

PRACTICAL PKI

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OVERVIEW & GOALS

- **IN THE BUILDING ≠ ACCESS TO THE PENTHOUSE**
- **CERTIFICATES ARE LIKE AUTOGRAPHS**
- **CHAINING AS A WHOLESALE CLUB**
- **VALIDATION BY NIGHT CLUB BOUNCER**
- **NOT JUST CLUBS, BUT STORES, TOO**
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- **GOVERNANCE & POLICY: STAY CLASSY**
- **CYBERSECURITY OS INTEL MOMENT**

DOCTOR FUN

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The beginning of a very long flight

BUT... BUT... WHO ARE YOU?

- **@SCIATICNERD**
- **11 YEARS IN #INFOSEC**
- **ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF #BSIDES**
- **THAT KID WHO HUNG OUT IN THE A/V ROOM**
- **FRUSTRATED FILMMAKER**
- **SOMEWHERE BETWEEN KIRK AND CRANE (SHATNER & GRAMMER)**



WHO IS THIS PRESENTATION FOR?

- **TO HELP EXPLAIN TO PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF INDUSTRY**
- **NEEDED TO USE IT, BUT IT MADE NO SENSE**
- **ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN**
- **NOT NECESSARILY CRYPTO FOLKS**
- **THE FRUSTRATED (SEE ATTACHED)**



BUT WE KNOW PKI!

- **GOAL IS TO GO OVER HOW THE PIECES WORK TOGETHER**
- **NO MATH REQUIRED**
- **KNOW YOUR CRYPTO?**
 - **AWESOME!**
 - **LEAVE MOST OF IT BY THE DOOR, PLEASE**
- **REMEMBER: THIS “CLASS” IS FOR NON-MAJORS**



**Apologies to Cory Doctorow
And those who made the
example of double locked
crypto using a tennis ball
and padlocks**

HOW CERTIFICATES ARE EXAMINED



“PKI BROKERED AUTHENTICATION” (SORTA)

IN THE BUILDING ≠ ACCESS TO PENTHOUSE

- **AUTHENTICATION**
 - **IDENTITY (WHO YOU ARE IS NOT WHAT YOU DO)**
 - **PINS ARE A CHALLENGE FOR TOKEN HOLDERS**
 - **MACHINES ARE PEOPLE TOO?**
- **AUTHORIZATION**
 - **DESCRIBES WHAT AUTHENTICATED CREDENTIALS ARE ALLOWED TO DO**
 - **PROVISIONING ON THE FLY IS THE “HOLY GRAIL”**



CERTIFICATES ARE LIKE AUTOGRAPHS

- **WHO ARE YOU?**
 - **BOB AND ALICE AREN'T IN RIGHT NOW**
 - **MAY I HELP YOU, INSTEAD?**
- **OH HO HO, MAGIC!**
- **ELECTRONIC TRUST**
- **COLLECTION OF SERIAL NUMBERS AND RESULTS**



CERTIFICATES ARE

- **ELECTRONIC IDENTITY FOR PEOPLE AND TOYS**
- **HOW FAR DO WE TRUST IT?**
- **SOUNDS EASIER THAN IT IS, KINDA**
- **WHY CAN'T WE JUST USE SELF-SIGNED CERTIFICATES?**



CHAINING IS A WHOLESALE CLUB

- **EXAMINATION OF CARD AT DOOR REQUIRED**
- **BASIC CHECKS WITHOUT HELP (VALIDATION)**
- **KNOWS WHICH CLUB A CARD HOLDER BELONGS TO**
- **ROOT CHAINS ESTABLISH WHICH CLUB A CERTIFICATE BELONGS TO**



VALIDATION BY NIGHT CLUB BOUNCER

- **IF THE BOUNCER FINDS A MATCHING ENTRY ON THEIR CLIPBOARD, IT'S TO PREVENT ACCESS**
- **A CERTIFICATE REVOCATION LIST REPLACES THE CLIPBOARD OF NAMES**
- **CALLED REVOCATION CHECKING OR CERTIFICATE VALIDATION**



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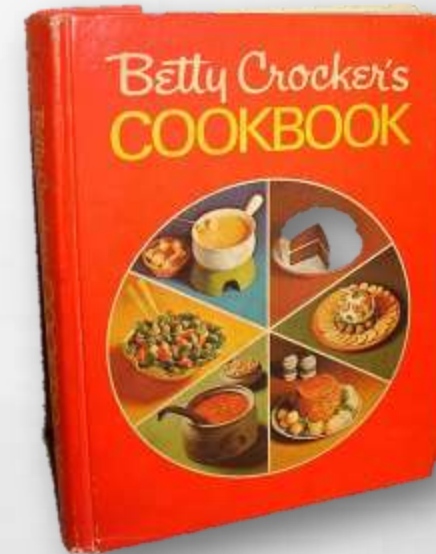
- **WHY NOT JUST TRUST EVERYBODY?**
- **TUCKED IN MORE PLACES THAN A HOLLYWOOD HAS-BEEN**
- **HOW DO WE DECIDE WHO SHOULD STAY?**
- **MORE THAN ONE ON EVERY MACHINE**
- **GO ASK MOXIE – CAN'T TRUST 'EM ALL**



Drive-thru Trust Decisions Will Leave You With Heart burn

REQUESTING CERTIFICATES IS LIKE MAKING PIE

- **ALWAYS STARTS WITH MAKING CRUST**
 - **BOILS DOWN TO GETTING A CERTIFICATE**
 - **DIFFERENT TOOLS MAKE IT MORE CONFUSING**
- **IT'S THE FILLING THAT CHANGES**
 - **KNOWING WHAT STEP YOU'RE ON HELPS**
 - **MARK THE EXPIRATION DATE ON A CALENDAR**



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Backup

Submit

Coordinate

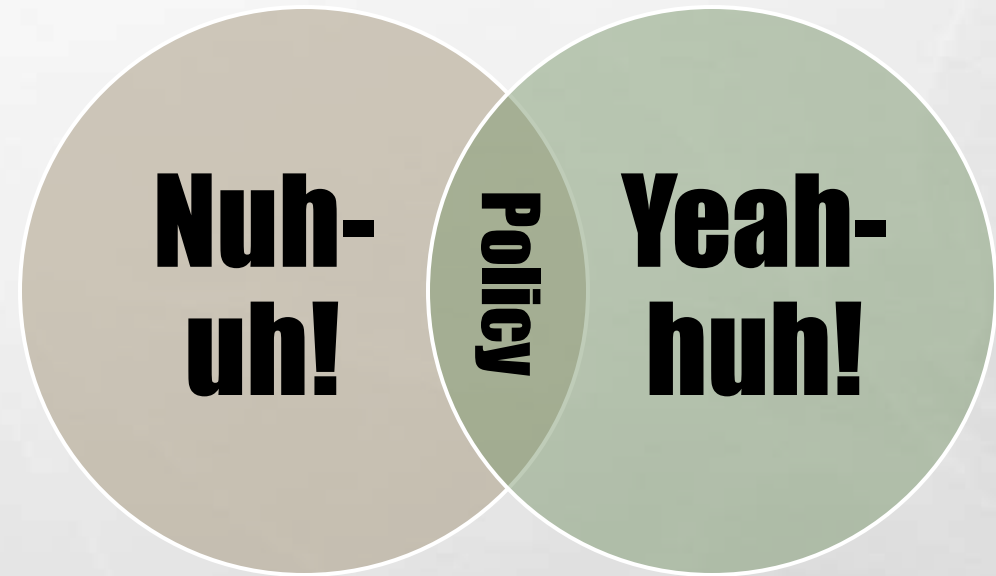
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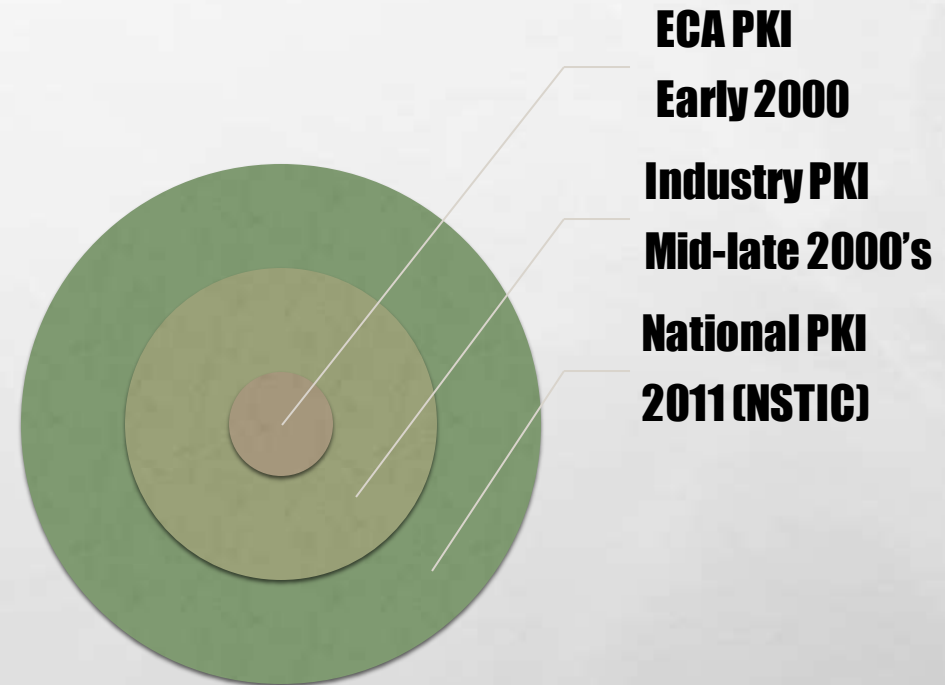
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- **POLICY DISCUSSIONS ARE LIKE PLAYING A GAME OPERATION (TM) WITH A BUNCH OF 5 YEAR OLDS, ARGUING OVER THE RULES THAT ARE WRITTEN INSIDE THE BOX TOP.**
- **GOVERNANCE AND PKI**
 - **CERTIFICATE POLICY: THE RULES**
 - **CERTIFICATION PRACTICE STATEMENT: HOW TO APPLY THE RULES**



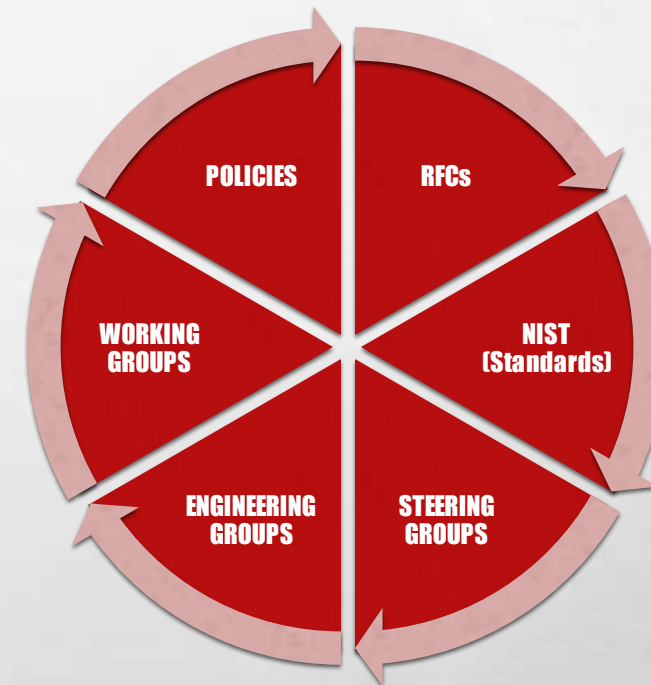
CYBERSECURITY OS INTEL MOMENT

- **PKI ISN'T NEW: IN PRODUCTION SINCE 90'S**
- **RISE / RETURN OF THE SMART CARD IN U.S.**
 - **REMEMBER AMEX BLUE? EMV?**
- **ECA PKI ► INDUSTRY PKI ► NATIONAL PKI**
- **NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR TRUSTED IDENTITIES IN CYBERSPACE: IDMANAGEMENT.GOV**
- **PKI IS PLANNED FOR, NOT INSTANT ON**



SECOND VERSE SAME AS THE FIRST

- **POLICY DEVELOPMENT HAS A CYCLICAL FLOW**
- **OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED**
- **THIS COULD DOVETAIL WITH OTHER EFFORTS**
- **CONSIDER @IAMTHECAVALRY OR OTHERS**
- **SILENCE EQUATES WITH ASSENT HERE**
- **SEVERAL STAGES ALLOW FOR INTERACTION**



REVIEW OF WHAT WAS COVERED

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