

# Introduction to Information Security

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Unit 2: Lecture 3

UnKeyed, Other Algorithms, PKI

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# This lecture's agenda

## ■ Outline

- ▼ One-way hash functions and hash chains
  - ▼ E.g., Lamport
  - ▼ Real-world example: MD5
- ▼ Message Authentication Codes (MACs)
  - ▼ Real-world example: HMAC
- ▼ Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

## ■ Objective

- ▼ Expose you to the final pieces of the suite of core cryptographic tools we have at our disposal for secure communication protocol design
- ▼ Allows us to piece together all elements needed

# One way hash functions

- (We'll be more formal with the math soon)
- Properties of a cryptographically secure hash function
- One-wayness:
  - Given  $y = H(x)$ , cannot easily find  $x$
  - ▼ Also known as pre-image resistance
- Weak collision resistance:
  - Given  $x$ , cannot easily find  $x \neq x'$  such that  $H(x) = H(x')$
  - ▼ Also known as second pre-image resistance
- Strong collision resistance:
  - Cannot easily find  $x, x'$  such that  $H(x) = H(x')$
- Arbitrary length input
  - ▼ Can use for messages of any length to get fixed size hash

# Examples of cryptographic hash functions

## ■ **Obsolete:**

- ▼ SHA-0, RIPEMD, MD4,...
- ▼ Shown to be insecure (not collision resistant) – practical attack exists

## ■ **Still very much deployed but insecure:**

- ▼ MD5
  - ▼ Shown to be insecure (not collision resistant) – practical attack exists
- ▼ SHA1
  - ▼ Shown to be insecure (not collision resistant) – attack still not very practical (but improving steadily)

## ■ **Deployed, not broken (yet):**

- ▼ RIPEMD-160
- ▼ SHA2
  - ▼ Family that includes SHA-256
- ▼ But both built on same type of construction as MD5, SHA1
  - ▼ Merkle-Damgård construction, which we'll see later
- ▼ SHA3
- ▼ Different construction from SHA-1, SHA-2
- ▼ Keccak

# Can we use one-way hash functions for...

- **Data integrity?**

- ▼ Send ( $m$ ,  $H(m)$ )

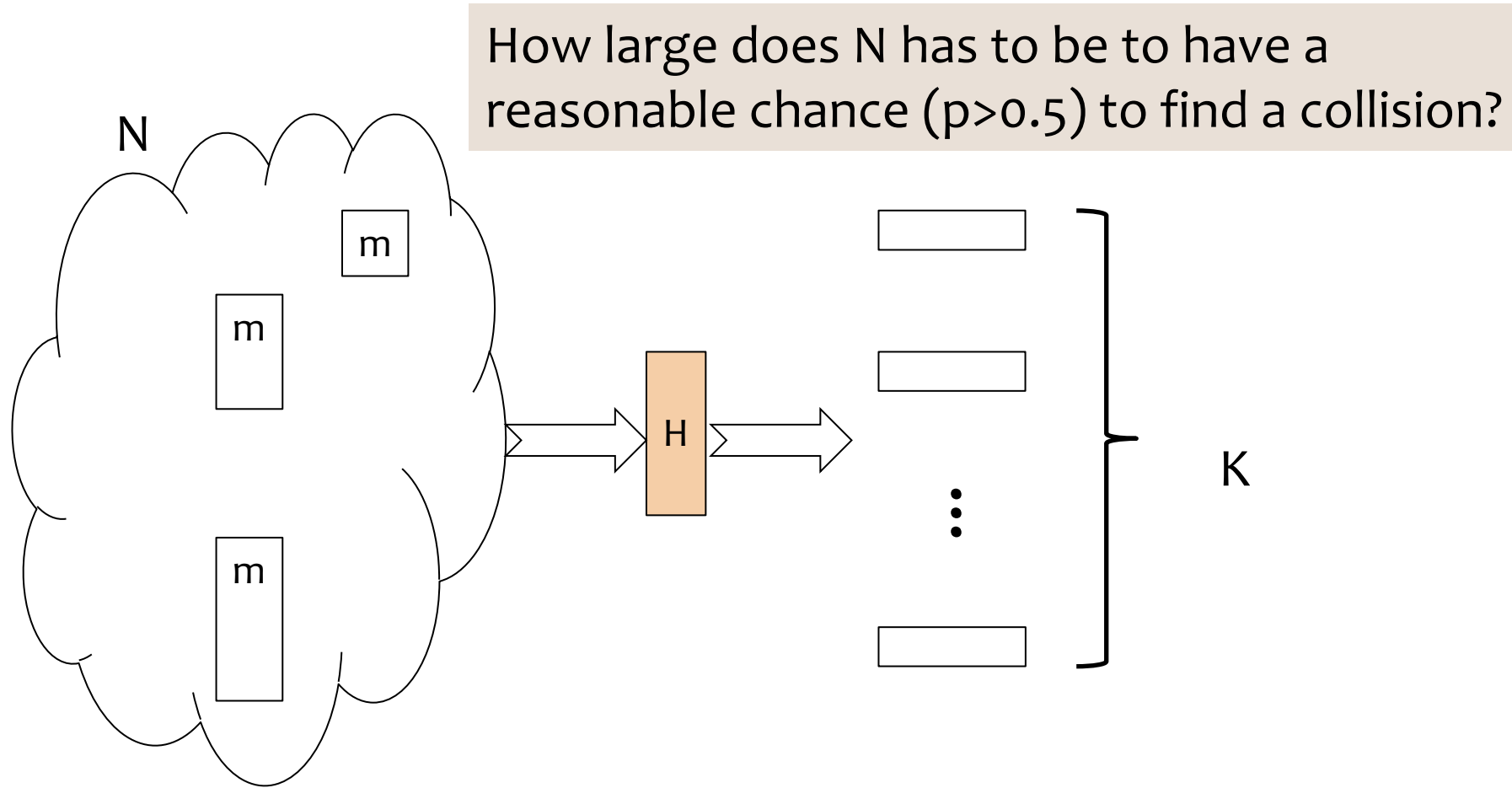
- **Message authentication?**

- ▼ Send ( $m$ ,  $H(m)$ )

- **Secrecy?**

- ▼ Send ( $H(m)$ )

# How hard is it to find collision?

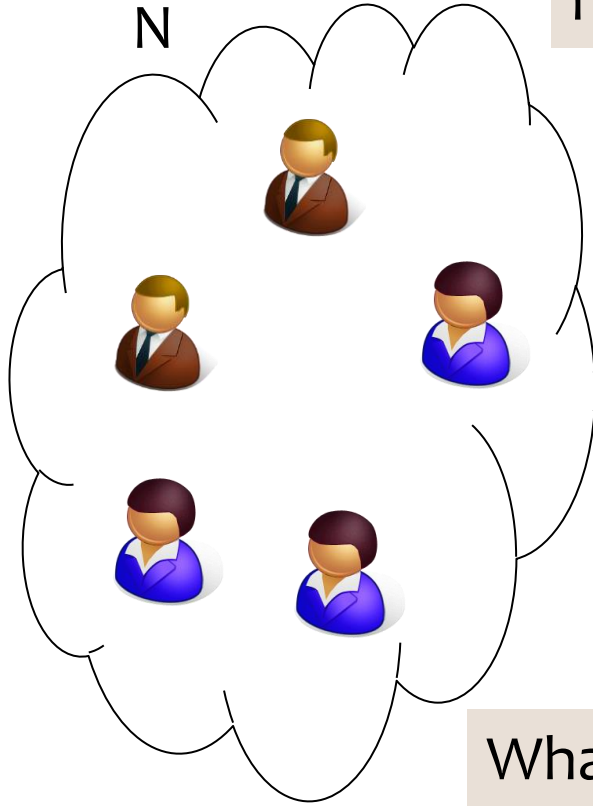


# Birthday paradox

$N=23$   $p=0.5$

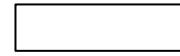
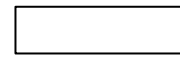
$N=60$   $p = 0.99$

$N$



How large does  $N$  has to be to have a reasonable chance ( $p>0.5$ ) to find a collision?

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$K = 365$

What's the number of people in a room so there is a reasonable chance ( $p>0.5$ ) that two people in that room share the same birthday?

# Birthday paradox: proof

- Probability that all birthdays are different

$$\overline{p(N)} = 1 \times \frac{364}{365} \times \frac{363}{365} \times \dots \times \frac{365 - (N - 1)}{365} = \frac{365!}{365^N (365 - N)!}$$

- Probability that at least two birthdays are identical

- Taylor approximation:  $e^{-x} \gg 1 - x \supset 1 - \frac{1}{365} \gg e^{-\frac{1}{365}}$

- So: 
$$p(N) = 1 - \frac{365!}{365^N (365 - N)!}$$

$$p(N) \gg 1 - (e^{-1/365} e^{-2/365} \dots e^{-(N-1)/365})$$

$$\gg 1 - e^{-N(N-1)/(2 \cdot 365)}$$

$$\gg 1 - e^{-N^2/(2 \cdot 365)}$$



# How many people needed for a collision?

## ■ Greater than 50% iff

$$1 - e^{-N^2 / (2 \times 365)} > p$$

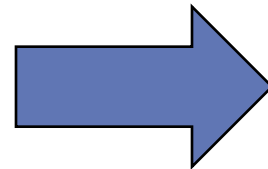
$$\Leftrightarrow e^{-N^2 / (2 \times 365)} < 1 - p$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{N^2}{2 \times 365} > -\ln(1 - p)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow N > \sqrt{2 \times 365 \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - p}\right)}$$

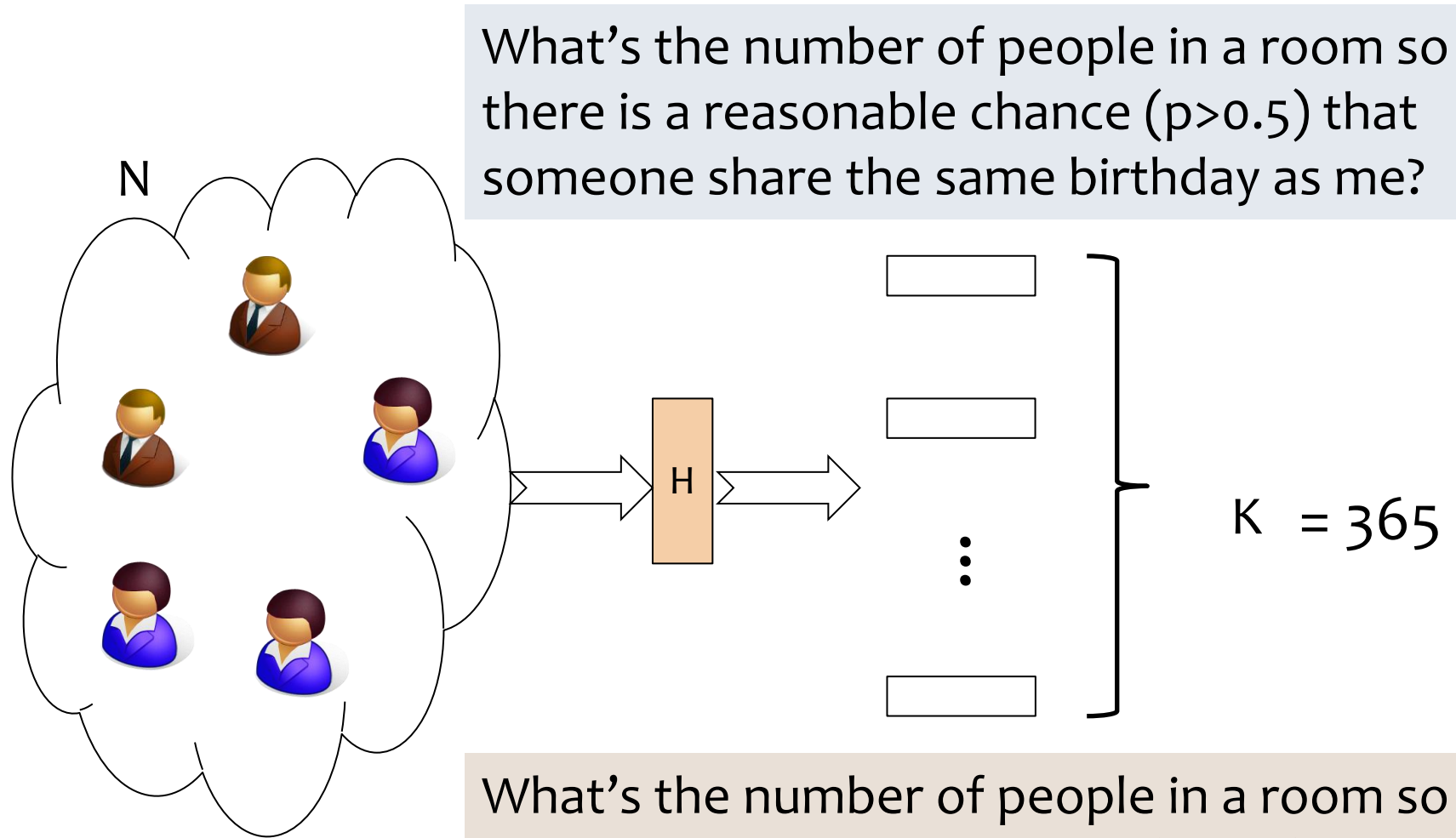
for  $p = 0.5$

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$$N > 1.17\sqrt{365}$$

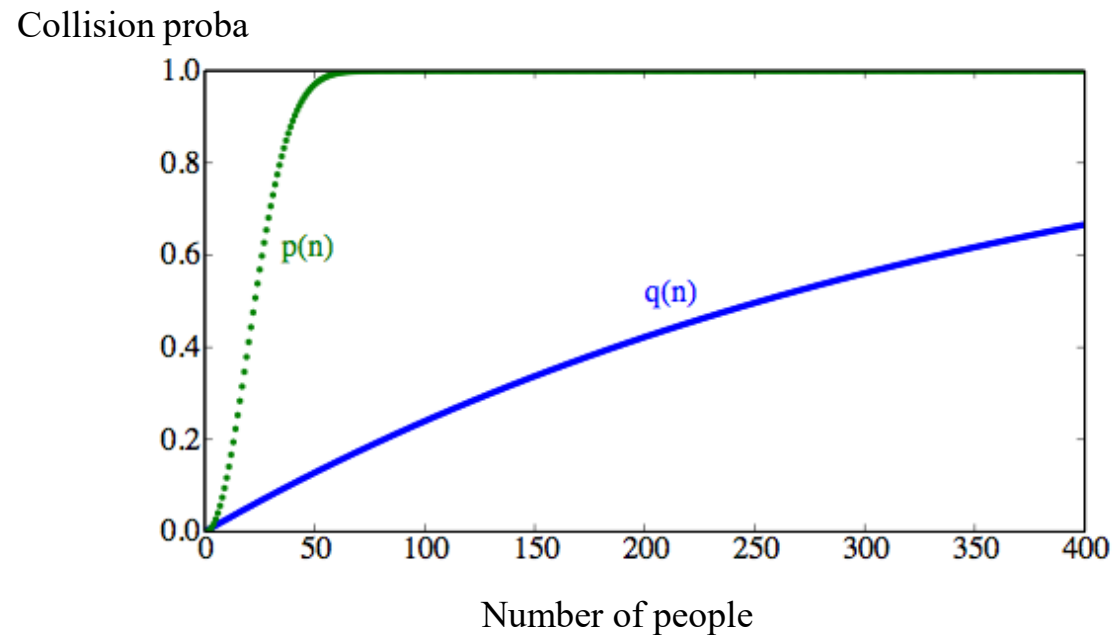
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# Why it is a paradox

- Two same birthdays:  $p(N) \gg 1 - e^{-N^2/(2 \cdot 365)}$
- Same birthday as me:  $q(n) = 1 - \left(\frac{365 - 1}{365}\right)^n$



# Birthday paradox: consequences

- For any hash function mapping a number  $N$  of inputs to a number  $K$  of outputs (digests), there is a pretty good probability of finding a collision if one can try a number of  $N > \sqrt{K}$  inputs
- For the hash function to be secure
  - ▼ it must be computationally infeasible to try a number of inputs to find collision
  - ▼ Make sure the length of the digest is large enough!

# Birthday attack

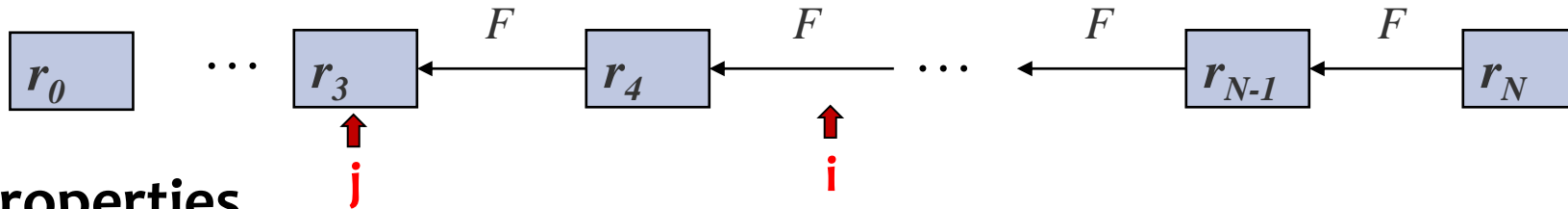
- Attacker aims to compromise the data integrity of a letter by the victim
- Attack knows that the victim is using a hash function with  $m$ -bit long digest
- The attacker offers to draft a letter from the victim
- Create a large number of variations ( $2^{m/2}$ ) on a fraudulent letter
  - ▼ E.g. (Davies and Price, 1989),  
{This letter is | I am writing} to introduce {you to | to you} {Mr | --} Alfred { P. | -- } Barton, the  
{new | newly appointed}...
  - ▼ Already 32 possibilities here
- Create a large number of cosmetic variations ( $2^{m/2}$ ) on original letter
  - ▼ Same technique as above
- Try to find a collision between the two sets
- Present the victim with the original letter, replace it by fraudulent letter that has same hash

# One-way hash chains (Lamport)

## ■ Used for one time passwords

## ■ Construction

- ▼ Pick random  $r_N$  and public one-way function  $F$
- ▼  $r_i = F(r_{i+1})$

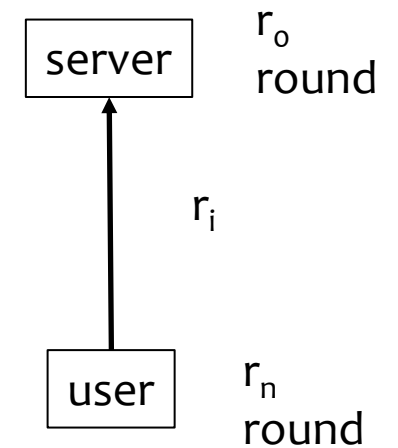


## ■ Properties

- ▼ Can't derive  $r_i$  from  $r_j$  for  $j < i$
- ▼ Efficiently authenticate  $r_i$  using  $r_j$  ( $j < i$ ):  $r_j = F_{i-j}(r_i)$

## ■ Use in reverse order of construction $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N$ as one-time password

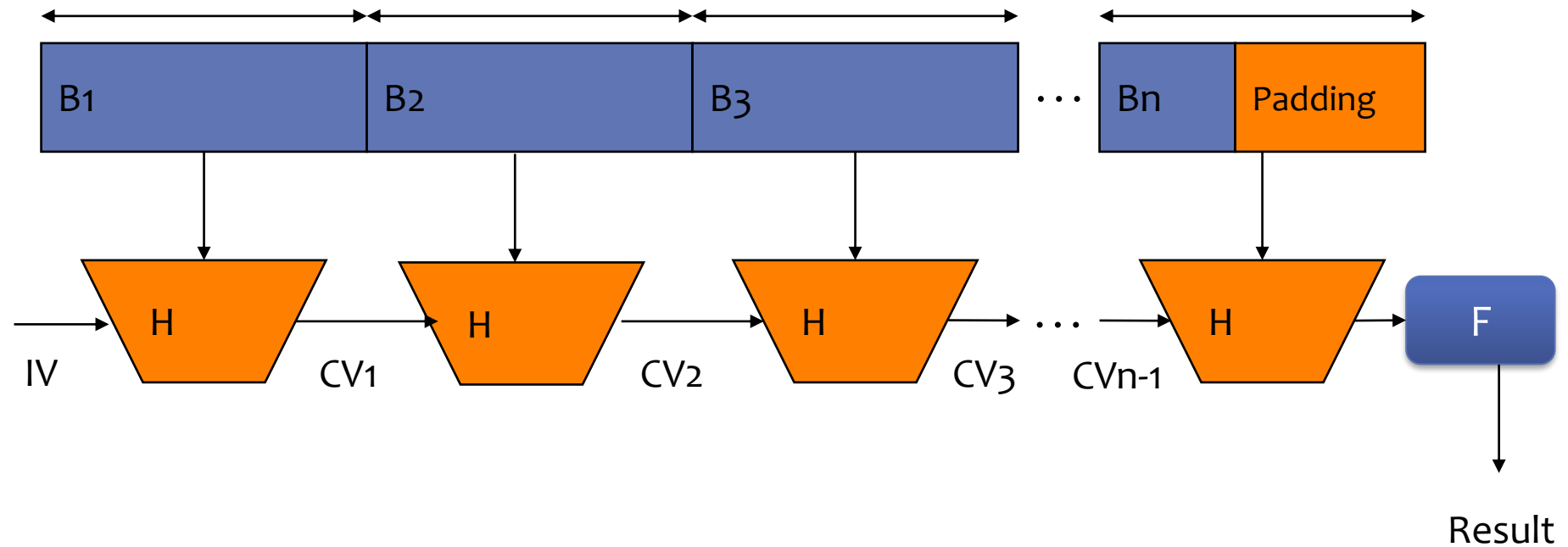
- ▼ Secret value:  $r_N$ , public value  $r_0$
- ▼ Robust to missing values



# MD5

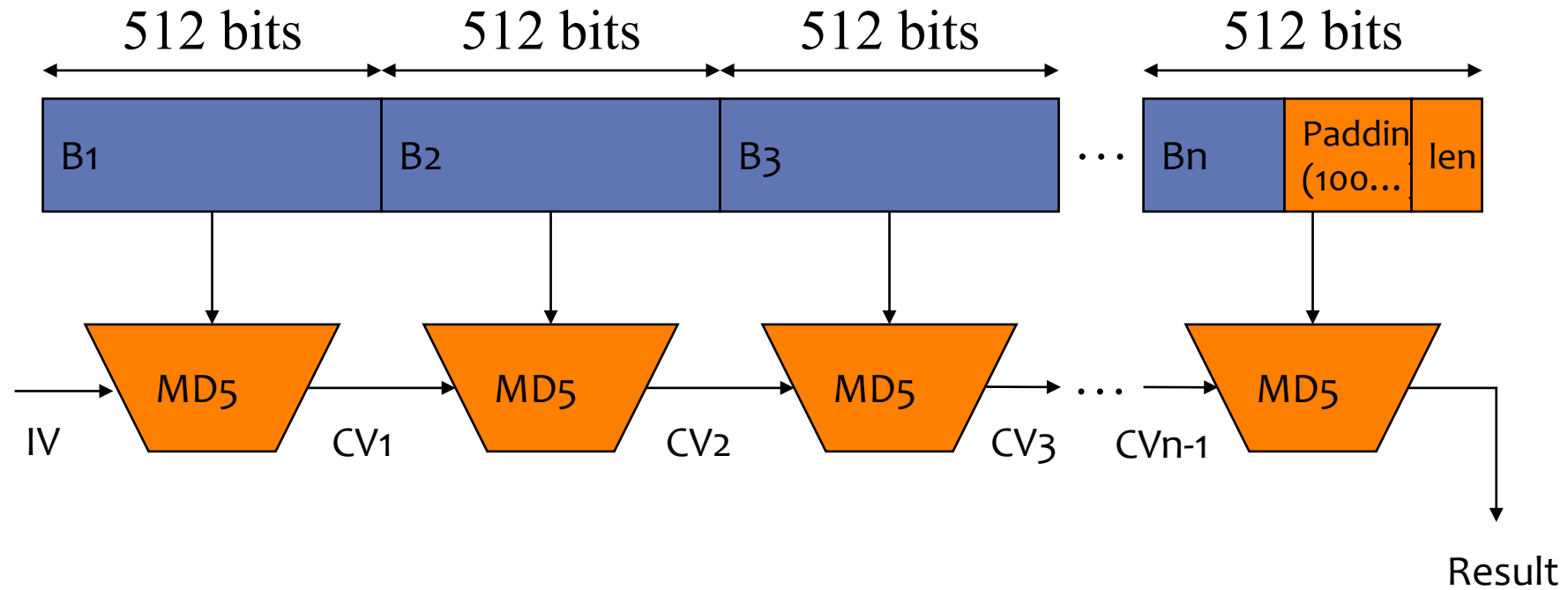
- Designed by Ron Rivest (the R in RSA) in 1992
- Transforms arbitrary length input into 128-bit output
- MD5 is improved version of MD4
- Used as a basis for SHA-1 (160 bits)
- MD5 has been shown to be vulnerable to collisions
  - ▼ (SHA-1 too has been shown to be broken...)
- Based on the Merkle-Damgård construction

# Merkle-Damgård



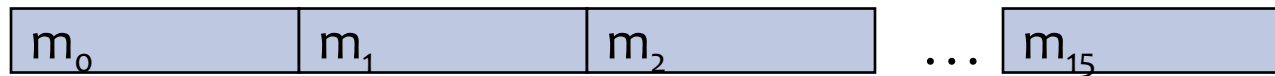


# MD5 overview



# MD5 process

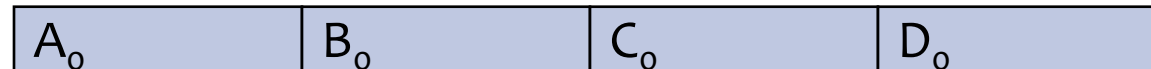
- Each block  $B_i$  contains sixteen 32-bit words (512 bits)



- MD5 digest = four 32-bit words = 128 bit



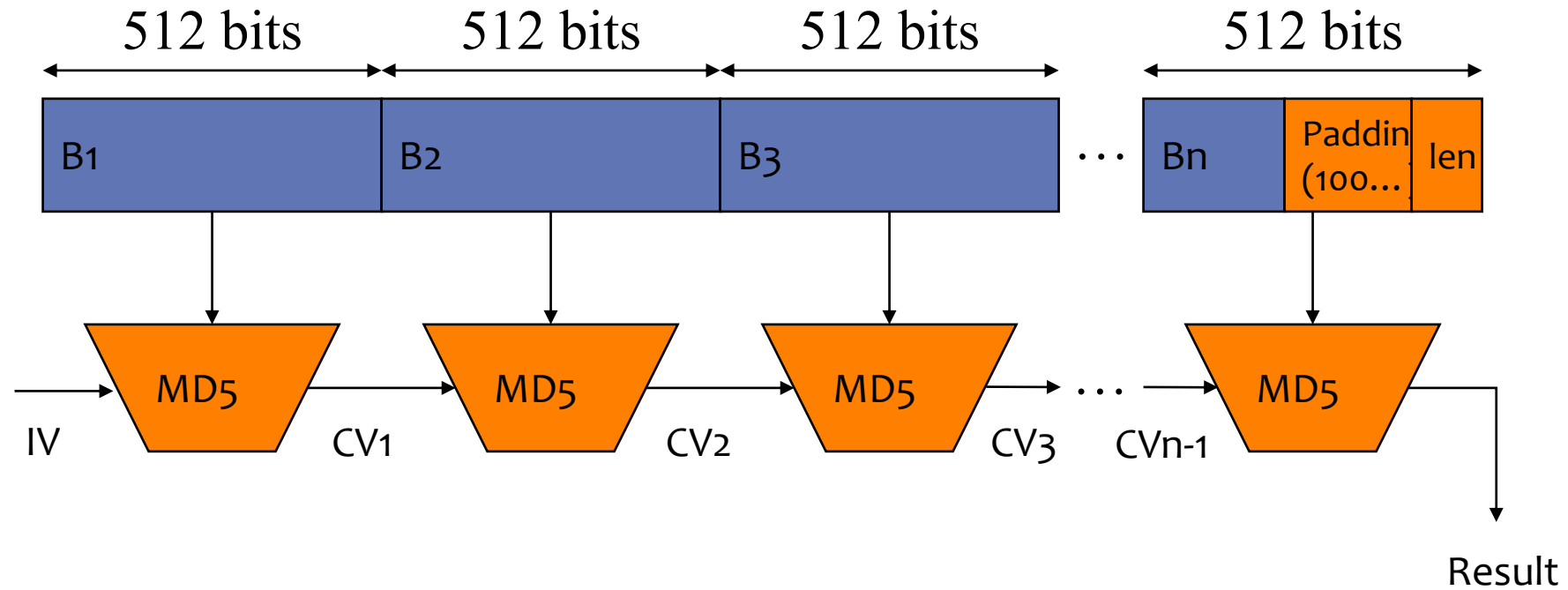
- IV=initialization vector



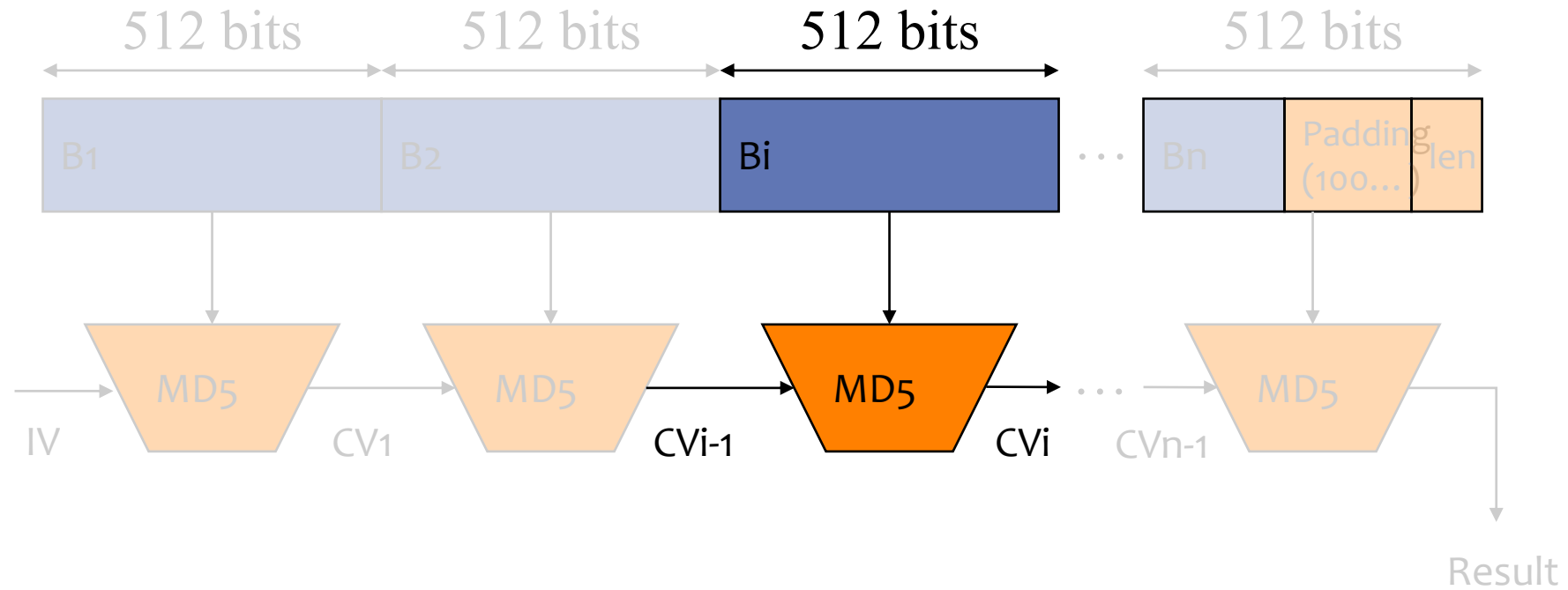
- ▼  $A_0 = 01234567$
- ▼  $B_0 = 89ABCDEF$
- ▼  $C_0 = FEDCBA98$
- ▼  $D_0 = 76543210$

- Every stage consists of four rounds over the message block

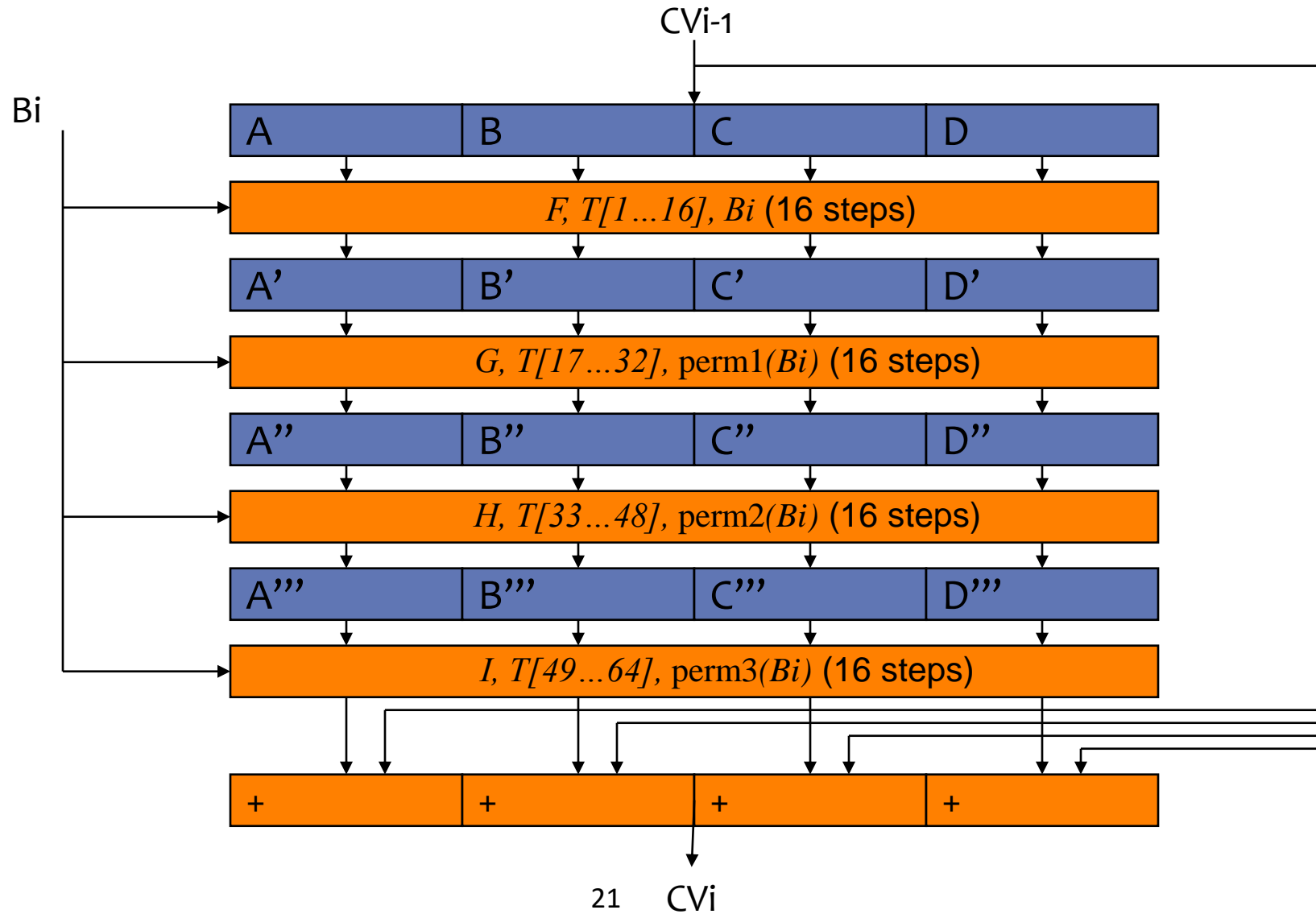
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# MD5 main characteristics

- **Reduces arbitrary length text to a 128-bit output**
- **Uses same principle as cipher block chaining**
  - ▼ Succession of stages combining input and previous result
- **Extremely complicated in a given stage**
  - ▼ Tries to mix bits as much as possible
  - ▼ Tries to avoid collisions
  - ▼ Unfortunately, broken in 2006: two message texts with the same hash value can be found in about an hour on an IBM P960 (super multiprocessor, but still)
- **No one will ask you details about a given stage**
  - ▼ and if they do, you can tell them to go read IETF RFC 1321
- **... but you need to understand the basic principles**
  - ▼ Chaining, compression

# MD5 collisions

- Wang and Yu found a way to find  $M, M'$  and  $N, N'$  such that  $f(f(s, M), M') = f(f(s, N), N')$  for any MD5 state  $s$
- Create pairs:
  - ▼  $M_0, M_1, \dots, M_{i-1}, \mathbf{M_i}, \mathbf{M_{i+1}}, M_{i+2}, \dots, M_n$
  - ▼  $M_0, M_1, \dots, M_{i-1}, \mathbf{N_i}, \mathbf{N_{i+1}}, M_{i+2}, \dots, M_n$
- Consider the programs:
  - ▼ Program 1: if (data1 == data1) then { good\_program } else { evil\_program }
  - ▼ Program 2: if (data2 == data1) then { good\_program } else { evil\_program }
- **Data1 =  $M_i, M_{i+1}$ , Data2 =  $N_i, N_{i+1}$**

# Informal Definition of a MAC

- A message authentication code (MAC) scheme is a triple  $\langle G, T, V \rangle$  of efficiently computable functions

- ▼  $G$  outputs a “secret key”  $K$

$$K \leftarrow G(\cdot)$$

- ▼  $T$  takes a key  $K$  and “message”  $m$  as input, and outputs a “tag”  $t$

$$t \leftarrow T_K(m)$$

- ▼  $V$  takes a message  $m$ , tag  $t$  and key  $K$  as input, and outputs a bit  $b$

$$b \leftarrow V_K(m, t)$$

- ▼ If  $t \leftarrow T_K(m)$  then  $V_K(m, t)$  outputs 1 (“valid”)

- ▼ Given only message/tag pairs  $\{\langle m_i, T_K(m_i) \rangle\}_i$ , it is computationally infeasible to compute  $\langle m, t \rangle$  such that

$$V_K(m, t) = 1$$

for any new  $m \neq m_i$



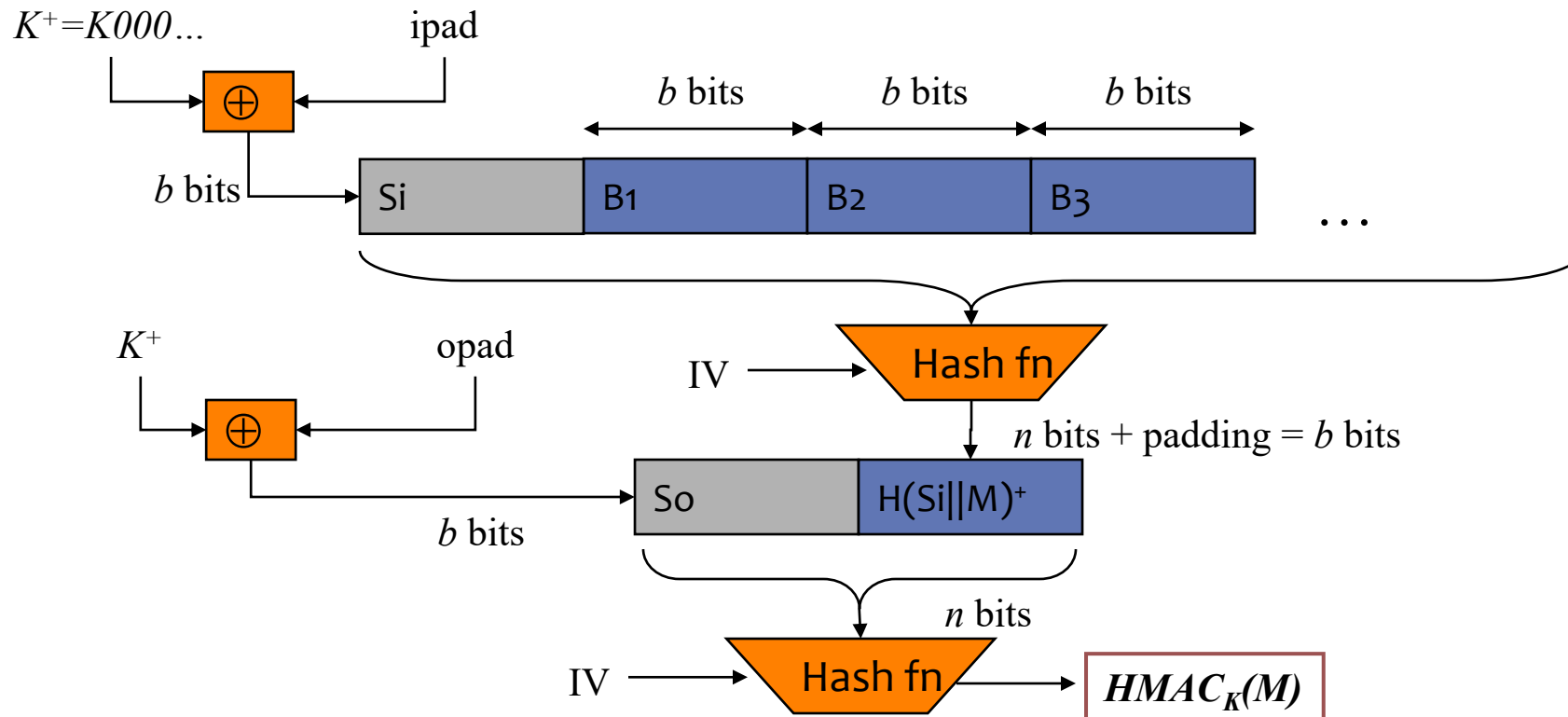
# Message Authentication Codes

- **Sometimes abbreviated MAC**
  - ▼ Do not confuse with Media Access Carrier (e.g., Ethernet),
- **“Cryptographic checksum,” i.e., keyed hash**
- **Can use symmetric block cipher or (more commonly) one-way hash function as a basis**
- **Provides authentication and integrity**
  - ▼ Send  $M, T(K, M)$
- **Written  $MAC(K, M)$  or  $MAC_K(M)$**

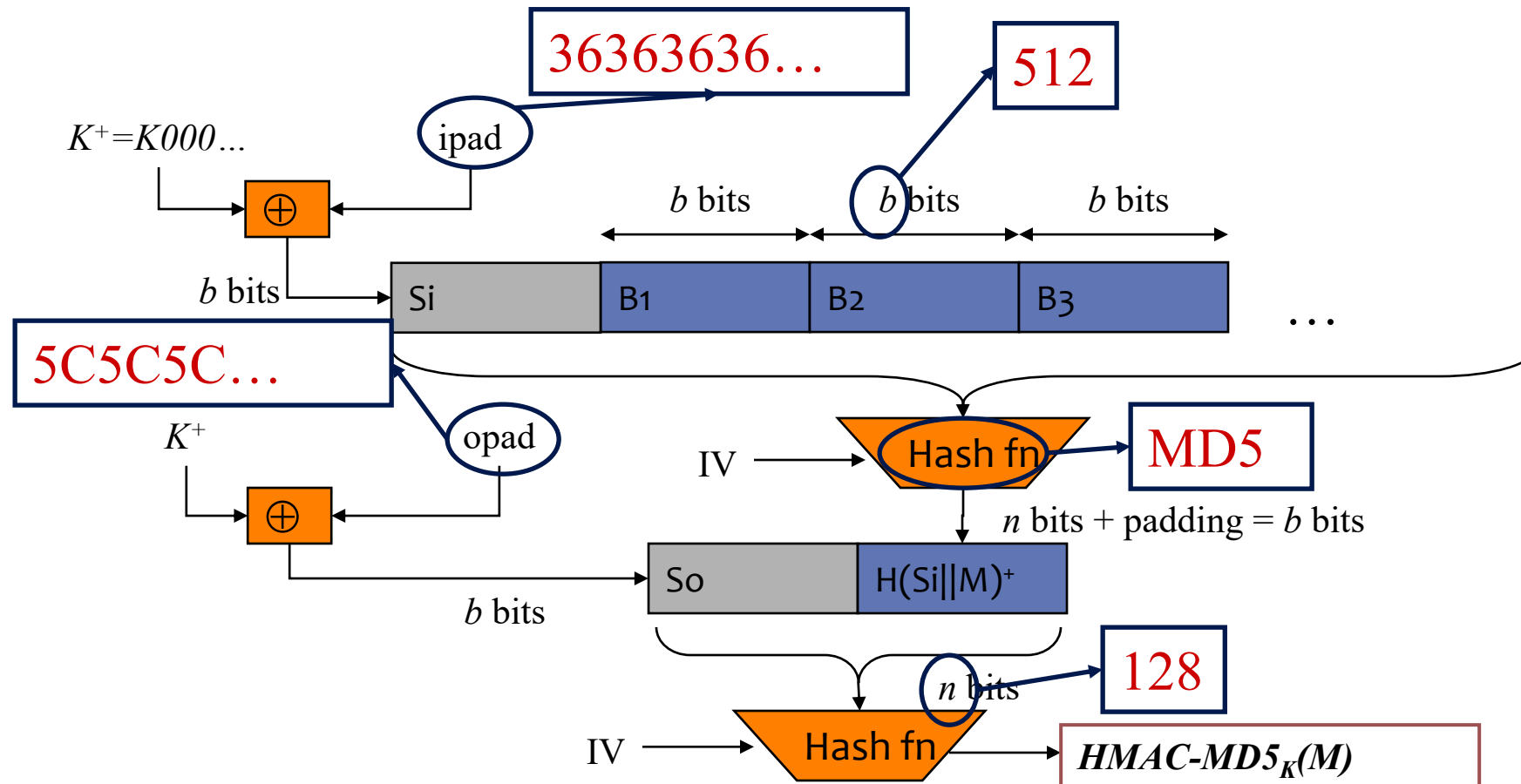
# HMAC (Keyed hash functions)

## ■ MAC based on hash functions (MD5, SHA-1, RIPEMD-160, ...)

▼  $\text{HMAC}(K,m) = H((K^+ \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel H((K^+ \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel m))$



# Example: HMAC-MD5



# How does it all fit together?

- **We have seen many components a cryptosystem can rely on**
  - ▼ Asymmetric crypto
  - ▼ Symmetric crypto
  - ▼ One-way hash functions
  - ▼ Public key encryption scheme, digital signature scheme, MAC scheme
- **Building a cryptosystem requires understanding the possible interactions between the different components**

# Example: PGP

- Pretty good privacy
- Used to digitally sign and/or encrypt email
- Author, Phil Zimmermann (MIT) was accused in the early 90s of violating US export control regulations
  - ▼ Program was “leaked” on the Internet
  - ▼ Was target of three year criminal investigation led by the US customs
  - ▼ Never indicted

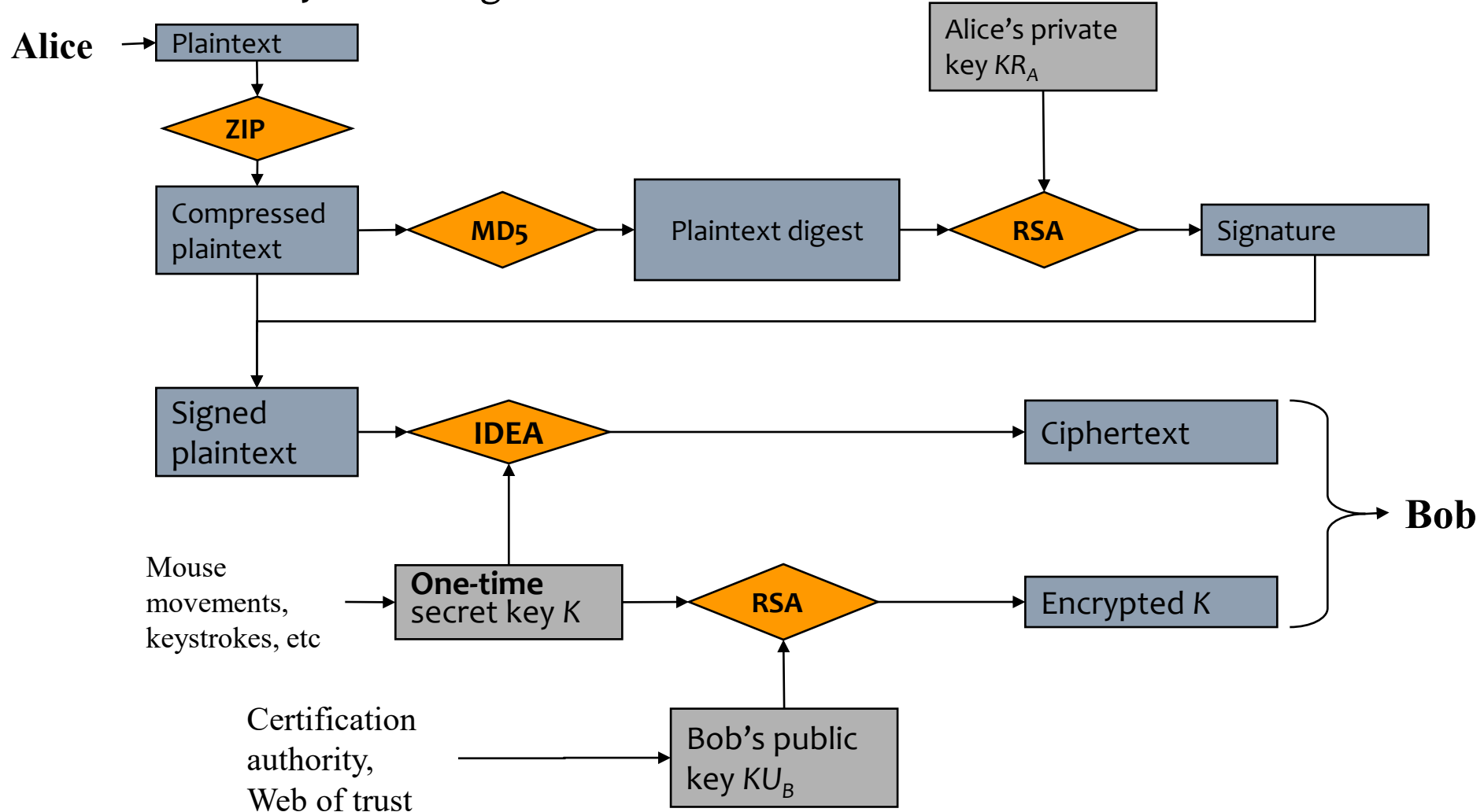


Phil Zimmermann  
(source: Wikipedia)

# PGP 2 overview

Scenario: Alice sends Bob an email

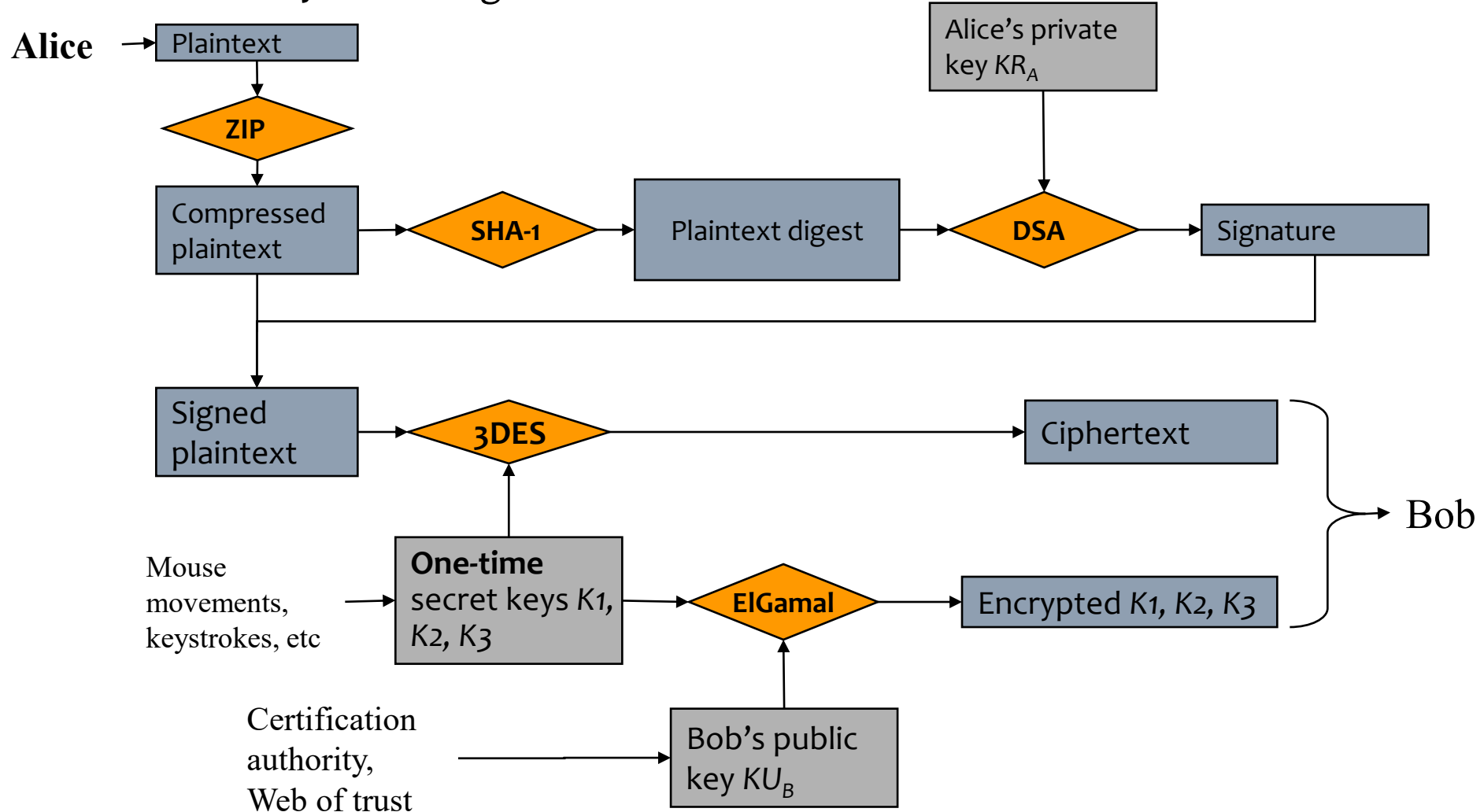
Goal: secrecy + message authentication



# PGP 5 overview

Scenario: Alice sends Bob an email

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# How does Alice know $K$ is Bob's public key?

- Need an infrastructure to help verify the authenticity of public keys (PKI)



# Key components in PKI

## ■ CA: Certificate Authority

- ▼ similar to TTP (Trusted Third Party)
- ▼ Vouch for the authenticity of public keys
- ▼ Issuers of public-key certificates

## ■ A **public-key certificate** (or simply “certificate”)

- ▼ binds a name to a public key
- ▼ ensure the authenticity of a public key
- ▼ Include: Issuer, signature, key usage, public key, valid date...

# Example certificate

```
Certificate:
  Data:
    Version: 3 (0x2)
    Serial Number:
      10:e6:fc:62:b7:41:8a:d5:00:5e:45:b6
    Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
    Issuer: C=BE, O=GlobalSign nv-sa, CN=GlobalSign Organization Validation CA - SHA256 - G2
    Validity
      Not Before: Nov 21 08:00:00 2016 GMT
      Not After : Nov 22 07:59:59 2017 GMT
    Subject: C=US, ST=California, L=San Francisco, O=Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., CN=*.wikipedia.org
    Subject Public Key Info:
      Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
      Public-Key: (256 bit)
      pub:
        04:c9:22:69:31:8a:d6:6c:ea:da:c3:7f:2c:ac:a5:
        af:c0:02:ea:81:cb:65:b9:fd:0c:6d:46:5b:c9:1e:
        ed:b2:ac:2a:1b:4a:ec:80:7b:e7:1a:51:e0:df:f7:
        c7:4a:20:7b:91:4b:20:07:21:ce:cf:68:65:8c:c6:
        9d:3b:ef:d5:c1
      ASN1 OID: prime256v1
      NIST CURVE: P-256
    X509v3 extensions:
      X509v3 Key Usage: critical
        Digital Signature, Key Agreement
      Authority Information Access:
        CA Issuers - URI:http://secure.globalsign.com/cacert/gsorganizationvalsha2g2r1.crt
        OCSP - URI:http://ocsp2.globalsign.com/gsorganizationvalsha2g2

      X509v3 Certificate Policies:
        Policy: 1.3.6.1.4.1.4146.1.20
        CPS: https://www.globalsign.com/repository/
        Policy: 2.23.140.1.2.2

      X509v3 Basic Constraints:
        CA:FALSE
      X509v3 CRL Distribution Points:

        Full Name:
          URI:http://crl.globalsign.com/gs/gsorganizationvalsha2g2.crl

      X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
        DNS:*.wikipedia.org, DNS:*.mediawiki.org, DNS:*.wikibooks.org, DNS:*.wikidata.org, DNS:*.wikimedia.org,
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      X509v3 Extended Key Usage:
        TLS Web Server Authentication, TLS Web Client Authentication
      X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
        28:2A:26:2A:57:8B:3B:CE:B4:D6:AB:54:EF:D7:38:21:2C:49:5C:36
      X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
        keyid:96:DE:61:F1:BD:1C:16:29:53:1C:C0:CC:7D:3B:83:00:40:E6:1A:7C

    Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
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## ■ **Trust anchor: certificates of (public keys of) entities whose trust is assumed**

## ■ **Certificate repository: stores certificates**

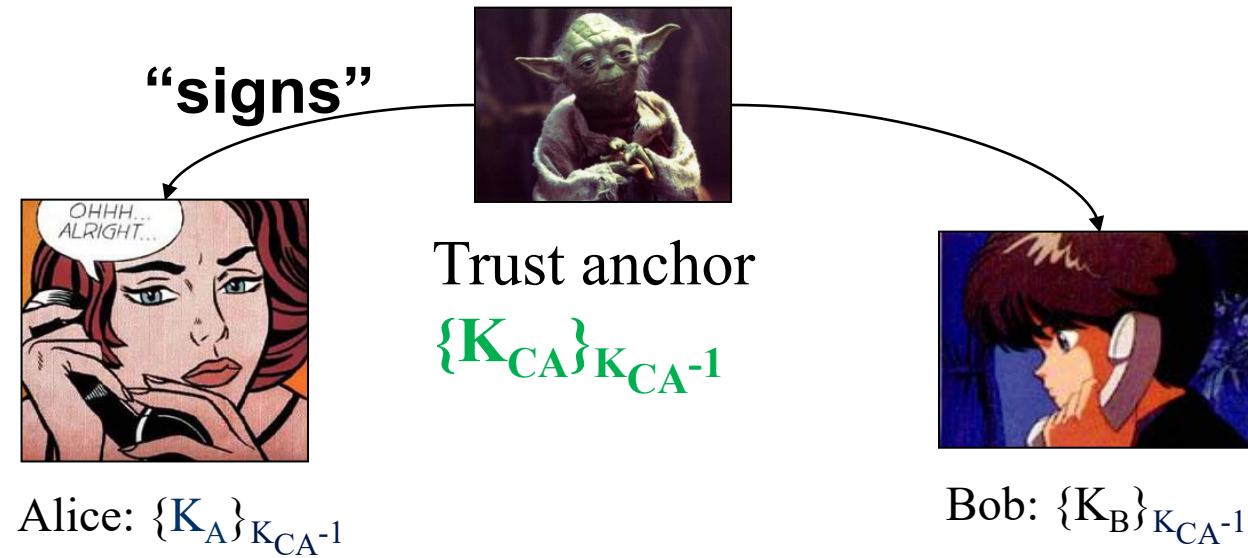
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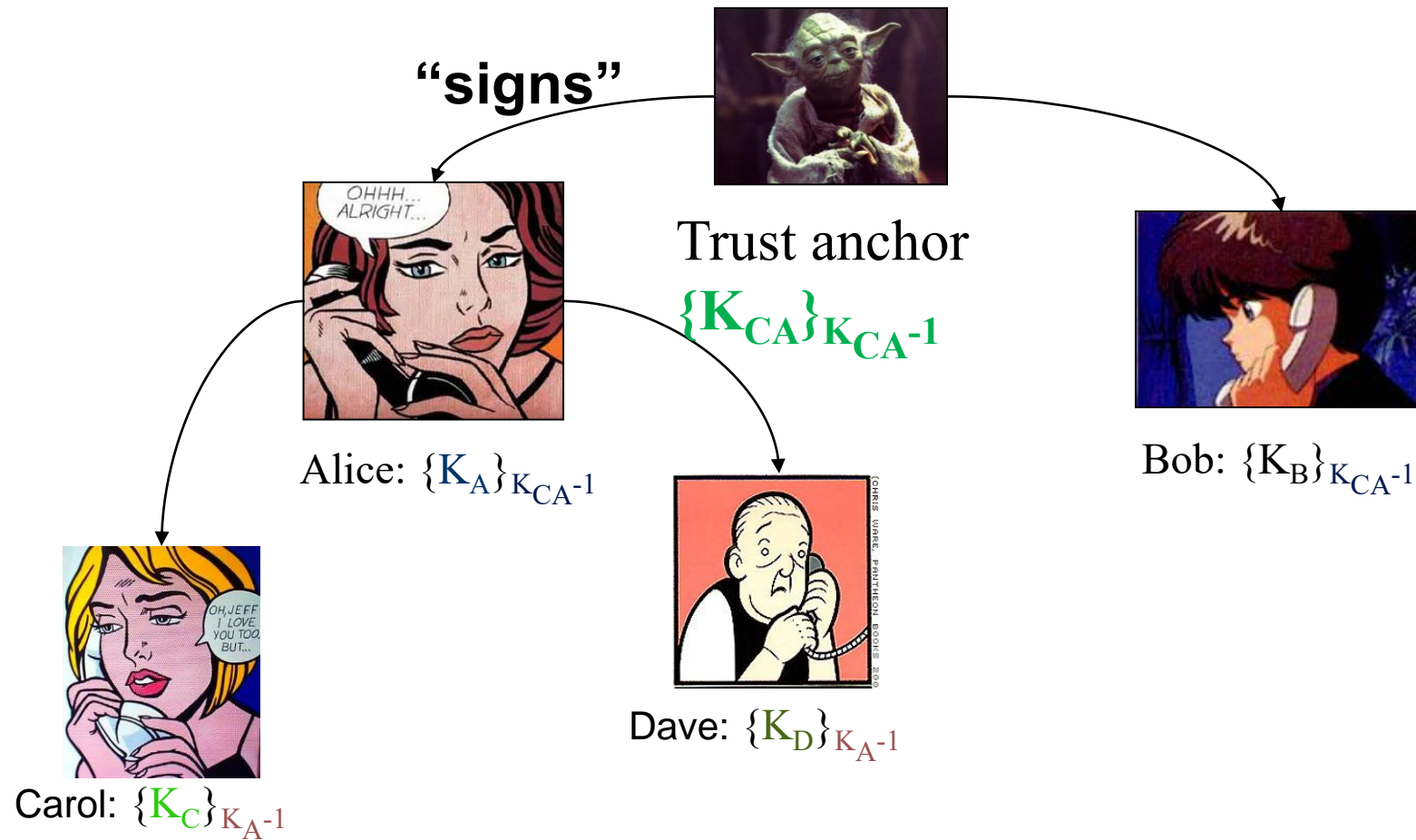
Trust anchor

$\{\mathbf{K}_{CA}\}_{\mathbf{K}_{CA-1}}$

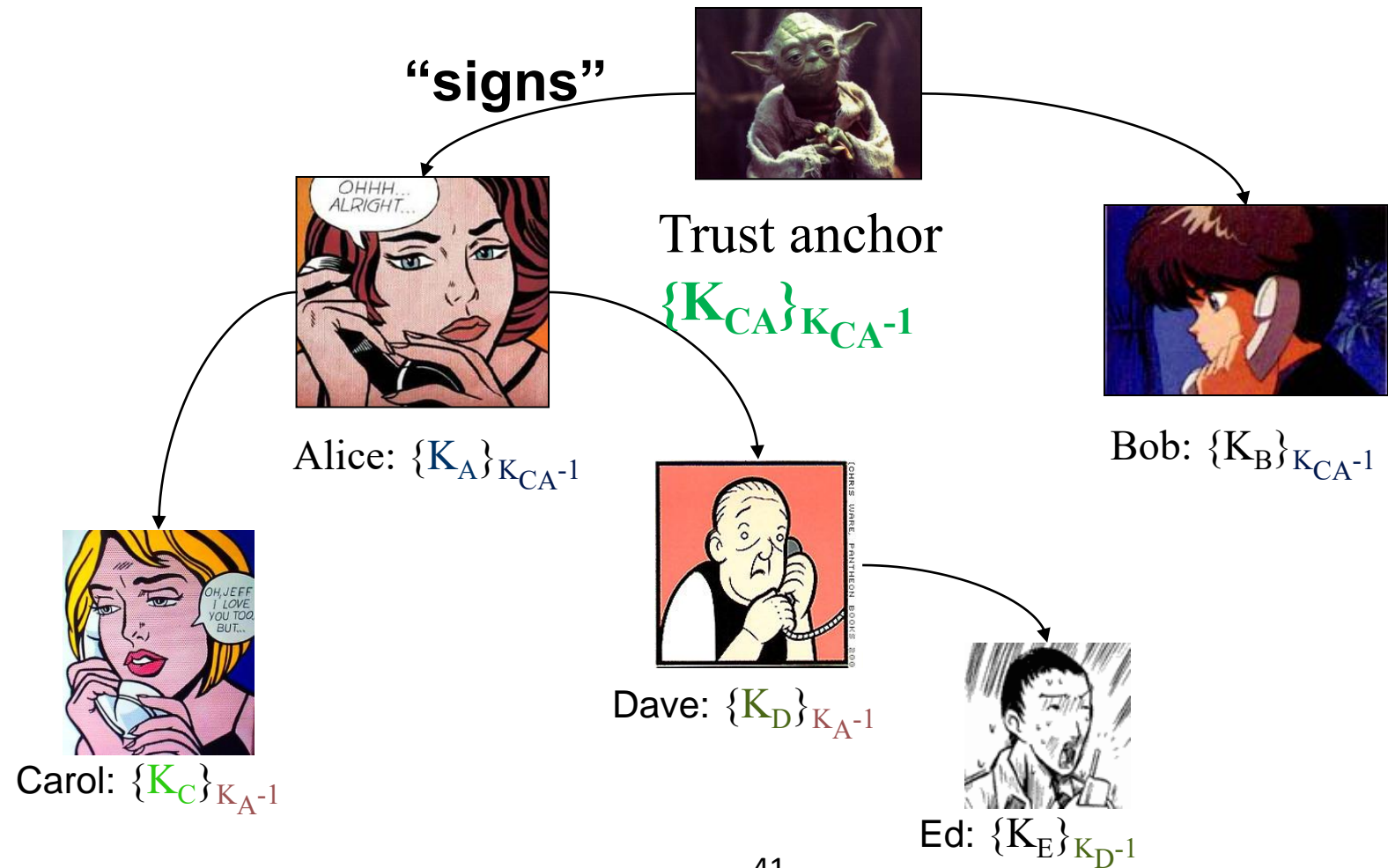
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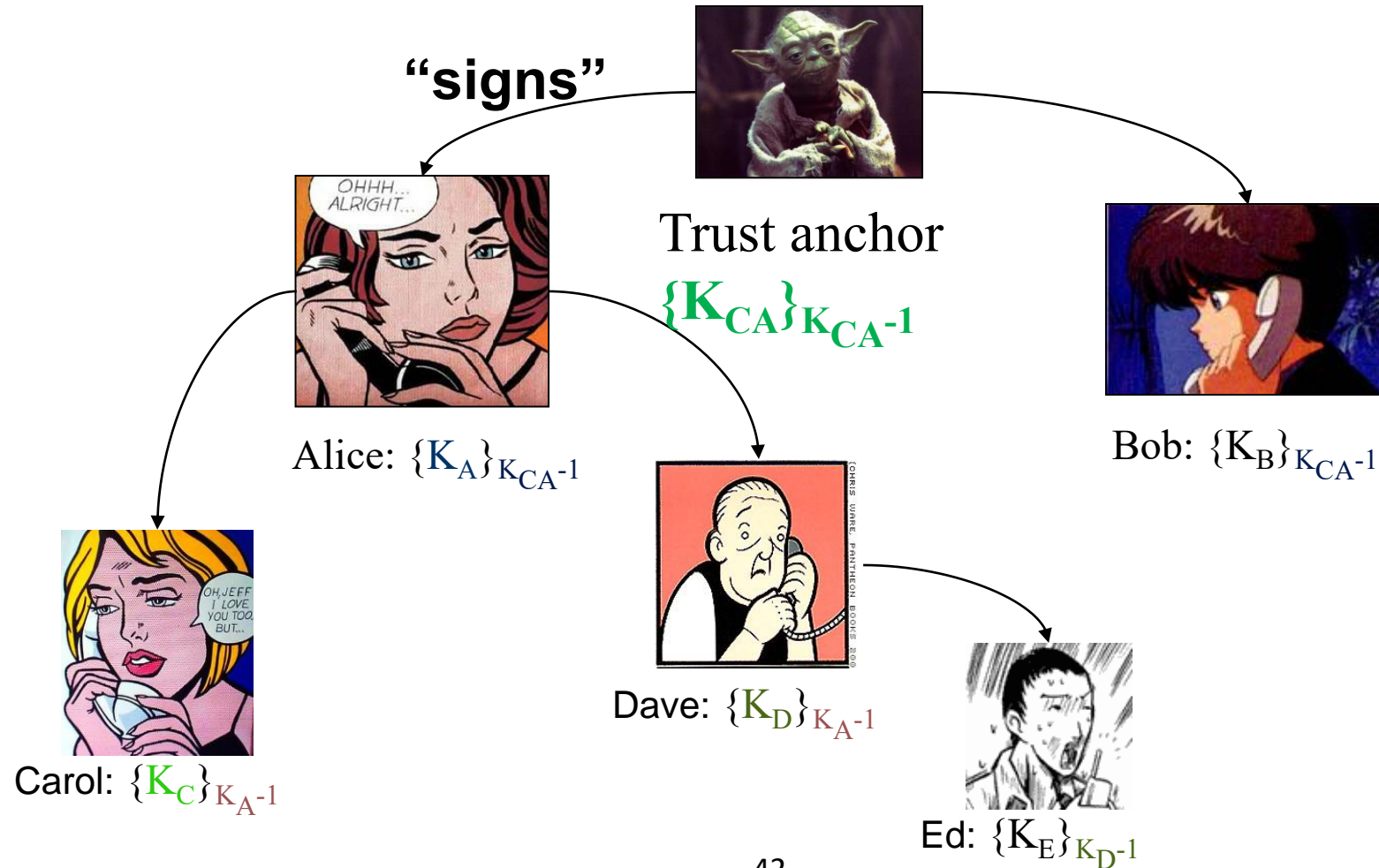


# Certificate chain



# Certificate chain verification

- How can we verify that  $K_E$  is Ed's public key?



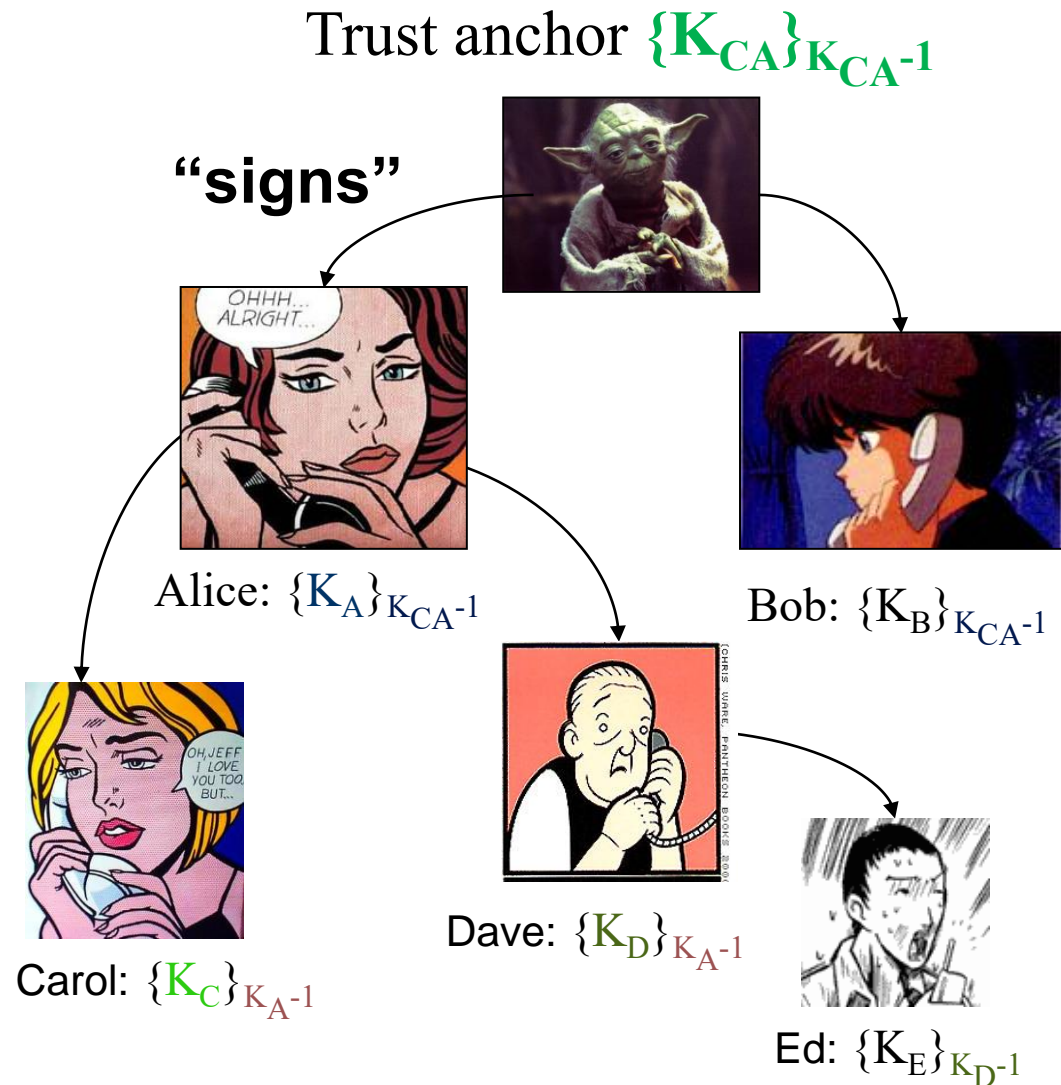


# Certificate chain verification

■ To verify a key  $K$  is Ed's public key, we need to:

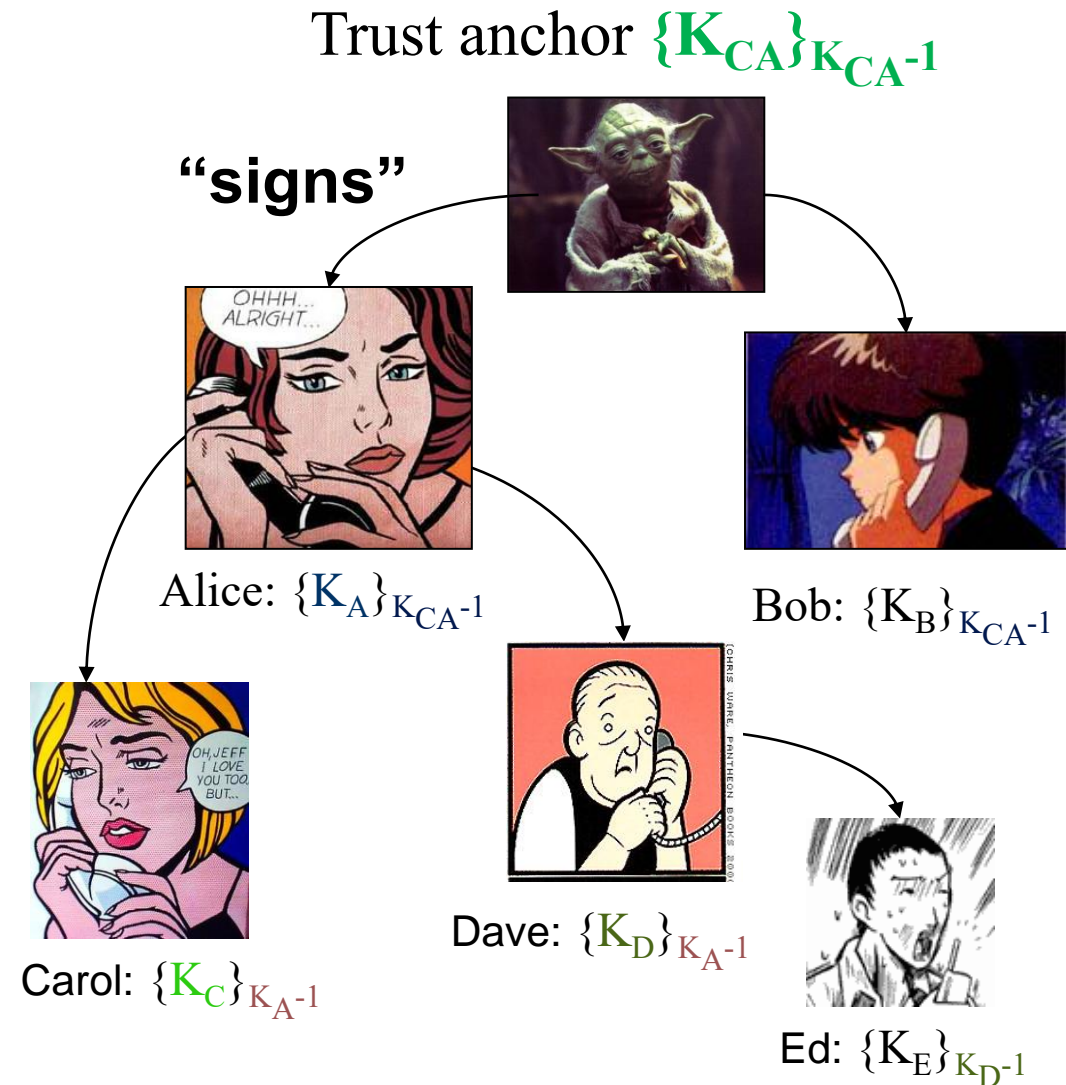
1. Obtain certificate CERT for  $K$
2. Verify CERT using  $K_D$
3. Verify  $K_D$ 
  1. Obtain certificate for  $K_D$
  2. Verify certificate ....

Follow the chain and verify every certificate



# Why should we trust the verification result?

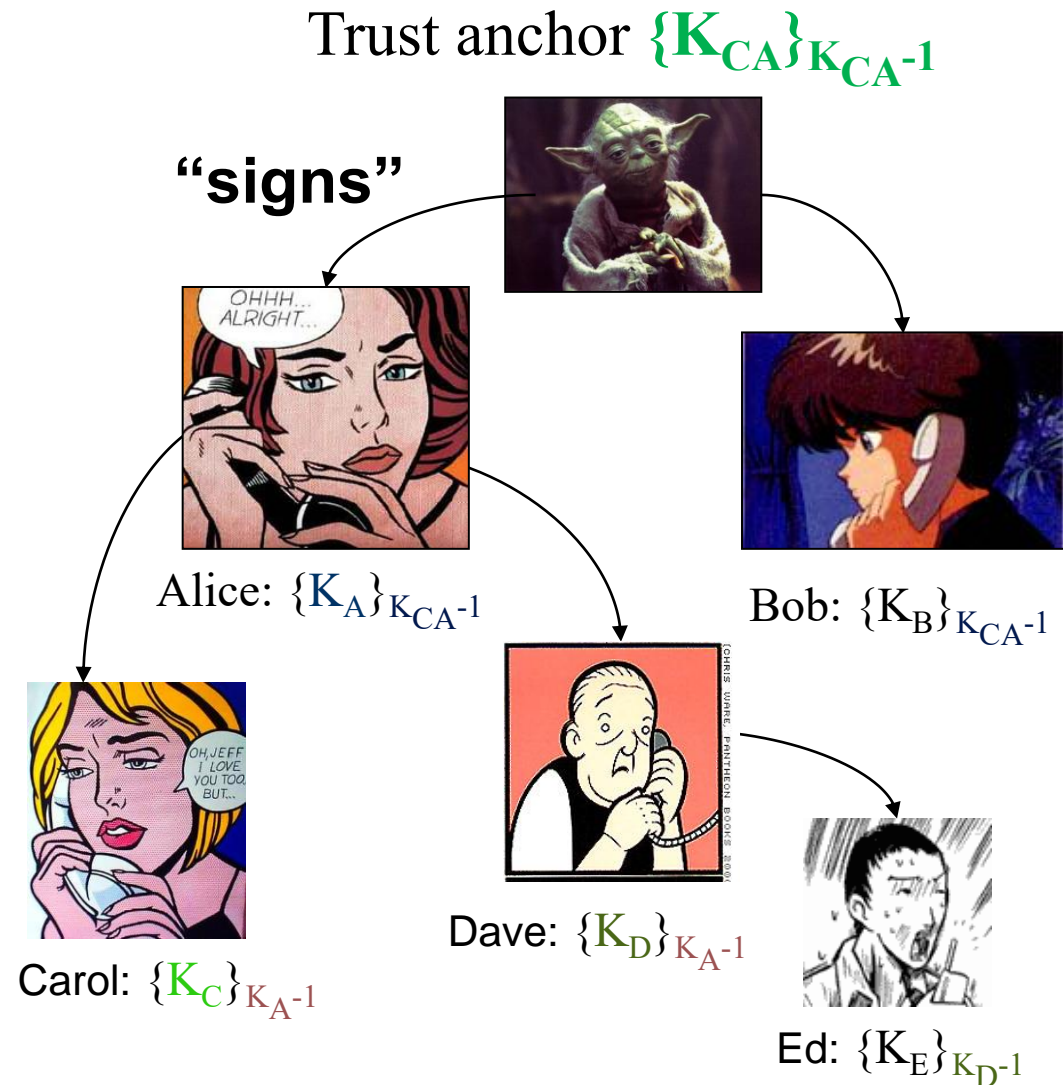
- Assuming all users have trust in anchor  $K_{CA}$
- We trust every CA in the chain
  - ▼ trust Alice to certify Dave, and trust Alice to certify that Dave can certify others...



# Application of PKI

## ■ How could Carol and Ed set up a secure shared session key for communication?

- ▼ Recall the man in the middle attack of Diffie-Hellman key exchange



# PKI trust models

## ■ Define:

- ▼ Who are the trust anchors,
- ▼ How to choose trust anchors
- ▼ How to validate a public key

# PKI trust models

## ■ Delegated CA

- ▼ CA can issue certificates to other CAs (secondary)
- ▼ Vouch for their key and their trustworthiness as a CA
- ▼ Delegated CA can sign certificates itself

## ■ Monopoly

- ▼ Universally trusted CA

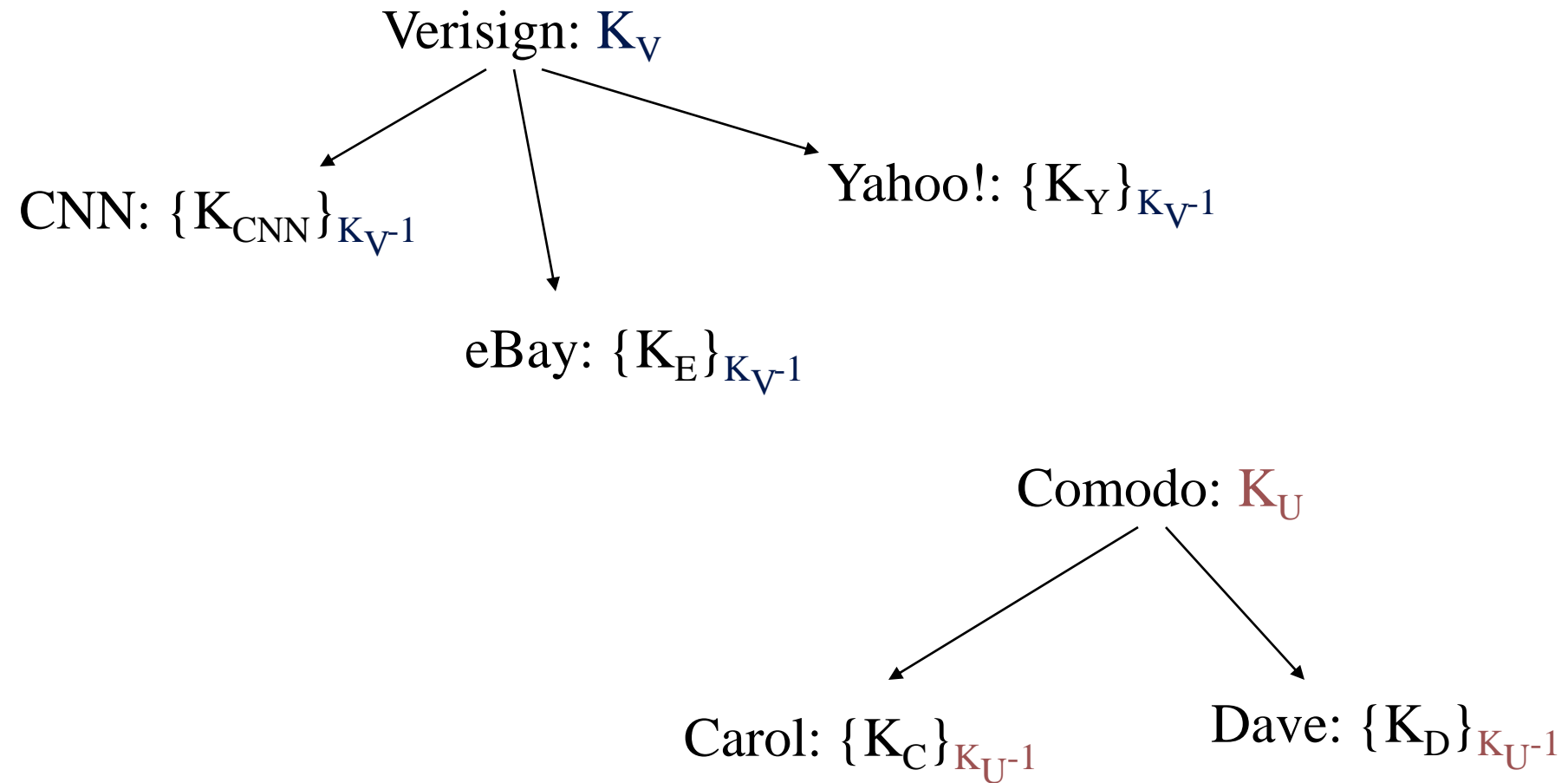
## ■ Monopoly + trusted Registration Authorities (RA)

- ▼ RAs check identities and vouch for keys, but the CA does all actual signing

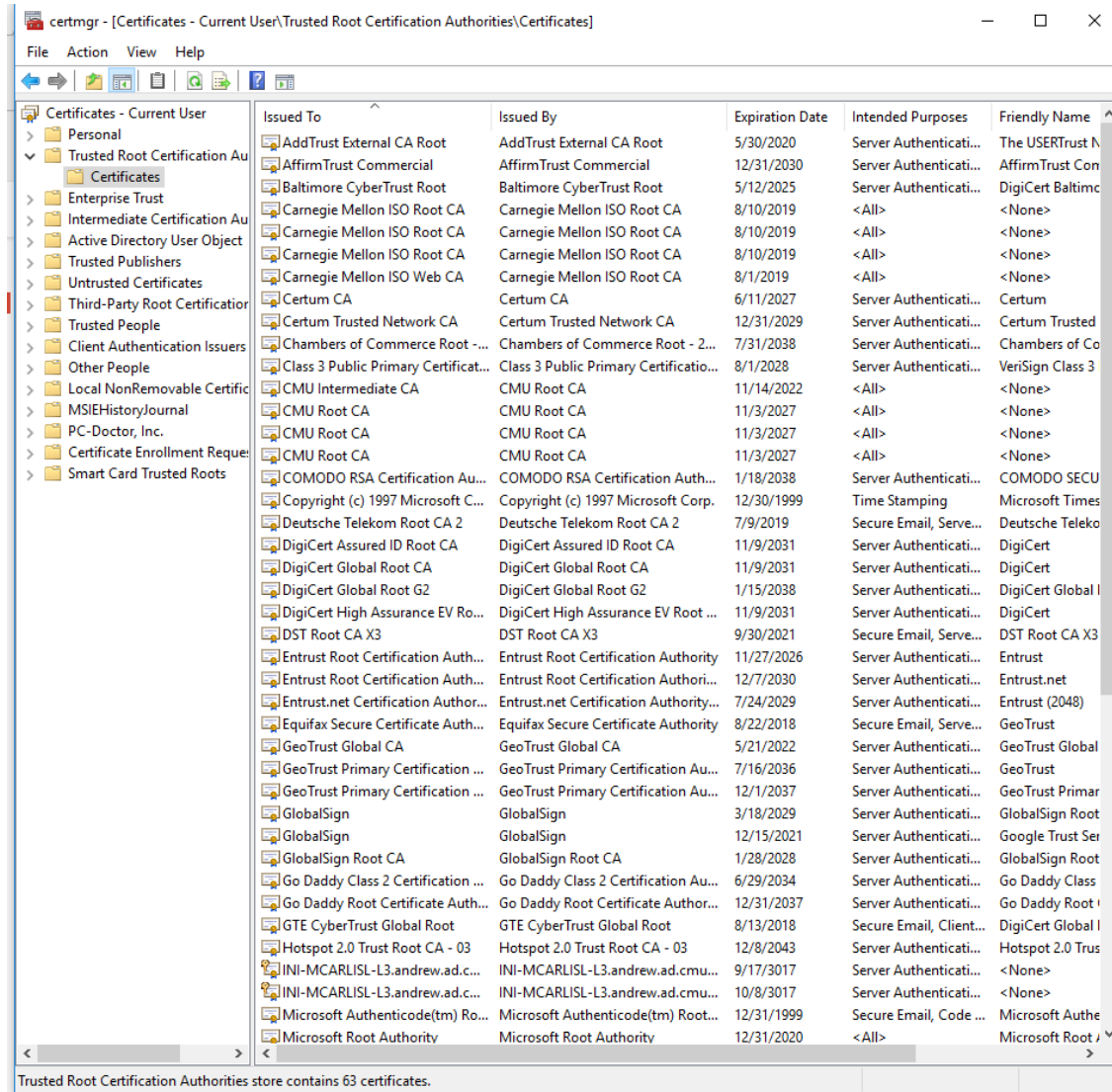
## ■ Oligarchy

- ▼ Multiple trusted anchors, users can configure

# Today's PKI "hierarchy"



# Problems with today's CA model



# Problems with today's CA model

- Too many “trusted” CA’s
- A single one of them is compromised implies a total loss of certification property
  - ▼ E.g., Diginotar got breached
  - ▼ Person who broke into it could issue certificates that would pass as valid in any browser
    - ▼ E.g., Gmail certificates
  - ▼ Man-in-the-middle attack possible
- Practical solution: certificate pinning



# Certificate Pinning

- **Hard Certificate Pinning**

- ▼ Exact server certificate hard-coded into application

- **CA pinning**

- ▼ Limited set of authorities, or a particular public key of server

# Conventional PKI wisdom

- Every entity needs a certificate
- Obtain cert from CA with strong protection of private key

# Certificate revocation

- **Certificate revocation is a mechanism to invalidate certificates**
  - ▼ After a private key is disclosed
  - ▼ Employee leaves corporation
- **CA periodically publishes Certificate Revocation List (CRL)**
  - ▼ Delta CRLs only contain changes
- **What is the general problem with revocation?**

# Take away slide

- **One-way hash functions**
  - ▼ Unkeyed primitive
  - ▼ Useful for digital signatures, one-time passwords, ...
  - ▼ Can be used to ensure integrity of the original message if collision resistant
- **Big problem: collision resistance**
  - ▼ Birthday attack (only  $\sim 2K^{1/2}$  tries required to find collision w.h.p.)
- **MD5**
  - ▼ Chained design, resembles Cipher Block Chaining
  - ▼ Very complicated stage design to make it collision-resistant
  - ▼ ... and yet, it was recently broken
- **MACs**
  - ▼ Essentially: one way hash function with a key
  - ▼ E.g., HMAC-MD5
  - ▼ Can be used to ensure integrity and authentication
- **PGP:** Example of cryptosystem that combines asymmetric, symmetric, and unkeyed primitives
- **PKI: Attempts to solve the trust problem in public keys**
  - ▼ ... but mostly displaces the problem: do you trust Bob or Verisign?