

Privacy-Enhancing Technologies (PETs)



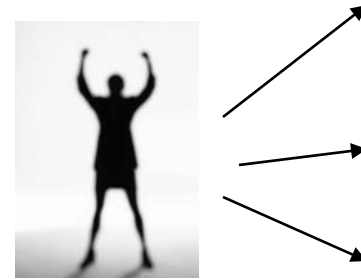
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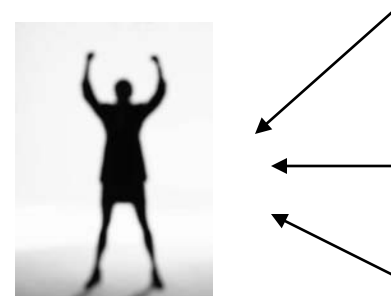
I. Introduction to Privacy & PETs

Privacy Dimensions

- Informational self-determination



- Spatial privacy





Basic Privacy principles

(implemented in EU-Directive 95/46/EC)

- Legitimation by **law, informed consent** (Art. 7 EU Directive)
- **Data minimisation** (Art. 6 I c, Art. 7)
- **Purpose specification and purpose binding** (Art. 6 I b)
 - "Non-sensitive" data do not exist !
- **Transparency**, rights of data subjects



Classifications of PETs

1. PETs for minimizing/ avoiding personal data

(-> Art. 6 I c., e. EU Directive 95/46/EC)

(providing Anonymity, Pseudonymity, Unobservability, Unlinkability)

- At communication level:
 - Mix nets, Onion Routing, TOR
 - DC nets
 - Crowds,...



- At application level:

- Anonymous Ecash
- Private Information Retrieval
- Anonymous Credentials,...



2. PETs for the safeguarding of lawful processing

(-> Art. 17 EU Directive 95/46/EC)

- P3P, Privacy policy languages
- Encryption,...



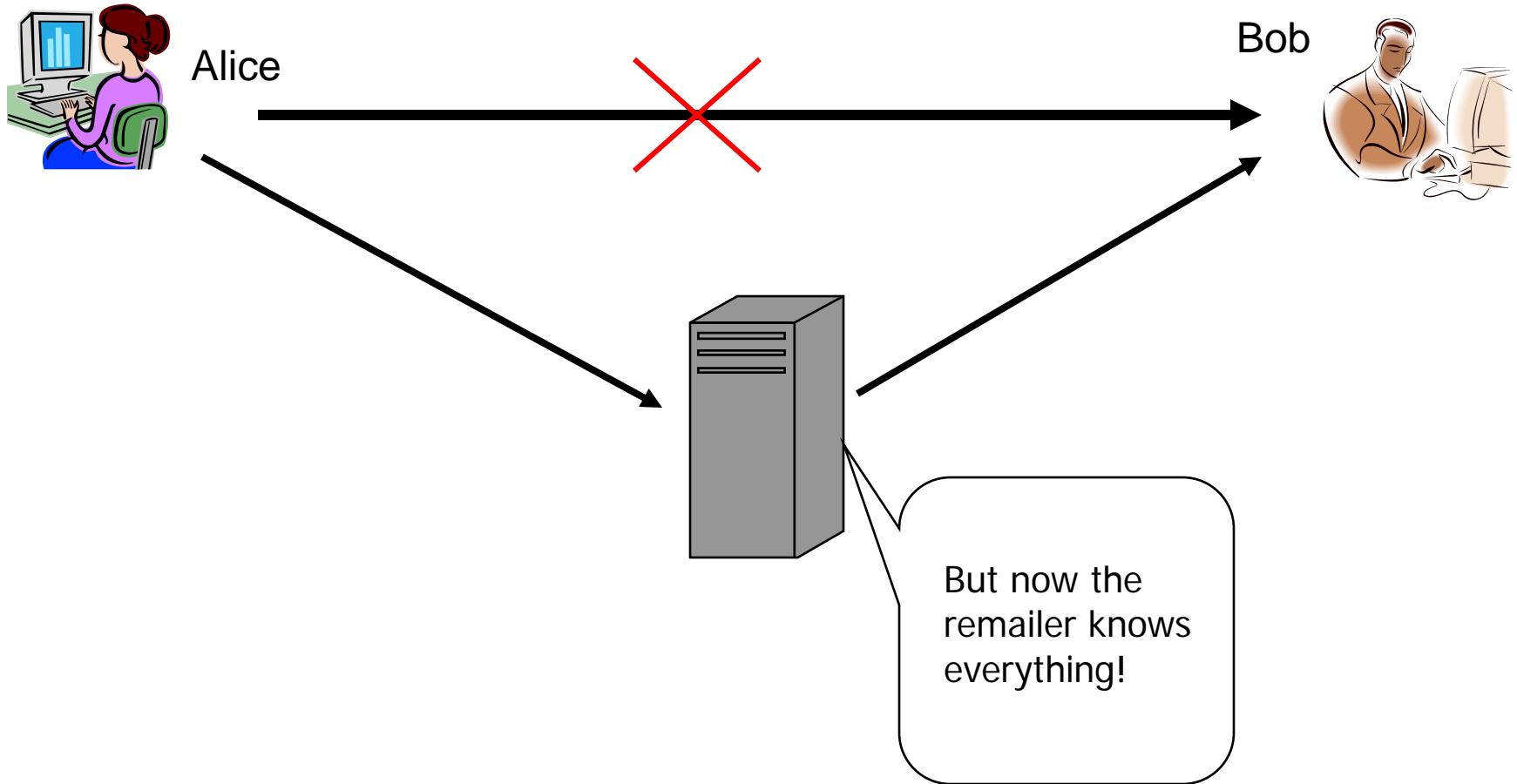
3. Combination of 1 & 2

- Privacy-enhancing Identity Management (PRIME, PrimeLife)



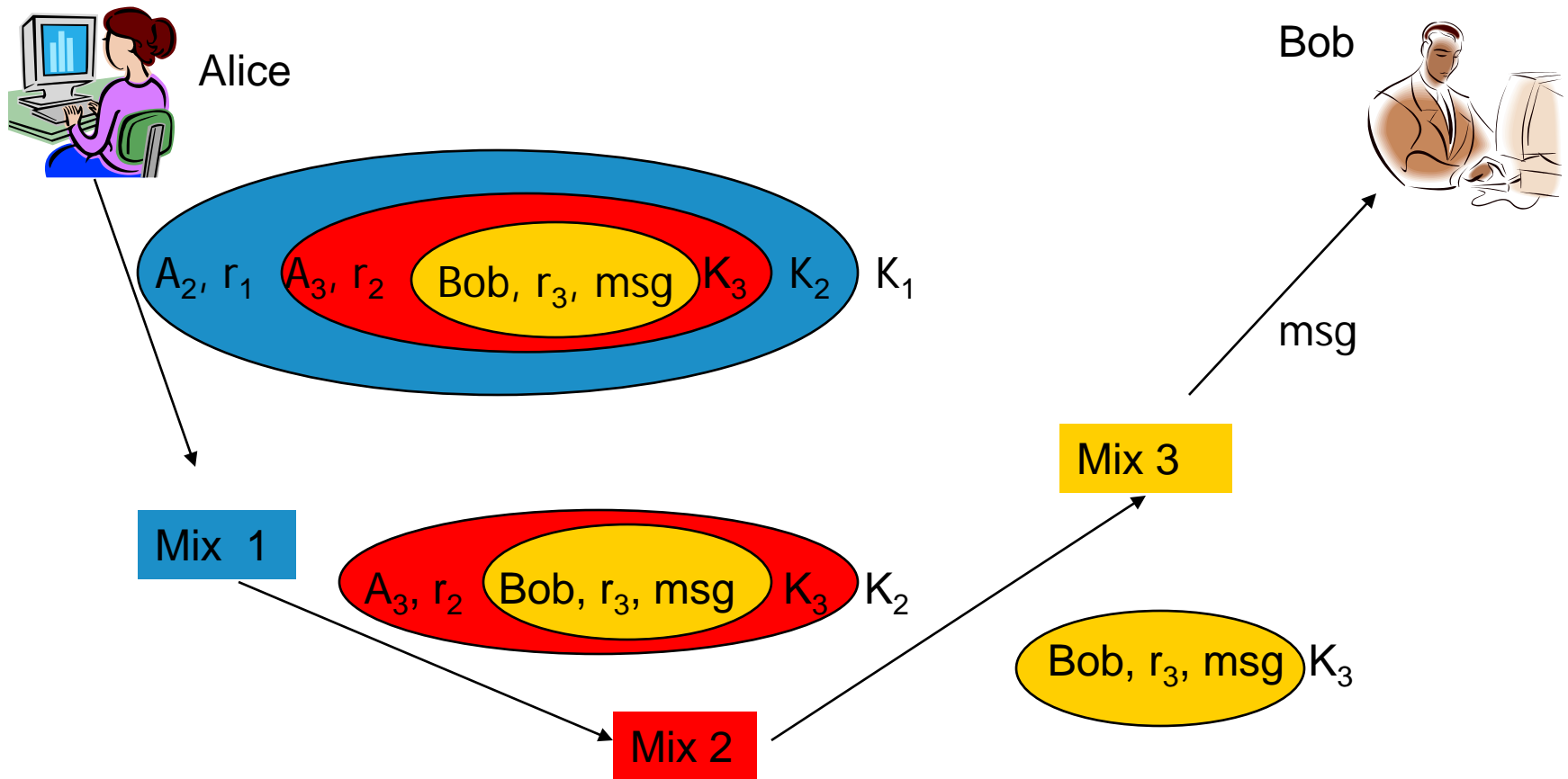


II. Anonymous Communication Technologies





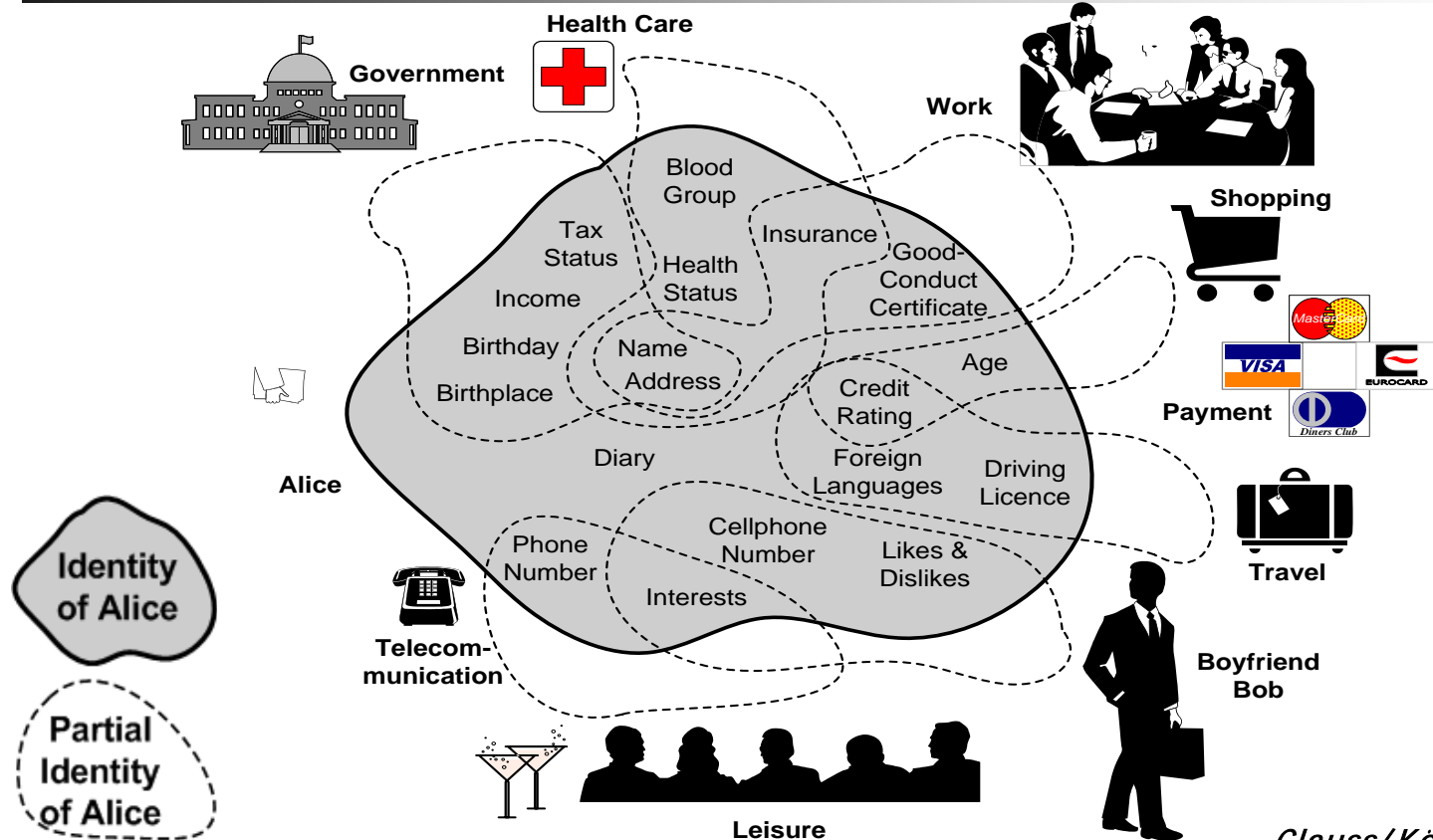
Mix-nets (Chaum, 1981)



K_i : public key of Mix _{i} , r_i : random number, A_i : address of Mix _{i}



III. Privacy-enhancing Identity Management (IDM)



Clauss/Köhntopp 2001

Audience segregation: User reveal different (partial) identities based on their current roles/relationships



Viability of privacy-enhancing IDM has been demonstrated by PRIME



Integrated approach providing:

- Data Minimisation
 - Anonymous communication, anonymous credentials, privacy-enabling authorisation model
- Assurance & Life Cycle Management
 - Assurance control, privacy & trust policy negotiation & enforcement (sticky policies), obligation management
- Transparency
 - Data track,...



PRIME/PrimeLife Architecture – Key Elements

1 Data Minimisation

2 Assurances & Data Life Cycle Management



1

Data Minimisation

*How service providers can authorise users
while users retain their privacy*



Traditional Model



Request of service

Please log in!

Username = jane.doe

Password = 12345678



Ok, the requester is Jane Doe

Address = Paradeplatz, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland

Birth date = 01 June 1979

Email = Jane.doe@mail-provider-xyz.com

Credit card details = (VISA, 1234 5678 9012, ...)

And so on...

Other profiling data: Detailed interest profiles, browsing behavior, detailed mouse movement profiles, complete history of interactions over the last 3 years, derived data and much more

External linkable data: Potentially everything that is linkable to Jane Doe's identity

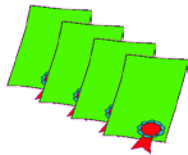


PRIME/PrimeLife Model



PRIME
Console

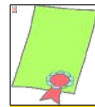
PRIME Middleware



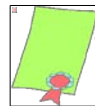
Request of service

Please provide us with either of the following

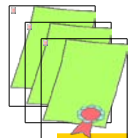
- Your pseudonym with us
- A valid service subscription
- A valid service subscription and



Pseudonym = X768932...86
Proof = 5634...u758



Statement = Subscription.Type
Proof = 7862...8970



Statement = Subscription.Type
Proof = 7658...5634

Ok, the

X768932...86

Ok, the

has a **valid**

Ok, the requestor has a **valid subscription**.
That means, she has paid for the service
and can access it.

*The requestor has provided relevant
certified attributes to enable service
customization.*

In between the extremes!





Data minimisation

isn't the answer to everything

[there are many scenarios where identifying data are just required]



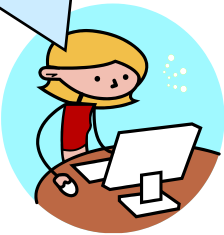
2 Assurances & Data Life Cycle Management

*How users establish trust in service providers and
how service providers enforce their promises for data handling*

Well, I don't know anything about this service provider...

There's not much choice than just providing the data...

Let's hope that these are not those bad privacy-infringing guys one reads about in the news every other day...



Personal Model

Create an account

Please provide
Name, street, zip code & city, country,
birth date, email address, credit card
details, personal preferences on X, ...

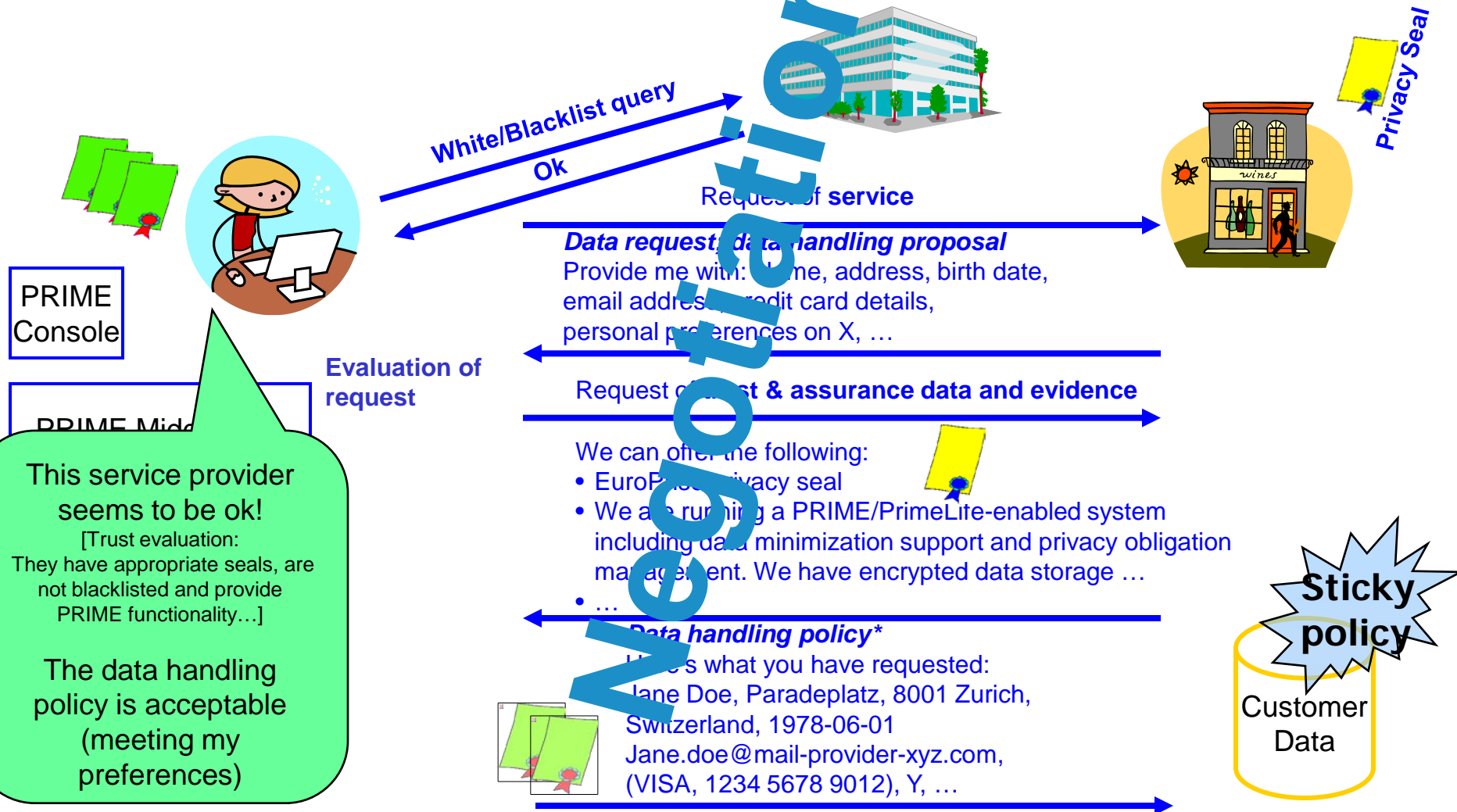


Here's what you have requested:
Jane Doe, Paradeplatz, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland, 1978-06-01
Jane.doe@mail-provider-xyz.com, VISA 1234 5678 9012, ...

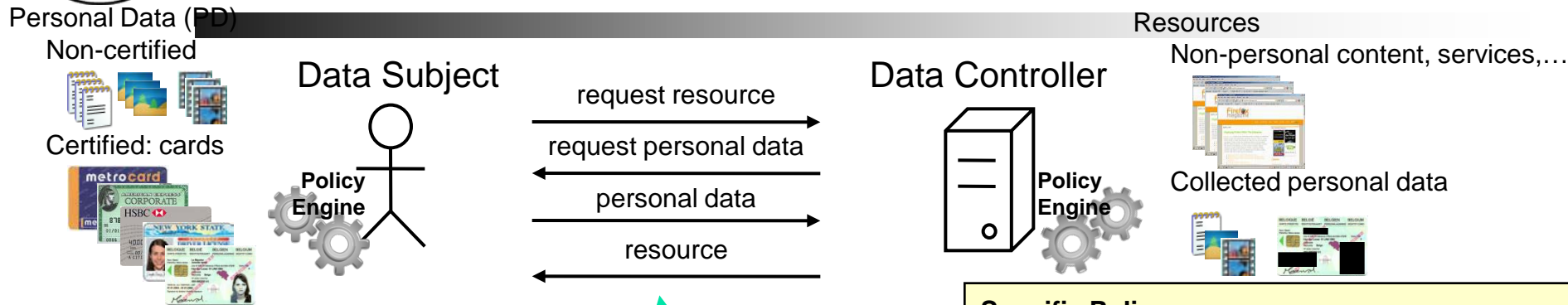


PRIME/PrimeLife Model

White/Blacklist Provider



Structure of PrimeLife Policy Language (Neven et al.)



Specific Policy:

over specific personal data (e.g. birth date)

• **Access control policy (ACP):**

who can access (e.g. PrivacySeal silver)

• **Data handling preferences (DHPrefs):**

how is to be treated when revealed

- **Authorizations** (e.g. marketing purposes, forwarded to PrivacySeal gold)
- **Obligations** (e.g. delete after $\leq 2y$)

Generic Preferences:

DHPrefs over implicitly revealed personal data (e.g. IP address, cookies,...)

- **Authorizations** (e.g. admin purposes)
- **Obligations** (e.g. delete after $\leq 2y$)

SAML

XACML

Specific Policy:

over specific resource (e.g. BuyService)

• **Access control policy (ACP):**

who can access

- cards to possess (e.g. ID card)
- personal data to reveal (e.g. nationality)
- conditions to satisfy (e.g. age > 18)

• **Data handling policy (DHP):**

how revealed personal data will be treated

- **Authorizations** (e.g. marketing purposes)
- **Obligations** (e.g. delete after 1y)

Generic Policy:

DHP over implicitly revealed personal data (e.g. IP address, cookies,...)

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PrimeLife

<http://www.primelife.eu/>

Started: 01 March 2008, **Ends:** June 2011, **Total EC Funding:** 10.200,000 €

■ Bringing Sustainable Privacy and Identity Management to Future Networks and Services

- Fundamentally understanding privacy-enhancing identity management 'for life'
- Bringing Privacy to the future web/social networks
- Research on Policies, HCI, Infrastructures

■ Beyond data minimization:

- Address data-intensive scenarios and user-generated content (Web 2.0, virtual communities such as Friendster, SecondLife)

■ Make privacy-enhancing identity management widely available:

- Infrastructures, Open Source, and Standards
- Cooperation with other Projects (Master, TAS3, SWIFT,...),
- Education (summer schools, ...)



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