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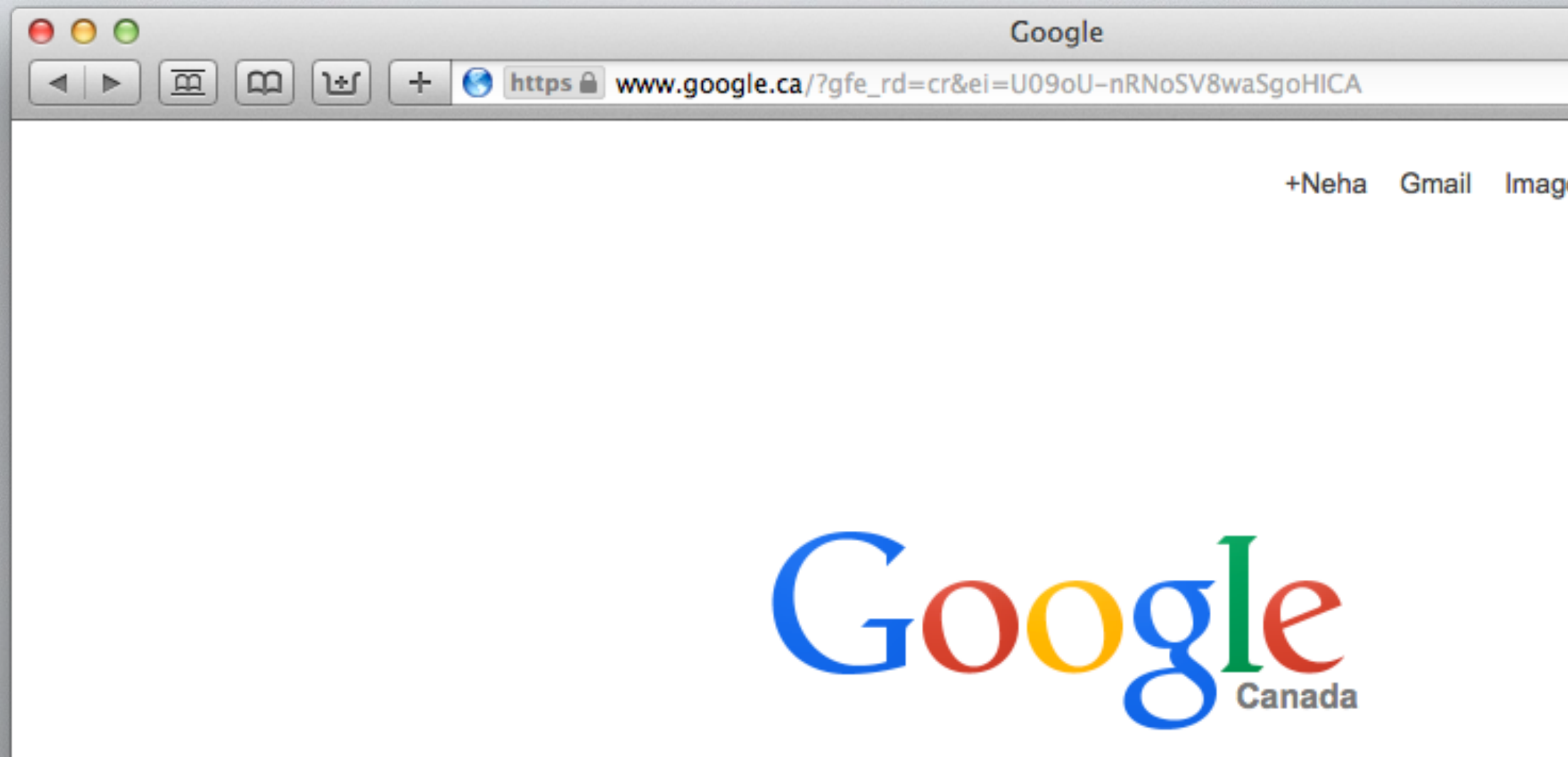


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- * *Protocol:* BEAST, CRIME, LUCKY 13, Triple Handshake, RC4 attacks, Renegotiation

- * *CAs:* Comodo, DigiNotar, TURKTRUST, TeliaSonera

- * *Implementation:* GoTo Fail (Apple & GnuTLS)



SSL/TLS

Heartbleed

Software error in popular SSL library OpenSSL

Allowed anyone connected over HTTPS to a server can have it leak ~64KB of whatever is in memory

Passwords, social security numbers (Revenue Canada), private SSL/TLS keys (Cloudflare)



SSL/TLS

Revocation

Certificates are issued by hundreds of trusted CAs — any CA can issue a cert for any site!

Each time you visit https, you ping the CA to see if cert is still valid — fails open!

No great alternative



SSL/TLS

Primitive	Security Properties Offered			Evaluation of Impact on HTTPS					
	A	B	C	Security & Privacy		Deployability		Usability	
Key Pinning (Client History)	○ ○ ○			● ● ●		● ● ● ●			
Key Pinning (Server)	○ ○ ○			● ●		● ● ● ●		● ●	●
Key Pinning (Preloaded)	● ● ● ●			○ ● ●	●	○ ● ●		● ○ ●	●
Key Pinning (DNS)	● ● ● ●			○ ● ●		○ ● ●		● ○ ●	●
Multipath Probing	● ●				●	● ● ●		●	
Channel-bound Credentials	○			● ● ●		● ● ● ●		● ○ ●	●
Credential-bound Channels	○			● ● ●		● ● ● ●		● ○ ●	●
Key Agility/Manifest		●		● ●		● ● ● ●		● ● ●	●
HTTPS-only Pinning (Server)		○ ○		● ●		● ● ● ●		● ● ●	●
HTTPS-only Pinning (Preloaded)		● ● ●		○ ● ●	●	○ ● ●		● ○ ●	●
HTTPS-only Pinning (DNS)		● ● ●		○ ● ●		○ ● ●		● ○ ●	●
Visual Cues for Secure POST			●	● ● ●		● ● ●		●	
Browser-stored CRL			●	○ ● ●	●	● ● ● ●		● ● ●	●
Certificate Status Stapling			●	● ● ●		● ● ● ●		● ○ ●	●
Short-lived Certificates			●	● ● ● ●		● ● ● ●		● ● ●	●
List of Active Certificates			● ●		● ●	● ● ●		● ● ●	●

[IEEE Symp on Security & Privacy 2013]



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Stub Number:

City of Takoma Park, Maryland
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

OFFICIAL BALLOT — WARD 1

Instructions: Vote for candidates by indicating your first-choice candidate, your second-choice candidate, and so on. You are free to rank only a first choice if you wish.

Do not fill in more than one oval per column. Do not fill in more than one oval per candidate. Do not skip numbers in the ranking sequence.

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name in the space provided and fill in one box in the column indicating your ranking of the write-in candidate.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, return it to the judge and get another.

Do not make any identifying marks on your ballot.

When you mark an oval to rank a candidate, a code will be revealed that you may later use to verify your vote online. See the instruction sheet in the voting booth.

MAYOR ALCALDE			
Rank candidates in order of choice Clasifique a los candidatos por orden de preferencia	1st choice 1ra opción	2nd choice 2da opción	3rd choice 3ra opción
Roger B. Schlegel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bruce Williams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<div style="background-color: yellow; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In Candidate/Para añadir a un candidato			

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 1 MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DISTRITO ELECTORAL 1		
Rank candidates in order of choice Clasifique a los candidatos por orden de preferencia	1st choice 1ra opción	2nd choice 2da opción
Josh Wright	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<div style="background-color: yellow; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In Candidate/Para añadir a un candidato		



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Ciudad de Takoma Park, Maryland
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3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2009

BOLETA OFICIAL — DISTRITO ELECTORAL 1

Instrucciones: Vote por los candidatos indicando el candidato que sea su primera opción, el candidato que sea su segunda opción, y así sucesivamente. Si lo desea, puede limitarse a seleccionar solamente al candidato que sea su primera opción.

No rellene más de una casilla por cada columna. No rellene más de una casilla por cada candidato. No salte números en la secuencia de clasificación por orden.

Para votar por una persona cuyo nombre no esté impreso en la boleta, escriba el nombre en el espacio provisto y rellene una casilla en la columna para indicar el orden de clasificación del candidato que se ha añadido.

Si usted comete un error en su boleta, devuélvasela al juez y pida otra.

No haga marcas en su boleta que puedan identificarlo.

Cuando usted marque la casilla para votar por un candidato, verá un código que podrá usar posteriormente para verificar su voto por Internet. Vea la hoja de instrucciones en la cabina de votación.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VERIFYING YOUR VOTE ON-LINE AFTER YOU RETURN HOME
PARA LAS INSTRUCCIONES EN ESPAÑOL VEA AL DORSO

You have the **OPTION** of verifying your vote on-line after you return home. It is **not necessary to do so**. You may ignore this step entirely; your cast ballot will be counted whether or not you do this verification.

If you wish to verify your vote on-line, perform the following steps:

1. Fill out your ballot according to the instructions provided on the ballot. "Confirmation numbers" will appear inside the ovals you mark.
2. **BEFORE YOU CAST YOUR BALLOT** Record the Online Verification Number and the confirmation numbers below, using the narrow tip of the special pen (note that Wards 1-5 will not have a 3rd choice confirmation number for the city council race).

"On-Line Verification Number" from the bottom right corner of your ballot

Confirmation Numbers	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Mayor	<div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>	<div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>	<div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
City Council Member	<div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>	<div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>	<div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>

3. Cast your ballot as usual using the poll-site scanner. **DO NOT CAST THIS SHEET**, but take it home with you.

4. After you have returned home, use a computer with an Internet connection to access the City Clerk's web page: www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk. Here you will see instructions for verifying that the confirmation numbers you wrote down are correctly recorded. Note that the confirmation numbers are randomly generated and cannot be used to determine your vote.

Thank you for verifying your vote!
The Takoma Park Board of Elections

City of Takoma Park, Maryland
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

OFFICIAL BALLOT — WARD 3

Instructions: Vote for candidates by indicating your first-choice candidate, your second-choice candidate, and so on. You are free to rank only a first choice if you wish.

Do not fill in more than one oval per column. Do not fill in more than one oval per candidate. Do not skip numbers in the ranking sequence.

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name in the space provided and fill in one box in the column indicating your ranking of the write-in candidate.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, return it to the judge and get another.

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BOLETA OFICIAL — DISTRITO ELECTORAL 3

Instrucciones: Vote por los candidatos indicando al candidato que sea su primera opción, al candidato que sea su segunda opción, y así sucesivamente. Si lo desea, puede limitarse a seleccionar solamente al candidato que sea su primera opción.

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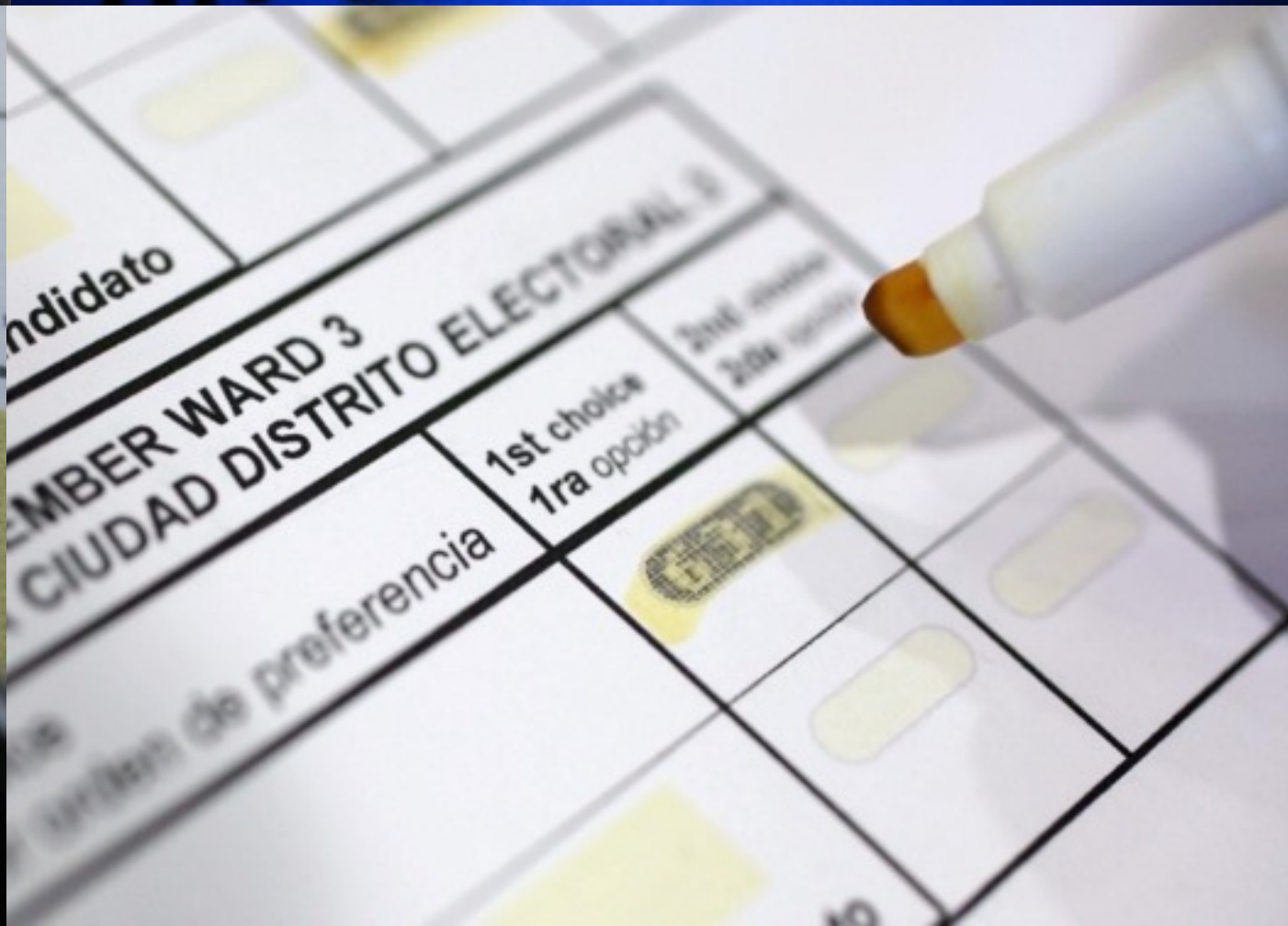
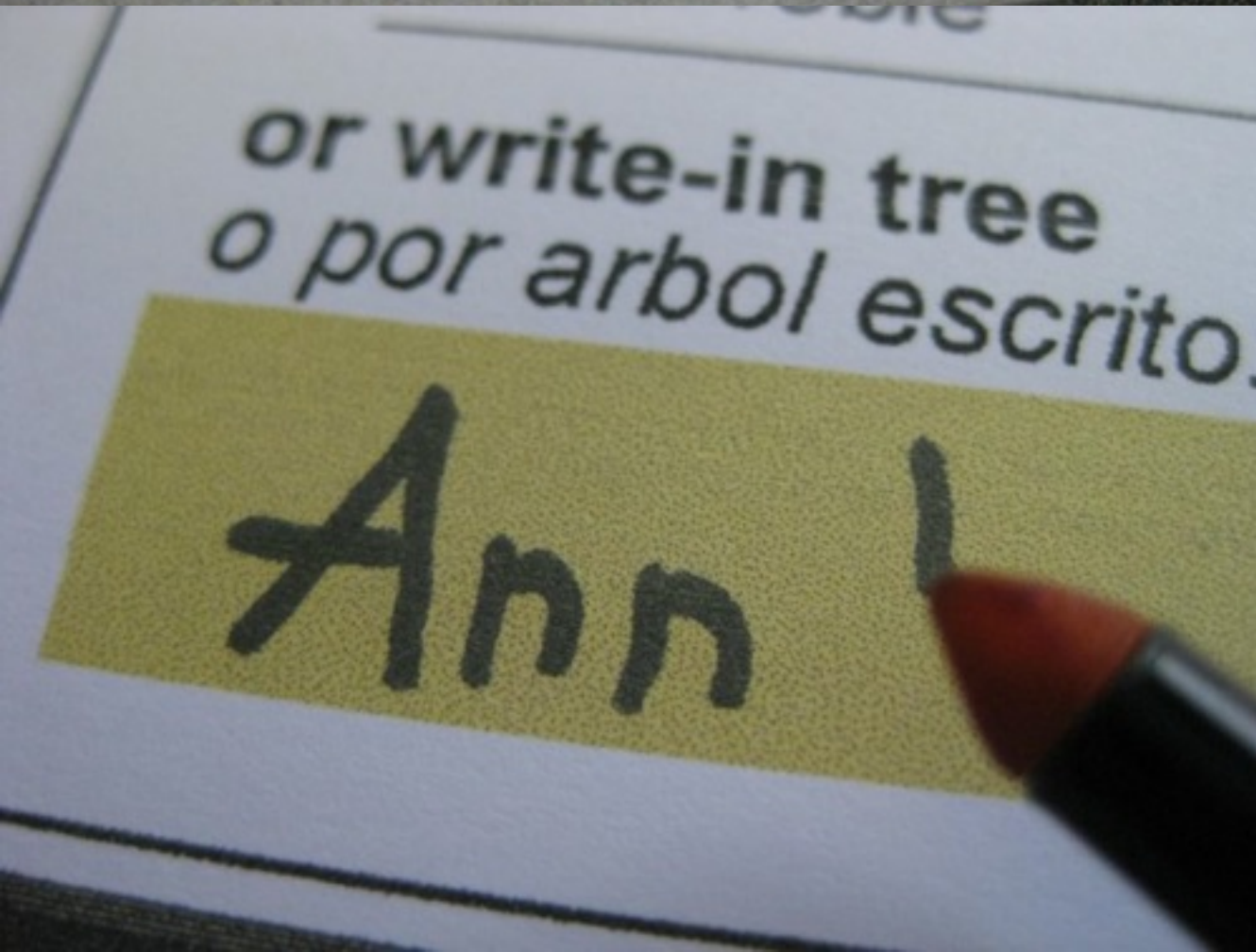
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Roger B. Schlegel	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bruce Williams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Tom Smith	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In Candidate/Para añadir a un candidato	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 3 MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DISTRITO ELECTORAL 3		
Rank candidates in order of choice Clasifique a los candidatos por orden de preferencia	1st choice 1ra opción	2nd choice 2da opción
Dan Robinson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In Candidate/Para añadir a un candidato	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Internet Voting — the new frontier



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What if voters have malware on their computers?
[ACNS 2013]

What if voters sell their passwords or are coerced
in-person to vote a certain way?
[USENIX HotSec 2008, FC 2011, USENIX EVT/WOTE 2012]



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Is the value real?

Should it be regulated? Taxed?

Is it a threat for money laundering or other crime?



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Enables 24/7 international digital transactions that *settle* within minutes and have low fees

Email for money

Programmable money



Bitcoin

Decentralization: No one is in charged, difficult to disrupt

The consensus mechanism can be repurposed for other interesting things: strong timestamping and decentralized markets

[FC 2012, FC 2014, WEIS 2014]



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The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of several red roses. The roses are in various stages of bloom, with some showing deep red petals and others more tightly curled. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the petals. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is positioned at the top of the image, containing the text.

Thank You

Questions?