

Insurance & Banking: **BlingBank**

Network and Computer Security



Secure Document Format

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- The protected document must ensure the **authenticity** and **confidentiality** of the account data.
- Assumption: user and the service share a **secret key**.

```
{
  "account": {
    "accountHolder": ["Alice"],
    "balance": 872.22,
    "currency": "EUR",
    "movements": [
      {
        "date": "09/11/2023",
        "value": 1000.00,
        "description": "Salary"
      },
      {
        "date": "15/11/2023",
        "value": -77.78,
        "description": "Electricity bill"
      },
      {
        "date": "22/11/2023",
        "value": -50.00,
        "description": "ATM Withdrawal"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Secure Document Flow

protect (twoLayer == true)

plain_text_json

Server

encrypt with the
account_symmetric_key
(first layer)

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JSON
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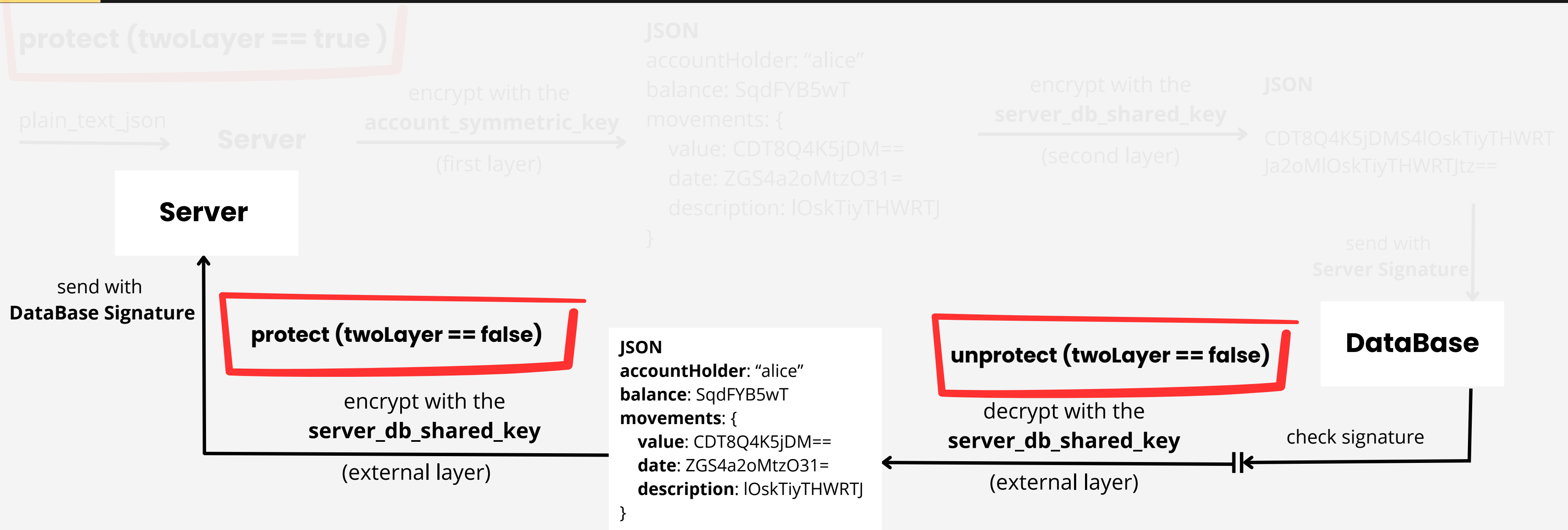
unprotect (twoLayer == false)

decrypt with the
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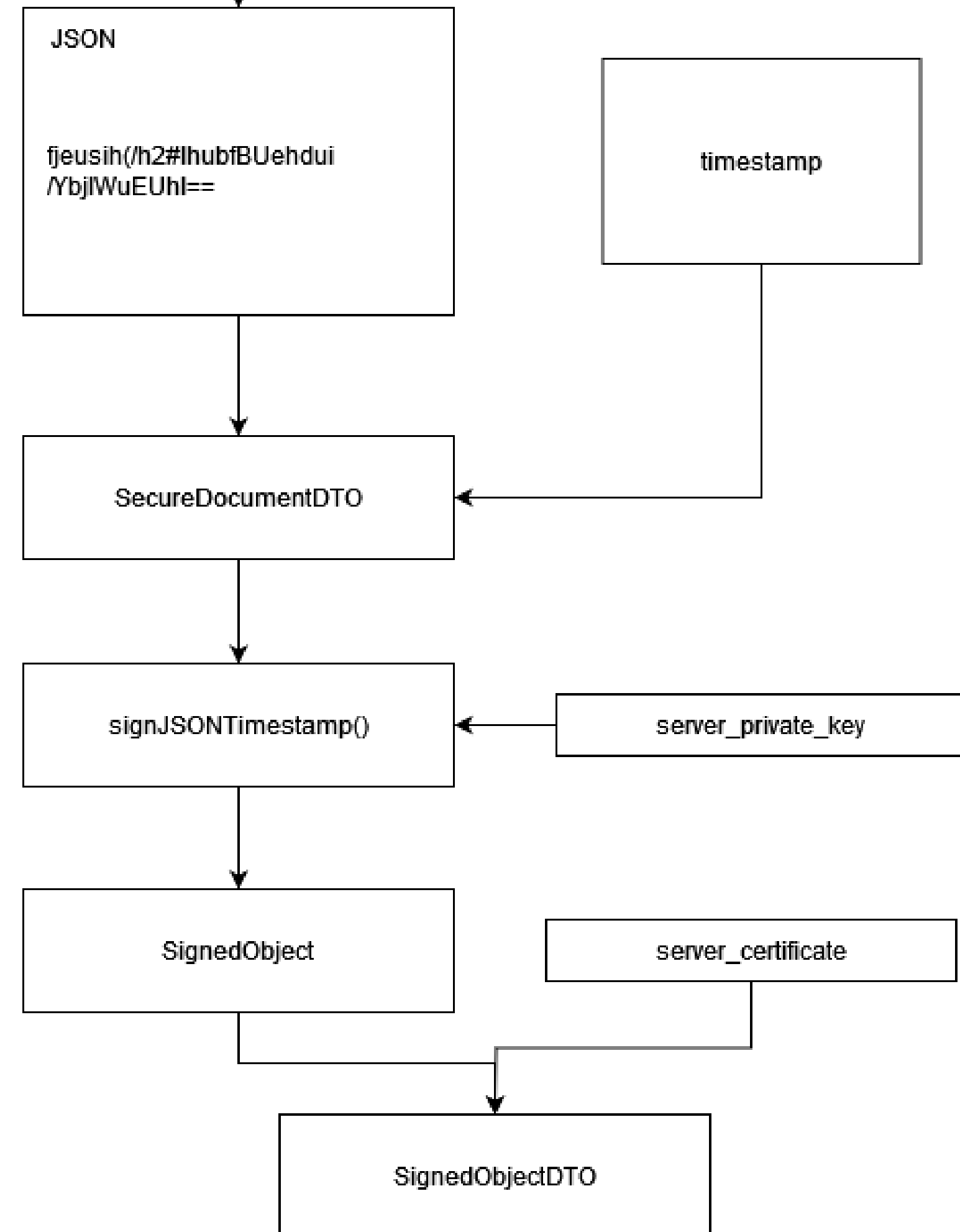
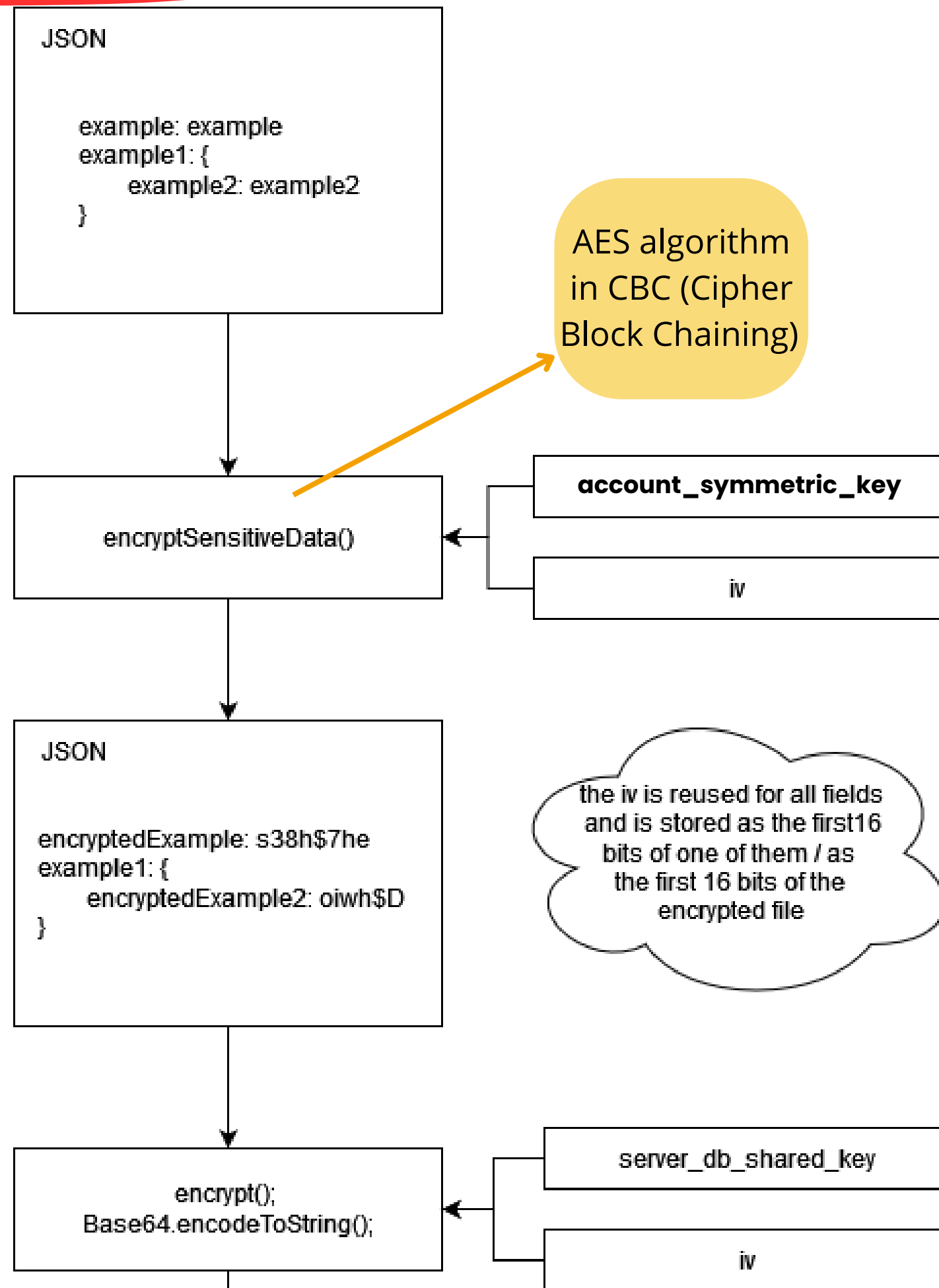
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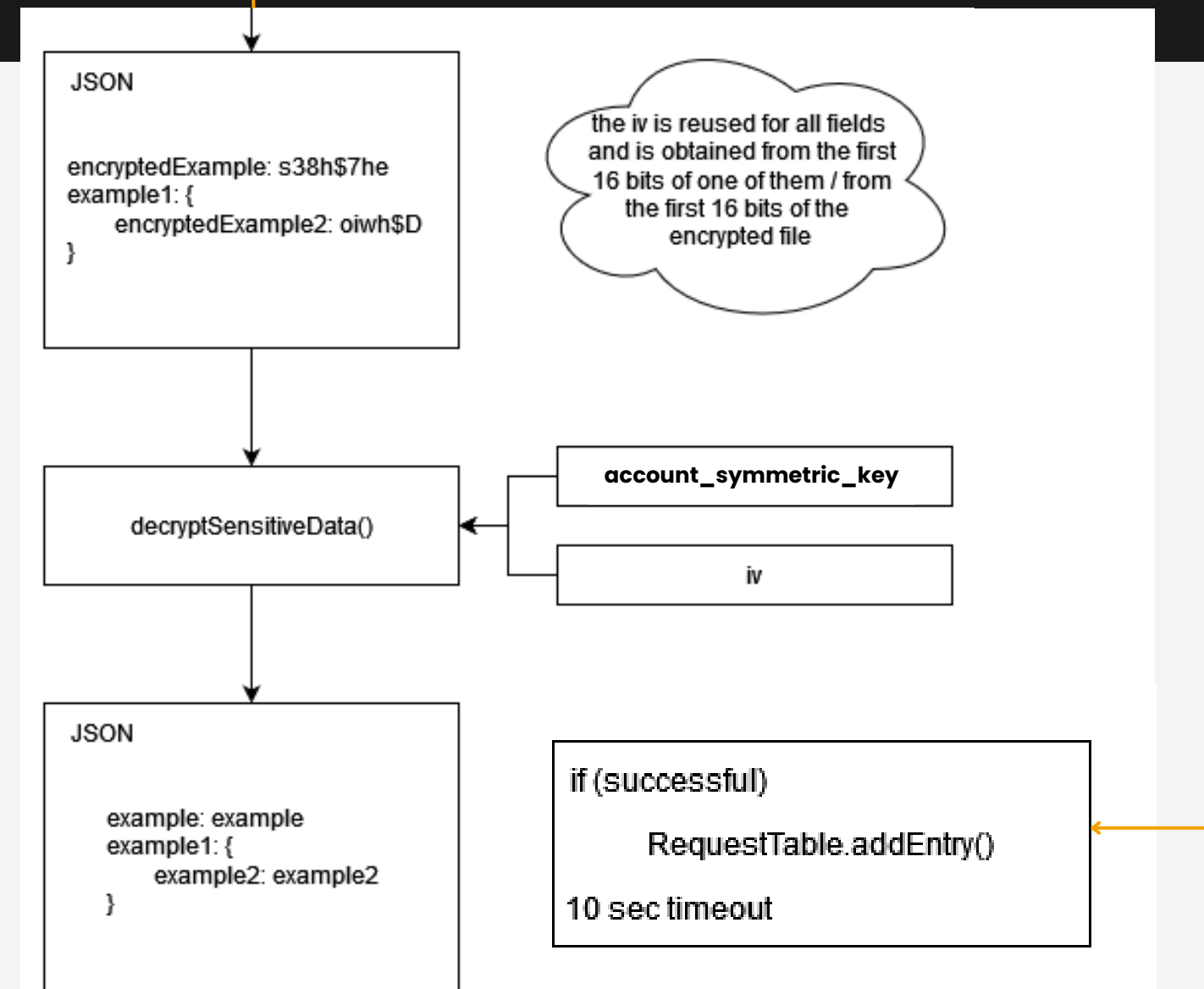
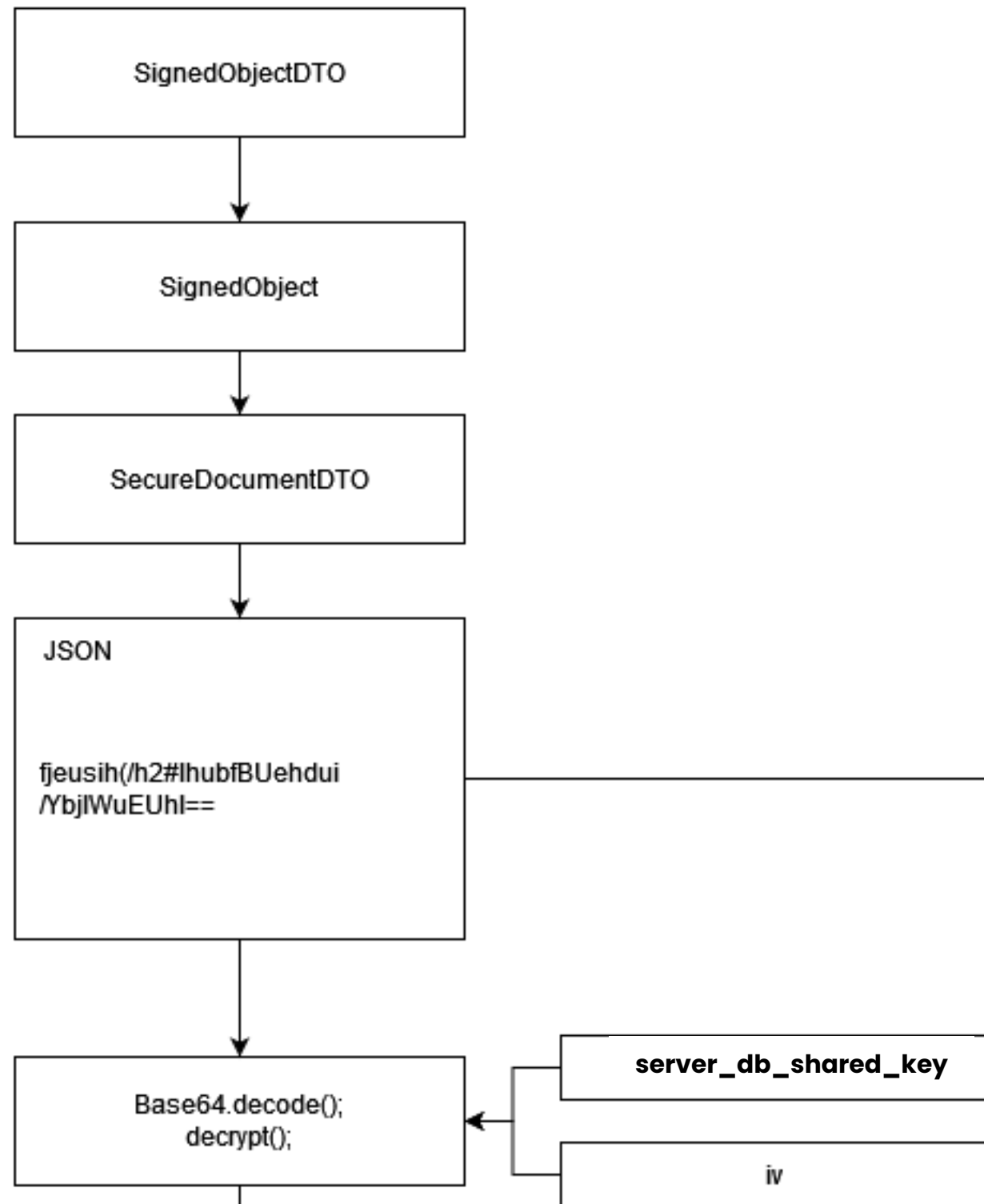
DataBase

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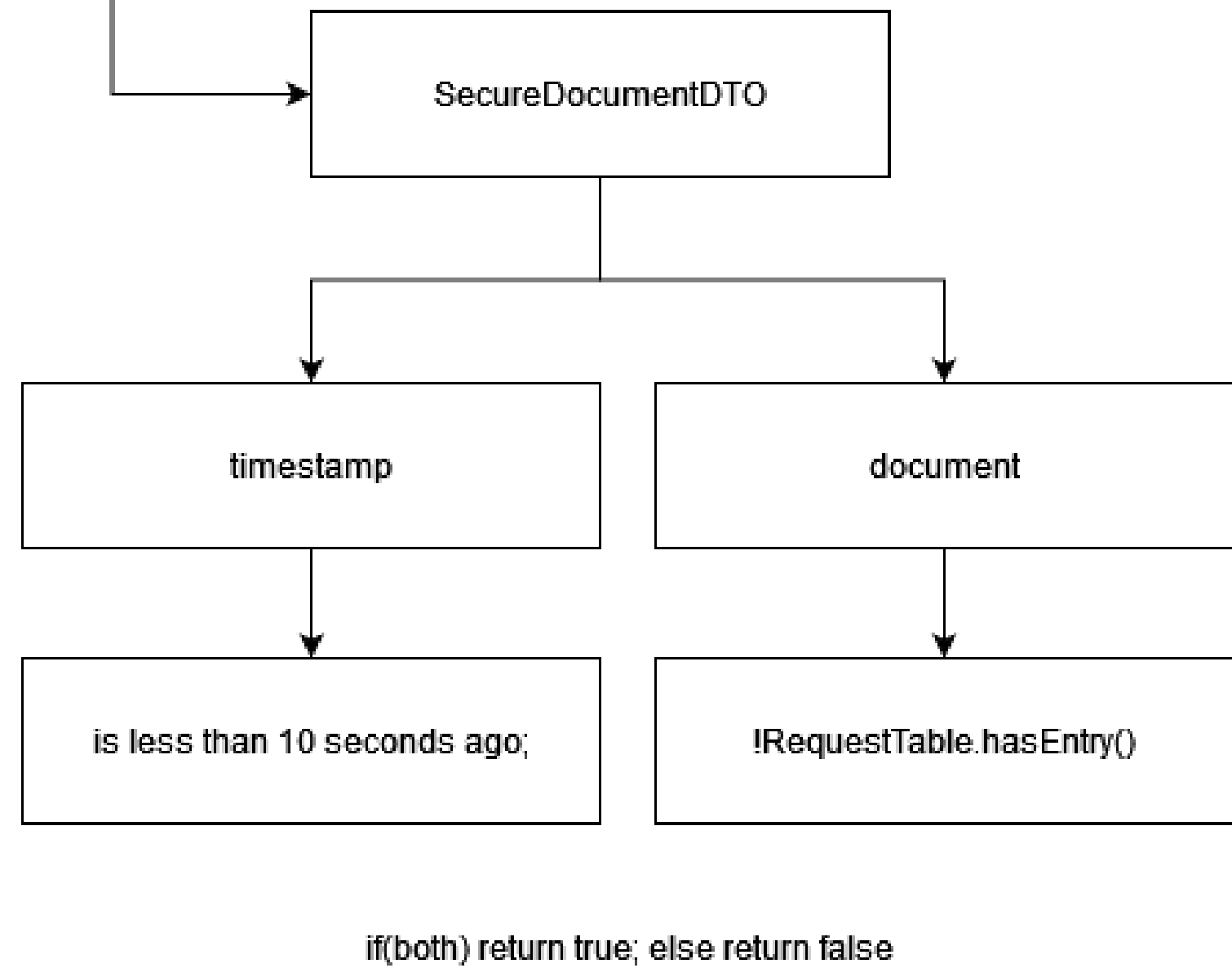
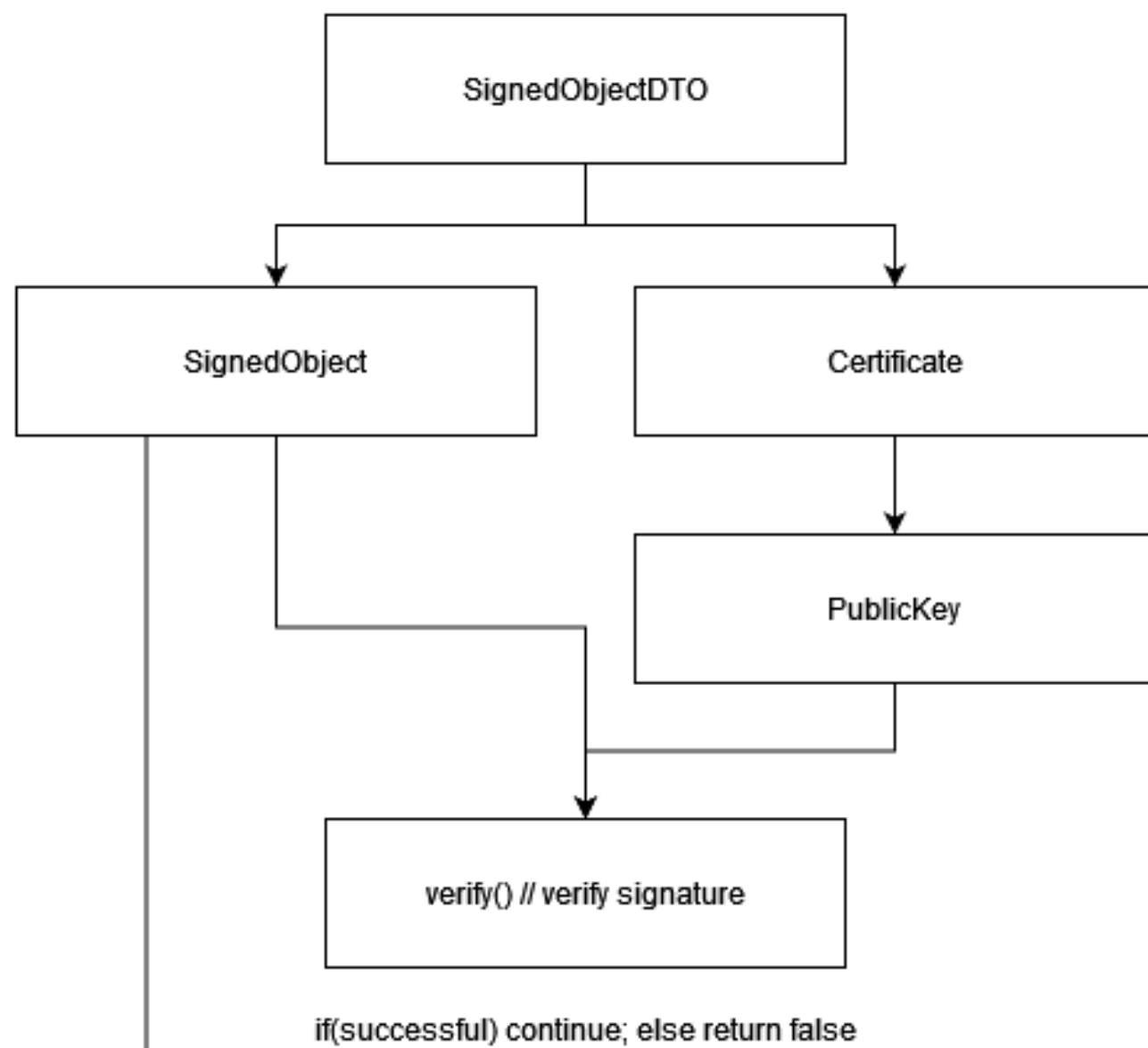


unprotect(2 layer == true)



the iv is reused for all fields and is obtained from the first 16 bits of one of them / from the first 16 bits of the encrypted file

check



Secure Document in DataBase

```
_id: ObjectId('65948dd3b8aef664e0c3d1d0')
▼ accountHolder: Array (1)
  0: "alice"
▼ movements: Array (3)
  ▼ 0: Object
    encryptedValue: "CDT8Q4K5jDMZxeH1cx/nXw=="
    encryptedDate: "ZGS4a2oMtZ031+9zJvPMS0SxZy5jhKZwEOuSeSACVBE="
    encryptedDescription: "l0skTiyTHWRTJPUGrexWDw=="
  ▼ 1: Object
    encryptedValue: "a1drMakVgiIdaE13kiSuog=="
    encryptedDate: "0imuQaM6R1TTJi5iN/TdelXG4kzeINufcT7ND7++zvs="
    encryptedDescription: "8mghYqZbJYsEC2aF0iGp5ipwYjkjGb7pabj1WxsMhWY="
  ▼ 2: Object
    encryptedValue: "RVnpP4bV8pf0cZtoqa6S1Q=="
    encryptedDate: "ULbR/Z3ZX0DjSxEf+pJuJ/FScwzBZrawn7ymxflh9Ts="
    encryptedDescription: "YhTZoVGexgAPVs0z2ee0SA=="
  encryptedBalance: "09zsqXoN/SqdFYB5wToSd9RgtLDIRlRfES3TGTJAaPg="
  encryptedCurrency: "Y/n5H1tcgYUCBlE299Cv1w=="
```



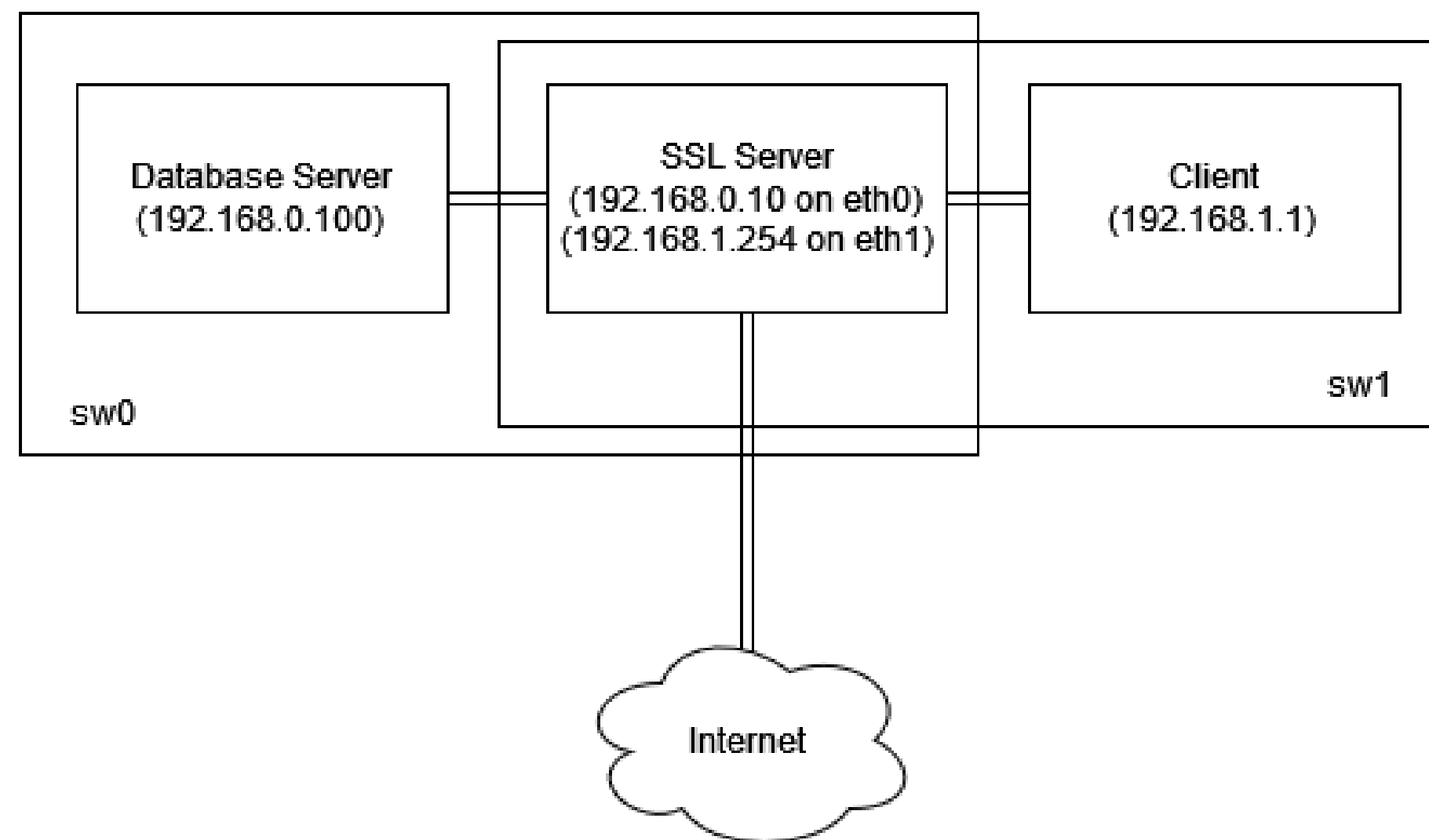
Built Infrastructure



Infrastructure

- **The infrastructure is composed of the Database Server, SSL Server and the external clients**
 - Database Server stores and accesses data on MongoDB
 - SSL Server handles client requests

Infrastructure





Key Distribution



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- **RSA keys in Server and DataBase, Secret Key shared between both, Certificates changed by the admin**
- **Secret Key in Server for each Account and Payment Account**
- **Assumed Secret Key between Server and Client**
- **Clients obtain Server Certificate in CA**
- **Automatic generation of RSA keys for each client in first connection**
- **Client sends Certificate to Server using HMAC, calculated with the Secret Key shared with Server**



Secure Channels



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- **SSL sockets were used for Client → SSL Server and SSL Server → DataBase Server communications**
 - Truststores are used to store certificates of known entities
 - Keys used during communication are stored on Keystores



Secure Channels

- **For communications between clients and the SSL Server, a new cryptographic library was created: Secure Message Lib**
 - Messages are encrypted using the shared key, then signed with the private key
 - In decryption, the signature is validated using the public key, then, the content is recovered using the shared key



Security Challenge



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➤ **Guarantee confidentiality, authenticity,
and non-repudiation**

➤ **Freshness measures using timestamps
and Request Table**



Main Results and Conclusions



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- **Robust Cryptography**
 - ensures confidentiality, integrity, authenticity and non-repudiation of transmitted data.
- **Server-Database Communication Security**
 - Bilateral authentication with certificates for Server and Database
- **Client-Server Communication Security**
 - HMAC calculation for Client Certificate enhances integrity.
 - Secure generation and transmission of asymmetric keys for new device connections.
- **Effective prevention of replay attacks**

Live Demonstration