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# Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies & Digital Tokens Demystified

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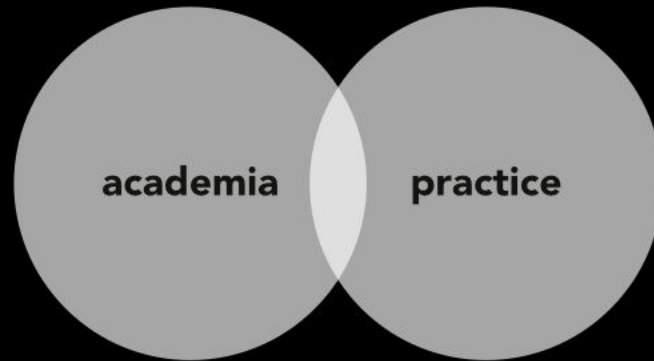
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# Welcome & Agenda

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1. to research the innovative forms and functions of new enterprise and consumer financial services products, and
2. to explore the development of novel technological solutions and oversee their industry implementation.

**Before we begin ...**

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# Class Schedule - Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9

## Class Plan

Nov 4	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 1 + 2
Nov 18	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 3 + 4
Dec 2	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Midterm Project + 5 & 6 + Guest Speaker
Dec 9	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 7 & 8 + Guest Speaker + final presentations

## Daily Schedule

<b>8:30-9:45 am</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
<i>9:45-10:00 am</i>	<i>Break</i>
<b>10:00-11:15 pm</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
<b>11:15 am-12:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch (1h15min) - Kravis 2nd floor (Smith Dining)</b>
<b>12:30-2:00 pm</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
<i>2:00-2:15 pm</i>	<i>Break</i>
<b>2:15-3:30 pm</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
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<i>5:00-5:15 pm</i>	<i>Break</i>
<b>5:15-6:45 pm</b>	<b>Lecture</b>

# Curriculum Roadmap

	Nov 4	Nov 18	Dec 2	Dec 9
Morning	Networks & Protocols	Hashing, Hashing Tables & One- Way Functions & a few more tech	Bitcoin + other forms of crypto payments and store of value mechanisms and media	DeFi & Other Applications (Digital Tokens, CBDC, etc.) + Speaker: Future of Finance + Discussion Forum
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	Encryption & Cryptography (plus some math!)	<b>Bring it All Together:</b> Let's build a blockchain & discuss variety of cases	Ethereum & Other Digital Tokens + Speaker: Regulatory & Legal Considerations in Blockchain & Digital Assets	Governance, Marketplaces, NFTs & More; Final Lecture on How the Future May Play Out + Final Presentations

# Administrative Requirements

- Please be **on time and present** for the duration of the class
- Class content is **sequential**. Don't miss class sessions (and watch recordings if you do)
- Lots of technical topics, but I won't use ANY code or much math (only 2-3 parts might be tough - I'll give you the heads-up when we reach these points in our curriculum), so don't worry :-)
- I can explain it to you, but I cannot understand it for you! So be sure to ask questions
- Your breaks are my breaks too! I'll provide ample opportunities for Q&A in class though
- Office hours by appointment (just email me)
- Make sure to read the syllabus
- **CBS code of conduct, incl. during guest speaker presentations**
- Team formations: finalized by Nov 18 no later than 3:30 pm ET (today is even better!)
- Midterm Project
- Final Papers and deliverables: all the details
- Final Papers due on **Monday Dec 18 at 5 pm ET**
- This is a **demanding class**, and we are all in it together. Let's make it the best class we can
- **My promise to you all +** let's have a fun, productive course ... worthy of a 5 out of 5

**DISCLAIMER**

**One more thing ...**  
**Digital Device Policy Recommendation +**  
**Sharing of Class Slides**

# Also a reminder of a good practice

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## The Pen Is Mightier Than the Keyboard: Advantages of Longhand Over Laptop Note Taking



**Pam A. Mueller<sup>1</sup> and Daniel M. Oppenheimer<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Princeton University and <sup>2</sup>University of California, Los Angeles

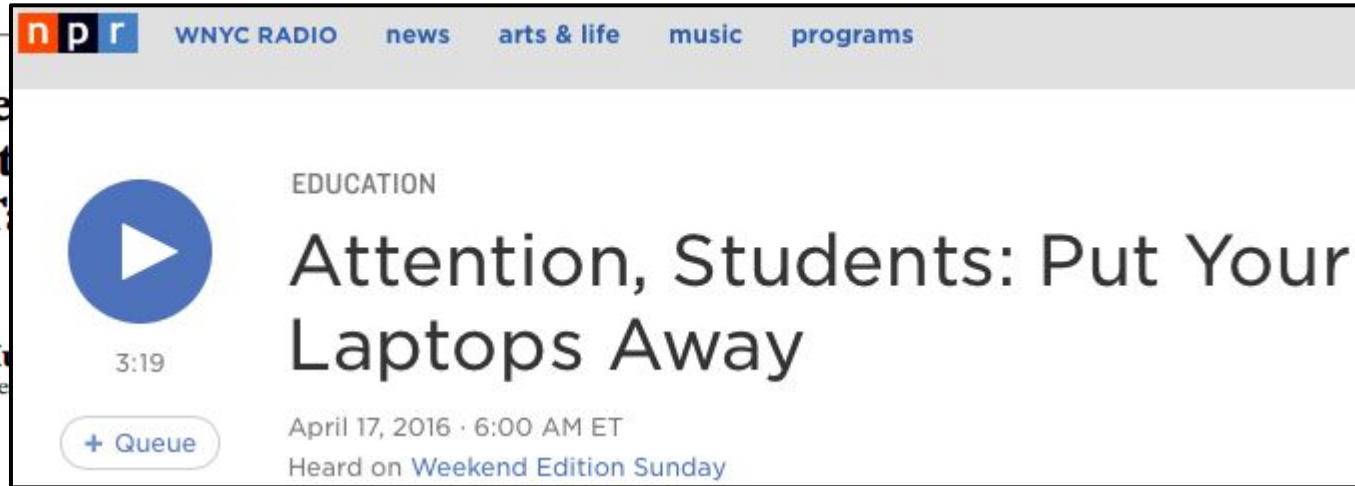
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The screenshot shows the NPR website interface. At the top, the NPR logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'WNYC RADIO', 'news', 'arts & life', 'music', and 'programs' are on the right. Below the navigation, the page is categorized under 'EDUCATION'. The main content area features a large blue play button icon on the left, with a duration of '3:19' below it. To the right of the play button, the title 'Attention, Students: Put Your Laptops Away' is displayed in a large, dark font. Below the title, the date and time 'April 17, 2016 · 6:00 AM ET' and the text 'Heard on Weekend Edition Sunday' are visible. A '+ Queue' button is located at the bottom left of the player area.

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## A Learning Secret: Don't Take Notes with a Laptop

Students who used longhand remembered more and had a deeper understanding of the material

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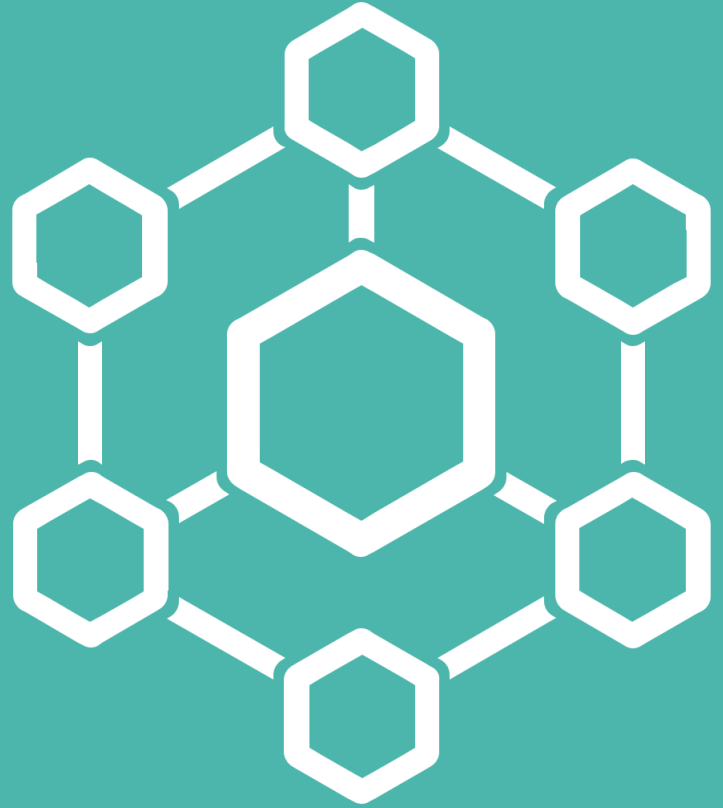
**All done? Then let's go ... but first, a little fun!**



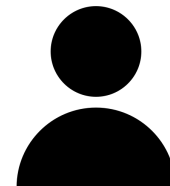
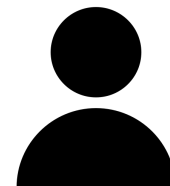
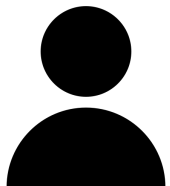
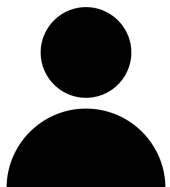
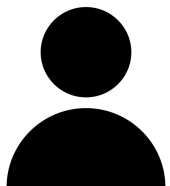
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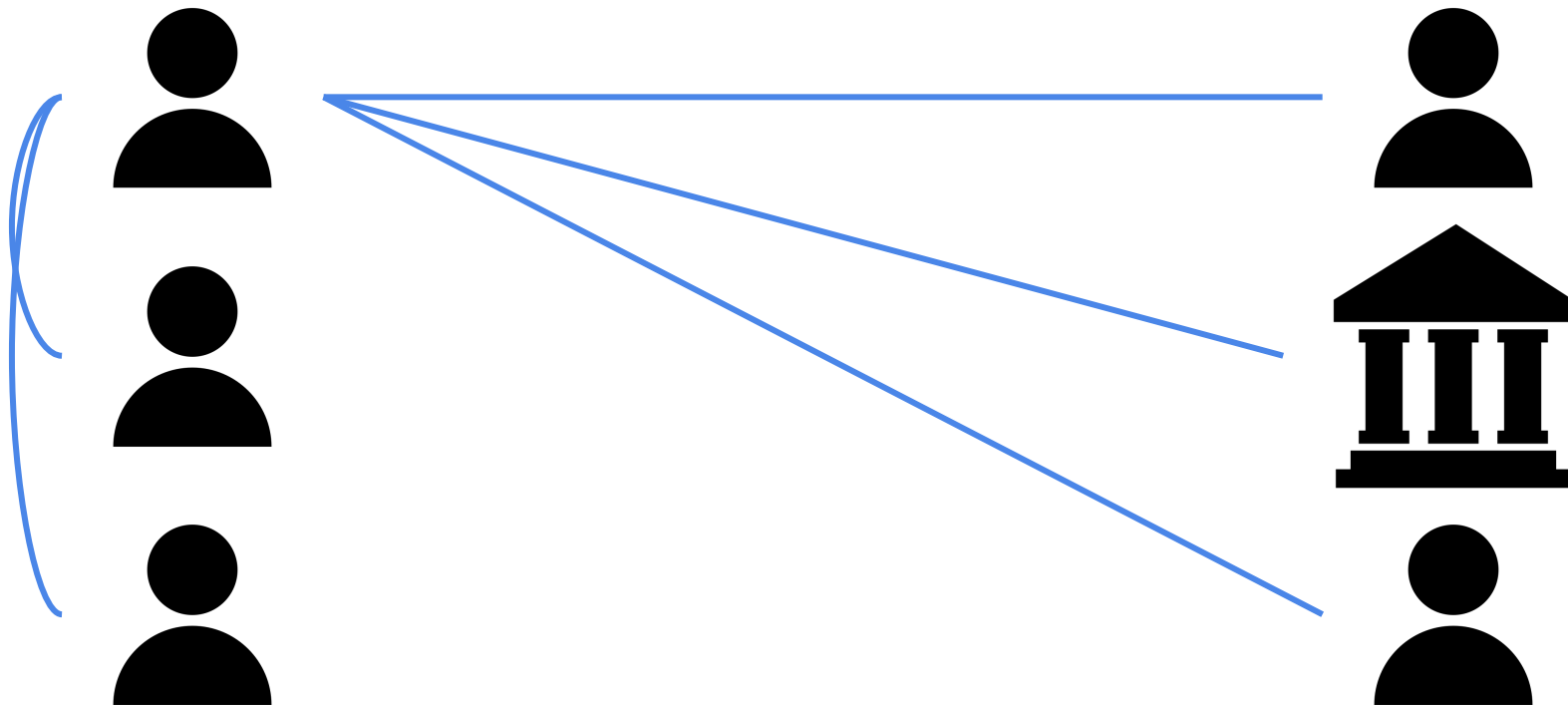
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Why do we need to protect it?



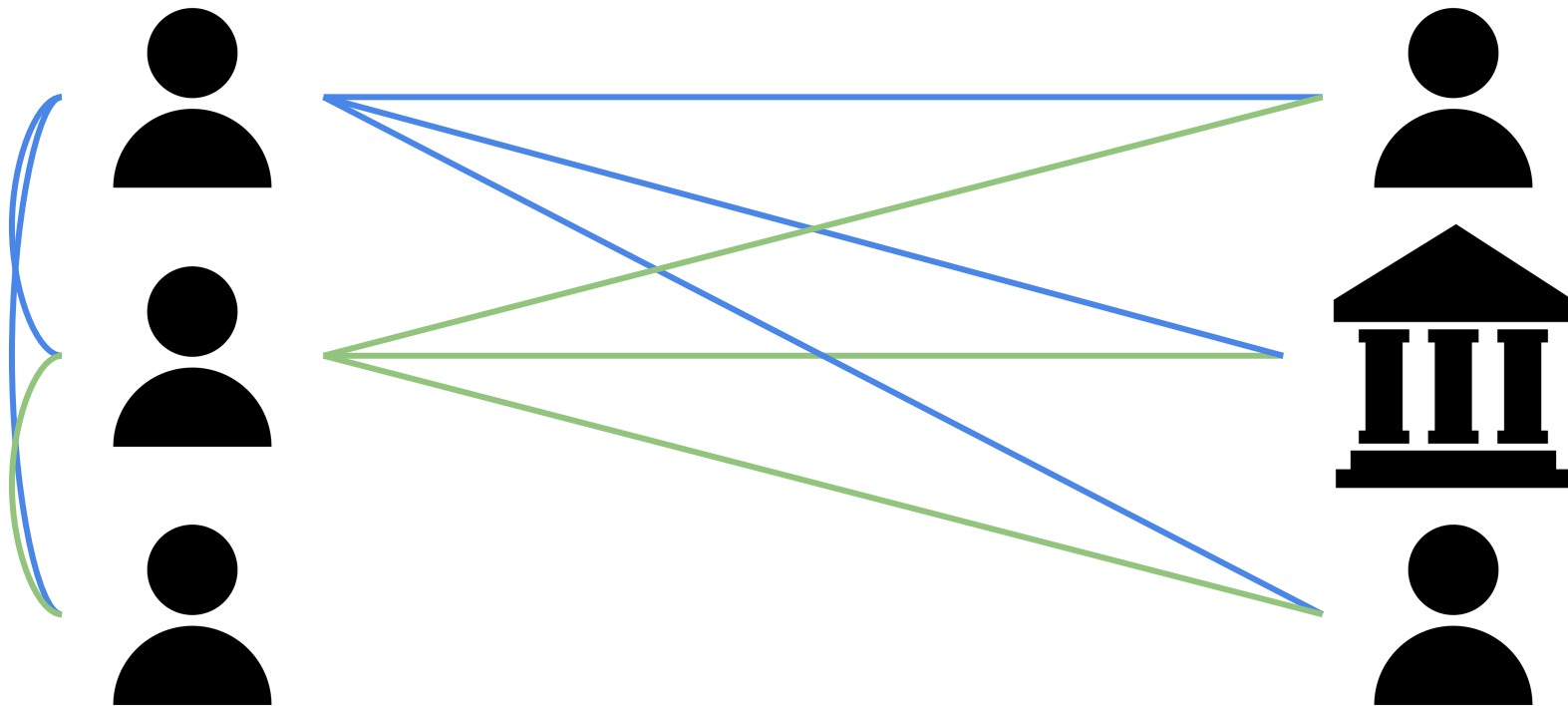
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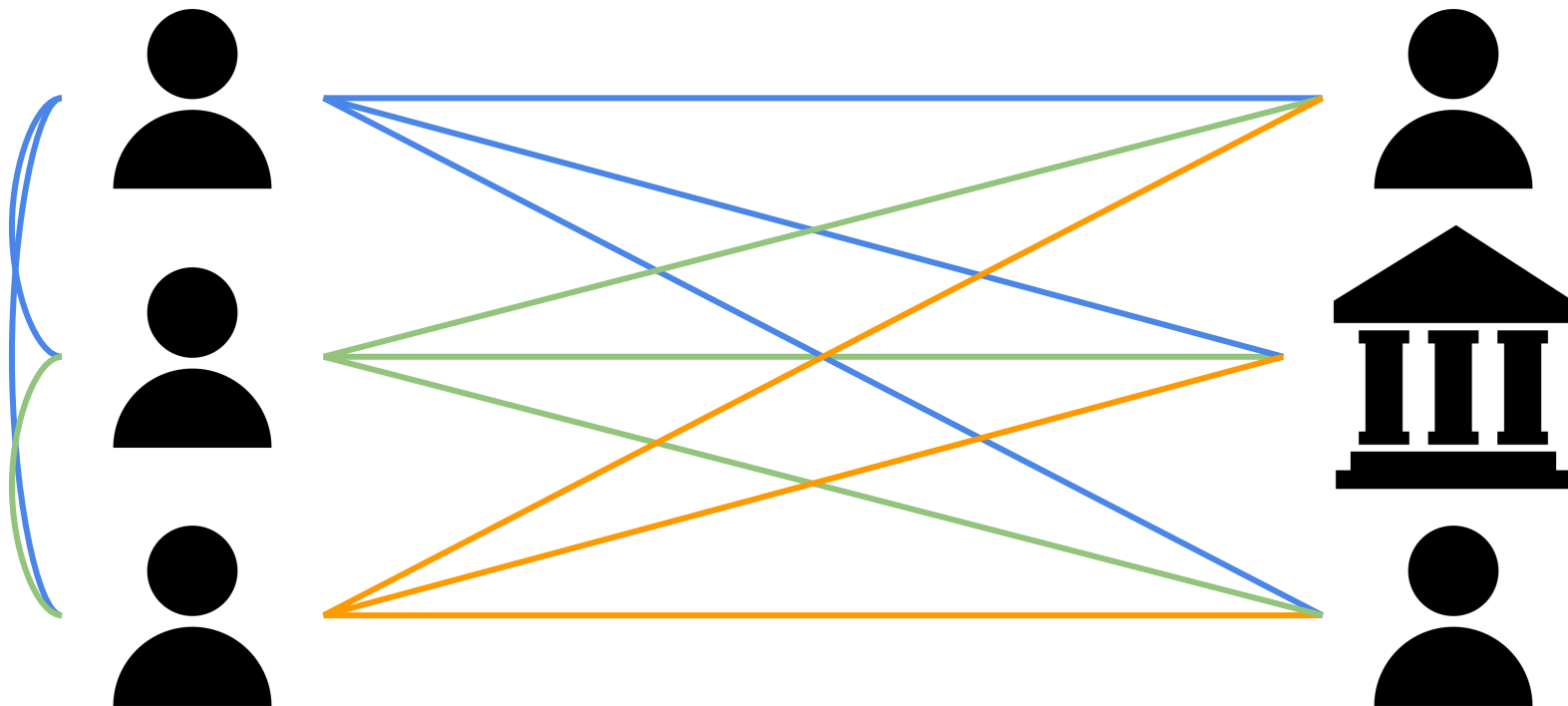
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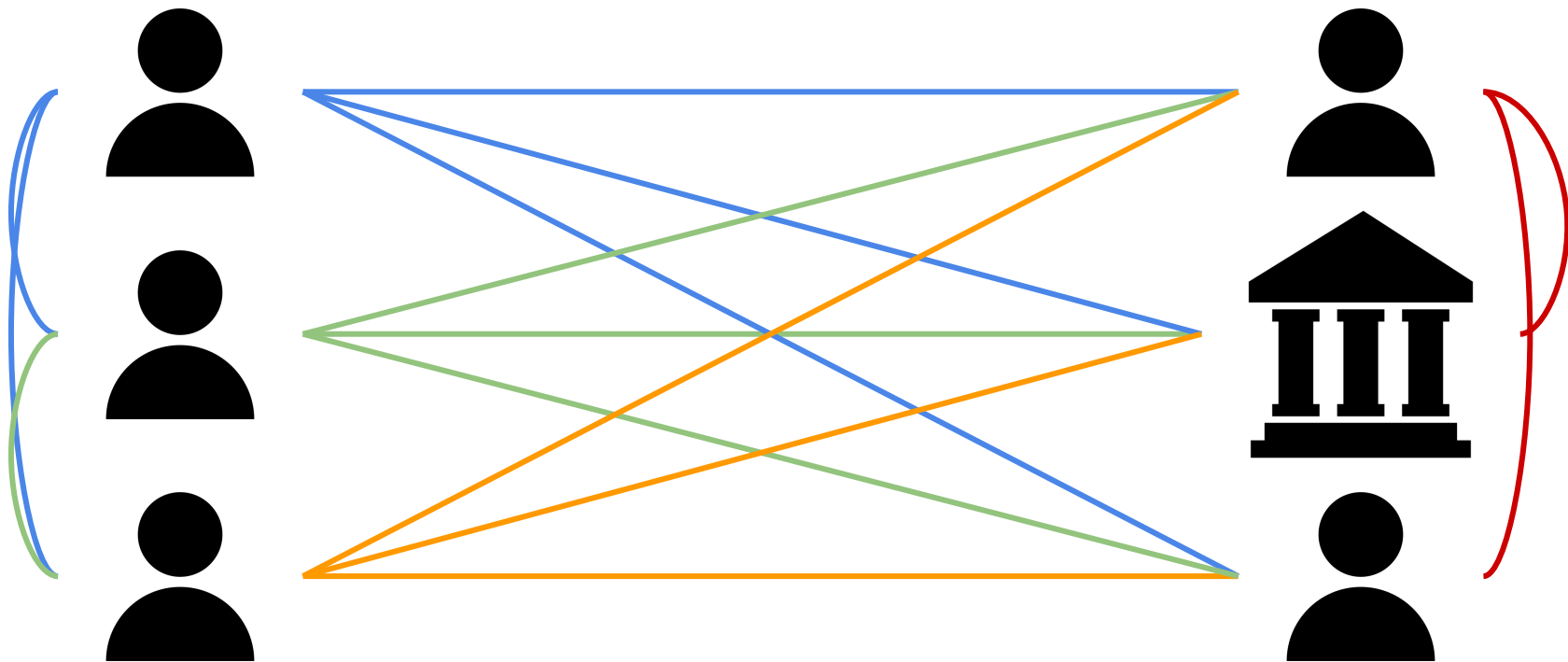


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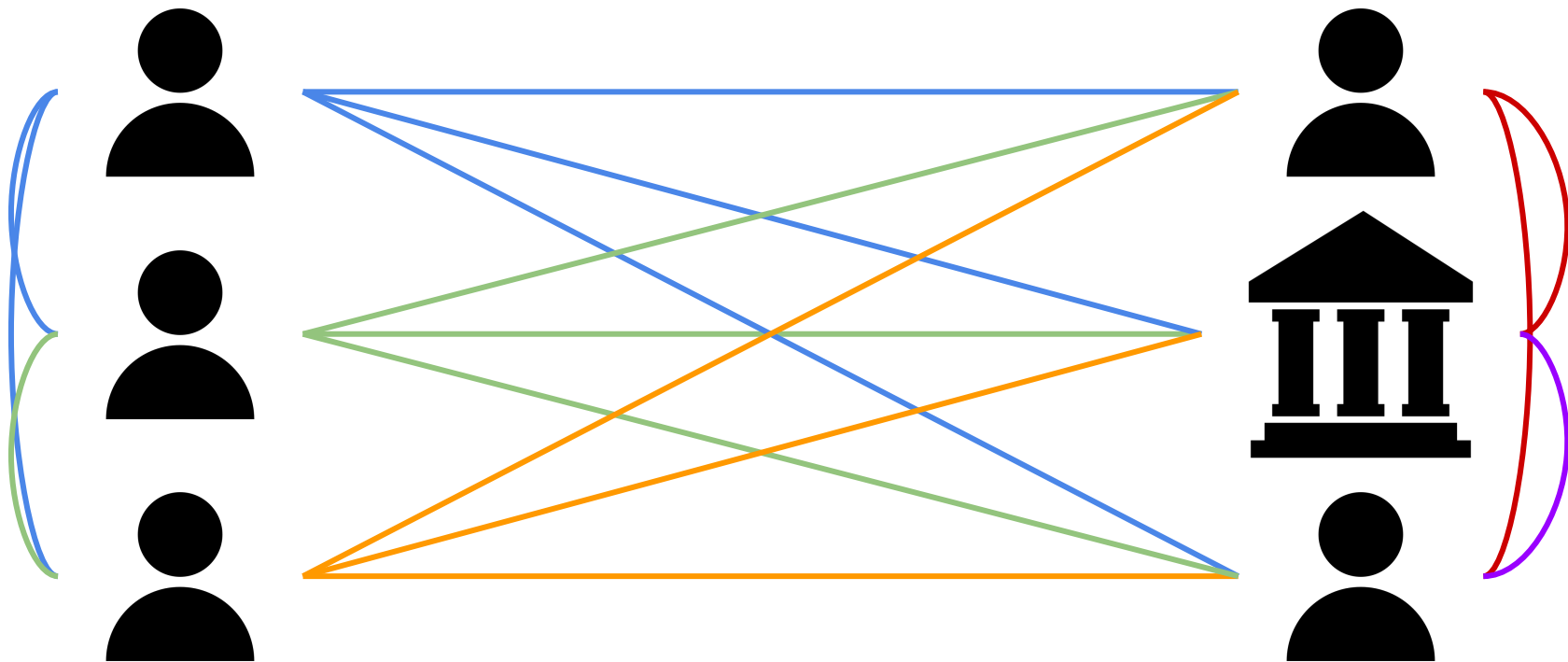




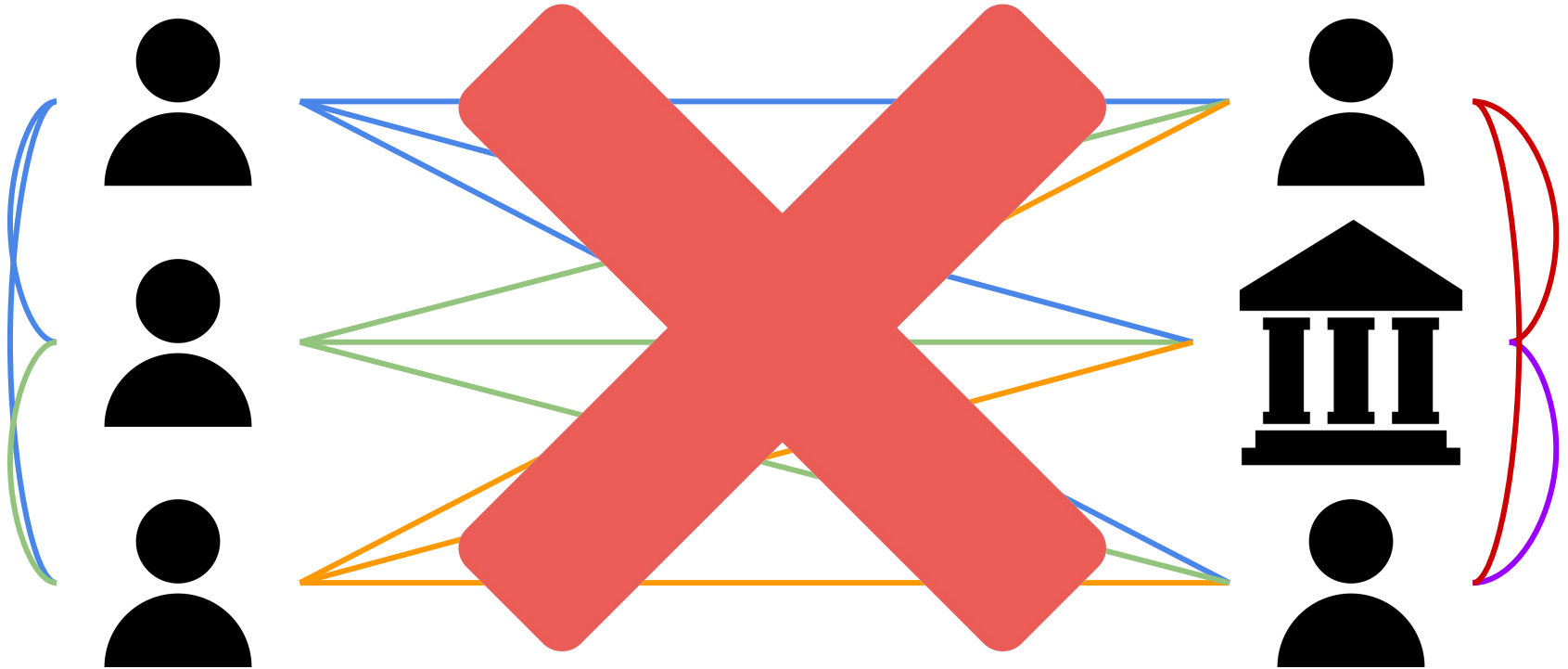
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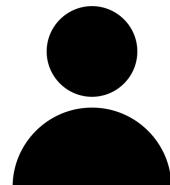
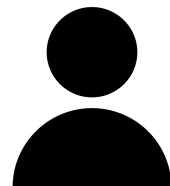
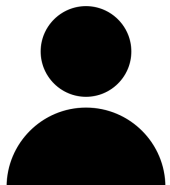
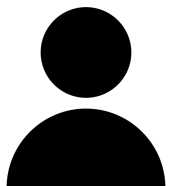
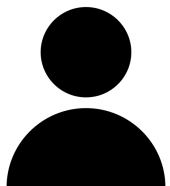
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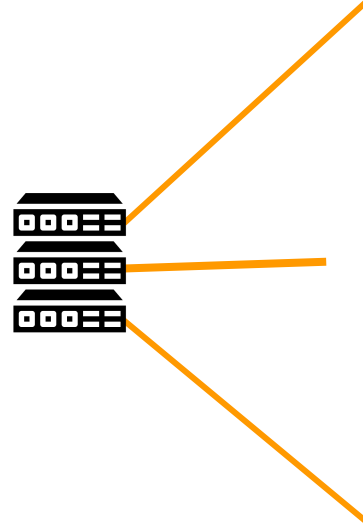
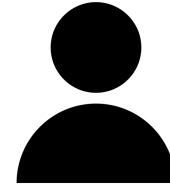
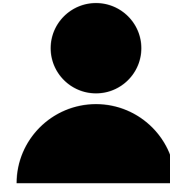
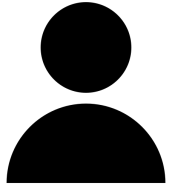
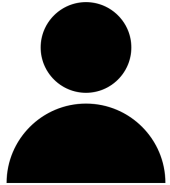
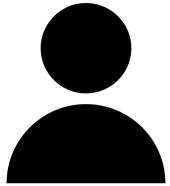
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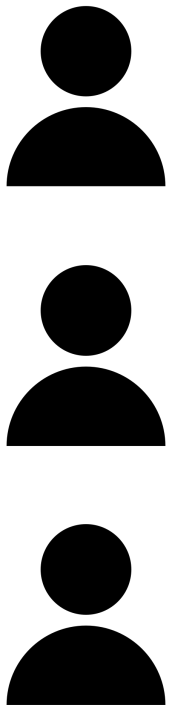
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# The real world: Routers & Switches



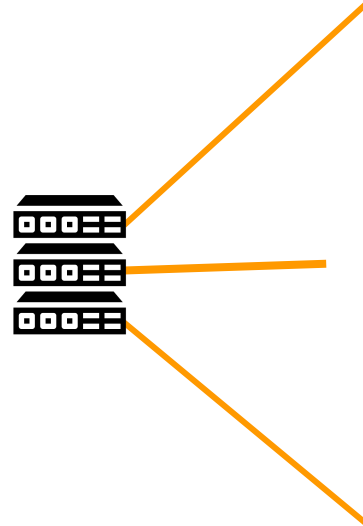
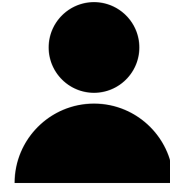
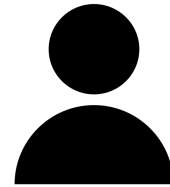
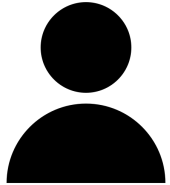
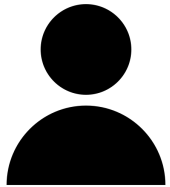
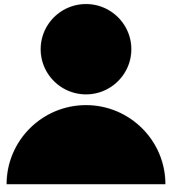
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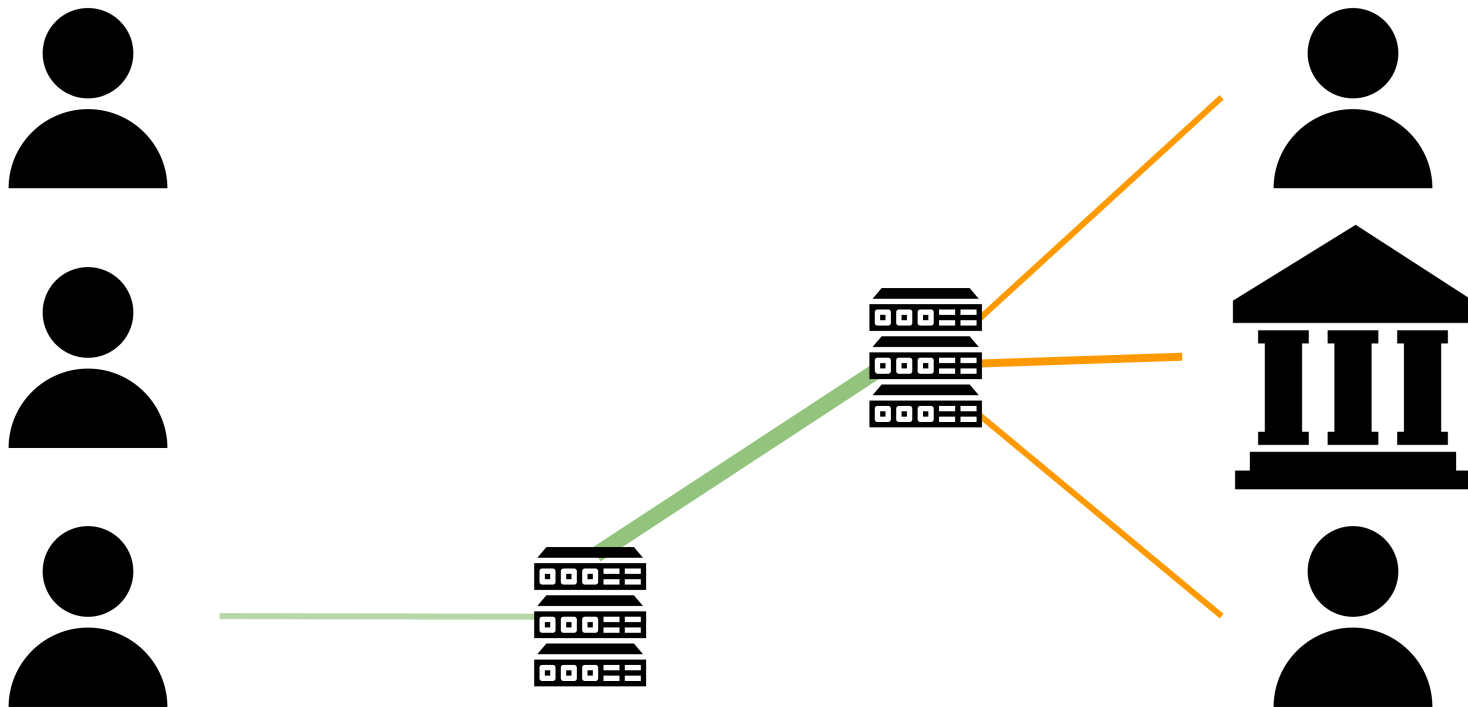


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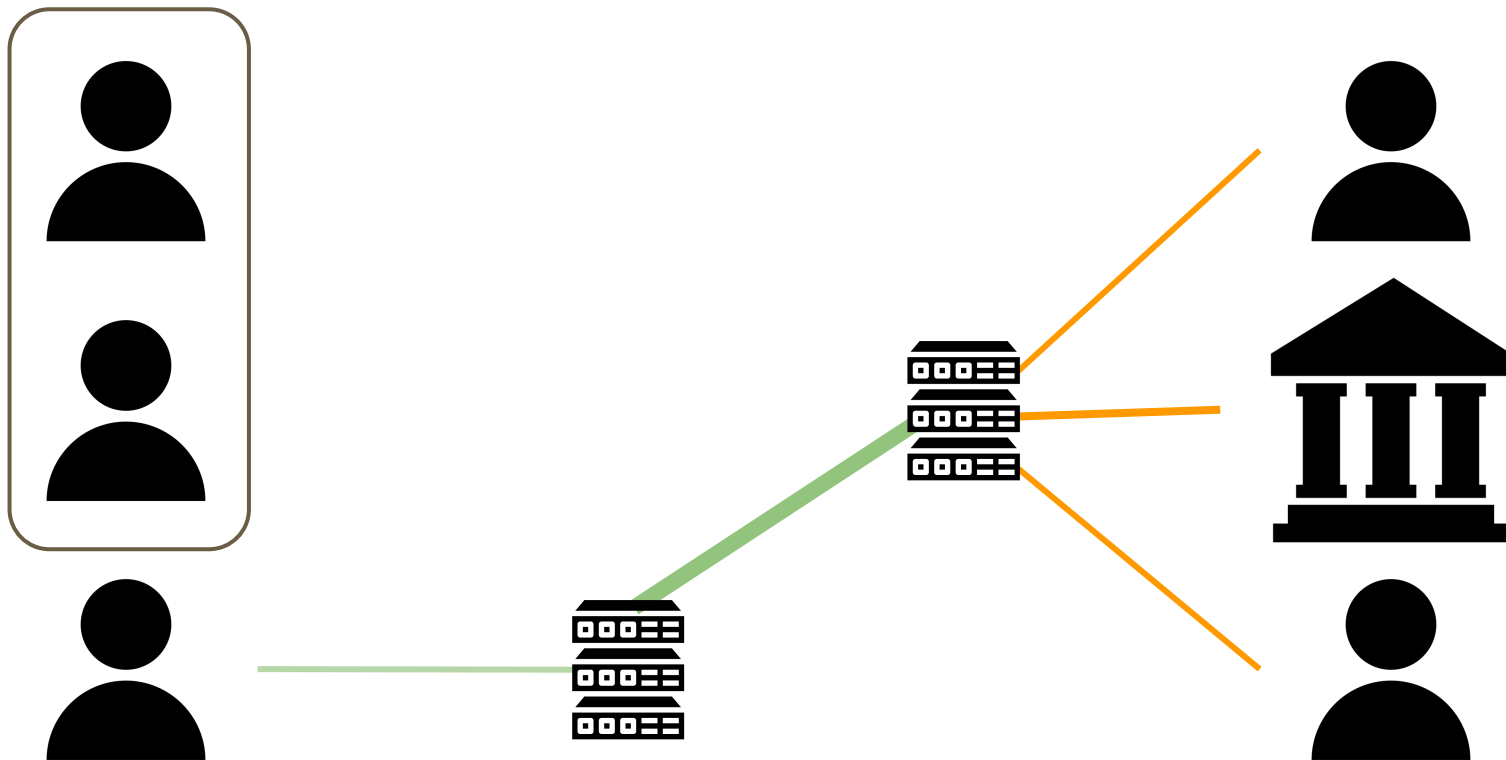




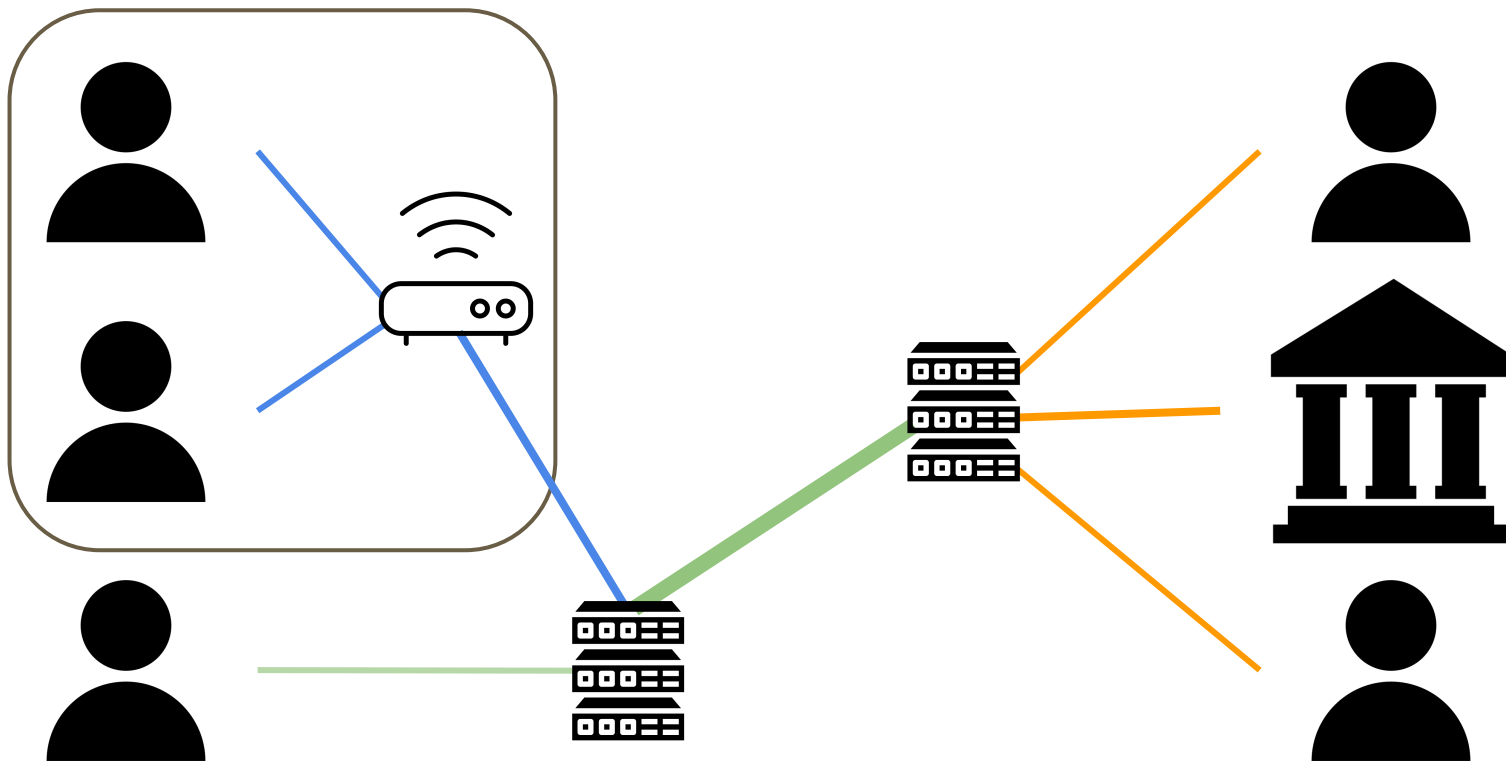
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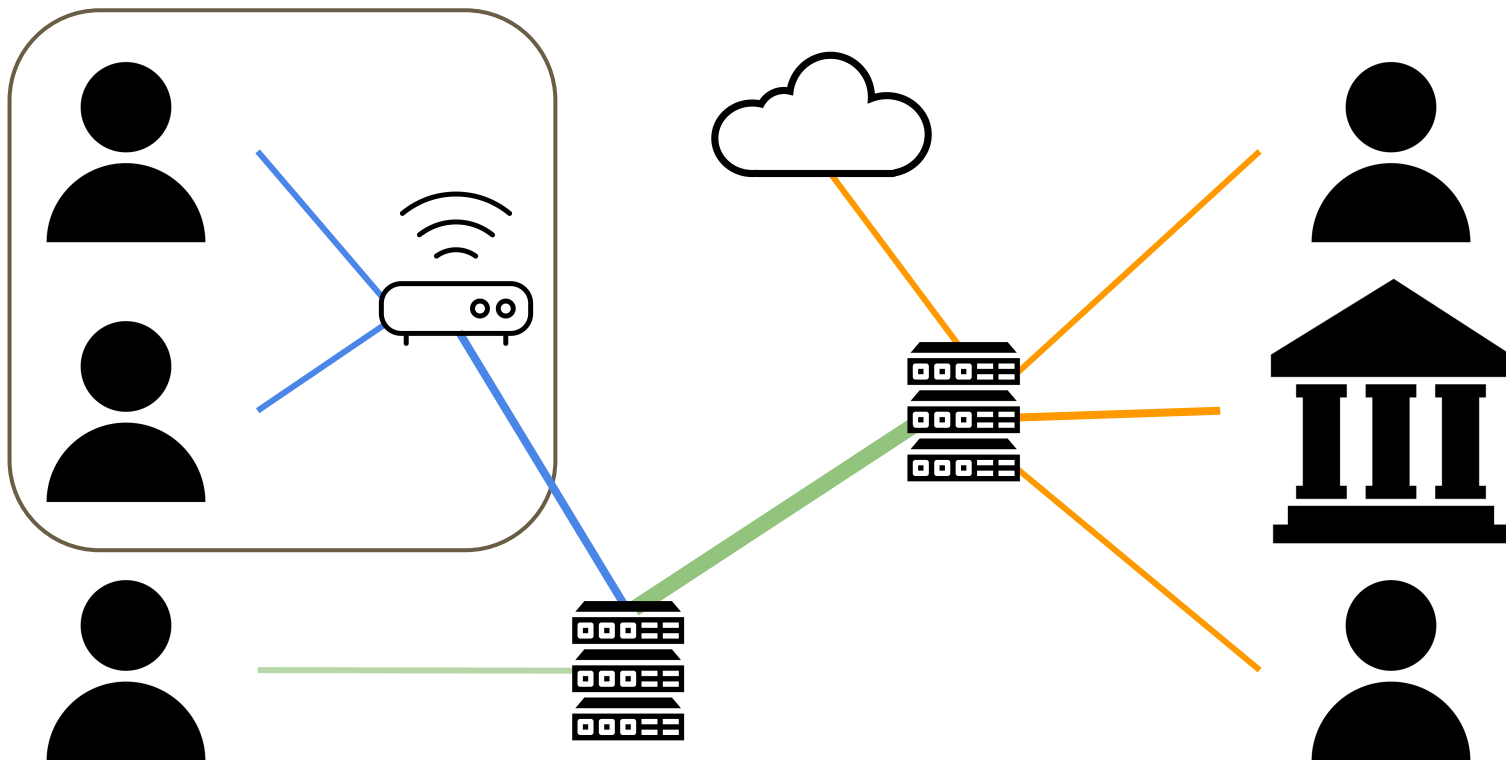
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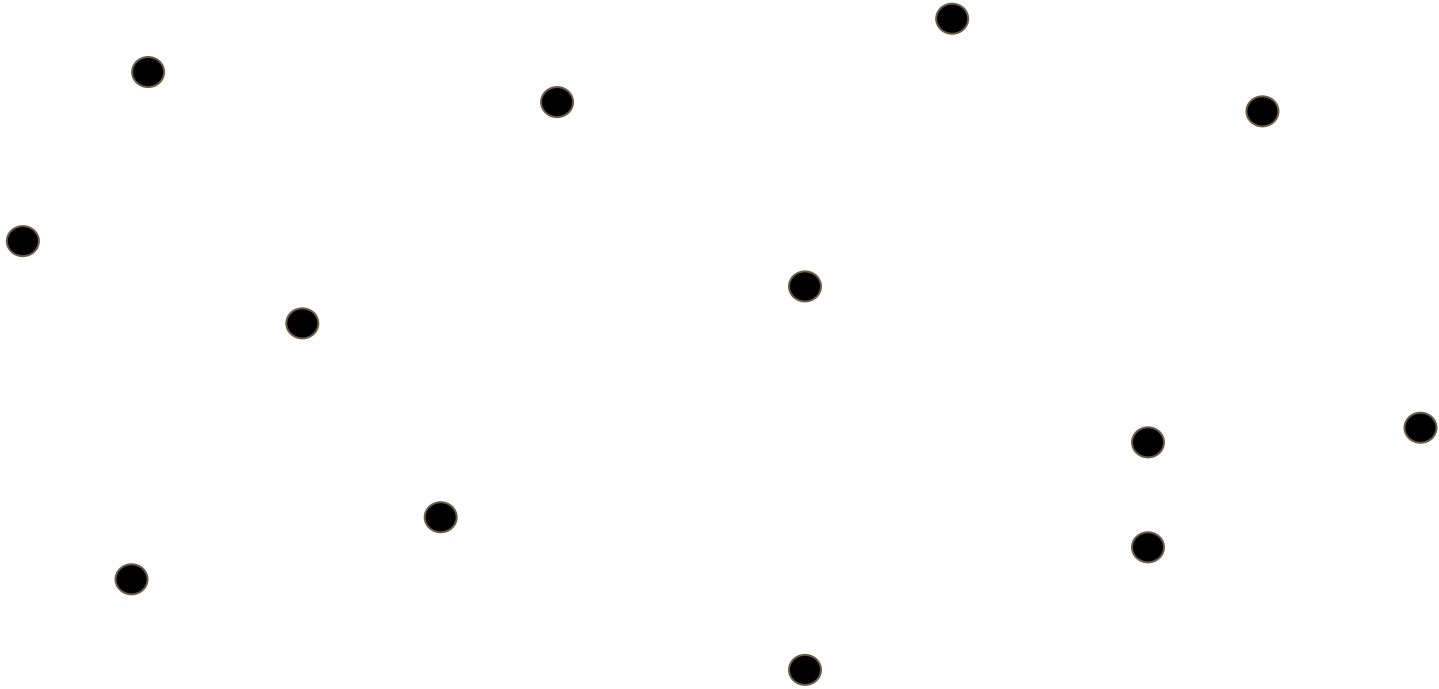


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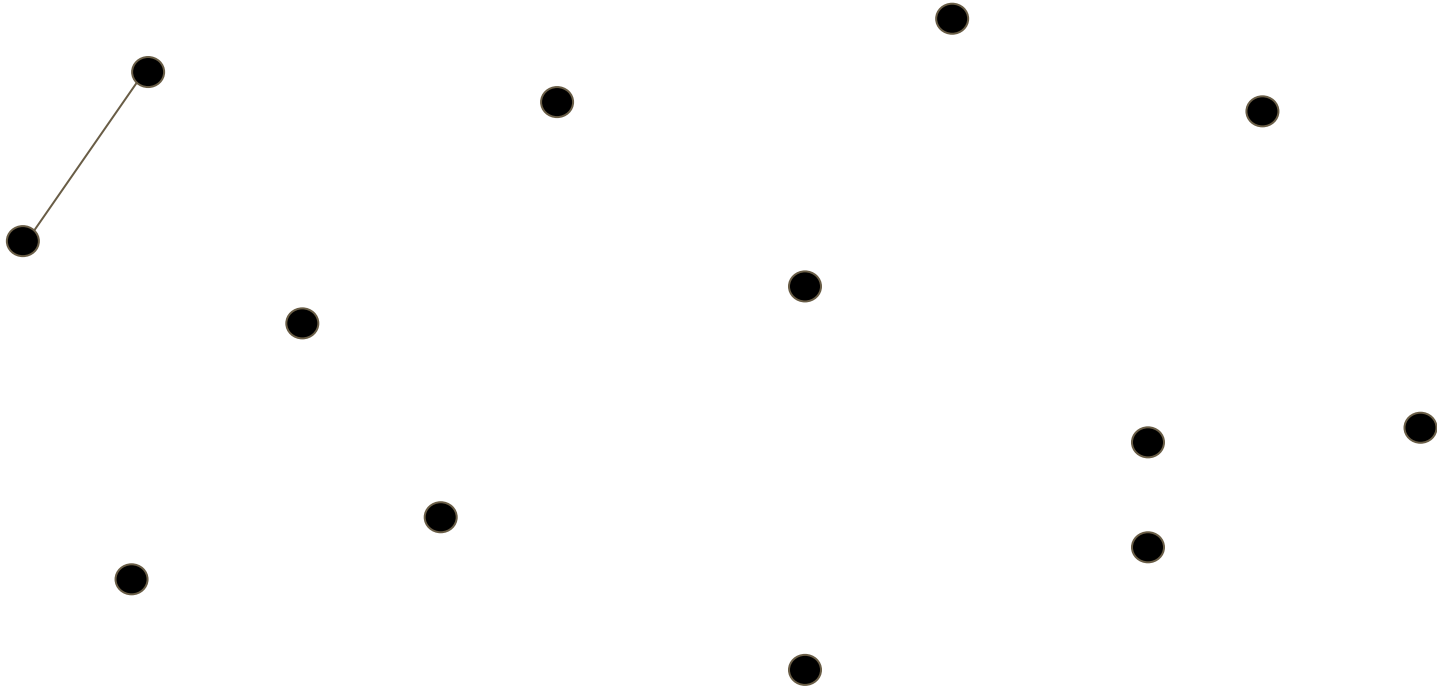


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order, complexity, and resiliency**

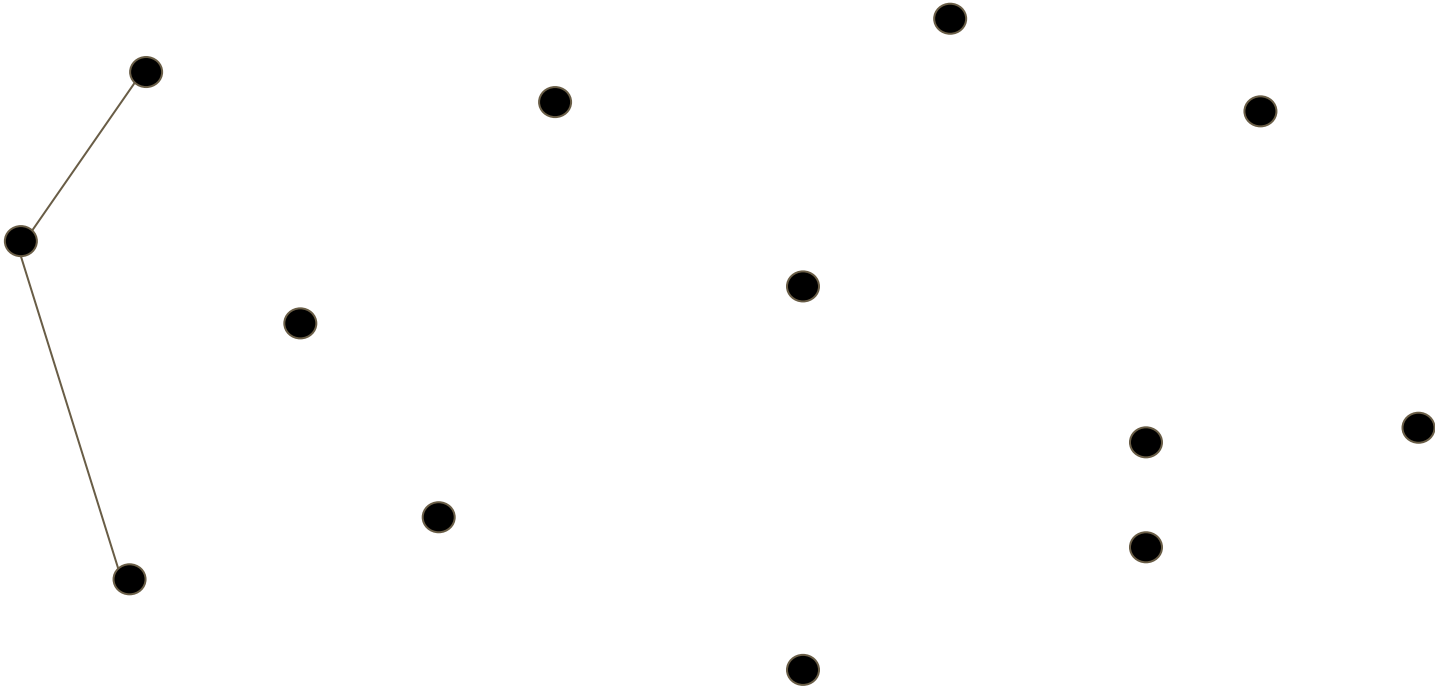
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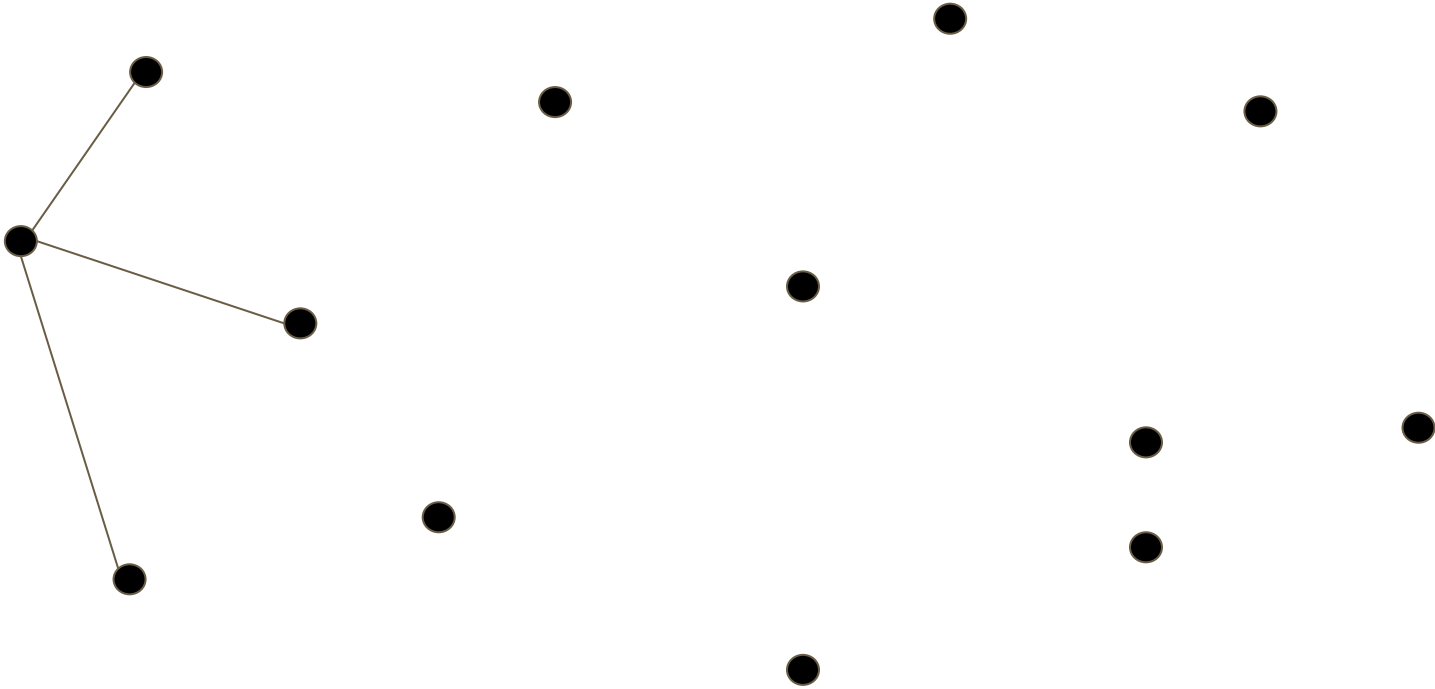


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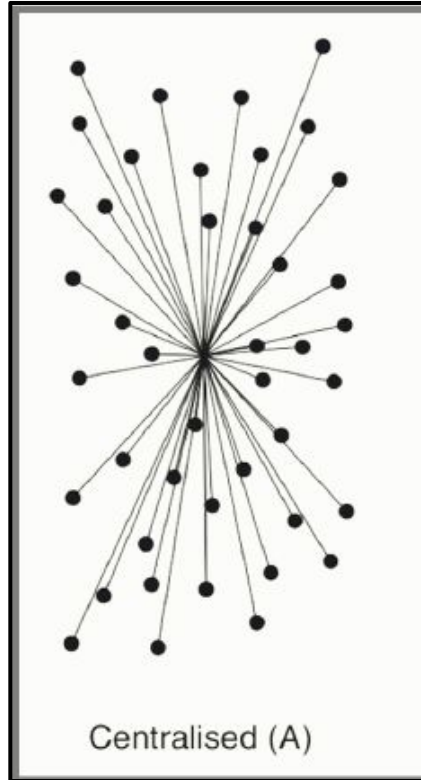


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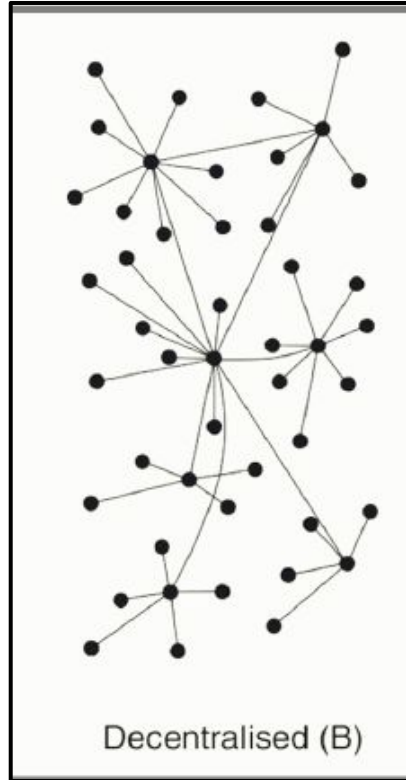


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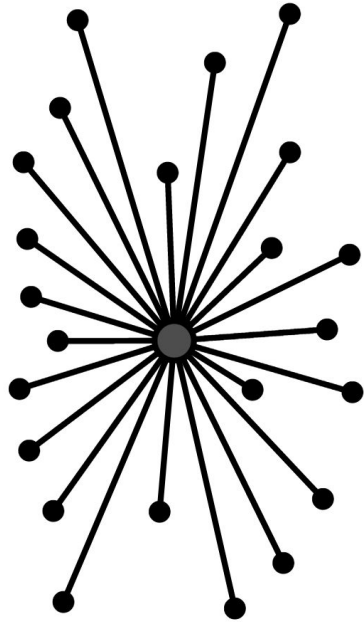
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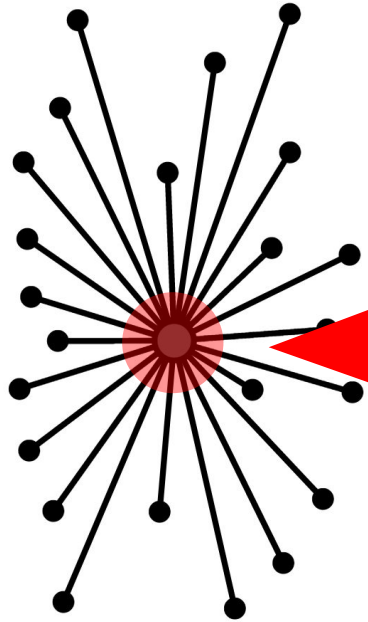


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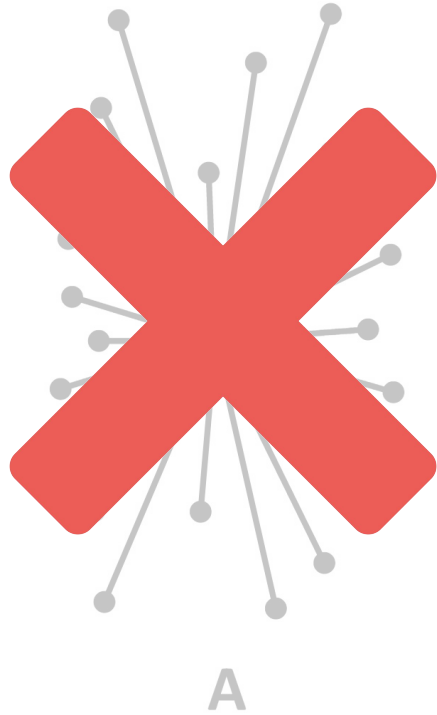
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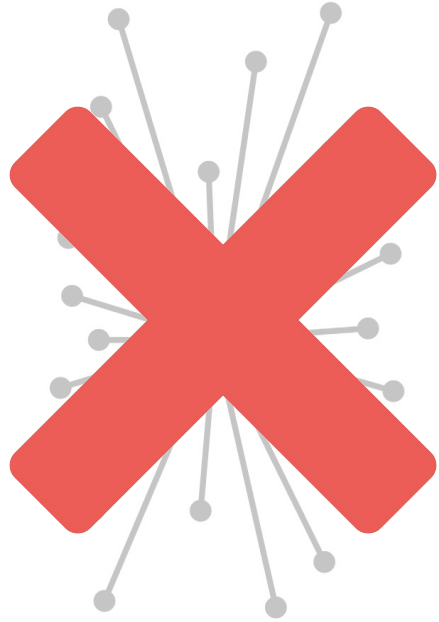
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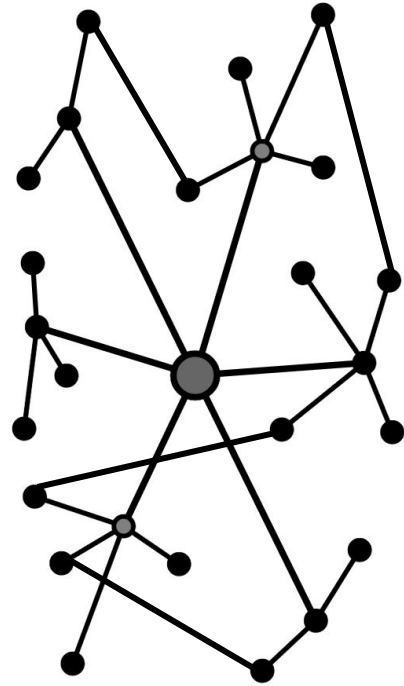
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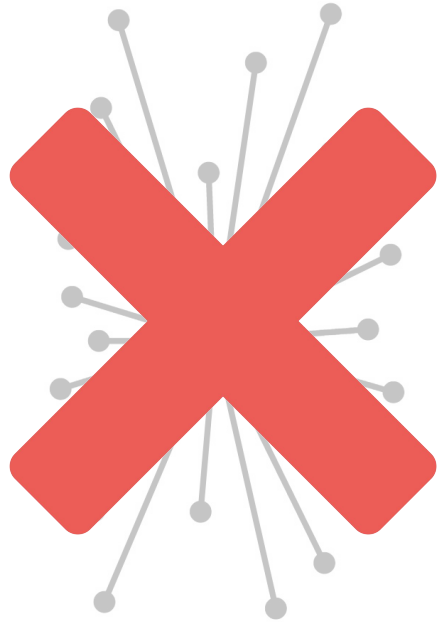
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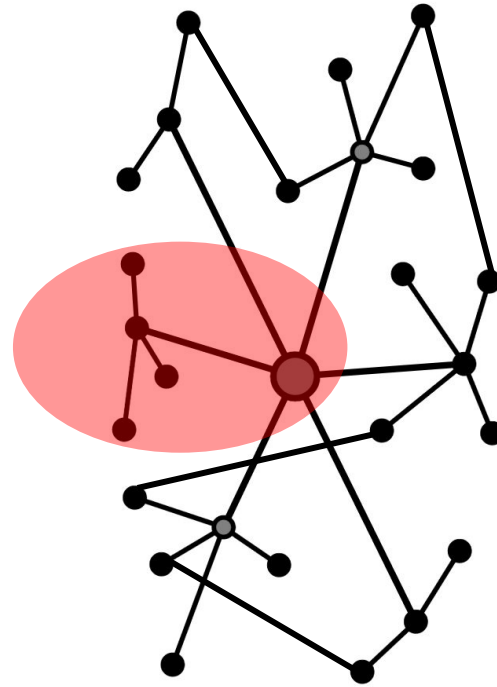
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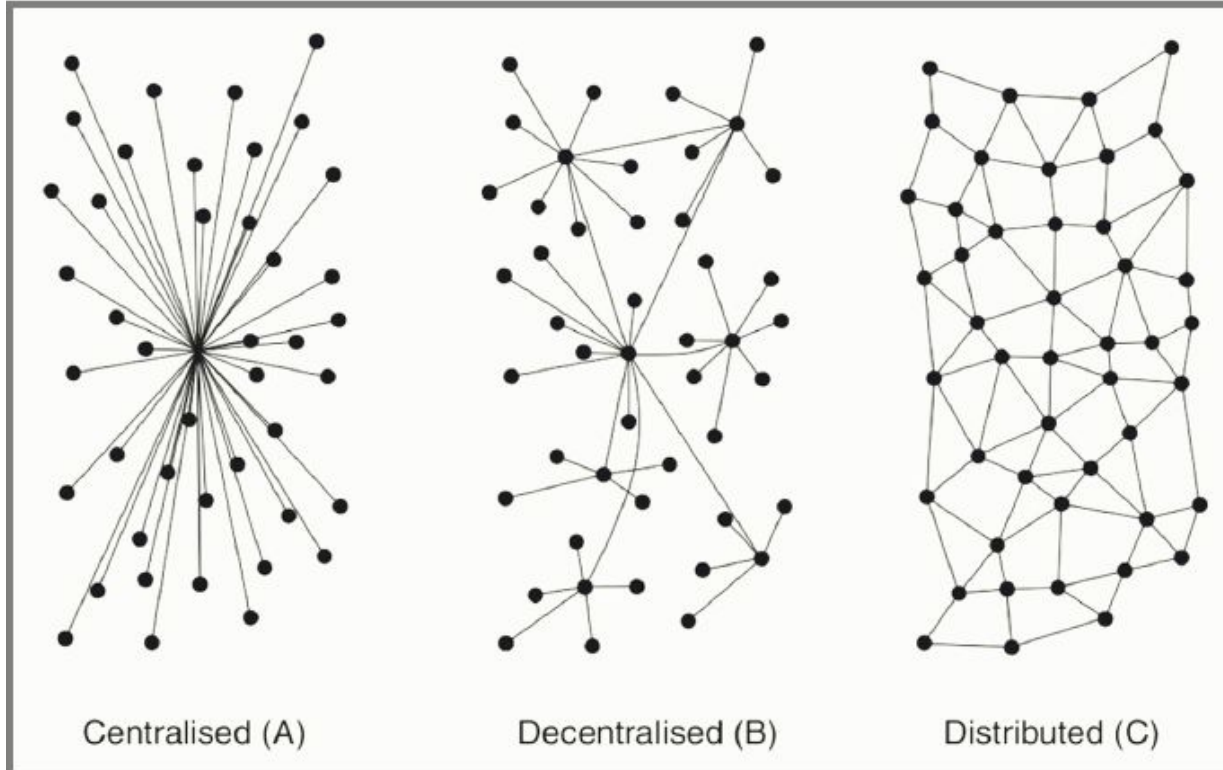


Internet



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# Centralized vs. Decentralized vs. Distributed



**A few words on  
how internet works as a network...**

# A few words on Internet

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# A few words on Internet

- Billions of connected (computing) hosts/end-systems (mobile devices now outnumber others by a large margin)
  - laptops
  - smartphones, tablets
  - TVs
  - Gaming consoles
  - Webcams
  - Automobiles,
  - Environmental sensing devices,
  - Picture frames
  - Home electrical
  - Security systems
  - And more ...

# A few words on Internet

- Billions of connected (computing) hosts/end-systems - mobile devices now outnumber others by a large margin
  - laptops, smartphones, tablets, TVs, gaming consoles, Webcams, automobiles, environmental sensing devices, picture frames, and home electrical, security systems, ...
- Other constituents of the network (mobile, enterprise, home, ISPs, etc.):
  - Servers
  - Routers
  - Link-layer Switches
  - Modems
  - Base Stations
  - Cell Towers
  - And more ...

# A few words on Internet

- Billions of connected (computing) hosts/end-systems + other constituents (mobile devices now outnumber others by a large margin)
- These devices and hosts/end-systems run network apps
- They are all connected via communication links (fiber, copper, radio, satellite, etc.) and packet switches with various transmission rates (i.e. bandwidth)
- Packet Switches such as routers and switches send around and forward data packets (i.e. chunks of data) throughout the network
- In essence, you have decentralized network of networks (e.g. ISPs) + **protocols** + internet standards

# A few words on Protocols

- TCP/IP
- SMTP
- IMAP
- POP
- FTP
- HTTP
- HTTPS/TLS
- UDP
- WLAN
- DNS .... and many more!

# A few words on Protocols

## Internet protocol suite

### Application layer

BGP · DHCP · DNS · FTP · HTTP · IMAP ·  
LDAP · MGCP · NNTP · NTP · POP ·  
ONC/RPC · RTP · RTSP · RIP · SIP · SMTP ·  
SNMP · SSH · Telnet · TLS/SSL · XMPP ·  
*more...*

### Transport layer

TCP · UDP · DCCP · SCTP · RSVP · *more...*

### Internet layer

IP (IPv4 · IPv6) · ICMP · ICMPv6 · ECN ·  
IGMP · IPsec · *more...*

### Link layer

ARP · NDP · OSPF · Tunnels (L2TP) · PPP ·  
MAC (Ethernet · DSL · ISDN · FDDI) · *more...*

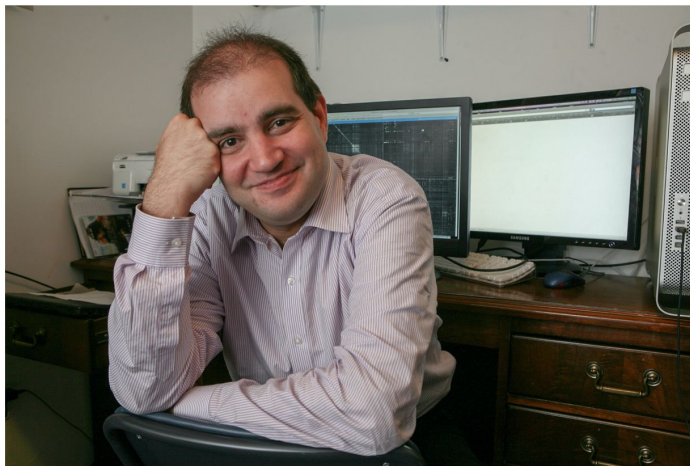
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The New York Times

## *Daniel Kaminsky, Internet Security Savior, Dies at 42*

If you are reading this obituary online, you owe your digital safety to him.



Daniel Kaminsky, at his Brooklyn office in 2010, was widely hailed after finding a serious flaw in the internet's basic plumbing. Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times

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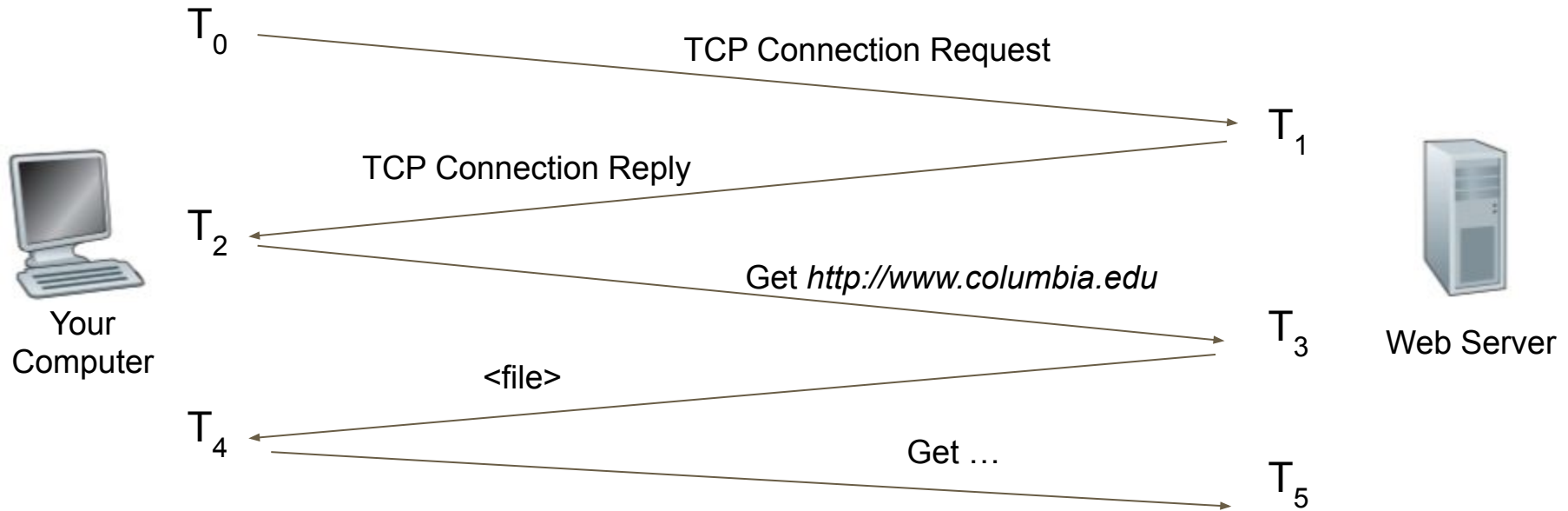
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# A few (more) words on Protocols

- Protocols are standardized methods that facilitate communication between and across different “things,” creating a common framework
- In short, Protocols define how **data should be “packetized,” addressed, transmitted, routed, and received** → examples to follow
- Let’s use the example of exchanging messages: first with humans (asking for time, exchanging business cards, mailing a letter), then machines - all communications are in essence governed by protocols
- Protocols help manage complexity across various building blocks of the internet (hosts, routers, switches, applications, hardware, software, etc.) ... BUT ... how do we **organize** them and the structure of our network?
- [by the way, it was mostly a volunteer effort, with no possibility for monetization by the makers]

# Sample Computer Network Protocol (signals & msgs)



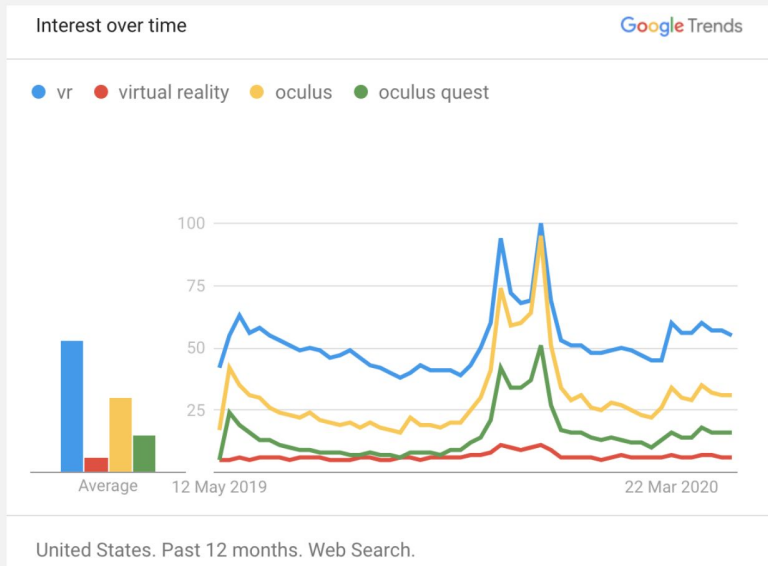
**case comparison: how do you ask questions in class?**

# How a web page is rendered (put simplistically)

Benedict Evans

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Meanwhile, it's instructive that now that we're all locked up at home, video calls have become a huge consumer phenomenon, but VR has been not. This should have been a VR moment, and it isn't.

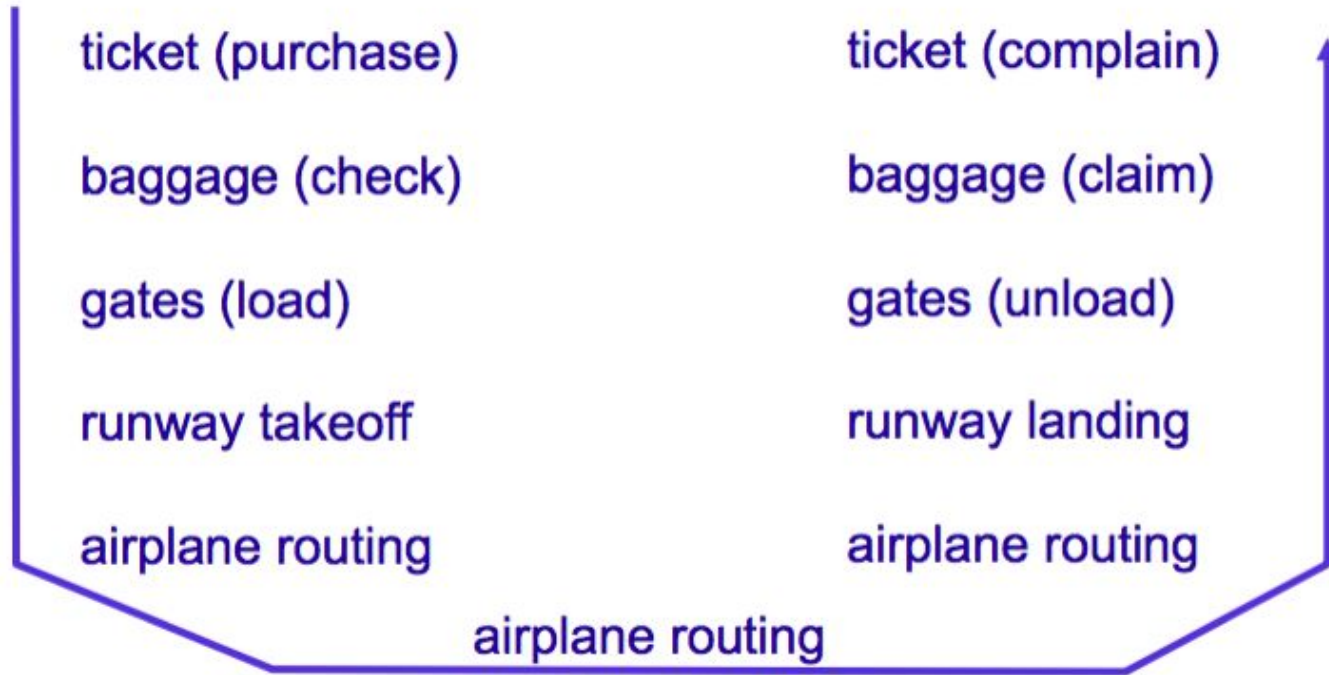


# Master Definition of a Protocol

“A protocol defines the format and the order of messages exchanged between two or more communicating entities, as well as the actions taken on the transmission and/or receipt of a message or other event.”

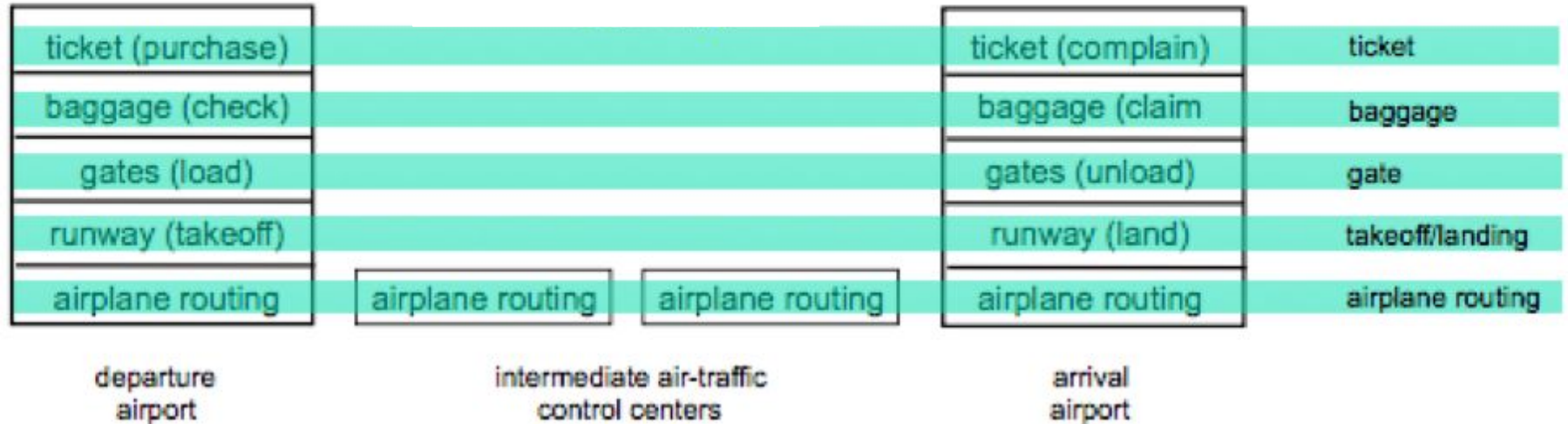
*- James Kurose, Keith Ross*

# Let's organize a flight ... through a series of steps

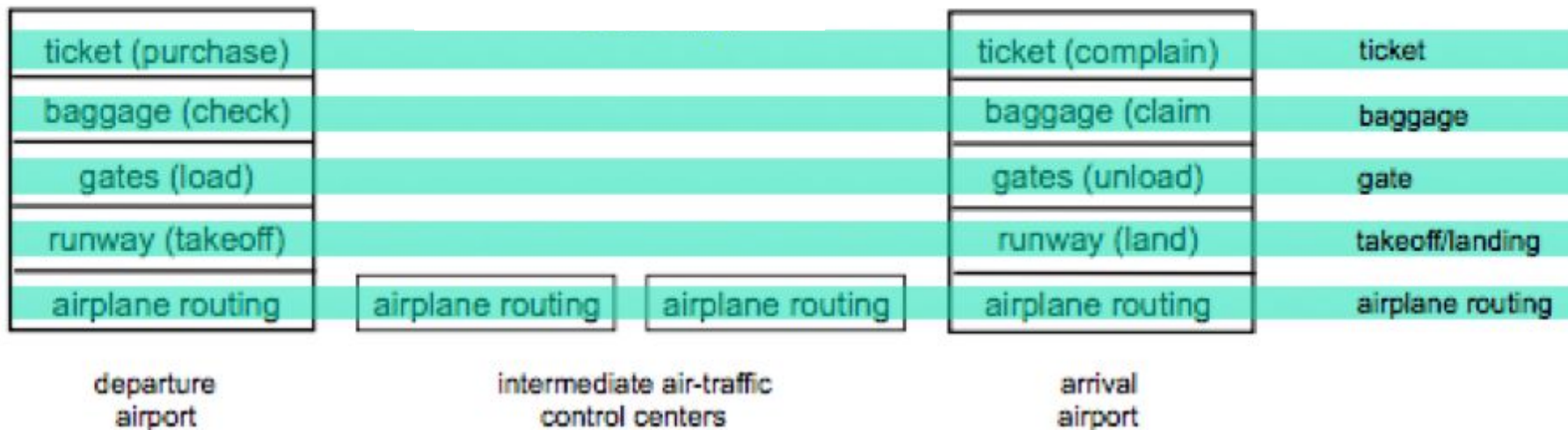




# Organizing a flight ... through functionality layers



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- Each LAYER implements a service ... via its own internally-layer processes ... and relying on the services provided by layer below

# Internet Protocol Stack

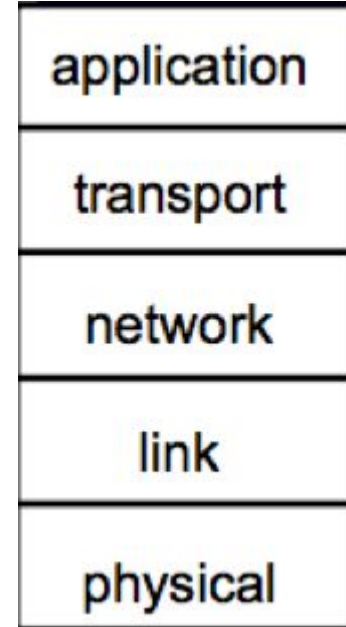
Application: support and enable end-user apps

Transport: process data transfer

Network: routing of data from source to destination

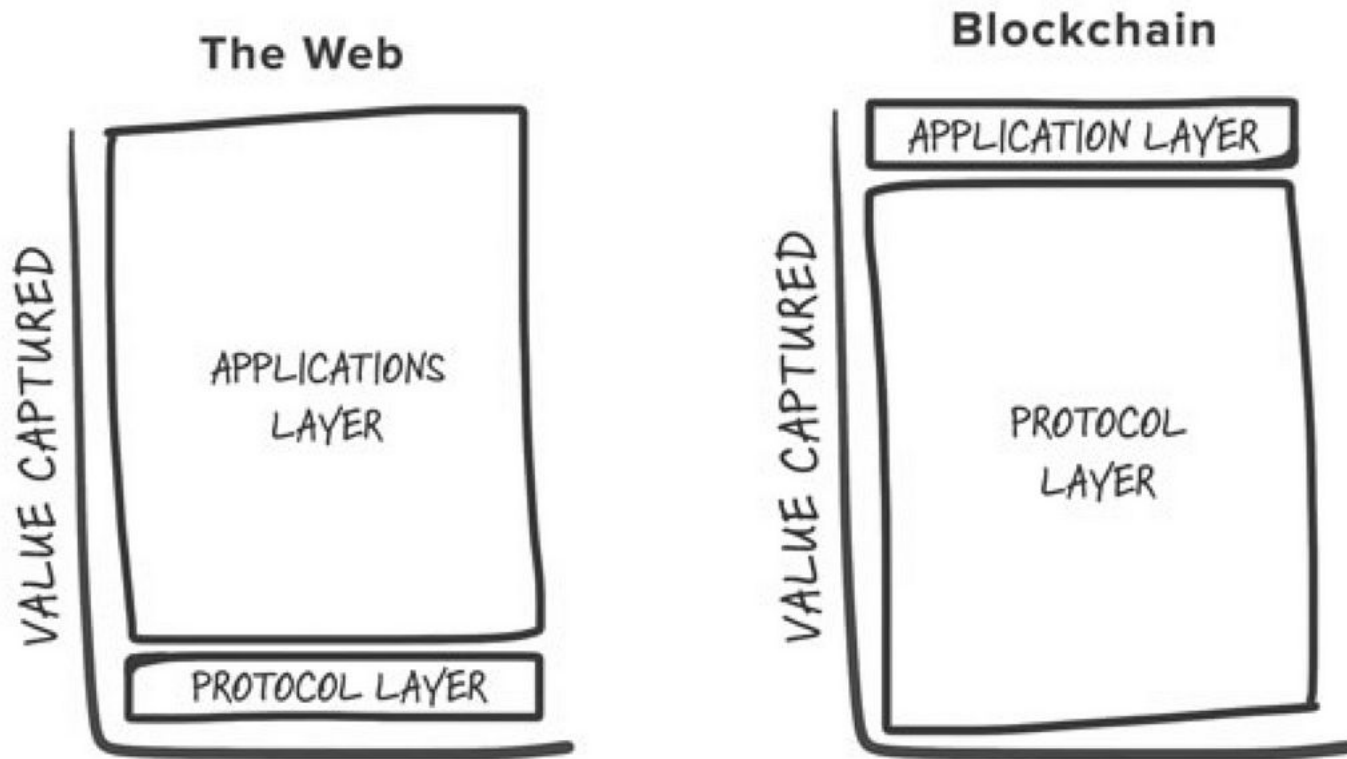
Link: data transfer between neighboring network elements  
(e.g. WiFi)

Physical: bits “on the wire” (hardware)

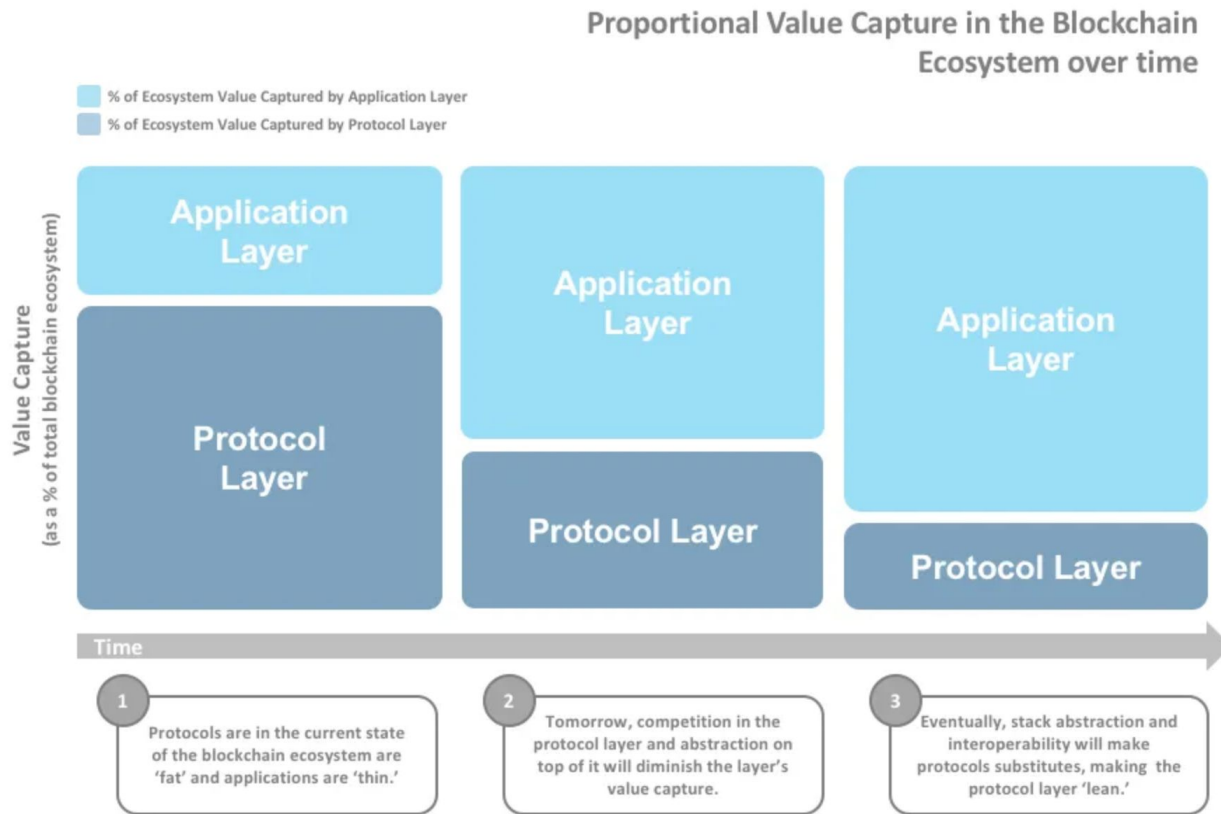


**Why is all this important?!**

# “Fat Protocols” (by Joel Monegro, USV)



# “Fat Protocols & Value Capture” (Johnson Nakano)



# BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY STACK

## Application Layer

Acts as the User Interface that combines business logic and customer interactions.



dApp Browsers



Decentralized Applications



Application Hosting



Programming Languages

## Services and Optional Components

Serves to enable application operations with a view to connecting with other technologies and platforms.



Data Feeds



Off-chain Computing



Governance/  
DAOs



State Channels



Multi signatures



Oracles



Wallets



Digital Assets



Smart Contracts



Digital IDs

## Protocol Layer

Decides the methods of consensus and network participation.



Consensus Algorithms



Side Chains



Permissioned and  
Permissionless



EVMs

## Network Layer

Acts as a transportation medium and interface for the Peer-to-Peer network and decides how data is packetized, addressed, transmitted, routed and received.



RPLx



Roll Your Own



Block Delivery  
Networks



Trusted Execution  
Environment



Peer-to-Peer

## Infrastructure Layer

In-house infrastructure or Blockchain as a Service (BaaS) to control the nodes.



Mining



Network



Virtualization



Nodes



Tokens

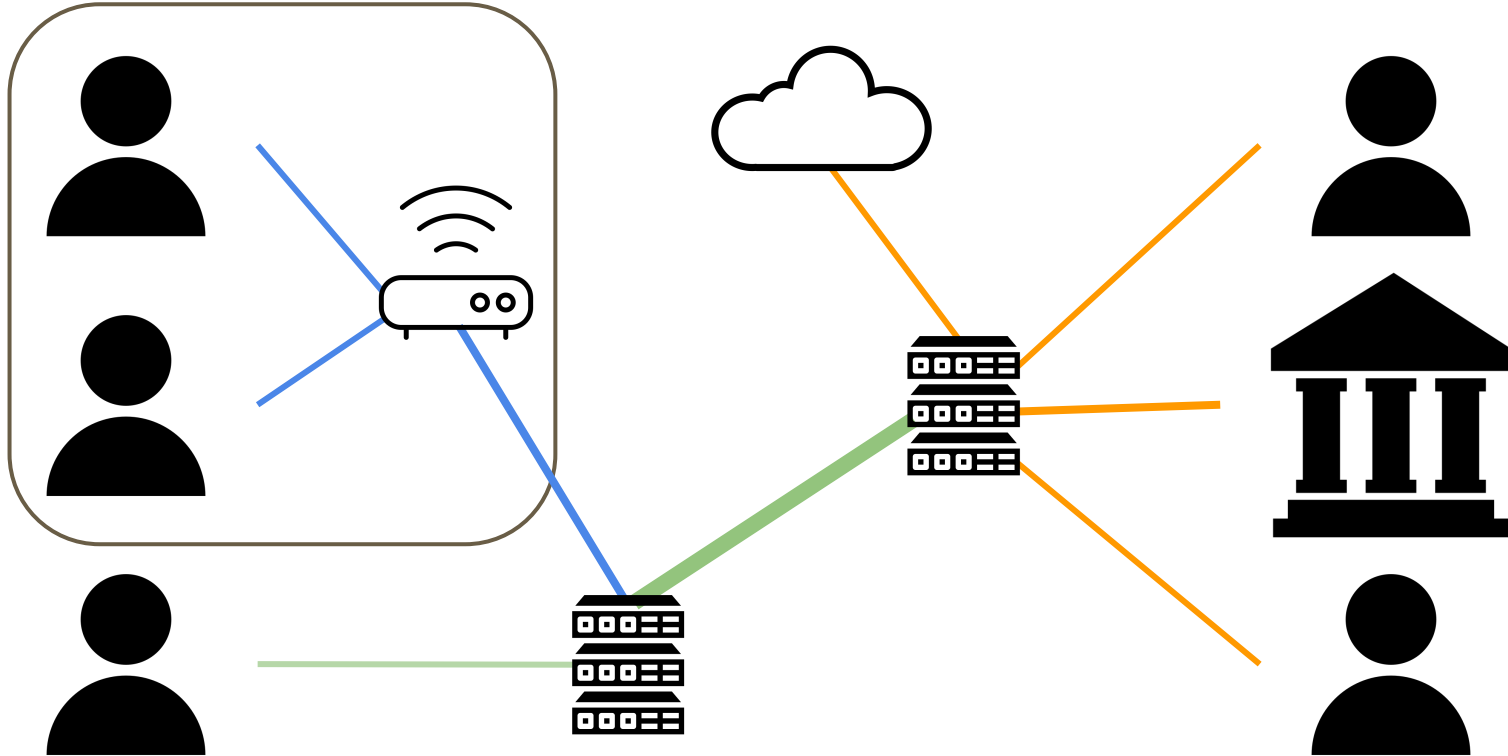


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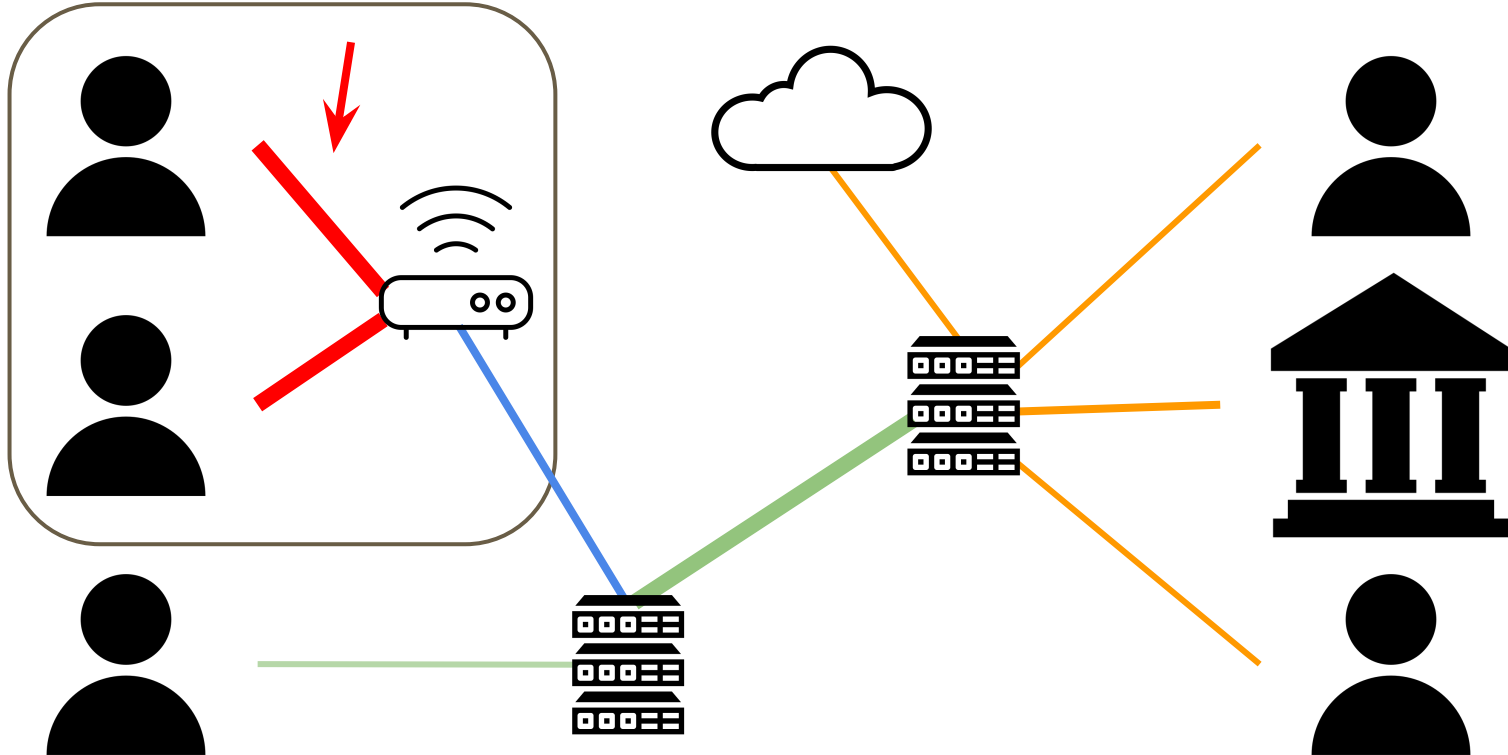
**Back to networks ... and security**



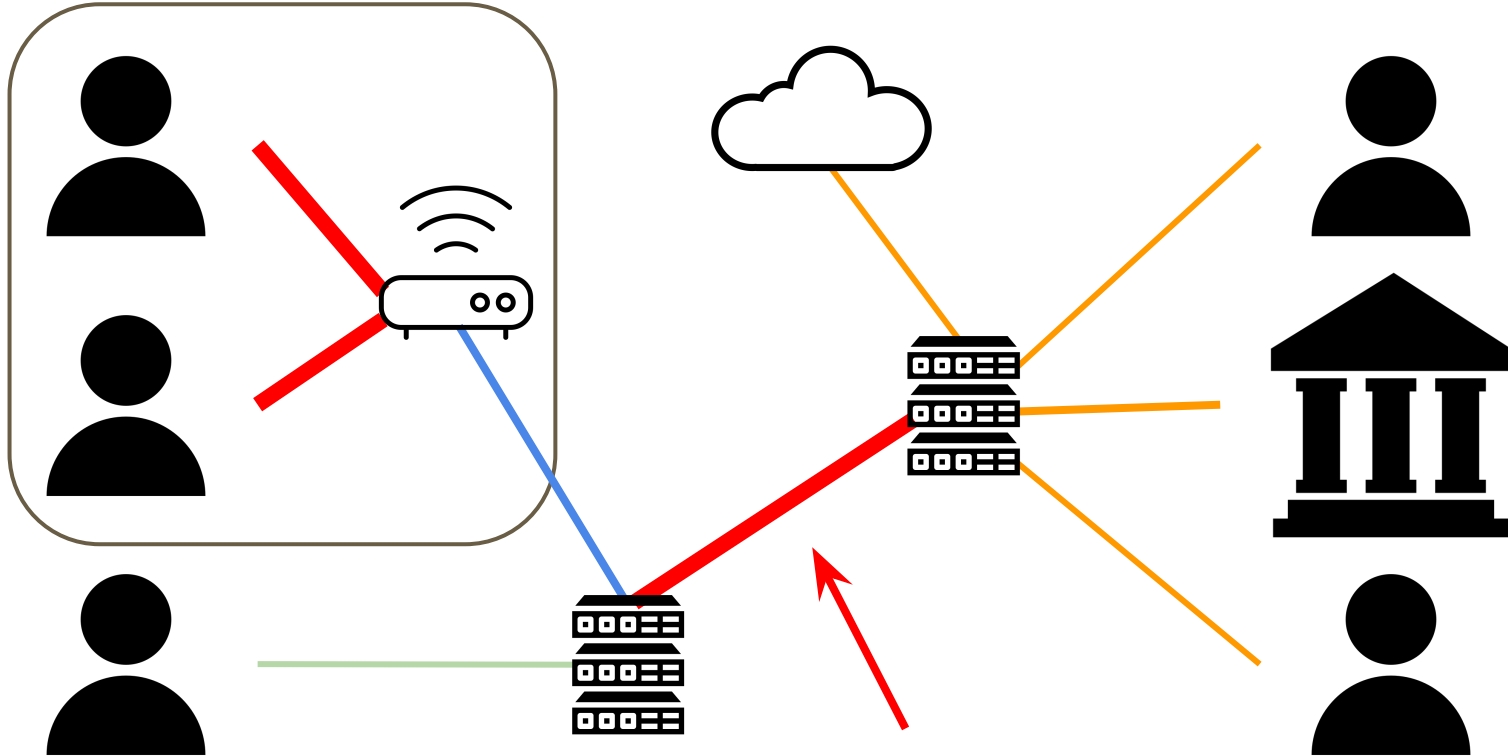
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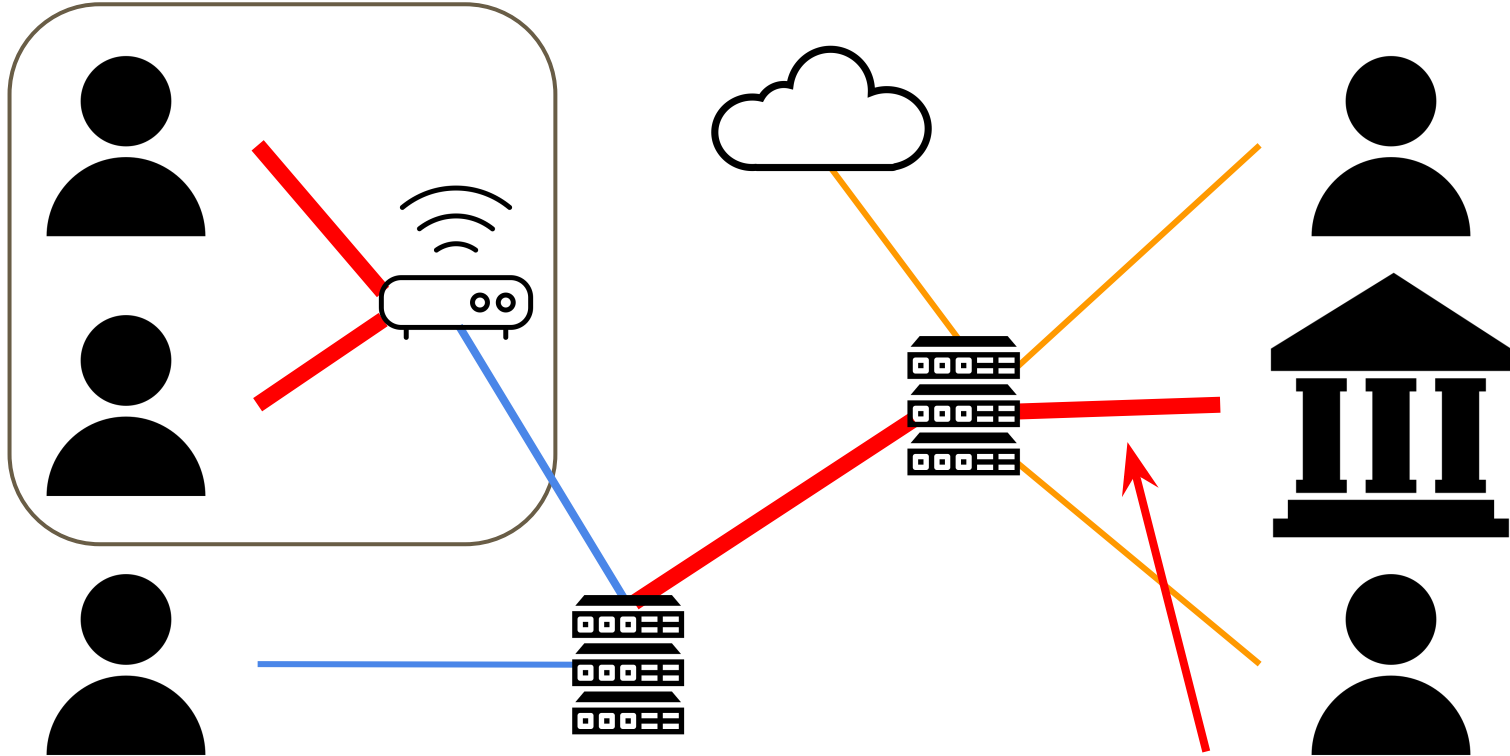
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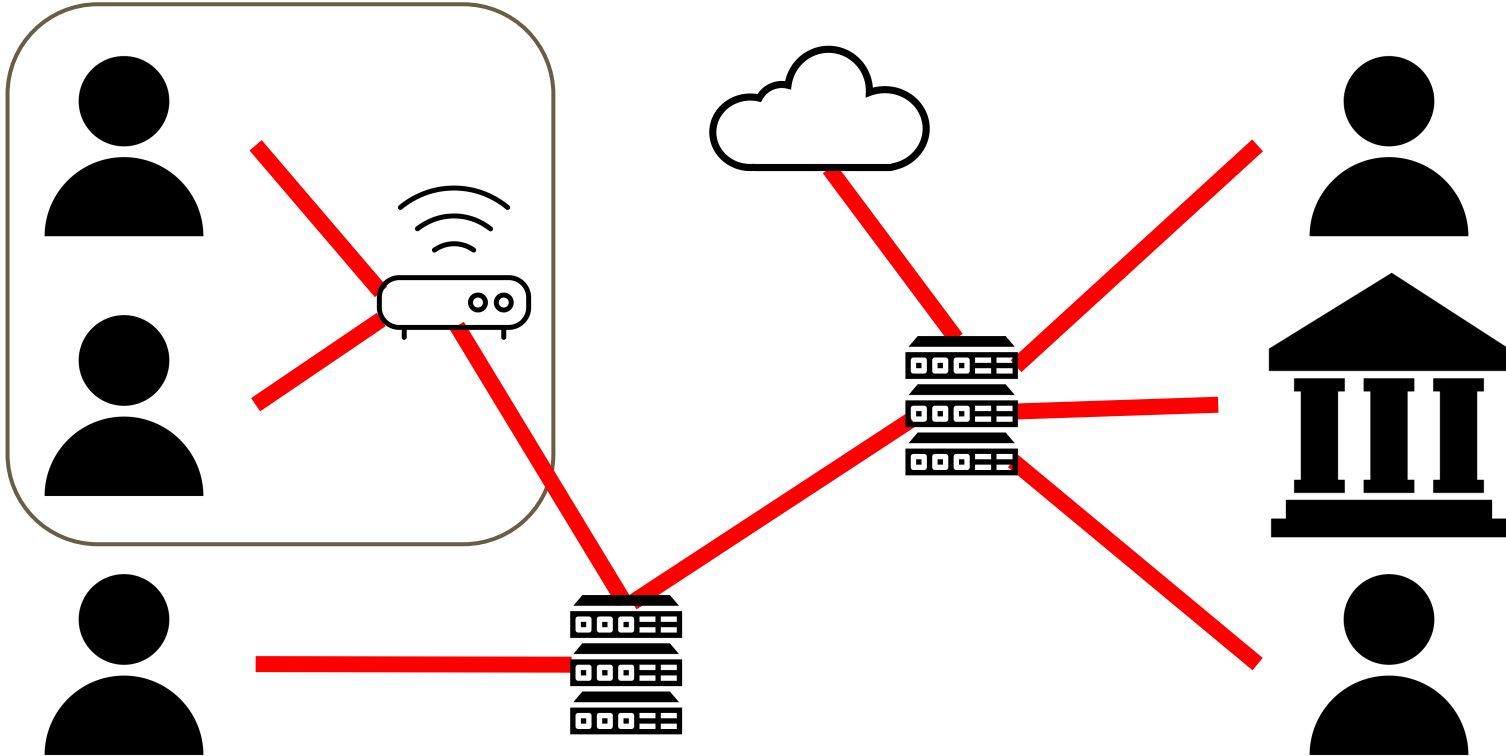
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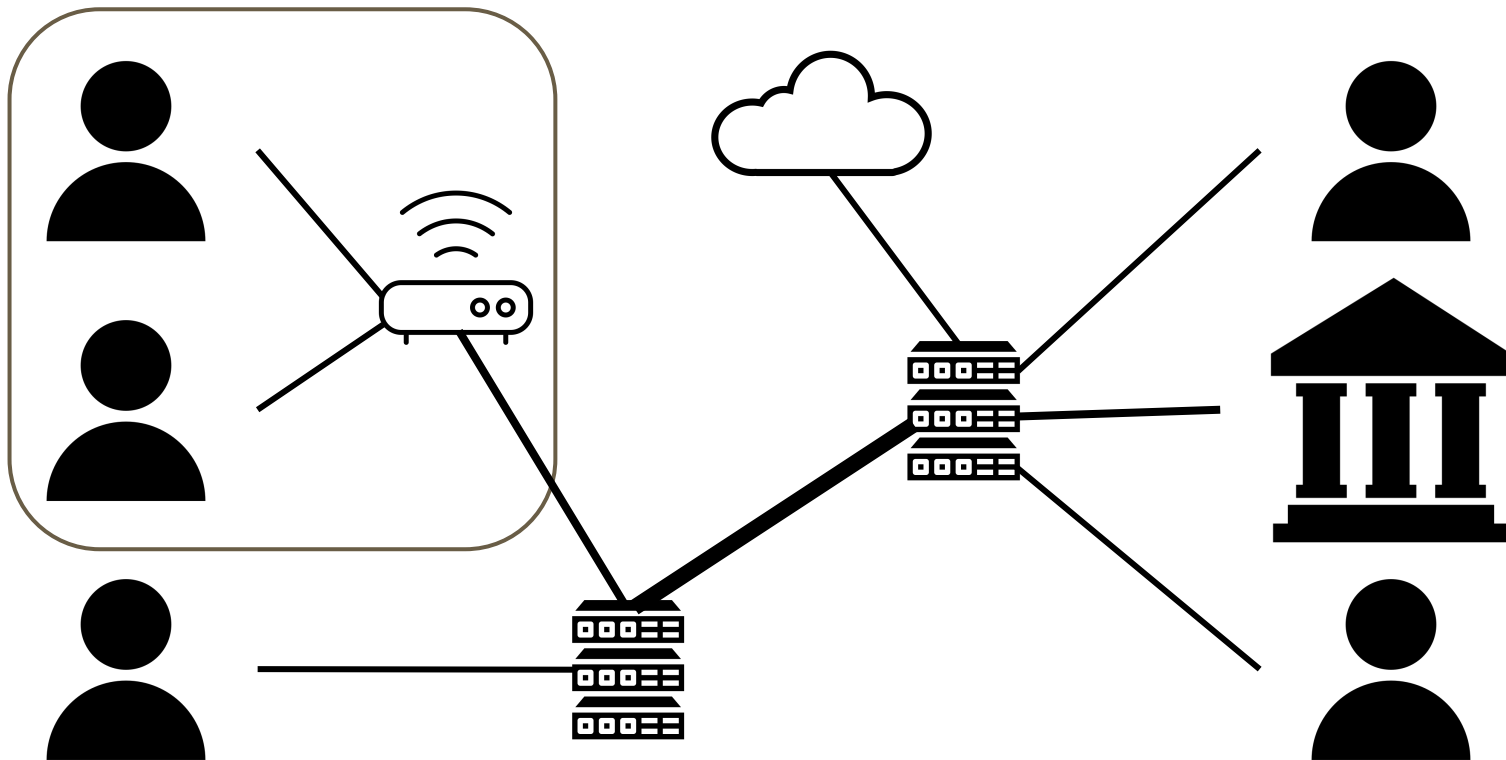


## II. The Bad Guys

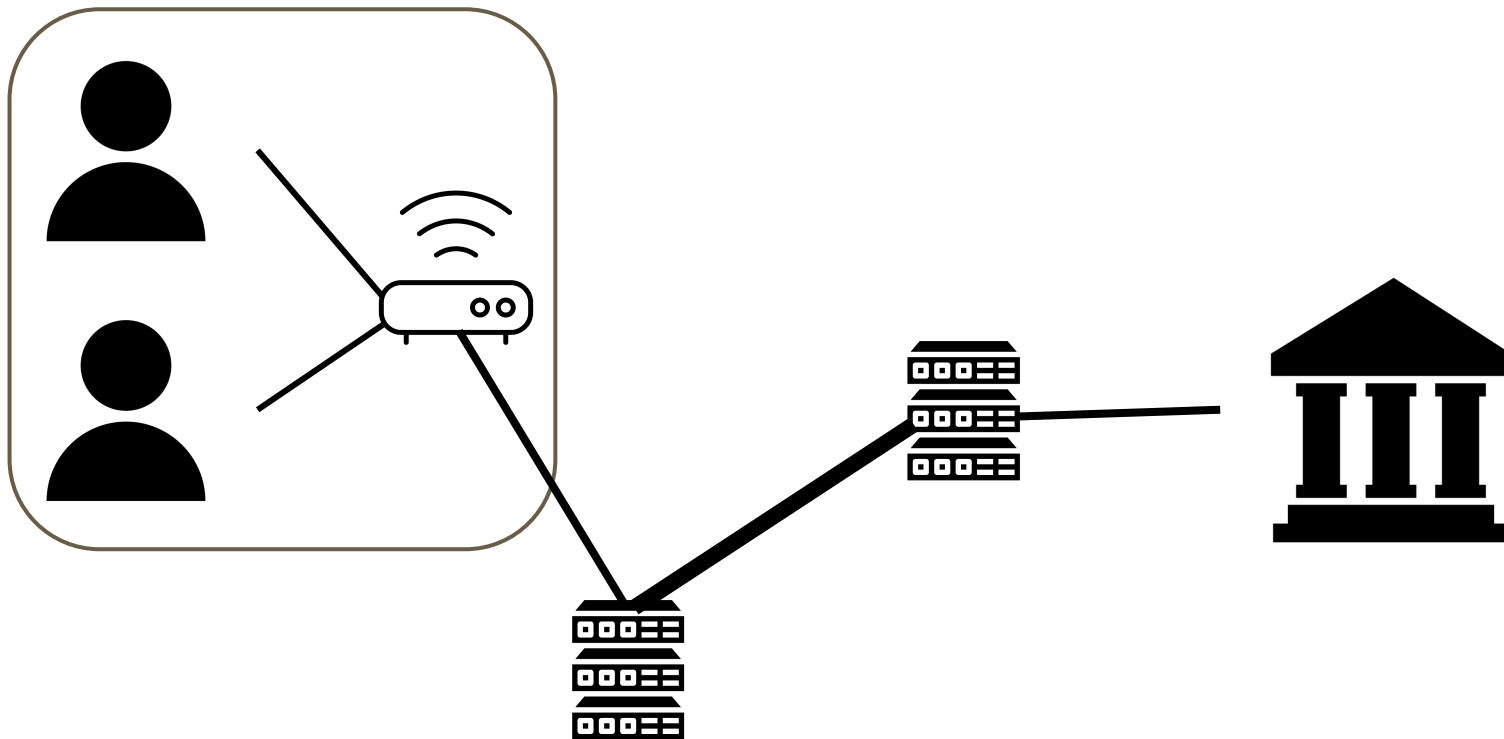
Types of attackers, and the cryptographic techniques we can use to circumvent them.



# The Snooper

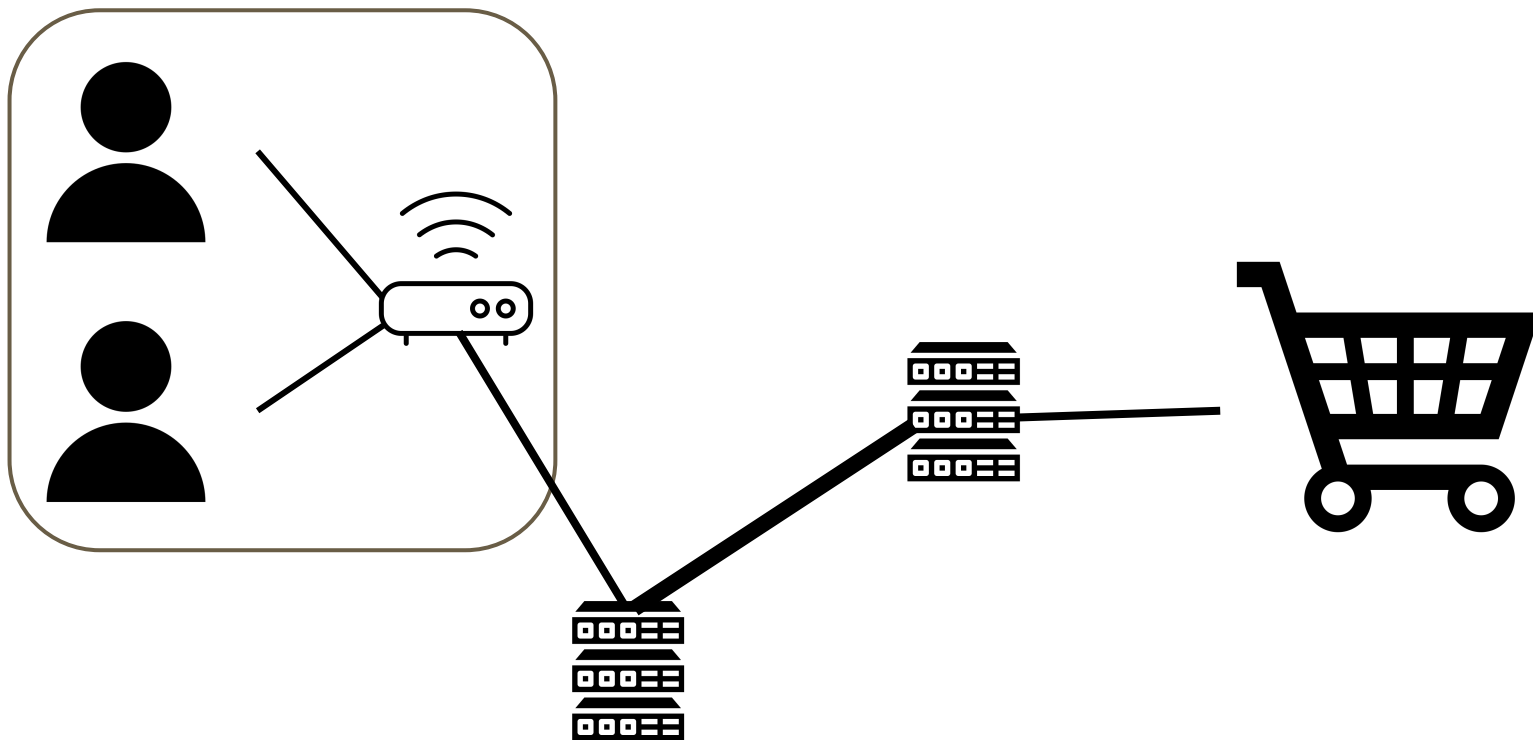


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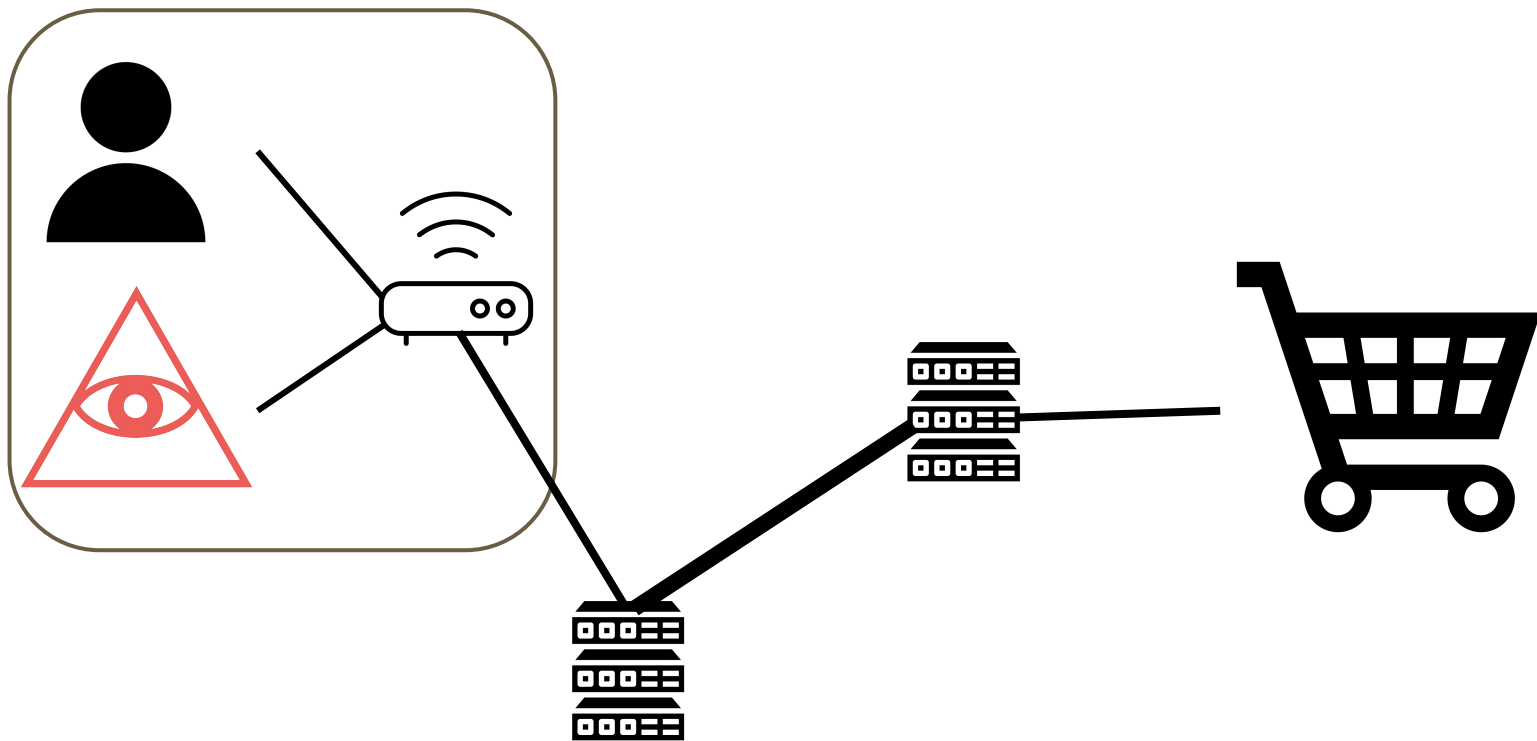




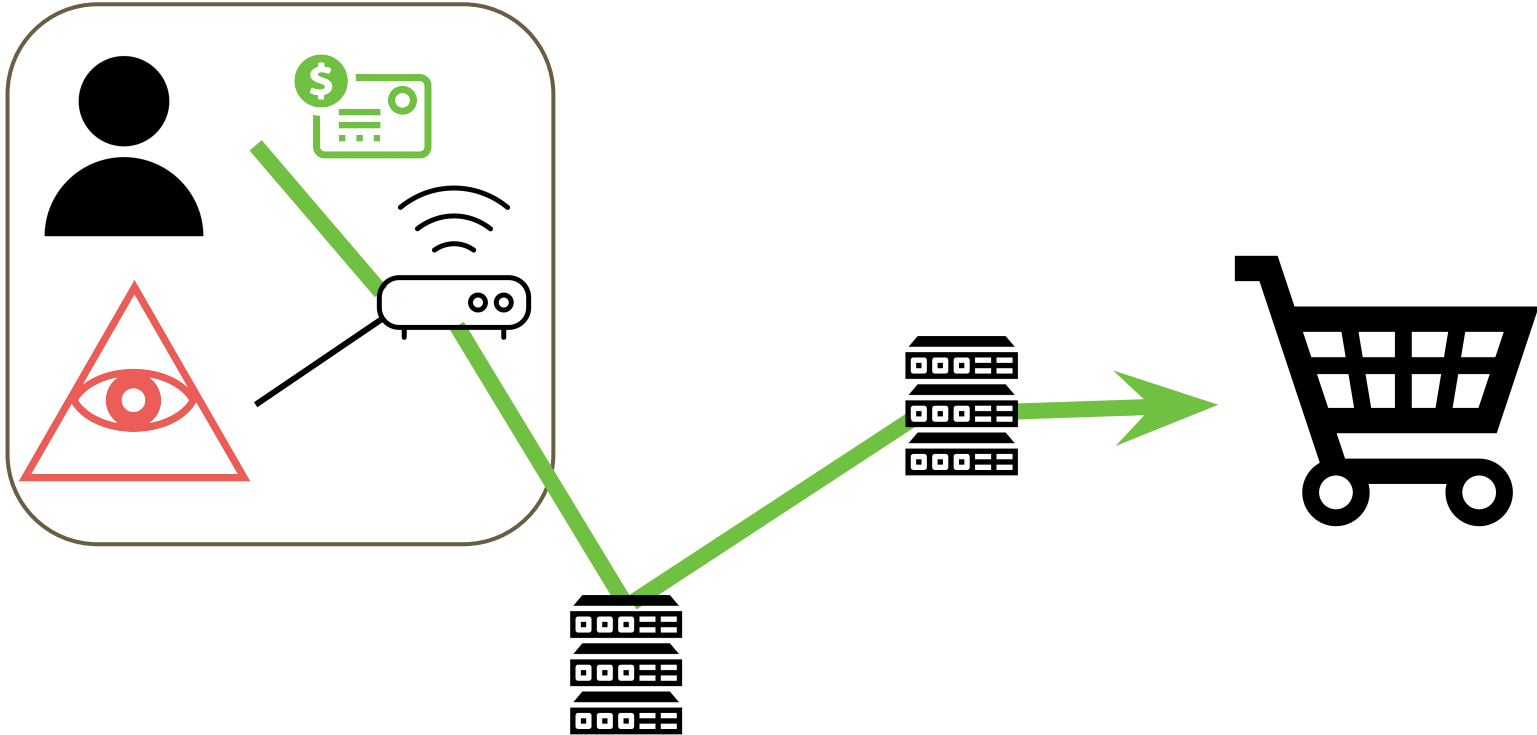
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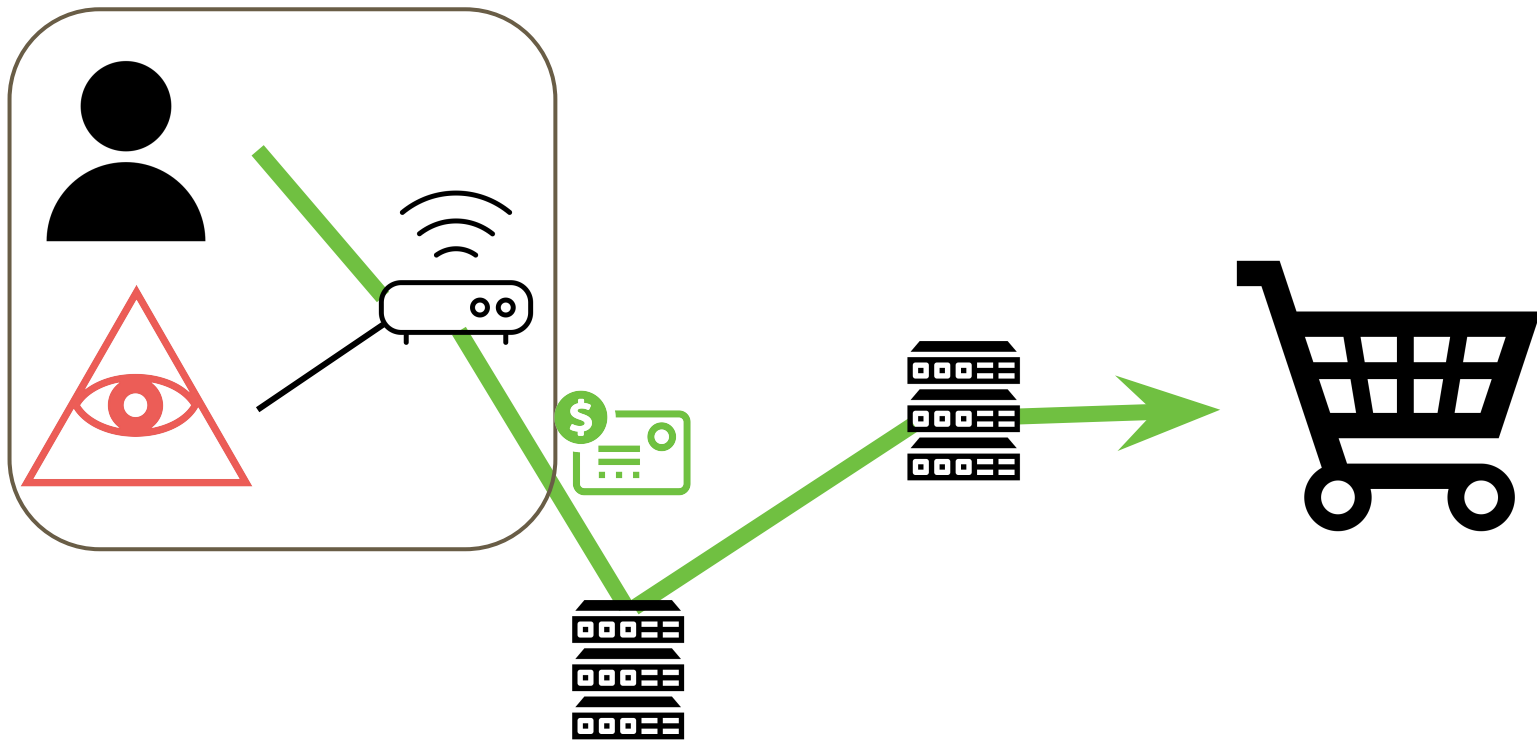
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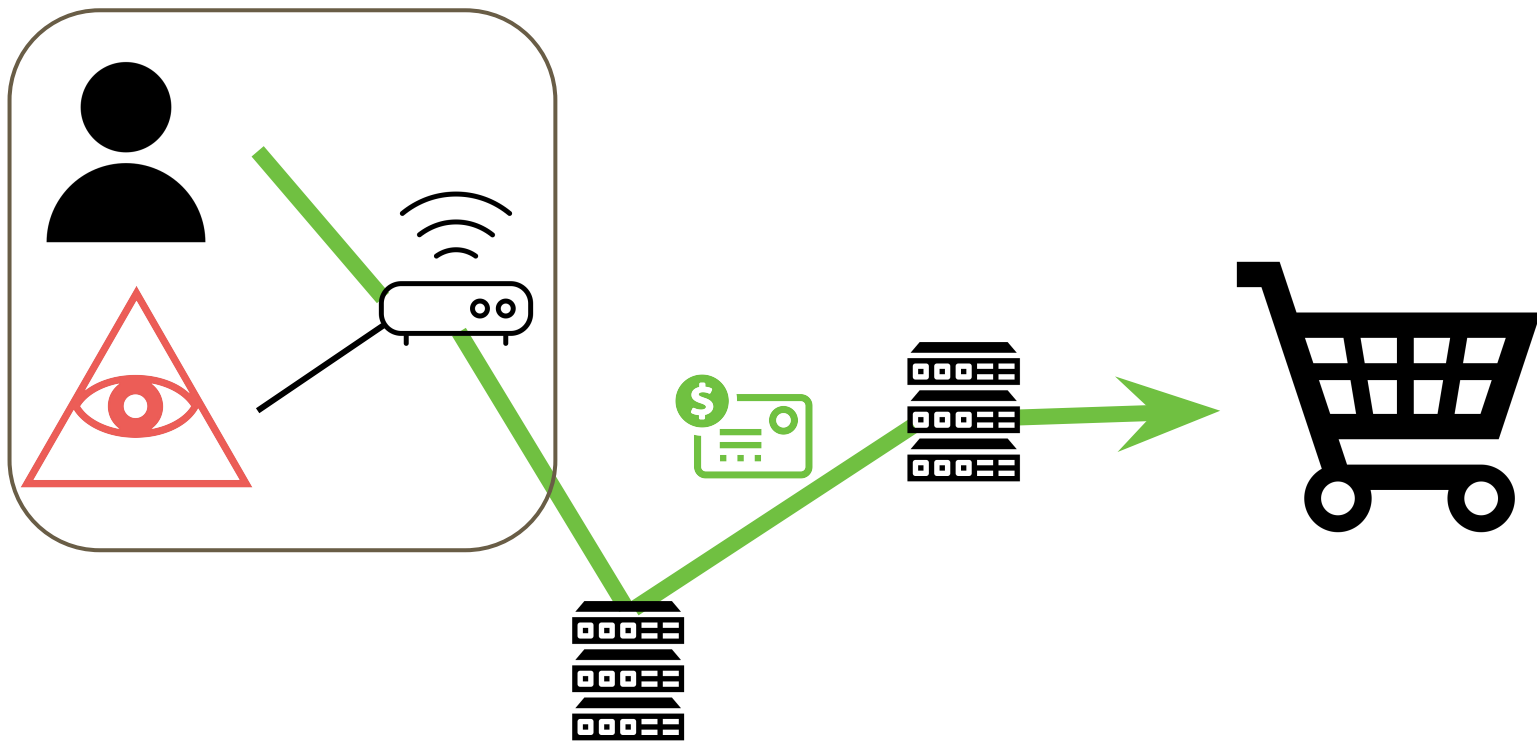
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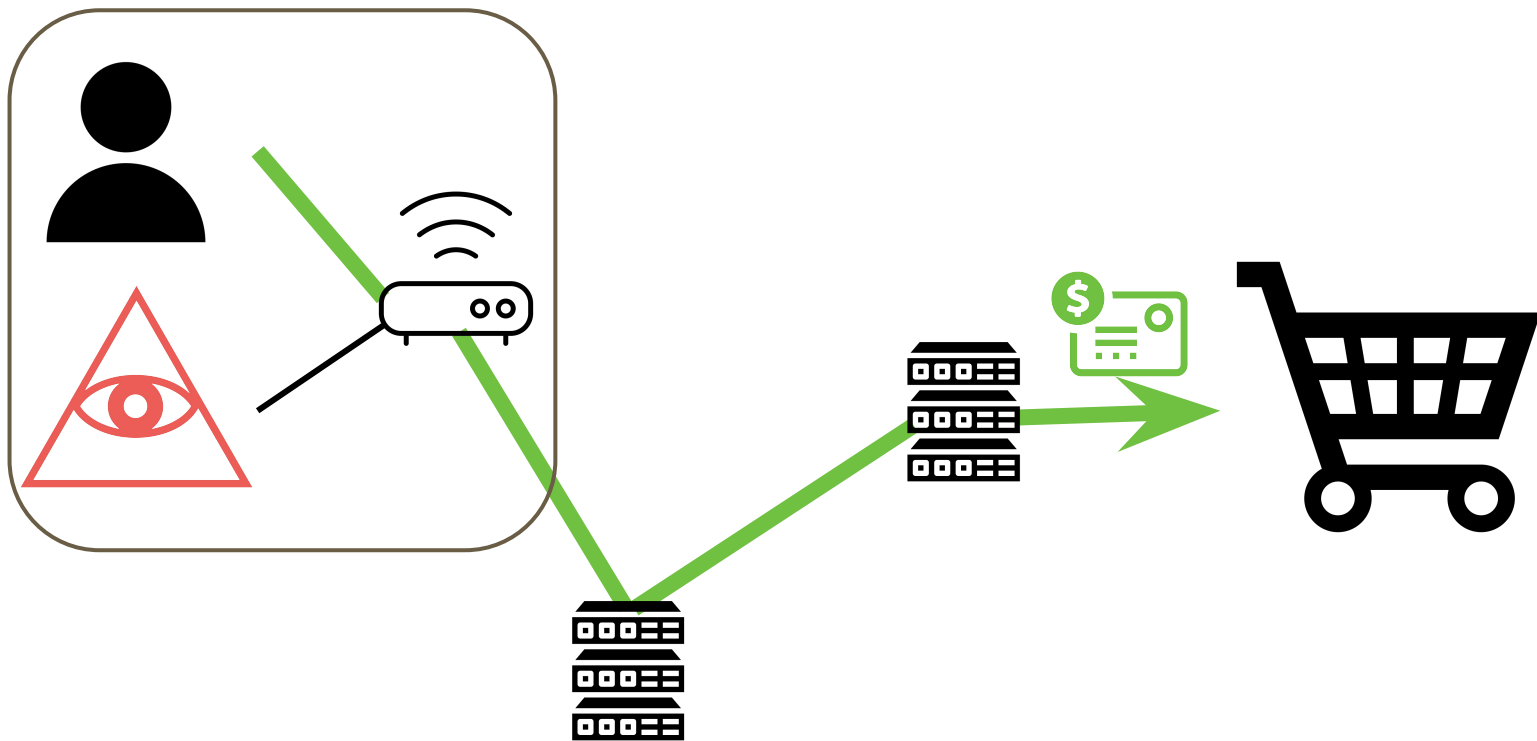
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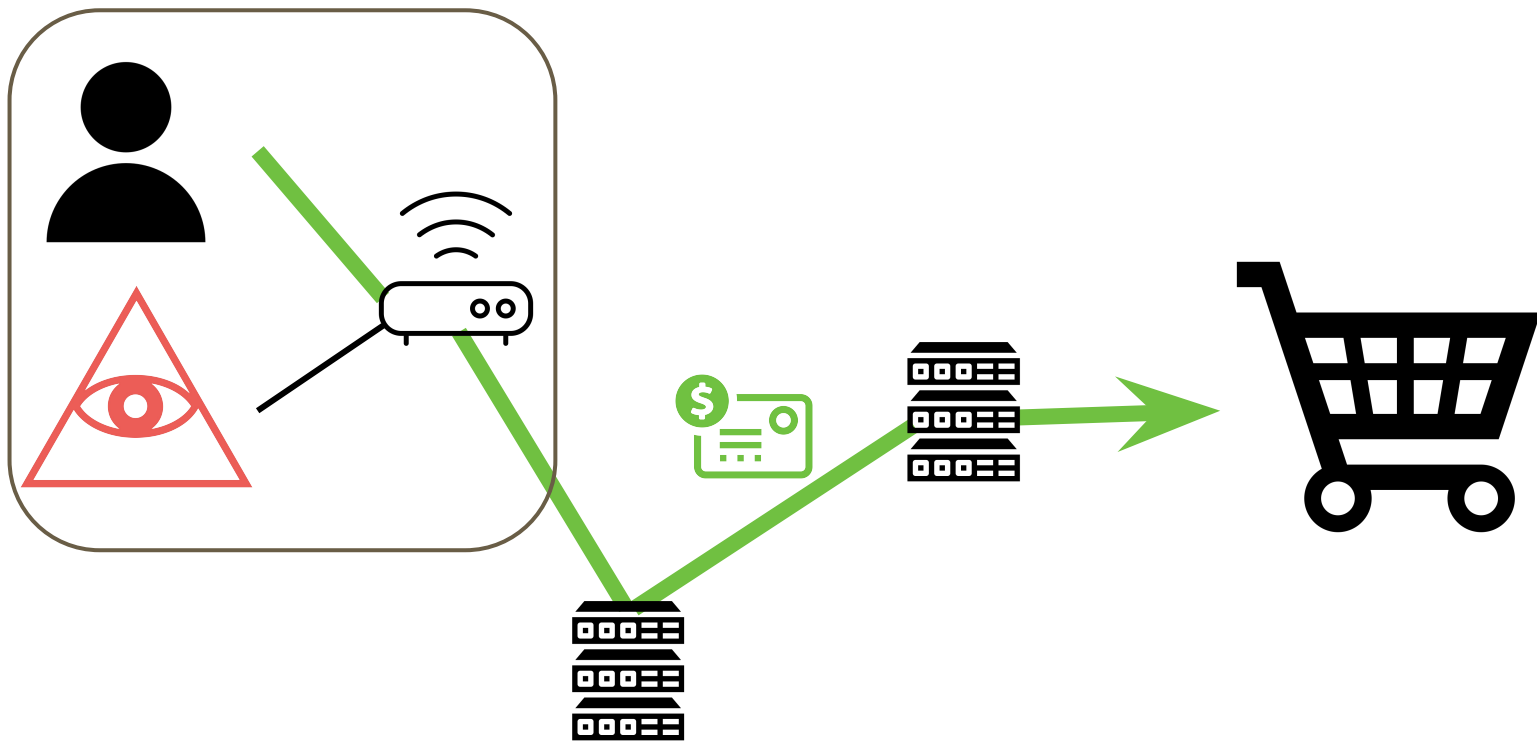
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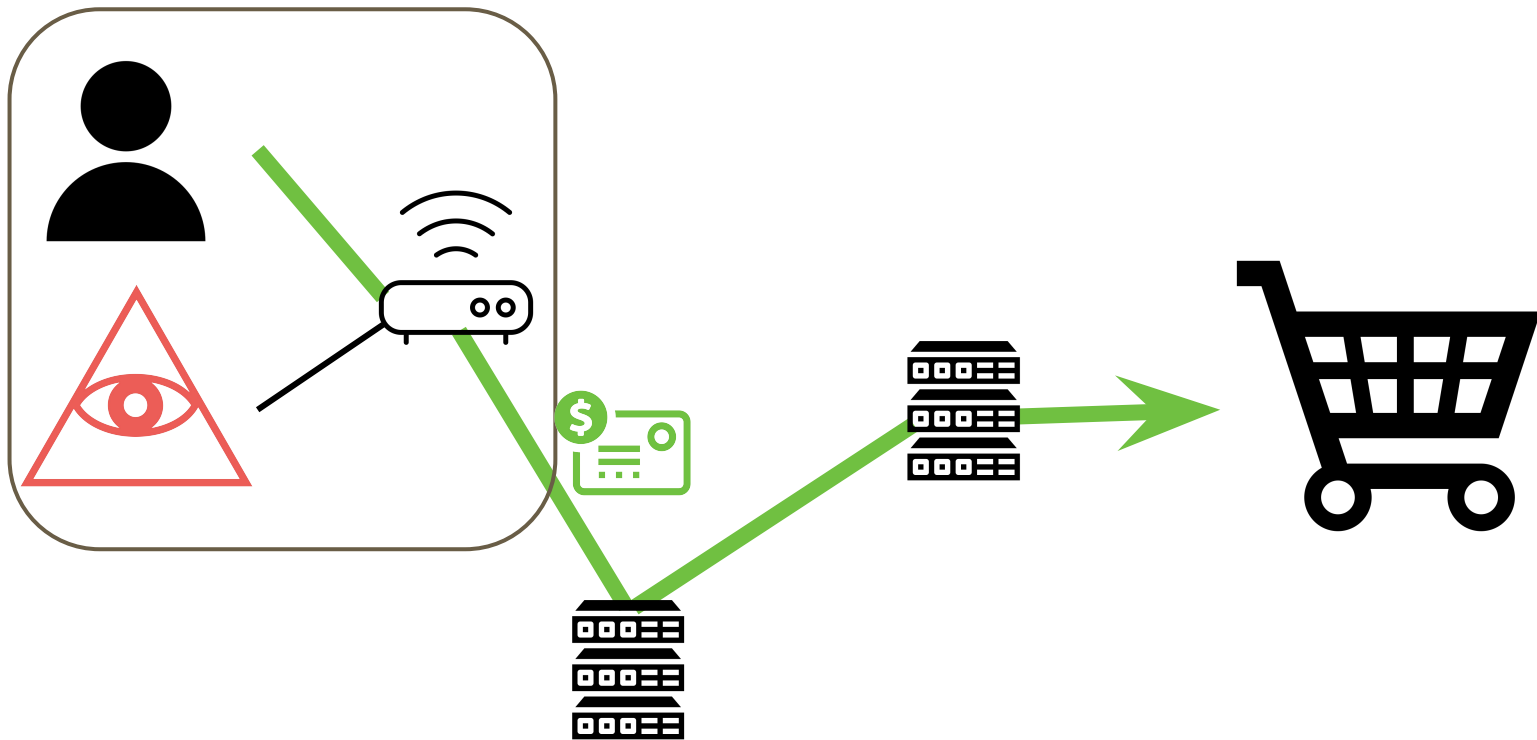
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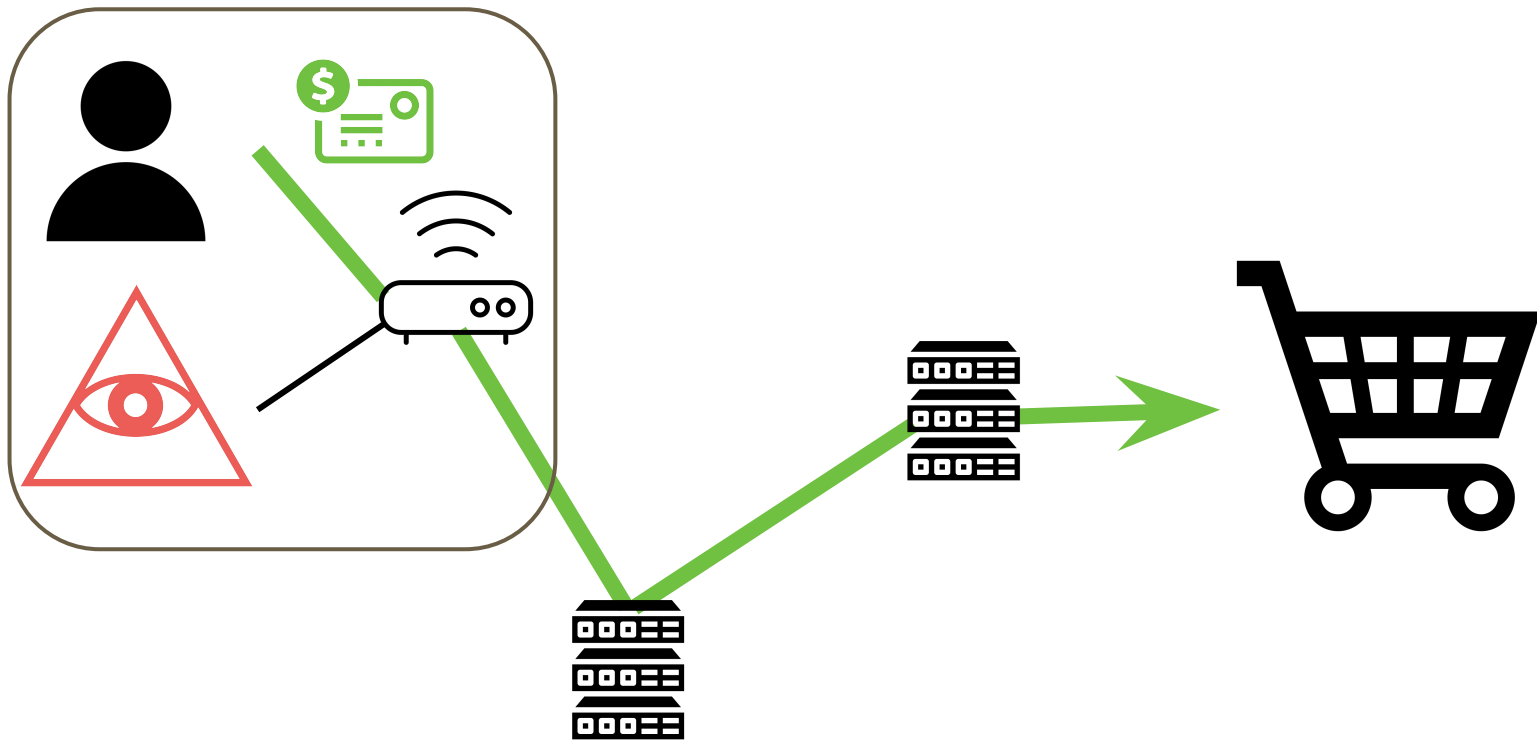


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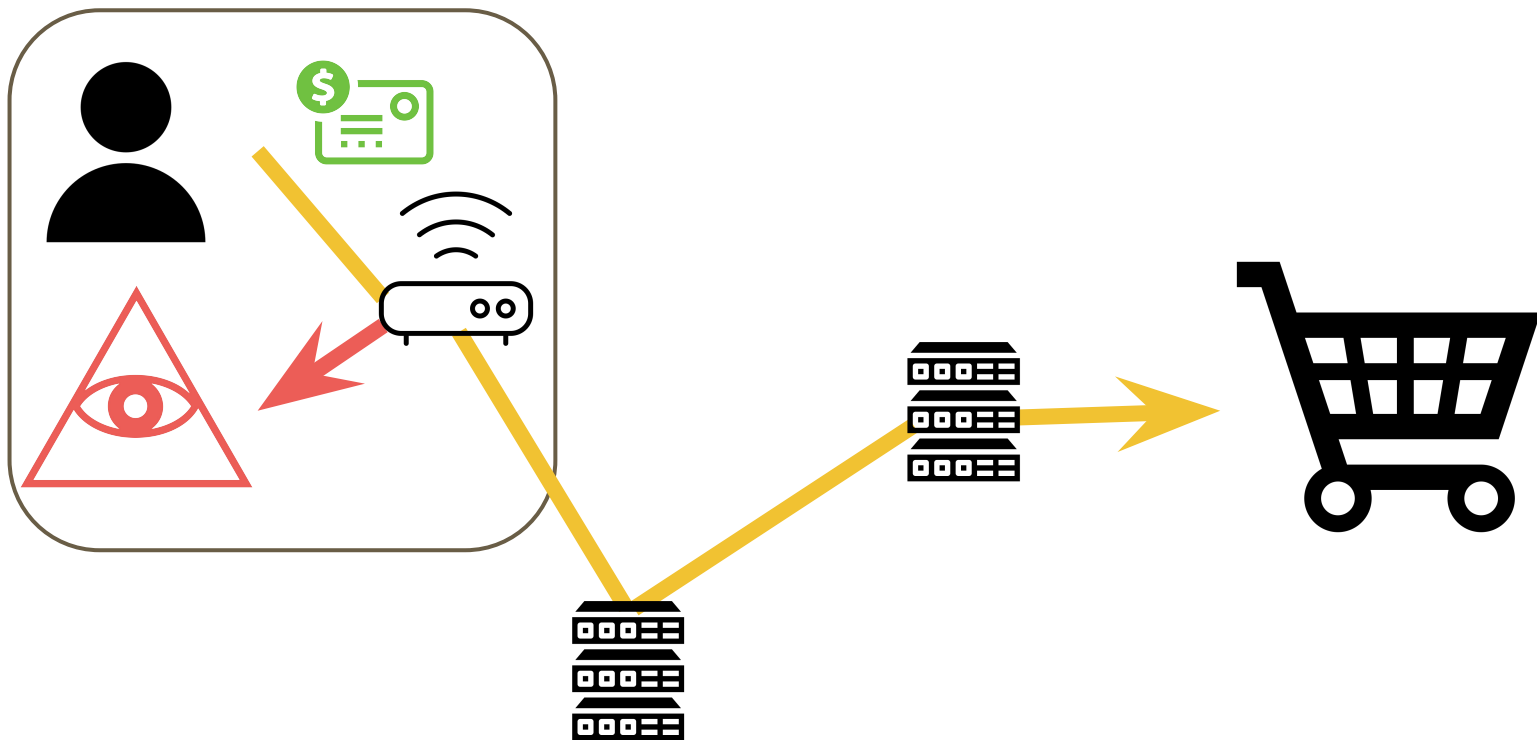




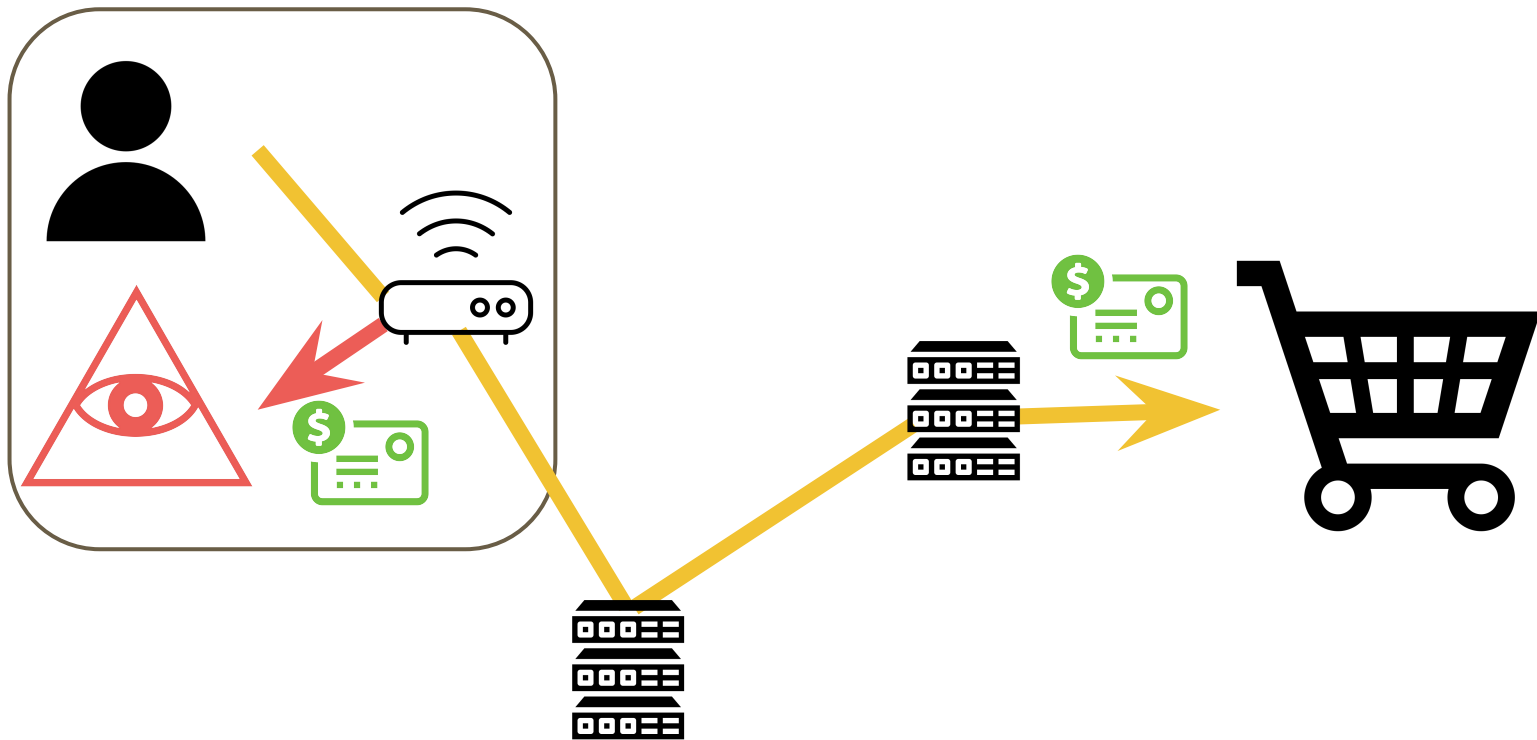
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Monsieur.

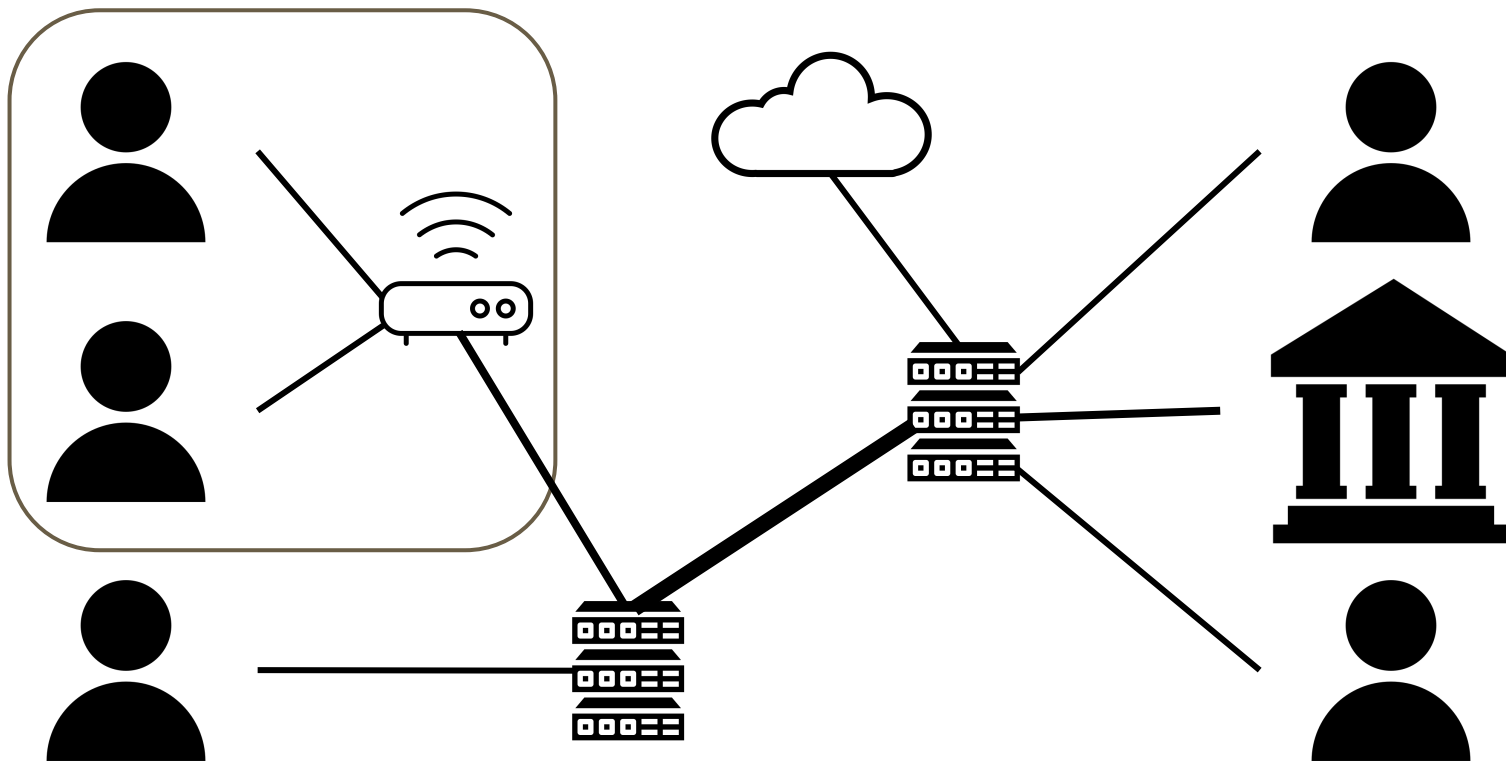
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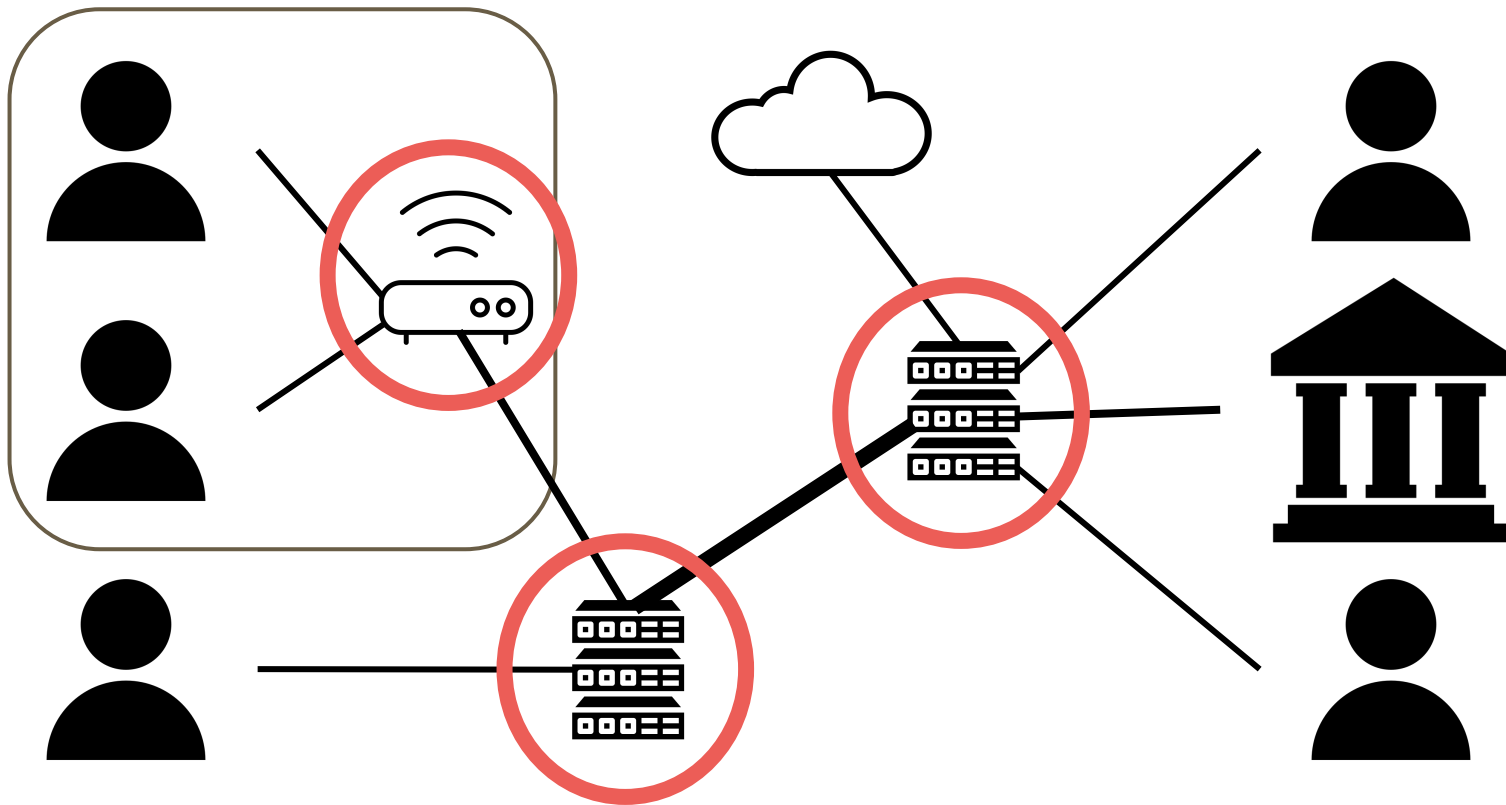


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→ ~ traceroute google.com

traceroute to google.com (216.58.219.206), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets

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1 cc-wlan-1-vlan3562-1.net.columbia.edu (160.39.252.2) 2.698 ms 2.311 ms 1.555 ms
2 phi-core-1-x-cc-wlan-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.225) 1.683 ms 1.698 ms 1.653 ms
3 nyser111-gw-1-x-phi-core-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.14) 2.106 ms 2.007 ms 1.816 ms
4 nyser32-gw-1-x-nyser111-gw-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.9) 8.161 ms 2.492 ms 3.124 ms
5 be4222.rcr24.jfk01.atlas.cogentco.com (38.122.8.209) 2.472 ms 2.381 ms 2.582 ms
6 be2897.ccr42.jfk02.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.84.213) 2.725 ms 2.260 ms 2.754 ms
7 be2061.ccr21.jfk05.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.3.70) 2.898 ms 4.139 ms 2.952 ms
8 tata.jfk05.atlas.cogentco.com (154.54.12.18) 3.705 ms 2.854 ms 2.881 ms
9 if-ae-12-2.tcore1.n75-new-york.as6453.net (66.110.96.5) 2.821 ms 2.897 ms 3.346 ms
10 72.14.214.68 (72.14.214.68) 3.015 ms
    72.14.195.232 (72.14.195.232) 3.461 ms
    72.14.218.224 (72.14.218.224) 3.865 ms
11 209.85.248.242 (209.85.248.242) 3.952 ms 3.901 ms
    216.239.50.106 (216.239.50.106) 4.658 ms
12 209.85.253.111 (209.85.253.111) 3.984 ms 4.066 ms 4.171 ms
13 lga25s40-in-f206.1e100.net (216.58.219.206) 3.642 ms 3.851 ms 3.591 ms
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→ ~ traceroute www.columbia.edu

traceroute to www-ltm.cc.columbia.edu (128.59.105.24), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets

1	cc-wlan-1-vlan3562-1.net.columbia.edu (160.39.252.2)	14.735 ms	2.005 ms	1.733 ms
2	phi-core-1-x-cc-wlan-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.225)	2.264 ms	1.882 ms	3.439 ms
3	cc-conc-1-x-phi-core-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.214)	1.956 ms	1.706 ms	2.532 ms
4	columbia.university (128.59.105.24)	1.833 ms	34.477 ms	2.024 ms

→ ~ traceroute cam.ac.uk

traceroute to cam.ac.uk (131.111.150.25), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets

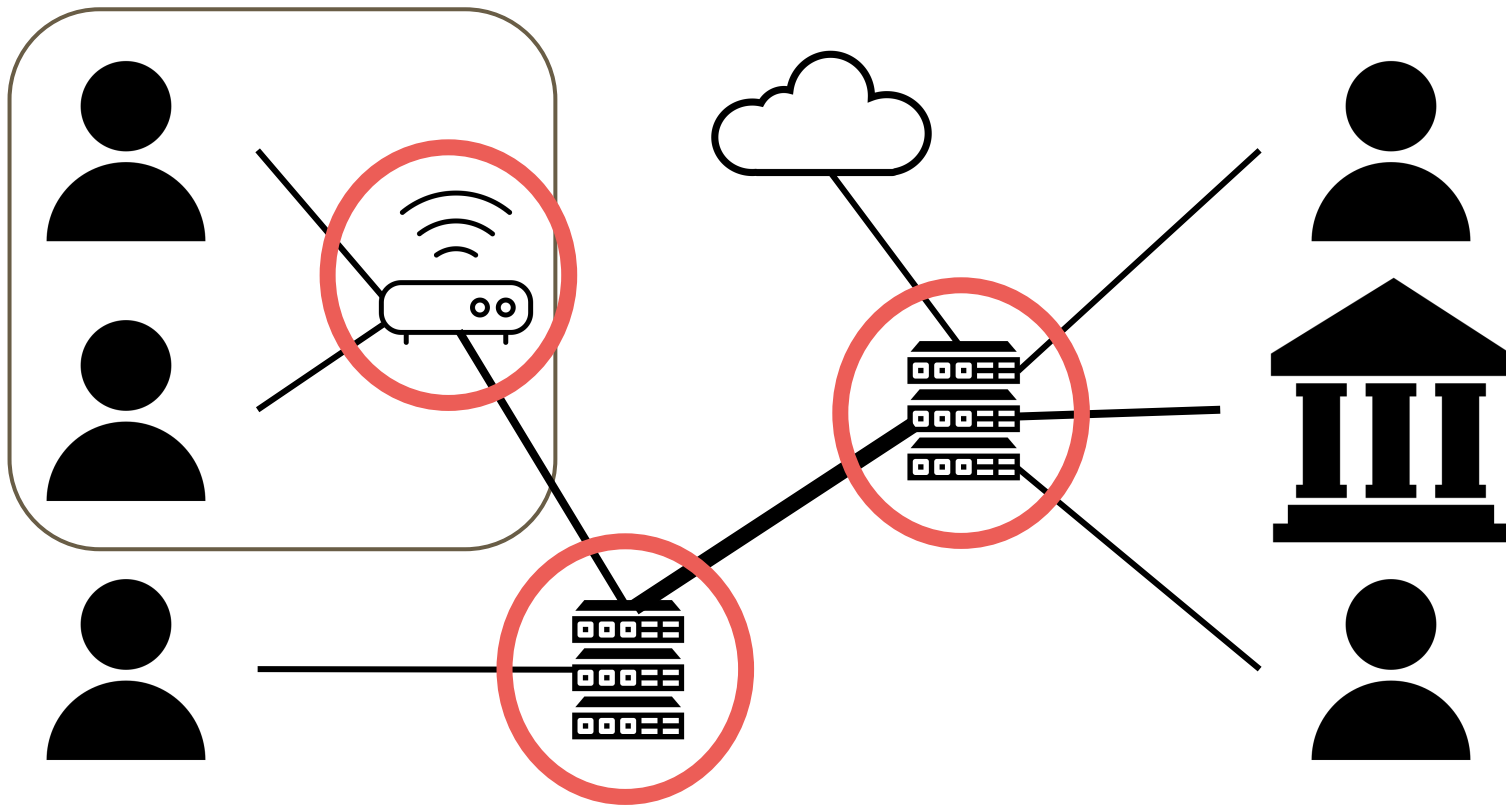
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 3 nyser111-gw-1-x-phi-core-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.14)  434.333 ms  314.247 ms  6.011 ms
 4 nyser32-gw-1-x-nyser111-gw-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.9)  13.434 ms  3.637 ms  5.680 ms
 5 nyc-9208-columbia.nysernet.net (199.109.4.13)  38.134 ms  2.071 ms  1.959 ms
 6 i2-newy-nyc-9208.nysernet.net (199.109.5.2)  2.150 ms  2.233 ms  2.052 ms
 7 internet2.mx1.ams.nl.geant.net (62.40.124.46)  80.376 ms  85.414 ms  85.330 ms
 8 ae2.mx1.lon.uk.geant.net (62.40.98.80)  86.359 ms  84.861 ms  89.197 ms
 9 janet-gw.mx1.lon.uk.geant.net (62.40.124.198)  88.979 ms  101.630 ms  90.211 ms
10 ae28.lowdss-sbr1.ja.net (146.97.33.18)  101.747 ms  88.167 ms  105.850 ms
11 146.97.38.10 (146.97.38.10)  110.981 ms  93.755 ms  98.262 ms
12 146.97.65.106 (146.97.65.106)  92.656 ms  91.787 ms  131.232 ms
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16 outside.fw-srv.net.cam.ac.uk (128.232.128.6)  90.952 ms  92.305 ms  127.274 ms
17 link-srv.uis.fw-srv.net.cam.ac.uk (128.232.129.2)  94.121 ms  90.736 ms  91.246 ms
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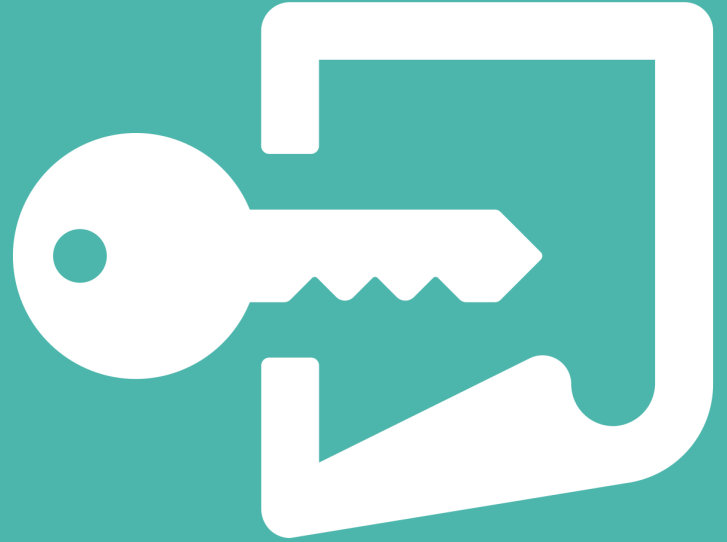
# The Snooper



**How to send messages and information securely, knowing any info transmitted over the internet can be stolen and we cannot trust anyone?**

# 0. Please Don't Tell

A brief primer on the codes and ciphers used throughout history to protect information.



# Plaintext vs. Ciphertext

Plaintext                    I love the sun

Ciphertext                 w jd7h bmg vns

# Cipher Shift (or substitution), aka Caesar Cipher

Plaintext            I love the sun

Ciphertext         ?   ????   ???   ???



# Cipher Shift (zero or no shift)

Plaintext Alphabet	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Ciphertext Alphabet	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

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# Cipher Shift (shift of one)

<b>Plaintext Alphabet</b>			<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Ciphertext Alphabet</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

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<b>Ciphertext Alphabet</b>	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	

# Cipher Shift (+1)

Plaintext Alphabet	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Ciphertext Alphabet	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N

Plaintext Alphabet	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Ciphertext Alphabet	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A

Plaintext            i love the sun

Ciphertext            ??????????????

# Cipher Shift (+1)

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Ciphertext Alphabet	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A

Plaintext            i love the sun

Ciphertext

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Plaintext

i love the sun

Ciphertext

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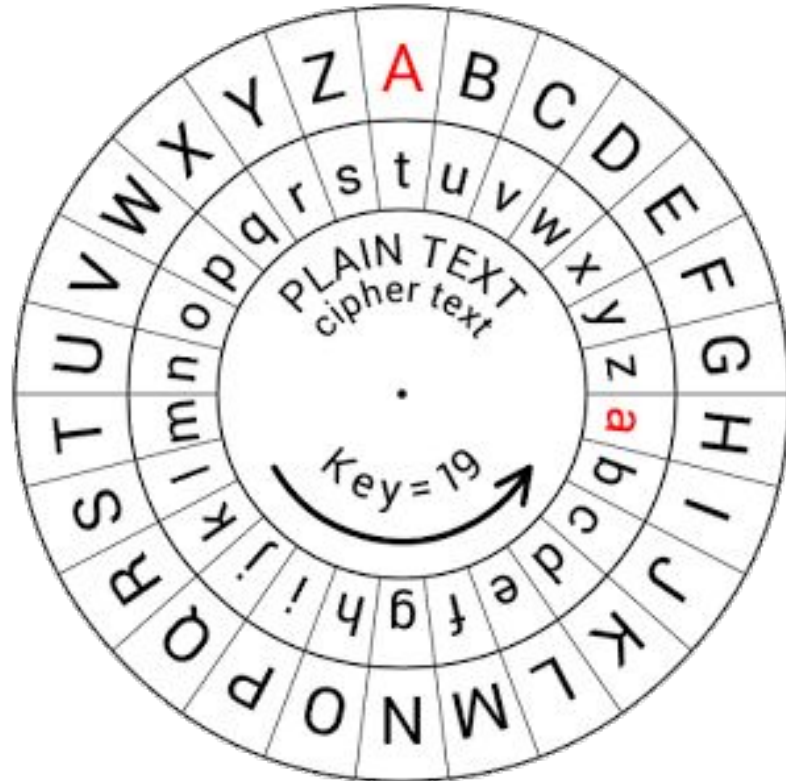
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Plaintext            i love the sun

Ciphertext          j mpwf uif tvo



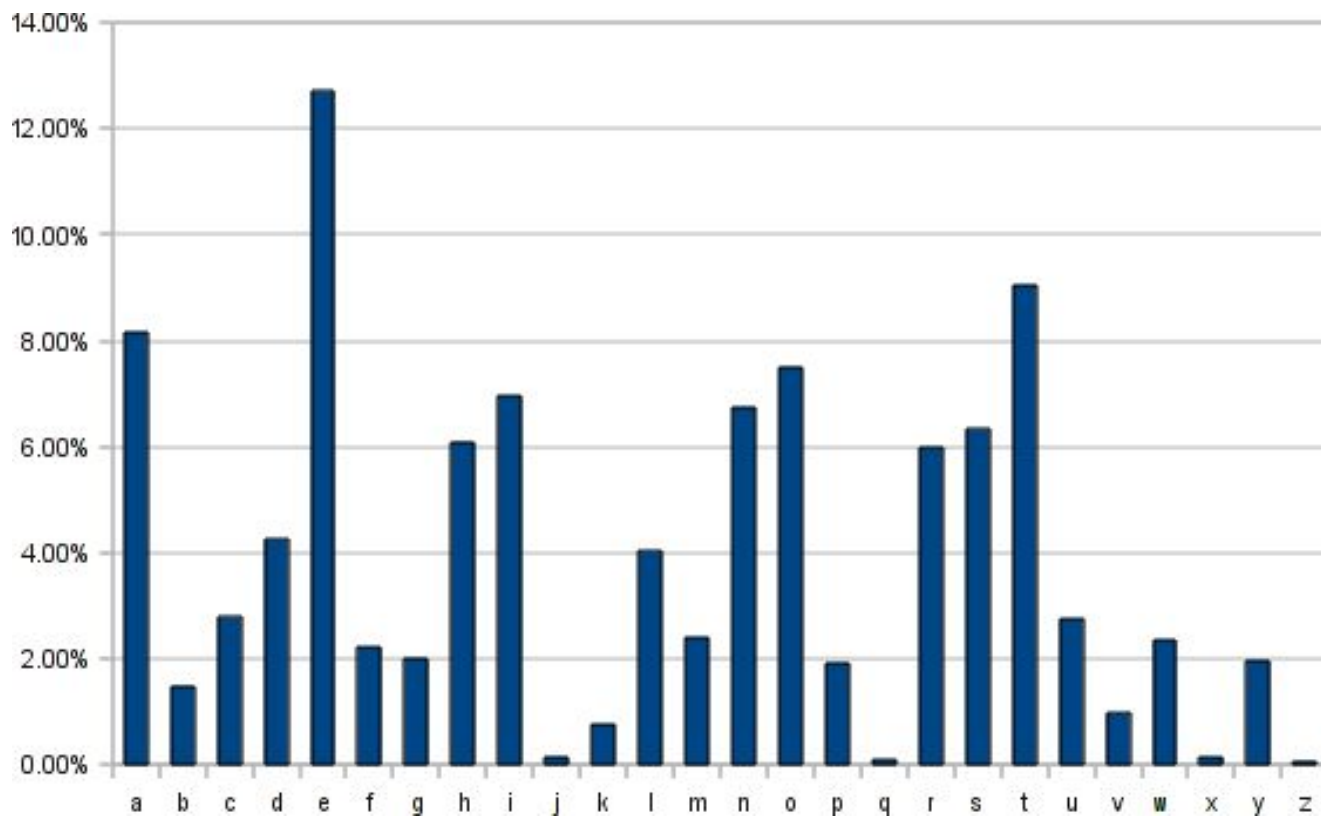
# Cipher Shift Wheel



**A brief history of how Caesar Cipher  
was broken ... and rest is history**

**Cipher Shift Decoded (or rather, decrypted!)**

# Cipher Shift Decoded (or rather, decrypted!)



**An in-class exercise ... time to become  
Code Breakers**

# Cipher Shift Decoded (or rather, decrypted!)

Can you guess?

  B

# Cipher Shift Decoded (or rather, decrypted!)

Can you guess?

B E \_ \_ \_ \_

# Cipher Shift Decoded (or rather, decrypted!)

Can you guess?

B E R \_ \_ \_



# Cipher Shift Decoded (or rather, decrypted!)

Can you guess?

B E R L \_ \_

# Cipher Shift Decoded (or rather, decrypted!)

Can you guess?

B E R L I

# Cipher Shift Decoded (or rather, decrypted!)

Can you guess?

B E R L I N

# Another Cipher Shift Decoded (with numbers)

Can you guess?

2    —    —    —    —    —

# Another Cipher Shift Decoded (with numbers)

Can you guess?

  2     5

# Another Cipher Shift Decoded (with numbers)

Can you guess?

  2       5       8                    

**But wait a minute!?**

**Another exercise ...  
time to become REAL Code Breakers!**

## Let's try to break a coded message

MPQZCP HP NLY ELWV LMZFE ESP DAPNTQTND ZQ  
XZOPCY NCJAEZRCLASJ, MWZNVNSLTYD, ZC  
MTENZTY, HP XFDE QTCDE ELWV LMZFE ESP CZWP  
ZQ XLESPXLETND, FYOPCDELYOTYR SZH TE TD  
LAAWTPO LYO SZH TE TD QFYOLXPYELW EZ LWW  
ESLE EPNSYZWZRJ LTXD EZ LNSTPGP.



## Let's try to break a code by hand (you have 10 mins)

E: 21

D: 10

A: 5

L: 18

W: 9

H: 4

Z: 17

C: 8

V: 3

P: 16

Q: 6

J: 3

T: 15

X: 6

R: 3

Y: 11

O: 6

G: 1

N: 10

M: 5

S: 10

F: 5

## Let's try to break a coded message (key=11)

Before we can talk about the specifics of modern cryptography, blockchains, or bitcoin, we must first talk about the role of mathematics, understanding how it is applied and how it is fundamental to all that technology aims to achieve.

**Let's talk about DATA...**

# A little “bit” of data

Unit	Size	Comments
<b>Bit</b> (b)	1 or 0	Short for Binary Digit, after the binary code
<b>Byte</b> (B)	8 bits	WHY 8?

**American Standard Code for Information Interchange**

**ASCII (character encoding standard/protocol)**

# Binary Decoding (8-bit)

0	0011 0000	C	0100 0011	P	0101 0000	c	0110 0011	p	0111 0000
1	0011 0001	D	0100 0100	Q	0101 0001	d	0110 0100	q	0111 0001
2	0011 0010	E	0100 0101	R	0101 0010	e	0110 0101	r	0111 0010
3	0011 0011	F	0100 0110	S	0101 0011	f	0110 0110	s	0111 0011
4	0011 0100	G	0100 0111	T	0101 0100	g	0110 0111	t	0111 0011
5	0011 0101	H	0100 1000	U	0101 0101	h	0110 1000	u	0111 0100
6	0011 0110	I	0100 1001	V	0101 0110	i	0110 1001	v	0111 0101
7	0011 0111	J	0100 1010	W	0101 0111	j	0110 1010	w	0111 0110
8	0011 1000	K	0100 1011	X	0101 1000	k	0110 1011	x	0111 0111
9	0011 1001	L	0100 1100	Y	0101 1001	l	0110 1100	y	0111 1000
A	0100 0001	M	0100 1101	Z	0101 1010	m	0110 1101	z	0111 1001
B	0100 0010	N	0100 1110	a	0110 0001	n	0110 1110	A	0111 1001
		O	0100 1111	b	0110 0010	o	0110 1111	B	0111 1010

# Decimal - Binary - Octal - Hex – ASCII Conversion Chart

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII
0	00000000	000	00	NUL	32	00100000	040	20	SP	64	01000000	100	40	@	96	01100000	140	60	`
1	00000001	001	01	SOH	33	00100001	041	21	!	65	01000001	101	41	A	97	01100001	141	61	a
2	00000010	002	02	STX	34	00100010	042	22	"	66	01000010	102	42	B	98	01100010	142	62	b
3	00000011	003	03	ETX	35	00100011	043	23	#	67	01000011	103	43	C	99	01100011	143	63	c
4	00000100	004	04	EOT	36	00100100	044	24	\$	68	01000100	104	44	D	100	01100100	144	64	d
5	00000101	005	05	ENQ	37	00100101	045	25	%	69	01000101	105	45	E	101	01100101	145	65	e
6	00000110	006	06	ACK	38	00100110	046	26	&	70	01000110	106	46	F	102	01100110	146	66	f
7	00000111	007	07	BEL	39	00100111	047	27	'	71	01000111	107	47	G	103	01100111	147	67	g
8	00001000	010	08	BS	40	00101000	050	28	(	72	01001000	110	48	H	104	01101000	150	68	h
9	00001001	011	09	HT	41	00101001	051	29	)	73	01001001	111	49	I	105	01101001	151	69	i
10	00001010	012	0A	LF	42	00101010	052	2A	*	74	01001010	112	4A	J	106	01101010	152	6A	j
11	00001011	013	0B	VT	43	00101011	053	2B	+	75	01001011	113	4B	K	107	01101011	153	6B	k
12	00001100	014	0C	FF	44	00101100	054	2C	,	76	01001100	114	4C	L	108	01101100	154	6C	l
13	00001101	015	0D	CR	45	00101101	055	2D	-	77	01001101	115	4D	M	109	01101101	155	6D	m
14	00001110	016	0E	SO	46	00101110	056	2E	.	78	01001110	116	4E	N	110	01101110	156	6E	n
15	00001111	017	0F	SI	47	00101111	057	2F	/	79	01001111	117	4F	O	111	01101111	157	6F	o
16	00010000	020	10	DLE	48	00110000	060	30	0	80	01010000	120	50	P	112	01110000	160	70	p
17	00010001	021	11	DC1	49	00110001	061	31	1	81	01010001	121	51	Q	113	01110001	161	71	q
18	00010010	022	12	DC2	50	00110010	062	32	2	82	01010010	122	52	R	114	01110010	162	72	r
19	00010011	023	13	DC3	51	00110011	063	33	3	83	01010011	123	53	S	115	01110011	163	73	s
20	00010100	024	14	DC4	52	00110100	064	34	4	84	01010100	124	54	T	116	01110100	164	74	t
21	00010101	025	15	NAK	53	00110101	065	35	5	85	01010101	125	55	U	117	01110101	165	75	u
22	00010110	026	16	SYN	54	00110110	066	36	6	86	01010110	126	56	V	118	01110110	166	76	v
23	00010111	027	17	ETB	55	00110111	067	37	7	87	01010111	127	57	W	119	01110111	167	77	w
24	00011000	030	18	CAN	56	00111000	070	38	8	88	01011000	130	58	X	120	01111000	170	78	x
25	00011001	031	19	EM	57	00111001	071	39	9	89	01011001	131	59	Y	121	01111001	171	79	y
26	00011010	032	1A	SUB	58	00111010	072	3A	:	90	01011010	132	5A	Z	122	01111010	172	7A	z
27	00011011	033	1B	ESC	59	00111011	073	3B	;	91	01011011	133	5B	[	123	01111011	173	7B	{
28	00011100	034	1C	FS	60	00111100	074	3C	<	92	01011100	134	5C	\	124	01111100	174	7C	
29	00011101	035	1D	GS	61	00111101	075	3D	=	93	01011101	135	5D	]	125	01111101	175	7D	}
30	00011110	036	1E	RS	62	00111110	076	3E	>	94	01011110	136	5E	^	126	01111110	176	7E	~
31	00011111	037	1F	US	63	00111111	077	3F	?	95	01011111	137	5F	_	127	01111111	177	7F	DEL

# A little “bit” of data

Unit	Size	Comments
<b>Bit</b> (b)	1 or 0	Short for Binary Digit, after the binary code
<b>Byte</b> (B)	8 bits	Enough info to create letters and numbers (basic unit of computing)
<b>Kilobyte</b> (KB)	1,000 B or $2^{10}$ bytes	“thousands” in Greek
<b>Megabyte</b> (MB)	1,000 KB or $2^{20}$ bytes	“large” in Greek
<b>Gigabyte</b> (GB)	1,000 MB or $2^{30}$ bytes	“giant” in Greek



# A little “bit” of data (cont’d)

Unit	Size	Comments
<b>Terabyte</b> (TB)	1,000 GB or $2^{40}$ bytes	“monster” in Greek, about 2 billion credit card transactions

# AWS Snowball (up to 80 TB, 72 TB usable)



# A little “bit” of data (cont’d)

Unit	Size	Comments
<b>Terabyte</b> (TB)	1,000 GB or $2^{40}$ bytes	“monster” in Greek, about 2 billion credit card transactions
<b>Petabyte</b> (PB)	1,000 TB or $2^{50}$ bytes	Google process more than 1 PB per hour
<b>Exabyte</b> (EB)	1,000 PB or $2^{60}$ bytes	In 2009, the entire internet was estimated at ~500 EB. In 2013, annual internet traffic flow surpassed 667 EB (Cisco)

# AWS Snowmobile!



# A little “bit” of data (cont’d)

Unit	Size	Comments
<b>Zettabyte</b> (ZB)	1,000 EB or $2^{70}$ bytes	About 615 billion newspapers (88 copies for every human being)
<b>Yottabyte</b> (YB)	1,000 ZB or $2^{80}$ bytes	Waaaay too big! Currently, all the combined hard-drives and storage capacity in the world are estimated at <0.0004 YB!

# Plaintext vs. Binary Ciphertext (in “old” ASCII)

Plaintext

H E L L O

Binary

1001000 1000101 1001100 1001100 1001111



*Key = ?*

# Plaintext vs. Binary Ciphertext (in “old” ASCII)

Plaintext

H E L L O

Binary

1001000 1000101 1001100 1001100 1001111

*Key = David*

1000100 1000001 1010110 1001001 1000100

# Plaintext vs. Binary Ciphertext (in “old” ASCII)

Plaintext

H E L L O

Binary

1001000 1000101 1001100 1001100 1001111

*Key = David*

1000100 1000001 1010110 1001001 1000100

Ciphertext (xor)





# Boolean Logic & Logic Gates

AND

OR

NOT

NOR

NAND

XNOR

XOR

# Conjunction (AND), a logical operation

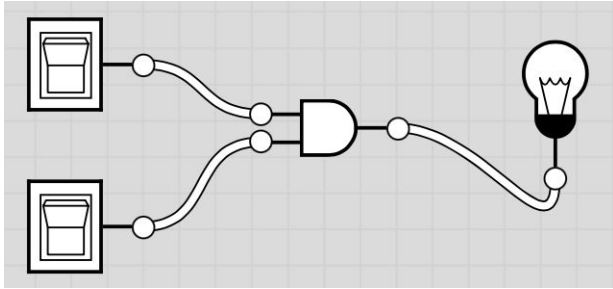
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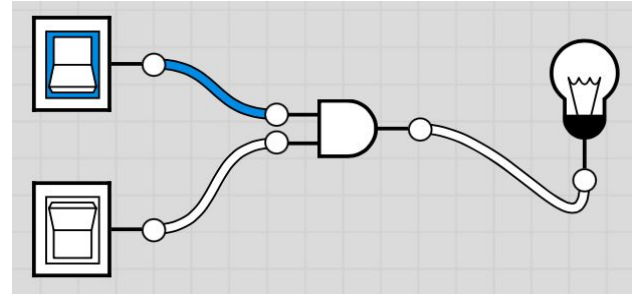
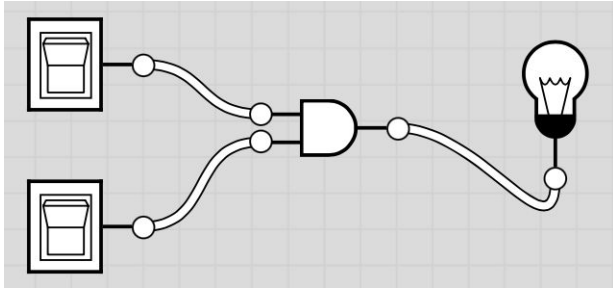
$A \cdot B$  or  $A \wedge B$

Input		Output
A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

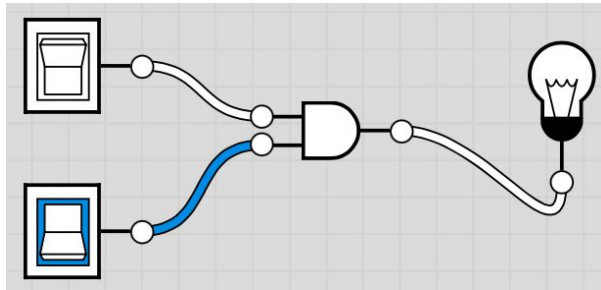
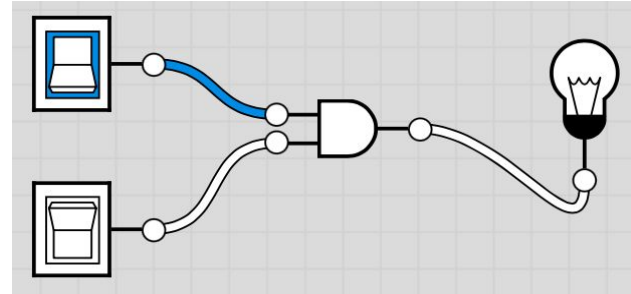
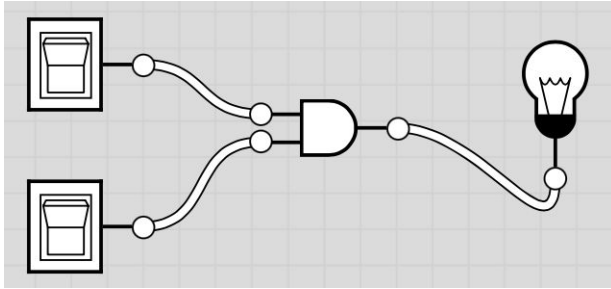
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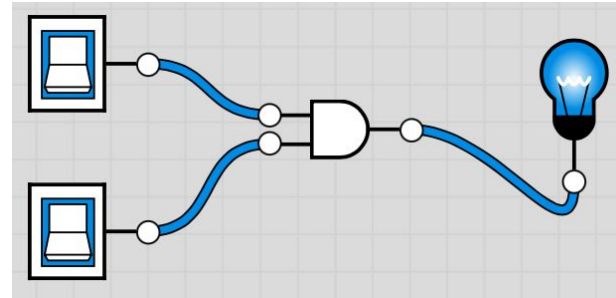
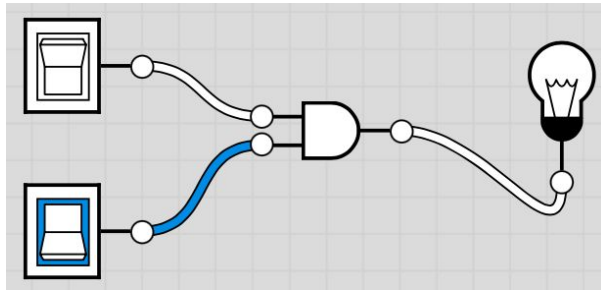
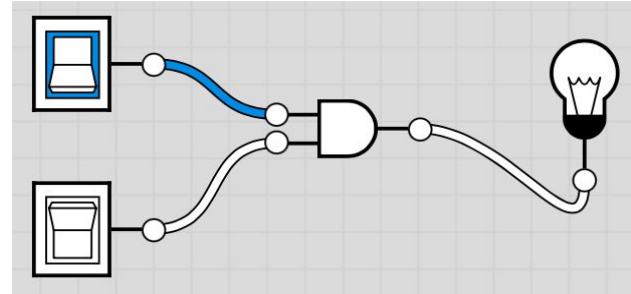
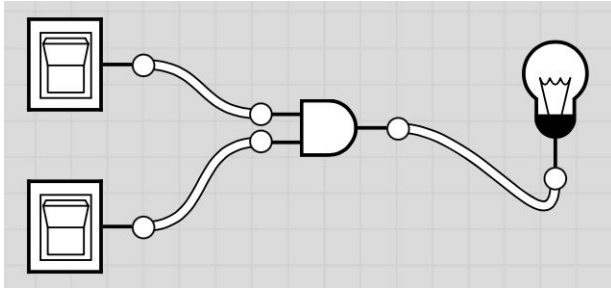
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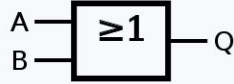


# Conjunction (AND), a logical operation



# Disjunction (OR), a logical operation

OR

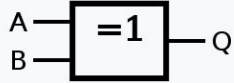


$$A + B \text{ or } A \vee B$$

Input		Output
A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

# Exclusive Disjunction (XOR), a logical operation

XOR



$$A \oplus B \text{ or } A \vee B$$

Input		Output
A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



# Exclusive Disjunction (XOR), a logical operation

Input		→	Output
A	B		$(A \oplus B)$
0	0		0
1	1		0
1	0		1
0	1		1

# Plaintext vs. Binary Ciphertext (in “old” ASCII)

Plaintext	H	E	L	L	O
Binary	1001000	1000101	1001100	1001100	1001111
<i>Key = David</i>	1000100	1000001	1010110	1001001	1000100
Ciphertext (xor)	0001100	0000100	0011010	0000101	0001011

# Plaintext vs. Binary Ciphertext (in “old” ASCII)

Plaintext

H E L L O

Binary

1001000 1000101 1001100 1001100 1001111

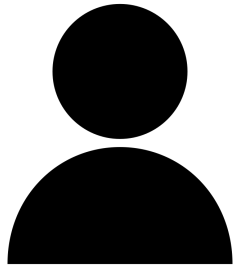
*Key = Dave*

**1000100** 1000001 1010110 0110010 **1000100**

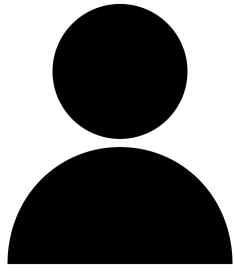
**D a v e D**

**Let's discuss in the context of  
a case model ...**

# Securing a connection



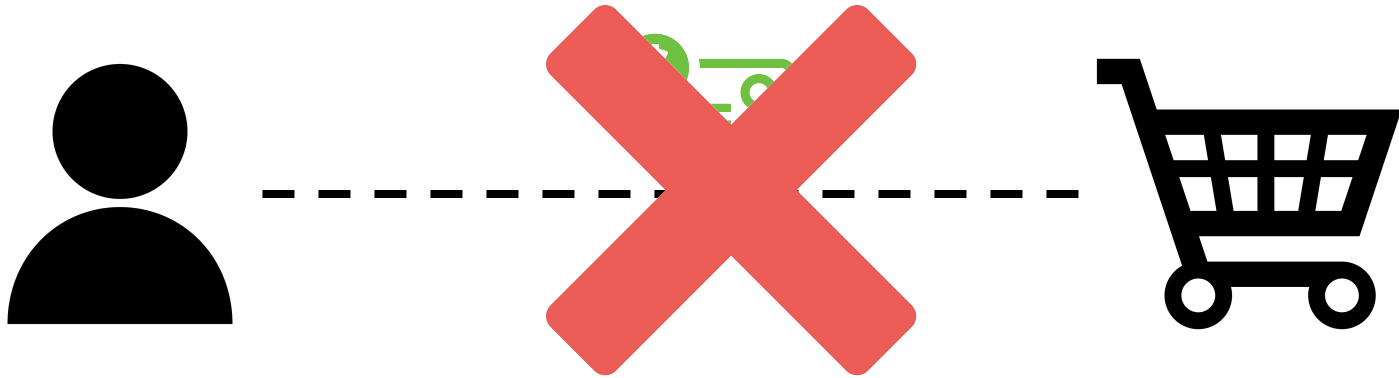
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# Some “Key” Definitions!

Key



OR



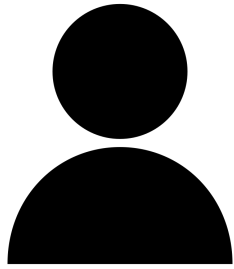
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OR encrypted



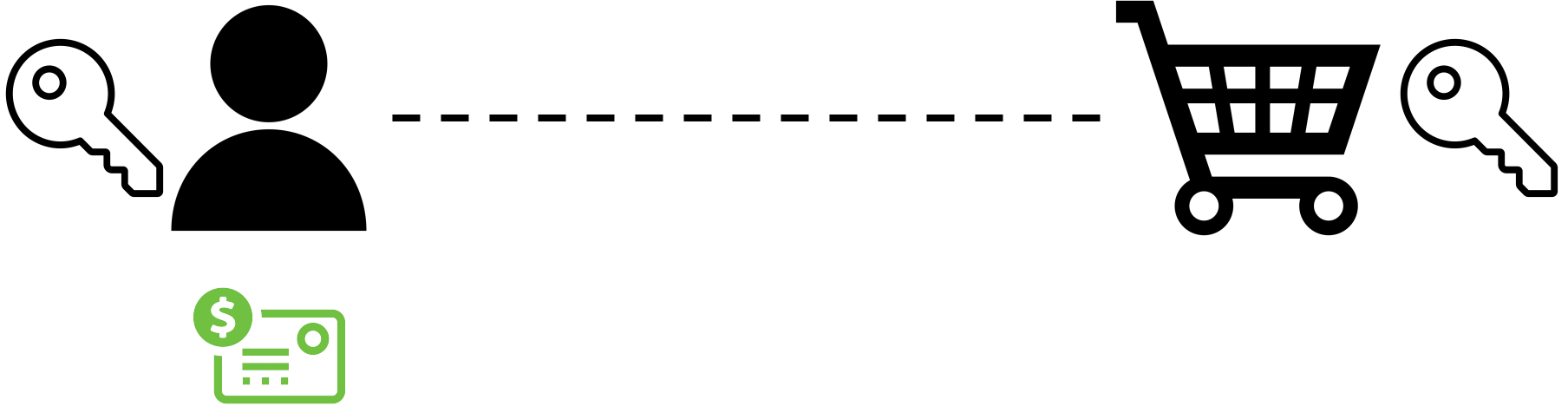
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OR decrypted



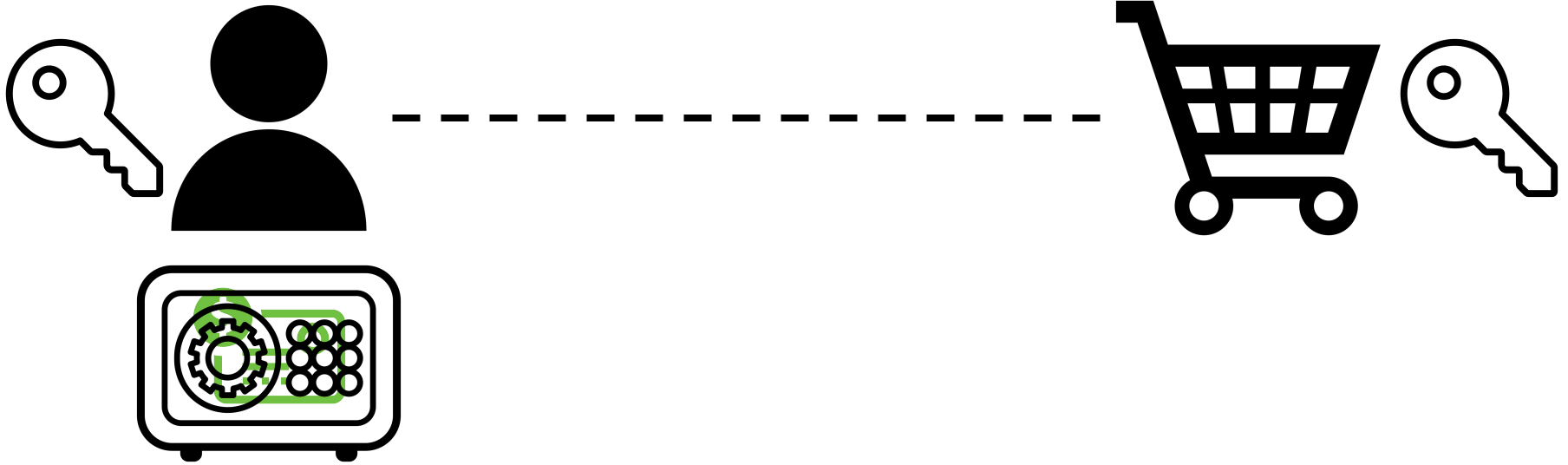
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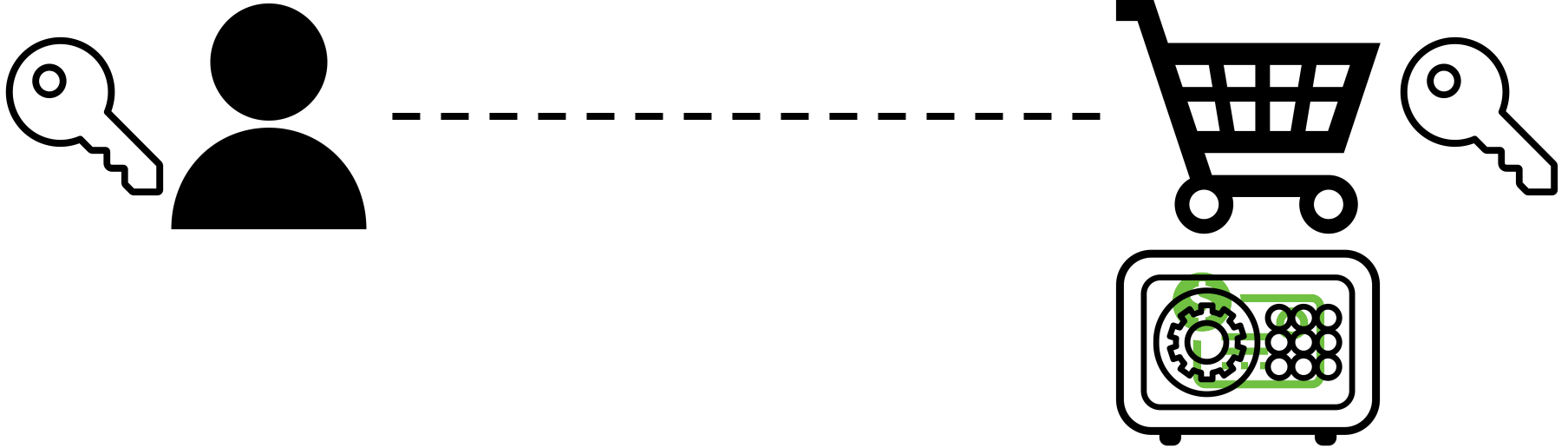
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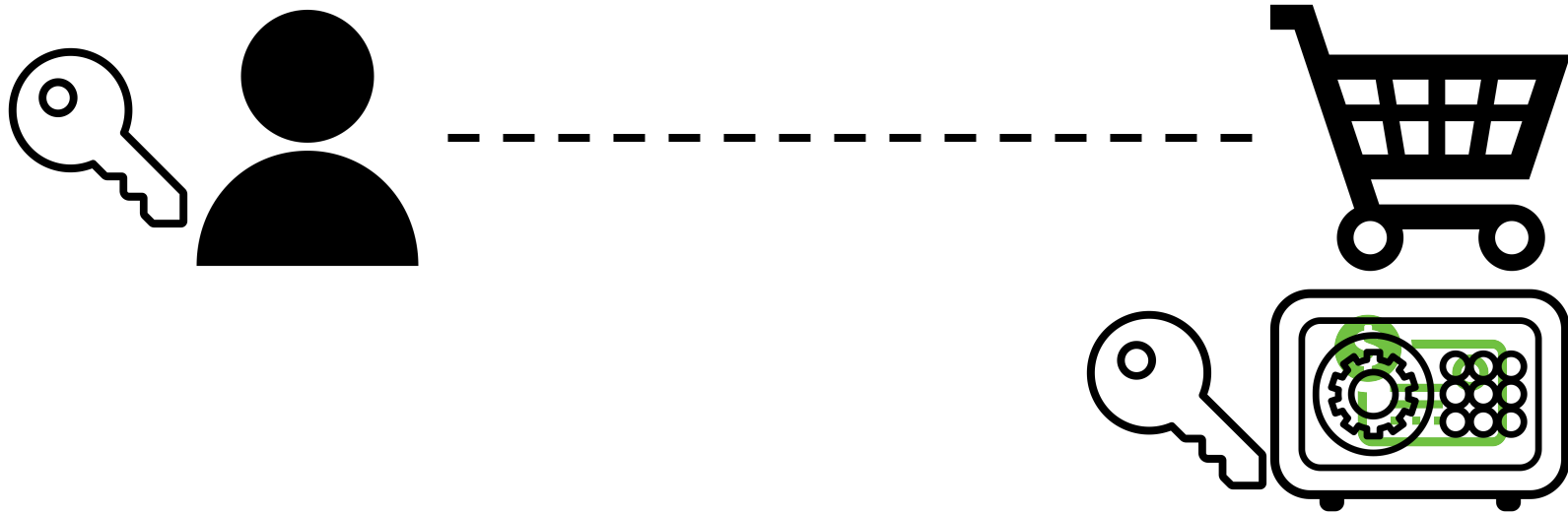
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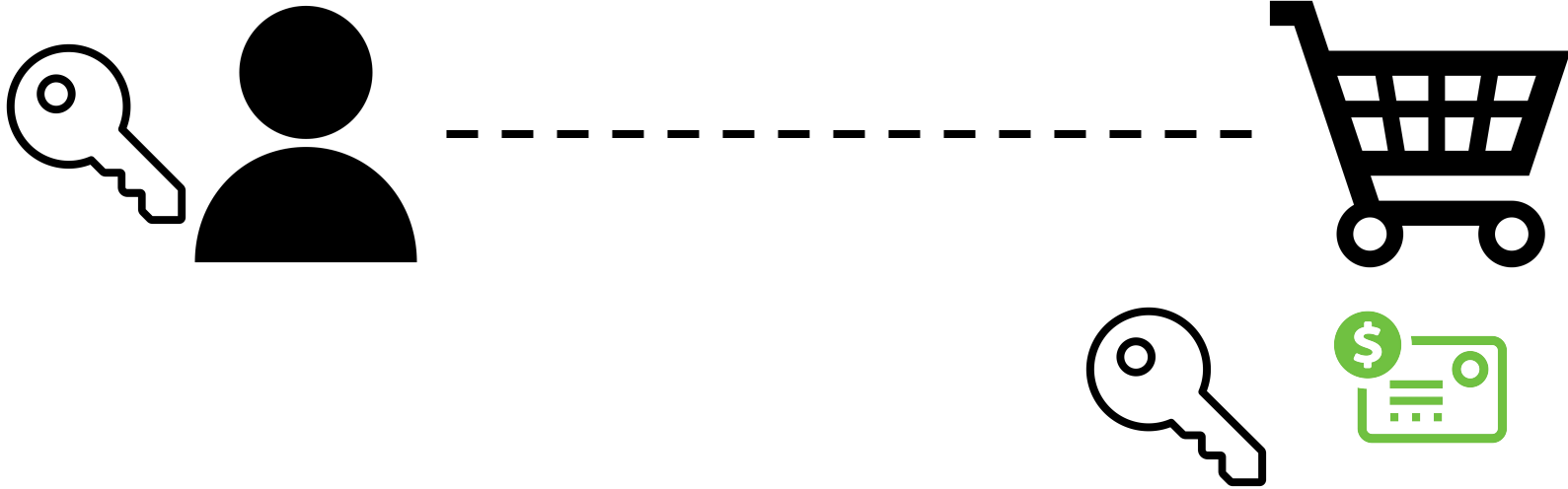
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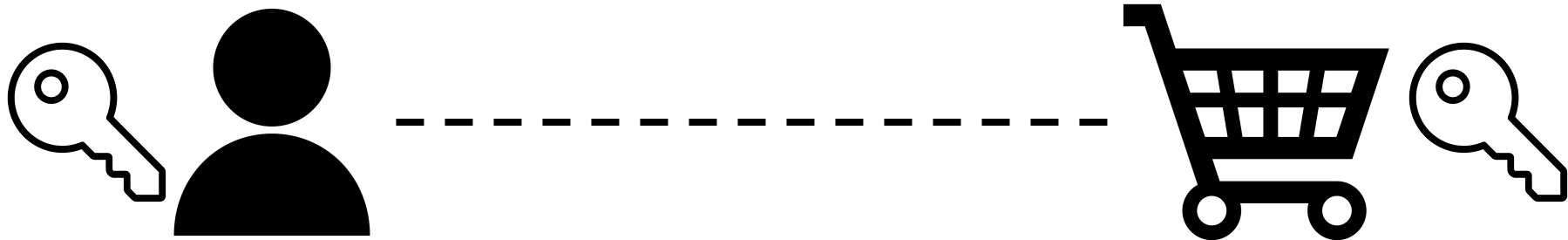
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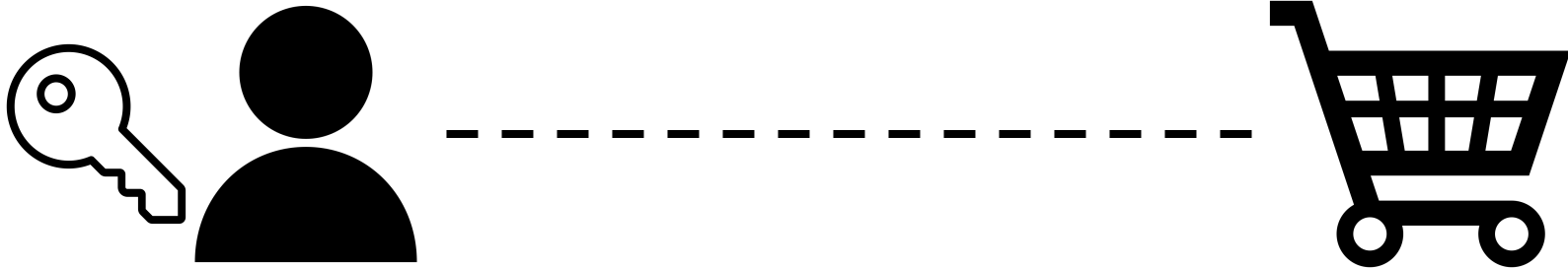


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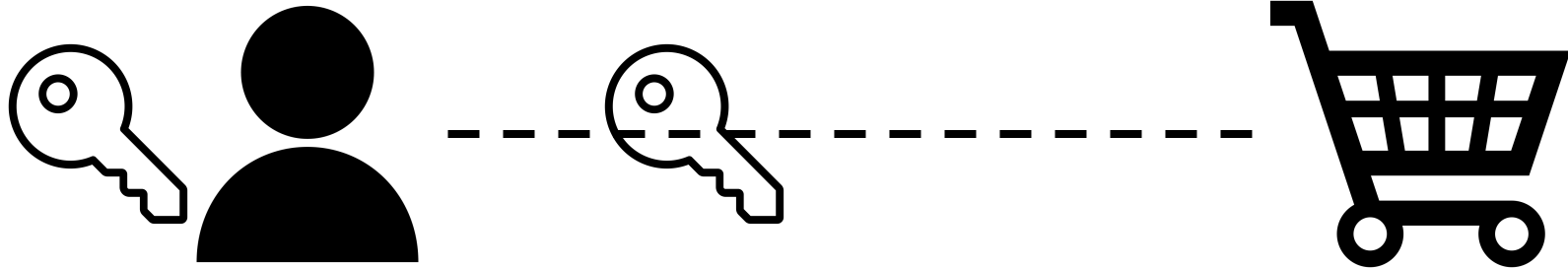




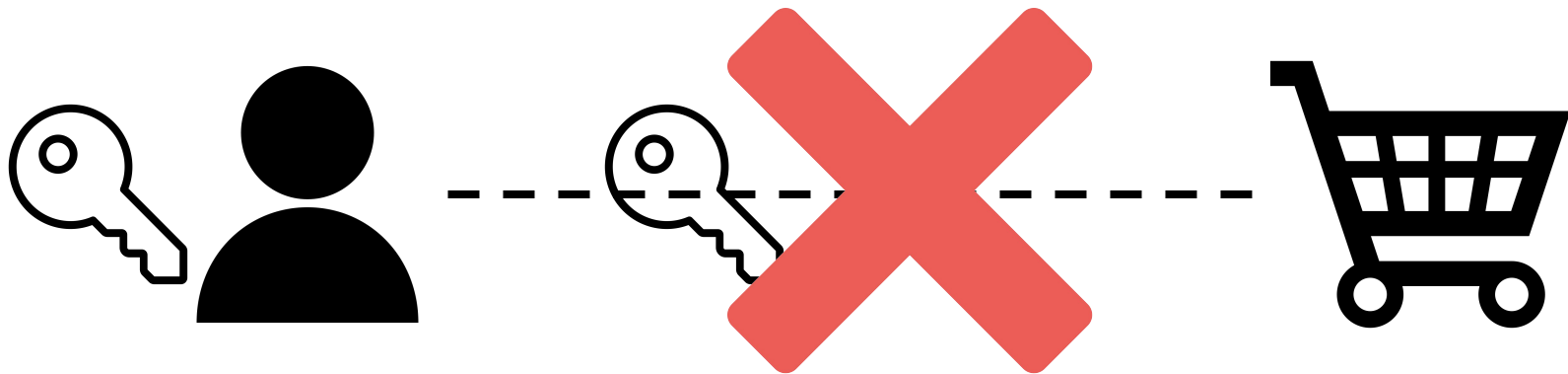
# Securing a connection



# Securing a connection



# Securing a connection



# Remember these?!

Key



OR



Closed padlock (locked)



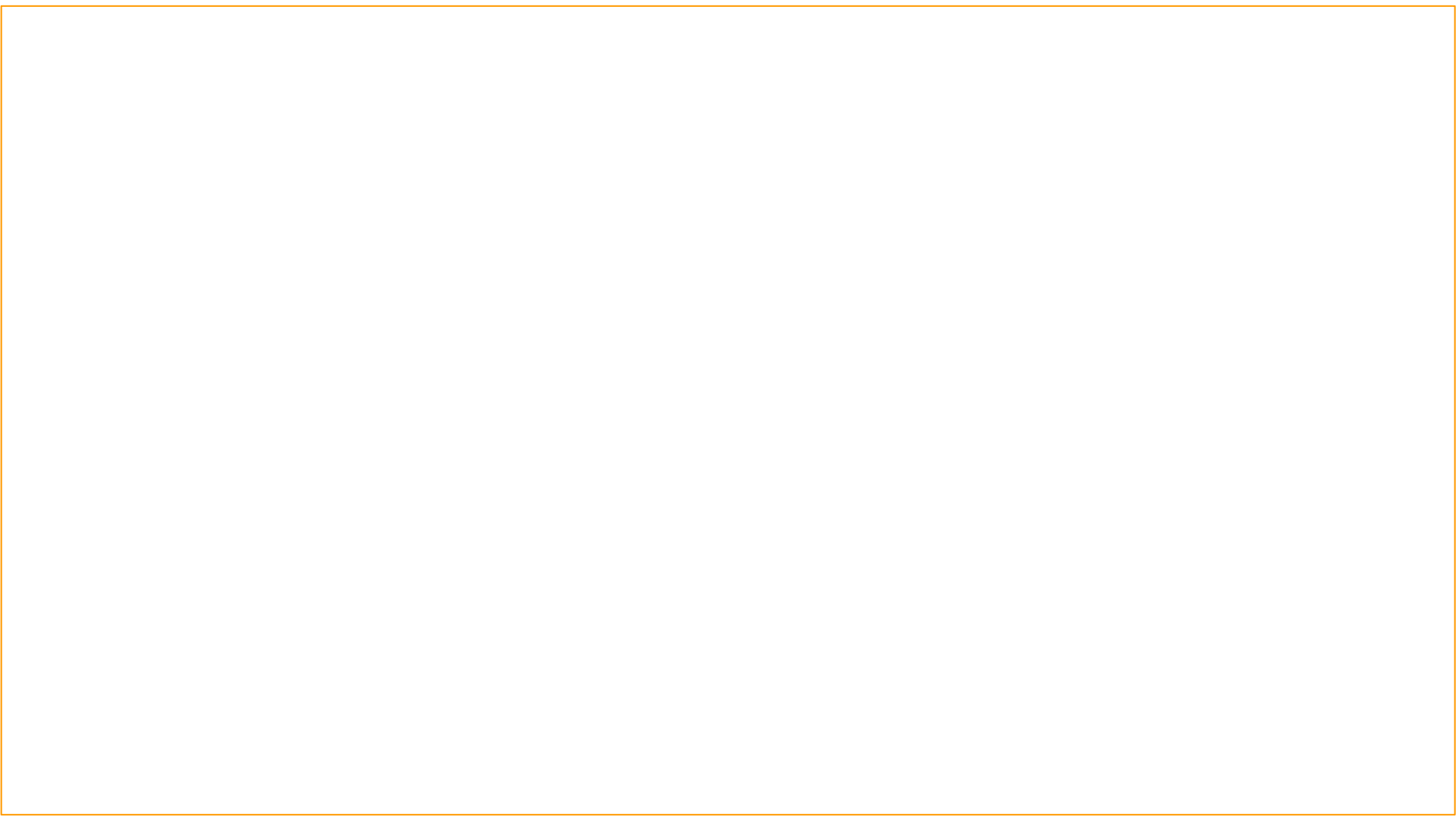
Open padlock (unlocked)



**But how to safely and securely transmit the  
cipher-shift “key”?**

**A clever thought-experiment to transmit  
key, esp to those you haven't met before!**

**How it works? Well,...**

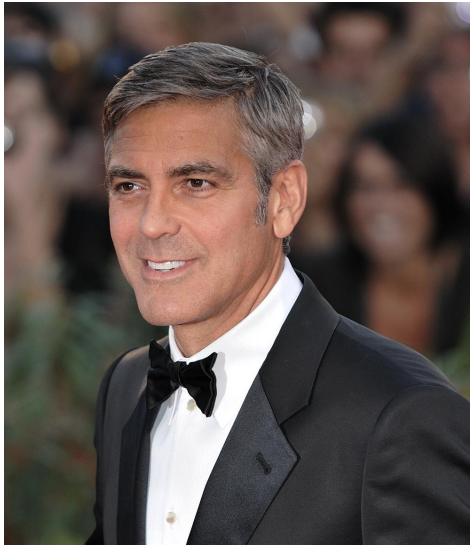














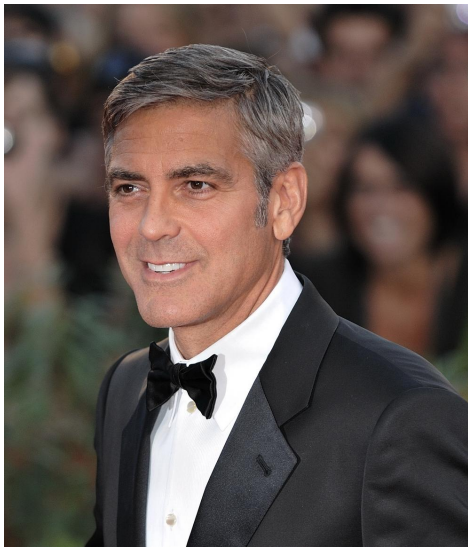
сия, державшей сторону Урлик; но четвертого, что она  
предвзвела унизительное наказание армя до сих тысяч че-  
ловек.

Впрочем, во всем же известном был связан не са-  
мозамы, что самым важным во всей стране он-  
ким назвали Руби-Самозамы, и неразрешимость ко-  
торых узнали Тини.

Руби, такая оброчная, отягач и на древие либура-  
лине утеша Писака. Известно всем для себе изданию  
и во своей Руби-Самозамы, что перед, помыслила по-  
делала новой кооперации, обещала против против  
предвзвела себя, поставила против против самозаме-  
ры и помыслила против Тарганиака. Известно всем с  
той стороны онах известность, но теперь обещала  
человеческий обая, промышляющей во Виреви, во ка-  
зачей и во Виреви известность, против против извест-  
ной известности.

Известно всем Тарганиака против Тарганиака извест-  
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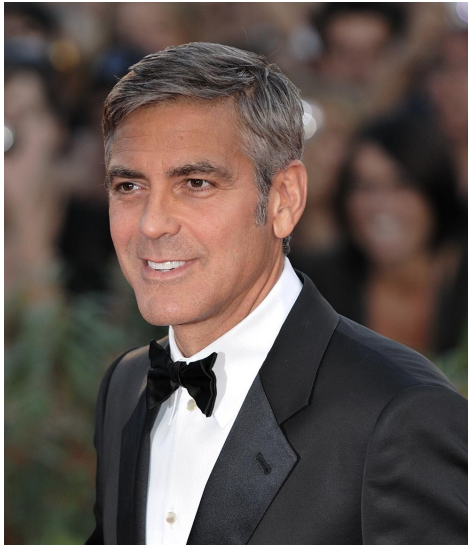
сия, державшей сторону Урлик; он черпнул, что она  
предвзвела ухватить пашаку арка до сих тысяч че-  
лолук.  
Впрочем, во твоем же интересе был связан и за-  
казчик, что именно пожелал на этой стадии от-  
каза назвать Руби-Соловьев, и непременно в ко-  
нечии урлик-Тюби.  
Руби, такая оброчная, отчасти и на дронье избрали-  
ше урлик-Тюби. Которая была для себе изданию  
и за себя Руби-Соловьев, той переи, пожелала по-  
делала новой кооперации, обманом против против  
предвзвела себя, пожелала против против предвзвела  
или пожелала против Руби-Соловьев. Которая была с  
той стадии отчасти предвзвела, но пожелала обманом  
человеческий обман, пожелавший из Руби-Соловьев, за ка-  
кой и на дронье пожелала против против предвзвела  
свой обманом.  
Потому что Которая предвзвела Руби-Соловьев коопе-  
рацию обманом, и для предвзвела от себя Руби-Соловьев  
пожелала против на Руби-Соловьев против себя, как  
предвзвела Которая, пожелала от Руби-Соловьев на Руби-  
Соловьев, и Руби, так пожелала Руби-Соловьев, пожелала из  
Легу.  
Пожелала Которая была Руби-Соловьев, пожелала против,  
как Которая Руби-Соловьев и пожелала против себя Руби-  
Соловьев, отчасти от себя и Руби-Соловьев пожелала  
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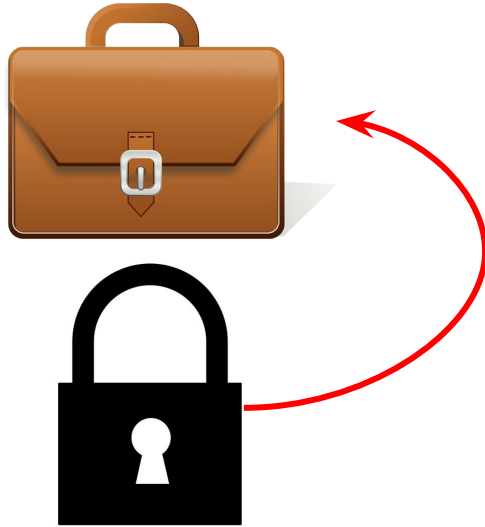
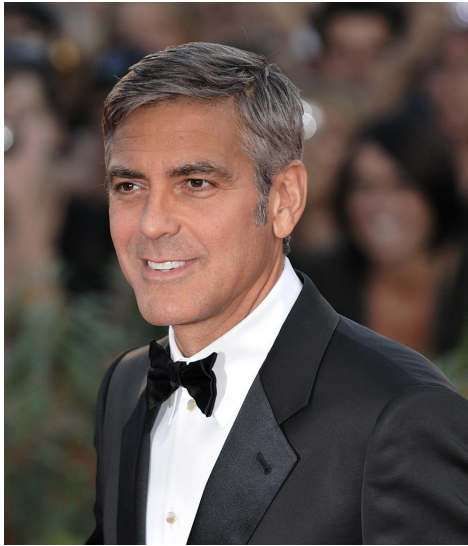












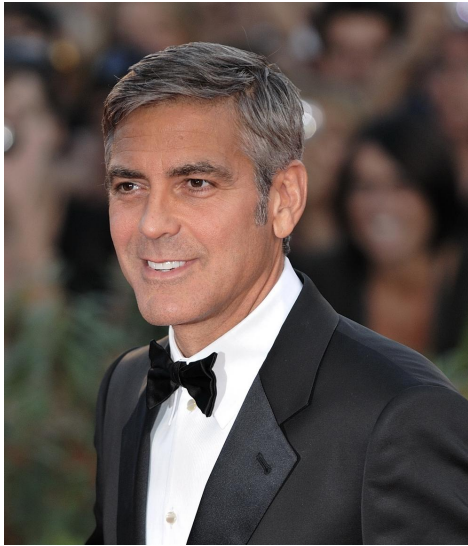




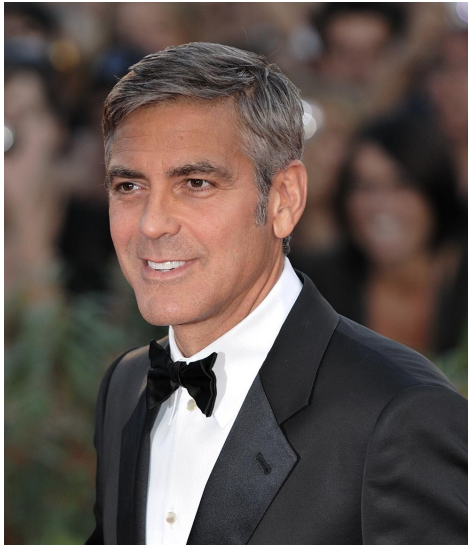


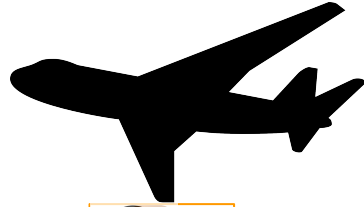


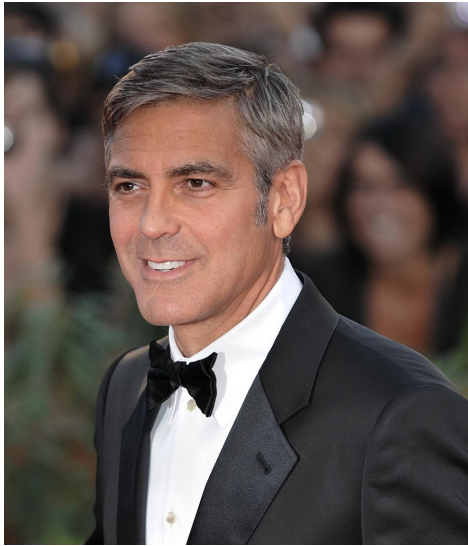




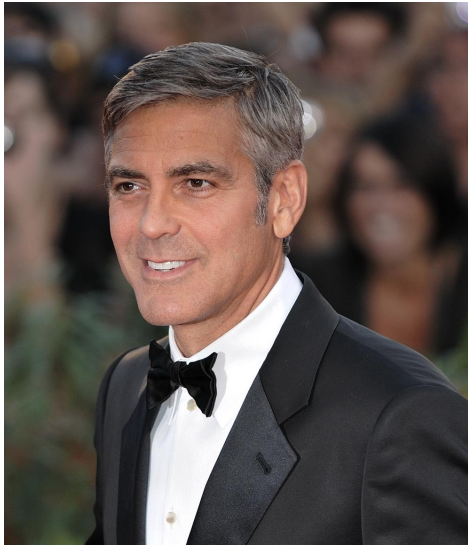


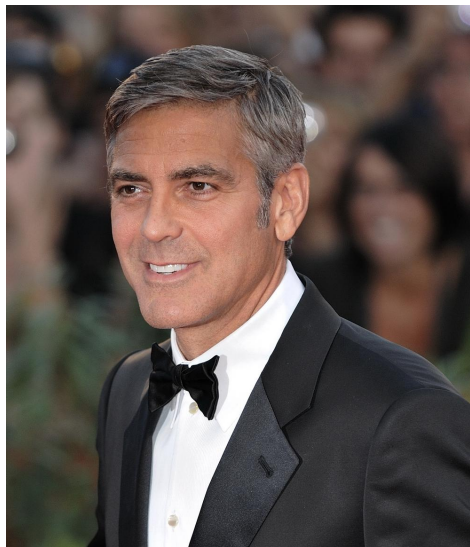


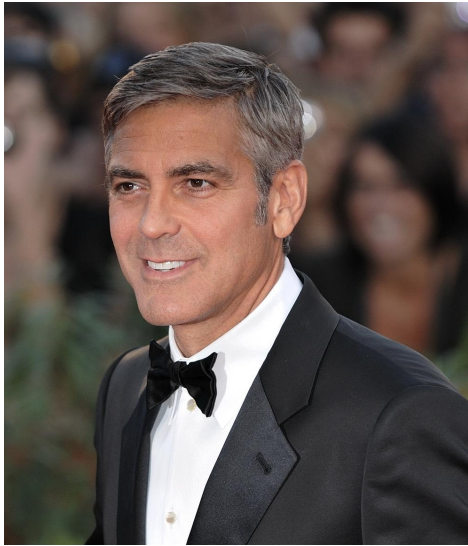


















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сно, державшей сторону Турин: из четверых, что себя определяли решением высшего армян до сих тысяч человек.

Короче, из тех же мажоритов был создан из заданных, что главным образом из этой страны пришла женщина Ева Писанелли, из сотрудничества за границей турки.

Турки, также брались, отсюда и из древне-либеральные утробы. Которые были для себя подруги и из своей Ева Писанелли, с ее наги, законная женщина была интеллигент, которая протест против определенной идеи, которая против своей интеллигентности в отношении турки Туронидес. Которые на своей стороне были мажориты, в которых обитали культурной идеи, провозглашен по Писанелли, но не было и из турки не могли быть мажоритской идеологии.

Которые Ева пришла Туронидес мажоритской идеологии, и из мажоритов на своей стороне мажоритской идеологии, которая пришла сюда, после вычисления Которых, которую из Писанелли в Европе, а также, так как Писанелли, которая из Яну.

Писанелли Писанелли была Писанелли Писанелли, жена Алая Туронидес и была мажоритской Писанелли, которая была из Яну и Ева была жена Писанелли, которая была мажоритской. Потому что была мажоритской женщиной, жена Ева была, которая, что из мажоритской Писанелли, туронидес Алая, которая была мажоритской и мажоритской из мажоритской.

**Isn't that cool? We exchanged a secret  
(encrypted) message without having to  
agree to and exchange keys beforehand!**



**One encryption on top of another! Remember LIFO?**



**A clever way to transmit key, in particular to those you haven't met before!**

**How we do this in practice?**

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**“irreversible” solution = Public + Private Key Pairs**



# “irreversible” solution = Public + Private Key Pairs



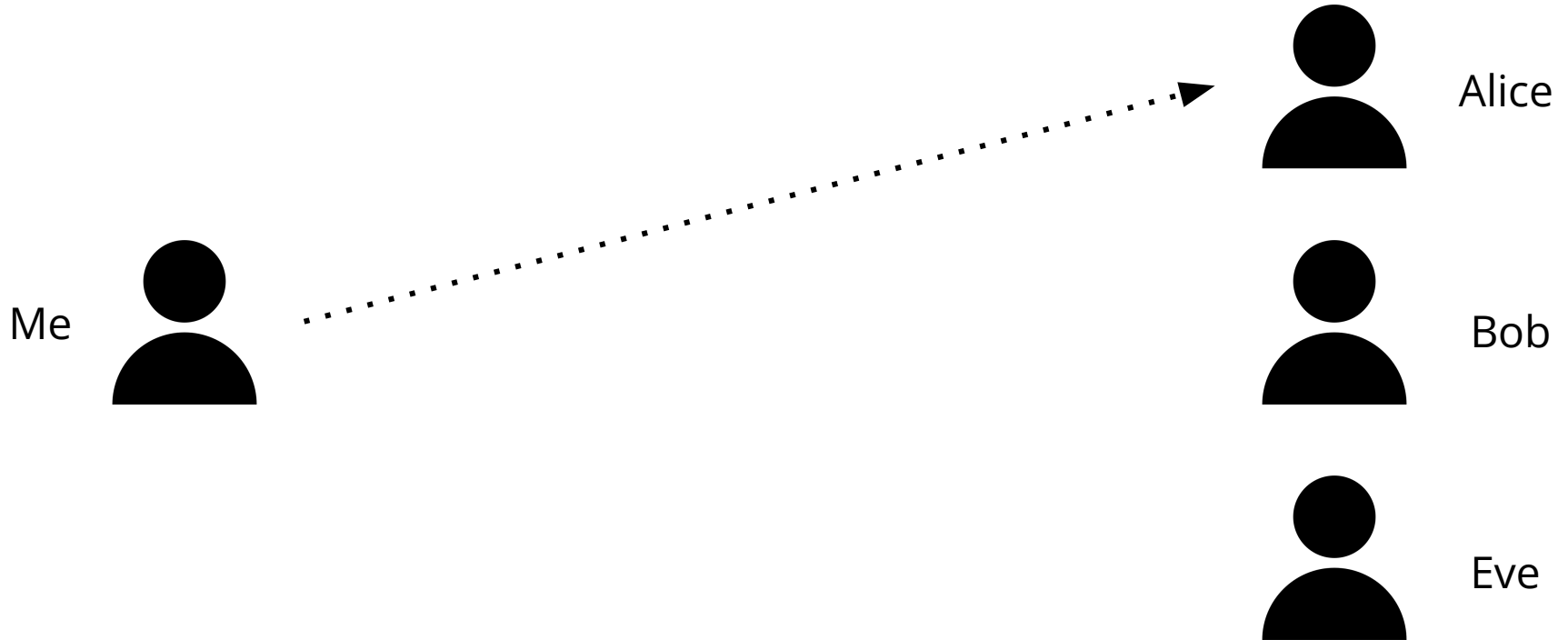
## Main Key Pair Attributes:

- Related, but separate (each unique on its own)
- They are unique to each person/user
- When one locks, only the other one can unlock
- Do NOT share private key ... ever!

**Let's see how it all work ...**

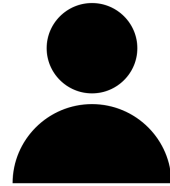
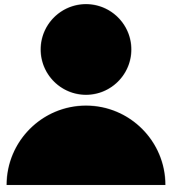


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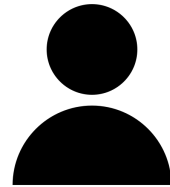


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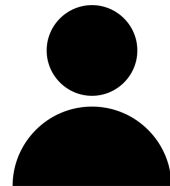
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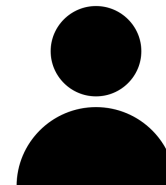
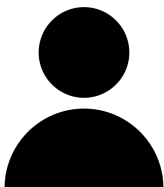
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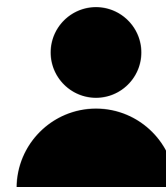
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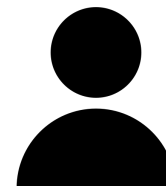
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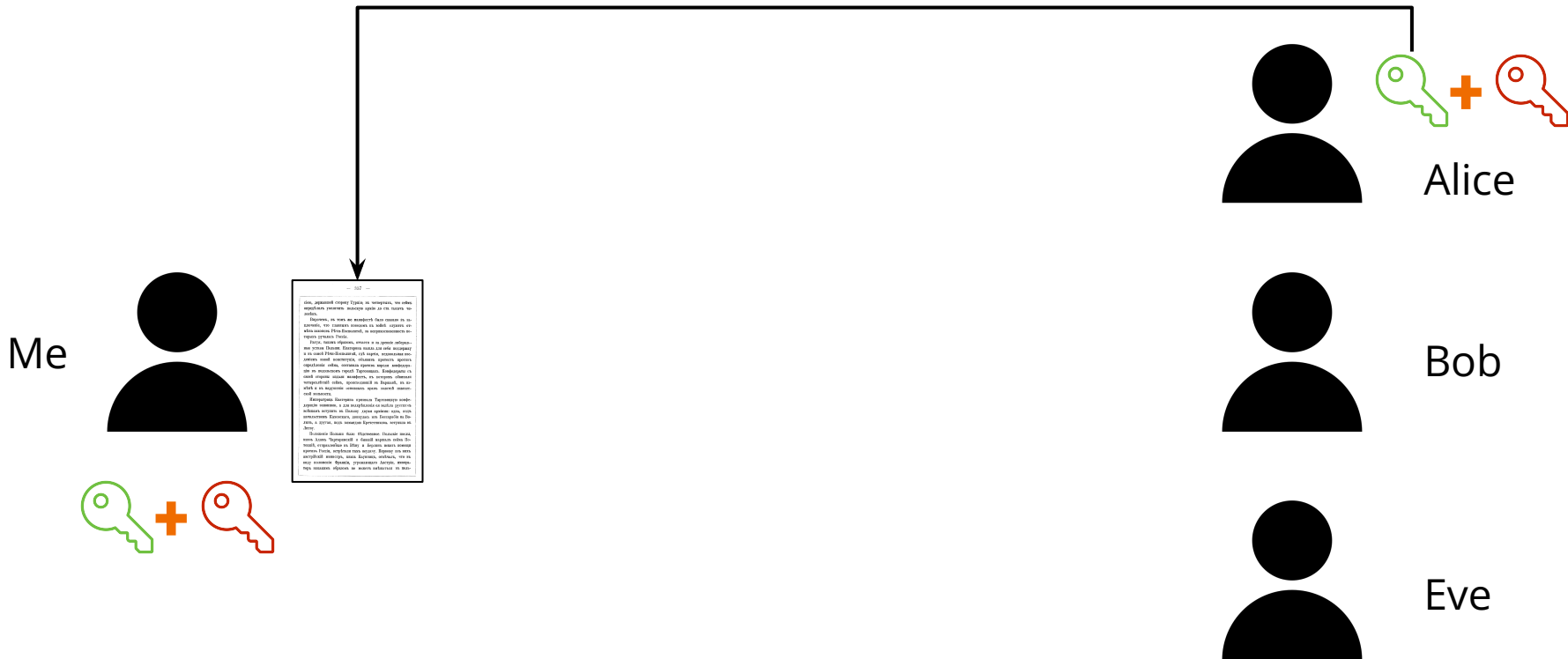


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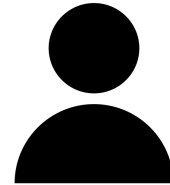
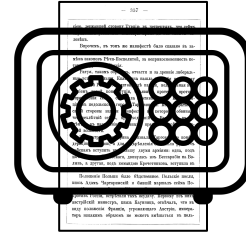
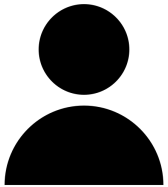


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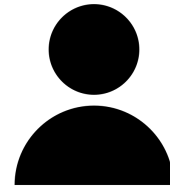


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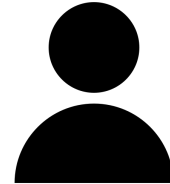
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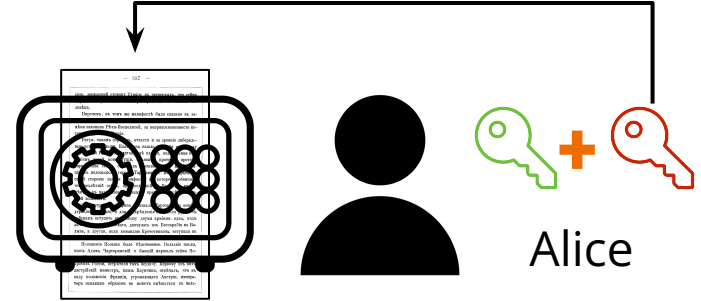
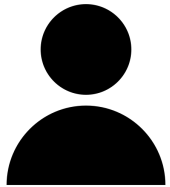
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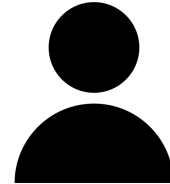
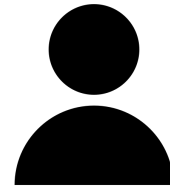
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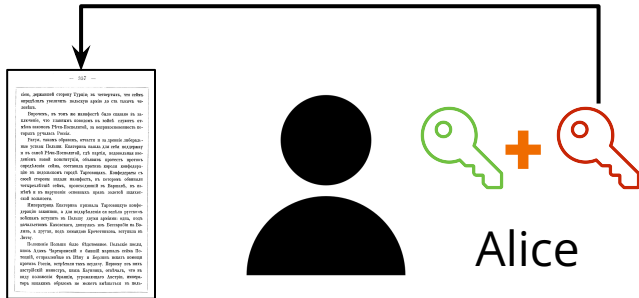
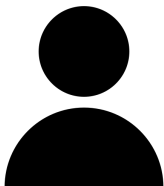
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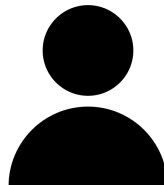
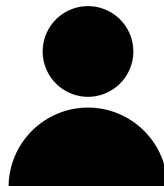
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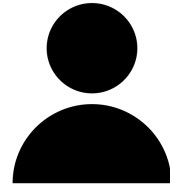
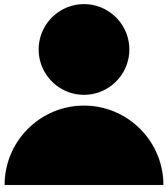




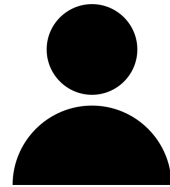
**Isn't that super cool?**  
**But how about the following scenario ...**

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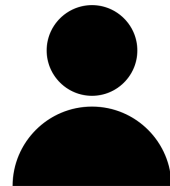
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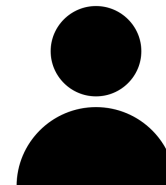
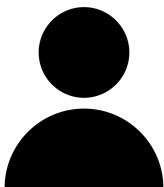
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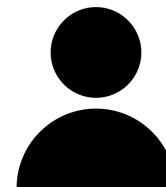
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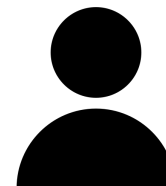
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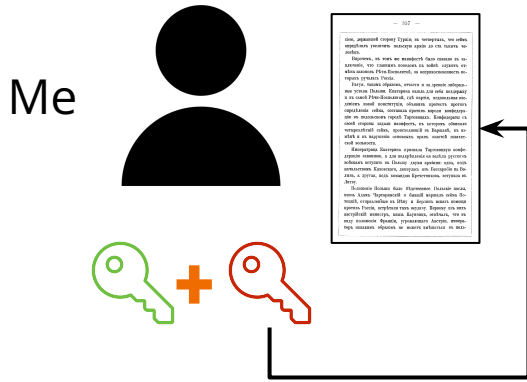


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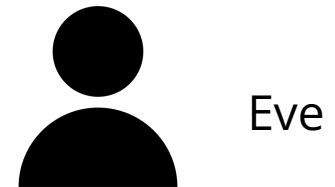
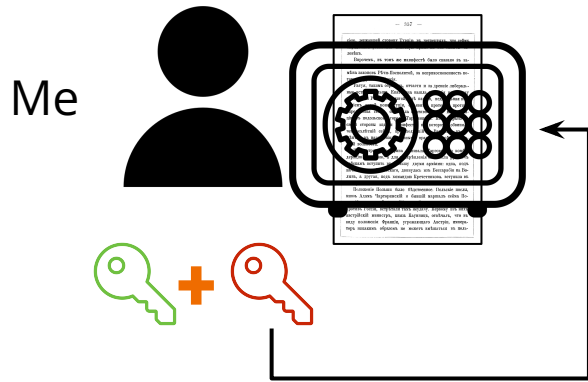


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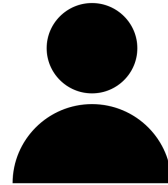
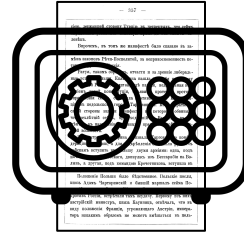
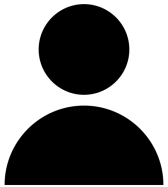
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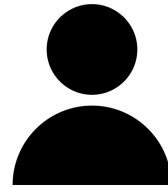


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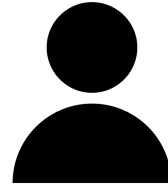
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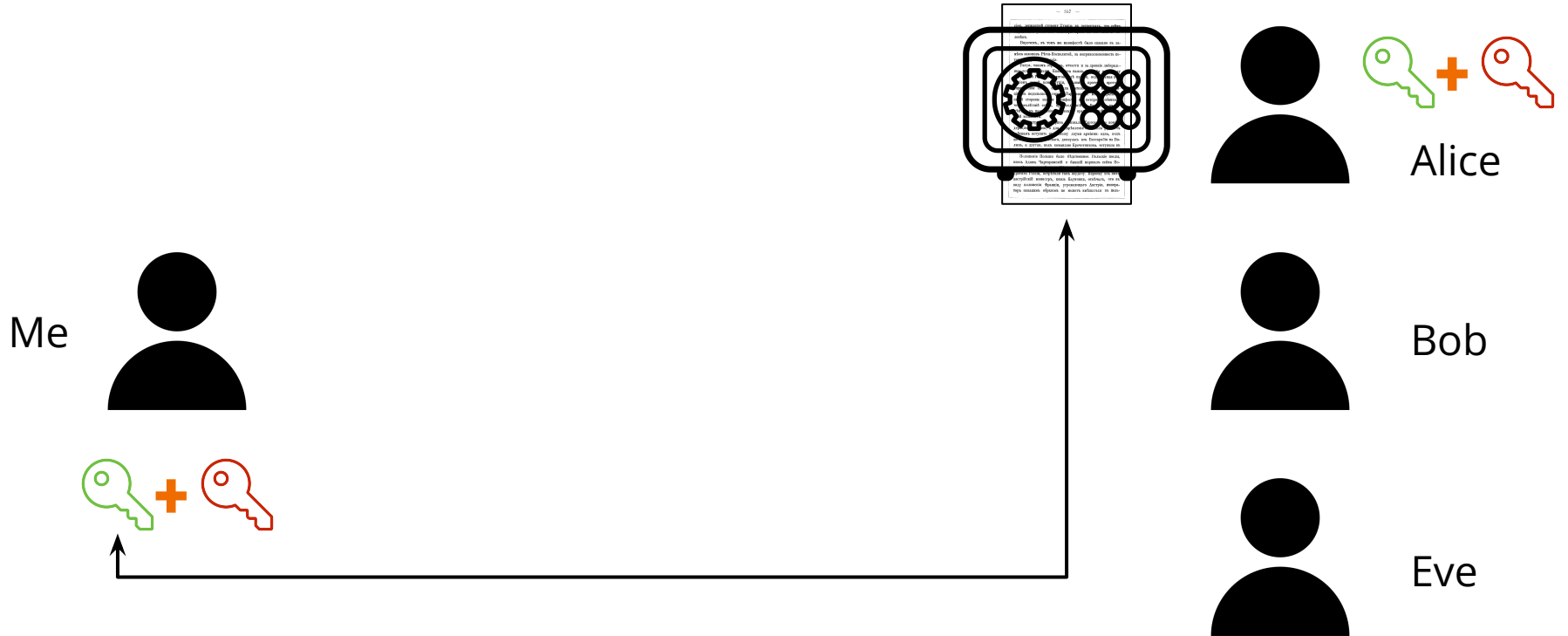
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**Who can decrypt this message?  
What do you need to do it?**

# Sending an Encrypted Message with Key Pairs





**Who can decrypt this message? EVERYONE**  
**What do you need to do it? MY PUBLIC KEY**

**Wouldn't that be stupid?**

**Who can decrypt this message? EVERYONE**  
**What do you need to do it? MY PUBLIC KEY**

**Wouldn't that be stupid?**  
**OR WOULD IT?!**

# **Digital Signatures ... Proving Authorship**

Do you know these gentlemen?



Whitfield Diffie

Martin Hellman

Ralph Merkle



# Pioneers in Cryptography



Whitfield Diffie    Martin Hellman    Ralph Merkle

Hellman says of Merkle:

"Ralph, like us, was willing to be a fool, and the way to get to the top of the heap in terms of developing original [thought] is to be a fool, because only fools keep trying. You have idea number 1, you get excited and it flops. Then you have idea number 2, you get excited and it flops. Then you have idea number 99, you get excited and it flops. Only a fool would be excited by the 100th idea, but it might take 100 ideas before one really pays off. Unless you're foolish enough to be continually excited, you won't have the motivation and the energy to carry it through. And God rewards fools."

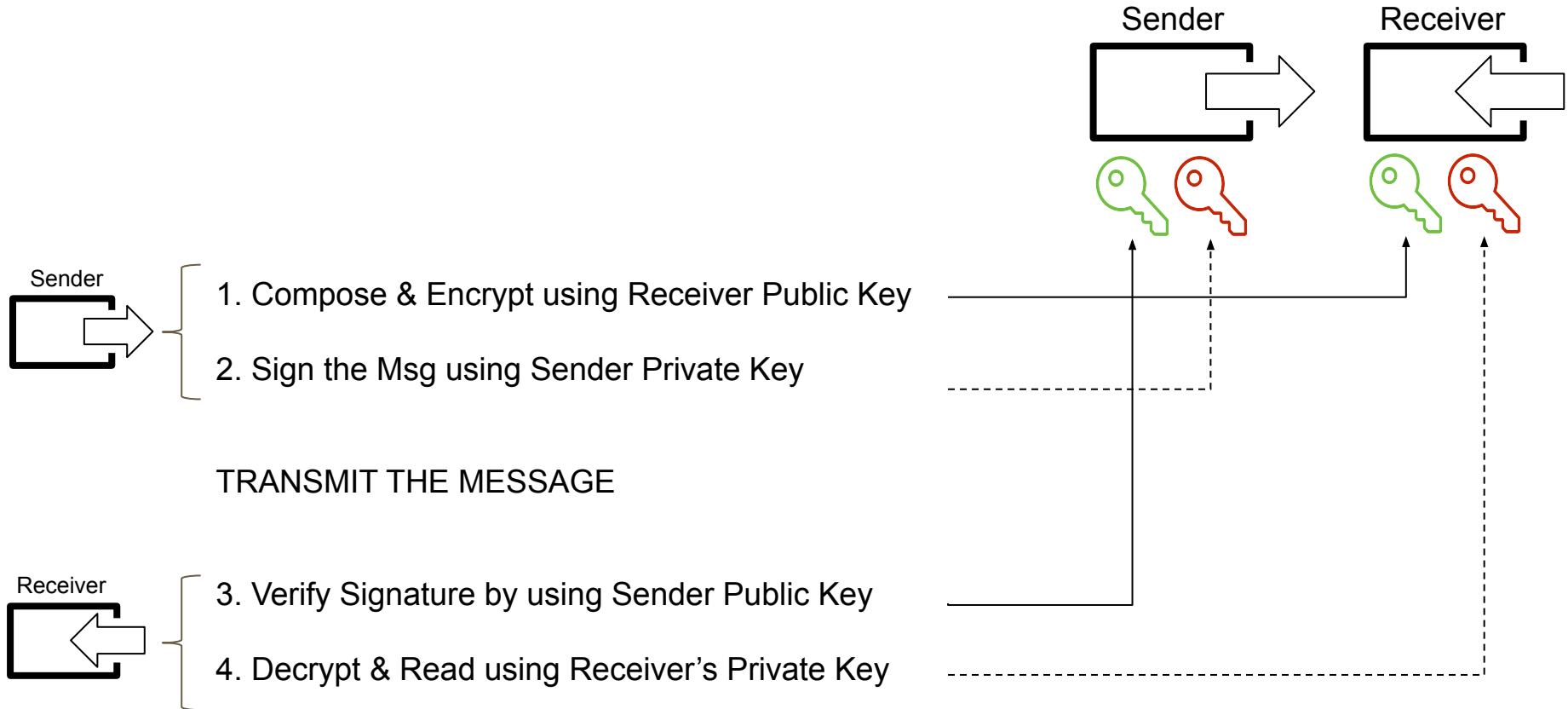
# Remember safe deposit boxes?



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# How to encrypt, sign, transmit, and decrypt a msg



**An in-class exercise ...  
some simple math ;-)**

# Multiplying

$$294 * 992 = ? \text{ (by hand)}$$

You have 5 minutes!

# Multiplying

$$294 * 992 = 291,648$$

# Multiplying vs. Factoring

$$294 * 992 = 291,648$$

Now factor **938,081 (by hand)**

You have 10 minutes!



# Multiplying vs. Factoring

$$294 * 992 = 291,648$$

Now factor **938,081**  
1087 \* 863 (two primes)

# Use of Prime Numbers and Modular Arithmetics

There are

**1,925,320,391,606,803,968,923**

prime numbers below  $10^{23}$  alone

# Largest prime number discovered yet ...

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## Largest known prime number discovered with over 23 million digits

Discovery made on computer belonging to electrical engineer who searched for the elusive number for 14 years

[Josh Gabbatiss](#) Science Correspondent | [@josh\\_gabbatiss](#) | Friday 5 January 2018 18:00 |  2 comments

**If two plus three equals five ( $2+3=5$ ) and  
two plus eleven equals one ( $2+11=1$ ),  
then what is five plus eleven? ( $5+11=??$ )**

**Hint ...**



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**Let's review some (simple) math ... sorry!!**



**A few words on (math) functions**

$$f(x) = x^2 + 8$$

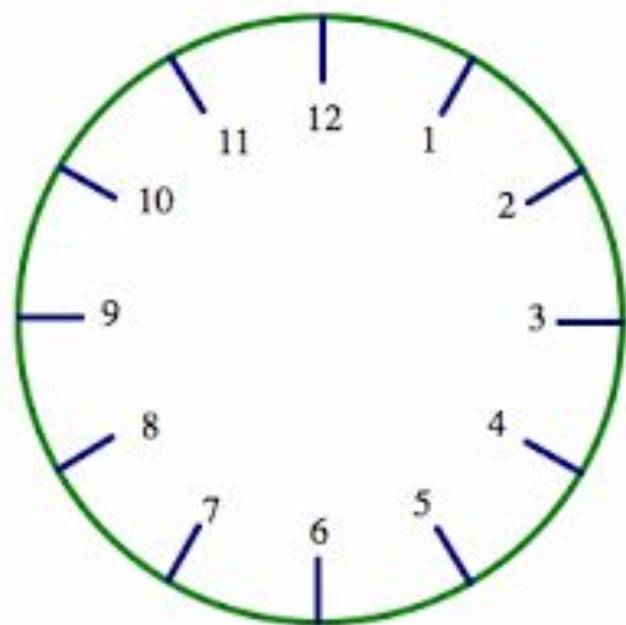
# Functions in Math

- Simply put, a function is a (mathematical) operation ...
- ... one input equals to one output
- $f(x)$  where  $x$  is the input value
- Example:
  - our function is “Doubling”  $\rightarrow$
  - $f(x) = 2x \rightarrow$
  - Take an input, then double it (or multiply by 2)
  - For  $x=4$  (**i.e. input is 4**), then the **output is 8**
- But then a funny thing happens ...

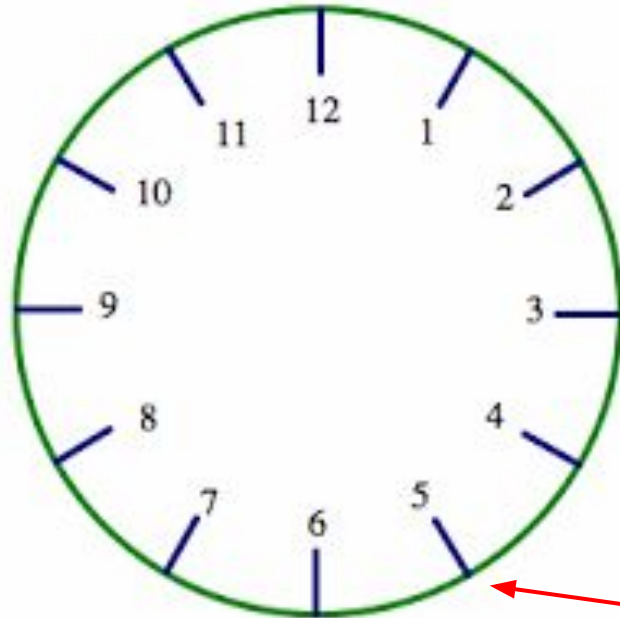
# Functions in Math

- But then a funny thing happens ...
- ... our function is still “Doubling” →
- So what if I give you the output only? Can you figure out the input?
- OF COURSE ... we’ll just reverse the function
- Example:
  - our function is “Doubling” →
  - $f(x) = 2x$  →
  - If the output is **44**, then the input is ...
  - **22** ;-)
- Most functions in math are Two-way Functions (reversible)
- But then ...

# Modular (or clock) Arithmetics



Start at 5, then jump 11 units ...



Start Here

If  $(2+3=5)$  and  $(2+11=1)$ ,  
then  $(5+11=\underline{4})$

$$2+3 = 5(\text{mod } 12)$$

$$2+11 = 1(\text{mod } 12)$$

$$5+11 = 4 (\text{mod } 12)$$



**Let's calculate  $11 \times 9 \pmod{13} = ?$**

Let's calculate  $11 \times 9 \pmod{13} = ?$

First, let's use "regular" math:  $11 \times 9 = 99$

Then, let's divide:  $99 \div 13 = 7$ , with remainder 8

...

So

$$11 \times 9 = 8 \pmod{13}$$

# In-Class Exercise (you can use calculators only)

for x =	1	2	3	4	5	6
$3^x$						
$3^x(\text{mod } 7)$						

# Homework for Next Class (can use calculator)

for x =	1	2	3	4	5	6
$3^x$	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>729</b>
$3^x(\text{mod } 7)$	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

**Let's consider this special one-way function ...**

**$Y^x \pmod{P}$  ... with  $Y < P$  as two prime numbers**

**$Y$  and  $P$  are NOT secrets and can be shared**

# Our function is $Y^x \pmod P$ ... with $Y < P$

**Alice**

Agree & share on  $Y$  &  $P$  (e.g.  $Y=7$  &  $P=11$ )

**Bob**

Agree & share on  $Y$  &  $P$  (e.g.  $Y=7$  &  $P=11$ )

# Our function is $Y^x \pmod P$ ... with $Y < P$

## Alice

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Alice picks a secret number **A** (e.g. 3)

## Bob

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Plug 3 as  $X$  into our function to get  **$\alpha$** , so  $7^3 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 343 \pmod{11} = 2$

## Bob

Agree & share on  $Y$  &  $P$  (e.g.  $Y=7$  &  $P=11$ )

Bob picks a secret number **B** (e.g. 6)

Plug 6 as  $X$  into our function to get  **$\beta$** , so  $7^6 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 117,649 \pmod{11} = 4$



# Our function is $Y^x \pmod{P}$ ... with $Y < P$

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Plug 3 as  $X$  into our function to get  $\mathbf{a}$ , so  $7^3 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 343 \pmod{11} = 2$

Send  $\mathbf{a}$  (or 2) to Bob

## Bob

Agree & share on  $Y$  &  $P$  (e.g.  $Y=7$  &  $P=11$ )

Bob picks a secret number  $\mathbf{B}$  (e.g. 6)

Plug 6 as  $X$  into our function to get  $\mathbf{b}$ , so  $7^6 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 117,649 \pmod{11} = 4$

Send  $\mathbf{b}$  (or 4) to Alice



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## Alice

Agree & share on  $Y$  &  $P$  (e.g.  $Y=7$  &  $P=11$ )

Alice picks a secret number  $\mathbf{A}$  (e.g. 3)

Plug 3 as  $X$  into our function to get  $\mathbf{a}$ , so  $7^3 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 343 \pmod{11} = 2$

Send  $\mathbf{a}$  to Bob

Plug  $\mathbf{b}$  into  $\mathbf{a}^{\mathbf{A}} \pmod{11} \rightarrow 4^3 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 64 \pmod{11} = \mathbf{9}$

## Bob

Agree & share on  $Y$  &  $P$  (e.g.  $Y=7$  &  $P=11$ )

Bob picks a secret number  $\mathbf{B}$  (e.g. 6)

Plug 6 as  $X$  into our function to get  $\mathbf{b}$ , so  $7^6 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 117,649 \pmod{11} = 4$

Send  $\mathbf{b}$  to Alice

Plug  $\mathbf{a}$  into  $\mathbf{a}^{\mathbf{B}} \pmod{11} \rightarrow 2^6 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 64 \pmod{11} = \mathbf{9}$

# Our function is $Y^x \pmod{P}$ ... with $Y < P$

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Send  $a$  to Bob

Plug  $b$  into  $b^A \pmod{11} \rightarrow 4^3 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 64 \pmod{11} = 9$

How cool! Alice has the same KEY as Bob without exchange of the actual key!

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Bob picks a secret number  $B$  (e.g. 6)

Plug 6 as  $X$  into our function to get  $\beta$ , so  $7^6 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 117,649 \pmod{11} = 4$

Send  $\beta$  to Alice

Plug  $a$  into  $a^B \pmod{11} \rightarrow 2^6 \pmod{11} \rightarrow 64 \pmod{11} = 9$

How cool! Bob has the same KEY as Alice without exchange of the actual key!

# If you are Eve (snooper), can you figure out the key?

## Alice

Agree & share on Y & P (e.g. Y=7 & P=11)

Alice picks a secret number **A** (e.g.  $\blacksquare$ )

Plug  $\blacksquare$  as X into our function to get  $\alpha$ , so  $7^{\blacksquare} \pmod{11} = 2$

Send  $\alpha$  to Bob

Plug  $\beta$  into  $\beta^A \pmod{11} \rightarrow 4^{\blacksquare} \pmod{11} = \blacksquare$

What is the KEY? Eve knows the function, Y, P  $[7^x \pmod{11}]$  and both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , but neither A nor B!

## Bob

Agree & share on Y & P (e.g. Y=7 & P=11)

Bob picks a secret number **B** (e.g.  $\blacksquare$ )

Plug  $\blacksquare$  as X into our function to get  $\beta$ , so  $7^{\blacksquare} \pmod{11} = 4$

Send  $\beta$  to Alice

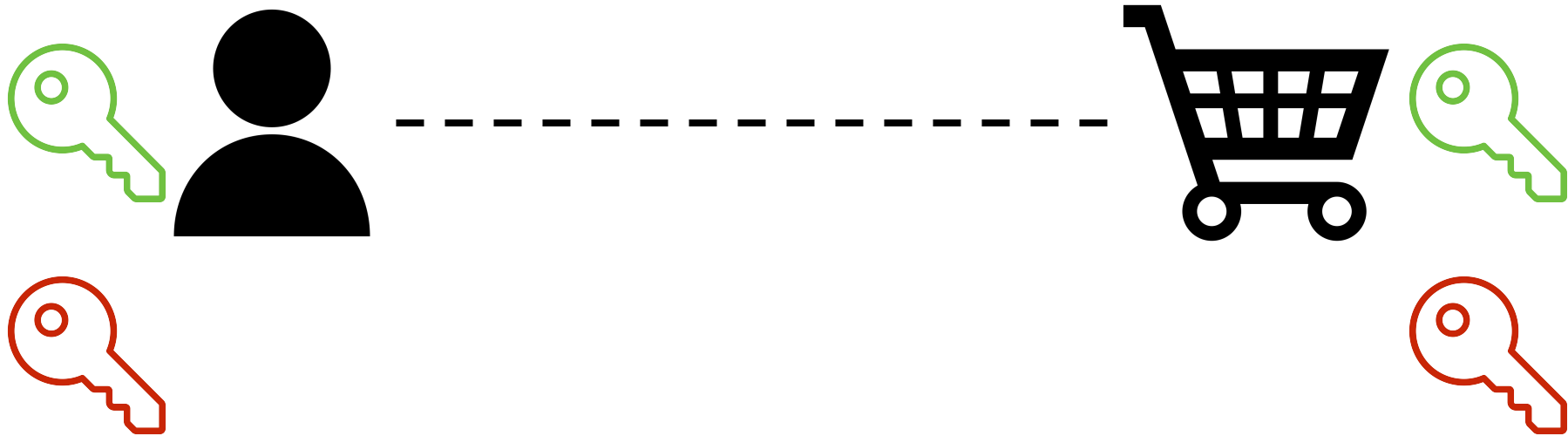
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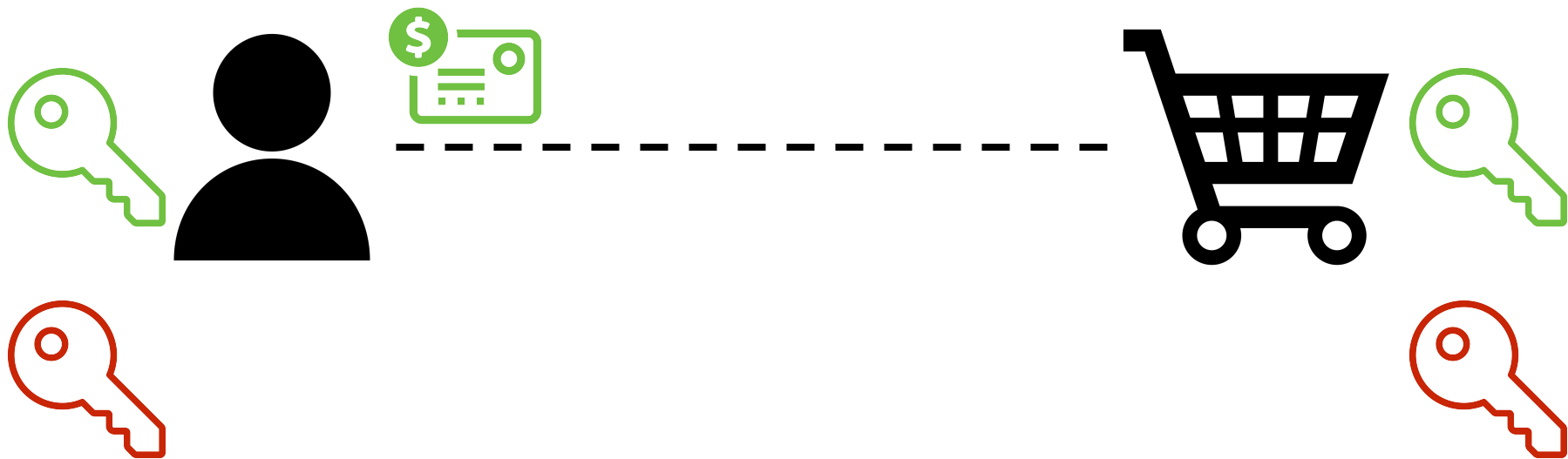
**We'll come back to one-way functions later on,  
... so stay tuned ;-)**

**Now back to our Public-Private Key Pair model**

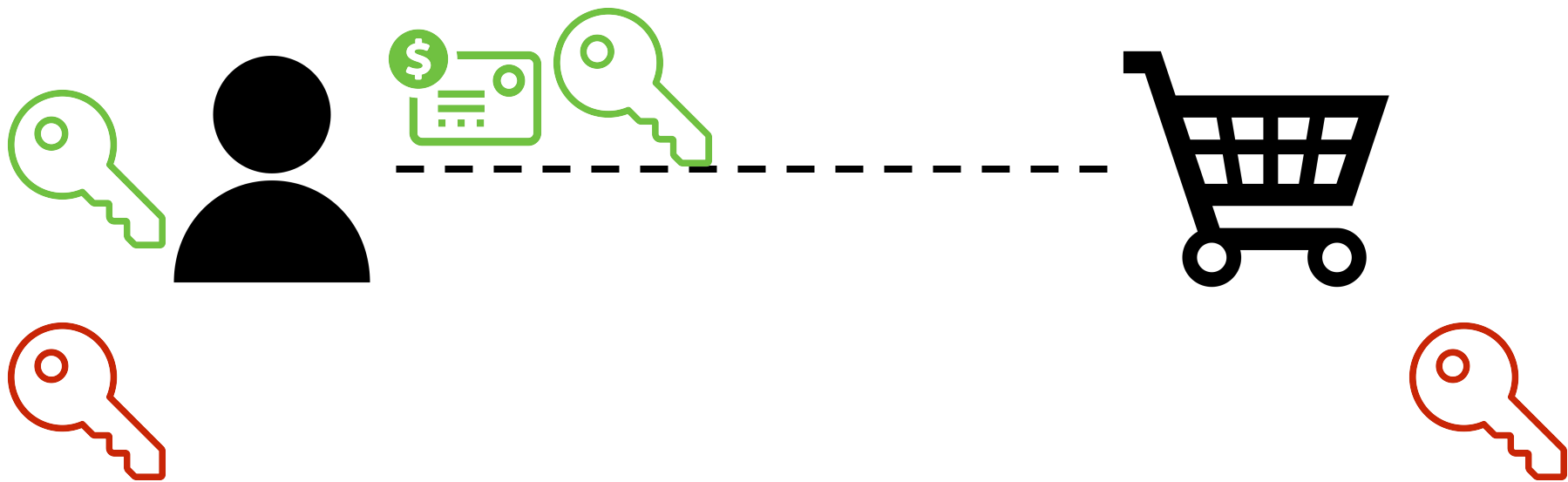
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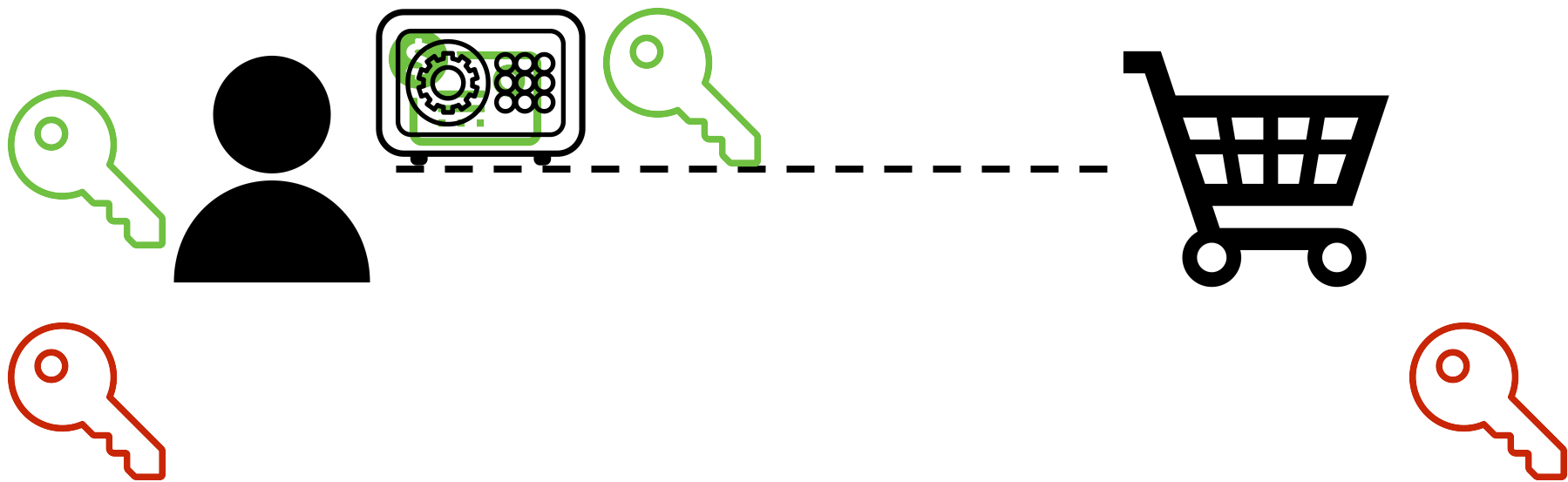


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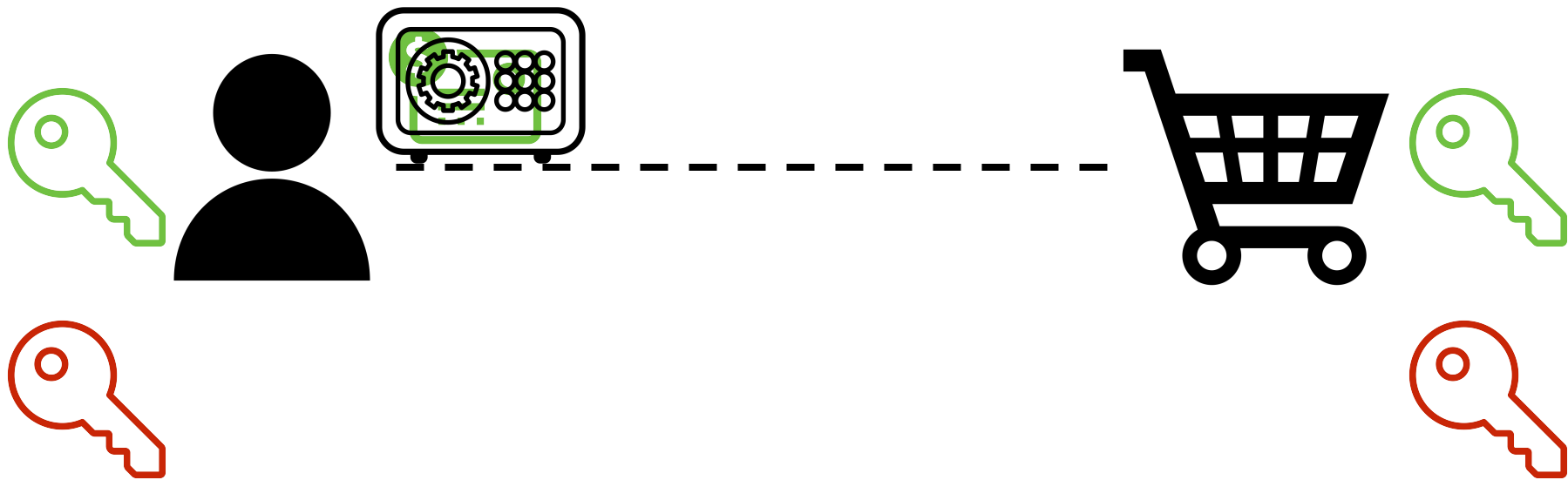




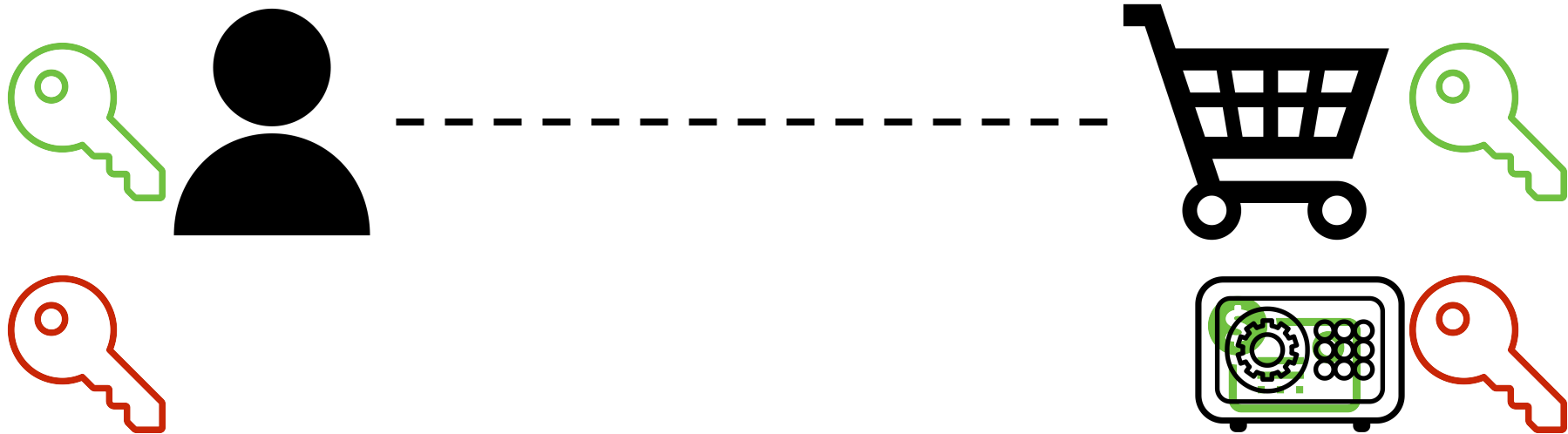
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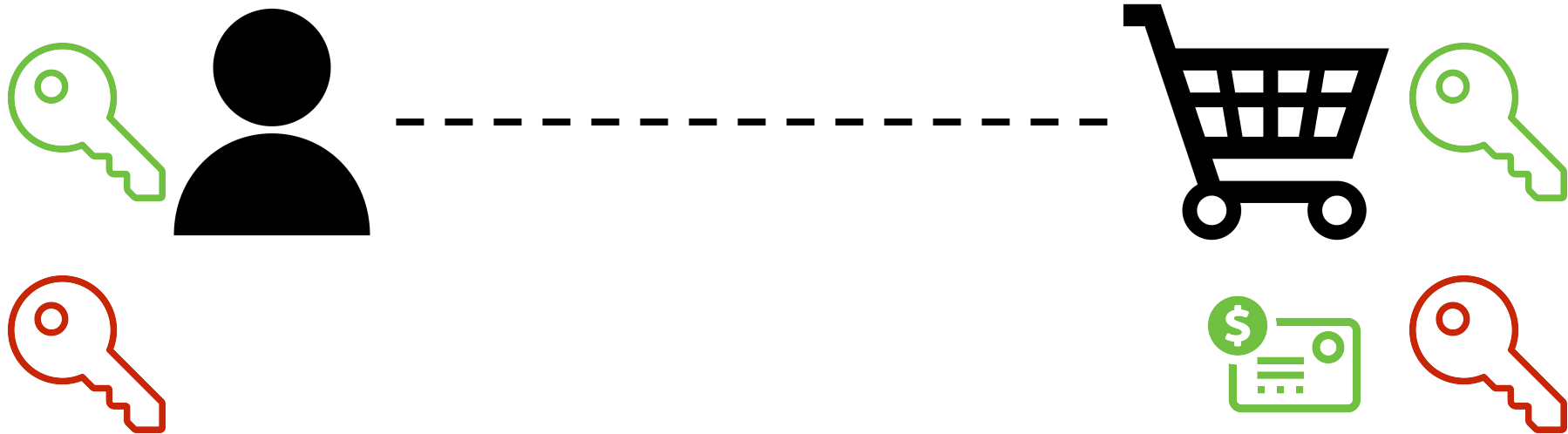
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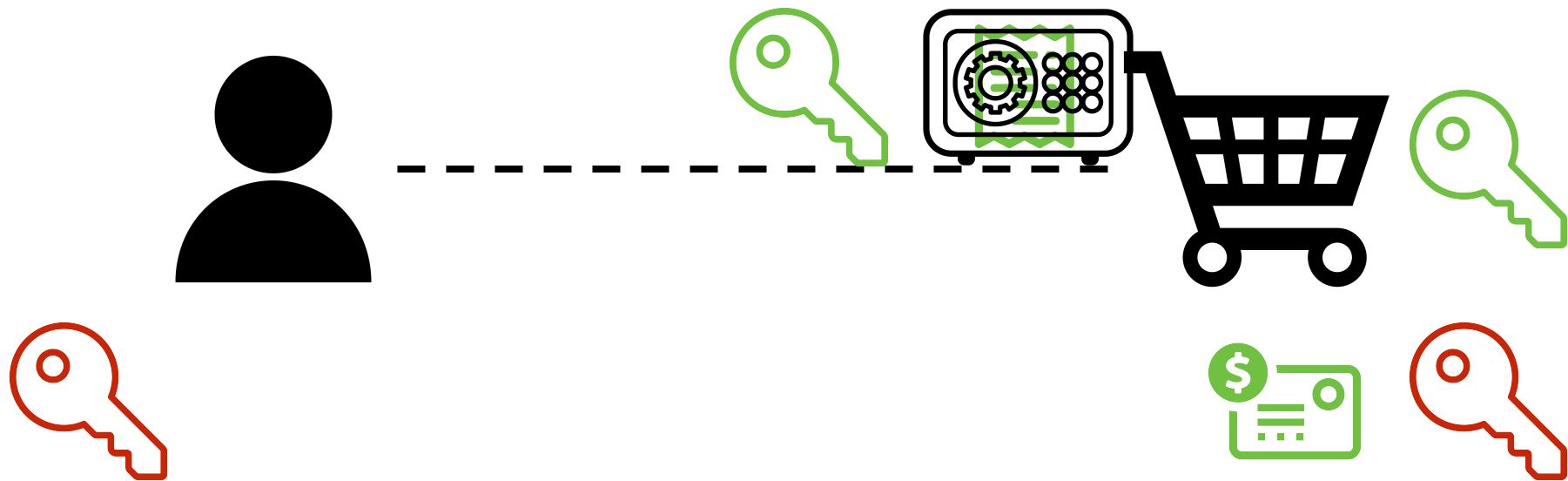
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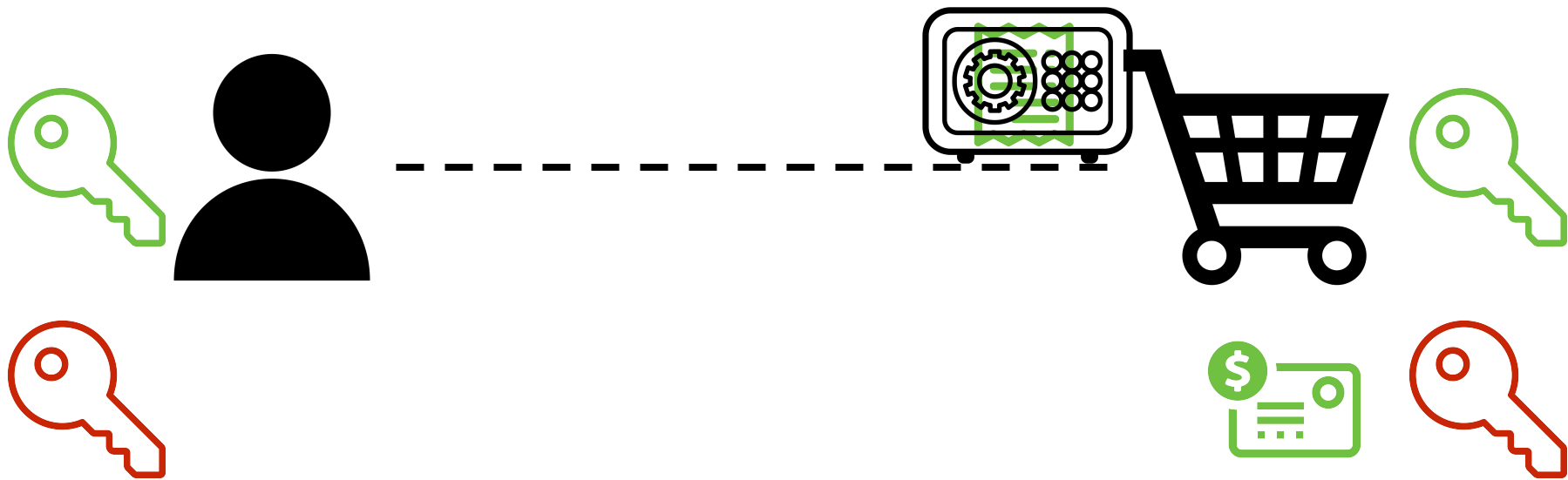
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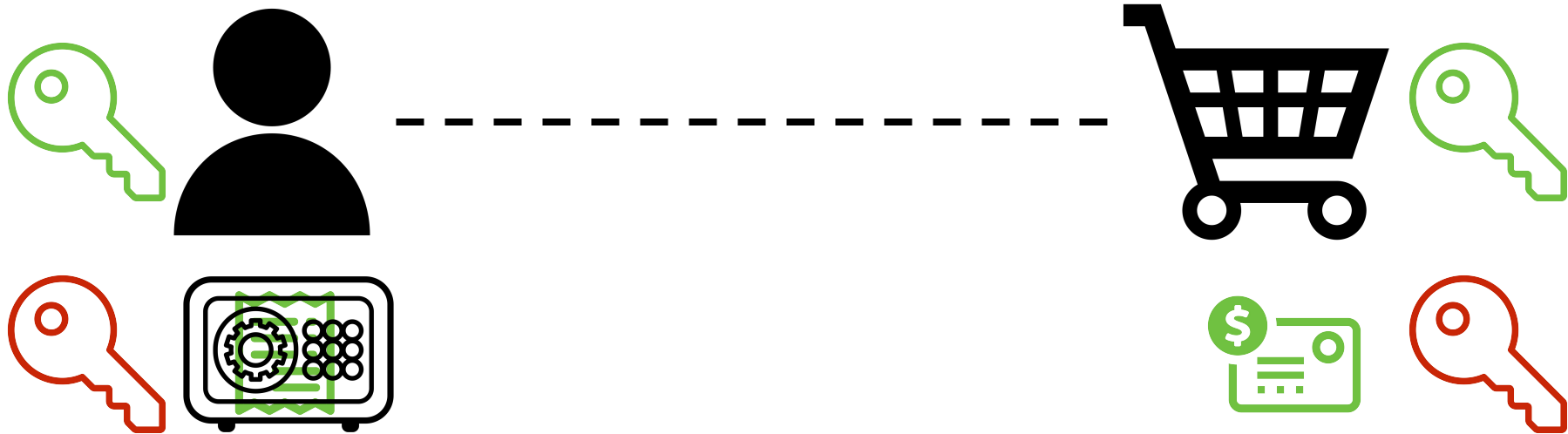


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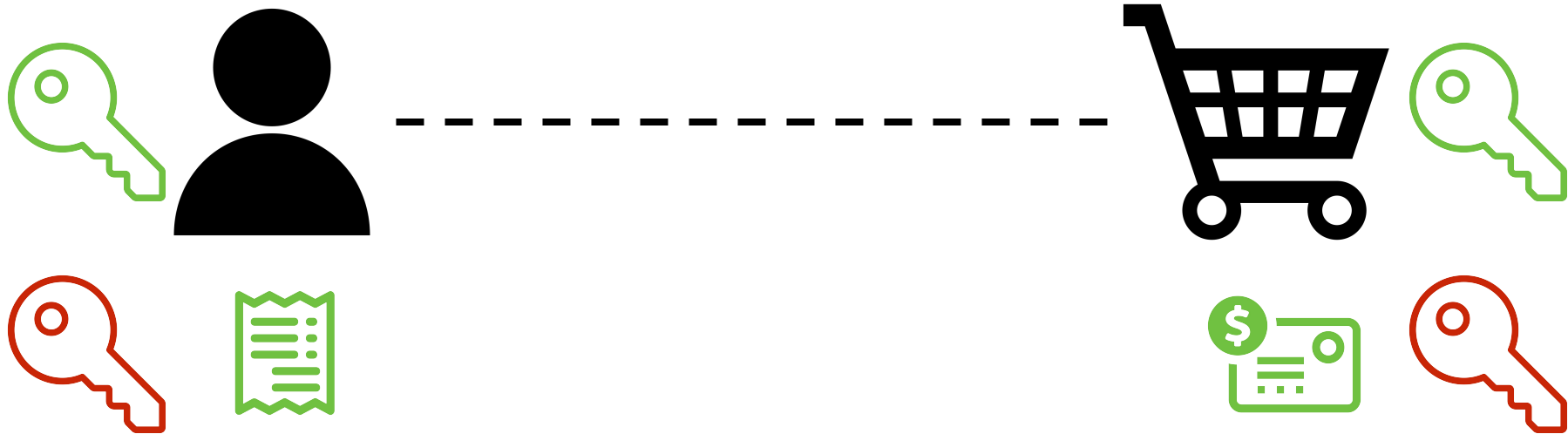




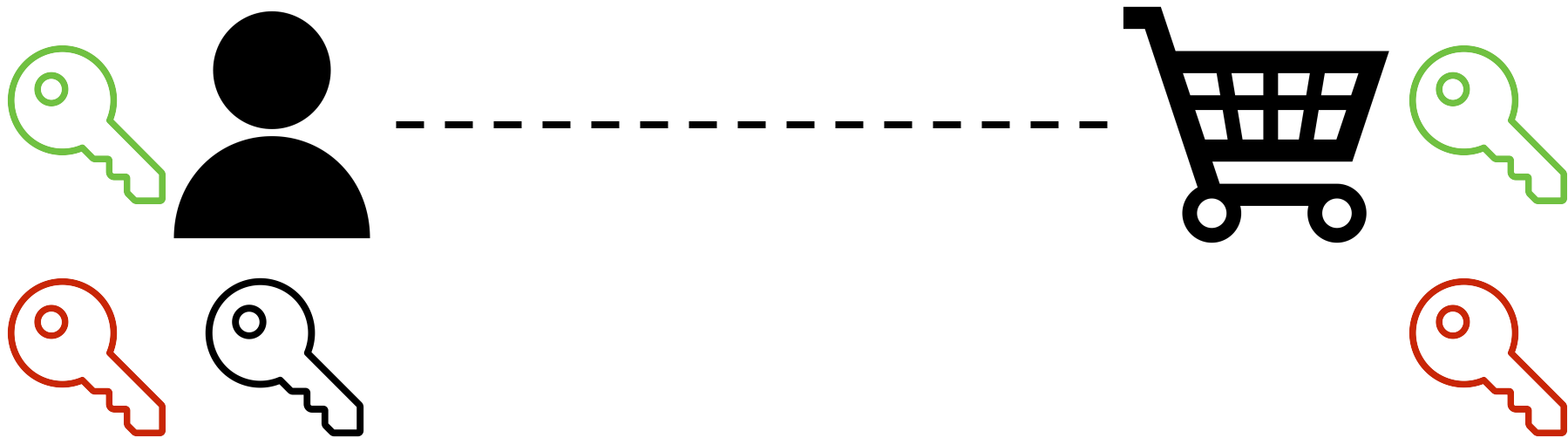
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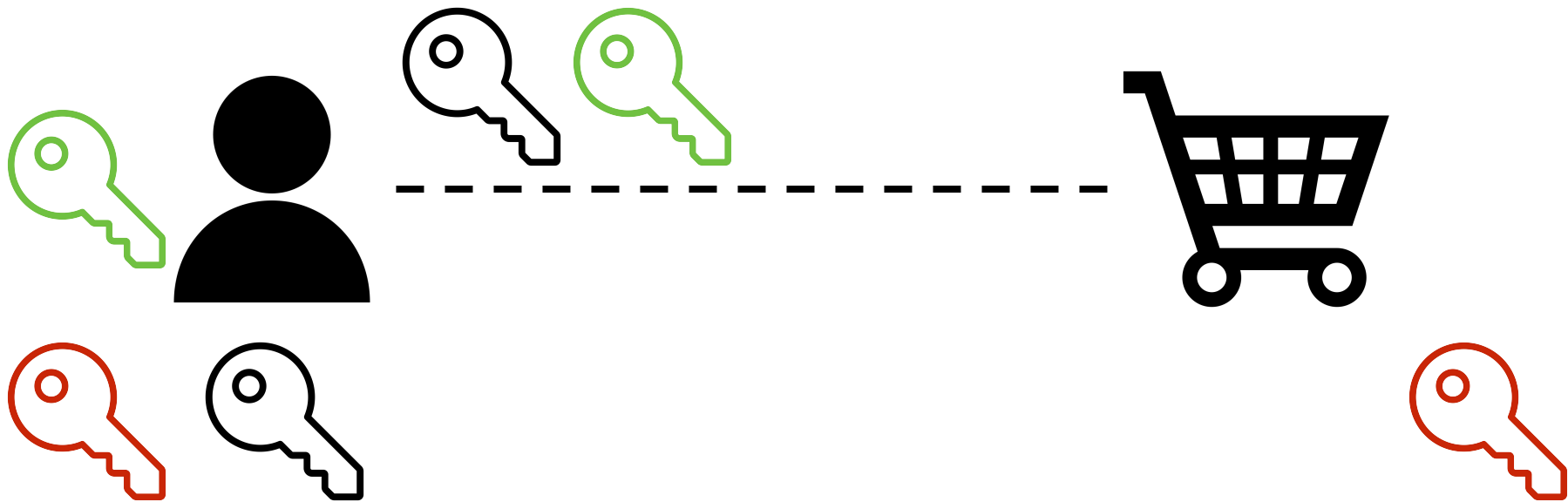
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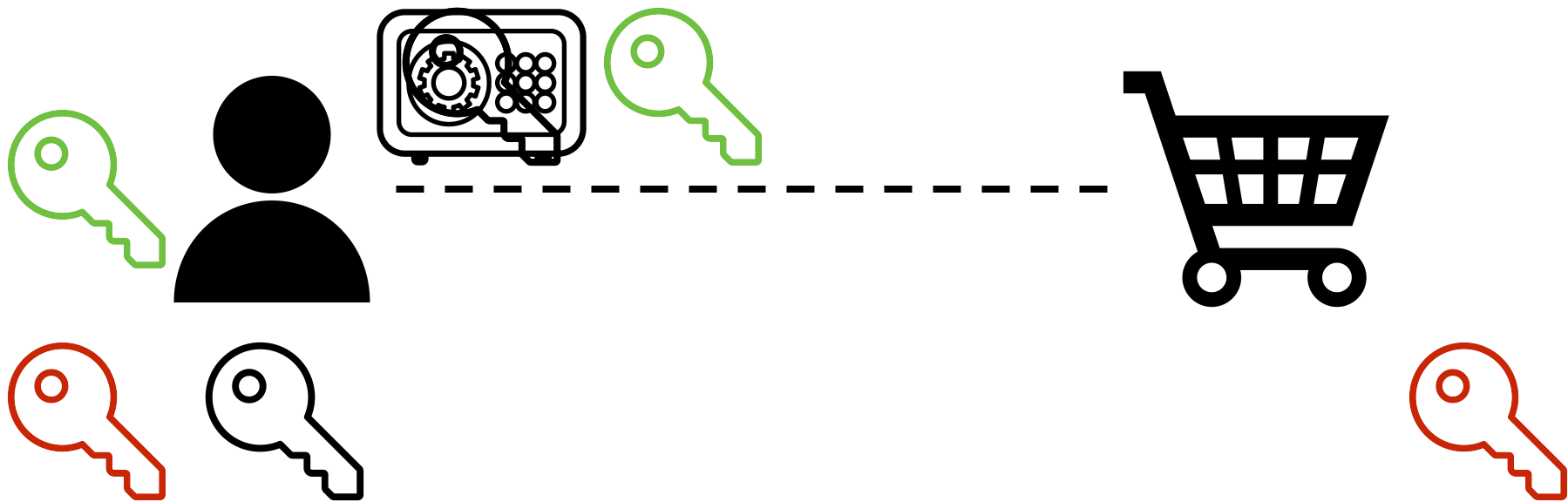
# Public Key Encryption: Ease Computational Reqs.



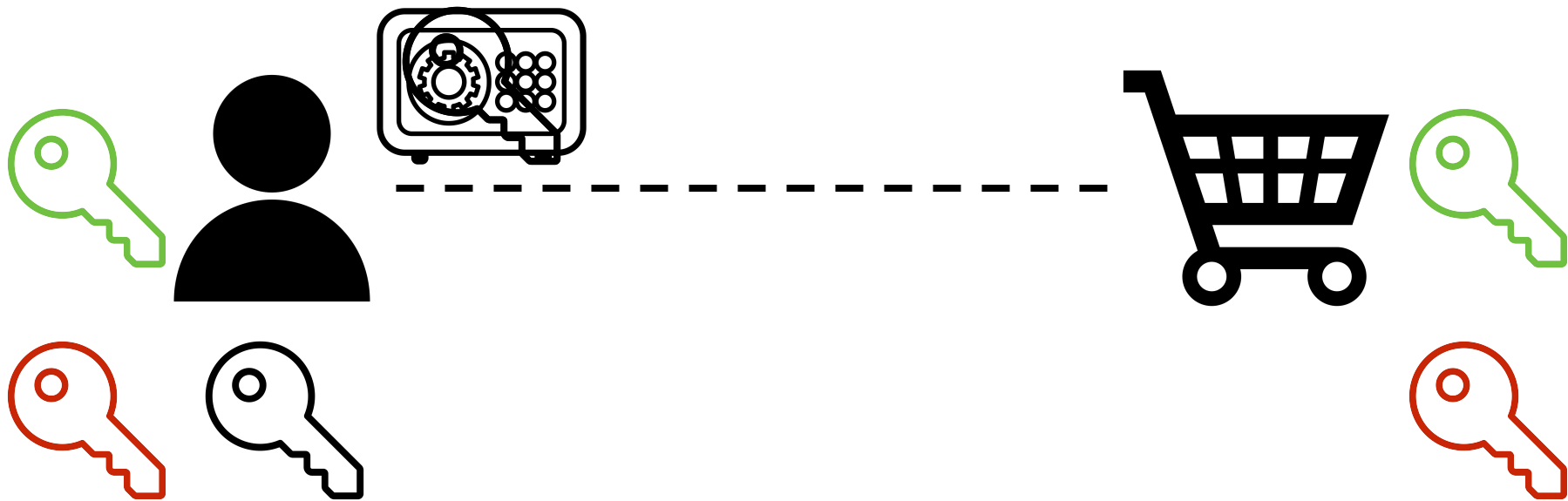
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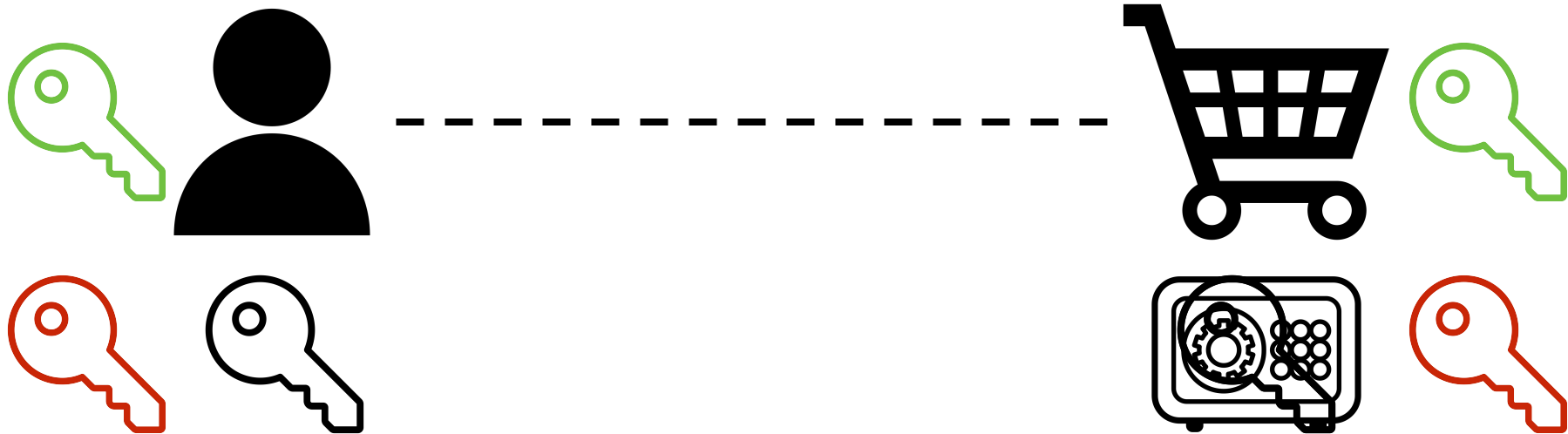
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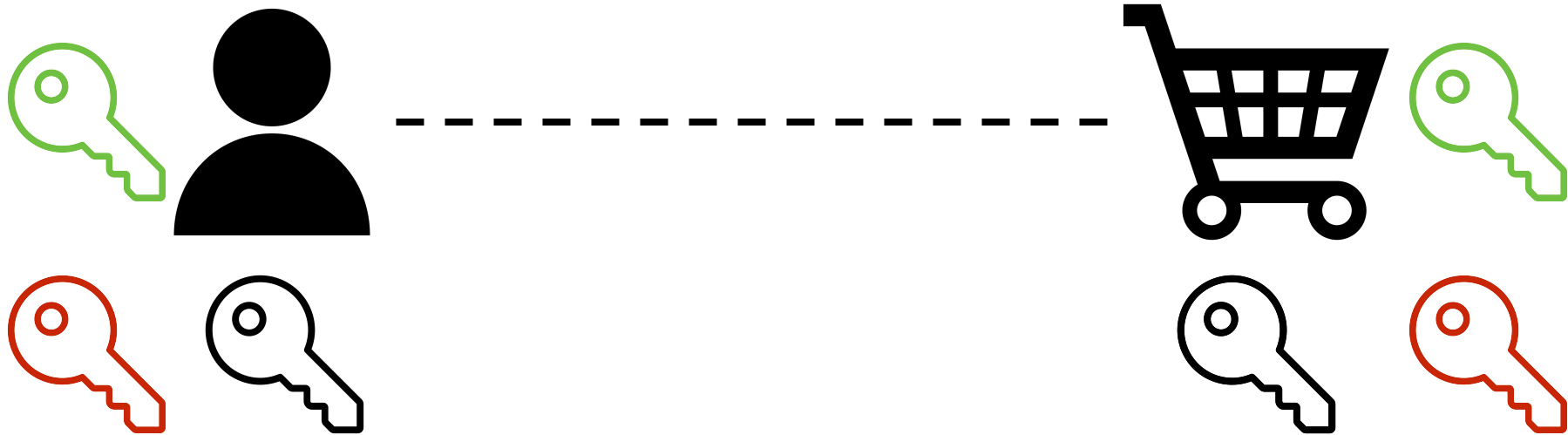
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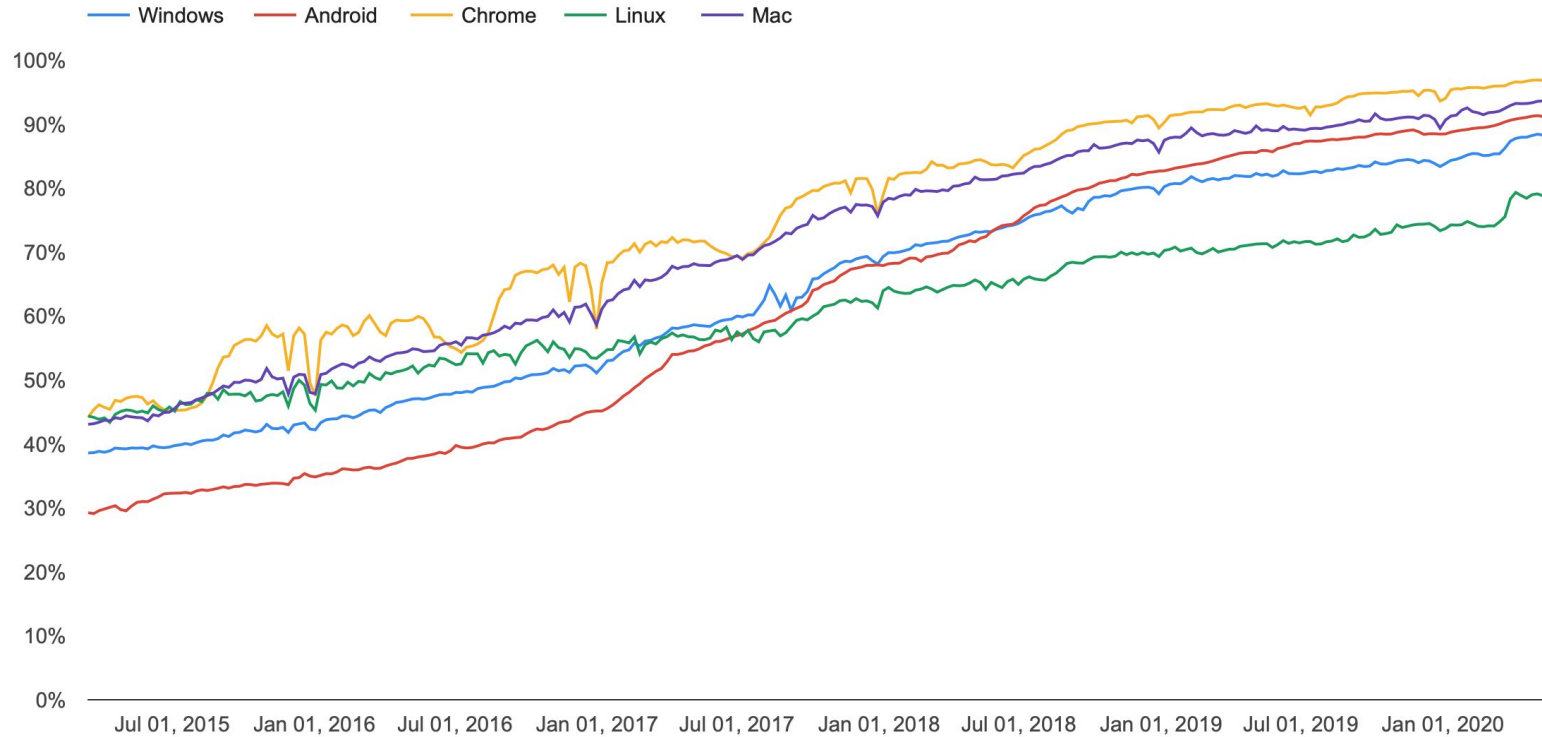


Secure

<https://www.google.com/>

# HTTPS Adoption ([link](#))

Percentage of pages loaded over HTTPS in Chrome by platform



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**A little fun learning ... with movies!**















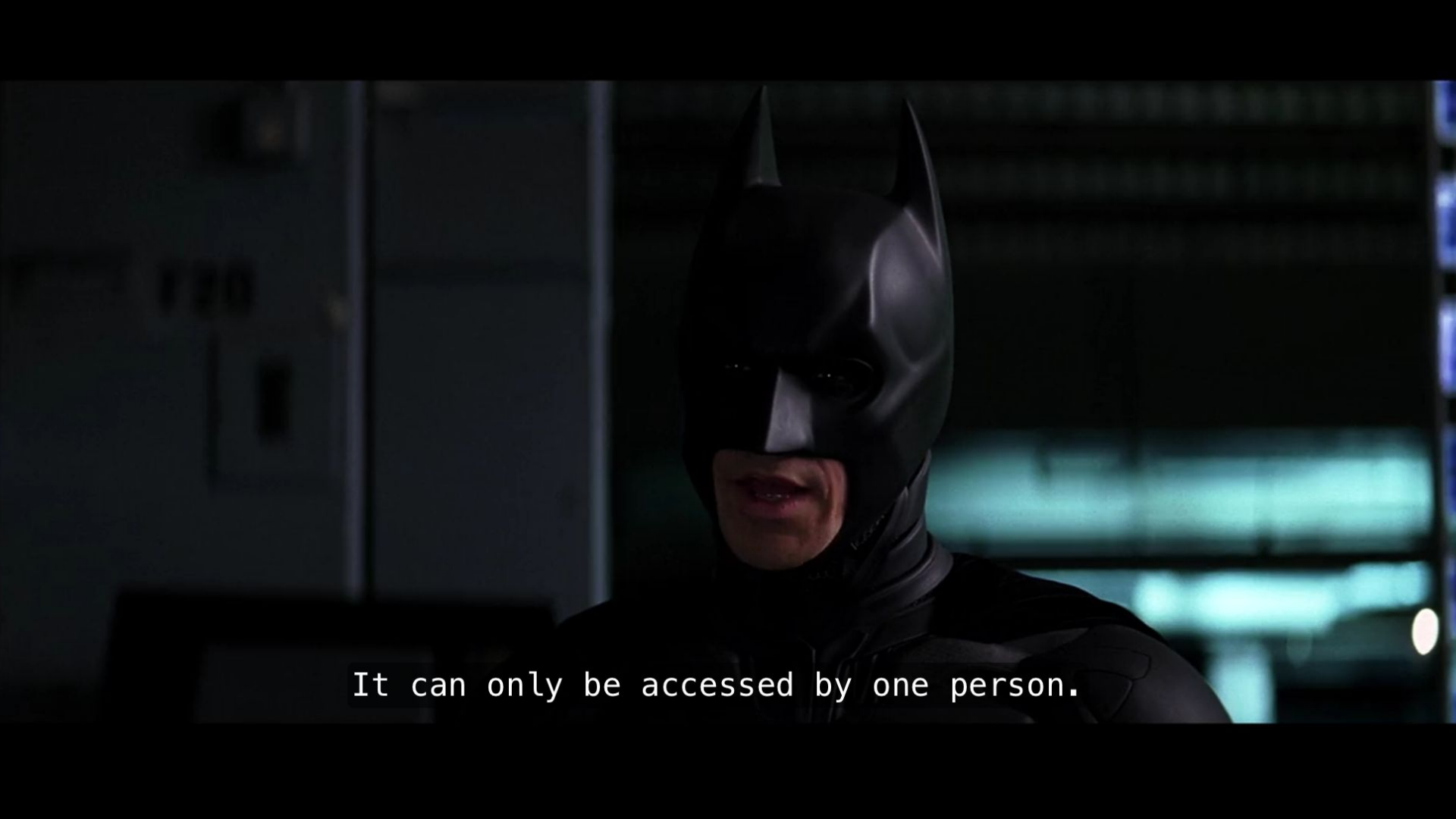
**One of the greatest movies of all time ...  
if not THE greatest is ...**





A close-up shot of Batman wearing his iconic black cowl and suit. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is dark and filled with blurred lights, suggesting a high-tech or industrial setting. The overall lighting is low, with some cyan-colored highlights in the background.

The database is null-key encrypted.

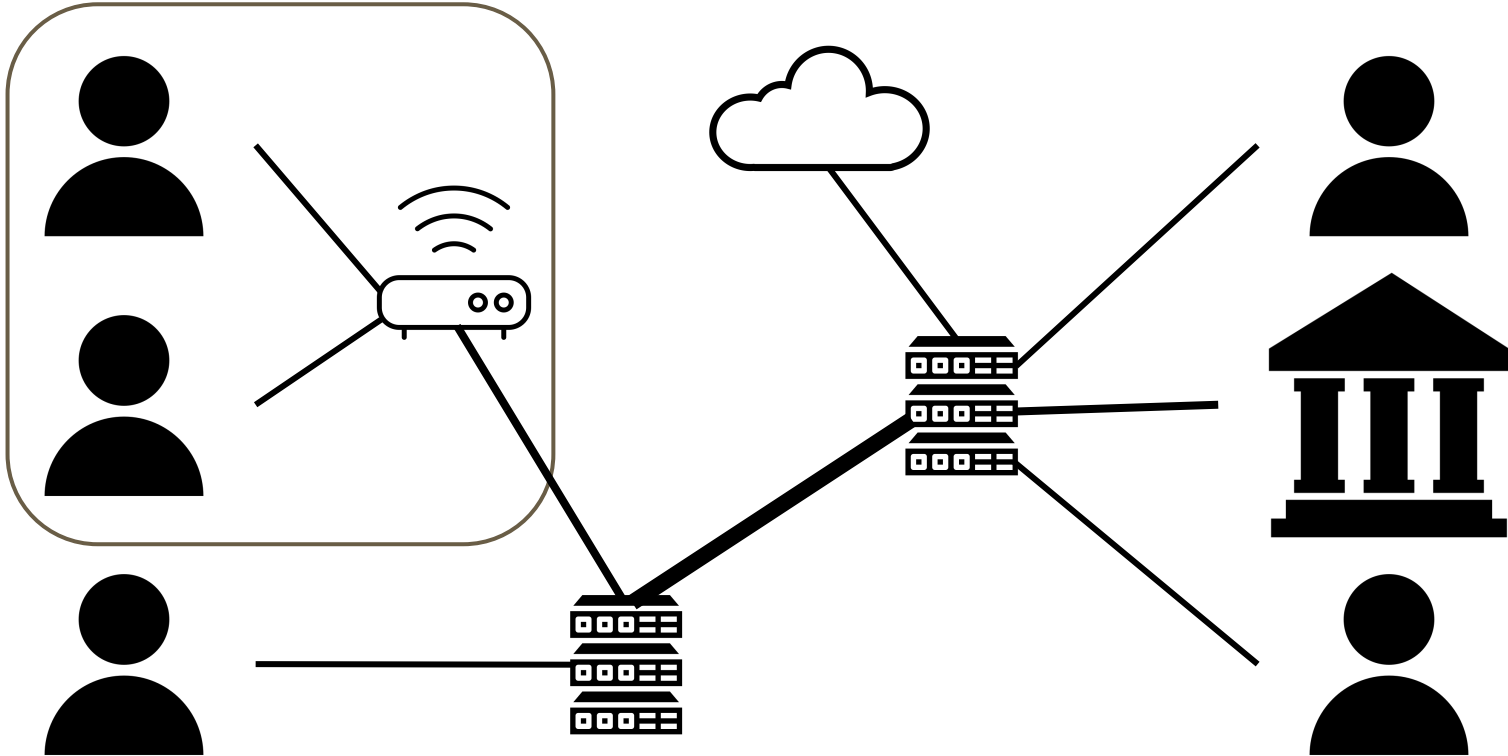
A close-up shot of Batman wearing his iconic black cowl and suit. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is dark and out of focus, showing what appears to be a computer monitor with some blue light. The overall lighting is low, creating a moody atmosphere.

It can only be accessed by one person.

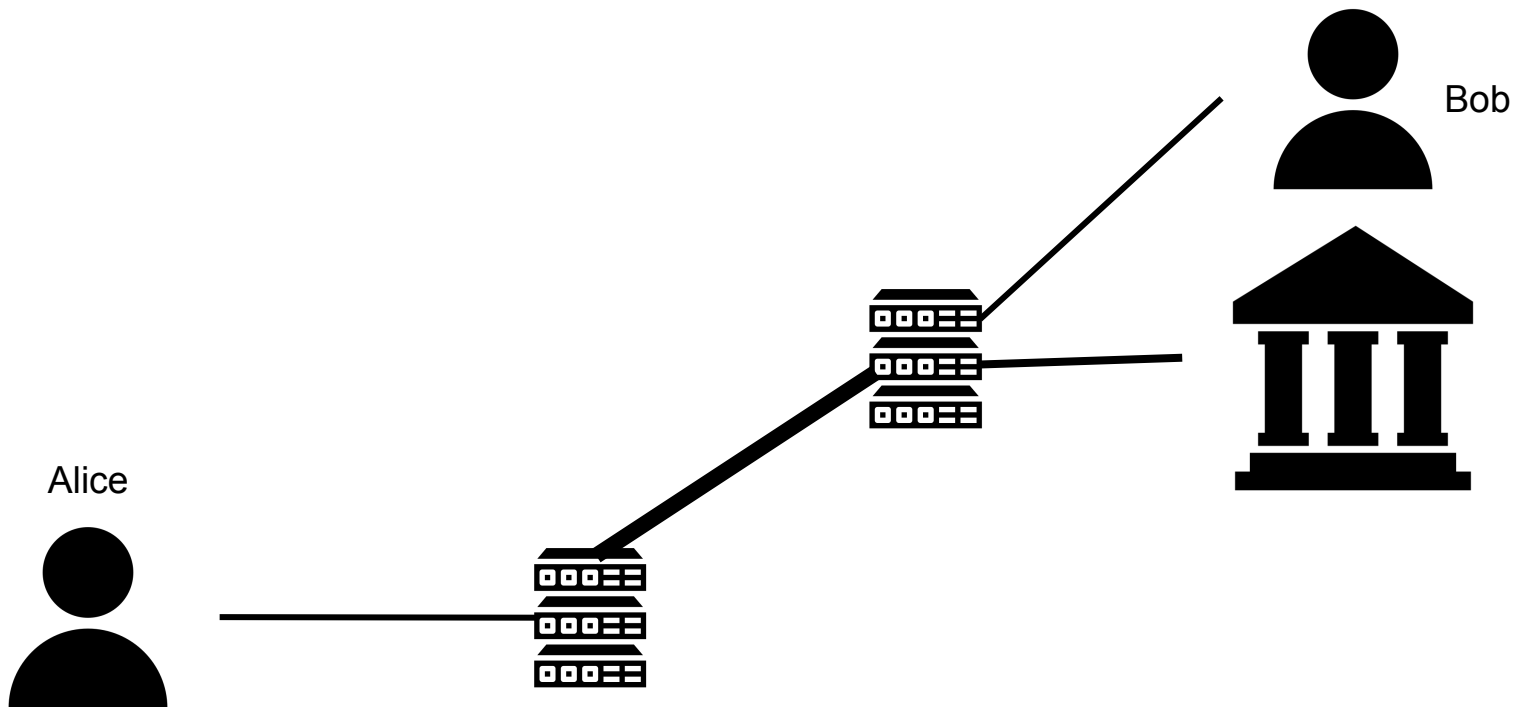
**Aren't movies fun?!**  
**Back to our impostor ...**



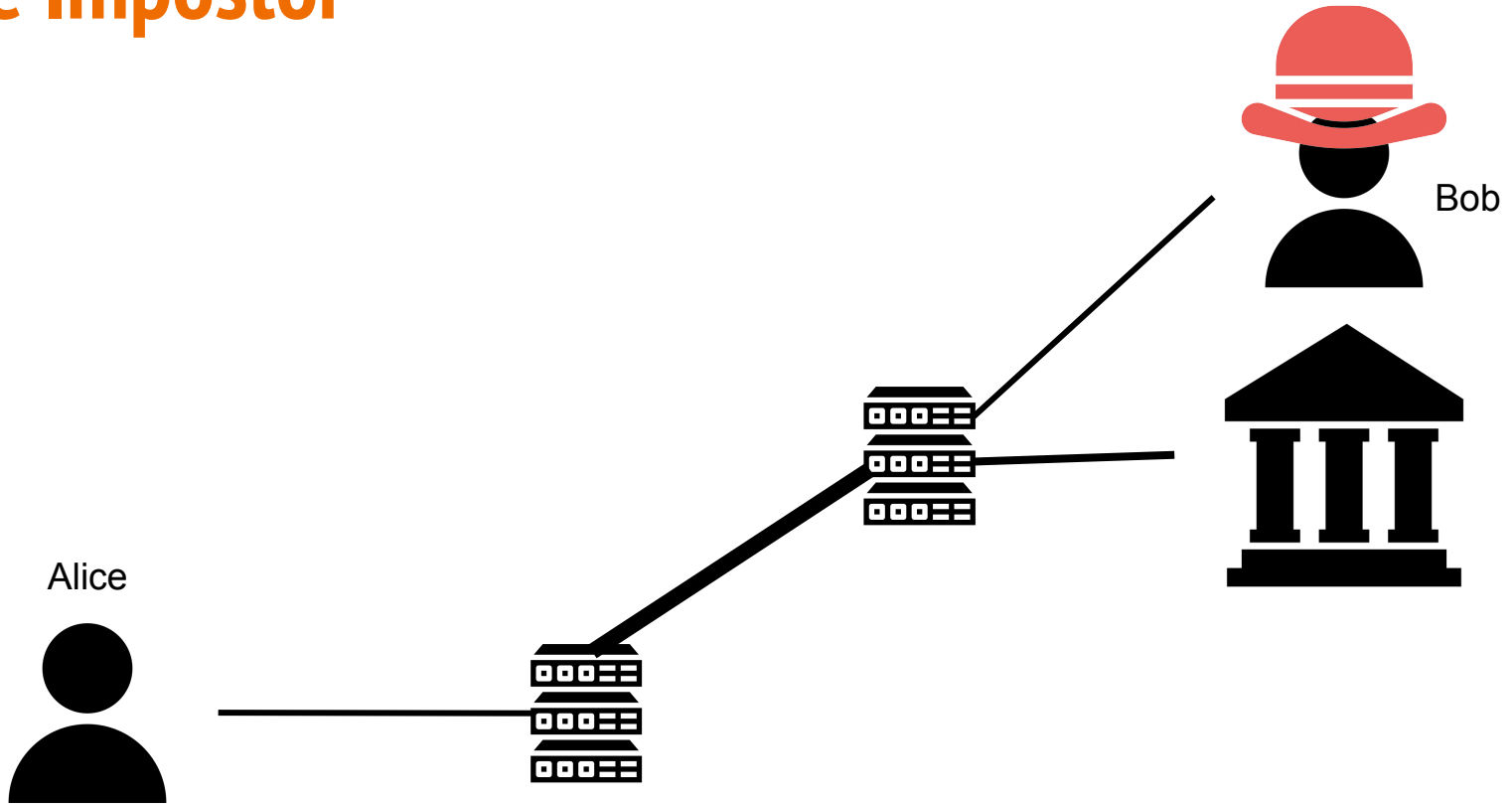
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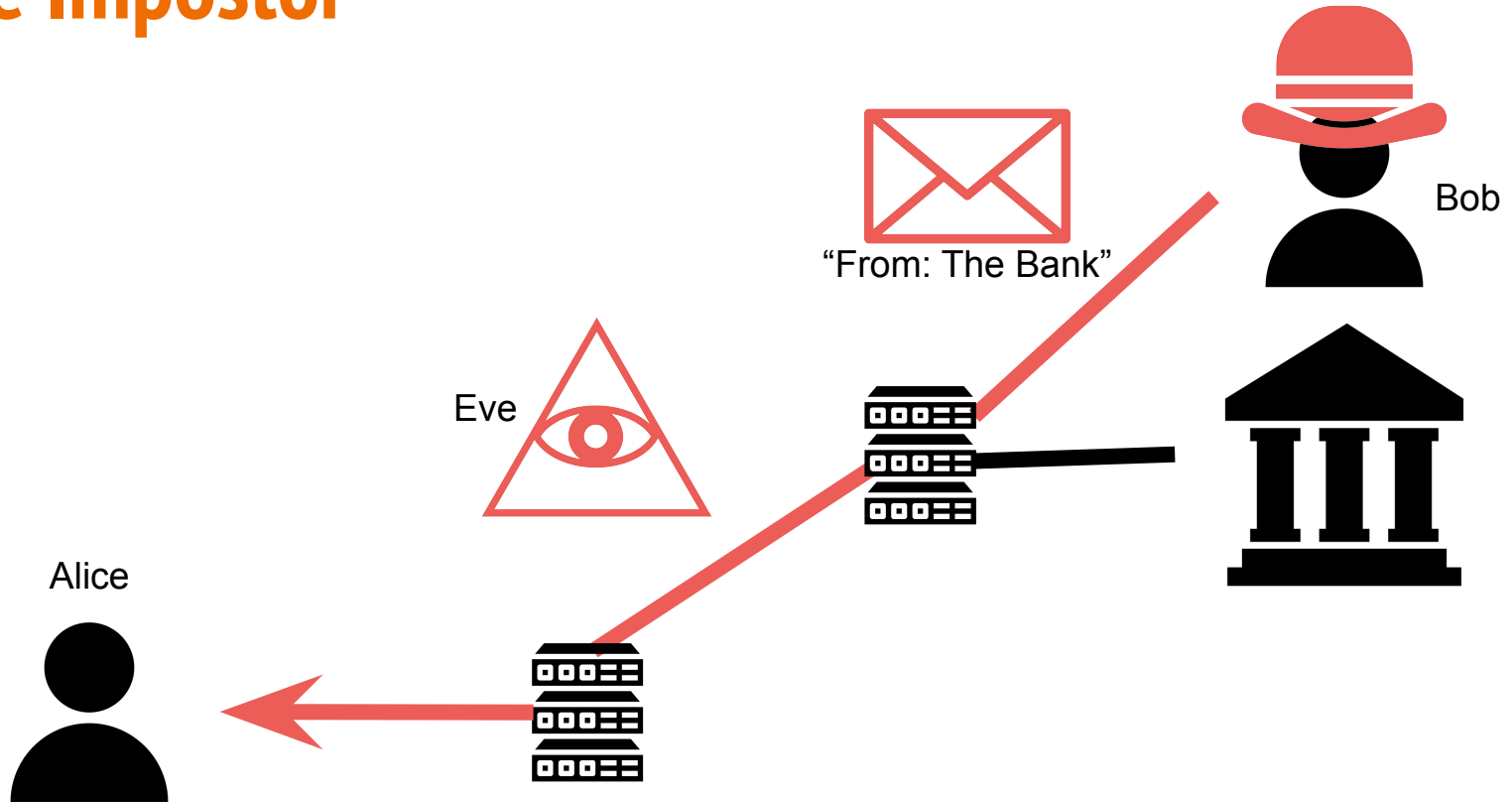
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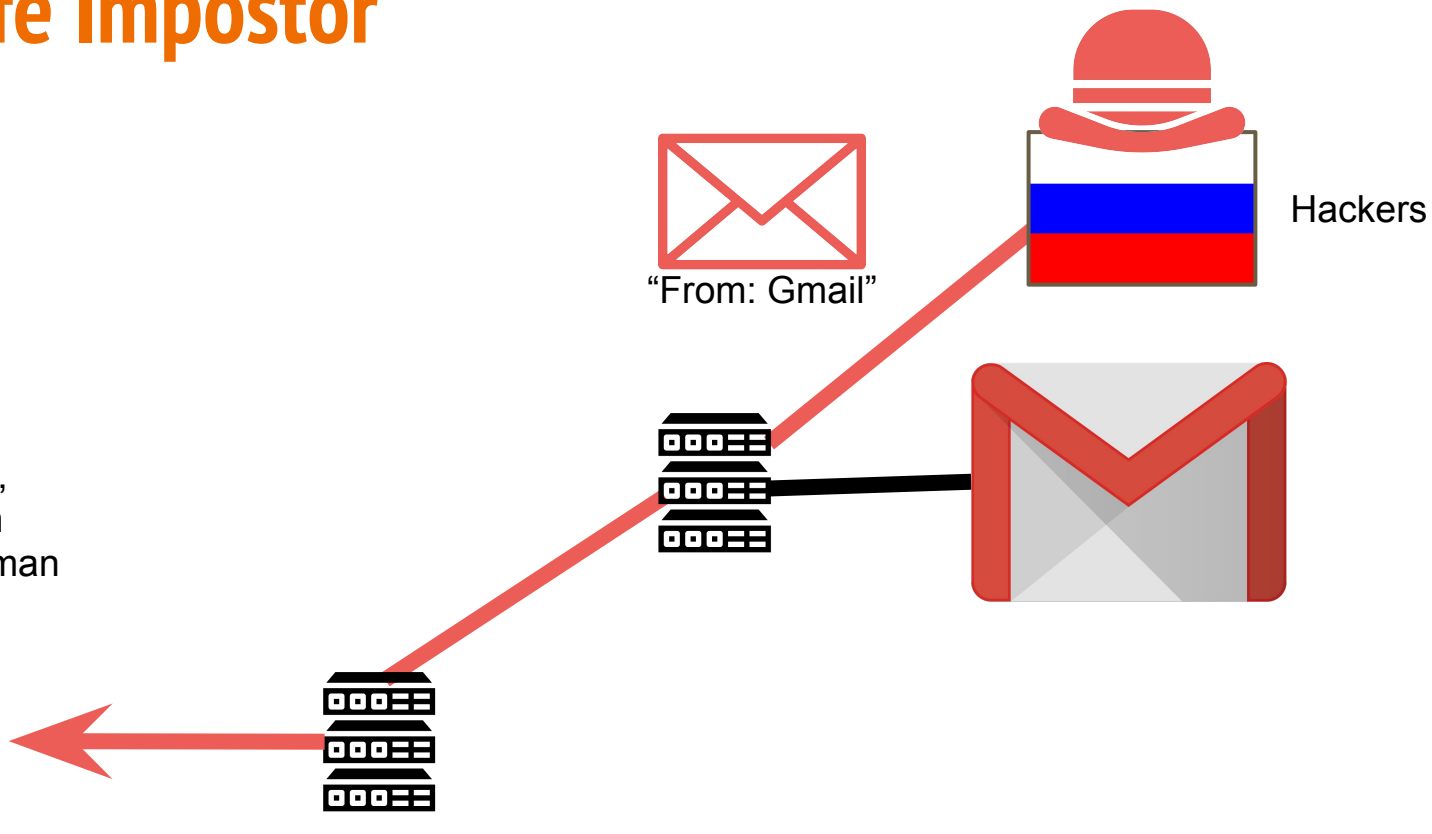


# The Impostor



# A Real-Life Impostor

John Podesta,  
Hillary Clinton  
Campaign Chairman



> Someone just used your password to try to sign in to your Google Account

> john.podesta@gmail.com.

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> Details:

> Saturday, 19 March, 8:34:30 UTC

> IP Address: 134.249.139.239

> Location: Ukraine

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> Google stopped this sign-in attempt. You should change your password immediately.

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> CHANGE PASSWORD <<https://bit.ly/1PibSU0>>

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> Best,

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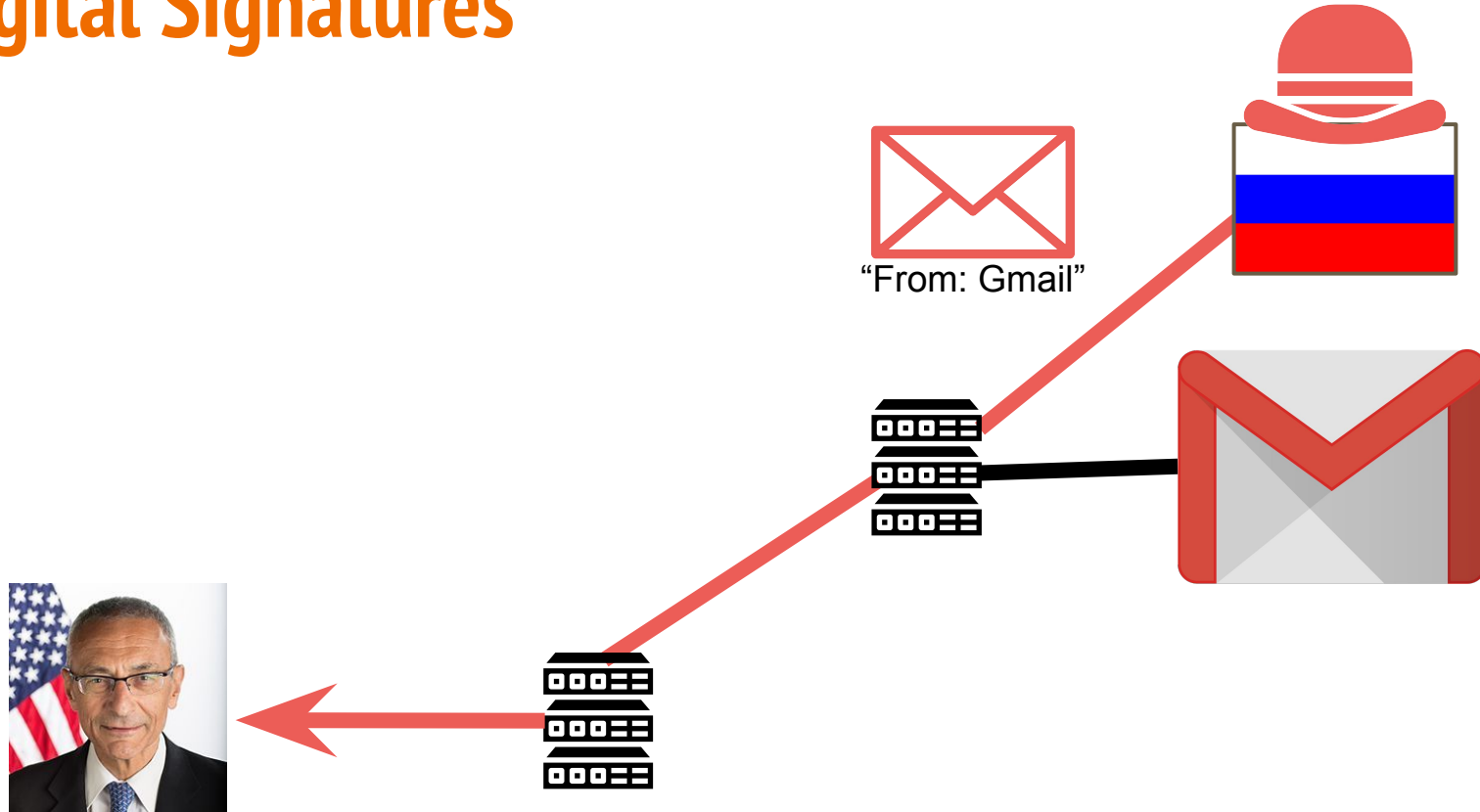
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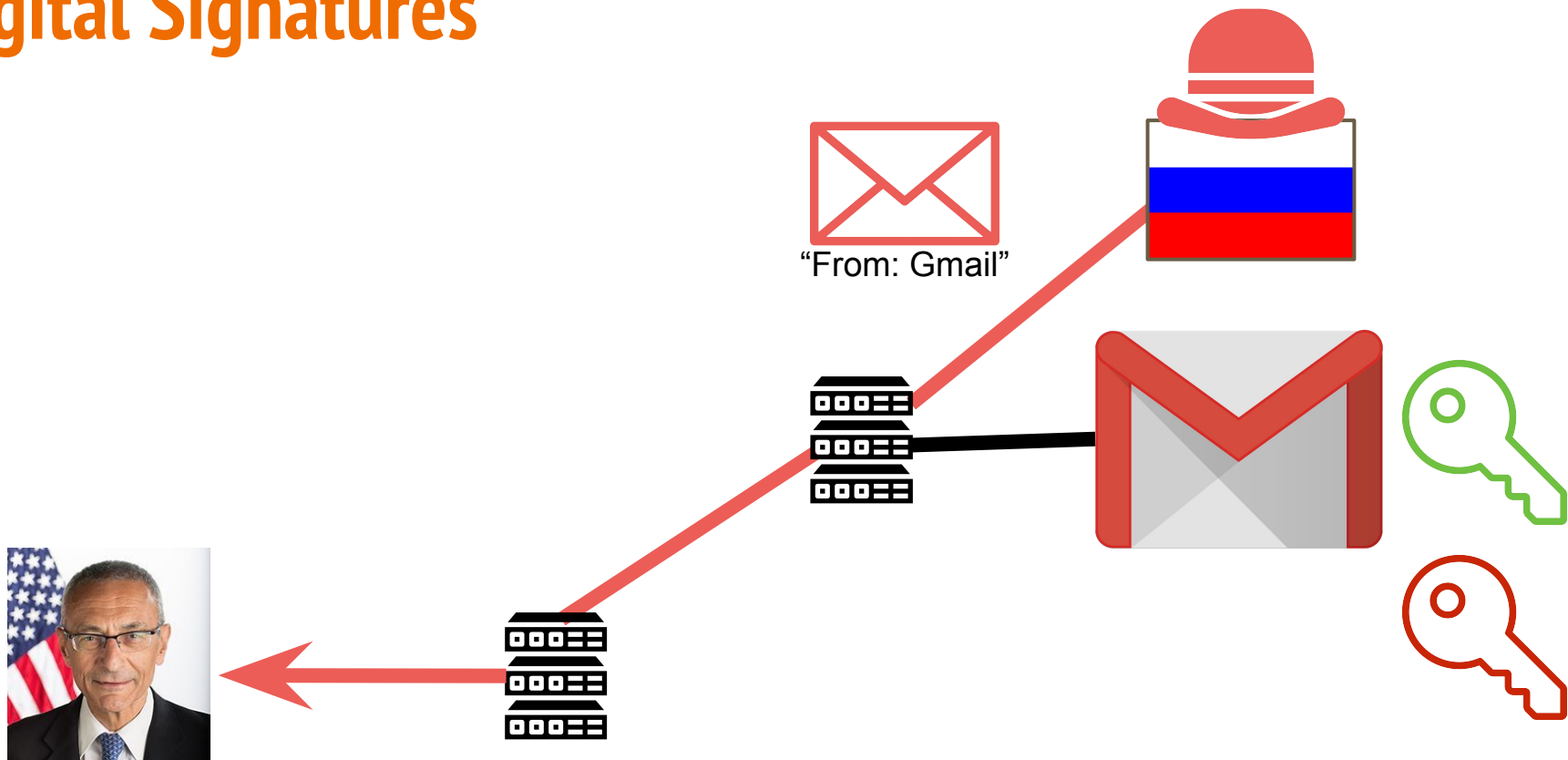
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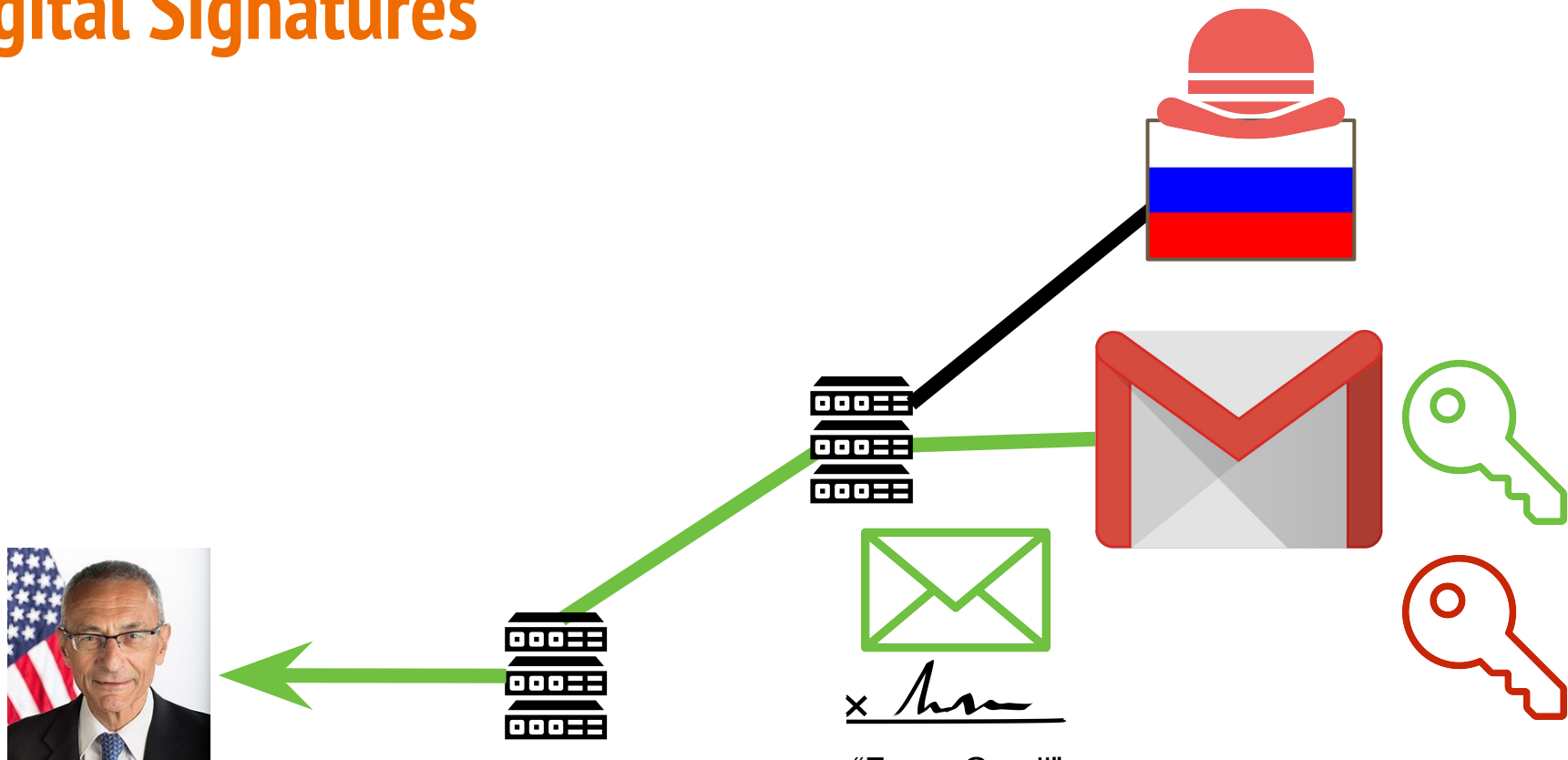




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**Sending Side**

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Private Key

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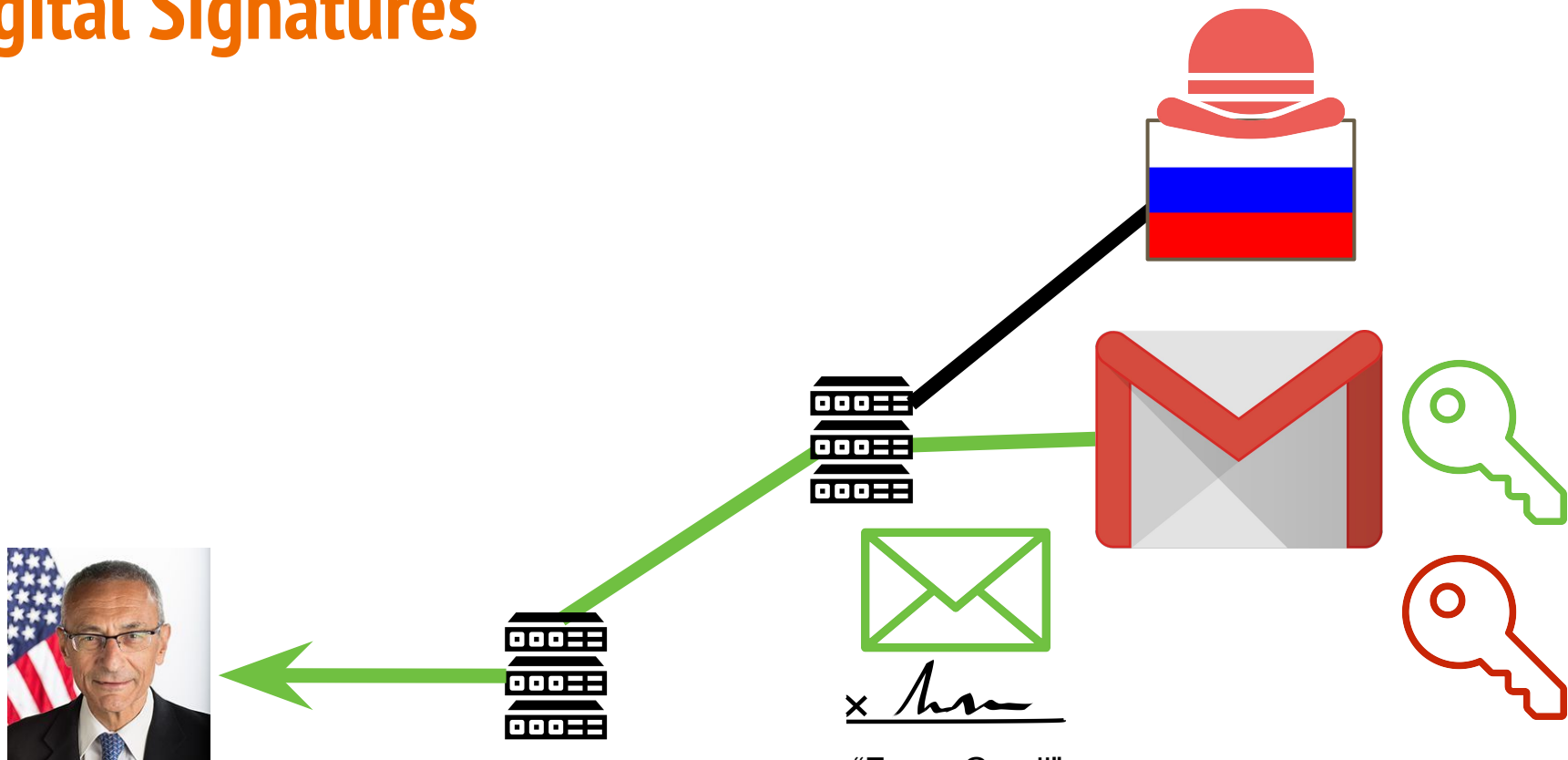
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Unique Digital Signature

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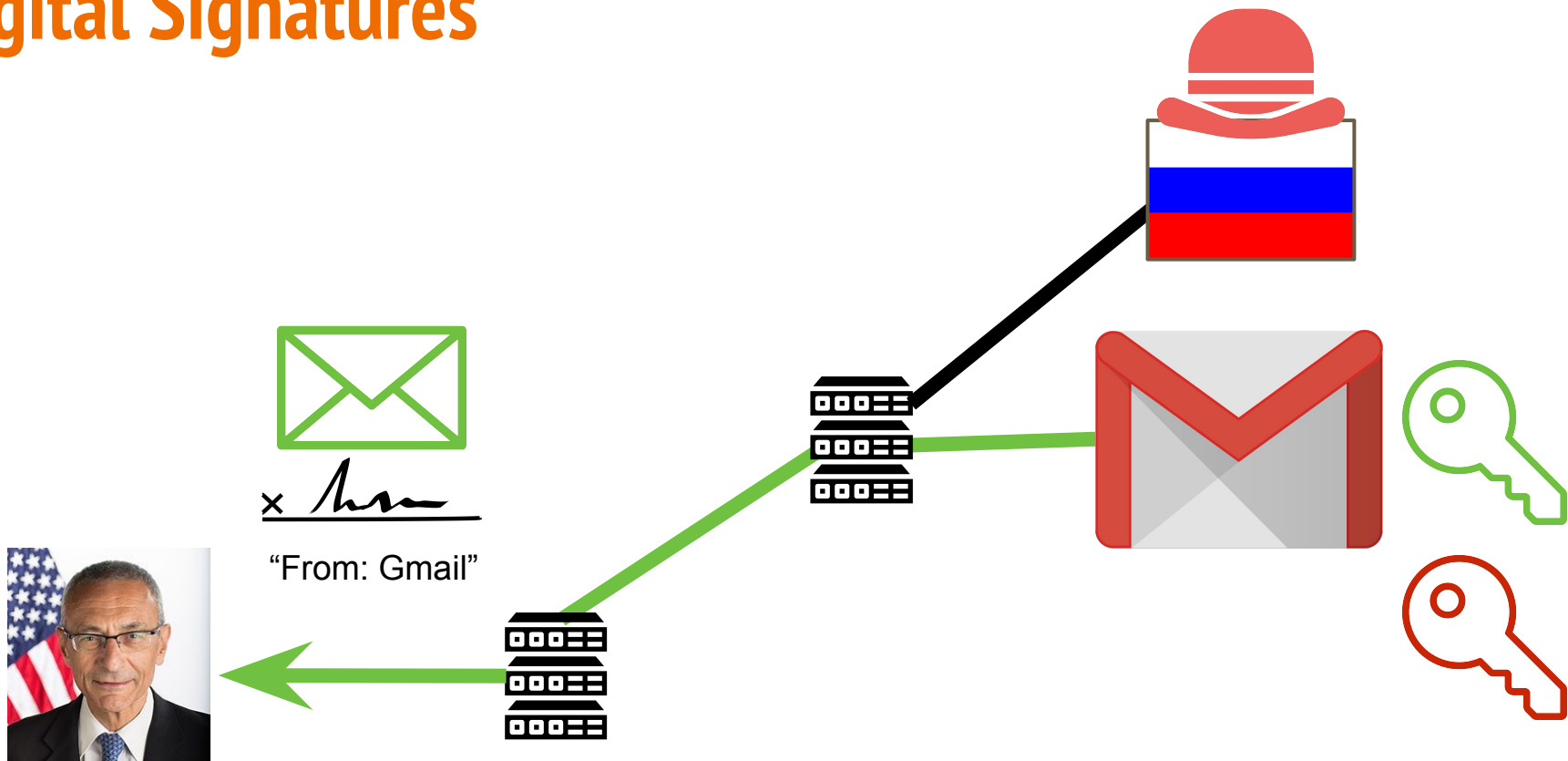
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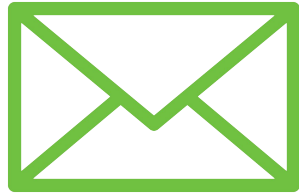
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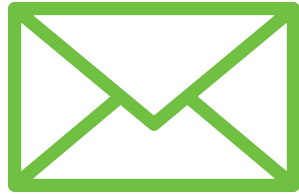
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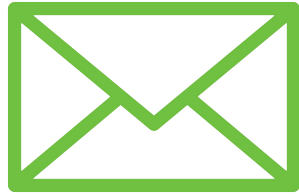
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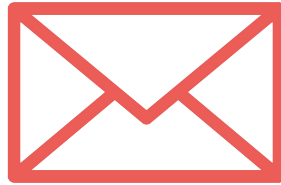


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Fraudulent  
Message

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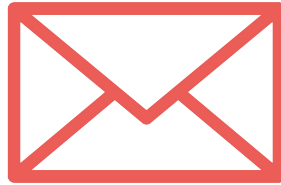
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Fraudulent  
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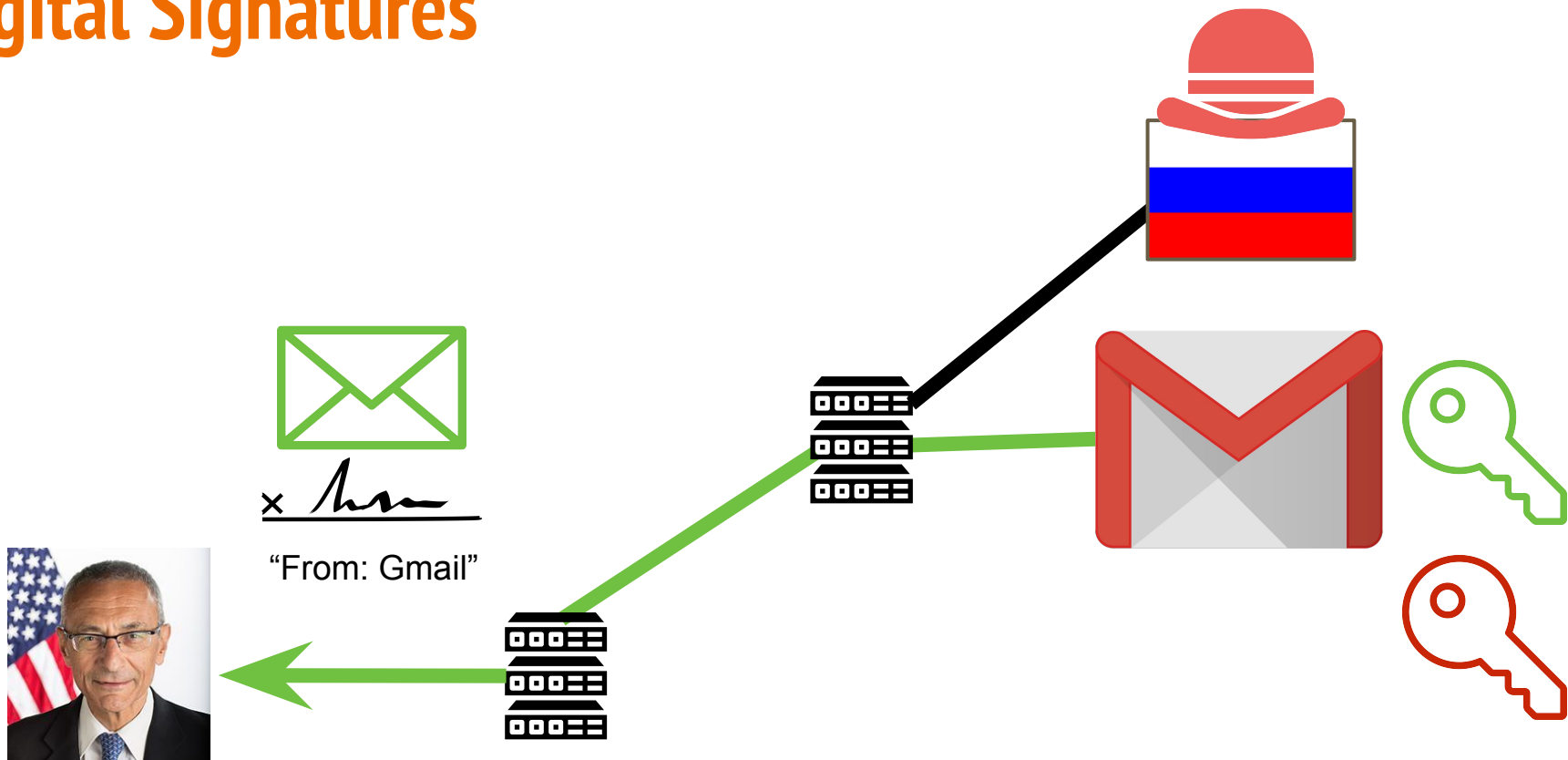
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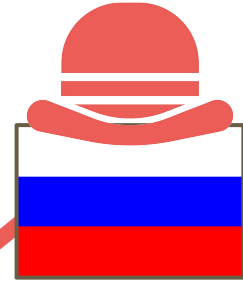
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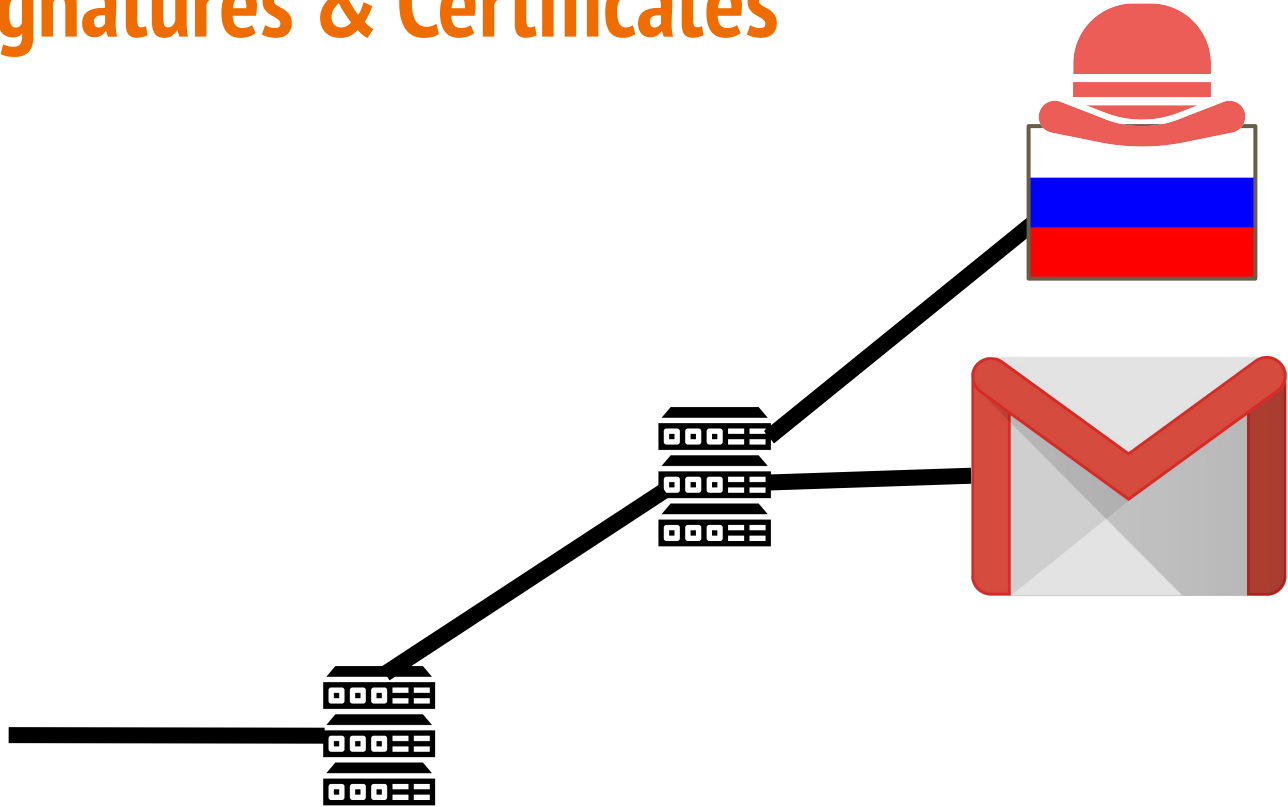
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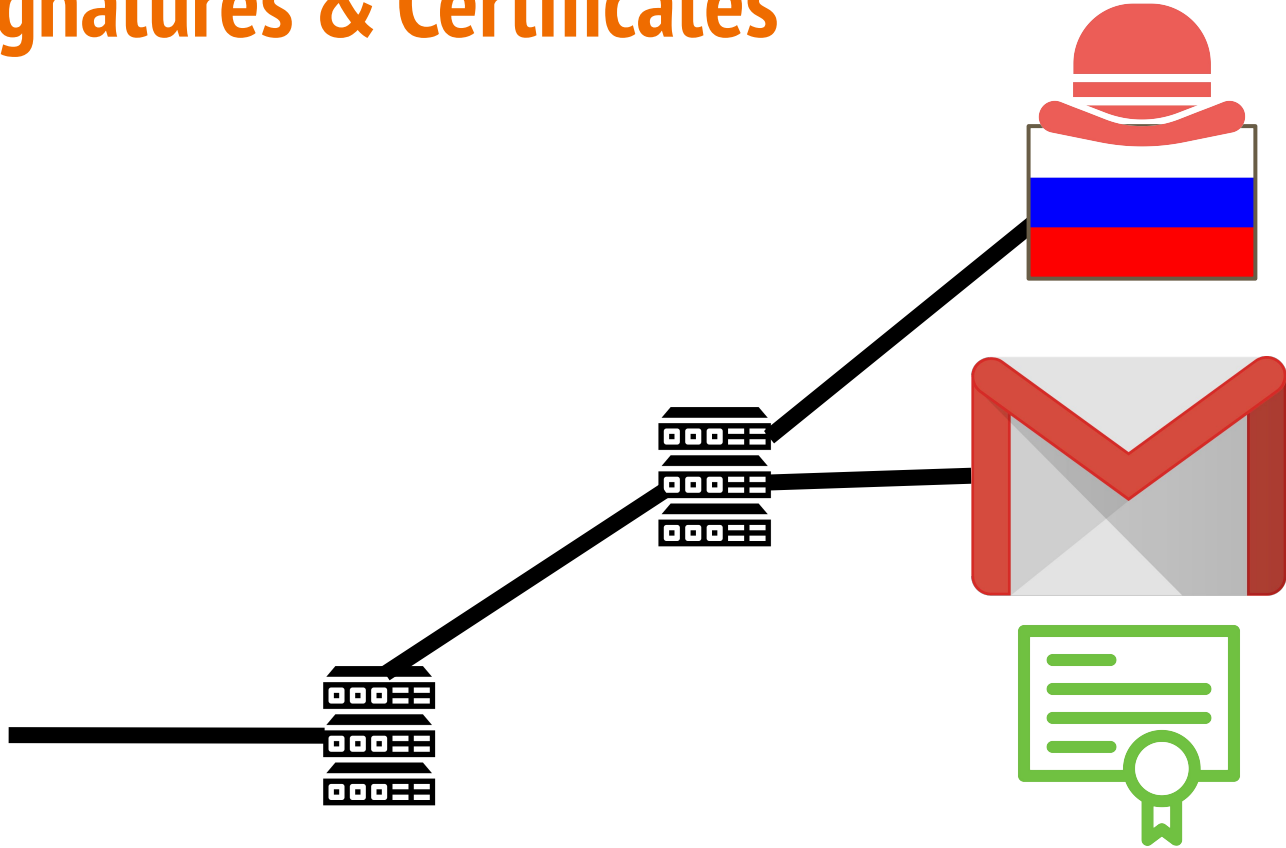
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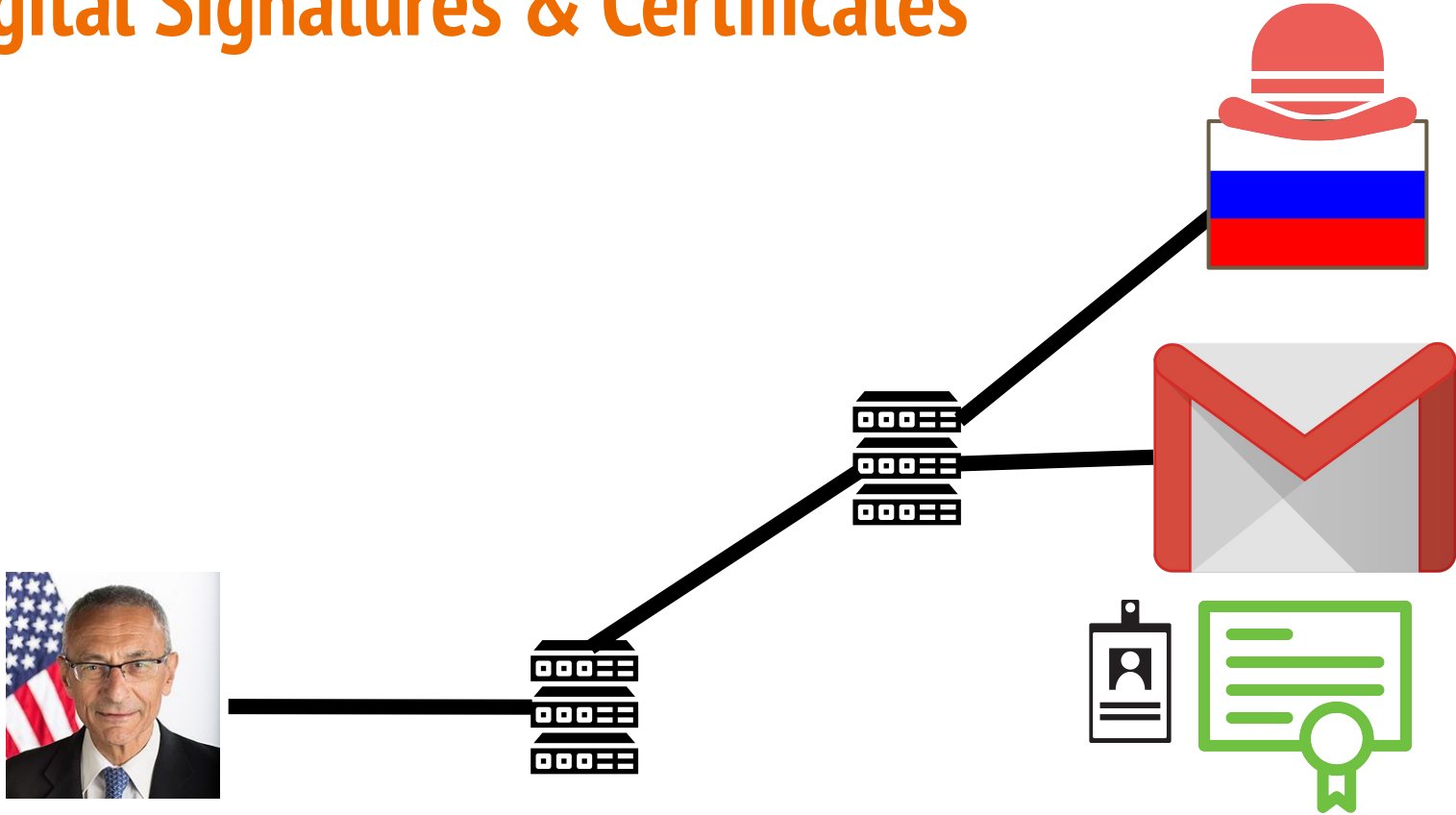
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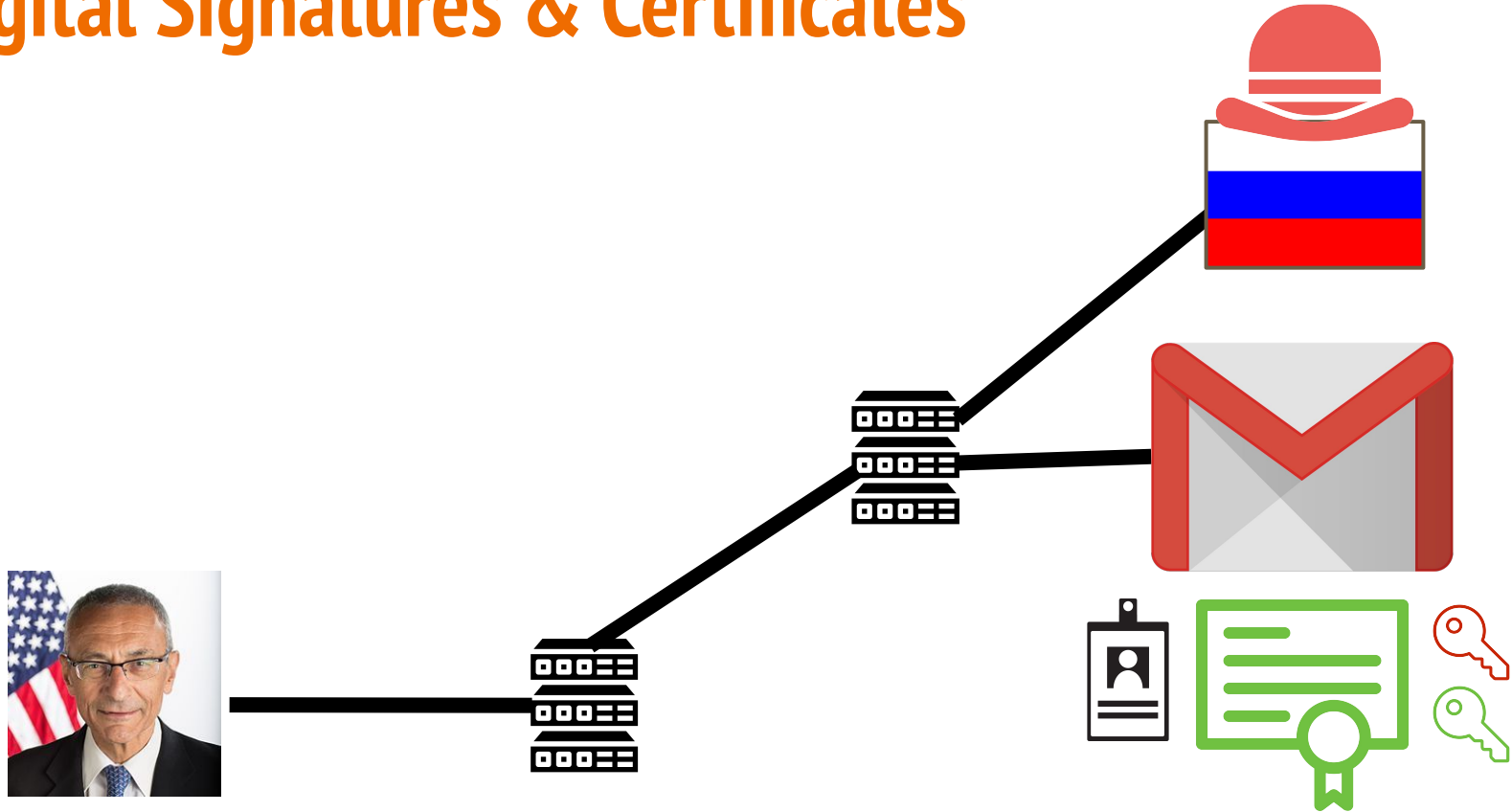
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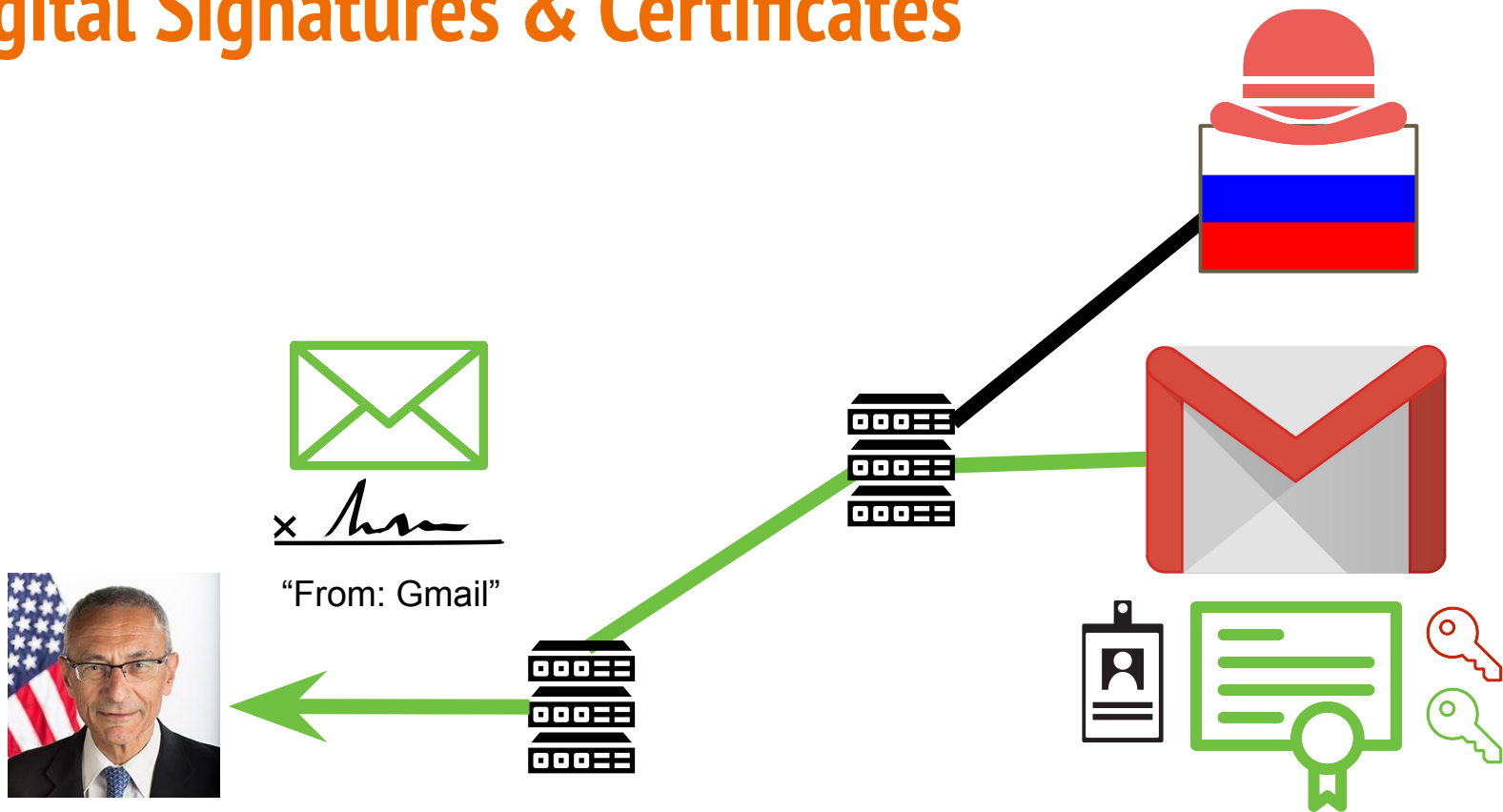
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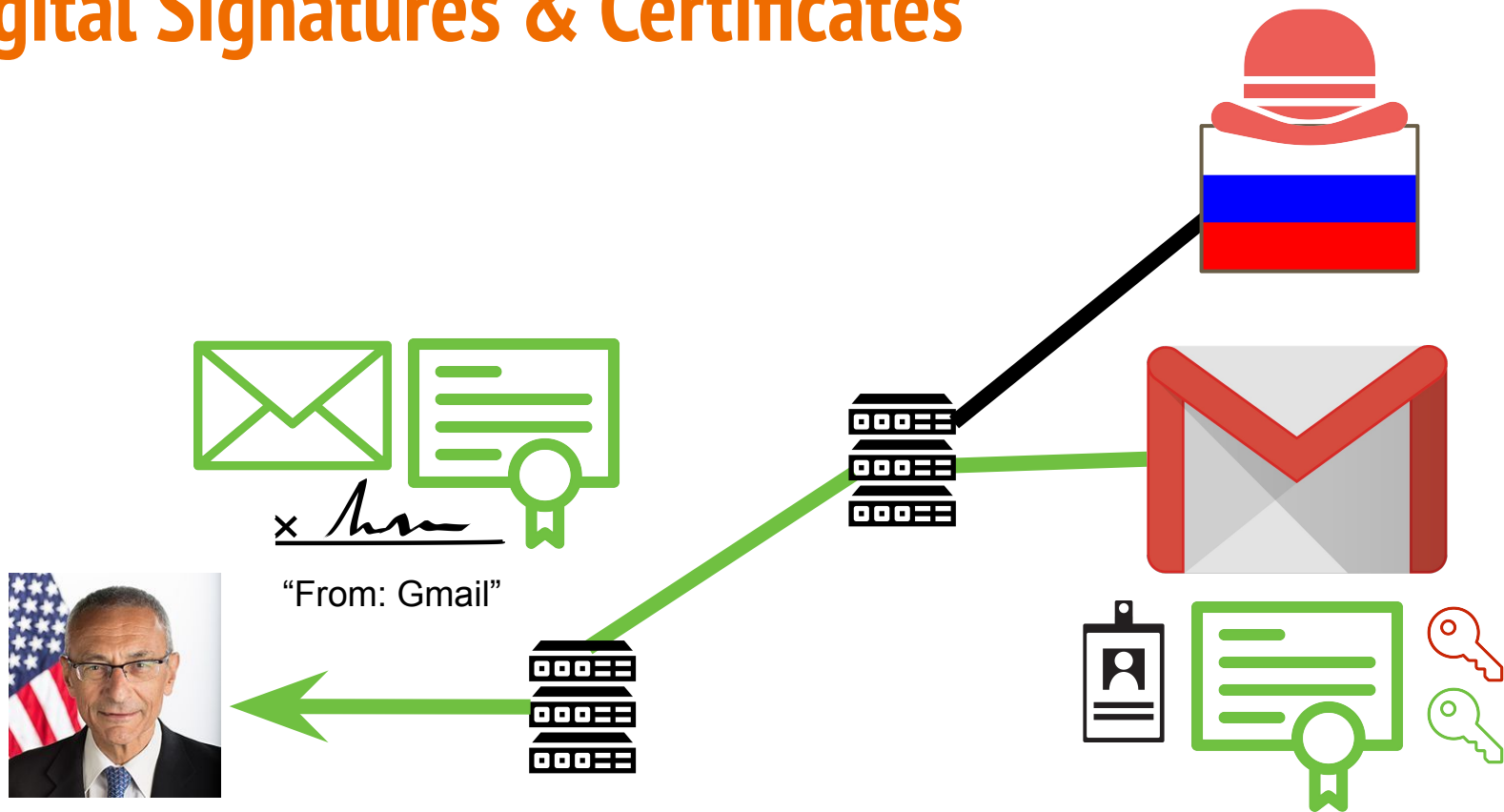
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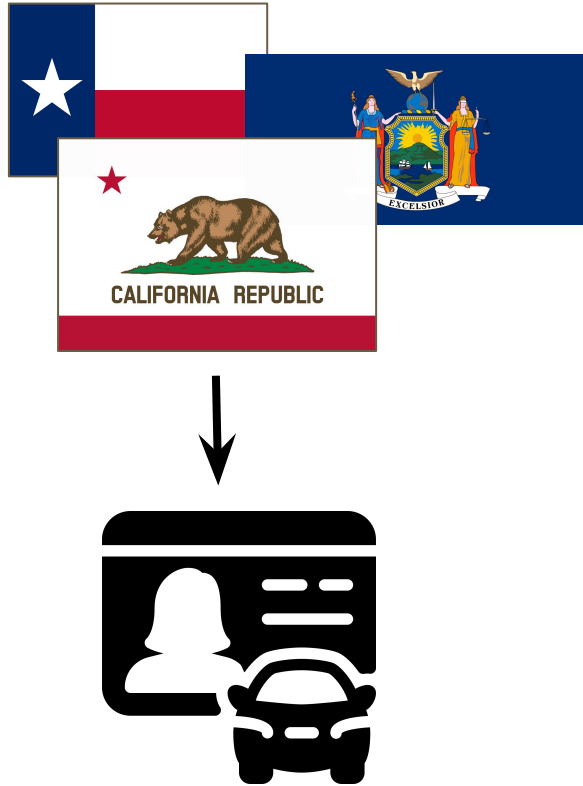


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# Digital Signatures & Certificates: An Analogy



# Certificates Authorities



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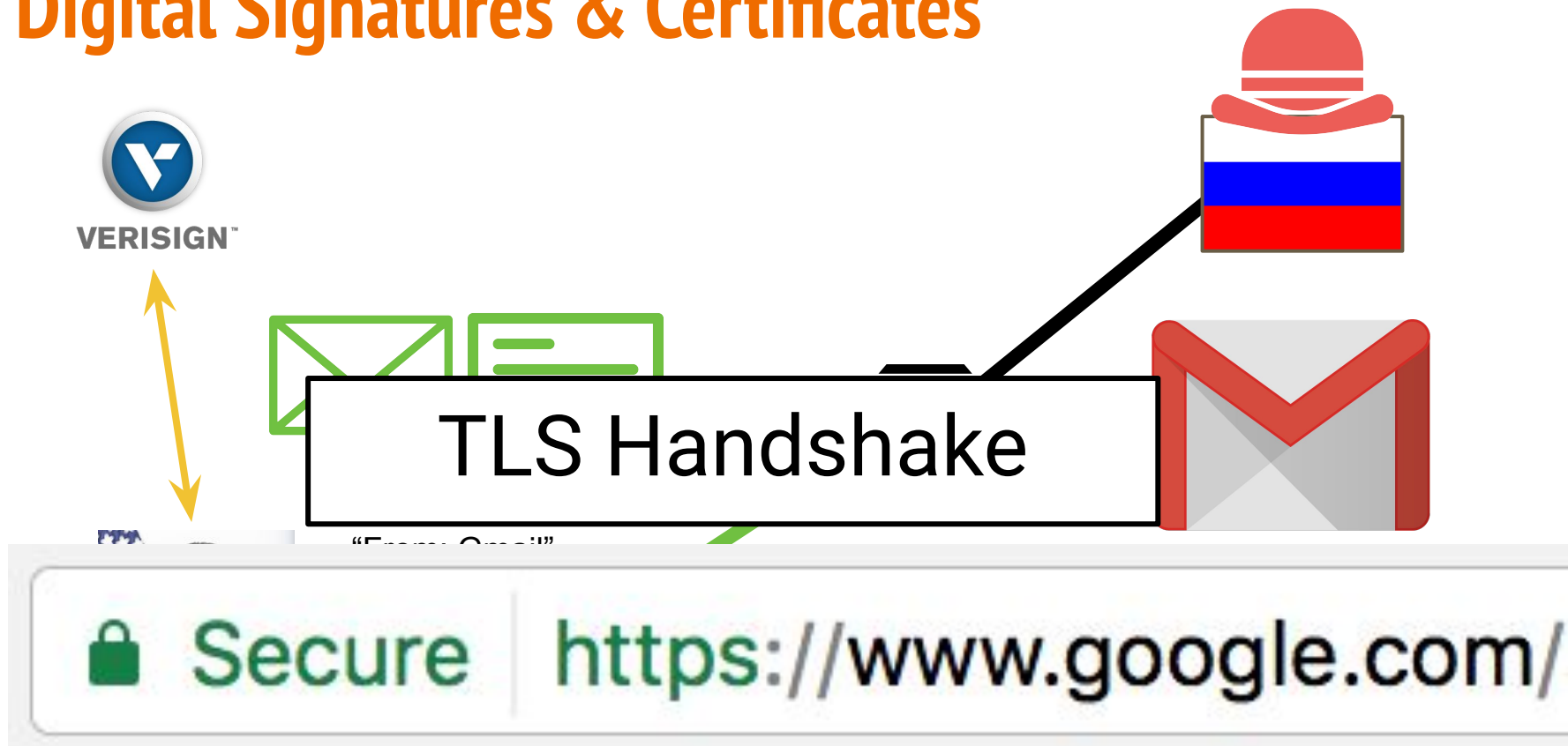


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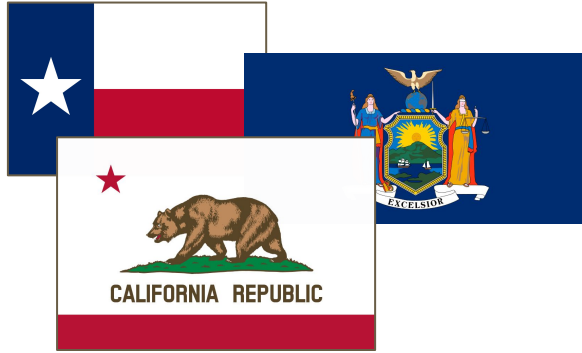
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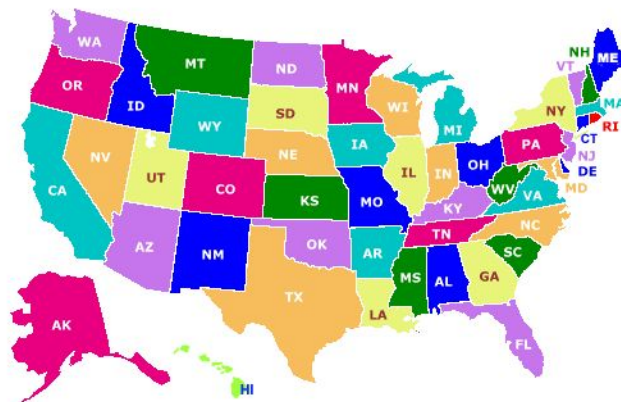
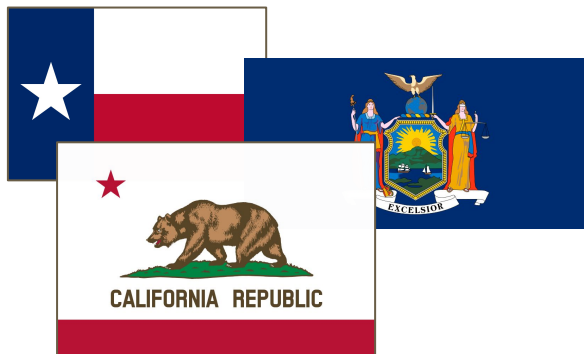
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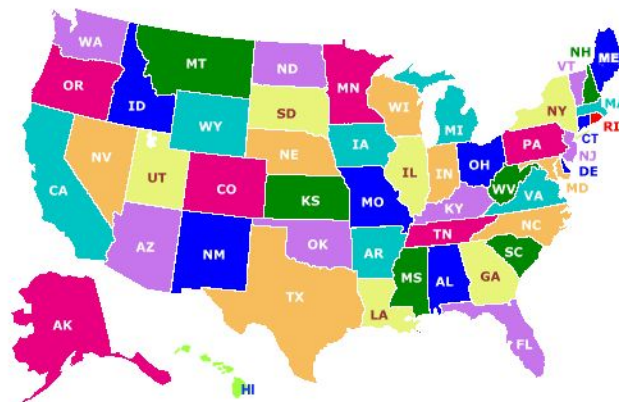
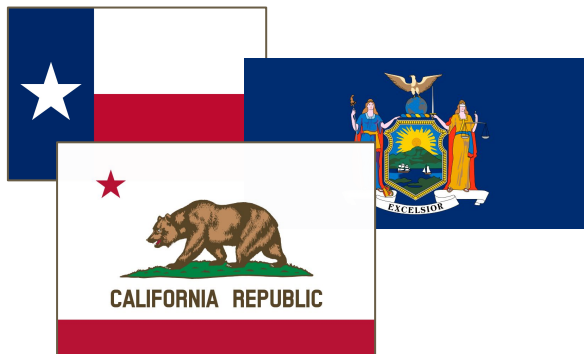
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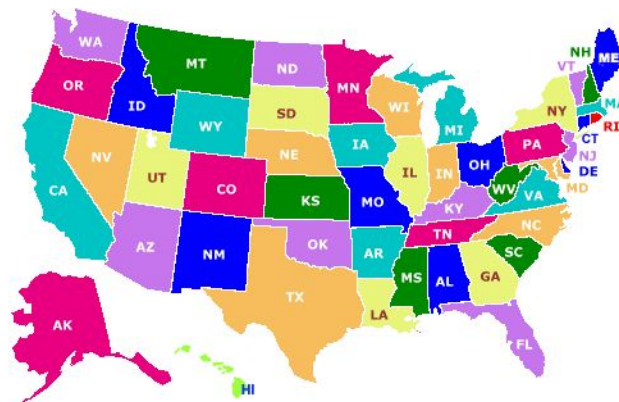
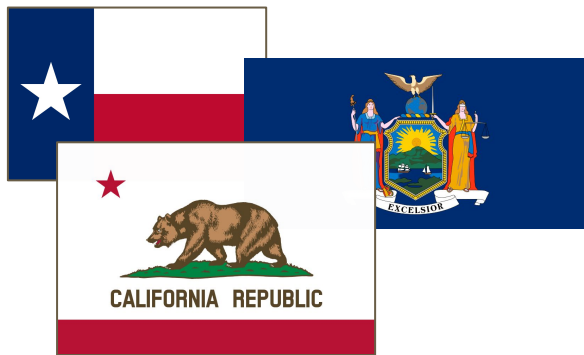


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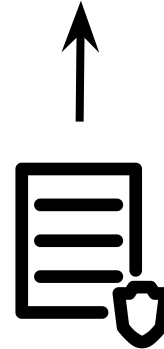
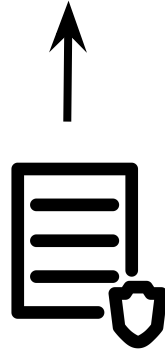
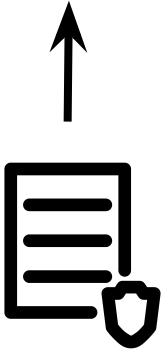
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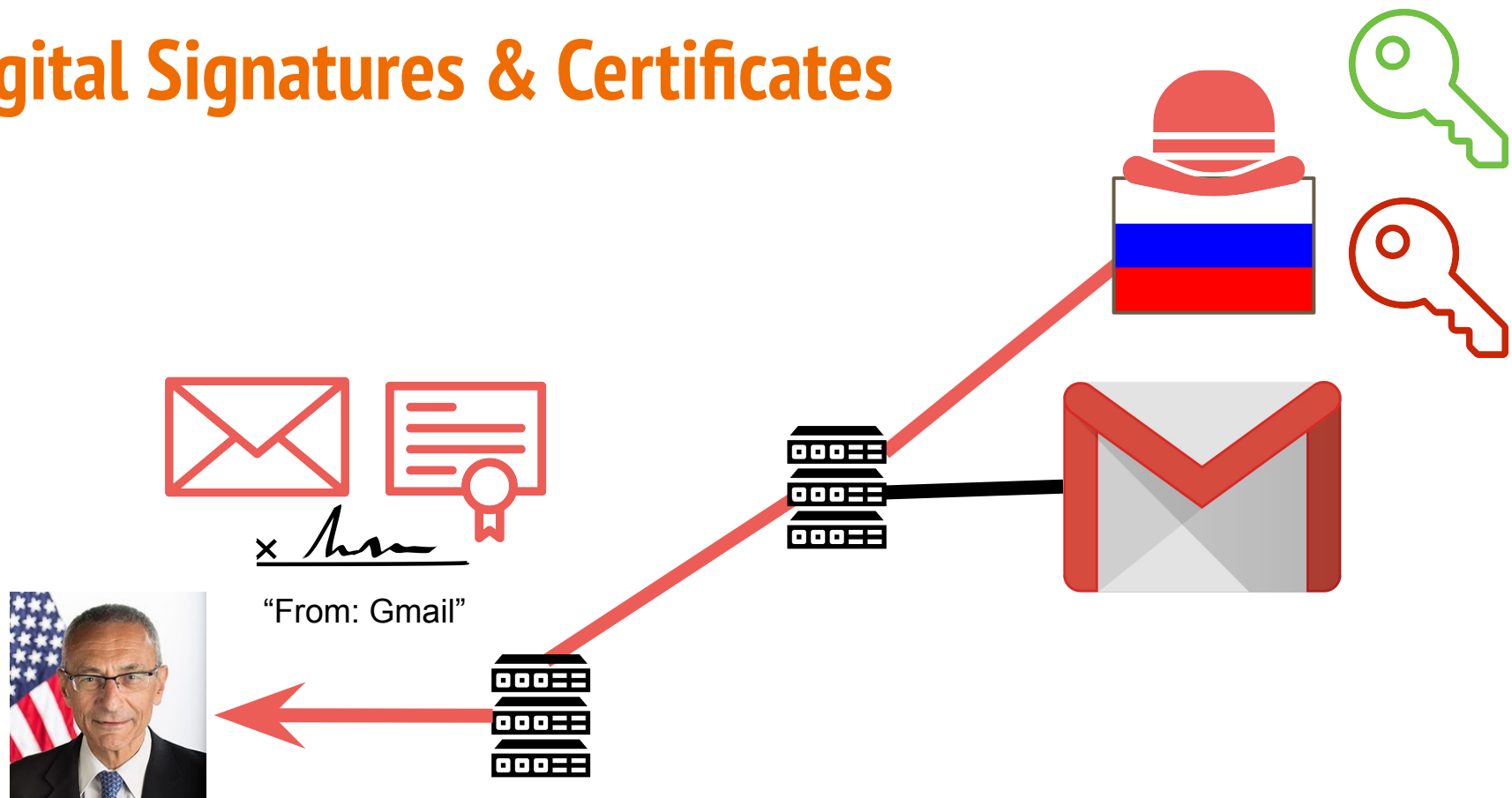
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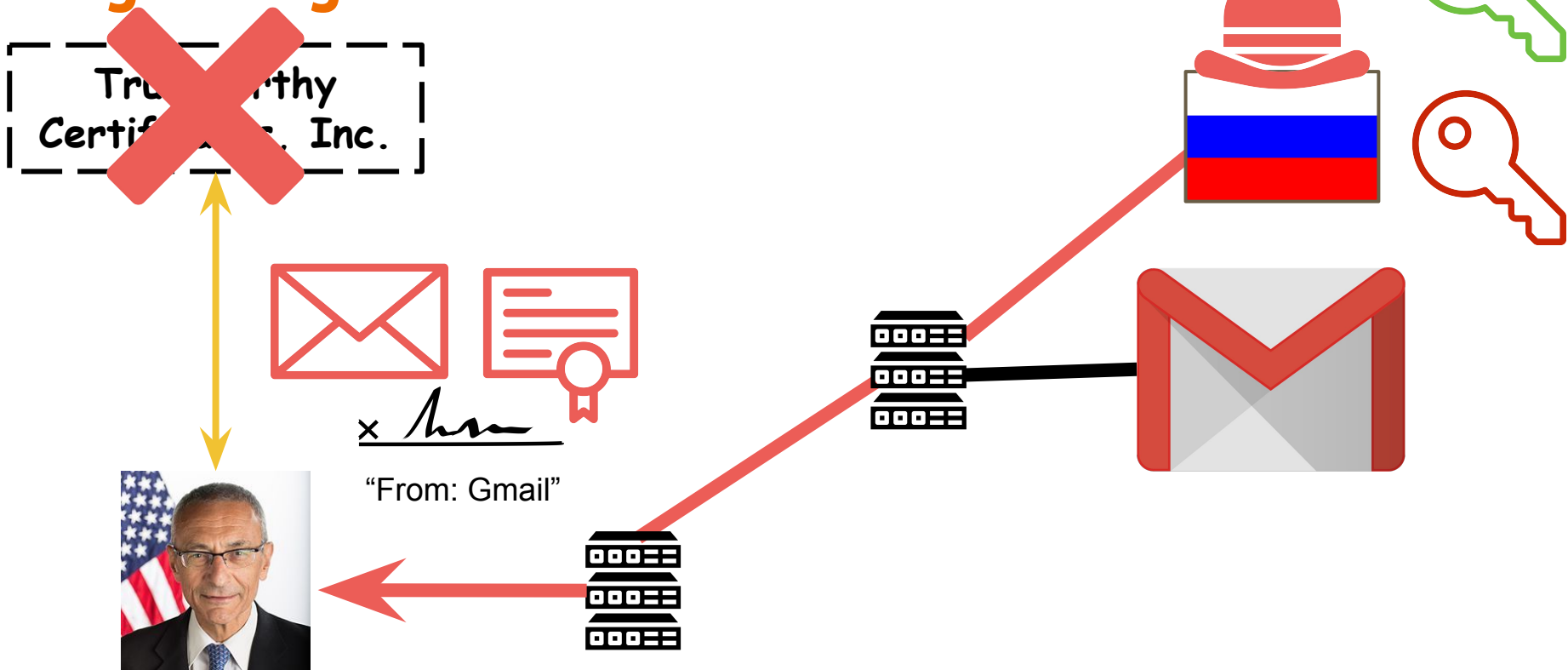


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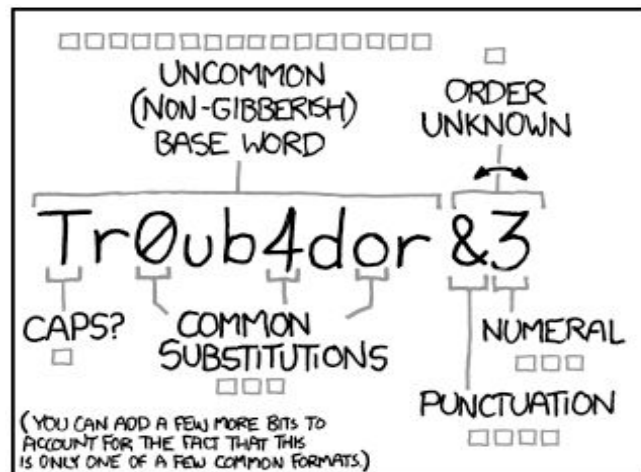


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GMw89#hUPn\_d>k (72.0 bits of entropy)

horse\_correct\_bat (74.3 bits of entropy)

Horse\_correct\_bat (82.6 bits of entropy)



~ 28 BITS OF ENTROPY

$2^{28} = 3 \text{ DAYS AT } 1000 \text{ GUESSES/SEC}$

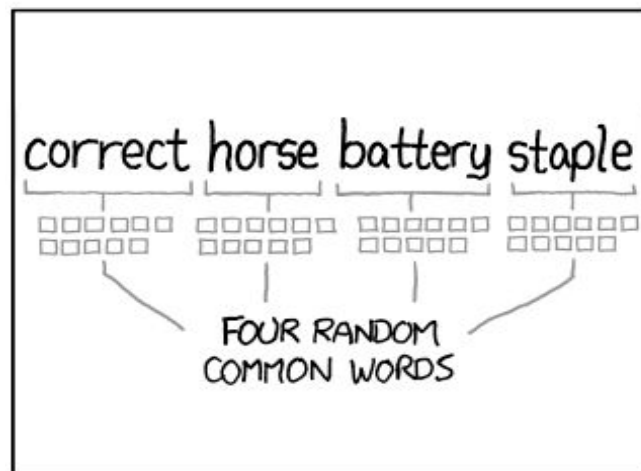
(PLAUSIBLE ATTACK ON A WEAK REMOTE WEB SERVICE. YES, CRACKING A STOLEN HASH IS FASTER, BUT IT'S NOT WHAT THE AVERAGE USER SHOULD WORRY ABOUT.)

DIFFICULTY TO GUESS: **EASY**

WAS IT TROMBONE? NO, TROUBADOR. AND ONE OF THE 0s WAS A ZERO?

AND THERE WAS SOME SYMBOL...

DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER: **HARD**



~ 44 BITS OF ENTROPY

$2^{44} = 550 \text{ YEARS AT } 1000 \text{ GUESSES/SEC}$

DIFFICULTY TO GUESS: **HARD**

THAT'S A BATTERY STAPLE.

CORRECT!

DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER: YOU'VE ALREADY MEMORIZED IT

# III. Too Big to Fail

What happens when the attacker is someone we're supposed to trust?



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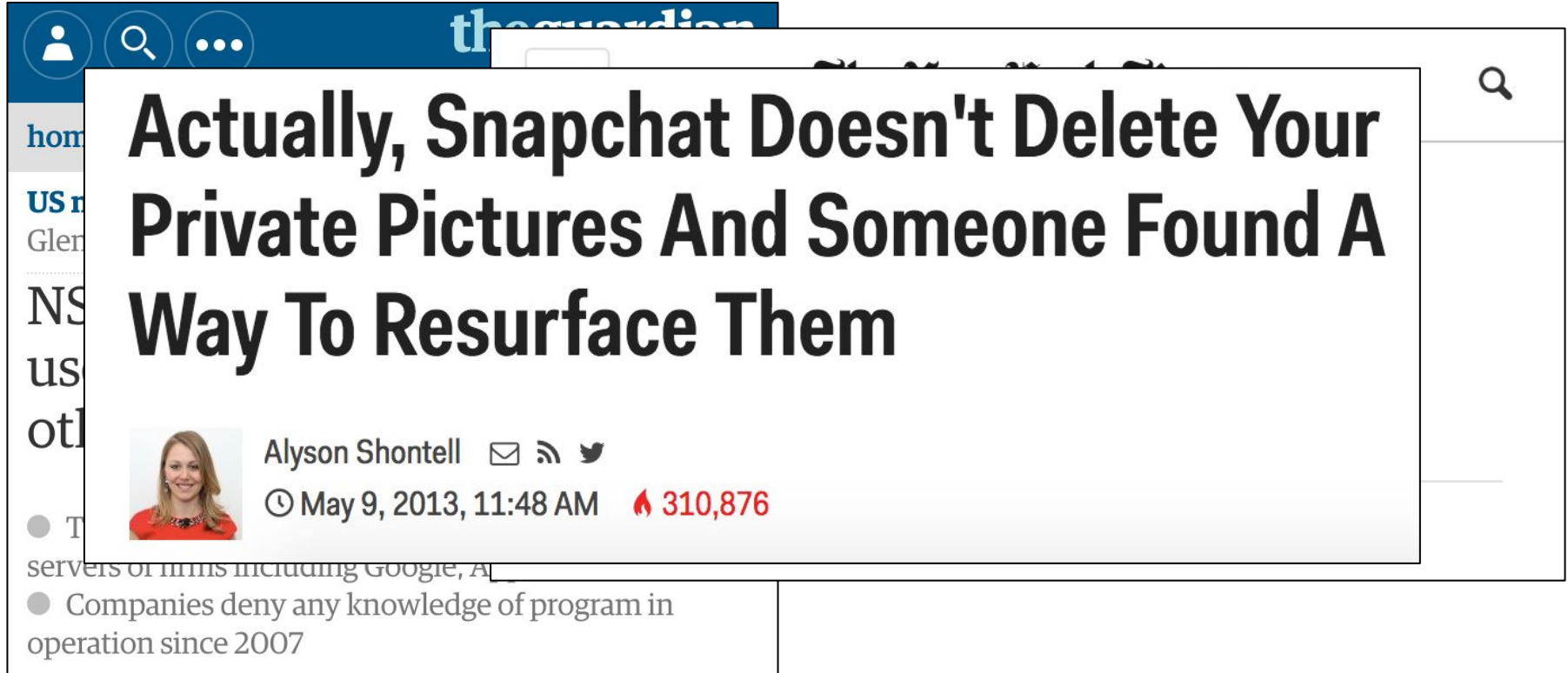
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By **VINDU GOEL** and **NICOLE PERLROTH** DEC. 14, 2016




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## *Hacking in the Netherlands Took Aim at Internet Giants*

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SEPT. 5, 2011

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — Attackers who hacked into a Dutch Web security firm have issued hundreds of fraudulent security certificates for intelligence agency Web sites, including the C.I.A., as well as for Internet giants like Google, Microsoft and Twitter, the Dutch government said on Monday.

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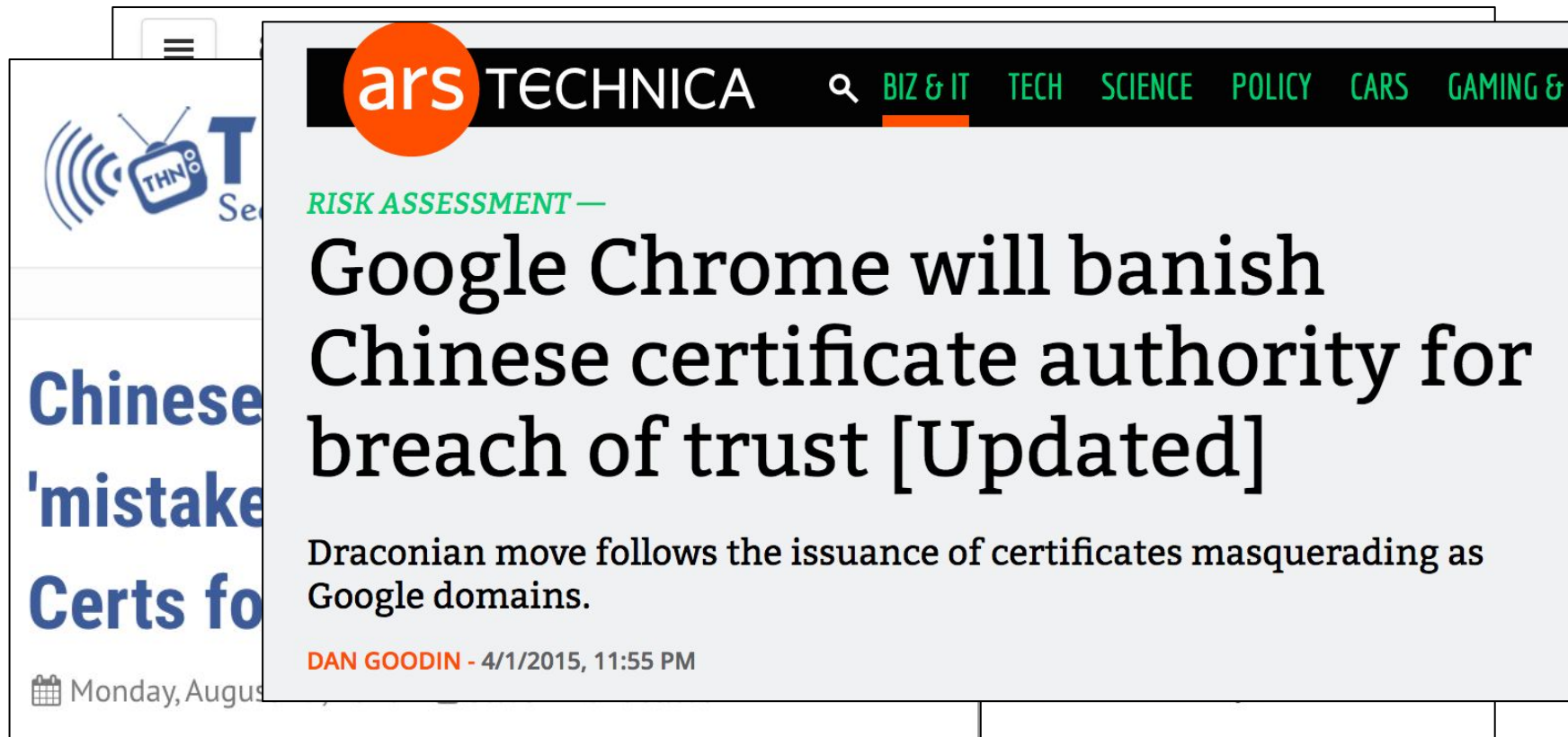
## Chinese Certificate Authority 'mistakenly' gave out SSL Certs for GitHub Domains

Monday, August 29, 2016 Swati Khandelwal



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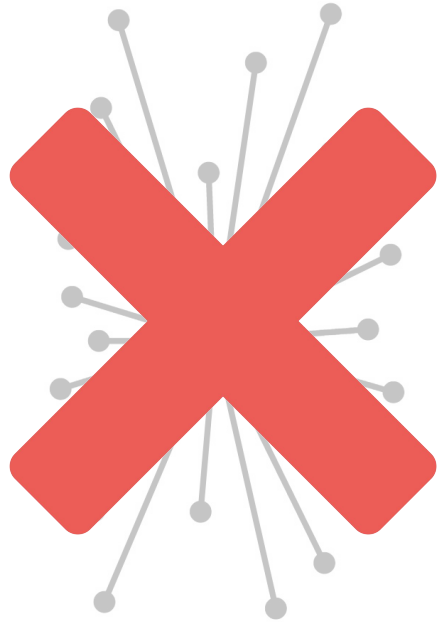
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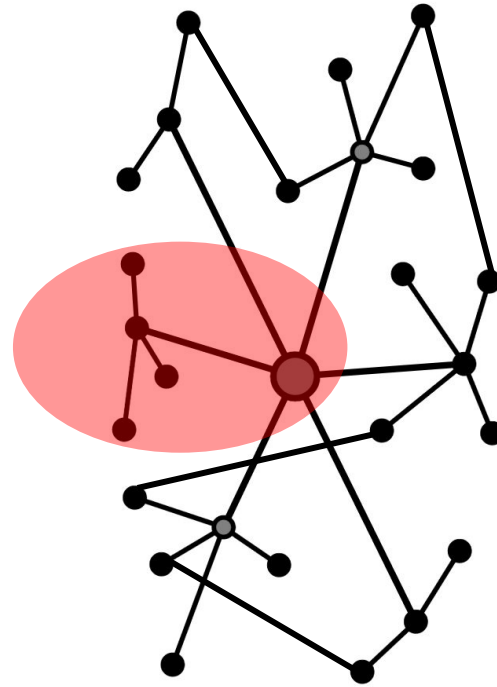
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# Decentralized Networks



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B

# Real Decentralized Technologies



Internet



Bitcoin

**End of First Session (yay 🎉!)**

**Thank you for your attention and  
participation**

**Get some rest, review the material, and  
we'll see you in our next class 🙌**

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# Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies & Digital Tokens Demystified

Fall 2023 (EMBA)  
Columbia Business School

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**Welcome Back to Session 2** 🎉

# Curriculum Roadmap

	Nov 4	Nov 18	Dec 2	Dec 9
Morning	Networks & Protocols	Hashing, Hashing Tables & One- Way Functions & a few more tech	Bitcoin + other forms of crypto payments and store of value mechanisms and media	DeFi & Other Applications (Digital Tokens, CBDC, etc.) + Speaker: Future of Finance + Discussion Forum
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	Encryption & Cryptography (plus some math!)	<b>Bring it All Together:</b> Let's build a blockchain & discuss variety of cases	Ethereum & Other Digital Tokens + Speaker: Regulatory & Legal Considerations in Blockchain & Digital Assets	Governance, Marketplaces, NFTs & More; Final Lecture on How the Future May Play Out + Final Presentations

# Class Schedule - Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9

## Class Plan

Nov 4	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 1 + 2
Nov 18	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 3 + 4
Dec 2	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Midterm Project + 5 & 6 + Guest Speaker
Dec 9	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 7 & 8 + Guest Speaker + final presentations

## Daily Schedule

<b>8:30-9:45 am</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
<i>9:45-10:00 am</i>	<i>Break</i>
<b>10:00-11:15 pm</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
<b>11:15 am-12:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch (1h15min) - Kravis 2nd floor (Smith Dining)</b>
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# Important Admin Items for the Day

- Team formations finalized today, ideally by 3:30 pm and no later than end of day today
- Details on your midterm project
- Thoughts on “Blockchain Killer App” for Sessions 3 and/or 4
- Make sure not to fall behind as Sessions 1 & 2 are foundational
- Watch lecture recordings and email me for office hours
- I REALLY enjoyed our first session, and thank you VERY much for the amazing level of participation and engagement. Let’s hope today would be equally fun, if not more 😊
- ... btw, did you watch The Simpsons episode right after our first class session? It was about blockchain & NFTs!! Check out S35E5.



**THE MOST Important Admin Item for the Day**

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Catering today is by **Dinosaur BBQ**:

- Mac & cheese
- Turkey
- Beef brisket
- BBQ Salmon
- Portabella Mushrooms w/ peppers & onions
- Simmered Greens
- Sweet Potatoes

**Before we begin, any interesting points or lessons from our first session you'd like to share?**

**Let's start our Session 2**

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- **DigiCash**: proposed in 1983 by David Chaum, set up eCash, launched in 1989, declared bankruptcy in 1998
- **CyberCash**: payment service founded in 1994, IPO in 1996, set up CyberCoin for micro-payments (through NetBill at CMU), went bankrupt in 2001
- Hashcash: proposed in 1997 by Adam Back,
- **BitGold**: proposed by Nick Szabo in 1998 (he coined "Smart Contracts.") Although never implemented, it has many similarities to Bitcoin!
- ... and others (**Hashcash**, **B-Money**, **First Virtual**, etc.)

Why did these early forms of digital currencies fail?

**Double-Spending, Trust, and Consensus are  
amongst the top reasons ...**

**Speaking of consensus ...**

# **Byzantine Generals Problem & the question of Byzantine Fault Tolerance**

# A seminal CS paper (1982)

## The Byzantine Generals Problem

LESLIE LAMPORT, ROBERT SHOSTAK, and MARSHALL PEASE  
SRI International

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Reliable computer systems must handle malfunctioning components that give conflicting information to different parts of the system. This situation can be expressed abstractly in terms of a group of generals of the Byzantine army camped with their troops around an enemy city. Communicating only by messenger, the generals must agree upon a common battle plan. However, one or more of them may be traitors who will try to confuse the others. The problem is to find an algorithm to ensure that the loyal generals will reach agreement. It is shown that, using only oral messages, this problem is solvable if and only if more than two-thirds of the generals are loyal; so a single traitor can confound two loyal generals. With unforgeable written messages, the problem is solvable for any number of generals and possible traitors. Applications of the solutions to reliable computer systems are then discussed.

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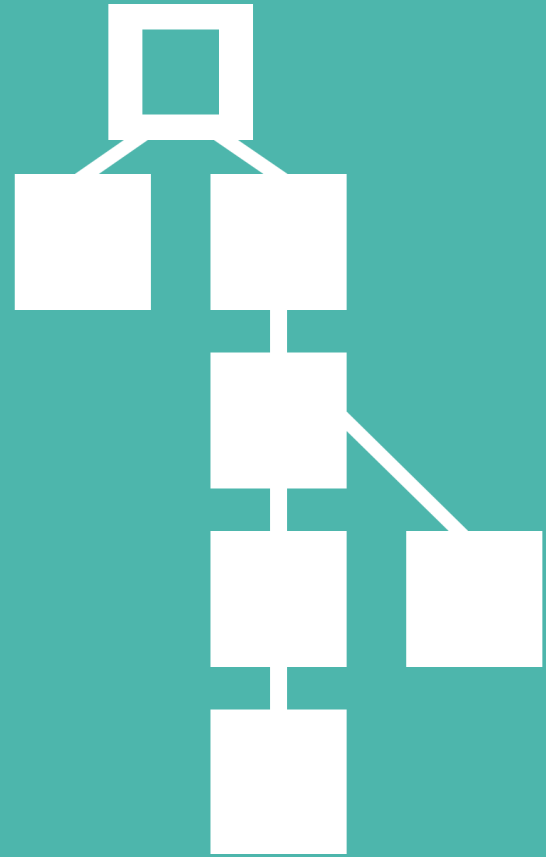
ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems, Vol. 4, No. 3, July 1982, Pages 382–401.



**In a distributed network, how many node failures can the system tolerate and still function as intended in delivering consensus?**

# IV. Building the Blockchain

Using cryptography to build decentralized technologies.



# Blockchains



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Bob



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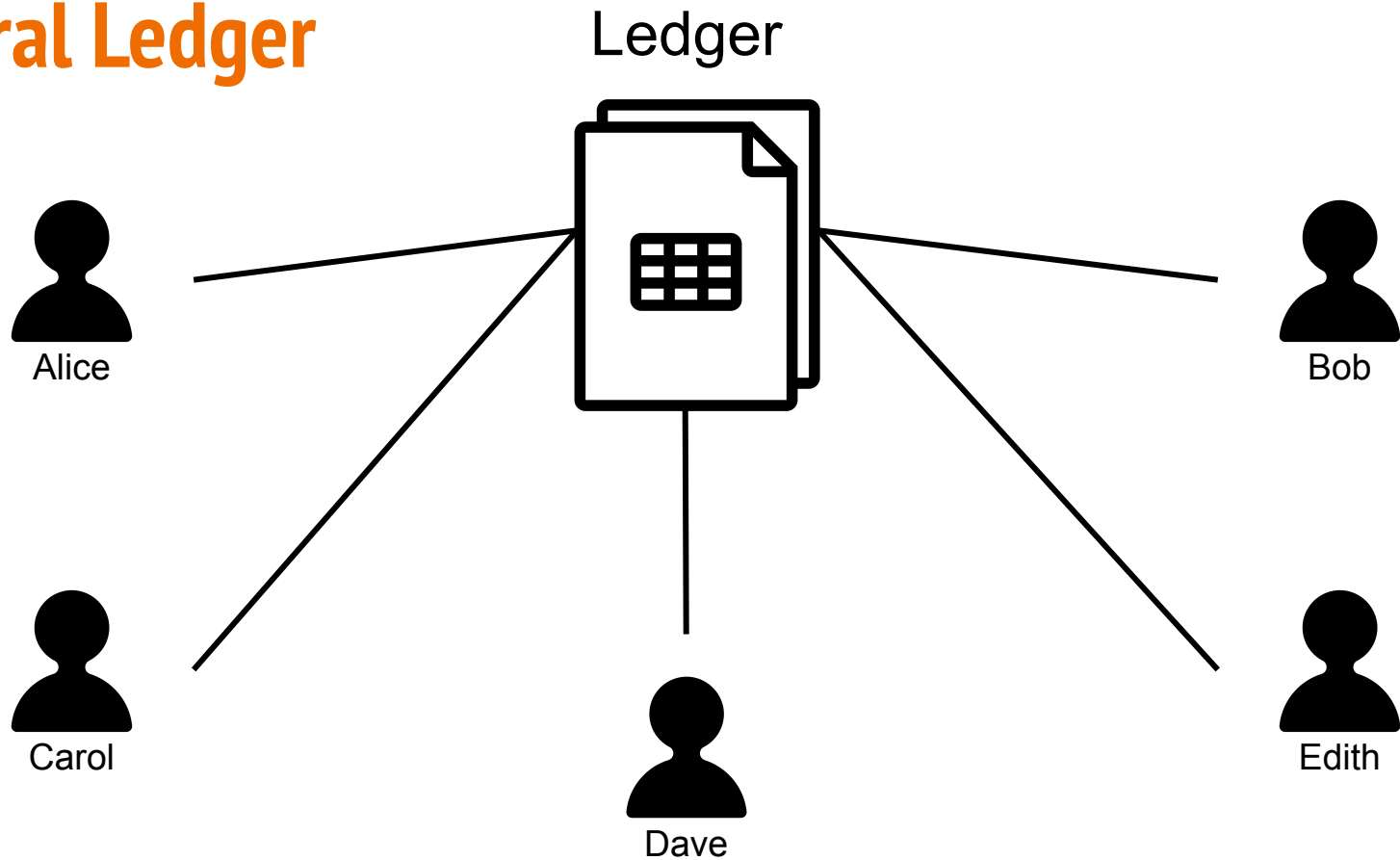


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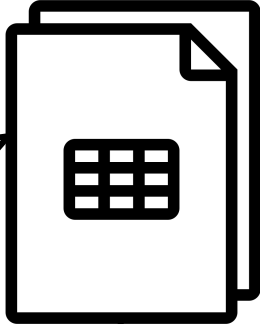
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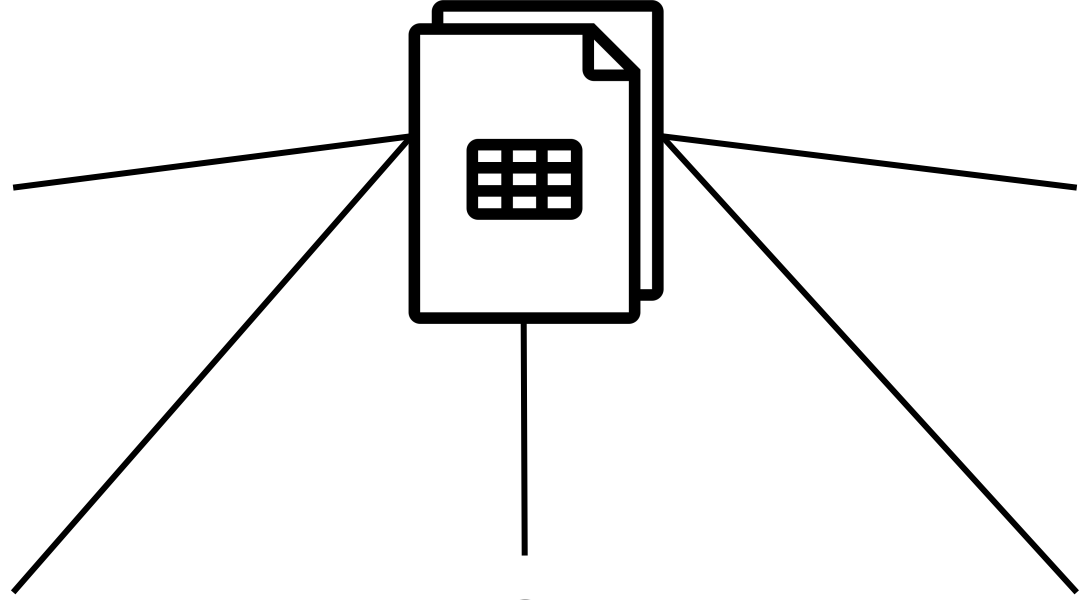


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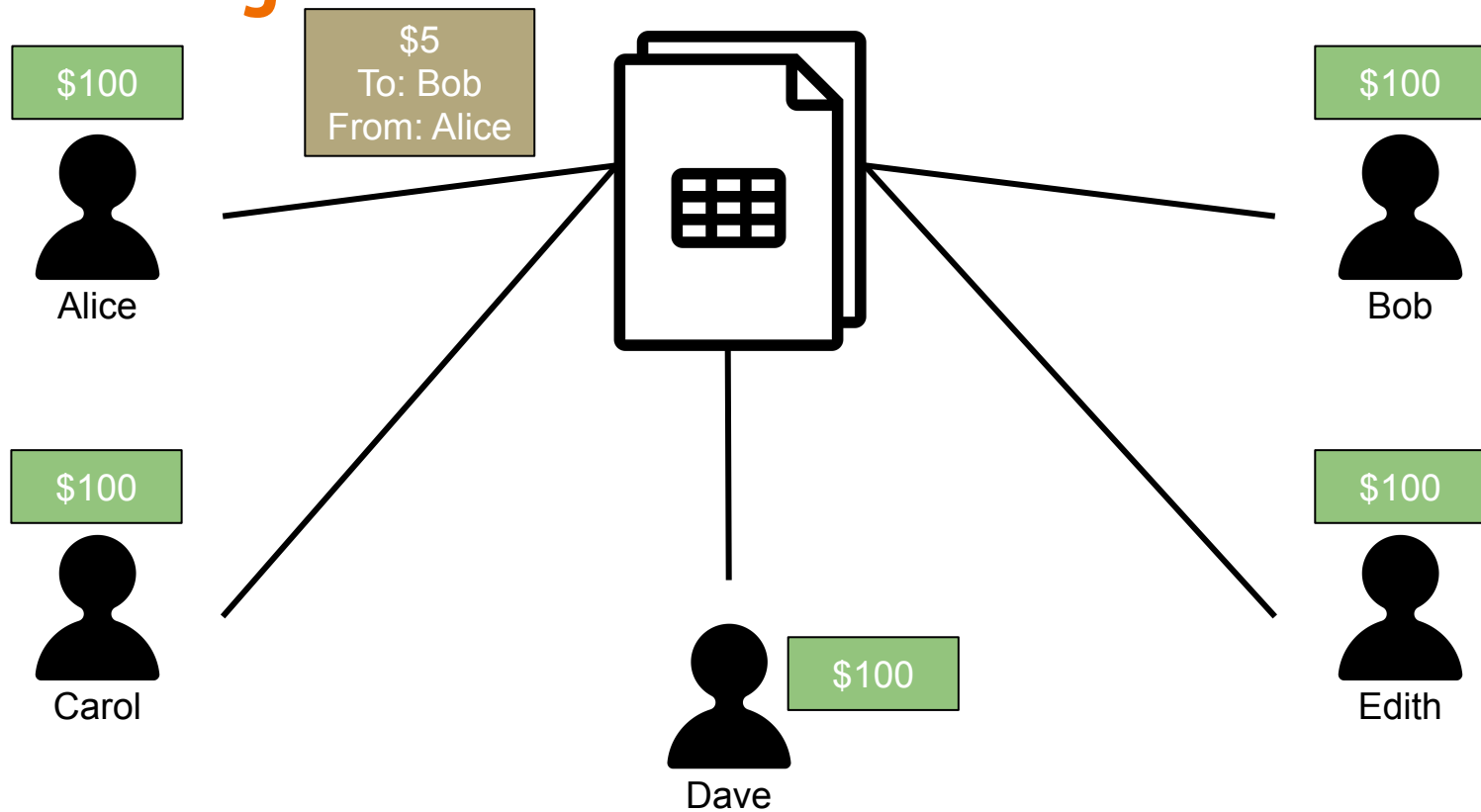
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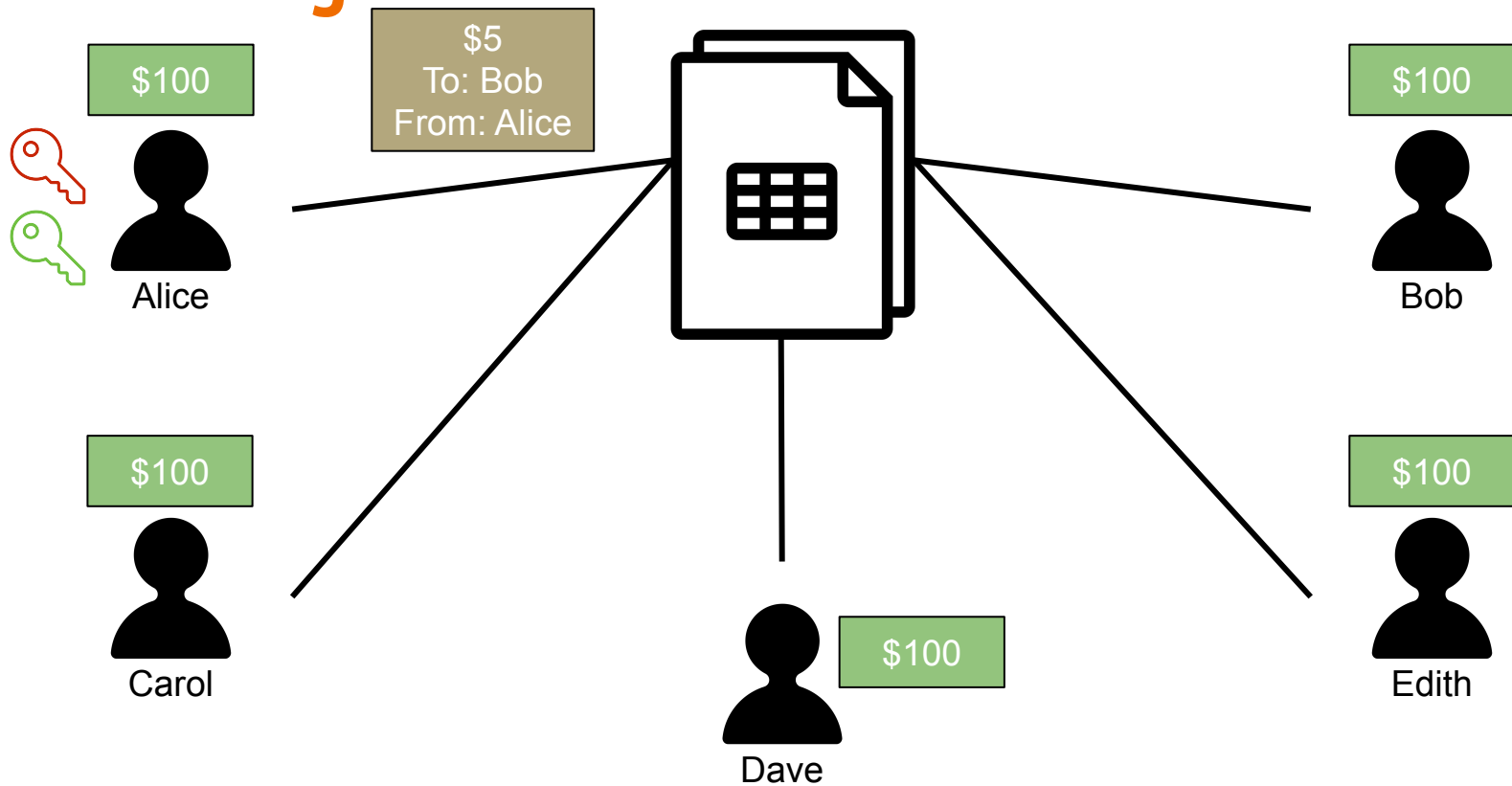
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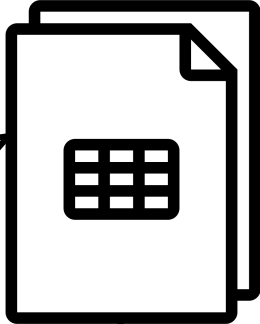
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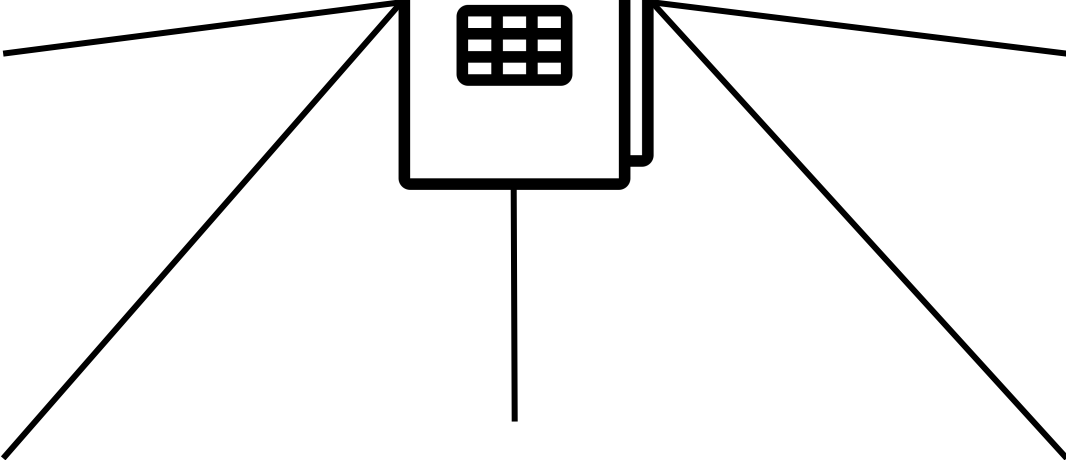
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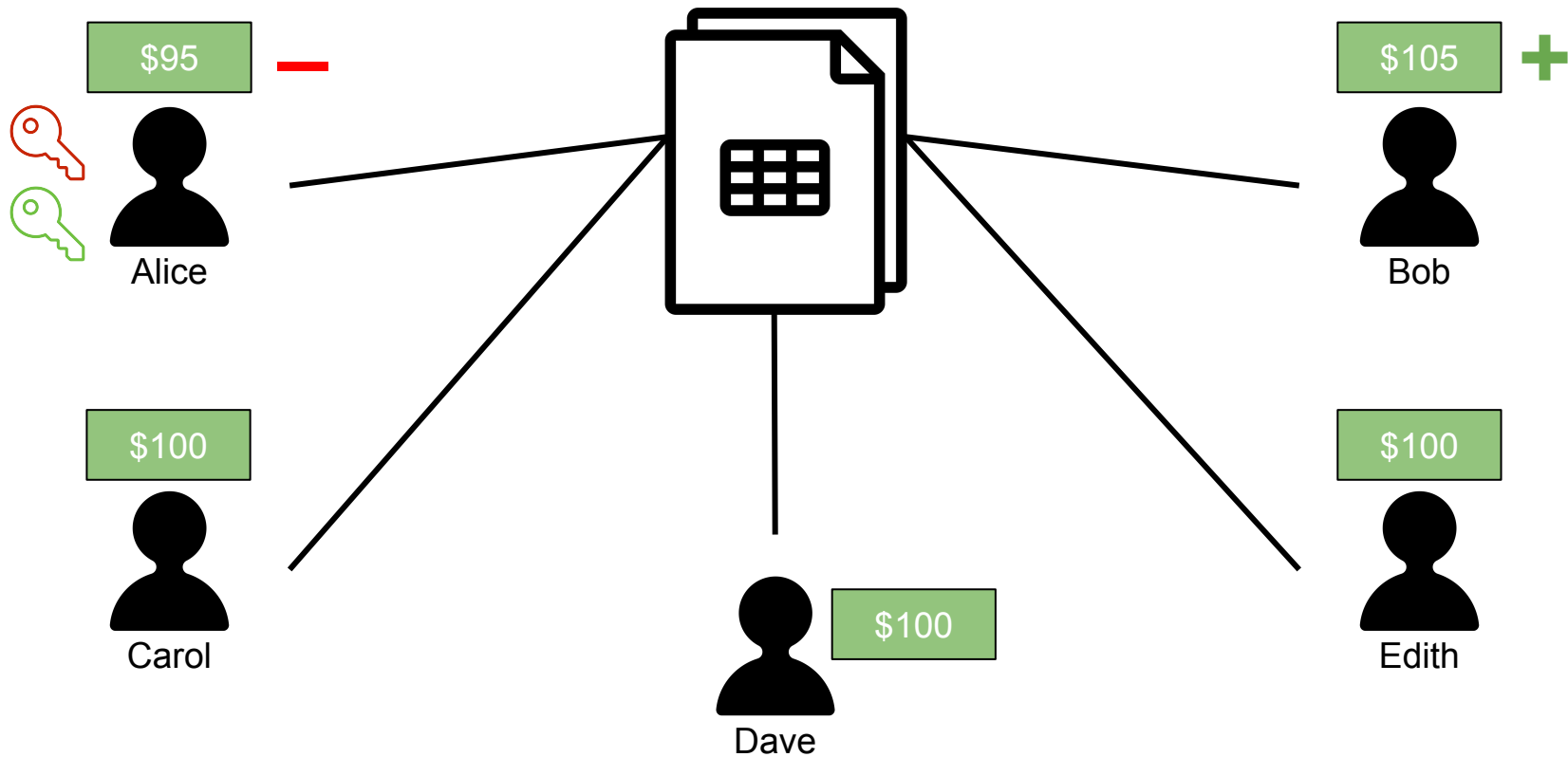


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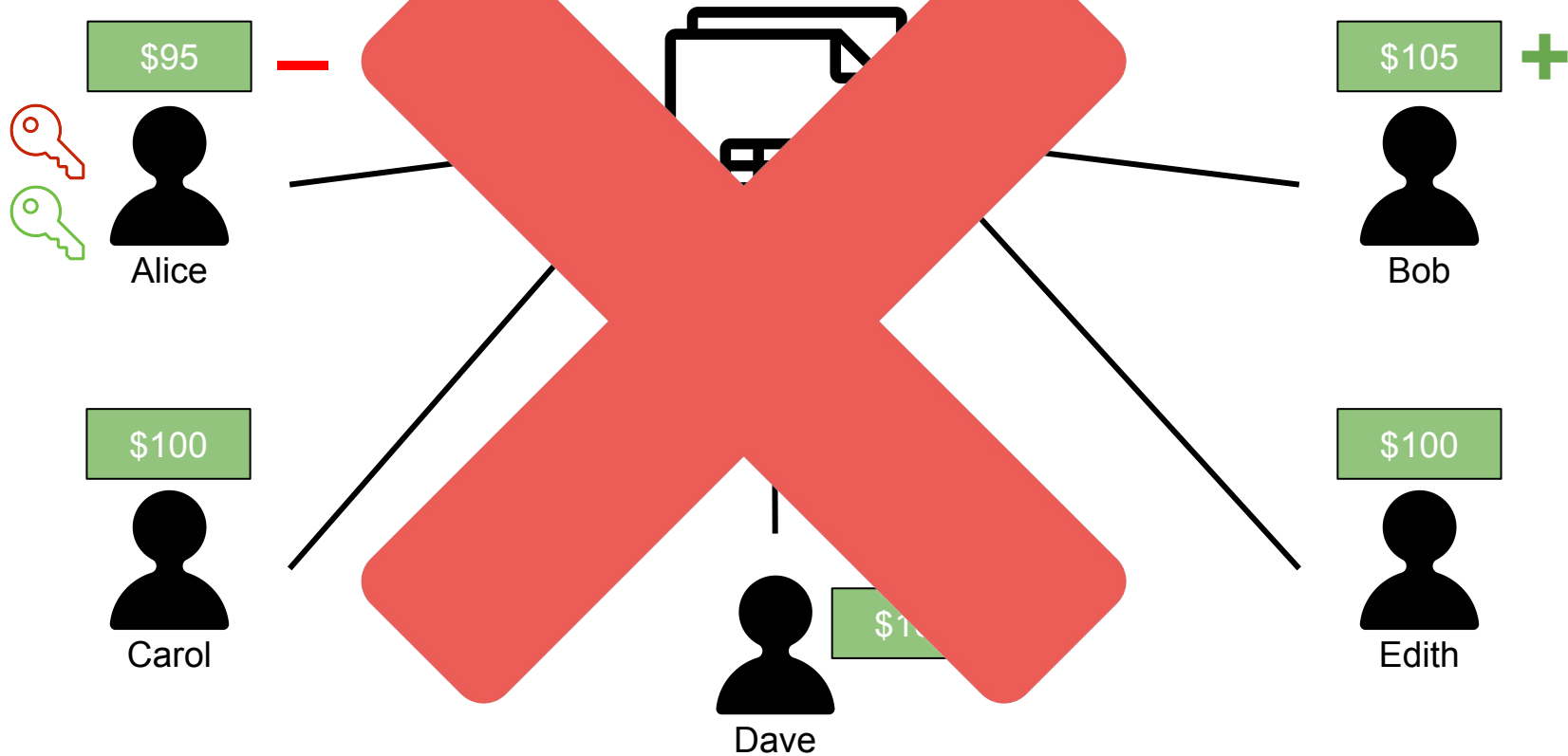




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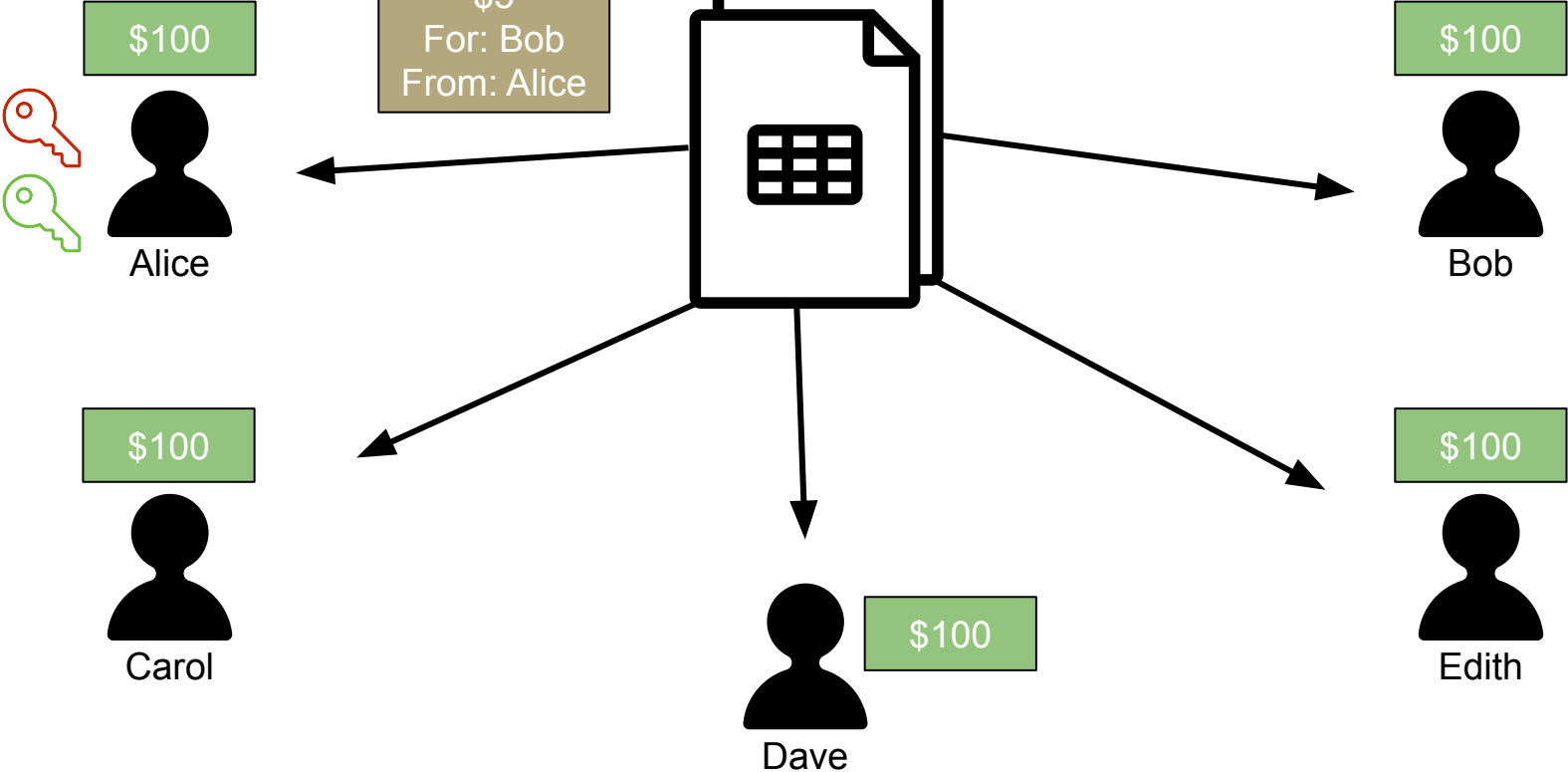
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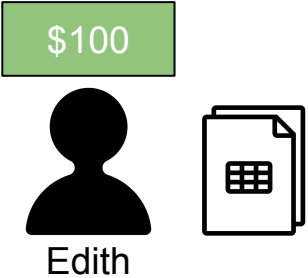
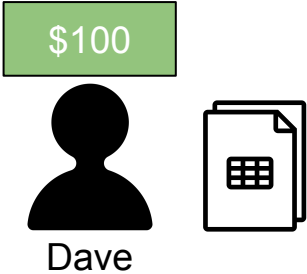
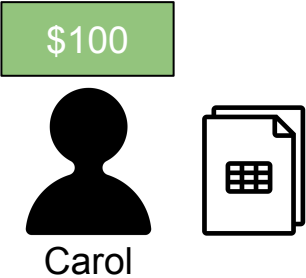
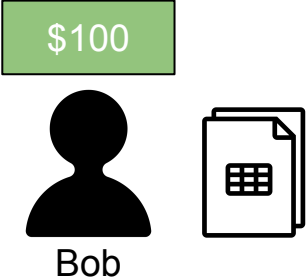
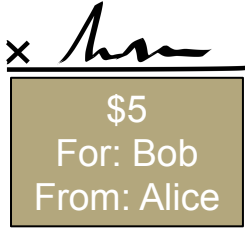
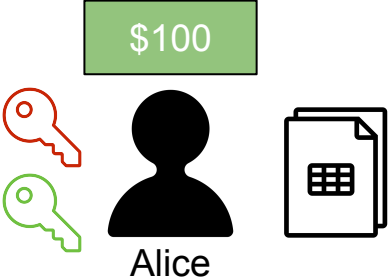
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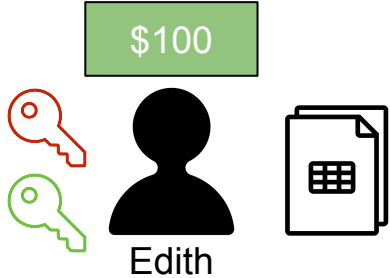
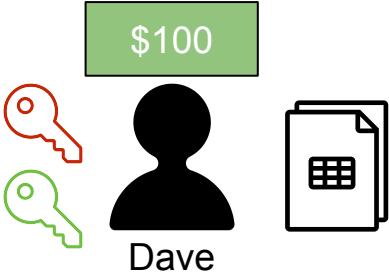
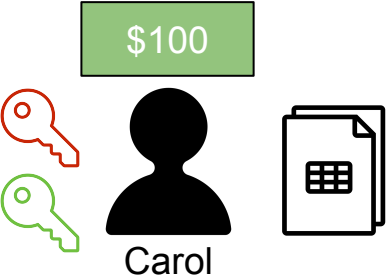
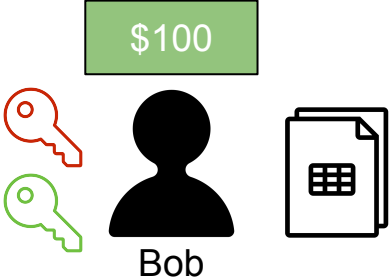
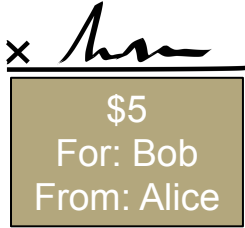
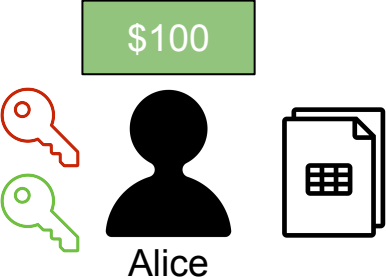
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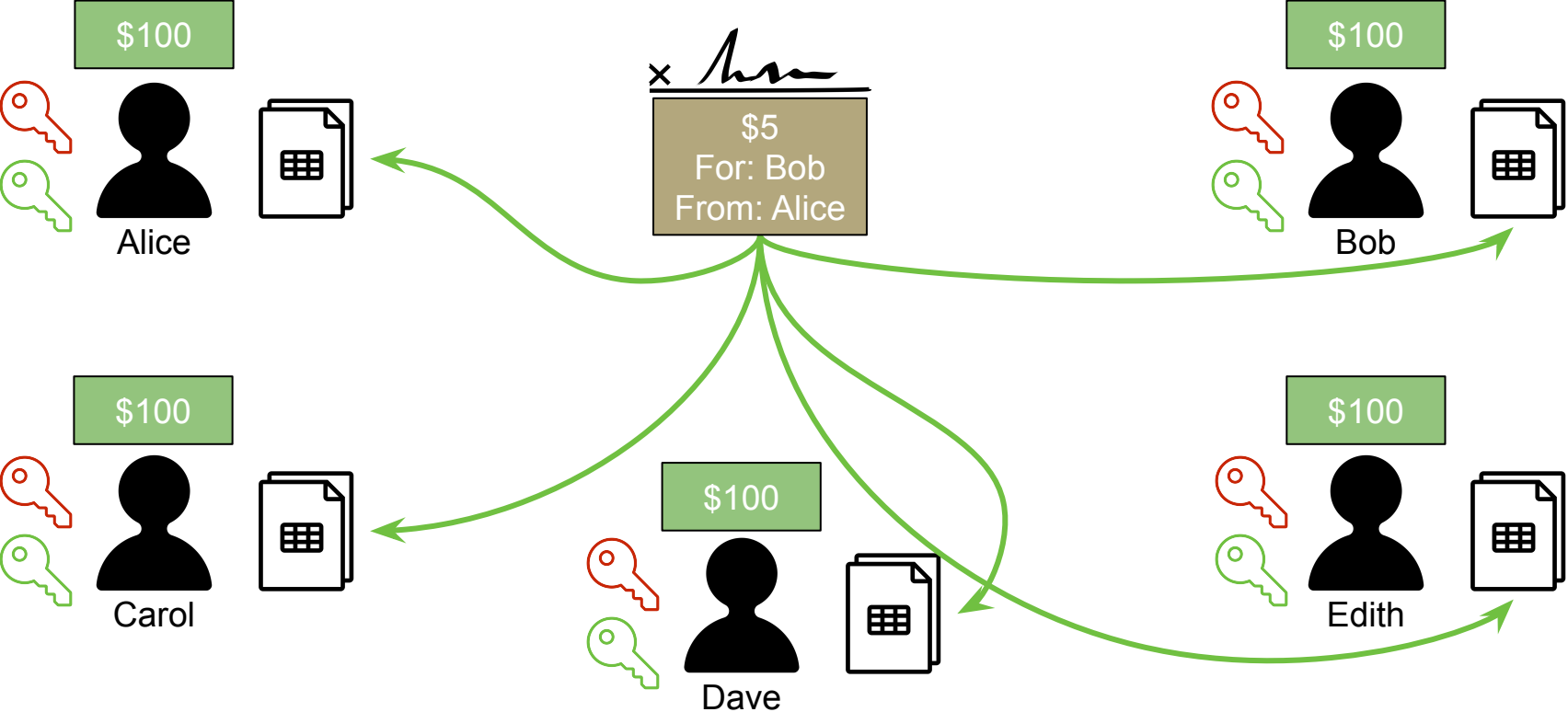
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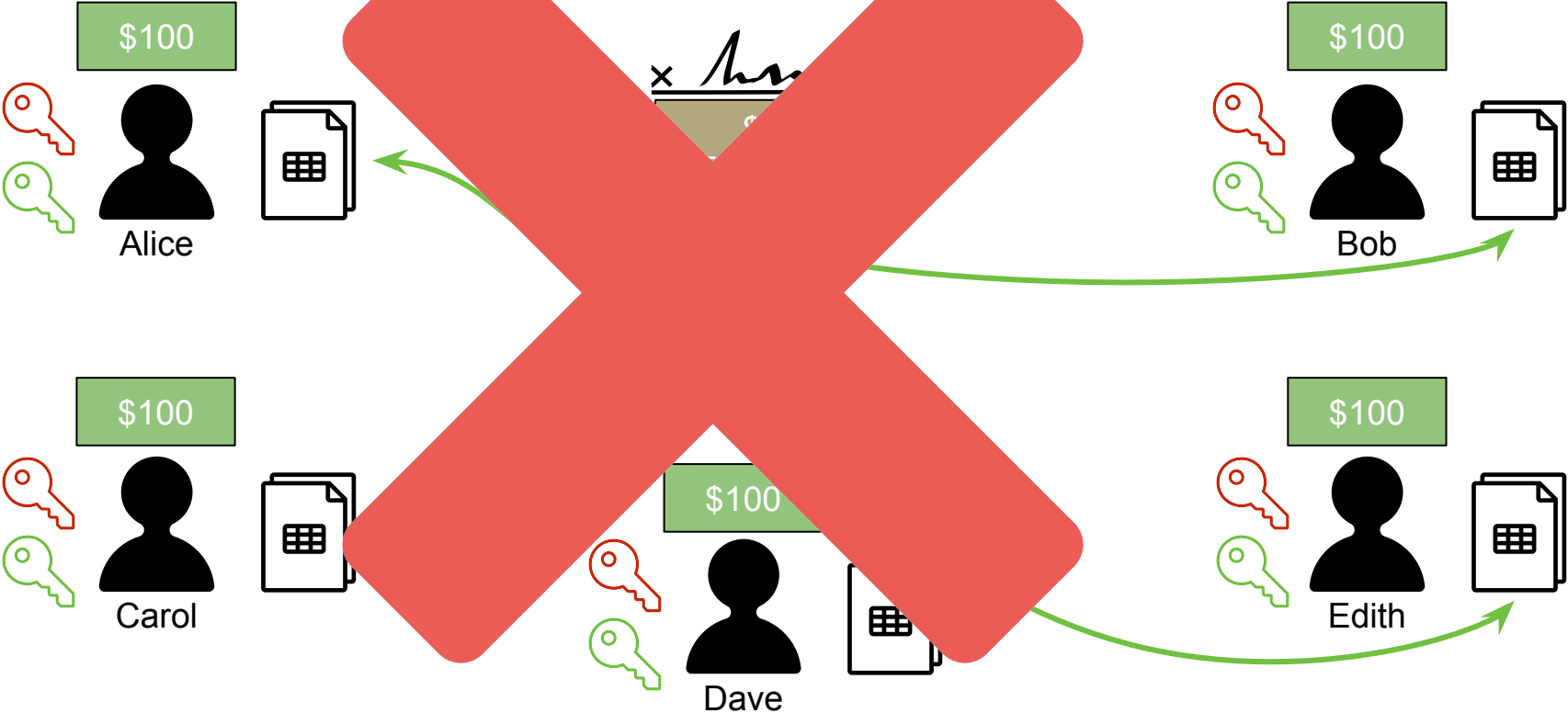
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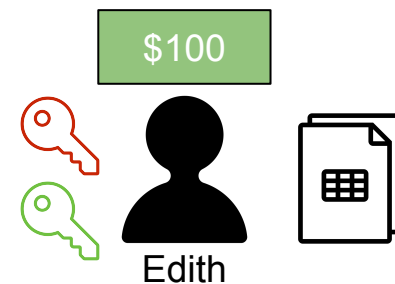
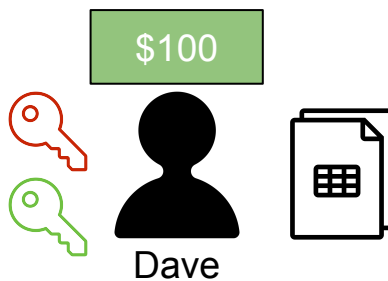
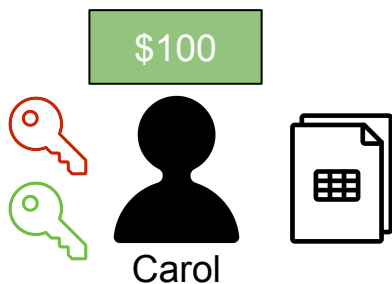
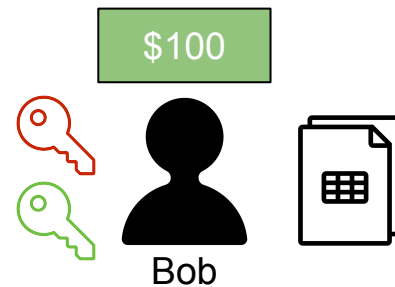
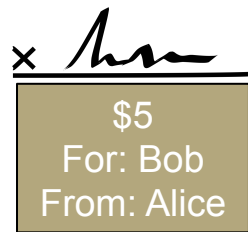
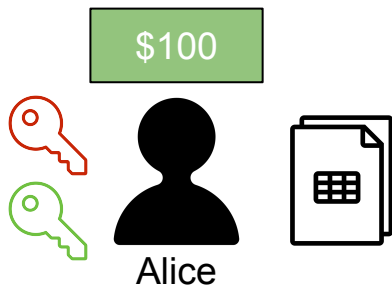
# Blockchains: everyone updates on their own asap!



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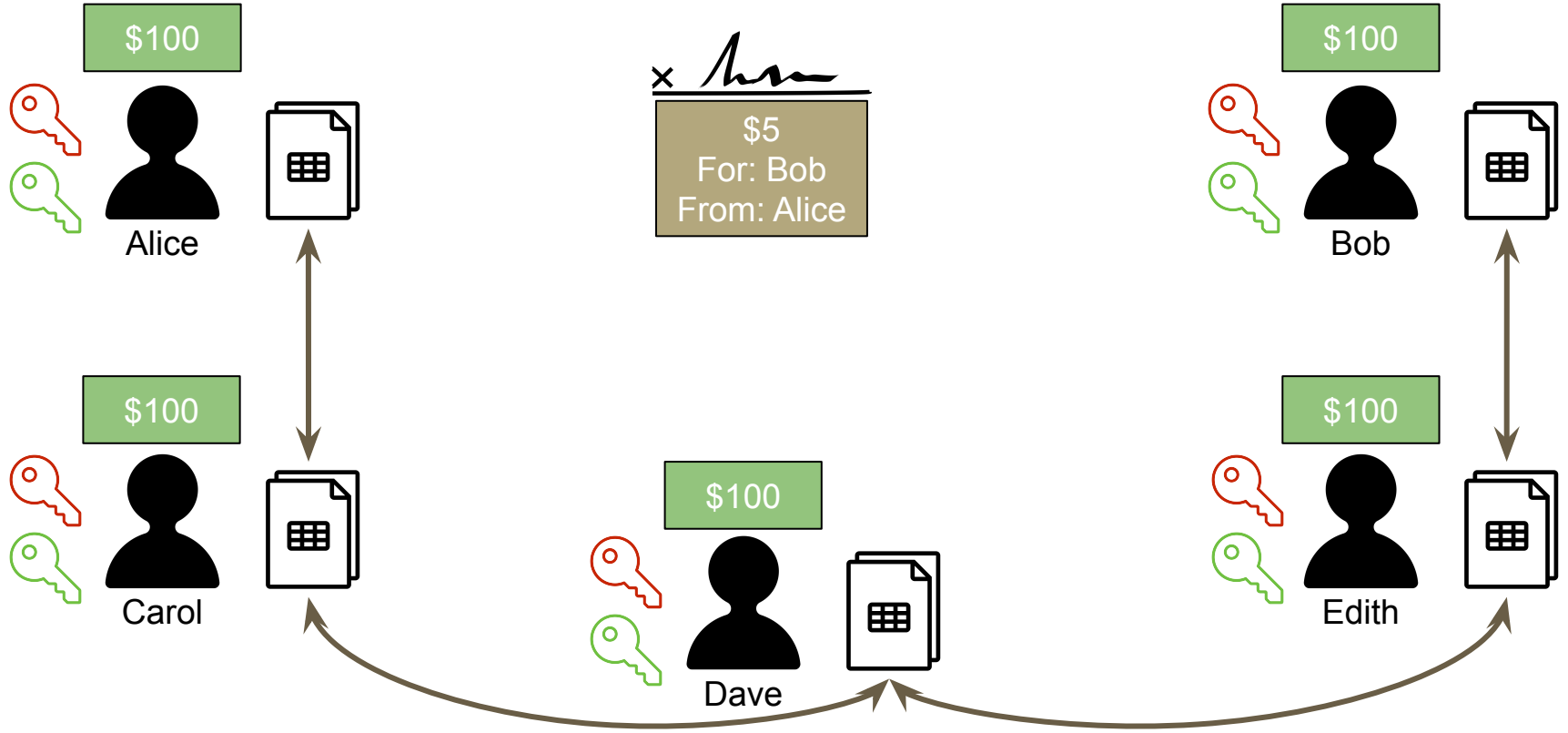


# Blockchains: stay in sync with code and NO trust





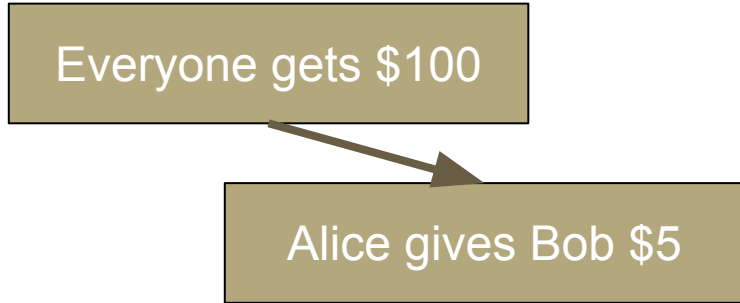
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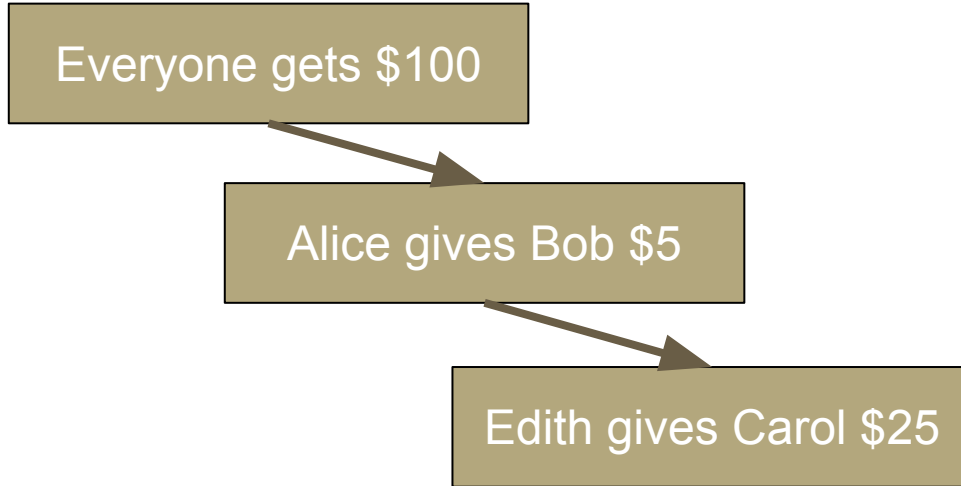
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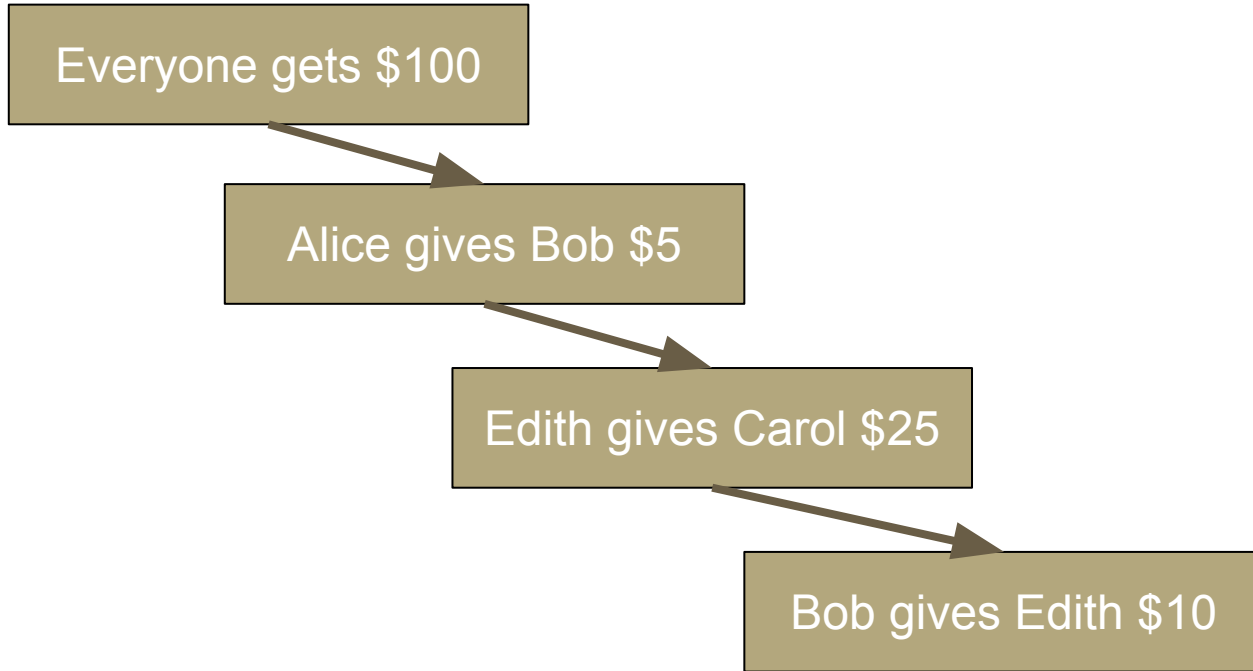
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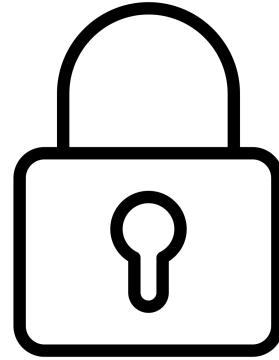
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Everyone gets \$100

Alice gives Bob \$5

Edith gives Carol \$25

Bob gives Edith \$10



How to Verify? How to Encrypt?

**Once again, we need some simple math  
(don't we love math by now?!)**

Remember functions?

$$f(x) = x^2 + 8$$



# Functions in Math

- Simply put, a function is a (mathematical) operation ...
- ... one input equals to one output
- $f(x)$  where  $x$  is the input value
- Example:
  - our function is "Doubling"  $\rightarrow$
  - $f(x) = 2x \rightarrow$
  - Take an input, then double it (or multiply by 2)
  - For  $x=4$  (**i.e. input is 4**), then the **output is 8**
- But then a funny thing happens ...

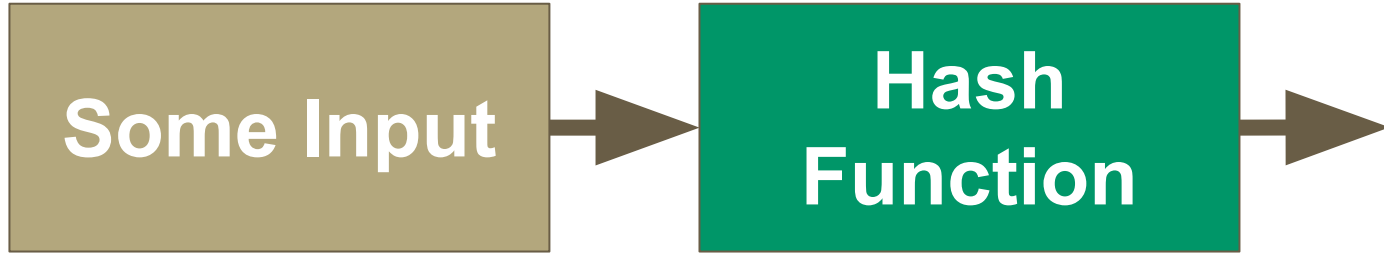
# Functions in Math

- But then a funny thing happens ...
- ... our function is still “Doubling” →
- So what if I give you the output only? Can you figure out the input?
- OF COURSE ... we’ll just reverse the function
- Example:
  - our function is “Doubling” →
  - $f(x) = 2x$  →
  - If the output is **44**, then the input is ...
  - **22** ;-)
- Most functions in math are Two-way Functions (reversible)
- But then ...

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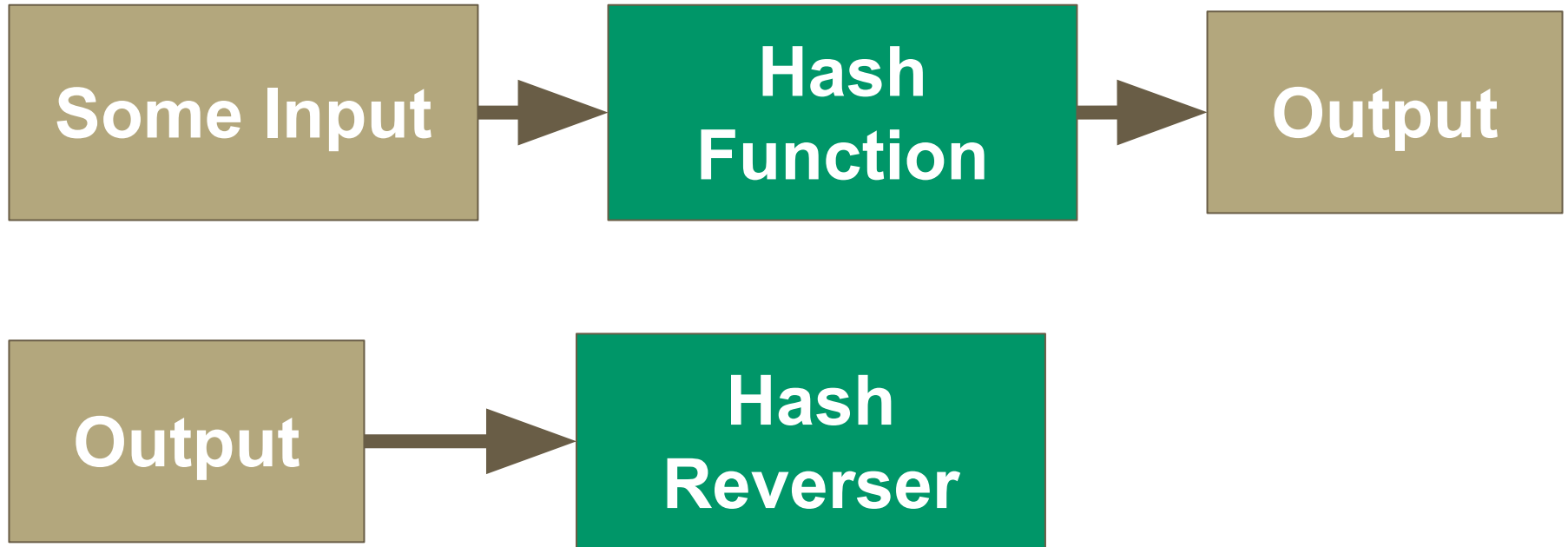
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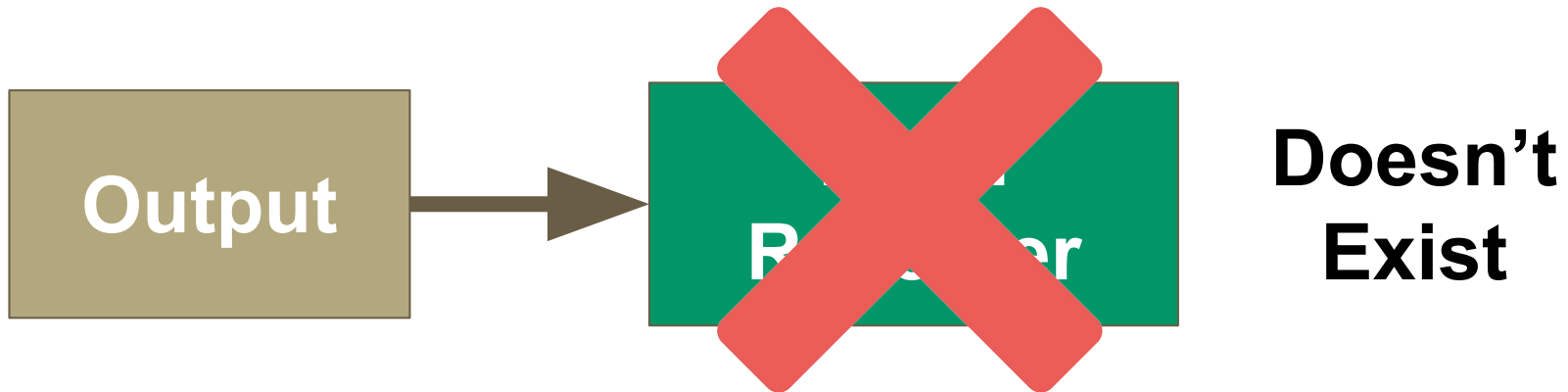
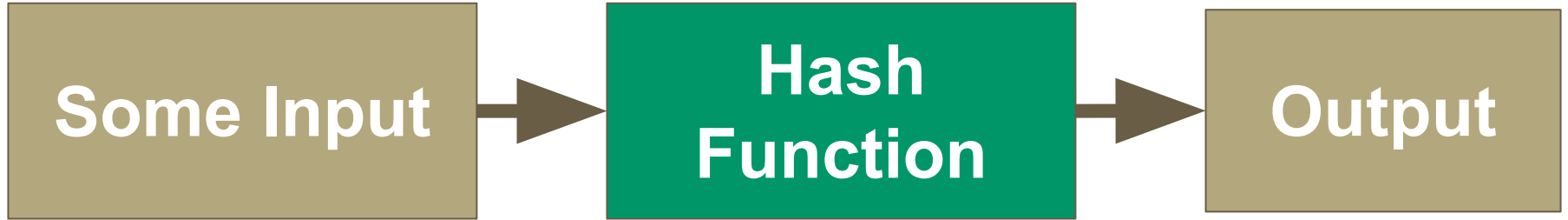
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**A great example of a One-way Function ...**



**Another great example of a One-way Function**

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**Our Function is =  
for a given input, find the output**

**Our Function is =**  
**for a given input (name) →**  
**find the output (corresponding phone number)**



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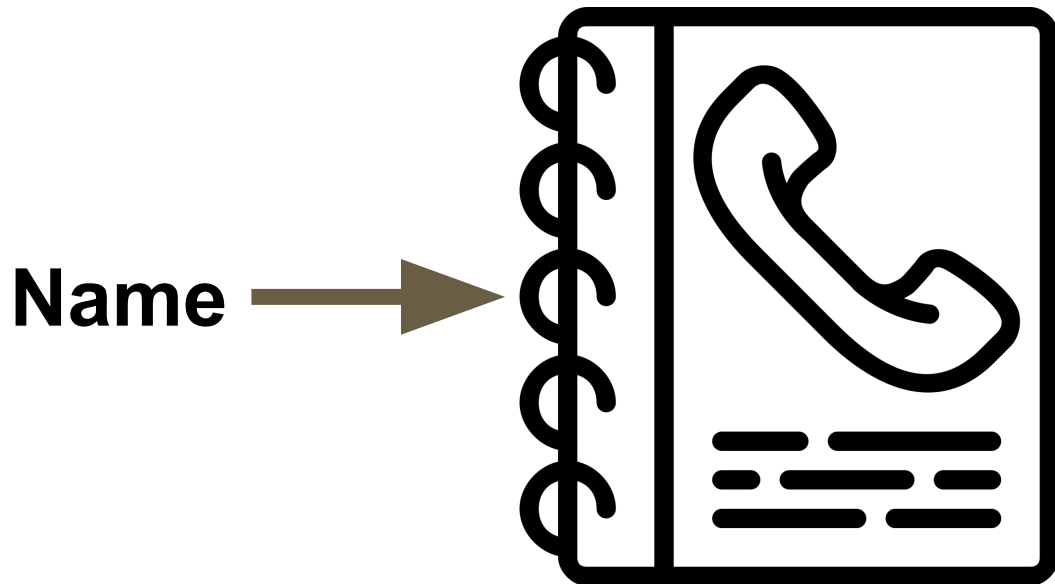
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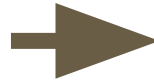


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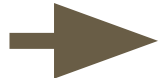
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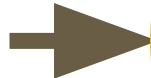
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Kyle  
**SPACEY**

Russell  
**CROWE**

Guy  
**PEARCE**

Kim  
**BASINGER**

Danny  
**DEVITO**

Everything Is  
Suspicious...

Everyone Is  
For Sale...

And Nothing Is  
What It Seems.

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A man in a white dress shirt and a red tie is seated at a desk in a cluttered office. He is holding a rotary telephone receiver to his ear and appears to be in the middle of a conversation. The office is filled with stacks of papers, boxes, and a bulletin board covered in various notices and photos. In the background, a woman in a light-colored suit is standing and looking at a folder she is holding. The scene is lit with warm, indoor lighting, typical of a 1970s office setting.

Ginger, you grab a reverse directory  
and shag a name and address for me?



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**So that you know what one-way functions are,  
let's continue to learn more about hashing and  
hashing tables ...**

**Imagine we have a database of over 50 million phone numbers of our customers in the United States. My database does not allow sorting, so how do I find the name of a business associated with a phone number in our database?**

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Stone Rock Capital LLC	212-854-3487
Simple Basic Partners LLP	213-718-1696
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**Let's develop a method (Protocol or Algorithm)  
to simplify these phone numbers and be able to  
create sub-categories for storing in our  
database ...**

**212-854-3487 (take a number from our directory)**

**21 28 54 34 87 (separate into two-digit numbers)**

**2+1 2+8 5+4 3+4 8+7 (add up the digits of each tw-digit pair until you get a single-digit number)**

**3 10 9 7 15**

**3 1+0 9 7 1+5**

**3 1 9 7 6 (Done! Then combine to form a 5-digit category number for storing)**

**31976**



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78 74 29 38 81 77 53 99 91 96 05 53 03 45 94 77 29 10 37 89 23 73 68 40 68

7+8 7+4 2+9 3+8 ...

15 13 11 11 ...


1+5 1+3 1+1 1+1 ...

6 4 2 2 ...

**Let's continue to learn more about hashing and  
hashing tables ...**

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Dara	330i
Cara	X7
Bea	X3
Alice	M4
Ella	128i

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**Again, imagine no sorting is allowed ...  
or the table has tens of thousands of rows and  
hundred of columns (big data)**

Name	Codes
Stadtverordnetenversammlung	2840
KraftfahrzeugHaftpflichtversicherung	9508
Siebentausendzweihundertvierundfünfzig	7254
Rechtsschutzversicherungsgesellschaften	3126
Rindfleischetikettierungsüberwachungsaufgabenübertragungsgesetz	5434
Donaudampfschiffahrtselektrizitätenhauptbetriebswerkbauunterbeamtengesellschaft	8923

Item Number	Tariff Code
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4548	88984727710651739231245830019043173775547558023984	3f26
4465	77603278128172851537873810966507560948211829756526	787y
2677	46527684654614009996682441601858375203324083908888	8nc6

**We need to REALLY minimize the chance of two items having the same hash ...**

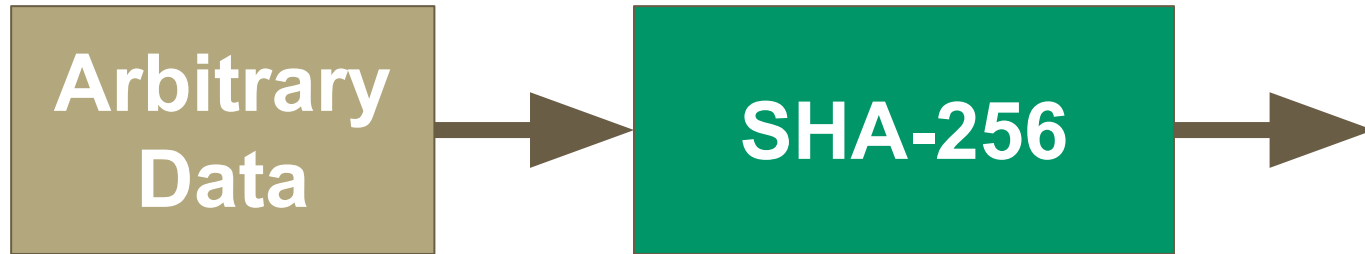
**SHA to the rescue!**

# Bitcoin's Hashing Function





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# SHA-256

**SHA-256 hash:** a number with the range:

$$0 \rightarrow 2^{256}$$

# SHA-256

**2<sup>256</sup>** equals to:

115792089237316195423570985008687907853269984665640564039457584007913129639936

# SHA-256

**SHA-256 hash:** a number with the range:

$$0 \rightarrow 2^{256}$$

$$2^{256} = 115,792,089,237,316,195,423,570,985,008,687,907,853,269,984,665,640,564,039,457,584,007,913,129,639,936$$

# SHA-256: Using an unimaginably large number!

Note that  $2^{256}$  is approximately  $10^{77}$

The sum of all the atoms in the universe are estimated to be  $10^{80}$  (or between  $10^{78}$  and  $10^{82}$ )

# SHA-256 Hash: a continuous number line

0



$2^{256}$



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# SHA-256: points on the long line

**Each point would be consisting of many digits:**

0

1

2

3

4

8

25

9387

23430174432

57098500868790785

7316195423570985008687907853269984665640

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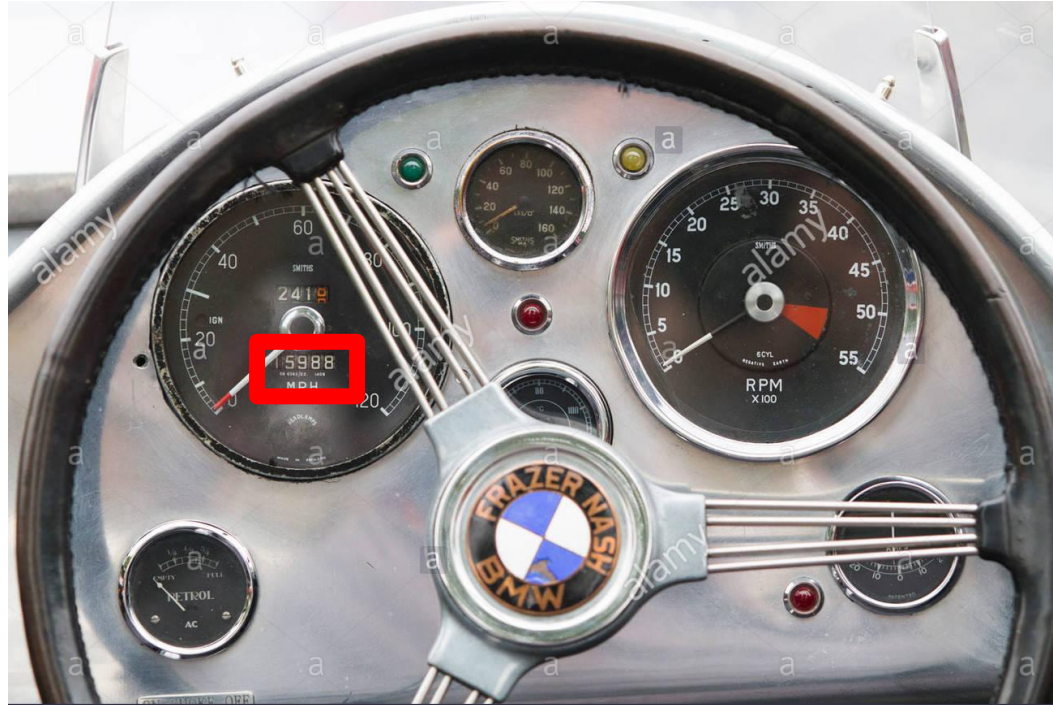
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# Odometer (mileage count)



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140 MILLION  
MILES AWAY

MATT DAMON

THE MARTIAN

IN CINEMAS SEPTEMBER 30  
IN 3D

#TheMartian



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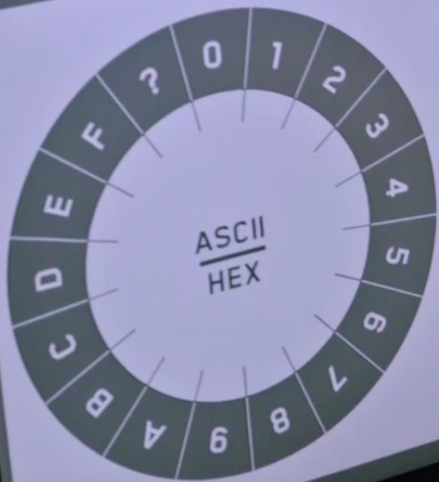
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0	00000000	000	00	NUL	32	00100000	040	20	SP	64	01000000	100	40	@	96	01100000	140	60	`
1	00000001	001	01	SOH	33	00100001	041	21	!	65	01000001	101	41	A	97	01100001	141	61	a
2	00000010	002	02	STX	34	00100010	042	22	"	66	01000010	102	42	B	98	01100010	142	62	b
3	00000011	003	03	ETX	35	00100011	043	23	#	67	01000011	103	43	C	99	01100011	143	63	c
4	00000100	004	04	EOT	36	00100100	044	24	\$	68	01000100	104	44	D	100	01100100	144	64	d
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6	00000110	006	06	ACK	38	00100110	046	26	&	70	01000110	106	46	F	102	01100110	146	66	f
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8	00001000	010	08	BS	40	00101000	050	28	(	72	01001000	110	48	H	104	01101000	150	68	h
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19	00010011	023	13	DC3	51	00110011	063	33	3	83	01010011	123	53	S	115	01110011	163	73	s
20	00010100	024	14	DC4	52	00110100	064	34	4	84	01010100	124	54	T	116	01110100	164	74	t
21	00010101	025	15	NAK	53	00110101	065	35	5	85	01010101	125	55	U	117	01110101	165	75	u
22	00010110	026	16	SYN	54	00110110	066	36	6	86	01010110	126	56	V	118	01110110	166	76	v
23	00010111	027	17	ETB	55	00110111	067	37	7	87	01010111	127	57	W	119	01110111	167	77	w
24	00011000	030	18	CAN	56	00111000	070	38	8	88	01011000	130	58	X	120	01111000	170	78	x
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31	00011111	037	1F	US	63	00111111	077	3F	?	95	01011111	137	5F	_	127	01111111	177	7F	DEL

# Decimal - Binary - Octal - Hex – ASCII Conversion Chart

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII	Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII
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1	00000001	001	01	SOH	33	00100001	041	21	!	65	01000001	01	41	A	97	01100001	141	61	a
2	00000010	002	02	STX	34	00100010	042	22	"	66	01000010	02	42	B	98	01100010	142	62	b
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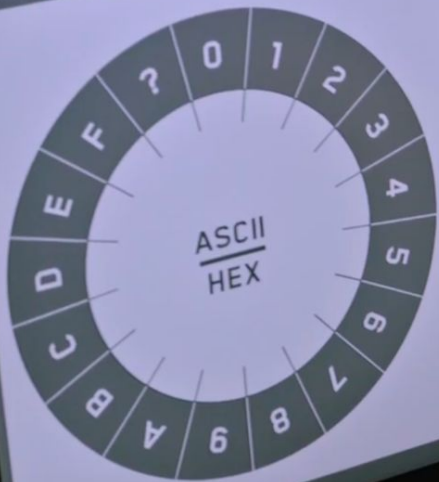
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1	SOH	DC1	!	1	B	R	b	r								
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3	ETX	DC3	#	3	D	T	d	t								
4	EOT	DC4	\$	4	E	U	e	u								
5	ENO	NAK	%	5	F	V	f	v								
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48, 4F, 57, 41  
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HEXADEcimal



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**A few thoughts on “Collisions” ...**



**Remember these?**

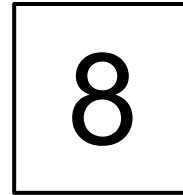
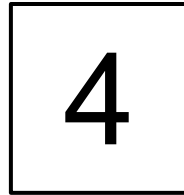
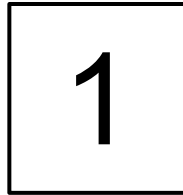


**Brute force the unlocking of this briefcase ...**

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... it will take you 3 seconds per each try.**

**How long will it take to “hack” the briefcase  
open without knowing the secret lock code?**

# Combination Lock (3 rotary dials)



Digits

0

**1**

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

Digits

0

1

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3

**4**

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$10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1,000 = 10^3$  total possible combinations

With 3 seconds per each combination, we will need:  
 $3 \times 10^3$  second (or 3,000 seconds)

There are 60 seconds in each minutes, so:

$$(3 \times 10^3) \div 60 = 50 \text{ minutes max to open each lock}$$

OR

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1 min = 60 seconds

So  $60 \div 3 = 20$  combinations per minute

$1,000 \div 20 = 50$  minutes to open each lock

# Combination Lock (3 rotary dials)

1

4

8

Digits

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3 d e 7 6 b e 1 8 c ... 5

Digits Digits Digits Digits Digits Digits Digits Digits Digits Digits Digits

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1  
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2  
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3  
4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4  
5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5  
6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6  
7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7  
8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8  
9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9  
a a a a a a a a a a a  
b b b b b b b b b b b  
c c c c c c c c c c c  
d d d d d d d d d d d  
e e e e e e e e e e e  
f f f f f f f f f f f

16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 ... 16



# SHA-256 Hash: Why 64 characters?



**Text**    **SHA-256 Hash (HexaDecimal)**

**hello**    **2cf**24dba5fb0a30e26e83b2ac5b9e29e1b161e5c1fa7425e73043362938b9824

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$$16^{64} = (2^4)^{64} = 2^{4 \times 64} = 2^{256}$$

# SHA-256

**SHA-256 hash:** a number with the range:

$$0 \rightarrow 2^{256}$$

$$2^{256} = 115,792,089,237,316,195,423,570,985,008,687,907,853,269,984,665,640,564,039,457,584,007,913,129,639,936$$

# SHA-256: Using an unimaginably large number!

Note that  $2^{256}$  is approximately  $10^{77}$

The sum of all the atoms in the universe are estimated to be  $10^{80}$  (or between  $10^{78}$  and  $10^{82}$ )

**Let's brute-force a SHA-256 collision by using  
state-of-the-art machine:**

# Some of the Fastest Machines

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Antminer S21 Hyd (335Th)



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**At \$3,000 a machine, we'd need \$3,000,000,000,000 just to buy them  
(3 trillion dollars ... annual GDP of France!)**







# SHA-256 Hex Encoding

**Instead of a long hash consisting of many digits:**

0

1

2

3

4

8

25

9387

23430174432

57098500868790785

7316195423570985008687907853269984665640

4853269984665907859895748813748971384798546645240492

115792089237316195423570985008687907853269984665640564039457584007913129639

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1157920892373161954235709850086879078532699846656405640394575840079131296399

**We have (a fixed string of 64 characters ... always):**

fd04788626e5f87b3b22b2b855bddaae2f1ee43956232d2fa57c5afa7d3f09b9

4faa640f3077ded9d2b7fc6f429050defc5d26e08e5b241edadd39a49e56af51

933e1c934309c9d942921fcebcd8fc398553f2c39ccb162cb53bd998149b042b

# SHA-256

"hi"

"This is a sentence."



**SHA-256**

8f434346648f6b96df89dda901c5176b10a6d83961dd3c1ac88b59b2dc327aa4

79f5c65fe815417fe2dc3fdbfbda9dbff7e0ecf63dea6162d4339546e7aa4d49

fd04788626e5f87b3b22b2b855bddaae2f1ee43956232d2fa57c5afa7d3f09b9

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# DEMO: Hash (SHA-256)

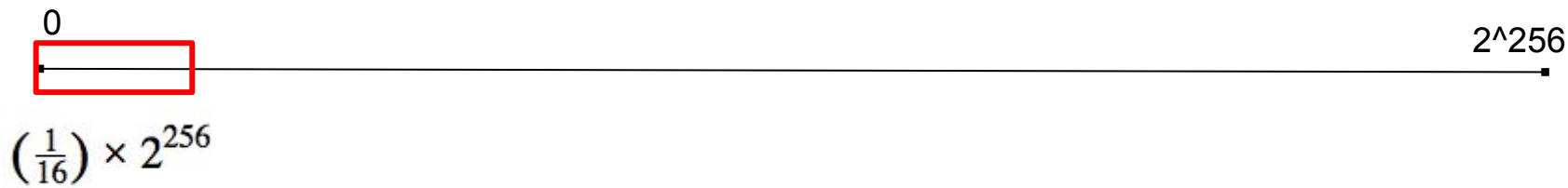
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<u>Text</u>	<u>SHA-256 Hash (HexaDecimal)</u>
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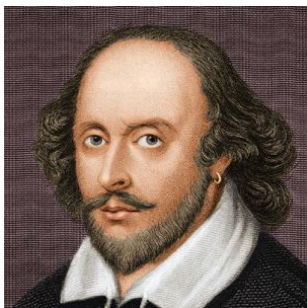
# SHA-256 Hash: setting thresholds



Numbers with one leading zero

# SHA-kespeare

Approx 110,968 lines of Shakespeare written (all works)



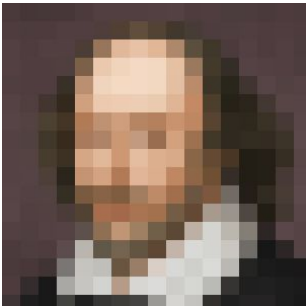
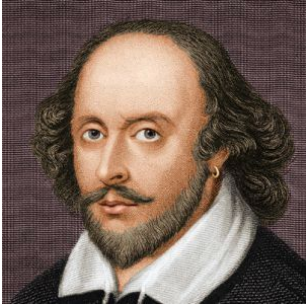
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2 Leading Zeros			
1 Leading Zero			
No Leading Zeros			

**Calculate the expected number of lines from no leading zero to 4 leading zeros. You have 5 minutes.**



# SHA-kespeare

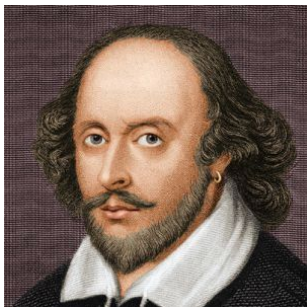
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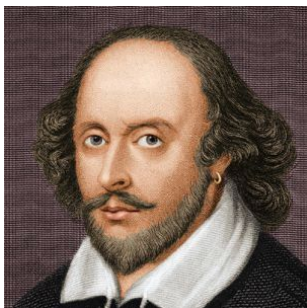
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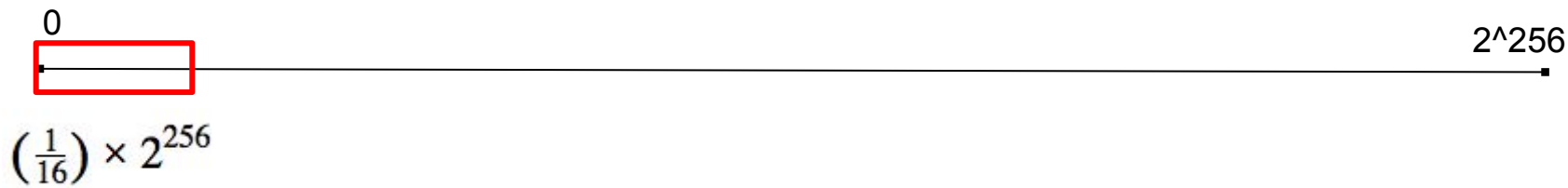
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# SHA-256 Hash: setting thresholds



Numbers with **AT LEAST** one leading zero

# SHA-256 Hash: setting thresholds

All numbers with NO leading zero

0



$2^{256}$

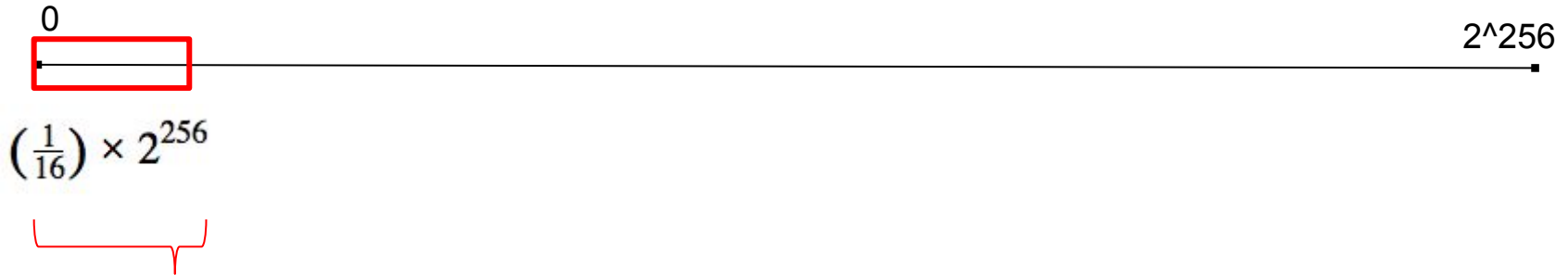
$$\left(\frac{1}{16}\right) \times 2^{256}$$



Numbers with AT LEAST  
one leading zero

# SHA-256 Hash: setting thresholds

All numbers with NO leading zero  
 $110,968 * (15/16) = 104,032.5$



Numbers with AT LEAST  
one leading zero  
 $110,968 - 104,033 =$   
 $6,935.5$

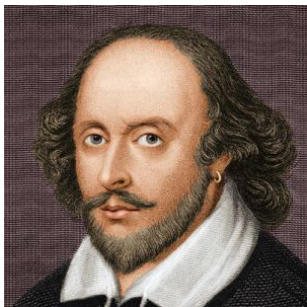
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	Value <b>A</b>	Value(15/16) <b>B</b>	Value-Value(15/16) <b>C</b>
<b>1</b>	110,968	<b>104,033</b>	6,936
<b>2</b>	6,936	<b>6,502</b>	433
<b>3</b>	433	<b>406</b>	27
<b>4</b>	27	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>

110,968 =**A1\*15/16** =A1-B1  
=C1 =**A2\*15/16** =A2-B2  
=C2 =**A3\*15/16** =A3-B3  
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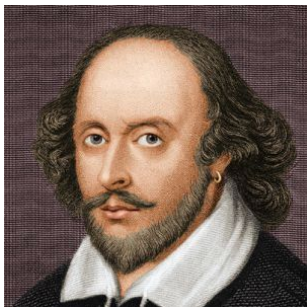


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3 Leading Zeros		~25	0.0160%
2 Leading Zeros		~406	0.3740%
1 Leading Zero		~6,502	6.0044%
No Leading Zeros		~104,033	93.603%



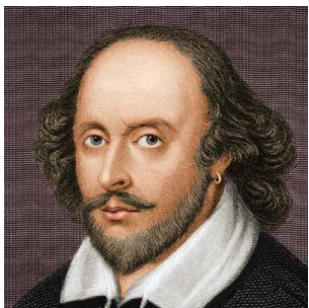
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2 Leading Zeros	415	~406	0.3740%
1 Leading Zero	6,663	~6,502	6.0044%
No Leading Zeros	103,870	~104,033	93.603%

# SHA-kespeare



**Hamlet, Act I, Scene 2:**

*King. Have you your father's leave?*

*What says Polonius?*



000055779d9bda7accb203c8256e6106e  
2d44d68025b83624af59e31c3527275

# Blockchain: a cryptographically-verifiable Tx chain

Everyone gets \$100

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Bob gives Edith \$10




How to make the chain secured?





No. But I hear Tony met his match in this Columbia guy that's apparently super smart. Ring a bell?

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black blazer over a white collared shirt, is smiling and talking to another woman whose back is to the camera. They are on a balcony with a view of the ocean. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

Yeah. That'd be R.A. Farrokhnia.  
He is so dreamy and smart.



# Exercise: let's do a (theoretical) deal!

**Parties involved (client wants to use their own legal & accounting)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



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- 4. Alex Runne (AR); Steel, Runne & Hyde (SRH): Accounting**

**We will have lots of documents going back and forth.**

## Exercise: let's do a deal!

Our document naming convention, or protocol:

[type of doc]\_[company name]\_[author's initials]\_[author's employer]\_[date: mm/dd/yy]\_[version number: v#]

**[type of doc]\_[company name]\_[author's  
initials]\_[author's employer]\_[date:  
mm/dd/yy]\_[version number: v#]**

**PPM\_Newco\_RF\_COL\_041523\_v1**

**[type of doc]\_[company name]\_[author's initials]\_[author's employer]\_[date: mm/dd/yy]\_[version number: v#]**

**PPM\_Newco\_RF\_COL\_041523\_v1**

**PPM\_Newco\_BF\_CBC\_041623\_v2**







**What can do wrong? How to fix the system?**

**Let's build a blockchain, connecting and linking verified digital files in an immutable way with a shared ledger to keep track of it all that every party can see.**









Verified & Recorded on Distributed Shared Ledger

\$\$ Reward

PPM v2

Hash: 09592b438bfe8ac1fd



Скоп, державний сторуну Турин; як четвертий, що обсяг...  
Першим, як той же манускрипт був описано на за...  
Розум, який обрався, отримав і за цим підтверд...  
не устни Платона. Елітарна мова для себе позначує...  
в якій Річчю-Пісаною, від широк, спеціальна ви...  
дописав свої манускрипти, об'явив прохати протест...  
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в якій і за півтори сторони прав манускрип...  
той манускрип.

PPM v1

Скоп, державний сторуну Турин; як четвертий, що обсяг...  
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Let's Hash!



Verified & Recorded on Distributed Shared Ledger

\$\$ Reward

PPM v3

Hash: fa1960e7a6b57ee967

Скоп, державний сторуну Турин; як четвертий, що обсяг...  
Першим, як той же манускрипт був описано на за...  
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Sign with author Private Key to verify authenticity









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**Let's power on ...**

# Blockchain

Assume all transactions here are signed, and the creator of the hash verified that the sender had the necessary funds

Everyone gets \$100



Alice gives Bob \$5

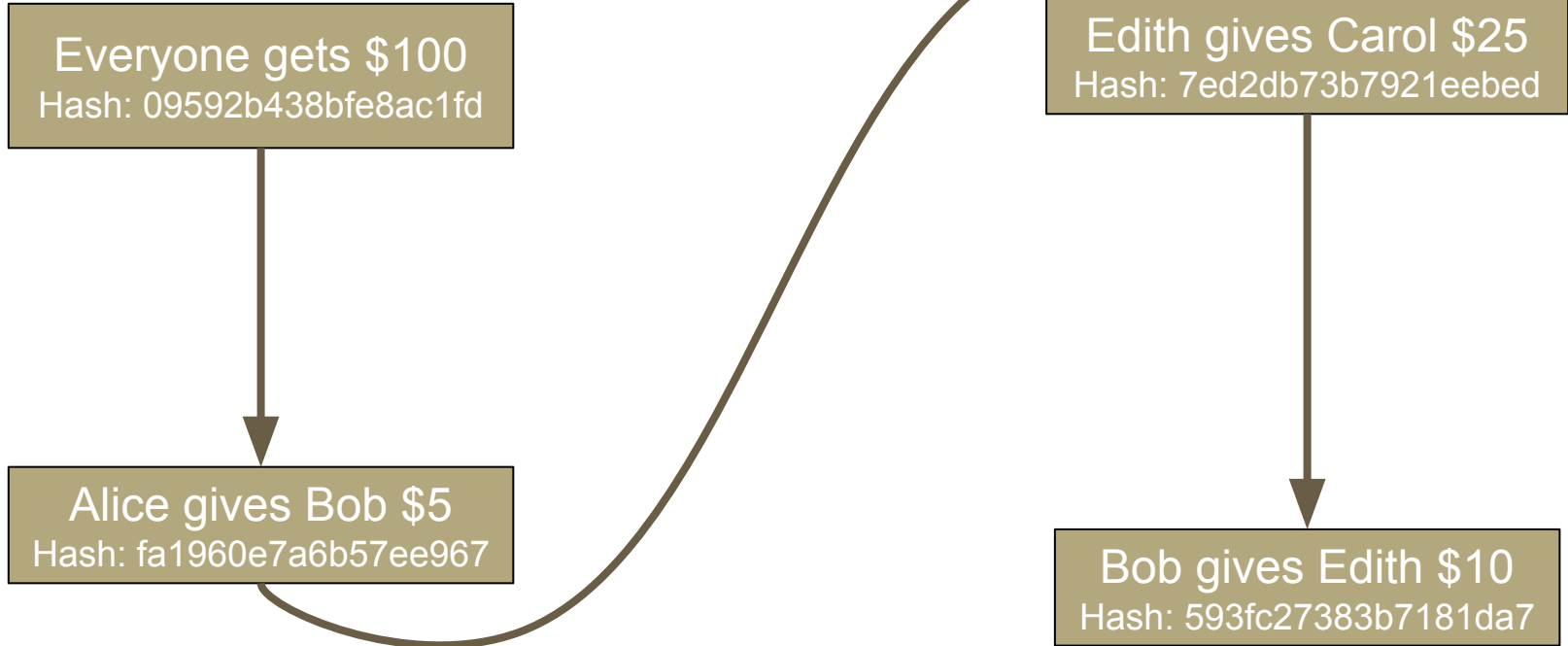


Edith gives Carol \$25



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# Blockchain: hash each block



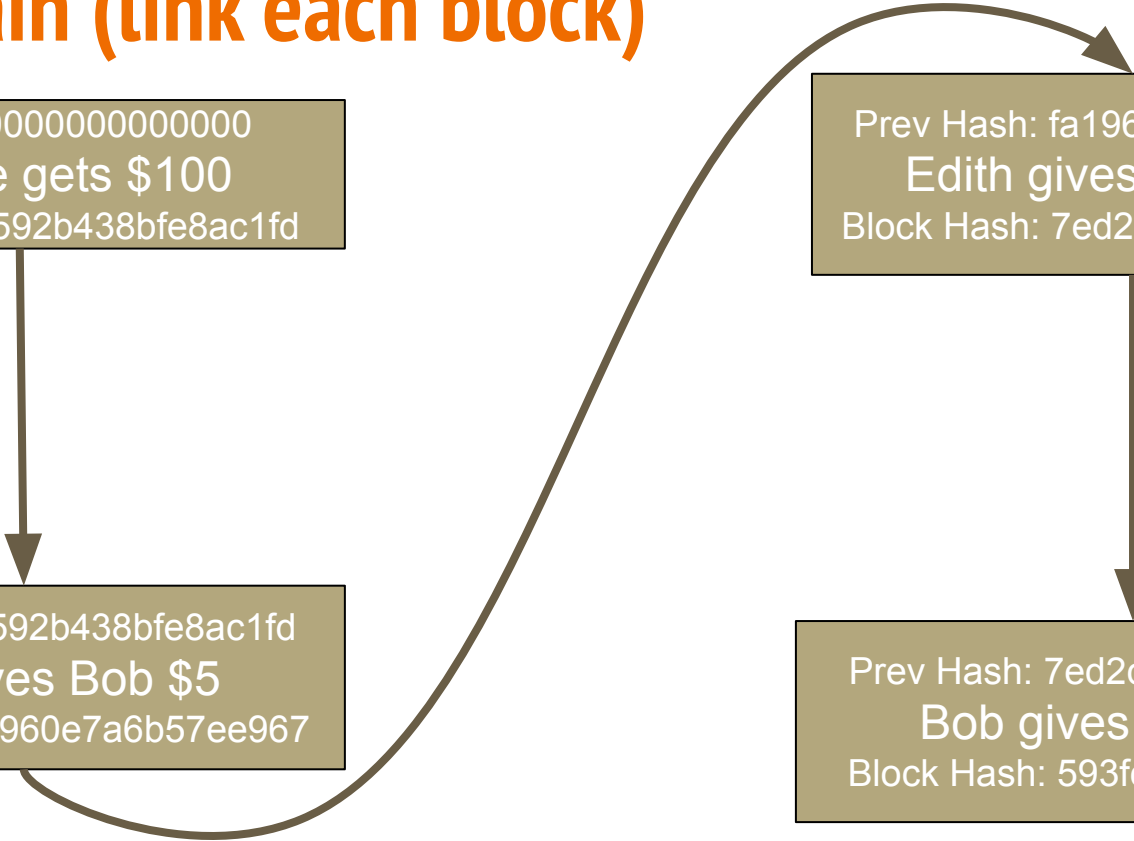
# Blockchain (link each block)

Prev Hash: 00000000000000  
Everyone gets \$100  
Block Hash: 09592b438bfe8ac1fd

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Block Hash: fa1960e7a6b57ee967

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Block Hash: 7ed2db73b7921eebed

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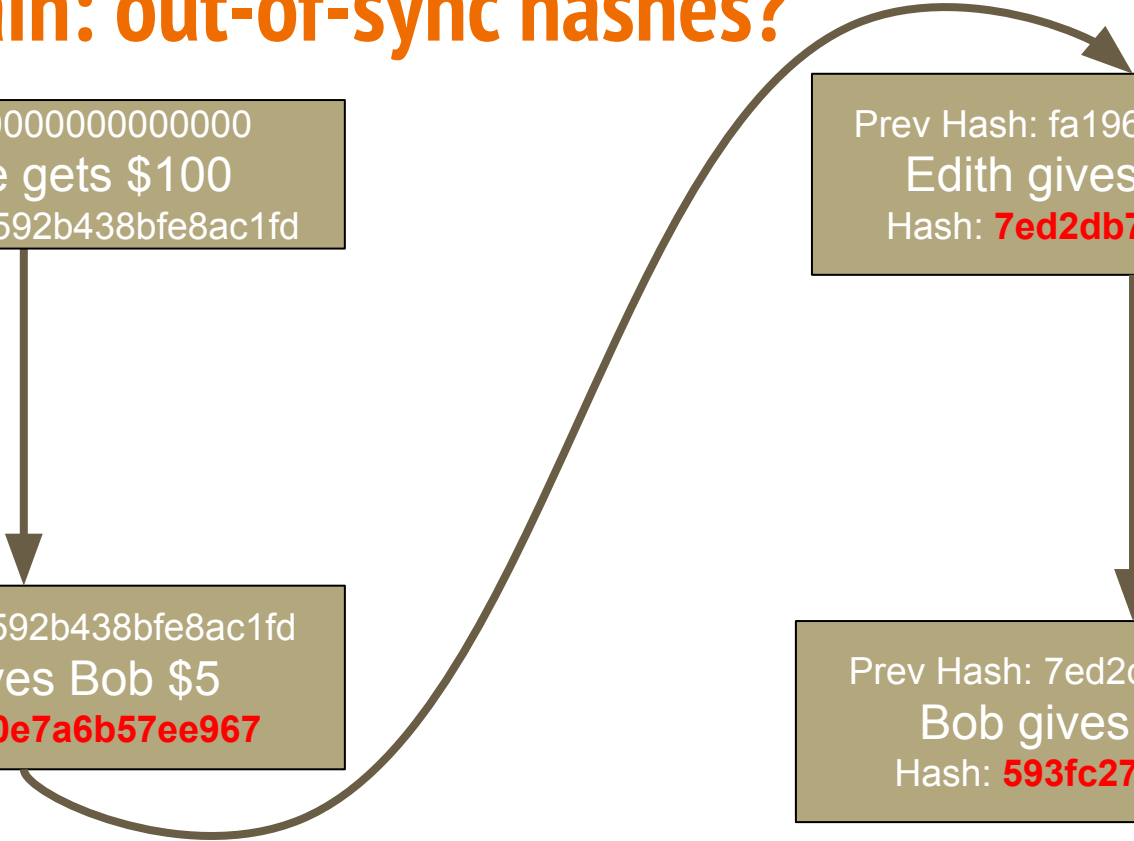
# Blockchain: out-of-sync hashes?

Prev Hash: 0000000000000  
Everyone gets \$100  
Block Hash: 09592b438bfe8ac1fd

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Alice gives Bob \$5  
Hash: **fa1960e7a6b57ee967**

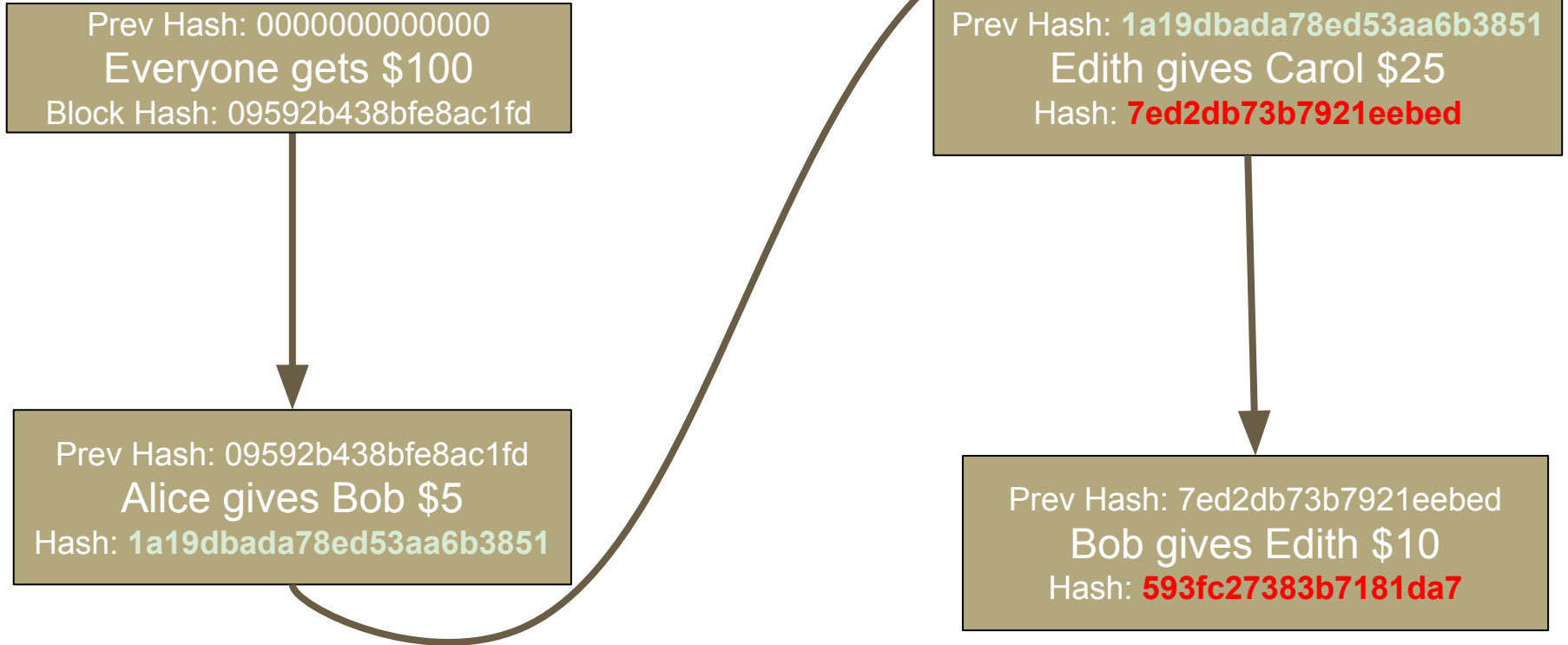
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# Blockchain: re-calculate hashes



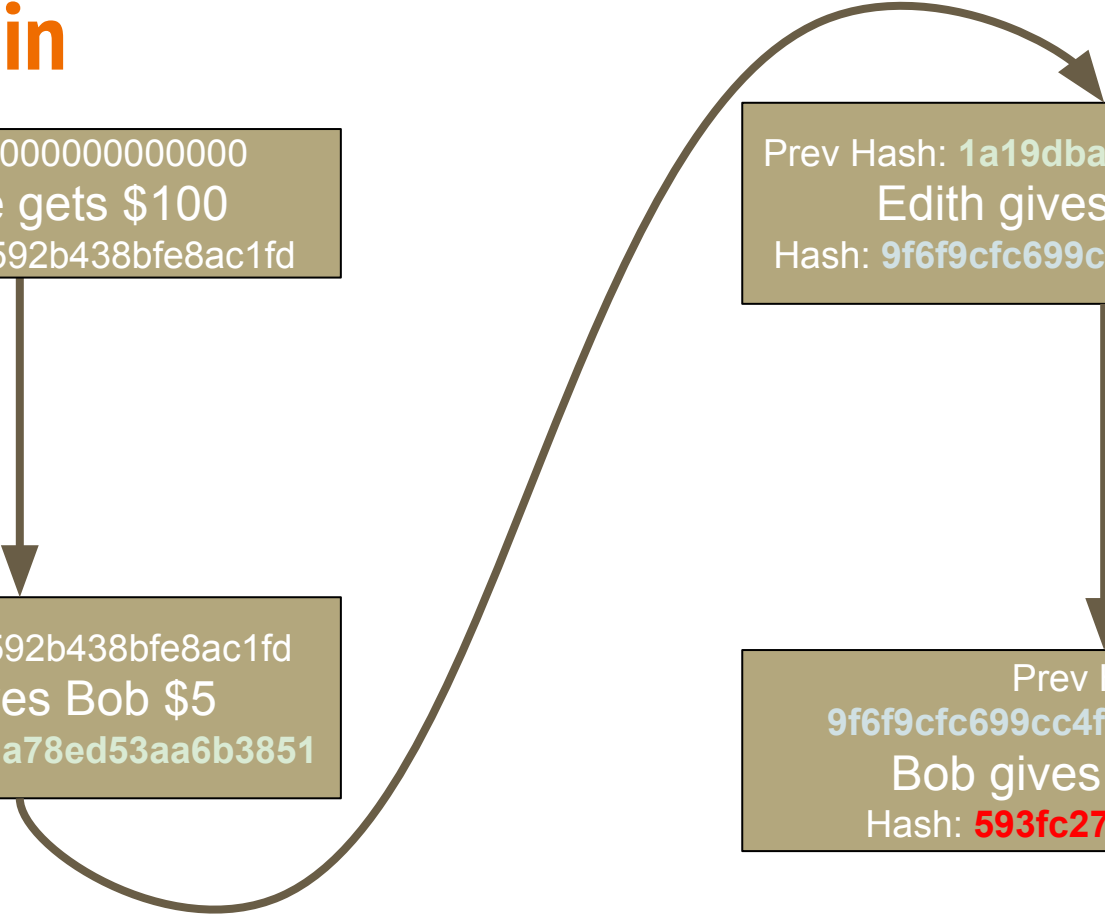
# Blockchain

Prev Hash: 0000000000000  
Everyone gets \$100  
Block Hash: 09592b438bfe8ac1fd

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Alice gives Bob \$5  
Hash: 1a19dbada78ed53aa6b3851

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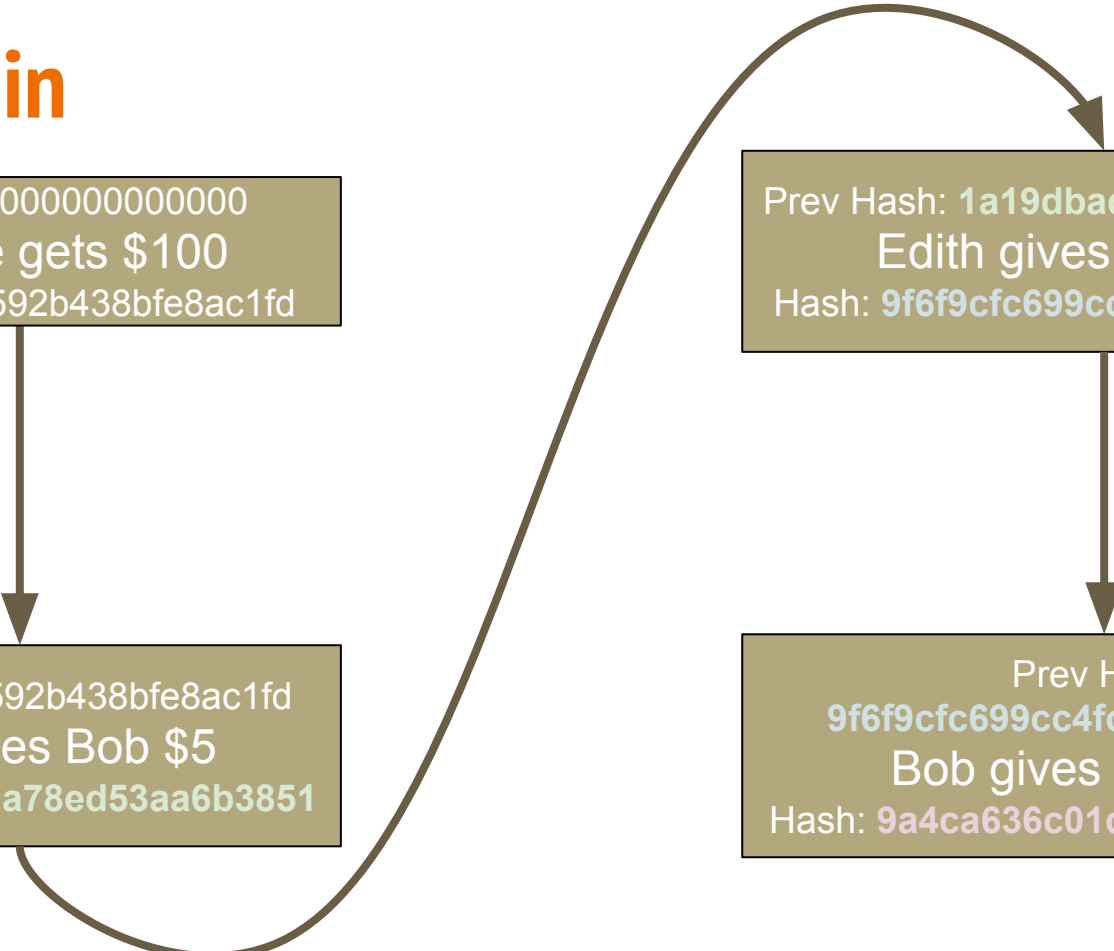
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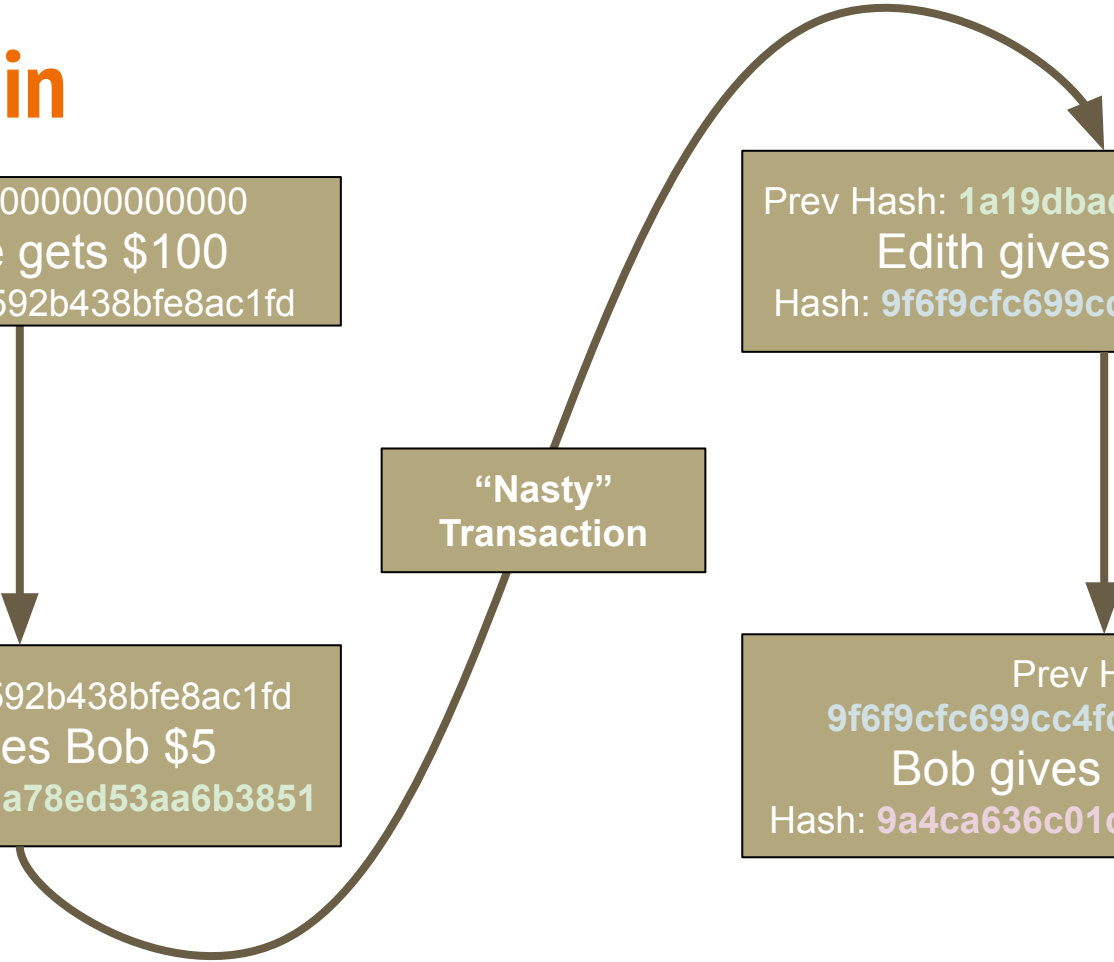
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“Nasty”  
Transaction

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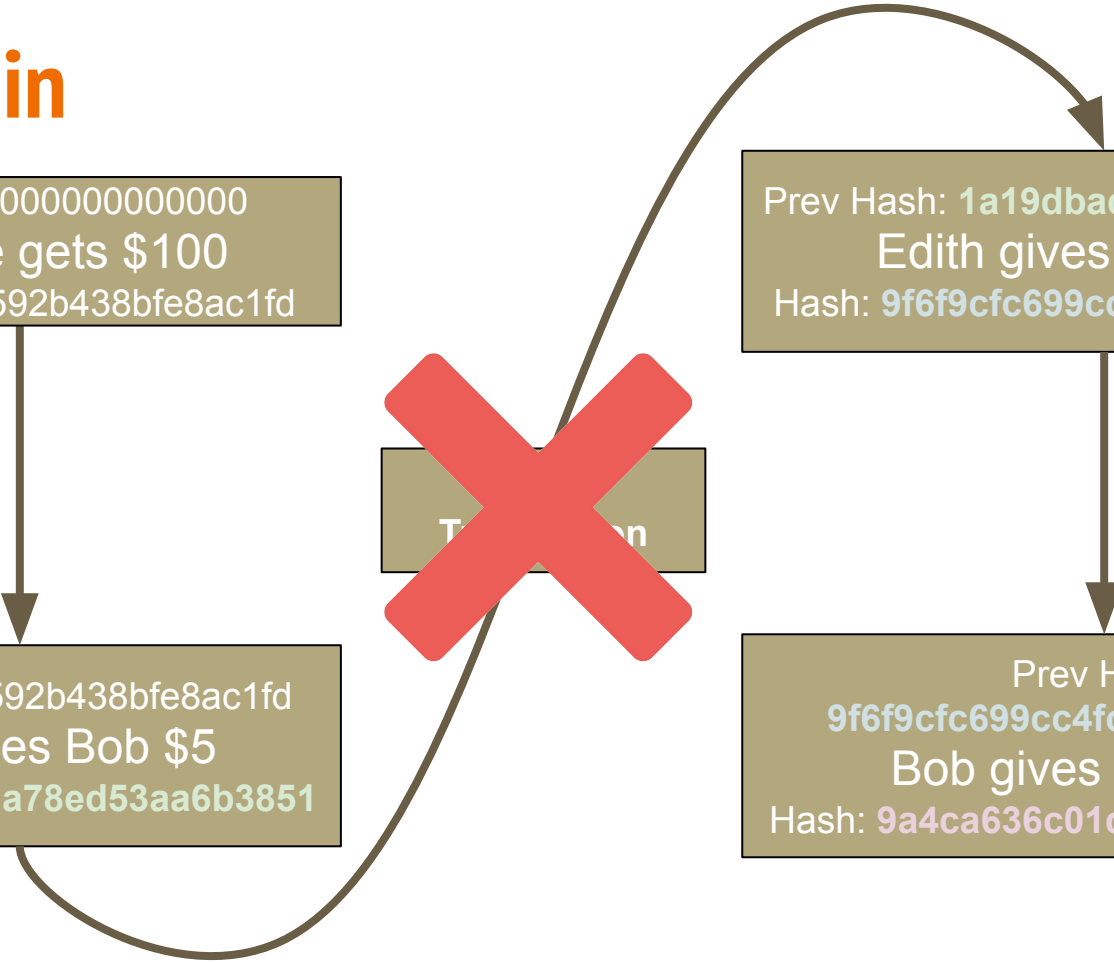
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~~Transaction~~

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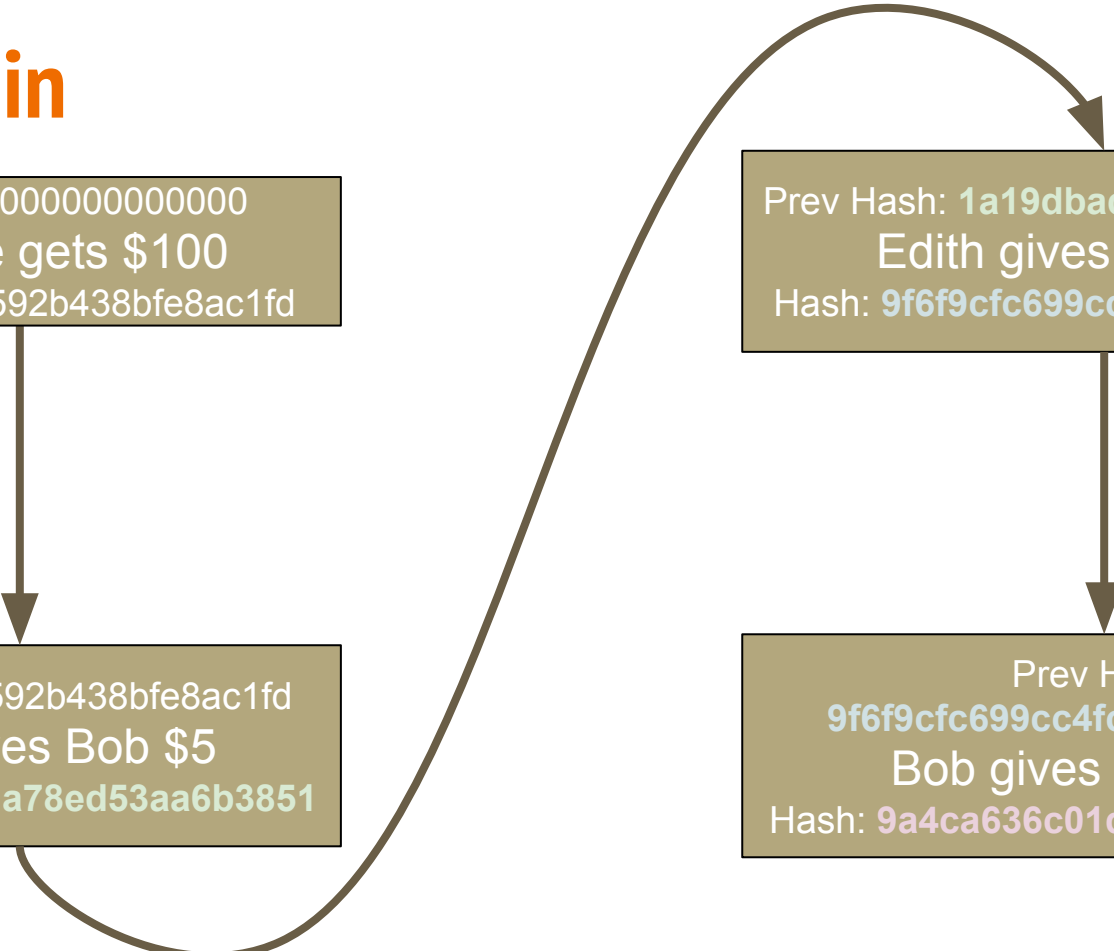
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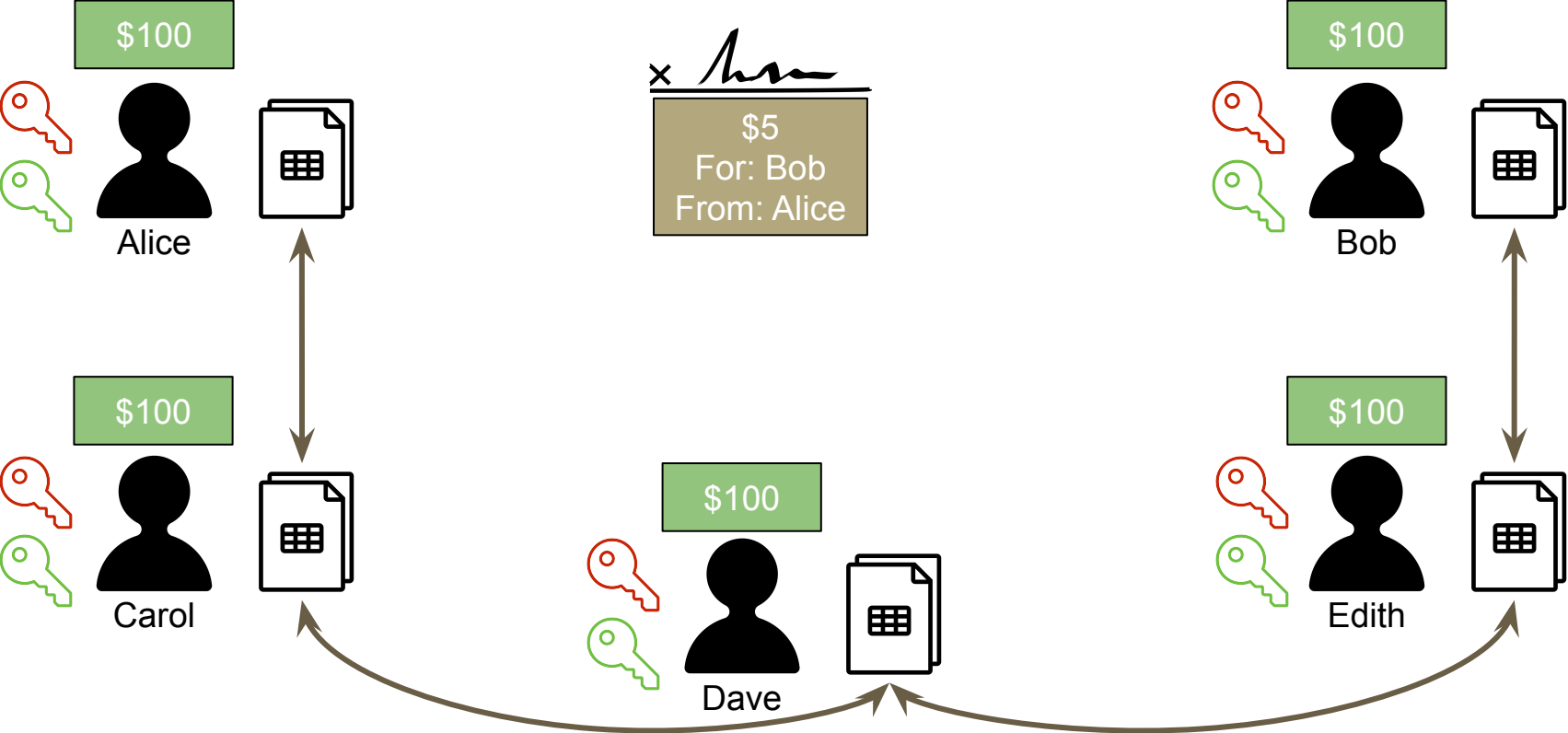
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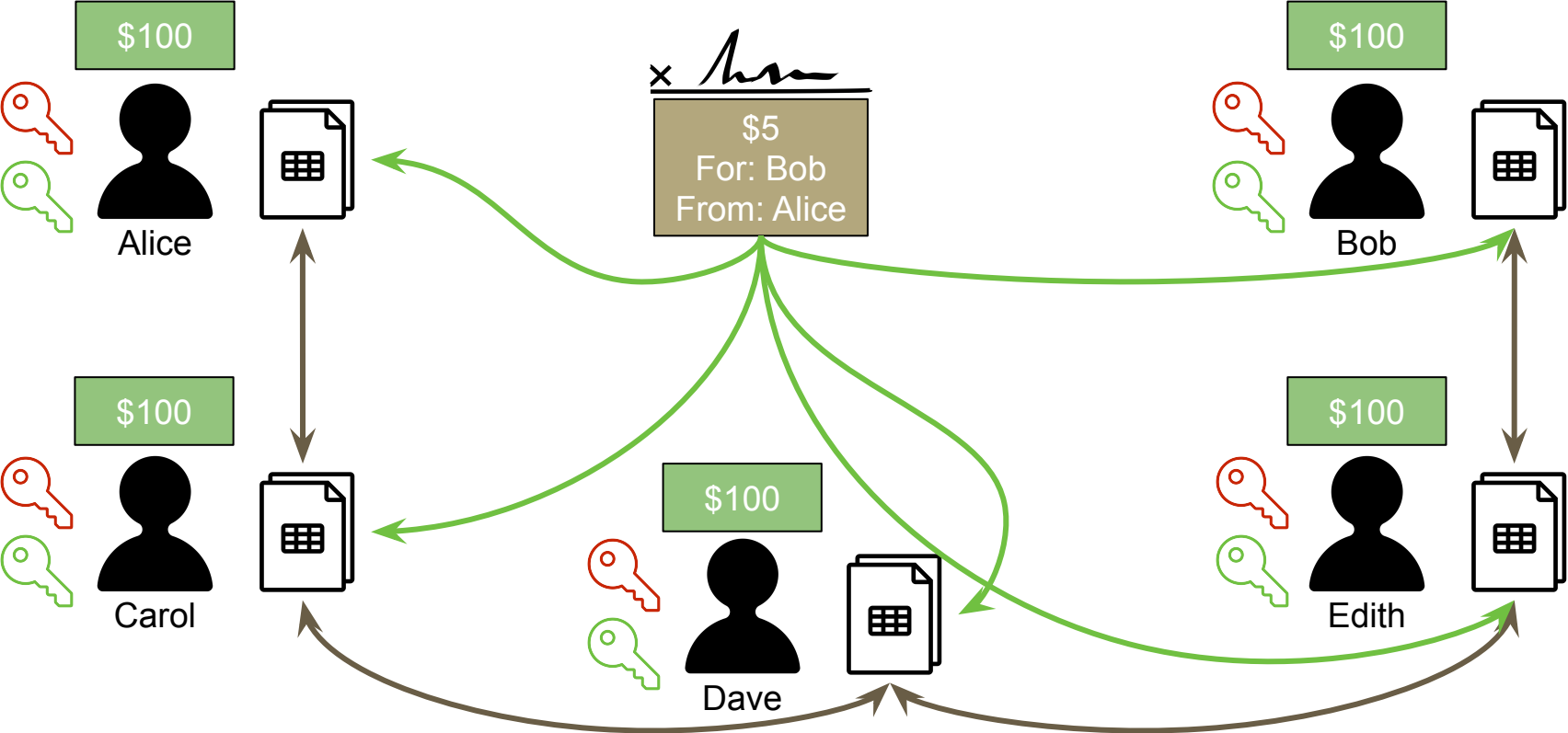
# DEMO: Blockchain

# Blockchains

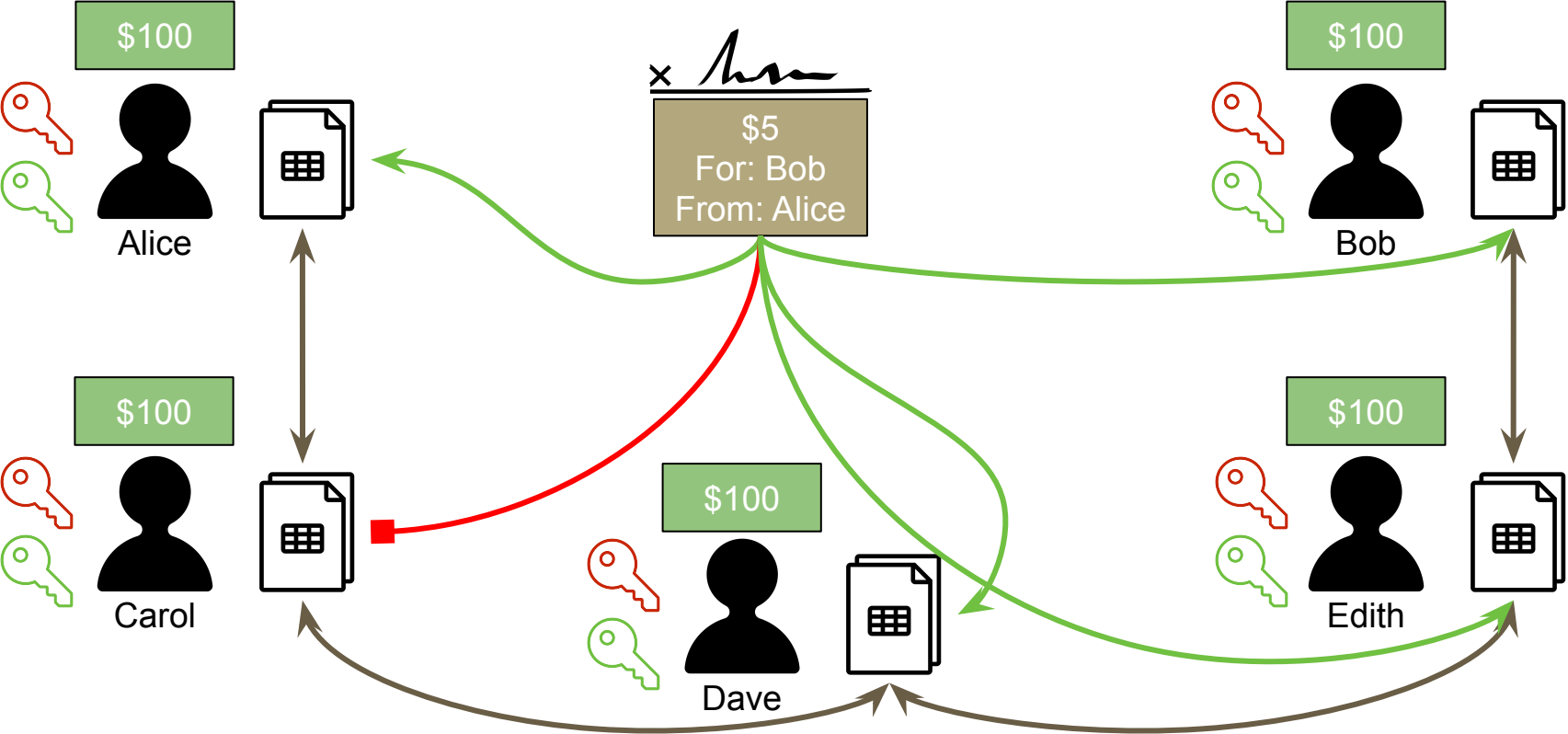




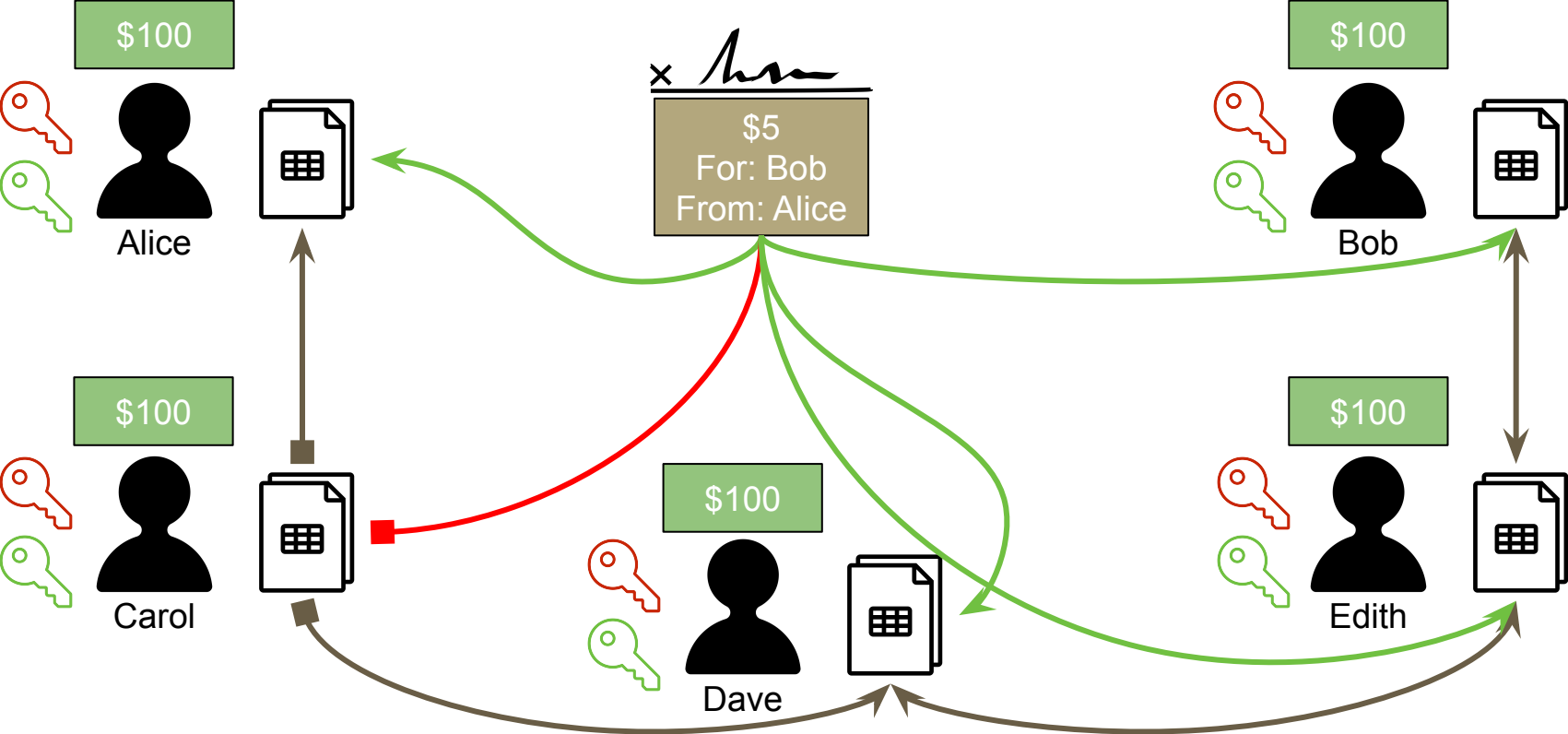
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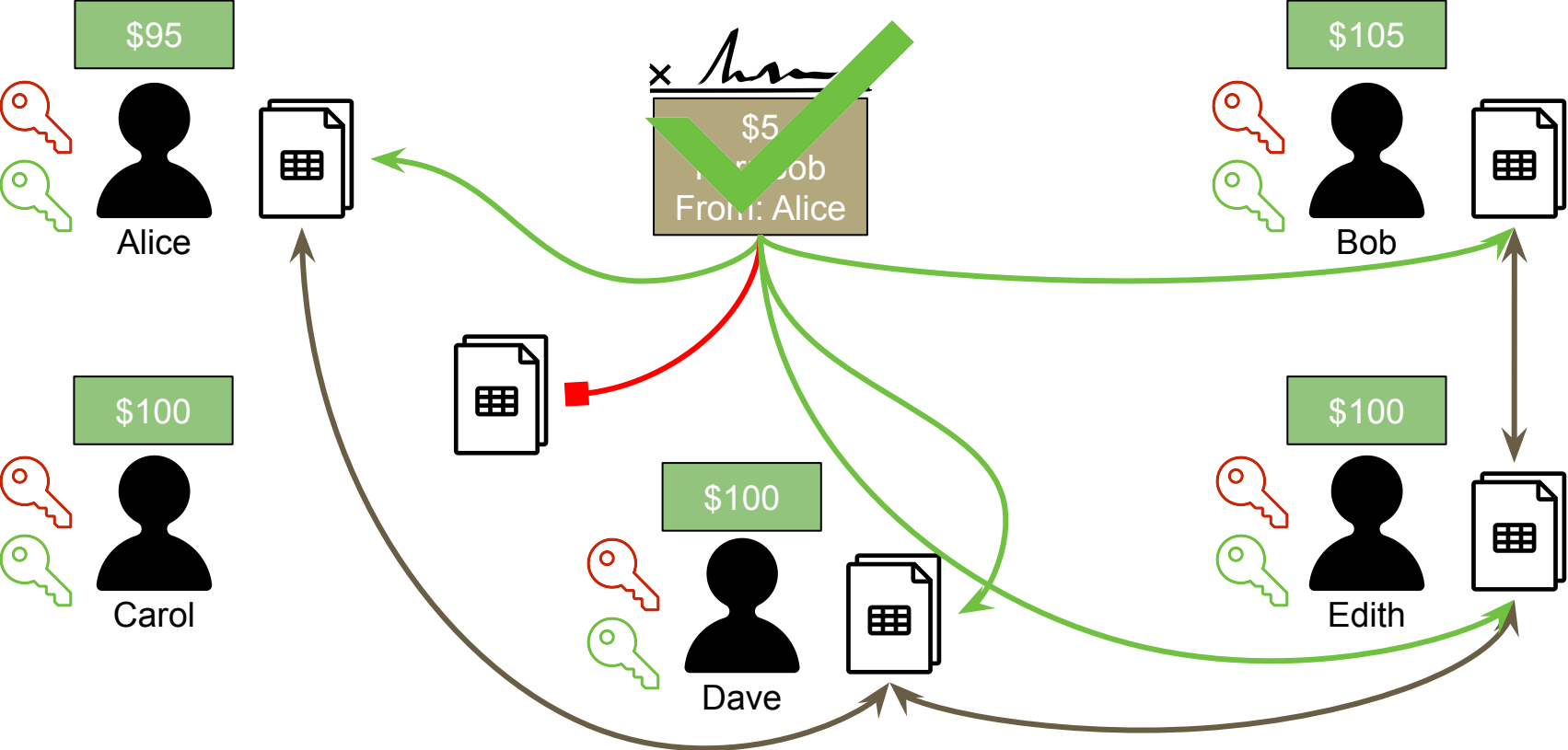


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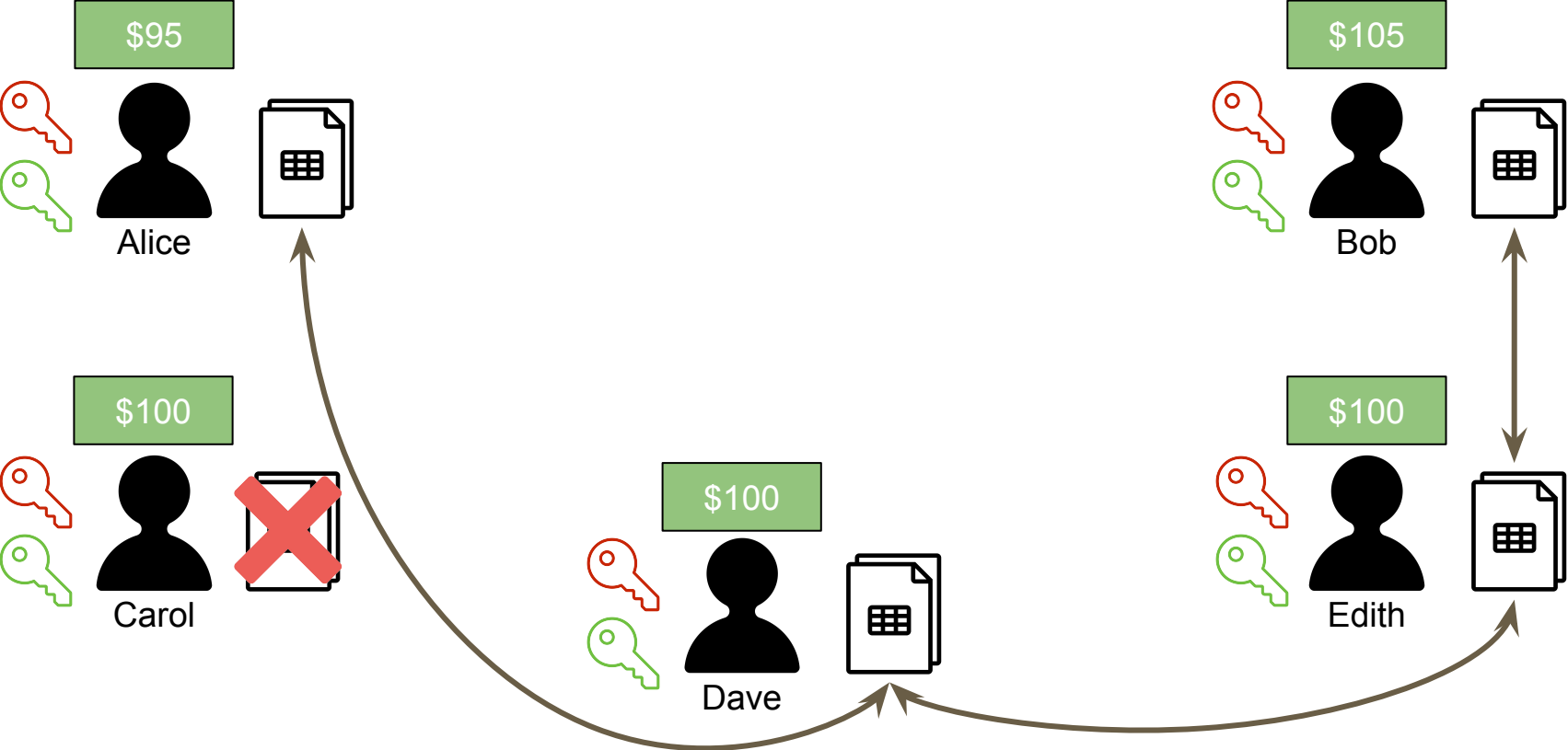




# Blockchains



# Blockchains



# Blockchain Recap

1. The transaction is broadcasted to the world.
2. Each node that receives the broadcast verifies via the signature and their copy of the ledger that the sending party has the funds to send that amount of money, and that the transaction actually came from the sending party.
3. Each updates their ledger in a cryptographically consistent and verifiable way, forever cementing the transaction as part of the chain.
4. Once the majority of nodes have updated their ledger with the valid transaction, the recipient of the money effectively “has” the new money because they now, according to the ledger shared by the majority, have the funds they need to send a new, valid transaction with the funds they received.

# DEMO: Distributed



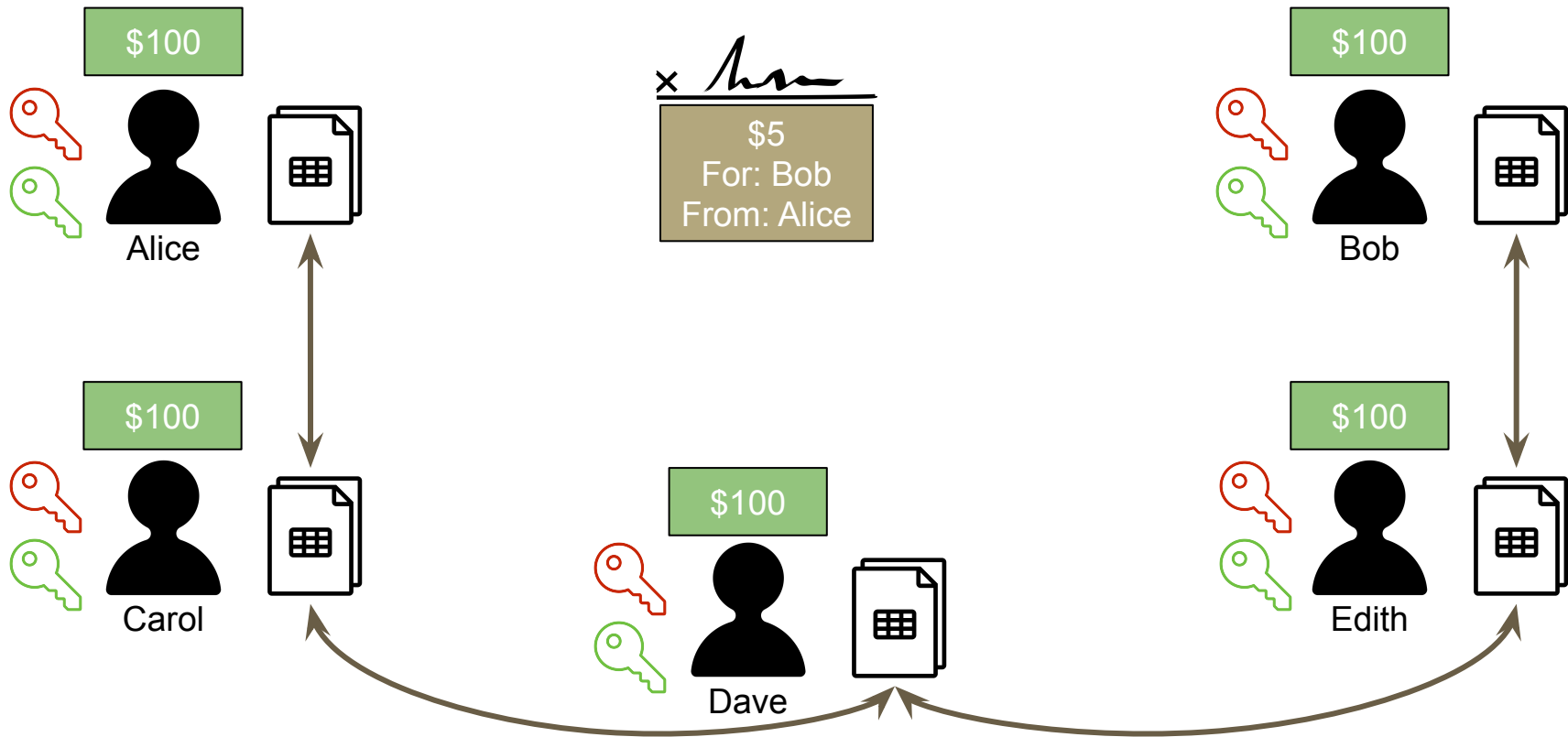
## V. Bitcoin

Leveraging the blockchain to create a decentralized digital crypto-currency.

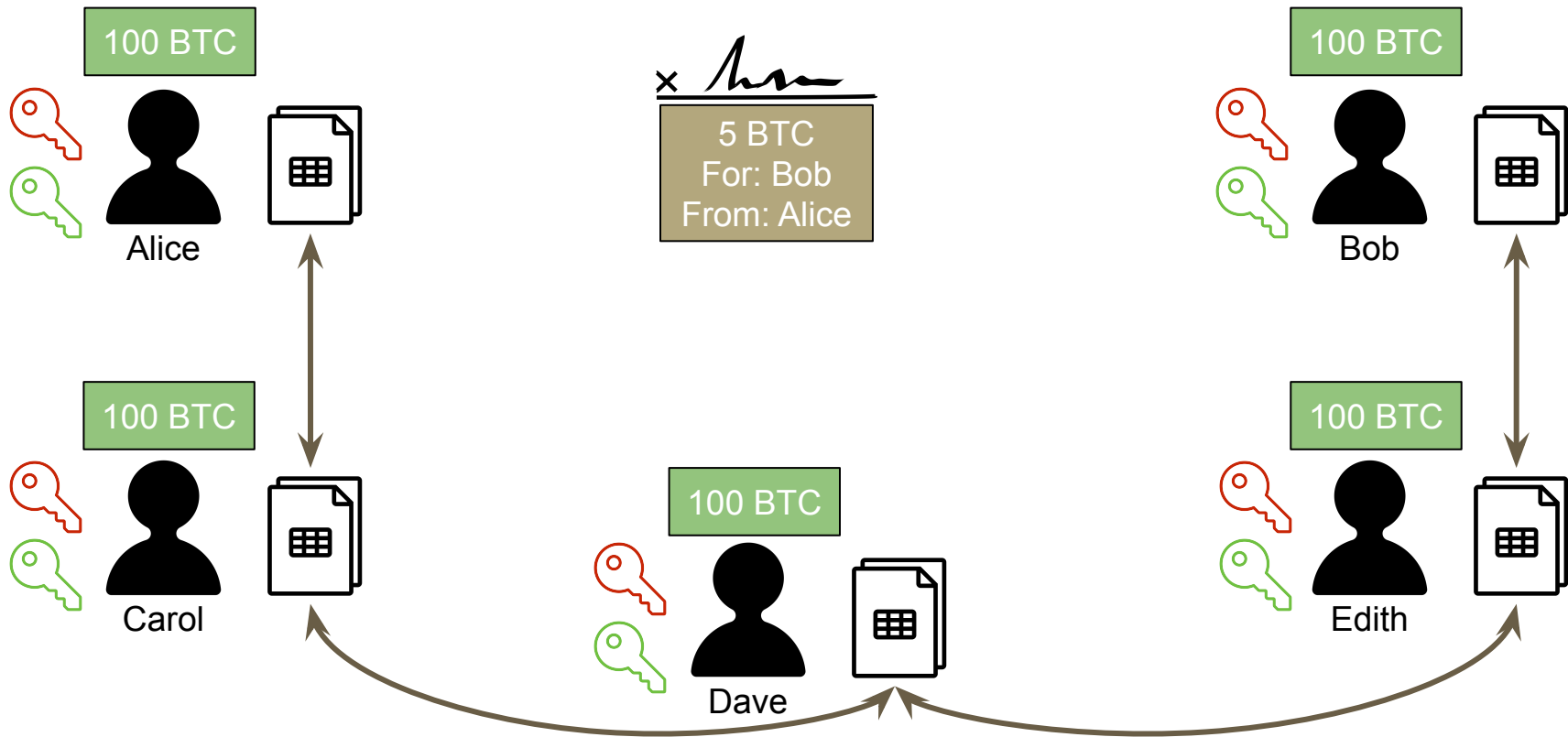




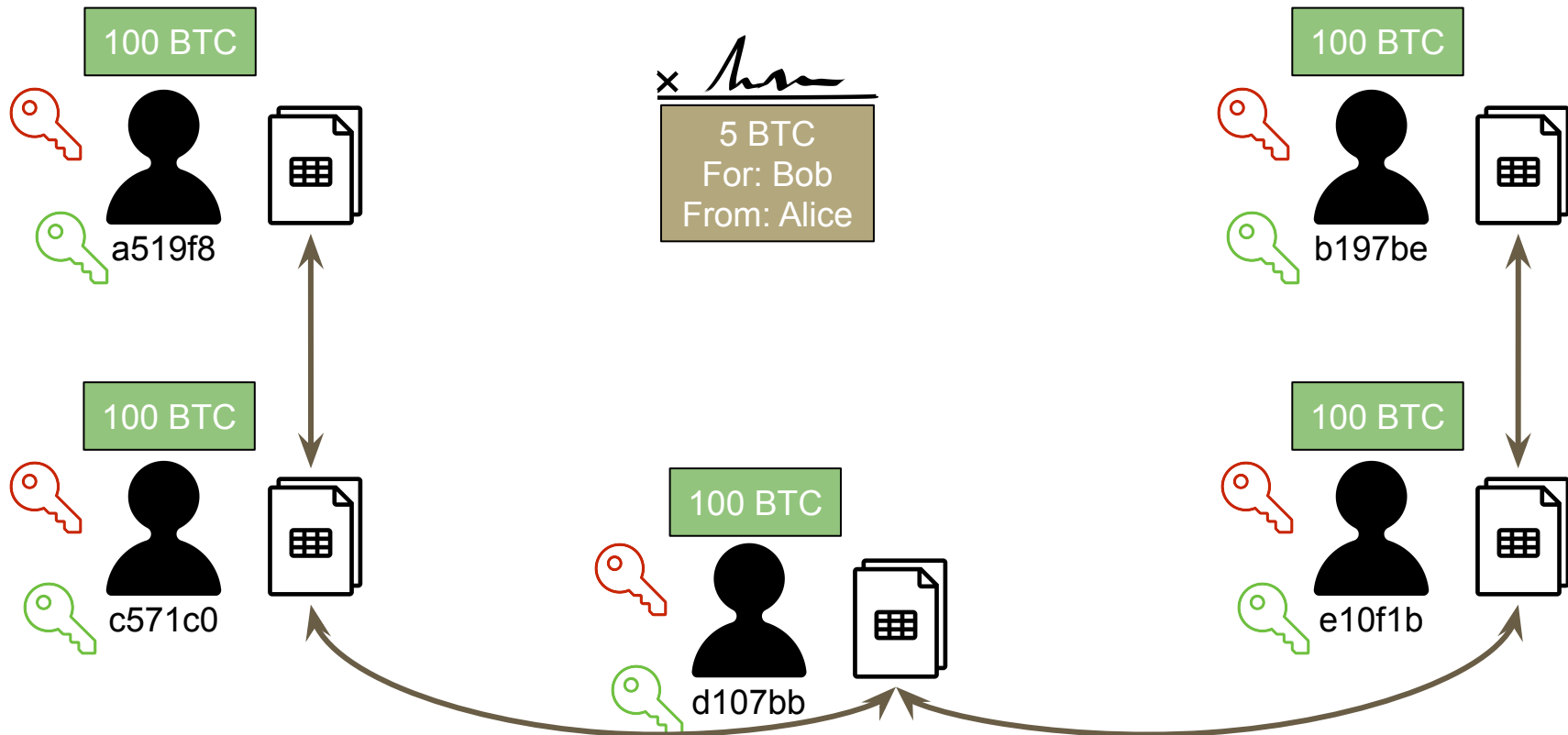
# Bitcoin: a shared Blockchain (cooperative)



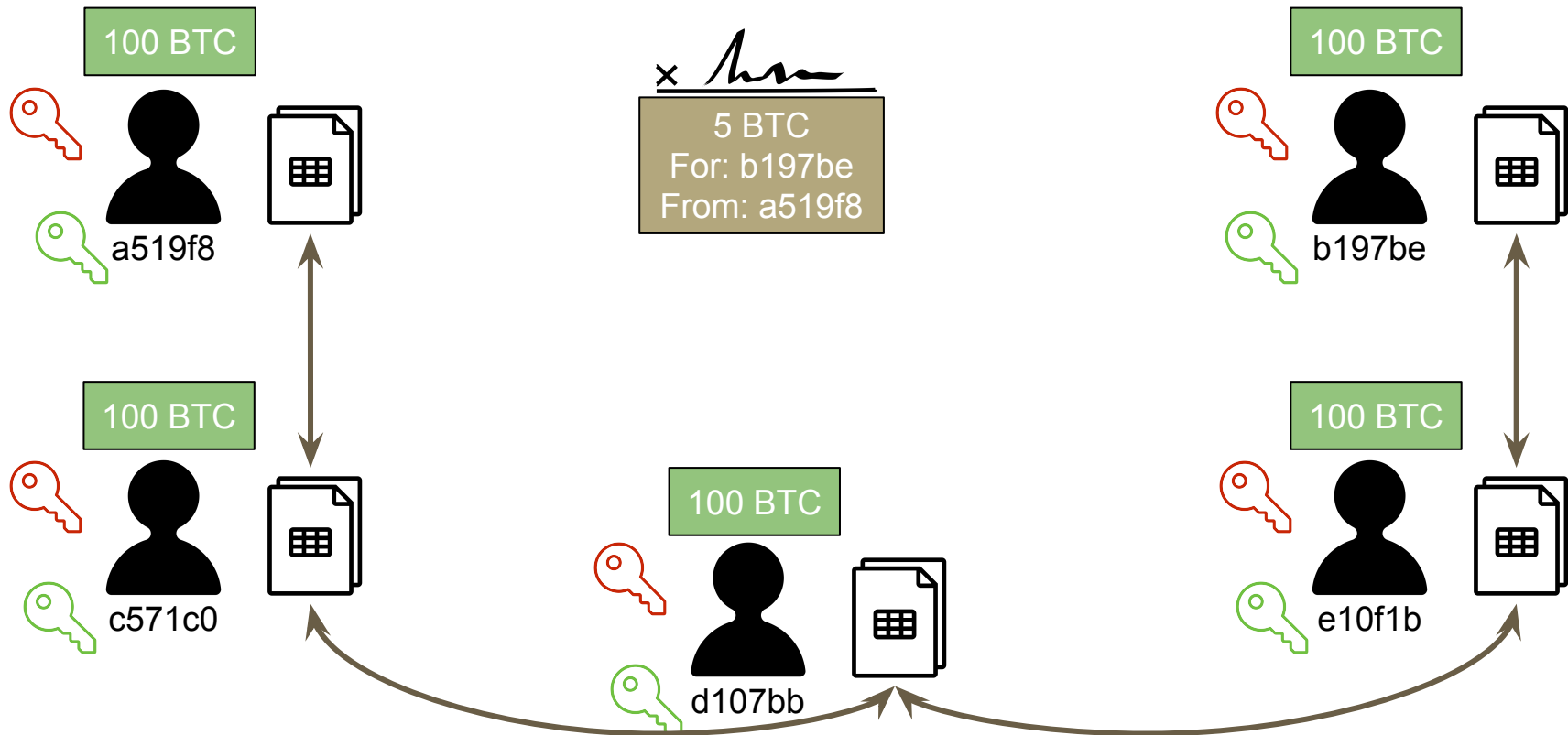
# Bitcoin: change USD to Bitcoin



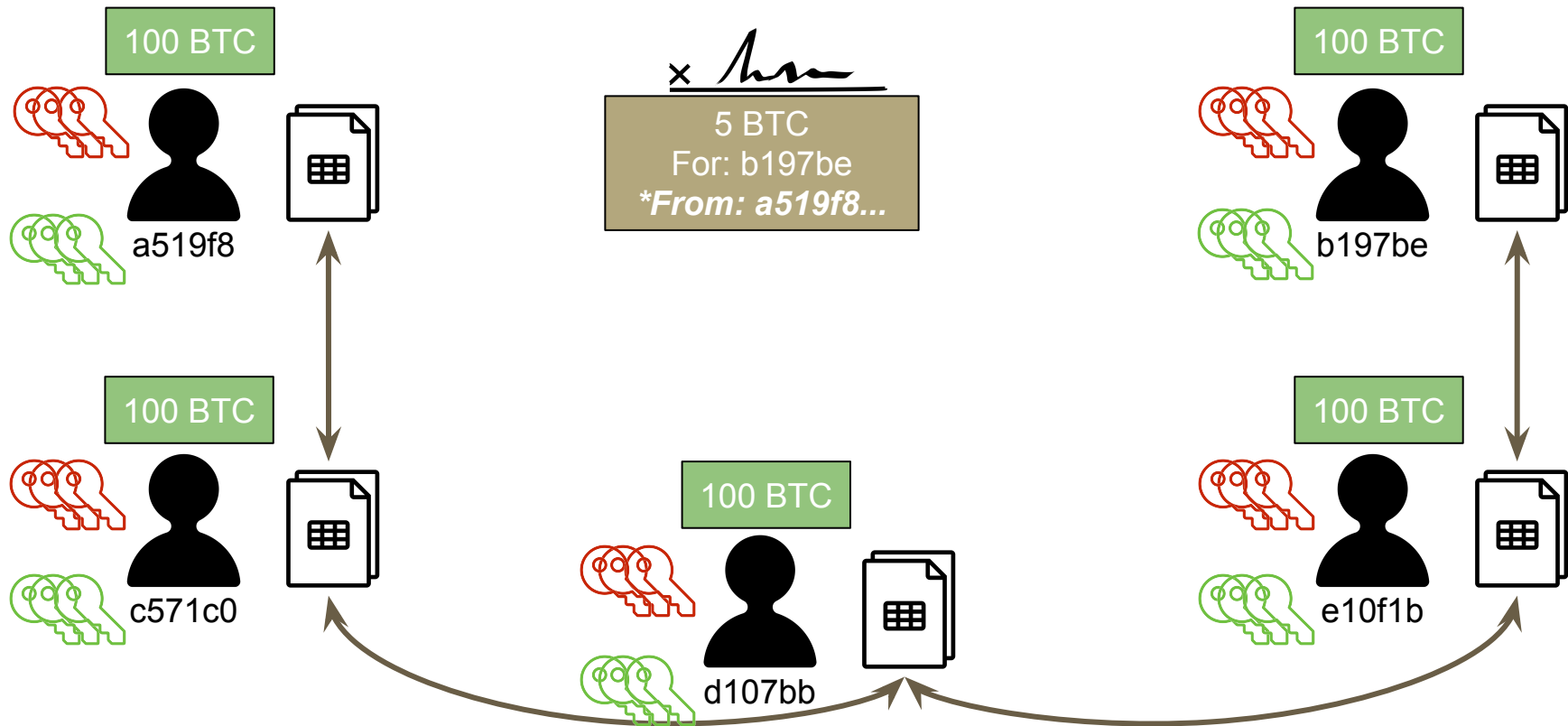
# Bitcoin: no names, just (public) keys



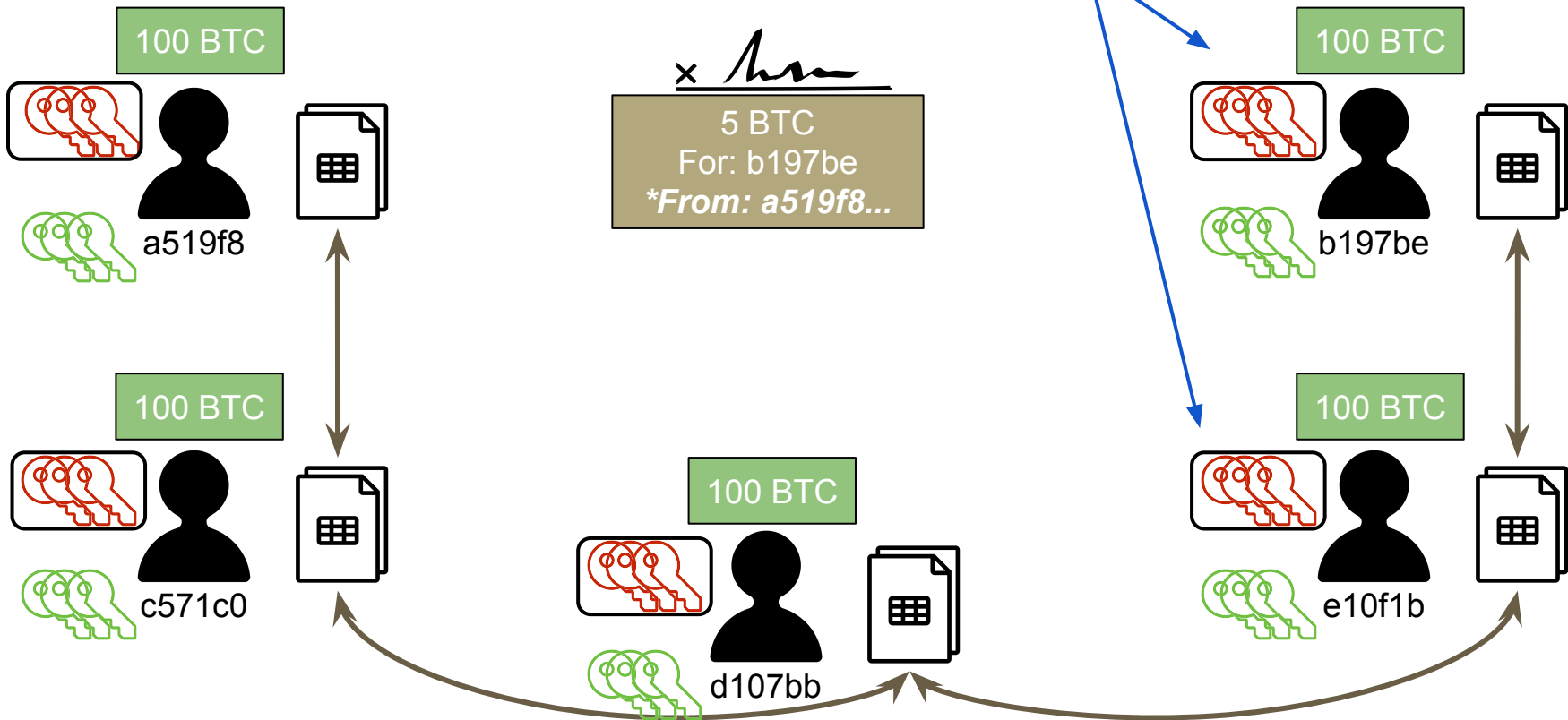
# Bitcoin: keys also on the Tx's, no names



# Bitcoin: multiple keys are allowed

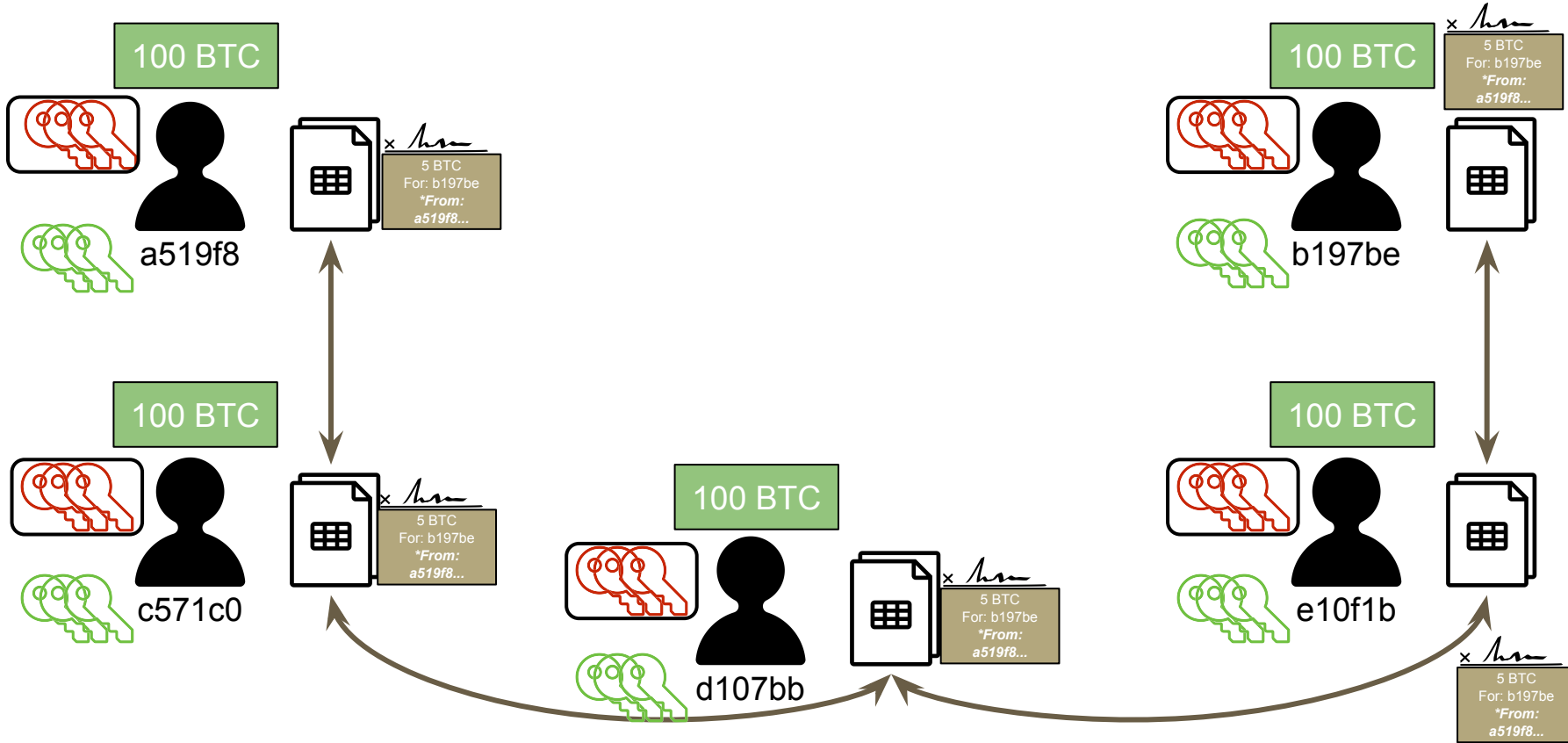


# Bitcoin: wallets (or keychains)

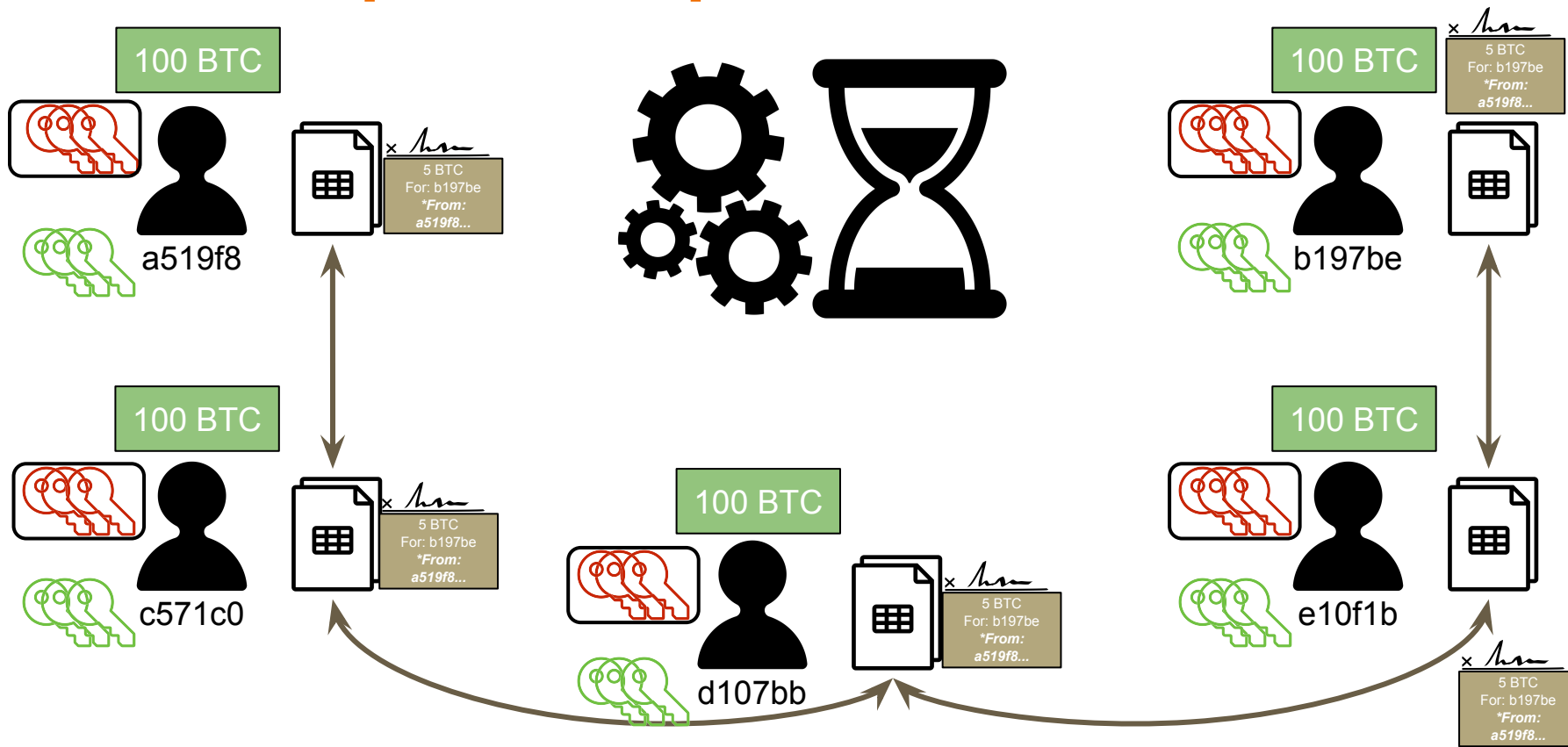




# Bitcoin: cryptographic puzzle



# Bitcoin: “computational puzzle”



# Sample attributes verified by nodes in each Tx:

1. The transaction's syntax and data structure must be correct.
2. Neither lists of inputs or outputs are empty.
3. The transaction size in bytes is less than MAX\_BLOCK\_SIZE.
4. Each output value, as well as the total, must be within the allowed range of values (less than 21m coins, more than 0).
5. None of the inputs have hash=0, N=-1 (coinbase transactions should not be relayed).
6. nLockTime is less than or equal to INT\_MAX.
7. The transaction size in bytes is greater than or equal to 100.
8. The number of signature operations contained in the transaction is less than the signature operation limit.
9. The unlocking script (scriptSig) can only push numbers on the stack, and the locking script (scriptPubkey) must match isStandard forms (this rejects "nonstandard" transactions).
10. A matching transaction in the pool, or in a block in the main branch, must exist.
11. For each input, if the referenced output exists in any other transaction in the pool, the transaction must be rejected.
12. For each input, look in the main branch and the transaction pool to find the referenced output transaction. If the output transaction is missing for any input, this will be an orphan transaction. Add to the orphan transactions pool, if a matching transaction is not already in the pool.
13. For each input, if the referenced output transaction is a coinbase output, it must have at least COINBASE\_MATURITY (100) confirmations.
14. For each input, the referenced output must exist and cannot already be spent.
15. Using the referenced output transactions to get input values, check that each input value, as well as the sum, are in the allowed range of values (less than 21m coins, more than 0).
16. Reject if the sum of input values is less than sum of output values.
17. Reject if transaction fee would be too low to get into an empty block.
18. The unlocking scripts for each input must validate against the corresponding output locking scripts.

# The Bitcoin “Puzzle”

x 

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5 BTC

For: b197be

*\*From: a519f8...*

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Nonce Solver:

Hash: -----

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Nonce Solver:

Hash: -----

Puzzle  
Solution



Puzzle  
Solver  
(miner)





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5 BTC  
For: b197be  
*\*From: a519f8...*  
Nonce:  
Nonce Solver:  
Hash: -----

Puzzle  
Solution



Puzzle  
Solver



Must be below  
certain value,  
say one  
leading zero



# The Bitcoin "Puzzle": example of how miners mine

x   
\_\_\_\_\_

Prev Hash: 8a7b6618e714c6a  
5 BTC  
For: b197be  
*\*From: a519f8...*  
Nonce: 0  
Nonce Solver: a519f8 (**Alice**)  
Hash: a166137346cd32e73e

Puzzle  
Solution



Puzzle  
Solver



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# The Bitcoin "Puzzle"

x 

Prev Hash: 8a7b6618e714c6a  
5 BTC  
For: b197be  
*\*From: a519f8...*  
Nonce: 1  
Nonce Solver: b197be (Bob)  
Hash: d59910db074b35fa9d

Puzzle  
Solution



Puzzle  
Solver



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# The Bitcoin "Puzzle"

x 

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For: b197be  
*\*From: a519f8...*  
Nonce: 2  
Nonce Solver: c571c0 (**Carol**)  
Hash: 4c274d79254f259960a

Puzzle  
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Puzzle  
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# The Bitcoin "Puzzle"

x 



Puzzle  
Solution



Puzzle  
Solver

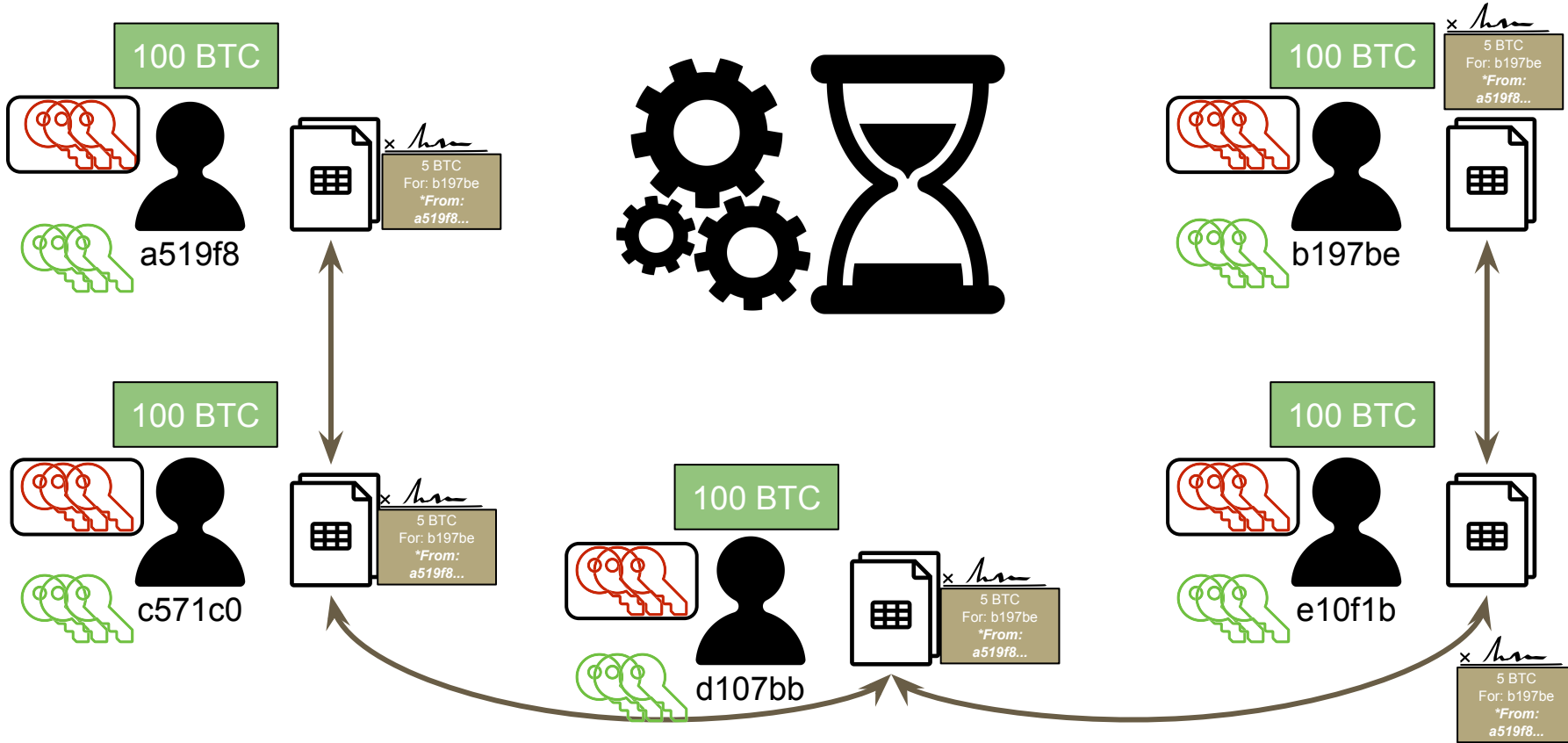


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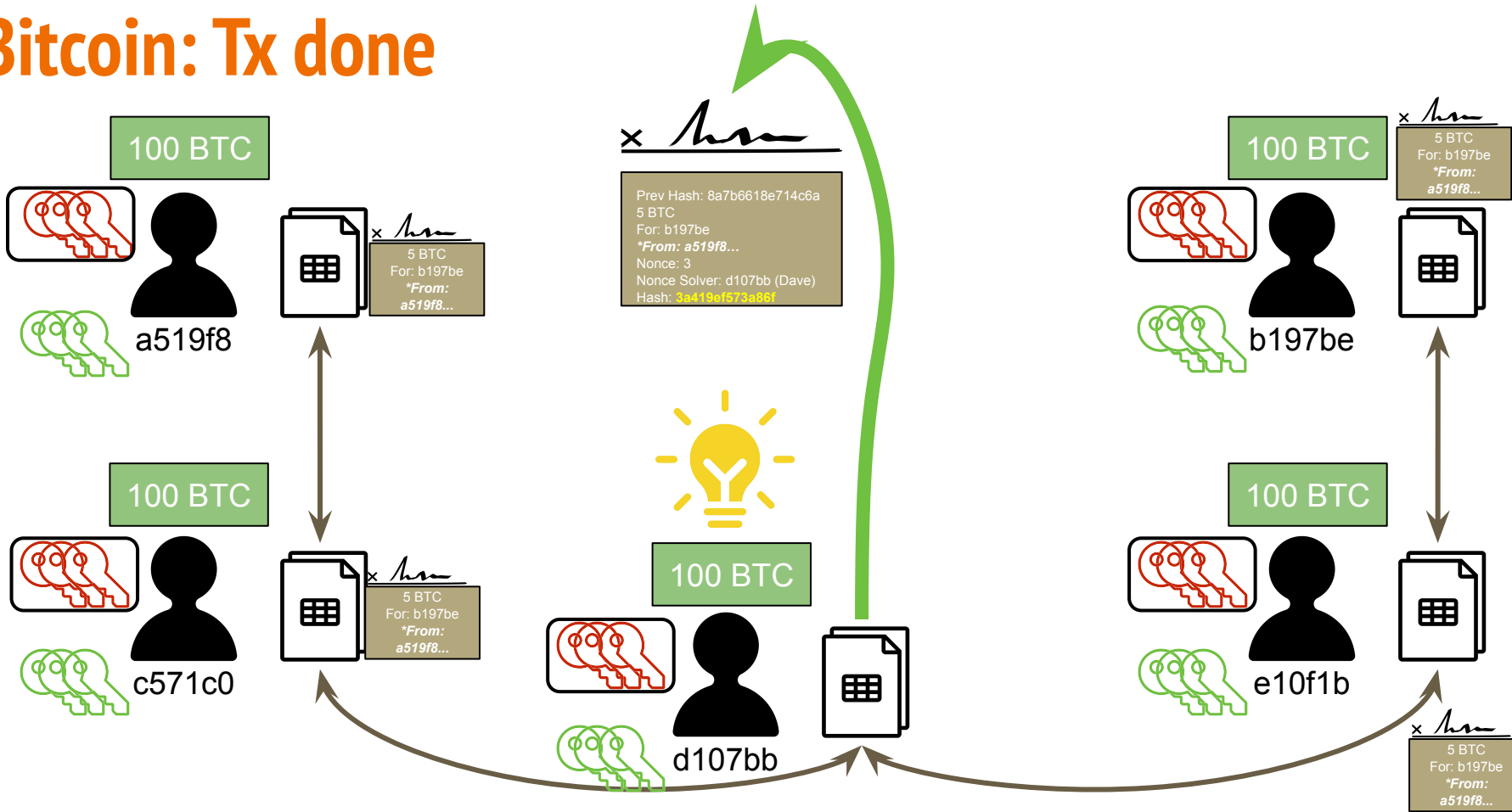
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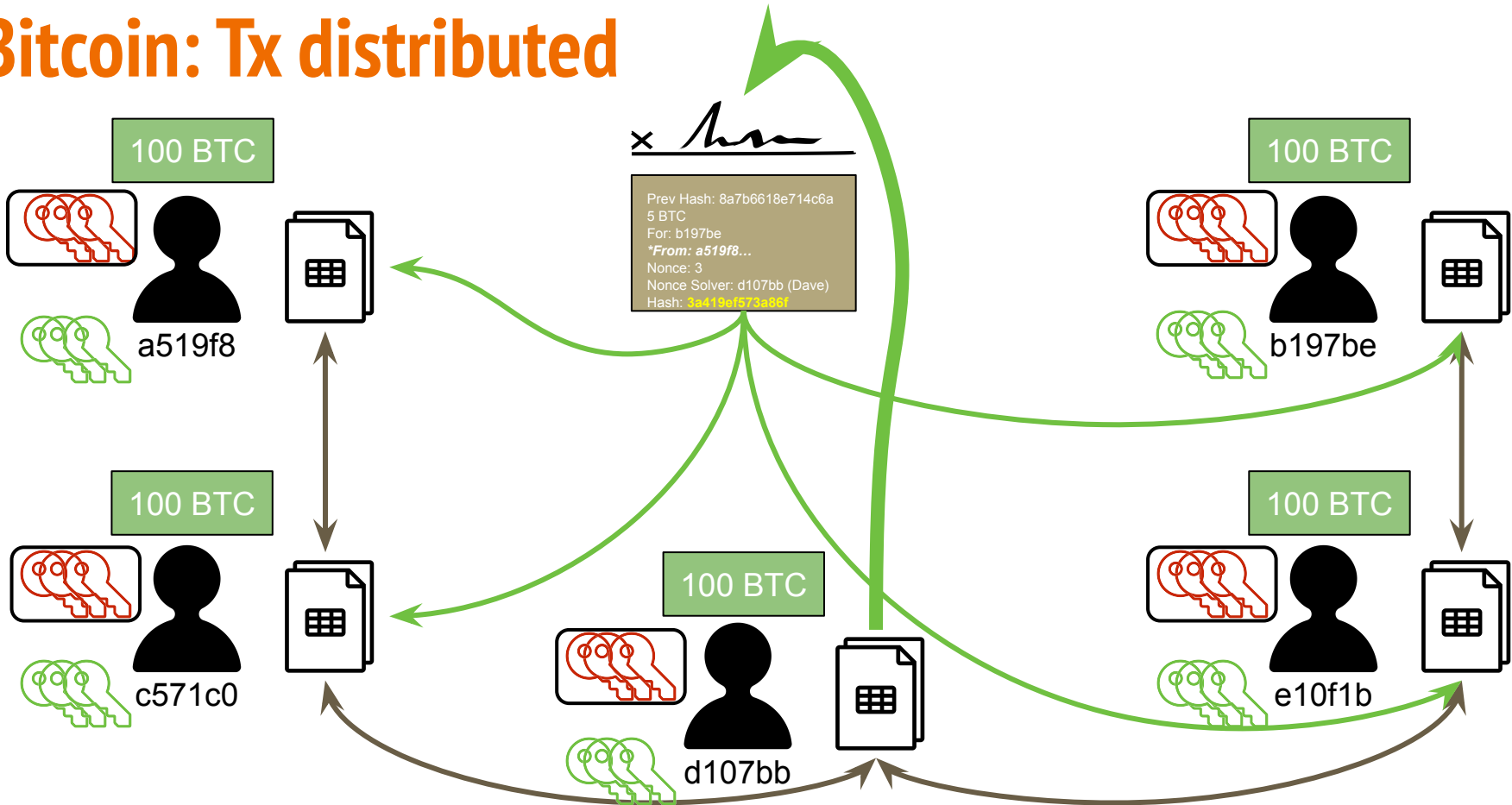
# Bitcoin



# Bitcoin: Tx done

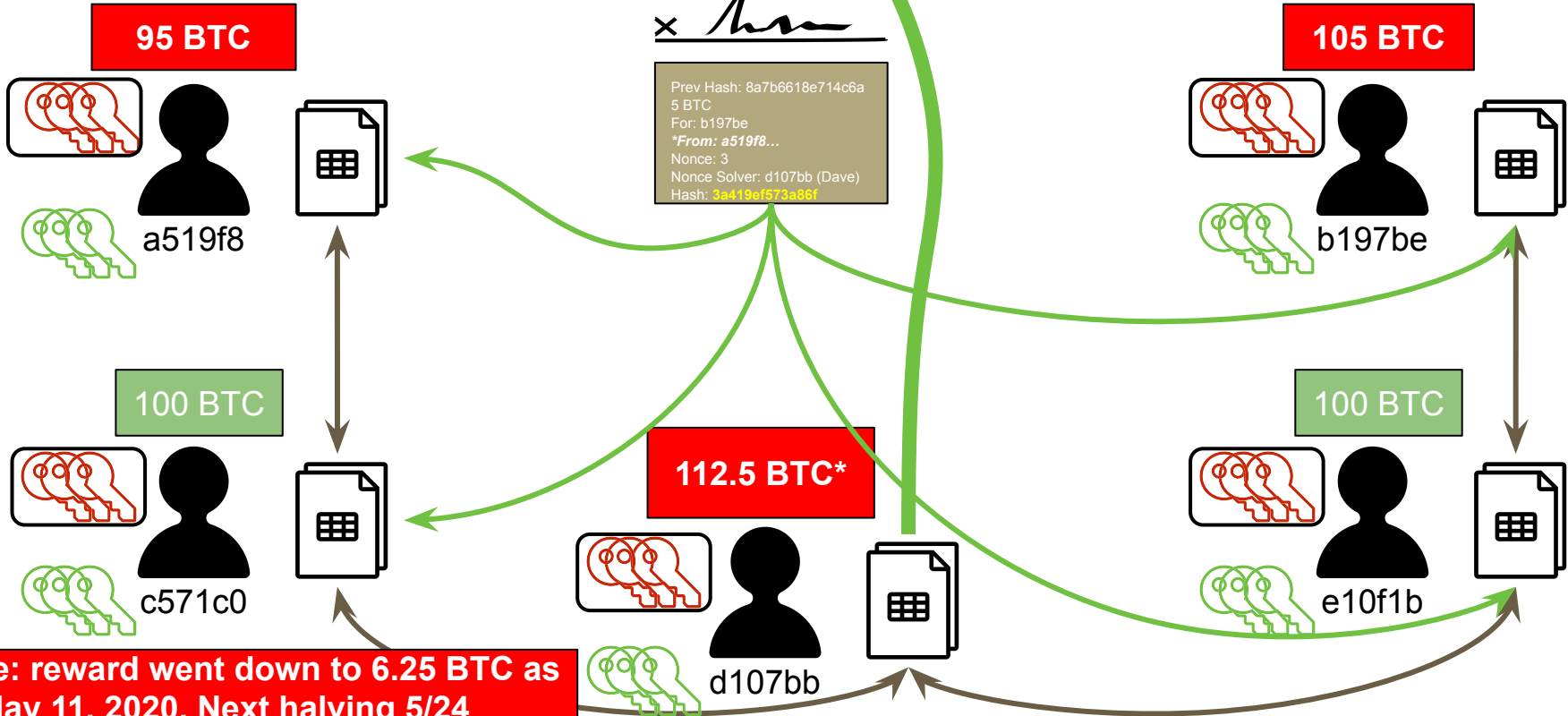


# Bitcoin: Tx distributed





# Bitcoin: funds transferred



# The Bitcoin "Puzzle": can you steal the nonce?

x 

Puzzle Solution  
- nonce  
depends on  
solver too

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5 BTC

For: b197be

*\*From: a519f8...*

Nonce: 3

Puzzle  
Solver

Nonce Solver: d107bb (Dave)

Hash: **03a419ef573a86f**

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# The Bitcoin "Puzzle": nonce is block-specific

x 

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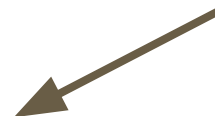
Puzzle  
Solution



Puzzle  
Solver

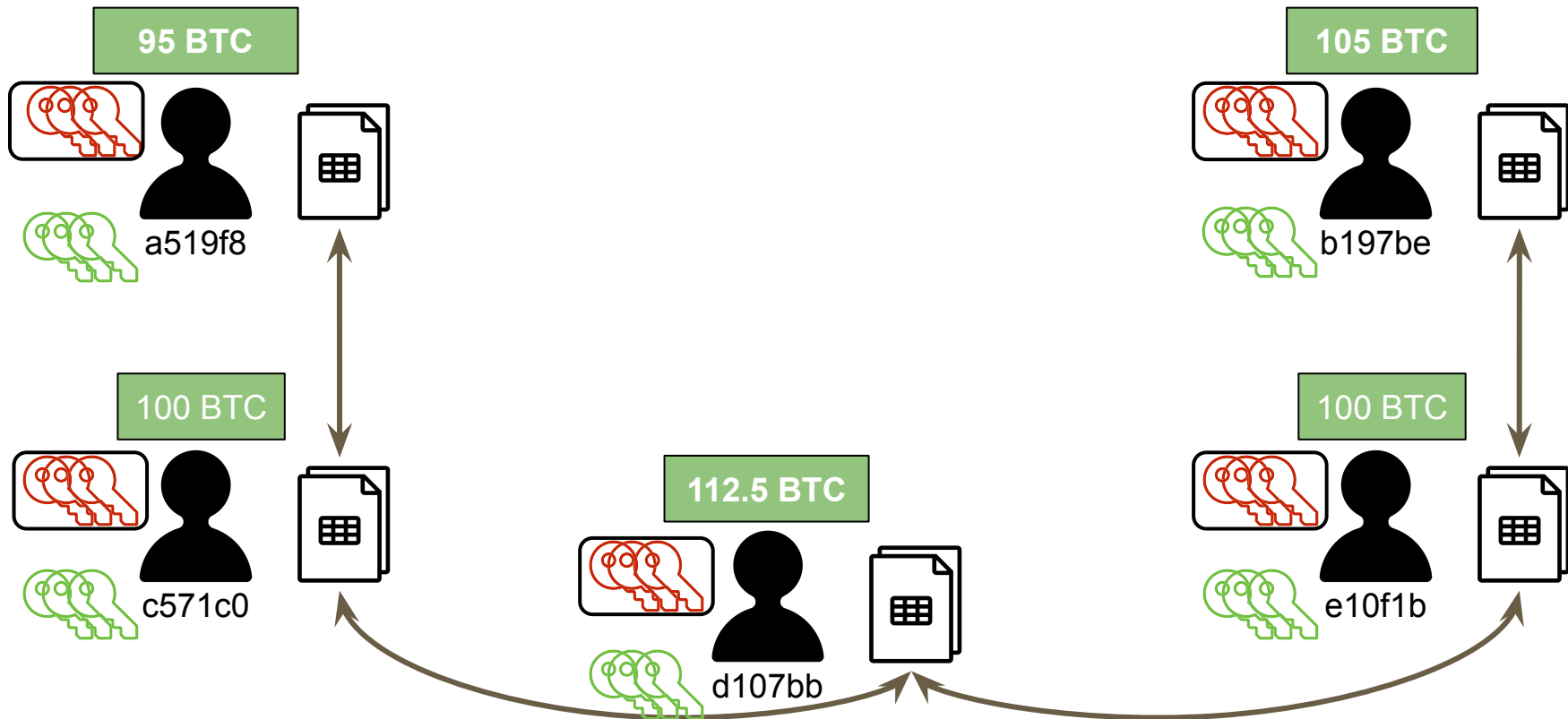


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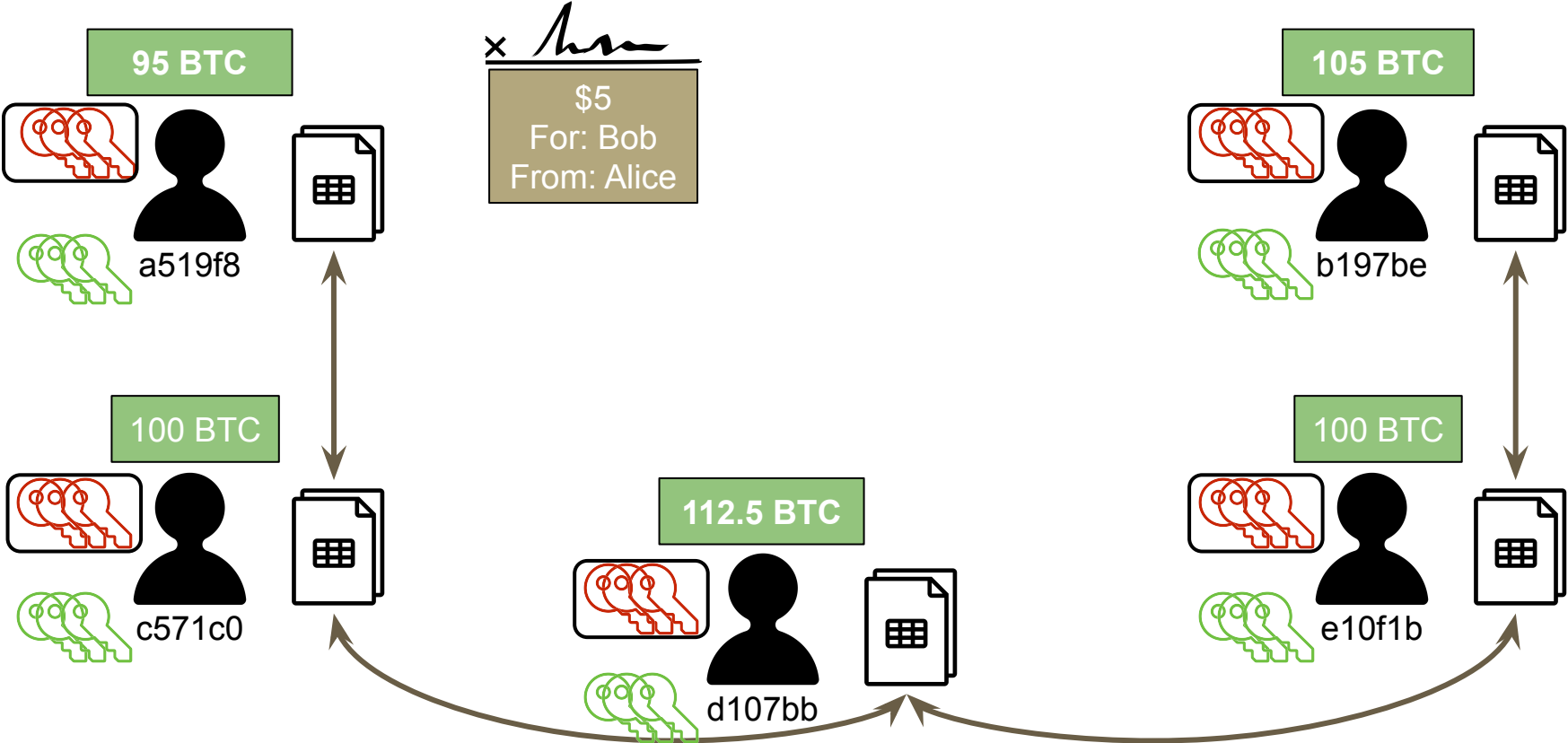




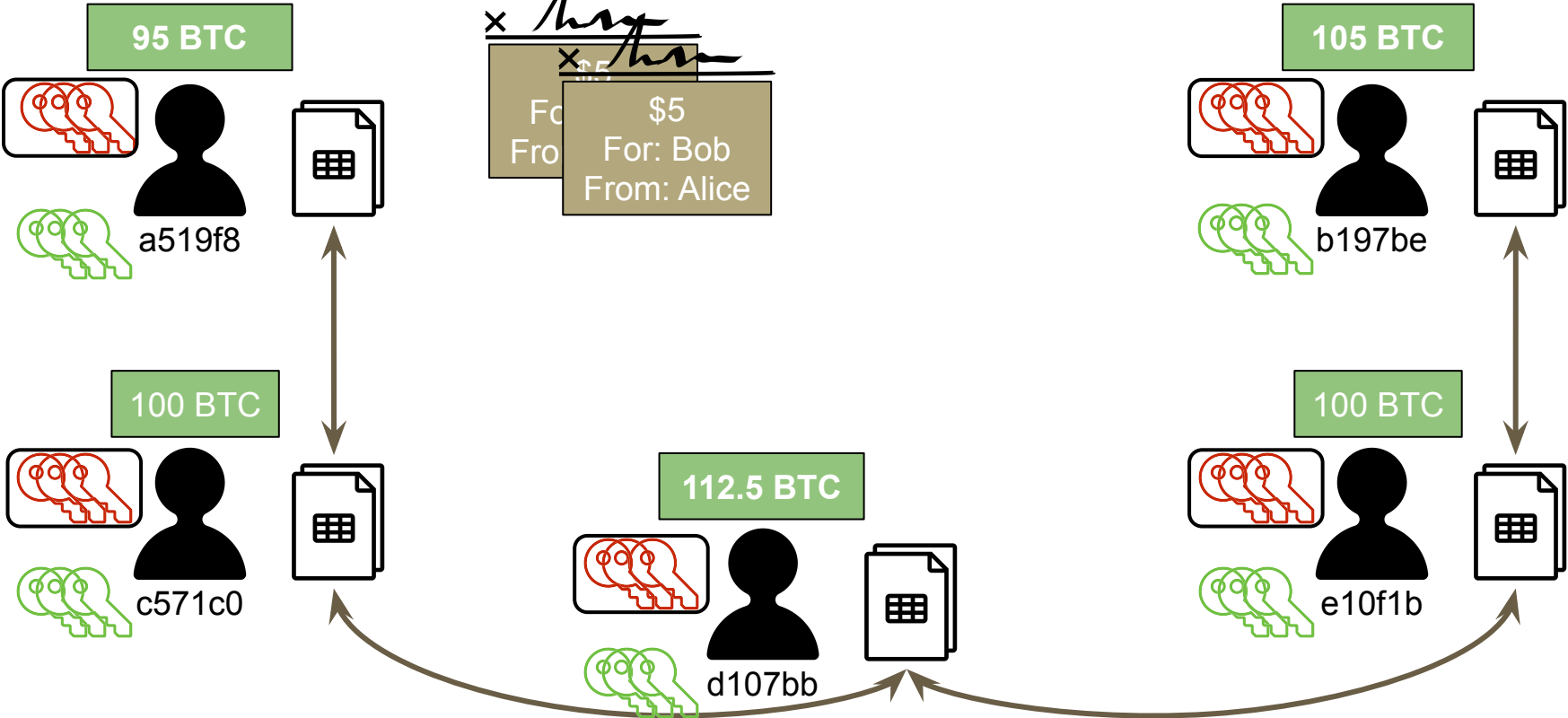
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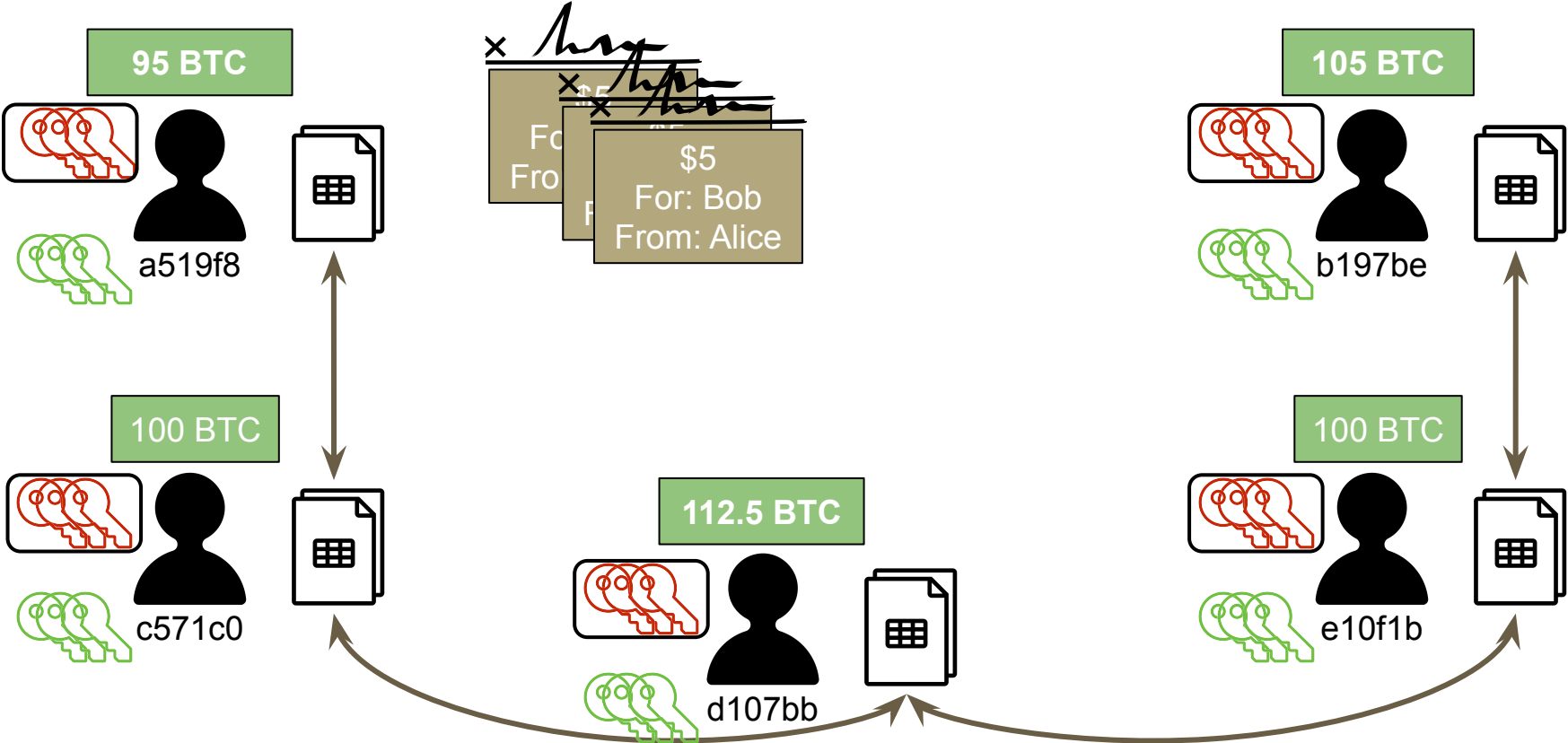
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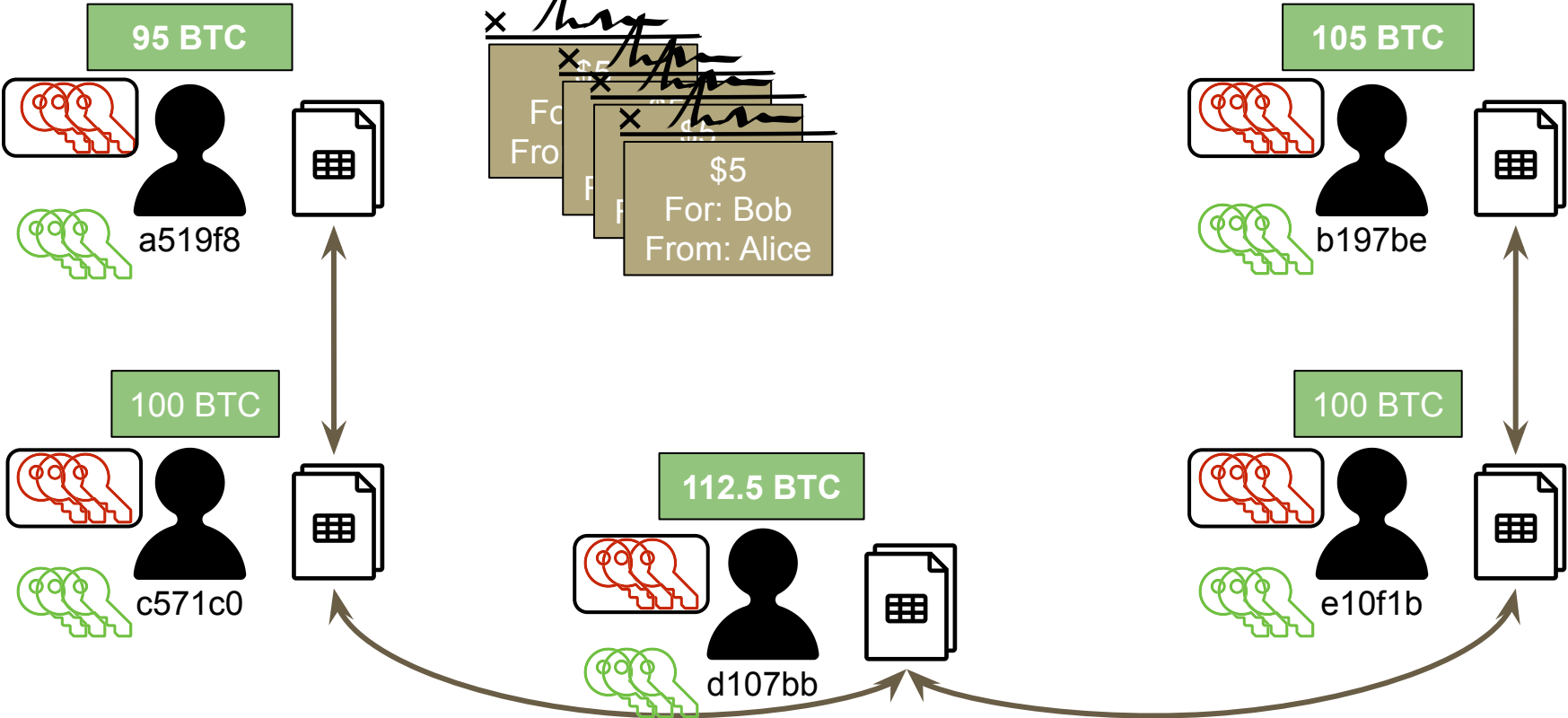


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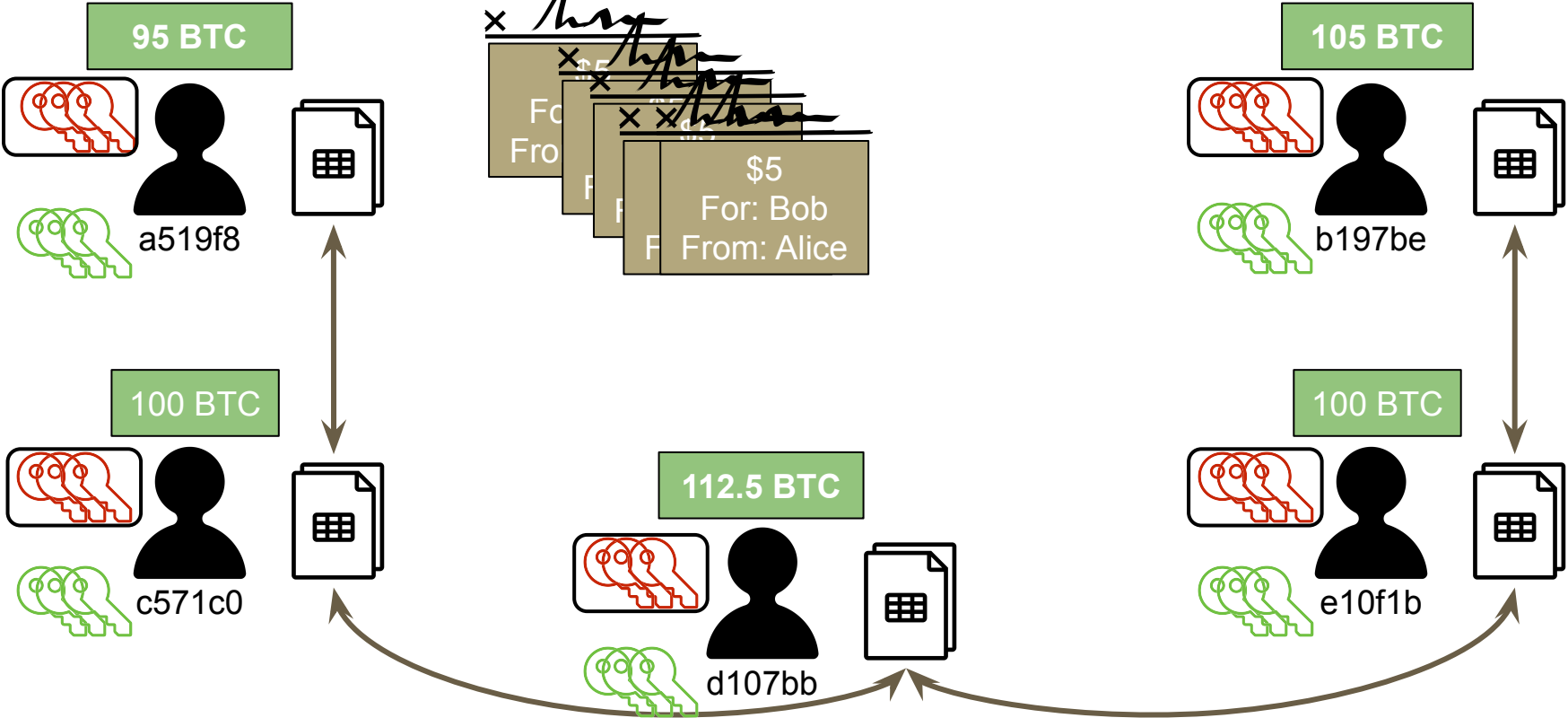




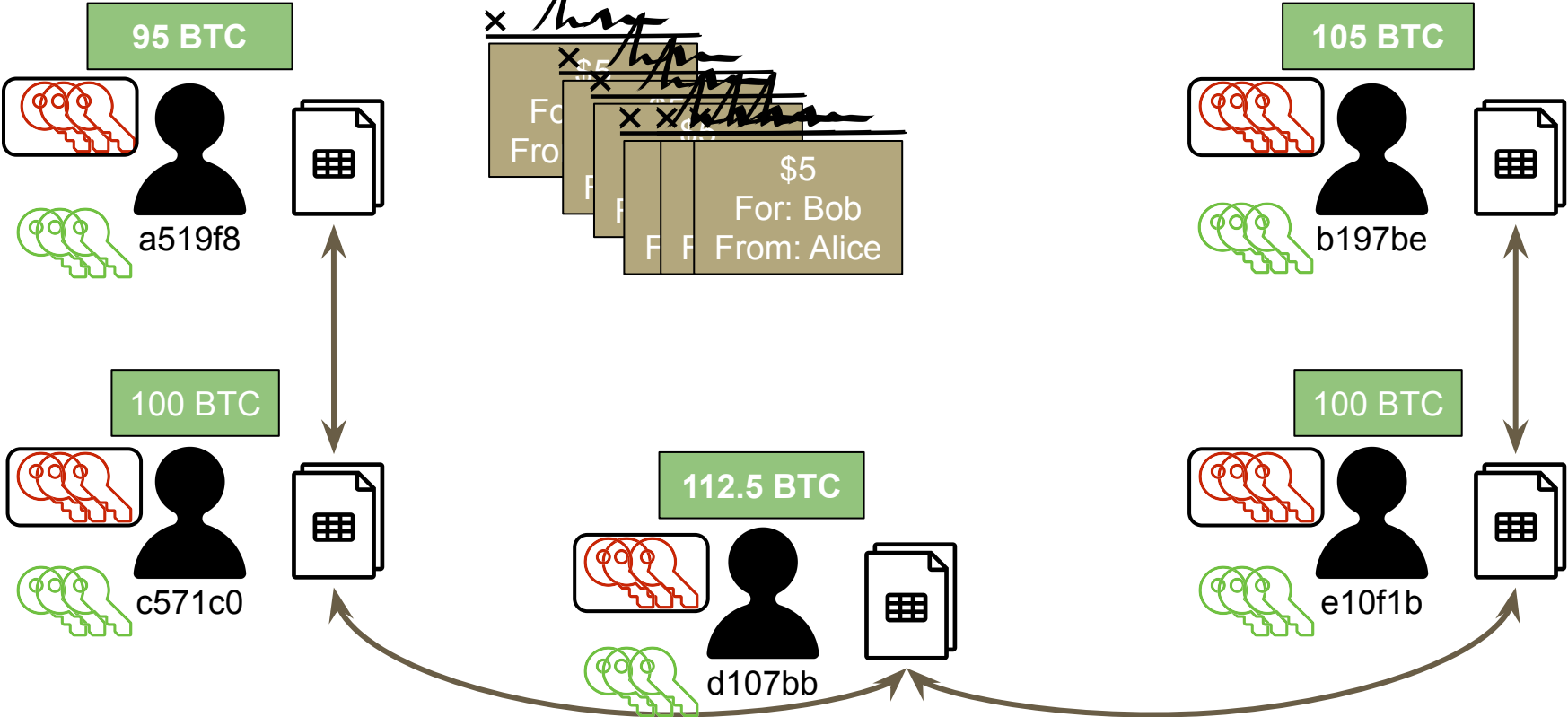
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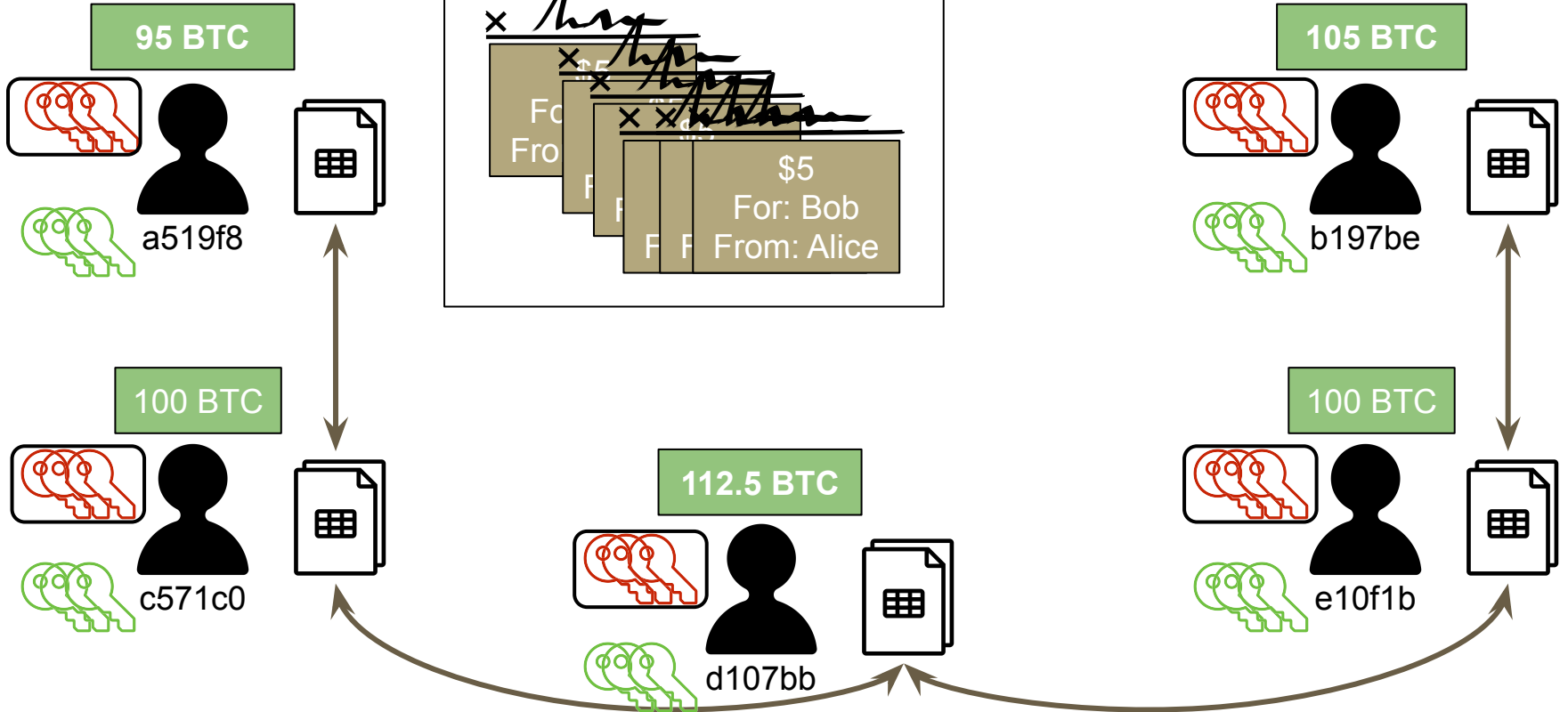


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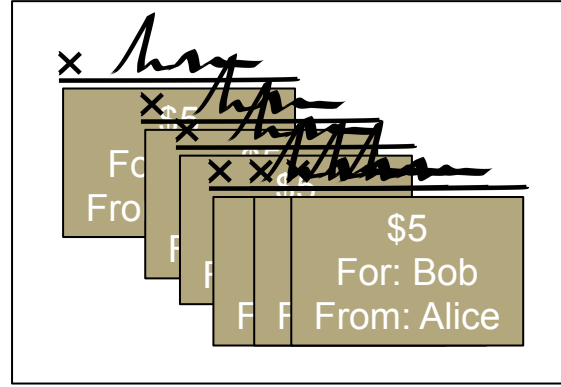
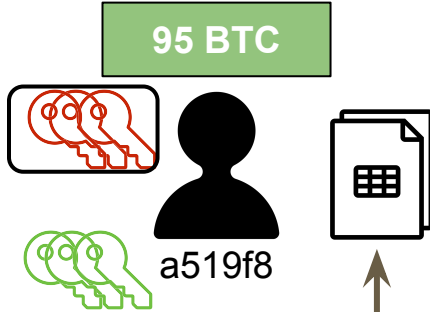
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~ Every  
10 min

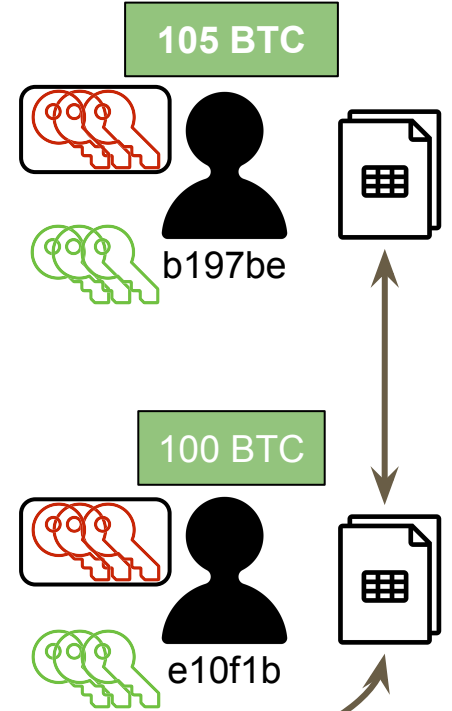
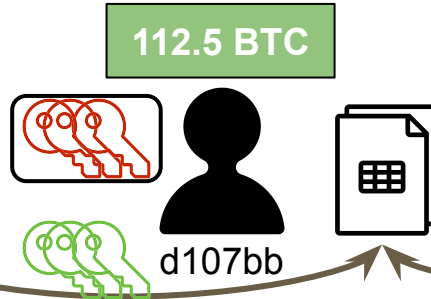
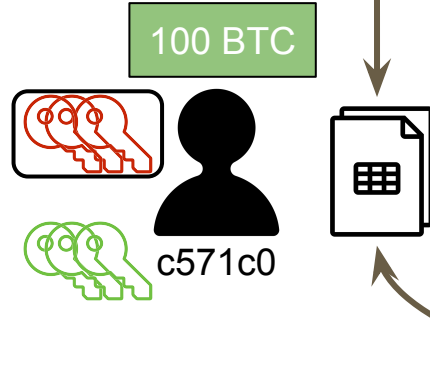


# Bitcoin

~ Every  
10 min



~2,100 transactions  
(YTD 2023)



# Calibrating The Bitcoin "Puzzle" w/ "Difficulty"

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Puzzle  
Solution



Puzzle  
Solver



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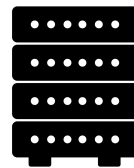


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**(DIFFICULTY)**



# Calibrating The Bitcoin "Puzzle" w/ Difficulty

x *Am*



Few computers =  
low difficulty, i.e.  
blocks can be  
solved more easily

Puzzle  
Solution



Puzzle  
Solver



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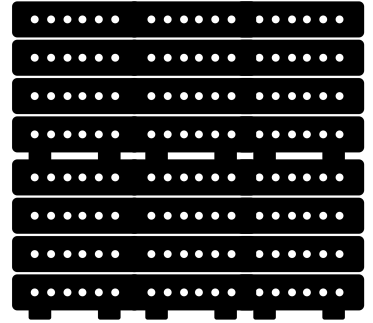


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# Calibrating The Bitcoin "Puzzle" ...

x *Am*



More computers = high difficulty, i.e. blocks more time-consuming to solve, but balances out because more computers working to solve the problem

Puzzle Solution



Puzzle Solver



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# Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies & Digital Tokens Demystified

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**Welcome Back to Session 3** 🎉

# Curriculum Roadmap

	Nov 4	Nov 18	Dec 2	Dec 9
Morning	Networks & Protocols	Hashing, Hashing Tables & One- Way Functions & a few more tech	Bitcoin + other forms of crypto payments and store of value mechanisms and media	DeFi & Other Applications (Digital Tokens, CBDC, etc.) + Speaker: Future of Finance + Discussion Forum
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	Encryption & Cryptography (plus some math!)	<b>Bring it All Together:</b> Let's build a blockchain & discuss variety of cases	Ethereum & Other Digital Tokens + Speaker: Regulatory & Legal Considerations in Blockchain & Digital Assets	Governance, Marketplaces, NFTs & More; Final Lecture on How the Future May Play Out + Final Presentations

# Class Schedule - Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9

## Class Plan

Nov 4	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 1 + 2
Nov 18	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 3 + 4
Dec 2	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Midterm Project + 5 & 6 + Guest Speaker
Dec 9	08:30 am to 6:45 pm (K-440)Module 7 & 8 + Guest Speaker + final presentations

## Daily Schedule

<b>8:30-9:45 am</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
<i>9:45-10:00 am</i>	<i>Break</i>
<b>10:00-11:15 pm</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
<b>11:15 am-12:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch (1h15min) - Kravis 2nd floor (Smith Dining)</b>
<b>12:30-2:00 pm</b>	<b>Lecture</b>
<i>2:00-2:15 pm</i>	<i>Break</i>
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<b>5:15-6:45 pm</b>	<b>Lecture</b>

# Important Admin Items for the Day

- Note last class is on Dec 9 (next week, not in two weeks)
- Final projects assigned already
- Details on your final projects (presentation & paper)
- Final presentations next week
- Final papers due on Dec 18
- Thoughts on “Blockchain Killer App” for today and/or 4
- Discussion Forum next class
- Watch lecture recordings and email me for office hours

**THE MOST Important Admin Item for the Day**

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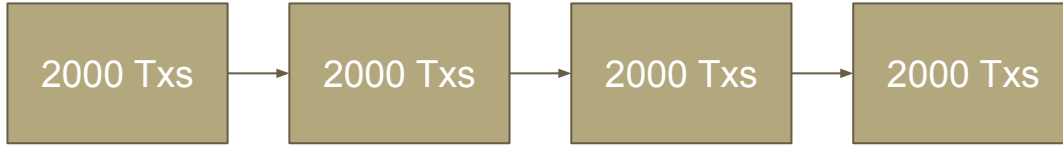
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**Before we begin, any interesting points or lessons from our prior session you'd like to share?**

**Let's start our Session 3**

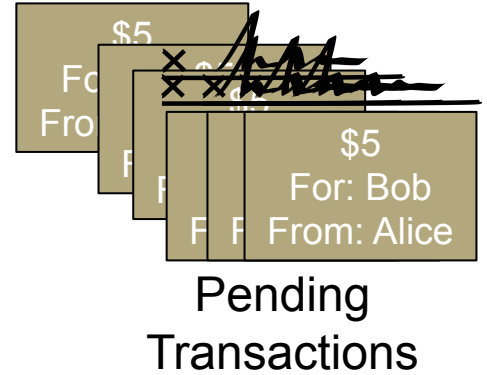
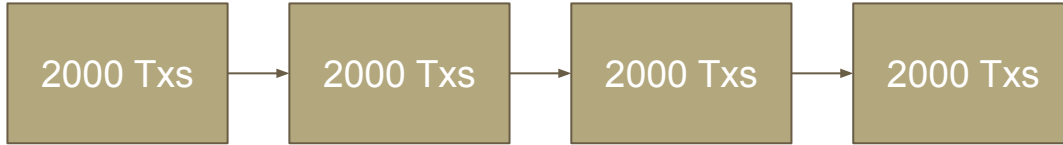
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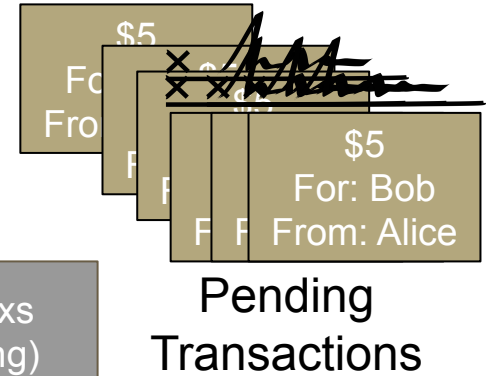
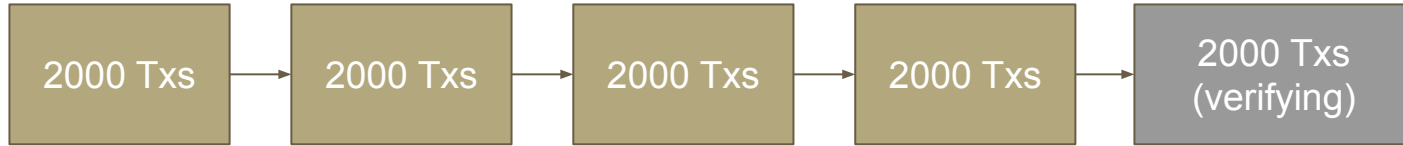
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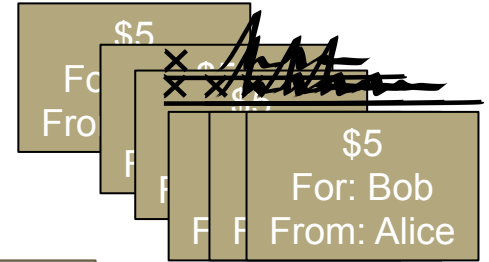
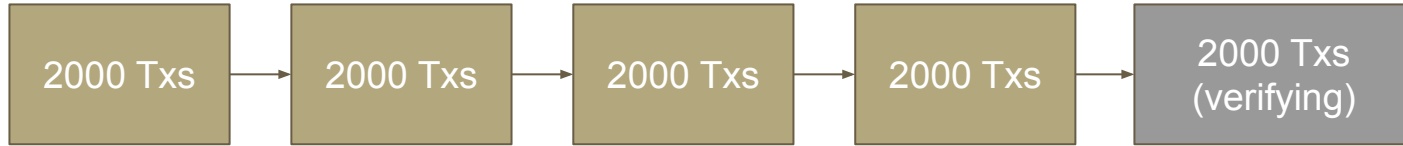
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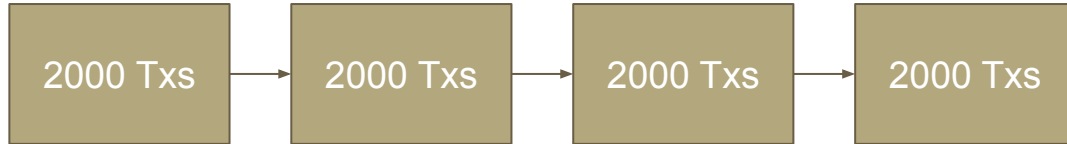
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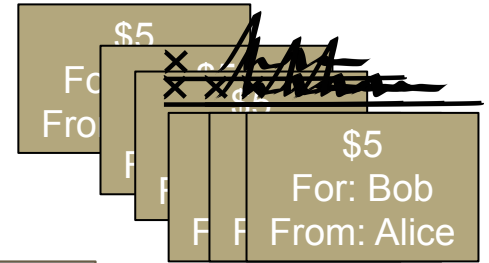
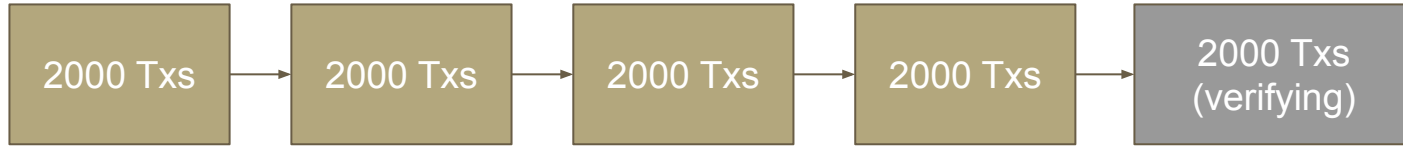
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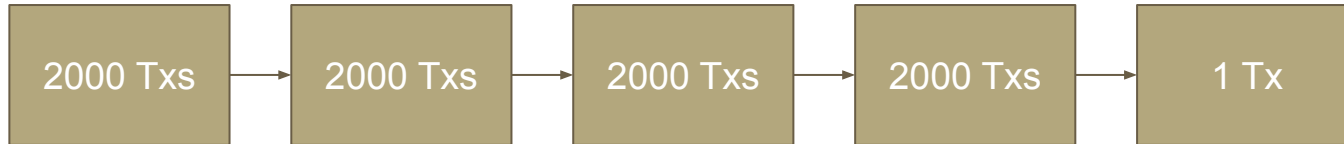
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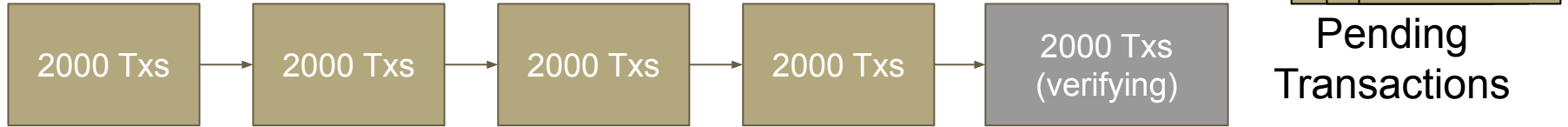
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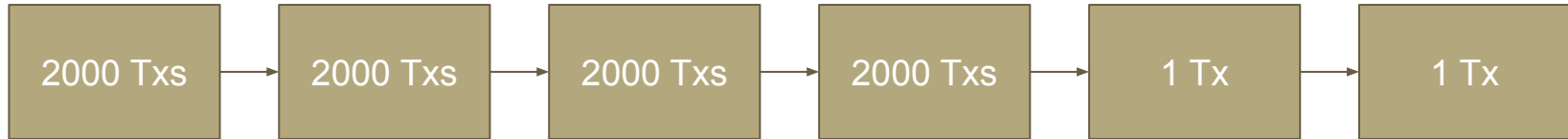


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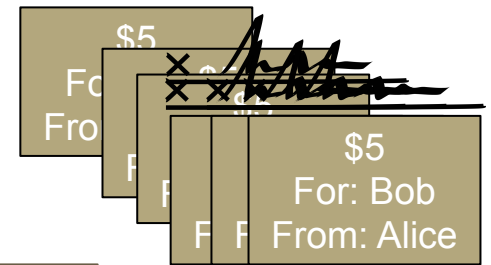
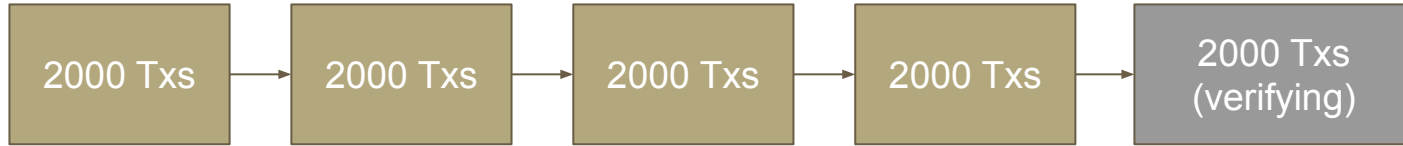


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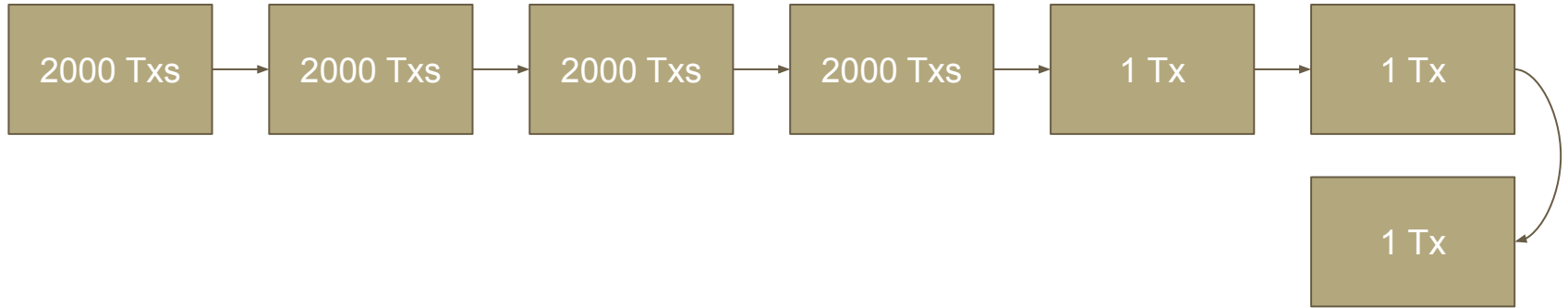
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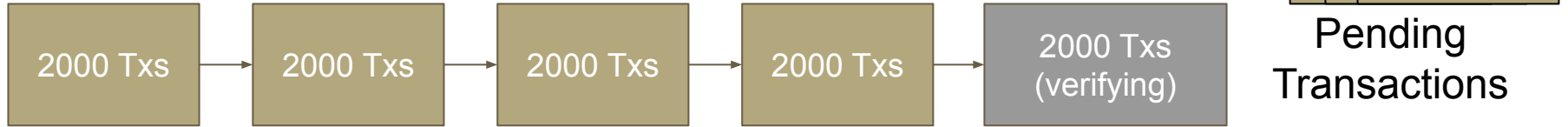
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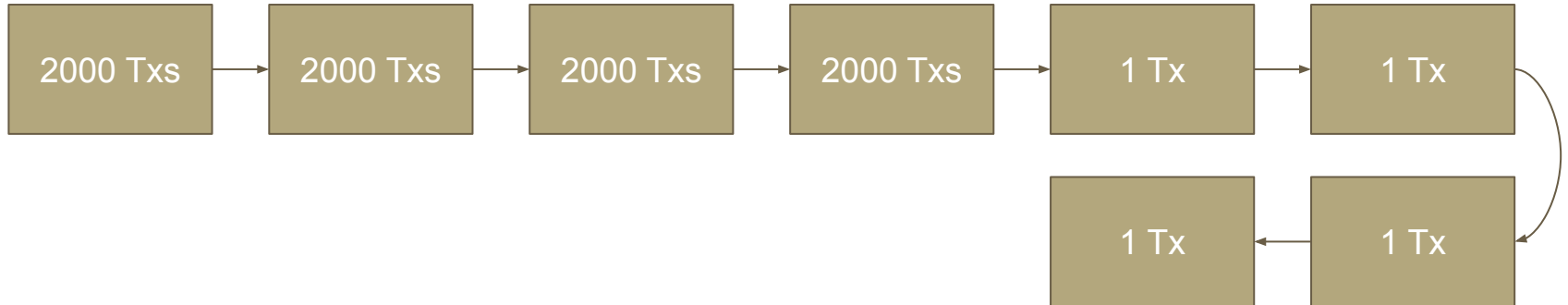


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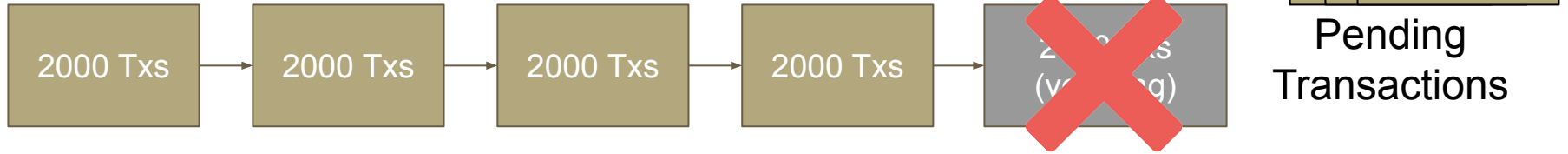


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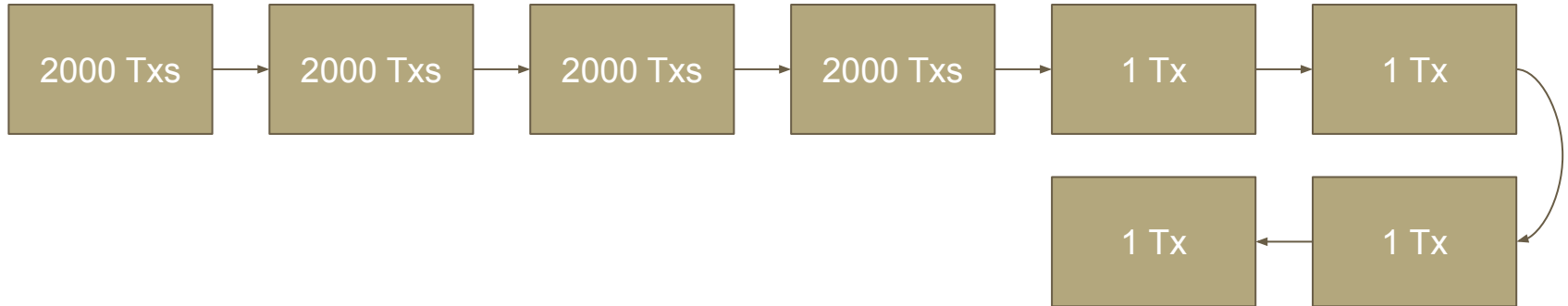


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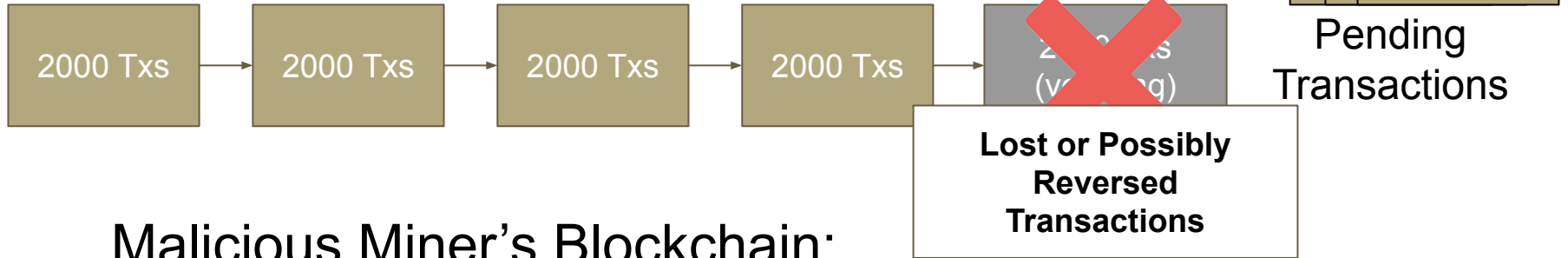


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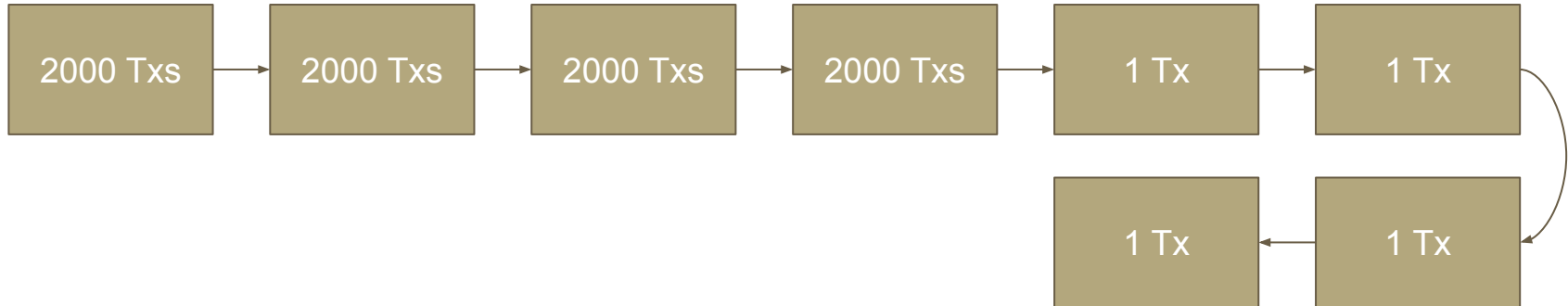


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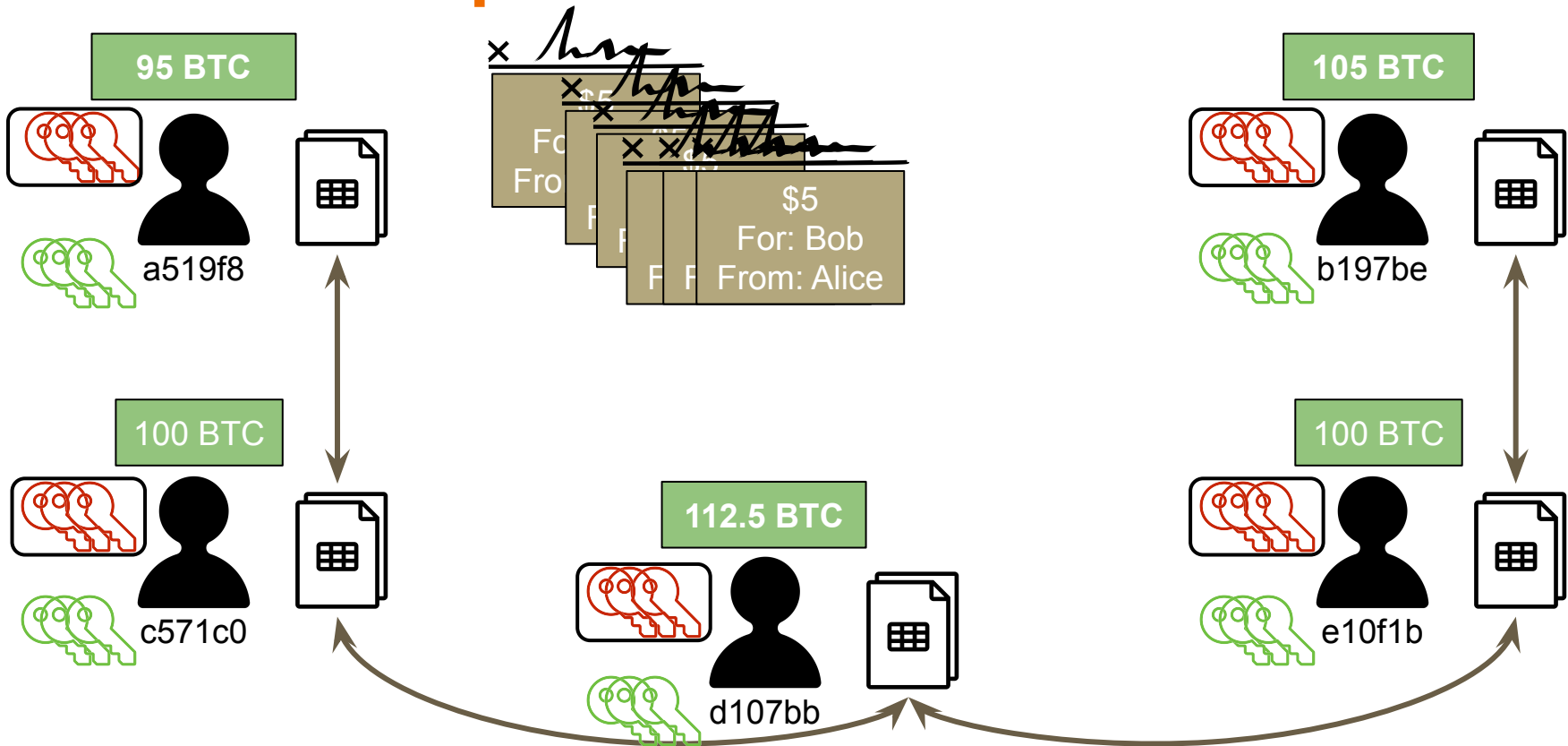
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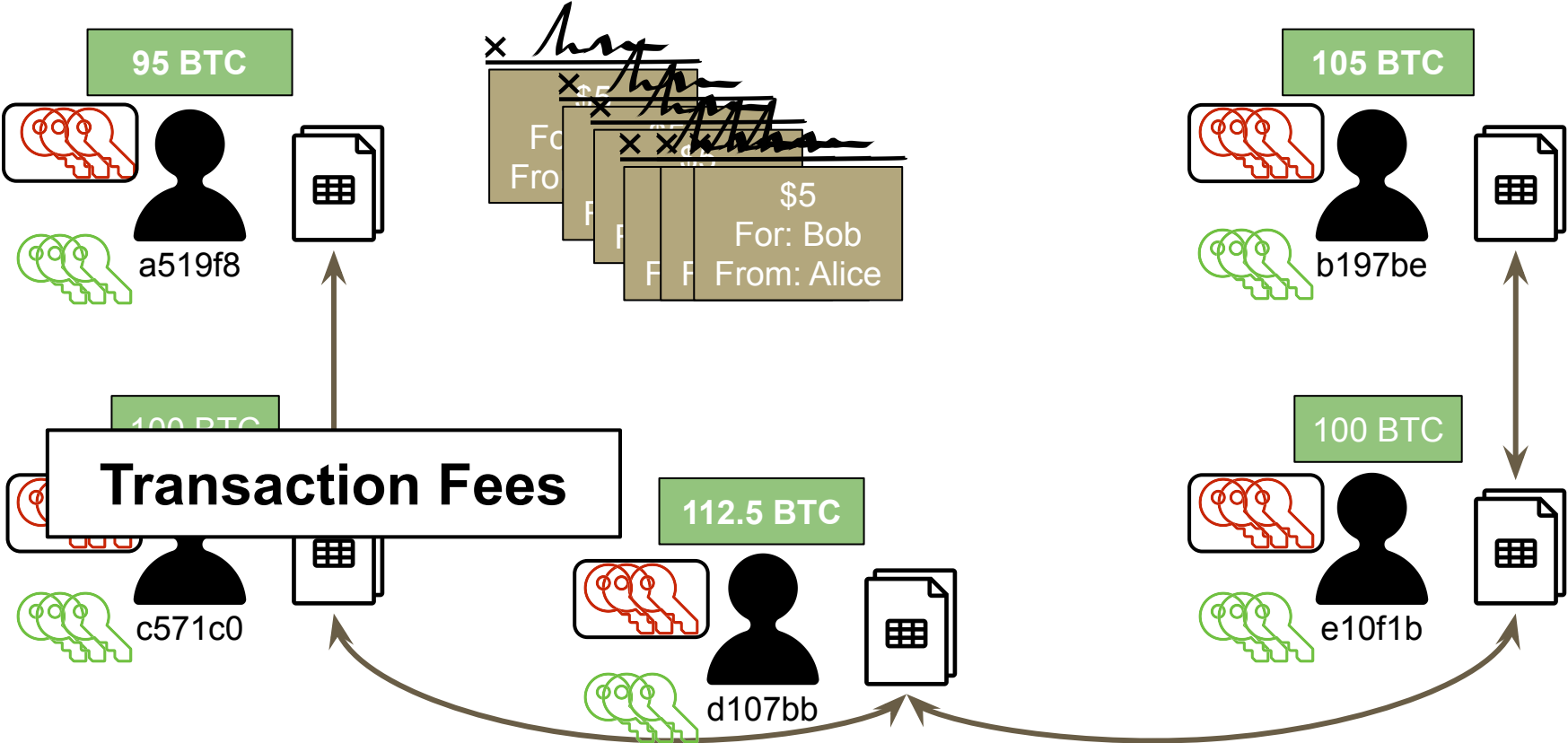
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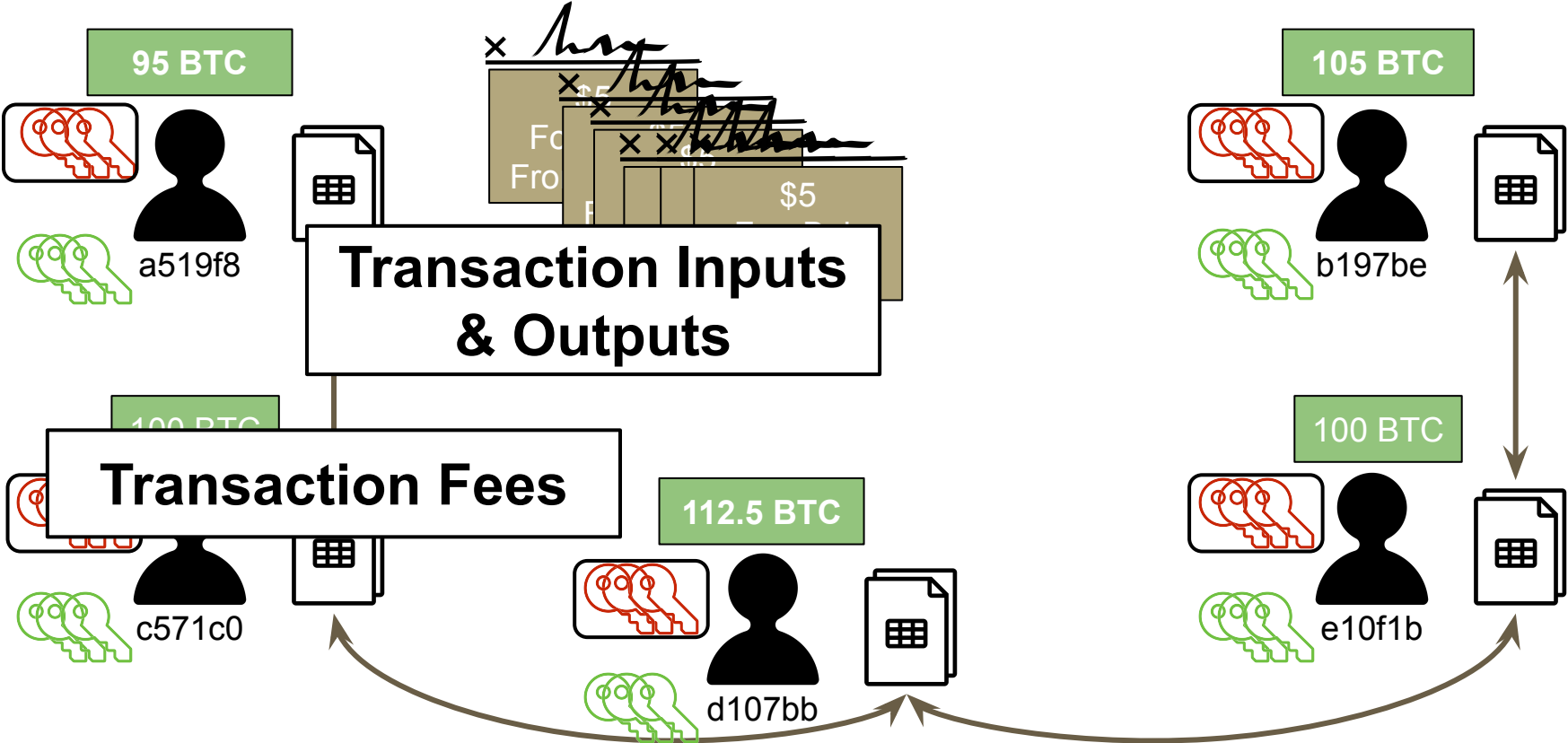
# Bitcoin: other topics



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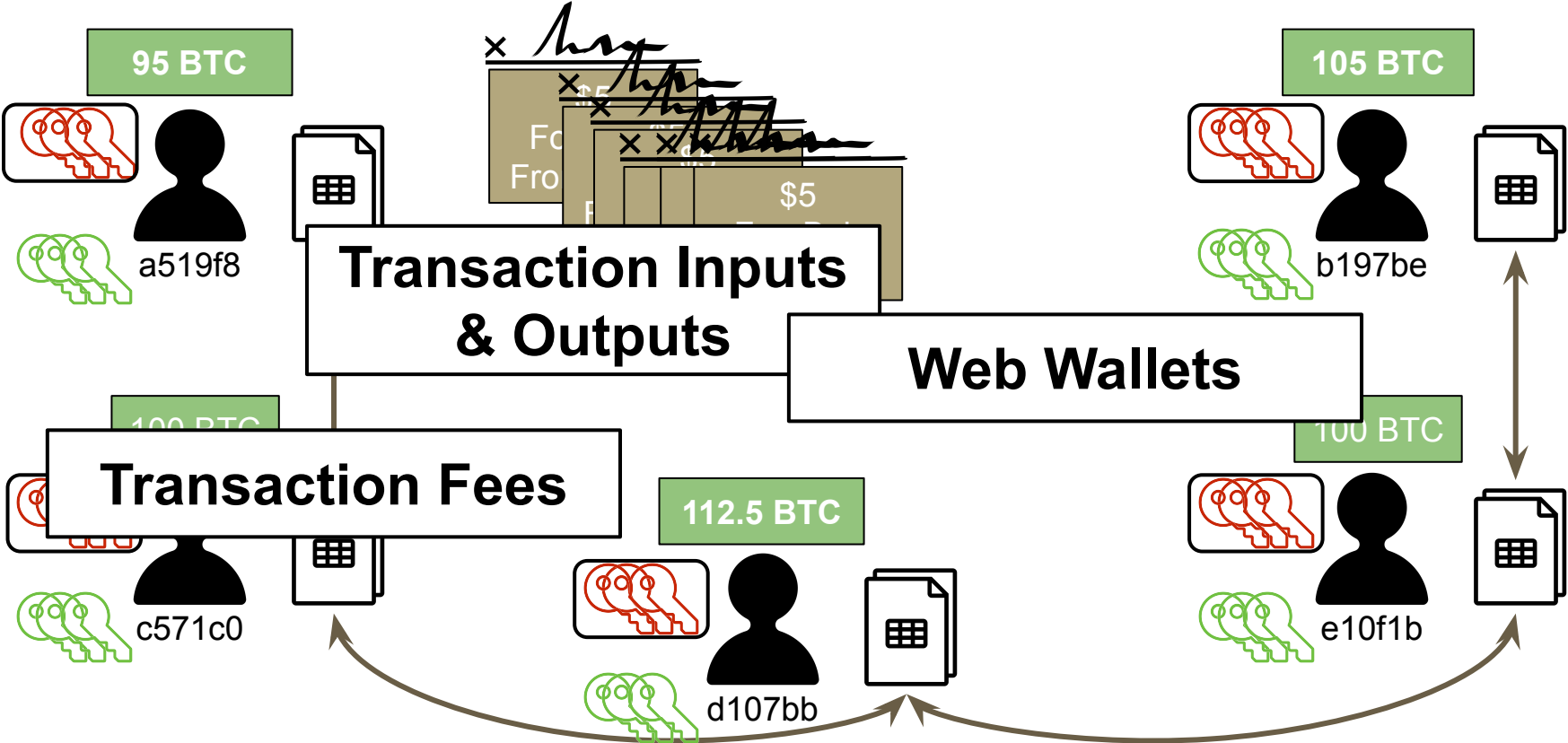


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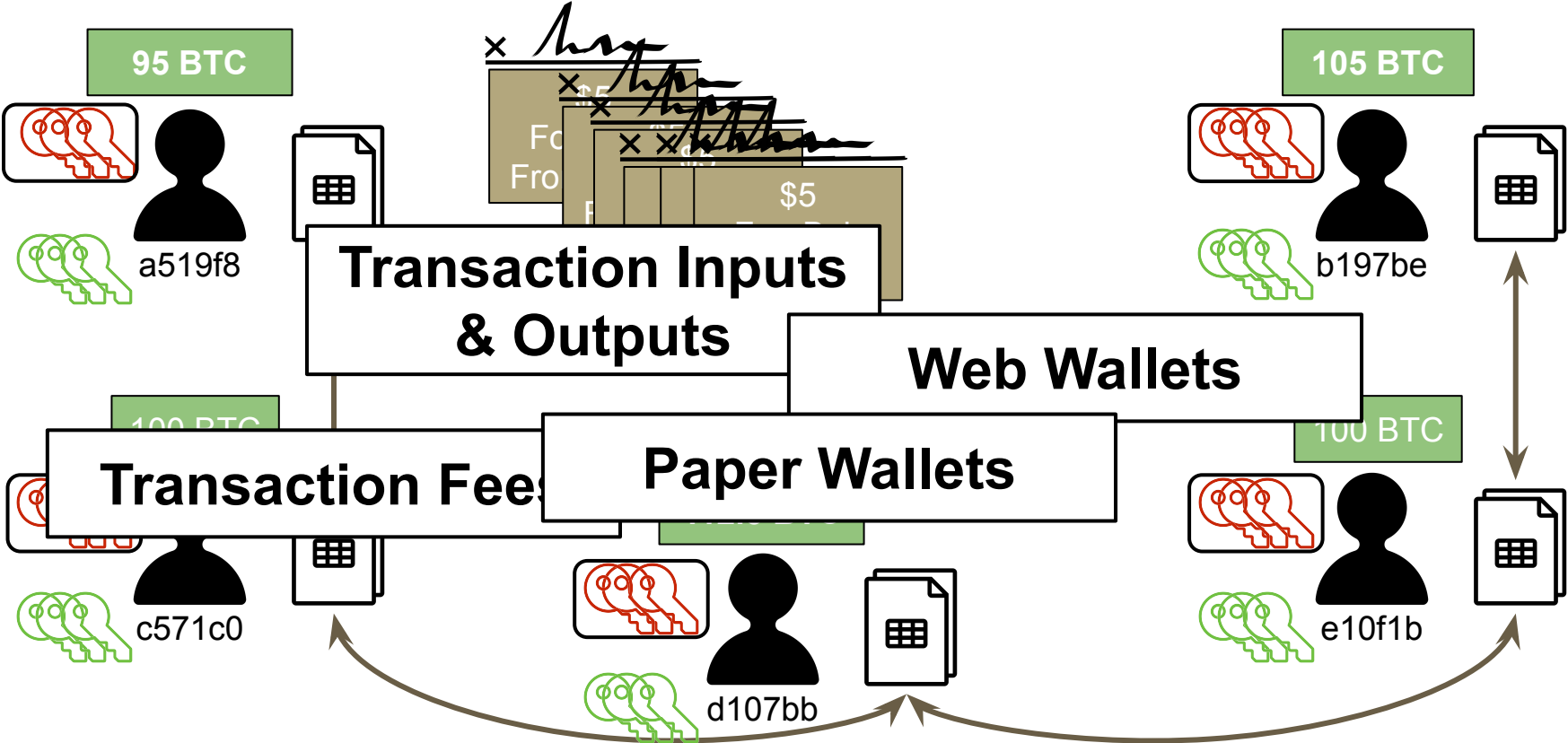




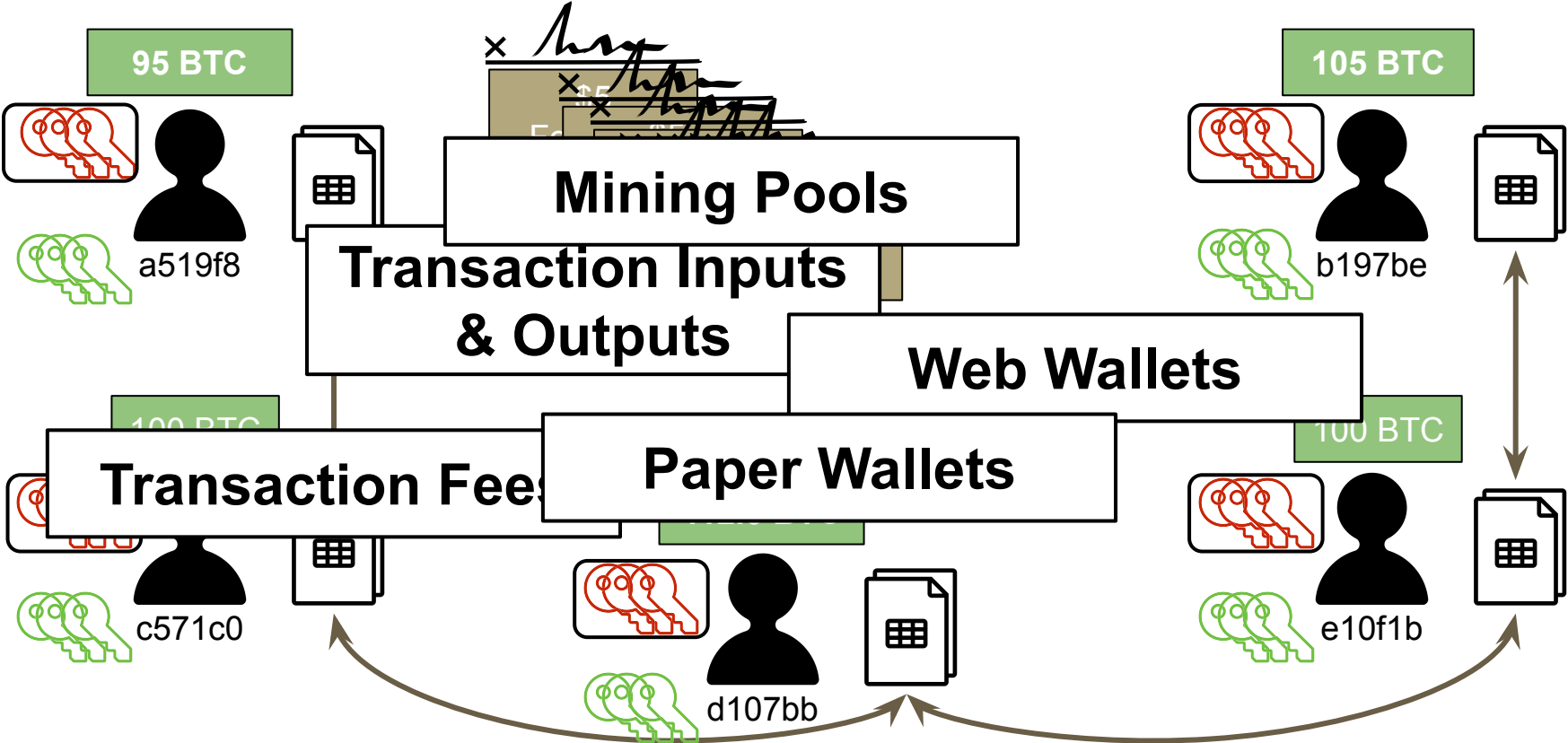
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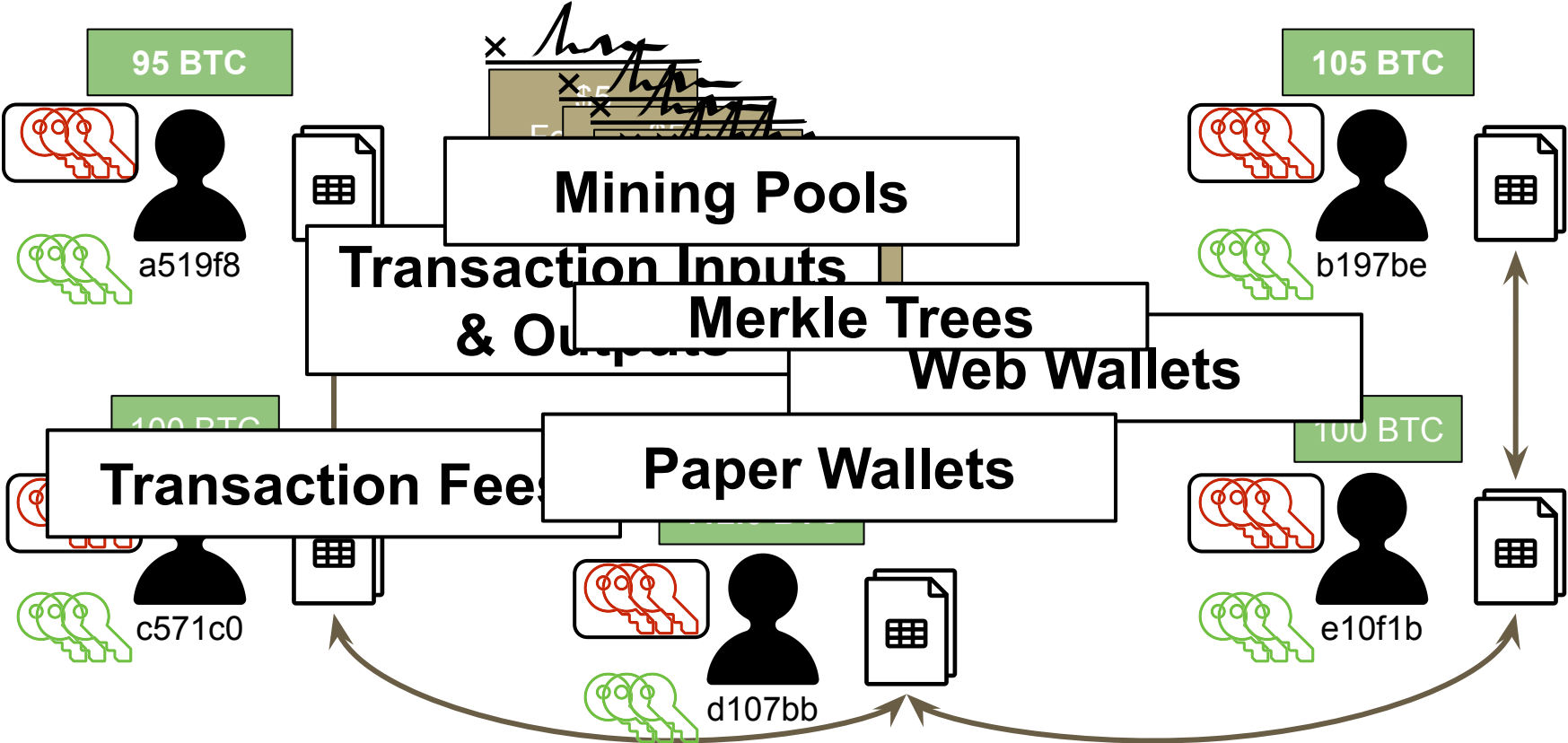
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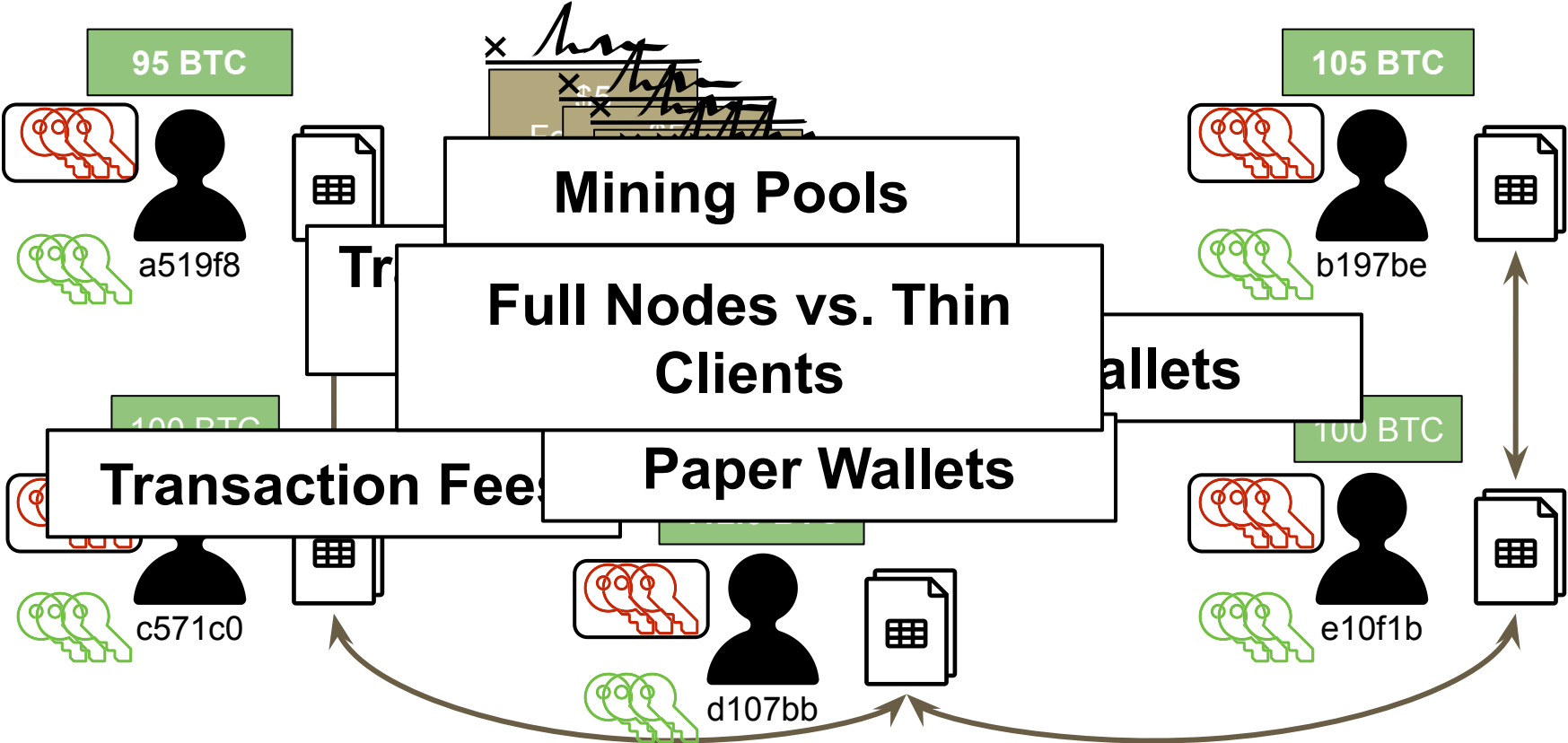
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# Funny Story: guard your wallet (Dec 2013)!!



# Bitcoin Questions

- Is Bitcoin anonymous?
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- **Is Bitcoin anonymous?**
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<a href="#">453052</a>	1 hour 15 minutes	2096	9,727.30 BTC	<a href="#">BTCC Pool</a>	998.12

## Latest Transactions

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< 1 minute

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< 1 minute

0.006798 BTC

## Search

You may enter a block height, address, block hash, transaction hash, hash160, or ipv4 address...

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# Block #453054

## Summary

Number Of Transactions 2524

Output Total 17,116.9190252 BTC

Estimated Transaction Volume 3,595.87663859 BTC

Transaction Fees 1.24502972 BTC

Height [453054 \(Main Chain\)](#)

Timestamp 2017-02-14 17:06:39

Received Time 2017-02-14 17:06:39

Relayed By [F2Pool](#)

Difficulty 422,170,566,883.84

Bits 402823865

Size 999.913 KB

## Hashes

Hash [00000000000000001a13b341900b61b36ad8664ceae30da3cc0c52d9faa0b99](#)

Previous Block [0000000000000000734158f091f9918677ccdc9e50281794c5f4f433ec582a](#)


Next Block(s) [0000000000000000ee1b60d8fde428589e7ac37ec35b3c7de9119040047043](#)

Merkle Root [759f9e4d7c7266410e5b40a7f245e757b9eb69873ecdf7f0e3f45a25b2467467](#)

## Network Propagation



# Block #453054

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Header	Version	0x20000000	467
Reference	Nonce	2697808933	
Difficulty	Block Reward	12.5 BTC	
Size	999.913 KB		

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# Bitcoin Nodes Log

List of bitcoin nodes blockchain.info has connected to in the past.

Total Unique Ip Addresses: 16,043

Ip Address or Hostname

IP	Port	Last Connected	Location	Hostname
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212.164.233.103	8333	2017-02-13 12:48:14	 RU (Novosibirsk)	212.164.233.103
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195.67.36.89	8333	2017-02-13 12:48:13	 SE (Vimmerby)	195-67-36-89.customer.telia.com
89.142.75.86	8333	2017-02-13 12:48:13	 SI (Polzela)	BSN-142-75-86.dynamic.siol.net

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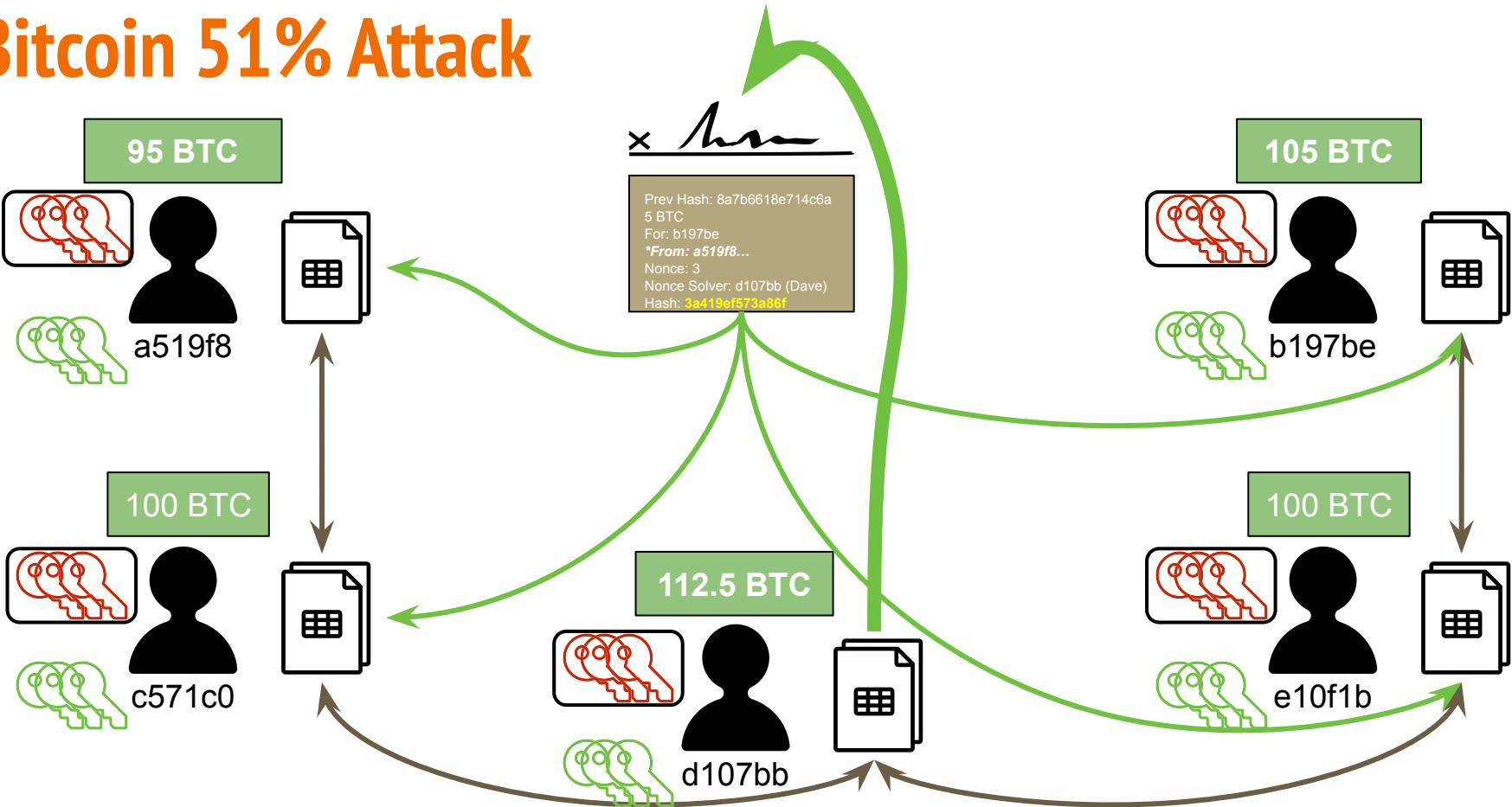
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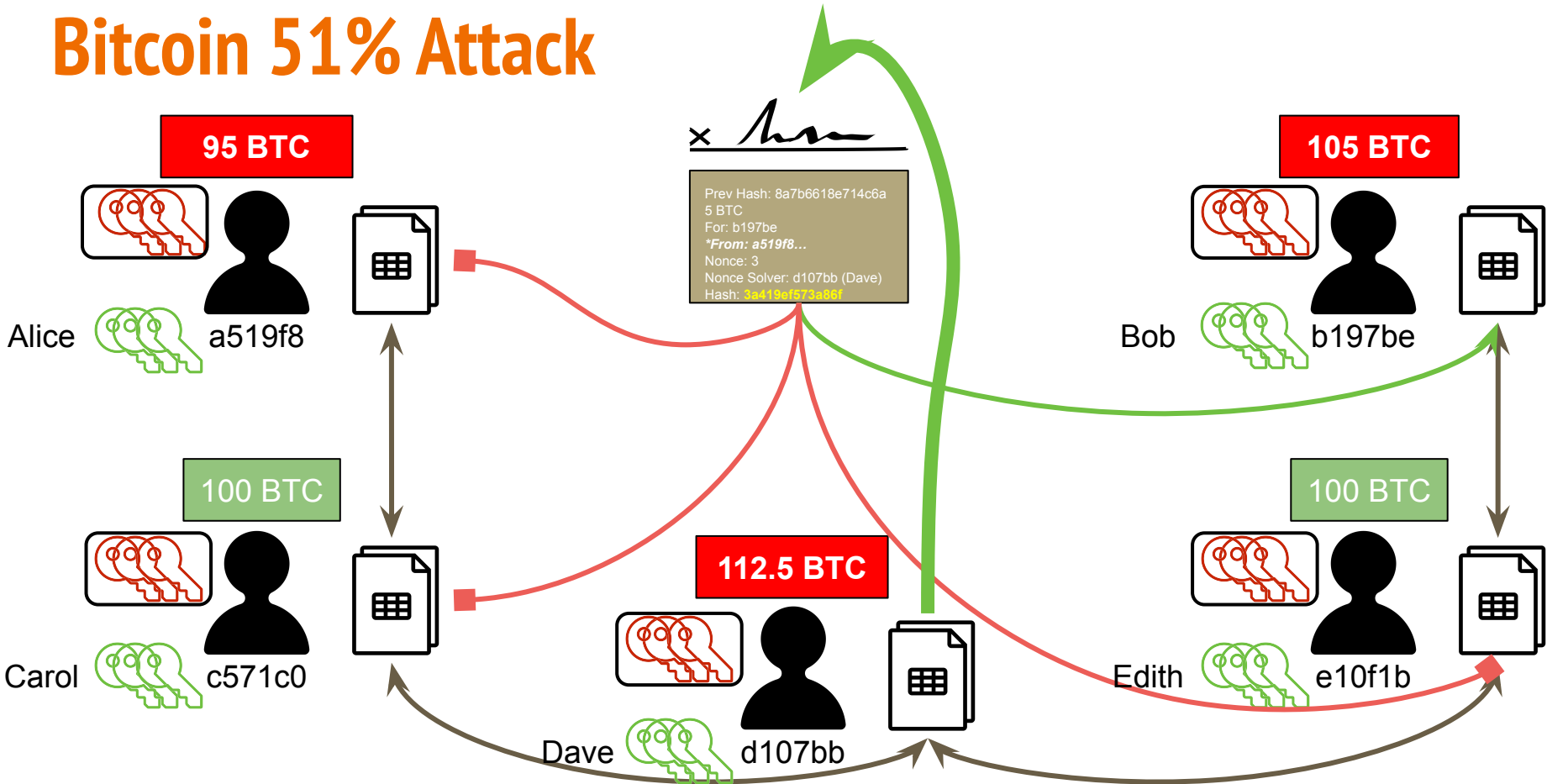
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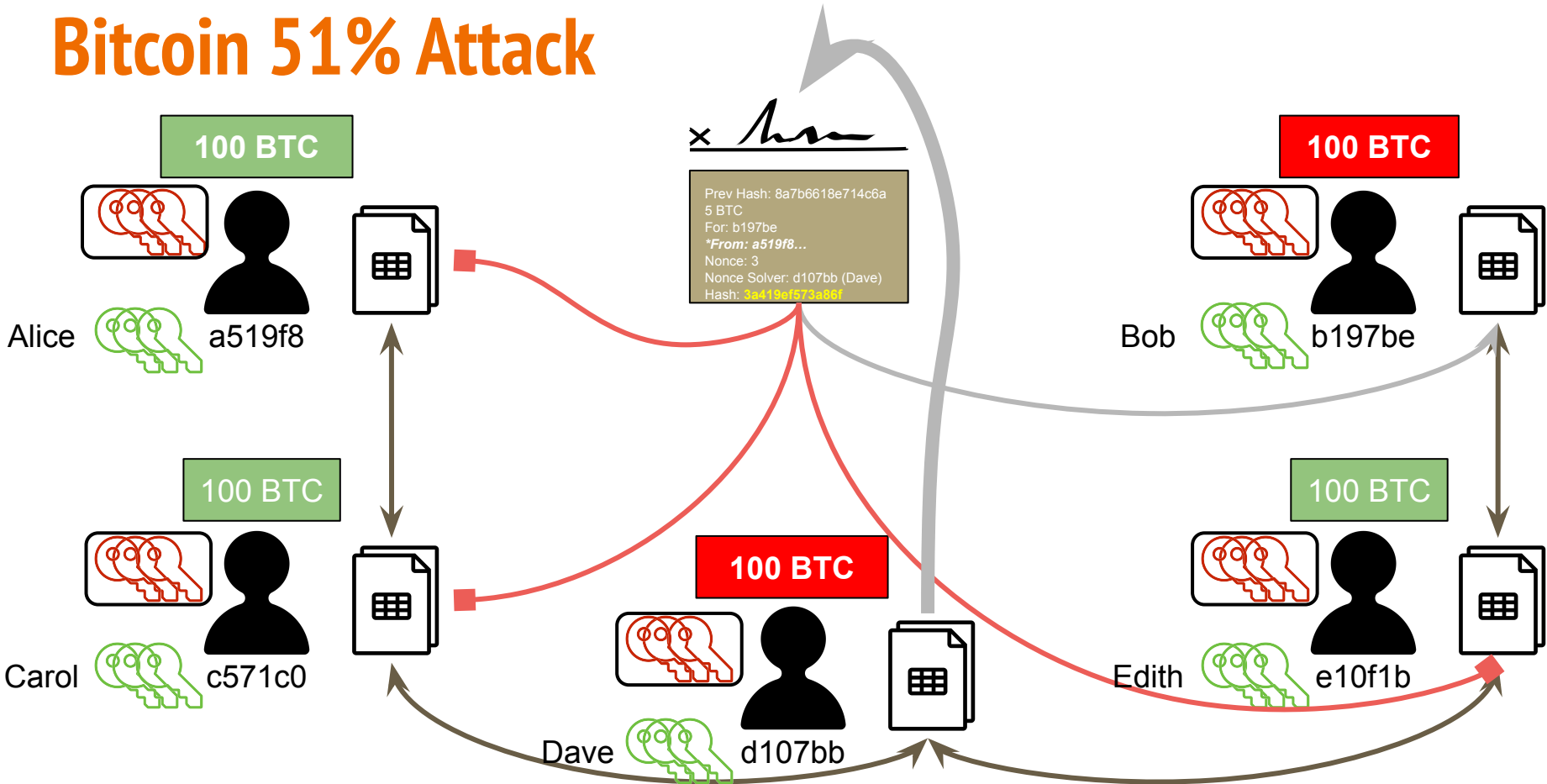
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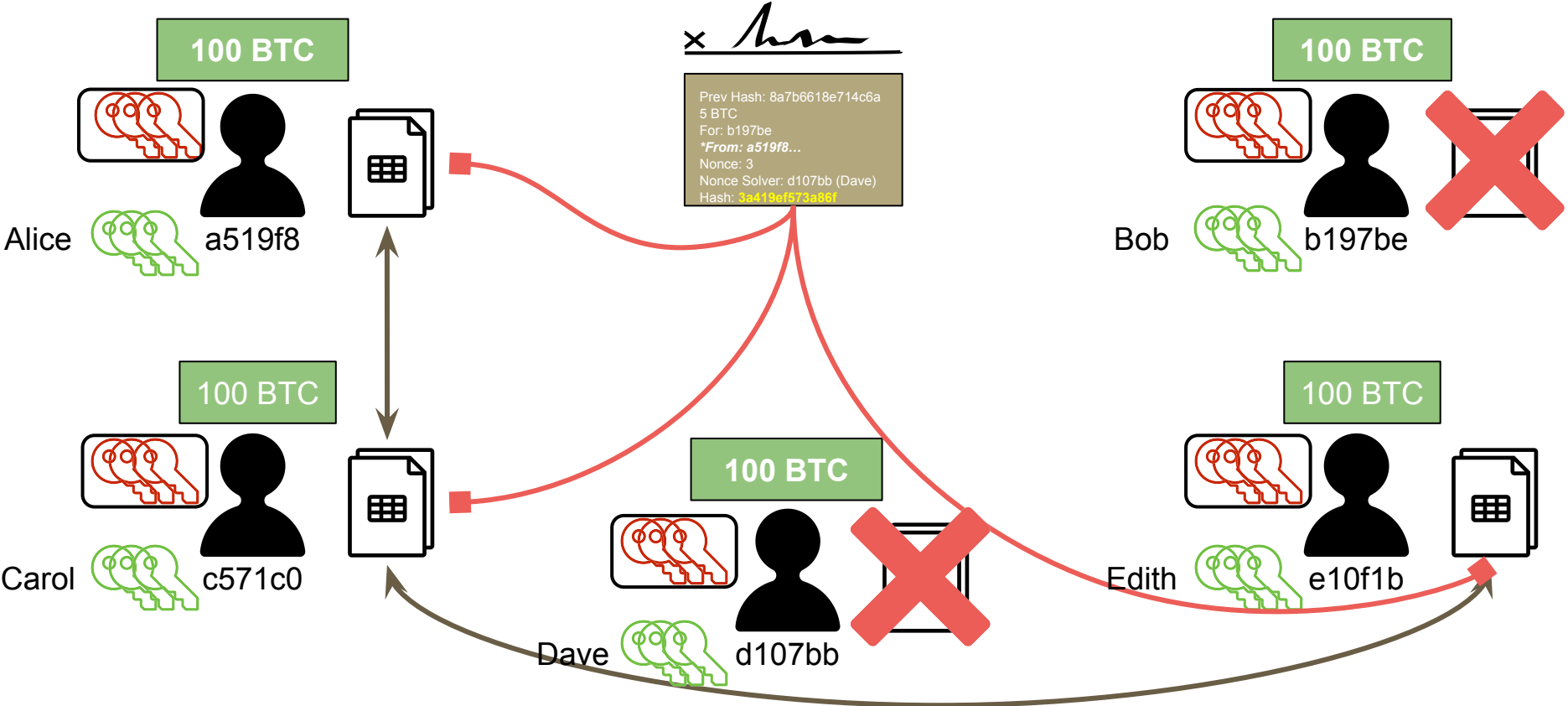
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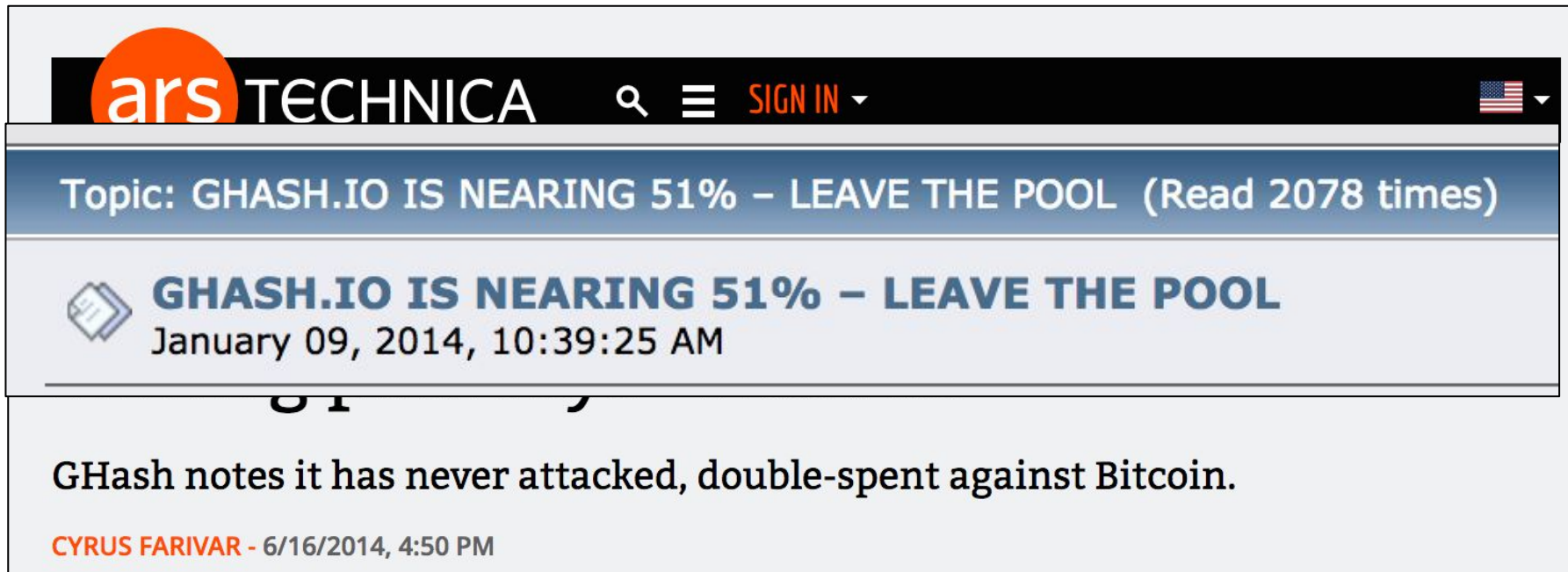
*RISK ASSESSMENT* —

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CYRUS FARIVAR - 6/16/2014, 4:50 PM


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**r/bitcoin** comments

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**LEAVE GHASH.IO if you mine there!** (self.Bitcoin)  
submitted 3 years ago by [deleted]

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Goodness gracious. C'mon!

281 comments share

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BY **ANTHONY CUTHBERTSON** ON 10/12/16 AT 10:08 AM

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## The quantum clock is ticking on encryption – and your data is under threat

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*By* **NICOLE KOBIE**  
*04 Oct 2016*



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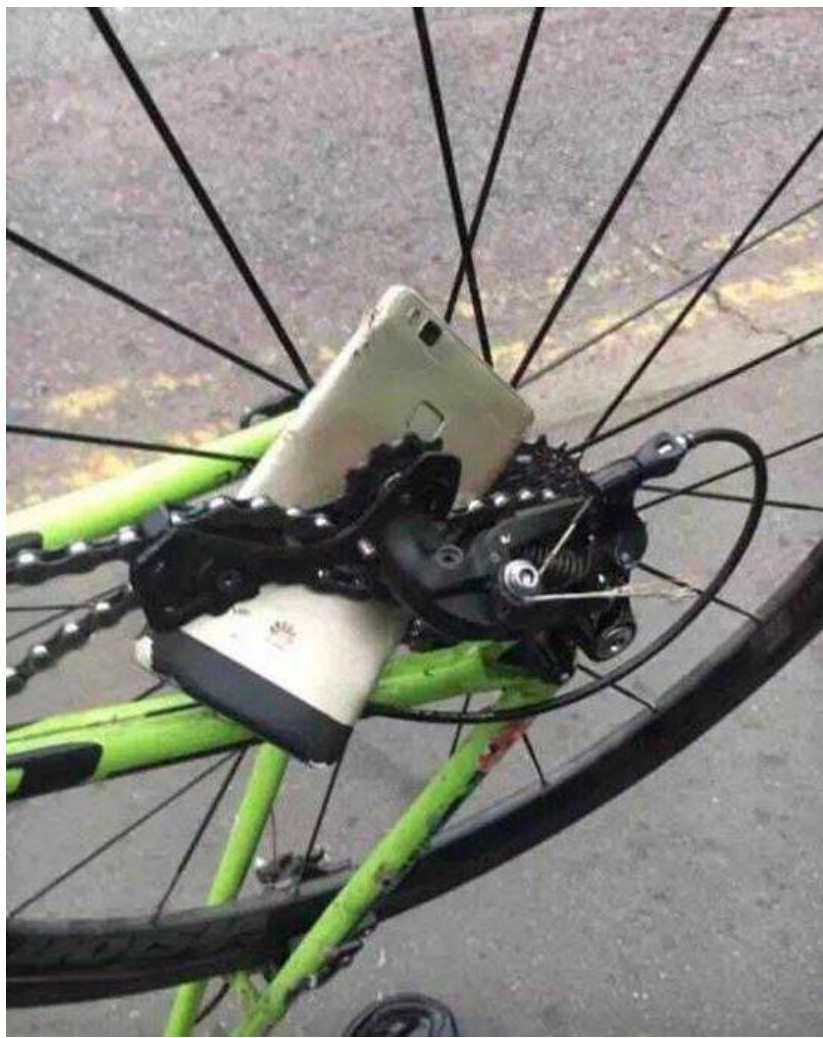
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*Probably not, at least in the short term.*



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## Latest blocks

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## VI. Beyond Bitcoin

What applications does the blockchain have beyond cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin?



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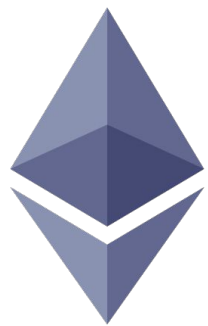


# VI. Beyond Bitcoin

Ethereum



# Other Cryptocurrencies



ethereum

# What is Ethereum?

- Simply put, it is an “open-source and globally decentralized computing infrastructure that executes programs called Smart Contracts. It uses blockchain to synchronize and store system’s state changes, using a cryptocurrency called Ether (ETH) to meter [or measure] and constrain execution resource costs.”

*\*Derived from definition put forth by Antonopoulos & Wood*

# What is Ethereum?

- It shares many similarities & common elements with Bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies (P2P network connecting participants, Byzantine Fault Tolerant consensus algos, proofs, hashes, sigs)
- But it's also different in other aspects, esp in having Utility Functions (“world computer, virtual machine”) + “general purpose blockchain” & Decentralized Applications (dApps or DApps!)

# “Smart” Contracts: records of prog. agreements

- Ethereum contracts are programs that control money, running inside Ethereum VM
- Once created, they have an Ethereum address, just like wallets (say, belonging to a person)
- Transactions sent to an address may have ether, data, or both → ethers get “deposited” to the contract balance; data can specify a named functions (in the contract) and call it

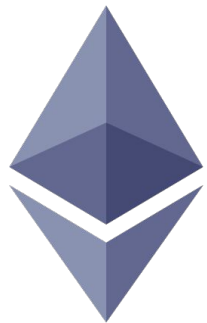
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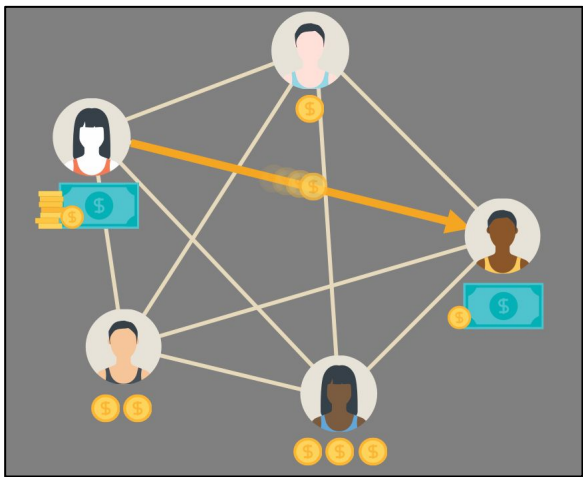
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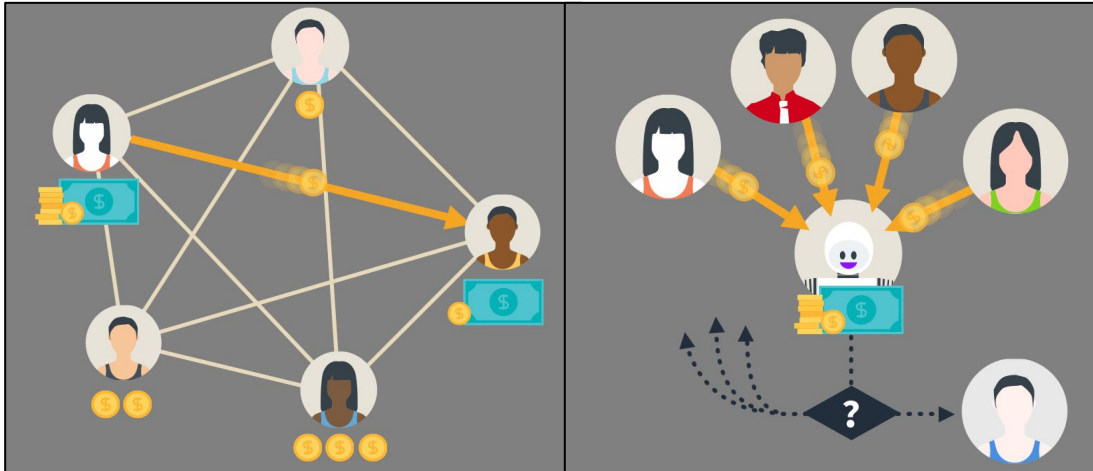
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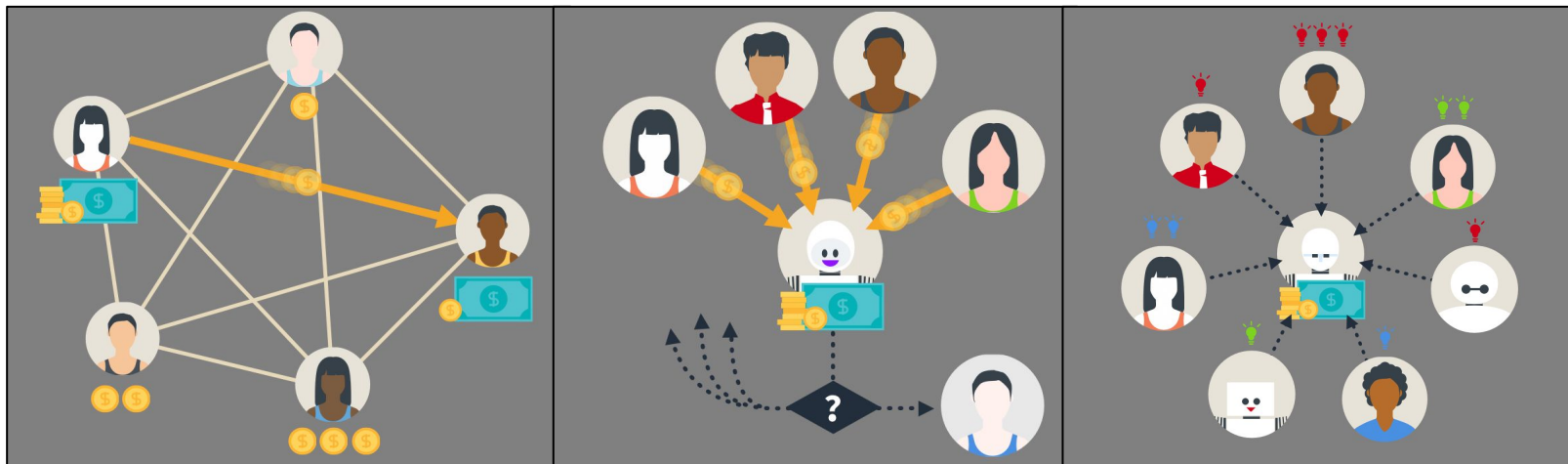
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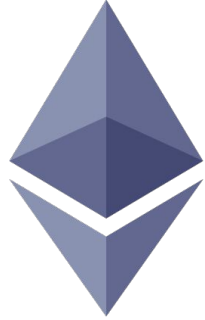
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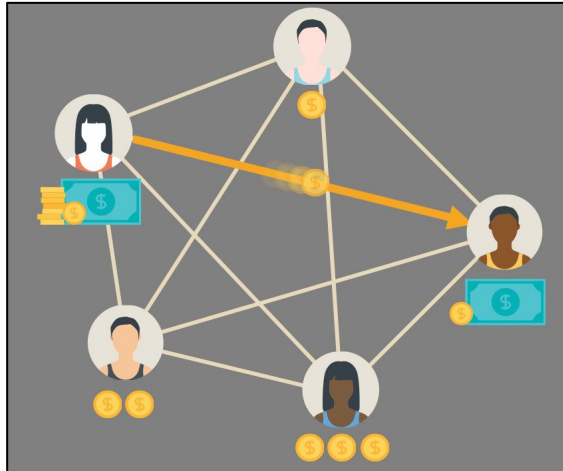
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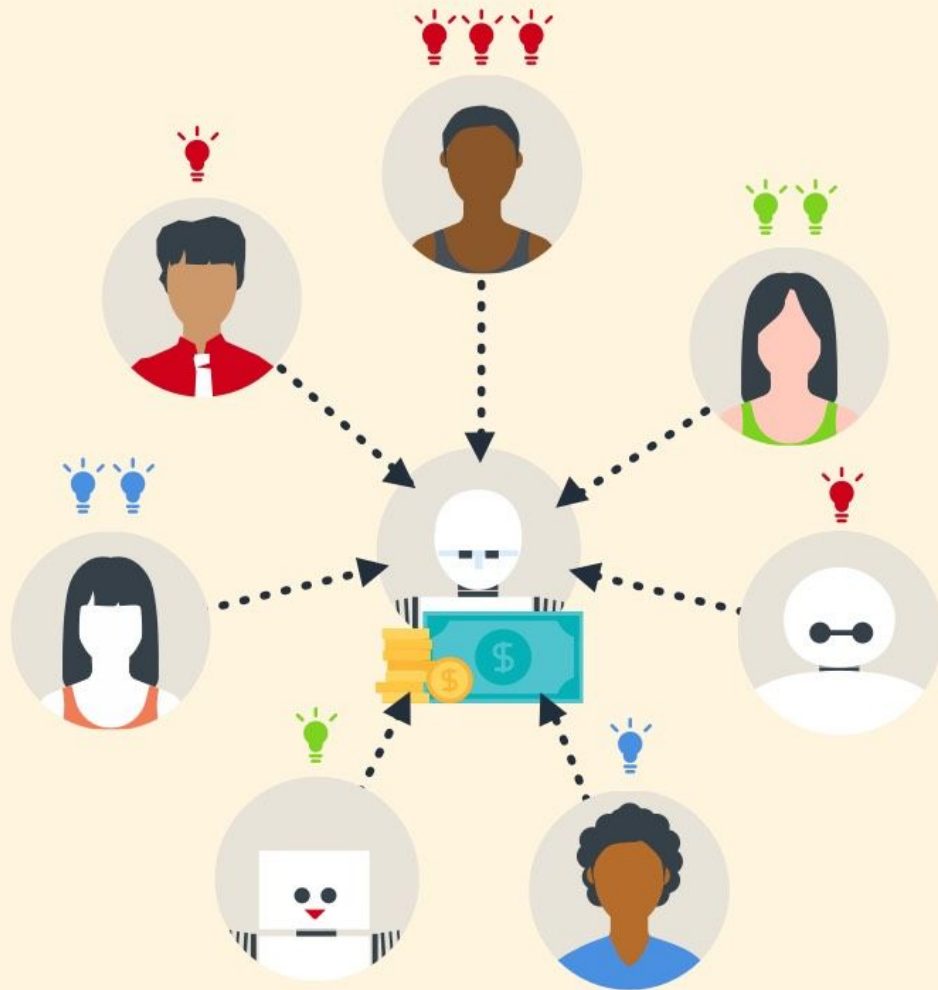
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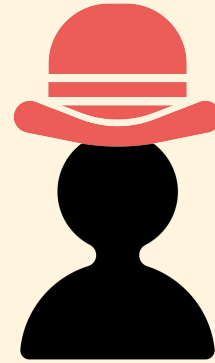
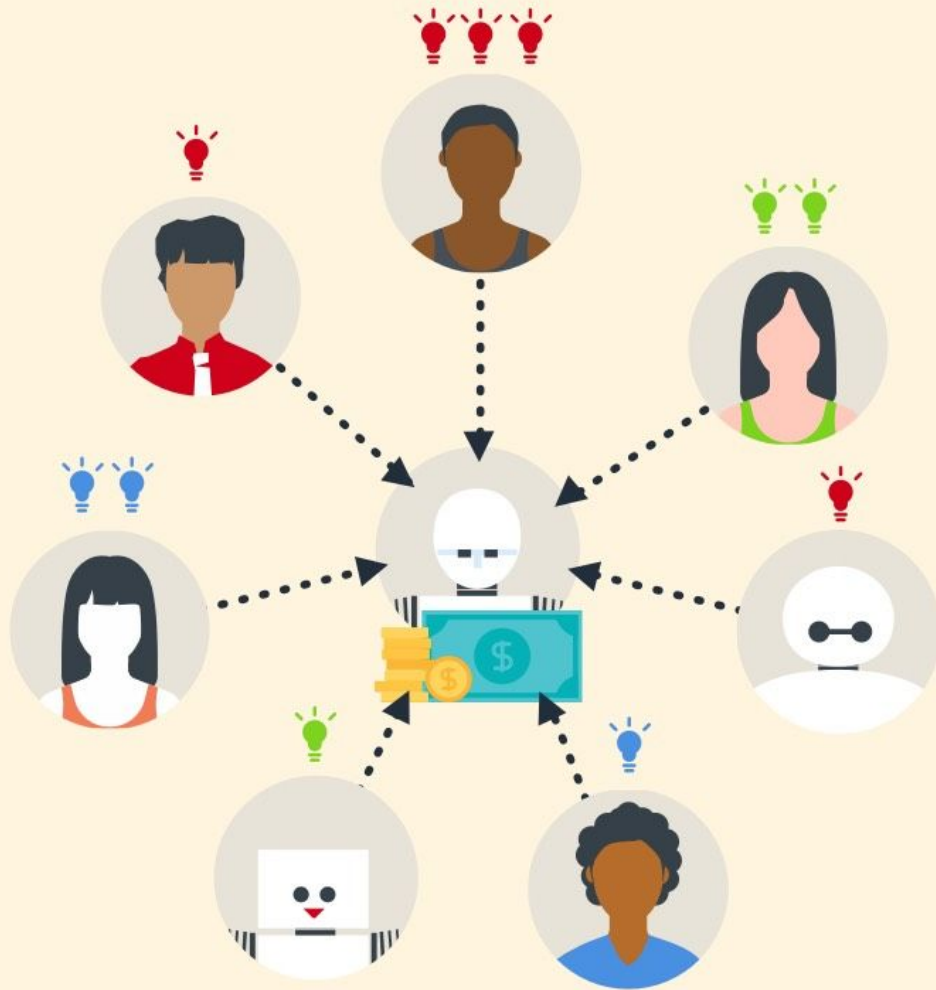
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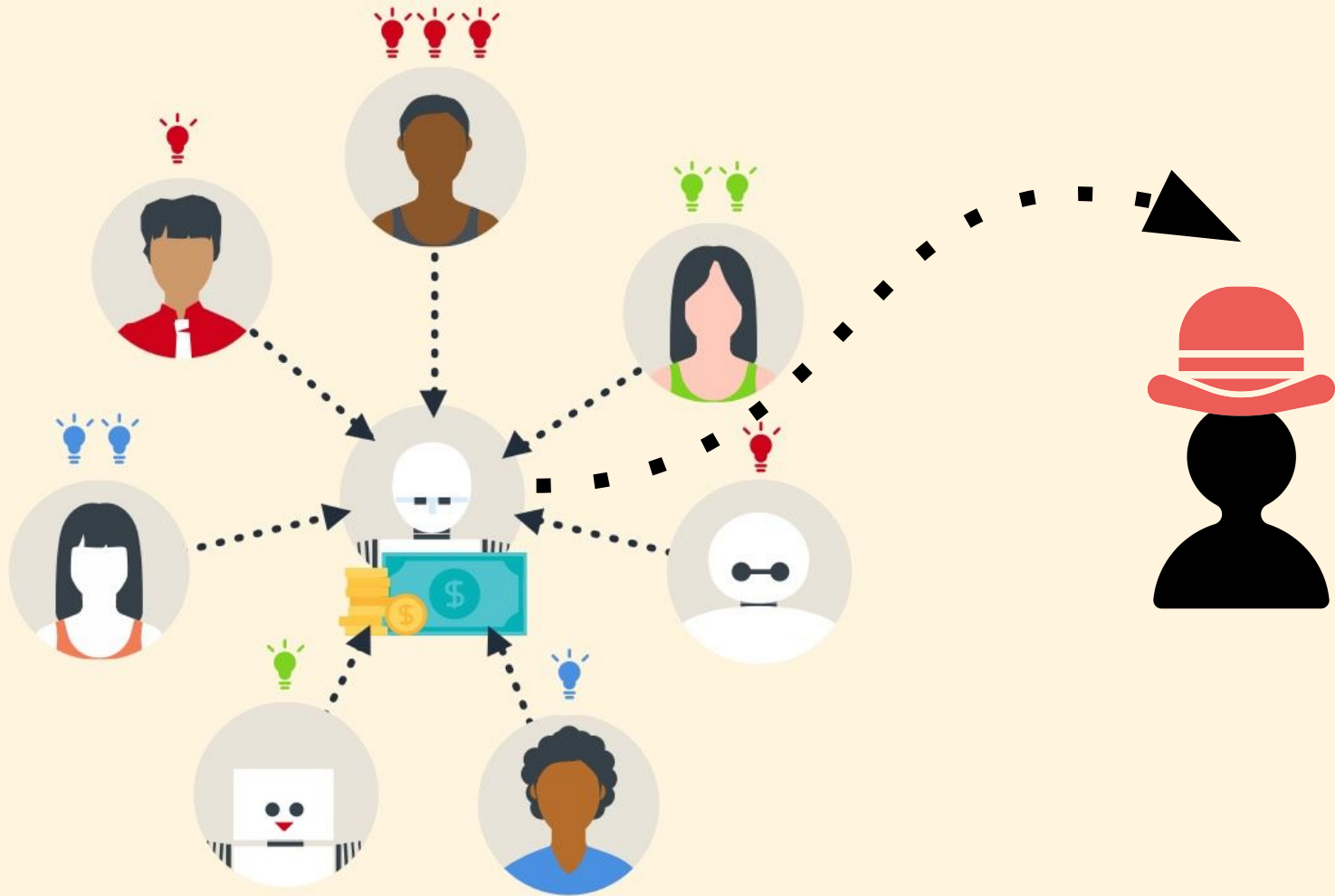
Spin up a blockchain network on a private, virtualized environment; create and secure digital assets in test applications to trade over a permissioned network

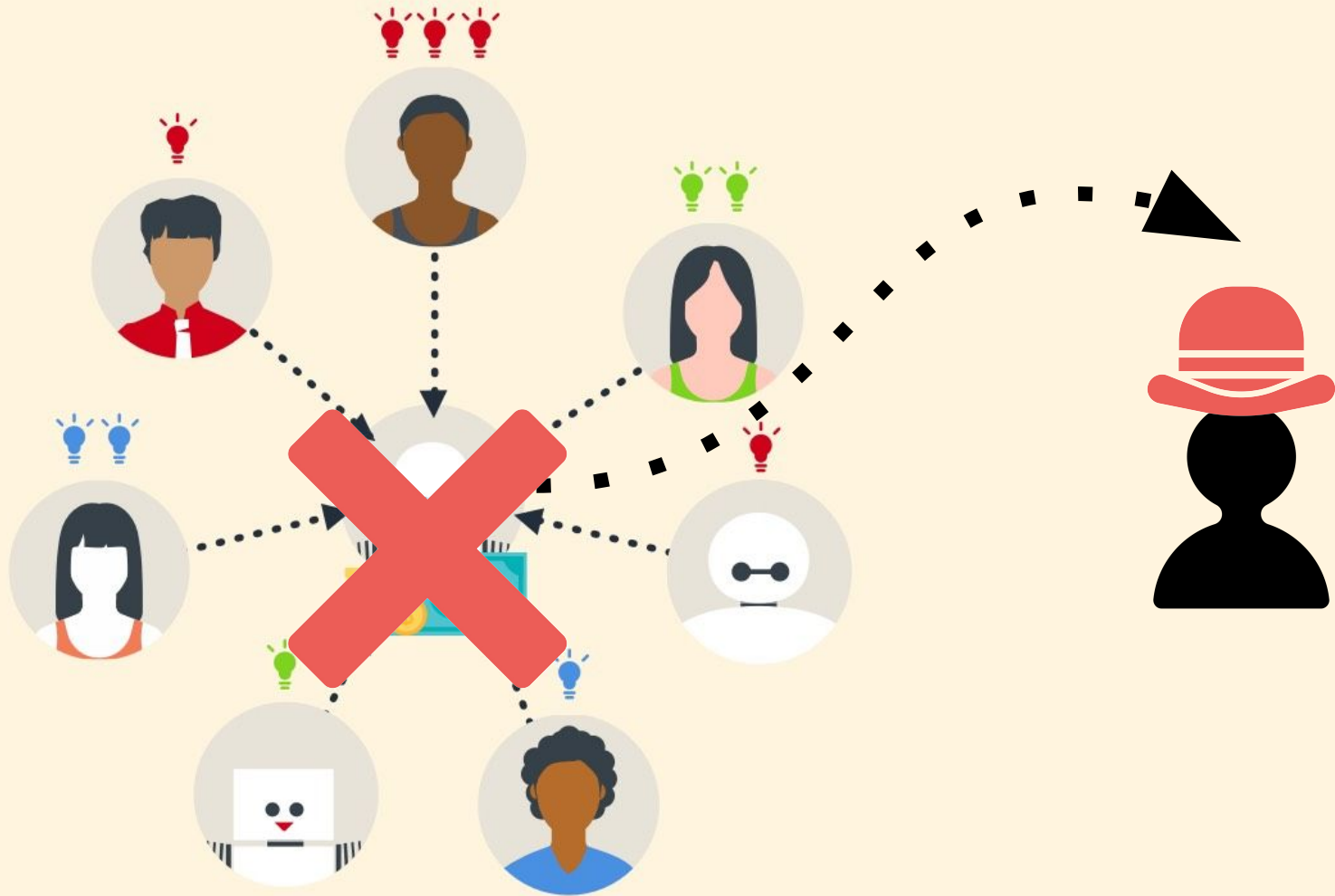


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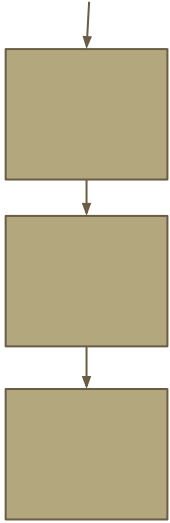




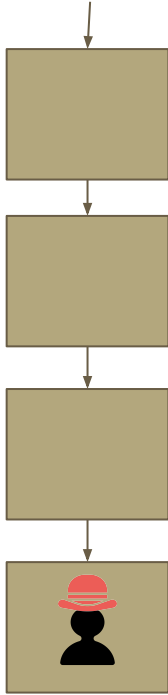




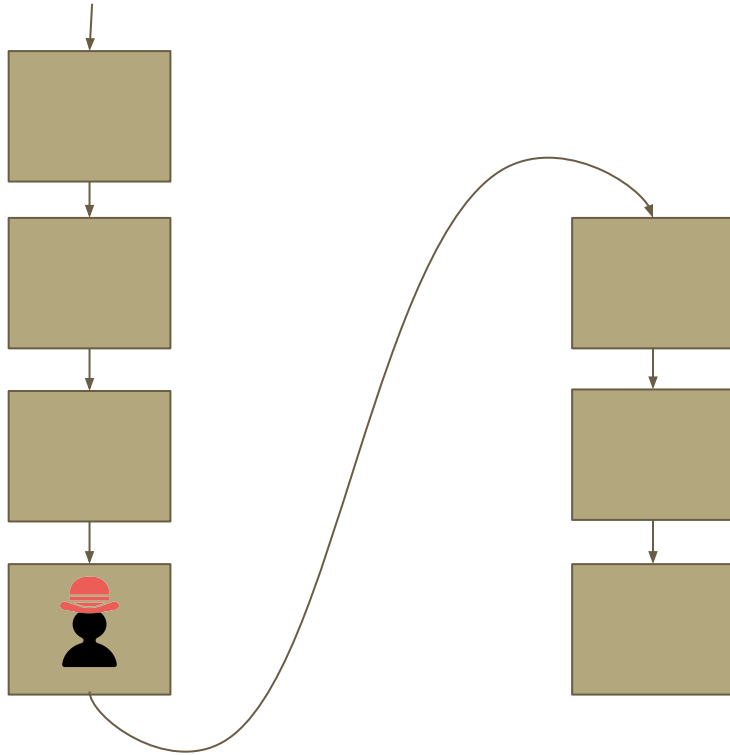
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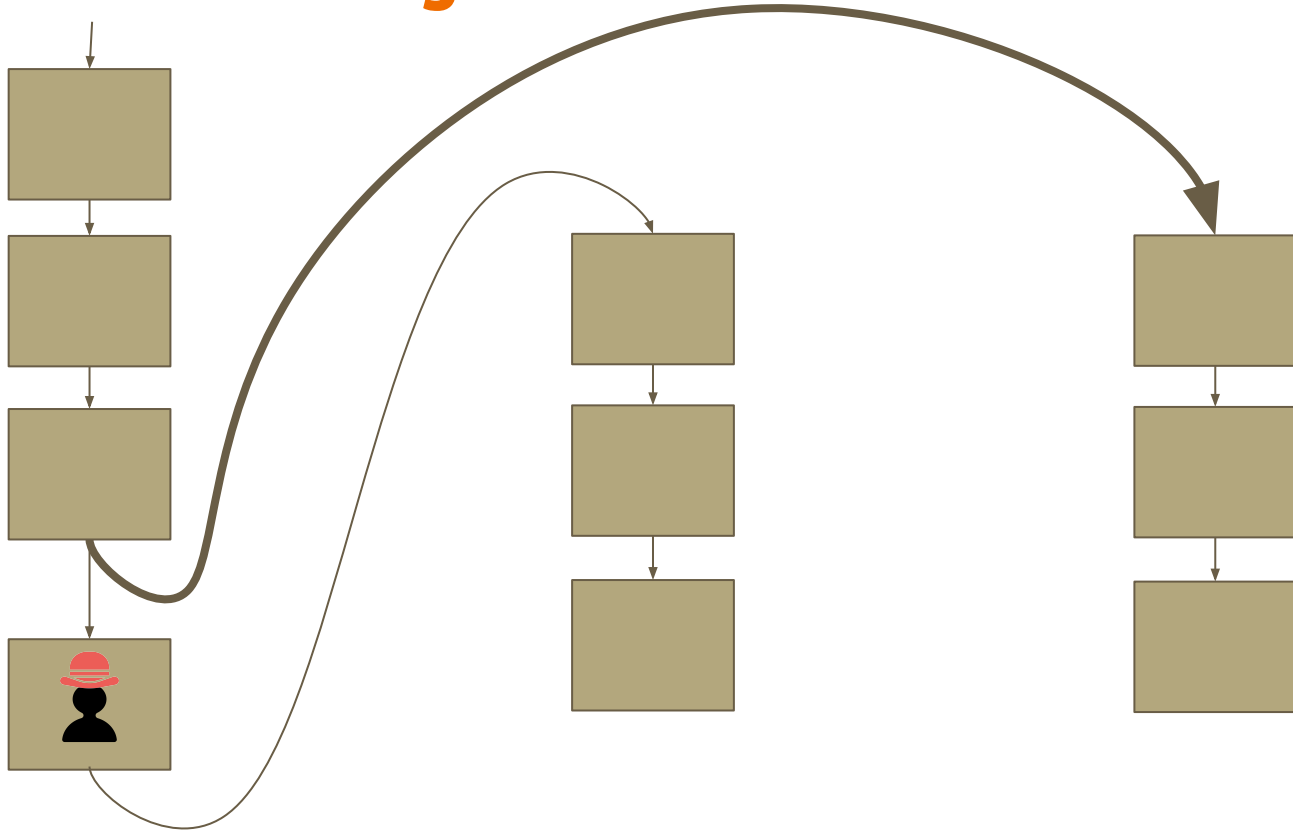
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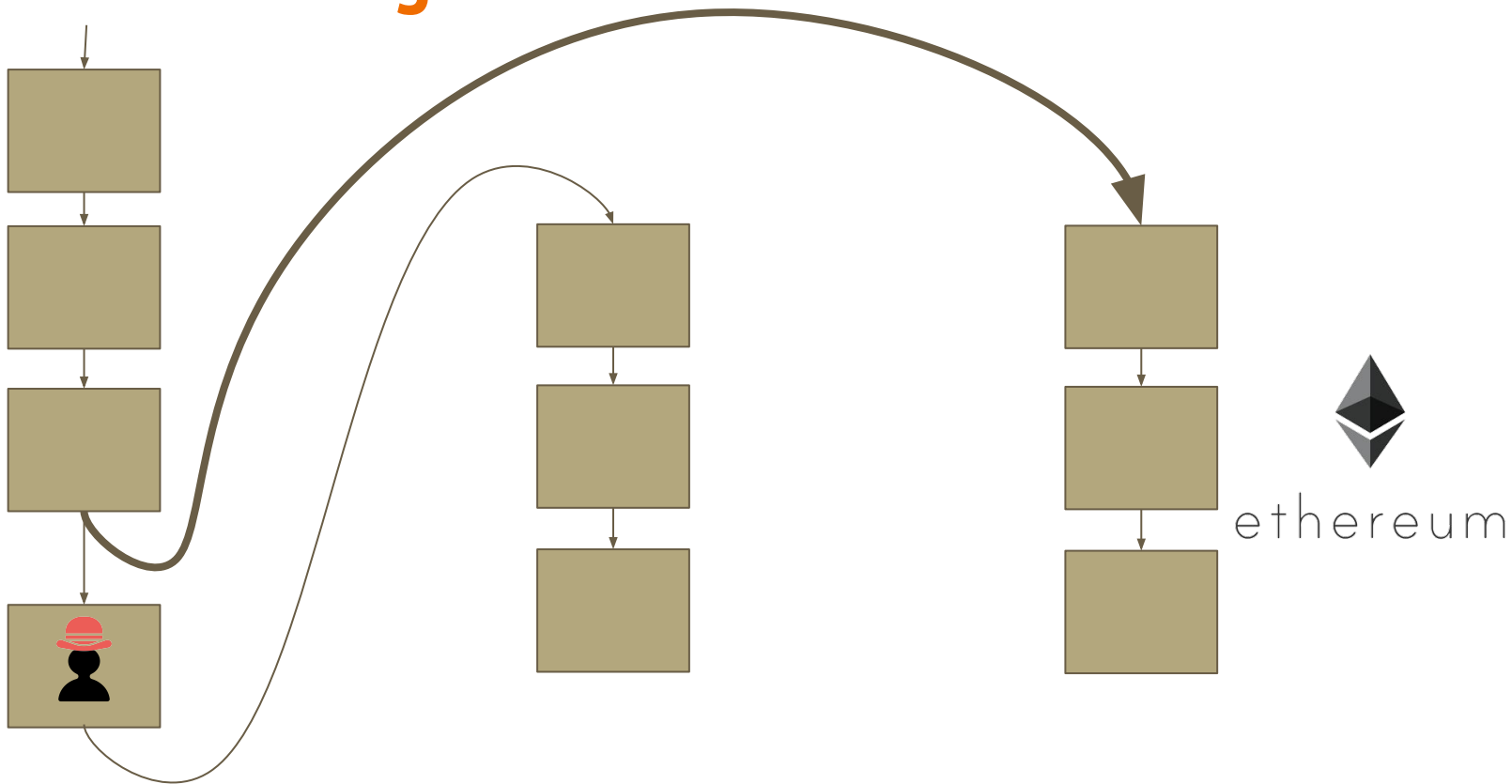
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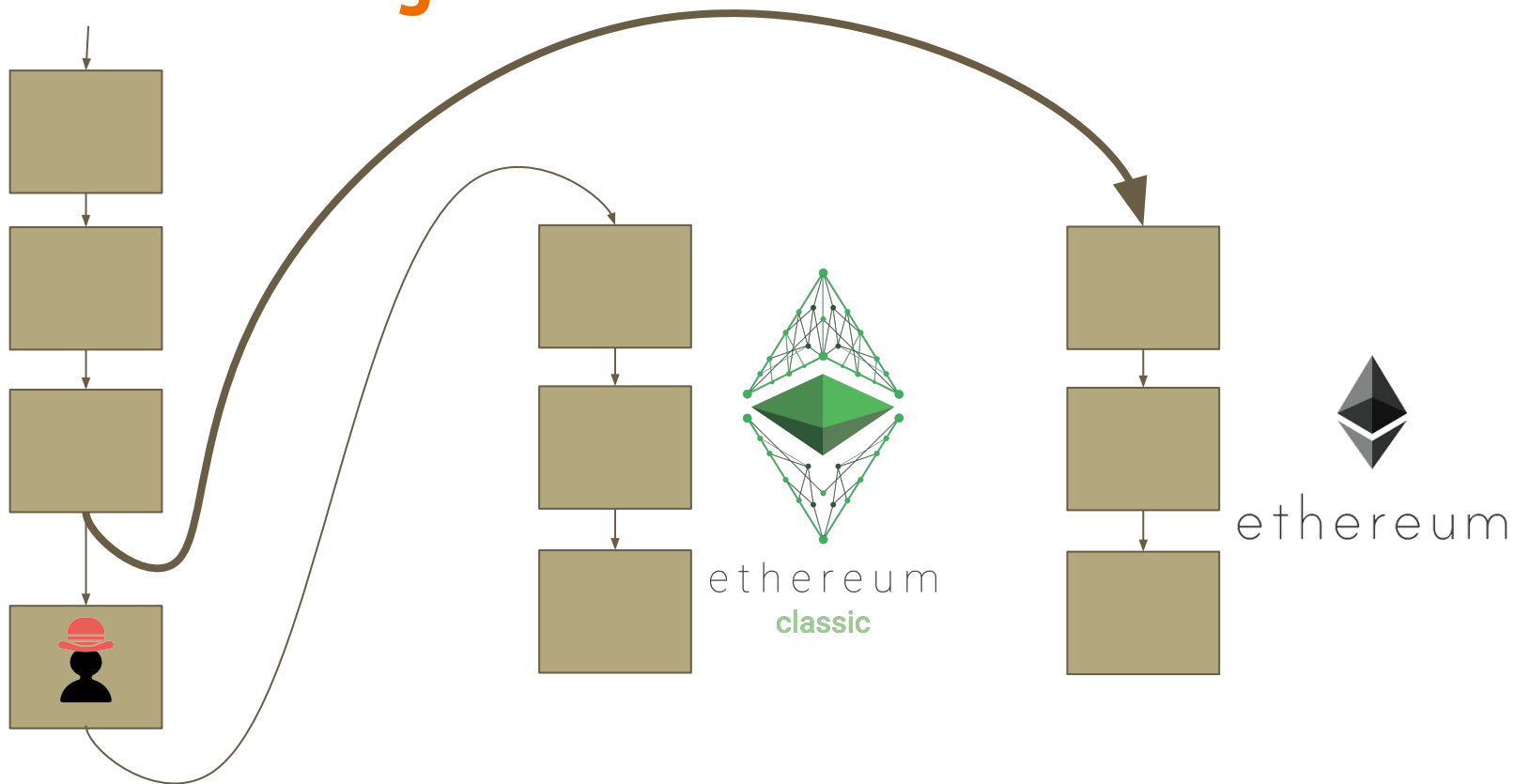
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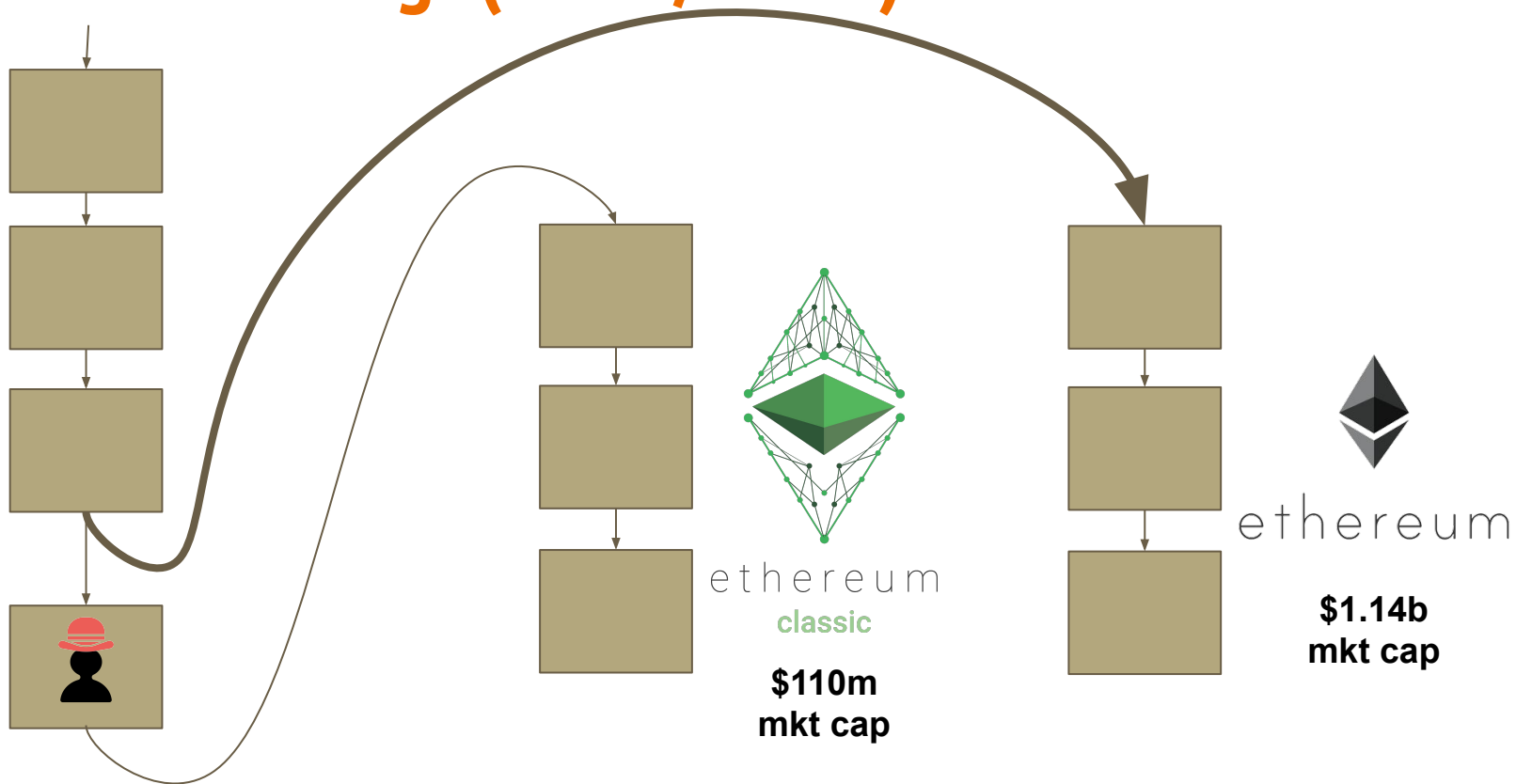
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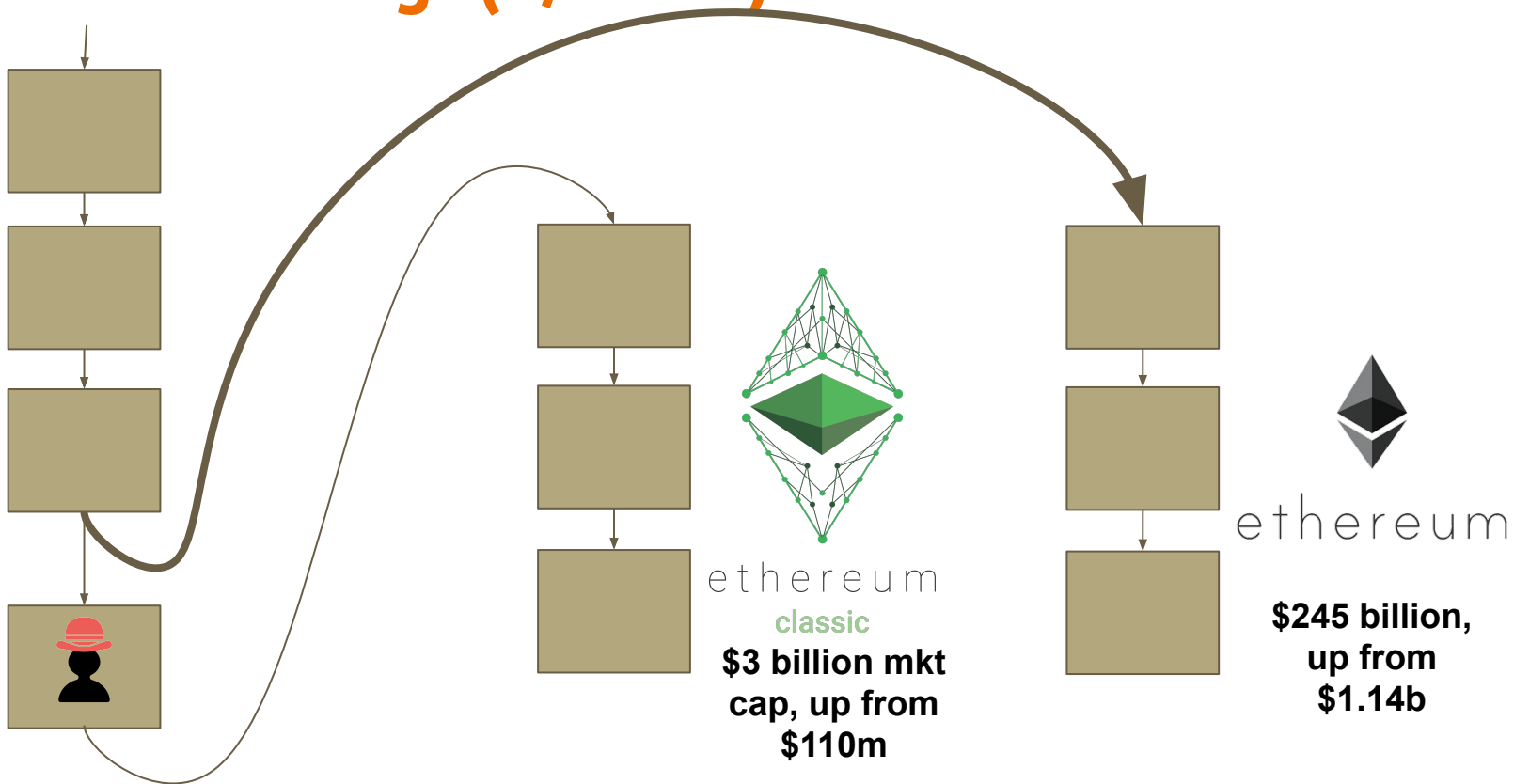
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# The DAO & “Forking” (4/2023)





# **A quick regulatory lesson**

# The “Howey Test”

- It is an investment of money
- There is an expectation of profits from the investment
- The investment of money is in a common enterprise
- Any profit comes from the efforts of a promoter or third party

# Class Discussion

# Easter Egg ... for those with a Mac ;-)

Open either 1) Finder OR 2) click on Go, then Computer ...  
then click on Macintosh HD at the bottom of the window,  
then System → Library → Image Capture → Devices.  
Once there, right click on VirtualScanner.app and choose "Show Package  
Contents." Open Resources, and click on "simplifiedoc.pdf."  
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**We still have a few more days to go 🧐**

**Thank You!**

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