

Encryption \neq Protection

A proposed framework for thinking about file security

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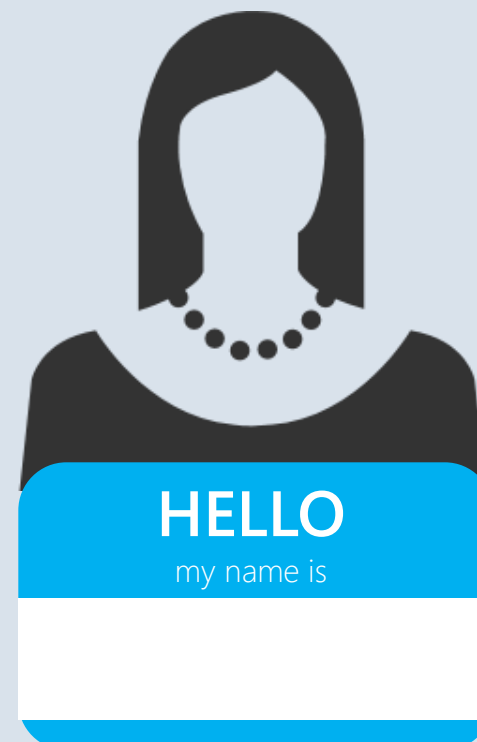
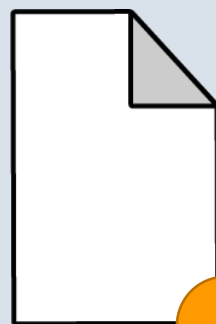
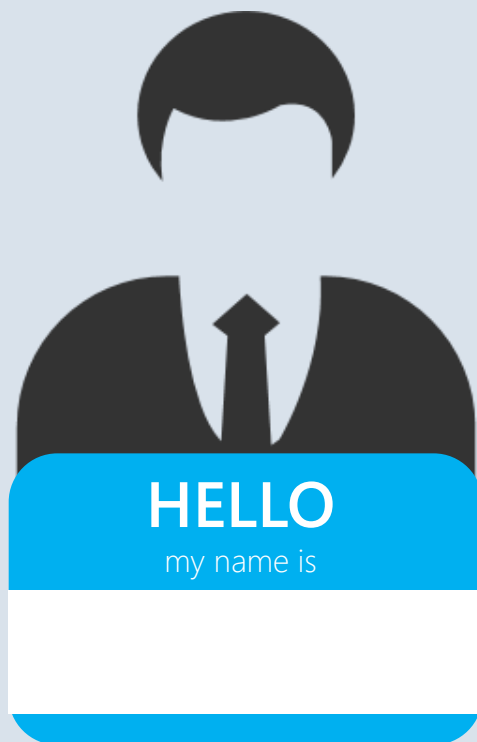
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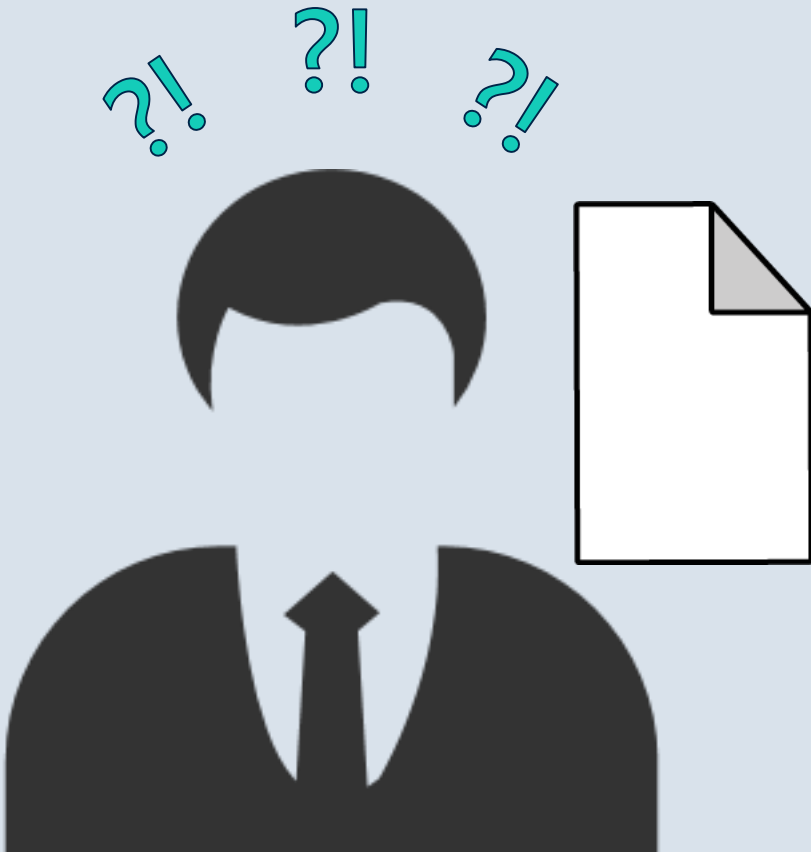
Alice Needs Bob's File.

But...

Bob's file is **sensitive**
and Bob doesn't
want **anyone** but
Alice to see it.



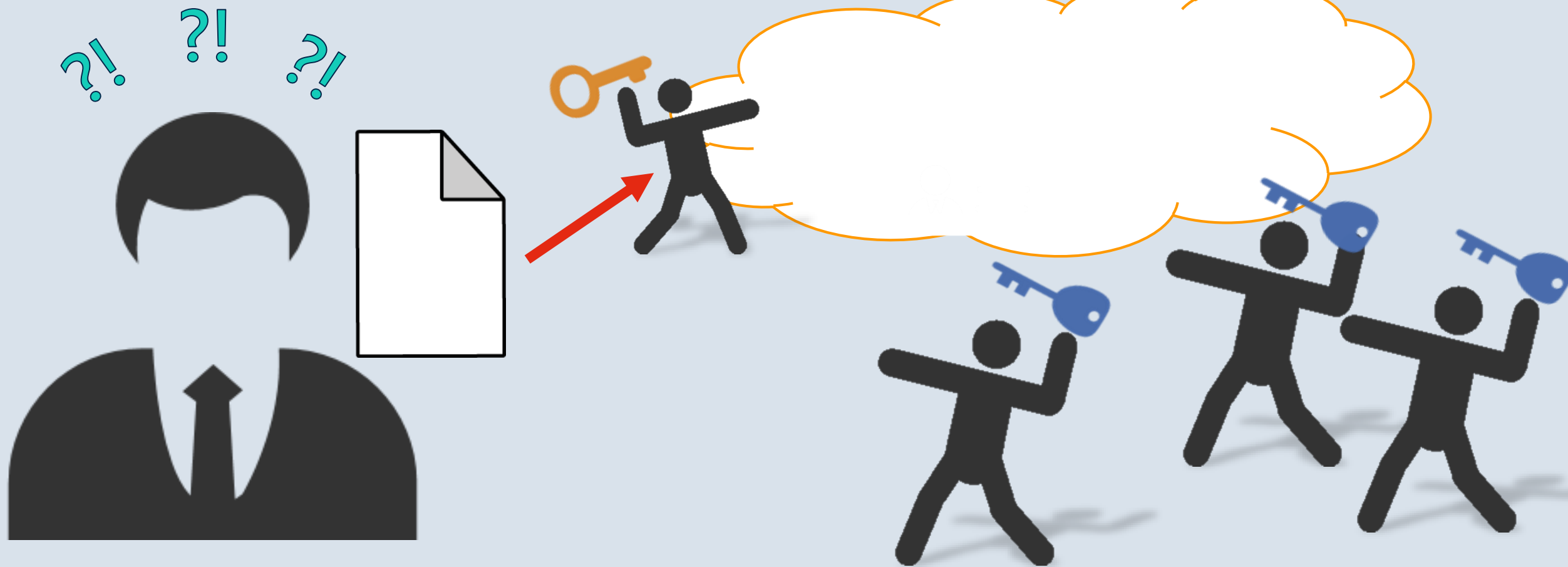
Bob Has Some Concerns...



Bob fears for the Security
of his files in the cloud

**After All Bob Doesn't Control His
Cloud**

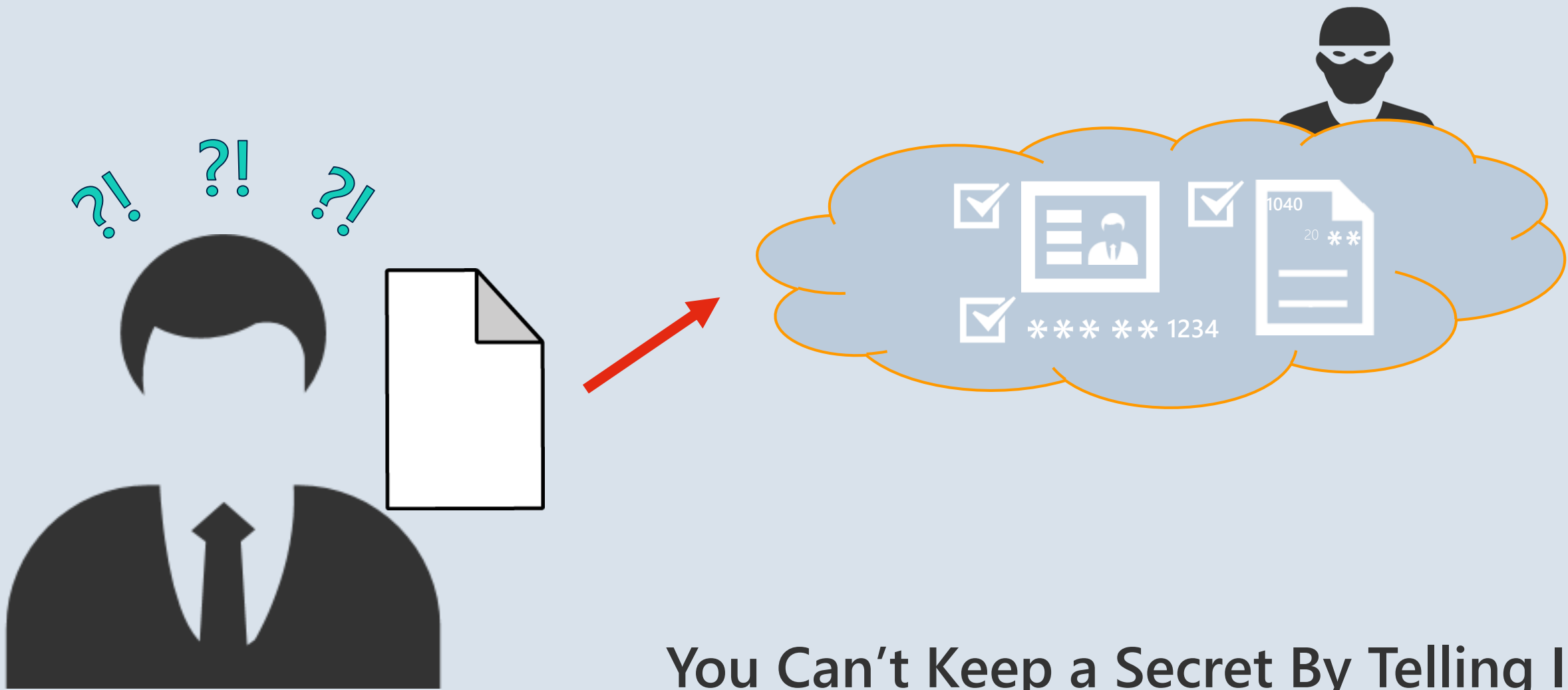
Bob Doesn't Want to Exchange Keys or Certificates ...



Bob Doesn't Have Time to Manage a Million User Accounts!



It Shouldn't Take a Portal to Share a Single File!



You Can't Keep a Secret By Telling It!

There are 3 Tenets to this Framework:

- 1) Obfuscation
- 2) Access Controls
 - Who
 - How
 - When
 - WhereFiles may be accessed
- 3) Auditability



Requiring Separation of Duties

Obfuscation = Custody

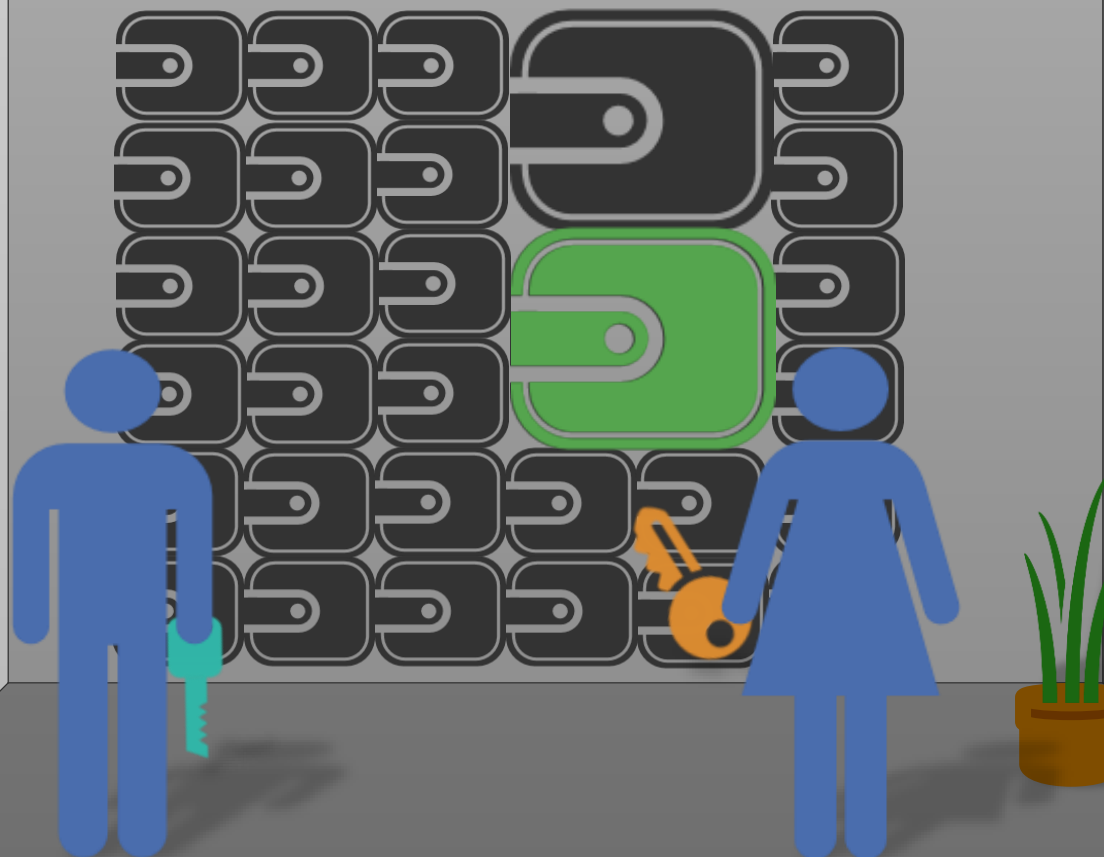
- Protection without Possession

Physical World

- Bank
- Safety Deposit Box

Digital World

- Encryption
- Enciphering
- Steganography



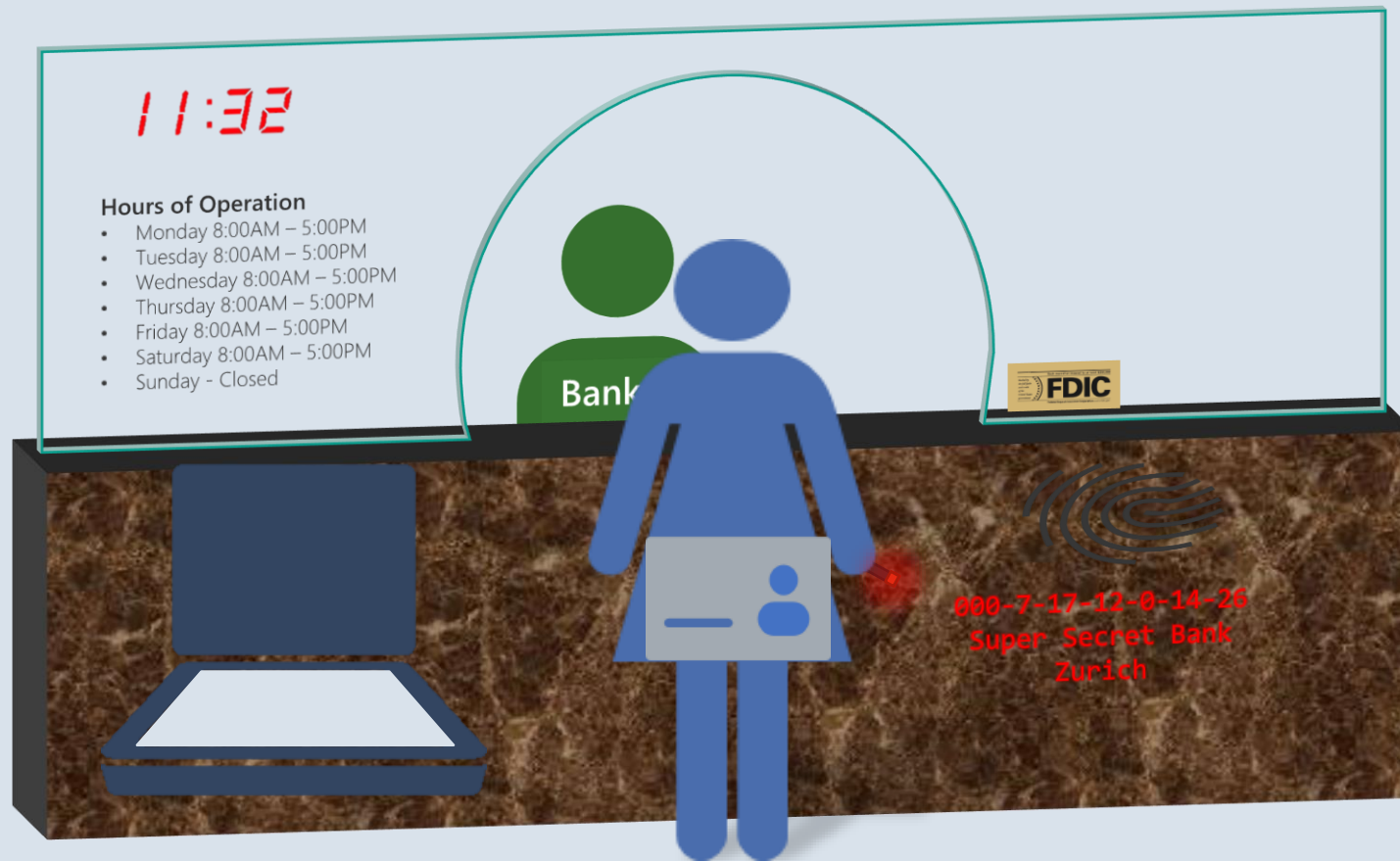
Access Controls = Authorization

Physical World - Bank

- Physical Location
- Hours of Operation
- Finger Print
- Signature Card
- Account Number

Digital World

- Where – Geolocation
- When – Expiration
- Who – Biometrics
- Who – Password
- How – UserID



Auditability = Auditability

- Recreate a system state, and events over time, for post facto identification of problems

Physical World – Bank Statement

- Identifying Information
- Transaction Information
- Transaction History



Digital World

- Account/User Information
- Transaction Information
- Transaction History

Alice's Statement

Section 1 – Identifying Information

Account: 000-7-17-12-0-14-26 - Super Secret Bank - Zurich

Signature Card:  Finger Print: 

Section 2 – Transaction Information

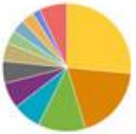
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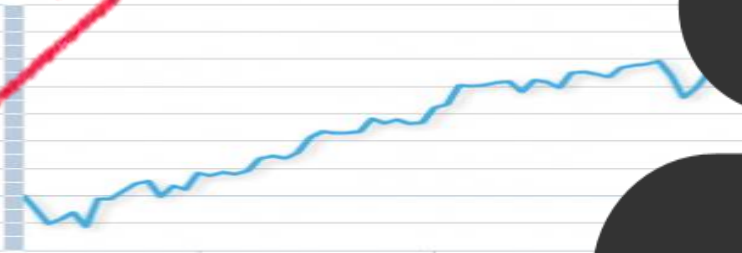
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Previous balance				0.55
Payroll Deposit - HOTEL			694.81	695.36
Web Bill Payment - MASTERCARD	968	200.00		495.36
ATM Withdrawal - INTERAC	3990	21.25		474.11
Fees - Interac		1.50		472.61
Interac Purchase - ELECTRONIC SERVICES	1875	2.99		469.62

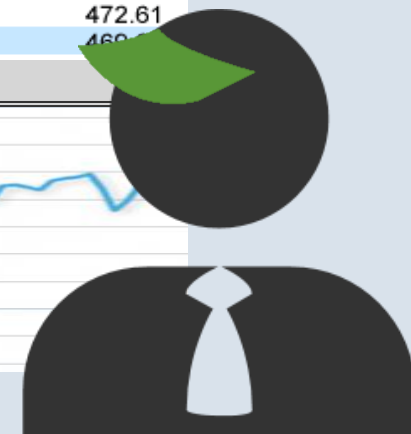
Section 3 – Transaction History

Expense Analysis



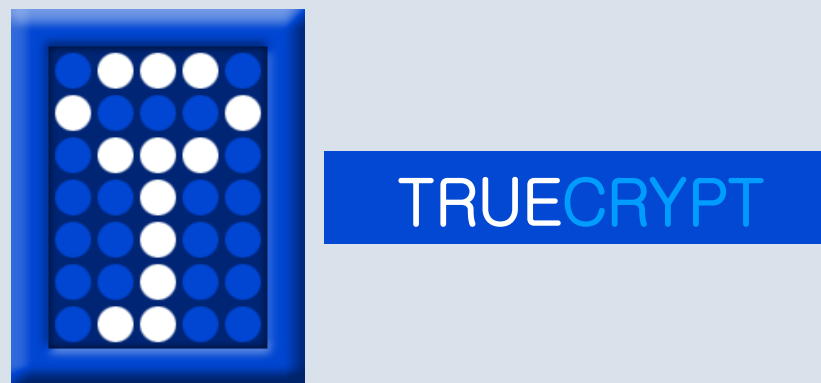
Create Budget







- ✓ **Obfuscation**
 - Uses Derived Key Cryptography
2. **Access Controls**
 - Public/Private Key
- ✗ **Auditability**
 - Separation of Duties



- ✓ **Obfuscation**
 - Uses Derived Key Cryptography
2. **Access Controls**
 - Passphrase/Key Files
- ✗ **Auditability**
 - Separation of Duties



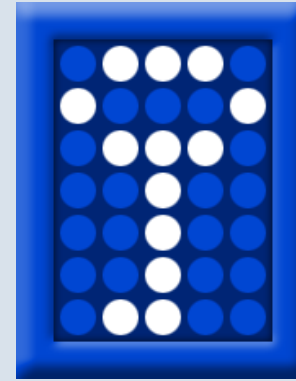
Google Drive

1. **Obfuscation**
 - Yes, but not from Google
 2. **Access Controls**
 - Passphrase, Multifactor, Share
 3. **Auditability**
 - Work Edition
- Separation of Duties



1. **Obfuscation**
 - AES256/TLS256
 2. **Access Controls**
 - Passphrase, Plugins, Sharing
 3. **Auditability**
 - Very Nice Dashboards
- Separation of Duties

1. Obfuscation
 - Deriving/Issuing keys can be dangerous especially with cloud services
2. Access Controls
 - Need multiple avenues for authorization to fit security to need
3. Auditability
 - Chain of custody is essential
- Separation of Duties
 - Only works if keys are not derived/issued by the Obfuscation, Access Control and Auditability provider
 - Protection WITHOUT Possession



TRUECRYPT



Google Drive

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