

Understanding the Cryptographic Principles used with Blockchain



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Summary



Hashing

Authenticated hashing (HMAC)

Digital signatures





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Hashing



Hashing

01001001101010
01011101010101
01010110101010
01010100101010
01010111110101
01011101010101
01010110101010
01010100101010

Data to hash

Hashing algorithm

Message digest

01101100010011
10100101010101
11010101010101
00101010101000
01010111010101
01000101010100



Hashing

Easy to compute the hash value

Infeasible to generate a message that has a given hash

Infeasible to modify a message without changing the hash

Infeasible to find two different messages with the same hash



MD5

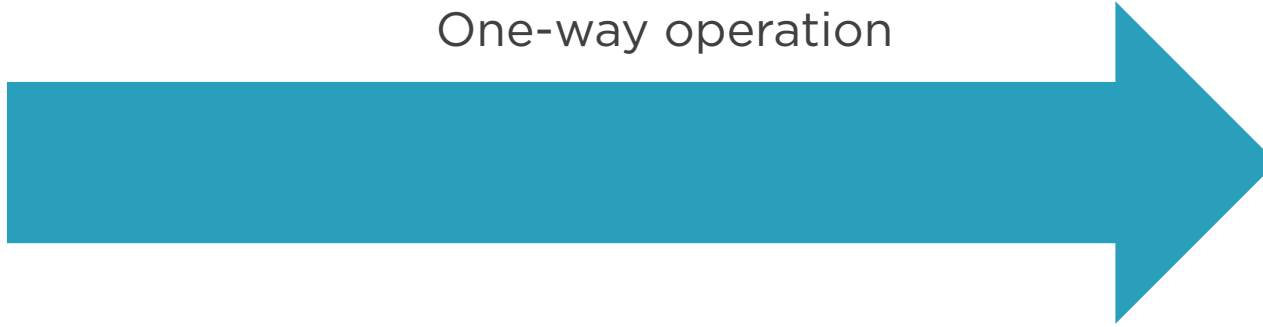
SHA-1

SHA-256

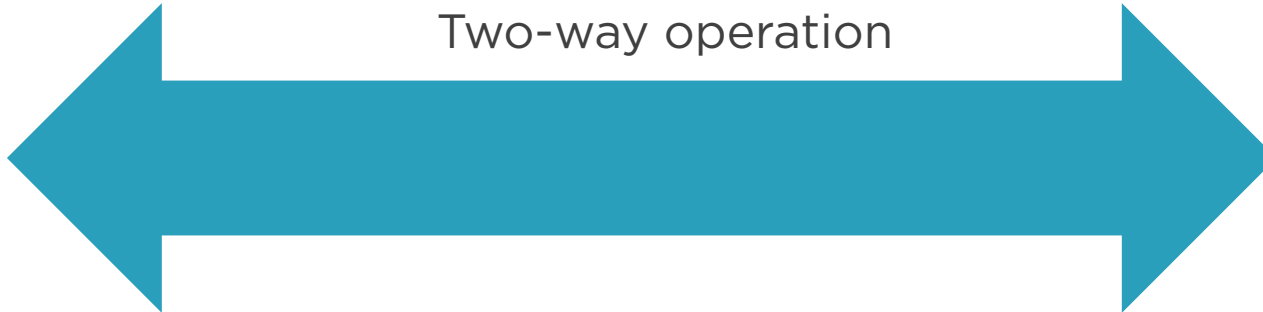
SHA-512



Hashing
One-way operation



Encryption
Two-way operation



MD5

SHA-1

SHA-256

SHA-512



Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA) Family

A solid blue square representing the SHA-1 algorithm.

SHA-1

A solid green square representing the SHA-2 algorithm.

SHA-2

A solid maroon square representing the SHA-3 algorithm.

SHA-3



Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA) Family

```
public static byte[] ComputeHashSha256(byte[] toBeHashed)
{
    using (var sha256 = SHA256.Create())
    {
        return sha256.ComputeHash(toBeHashed);
    }
}
```

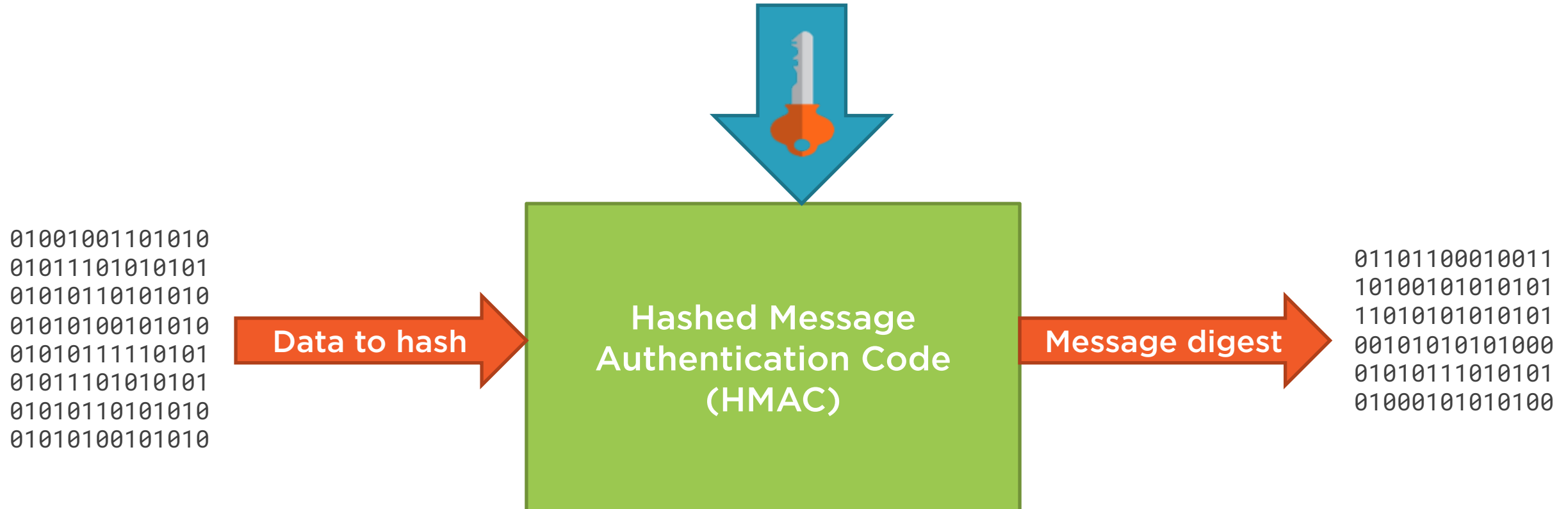


Authenticated Hashing (HMAC)



Hashed Message Authentication Codes

3hrgut93845j349w85743980923479274984357n034n85v67n=



Hashed Message Authentication Codes

Integrity
+
Authentication } **HMAC**



Hashed Message Authentication Codes

```
public static string GetHash(string toBeHashed, string key)
{
    var keyToUse = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(key);
    var message = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(toBeHashed);
    using (var hmac = new HMACSHA256(keyToUse))
    {
        return Convert.ToBase64String(hmac.ComputeHash(message));
    }
}
```



Digital Signatures



Digital Signatures



**The sender can
not deny
sending the
message**

Digital Signatures

Authentication
+
Non-repudiation



**Digital
signature**





Digital Signatures

Public and private
key generation

Signing algorithm

Signature
verification
algorithm





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Digital Signatures



Digital Signatures



1. Alice encrypts her data



Digital Signatures



1. Alice encrypts her data
2. Alice takes a hash of her data



Digital Signatures



1. Alice encrypts her data
2. Alice takes a hash of her data
3. Alice signs the data with her private signing key



Digital Signatures



Alice sends encrypted data, the hash and the digital signature to Bob

Digital Signatures

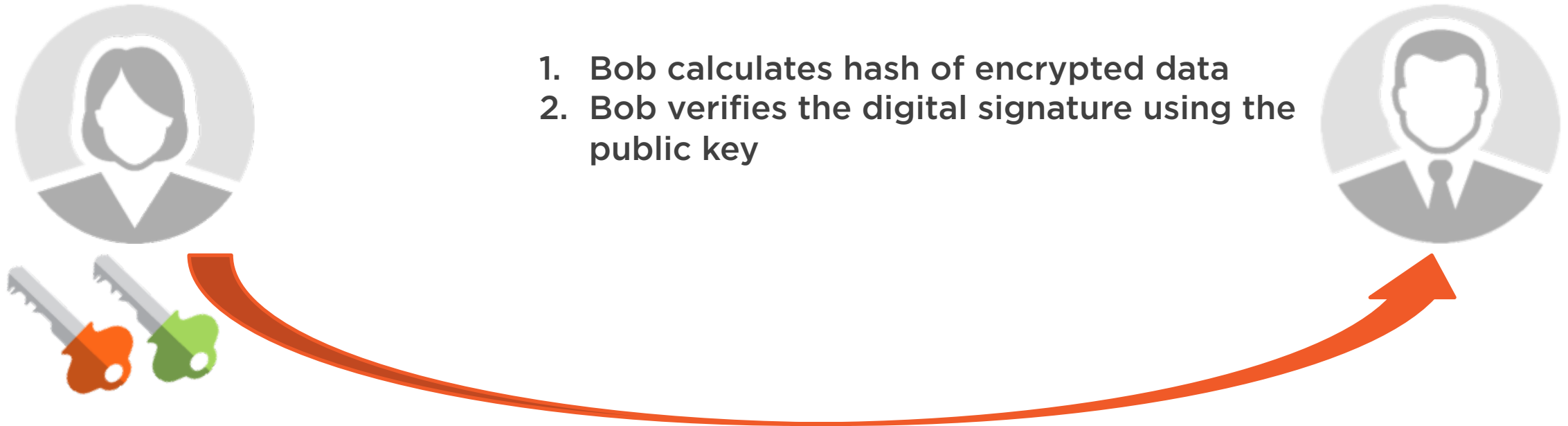
1. Bob calculates hash of encrypted data



Alice sends encrypted data, the hash and the digital signature to Bob



Digital Signatures



Alice sends encrypted data, the hash and the digital signature to Bob

Digital Signatures

	Public Key	Private Key
Encryption (RSA)		
Digital signatures		



Digital Signatures

	Public Key	Private Key
Encryption (RSA)	Encrypt	Decrypt
Digital signatures		



Digital Signatures

	Public Key	Private Key
Encryption (RSA)	Encrypt	Decrypt
Digital signatures	Verify signature	Sign message



Digital Signatures

```
private RSAParameters _publicKey;  
private RSAParameters _privateKey;  
  
public void AssignNewKey() {  
    using (var rsa = new RSACryptoServiceProvider(2048)) {  
        rsa.PersistKeyInCsp = false;  
  
        _publicKey = rsa.ExportParameters(false);  
        _privateKey = rsa.ExportParameters(true);  
    }  
}
```



Digital Signatures

```
public byte[] SignData(byte[] hashOfDataToSign) {  
    using (var rsa = new RSACryptoServiceProvider(2048)) {  
        rsa.PersistKeyInCsp = false;  
        rsa.ImportParameters(_privateKey);  
  
        var rsaFormatter = new RSAPKCS1SignatureFormatter(rsa);  
        rsaFormatter.SetHashAlgorithm("SHA256");  
  
        return rsaFormatter.CreateSignature(hashOfDataToSign);  
    }  
}
```



Digital Signatures

```
public bool VerifySignature(byte[] hashOfDataToSign, byte[] signature) {  
    using (var rsa = new RSACryptoServiceProvider(2048)) {  
        rsa.ImportParameters(_publicKey);  
  
        var rsaDeformatter = new RSAPKCS1SignatureDeformatter(rsa);  
        rsaDeformatter.SetHashAlgorithm("SHA256");  
  
        return rsaDeformatter.VerifySignature(hashOfDataToSign, signature);  
    }  
}
```



Summary

Hashing
SHA-256

Authenticated
hashing (HMAC)
SHA-256

Digital signatures
RSAPKCS1-
SignatureFormatter

