

Programming Mobile Devices

Security Aspects

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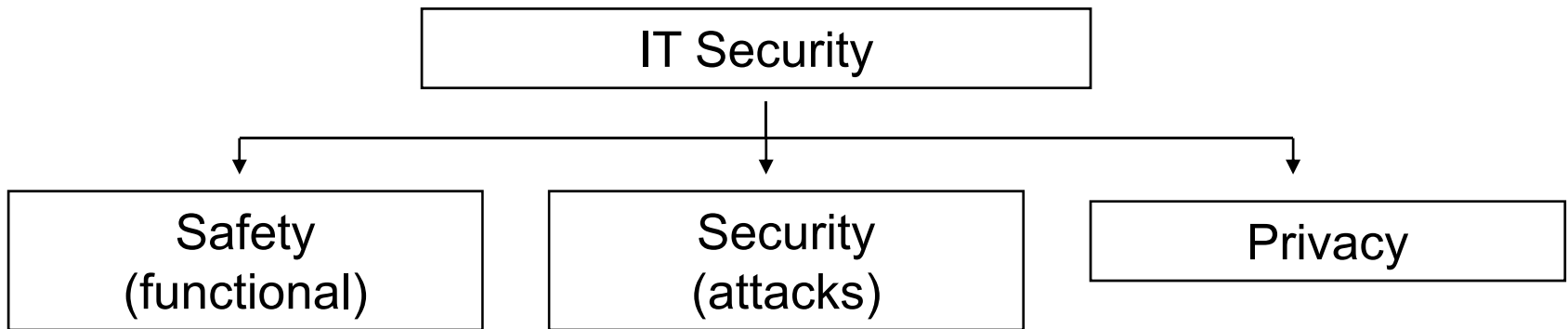


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3 Domains of IT Security



Safety

Protection against un-intentional physical, social, spiritual, financial, political, emotional, occupational, psychological, educational or other types of un-desired consequences of system failures

Typical design methods:

- Fail-Safe

- in case of failure, fallback into a safe (usually static) state

- Fault-Tolerance

- in case of failure, continue operation on reduced QoS level (graceful degradation)

Caution: Safety not equal to Reliability / Quality of Service

Security

Protection against intentional attacks, in particular concerning

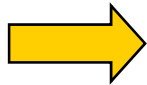
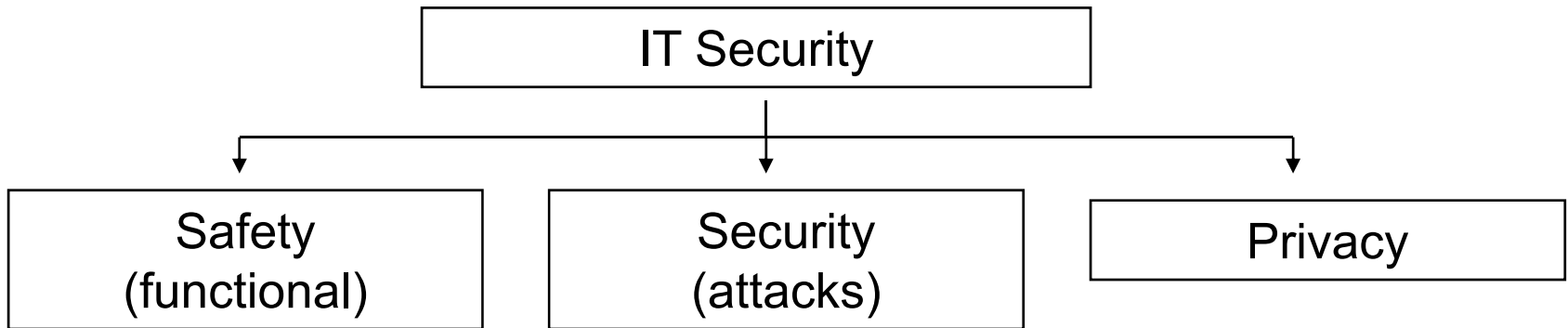
- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Availability
- Independency
- Non-Observability
- Accountability / Non-Repudiation
- Liability
- Anonymity / Pseudonymity
- Authenticity (as part of AAA: Authentication, Authorization, Accounting)

Privacy

Protection against misuse of information, in particular concerning

- personal data and misuse by third parties
- avoid to harm personal rights

3 Domains of IT Security



enough for a full lecture!



we focus here on some selected cases for PMD...

Authentication

“Alice makes sure that she’s talking to Bob, not someone else”

- Three classical options:
 - by knowledge: **"password"**

- by ownership:



- by property:



static



semi-static

(Authorization)

- Authorization – giving access to peer
 - “Alice allows Bob to do certain things”
 - Authenticated (known) peer
 - Allowing or blocking an action
 - In a bank – access to your account, not others
- Authorization requires authentication

Typical Improvements of Authentication by Knowledge (Passwords)

- **Hashing** – host ("Bob") knows only $h = H(m)$
 - eavesdropper attack: **okay**
 - playback attack: **negative**
- **Timestamps**
 - using trusted third party (e.g. Surety), e.g. based on *Discrete Logarithm Problem* to avoid **eavesdropping** and **playback**

$$y = t^h \text{ mod } p \quad \text{with } t=\text{timestamp}, h=H(\text{password})$$

- systematically: **Challenge-and-Response** protocols

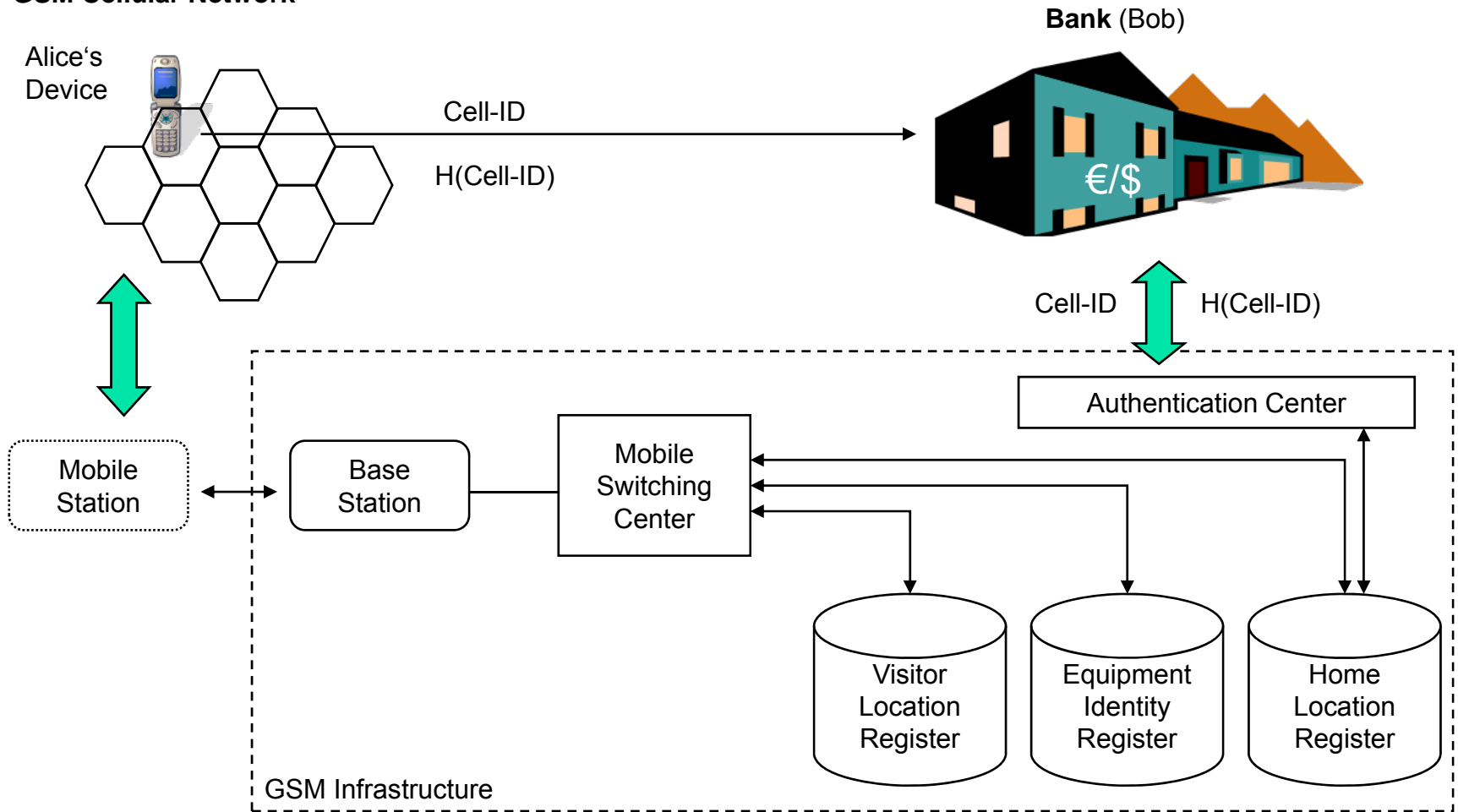
New opportunities by mobile devices

- Usually Alice's knowledge is randomly selected
- Alice should prove knowledge of a dynamic secret each time!
- Penetration of **mobile devices** makes one information a predominant candidate: The **geographic position of Alice**.
 - user-dependent dynamics
 - known to user or may be determined easily (GPS, INS, GSM etc.)
- Alice and Bob must know location



Bank Scenario

GSM Cellular Network

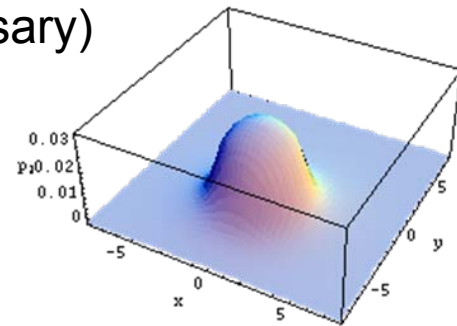


Location-Based Authentication (LBA)

Making Authentication dependent to successful location check!

Sometimes simplifications possible:

- at least be able to determine distance
- plausibility check (no location DB access for Bob necessary)
 - movement (SoLo)
 - multiple places in small time window (areas of world)

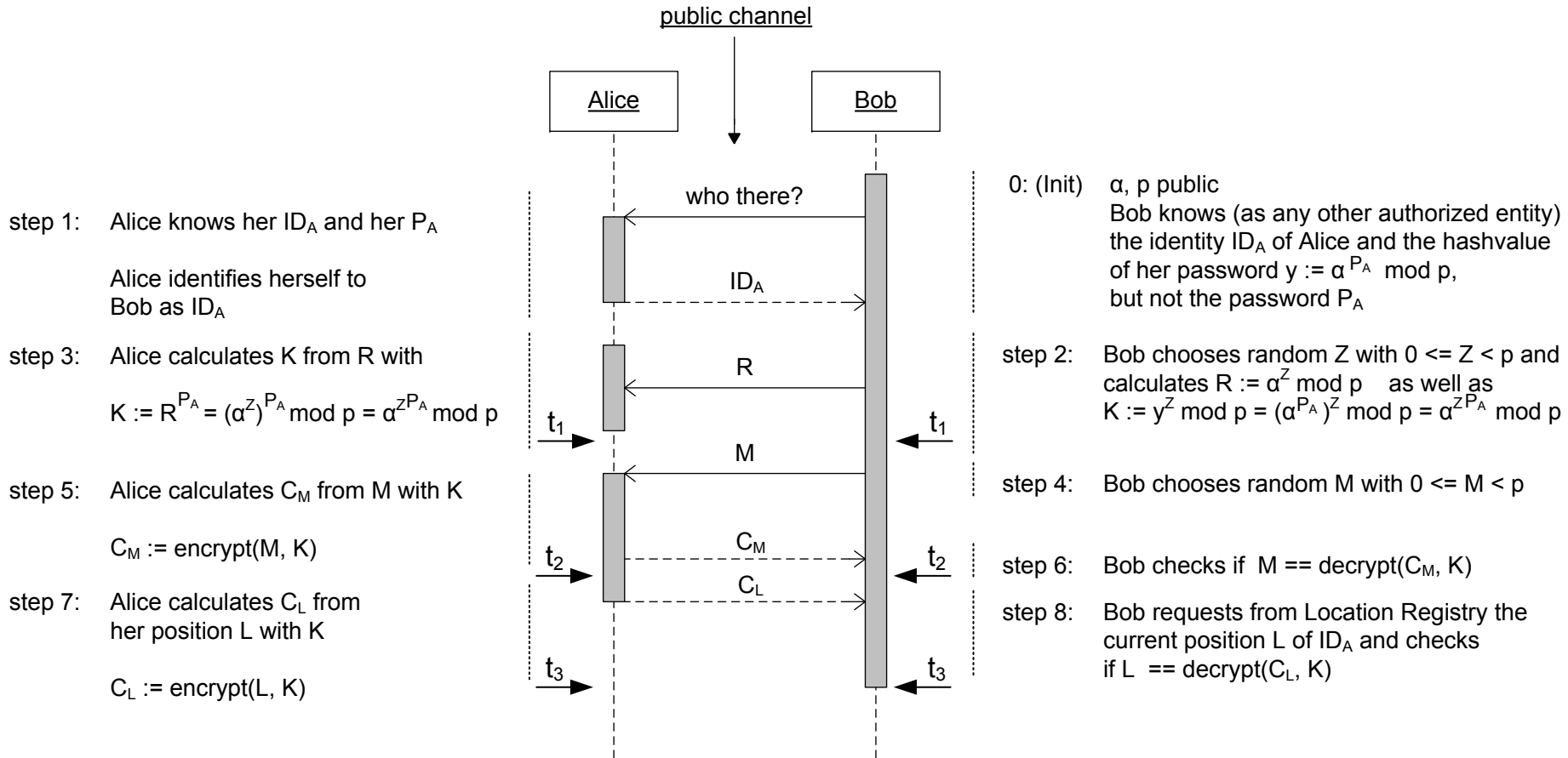


11:02 - "Alice is in Seattle"



11:04 - "Alice is in Sydney"

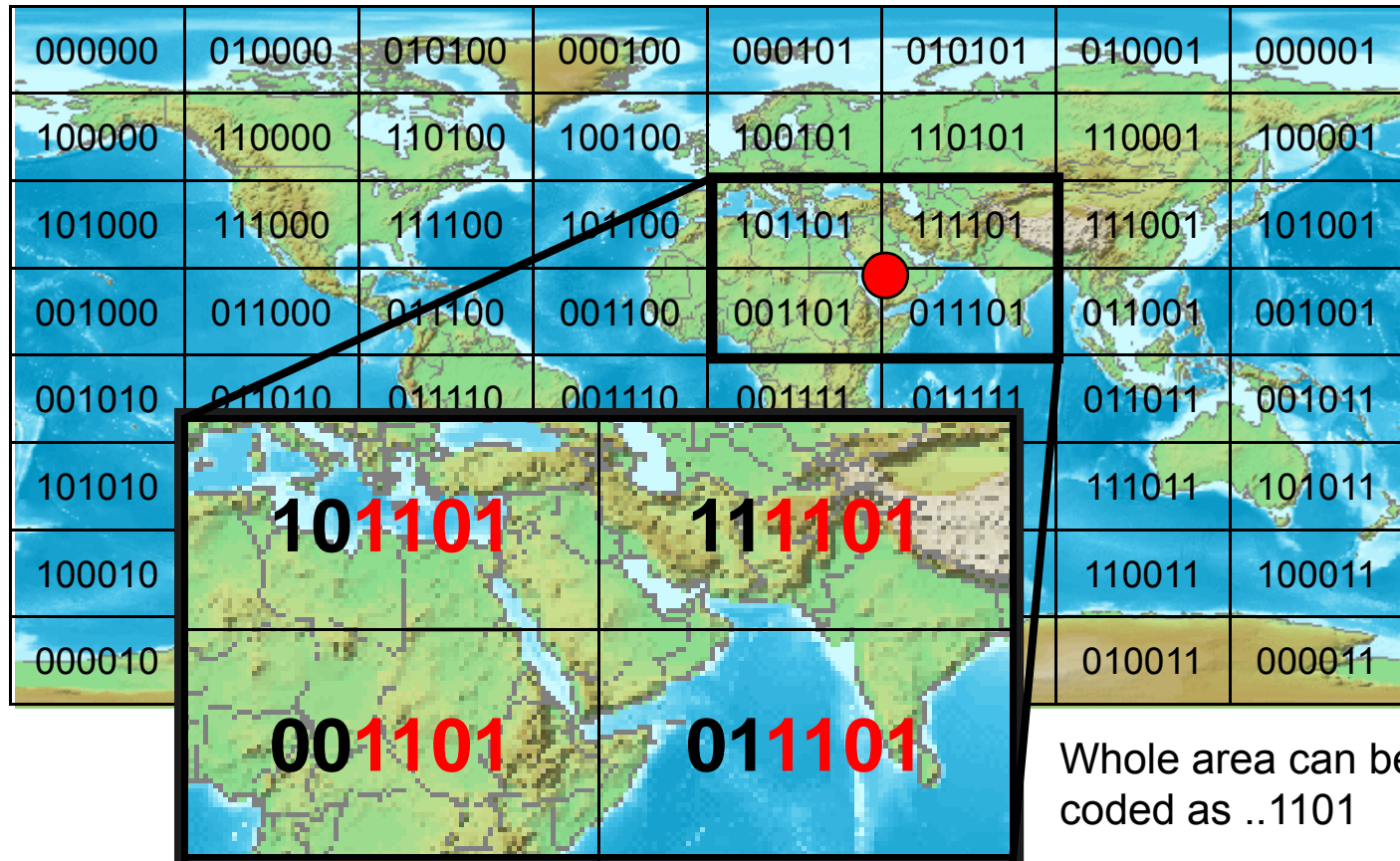
Challenge-by-Location and Response Authentication (CLARA) protocol



Privacy Issues

- Privacy
 - What if Alice does not want to (fully) disclose her location to Bob?
 - Location Hash
 - Hierarchical location encoding (Innsbruck \subset Tirol)
 - Location Blurring (adding artificial errors)
 - Who should be allowed to calculate distance?
 - access schemes

One Solution



[Strang et al.: „Using Gray codes as Location Identifier“, KuVS FG Ort, Bonn, September 2009]

Security in Java SE

- Java Cryptography Extension (JCE, since JDK1.4)
 - <http://java.sun.com/javase/technologies/security/>
 - `javax.crypto`
- e.g.: Encryption/Decryption

Java SE Security API – Encryption Example

```
KeyGenerator keygen = KeyGenerator.getInstance("DES");  
SecretKey desKey = keygen.generateKey();
```

```
Cipher desCipher =  
    Cipher.getInstance("DES/ECB/PKCS5Padding");
```

```
// Initialize the cipher for encryption  
desCipher.init(Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE, desKey);
```

```
byte[] cleartext = "This is just an example".getBytes();
```

```
// Encrypt the cleartext  
byte[] ciphertext = desCipher.doFinal(cleartext);
```

Java SE Security API – Decryption Example

```
// KeyGenerator keygen = KeyGenerator.getInstance("DES");  
// SecretKey desKey = keygen.generateKey();
```

```
Cipher desCipher =  
    Cipher.getInstance("DES/ECB/PKCS5Padding");
```

```
// Initialize the cipher for decryption, symmetrical key  
desCipher.init(Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE, desKey);
```

```
// byte[] ciphertext = /* the ciphertext from previous code */;
```

```
// Decrypt the ciphertext  
byte[] cleartext1 = desCipher.doFinal(ciphertext);
```

Basic Security in MIDP

- MIDP 2.0
 - Mandates HTTPS
 - Optionally supports Java Security API
 - Does **not** support Java Cryptography Extension, but subset:
 - SATSA-CRYPTO (JSR-117)
 - Alternative: Bouncy Castle API

SATSA

- SATSA-CRYPTO (JSR-117)
 - *message digests*: used to create a "fingerprint" of a piece of data (aka *hashvalue*)
 - algorithms: e.g. SHA-1 or RipeMD
 - *digital signatures*: useful for verifying data integrity, generated using a private key (much harder to forge compared to message digests)
 - *ciphers*: decryption/encryption algorithms
 - typically symmetric only

Alternative: Bouncy Castle

- Bouncy Castle
 - **Lightweight** Cryptography API
 - Implementation that works in MIDP/J2ME
 - Supports (asymmetric) public-key algorithms
 - particularly useful: `java.math.BigInteger`
 - <http://bouncycastle.org/>

Exercise 15 – generate session key

- Implement the Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol using **BouncyCastle** on a MIDP phone client (Alice) and a J2SE server (Bob)
 - example of Diffie-Hellman usage in MIDP at <https://www.datenzone.de/space/BouncyCastle>
- Use the Location API to determine the phone's position and use this information as Alice's password P_A
- Print the generated session key on both sides (MIDP and J2SE)