Authentication w/out Identification

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Facts

33% of cyber crimes, including identity theft, take less time than to make a cup of tea.





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10 Years ago, your identity information on the black market was worth \$150. Today....





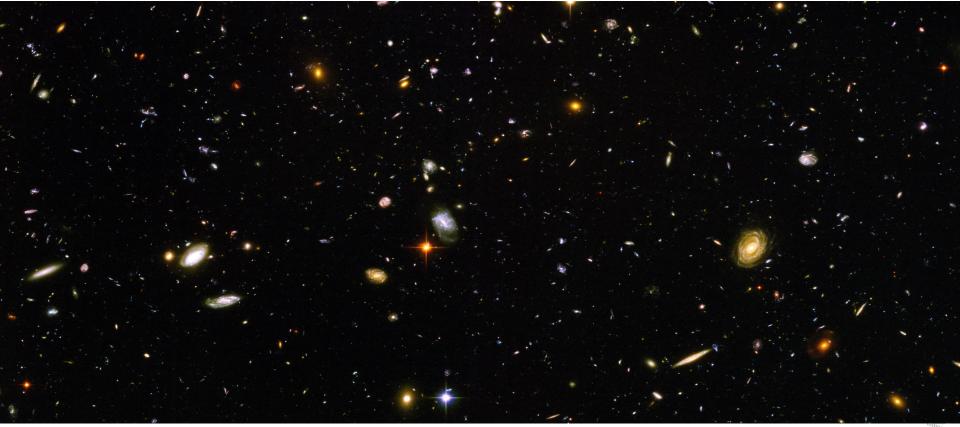
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\$15'000'000'000 cost of identity theft worldwide (2015)



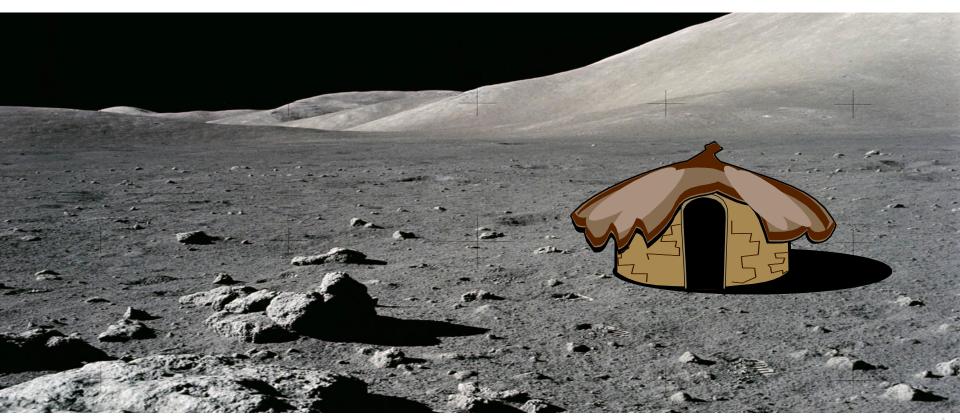


Attackers hide easily in the vast of cyberspace





The problem is this...



...computers never forget



- Data is stored by default
- Data mining gets ever better
- Apps built to use & generate (too much) data
- New (ways of) businesses using personal data

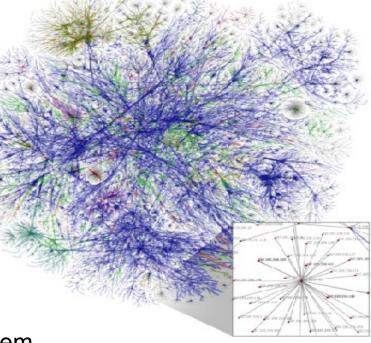


- Humans forget most things too quickly
- Paper collects dust in drawers
- But that's how we design and build applications!

Where's all my data?

The ways of data are hard to understand

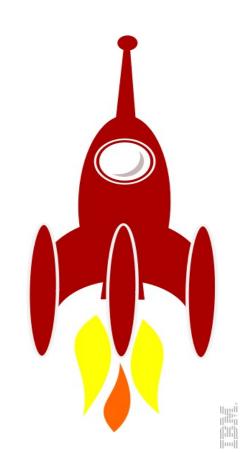
- Devices, operating systems, & apps are getting more complex and intertwined
 - Mashups, Ad networks
 - Machines virtual and realtime configured
 - Not visible to users, and experts
 - Data processing changes constantly



→ No control over data and far too easy to loose them



We need paradigm shift & build stuff for the moon rather than the sandy beach!

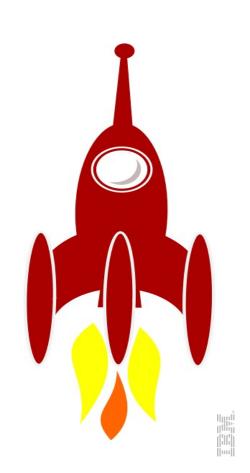


Security & Privacy is not a lost cause!

That means:

- Reveal only minimal data necessary
- Encrypt every bit
- Attach usage policies to each bit

Cryptography can do that!



What does that mean?

We do have the (fancy) cryptography, but it is hardly used

- Deemed too expensive
- Too hard to manage all the keys, fear of loosing keys
- Protecting data is considered futile
- Often required by law, but these are w/out teeth
- Debate about legality of encryption V2.0

On the positive side

- Importance of security and privacy increasingly recognized
- Laws are getting better in protecting privacy (cf. EU GDPR)



Cryptography to the Aid an example of rocket science

Authentication without identification

Use case: Attestation

Direct Anonymous Attestation:

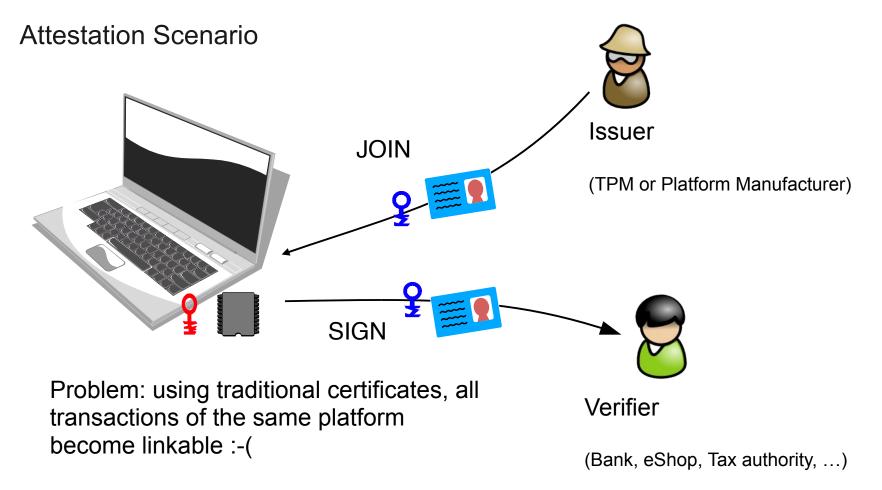
- Protocol standardized by TCG (trusted computing group) in 2004
- Attestation of computer state by TPM (root of trust)
- TPM measures boot sequence
- TPM attest boot sequence to third party
- Attestation based on cryptographic keys
- → Strong authentication of TPM with *privacy*



Other use cases of this crypto (hardware root of trust):

- secure access to networks, services, any resources of devices (IoT, V2X, Industry 4.0, etc)
- can be extended to user of device (trusted execution environment) cf. FIDO

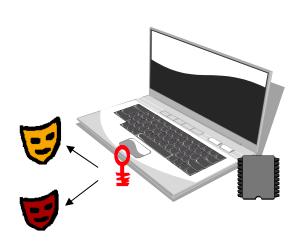




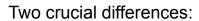
Not Rocket Science!



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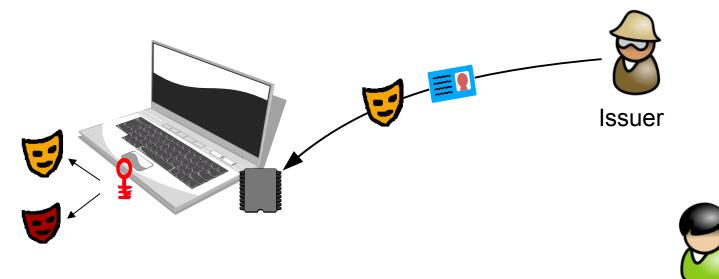




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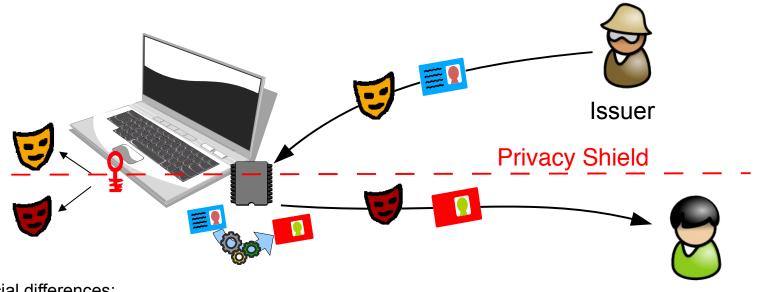


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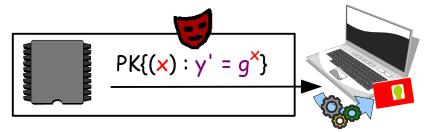
Verifier

- 1. One secret key several public keys
- 2. Randomizable credentials: original credential into new credentials that "looks like" a fresh credential
 - → different randomize credentials cannot be linked (anonymity)
 - → still credentials are unforgeable



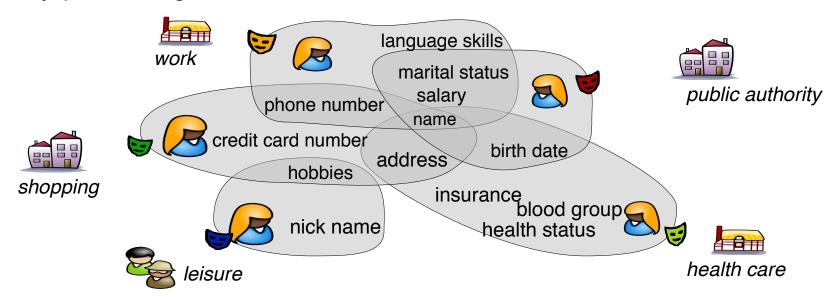
Status DAA 2017

- RSA-based scheme standardized by TCG in 2004, later also in ISO
- Replaced by ECC-based scheme in 2015 (both TCG and ISO)
- DAA is split in TPM and host part, ECC-based scheme only defined for TPM



- Supports multiple DAA protocols (q-SDH, LRSW based etc)
- Scheme is really efficient: TPM computes single exponentiation
- Some security issues identified, fixed in latest TPM spec
- See our paper at IEEE S&P 2017 with full scheme and security proof

Privacy-preserving identities on-line – authentication w/out Identification



ID:

- (dynamic) set of attributes shared w/ someone
- different with different entities

Privacy Preserving Identity Management – identity mixer or DAA extended

- authentication means: strong e-authentication, using strong cryptography
- means to transport attributes between parties: certified attributes without linking identities



Conclusions

- Device authentication more relevant than ever
- Data parsimony is the key to security
- Fancy crypto can realize this, today
- More public awareness and discussion needed

Let's do some rocket science together!



Thank you!

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