




Building a Trust Ecosystem for Adoption of ZKP

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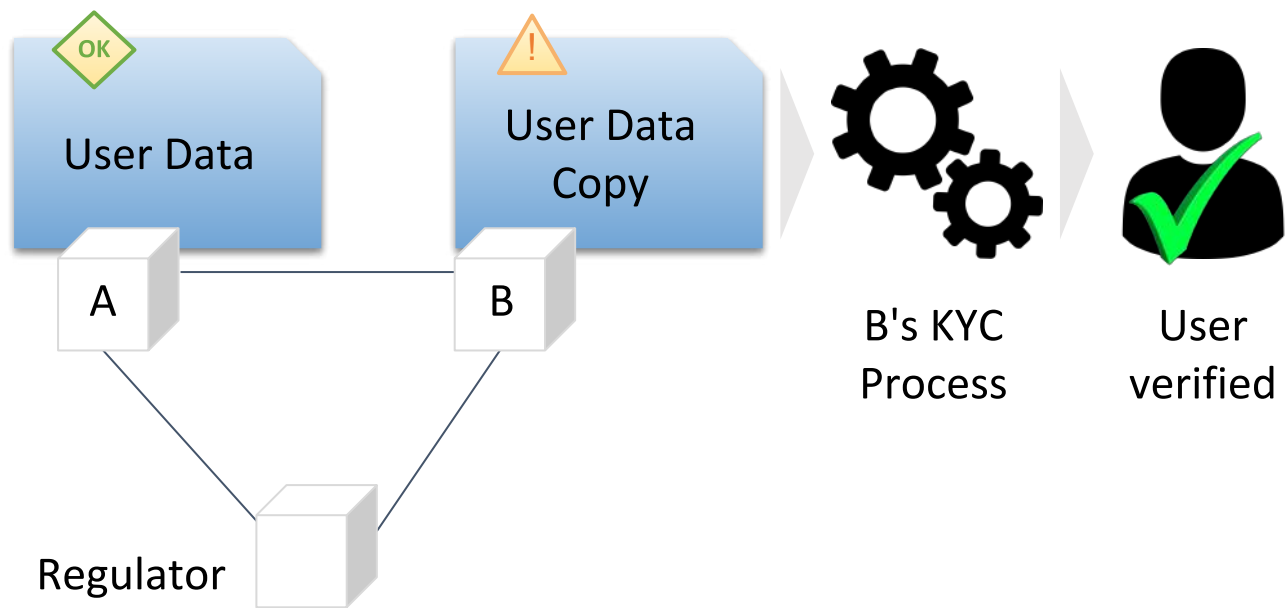


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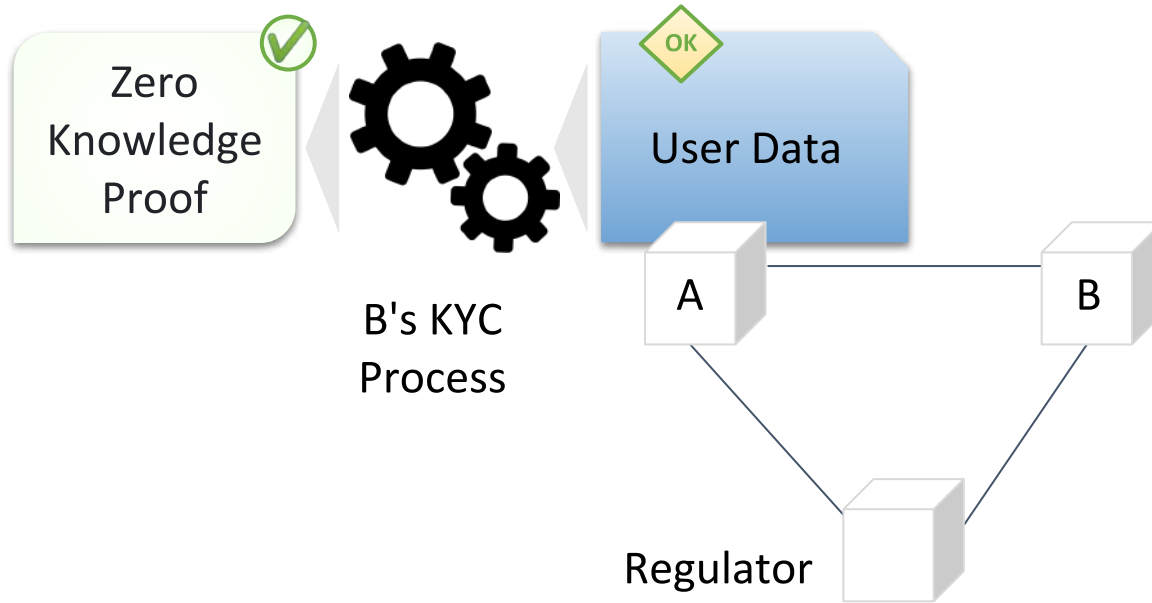
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How to foster ZKP
adoption in the
enterprise world?

Detect the need | KYC verification on user data copy

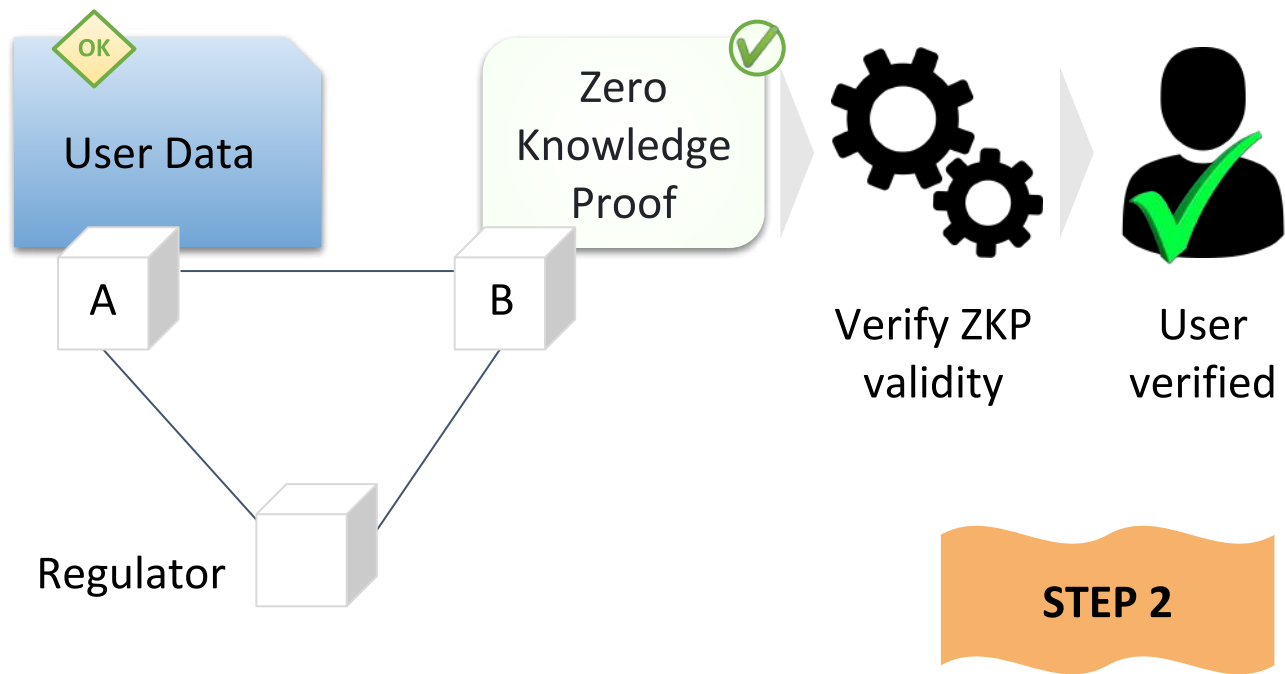


Proposed solution | KYC verification on user data source

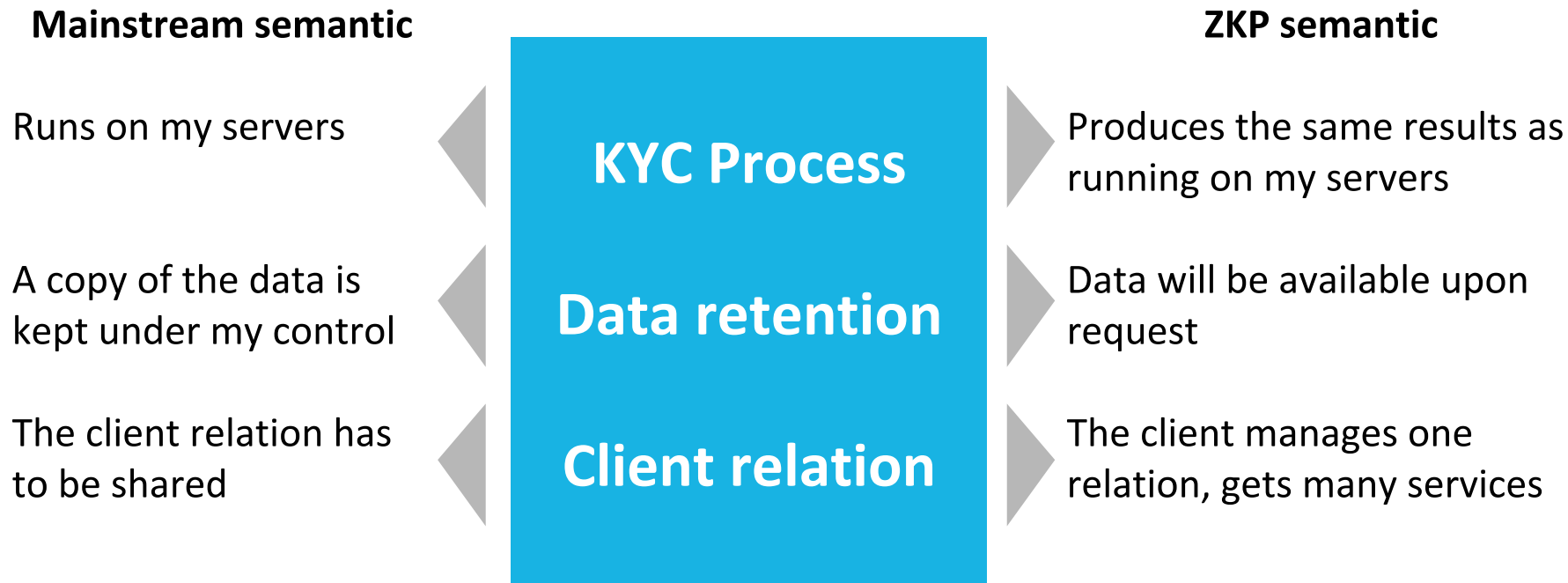


STEP 1

Proposed solution | KYC verification on user data source



ZKP | enables a new separation of concerns



ZKP | A prolific research field

Pinocchio: Nearly Practical Verifiable Computation

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Abstract

To instill greater confidence in computations outsourced to

Computing [9–11] or other secure hardware that physical protections cannot be defined, we have produced a number of [12–23] that offer confidence because they rely on proofs (PCPs) [17] of [4], the performance would take h

Sonic: Zero-Knowledge SNARKs from Linear-Size Universal Updatable Structured Reference Strings

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Abstract

Ever since their introduction, zero-knowledge proofs have become an important tool for addressing privacy and scalability concerns in a variety of applications. In many systems each client downloads and verifies every new proof, and so proofs must be small and cheap to verify. The most practical schemes require either a trusted setup, as in (pre-processing) zk-SNARKs, or verification complexity that scales linearly with the complexity of the relation, as in Bulletproofs. The structured reference strings required by most zk-SNARK schemes can be constructed with multi-party computation protocols, but the resulting parameters are specific to an individual relation. Groth et al. discovered a zk-SNARK protocol with a universal structured reference string that is also updatable but the

protocols. There are several practical schemes from which with a vast space of tradeoffs in performance and assumptions.

Currently, the most attractive proving system from perspective is a (pre-processing) succinct non-interactive proof of knowledge, or zk-SNARK for short, which has a small proof size and constant-time verification costs even for large relations. The most efficient scheme described in is a zk-SNARK by Groth [45] which contains only

elements. In order to require

PLONK: Permutations over Lagrange-bases for Oecumenical Noninteractive arguments of Knowledge

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Abstract

Halo: Recursive Proof Composition without a Trusted Setup

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Abstract

Non-interactive proofs of knowledge allow us to publicly demonstrate the faithful execution of arbitrary computations. SNARKs have the additional property of succinctness, meaning that the proofs are short and fast to verify even when the computations involved are large. This property raises the prospect of recursive proof composition: proofs that verify other proofs. All previously known realizations of recursive proof composition have required a trusted setup and cycles of expensive pairing-friendly elliptic curves.

We obtain the first practical example of recursive proof composition without a trusted setup, using only ordinary cycles of elliptic curves. Our primary contribution is a novel technique for amortizing away expensive verification procedures from within the proof verification

On the Size of Pairing-based Non-interactive

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Abstract. Non-interactive arguments enable a prover to convince a verifier that a statement is true. Recently there has been a lot of progress both in constructing highly efficient non-interactive arguments with small communication complexity, so-called succinct non-interactive arguments (SNARKs), and in constructing non-interactive arguments of knowledge (SNARKs).

Many constructions of SNARKs rely on pairing-based cryptography. A proof consists of a number of group elements and the verification

Bulletproofs: Efficient Range Proofs for Confidential Transactions

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Abstract

We propose Bulletproofs, a new non-interactive zero-knowledge proof protocol with very short proofs and without a trusted setup; the proof size is only logarithmic in the witness size. Bulletproofs are especially well suited for efficient range proofs on committed values: they enable proving that a committed value is in a range using only $2 \log_2(n) + 9$ group and field elements, where n is the bit length of the range. Proof

ZKP | Clients don't understand enough to trust it

**Academic
researchers**
discover
and
understand
the math

**Scientific
community**
review
papers and
improve
schemes

**Engineers &
Devs**
implement
libraries

**Integrators
& Clients**

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ZKP adoption | Building ZKP trust ecosystem



ZKP Adoption | We still to bridge semantic gaps

Mainstream semantic

Used as a tool to
anonymize parts of data

Piece of data used to
prove something

A transfer is a
transaction in a ledger



ZKP semantic

Used as a tool to commit to
data without revealing it

All you need to verify a claim
on data you don't see

Proof that one ownership
was nullified and exactly one
new ownership was created



ZKP Adoption | WEF promotes Privacy




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White Paper

The Next Generation of Data-Sharing in Financial Services: Using Privacy Enhancing Techniques to Unlock New Value

Prepared in collaboration with Deloitte

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

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A welcome
partner in the
trust ecosystem



Key ideas | They will adopt it when they trust it

- **Companies want to innovate, be the first to deploy... the standard!**
 - Enterprises have reputation, valuable data at stake, need strong assurances
 - Don't have the people to vet the tech
- **ZKProof gives enterprises the time to adopt, by slowing down the pace**
 - ZKP produces more and more papers, schemes
 - Added benefit of permitting e.g. tools, hardware acceleration
- **It's an ecosystem of trust to review and compare practices**
 - From the lab to the clients, keep the trust going
 - There is no revolution without redefining the meaning of the words