

# IETF 118 HotRFC

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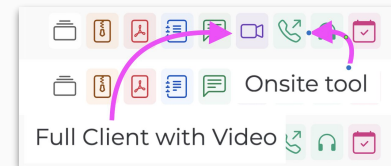
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# The Ground Rules

- **HotRFC is how you make a Request For Conversation**
  - It's a good way to find IETF people to talk to, for various reasons
- Each person gets four minutes from “Go” to “Please Applaud”
  - At four minutes, we start applauding (see next slide)
  - When you hear applause, please hand the microphone over 😊
- We don't do questions here - each person provides follow-up info
  - (in-person attendees can follow presenters to the bar, of course)
- So you can follow along, we're using the datatracker for all slides
  - Let the conversations begin!

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# IPv6 Traffic% and Packet Loss Rate – An Update

HotRFC Talk, IETF 118

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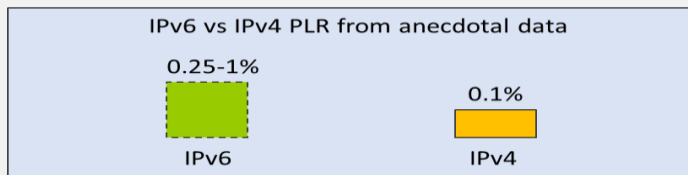
# What We've Learned after the Previous Talk

## Then

- Reported 2 problems in HotRFC Talk 117
  - IPv6 traffic% = IPv6 user% \* IPv6 content% \* IPv6 connectivity%  
= 41% \* 67% \* 100% = **27%**  
greatly exceeding reported traffic% below

IETF 117	Traffic %	Date	Source
AMS-IX	5.0%	2023 07	<a href="https://stats.ams-ix.net/sflow/ether_type.html">https://stats.ams-ix.net/sflow/ether_type.html</a>
Akamai	16.4%	2022 06	Value derived combining two independent posts

- IPv6 PLR (packet loss rate) much higher than IPv4 PLR

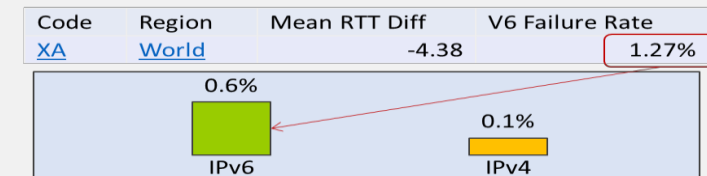


## Now

- IXP IPv6 traffic% not including CDN → not representative
- Traffic% available: FB, China-IPv6, Cloudflare
- User% available: Google, APNIC, Akamai
- Stats may not be what are claimed (i.e. is it traffic% or user% or connection%)
- What matters is **IPv6-usability%** = IPv6 traffic% / (IPv6 user% \* IPv6 content%)
  - If IPv6 equally usable as IPv4, then IPv6 traffic% = IPv6 user% \* IPv6 content% → **IPv6-usability%=100%**
  - If IPv6-usability% > 100%, IPv6 more usable than IPv4
  - If IPv6-usability% < 100%, IPv6 less usable than IPv4
  - Anecdotal IPv6-usability calculated from a single company stats for Dual-Stack content (with caveats, please take with grain of salt, contact author for full disclosure)

	World	USA	Canada	Germany	UK	Australia	NZ	India	Indonesia	South Africa	Egypt	Argentina	Brazil
Traffic%	37%	60%	41%	56%	36%	35%	31%	69%	13%	1.70%	4%	18%	48%
User%	41%	48%	37%	73%	44%	29%	20%	71%	15%	1.50%	5%	20%	48%
Content%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
IPv6-usability%	90%	125%	111%	77%	82%	121%	155%	97%	87%	113%	80%	90%	100%

- IPv6 PLR** (packet loss rate) ~0.6%, derived from TCP failure rate of 1.27% (involving 2 packets) reported by APNIC, 6x of IPv4 PLR, **clearer indicator of connectivity problem**



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# More on What We Learned, and What Problems Remain

## Learned

- IPv6 requirements on residential CPEs dated – v6ops will update CPE requirement RFC 7084
- ISP deployment of IPv6 is mostly in overlay not so much in underlay
- BCP for enterprise IPv6 deployment is needed – please contribute
- Networks in vertical industries are far from using IPv6 – many applications & devices not supporting IPv6
- Maybe more productive to focus on “Converting Residual IPv4” than on IPv6

## Problems

- At 0.6%, IPv6 PLR is 6x of IPv4's
- The reasons for high IPv6 PLR (presented in IETF 117) are still relevant
  - Packet drop with EHs,
  - NCE exhaustion causing packet drop
  - Rate limiting to prevent /64 scanning causing NCE exhaustion
  - Long headers causing congestion/drop at mobile backhaul links
  - Fragmentation-related drops
  - Flash renumbering-related drops
  - Note: Firewall/middleboxes may create PLR asymmetry between clients/servers
- Does high IPv6 PLR imply some IPv6 issues not yet known?
  - Possibly. Please join Nalini Elkins' talk at v6 side meeting (Thur Nov. 9, 9:30-11:00)

# We will Continuously Improve IPv6 Operations. Please Contribute

- Do you agree: **IPv6-usability%** = IPv6 traffic% / (IPv6 user% \* IPv6 content%) is good for comparing IPv6 with IPv4?
- Provide IPv6 traffic stats from operators & enterprises
- Measure IPv6 PLR in various scenarios
  - Inside enterprise & operator's AS, at IXPs, at content providers
  - Identify root causes of high IPv6 PLR
- Co-author drafts about issues and solutions
  - One theory: is IPv6 PLR mostly from transit points & FW/middle boxes? What can be done to prove/disprove that?
- Help to convert “Residual IPv4”
  - Residual IPv4 users & content – we know where they are but what can be done?
  - Many IPv4 residuals in vertical industries (e.g. railways). Call for people with vertical domain knowledge to contribute

**Disclaimer: IPv6 has shorter latency and other benefits over IPv4, but this talk focuses on the issues so as to improve**

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# **IETF HotRFC**

## **Sustainability/Energy**

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# Orange Vélodrome

## Smart Power Delivery - Powered by Orange & Cisco



10k wifi guest / event  
22 events / year

PoE energy for each Access Point

1 AP  $6.3_{Wh}$   $\rightarrow$  1041 AP  $7k_{Wh}$   $\rightarrow$  1041 AP 24/7  $57M_{Wh/year}$

This wifi infrastructure is turned on 24/7.  
The energy consumption is extrapolated.

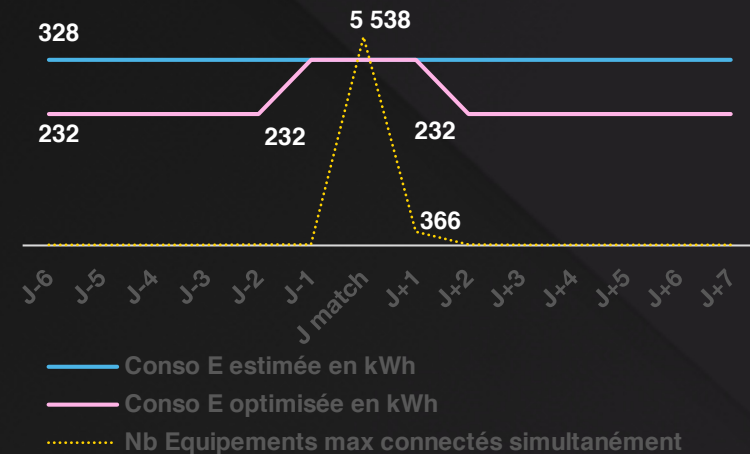
**119M**<sub>Wh/year</sub>

**24%**

Based on the Orange Velodrome case study, the simulation for full seasons 2023 events show that we can save almost 25% of energy consumption.

### Solution

A simple device connected to the current infrastructure monitoring all PoE devices. Based on usage, we schedule the shutdown and power up of the energy distribution on PoE Devices.

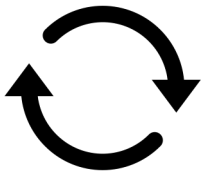


### Total Savings

**119M**<sub>Wh/year</sub>  $\rightarrow$  **91M**<sub>Wh/year</sub>  $\rightarrow$  **24%**  
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# Sustainability Insights Current Challenges

**Circular  
Economy**



**Normalization**



**Optimization**



**Accuracy &  
Granularity**

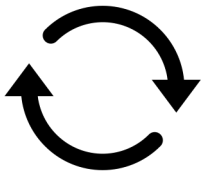


**Cross Domain**



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**IETF Draft(s)**

draft-almprs-sustainability-insights

draft-lindblad-tlm-philatelist

draft-kllyang-label-tsdb

draft-opsawg-poweff

draft-petra-path-energy-api

More on the  
Side Meeting  
“Sustainability Insights”  
Monday@8:45, Karlin 4

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# Path-aware Interdomain Architecture Updates

HotRFC - IETF 118  
05/11/2023

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SCION Association

# SCION – context

- SCION is an Internet architecture that fills gaps in several areas:
  - *Inter-domain* path-aware networking
  - Trust-enhanced networking (e.g. geofencing)
  - Routing security (path authorization/path validation)
- There is deployment experience:
  - Productive finance, healthcare network in Switzerland
  - More being evaluated (government, energy, DLTs)
- There are multiple implementations of SCION
- SCION can get even better with community feedback

# Current drafts

We want to find a space for SCION at the IETF:

- Now documenting the current protocol as implemented in existing deployments
- In the long term use the initial specification for future IETF work to evolve the protocol

**Control Plane PKI**  
*Authentication*

[draft-dekater-scion-pki](#)

**Control Plane**  
*Routing*

[draft-dekater-scion-controlplane](#)

**Data Plane**  
*Packet forwarding*

[draft-dekater-scion-dataplane](#)

**SCION Overview**

[draft-dekater-panrg-scion-overview](#)

**SCION Component Analysis**

[draft-rustignoli-panrg-scion-components](#)

# SCION at this IETF

- Hackdemo happy hour – Tomorrow 18:30-19:30
- Extended PANRG discussion – Tomorrow 13:00-15:00
  - Drafts
  - Deployment experience by Anapaya (SCION vendor)
  - User experience in the finance industry (SIX Swiss Exchange)
  - Discussion on the next steps within IETF/IRTF
- Path validation side meeting – Tuesday 18:30-20:00



# We need you

- Comment and review on our drafts
- Support us in getting the right space within the IETF/IRTF

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*Feedback & Collaboration Welcome!*

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# Collective Communication Optimization(CCO): Use cases, Problems, and Requirements

*Personal I-Ds:*

**[1]** <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-yao-tsvwg-cco-problem-statement-and-usecases/>

**[2]** <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-yao-tsvwg-cco-requirement-and-analysis/>

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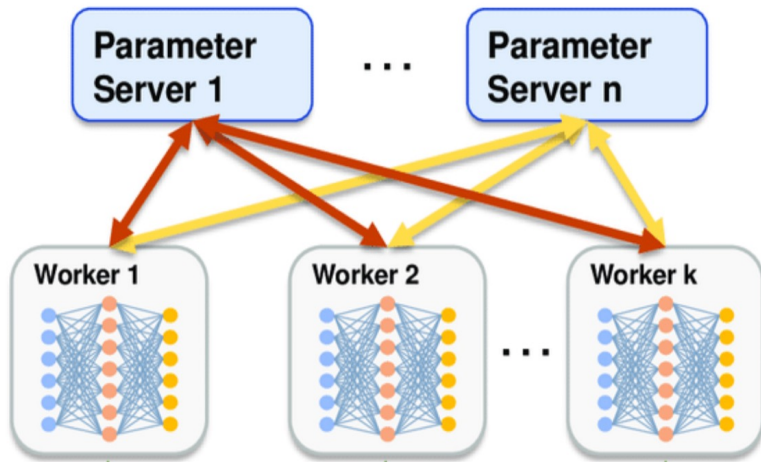
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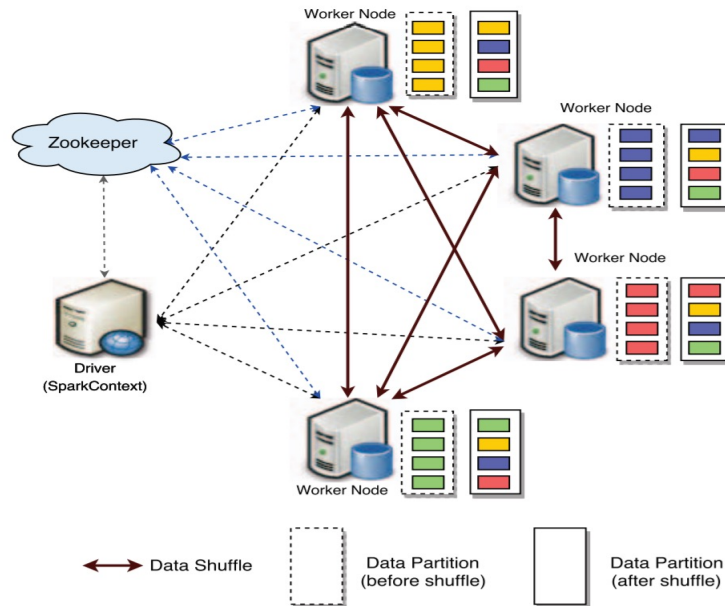
## Concept:

**Collective communication** is a communication model which plays a key role in high performance computing and modern distributed AI model training workloads such as recommender systems and natural language processing. It involves a group or groups of processes participating in collective operations like AllReduce or AllGather. The communication model can be one-to-all, all-to-one or all-to-all and is usually realized by a sequence of unicast messages.

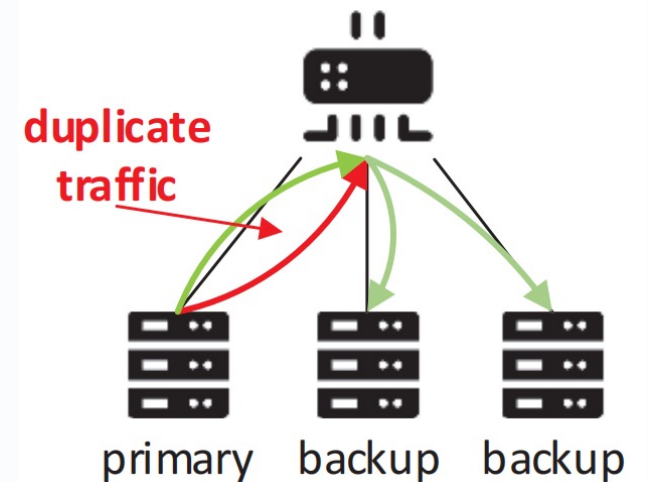
## Use cases:



**Distributed AI Model Training**



**Spark Shuffle  
in Big Data Analysis**



**Distributed Storage**

# Major Problems & Observation:

- P2P implementation of Collective Communication incurs much overhead, reflected in:
  - **large bandwidth occupancy(duplications & redundancy)**
  - **much data movement(end-to-end transmission)**
  - **large number of data copies at endpoints(sending one pkt needs to copy at least one time).**



**Communication bottleneck & performance degradation**

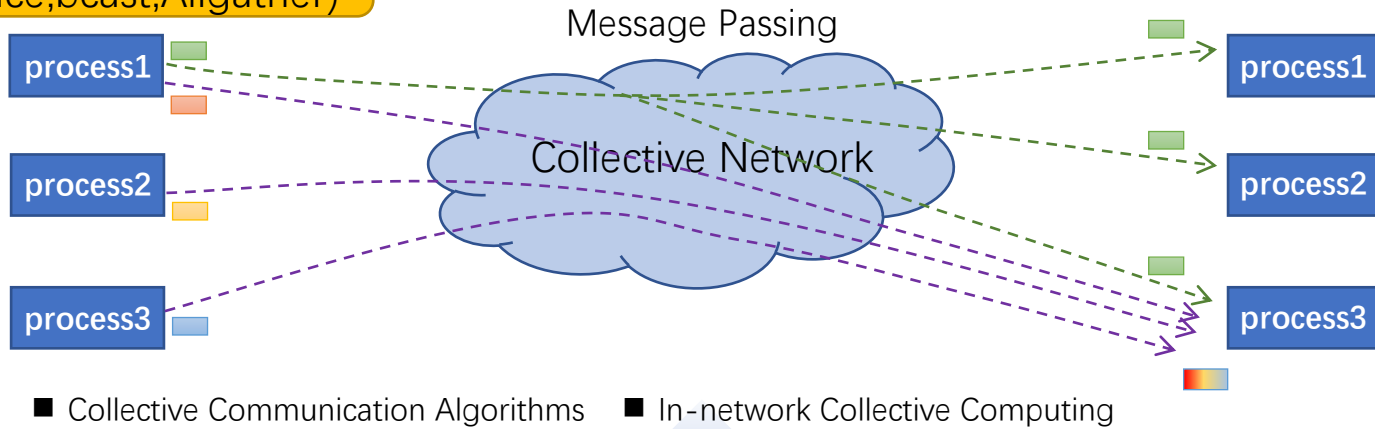
- It should
  - save bandwidth(This is extremely important for BW-sensitive Apps like distributed AI model training workloads, **since BW is the new oil**).
  - ***“The metaphor is not from me, but I think it is quite impressive. 😊”***
  - reduce data movement.
  - decrease data copies.



- Offloading collective operations to the network is important for achieving benefits above and very necessary, especially for these performance-driven Apps.

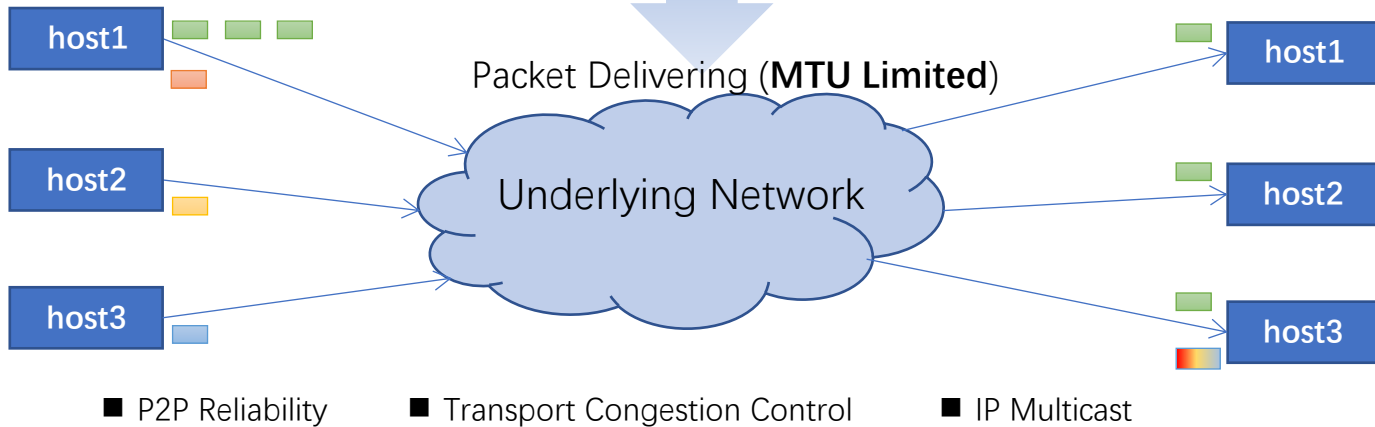
## Communication Pattern:

Collective Operations  
(Allreduce, bcast, Allgather)



Underlying network  
(Multicast, P2P)

Underlying Network for Collective Communication  
**How to design ?**



## Design Issues<sup>[1],[2]</sup>:

### ➤ Transport Issues:

- *Reliability*  
*underlying network lacks collective communication reliability*
- *Semantic Gap*  
*message passing vs packet delivering*
- *Blocking & Non-blocking*  
*different optimizations for different communication modes*

### ➤ One-to-Group Transmission:

- *IP Multicast for Message Bcast/AlltoAll/...*  
*IP multicast is the most direct way, perhaps there is a better way*

### ➤ Data & Control & Management:

- *In-network Primitives*  
*collective operations based on unified In-network primitives*
- *Topology Awareness*  
*to improve existing topology aware algorithms to support in-network computing*

[1] <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-yao-tsvwg-cco-problem-statement-and-usecases/>

[2] <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-yao-tsvwg-cco-requirement-and-analysis/>

More in our I-Ds

# Related Side Meeting in IETF118:

➤ <https://wiki.ietf.org/meeting/118/sidemeetings>

***Title : Collective Communication Optimization(CCO),***

***Time Schedule: 9th, Nov, Thursday, 14:30 -- 16:00, Palmovka ½***

***Agenda: <https://github.com/CCO-IETF/ietf118-side-meeting>***

***Looking for collaborators to seek for potential standardization opportunity of the work in IETF, and welcome for more discussions and contributions.***

Thanks!

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# **Universal Name System (UNS)**

Global and unified cryptographic namespace  
for person and non-person entities

# **Universal Certificate Authority (UCA)**

Global and automated cryptographic infrastructure  
to solve code and data provenance, integrity,  
authenticity, confidentiality and privacy

## DNS + CAs

**Domain**-centric

Entities are **mere resources** in domains

**Bolted-on** cryptographic security

**Administered**

Global “Zero Trust” **impossible**

## UNS + UCA

**Entity**-centric

Entities have **independent existence**

**Built-in** cryptographic security

**Automated and generated**

Global “Zero Trust” **possible**

## Enabled by Confidential Computing (TEEs)

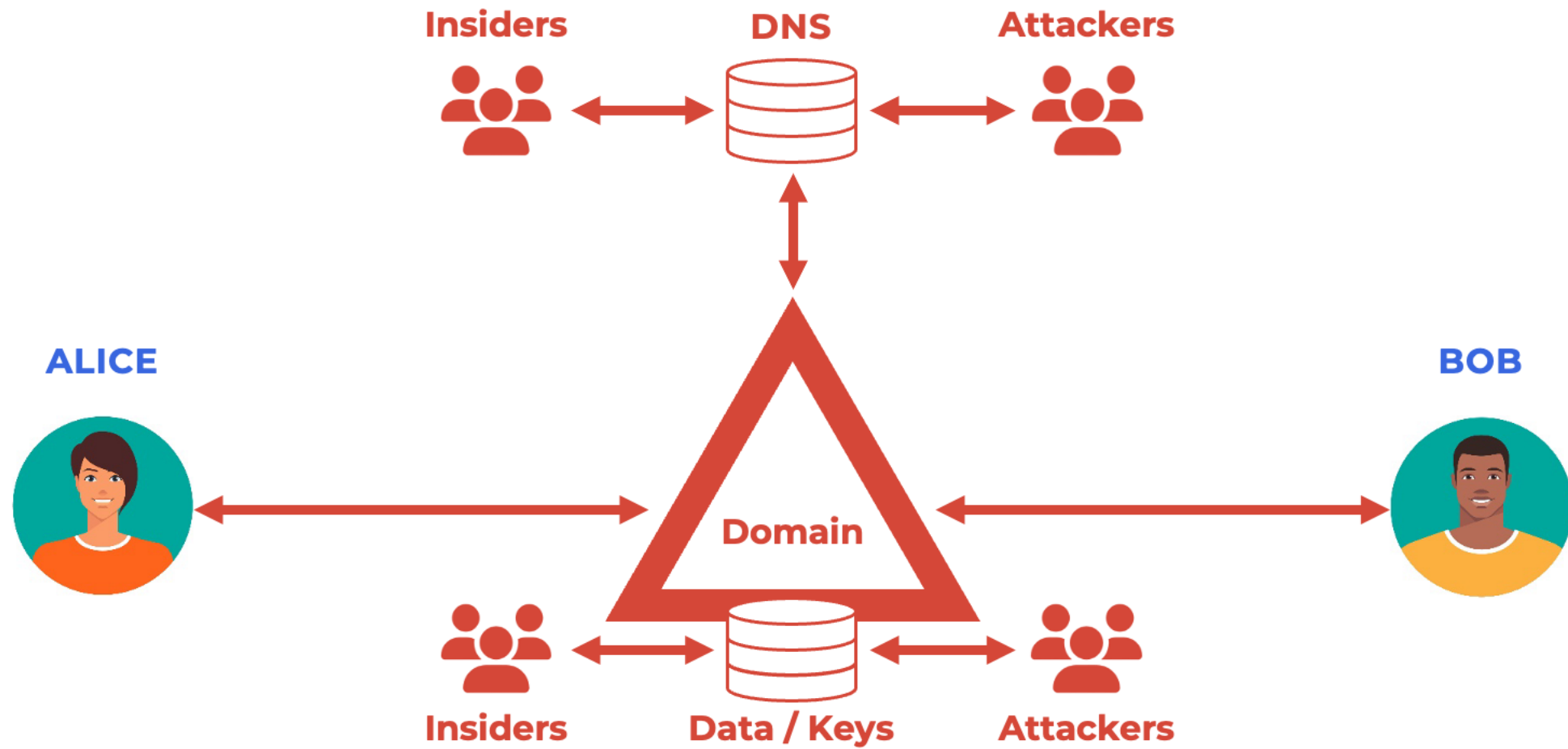
1. **Cryptographic protection of data in use**, even from system admins
2. **Remote attestation and verification** of HW and SW authenticity
3. **Verifiable confidential entropy** for decentralized cryptography

# World Wide Weaknesses

**#1 – Privileged insiders**

**#2 – Weak relational links**

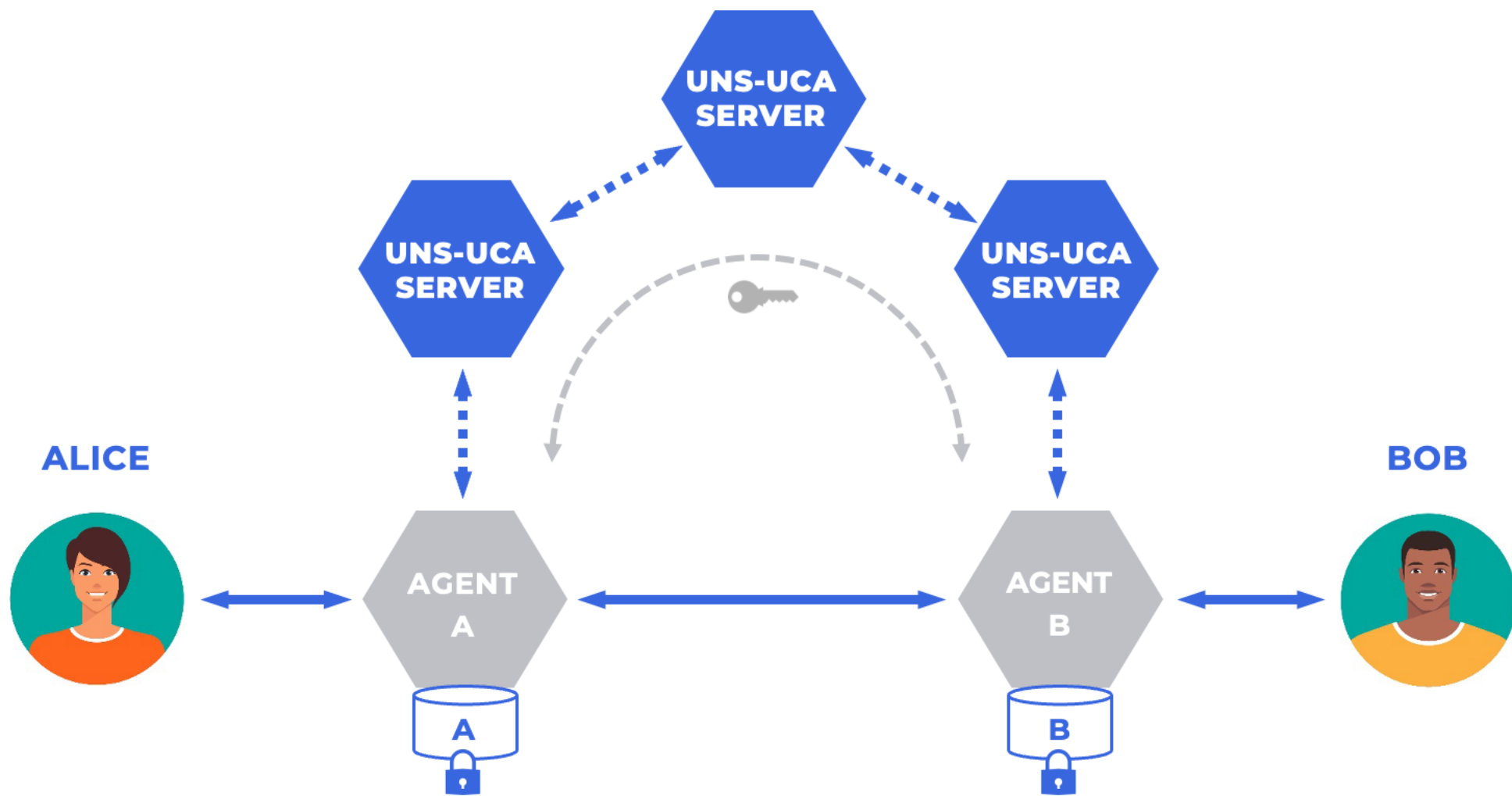




**Domain name** / path / resource

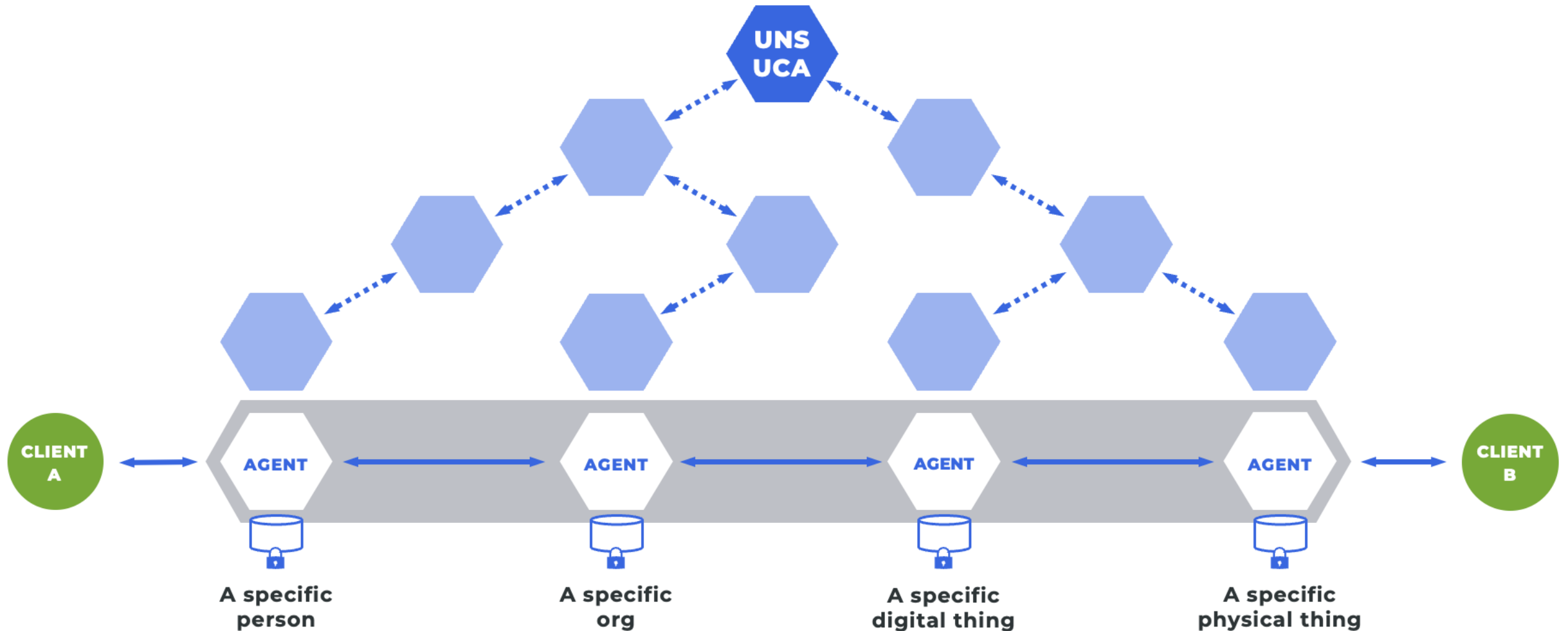
**Entity StemID # relationship # keyname**

# is the HMAC key derivation function

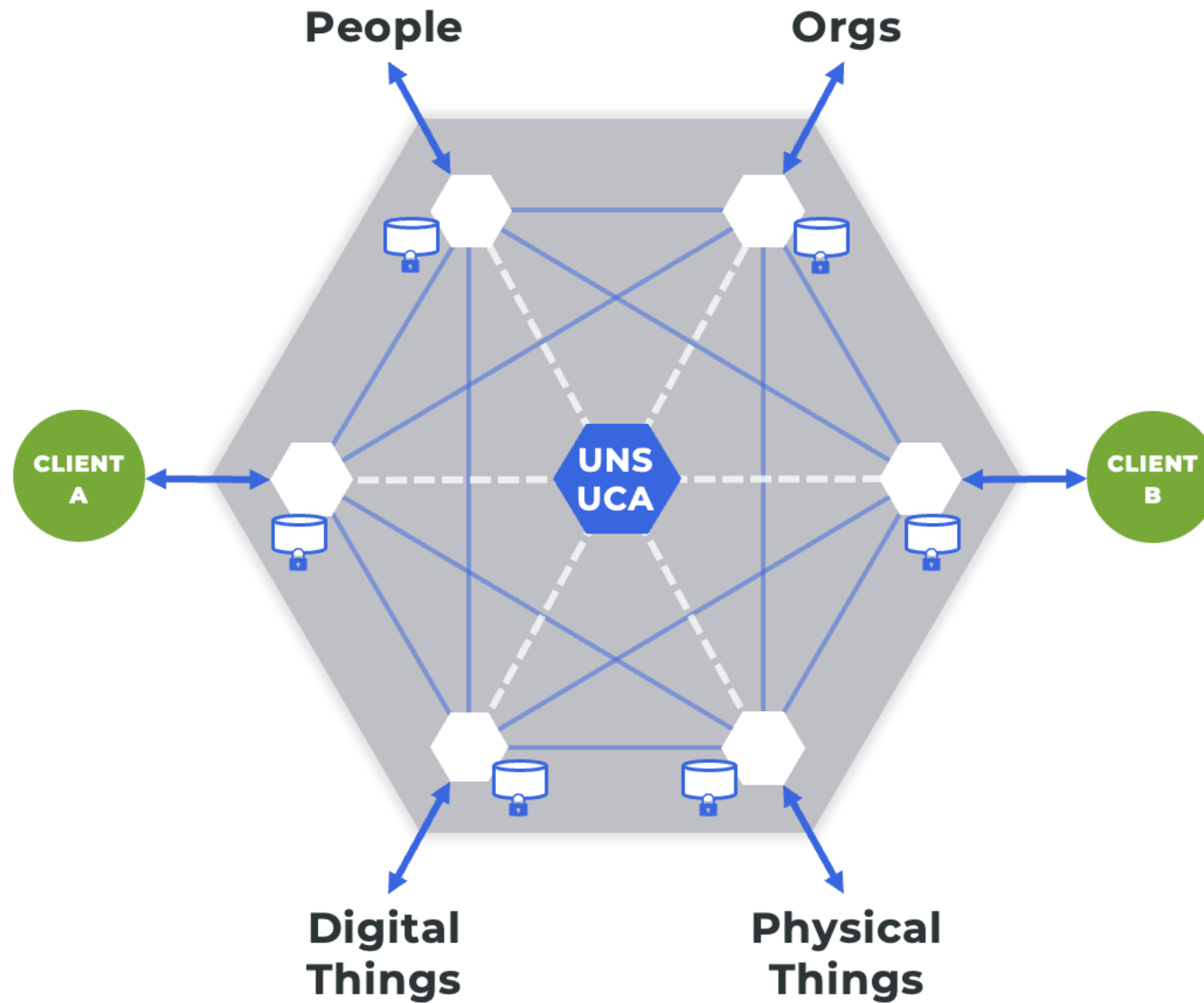




## Chaining entities (not blocks)



## Fully automated, no humans in the middle



**Present and discuss** this work

**Figure out where in IETF** this work should go

Starting coalition for **global and neutral governance**

Side Meeting in **Palmovka 1/2** on **Monday @ 14:00**

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# **KIRA – Scalable Zero-Touch Routing**

KIRA: Kademlia-directed ID-based Routing Architecture

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- **Scalability**: 100,000s of nodes (in a single domain)
- **Zero-touch**: no configuration required
- Goal: provide highly resilient **autonomous control plane connectivity**
  - **Running code** provides zero-touch IPv6 connectivity
- First Internet-Draft: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-bleess-rtgwg-kira/>
  - Want to standardize it
  - Many practical options → need broader IETF expertise
- Scheduled **presentations @IETF118**
  - **RTGWG** Tuesday Session I (Nov 7th), 09.30h
  - **NMRG** Friday (Nov 10th), 13.00h–15.00h
- Side meeting/BarBOF **Wednesday** Nov 8th, **19.00–20.00h**, **Karlin 4**
  - KIRA use cases, Q&A, collaboration, next steps towards standardization

More Info



<https://s.kit.edu/KIRA>

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# Will Post Quantum Crypto make Constrained IoT Devices and Networks obsolete?

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# Lots of Progress over the last 10+ years

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- Constrained IoT devices have traditionally not been blessed with great security capabilities.
- Work in the IETF and other bodies to tailor security and protocols to those devices.
- Today, they can run public key crypto well.



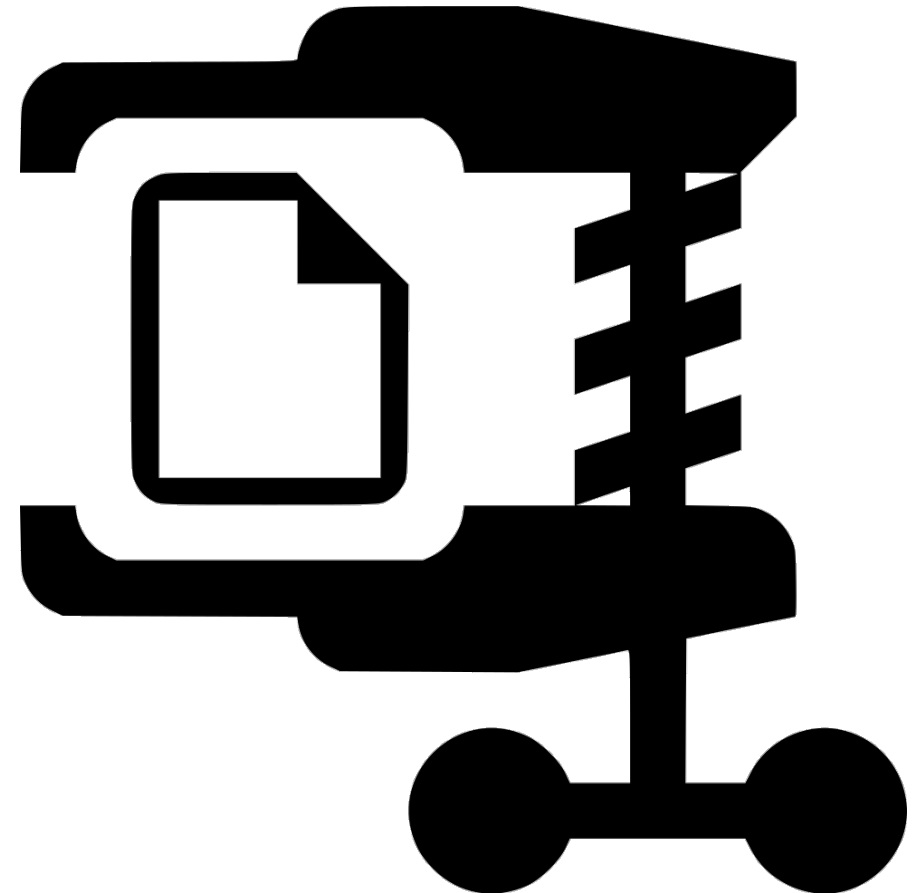


# Optimizations

- A lot of energy was spent with “compressing” protocols to reduce every byte of protocol exchanges for low-power networks like LoRaWAN.

Examples	Bytes
DTLS 1.3 - RPKs, ECDHE	880
cTLS-08 - X.509s by reference, ECDHE	405
EDHOC - Signature X.509s, x5t, ECDHE	242

Reference: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-iotops-security-protocol-comparison/>



[Picture reference](#)



... then PQC algorithms came along!

- Performance and key sizes not great.
- Uncertainty about
  - the timeframe for Cryptographically Relevant Quantum Computer
  - the security of the new algorithms
  - the transition
  - operational aspects
  - ....

# What does this mean for constrained IoT devices and networks?

- Preconditions are not great: Long lifetime and limited resources
- Options:
  - Switch to general purpose hardware
  - Use symmetric key cryptography (with longer key sizes) / Kerberos
  - Invent new cryptographic algorithms
  - ???

I am interested in your view.

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# Can we improve certificate/JWT/CWT revocation?

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# A lot has been said about certificate revocation already

- **Long-lived certificates** require a story for revocation. Solutions are available but usage remains “mixed”.
- Certificate Revocation Lists ([RFC 5280](#))
- [Online Certificate Status Protocol](#) (OCSP) + extensions for stapling in TLS (see [RFC 6961](#)) and other protocols
- [CRLite](#) (Mozilla)
- [CRLSets](#) (Google)
- Reducing the lifetime of certificates is also frequently being proposed (and used).

# JSON Web Tokens (JWTs) have now become certificates as well

- With the proof-of-possession extension (see [RFC 7800](#)) JWTs ([RFC 7519](#)) have effectively become certificates.
- With OAuth, these JWTs (when used as access tokens) are generally short-lived and created for use with specific relying parties.
- The work on **Verifiable Credentials** turns them into long-lived certificates.
  - JWTs require revocation.
- Same is true for CBOR Web Tokens (CWTs, [RFC 8392](#)) and the proof-of-possession extension defined in [RFC 8747](#).

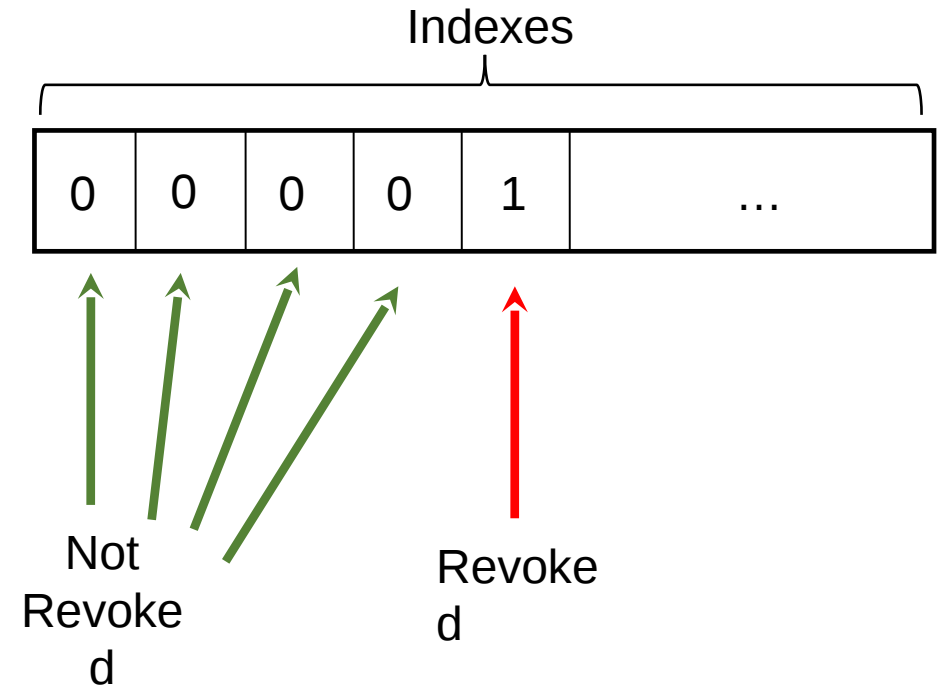
# Status Lists

- [New work](#) in OAuth WG to define **new revocation mechanism**.
- Mimics the “[Let’s Revoke](#)” concept (academic publication, focused on X.509 certificates)
- Prior work also in the W3C on [Verifiable Credentials Status List v2021 \(w3.org\)](#)



# What are Status Lists?

- Issuer adds a URL to the status list and an index to the JWT (or CWT)
- Issuer maintains information about revoked JWTs/CWTs in a bit string – called status list.
- Verifier fetches this status list by
  - Downloading the status list from the URL provided in the JWT/CWT
  - Retrieves the bit position based on the index value.
- The status list (containing the bit string) itself is again a JWT/CWT.
- To reduce the size of the bit string, apply GZIP.
- To make it bigger again then apply base64encoding ;-)



# Your experience is needed!

- Is this a useful concept?
- If it is useful for JWTs/CWTs, should it be applied to X.509 certificates as well?
- Is there room for improvement?

**Come to the OAuth WG and tell us!**

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# Merkle Tree Ladder Mode (MTL) Signatures

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# What is MTL Mode?

**MTL Mode is a method for reducing a signature scheme's operational impact on an expanding message series.**

- MTL mode is a technique for using a signature scheme to authenticate an evolving series of messages
- Rather than signing individual messages, MTL mode signs Merkle Tree Ladders
- Ladder = subset of nodes or “rungs” in generalized Merkle tree construction (not just a single root)
- Messages are authenticated with Merkle proofs relative to ladders
- Ladders provide backward compatibility since they can potentially verify Merkle proofs constructed relative to future ladders too
- Signature on message can be just Merkle proof + reference to signed ladder
- MTL mode operations can be aligned with the underlying signature scheme to ensure proper cryptographic separation (I-D proposes alignment with SPHINCS+)
- Presented by Burt Kaliski (Verisign) at NIST 4th PQC Standardization Conference and CT-RSA 2023

# Benefits of MTL Mode

- Hash-based scheme → quantum-safe design
  - “Stateful” hash-based (if evolving Merkle tree is considered to be state), but graceful degradation of security instead of key compromise if state is reused
- Hash functions are already available in many hardware platforms, making MTL mode performant
- Merkle proofs are typically much shorter than PQC signatures → reduces size of messages that are transmitted across the wire or stored in memory/cache
- Batching can reduce the number of underlying signatures computed
- Hybrid signatures can be applied to ladders rather than individual messages

# Outline of draft-harvey-cfrg-mtl-mode

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| 1. Introduction  | Introduces MTL Mode.   |
| 2. Preliminaries   | Gives preliminaries including definitions, operators, functions and algorithm style.   |
| 3. General Model   | Presents the general model for authenticating messages in MTL mode.  |
| 4. Security Parameter, Cryptographic Functions, Address Scheme | Introduces the security parameter, abstract cryptographic functions and address scheme used in the document, which are based on SPHINCS+.  |
| 5. Computing Data Values from Messages                         | Shows how to compute data values for the Merkle node set from messages.  |
| 6. MTL Node Sets   | Describes the various concepts behind MTL mode operations including seeds and series identifiers, node sets, leaf nodes, internal nodes, ladders, authentication paths and backward compatibility. |
| 7. Data Structures   | Defines the data structures for ladders, rungs and authentication paths.   |
| 8. MTL Node Set Operations                                     | Provides interoperable specifications for MTL node set operations.   |
| 9. Signing and Verifying Messages in MTL Mode                  | Discusses how to sign and verify messages in MTL mode, including the concepts of "full" and "condensed" signatures.  |
| 10. SPHINCS+ in MTL Mode                                       | Proposes instantiations of SPHINCS+ in MTL mode using the SHAKE and SHA2 hash function families.   |
| 11. Related Work   | Discussion on related work.  |
| 12. IANA Considerations  | Comments on IANA considerations.   |
| 13. Security Considerations                                    | Covers the security considerations.  |
| 14. References   | Lists the references.  |

# Intellectual Property

- Verisign announced a public, royalty-free license to certain intellectual property related to the Internet-Draft
- The license provides a “Standards Development Grant” for the purpose of facilitating standardization of the Internet-Draft
- The license also provides a “Grant on Standardization” for MTL Mode Implemented Using Binary Rung Strategy
- IPR declarations 6170-6176 give the official language ([datatracker link](#))



# Next Steps

- Please review the draft and provide feedback
- We have released an open-source library that combines MTL Mode with SPHINCS+
  - <https://github.com/verisign/MTL>
- We also plan to publish an I-D on using MTL Mode with DNSSEC (DNSOP?).
- Pseudo-code for data structures and algorithms in current draft is runnable Python code (see Appendix A).
  - Test code (see Appendix B) shows examples of how to do operations like sign or verify a message.

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# Personal Digital Agent Protocol (pdap)

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# Enabling a shift from proprietary platforms **to personal agents**

- Replace forced platform association with one's choice of community.
- My agent is **interoperable** by vendors and service providers.
- I can switch the host of my agent anytime. **No lock-in.**
- My agent's **policies are portable** across host communities.
  - Swarm and federated personal AI agents can be supported.

# Foundational Principle

## **Universal Human Right of Freedom of Association and Assembly**

- Individual choice of hosting and support communities for one's digital agent.
- Self-hosting is supported for those that have the skill and interest.
- Research perspective:  
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-irtf-hrpc-association/>

# Platform Issues and Regulatory Responses

- US: FTC vs. Amazon
  - Bundling of Search and Logistics - drives up cost for vendors
  - Most-favored-pricing clauses drive up cost for customers
- EU: Payment Services Directive PSD-2
  - Opens interface between payment services and banks
  - Increased competition for both payment services and banks
- EU: Digital Services Act
  - Customer lock-in and lack of transparency and customer agency
  - Very Large Online Platforms (VLOP) and Very Large Online Search Engines (VLOSE)
- India: Aadhaar, UPI, India Stack, becn protocol
  - Avoid US / EU style platform oligopolies
  - Support essential digital tools as a public good (Aadhaar, India Stack)
  - Enable customers and vendors to choose their agents (UPI, becn protocol)

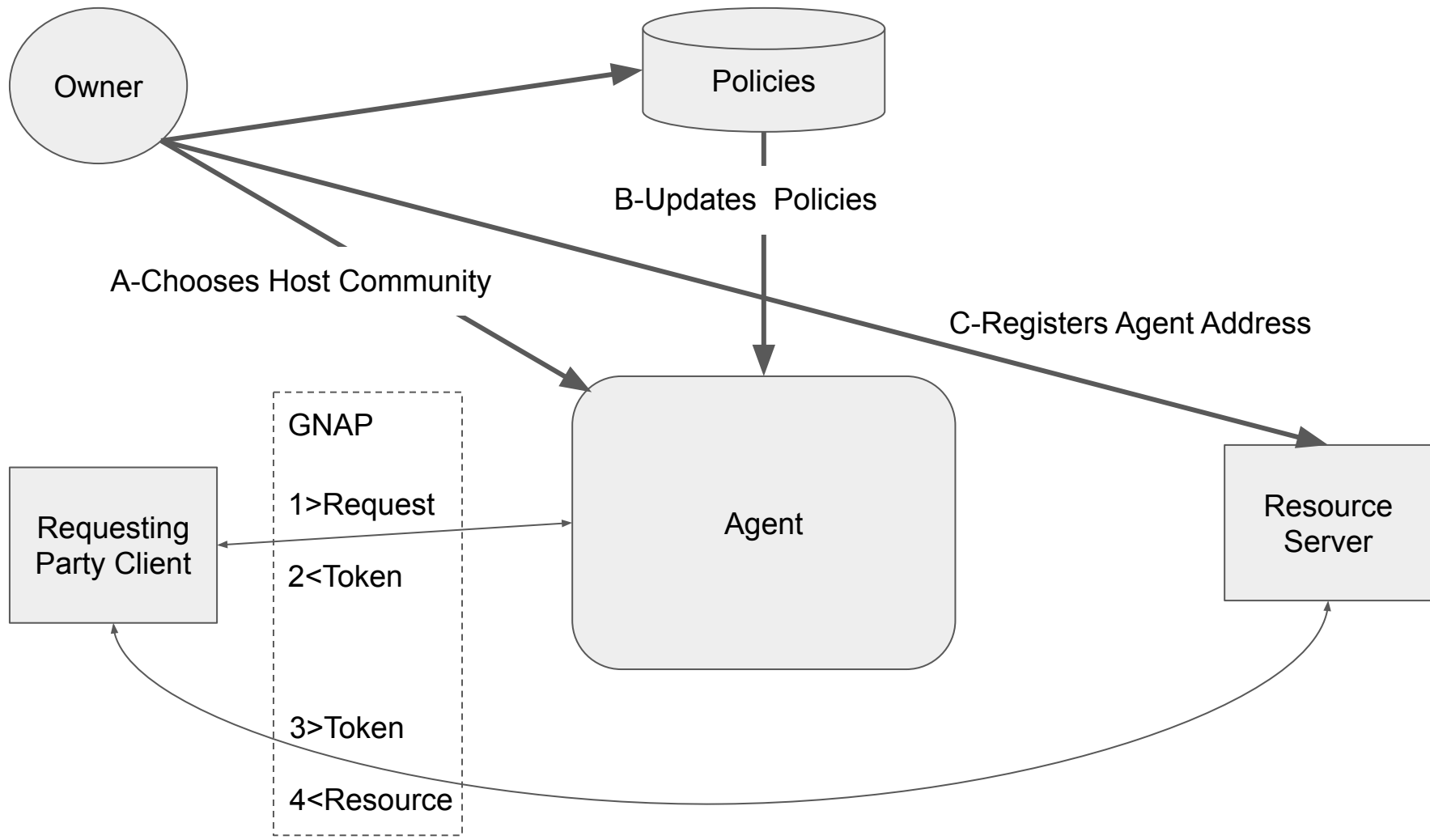
# Personal Digital Agent

- Self-Sovereign (independent of any jurisdiction or federation)
- Community-Hosted (self-hosted option for pure self-sovereignty)
- Semi-autonomous
- Intelligent (adaptable, learning, context-aware, conversational)
- General across all types of vendors, service providers and jurisdictions
- Accepted by most service providers and resource servers
  - Standardized
  - Fair
  - Cost-effective
  - Secure

# Scope of a Personal Digital Agent Protocol

- Separate choice of Authorization Server (as agent) from Resource Server (as vendor)
  - IETF GNAP - **Last Call** - multiple implementations available
  - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-gnap-core-protocol/>
- Standardize Request Presentation and Authorization Tokens
  - OAuth 2.0 Rich Authorization Requests <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc9396>
  - Message Signature <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-httpbis-message-signatures/>
  - Authorization and Revocation Capabilities - TBD - Consider <https://github.com/ucan-wg/spec>
- Standardize the Service Endpoint for a personal digital agent Authorization Server
  - Support both URIs and DIDs
- Scope of the Authorization Server Policy Management Interface
  - TBD - Consider CEDAR <https://www.cedarpolicy.com/en>





# Steps toward a Personal Digital Agent Standard

- 2015-on: Kantara UMA 2 Protocol Standard
  - OAuth-based
  - “Open World” Authorization Server
- 2020-on: IETF GNAP Protocol Standard
  - Not OAuth-based
  - Open world user request state machine
- 2022: W3C Verifiable Credentials Data Model Standard
  - Validation and Verification as a commodity service
  - Supports open world, decentralized, and self-sovereign flows
- 2023: Personal Digital Agent Discussion Group
  - Define the scope of a vendor standard for interoperable personal agents
  - Excellent vendor and customer experience without platform lock-in
  - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/19GU6L1QxaVslfm9iBKg9T2qV9y0zttRmtlQuPireMMU/edit>
- 2024: IETF Standard Workgroup Established

# Join our mail list

<https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/pdap>

## These slides and older notes at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19GU6L1QxaVsIfm9iBKq9T2qV9y0zttRmtlQuPireMMU/edit>

## Suggest vendors and implementers to participate.

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## Thank you.

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# HOW TO ENSURE TECHNOLOGY DOESN'T DO CERTAIN THINGS **BY DESIGN**

AN EXPLORATION FOR AN IRTF RG

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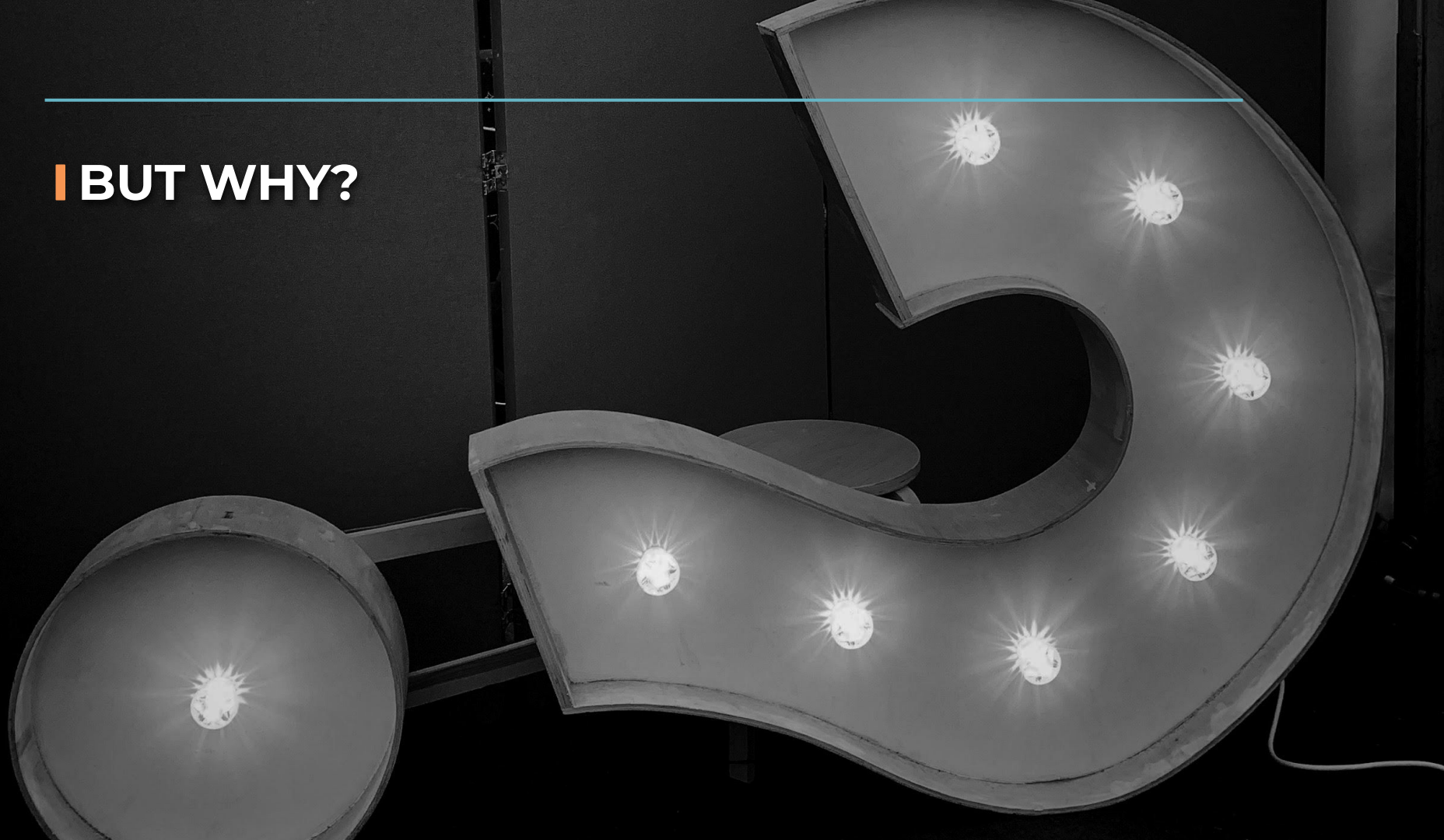
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*“I’d love to change the world  
**but**  
they won’t give me the source code.”*

Some genius

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**| BUT WHY?**





# **SOME EXAMPLES**

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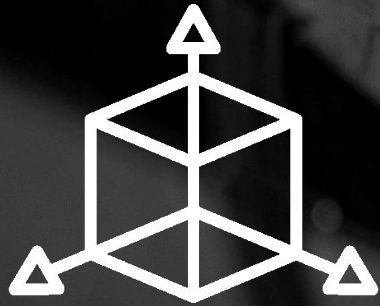
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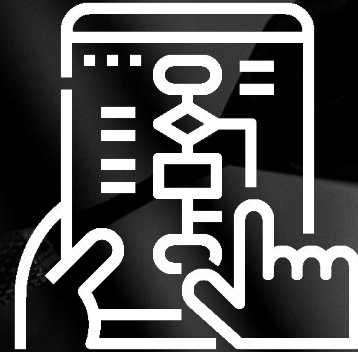
## **| POSSIBLE/LIKELY AREAS**



MODELING



TAXONOMIES



USE CASE  
SCENARIOS

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## **| THE ASKS**

As this been  
attempted  
before?

What  
worked?

What didn't?

**COLLABORATORS**

**SUBJECT  
EXPERTS**

**DETRACTORS**

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# DFN

draft-janfred-eap-fido

A new EAP method based on FIDO keys

IETF 118 in Prague – HotRFC | 05.11.2023

Janfred Rieckers

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# Why do we need something new?

- ▶ Eduroam configuration is not trivial
  - It's too easy to misconfigure eduroam
- ▶ Certificate check is hard. There is no implicit way to derive the expected certificate names, users need to configure it manually
- ▶ Bootstrapping problem especially in BYOD environment



# What are the new requirements?

## ▶ Trivial configuration

- Security properties must not depend on the ability of users to configure their security parameters correctly
- Users have no idea what the parameters mean and what implications they have

## ▶ Don't use passwords

- Authentication by Knowledge with the requirement to reveal the knowledge is a bad idea.

## How do we solve this?

- ▶ Use asymmetric crypto that is easy to provision:
  - FIDO keys \o/
  - Should be available on most new devices in Software.
  - Can also be used with hardware-token
- ▶ Provisioning via web frontend (currently out of scope for EAP-FIDO spec)
  - EAP server just needs access to the DB of known FIDO Public Keys
- ▶ TLS certificate parameters are implicit through realm configuration
  - Users do not need to configure anything security related.
  - We just use WebPKI, it's used for WebAuthn during registration anyway.

## What now?

- ▶ See the EAP-FIDO Draft (draft-janfred-eap-fido)
- ▶ We have a side-meeting on Monday (tomorrow) 18:00 in Karlin 4
  - We are looking for
    - Feedback on Design
    - Experience of EAP operators
    - Input from EAP/RADIUS server and/or supplicant implementers
    - Input from people with FIDO/WebAuthn/CTAP experience
- ▶ The work will also be presented in the emu WG session
- ▶ Or find me in the hallways.

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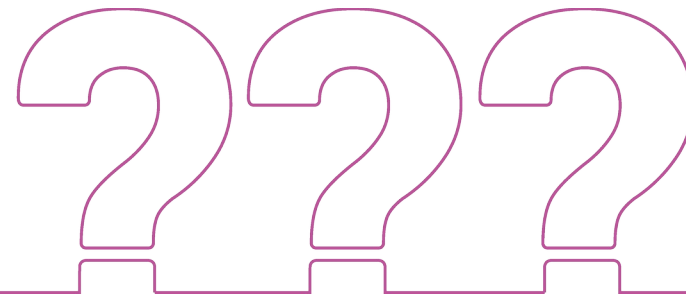
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