

Saving Passwords secure

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Why this presentation

eHarmony, LinkedIn, last.fm, Sony, ...

- LinkedIn, eHarmony (dating site) and last.fm (streaming site) were hacked
 - Goods: 8 million accounts
- „*I left a bunch of stuff running over night, and have about 50% of all the passwords cracked.*“ (LinkedIn: 6,46 Mio Acc., MD5, unsalted)
- <http://erratasec.blogspot.de/2012/06/linkedin-vs-password-cracking.html>

Assumption

We will be hacked, sooner or later

- ❖ Question is not: Are there security holes?
- ❖ **it is: When will they be found?**
- ❖ And who will find them?

business value

- **TRUST** is your business value
- If the user doesn't trust you, you don't make a deal.

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- your service is not important and it doesn't matter whether the passwords are stolen?
- **REALLY!??!!**
- **He uses THE SAME PASSWORD ON 100 OTHER SERVICES!**

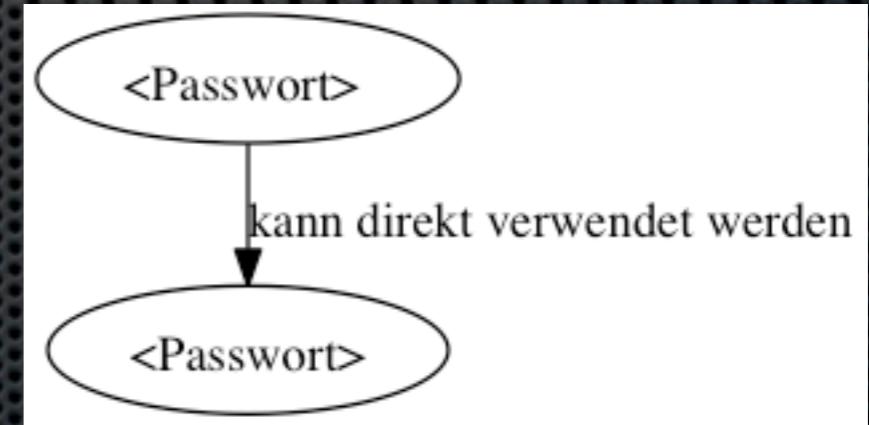
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- How? Save password directly into database
- Advantage:
 - The user gets his password back
- Disadvantage:
 - database stolen → all passwords stolen

plain text passwords - problems

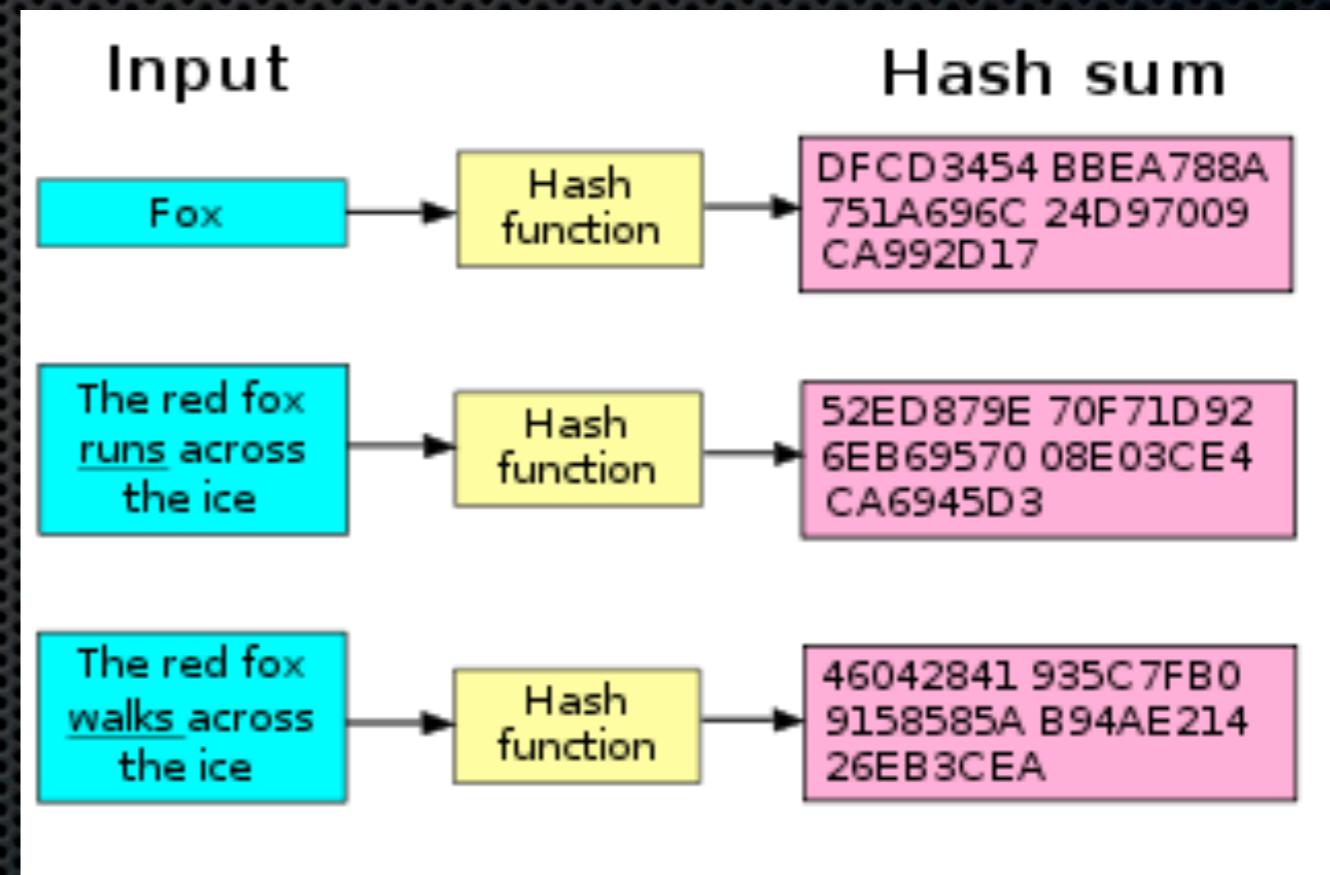
- problems:
 - time for cracking:
 - none.



hashed passwords

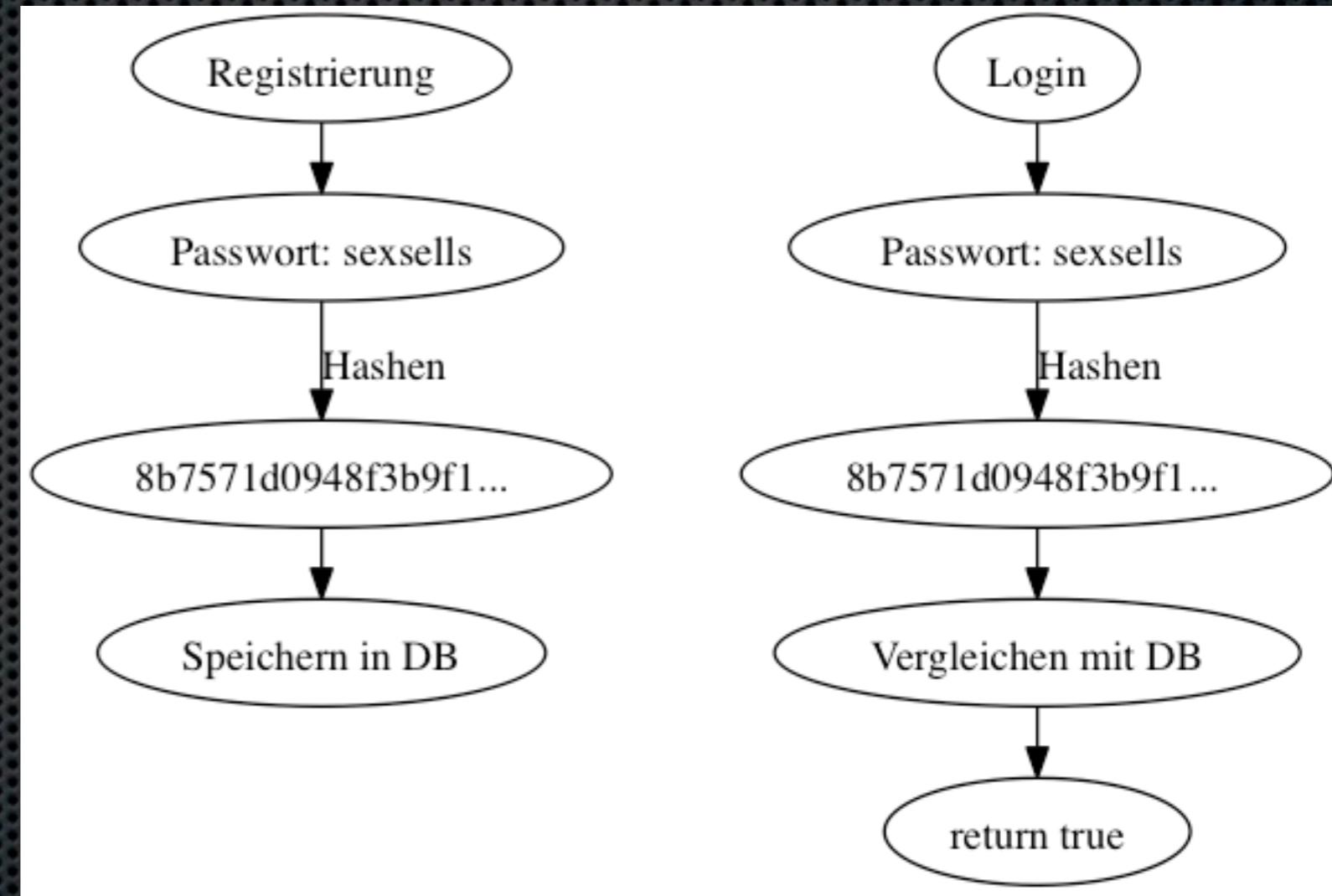
Hashing

- One-Way-Encryption
 - easy in one direction
hard in the other
 - e.g. prime factorization,
multiplication vs.
modulo
 - e.g. SHA2, SHA512,
Whirlpool



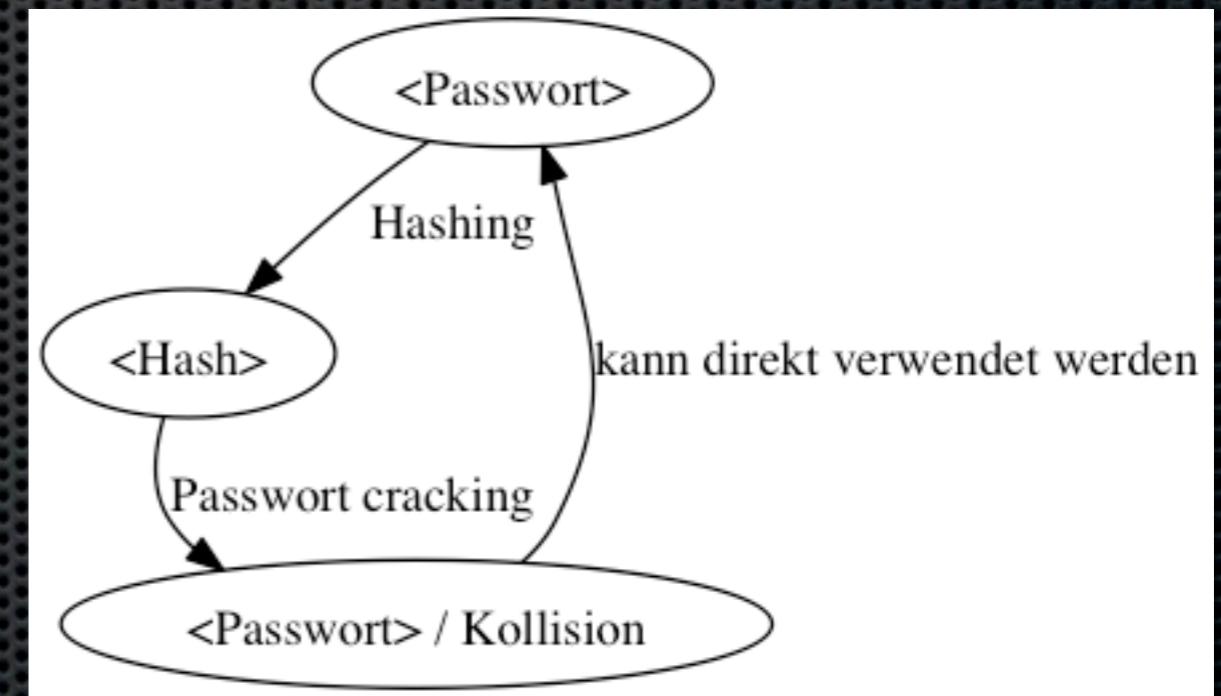
hashed passwords

- Save hashed passwords
- Advantage:
 - password is not plaintext
- Disadvantage:
 - today still easy to crack



hashed passwords - problems

- finding plaintext password for hash isn't easy, but
 - many hash-algorithms are broken (DES, MD5, SHA1, ...)
 - it is possible to precalculate passwords/collisions (rainbowtables)
 - today we have much processing ressources (GPU, EC2, ...)



broken hash algorithms

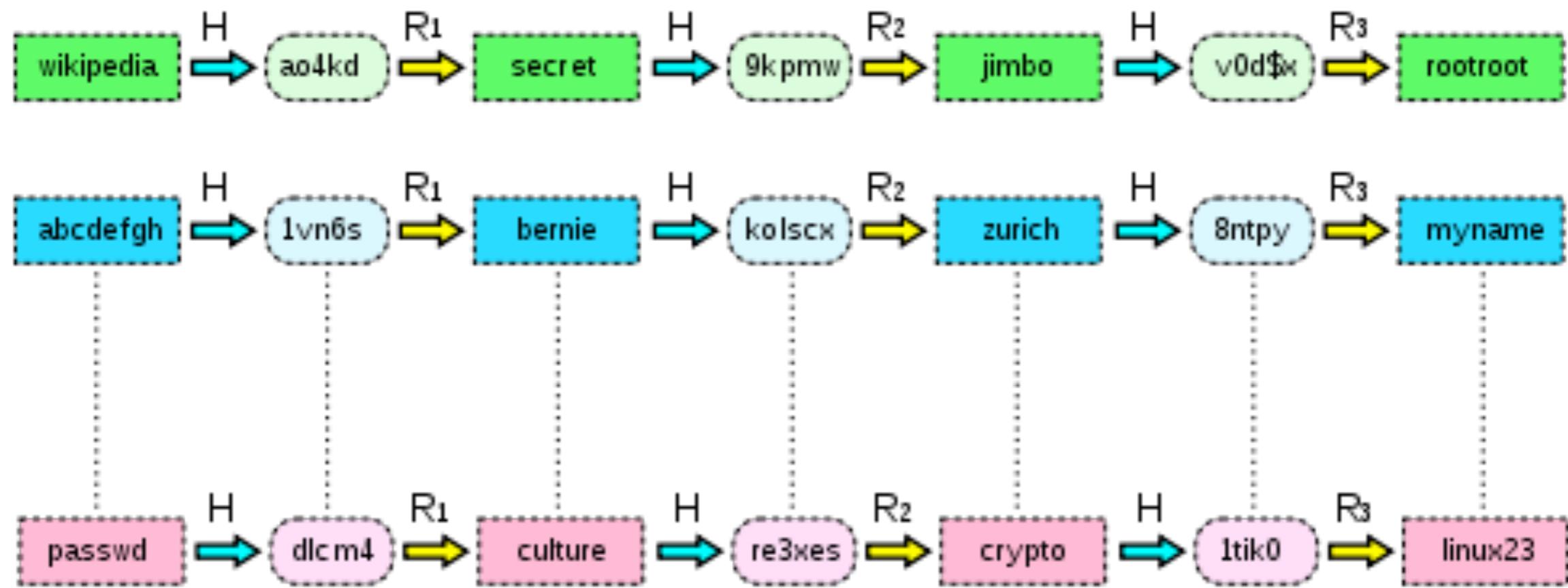
broken algorithms

- Hands off!
- DES (old crypt() Impl.)
- MD2
- MD4
- MD5
- SHA1
- RC4 (WEP)

rainbowtables

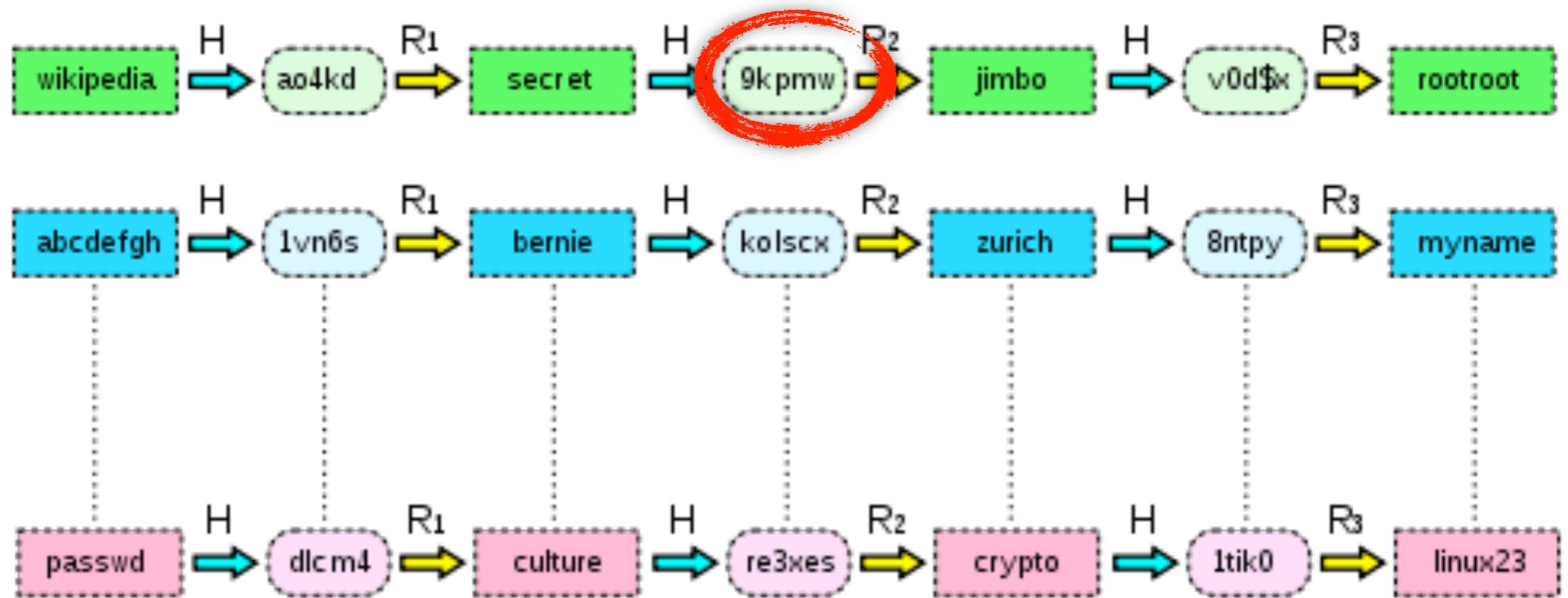
rainbowtables - benefit

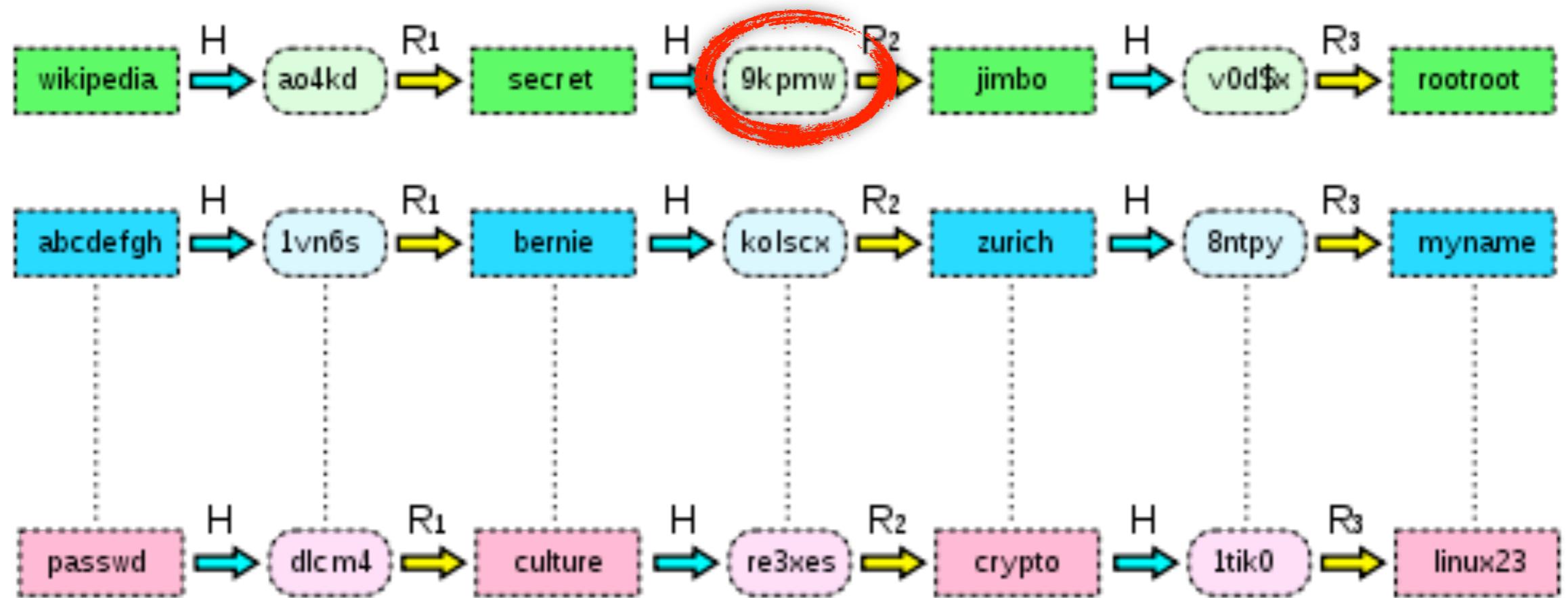
- only first value, reductionfunction and last value is saved
- reduced storage space needed



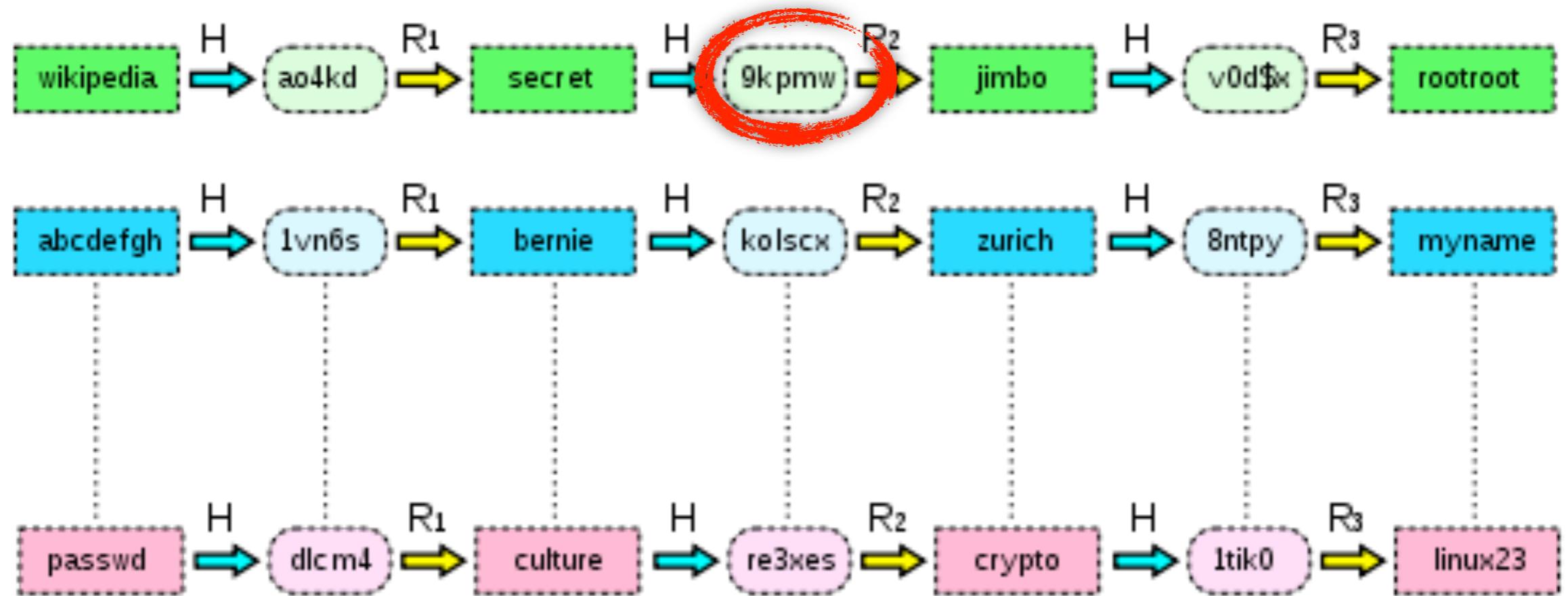
rainbowtable

first value → hashing → hash → reduction → etc.



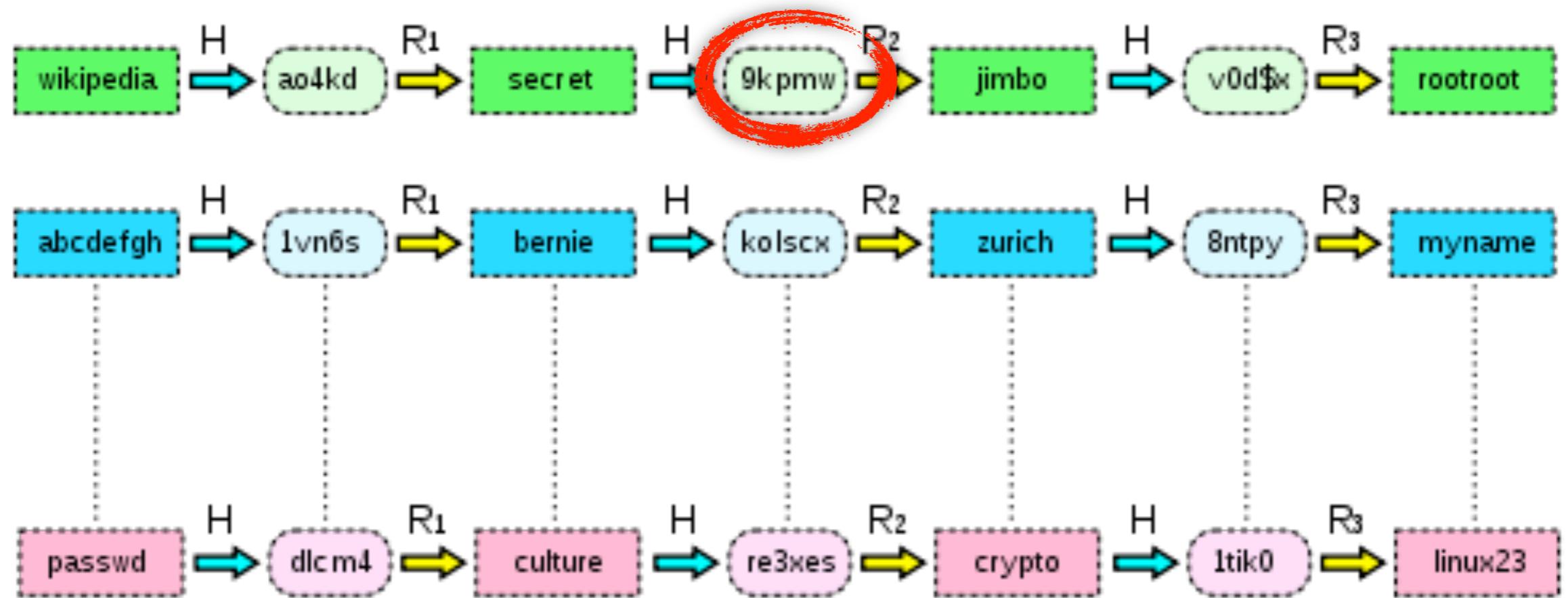


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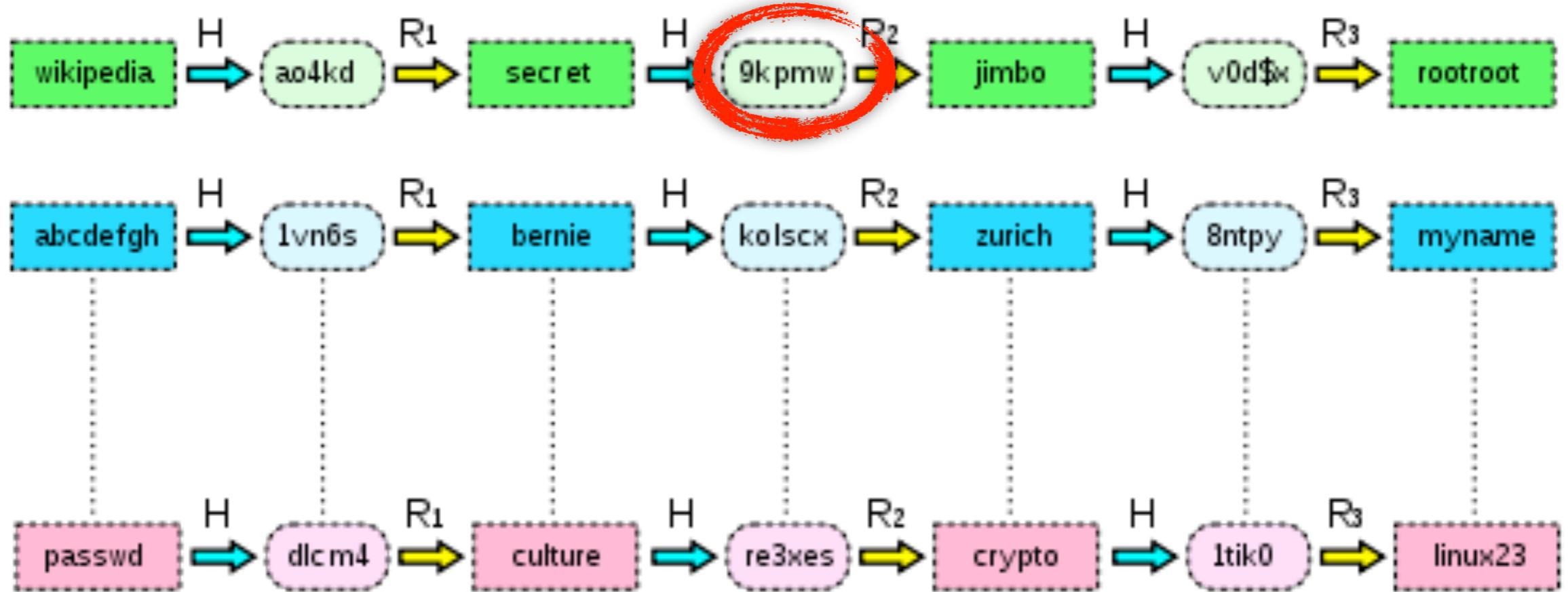
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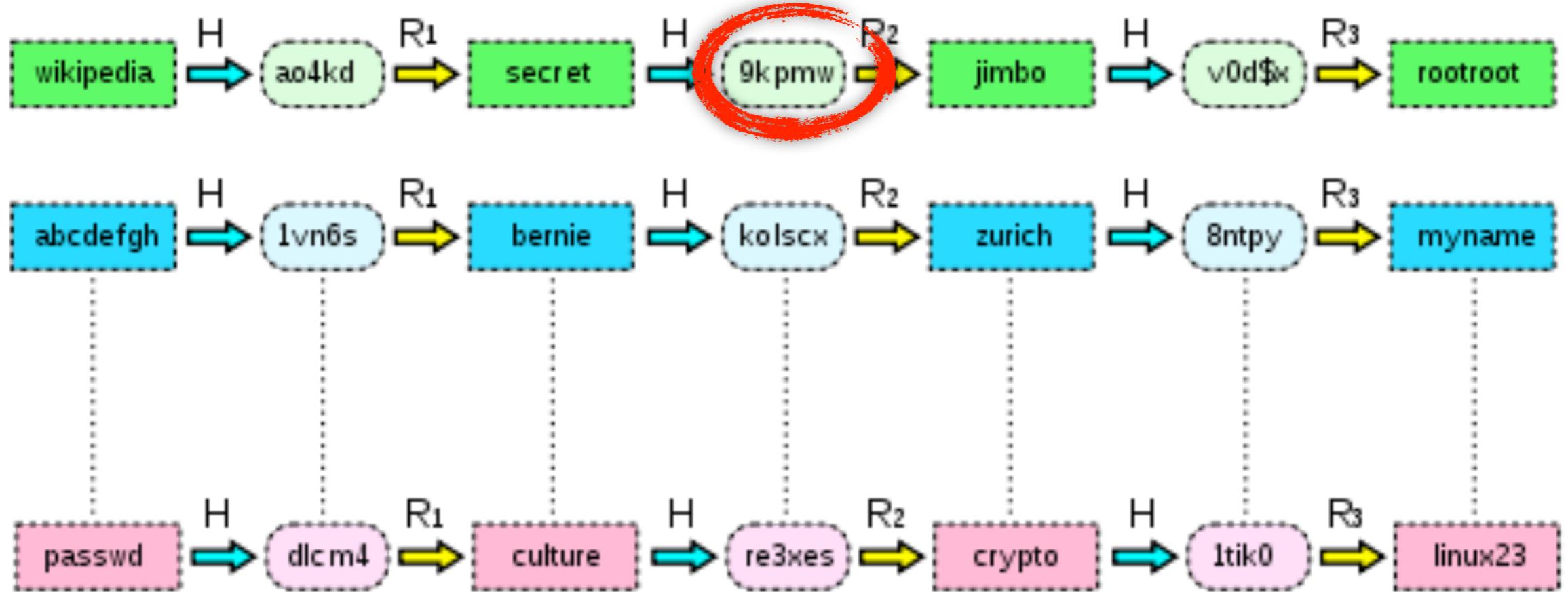


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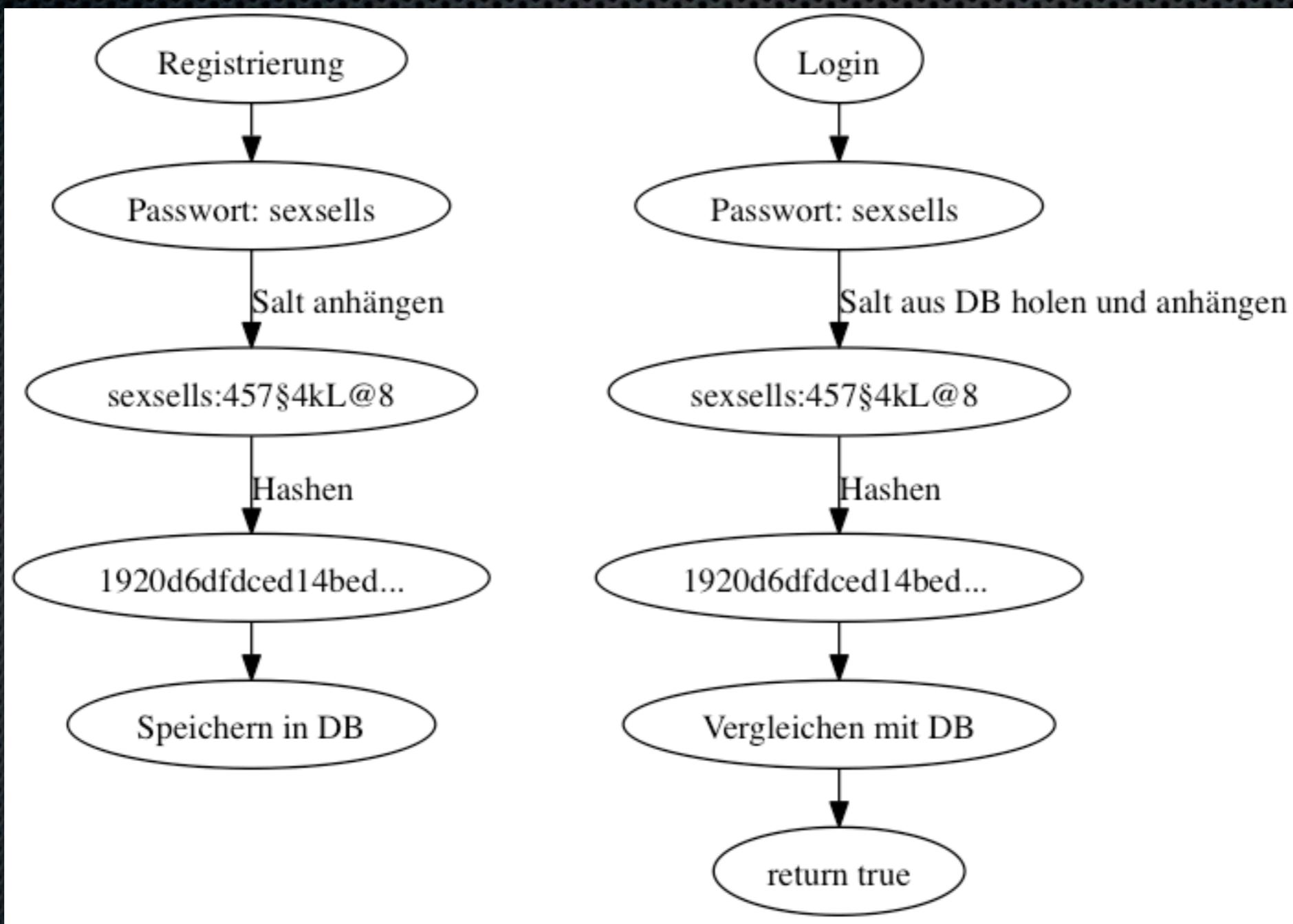
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FOUND: 9kpmw

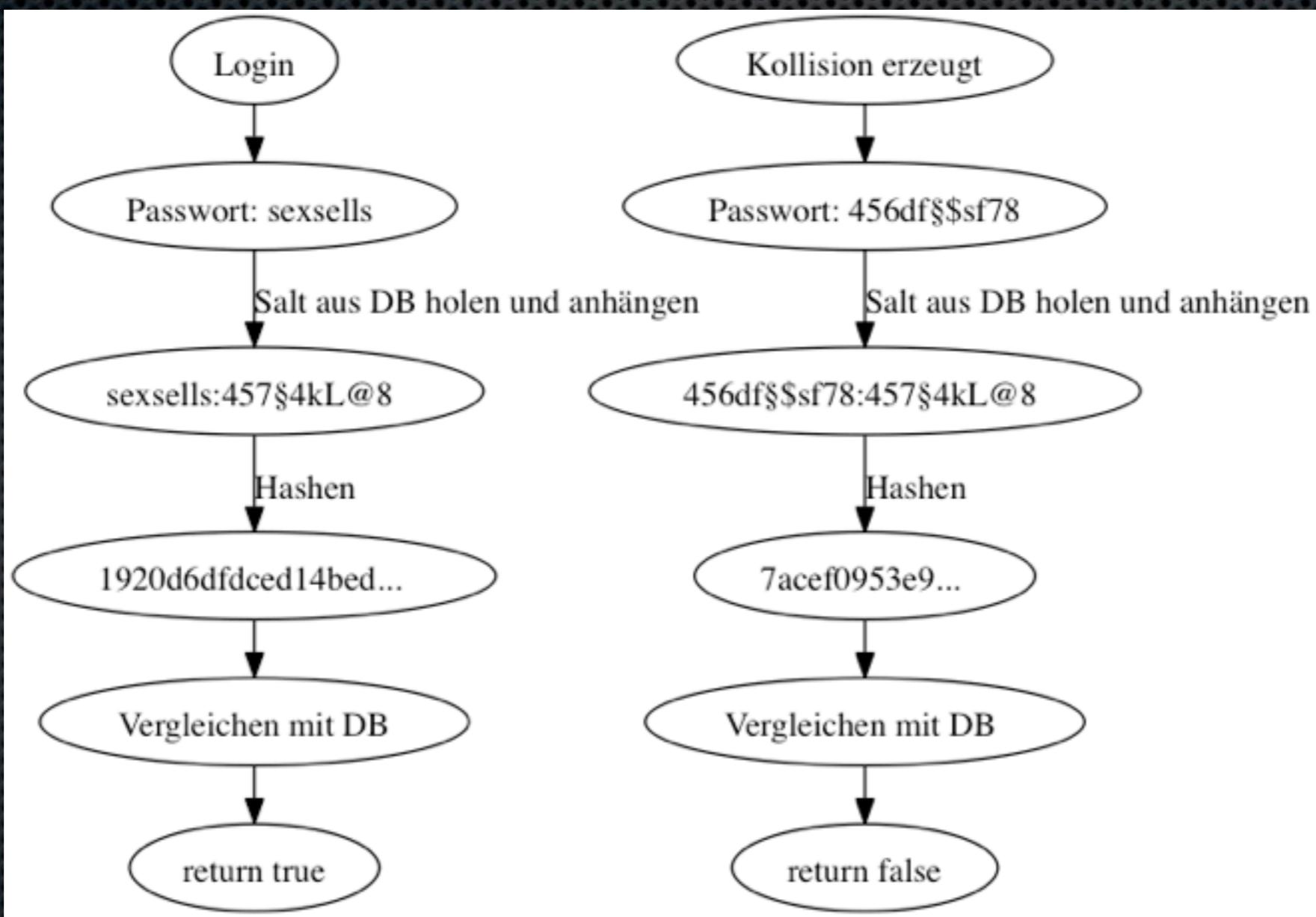
problem: rainbowtables and collision solution: salting



works against rainbowtables

- big rainbowtables only exist for unsalted hashes
- every salt needs his own rainbowtable
 - because prefix/suffix is static
- table sizes expands (very very much)
 - goal is not to avoid, it's to raise costs and time

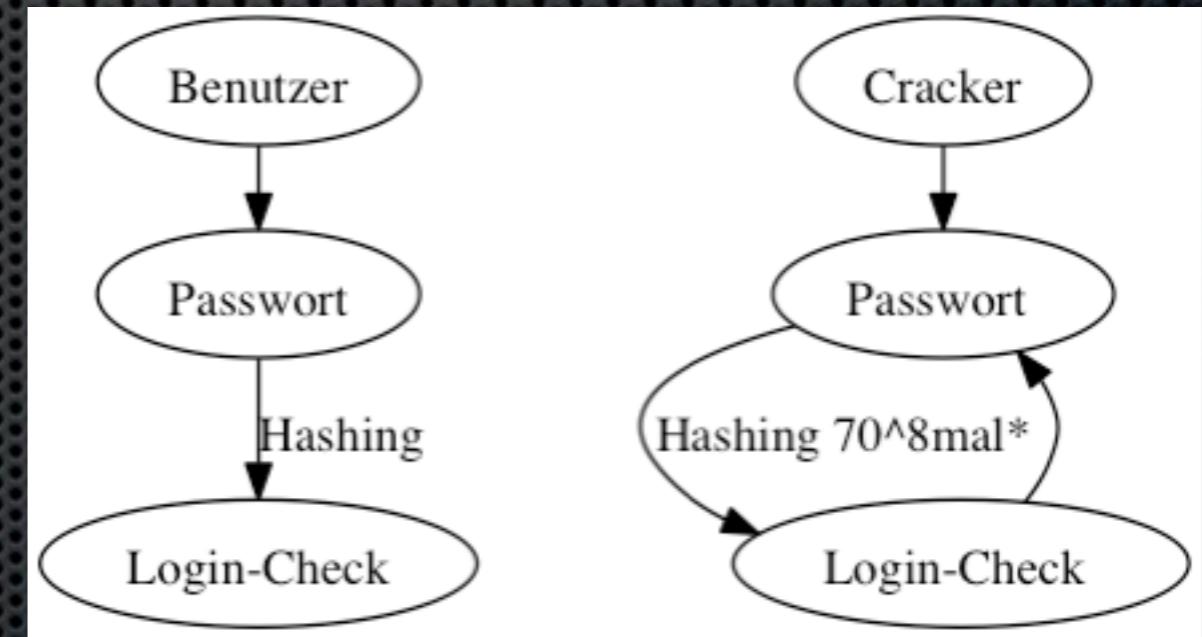
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KDF: key derivation function

hashes are calculated fast

- one hashing per login
- per password:
576.480.100.000.000
 $\approx 5,8 \cdot 10^{13}$ times hashing
(tries)



$*70^8 [A-Za-z0-9#+-_.,:]{8}$

KDF - more work for all

- hash more than one time (>1000 times)

- \$n = 10^4; \$res = „some String“;

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for($i = 0;$i<=$n;$i++){
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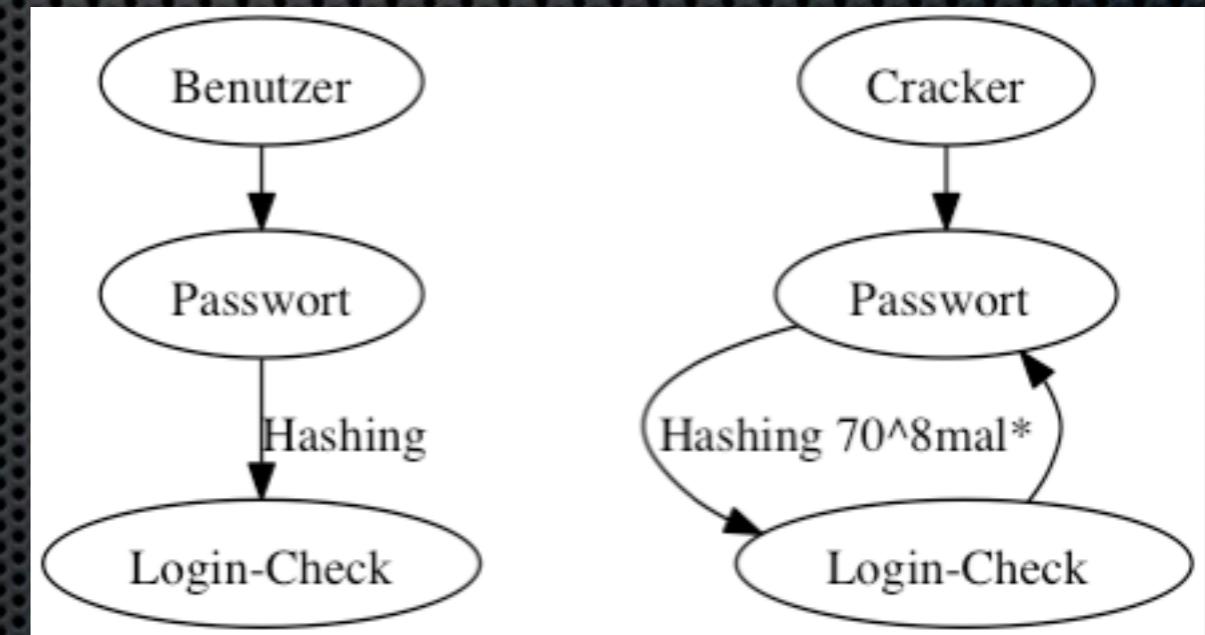
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    $res = sha2($res);
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}
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return $res
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hashes are calculated fast

- 10.000 times hashing per login
- per password
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 $\approx 5,8 \cdot 10^{17}$ times hashing



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$*10^4$ times for KDF

Key derivation function

- abstract
- **hash** function
 - used often on a **input string** and a **salt**
 - example (WPA2 (PBKDF2))
 - HMAC-SHA1
 - 4096
 - wifi key
 - SSID

recommendations

- key derivation function, e.g.
 - **PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA256, c = 86000**
 - bcrypt, cost = 11
 - scrypt, N = 2¹⁴,r = 8,p = 1
- long salt e.g.
 - md5(username)
 - md5(time())
 - random string

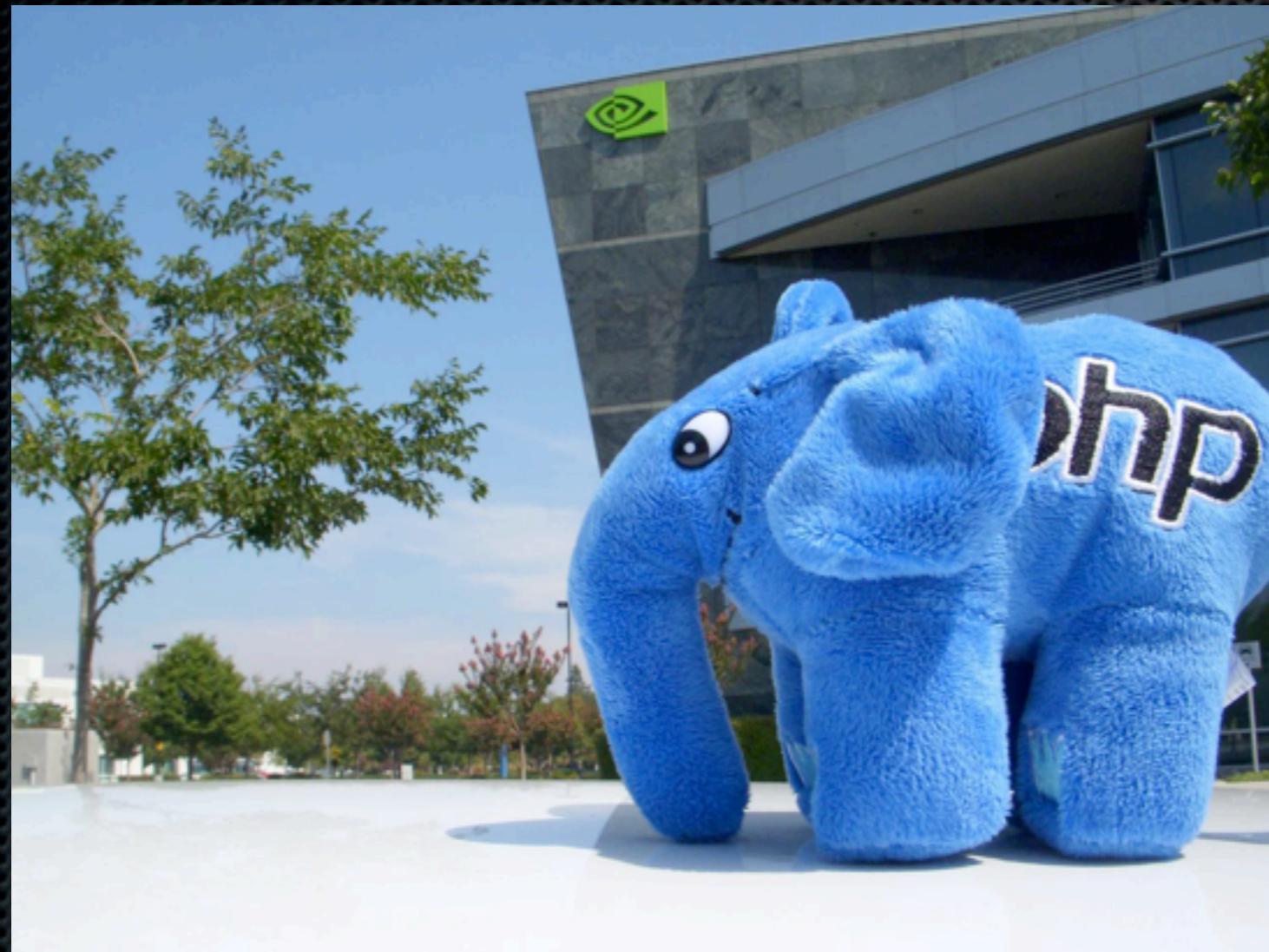
solution for magento

- Ikonoshirt_PBKDF2
- implements PBKDF2 for
 - customer passwords
 - admin user passwords
 - api passwords
- migrates passwords for all entities after login
- <https://github.com/ikonoshirt/pbkdf2>

don't forget your environment!

- HTTPS for users
 - and to the database (if needed)
- registration and password forgotten:
 - don't send passwords via mail
 - better: send link to reset the password (so the password is send via HTTPS!)

Questions?



- Questions?
Comments?
- Presentation: <http://www.ikonoshirt.de/stuff>
- Me: <http://www.fabian-blechschmidt.de>



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<http://www.magento-hackathon.de>

Munich (26. - 28.10.2012)

Price: 50 €

The 2nd Magento Hackathon Munich will take place at the office of Jarlssen, who hosted the first one in March 2012. http://bit.ly/6extensions_2days. Developers from all over Europe will join and share their experiences. Please note that this is a conference from developers for developers.

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Berlin (11. - 13.1.2013)

Price: 120 €

The Magento Hackathon will take place in a nice youth hostel in the south of Berlin, Germany's capital city. An international meeting for new and nosey, as well as for experienced and committed Magento developers.

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Images

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