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DIVING INTO THE NEW WAVE OF STORAGE MANAGEMENT WITH NVME 2.0


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ABSTRACT

- **As the NVM Express® (NVMe®) family of specifications continue to develop, the corresponding Swordfish management capabilities are evolving: the SNIA Swordfish™ specification has expanded to include full NVMe and NVMe-oF™ enablement and alignment across DMTF™, NVMe, and SNIA for NVMe and NVMe-oF use cases.**
 - **If you haven't caught the new wave in storage management, it's time to dive in and catch up on the latest developments of the SNIA Swordfish specification. These include:**
 - Expanded support for NVMe and NVMe-oF Devices using the NVMe 2.0 family of specifications
 - Managing Storage Fabrics
 - Extending Storage Management into Composable Managed Infrastructure
 - **This presentation provides an update on the latest NVMe-oF configuration and provisioning capabilities available through Swordfish, and an overview of the most recent work adding detailed implementation requirements for specific configurations, ensuring NVMe and NVMe-oF environments can be represented entirely in Swordfish and Redfish environments.**
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WHAT IS SWORDFISH?

- **DMTF Redfish™ covers server, data center, fabric management**
 - REST API with JSON payloads; choice of CSDL, JSON and YAML schema for development
- **SNIA Swordfish™: Storage Management Specification with REST Based API**
 - Extends DMTF's Redfish Specification 
- **Swordfish adds storage management to all of these use cases, plus storage fabric management:**
 - Covers block, file, and object storage
 - Extend traditional storage domain coverage to include converged environments (servers, storage and fabric together)
 - Provides the option for implementation to utilize Class of Service (intent or service level) based provisioning, management, and monitoring



STORAGE AND STORAGE FABRIC MANAGEMENT



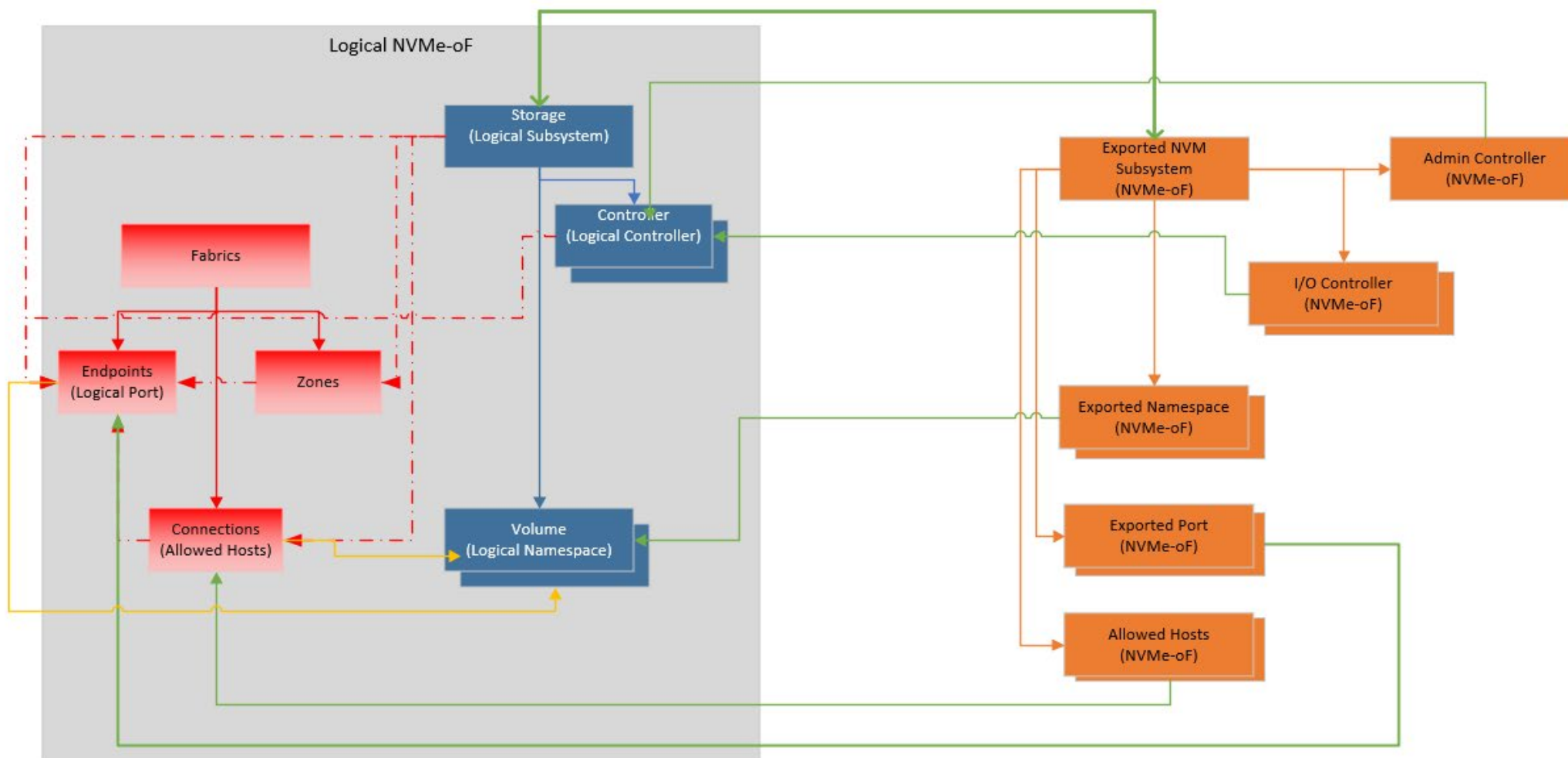
▪ In v1.2.5 – releasing this week!

- Expanded support for Swordfish profiles, including the new ***Swordfish Interoperability Guide***.
- Support for NVMe 2.0c
- Added NVMe SMART Metrics
- Enhanced Discovery Controller Capabilities

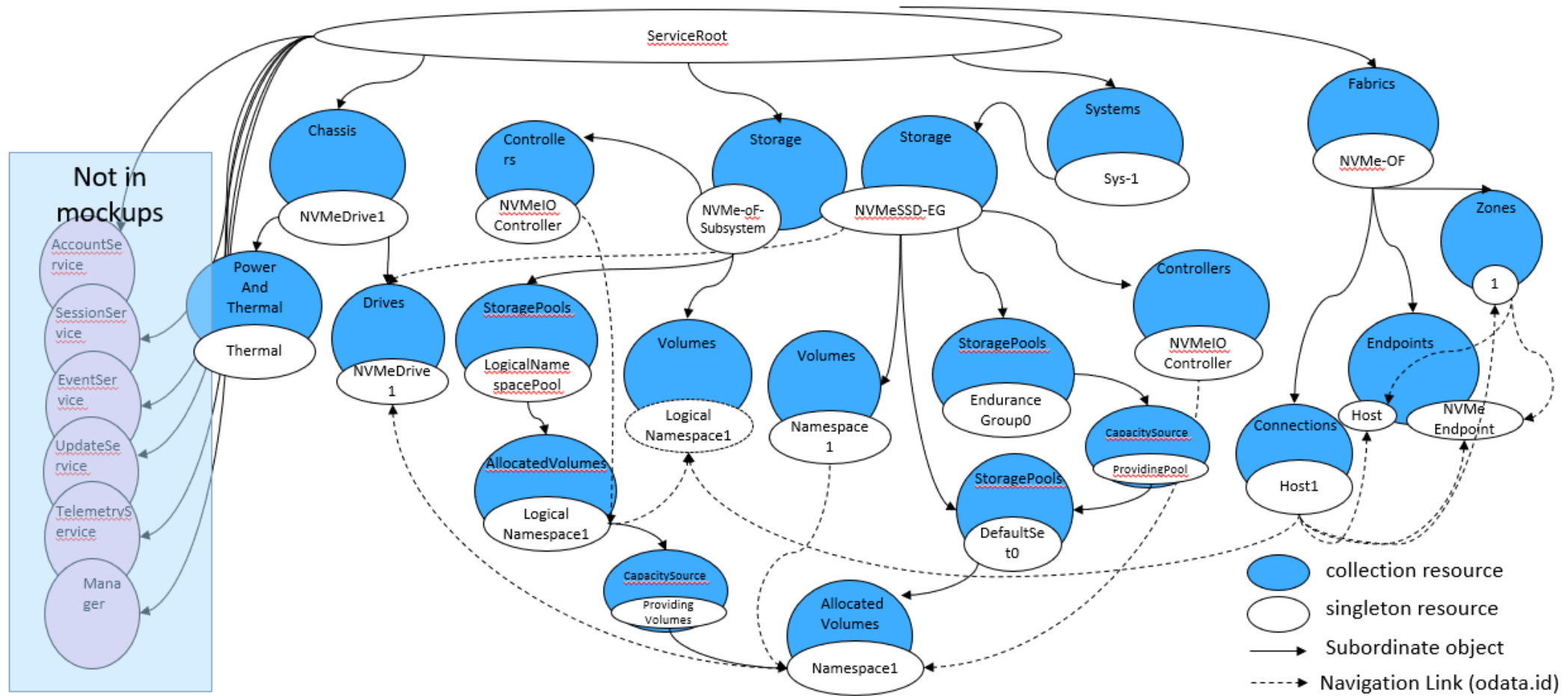
▪ NVMe and NVMe-OF specific content represented broadly

- Spec / schema updates for new properties
- NVMe specific use cases in User's Guide
- NVMe Model Overview and Mapping Guide
 - Detailed descriptions for developers to implement NVMe management interfaces
 - NVMe and NVMe-oF management models: Models reflect a unified view of all NVMe device types (universal model).
- Mockups: swordfishmockups.com
- Profiles: NVMe Drives, Ethernet-attached drives, advanced NVMe drive features; NVMe Front-End (used for complex devices such as arrays)
 - Profiles feed Swordfish Conformance Test Program
 - CTP Testing available for NVMe Drives

NVME-OF EXPORTED LOGICAL SUBSYSTEM MODEL



SAMPLE NVME-OF INSTANCE

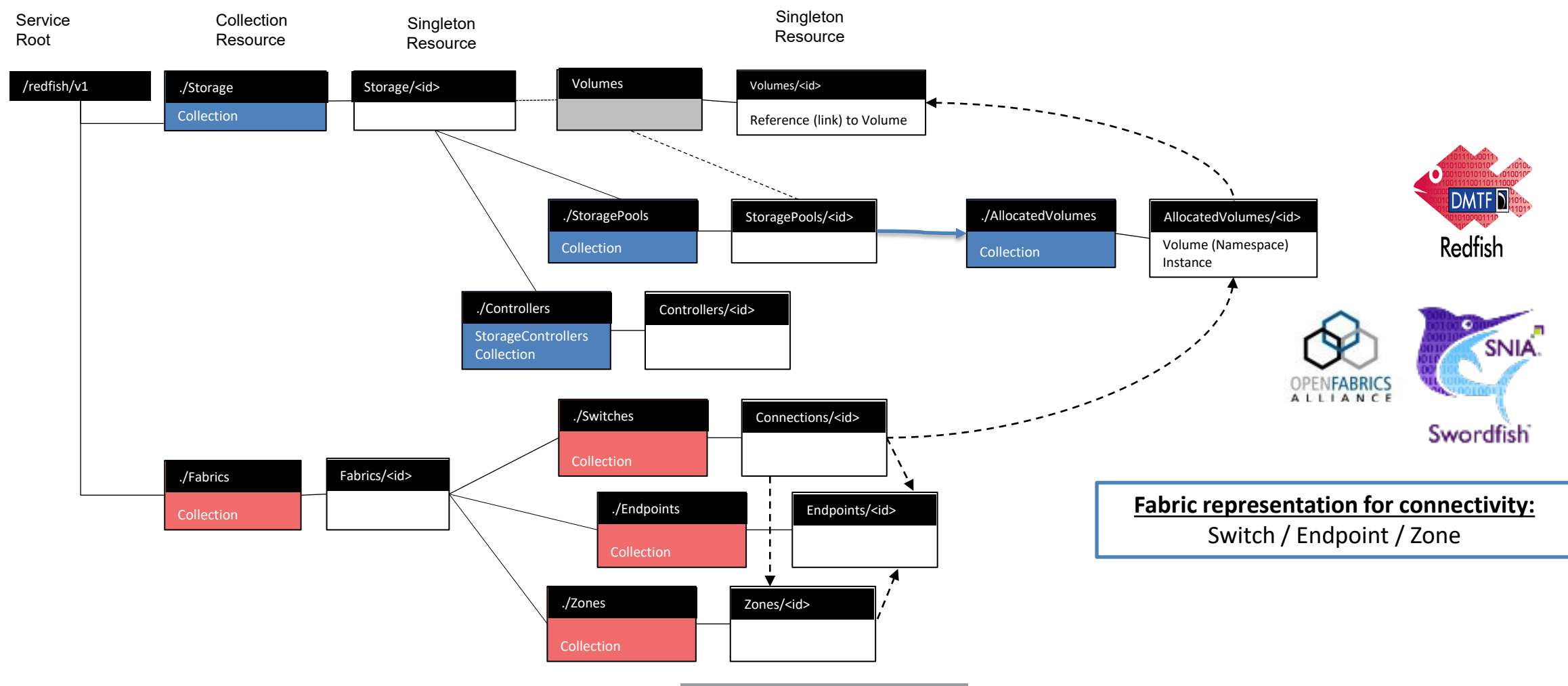


EXPANDING STORAGE FABRIC MANAGEMENT

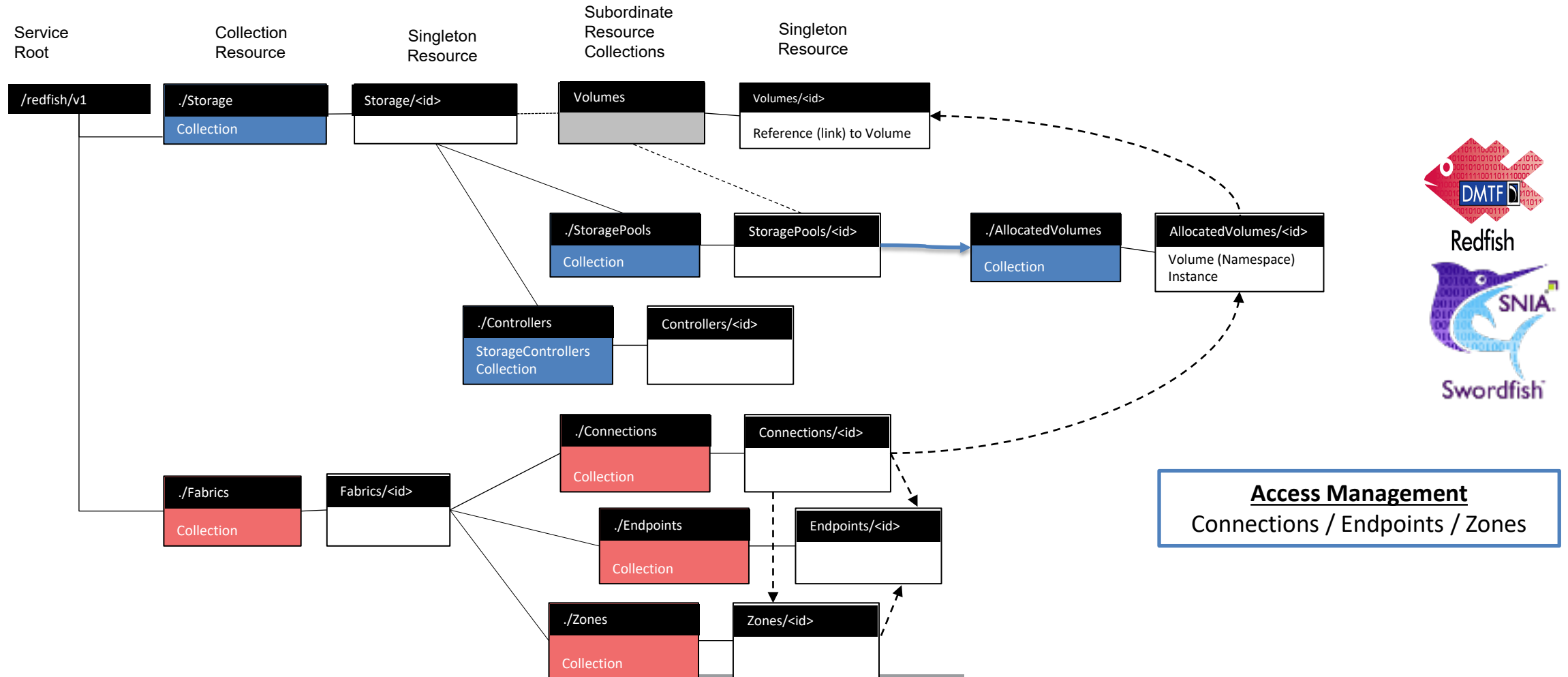
- **Working with DMTF and OFA to apply (and extend) Redfish Fabric Model to multiple fabric types**
 - Redfish: basic technology instrumentation

- **When basic fabric management in place, add storage-specific capabilities**
 - Storage fabric management
 - Workload optimization
 - Performance instrumentation

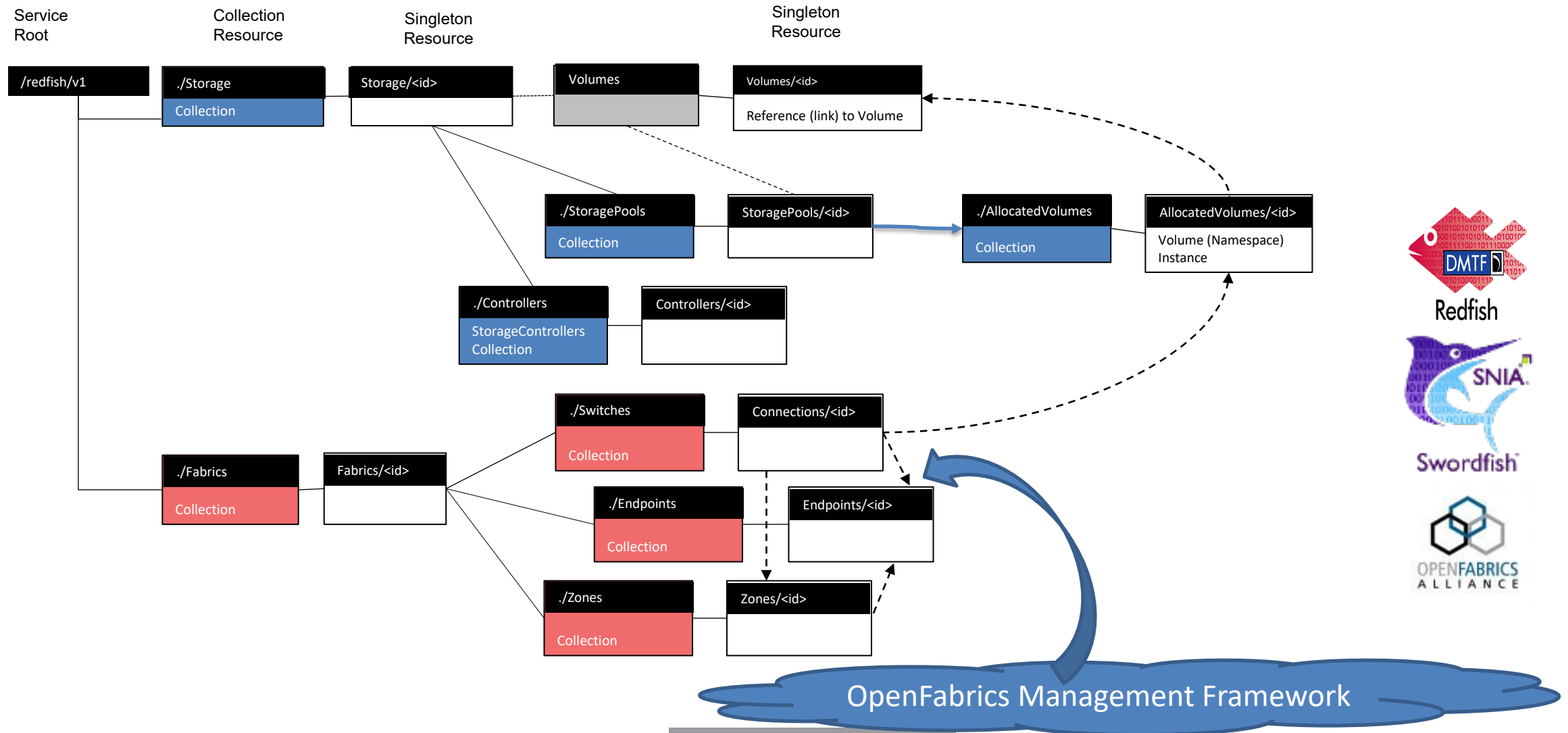
REDFISH/SWORDFISH HIERARCHY: MANAGING EXTENDED CONNECTIVITY



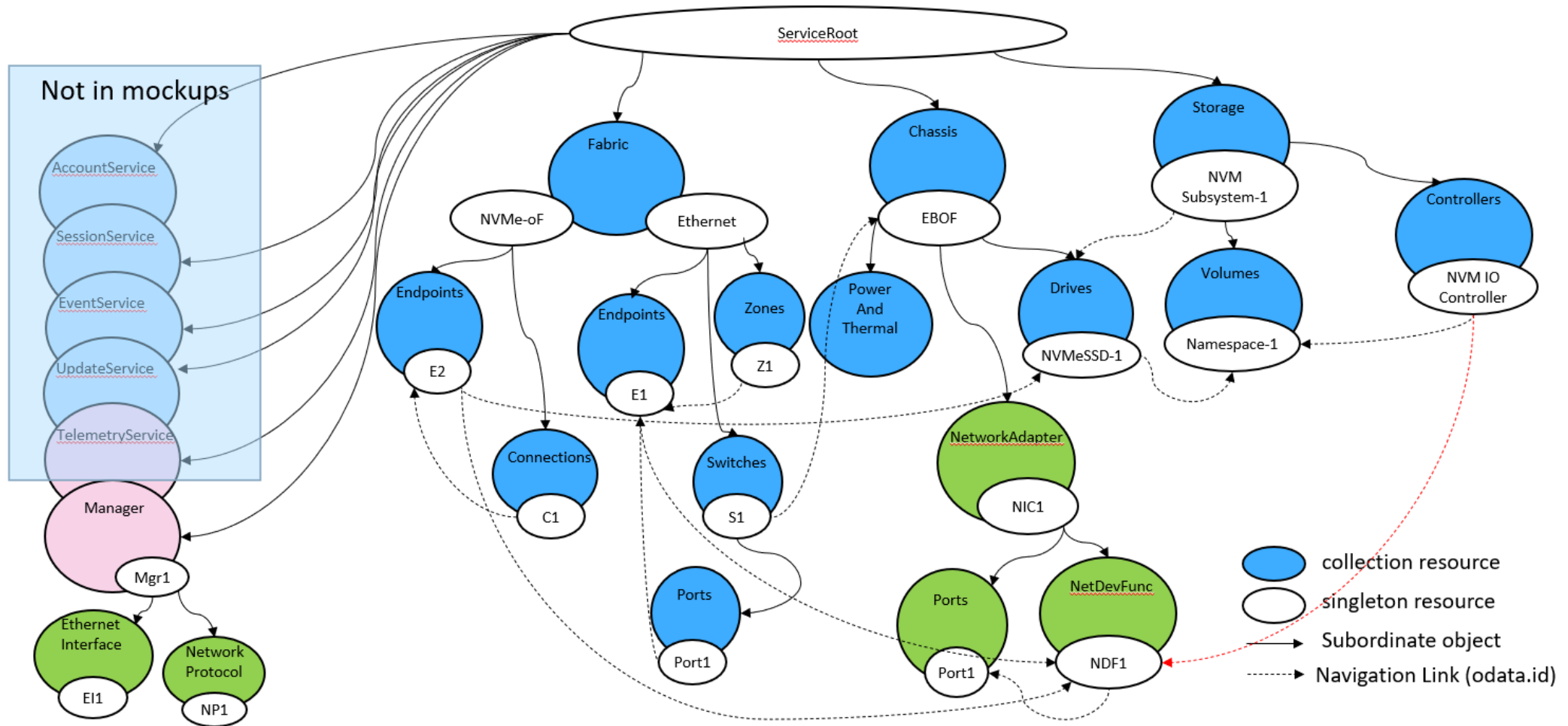
REDFISH/SWORDFISH HIERARCHY: ADDING MULTI-SYSTEM ACCESS MANAGEMENT



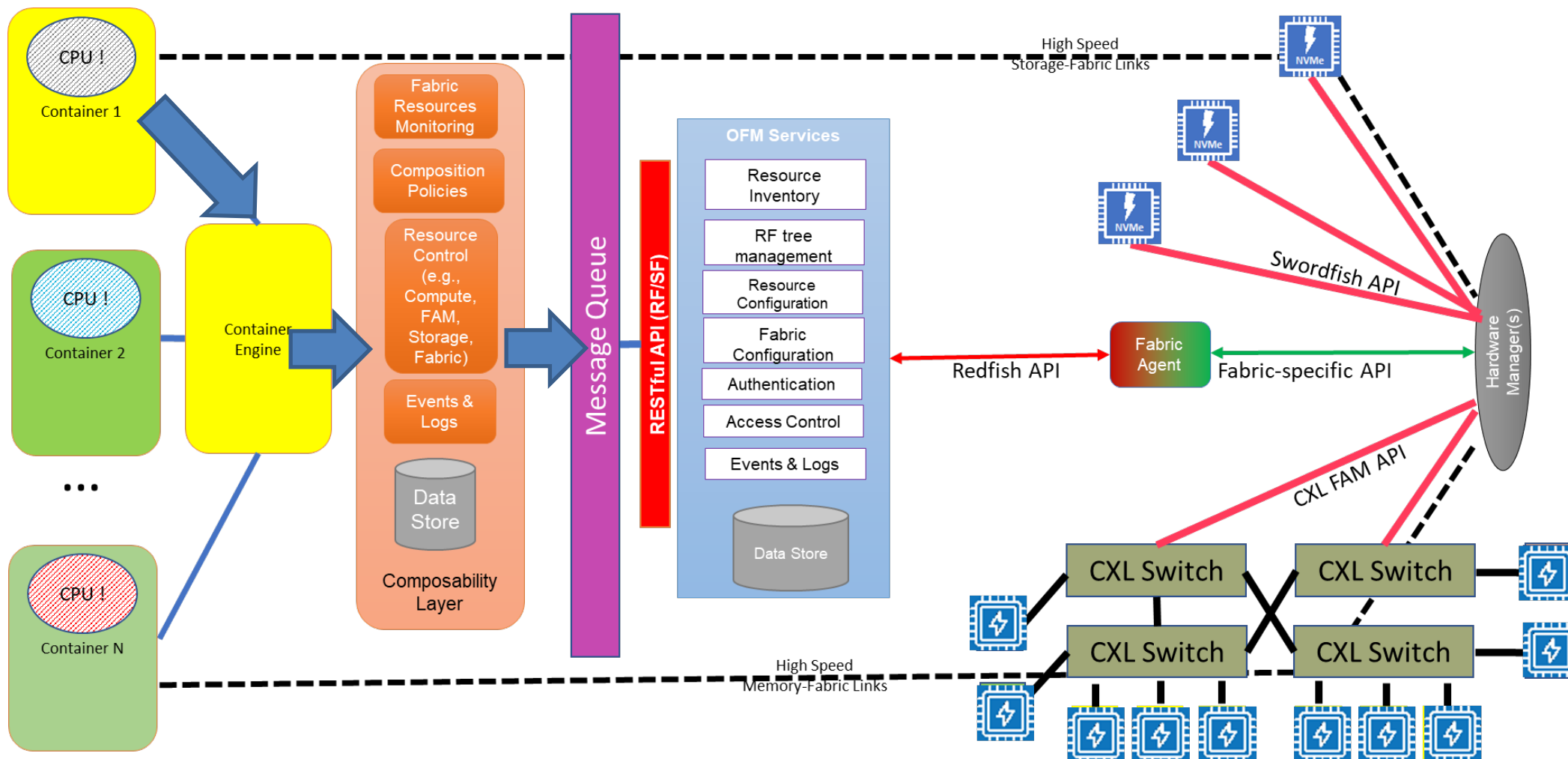
DEVELOPING THE OPENFABRICS FRAMEWORK AND MAPPING TO REDFISH AND SWORDFISH



DEMONSTRATING FABRIC CONNECTIVITY: EBOF

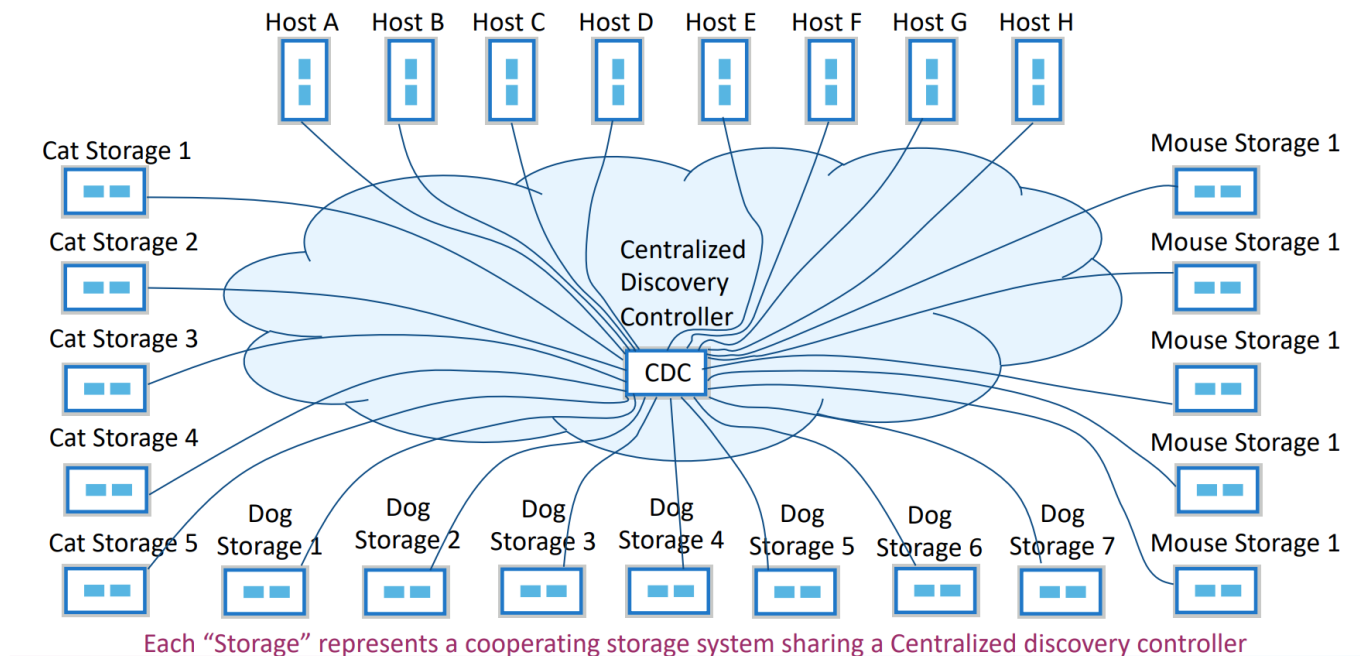


WORKING WITH COMPOSABILITY: MEMORY & STORAGE RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR CONTAINER PROVISIONING



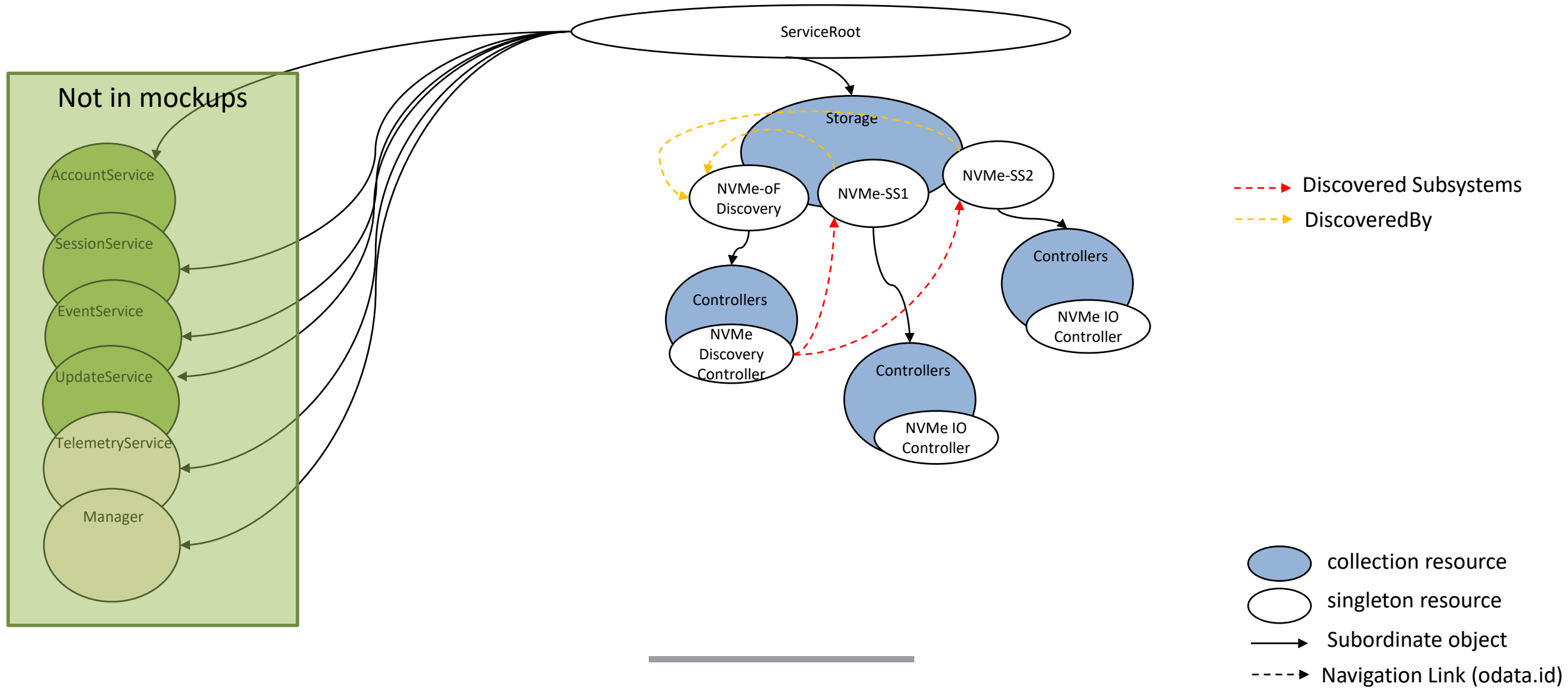
SIMPLIFYING NVME-OF ADMINISTRATION

- **A key area for simplification: automating discovery across NVMe-oF environments.**
 - NVMe-oF configuration supports two types of discovery controller infrastructure. For centralized discovery controllers, NVMe-oF environments cooperate
 - Swordfish API can further abstract this from the storage clients; no need to see the fine-grained details
 - Clients don't need to configure the discovery information; they only need to see the relationships



*from <https://www.snia.org/sites/default/files/ESF/NVMe-oF-Discovery-Automation-for-NVMe-IP-based-SANs.pdf>

DISCOVERY CONTROLLER



WHERE TO FIND MORE INFO..

SNIA Swordfish™

- **Swordfish Standards**
 - Schemas, Specs, Mockups, User and Practical Guide`s, ...
<https://www.snia.org/swordfish>
- **Swordfish Specification Forum**
 - Ask and answer questions about Swordfish
 - <http://swordfishforum.com/>
- **Scalable Storage Management (SSM) TWG**
 - Technical Work Group that defines Swordfish
 - Influence the next generation of the Swordfish standard
 - Join SNIA & participate: https://www.snia.org/member_com/join-SNIA
- **Join the SNIA Storage Management Initiative**
 - Unifies the storage industry to develop and standardize interoperable storage management technologies
 - <https://www.snia.org/forums/smi/about/join>

DMTF Redfish™

- **Redfish Standards**
 - Specifications, whitepapers, guides, ...
<https://www.dmtf.org/standards/redfish>



Open Fabric Management Framework

- OFMF Working Group (OFMFWG)
 - Description & Links <https://www.openfabrics.org/working-groups/>
- OFMFWG mailing list subscription
 - <https://lists.openfabrics.org/mailman/listinfo/ofmfwg>
- Join the Open Fabrics Alliance
 - <https://www.openfabrics.org/membership-how-to-join/>



NVM Express

- Specifications <https://nvmexpress.org/developers/>
- Join: <https://nvmexpress.org/join-nvme/>





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