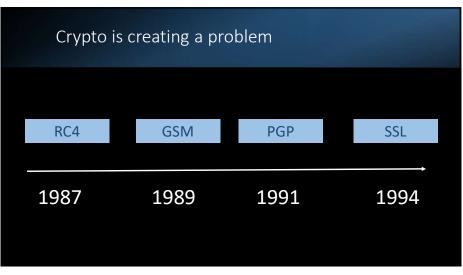
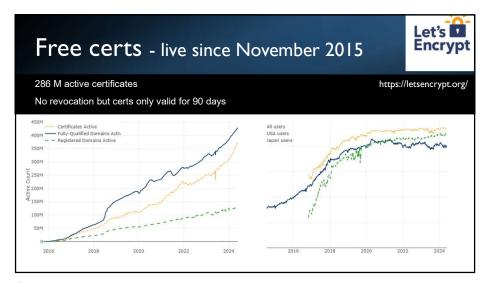
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Crypto is creating a problem I mean cryptography, not cryptocurrencies





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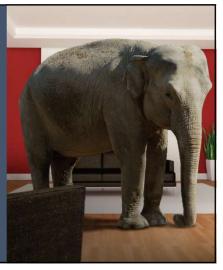




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CALEA [1994] Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act

- Intercept calls or meta data with warrant
- Extended to VoIP (2004)
- - Lawful interception:
 - Council Resolution of 17 January 1995
 - Added to 3G standards
 - Data Retention directive 2006/24/EC
 - ECJ declares it invalid for violating fundamental rights (8 April 2014)
 - EU extends data retention to over the top services (2022)





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Former FBI Director James Comey

[2014] We are going dark.

We aren't seeking a back-door approach. We want to use the front door, with clarity and transparency, and with clear guidance provided by law. We are completely comfortable with court orders and legal process.

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March 28, 2016 FBI gets access with help of a company at the cost of US\$ 900K ...yielded almost no useful information

Sept. 2016: Sergei Skorobogatov (Cambridge University) shows that access is feasible with \$100 of equipment

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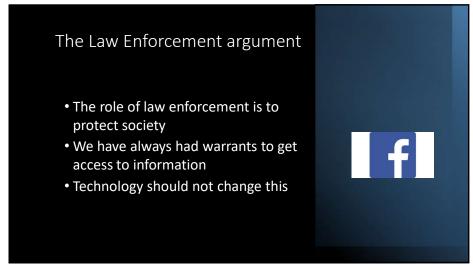
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Can cryptography solve the problem created by cryptography?



The civil society/academic argument [Keys under doormats 2015]

- The state of security and privacy is not good while society is becoming critically dependent on information technology
- Adding intercept capabilities will further undermine security by increasing complexity
- Risk of abuse by bad actors (e.g. nondemocratic nations) and for mass surveillance
 - Example: Juniper
- Incompatible with technologies such as perfect forward secrecy and 1-key authenticated encryption
- Will not help for smart criminals and spies
- No solutions are known that offer reasonable tradeoffs

https://blog.xot.nl/2015/12/08/the-second-crypto-war-is-not-about-crypto/

Technical proposals (2017-2018)

- (Bellare-Goldwasser, Verifiable partial key escrow, 1997)
- Wright-Varia, Crypto crumble zones, Usenix Security 2018, https://www.usenix.org/node/208172
- Ray Ozzie: "Clear" decryption key with corporations
 - Steven Levy, Cracking the Crypto War, Wired, 25 April '18
 - https://github.com/rayozzie/clear/blob/master/clear-rozzie.pdf
- Stefan Savage: Lawful device access without mass surveillance risk, ACM CCS 2018: 1761-1774
- Ernie Brickell: A Proposal for Balancing the Security Requirements from Law Enforcement, Corporations, and Individuals, May '17
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Attorney General William Bar

Department of Justice

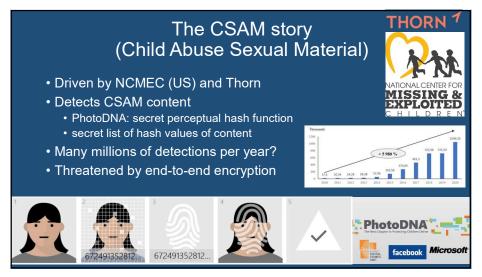
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, October 11, 2020

International Statement: End-To-End Encryption and Public Safety

- We, the undersigned, support strong encryption, which plays a crucial role in protecting personal data, privacy [...]
- Particular implementations of encryption technology, however, pose significant challenges to public safety, including to highly vulnerable members of our societies like sexually exploited children. [..]
 - Embed the safety of the public in system designs, thereby enabling companies to act against illegal content and activity effectively with no reduction to safety, and facilitating the investigation and prosecution of offences and safeguarding the vulnerable:
 - Enable law enforcement access to content in a readable and usable format where an authorisation is lawfully issued, is necessary and proportionate [...]



Fighting child sexual abuse:
Commission proposes new rules to protect children

Temporary derogation to ePrivacy since 14 Jul. '21

New proposal: 22 May '22

Under discussion in the EU Parliament and EU Council

Detection orders (Client-side scanning) for known content

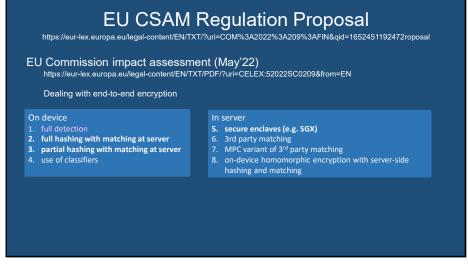
Detect new content and grooming using Al

Rejected by EU Parliament in Feb. '24 but new derogation approved until '26

Belgian presidency keeps searching for consensus in June '24

Info: https://edri.org/our-work/csa-regulation-document-pool/

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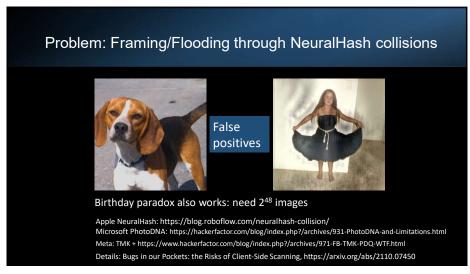
EU CSAM Regulation Proposal https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2022%3A209%3AFIN&gid=1652451192472roposal EU Parliament complementary impact assessment (April '23) https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_STU(2023)740248 It does not work – false positives, false negatives, bypass 2. It will undermine security 3. Function creep: terrorism and organized crime It will be abused by (wannabe) dictators 5. Chilling effect on teenagers exchanging images 6. Not proportional: should be limited to private messages of persons already under suspicion of soliciting child abuse or distributing CSAM Latest changes (May '24) 1. Risk levels – services that matter will be high risk 2. No detection of grooming in audio or text 3. At least 2 images for new CSAM - makes no difference 4. "We protect end-to-end encryption" - really

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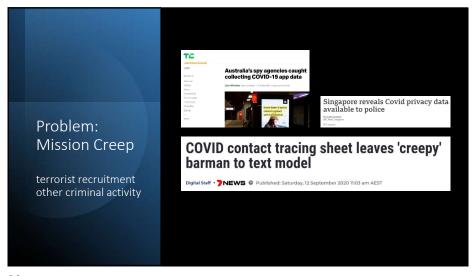
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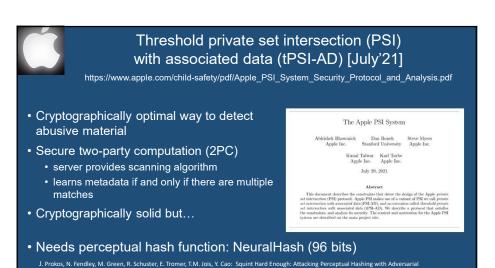




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Machine Learning. USENIX Security Symposium 2023: 211-228 https://www.usenix.org/conference/usenixsecurity23/presentation/prokes



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Are there other options for law enforcement to deal with encryption?



exploit operational security weaknesses: operating a system securely is difficult
 e.g. password cracking
 obtain technical assistance from industry to bypass decryption or to access keys
 remote update
 backup in cloud
 iPhone unlock from Cellebrite or



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Grayshift
• use metadata
• use Al



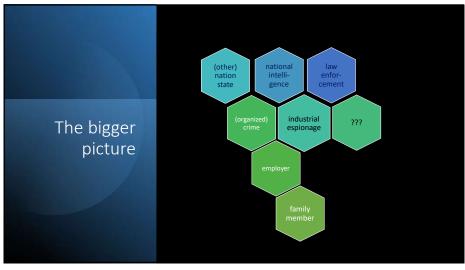


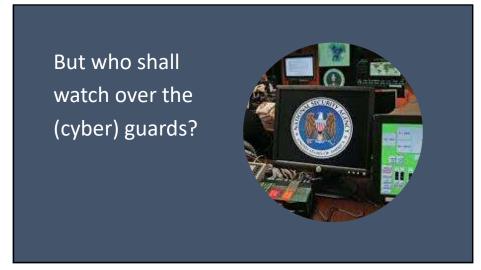
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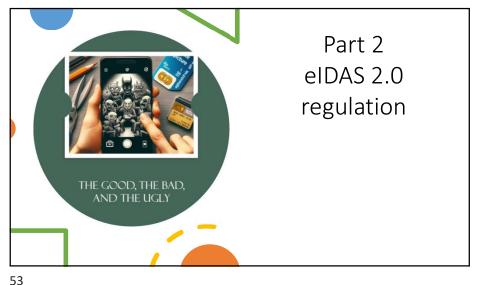
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elDAS 1.0 (2014): limited uptake

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- signatures
- seals
- time stamps
- · registered delivery services
- dertificates for website authentication (QWACs)
- preservation of signatures & seals

But

- mostly public sector (limited use in private sector)
- few providers
- inflexible
- not cross-border: member state implementations.

eIDAS 2.0 (announced June'21):

- certificates for website authentication
- mobile identity wallet with government-issued identities
 - but also additional attributes (public and private issued)
 - selective disclosure of attributes
- electronic ledgers

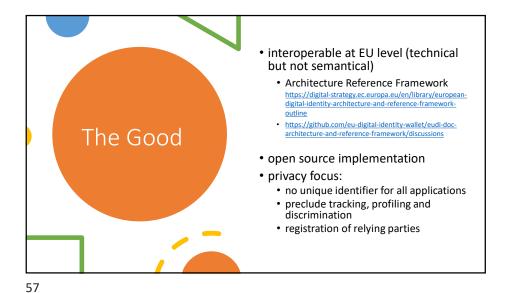
In force 20 May 2024

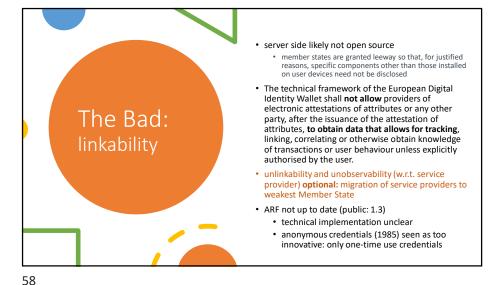




- digital identity wallet available and recognized by 2026
 - one per member state
- remains voluntary (avoid discrimination if non-use)
- qualified website authentication certificates (QWACs)

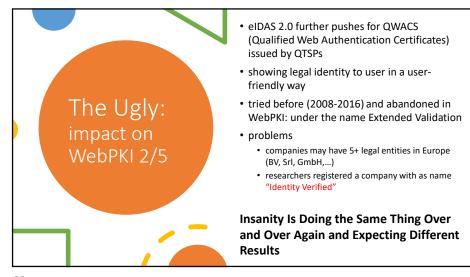
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The Ugly: impact on WebPKI 1/5

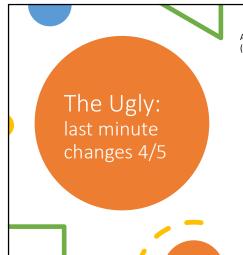
Browser user trusts all 660 CAs in the browser Adding CAs = at best not reducing security



 23 YES · 17 never applied 5 in queue The Ugly: QWACS/QTSPs last minute changes 3/5 ideas? · opens door for · do we trust ETSI?

- do the current 53 QTSPs comply with (free) certification processes? (data from Mozilla)

 - 8 failed and did not reapply
- what does eIDAS 2.0 say:
 - · Root keys of accredited CAs of Member States need to be inserted in browser trust store
- · Art. 45: "browsers to recognise any certificate that satisfies some criteria specified in regulation, without any other requirements to be imposed by the browsers"
- · will certificate transparency be allowed? Other new
 - person-in-the-middle attack by EU Member states
 - · similar attacks by other (less democratic) countries



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After 2nd open letter (Oct. 23): Recital 32 was updated (refusal to update Art. 45)

"Recognition of QWACs means that the providers of web-browsers should not deny the authenticity of qualified certificates for website authentication for the sole purpose of attesting the link between the website domain name and the natural or legal person to whom the certificate is issued and confirming the identity of that person.

The obligation of recognition, interoperability and support of QWACs is not to affect the freedom of web-browser providers to ensure web security, domain authentication and the encryption of web traffic in the manner and with the technology they consider most appropriate."

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Mitigation of Art. 45

"By way of derogation to paragraph 1 and only in case of substantiated concerns related to breaches of security or loss of integrity of an identified certificate or set of certificates, webbrowsers may take precautionary measures in relation to that certificate or set of certificates."

Supervisory authority and European Commission notified of concerns

Supervisory authority then decides whether or not the certificates have to be reinstated

Note: Article 4 of the Lisbon treaty allows for national security exception



- · Commission proposal: 3 June 2021
- · EU Parliament ITRE: 9 February 2022
- First open letter (39 scientists): 2 March 2022
- EU Parliament ITRE: 16 March 2022
- Trilogue start: 21 March 2023
- Trilogue provisional agreement: June 2023 (secret)
- Second open letter (550+ scientists and 40+ NGOs) after leak: 2 November 2023
- End of trilogue: 8 November 2023
- Statement: still concerns (80+ scientists): 23 November 2023
 - · Request for additional statement clarifying the recital and the unlinkability
- EU Parliament ITRE vote: 28 November 2023 but postponed till 7 December due to "technical error"
- · Full Parliament vote: 29 February 2024
- · Adoption by Council: 26 March 2024
- In force: 20 May 2024

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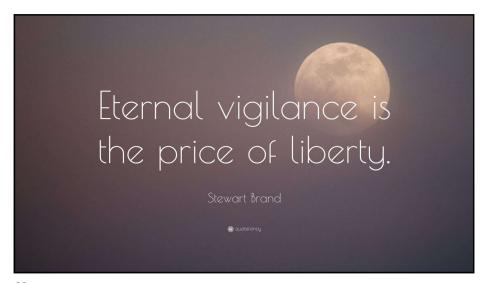
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Statement by the Commission on Article 45 on the occasion of the adoption of The Commission welcomes the agreement reached, which, in its view, clarifies that web browsers are required to ensure support and interoperability for the qualified website authentication certificates (QWACs) for the sole purpose of displaying the identity data of the owner of the website in a user-friendly manner. The Commission understands this obligation as not prejudging the methods used to display such identity data. Supplementary The Commission welcomes the agreement reached, which, in its view, clarifies that the statement requirement for the web browsers to recognise QWACs does not restrict browsers own security accepted by the policies and that Article 45, as proposed, leaves it up to the web browsers to preserve Parliament and the and apply their own procedures and criteria in order to maintain and preserve the privacy of Commission (not online communications using encryption and other proven methods. The Commission by the Council!) understands draft Article 45 as not imposing obligations or restrictions on how web browsers establish encrypted connections with websites or authenticate the cryptographic keys used when establishing those connections. The Commission recalls that, in line with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016, the Commission will make use of expert groups, consult targeted stakeholders and carry out public consultations, as appropriate.

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Statement by the Commission on unobservability on the occasion of the adoption of Regulation 2024/... The Commission welcomes the agreement reached, which in its view, confirms that this amending Regulation does not allow for the processing of personal data contained in or arising from the use of the European Digital Identity Wallet by the Wallet providers for other purposes than delivering wallet services. Supplementary The Commission also welcomes the inclusion of the concept of unobservability in Recital (11c) of the draft amending Regulation, which should prevent wallet providers from collecting and accepted by the seeing the details of user's day-to-day transactions. The Commission is of the view that this Parliament and the concept means that there should not be correlation of data across different services for the Commission (not purposes of user tracking or tracing or for determining, analysing and predicting personal by the Council!) behaviour, interests or habits. At the same time, the Commission acknowledges that, in full compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the providers of European Digital Identity Wallets may access certain categories of personal data with the user's explicit consent, such as in order to ensure continuity in the provision of wallet services or to protect users from disruptions in their provision. That data should be limited to what is necessary for each specific purpose."



Conclusions

- Technology is fundamentally changing power relationships
- Increased power by big tech, law enforcement, intelligence services, military
- Cryptography can help to bring some balance
- Watch the European Digital Wallet
- Crypto wars will continue





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Some Links: CSAM

EDRI's overview: https://edri.org/policy-files/csa-regulation

CSAM Open letters by academics:

July'23: https://docs.google.com/document/d/13Aeex72MtFBjKhExRTooVMWN9TC-pbH-5LEaAbMF91Y May'24: https://nce.mpi-sp.org/index.php/s/eqjiKaAw9yYQF87

Petition by Global Encryption Coalition (May'24)

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/global-encryption-coalition-joint-statement-on-the-dangers-of-the-may-2024-council-of-the-eu-compromise-proposal-on-eu-csam/thankyou

Bugs in our Pockets: the Risks of Client-Side Scanning, https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.07450

Latest CSAM proposal by Belgian presidency:

https://netzpolitik.org/wp-upload/2024/05/2024-05-28_Council_Presidency_LEWP_CSAR_Compromise-texts_9093.pdf

Some Links: eIDAS

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/spotlight-JD22/file-ei

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2024-0117 EN.html (statements by Commission in annex at the end)

Nov'23

eIDAS 2.0 Draft: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/278103/eIDAS-4th-column-extract.pdf https://last-chance-for-eidas.org/

March 22: https://www.eff.org/files/2022/03/02/eidas_cybersecurity_community_open_letter_1_1.pdf

October 23: https://eidas-open-letter.org

 $November'23: \underline{https://eidas-open-letter.org/statement-23-11-2023.pdf}$

 $December '23: \underline{https://eidas-open-letter.org/response-01-12-2023}$

Other comment (Ryan Hurst) https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sGzaE9QTs-qorr4BTqKAe0AaGKit5GagyEevDoavWU0/edit#heading=h.bknjsqpu0hyu