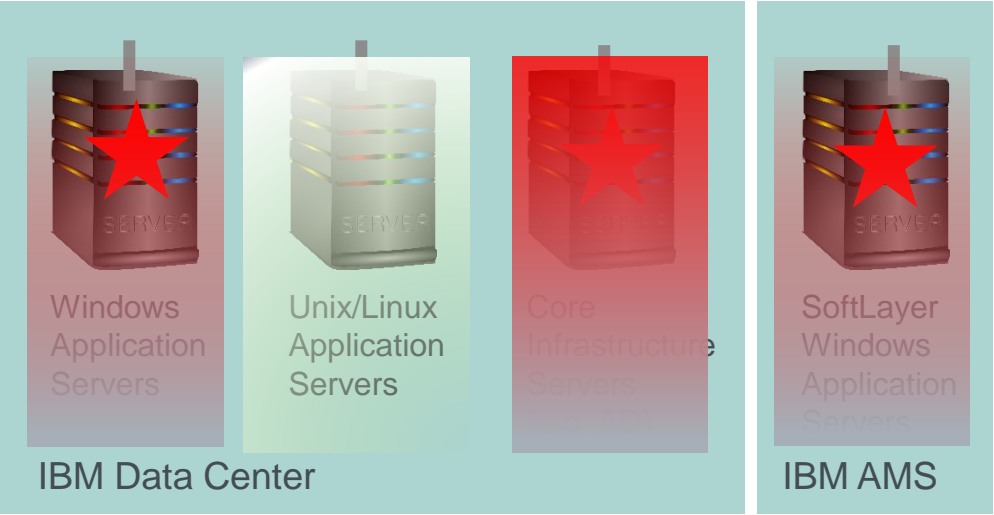
Trigger on March 18/19, 2019



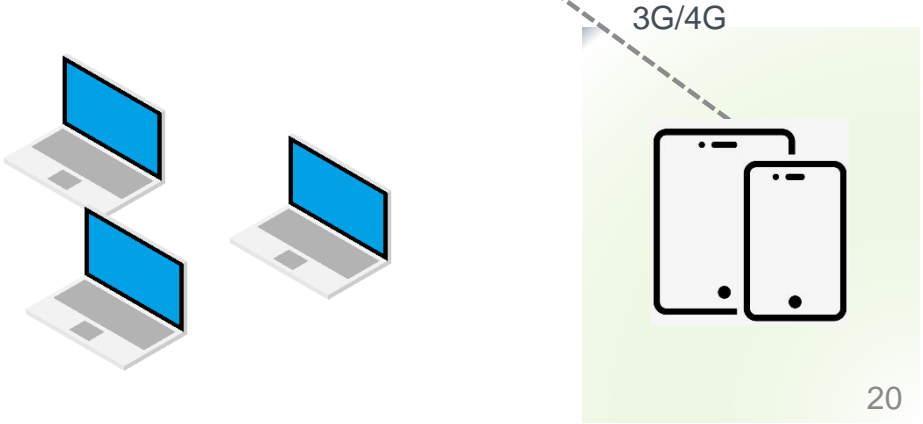
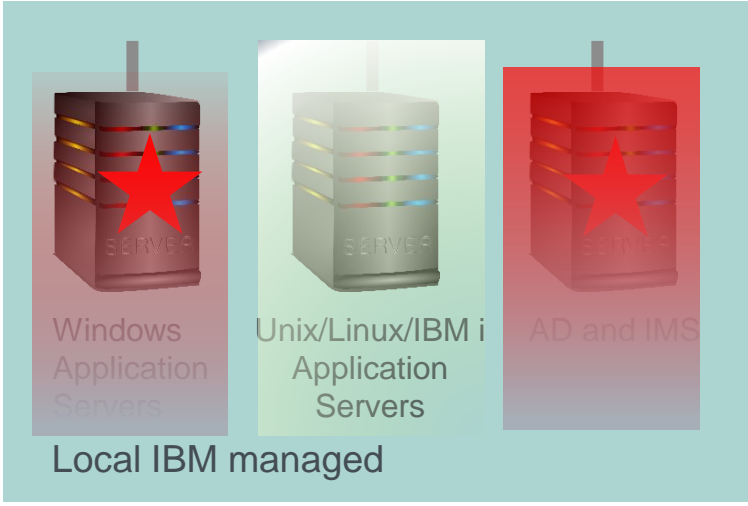
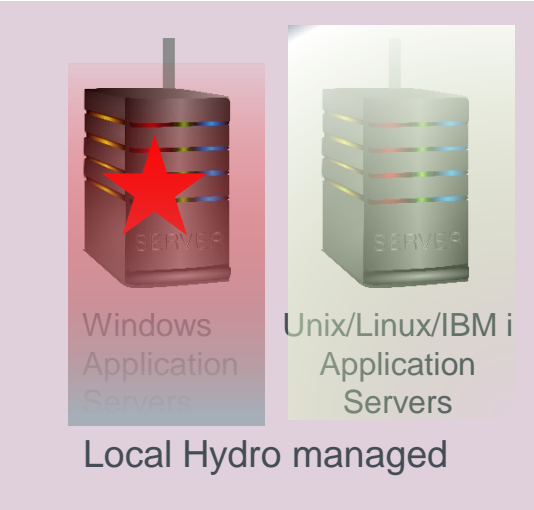
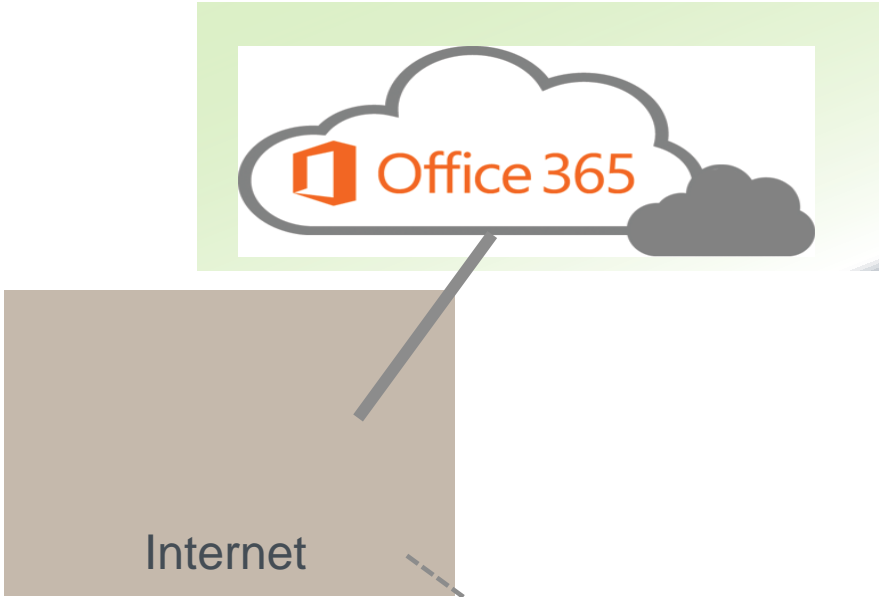
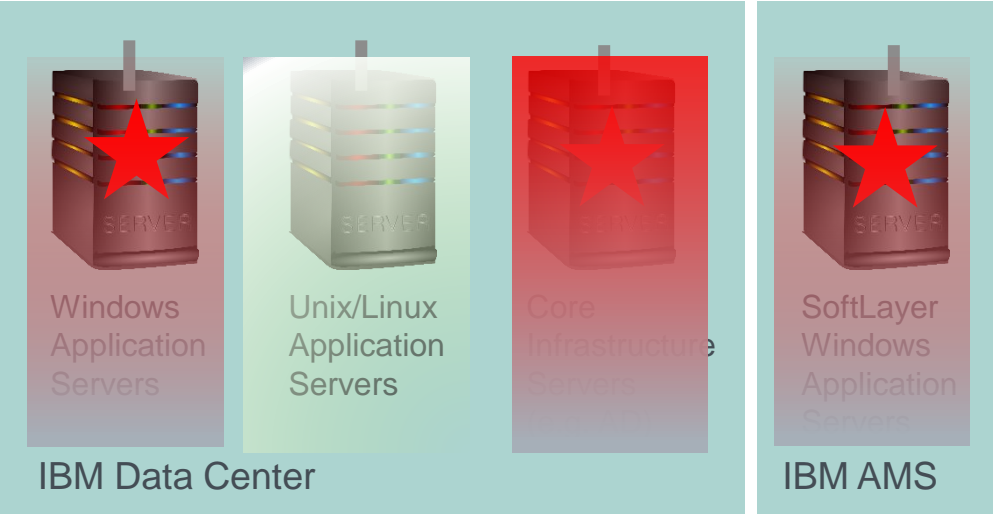
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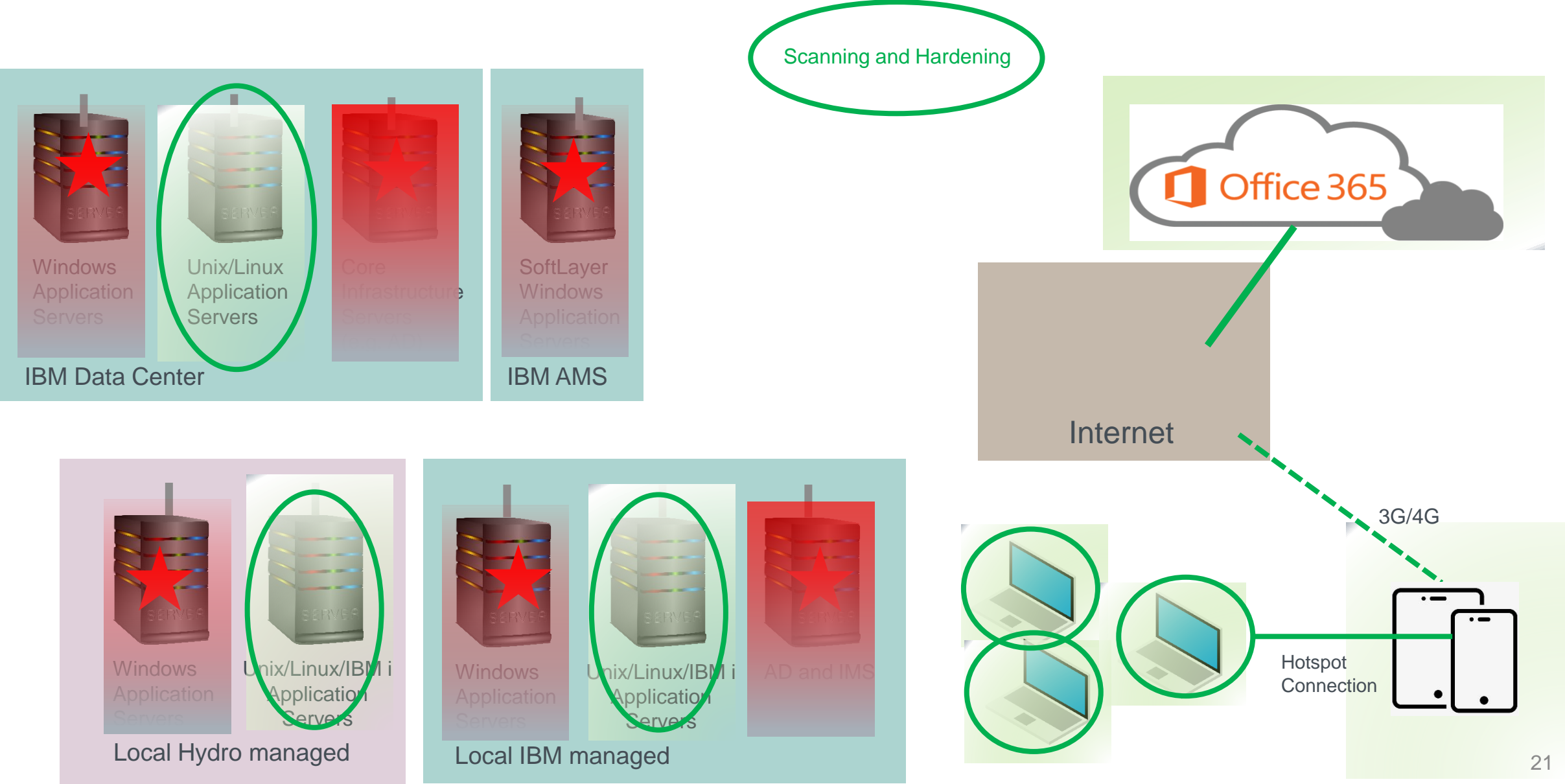
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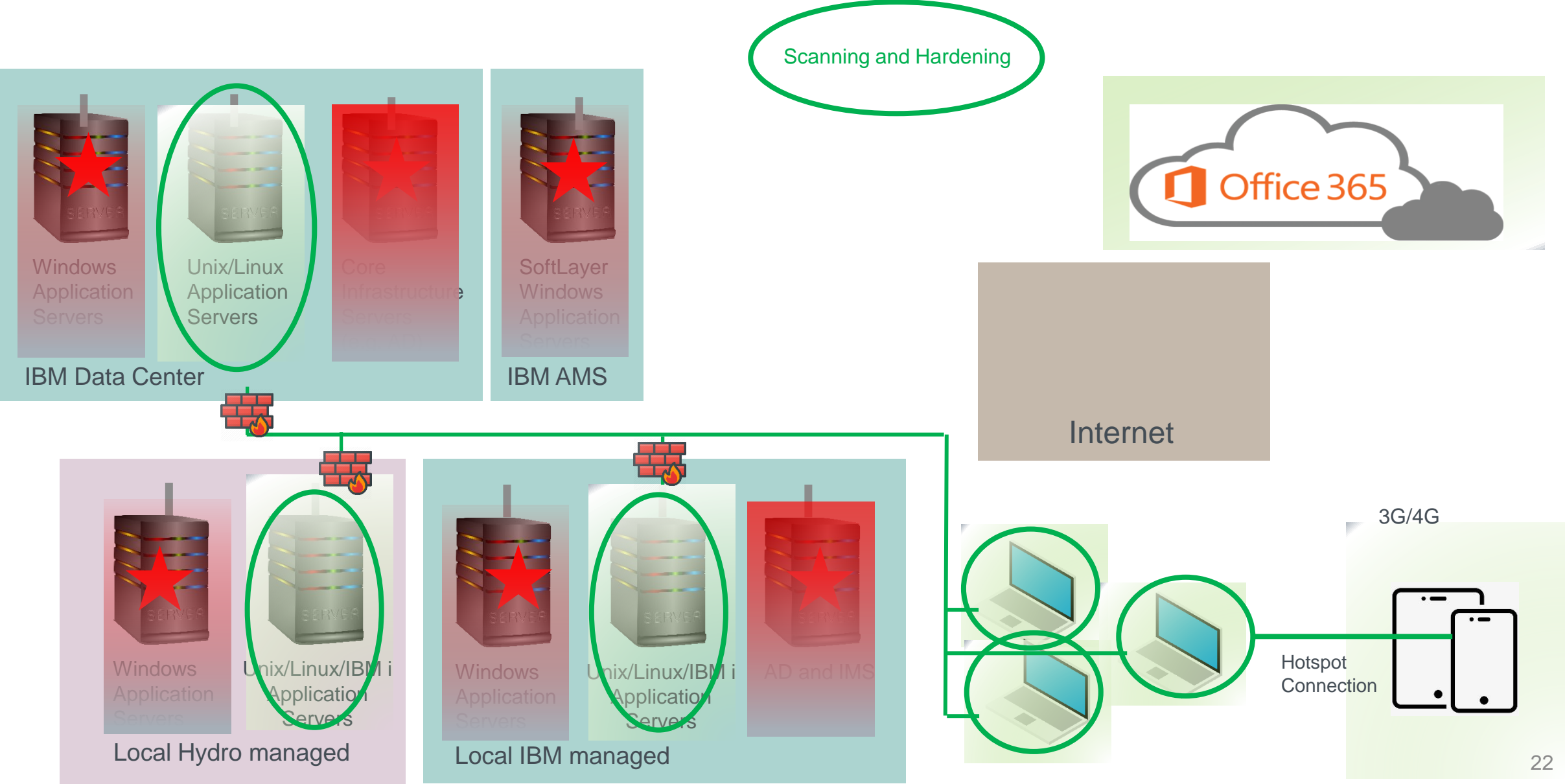
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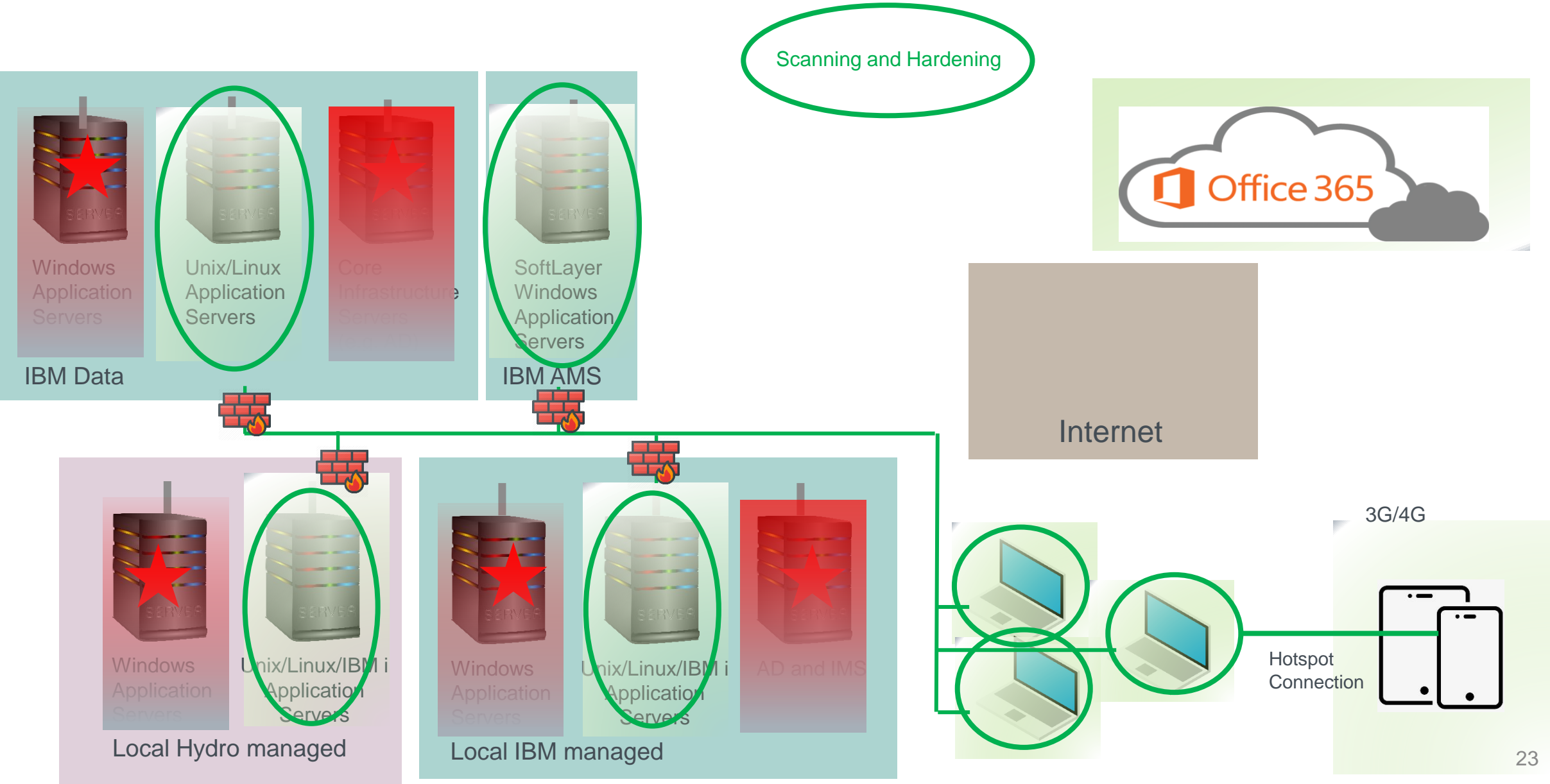
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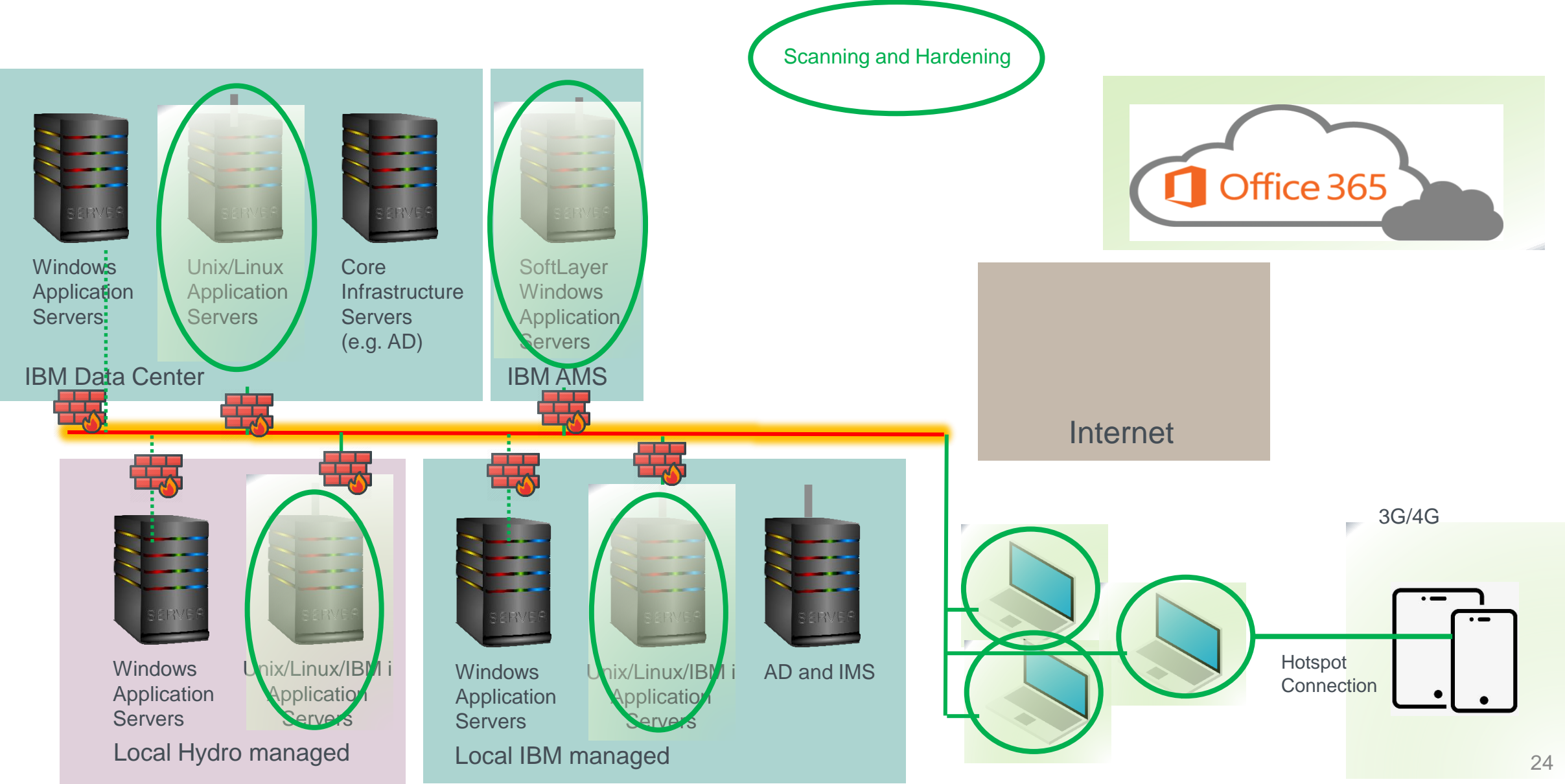
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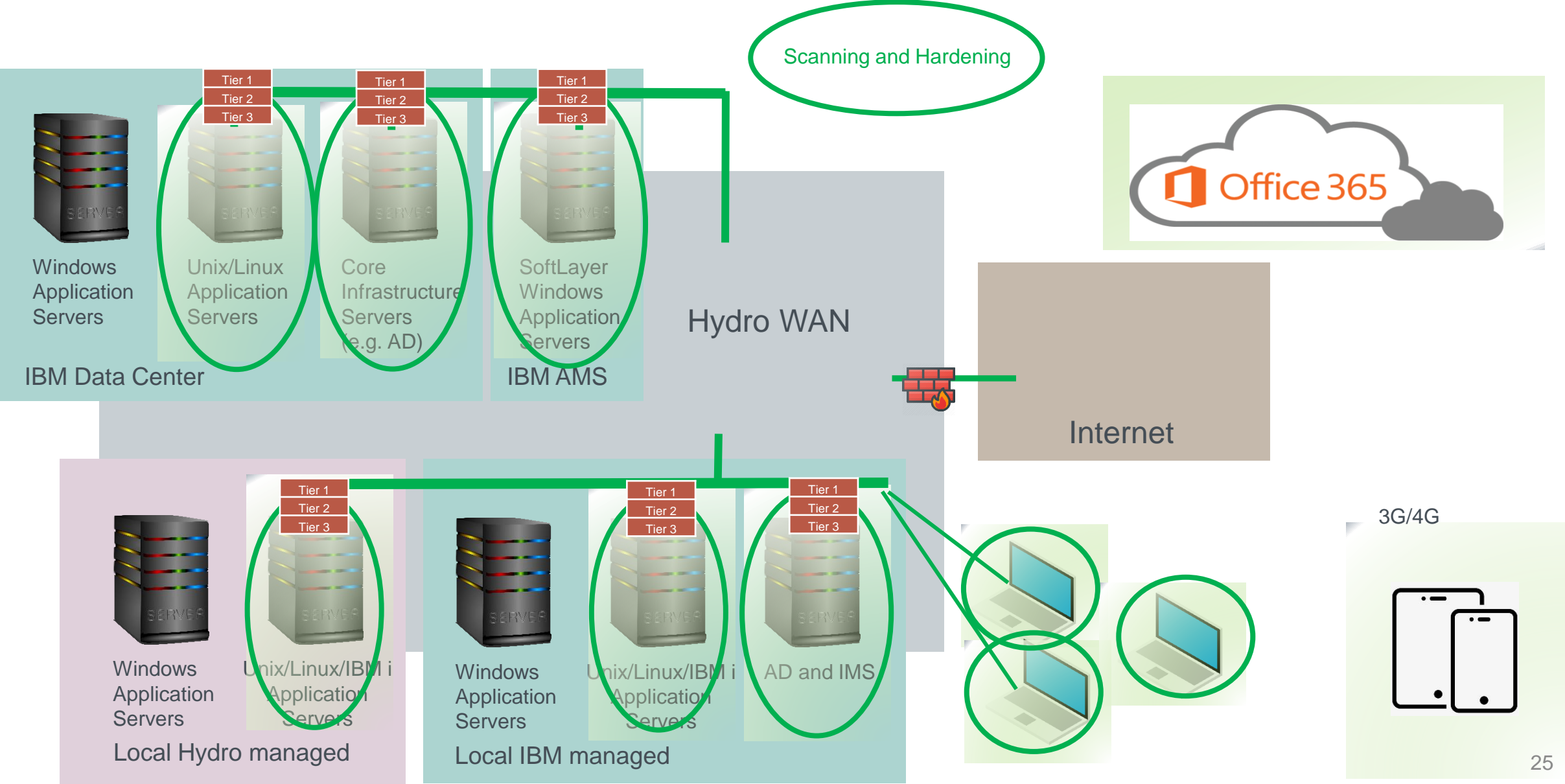
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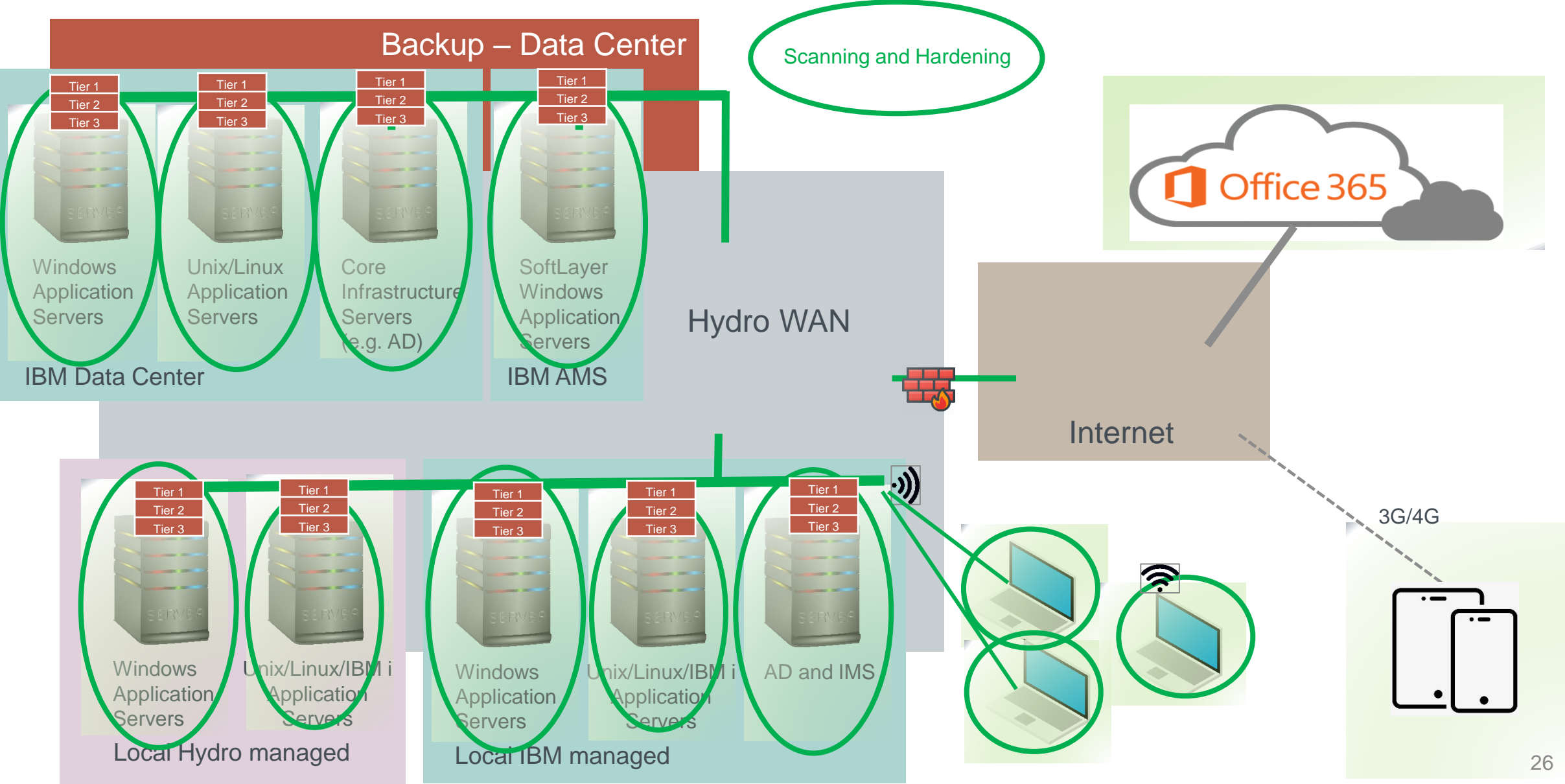
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Rebuilding network functionality



Final recovery



Local issues

- Lost access to orders, production planning and invoicing.
- The very old DOS based ERP system used in a few plants was not infected
- Die storage robot can work, but overview is gone (15.000 dies!)
- Profile dimension measurement is working off-line
- Capability calculations can be done manually
- Mechanical testing can be done off-line
- No access to profile drawings.
- Communication was down through PC and web site.
- Facebook was used to update Norwegian colleagues.
- Establishing local network
- Should we go for LINUX/Ubuntu solutions?
- PC's can be switched on – OFF-LINE at 14.00



Discoveries within the first days

- IBM backup of die storage system did not exist!
- A colleague had downloaded all die drawings few weeks before.
- Real production of profiles started 26 hours after the attack
 - Based on experienced operators
 - Based on verbal production orders from customers
 - Fully manually controlled processes and calculations
- Test machines were re-programmed internally
- The attack happened in Norway → Norwegian cyber police was involved and initiated their investigation.
- The virus had been placed as a sleeping virus weeks before the actual attack!
- Probably through a USB stick!
- Several backups were infected!
- Colleagues who could not do normal work assisted in challenging production areas.
 - HSE issues?

Challenges and considerations

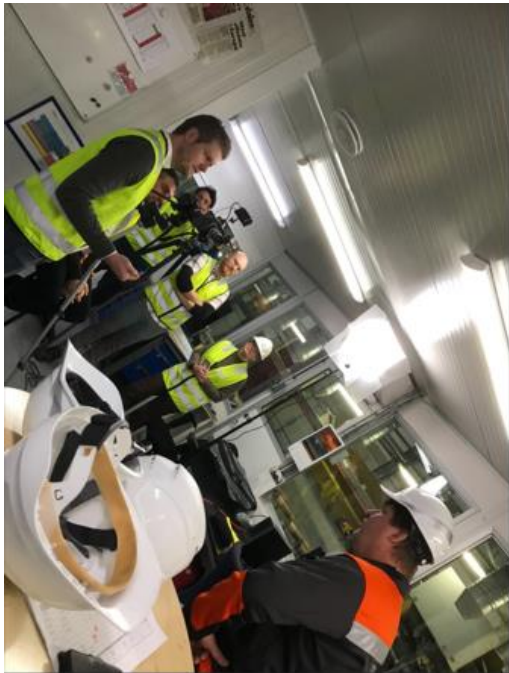
- SAP finance was down for weeks and monthly/quarterly report to Hydro was delayed.
- Can we get process data directly from PLC's?
- Are we able to calculate process variation manually (SPC)?
 - Release of productions?
- How to register who is working?
- Does anyone have IT skills to support IT?
- Perimeter safety?
- How to communicate with banks, tax etc?
- Mental health challenges
- Long working days
- Cancel all non-critical meetings!
- Does the pay role system work?
- Free lunch for all!
- The communication with customers got tougher after 10 days!
- Daily update from HQ
- Competitors started to mis-inform customers.

New/changed processes

- NO visible passwords in production areas!
 - Cyber security awareness training
 - Regular test of IT awareness
 - USB stick drop test
 - Lock your screen
- Daily meetings ended May 21st after 9 weeks!

How to let others know what had happened?

- From the very beginning, Hydro chose to very open about the attack.
- Daily press conferences about the situation were performed from HQ.
- Major interest from the media – BBC, Microsoft, Dagens Næringsliv and other.



Openness



Hydro was awarded Åpenhetsprisen 20.09.2019 because we dared to be open about the cyber attack



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ber-attack cost at least

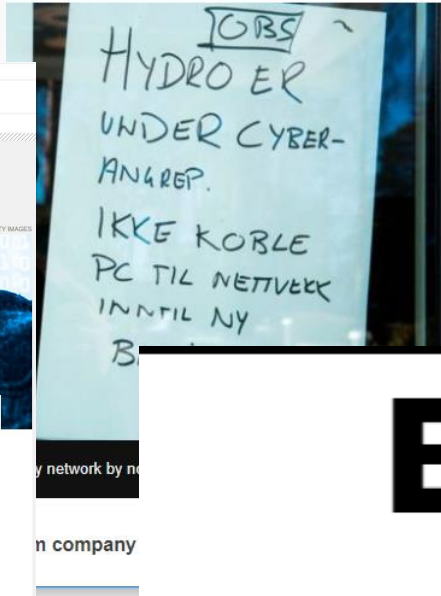
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Fra v Inger Sethov, Elvind Kallevik og Egil Hognå fra Hydro under en pressekonferanse om cyberangrepet på Hydro. (Foto: Vidar Ruud / NTB scanpix)

Hydro får Åpenhetsprisen: Turte å være åpne da de ble utsatt for massivt dataangrep

en omfattende cyberattack mot koncernens IT-system. Nu pressas de på pengar av angriparna.



Norsk Hydro cyber attack could cost up to \$75m

March 2019 ransomware attack could cost Norwegian aluminium giant up to \$75m in the first half of the year, according to latest estimates

By Warwick Ashford, Senior analyst

Published: 23 Jul 2019 12:23

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