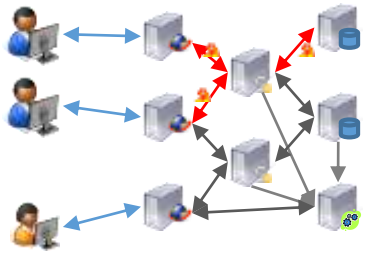

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Signatures

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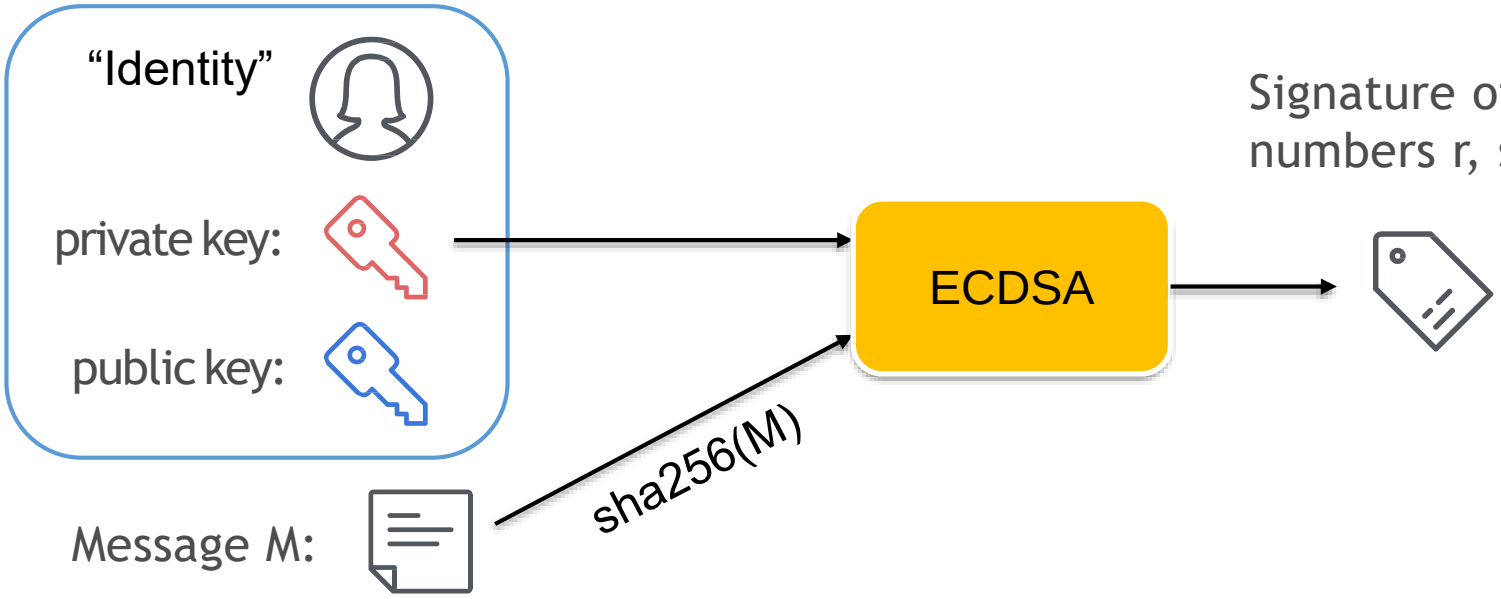
Signatures of Transactions in Bitcoin

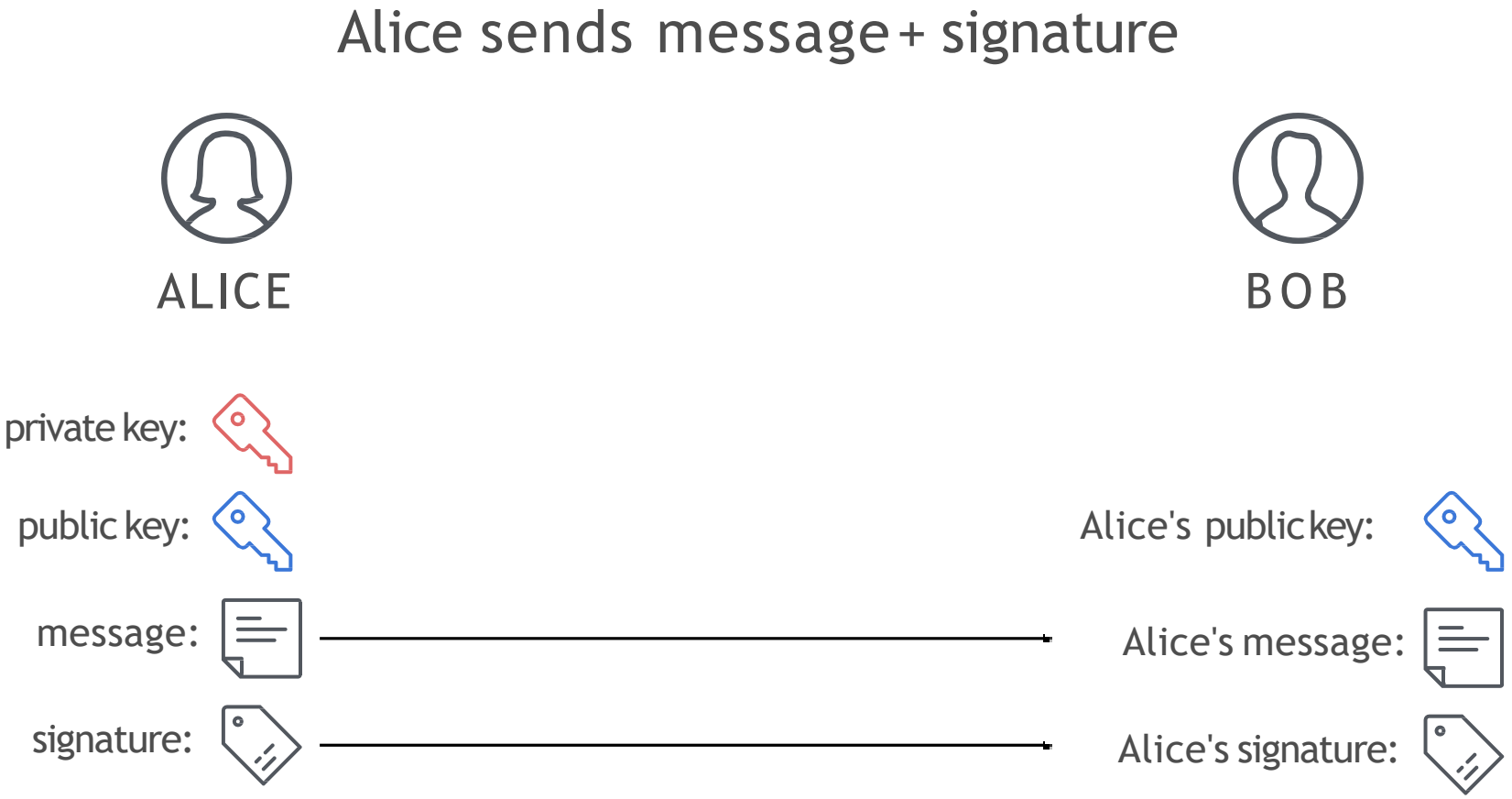
- Bitcoin uses Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA, link) to sign a transaction/message
- To “sign” means to certify that a transaction content has been verified (or created) by a unique “identity”
- This “identity” is uniquely specified by a private/ public key



Signatures in General

- **Signature S**: a pair of two numbers r, s
- S is generated *from* a hash H of something to be signed (a message M), and from a **private key PRIV**
- With the **public key PUB** (corresponding to PRIV), an algorithm can be used on the signature S …
  - … to determine that it was originally produced from the hash H and the private key PRIV
  - This verification does not need to know the private key PRIV
- => If we know PUB, M, and S, we can verify that the signer knows PRIV, and has seen the same M as we see it now
- => Moreover, it is practically impossible to produce S without PRIV, so S can only come from owner of PRIV

Application Scenario



Application Scenario

Bob can easily verify if Alice signed

ALICE

BOB

private key: 

public key: 

message: 

signature: 

Alice's message: 


+

=

or


Alice's public key

Alice's signature

Signature Generation Algorithm (link)

1. Calculate $e = \mathrm{HASH}(m)$, where HASH is a cryptographic hash function, such as SHA-2.
2. Let z be the L_n leftmost bits of e, where L_n is the bit length of the group order n.
3. Select a **cryptographically secure random** integer k from $[1, n-1]$.
4. Calculate the curve point $(x_1, y_1) = k \times G$.
5. Calculate $r = x_1 \mod n$. If $r = 0$, go back to step 3.
6. Calculate $s = k^{-1}(z + rd_A) \mod n$. If $s = 0$, go back to step 3.
7. The signature is the pair (r, s).

rd_A: private key
Q_A: public key ($Q_A = d_A * G$)
G: elliptic curve base point (public)
n: integer order of G, must be prime

Signature Verification Algorithm (link)

1. Verify that r and s are integers in $[1, n-1]$. If not, the signature is invalid.
2. Calculate $e = \mathrm{HASH}(m)$, where HASH is the same function used in the signature generation.
3. Let z be the L_n leftmost bits of e.
4. Calculate $w = s^{-1} \mod n$.
5. Calculate $u_1 = zw \mod n$ and $u_2 = rw \mod n$.
6. Calculate the curve point $(x_1, y_1) = u_1 \times G + u_2 \times Q_A$. If $(x_1, y_1) = O$ then the signature is invalid.
7. The signature is valid if $r \equiv x_1 \pmod n$, invalid otherwise.

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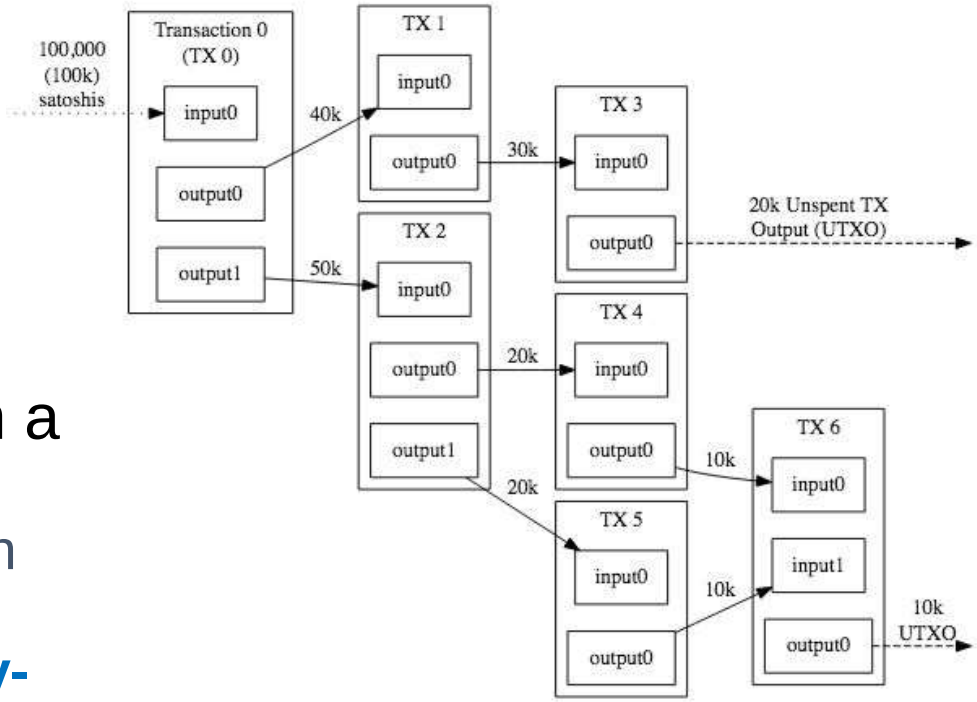
Reminder: the UTXO Model

- Bitcoin uses a UTXO model
- Transactions map inputs to outputs
- Transactions contain signature of owner of funds
- Spending Bitcoin is redeeming previous transaction outputs with a proof
  - Public Key + Signature in **Pay-to-Pub-Key-Hash**
  - Script + Signature in **Pay-to-Script-Hash**



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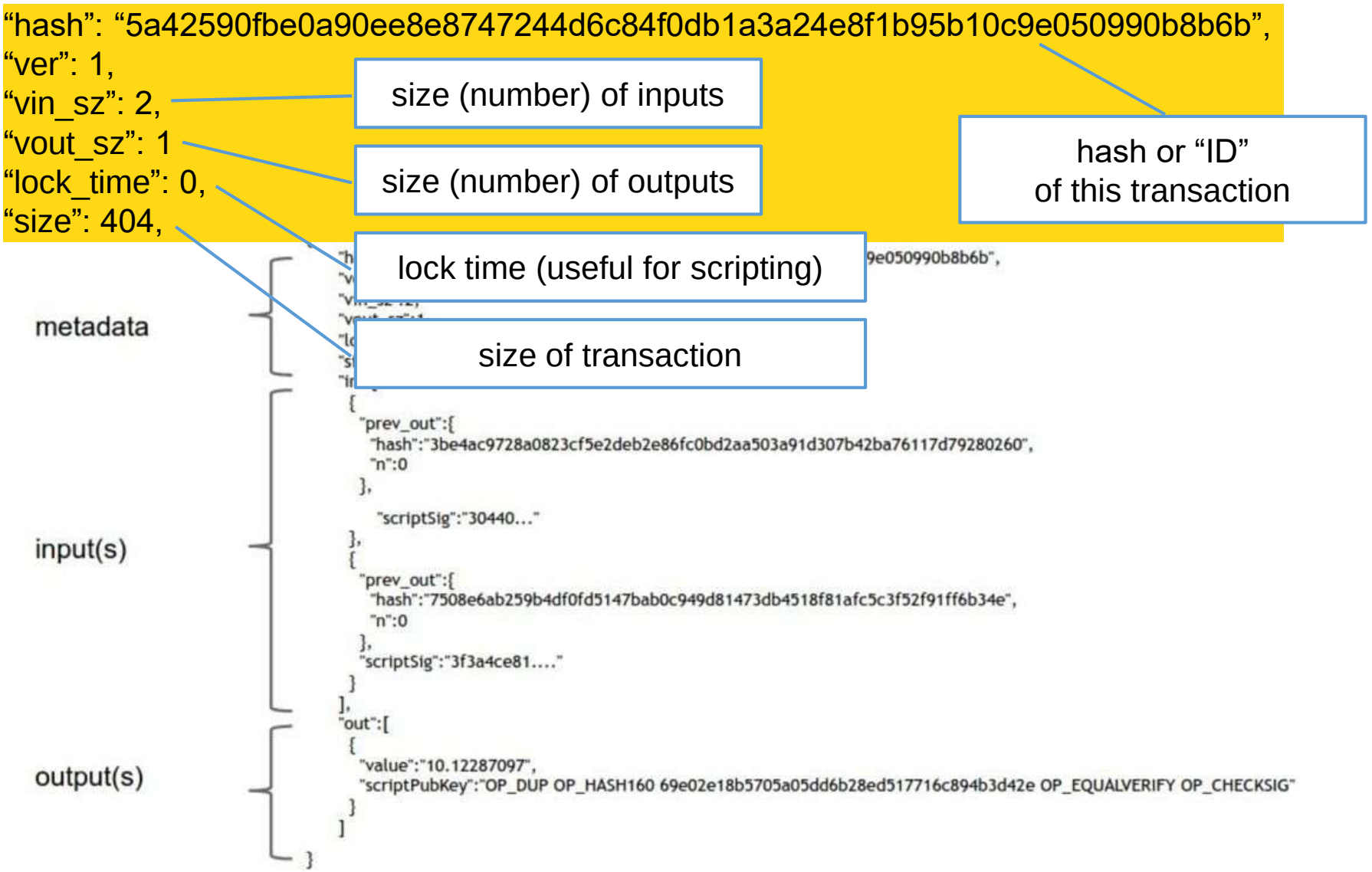
Contents of a Transaction



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Contents of a Transaction: Inputs

"hash": "5a42590fbe0a90ee8e8747244d6c84f0db1a3a24e8f1b95b10c9e050990b8b6b",
"ver": 1,
"vin_sz": 2,
"vout_sz": 1
"lock_time": 0,
"size": 404,

"in": [
  {
    "prev_out": {
Input 1: "hash": "3be4ac9728a0823cf5e2deb2e86fc0bd2aa503a91d307b42ba76117d79280260", "n": 0
    },
      "scriptSig": "30440…"
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      "n": 0
    },
    "scriptSig": "3f3a4ce81…."

ID of previous transactions being referenced

index of input in previous transaction

signature used to redeem previous transaction output

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Contents of a Transaction: Outputs

metadata

input(s)


```
{
"hash":"5a42590fbe0a90ee8e8747244d6c84f0db1a3a24e8f1b95b10c9e050990b8b6b",
"ver":1,
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"in":[
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  "prev_out":{
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   "n":0
  },
  "scriptSig":"3f3a4ce81...."
 }
],
```


```
"out": [
  {
    "value": 1012287097
    "scriptPubKey": "OP_DUP OP_HASH160 69e02e18b5705a05dd6b28ed517716c894b3d42e
                    OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG
    },
}
```

Output amount in $1/10^8$ Bitcoints (in "satoshi"s)

Output script

Type of script

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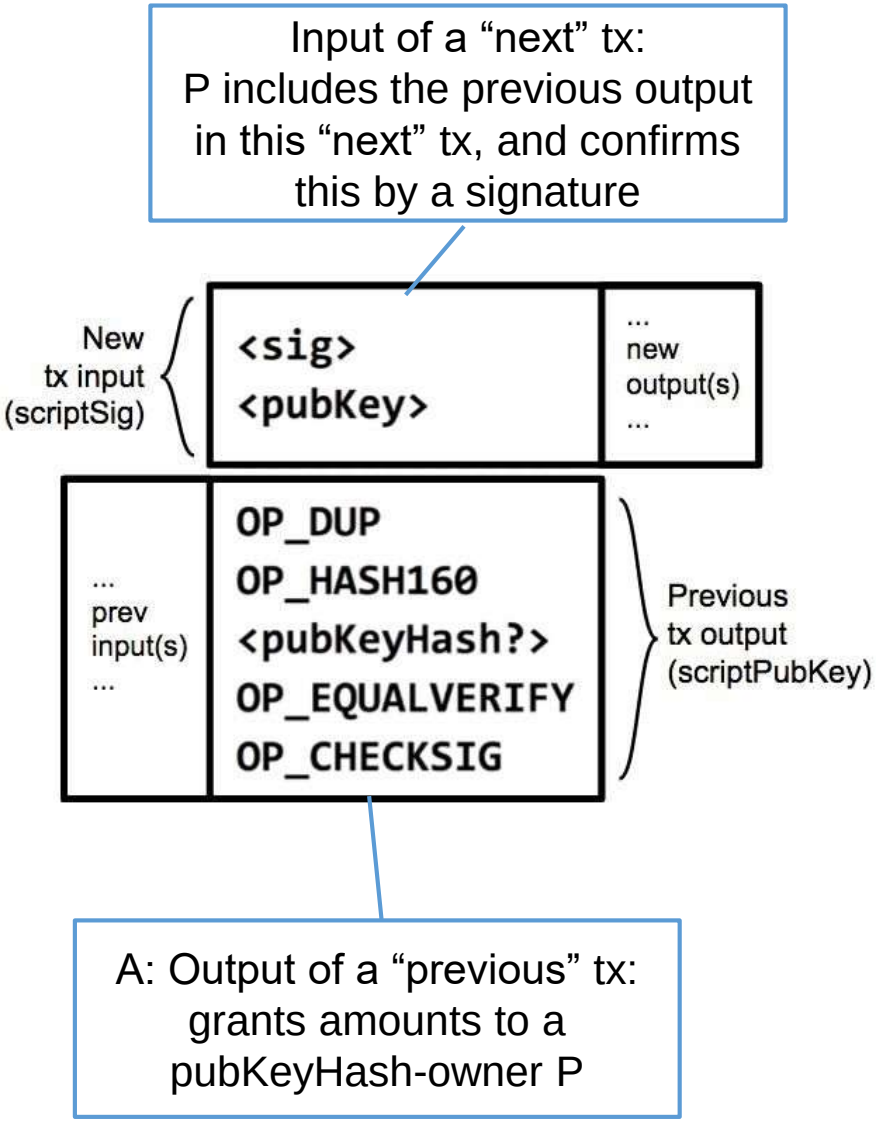
Bitcoin Scripts

- Output specifications are scripts in a simple language
- Scripting allows for future extensibility of Bitcoin
- Script or “Bitcoin Scripting Language”
  - Max. 256 operations (incl. 75 reserved, 15 blocked)
  - No loops (=> not Turing-complete), but powerful ops
  - Stack based: inputs/outputs are put on stack, operations work on the top stack elements
- Conventions:
  - <data>: put “data” on top of stack
  - OP_...: perform operation OP_...

Pay-to-Pub-Key-Hash: Most Common Script

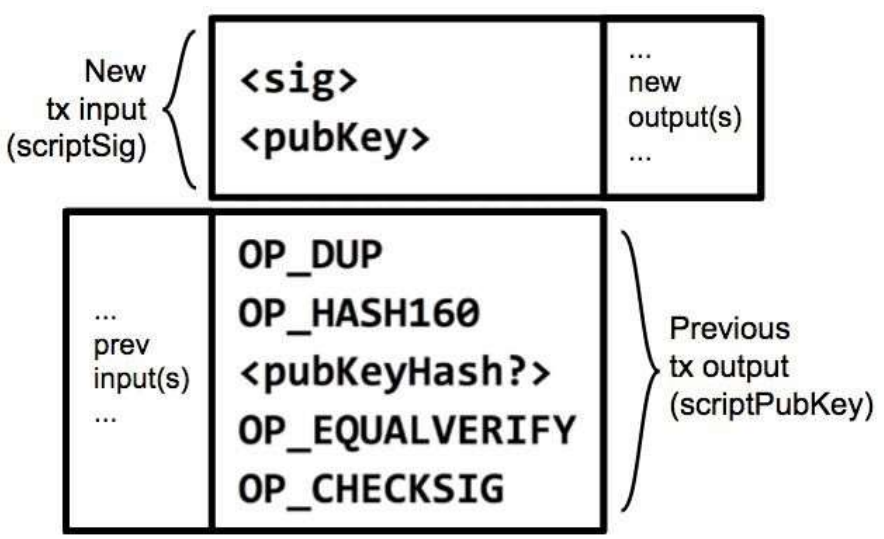
- "**scriptPubKey**": "OP_DUP OP_HASH160 69e02e18… OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG
- Output part of a transfer/redeem script
  - Means: "This amount can be redeemed by the public key that hashes to address X, plus a signature from the owner of that public key"
- To redeem, we need **scriptSig** with two additional inputs (from a next, i.e. redeem-transaction):
  - <sig>: signature of the next (input) tx, signed by the receiver this tx
  - <pubKey>: public key of the receiver of this tx

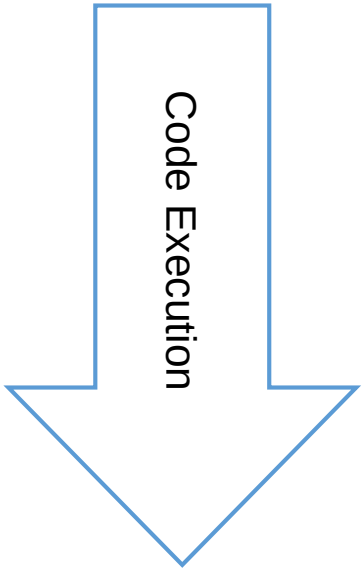
Reedeming: scriptPubKey + scriptSig



- A: locking script (**scriptPubKey**): found in previous transaction output, specifies requirements for redeeming transaction
- B: unlocking script (**scriptSig**): found in transaction input, provided by the spender to redeem the output of a previous transaction
- Bitcoin validating node will execute the locking and unlocking scripts in sequence

Execution Details





"scriptPubKey": "

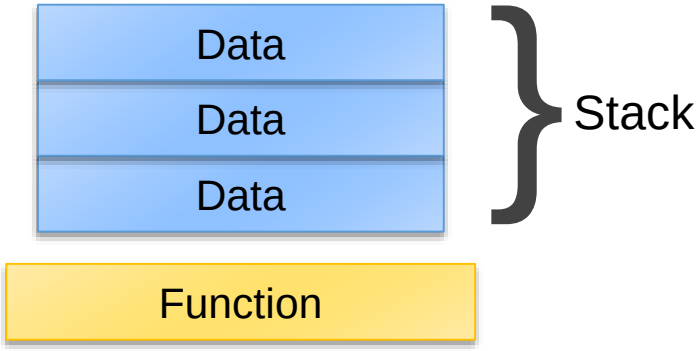
OP_DUP

OP_HASH160

69e02e18b5705a05d.....

OP_EQUALVERIFY

OP_CHECKSIG"



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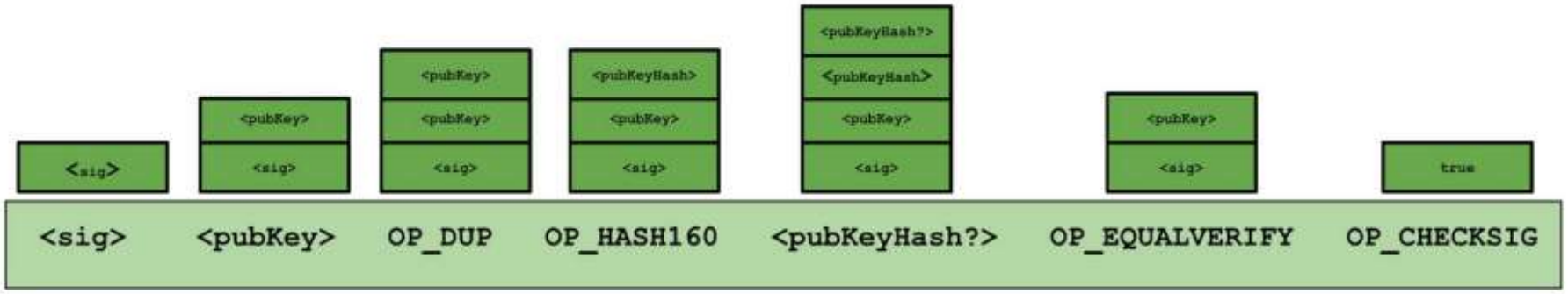
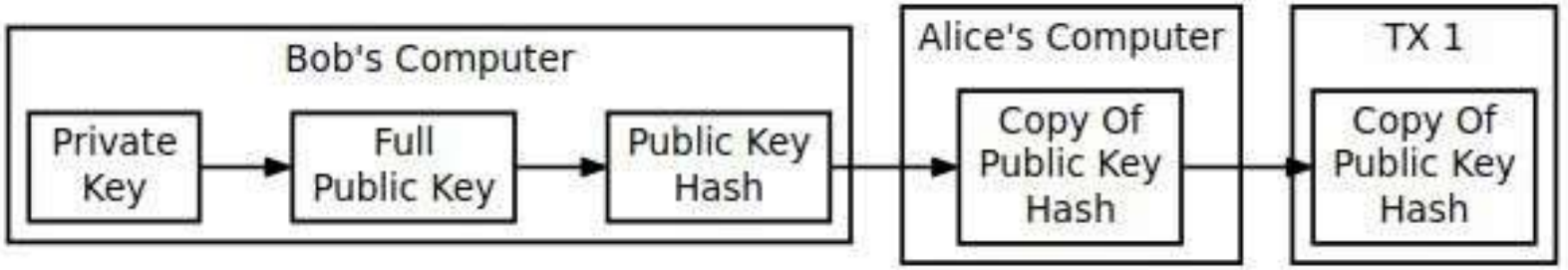
Operations Read and Write to Top of Stack



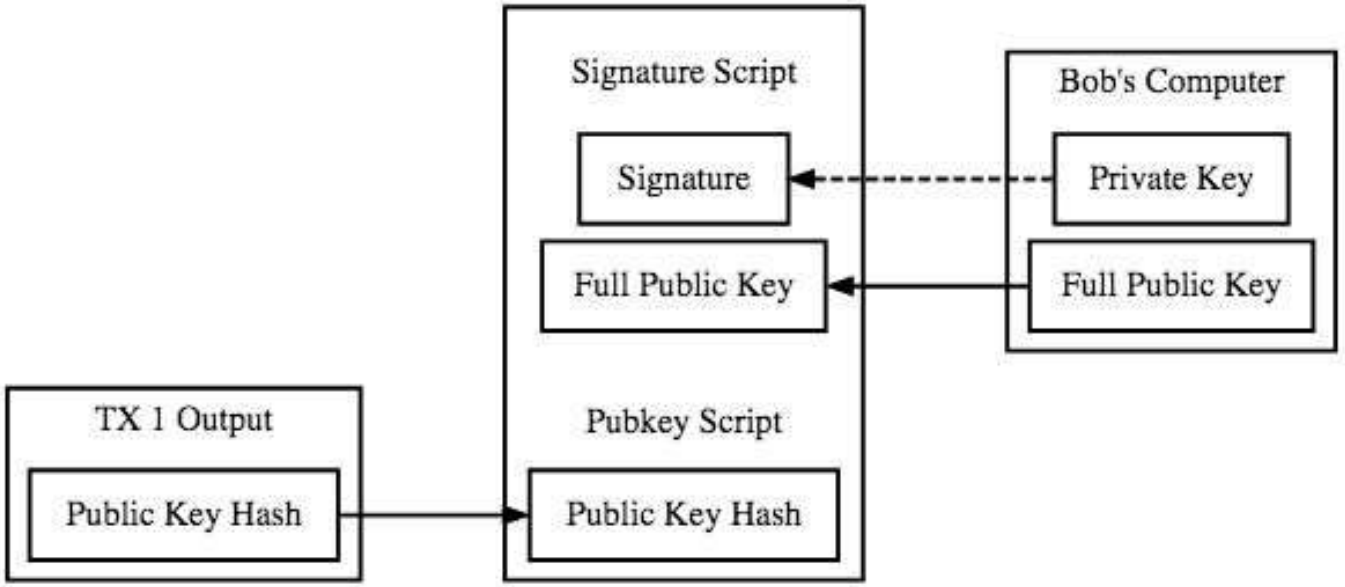
Some Common Script Operations

OP_DUP	Duplicates the top item on the stack
OP_HASH160	Hashes twice: first using SHA-256 and then RIPEMD-160
OP_EQUALVERIFY	Returns true if the inputs are equal. Returns false and marks the transaction as invalid if they are unequal
OP_CHECKSIG	Checks that the input signature is a valid signature using the input public key for the hash of the current transaction
OP_CHECKMULTISIG	Checks that the *k* signatures on the transaction are valid signatures from *k* of the specified public keys.

Pay-to-Pub-Key-Hash Example (A pays B)

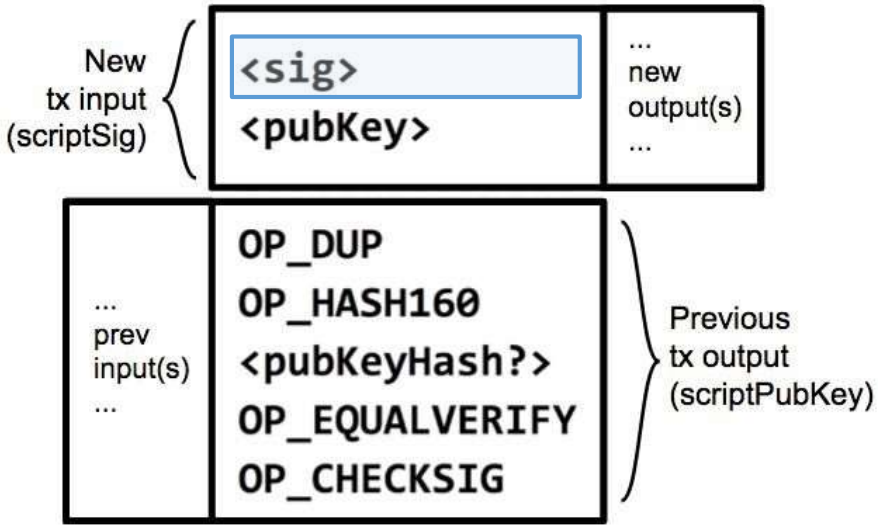


Creating A P2PKH Public Key Hash To Receive Payment



Spending A P2PKH Output

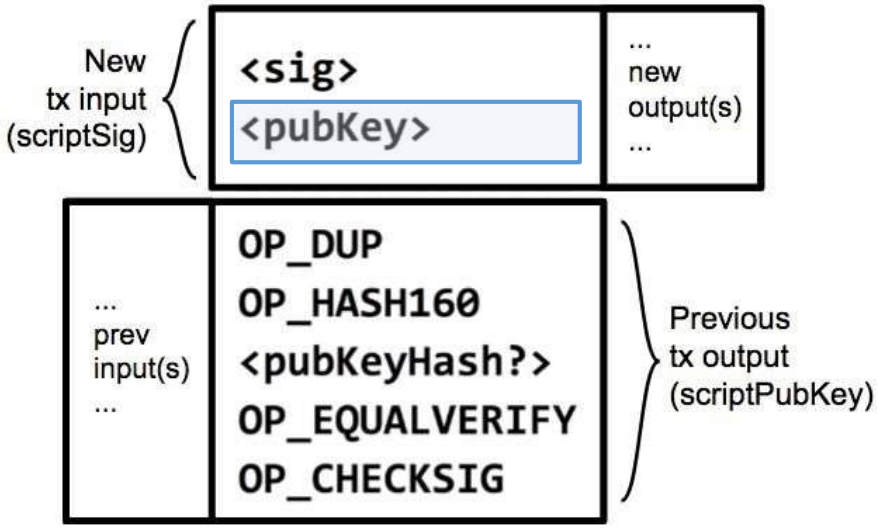
Pay-to-Pub-Key-Hash Example

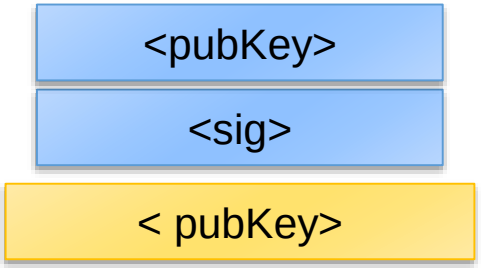


"next" tx

"previous" tx

Pay-to-Pub-Key-Hash Example





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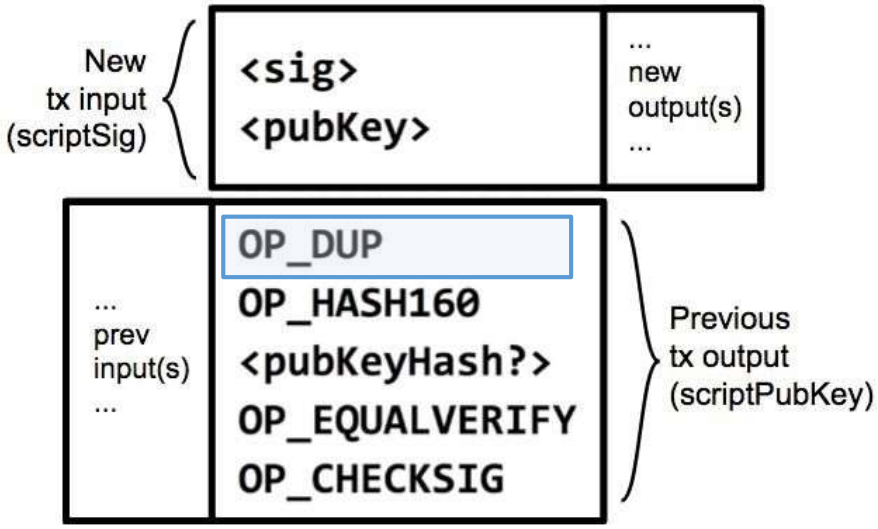

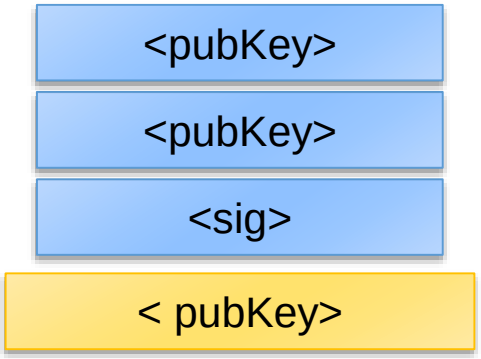

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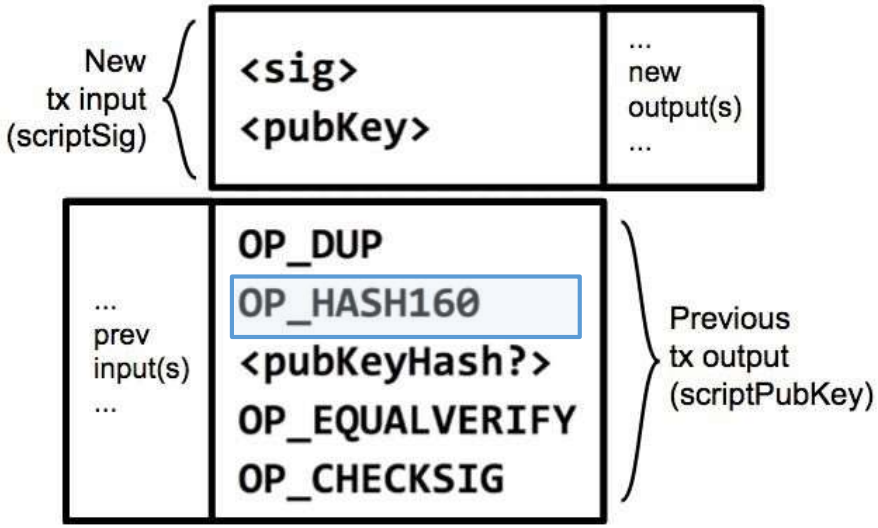

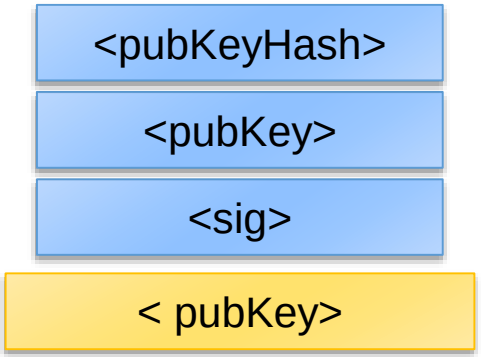

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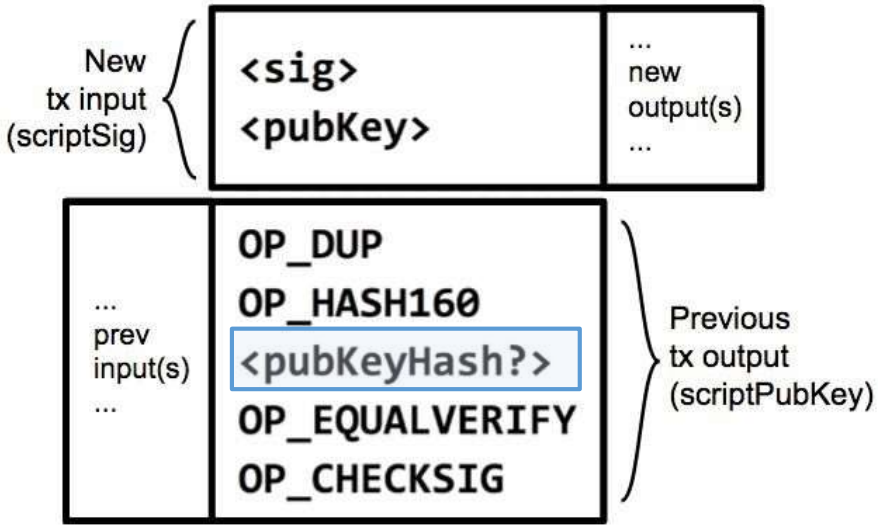

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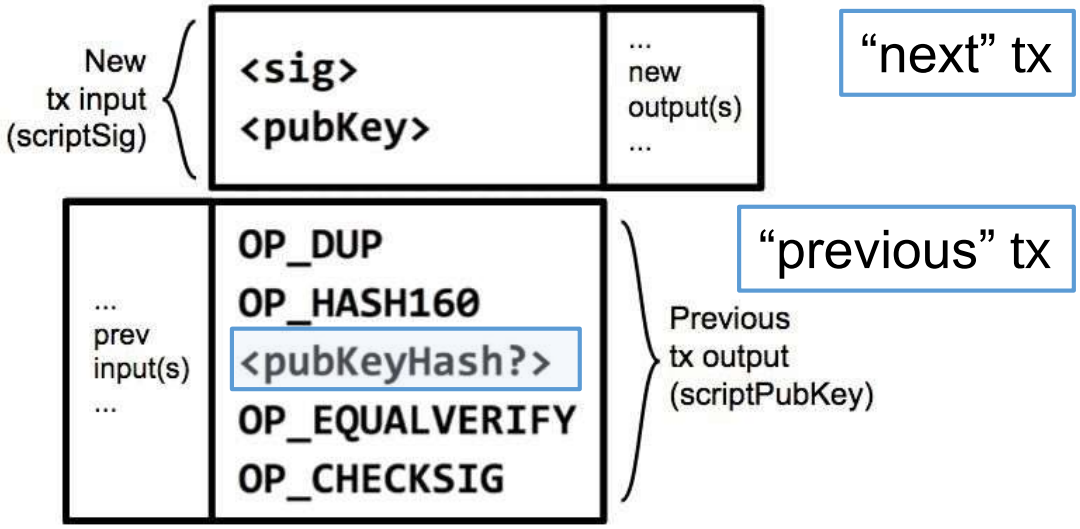
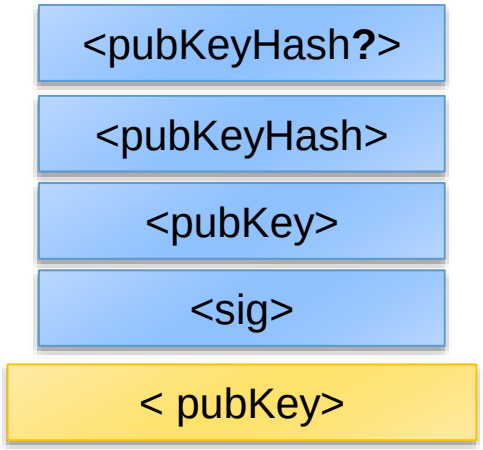
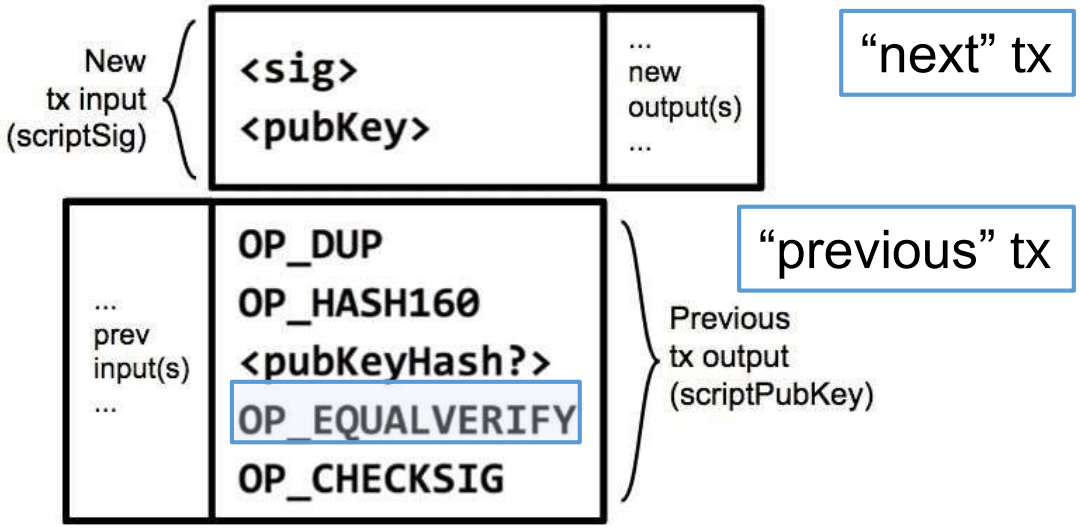




<pubKeyHash?> is the hash of a public key (of the BTC recipient R) that the sender S specified in the "previous" tx

- the corresponding private key of R must be used to generate the signature to redeem these coins in the "next" tx

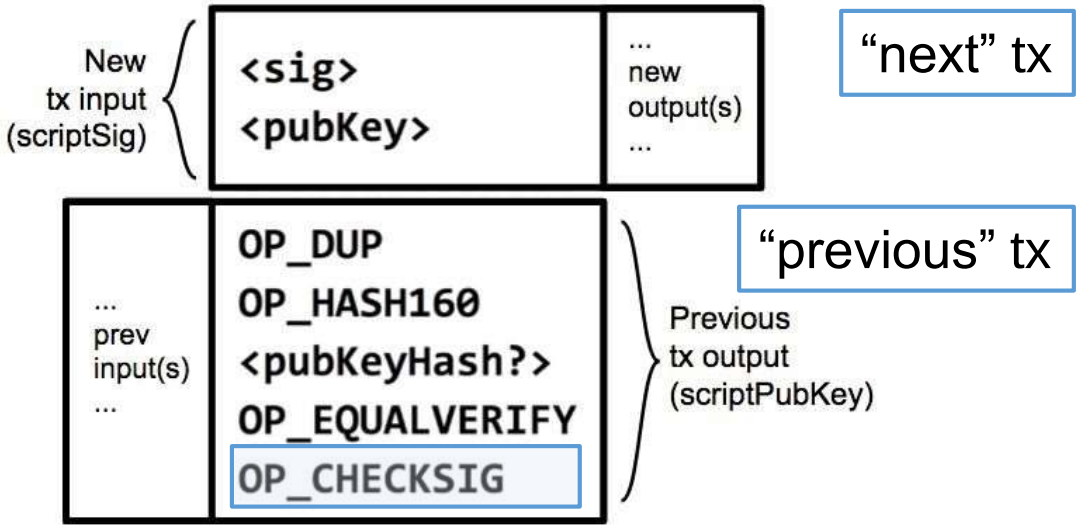
Pay-to-Pub-Key-Hash Example

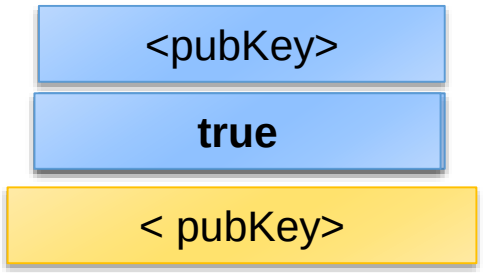


EQUALVERIFY command checks that the two values at the top of the stack are equal

- If they aren't, an error will be thrown, and the script will stop executing

Pay-to-Pub-Key-Hash Example

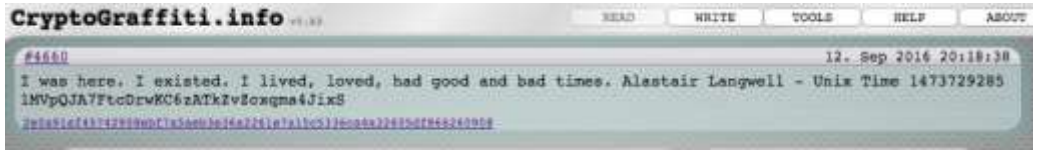




OP_CHECKSIG command checks if the signature (of the "next" tx) is valid

- It pops those two values off of the stack, and does the entire signature verification in one go

Proof of Burn



Output script: OP_RETURN

<arbitrary data>

- How to write arbitrary data into the Bitcoin BC?
- Proof of Burn
  - OP_RETURN throws an error if reached
  - Output script can't be spent - you prove that you destroyed some currency
  - Anything after OP_RETURN is not processed, so arbitrary data can be entered
- Use cases
  - Prove existence of something at a particular point in time
  - Ex. A word you coined, hash of a document/music/creative works
  - Bootstrap altcoin by requiring that you destroy some Bitcoin to get altcoin

P2SH

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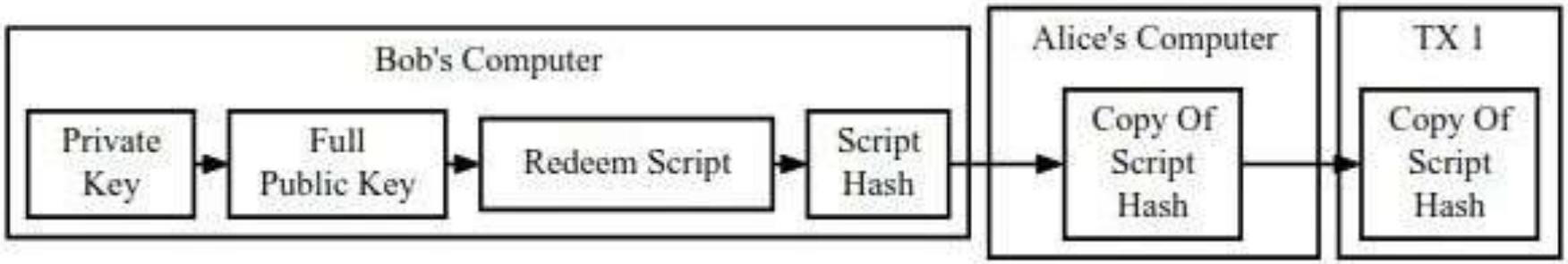
P2PKH vs. P2SH

- In Bitcoin, senders specify a locking script, recipients provide an unlocking script
  - Pay-to-Pub-Key-Hash (**P2PKH**): Vendor (recipient of transaction) says “Send your coins to the hash of this Public Key.”
  - Simplest case, by far the most common case
- Pay-to-Script-Hash (**P2SH**): Vendor says “Send your coins to the hash of this Script; I will provide the script and the data to make the script evaluate to true when I redeem the coins.”
  - A vendor cannot say, “To pay me, write a complicated output script that will allow me to spend using multiple signatures.”

Creating a P2SH Redeem Script Hash



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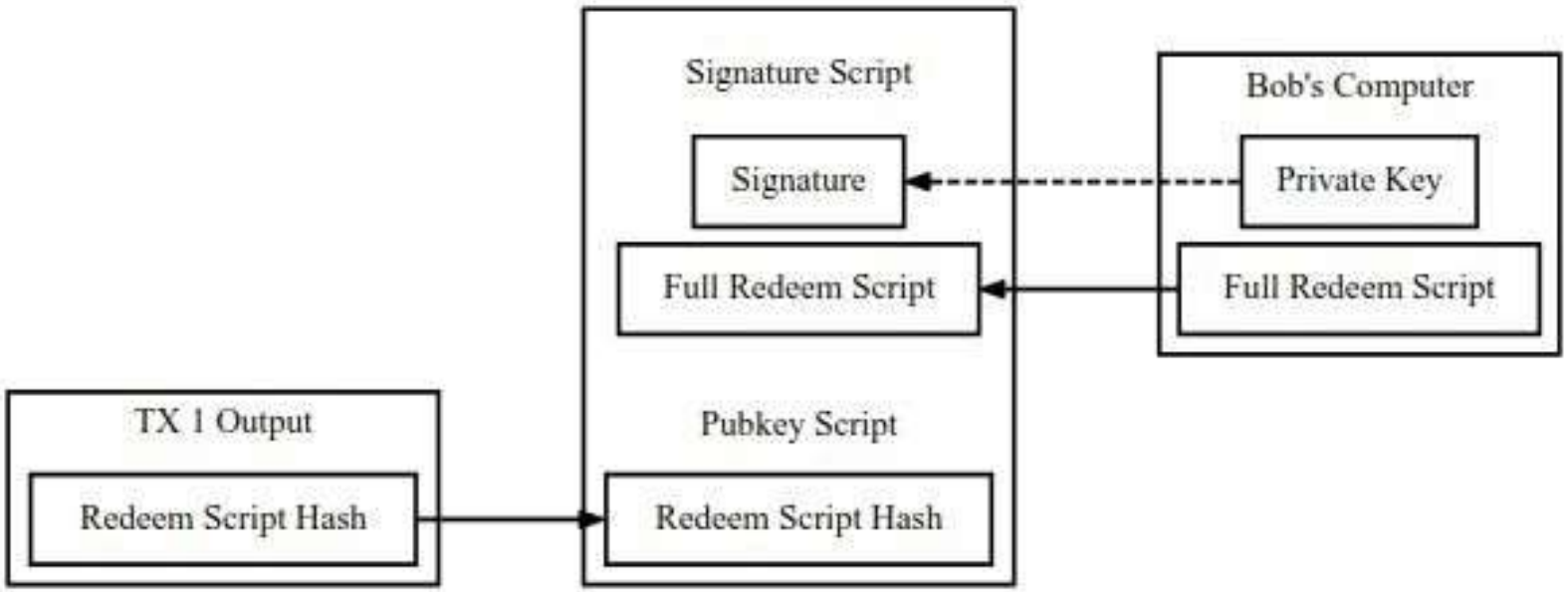
Spending a P2SH Output

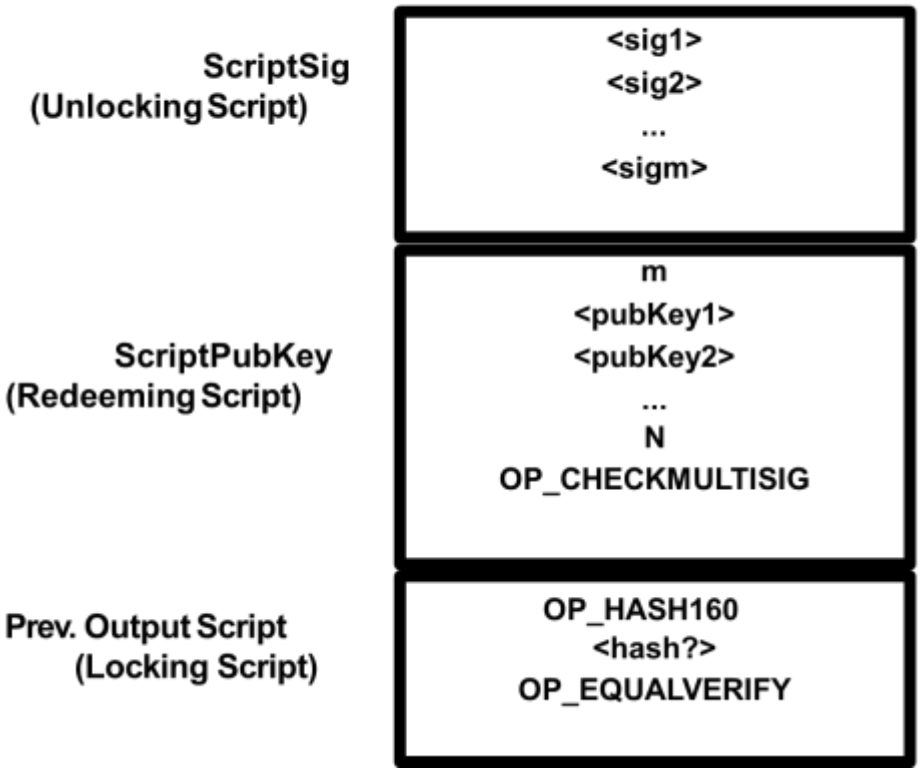


Spending A P2SH Output

Why P2SH?

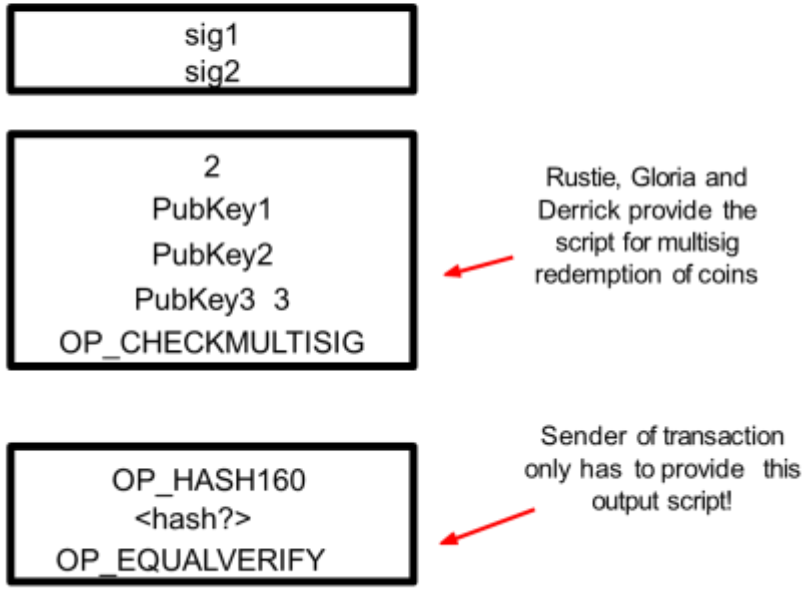
- Offloads complicated script writing to recipients
- Makes more sense from a vendor-customer standpoint
  - Vendor (rather than customer) is responsible for writing correct and secure script
  - Customer doesn't care what the script actually is
- P2SH is the most important improvement to Bitcoin since inception
- Example: MultiSig
  - M of N specified signatures can redeem and spend the output of this transaction

Multisig Example



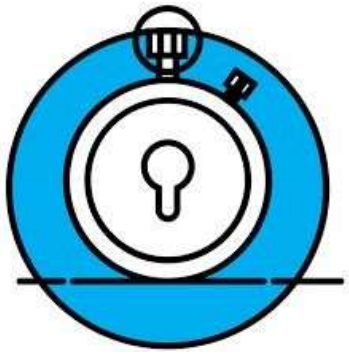
e.g. Rustie, Gloria and Derrick are in charge of a joint account and make all spending decisions together:

2 of 3 MultiSig



Timelocks

- Extend bitcoin scripting into the dimension of time
- Absolute and relative timelocks
  - Absolute timelocks specify UNIX timestamp
  - Relative timelocks specify block height



- Transaction-level and script-level timelocks
  - Transaction-level: the transaction itself will be postponed until the specified time
  - UTXO-level: the locking script restricts use of specific UTXOs

Further Resources

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