

Ethernet Fabrics 101

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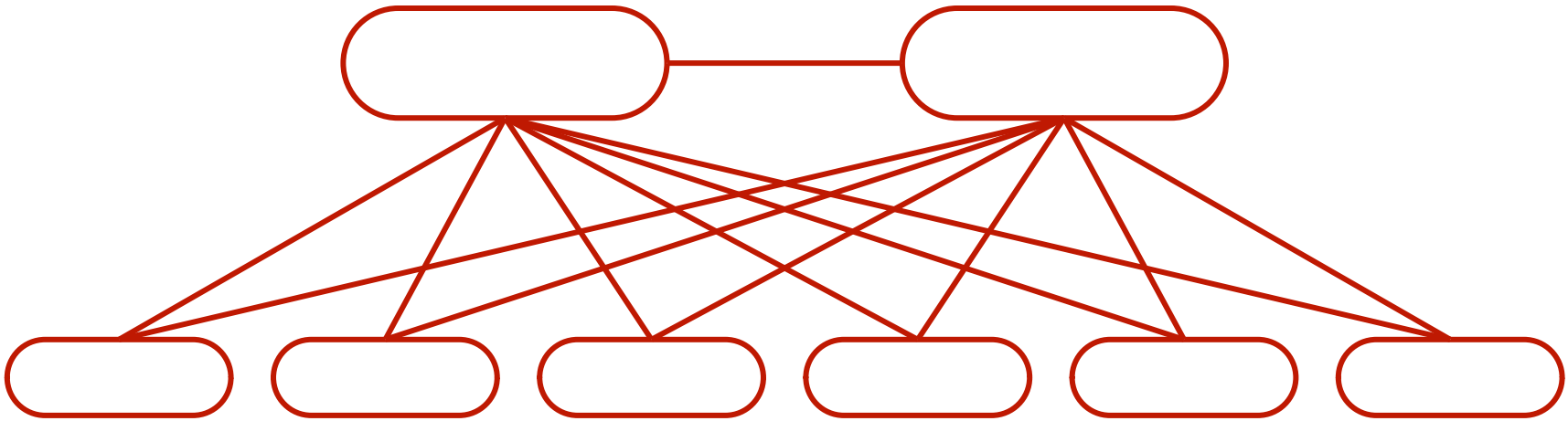
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Networking is Evolving

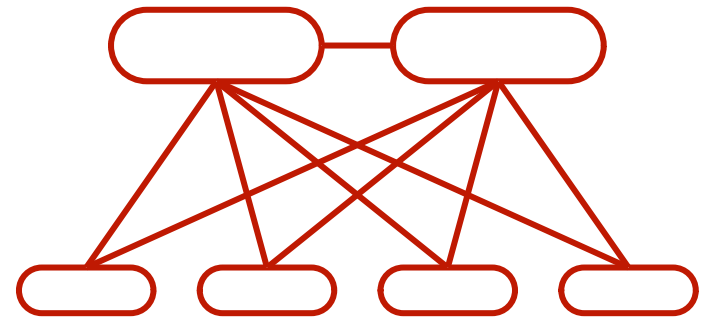




What's this?

Network Characteristics

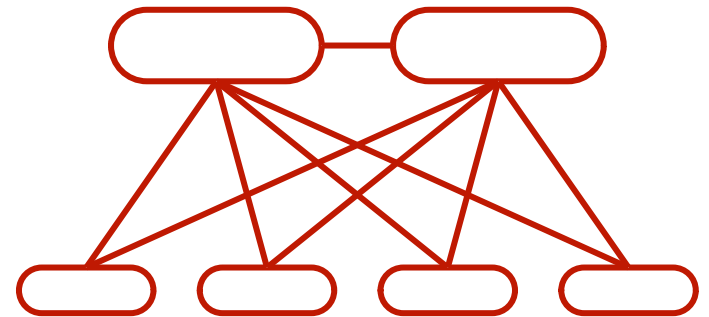
- Cost
- Link Redundancy
- Hardware Redundancy
- Software Redundancy
- Configuration Complexity



Is the traditional way still the right way?

Bisectional Flow Characteristics

- Bandwidth
- Latency
- Flow Size

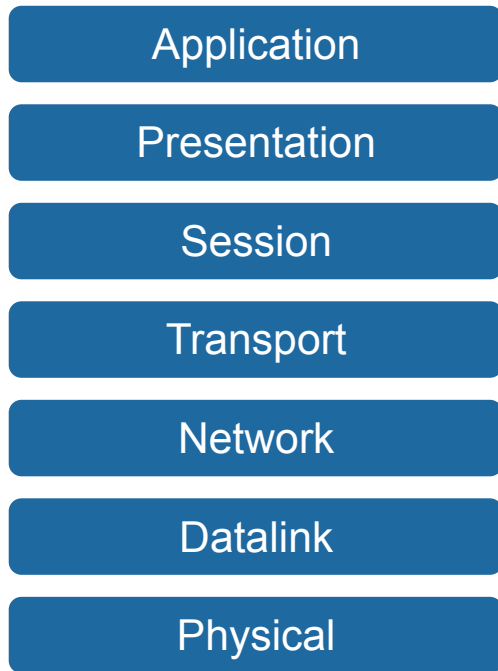


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Networking 101

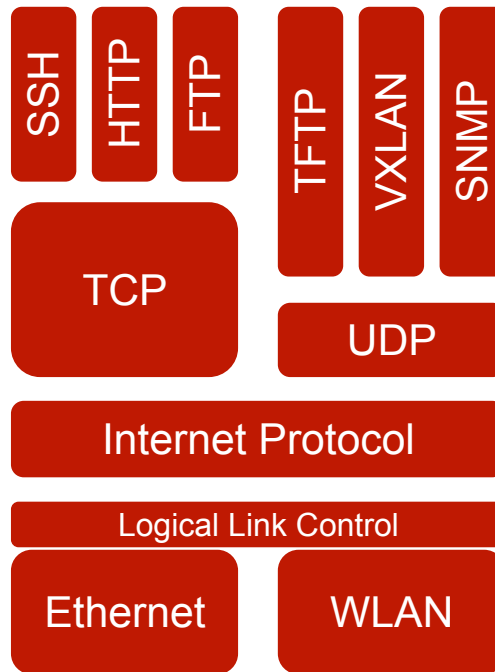
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Open Systems Interconnect Model

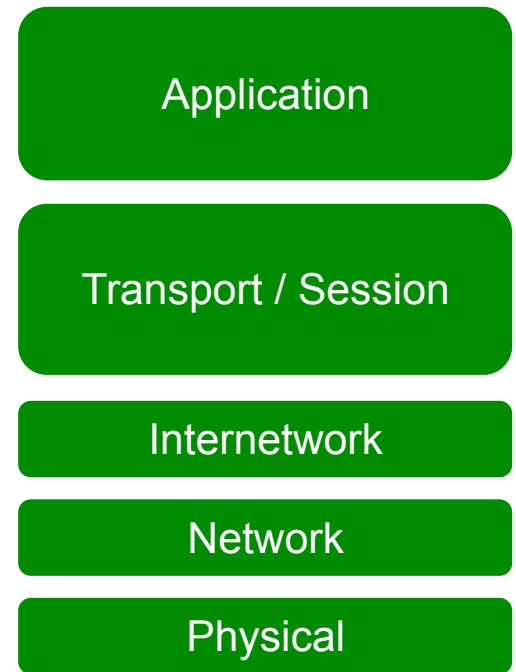


TCP/IP Stack

Examples



TCP/IP Model



Three Key Terms

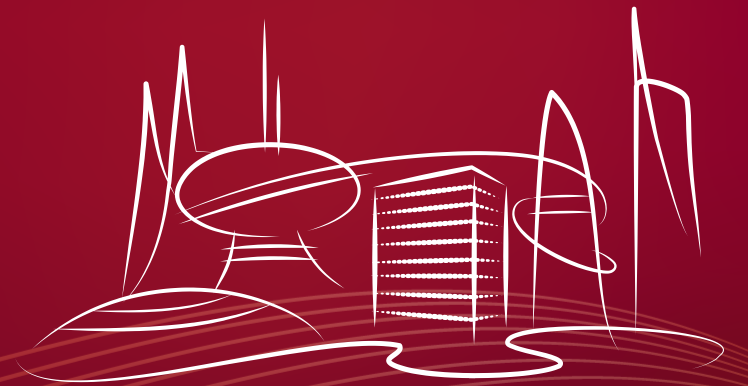
Router **Switch** **Bridge**

Let's define our terms!

Can we route at Layer-2?

RBridge

Hardware Overview



VDX Family of Switches

VDX 8770



VDX8770 Details

- Industry Leading Chassis
 - 4 I/O Slot Version
 - 8 I/O Slot Version
 - Redundant Management
 - With Hypervisor
 - N+N Fan Redundancy
 - N+N Power Redundancy
 - 3,000ns Latency***
- Available Modules
 - 48x1G SFP
 - 48x10G SFP+
 - 48x10GBaseT
 - 12x40G QSFP+
 - 27x40G QSFP+**
 - 6x100G CFP2

**THIS MODULE IS NOT LINE RATE

***NOT INCLUDING 10GBASE-T

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VDX Family of Switches

VDX 6940



VDX8940 Details

- VDX6790-36Q
 - 36 QSFP+ Ports
 - Either 1x40 or 4x10
 - 1 Rack Units
 - 700ns Latency
- VDX6790-144S
 - 96x10G SFP+ Ports
 - 12x40G QSFP+ or 4x100G QSFP+
 - 2 Rack Units
 - 700ns Latency

VDX Family of Switches

VDX 6740



VDX6740 Details

- VDX6740
 - 48x10G SFP+
 - 4x40G QSFP+
 - 1 Rack Unit
 - 850ns Latency
- VDX6740T & VDX6740T-1G
 - 48x10GBaseT or 1GBaseT
 - 4x40G QSFP+
 - 1 Rack Unit
 - 3,000ns Latency



Intro to Ethernet Fabrics

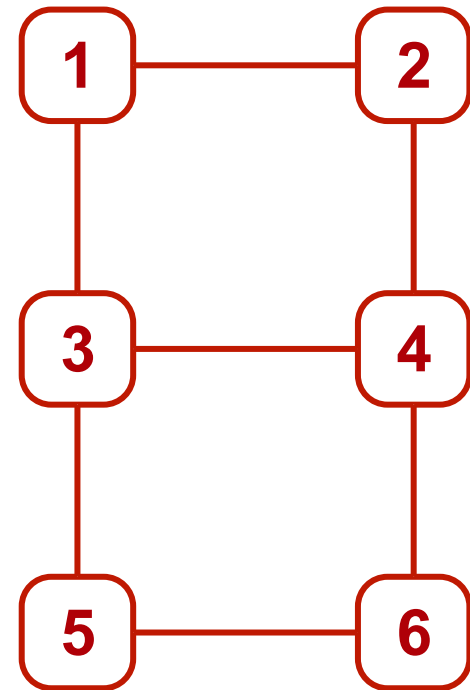
Building a Useful Routed Topology



An Overview of Link State Routing

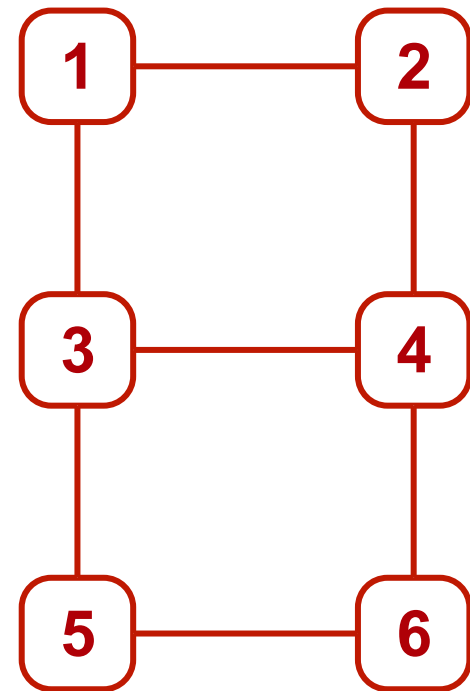
1. Identify each Node / Network
2. Form Adjacencies
3. Share Link-State Information
4. Run Dijkstra's Algorithm

**Brocade's
Virtual Cluster Switching (VCS)
uses the
Fabric Shortest Path First (FSPF)
routing protocol.**



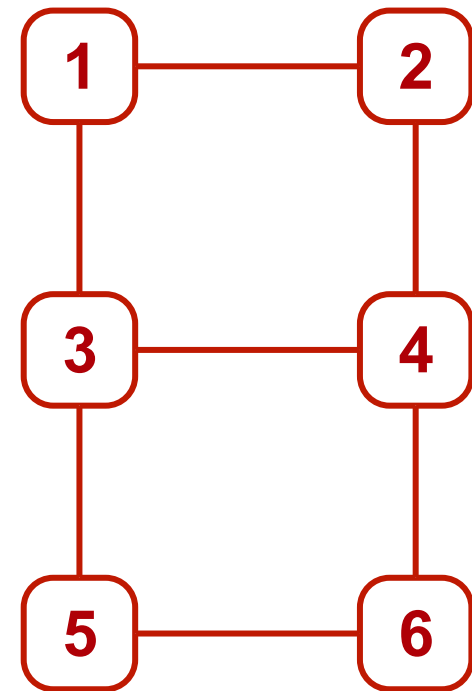
Node / Network Identification

- In Ethernet Fabrics, the terms “Node” and “Network” can be used interchangeably.
- In FSPF, each node has a unique “World Wide Name” or “WWN”.
 - Generally this is transparent to the operator.
 - FSPF was originally designed for Fibre Channel Networks.
- Each node also gets an “RBridge ID” or “Nickname”.
 - This is configurable.
 - Used by TRILL



Forming Adjacencies

1. There are two types of ports:
 - Edge Ports
 - ISL Ports
2. ISL Characteristics
 - Must be Point-to-Point
 - Must have a link speed of 10G or greater
3. Connection Process
 - Primitives
 - Hellos
 - Fabric Joining

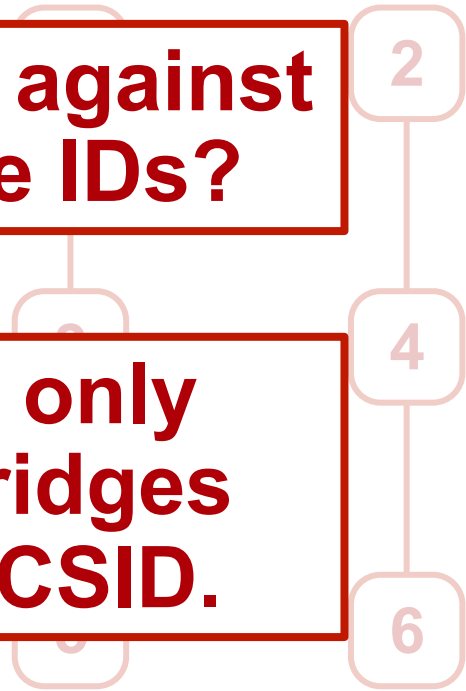


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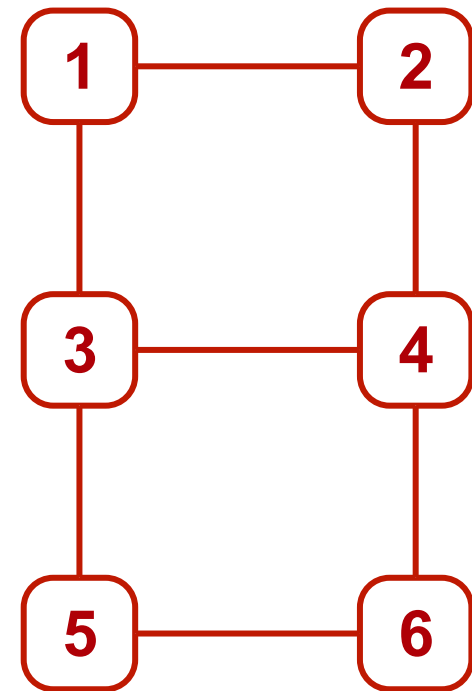
How do we protect against duplicate RBridge IDs?

Adjacencies are only formed if the RBridges have the same VCSID.



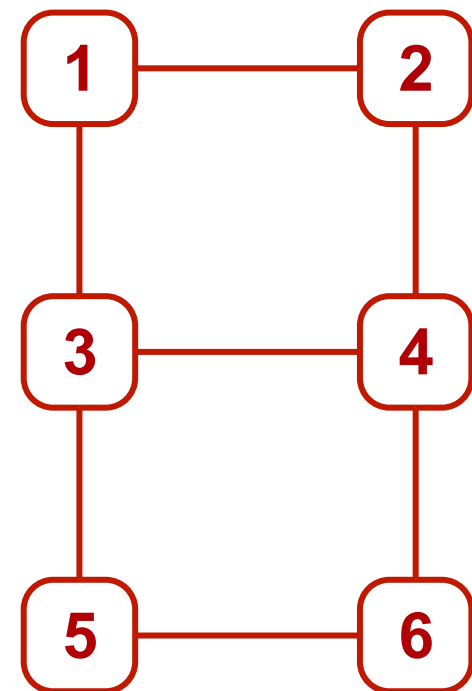
Sharing Link State Information

1. Each RBridge shares it's own link-state information with all the other Rbridges.
2. After synchronization, each RBridge has a full understanding of the Fabric topology.
3. Each link is assigned a cost, based on bandwidth.



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We now know where the Rbridges are... how does this help us?



Some Useful FRP Commands

Configuring Fabric Routing Protocol

RBridge-5# **vcs vcsid 8192 rbridge-id 239 logical-chassis enable**

Configuring Fabric Routing Protocol

Viewing Inter-Switch Links

RBridge-5# **show fabric isl rbridge-id 3**

Rbridge-id: 3 #ISLs: 4

Src Index	Src Interface	Nbr Index	Nbr Interface	Nbr-WWN	BW	Trunk	Nbr-Name
105	Te 3/0/42	109	Te 7/0/46	10:00:50:EB:1A:61:5D:6A	40G	Yes	"RBridge-7"
108	Te 3/0/45	104	Te 101/0/41	10:00:50:EB:1A:A4:19:D8	30G	Yes	"RBridge-101"
112	Fo 3/0/49	113	Fo 13/0/50	10:00:50:EB:1A:AE:97:EC	40G	Yes	"RBridge-13"
113	Fo 3/0/50	112	Fo 17/0/49	10:00:50:EB:1A:E7:43:E8	40G	Yes	"RBridge-17"

RBridge-5#



```
RBridge-5# vcs vcsid 8192 rbridge-id 239 logical-chassis enable
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RBridge-5# show fabric isl rbridge-id 4
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Rbridge-id: 4 #ISLs: 3
```

Src Index	Src Interface	Nbr Index	Nbr Interface	Nbr-WWN	BW	Trunk	Nbr-Name
104	Te 4/0/41	108	Te 2/0/45	10:00:50:EB:1A:A4:29:AC	40G	Yes	"RBridge-2"
112	Fo 4/0/49	113	Fo 11/0/50	10:00:50:EB:1A:A4:2B:98	40G	Yes	"RBridge-11"
113	Fo 4/0/50	112	Fo 16/0/49	10:00:50:EB:1A:DE:35:08	40G	Yes	"RBridge-16"

```
RBridge-5# show fabric route topology dest-rbridge-id 101 src-rbridge-id 4
```

Src RB-ID	Dst RB-ID	Out Index	Out Interface	ECMP Grp	Hops	Cost	Nbr Index	Nbr Interface	BW	Trunk
4	101	112	Fo 4/0/49	14	4	2000	113	Fo 11/0/50	40G	Yes
	101	104	Te 4/0/41	14	4	2000	108	Te 2/0/45	40G	Yes

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RBridge-5#
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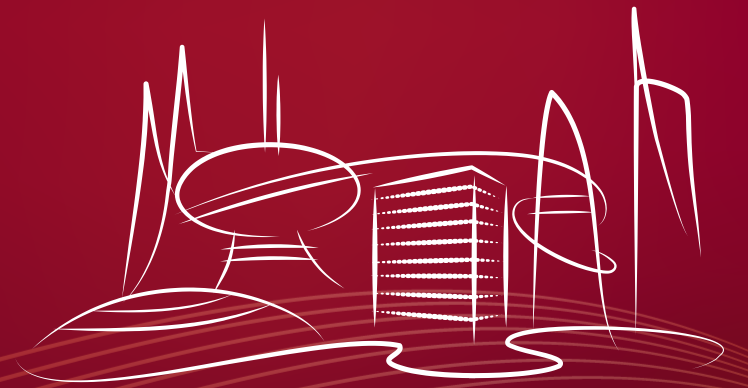


Link State Routing - FAQ

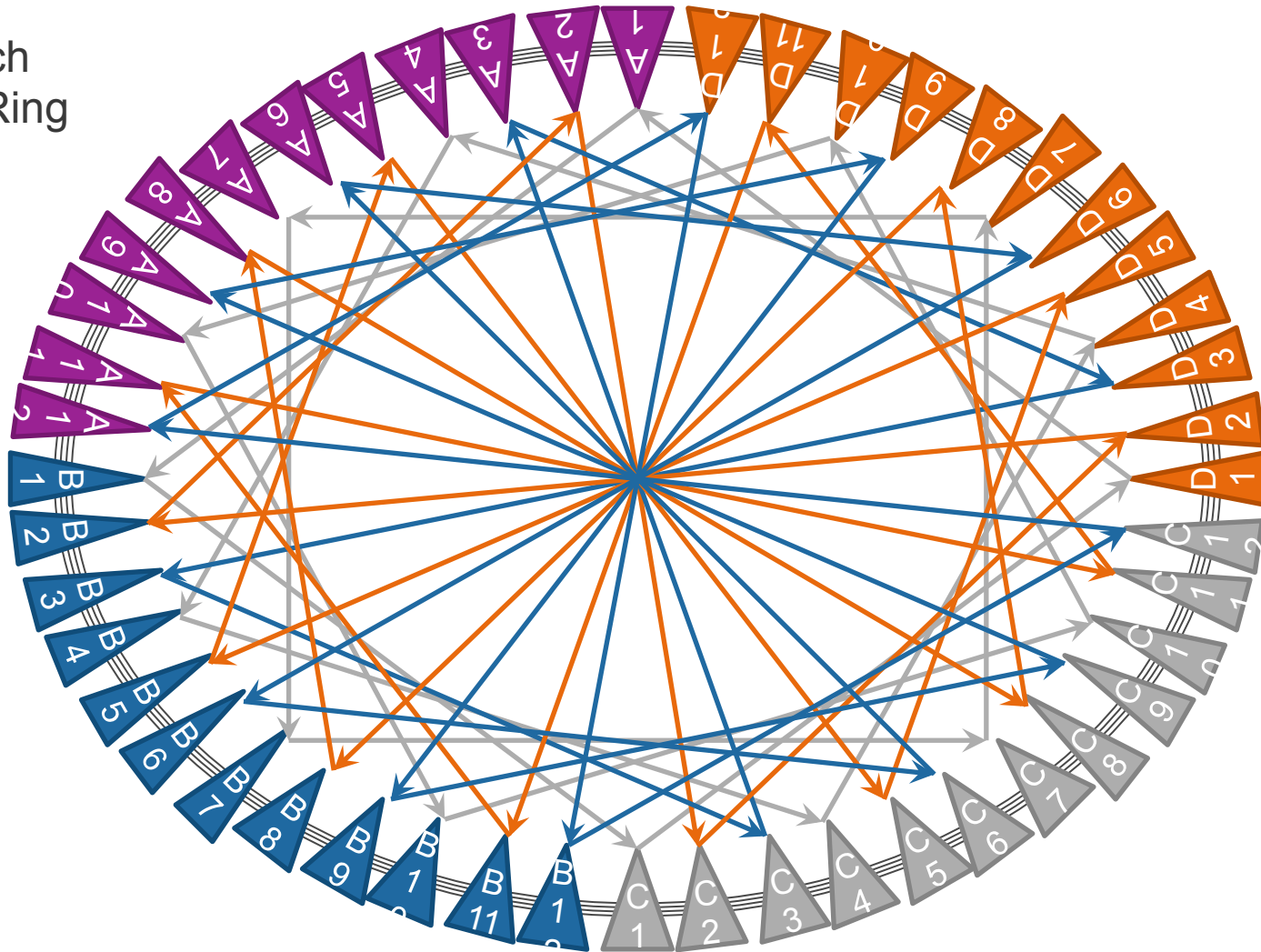
- Does FSPF support Equal Cost Multi-Path?
- Is the FSPF protocol publically defined?
- Is the FSPF MIB publically defined?
- What configuration options are available to me?
- Can I change the WWN to RBridge ID mapping?

More Questions?

Bifurcated Ring Topology



48-Switch
Bisected Ring

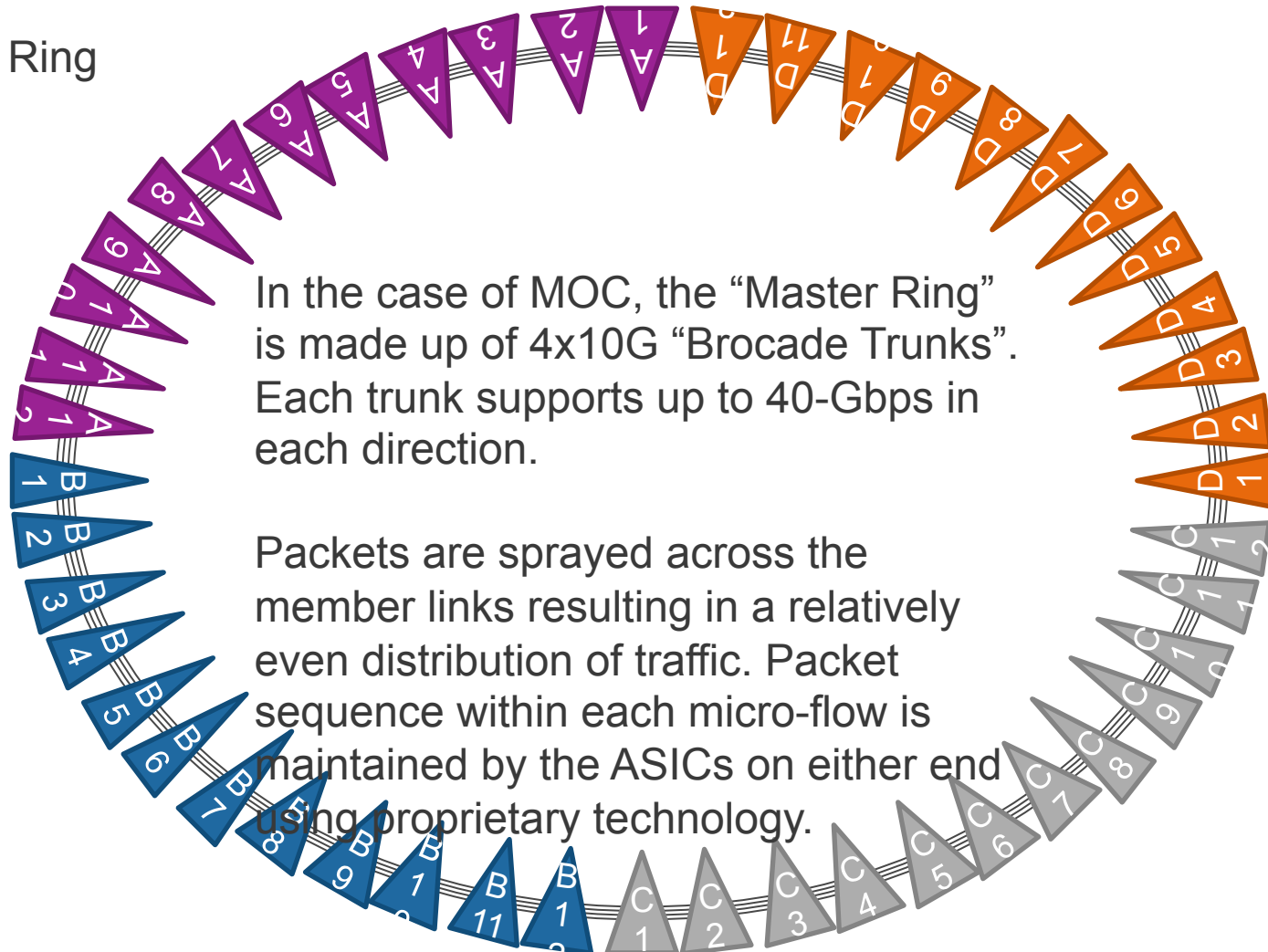


Bisected Ring Overview

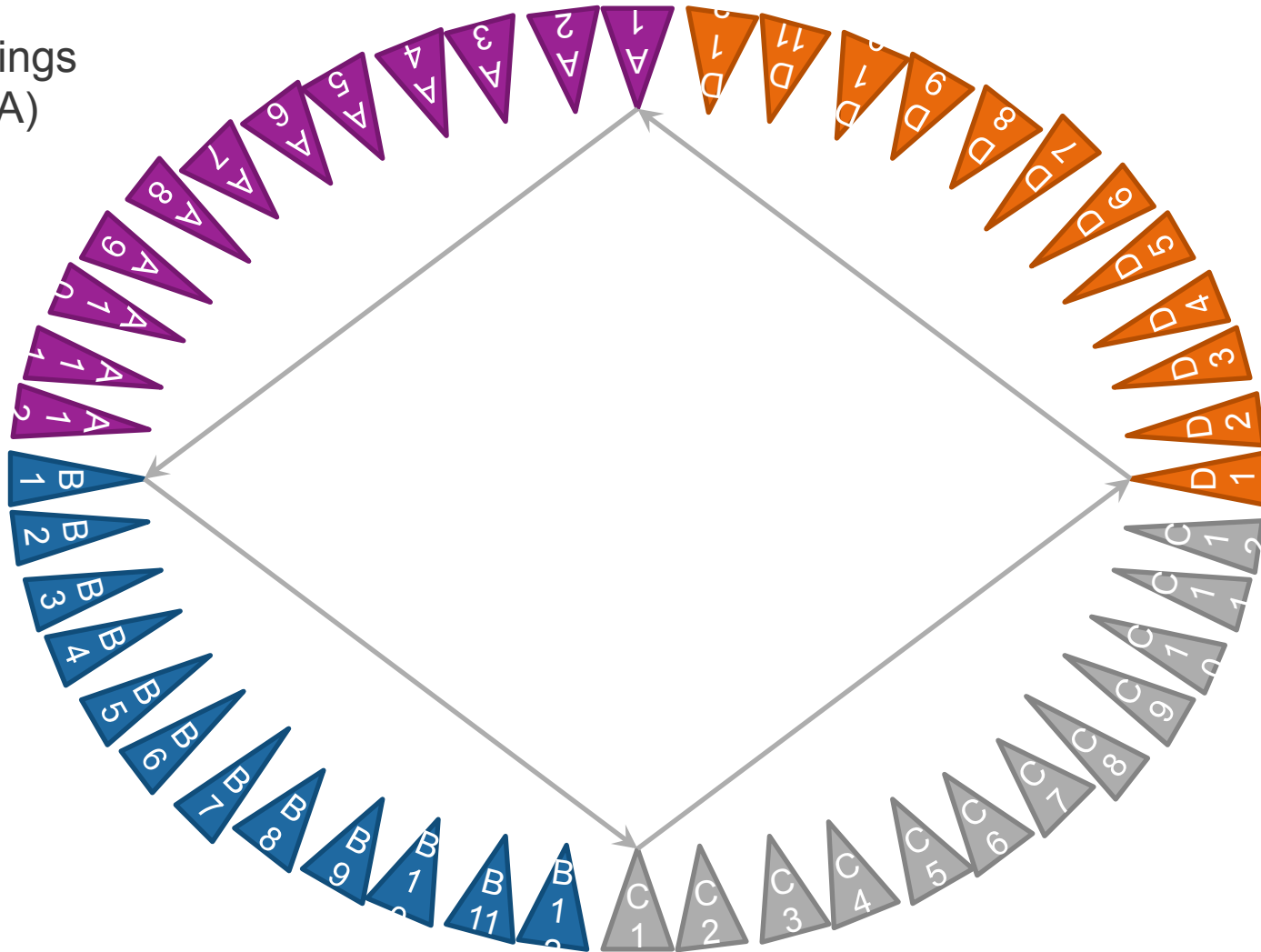
- Theory
 - Essentially a two-dimensional toroidal mesh.
 - Includes a “Master Ring”, that connects all the switches.
 - Includes several “Shortcut Rings”, that bisect the “Master Ring”.
- Practical Application
 - The network is divided into four “Quadrants”.
 - A, B, C and D.
 - The “Quadrants” are deployed as evenly as possible.
 - No quadrant should ever have more than one more switch than any other quadrant.
 - “Peer” switches in each quadrant are interconnected with Shortcut Rings.
 - i.e. A1 connects to B1, C1 and D1.
 - There are three patterns for the Shortcut Rings.



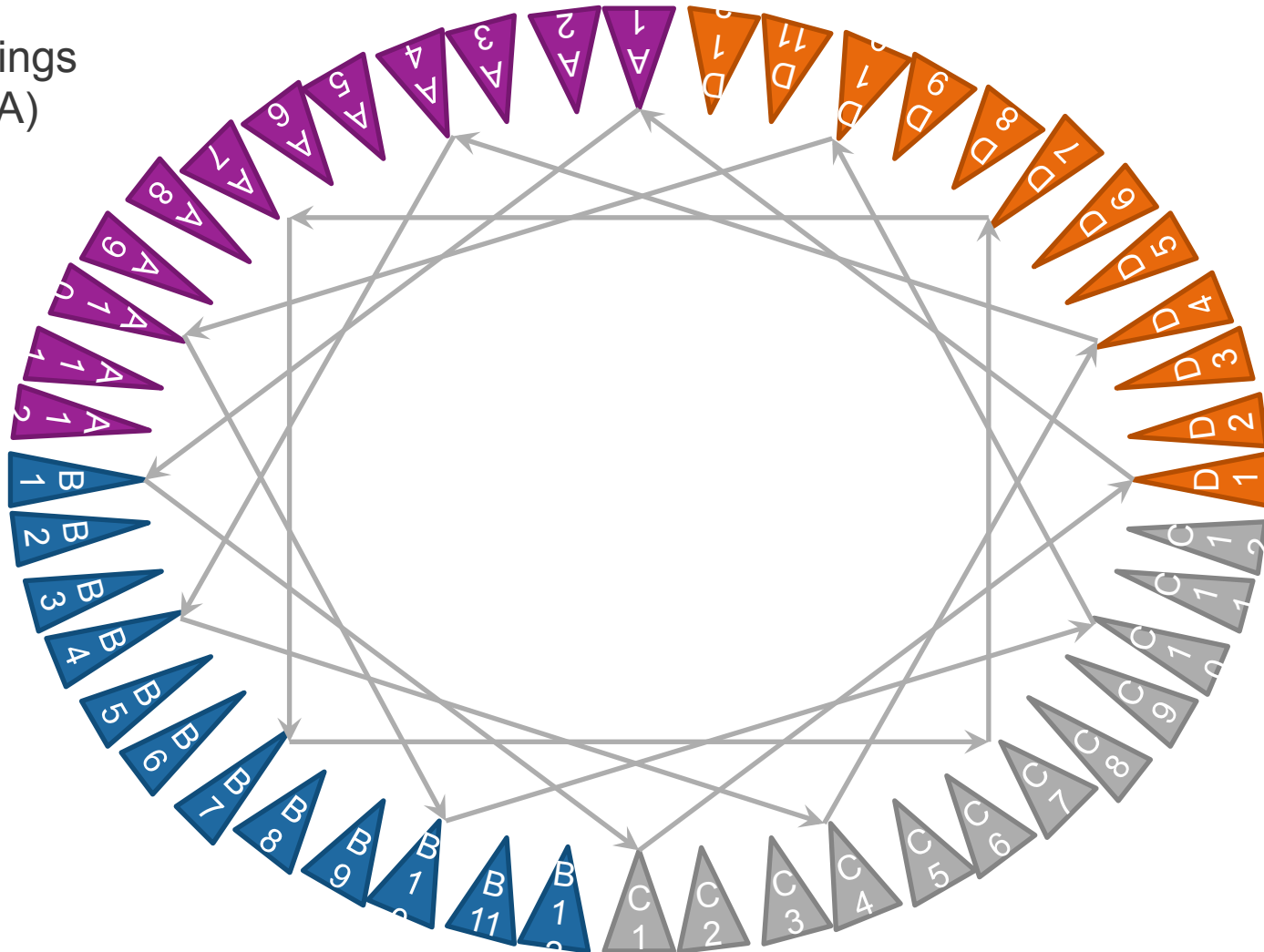
The Master Ring



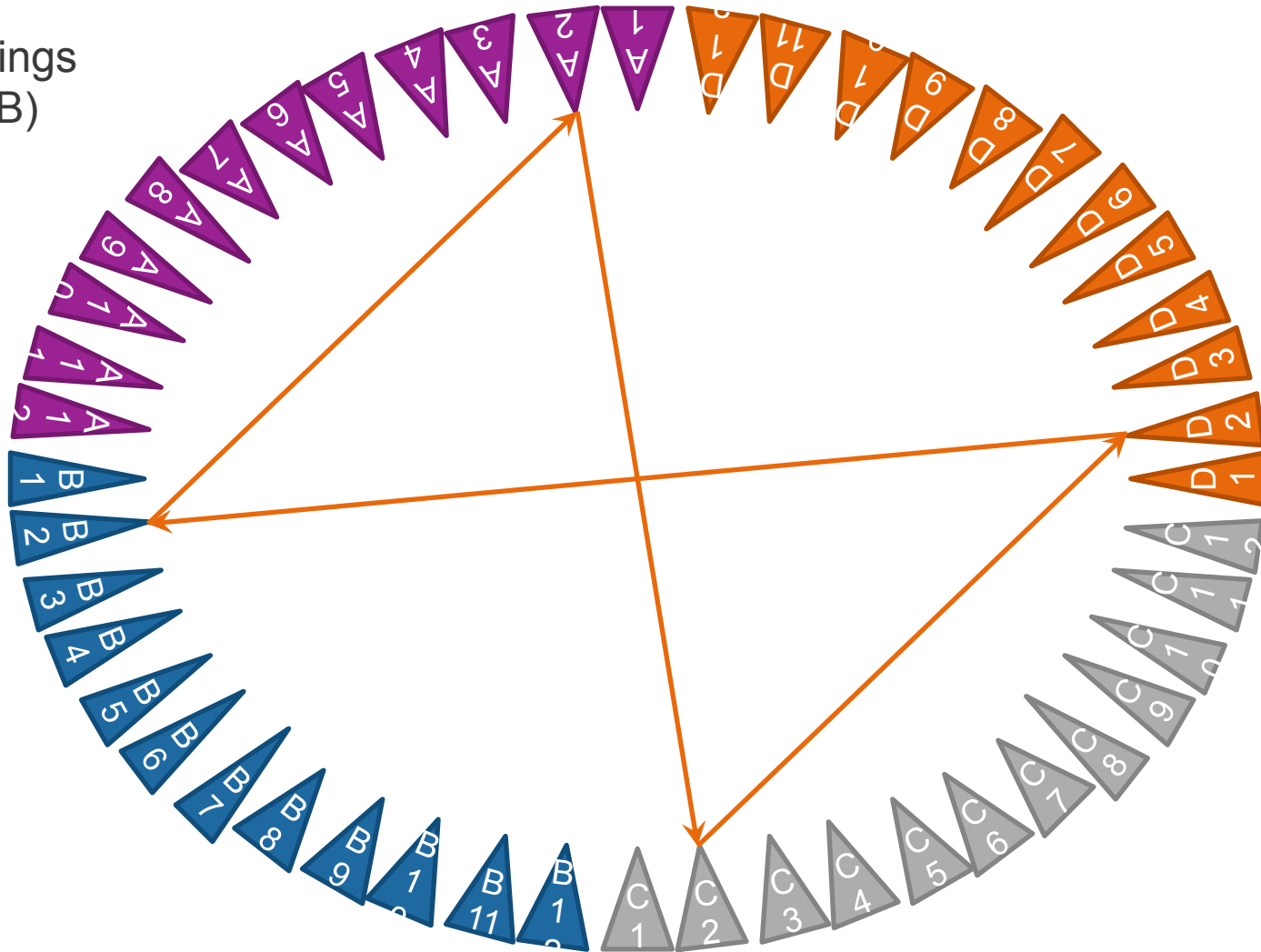
Shortcut Rings
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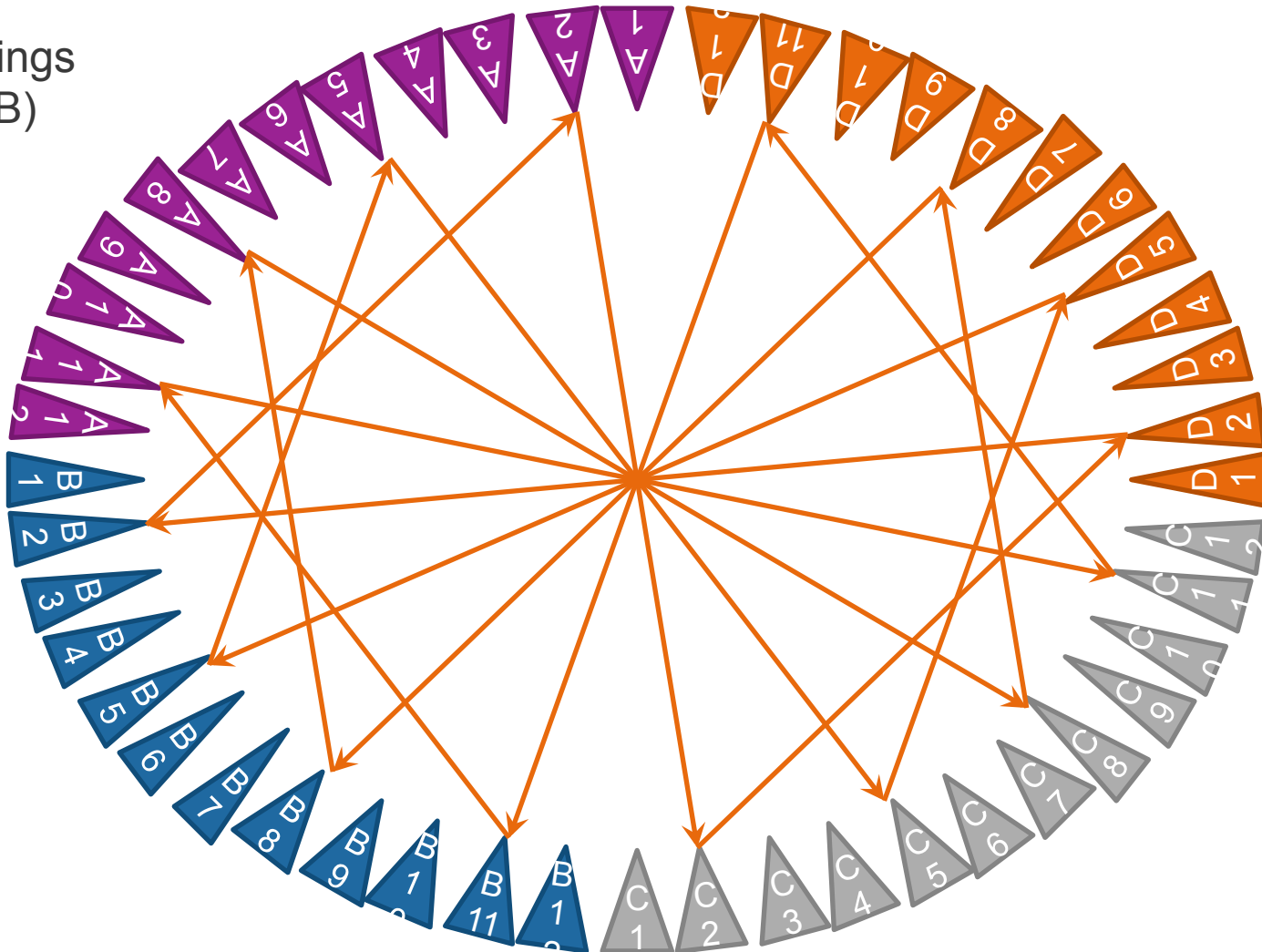
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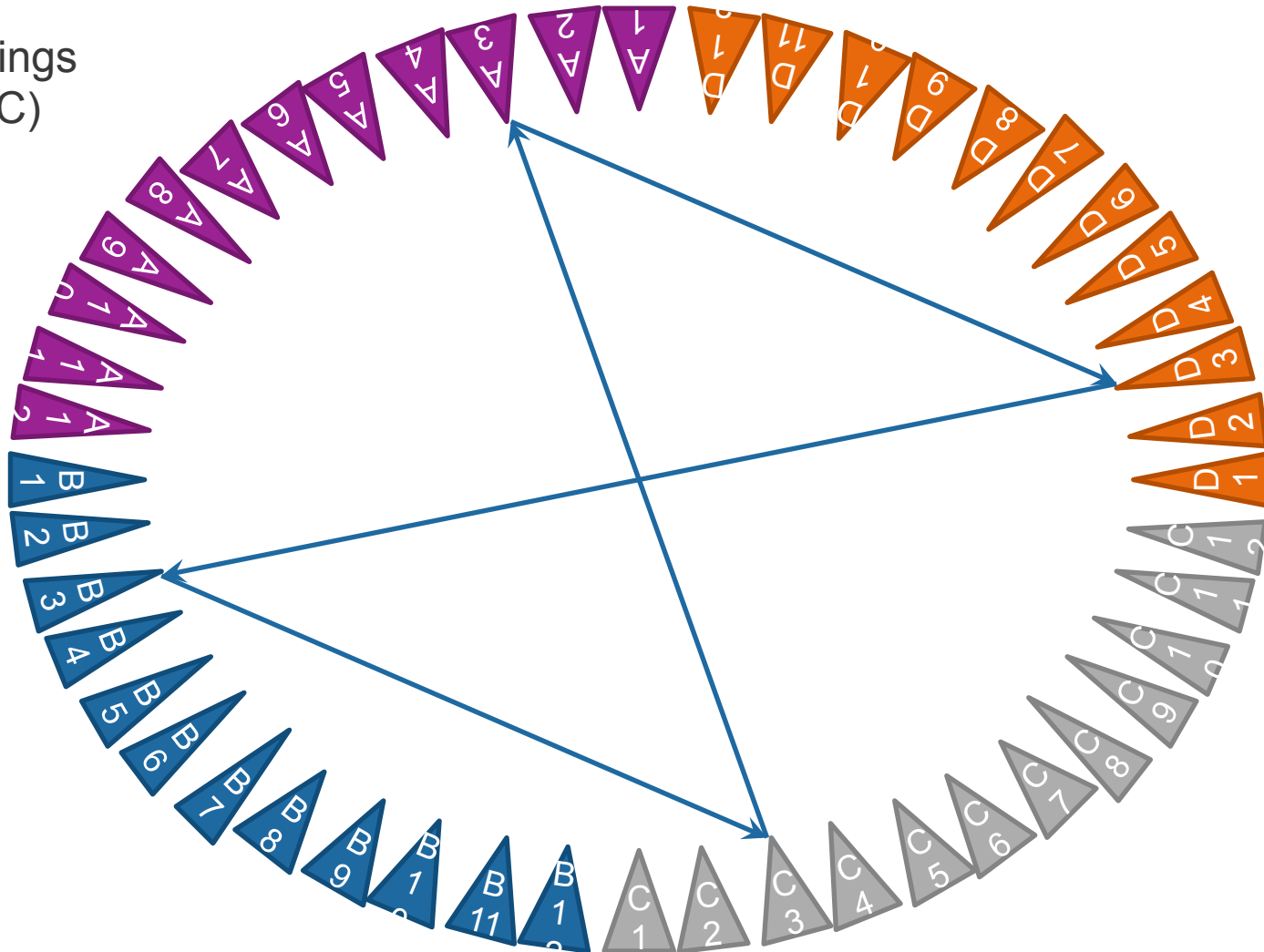
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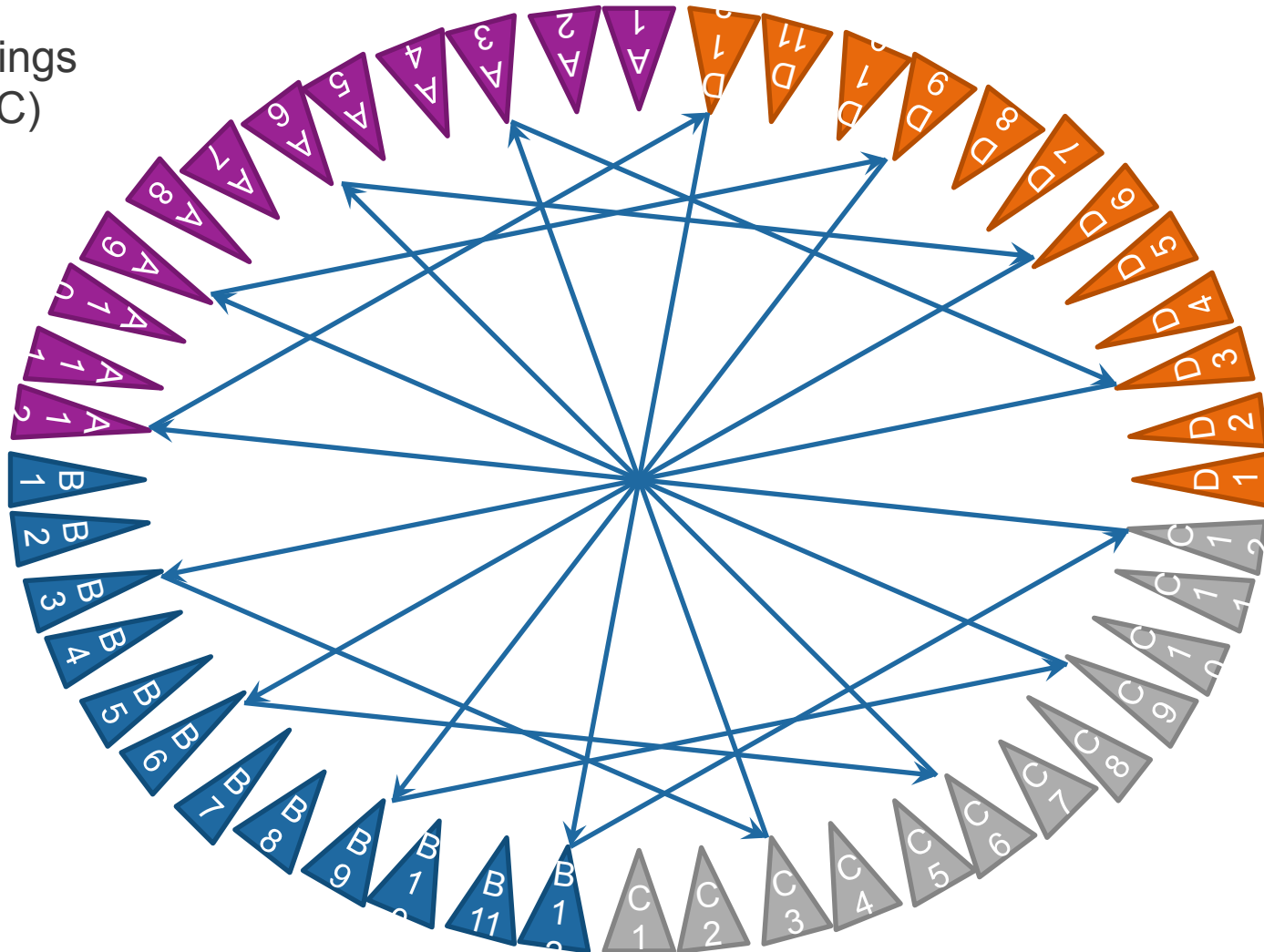
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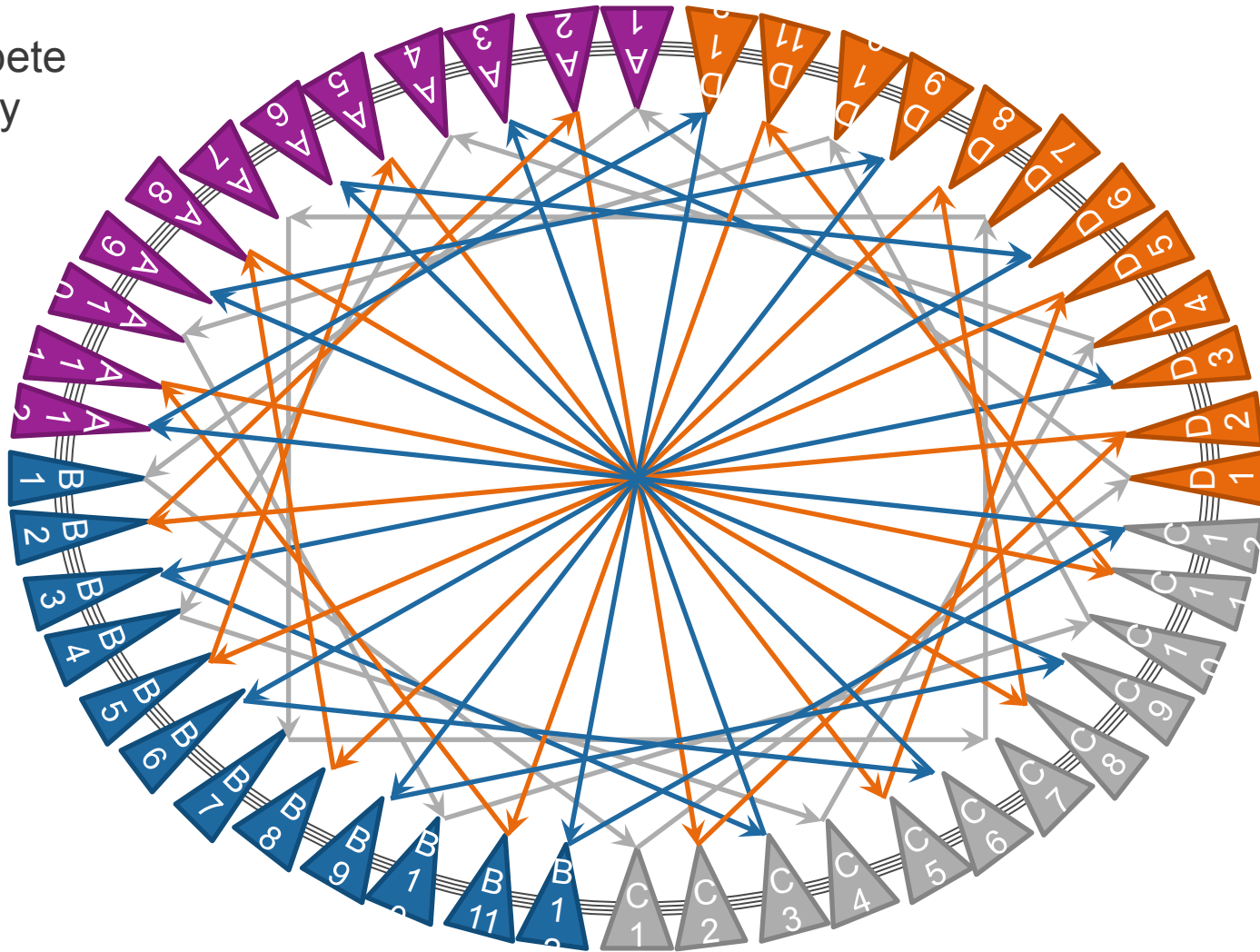
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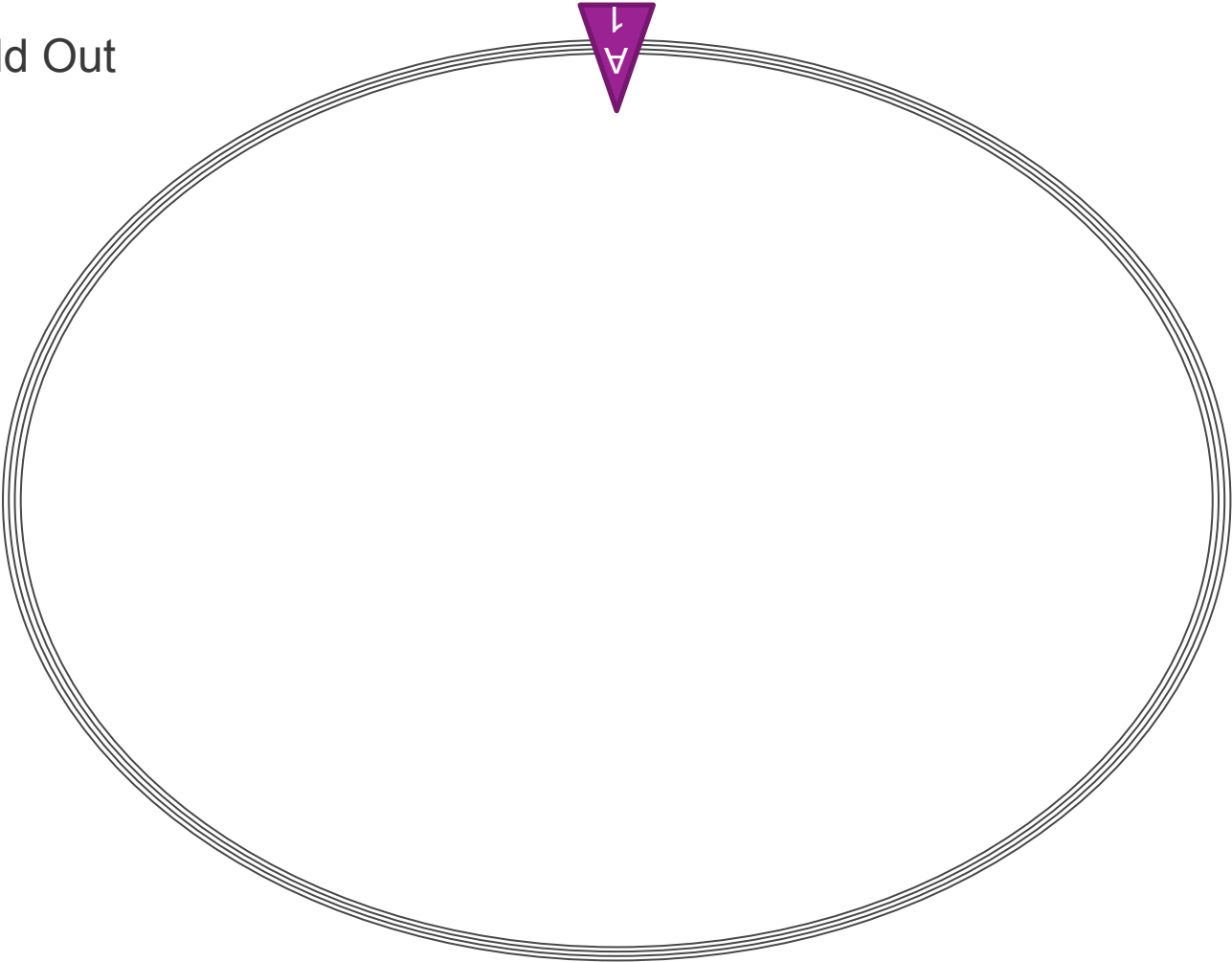
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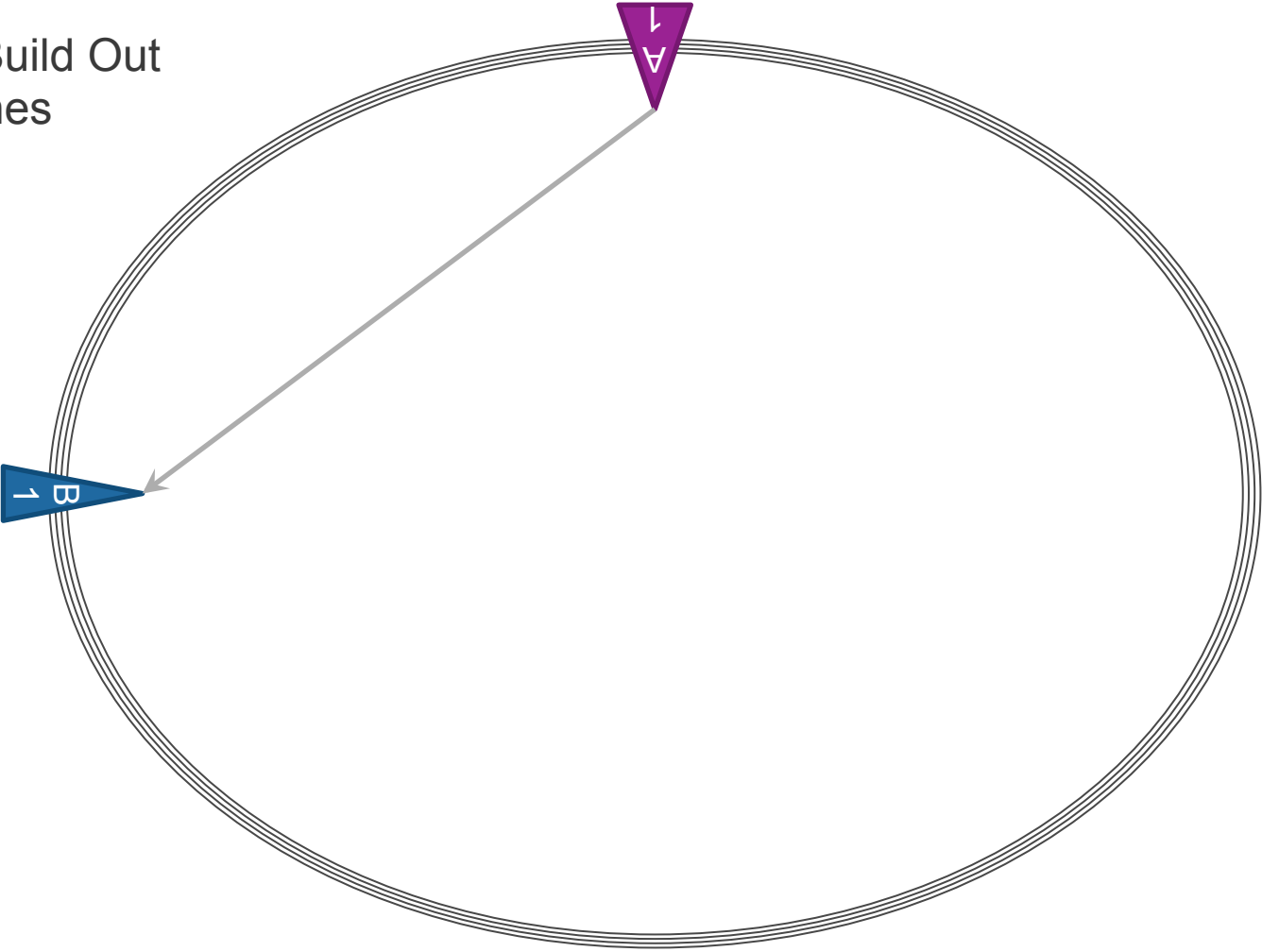
The Complete Topology



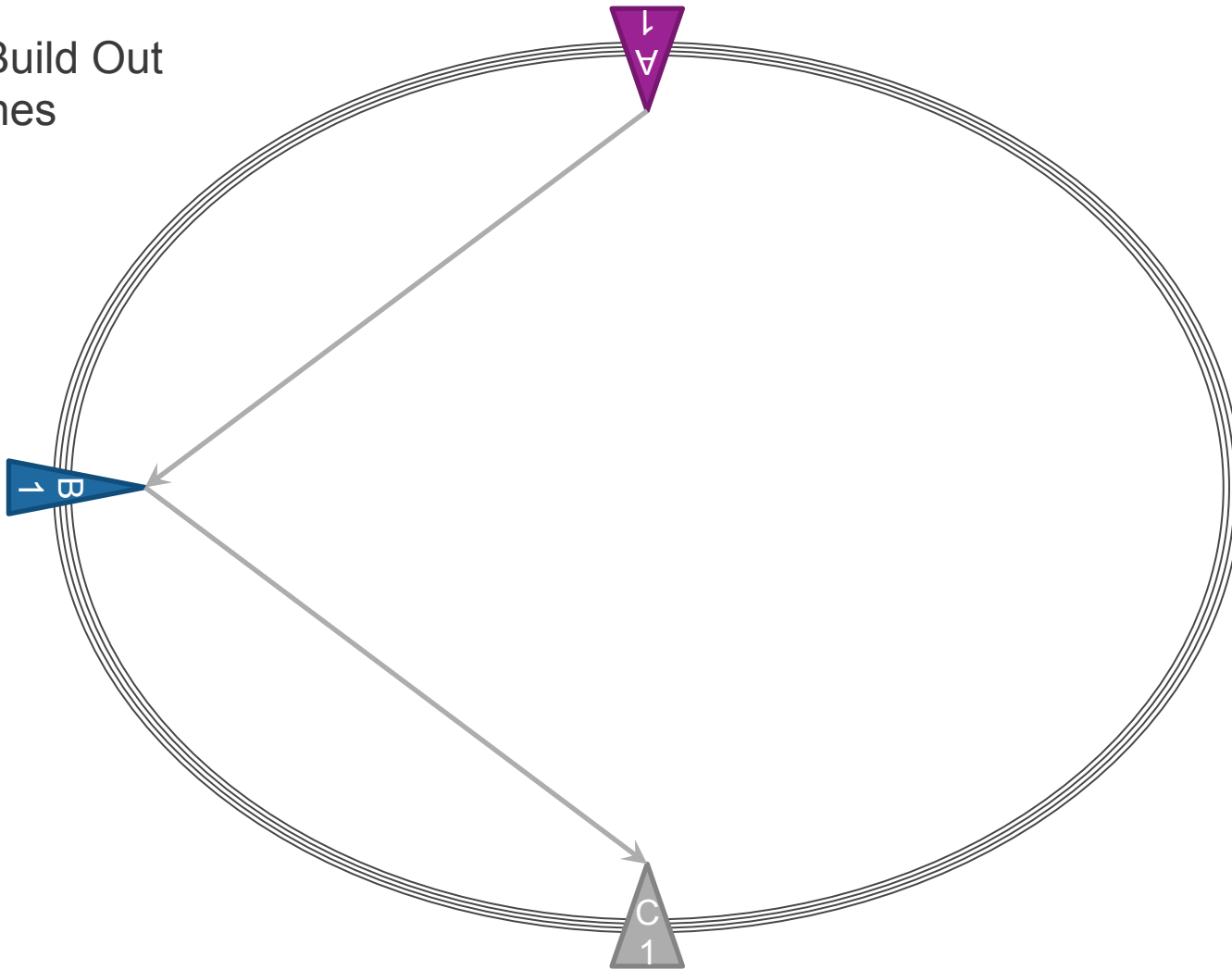
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1 Switch



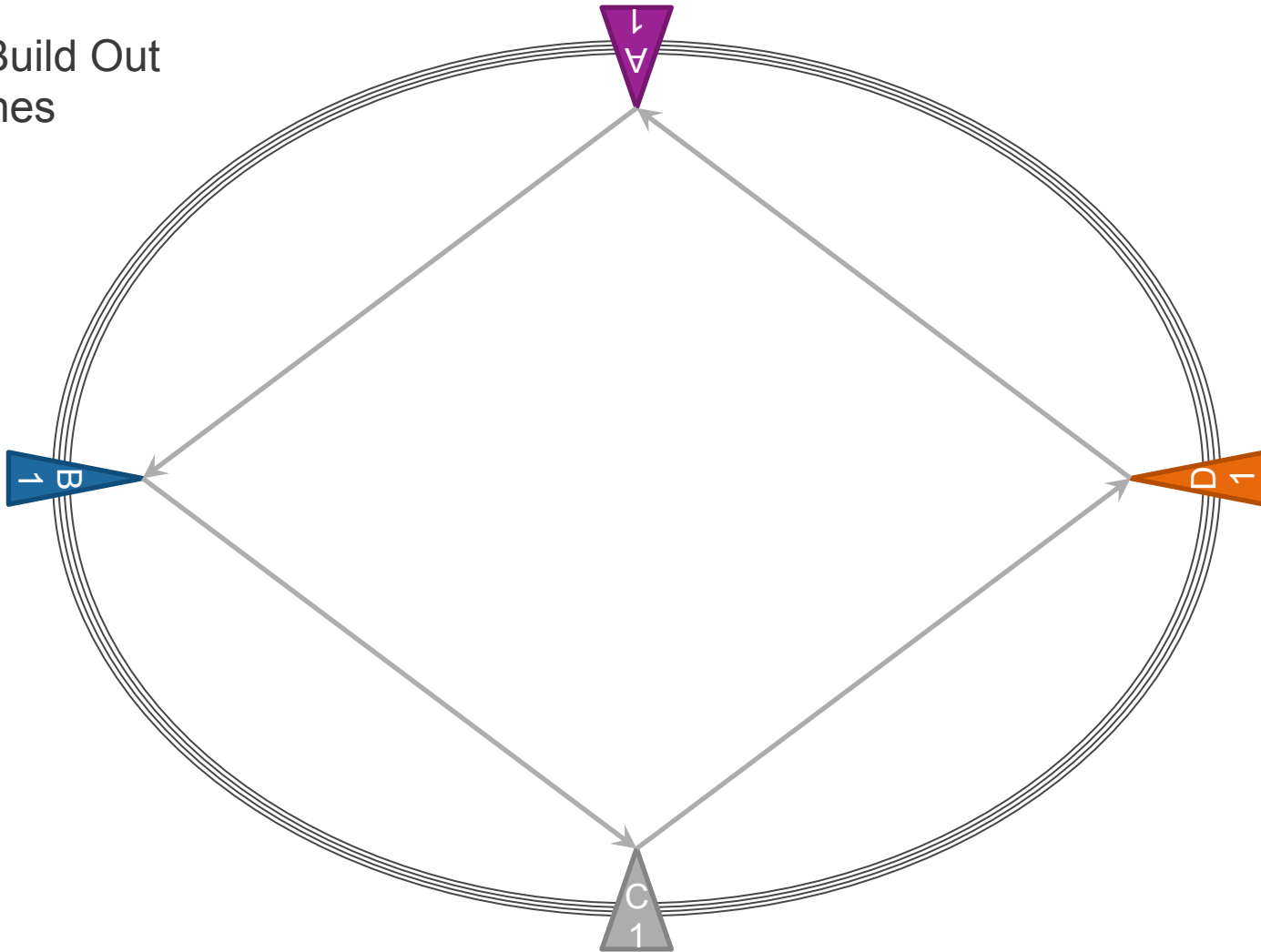
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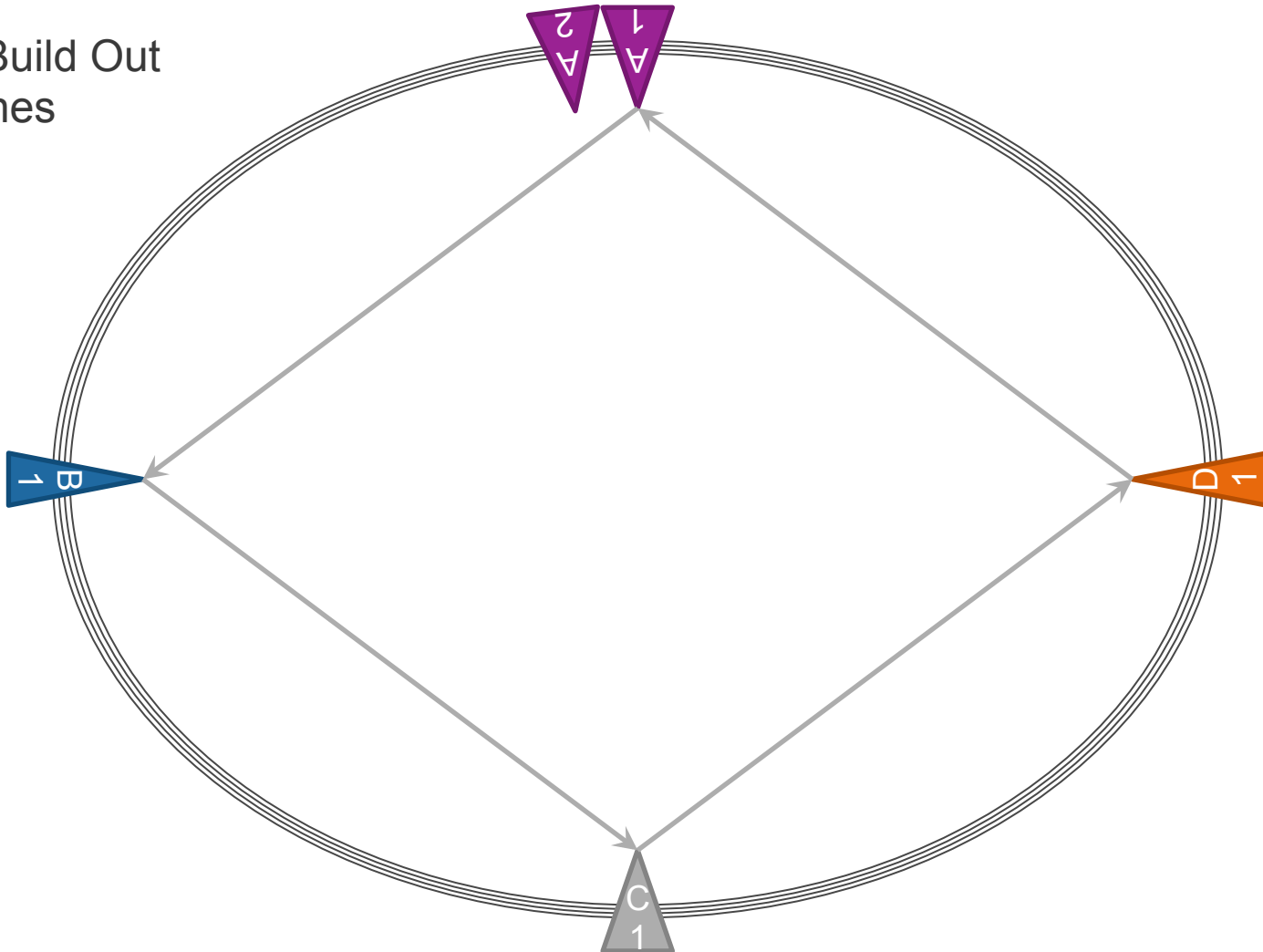
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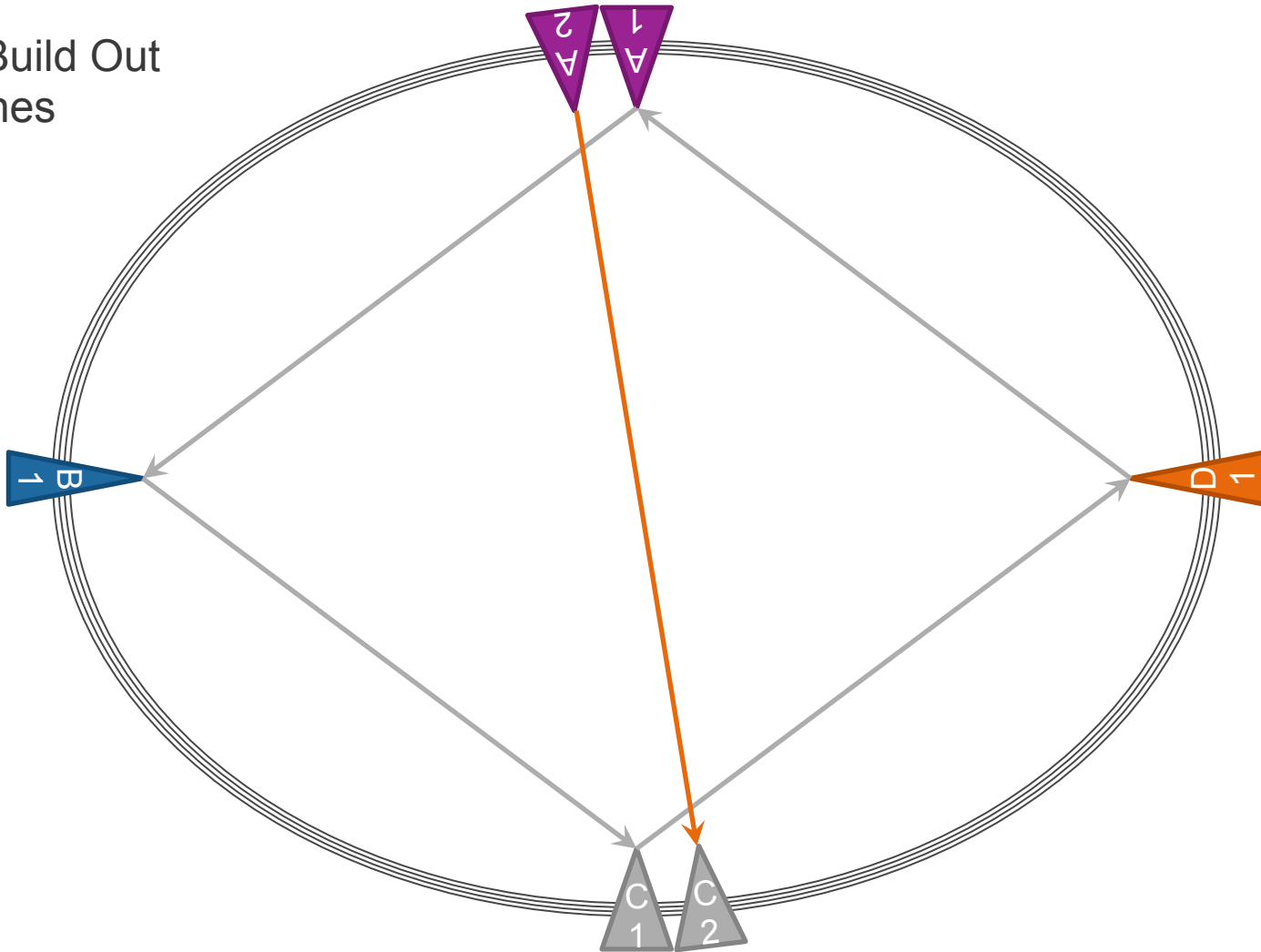
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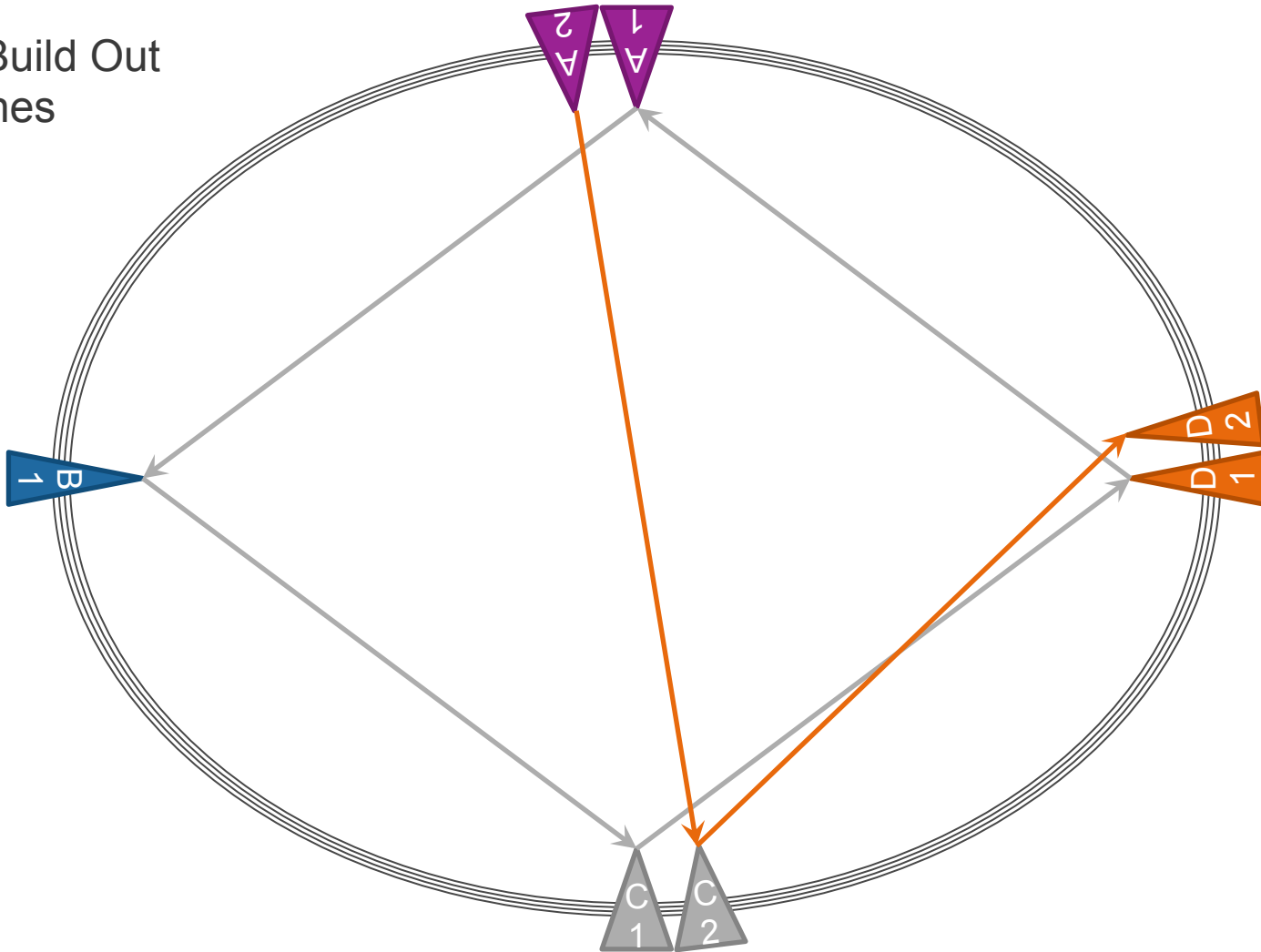
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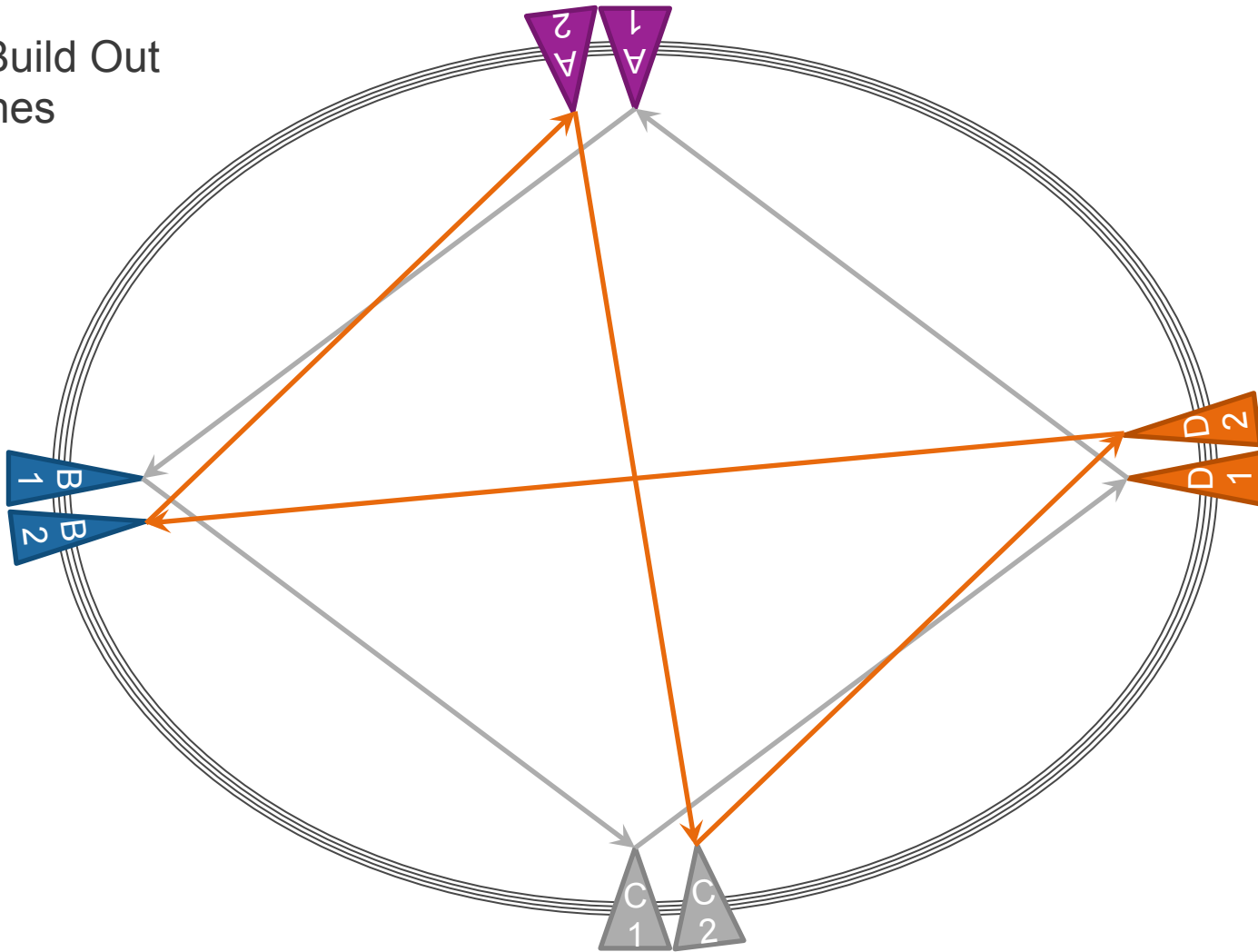
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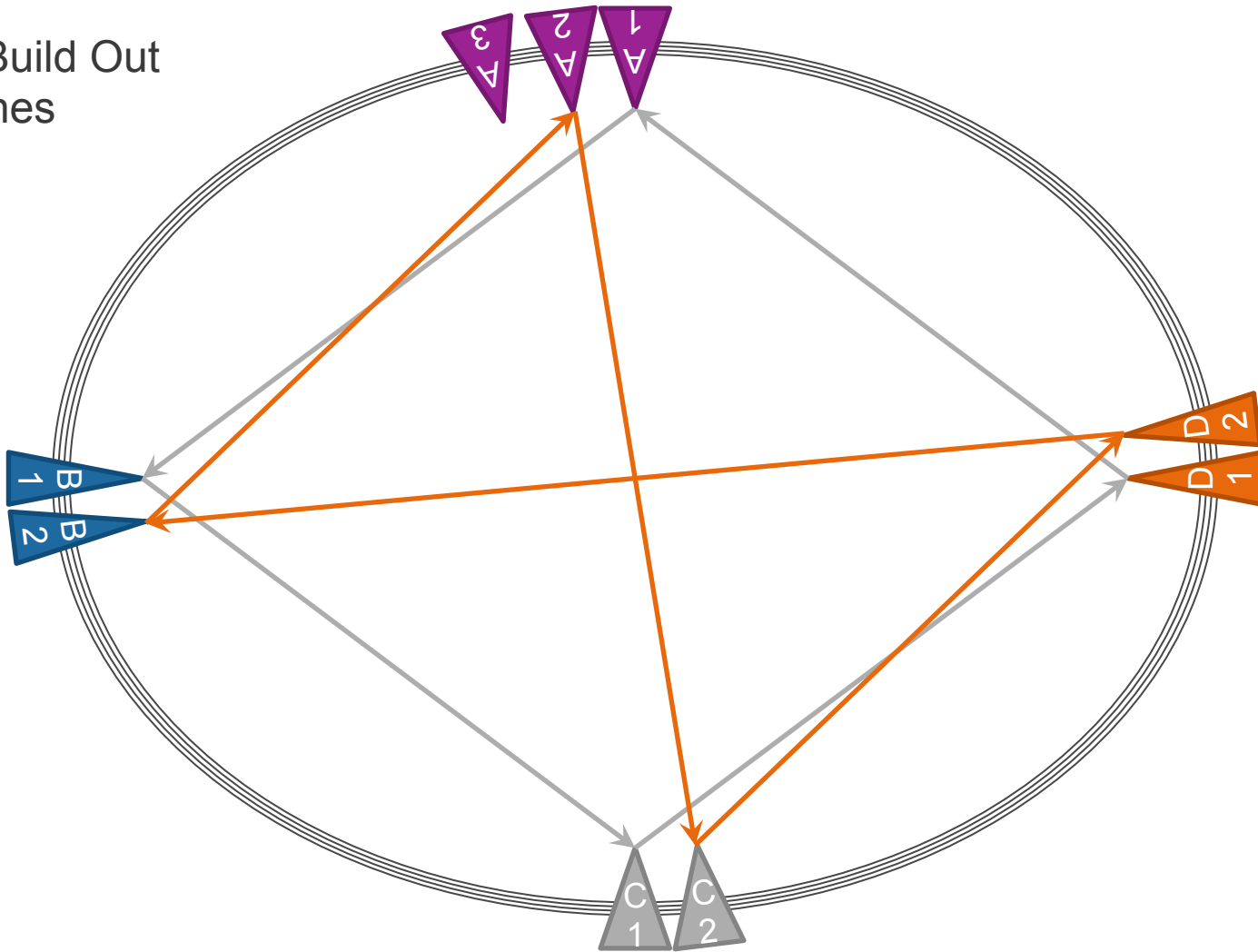
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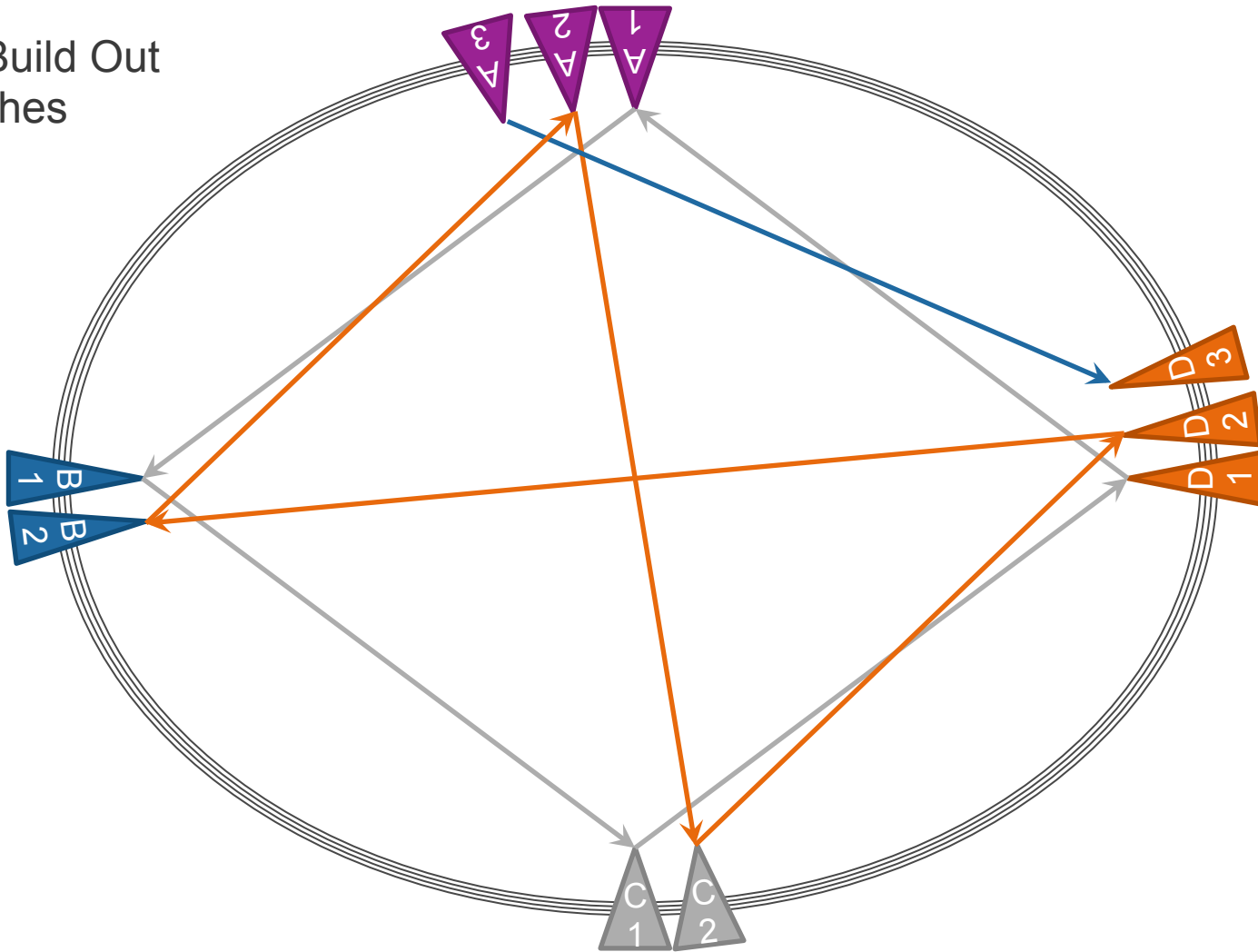
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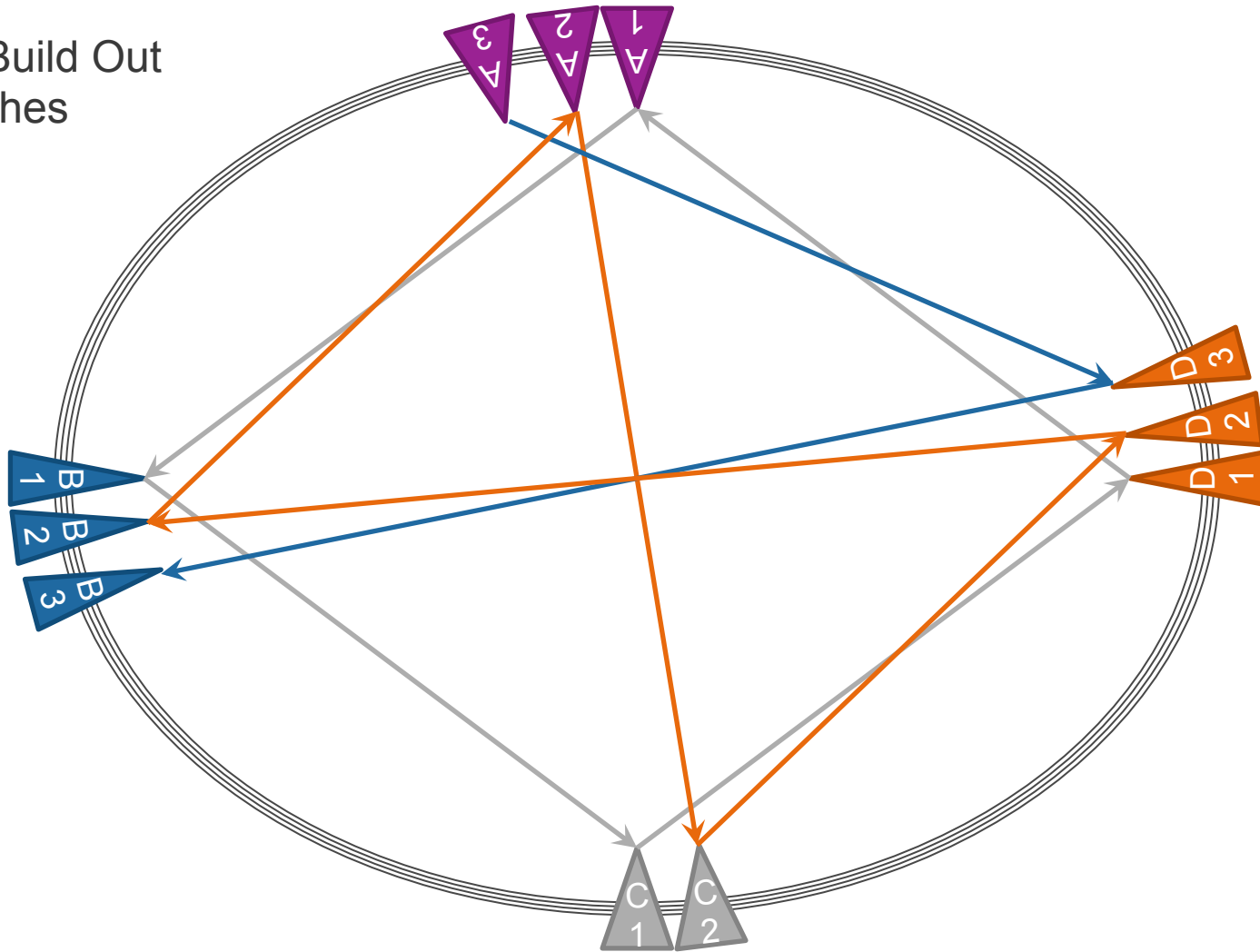
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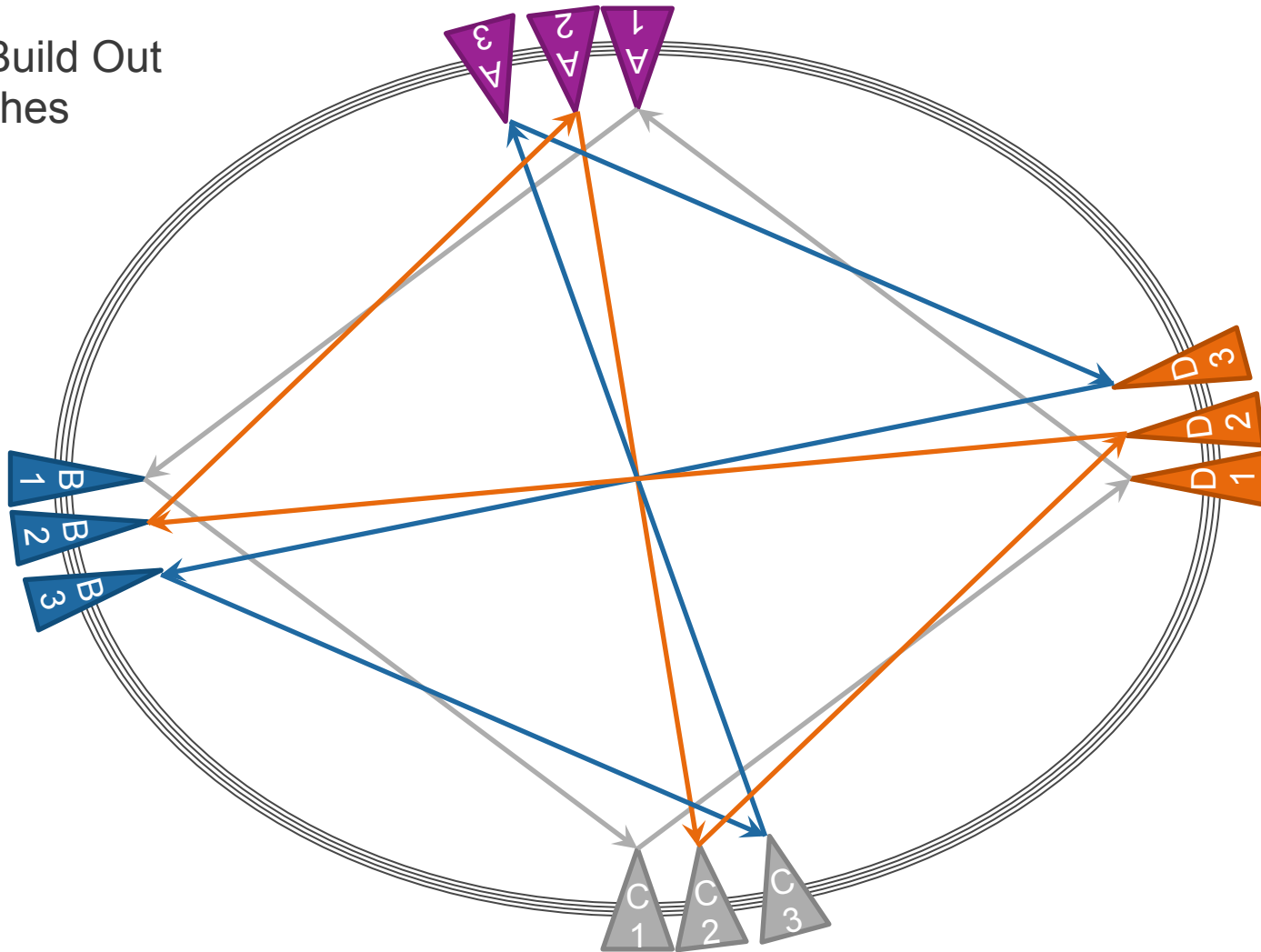
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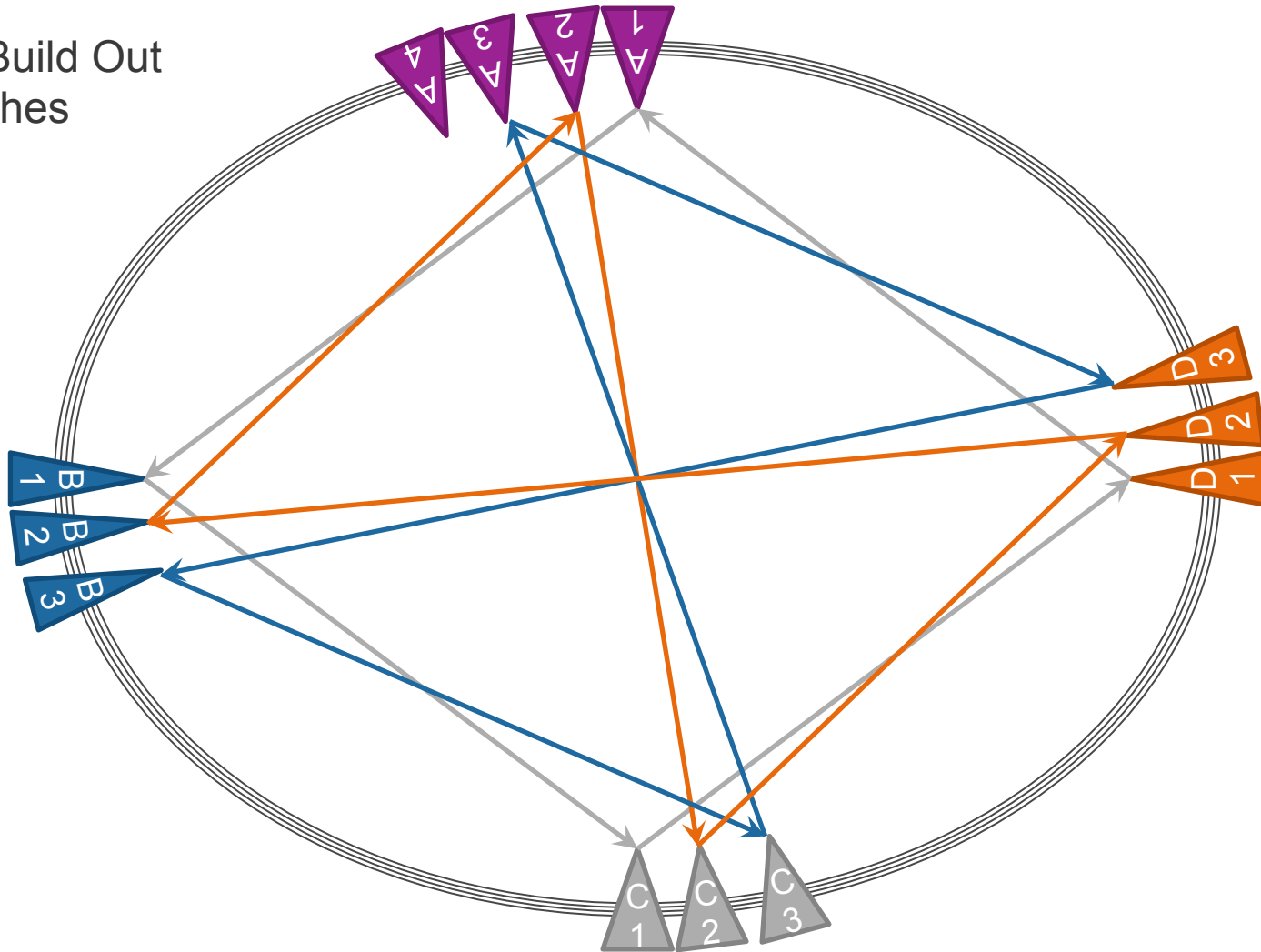
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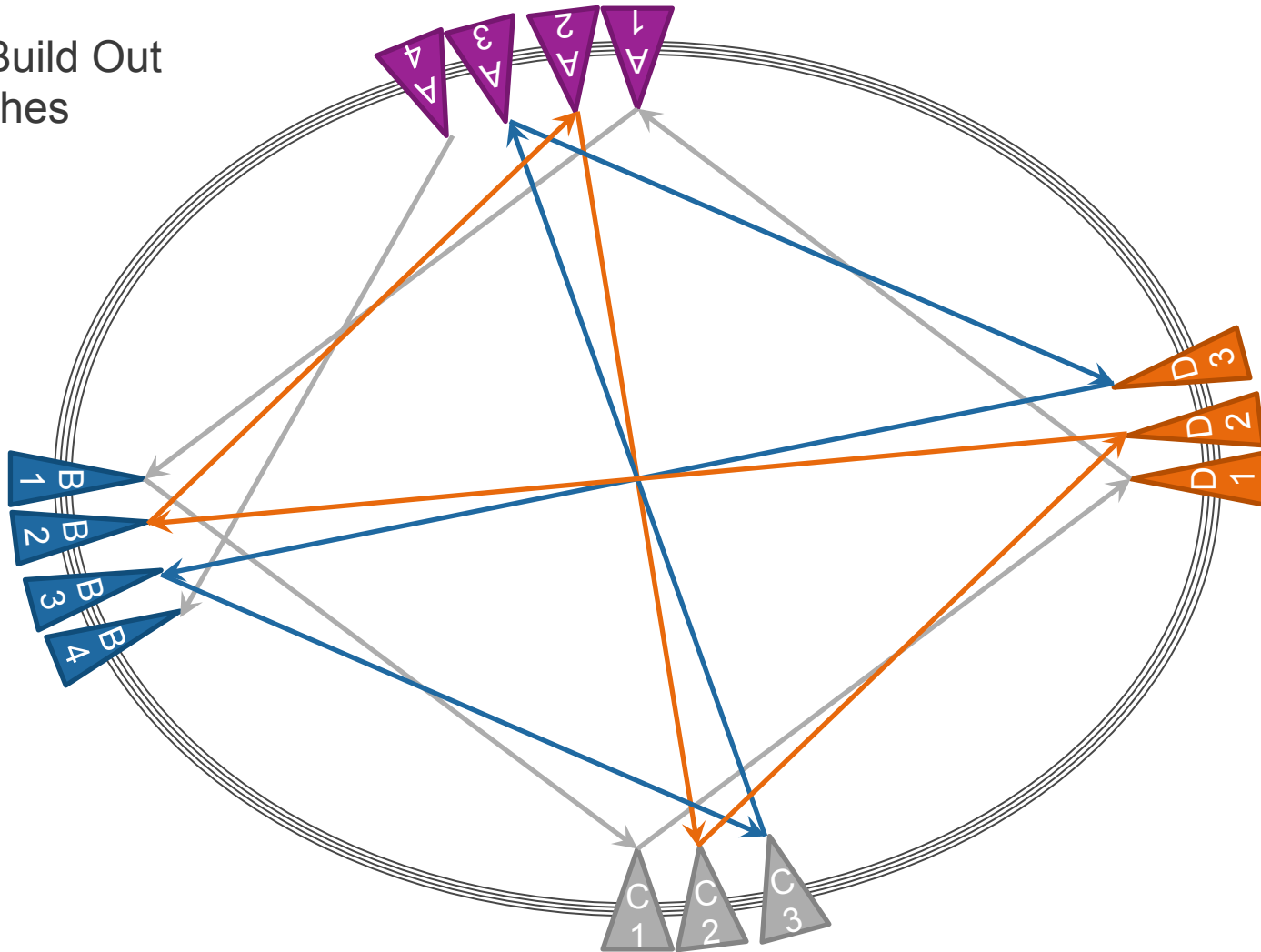
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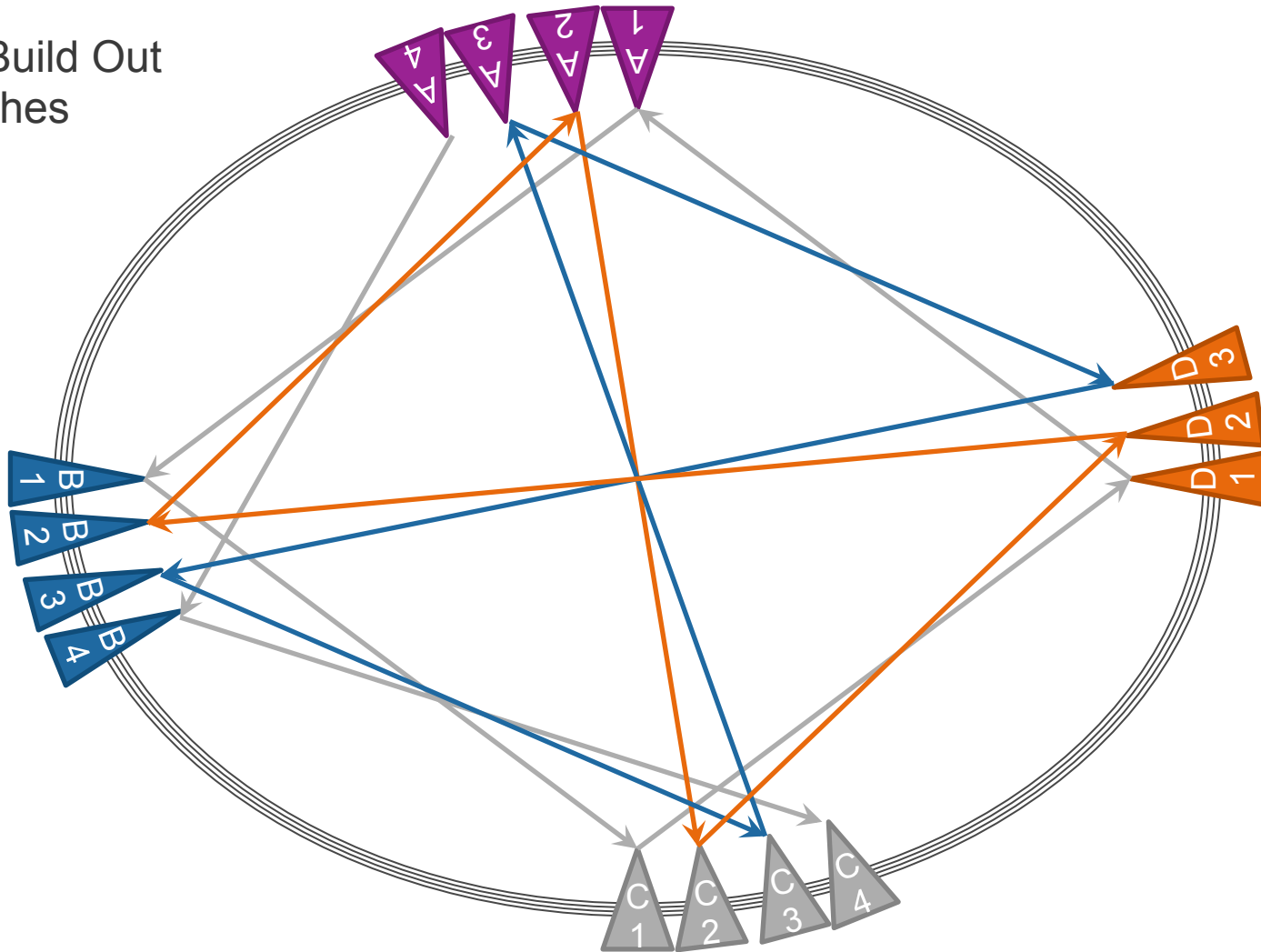
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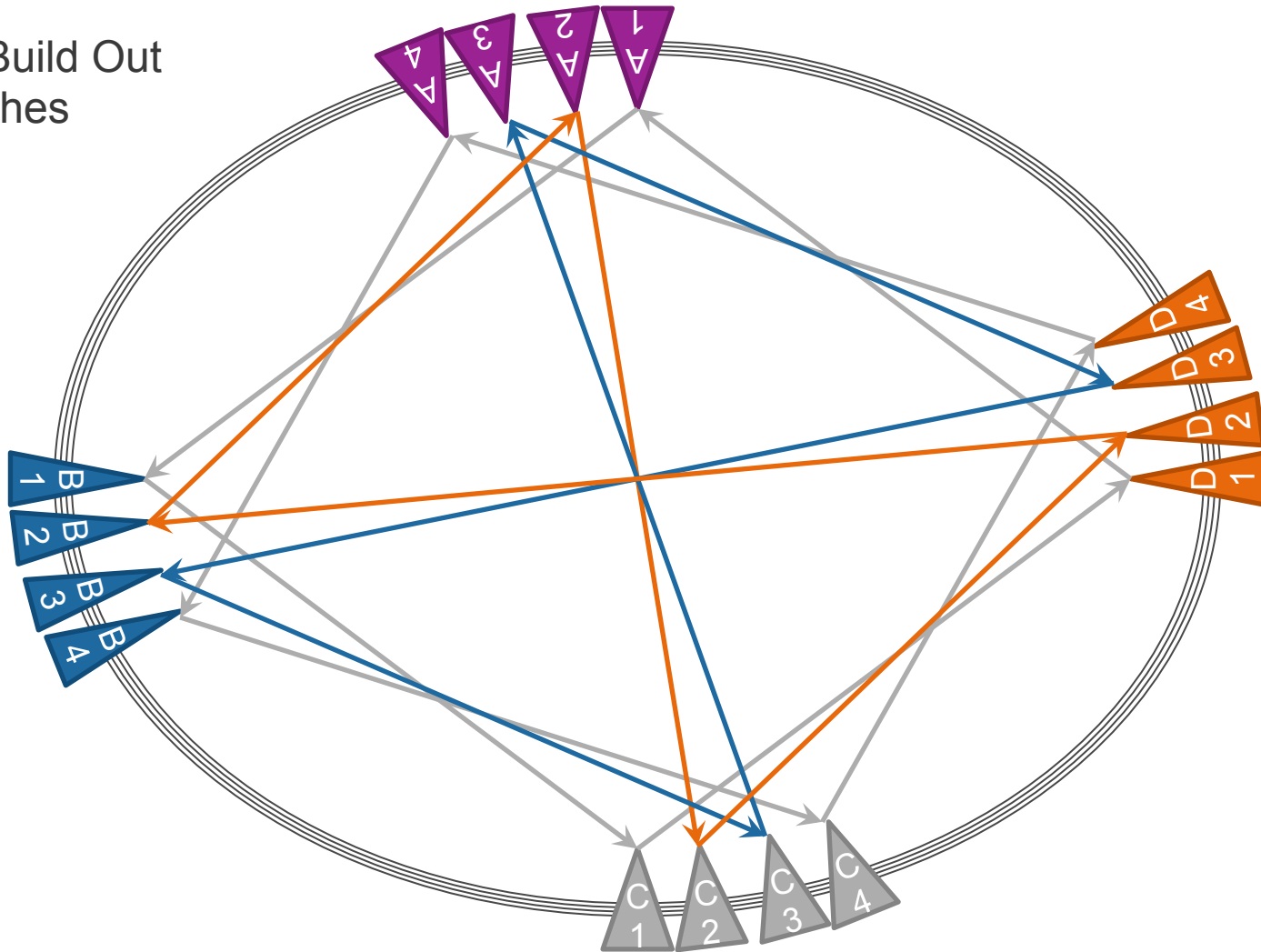
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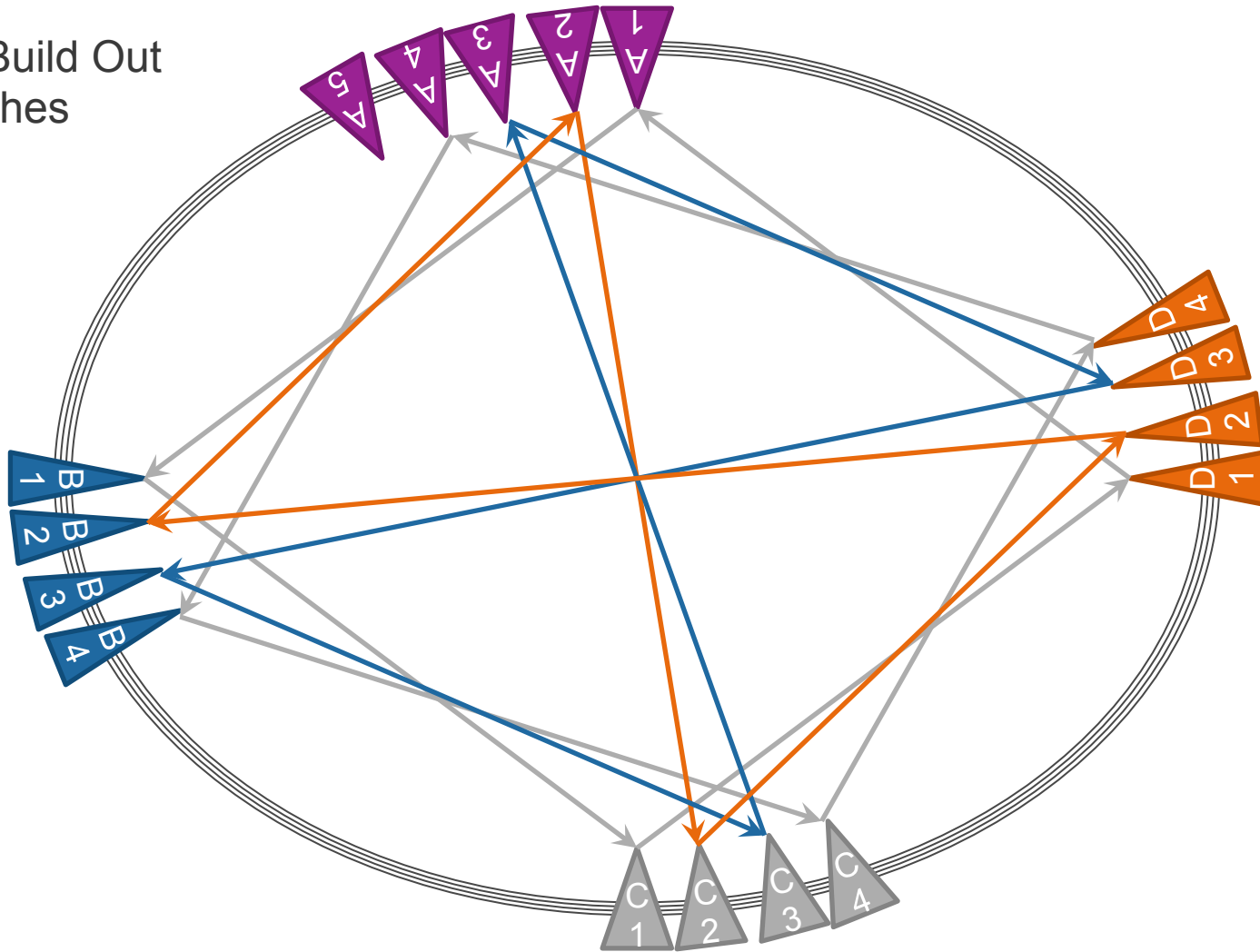
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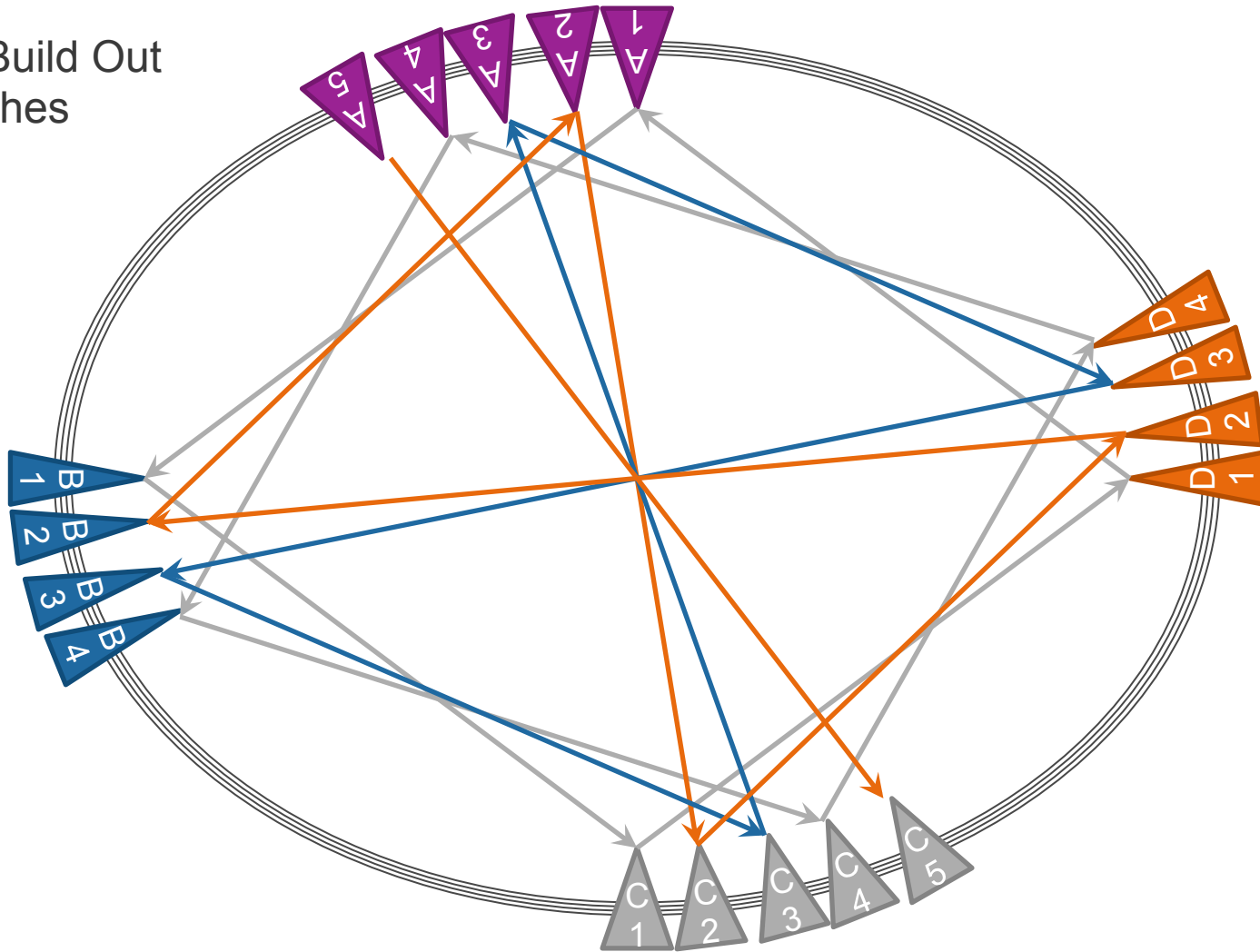
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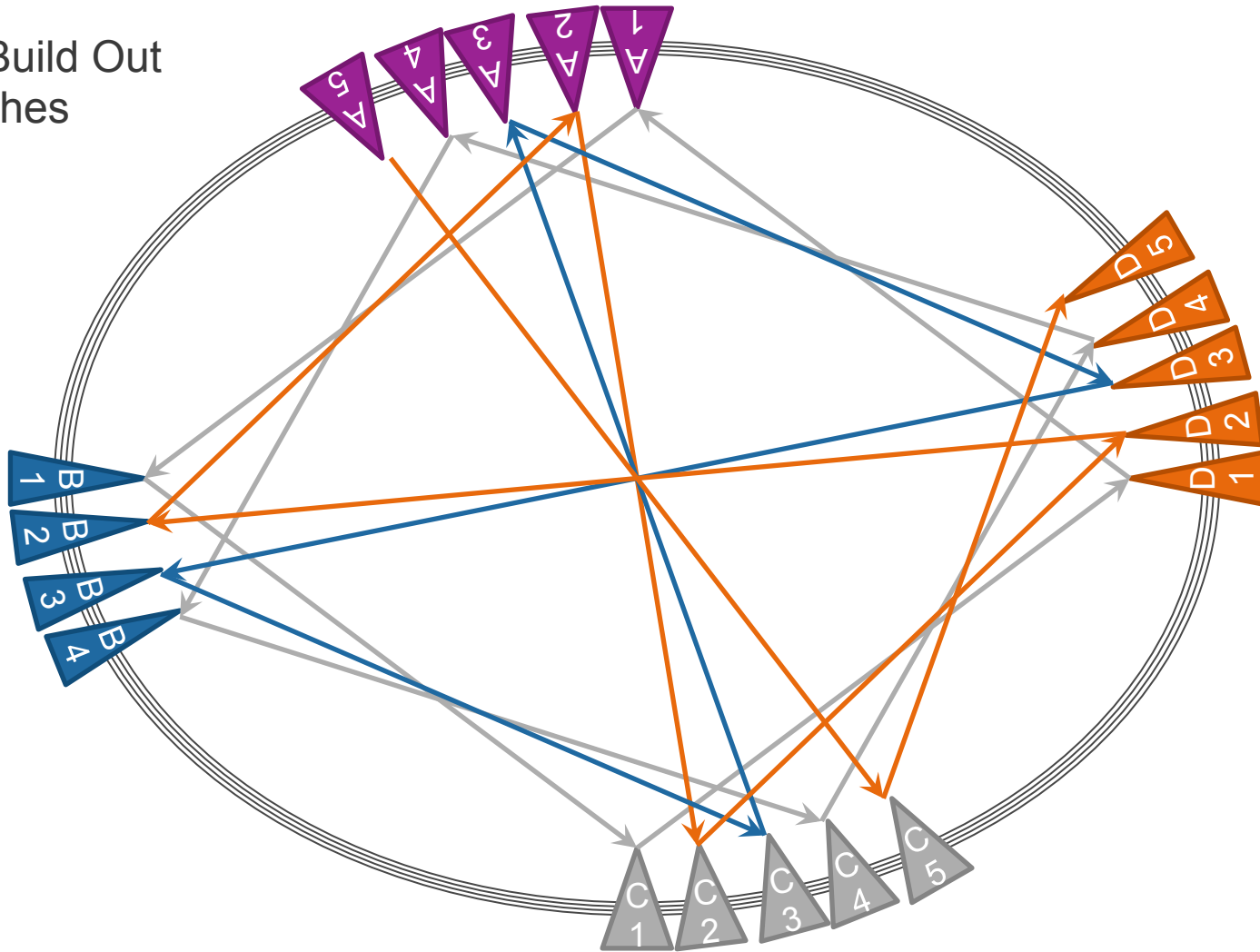
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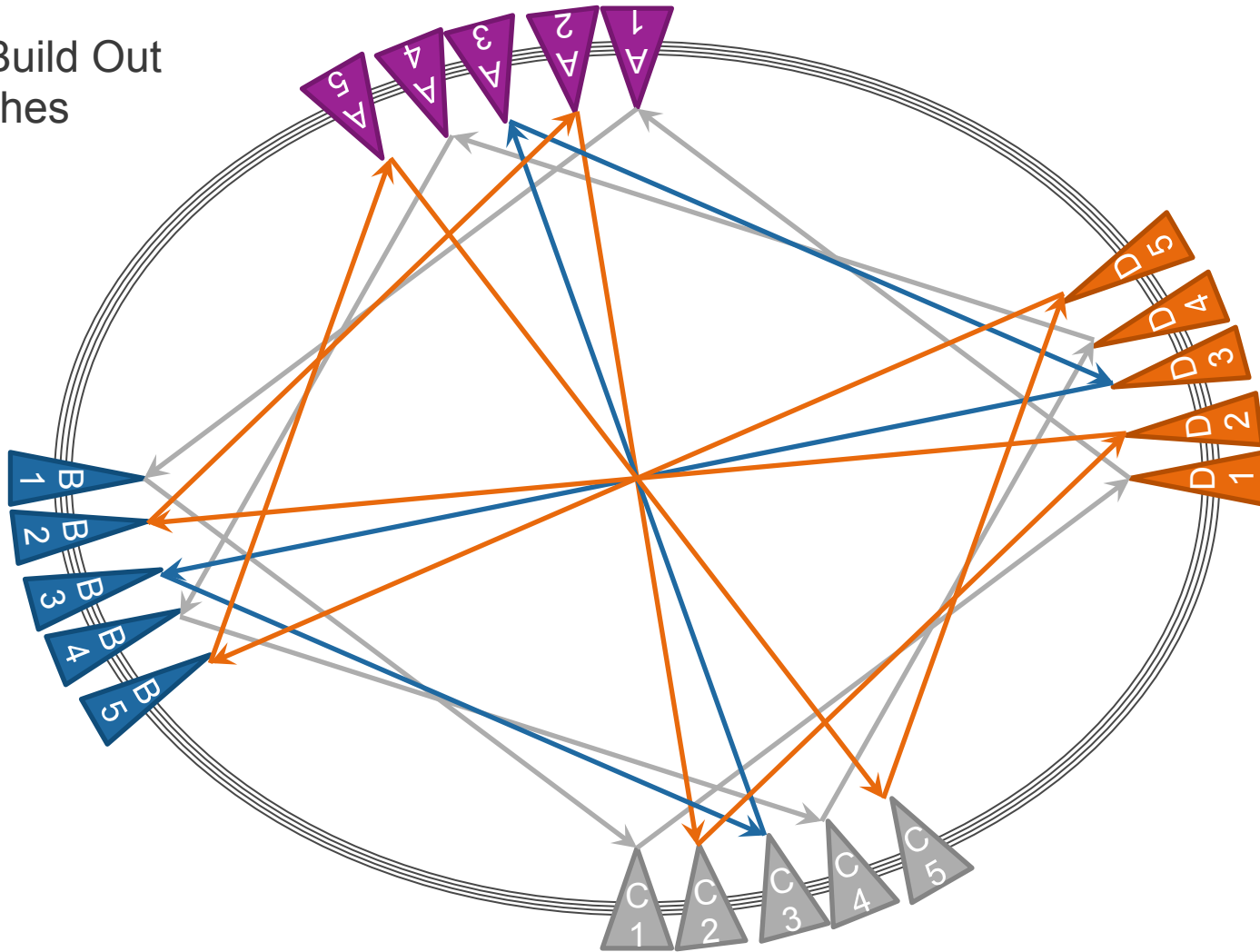
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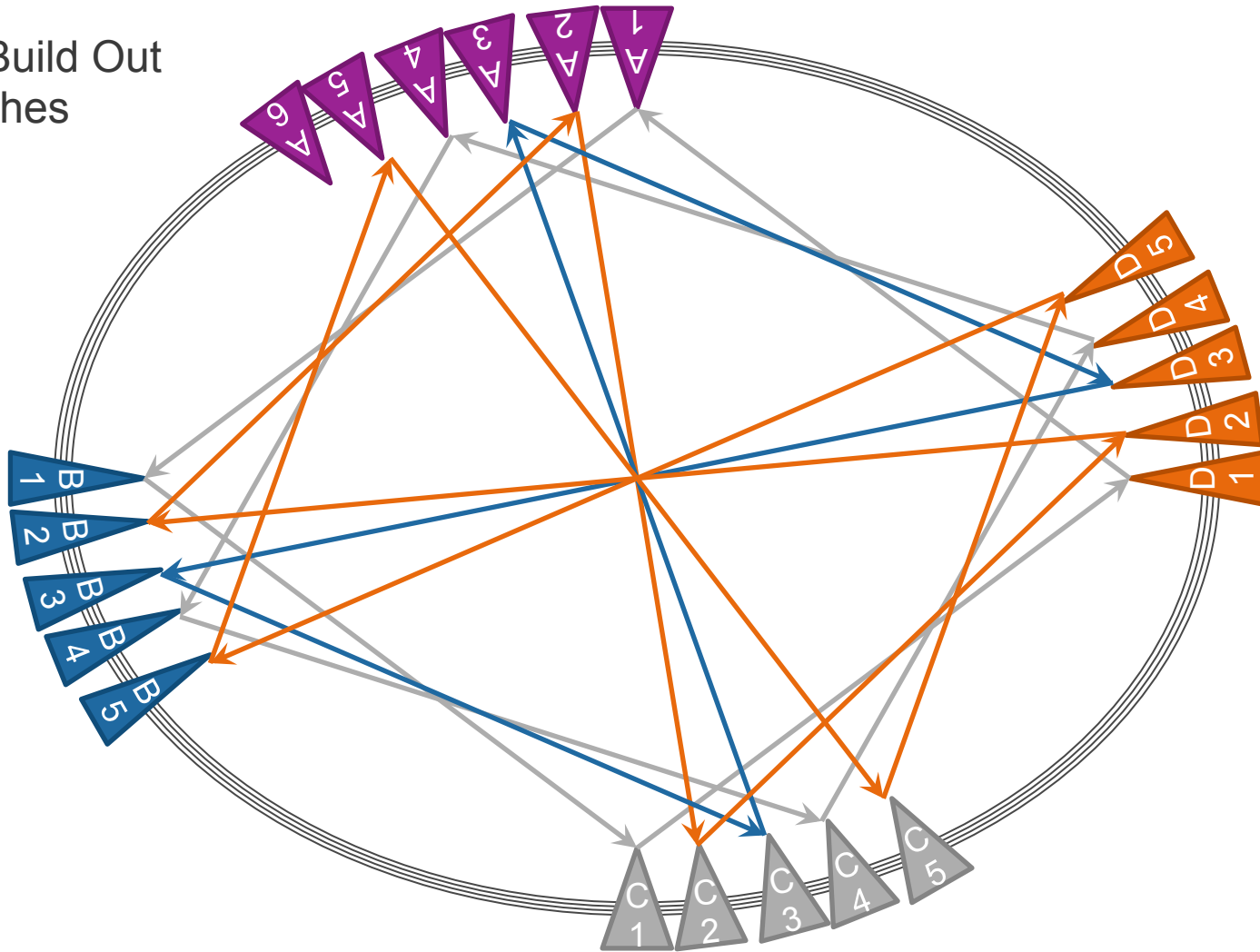
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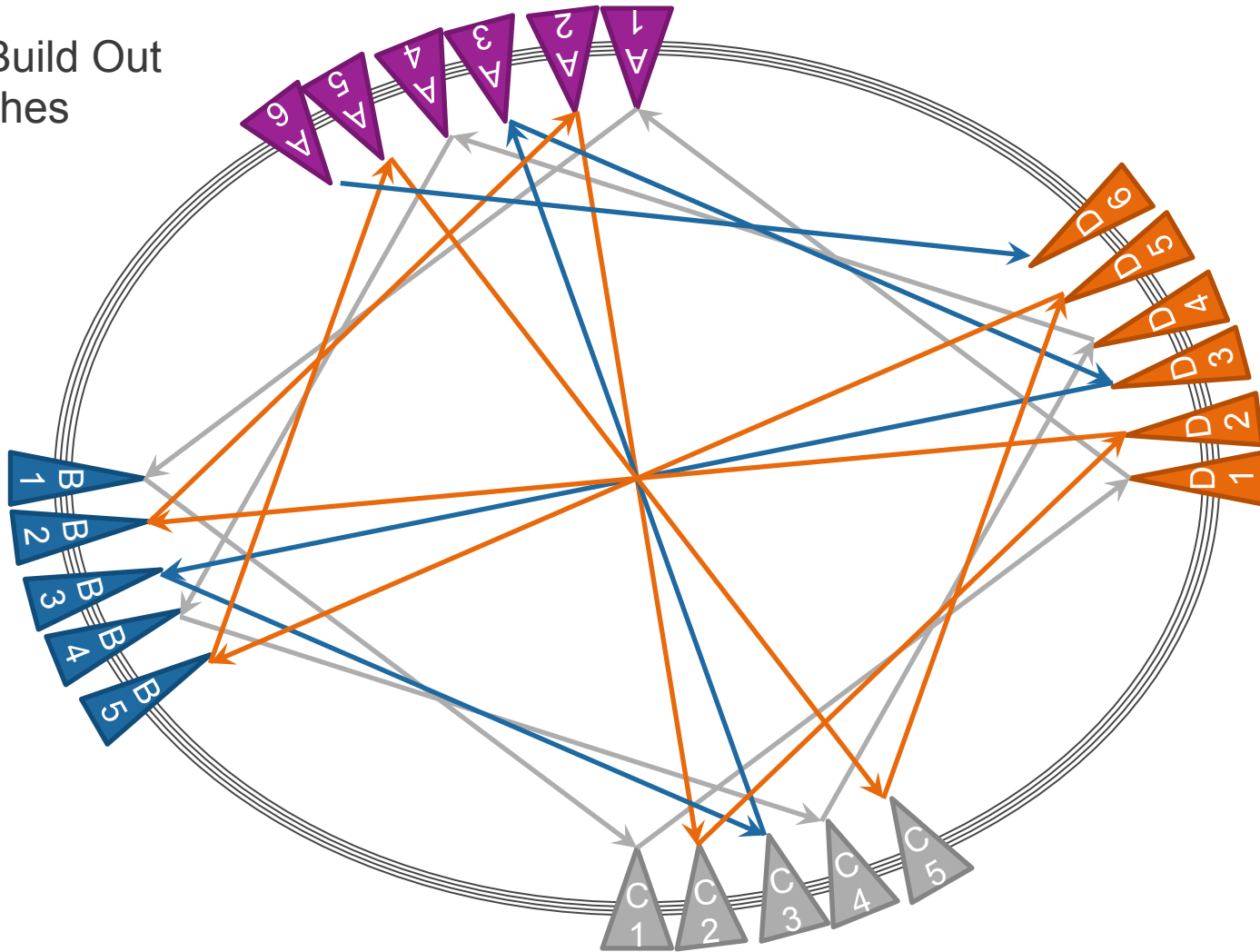
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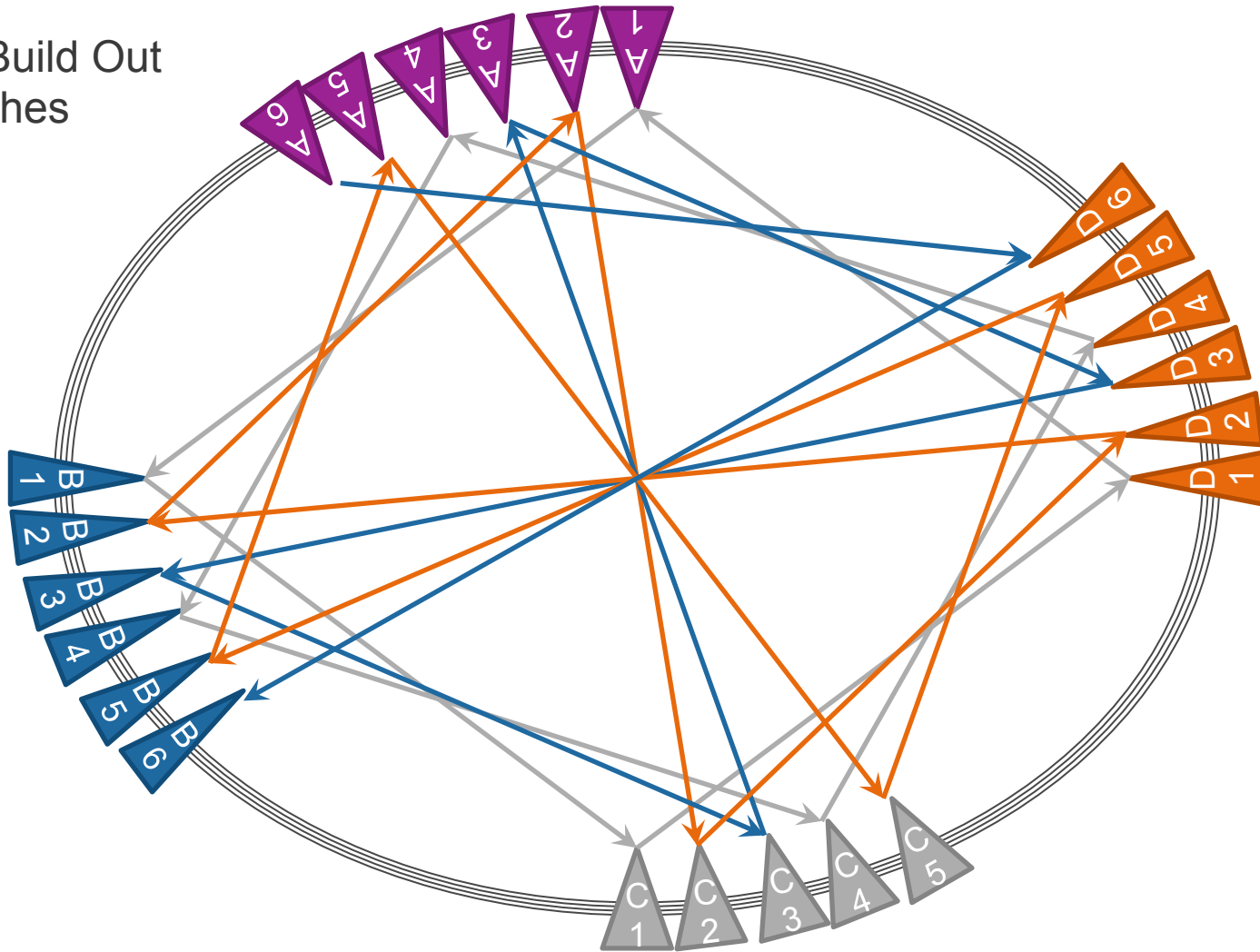
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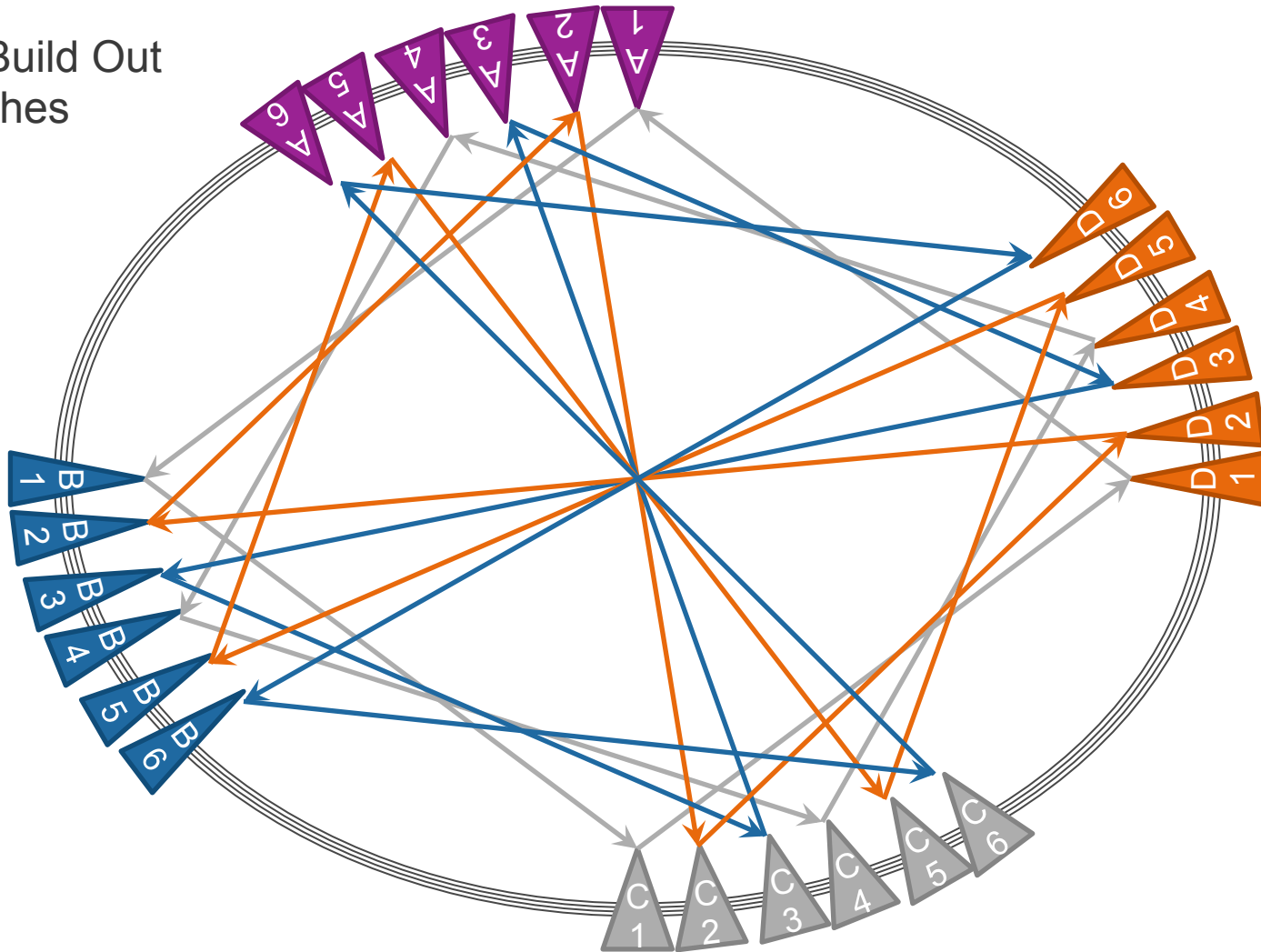
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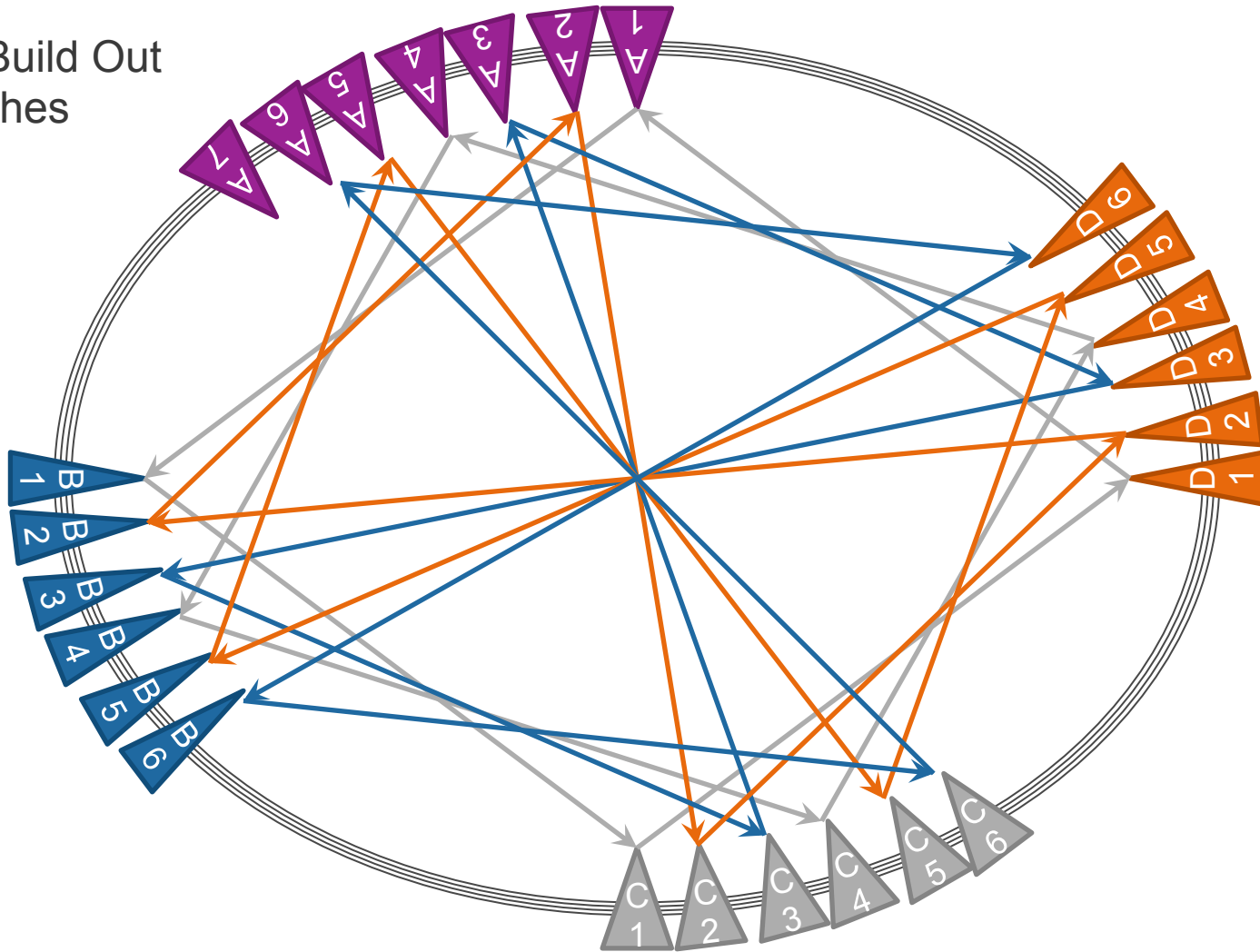
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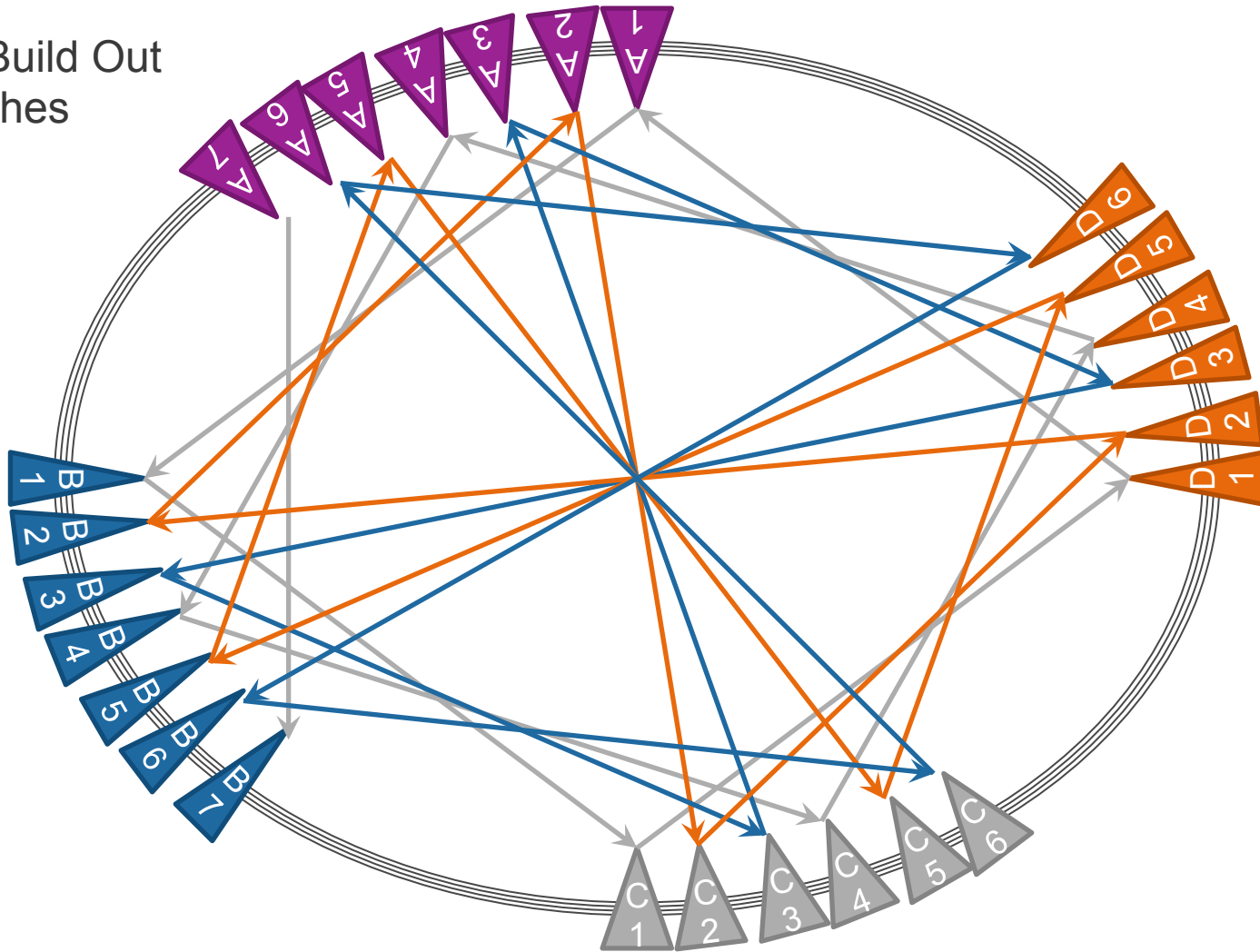
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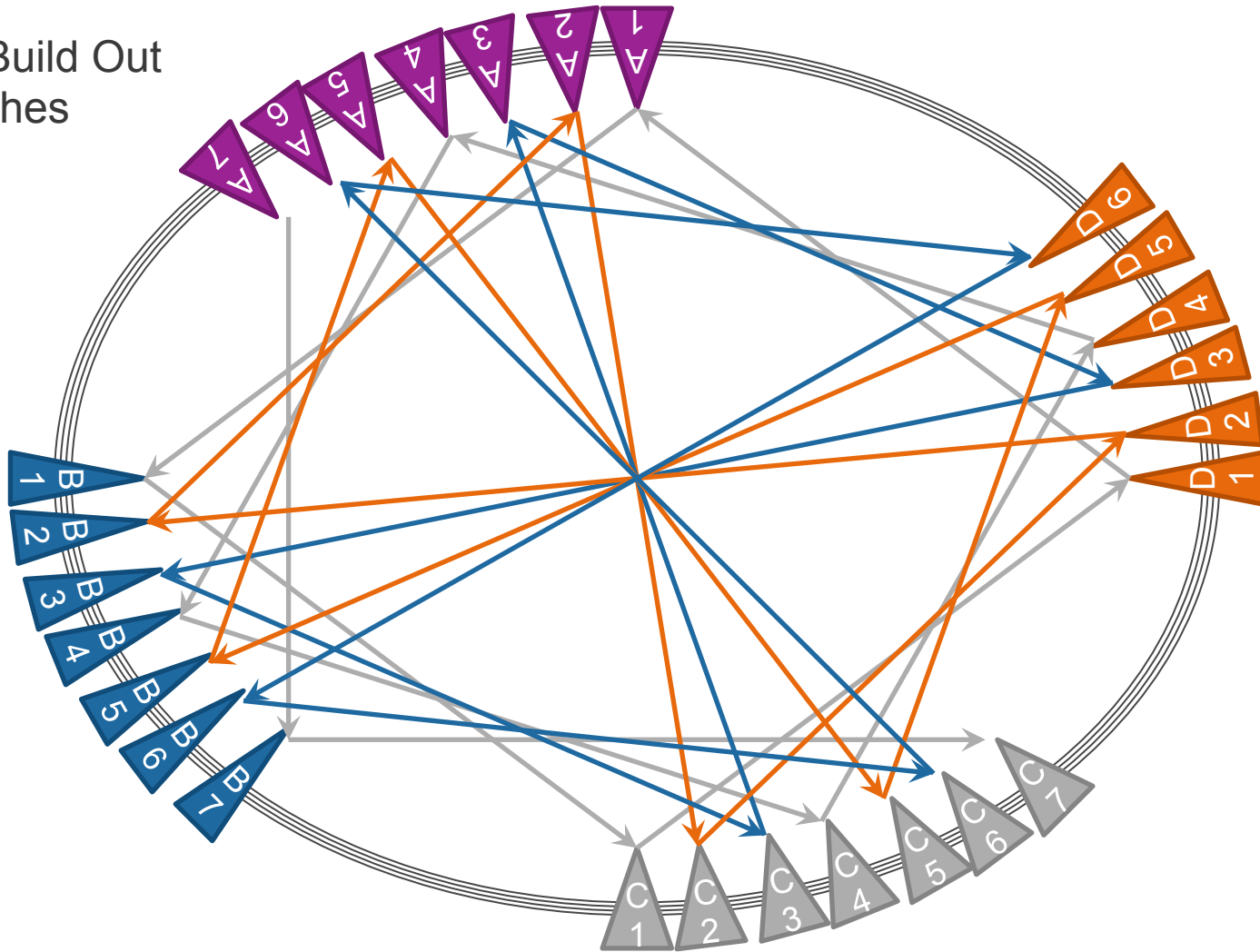
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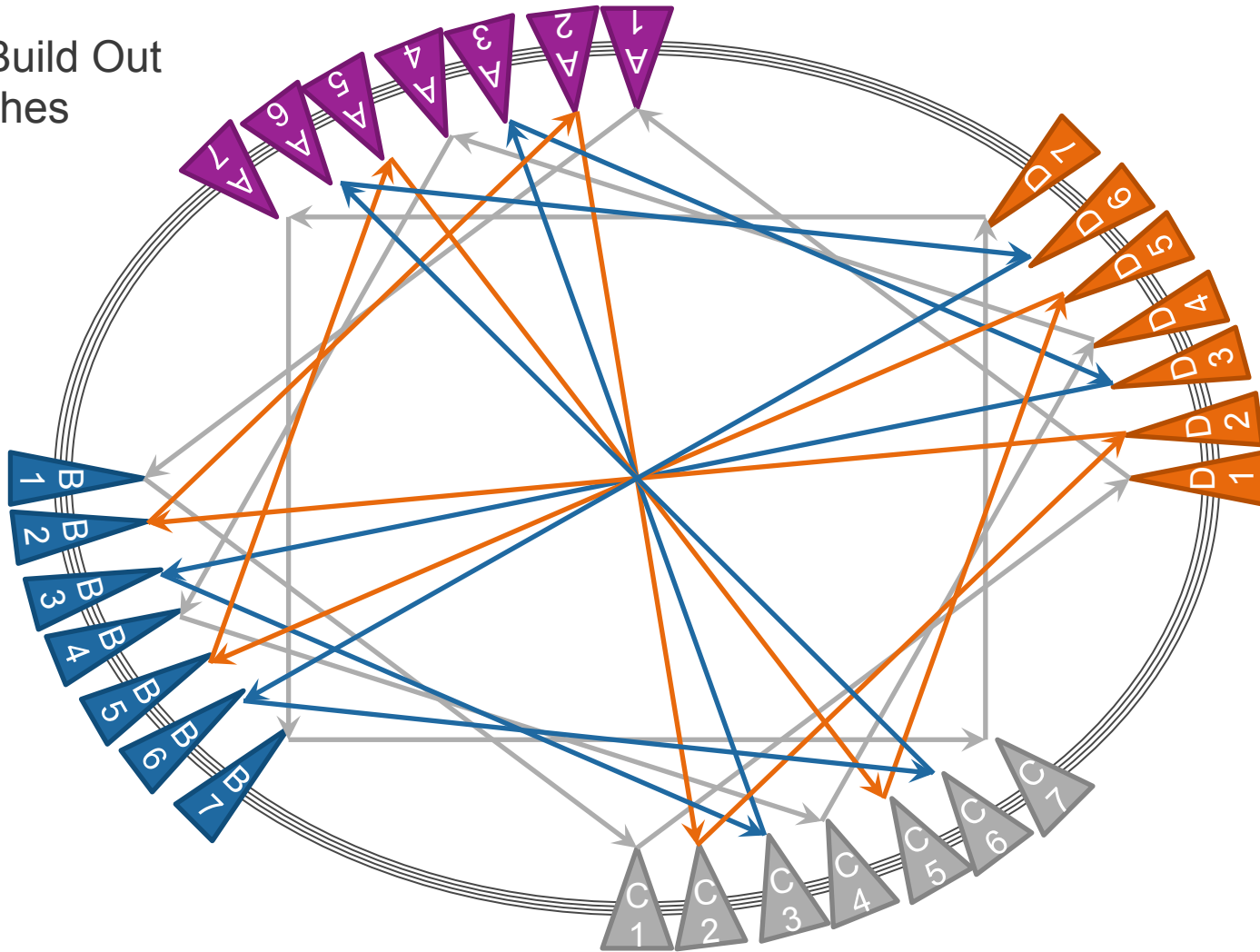
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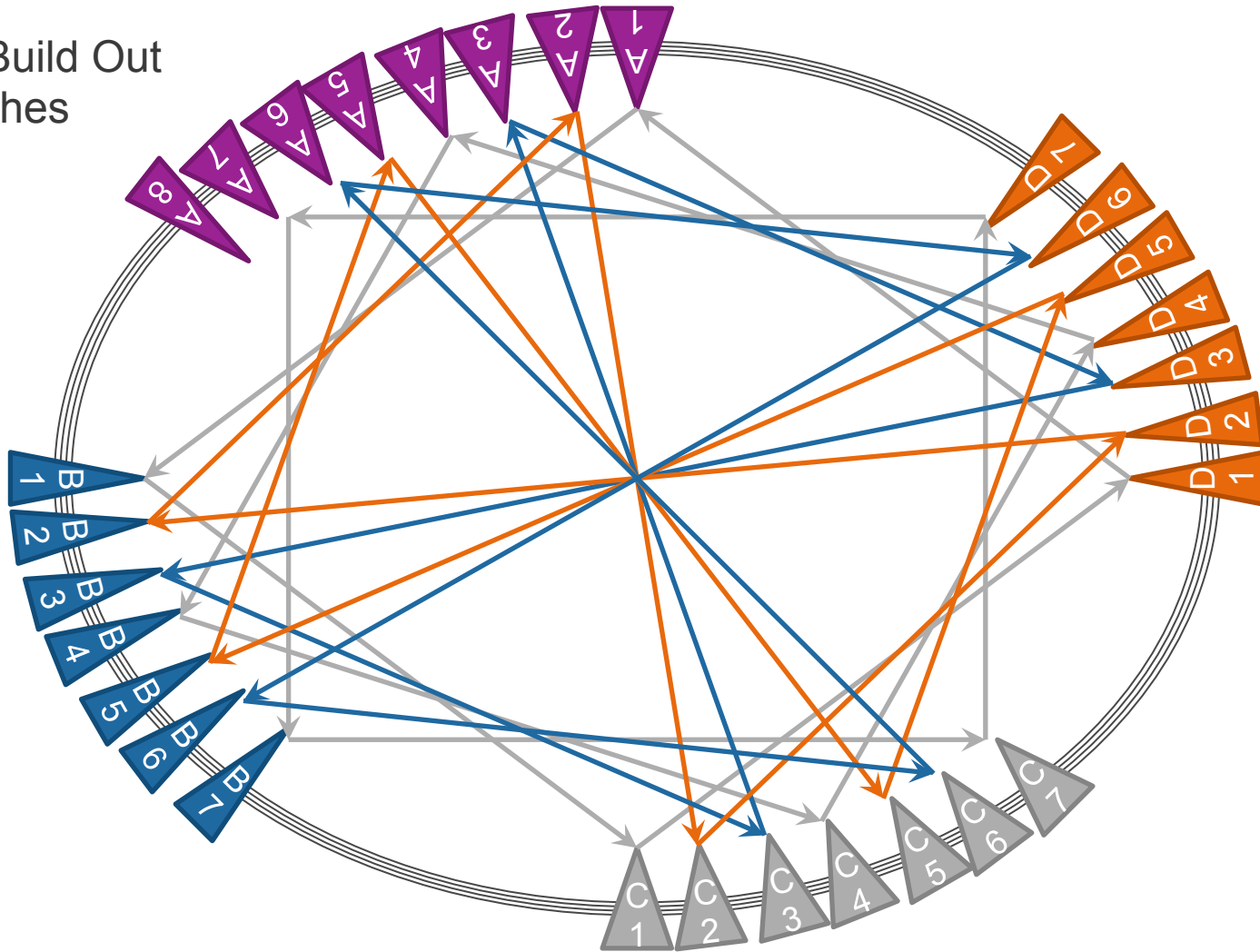
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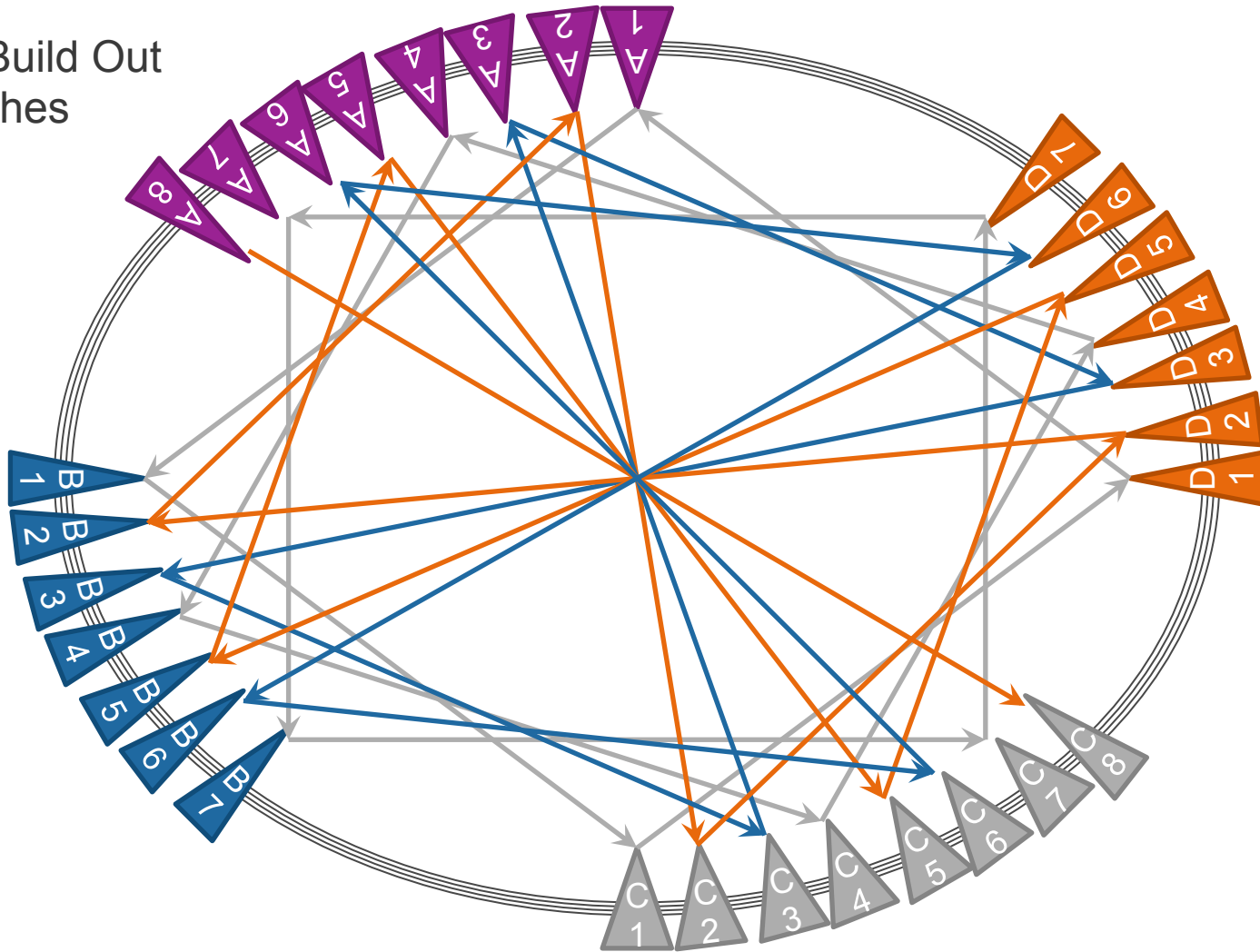
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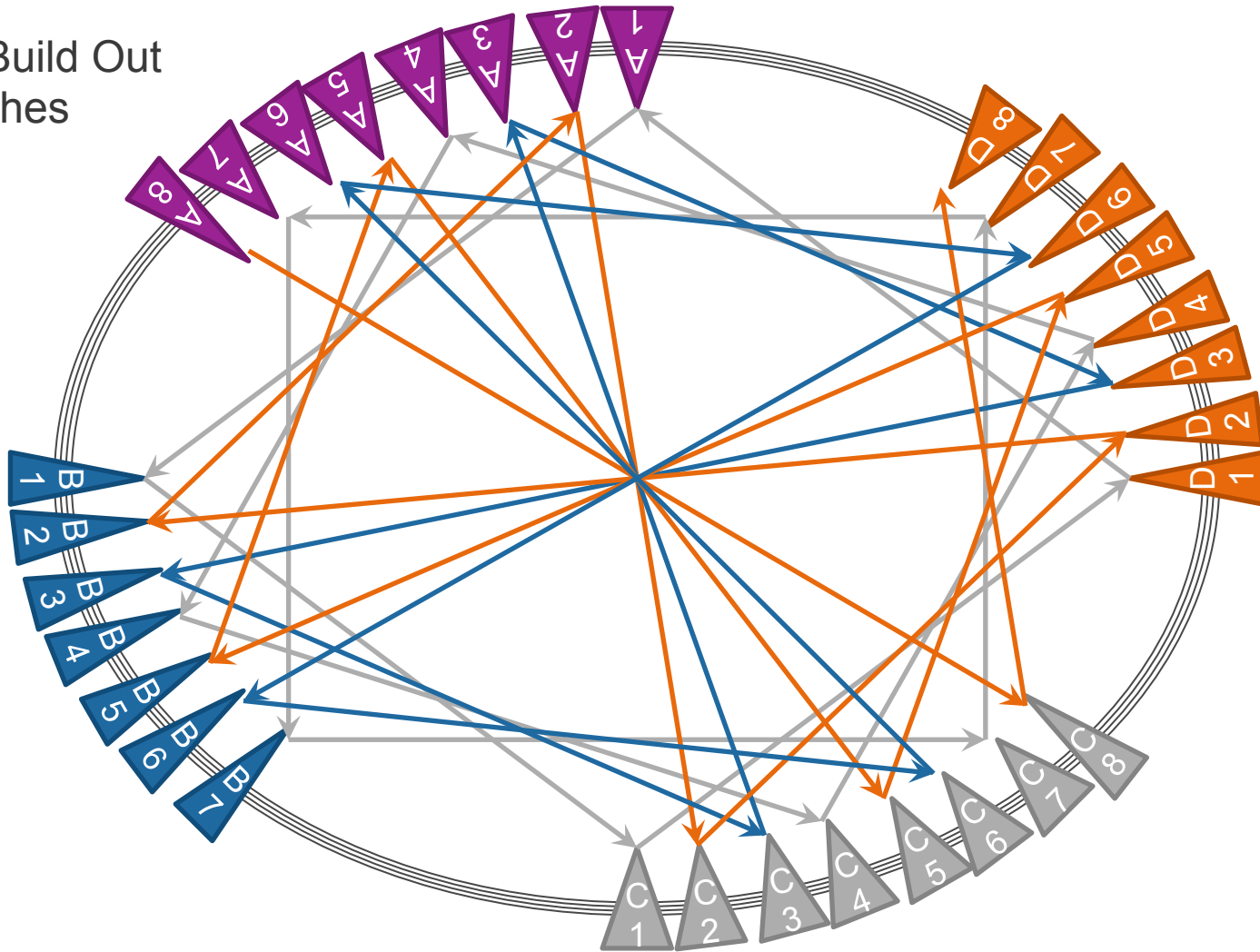
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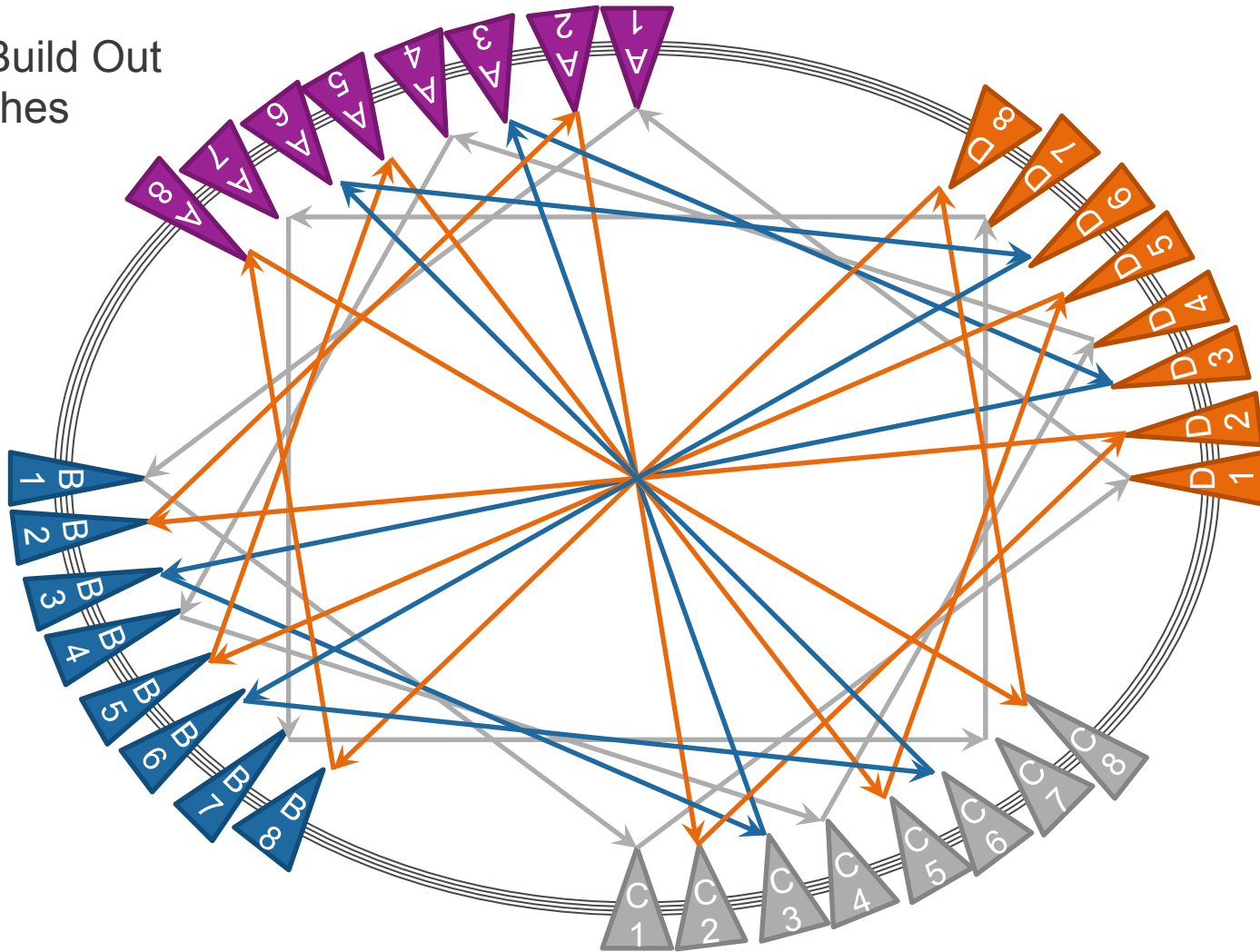
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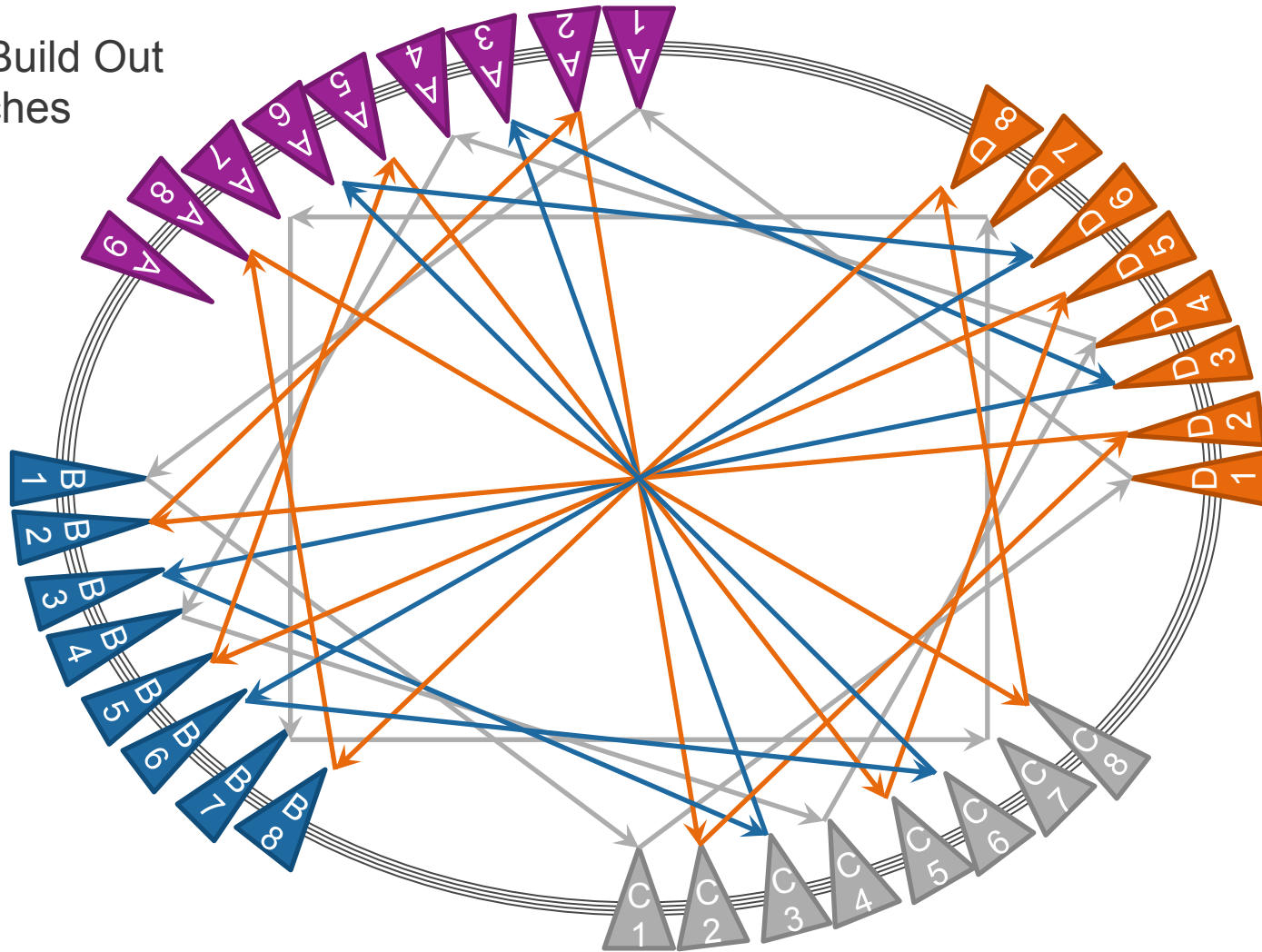
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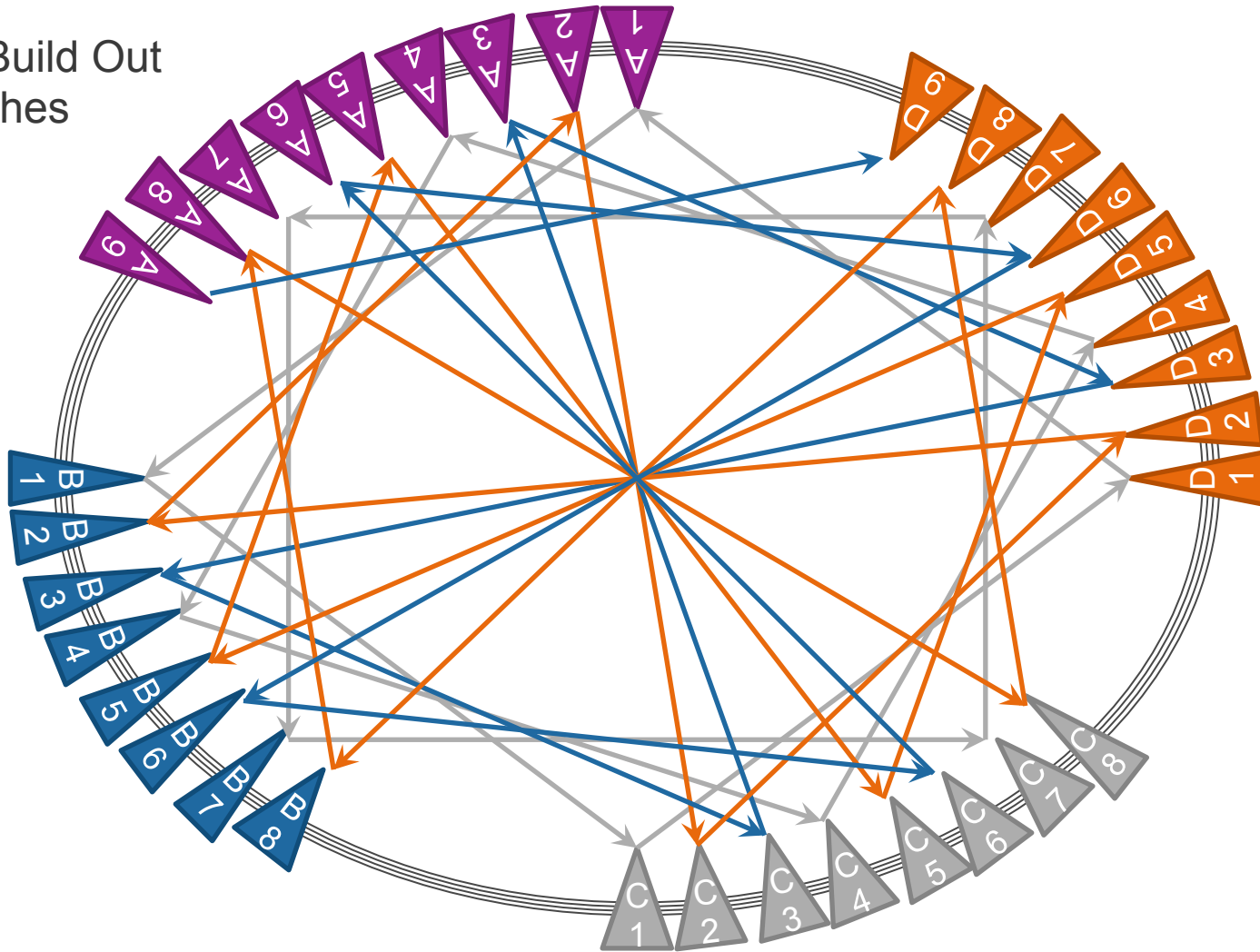
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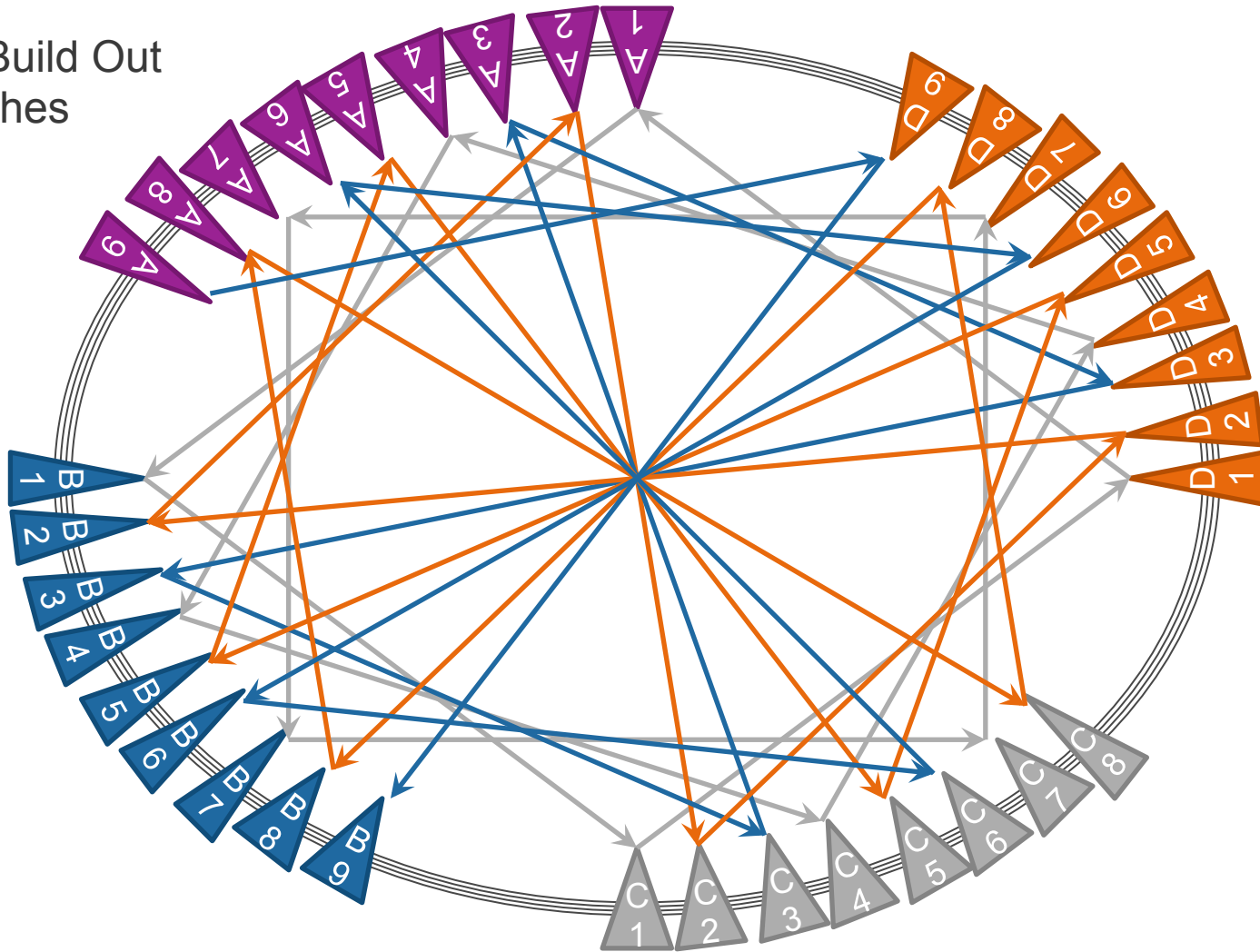
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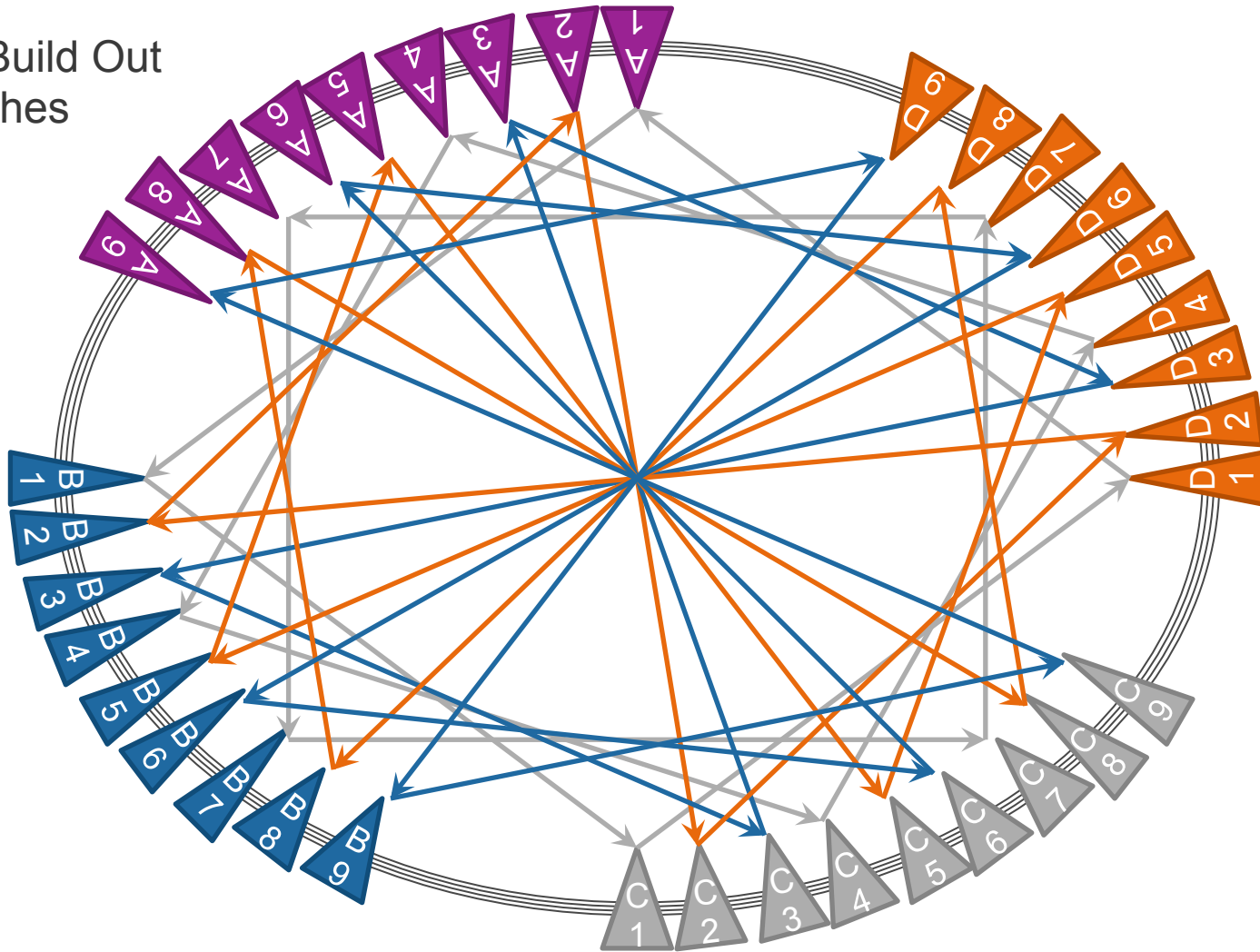
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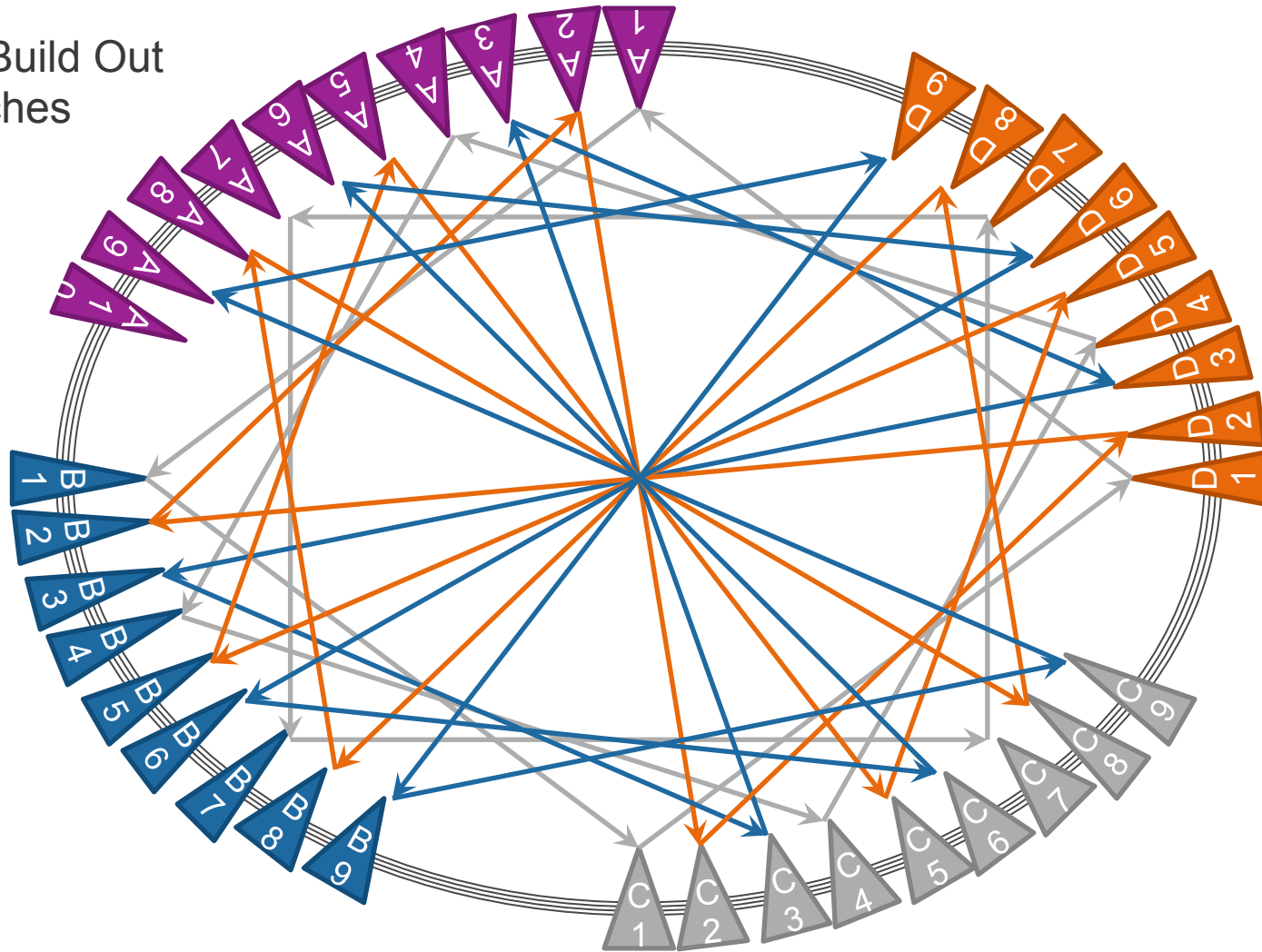
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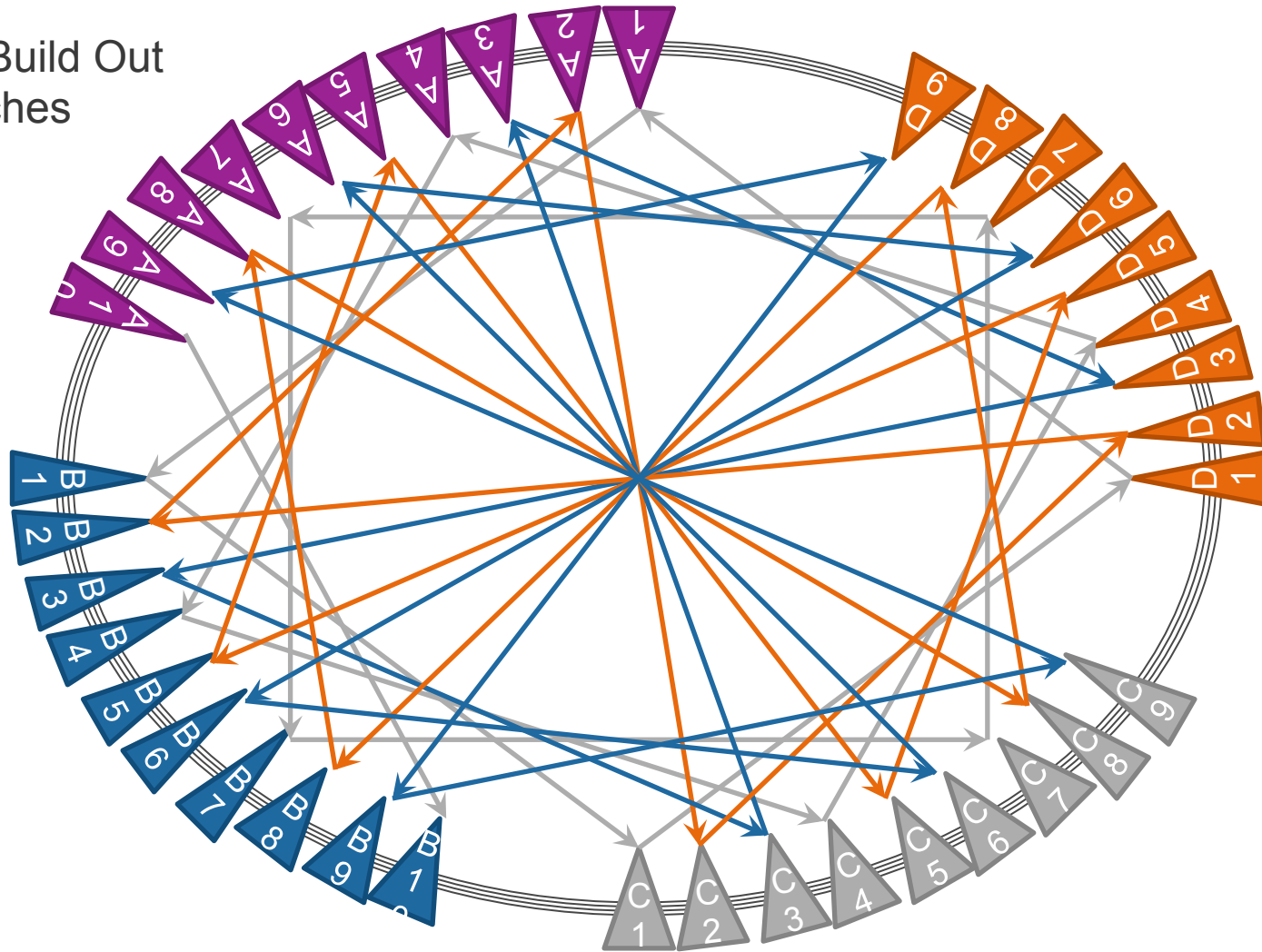
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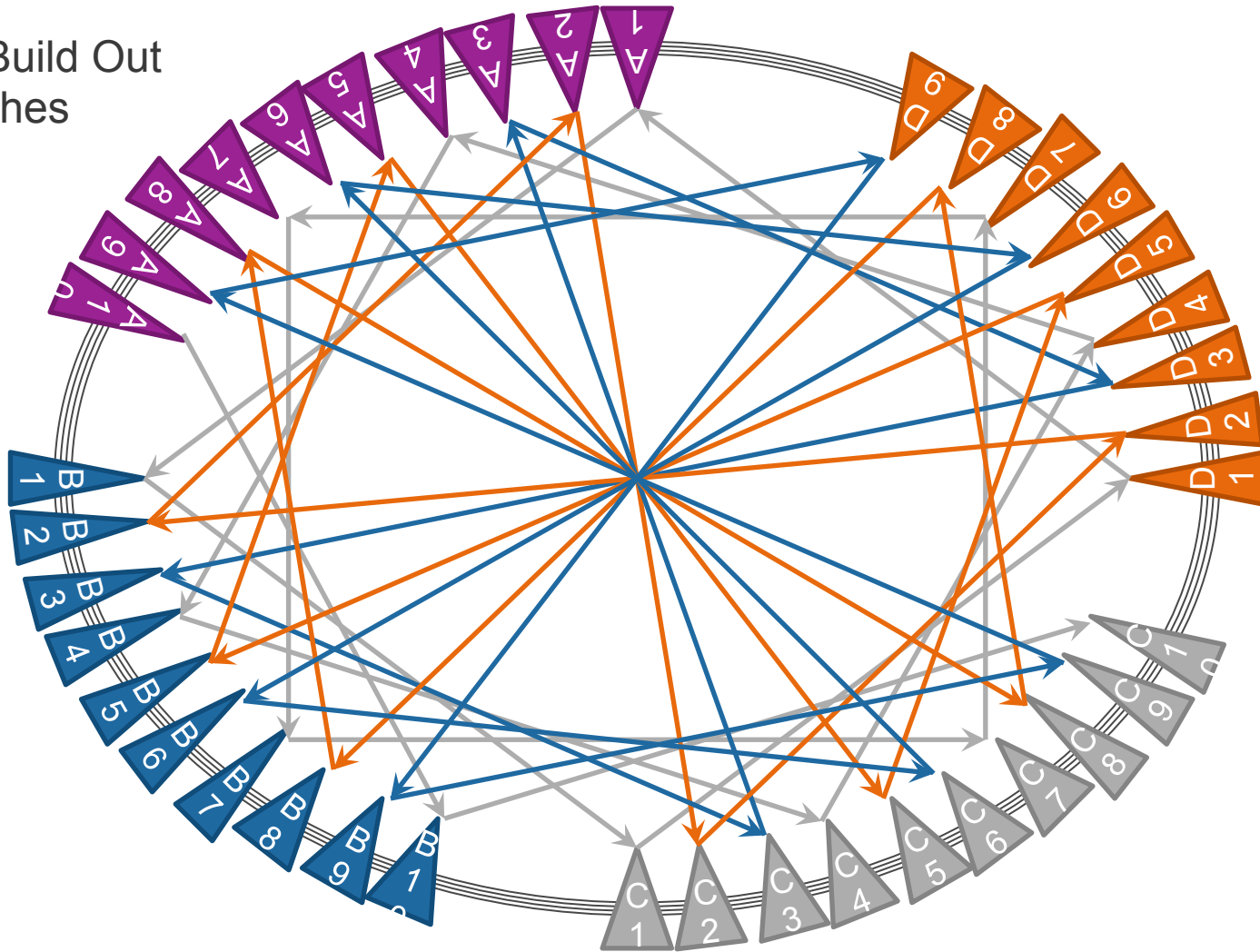
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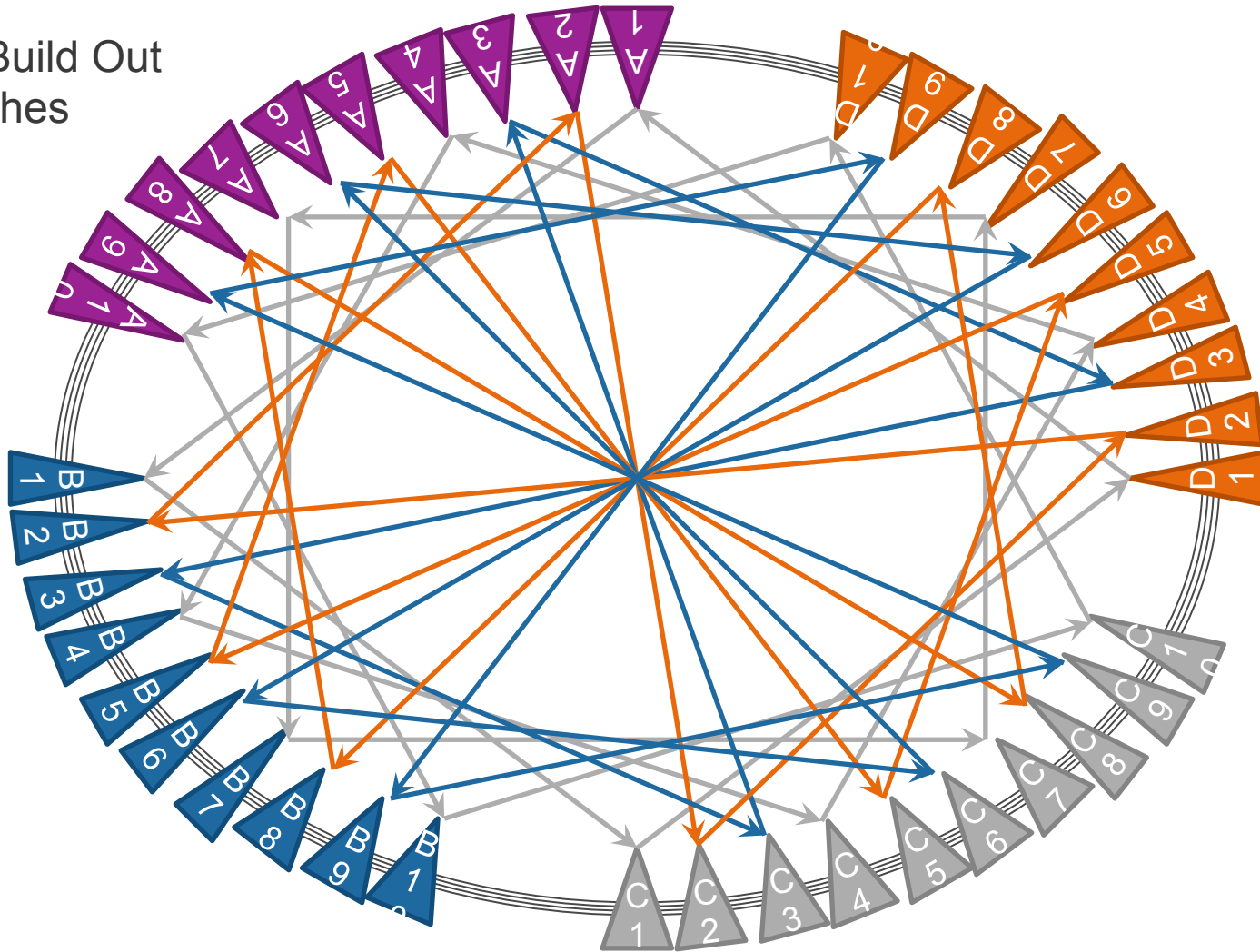
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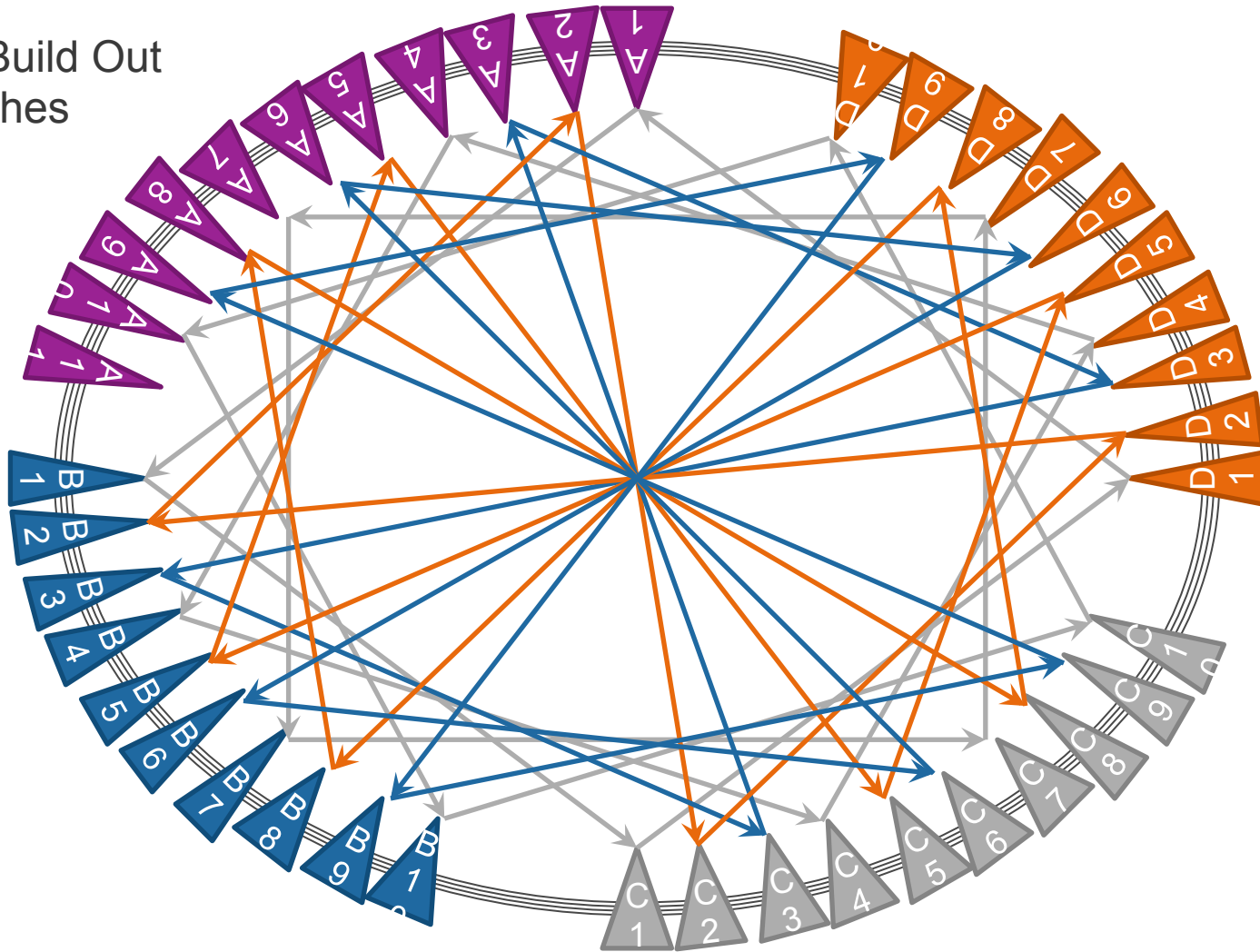
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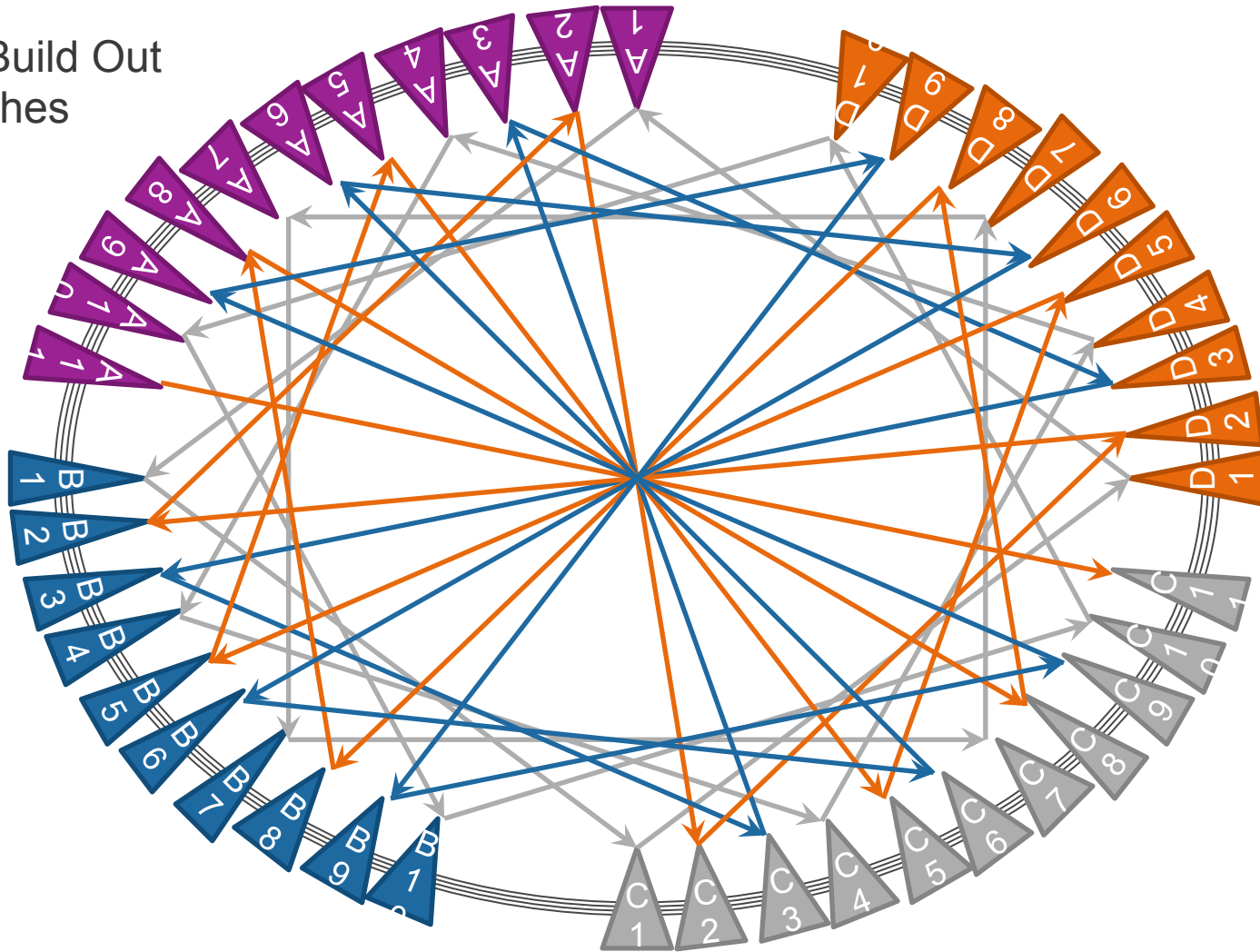
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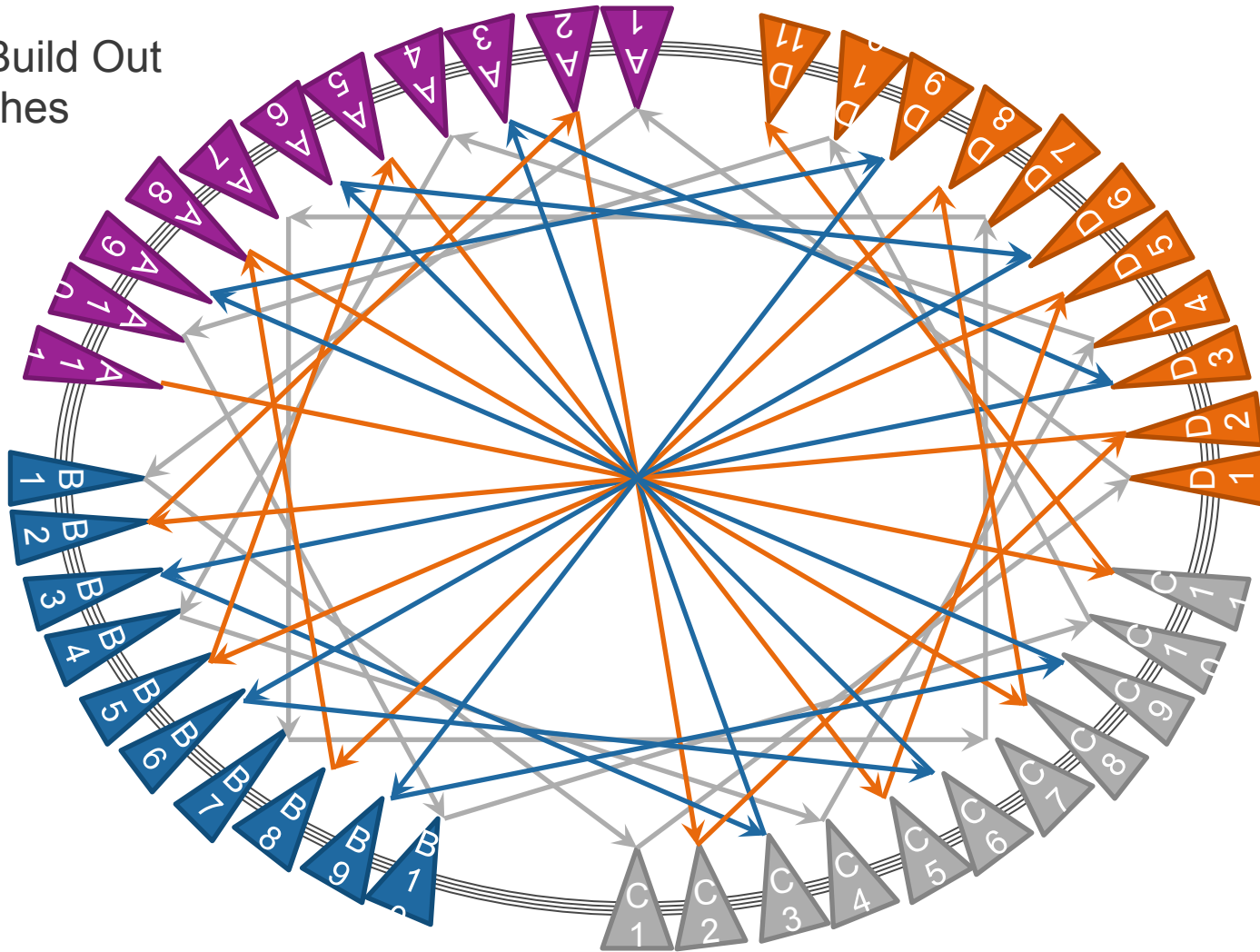
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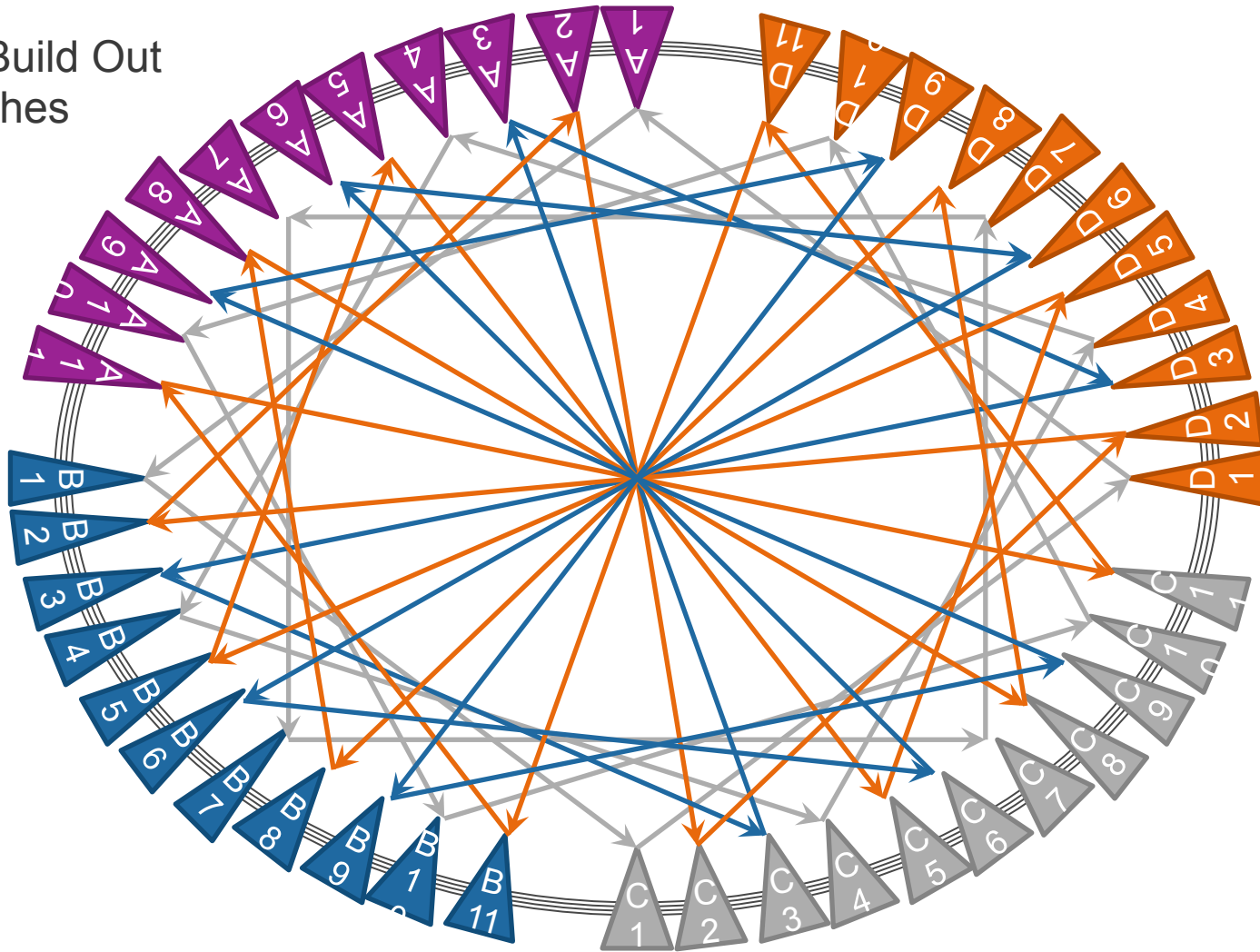
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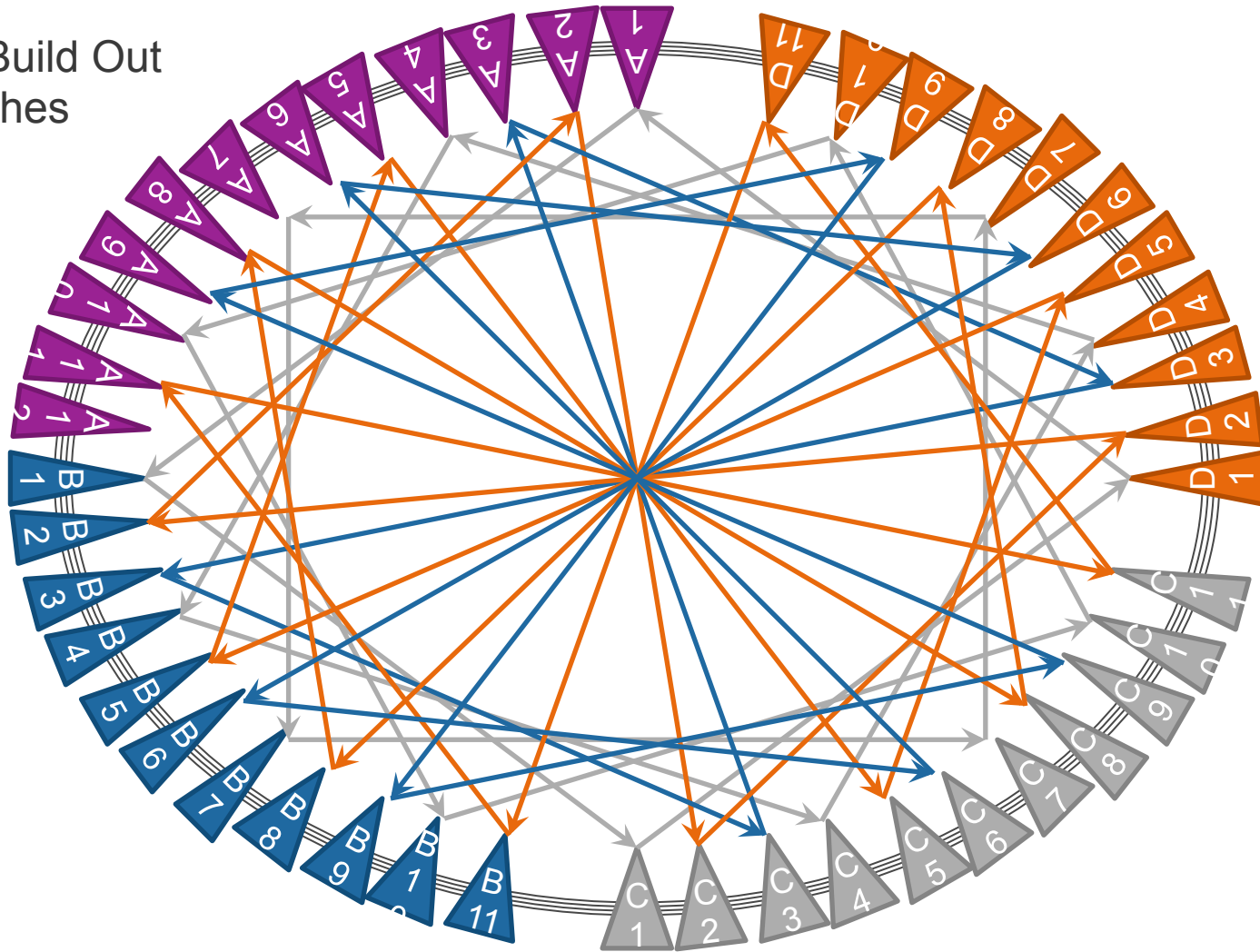
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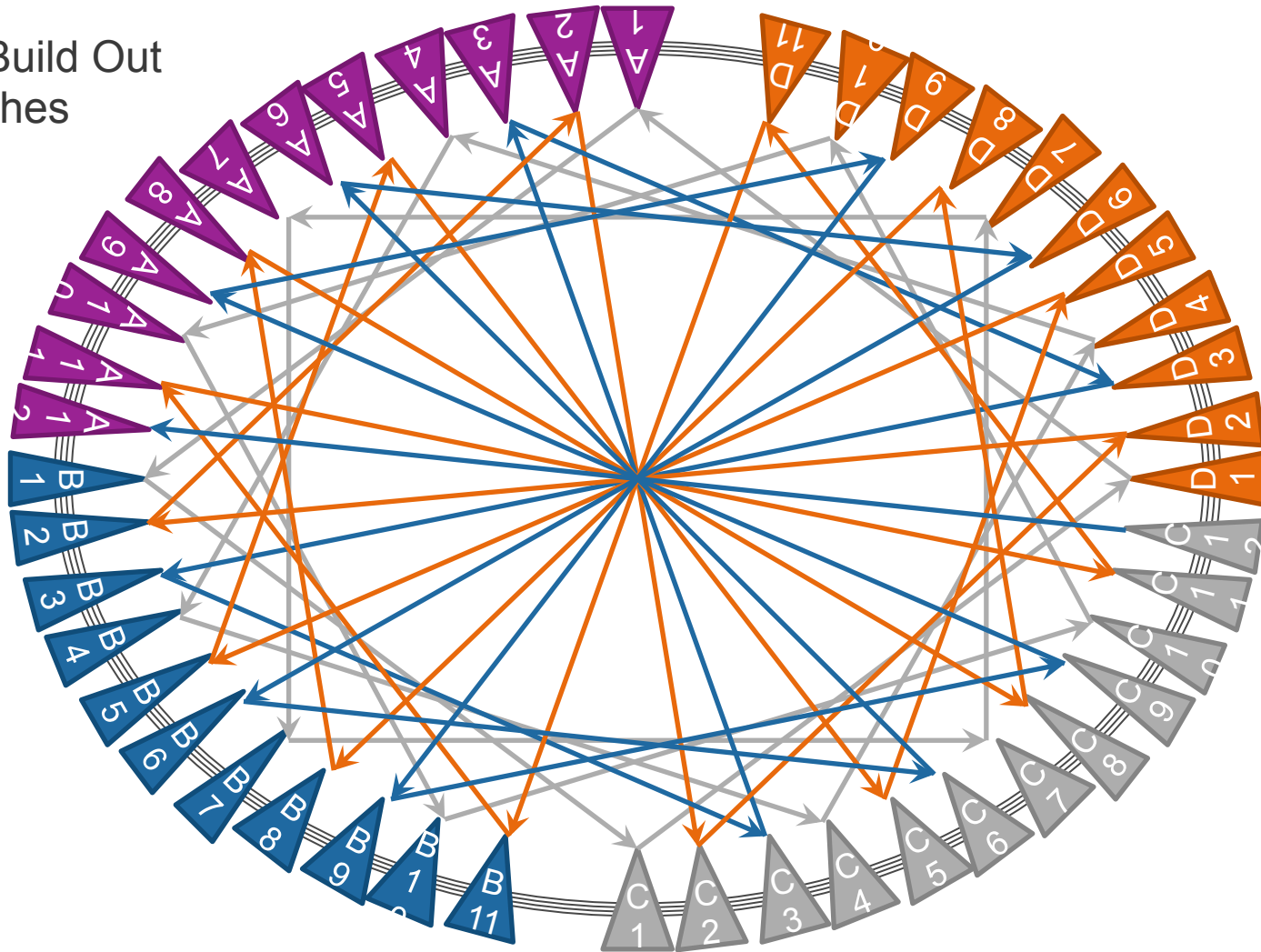
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44 Switches



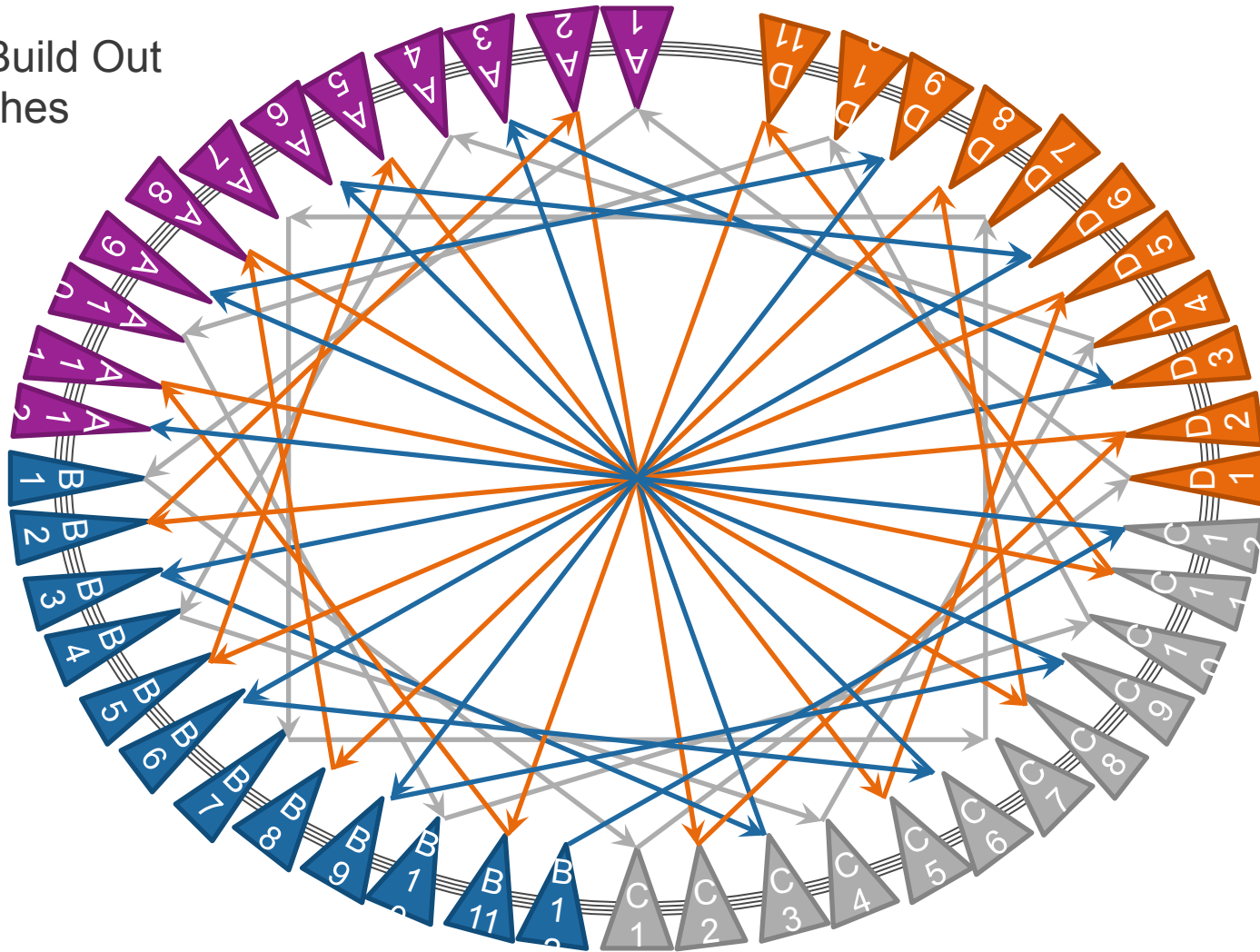
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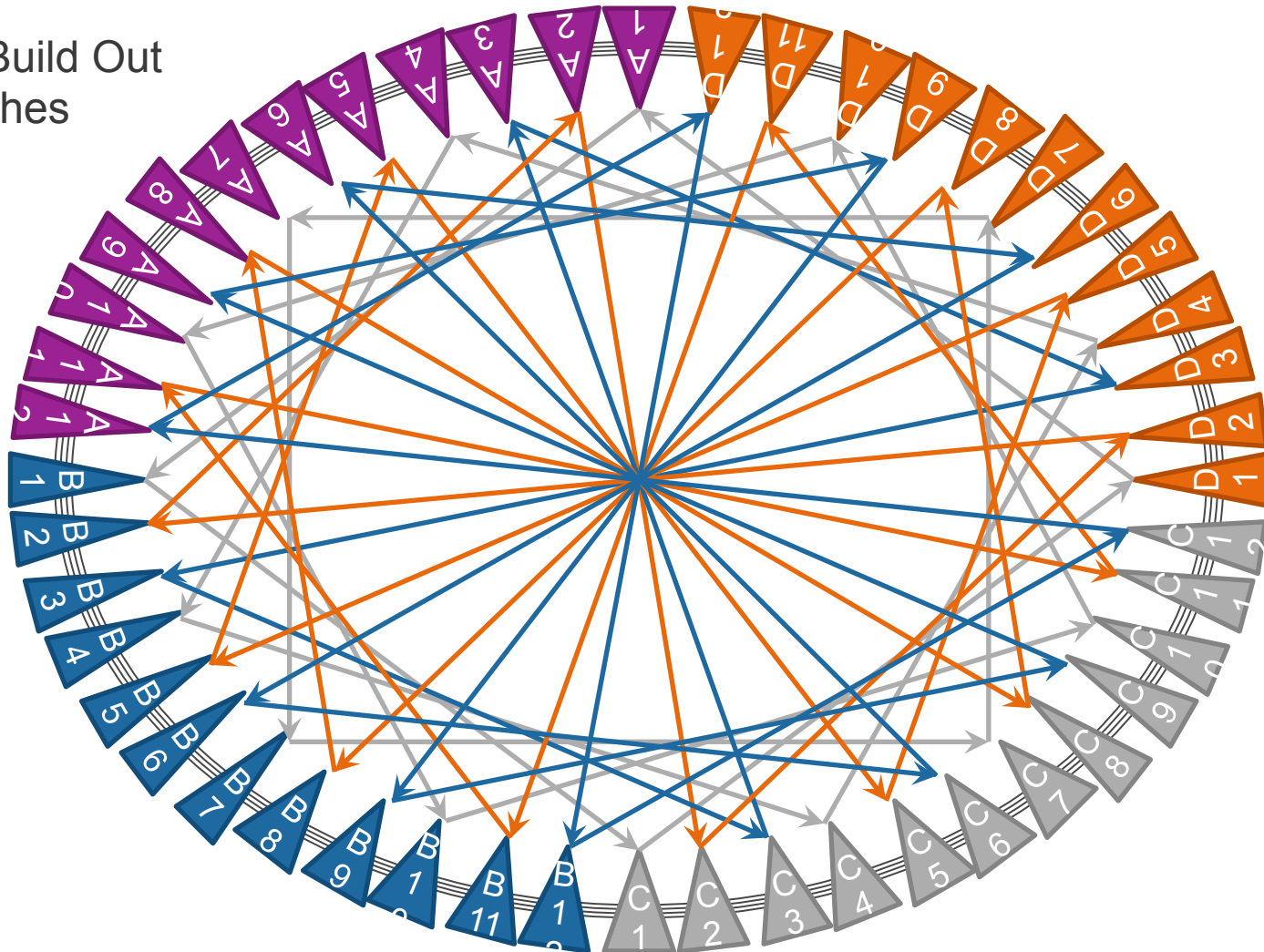
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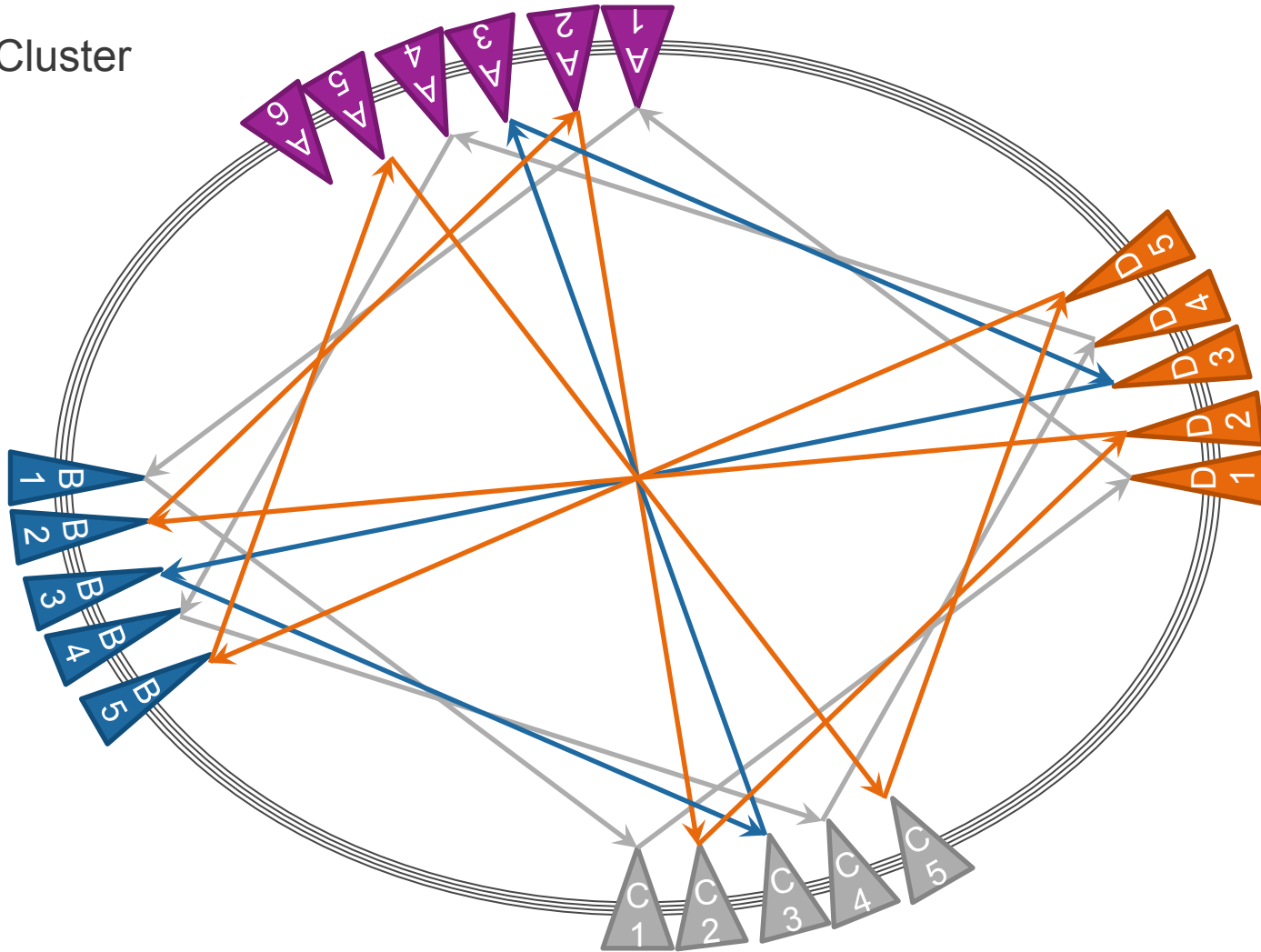
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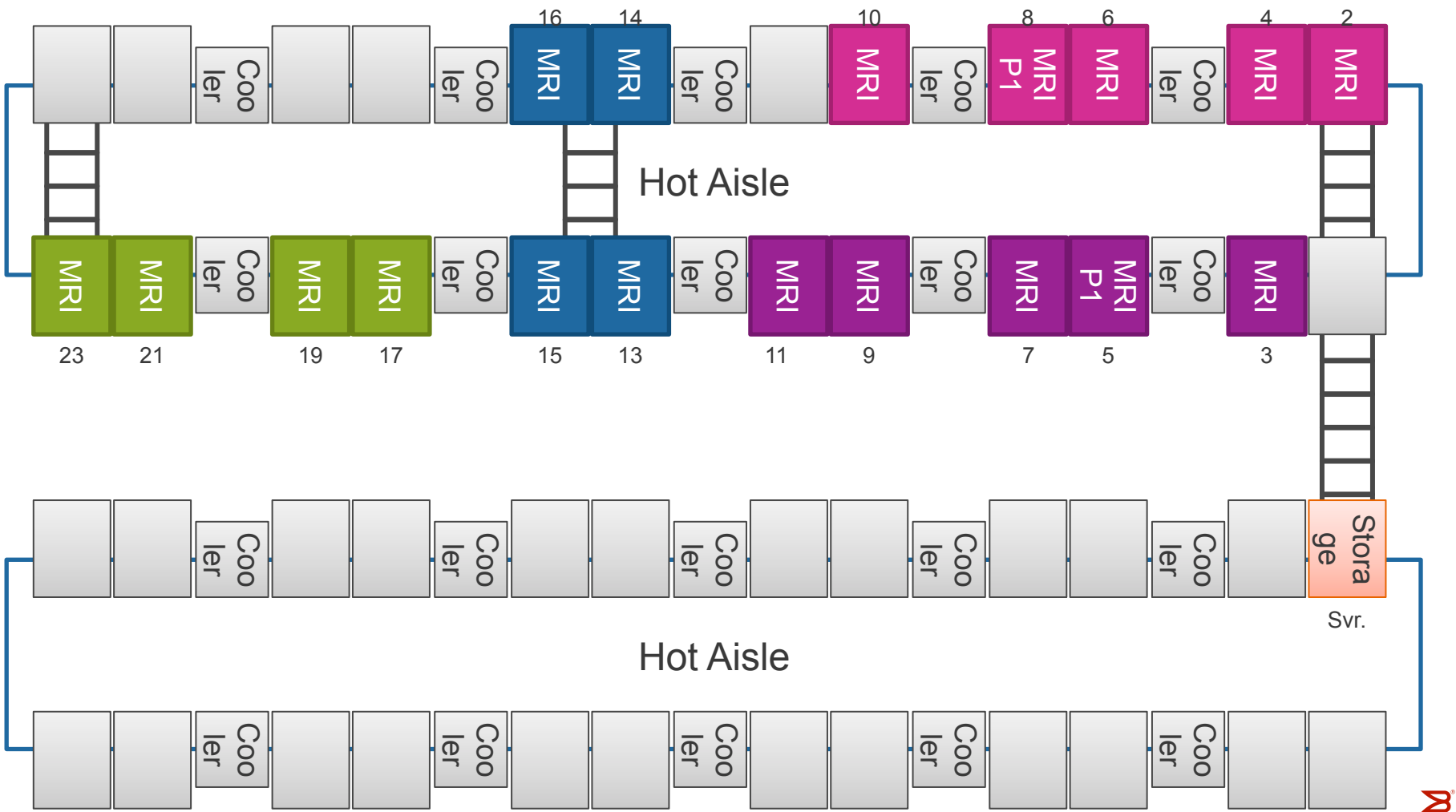


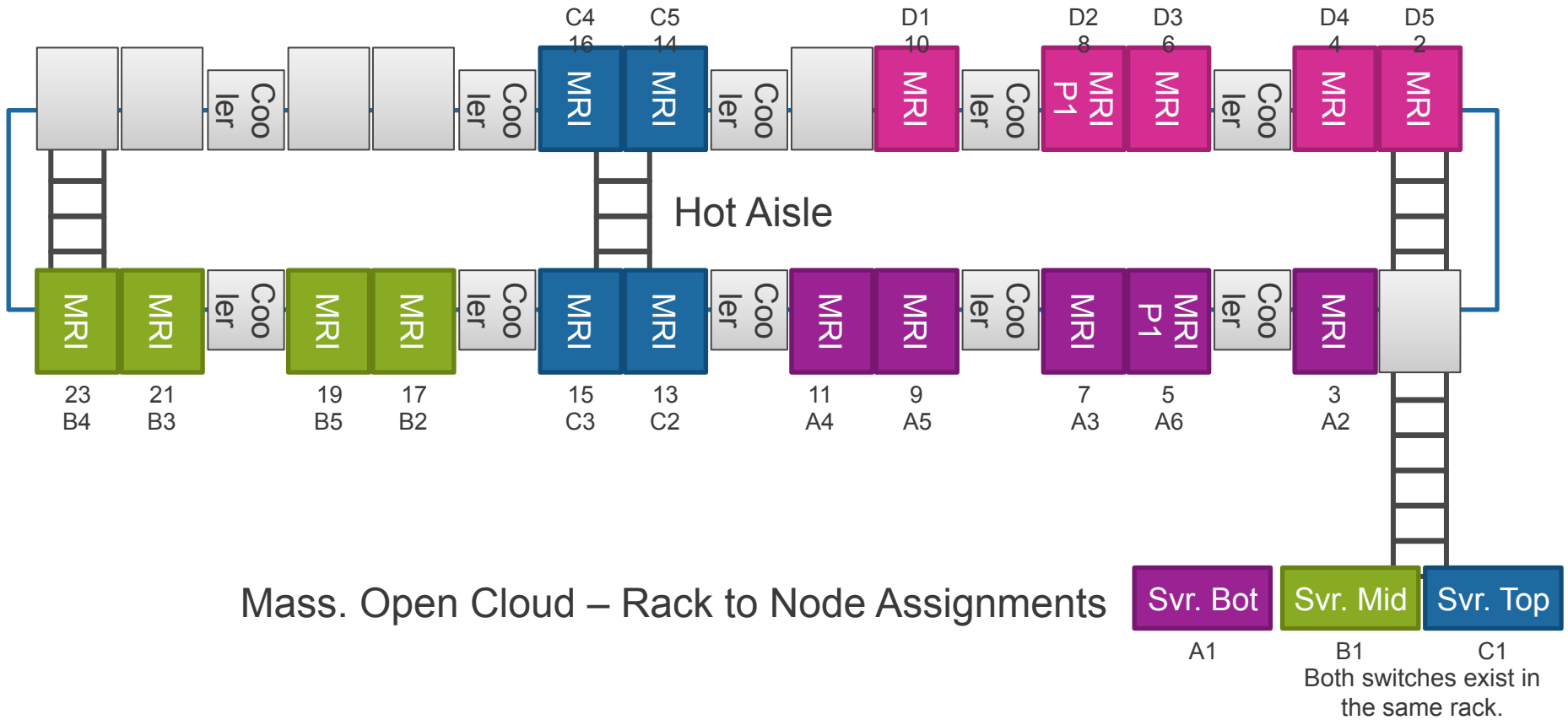
Incremental Build Out
48 Switches



21-Node Cluster







Ethernet Name Services



Introduction to Ethernet Name Services

- FSPF tells us where the RBridges are... but how do I know where my end-stations connect?
- How many places can a “MAC address live?



RBridge-5# **show mac-address-table**

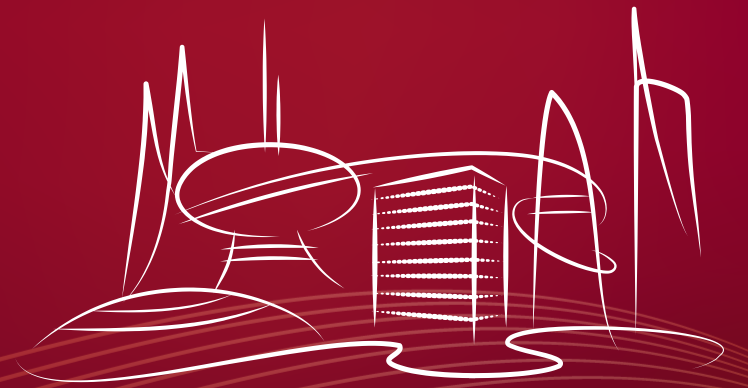
VlanId	Mac-address	Type	State	Ports
100	02e0.522f.8801	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
100	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
100	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X
101	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
125	02e0.52f0.2f01	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
125	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
125	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X
250	02e0.52cc.cd01	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
250	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
250	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X
1027	02e0.52f1.cd01	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
1027	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
1027	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X
1044	02e0.5216.cd01	System	Remote	XX VR1/X/X
1044	50eb.1aa4.19db	System	Remote	XX 101/X/X
1044	50eb.1ade.b077	System	Remote	XX 103/X/X

Total MAC addresses : 16

RBridge-5#



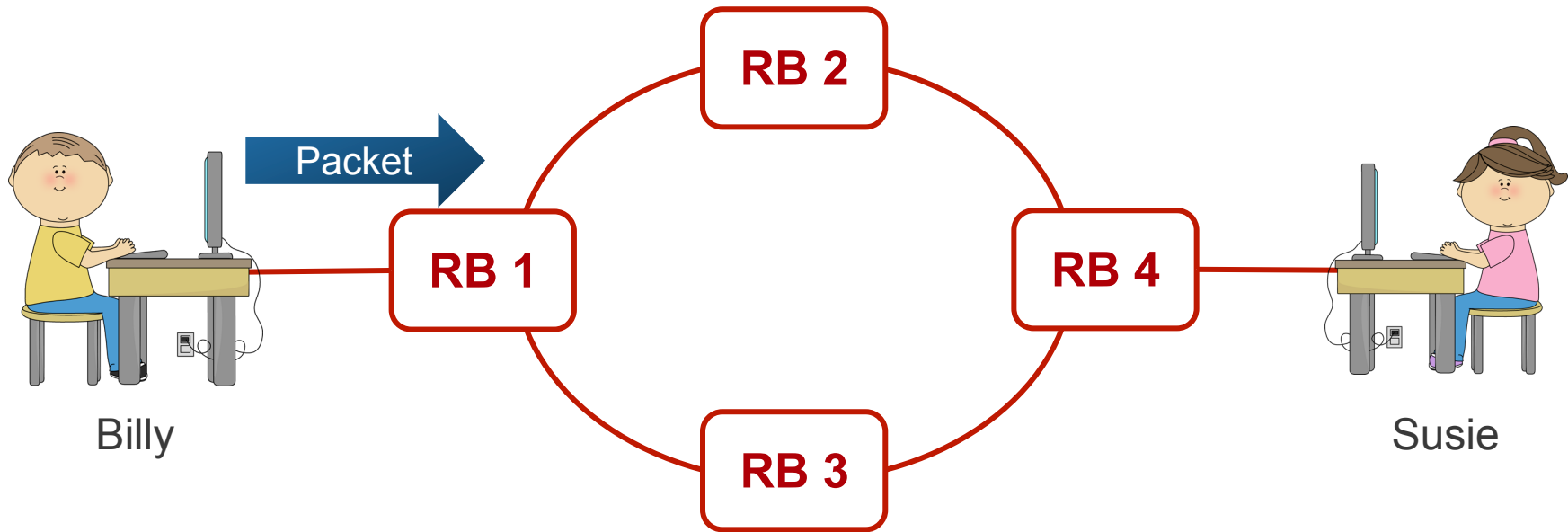
Frame Forwarding



A Basic Network

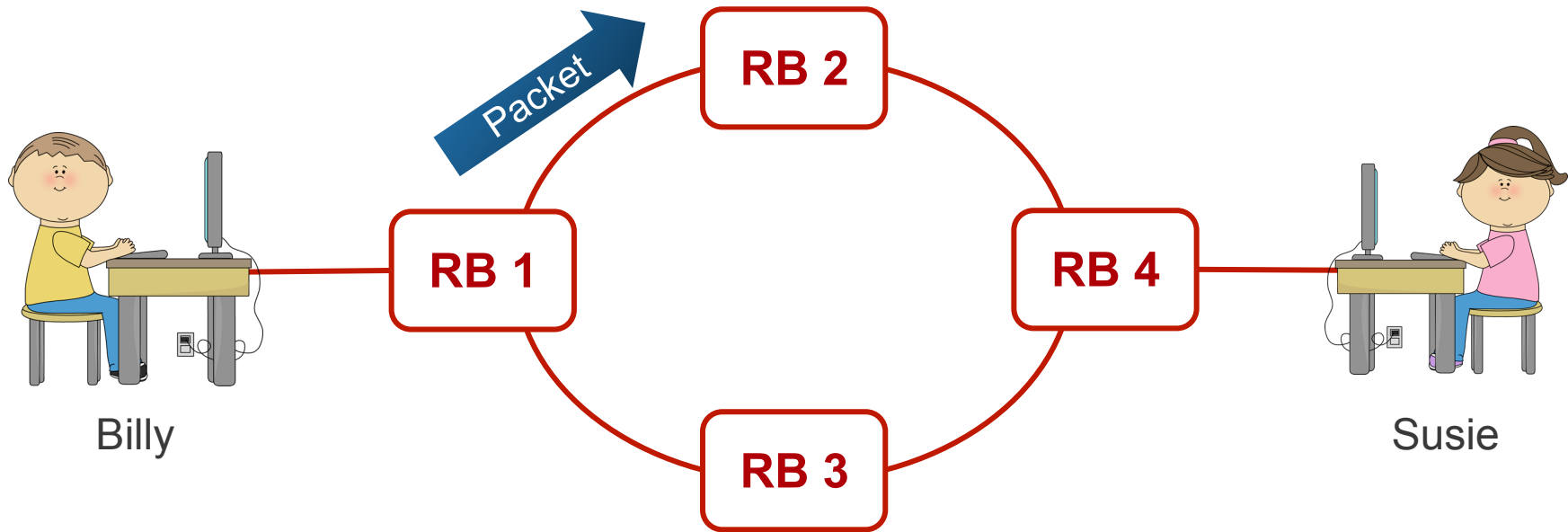
Step 1 – Billy sends a packet to Susie

Does RB 1 know about Susie?
Who is the next hop? (RB 2)



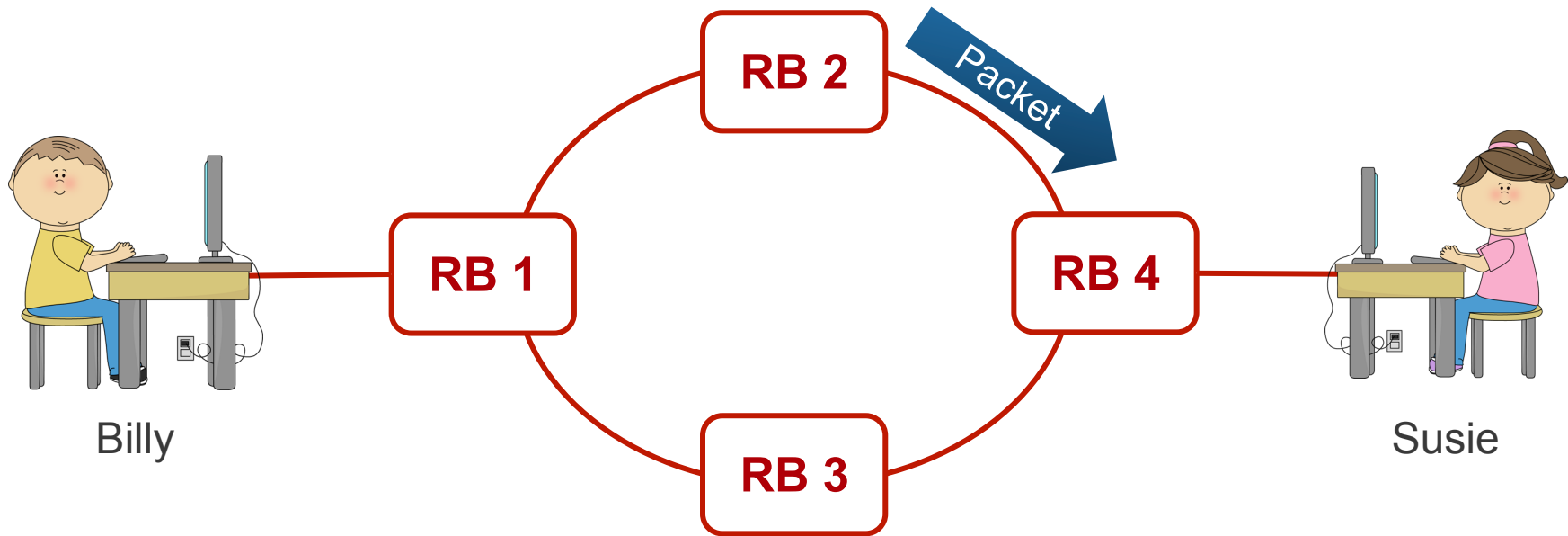
A Basic Network

Step 2 – RB 1 puts a TRILL header on the packet, and forwards it to RB 2



A Basic Network

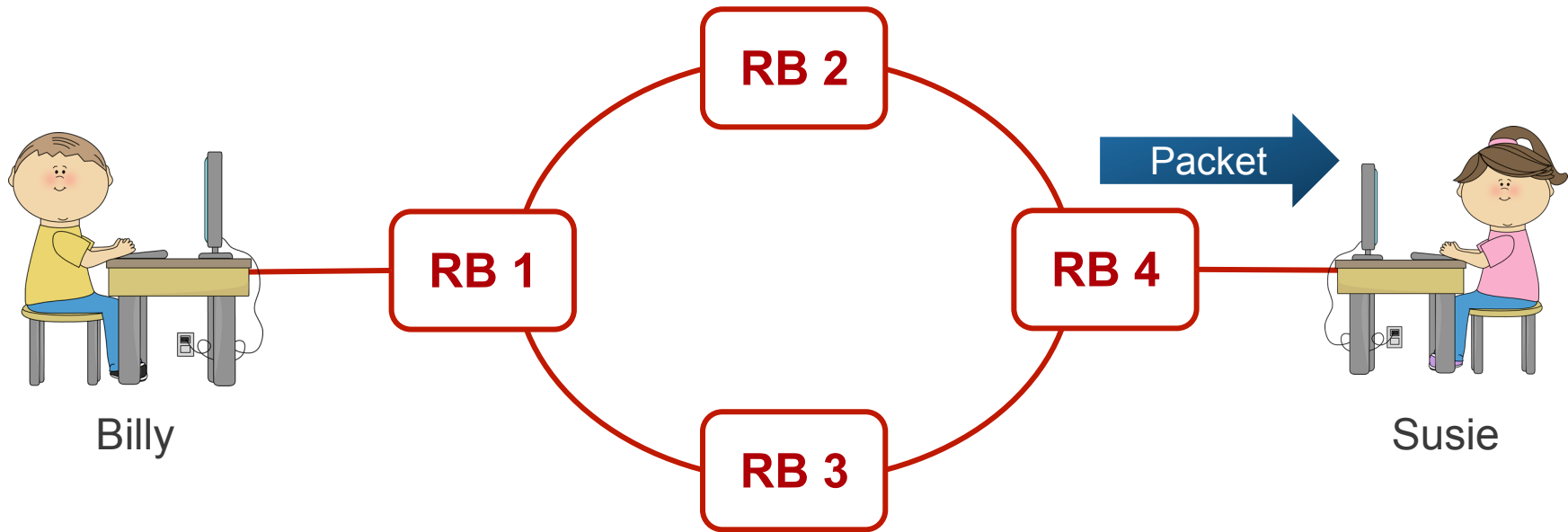
Step 3 – RB 2 changes the MAC addresses, and forwards it to RB 4



A Basic Network

**Does RB 1 know about Susie?
Who is the next hop? (RB 2)**

Step 4 – RB 4 pops the TRILL header, and forwards the packet to Susie.



The TRILL Header

RFC 6325

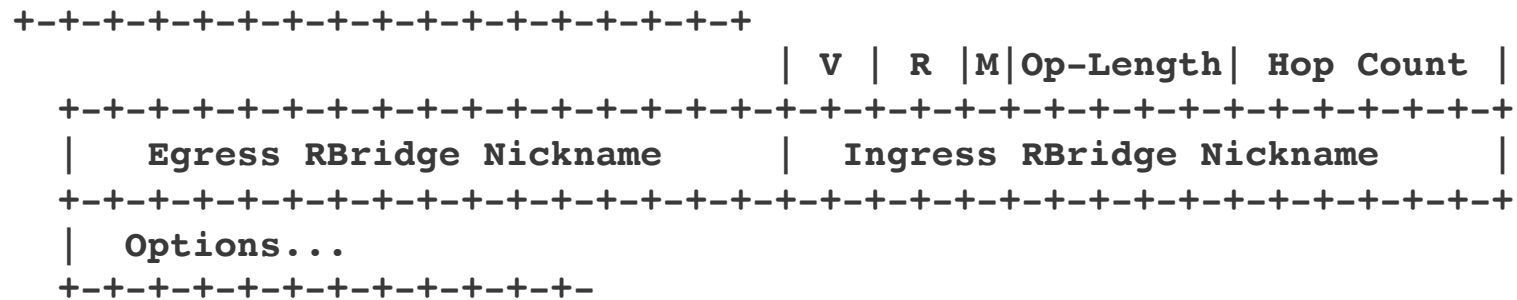


Figure 5: TRILL Header

- V = Version – 2-bit – Currently “00”
- R = Reserved – 2-bit – Currently “00”
- M = Multi-Destination – 1-bit – 1=Multicast
- Op-Length – 5-bit – How long is the options field?



The TRILL Header

RFC 6325

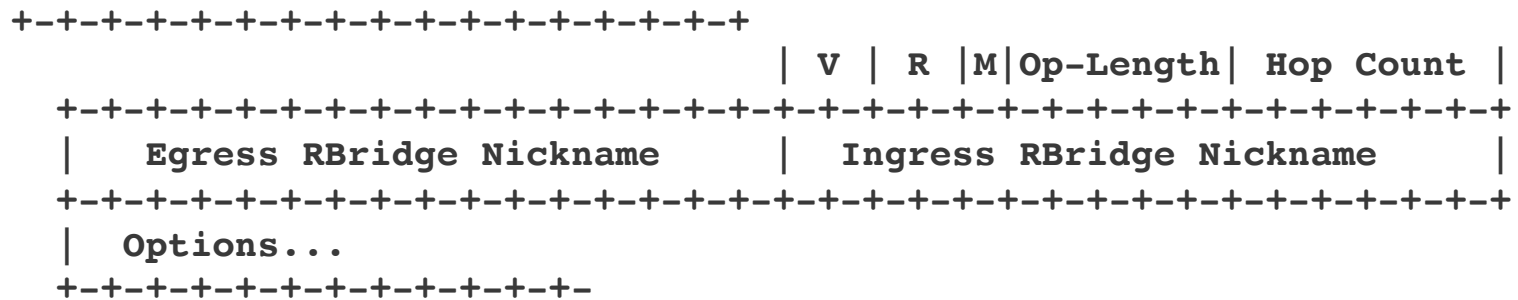


Figure 5: TRILL Header

Hop Count = Expected Distance
Egress RBridge Nickname
Ingress RBridge Nickname
Options



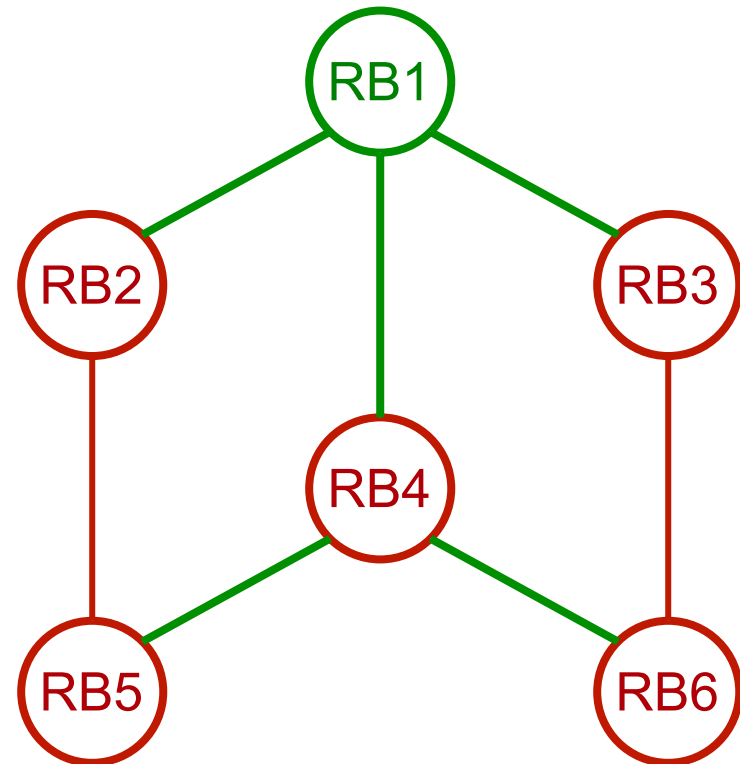
The BUM Tree

Broadcast / Unknown Unicast / Multicast



Building a Multicast Tree

- One RBridge is the root of the BUM tree.
- A loop-free, shortest path tree is formed to all RBridges.
- When a BUM frame is received, it is flooded out all other ISL ports on the tree.
- It's also flooded out of edge ports as appropriate.



RBridge-5# **show fabric route multicast all**

No. of nodes in cluster: 21

Root of the Multicast-Tree

=====

Rbridge-id: 2
Mcast Priority: 1
Enet IP Addr: 0.0.0.0
WWN: 10:00:50:eb:1a:a4:29:ac
Name: RBridge-2

Src-Index	Src-Port	Nbr-Index	Nbr-Port	BW	Trunk
109	Te 101/0/46	105	Te 104/0/42	40G	Yes
115	Fo 101/0/52	114	Fo 103/0/51	40G	Yes
114	Fo 102/0/51	115	Fo 103/0/52	40G	Yes
108	Te 103/0/45	104	Te 19/0/41	40G	Yes

SNIP



```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# fabric route mcast rbridge-id 101 priority 10
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-101)# end
RBridge-5# show fabric route multicast all
```

No. of nodes in cluster: 21

Root of the Multicast-Tree

```
=====
Rbridge-id: 101
Mcast Priority: 10
Enet IP Addr: 0.0.0.0
WWN: 10:00:50:eb:1a:a4:19:d8
Name: RBridge-101
```

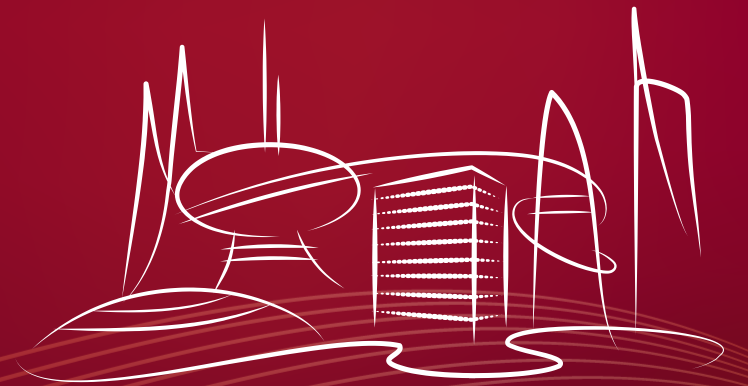
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L1 & L2 ECMP

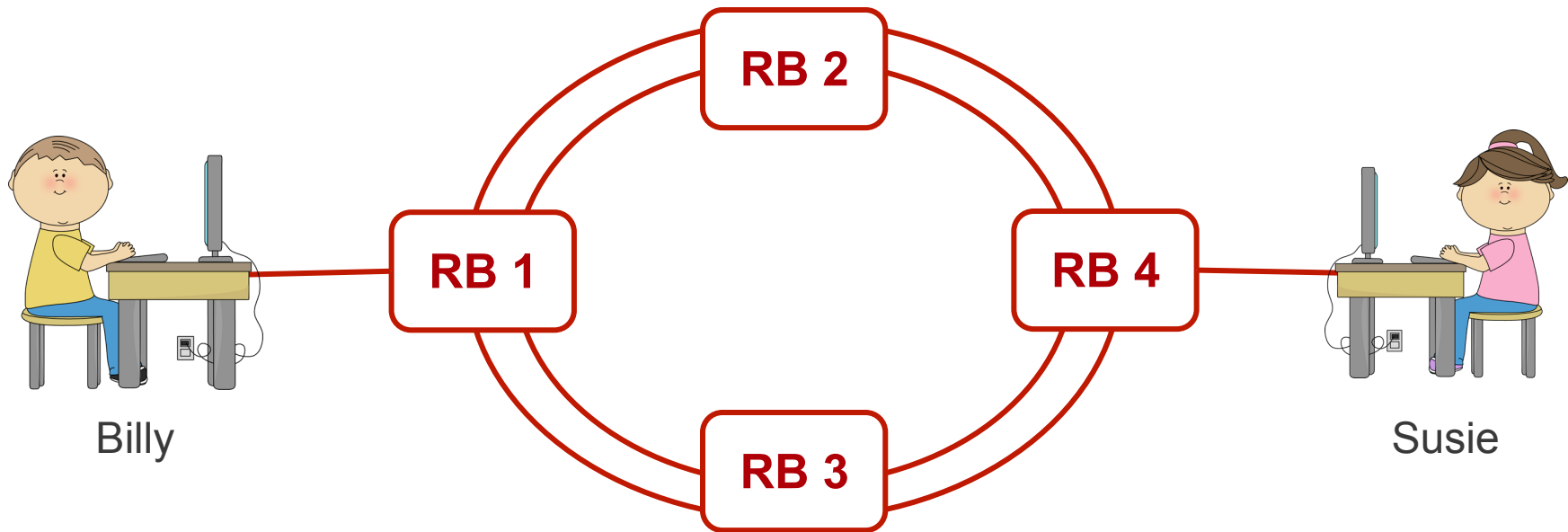
Equal Cost Multipath



The ECMP Challenge

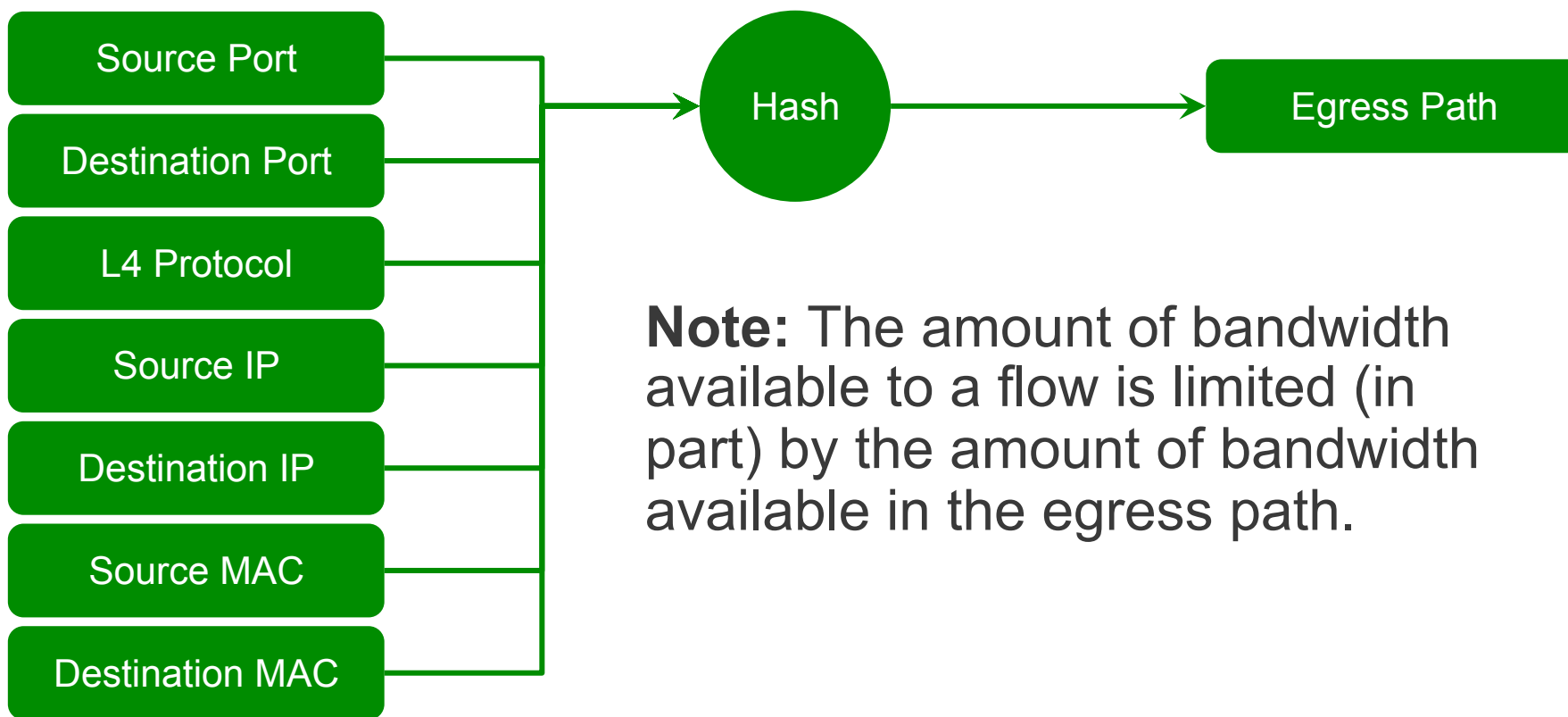
**Performance of
Packets a prerequisite of
Packets can arrive in any order and
sequence (aka out of order)
TCP will re-sequence them.
Performance.**

An ECMP Example



How do we tell the traffic which path to take?

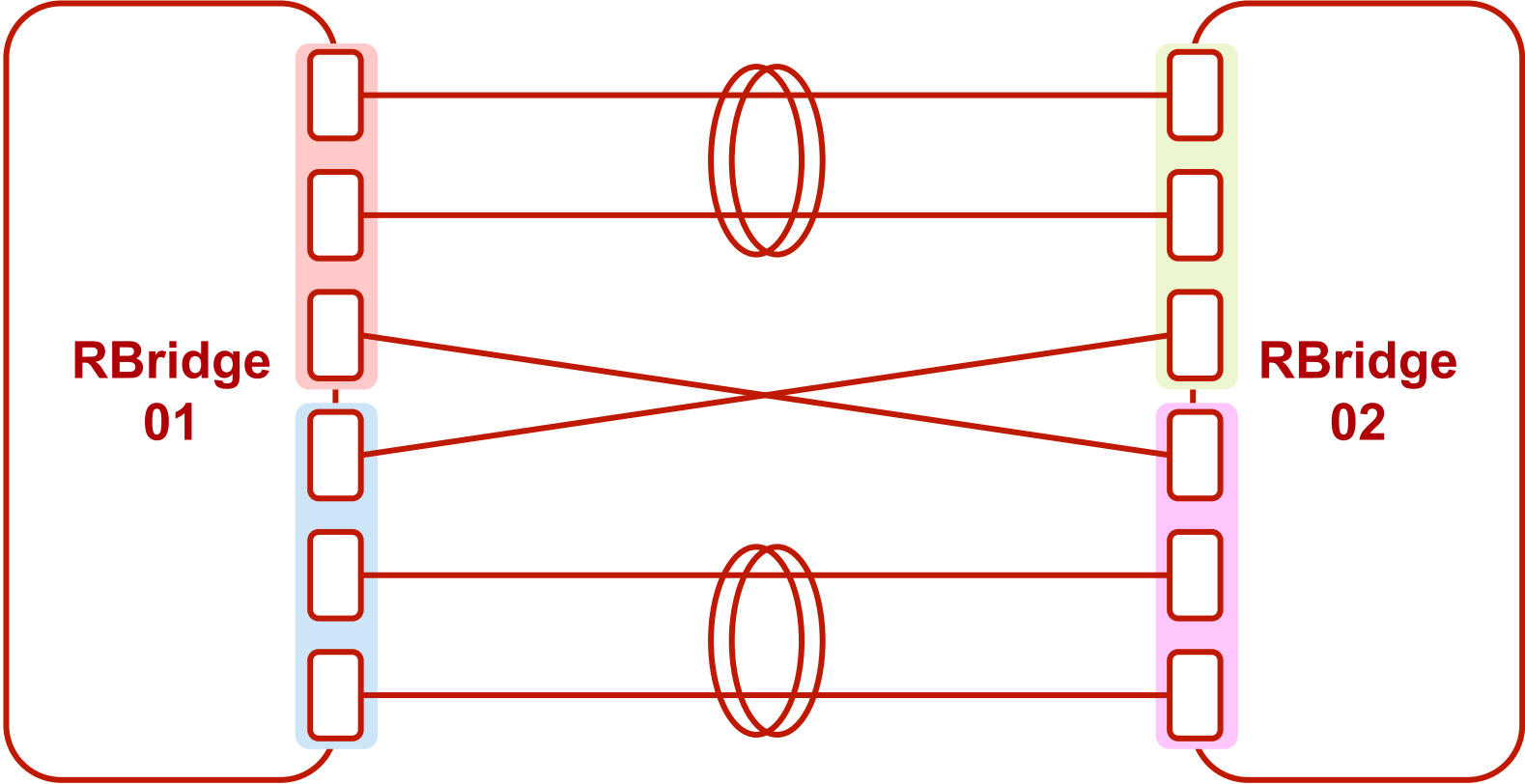
A Seven Tuple Hash



Note: The amount of bandwidth available to a flow is limited (in part) by the amount of bandwidth available in the egress path.

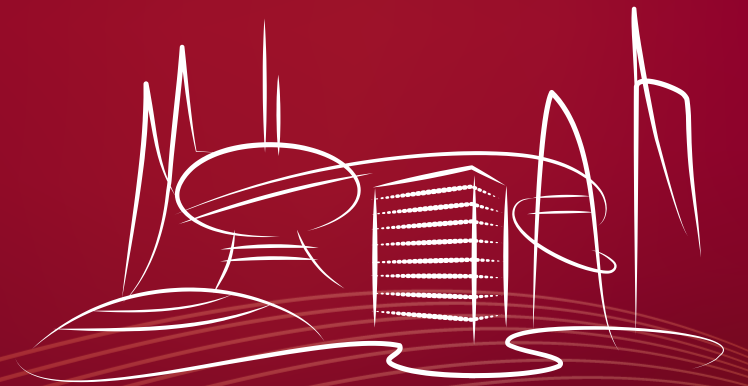


Brocade Trunks

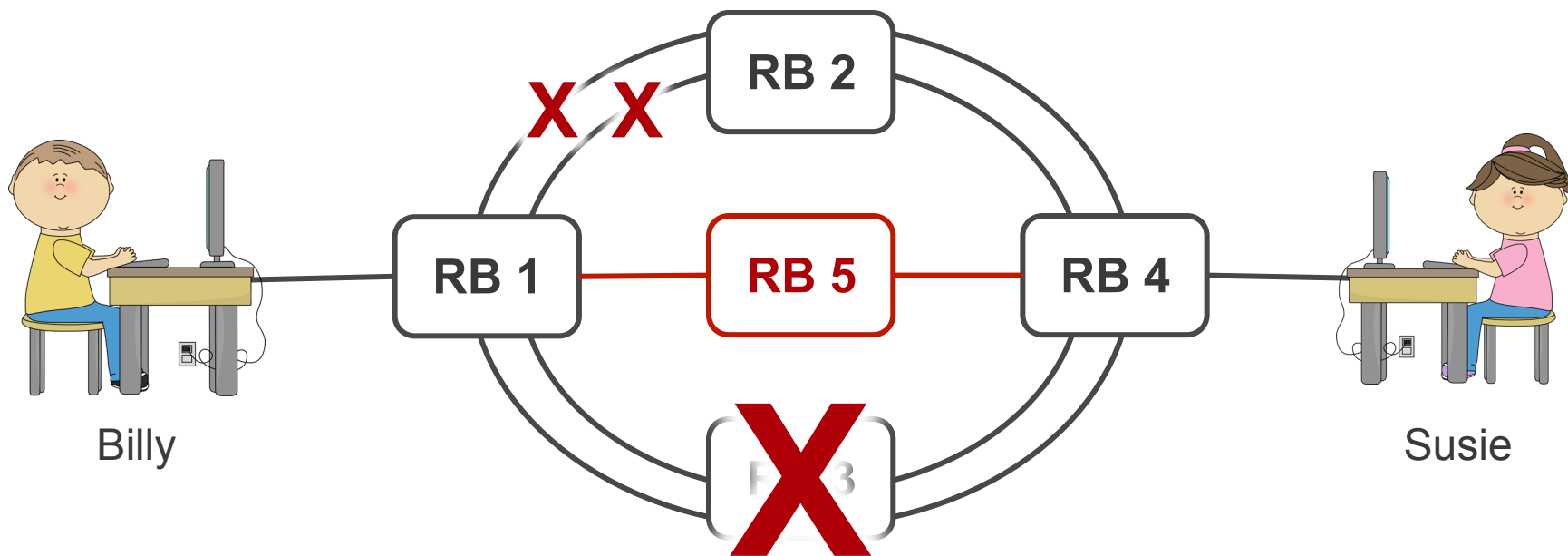


Physical Redundancy

A Quick Review



What Happens If...



An ARP Request Failed

Logical Chassis

Centralized vs. Distributed



Chassis vs. Fixed Form Factor

Why would I use one over the other?

- Chassis Attributes

- Expensive
- Central Physical Form Factor
- Redundant Management
- Single Control Plane
- Single Configuration Point
- Simple Hardware Replacement

- Fixed Form Factor Attributes

- Less Expensive
- Distributed Form Factor
- Integrated Management
- Multi-Control Plane
- Multi-Configuration Point
- Complex Hardware Replacement

Logical Chassis

An effort to support the best of breed.

- Chassis Attributes

- Expensive
- Central Physical Form Factor
- Redundant Management
- Single Control Plane
- Single Configuration Point
- Simple Hardware Replacement

- Fixed Form Factor Attributes

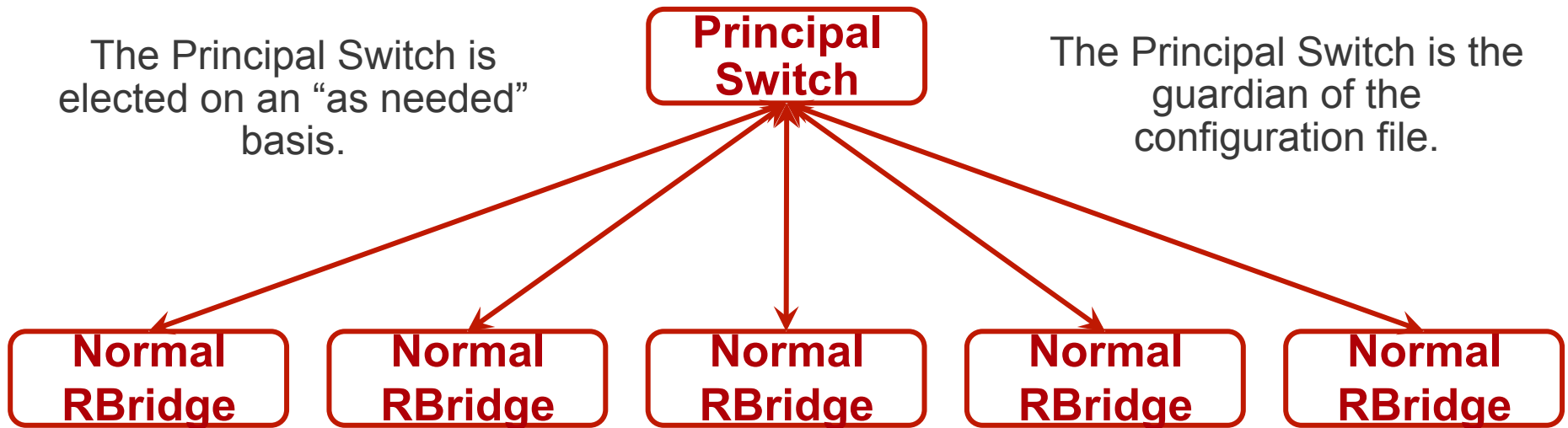
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Handling a Common Configuration

Many configuration must be done on the Principal Switch!

The Principal Switch is elected on an “as needed” basis.

The Principal Switch is the guardian of the configuration file.



Any RBridge may become the Principal switch.

```

RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# rbridge-id 5
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-5)# logical-chassis principal-priority 2
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-5)# end
RBridge-5# logical-chassis principal switchover
This operation will trigger logical-chassis principal switchover. Do you want
to continue? [y/n]:y
RBridge-5# show fabric all

```

Lower is better 

```

VCS Id: 101
Config Mode: Distributed

```

Rbridge-id	WWN	IP Address	Name

5	10:00:50:EB:1A:A4:0B:C0	172.16.1.224	>"RBridge-5"*

```

*** SNIP ***
The Fabric has 21 Rbridge(s)

```

Indicates Principal Switch. 

```
RBridge-5#
```



Redundant Management vs. Distributed Control Plane

- Each RBridge runs it's own control plane.
- Each RBridge has an internal hypervisor with redundant “management modules”.
- By default, SW/0 is “Primary” and SW/1 is “Standby”.
- In the event of a software crash, a failover will occur.

RBridge-5# **show version**

Network Operating System Software
Network Operating System Version: 5.0.1
Copyright (c) 1995-2014 Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.
Firmware name: 5.0.1d
Build Time: 17:53:30 Jun 12, 2015
Install Time: 16:49:09 Sep 29, 2015
Kernel: 2.6.34.6

BootProm: 1.0.1
Control Processor: e500mc with 4096 MB of memory

Slot	Name	Primary/Secondary Versions	Status
SW/0	NOS	5.0.1d 5.0.1d	ACTIVE*
SW/1	NOS	5.0.1d 5.0.1d	STANDBY

RBridge-5#

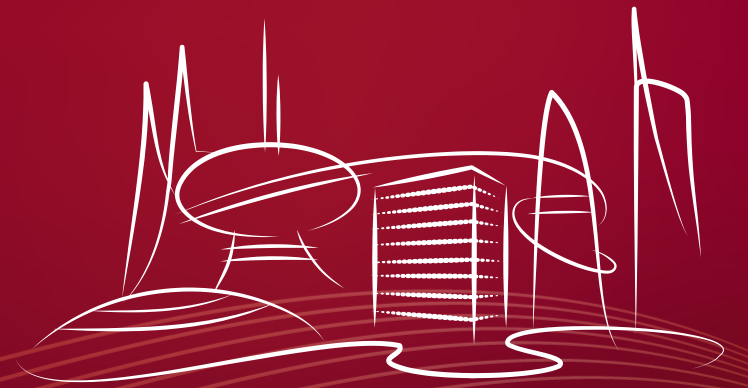


Replacing a failed RBridge

- Find the WWN of the new RBridge.
 - Either use the “**show fabric all**” command, or look at the plastic tag on the physical switch.
- Map the new WWN to the RBridge ID
 - From the Principal Switch, run the “**vcs replace rbridge-id <rbridge-id>**” command. You will be challenged for the WWN of the new switch.
- Connect the new RBridge to the ethernet fabric.
- Run the: “**vcs vcsid <value> rbridge-id <value> logical-chassis enable**” command on the new RBridge.



Configuring VLANs



VLANs in VCS

- All VLANs are automatically distributed to all RBridges.
 - Inter-Switch Links are automatically configured as “VLAN Trunk” ports that carry all VLANs.
 - All VLANs share a common BUM tree.
- VLANs are globally configured.
- Interfaces must also be configured.
 - VLAN Trunk Ports
 - VLAN Access Ports

```

RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# interface vlan 2001
RBridge-5(config-Vlan-2001)# description VLAN_Description
RBridge-5(config-Vlan-2001)# end
RBridge-5# show vlan 2001
VLAN      Name          State      Ports          Classification
(F)-FCoE          (u)-Untagged
(R)-RSPAN         (c)-Converged
(T)-TRANSPARENT  (t)-Tagged
=====
2001      VLAN2001     INACTIVE   (no member port)

```

RBridge-5#



Interface Configurations



Default Configuration

```
RBridge-5# show running-config interface ten 3/0/1  
interface TenGigabitEthernet 3/0/1  
  fabric isl enable ← Can be an ISL  
  fabric trunk enable ← Can be part of a Brocade Trunk  
  no shutdown  
!  
RBridge-5#
```

Access Port Configuration

```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
RBridge-5(config)# interface TenGigabitEthernet 3/0/1
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport mode access
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport access vlan 2001
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# do show run int ten 3/0/1
interface TenGigabitEthernet 3/0/1
  fabric isl enable
  fabric trunk enable
  switchport
  switchport mode access
  switchport access vlan 2001
  spanning-tree shutdown
  no shutdown
!
```

```
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)#
```

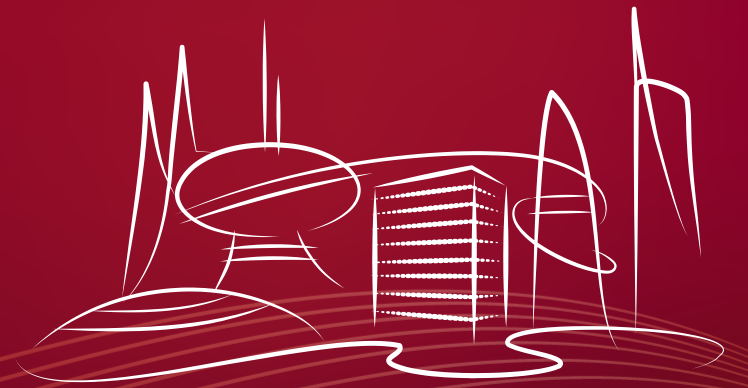


VLAN Trunk Port Configuration

```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# int ten 3/0/1
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport mode trunk
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport trunk allowed vlan ?
Possible completions:
  add      Allow these VLANs to Xmit/Rx through the Layer2 interface
  all      Allow all Dot1Q VLANs to Xmit/Rx through the Layer2 interface
  except   Allow all VLANs except this vlan range to Xmit/Rx through the
Layer2 interface
  none     Allow no Dot1Q VLANs to Xmit/Rx through the Layer2 interface
  remove   Remove a VLAN range that Xmit/Rx through the Layer2 interface
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# switchport trunk allowed vlan all
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# end
RBridge-5#
```

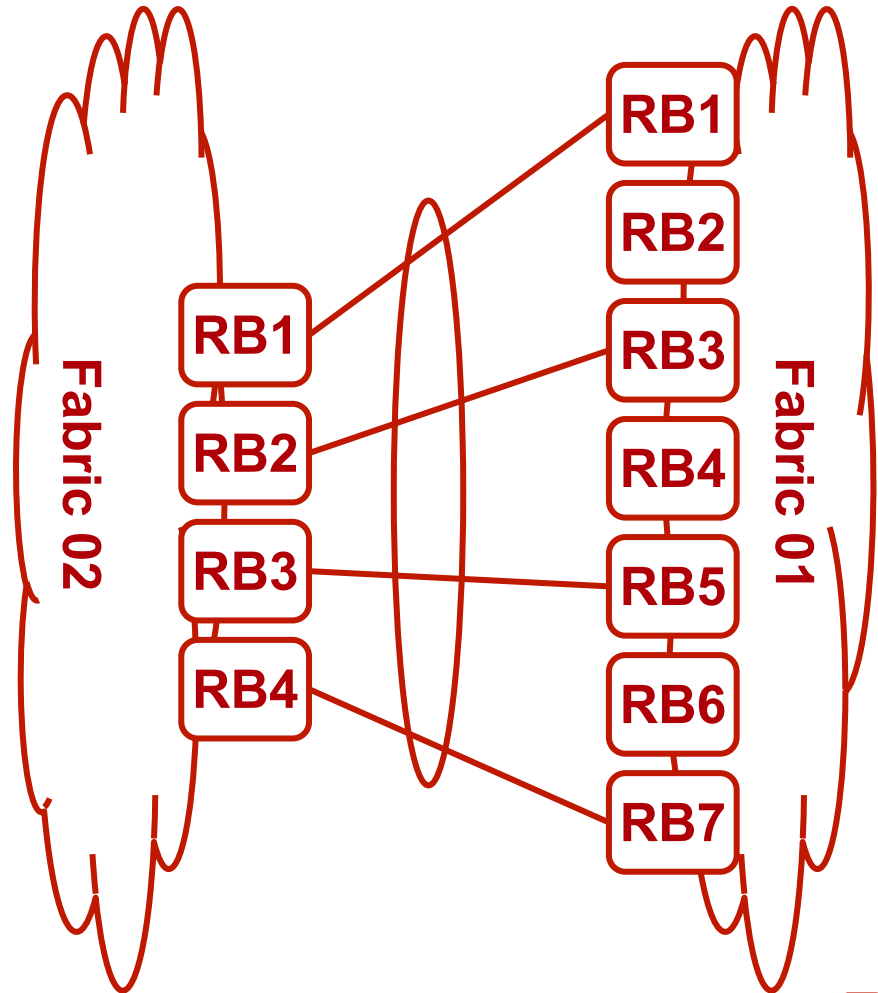


Virtual LAGs



Virtual LAGs

- Essentially a multi-port edge link.
- Link can be distributed across up to four RBridges.
- No topology restrictions.
- What happens if the switches lose contact with each other?



Configuring a VLAG

```
RBridge-5# show running-config interface Port-channel 1  
interface Port-channel 1  
  vlag ignore-split  
  mtu 9216  
  description Port_Channel_to_CSAIL_Switch  
  switchport  
  switchport mode access  
  switchport access vlan 10  
  spanning-tree shutdown  
  speed 10000  
  no shutdown  
!  
RBridge-5#
```

Adding an Interface to a VLAG

```
RBridge-5(config)# int ten 3/0/1
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# no switchport
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# channel-group 1 mode ?
Possible completions:
  active      Enable initiation of LACP negotiation on a port
  on          Enable static link aggregation on this port
  passive     Disable initiation of LACP negotiation on a port
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# channel-group 1 mode active type ?
Possible completions:
  brocade     Brocade LAG
  standard    Standards based LAG
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# channel-group 1 mode active type
standard
RBridge-5(conf-if-te-3/0/1)# no shutdown
```



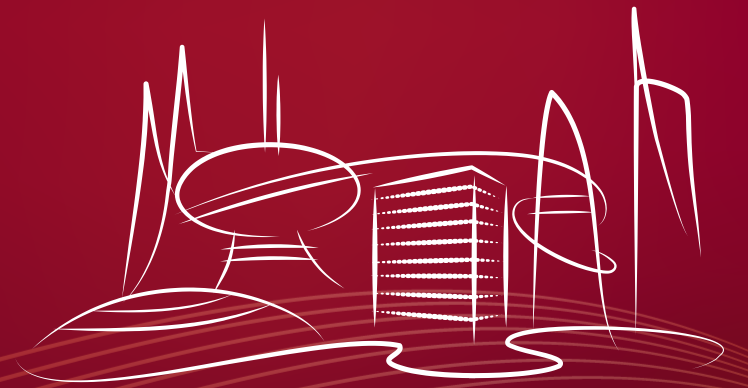
Useful Troubleshooting Commands

- show port-channel <value>
- show port-channel detail
- show int port-channel <value>

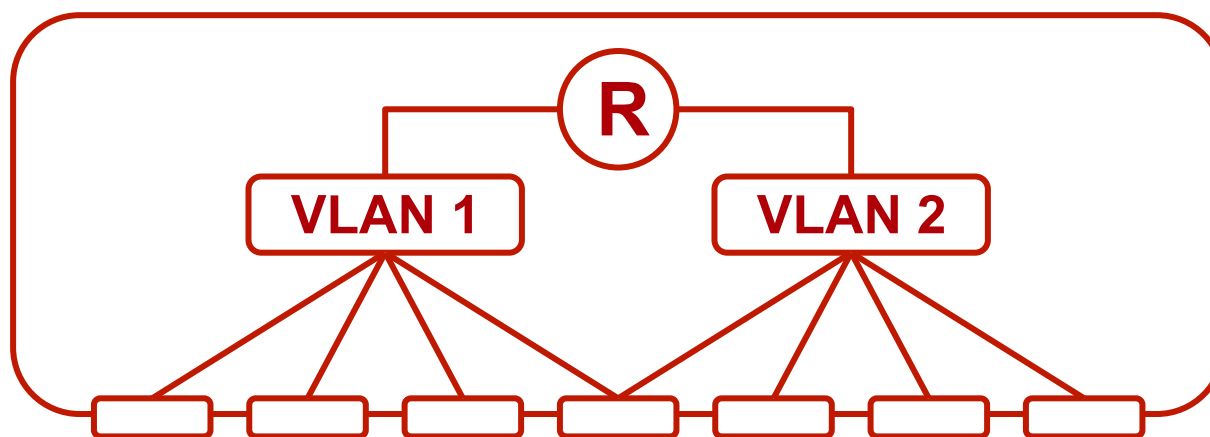
NOTE: The most common reason why your port-channel won't come up is a speed mismatch between the port-channel and the physical interfaces.



Routing 101



Routing on a Switching Platform



Routing is not distributed across the system, but is configured on each RBridge.

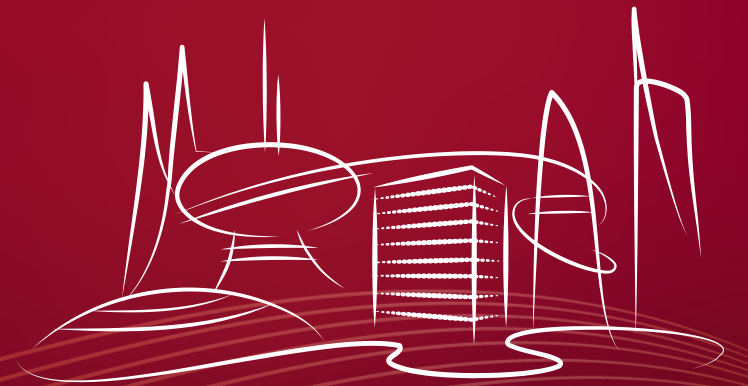
Configuring a Routed Interface

```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# interface vlan 2001
RBridge-5(config-Vlan-2001)# exit
RBridge-5(config)# rbridge-id 3
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-3)# interface ve 2001
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-Ve-2001)# ip addr 172.24.100.1/24
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-Ve-2001)# no shutdown
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-Ve-2001)# end
RBridge-5#
```



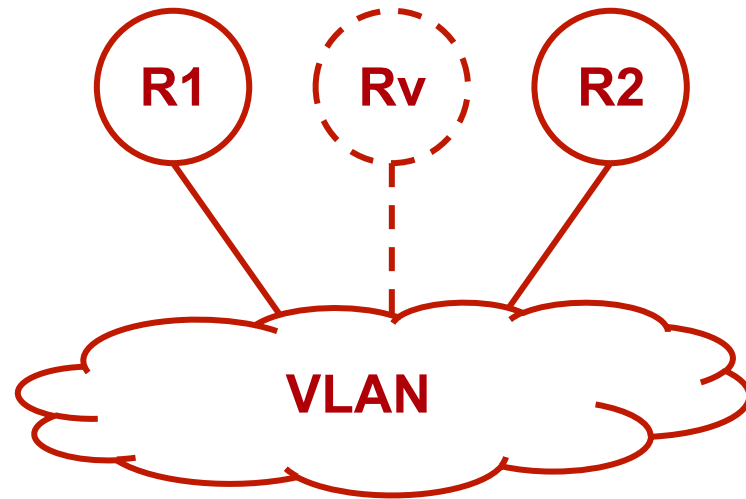
VRRPe

Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol
Extended



What is VRRP-e

- A modification of the IETF “VRRP” standard.
- Two (or more) physical routers provide services for a virtual router.
- If one router fails, the other router takes over.
- High availability is achieved.



With “short-path-forwarding” enabled, even the backup routers can forward traffic.

Configuring VRRP-extended

```
RBridge-5# configure terminal
Entering configuration mode terminal
RBridge-5(config)# rbridge-id 3
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-3)# protocol vrrp-e
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-id-3)# interface ve 2001
RBridge-5(config-rbridge-Ve-2001)# vrrp-extended 1
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# advertise-backup
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# short-path-forwarding
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# virtual-ip 172.24.100.2
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# enable
RBridge-5(config-vrrp-extended-group-1)# end
RBridge-5#
```

Useful Troubleshooting Commands

- `show vrrp rbridge-id <value>`
- `show vrrp summary rbridge-id <value>`
- `show vrrp detail rbridge-id <value>`



Virtual Fabrics



Types of Virtual Fabrics

- Transport Virtual Fabric
 - Allows multiple VLANs to be carried across a single Virtual Fabric.
 - Great for dragging a tenants VLANs across a network.
 - Eliminates the need to coordinate VLANs between tenants.
- Service Virtual Fabric
 - Allows a single VLAN to be carried without the need to de-conflict.
 - Allows VLAN numbers to be changed in flight.
 - Maps well to Virtual Fabric Extension

Both technologies leverage “Fine Grain Labeling”, in RFC 7172
FGL Leverages the Options field of the TRILL header to expand the VLAN ID Space

Configuring Service Fabrics

```
interface TenGigabitEthernet 3/0/1
  switchport
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 2,3100
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 7000 ctag 3500
  no shutdown
```



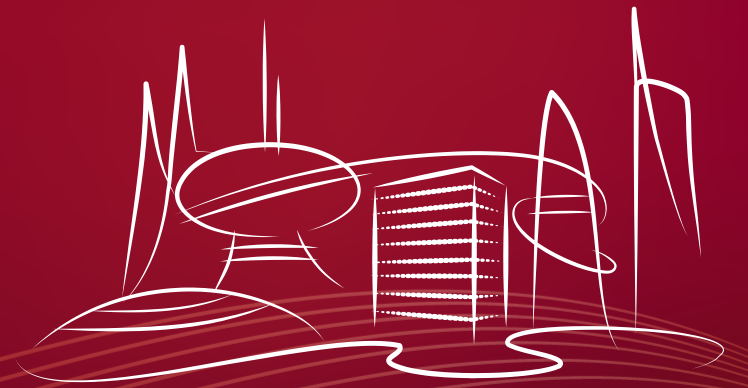
Configuring Transport Fabrics

```
interface Vlan 6050
  transport-service 2
  spanning-tree shutdown
```

```
interface TenGigabitEthernet 1/4/23
  switchport
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 5050 ctag 50-59
```

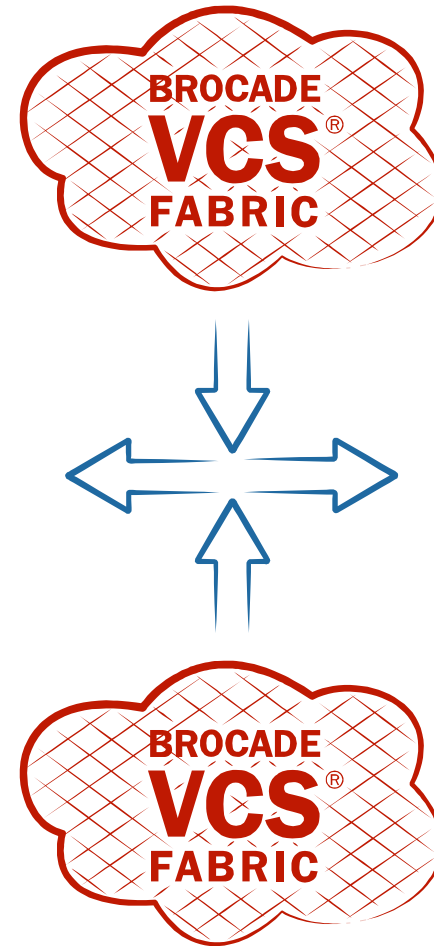


Virtual Fabric Extension



VF Extension Overview

- Used to extend a Broadcast Domain between locations.
- Uses a VXLAN tunnel:
 - Unencrypted
 - Unprotected
 - Line Rate
- Can be used across a routed infrastructure.



Configuring Virtual Fabrics

VRRPe Configuration

```
rbridge-id 1
  interface Ve 200
    ip mtu 9018
    ip proxy-arp
    ip address 20.20.20.1/24
    vrrp-extended-group 200
      virtual-mac 02e0.5200.00xx
      virtual-ip 20.20.20.3
      advertisement-interval 1
      enable
      no preempt-mode
      short-path-forwarding
    !
  no shutdown
```

```
rbridge-id 2
  interface Ve 200
    ip mtu 9018
    ip proxy-arp
    ip address 20.20.20.2/24
    vrrp-extended-group 200
      virtual-mac 02e0.5200.00xx
      virtual-ip 20.20.20.3
      advertisement-interval 1
      enable
      no preempt-mode
      short-path-forwarding
    !
  no shutdown
```



Configuring Virtual Fabrics

Overlay Gateway Configuration

```
overlay-gateway Extension1
  type layer2-extension
  ip interface Loopback 2
  attach rbridge-id add 1-2
  map vlan vni auto
  site Datacenter2
    ip address 3.3.3.1
    extend vlan add 1-100
  activate
```

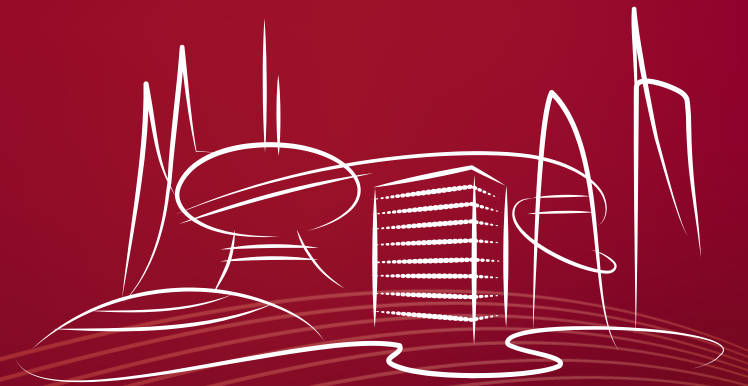
Useful Troubleshooting Commands

- show vlan brief
- show tunnel
- show mac



AMPP

Automatic Migration of Port Profiles



Automatic Migration of Port Profiles

- Used to automatically configure a port based on who is connected.
 - VLAN
 - Security
 - Quality of Service
 - FCoE
- Connected device is identified by MAC address.
- Can be interfaces with vCenter for automatic configuration.
- Can also be integrated with OpenStack.

Creating a Profile

```
VDX# configure terminal  
VDX(config)# port-profile <profile-name>  
VDX(config..)# vlan-profile  
VDX(config... ..)# switchport  
VDX(config... ..)# THE REST OF THE SWITCHPORT COMMANDS  
VDX(config... ..)# no shut  
VDX(config... ..)# end  
VDX#
```

Associate a MAC to a Profile

```
VDX# configure terminal  
VDX(config)# port-profile <profile-name> static <mac>  
VDX(config)# end  
VDX#
```

Enable a Profile

```
VDX# configure terminal  
VDX(config)# port-profile <profile-name> activate  
VDX(config)# end  
VDX#
```

Enable AMPP on an Interface

```
VDX# configure terminal  
VDX(config)# interface <type> <interface>  
VDX(config..)# port-profile-port  
VDX(config..)# mtu 9216  
VDX(config..)# end  
VDX#
```


Automating AMPP with vCenter

```
VDX(config)# vcenter <name> url https://<address>  
username <name> password <password>  
VDX(config)# vcenter <name> activate  
VDX(config)#
```

NSX Integration



NSX Gateway Overview

- Limit of 8 RBridges in the fabric.
- Can be used to translate between VXLAN and VLAN.
- Can be receive coordinate automatically with the NSX Controller.

Pre-Work

- Create a client certificate and share with NSX
- Configure a VCS Virtual IP Address

Configuring NSX Gateway

```
overlay-gateway nsx_gateway
  attach rbridge-id 1,2
  type nsx
  ip interface ve 10 vrrp-extended-group 100
  attach vlan 5,14-17
  activate
```

```
nsx-controller profile 1
  ip address 10.1.2.3
  reconnect-interval 40
```



Thank You