

Using PGP/GnuPG and S/MIME v

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Introduction:

- PGP/GnuPG
- The Web of Trust
- S/MIME
- Certificate Handling
- Summary

Email is insecure:

- Messageformat in cleartext.
- No authentication of the Sender

That's why we need Public Key encryption in Email

PGP History:

- 1991 Phil Zimmermann released "Pretty Good Privacy"
 - violated patents for RSA and IDEA algorithm
 - illegal exported from the USA
- 1997 PGP 5.0 released by PGP Inc., exported from the USA
- 1998 RFC 2440 Definition of the OpenPGP Message Format
- 1999 Werner Koch released the "GNU Privacy Guard" (GPG)

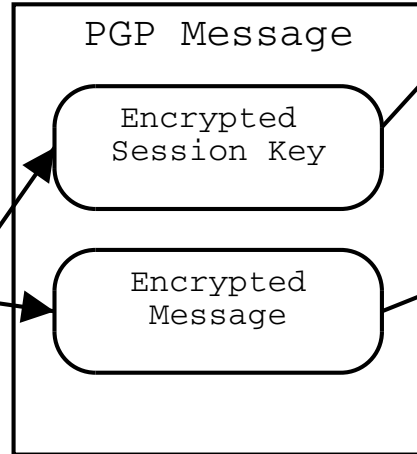
Encryption

Plain Message

Compress

Encrypt
with Session key

Encrypt
Session key
with Receipients
Public Key



Decryption

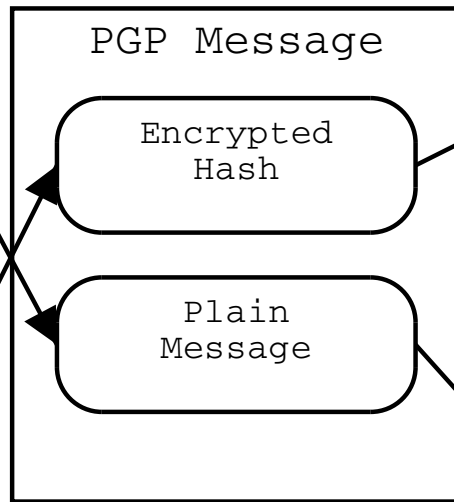
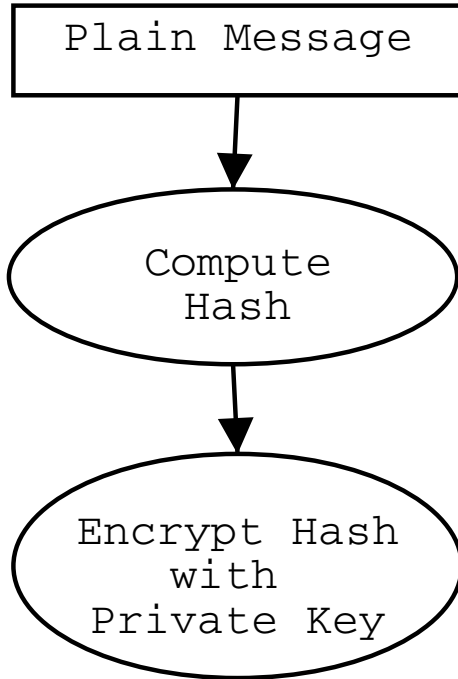
Decrypt
Session
with
Private Key

Decrypt
with Session Key

Decrypt

Plain Message

Signing Process



Ver





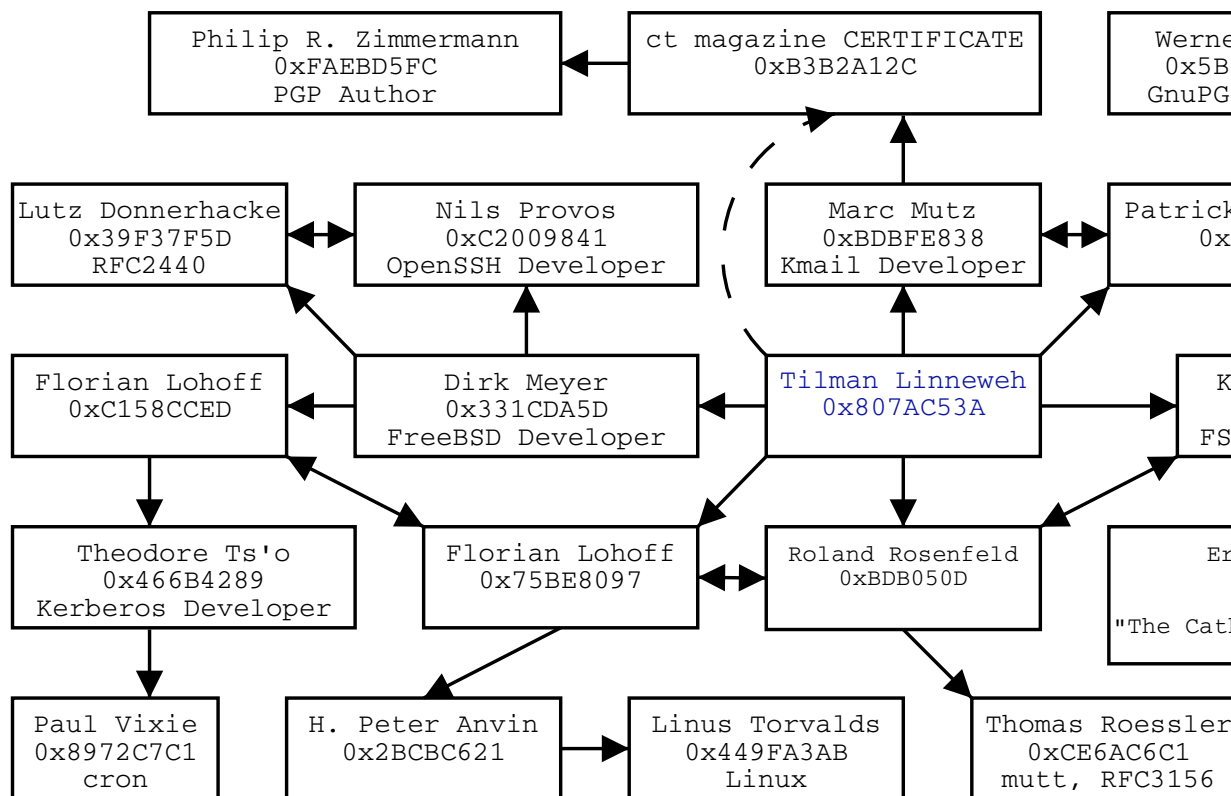
On the Internet, nobody knows you're a
How can Alice determine, if the PGP Key "Bob" is

Alice's possibilities:

- Meet Bob in Reallife and exchange keys
- Exchange via letter or telephone
- Exchange via a third person both trust.

pub 1024D/807AC53A 2002-06-03 Tilman Linneweh <arved@FreeBS
Key fingerprint = A92F 344F 31A8 B8DE DDFA 7FB4 7C22 C
uid Tilman Linneweh <tilman@arved
uid Tilman Linneweh <e0025974@stu
uid Tilman Linneweh <linneweh@zic
uid Tilman Linneweh <arved@arved.
sub 1024g/FA351986 2002-06-03 [expires: 2004-06-02]

The Web of Trust



Problems:

- Older Version of PGP are using different algorithm versions.
- Broken MTAs damage signatures
- Two incompatible Standards: PGP inline and P

inline-PGP

RFC 2440

text/plain

easier to implement

only 7bit ASCII

works with: Outlook, pine...

PGP/MIME

RFC 3156

multipart/encrypted

integration into the

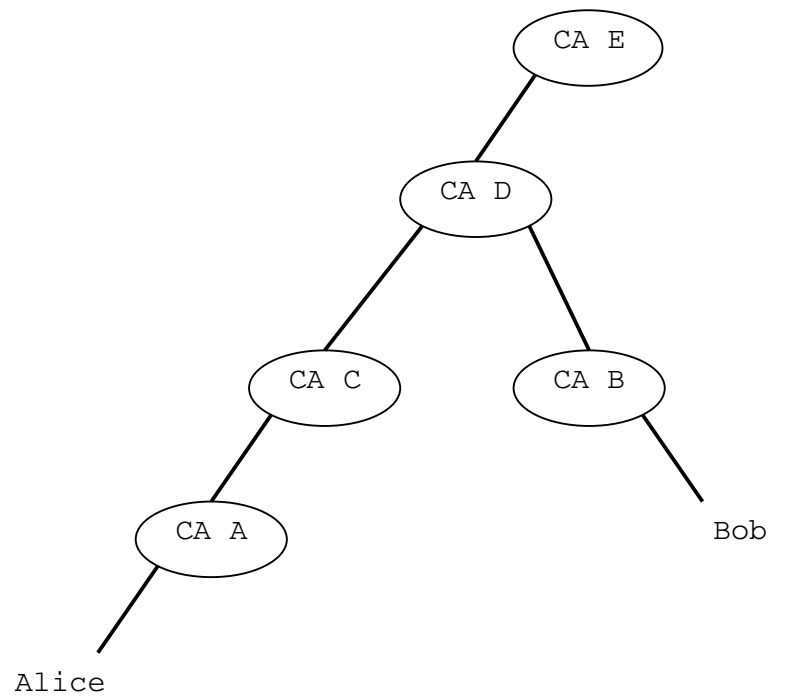
Attachments & Cha

Eudora, mutt...

S/MIME History

- 1995 RSA Data Security Inc. started develop standard
 - based on X.509
 - extends MIME (data format used to send email)
- 1998 S/MIMEv2
- 1999 S/MIMEv3 released by the IETF S/MIME

Certificate handling:



Problems:

- Smaller Userbase than PGP
- Not every MUA speaks S/MIME
- A certificate costs \$\$\$

Summary:

- Use of Encrypted Email will increase
- Still no Killer Application for Encrypted Email.
- Both standards will coexist, since they have diff