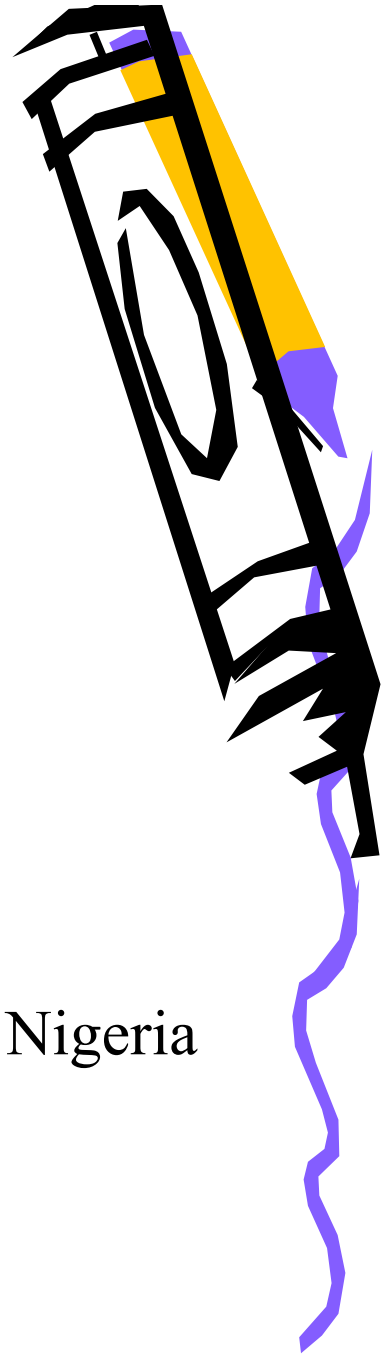
CcTLDs and ENUM



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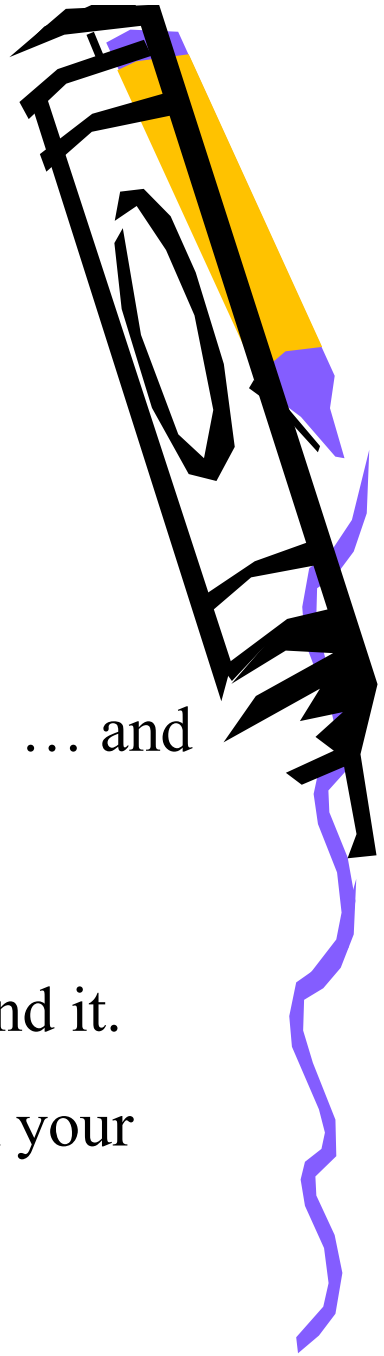
Listener's Agreement



You agree that:

I am NOT an expert in VoIP technology

I am NOT PRETENDING to be one.

I am a user who just got interested in the technology. … and its coolness

I am affiliated to my ccTLD and there it ends!

What I say may not be what it is, but how I understand it.

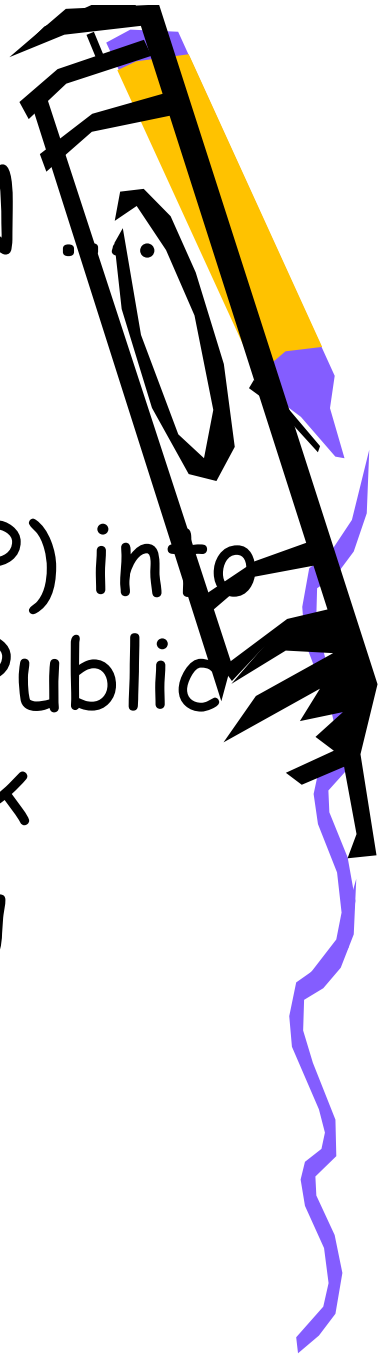
You will not believe what I say wholesome, but seek your own understanding

you will challenge me if what I say is a lie!

Once upon a time …

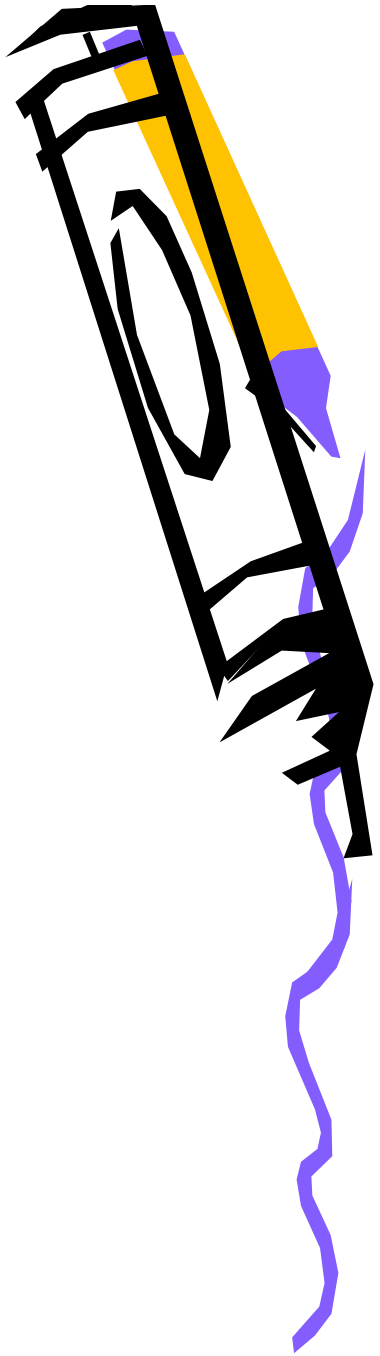
This was a means of Transportation … a 4x4 All Terrain General Purpose Vehicle!

There lived the PSTN ...



A few years ago, everyone struggled to convert data (IP) into sound, and move it over the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) infrastructure [using MODEMs]

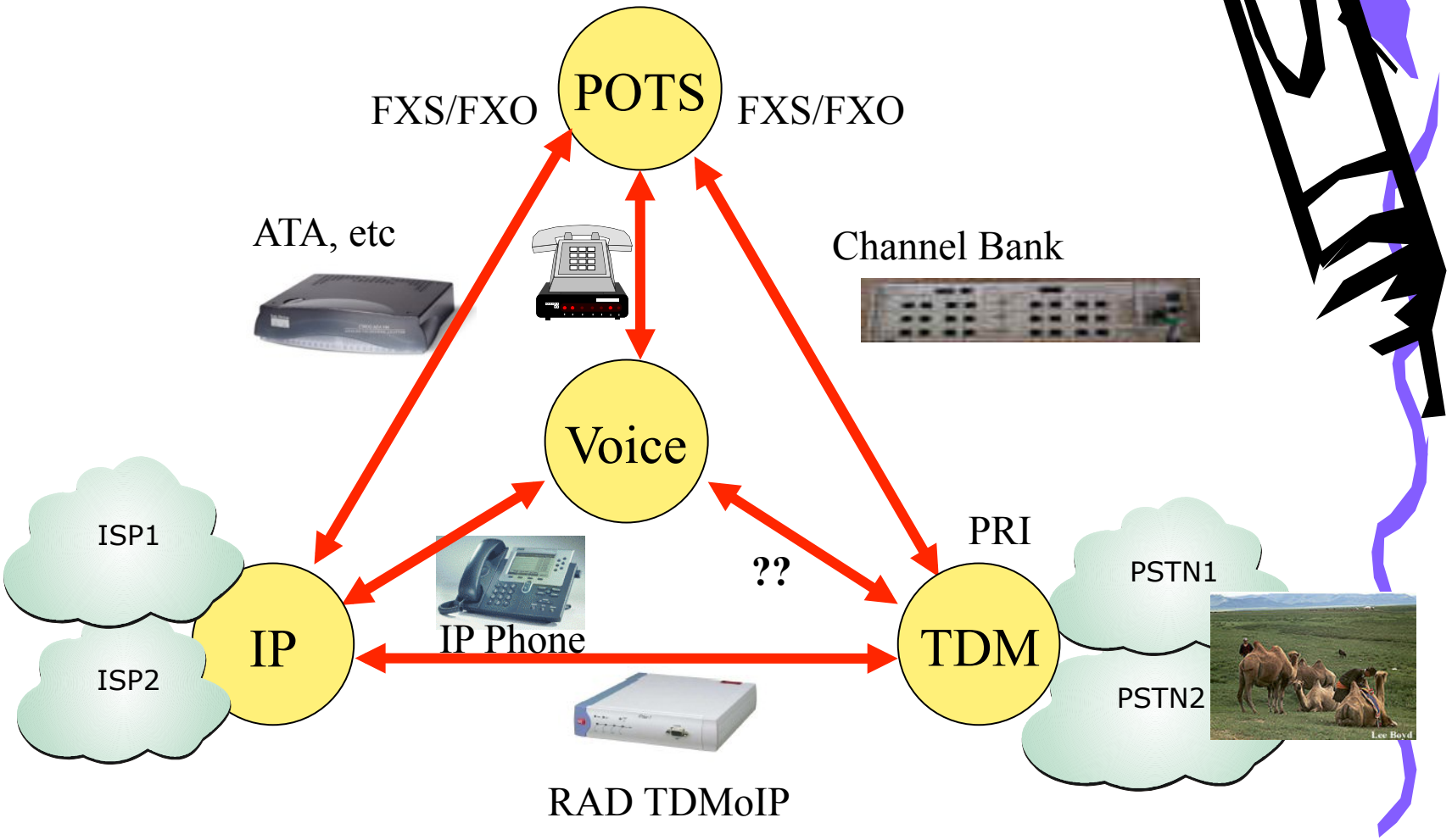
Enter VoIP ….



The packetisation and transport of classic public switched telephone system audio over an IP network.

The analog audio (+video) stream is encoding in a digital format, with possible compression and filtering, before encapsulating it in IP for transport over LAN/WAN or the public internet Infrastructure

Voice Technology Matrix



Convergence or Extinction?

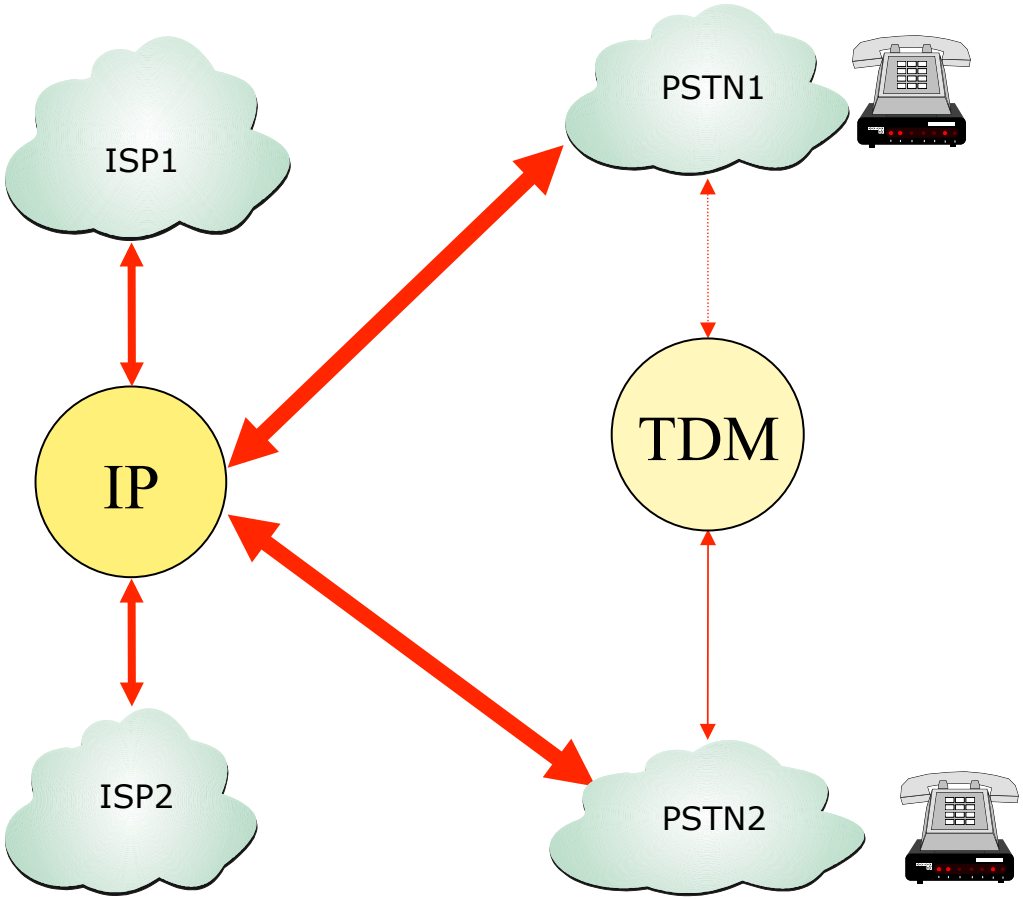
Now … everyone is struggling to convert PSTN sound into data, and move it over well established IP links. [using CODECs]

Technology has just reversed the process

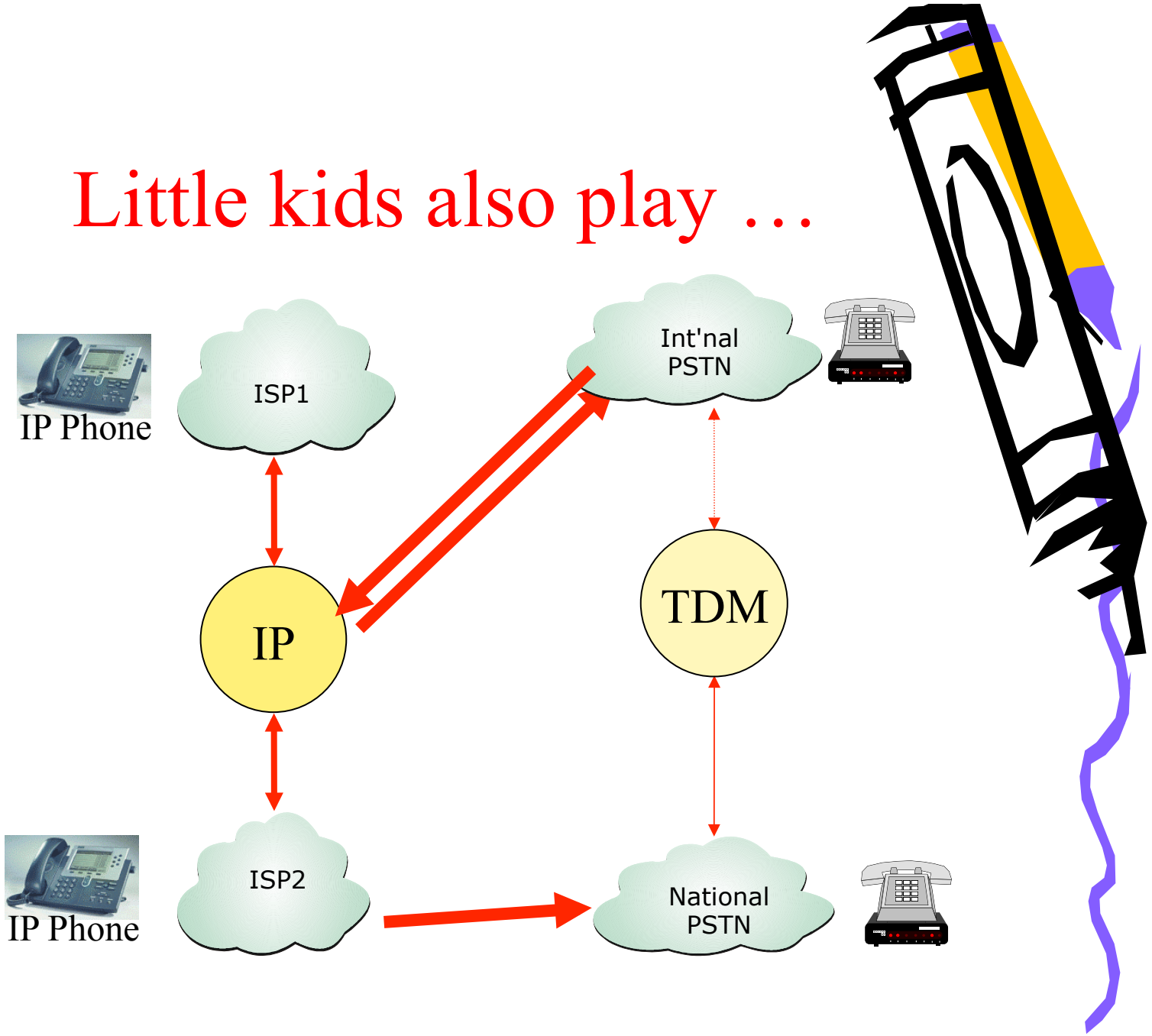
The VoIP edge

- IP is Scalable
- IP conserves capacity
- IP simplifies charging and billing
- Telcos are still struggling with Video
- A turf for Value Added Service Providers …
  - Softphones for Pc to Phone and PC to PC calls
  - Web-based applications for web to phone services
  - Interconnecting office PBXs at zero network cost
  - Give ubiquitous access to the PBX for home/traveling employees
  - PBX features such as Voicemail, Call blocking, Call forwarding, Call Conferencing, Follow me etc

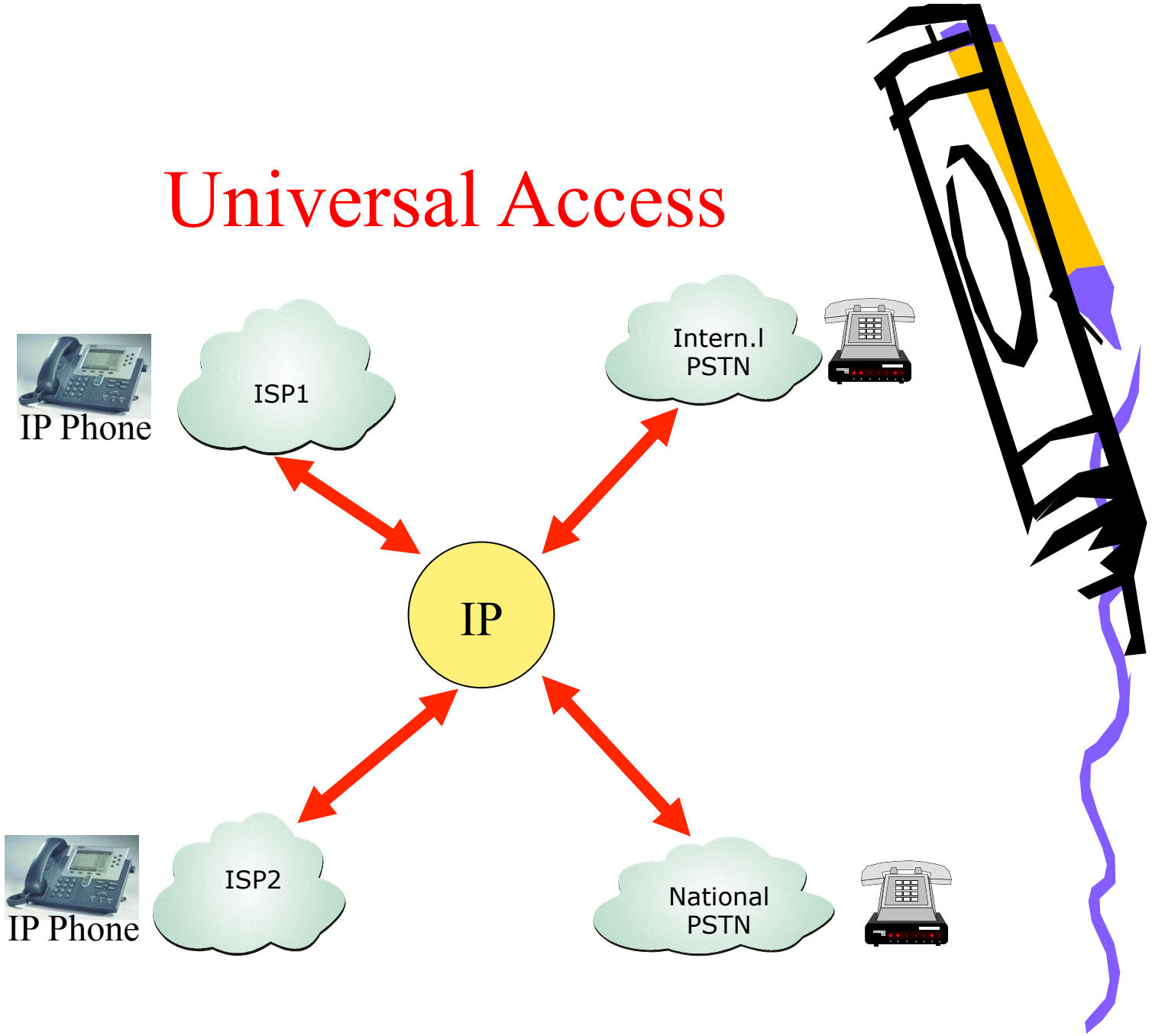
Games the big boys play …



Little kids also play …

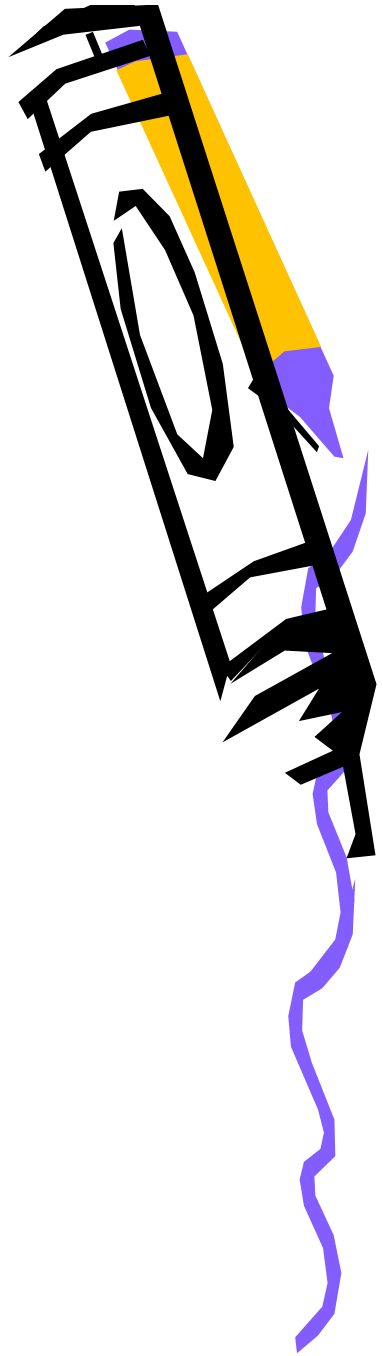


Universal Access



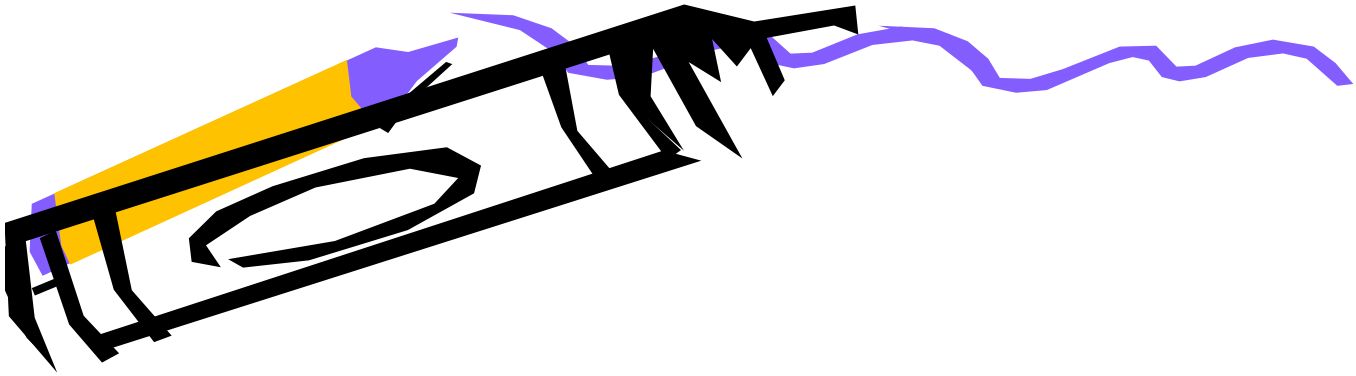
Enter Enum ...

ENUM is an IETF standard (RFC 2916) for mapping the public telephone number address space into the Domain Name System (DNS).



The role of ccTLDs

- Mapping of telephone numbers within a country onto Internet.
- This Will allow conventional telephones to call IP terminals (PCs) and Vice versa.
- Should telephone numbers used in this way be able offer a centralized database of numbers and end points.
- Who should exercise control over telephone numbers used in this way?

Even more colonies uncharted …

- Open WiFi/Wimax/LTE Authentication for universal access
- Built for Enum devices
- True Global roaming ;-)