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# Redesigning PKI

To Solve Revocation, Expiration, &  
Rotation Problems

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# AGENDA

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3. 140 threat models and the breakthrough
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# Introduction



# What Happened



# WHAT HAPPENED



## IoT worm can hack Philips Hue lightbulbs, spread across cities

Enterprises are racing to connect their products to the Internet. But without plugging the IoT vulnerabilities, they are risking their reputation, bottom line and customer data.

## Hacker Claims To Push Malicious Firmware Update to 3.2 Million Home Routers

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CIRCUIT BREAKER \ TECH \ CYBERSECURITY

## Hacked webcams that helped shut down the internet last week are being recalled

## Oops! 185,000-plus Wi-Fi cameras on the web with insecure admin panels

Just unplug them now before someone writes a botnet, okay?

## Someone DDoSed A University Server By Hacking Its Vending Machines

The University's Internet connection was blocked using infected IoT devices including vending machines and bulbs.

US & WORLD \ TECH \ CYBERSECURITY

## The CIA is hacking Samsung Smart TVs, according to WikiLeaks docs

by Russell Brandom | @russellbrandom | Mar 7, 2017, 10:14am EST

## Survey: Cyber Attacks Against Smart City Services May Pose Public Safety Threat

*Eighty-eight percent of state and local government IT professionals are concerned about cyber attacks targeting critical city infrastructure*



*...security risks are rising with the exponential growth of connected devices. The company alone has noted a **3,198% increase** in attackers prowling for vulnerabilities in IoT devices over the past three years.*



## Security

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### Comodo admits 2 more resellers pwned in SSL cert hack

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By John L

Comodo were hit

No forge attack, but compromised

Comodo Europe c Windows hours aft

## Leading Certificate Authorities and Microsoft Introduce New Standards to Protect Consumers Online

- **Stronger protection for private keys:** The best practice will be to use a FIPS 140-2 Level 2 HSM or equivalent. Studies show that code signing attacks are split evenly between issuing to bad publishers and issuing to good publishers that unknowingly allow their keys to be compromised. That enables an attacker to sign malware stating it was published by a legitimate company. Therefore, companies must either store keys in hardware they keep on premise hardware, or in a new secure cloud-based code signing cloud-based service.
- **Certificate revocation:** Most likely, a revocation will be requested by a malware researcher or an application software supplier like Microsoft, if they discover users of their software may be installing suspect code or malware. After a CA receives request, it must either revoke the certificate within two days, or alert the requestor that it has launched an investigation.
- **Improved code signatures time-stamping:** CAs must now provide a time-stamping authority (TSA) and specifies the requirements for the TSA and the time-stamping certificates. Application software suppliers are encouraged to allow code signatures to stay valid for the length of the period of the time-stamp certificate. The standard allows for 135-month time-stamping certificates.

Microsoft will require CAs that issue code signing certificates for Windows platforms must adhere to these guidelines beginning on February 1, 2017.

## DigiNotar SSL certificate hack amounts to cyberwar, says expert

Dutch government revokes certificates used for all its secure online transactions, while CIA, Google, Microsoft and others affected by hack called 'worse than Stuxnet'

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## Mozilla Security Blog

MAR 23 2015

### Revoking Trust in one CNNIC Intermediate Certificate

Kathleen Wilson

96 responses

Mozilla was recently notified that an intermediate certificate, which chains up to a root included in [Mozilla's root store](#), was loaded into a firewall device that performed SSL man-in-the-middle (MITM) traffic management. It was then used, during the process of inspecting

NEWS

Overview

Latest in Bricked



## Wink smart home hubs knocked out by security certificate (update)

## PRESS RELEASES

IOActive Lights Up Vulnerabilities for **Over Half a Million Belkin WeMo Users**

*Popular home automation devices are wide open to attackers*

**Seattle, US — February 18, 2014** — IOActive, Inc., the leading global provider of specialist information security services, announced today that it has uncovered multiple vulnerabilities in Belkin WeMo Home Automation devices that could affect over half a million<sup>[1]</sup> users. Belkin's WeMo uses Wi-Fi control home electronics anywhere in the world directly.

Mike Davis, IOActive's principal research scientist, uncovered a flaw in the WeMo product set that gives attackers the ability to:

- Remotely control WeMo Home Automation attacks
- Perform malicious firmware updates
- Remotely monitor the devices (in some cases)

### The Vulnerabilities

The Belkin WeMo firmware images that are used to update the devices are signed with public key encryption to protect against unauthorised modifications. However, **the signing key and password are leaked on the firmware** that is already installed on the devices. This allows attackers to use the same signing key and password to sign their own malicious firmware and bypass security checks during the firmware update process.

# 140 Threat Models and the Breakthrough



# 140

## THREAT MODELS

# THE BREAKTHROUGH

- Crypto is hard
- Developers, like everyone else, make mistakes
- Keys expiring on IoT devices will totally ruin your Saturday

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PKI REPLACEMENT

- NOC or SOC should be in control, not users/site managers
- Do NOT rely on the router & firewall as your security model
- Trust nothing unless proven otherwise... constantly
- Servers should not share keys for signing
- Revocation should be instant
- Key rotation should be easy & fast
- Keys should never expire unexpectedly
- Plan for complete failure

# PKI SUCKS



# LET'S REDESIGN IT!



# Key Terms

### FLEET

A fleet defines the scope of the deployment. Typically, a Fleet is comprised of devices with a certain SKU and those devices' supporting services.

The public key of the fleet is recognized by all elements of the system and represents a Fleet's base authority and identity.

### CO-SIGNING SERVICE

Messages receive a second signature from the TDI Co-Signing service to strengthen the integrity of the message and its authenticity. The TDI Co-Signing service retains its key pair as well as the public keys for the Fleet Server and Devices.

### FLEET SERVER

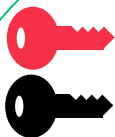
The private fleet key is stored in an HSM and paired with a server(s) associated with that Fleet of devices. This server acts as a verification point of messages and can sign any messages directed to devices on behalf of the fleet.

### DEVICES

Devices are assigned to a fleet. They have the ability to create messages and sign with their private key. They also contain the public key of the fleet and of the co-signer to verify any messages being sent.



## FLEET



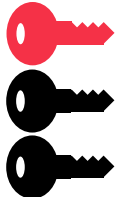
Fleet PRIVATE key  
Fleet PUBLIC key



## FLEET SERVER



Server PRIVATE key  
Server PUBLIC key



Fleet PRIVATE key  
Device PUBLIC key  
Co-Signer PUBLIC key



## CO-SIGNING SERVICE



Co-signer PRIVATE key



Co-Signer PUBLIC key



Fleet Server PUBLIC key



Device PUBLIC key



## DEVICE



Device PRIVATE key  
Device PUBLIC key



Fleet PUBLIC key  
Co-Signer PUBLIC key  
Reset PUBLIC keys



# KEY CONCEPTS

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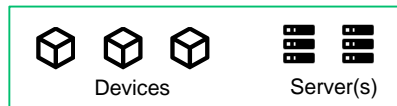
Devices and servers each have a unique key pair identity. We recommended generating the key based on a hardware root of trust (Arm Trust Zone or Intel TPM)



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Devices and servers are assigned to a fleet

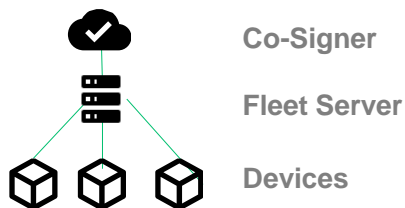
Fleet Name: My Parking Lot



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Fleet servers can verify trusted devices in the fleet, sign on behalf of the Fleet Signing Key, and request co-signature from the co-signing server using its Fleet Server Key.

Devices send messages signed with their private keys which is validated by fleet server & co-signer



# Components of TDI

# REVIEW OF THE COMPONENTS OF TDI

## **TDI Co-Signing Engine**

Hosts co-signing service, verifies devices and provides an aggregated view of devices, users & verification gateways

 **Open Source SDK**

## **Client App**

Regular application sending and receiving messages from devices

 **Open Source SDK**

## **Fleet Server**

Hosts Fleet signing service, manages & verifies devices assigned to this identity gateway

 **Open Source SDK**

## **Gateway or Device Firmware/App**

### **Identity Agent**

Signs messages & verifies that messages are ok

 **Open Source SDK**

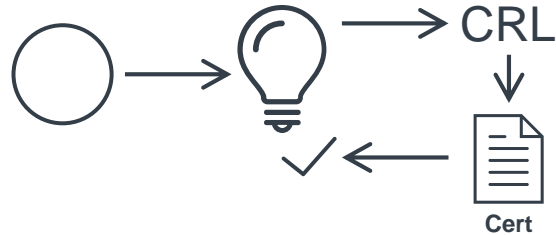
# TECHNOLOGY

<b>Cryptography</b>	EC NSA Suite B, NIST p256 curve
<b>Encryption</b>	AES 256
<b>APIs</b>	RESTful
<b>SDKs</b>	Python, C, Node, Java
<b>Communication Protocols</b>	Agnostic
<b>Device Requirements</b>	Agnostic, <100KB + SSL library, 32-bit CPU, 32K RAM
<b>Deployment</b>	CLI and Reference Implementations
<b>Hosting</b>	Cloud (AWS), Private Cloud, On-Premise
<b>Management</b>	API hooks for NOC/SOC, CLI, Admin Portal



# PKI vs TDI

# PKI

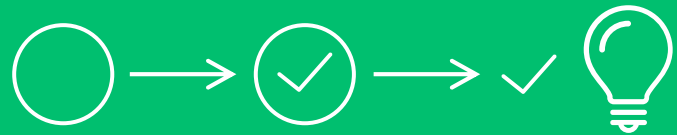


In a typical PKI deployment an identity asserts itself to a recipient.

The recipient looks up the identity in CRL or via OCSP and then it's own cert list to validate.

Burden on recipient!

# TDI

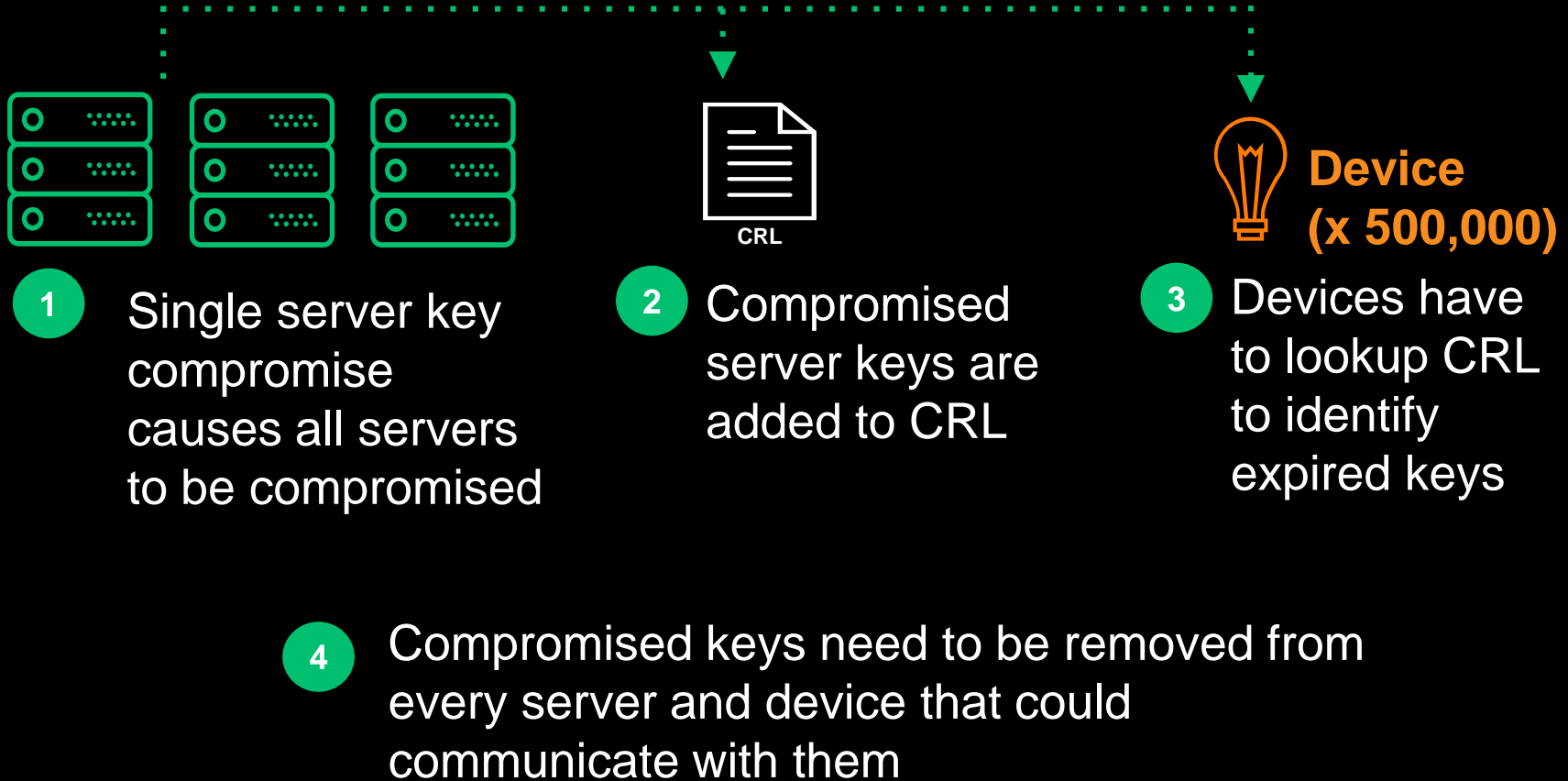


In a *TDI* deployment the Identity service validates identities and returns the validation to your application.

Only the validation is forwarded to the recipient.

Recipient does not need to do additional CRL/OCSP lookup.

# PKI WITH CRL & SHARED SERVER KEYS



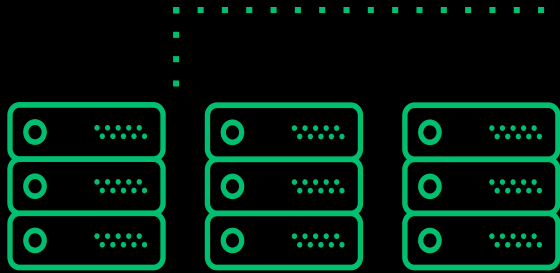
# PKI WITH CRL & INDIVIDUAL SERVER KEYS



- 1 Only server(s) compromised need to be revoked
- 2 Compromised server keys are added to CRL
- 3 Devices have to lookup CRL to identify expired keys
- 4 Compromised keys need to be removed from every server and device that could communicate with them
- 5 Every device and server need an update with the public key every time a server is added or removed



# PKI WITH OCSP STAPLING & INDIVIDUAL SERVER KEYS



1 Only server(s) compromised need to be revoked



2 Compromised server keys no longer validated with OCSP



**Device**  
**(x 500,000)**

3 Devices don't have to lookup CRL, but still have public keys on them

4 Compromised keys still need to be removed from every server and device that could communicate with them

5 Every device and server still need an update with the public key every time a server is added or removed

# SO WHAT DOES THIS GIVE US?

**TDI**



Servers & devices can be instantly revoked.

**PKI**

Devices must check to see if server is revoked. Burden on end device for lookup.

**TDI**

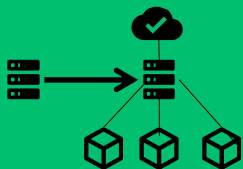


Devices only need to store and validate 2 keys to receive messages (*co-signer and fleet public keys*)

**PKI**

Devices must store a key(s) for each of the entities it is communicating with

**TDI**



Servers can be quickly switched out without rekey of all devices because devices only respect the co-signer and fleet-signer keys

**PKI**

Potentially 1,000's of devices need to be re-keyed with the new server key

# The Workflow

# FLEET CREATION

Owner retrieves Fleet public key from HSM



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Fleet  
Owner

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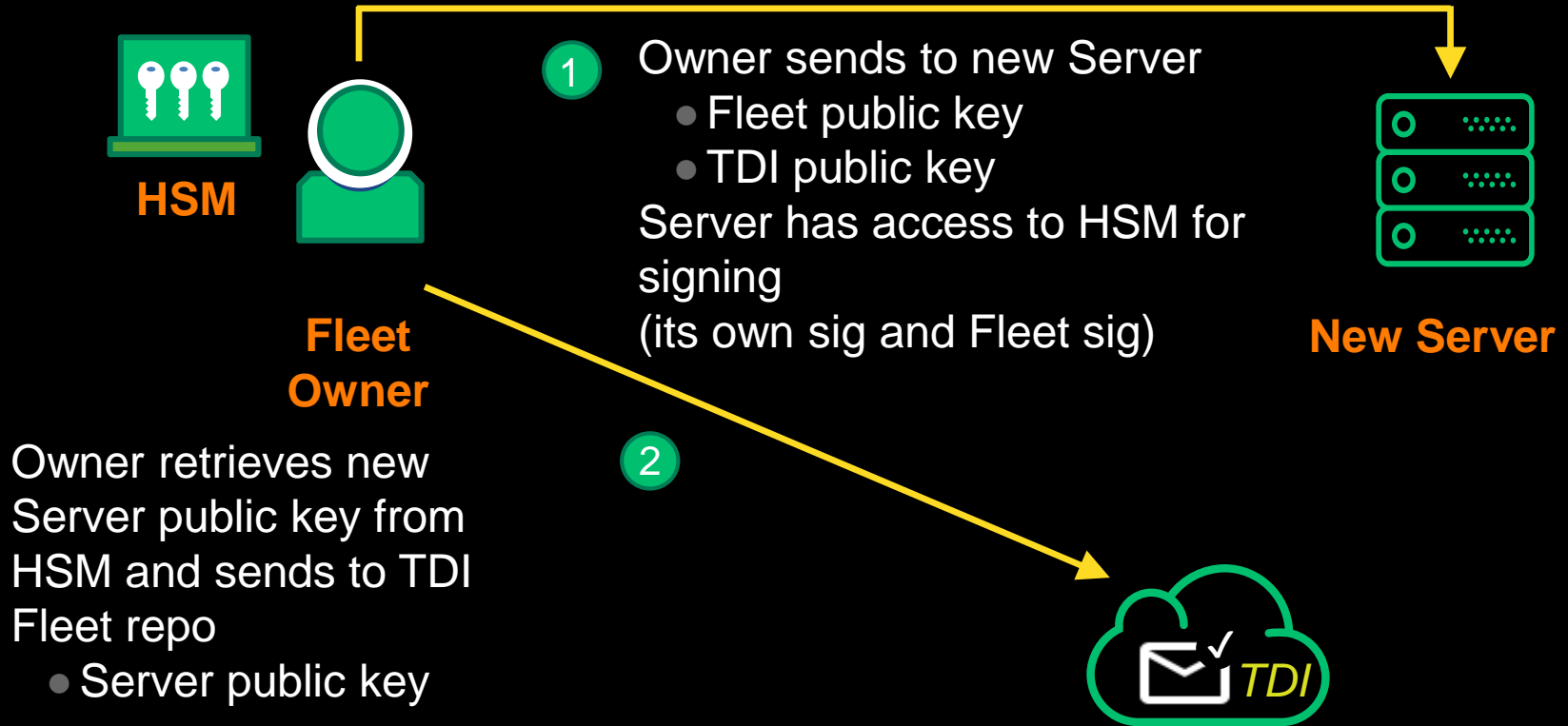


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TDI creates Fleet repo and TDI Fleet key pair

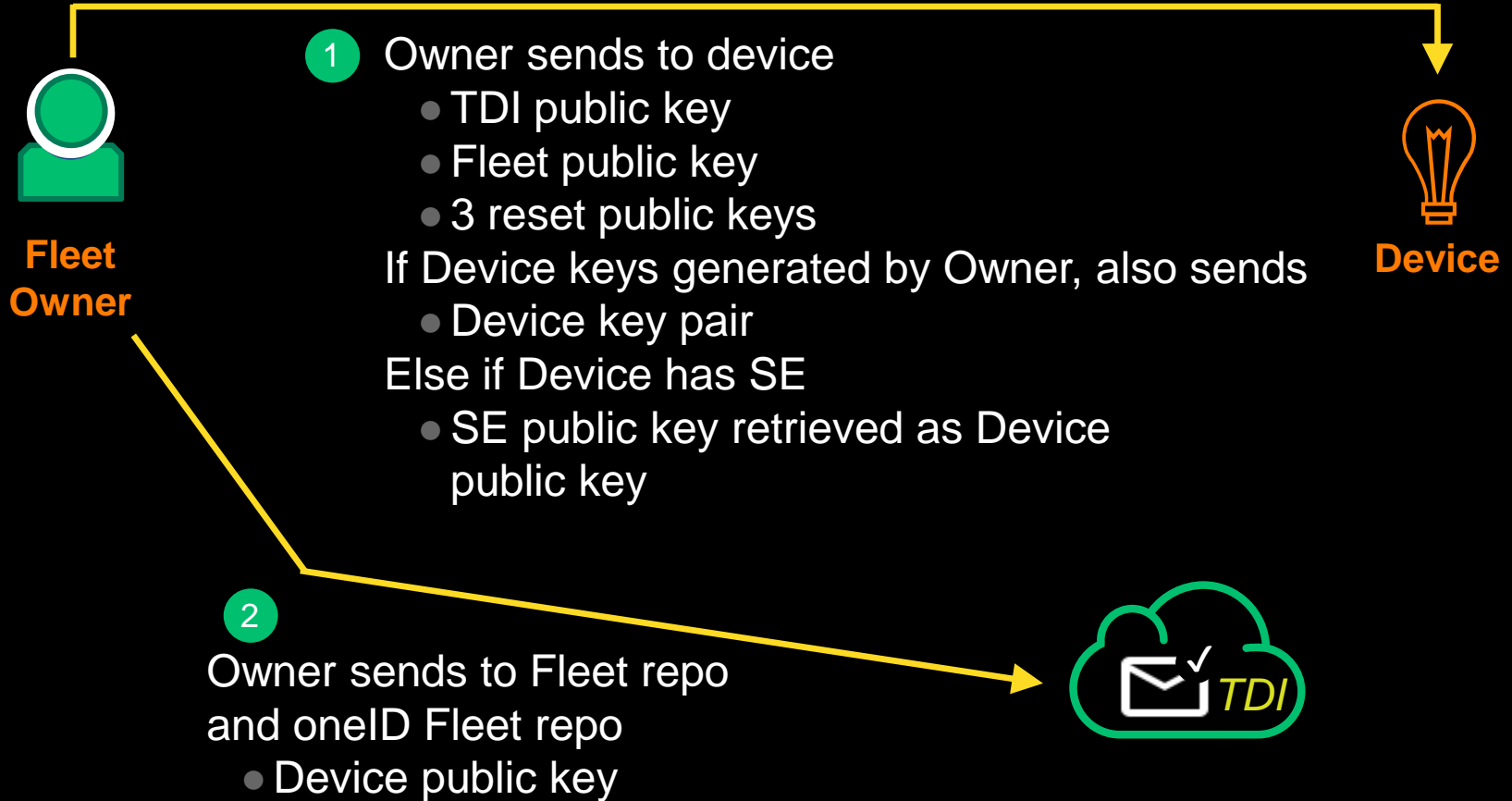
Owner creates a TDI admin account and creates a new Fleet in the TDI service (using public key from HSM)

# PROVISIONING SERVERS



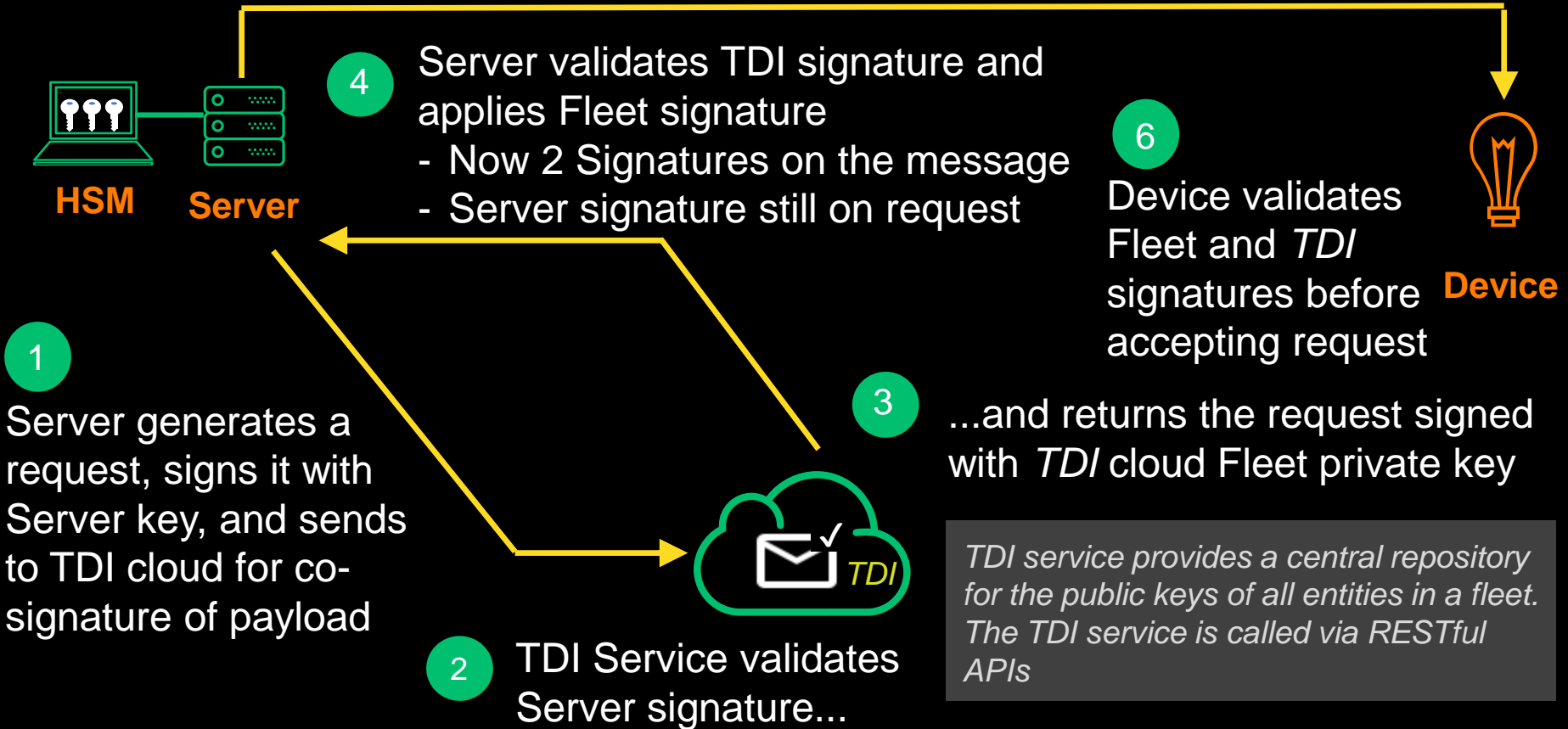


# PROVISIONING DEVICES



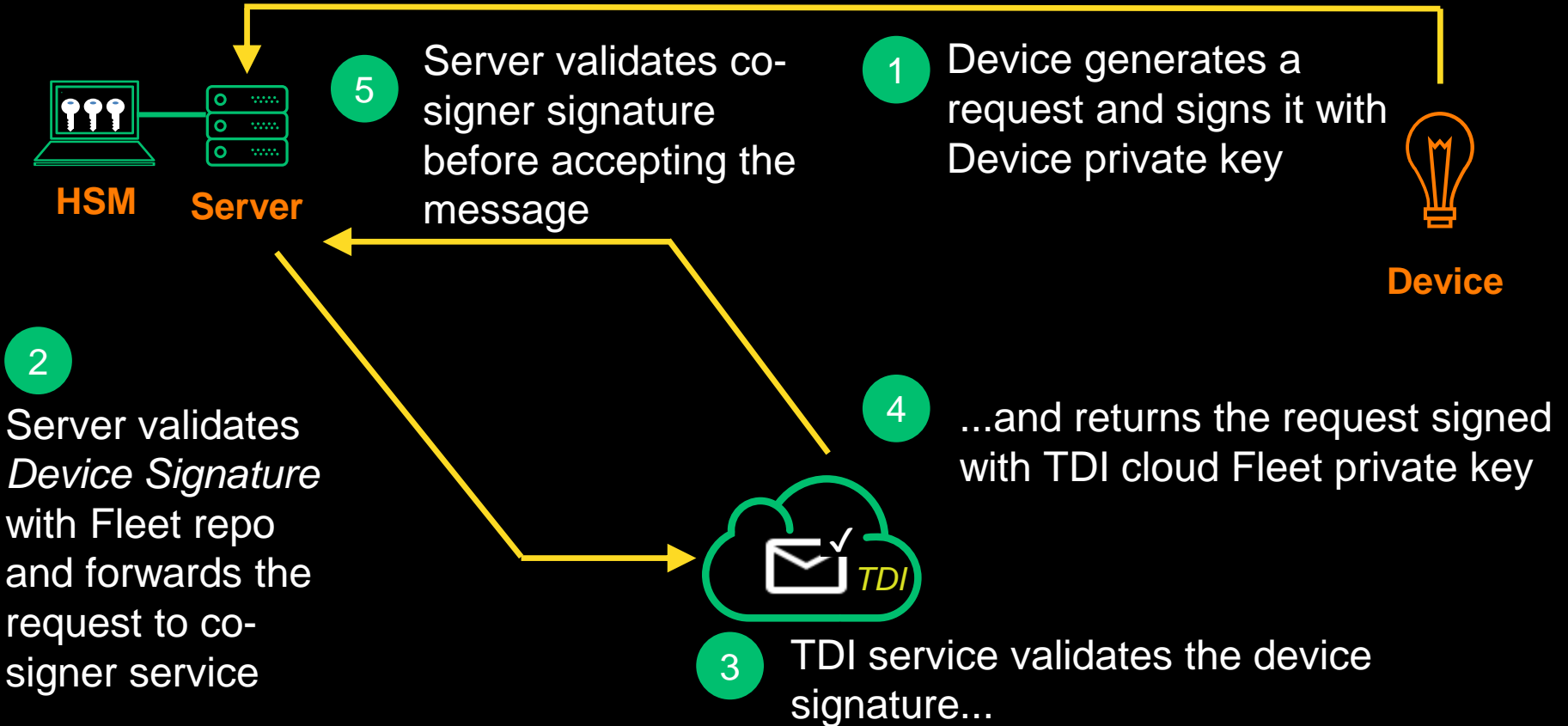
# HOW IT WORKS

## Server to Device Messaging

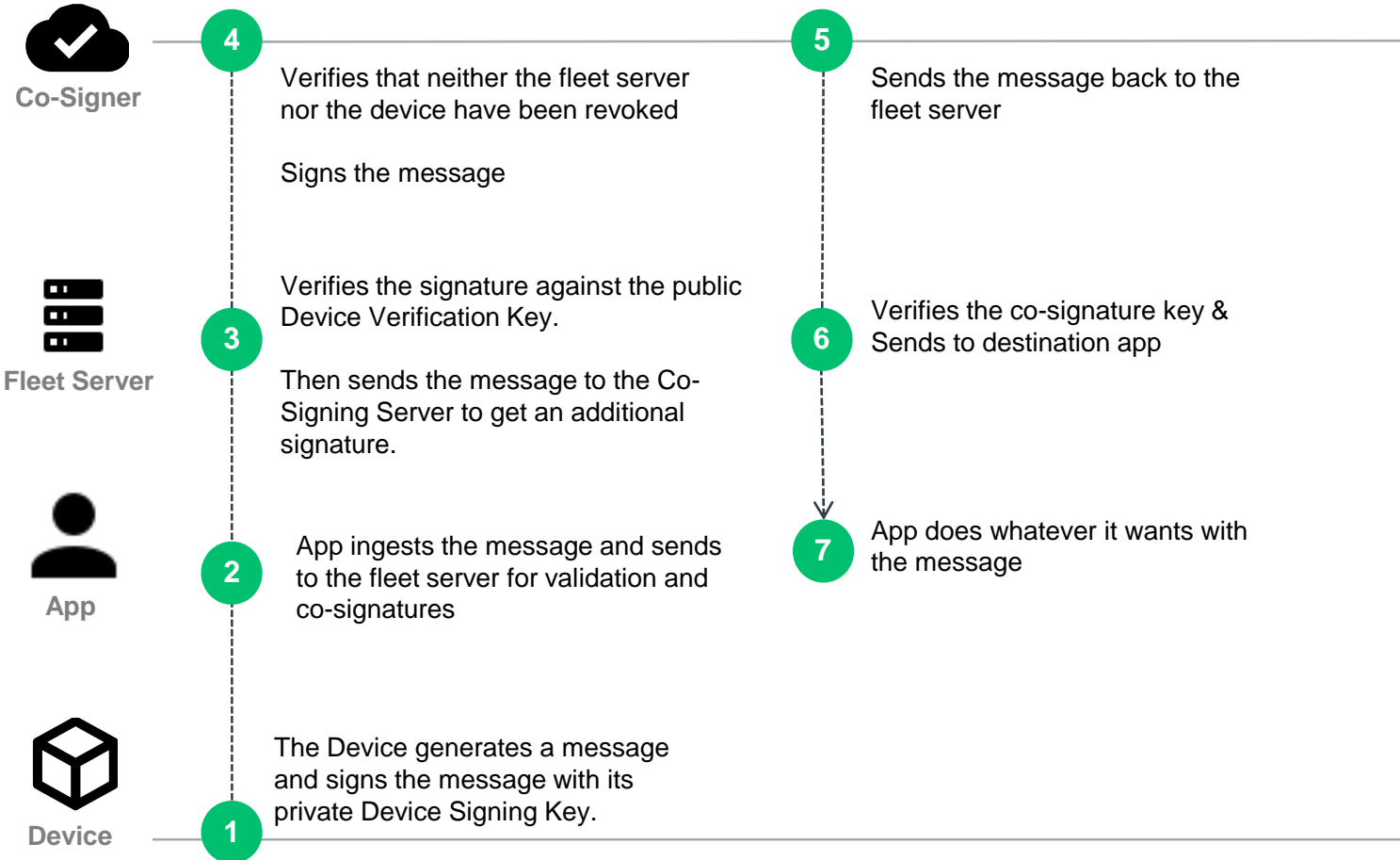


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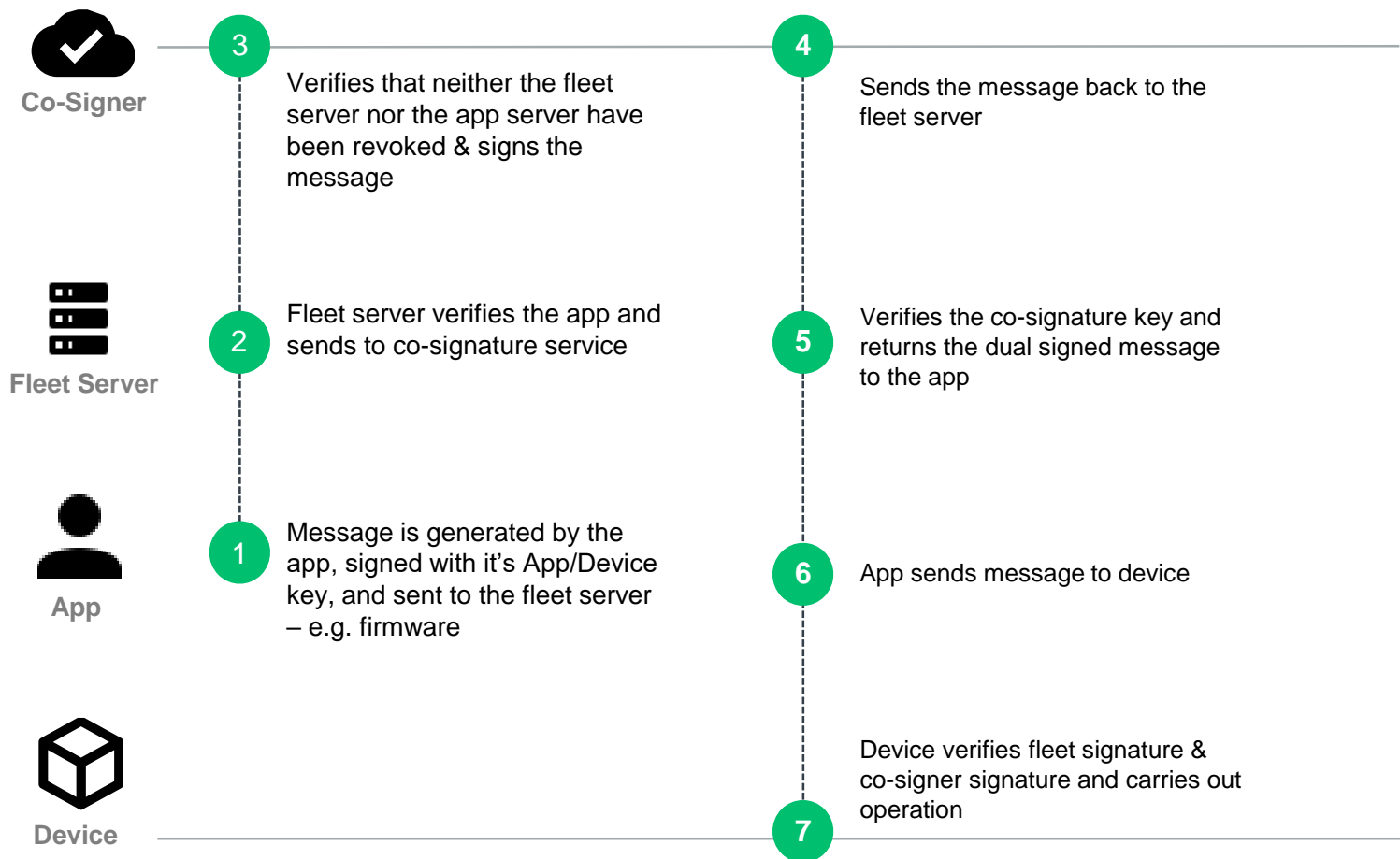
## Device to Server Messaging



# SIMPLIFIED MESSAGE FLOW: DEVICE SENDING A MESSAGE



# SIMPLIFIED MESSAGE FLOW: APP SENDING A MESSAGE TO A DEVICE

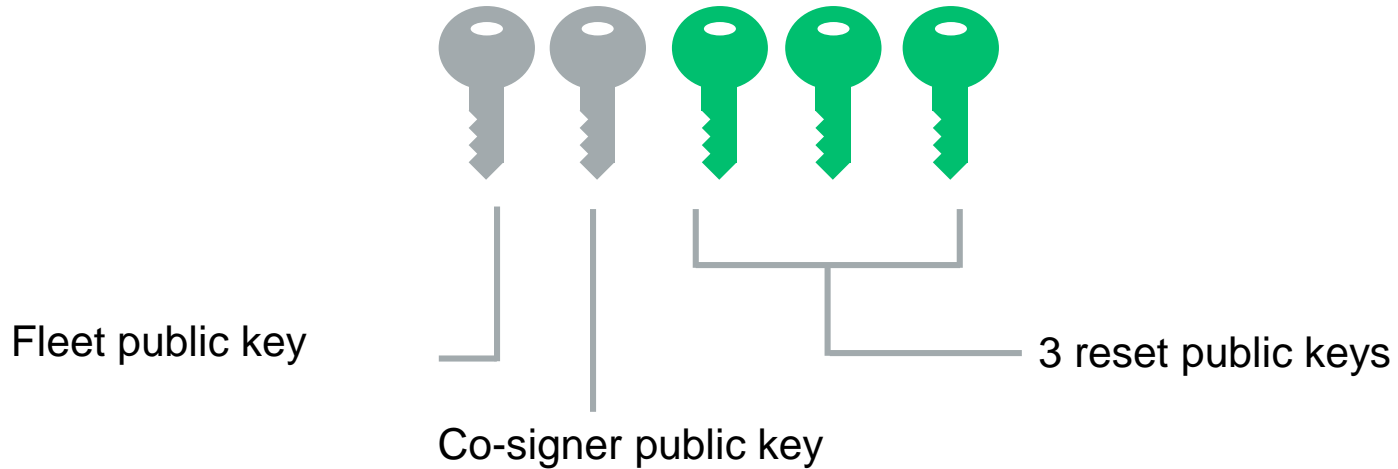


# BREACH RECOVERY

## TDI enables rapid breach recovery with minimal downtime

- 1 Admin revokes compromised Server(s) in their TDI fleet via CLI / dashboard or API
- 2 Admin provisions new Servers into the Fleet
- 3 On the next request the old servers are no longer valid and new servers are immediately validated by the TDI service
- 4 Recipients DO NOT require updates for servers being revoked or added

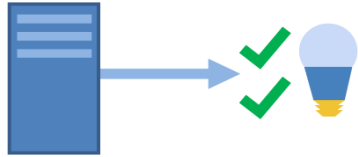
# REKEY SCENARIO



In the rare occurrence of needing to re-key, **3 reset public keys are stored with provisioned identities to enable backup MFA.** This means that both the fleet and co-signer private keys can be compromised and recovery can still be done remotely.

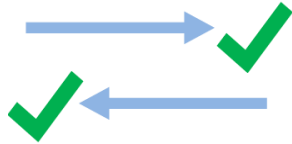


## ROBUST AUTHENTICATION



### AUTOMATED MFA

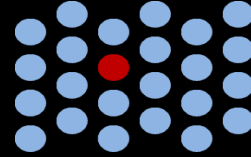
servers, devices, people, and applications automatically establish trust with one another using n-factor authentication.



### BIDIRECTIONAL AND MUTUAL

requests are authenticated whether sent upstream or down, providing data provenance. TDI also supports mutual auth if required for your application.

## FLEXIBLE MANAGEMENT



### GRANULAR IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

every server, device, user, and service is provisioned with a unique key, so each and every identity can be managed in real time.



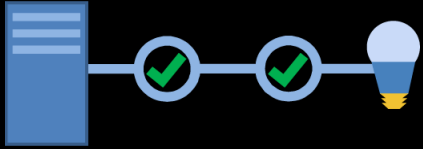
### REAL-TIME PROVISIONING / REVOCATION

add identities in real-time without sharing public keys with every recipient. revoke in real time as well, without distributing crls or requiring ocsf calls by recipients.

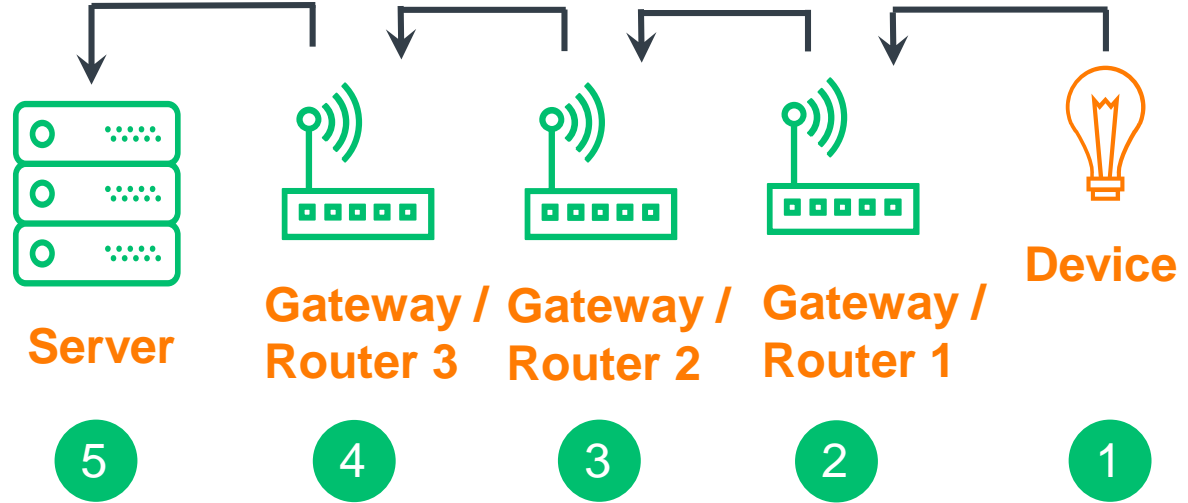
# THE GRAVY



# ROUTE VALIDATION



Validate the path a message takes to ensure that it originated from a proper location in your network.



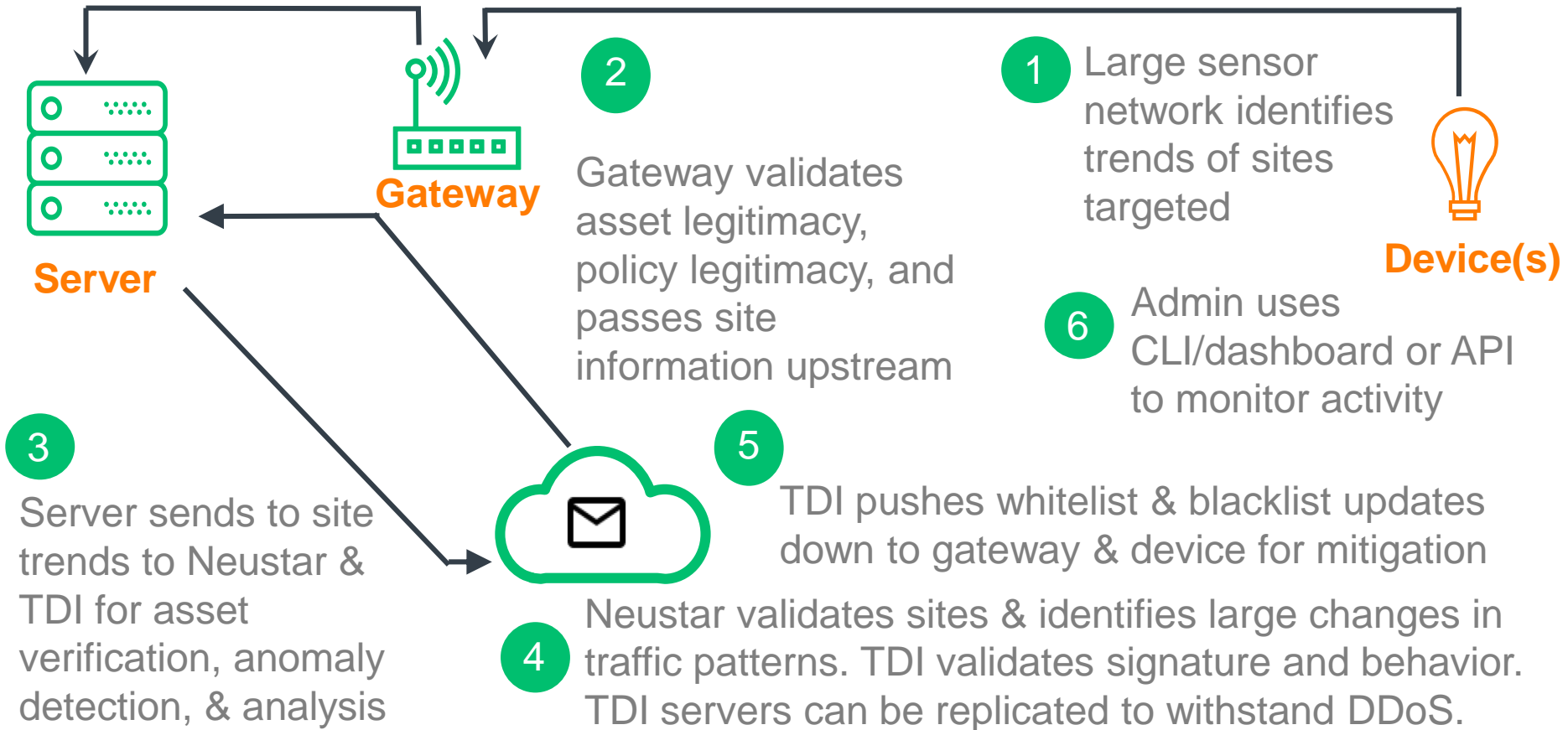
Devices, gateways, and routers each sign with their own keys.

Server validates the route, each individual key, and the order of keys

# Future Framework Enhancements

# DDOS PROTECTION WITH TDI

Update black/white lists at device or gateway, authorized by TDI



**Hierarchal fleet signer & local co-signer** to allow for offline TDI messages you can use the cloud co-signer to grant permission for a certain period of time

**Cache** messages for a period of time, so messages are pre authorized for a period of time

**Device to device** set a time to live for on ECDHE derived key message exchange between devices, gateways & users. This can be set up in Fleet server of cloud administration.

# The Demo



# The Code

THE CODE

**OPEN SOURCE CODE**

<https://github.com/Neustar-TDI>

**DOCUMENTATION**

<https://oneid-connect.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

**MORE INFO ON TDI**

<http://bit.ly/NeustarTDI>

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# Q&A

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