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# Overview




- The Basics
  - CoW Protocol orders: signing of typed data
  - ~~ERC~~ ERC-1271: signature validation standard
- Smart Contract Wallet Orders
  - Safe: How to trade without gas fees
- Smart Orders!

# The Basics: CoW Protocol Orders




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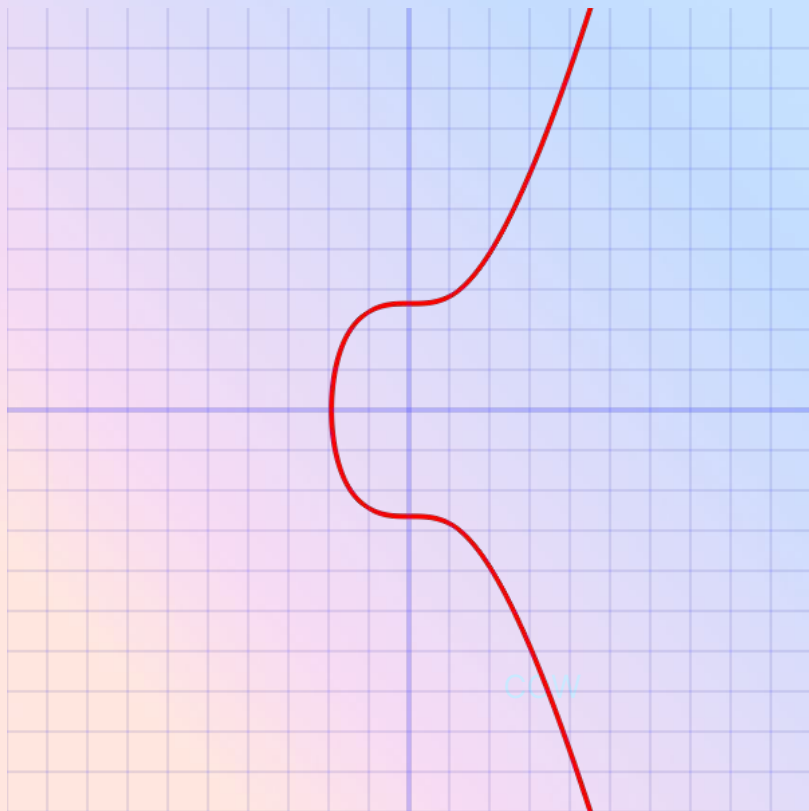
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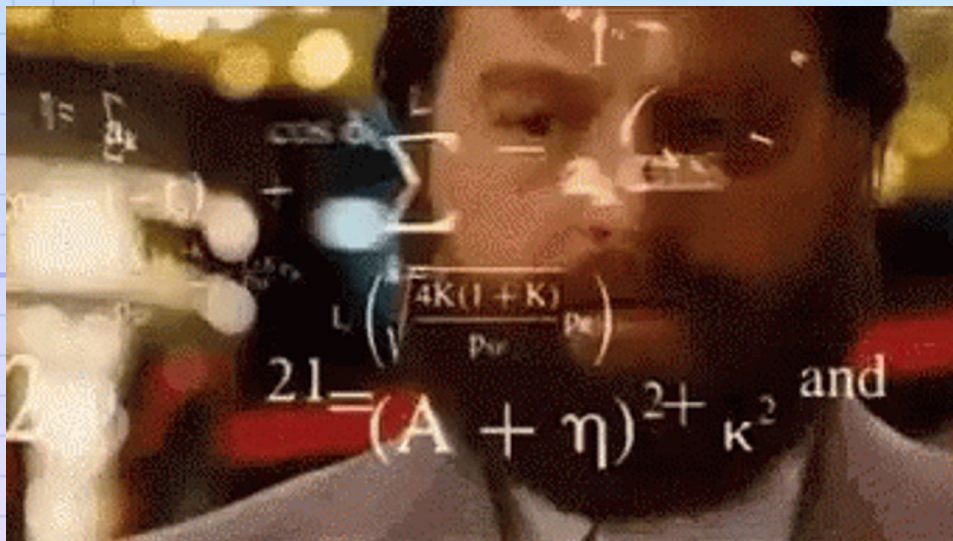
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A curved blue arrow pointing from the cow icon in the code block to the hash in the bottom block.

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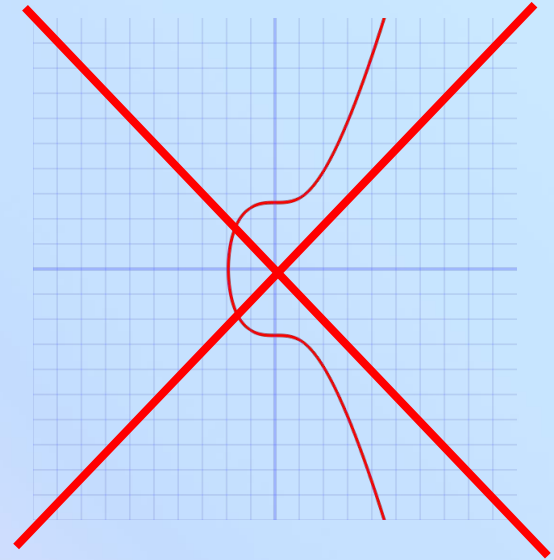
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{  
  r: 0x5fbaa83541e63bf1df21562b6a1e0ece3131cac8ea6e2bbdf34fcca5564b8d4,  
  s: 0x5ff4448e23eec5b9f1a99d89669c6d7a5fa2b64fc7603527f3f03a5d5eb0c791,  
  v: 0x1b,  
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# The Basics: ERC-1271



- Smart Contracts have no private key
- They can't sign things with ECDSA!
- Another signature scheme is needed...




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```
interface IERC1271 {  
    function isValidSignature(  
        bytes32 hash,  
        bytes calldata signature  
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signer.isValidSignature(hash, signature)
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```
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  r: 0x996bf96eaf6fcfd6902c1b8cff0c63b96935ecc5cde85ac9b543559510c552d7,  
  s: 0x099caf042f7851c1bef77493670c5e4e0b1e1c6f40f0f6386575255792c072cc,  
  v: 0x1b,  
}
```



```
interface SafeMessage {  
  message: bytes;  
}
```





```
[
  {
    r: 0xc5ad973ec926ef70a48dcafc7ff0f8d09deb89d407b243d5fa8e322ac6e28716,
    s: 0x1808309bcaa3c52fa0ec071746fe9c3e8e408cc4b202f07d35f1bffd05ae3a50,
    v: 0x1b,
  },
  {
    r: 0xc633eeaf67970c7fa2fb81bf76b49b32a345c2427f8710652d0011ab340ea9c9,
    s: 0x6fc535af304a0674cafd68bc6979aa48f6beb36e233c37d7dd36925bd07a6865,
    v: 0x1b,
  },
  {
    r: 0xe2ef4e4f15f8d1602c6b7636a8305b02b4bd856cf6507196eac46882ffc28179,
    s: 0x7d4b4a741f7c2348d89c6031f59d338b5adaf95b7d709e6c139e39e7bae5a3b9,
    v: 0x1c,
  },
  // ...
]
```



# Safe



1. Collected signatures from Safe owners encoded into bytes
2. Foreach signature in decoded from **signature** bytes:
  - a. ECDSA recover the signer
  - b. Verify that it is indeed a Safe owner
3. Check that # of signatures is greater than owner threshold

<https://barn.explorer.cow.fi/goerli/orders/0x71cff2646c6ca7b26844fdada874db8f20ff10cc831ffc8ba381b77dc185279fd64d6de7a7630d7a63f133b882ac44427d88555562e77d0e>





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## Order details

71cff264

Order Id:	71cff264
From:	0xd64d6de7a7630d7a63f133b882ac44427d885555
To:	0xd64d6de7a7630d7a63f133b882ac44427d885555
Transaction Hash:	0x3d3c0f6ec4877457d1039ec2a22fde655b2b714ea034ba23e6b8140ea97ee6ba
Status:	Filled
Submission Time:	1 August 2022 - 8:43 AM
Expiration Time:	1 August 2022 - 9:13 AM
Type:	Sell order (Fill or Kill)
Amount:	<div><div>From1.000</div><div>CoW Protocol Token (COW)</div><div>To at least0,078466860733826189</div><div>Wrapped Ether (WETH)</div></div>
Limit Price:	12.689,8826 COW for WETH
Execution Price:	12.562,9731 COW for WETH
Filled:	<div><div></div><div>100%</div><div>1.000 COW sold for a total of 0,079259522843733355 WETH</div></div>
Order Surplus:	+1,01% 0,000792662109907166 WETH
Fees:	4,2647 COW
AppData:	0x00

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# Smart Orders



<b>DEX</b>	
<b>DEX Aggregator</b>	
<b>CoW Swap</b>	
<b>Smart Orders</b>	

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# Good After Time (GAT) Orders



- Only become valid after a certain timestamp
- Not supported by CoW Protocol orders
  - Only `validTo` field is supported in “native” orders
- Check block timestamp in `isValidSignature` call
  - Revert if the block is too recent
- Order would automatically “get picked up” once it becomes valid



```
contract GATOrder is IERC1271 {
    bytes32 public orderHash;

    constructor(
        bytes32 orderHash_
    ) {
        orderHash = orderHash_;
    }

    function isValidSignature(
        bytes32 hash,
        bytes calldata
    ) external view returns (bytes4 magicValue) {
        require(hash == orderHash, "invalid order");
        magicValue = ERC1271_MAGIC_VALUE;
    }
}
```



```
@@ -1,9 +1,16 @@
contract GATOrder is IERC1271 {
+   address immutable public owner;
+   IERC20 immutable public sellToken;
+
+   bytes32 public orderHash;

+   constructor(
+       address owner_,
+       IERC20 sellToken_,
+       bytes32 orderHash_
+   ) {
+       owner = owner_;
+       sellToken = sellToken_;
+       orderHash = orderHash_;
+   }

@@ -14,4 +21,10 @@ contract GATOrder is IERC1271 {
    require(hash == orderHash, "invalid order");
    magicValue = ERC1271_MAGIC_VALUE;
}

+   function cancel() public {
+       require(msg.sender == owner, "not the owner");
+       orderHash = bytes32(0);
+       sellToken.transfer(owner, sellToken.balanceOf(address(this)));
+   }
}
```





```
@@ -1,16 +1,19 @@
contract GATOrder is IERC1271 {
    address immutable public owner;
    IERC20 immutable public sellToken;
+   uint32 immutable public validFrom;

    bytes32 public orderHash;

    constructor(
        address owner_,
        IERC20 sellToken_,
+       uint32 validFrom_,
        bytes32 orderHash_
    ) {
        owner = owner_;
        sellToken = sellToken_;
+       validFrom = validFrom_;
        orderHash = orderHash_;
    }

@@ -19,6 +22,7 @@ contract GATOrder is IERC1271 {
    bytes calldata
    ) external view returns (bytes4 magicValue) {
        require(hash == orderHash, "invalid order");
+       require(block.timestamp >= validFrom, "not mature");
        magicValue = ERC1271_MAGIC_VALUE;
    }
```



```
@@ -9,12 +40,15 @@ contract GATOrder is IERC1271 {
    address owner_,
    IERC20 sellToken_,
    uint32 validFrom_,
-   bytes32 orderHash_,
+   bytes32 orderHash_,
+   ICoWSwapSettlement settlement
    ) {
        owner = owner_;
        sellToken = sellToken_;
        validFrom = validFrom_;
        orderHash = orderHash_;
+
+       sellToken_.approve(settlement.vaultRelayer(), type(uint256).max);
    }

    function isValidSignature(
```



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```
contract GATOrders is ICoWSwapOnchainOrders {
    using GPv2Order for *;

    function place(
        Data calldata data,
        bytes32 salt
    ) external returns (bytes memory orderUid) {
        GPv2Order.Data memory order = GPv2Order.Data({
            // ...
        });
        bytes32 orderHash = order.hash(domainSeparator);

        GATOrder instance = new GATOrder(salt: salt)(
            msg.sender,
            data.sellToken,
            data.validFrom,
            orderHash,
            settlement
        );

        data.sellToken.transferFrom(
            msg.sender,
            address(instance),
            data.sellAmount + data.feeAmount
        );

        orderUid = new bytes(GPv2Order.UID_LENGTH);
        orderUid.packOrderUidParams(orderHash, address(instance), data.validTo);
    }
}
```

# Good After Time (GAT) Orders



1. Trader approves `GATOrders` factory contract
2. Calls `place` function:
  - a. Specify additional `validFrom` parameter
  - b. Create a `GATOrder` instance
  - c. Transfer sell tokens to the “smart order” and sets approval to settlement `vaultRelayer` contract
3. Order is ready!



```
curl -s -X POST 'https://barn.api.cow.fi/rinkeby/api/v1/orders' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  --data @- <<JSON
{
  "sellToken": "0xc778417e063141139fce010982780140aa0cd5ab",
  "buyToken": "0xa7d1c04faf998f9161fc9f800a99a809b84cfc9d",
  "receiver": "0xb2483cc35ecea7398b9264525a330164fa75b81e",
  "sellAmount": "10000000000000000",
  "buyAmount": "10000000000000000000",
  "validTo": 1663100061,
  "appData": "0x7944b94bcb23280256c22571041ad30bbf4c4201bfebb3fb5761173b73e9a545",
  "feeAmount": "5000000000000000",
  "kind": "sell",
  "partiallyFillable": false,
  "sellTokenBalance": "erc20",
  "buyTokenBalance": "erc20",
  "from": "0xbd01f60185b9abe7f4b9d7767178f5e2cf398582",
  "signingScheme": "eip1271",
  "signature": "0x"
}
JSON
```

# Good After Time (GAT) Orders



1. Submit smart order to the API
2. Signature is validated before every auction
  - a. Checks that `block.timestamp >= validFrom`
3. Once order matures, it automatically gets included in the next auction
4. CoW Protocol calls `isValidSignature` on-chain
  - a. Trustless guarantees that the order won't get matched before its actually mature

# Getting Rid of the API Call



```
@@ -59,6 +59,13 @@ contract GATOrders is ICoWSwapOnchainOrders {
    data.sellAmount + data.feeAmount
    );

+    OnchainSignature memory signature = OnchainSignature({
+        scheme: OnchainSigningScheme.Eip1271,
+        data: hex""
+    });
+
+    emit OrderPlacement(address(instance), order, signature, data.meta);
+
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- Smart orders don't require special integration - **just an on-chain contract that follows the ERC-1271 standard**

# Thank you



## Stop searching **for better prices**



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