

Web Authentication

From Spec to Product

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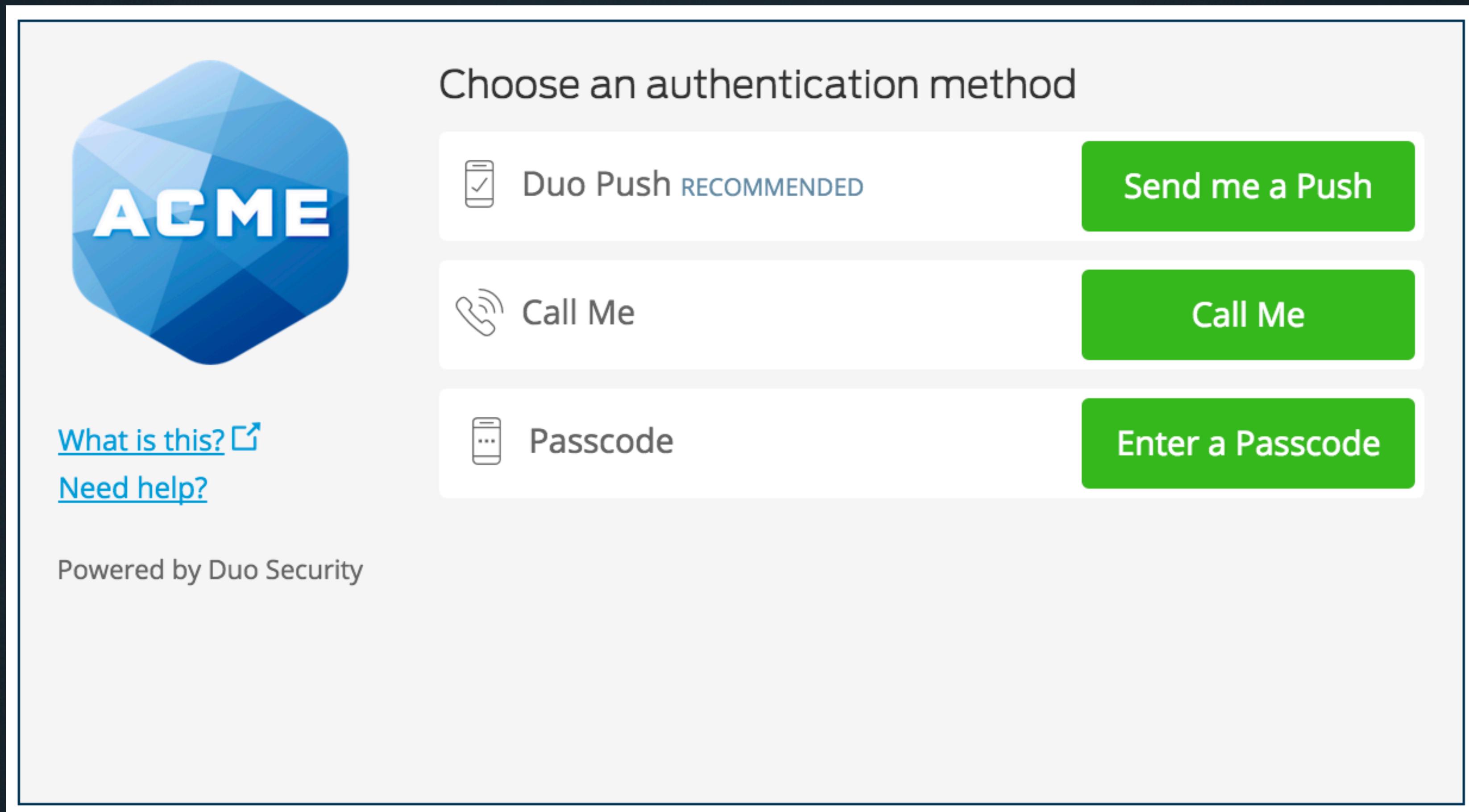


Why should your organization care about WebAuthn?

Coming up with a development plan for WebAuthn

The design challenges of WebAuthn

Looking Ahead



Why are we excited about WebAuthn?

Why can't users just remember random passwords?

Why are our dumb users re-using passwords?

Why are our dumb users losing their passwords?

*Why can't the dumb developers just be smarter about handling
passwords?*

Empathy.



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Can we stop blaming users for the fact that using fallible organic memory for primary credential storage was always a bad technical design?

Web Authentication allows us to
authenticate our users
using public key cryptography.



Hey, if you want to register
send me a public key!



All right!
Creating a
new key
pair...



Okay, take the public key and
the credentialId!

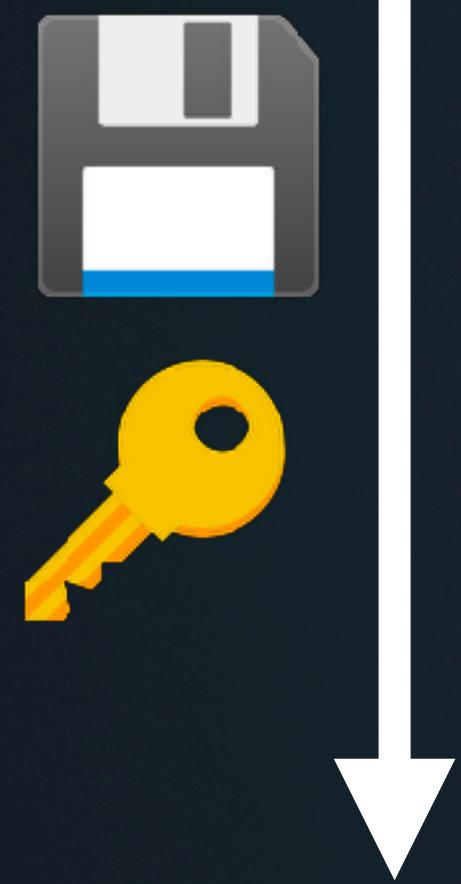


The user creates a key pair and gives us the public key.

```
await navigator.credentials.create({  
  publicKey: {...}  
}) ;
```



Hey! If you want to authenticate,
sign this data!



Creating
signature
with the
private
key...

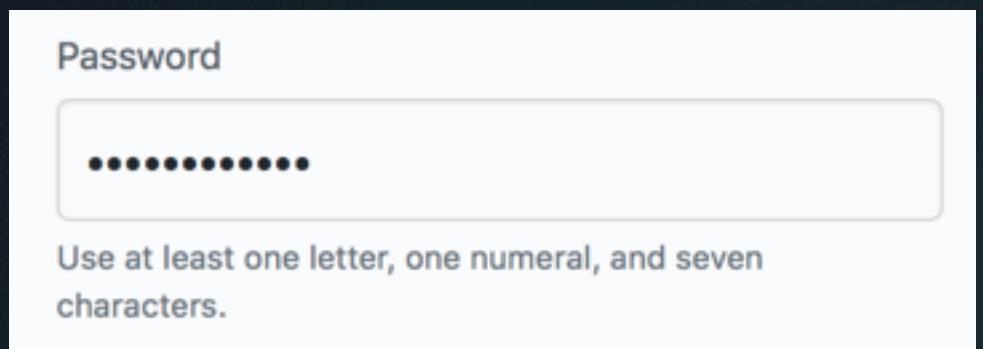


Okay, verify this signature with
the matching public key!



The website requests an “assertion” from the user’s authenticator:

```
await navigator.credentials.get({  
  publicKey: {...}  
});
```



Passwords are a “shared secret.”

Passwords are hard to create and remember.

Passwords are easily stolen.

Passwords encourage unsafe re-use.

Passwords are hard to secure.

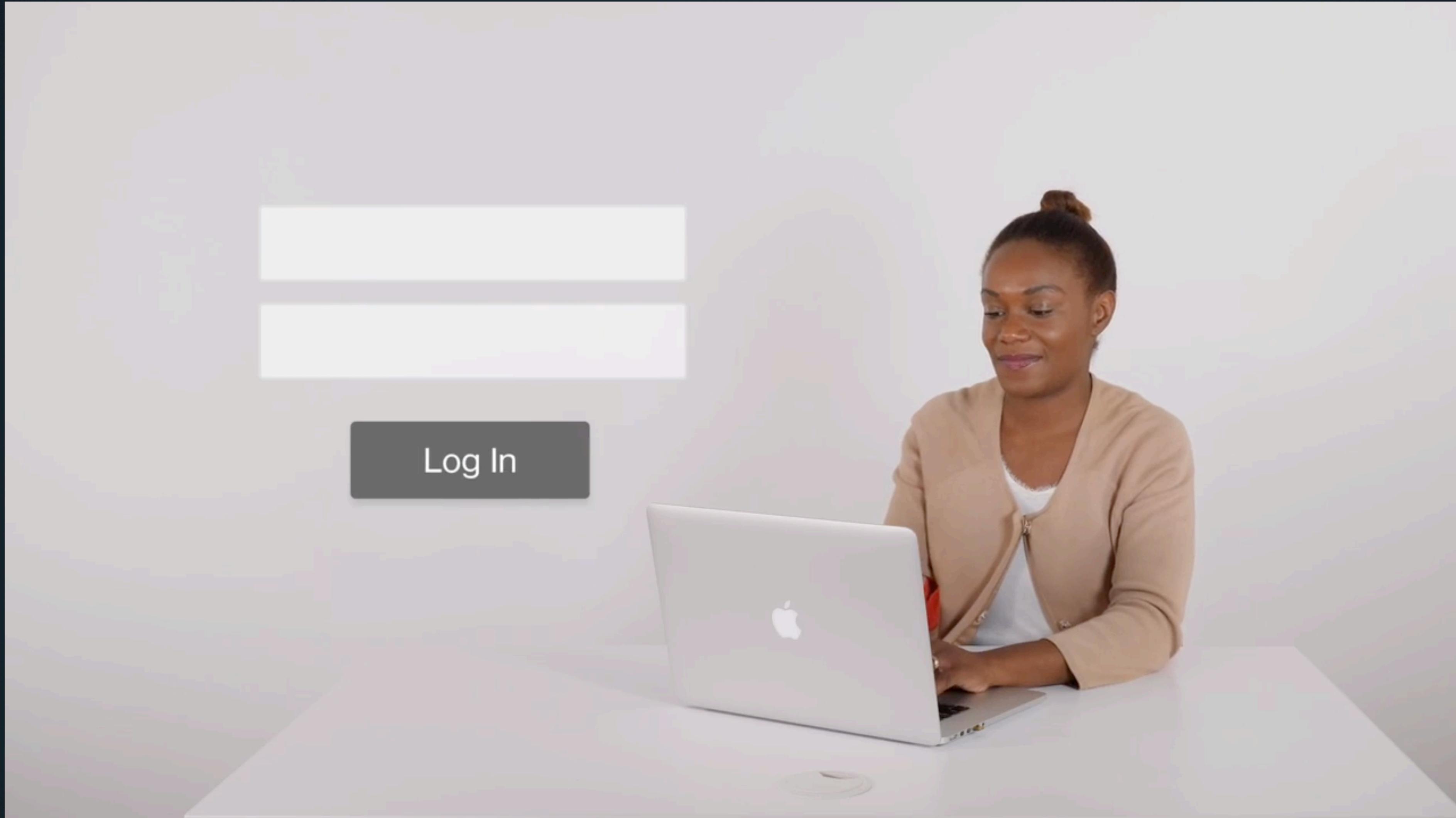
The credential public key is not secret.

The authenticator creates a random and secure credential.

Secure hardware on devices makes credential theft difficult.

Credentials are scoped to an origin, making re-use impossible.

The credential public key is not secret.



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Introducing Web Authentication in Microsoft Edge

By [Angelo Liao](#) and [Ibrahim Damlaj](#)

Today, we are happy to introduce support for the [Web Authentication specification](#) in Microsoft Edge, enabling better, more secure user experiences and a passwordless experience on the web.

Enabling Strong Authentication with WebAuthn



By [Christiaan Brand](#)
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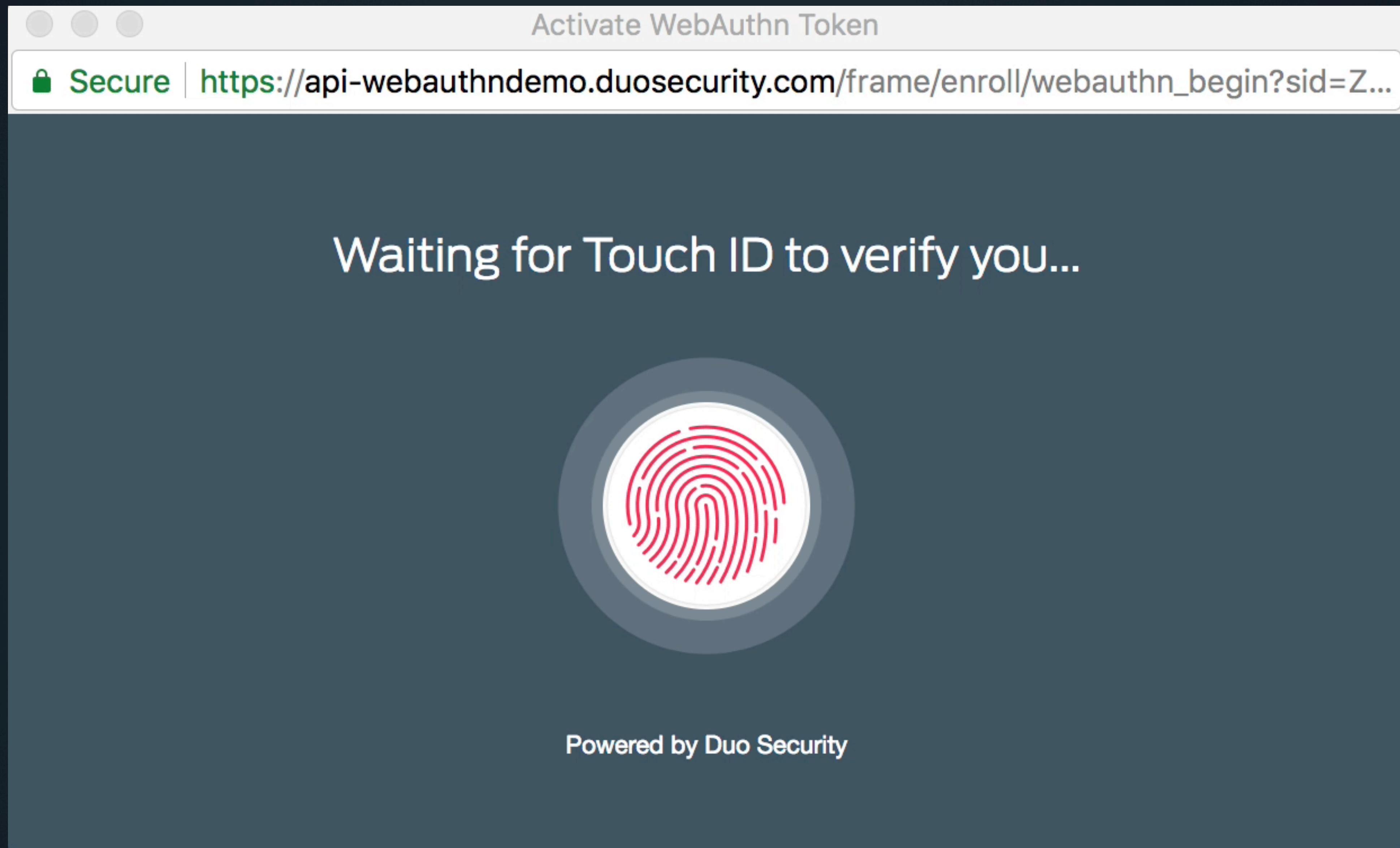
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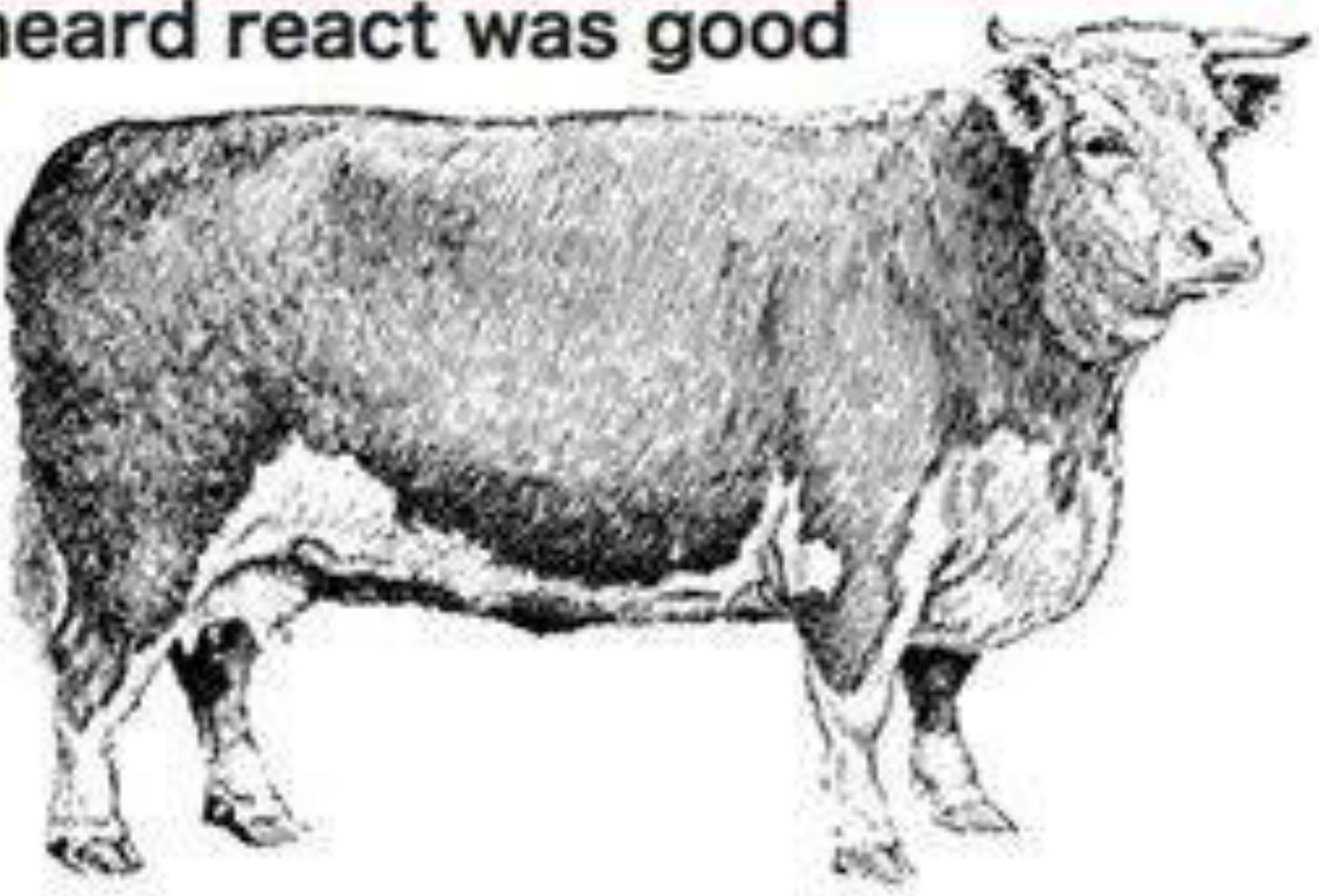
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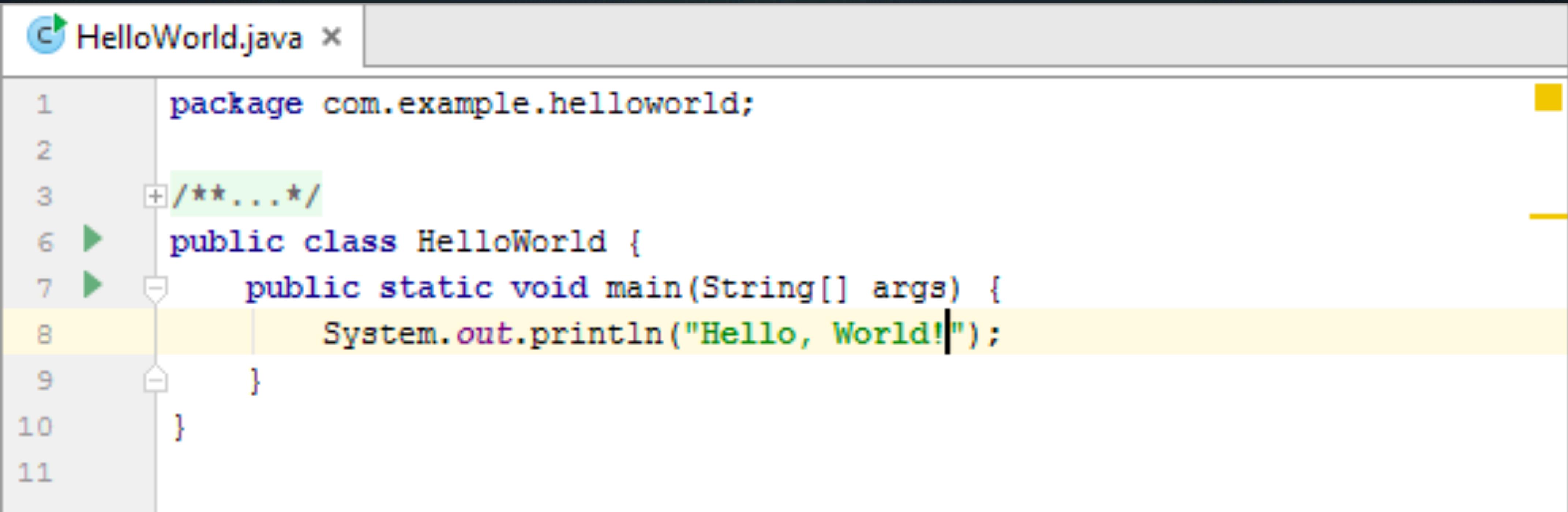
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Susan Mauldin, whose identity is being scrubbed from the internet, studied music composition

The Switch • Analysis

Equifax's security chief had some big problems. Being a music major wasn't one of them.

Programming: First Impressions



The image shows a screenshot of a Java code editor with a dark theme. The window title is "HelloWorld.java". The code editor displays the following Java code:

```
1 package com.example.helloworld;
2
3 /**
4  * ...
5  */
6 public class HelloWorld {
7     public static void main(String[] args) {
8         System.out.println("Hello, World!");
9     }
10 }
11
```

The code is syntax-highlighted, with keywords like "package", "public", "static", "void", "main", and "System.out.println" in blue, and strings in green. Line 8, which contains the println statement, is highlighted with a yellow background. The code editor interface includes a toolbar at the top and a status bar at the bottom.

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IPython Shell

```
1
2 # This program prints Hello, world!
3
4 print('Hello, world!')
```

The WebAuthn First Impression

```
navigator.credentials.create()
```

A server would begin creating a new credential by calling `navigator.credentials.create()` on the client.

```
1 const credential = await navigator.credentials.create({  
2   publicKey: publicKeyCredentialCreationOptions  
3 });
```

The WebAuthn First Impression

```
1 console.log(credential);
2
3 PublicKeyCredential {
4     id: 'ADSULLKQmbqdGtpu4sjseh4cg2TxSvrbcHDTBsv4NSSX9...',
5     rawId: ArrayBuffer(59),
6     response: AuthenticatorAttestationResponse {
7         clientDataJSON: ArrayBuffer(121),
8         attestationObject: ArrayBuffer(306),
9     },
10    type: 'public-key'
11 }
```



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The Passwordless Future is Here: Are You Ready?

by [James Barclay](#) and [Nick Steele](#)

WebAuthn.io

This site can be used to test the [WebAuthn spec](#) on the Chrome, Firefox, and Edge browsers. Currently, the WebAuthn spec supports credential creation and assertion best using U2F Token, like those provided by Yubico and Feitian. The code for this demo can be found [here on GitHub](#).

To see what's happening under the hood when you create a test user and login using WebAuthn below, you can open your web browser's console and see the output of the necessary credential objects being used.

Username

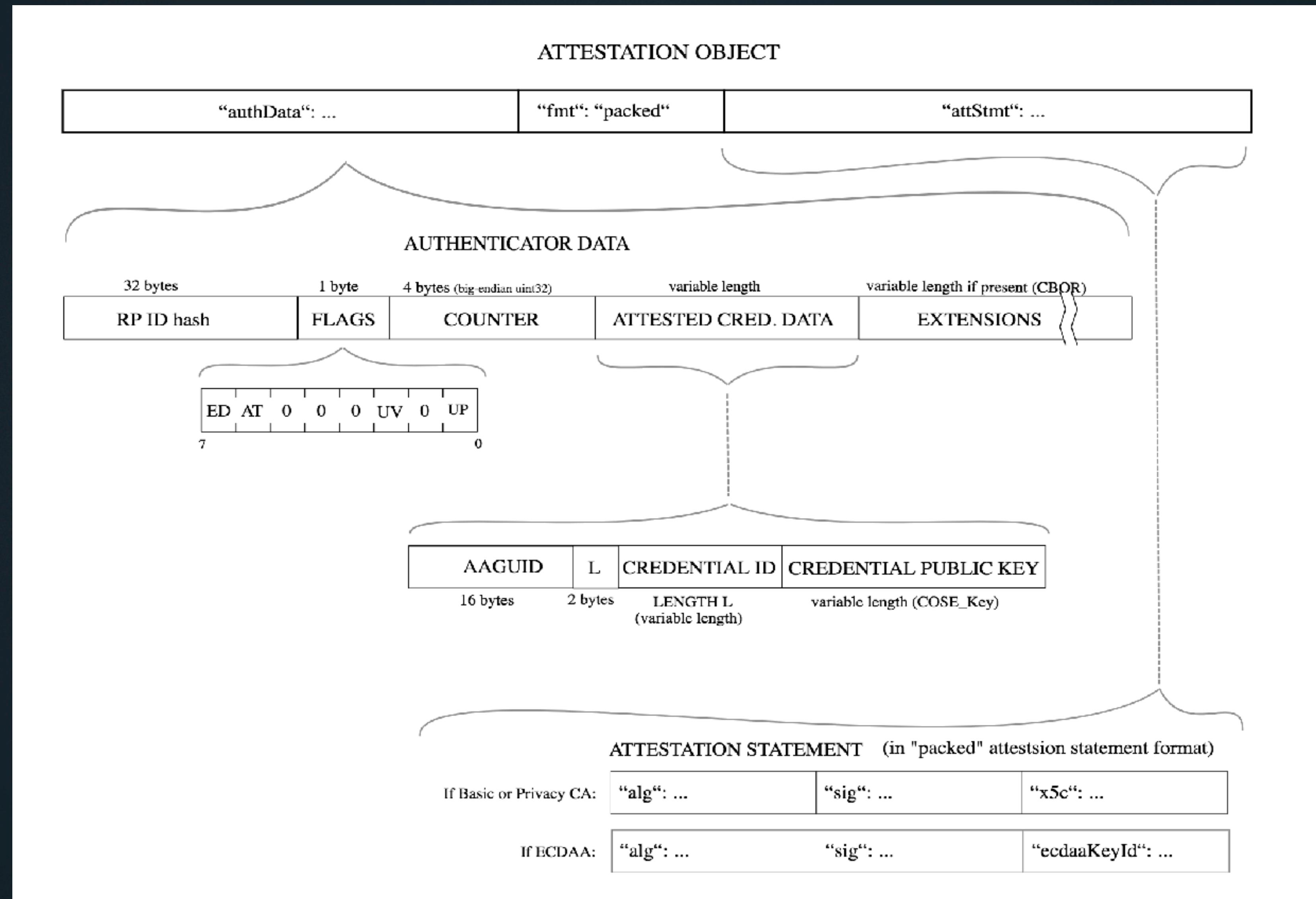
Attestation Type Authenticator Type

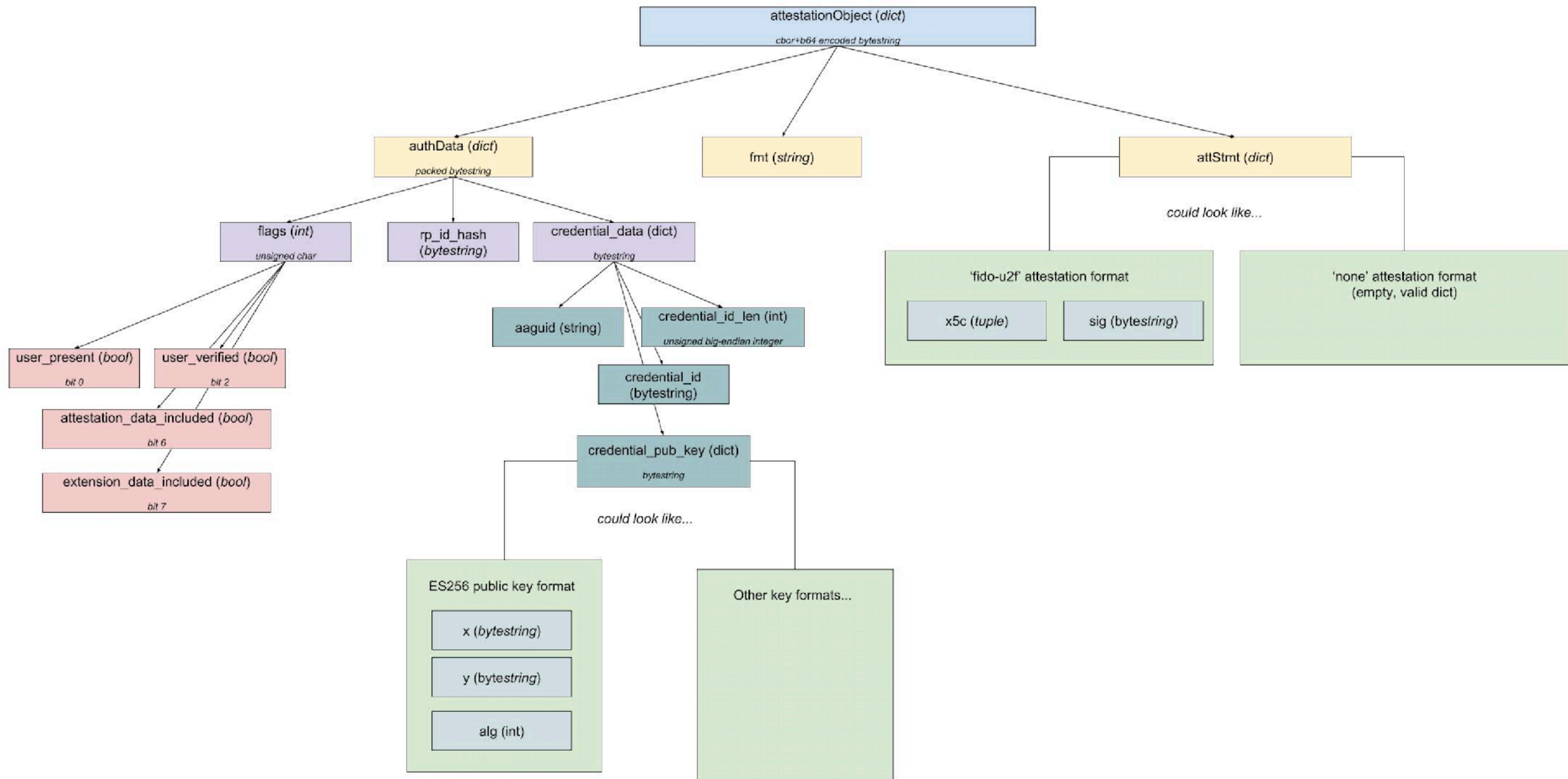
[Register a User/Credential](#)

[Login with Credential](#)

Breaking down WebAuthn

attestationObject





Recommendation:

Use an extensible library for
processing WebAuthn data

Type coercion
validation

<https://github.com/duo-labs/webauthn/>

```
// PublicKey is parsed from the credential creation response

type PublicKey struct {

    gorm.Model

    _struct     bool      `codec:",int"`
    KeyType     int8      `gorm:"not null" codec:"1"`
    Type        int8      `gorm:"not null" codec:"3"`
    XCoord      []byte   `gorm:"not null" codec:"-2"`
    YCoord      []byte   `gorm:"not null" codec:"-3"`
    Curve       int8      `gorm:"not null" codec:"-1"`
    CredentialID uint     `gorm:"index,not null" codec:"-",omitempty"`
}
```

https://github.com/duo-labs/py_webauthn

```
if fmt == 'fido-u2f':
    # Step 1.
    #
    # Verify that attStmt is valid CBOR conforming to the syntax
    # defined above and perform CBOR decoding on it to extract the
    # contained fields.
    if 'x5c' not in att_stmt or 'sig' not in att_stmt:
        raise RegistrationRejectedException(
            'Attestation statement must be a valid CBOR object.')

    # Step 2.
    #
    # Let attCert be the value of the first element of x5c. Let certificate
    # public key be the public key conveyed by attCert. If certificate public
    # key is not an Elliptic Curve (EC) public key over the P-256 curve,
    # terminate this algorithm and return an appropriate error.
    att_cert = att_stmt.get('x5c')[0]
    x509_att_cert = load_der_x509_certificate(att_cert, default_backend())
    certificate_public_key = x509_att_cert.public_key()
    if not isinstance(certificate_public_key.curve, SECP256R1):
        raise RegistrationRejectedException('Bad certificate public key.'')
```

Recommendation:
Start with Chrome's Touch ID
implementation.

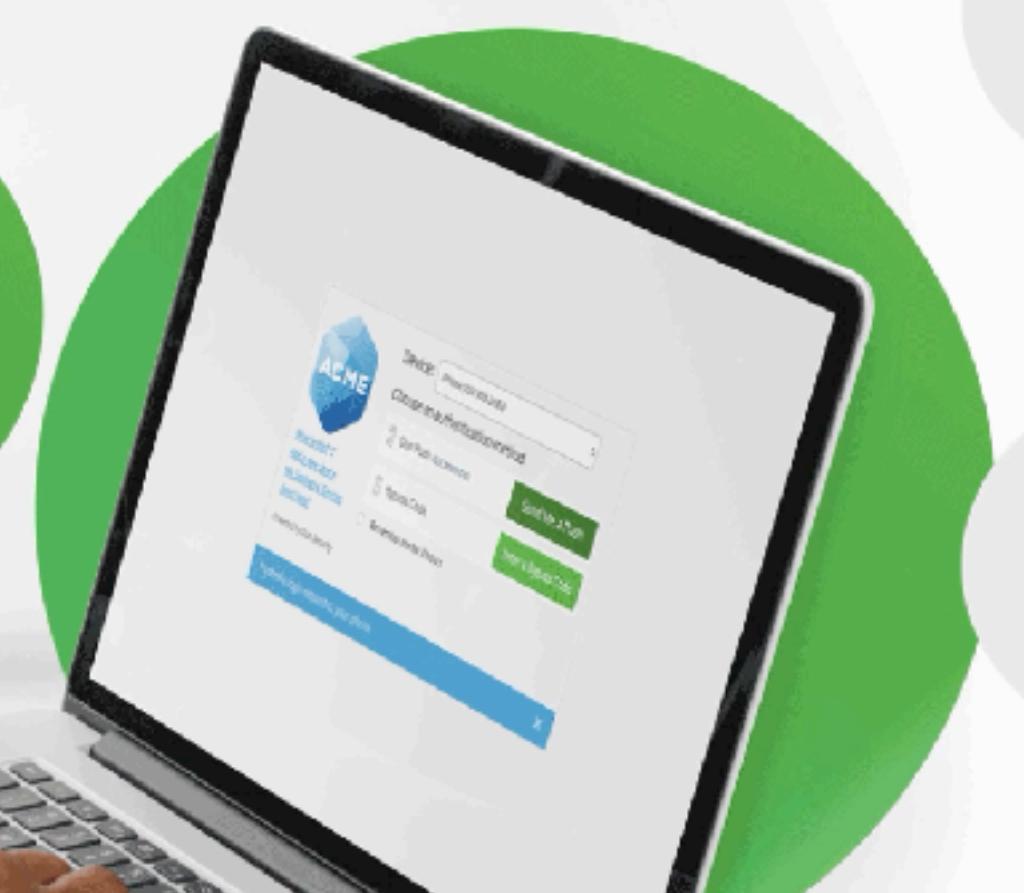
Built into user's device
Simple data verification process

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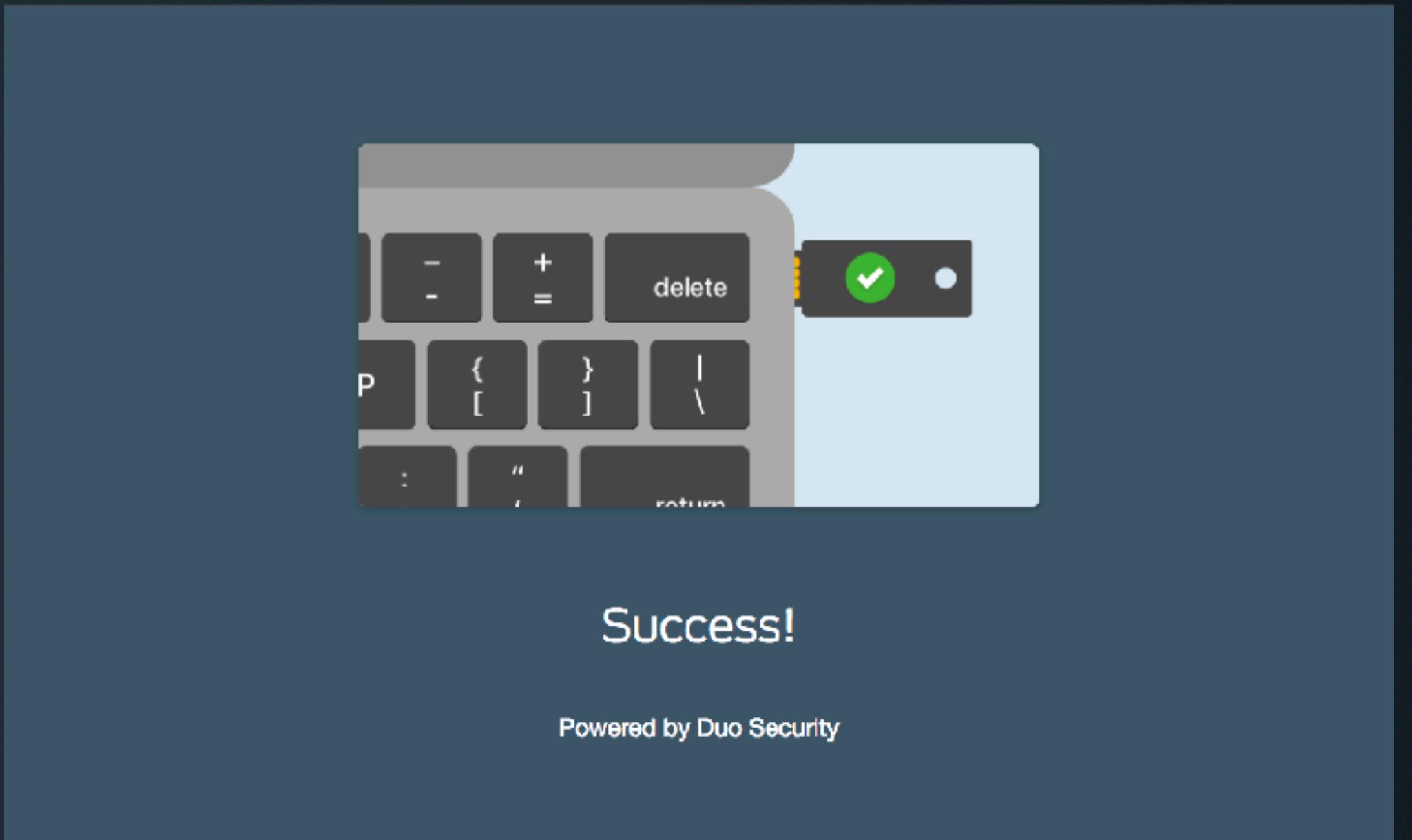
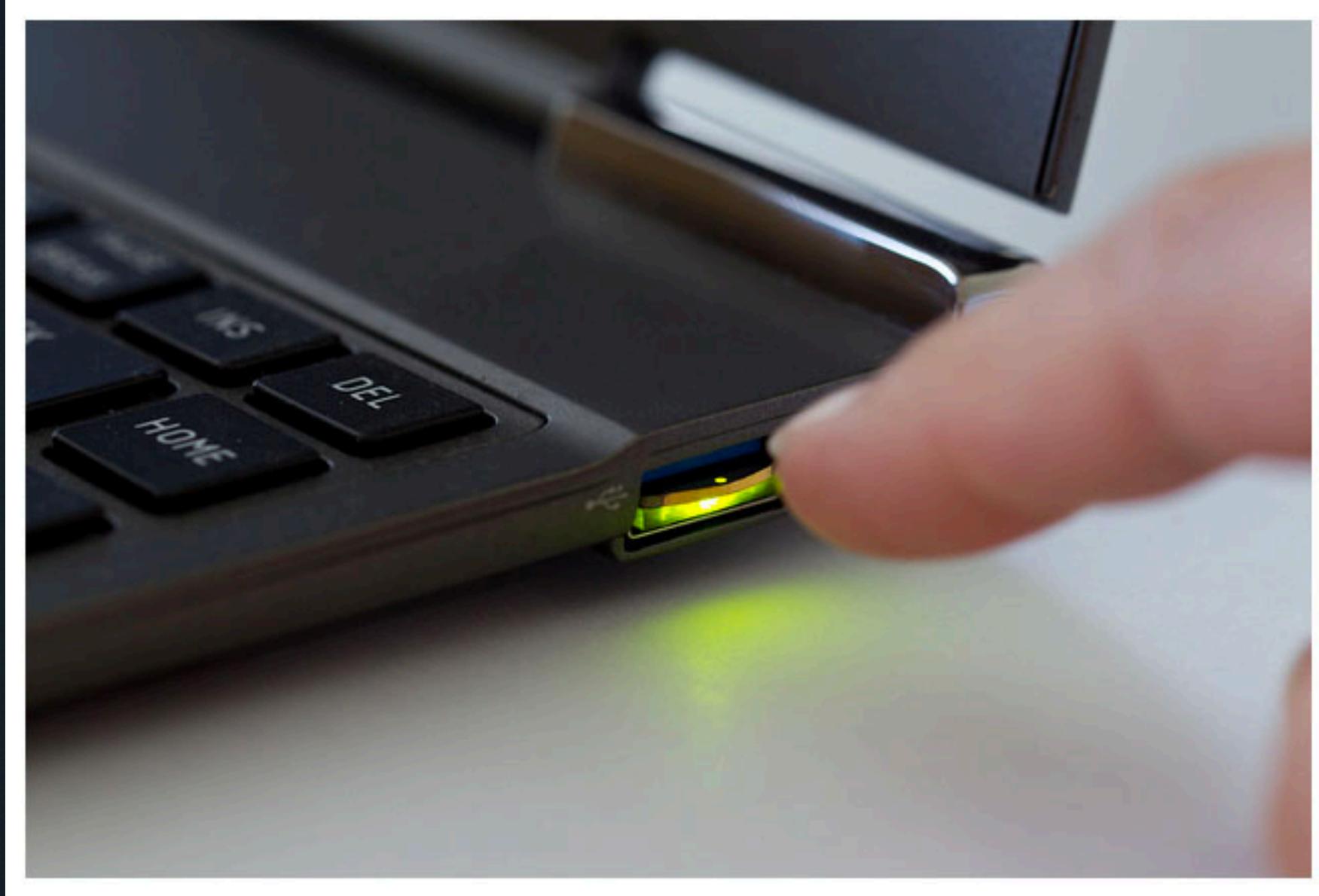
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Unified Access Unified Security

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What do we even call this thing?



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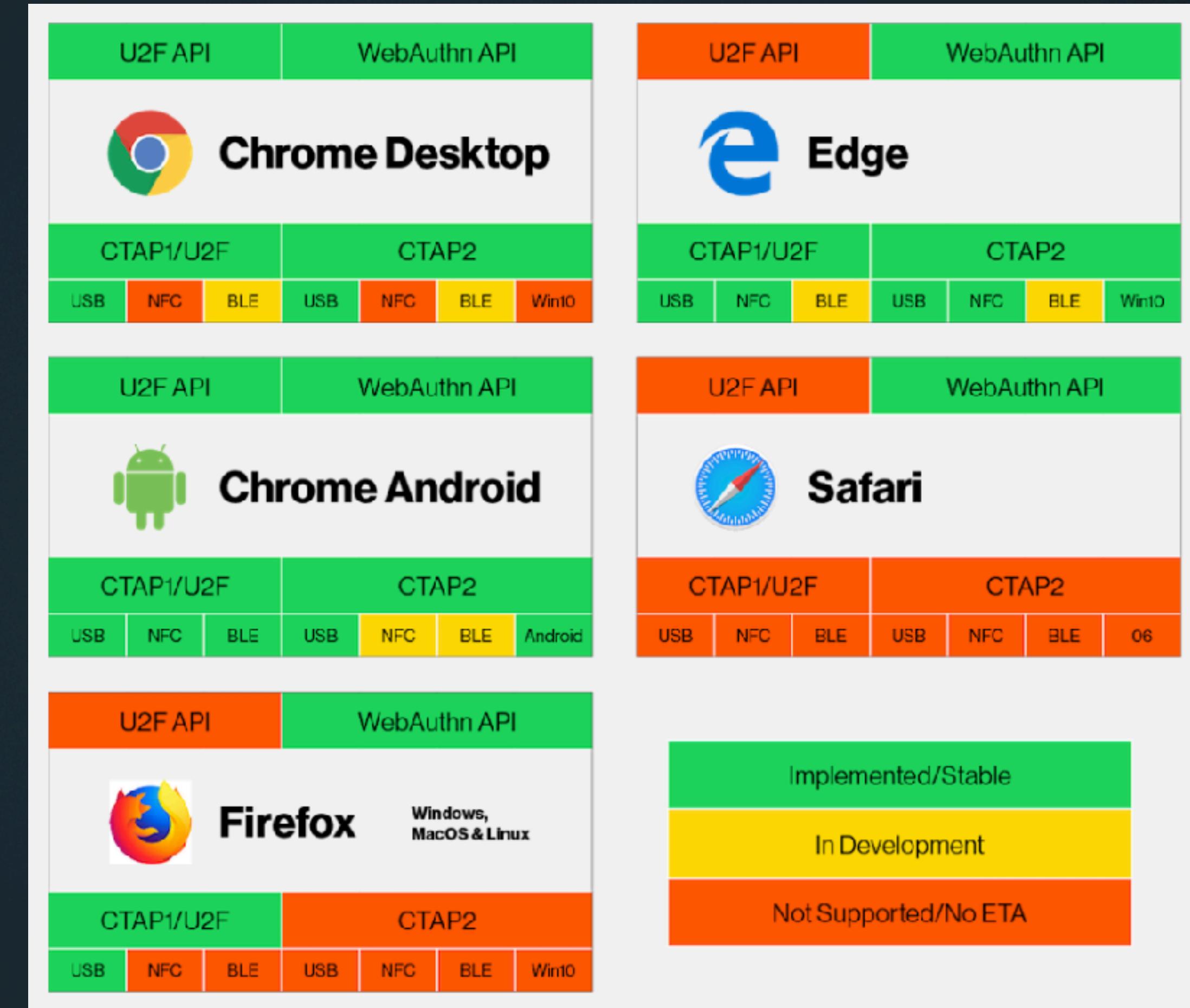
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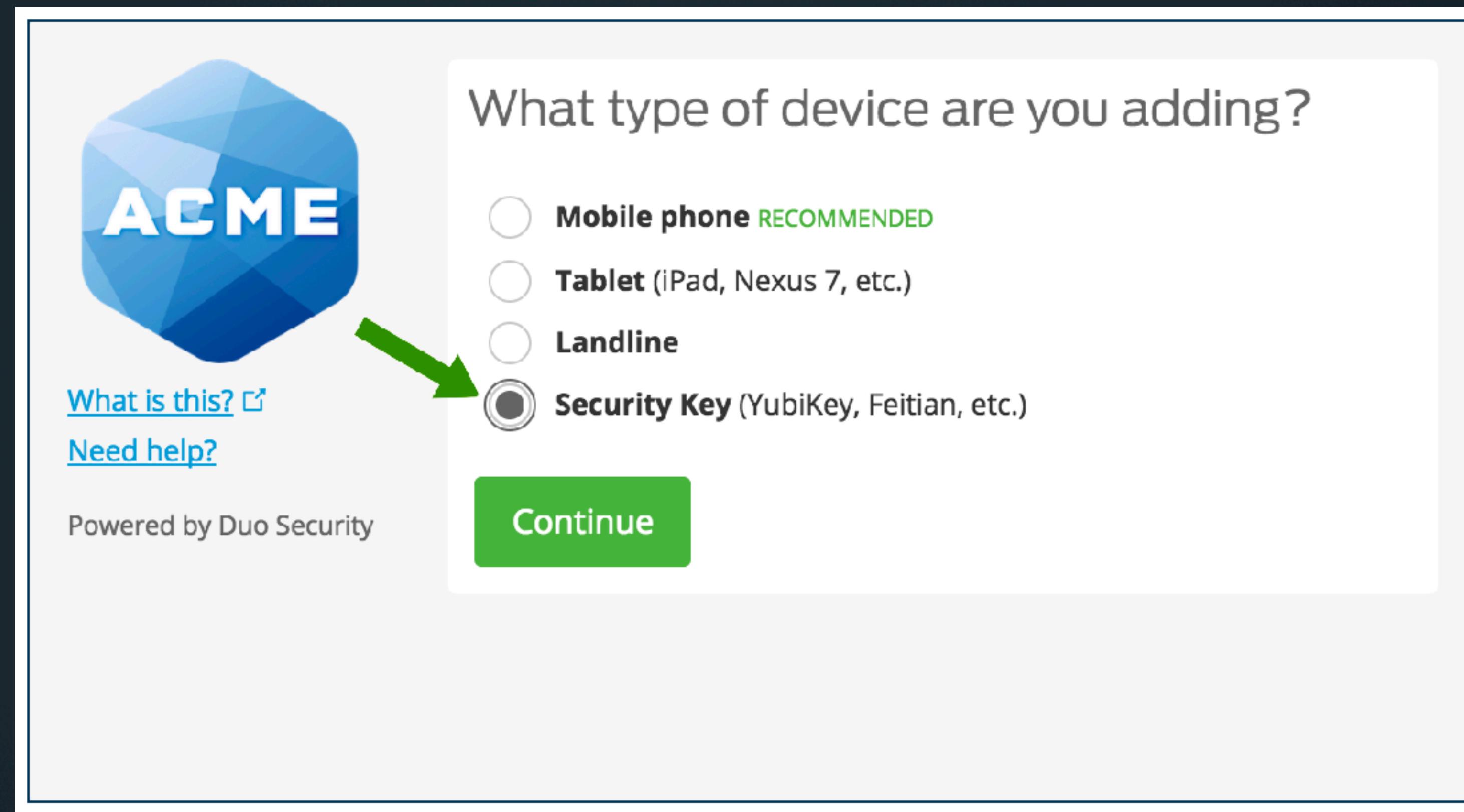
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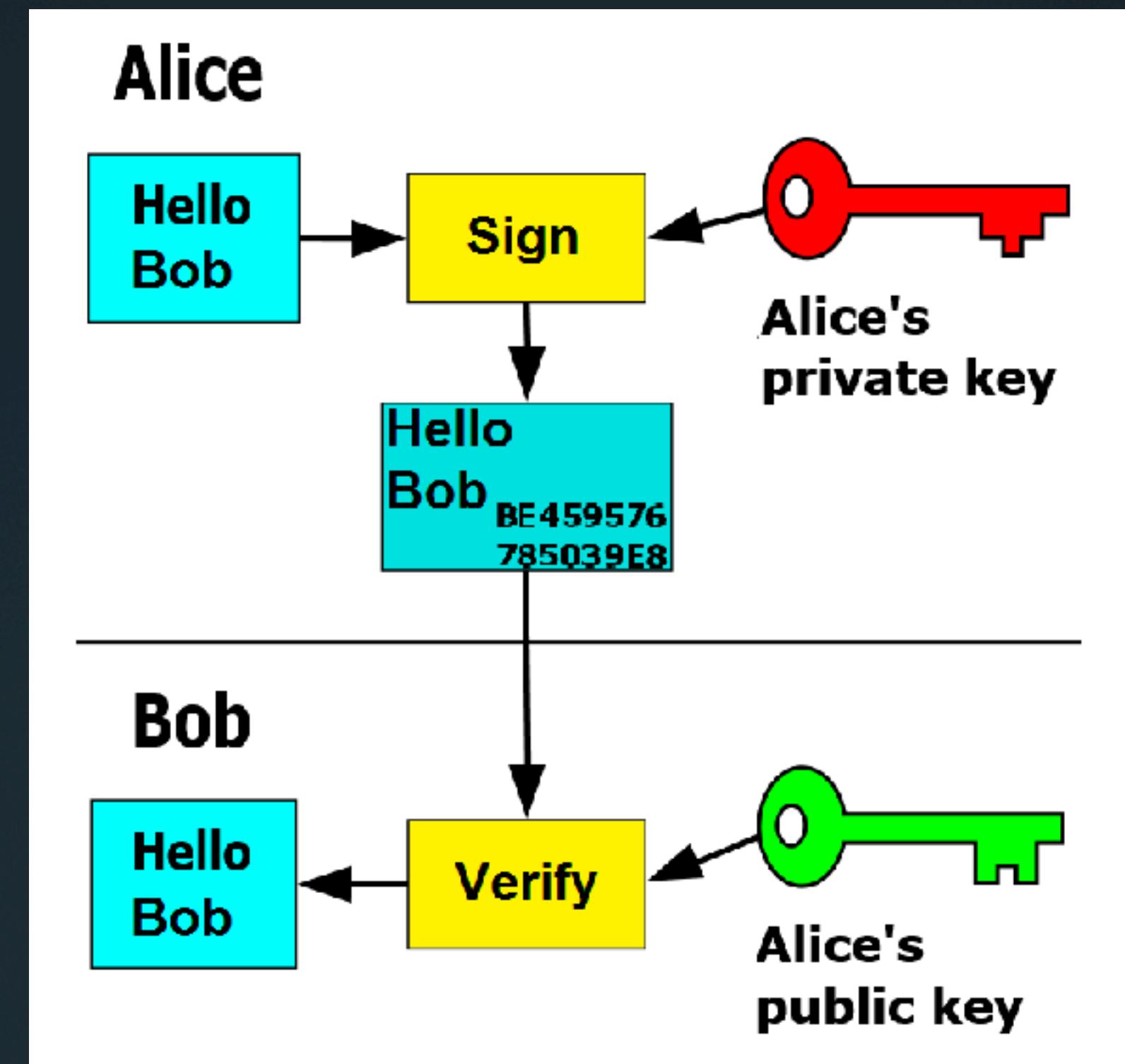
User Agent Implementation Differences



Building a decision engine to help guide users:

```
# should we show Windows Hello as an option?  
if (  
    os == 'Windows 10' and  
    browser == 'Edge' and  
    browser_build_version > 14 and  
    platform_authenticator_available):  
    show_windows_hello = True  
  
# should we show Touch ID as an option?  
if (  
    os == 'Mac OSX' and  
    browser == 'Chrome' and  
    browser_version > 70 and  
    platform_authenticator_available):  
    show_chrome_touch_id = True
```

Foreseen and unforeseen challenges



1. Verify that r and s are integers in $[1, n - 1]$. If not, the signature is invalid.
2. Calculate $e = \text{HASH}(m)$, where HASH is the same function used in the signature generation.
3. Let z be the L_n leftmost bits of e .
4. Calculate $w = s^{-1} \pmod{n}$.
5. Calculate $u_1 = zw \pmod{n}$ and $u_2 = rw \pmod{n}$.
6. Calculate the curve point $(x_1, y_1) = u_1 \times G + u_2 \times Q_A$. If $(x_1, y_1) = O$ then the signature is invalid.
7. The signature is valid if $r \equiv x_1 \pmod{n}$, invalid otherwise.

```
const publicKeyObject = CBOR.decode(publicKeyBytes.buffer);
console.log(publicKeyObject)
```

```
{
```

```
 1: 2,
```

The public key type is “EC2”

```
 3: -7,
```

The signature algorithm used is “ES256”

```
-1: 1,
```

The curve type is “P-256”

```
-2: Uint8Array(32) ...
```

The value of the public key's x-coordinate

```
-3: Uint8Array(32) ...
```

The value of the public key's y-coordinate

```
}
```

With U2F: One Signature Algorithm

- a **signature** [variable length, 71-73 bytes]. This is a ECDSA signature (on P-256) over the following byte string:
 - A *byte reserved for future use* [1 byte] with the value 0x00.
 - The *application parameter* [32 bytes] from the registration request message.
 - The *challenge parameter* [32 bytes] from the registration request message.
 - The above *key handle* [variable length]. (Note that the key handle length is not included in the signature base string.
This doesn't cause confusion in the signature base string, since all other parameters in the signature base string are fixed-length.)
 - The above *user public key* [65 bytes].
- The signature is encoded in ANSI X9.62 format (see [[ECDSA-ANSI](#)] in bibliography).

With WebAuthn: Dozens of Signature Algorithms

Name	Value	Description
Reserved for Private Use	less than -65536	
Unassigned	-65536	
RS1 (TEMPORARY - registered 2018-04-19, expires 2019-04-19)	-65535	RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 w/ SHA-1
Unassigned	-65534 to -260	
RS512 (TEMPORARY - registered 2018-04-19, expires 2019-04-19)	-259	RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 w/ SHA-512
RS384 (TEMPORARY - registered 2018-04-19, expires 2019-04-19)	-258	RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 w/ SHA-384
RS256 (TEMPORARY - registered 2018-04-19, expires 2019-04-19)	-257	RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 w/ SHA-256
Unassigned	-256 to -43	
RSAES-OAEP w/ SHA-512	-42	RSAES-OAEP w/ SHA-512
RSAES-OAEP w/ SHA-256	-41	RSAES-OAEP w/ SHA-256
RSAES-OAEP w/ RFC 8017 default parameters	-40	RSAES-OAEP w/ SHA-1
PS512	-39	RSASSA-PSS w/ SHA-512
PS384	-38	RSASSA-PSS w/ SHA-384
PS256	-37	RSASSA-PSS w/ SHA-256
ES512	-36	ECDSA w/ SHA-512
ES384	-35	ECDSA w/ SHA-384
ECDH-SS + A256KW	-34	ECDH SS w/ Concat KDF and AES Key Wrap w/ 256-bit key
ECDH-SS + A192KW	-33	ECDH SS w/ Concat KDF and AES Key Wrap w/ 192-bit key
ECDH-SS + A128KW	-32	ECDH SS w/ Concat KDF and AES Key Wrap w/ 128-bit key
ECDH-ES + A256KW	-31	ECDH ES w/ Concat KDF and AES Key Wrap w/ 256-bit key
ECDH-ES + A192KW	-30	ECDH ES w/ Concat KDF and AES Key Wrap w/ 192-bit key
ECDH-ES + A128KW	-29	ECDH ES w/ Concat KDF and AES Key Wrap w/ 128-bit key
ECDH-SS + HKDF-512	-28	ECDH SS w/ HKDF - generate key directly
ECDH-SS + HKDF-256	-27	ECDH SS w/ HKDF - generate key directly
ECDH-ES + HKDF-512	-26	ECDH ES w/ HKDF - generate key directly
ECDH-ES + HKDF-256	-25	ECDH ES w/ HKDF - generate key directly
Unassigned	-24 to -14	
direct+HKDF-AES-256	-13	Shared secret w/ AES-MAC 256-bit key
direct+HKDF-AES-128	-12	Shared secret w/ AES-MAC 128-bit key
direct+HKDF-SHA-512	-11	Shared secret w/ HKDF and SHA-512
direct+HKDF-SHA-256	-10	Shared secret w/ HKDF and SHA-256
Unassigned	-9	
EdDSA	-8	EdDSA
ES256	-7	ECDSA w/ SHA-256

Attestation



Attestation is a way to cryptographically prove that a keypair came from secure hardware.

8.2. Packed Attestation Statement Format

8.3. TPM Attestation Statement Format

8.4. Android Key Attestation Statement Format

8.5. Android SafetyNet Attestation Statement Format

8.6. FIDO U2F Attestation Statement Format

8.7. None Attestation Statement Format

TPM Attestation

Part 2: Structures

Trusted Platform Module Library

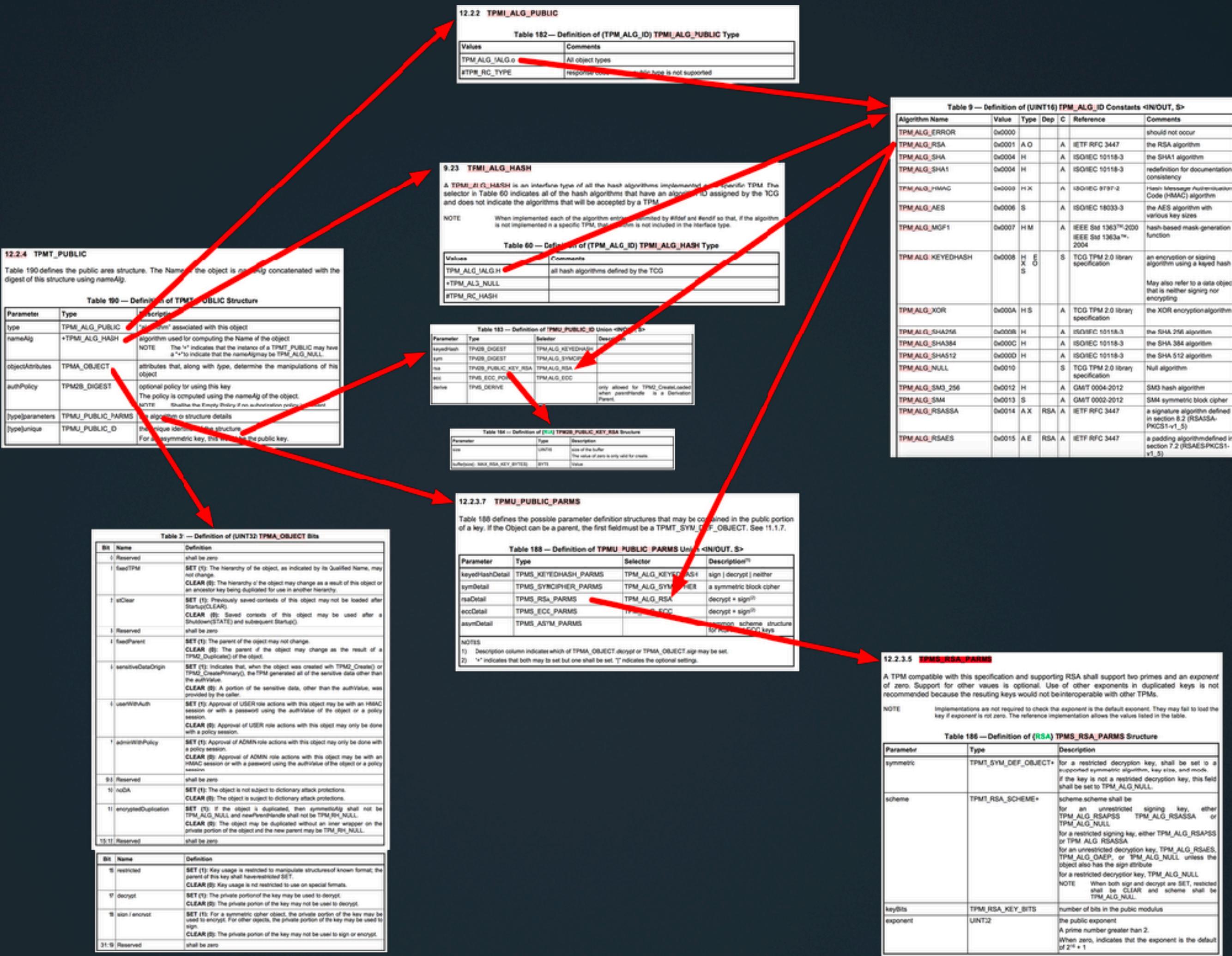
10.12.8 TPMS_ATTEST

This structure is used on each TPM-generated signed structure. The signature is over this structure.

When the structure is signed by a key in the Storage hierarchy, the values of *clockInfo.resetCount*, *clockInfo.restartCount*, and *firmwareVersion* are obfuscated with a per-key obfuscation value.

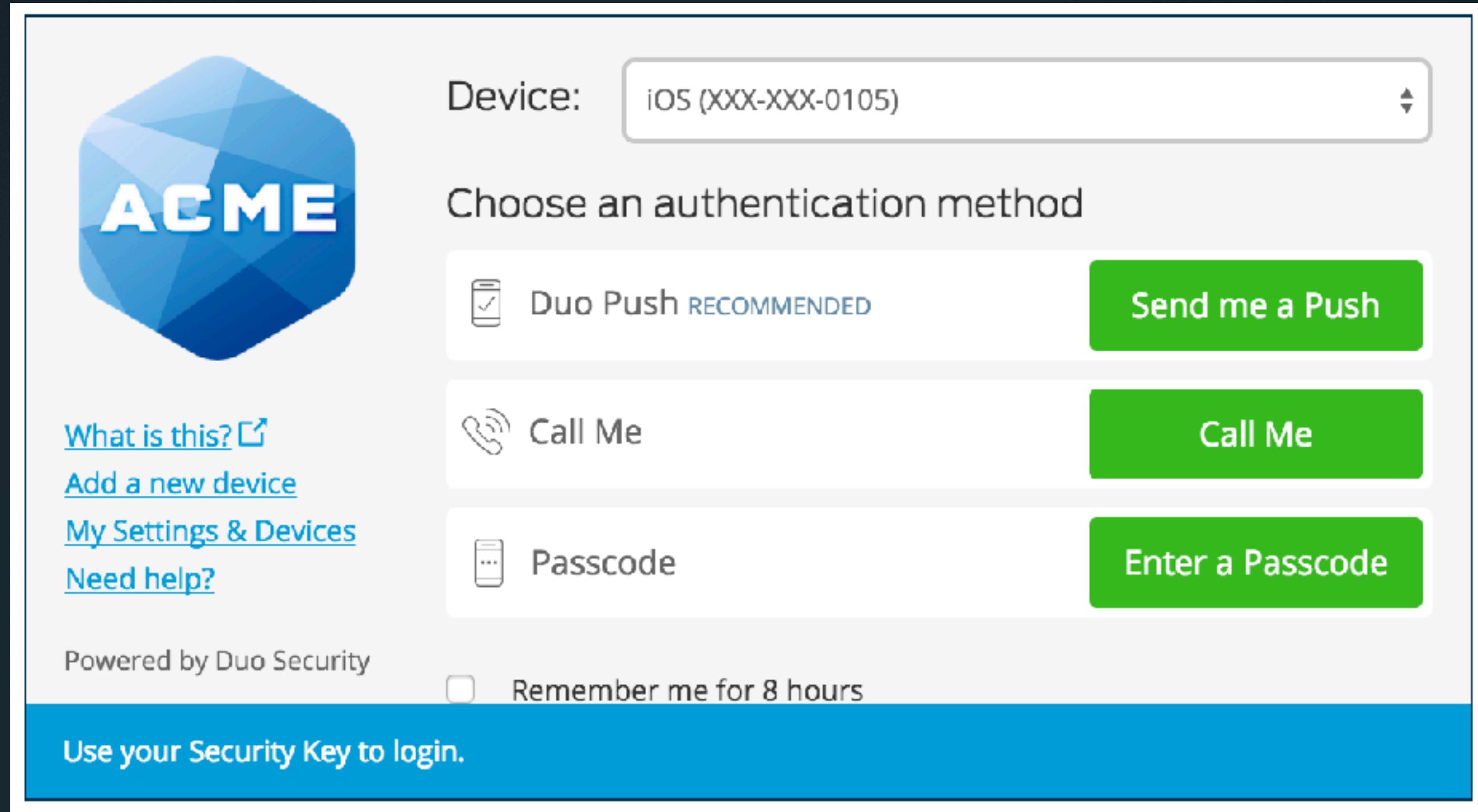
Table 122 — Definition of TPMS_ATTEST Structure <OUT>

Parameter	Type	Description
magic	TPM_GENERATED	the indication that this structure was created by a TPM (always TPM_GENERATED_VALUE)
type	TPMI_ST_ATTEST	type of the attestation structure
qualifiedSigner	TPM2B_NAME	Qualified Name of the signing key
extraData	TPM2B_DATA	external information supplied by caller <small>NOTE A TPM2B_DATA structure provides room for a digest and a method indicator to indicate the components of the digest. The definition of this method indicator is outside the scope of this specification.</small>
clockInfo	TPMS_CLOCK_INFO	Clock, resetCount, restartCount, and Safe
firmwareVersion	UINT64	TPM-vendor-specific value identifying the version number of the firmware
[type]attested	TPMU_ATTEST	the type-specific attestation information



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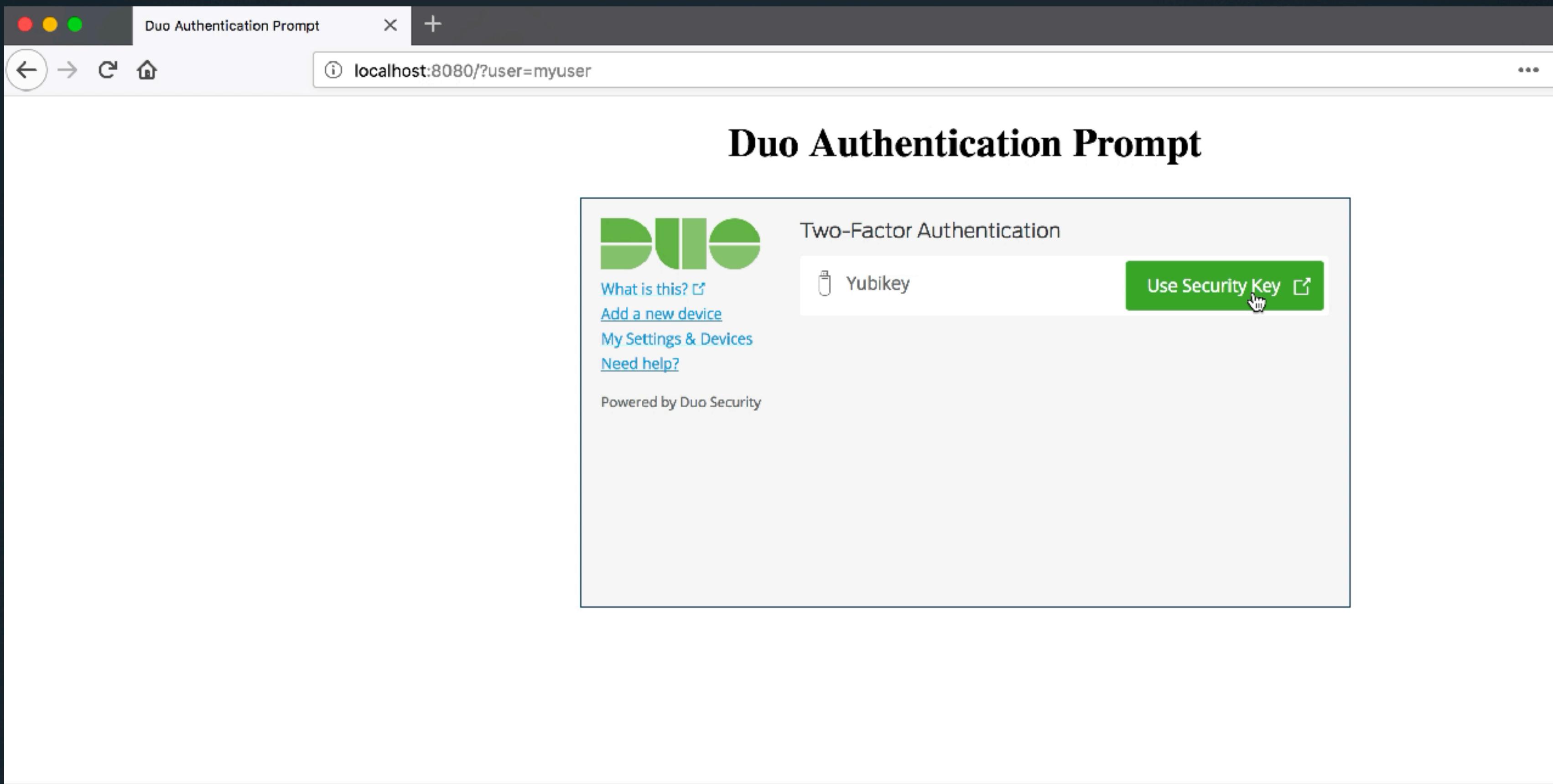
```
<iframe id="duo_iframe"
        title="Two-Factor Authentication"
        frameborder="0"
        data-host="%{host}s"
        data-sig-request="%{sig_request}s"
        >
</iframe>
```

sameOriginWithAncestors

This argument is a Boolean value which is true if and only if the caller's [environment settings object](#) is [same-origin with its ancestors](#).

1. If *sameOriginWithAncestors* is false, return a "[NotAllowedError](#)" [DOMException](#).

Note: This "sameOriginWithAncestors" restriction aims to address the concern raised in the [Origin Confusion](#) section of [\[CREDENTIAL-MANAGEMENT-1\]](#), while allowing [Relying Party](#) script access to Web Authentication functionality, e.g., when running in a [secure context](#) framed document that is [same-origin with its ancestors](#). However, in the future, this specification (in conjunction with [\[CREDENTIAL-MANAGEMENT-1\]](#)) may provide [Relying Parties](#) with more fine-grained control--e.g., ranging from allowing only top-level access to Web Authentication functionality, to allowing cross-origin embedded cases--by leveraging [\[Feature-Policy\]](#) once the latter specification becomes stably implemented in user agents.



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HTC One Max stored fingerprints where any app could see them

By Jacob Kastrenakes | [@jake_k](#) | Aug 10, 2015, 10:29am EDT

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Whitelisting Authenticators

```
typedef sequence<AAGUID> AuthenticatorSelectionList;  
  
partial dictionary AuthenticationExtensionsClientInputs {  
    AuthenticatorSelectionList authnSel;  
};
```

Each AAGUID corresponds to an authenticator model that is acceptable to the [Relying Party](#) for this credential creation. The list is ordered by decreasing preference.

1. If the [AAGUID](#) in the [attested credential data](#) is 16 zero bytes, *credentialCreationData.attestationObjectResult*.fmt is "packed", and "x5c" & "ecdaaKeyId" are both absent from *credentialCreationData.attestationObjectResult*, then [self attestation](#) is being used and no further action is needed.

Rolling out to users

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Incrementally add support for:

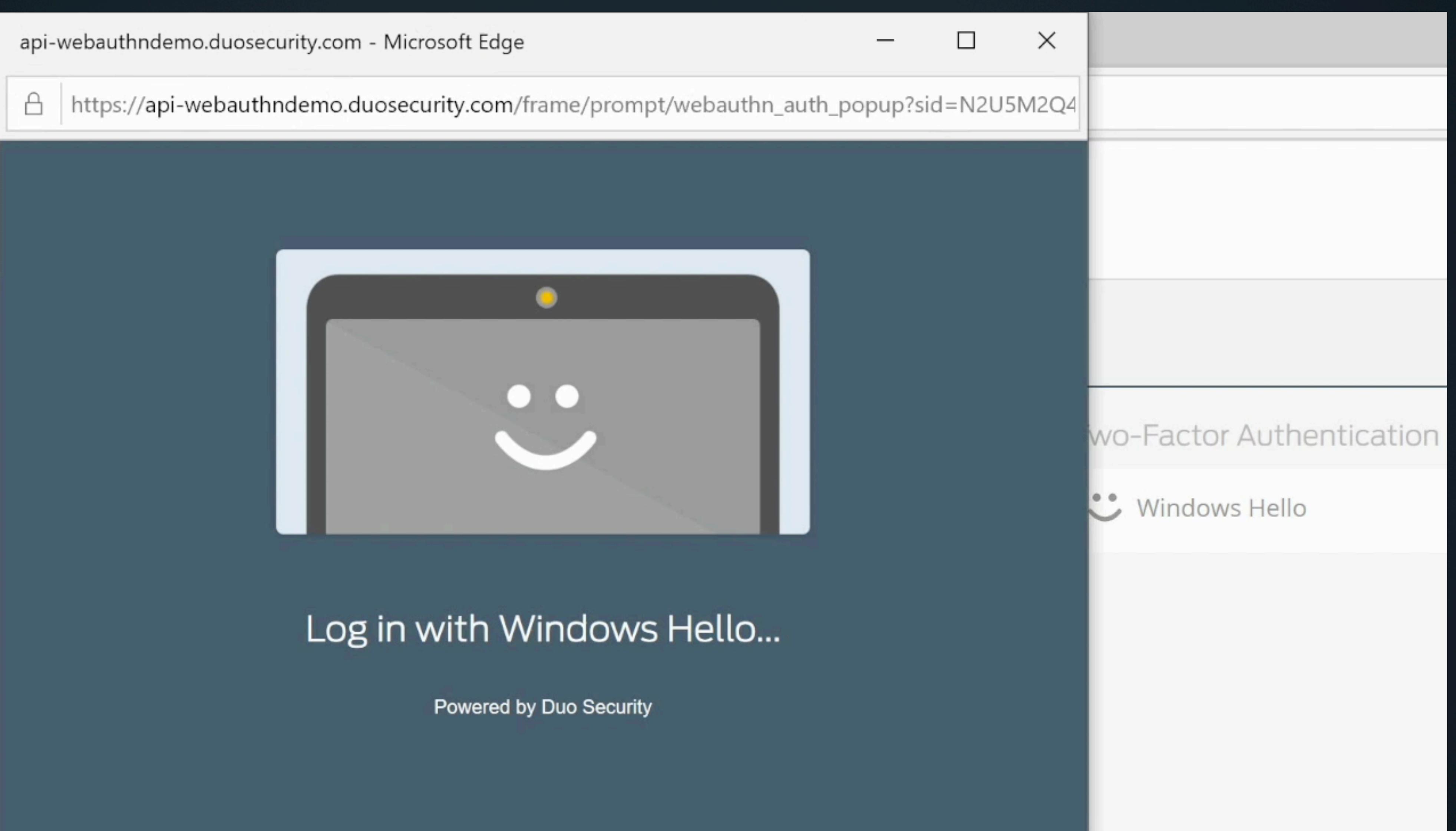
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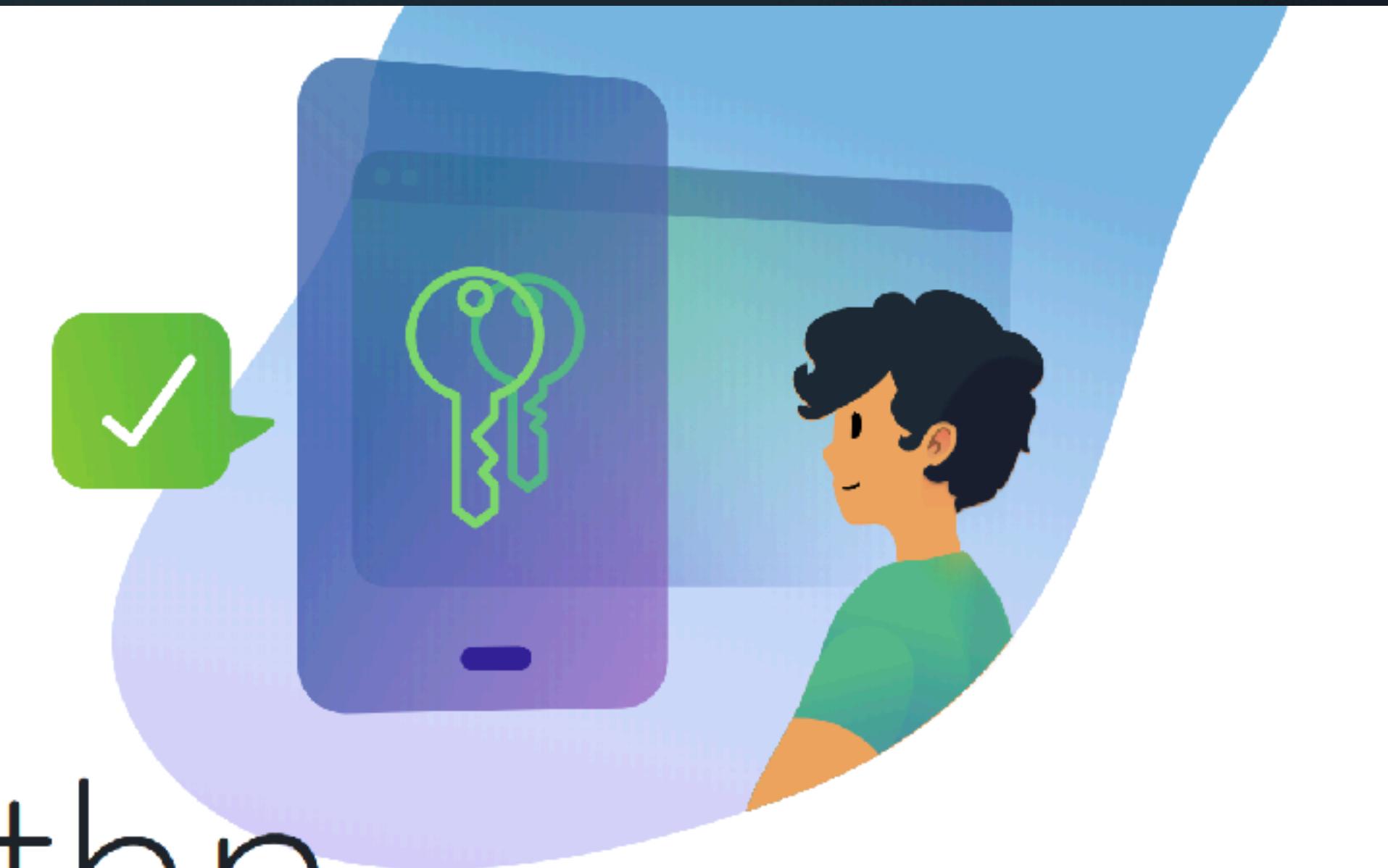
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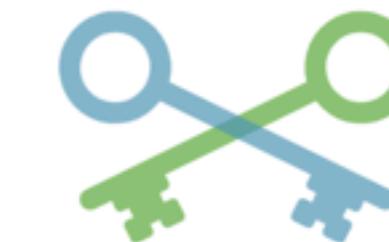
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Introducing Public Key Cryptography and Web Authentication (WebAuthn)

The Web Authentication API (also known as WebAuthn) is a [specification](#) written by the [W3C](#) and [FIDO](#), with the participation of Google, Mozilla, Microsoft, Yubico, and others. The API allows servers to register and authenticate users using public key cryptography instead of a password.

It allows servers to integrate with the strong authenticators now built into devices, like Windows Hello or Apple's Touch ID. Instead of a password, a private-public keypair (known as a [credential](#)) is created for a website. The private key is stored securely on the user's device; a public key and randomly generated credential ID is sent to the server for storage. The server can then use that public key to prove the user's identity.

The public key is not secret, because it is effectively useless without the corresponding private key. The fact that the server receives no secret has far-reaching implications for the security of users and organizations. Databases are no longer as attractive to hackers, because the public keys aren't useful to them.



What is Public Key Cryptography?

Public key cryptography was invented in the 1970s, and was a solution to the problem of shared secrets. It is a pillar of modern internet security; for example, every time we connect to an HTTPS website, a public key transaction takes place.

Public key cryptography uses the concept of a keypair; a private key that is stored securely with the user, and a public key that can be shared with the server. These "keys" are long, random numbers that have a mathematical relationship with each other.

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The `publicKeyCredentialCreationOptions` object contains a number of required and optional fields that a server specifies to create a new credential for a user.

```
1 const publicKeyCredentialCreationOptions = {
2   challenge: Uint8Array.from(
3     randomStringFromServer, c => c.charCodeAt(0)),
4   rp: {
5     name: "Duo Security",
6     id: "duosecurity.com",
7   },
8   user: {
9     id: Uint8Array.from(
10       "UZSL85T9AFC", c => c.charCodeAt(0)),
11     name: "lee@webauthn.guide",
12     displayName: "Lee",
13   },
14   pubKeyCredParams: [{alg: -7, type: "public-key"}],
15   authenticatorSelection: {
16     authenticatorAttachment: "cross-platform",
17   },
18   timeout: 60000,
19   attestation: "direct"
20 };
21
22 const credential = await navigator.credentials.create({
23   publicKey: publicKeyCredentialCreationOptions
24 });
```

`challenge`: The challenge is a buffer of cryptographically random bytes generated on the server, and is needed to prevent "replay attacks". [Read the spec](#).

`rp`: This stands for "relying party"; it can be considered as describing the organization responsible for registering and authenticating the user. The `id` must be a subset of the domain currently in the browser. For example, a valid `id` for this page is `webauthn.guide`. [Read the spec](#).

`user`: This is information about the user currently registering. The authenticator uses the `id` to associate a credential with the user. It is suggested to not use personally identifying information as the `id`, as it may be stored in an authenticator. [Read the spec](#).

`pubKeyCredParams`: This is an array of objects describing what public key types are acceptable to a server. The `alg` is a number described in the [COSE](#) registry; for example, `-7` indicates that the server accepts Elliptic Curve public keys using a SHA-256 signature algorithm. [Read the spec](#).

`authenticatorSelection`: This optional object helps relying parties make further restrictions on the type of authenticators allowed for registration. In this

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Passwords Aren't Enough: 76% of Breaches Exploit Stolen Credentials

by Thu Pham

As Verizon stated eloquently:

Passwords: the supreme ruler in the world of authentication. If we could collectively accept a suitable replacement, it would've forced about 80 percent of these attacks to adapt or die. - 2013 Verizon Breach Report.

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Registering a WebAuthn Credential

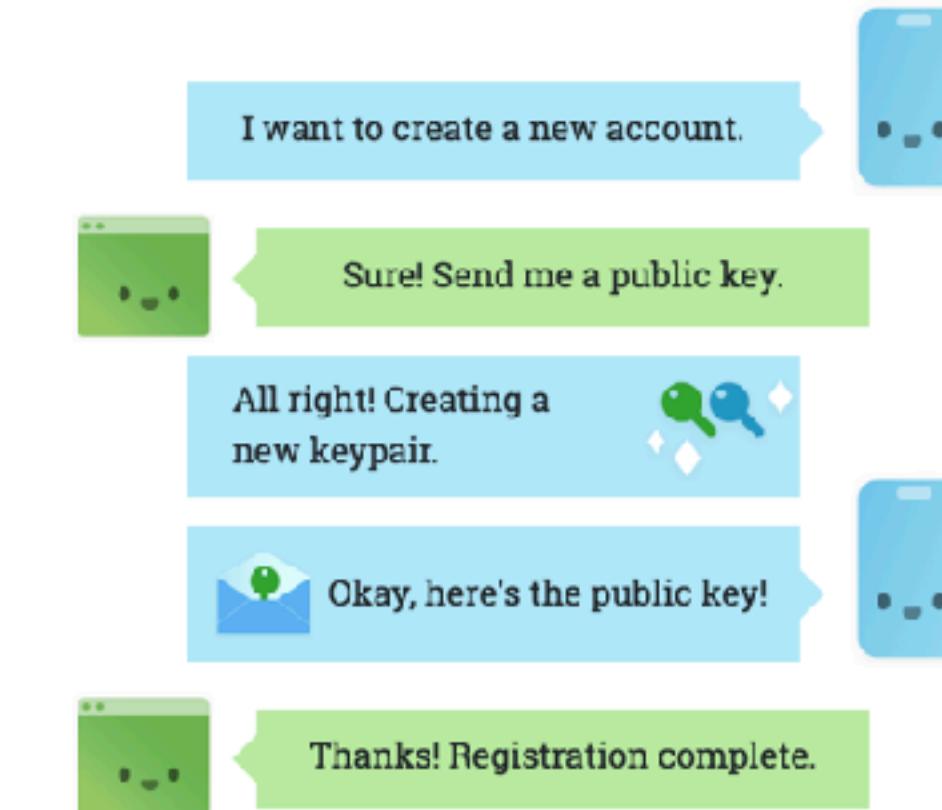
In a password-based user registration flow, you would present a form to a user asking for a username and password. The password would be sent to the server for storage.

With web authentication, we need a username. The website would then use the Web Authentication API to prompt the user to create a new keypair. It is important to note that we need a randomly generated string from the server as a challenge.

`navigator.credentials.create()`

A server would begin creating a new credential by calling `navigator.credentials.create()` on the client.

```
1 const credential = await navigator.credentials.create(  
2   publicKey: publicKeyCredentialCreationOptions  
3 );
```



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