

# COS433/Math 473: Cryptography

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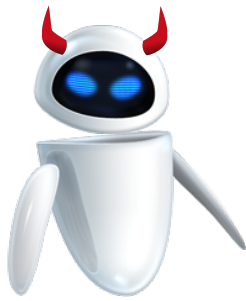
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To identify yourself, you need something the adversary doesn't have

Typical factors:

- What you **are**: biometrics (fingerprints, iris scans,...)
- What you **have**: Smart cards, SIM cards, etc
- What you **know**: Passwords, PINs, secret keys

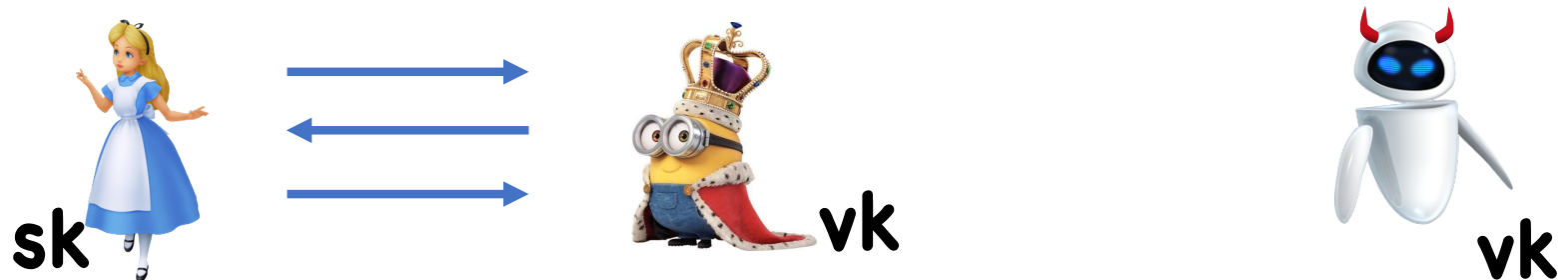
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# Types of Identification Protocols

Secret key:

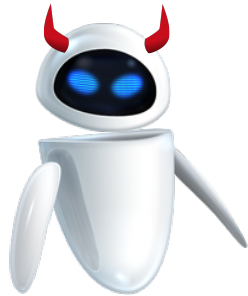


Public Key:



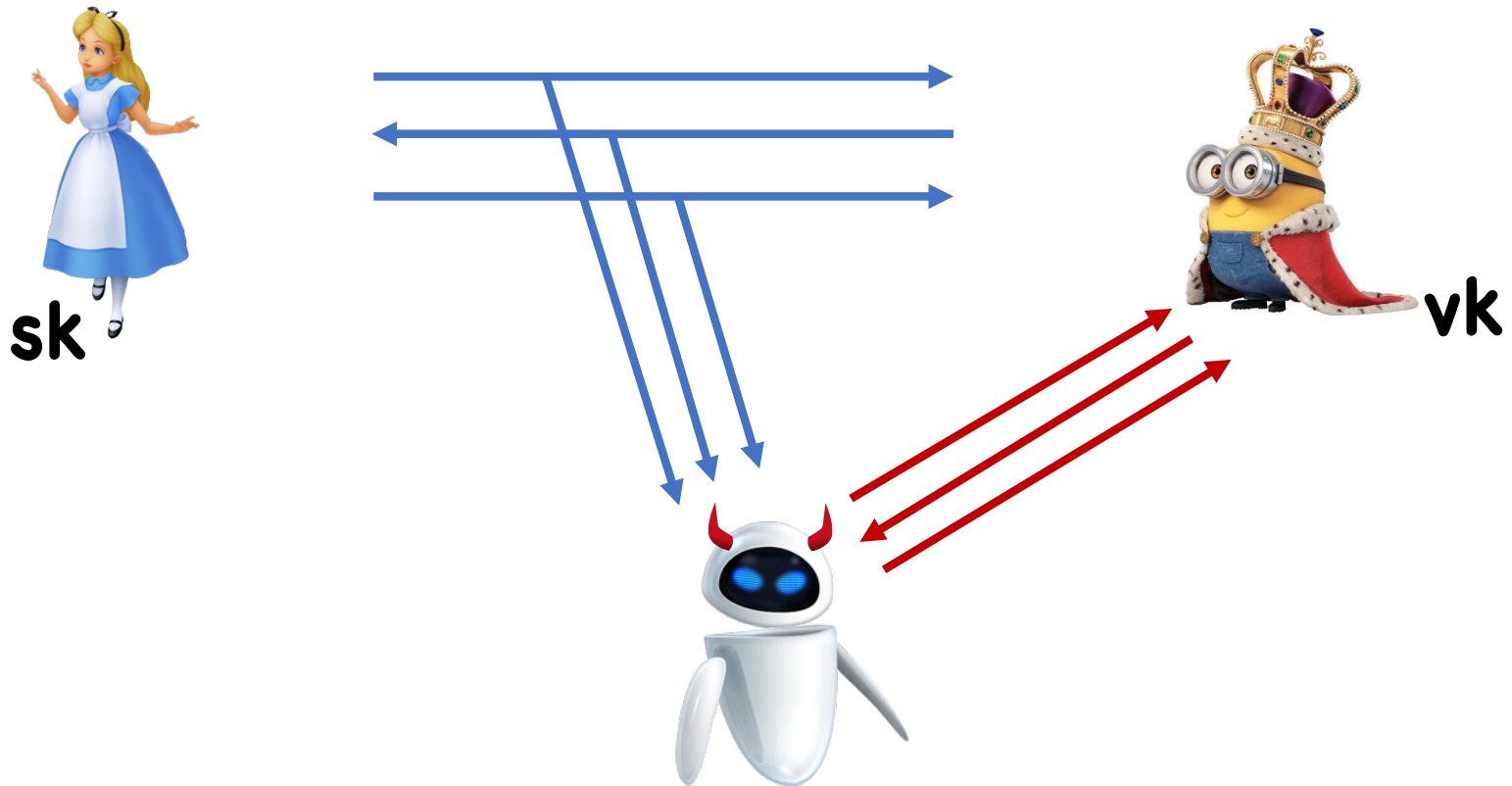
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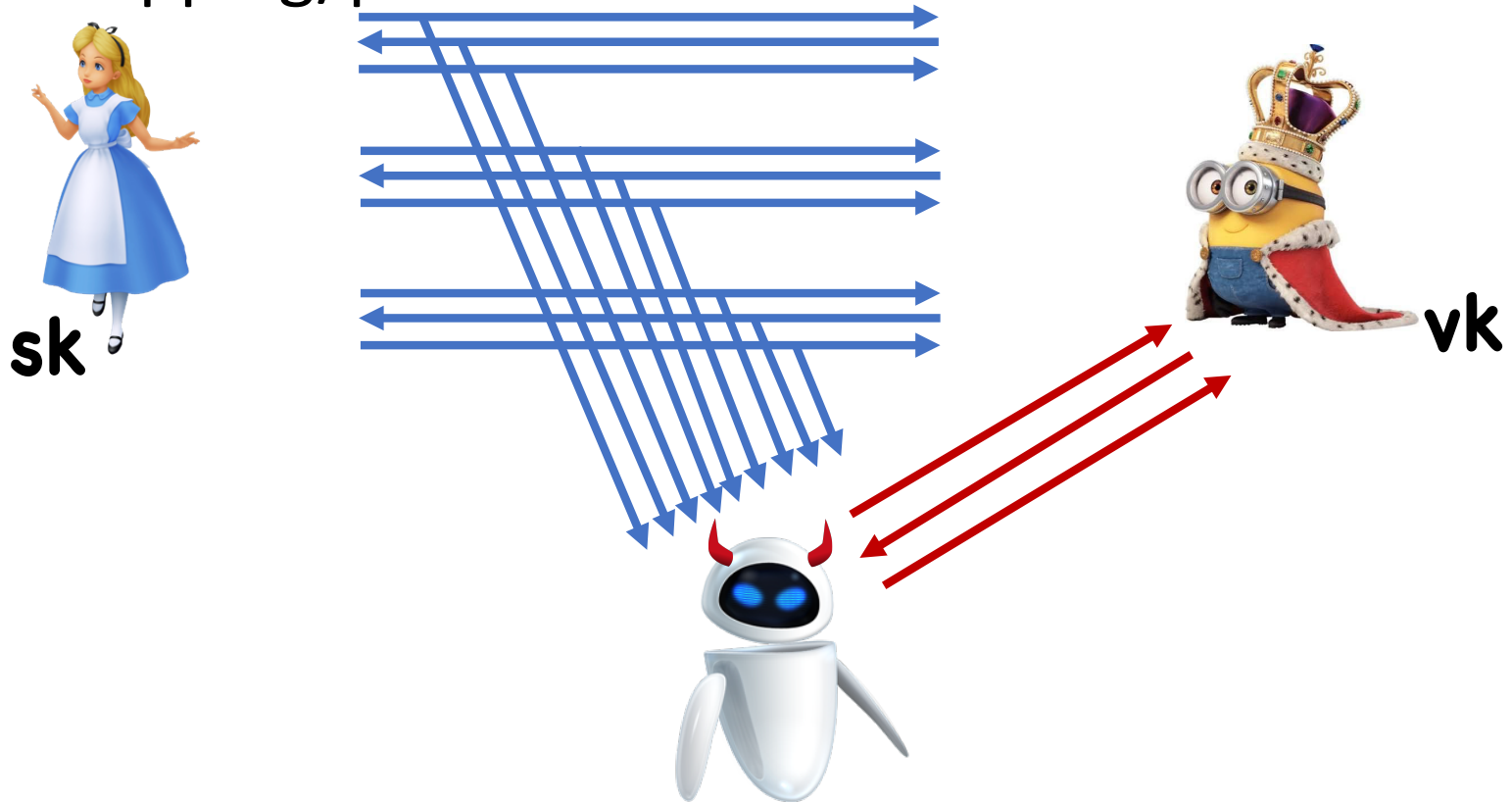
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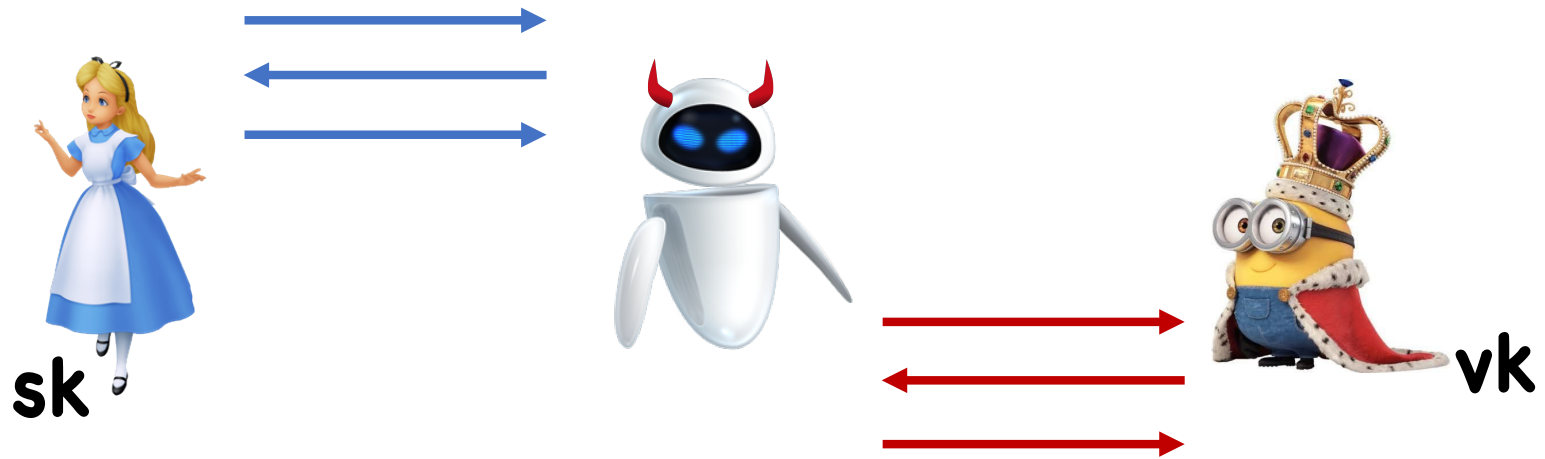
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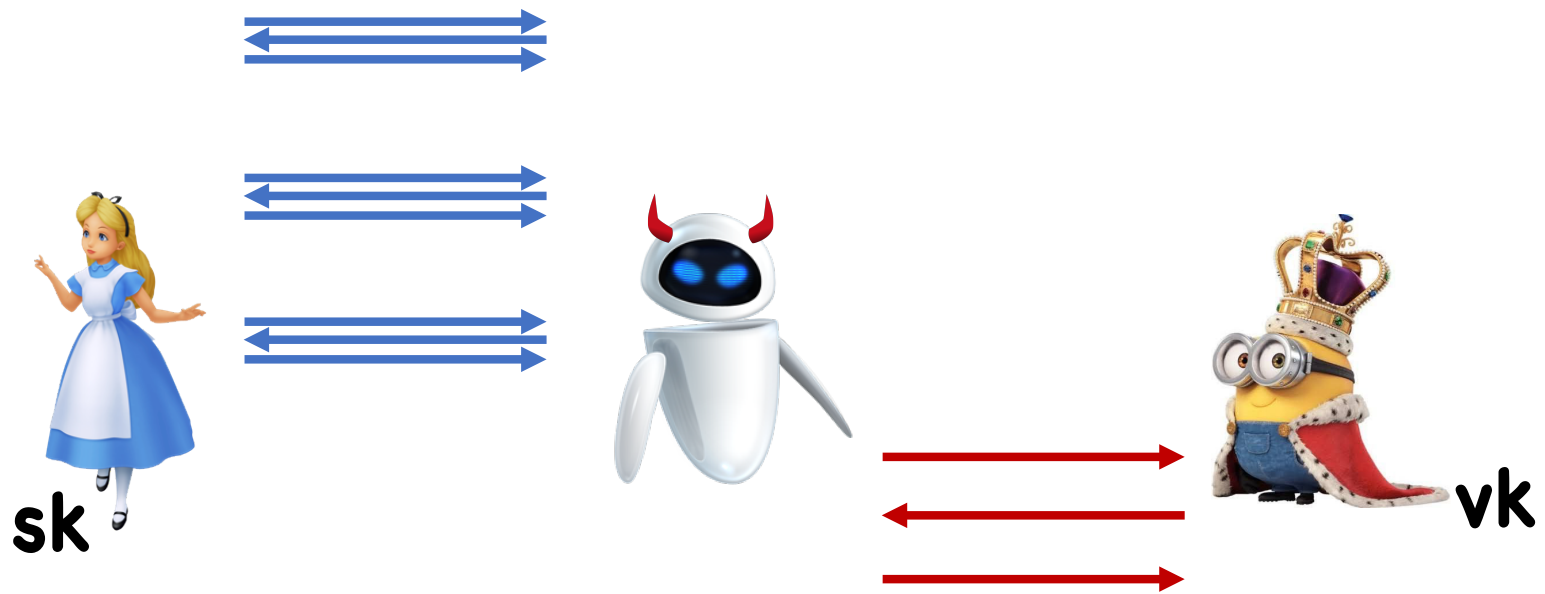
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# Basic Password Protocol

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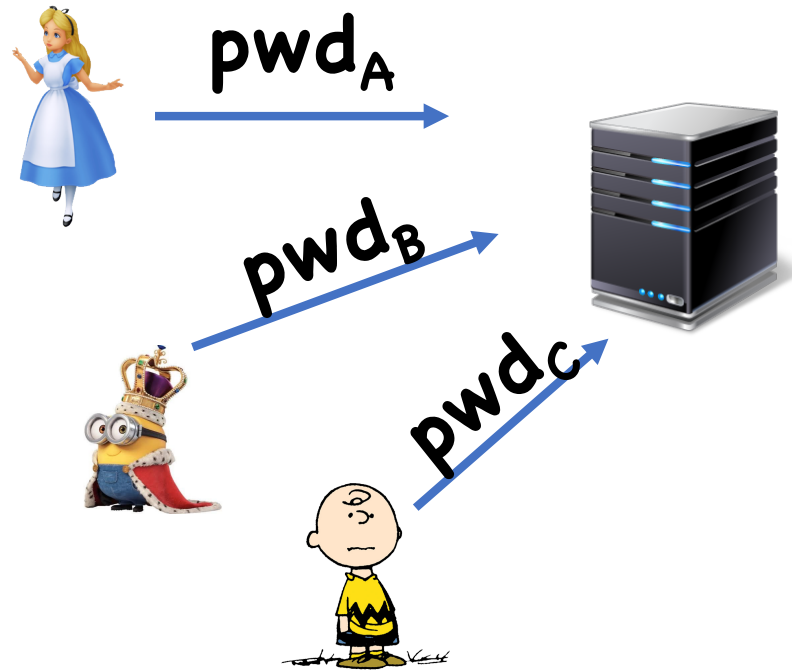


**sk == vk?**

# Problem with Basic Pwd Protocol

**vk** must be kept secret at all costs

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**HACK BRIEF: 4-YEAR-OLD DROPBOX HACK EXPOSED 68 MILLION PEOPLE'S DATA**

**HACK BRIEF: HACKERS BREACH A BILLION YAHOO ACCOUNTS. A BILLION**





# Slightly Better Version

STILL never ever (ever ever...) use

Let **H** be a hash function



**sk=pwd**

**sk**



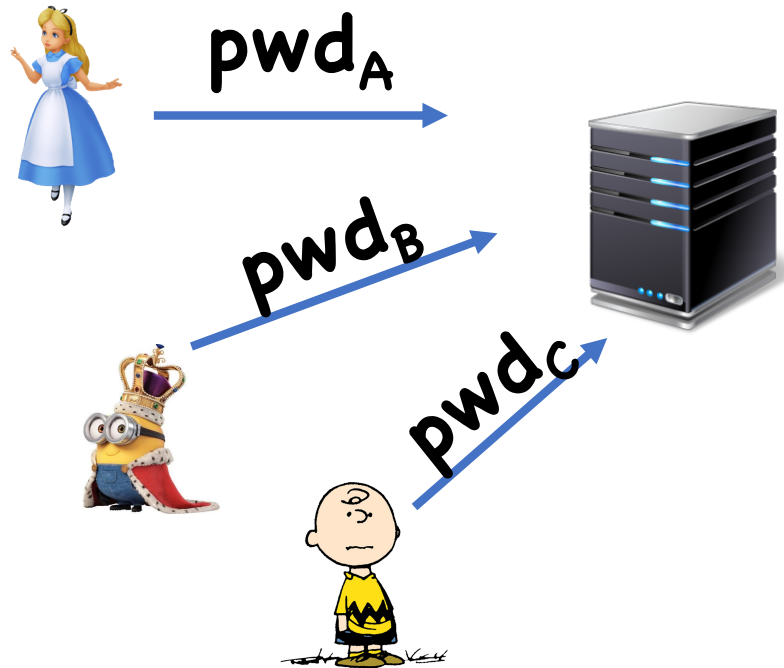
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Advantage of hashing:

- Now if pwd database is leaks, adversary only gets hashes passwords
- For identification protocol, need actual password
- Therefore, adversary needs to invert hash function to break protocol
- Presumed hard

# Weak Passwords

Data from 10M passwords leaked in 2016:

**17%**



RANK	PASSWORD	9.	123123	18.	654321
1.	123456	10.	987654321	19.	555555
2.	123456789	11.	qwertyuiop	20.	3rjs1la7qe
3.	qwerty	12.	myn0ob	21.	google
4.	12345678	13.	123321	22.	1q2w3e4r5t
5.	111111	14.	666666	23.	123qwe
6.	1234567890	15.	18atcskd2w	24.	zxcvbnm
7.	1234567	16.	7777777	25.	1q2w3e
8.	password	17.	1q2w3e4r		



50% of available passwords

# Weak Passwords

Of course, pwds that have been leaked are likely the particularly common ones

Even so, 360M pwds covers about 25% of all users

# Online Dictionary Attack

Suppose attacker gets list of usernames

Attacker tries logging in to each with **pwd** = '123456'

5-17% of accounts will be compromised

# Online Dictionary Attacks

How to slow down attacker?

- Lock out after several unsuccessful attempts
  - Honest users may get locked out too
- Slow down response after each unsuccessful attempt
  - 1s after 1<sup>st</sup>, 2s after 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4s after 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc

# Offline Dictionary Attack

Suppose attacker gets hashed password  **$vk = H(pwd)$**

Attack:

- Assemble dictionary of 360M common passwords
- Hash each, and check if you get  **$vk$**
- If so, you have just found  **$pwd$** !

On modern hardware, takes a few seconds to recover a password 25% of the time

# Offline Dictionary Attack

Now consider what happens when adversary gets entire hashed password database

- Hash dictionary once:  $O(|D|)$
- Index dictionary by hashes
- Lookup each database entry in dictionary:  $O(|L|)$

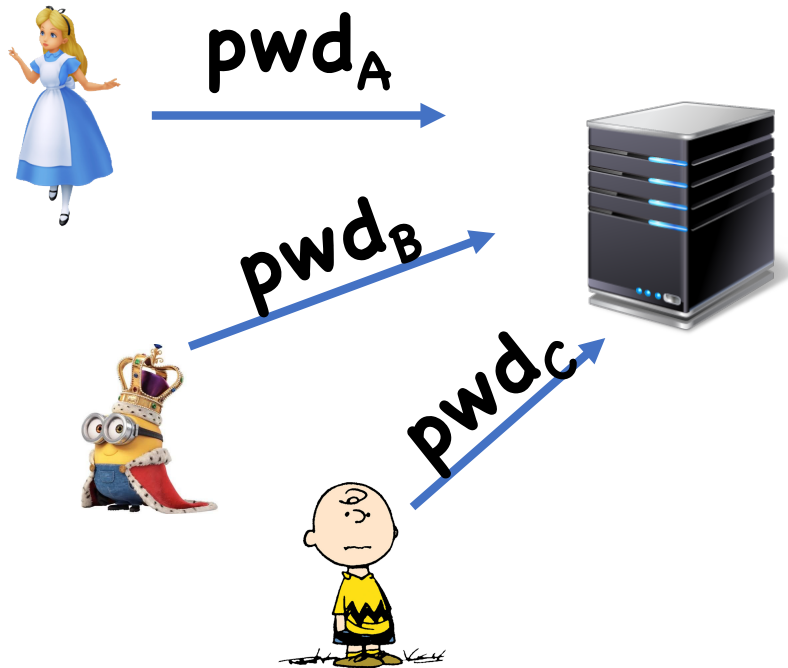
To get 25% of passwords takes  $O(|D|+|L|)$  time

- Amortize cost of hashing dictionary over many passwords

# Salting

Let **H** be a hash function

**s<sub>i</sub>** random



User	Salt	Pwd
Alice	$s_A$	$H(s_A, \text{pwd}_A)$
Bob	$s_B$	$H(s_B, \text{pwd}_B)$
Charlie	$s_C$	$H(s_C, \text{pwd}_C)$
...	...	...



# Salting

Salt length? Enough to make each user's salt unique

- At least 64 bits

Salting kills amortization:

- To recover Alice's key, adversary must hash entire dictionary with  $\mathbf{s}_A$
- To recover Bob's key, adversary must hash entire dictionary with  $\mathbf{s}_B$
- Must hash entire dictionary again for each user

Running time:  $O(|D| \times |L|)$

# Unique Passwords

Different websites may employ different standards for password security

- Some may store passwords in clear, some may hash without salt, some may salt

If you use the same password at a bank (high security) and your high school reunion (low security), could end up with your password stolen

# Unique Passwords

Solutions:

- Password managers
- Salt master password to generate website-specific password (e.g. pwdhash):

Master password: **pwd**

Pwd for abcdefg.com: **H(abcdefg.com,pwd)**

# My Personal Favorite



## Stanford PwdHash

PwdHash generates theft-resistant passwords. The PwdHash browser extension invisibly generates these passwords when it is installed in your browser. You can activate this protection by pressing F2 before you type your password, or by choosing passwords that start with ee. If you don't want to install PwdHash on your computer, you can generate the passwords right here.

- Visit the [Stanford project website](#).
- Install [PwdHash for Firefox](#). It has been ported to [Chrome](#) and [Opera](#).
- Read the [USENIX Security Symposium 2005 paper](#) (PDF).
- This site and plugin are no longer under active development and the [code](#) is available for use. See individual files for license details.

<b>Site Address</b>	
<input type="text" value="http://www.example.com"/>	
<b>Site Password</b>	
<input type="text"/>	
<b>Hashed Password</b>	
<input type="button" value="Press Generate"/>	<input type="button" value="Generate"/>

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# What Hash Function to Use

In LindedIn leak (using Sha1), 90% of passwords were recovered within a week

Problem: Sha1 is very fast!

To make hashing harder, want hash function that is just slow enough to be unnoticeable to user

# What Hash Function to Use

Examples: PBKDF2, bcrypt

- Iterate hash function many times:

$$H'(x) = H(H(H(\dots H(x)\dots)))$$

- Set #iterations to get desired hashing time

Still problem:

- Adversary may have special purpose hardware  
⇒ Can eval much faster than you can (50,000x)

# What Hash Function to Use

Memory-hard functions: functions that require a lot of memory to compute

- As far as we know, no special purpose memory
- Attacker doesn't gain advantage using special purpose hardware

# What Hash Function to Use

## Example: Scrypt

- Slow hash function, and memory requirement is as good as possible (proportional to run time)
- Problem: memory access pattern depends on password
  - Local attack can potentially learn access pattern
  - Turns out this can eliminate the need for memory in attacks



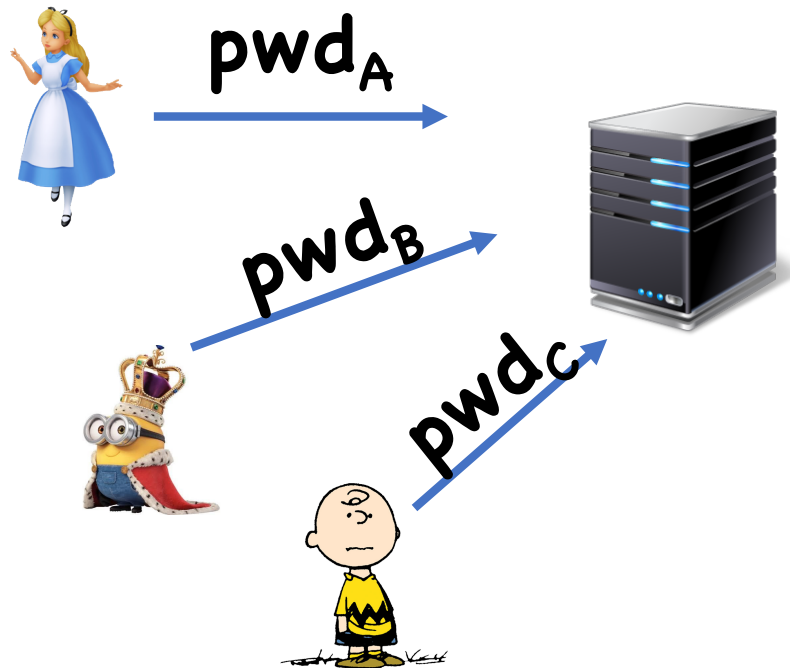
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Instead, often want data-independent memory hard function (iMHF)

- Ex: Argon2i

To date, no known practical iMHF with optimal memory requirements

# Encrypt Passwords?



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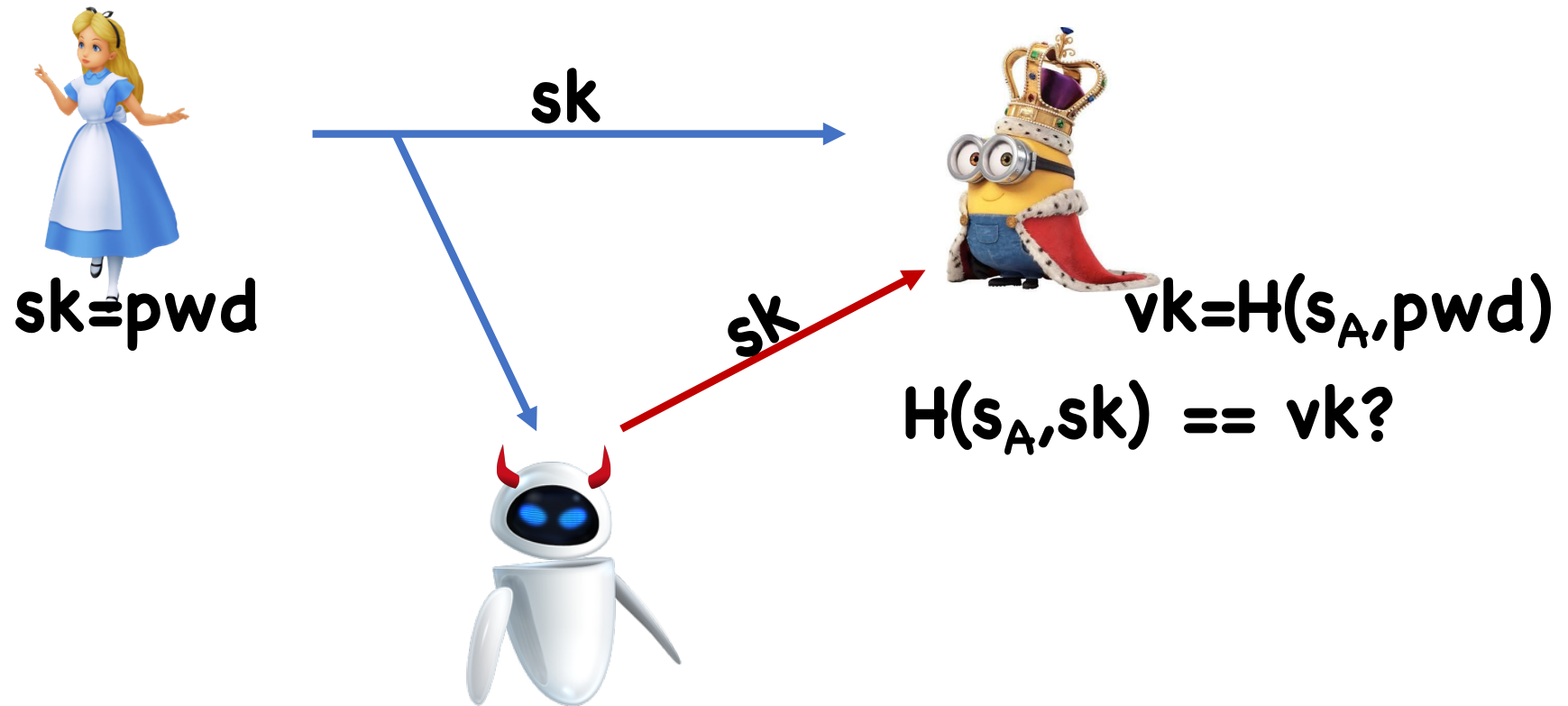
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- To check password, need to decrypt
- Must store decryption key **k** somewhere
- What if **k** is stolen?

Need to use one-way mechanism

- With hash function, not even server can recover password

# Security Against Eavesdropping



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One solution: update **sk,vk** after every run

# One-time Passwords

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a PRF



$sk=(k,0)$

$$sk_0 = F(k,0)$$



$vk=(k,0)$

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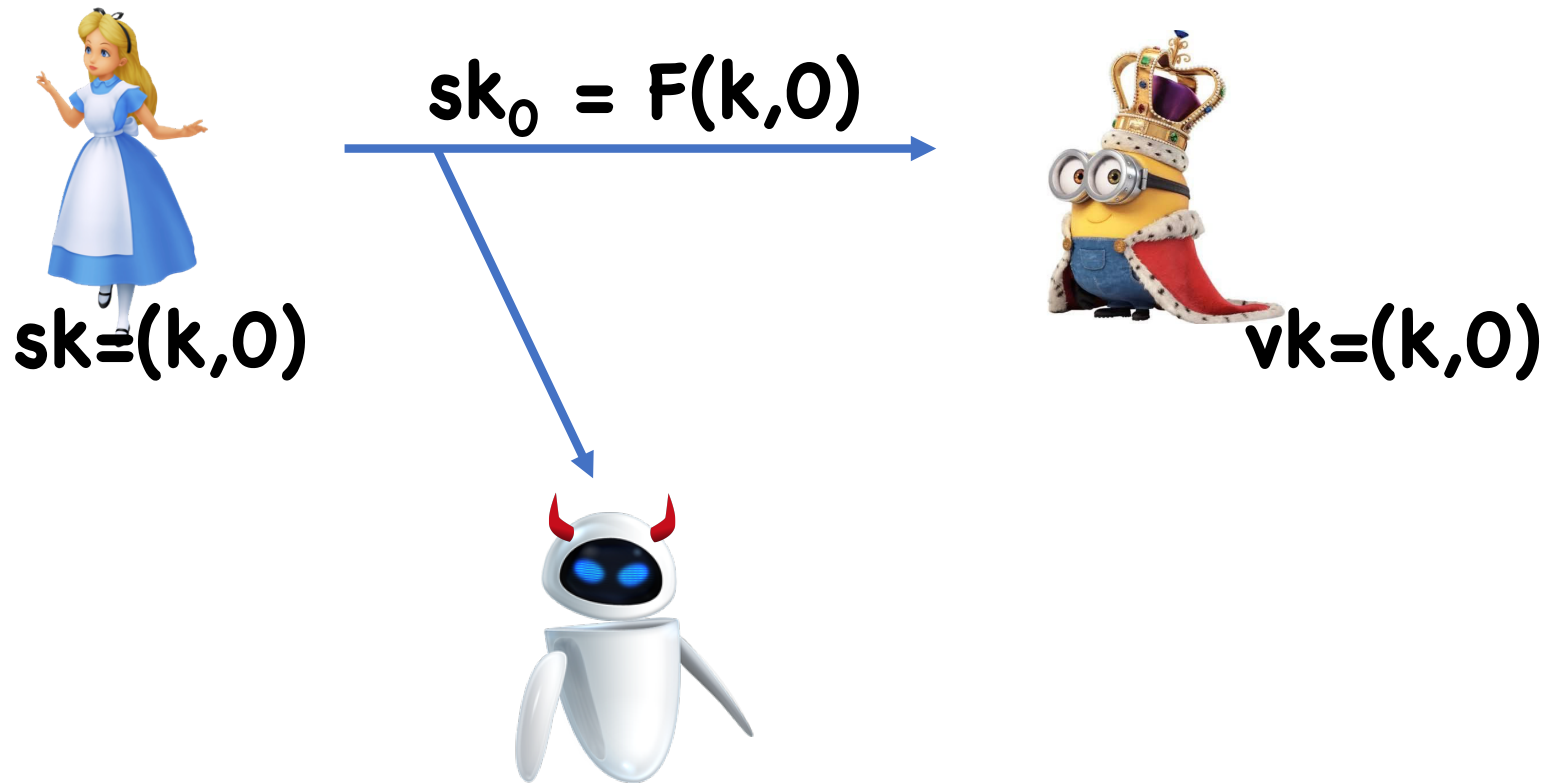


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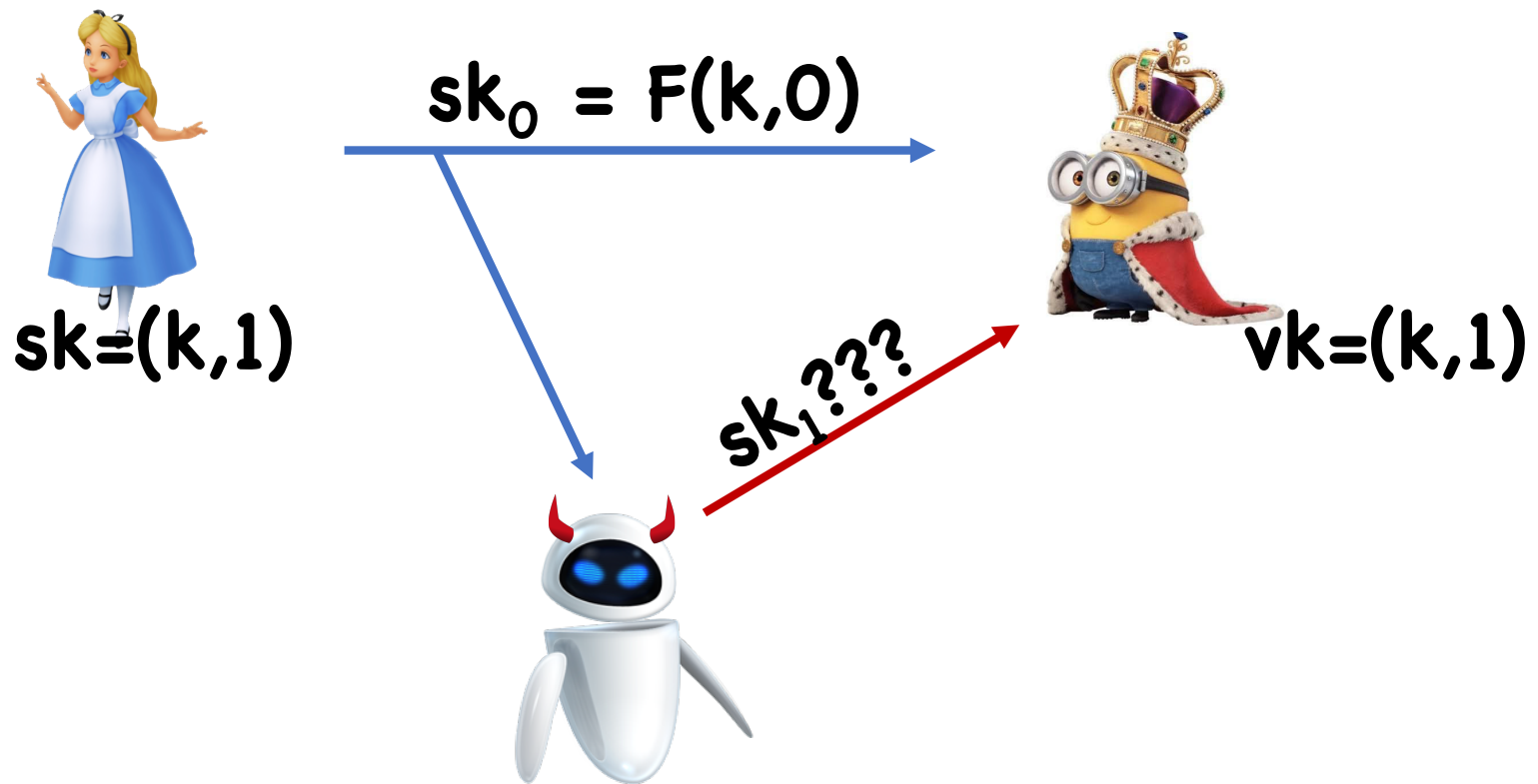
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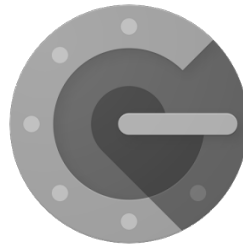
# One-time Passwords

Advancing state:

- Time based (e.g. every minute, day, etc)
- User Action (button press)

Must allow for small variation in counter value

- Clocks may be off, user may accidentally press button



# S/Key

Allow for **vk** to be public

**sk** = random string **k**

$$\mathbf{vk} = H^n(\mathbf{k}) := \underbrace{H(H(H(\dots H(\mathbf{x})\dots)))}_{n \text{ times}}$$

$$\mathbf{sk}_i = H^{n-i-1}(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathbf{vk}_i = H^{n-i}(\mathbf{k})$$

S/Key



$sk=k$

$$sk_0 = H^{n-1}(k)$$



$vk_0=H^n(k)$

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S/Key



$sk=k$

$$sk_1 = H^{n-2}(k)$$



$$vk_1 = sk_0 = H^{n-1}(k)$$
$$H(sk_1) == vk_1?$$

S/Key



$$sk_2 = H^{n-3}(k)$$



$$vk_2 = sk_1 = H^{n-2}(k)$$
$$H(sk_2) == vk_2?$$

# S/Key

Now **vk** can be public

However, after **n** runs, need to reset

# Stateless Schemes?

So far, all schemes secure against eavesdropping are stateful

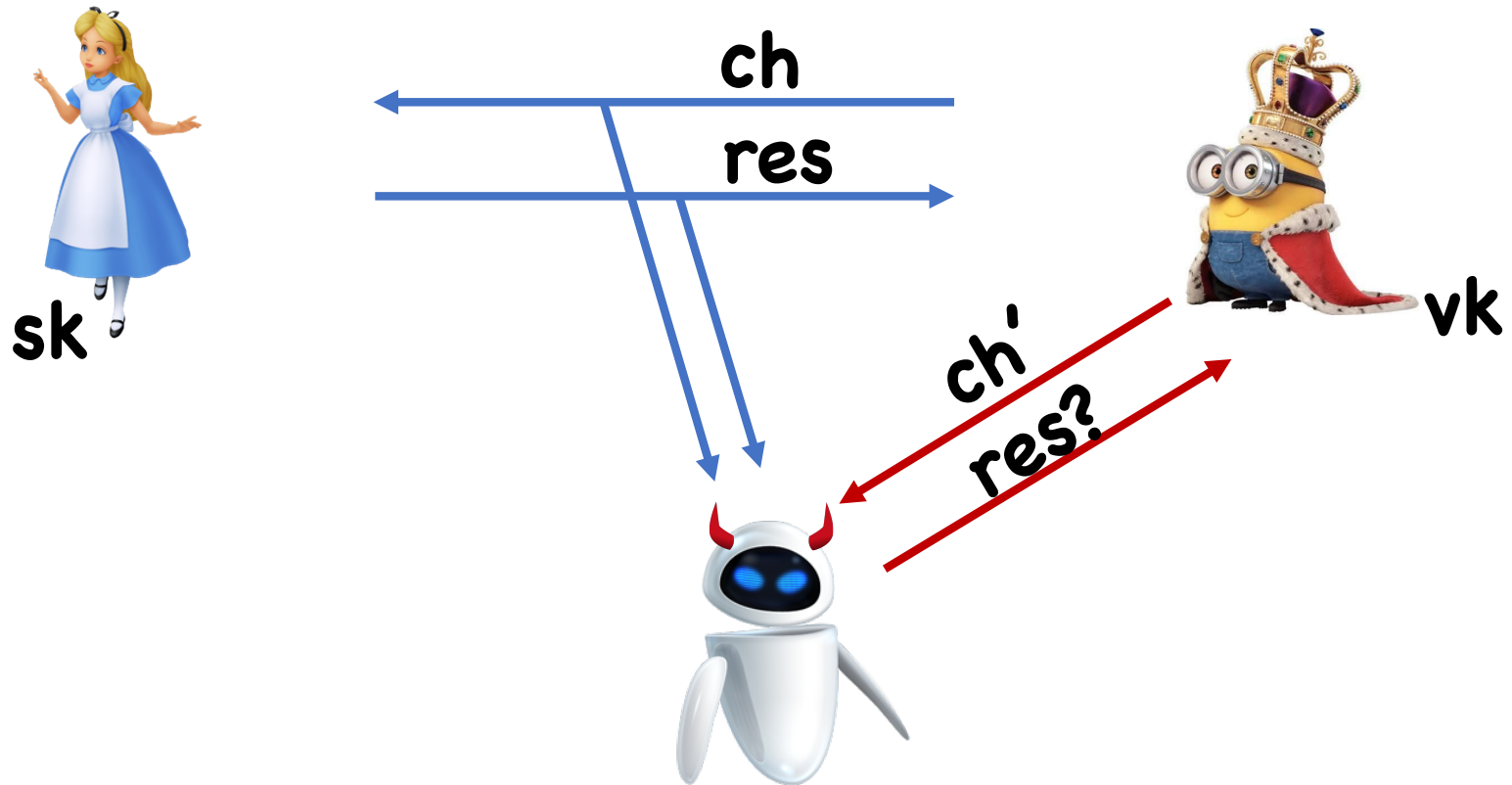
Easy theorem: any one-message stateless ID protocol is insecure if the adversary can eavesdrop

- Simply replay message

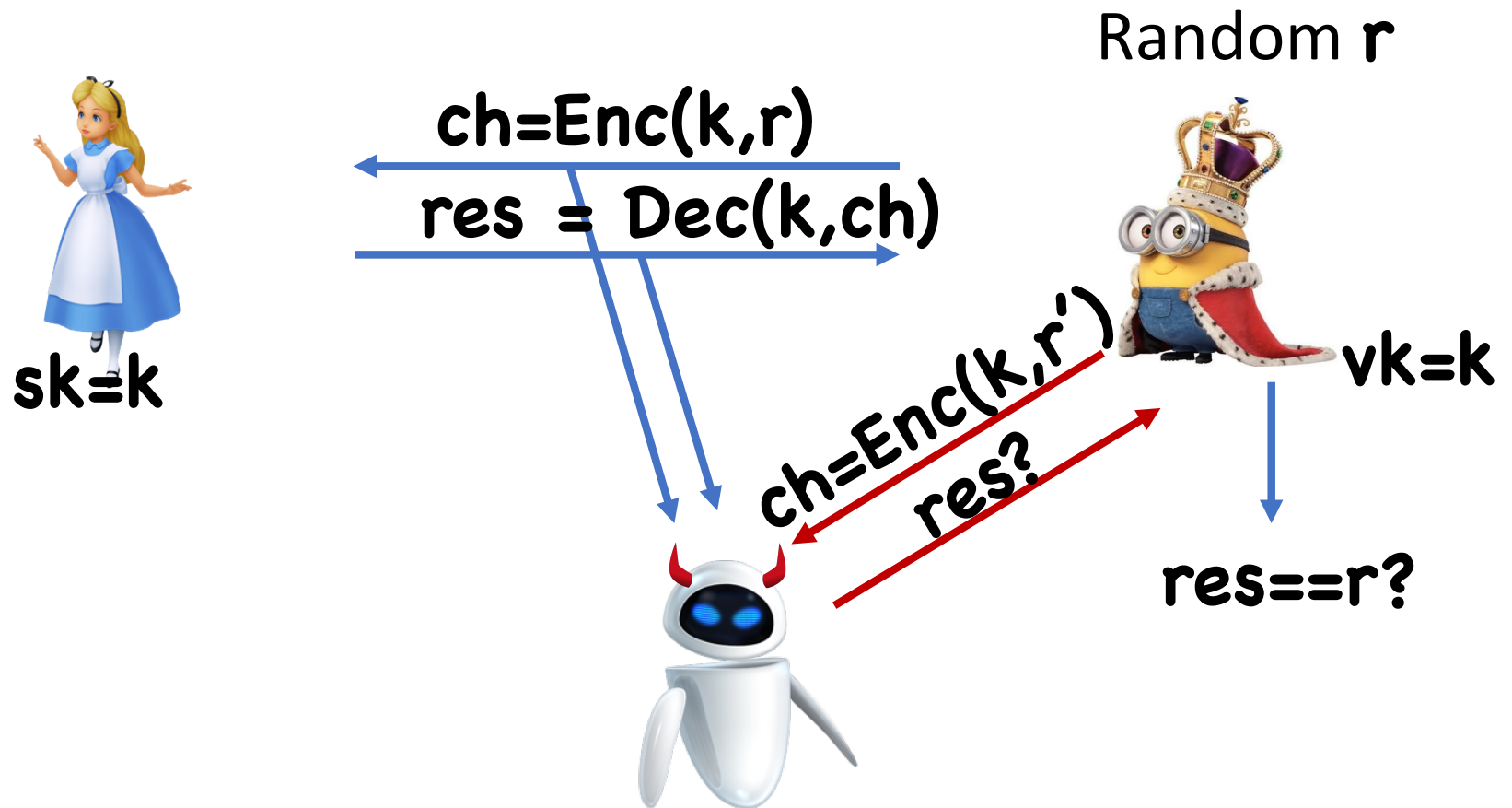
If want stateless scheme, instead want at least two messages



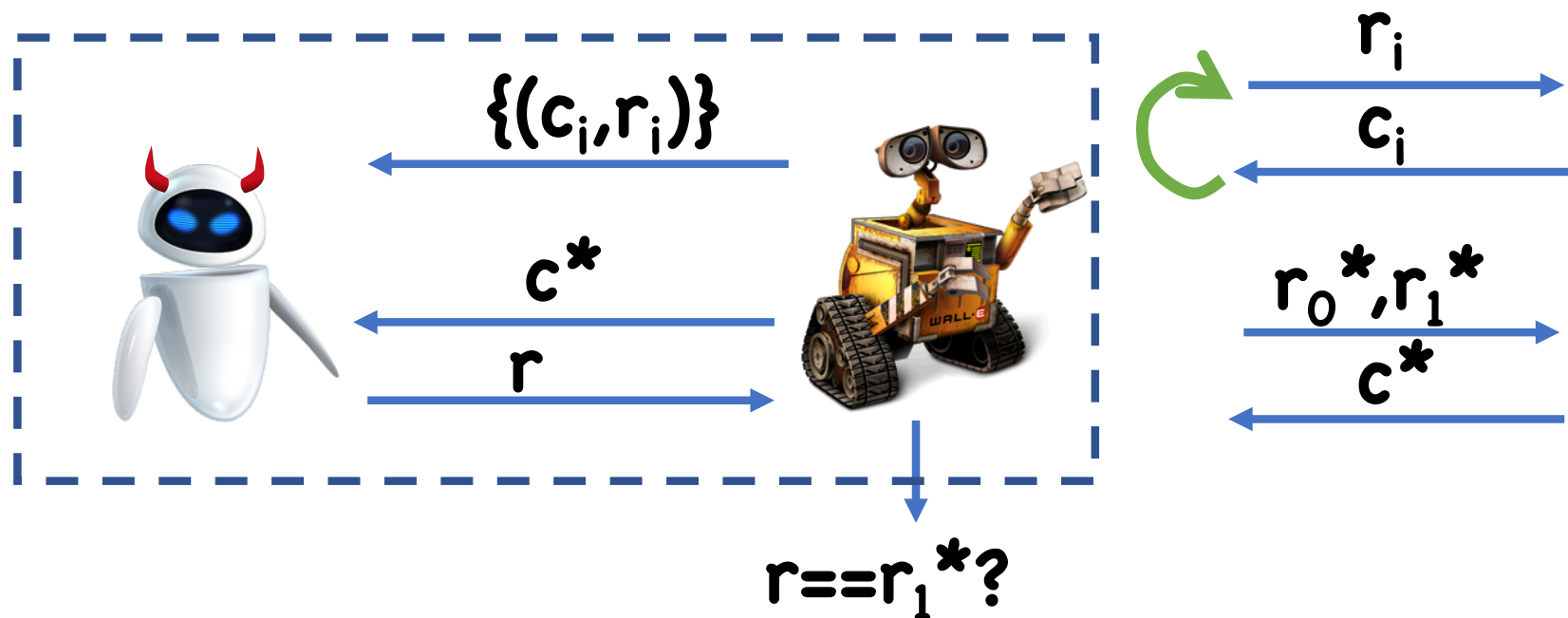
# Challenge-Response



# C-R Using Encryption



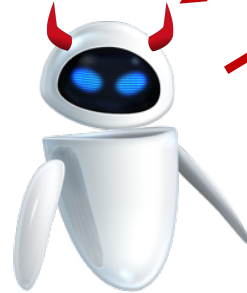
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# C-R Using MACs/Signatures



ch=r  
res = MAC(k,ch)



Random  $\mathbf{r}$   
or  $\mathbf{r}$  = Time

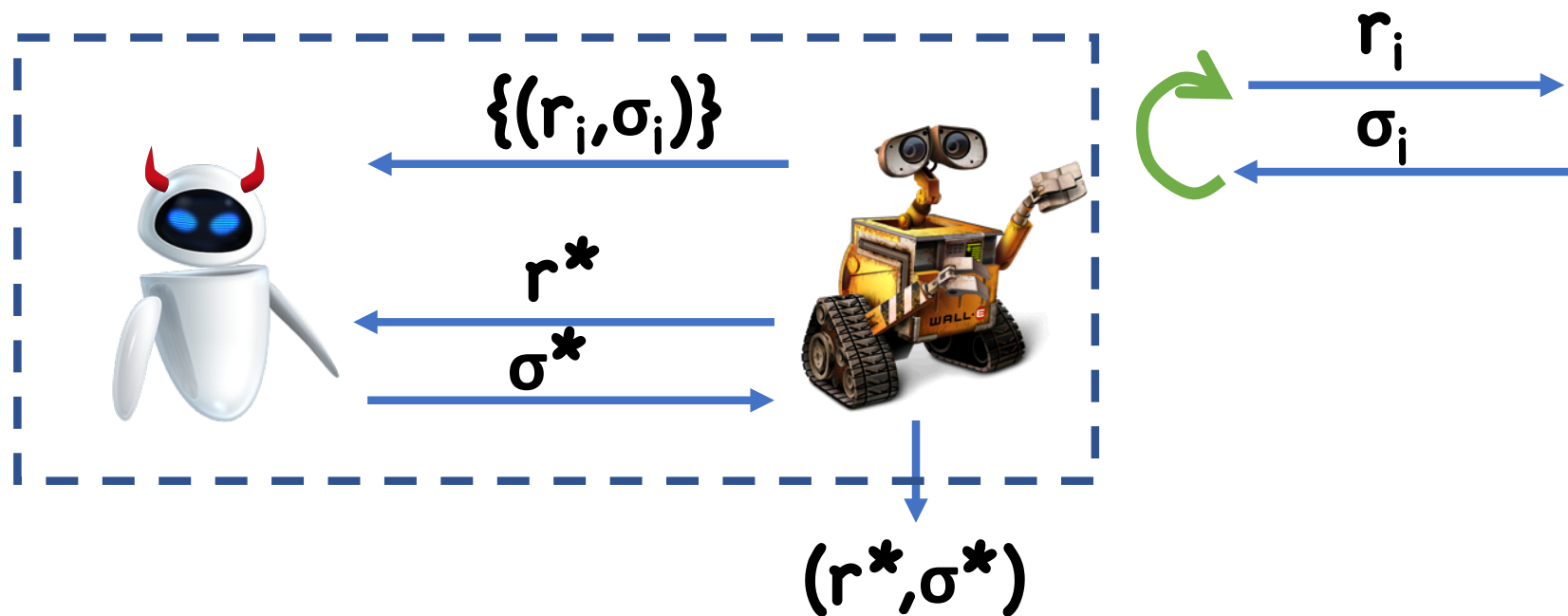


vk=k

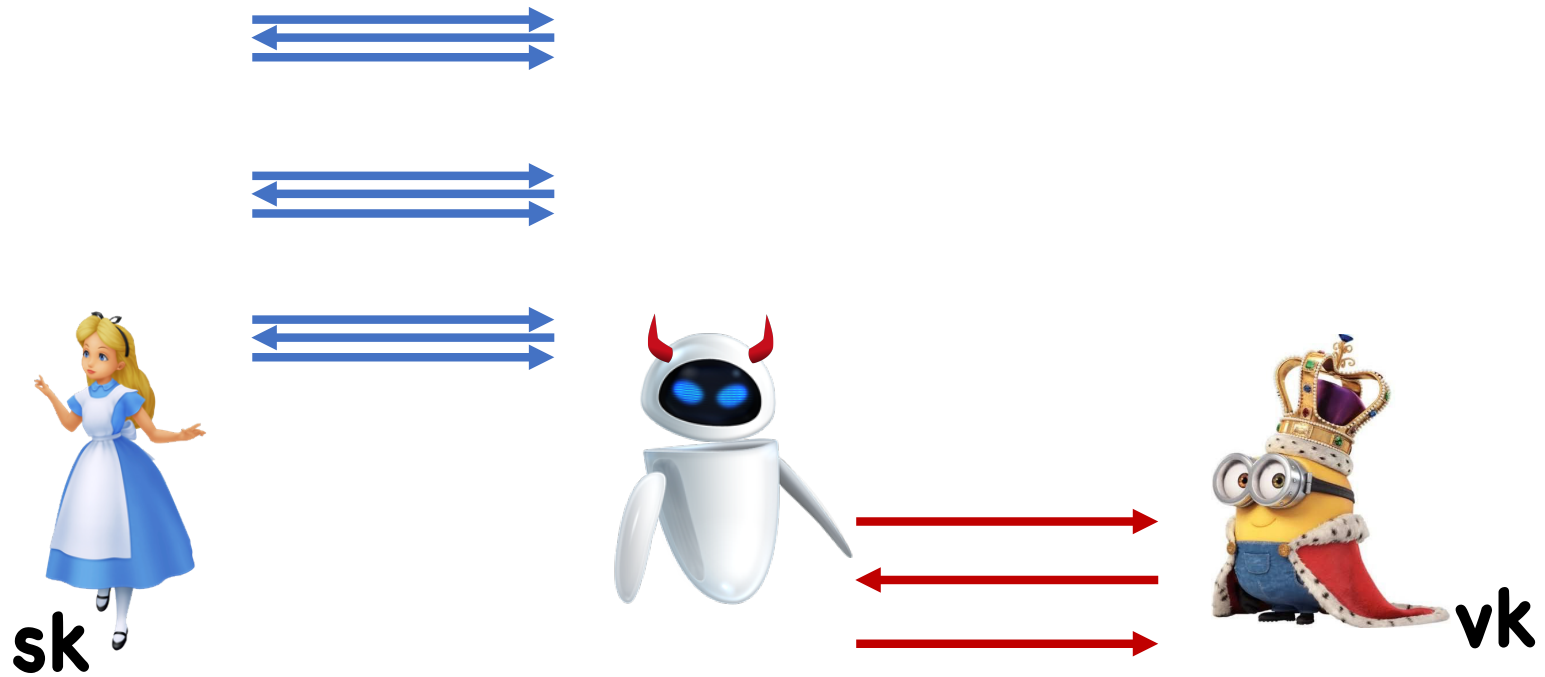
ch=r'  
res?

Ver(k,ch,res)?

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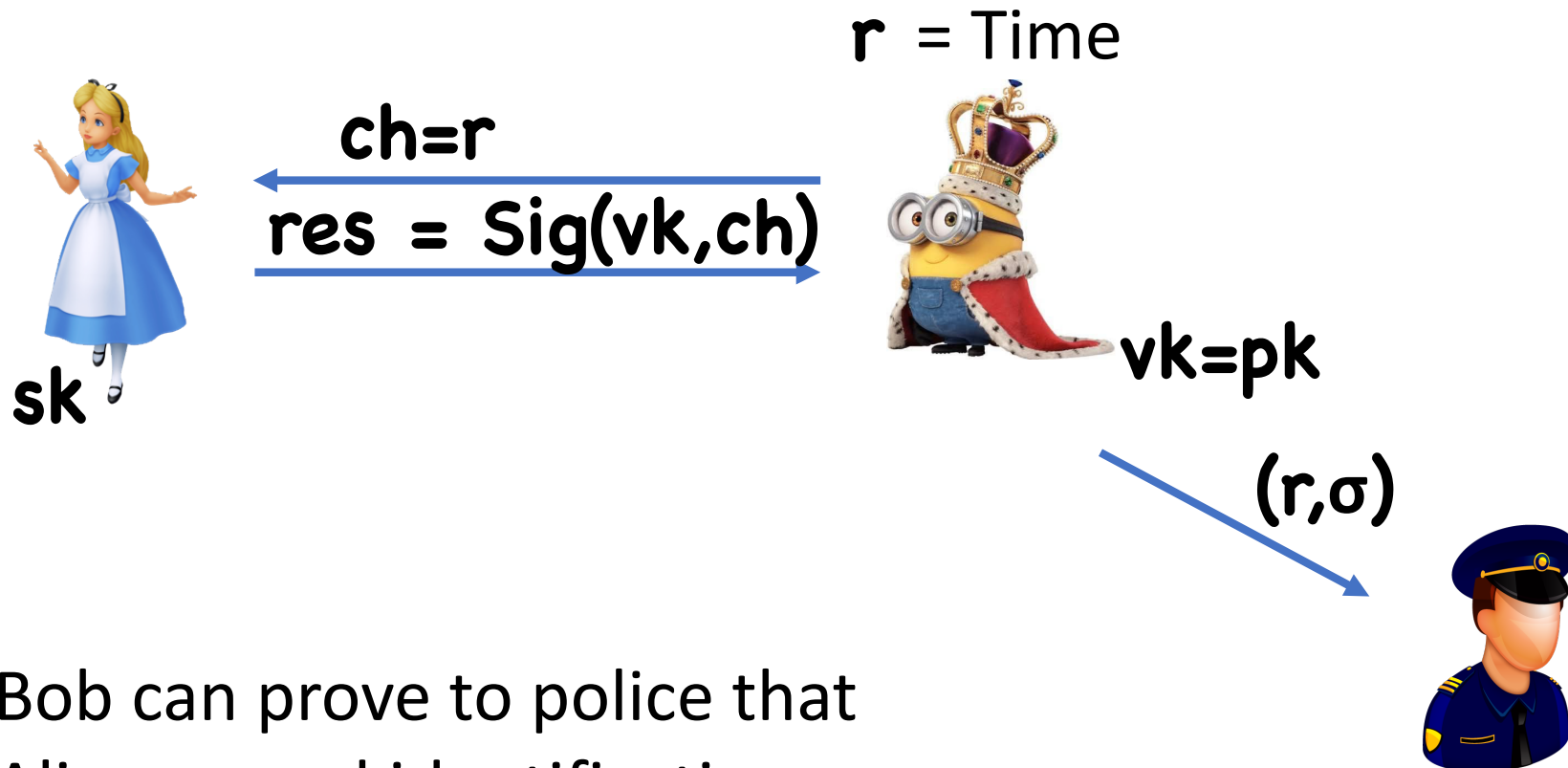
For enc-based C-R, CPA-secure is insufficient

- Instead need CCA-security (lunch-time sufficient)

For MAC/Sig-based C-R, CMA-security is sufficient

# Non-Repudiation

Consider signature-based C-R





# Zero Knowledge

What if Bob could have come up with a valid transcript, without ever interacting with Alice?

- Then Bob cannot prove to police that Alice authenticated

Seems impossible:

- If (public) **vk** is sufficient to come up with valid transcript, why can't an adversary do the same?

# Zero Knowledge

Adversary CAN come up with valid transcripts, but Bob doesn't accept transcripts

- Instead, accepts *interactions*

Ex: public key Enc-based C-R

- Valid transcript: **(c,r)** where **c** encrypts **r**
- Anyone can come up with a valid transcript
- However, only Alice can generate the transcript for a given **c**

Takeaway: order of messages matters

# Zero Knowledge Proofs

# Mathematical Proof

$\pi$



$\pi$



$\text{Ver}(\pi)$

# Mathematical Proof

Statement  $x$

Witness  $w$



$w$



$\text{Ver}(x, w)$

# Interactive Proof

Statement  $\mathbf{x}$

Witness  $\mathbf{w}$



# Properties of Interactive Proofs

Let  $(P, V)$  be a pair of probabilistic interactive algorithms for the proof system

**Completeness:** If  $w$  is a valid witness for  $x$ , then  $V$  should always accept

**Soundness:** If  $x$  is false, then no cheating prover can cause  $V$  to accept

- Perfect: accept with probability 1
- Statistical: accept with negligible probability
- Computational: cheating prover is comp. bounded

# Zero Knowledge

Intuition: prover doesn't learn anything by engaging in the protocol (other than the truthfulness of  $x$ )


How to characterize what adversary “knows”?

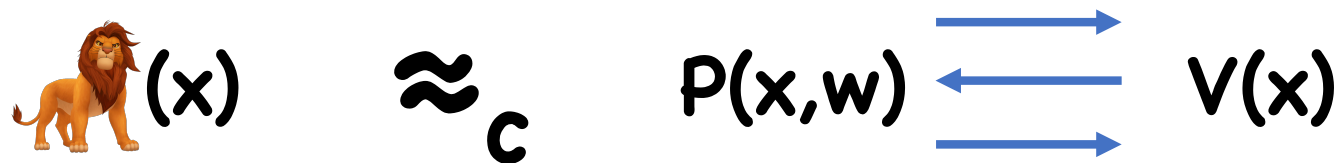
- Only outputs a bit
- May “know” witness, but hidden inside the programs state



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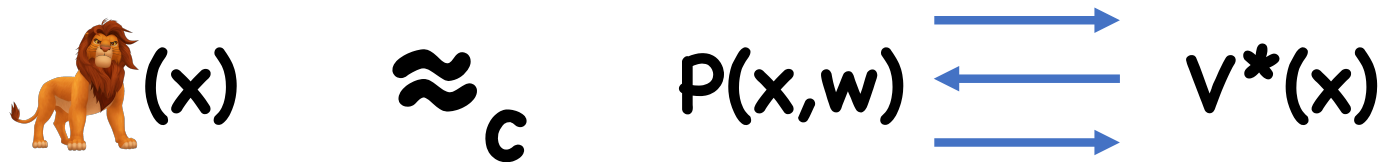
Assumes Bob obeys protocol

- “Honest Verifier”

But what if Bob deviates from specified prover algorithm to try and learn more about the witness?

# Zero Knowledge

For every malicious verifier  $V^*$ ,  $\exists$  “simulator”   
s.t. for every true statement  $x$ , valid witness  $w$ ,



# QR Protocol

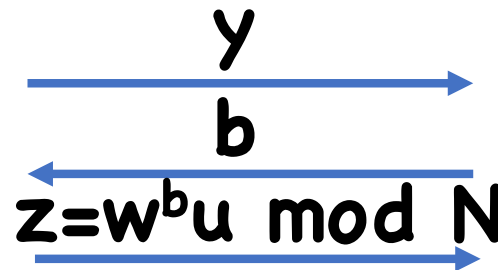
Statements:  $x$  is a Q.R. mod  $N$

Witness:  $w$  s.t.  $w^2 \bmod N = x$

Protocol:

$$u \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$$

$$y \leftarrow u^2 \bmod N$$



$$b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$$



$$z^2 \stackrel{?}{=} x^b y \bmod N$$

# QR Protocol

Zero Knowledge:

What does Bob see?

- A random QR  $y$ ,
- A random bit  $b$ ,
- A random root of  $x^b y$

Idea: simulator chooses  $b$ , then  $y$ ,

- Can choose  $y$  s.t. it always knows a square root of  $x^b y$

# QR Protocol

Honest Verifier Zero Knowledge:



**(x):**

- Choose a random bit **b**
- Choose a random string **z**
- Let  $y = x^{-b}z^2$
- Output **(y,b,z)**

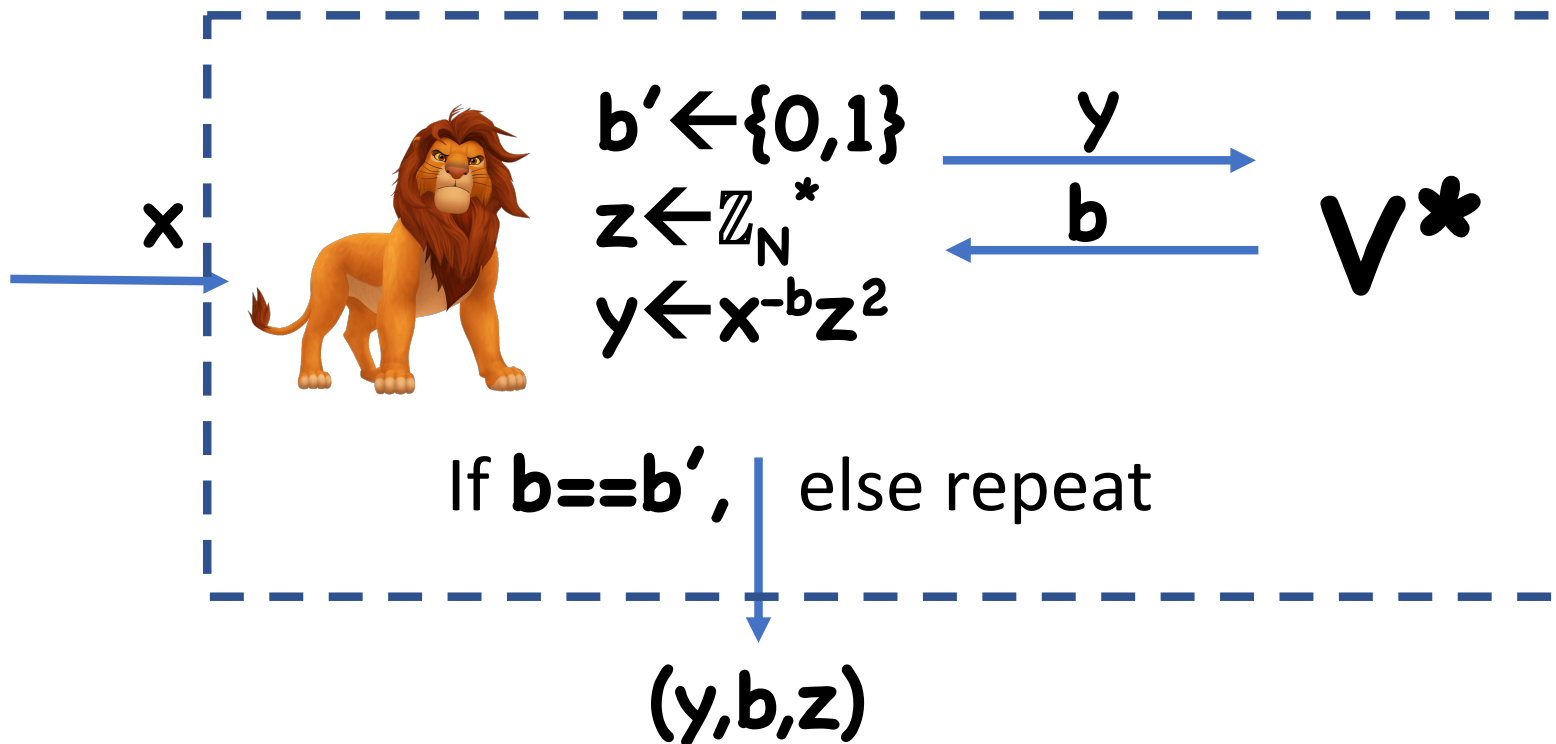
- If **x** is a QR, then **y** is a random QR, no matter what **b** is
- **z** is a square root of  $x^b y$



**(y,b,z)** is distributed identically to **(P,V)(x)**

# QR Protocol

(Malicious Verifier) Zero Knowledge:



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Proof:

- If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a QR, then  $\mathbf{y}$  is a random QR, independent of  $\mathbf{b}'$
- Conditioned on  $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b}$ , then  $(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{z})$  is identical to random transcript seen by  $\mathbf{V}^*$
- $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b}$  with probability  $1/2$



# Zero Knowledge Proofs

Known:

- Proofs for any NP statement assuming just one-way functions
- Non-interactive ZK proofs for any NP statement using trapdoor permutations

# Applications

Identification protocols

Signatures

Protocol Design:

- E.g. CCA secure PKE
  - To avoid mauling attacks, provide ZK proof that ciphertext is well formed
  - Problem: ZK proof might be malleable
  - With a bit more work, can be made CCA secure
- Example: multiparty computation
  - Prove that everyone behaved correctly

# Reminders

HW6 Due Today

HW7 Due May 1