

Public Key Infrastructure at ABN AMRO Bank

Real world cryptography in practice

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Who am I




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« Il faut qu'il n'exige pas le secret, et qu'il puisse sans inconvénient tomber entre les mains de l'ennemi. »

Jean Guillaume Auguste Victor François Hubert Kerckhoffs — 1883

NL: Het ontwerp van het systeem behoort niet geheim te hoeven zijn, en moet zonder schadelijke gevolgen in vijandelijke handen kunnen vallen.

EN: The design of a system should not require secrecy, and compromise of the system should not inconvenience the correspondents

Agenda

1. Brief intro to TLS
2. Certificate Management at ABN AMRO
3. Certificate Authorities
4. Anatomy of a Key Ceremony
5. Things that could go wrong...

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Brief intro to TLS

Trusting a website

abnamro.nl

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Connection is secure

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Location

Can ask for your location

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Cookies and site data

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Site settings

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See our step-by-step plan

Certificate Viewer: www.abnamro.nl

General

Details

Issued To

Common Name (CN)

Organization (O)

Organizational Unit (OU)

www.abnamro.nl

ABN AMRO Bank N.V.

<Not Part Of Certificate>

Issued By

Common Name (CN)

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Entrust Certification Authority - L1M

Entrust, Inc.

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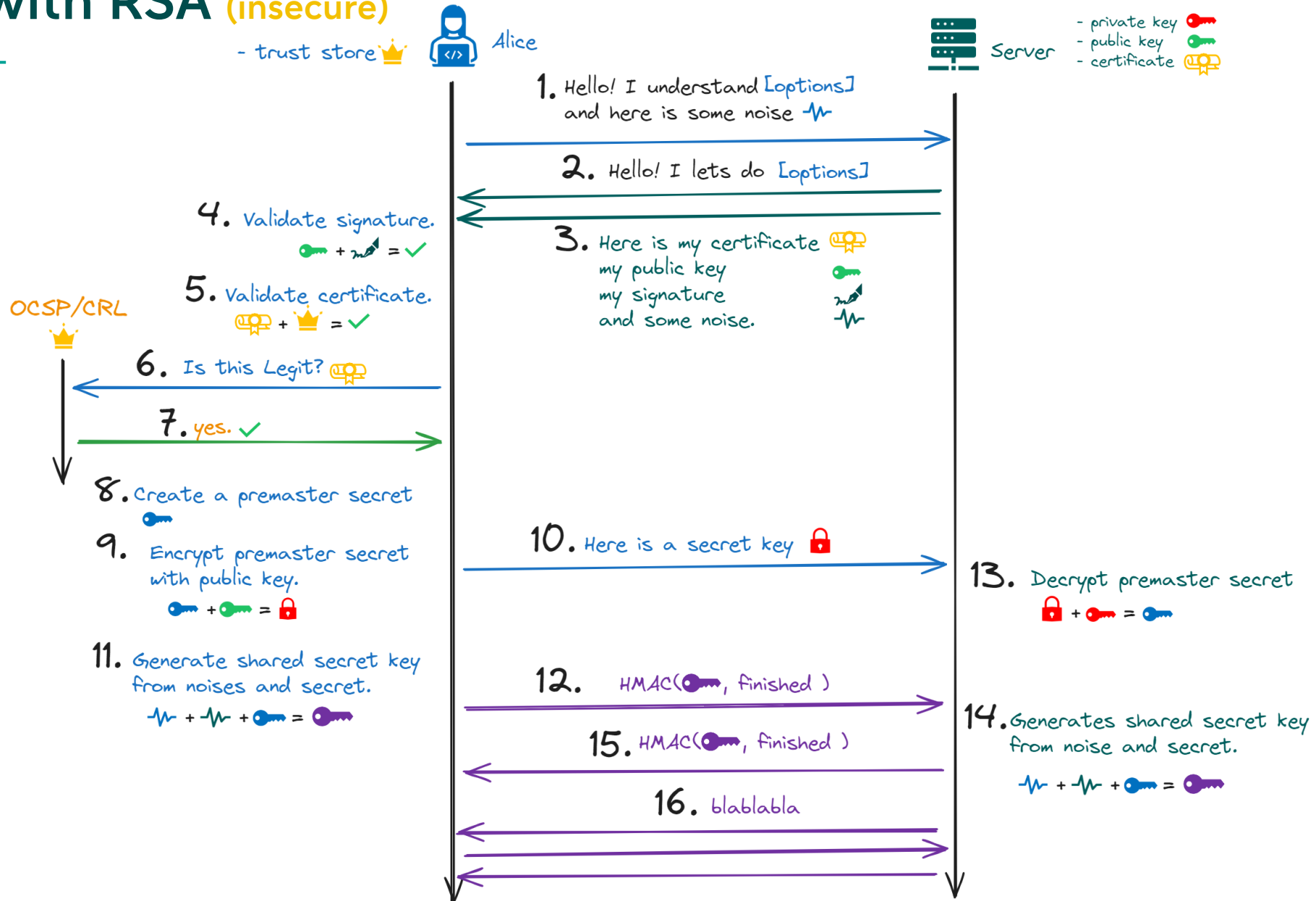
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Firefox telemetries 2024-04-24

Transport Layer Security

- Colloquially still also known as “SSL”
- Often equated with [https://](#) , but TLS is much more
 - OpenVPN, Cisco AnyConnect, Citrix NetScaler, Zscaler, and more VPNs are based on (D)TLS
 - WPA Enterprise has TLS auth modes,
 - Encrypted email transport (SMTPS),
 - VoIP, RTSP (streaming video), XMPP, ...
- SSL 3.0 ([RFC 6101](#)^(historic)) 💀
- TLS 1.0 ([RFC 2246](#)) — 1999 💀
- TLS 1.1 ([RFC 4346](#)) — 2006 💀
- TLS 1.2 ([RFC 5246](#)) — 2008 🤪
- TLS 1.3 ([RFC 8446](#)) — 2018 💪

TLS 1.2 with RSA (insecure)



TLS 1.2 problems

- **Too many round trips:**
 - Options
 - Randomness
 - Encryption of premaster key
 - HMAC
 - and more if ECDH...
- **Certificate sent in the clear** (everybody knows where you are connecting to).
- **Lots of legacy crypto** (which should no longer be used).
- **Lots of patches against attacks...**

TLS 1.2 problems

341 Cipher combinations

Only 20 Recommended by IANA

TLS NULL WITH NULL NULL
 TLS RSA WITH NULL MD5
 TLS RSA WITH NULL SHA
 TLS RSA EXPORT WITH RC4_40_MD5
 TLS RSA WITH RC4_128_MD5
 TLS RSA WITH RC4_128_SHA
 TLS RSA EXPORT WITH RC2_CBC_40_MD5
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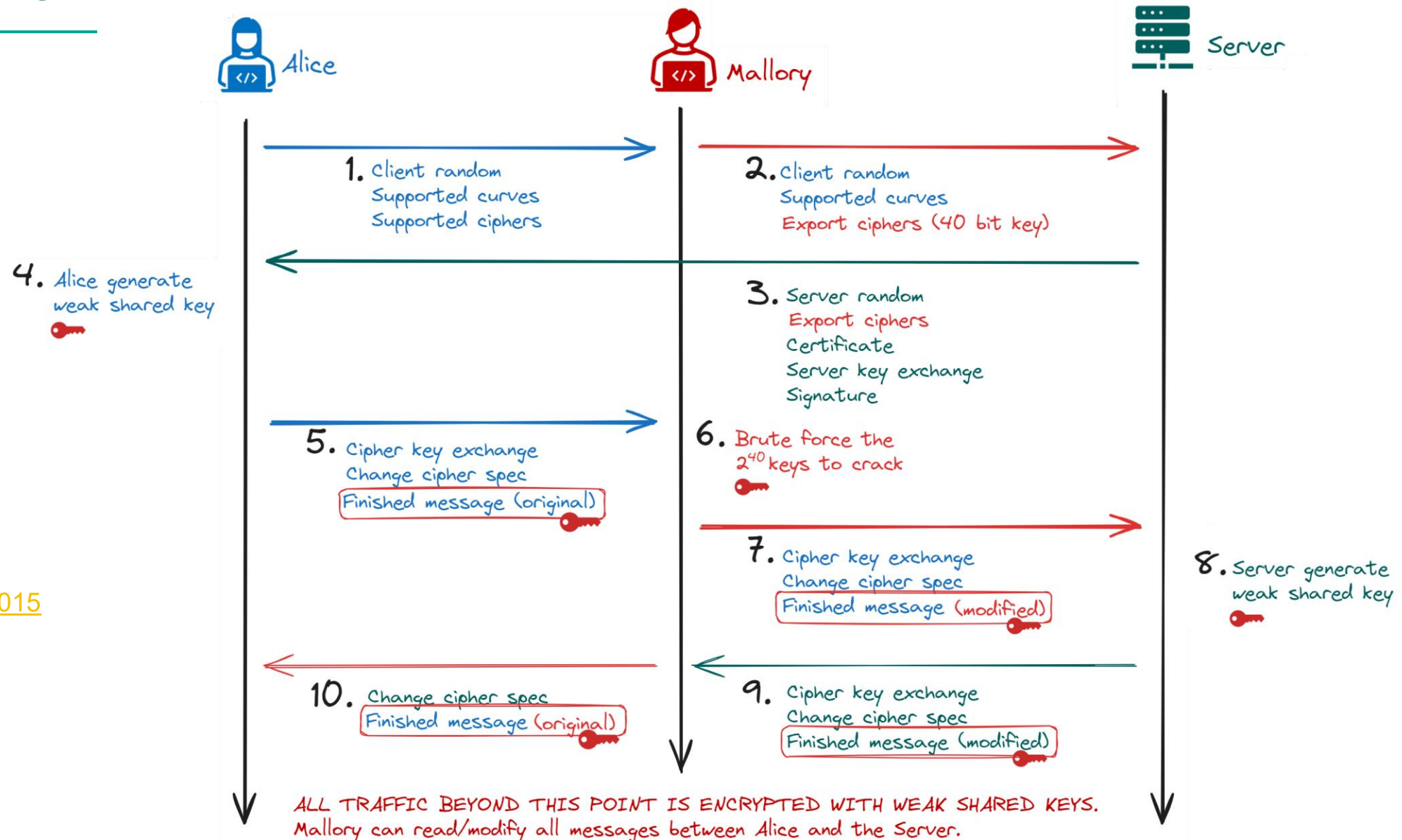
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Attacks on TLS (non-exhaustive list)

- 1998, 2006: **Bleichenbacher** — breaks RSA encryption and RSA signatures using errors as side-channel
- 2011: **BEAST** — breaks SSL 3.0 and TLS 1.0 (nobody was using TLS 1.1 (2006) or 1.2 (2008)...)
 - avoid attack by using RC4 (but since 2013 RC4 is considered ☠️...)
- 2012/2013: **CRIME / BREACH** — compression in TLS is bad
- 2013: **Lucky Thirteen** — timing attack on encrypt-then-MAC
- 2014: **POODLE** — destroys SSL 3.0
- 2014: Bleichenbacher again (**BERserk**) — signature forgery
- 2015/2016: **FREAK / Logjam**
 - implementation flaws downgrade to EXPORT cryptography
- 2016: **DROWN** — use the server's SSLv2 support to break SSLv3/TLS 1.{0,1,2}
- 2018: **ROBOT** — Bleichenbacher's 1998 attack is still valid on many TLS 1.2 implementations
- 2023: **Everlasting ROBOT** — Bleichenbacher's 1998 attack is still, still valid on many TLS 1.2 implementations

Downgrade Attack (FREAK) — 2015



Read more:
[IEEE S&P 2015](#)
[BBDFKPSZ](#)

TLS 1.3 ([rfc8446](#)) — 2018



Faster — 1 round trip.



More private — Encrypt as much as possible.

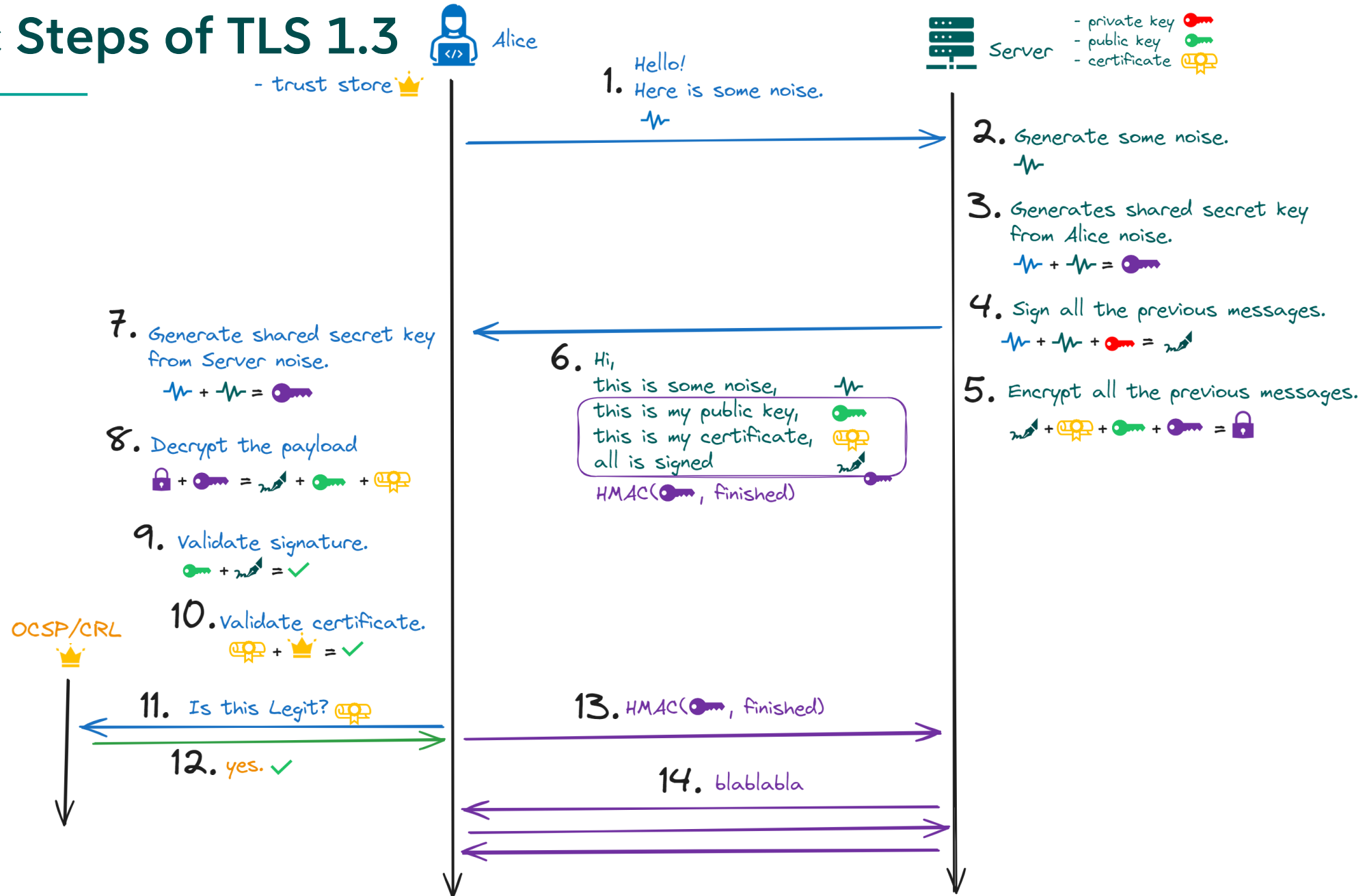


Safer — Key exchange with ECDHE



Simpler — Only AES-GCM or ChaCha20-Poly1305

Basic Steps of TLS 1.3



Certificate Revocation List

- [rfc5280](#)
- **List of all the currently revoked certificates (by serial number).**
 - Do not include expired certs.
 - Include reason of revocation (not that we really care)
- **Downloaded once by the client.**
 - Allow offline verification
- **Published & Signed by the Certificate Authority.**
 - Complex process in certain situations (see later).

Certificate Revocation List

One *big* problem: **Size**.

Let's Encrypt currently has **over 200 million** active certificates on any given day. If we had an incident where we needed to revoke every single one of those certificates at the same time, the resulting CRL would be over 8 gigabytes. In order to make things less unwieldy, we will be dividing our CRLs into 128 shards, each topping out at a worst-case maximum of 70 megabytes. We use some carefully constructed math to ensure that – as long as the number of shards doesn't change – all certificates will remain within their same shards when the CRLs are re-issued, so that each shard can be treated as a mini-CRL with a consistent scope.

Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)

- [rfc5019](#)
- Client ask the CA for the certificate status with a signed response.
- Response has a max-age.
- Client must cache the response to minimize bandwidth usage.

Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)

Problems:

- **Privacy** issues
- **Latency** cost
- **Only** works for **online** clients/servers, not *e.g.* cars
- Single point of availability/**failure**

High-profile failure in 2020 for Apple developer certs.

Used OCSP for code signing certs: couldn't launch desktop apps!

Solution: OCSP Stapling


Server does the OCSP request, attach the response from the CA, and forwards it to the client.

- OCSP response can be cached by the server.
- Short lived (max 7 days).
- Privacy friendly (client no longer does the request).
- Resilient to OCSP server outage.
- But stricter behaviour on client side.
 - e.g., Firefox reject OCSP stapling for bad stapled response but does not fail for bad OCSP responses.

Problem: Any CA can sign for anyone.

Your CA is not the only one that can issue certificates for your domain...

TL;DR: we have discovered XMPP (Jabber) instant messaging protocol encrypted TLS connection wiretapping (Man-in-the-Middle attack) of jabber.ru (aka xmpp.ru) service's servers on Hetzner and Linode hosting providers in Germany.



The attacker has issued several new TLS certificates using Let's Encrypt service which were used to hijack encrypted STARTTLS connections on port 5222 using transparent MiTM proxy. The attack was discovered due to expiration of one of the MiTM certificates, which haven't been reissued. There are no indications of the server breach or spoofing attacks on the network segment, quite the contrary: the traffic redirection has been configured on the hosting provider network. The wiretapping may have lasted for up to 6 months overall (90 days confirmed). We believe this is lawful interception Hetzner and Linode were forced to setup.

Source: <https://community.letsencrypt.org/t/presumed-gov-mitm-discovered-due-to-expired-le-certs/206966>

Read more: <https://notes.valdikss.org.ru/jabber.ru-mitm/>

CAA & Certificate Transparency

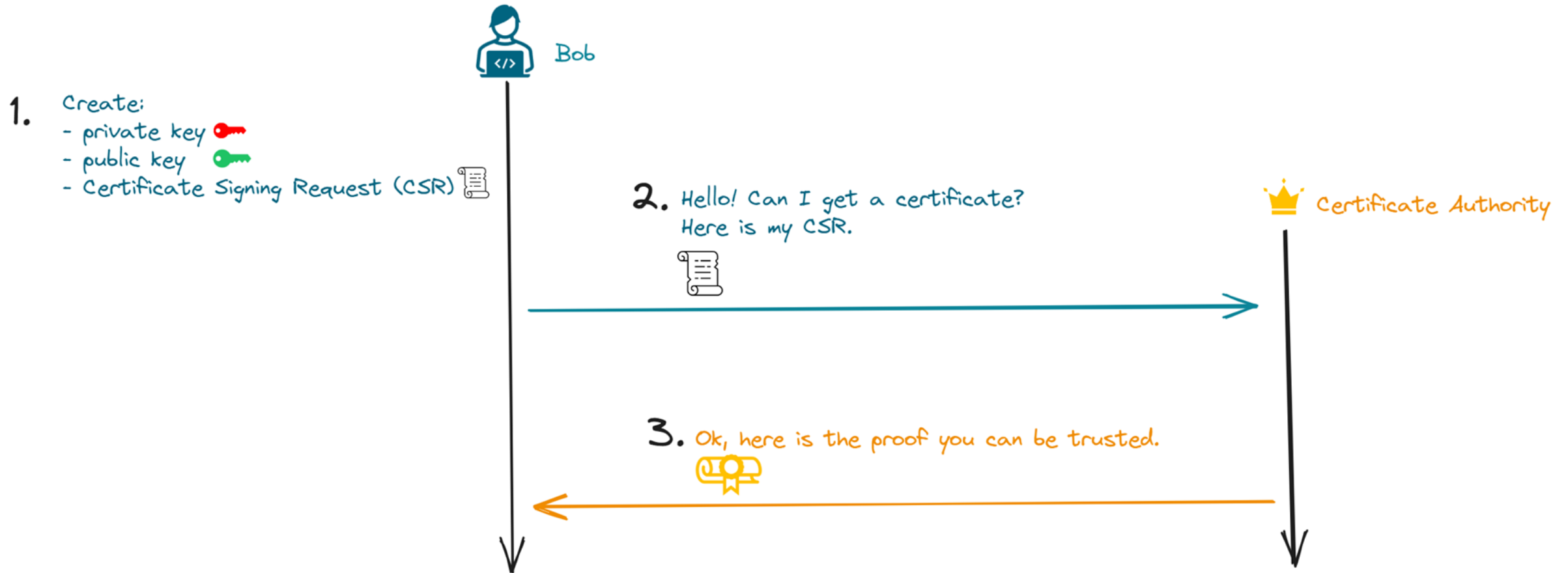
- **CAA** record in DNS records (says who can issue certificate for a domain) — [rfc8659](#).

The Certification Authority Authorization (CAA) DNS Resource Record allows a DNS domain name holder to specify the Certification Authorities (CAs) authorized to issue certificates for that domain name. Publication of CAA Resource Records allows a public CA to implement additional controls to reduce the risk of unintended certificate mis-issue.

- Public log for all issued certificates (Certificate Transparency) — [rfc9162](#).
Not applicable within **ABN AMRO**.

See Thom's talk in a few weeks. 😊

How to get a certificate?





"Trust but verify."

Establishing trust with the CA

1. Are we sure we are talking to the right domain?
2. Are we sure that the domain is in possession of the private key?

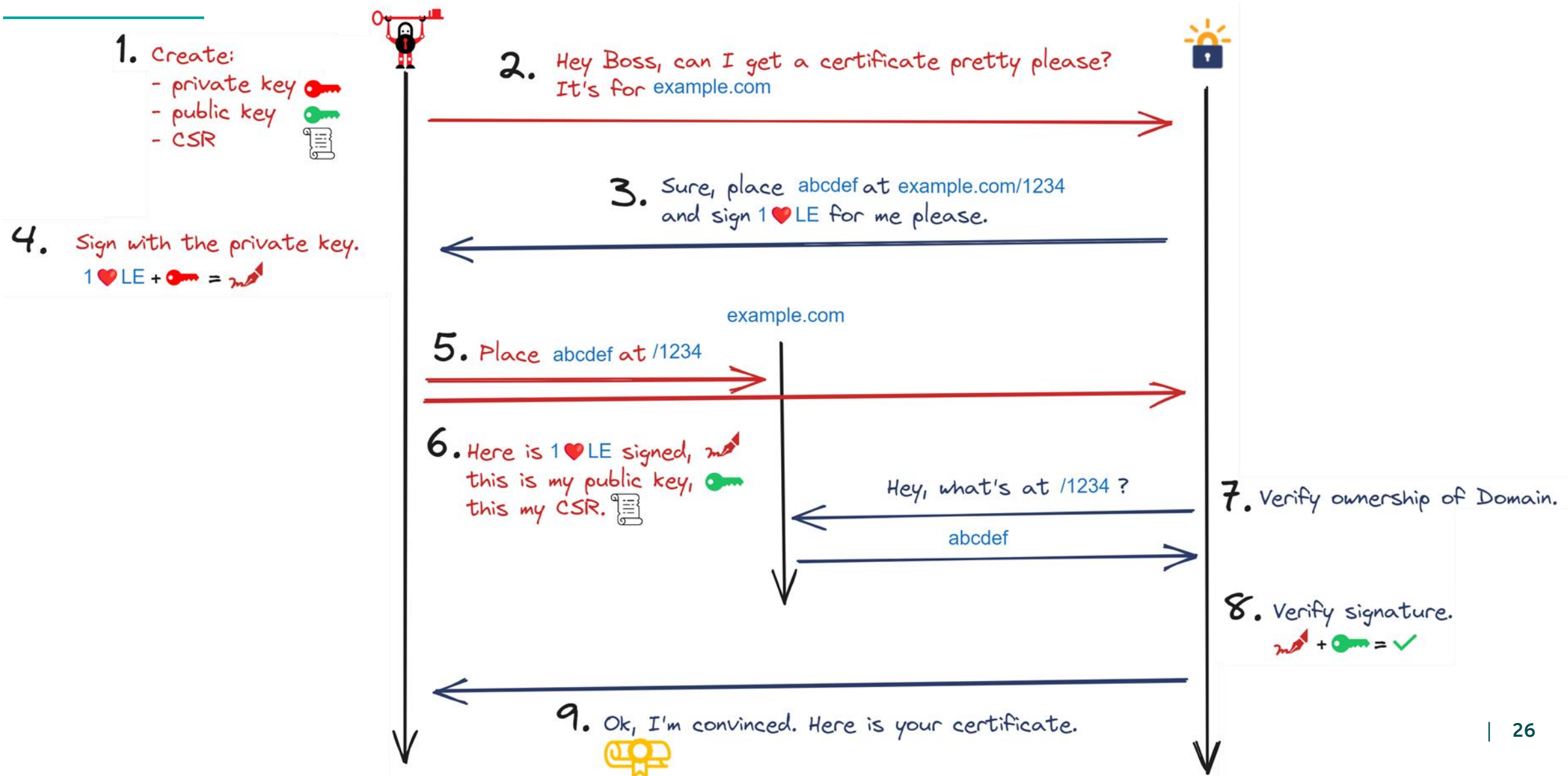
Solution: ACME* Protocol



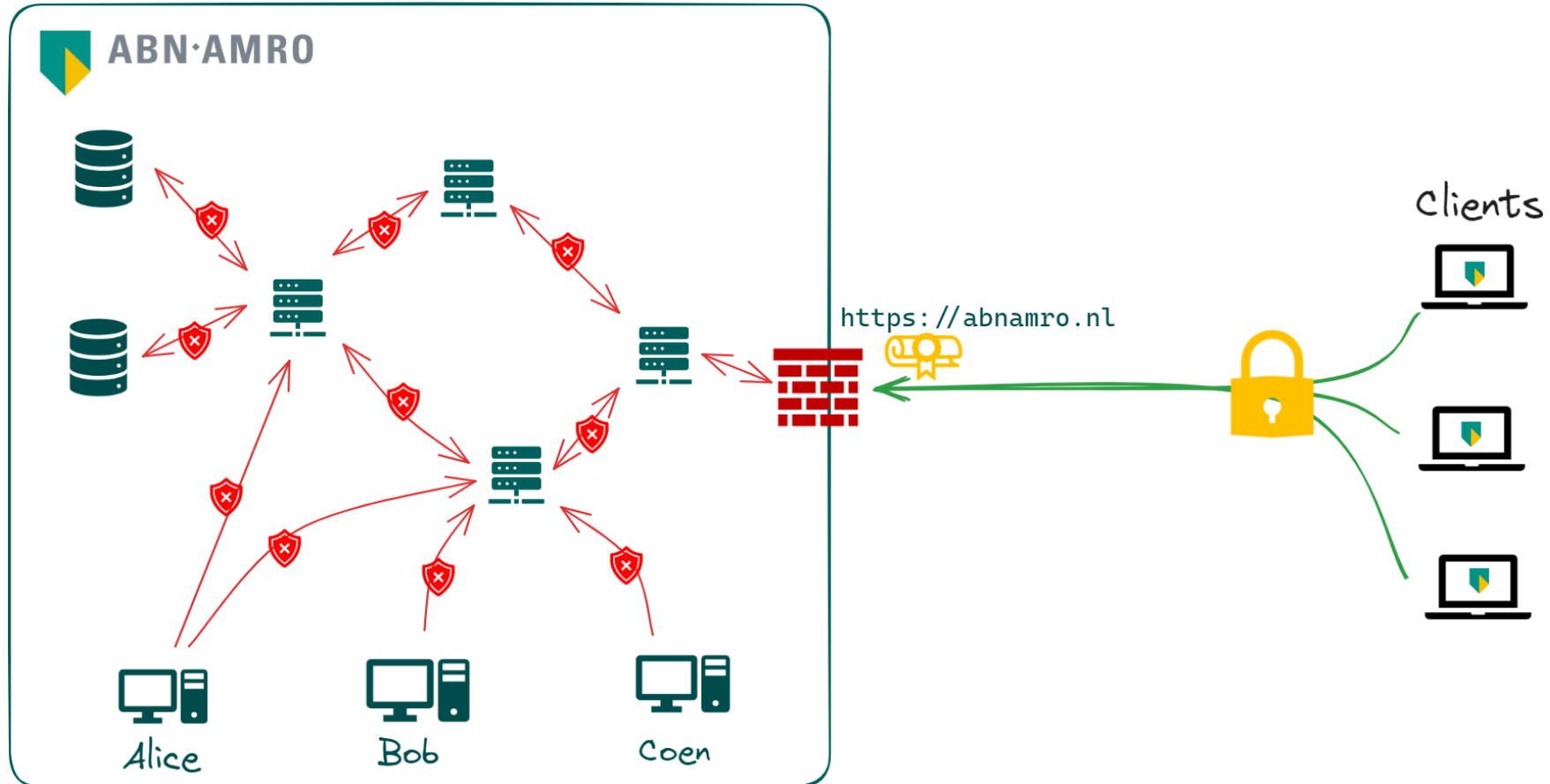
Most well-known implementation: Certbot  certbot

*Automatic Certificate Management Environment
Read More: [rfc 8555](#)

Getting an https certificate with Let's Encrypt



Within ABN AMRO network

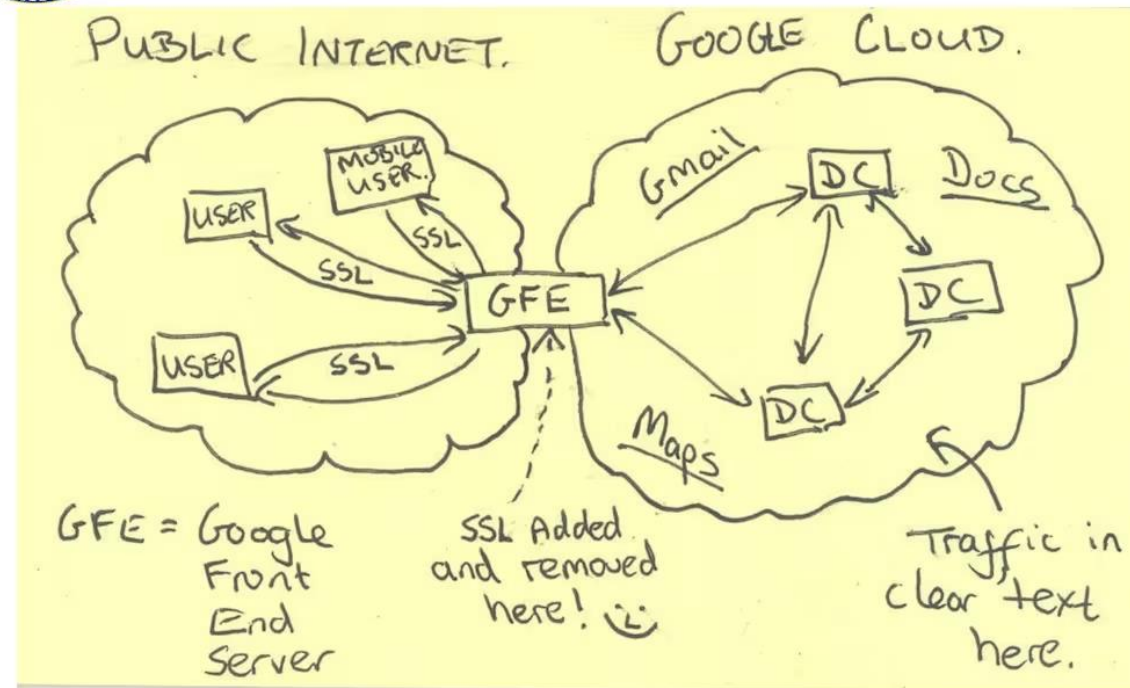


Project BULLRUN (2013)

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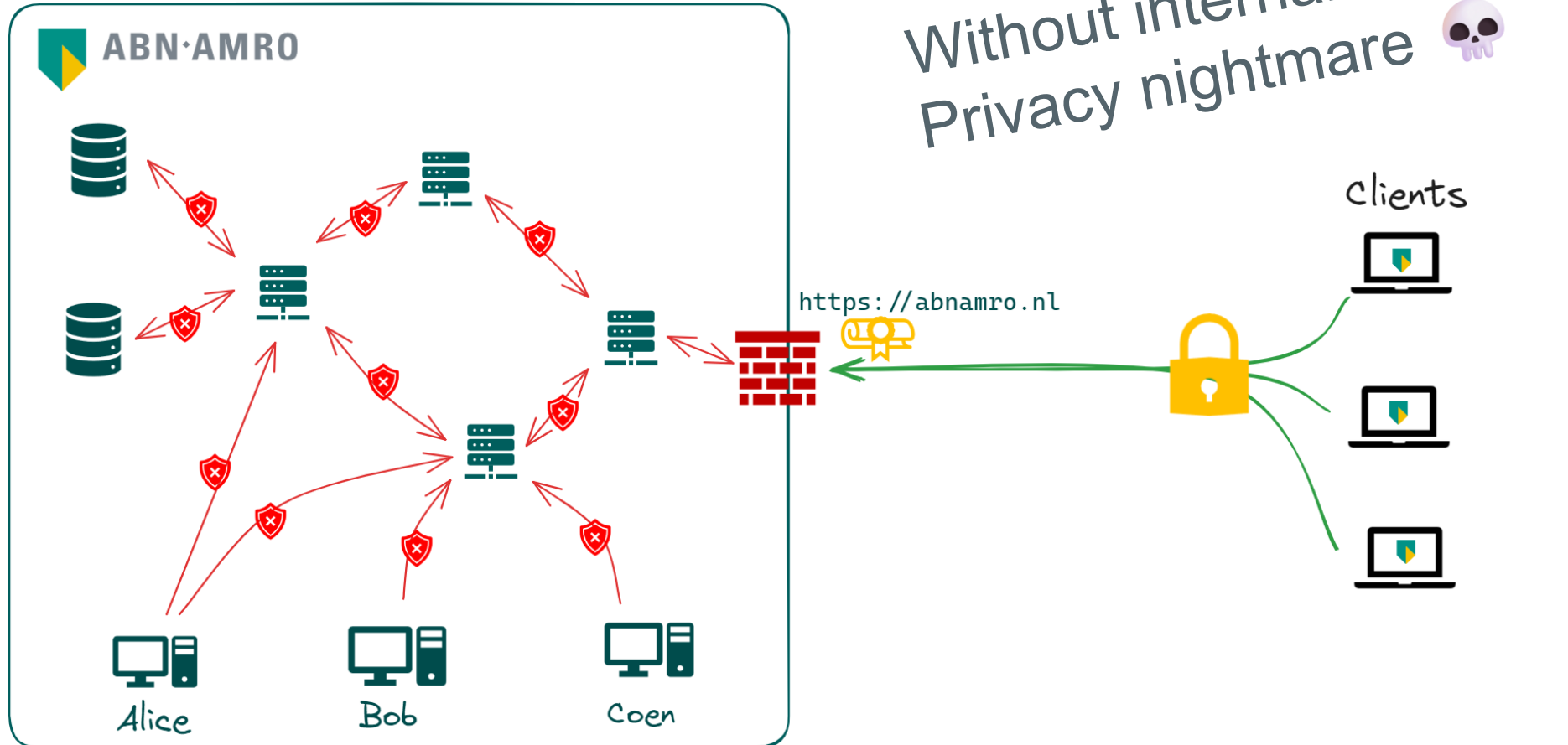


Current Efforts - Google

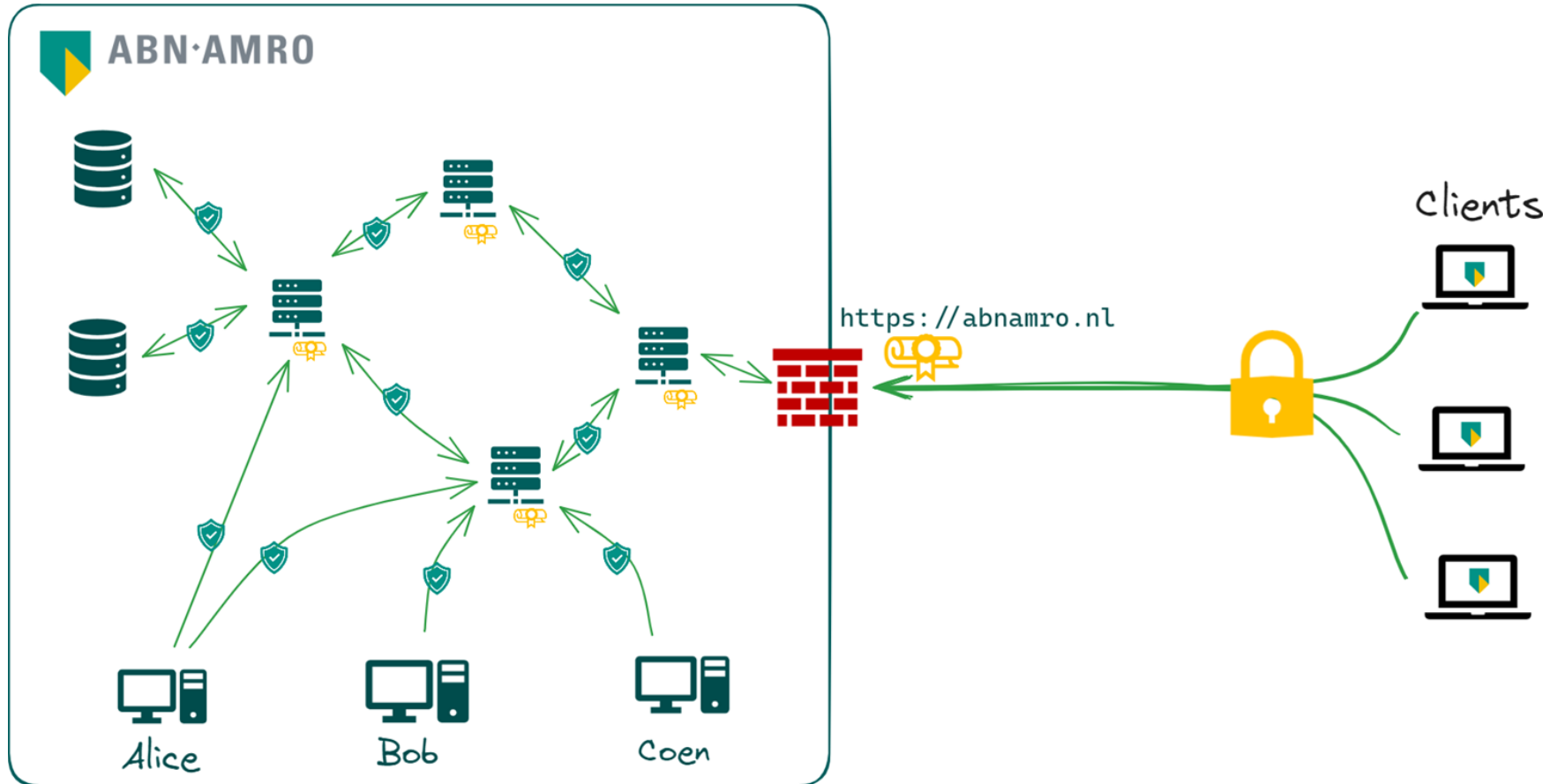


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Within ABN AMRO network



Within ABN AMRO network



Trust level of Certificates

Trust™



Domain
Validation

Basic

90~420* €
per annum

Or Free via Let's Encrypt



Organization
Validation

Standard

165~800*€
per annum



Extended
Validation

Premium

230~430€
per annum

*For wildcard certificates.

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Certificate Management at ABN AMRO

Why can't we use Let's Encrypt at ABN AMRO

- Very complex network (with multiple NAT).
- Would need to pass through the Firewalls.
- Exposes our internal hostnames...
- A lot of our services are internal only.
- Legal requires us to use OV certificate (LE only provides DV).



Managing certificates in a bank... (old)



Each team is responsible for their own certificate.

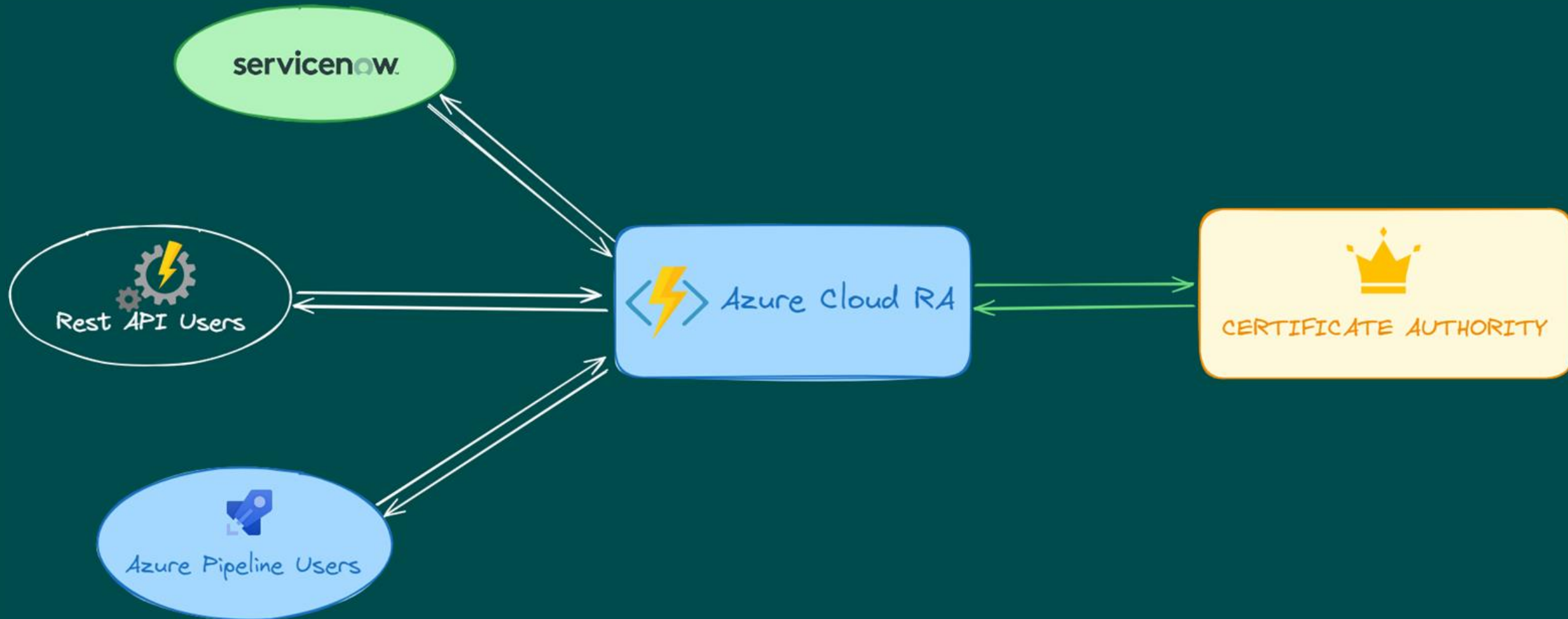


Crypto Services **manually** sends expiration reminder mails.

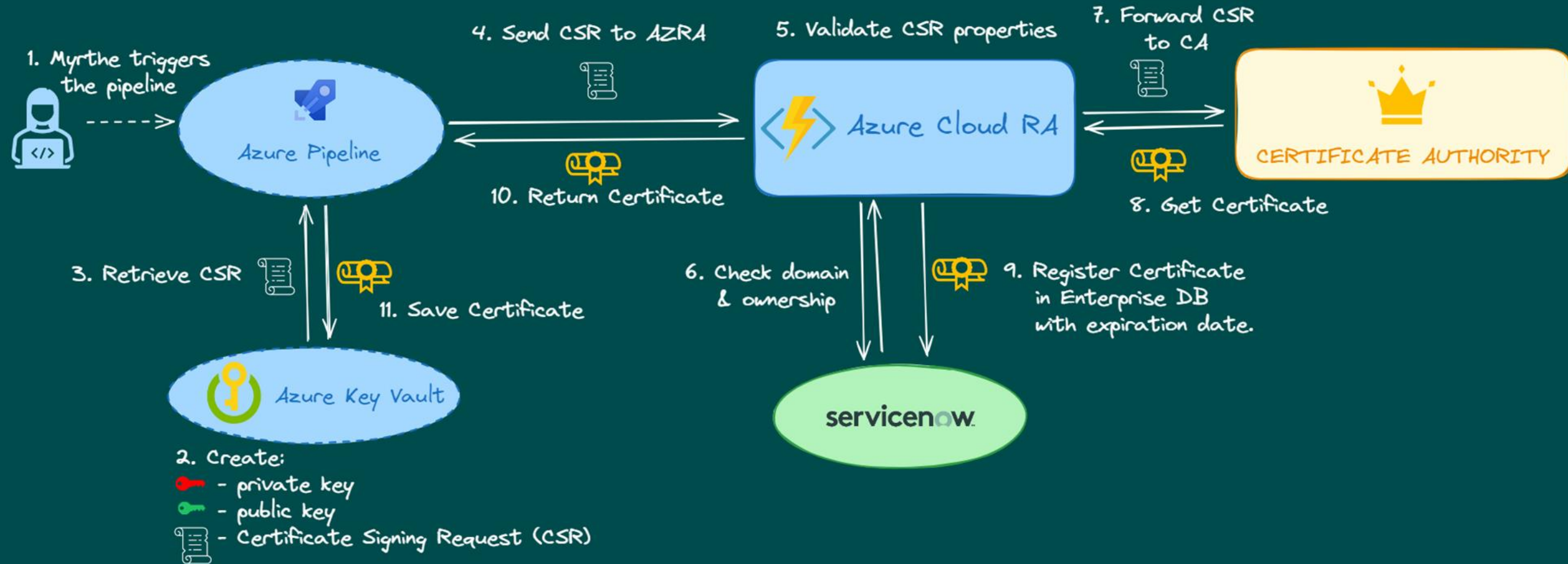


Crypto Service **manually** manages the access to the Certificate Portal.

Moving to Azure Cloud Registration Authority



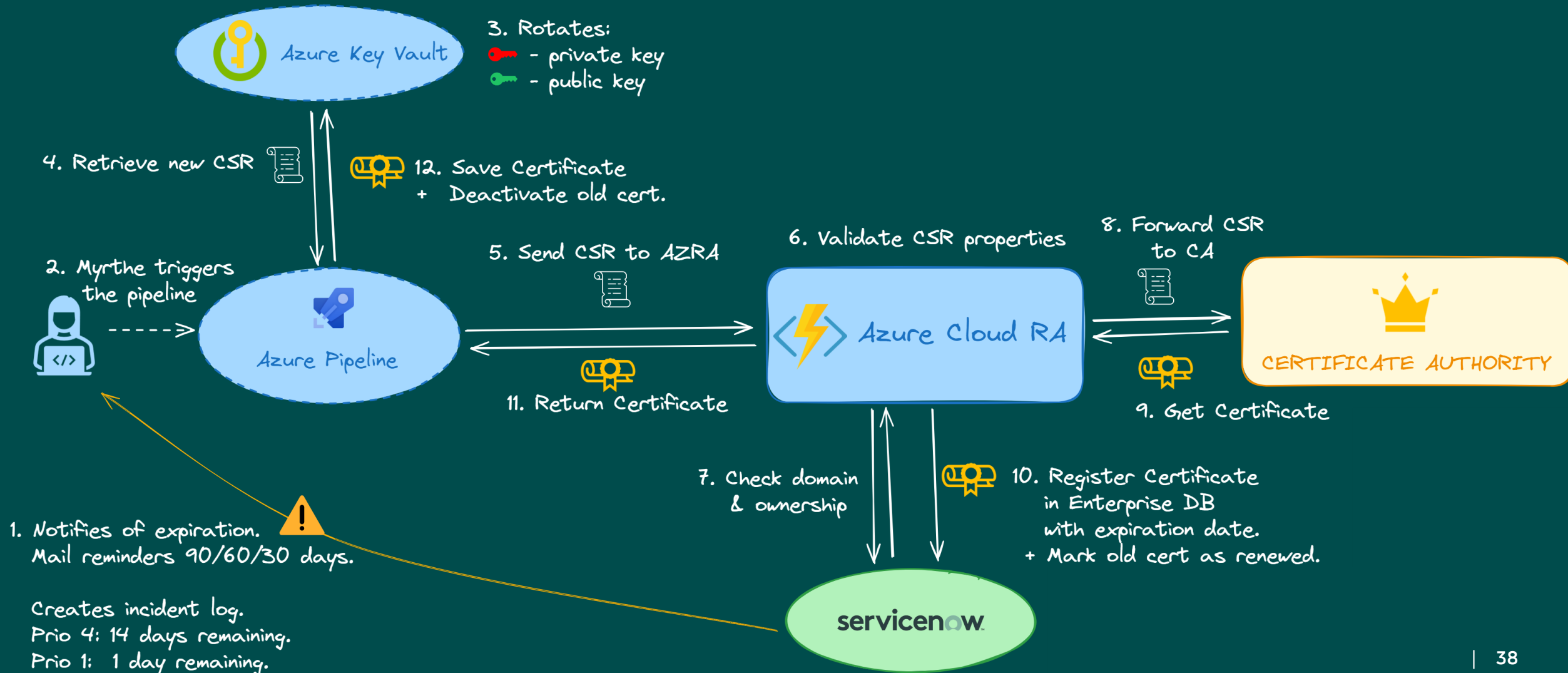
Certificate Request Process



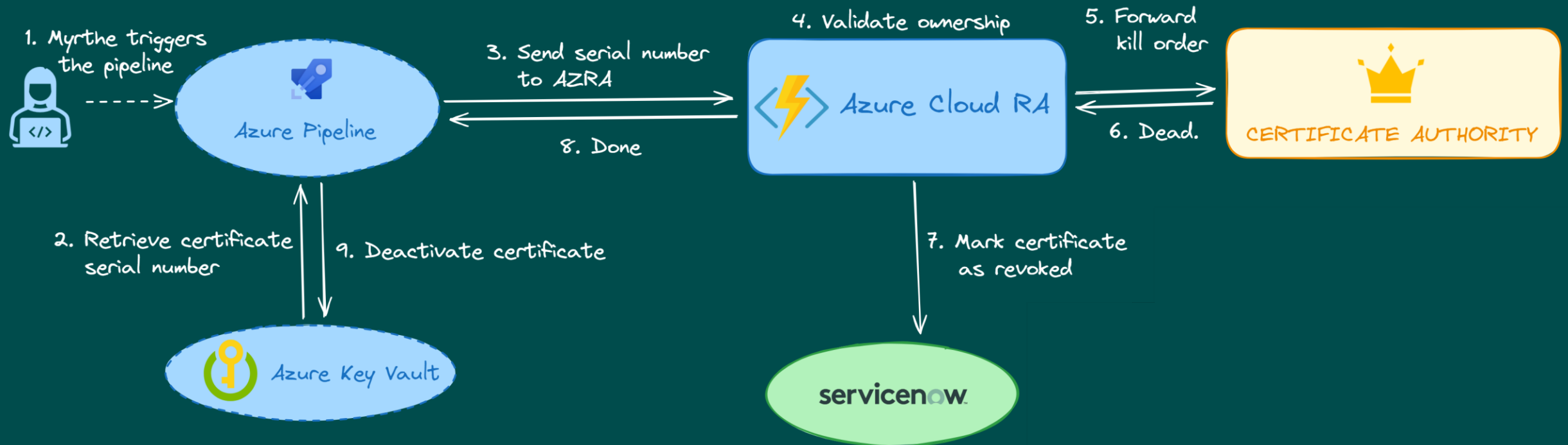
Some of the validation rules applied.

- CN must follow a regex pattern.
 - e.g. `[A-Za-z0-9]+.abnamro.nl`
- Wildcard are forbidden.
 - No `*.abnamro.nl`
- Algorithm limitations.
 - RSA key size must be between 2048 and 4096 bits.
 - ECC field size must be greater than 256 bits: P384 or P521.
 - No SHA1 (and no MD5, duh...)
- SAN fields must not contain different environment.
 - `frontend-test.abnamro.nl` and `frontend-acceptance.abnamro.nl` cannot use the same certificate.

Certificate Renewal Process



Certificate Revocation Process



24 000+

active certificates
within ABN AMRO BANK

Certificates per key type

ECC 384: 25 (0,1%)

RSA 2048: 11 671 (48%)

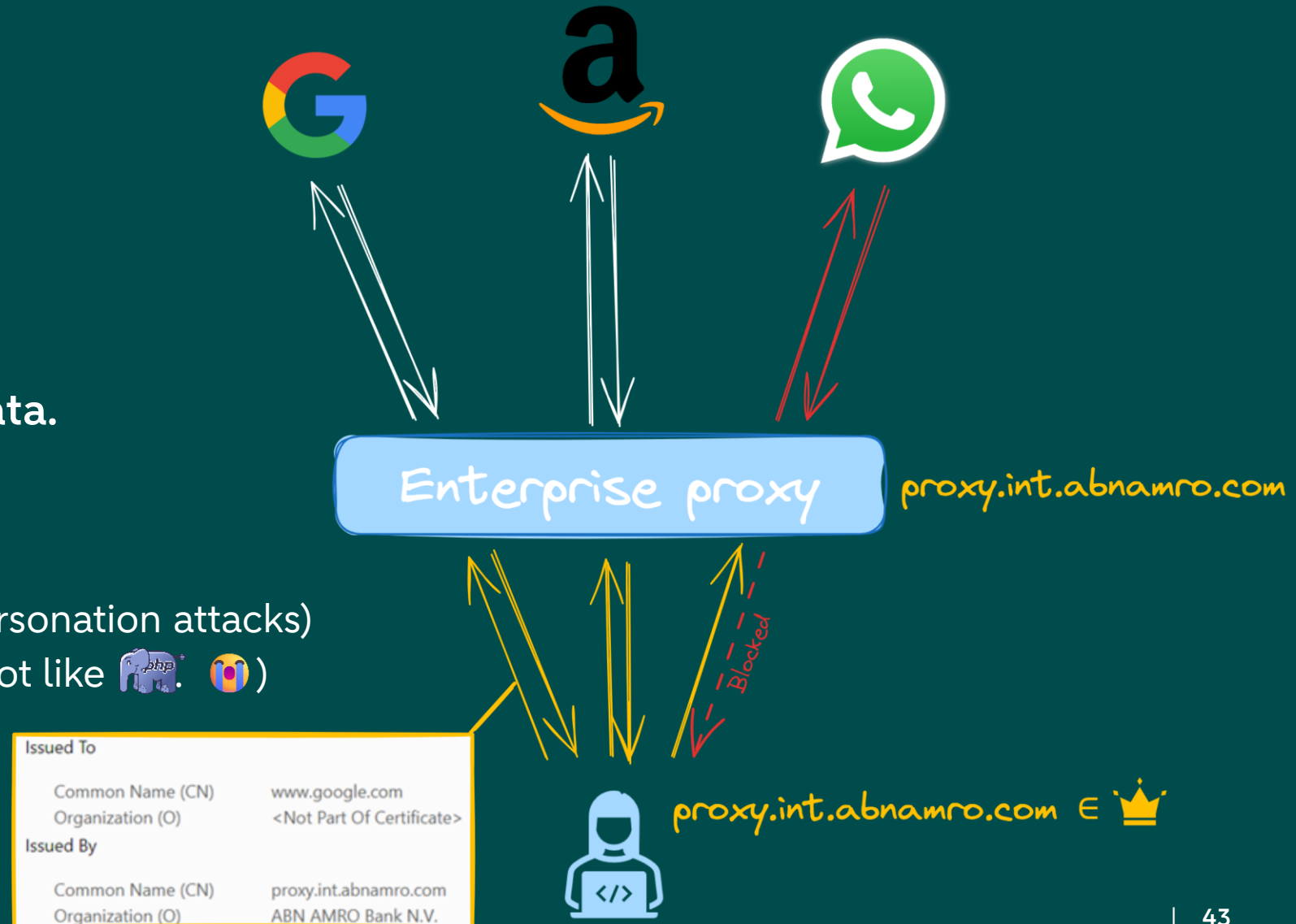
RSA 4096: 12 592 (52%)

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Certificate Authorities

MITM & Enterprise proxy

- Intercept all traffic In-&-Out.
- Deep packet inspection.
- Verify non-exfiltration of PII data.
- Block some websites, *e.g.*:
 - LinkedIn (avoid phishing/impersonation attacks)
 - laravel-news.com (AAB does not like 🐘. 🤖)
 - WhatsApp...



CA Compromise: DigiNotar

- Fully compromised in July 2011
- Had to be removed from all Trust stores.
- Issued compromised certificates for e.g. google.com
- Notable use to spy on Gmail users in Iran.

Read more:

- <https://blog.gerv.net/2011/09/diginotar-compromise/>
- [Blog mozilla](#)
- [MS security advisories](#)

Microsoft is continuing to investigate this issue. Based on preliminary investigation, Microsoft is providing a new update (KB2616676) on September 13, 2011 for all supported releases of Microsoft Windows that revokes the trust of the following DigiNotar root certificates by placing them into the Microsoft Untrusted Certificate Store:

- DigiNotar Root CA
- DigiNotar Root CA G2
- DigiNotar PKloverheid CA Overheid
- DigiNotar PKloverheid CA Organisatie - G2
- DigiNotar PKloverheid CA Overheid en Bedrijven
- DigiNotar Root CA Issued by Entrust (2 certificates)
- DigiNotar Services 1024 CA Issued by Entrust
- DigiNotar Cyber CA Issued by GTE CyberTrust (3 certificates)

CA Compromise: DigiNotar



OCSP requests for the rogue *.google.com certificate

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZsWoSxxwVY>

CA Compromise: DigiNotar

"To gain access to the Secure-net network of DigiNotar, three critical misconfigurations were abused by the intruder:

The security of the webserver was not up to standards and they contained vital information, such as user credentials, which were exploited by the intruder.

The firewall explicitly allowed access from the WINSVR101 server to the BAPI-DB. This situation existed because of an architectural flaw in the DigiNotar network.

The DigiWs146 was dualhomed in both the Office-net and the Secure-net, rendering the firewall useless and allowing the intruder access from the Office-net to the Secure-net.

(...)

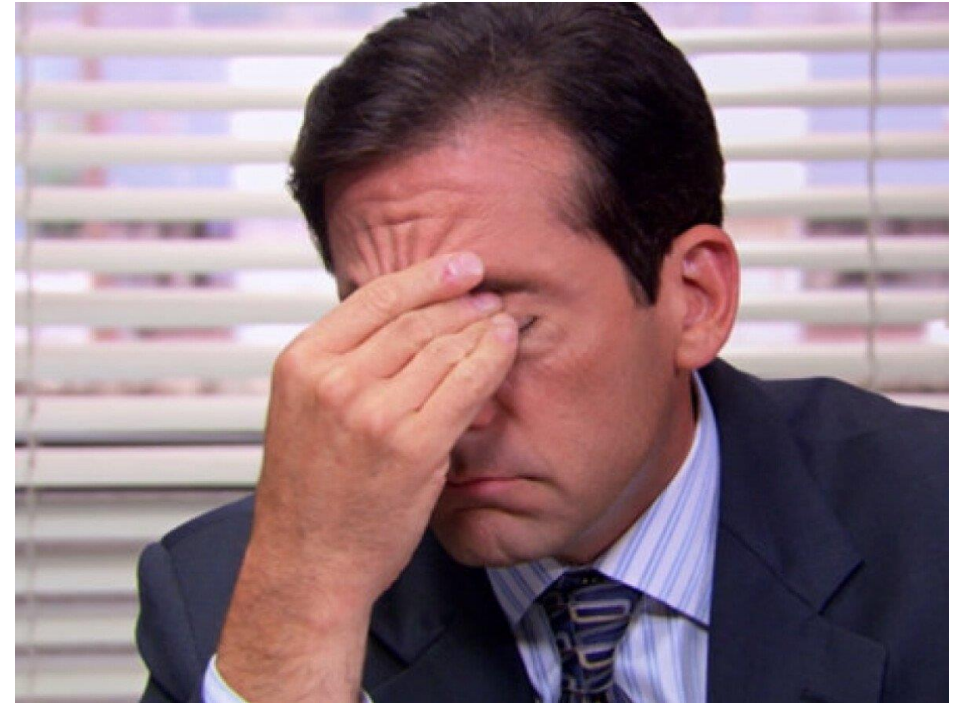
Apart from the above mentioned flaws in several network components, files containing sensitive information and credentials were found. The credentials of a BAPI-DB MS SQL user were stored in plain text on the main webserver WINSVR101, allowing the intruder direct access to the Office-net network. Other files included the passphrases of the private keys of the DigiNotar CMP RSA servers in plain text. The unsafe usage of these credentials played an important role in the breach and ultimately the creation of the rogue certificates."

Source: <https://uitspraken.rechtspraak.nl/details?id=ECLI:NL:RBAMS:2014:4888>

CA Compromise: DigiNotar

The BAD:

- Network/Firewall mis-configuration.
- Credentials stored in plaintext...
- Passphrases of private key stored in plaintext...
- Single-tier CA.

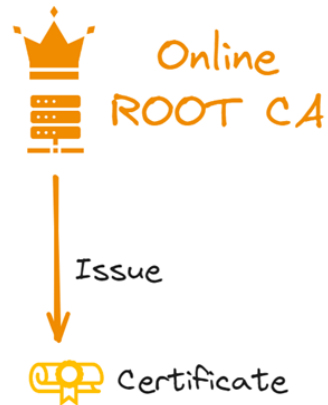


Read more:

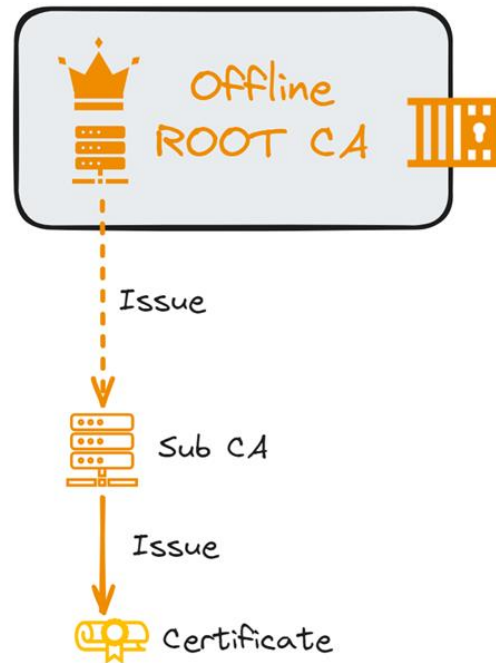
- https://roslabs.nl/files/audit_reports/Fox-IT_-_DigiNotar.pdf

Multi-tier Certificate Authority

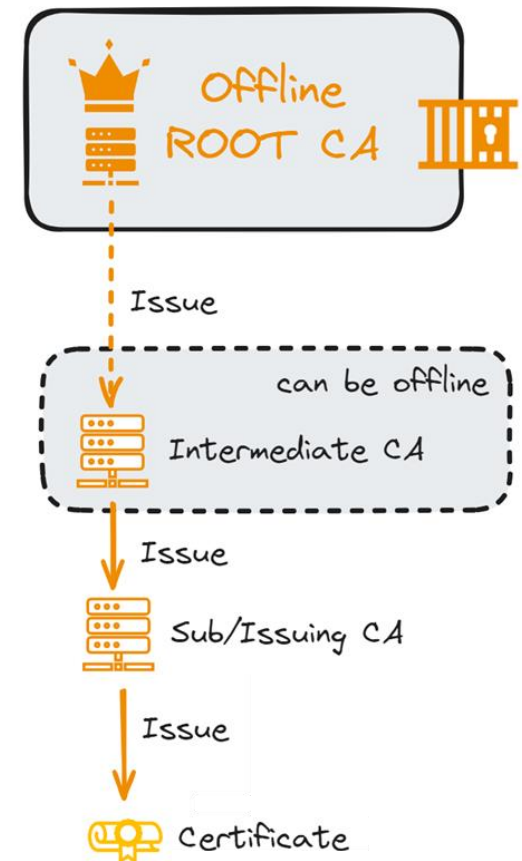
Single-tier hierarchy



Two-tier hierarchy

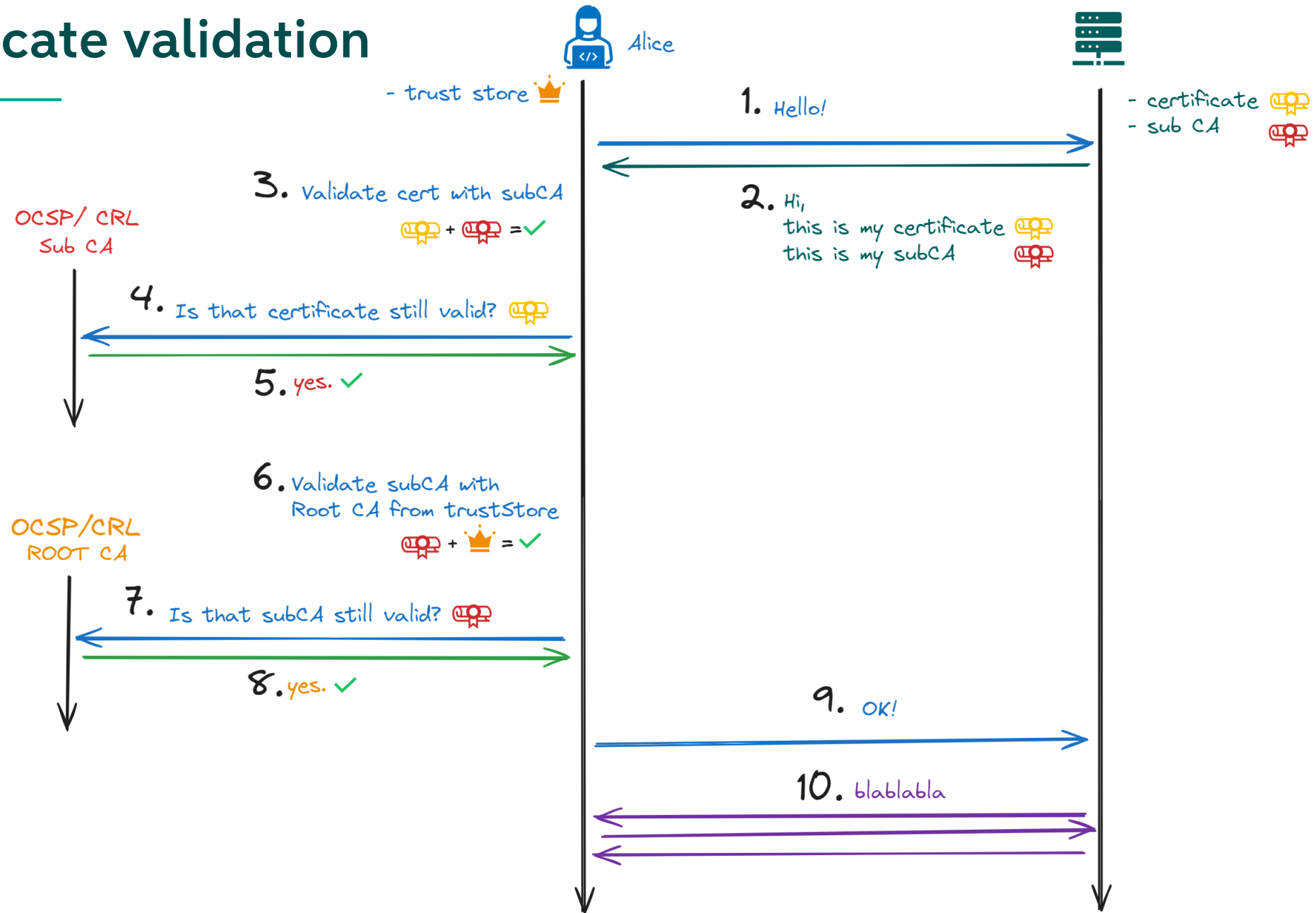


Three-tier hierarchy

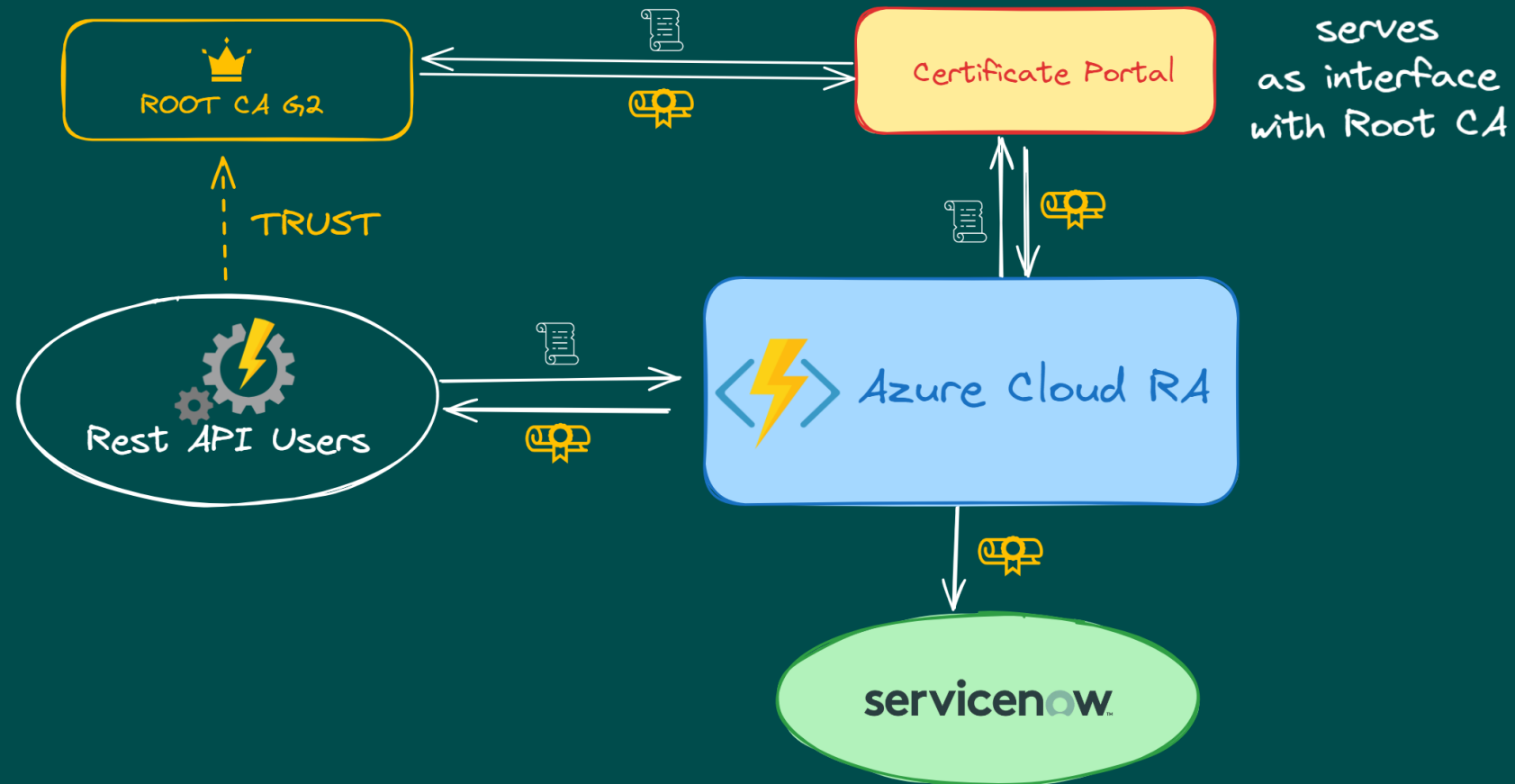


Offline = Air gapped

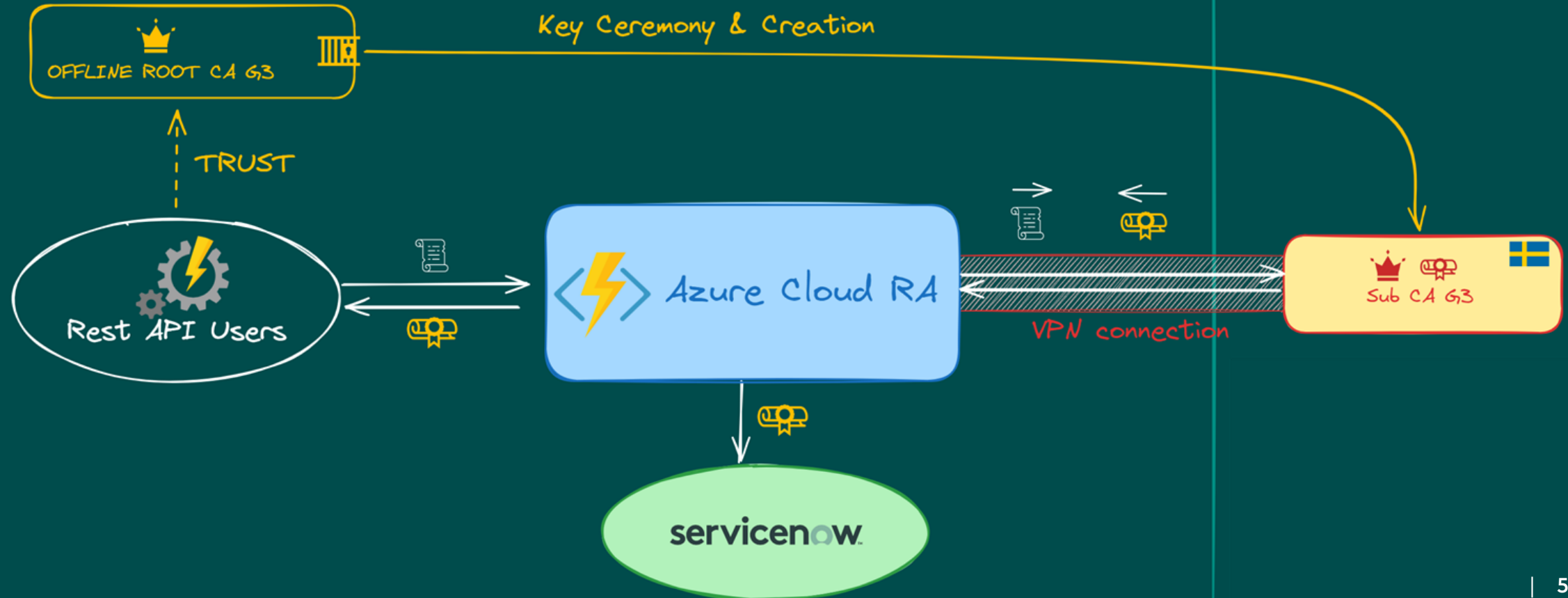
Certificate validation



Infra CA G2 — Single tier



Infra CA G3 — Two tier



Upgrade from G2 to G3 in Five Steps

01

Design of Infra CA G3

Update VPN connection
Network Security Framework
Order new HSM
Documentation

03

Key Ceremony & Tests

ET and PR
Testing configuration G3

05

Decom Infra G2

All certificates issued by G2 have been revoked
Decom VPN connections, retire old HSM



VPN Connection and installation

HSM installation for root CA in Netherlands
Connection via VPN to Sweden

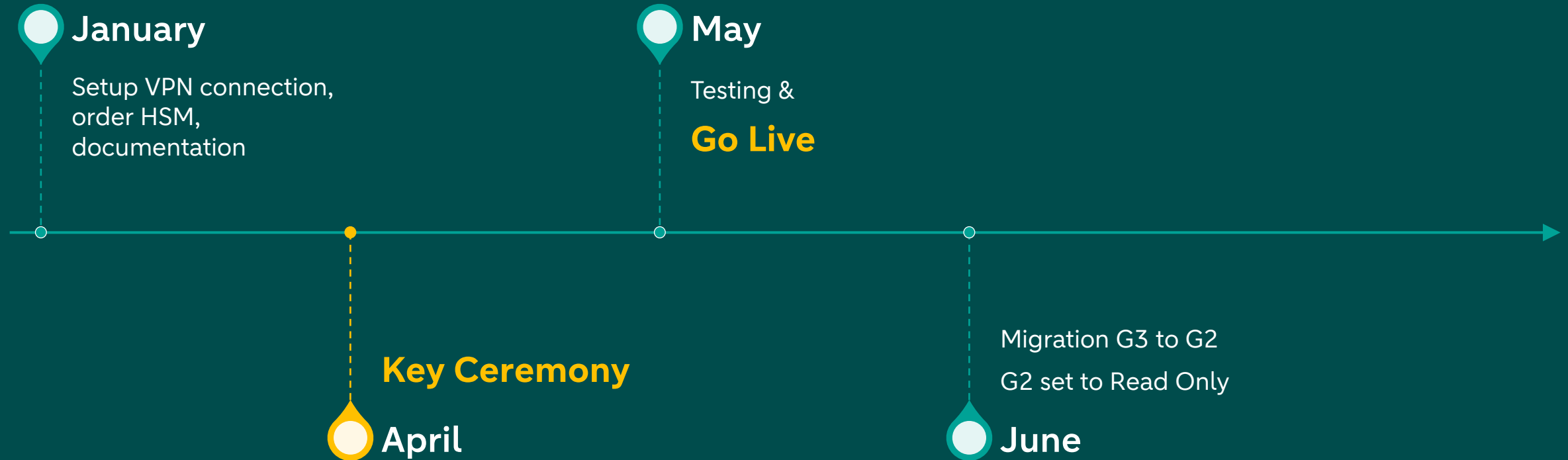
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Go Live G3

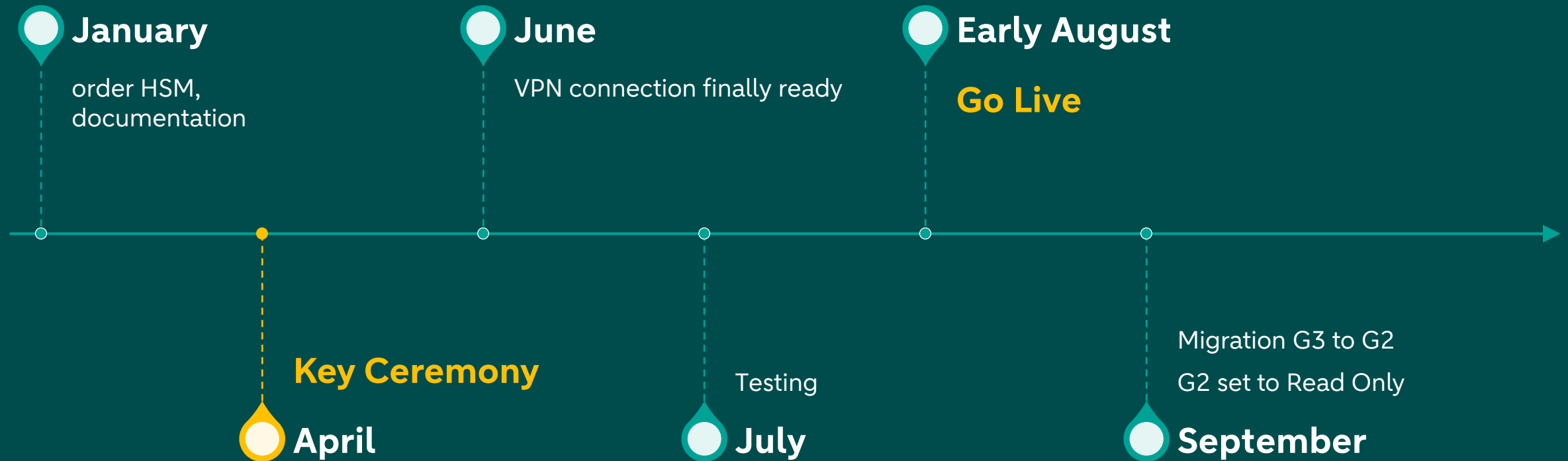
New certificates issued by G3
Renewed certificates issued by G3, revoked in G2

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Planned Timeline of the migration G2 to G3 — April



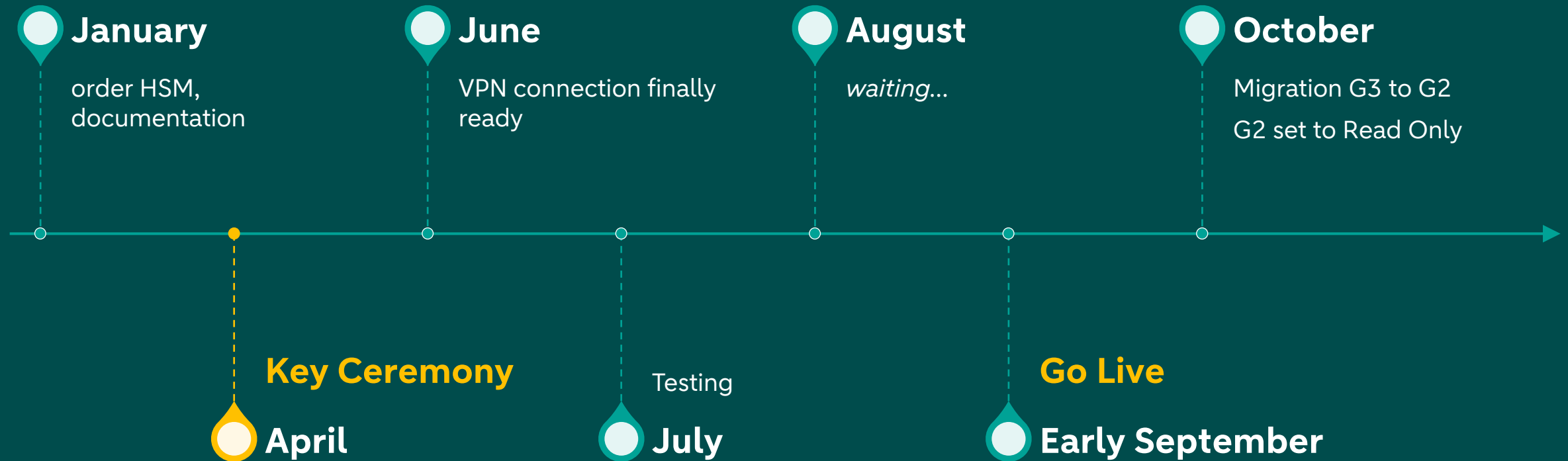
Real timeline of the migration G2 to G3 — June



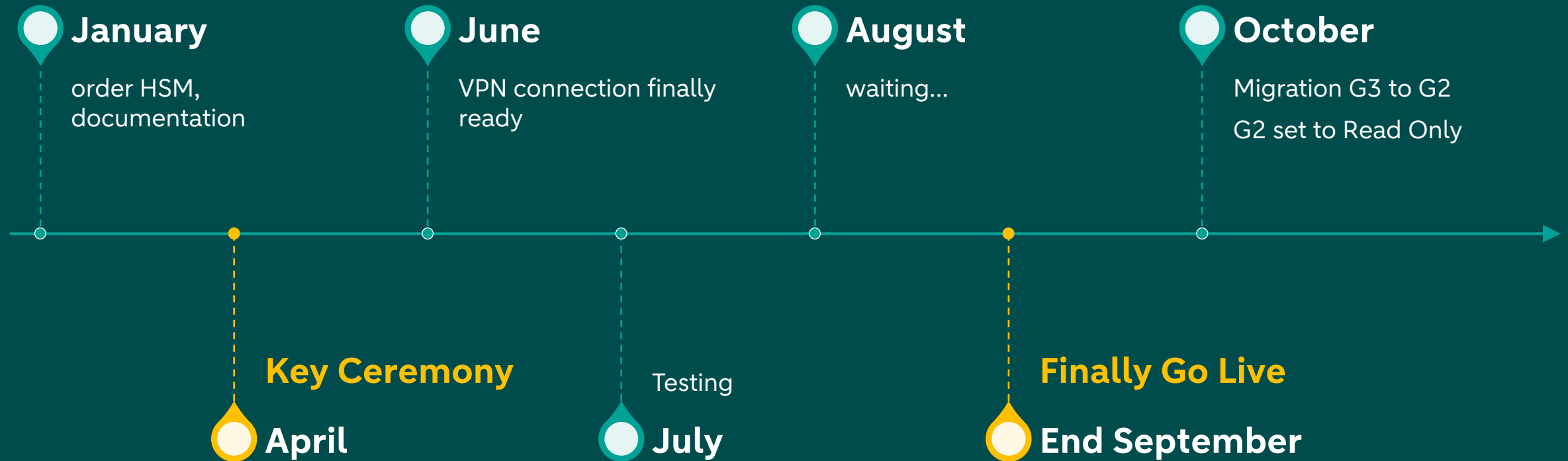
Real timeline of the migration G2 to G3 — July



Real timeline of the migration G2 to G3 — August

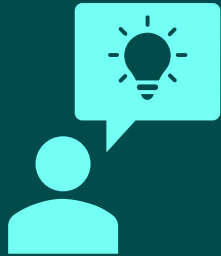


Real timeline of the migration G2 to G3 — September



Go Live INFRA CA G3 Delays - Analysis

Multiple pushback due to other teams' lack of readiness.



Knowledge
problem



Communication
problem



Fear
of outages

CA management — PED keys (simplified)

	<div>SafeNet HSM Crypto Officer</div> <div>Black key</div>	<div>SafeNet HSM Domain</div> <div>Red key</div>	<div>SafeNet HSM Security Officer</div> <div>Blue key</div>	<div>SafeNet HSM Audit</div> <div>White key</div>
HSM management (user etc.)			✓ ✓ ✓	
Create new private key	✓ ✓ ✓			
Sign a CSR	✓ ✓			
Back up private key	✓	✓		
Revoke certificate/CA	✓ ✓			
Audit				✓

Usually, a quorum of M of N PED Keys is created, where M is the number of keys necessary to complete run a command as that role and N is the total number of keys created.

4 Anatomy of a Key Ceremony



Tuesday: Preparation.

Inventory.

Checking run books.

Wednesday: Key Ceremony Acceptance

Missing VGA cable. 🤔

Hiccup in Sub CA signing. 😡

Swedish Keyboard stuck. 😡

Missing run books... 😞

Thursday: Key Ceremony Production

All run books provided. ✅

No hiccup. ✅

Keyboard → US. ✅

Black/Blue/Red Keys safe. ✅

ET fixed. ✅

- Keyboard → US.
- Faulty Sub CA cleaned.

CRYPTO NERDS
PEOPLE

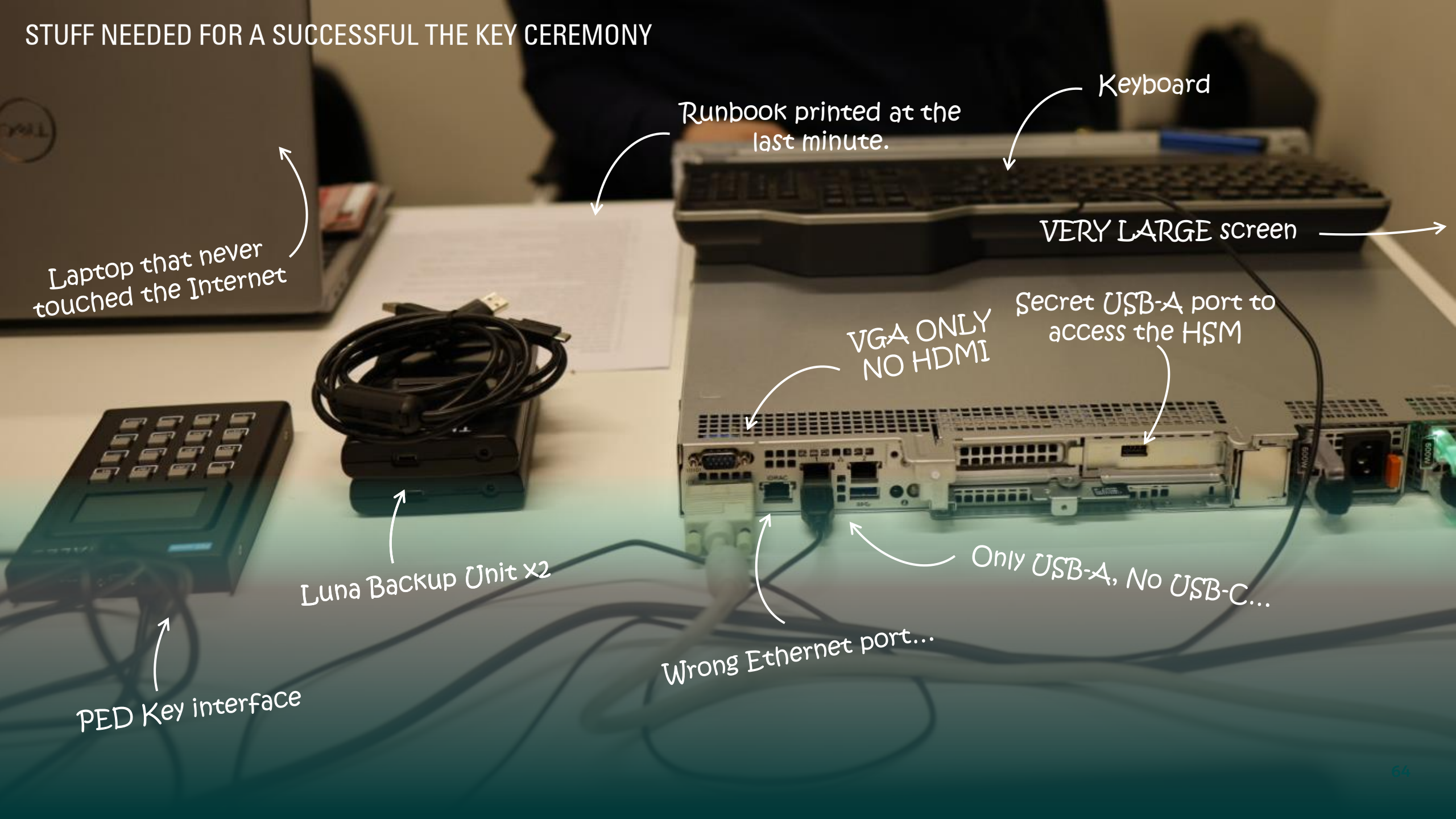
CA VENDOR
PEOPLE

AUDIT
PEOPLE

INSTALLATION OF THE HSM FOR THE ROOT CA



STUFF NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL THE KEY CEREMONY



Laptop that never touched the Internet

Runbook printed at the last minute.

Keyboard

VERY LARGE screen

VGA ONLY
NO HDMI

Secret USB-A port to access the HSM

Only USB-A, No USB-C...

Wrong Ethernet port...

Luna Backup Unit x2

PED Key interface

INSTALLATION OF THE OPERATING SYSTEM (Slim version of Debian)



lunacm:>s 1

Slot Id ->
Label ->
Serial Number ->
Model ->
Firmware Version ->
Configuration ->
Slot Description ->
FM HW Status ->
HSM Configuration ->
HSM Status ->

4

Luna K7

7.0.3

Luna HSM Admin Partition (PED) Signing With Cloning Mode

Admin Token Slot

FM Ready

Luna HSM Admin Partition (PED)

L3 Device, Chassis Open, Card removal, Transport Mode, Zeroized

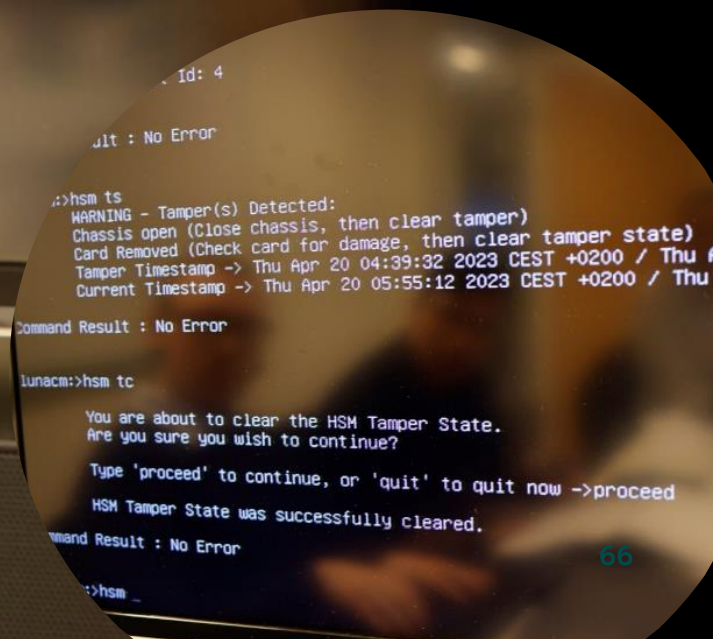
Current Slot Id: 4

Command Result : No Error

lunacm:>hsm ts

Box was open, moved, etc.

Reset Temper




```
unacm:>hsm f
You are about to zeroize the HSM.
All contents of the HSM will be destroyed.
HSM policies, remote PED vector and Auditor left unchanged.
Are you sure you wish to continue?
Type 'proceed' to continue, or 'quit' to quit now ->proceed
```

Command Result : No Error

```
unacm:>hsm f
```

```
You are about to factory reset the HSM.
All contents of the HSM will be destroyed.
HSM policies will be reset and the remote PED vector will be erased.
Are you sure you wish to continue?
Type 'proceed' to continue, or 'quit' to quit now ->proceed
```

Command Result : No Error

```
unacm:>s 1
```

```
Slot Id -> 4
Label -> 
Serial Number -> 
Model -> 
Firmware Version -> Luna K7
Configuration -> 7.0.3
Slot Description -> Luna HSM Admin Partition (PED) Signing With Cloning Mode
FM HW Status -> Admin Token Slot
HSM Configuration -> FM Ready
HSM Status -> Luna HSM Admin Partition (PED)
L3 Device, Zeroized
```

INITIALIZE HSM

Reset Temper lock

Write a lots of 0
(erases everything)

Factory Reset
(just to be sure)

We are good to go.

Backup Unit Ready

cm:>s 1

Slot Id -> 3
Label -> [REDACTED]
Serial Number -> [REDACTED]
Model -> Luna K7
Firmware Version -> 7.0.3
Configuration -> Luna User Partition
Slot Description -> User Token Slot
FM HW Status -> FM Ready

Slot Id -> 4
Label -> [REDACTED]
Serial Number -> [REDACTED]
Model -> Luna K7
Firmware Version -> 7.0.3
Configuration -> Luna HSM Admin Partition
Slot Description -> Admin Token Slot
FM HW Status -> FM Ready
HSM Configuration -> Luna HSM Admin Partition
HSM Status -> L3 Device

Current Slot Id: 4

Command Result : No Error

unacm:>s s -s 3

No Error

HSM Capabilities

0: Enable PIN-based authentication : 0
1: Enable PED-based authentication : 1
2: Performance level : 4
4: Enable domestic mechanisms & key sizes : 1
6: Enable masking : 0
7: Enable cloning : 1
9: Enable full (non-backup) functionality : 1
12: Enable non-FIPS algorithms : 1
15: Enable SO reset of partition PIN : 1
16: Enable network replication : 1
17: Enable Korean Algorithms : 0
18: FIPS evaluated : 0
19: Manufacturing Token : 0
21: Enable forcing user PIN change : 1
22: Enable offboard storage : 1
23: Enable partition groups : 0
25: Enable remote PED usage : 1
27: HSM non-volatile storage space : 2097152
30: Enable unmasking : 1
33: Maximum number of partitions : 1
35: Enable Single Domain : 0
36: Enable Unified PED Key : 0
37: Enable MofN : 1
38: Enable small form factor backup/restore : 0
39: Enable Secure Trusted Channel : 1
40: Enable decommission on tamper : 1
42: Enable partition re-initialize : 0
43: Enable low level math acceleration : 1
46: Allow Disabling Decommission : 1
47: Enable Tunnel Slot : 0
48: Enable Controlled Tamper Recovery : 1

HSM Policies

1: PED-based authentication : 1
7: Allow cloning : 1
12: Allow non-FIPS algorithms : 0
15: SO can reset partition PIN : 0
16: Allow network replication : 1
21: Force user PIN change after set/reset : 0
22: Allow offboard storage : 1
25: Allow remote PED usage : 1
30: Allow unmasking : 1
33: Current maximum number of partitions : 1
37: Allow MofN : 1
39: Allow Secure Trusted Channel : 0
40: Decommission on tamper : 0
43: Allow low level math acceleration : 1
46: Disable Decommission : 0
48: Do Controlled Tamper Recovery : 1

Result : No Error

Checking
the policies & capabilities

Command Result : No Error

INFRA CA G3 ROOT CA
Successfully Created
and backed Up

lunacm:>s 1

Slot Id -> 3
Label -> [REDACTED]
Serial Number -> [REDACTED]
Model -> Luna K7
Firmware Version -> 7.0.3
Configuration -> Luna User Partition With SO (PED) Signing With Cloning Mode
Slot Description -> User Token Slot
FM HW Status -> FM Ready

Slot Id -> 4
Label -> [REDACTED]
Serial Number -> [REDACTED]
Model -> Luna K7
Firmware Version -> 7.0.3
Configuration -> Luna HSM Admin Partition (PED) Signing With Cloning Mode
Slot Description -> Admin Token Slot
FM HW Status -> FM Ready
HSM Configuration -> Luna HSM Admin Partition (PED)
HSM Status -> L3 Device

Slot Id -> 6
HSM Configuration -> Luna HSM

Current Slot Id: 3

Command Result : No Error

lunacm:>[5019.780315] g71: g7 do
[5019.781925] g71: g7


```
/dev/mapper/rootca--vg-root: clean, 92279/2441216 files, 836793/976864 blocks  
[ 2.541738] ACPI Error: No handler for Region [SYSI] (00000000c91e19d3) [IPMI]  
[ 2.542026] ACPI Error: Region IPMI (ID=7) has no handler (20200925/exfldio-2)  
[ 2.542272] ACPI Error: Aborting method \_SB.PMIO._GHL due to previous error  
[ 2.542612] ACPI Error: Aborting method \_SB.PMIO._PMC due to previous error  
[ 2.542950] ACPI Error: AE_NOT_EXIST, Evaluating _PMC (20200925/power_meter-7)  
[FAILED] Failed to start Set console font and keymap.
```

The reason why we were stuck in Swedish keyboard...

MAKING SURE WE HAVE A USEABLE KEYBOARD...



FINALLY...
BLACK/RED/BLUE KEY
ARE SECURELY
STORED IN THEIR
RESPECTIVE VAULT.

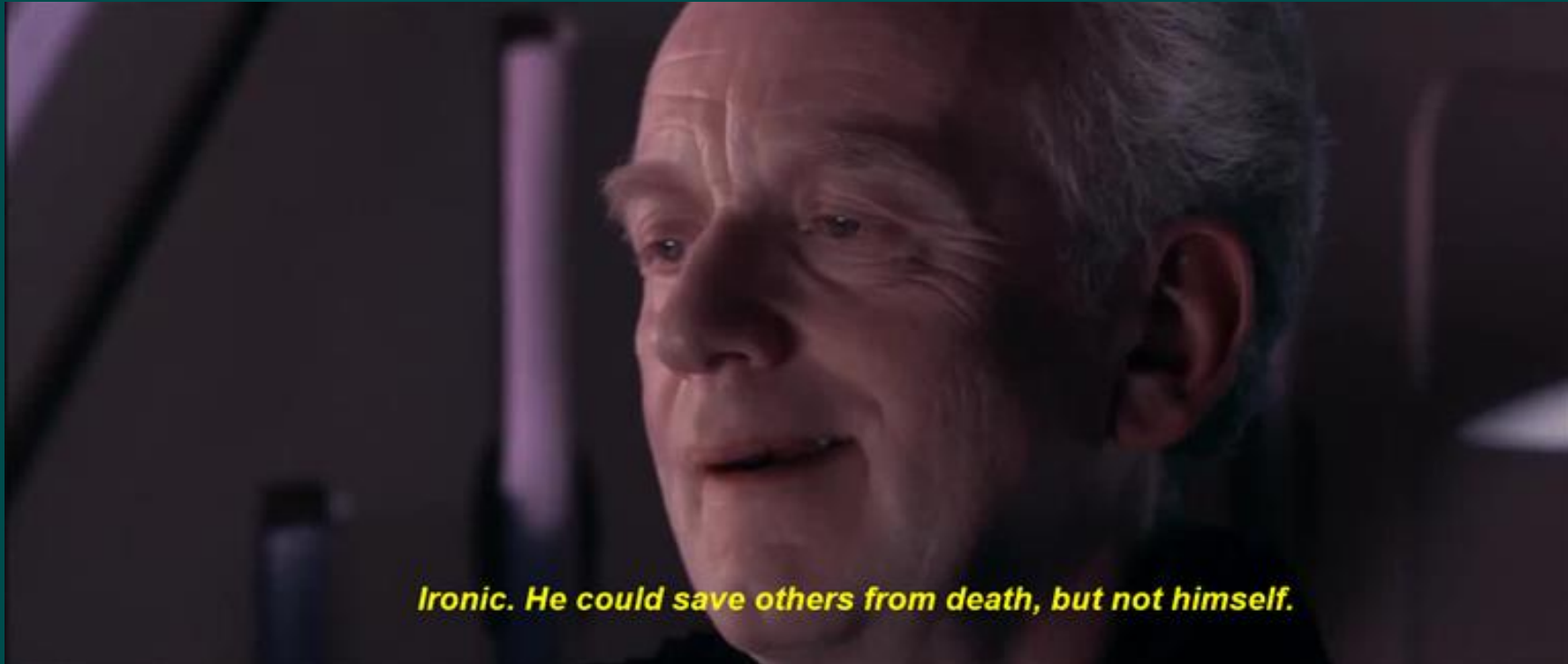
INFRA G3 ROOT CA
KEY CEREMONY
COMPLETED
SUCCESSFULLY.



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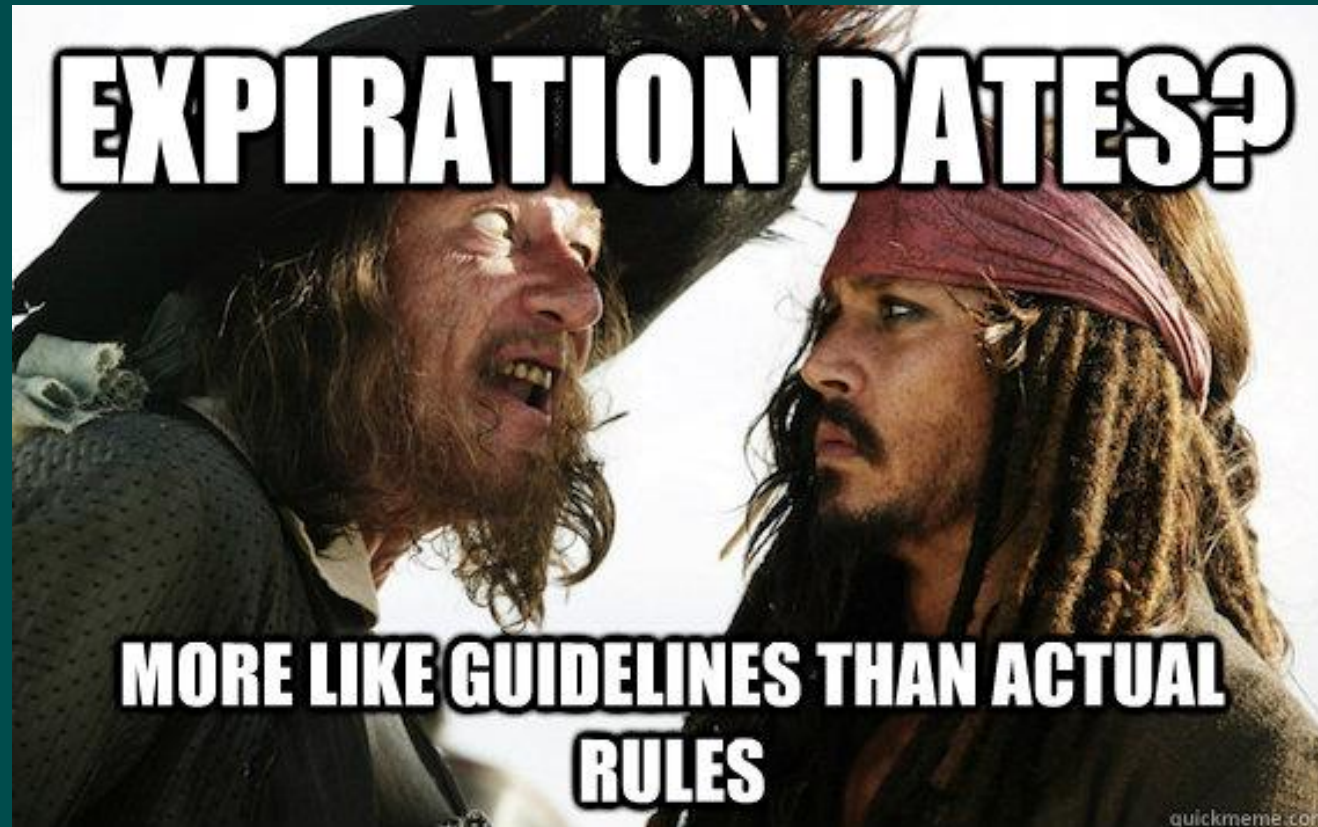
Things that ~~could go~~ *went* wrong...

Our certificate in the signing store expired.



Lesson learned: we need reminders for our OWN certificates... 🤪

Signing certificate from the CA expired.



Lesson learned: Also track our providers' certificate expiration dates...

Connection ServiceNow Prod — AZRA A is down.

Our Product Owner onboarded a new client and removed an IP range from the firewall white-listing...



Lesson learned: Use infra as Code to avoid such errors.

Key rotation fail...



Colleague who
shall not be named...

12H down time, both Acceptance and Production at the same time.

Reason: Transparent Database Encryption key expired AGAIN in HSM...

Errors on the External CA side...

https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show_bug.cgi?id=1883843#c19

Root Cause Analysis

The mis-issuance of EV TLS certificates occurred due to a discrepancy between the updated Certificate profiles in the TLS Baseline Requirements following Ballot SC-62v2 and the TLS Extended Validation Guidelines and the lack of cross-reference checks during the implementation.

- We implemented this new “recommendation” as best practice without verifying if this would be compliant with other requirements/guidelines.
- Lack of alignment between the different documents produced by the CA/Browser Forum.
- Ballot SC-62v2 shifted policy qualifiers from MAY to NOT RECOMMENDED in the TLS Baseline Requirements, without considering the implications on Extended Validation Guidelines or other documents.



the result of this is that we have to renew about ~80 entrust EV certificates before saturday evening

because they are getting revoked

and of course this tends to be fairly important applications

6

Takeaways.

Or the 3 largest problems of Enterprise Cryptography.

Problem 1

Certificate Management &
Key agility

Problem 2

Trust store Management & CA rotation

Problem 3

Post Quantum migration.

See Thom's talk.

7 Anyway...

Working at ABN

- Extremely Internationalized.
- Super cool environment.
- Nice benefits (Altijd Vrij OV, learning budget, WFH).
- Decent salaries.

DO NOT APPLY FOR INTERNSHIPS (it's shit).
APPLY FOR JOBS, it's cool ! 😊

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