

# Trust Schema

## Name-Based Trust Management

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**Schematizing and Automating Trust in Named Data Networking**

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# Goals

Recap of content-based authenticity approach of NDN

Learn insights on how NDN can make security usable

Learn how NDN apps can be secured today

What be available soon

# Overview

NDN architecture mandates signature

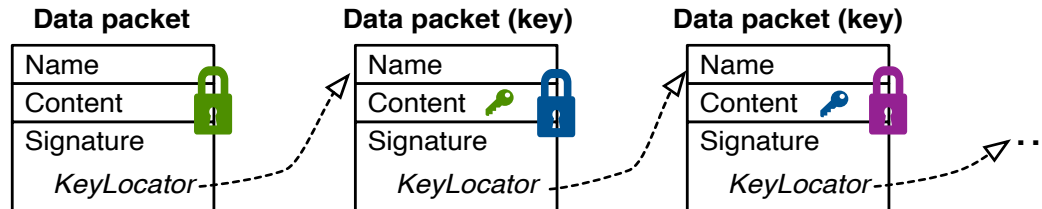
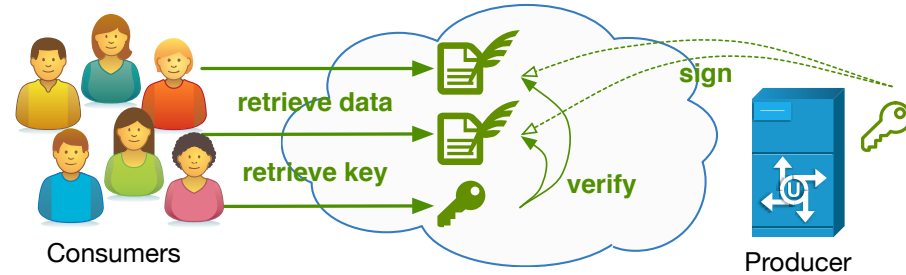
- Effectiveness of the mandate depends on the implementation
- If too complex, developers will shortcut
  - “temporarily” disable
  - use non-secure/fake signatures

**Need a tool to make security usable**

need automation

# Data-Centric Security in NDN

- Data is named and is retrieved using name
- Name and content are bound together with a crypto signature
- Data packet includes a name of the public key to verify the signature
  - Key is also a data packet and retrievable by name

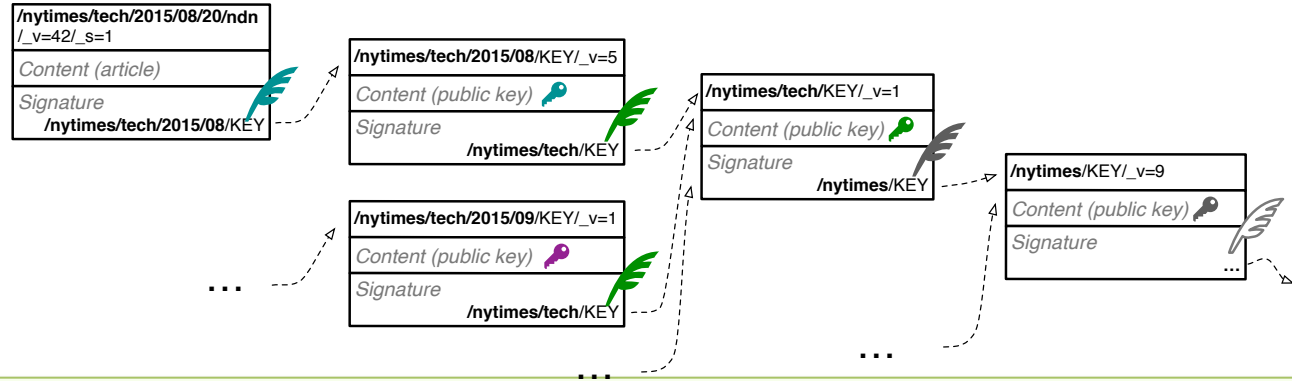


# Data Authentication

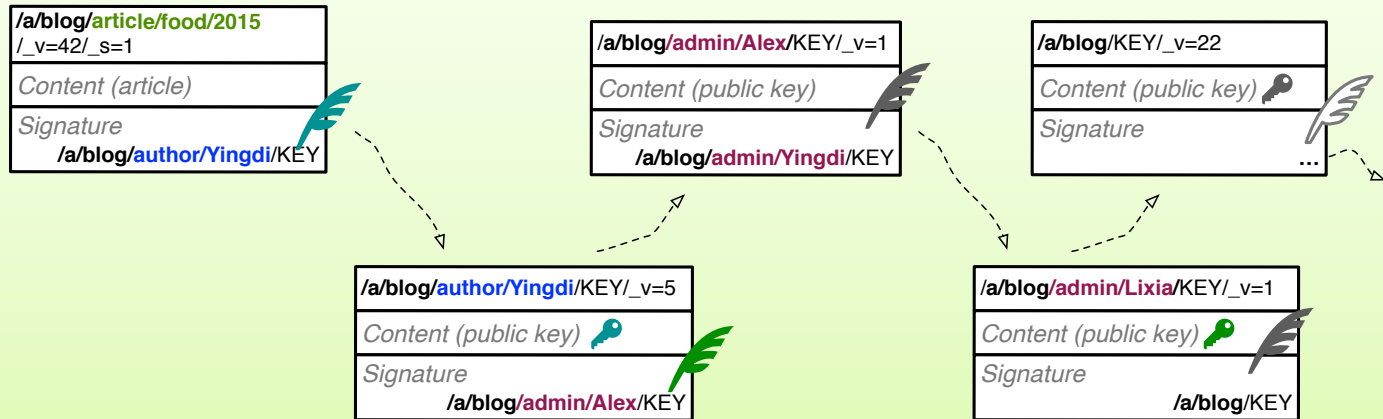
- To authenticate data, one needs a trust model
  - which keys are authorized to sign which data (trust rules)
  - one or more trusted keys
  - requires crypto properties
- Given trust model, anybody can verify data
  - applications
  - dedicated storage
  - routers
- **Trust model needs to be easily expressible**
  - help consumer to authenticate data
  - help producers to sign data

# NDN Insight: Trust can be defined as a set of relationships between data and key names

Hierarchical trust relations



Cross-namespace trust relations

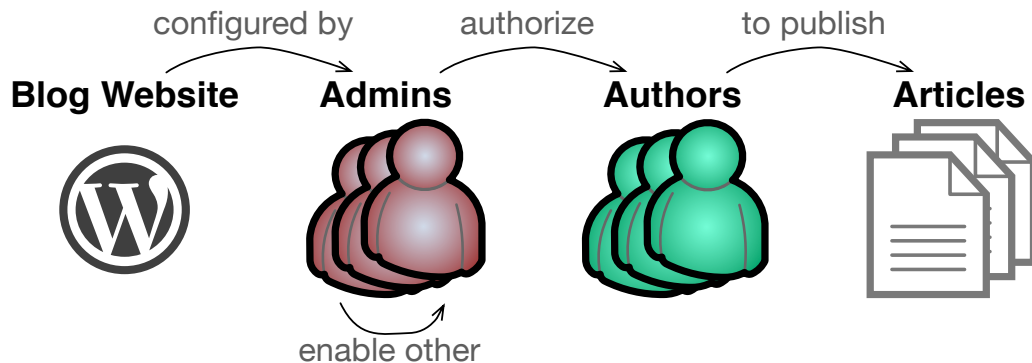


# Desired Properties for Trust Policy Definition

- Clear definition of relationship rules
  - Use names and name patterns to define rules
    - data with `/some/site` prefix can be only signed with `/some/site/key/<any-id>`
    - keys `/some/site/key/<any-id>` can be only signed with `/another/key/id=5`
  - Pre-configured trust anchors to bootstrap trust
    - `/another`
- Least privilege
  - Limited usage scope
  - Limited time-span
- Re-use of trust models between applications
  - Define, debug, and refine common trust models
- Make security easy to use

**Trust Schema to Schematize and Generalizing Trust**

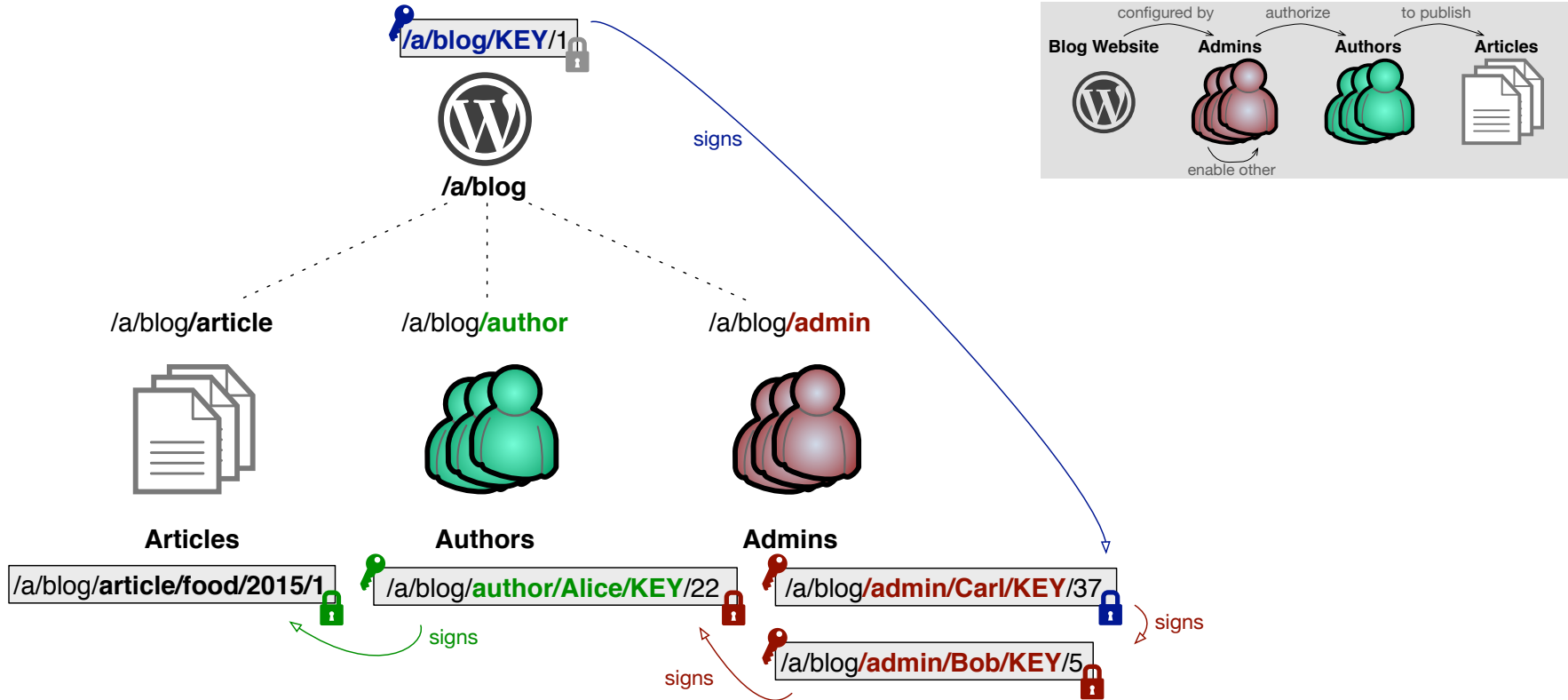
# Web Blog



- Articles authored and signed by authors
- Authors are given permissions to publish on the blog by administrators
- Administrators are configured by blog configuration or other administrators



# Web Blog Trust Relationships



# Generalized Rules for Name-Based Trust

Relationship between data and key names

- `/a/blog/article/food/2015/3`  $\leftrightarrow$  `/a/blog/author/Alice/KEY/22`
- `/a/blog/article/drink/2014/9`  $\leftrightarrow$  `/a/blog/author/Zach/KEY/5`

Generalizing relationship

- `blogPrefix` + “blog” + “article” + `category` + miscInfo  $\leftrightarrow$ 
  - `blogPrefix` + “blog” + “author” + `name` + “KEY” + keyid

Use regular-based syntax to capture the relationship

- $(\langle \rangle)^* \langle \text{blog} \rangle \langle \text{article} \rangle [\text{category}] \langle \rangle \langle \rangle \leftrightarrow$ 
  - `\1`  $\langle \text{blog} \rangle \langle \text{author} \rangle [\text{user}] \langle \text{KEY} \rangle [\text{id}]$

# Web Blog: Trust Schema

**Regex-like pattern with grouping**  
(group values accessible as \1, \2, \3 ...)

**Name or other rule specializations**

**Data Name**

**Key Name**

**article**

(<>\*)<blog><article><><><>

**author(\1)**

/a/blog/article/food/2015/3

**author**

(<>\*)<blog><author>[user]<KEY>[id]

**admin(\1)**

/a/blog/author/Alice/KEY/22

**admin**

(<>\*)<blog><admin>[user]<KEY>[id]

**admin(\1)**

**root(\1)**

/a/blog/admin/Bob/KEY/5

/a/blog/admin/Carl/KEY/37

**Key Name**

**Key**

**root**

(<>\*)<blog><KEY>[id]

/a/blog/KEY/1 (0x30  
0x82 ...)

Different trust anchor for  
different blog website

# Trust Rule Processing (1/3)

/a/blog/article/food/2015 /_v=42/_s=1
<i>Content (article)</i>
<i>Signature</i> /a/blog/author/Yingdi/KEY



article

(<>\*)<blog><article><><><>

author(\1)

/a/blog/article/food/2015/3 ==>> \1 = /a

article must be signed with the key with name expanded from **author("/a")**

[user] -> accepts any user name (auth)  
-> generates use name (keygen)

[id] -> accepts any key id (auth)  
-> generates unique key id (keygen0)

author

(<>\*)<blog><author>[user]<KEY>[id]

<a><blog><author>[user]<KEY>[id]

# Trust Rule Processing (2/3)

/a/blog/author/Yingdi/KEY/_v=5
Content (public key) 
Signature /a/blog/admin/Alex/KEY



author

( $\diamond^*$ )<blog><author>[user]<KEY>[id]

admin(\1)

/a/blog/author/Yingdi/KEY/\_v=5 ==>> \1 = /a

author key must be signed with the key with  
name expanded from **admin("/a")**


admin

( $\diamond^*$ )<blog><admin>[user]<KEY>[id]

<a><blog><admin>[user]<KEY>[id]

# Trust Rule Processing (3/3)

/a/blog/admin/Alex/KEY/_v=1
Content (public key)
Signature /a/blog/admin/Yingdi/KEY

/a/blog/admin/Lixia/KEY/_v=1
Content (public key) 
Signature /a/blog/KEY

admin

(<>\*)<blog><admin>[user]<KEY>[id]

admin(\1)

root(\1)

/a/blog/admin/Alex/KEY/\_v=1 ==>> \1 = /a

author key must be signed with the key with  
name expanded from **admin("/a")**

OR

key expanded from **root("/a")**

admin

(<>\*)<blog><admin>[user]<KEY>[id]

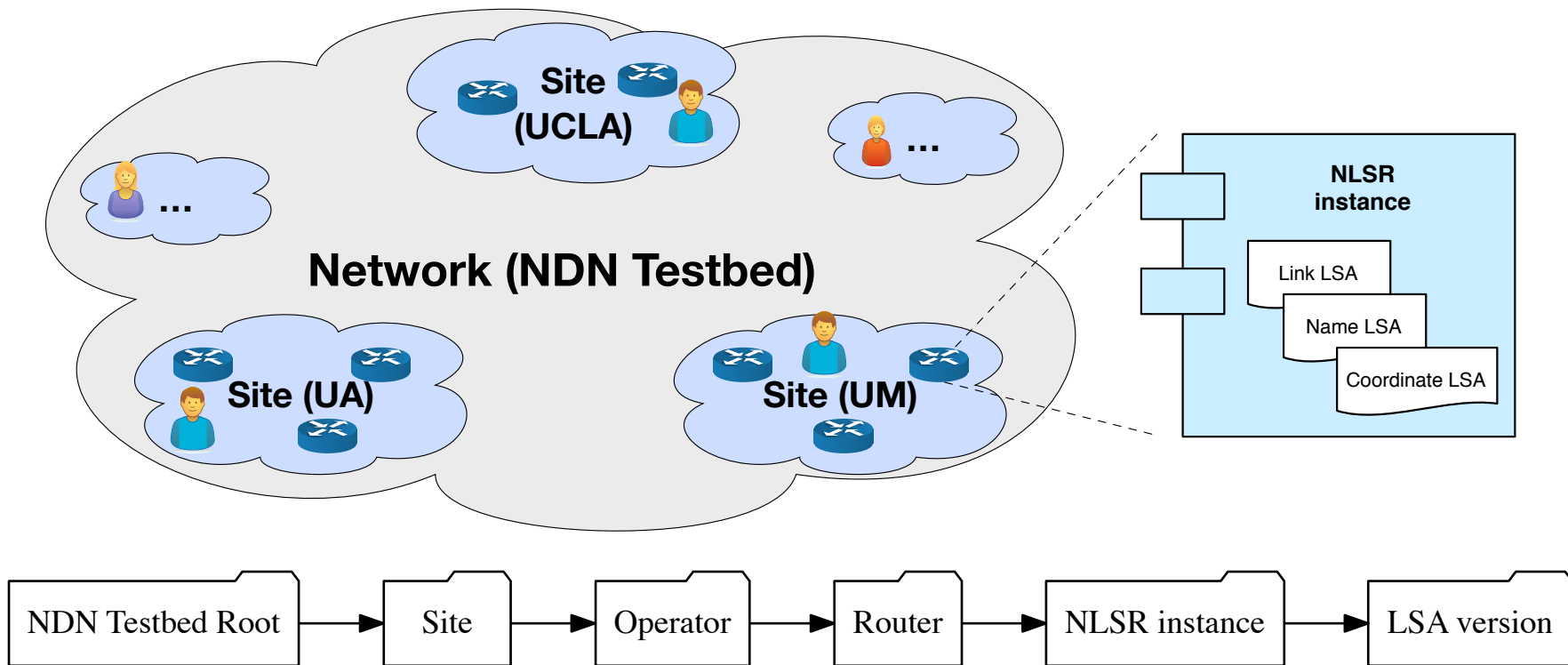
<a><blog><admin>[user]<KEY>[id]

root

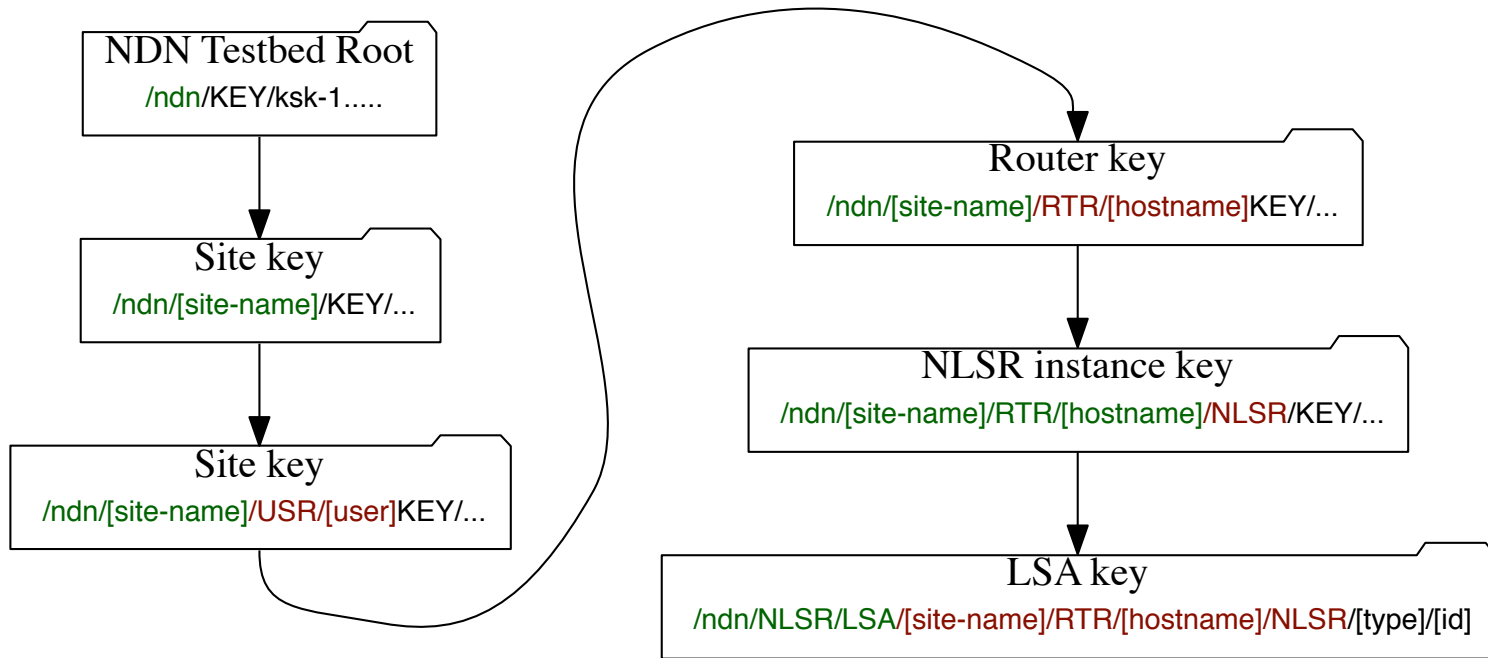
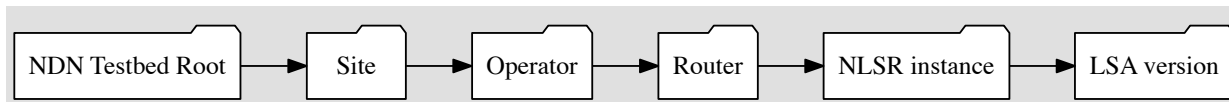
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<a><blog><KEY>[id]

# NDN Link-State Routing (NLSR)



# NLSR Trust Relationships





# NLSR: Trust Schema

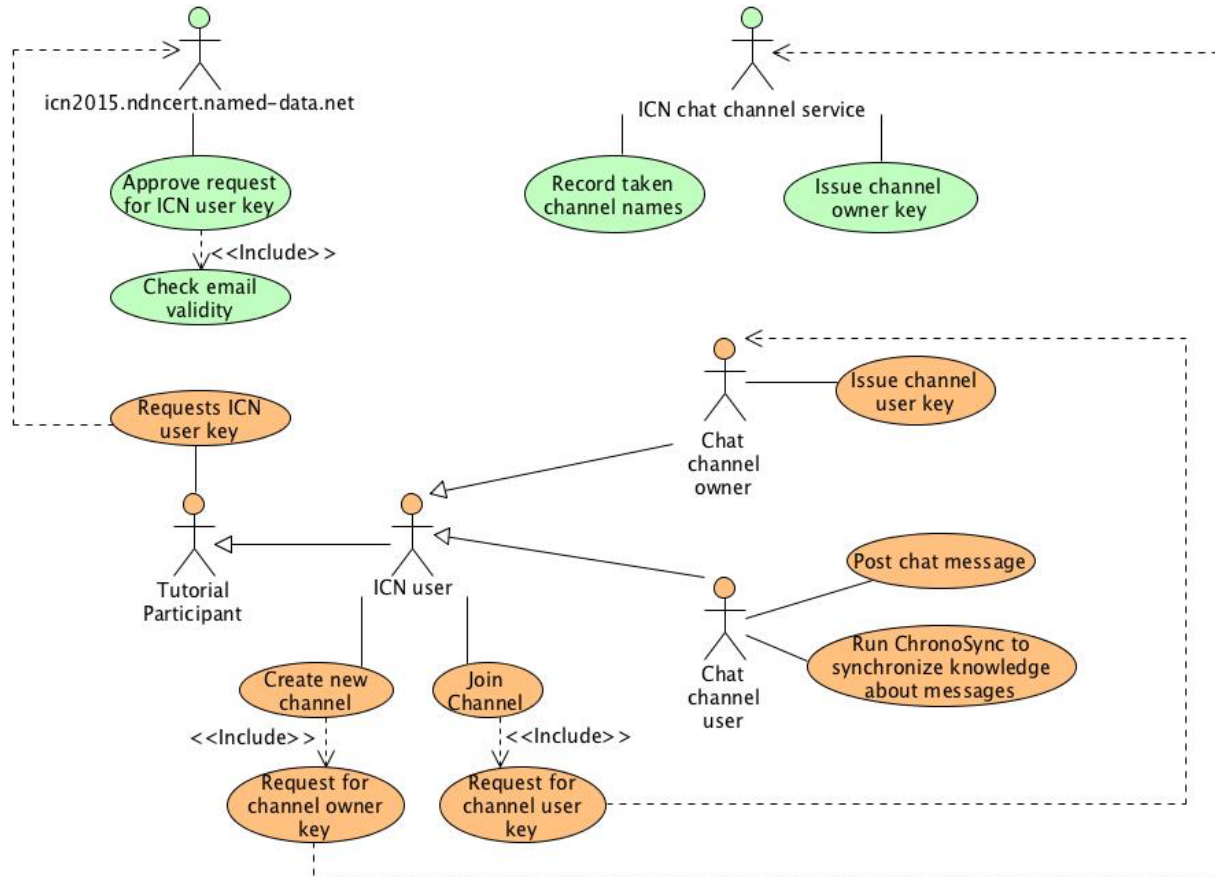
Data Name		Key Name	
LSA	(<>*)<NLSR><LSA>(<>*)<RTR>(<>)<><>	instance(\1, \2, \3)	/ndn/NLSR/LSA/edu/ucla/RTR/spurs/n/1
instance	(<>*)<RTR>(<>)<NLSR><KEY>[id]	router(\1, \2)	/ndn/edu/ucla/RTR/spurs/NLSR/KEY/22
router	(<>*)<RTR>(<>)<KEY>[id]	operator(\1)	/ndn/edu/ucla/RTR/spurs/KEY/44
operator	(<>*)<USR>[user]<KEY>[id]	site(\1)	/ndn/edu/ucla/USR/alex/KEY/2
site	(<>*)/KEY/[id]	root	/ndn/edu/ucla/KEY/5

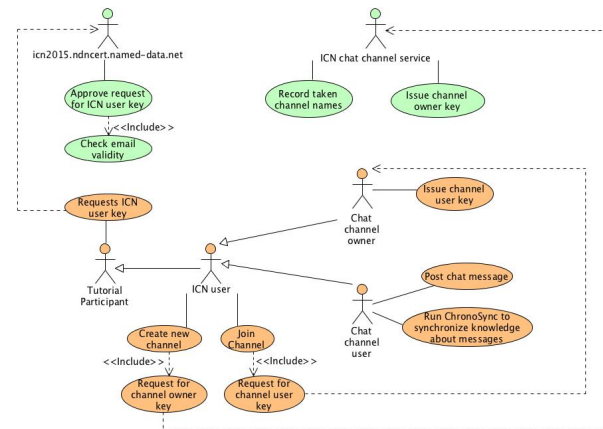
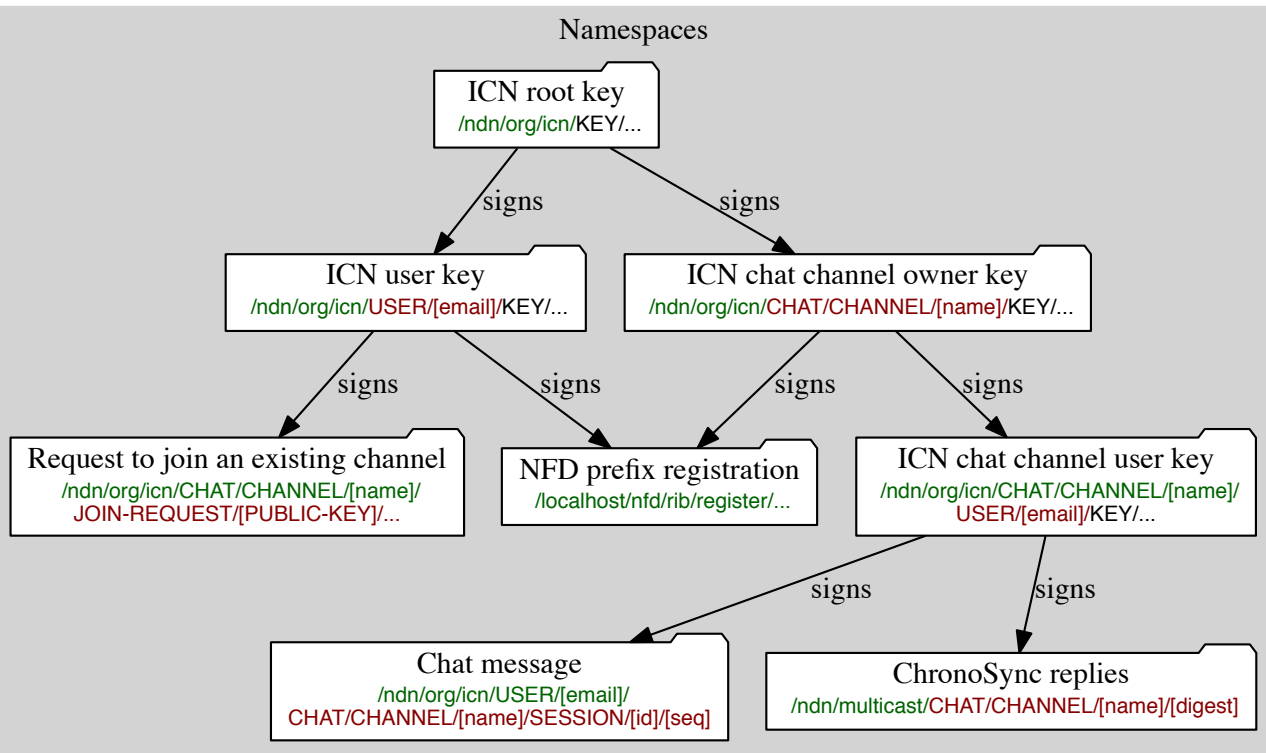
Key Name		Key
root	<ndn><KEY>[id]	/ndn/KEY/ksk-1.. (MIIBID...)

NDN Testbed Root

# Tutorial Chat App



# Tutorial App Trust Relationships



# Trust Schema

Data Name		Key Name
create_channel	(<>*)<CHANNEL-CREATION-REQUEST><>	user(\1, <>)
join_channel	(<>*)<CHAT><CHANNEL><><JOIN-REQUEST><>	user(\1, <>)
chat_data	(<>*)<USER>(<>)<CHAT><CHANNEL><><SESSION><><>	channel_user(\1, \2)
sync_reply	<ndn><multicast><CHAT><CHANNEL><><>	channel_user(<ndn><org><icn>, <>)
channel_user	(<>*)<CHAT><CHANNEL>(<>)<USER>(<>)<><KEY>	channel_owner(\1, \2)
channel_owner	(<>*)<CHAT><CHANNEL>(<>)<><KEY>	root(\1)
user	(<>*)<USER>(<>)<><KEY>	root(\1)

Key Name	Key
root	(<ndn><org><icn>)<><KEY> Mb43ha38as3Hbb...

# Making Trust Schema Universal Tool for Trust

Captures data/key name relationships using generalizations and patterns

- formally describes and defines trust model
- enforces trust model in automatic way
  - both authentication and signing paths

Representable in a data packet

- can be retrieved and executed by **any** NDN entity
- can be (recursively) authenticated using higher-level schemas

Trust schema also defines security design pattern

- regulate the behavior of applications
  - an operating system can define a trust schema to authenticate the trust schema of applications
- only install and execute apps with authenticated trust schema

# Trust Schema Implementation Status

ndn-cxx: <http://www.github.com/named-data/ndn-cxx>

- old schema (ValidatorConf)
- new schema implementation in the upcoming release

NDN-CCL: <http://named-data.net/codebase/platform/ndn-ccl/>

- NDN-CPP, NDN-JS, PyNDN, jNDN

Trust schema powers data and interest authentication in

- NFD: NDN Forwarding
- NLSR: NDN Link State Routing Protocol
- Repo-ng: NDN Data Repository
- ChronoChat: a chat application over NDN
- NDNS: NDN Domain Name System

**Works! Even better  
implementations coming  
really soon**

# Trust Schema Specification (New Format)

## Rule

- Restriction on a packet name and its signing key name

## Anchor

- A pre-authenticated public key (a data packet carrying the public key)

## Crypto (Signature Requirements)

- Cryptographic requirements on packet signature: which public key algorithm to use, which hashing algorithm to use, and what is the minimum required signature strength

# Rule

## id

- a unique identifier of the rule in the trust schema that can be used to link rules as part of signer "function." The identifier must start with a letter, and can only contain letters, digits, and underscores. The identifier is case-sensitive.

## name

- name pattern of the packet in terms of NDN regular expression

## type

- data (default) and interest

## signer

- one or more invocations of rules or trust anchors, separated by |

```
rule
{
  id article
  name
  (<*><blog><article><><><>
  signer author($1)
}
```

```
rule
{
  id key
  name (<*>(<>)<KEY>[id]<ID-
CERT>[version]
  signer key($1,null)|root()
}
```



# Anchor

## id

- identifier for the anchor that can be used to link an anchor to a rule as a signer "function". The identifier must start with a letter, and can only contain letters, digits, and underscores.

## name

- name pattern of the packet in terms of NDN regular expression

## file, raw, or dir

- filename, base64 content, or directory containing pre-authenticated public key certificate

```
anchor
{
  id root
  name (<*><blog><KEY>[id]
  file blog-root.cert
}
```

```
anchor
{
  id another-root
  name <KEY>[id]
  raw
  "Bv0DGwdG...amHFvHIMDw=="
}
```

# Crypto (Signature Requirements)

## hash

- one or more allowed hash algorithms, separated by |

## signing

- one or more allowed signing algorithms, separated by |
- rsa (RSA signature algorithm), ecdsa (ECDSA signature algorithm)

## key-strength

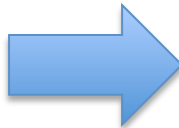
- minimum crypto strength of a key (in terms of symmetric key bits)
- [http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-57/sp800-57\\_part1\\_rev3\\_general.pdf](http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-57/sp800-57_part1_rev3_general.pdf)

```
crypto
{
  hash sha-256
  signing rsa | ecdsa
  key-strength 112
}
```

# Current Status / Future Work

# Trust Schema (Old Format/ValidatorConf)

```
rule
{
  id "Simple Rule"
  for data
  filter
  {
    type name
    name /localhost/example
    relation is-prefix-of
  }
  checker
  {
    type customized
    sig-type rsa-sha256
    key-locator
    {
      type name
      name /ndn/edu/ucla/Yingdi/KEY/1
      relation equal
    }
  }
}
```



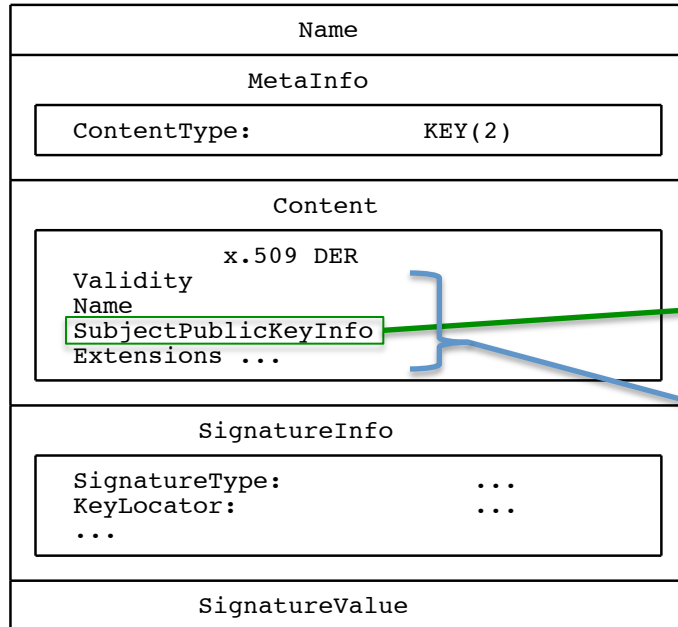
```
rule
{
  id simple_rule
  name <localhost><example><>*
  signer /ndn/edu/ucla/Yingdi/KEY/1
}
```

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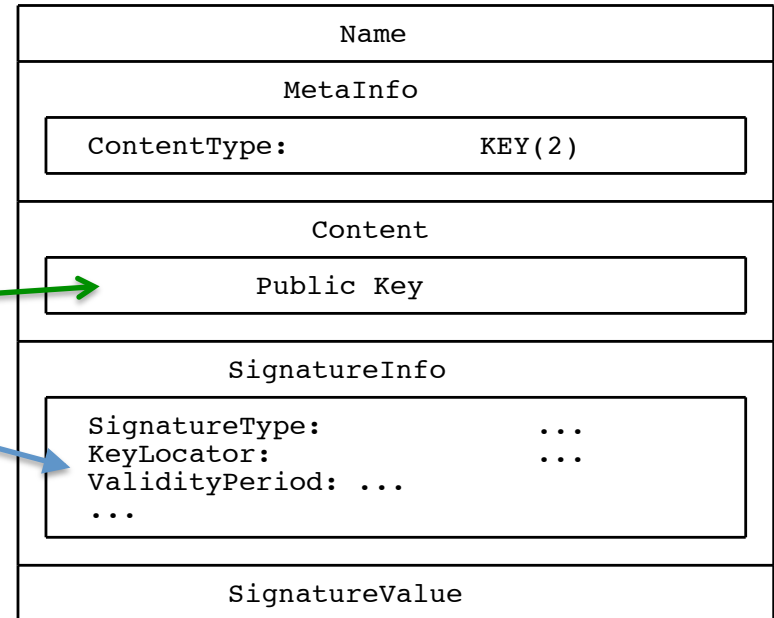
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crypto
{
  hash sha-256
  signing rsa | ecdsa
  key-strength 112
}
```

# A Few Details and Future Plans in NDN Security

The currently used format for NDN public key



The new format in the upcoming release



# Q A

## Take out points

- Trust schema becoming a universal tool for trust
  - captures trust models in a concise and generalized way
  - contained in data packet(s) and recursively secured with the trust schema
  - is a new design pattern for security