

PKI, Encryption, Certificates and You

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Security Examples

Secure Email	Code Signing
Web Server HTTPS	Apple ID

Security Tools

- Symmetric-Key Encryption
- Public-Key Cryptography
- Digital Signatures
- Certificates / PKI
- TLS (SSL)

Alice and Bob

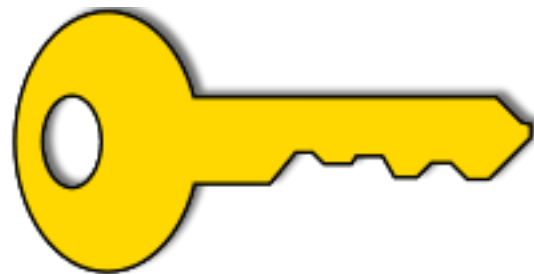


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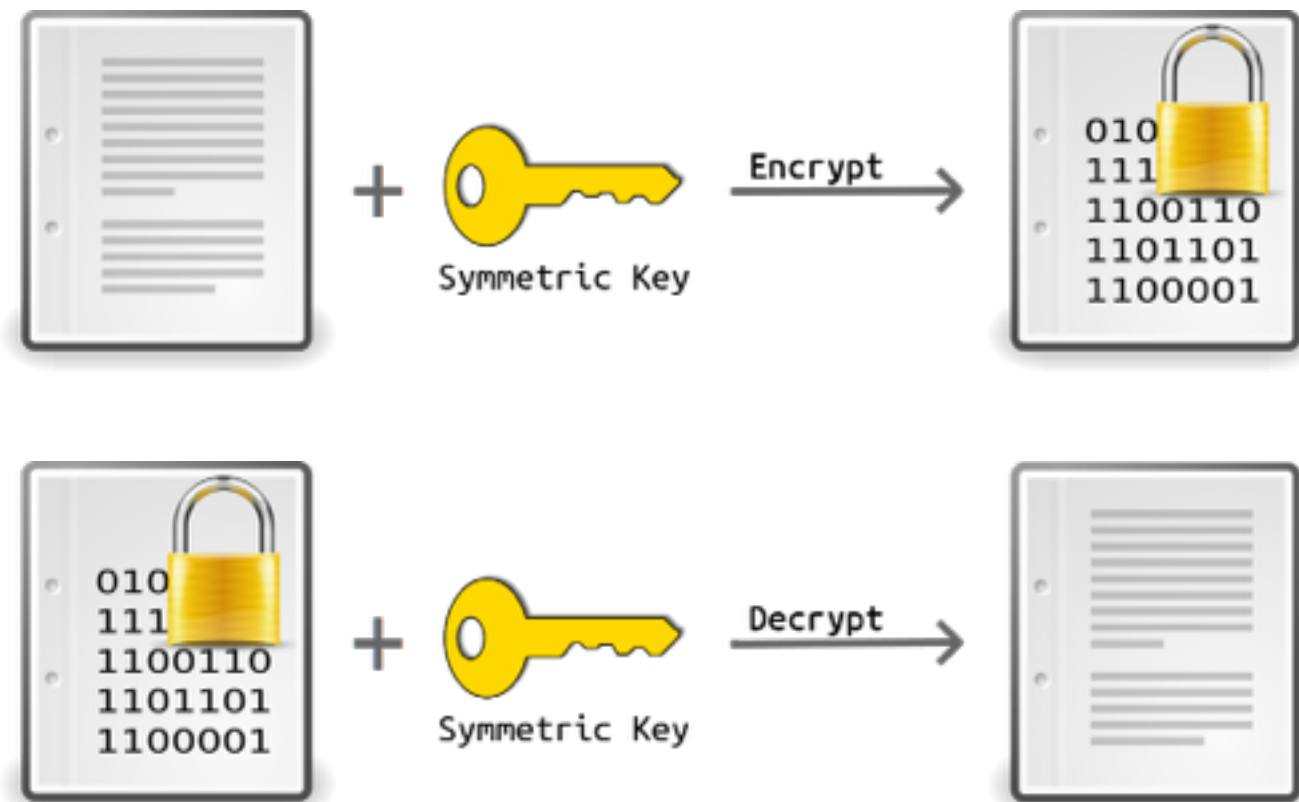
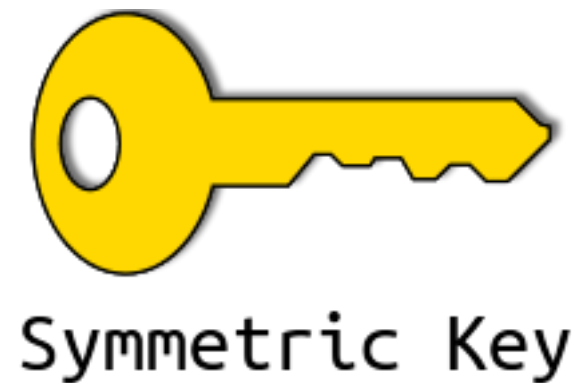
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Symmetric-Key Encryption



Symmetric Key

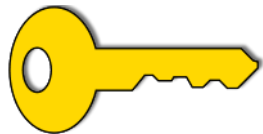
Symmetric-Key Encryption



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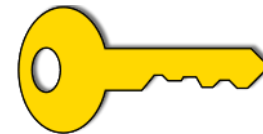
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Symmetric Key



Bob

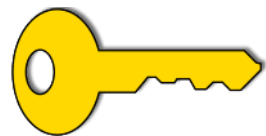


Symmetric Key

Symmetric-Key Encryption



Alice



Symmetric Key



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Symmetric Key

Encrypt →



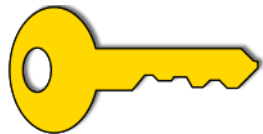
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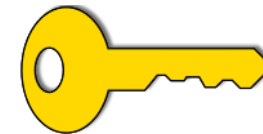
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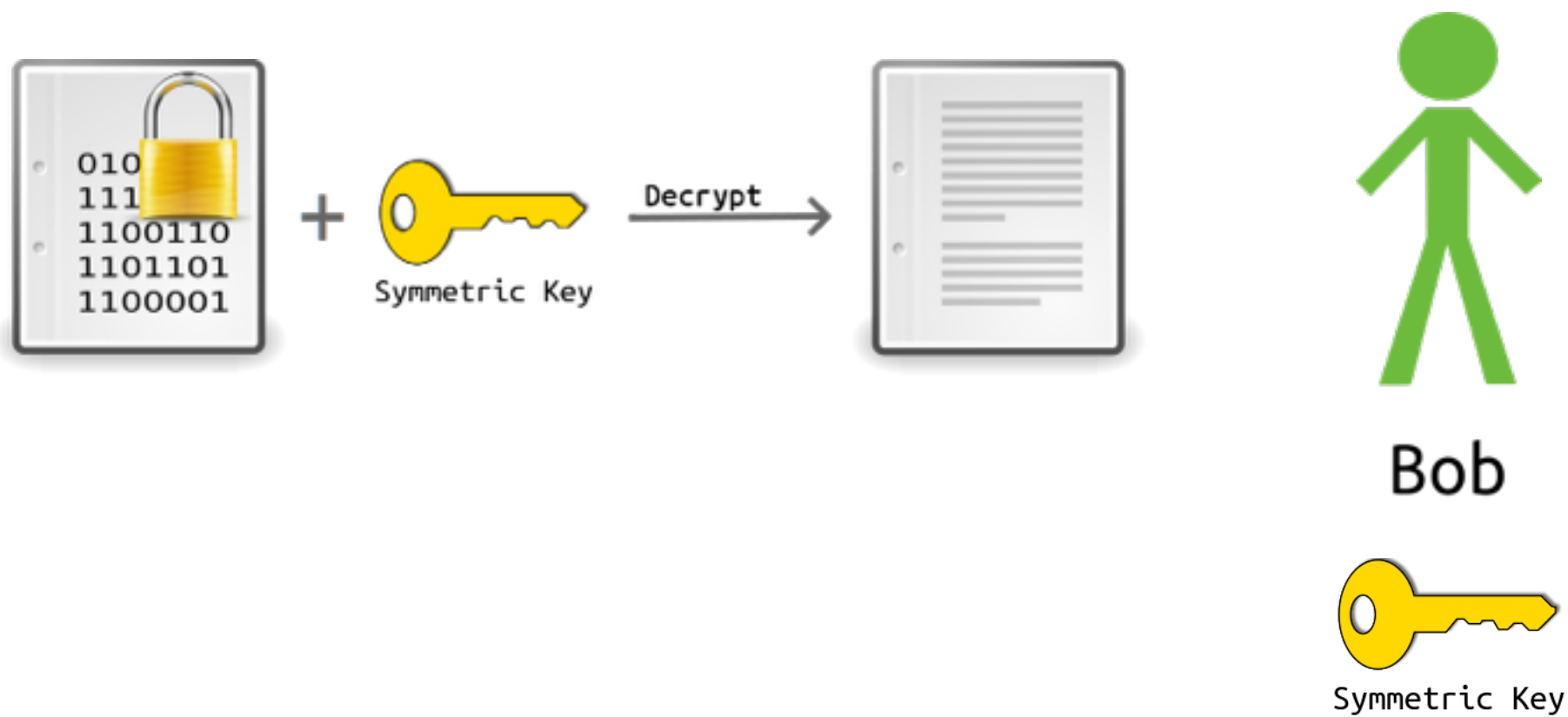


Symmetric Key



Symmetric Key

Symmetric-Key Encryption



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Alice




Symmetric Key



Bob



Symmetric Key

- Example: AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)
- Cipher Mode: CBC, GCM, ...
-  Initialization Vector (IV)
- Message Authentication Code (MAC)

Symmetric-Key Encryption

Example 128-bit AES key:

001000000111110100111010111100001000000000000000000011100101
01101100010110000111010111100101001110010011111011101010010
0111011010

Hexadecimal: 20 7E 9D 78 40 00 1C AD 8B 0E BC A7 27 DD 49 DA

Decimal: 43,192,719,134,787,147,294,228,222,557,443,410,394

Hash Function

$f(x)$

Hash Function

1-800-977-6368

1 + 8 + 0 + 0 + 9 + 7 + 7 + 6 + 3 + 6 + 8

55

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503-588-2941

5 + 0 + 3 + 5 + 8 + 8 + 2 + 9 + 4 + 1

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Hash Function

Example: SHA-1 hash (20 bytes)

1-800-977-6368

859d925489b53f266a5103f168a7bdbccdf99ca2

503-588-2941

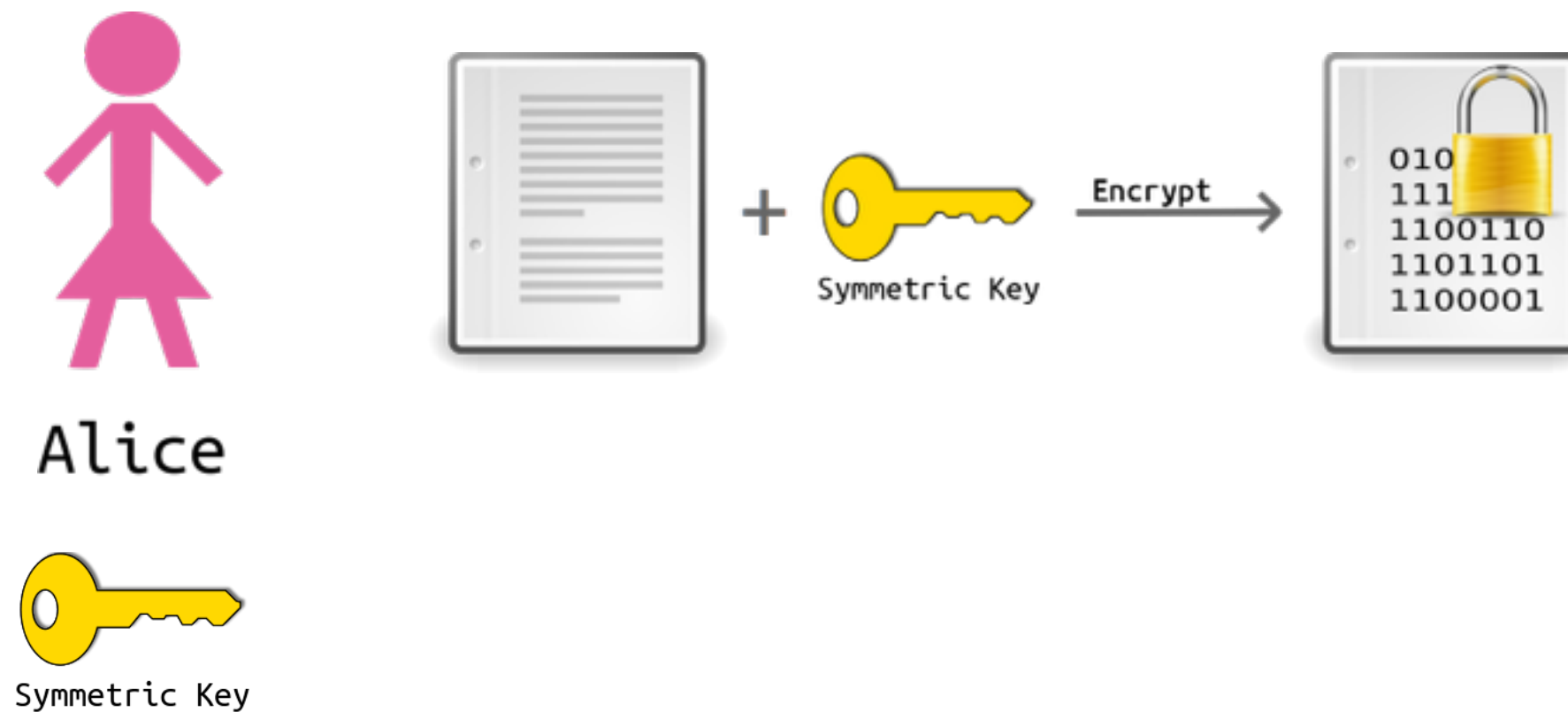
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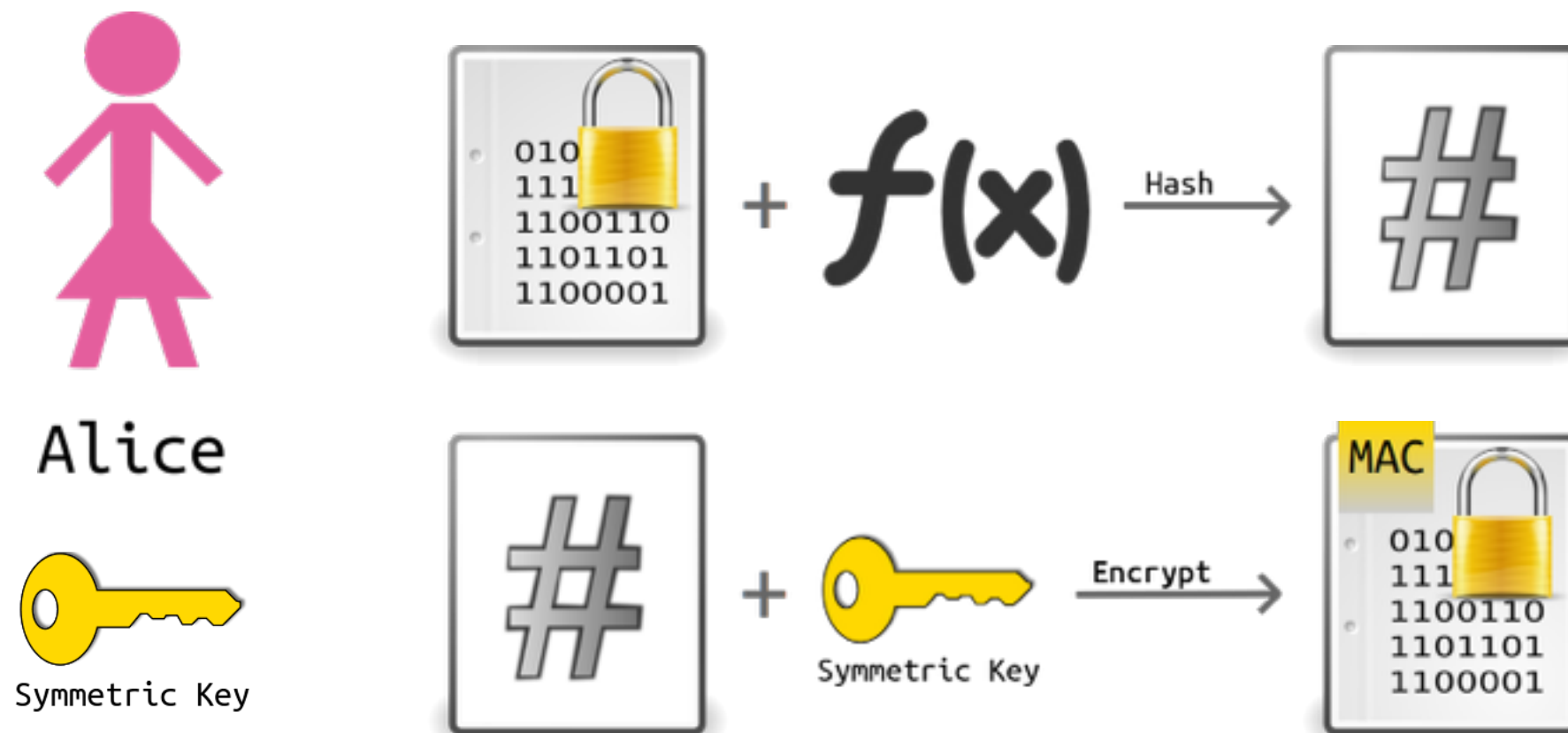
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- With a cryptographic hash, it should be:
 1. “Impossible” to change the input data without changing the output hash
 2. “Impossible” to create two inputs that result in the same output hash

Message Authentication Code (MAC)



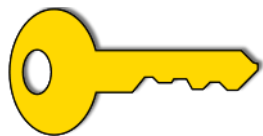
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MAC



Alice



Symmetric Key



Bob



Symmetric Key

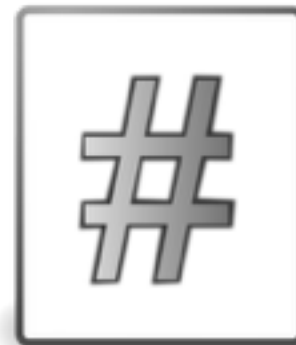
MAC



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Decrypt



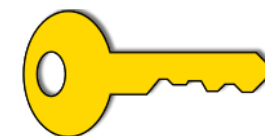
+

$f(x)$

Hash



Bob



Symmetric Key

MAC



+



Decrypt →



Bob



Symmetric Key

MAC



- Encrypt, then MAC
- AES GCM mode has MAC built-in :-)

Password-Derived Key




Alice



Bob

Password-Derived Key

$f(x)$ correct horse battery staple
many iterations



Symmetric Key

Password-Derived Key



Alice



hash iterations



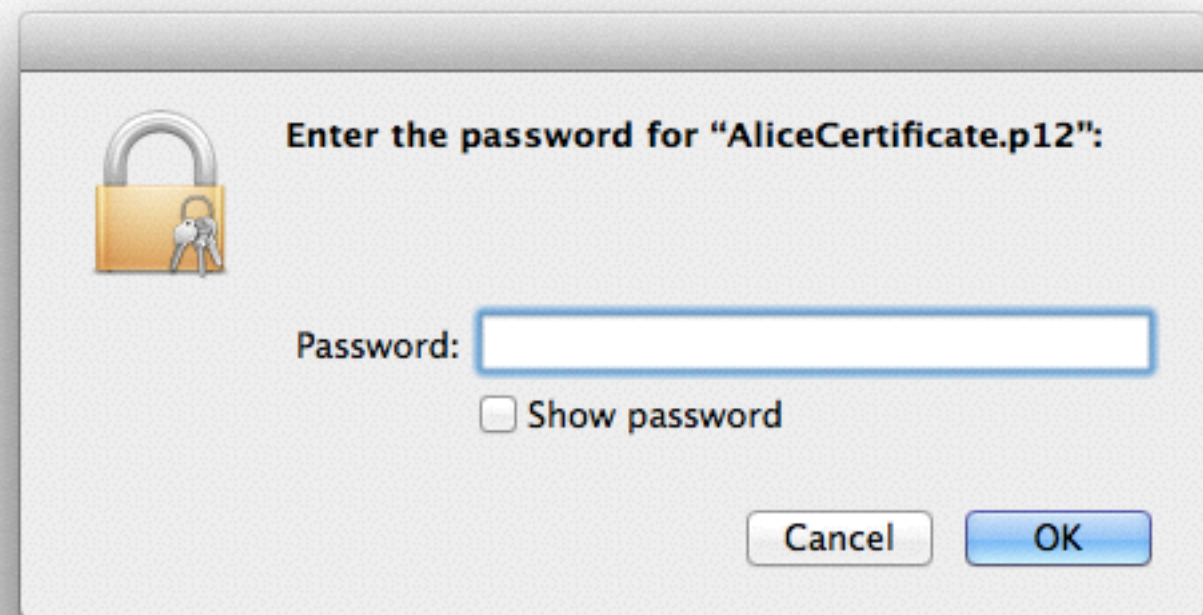
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correct horse battery staple

correct horse battery staple

Password-Derived Key

If you have seen a dialog like this on your Mac, then you have used a password-derived key.



Password-Derived Key

My example 128-bit AES key came from “correct horse battery staple”:

001000000111110100111010111100001000000000000000000011100101
01101100010110000111010111100101001110010011111011101010010
0111011010

(With salt EE 27 D6 46 55 55 23 E6 and one SHA-1 iteration.)

Key Exchange

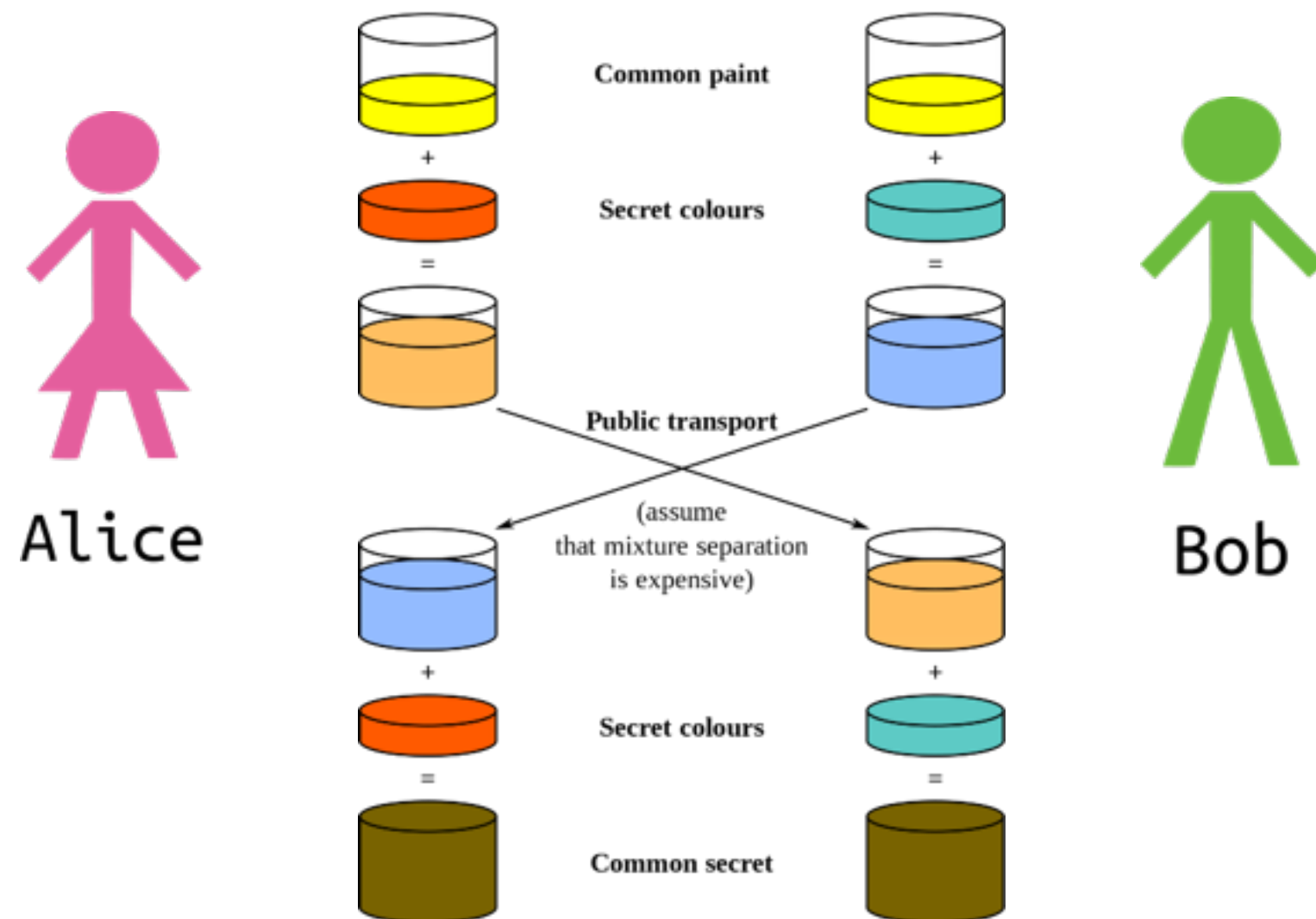


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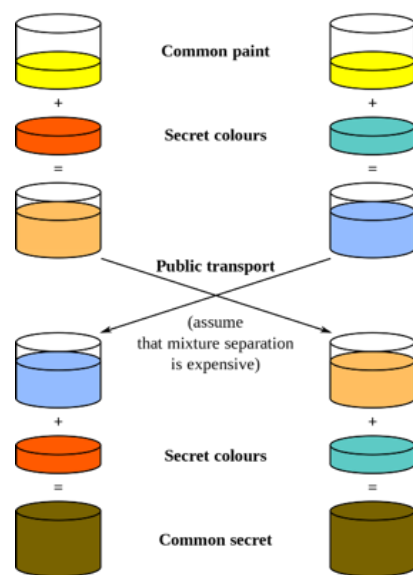


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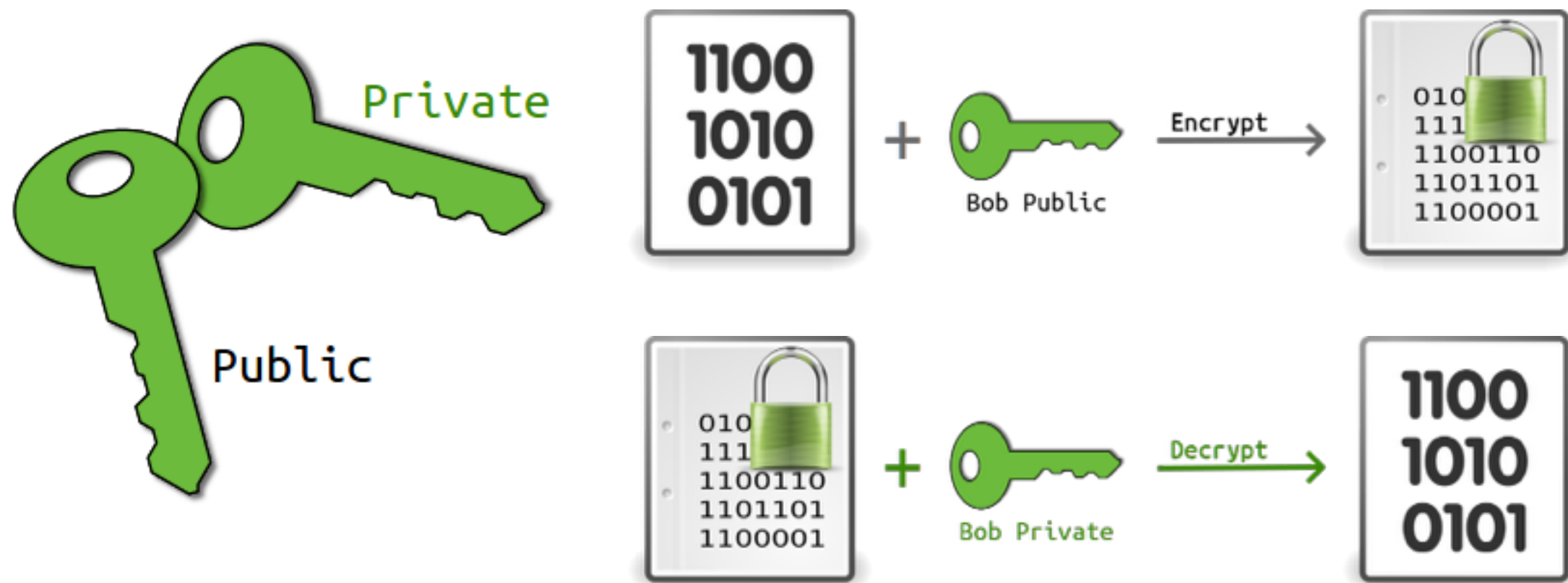


Key Exchange



- Example: Diffie-Hellman
- Other key exchanges possible with Public-Key Cryptography.

Public-Key Cryptography



Public-Key Cryptography



Alice



Bob Public

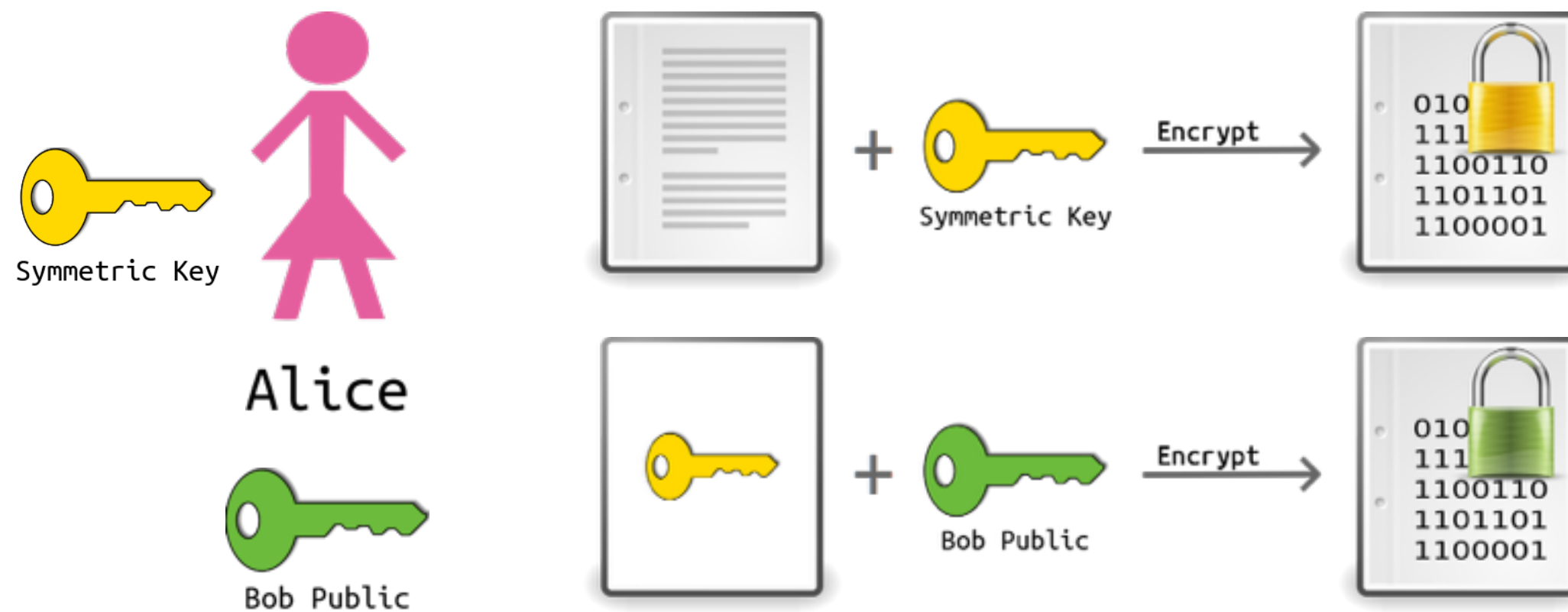


Bob



Bob Private

Public-Key Cryptography



Public-Key Cryptography



Alice



Bob Public

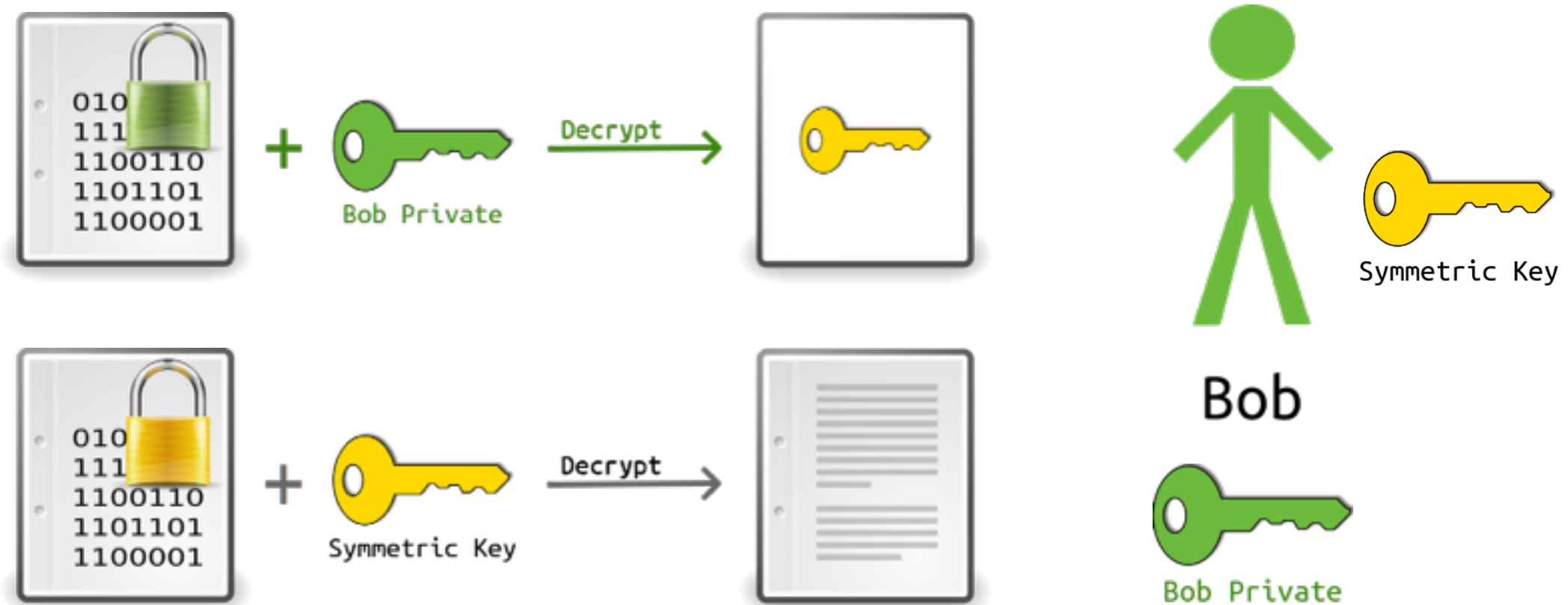


Bob



Bob Private

Public-Key Cryptography



Public-Key Cryptography



- Example: RSA
 - 1024-bit key common
 - 2048-bit recommended
- OAEP padding randomizes each encryption output

Public-Key Cryptography

Example RSA 1024-bit key:

$n = 13221135618721308800730224272521885731547501631366543644872154497238891102404841999267556$
 $4946046445981882176279474768008224925305773923497714649499086540144796973661813101274747966$
 $1780814394415474251385698290488783360253017696106637514117684740332408659737244190222802303$
 $11667539969778465368981923990056228559$

$e = 65537$

$d = 93157392099319864778692997307859016938736977636029151842914132531775563929818391724091310$
 $8332473683957360748315239610767018722365996038768553196601739208347115798424501604767743125$
 $9449065887586988686831888286383307469193528288625582642458885647321504731463404220657597943$
 $9773188716381551759438573163809101249$

Given public, finding private is **hard**. Given private, finding public is **not so hard**. Keep private, private!

Public-Key Cryptography

FYI: n equals p times q , which are both prime numbers:

$p = 11525803555305158848367508755233461961494223788079548380303196038289813513136703782838524651960613147232227464753972212236774288784937085130660722970010463$

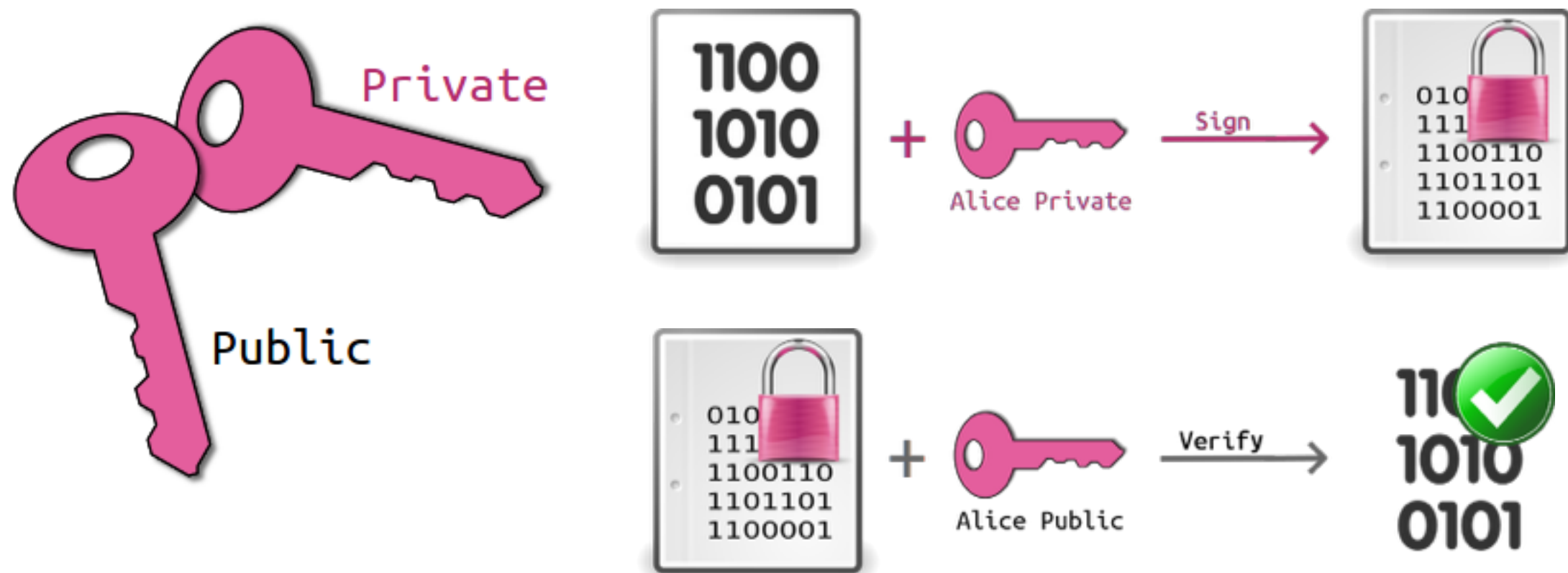
$q = 11470901404211260734528100791873610665815149124559867349526497428101595438413441660973782230578737909016960406493949109339911401780531669482391305620648593$

Public-Key Cryptography



- Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)
- Not as common as RSA
- You may find ECDSA keys in your keychain (Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm)
- cf. http://www.nsa.gov/business/programs/elliptic_curve.shtml

Digital Signature



Digital Signature



Alice



Alice Private



Bob



Alice Public

Digital Signature



Digital Signature



Alice



Bob

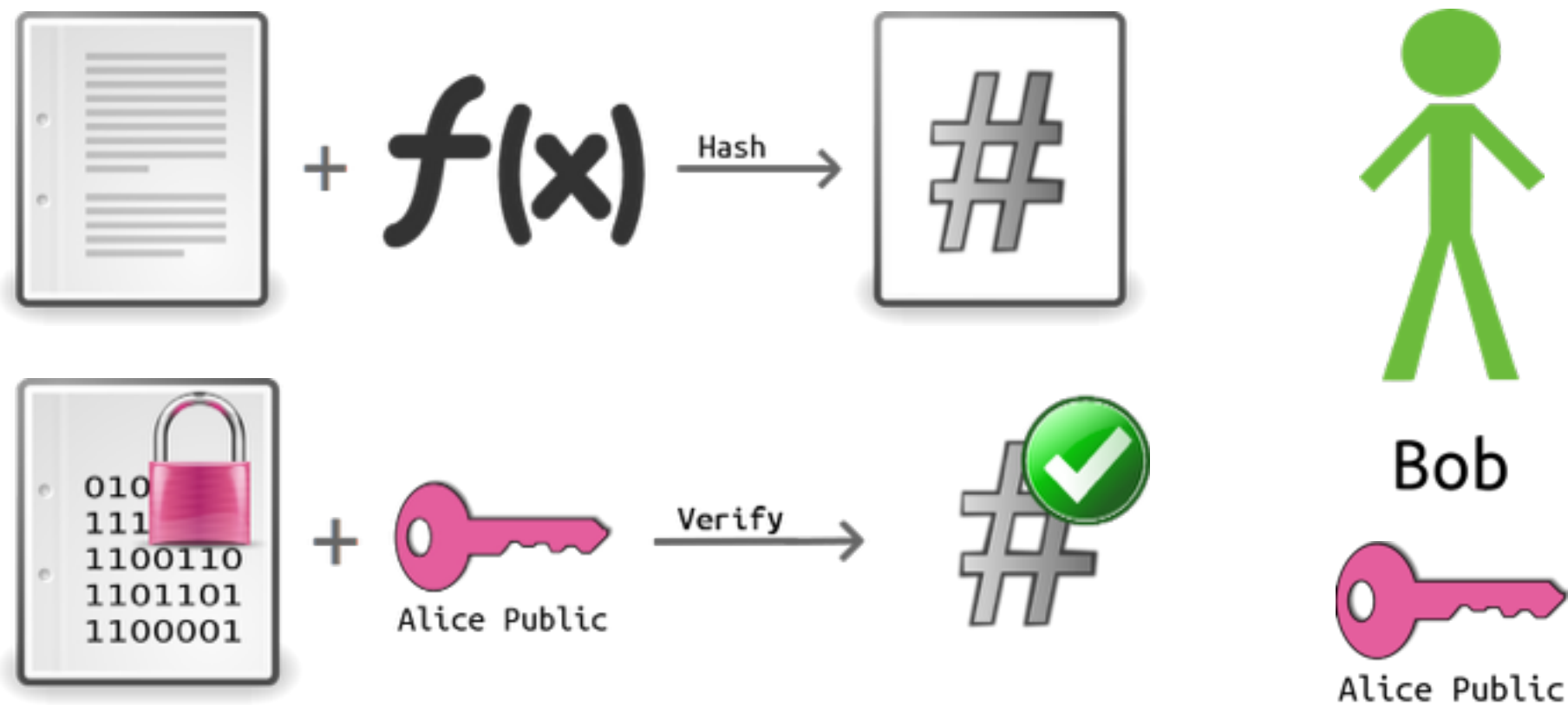


Alice Private



Alice Public

Digital Signature



Digital Signature



Don't use the same key pair for both encryption and signatures.

Sign then Encrypt



Alice



Alice Private



Bob Public



Bob



Bob Private

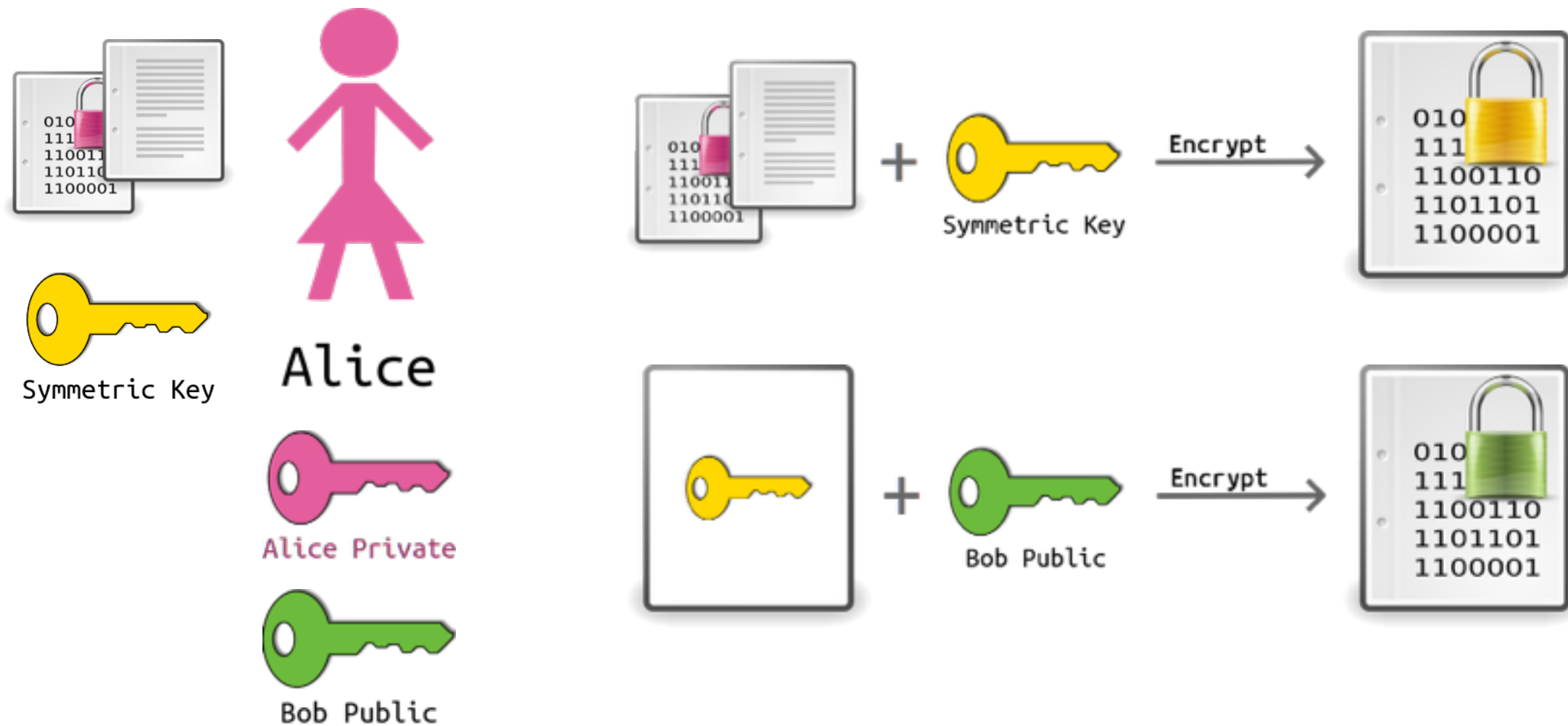


Alice Public

Sign then Encrypt



Sign then Encrypt



Sign then Encrypt



Alice



Alice Private



Bob Public



Bob

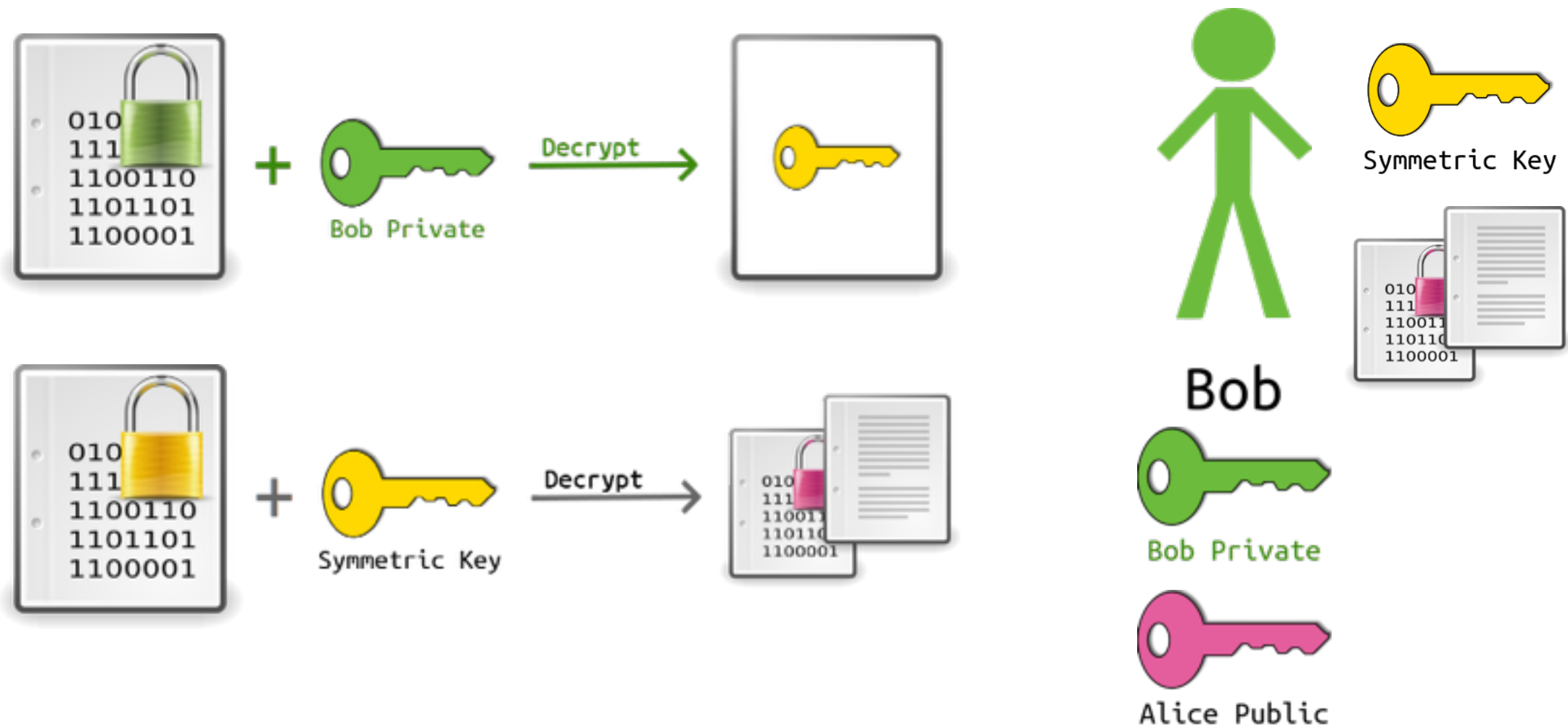


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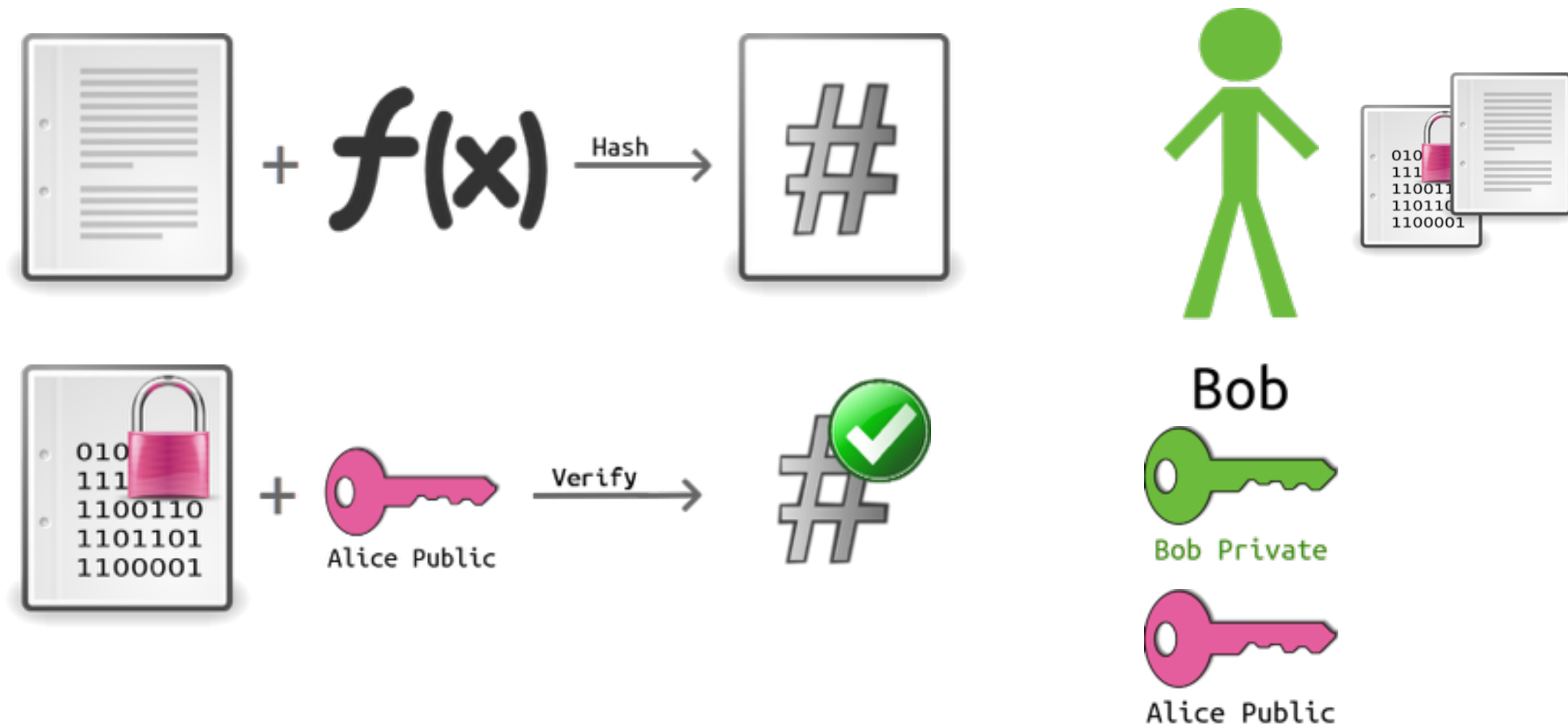


Alice Public

Sign then Encrypt



Sign then Encrypt



Sign then Encrypt

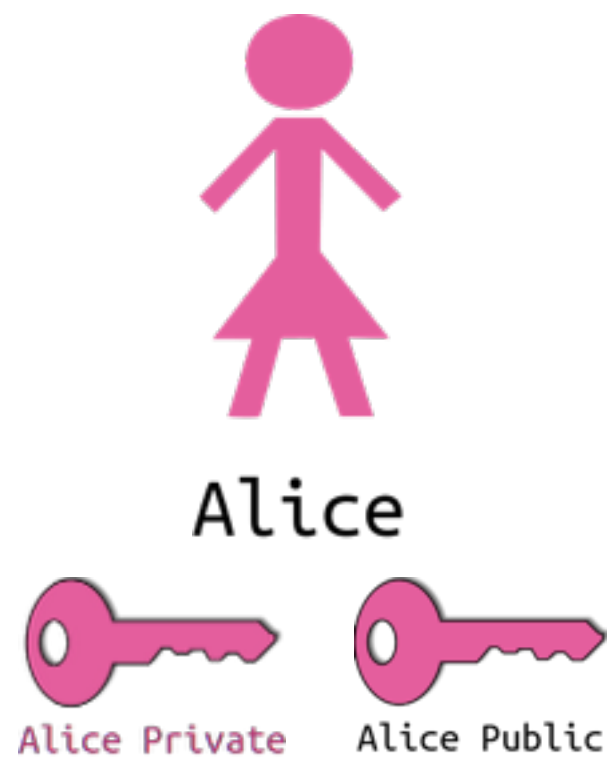


- Did somebody re-encrypt it?
- You can sign, encrypt, then sign again
- Don't encrypt then sign:
 - What did you sign?
 - Was it yours to sign?

Certificates



Certificates

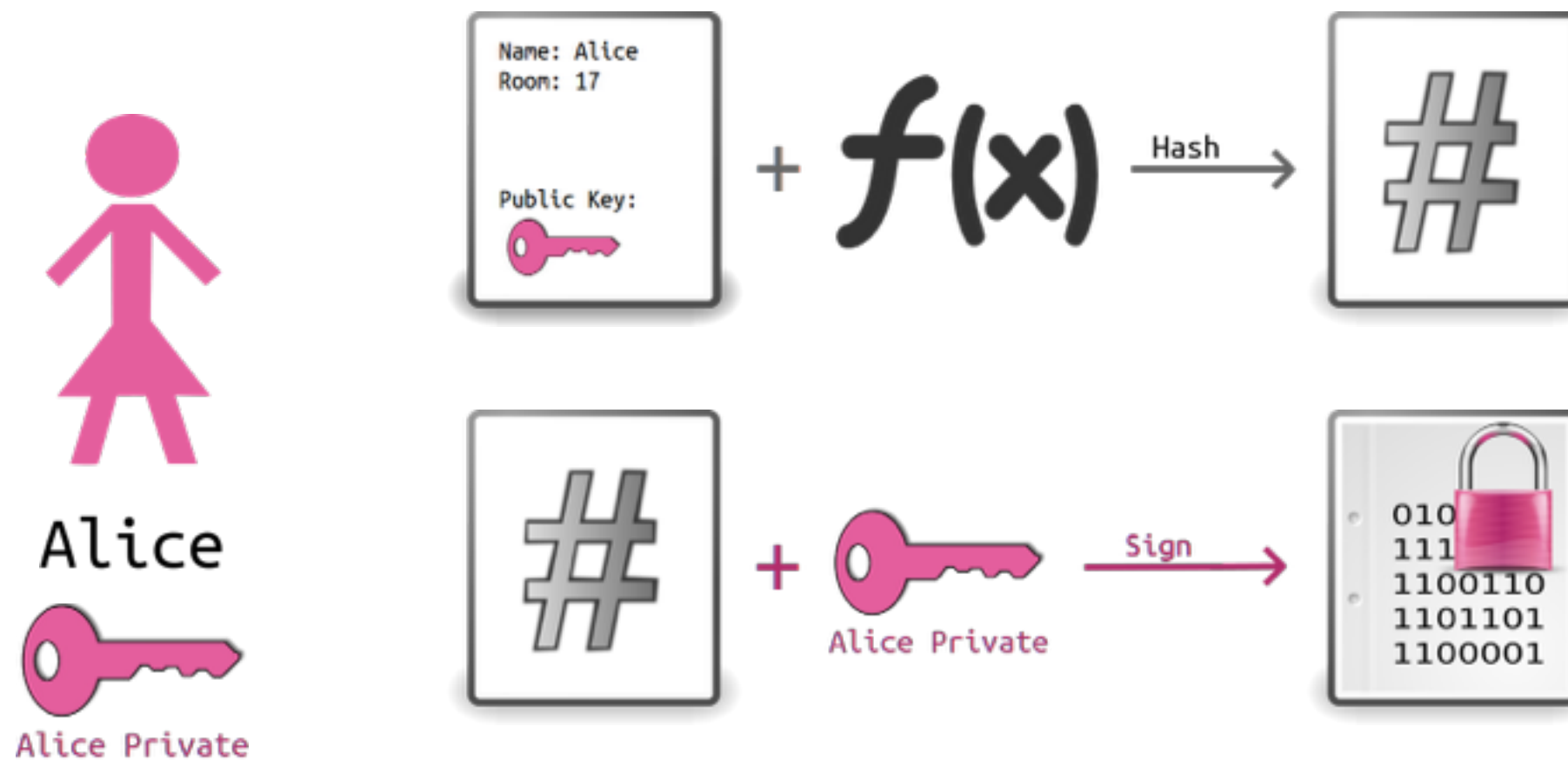


Name: Alice
Room: 17

Public Key:



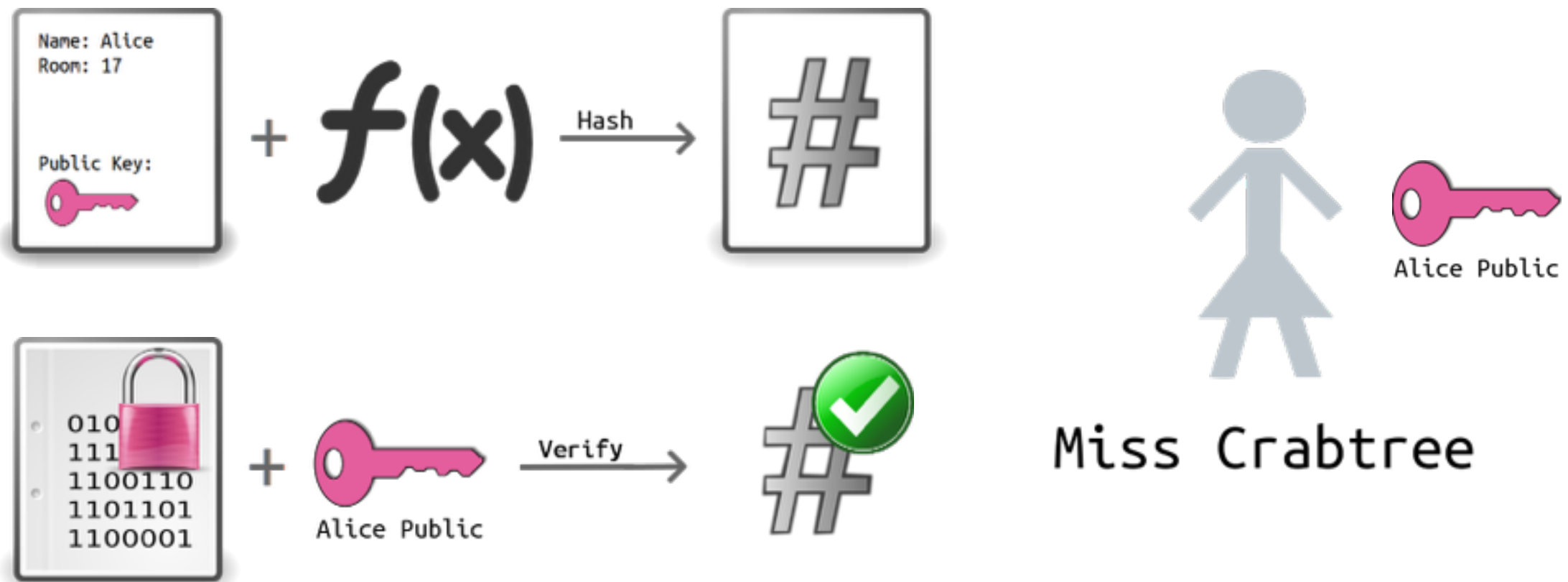
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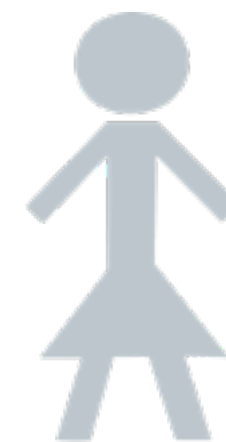
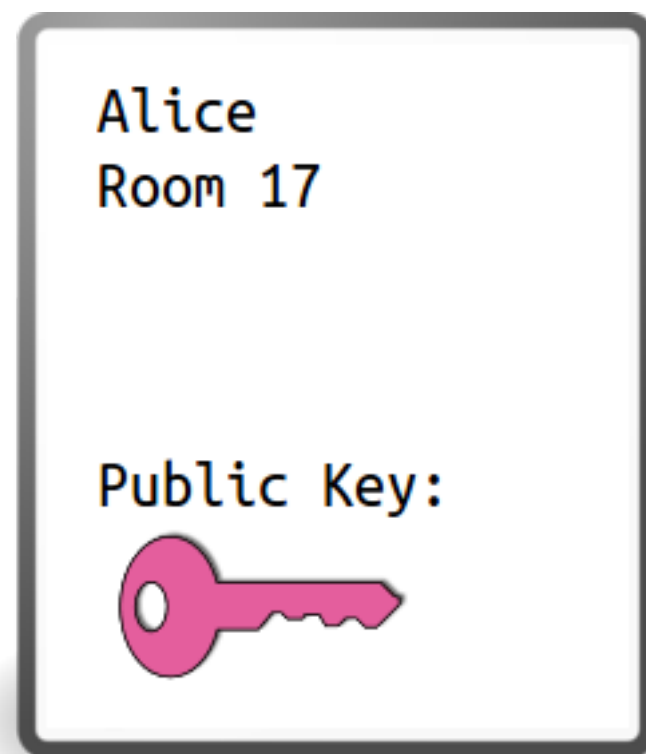
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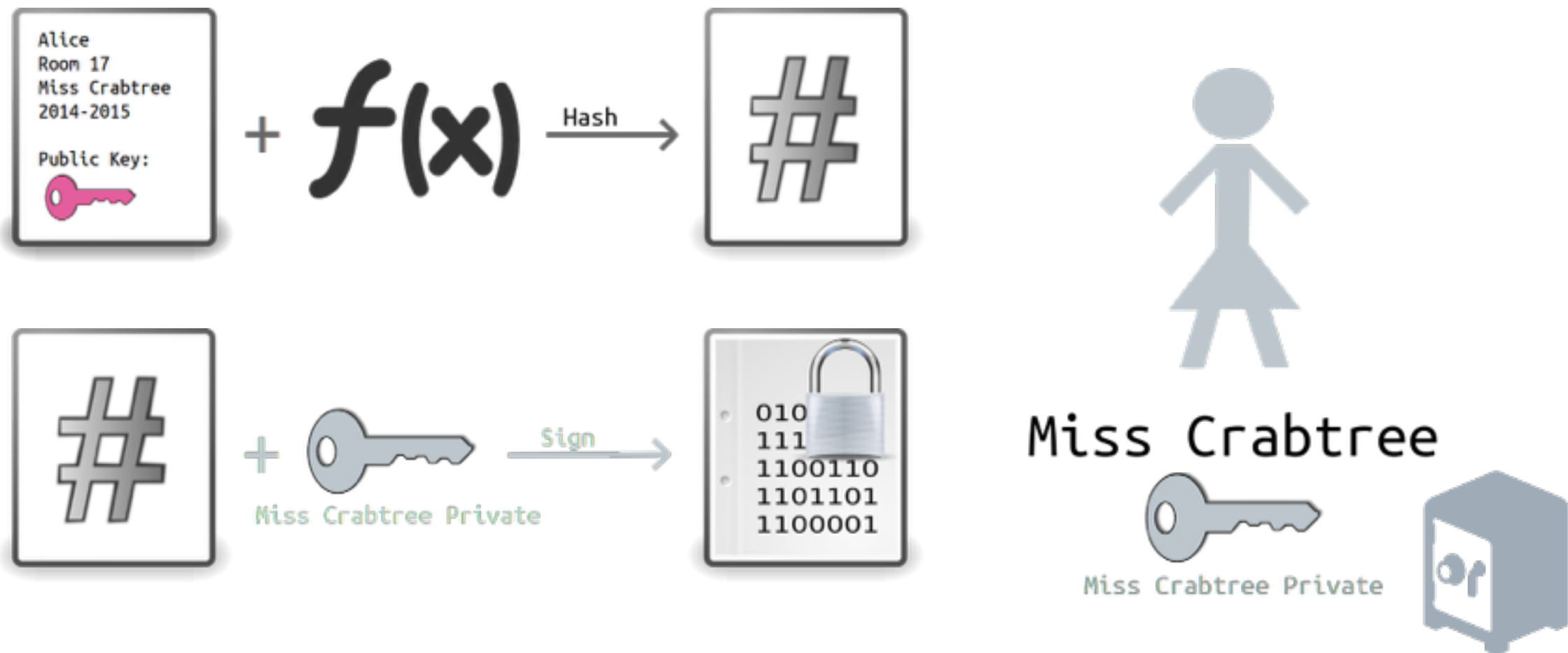


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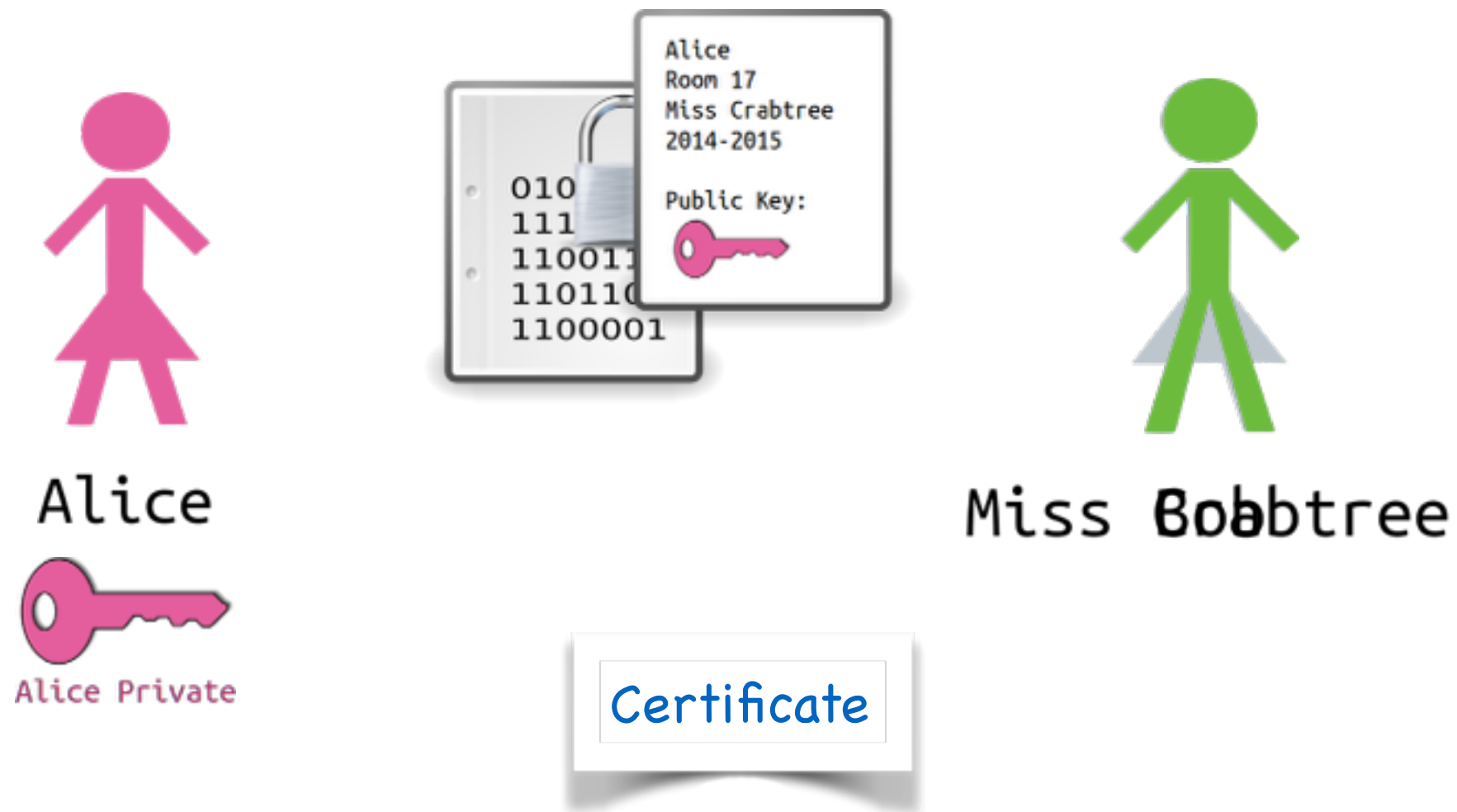


Miss Crabtree

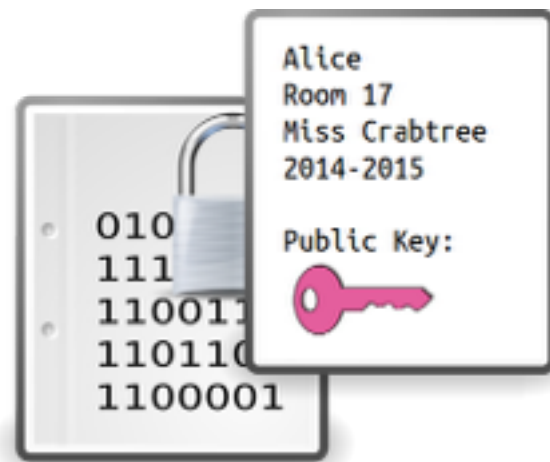
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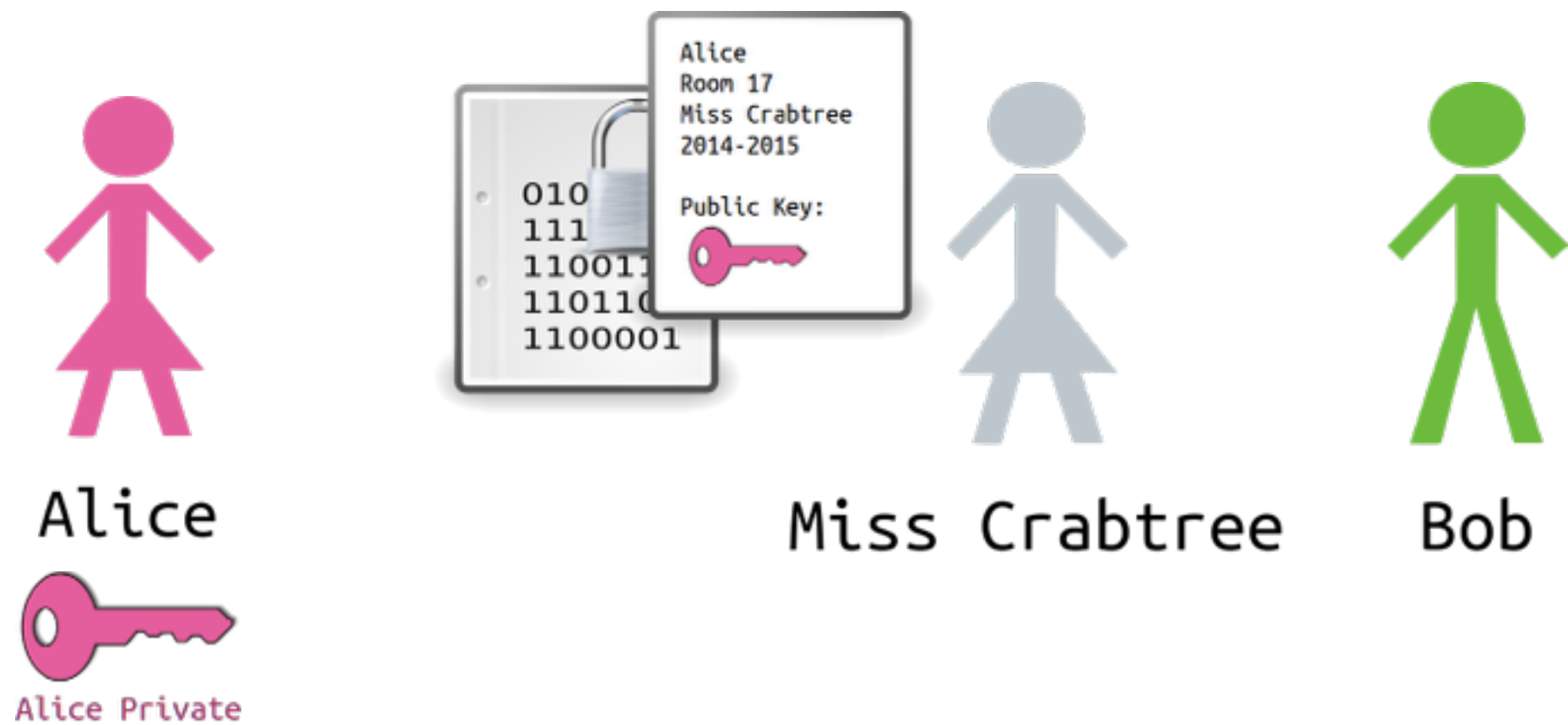


Certificates



- Example: X.509, a.k.a. “SSL certificates”
- Subject (Alice) and issuer (Miss Crabtree)
- Validity period
- Can be revoked by issuer
- Alternate names, key usage flags, ...
- Contains the public key
- Does not contain the private key!

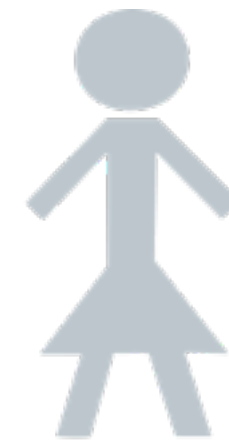
Certificates



Certificates

Miss Crabtree
Room 17
Miss Crabtree
2014-2024

Public Key:



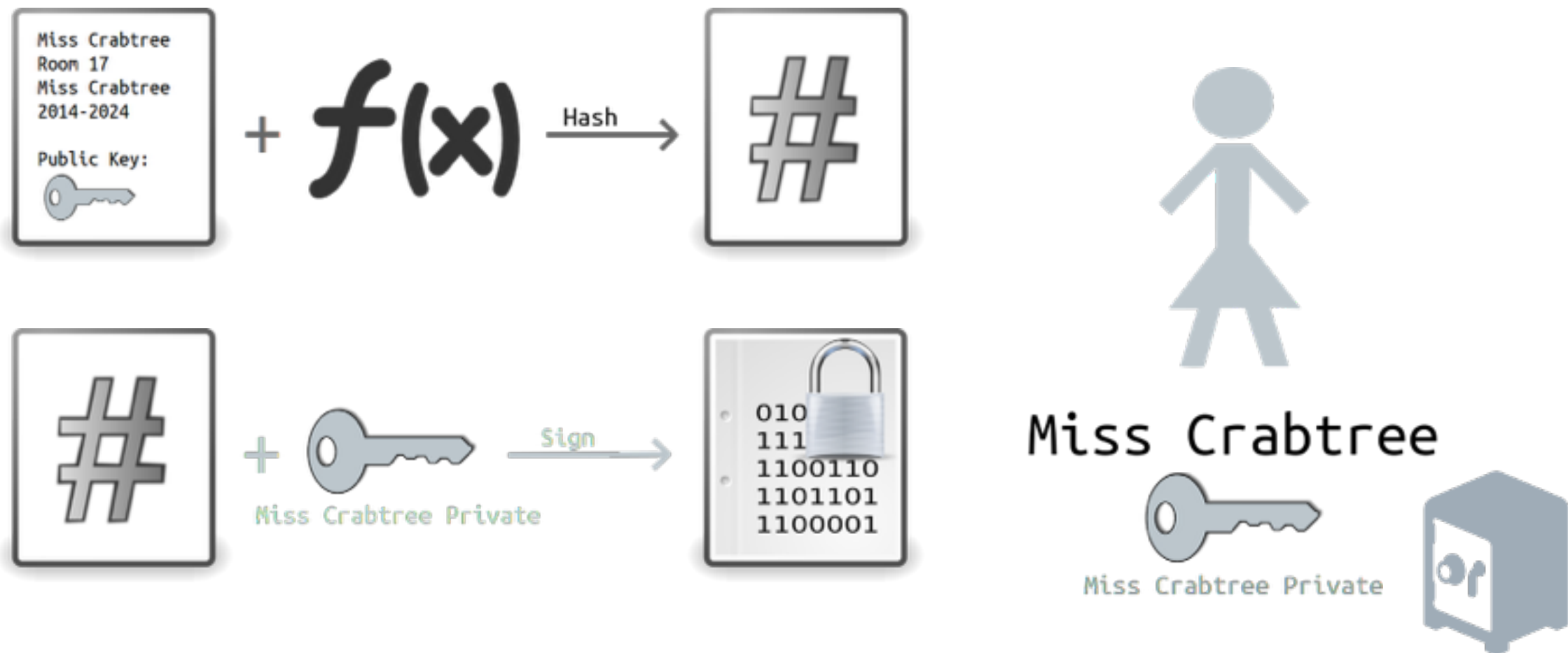
Miss Crabtree



Miss Crabtree Private



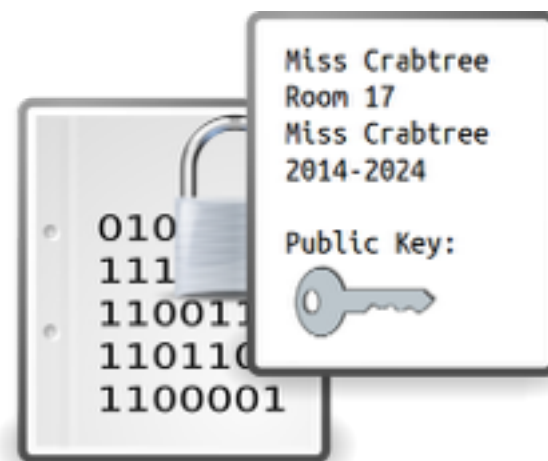
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Certificates



Bob



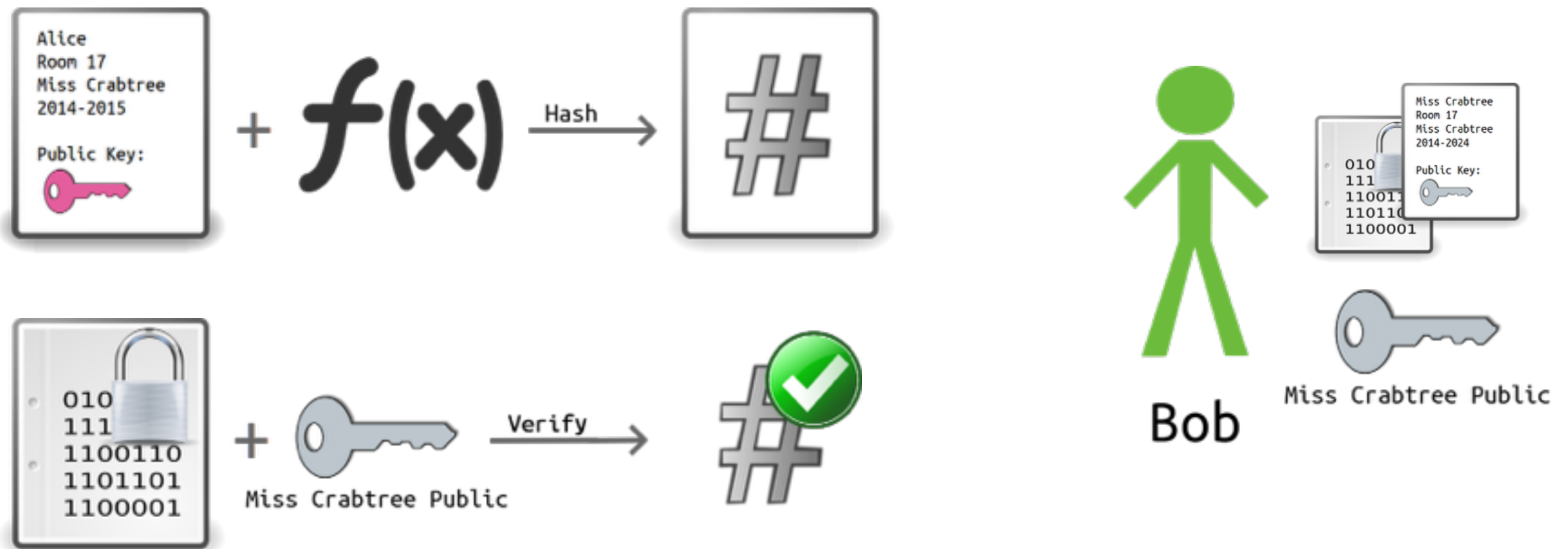
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Trusted Root Certificate

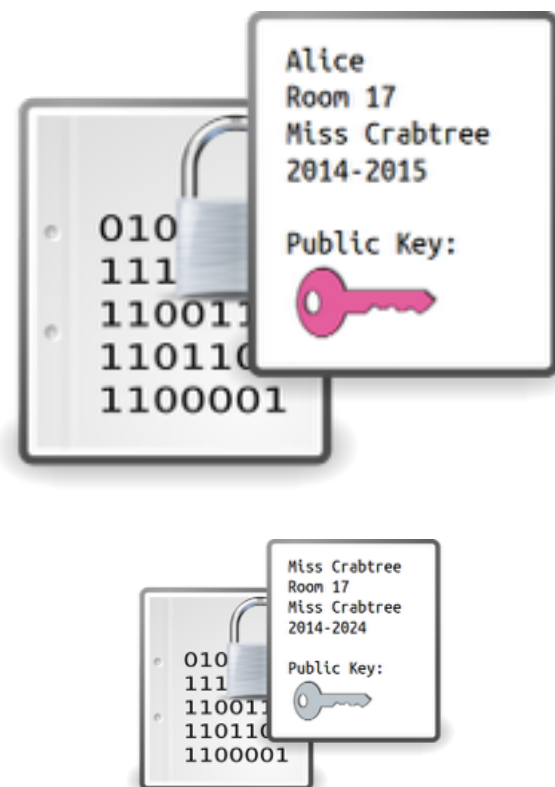
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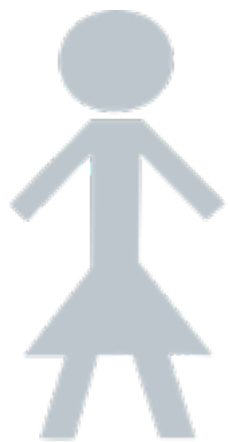


Certificates



- Types of certificate:
 - “End-entity”, e.g. Alice, Bob, ...
 - Certificate Authority (CA)
- 211 trusted root certificates come with Apple Mavericks: <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht6005>
- 317 trusted root certificates come with Apple iOS 7: <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht5012>

Certificates



Miss Crabtree

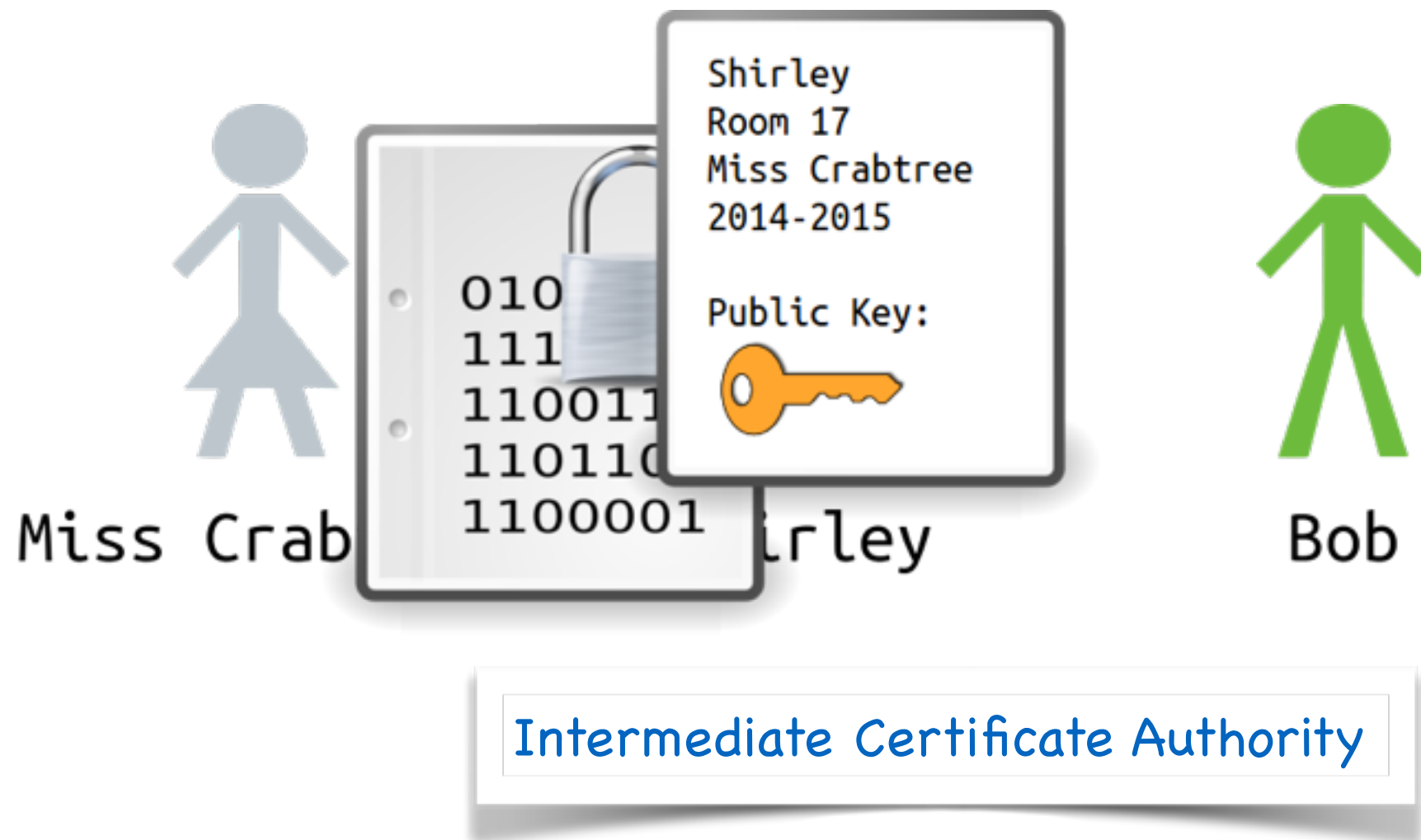


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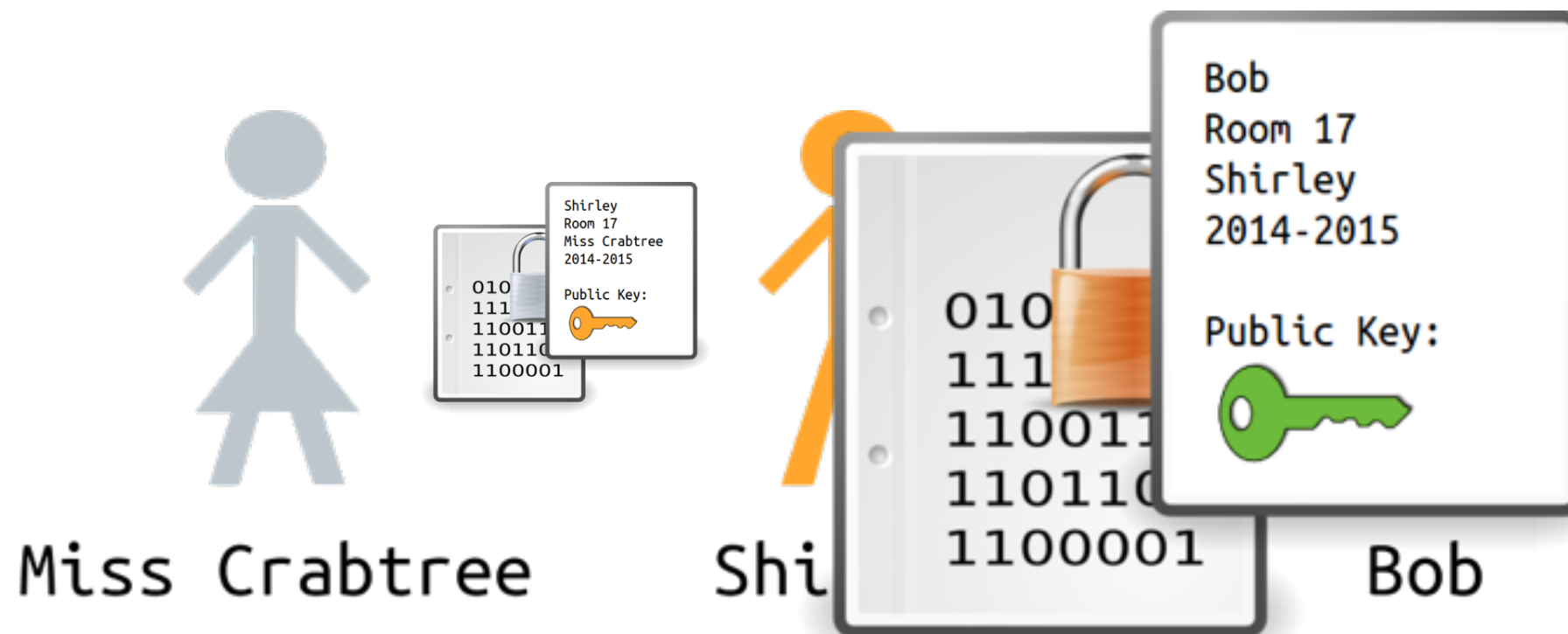


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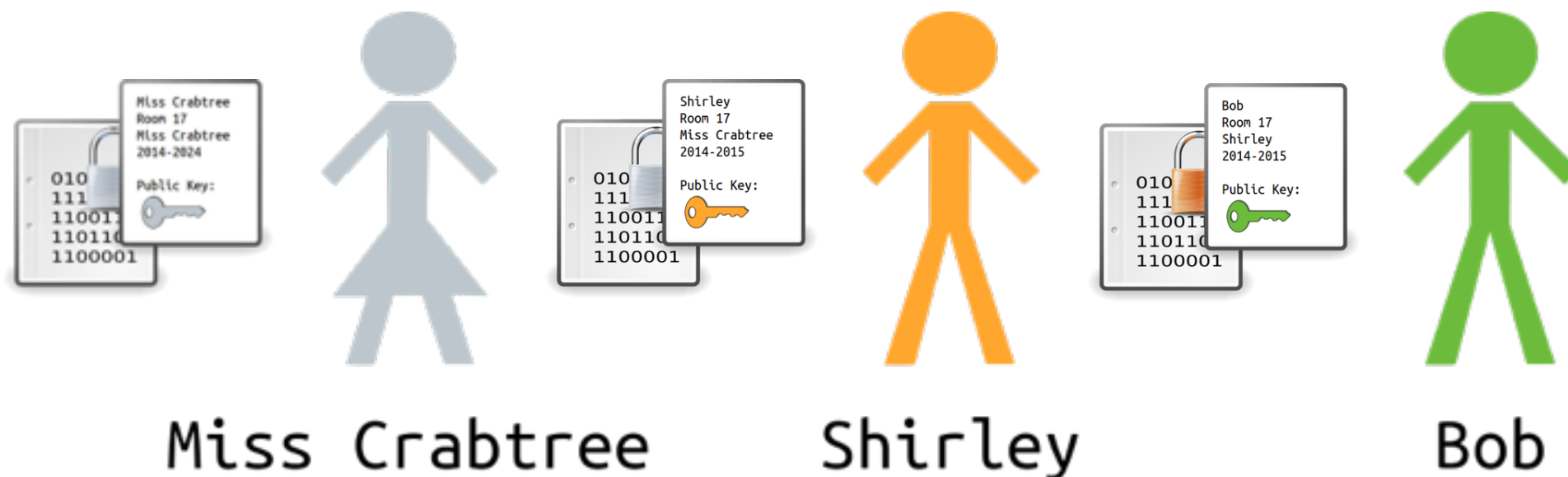
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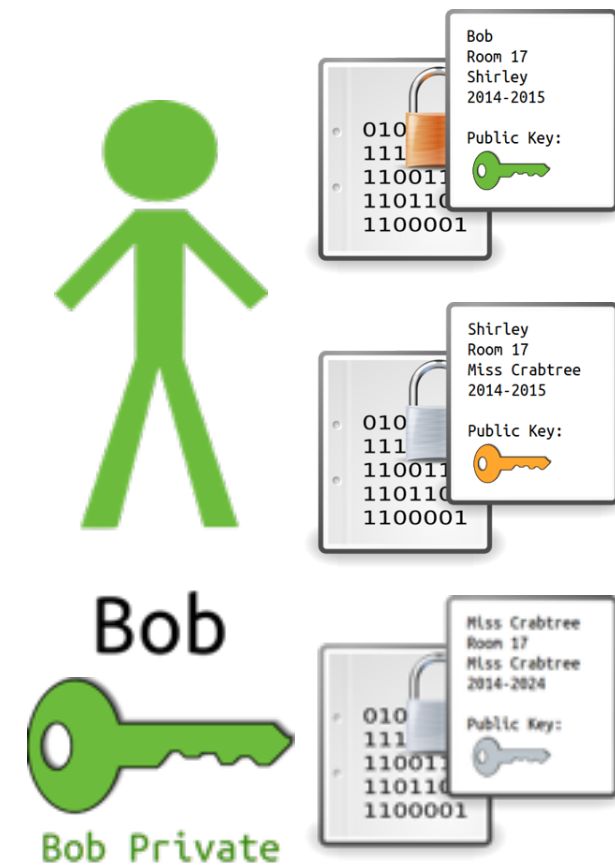
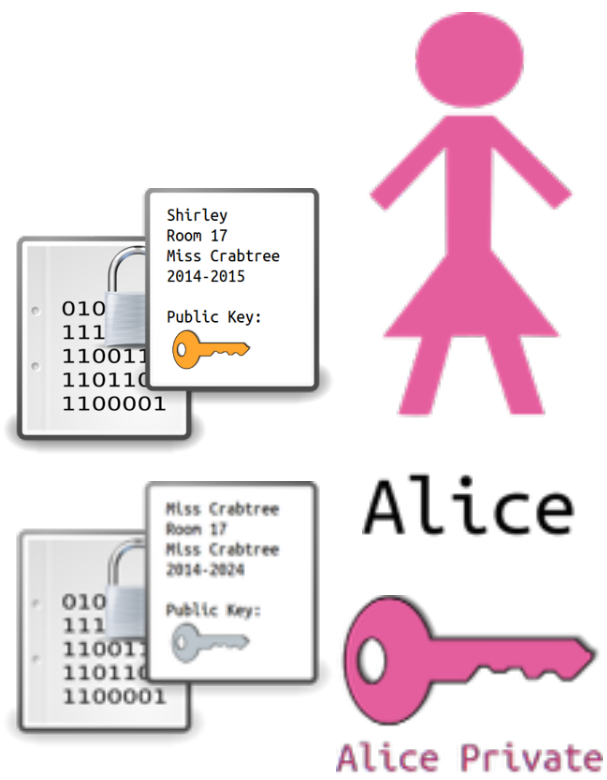
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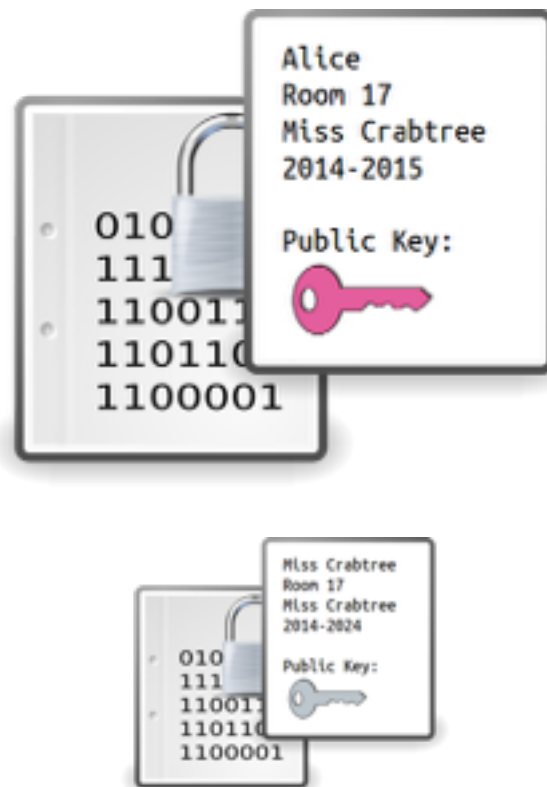
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Certificate Chain

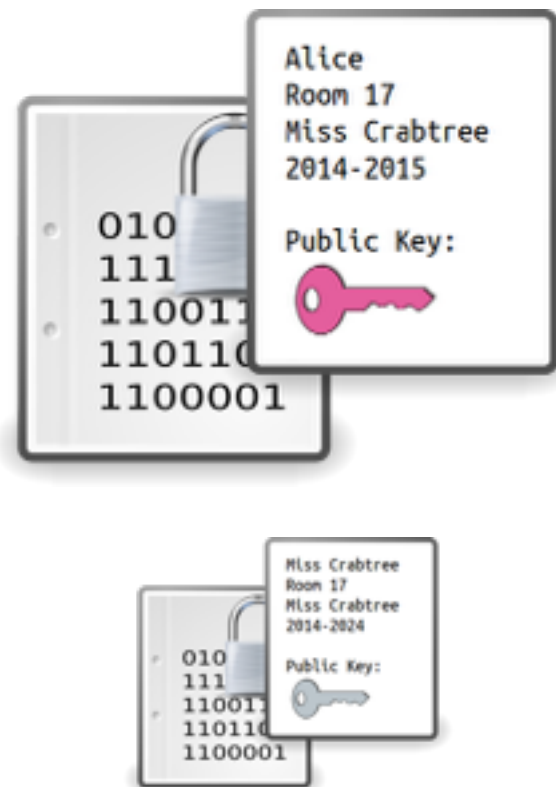


PKI



- Certificate Signing Request (CSR)
- Certificate Authority
- Intermediate Certificate Authority
- Trusted Root Certificates
- *Cross-signed, Bridge CA, Proxy Certificates*

PKI



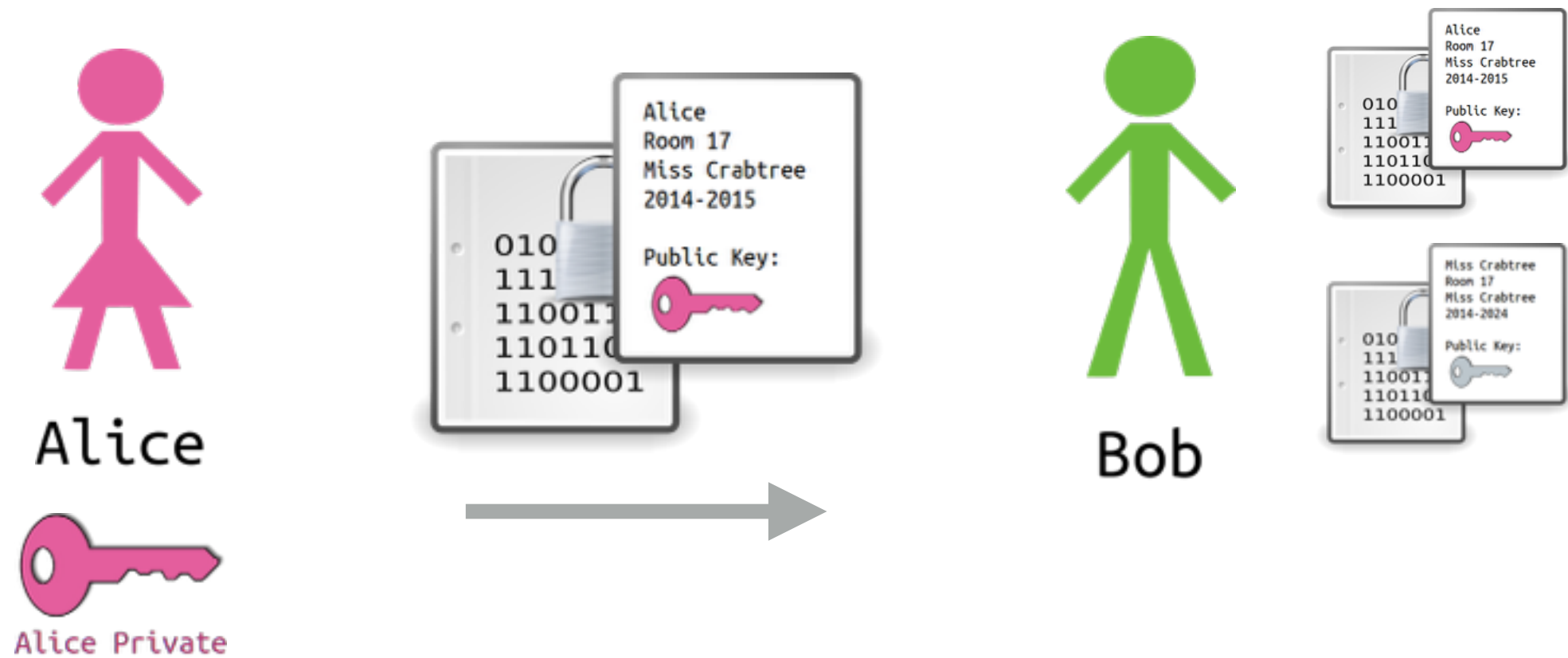
- Certificate can be revoked by Issuer
- You have to check it yourself
- Certificate Revocation List (CRL)
 - CRL is a text file
 - CRL Distribution Point
- Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)
 - OCSP Responder
 - OCSP Stapling

Transport Layer Security (TLS)

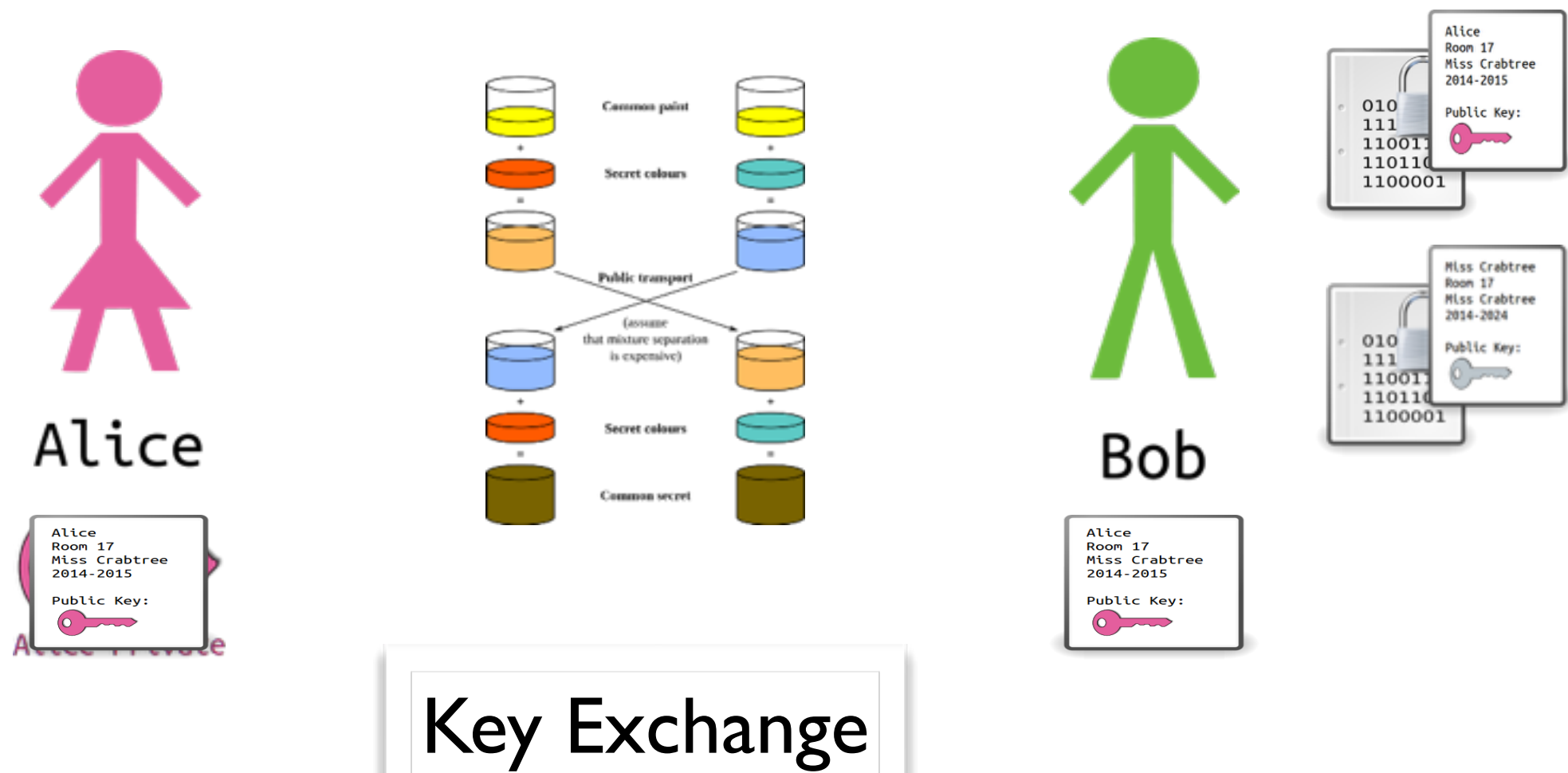


TCP/IP Connection

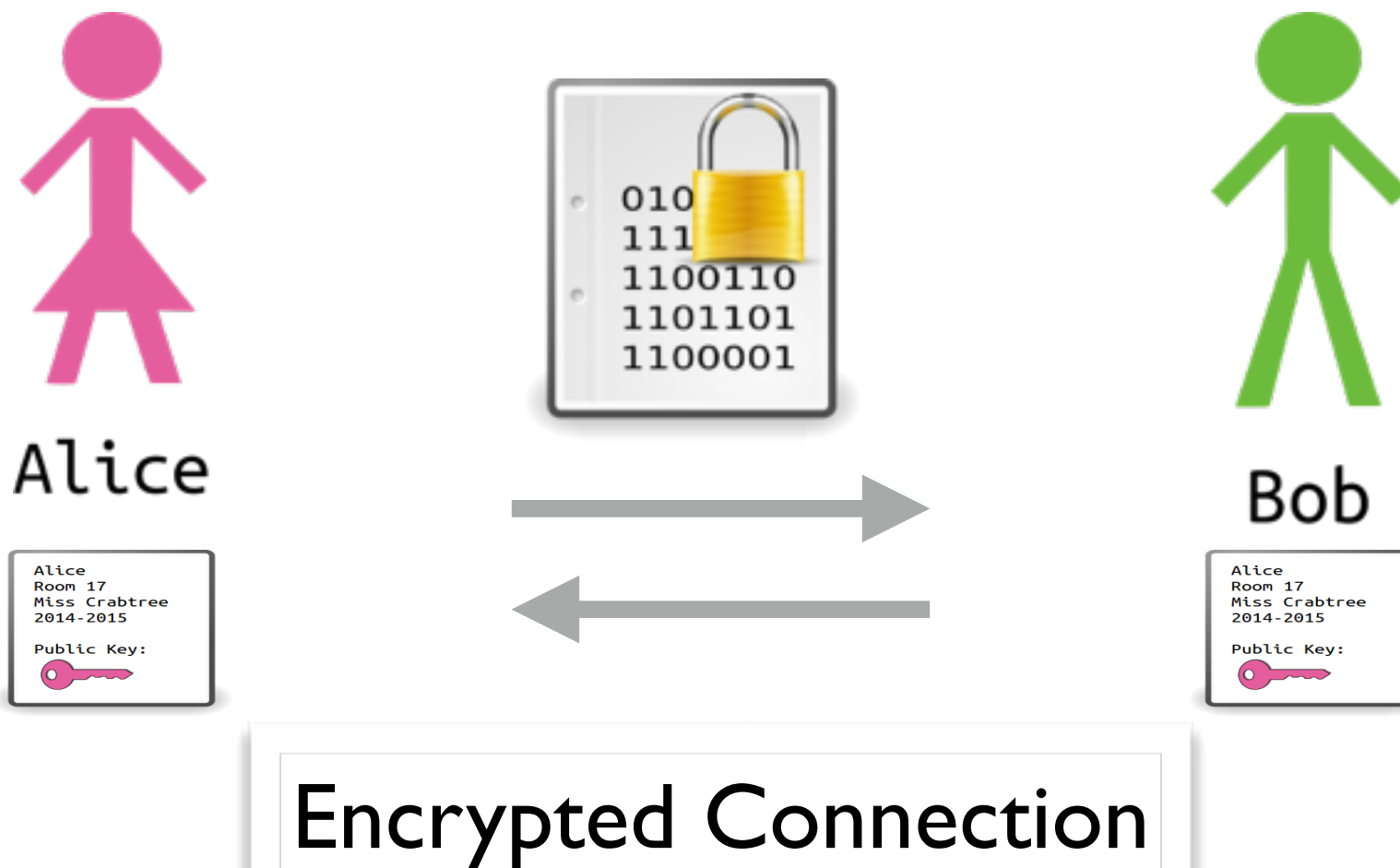
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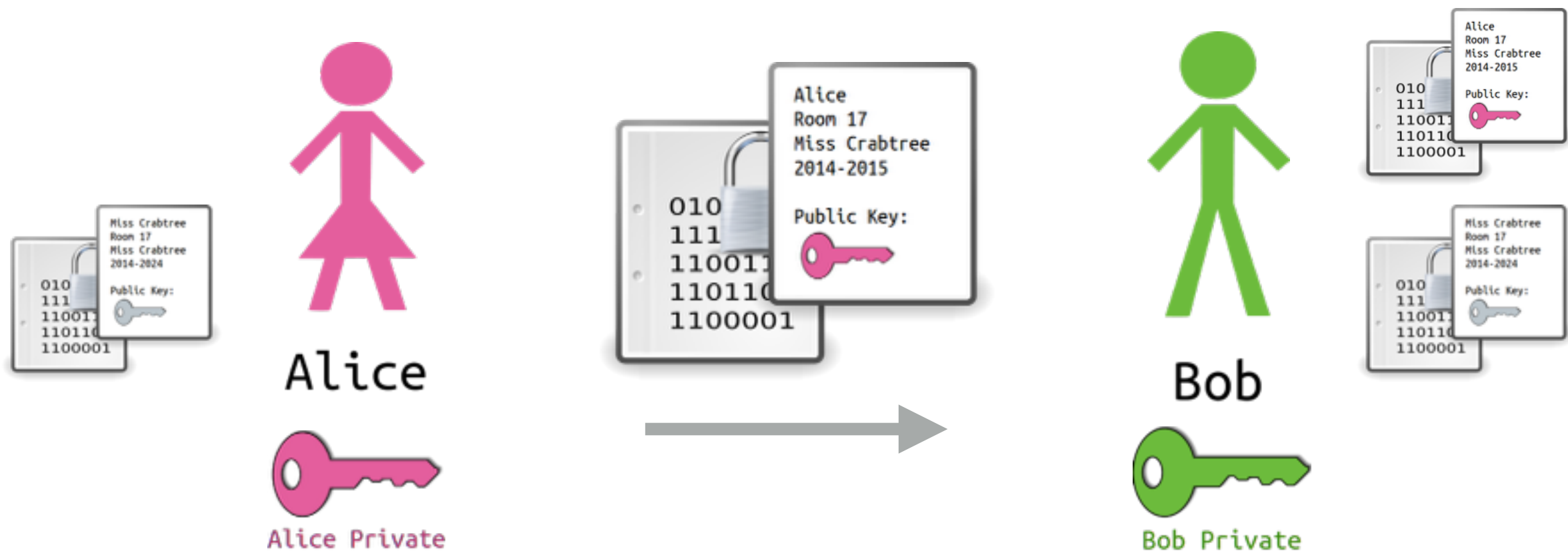


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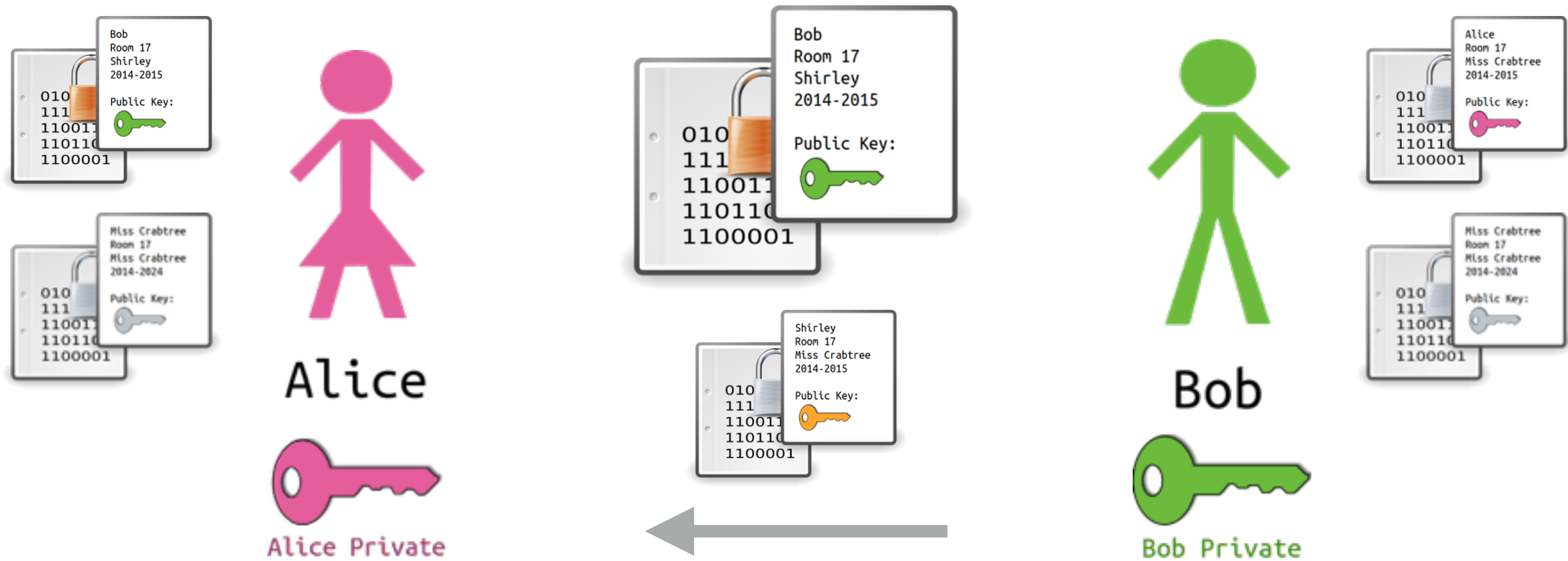
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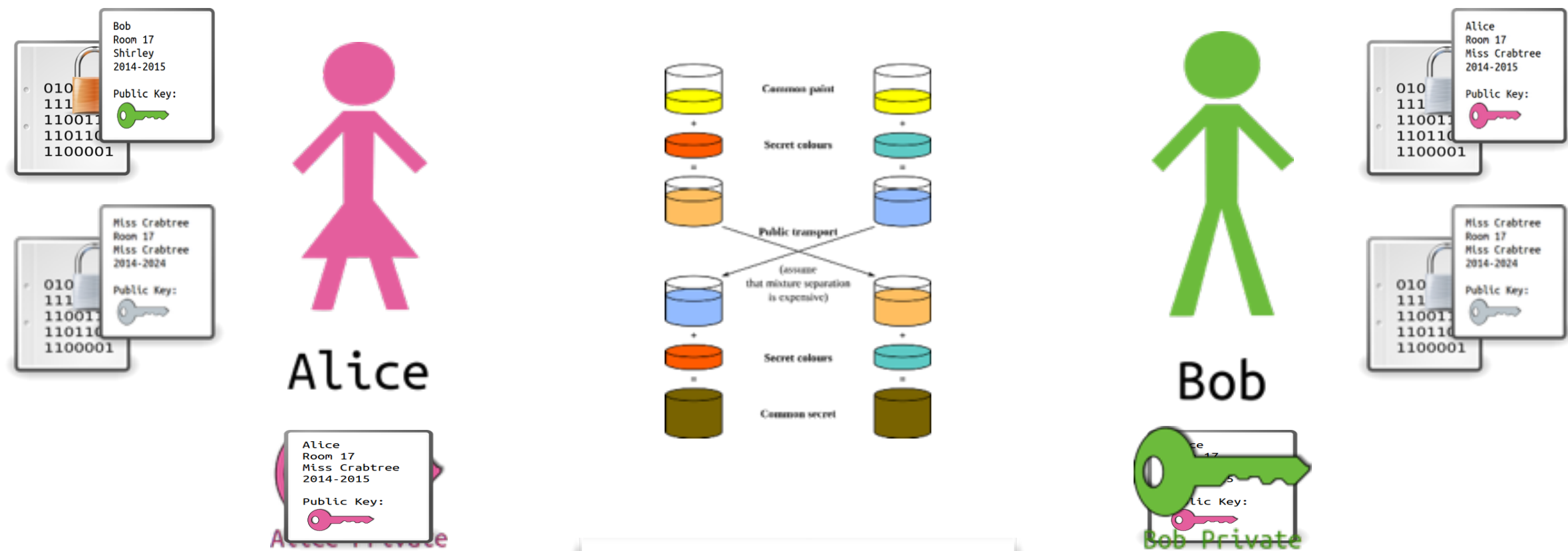
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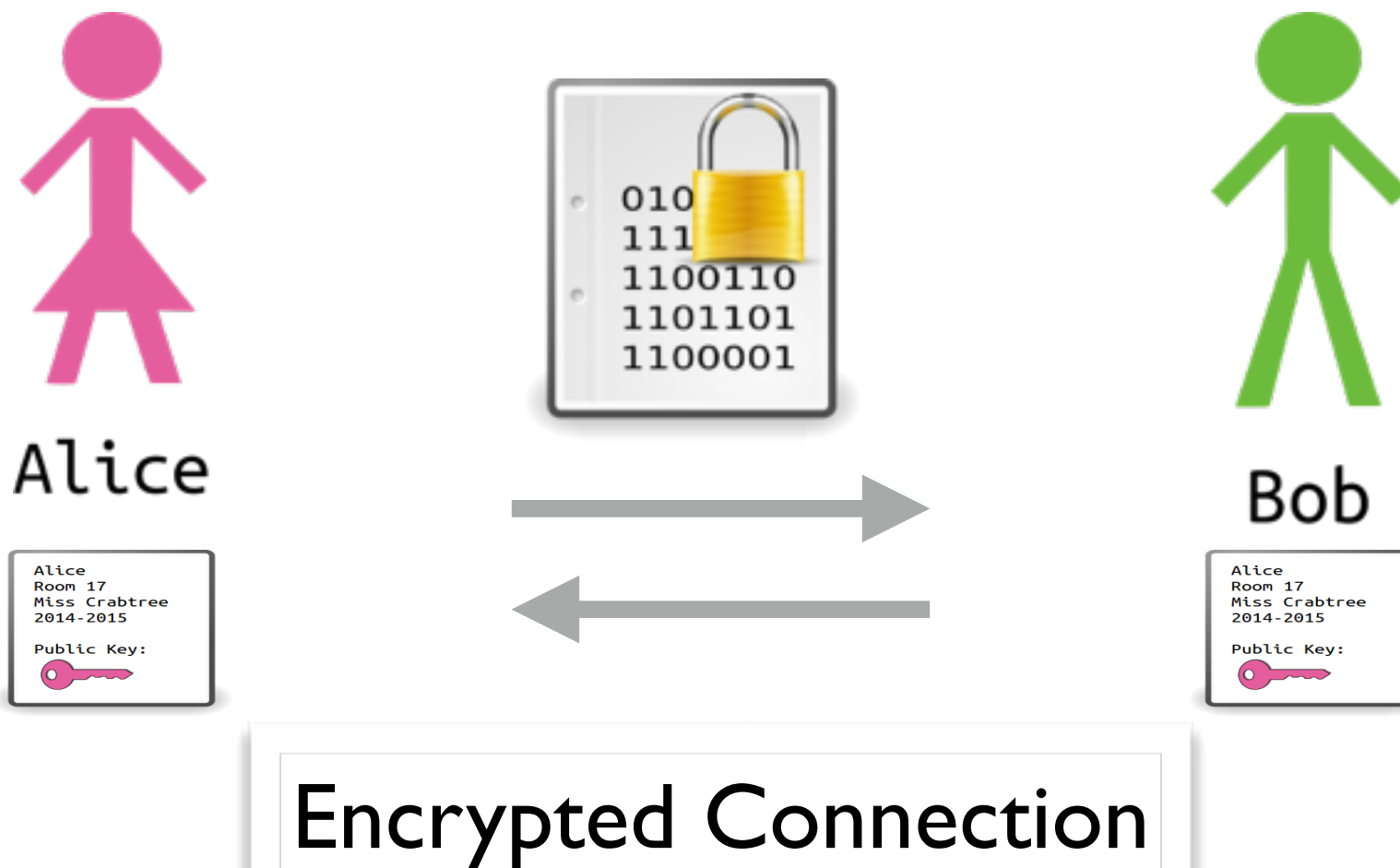


TLS



Key Exchange

TLS



TLS



- Transport Layer Security (TLS)
 - Authentication with certificates
 - Privacy with encryption
 - Integrity with tamper-detection
 - TLS uses MAC-then-encrypt
- TLS is based on and replaces SSL (Secure Sockets Layer)

Security Tools

- Symmetric-Key Encryption
- Public-Key Cryptography
- Digital Signatures
- Certificates / PKI
- TLS (SSL)

Security Examples

Secure Email	Code Signing
Web Server HTTPS	Apple ID

Secure Email

- POP/IMAP over TLS (SSL)
- S/MIME (Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions)
 - Apple Mail
 - Thunderbird
 - Outlook
- PGP (Pretty Good Privacy)
 - OpenPGP, GPG
 - Same idea with different system of certificates

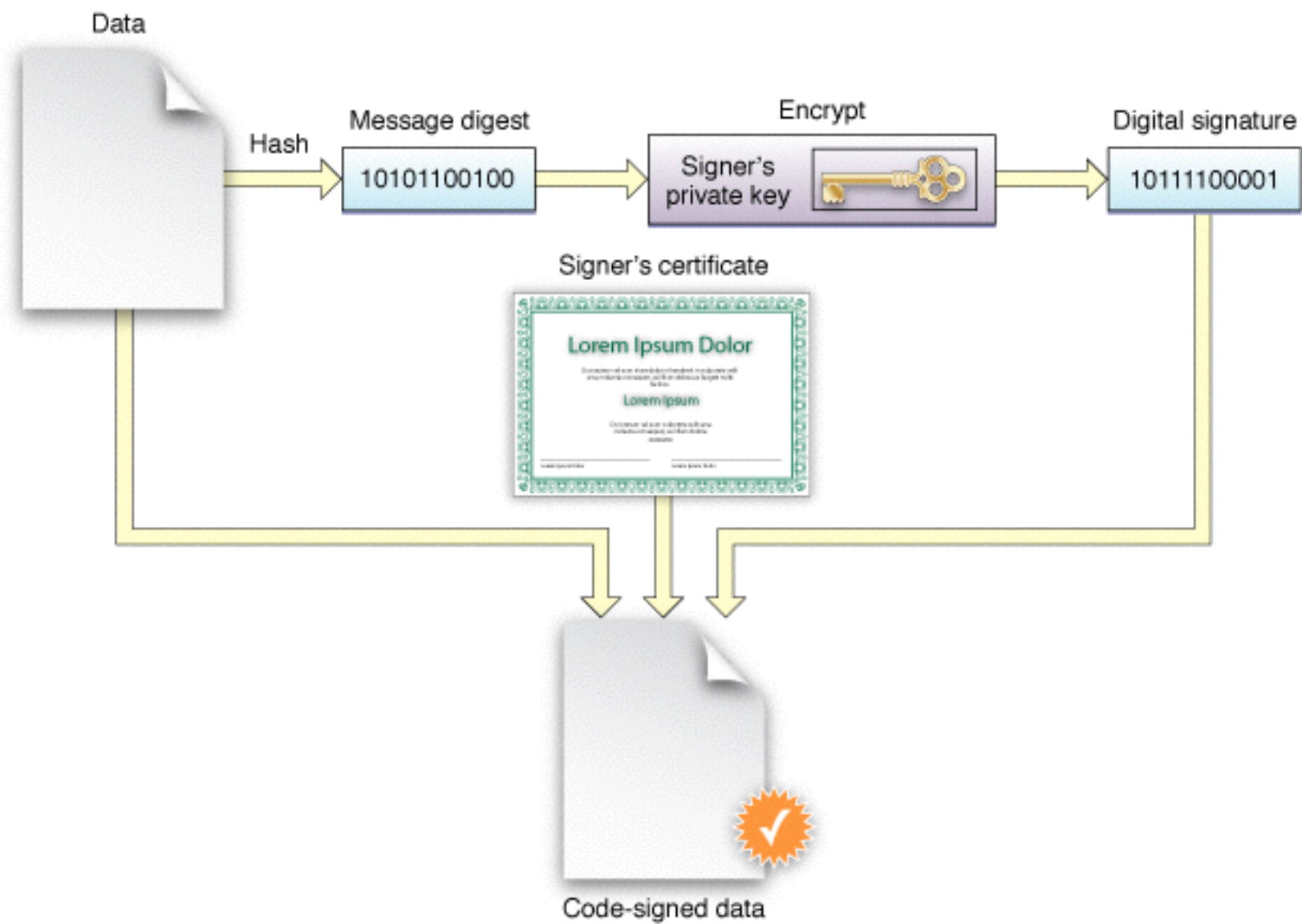
Secure Email

- You'll need a certificate used for emailing
 - S/MIME uses X.509 certificates
- Your email address goes in the certificate
 - In olden days: "emailAddress" in Subject
 - Today: as a Subject Alternate Name (SAN)
 - Email alternate name
- *Particular key usage flags may be needed*

Using the Tools

Secure Email	Code Signing
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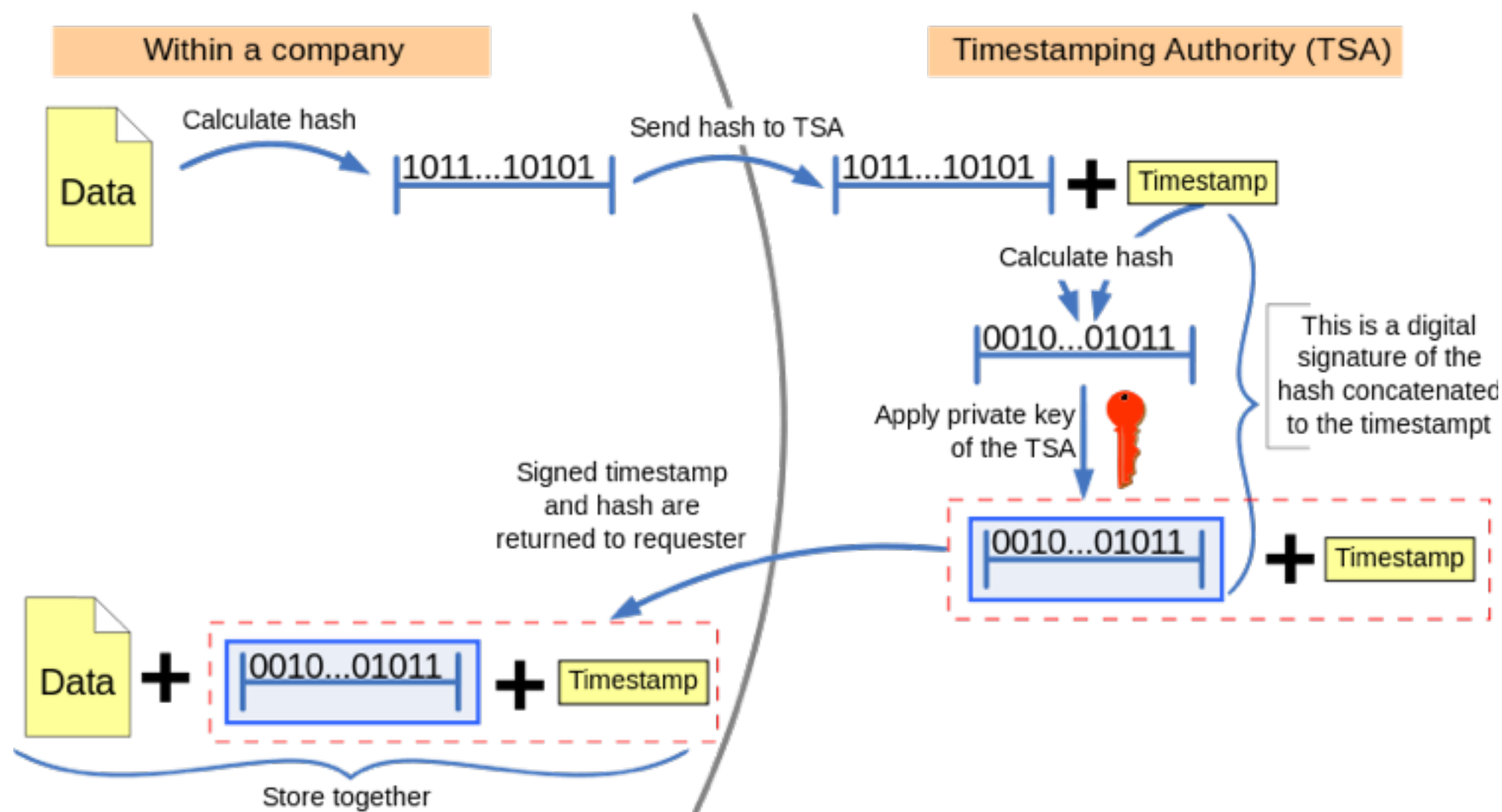
Code Signing



Code Signing

- You should include a trusted timestamp
- From a Time Stamping Authority (TSA) during the code-signing step of your build
- Your code remains trusted after your code-signing certificate has expired

Code Signing



Using the Tools

Secure Email	Code Signing
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Web Server HTTPS

- HTTPS on port 443 instead of HTTP port 80
- HTTPS uses TLS (SSL)
 - Server should use at least TLS v1.0
 - Less common are TLS v1.1 and TLS v1.2
 - Some still use SSL v3
 - Nobody uses SSL v2—it's no longer secure

Web Server HTTPS

- Server certificate is X.509
- Use of client certificates is not common
 - Browser support is clunky :-)
- Fully-qualified domain name of server:
 - In olden days: Common Name of Subject
 - Today: as Subject Alternate Name (SAN)
 - DNS alternate name
 - Can have more than one listed
- *Particular key usage flags may be needed*

Web Server HTTPS

- Web server and browser negotiate the kind of symmetric encryption key cipher to use
- Your server should offer only the best choices
- <https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/viewMyClient.html>

Using the Tools

Secure Email	Code Signing
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Apple ID

- With an Apple ID you get an X.509 client certificate
- You can see this certificate using Keychain Access
 - Finder > Applications > Utilities > Keychain Access
- Look in the login keychain
 - You'll find the certificate and next to it, a private key
 - **Nobody else has this private key**
 - It's likely an RSA 2048-bit key (mine is)
 - It has various usage flags
- You can see it was issued by *Apple Application Integration Certification Authority*, an intermediate CA, itself issued by *Apple Root CA*

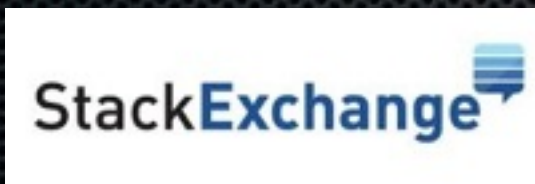
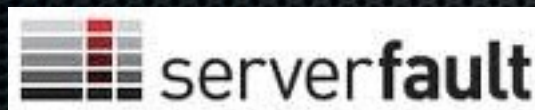
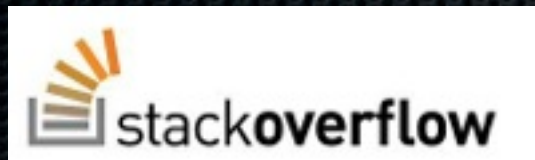
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Tools

- Symmetric-Key Encryption
- Public-Key Cryptography
- Digital Signatures
- Certificates / PKI
- TLS (SSL)

Resources



- stackoverflow.com
- serverfault.com
- security.stackexchange.com
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Questions?



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