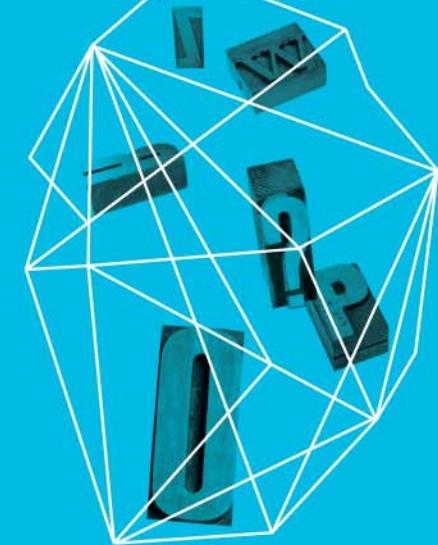


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# Preventing Attackers From Using Verifiers: A-PAKE With PK-Id

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# — Outline

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- ▶ A-PAKE with PK-Id
- ▶ Alternatives and Trade-offs
- ▶ Conclusions

# Introduction

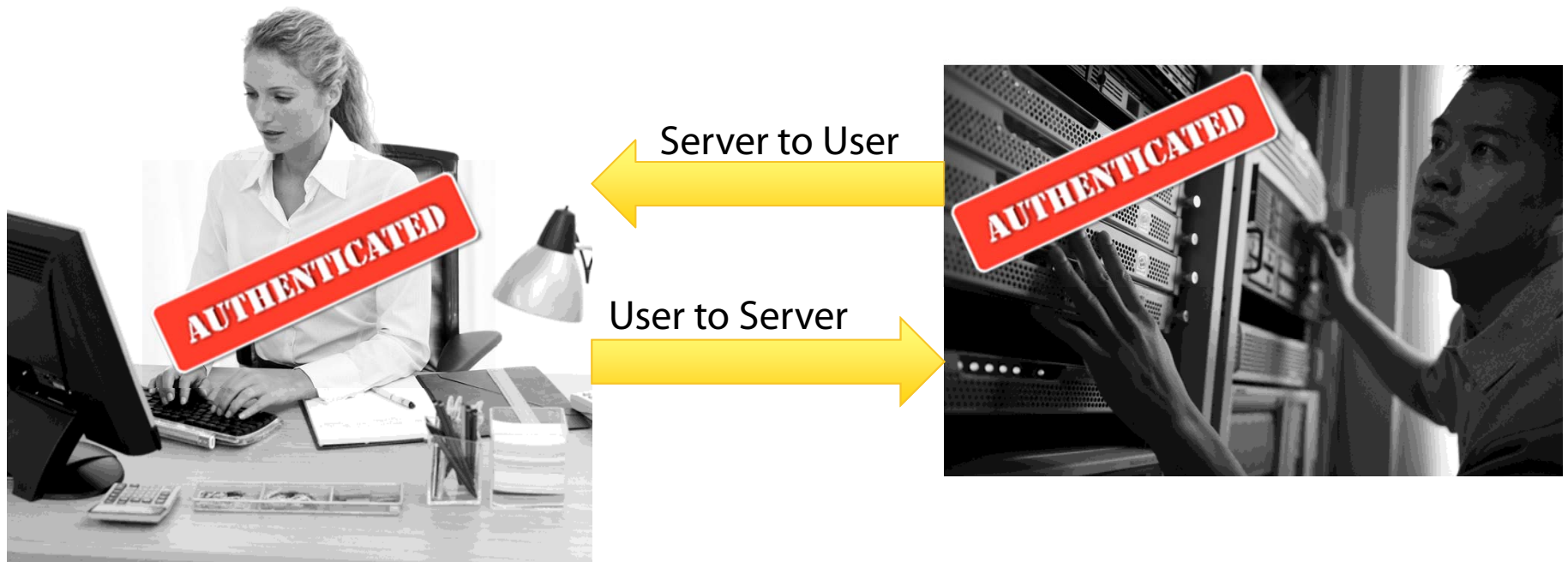


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# — Problem Domain



# — Authentication



# — Attacker: Man-in-the-Middle

- ▶ Steal password database
- ▶ Create a fake server certificate
- ▶ Create a fake client certificate



# — Server Authentication

- ▶ Authenticating a computer
- ▶ Certificate and Private Key



# — User Authentication

- ▶ Authenticating a person
- ▶ User Certificate and Private Key





# — User Authentication



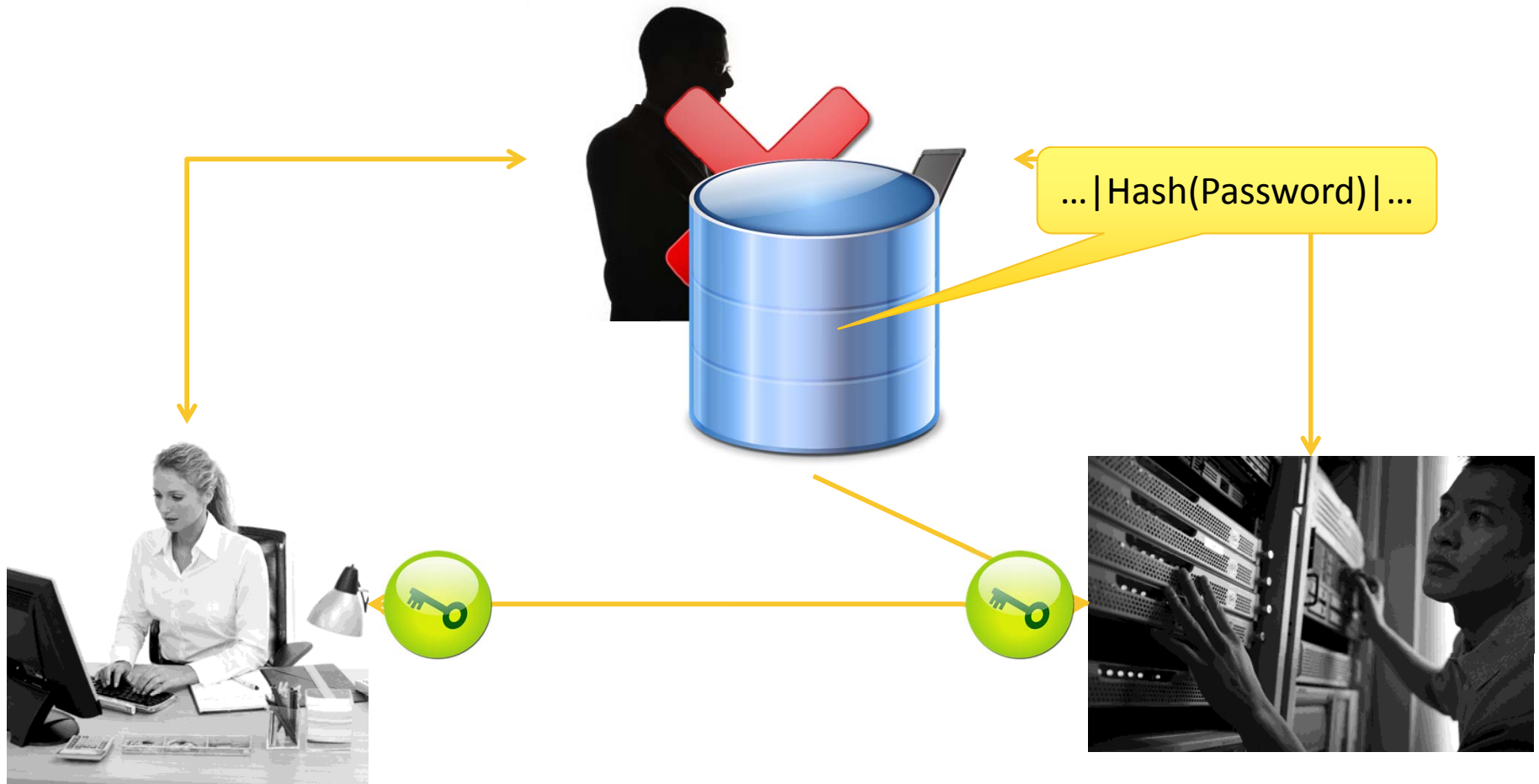
# — Passwords in the Database

Mechanism	Form	Security
Clear	"password"	None
Hash	$H(P)$	Depends on length of password
Hash with Salt	$H(S, P)$	Depends on length of password Different sites, different value
N*Hash with Salt	$H(\dots H(S, P)\dots)^{\wedge}$	Longer to break
Exponentiation	$g^{H(S,P)}$	Brute-force not practical

^ Password Based Key Derivation Function (PBKDF)

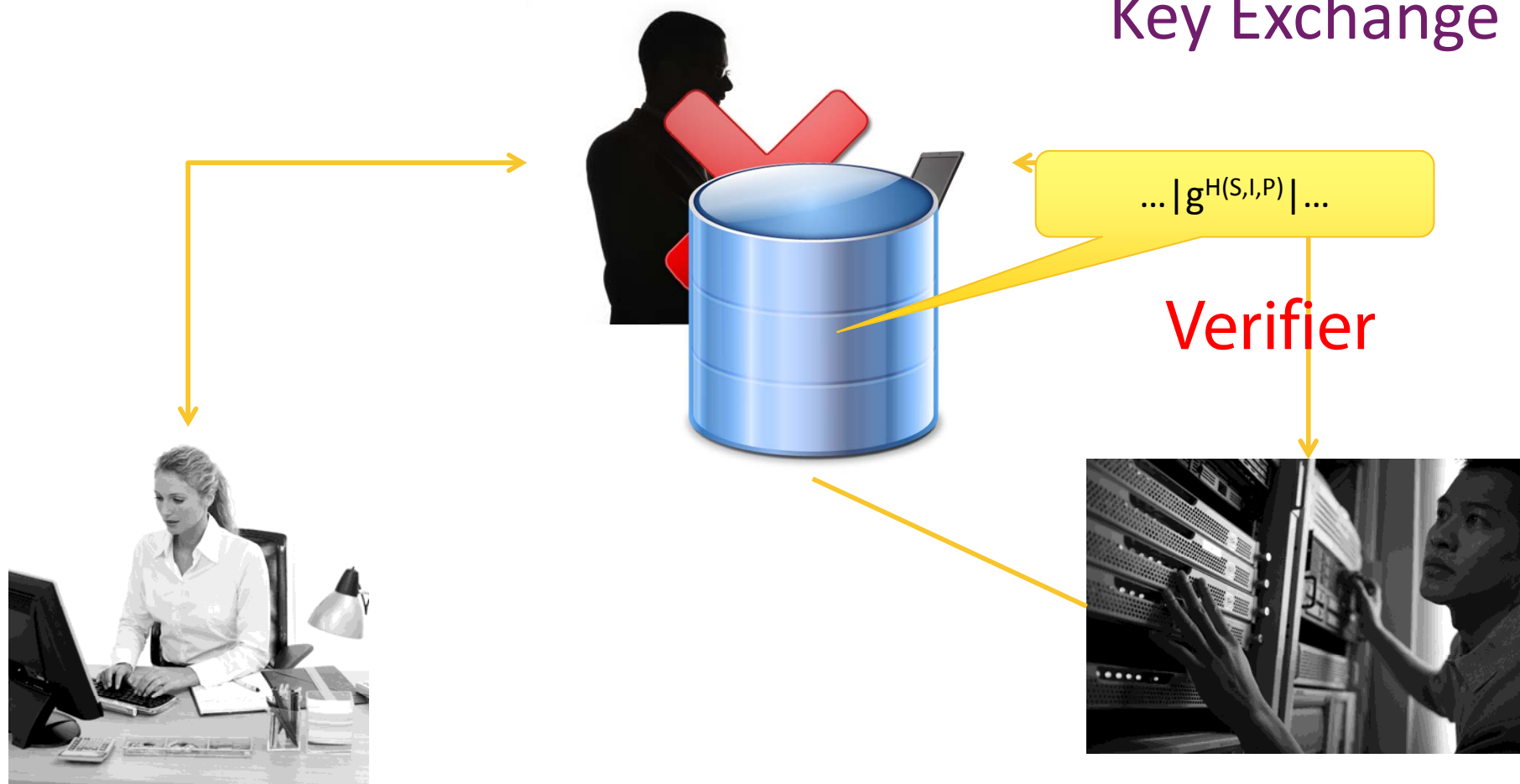
# PAKE

## Password-Authenticated Key Exchange “Strong security from weak passwords”



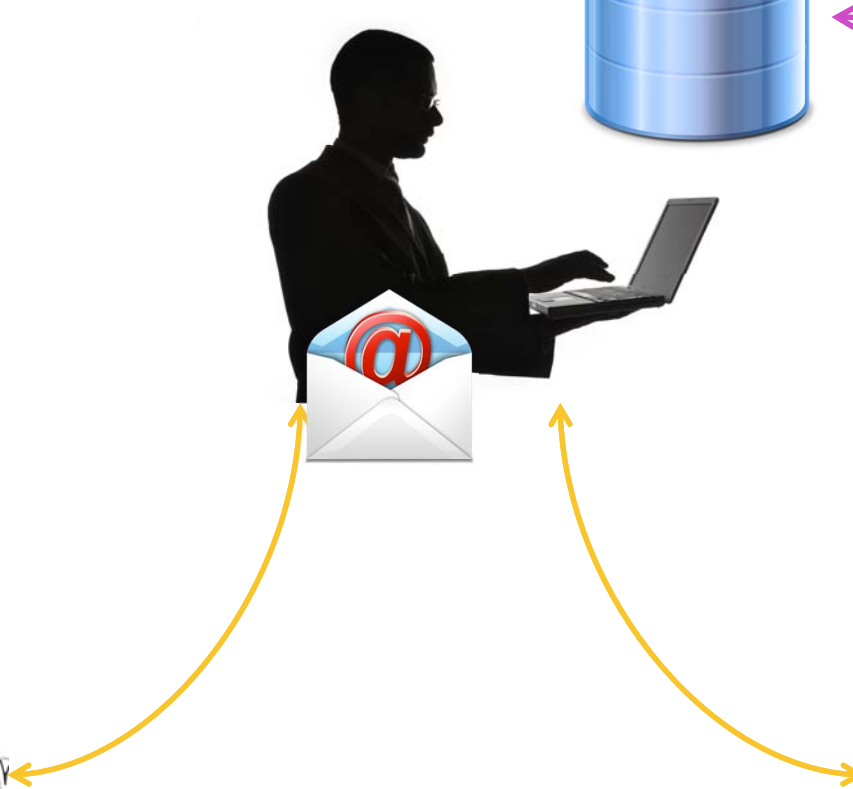
# A-PAKE

## Augmented Password-Authenticated Key Exchange



# Vulnerability

Change Password



## — A-PAKE with PK-Id: Aim

- ▶ New protocol that is standardized
- ▶ Easy identity management for User
- ▶ Secure storage of password on Server
- ▶ Without password Attacker cannot impersonate User or Server



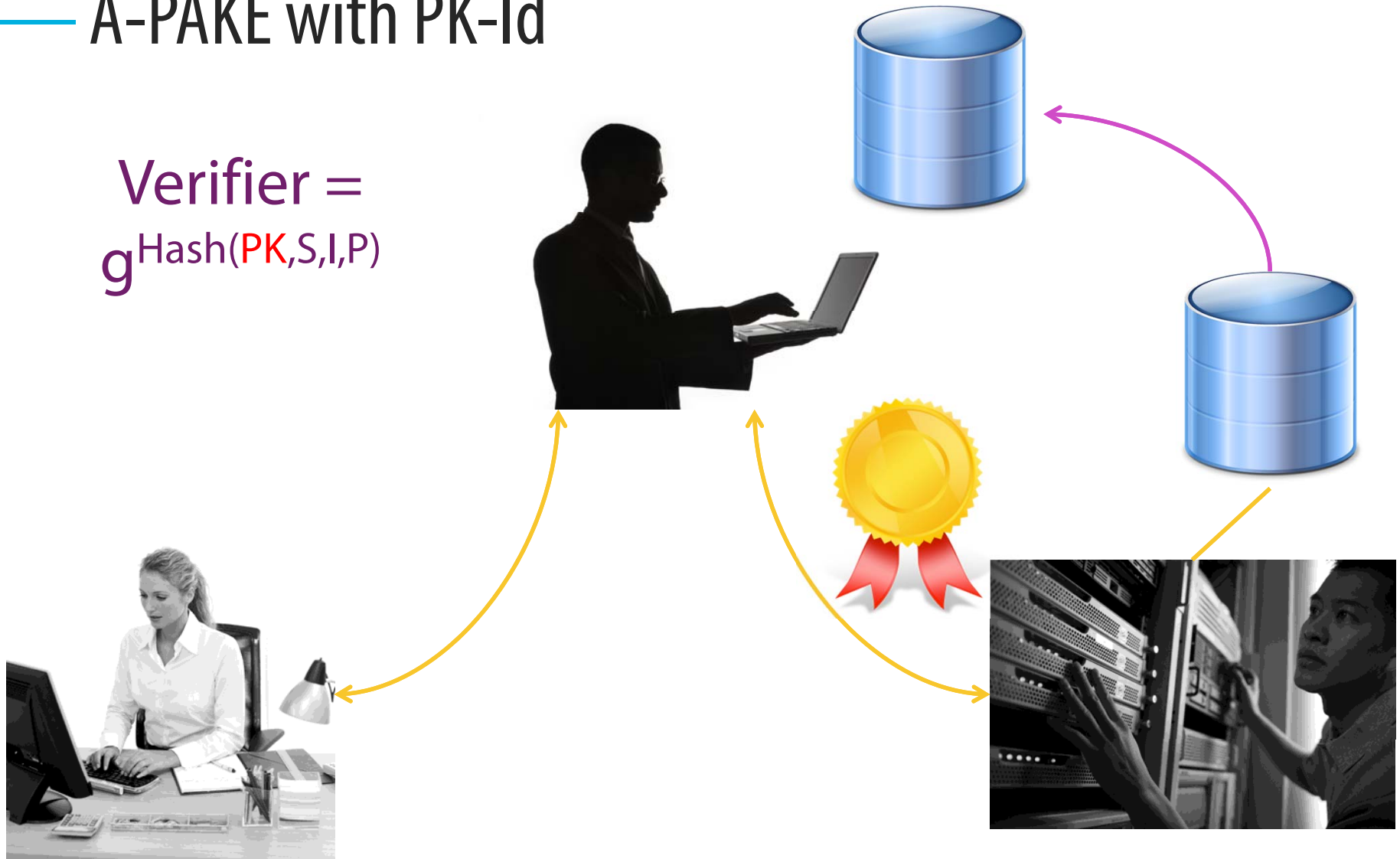
# A-PAKE with PK-Id



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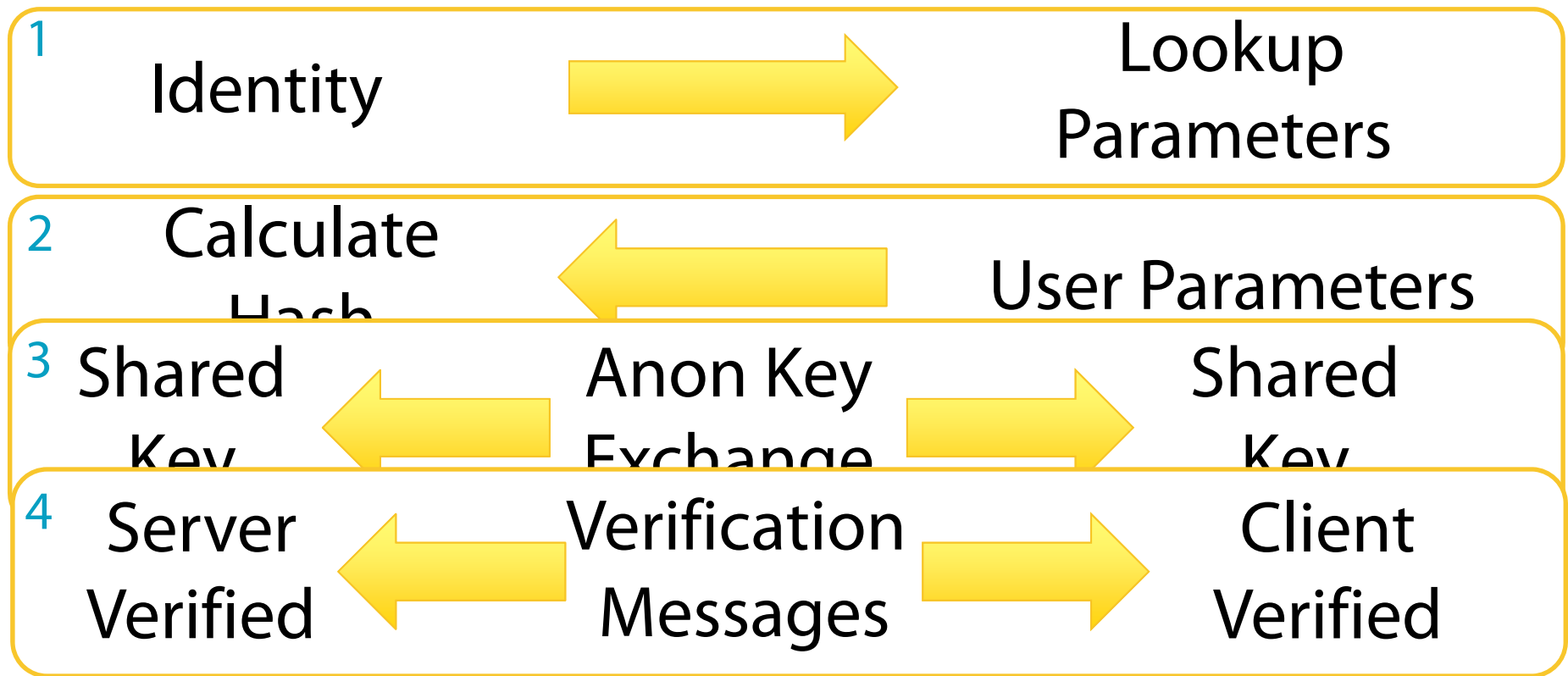
# A-PAKE with PK-Id

$$\text{Verifier} = g^{\text{Hash}(\text{PK}, \text{S}, \text{I}, \text{P})}$$

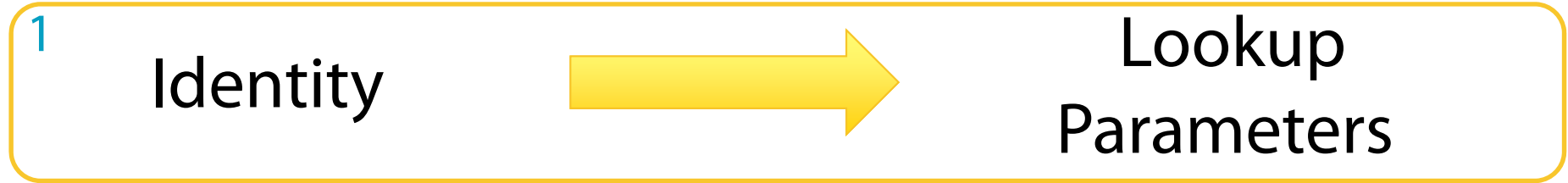




# A-PAKE with PK-Id: General



# A-PAKE with PK-Id: SRP-PK



Identity:  Salt = 0x123456...  
"Alice Anderson" Verifier = 0xa73b24...



## A-PAKE with PK-Id: SRP-PK

2 Calculate Hash



User Parameters

$s = \text{Salt}$



Salt = 0x123456...

$I = \text{Identity}$

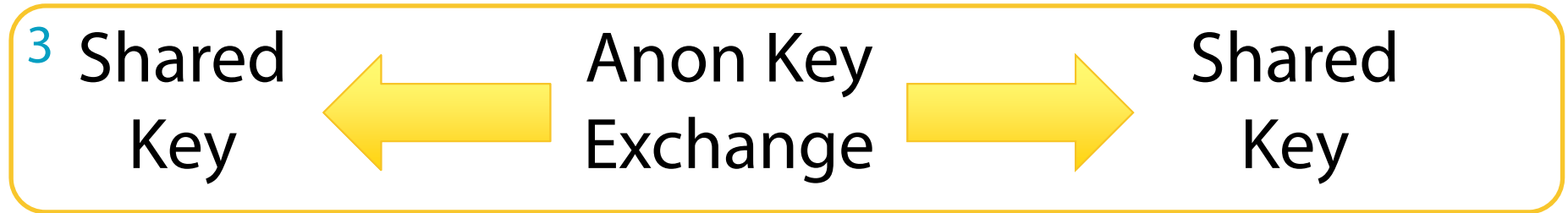
**PK = 0xf389da...**

$P = \text{"password"}$

$x = \text{Hash}(\text{PK}, \text{Hash}(\text{Hash}(s, I), P), P)$



# A-PAKE with PK-Id: SRP-PK



$$A = g^a$$



$$B = kv + g^b$$

**Verify(PK, sig,  
s, g, N, B)**



**sig = Sign(PrivK,  
s, g, N, B)**

v = Verifier

a, b = random

k = Hash(N, g)



## A-PAKE Scheme: SRP-PK



$$u = \text{Hash}(A,B)$$

$$S = (B - kg^x)^{a+ux}$$

$$K = \text{Hash}(S)$$



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$$S = (Av^u)^b$$

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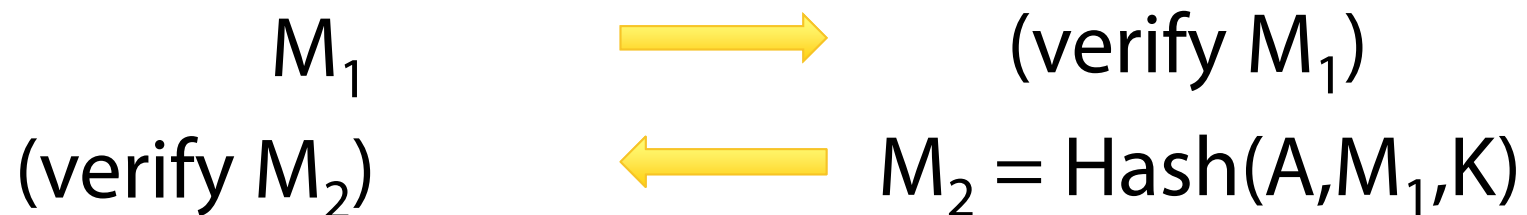


$$k = \text{Hash}(N,g)$$

## A-PAKE with PK-Id: SRP-PK




$$M_1 = \text{Hash}(\text{Hash}(N) \oplus \text{Hash}(g), \text{Hash}(I), s, A, B, K)$$



# — A-PAKE with PK-Id: Security

- ▶ Server signs with the private key
  - ▶ Provides proof of ownership
  - ▶ Salt is unique to each user and B is random
  - ▶ Different signature generated in each handshake
- ▶ If Man-in-the-middle replays previously signed B
  - ▶ Private randomness,  $b$ , unknown
  - ▶  $b$  is required to complete the handshake
- ▶ If Man-in-the-middle uses a fake certificate
  - ▶ Public key used in verifier
  - ▶ Different keys results in different verifiers

## — A-PAKE with PK-Id: Optional

- ▶ If A sent in clear 
  - ▶ No security issue
- ▶ Client encrypts A
  - ▶ A is random
  - ▶ Different message generated in each handshake
- ▶ Advantage
  - ▶ Server knows Client is using the public key
  - ▶ Client used the public key in verifier



# — TLS with SRP

- ▶ RFC 5054: Informational only
- ▶ Experimental Implementations
- ▶ Server certificate optional

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## Using the Secure Remote Password (SRP) Protocol for TLS Authentication

### Status of This Memo

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### Abstract

This memo presents a technique for using the Secure Remote Password protocol as an authentication method for the Transport Layer Security protocol.

# — TLS with SRP-PK

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Client Hello

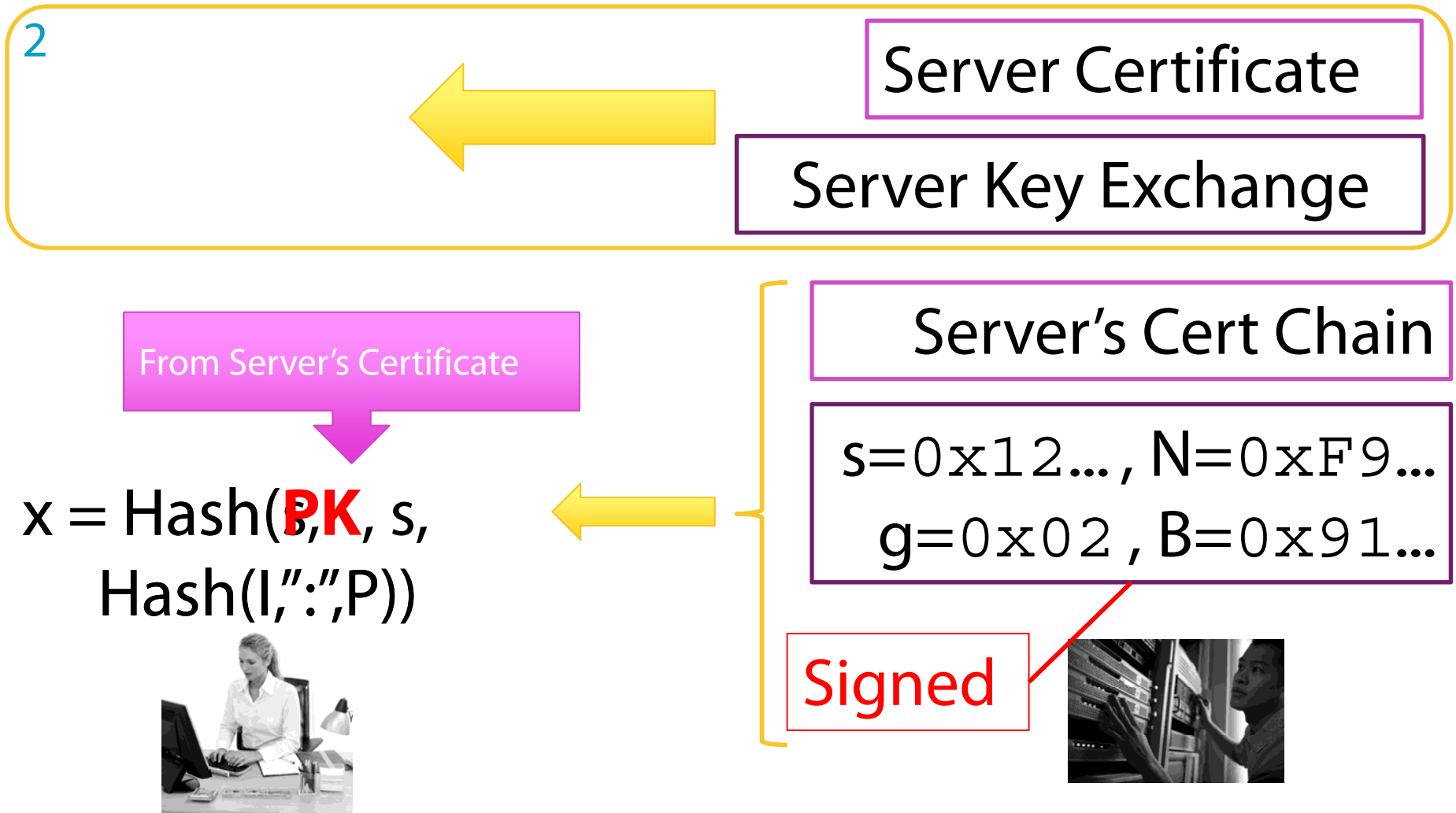


Identity (TLS Ext):

"Alice Anderson"



# TLS with SRP-PK



# — TLS with SRP-PK

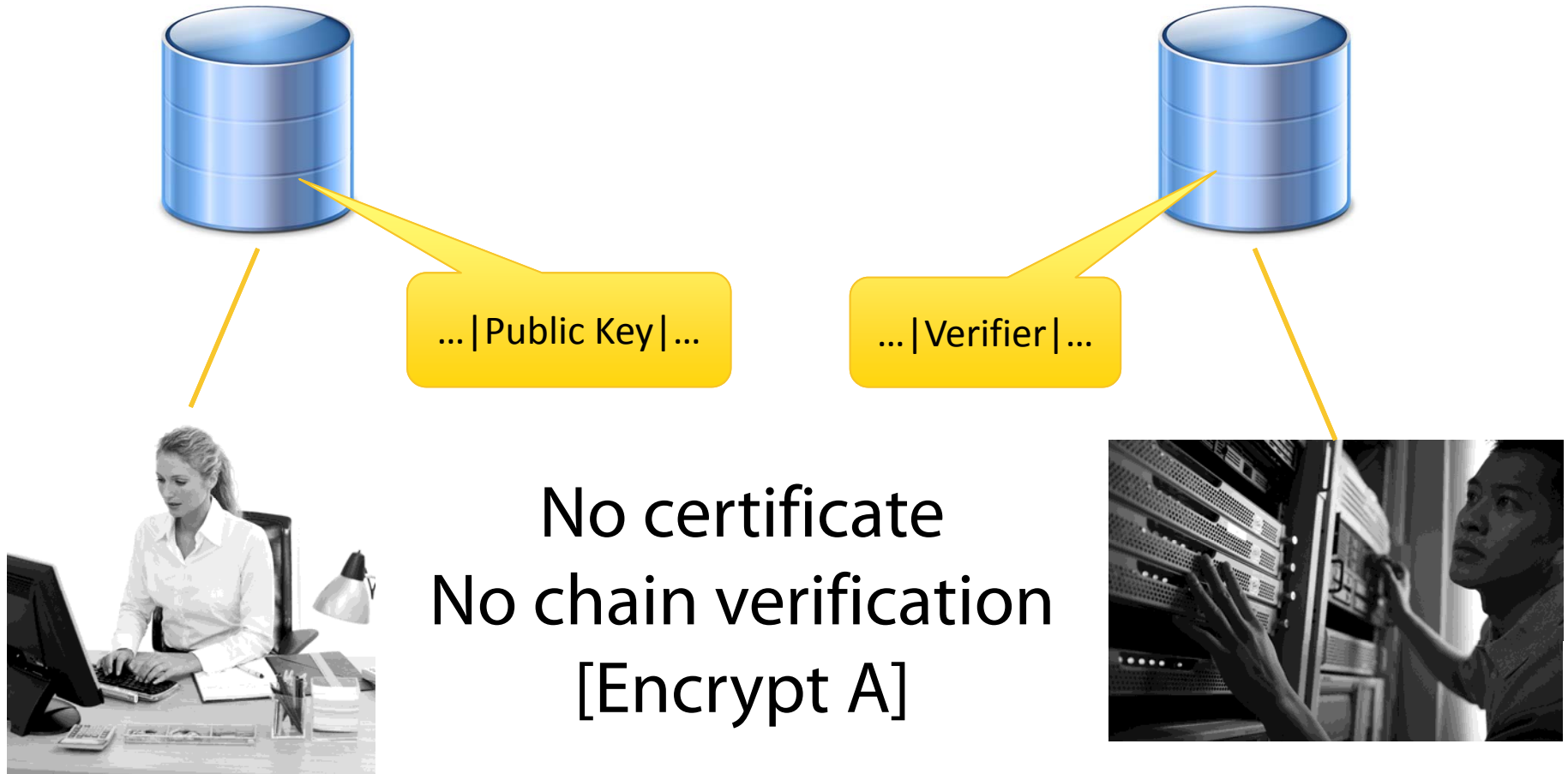
<sup>3</sup> Client Key Exchange



$A = 0x8617E3...$



# A-PAKE-PK with Stored PK



# Alternatives and Trade-offs



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# — Alternative: Client Certificate

- ▶ Difficult to create/use/deploy
  - ▶ Many non-technical users
  - ▶ Only useable on a device with private key
  - ▶ Separately issued device
- ▶ Difficult to verify
  - ▶ Chain verification on server
  - ▶ Hash lookup in LDAP
  - ▶ CRLs and OCSP
- ▶ Hackers can create fake certificates



# — Architecture: User Auth in TLS

- ▶ Separation of Layers
  - ▶ Which service or website needs authentication?
  - ▶ Single authentication domain per server
- ▶ TLS Server requires access to
  - ▶ Password store
  - ▶ Certificate verification infrastructure





# — Trade-offs: Protocol Timing

Protocol	Client	Server	Round-trips
SRP	3DH	3DH	3
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<b>TLS SRP</b>	3DH(+1RSA+Cert Chain)	3DH(+1RSA)	2
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Secure against  
Server Impersonation

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2 DH Diffie-Hellman + 1 RSA Sign & Verify + 1 RSA Cert Chain

# Trade-offs: Protocol Timing

3xDH for 1xRSA Public + Chain Vfy

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1xDH for 1xRSA Public + Chain Vfy

# — Trade-offs: Password/Certificate

Issue	Password	Client Certificate	Cert on Token
Sensitive Data Safety	Reused	Unique	Physically secure
Attacks	Social engineering	Computer compromise	Steal token (and passcode)
Certificate Expiration	Reset password (overlap period)	User gets new certificate issued	Update token or get new token



# Conclusions



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# — User Authentication Options

Mechanism	Attack	Speed	Management
<b>Hashed Password</b>	Pre-generated values	Fastest	Simplest
<b>Salted Hashed Password</b>	Brute force	Faster	Simpler
<b>Salted Multi-Hashed Password</b>	Brute force (Slower)	Fast	Simpler
<b>Verifier</b>	Server impersonation	Slow	Simple
<b>Verifier PK-Id</b>	Secure	Slower	Simple
<b>Client Certificate</b>	Secure (Fake certs)	Slowest	Difficult

# — TLS Protocol Comparison

Protocol	Client	Server	Security
<b>TLS A-PAKE-PK</b>	3DH+1RSA +Cert Chain	3DH+1RSA	Protocol secure from Attacker. User must protect password.
<b>TLS Client Auth (RSA)</b>	2RSA +Cert Chain	2RSA +Cert Chain	Only as secure as the Certificate. Lifetime of certificate.
<b>TLS Client Auth (DHE-RSA)</b>	2DH+1RSA +Cert Chain	2DH+1RSA +Cert Chain	Only as secure as the Certificate.

# A-PAKE-PK

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► Standards



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IPsec

SSH



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# — TLS with AugPAKE

- ▶ IETF Draft - draft-shin-tls-augpake-01
  - ▶ Augmented Password-Authenticated Key Exchange for Transport Layer Security (TLS)
  - ▶ Expires: March 08, 2014
- ▶ No Server Certificate message
- ▶ Verifier
  - ▶  $W = g^w \text{ mod } p$  where  $w$  is password **or**
  - ▶  $W = g^{w'} \text{ mod } p$  where  $w' = H'(0x00 | U | S | w)$

# — TLS with AugPAKE-PK

- ▶ Add Server Certificate message
- ▶ Verifier
  - ▶  $W = g^{w'} \text{ mod } p$  where  $w' = H'(0x00 | U | S | \mathbf{PK} | w)$
- ▶ Alternatively replace server identity with public key
- ▶ Server Key Exchange Message
  - ▶ Y is signed

## — A-EKE-PK

- ▶ Server sends public key with identity and cryptographic algorithm proposal
- ▶ Client hashes password + public key and calculates verifier
- ▶ Client calculates  $C$  based on verifier
- ▶ Server sends  $E_B$  and signature of  $E_B$
- ▶ Client verifies  $E_B$
- ▶ Client sends encrypted  $E_A$  and  $EP_A$
- ▶ Server decrypts  $E_A$  and  $EP_A$  with private key

## — B-SPEKE-PK

- ▶ Server sends public key and signature of  $(g, p, Q_B, U)$
- ▶ Client verifies signature
- ▶ Client hashes password + salt and public key
- ▶ Client sends encrypted  $Q_A$
- ▶ Server decrypts  $Q_A$  with private key

# — SSH with SRP

- ▶ IETF Draft – draft-nisse-secsh-srp-01
  - ▶ Expired in September 2001
- ▶ Adds SRP to Transport Layer Protocol
  - ▶ Defines new Key Exchange messages
- ▶ Verifier
  - ▶  $v = g^x$  where  $x = \text{Hash}(s, \text{Hash}(I | ":" | P))$



## — SSH and SRP-PK

- ▶ Server sends RSA Public key
- ▶ Verifier
  - ▶  $v = g^x$  where  $x = \text{Hash}(\mathbf{Pub}, s, \text{Hash}(I | ":" | P))$

# — IPsec with A-PAKE

- ▶ Internet Key Exchange Protocol Version 2 (IKEv2)
  - ▶ RFC 5996
  - ▶ Key exchange protocol performs mutual authentication
  - ▶ Server sends certificate that client uses to verify authentication fields
- ▶ Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)
  - ▶ Framework for implementing authentication mechanisms
  - ▶ A-EKE (RFC 6124) and SRP (expired draft)

## — IPsec EAP-EKE-PK

- ▶ Server must supply a certificate during authentication
  - ▶ Server has proven ownership of private key
- ▶ Verifier
  - ▶  $P = \text{prf}(0+, \text{password} \mid \text{salt} \mid \mathbf{pub})$