

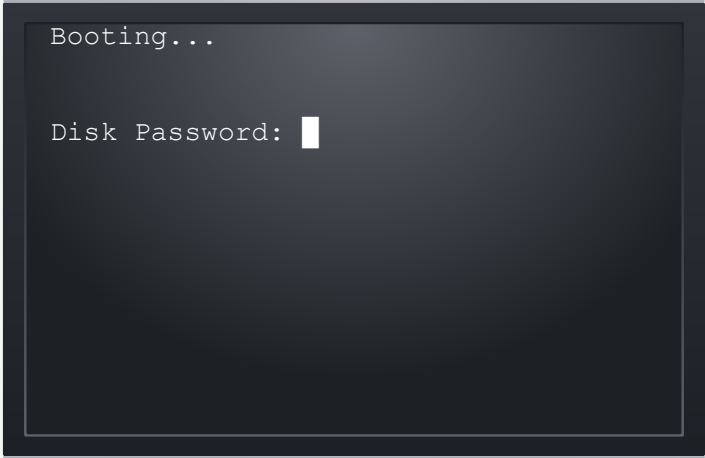
# NETWORK-BOUND DISK ENCRYPTION

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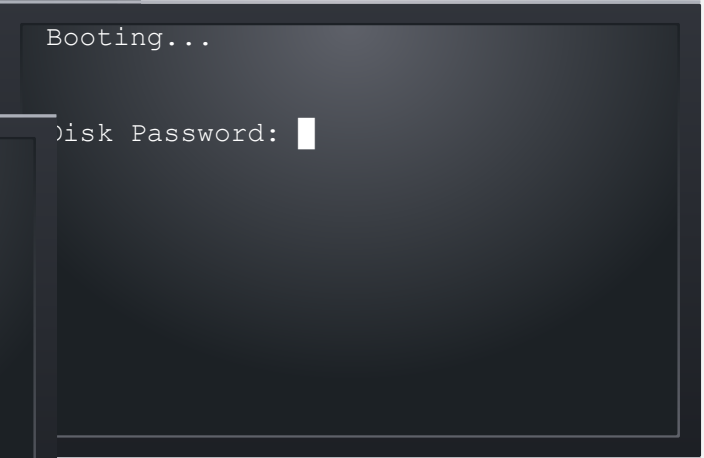
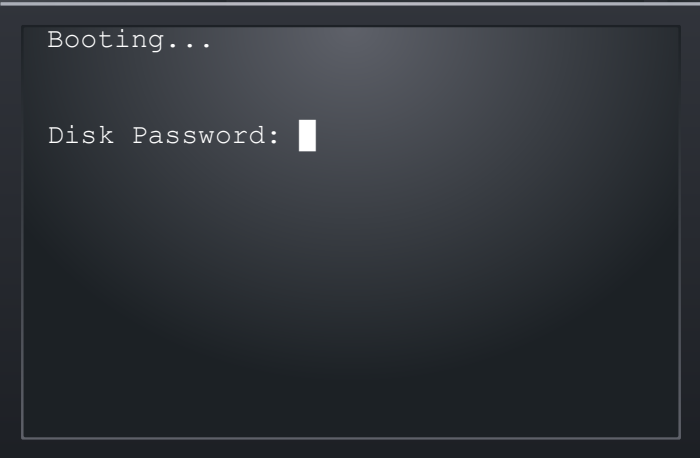
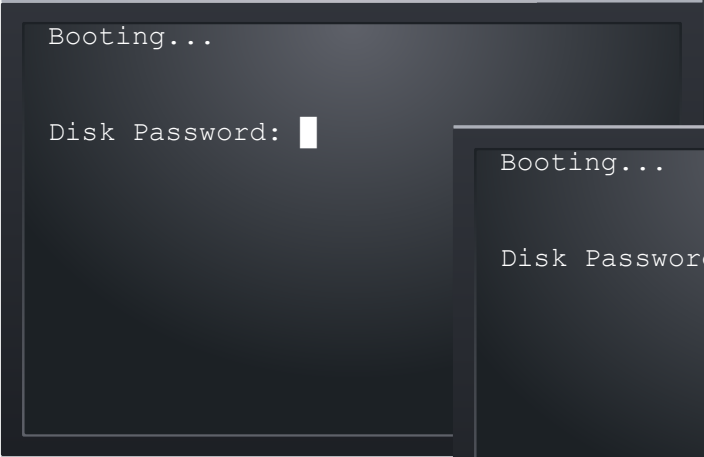
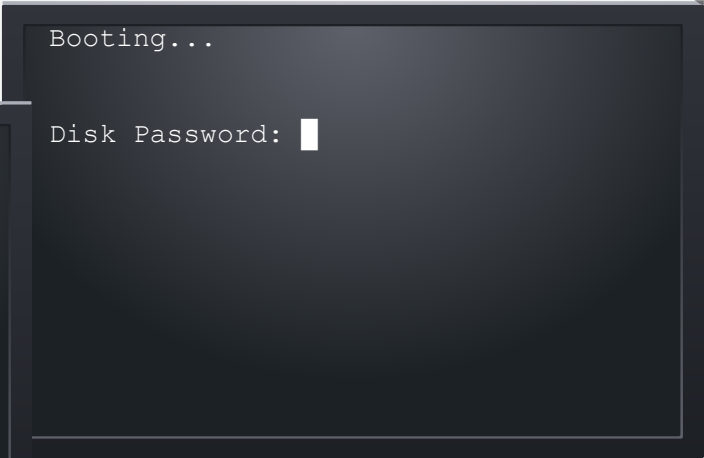
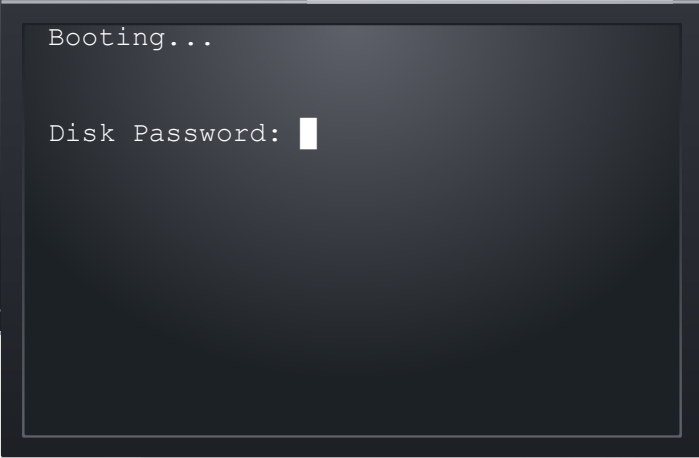
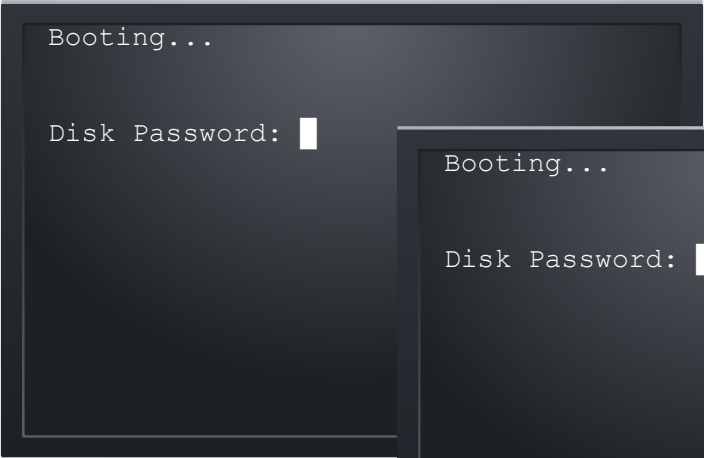
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Standards (AES, PCI-DSS, etc.)

**TODAY**

Automation

**TOMORROW**

Policy

**YESTERDAY**

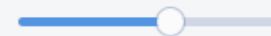
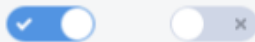
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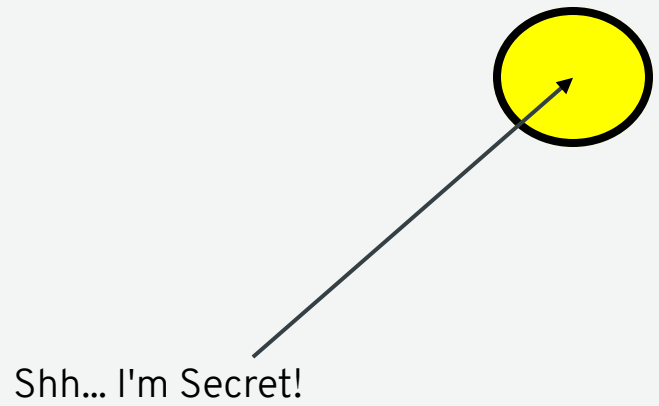
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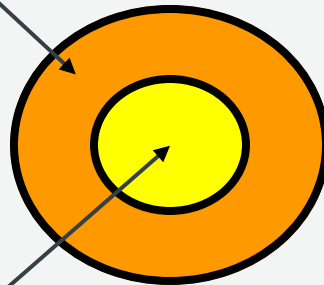
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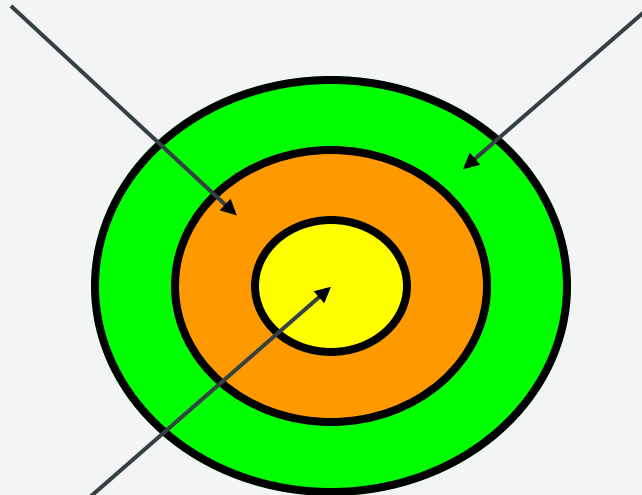
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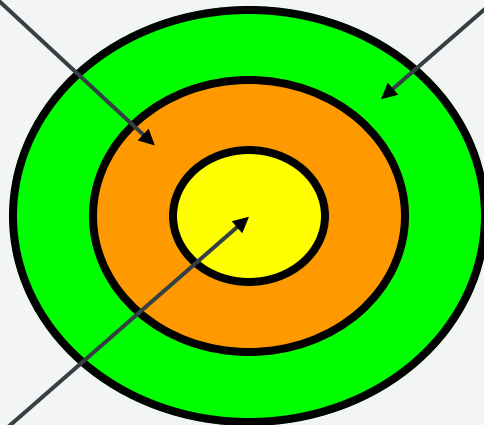


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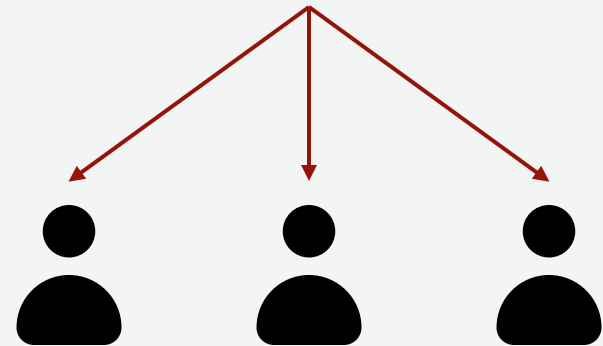
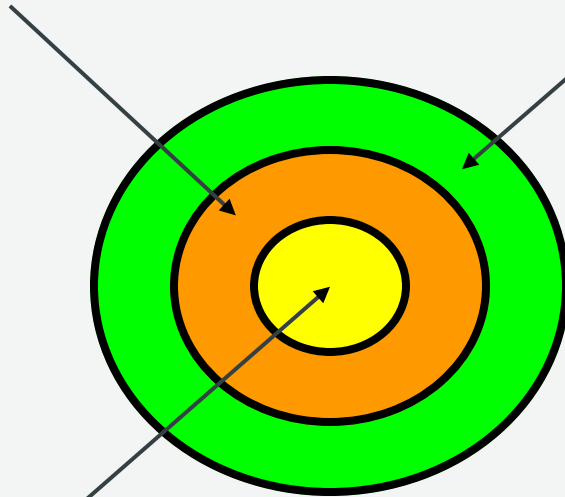
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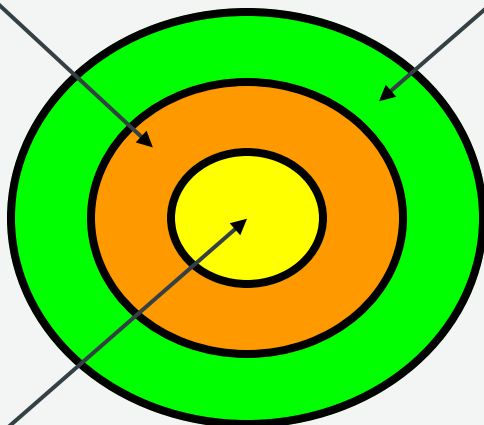
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Encryption Key

Key Encryption Key

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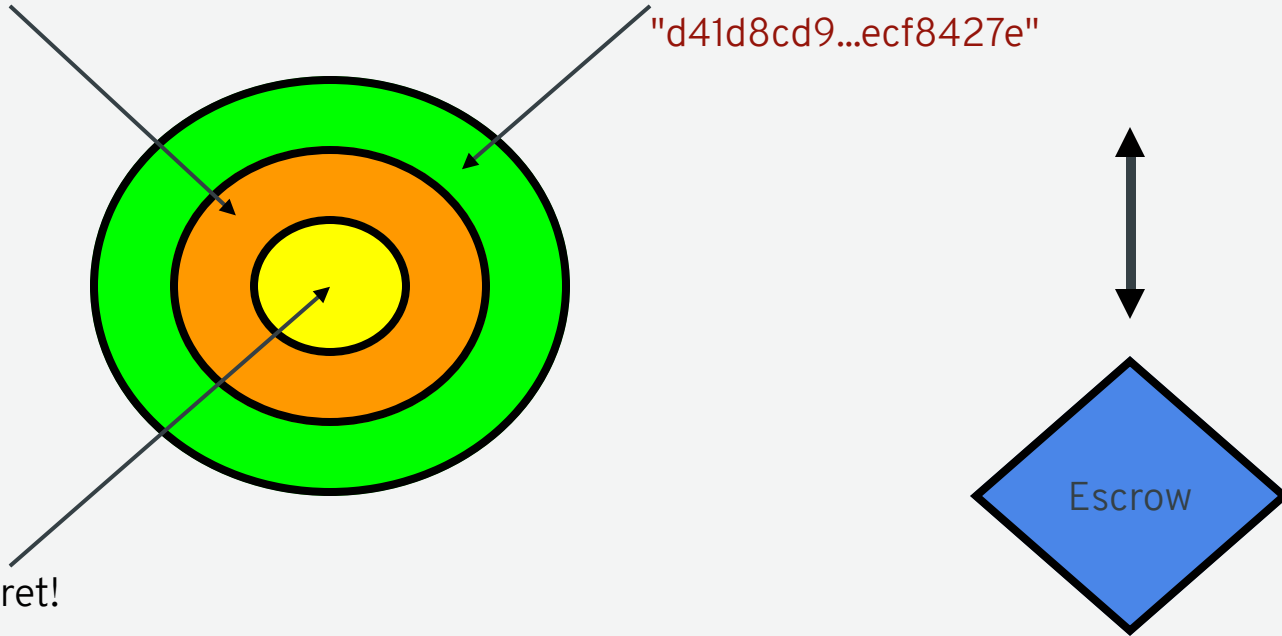
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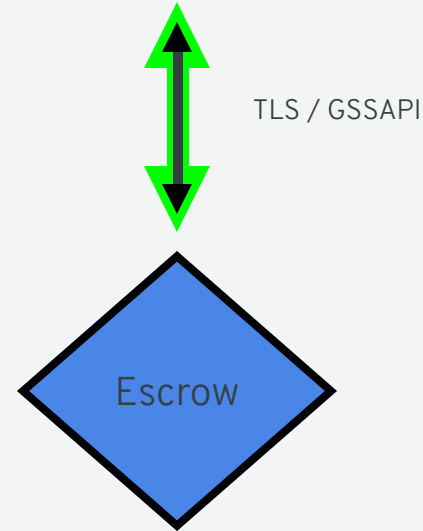
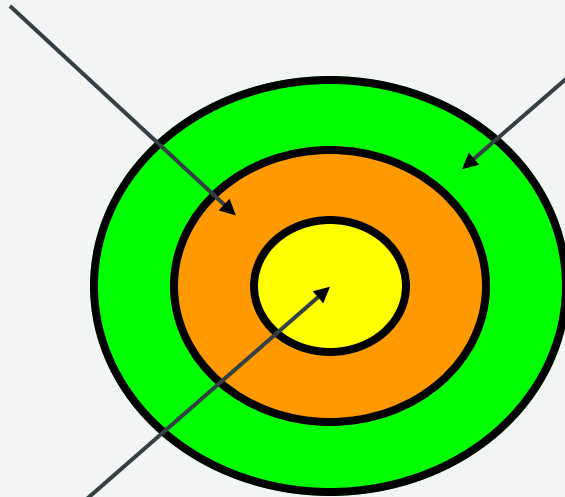
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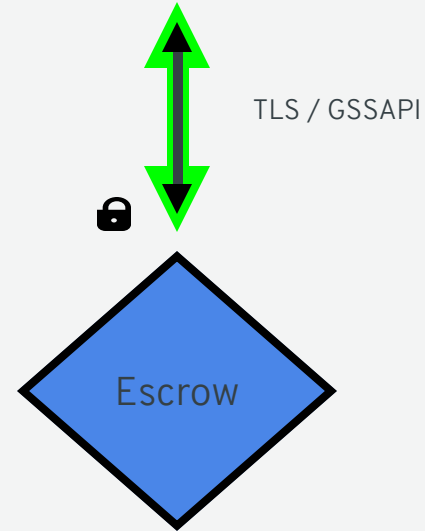
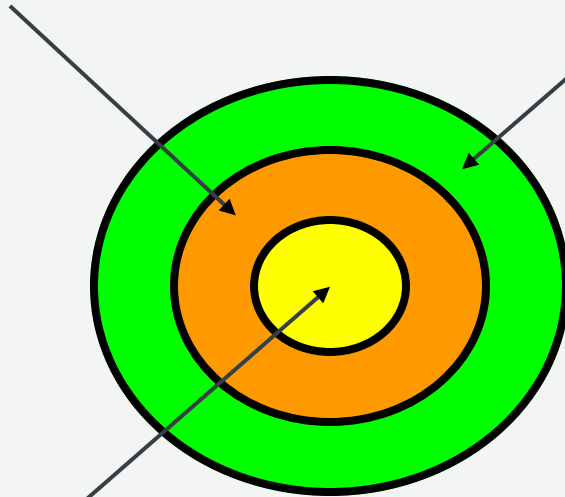
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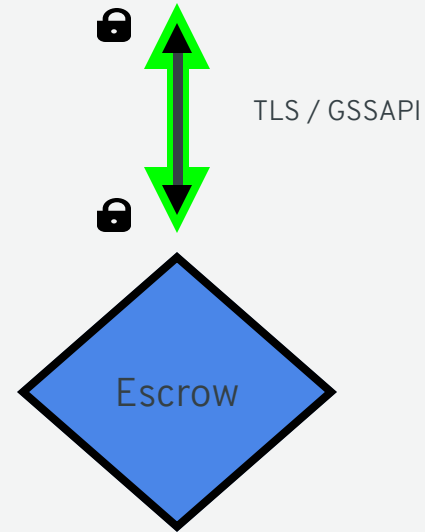
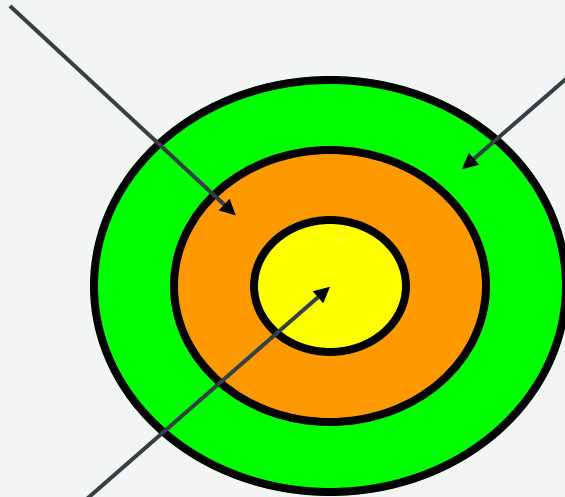
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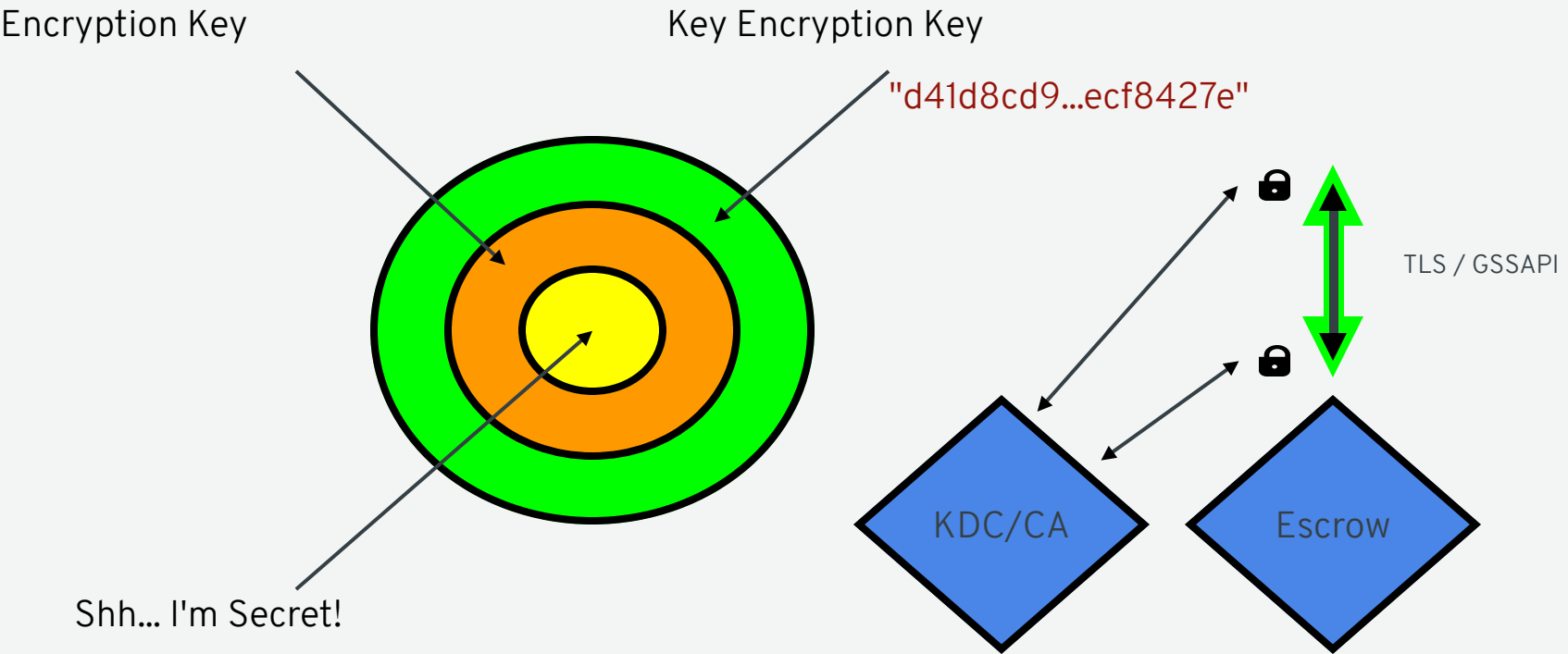
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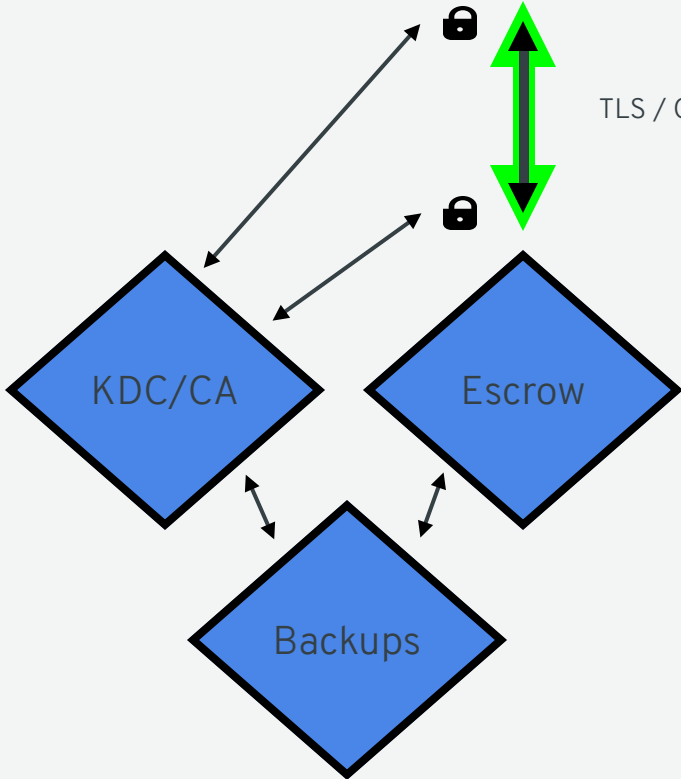
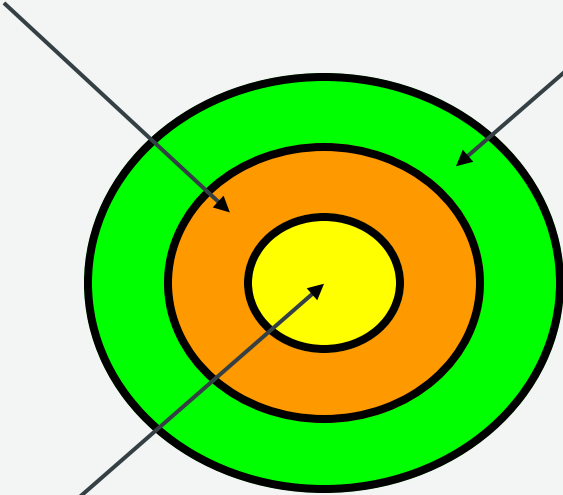
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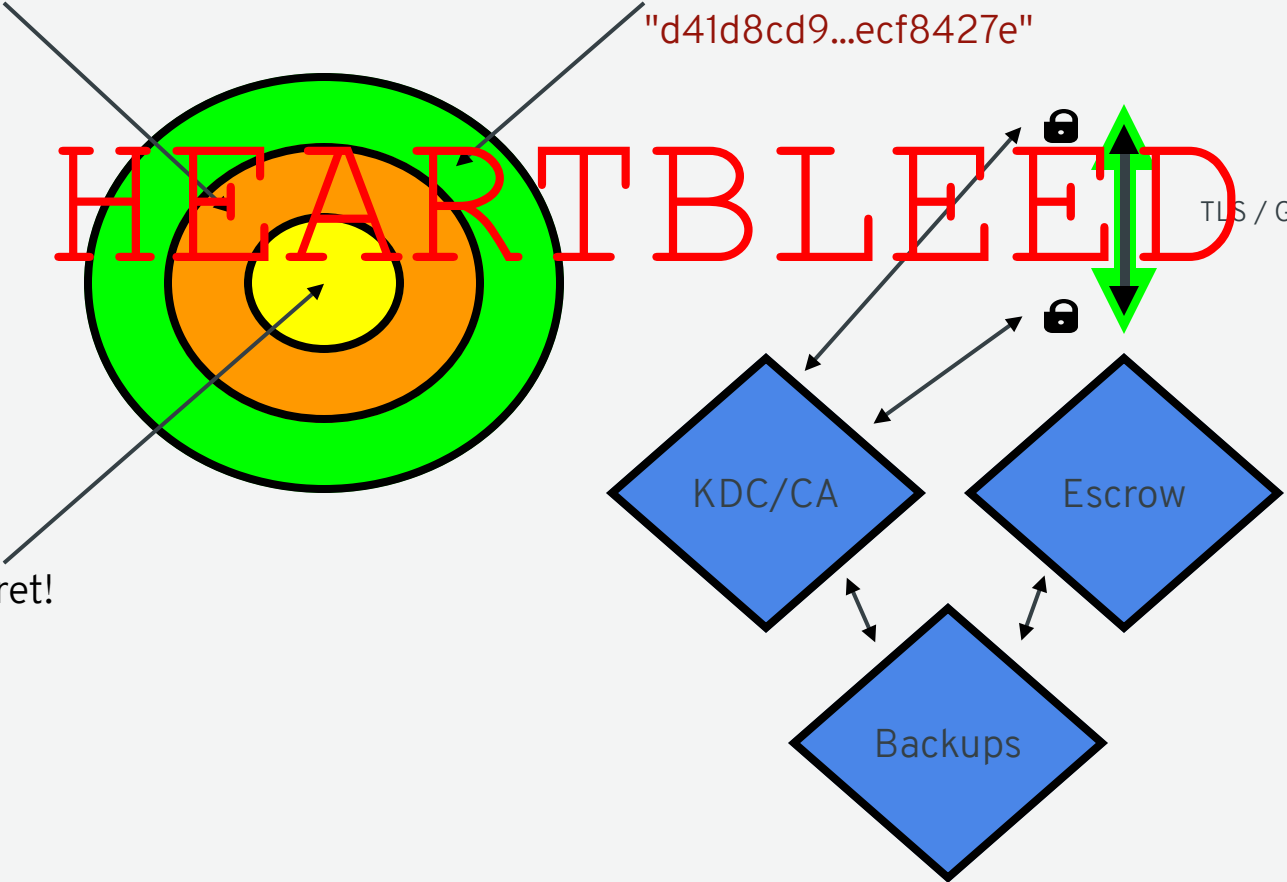
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**HEARTBLED**

TLS / GSSAPI

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# LESSONS LEARNED

- Presuming TLS will protect key transfer is dangerous
- Complexity increases attack surface
- Escrows are difficult to deploy
- X.509 is hard to get right

# ASYMMETRIC CRYPTO?

# DIFFIE-HELLMAN IS COMING

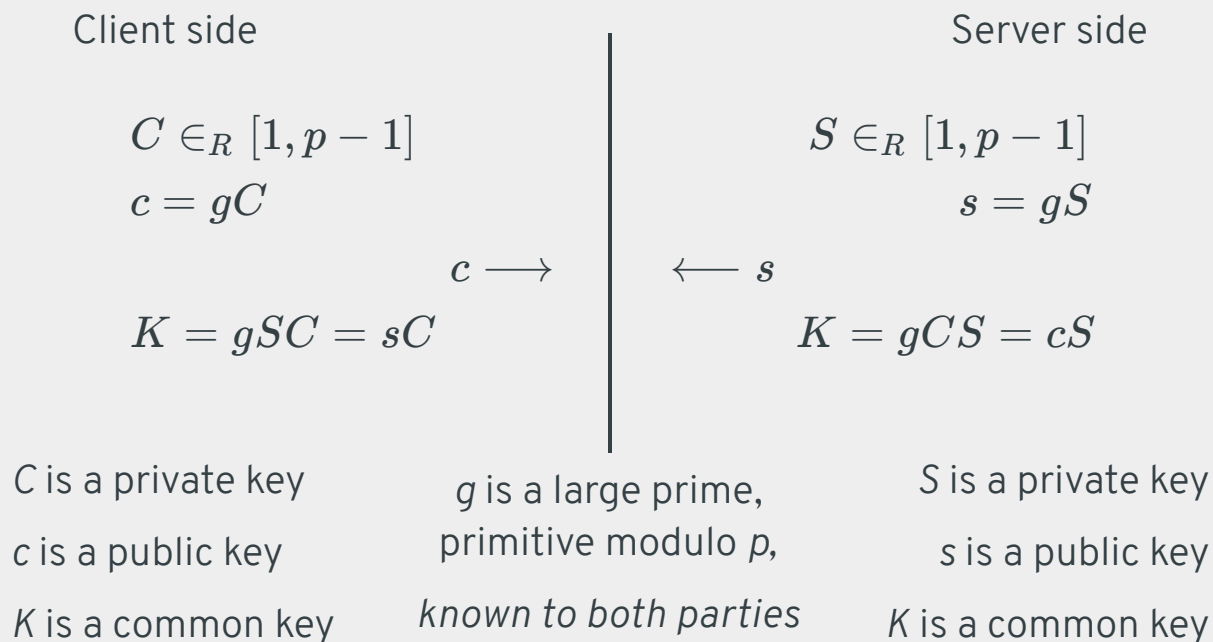


Everything simple is false. Everything which is complex is unusable.

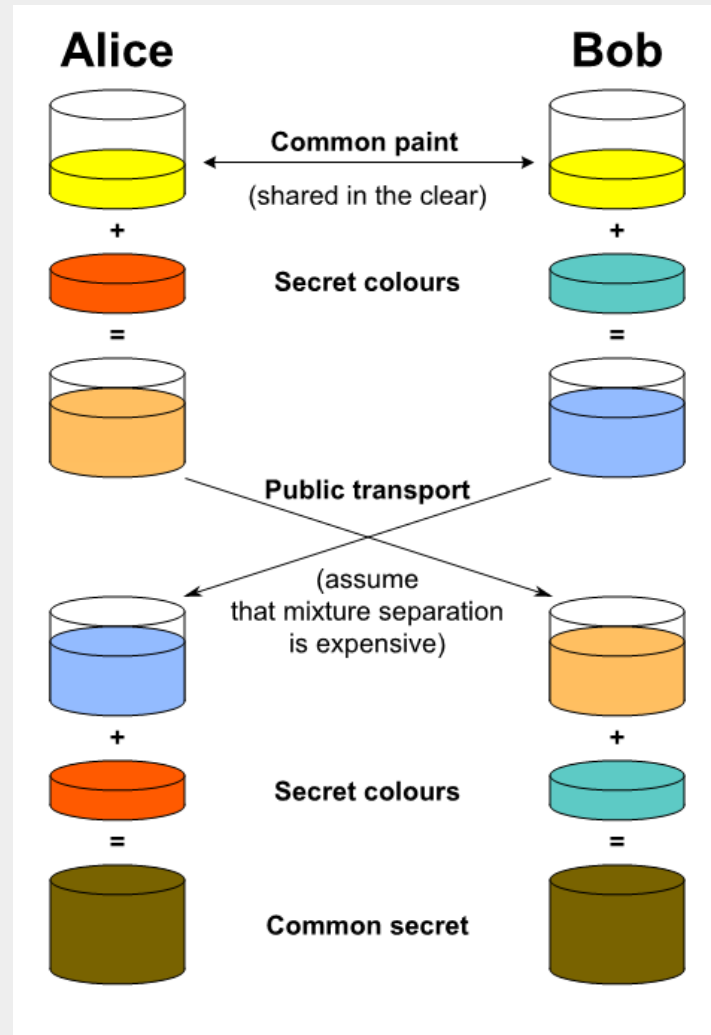
Paul Valéry, 1937



# (EC) DIFFIE-HELLMAN KEY EXCHANGE



# (EC) DIFFIE-HELLMAN KEY EXCHANGE



# BINDING WITH ECDH (INSECURE)

## PROVISIONING

Client side

Server side

$$S \in_R [1, p - 1]$$

$$s = gS$$

$$\longleftarrow s$$

$$C \in_R [1, p - 1]$$

$$c = gC$$

$$K = gSC = sC$$

*Discard* :  $K, C$

*Retain* :  $s, c$

## RECOVERY

Client side

Server side

$$c \longrightarrow$$

$$K = xS$$

$$\longleftarrow K$$

Weaknesses:

- ①  $K$  is revealed to a passive attacker.
- ② With  $c$ , the passive attacker can get  $K$ .
- ③ Server learns  $c$  and therefore  $K$ .

Resolved:  $c$  **MUST** be private

# MCCALLUM-RELYEA KEY EXCHANGE

## PROVISIONING

Client side

Server side

$$C \in_R [1, p - 1]$$

$$c = gC$$

$$K = gSC = sC$$

*Discard* :  $K, C$

*Retain* :  $s, c$

$C$  is a private key

$c$  is a public key

$$S \in_R [1, p - 1]$$

$$s = gS$$

$\leftarrow s$

$S$  is a private key

$s$  is a public key

## RECOVERY

Client side

Server side

$$E \in_R [1, p - 1]$$

$$e = gE$$

$$x = c + e$$

$x \rightarrow$

$$y = xS$$

$\leftarrow y$

$$K = y - sE$$

*Because* :  $K = gCS + gES - gSE$

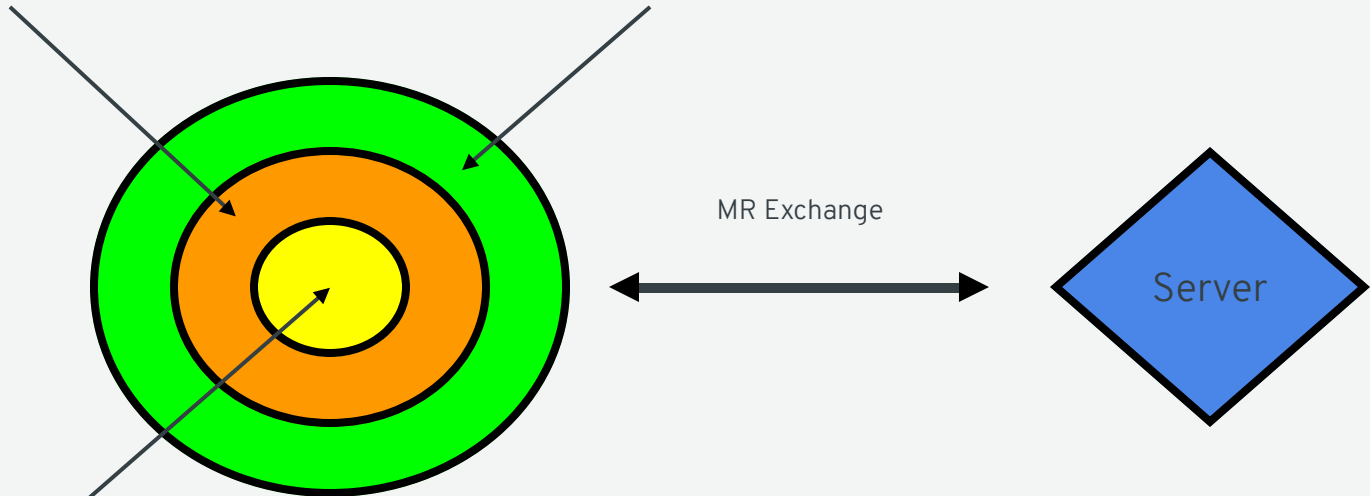
To keep  $c$  private,  $e$  &  $E$  **MUST** be private.

$e$  &  $E$  are ephemeral keys

Encryption Key

Key Encryption Key

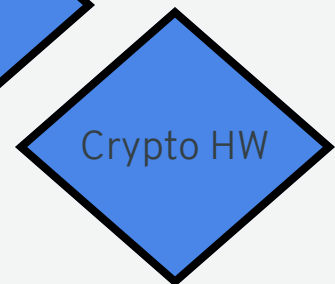
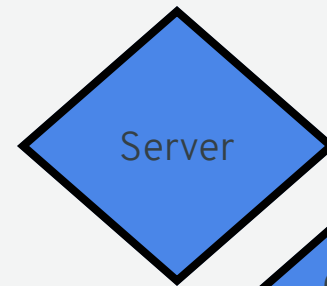
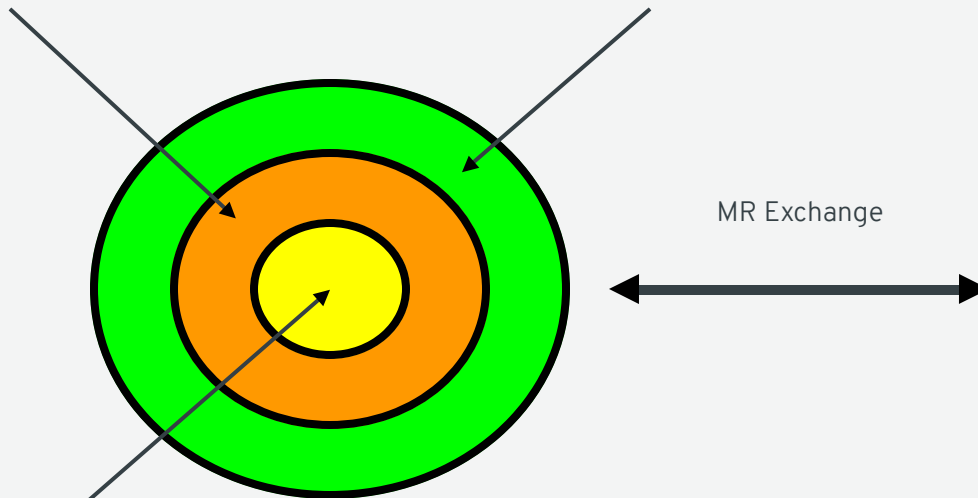
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Key Encryption Key

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| Property                            | Escrow    | MR Exchange |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Server presence during provisioning | Required  | Optional    |
| Server presence during recovery     | Required  | Required    |
| Server knowledge of keys            | Required  | None        |
| Key transfer                        | Required  | None        |
| Client authentication               | Required  | Optional    |
| Transport encryption                | Required  | Optional    |
| End-to-end Encryption               | Difficult | Unneeded    |

# TANG

- <https://github.com/latchset/tang>
- Server-side daemon
- Simple: HTTP + JOSE
- Fast (>2k req/sec)
- Extremely small
- Minimal dependencies
- Fedora 26+, RHEL 7.4+, Debian Testing



# INSTALLING A TANG SERVER

```
$ sudo yum install tang
```

```
$ sudo systemctl enable --now tangd.socket
```

**ON THE CLIENT...**

# CLEVIS

- <https://github.com/latchset/clevis/>
- Decryption automation and policy framework
- Minimal dependencies
- Early boot integration
- GNOME integration
- Fedora 26+, RHEL 7.4+, Debian Testing

# BASIC ENCRYPTION WITH TANG

```
$ yum install clevis
```

```
$ echo PT | clevis encrypt tang '{"url":"http://localhost"}' > mydata.jwe
```

The advertisement is signed with the following keys:

```
    haD7Y-8VkAyJo6-vdZMrGQXCSfI
```

```
Do you wish to trust the advertisement? [yN] y
```

```
$ cat mydata.jwe
```

```
{"ciphertext":"-059czAqybvxDme2t3I5A", ...}
```

```
$ clevis decrypt < mydata.jwe
```

```
PT
```

```
$ sudo systemctl stop tangd.socket
```

```
$ clevis decrypt < mydata.jwe
```

```
$ echo $?
```

```
1
```

# BASIC ENCRYPTION WITH AN ESCROW

```
$ yum install clevis
```

```
$ echo PT | clevis encrypt http '{"url":"http://localhost/key"}' > mydata.jwe
```

```
$ cat mydata.jwe
```

```
{"ciphertext":"-059czAqybvxDme2t3I5A", ...}
```

```
$ clevis decrypt < mydata.jwe
```

```
PT
```

# DISK BINDING WITH TANG

```
$ sudo clevis bind luks -d /dev/sda1 tang '{"url":"http://tang.srv"}'
```

The advertisement is signed with the following keys:

```
haD7Y-8VkAyJo6-vdZMrGQXCSfI
```

Do you wish to trust the advertisement? [yN] y

Enter passphrase **for** /dev/sda1:

```
$ sudo luksmeta show -d /dev/sda1
```

```
0 active empty
```

```
1 active cb6e8904-81ff-40da-a84a-07ab9ab5715e
```

```
2 inactive empty
```

```
3 inactive empty
```

```
...
```

```
# For root volume unlocking at boot:
```

```
# Available with RHEL 7.5+
```

```
$ sudo yum install clevis-dracut
```

```
$ sudo dracut -f
```

```
$ reboot
```

```
# For removable storage GNOME unlocking:
```

```
$ sudo yum install clevis-udisks2
```

# NEW IN RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX 7.6

- Clevis pin for Trusted Platform Module (TPM 2.0)
  - Allows to tie LUKS volume to a chassis
  - part of clevis package
  - details are in clevis-encrypt-tpm2 man pages

```
# Using defaults
```

```
$ echo PT | clevis encrypt tpm2 '{}' > mydata.jwe
```

```
# OR: using a specific hash and key algorithms
```

```
$ echo PT | clevis encrypt tpm2 '{"hash":"sha1","key":"rsa"}' > mydata.jwe
```

```
# OR: using a specific platform configuration register (PCR)
```

```
$ echo PT | clevis encrypt tpm2 '{"pcr_bank":"sha1","pcr_ids":"0,1"}' > mydata.jwe
```

# FROM AUTOMATION TO POLICY

**YESTERDAY**

**TODAY**

**TOMORROW**

Standards (AES, PCI-DSS, etc.)

Automation

Policy





# SHAMIR'S SECRET SHARING (1979)

## Based on the idea of Lagrange polynomial interpolation

Given  $t$  distinct points  $(x_i, y_i)$  of the form  $(x_i, f(x_i))$ , where  $f(x)$  is a polynomial of degree less than  $t$ , then  $f(x)$  is determined by

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^t y_i \prod_{1 \leq j \leq t, j \neq i} \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}$$

## Shamir's secret sharing

for a secret  $s \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  with a prime  $p$ , set  $a_0 = s$ , and choose  $a_1, \dots, a_{t-1}$  at random in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

The trusted party then computes  $f(i)$ , where  $f(x)$  is

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} a_k x^k$$

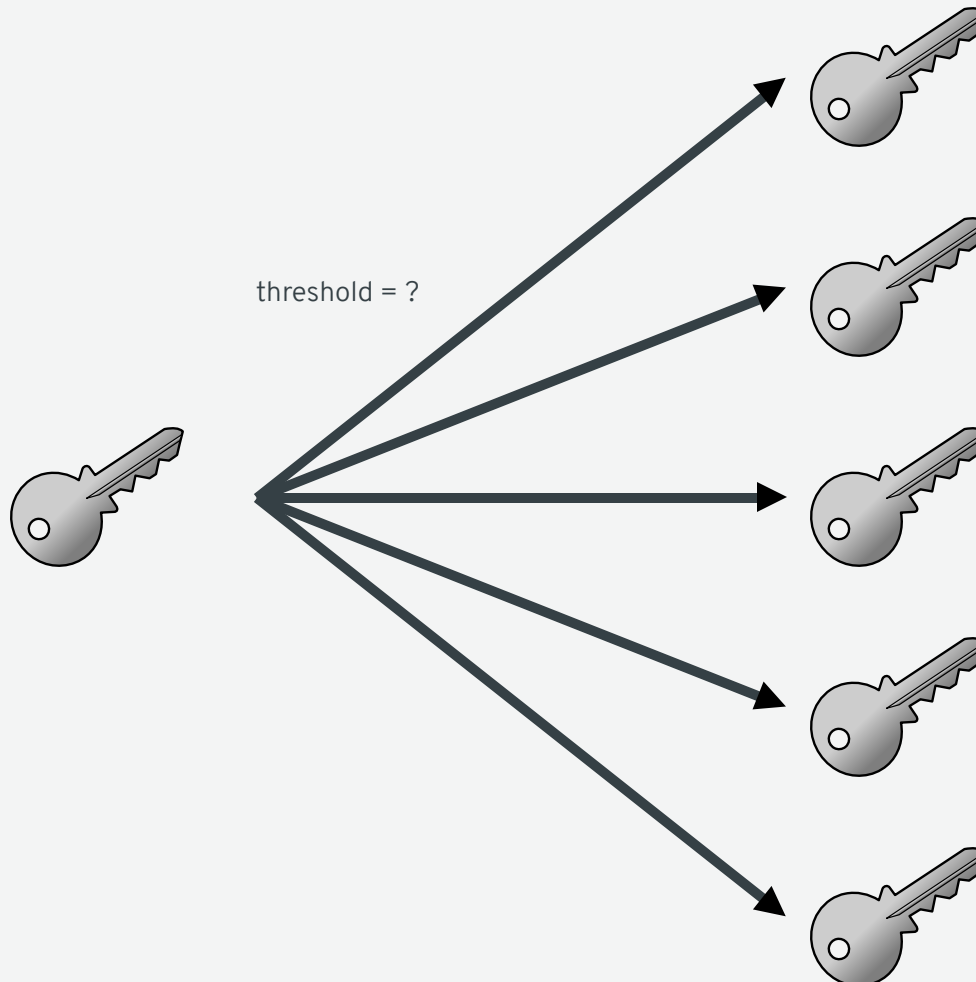
for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The shares  $(i, f(i))$  are distributed to  $n$  distinct parties.

## Recovery of a secret $s$

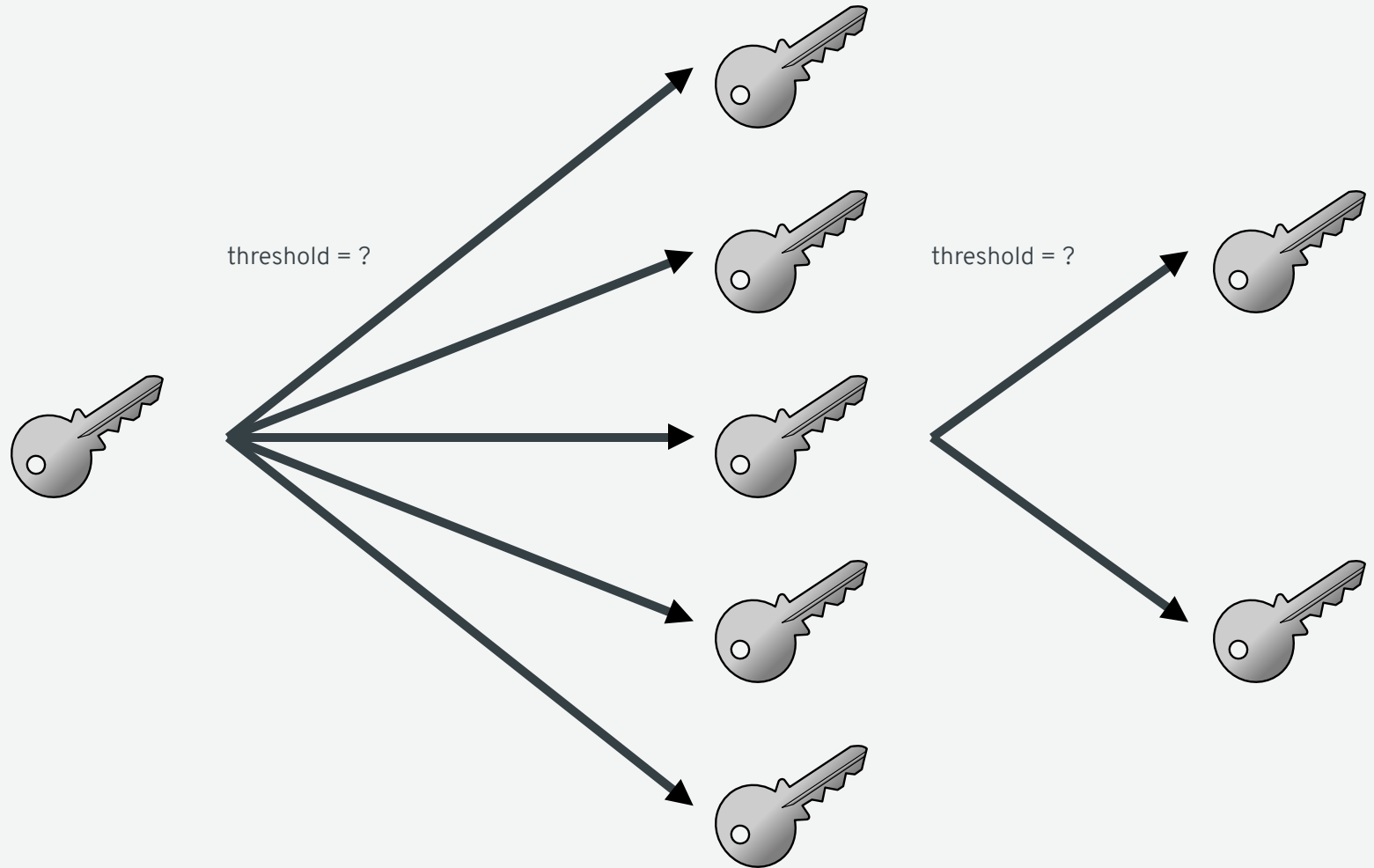
Secret  $s = a_0 = f(0)$  is recovered from any  $t$  shares  $(i, f(i))$ , for  $I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$s = \sum_{i \in I} f(i) \prod_{j \in I, j \neq i} \frac{i}{j - i}$$

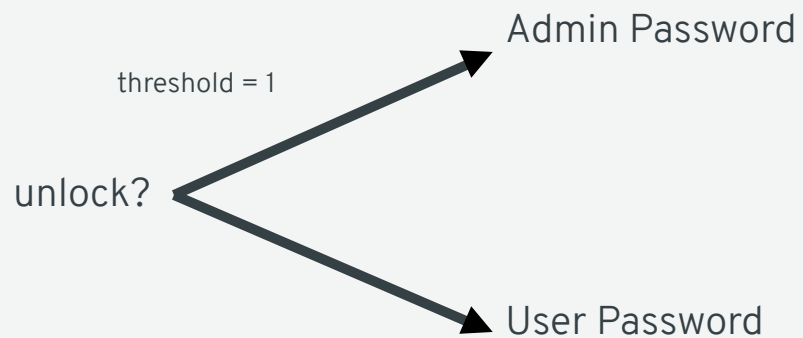
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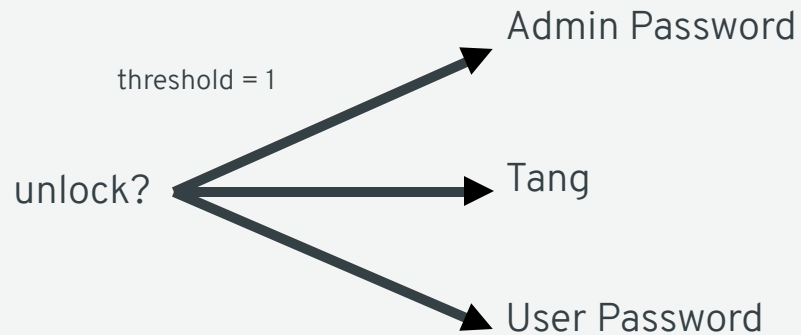
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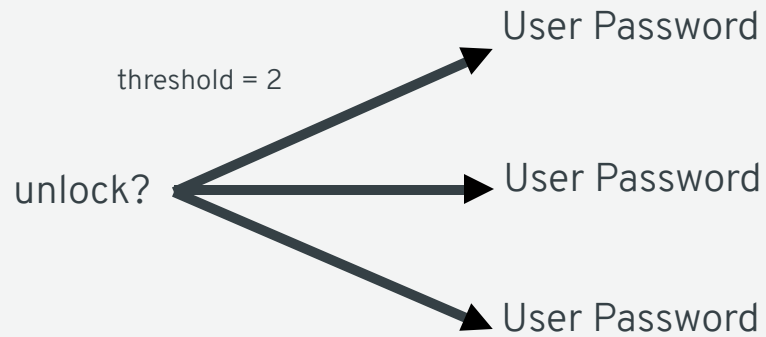
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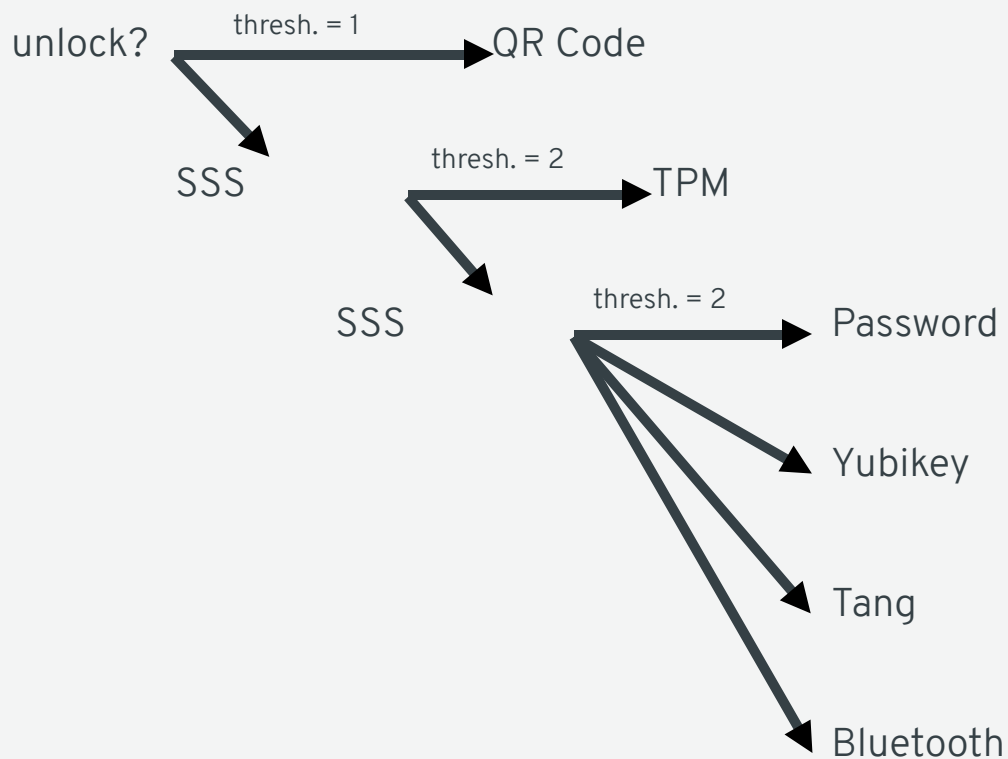
# AUTOMATED LAPTOP



# HIGH SECURITY SYSTEM



# SOPHISTICATED LAPTOP POLICY



# BASIC SHAMIR'S WITH TANG

```
$ echo PT | clevis encrypt sss \  
'{"pins": {"tang": [{"url": "http://a.tang.srv"}, {"url": "http://b.tang.srv"}]}, "t": 1}' \  
> out.jwe  
The advertisement is signed with the following keys:  
    haD7Y-8VkAyJo6-vdZMrGQXCSfI  
  
Do you wish to trust the advertisement? [yN] y  
  
The advertisement is signed with the following keys:  
    Edp-ESShUx4_95kGt-DTsCBbPag  
  
Do you wish to trust the advertisement? [yN] y  
  
$ clevis decrypt < out.jwe  
PT  
  
# Bring Down Tang Server A  
$ clevis decrypt < out.jwe  
PT  
  
# Bring Down Tang Server B  
$ clevis decrypt < out.jwe  
$ echo $?  
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```



# EXPLORING THE ECOSYSTEM

# DEPENDENCY: JOSÉ

- <https://github.com/latchset/jose>
- JSON Object Signing and Encryption
- C Library & Command Line Utility
- Bottom Line: User-Friendly, Standards Compliant Crypto

```
$ jose jwk gen -i '{"alg": "A128GCM"}' -o oct.jwk
$ jose jwk gen -i '{"alg": "RSA1_5"}' -o rsa.jwk
$ jose jwk gen -i '{"alg": "ES256"}' -o ec.jwk

$ echo hi | jose jwe enc -i- -k rsa.pub.jwk -o msg.jwe
$ jose jwe dec -i msg.jwe -k rsa.jwk
hi
$ jose jwe dec -i msg.jwe -k oct.jwk
Decryption failed!

$ echo hi | jose jws sig -i- -k ec.jwk -o msg.jws
$ jose jws ver -i msg.jws -k ec.pub.jwk
hi
$ jose jws ver -i msg.jws -k oct.jwk
No signatures validated!
```

# DEPENDENCY: LUKSMETA

- <https://github.com/latchset/luksmeta>
- Store metadata in LUKSv1 header gap
- C library & Command Line Utility

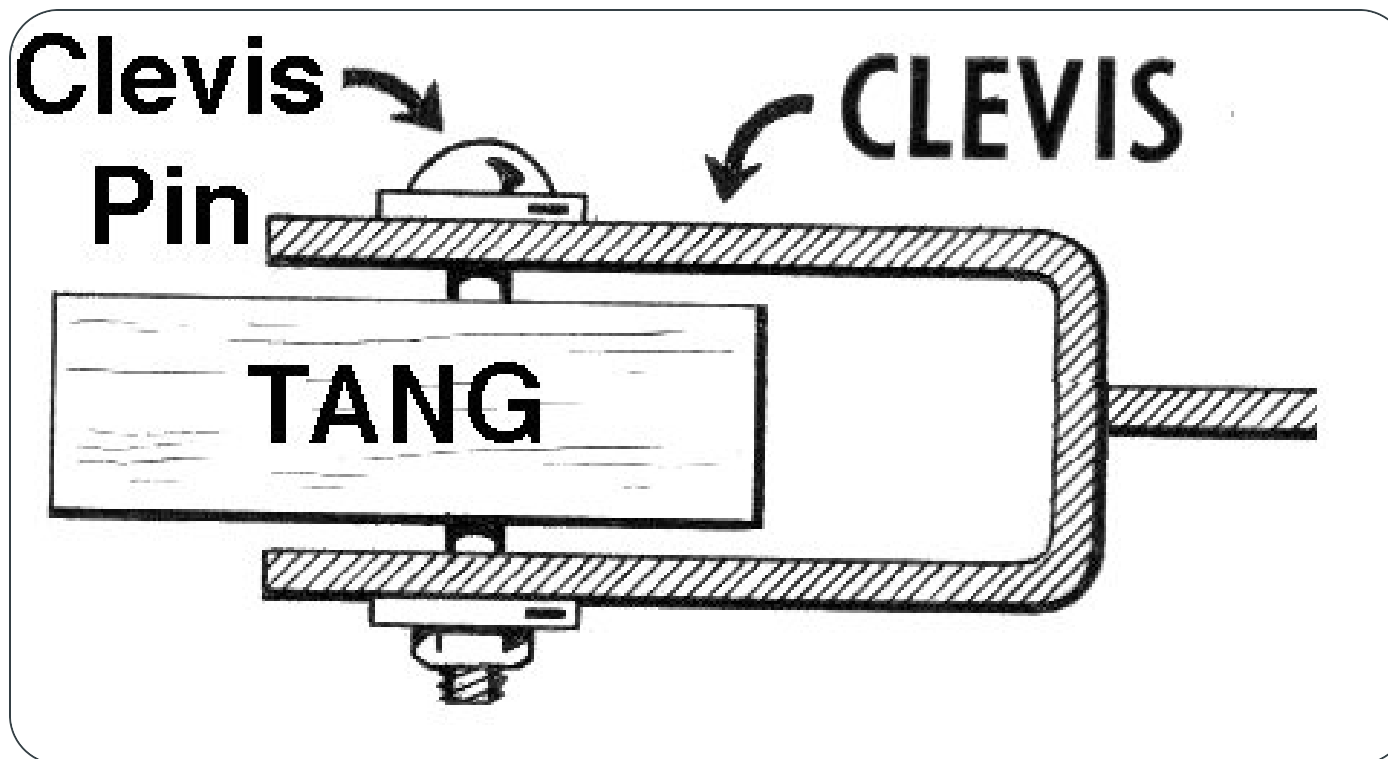
```
$ echo hi | luksmeta save -d /dev/sdc1 -s 2 -u EC998562-B60D-47F0-A579-DCA8C12F5BF6
```

```
$ luksmeta load -d /dev/sdc1 -s 2 -u EC998562-B60D-47F0-A579-DCA8C12F5BF6  
hi
```

```
$ luksmeta load -d /dev/sdc1 -s 2 -u 12618962-A1E5-48F1-B327-D7C60E20FC02  
Slot contains different UUID
```



# QUESTIONS?



All related projects are in the Latchset: <https://github.com/latchset>

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