

ERC1077 + 1078

Universal logins in a multi-device world

Or how to solve all our UX problems at the same
time thanks to the magic of signed messages

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Users...

- ▶ **don't care** about ether
- ▶ **don't care** about backing up private keys or seed phrases
- ▶ **don't understand** why they can't use standard 2fa
- ▶ **don't want** huge hex-strings
- ▶ want a simple identifiable **username**
- ▶ **don't understand** why they can't use their credit card or appstore credit
- ▶ would rather **not download anything** on the desktop
- ▶ own **multiple devices** and switch between them constantly

Bad solution:

“Have a new account with ether on every device!”

Really bad solution:

“Login with our centralized
proprietary system”

Terrible horrible very bad solution:

“Type your private key/seed phrase to login on this game!”

My humble suggestion

**LET'S *NOT* TRAIN USERS TO
GIVE AWAY THEIR KEYS**

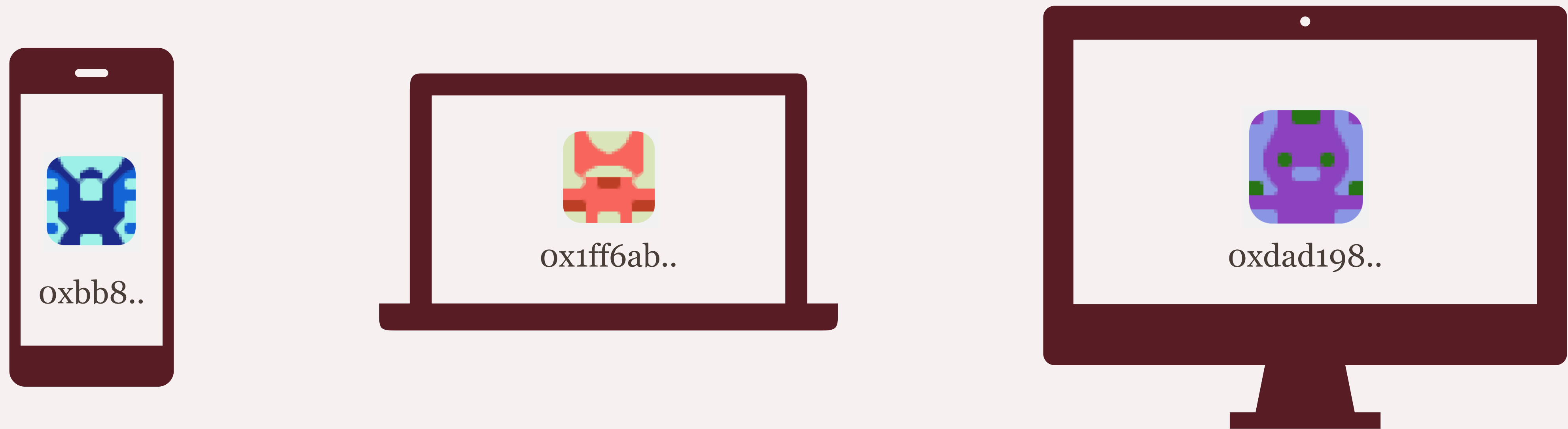
The crypto paradox

“This key is important. If you lose it, you lose all your money, therefore **make many backups**. But if it leaks, you lose all your money so **don't have too many copies of it.**”

Solution

- ▶ Context specific ether less accounts
- ▶ Signed messages instead of direct transactions
- ▶ Gas relay abstraction on identity
- ▶ Identity contracts
- ▶ ENS Usernames
- ▶ Standard across multiple wallets

Context specific etherless accounts



Generate private keys and protect them on the device. Don't show it to user, don't keep ether on it.

Signed messages



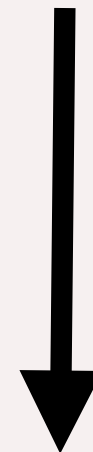
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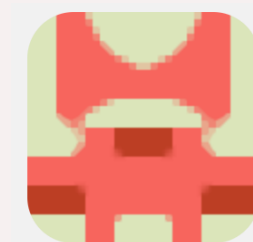


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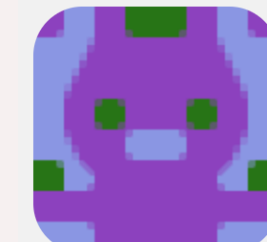
Identity Contract



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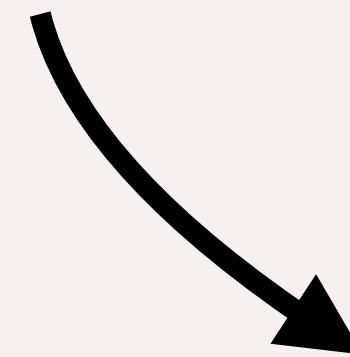


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*No ether, just used
for signing*

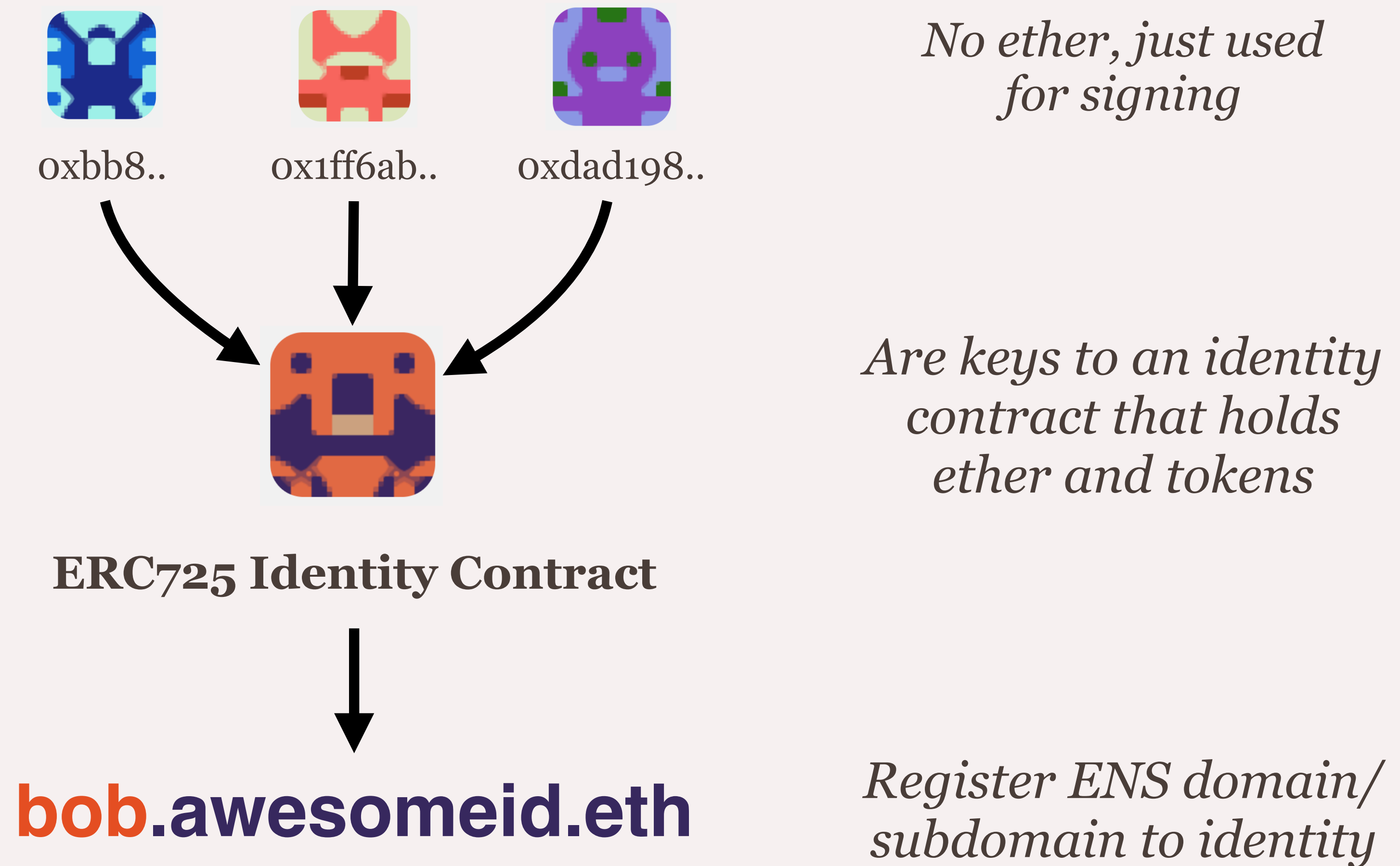


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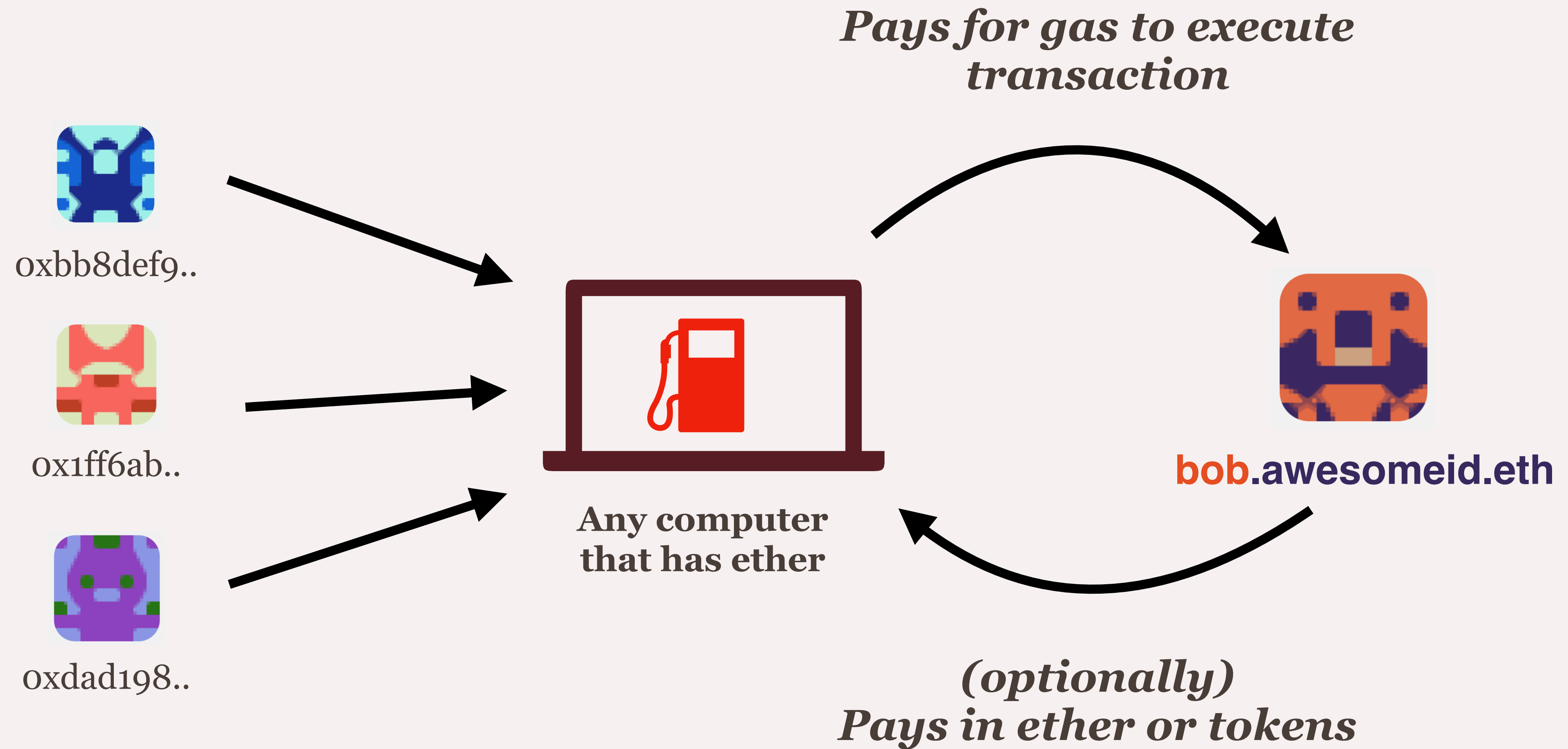
*Are keys to an identity
contract that holds
ether and tokens*

ERC725 Identity Contract

ENS Username



Gas Relay Abstraction



ERC725 Identity

Hierarchy of keys:



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Encryption: lists any type of public key belonging to the user. *Ideal for communication, social media, games*



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Action: can do actions in behalf of the identity
Can transfer ether, tokens, assets etc (part of multisig)



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Management: can do actions on the identity itself
Any sort of action in which to == self (include adding keys)

Recovery Options

Possible fail safe measures

Friends Recover: encrypted list of “trusted friends” that can reset your identity (*being implemented by Status!*)

Central recovery: some services can allow recovery by email or manually checking documentation (which can disabled by user)

Dead man switch: allow specially appointed IDs to gain access to your ID if you fail to send any tx in a year

**Can you repeat that,
but with pics?**

An awesome app!

Login or Signup

Type a username

.awesomeapp.eth ▼

An awesome app!

Login or Signup

bob

.awesomeapp.eth ▼

SIGNUP!

An awesome app!



Welcome, bob!

Cool Crypto App!

Cool kids are doing it!

Type a username

.cryptogame.eth



Cool Crypto App!

Cool kids are doing it!

Type a username

.cryptogame.eth



.mycrypto.eth

.aragon.eth

.eth

Cool Crypto App!

Cool kids are doing it!

bob.awesomeapp

.eth



CONNECT

Cool Crypto App!



SCAN THIS!

all kids are doing it!



bob.



Join

CONNECT

An awesome app!

Add key from **coolapp.eth?**

- **can transfer tokens and assets!**
- 1 out of 3 multisig!
- Can post as you on messaging app

Cool Crypto App!

Cool kids are doing it!



Welcome, bob.awesomeapp.eth!

More security

- ✓ Every device or wallet you install works as a new security factor
- ✓ Apps can distribute usernames that can be used in other apps

An awesome

Cool Crypto App

**Can you repeat that,
but with code?**

```
function callGasRelayed(  
    address _to,  
    uint256 _value,  
    bytes _data,  
    uint _nonce,  
    uint _gasPrice,  
    uint _gasLimit,  
    address _gasToken,  
    bytes _messageSignatures  
)
```

Transaction the contract will execute

Authorizes to pay back the deployer for posting

Verification of signature

```

//verify if signatures are valid and came from correct actors;
verifySignatures(
    _to == address(this) ? MANAGEMENT_KEY : ACTION_KEY,
    signHash,
    _messageSignatures
);

//executes transaction
nonce++;
bool success = _to.call.value(_value)(_data);
emit ExecutedGasRelayed(
    signHash,
    success
);

//refund gas used using contract held ERC20 tokens or ETH
if (_gasPrice > 0) {
    uint256 _amount = 21000 + (startGas - gasleft());
    _amount = _amount * _gasPrice;
    if (_gasToken == address(0)) {
        address(msg.sender).transfer(_amount);
    } else {
        ERC20Token(_gasToken).transfer(msg.sender, _amount);
    }
}
}

```

**Identity contract verifies
signed message**

**Executes transaction from
identity contract**

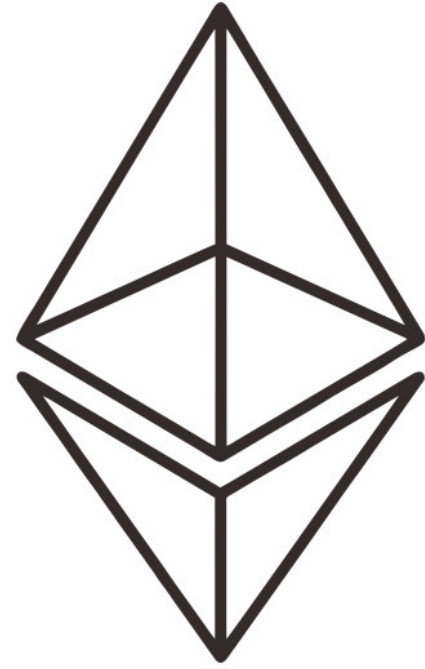
**Pays back to the deployer in
either token or ether**

```
function verifySignatures(  
    uint256 _requiredKey,  
    bytes32 _signHash,  
    bytes _messageSignatures  
)
```

**Allows multiple signatures to
be posted only once**

More flexibility

- ✓ Users do not need ether
- ✓ Apps can use any business model for their users (native platform credit, subscriptions, private tokens)
- ✓ Relaying as “desktop mining”



Help is welcome

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