

Partially Blind RSA Signatures

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Motivation: Blind Signatures

- Privacy Pass
- Web Browsing, e.g.,
 - VPN by Google One
 - iCloud Private Relay
- Avoiding Repeated CAPTCHA Solving
- Private Click Measurement
- Tor DOS Defenses
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Motivation: Partially Blind Signatures

- ‘draft-irtf-cfrg-voprf’ offers partially oblivious variant
- Signatures that can only be used for
 - specific settings
 - specific geographic location etc.
- Avoiding one key per metadata approach
 - May require fixed public metadata choices ahead of time
 - Key management scalability concerns

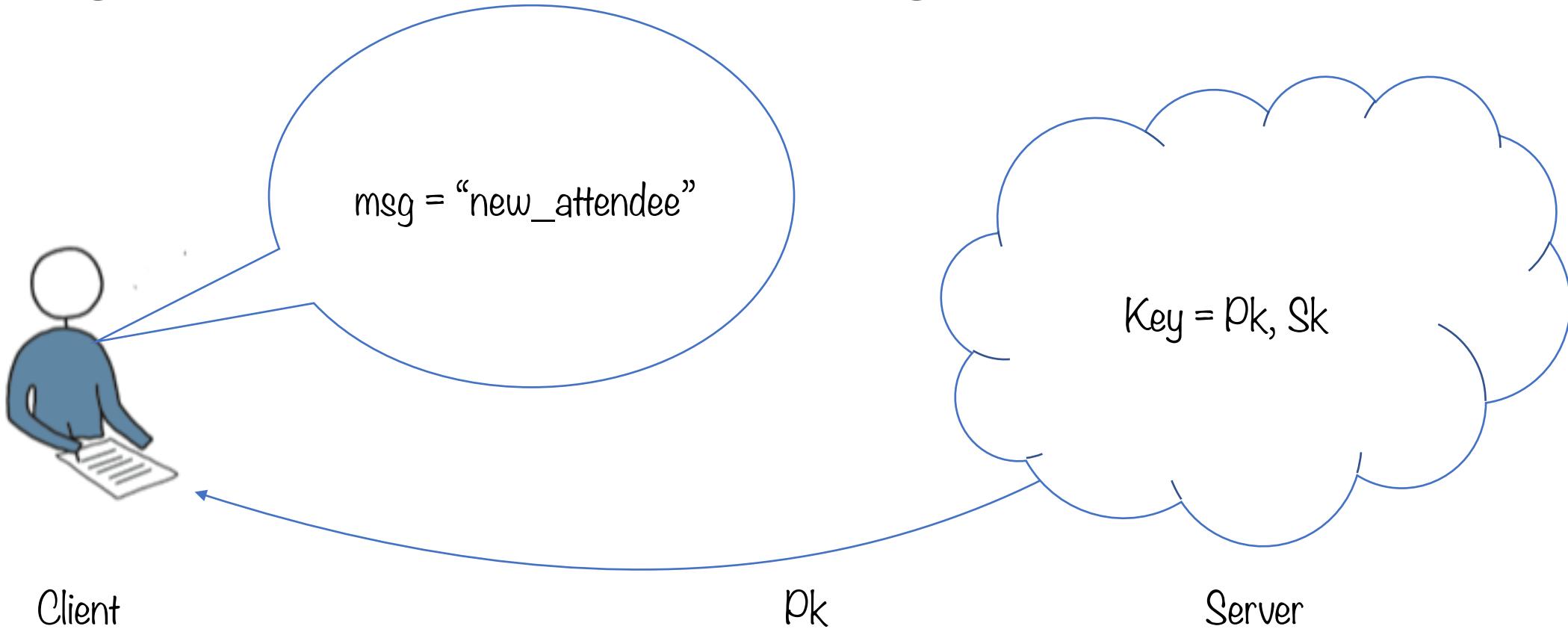
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- IETF document adopted for Blind RSA Signatures
 - Simple (one-round scheme, stateless server issuance)
 - Widely supported public verification
 - ‘draft-irtf-cfrg-rsa-blind-signatures’
- Natural to think of Public Metadata support for this standard

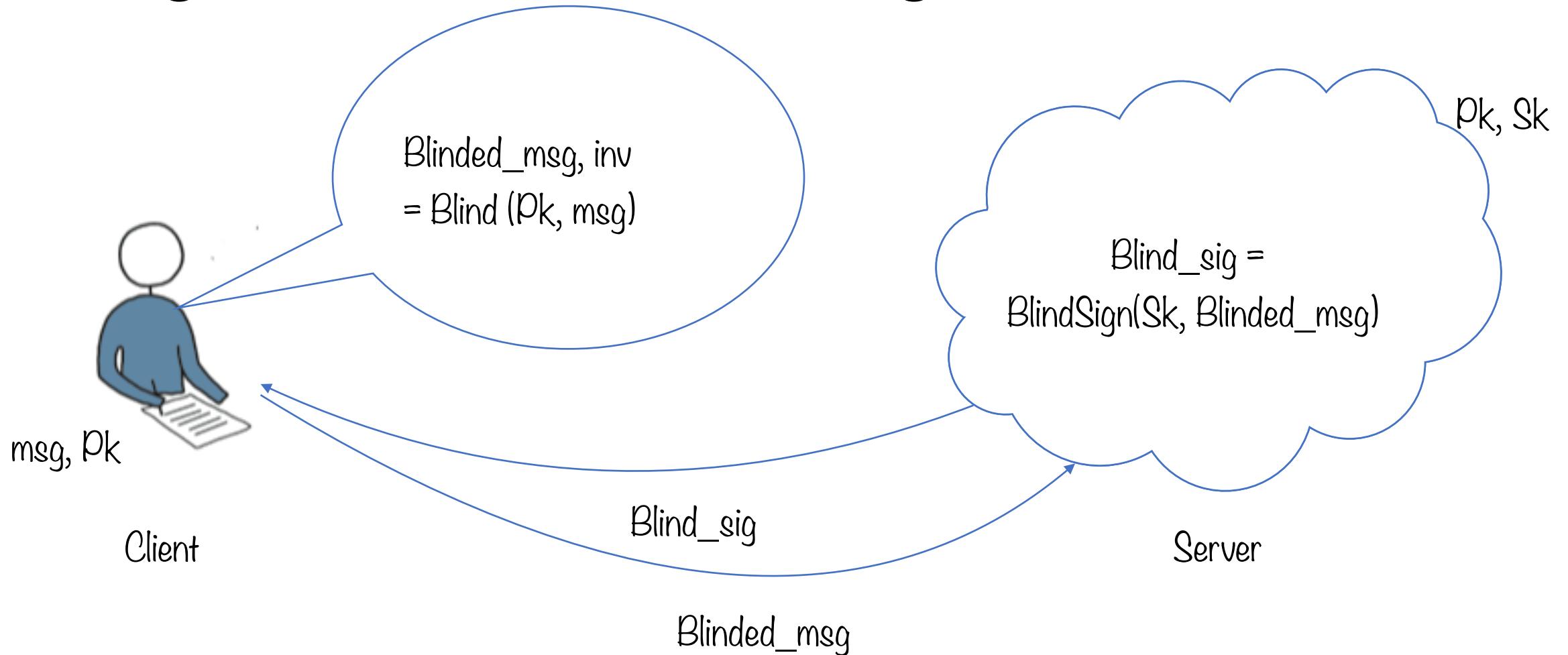
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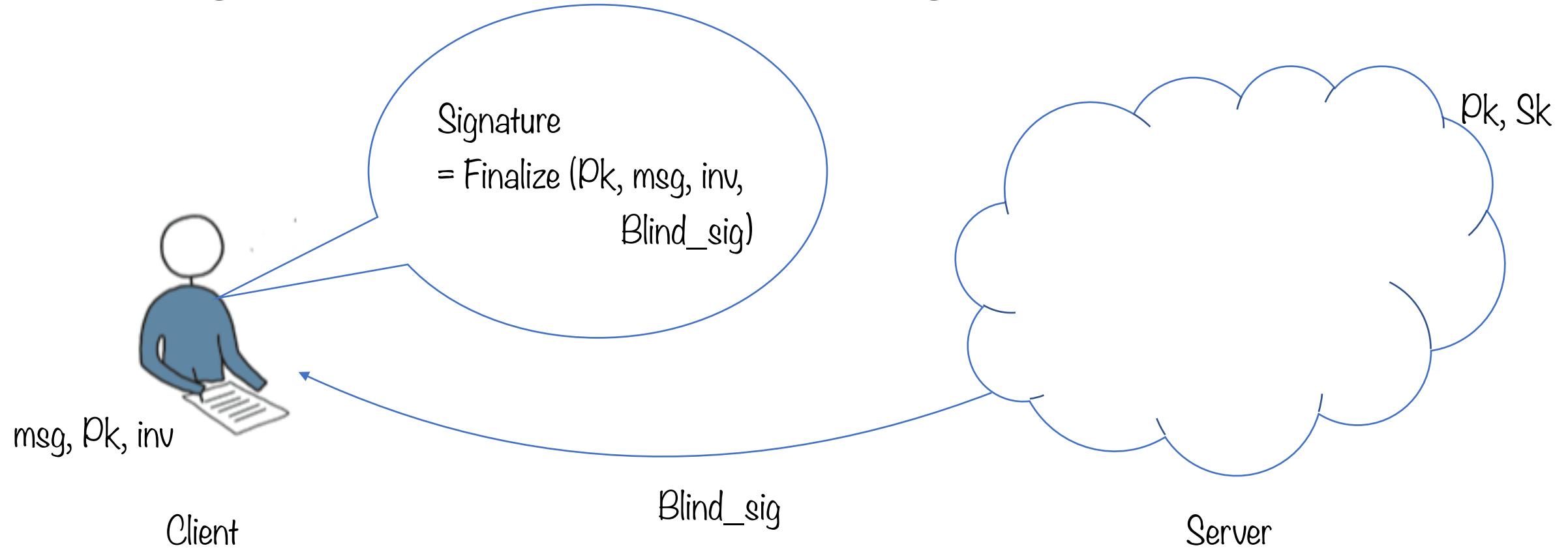
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- Signature is verified as a sub-routine in Finalize.
- Signature is publicly verifiable.
- Input message is encoded before being blinded.
 - PSS Encoding

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- Same public metadata (md) needed in all stages of the protocol
 - Blinding
 - Signing
 - Finalizing
 - Verifying

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- Augmented Input Message
 - Unique encoding of message and “md” passed to PSS encoding
- Augmented Public Key
 - $P_k * H(md)$
 - using HKDF as H for implementation ease
 - $H(md)$ needs to be co-prime to $\phi(N)$ where N is the RSA modulus, to generate the correct private key
- Generating special RSA modulus
 - N should be a product of two safe primes

Security Considerations

- One-more-unforgeability
- Unlinkability under same public metadata
- Domain separation
 - Different RSA moduli will ensure different augmented public keys for same public metadata
 - Hash functions in input message augmentation and public key augmentation are domain separated
- Denial of Service attacks due to larger public keys

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Benchmarks

	Blind RSA Signatures	Partially Blind RSA Signatures*
Blind	459,169 ns	1,695,262 ns
BlindSign	1,298,156 ns	5,368,773 ns
Finalize	37,821 ns	1,262,426 ns

* Timing should improve with more optimized code (e.g. once CRT is used)

* <https://github.com/google/anonymous-tokens>

* <https://github.com/chris-wood/circl/blob/caw/pbrsa/blindsight/blindrsa/pbrsa.go>

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- Two implementations (C++, Go)
- Solves needs in Privacy Pass and related real world applications
- draft-amjad-cfrg-partially-blind-rsa
- Academic paper with security proofs to be put out soon.
- Interest in adopting this document?

Thank you!