



# Improving Security Despite Compromise with Zero-knowledge

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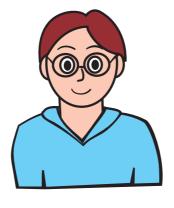


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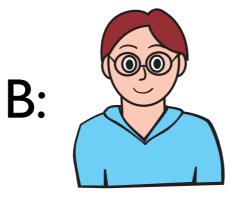
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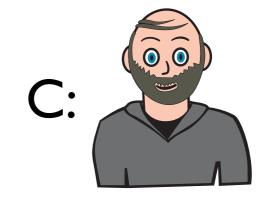
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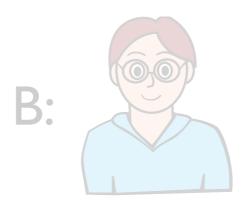
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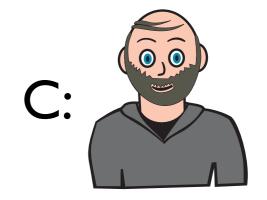
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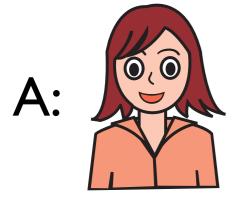
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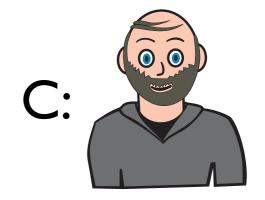
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- ... but insecure if A is compromised (faking)



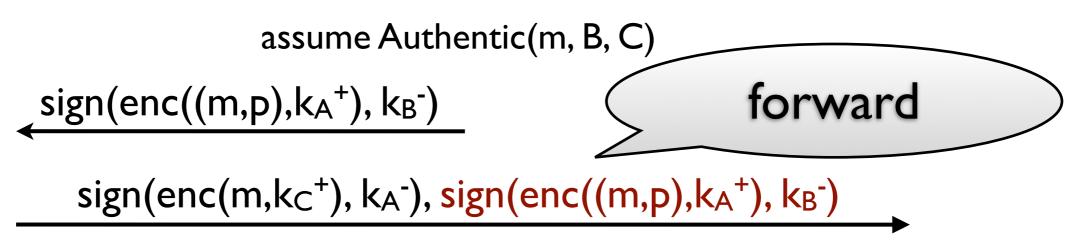
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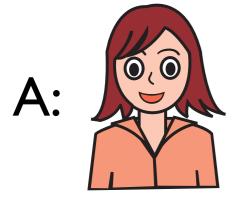


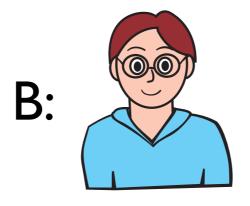
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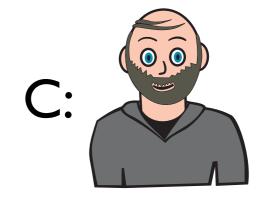
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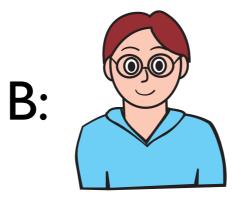
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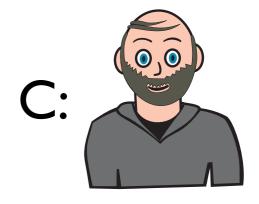
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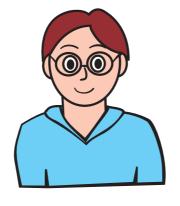
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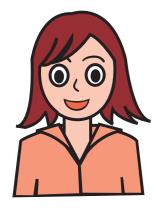
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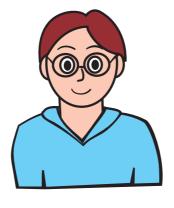
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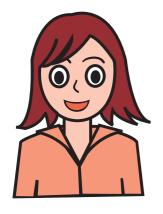
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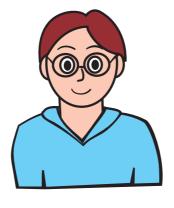
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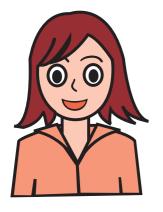
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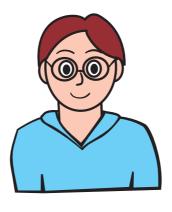
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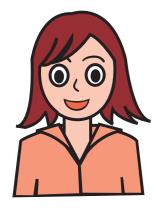
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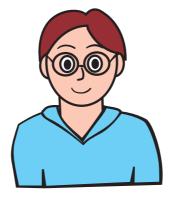
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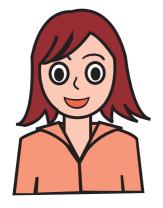
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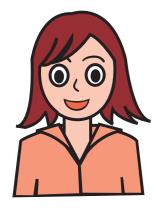
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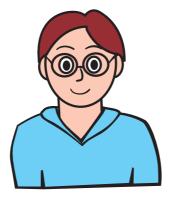
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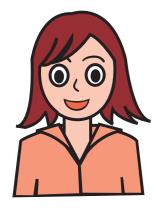
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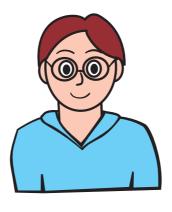
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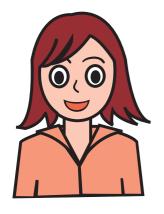
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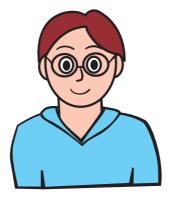
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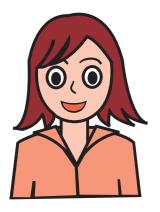
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 Symbolic abstraction of ZK(Dolev-Yao model) [Backes, Maffei & Unruh, S&P '08]



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    - We extended it to zero-knowledge [FCS-ARSPA-WITS '08]
    - Also translate types
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$$\forall P \ \forall A. \ \Gamma \vdash P \ \Rightarrow \ \langle\!\langle \Gamma \rangle\!\rangle \vdash \langle\!\langle P \rangle\!\rangle \land$$
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