Caching and Peer Selection in ALTO

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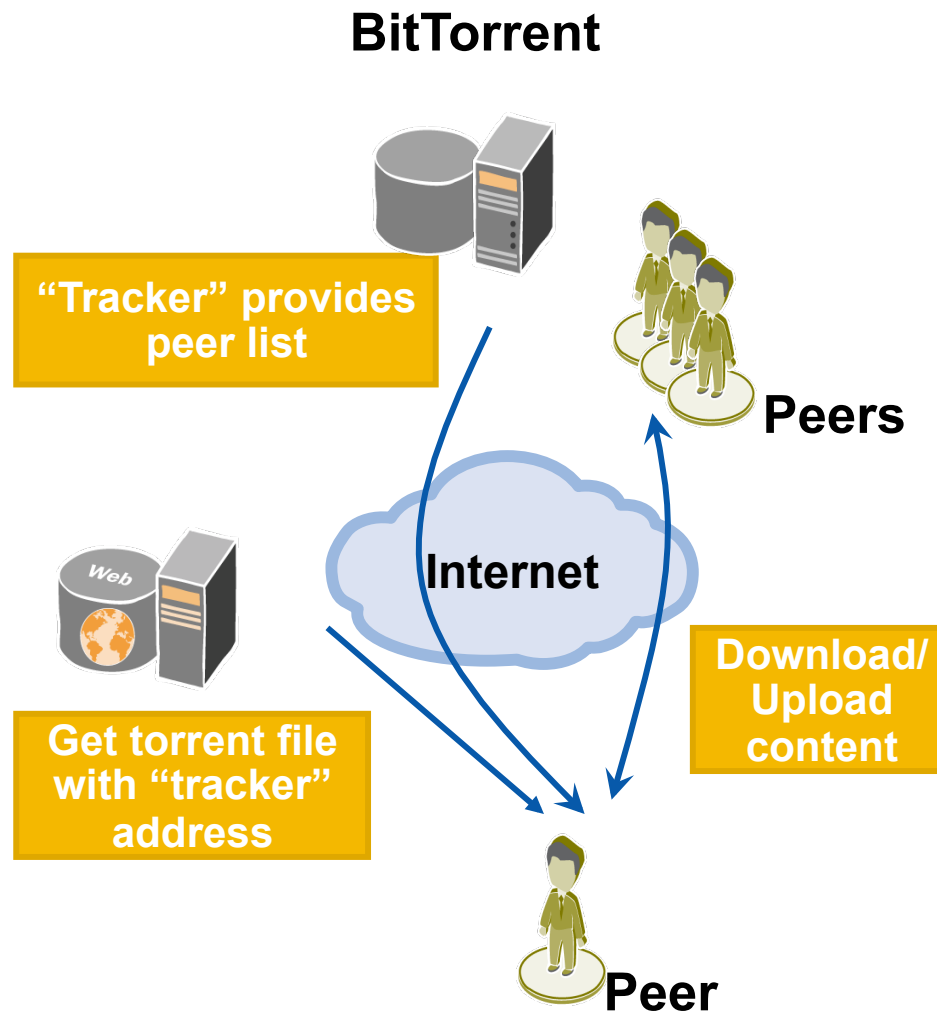
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Definitions

- **P2P Cache or Caching peer**
- **ALTO Server (or Local Tracker)**
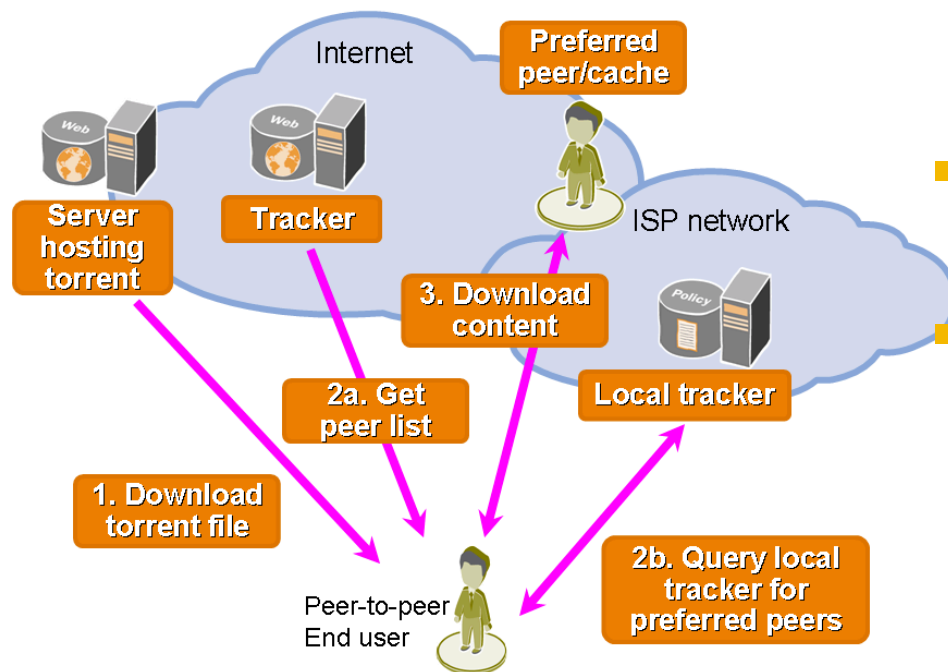- **P2P Cache Discovery**
- **ALTO Server Discovery**

Types of Discovery and Resources

- Peers may bootstrap or discover caches and other resources through well known techniques (e.g., DNS SRV, DNS-SD, BEP-22, etc.)

- The ALTO server may be asked by the peers to discover caches using certain extensions to the ALTO protocol. These extensions could use the same techniques as the stand-alone solution (above).

- The same mechanisms can be used by the ALTO or other applications to discover other resources.

Bittorrent protocol overview

BitTorrent

"Tracker" provides peer list

Get torrent file with "tracker" address

Internet

Peers

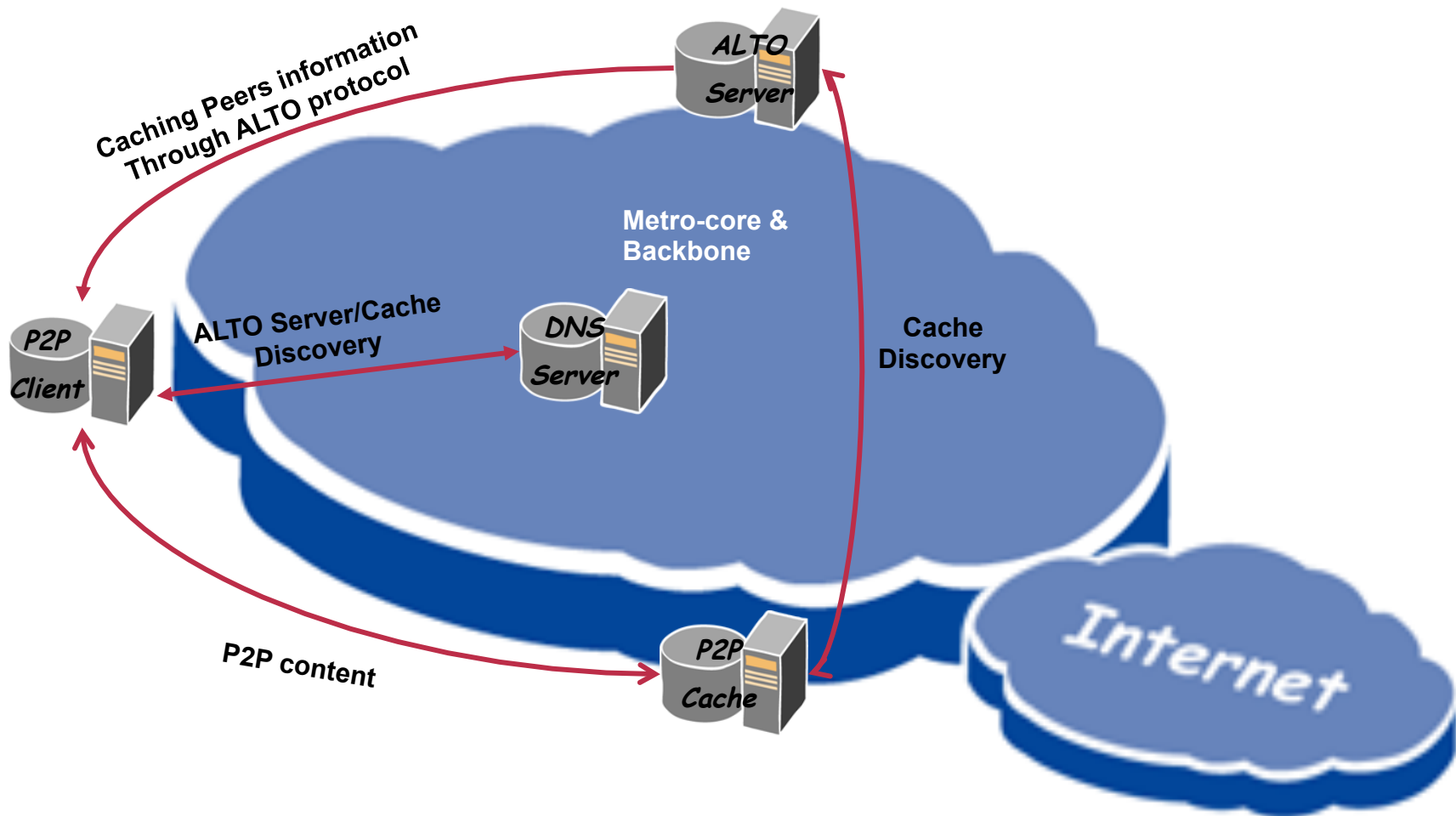Download/ Upload content

Peer

BEP-22 Cache Discovery

- **Cache Discovery done by P2P clients without using ALTO protocol**
- **Discovery can be DNS based, for example.**
- **Discovery can be done through a Local Tracker, which would be similar to an ALTO Server**

Caching and ALTO Server Discovery in ALTO Architecture

Next Steps

- **Discovery document for ALTO Server and Caches**