Design and Analyze Secure Networked Systems 5

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Software Signing

- Provide ways to verify authenticity and integrity of software which are distributed via web.

- GPG

GNU Privacy Guard (GnuPG or GPG) is a tool for secure communication. It can be used to generate public/private key pair.

- PGP

Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) is encryption program that follows OpenPGP standard for encyption/decryption of data.

Sign Software

1. Finish a version for release.
2. Generate MD5 and SHA1 message digest of the software.
3. Generate PGP signature of the digest, using private key.
4. Distribute the software with the signature.
5. Distribute the public key, which pairs with the private key used for signing, to key servers.

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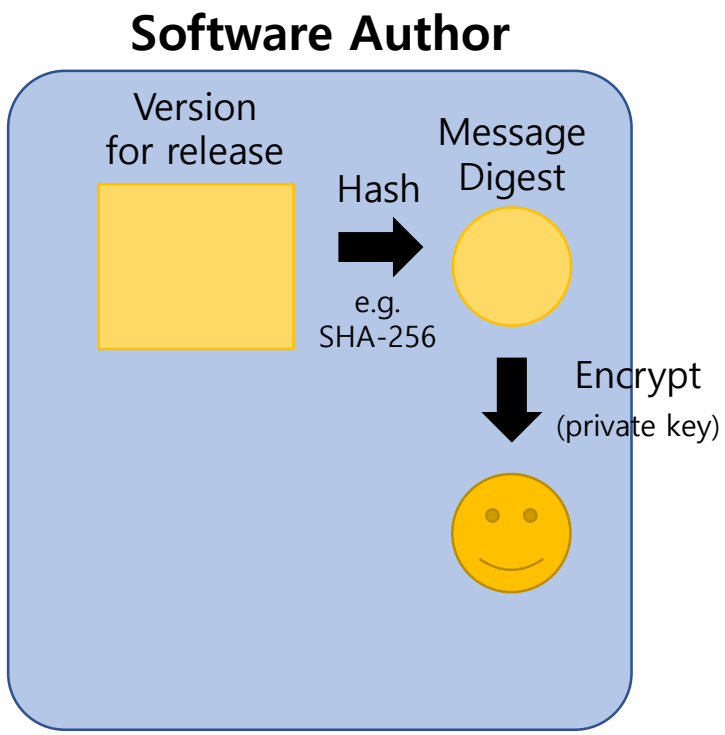

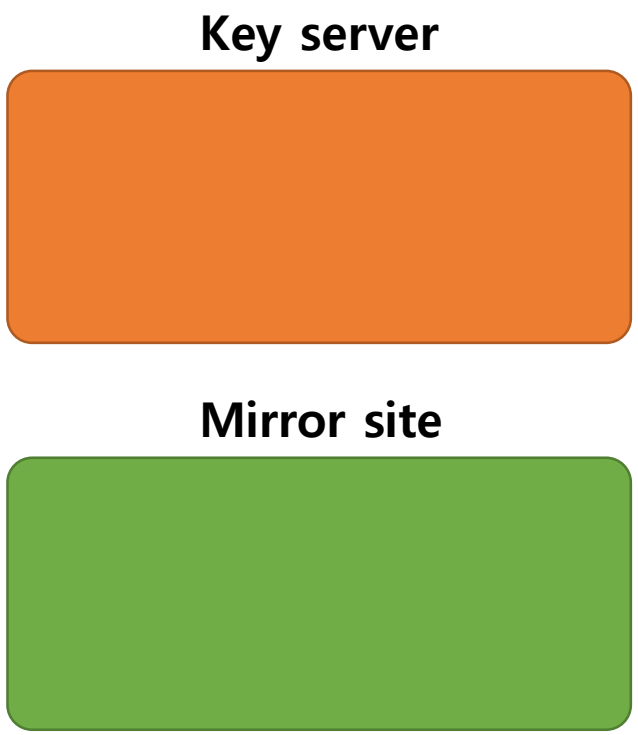

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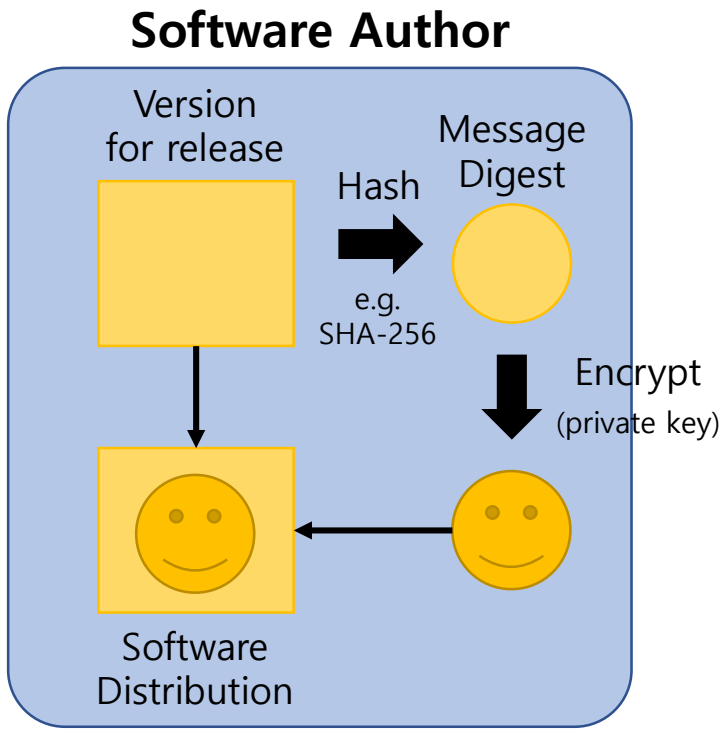

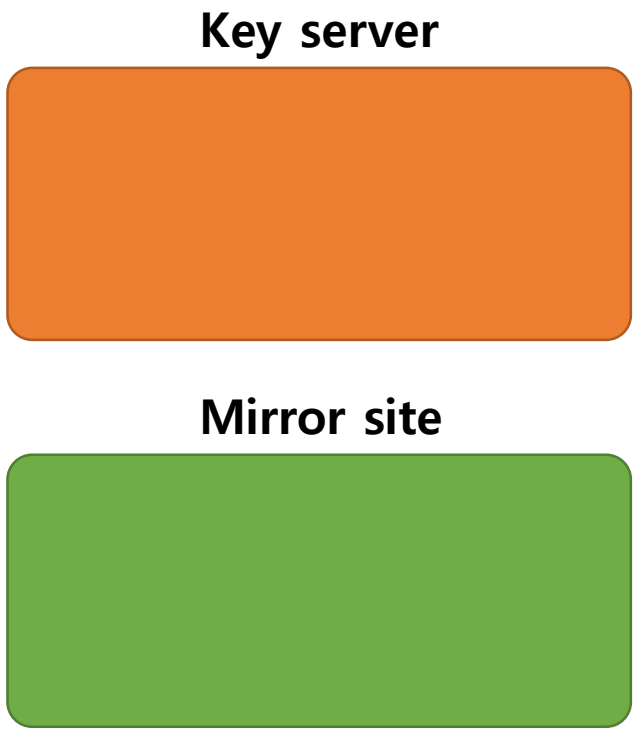

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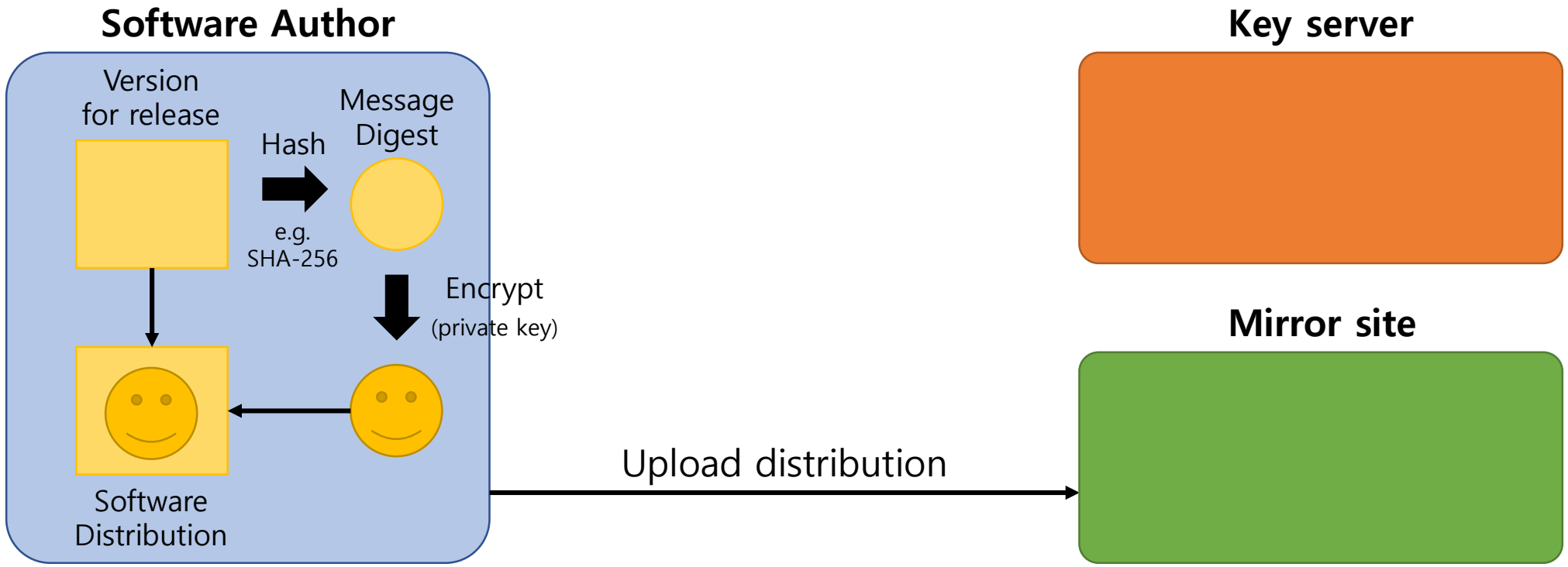

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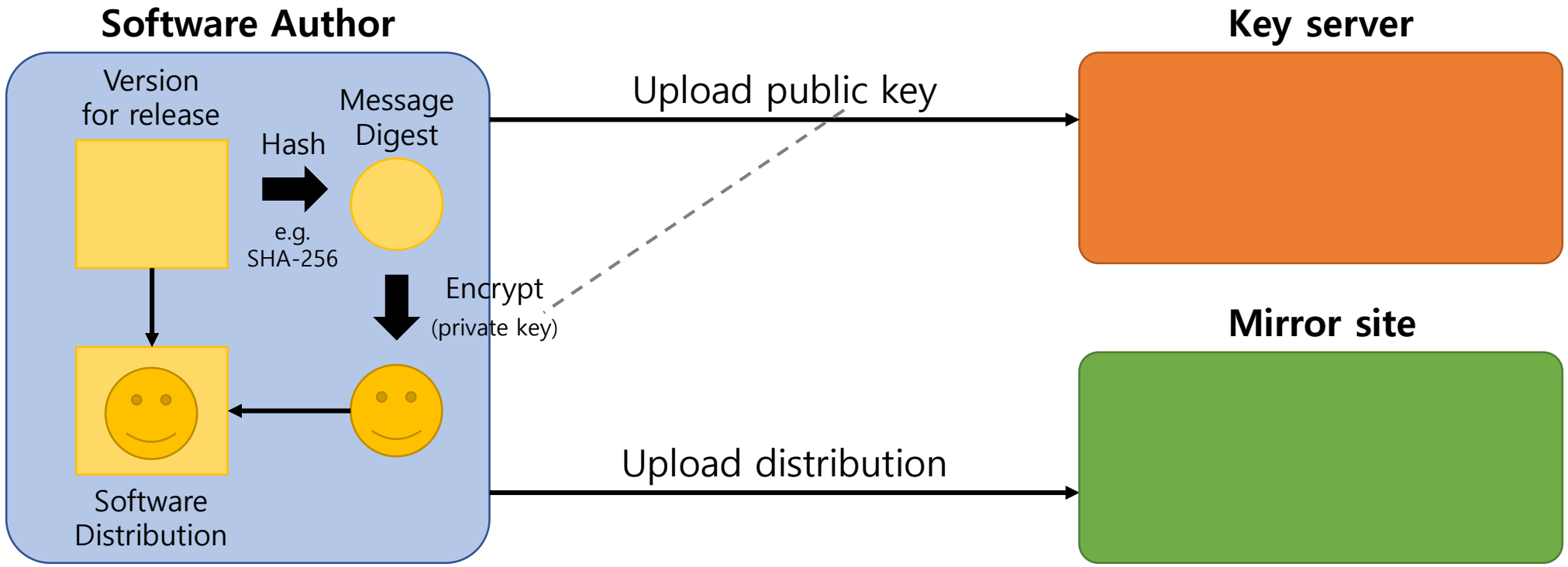

Verify Software

1. Download software and its signature.
2. Retrieve public key from key server.
3. Decrypt the signature into a digest.
4. Generate a digest by hashing the software.
5. If the two digests are identical, the software is verified.
6. If different, the software or signature is considered to be altered.

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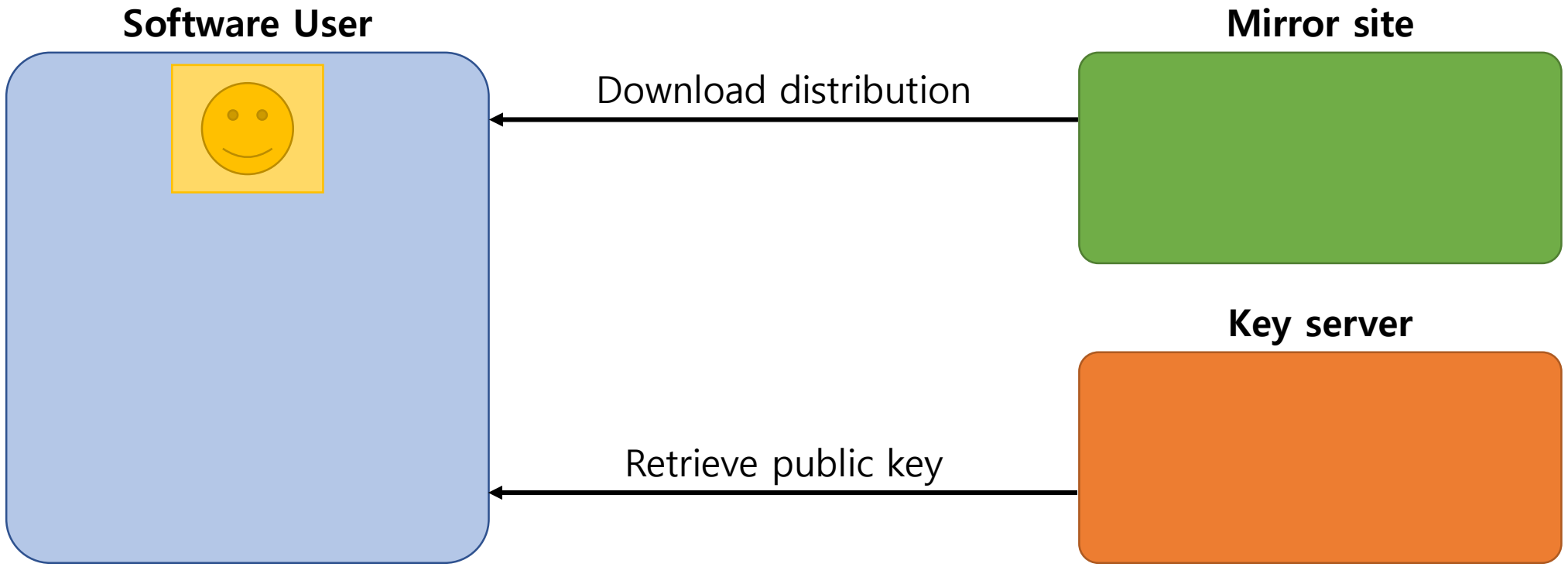

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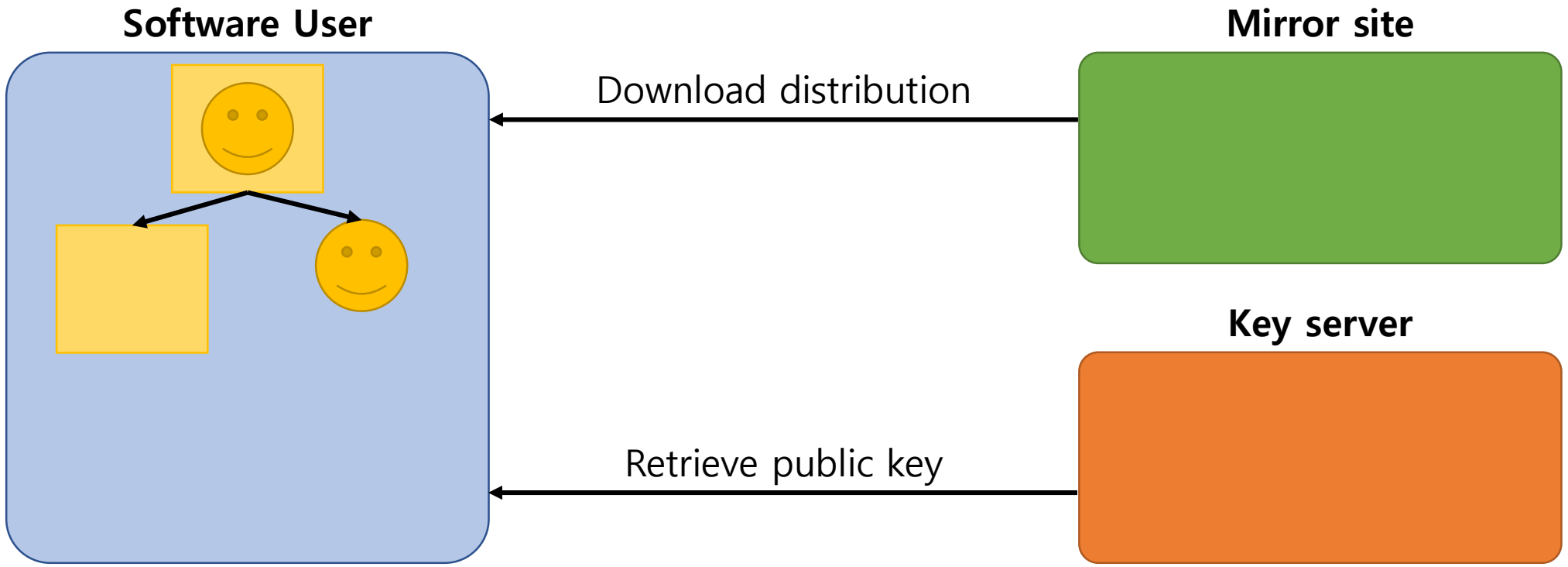

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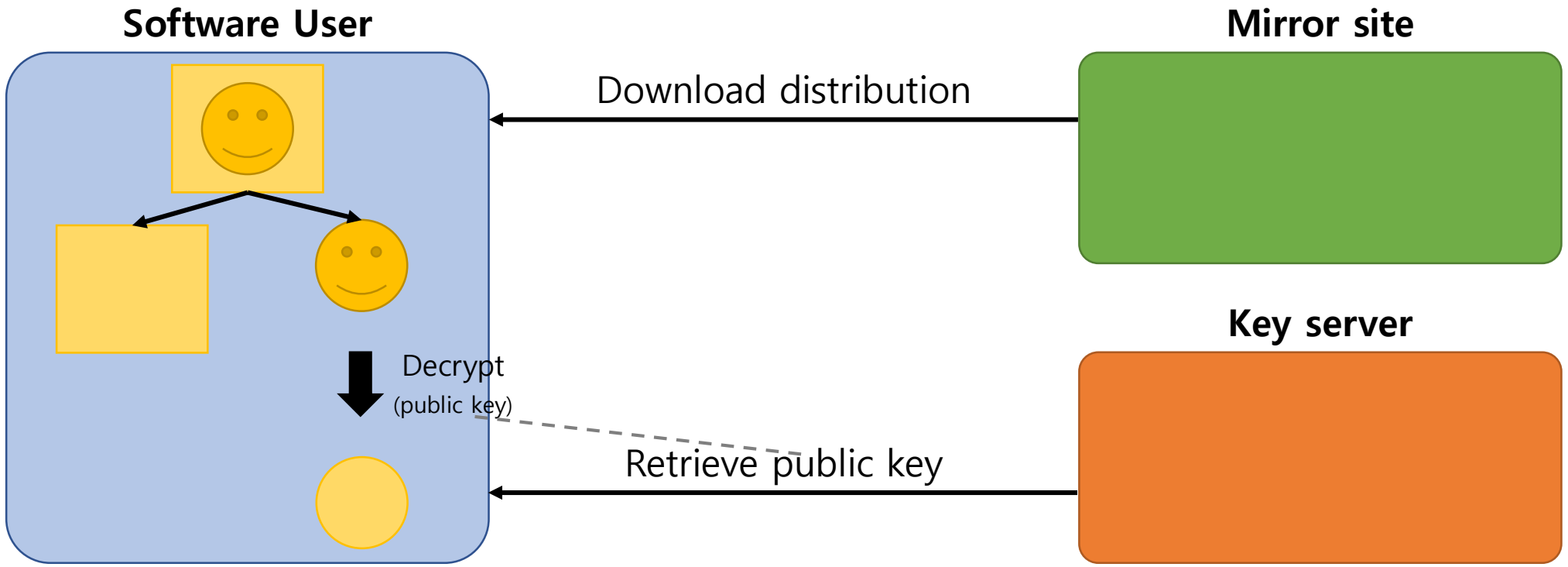

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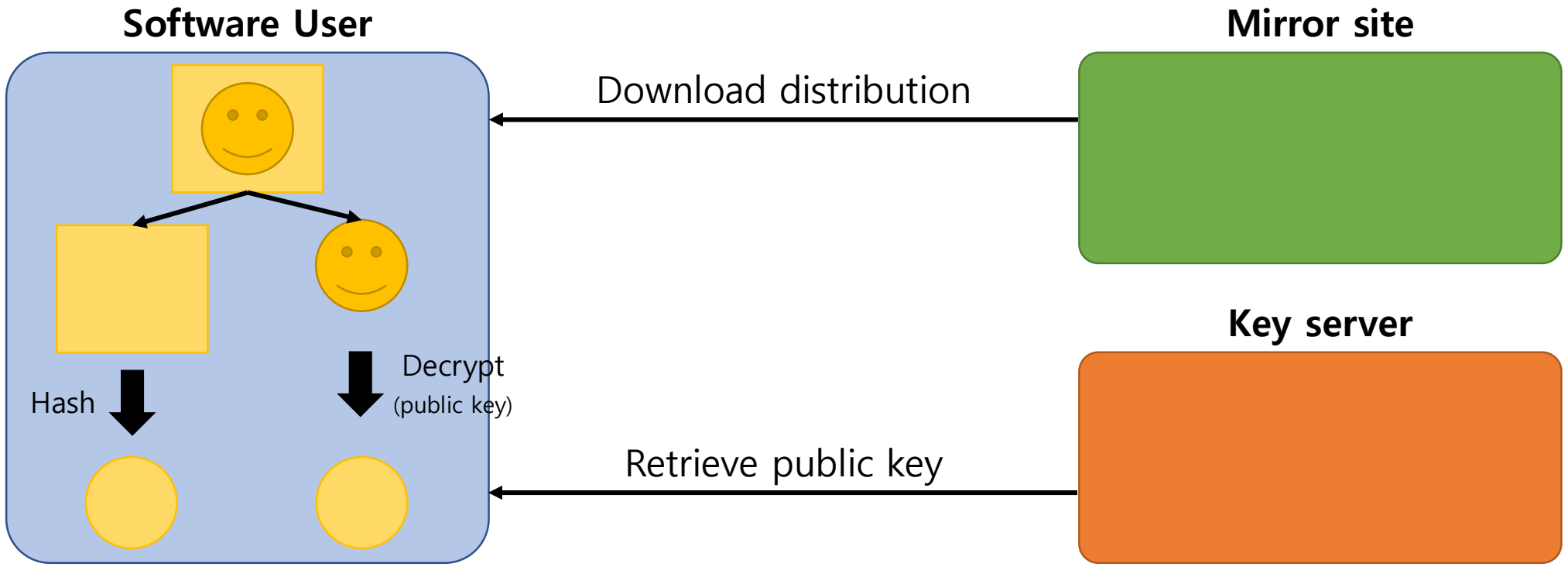

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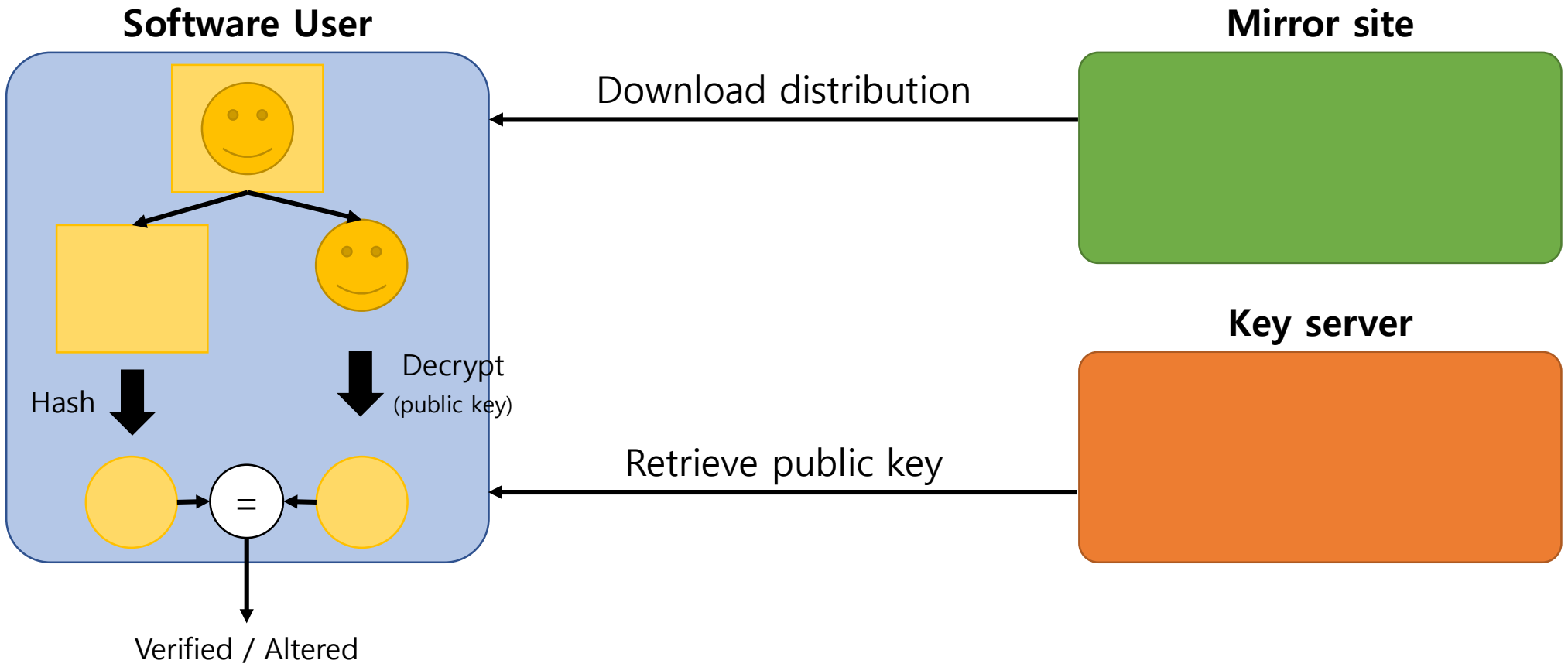

Mirror Sites

- Voluntarily distribute software releases of other organizations to provide faster access.
- Not managed by the original author organizations.
- Encouraged to download bundle from mirrors.
- Encouraged to download hash and signatures only from the original.

PKI vs PGP

- PKI
  - uses CA to vet and bind public keys to user ID.
  - takes longer to register/verify
  - is centralized thus have SPOF.
  - costs fee from CA.
- PGP
  - uses Web of Trust (Key servers) to vet and bind public key to user ID.
  - is hard to revoke keys
  - is distributed.
  - is free.