

# MEMBERSHIP DIMENSION

## CATEGORY-BASED ROUTING IN SOCIAL NETWORKS AND THE SMALL-WORLD PHENOMENON

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**PART I**  
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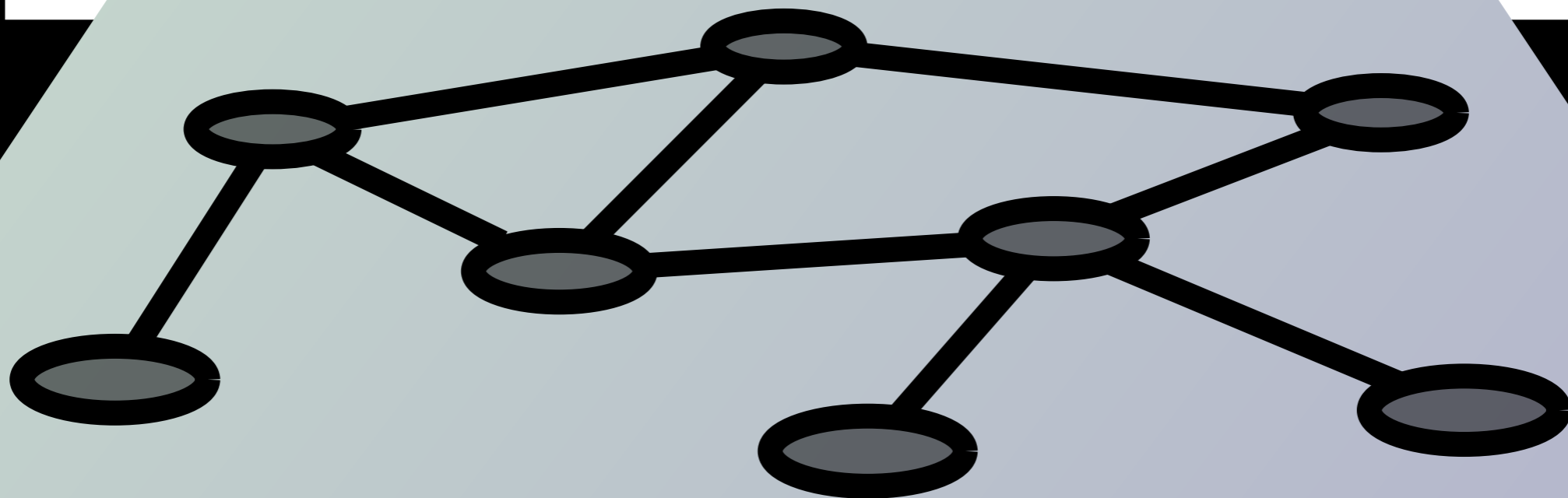
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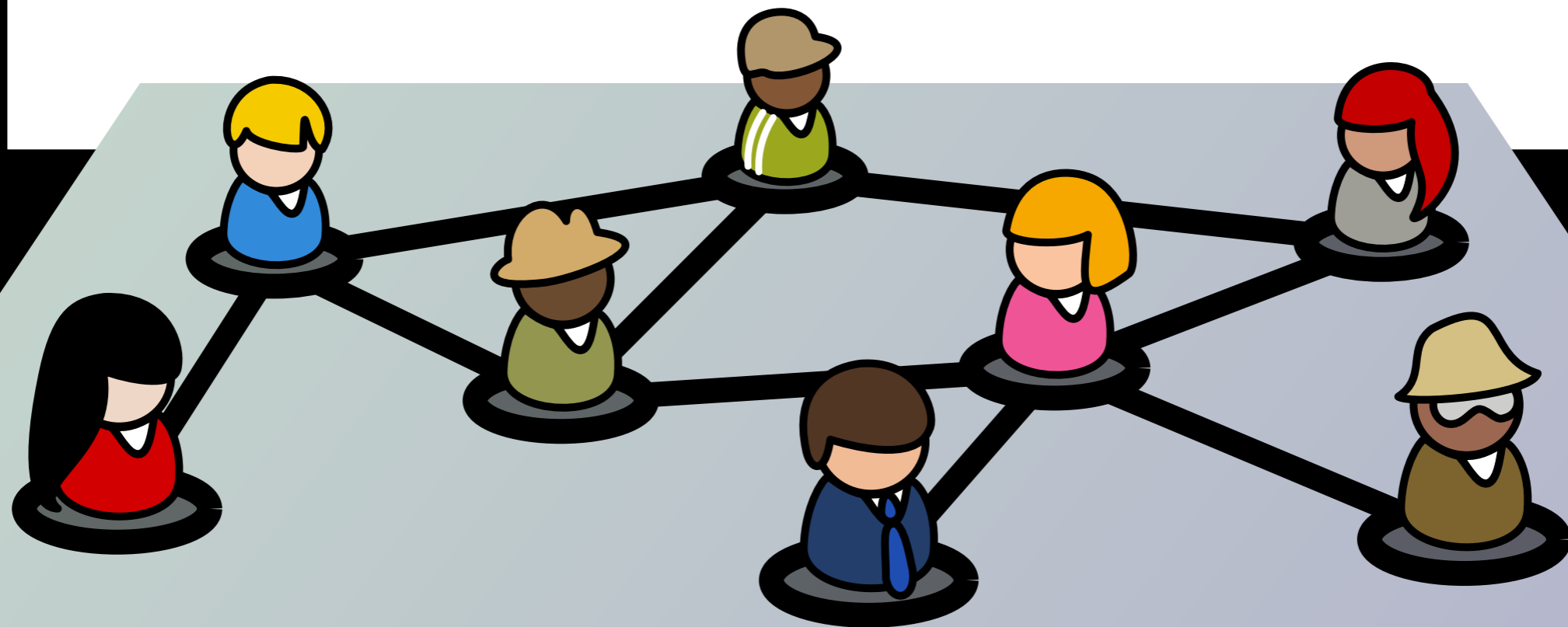
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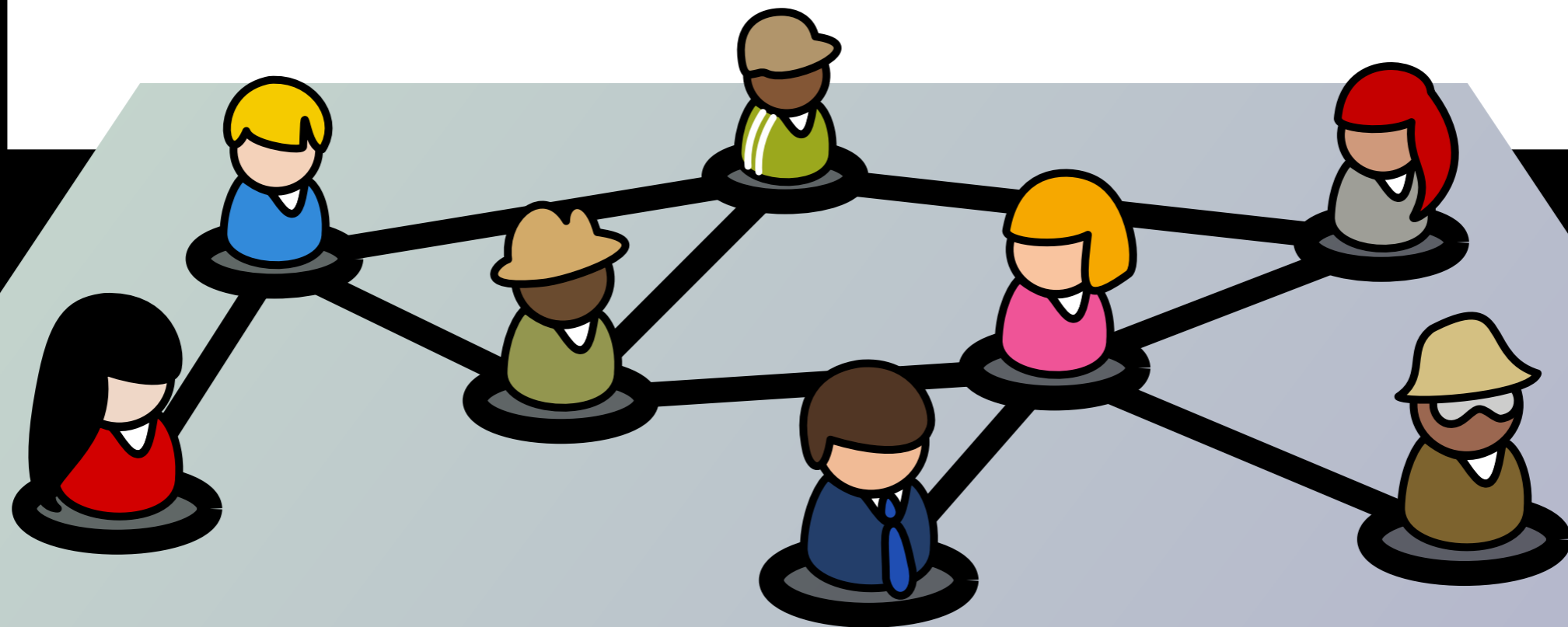
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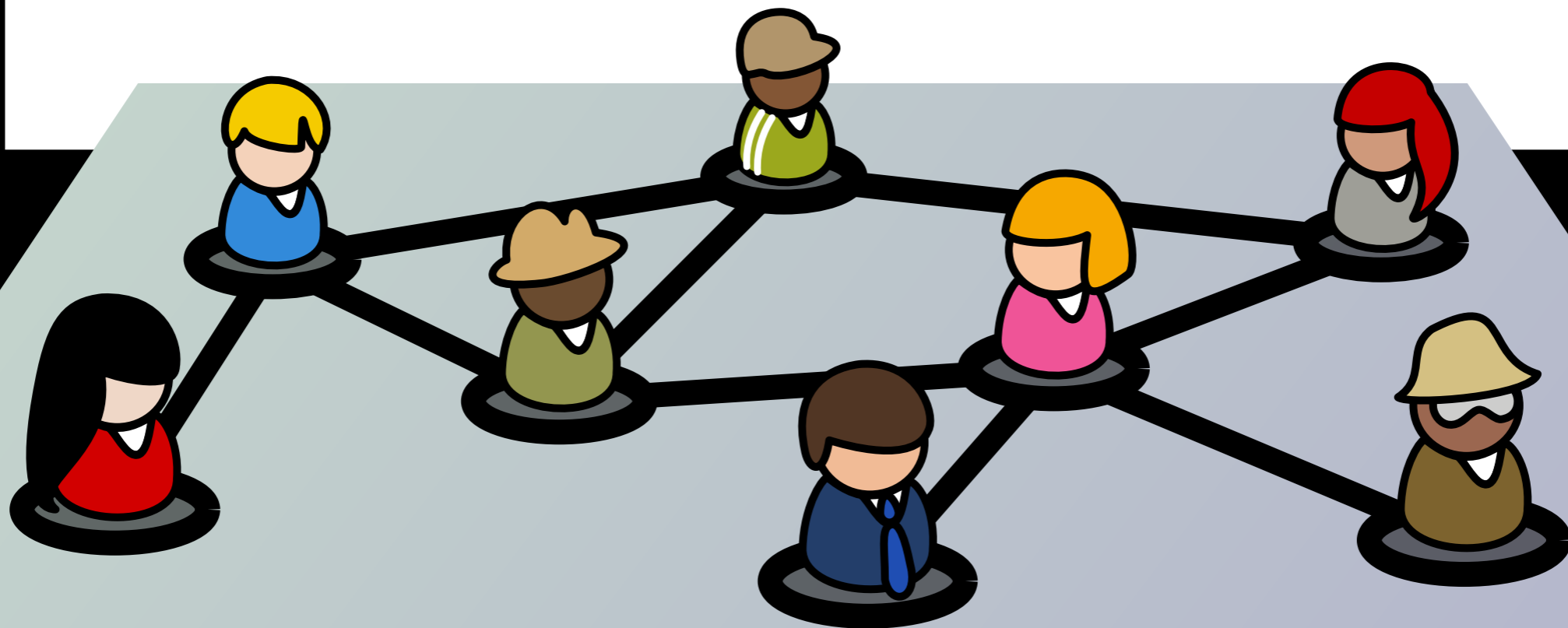




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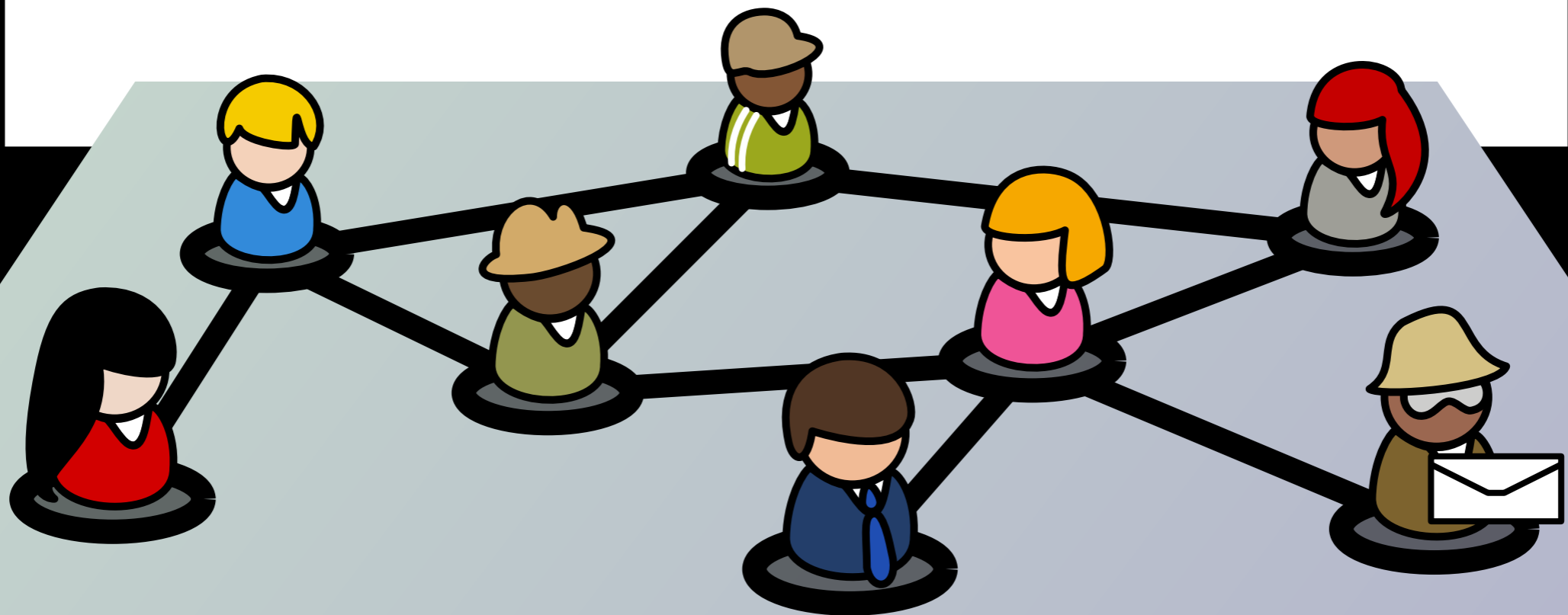
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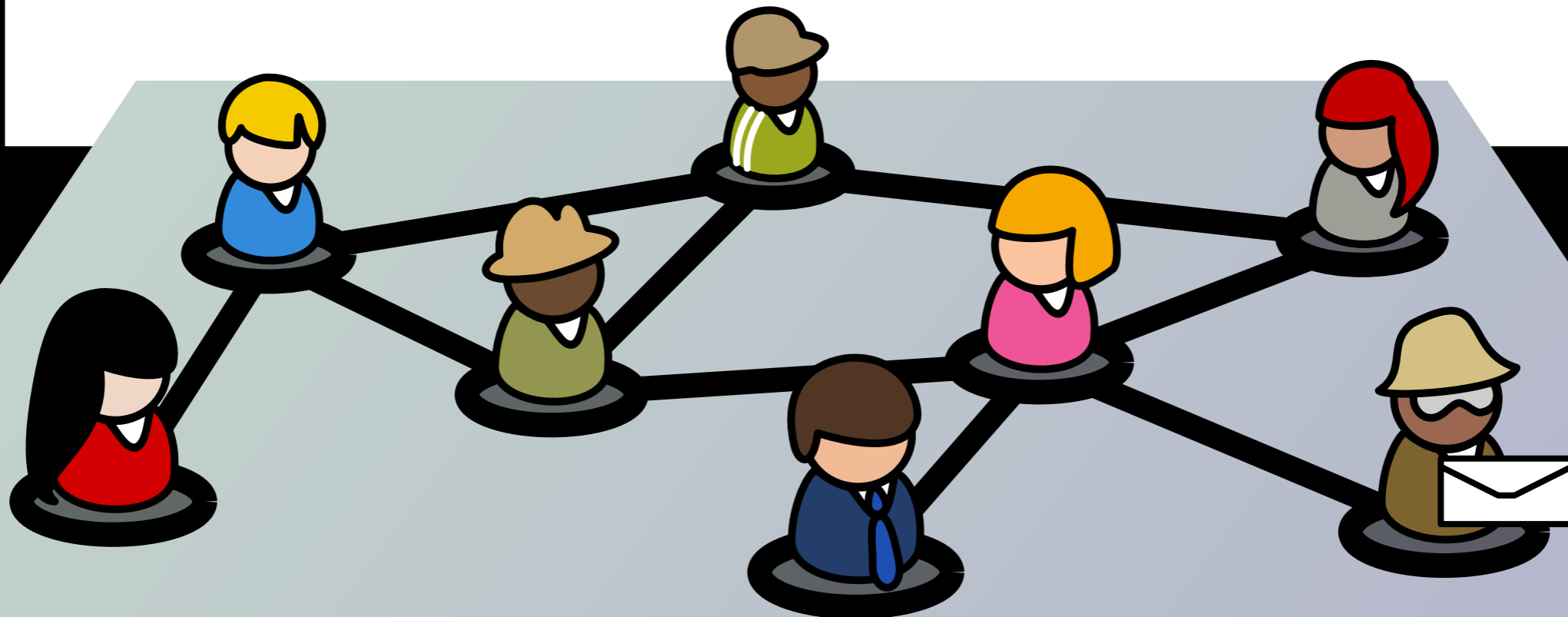
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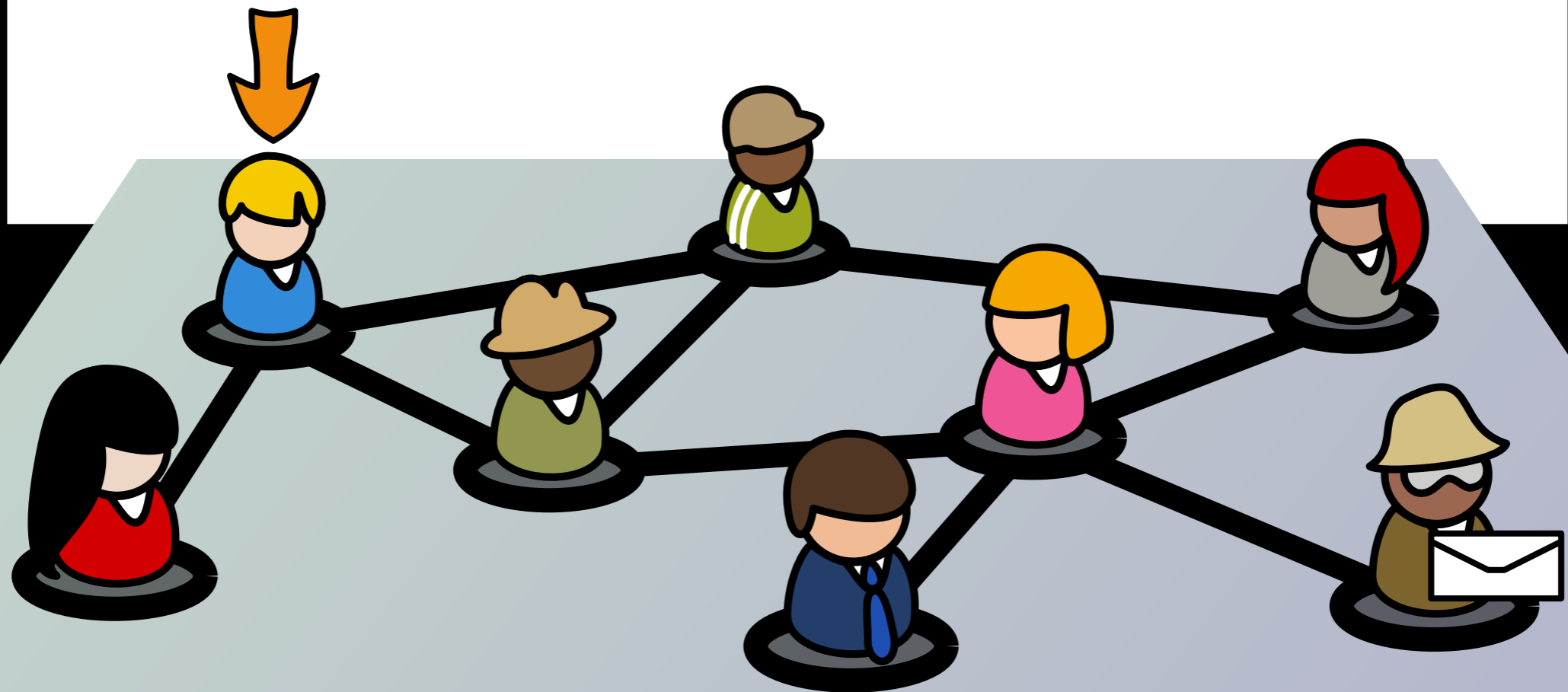
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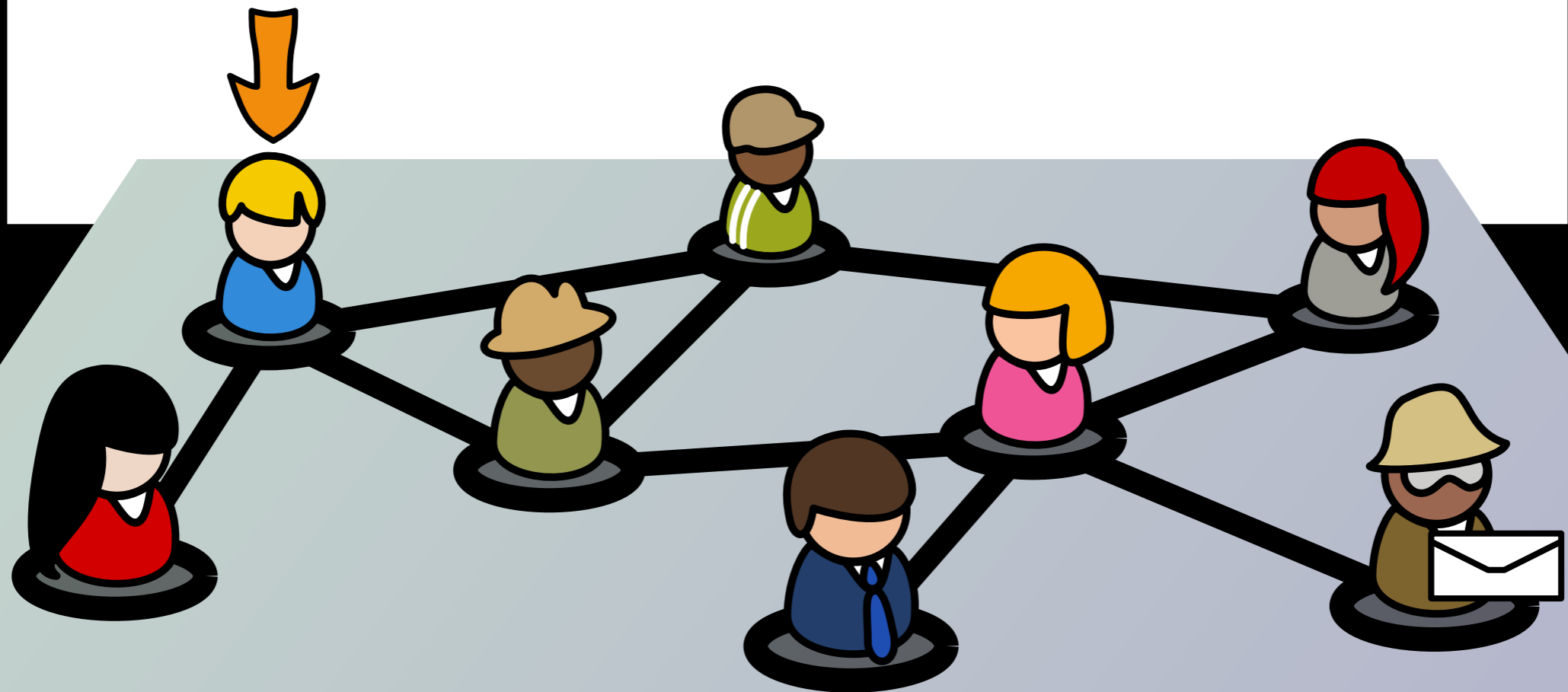
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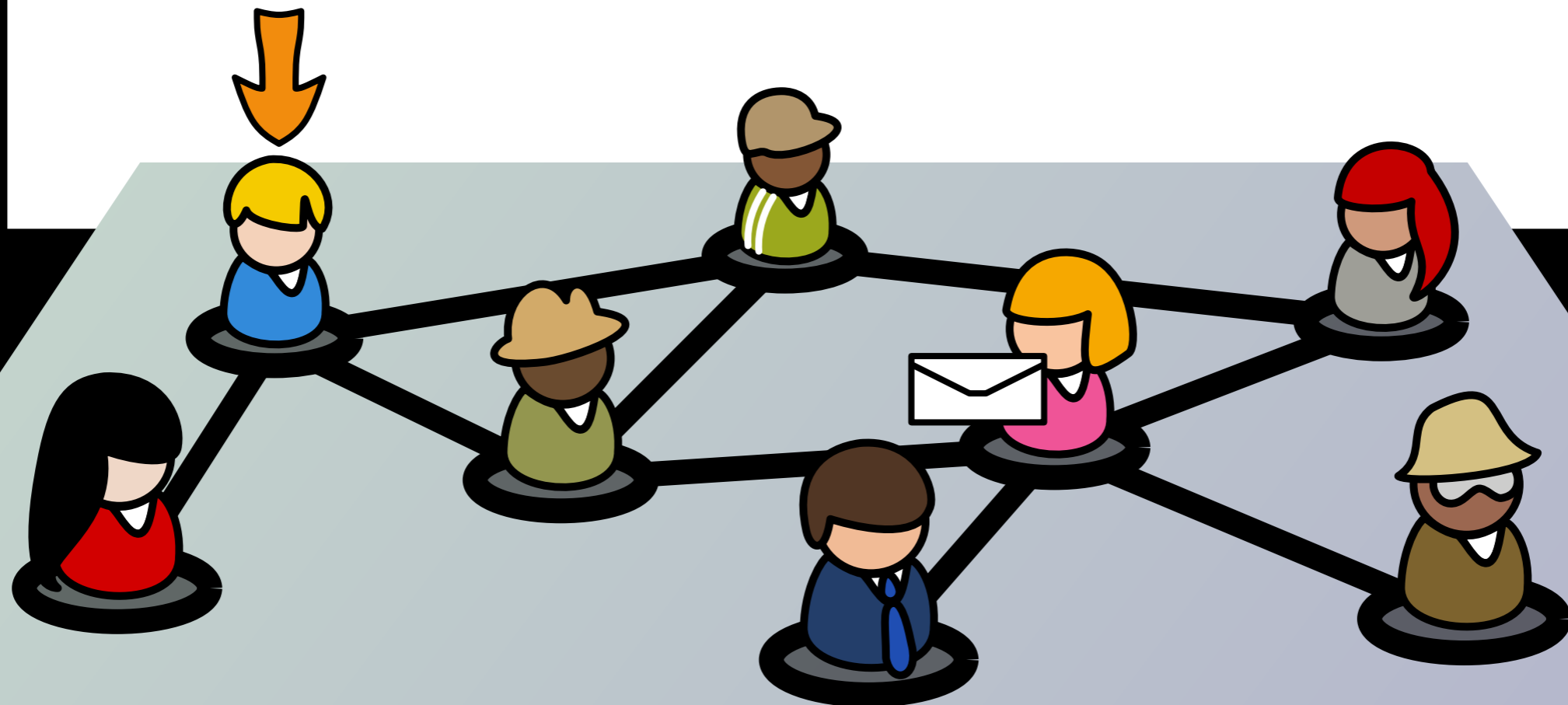
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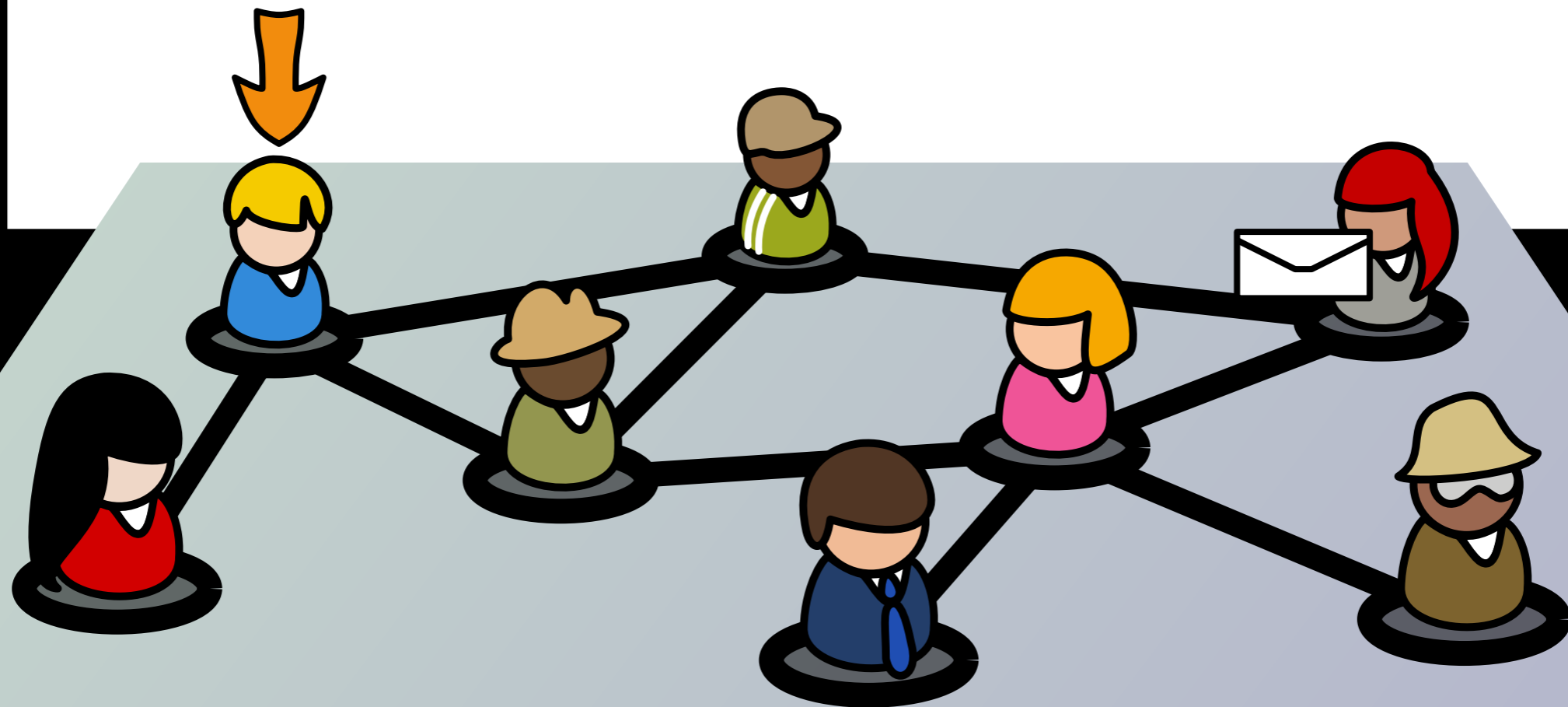
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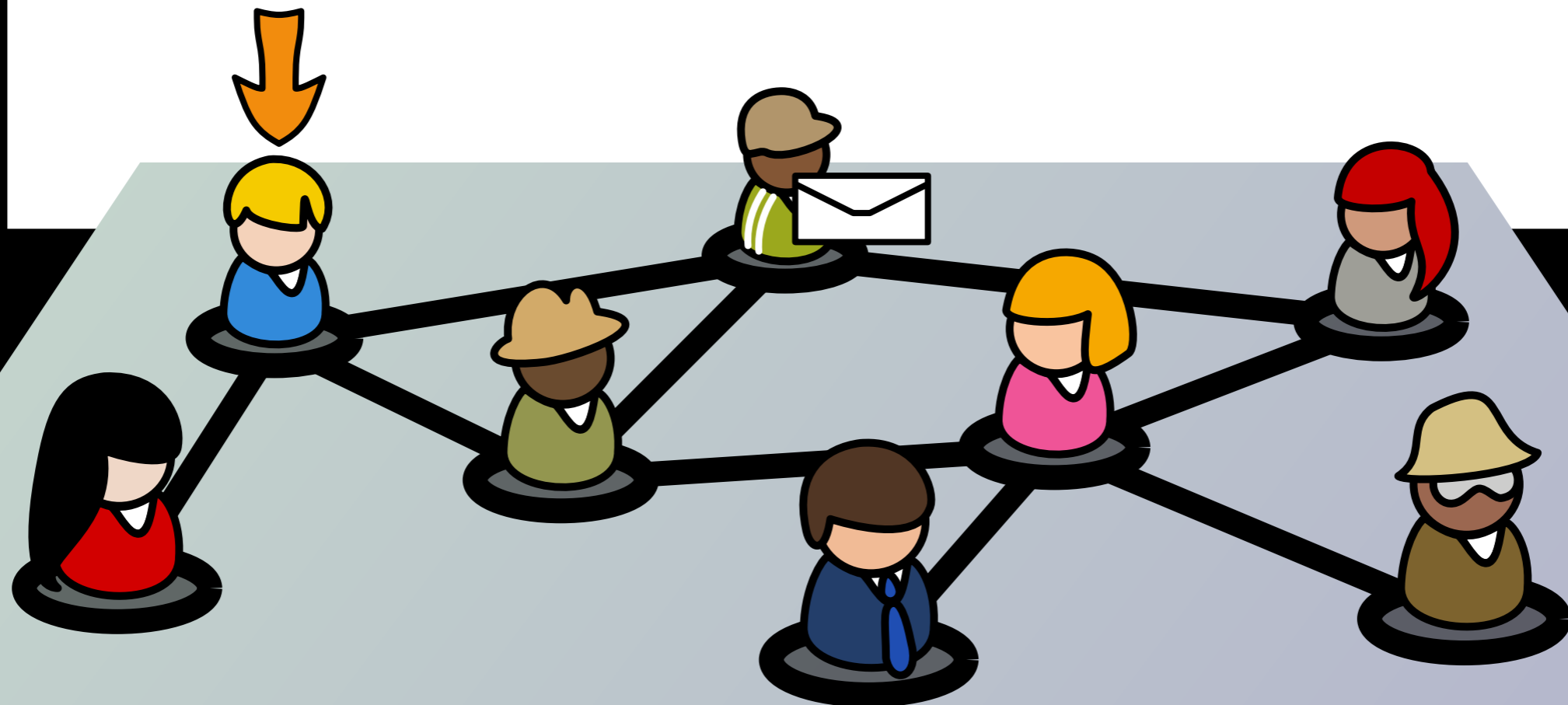
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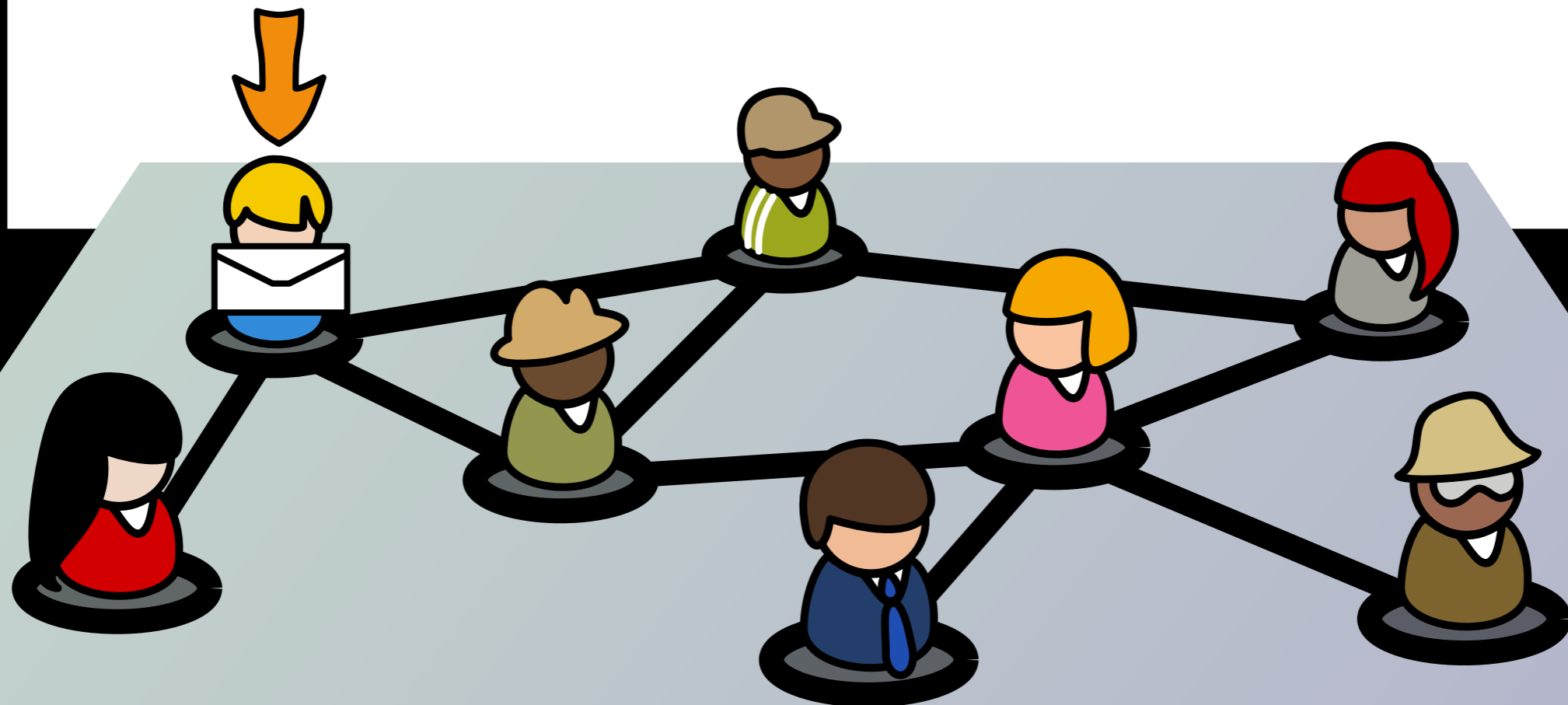
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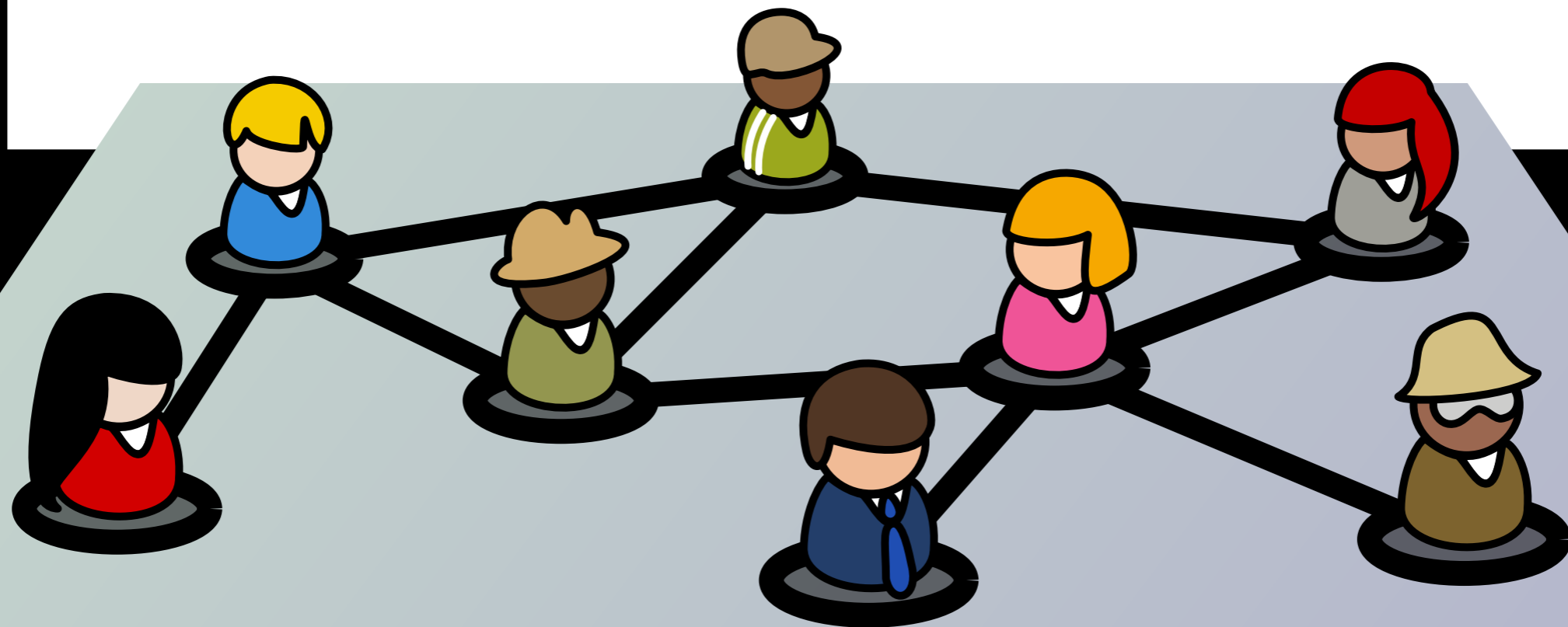
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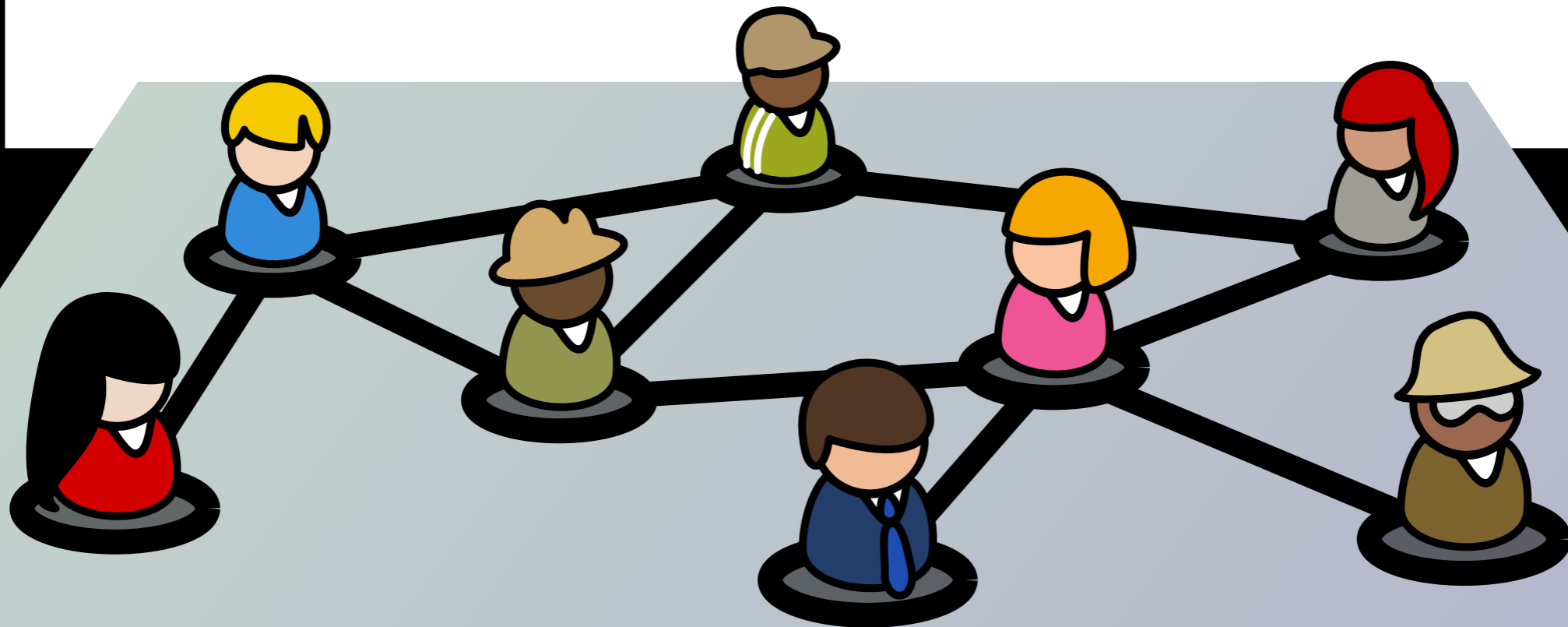
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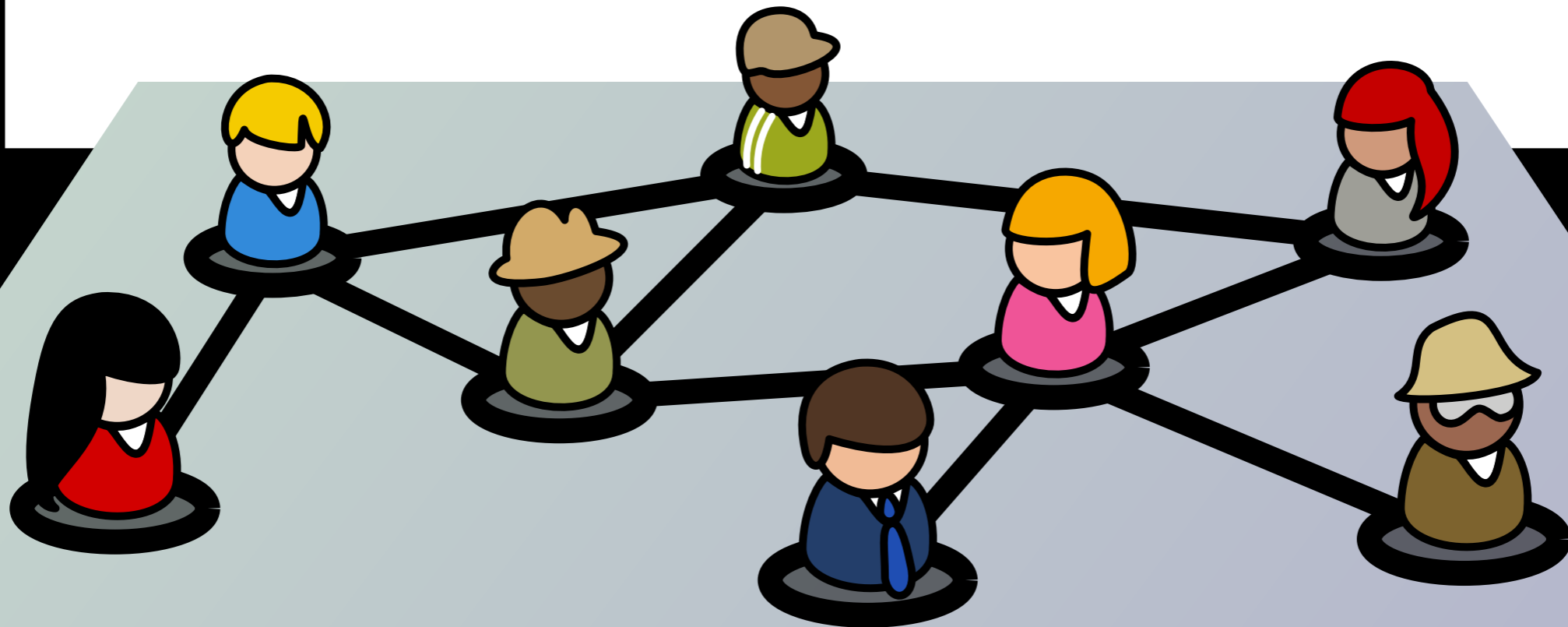
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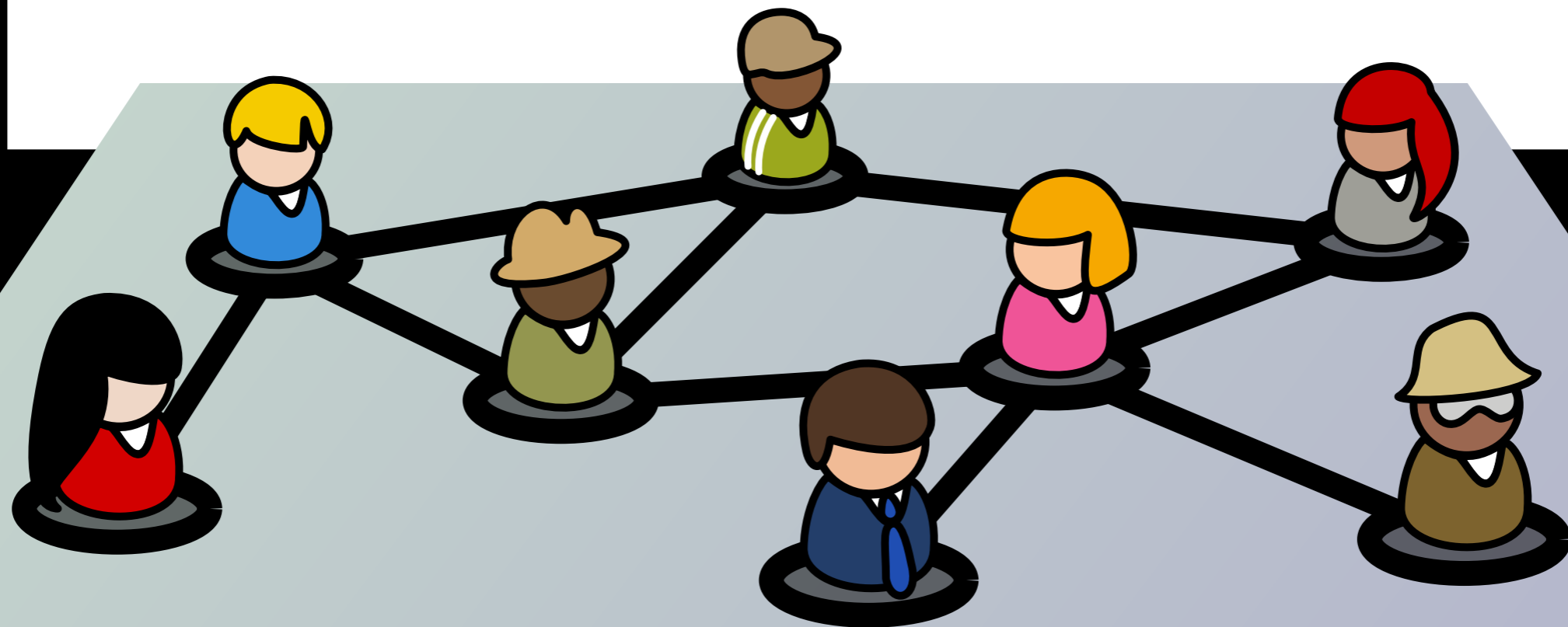
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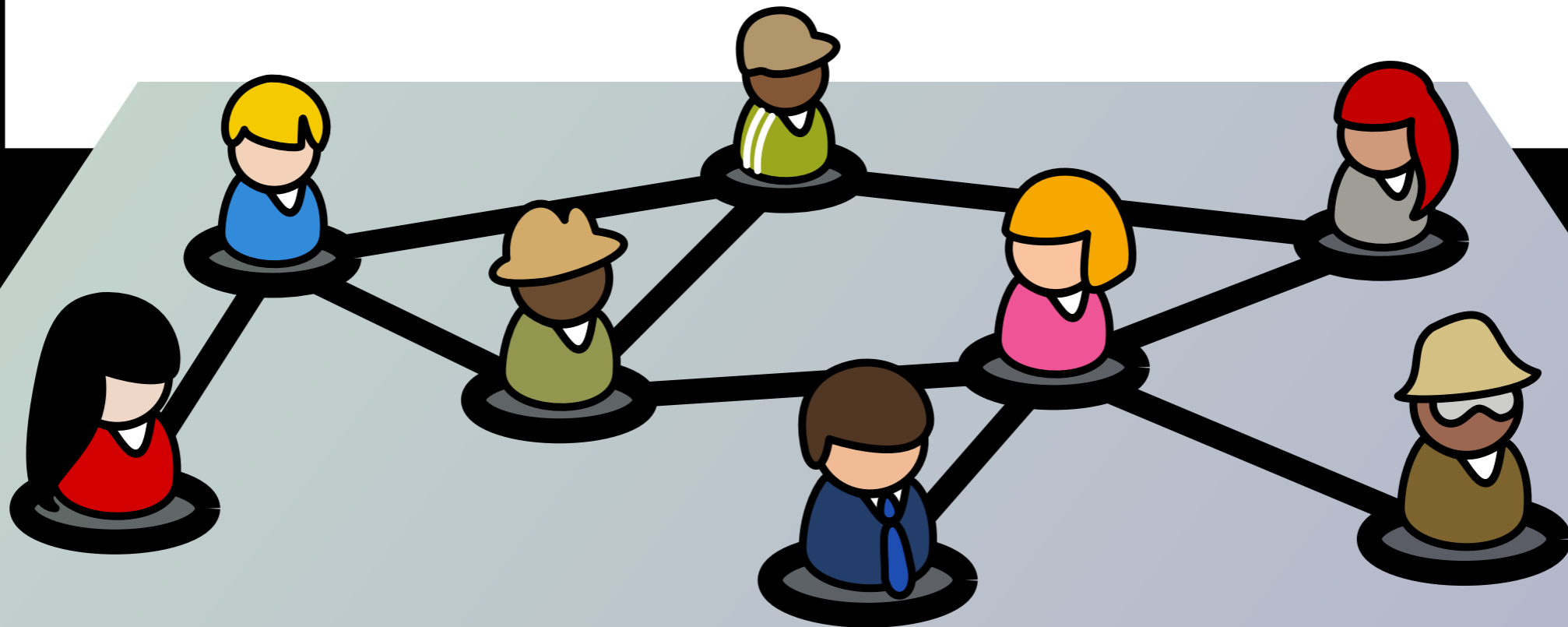
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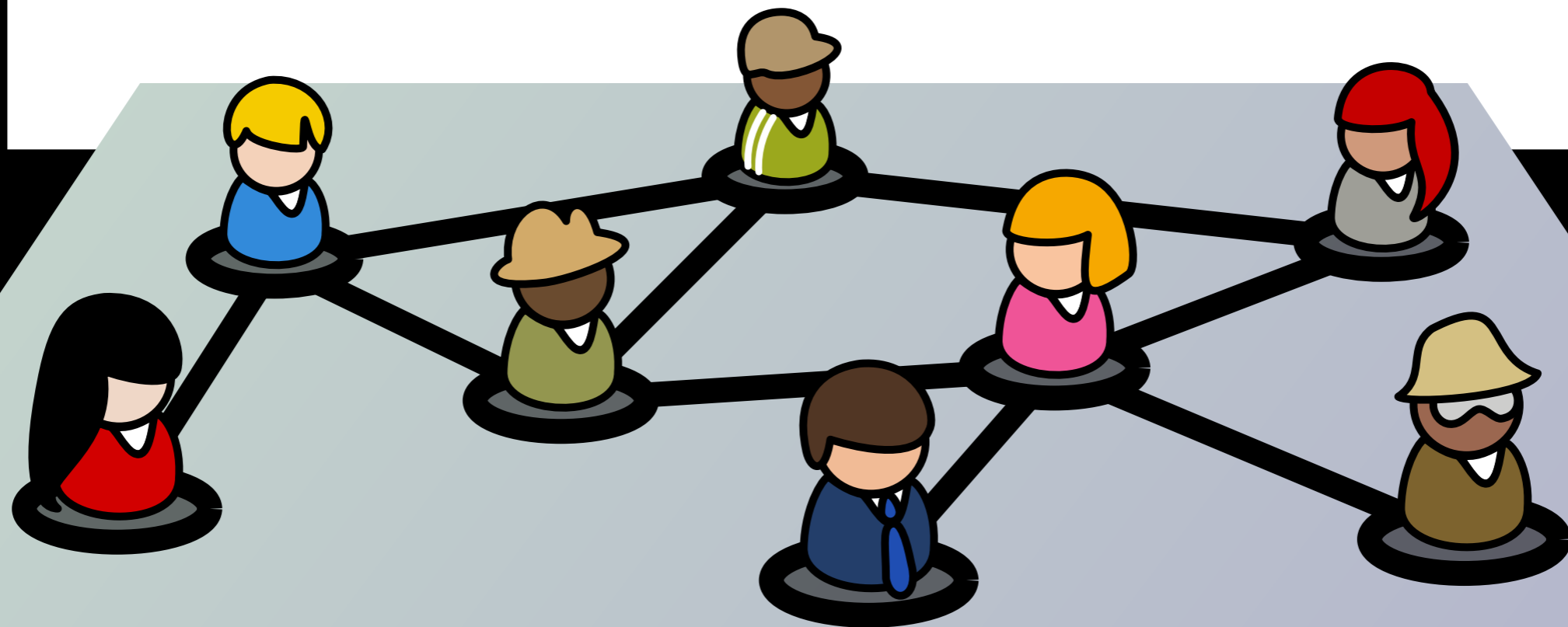


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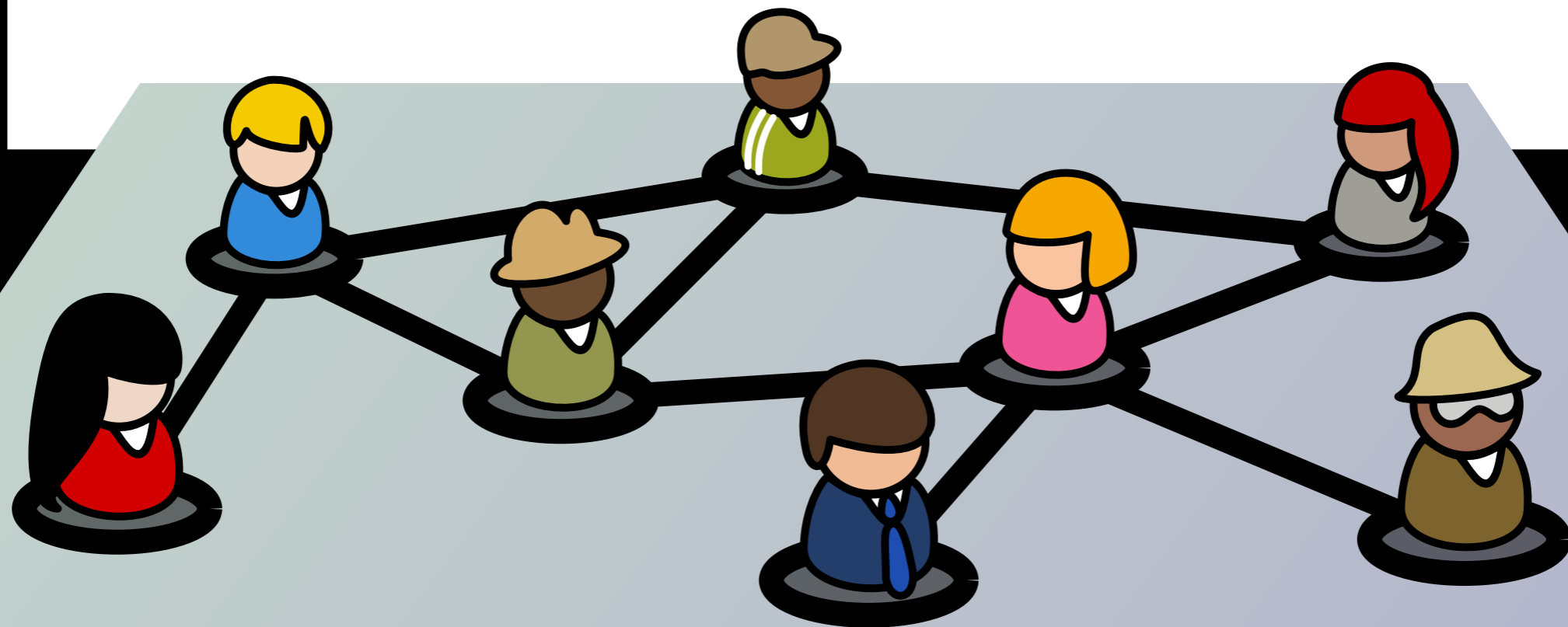


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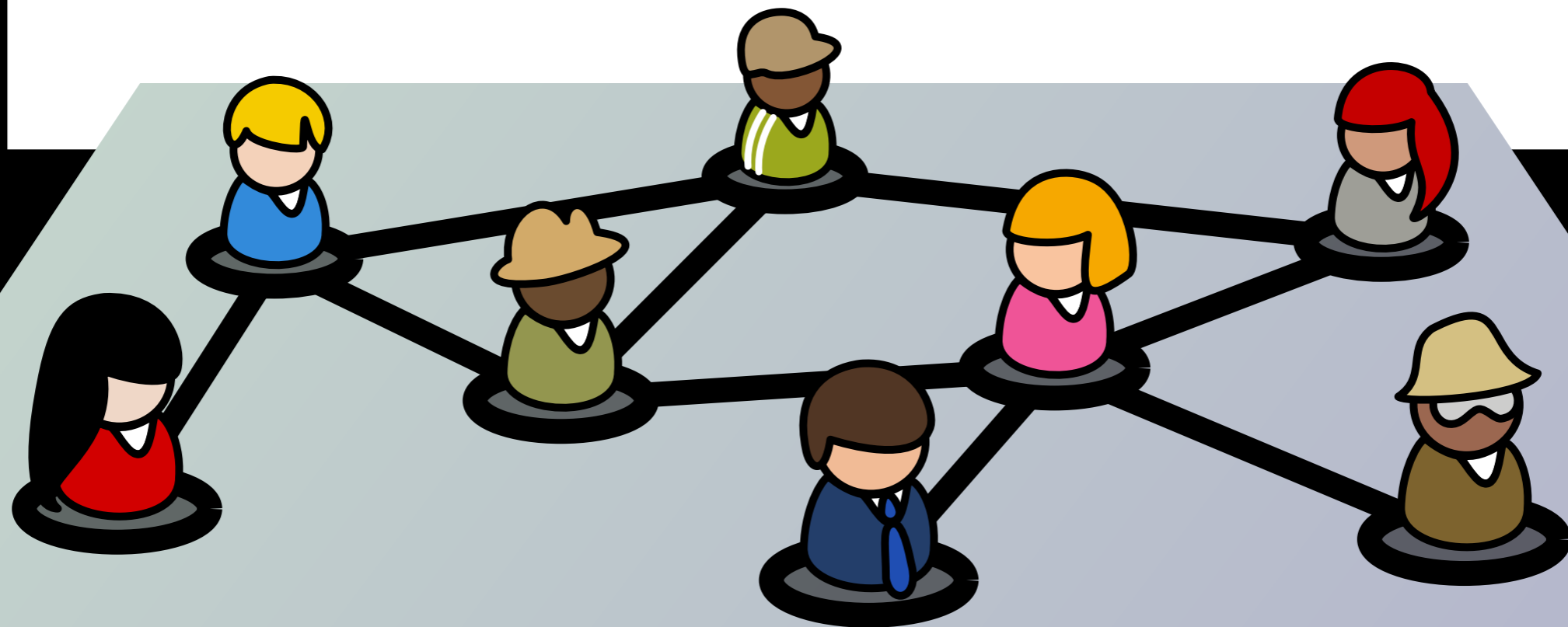
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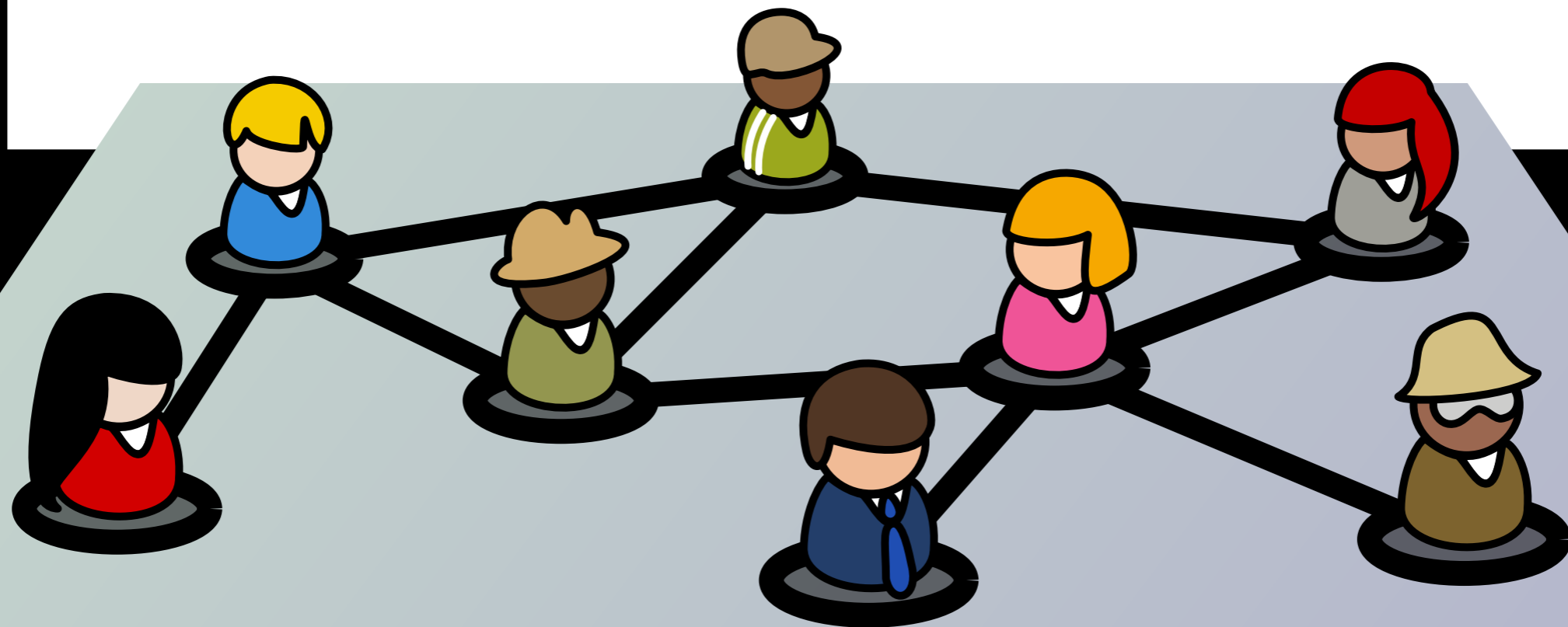
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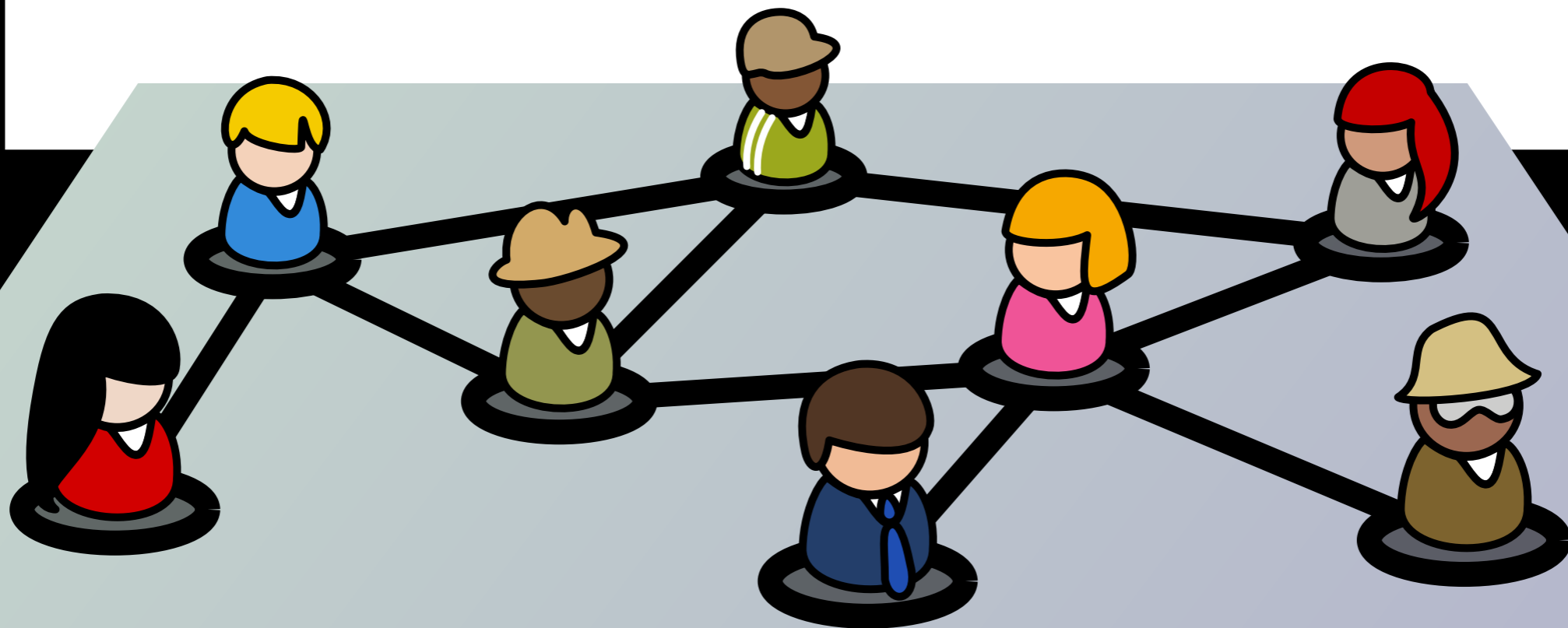
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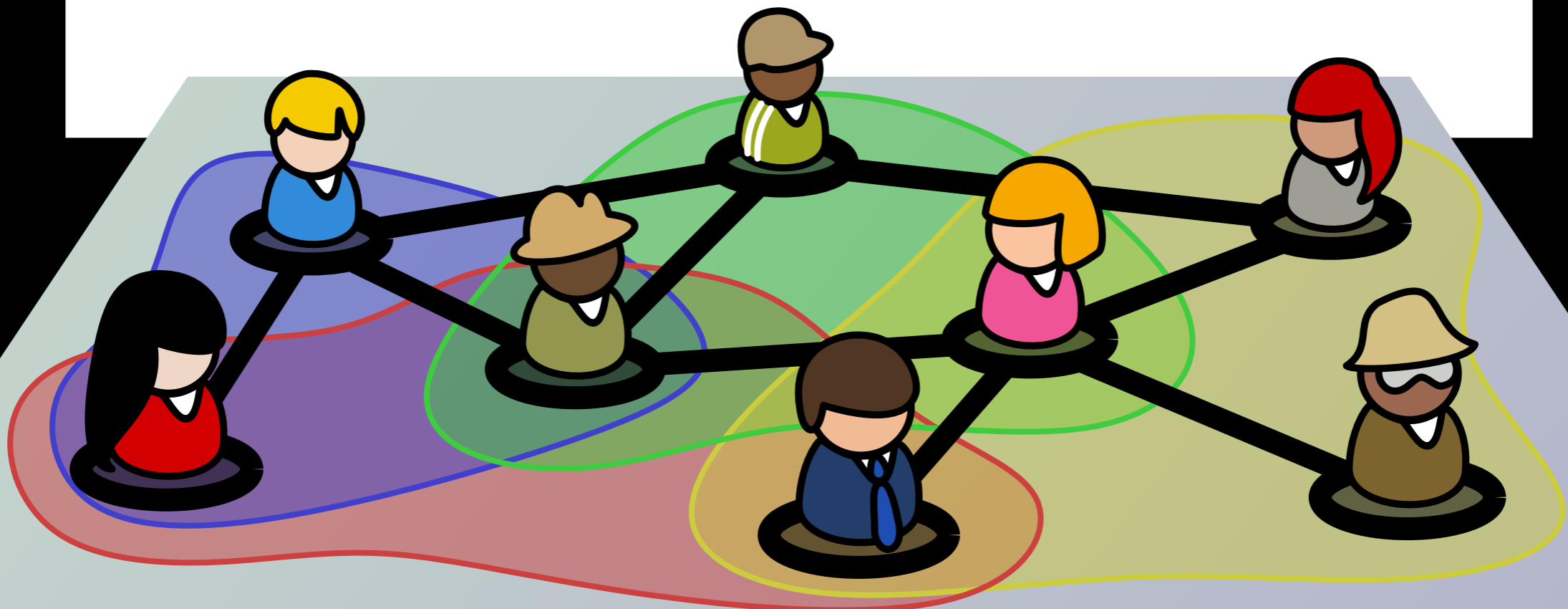
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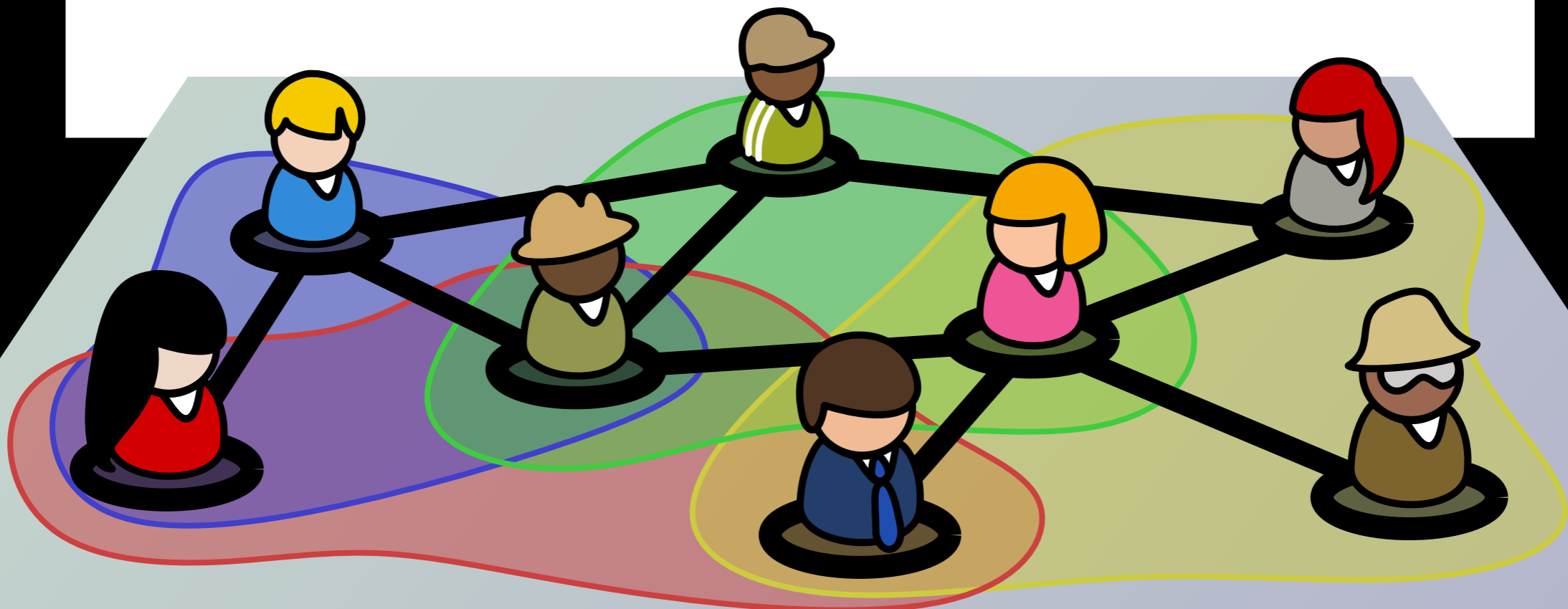
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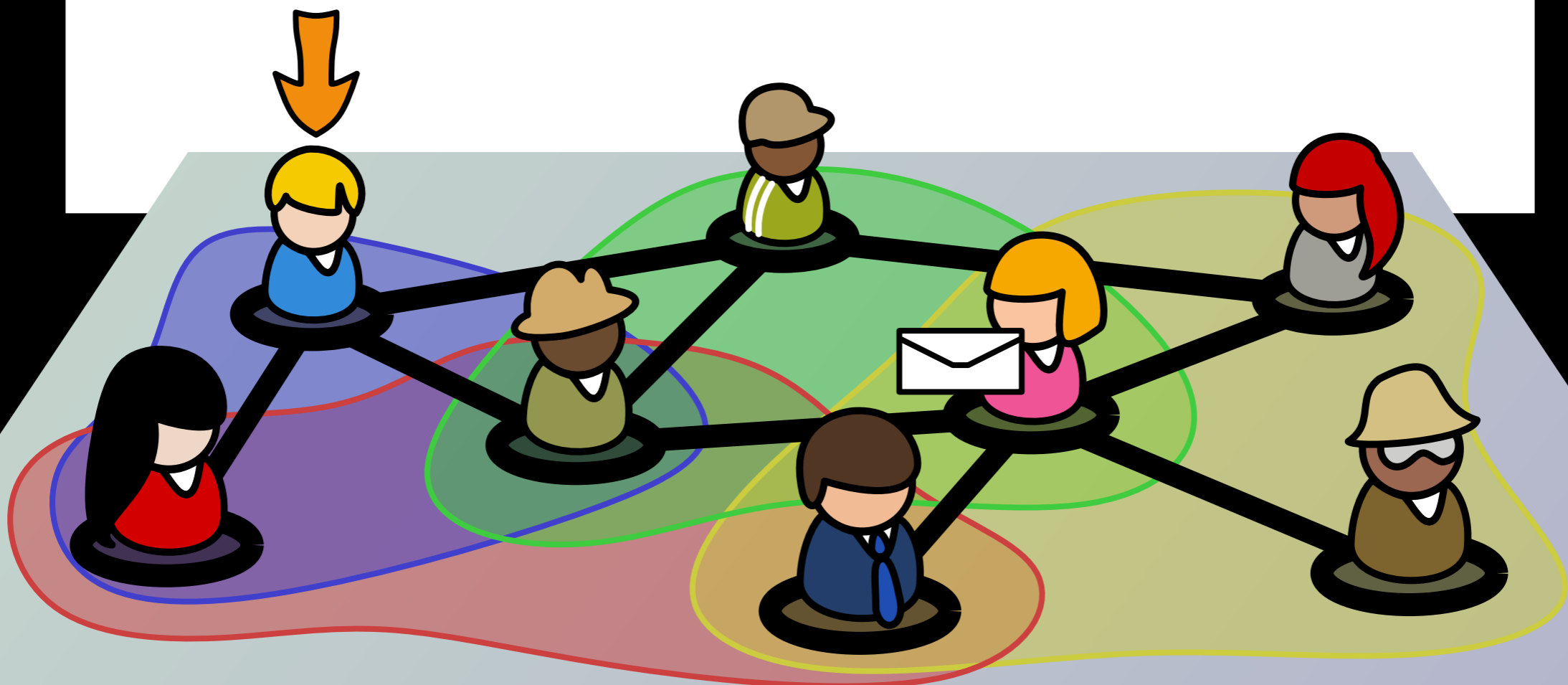
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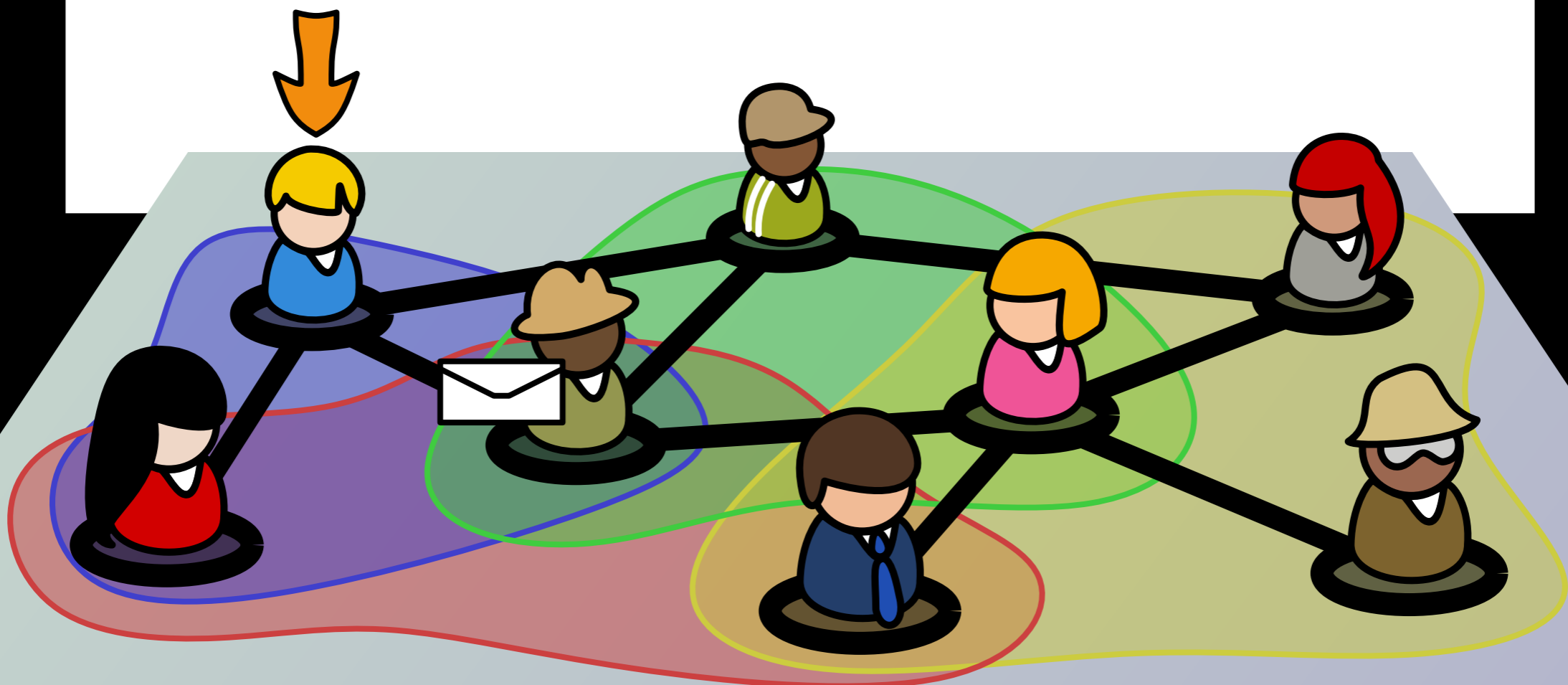
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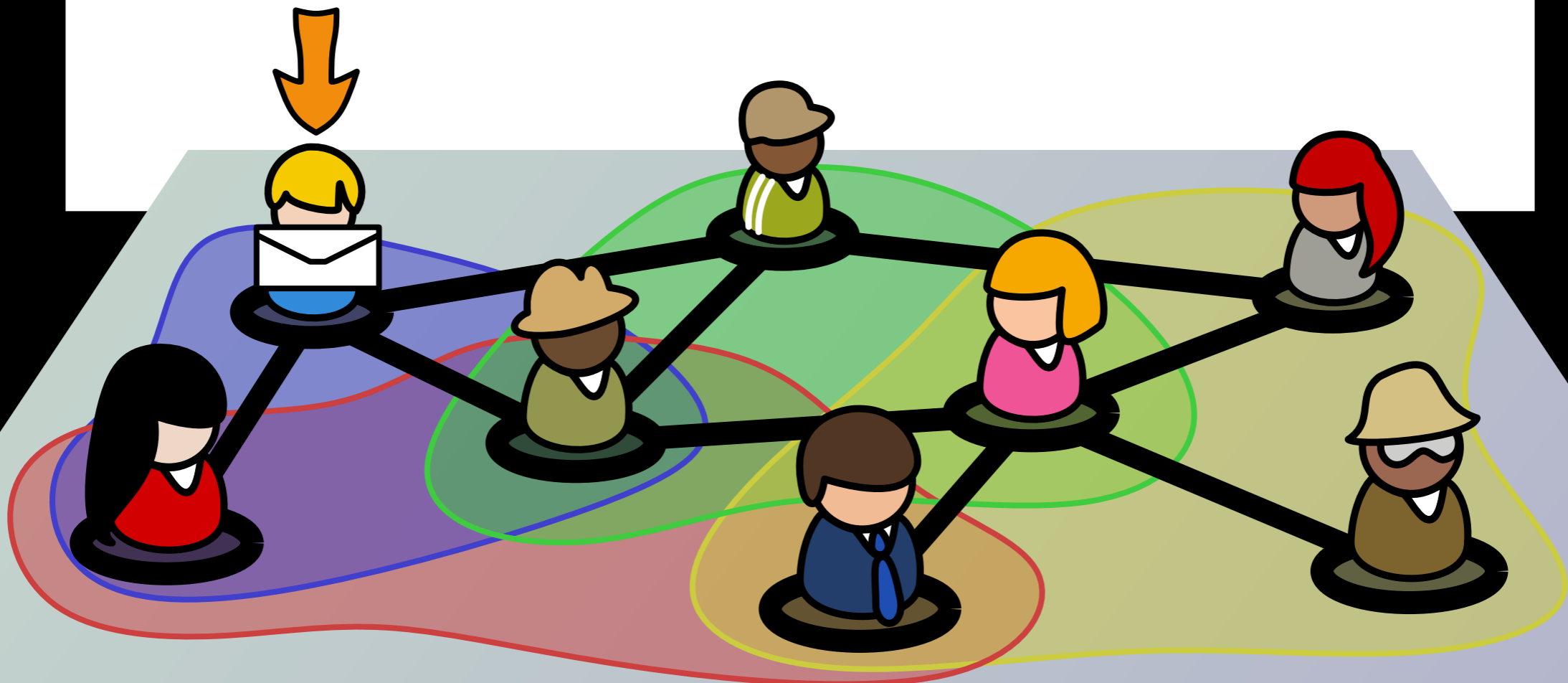
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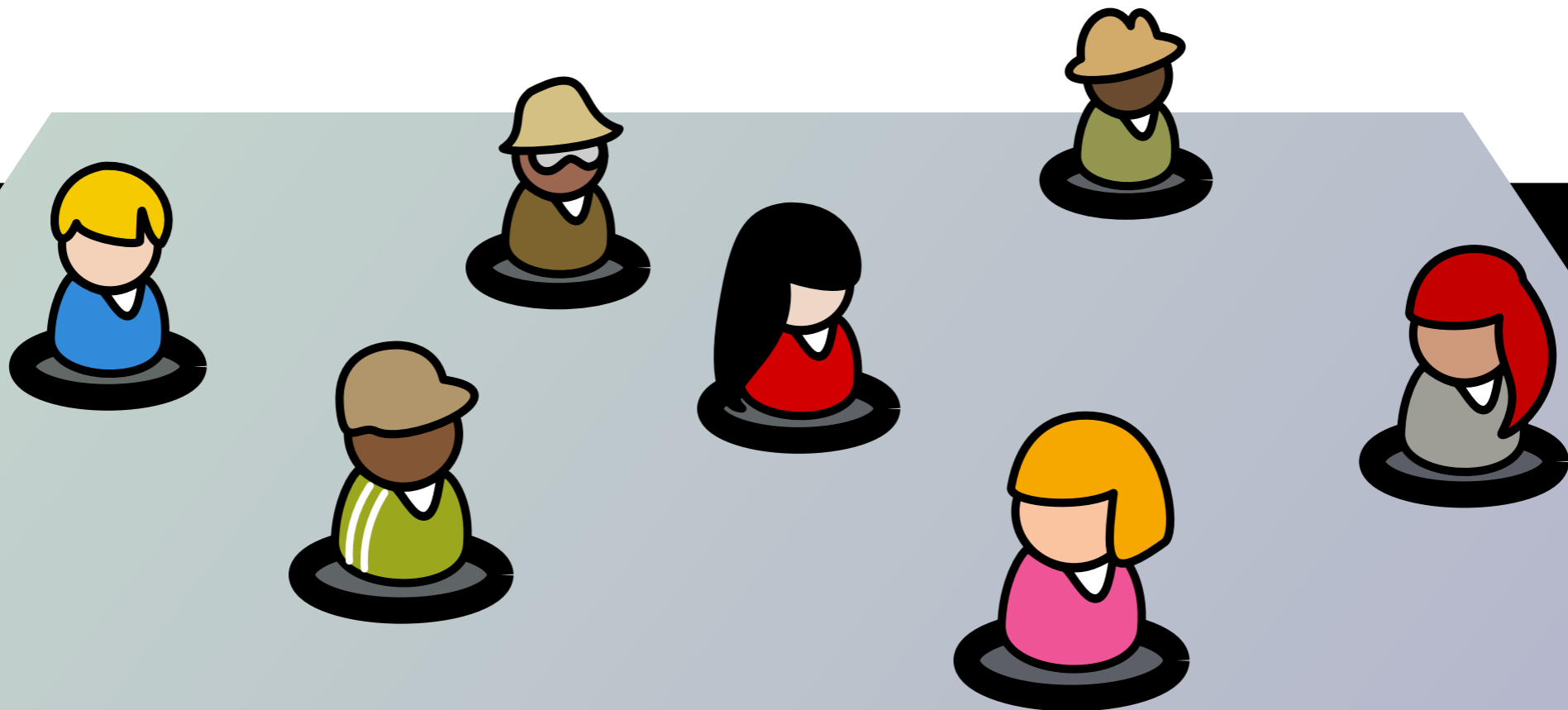


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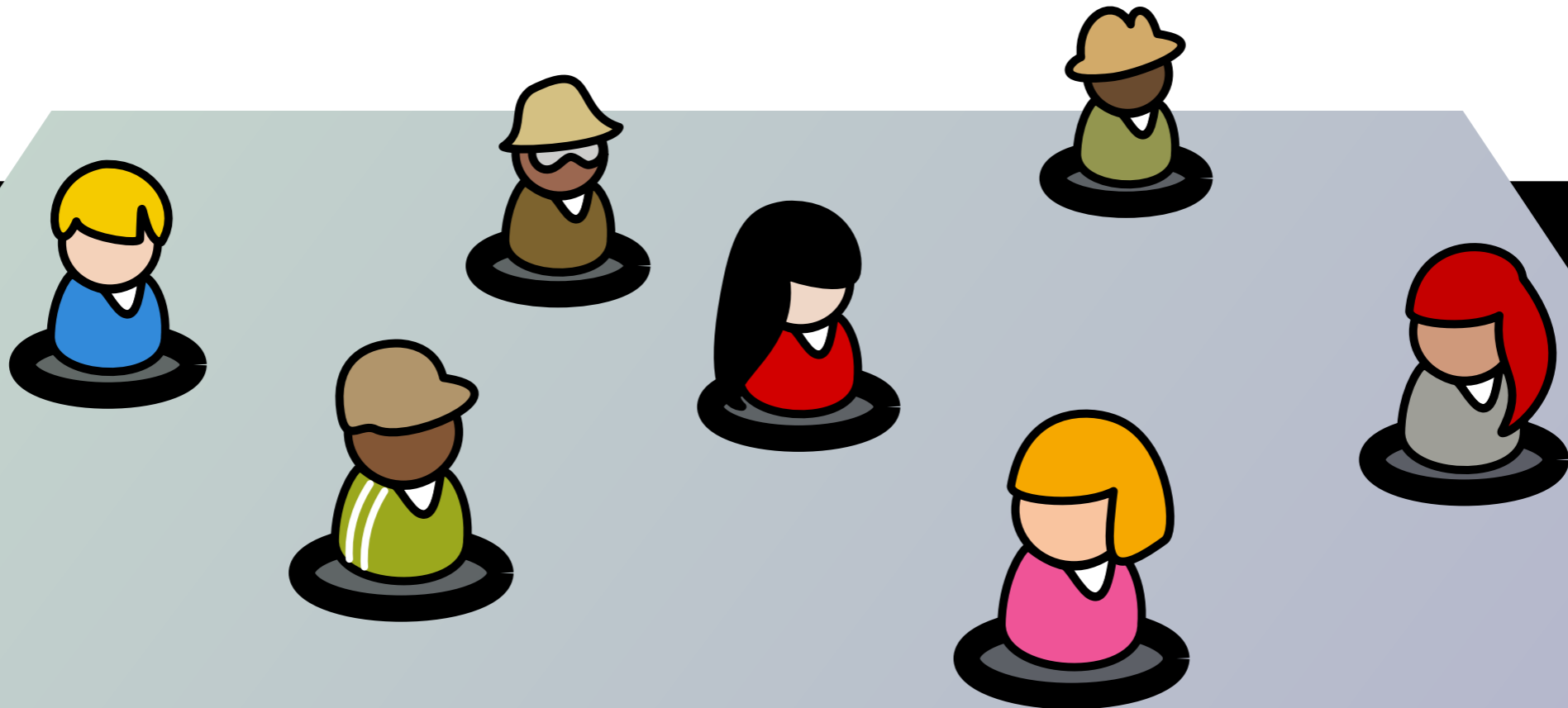
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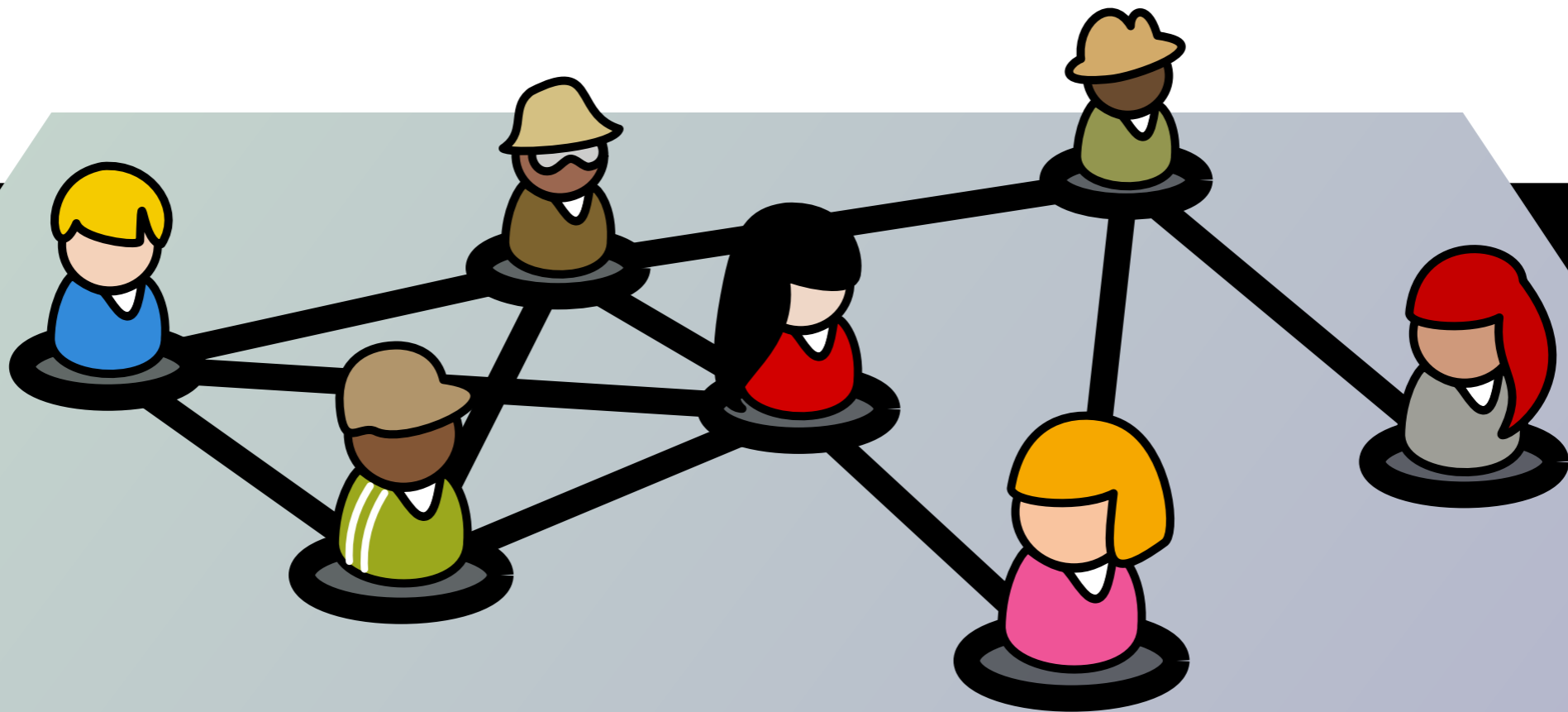
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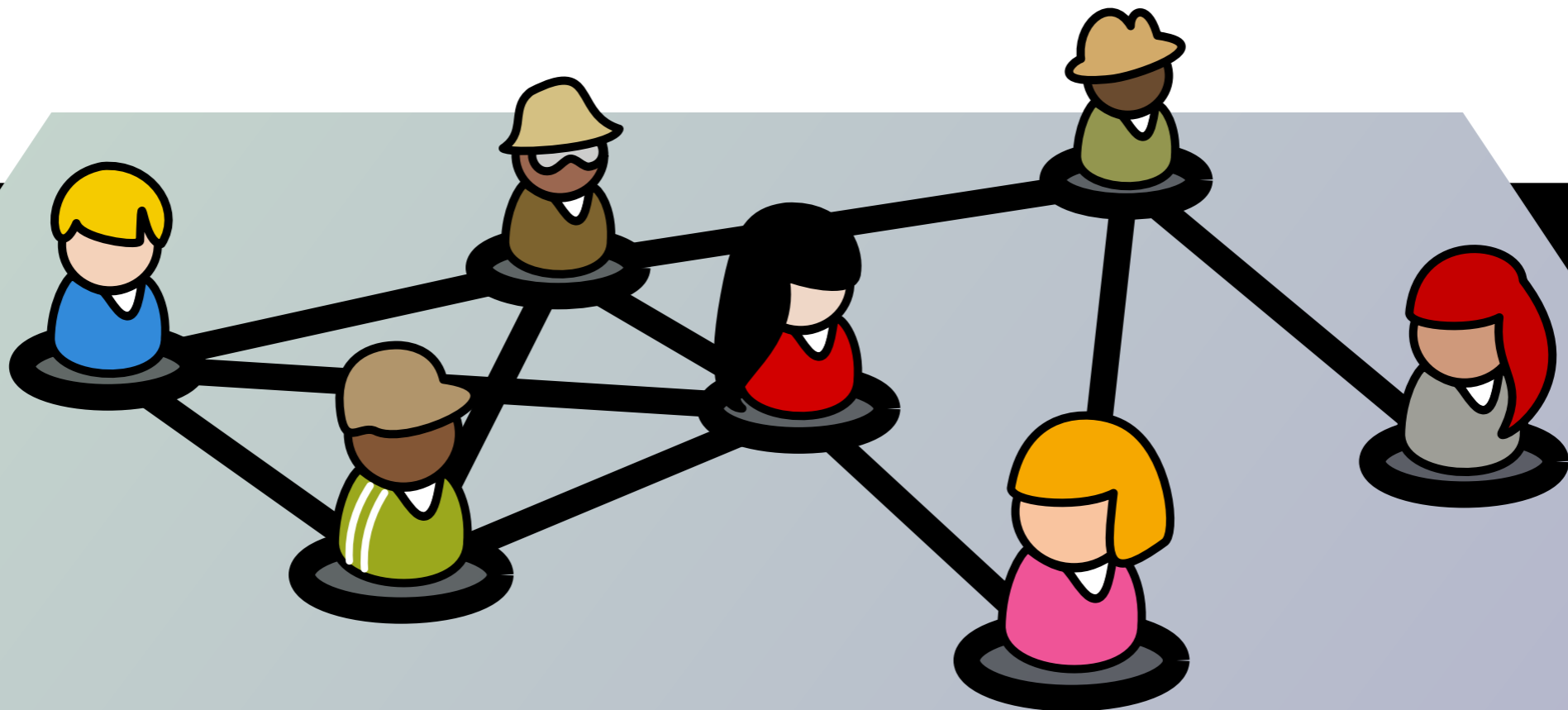
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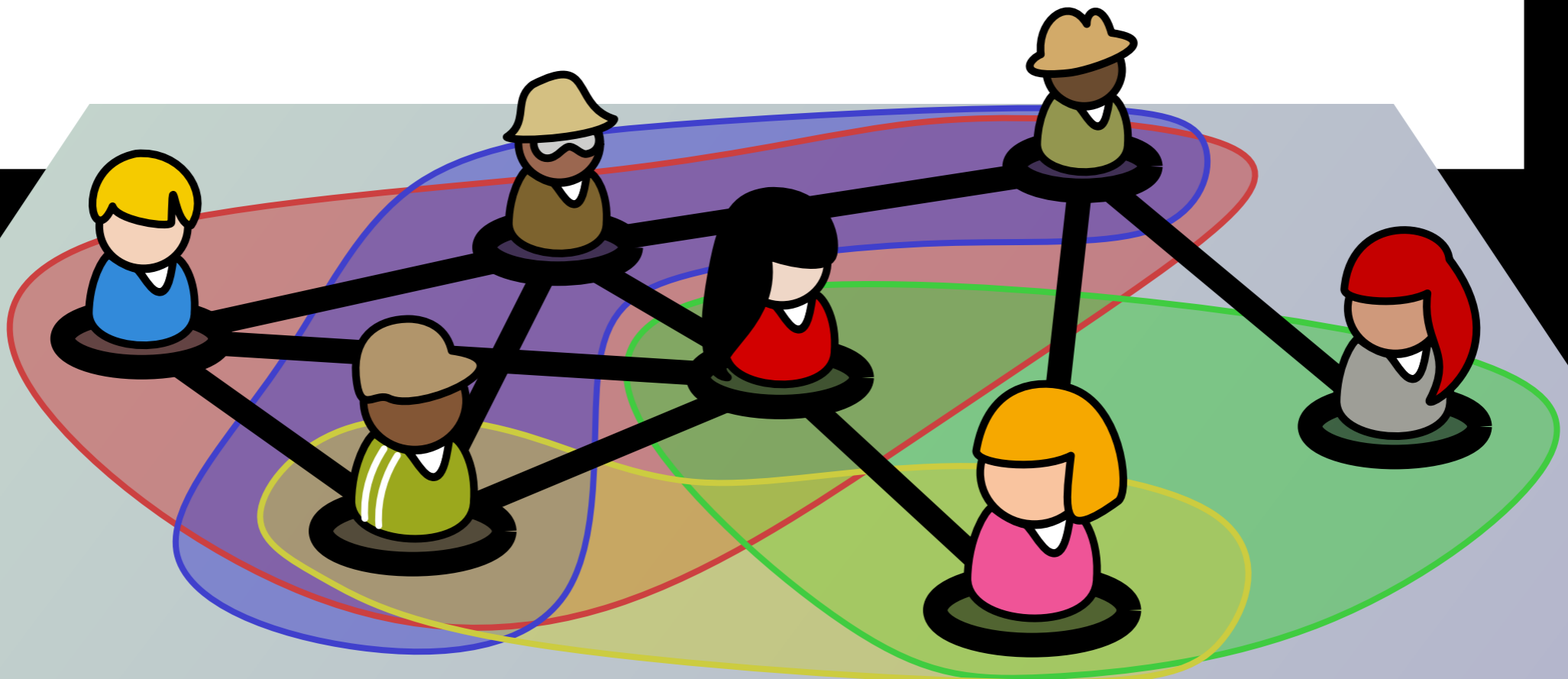
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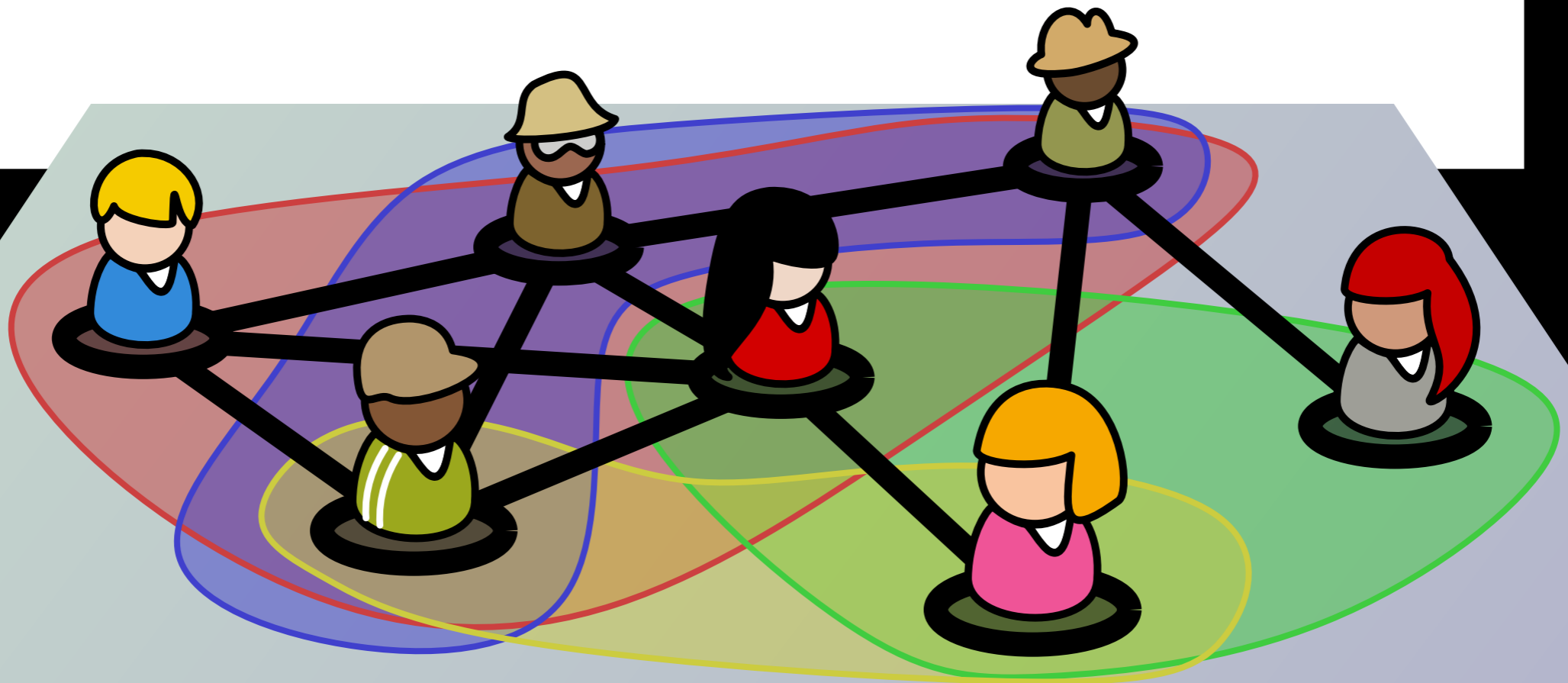
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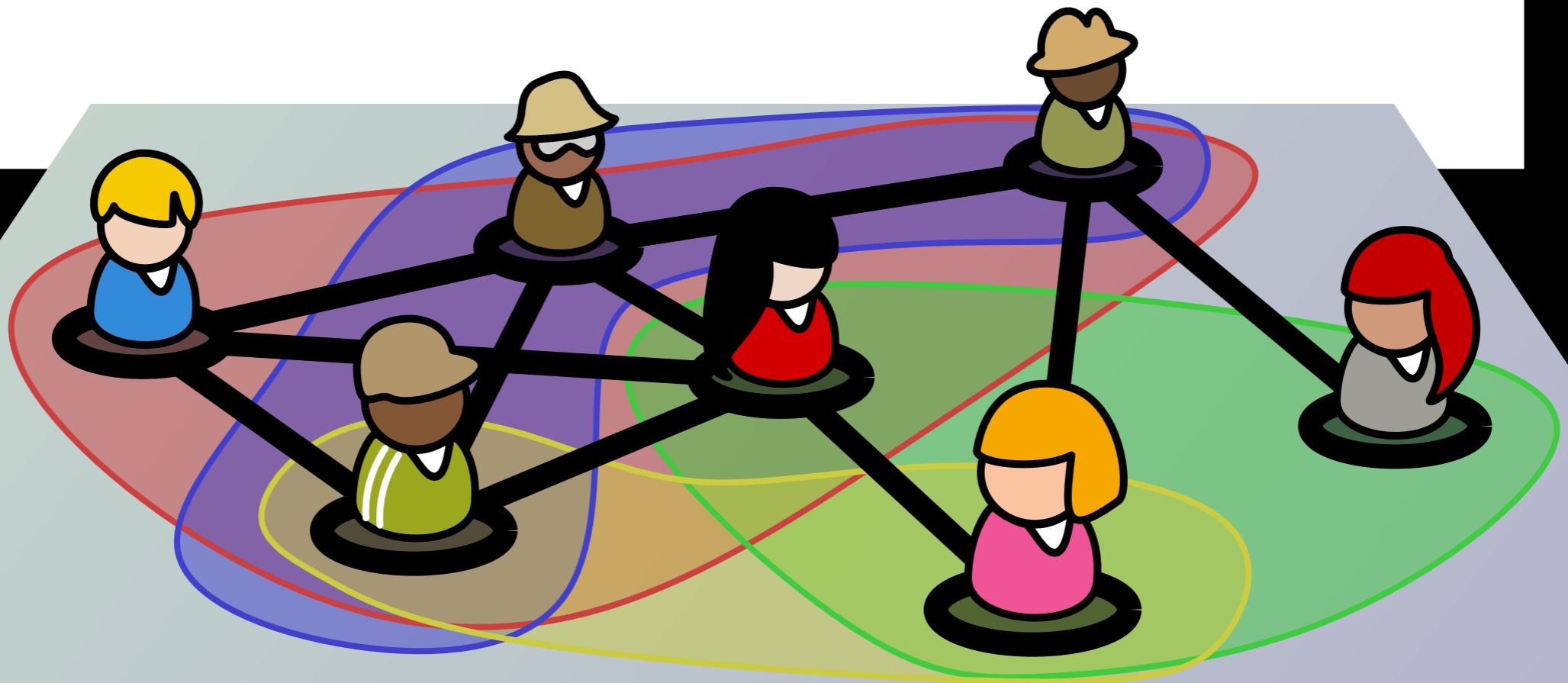
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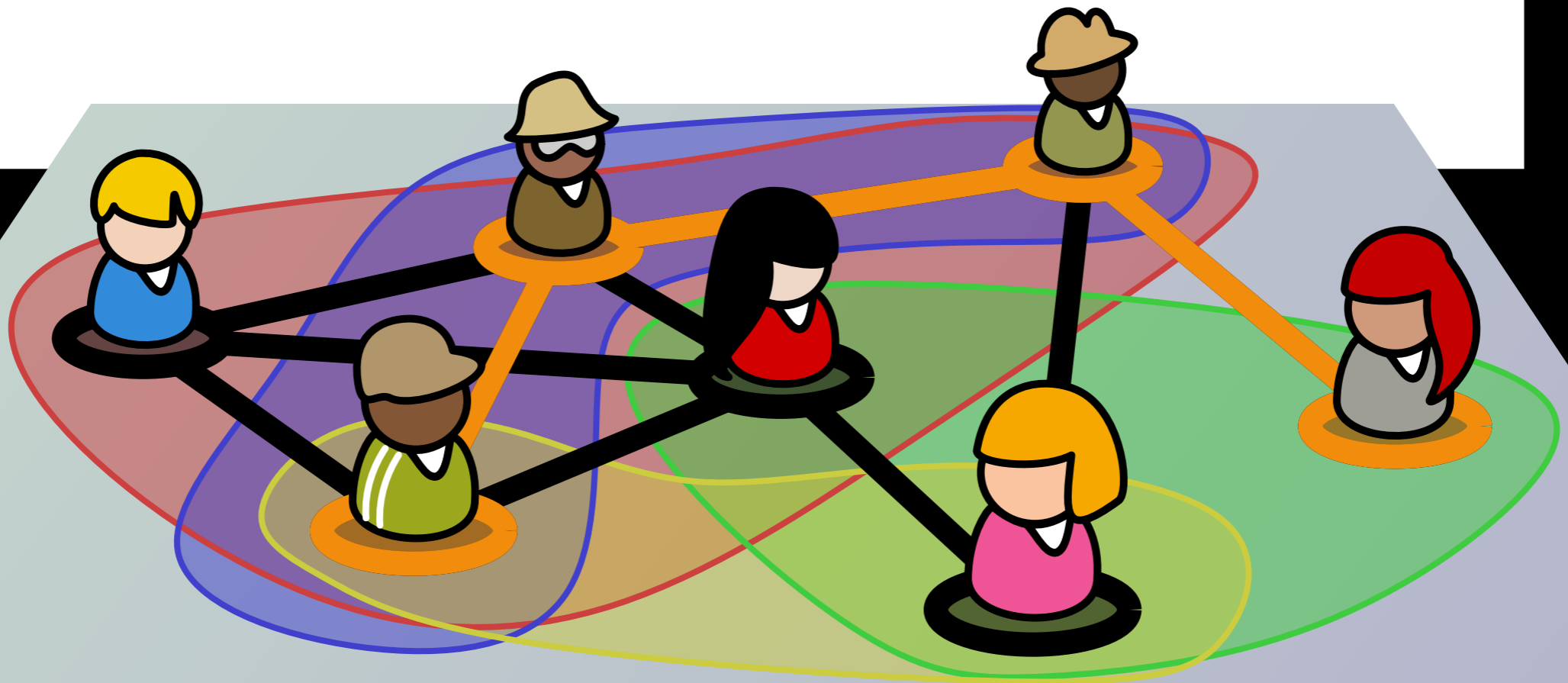
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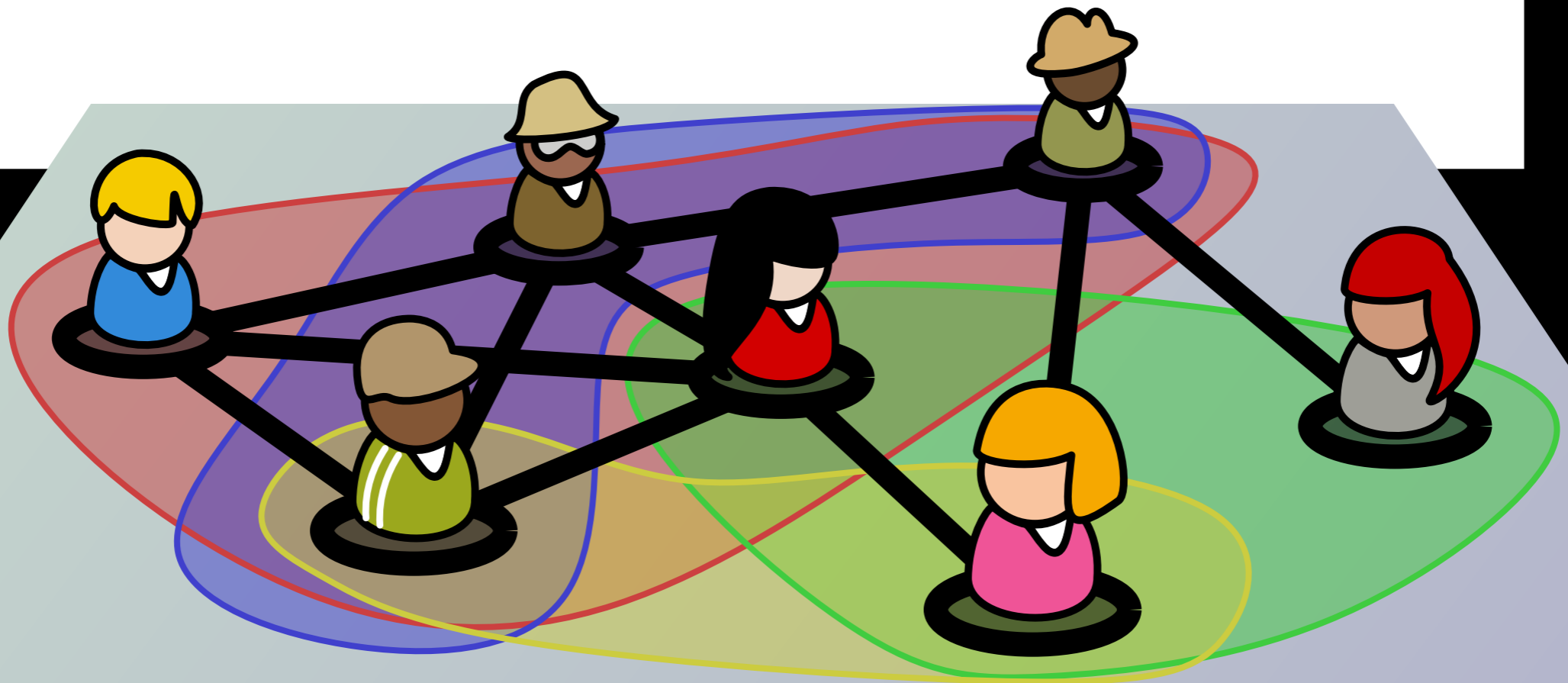
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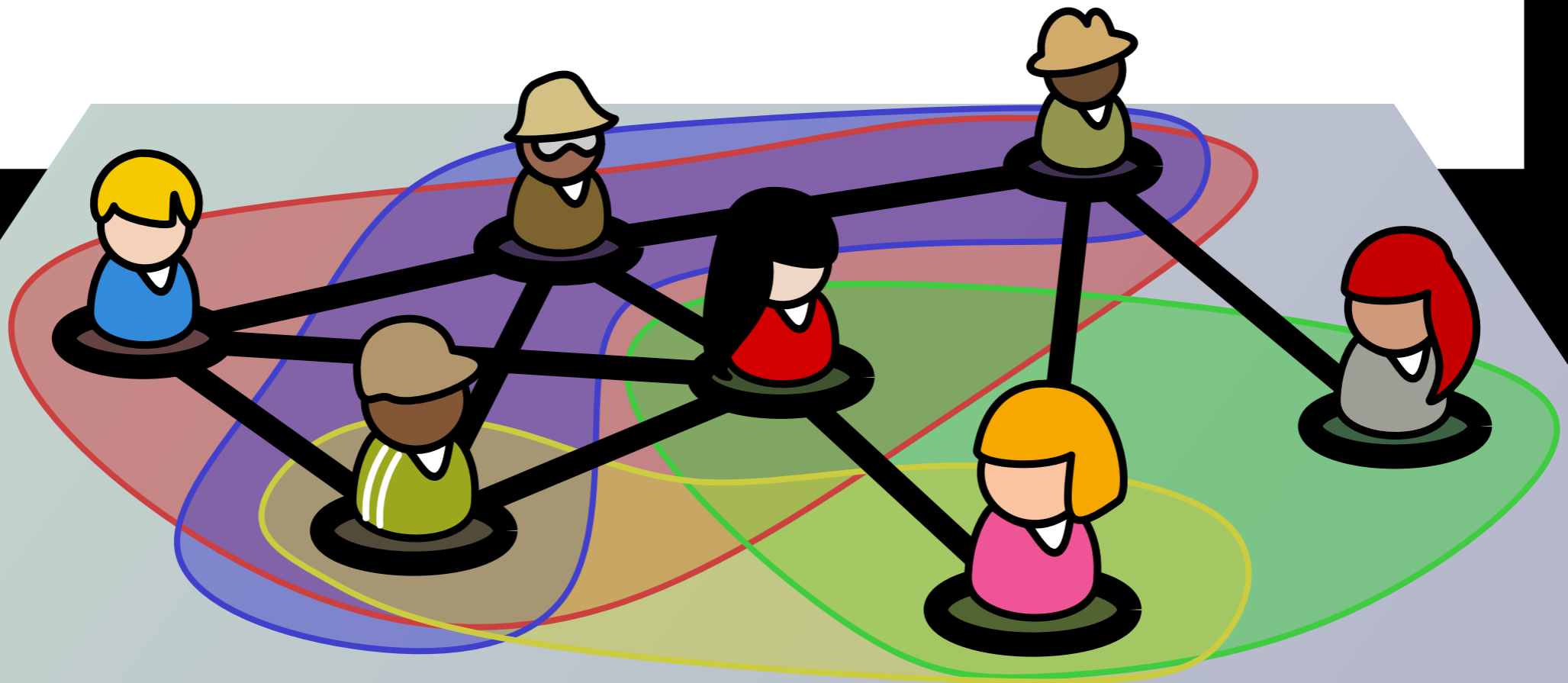
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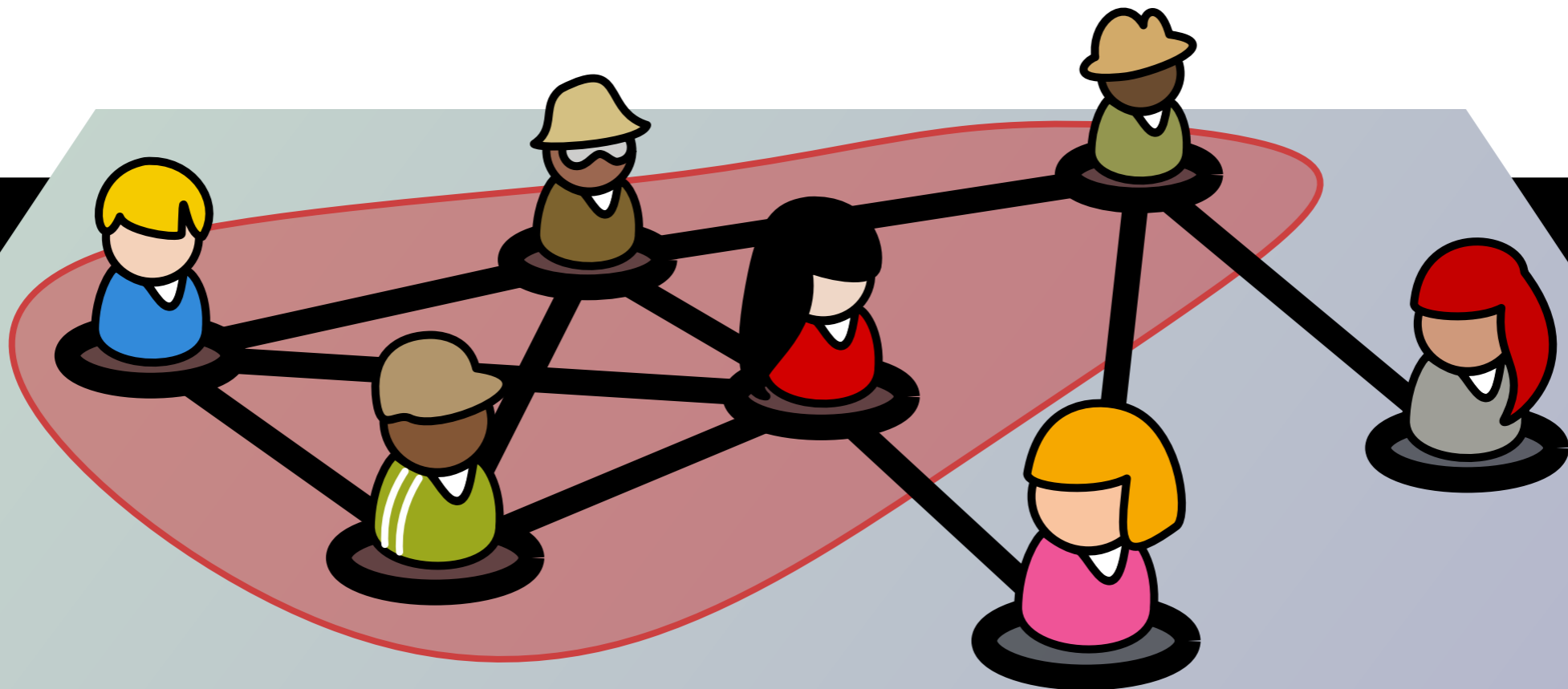
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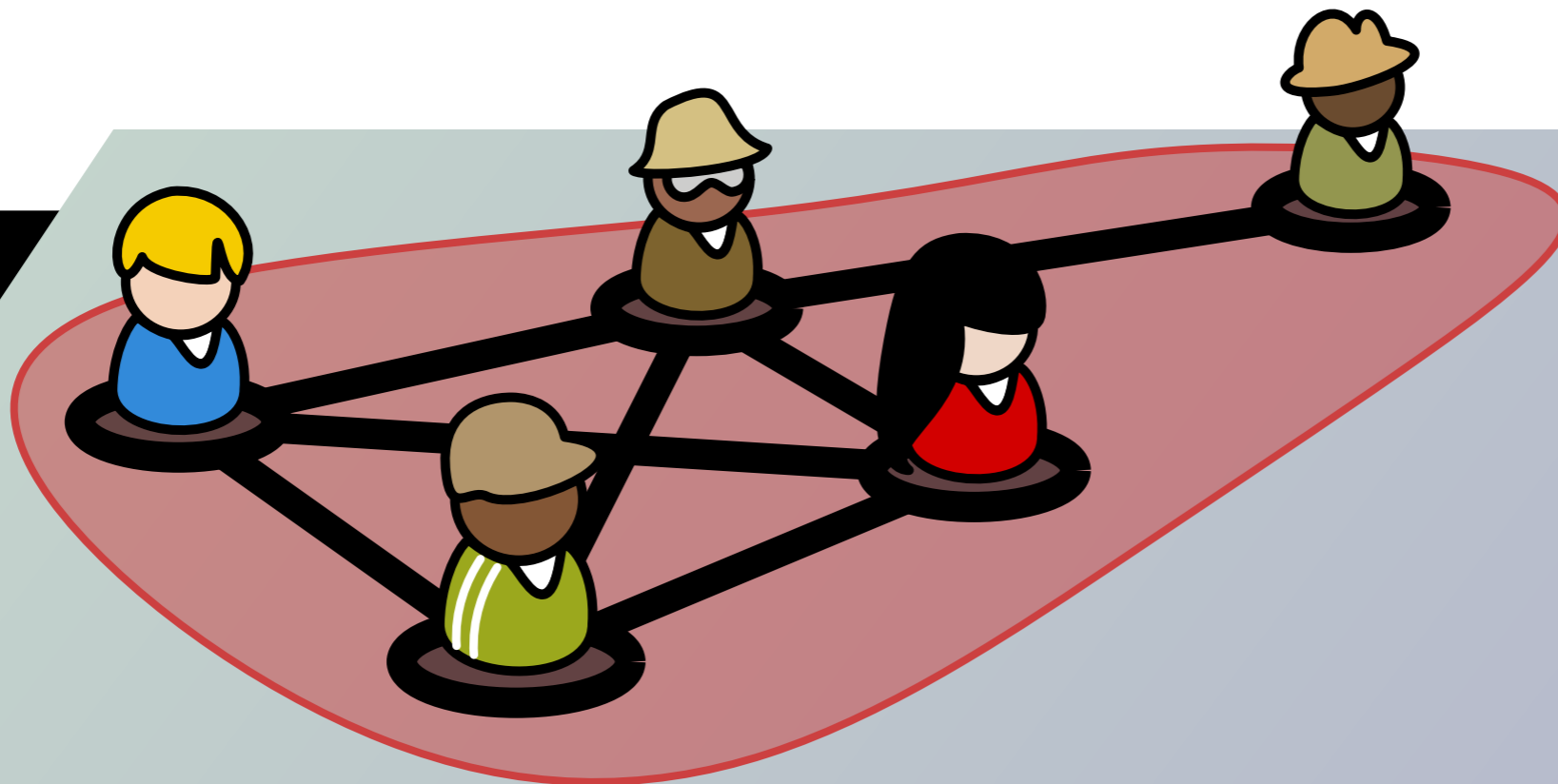
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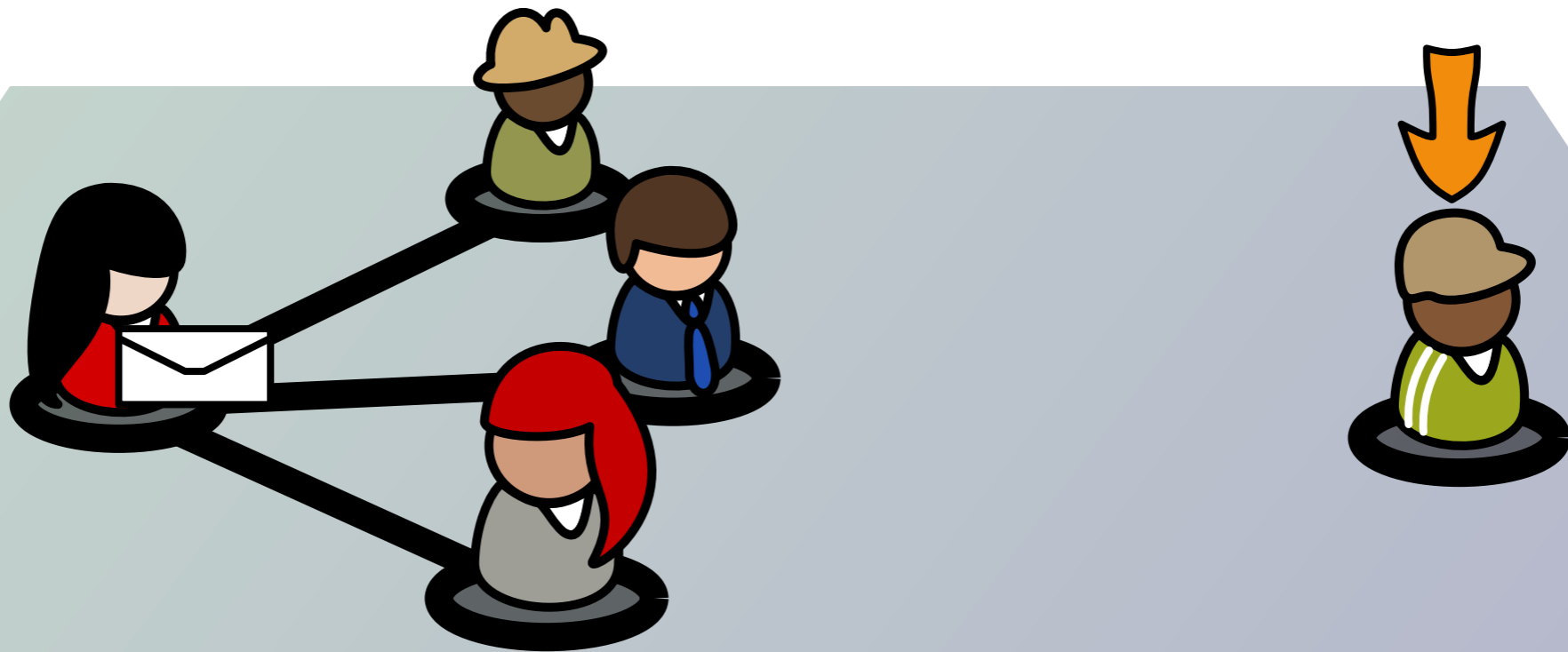
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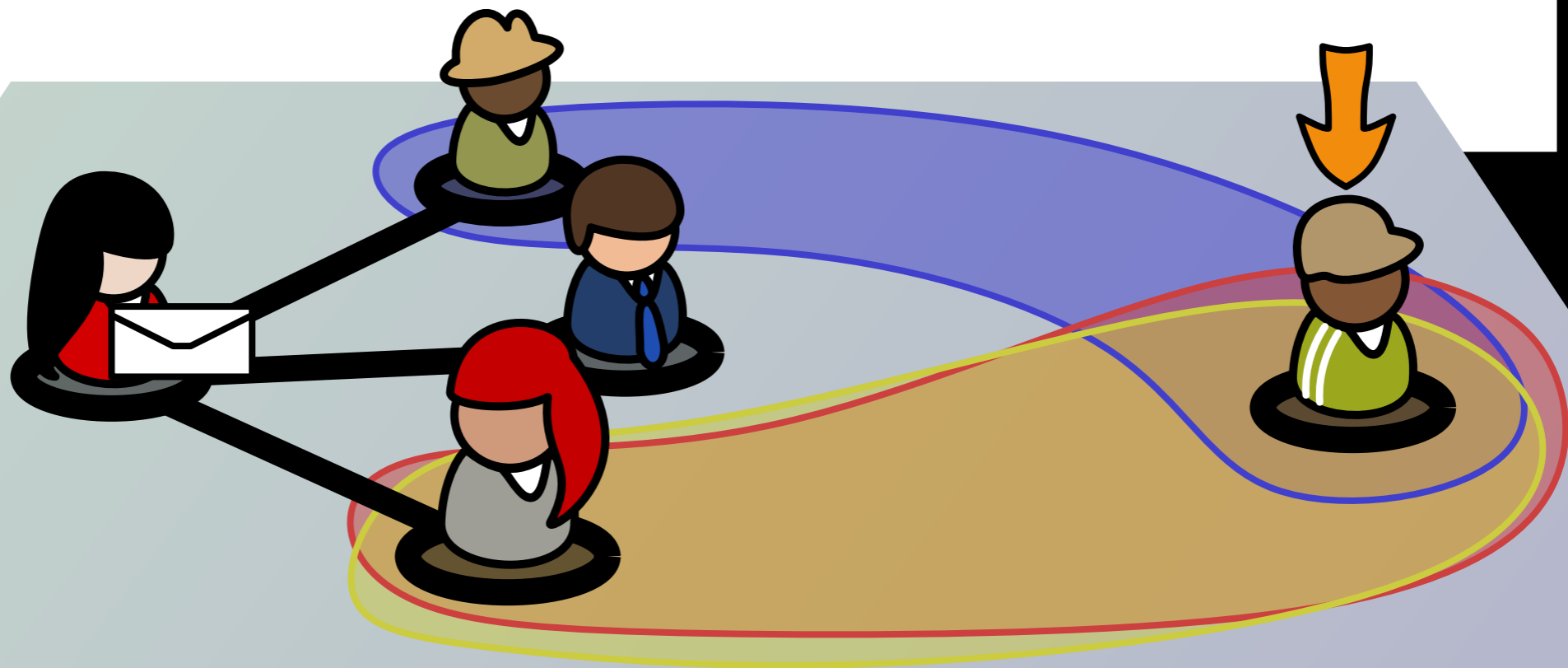
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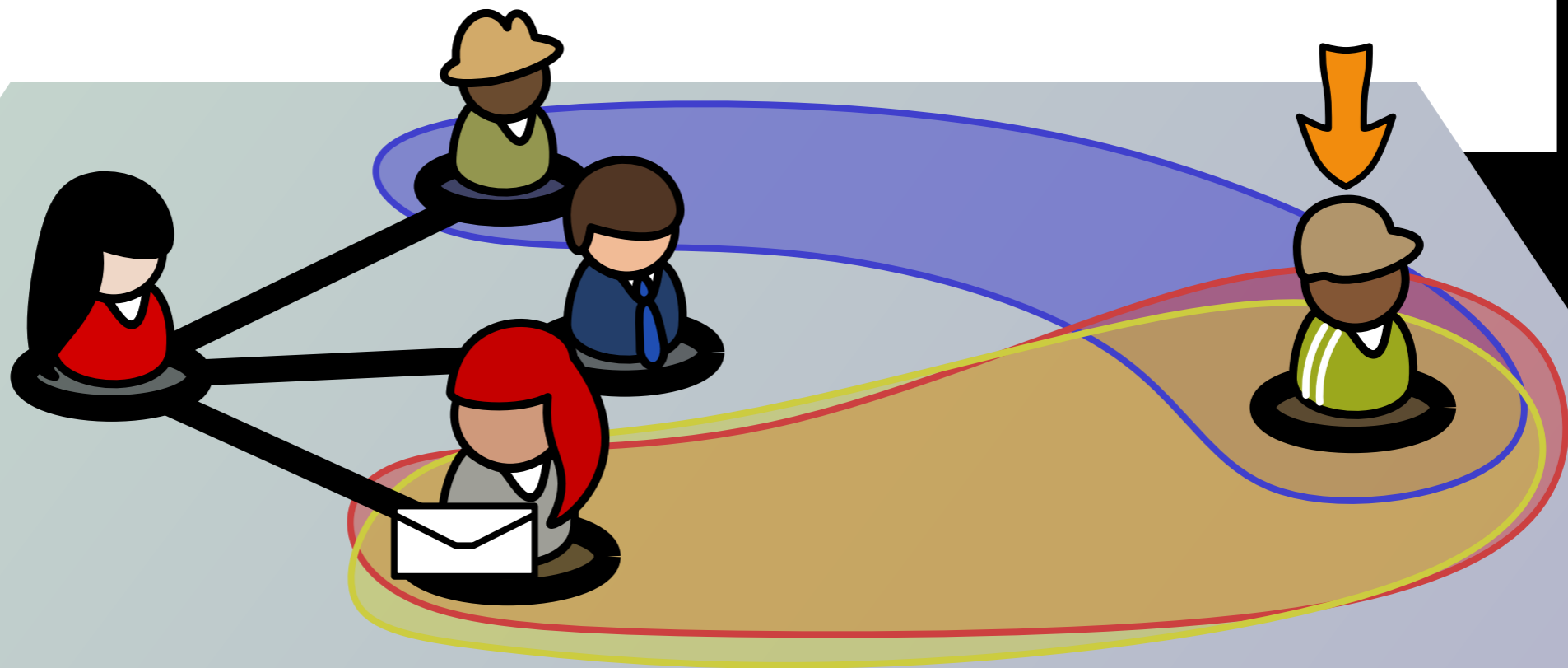
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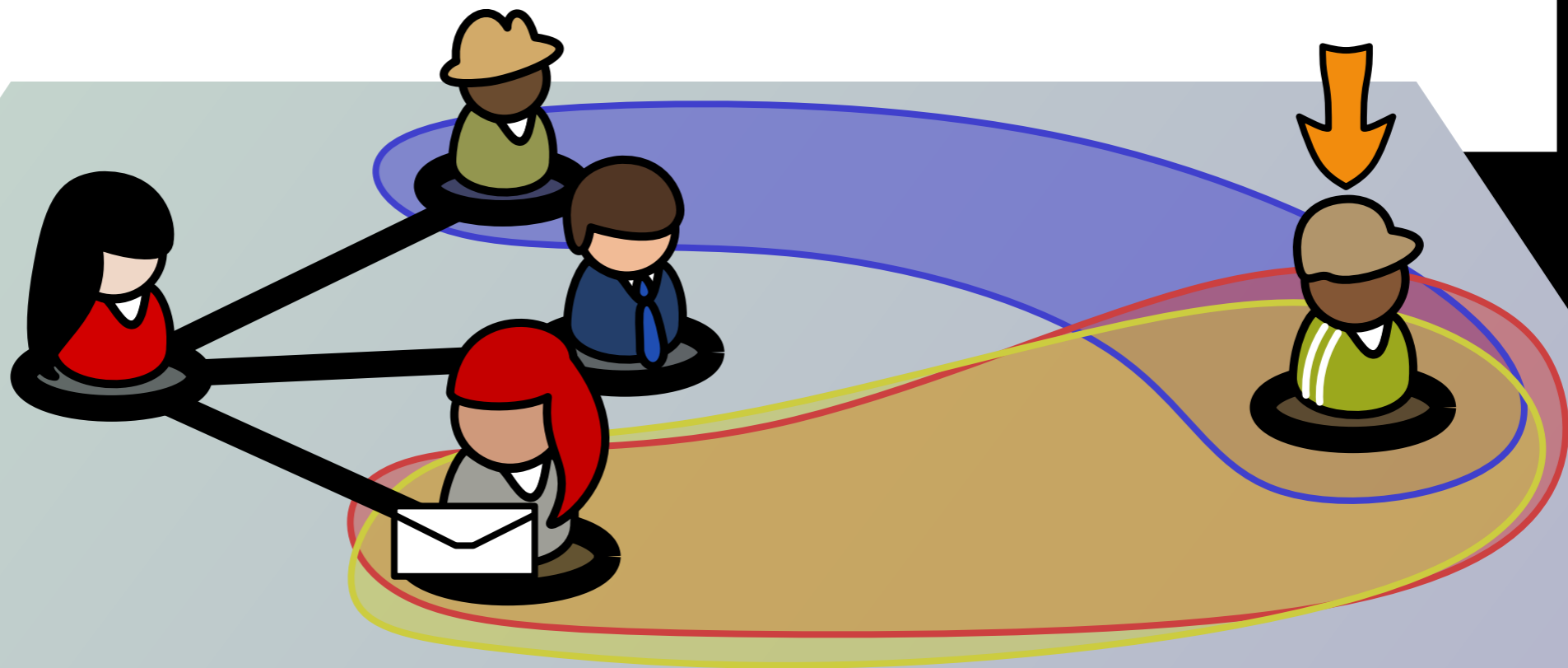
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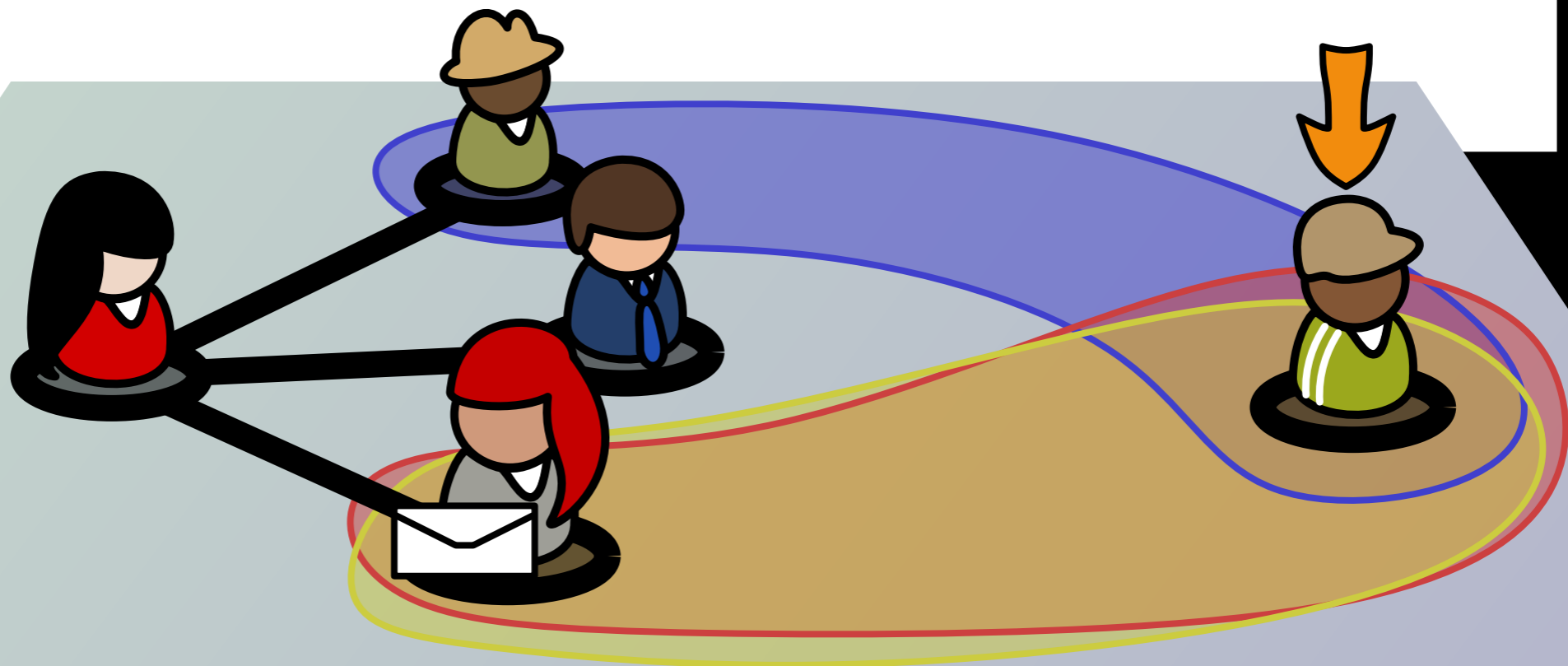
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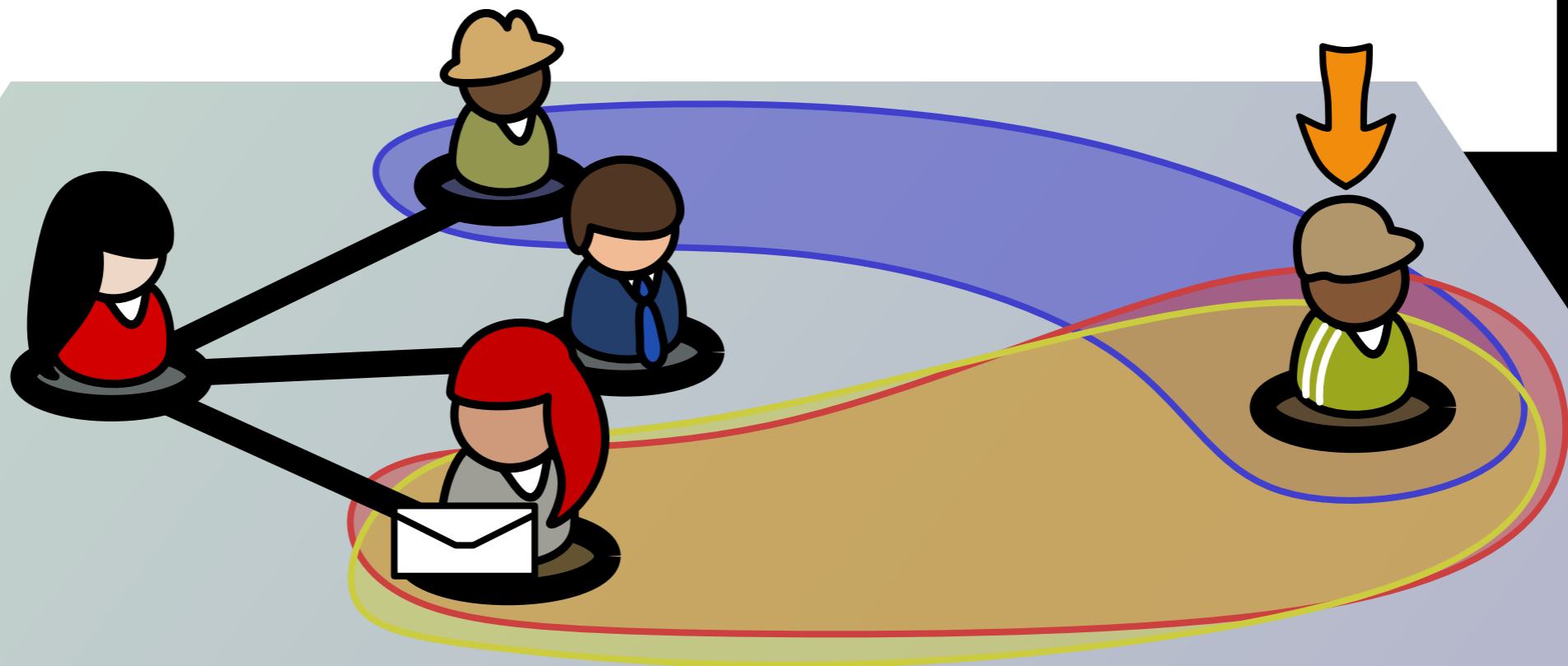
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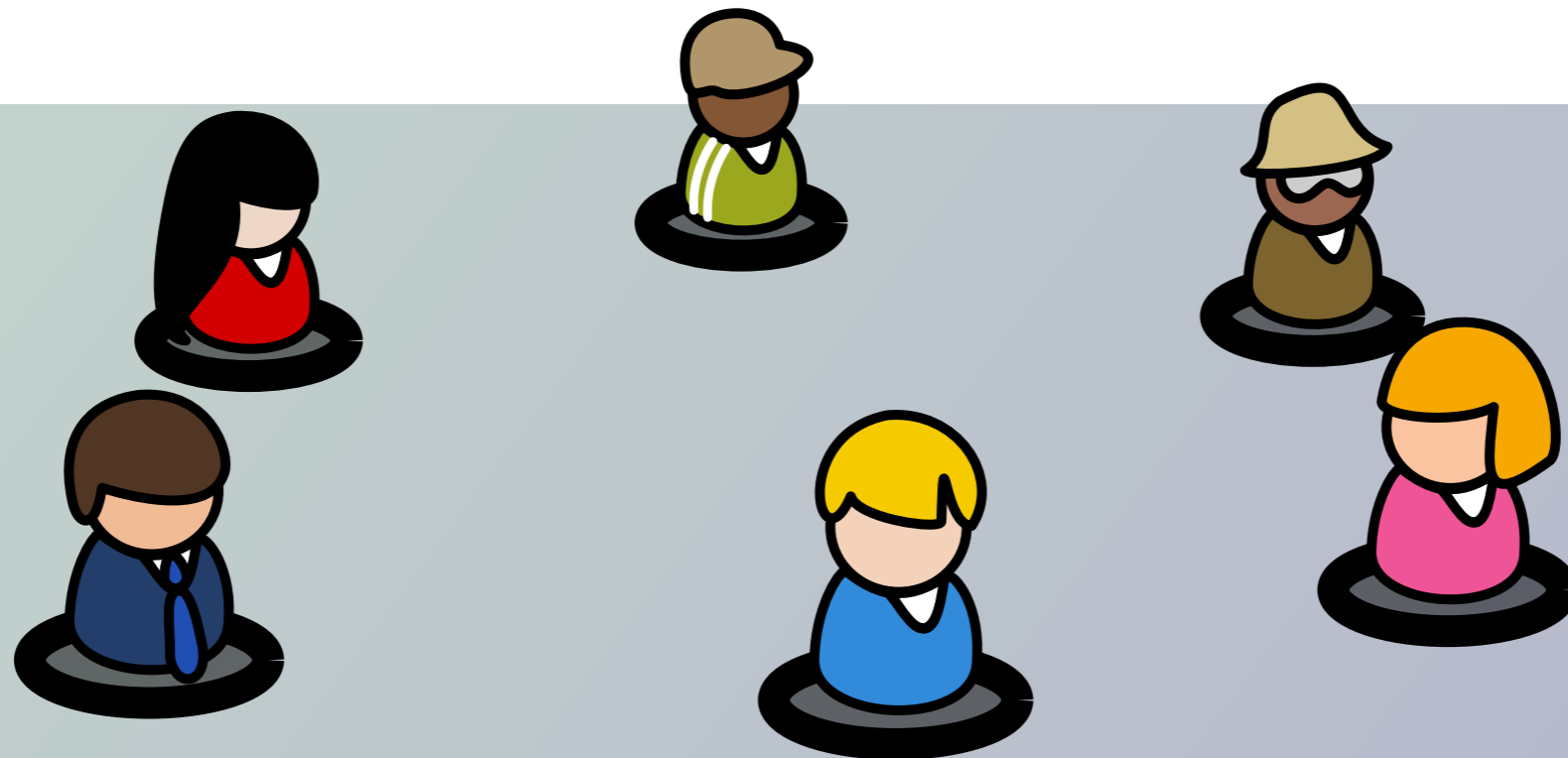
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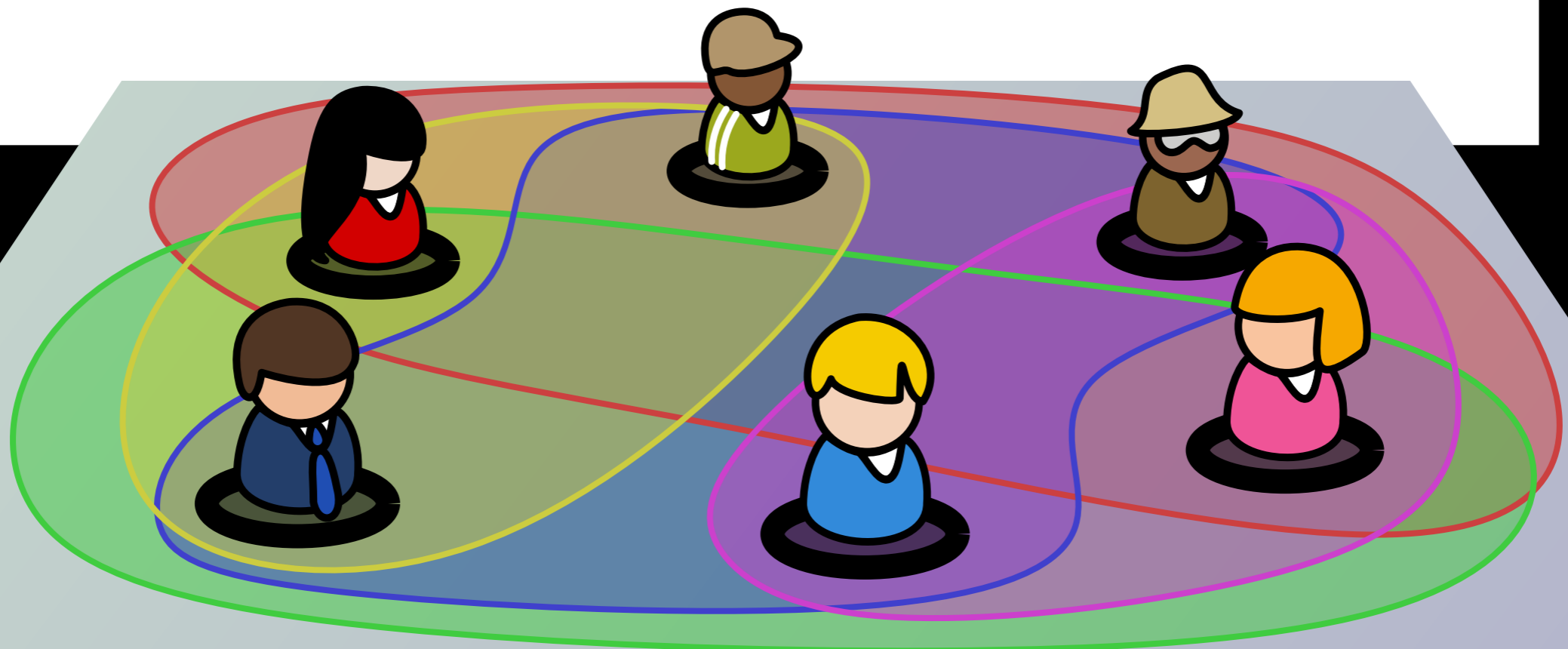
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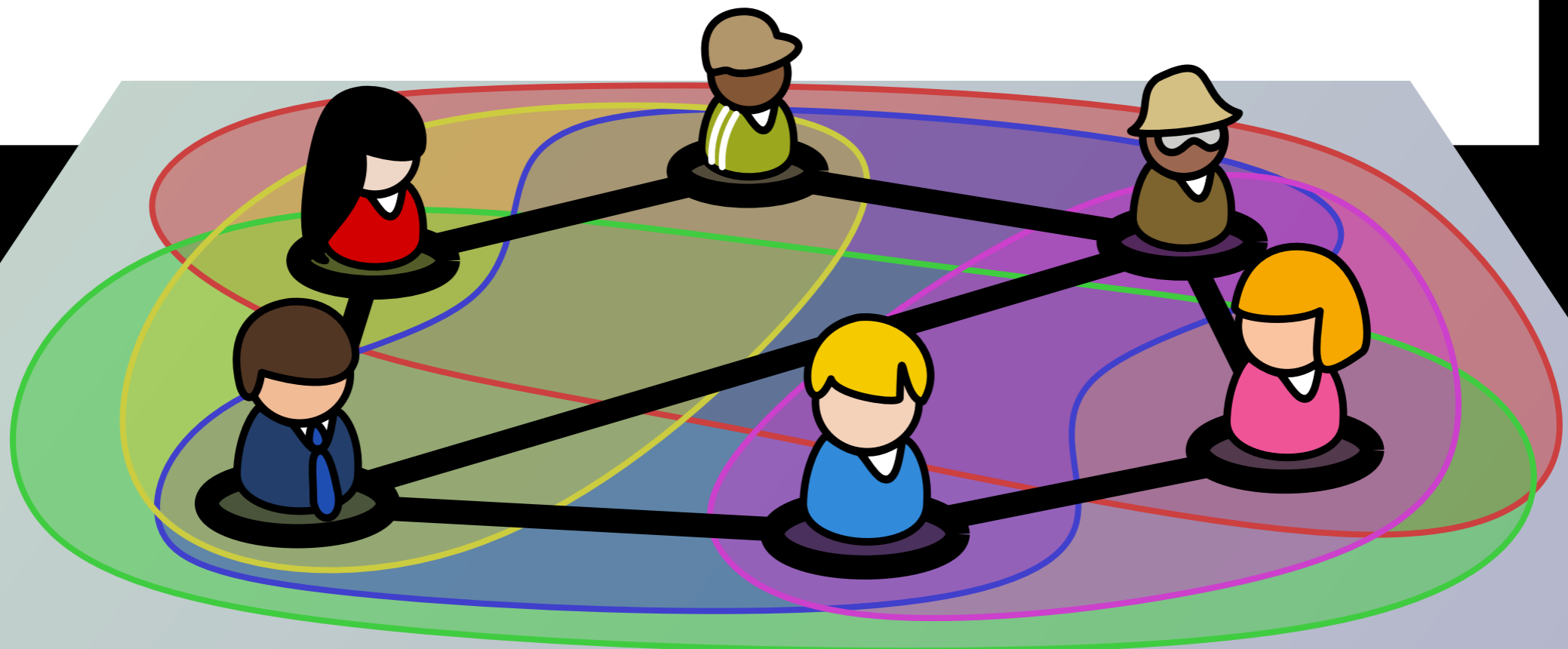
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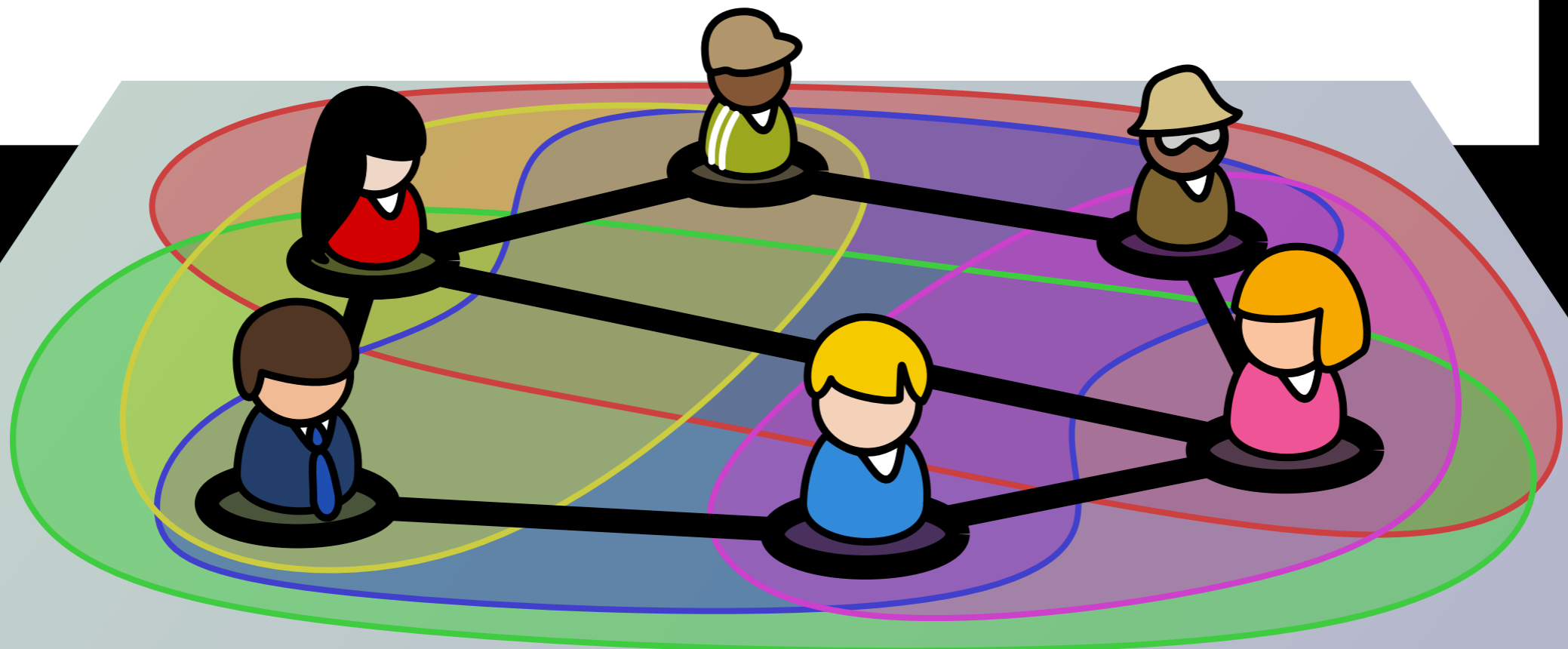
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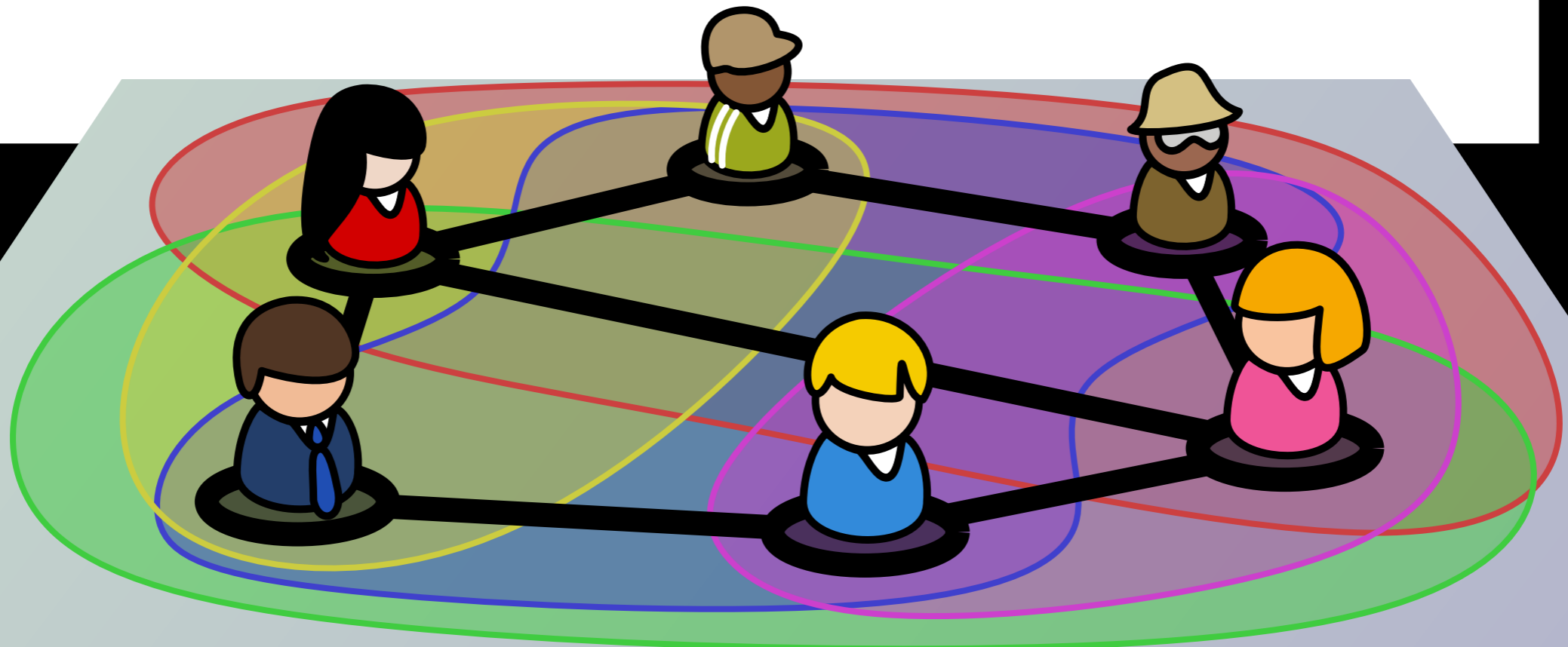
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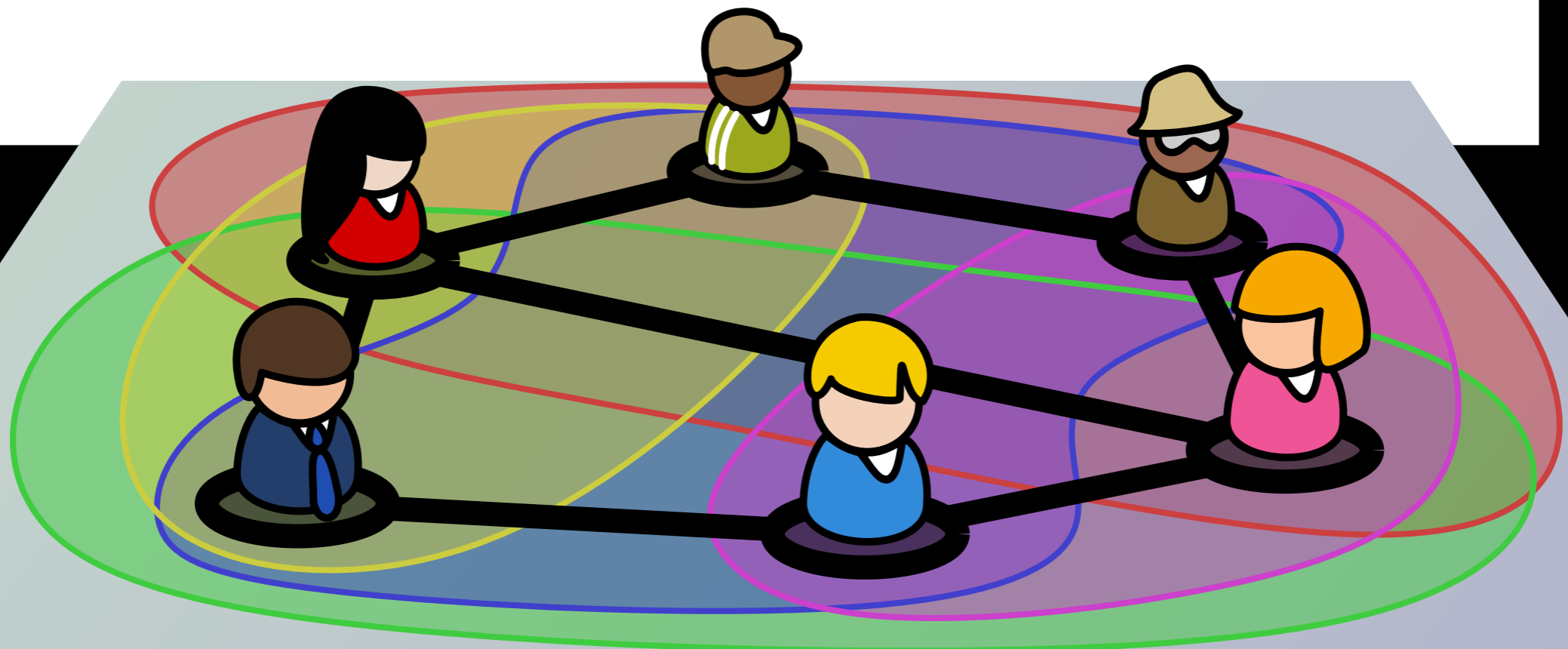
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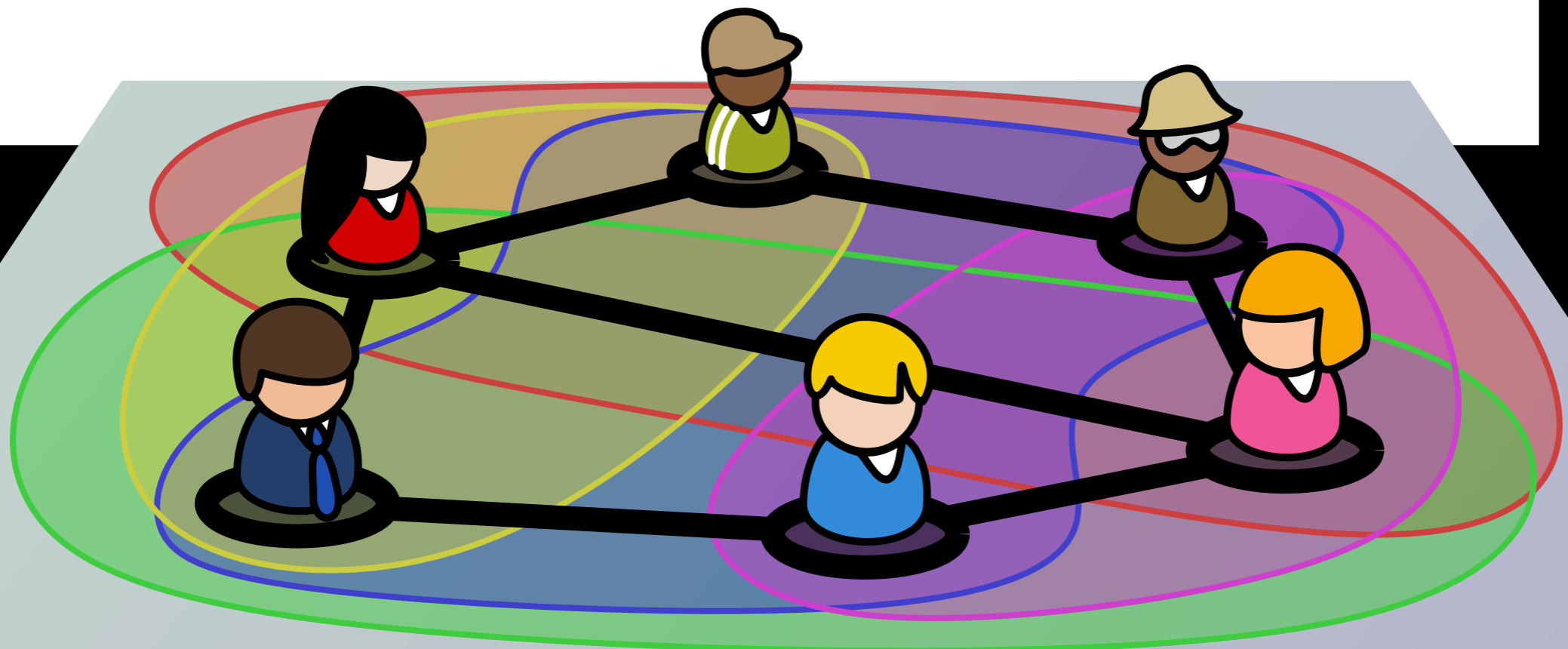
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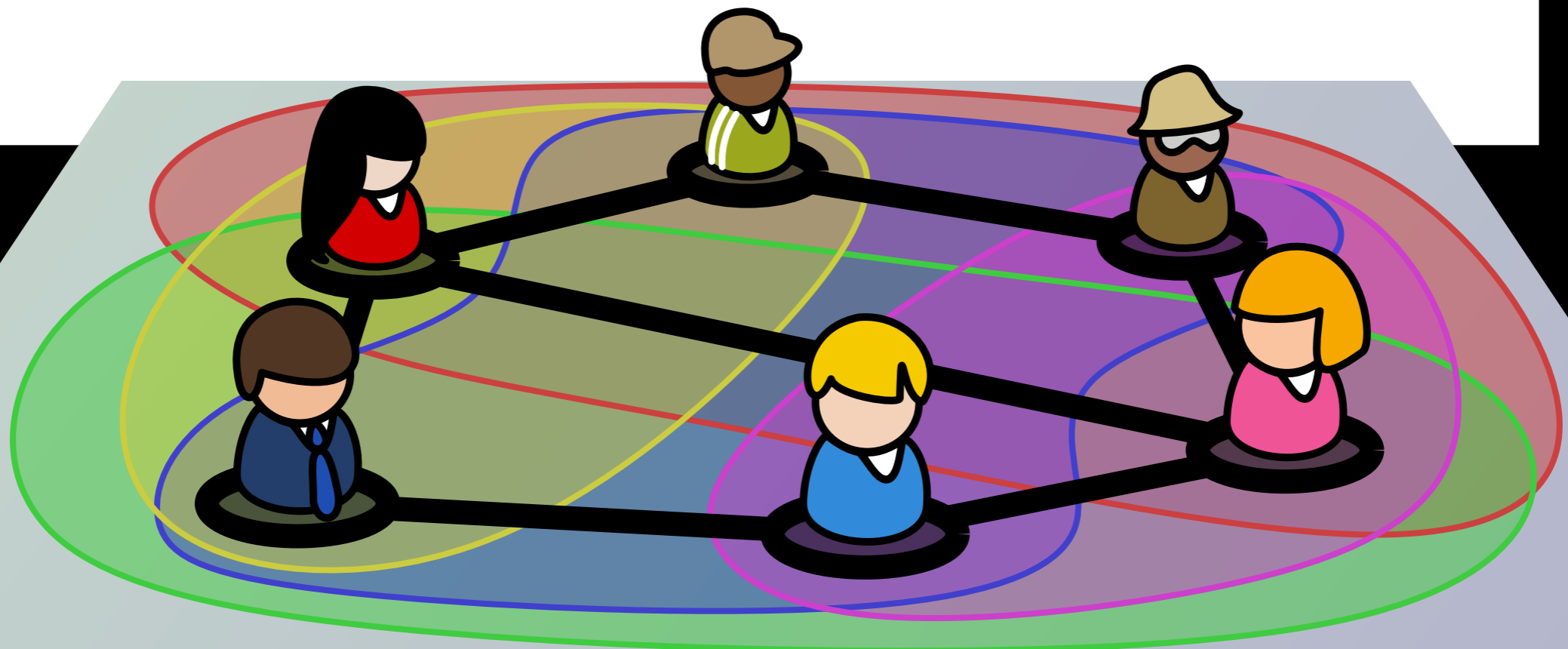


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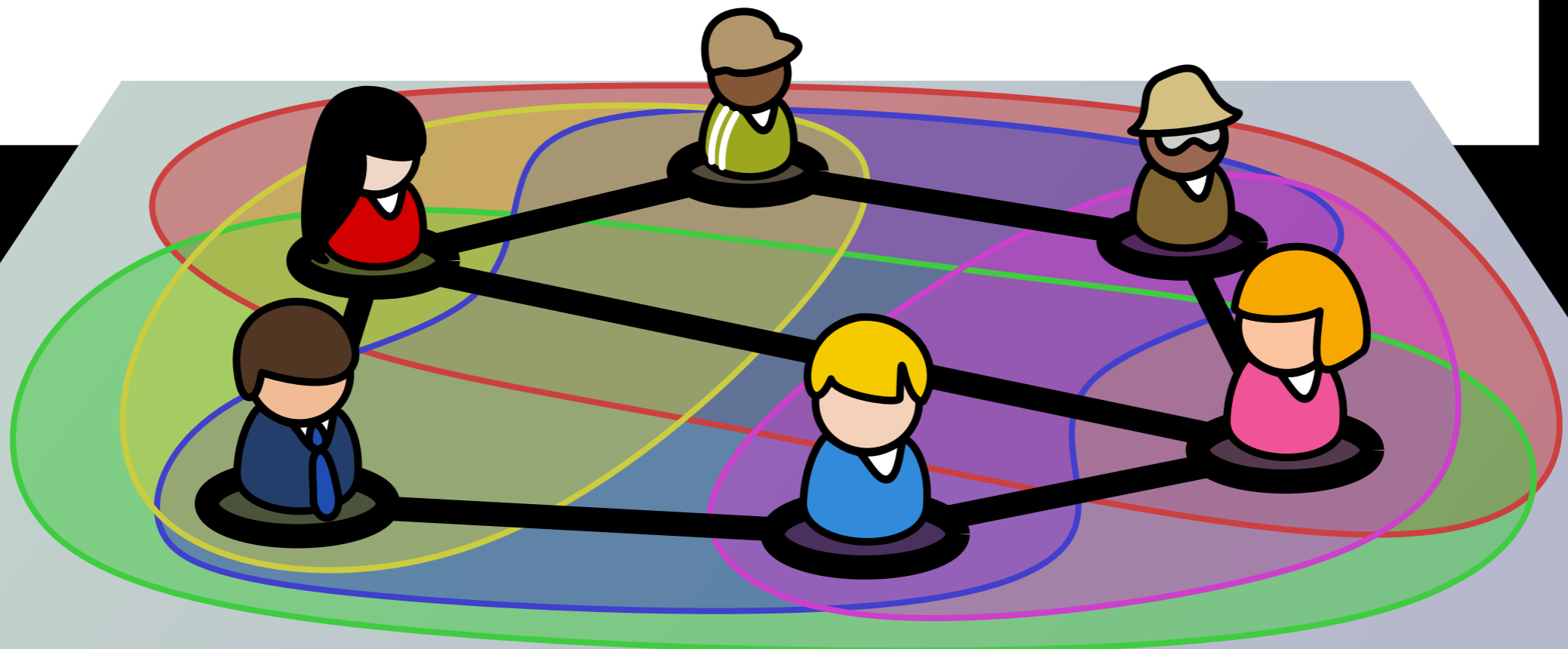


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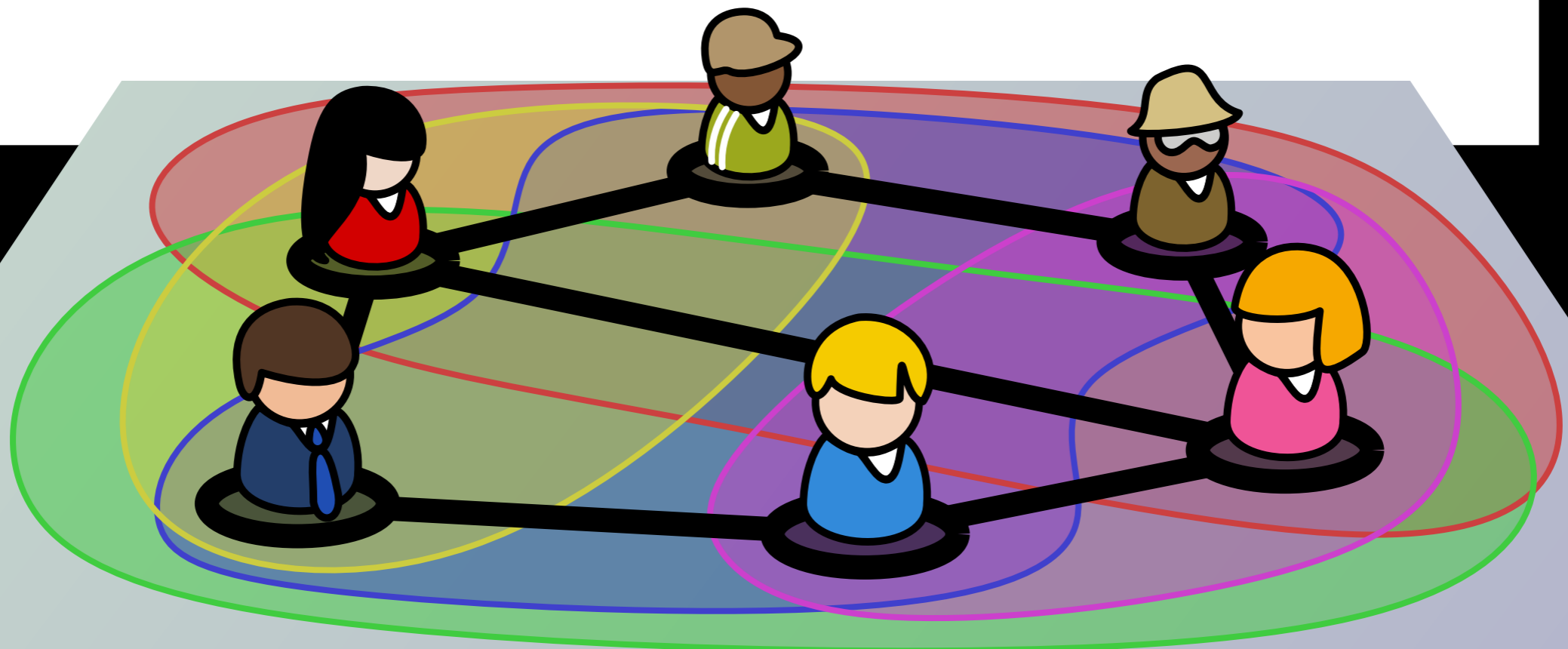
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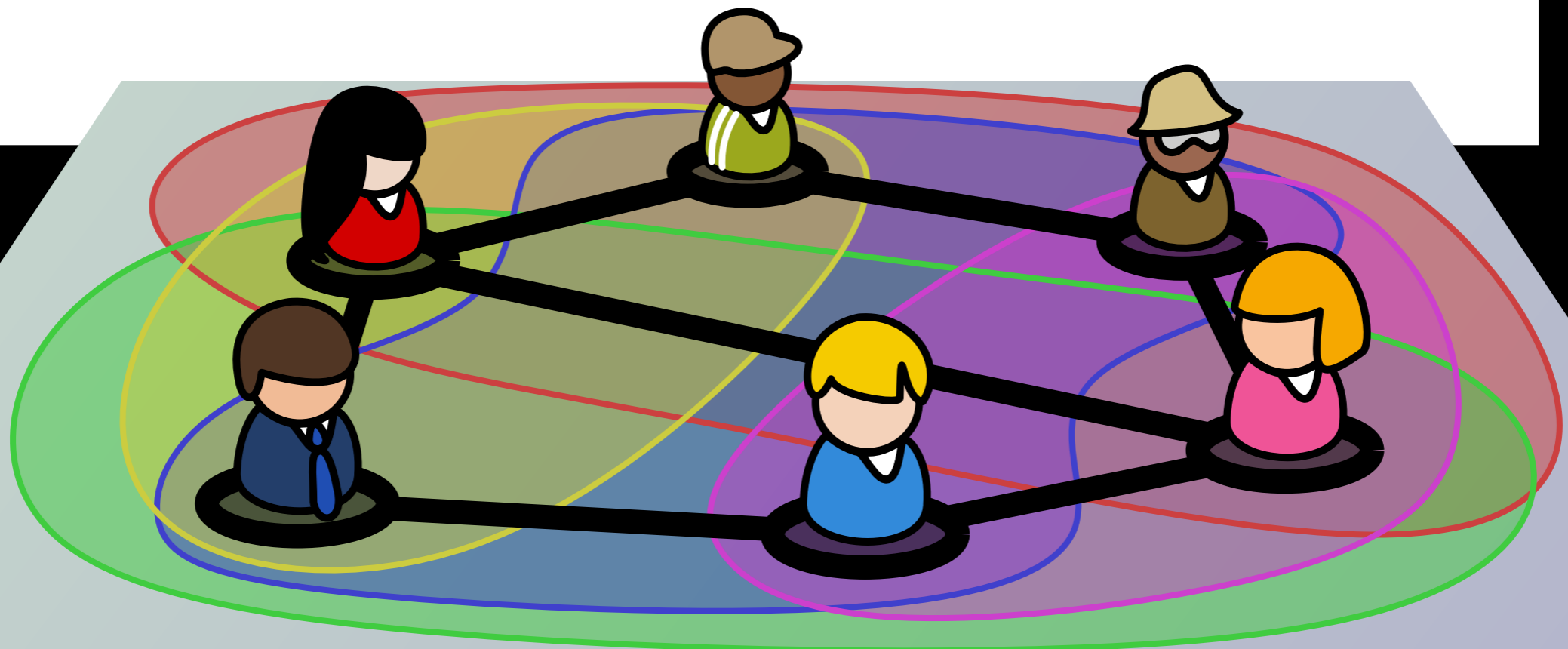
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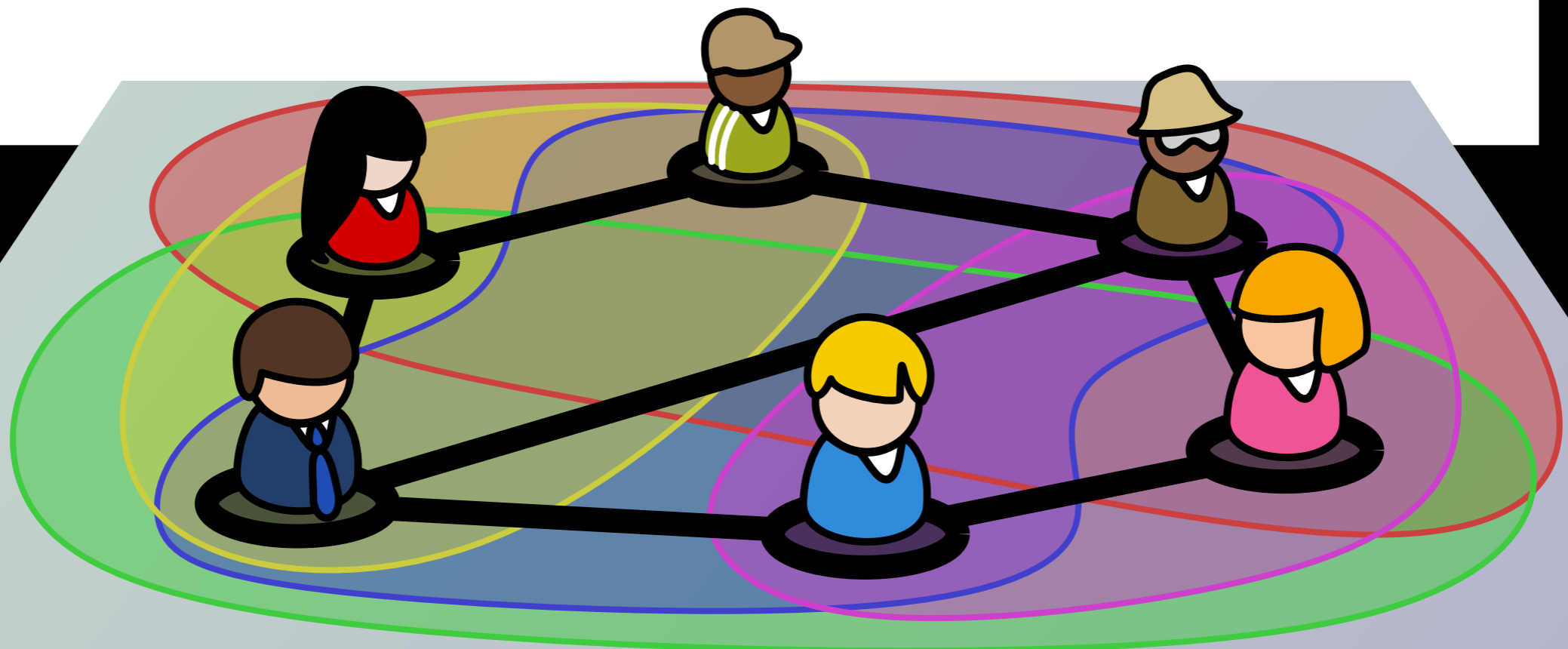
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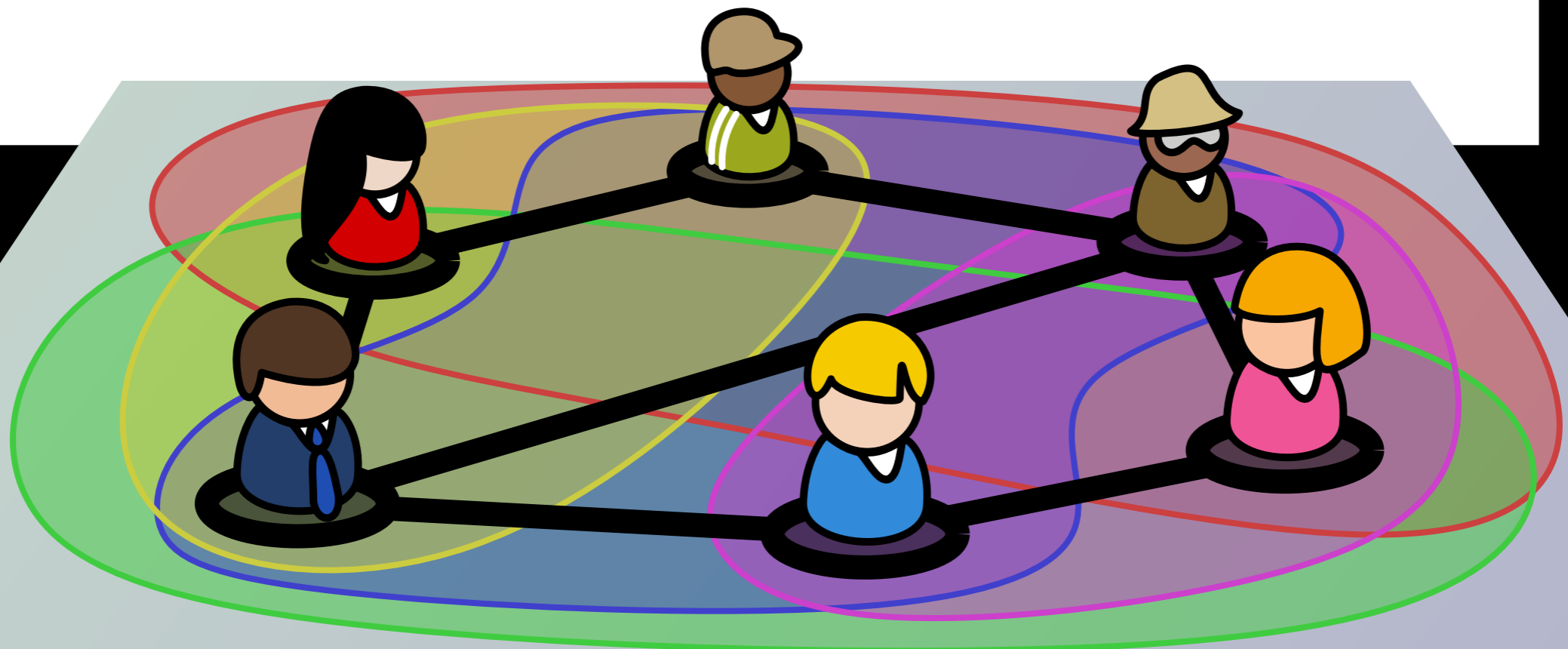
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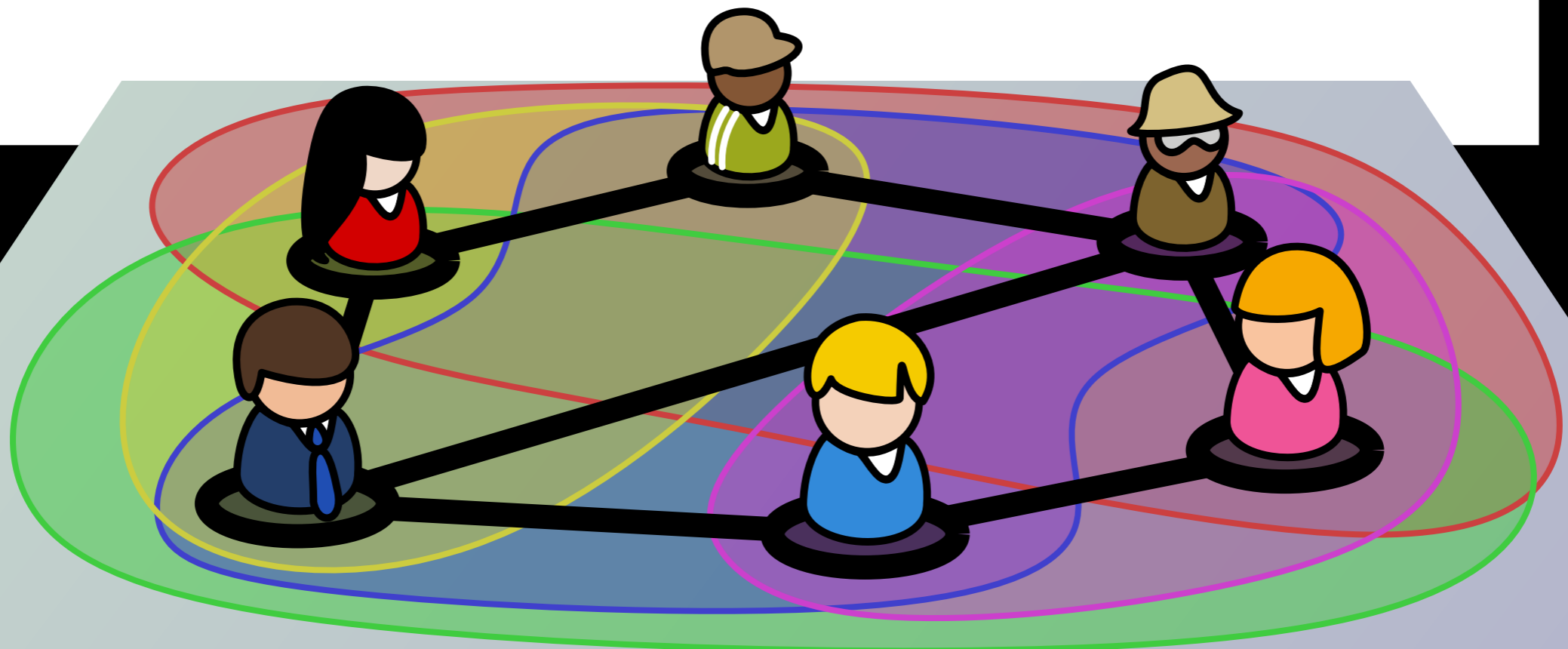
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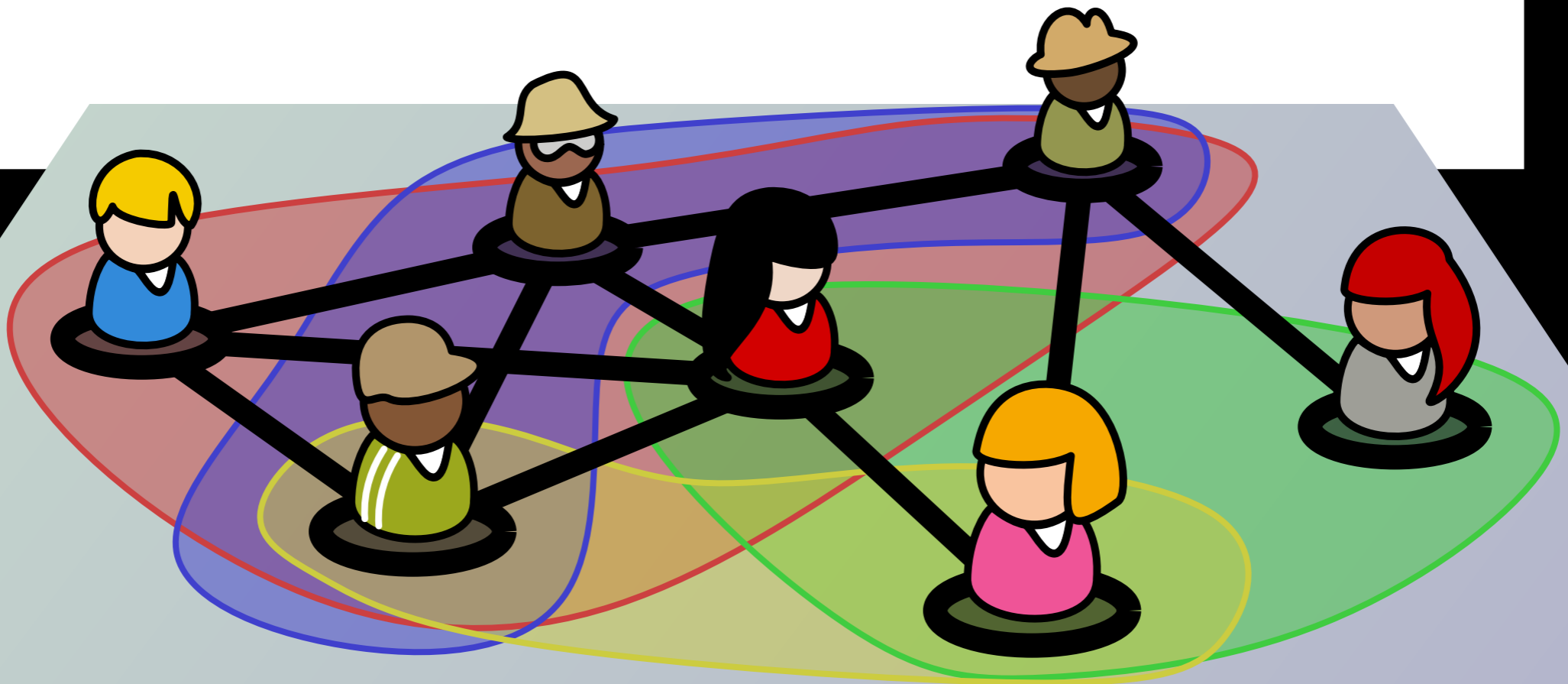
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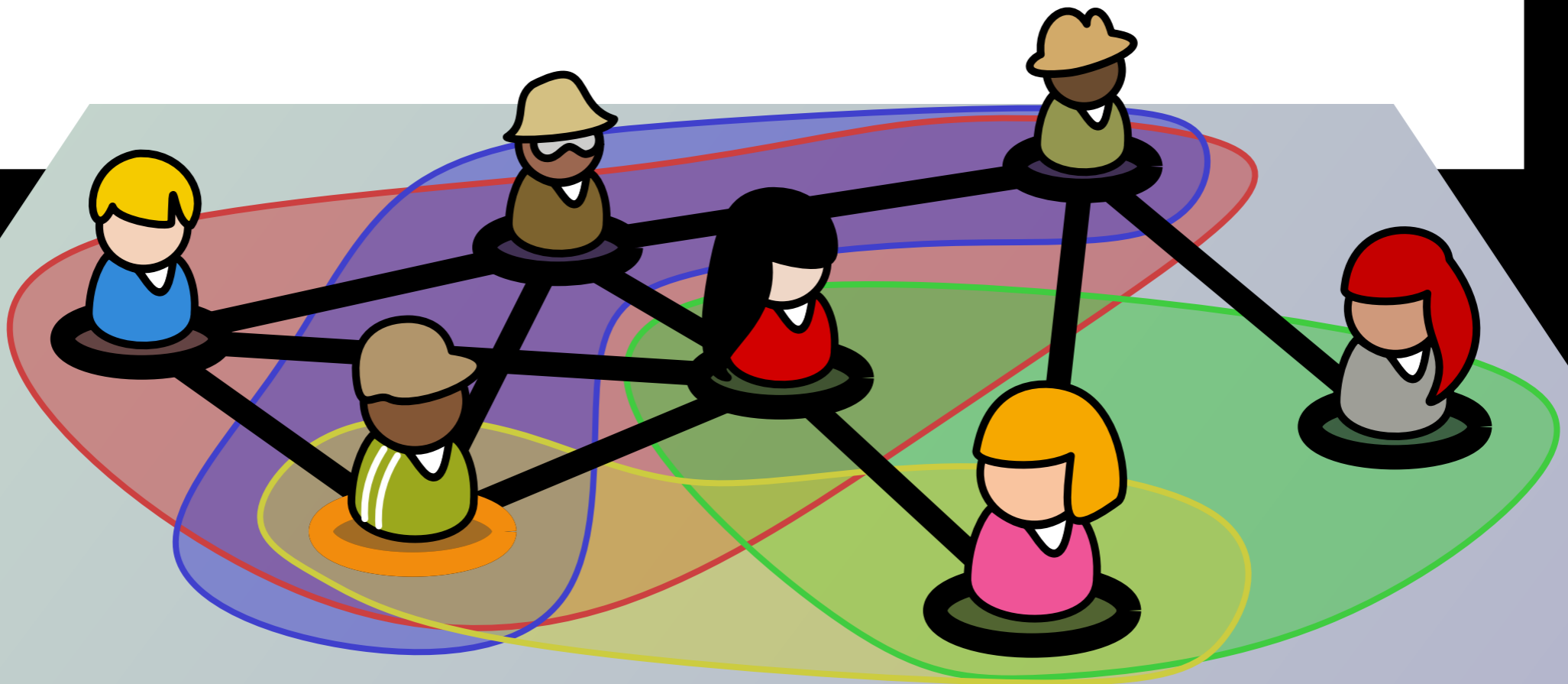
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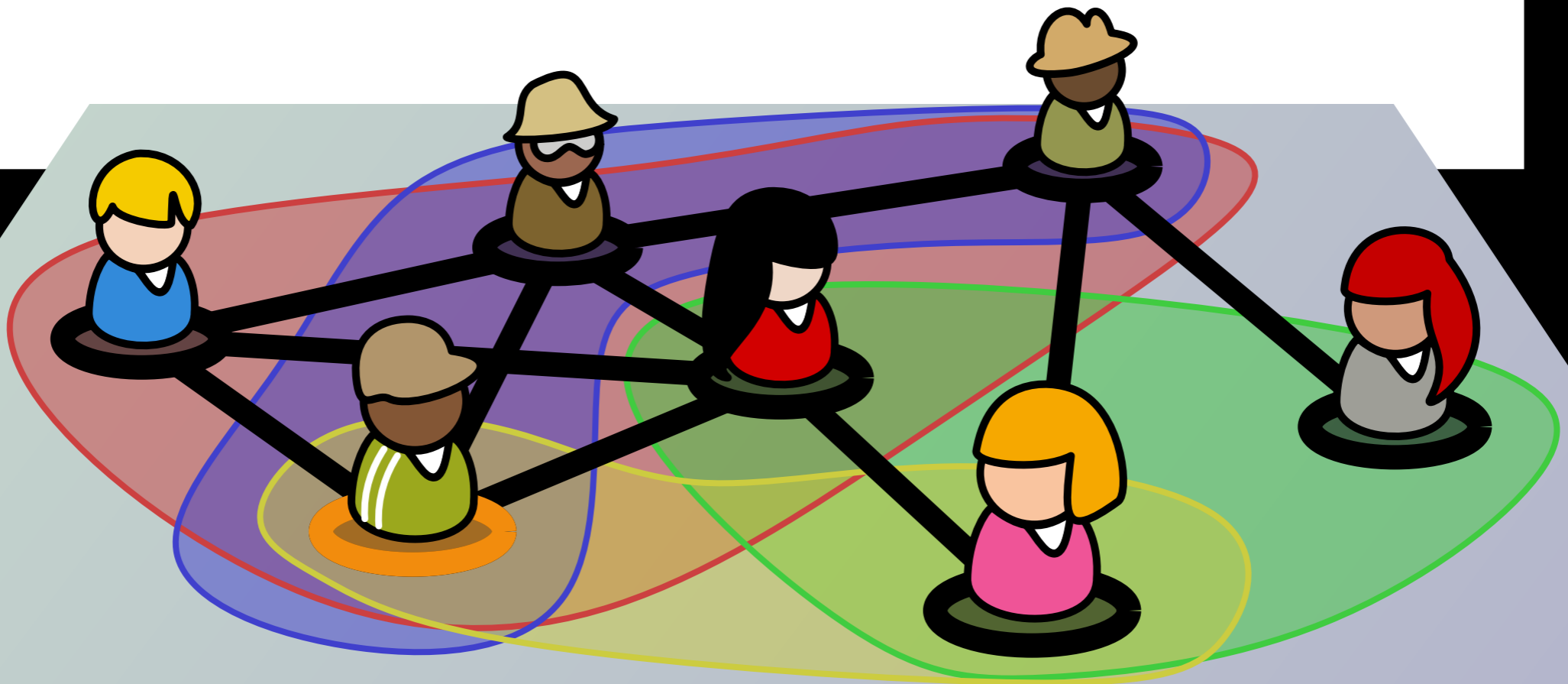
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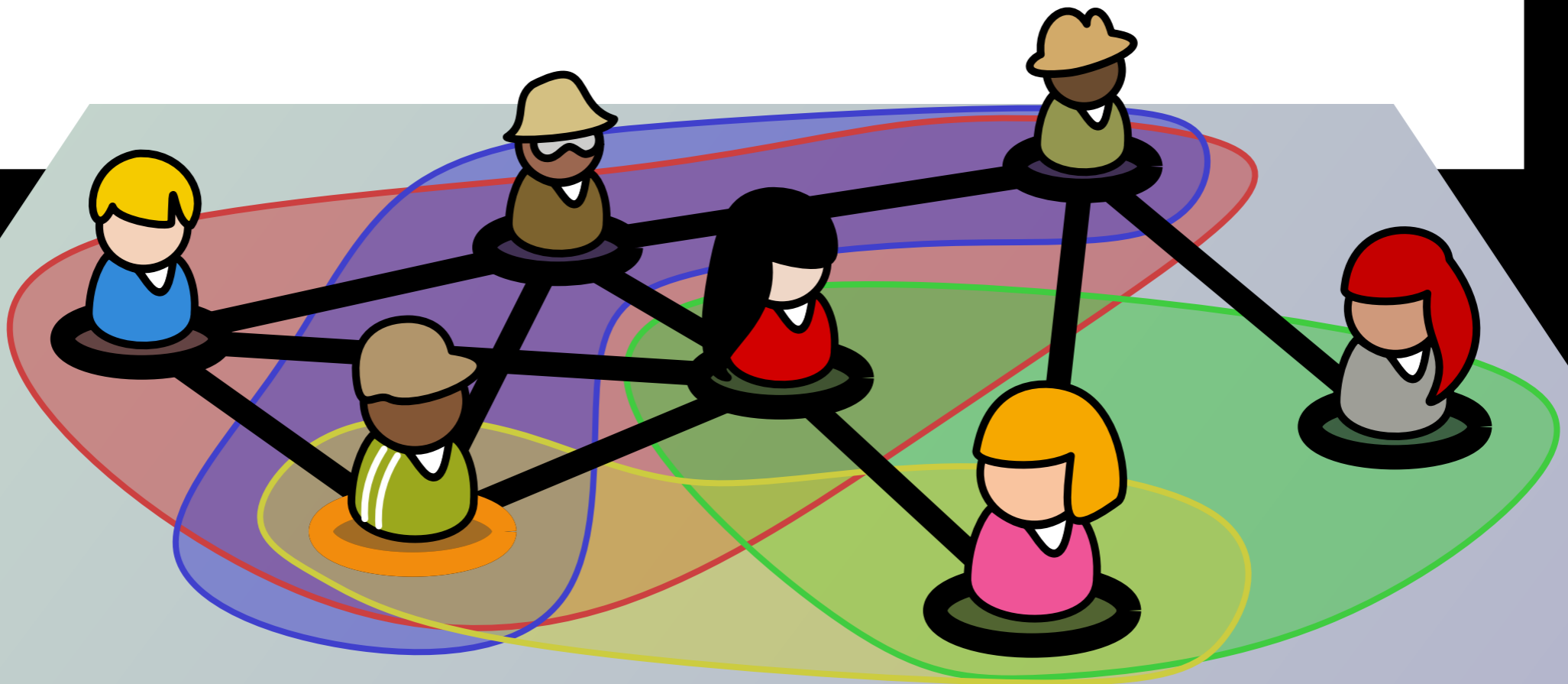
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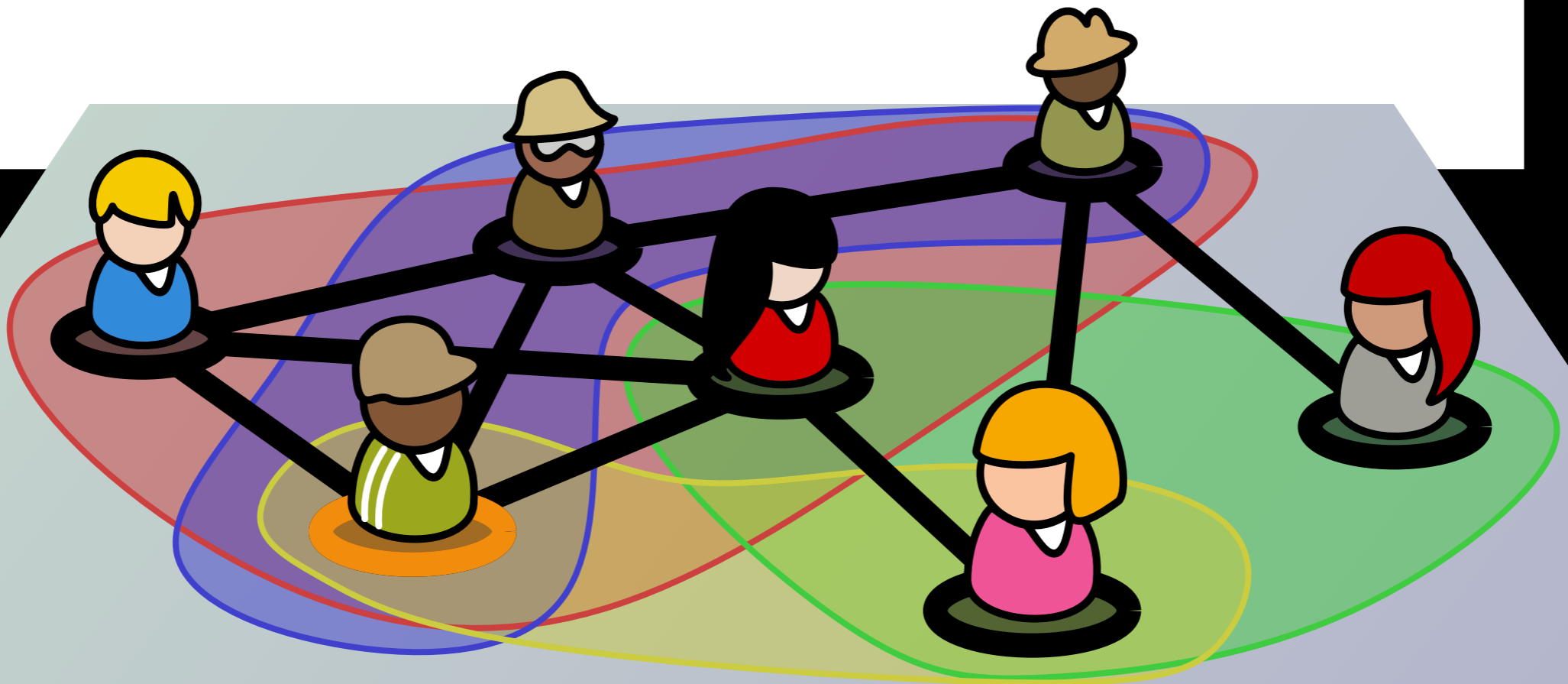
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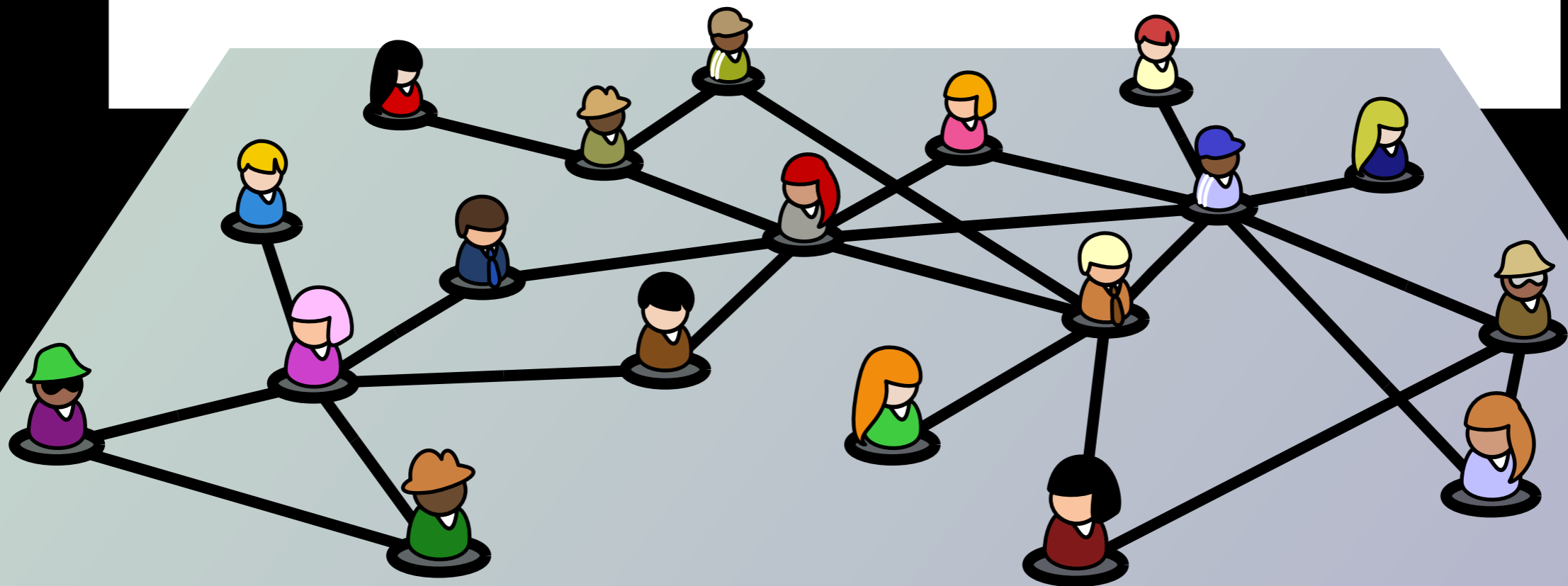
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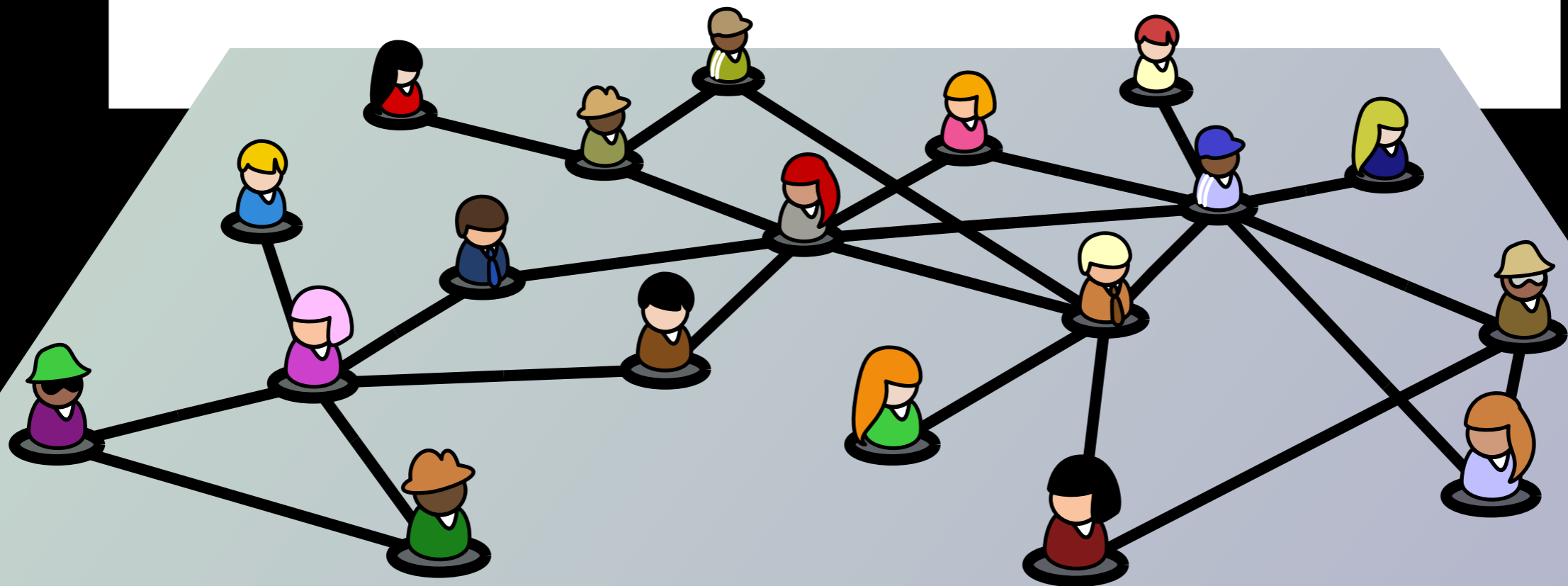
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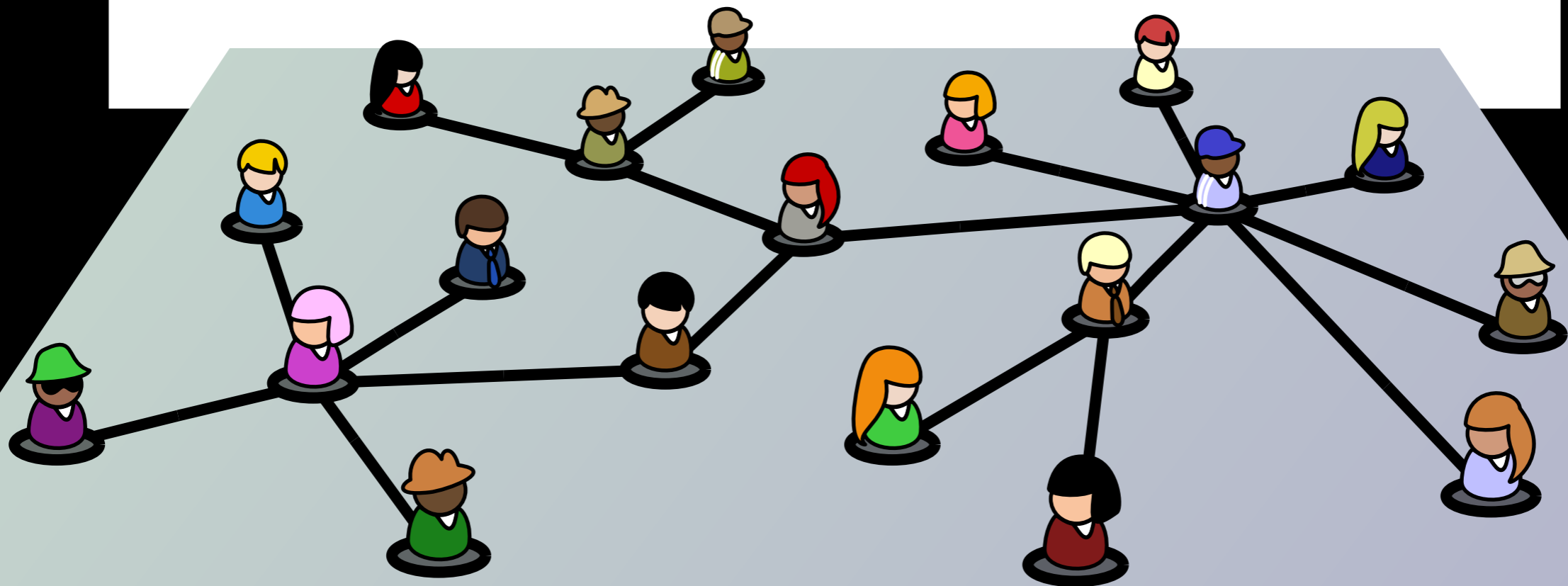
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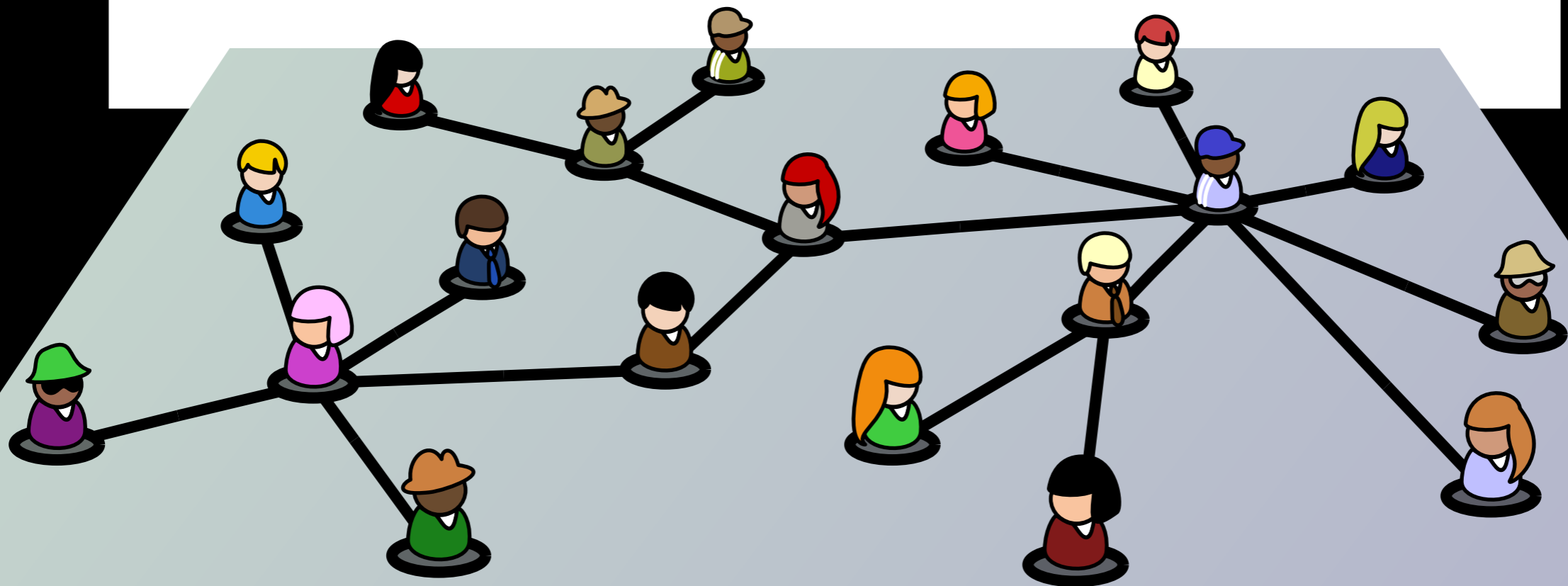
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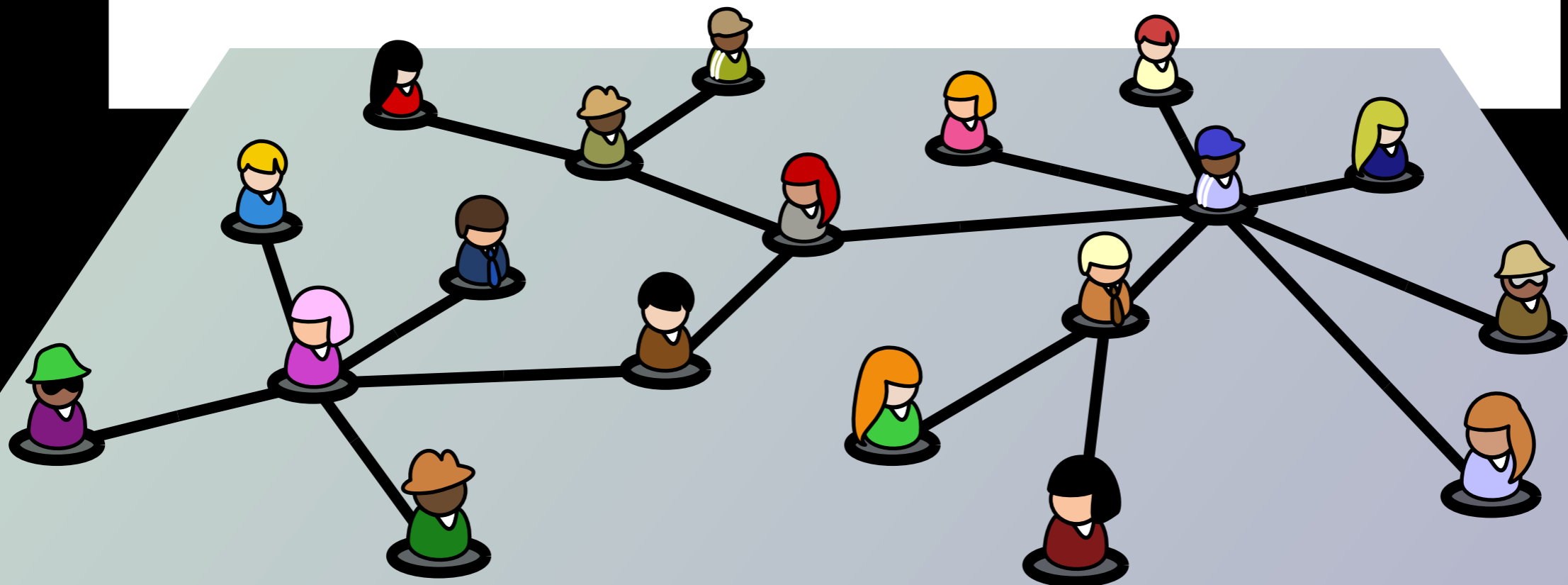
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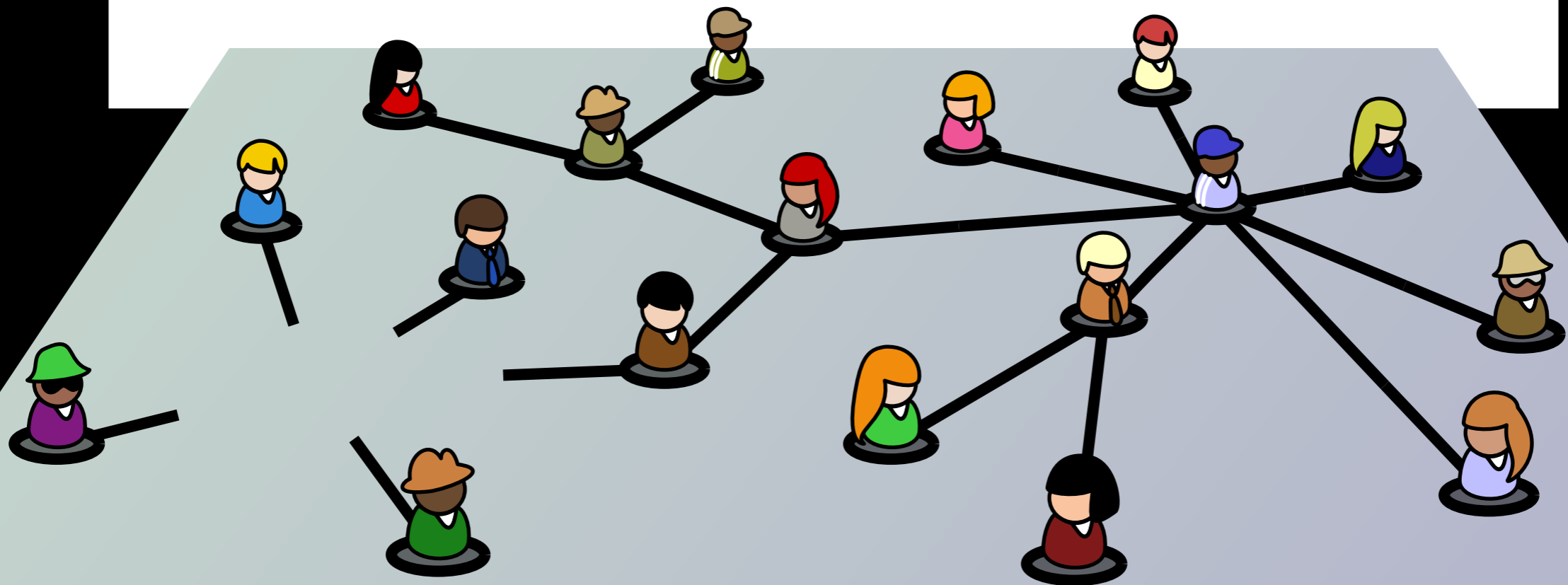
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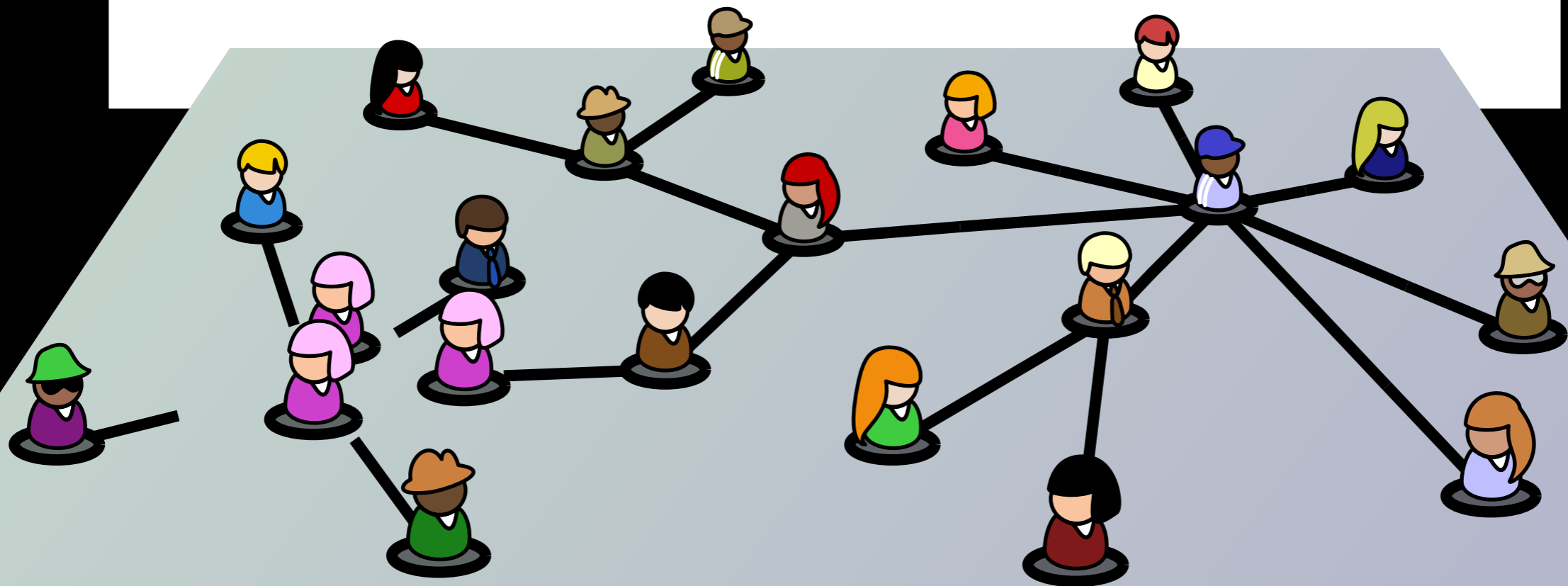
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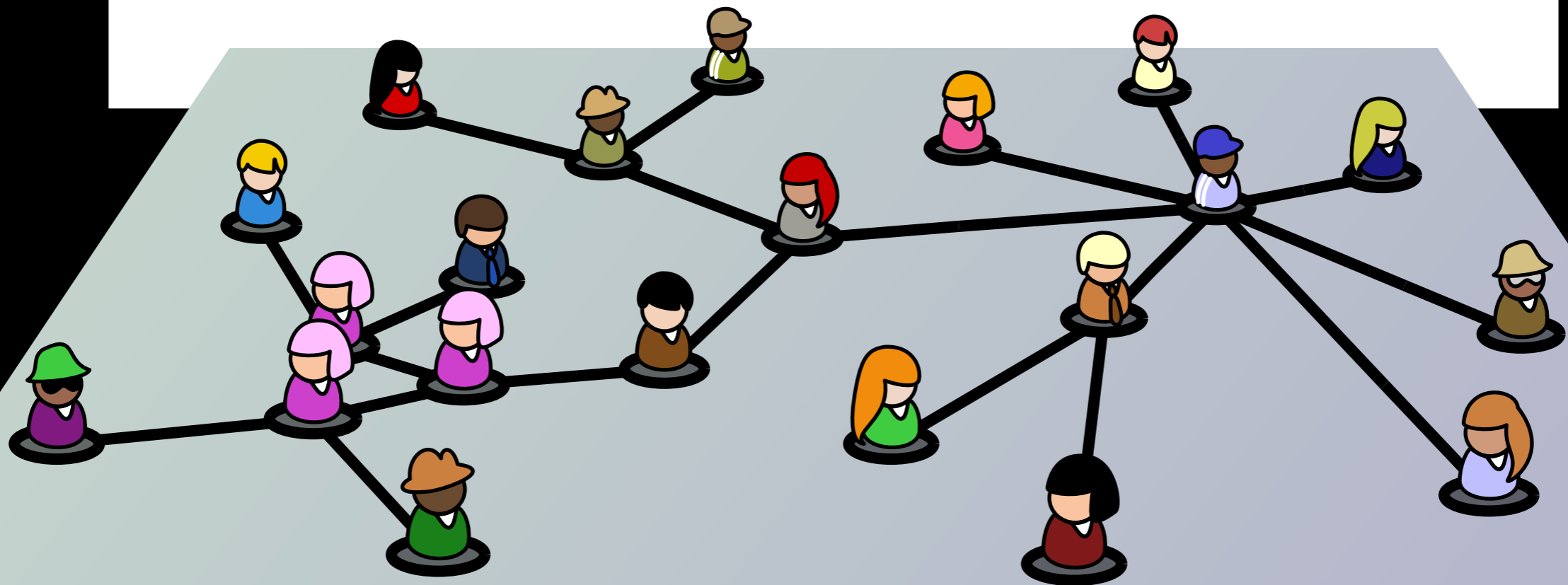
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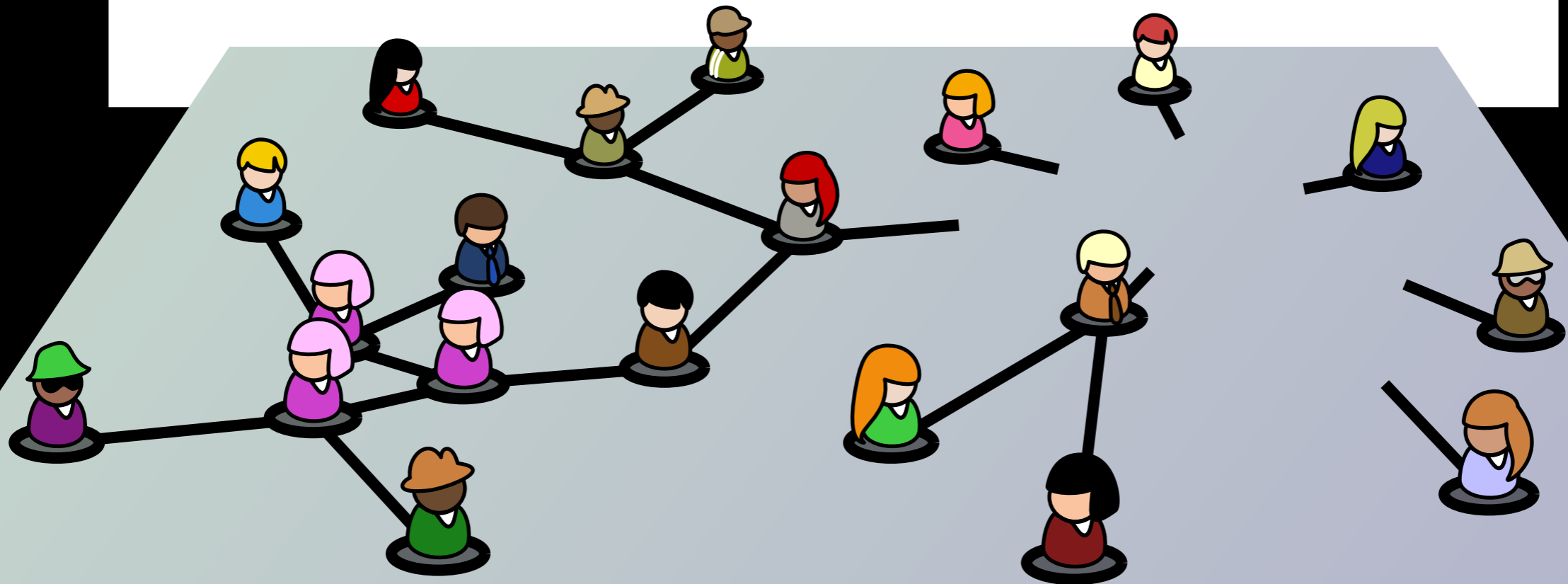
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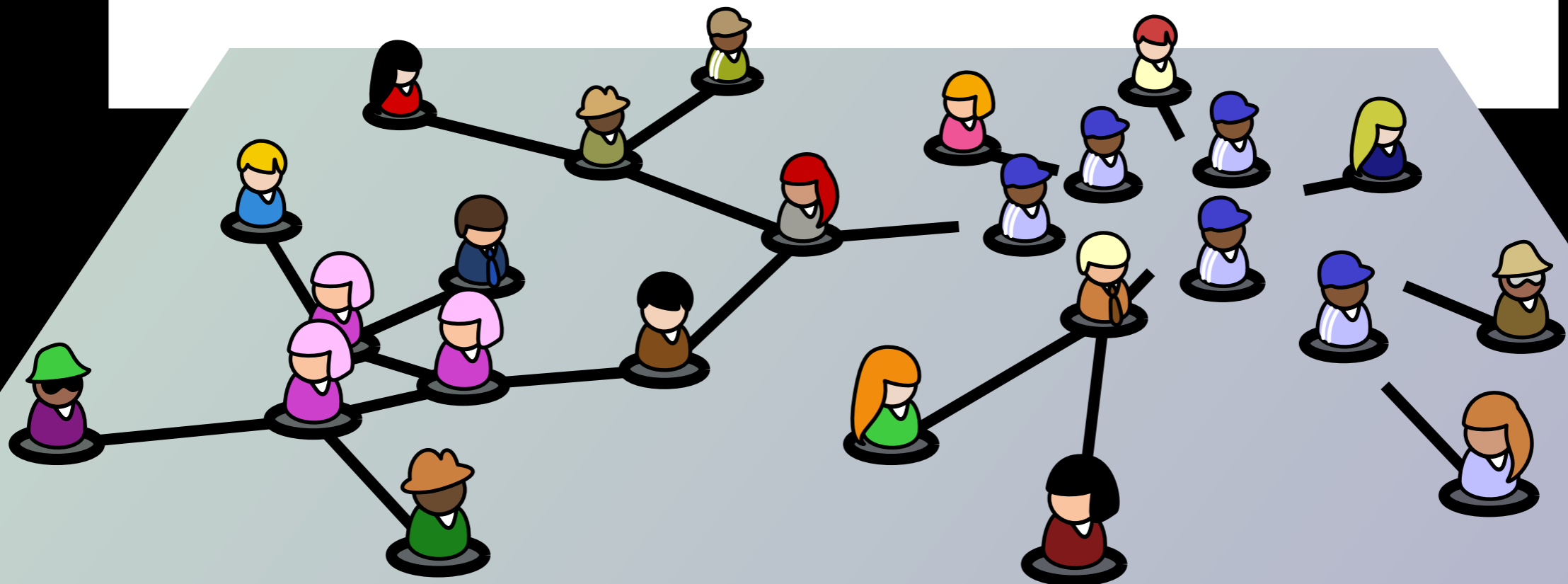
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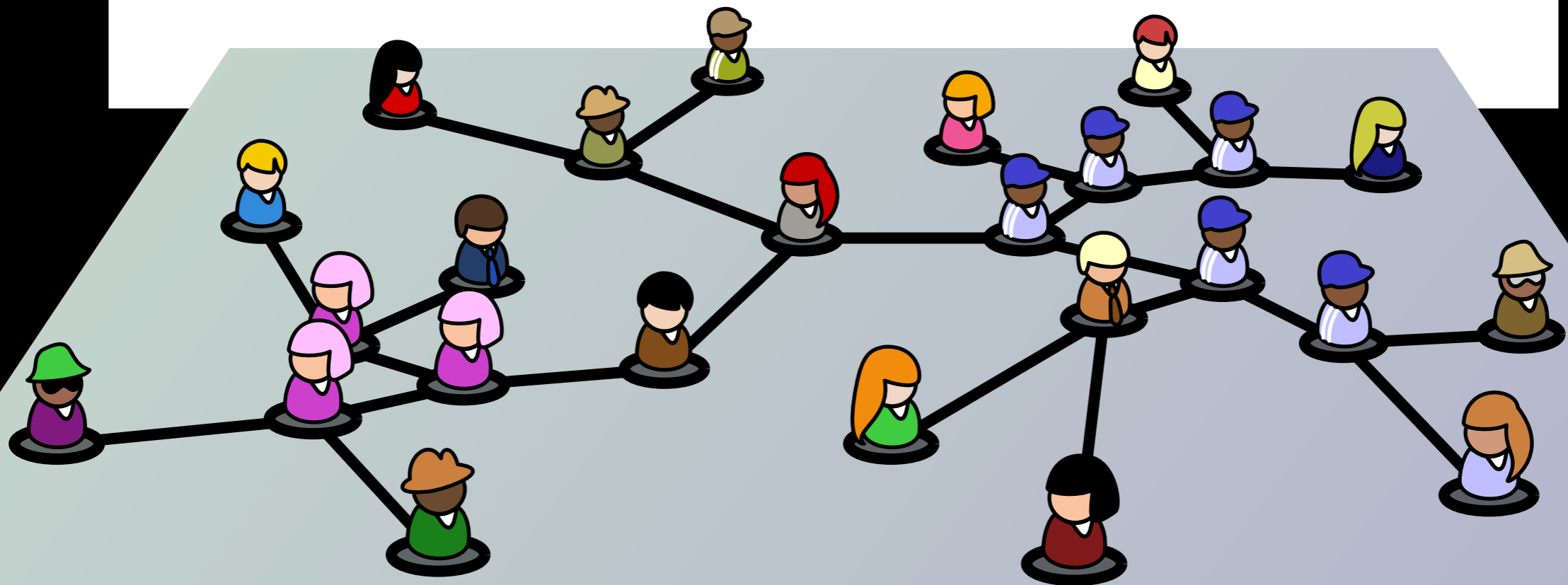
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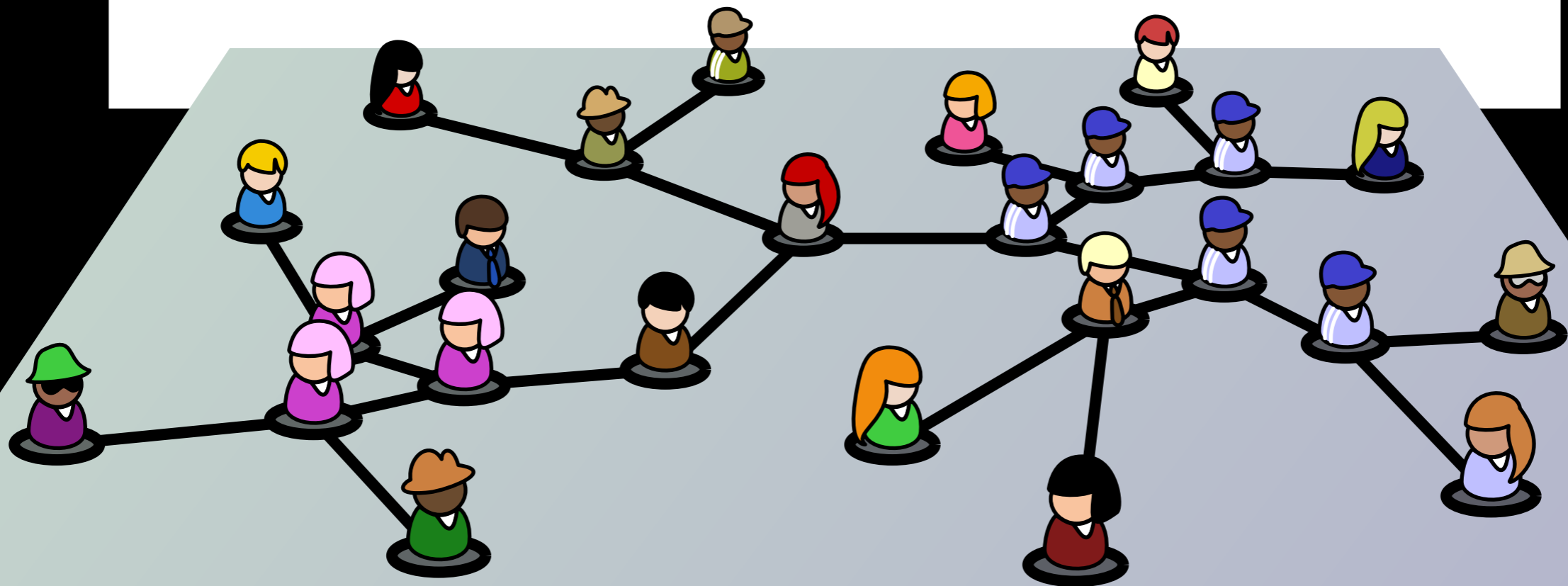
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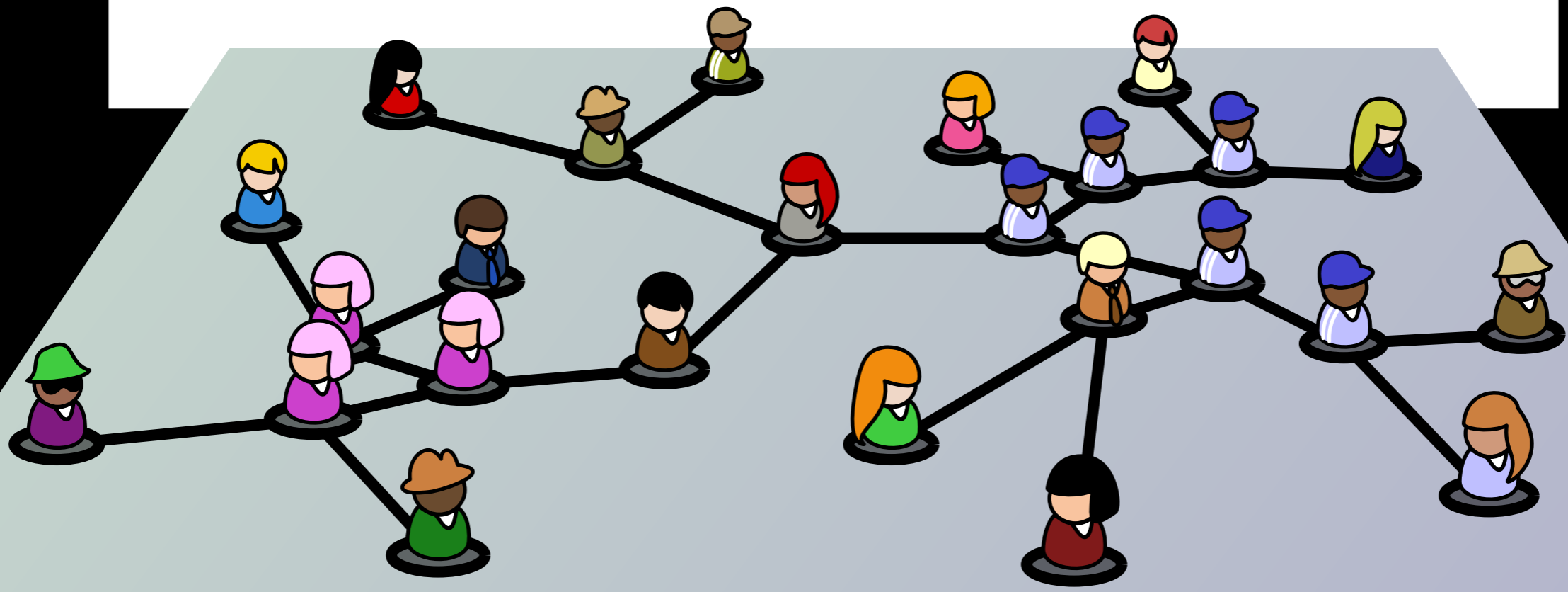


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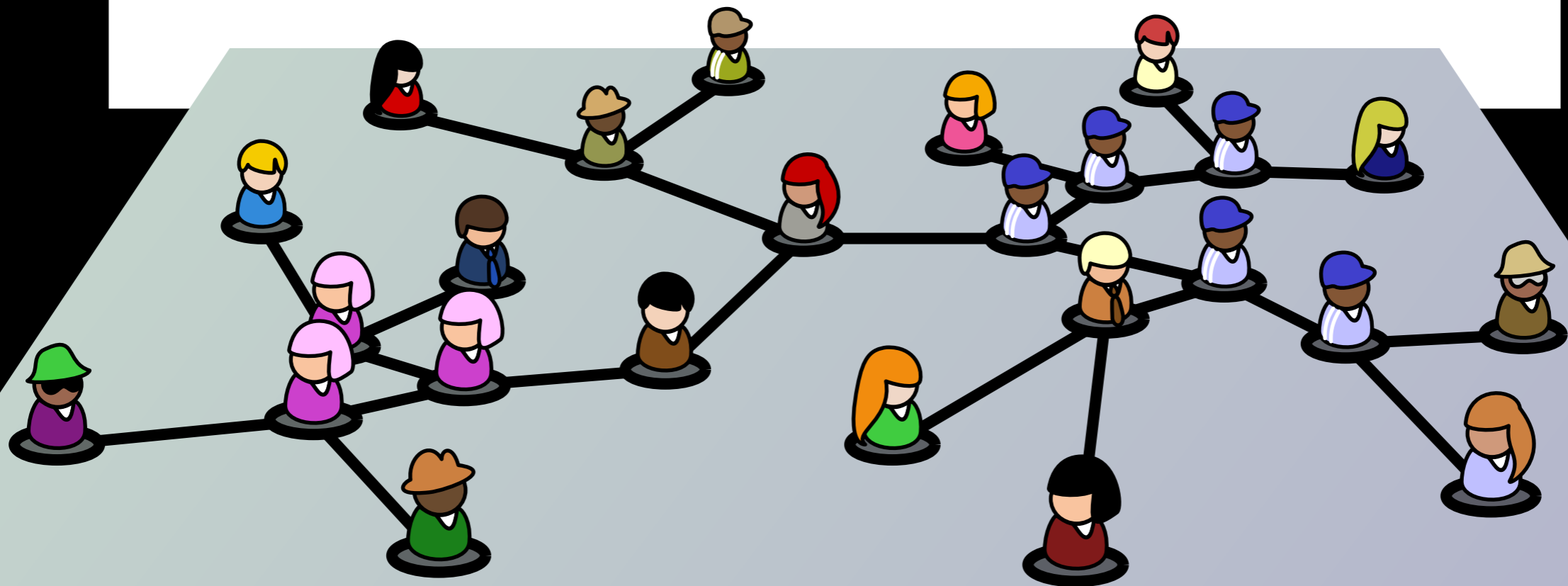


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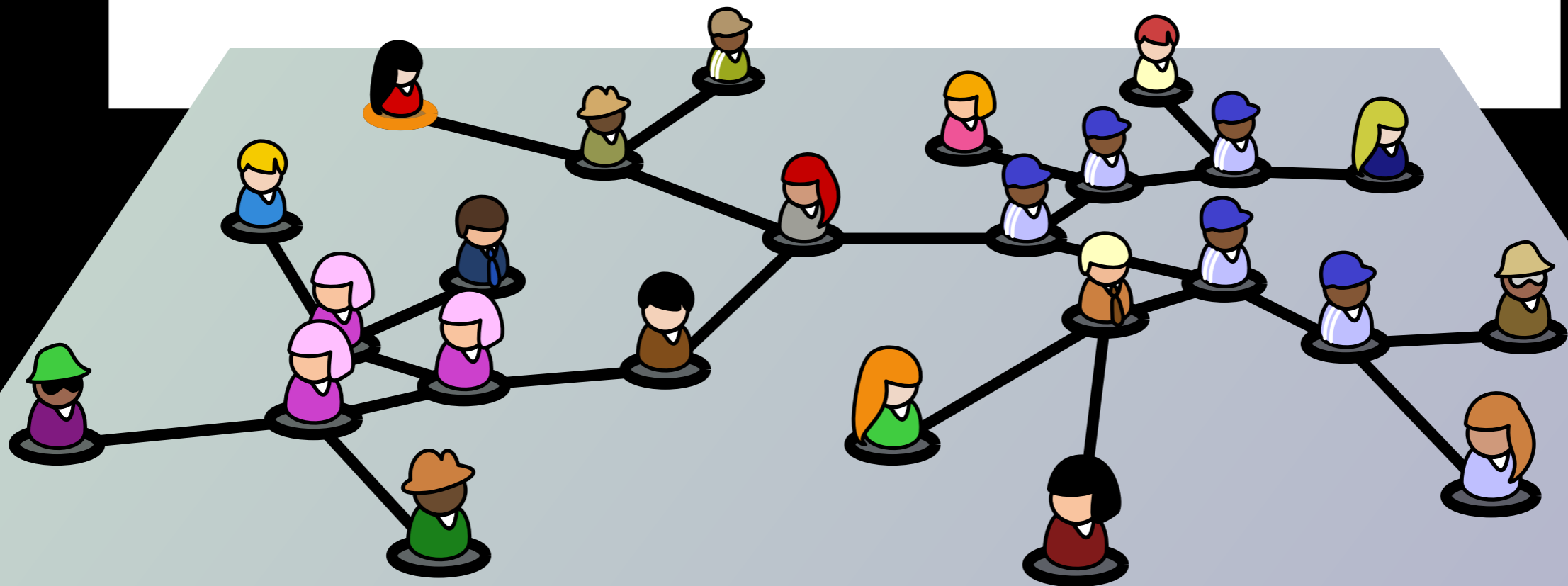
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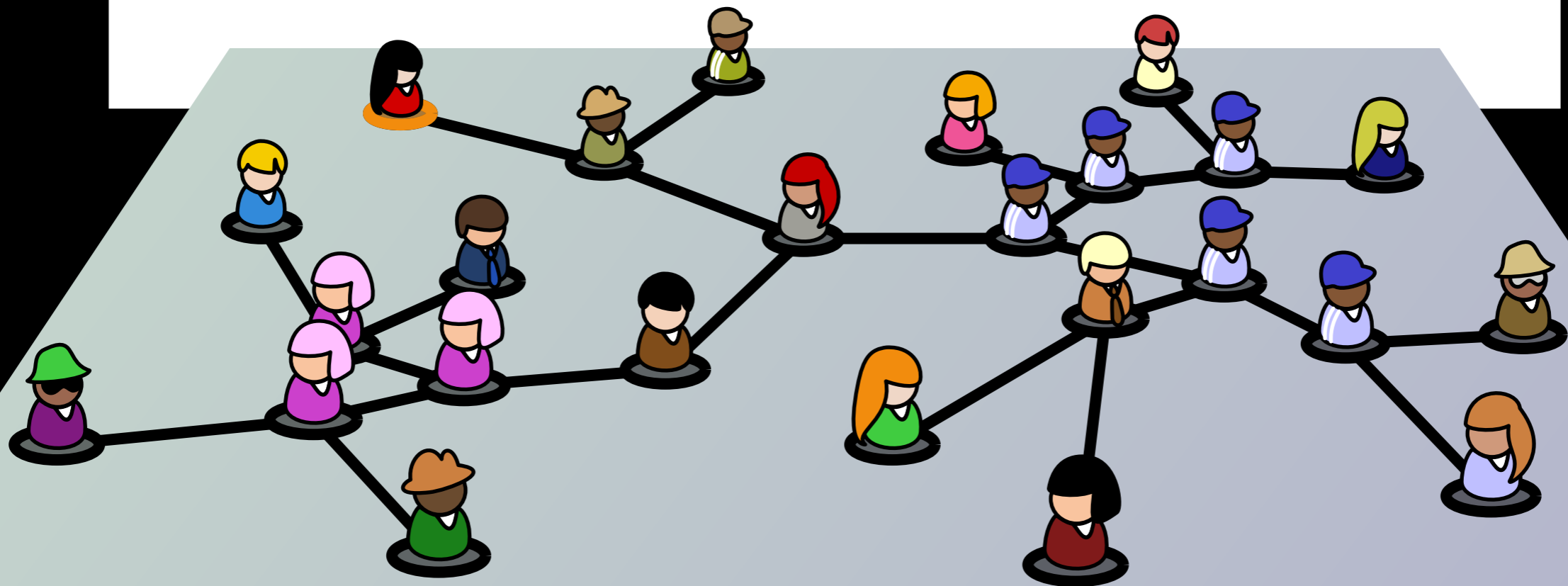
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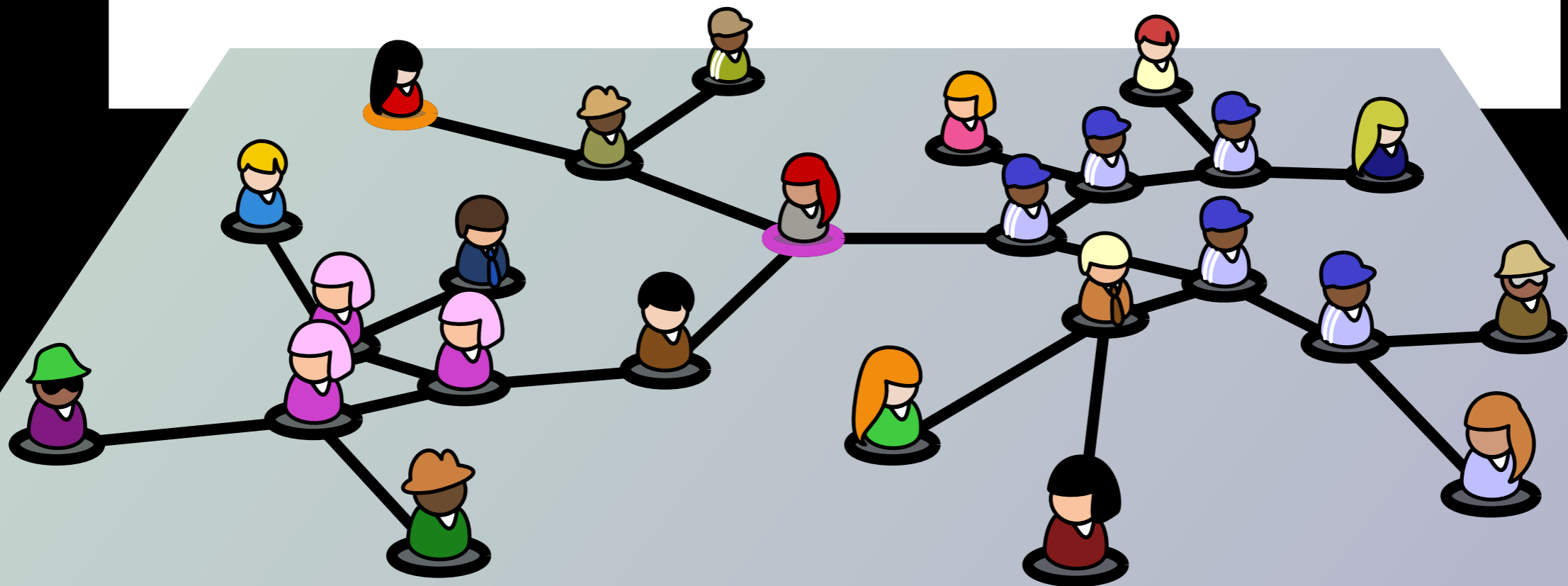
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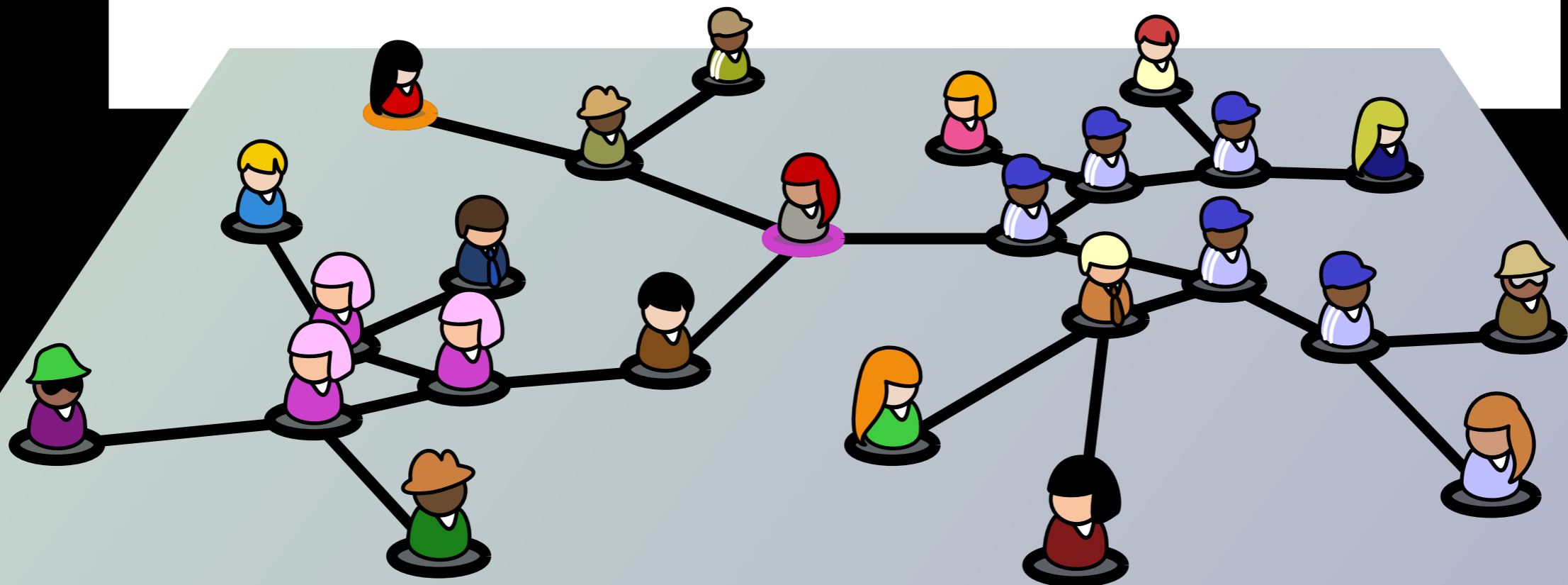
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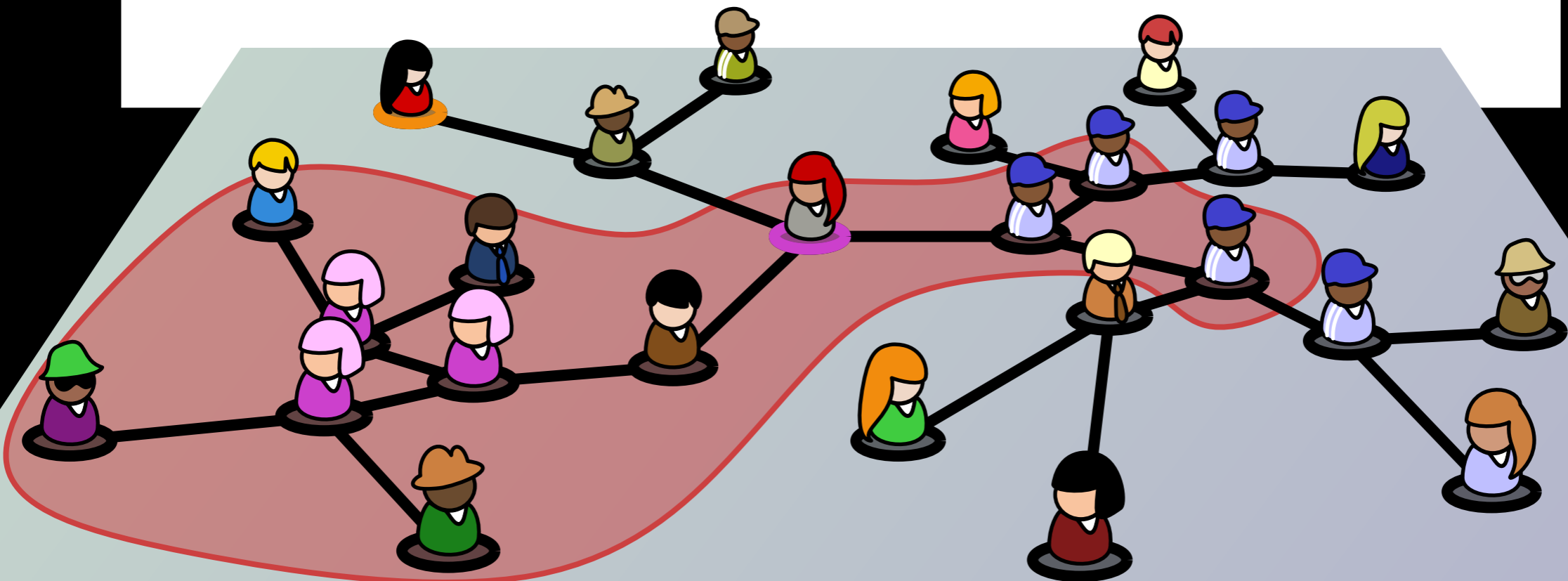
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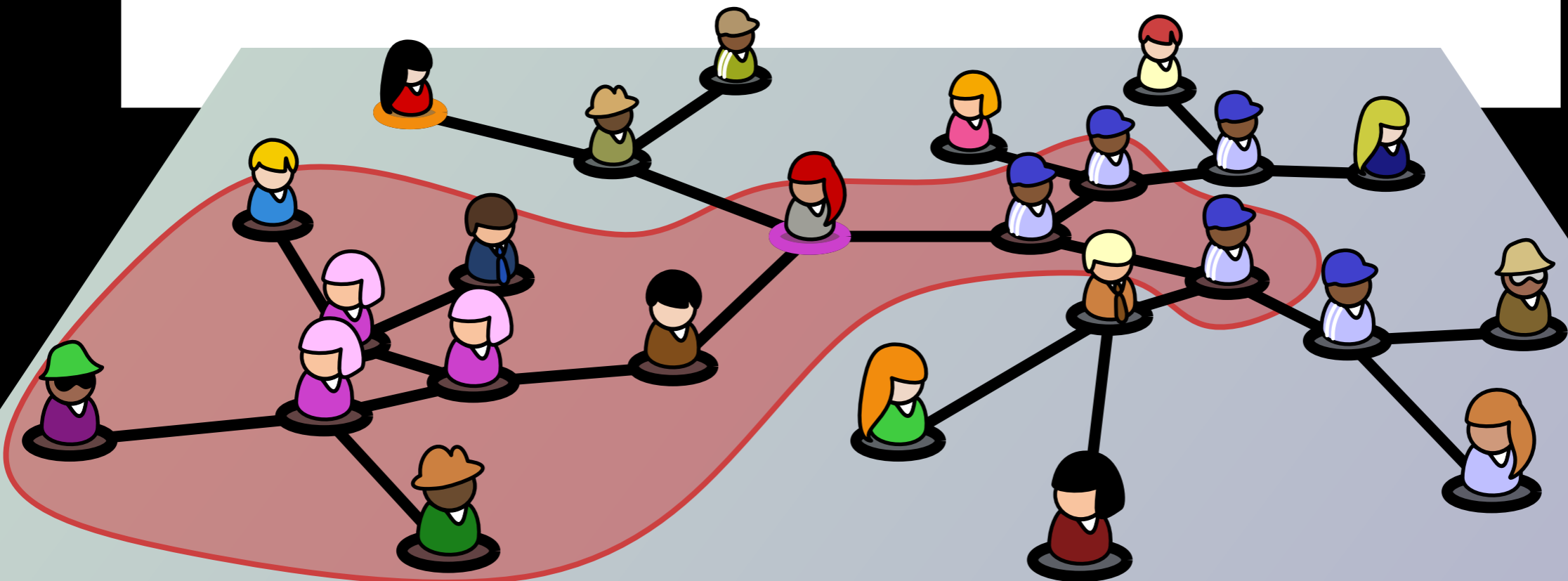
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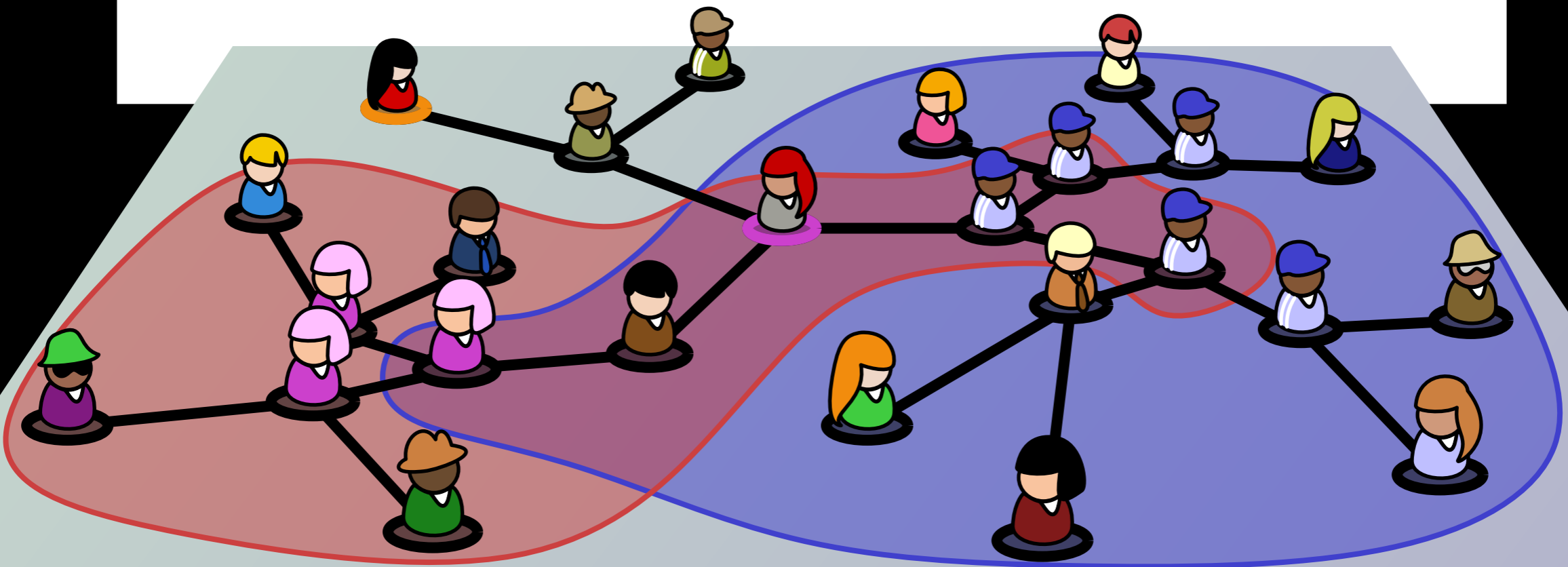
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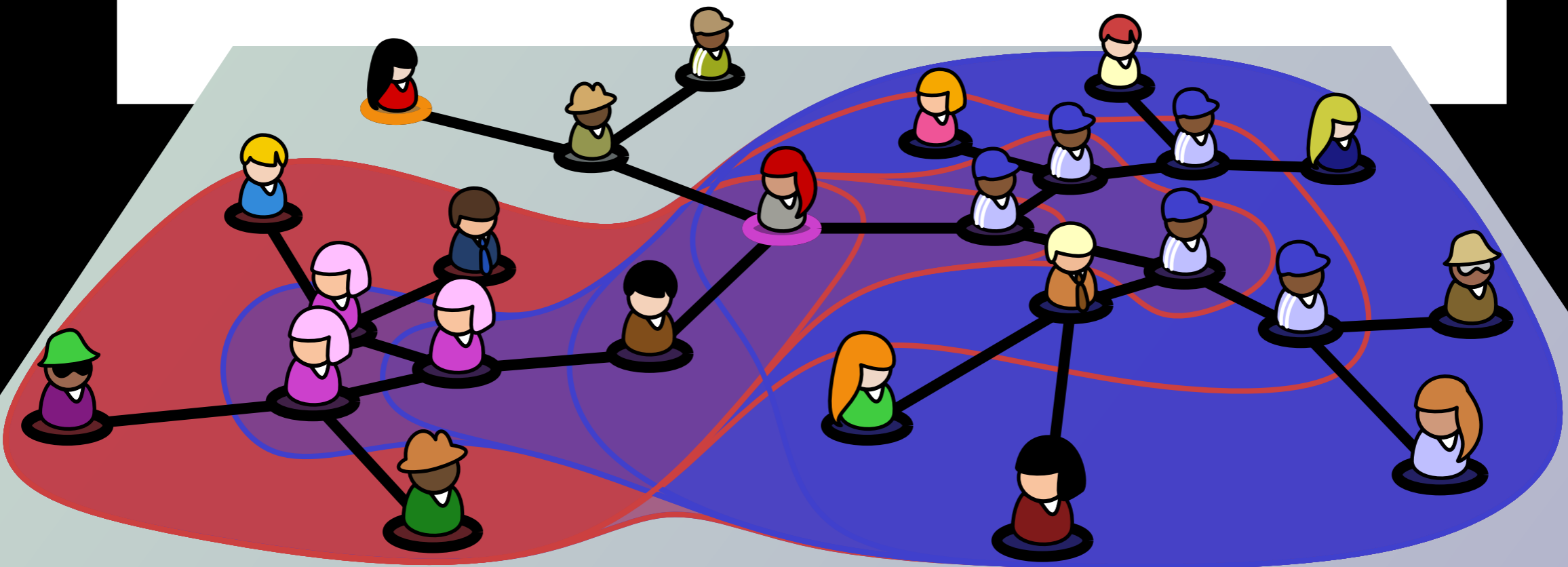
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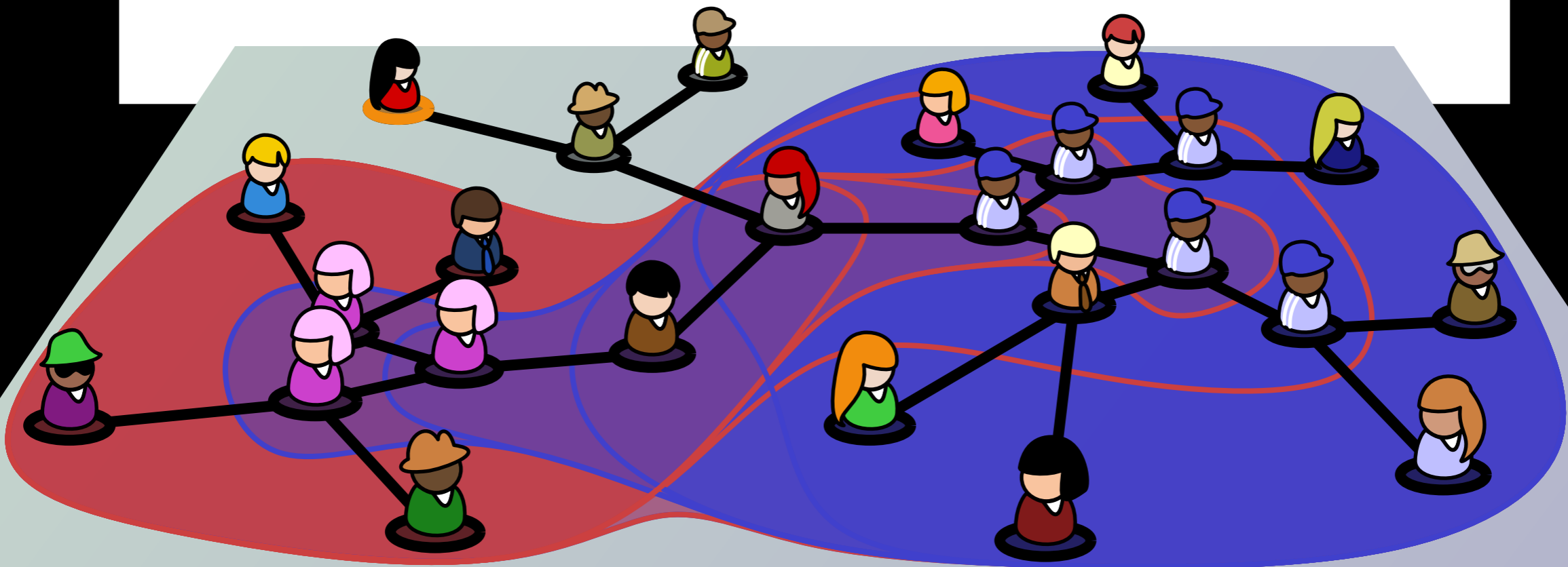
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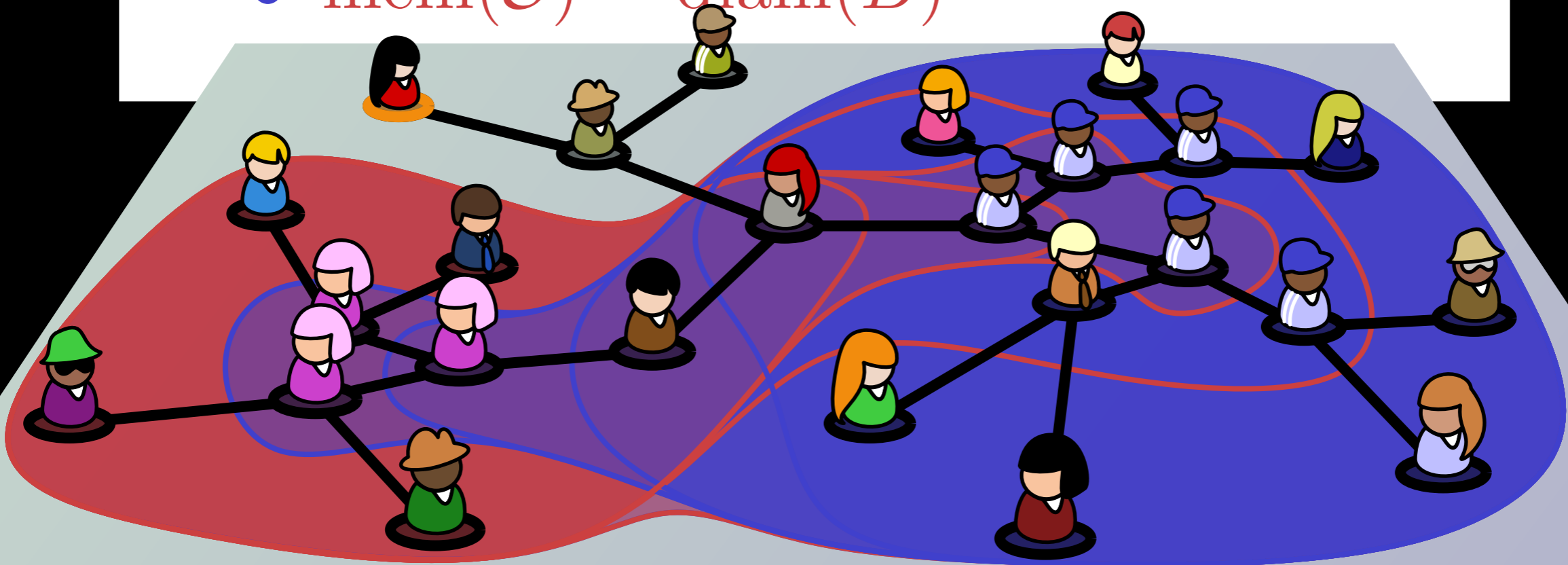
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