

DÉCENTRALISÉ NOW!

NSA broke the Internet — Now we have to build a GNU one!

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“Never doubt your ability to change the world.” –Glenn Greenwald

Doctor's Warning

This presentation is a wild mixture of

- ▶ Journalistic work
- ▶ Political analysis
- ▶ Technological solutions

If you experience trauma, this may be unrelated to the style of the presentation.

Disclaimer: This is NOT about the Five Eyes

“In February, the UK based research publication Statewatch reported that the **EU had secretly agreed** to set up an international telephone tapping network via a secret network of committees established under the “third pillar” of the Maastricht Treaty covering co-operation on law and order. (...) EU countries (...) should agree on **international interception standards (...) to co-operate closely with the FBI (...)**. Network and service providers in the EU will be obliged to install **tappable** systems and to place under **surveillance** any person or group when served an interception order. These plans have never been referred to any European government for scrutiny (...) despite the **clear civil liberties issues** raised by such an **unaccountable** system. (...) The German government estimates that the mobile phone part of the package alone will cost 4 billion D-marks.”

Scientific and Technological Options Assessment (STOA), “An Appraisal of Technologies of Political Control”, European Parliament, PE 166499, 6 January 1998.

Debate in the US

US discussion focuses on spying on US citizens and legality under US law.

Frank Church (D-Idaho):

“The NSA’s capability at any time could be turned around on the American people, and **no American would have any privacy left**, such is the capability to monitor everything: telephone conversations, telegrams, it doesn’t matter.”

Presidential Policy Directive 20, issued October 2012 and released by Edward Snowden, outlines U.S. cyberwar policy:

“Offensive Cyber Effect Operations (OCEO) can offer unique and unconventional capabilities to **advance U.S. national objectives** around the world with little or no warning to the adversary or target and with potential effects ranging from **subtle** to severely damaging. (...)



The United States Government shall identify potential targets of national importance where OCEO can offer a favorable **balance of effectiveness and risk** as compared with other instruments of national power, establish and maintain OCEO capabilities integrated as appropriate with other U.S. offensive capabilities, and execute those capabilities in a manner consistent with the provisions of this directive.”

X-KEYSCORE



“Google for global tcpdump” –Jacob Appelbaum

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(U) What is TREASUREMAP?

(U//FOUO) Capability for building a near real-time, interactive map of the global internet.

Map the entire Internet – Any device*, anywhere, all the time

(U//FOUO) We enable a wide range of missions:

- Cyber Situational Awareness – *your own network plus adversaries'*
- Common Operation Pictures (COP)
- Computer Attack/Exploit Planning / Preparation of the Environment
- Network Reconnaissance
- Measures of Effectiveness (MOE)

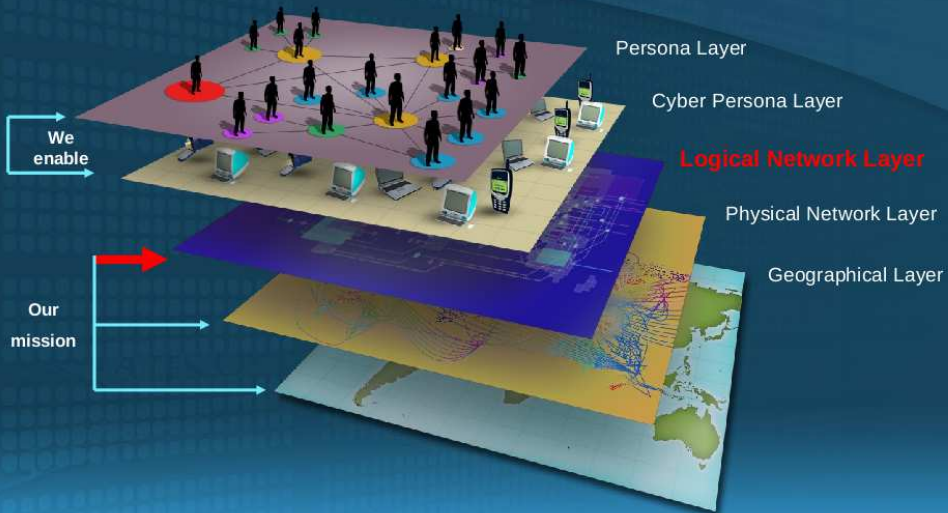
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If X-KEYSCORE is NSA's Google, Treasuremap is their Google Maps.



(U) TREASUREMAP as an Enabler



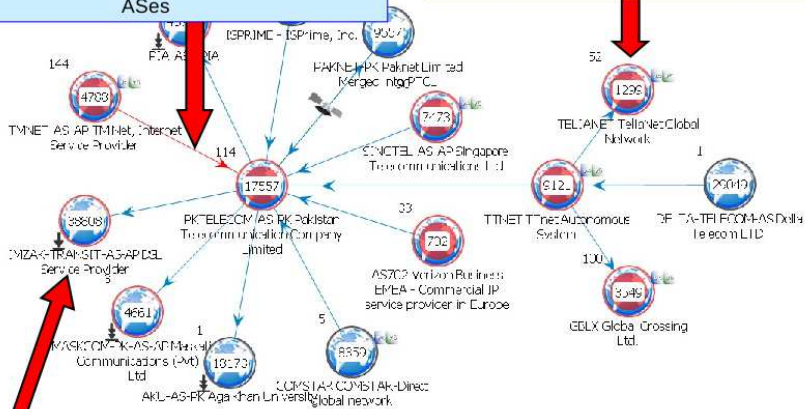


(S//SI//REL) Bring the SIGINT (AS Level)



Red Links:
SIGINT Collection access points between two ASes

Red Core Nodes:
SIGINT Collection access points within AS



Red Ringed Node:
Nodes within AS are SIGINT Referenced

Graph simplified for presentation purpose

The GCHQ's HACIENDA

- ▶ HACIENDA is one of the programs feeding the TREASUREMAP
- ▶ There are many others.

What is HACIENDA?

- Data reconnaissance tool developed by the CITD team in JTRIG
- Port Scans entire countries
 - Uses nmap as port scanning tool
 - Uses GEOFUSION for IP Geolocation
 - Randomly scans every IP identified for that country



Tasking & Access

- To task HACIENDA with a Country or Subnet
 - [REDACTED]@gchq.gov.uk
 - CITD alias ([REDACTED]@gchq.gov.uk)
- Access to the Data
 - At GCHQ, request a GLOBAL SURGE account from [REDACTED]@gchq.gov.uk
 - At CSEC, contact [REDACTED]
 - At NSA, contact [REDACTED]
 - At DSD, contact [REDACTED]



Ports

- Pulls back hostname, banners, application names and port status
- Gathers additional information for...
 - 21 (ftp): directory listing
 - 80 (http): content of main page
 - 443 (https): content of main page
 - 111 (rpc): results of rpcinfo



How is it used?

- CNE
 - ORB Detection
 - Vulnerability Assessments
- SD
 - Network Analysis
 - Target Discovery



Step 3

Hacking in SIGINT

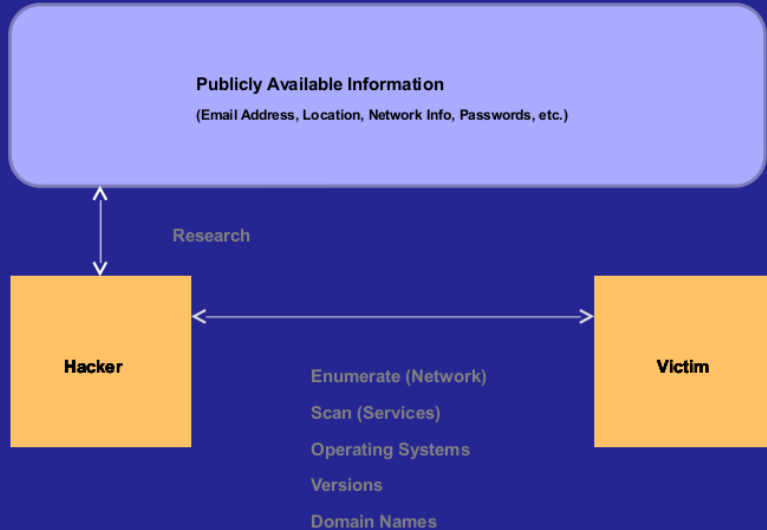


The Hacking Process

1. (R)econnaissance
2. (I)nfection
3. (C)ommand And Control
4. (E)xfiltration



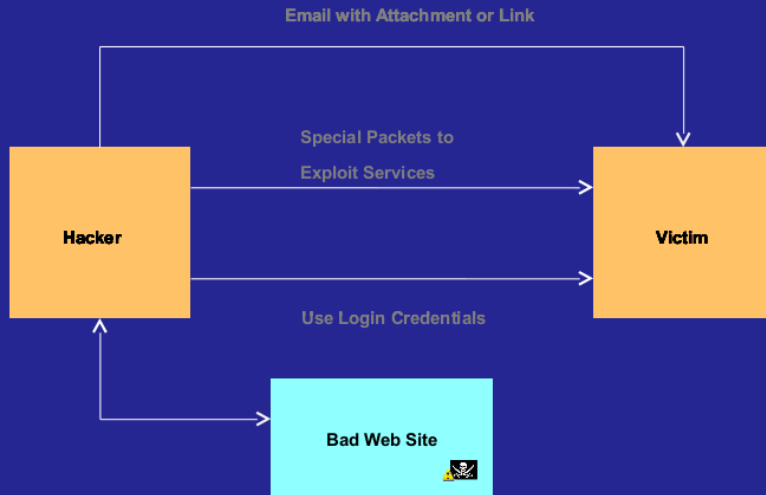
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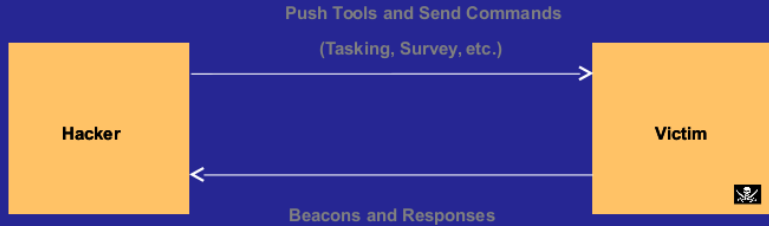
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Command and Control





Exfiltration

Exfil using known and custom protocols
(Known: HTTP, SMTP, ICMP, FTP, etc)



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LANDMARK

- ❖ CSEC's Operational Relay Box (ORB) covert infrastructure used to provide an additional level of non-attribution; subsequently used for exploits and exfiltration
- ❖ 2-3 times/year, 1 day focused effort to acquire as many new ORBs as possible in as many non 5-Eyes countries as possible





GSM provider

- * NSA TAO requested assistance gaining access to the network
- * Network analysis using OLYMPIA:
 - * DNS query to determine IP address
 - * IP address to network range
 - * Network range to port scan
 - * Are there any vulnerable devices in that range?
- * Duration: < 5 minutes

MUGSHOT GOALS

- **Automated Target Characterisation and Monitoring**
 - Automatically understand everything **important** about **CNE target networks** from passive and active sources.
- **Automated Un-Targeted Characterisation**
 - Automatically understand everything **important** about **all machines** on the Internet from passive and active sources.

Cat break



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- ▶ Implement: <https://gnunet.org/knock>
- ▶ Standardize: TCP Stealth (IETF draft)

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ISN Calculation

- ▶ Destination IP address IP_d
- ▶ Destination port P_d
- ▶ TCP timestamp T
- ▶ Pre-Shared Key S
- ▶ Hash functions h, h'
- ▶ Payload p

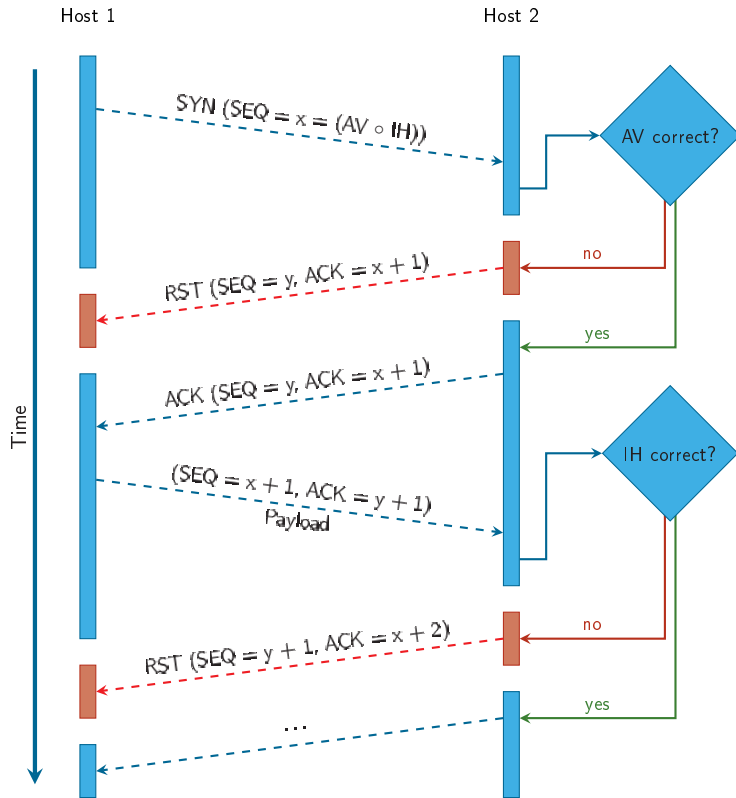
TCP Payload Integrity Protector IH

$$IH := h'(S \circ p)$$

Authentication Security Token AV

$$AV := h((IP_d, P_d, T, IH), S)$$

- ▶ $ISN := AV \circ IH$



Oh, but wait!

“Why should I care?”

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“We’ll all be terrorists for the last 15 minutes of our lives.” –JA

A Matter of Life and Death: History Lesson — Irak War

Katharine Gun leaked memo from NSA agent Frank Koza in 2003 about an American effort to monitor the communications of six delegations to the United Nations who were undecided on authorizing the Iraq War and who were being fiercely courted by both sides:

“As you’ve likely heard by now, the Agency is mounting a surge particularly **directed at the UN Security Council (UNSC)** members (minus US and GBR of course) for insights as to how to membership is reacting to the on-going debate RE: Iraq, plans to vote on any related resolutions, what related policies/negotiating positions they may be considering, alliances/dependencies, etc — the whole gamut of information that could give US policymakers an edge in **obtaining results favorable to US goals** or to head off surprises. In RT, that means a QRC surge effort to revive/create efforts **against** UNSC members Angola, Cameroon, Chile, Bulgaria and Guinea, as well as extra focus on Pakistan UN matters.”

A Matter of Life and Death: History Lesson — Copenhagen

(TS//SI//REL) Analysts here at NSA, as well as our Second Party partners, will continue to provide policymakers with unique, timely, and valuable insights into key countries' preparations and goals for the conference, as well as deliberations within countries on climate change policies and negotiating strategies. A late November report detailed China's efforts (...). Another report provided advance details of the Danish proposal and their efforts to launch a "rescue plan" to save COP-15.

(TS//SI//REL) Given such large participation (...), leaders and negotiating teams from around the world will undoubtedly be engaging in intense lastminute policy formulating; (...) – details of which are of great interest to our policymakers. (...), signals intelligence will undoubtedly play a significant role in keeping our negotiators as well informed as possible throughout the 2-week event.

Deputy SINIO for Economics and Global Issues (S17): "UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen – Will the Developed and Developing World Agree on Climate Change?", 7.12.2009.

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Low targets, goals dropped: Copenhagen ends in failure.

The Guardian, 19.12.2009

“They simply sat back, just as we had feared they would if they knew about our document,” one source said. “They made **no constructive statements**. Obviously, if they had known about our plans since the fall of 2009, it was in their interest to simply wait for our draft proposal to be brought to the table at the summit... I was often completely taken aback by what they knew.”

Russia Times: “NSA spied on Copenhagen UN climate summit – Snowden leak”, 30.1.2014



The road to Cancun



- 2007 COP13, Bali: the first time that climate change became a serious intelligence priority – COP13 has to work!
- Spring MEF meeting in Paris: our first GCO climate change deployment
 - Some lessons learned!
- 2008 COP14, Poznan: not expected to be a significant gathering
- 2009 COP15, Copenhagen or bust (it bust!)
 - “The Copenhagen Accord”
 - Our first COP climate change GCO deployment
 - ...a success
- 2010 COP16, low ambition, low expectation, but hugely important
 - The talks must get back on track**

Technical Cooperation

Bloomberg reports:

- ▶ US companies provide internal information to US secret services
- ▶ Companies from software, banking, communications hardware providers, network security firms
- ▶ Including technical specifications and **unpatched software vulnerabilities**
- ▶ In return, these **US companies** are given **access to intelligence information**
- ▶ Partners include: Microsoft, Intel, McAfee

We cannot trust any infrastructure provider.

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- ▶ How can we even just stop mass surveillance?

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Encryption will not help if PKI is compromised!

The GNU Name System²

Properties of GNS

- ▶ Decentralised name system with secure memorable names
- ▶ Delegation used to achieve transitivity
- ▶ Also supports globally unique, secure identifiers
- ▶ Achieves query and response privacy
- ▶ Provides alternative public key infrastructure
- ▶ Interoperable with DNS

New applications enabled by GNS

- ▶ Name services hosted in P2P networks
- ▶ Name users in decentralised social networking applications

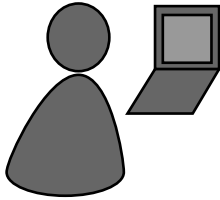
²Joint work with Martin Schanzenbach and Matthias Wachs

Zone management: like in DNS

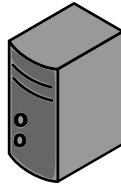
The screenshot shows the 'gnet-setup' application window. At the top, there are tabs for 'General', 'Network', 'Transports', 'File Sharing', 'Namestore', and 'GNS'. The 'GNS' tab is active, displaying 'Editing zone API5QDP7A126P06VV60535PDT50B9L12NK6QP64IE8KNC6E807G0'. Below this, there is a 'Preferred zone name (PSEU):' field containing 'schanzen'. To the right, there is a 'Copy' button and a QR code. Below the QR code is a 'Save As' button. Underneath, there are radio buttons for 'Master Zone' (selected), 'Private Zone', and 'Shorten Zone'. A table lists various DNS records with columns for Name, Type, Value, Expiration, and Public. At the bottom, there is a 'Welcome to gnet-setup.' message.

Name	Type	Value	Expiration	Public
<new name>				
+	<new record>			
	MX	5.mail.+	end of time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
priv	<new record>			
	PKEY	3IQT1G601GUBVO55COJO87OEFB8N3DBJQ4L9SBI8PFLR8UKCVGHG	end of time	<input type="checkbox"/>
heise	<new record>			
	LEHO	heise.de	end of time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	AAAA	2a02:2e0:3fe:100::8	end of time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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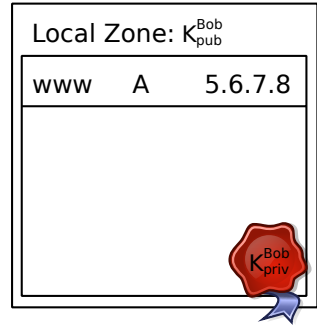
Name resolution in GNS





Bob



Bob's webserver



- ▶ Bob can locally reach his webserver via **www.gnu**

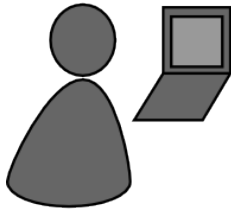


Bob Builder, Ph.D.

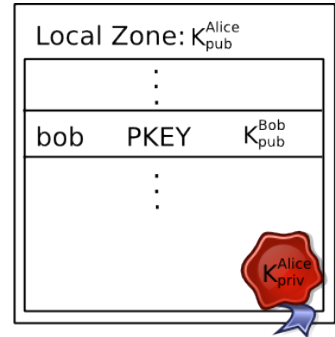
Address: Country, Street Name 23
Phone: 555-12345
Mobile: 666-54321
Mail: bob@H2R84L4JIL3G5C.zkey

- ▶ Bob gives his public key to his friends, possibly via QR code

Delegation

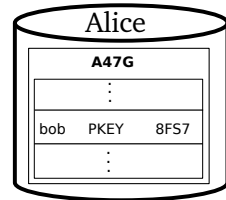
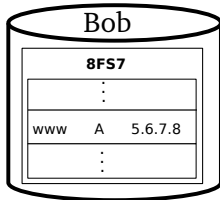
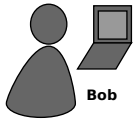


Alice

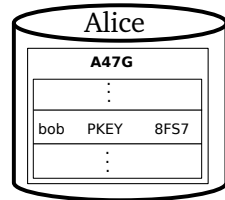
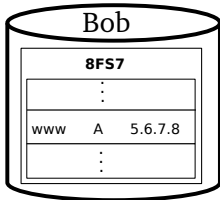
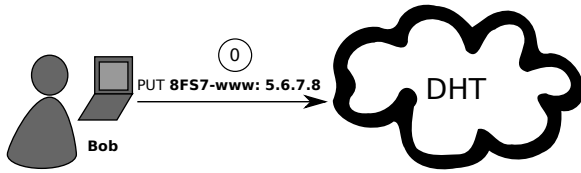


- ▶ Alice learns Bob's public key
- ▶ Alice creates delegation to zone K_{pub}^{Bob} under label **bob**
- ▶ Alice can reach Bob's webserver via **www.bob.gnu**

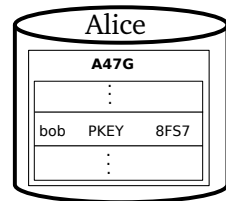
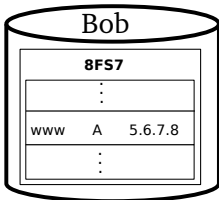
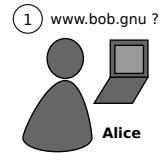
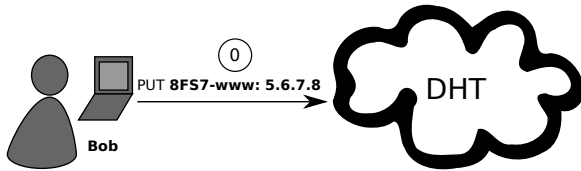
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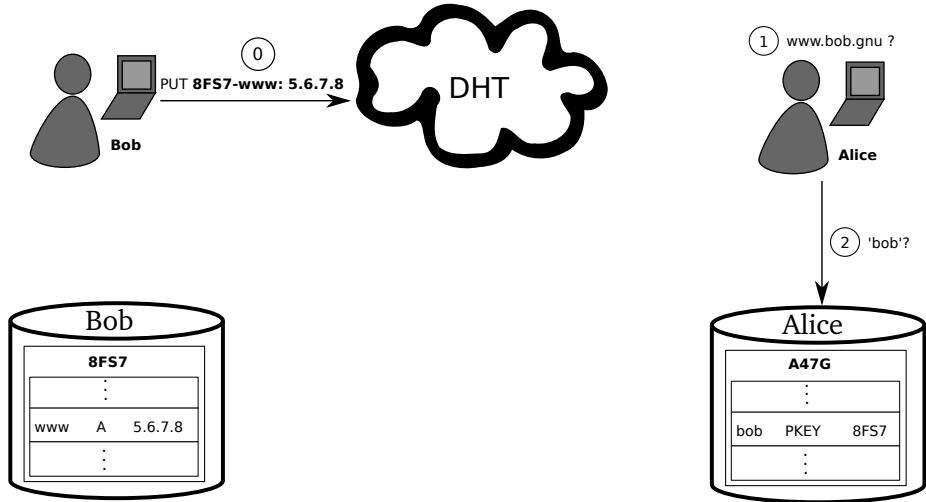
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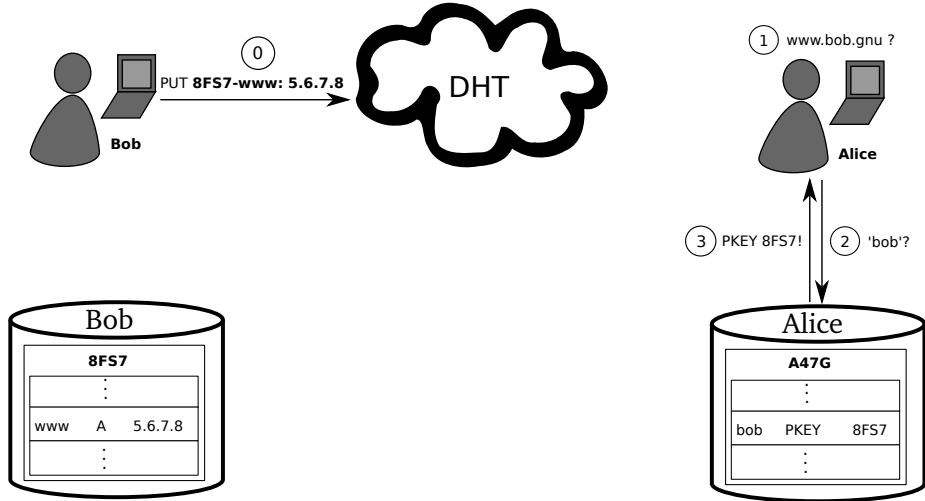
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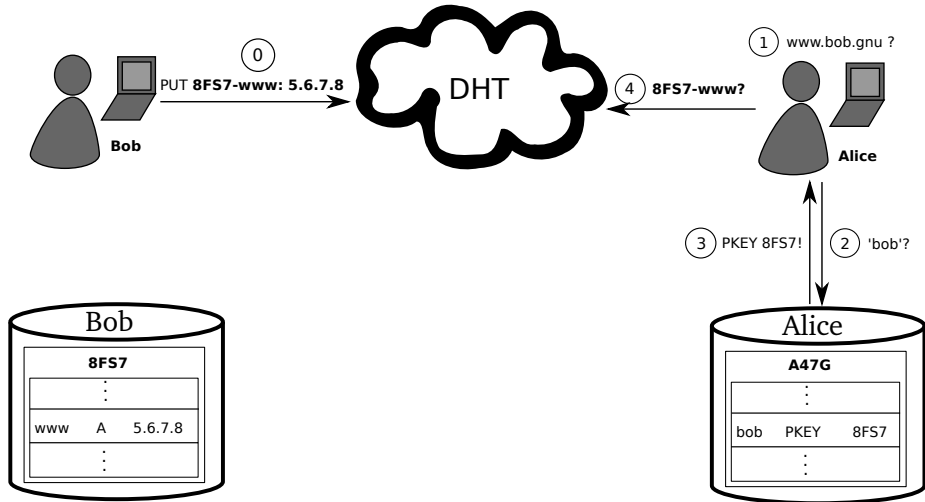
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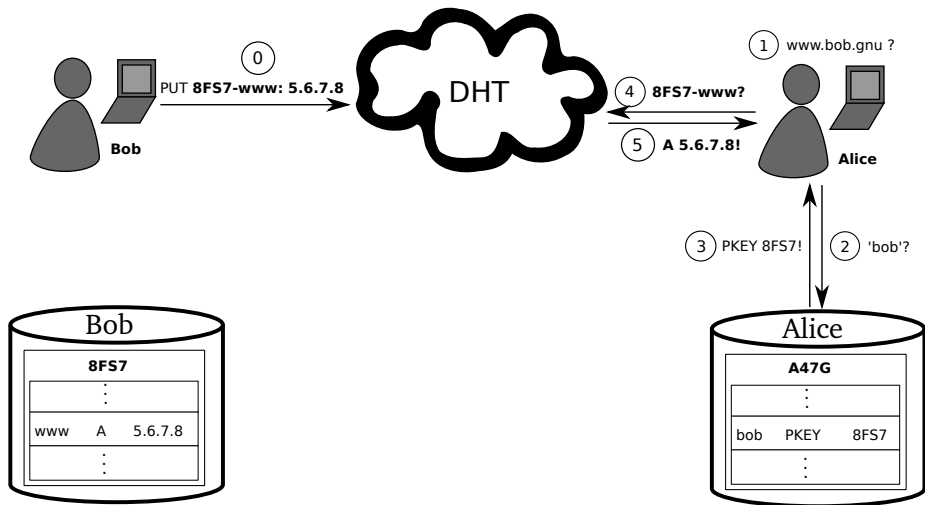
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Query privacy: terminology

G generator in ECC curve, a point

n size of ECC group, $n := |G|$, n prime

x private ECC key of zone ($x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$)

P public key of zone, a point $P := xG$

l label for record in a zone ($l \in \mathbb{Z}_n$)

$R_{P,l}$ set of records for label l in zone P

$q_{P,l}$ query hash (hash code for DHT lookup)

$B_{P,l}$ block with encrypted information for label l
in zone P published in the DHT under $q_{P,l}$

Query privacy: cryptography

Publishing records $R_{P,I}$ as $B_{P,I}$ under key $q_{P,I}$

$$h := H(I, P) \tag{1}$$

$$d := h \cdot x \pmod n \tag{2}$$

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Searching for records under label I in zone P

$$h := H(I, P) \quad (5)$$

$$q_{P,I} := H(hP) = H(hxG) = H(dG) \Rightarrow \text{obtain } B_{P,I} \quad (6)$$

$$R_{P,I} = D_{HKDF(I,P)}(B_{P,I}) \quad (7)$$

Oh, but wait!

So now we have a decentralised PKI, we can encrypt...

Didn't we forget something?



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- ▶ PRISM enables real-time surveillance and access to stored content
- ▶ Data collected: E-mails, instant messages, videos, photos, stored data (likely files), voice chats, file transfers, video conferences, log-in times, and social network profiles
- ▶ Tiny part of NSA: \$20 M budget

Context: The Vision

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... and deploy incremental fixes on the Internet if applicable.

DÉCENTRALISÉ Research and Development Agenda

Make decentralised systems:

- ▶ faster, more scalable
- ▶ easier to develop, deploy and use
- ▶ easier to evolve and extend
- ▶ secure (privacy-preserving, censorship-resistant, available, ...)

by:

- ▶ designing secure network protocols
- ▶ implementing secure software following and evolving best practices
- ▶ creating tools to support developers
- ▶ evaluating the system in the real world

DÉCENTRALISÉ Plans

Focus: Secure Decentralised Networking

- ▶ DISSENT — Social networking for dissenters (or journalists)
- ▶ PRIVATEER — Anti-PRISM H2020 submission (TUM, UiO, OII, FSFE, CEA, CIJ)
- ▶ REUTERS — news distribution (related: Anne-Marie Kermarrec & GOSSPLE)
- ▶ TALER — Taxable Anonymous Libre Electronic Reserves
- ▶ SMC — voting, resource allocation, constraint solving, optimization

Edge: Defense in Depth

- ▶ Secure programming
- ▶ System security
- ▶ Operational security
- ▶ Useable security

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 - ▶ Privacy-enhancing network protocol design
 - ▶ Secure software implementations
 - ▶ Software engineering and system architecture
 - ▶ Programming languages and tool support
 - ▶ Usability and operational security



Do you have any questions?

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