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Breaking SAML (.NET Edition)

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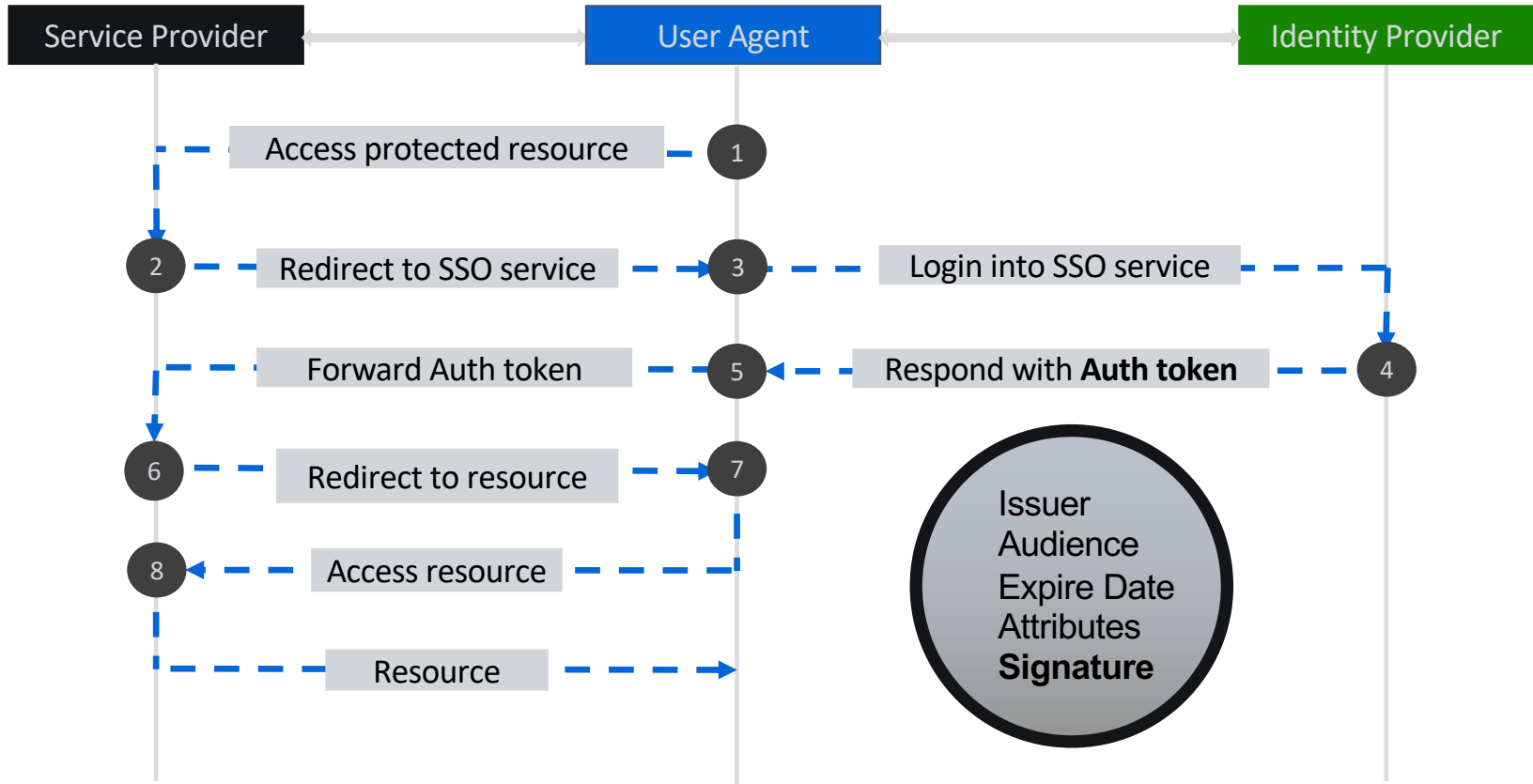
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Previously in Breaking SAML ...

- **XML Signature Wrapping (XSW):**
 - Discovered in 2012 by Juraj Somorovsky, Andreas Mayer and others
 - Many implementations in different languages were affected
 - The attacker needs access to a valid token
 - The attacker modifies the contents of the token by injecting malicious data without invalidating the signature
- **Attacks with XML comments:**
 - Discovered in 2018 by Kelby Ludwig
 - The attacker needs access to a valid token
 - Uses XML comments to modify values without invalidating the signature

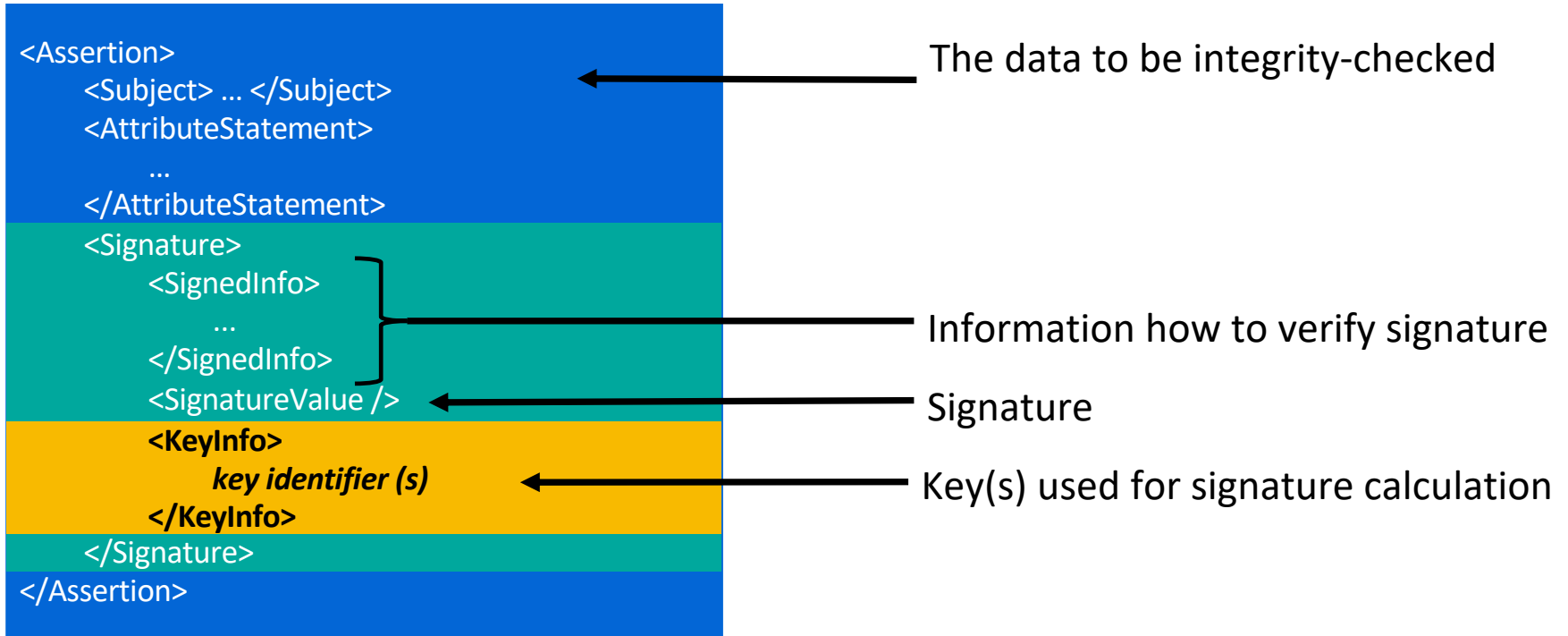
SAML 101



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- The Security Assertion Markup Language, SAML:
 - Popular standard used in single sign-on systems
 - XML-based format
 - Uses XML Signature (aka XMLDSig) standard
- XMLDSig standard (RFC 3275):
 - Used to provide payload security in SAML, SOAP, WS-Security, etc.

Simplified SAML Token



RFC 3275

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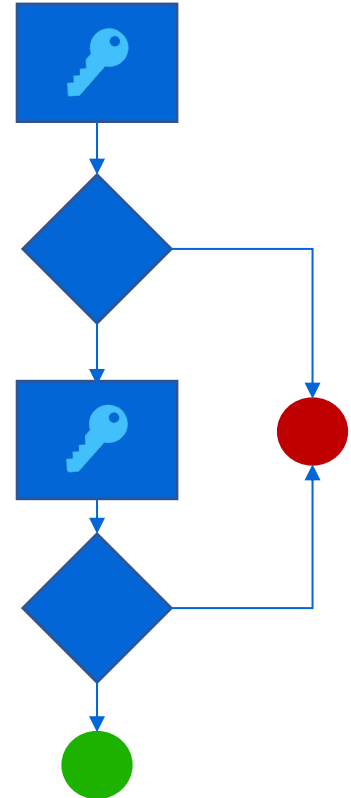
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 - or create it from embedded data
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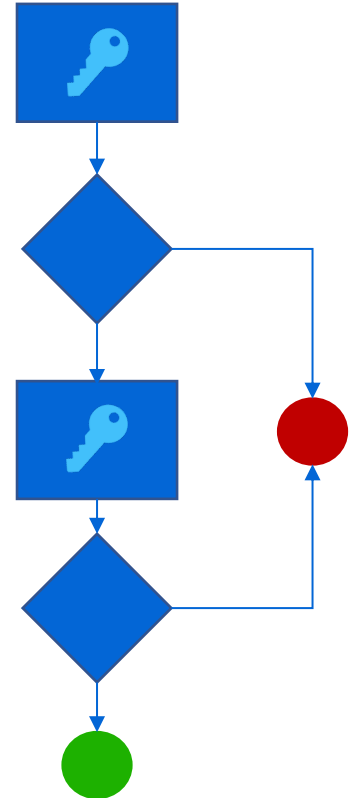
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A tale of two resolvers

- `<KeyInfo/>` is processed **twice** by different methods!



- If we can get each method to return different keys, we may be able to bypass validation

Scenarios for different key resolution

1. Method *A* supports a key type that is not supported by Method *B*
2. Methods check for different subsets of keys within the *<KeyInfo/>* section
3. Both methods support same key types, but in different order

Examples of affected frameworks

Windows Communication Foundation (WCF)

- Used in Web Services
- Eg: Exchange server

Windows Identity Foundation (WIF)

- Used in claim-aware applications
- Eg: MVC application authenticating users with ADFS or Azure Active Directory

Windows Identity Foundation (WIF) + Custom configuration

- Uses custom configuration such as a custom resolver or custom certificate store
- Eg: SharePoint Server

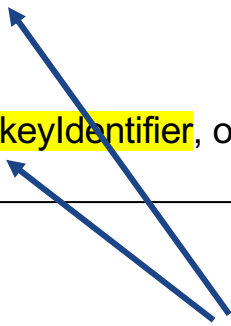
Windows Communication Foundation (WCF)

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- Framework for building service-oriented applications (SOA)
- Interaction between WCF endpoint and client is done using SOAP envelopes
- WCF accepts SAML tokens as Client credentials
- May use Windows Identity Foundation (WIF) or not
- XML Signature also used for proof tokens and other usages

Key & Token Resolution

```
// System.IdentityModel.Tokens.SamlAssertion
SecurityKeyIdentifier keyIdentifier = signedXml.Signature.KeyIdentifier;
this.verificationKey = SamlSerializer.ResolveSecurityKey(keyIdentifier, outOfBandTokenResolver);
if (this.verificationKey == null) throw ...
this.signature = signedXml;
this.signingToken = SamlSerializer.ResolveSecurityToken(keyIdentifier, outOfBandTokenResolver);
```



Same <keyInfo/> block is processed twice

Security Key resolution

```
// System.IdentityModel.Tokens.SamlSerializer
internal static SecurityKey ResolveSecurityKey(SecurityKeyIdentifier ski, SecurityTokenResolver
tokenResolver)
{
    if (ski == null) throw DiagnosticUtility.ExceptionUtility.ThrowHelperArgumentNull("ski");
    if (tokenResolver != null) {
        for (int i = 0; i < ski.Count; i++) {
            SecurityKey result = null;
            if (tokenResolver.TryResolveSecurityKey(ski[i], out result)) {
                return result;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

For each <KeyInfo/> element, try ALL resolvers, until one is successful

...

Security Key resolution

Remember, one key at a time!

```
// System.ServiceModel.Security.AggregateSecurityHeaderTokenResolver
bool TryResolveSecurityKeyCore(SecurityKeyIdentifierClause keyIdentifierClause, out SecurityKey key) {
    ...

    resolved = this.tokenResolver.TryResolveSecurityKey(keyIdentifierClause, false, out key);
    if (!resolved)
        resolved = base.TryResolveSecurityKeyCore(keyIdentifierClause, out key);
    if (!resolved)
        resolved = SecurityUtils.TryCreateKeyFromIntrinsicKeyClause(keyIdentifierClause, this, out key);
}
```

Token resolution

```
// System.ServiceModel.Security.AggregateSecurityHeaderTokenResolver
```

```
override bool TryResolveTokenCore(SecurityKeyIdentifier keyIdentifier, out SecurityToken token) {
```

```
    bool resolved = false;
```

```
    token = null;
```

```
    resolved = this.tokenResolver.TryResolveToken(keyIdentifier, false, false, out token);
```

```
    if (!resolved) resolved = base.TryResolveTokenCore(keyIdentifier, out token);
```

```
    if (!resolved) {
```

```
        for (int i = 0; i < keyIdentifier.Count; ++i) {
```

```
            if (this.TryResolveTokenFromIntrinsicKeyClause(keyIdentifier[i], out token)) {
```

```
                resolved = true;
```

```
                break;
```

```
            }
```

Remember, ALL keys are passed here!



For each token resolver, try ALL <keyInfo/> elements, until one is successful

ResolveSecurityKey

Key 1	Resolver 1
Key 1	Resolver 2
Key 2	Resolver 1
Key 2	Resolver 2

ResolveSecurityToken

Resolver 1	Key 1
Resolver 1	Key 2
Resolver 2	Key 1
Resolver 2	Key 2

ResolveSecurityKey



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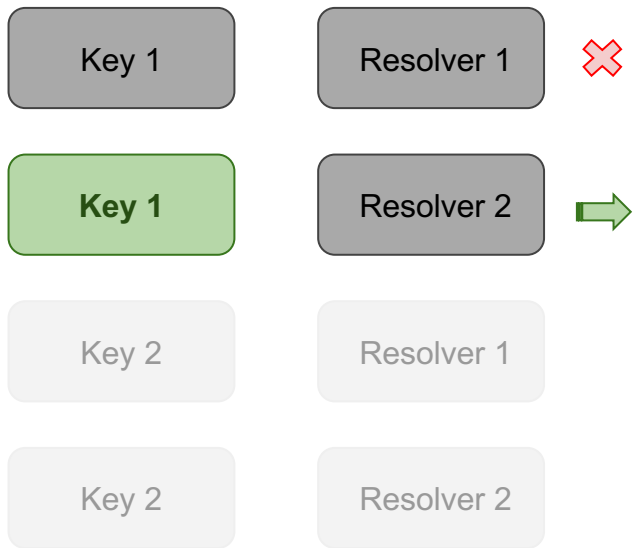
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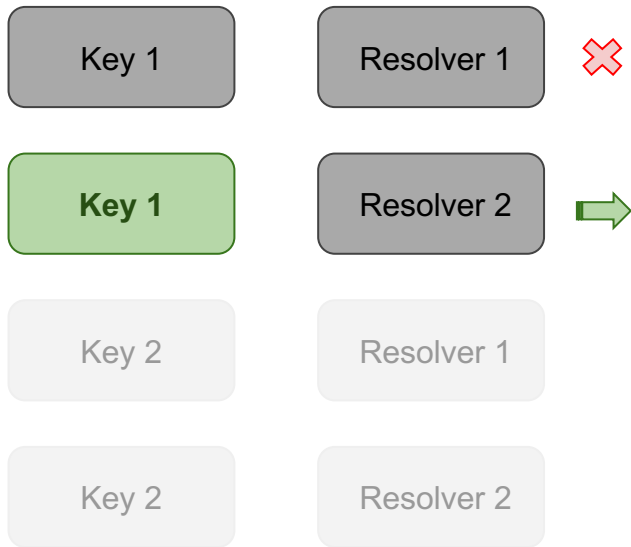
ResolveSecurityKey



ResolveSecurityToken



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ResolveSecurityToken



Dupe Key Confusion

1. Modify token at will or create token from scratch
2. Sign SAML assertion with attacker's own private RSA key
3. Include attacker's RSA public key as first element in `<KeyInfo/>`
4. Include original certificate as second element in `<KeyInfo/>`



Dupe Key Confusion

<ds:KeyInfo>

<ds:KeyValue>

Injected Key

<ds:RSAKeyValue>

<ds:Modulus>irXhaxafoUZ...77kw==</ds:Modulus>

<ds:Exponent>AQAB</ds:Exponent>

</ds:RSAKeyValue>

</ds:KeyValue>

<ds:X509Data>

<ds:X509Certificate>MIIDBTCCAe2...zzWh</ds:X509Certificate>

</ds:X509Data>

Original Cert

</ds:KeyInfo>

https://github.com/pwntester/DupeKeyInjector



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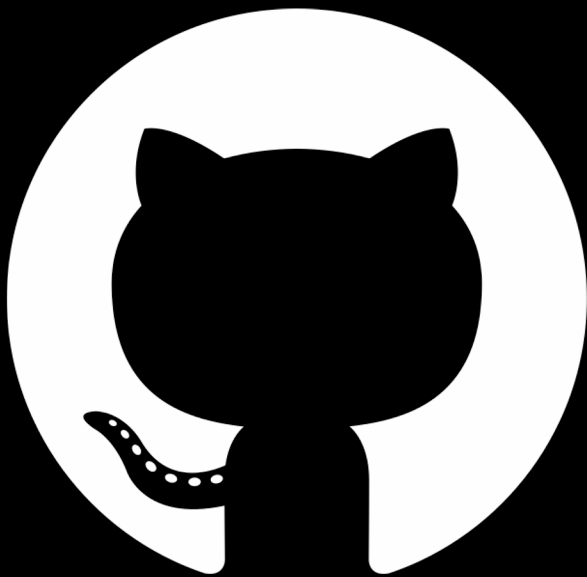
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