

# Git-Anon: Anonymous Git with Signatures

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# Goals

- ▶ Anonymize Authorship towards the public
- ▶ Ability to share select information in a closed group
- ▶ Cryptographically verifiable assertions about the signatory
- ▶ Unlinkability
- ▶ Decentralized / Offline support
- ▶ Compatibility with existing tooling

# Motivation

- ▶ Development history contains sensitive/embarrassing information
  - ▶ Work times, durations and absences
  - ▶ Individual abilities, habits, ...
  - ▶ Mistakes and responsibilities
- ▶ GDPR, „Right to be Forgotten“, ...
- ▶ Controversial projects, International Law, ...
- ▶ Valuable for other team members

# Primer on Git

- ▶ Distributed
- ▶ Complete history
- ▶ Often public
- ▶ “Rewriting History” causes problems

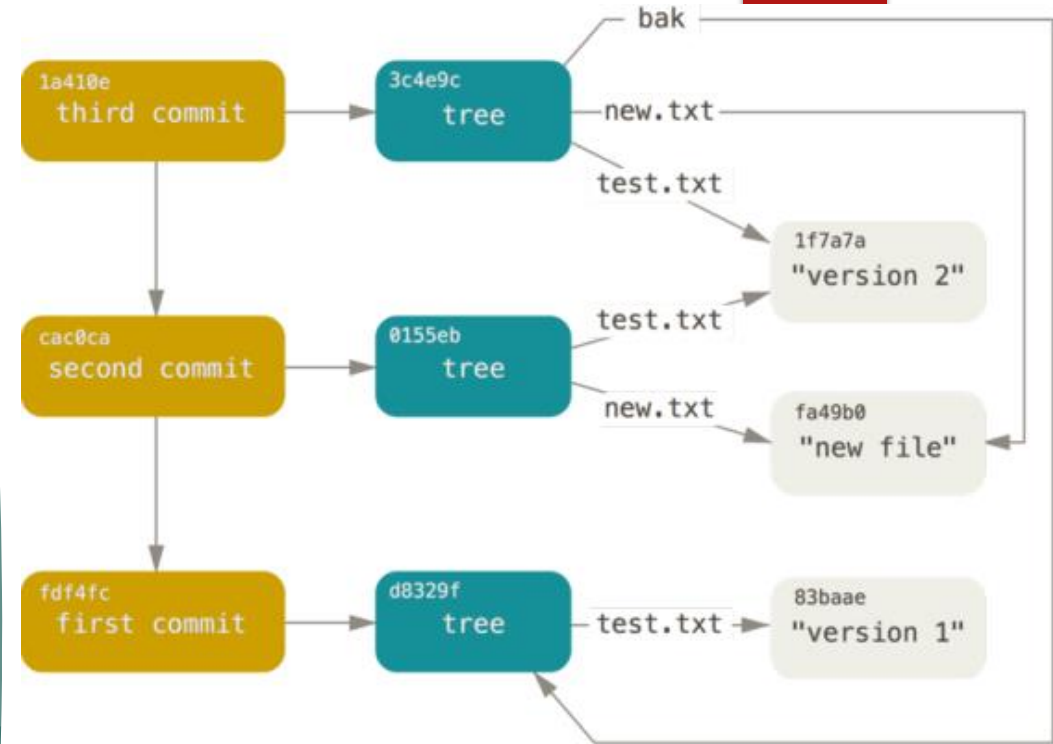


Figure 2.1.: Example of an object graph as used by git. [8]

```
1 tree 3934e6775f96fec7737d5f837fec62c4dcf15bbd
2 parent f2ff4fcb03f6547670f17cd43ae00b483633ddc3
3 author Erik Escher <git@erikescher.de> 1595006736 +0200
4 committer Erik Escher <git@erikescher.de> 1595006736 +0200
5 gpgsig -----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----
6 [[SIGNATURE DATA REDACTED FOR PRESENTATION]]
7 -----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
8
9 This is a sample commit message.
```

Listing 2.1: Example of a commit object with an included signature.

```
1 100644 blob bd83801f897f05a09e1c286e20d4c50da0890952 testfile
2 040000 tree e4af7700f8c091d18cc15f39c184490125fb0d17 myfolder
```

Listing 2.2: Example of a tree object in git.

# Primer on OpenPGP

- ▶ Composed of packets
- ▶ Asymmetric key pairs
  - ▶ “Erik Escher <erik@erikescher.de>”
    - ▶ Attested via Certifications
  - ▶ “Erik Escher (Student) <erik.escher@hs-weingarten.de>”
    - ▶ Attested via Certifications
  - ▶ “John Doe”
- ▶ Can be split up and recombined

# Solution/Implementation

- ▶ Ephemeral signature keys per commit
  - ▶ Key information stored in content addressed storage
  - ▶ UserIDs contain claims about the user's attributes/names
  - ▶ CAs optionally certify UserIDs to confirm the attributes
- ▶ References to keys where names are needed
- ▶ → Cryptographically verifiable assertions about the keyholder

# Solution/Implementation

- ▶ UserIDs are distributed selectively
  - ▶ Databases, mail, different repository, file shares, ...
  - ▶ Encrypted Publishing
    - ▶ Subfolder or Branch in the repository
    - ▶ Blockchain
  - ▶ → Currently: symmetrically encrypted in a subfolder
  - ▶ → External storage would allow deletion



DEMO



```
/one$ git anon config set-enc-key "shared_secret"
/one$ git anon config add-userid "John Snow" --encrypted --auto-reveal
/one$ git anon config add-userid "Member of the Nights Watch" --public --auto-reveal
/one$ git anon config add-userid "King in the North" --encrypted --no-auto-reveal
/one$ git anon cert gen-key --uid "Member of the Nights Watch" --output nights_watch.pub --output-secret-key nights_watch.key
/one$ git anon enable
/one$ git anon new-identity
```

```
/one$ git status
```

Auf Branch master

Noch keine Commits

Zum Commit vorgemerkte Änderungen:

(benutzen Sie "git rm --cached <Datei>..." zum Entfernen aus der Staging-Area)

neue Datei: .git-anon/keystore/enc\_params

neue Datei: .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF4953/primary\_key.pub

neue Datei: .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF4953/uid-packets/627047fa6334e-public

neue Datei: .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF4953/uid-packets/de9bc9d109c1f-public

neue Datei: .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF4953/uid-packets/e17a27a095a4ec-encrypted

Unversionierte Dateien:

(benutzen Sie "git add <Datei>...", um die Änderungen zum Commit vorzumerken)

DemoFile.txt

nights\_watch.key

nights\_watch.pub

```
/one$ git add DemoFile.txt nights_watch.pub
```

```
/one$ git commit -m "my first message"
```

```
commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master)
```

git-anon: This was signed by one of your identities.

git-anon: Signature made 2021-04-16 11:20:34

git-anon: using EdDSA key 946B9400988C7723

git-anon: Good signature with attributes:

git-anon: [trusted] John Snow

git-anon: [trusted] King in the North

git-anon: [trusted] Member of the Nights Watch

Author: John Snow <unknown-email>

Date: Fri Apr 16 13:20:34 2021 +0200

my first message

```
/two$ git log -n1
```

```
commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD)  
gpg: Signatur vom Fr 16 Apr 2021 13:20:34 CEST  
gpg:          mittels EDDSA-Schlüssel 787E50CE48EF49524A3869C9946B9400988C7723  
gpg: Signatur kann nicht geprüft werden: Kein öffentlicher Schlüssel  
Author: ANON 946B9400988C7723 <946B9400988C7723@git-anon>  
Date:   Fri Apr 16 13:20:34 2021 +0200
```

```
    my first message
```

```
/two$ git anon enable
```

```
git-anon: Signature made 2021-04-16 11:20:34  
git-anon:          using EdDSA key 946B9400988C7723  
git-anon: Good signature with attributes:  
git-anon:   [unknown] Member of the Nights Watch  
Author: ANON 946B9400988C7723 <946B9400988C7723@git-anon>
```

```
/two$ git anon cert trust --input nights_watch.pub
```

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git-anon: Signature made 2021-04-16 11:20:34  
git-anon:          using EdDSA key 946B9400988C7723  
git-anon: Good signature with attributes:  
git-anon:   [trusted] Member of the Nights Watch  
Author: ANON 946B9400988C7723 <946B9400988C7723@git-anon>
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/two$ git anon config set-enc-key "shared_secret"
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git-anon: Signature made 2021-04-16 11:20:34  
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# Conclusion

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a mountain range at dusk or dawn. The sky is a deep, dark blue, and the mountains are silhouetted against a slightly lighter, hazy background. The word "Outlook" is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.

# Outlook

# Open Source Release

- ▶ <https://github.com/erikescher/git-anon>
- ▶ <https://pypi.org/package/git-anon>

# Thanks for your attention!

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## Questions?



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# Backup- Slides

# Why OpenPGP and not <insert simple signature system>

- ▶ Alternatives:
  - ▶ Signify
  - ▶ Plain Signatures
- ▶ Git specifies OpenPGP signatures(though it does not check and should work with others)
- ▶ GPG provides useful features
  - ▶ deals with partial certificate information
  - ▶ Simplifies Certifications from existing GPG Keys
  - ▶ Certification model is suitable
  - ▶ Security guarantees for certification and recombining keys
- ▶ GPG binaries are available on (almost) all Linux systems simplifying verification without special software (this could be made easier)
- ▶ Future versions might switch to such a system



# Existing Solutions

- ▶ Long-Term Pseudonyms
  - ▶ Easy to compromise accidentally
- ▶ External Anonymization Systems
  - ▶ Requires trust in the operator
  - ▶ Identity often cannot be revealed easily later
  - ▶ Often relies on nobody attempting to bypass it
  - ▶ Signatures typically impossible/useless

```
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git init
Leeres Git-Repository in /home/erik/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one/.git/ initialisiert
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ touch DemoFile.txt
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git anon config set-enc-key "shared_secret"
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git anon config add-userid "John Snow" --encrypted --auto-reveal
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git-anon config add-userid "Member of the Nights Watch" --public --auto-reveal
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git anon config add-userid "King in the North" --encrypted --no-auto-reveal
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git anon cert gen-key --uid "Member of the Nights Watch" --output nights_watch.pub --output-secret-key nights_watch.key
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git anon enable
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git anon new-identity
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git status

Auf Branch master

Noch keine Commits

Zum Commit vorgemerkte Änderungen:
(benutzen Sie "git rm --cached <Datei>..." zum Entfernen aus der Staging-Area)
    neue Datei:      .git-anon/keystore/enc_params
    neue Datei:      .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF49524A3869C9946B9400988C7723/primary_key.pub
    neue Datei:      .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF49524A3869C9946B9400988C7723/uid-packets/62704e5e4248a817e42788c713b17ed1d35c98aabf3f69803f7c11737fa6334e-public
    neue Datei:      .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF49524A3869C9946B9400988C7723/uid-packets/de9bc2cb80bf414f4282200a0a408a0afc091ee74cae720af99f31d19d109c1f-public
    neue Datei:      .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF49524A3869C9946B9400988C7723/uid-packets/e17a2635710420a60557756f356b125805baa5fdf3c1b1ff84cf4140a095a4ec-encrypted

Unversionierte Dateien:
(benutzen Sie "git add <Datei>...", um die Änderungen zum Commit vorzumerken)
    DemoFile.txt
    nights_watch.key
    nights_watch.pub

erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git add DemoFile.txt nights_watch.pub
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git commit -m "my first message"
[master (Root-Commit) 105b8ba] my first message
7 files changed, 27 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 .git-anon/keystore/enc_params
create mode 100644 .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF49524A3869C9946B9400988C7723/primary_key.pub
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create mode 100644 .git-anon/keystore/keys/946B9400988C7723/787E50CE48EF49524A3869C9946B9400988C7723/uid-packets/de9bc2cb80bf414f4282200a0a408a0afc091ee74cae720af99f31d19d109c1f-public
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create mode 100644 DemoFile.txt
create mode 100644 nights_watch.pub
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/one$ git log -n1
commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master)
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git-anon: Good signature with attributes:
git-anon:   [trusted] John Snow
git-anon:   [trusted] King in the North
git-anon:   [trusted] Member of the Nights Watch
Primary key fingerprint: 787E 50CE 48EF 4952 4A38  69C9 946B 9400 988C 7723
Author: John Snow <unknown-email>
Date:   Fri Apr 16 13:20:34 2021 +0200

    my first message
```

```
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/two$ git log -n1
commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
gpg: Signatur vom Fr 16 Apr 2021 13:20:34 CEST
gpg:          mittels EDDSA-Schlüssel 787E50CE48EF49524A3869C9946B9400988C7723
gpg: Signatur kann nicht geprüft werden: Kein öffentlicher Schlüssel
Author: ANON 946B9400988C7723 <946B9400988C7723@git-anon>
Date:   Fri Apr 16 13:20:34 2021 +0200
```

my first message

```
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/two$ git anon enable
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/two$ git log -n1
commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
git-anon: Signature made 2021-04-16 11:20:34
git-anon:          using EdDSA key 946B9400988C7723
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```

my first message

```
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/two$ git anon cert trust --input nights_watch.pub
erik@andromeda:~/Dokumente/Studium/8/Projekt/demo2/two$ git log -n1
commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
git-anon: Signature made 2021-04-16 11:20:34
git-anon:          using EdDSA key 946B9400988C7723
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Primary key fingerprint: 787E 50CE 48EF 4952 4A38  69C9 946B 9400 988C 7723
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gpg: Signatur kann nicht geprüft werden: Kein öffentlicher Schlüssel
Author: ANON 946B9400988C7723 <946B9400988C7723@git-anon>
Date:   Fri Apr 16 13:20:34 2021 +0200
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```
/two$ git anon enable
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/two$ git log -n1
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commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
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git-anon:          using EdDSA key 946B9400988C7723
git-anon: Good signature with attributes:
git-anon:   [unknown] Member of the Nights Watch
Primary key fingerprint: 787E 50CE 48EF 4952 4A38  69C9 946B 9400 988C 7723
Author: ANON 946B9400988C7723 <946B9400988C7723@git-anon>
Date:   Fri Apr 16 13:20:34 2021 +0200
```

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```
/two$ git anon cert trust --input nights_watch.pub
```

```
/two$ git log -n1
```

```
commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
git-anon: Signature made 2021-04-16 11:20:34
git-anon:          using EdDSA key 946B9400988C7723
git-anon: Good signature with attributes:
git-anon:   [trusted] Member of the Nights Watch
Primary key fingerprint: 787E 50CE 48EF 4952 4A38  69C9 946B 9400 988C 7723
Author: ANON 946B9400988C7723 <946B9400988C7723@git-anon>
Date:   Fri Apr 16 13:20:34 2021 +0200
```

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```
/two$ git anon config set-enc-key "shared_secret"
```

```
/two$ git log -n1
```

```
commit 105b8ba1083967ca58e6e0a37f3f74ede71c64f1 (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
git-anon: Signature made 2021-04-16 11:20:34
git-anon:          using EdDSA key 946B9400988C7723
git-anon: Good signature with attributes:
git-anon:   [trusted] Member of the Nights Watch
git-anon:   [unknown] John Snow
Primary key fingerprint: 787E 50CE 48EF 4952 4A38  69C9 946B 9400 988C 7723
Author: John Snow <unknown-email>
Date:   Fri Apr 16 13:20:34 2021 +0200
```

my first message

# Potential Extensions

- ▶ Replacing/Augmenting Connection Based Authentication with Content Based Authentication



```

1 :public key packet:
2     version 4, algo 1, created 1570280851, expires 0
3     pkey: [[4096 bits],[17 bits]]
4     keyid: 2DD7C9487DFCC04D
5 :user ID packet: "Erik Escher <erik@erikescher.de>"
6 :signature packet: algo 1, keyid 2DD7C9487DFCC04D
7     version 4, created 1570300511, md5len 0, sigclass 0x13
8     digest algo 10, begin of digest 04 dd
9     hashed subpkt 27 len 1 (key flags: 01)
10    hashed subpkt 9 len 4 (key expires after 2y0d0h0m)
11    hashed subpkt 11 len 4 (pref-sym-algos: 9 8 7 2)
12    hashed subpkt 21 len 5 (pref-hash-algos: 10 9 8 11 2)
13    hashed subpkt 22 len 3 (pref-zip-algos: 2 3 1)
14    hashed subpkt 30 len 1 (features: 01)
15    hashed subpkt 23 len 1 (keyserver preferences: 80)
16    hashed subpkt 25 len 1 (primary user ID)
17 :signature packet: algo 1, keyid 5E5CCCB4A4BF43D7
18     version 4, created 1570286294, md5len 0, sigclass 0x13
19     digest algo 8, begin of digest 65 59
20     hashed subpkt 5 len 2 (trust signature of depth 1, value
21         60)
22 :public sub key packet:
23     version 4, algo 1, created 1570281070, expires 0
24     pkey: [[4096 bits],[17 bits]]
25     keyid: DA356DBF1F24EA82
26 :signature packet: algo 1, keyid 2DD7C9487DFCC04D
27     version 4, created 1570281070, md5len 0, sigclass 0x18
28     digest algo 10, begin of digest 55 09
29     hashed subpkt 27 len 1 (key flags: 02)
30     subpkt 32 len 563 (signature: v4, class 0x19, algo 1,
31         digest algo 10)

```

Listing A.1: Example of a gpg key consisting of multiple packets.