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# A Raconteur's Java Card™ Technology Overview and How to Work the University Research Bureaucracy

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# Goal of This Talk

**Explain** Smartcard and Java Card technology motivation and basics

**Share** Lessons learned from university research (a year as a Carnegie-Mellon Professor)

# Agenda With Section Highlights

## Authentication

- Brief history

- Why cryptography is used

- Cryptographic challenge/response

- Authentication pitfalls and solutions

## Smartcards as a token for digital credentials

- Smartcard basics

- Authentication with Smartcards

## Java Card technology motivation and basics

# Agenda With Section Highlights

Java Card technology development with various vendor

- APIs

- Manufacturer/Industry

Javacard customized development

- Authentication

- Locked wallet

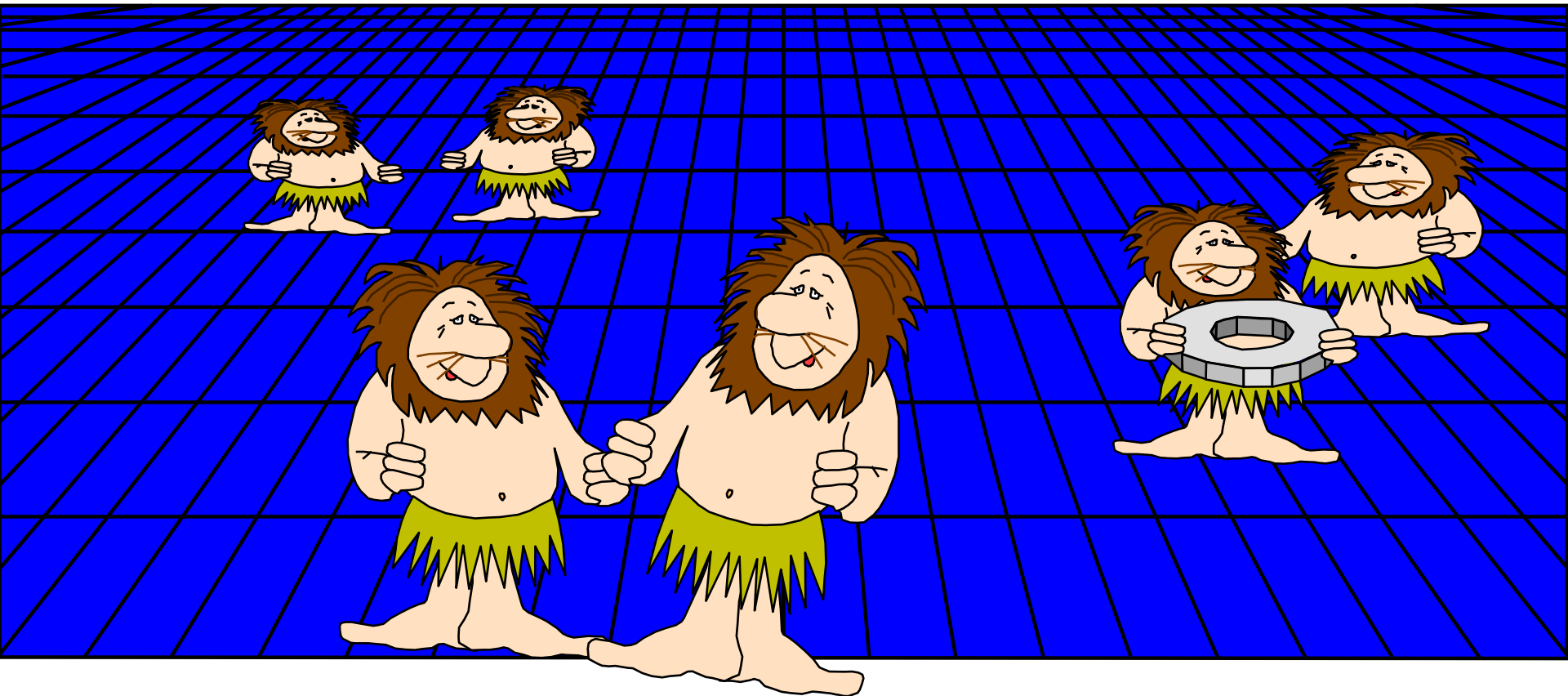
Lessons learned from university research

Code Samples

More Info

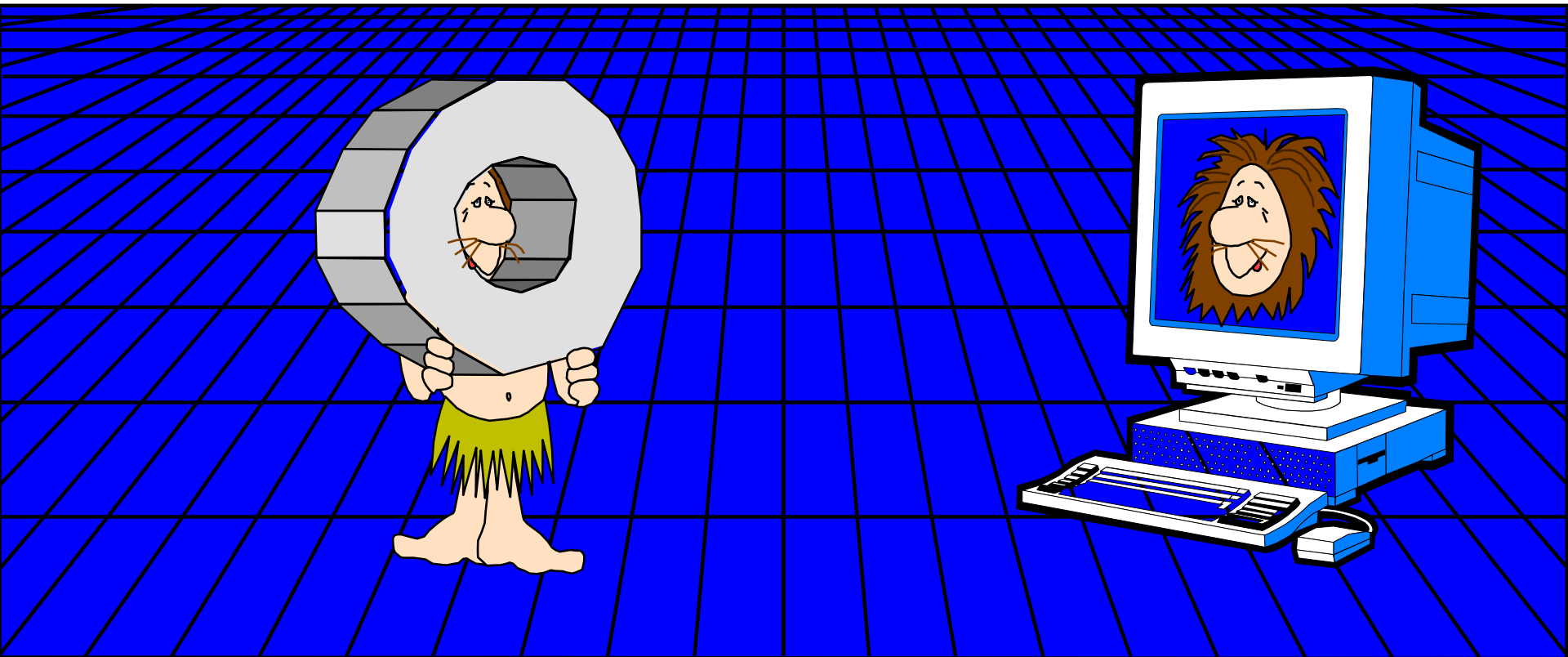
# History of Authentication

## A Long Time Ago



# History of Authentication

## A Short Time Ago



# History of Authentication

Presently



# Bio and IRS Headquarters' Research

Before Computers

Government Research Lab



**Advanced technology**

Data mining

NLP

Cryptography

**Partnering**

(gov't industry academia)

Behavioral modeling

Smartcard



# Implementing Authentication With Cryptography

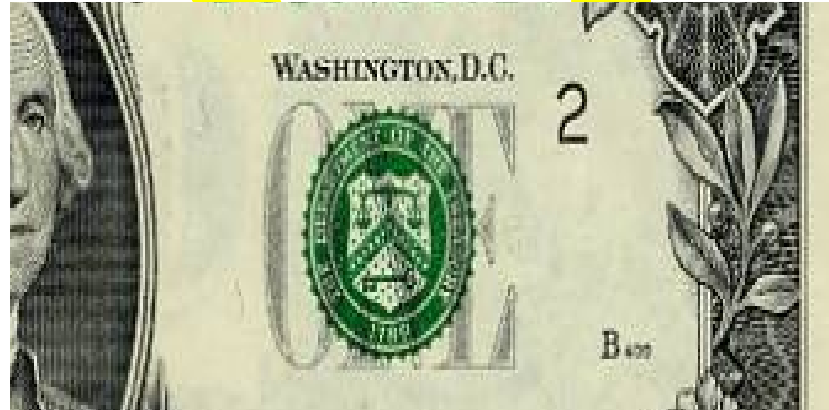
# Key Centric

Key Man

Key Word

Key Data

Key to the  
City



Key Phrase

Key Play

Locks and Keys

Key to Your  
Heart

**Key**

# Cryptography Is **Key Centric**

## Only Need to Trust

## **Security of Your/Their Keys**

# Authentication With Challenge/Response

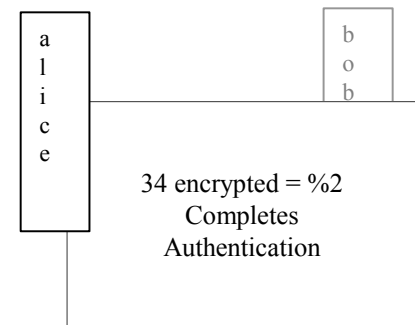
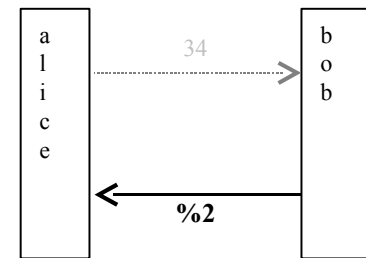
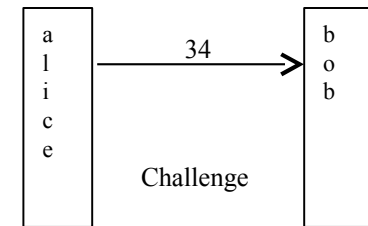
## Alice Challenges

2. Picks a number between 1 and 100 (e.g. 34)
3. Encrypts 34  $\rightarrow$  %2 (see bottom picture)
4. Challenges the requesting computer to encrypt 34

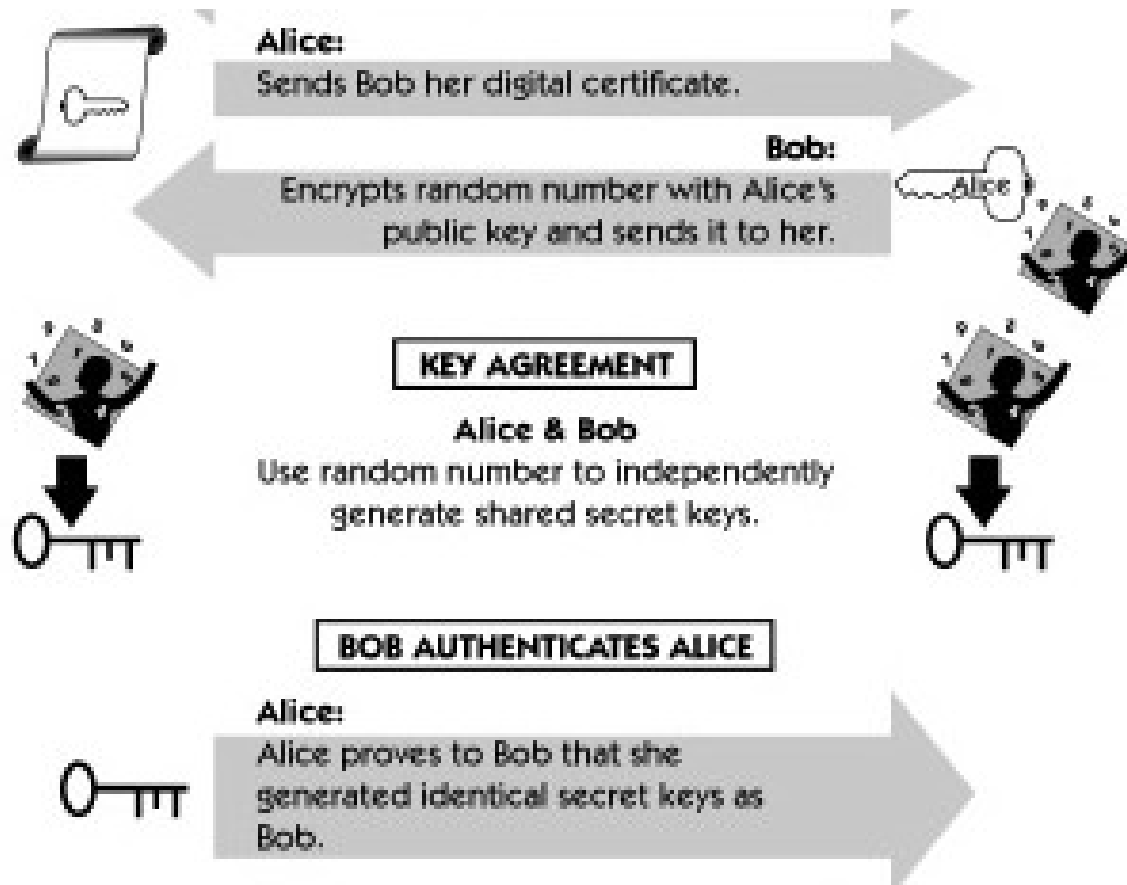
## Bob Responds

He encrypts 34. Say 34 encrypts to '%2'  
 He sends %2 back to Alice

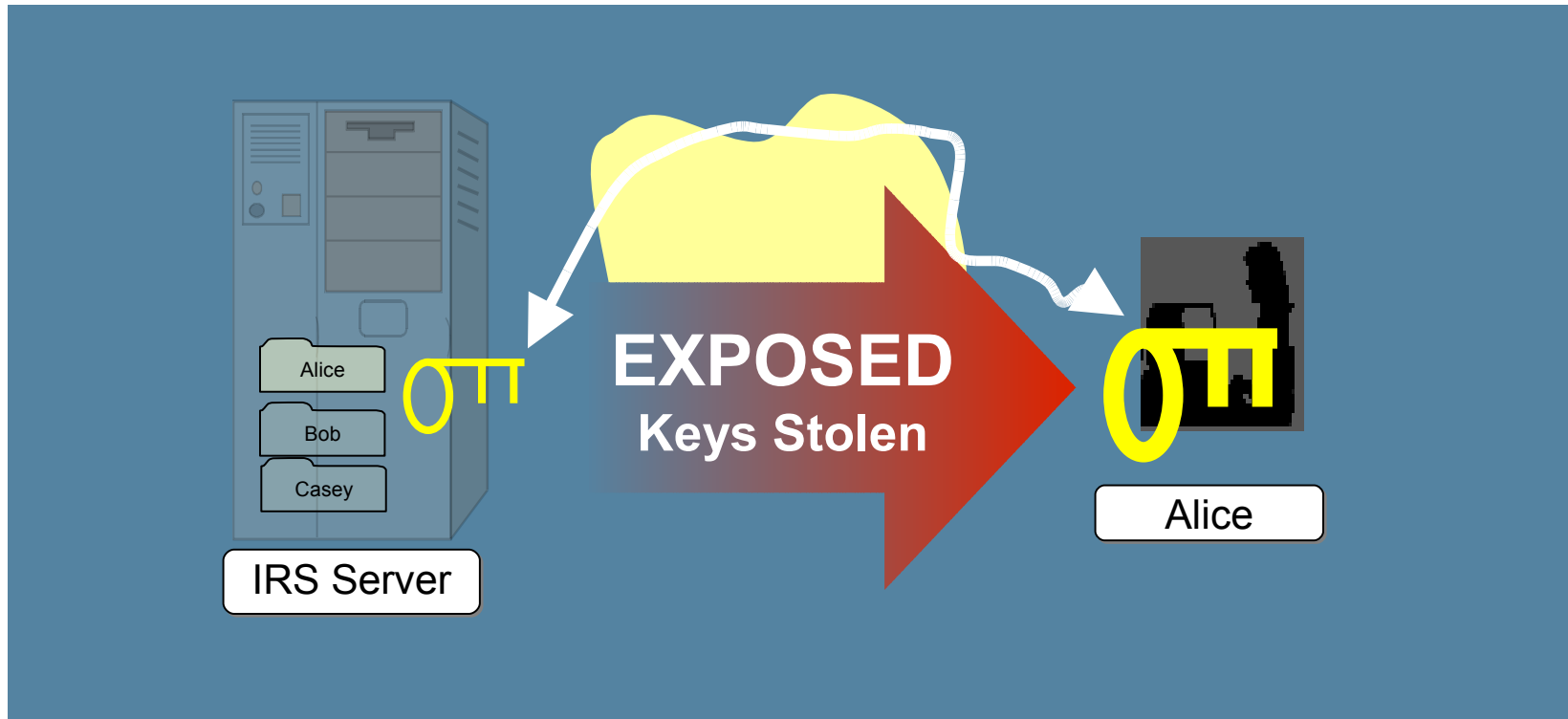
Alice has authenticated Bob



# SSL Authentication



# Authentication Pitfall



Alice assured Correspondent (IRS Server)  
**Knows (Shares) identical secret key**  
**Without divulging what key is!**

# Internet Communications

Authenticating who's there?



know (password)

have (smartcard)

are (biometric)

# Smartcard Motivation

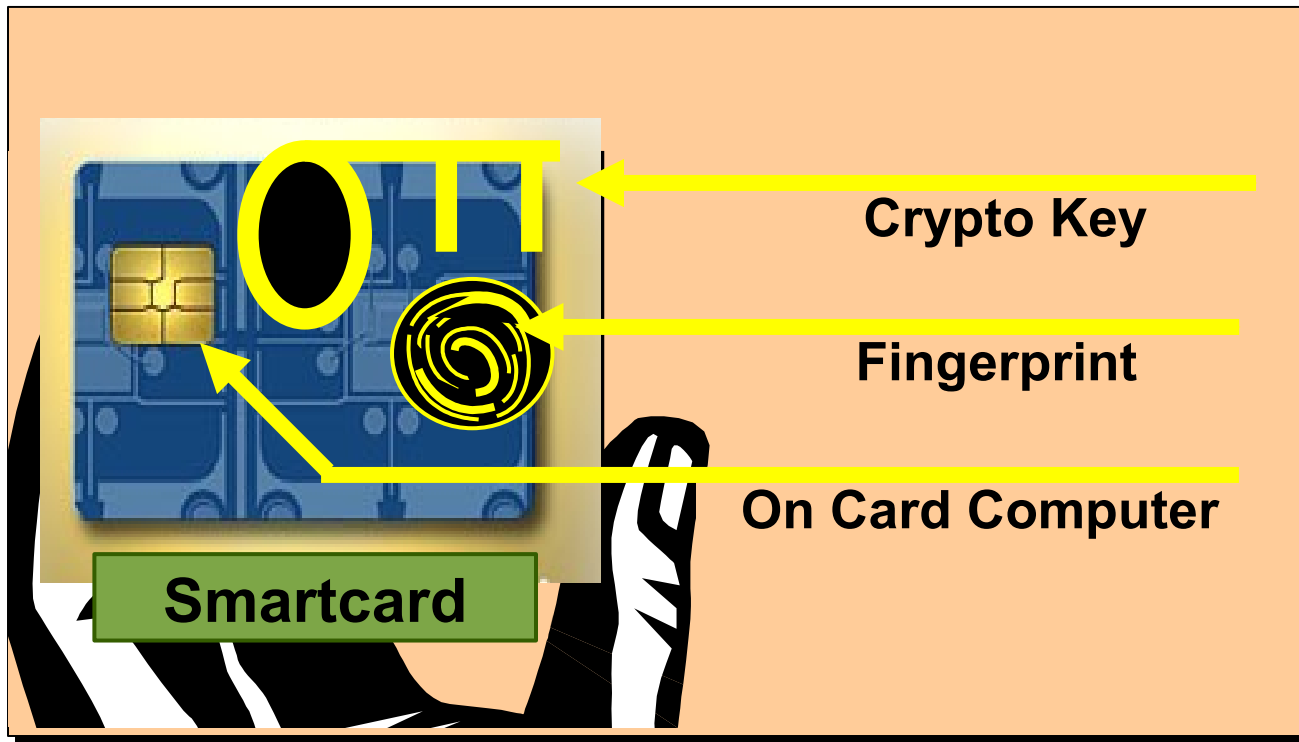
## 1. Authentication

## 2. Off-load processing (protected purse)

Source: Please add the source of your data here



# SmartCard With **Crypt Key** and **Biometric Fingerprint**



# Smartcard Computer

Motivation:

**Keep crypt keys on ‘relatively’ safe computer**



Mindset change: smartcards are a computer

New nomenclature

sc  $\leftrightarrow$  server  $\leftarrow \dots \dots \dots \rightarrow$  client  $\leftrightarrow$  sc  
(host) (host)

# Two Types of Smartcards

## Memory Cards

- No onboard microprocessor
- Limited functionality
- Advantage is simple technology
  - e.g. Prepaid phone cards

## Microprocessor (Smart) Cards

- CPU: 16, 32, even 64
- Often have coprocessor for crypt math
- Memory: (see later slide)

# Many, (Too) Many Standards

**Global Platform (GP) (formerly Open Platform)**

**Common Criteria (CC)**

**International Airline and Transportation Association (IATA)**

**Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) Standards**

**EMV 2000 Specifications.** (EMV v4.0 consists of 4 books)

Book 1, *Application-Independent ICC to Terminal Interface Requirements*

Book 2, *Security and Key Management*

Book 3, *Application Specification*

Book 4, *Cardholder, Attendant, and Acquirer Interface Requirements*

**Personal Computer/Smart Card (PC/SC) Workgroup Open Specifications**

**OpenCard Framework**

**The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996  
(Public Law 104-191)**

**International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Passport Guidelines**

# Card/Host Smartcard Software

## Card

- Small subset
  - Java card Java VM (Java Card VM) is less than 1% of JDKTM 1.5 release
- Doesn't trust anything
  - Assumes working in hostile environment
  - Unless authenticated cards don't trust host (& vice-versa)
  - Usually cards act in slave mode to host master

## Host (aka off-card or terminal software)

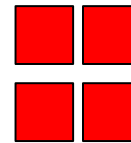
- Runs on desktop or server that sc is attached to
- Written in high level software (C/C++, Java technology, etc.)

# Three Kinds of SmartCard Memory

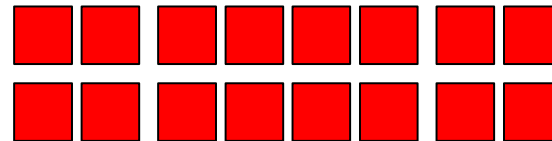
ROM



EEPROM



RAM



# ROM Memory

Persistent data (no power necessary)

Can't be changed after manufacture

~ 100 Kb

# EEPROM Memory

Persistent—modifiable data

Limit: 100,000 Erasers/~ 10 years

Slow

~ 100 Kb



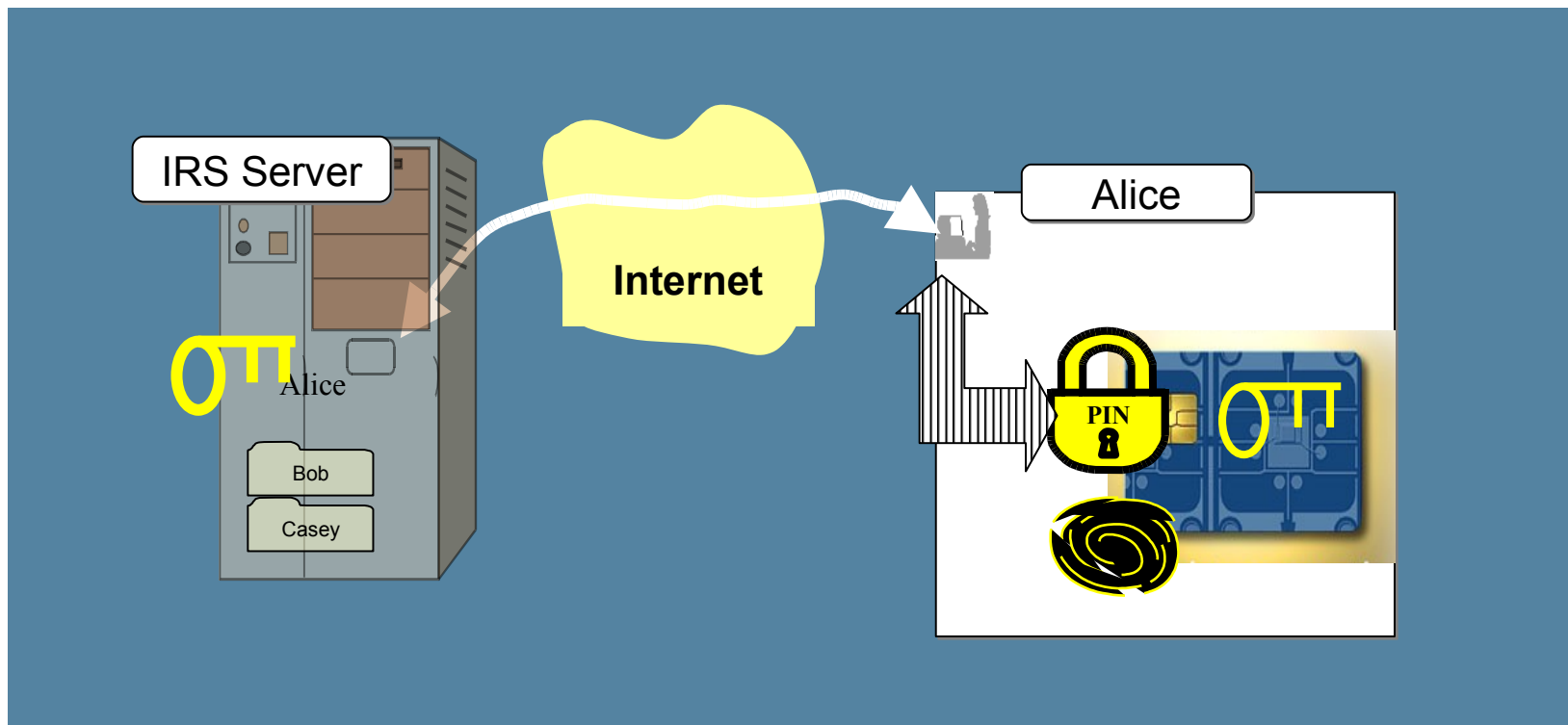
# RAM Memory

Not persistent (volatile) data

Fast

~ 5 (or even less) Kb

# Authentication With Smartcard



Alice assured Correspondent (IRS Server)  
Has smartcard and Knows PIN  
Is biometric identical

# Java Card Technology

## Previously

All smartcard software was burned onto card by manufacturer

1997

Schlumberger (now Axalto) enables dynamically loaded Java technology based pgrms (Java Card based applets)

Note: Java Card based applets  $\neq$  browser applets

# Java Card Technology Development

## Initial Attempt

### Java Card Technology Vendor API

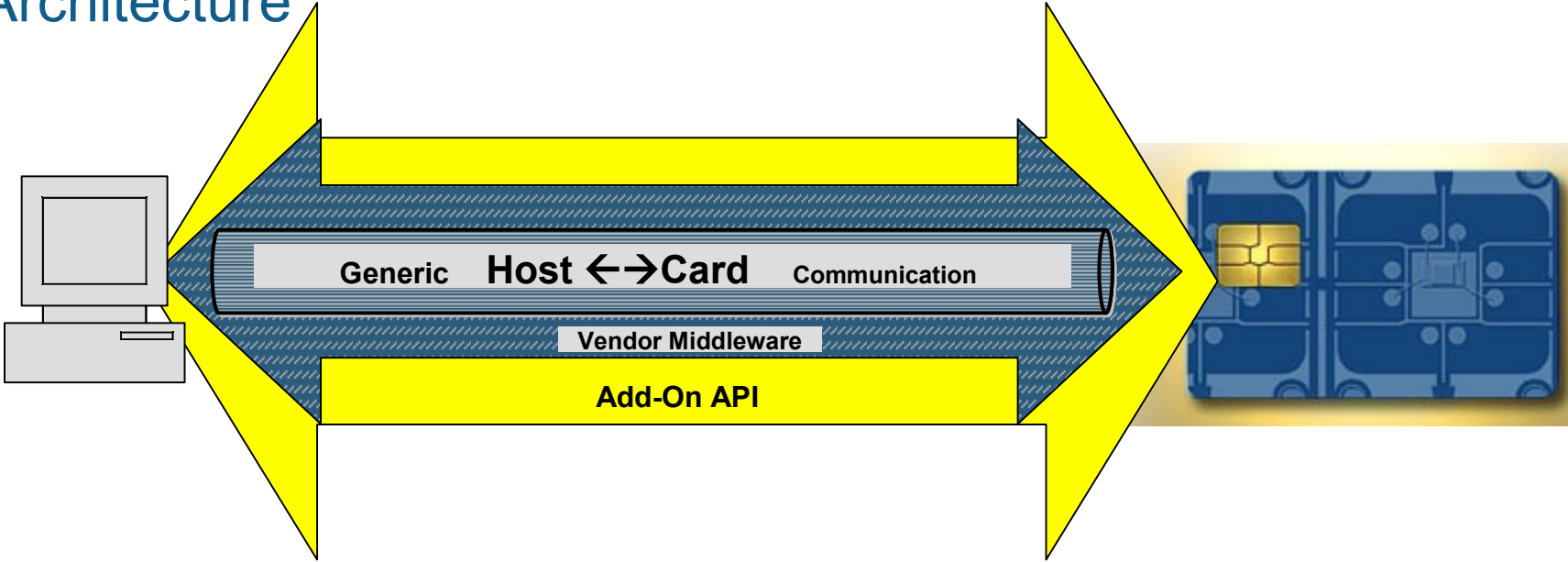
- C/C++ method wrapped in Java programming language call
- Limited
- Proprietary

### 3rd Party Add-ons

- Limited set of cards
  - Really a product—Or a Market Test

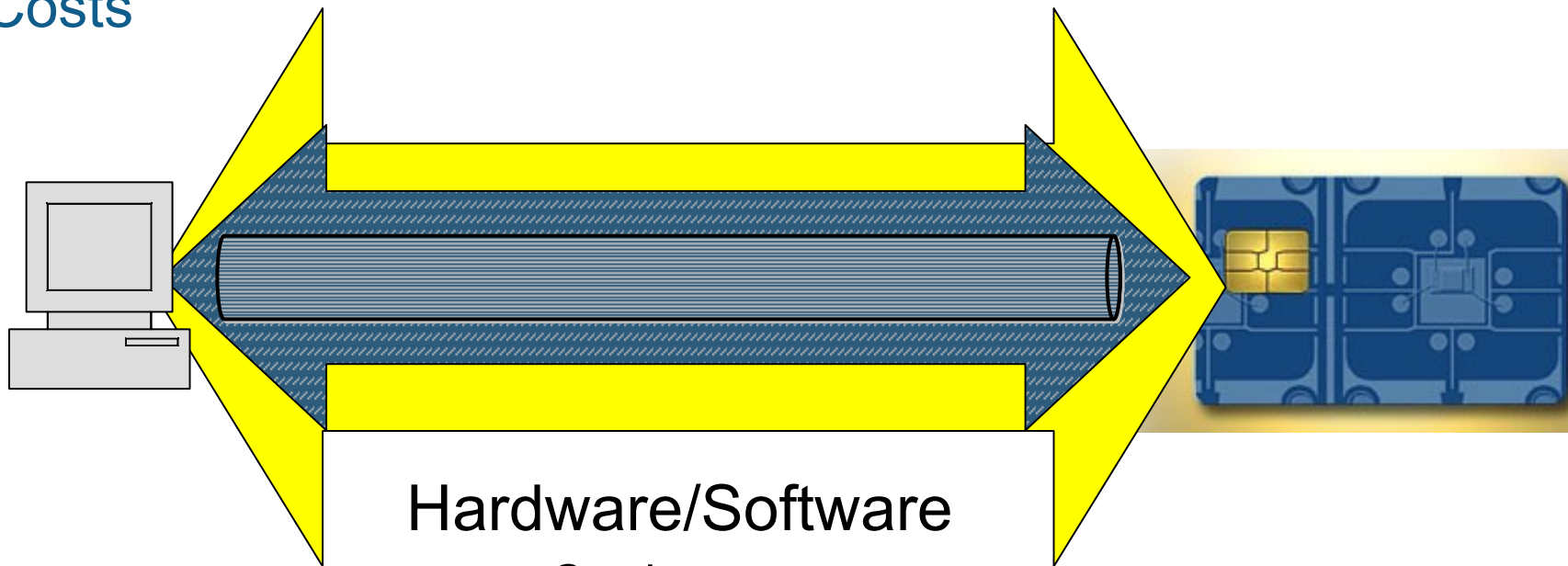
# Host ↔ Java Card Technology— Vendor API

## Architecture



# Host $\leftrightarrow$ Java Card Technology— Vendor API

Costs



Hardware/Software

- Cards
- Vendor API

Wetware (people)

Experience: ActivCard, Phaos,

# Java Card Technology Development

Final Prototype

Java Card API/Development kit

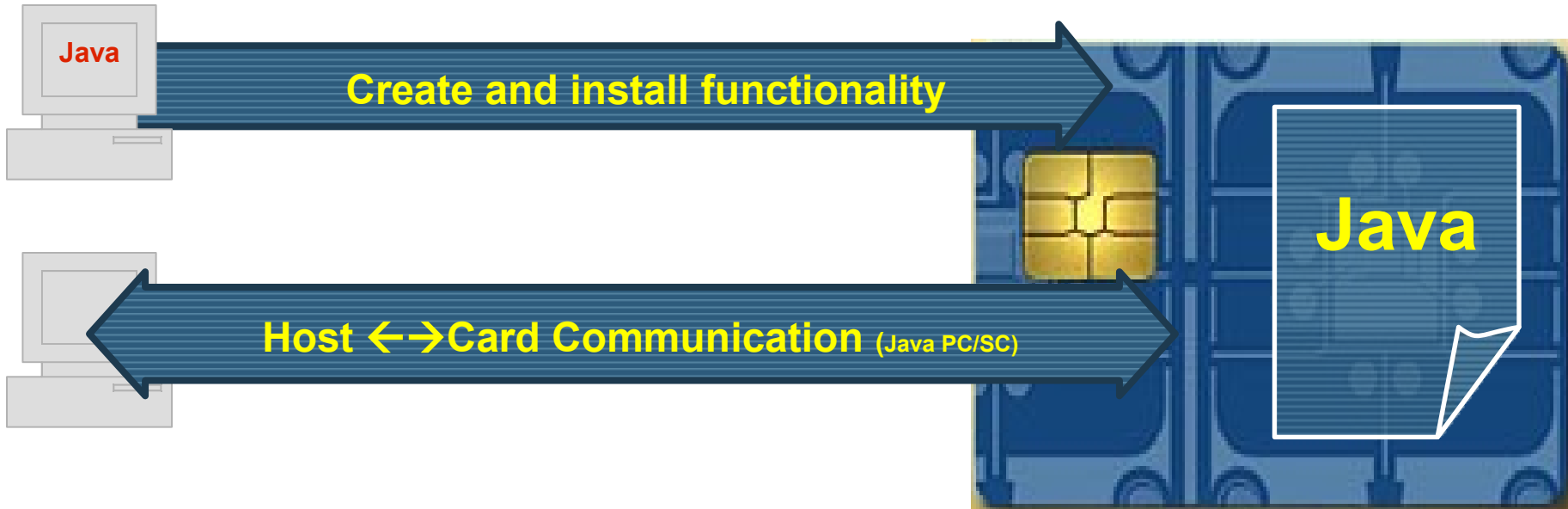
Limited

Not Proprietary

Substantial effort

**Experience: Card: Jcop, Axalto, Gemplus, Aspects, Host: J-PC/SC**

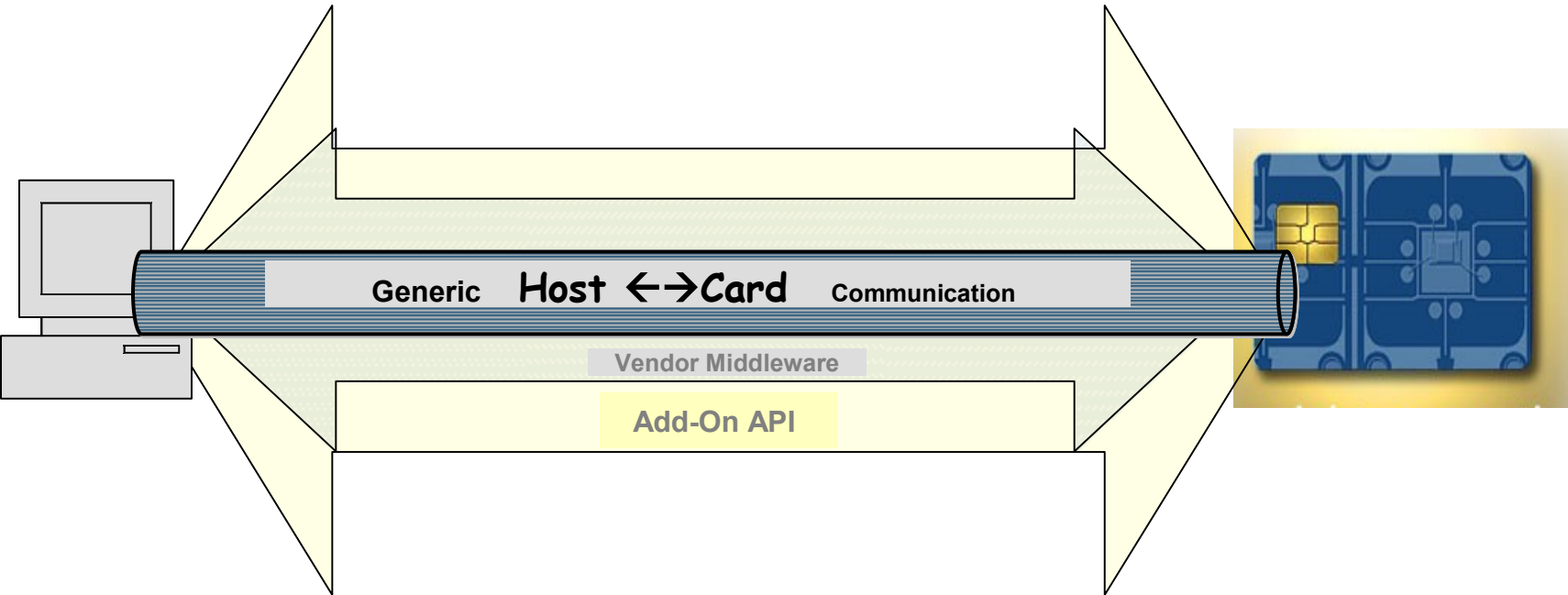
# JavaCard Custom Development



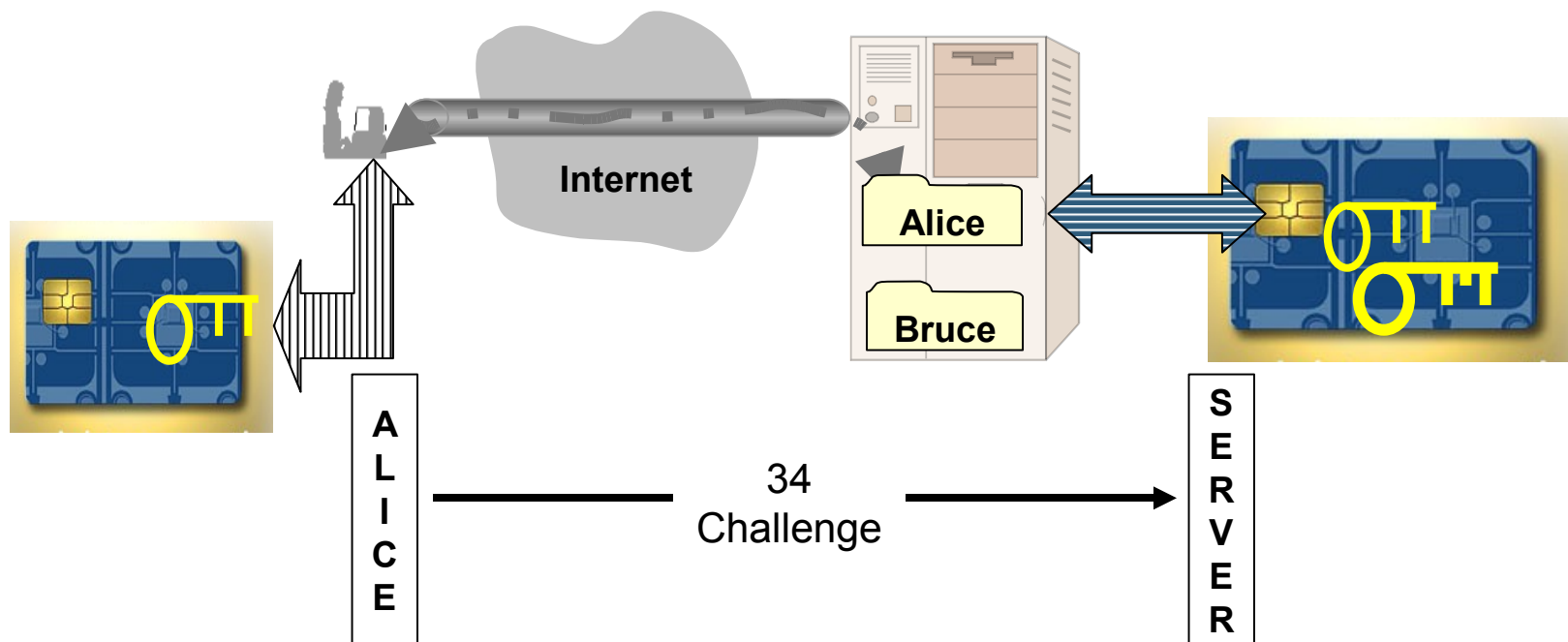
**Two faceted development:**



# Host ↔ Java Card Technology— Customized

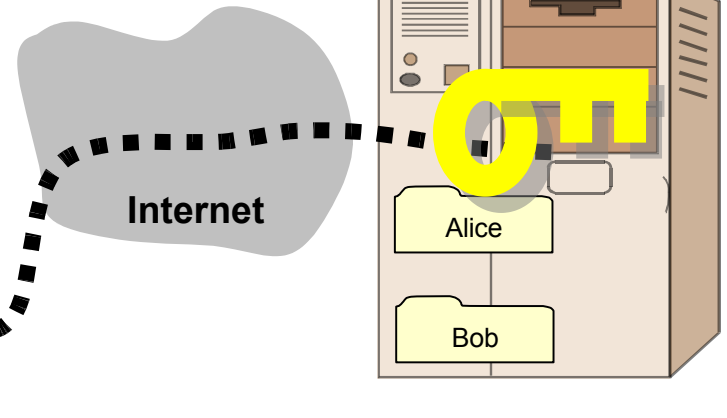


# JavaCard-Based Authentication



**Secret crypto keys are never exposed**  
 All **private** crypto key processing uses smartcard computer

# Locked Wallet Controls Accessibility



# Working With University Grad Students

- Can be very productive (but not necessarily)
- “Show me (them) the...”
  - Using corporate/government goodwill
- Students
- Faculty
- Time tables
- NSF/DARPA

# Java Card API Code Sample

## Actual Code

### Yes

**Primitive types**  
boolean, byte, short

**One-dimensional array**

**Inheritance, virtual functions**

### No

**long, double, float, characters!**  
**Strings**

**Threads**

**G/C,**

**Dynamic class loading**

# JavaCard API Code Sample

```
package gov.irs.sfa.strauss.card;
```

Packages OK

```
import javacard.framework.APDU;  
import javacard.framework.Applet  
import javacard.framework.ISO7816;  
import javacard.framework.ISOException;  
import javacard.framework.OwnerPIN;  
import javacard.framework.Util;  
import javacard.security.KeyBuilder;  
import javacard.security.RSAPrivateCrtKey;  
import javacardx.crypto.Cipher;
```

Packages are  
javacard

```
import gov.irs.sfa.strauss.Proto;
```

Custom Packages

# JavaCard API Code Sample

## Not for dilettante

```
private
NamedKeyPair() {
    short S64 = 64;

    privCrt.setP( dd.primeP, ZERO, S64 );
    privCrt.setQ( dd.primeQ, ZERO, S64 );
    privCrt.setDP1( dd.expP, ZERO, S64 );
    privCrt.setDQ1( dd.expQ, ZERO, S64 );
    privCrt.setPQ( dd.crtCoeff, ZERO, S64 );
    if( !privCrt.isInitialized() )
        ISOException.throwIt( . . . );
}
```

# JavaCard API Code Sample



```

public void process( APDU apdu ) {
    cmdLen = apdu.setIncomingAndReceive();

    short error = transformBuffer( apdu.getBuffer() );

    if( error!=ISO7816.SW_NO_ERROR )        // note: not
        ISOException.throwIt(error);      // throw new
ISOException

    apdu.setOutgoingAndSend( . . . );
}

```



# JavaCard API Code Sample

```
private short transformBuffer( byte[] apdu ) {
    . . .
    byte ins = apdu[ISO7816.OFFSET_INS];

    switch( ins ) {
        case Proto.GET_ID:           return copyPayload( apdu,
dd.identity );
        case Proto.VERIFY_PIN:      return verifyPIN( apdu );
    }
    . . .
    switch( ins ) {
        case Proto.ENCRYPT:           return encDec( apdu, . . .
        case Proto.DECRYPT:         return encDec( apdu,
Cipher.MODE_DECRYPT . . . case Proto.GET_MOD:      return
copyPayload( apdu, dd.ownMod );
    }
    . . .
}
```

# JavaCard API Code Sample

```
/** En/decrypt cmd payload to response payload. */

private
short encDec( byte[] apdu, byte cipherMode, short minLen,
short maxLen) {
    if( cmdLen<minLen || cmdLen>maxLen )
        return ISO7816.SW_WRONG_LENGTH;
    cipher.init( privCrt, cipherMode );
    respLen = cipher.doFinal( apdu, ISO7816.OFFSET_CDATA, . .
.
}
}
```

# Host

```
/** Transmit a command to the card and receive a reply.
 * @param hdr a 4-byte APDU header
 * @param data non-null payload, may be empty
 * @return success: a non-null, but possibly empty reply payload; failure: null.
 **/
```

```
private byte[] sendReceive(byte[] hdr, byte[] payload) throws Exception {
    if( log!=null ) log.entering("StraussCard", "sendReceive "+name(hdr[1]));
    assert hdr.length==4 && payload.length<=APDU_PAYLOAD_MAX;

    byte[] apdu = ByteManip.cat(hdr, new byte[] { (byte)payload.length }, payload);
    byte[] resp = card.Transmit( apdu, 0, apdu.length );

    short code = (short)(resp[resp.length-2]<<8 | resp[resp.length-1]);
    if( log!=null ) log.fine("code="+name(code));
    if( code != ISO7816.SW_NO_ERROR ) return null;

    byte[] stripped = new byte[resp.length-2];
    System.arraycopy(resp, 0, stripped, 0, stripped.length);
    return stripped;
}
```

# Summary

- Authentication
- Authentication Confidentiality  
Integrity Non-repudiation
- Keep your keys safe

# For More Information

## Books:

SmartCards—Developers Toolkit—Jurgensen, Guthery

Java Card Technology for SmartCards—Chen

Cryptography Decrypted—Mel, Baker

[HxMEL.com](http://HxMEL.com)

## Web:

GSA SmartCard Handbook etc. <http://smart.gov>

NIST PIV, FIPS . . . <http://csrc.nist.gov/piv-program/>

SUN:

<http://developers.sun.com/techttopics/mobility/javacard/articles/javacard1/>

# Q&A

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