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# Lecture 12 – Digital signatures, UF-CMA, RSA, PKI

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# Administrative info

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- If you did not pass the midterm or have not yet submitted two homework problem sets, but still **want to take the exam**: come see me (or send me an email) and we'll figure it out!
- I'll make old exams available on Canvas soon.
- **Remaining lectures:**
  - November 22: regular lecture (quantum computers)
  - November 29: **guest lecture!**
    - Martin Strand (researcher at FFI) will come and talk about post-quantum algorithms
  - December 6: course recap lecture + ask-me-anything session
    - If you have any specific topic you want me to repeat/treat in more detail, please let me know in advance

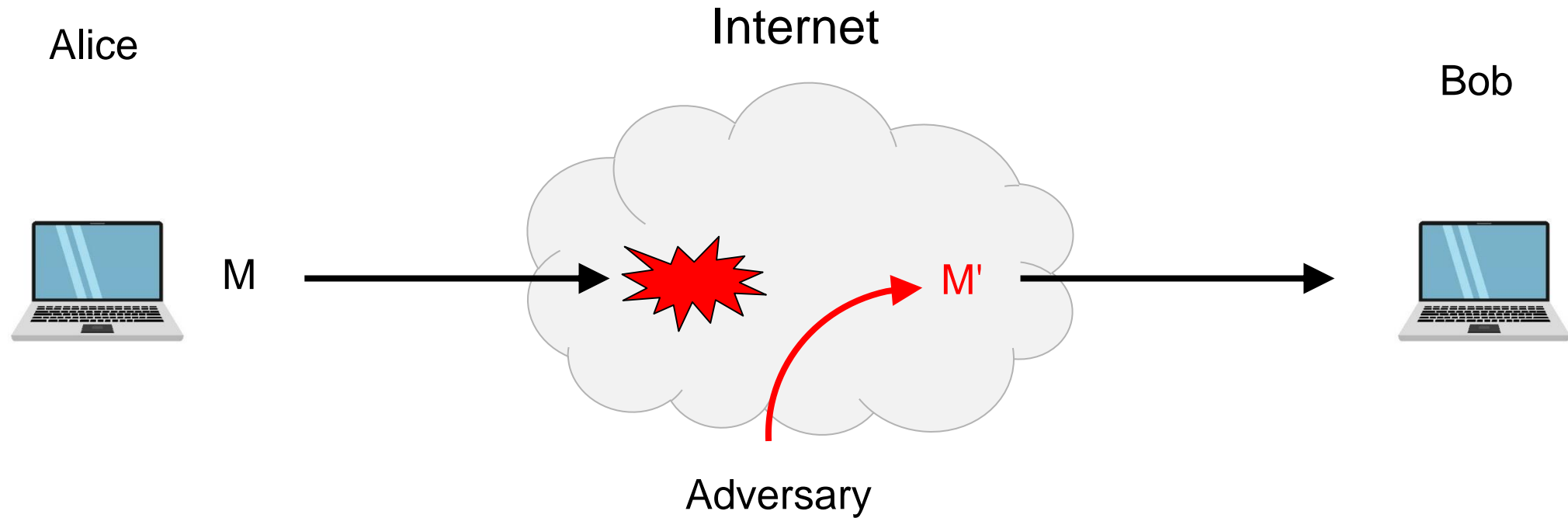
# Basic goals of cryptography

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|                        | <b>Message privacy</b>                               | <b>Message integrity / authentication</b> |
|------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Symmetric keys</b>  | Symmetric encryption                                 | Message authentication codes (MAC)        |
| <b>Asymmetric keys</b> | Asymmetric encryption (a.k.a. public-key encryption) | Digital signatures<br>(Key exchange)      |

# What is cryptography?

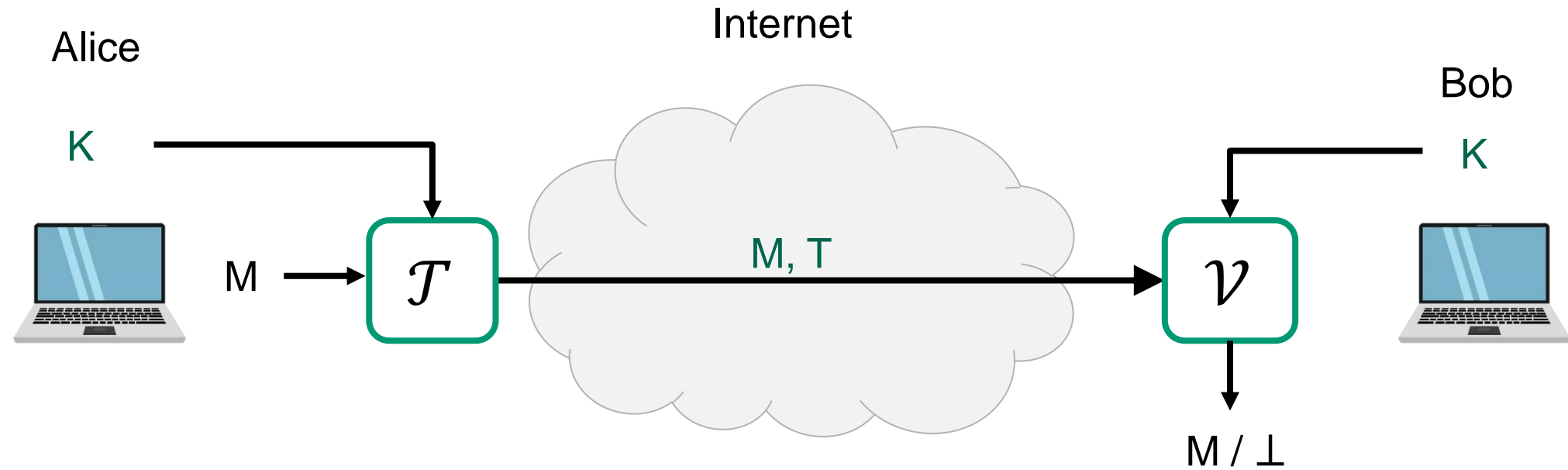
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## Security goals:

- **Data privacy:** adversary should not be able to read message  $M$
- **Data integrity:** adversary should not be able to modify message  $M$
- **Data authenticity:** message  $M$  really originated from Alice

# MACs

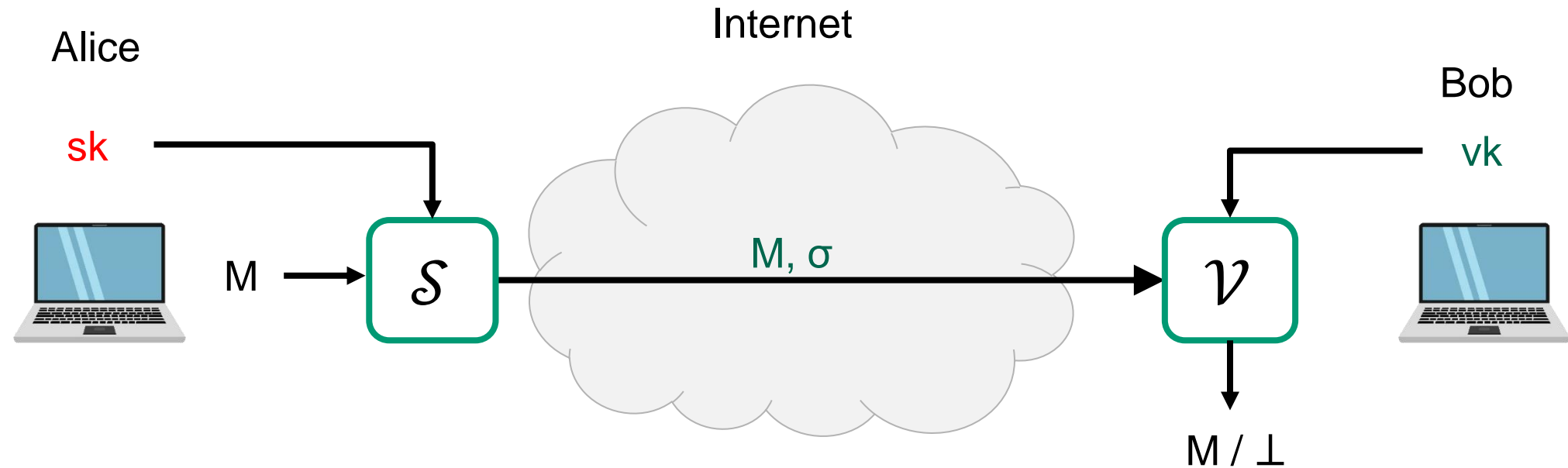


$\mathcal{T}$  : tagging algorithm (public)

$K$  : tagging / verification key (secret)

$\mathcal{V}$  : verification algorithm (public)

# Digital signatures



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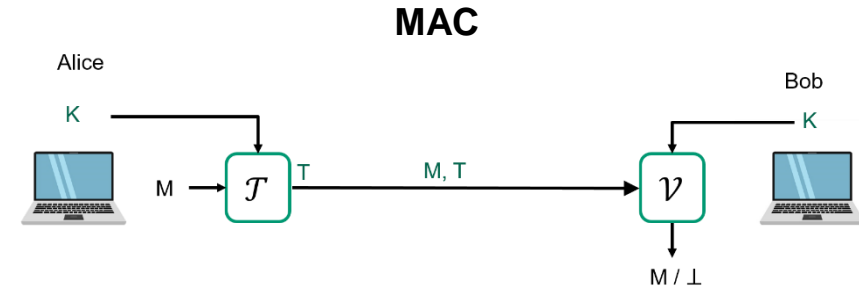
$sk$  : signing key (secret)

$\mathcal{V}$  : verification algorithm (public)

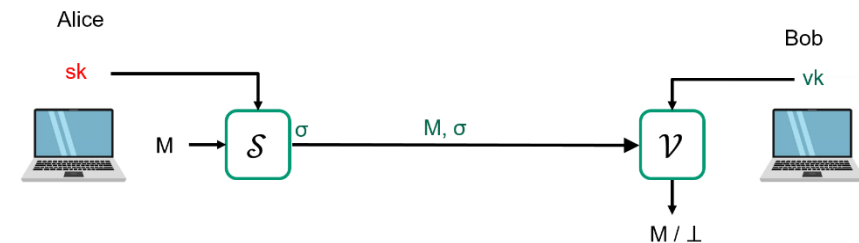
$vk$  : verification key (public)

# MACs vs. digital signatures

- MACs can only be verified by party sharing the same key



- Digital signatures can be verified by *anyone*

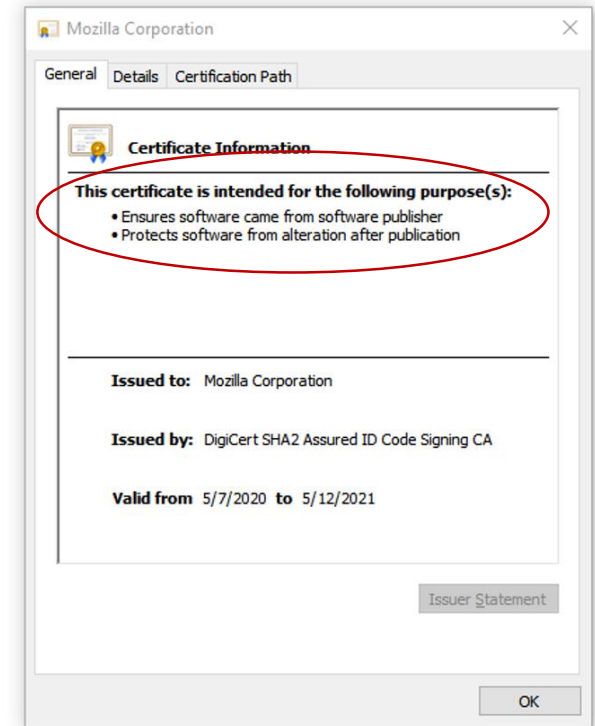
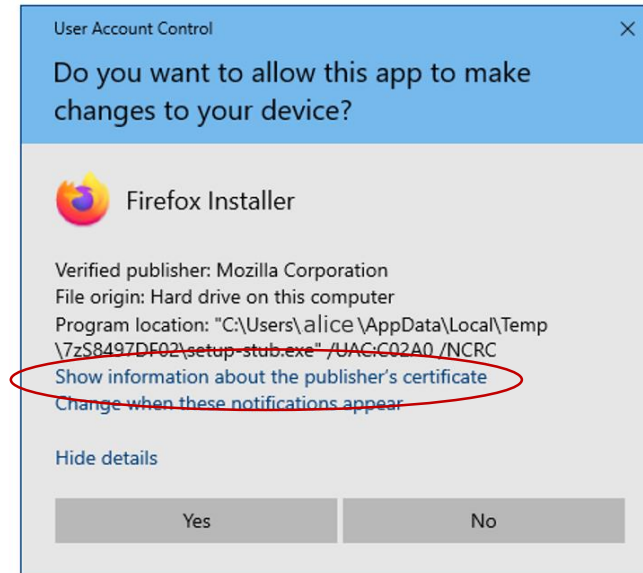


**Digital signature**

- **Non-repudiation:** Alice cannot deny having created  $\sigma$ 
  - But she can deny having created  $T$  (since Bob could have done it)

# Applications of digital signatures

- Electronic document signing
- HTTPS / TLS certificates
- Software installation
- Email sender authentication
- Bitcoin





# Digital signatures – syntax

A **digital signature** scheme is a tuple of algorithms  $\Sigma = (\text{KeyGen}, \text{Sign}, \text{Vrfy})$

$$\text{KeyGen} : () \rightarrow \mathcal{SK} \times \mathcal{VK}$$

$$(sk, vk) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \text{KeyGen}$$

$$\text{Sign} : \mathcal{SK} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

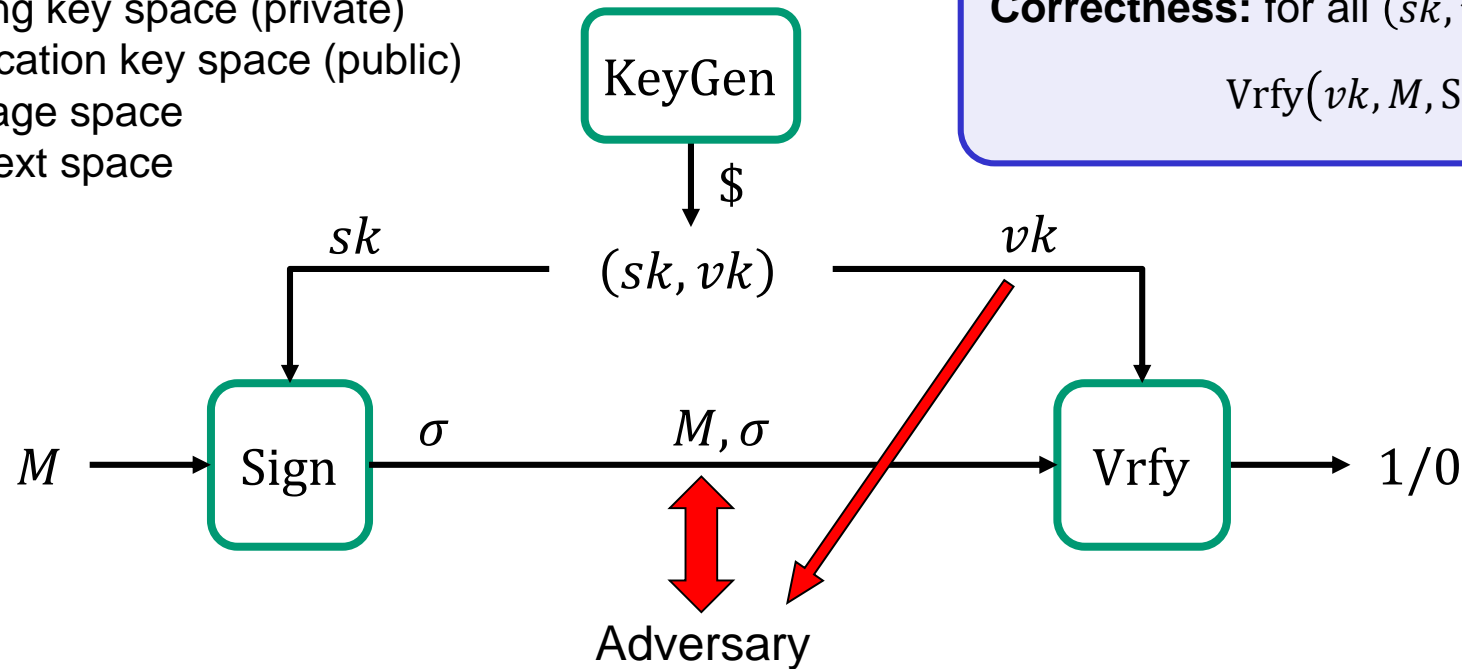
$$\text{Sign}(sk, M) = \text{Sign}_{sk}(M) = \sigma$$

$$\text{Vrfy} : \mathcal{VK} \times \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

$$\text{Vrfy}(vk, M, \sigma) = \text{Vrfy}_{vk}(M, \sigma) = 1/0$$

- $\mathcal{SK}$  – signing key space (private)
- $\mathcal{VK}$  – verification key space (public)
- $\mathcal{M}$  – message space
- $\mathcal{C}$  – ciphertext space

**Correctness:** for all  $(sk, vk) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}$ :  
 $\text{Vrfy}(vk, M, \text{Sign}(sk, M)) = 1$



# Digital signatures – security: UF-CMA

$\text{Exp}_{\Sigma}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A)$

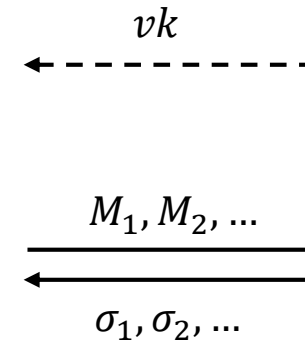
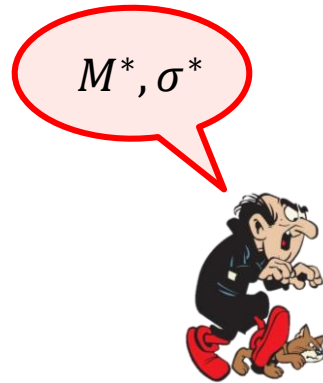
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1.  $(sk, vk) \xleftarrow{\$} \Sigma.\text{KeyGen}$ 
2.  $\text{Msgs} \leftarrow []$  // bookkeeping
3.  $(M^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow A^{\mathcal{S}(\cdot)}(vk)$ 
4. if  $\Sigma.\text{Vrfy}(vk, M^*, \sigma^*) = 1$  and  $M^* \notin \text{Msgs}$  :
5.     return 1
6. else
7.     return 0
    
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$\mathcal{S}(M)$

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1.  $\sigma \leftarrow \Sigma.\text{Sign}(sk, M)$ 
2.  $\text{Msgs.add}(M)$ 
3. return  $\sigma$ 
    
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Challenger

$(sk, vk) \xleftarrow{\$} \text{KeyGen}$

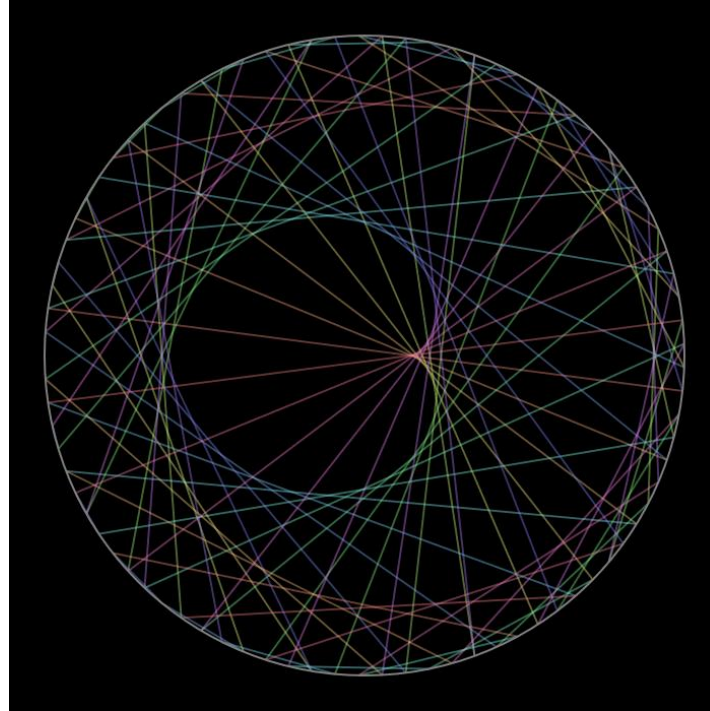


$\text{Sign}(sk, \cdot)$

$A$  has **forged** a signature if  $\sigma^*$  is valid for  $M^*$

**Definition:** The **UF-CMA-advantage** of an adversary  $A$  is

$$\text{Adv}_{\Sigma}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A) = \Pr[\text{Exp}_{\Sigma}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A) \Rightarrow 1]$$



**RSA signatures**

# Textbook RSA signatures

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$$C = M^e \bmod n$$

# Textbook RSA signatures

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$$C^e = M^{de} \bmod n$$

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$$\sigma^e = M^d \pmod n$$

# Textbook RSA signatures

## RSA.Vrfy( $(n, e), M, \sigma$ )

1. **if**  $\sigma^e = M \bmod N$  **then**
2.     **return** 1
3. **else**
4.     **return** 0



$M, \sigma = M^d \bmod n$



## RSA.KeyGen

1.  $p, q \overset{\$}{\leftarrow}$  two random prime numbers
2.  $n \leftarrow p \cdot q$
3.  $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$
4. **choose**  $e$  such that  $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$
5.  $d \leftarrow e^{-1} \bmod \phi(n)$
6.  $sk \leftarrow (n, d)$       $pk \leftarrow (n, e)$
7. **return**  $(sk, pk)$

## RSA.Sign( $(n, d), M$ )

1.  $\sigma \leftarrow M^d \bmod N$
2. **return**  $\sigma$

# Textbook RSA signatures – (in)security

**$A_1$**

1. Output  $(M, \sigma) = (1, 1)$

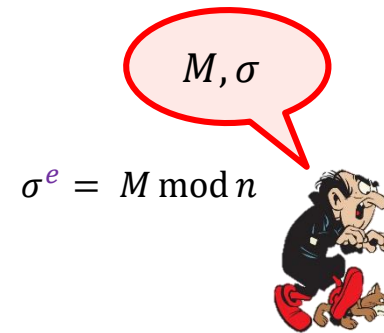
$$\text{Adv}_{\text{RSA}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A_1) = 1$$

**$A_2$**

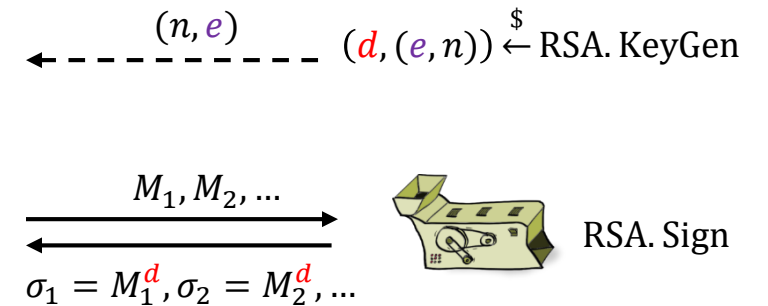
1. Pick any  $X \neq M$

$\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  is group!

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{RSA}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A_2) = 1$$



UF-CMA Challenger



$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2)^e &\stackrel{?}{=} M \bmod n \\
 &= \\
 (X^d \cdot Y^d)^e &= X^{ed} \cdot Y^{ed} = X \cdot Y = X \cdot X^{-1} \cdot M = M \bmod n
 \end{aligned}$$



# Textbook RSA signatures

$$H : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n^*$$

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## RSA.Sign( $(n, d), M$ )

1.  $\sigma \leftarrow M^d \bmod N$
2. **return**  $\sigma$

RSA message space:

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{Z}_n^*$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \{0,1\}^*$$



Actually want

# Hashed-RSA

$$H : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n^*$$

## RSA.Vrfy( $(n, e), M, \sigma$ )

1. **if**  $\sigma^e = H(M) \bmod N$  **then**
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$$M, \sigma = H(M)^d \bmod n$$



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2. **return**  $\sigma$

# Hashed-RSA – security

**A<sub>1</sub>**

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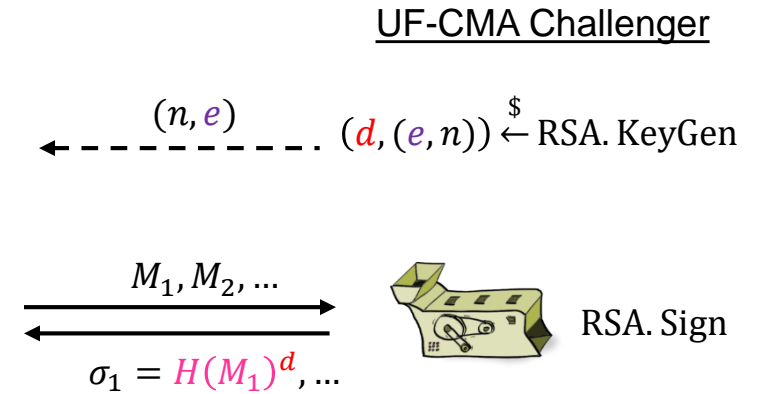
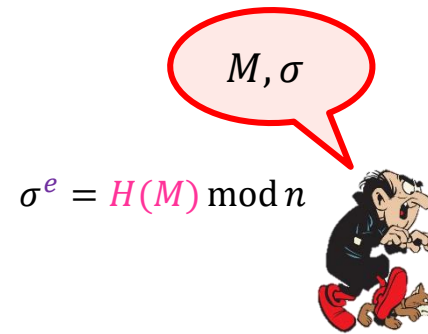
Hard to find!

**A<sub>2</sub>**

1. Output  $(M, \sigma) = (M, \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2)$

$$(\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2)^e \stackrel{?}{=} H(M) \bmod n$$

$$(H(X)^d \cdot H(Y)^d)^e = \underbrace{H(X) \cdot H(Y)}_{\text{Hard to find!}} = H(M) \bmod n$$



# Hashed-RSA – security

- Factoring + RSA-problem must be hard
- What are the requirements of  $H$ ?
  - Must be collision-resistant:

$$H(X) = H(Y) \Rightarrow H(X)^d = H(Y)^d = \sigma$$

- Is this enough?
  - Unknown
  - However, if  $H$  is a random oracle then

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**Theorem:** if the RSA problem is hard and  $H$  is a random oracle, then Hashed-RSA is UF-CMA secure

## RSA. Vrfy( $(n, e), M, \sigma$ )

1. **if**  $\sigma^e = H(M) \bmod N$  **then**
2.     **return** 1
3. **else**
4.     **return** 0

# Discrete log based signatures

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- Schnorr (see Homework 10 for details)
  - Elegant design
  - Has formal security proof (based on DLOG problem and  $H$  assumed perfect)
  - Was patented
  - One sharp edge: requires randomness during signing  $\Rightarrow$  reuse of randomness leaks private key
- (EC)DSA
  - Non-patented alternative
  - More complicated design than Schnorr
  - No security proof
  - Standardized by NIST (designed by NSA)
  - Very widely used
  - Same sharp edge as Schnorr
    - Broke all PlayStation 3's produced by Sony





## Public-key infrastructure (PKI)

# What are identities?

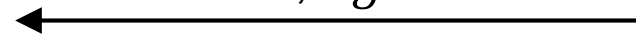
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"Alice",  $g^a$



"Bob",  $g^b$



$$K \leftarrow g^{ab}$$

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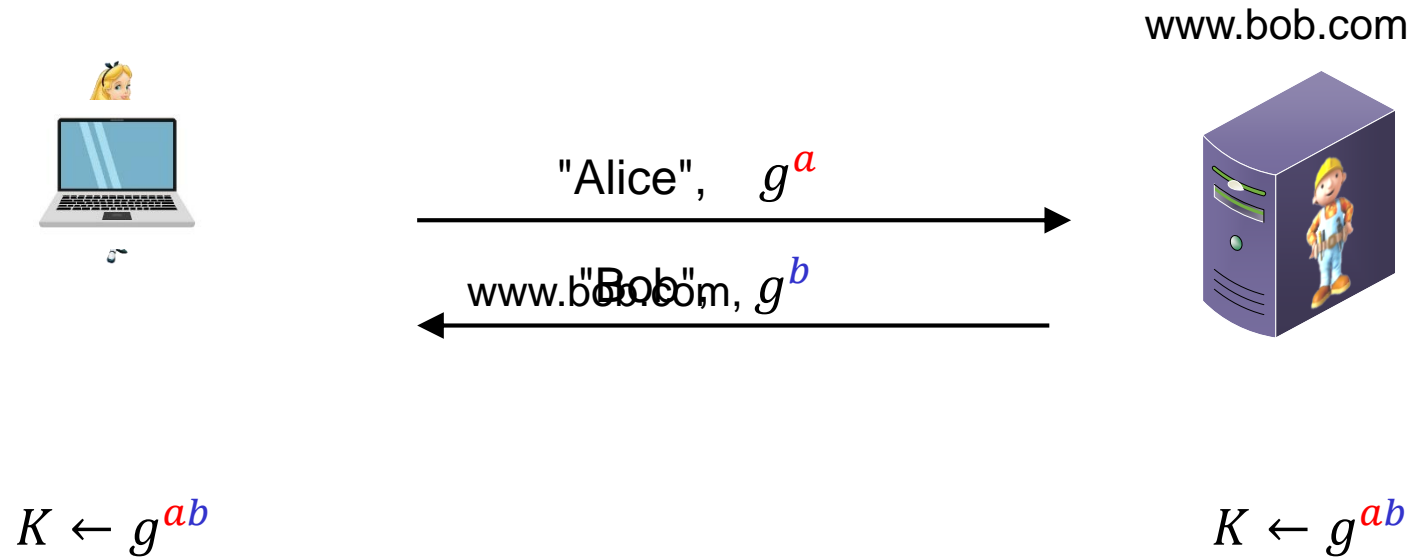
There are many Alice's and many Bob's

How do we know that  $g^a$  belongs to *this* particular Alice, and  $g^b$  to this particular Bob?

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# Identities on the internet

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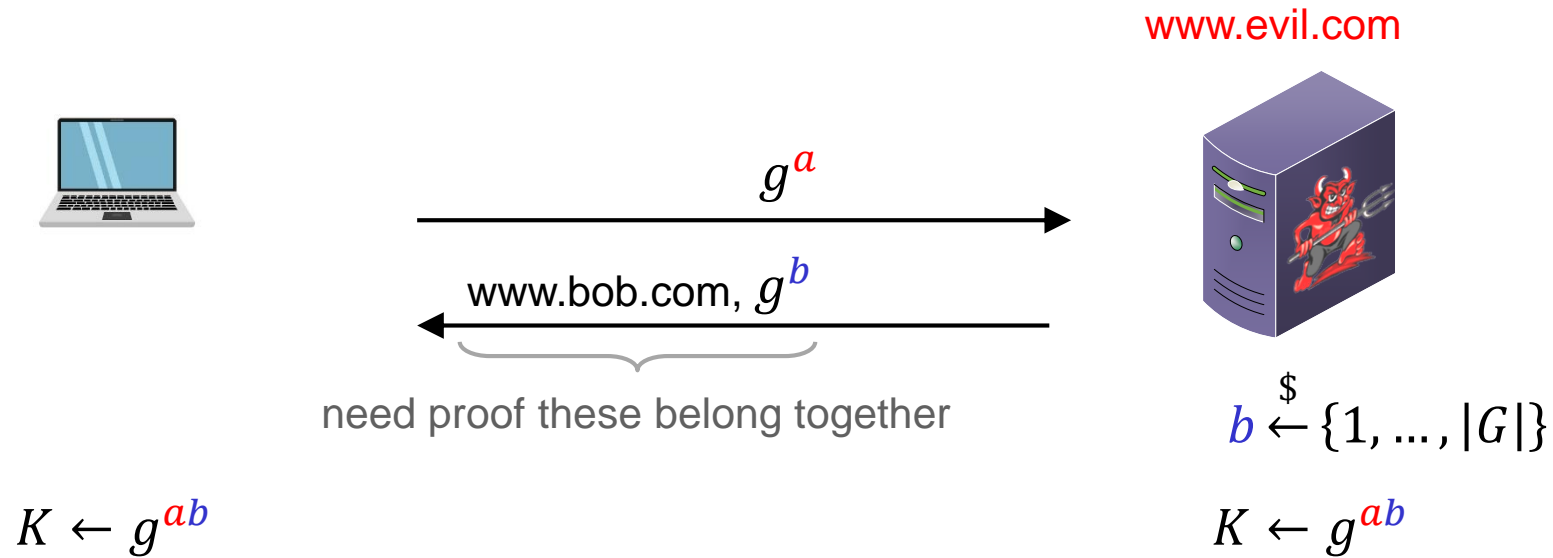
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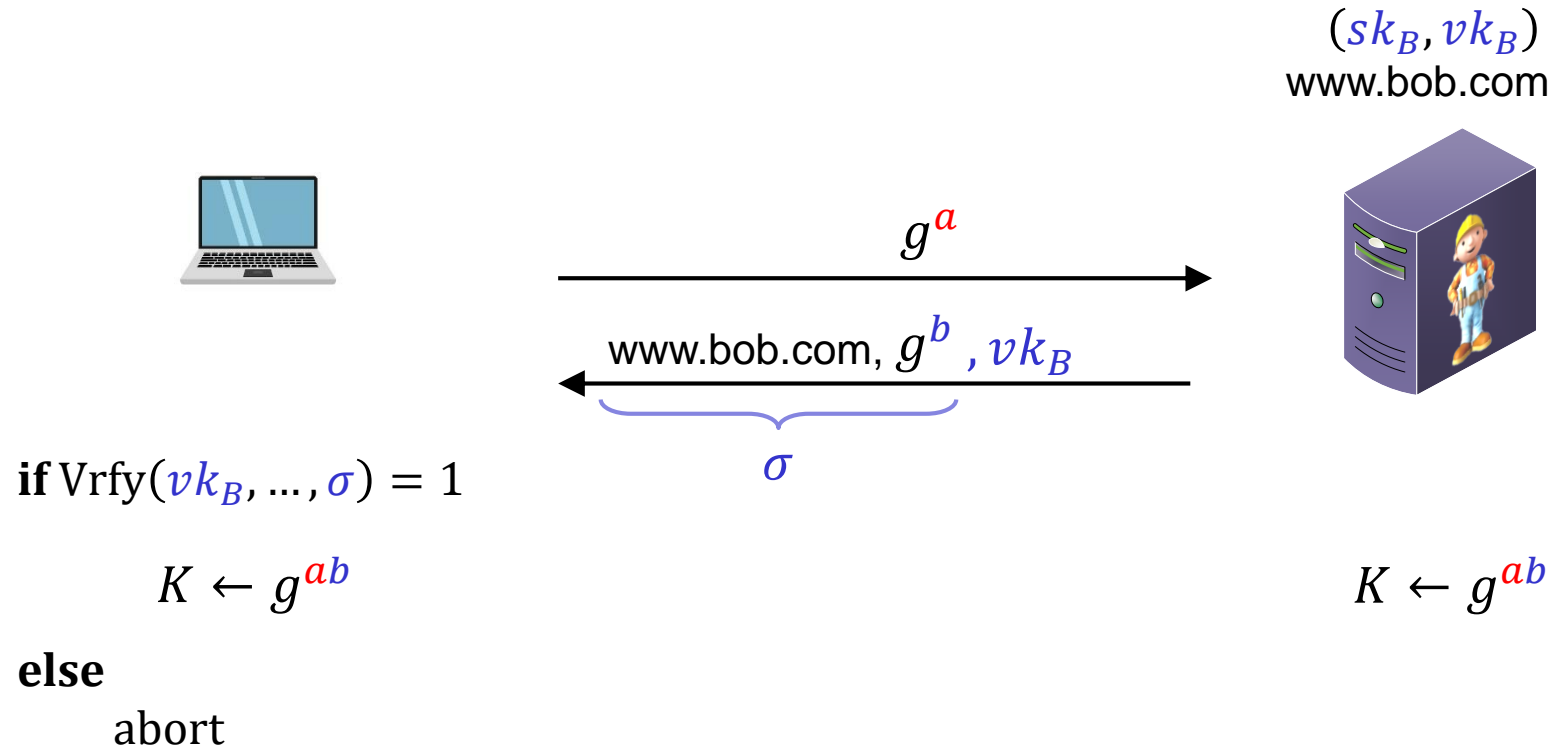


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# Authenticated key exchange



But why should we trust this  $vk_B$ ? Could have been created by the adversary itself

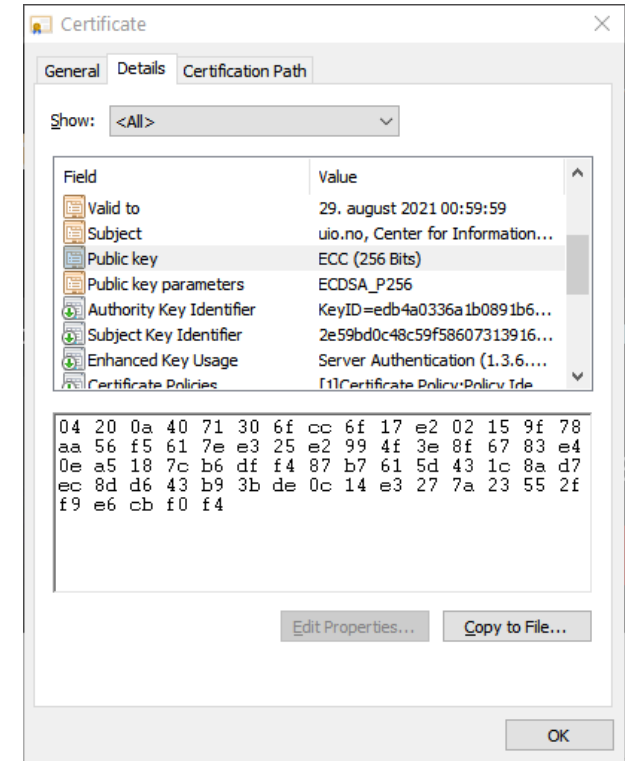
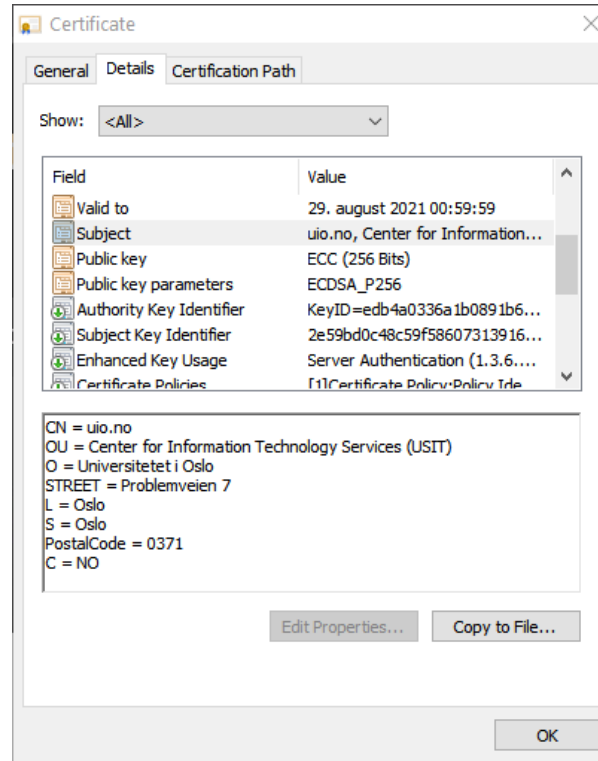
# Digital certificates

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- **Digital certificate:** a way of binding a public key to an entity
- A certificate consists of:
  - The public key of the entity
  - A bunch of information identifying the entity
    - Name
    - Address
    - Occupation
    - URL
    - Email-address
    - Phone number
    - ...
  - A *digital signature* on all the above by a **certificate authority (CA)**



# Digital certificates



# Certificate authorities (CA)

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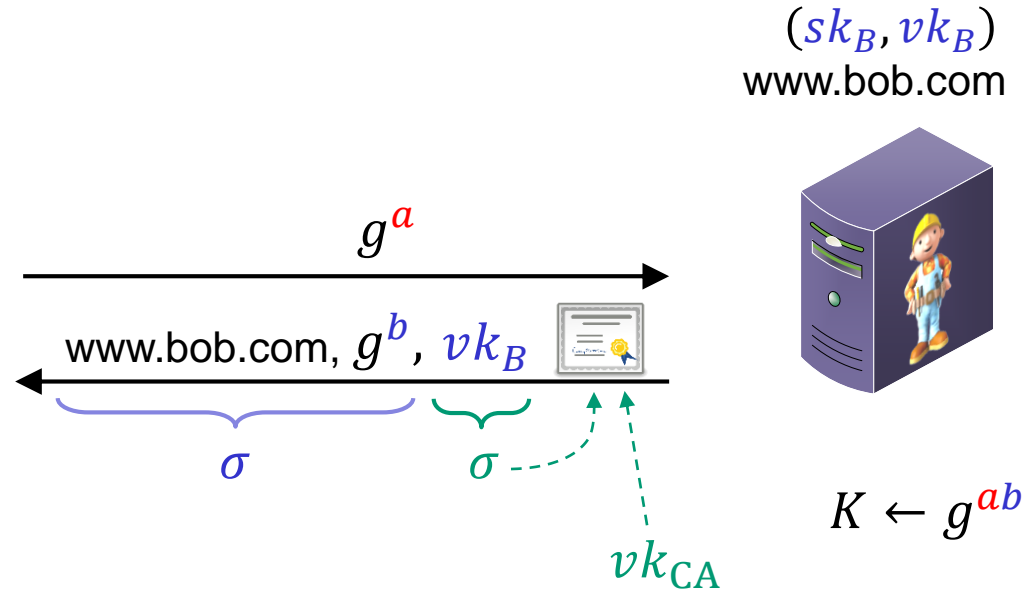
- **CA:** an issuer of digital certificates
- Acts as a trusted third-party, certifying (i.e., signing) the public keys of other entities
  - Verifies the identity of a claimed public-key owner
- The basis of a **public-key infrastructure (PKI)**



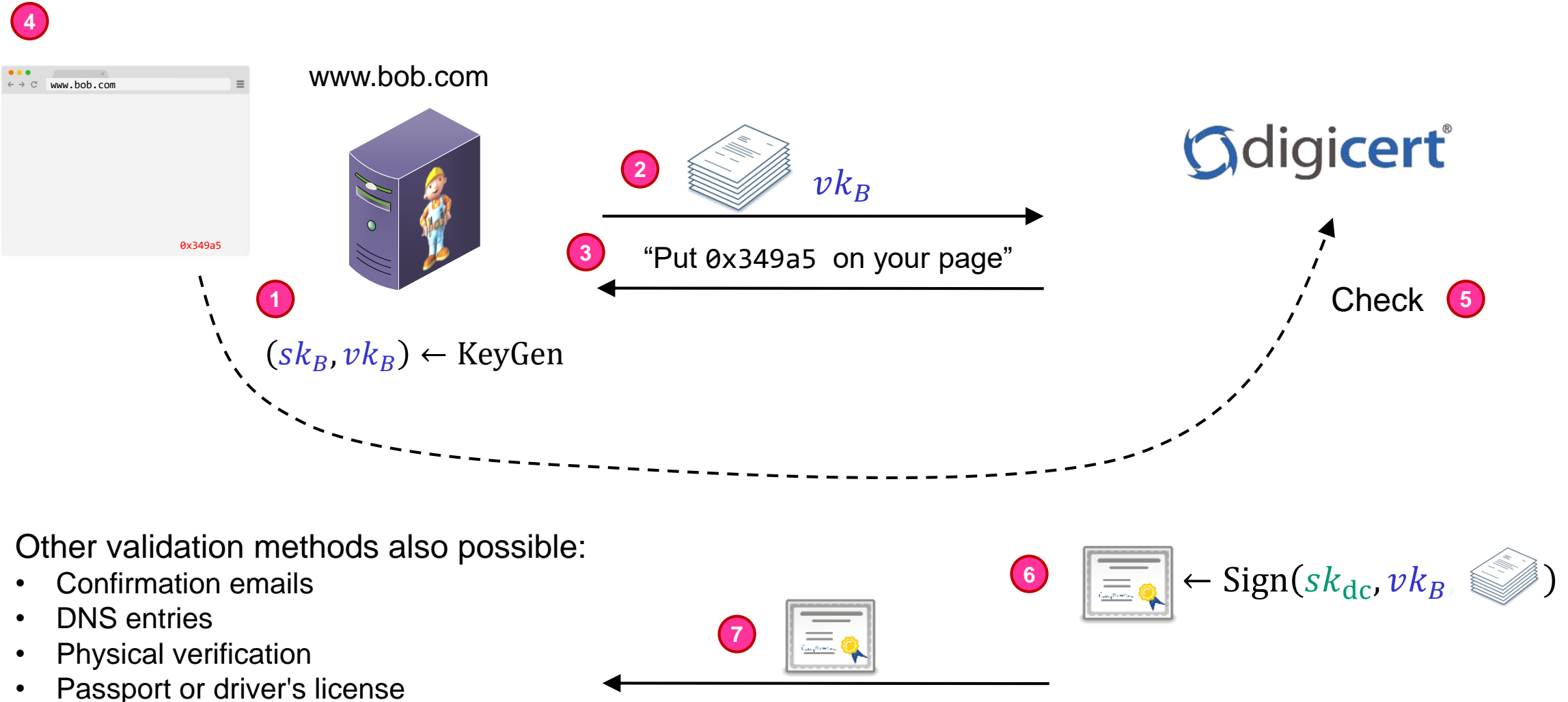
# Authenticated key exchange + PKI



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if Vrfy( $vk_B, \dots, \sigma$ ) = 1
  and Vrfy( $vk_{CA}, \dots, \sigma$ ) = 1
     $K \leftarrow g^{ab}$ 
else
  abort
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# How to get a signed certificate?

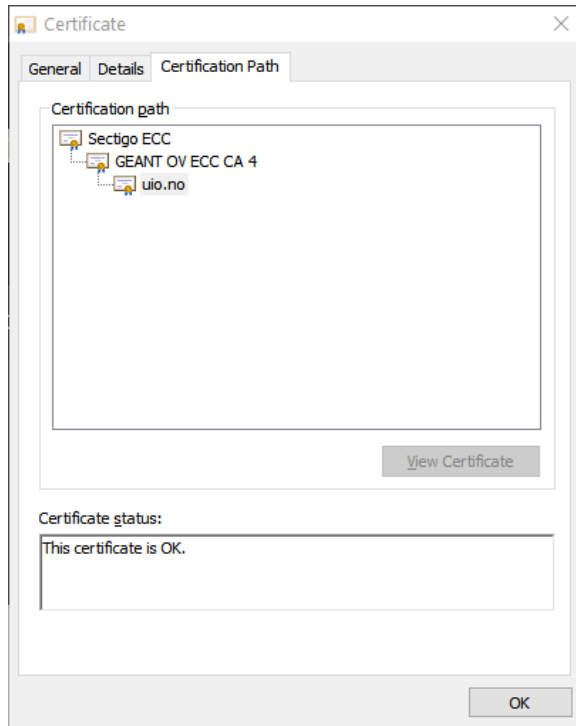


Other validation methods also possible:

- Confirmation emails
- DNS entries
- Physical verification
- Passport or driver's license

# Certificate chains

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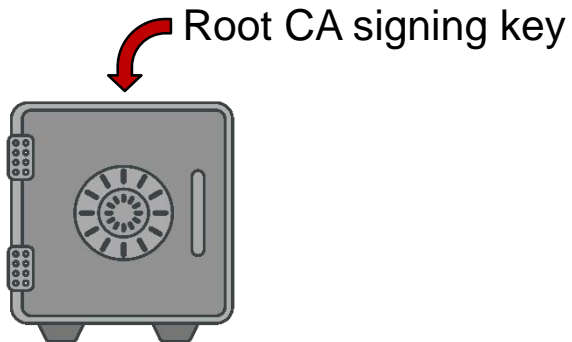




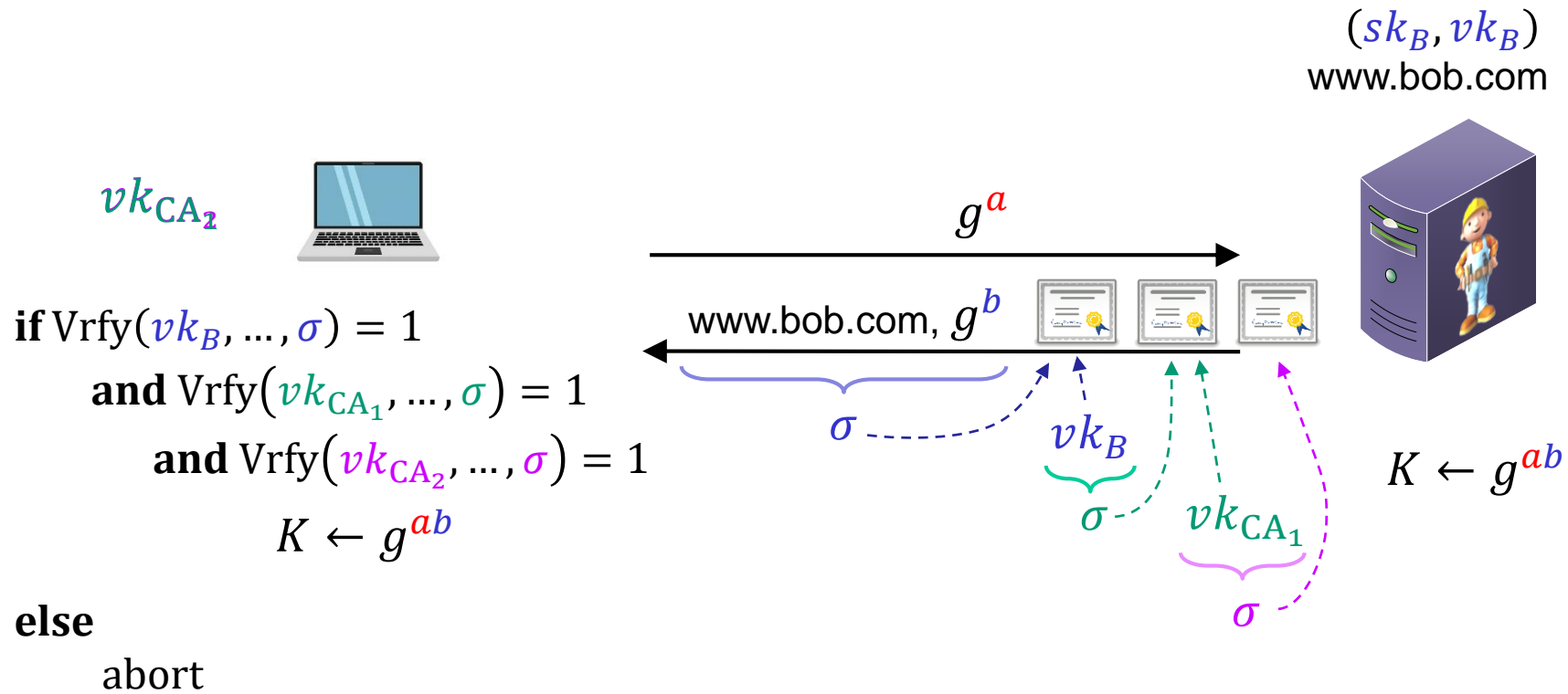
# Root CAs

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- **Root CAs:** CAs that sign other CAs' public keys
  - + only a few root CAs need to be trusted by end-users
  - + root CAs can distribute the signing + verification load to smaller CAs
  - single point of failure; private key must be *very heavily* guarded
- Root CAs for the internet: a few large multinational corporations



# HTTPS / TLS + PKI



# How to become an internet root CA?

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- Need to prove yourself (trust)worthy to browser and OS vendors
  - [Microsoft Root Certificate Program](#)
  - [Mozilla CA Certificate Program](#)
  - [Apple Root Certificate Program](#)
  - [Chrome Root CA Program](#)
- Lot's of auditing and paperwork
- Many formal technical and non-technical security requirements
  - CA/Browser forum
  - [Baseline Requirements v1.7.3](#)

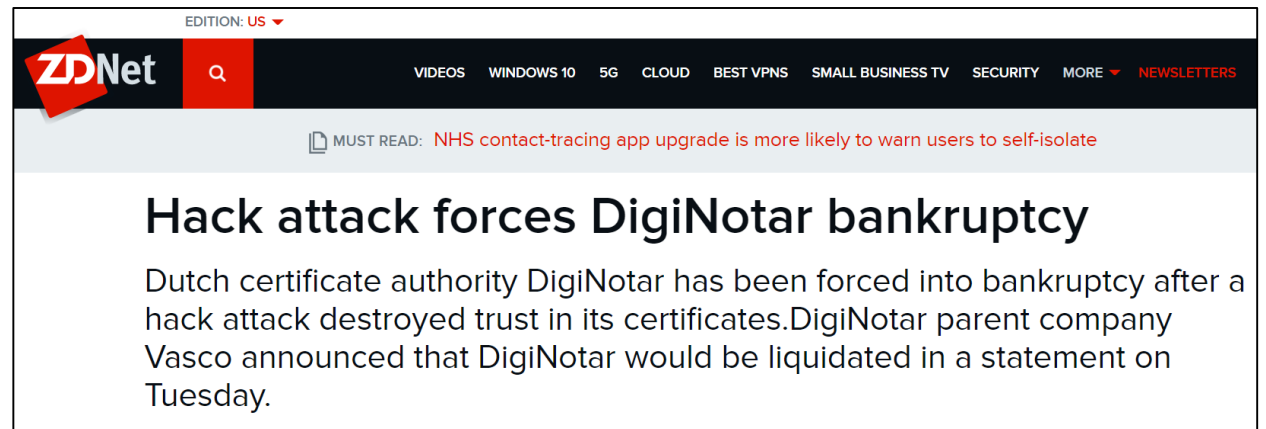


# DigiNotar

- Dutch root CA
- Lost control of their private signing key in 2011
- Fraudulent certificates issued for Gmail, Yahoo!, Mozilla, WordPress, ...
- 30 000 Iranian Gmail users targeted

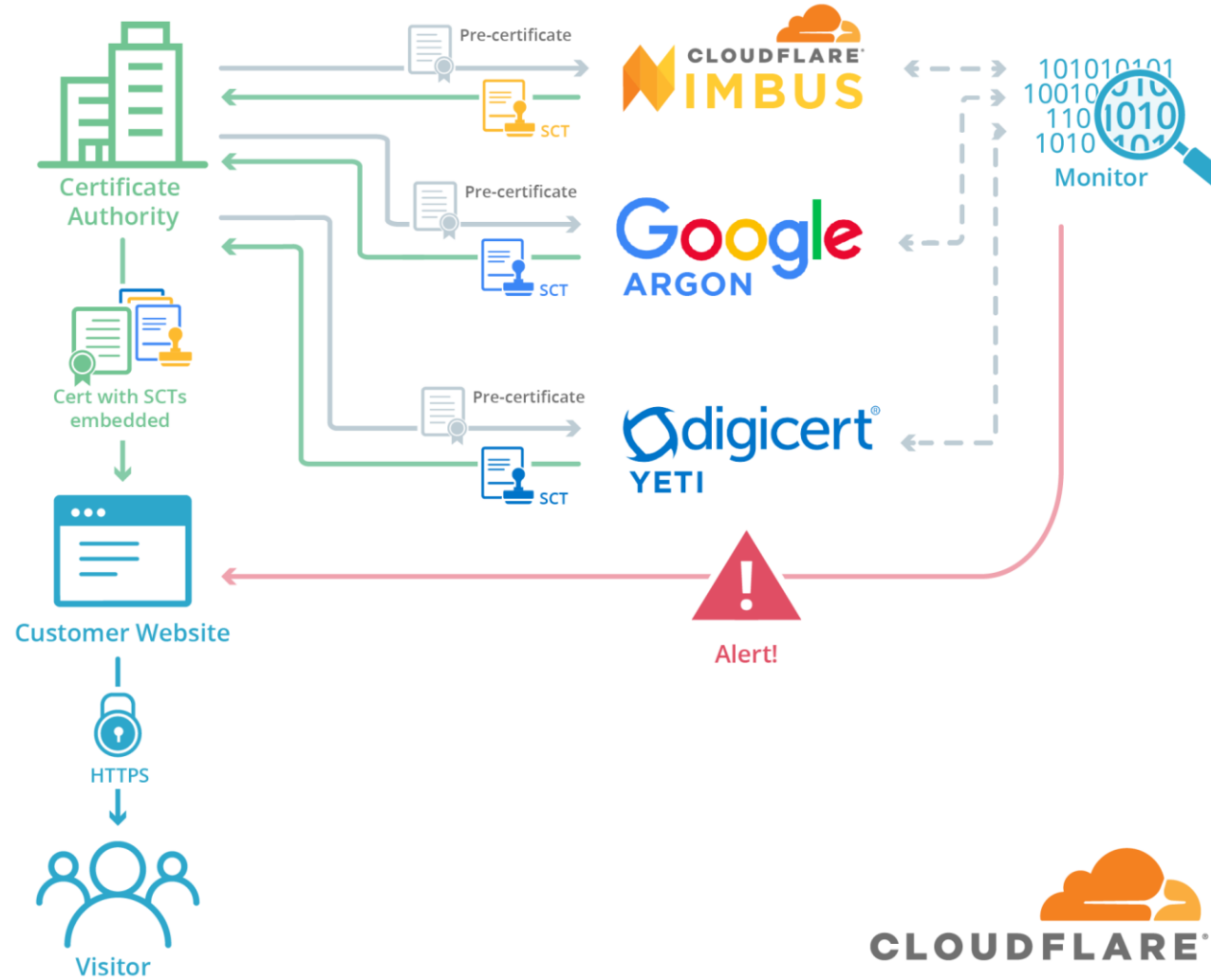


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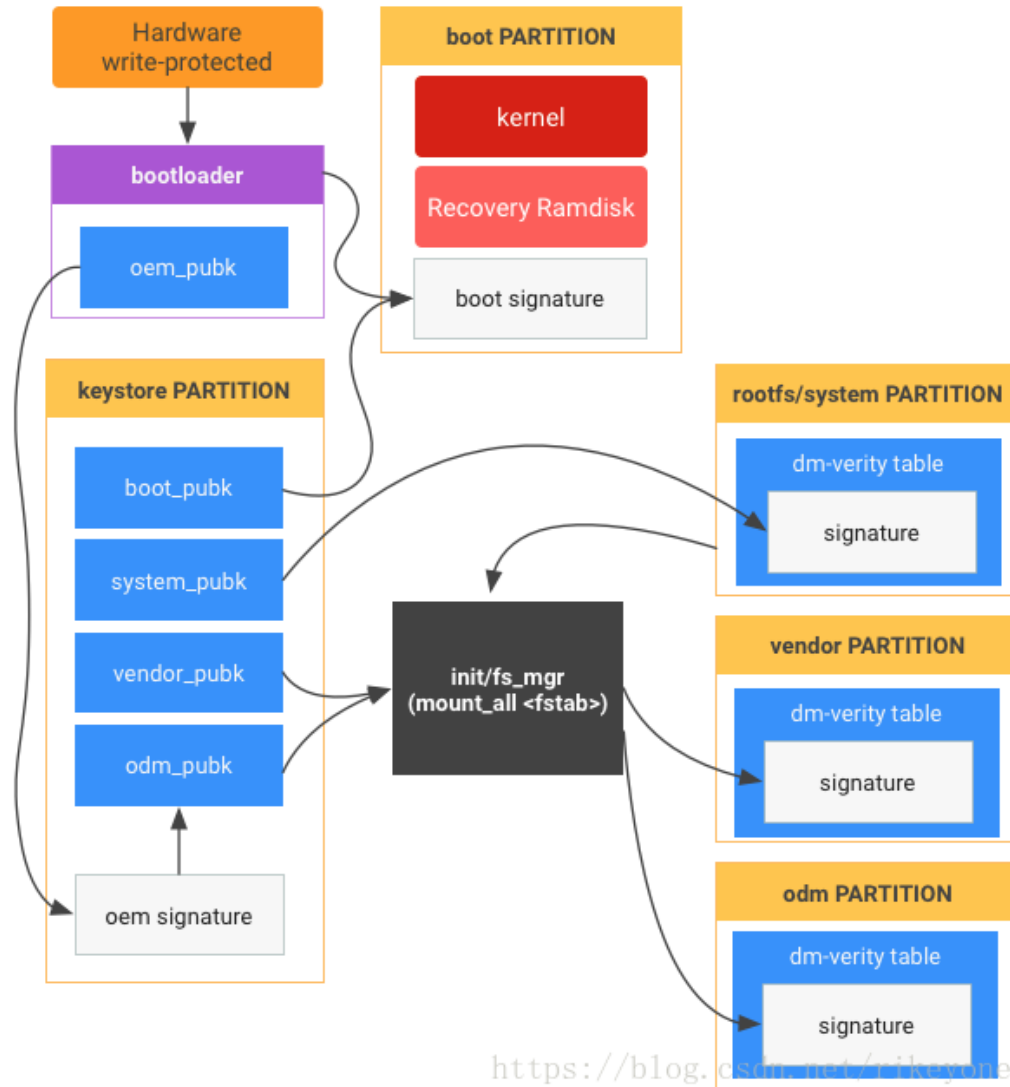


The screenshot shows the ZDNet website header with navigation links for VIDEOS, WINDOWS 10, 5G, CLOUD, BEST VPNS, SMALL BUSINESS TV, SECURITY, MORE, and NEWSLETTERS. The article title is "Hack attack forces DigiNotar bankruptcy" and the sub-headline is "Dutch certificate authority DigiNotar has been forced into bankruptcy after a hack attack destroyed trust in its certificates. DigiNotar parent company Vasco announced that DigiNotar would be liquidated in a statement on Tuesday." A "MUST READ" banner above the article title reads "NHS contact-tracing app upgrade is more likely to warn users to self-isolate".

# Certificate Transparency

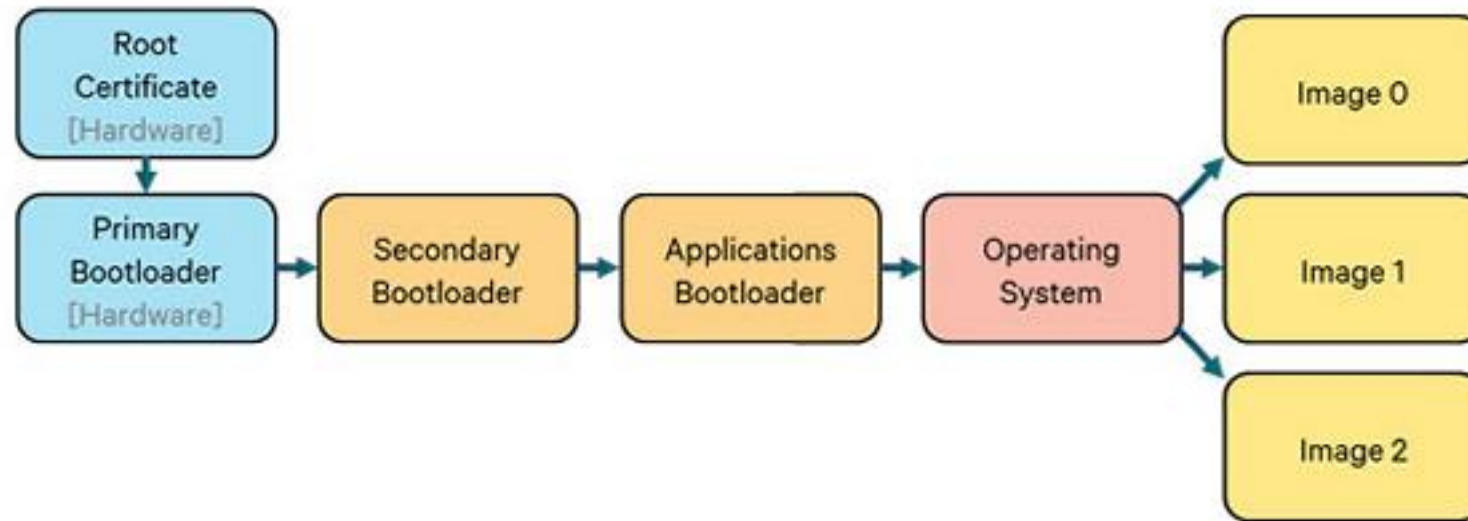


# Android Secure Boot



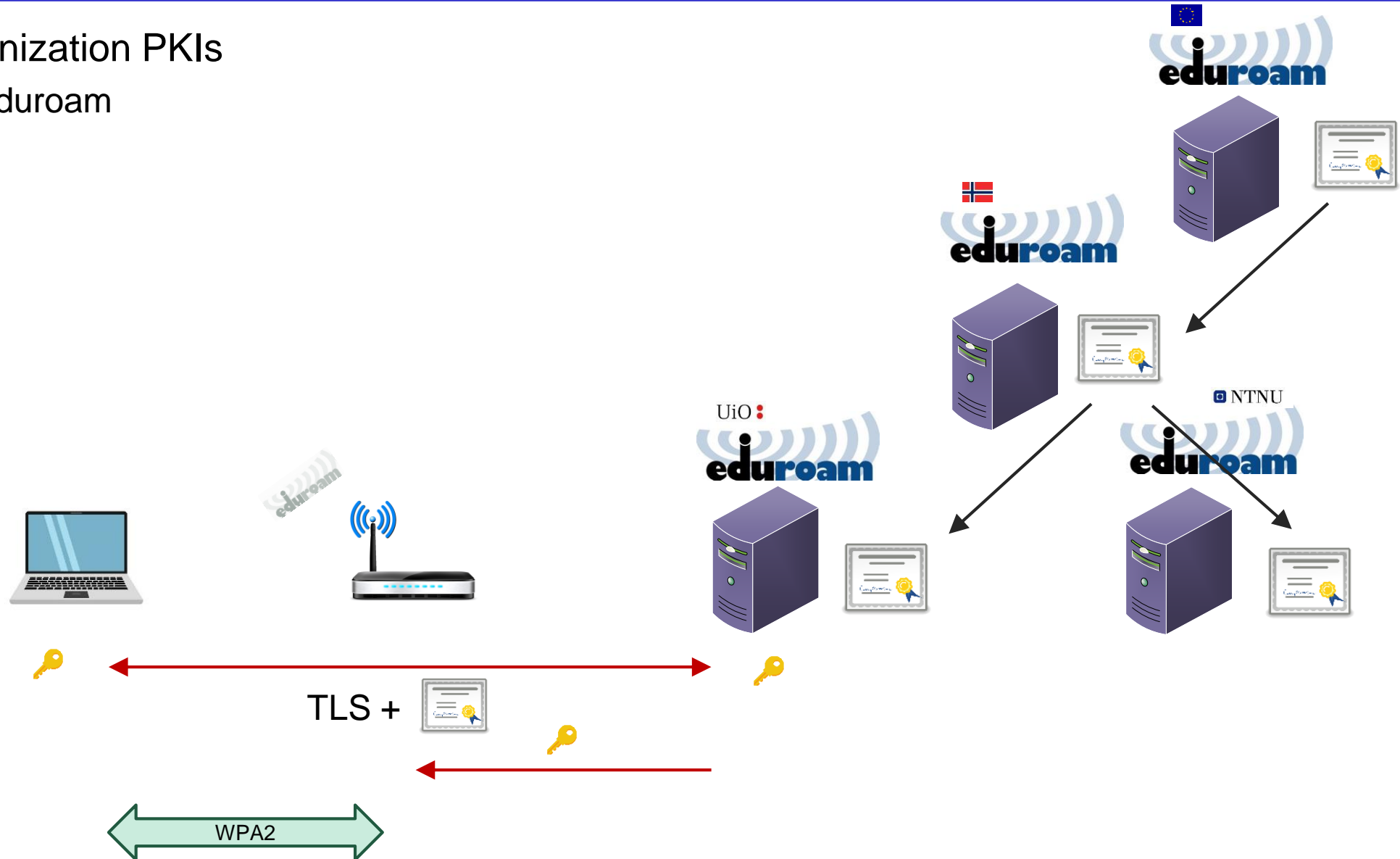
# Hardware Root of Trust

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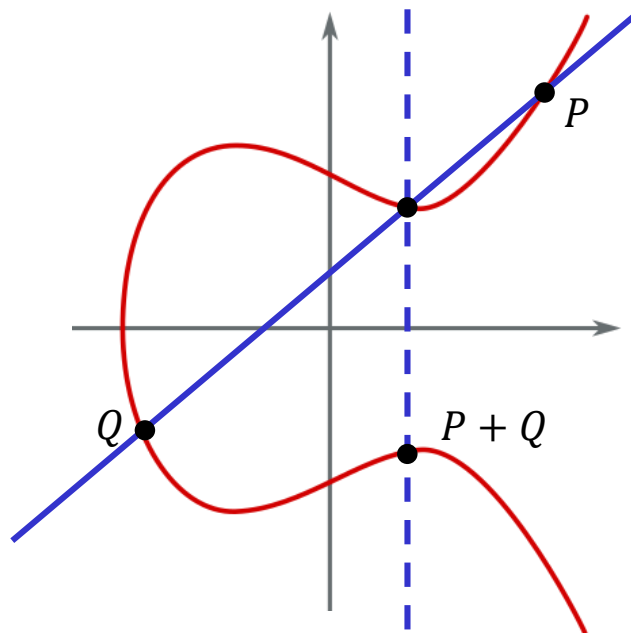


# Other PKIs exist

- Organization PKIs
  - eduroam







$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

$$a, b, x, y \in \mathbf{R}$$

**End of Part II**  
**(Asymmetric crypto)**

# Summary of asymmetric cryptography

| Primitive             | Functionality + syntax   | Hardness assumption / security goal  | Acronym            | Examples  |
|-----------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|
| Diffie-Hellman        | Derive shared value (key) in a cyclic group<br>$A^b = g^{ab} = B^a$  | Discrete logarithm (DLOG)<br>Diffie-Hellman (DH)   | DH                 | $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ –DH<br>$(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$ –DH |
| RSA function          | One-way trapdoor permutation   | Factoring problem<br>RSA-problem   |                    | Textbook RSA  |
| Public-key encryption | Encrypt variable-length input<br>$\text{Enc} : \mathcal{PK} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  | Confidentiality: attacker should learn nothing about plaintext (except length) from ciphertexts          | IND-CPA<br>IND-CCA | ElGamal<br>Hashed/Padded RSA<br>Fujisaki-Okamoto-transform  |
| Digital signatures    | Create signature on variable length input<br>$\text{Sign} : \mathcal{SK} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$<br>$\text{Vrfy} : \mathcal{VK} \times \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \{1,0\}$ | Integrity: attacker shouldn't be able to forge messages, i.e., create new messages with valid signatures | UF-CMA             | Schnorr<br>Hashed-RSA<br>ECDSA                              |

| Cryptographic groups                    | Comment  | Computational problem | Best-known attack  | Common sizes   |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$               | $p$ prime<br>$ \mathbf{Z}_p^*  = p - 1$                              | Discrete logarithm    | General number field sieve (GNFS)  | $ p  \approx 2000\text{--}3000$ bits                           |
| Subgroups $H < (\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ | $ H  = q$ (typically prime)  | Discrete logarithm    | GNFS   | $ q  \approx 256$ bits   |
| $(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$                  | $p$ prime<br>$ E(\mathbf{F}_p)  = q$ (typically) prime<br>$p \neq q$ | Discrete logarithm    | Generic attacks:<br>Baby-step giant-step,<br>Pollard-rho, Pohlig-Hellman | $ E(\mathbf{F}_p)  \approx 256$ bits<br>$ p  \approx 256$ bits |
| $(\mathbf{Z}_n^*, \cdot)$               | $n$ not prime<br>$ \mathbf{Z}_n^*  = \phi(n)$                        | Factoring             | GNFS   | $ n  \approx 2000\text{--}4000$ bits                           |

# Next week

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- Quantum computers

