



Quo Vadis, certificates?



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Agenda

- ▶ Understanding certificates
- ▶ Usage of certificates
- ▶ SCEP
- ▶ ACME

Understanding certificates

- ▶ A certificate is essentially an electronic "passport" that uses cryptographic techniques to prove the identity of the holder.
- ▶ It contains a **public key**, which is part of a cryptographic key pair, along with information about the key's owner (like their name, organization, and the certificate's validity period).
- ▶ The certificate is signed by a **Certificate Authority (CA)**, which is a trusted entity in the PKI.

Understanding certificates

- ▶ **Subject:** The entity (individual, server, etc.) to which the certificate belongs

Understanding certificates



The image shows a certificate chain and its details. The chain is as follows:

- Amazon Root CA 1
- └ Amazon RSA 2048 M02
- └ *.jamfcloud.com

For the certificate ***.jamfcloud.com**:

- Issued by: Amazon RSA 2048 M02
- Expires: Saturday 1 February 2025 at 23:59:59 Greenwich Mean Time
- This certificate is valid

Details

Subject Name	
Common Name	*.jamfcloud.com

Issuer Name

Country or Region US

Organisation Amazon

Common Name Amazon RSA 2048 M02

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Parameters None
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- ▶ **Issuer:** The CA that issued and signed the certificate.

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> Trust

▼ Details

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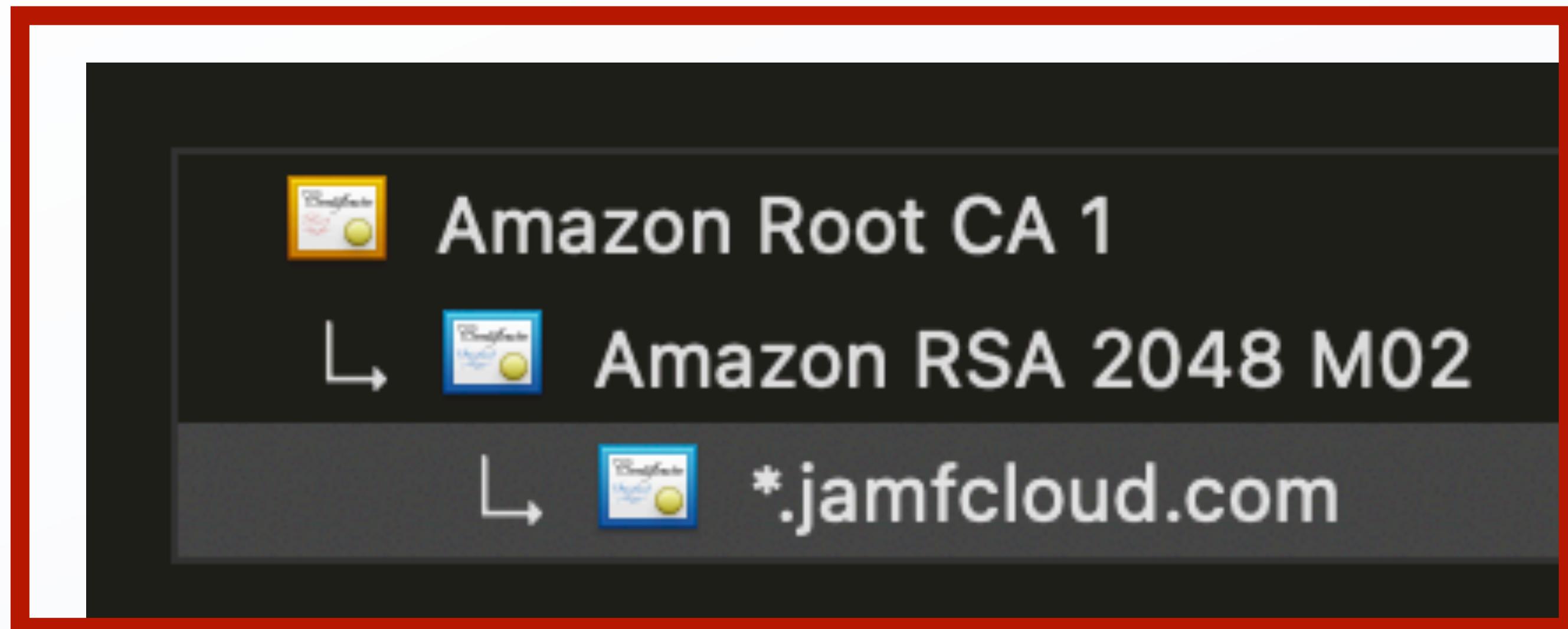
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► **Root Certificate**



► **Intermediate Certificate**



► **Server or Client Certificate**

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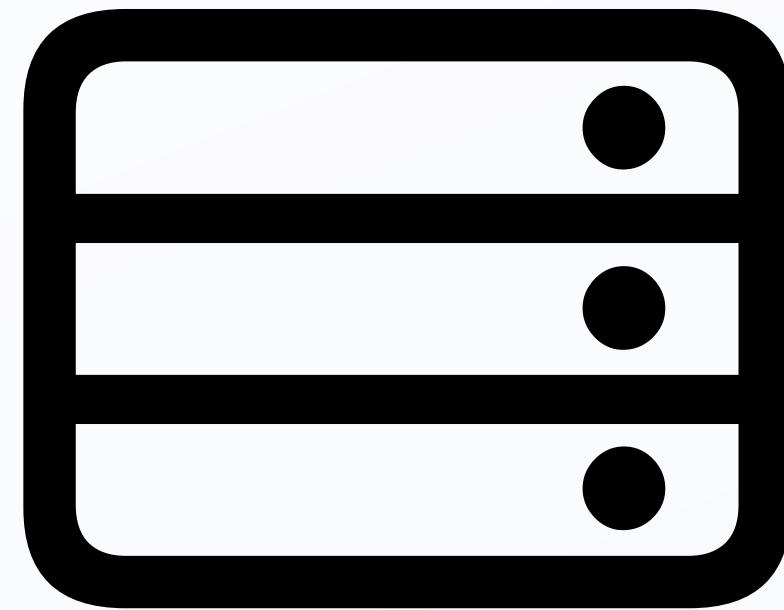
Usage of certificates



SCEP

- ▶ Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol
- ▶ Developed in the late 1990s by Cisco Systems, publicly available around 2000
- ▶ The initial use cases was securing network devices such as routers, switches, and firewalls
- ▶ HTTP

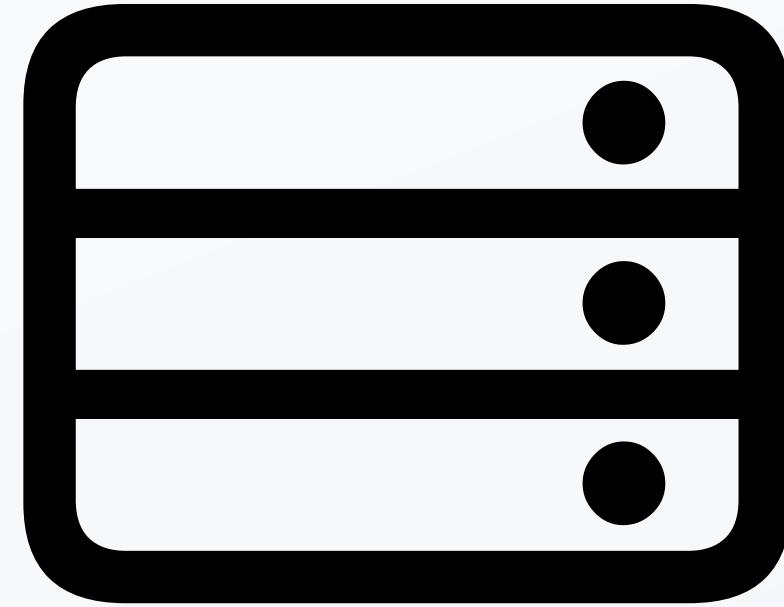
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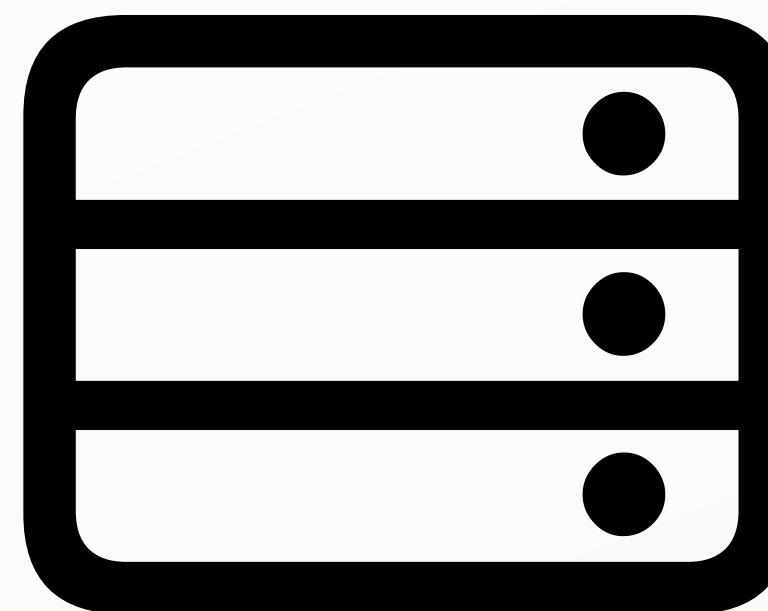


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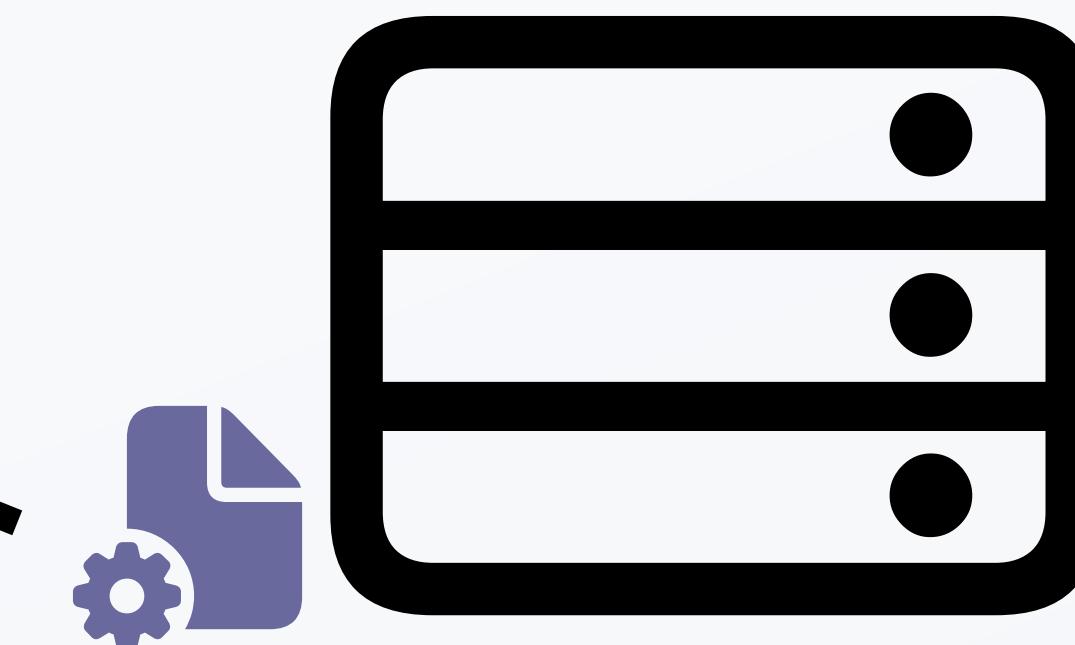
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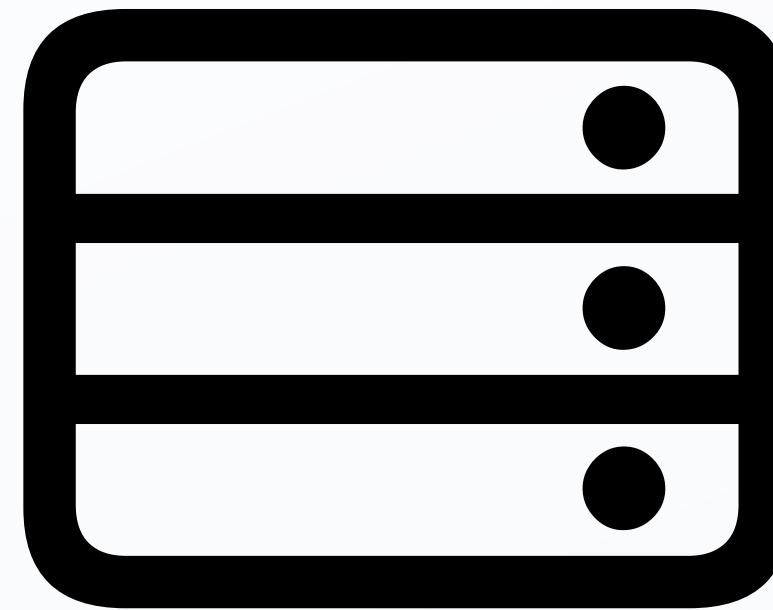


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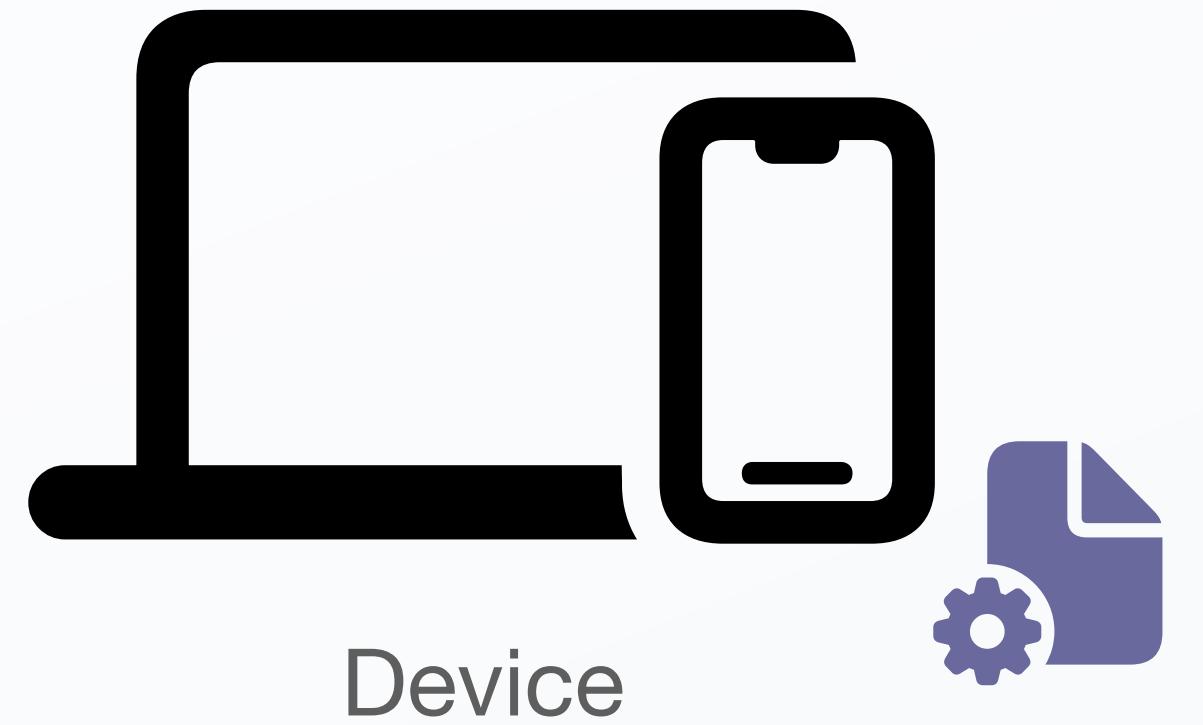


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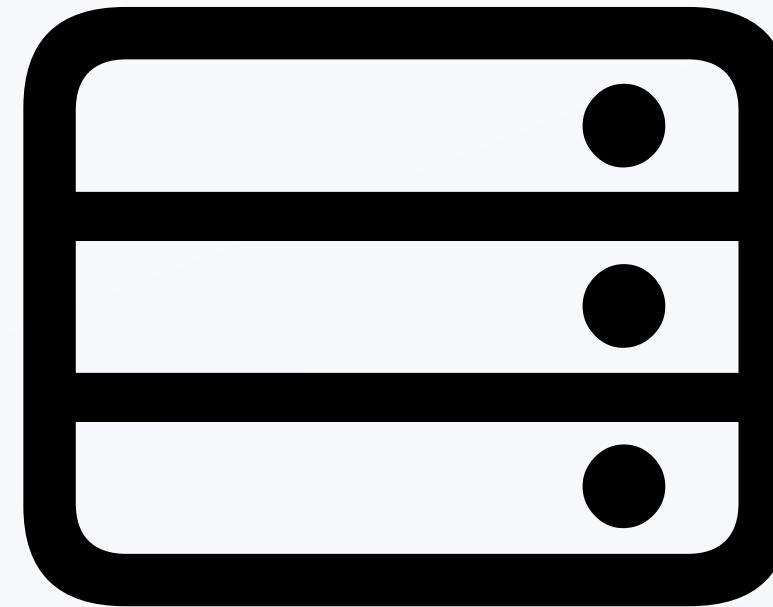
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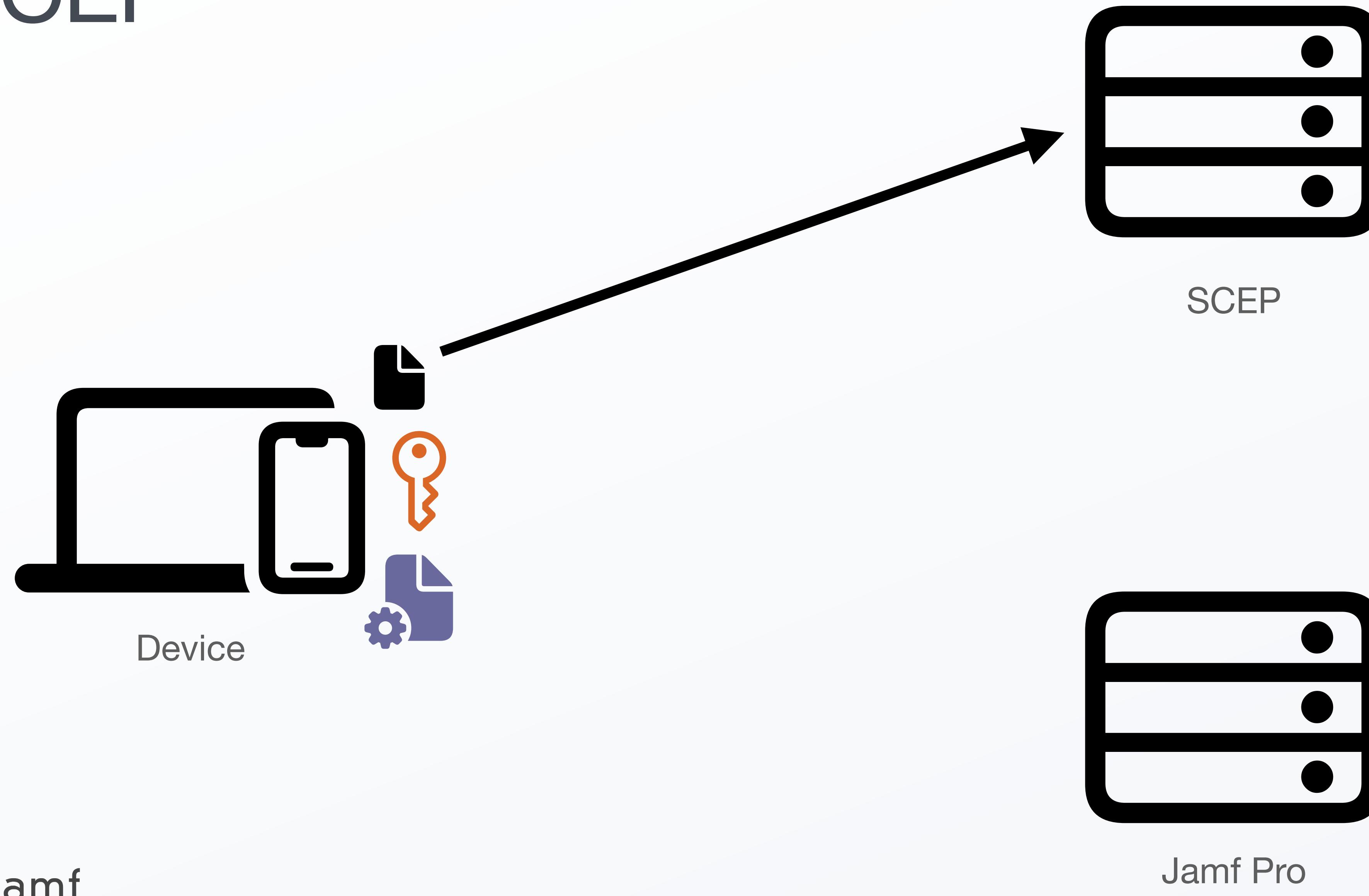


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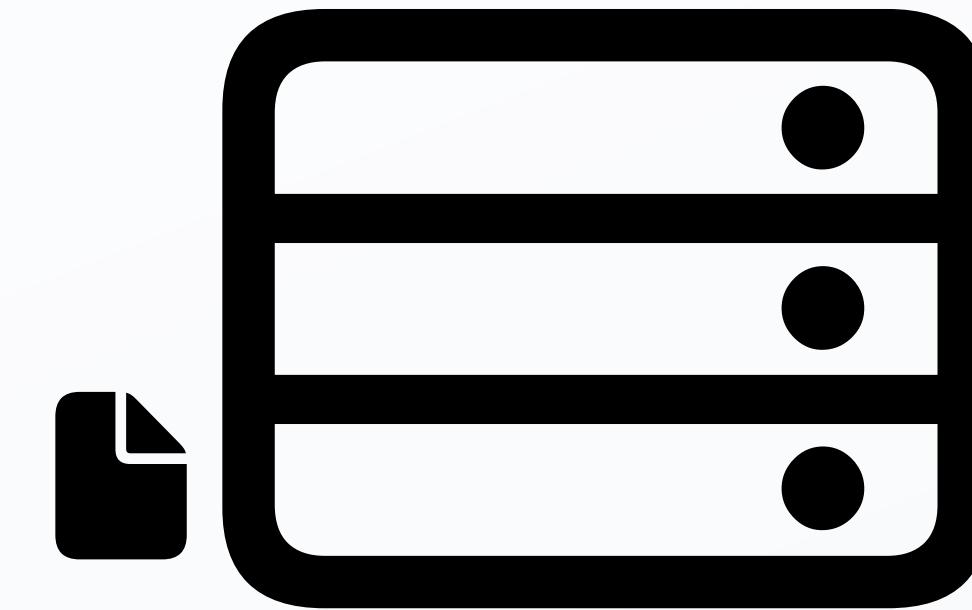


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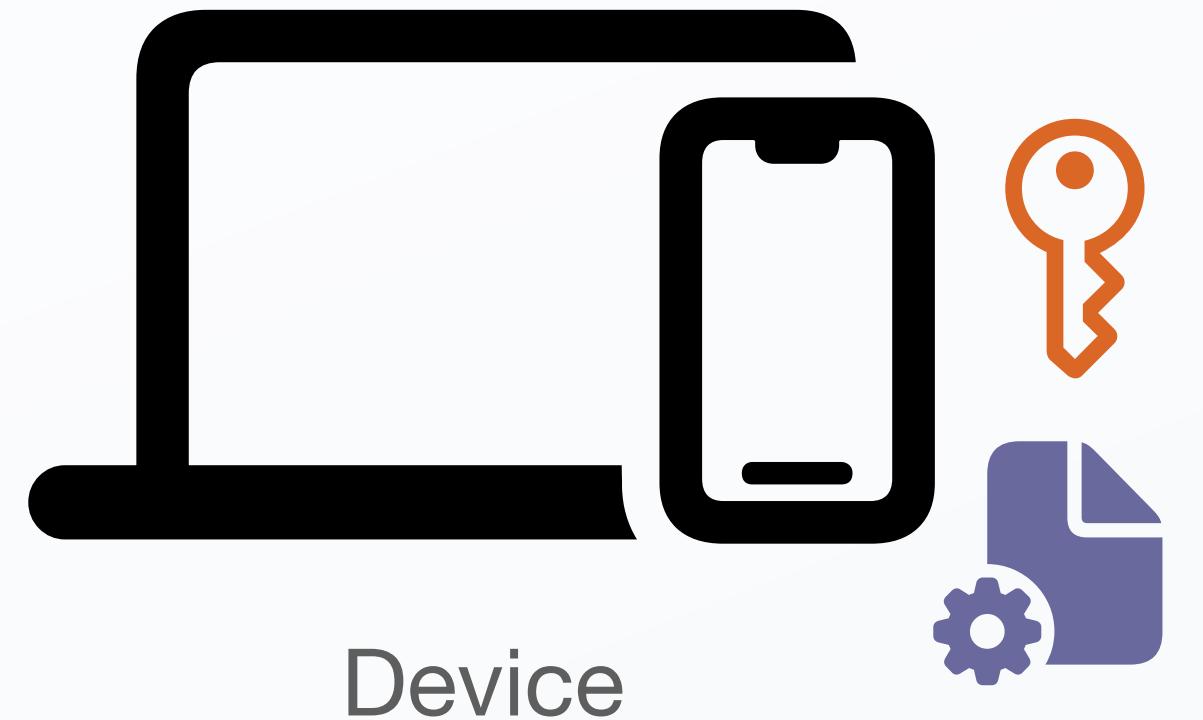
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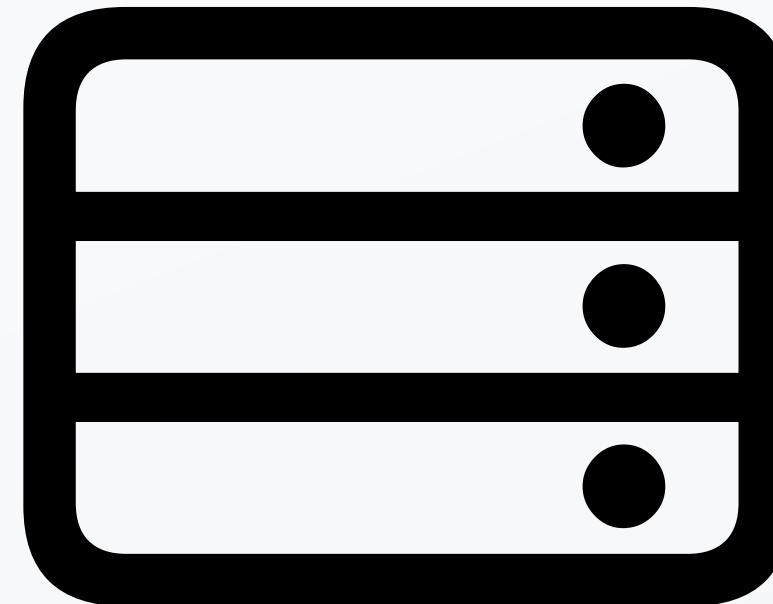
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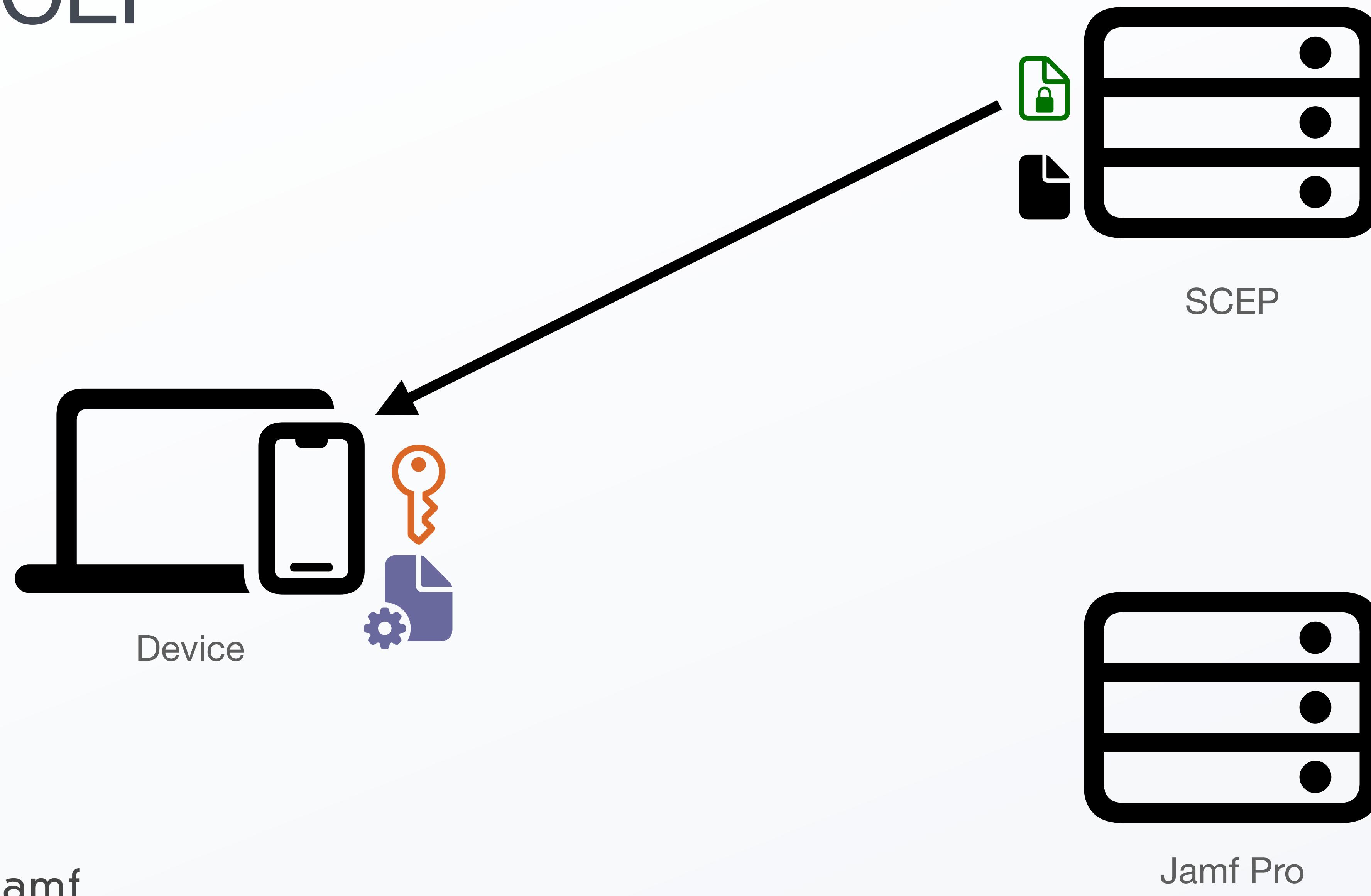


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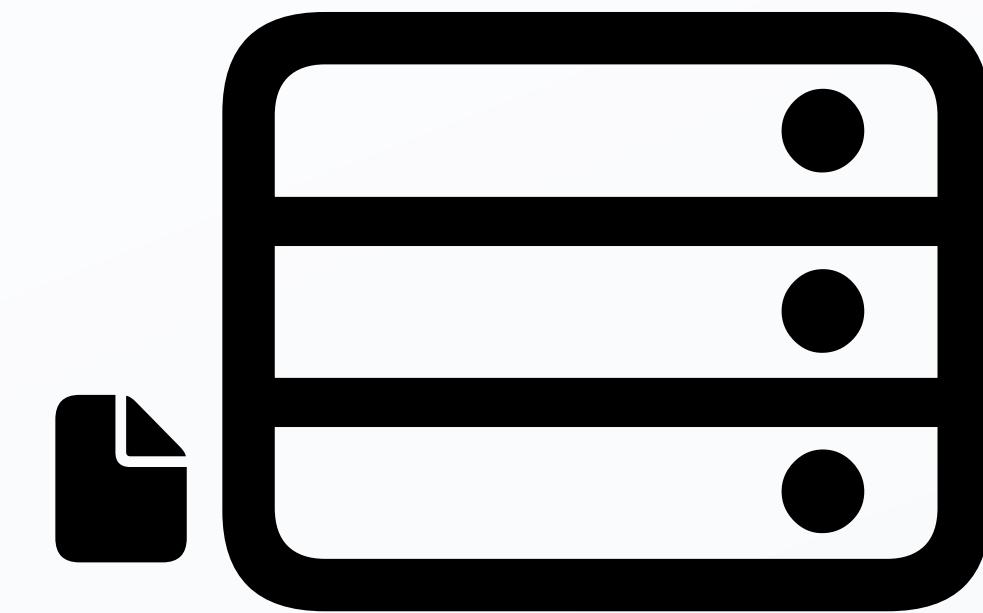
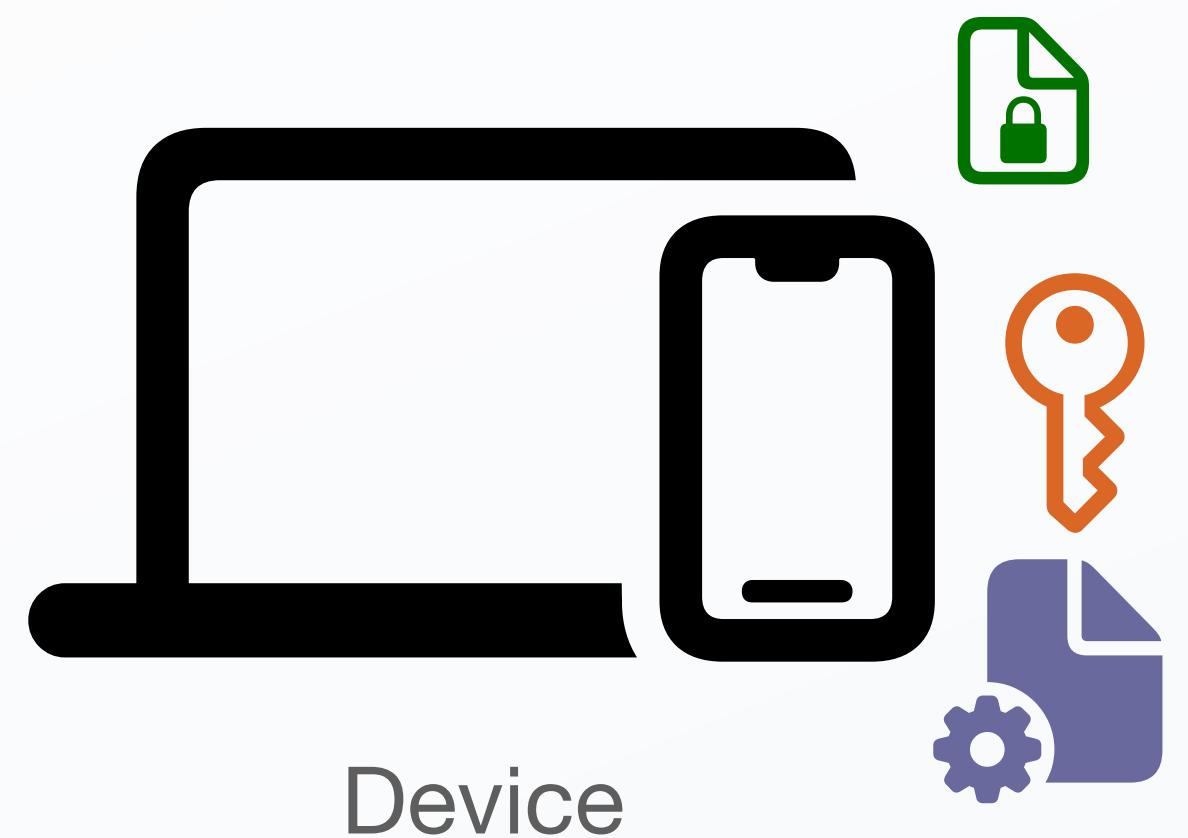


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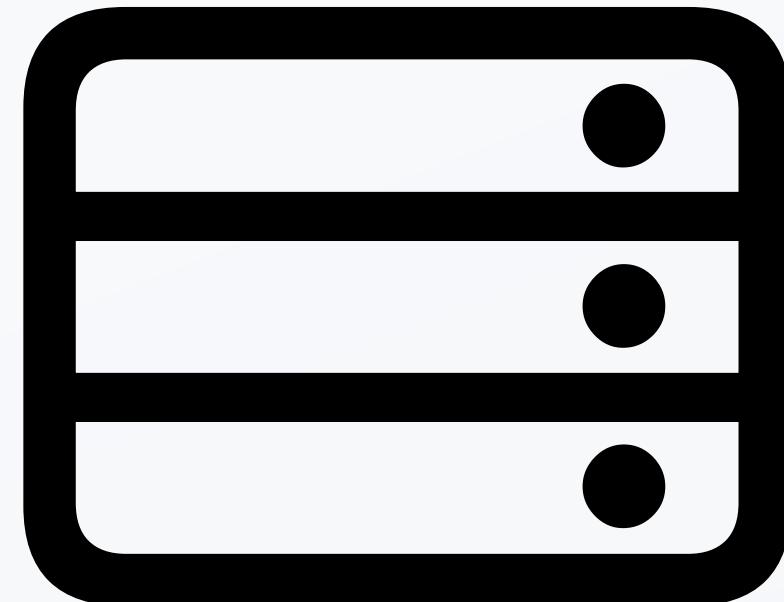
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ACME

- ▶ Automatic Certificate Management Environment
- ▶ Developed by Internet Security Research Group (ISRG)
- ▶ 2015 adopted by Let's Encrypt
- ▶ WWDC 2022 - Managed Device Attestation

ACME



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Device provisioning: Identity attestation with TPM

By [Nicole Berdy](#), Principal Program Manager, Office of the CTO

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Folks using the [IoT Hub Device Provisioning Service](#) to securely provision their devices are taking the opportunity to start using hardware security modules (HSM) to store the keys on their devices. Hardware security modules protect cryptographic keys and operations. HSMs provide high levels of protection against key compromise by device software and firmware bugs, and usually provide good protection against hardware attacks. Hardware-based security can reduce the risk of device cloning, can improve supply-chain security, and can bootstrap secure and reliable device enrollment using the Device Provisioning Service. Some of you might be new to using HSMs and are wondering exactly how the Device Provisioning Service validates a device's identity, especially when using TPMs, and why it's so secure. This post describes the identity attestation process when using a TPM.

TPM stands for Trusted Platform Module and is a type of HSM. This blog post assumes you're using a discrete, firmware, or integrated TPM. Software

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Go-Attestation

[reference](#)

Go-Attestation abstracts remote attestation operations across a variety of platforms and TPMs, enabling remote validation of machine identity and state. This project attempts to provide high level primitives for both client and server logic.

Talks on this project:

- "Making Device Identity Trustworthy" - Open Source Summit Europe - October 2019 - ([Slides](#))
- "Using TPMs to Cryptographically Verify Devices at Scale" - Open Source Summit North America - September 2019 - ([Video](#) 39min)
- "Making Remote Attestation Useful on Linux" - Linux Security Summit - September 2019 - ([Video](#) 26min)

Status

Go-Attestation is under active development. Expect API changes at any time.

Please note that this is not an official Google product.

TPM 1.2 support is best effort, meaning we will accept fixes for TPM 1.2, but testing is not covered by CI.

Installation

The go-attestation package is installable using go get: `go get github.com/google/go-attestation/attest`

TPM1.2

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Enhanced Attestation (v3)

Samsung Knox Enhanced Attestation is a feature that verifies a Samsung device's data integrity by checking that the device isn't rooted or running unofficial firmware.

Warning

Knox 3.4 introduced the latest version of Attestation (v3) running on flagship devices from the Note 10 onwards. Enhanced Attestation uses the [EnhancedAttestationPolicy](#) class and [v3 REST API](#). For information about the previous version of Attestation, see [Attestation \(v2\)](#).

About Enhanced Attestation

Samsung Attestation Key

Enhanced Attestation uses the Samsung Attestation Key (SAK) to prove:

- The key is protected by a secure hardware.
- The device is manufactured by Samsung.
- The device ID isn't compromised.

When verifying devices as Samsung devices, it's important to note that certificate change alone isn't enough to prove that a device is a Samsung device since malicious attackers can send a certificate chain generated by

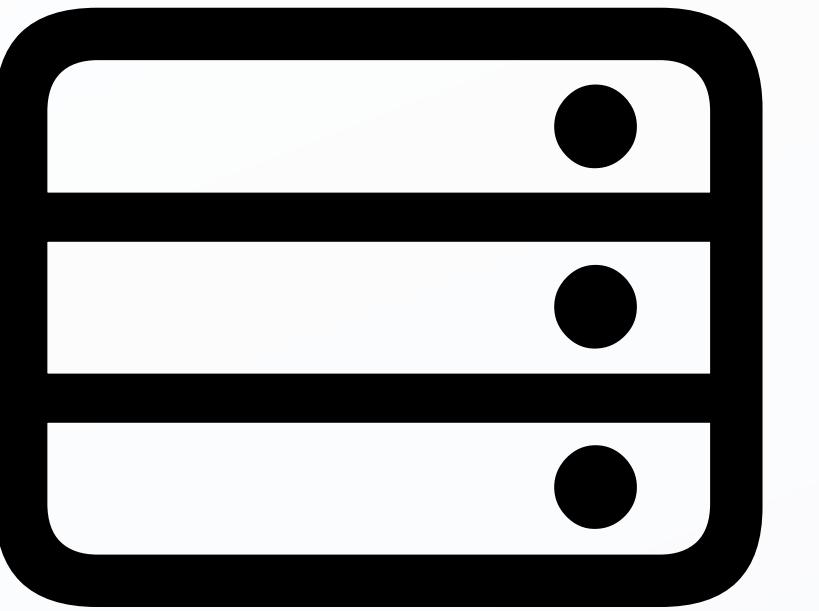
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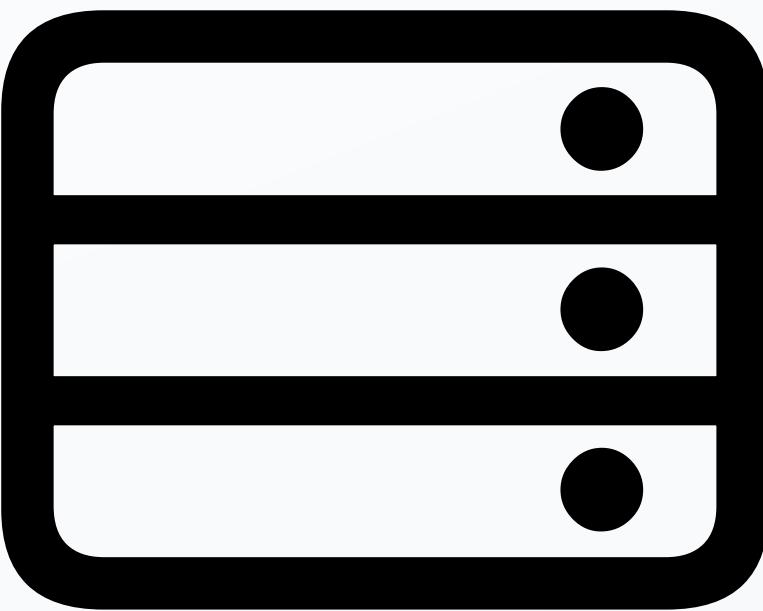
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<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/draft-acme-device-attest>

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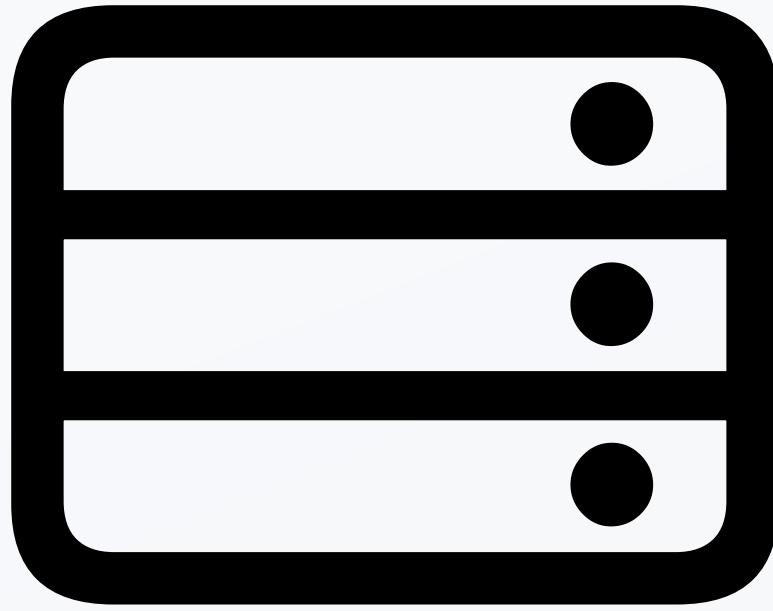
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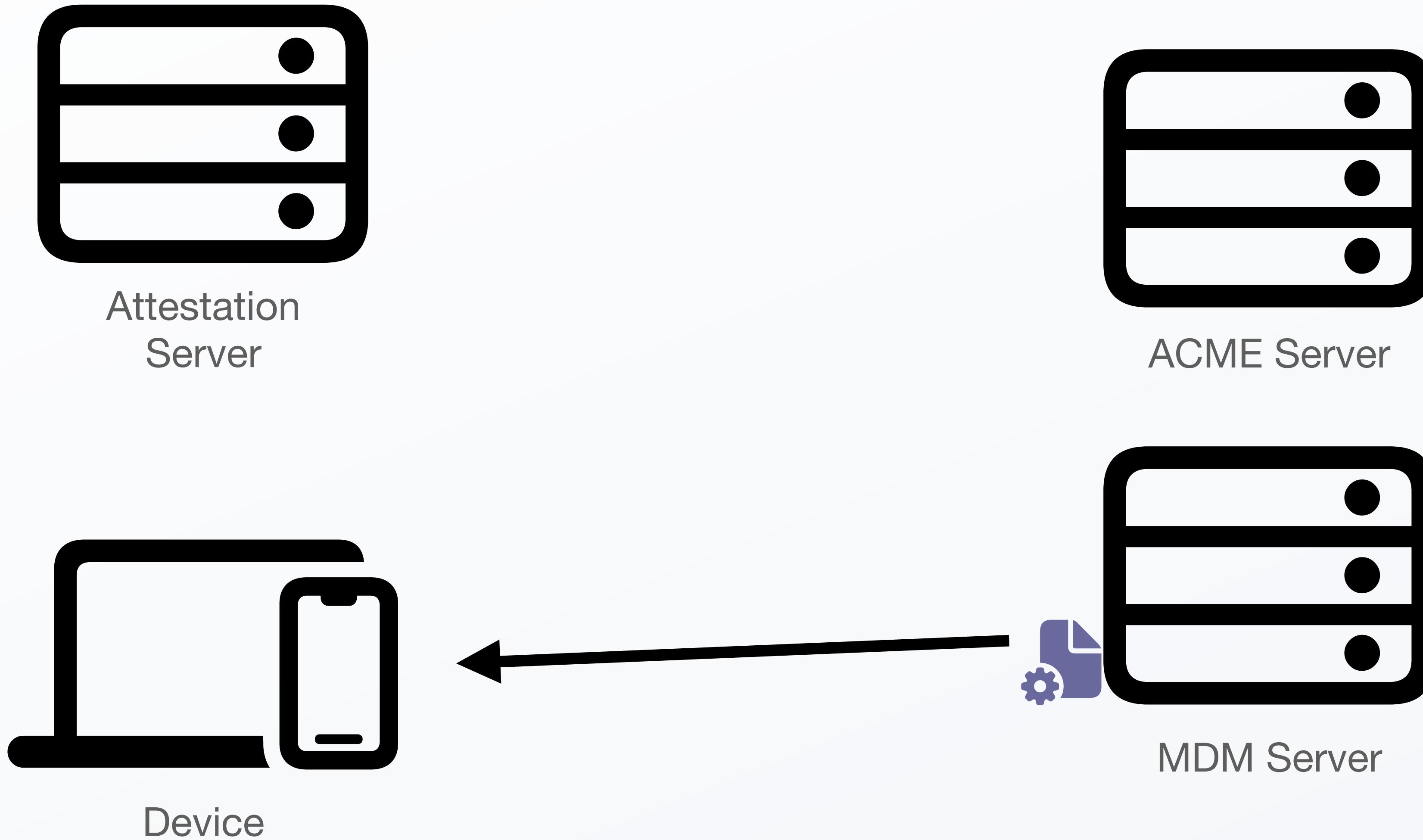


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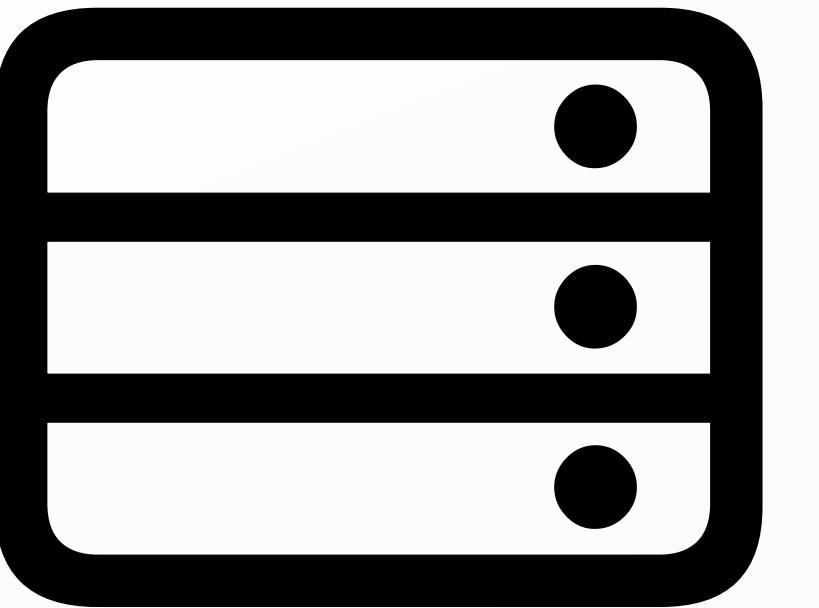


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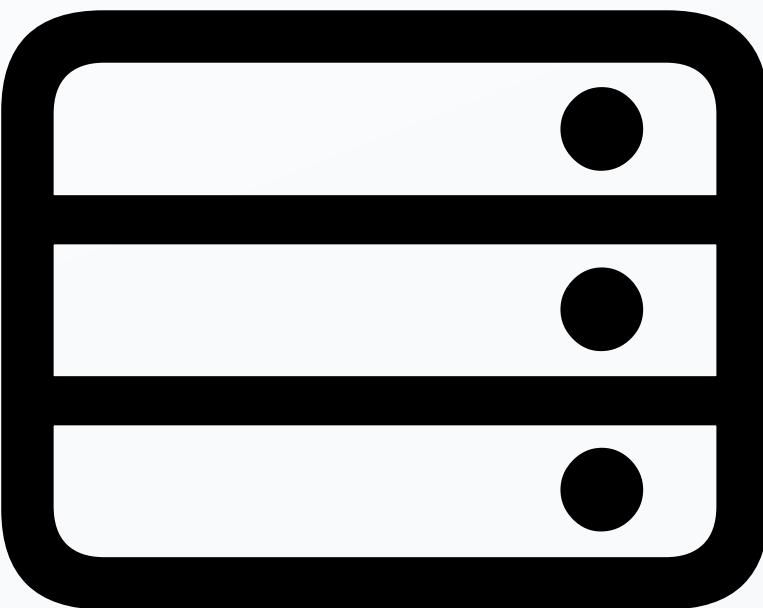
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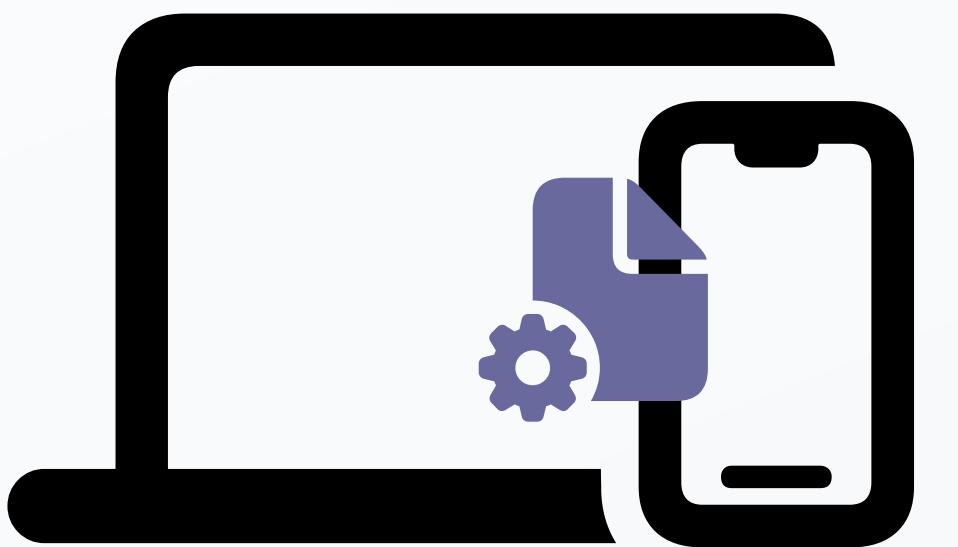
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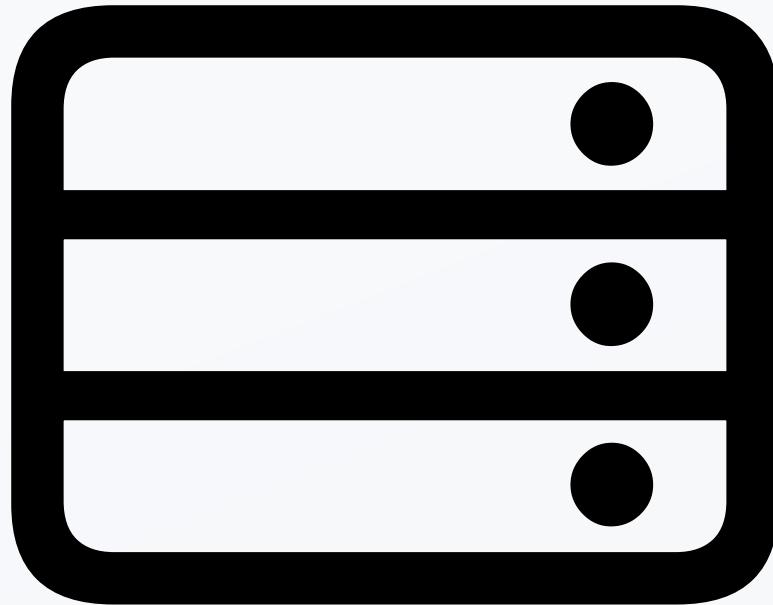
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Payload keys

PayloadType com.apple.security.acme

Usage of certificates

Payload keys

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PayloadType com.apple.security.acme
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Key properties

```
KeyType  
KeySize  
HardwareBound
```

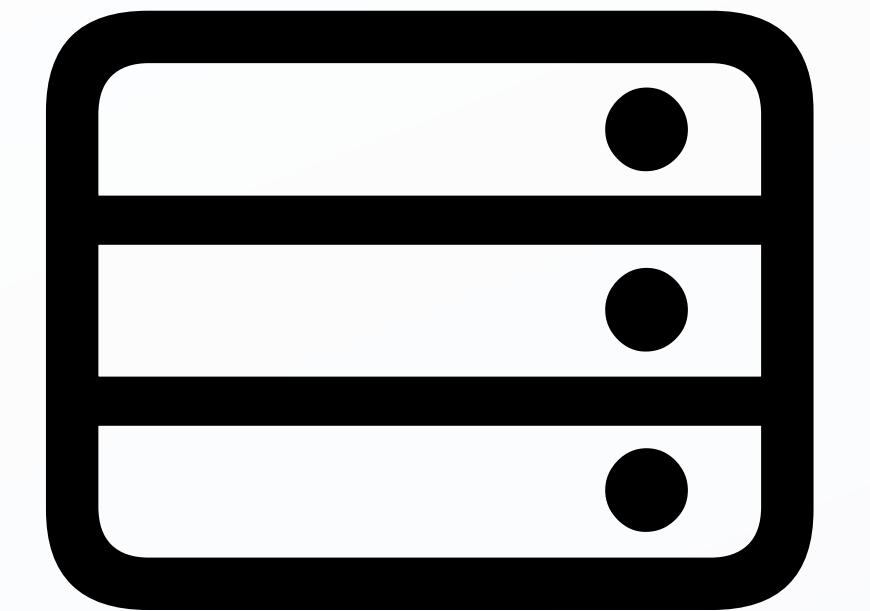
Certificate request

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KeyUsage  
ExtendedKeyUsage  
Subject  
SubjectAltName
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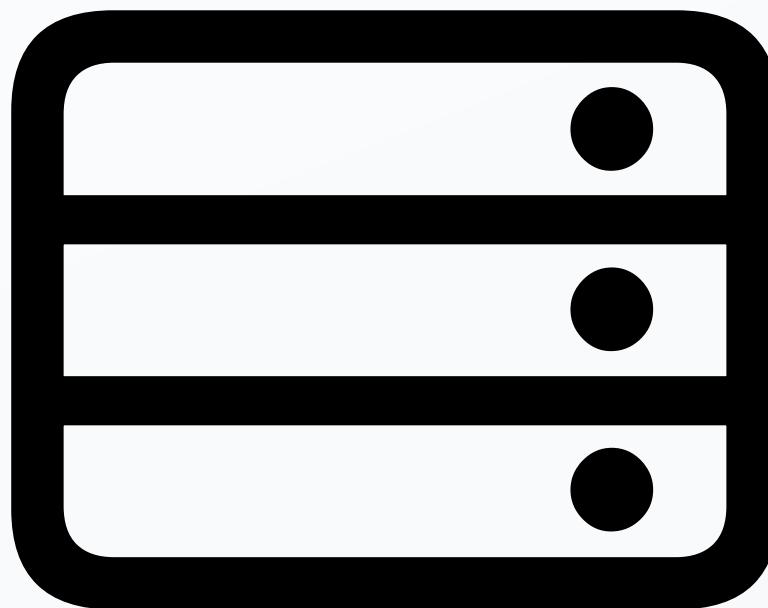
ACME request

```
DirectoryURL  
ClientIdentifier  
Attest
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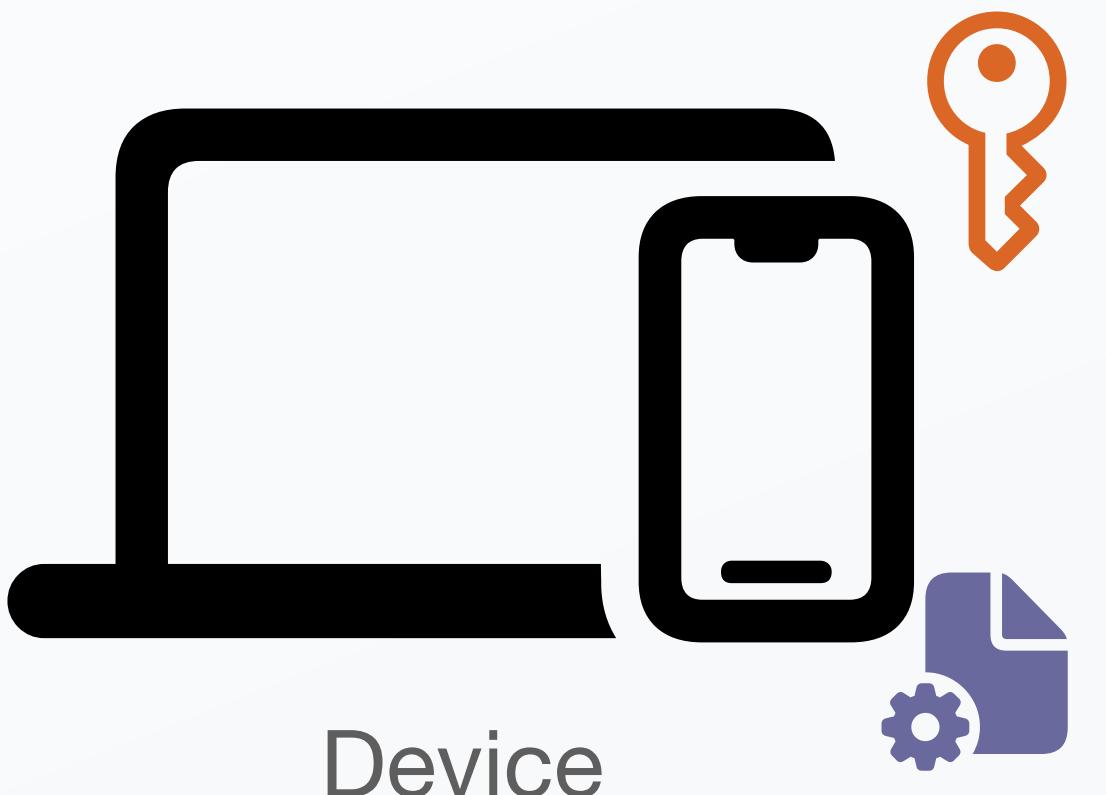
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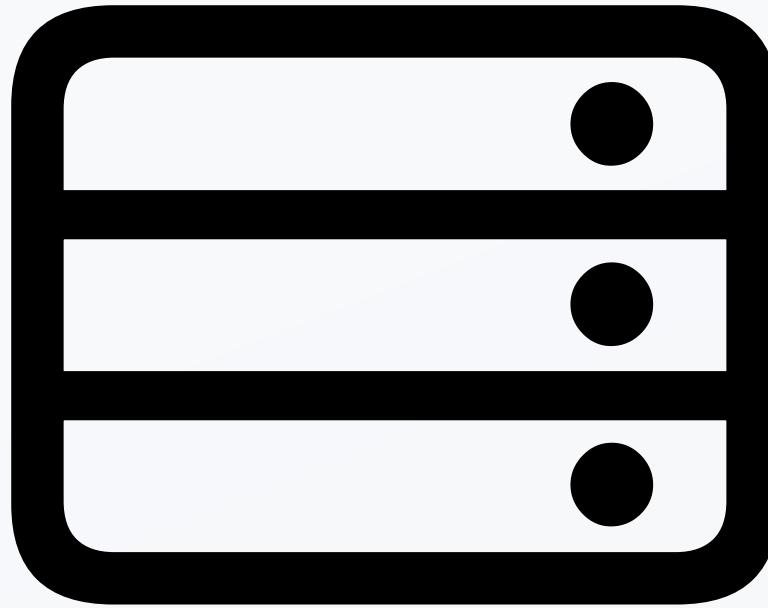
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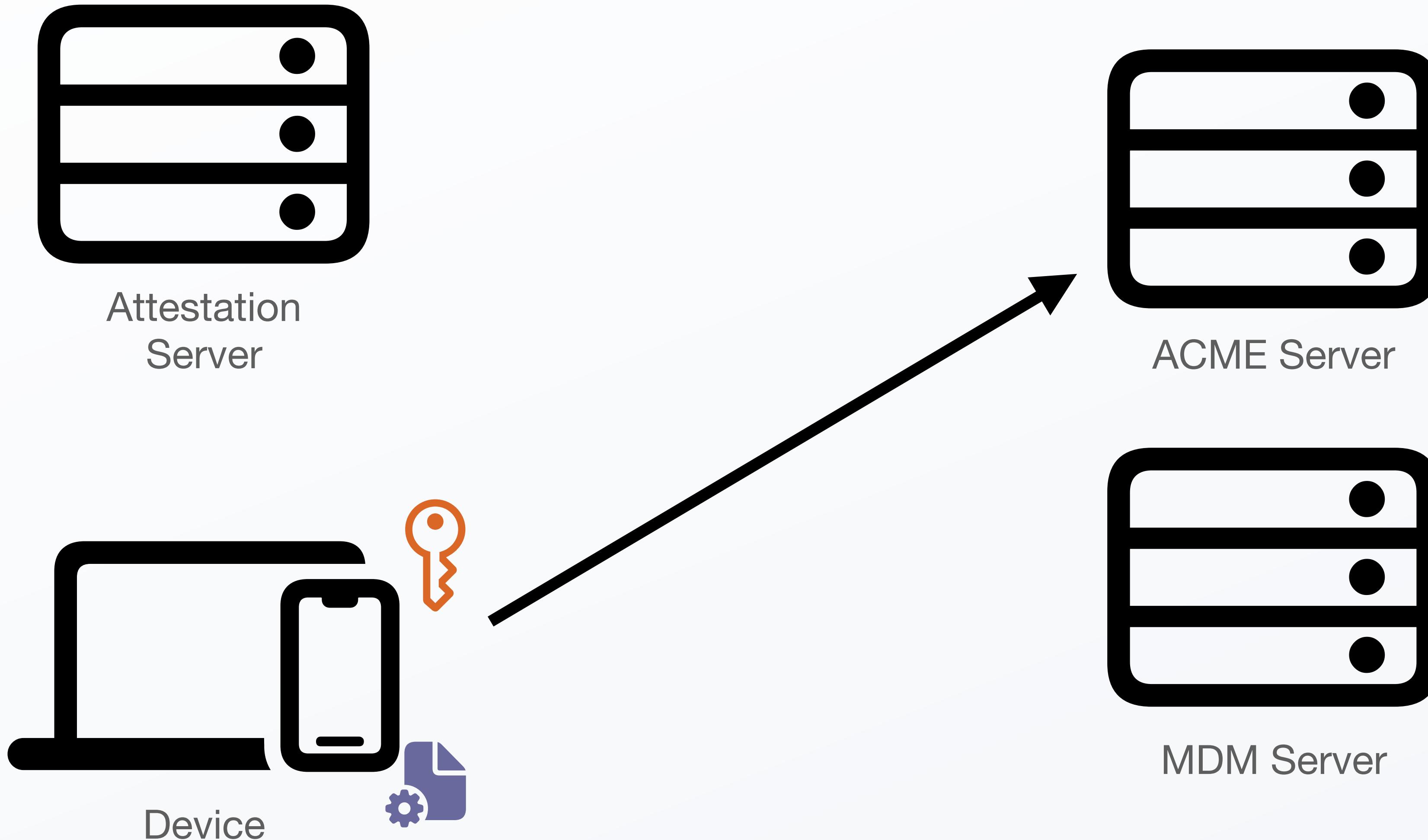


MDM Server

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- ▶ Attestation required hardware-bound key
- ▶ ACME payload support **RSA** and **ECSECPrimeRandom**
- ▶ Hardware-bound keys requires **ECSECPrimeRandom**

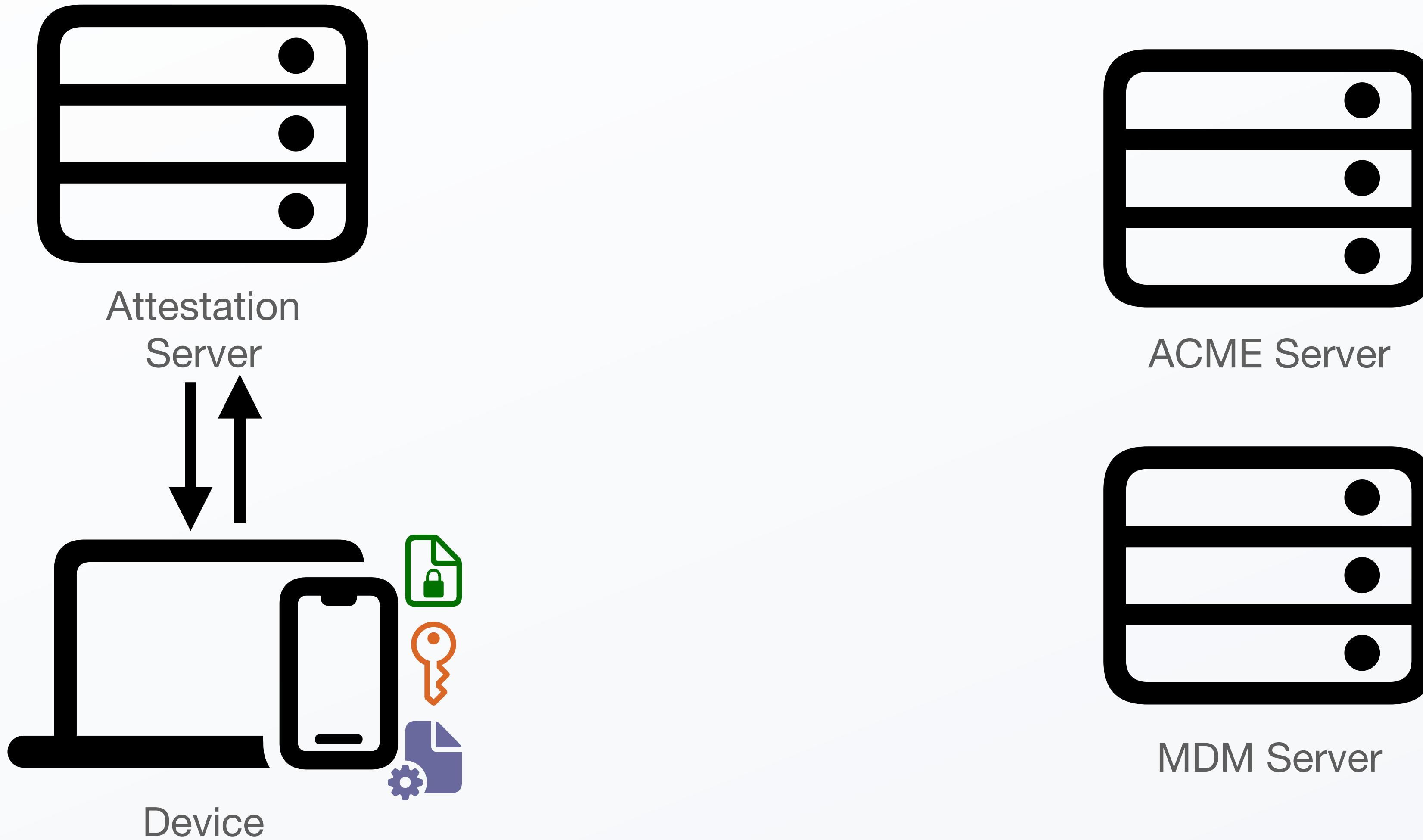
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- ▶ Resolve DirectoryURL
- ▶ Account and order creation
- ▶ device-attest-01 validation type
- ▶ Generate nonce token

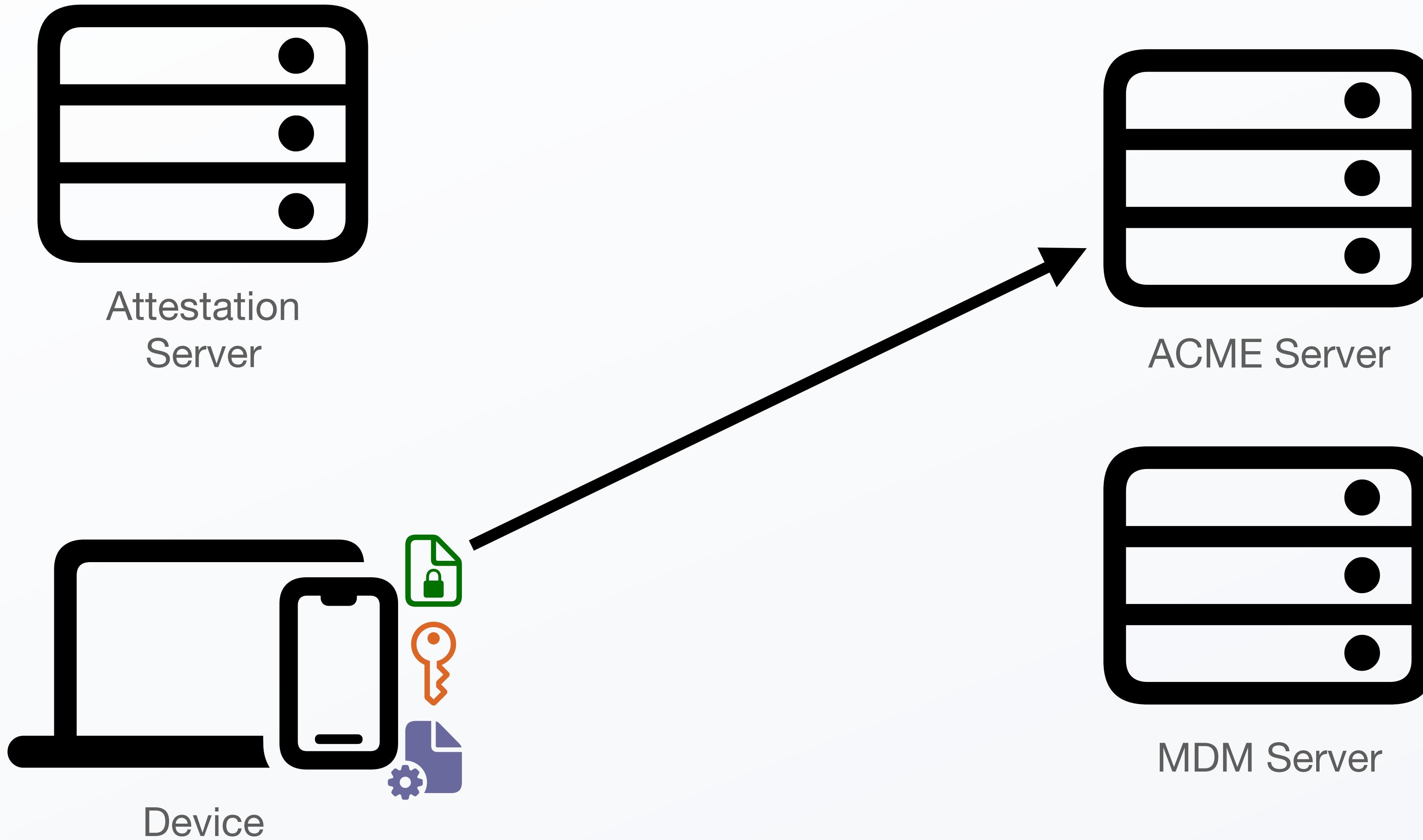
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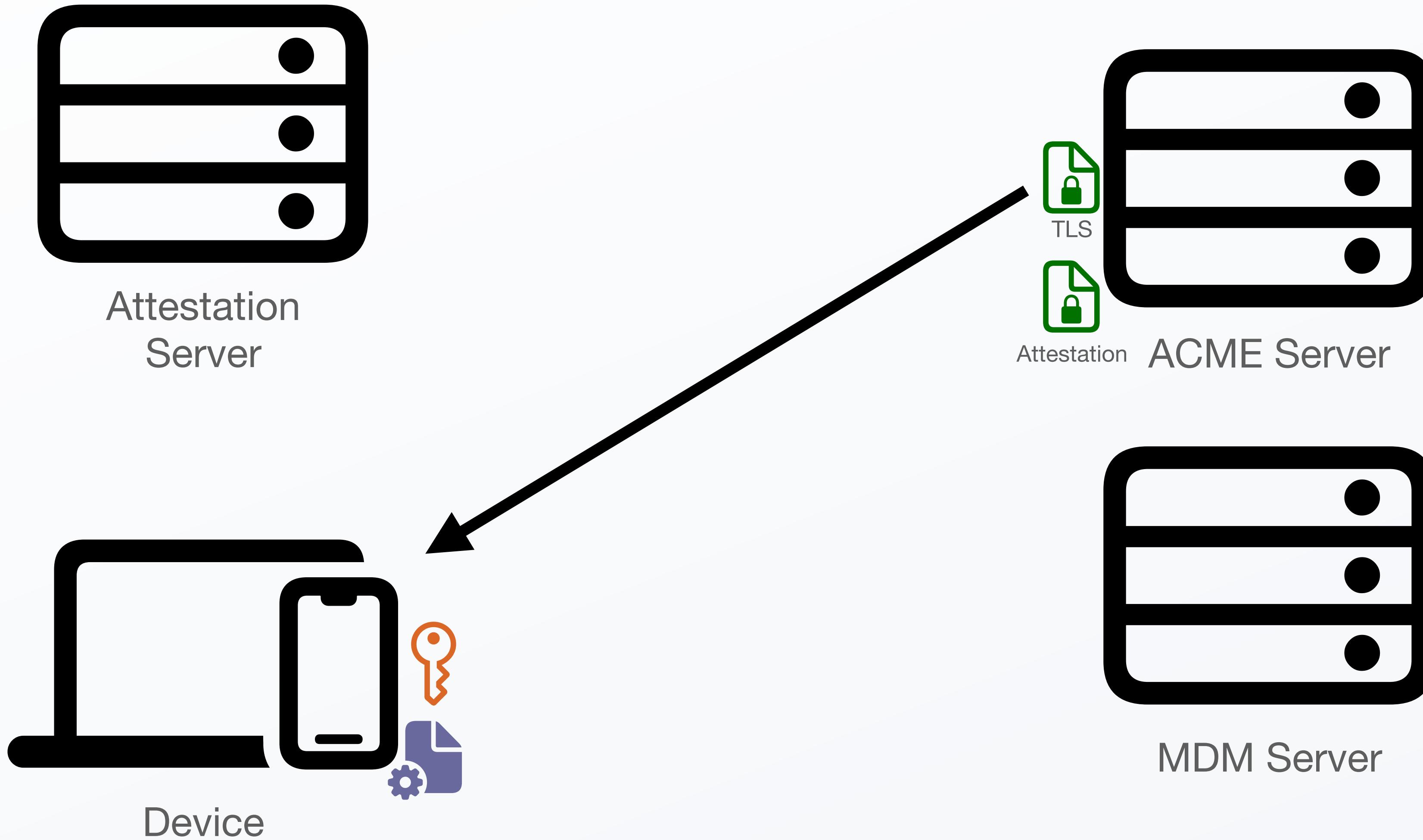
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- ▶ Nonce hashed (SHA-256) before embedding in attestation
- ▶ OIDs - Device-Identifying are omitted for User Enrollments
- ▶ Nonce from ACME server, not MDM
- ▶ Private key is the one the device generated
- ▶ Certificate can be used only for Attestation

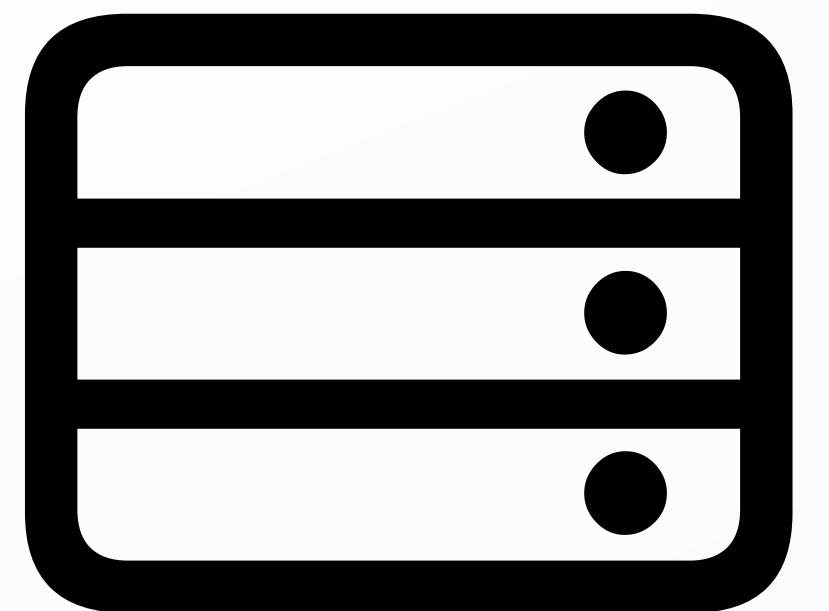
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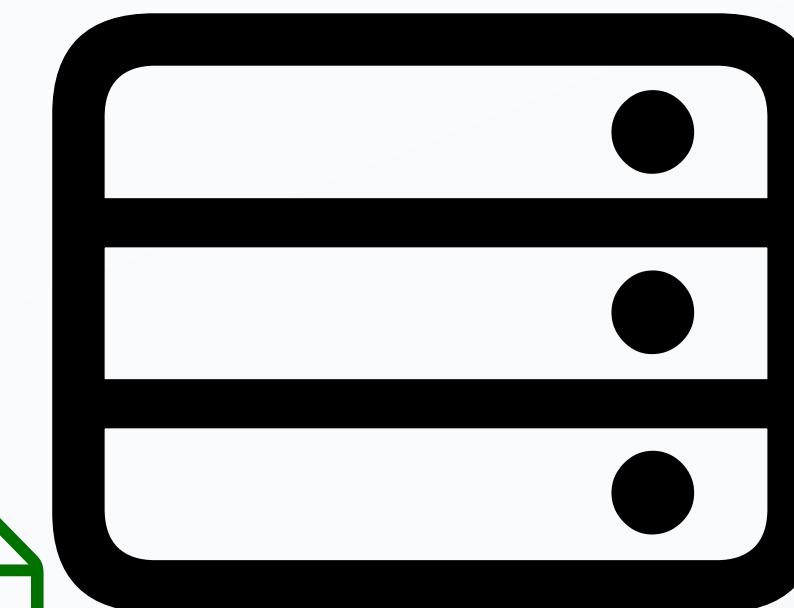
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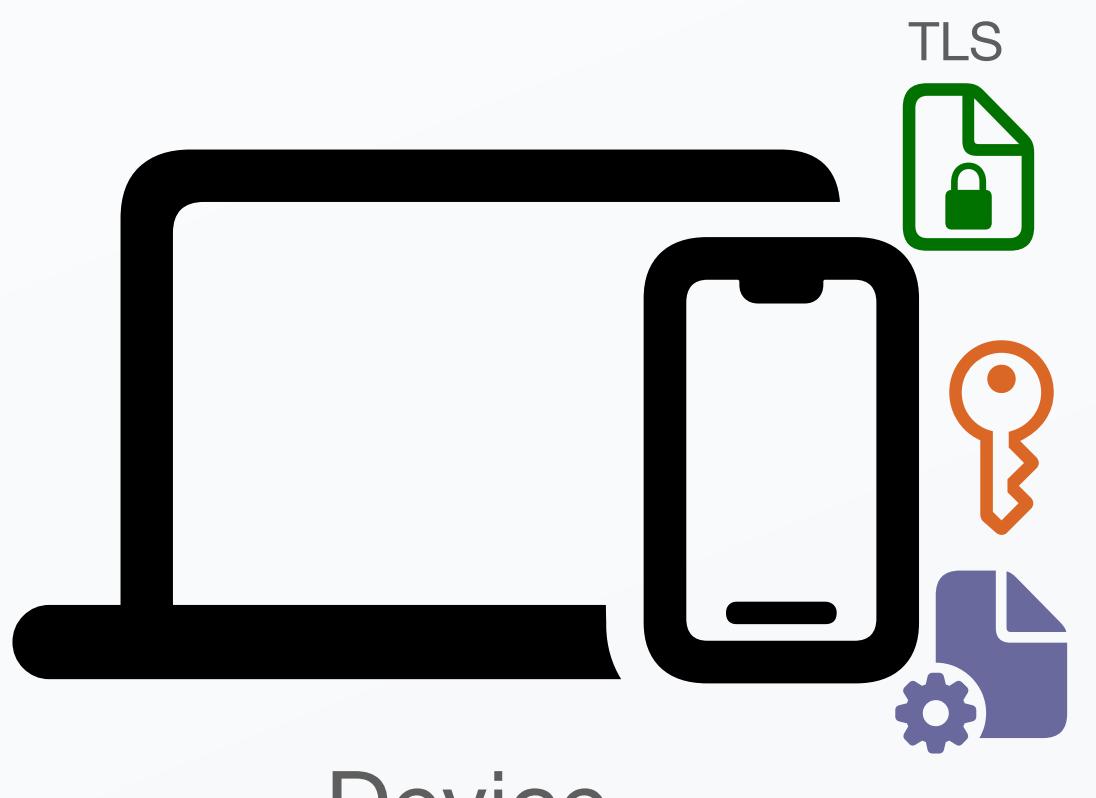
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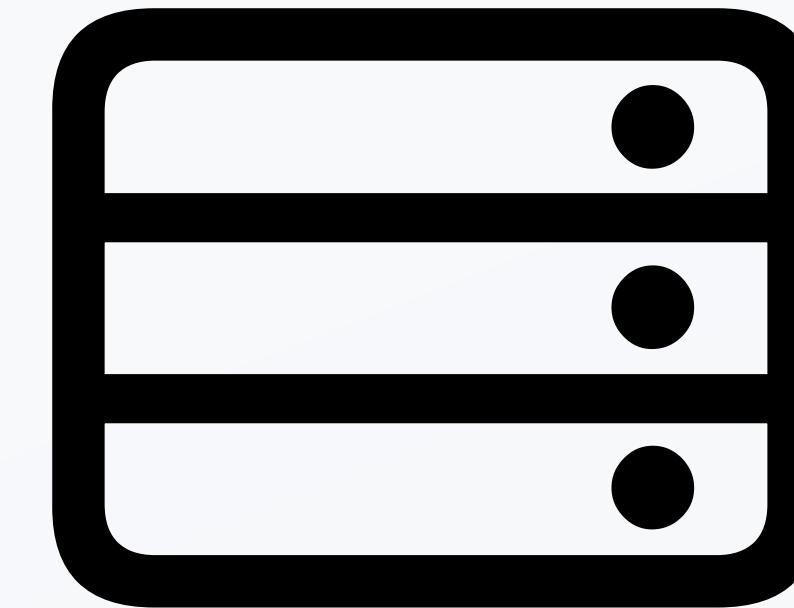
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Device



MDM Server

ACME with Jamf Pro

The screenshot shows the Jamf Pro web interface. The left sidebar has a dark theme with white icons and text. The 'Computers' section is expanded, showing 'Inventory', 'Search Inventory', 'Search Volume Content', and 'Licensed Software'. Under 'Content Management', there are 'Policies', 'Configuration Profiles' (which is selected and highlighted in blue), 'Software Updates', and 'Restricted Software'. The main content area is titled 'New macOS Configuration Profile' under 'Computers : Configuration Profiles'. It shows two tabs: 'Options' (which is selected) and 'Scope'. A search bar says 'Search...'. Below it, there's a list of settings: 'General' (with a gear icon), 'Accessibility' (with a person icon, labeled 'Not configured'), 'ACME Certificate' (with a gear icon, labeled 'Not configured'), and 'AD Certificate' (with a shield icon, labeled 'Not configured'). To the right of the list are two buttons: 'Remove all' and '+ Add'. At the top right of the interface, there are status indicators: 'Full Jamf Pro' with a dropdown arrow, a bell icon with a red badge showing '13', and a user profile icon.

Computers : Configuration Profiles

← New macOS Configuration Profile

Options Scope

Search...

ACME Certificate

The payload you use to configure Automated Certificate Management Environment (ACME) Certificate settings.

General

Accessibility Not configured

ACME Certificate Not configured

AD Certificate Not configured

Remove all + Add

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The screenshot shows the Full Jamf Pro application interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for Computers, Inventory, Content Management, Policies, Configuration Profiles (which is selected), Software Updates, Restricted Software, Mac Apps, Patch Management, eBooks, Groups, and Smart Computer Groups. The main area is titled "Computers : Configuration Profiles" and shows a list of payloads for the computer "ACME". The "ACME Certificate" payload is currently selected. A modal window titled "ACME Certificate" is open, showing configuration options for the ACME directory URL (set to "https://acme.jamf.net/acme/acme/directory/"), Client identifier (\$SERIALNUMBER), and Key Size. The "Key Size" field notes that valid values depend on Key Type and Hardware bound. At the bottom right of the modal are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons. The top right of the screen shows a notification bell with 13 notifications and a user profile icon.

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ACME Certificate

Configure ACME Certificate settings.

ACME directory URL

The directory URL of the ACME server. The URL must use the https scheme.

`https://acme.jamf.net/acme/acme/directory/`

Required

Client identifier

A unique string identifying a specific device. The server may use this as a nonce to prevent issuing multiple certificates. This identifier also indicates to the ACME server that the device has access to a valid client identifier issued by the enterprise infrastructure. This can help the ACME server determine whether to trust the device. Though this is a relatively weak indication because of the risk that an attacker can intercept the client identifier.

`$SERIALNUMBER`

Required



The screenshot shows the Jamf Pro web interface with the 'ACME Certificate' configuration page open. The left sidebar lists various management categories like Search Inventory, Content Management, Policies, and Smart Computer Groups. The right panel is titled 'ACME Certificate' and contains two main sections: 'ACME directory URL' and 'Client identifier'. The 'ACME directory URL' field is populated with 'https://acme.jamf.net/acme/acme/directory/'. The 'Client identifier' field is populated with '\$SERIALNUMBER'. Both fields have a 'Required' status indicator. At the bottom of the configuration page, there are tabs for 'Search', 'ACME Certificate', and 'Associated Domains', with 'ACME Certificate' being the active tab. A small note at the bottom right of the configuration panel states: 'The valid values for Key Size depend on the values of Key Type and Hardware bound. See those keys for specific requirements.' The top right corner of the interface shows standard navigation icons for search, refresh, and add.

ACME with Jamf Pro

Key Type

The type of key pair to generate.

- **RSA** : Specifies an RSA key pair. RSA key pairs must have a **Key Size** in the range **[1024..4096]** inclusive and a multiple of 8, and **Hardware Bound** must be **false**.
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ECSECPrimeRandom



Hardware Bound

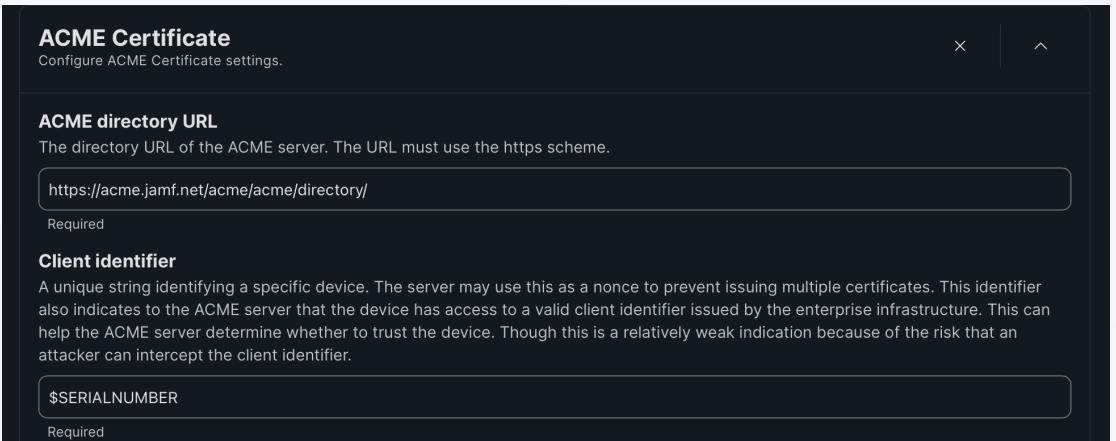
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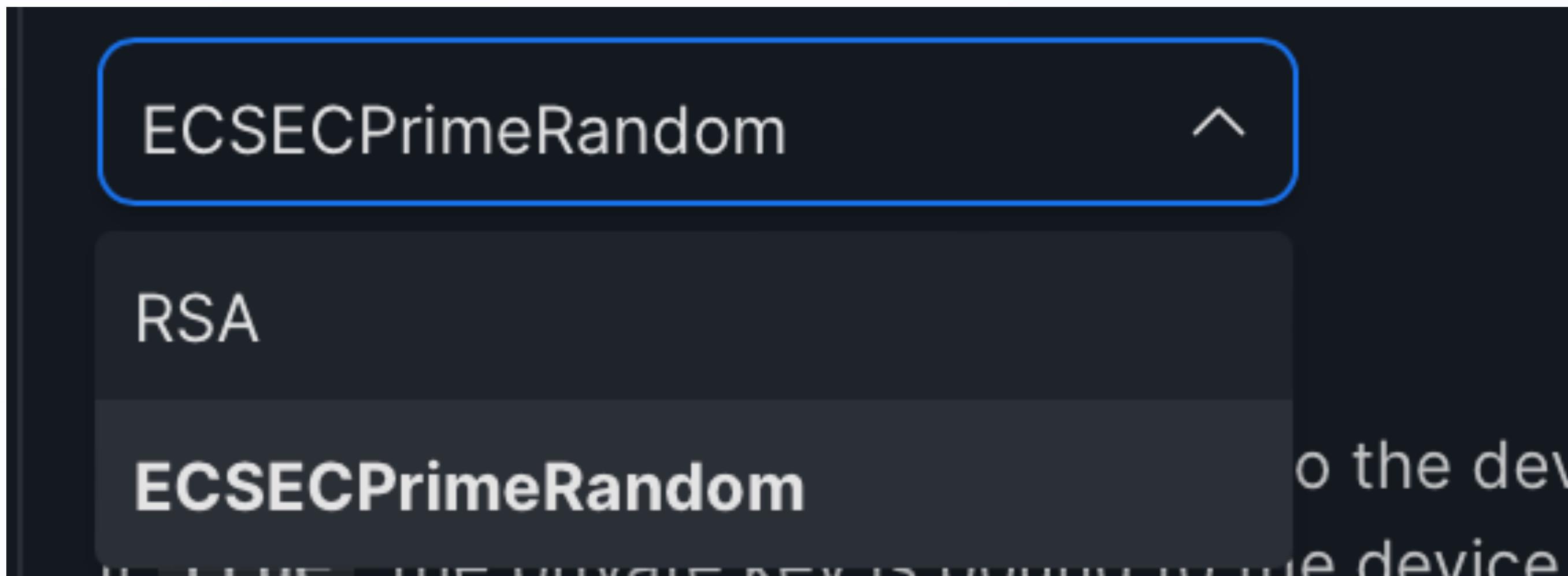
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True

False



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True False

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Attest 

If `true`, the device provides attestations describing the device and the generated key to the ACME server. The server can use the attestations as strong evidence that the key is bound to the device, and that the device has properties listed in the attestation. The server can use that as part of a trust score to decide whether to issue the requested certificate.

When **Attest** is `true`, **Hardware Bound** must also be `true`.

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True False

Allow All Apps Access 

If `true`, all apps have access to the private key.

True False

Key Is Extractable 

If `true`, the private key of the identity needs to be tagged as “non-extractable” in the keychain.

True False

ECSECPrimeRandom 

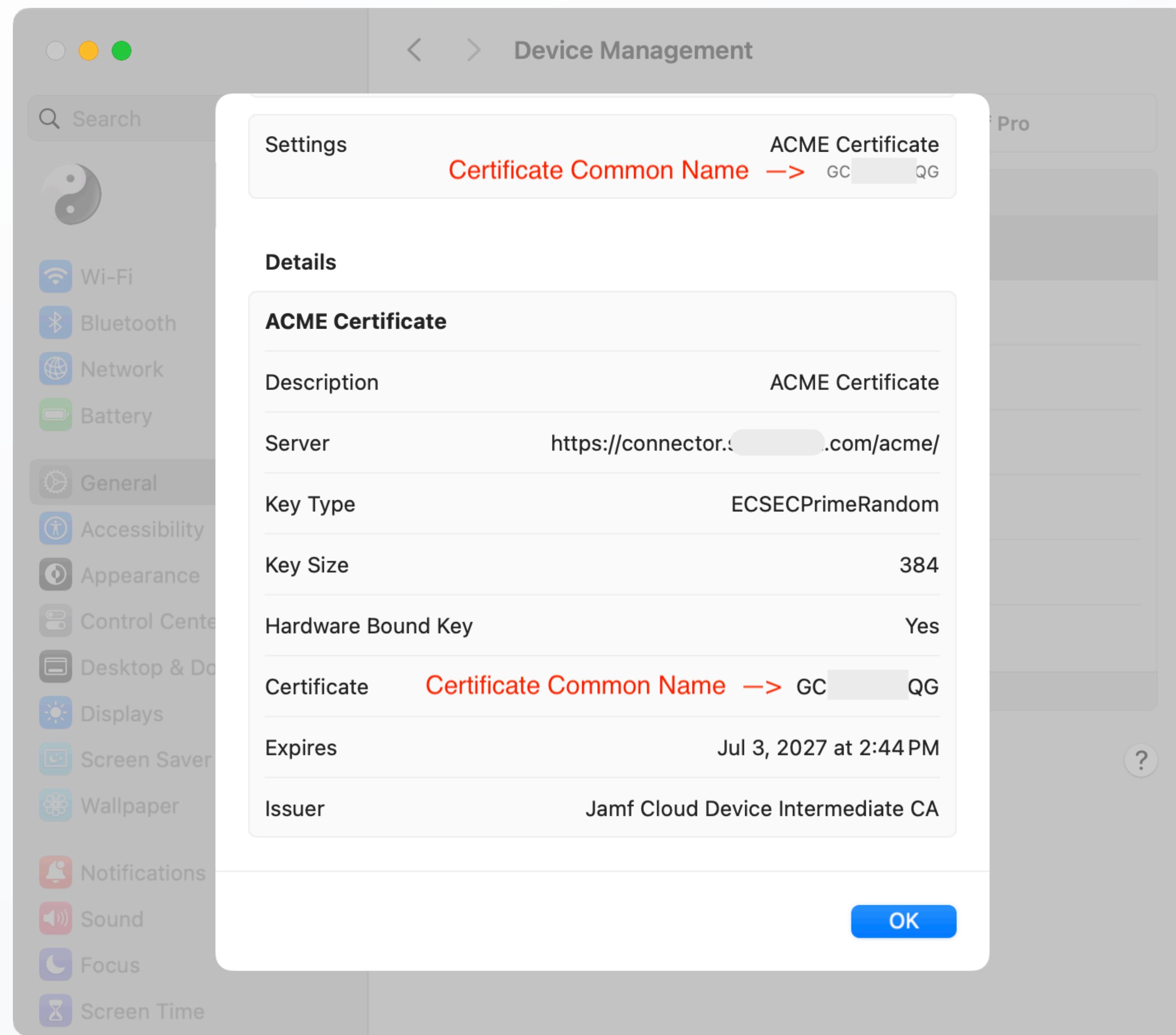
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That's all folks!