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## WHY DID WE MAKE SECURITY SO HARD?

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# Advanced?

## People aren't using basic yet



# The Mathematical Mesh



- Open Specification
- MIT License Reference code
- Contemporary approach
  - JSON / Ed448/Curve448 / Web Service / etc.
  - Untrusted cloud service (end-to-end security)
- <http://mathmesh.com/>

Bad security is  
worse than no  
security





The best security is  
the security you use







Usability labs tell you how  
users behave in usability labs



# Ask nothing of the user





Any instructions you can  
write for the user

Can be turned into code and  
executed by the machine

# Automate Certificate issue and rollover





# Personal PKI



- Cost: Long term signature key
- Each user requires
  - Long term master signing key
  - Short term application profiles

What if?





# Key Escrow



- Cost: Master Escrow Key
- Each user requires
  - Long term master signing key
  - Long term master escrow key
  - Short term application profiles





# Offline Master Root



- Cost: Intermediate PKI layer
- Each user requires
  - Master Profile
    - Long term master signing key
    - Long term master escrow key
  - Current Profile
    - Administrative signing key
  - Short term application profiles



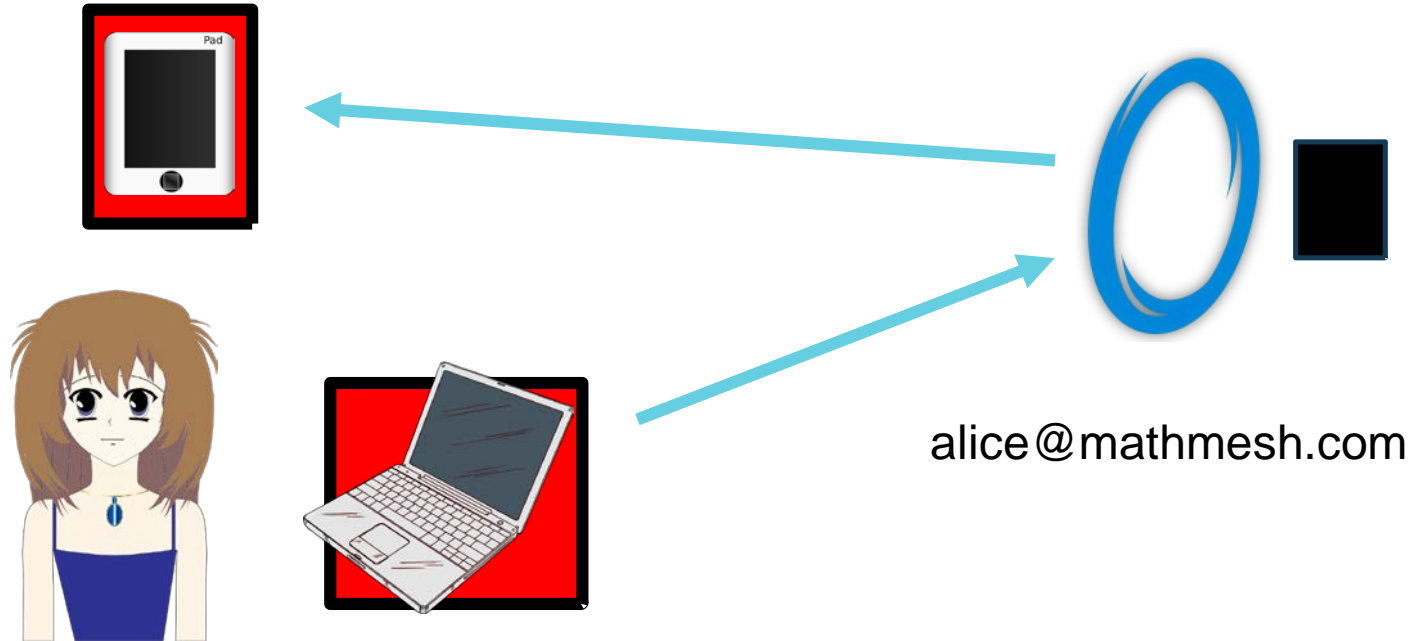
# Offline Master Root



- Cost: Profile per device
- Each user requires
  - Master Profile
    - Long term master signing key
    - Long term master escrow key
  - Current Profile
    - Administrative signing key
  - Short term application profiles
  - Device profiles



# Connection Protocol



# Hypothesis



- It is possible to solve any security usability issue by introducing an additional layer of PKI



# Application profiles

## Current applications

- SSH
- S/MIME
- OpenPGP
- XMPP (planned)

## New applications

- Mesh/Recrypt
  - Data at rest encryption (DARE)
- Mesh/Catalog
  - Contacts/Credentials/2<sup>nd</sup> factor
- Mesh/Unify





# Killer Application?

# How scripts leak credentials



```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
Username="Fred"
```

```
Password="ItsGonnaLeak"
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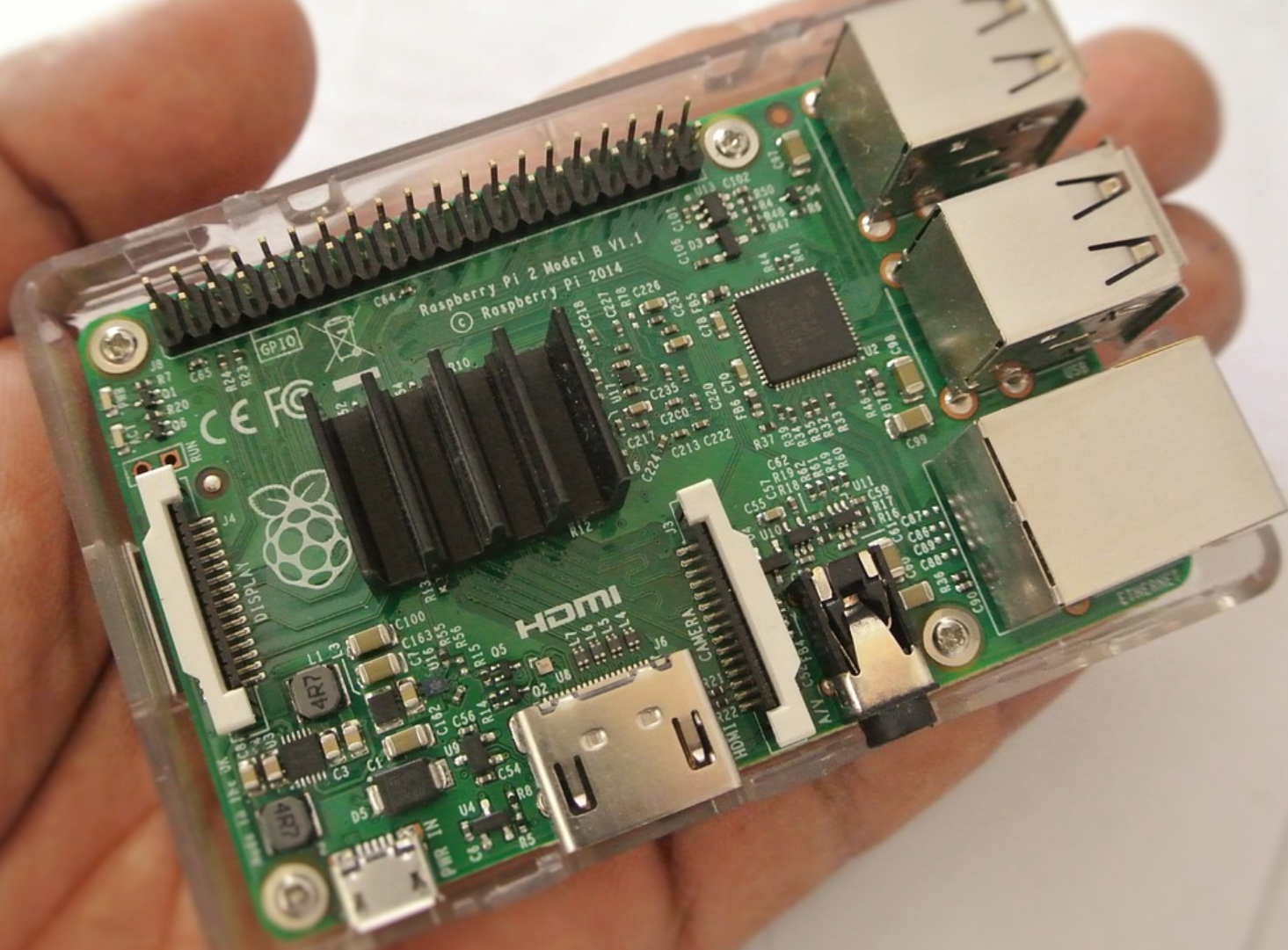


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# Apply



- Demand Effortless Security
- Choices:
  - Consider Mathematical Mesh as a Proof of Concept
  - Mesh-Enable your applications



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