

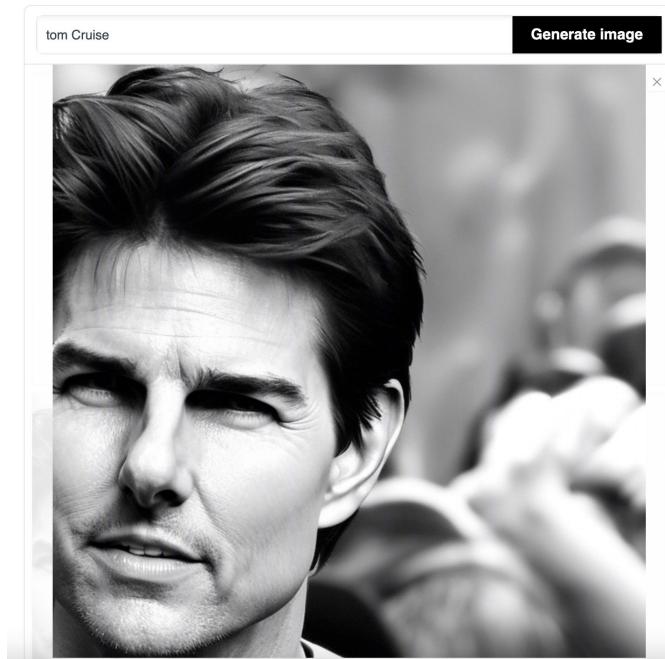
# SIGNET-RING<sup>1,2</sup>: AUTHENTIC AND CONFIDENTIAL SHARING OF DIGITAL OBJECTS

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<sup>1</sup>signet: "a seal used officially to give personal authority to a document in lieu of signature"

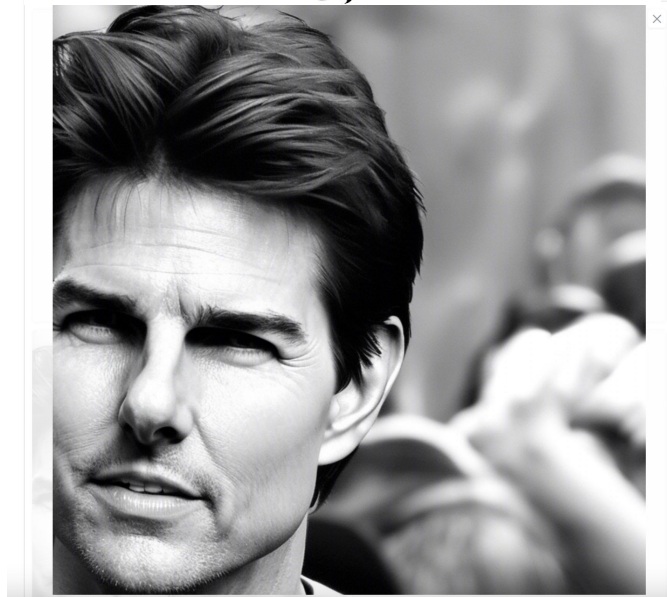
<sup>2</sup>Signet ring: "a finger ring engraved with a signet, seal, or monogram"

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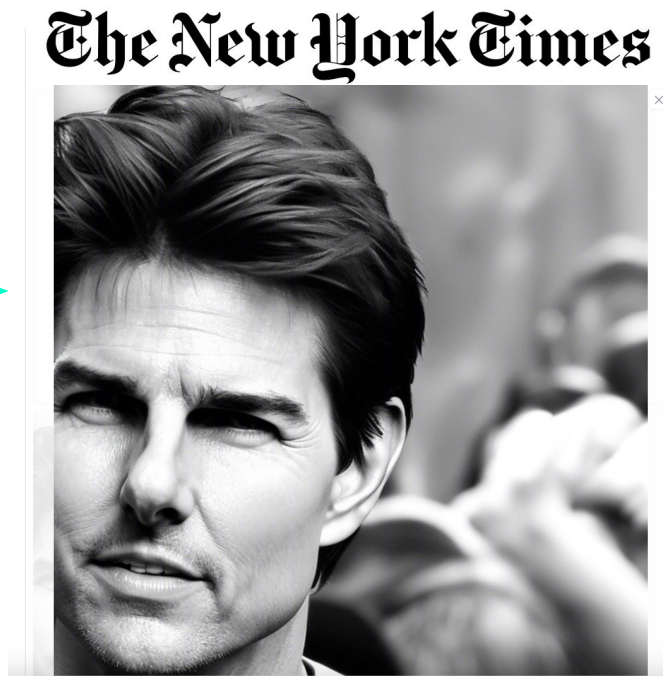


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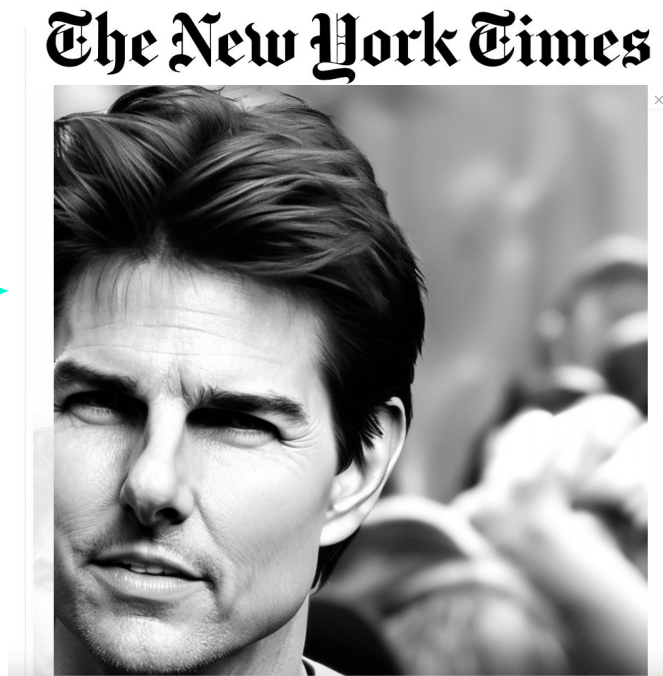
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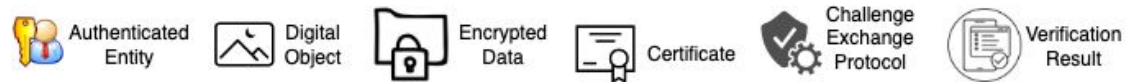
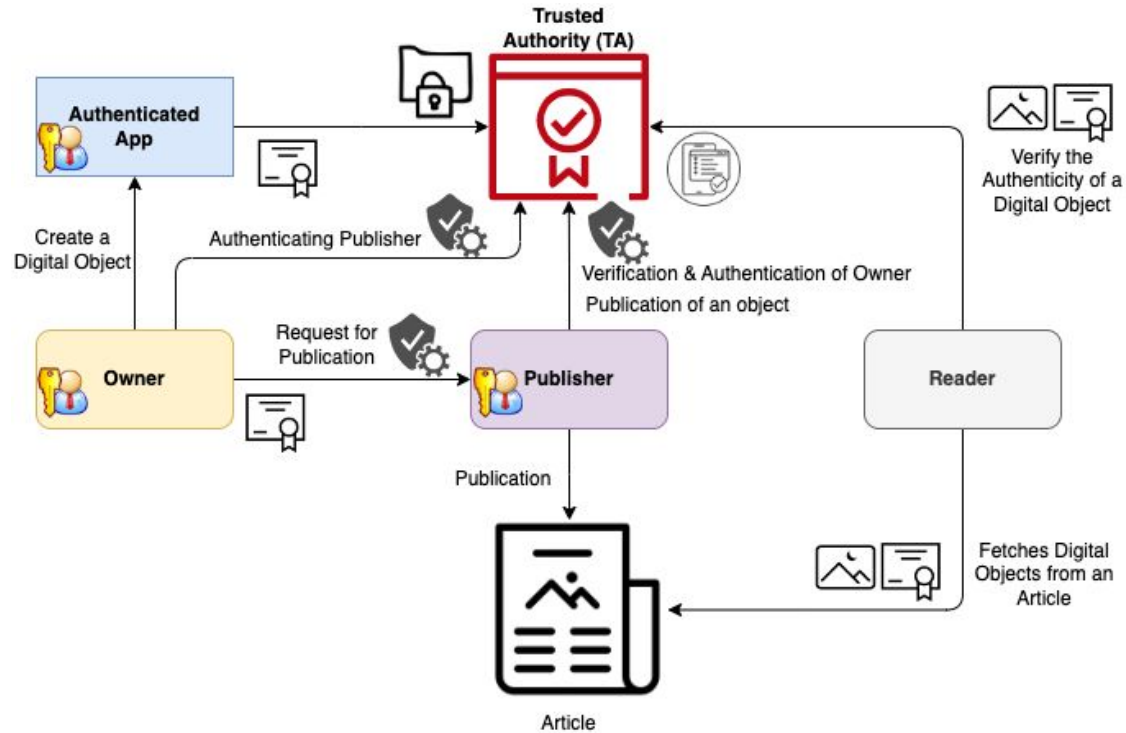
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# PROBLEM STATEMENT

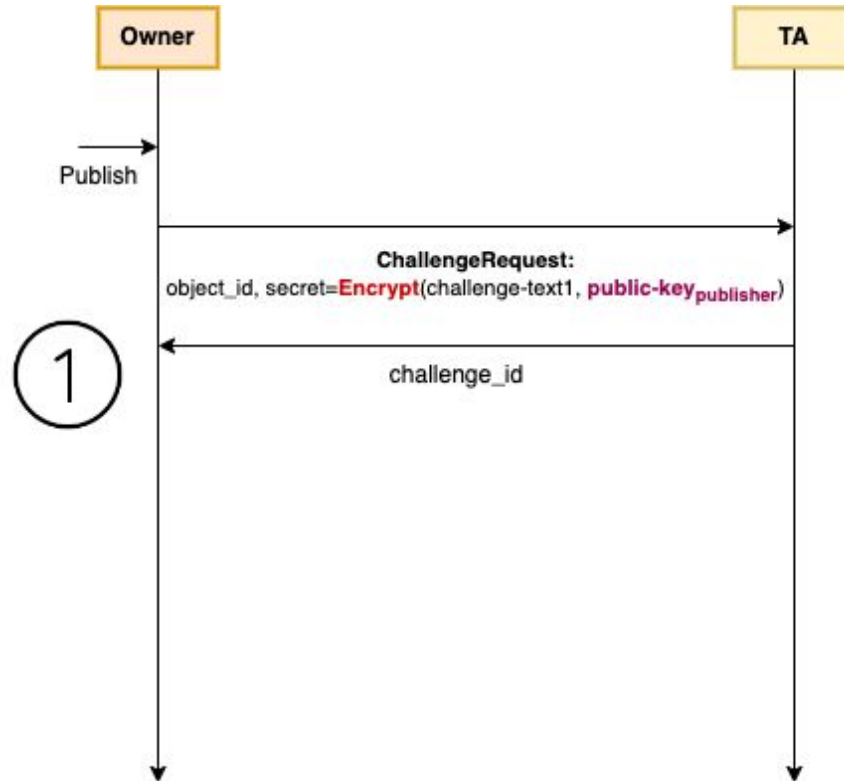
- Design and implement a system that provides robust authentication services with regard to the sharing of digital objects, (photographs, in news publications)
  - Allows a publisher to authenticate the object through a trusted authority and verify that the source is the owner of the object
  - be able to track any edits made to digital objects to preserve authenticity
- Case for authenticity and confidentiality:
  - Rising spread of fake news, our project aims to ensure the authenticity of a published photograph
  - The changing treatment of socially weak information holders by the public

# ARCHITECTURE/API





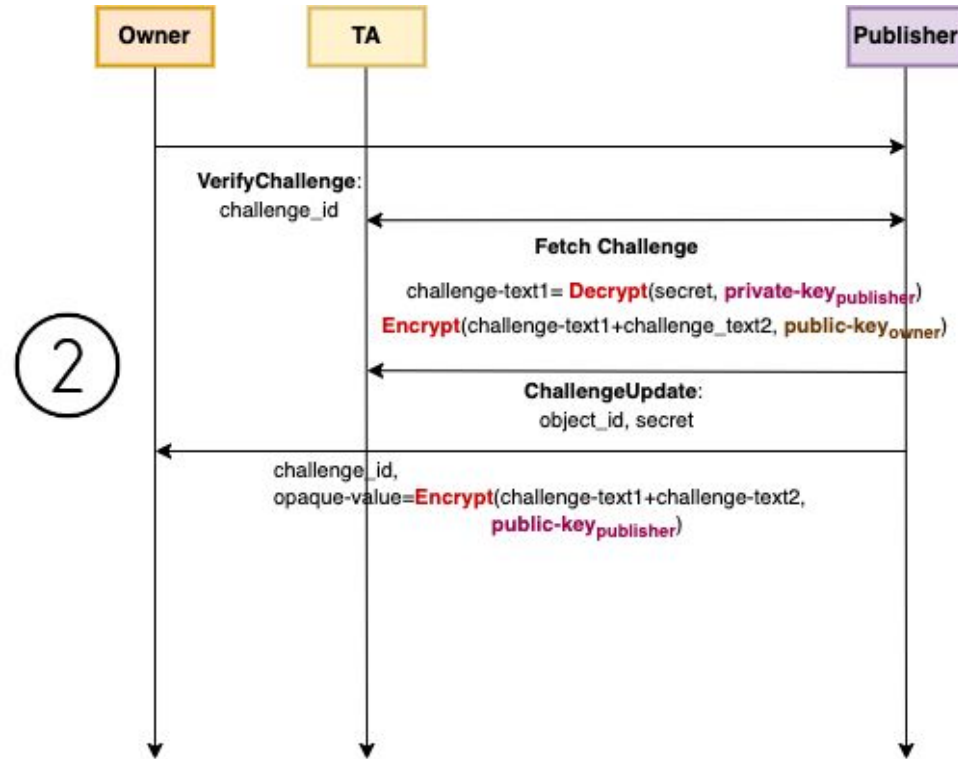
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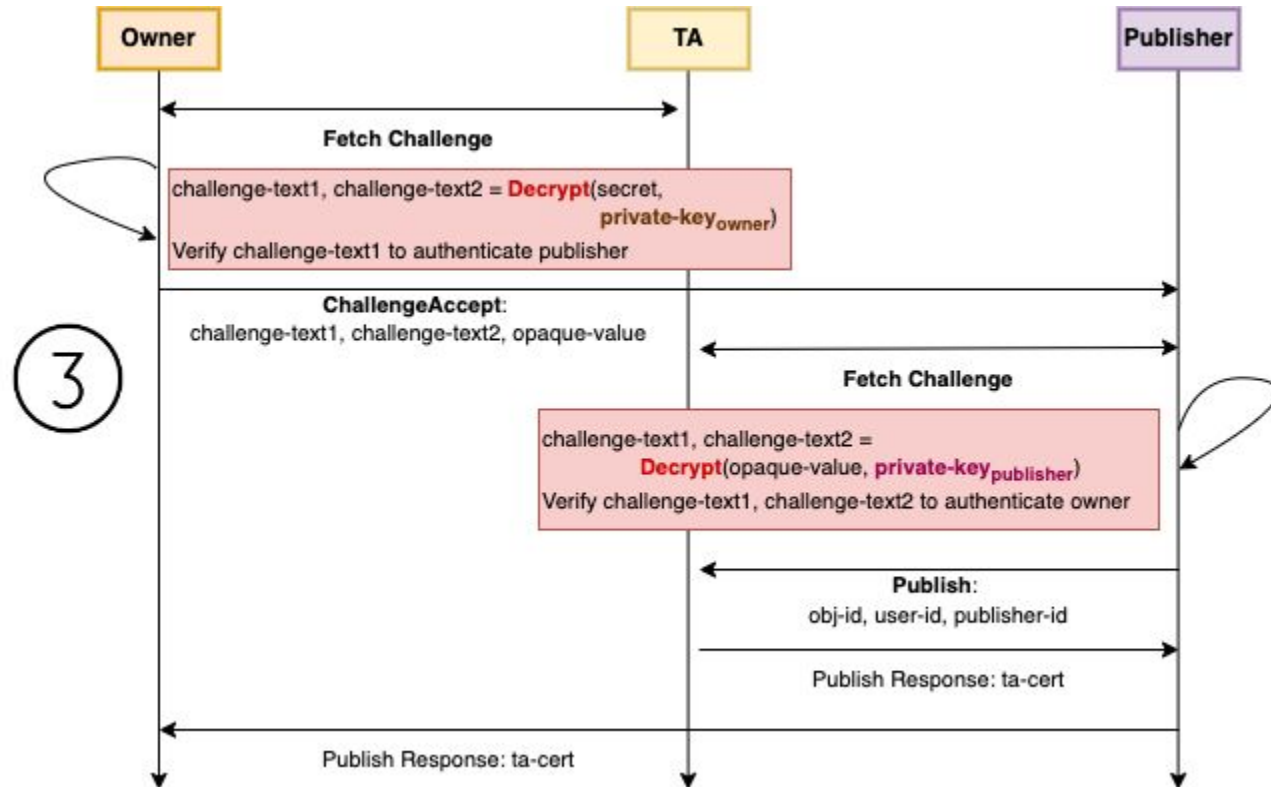
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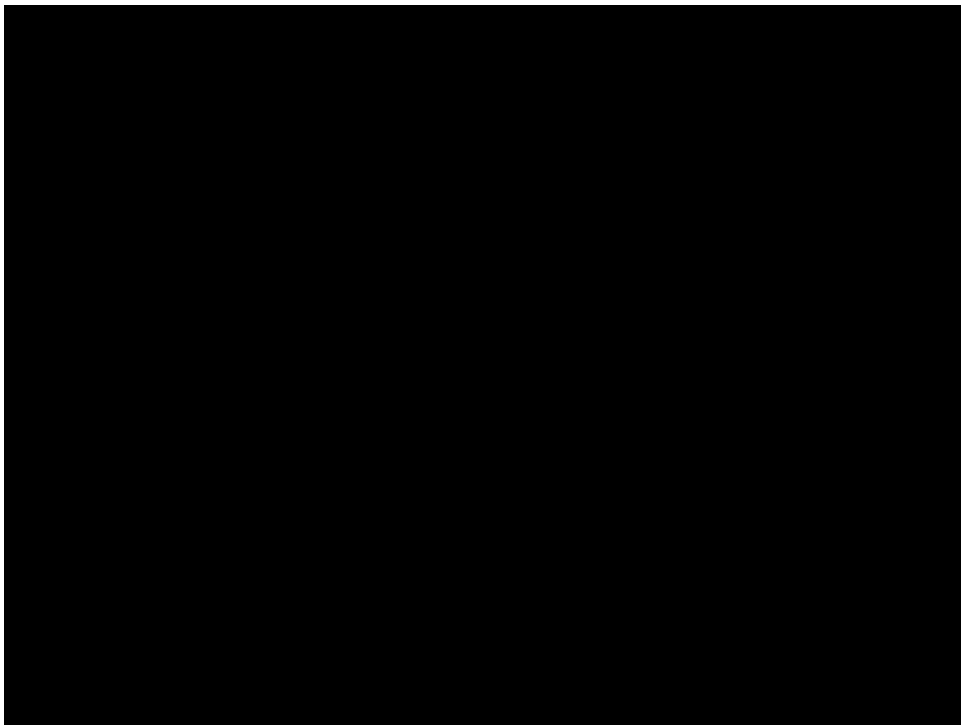
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# PUBLICATION PROCESS: CHALLENGE PROTOCOL (3)



# DEMO: POC IMPLEMENTATION OF SIGNET-RING



## 3 Python FastAPI servers

- Trusted Authority
- User (instantiated as an Owner or as a Publisher)
- Source App (Camera)

# SUMMARY

- Signet-ring addresses
  - The need to track the origin of an image (lineage)
  - The need to try to provide a layer of confidentiality between the owner and the public
- Signet-ring can
  - Certify & authenticate documents
  - Track edits
  - Owners and publishers are able to verify each other

# NEXT STEPS

- SShash<sup>1</sup> check on “similar certified photos”
- Anonymity Everywhere
- Verification of “Real” Users
- Anonymity in Challenge Protocol
- *Verified by Signet-ring*<sup>TM</sup>



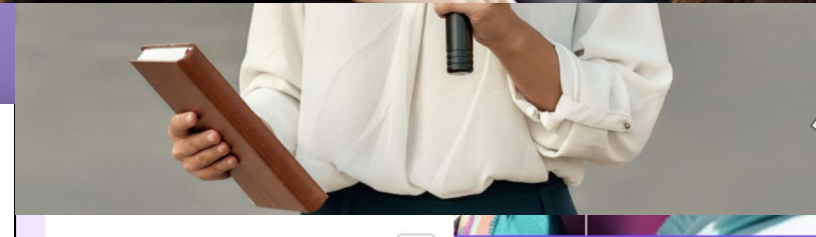
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# ARCHITECTURE/API



Is this a real  
photo?

**Trusted  
Authority**