

Demystifying Digital Signatures

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Digital Signature

Configure a Digital ID for signing



A Digital ID is required to create a digital signature. The most secure Digital ID are issued by trusted Certificate authorities and are based on secure devices like smart card or token. Some are based on files.

You can also create a new Digital ID, but they provide a low level of identity assurance.

Select the type of Digital ID:



Use a Signature Creation Device

Configure a smart card or token connected to your computer



Use a Digital ID from a file

Import an existing Digital ID that you have obtained as a file



Create a new Digital ID

Create your self-signed Digital ID



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Digital Signatures for Remote Notarization

MCA 1-5-603 (12)(c)

If a principal or witness is appearing by means of communication technology, a notarial officer has **satisfactory evidence** of the **identity** of the individual if the notarial officer can identify the individual by **two or more** different types of technologies, processes, or services approved by the secretary of state, such as:

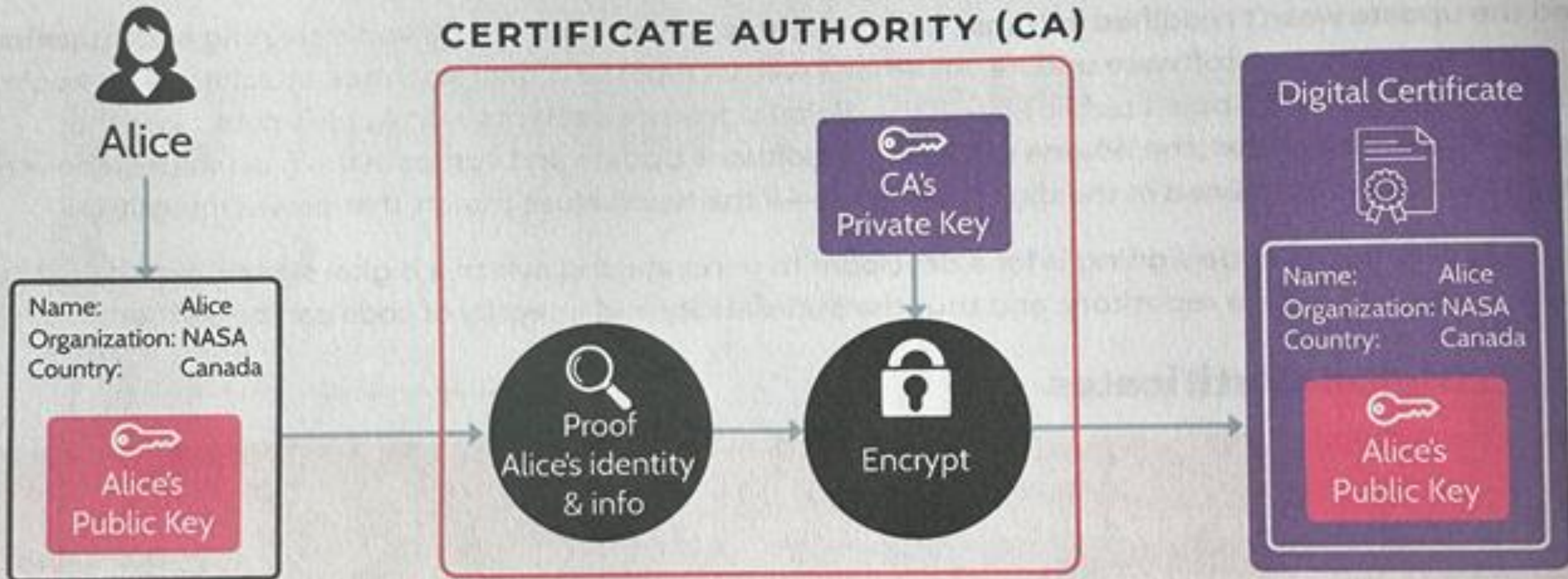
- dynamic knowledge-based authentication assessment
- **valid public key certificate**
- identity proofing
- remote presentation
- credential analysis
- any other means prescribed in rule by the Secretary of State.



Digital Certificate/Public Key Certificate

Digital Signatures tie identities to documents

Digital Certificates tie identities to digital signatures



3 Digital Signature Services



Integrity

- Verifies the document has not been altered after being digital signed and sent to the receiver.



Authenticity

- Verifies that the document was signed and sent by the claimed source.



Non-repudiation

- The signer/sender can not deny sending/signing the unchanged document.
- Non-repudiation is achieved if integrity and authenticity are both achieved.

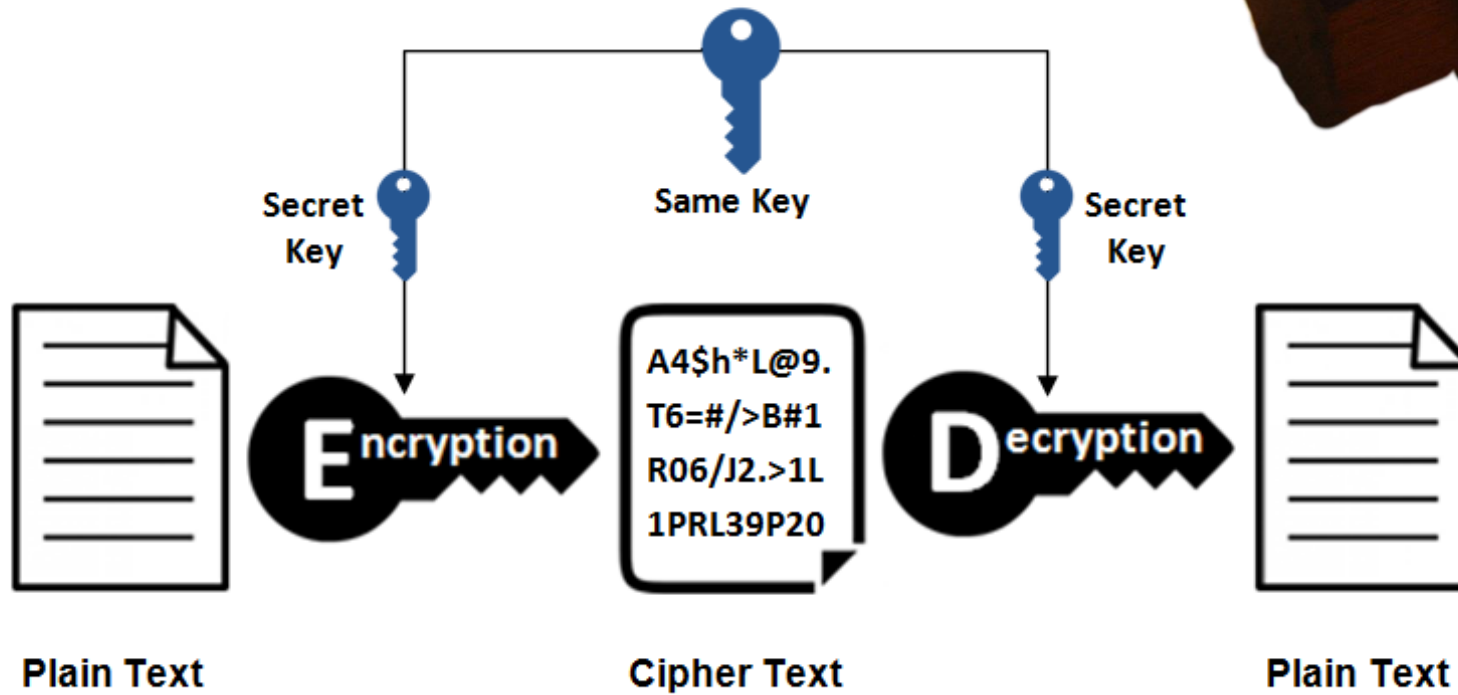


Symmetric Cryptography



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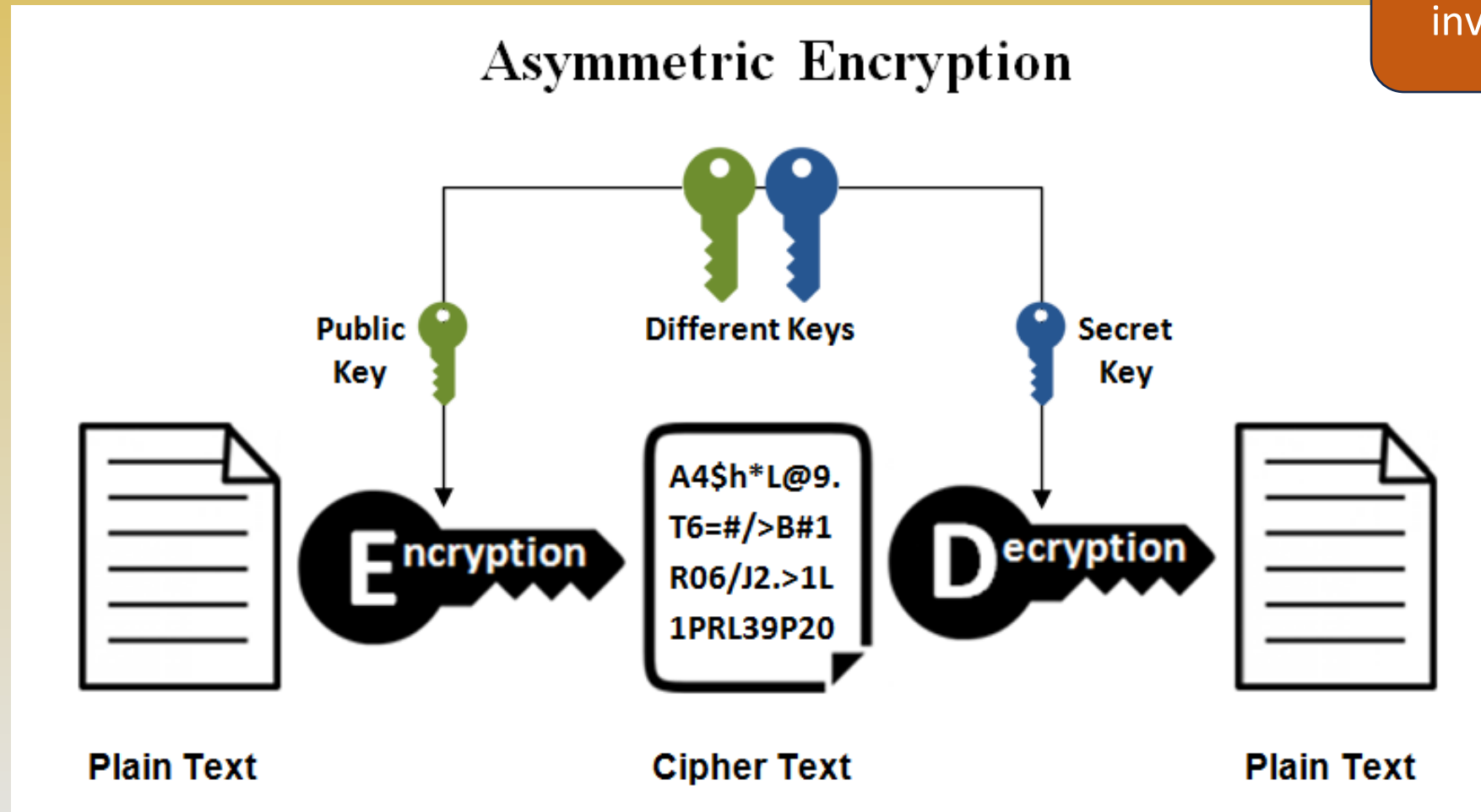
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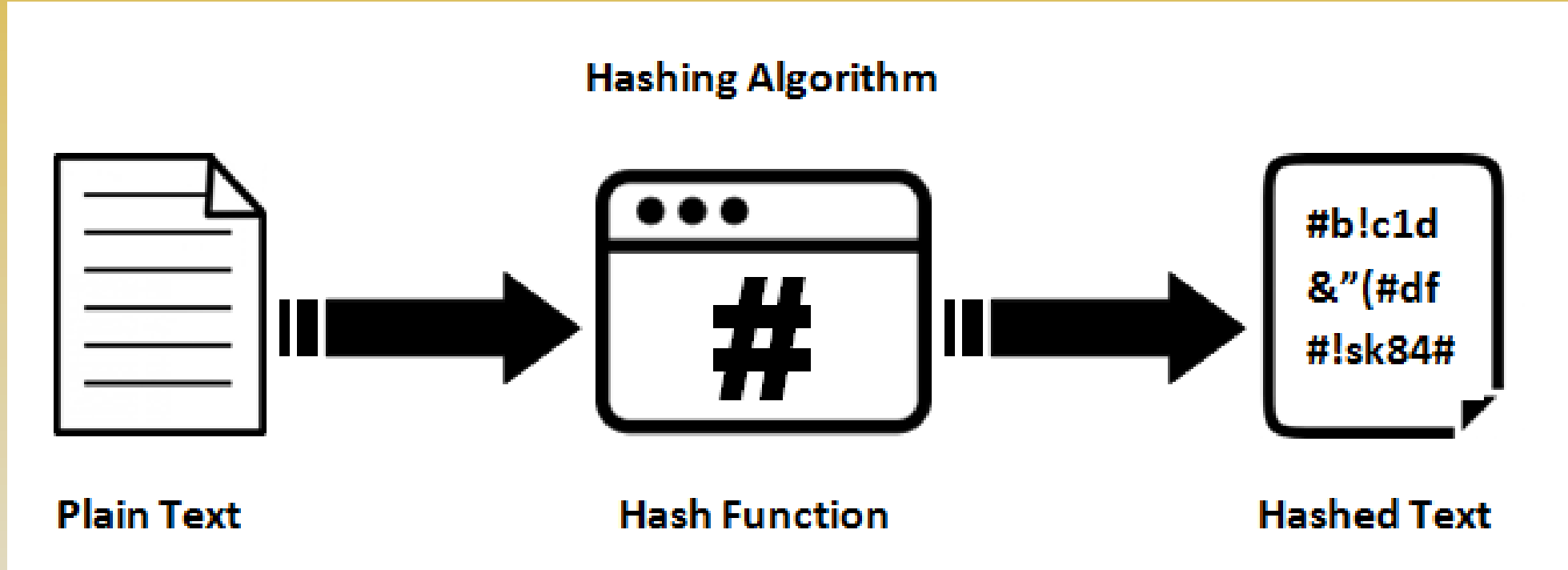
Asymmetric Cryptography

also known as public-key cryptography

RSA algorithm
invented in 1976

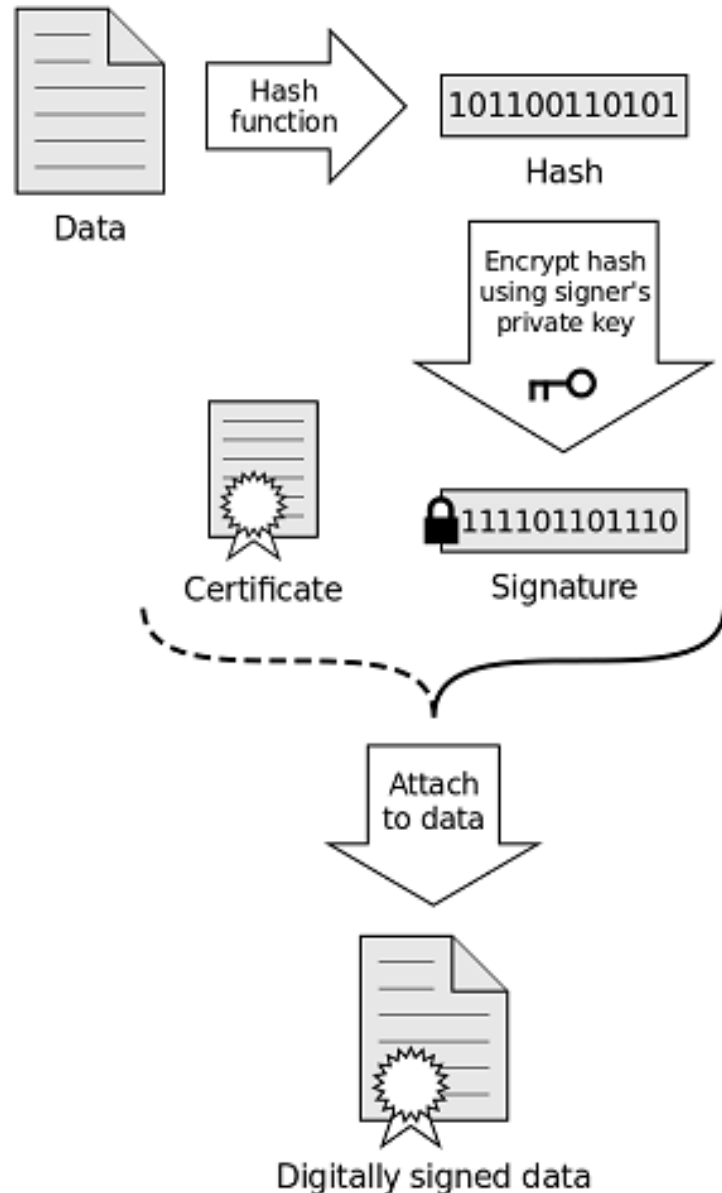


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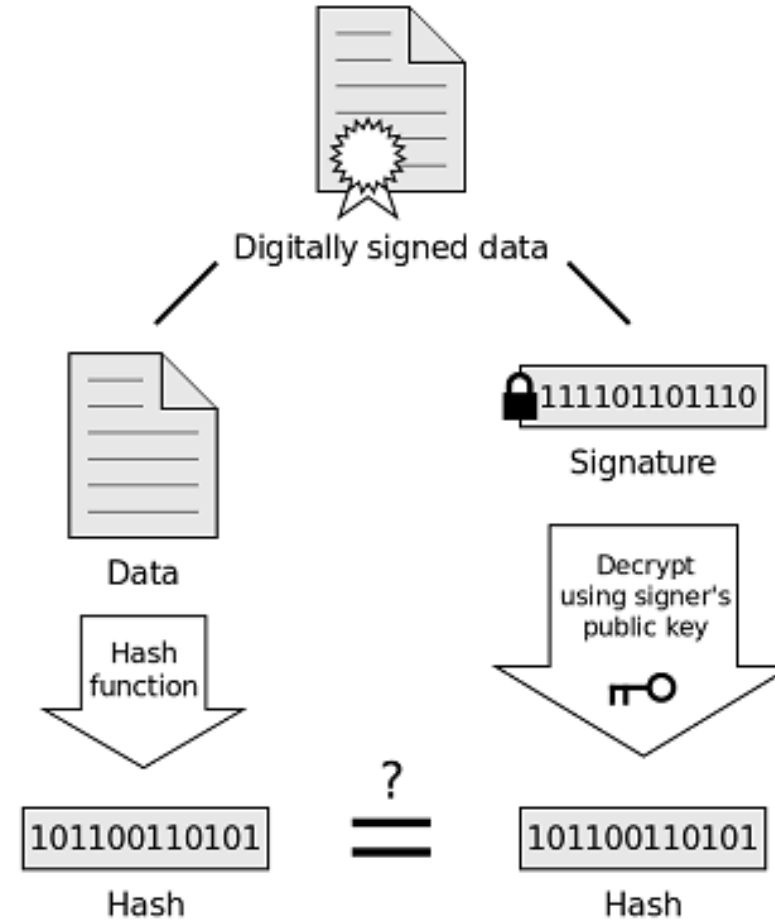


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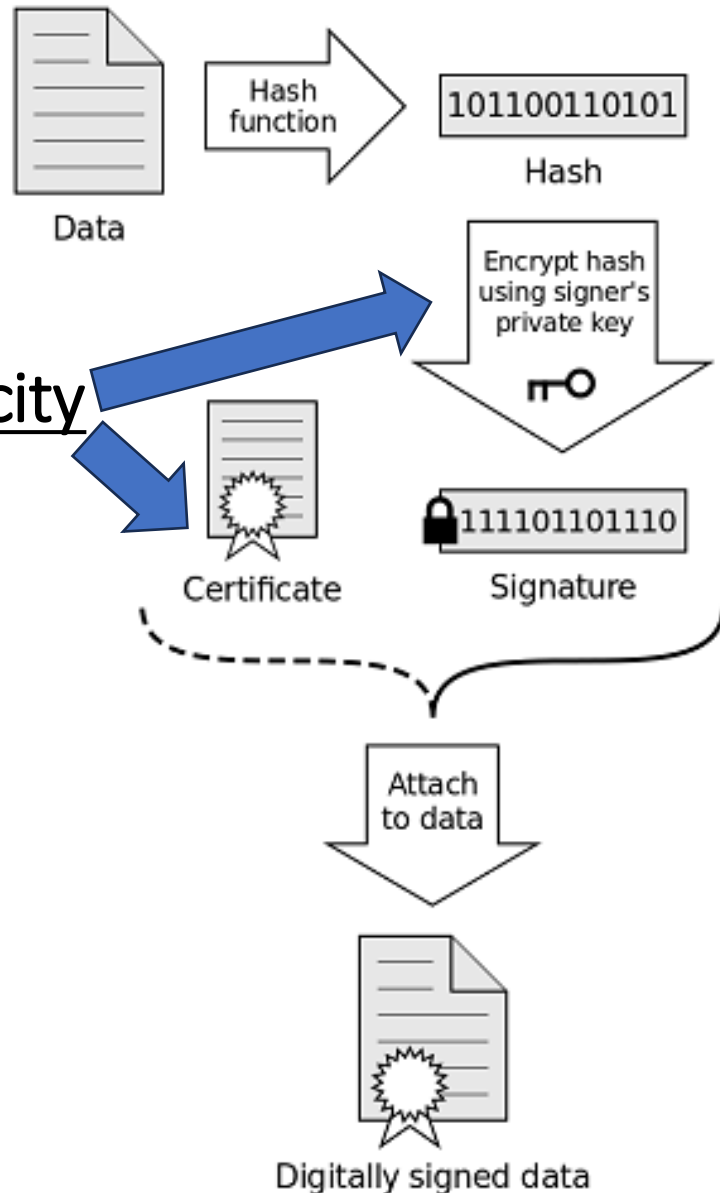
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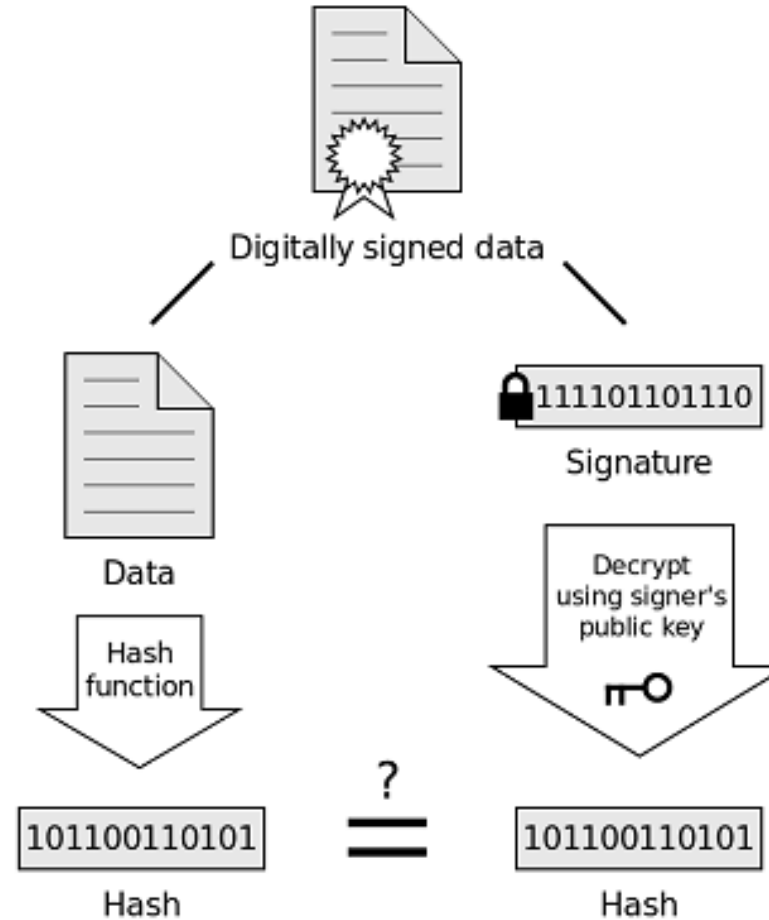


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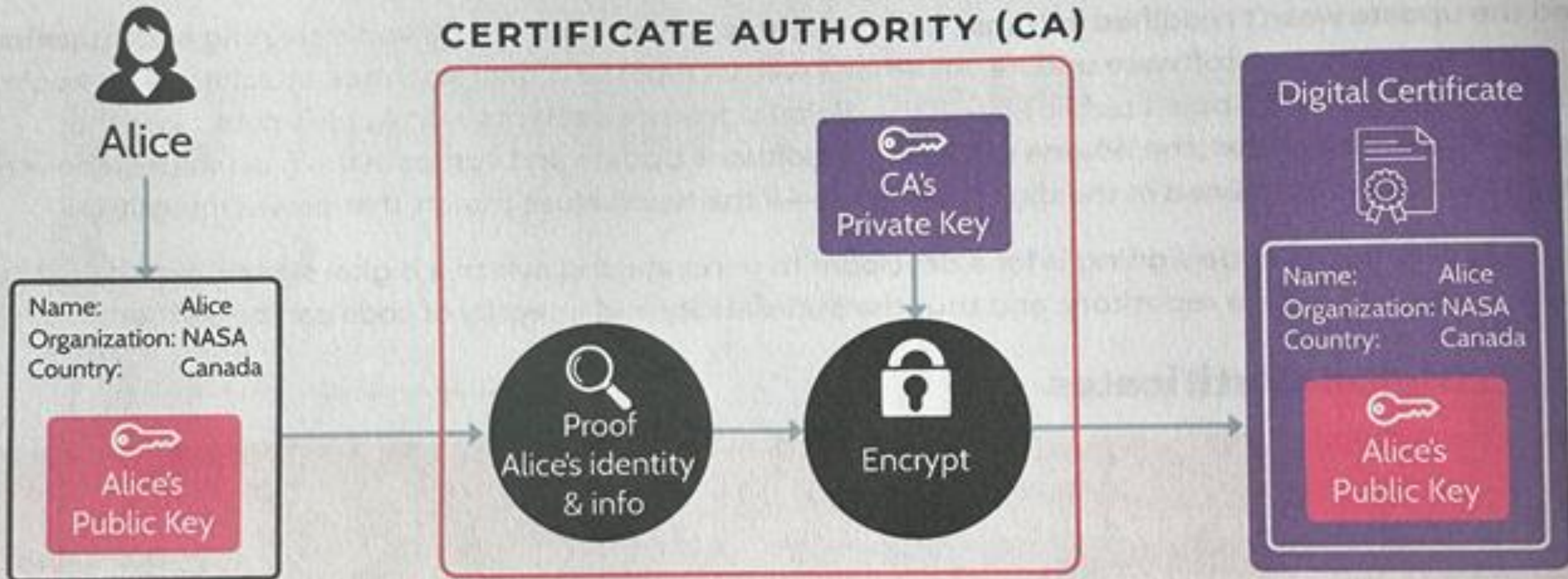
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General

Details

Issued To

Common Name (CN)	sosmt.gov
Organization (O)	<Not Part Of Certificate>
Organizational Unit (OU)	<Not Part Of Certificate>

Issued By

Common Name (CN)	WE1
Organization (O)	Google Trust Services
Organizational Unit (OU)	<Not Part Of Certificate>

Validity Period

Issued On	Friday, June 21, 2024 at 7:28:54 AM
Expires On	Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:28:53 AM

SHA-256 Fingerprints

Certificate	5cc09d60a3d39b898dc4bb6643a5b79fc2cda3c70e1ca8e760c34d62efe9f837
Public Key	8d6275c8e5e1e294d451f3396867efea70c111c19c34a3752063c9630149bacf

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Quiz Question

Richard wants to digitally sign a message he's sending to Sue so that Sue can be sure the message came from him without modification while in transit. Which key should he use to encrypt the message digest?

- A. Richard's public key
- B. Richard's private key
- C. Sue's public key
- D. Sue's private key



Quiz Question

B. Richard's private key

Richard should encrypt the message digest with his own private key. When Sue receives the message, she will decrypt the digest with Richard's public key and then compute the digest herself. If the two digests match, she can be assured that the message truly originated from Richard.





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