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# Securing Multi-Application Smart Cards by Security-by-Contract

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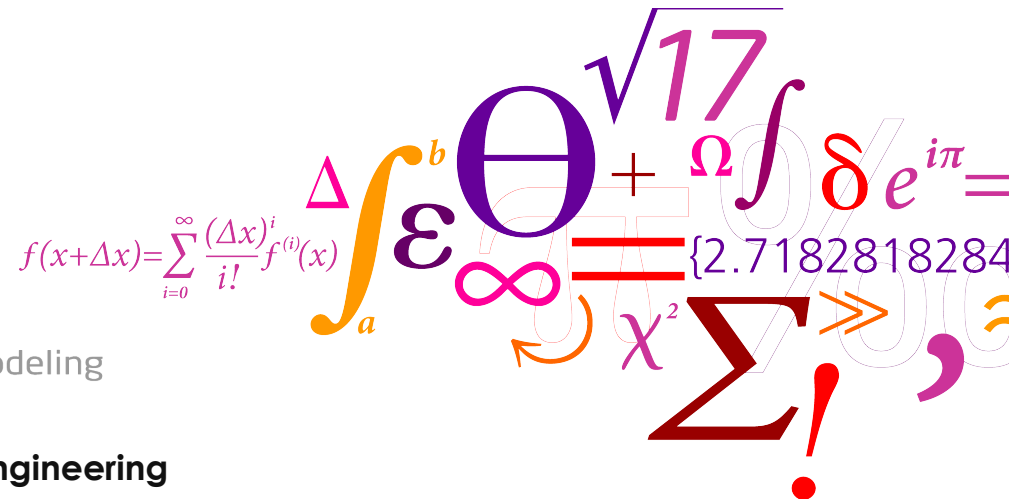
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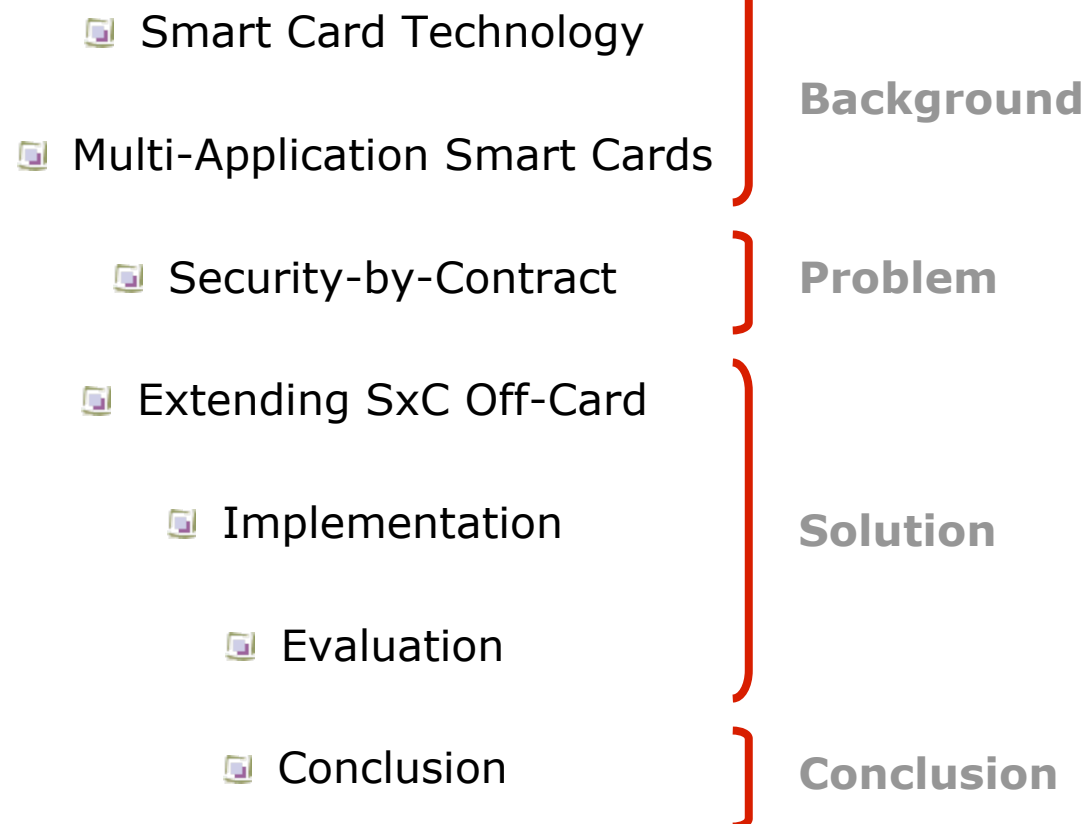
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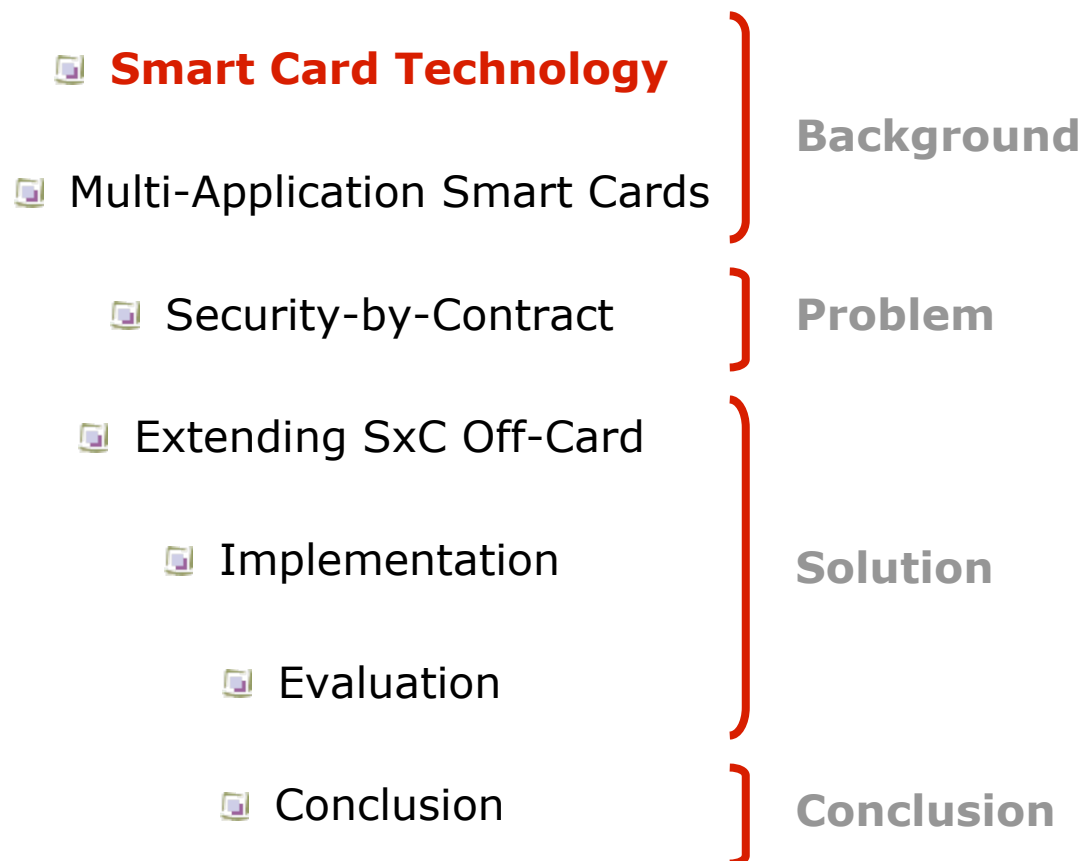


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## ***Structure of this Presentation***





## Smart Card

- Device able to:
  - o Store data
  - o Carry out functions
  - o Interact with a external reader
- Why so widespread?
  - o Easiness of use
  - o Portability
  - o Cheap price
- Tamper-Resistant and Security Features

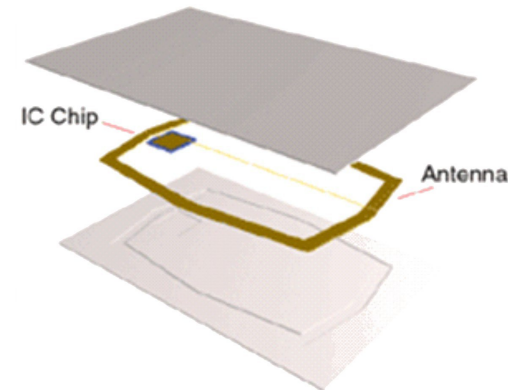


Secure and Trusted device

**High security at a reasonable cost!**



## Interfaces { Contact Contactless



## Microprocessor

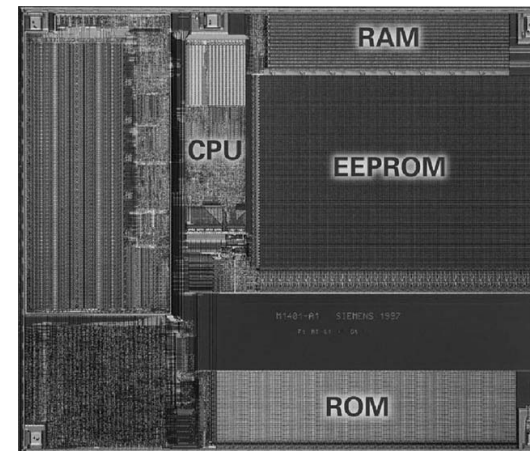
- Not specifically built: Money and security

## Memory

- RAM: Volatile,
- EEPROM: Persistent, erasable
- ROM: Persistent, non-erasable

## Coprocessors

- Commonly used for: Cryptography algorithms, Random-Number generator





## **Contact Smart cards -> Physical attacks**

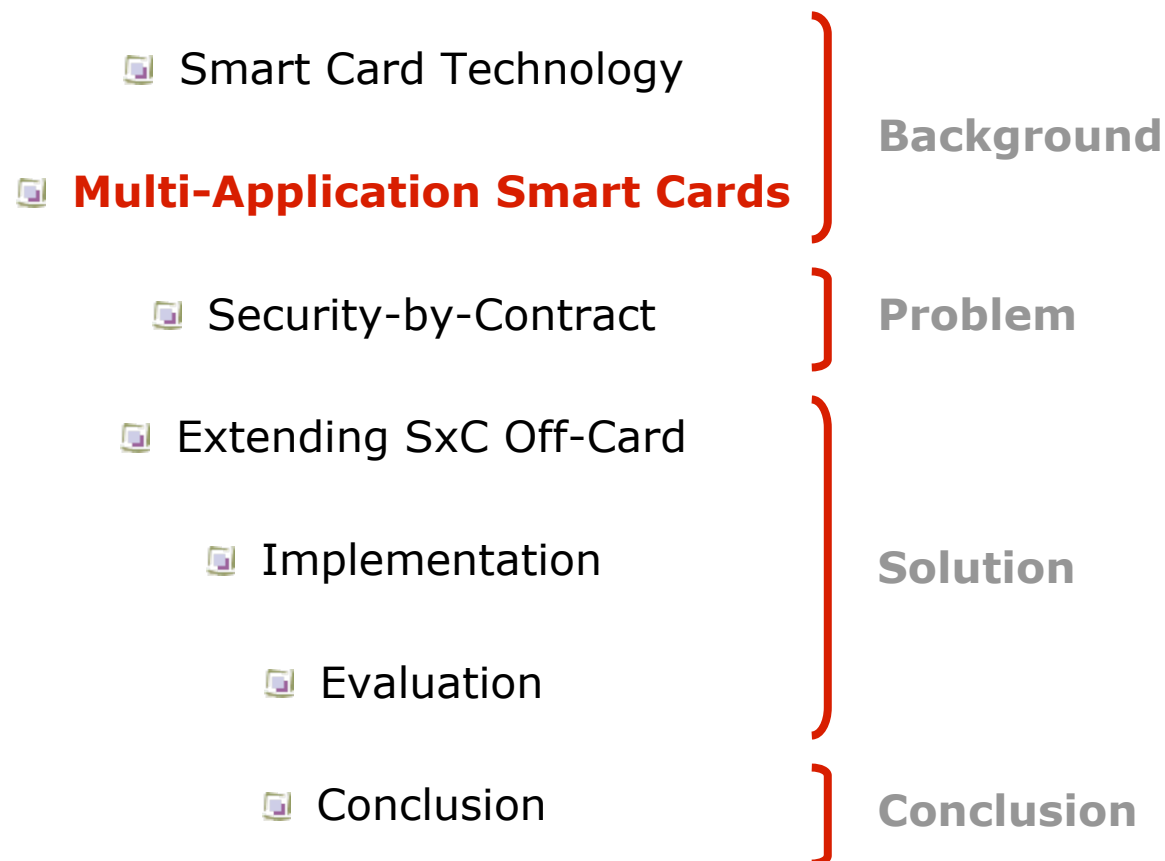
- Invasive, Side-Channel Attacks
- Solutions: Scrambling, metal shield, glue and obfuscated logic, ANG

## **Contactless Smart Cards**

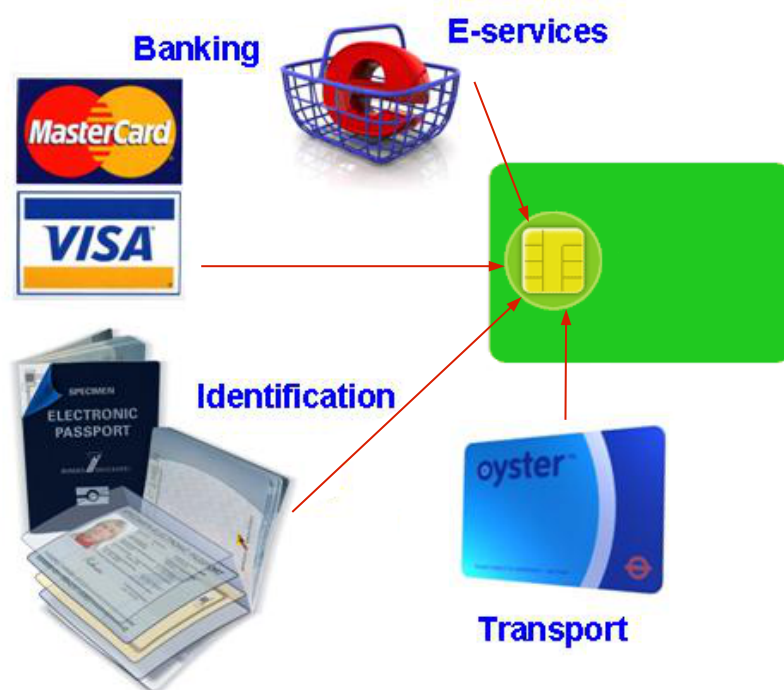
- Eavesdropping, denial of service, radio frequency analysis
- Solutions: Cryptography, current stabilizer

**Anomaly Monitors** -> Voltage, frequency, temperature, etc.

**Software Attacks** -> Communication, verification of the bytecode



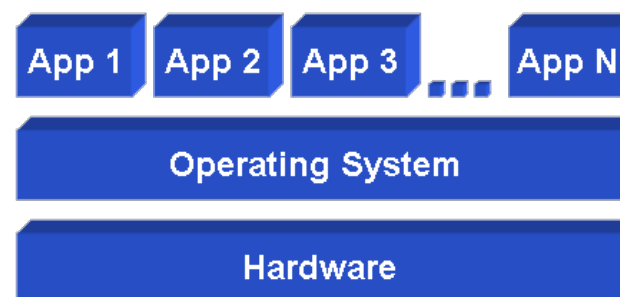




## Dynamic load post-issuance!



Flexible, open and secure platform  
to load dynamically applications  
after card issuance

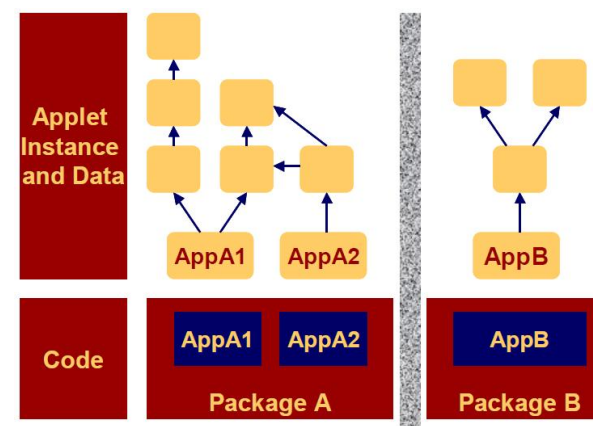


## Global Platform

- Set of specifications to create a standard card management
- Security Domains

## Java Card

- Subset Java
- Object oriented, interoperable, portable
- Context isolation
- Enforced by firewall
- Shareable Interface Objects to allow accessing through firewall



- APDU

### Command APDU

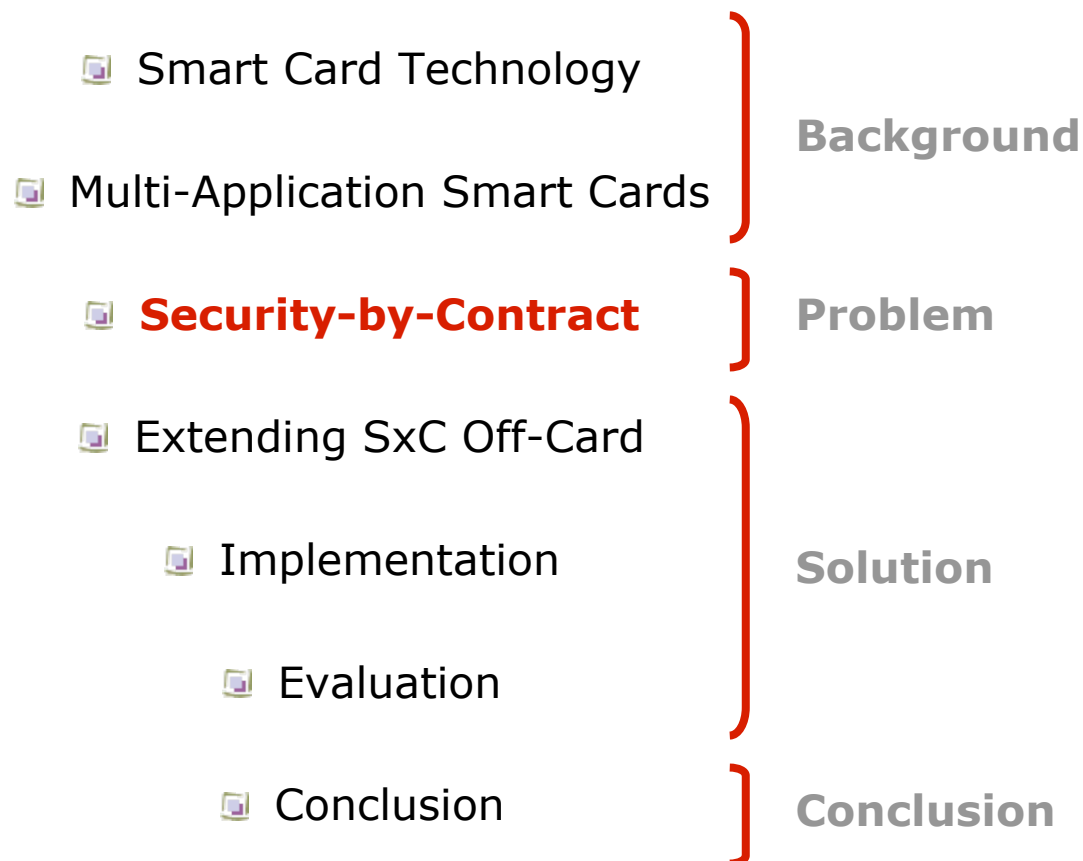
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### Response APDU

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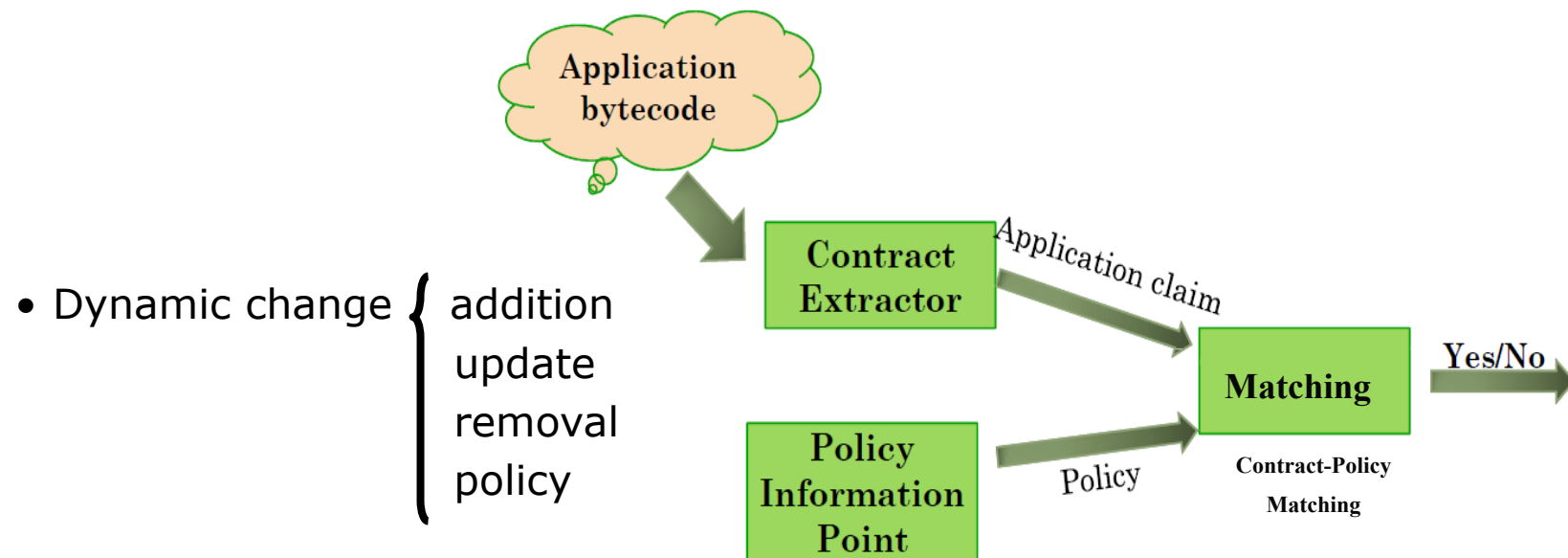
## Open Multi-Application Smart Cards

- Open policy which allows anybody to load, update and remove any application on-card
- Risk: Software to be installed might not be trustworthy
- Problem: Interactions among applications on-card
- Firewall-SIO do not solve it
- Semantic of the modification is not checked
- Should verify the behavior of the application → **Security-by-Contract**



## Security-by-Contract

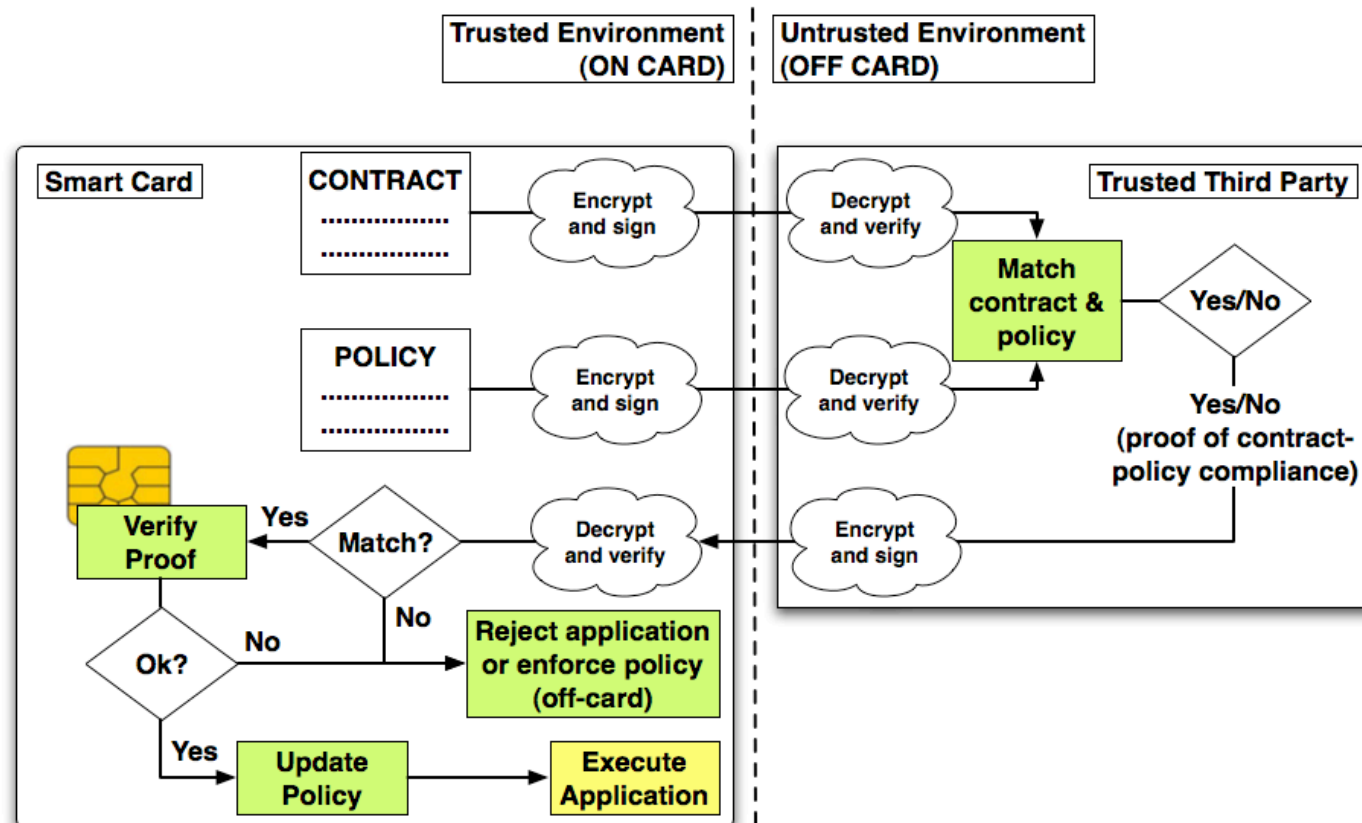
- Key point: Contract-Policy Matching (at load time)
- To solve {
  - New application will not interact with forbidden ones on-card
  - Dynamic change will not affect the correct work



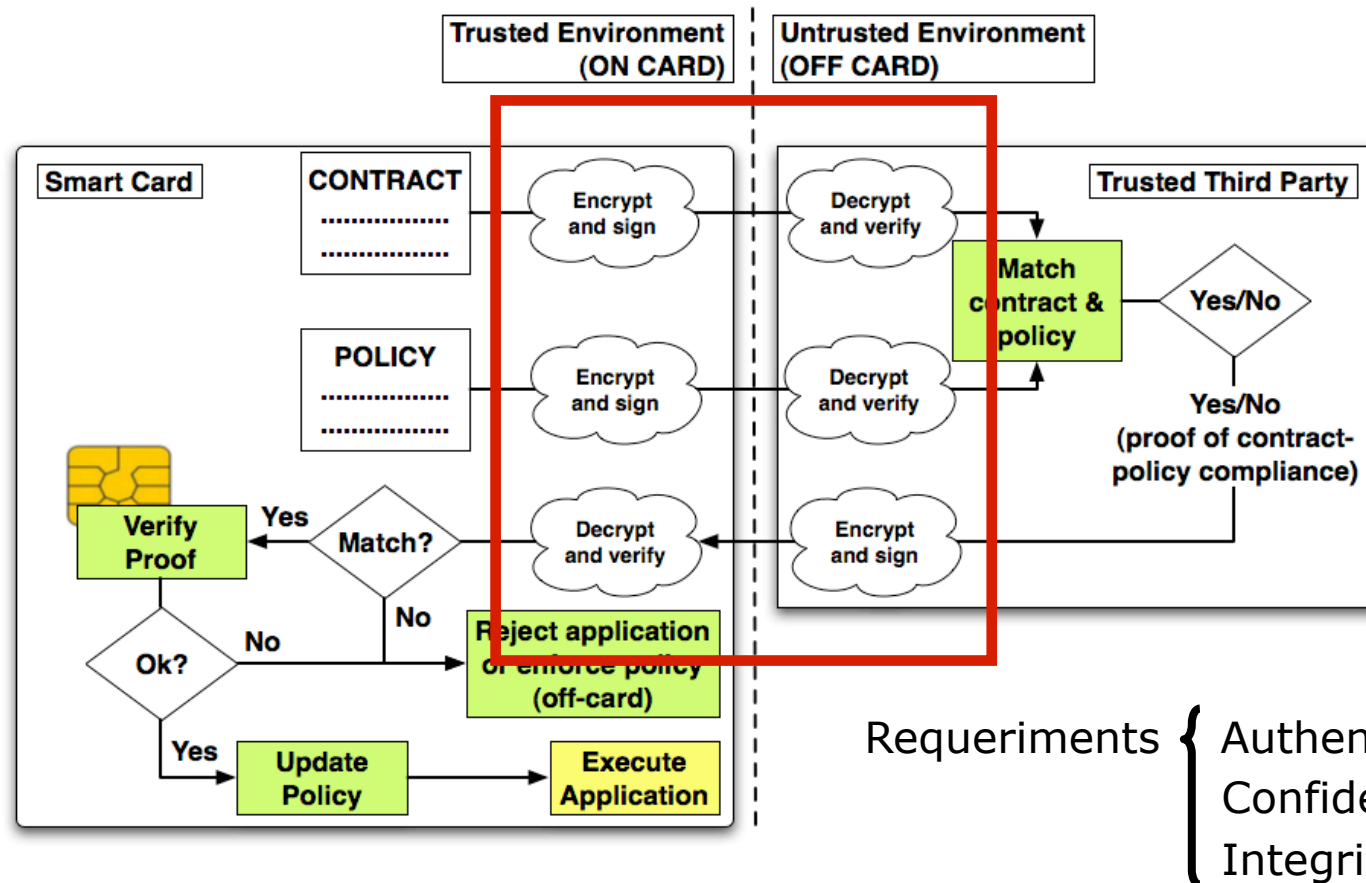
## Hierarchy of Models

- Because of constraint resources
- Benefits in terms of computational efforts and expressivity according to level
- Levels {
  - L0: Application as Services
  - L1: Allowed Control Flow
  - L2: Allowed and Desired Control Flow
  - L3: Full Information Flow
- Why do not use Level 3 always (specification most complete)?

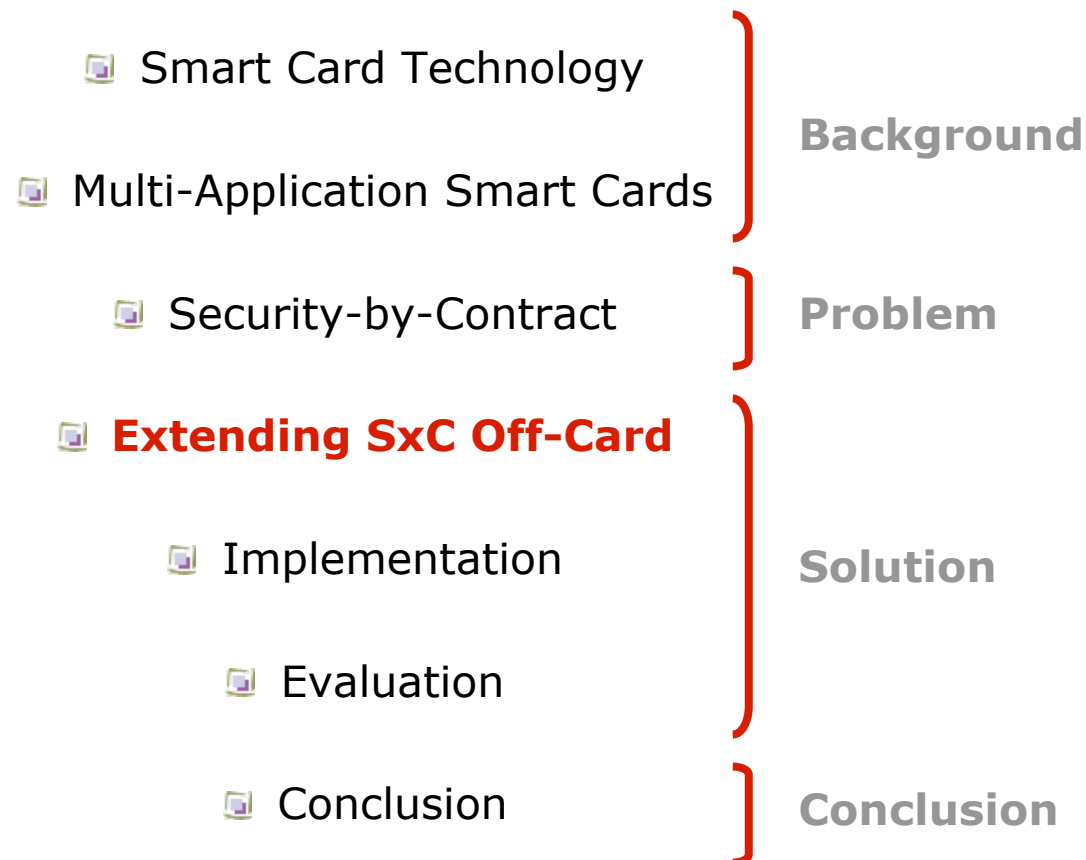
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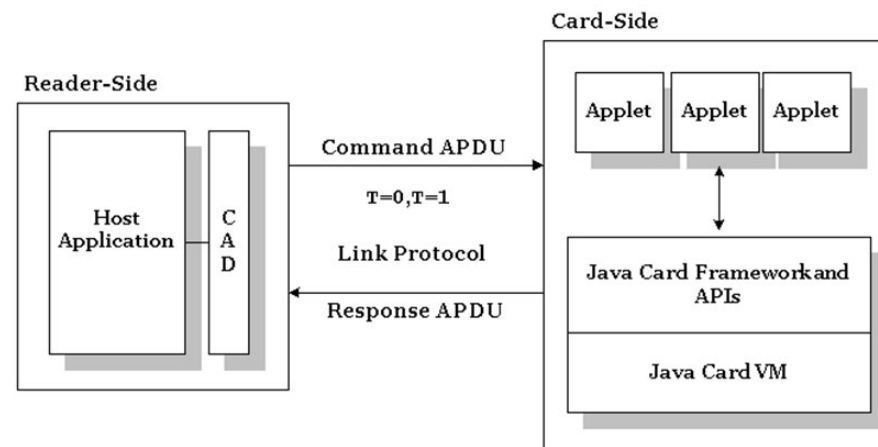
## Problem: Securing Off-Card Contract-Policy Matching







- To fulfil requirements system is based on a PKI
  - Identities are handled through certificates
  - One key pair for encryption and other one for signature
  - Design focuses on Java Card, card works always as a server
- } Initialization needed



## Installation Phase

- After deploying application on the card
- Install the application on the card
- Generate the keys
- Security highlight of the system: Private keys do not leave the card simply because there is no reason to do that

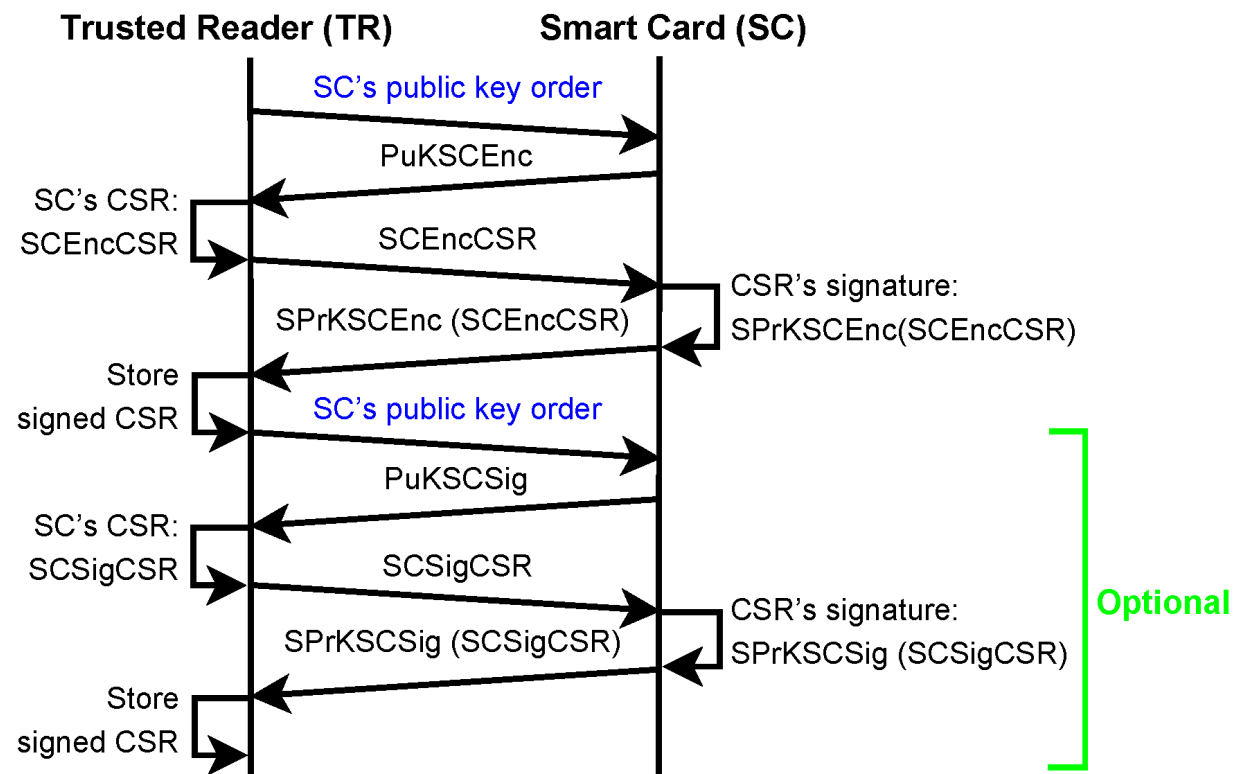


- No one apart from the card can either get or use these keys

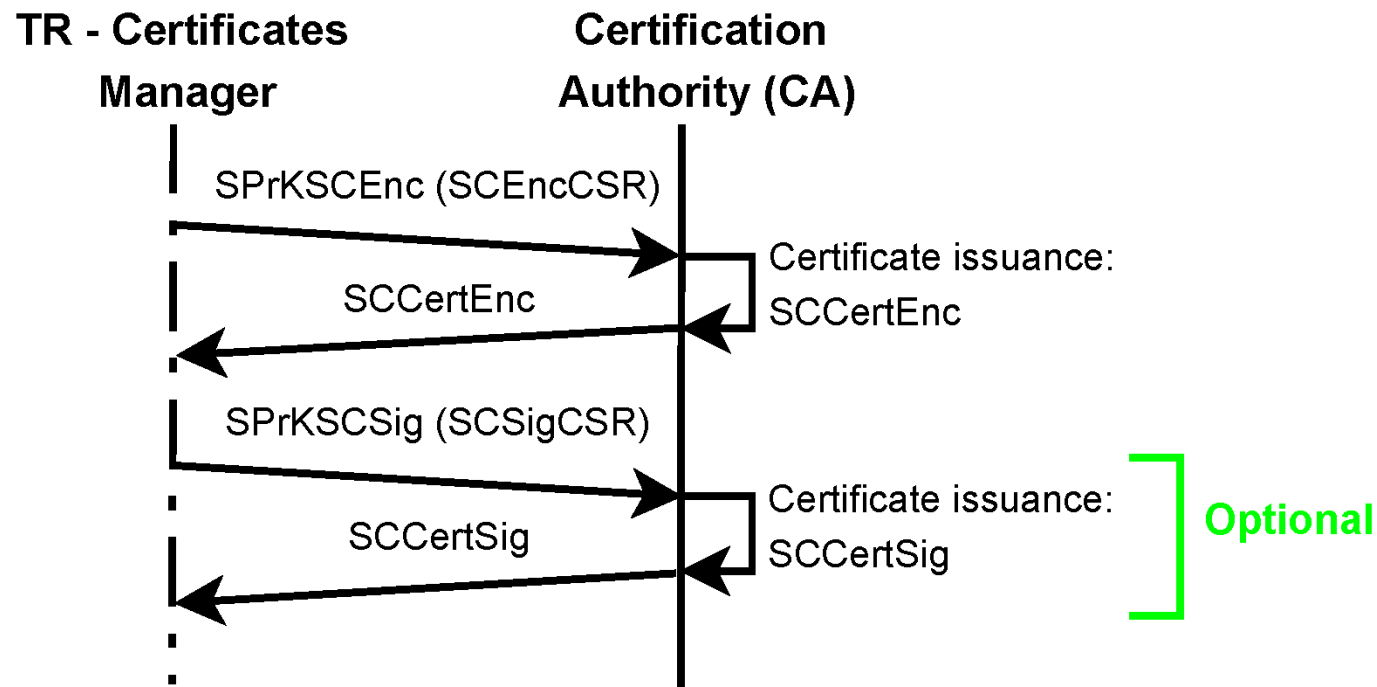
## Initialization Phase

- Responsible for generating and storing the certificates and the policy
- Environment is completely trusted and secure
- Three stages:
  - 📄 Certificate Signing Requests Building
  - 📄 Certificates Issuance
  - 📄 Certificates and Policy Storage
- TR changes in the second stage to TR-Certificates Manager

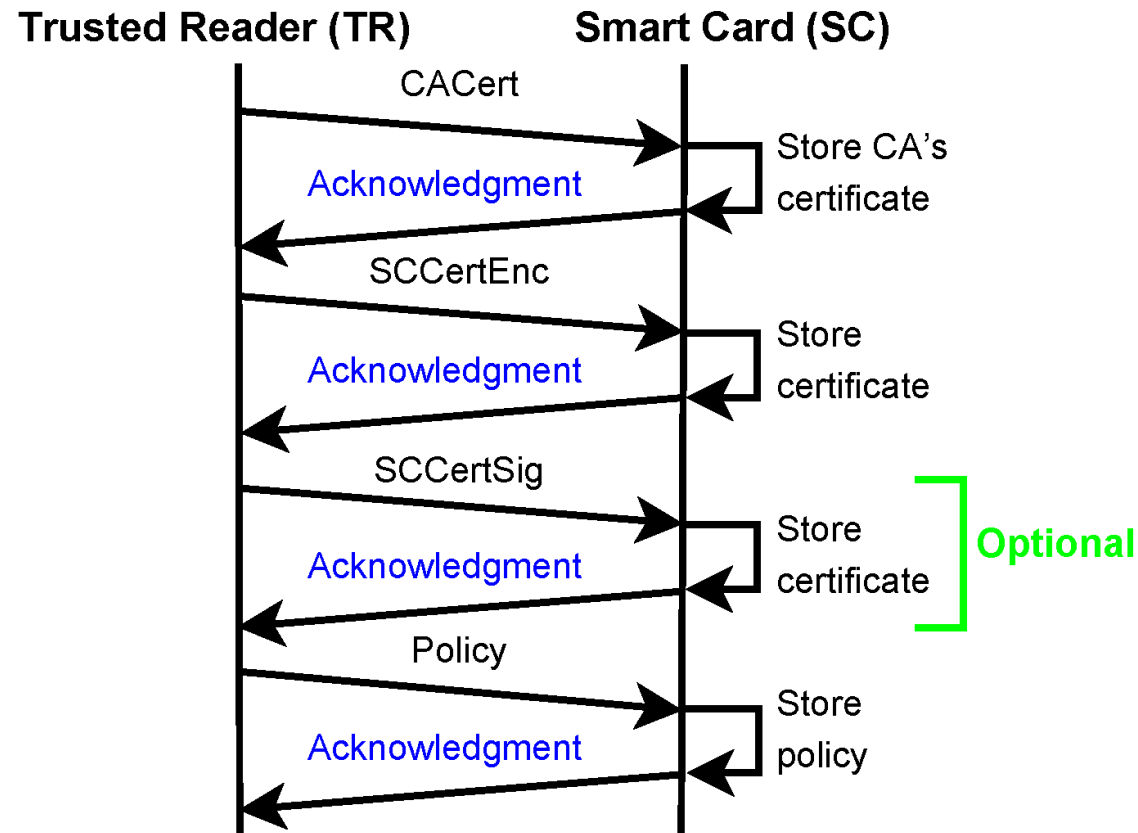
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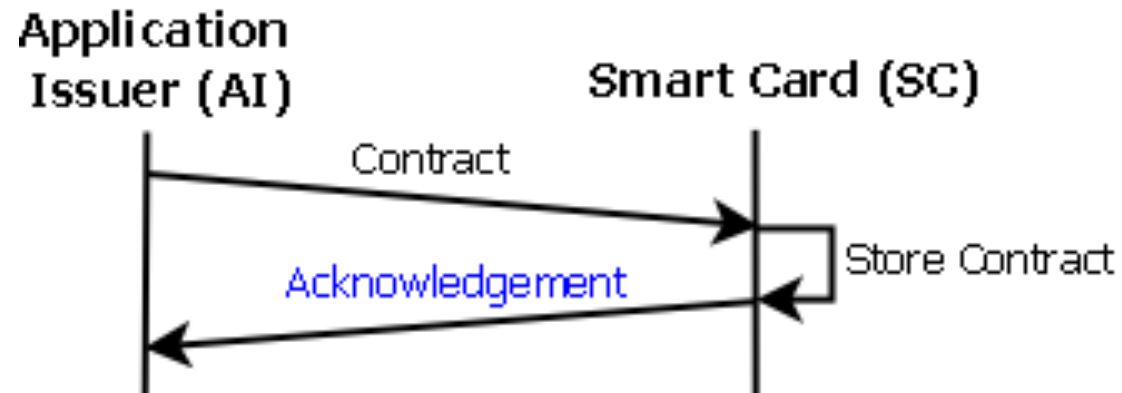


## Initialization Phase: Certificates and Policy Storage



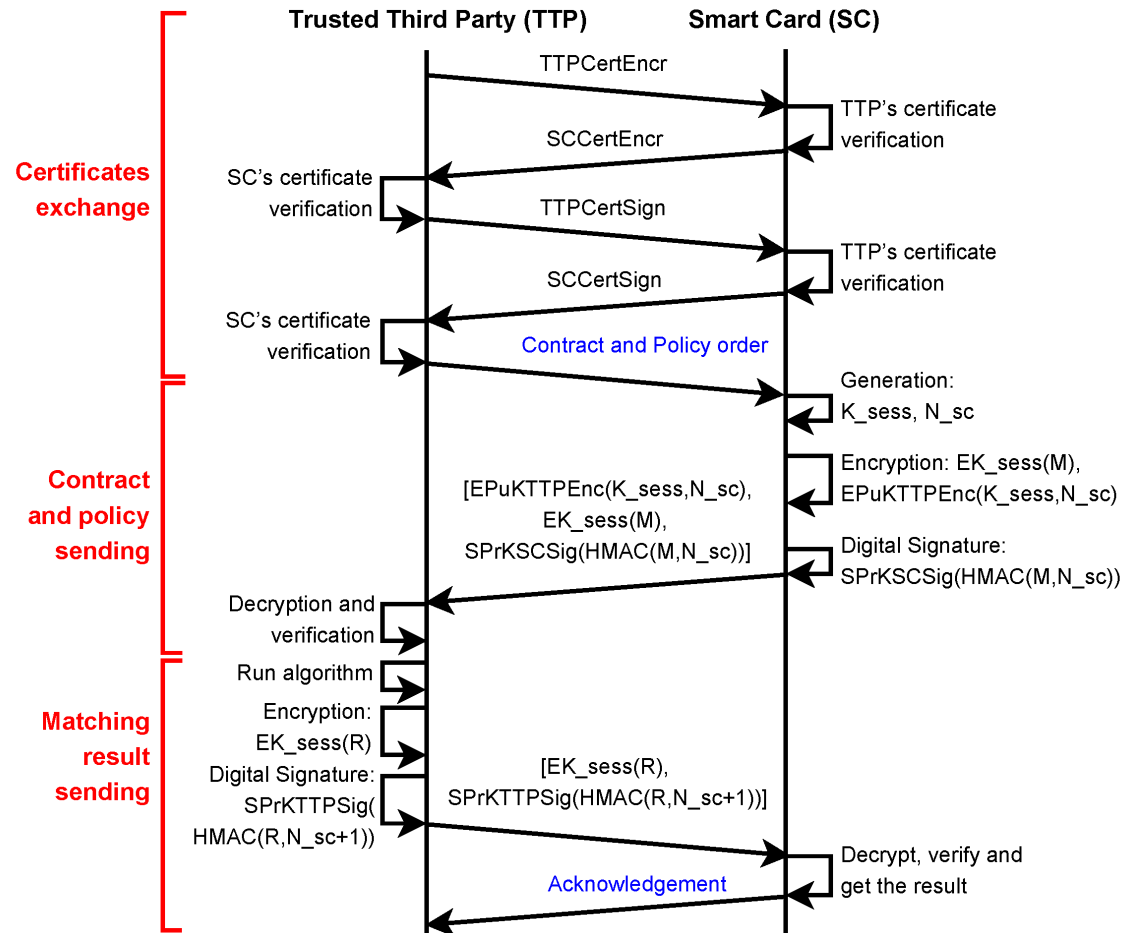
## Contract Storage Phase

- Storage of the application's contract
- Carried out by AI





## Contract-Policy Matching Phase



## Contract-Policy Matching Phase – Why ...?

- **Nonce:**

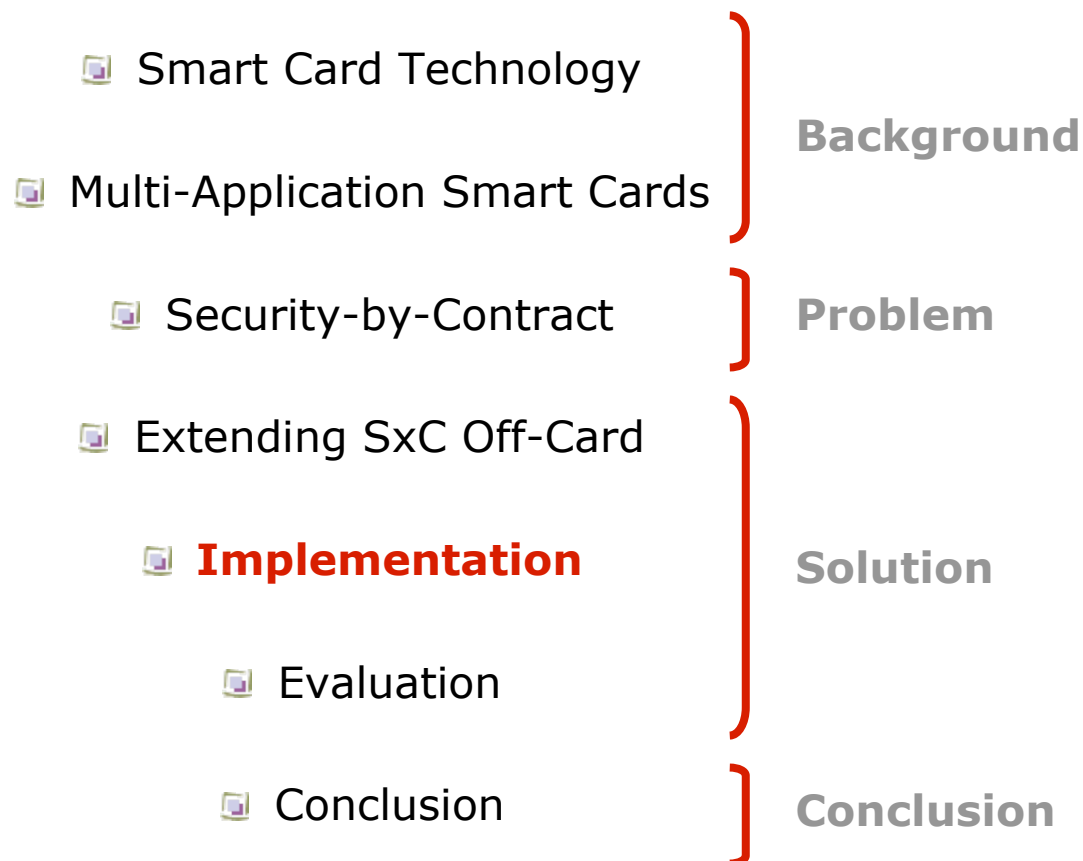
- Protecting card to "Replay" attacks
- Should be random to insure the freshness

- **Block symmetric Cryptography:**

- Symmetric encryption provides higher speed (decryption is the same process; hence, it is also fast) than asymmetric for big amount of data
- High security due to their no linearity

- **HMAC:**

- Adds a shared key (salt) which increases the randomness
- Assures that only who has the salt has been able to build the digest
- Use of Nonce as salt assures freshness



- Off-Card (AI, TR, TTP) ➡ **Java** (sun.\* packages, jdk 1.6.0.18)
- Smart Card (SC) ➡ **Java Card 2.2.2** (Why not Java Card 3?)
- IDE ➡ Eclipse SDK 3.5.2
- Simulators { JCWDE  
CREF } Both provide a subset of the cryptographic classes
- Restrictions in terms of { Key lengths  
Cryptographic algorithms { ALG\_NO\_PAD RSA  
Secure Random
- As a result { Prototype built with limitations  
Another implementation prepared for a real card

- X.509 Certificates generated by means of OpenSSL
- CA certificate is self-signed

**On-Card** → Byte arrays, DER encoded

### **Parser on-card**

- Verification checks {
  - Compliance with DER and ASN.1
  - Key algorithm
  - Signature algorithm
  - Key length
  - Signature

## **Symmetric Block Cryptography**

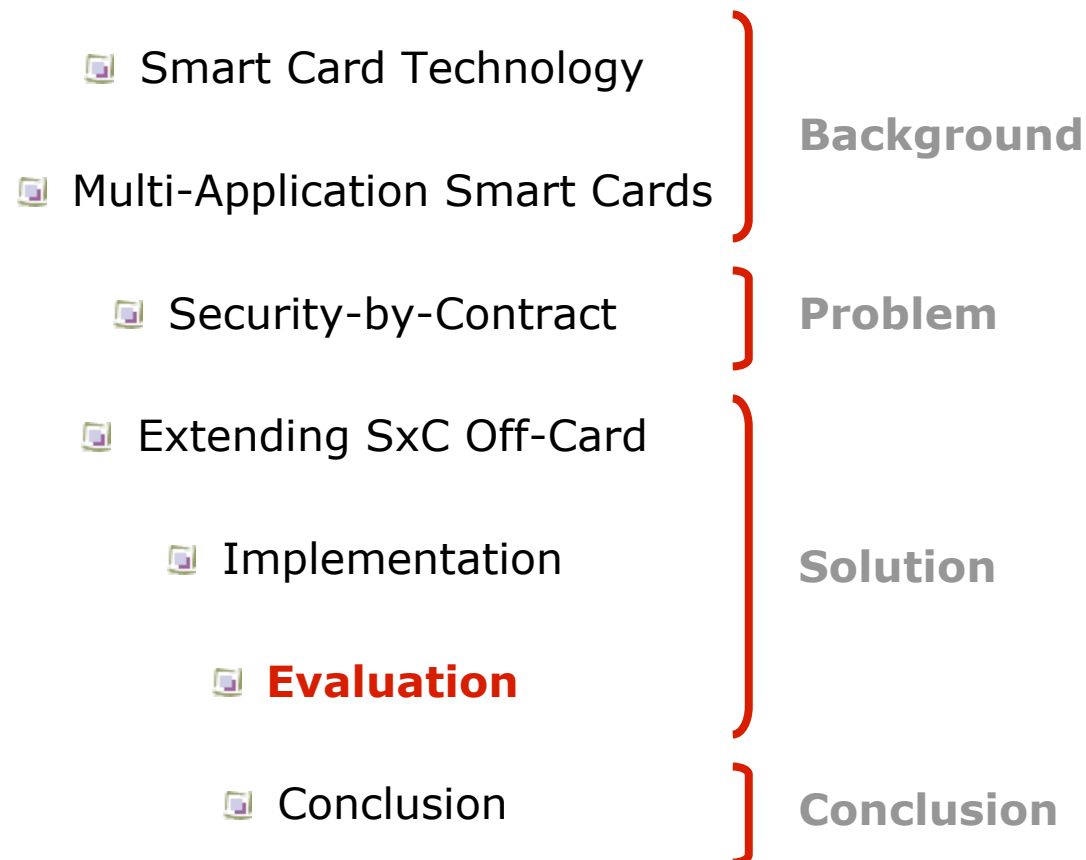
- AES algorithm with CBC mode and 128 bits of key
- Nonce is used as initialization vector

## **Asymmetric Cryptography**

- RSA algorithm with padding according to PKCS#1 (v1.5)
- RSA key length 512 bits (for a real card 2048 bits)

## **Pseudo-Random Number Generator**

- For a real card, Secure Random



## Memory Analysis

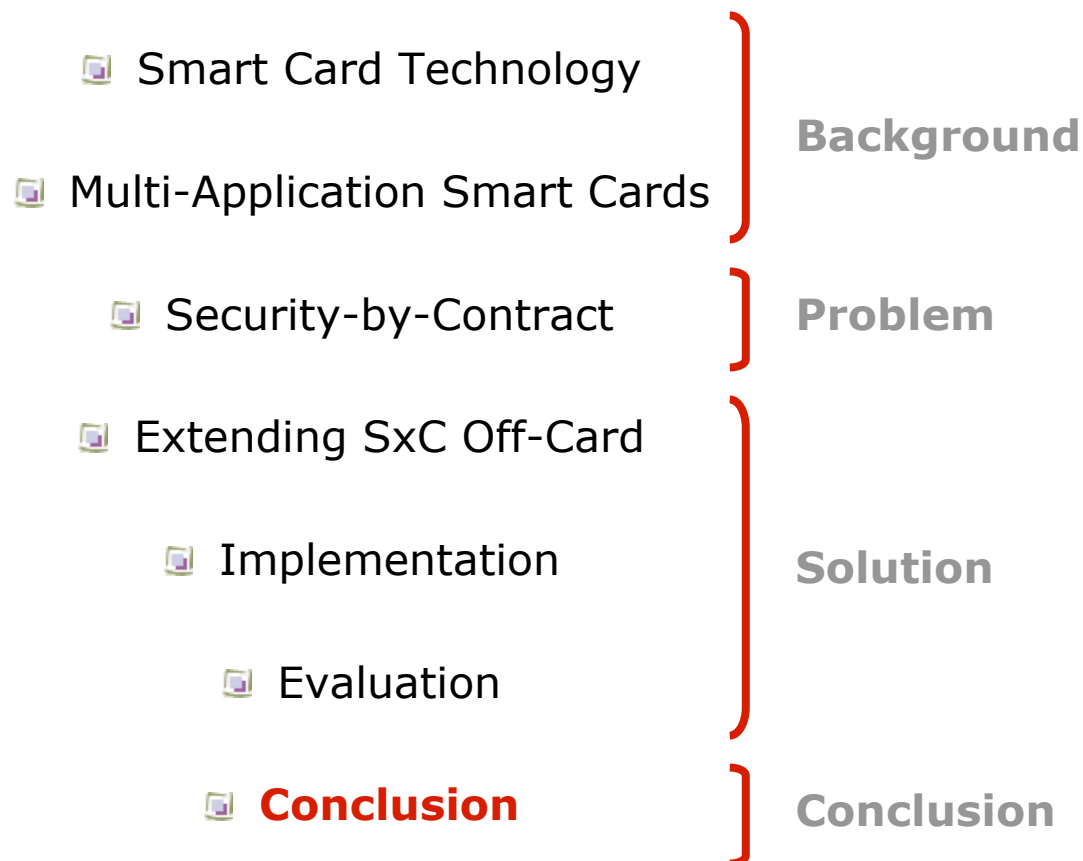
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- By means of CREF simulator (data in bytes)

Stage	Consumed before	Consumed after	Available before	Available after
<i>Deployment</i>	6994	12837	58510	52667
<i>Installation</i>	12837	14322	52667	51182
<i>Initialization</i>	14322	17919	51182	47585
<i>Running</i>	18298	18135	47206	47369

- Prototype needs a rough memory space of 11 KB ➡ **Upper-limit!**
- Goal was to get a functional prototype, not optimal was expected
- Heaviest issue is the bytecode download
- System is considered suitable and could fit properly in a card: It does not reduce available memory considerably, allowing to store a large amount of applications in a secure way





- Problem with interactions among the applications stored on-card in open-multi-application smart cards
- Security-by-Contract framework proposed as a solution
- Constraint resources of smart cards → Hierarchy levels models
- Highest level of expressivity needs a computational effort bigger than the provided by smart cards
- Needed to outsource Contract-Policy Matching to a Trusted Third Party over an untrusted environment → Communication must be secured
- Requirements of authentication, confidentiality and integrity

 **Certificates**    **Encryption**    **Digital Signature**

- Design to address the issue of making the communication to outsource the Contract-Policy Matching secure
- Implementation of a prototype as a proof-of-concept working on a simulator
- Implementation ready to work in a real card
- Test results which show the design is viable, suitable and define an upper-limit for the memory needs
- Preliminary results accepted to publication in UBICOMM 2010 (October - Florence, Italy)
  - "Securing Off-Card Contract-Policy Matching in Security-By-Contract for Multi-Application Smart Cards"  
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## Thank you for your attention!

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## Why to have a certificate for encryption if it is not used?

- It kept from previous designs where it was necessary (key session per communication)
- Although the design was modified and it was no longer needed, it was decided to hold it
- **Future uses**
- For instance, solution proposed to validity period issue

### Why not to use a time stamp instead of Nonce?

- Card has not any clock since it has not a uninterrupted supply of power
- Requeriments for the "stamp" { Randomness  
Freshness
- Nonce accomplished these requirements perfectly

### Why firewall is not enough?

- Firewall controls accesses to any method on the card
- It avoids any application being able to access any method of other application
- However, it may be necessary an application accessed to other
- SIO allows that
- To sum up, every application is not able to access any method on the card, but any method in the SIO



### Why not to make the contract storage's communication secure?

- Time limitation of the project
- Contract storage was not really necessary for the problem addressed in the thesis, it was added in order to try to make the system closer to the reality
- If necessary, it could be done in a future, it should be applied in a similar way as it has been done for the contract and policy matching

### Avoid the use of classes from sun.\* packages

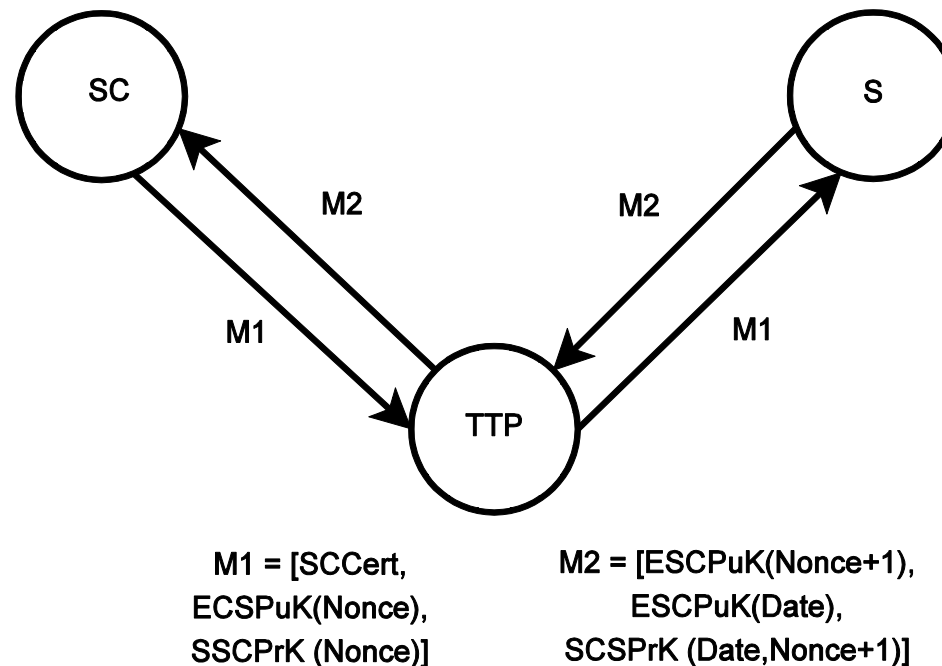
- More stable version of the system and independently of Sun's code updates (still working for the specified jdk version)
- Building classes to work with DER encoding
- Goal is to get a CSR which format was compliant with the standard
- Even it is possible to do on-card
- Initialization phase would be less complicated and faster (two communications less), but more space on the memory

### Multi-CA Support

- In real world, card should store some CA's certificates in order to be able to verify certificates signed from distinct CAs.
- Think about how to store the certificate { constrained memory resources  
inefficient to parse it every time
- Notice that Java Card does not allow to create any new data structure

### Validity Period Check

- Not possible on-card (there is no clock; hence, no current time)
- Solution proposed



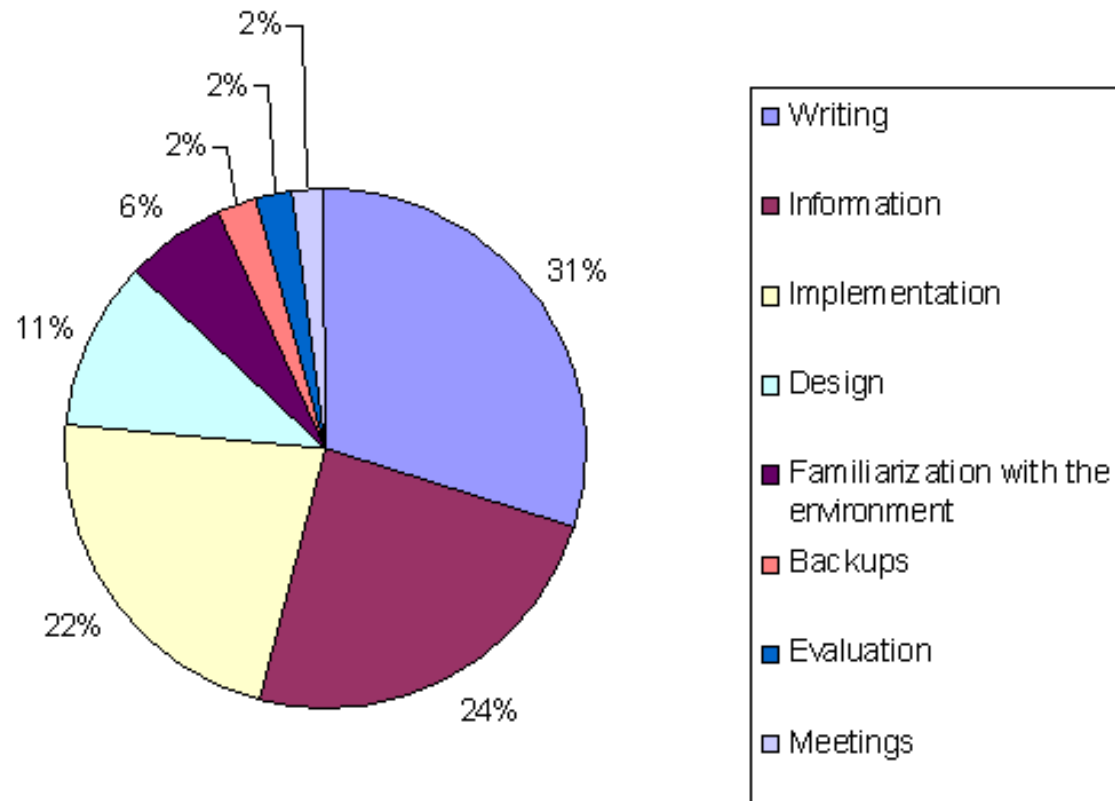
### Certificate Revocation Check

- Not possible on-card, it is not possible to connect to the revocation server
- Solution proposed close to the validity period issue

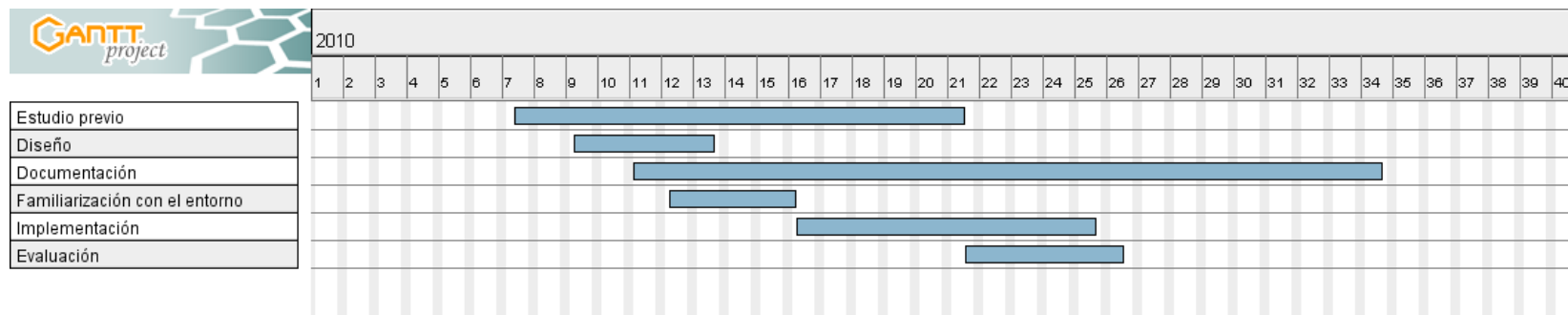
### Certificates Renewal

- Smart card cannot check who sends every message; hence once it does not know if it is a TTP or a TR who tries to store a certificate or a policy
- Solution in the prototype, everything is stored only once
- Problem: when the certificates expire, card is useless
- Solution: to store TR certificate during initialization avoiding anyone could replace it
- Send the certificate with a signature to insure authentication and integrity
- In such a way, the card could be sure that is the TR who is sending the message

## Time and Effort Management

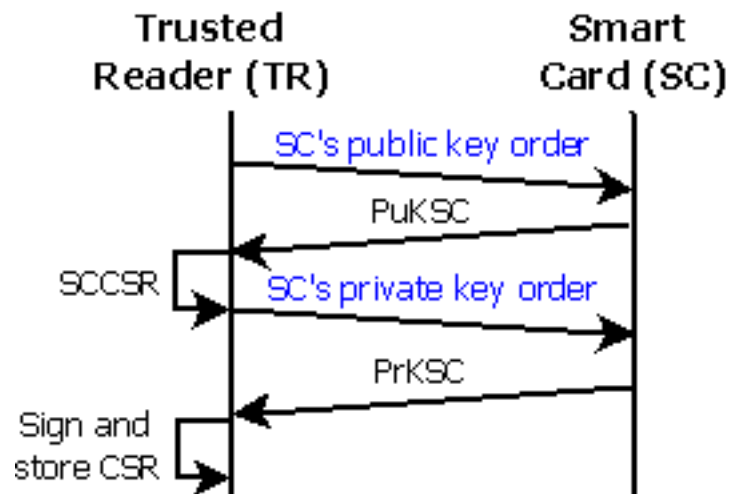


## Time and Effort Management





## Changes because of simulator



← CSR generation modified

Signature verification modified →

