

# Securing Your Messages

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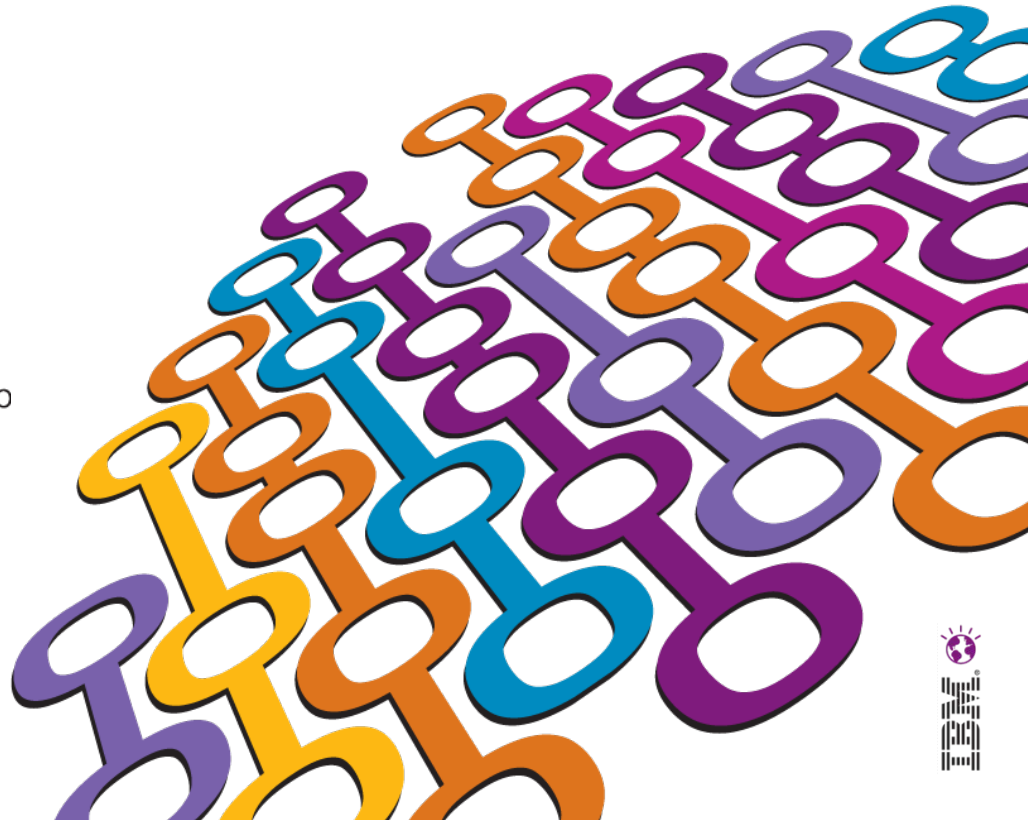
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# Agenda

- What is MQ Advanced Message Security?
- Key features
- Pre-requisites and runtime environment
- Logical architecture
- Components
- Installation & configuration
- Summary



# Why use message-level security?

- Base WebSphere MQ networks
  - Authentication and authorization is scoped to the connection
  - SSL/TLS channels provide additional connection-scoped security
  - Channel context setting provides some per-message authorization
    - But based on unauthenticated MQMD.UserID
- WMQ AMS complements WMQ's connection-level security
  - Provides authentication, authorization and accountability scoped at the message level
- Increasing impact of regulatory compliance
  - Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS)
  - Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)
  - European Union Privacy Directive
  - FIPS, Suite-B, FISMA
- Provide additional security for Command & Control traffic
- Any time many identities are aggregated over a single connection

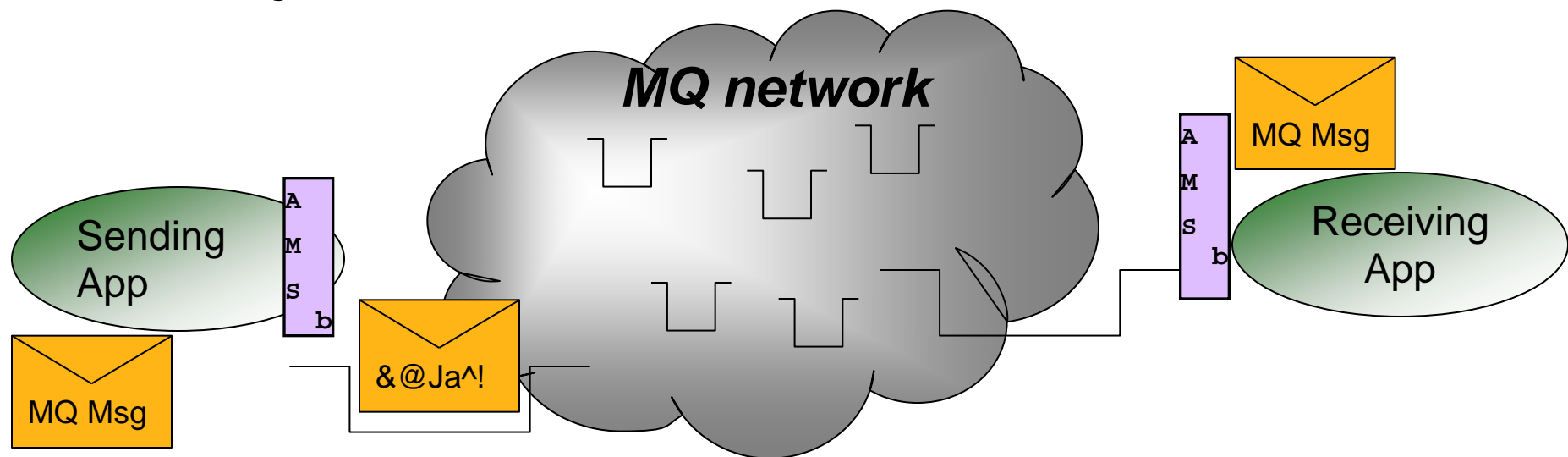


# What is MQ AMS?



## WebSphere MQ Advanced Message Security V7.0.1

- New product, announced and available Oct 5, 2010
- Fix Pack 1 released on March 2011
- Provides security for MQ messages, end-to-end with no application changes
- Simple “add-on” component that enhances WebSphere MQ v6 or v7.x
- Security requirements are expressed as user-definable policies
- AMS leverages X.509 certificates





# AMS Key Features

- Secures sensitive or high-value MQ messages
  - Privacy via message content encryption
  - It leverages digital certificates (X.509) and Public Key encryption to protect MQ messages
- Detects and removes rogue or unauthorized messages before they are processed by receiving applications
  - Authentication via certificate *above and beyond* operating system
  - Authorization to queue *above and beyond* MQ OAM or SAF
- Verifies that messages are not modified between sender and receiver
  - Message Integrity via digital signature of message content
- Protects messages not only when they flow across the network but when they are at rest in queues
- Messages from existing MQ applications are transparently secured using “interceptors”
  - No application changes are necessary
- No pre-requisite products other than MQ
- Successor to WebSphere MQ Extended Security Edition (ESE)





## Platforms supported (5724-Z94 for Distributed, 5655-W50 for z/OS)

- Windows (32 & 64-bit, XP Pro, Server 2003, Server 2008, Vista)
- AIX for System p (v5.3, v6.1)
- HP-UX Itanium & PA-RISC (11i v2 & v3)
- Linux for System p (64-bit, RHEL v5 & v5, SLES v9, v10, v11)
- Linux for System x (32 & 64-bit, RHEL v5 & v5, SLES v9, v10, v11)
- Linux for System z (64-bit, RHEL v5 & v5, SLES v9, v10, v11)
- Solaris for Intel X86 (64-bit, v10)
- Solaris for Sun SPARC (64-bit, v9 & v10)
- z/OS for System z (z/OS v1.8) (IBM SSL v1.8 is also required)

For complete details, see:

<http://www.ibm.com/software/integration/wmq/advanced-message-security/reqs/>





# Environments supported

- MQ AMS functionality is implemented in “interceptors”
  - There are no long running processes or daemons (except in z/OS)
  - Existing MQ applications **do not require changes**
- Three interceptors are provided:
  1. **MQ Server interceptor** for local (bindings mode) MQI API and Java applications.
    - ▶ Implemented as standard QM API exit on distributed, and “private” API exit on z/OS
    - ▶ Requires MQ v6.0.2.8 or 7.0.0.1 as well as GSKit 7.0.4.23 (minimum versions)
    - ▶ Note that MQ v7 is required for the AMS MQ Explorer plugin
  2. **MQ Client API interceptor** for remote (client mode) MQ API applications.
    - ▶ MQ AMS interceptor imbedded in MQ client code
    - ▶ Requires MQ v6.0.2.8 or 7.0.1.1 as well as GSKit 7.0.4.23 (minimum versions)
  3. **MQ Java client interceptor** for remote (client mode) MQ JMS and MQ classes for java applications (J2EE and J2SE).
    - ▶ MQ AMS interceptor imbedded in MQ java client code.
    - ▶ Requires MQ Java v7.0.1 as well as IBM Java 1.4..2 (minimum versions)

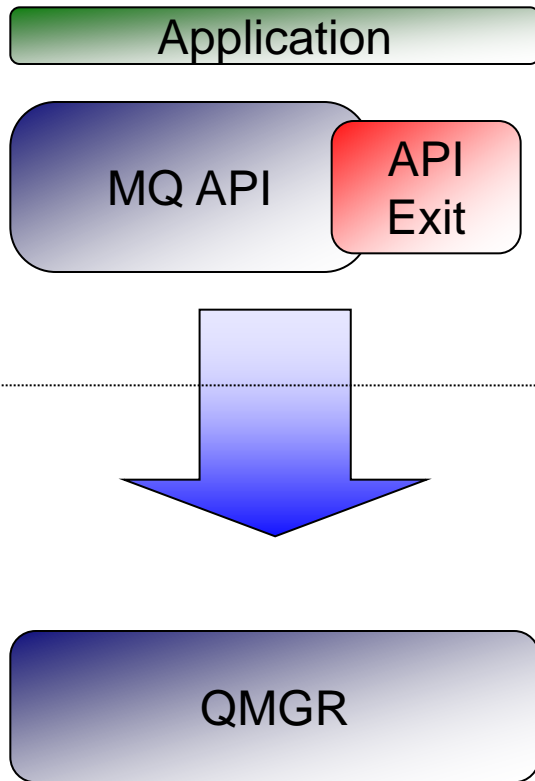




# Interceptors

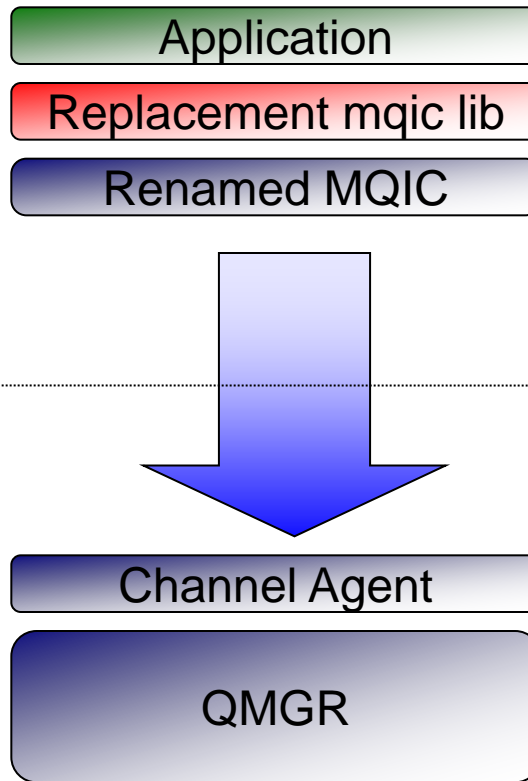
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- API Exit



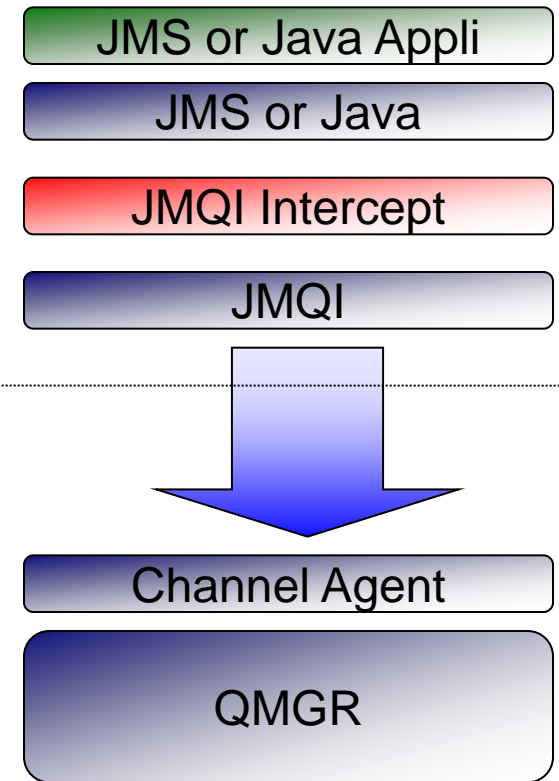
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- Library Replacement



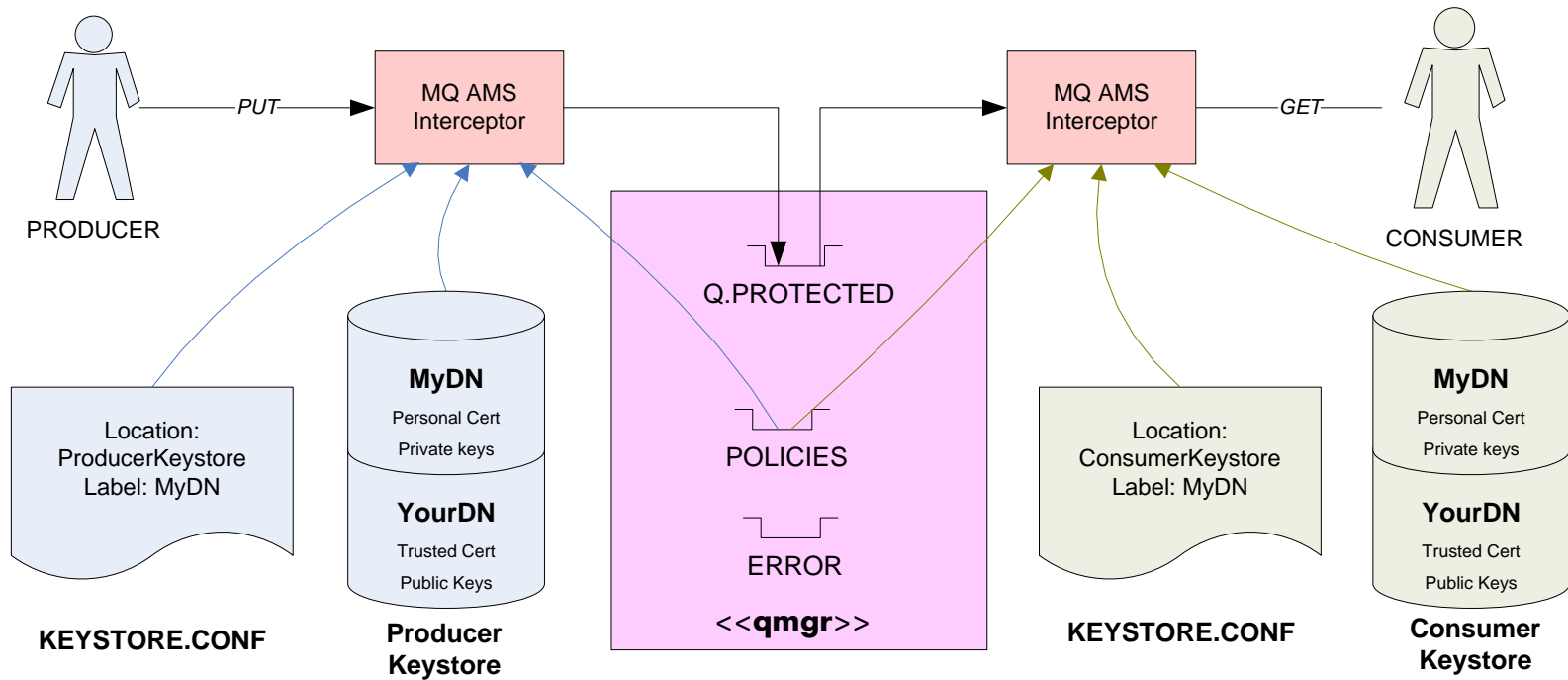
## Java

- JMQI Intercept



# Logical Architecture Design

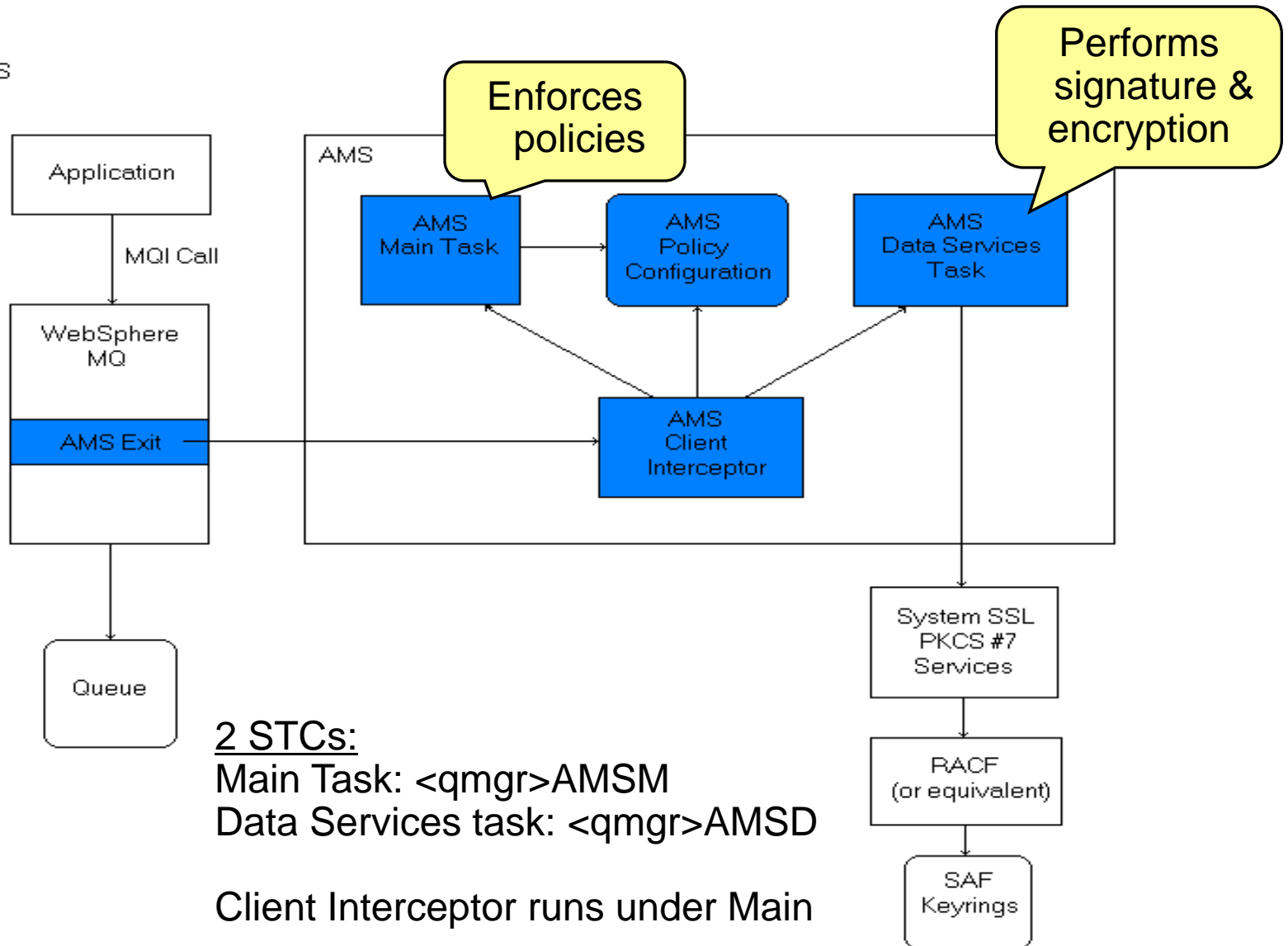
## Distributed Platforms



# Logical Architecture Design – z/OS



z/OS



# Message protection policies

- Created or updated or removed by command `'setmqsp1'`
  - or by MQ AMS plug-in for MQ Explorer (GUI)
- Policies are stored in queue `'SYSTEM.PROTECTION.POLICY.QUEUE'`
- Each protected queue can have only one policy
- For distributed queuing, protect the queue locally (source QM) as well as the remote (target QM)
- Two types of policies:
  - Message Integrity policy
  - Message Privacy policy
- Display policies with command `'dspmqsp1'`
- “Compromised messages” in queue `'SYSTEM.PROTECTION.ERROR.QUEUE'`
- Extra queue on z/OS `'SYSTEM.PROTECTION.SYNC.QUEUE'`





# Message integrity policy definition

- There are two message signing algorithms: SHA1 and MD5
- The list of authorized signers is **optional**
  - If no authorized signers are specified then any application can sign messages.
  - If authorized signers are specified then only messages signed by these applications can be retrieved.
  - Messages from other signers are sent to the error queue
- On z/OS, same setmqspl program and parms used as SYSIN DD for PGM=DRQUTIL

Syntax:  
**setmqspl**

**-m <queue\_manager>**  
**-p <protected\_queue\_name>**  
**-s <SHA1 | MD5>**  
**-a <Authorized signer DN1>**  
**-a <Authorized signer DN2>**

Example:

**setmqspl -m MYQM**  
**-p MY.Q.INTEGRITY**  
**-s SHA1**  
**-e NONE**  
**-a 'CN=cfarkas,O=ibm,C=FR'**





# Message privacy policy definition

- Signature algorithms: MD5, SHA1, SHA256\*, SHA384\* or SHA512\*
- Encryption algorithms: RC2, DES, 3DES, AES128 and AES256
  - Encrypted messages are always signed
- The list of authorized signers is optional
- It is mandatory to specify at least one message recipient
- Retrieved messages which do not meet AMS policy sent to the SYSTEM.PROTECTION.ERROR.QUEUE
  - Eg: Policy contains authorized signer list and sender is not on it

## Syntax:

setmqspl

```
-m <queue_manager>
-p <protected_queue_name>
-s <SHA1 | MD5>
-e <encryption algorithm>
-a <Authorized signer DN1>
-a <Authorized signer DN2>
-r < Message recipient DN1>
-r < Message recipient DN2>
```

## Example:

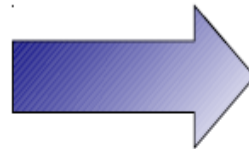
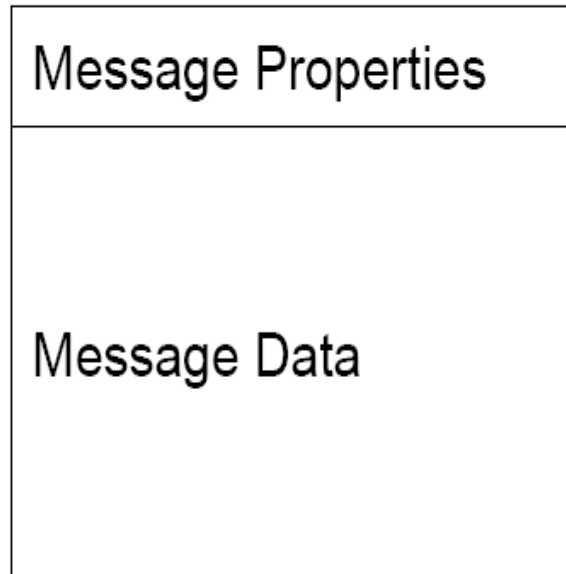
```
setmqspl -m MYQM
-p MY.Q.PRIVACY
-s SHA1
-e AES128
-a 'CN=carl,O=ibm,C=US'
-r 'CN=ginger,O=catunion,C=JP'
-r 'CN=saadb,OU=WBI,O=IBM,C=FR'
```

\* Note: SHA-2 algorithms available in v7.0.1.2 and higher

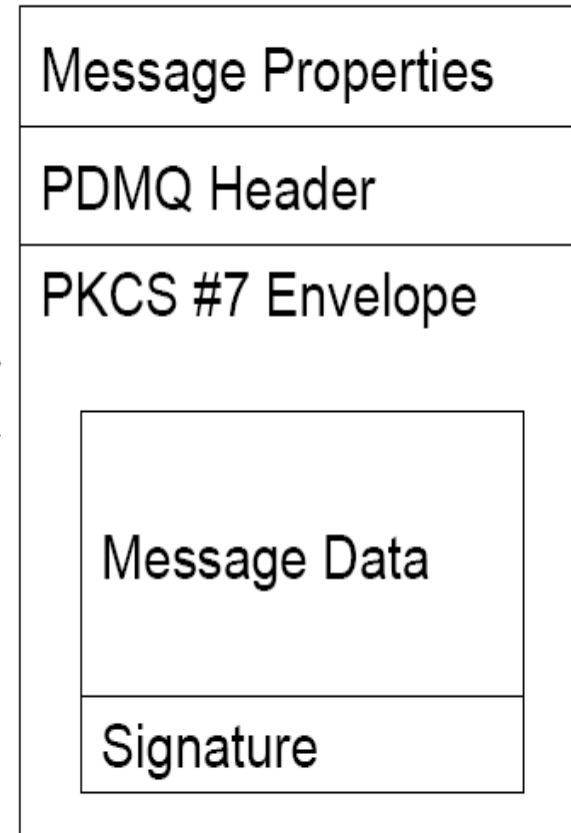
# Integrity message format



## MQ Message



## AMS Signed Message



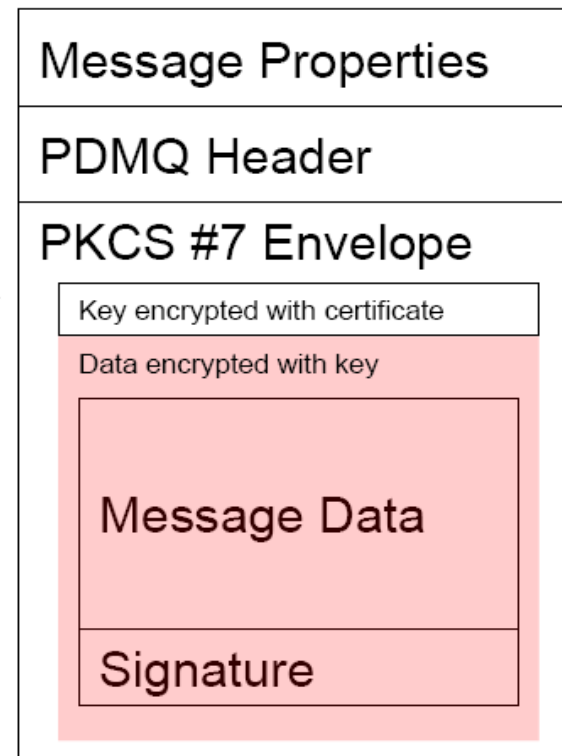
# Privacy message format



## MQ Message



## AMS Encrypted Message







# Keystores and X.509 certificates

- **Each MQ application** producing or consuming protected messages **requires access to a keystore** that contains a personal X.509 (v2/v3) certificate and the associated private key.
- The keystore and certificate is accessed by the MQ AMS interceptors.
- The keystore must contain trusted certificates to validate message signers or to obtain the public keys of encrypted message recipients
- Keystore can be the same as that used for MQ SSL
- Several types of keystore are supported (Distributed): CMS, JKS and JCEKS.
- On Distributed MQ, the IBM Key Management (iKeyman, part of GSKit) is provided to create and do simple management of local keystores
- On z/OS, standard SAF product (eg. RACF) used to create certificates which are SAF-managed and must be on a keyring named “drq.ams.keyring”
- 3rd party software is available from IBM (or others) to provide more robust, industrialisation of keystore maintenance. For the IBM Tivoli Key Lifecycle Manager Tivoli, see:  
<http://www.ibm.com/software/tivoli/products/key-lifecycle-mgr/>

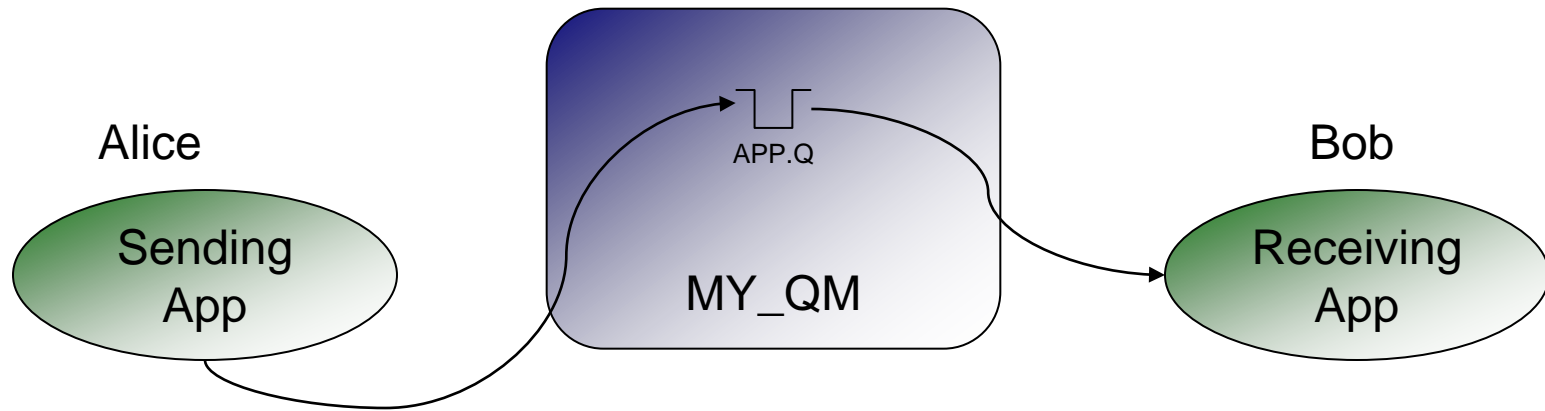


# MQ AMS configuration file

- MQ AMS interceptors require a configuration file, eg. `KEYSTORE.CONF`, which contains:
  - Type of keystore: CMS, JKS, JCEKS
  - Location of the keystore.
  - Label of the personal certificate.
  - Passwords to access keystore and private keys (or `.sth` stash for CMS format)
- Interceptors locate the configuration file using one of the following methods:
  - Environment variable `MQS_KEYSTORE_CONF=<path to conf file>`.
  - Checking default locations and file names.
    - Platform dependent. For example in UNIX: `“$HOME/.mqs/keystore.conf”`



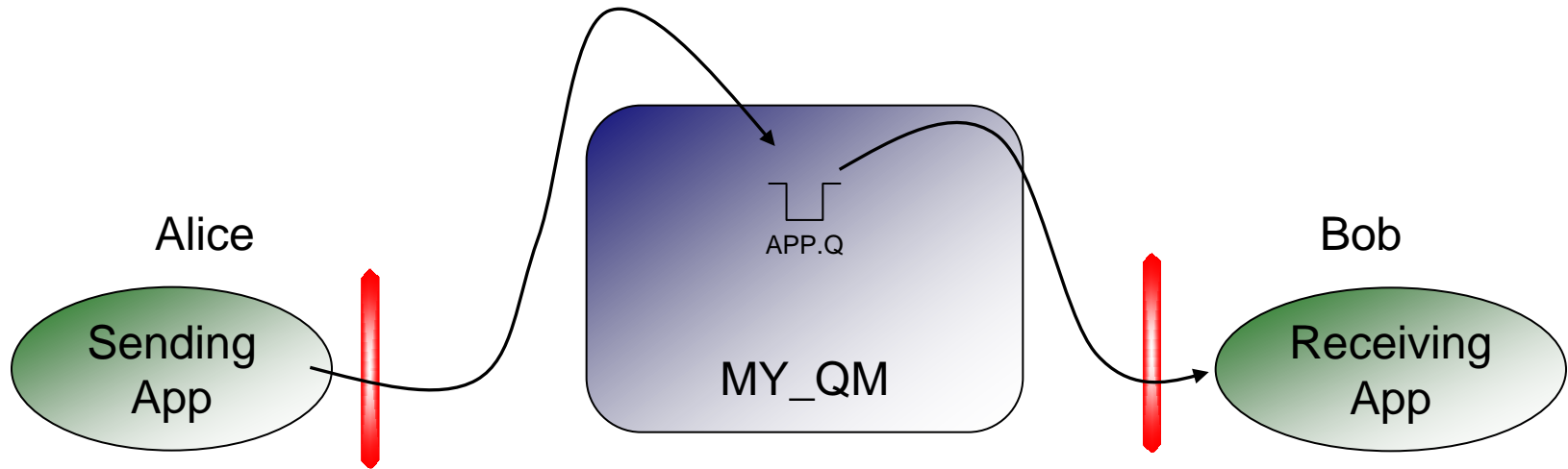
# WebSphere MQ AMS – install/config example, 0



For a good step-by-step guide, see the AMS InfoCenter at  
<http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/mqams/v7r0m1/index.jsp>  
 and search for “Quick start”



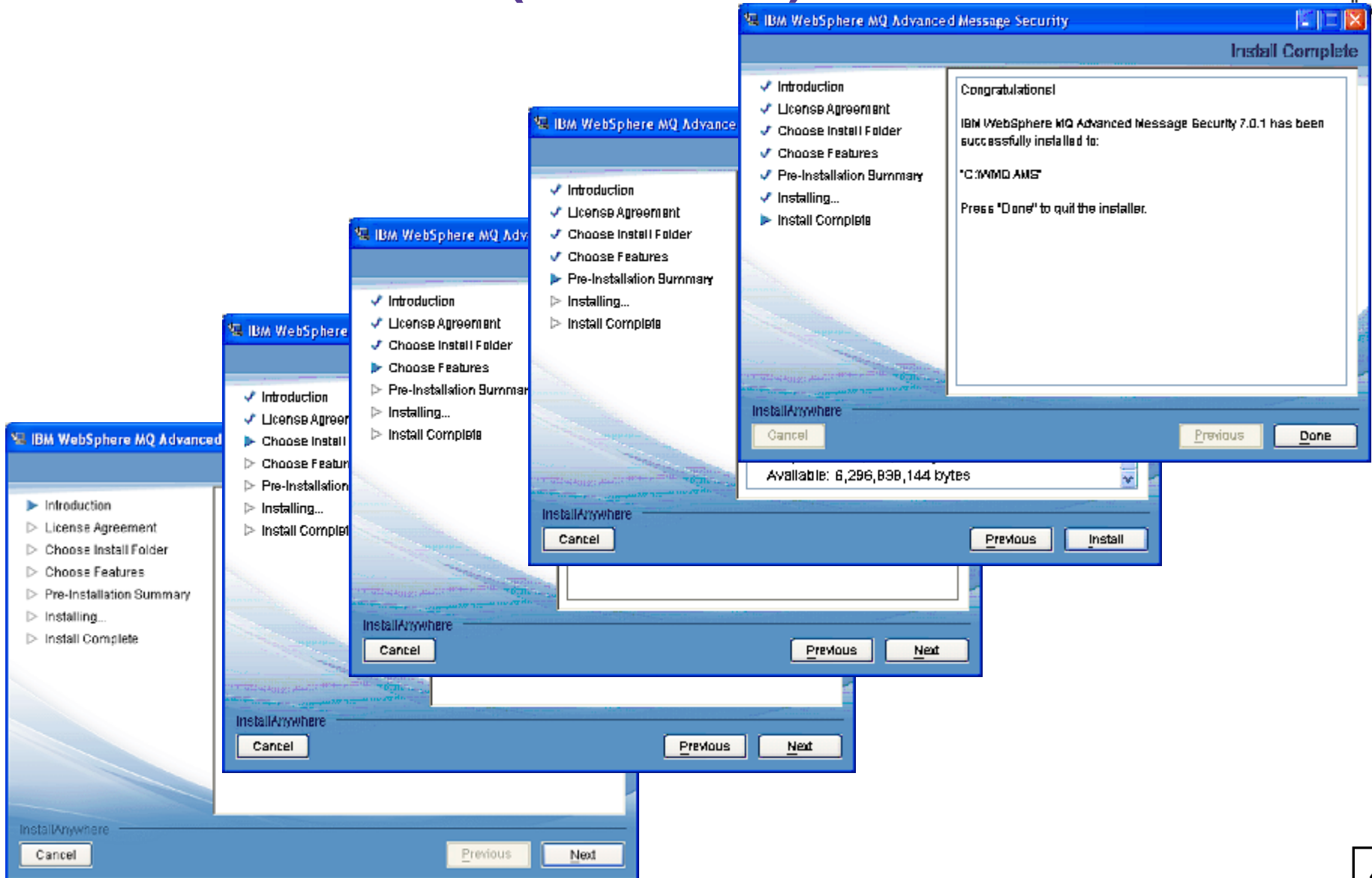
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1. Install and configure AMS Interceptor



# AMS installation (Windows)



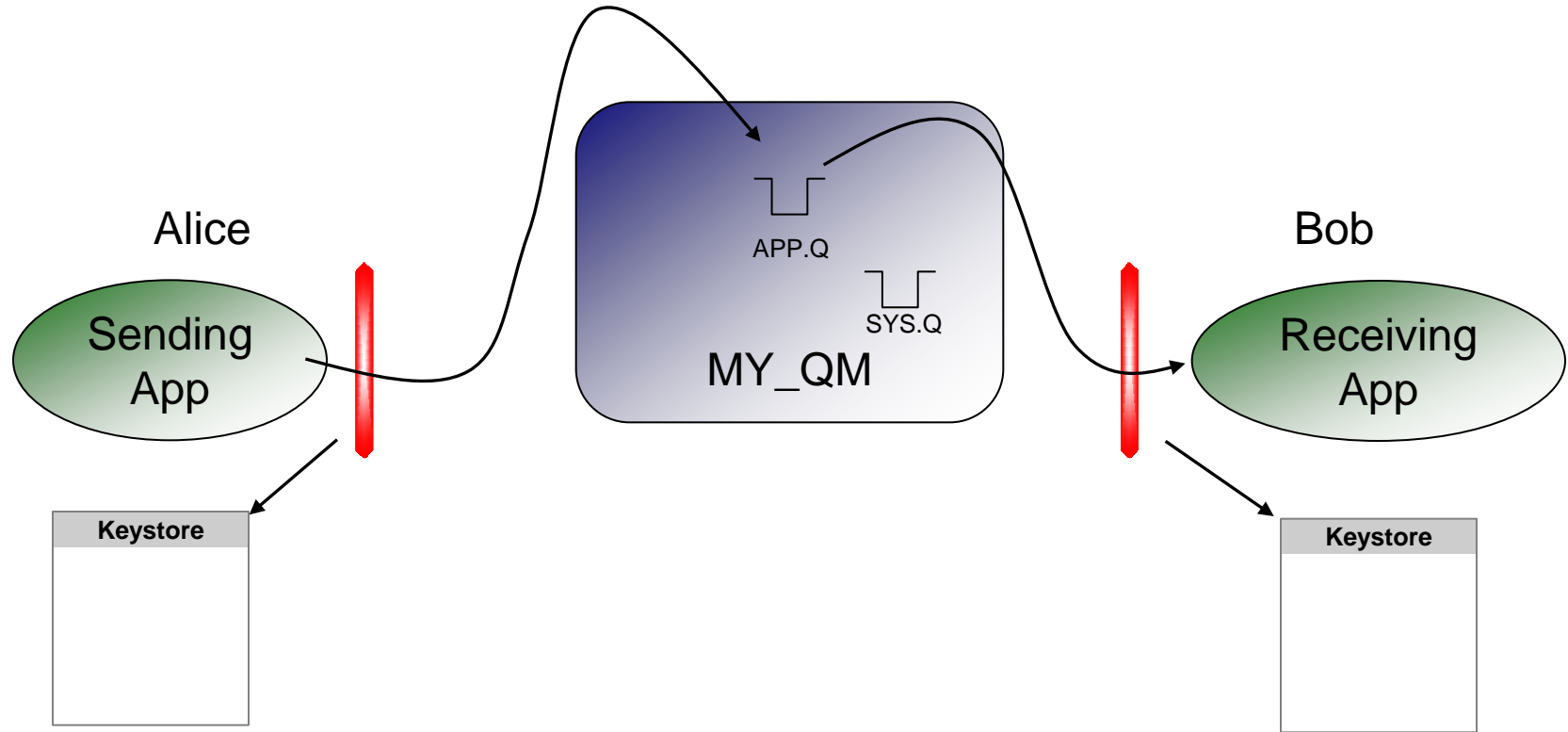
# AMS z/OS installation



- SMP/E installation
  - Program 5655-W50, FMID HMS7701
  - Requires 120 tracks (Target), 150 tracks (Distribution), 1MB (zFS)
- Post-installation tasks
  - Update LPA for AMS modules in SDRQLINK
  - Update Authorized Program Facility (APF) list for SDRQLOAD
  - Update Program Properties Table (PPT) update
  - Update Product Registration list (IFAPRDxx)
  - Possible update to DIAG member for allocating in user storage key
- Create AMSM & AMSD procedures for the two AMS STCs
- Create profiles for STCs
  - Set up the userid(s) for the STCs, give SAF permissions,
- Note: userids that will be putting & getting protected messages will require:
  - An OMVS segment associated with their userid (or set default with FACILITY class, BPX.DEFAULT.USER)
  - SAF UPDATE permission for the FACILITY class, IRR.DIGTCERT.LISTRING



# WebSphere MQ AMS – install/config example, 2



1. Install AMS Interceptor
2. Configure AMS



# AMS configuration



## 1. Enable AMS system queues

```
runmqsc MY_QM < "C:\WMQ AMS\bin\defineqs.mqs"
DEFINE QLOCAL(SYSTEM.PROTECTION.POLICY.QUEUE) MAXDEPTH(999999999)
        MAXMSGL(4194304) DEFSOPT(SHARED) SHARE DEFPSIST(YES)
DEFINE QLOCAL(SYSTEM.PROTECTION.ERROR.QUEUE) MAXDEPTH(999999999)
        MAXMSGL(4194304) DEFSOPT(SHARED) SHARE DEFPSIST(YES)
All valid MQSC commands were processed.
```

## 2. Activate AMS interceptors

```
cfgmqsc -enable -server MY_QM
DRQDT3052I    The IBM WebSphere MQ Advanced Message Security server interceptor
              has been enabled successfully
```

## 3. Set up Environment variable to point to AMS key database configuration

```
MQS_KEYSTORE_CONF=C:\AMSSstuff\Carl\keystore.conf
```

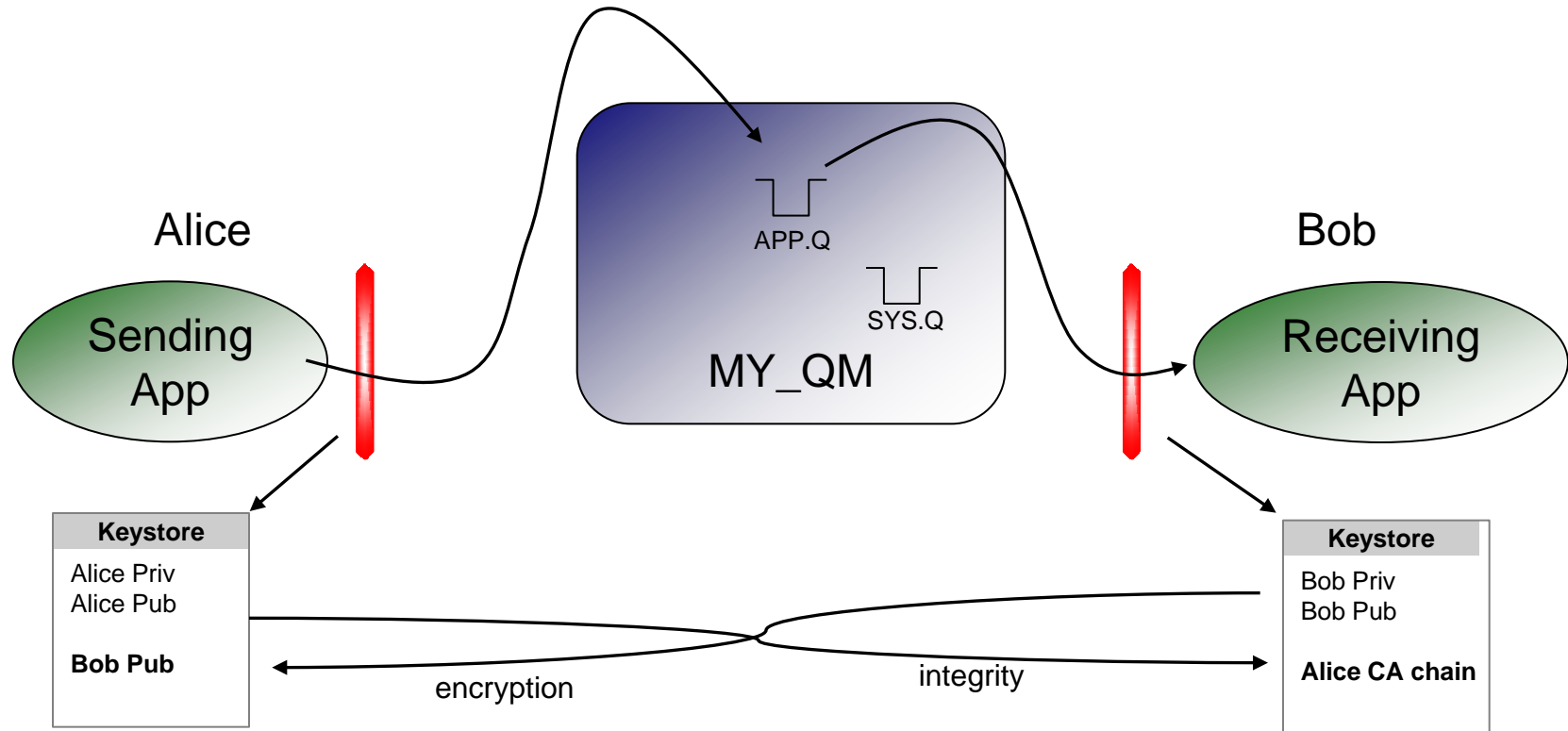
## 4. Create the AMS key database configuration file, eg. C:\AMSSstuff\Carl\keystore.conf

```
cms.keystore=C:/AMSSstuff/Carl/carlkey
cms.certificate=Carl_Cert
```





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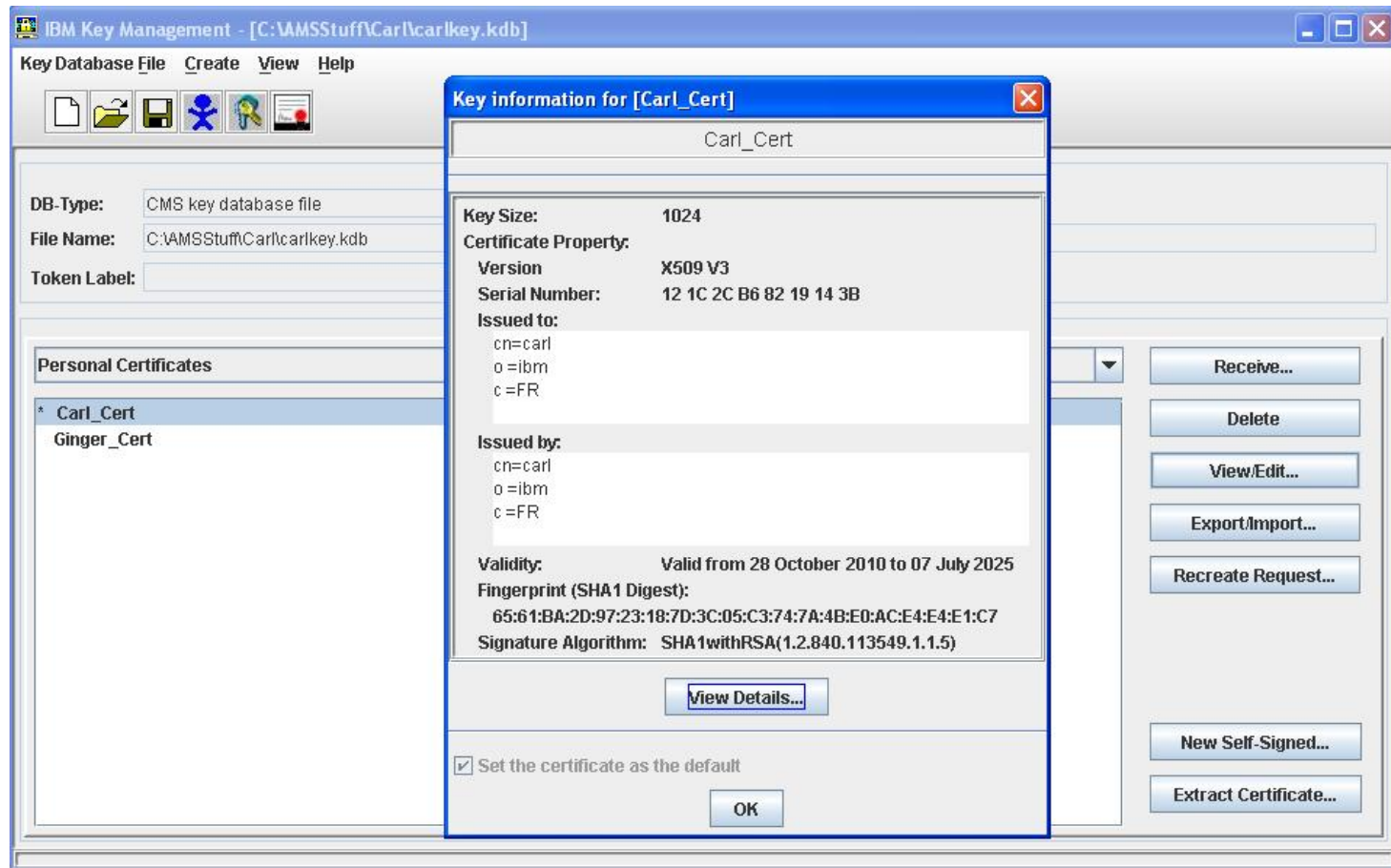


1. Install AMS Interceptor
2. Configure AMS
3. Create keystores with public / private key pairs
  - a) copy sender's CA key chain to receiver's keystore for integrity
  - b) copy receiver's public key to sender's keystore for encryption

# Certificate management



- WebSphere MQ supplies iKeyman with GSKit
- Line-mode commands also available (eg. runmqakm)
- On z/OS, RACF commands perform certificate management



# RACF on z/OS (sender side)

```
//SYSTSIN DD *

  RACDCERT ID(QZ09AMS) ADDRING(drq.ams.keyring)

/* Create a CA certificate good thru my retirement :> */
RACDCERT CERTAUTH GENCERT -
  SUBJECTSDN( CN('AMS CertAuth') O('IBM') ) WITHLABEL('AMSCA') -
  KEYUSAGE(CERTSIGN) TRUST NOTAFTER( DATE(2018/12/31) )

/* Connect the CA certificate to the AMSD Data task STC */
RACDCERT ID(QZ09AMS) CONNECT(CERTAUTH LABEL('AMSCA') -
  RING(drq.ams.keyring)

RACDCERT EXPORT( LABEL('AMSCA') ) CERTAUTH FORMAT(CERTB64) -
  DSN('FARKAS.AMSCA.CERT')

/* Make a keyring for a userid that will be a MQPUTer or MQGETer */
RACDCERT ID(FARKAS) ADDRING(drq.ams.keyring)

/* Create a Certificate for a MQPUTer or MQGETer id */
RACDCERT ID(FARKAS) GENCERT -
  SUBJECTSDN( c('FR') O('IBM France') CN('Carl on Z') ) -
  WITHLABEL('CARLONZ') SIGNWITH(CERTAUTH LABEL('AMSCA') ) -
  NOTAFTER( DATE(2018/12/31) ) -
  KEYUSAGE(HANDSHAKE DATAENCRYPT DOCSIGN)

RACDCERT ID(FARKAS) CONNECT(ID(FARKAS) LABEL('CARLONZ') -
  RING(drq.ams.keyring) DEFAULT USAGE(PERSONAL))

RACDCERT ID(QZ09AMS) ADD('FARKAS.CARLSS.CERT') TRUST -
  WITHLABEL('CARLSS')
RACDCERT ID(QZ09AMS) CONNECT( ID(QZ09AMS) LABEL('CARLSS') -
  RING(drq.ams.keyring) USAGE(SITE) )

SETROPTS RACLIST(FACILITY) REFRESH
/*
```

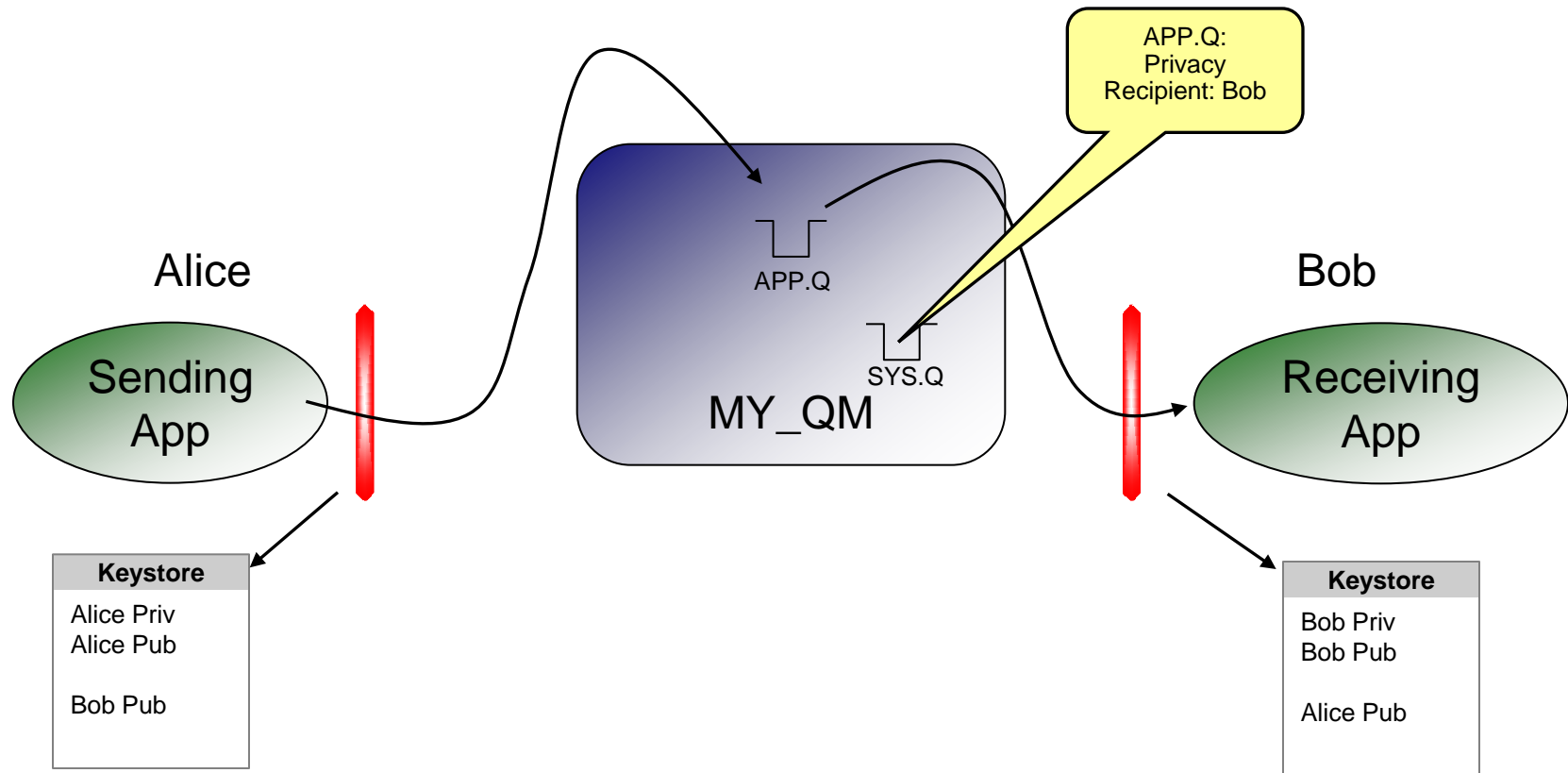
Data task on sender uses CA to validate

PUTer userid on sender uses certif to sign

Export this CA so others can validate my certificate

Import the Public certif of the Receiver so I can encrypt using this

# WebSphere MQ AMS – install/config example, 4



1. Install AMS Interceptor
2. Configure AMS
3. Setup keystores with public / private key pairs
4. Define protection policy for the queue (setmqspl)



# Queue policy definition



## ■ Use either GUI or line-mode

```
setmqspl -m LOCALQM -p SECRET.Q -s SHA1 -a  
"CN=carl,O=ibm,C=FR" -e RC2 -r "CN=Ginger,O=CatUnion,C=JP"
```

The screenshot displays the MQ Explorer - Eclipse SDK interface. On the left, the 'MQ Explorer - Navigator' pane shows the hierarchy of IBM WebSphere MQ objects, with 'Protection Policies' highlighted under 'LOCALQM'. The main pane, 'MQ Explorer - Content', shows the 'Message Protection Policies' table:

Policy name	Signing algorithm	Encryption
SECRET.Q	SHA1	RC2
SYSTEM.ADMIN.COMMAND.QUEUE	None	None

Below the table, it indicates 'Last updated: 13:21:57'. At the bottom, the 'Managed File Transfer - Current Transfer Progress' pane shows a list of transfers:

Source	Destination	Current File
AGT_QZ09	AGT_LOCALQM	'SYS1.PROCLIB.ZT00PLEX.MOP(QZ01MSTR)' - (6KiB / 6KiB)
AGT_QZ09	AGT_LOCALQM	'SYS1.PROCLIB.ZT00PLEX.MOP(QZ01MSTR)' - (6KiB / 6KiB)
AGT_QZ09	AGT_LOCALQM	'SYS1.PROCLIB.ZT00PLEX.MOP(QZ01MSTR)' - (6KiB / 6KiB)
AGT_LOCALQM	AGT_REMOTEQM	mq_v7_banner.jpg - (57KiB / 57KiB)

On the right, the 'SECRET.Q - Properties' dialog box is open, showing the 'General' tab. The 'Policy Name' is 'SECRET.Q'. Under 'Toleration', 'Apply this policy to all messages' is selected. Under 'Signing', 'Only accept signed messages from the message originators listed below' is selected, with the distinguished names of permitted message originators set to 'CN=carl,O=ibm,C=FR'. Under 'Encryption', 'Message encryption algorithm' is set to 'RC2', and the distinguished names of permitted message recipients are set to 'CN=Ginger,O=CatUnion,C=JP'. The 'Apply' button is visible at the bottom right.



# AMS DRQUTIL commands on z/OS



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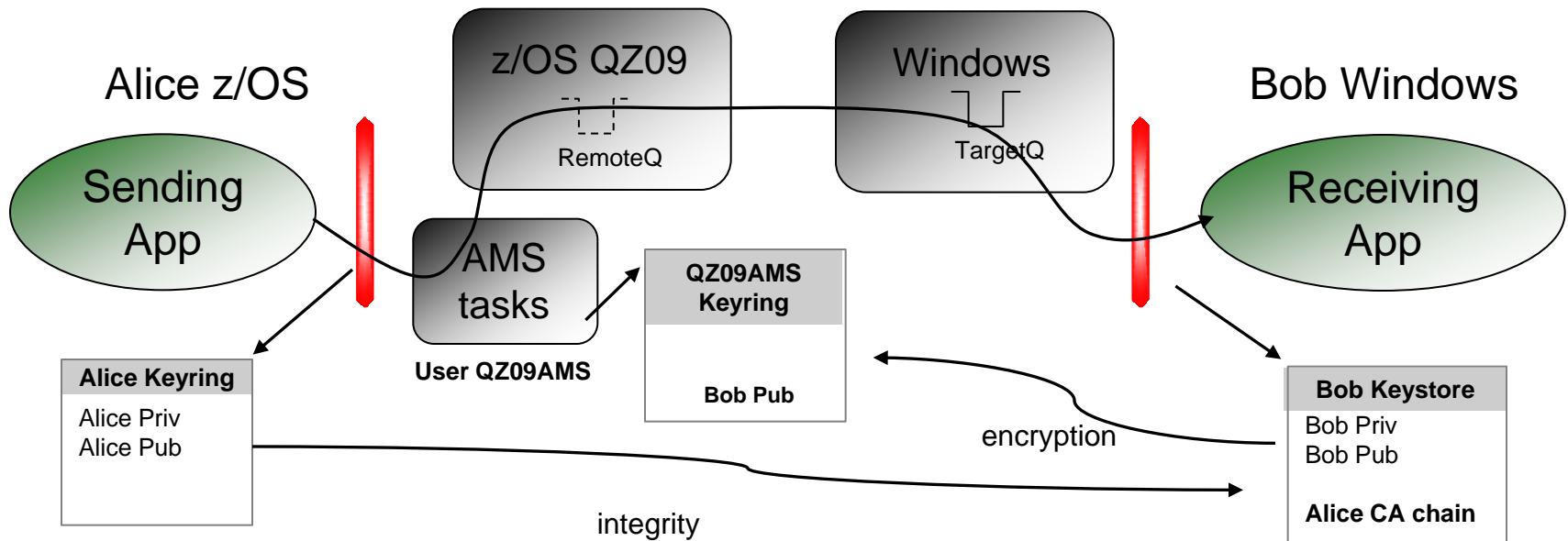
Execute AMS  
admin  
commands

```
//CFAMSAD JOB 'Make MQ AMS queues',CLASS=A,MSGLEVEL=(1,1),
// NOTIFY=&SYSUID
/*JOBPARM SYSAFF=ZT01
//*****
//*      Administer MQ Advanced Message Service (AMS)      *
//*****
//              SET DIR='/u/farkas'
//              SET FN='drqdserv.envars'
//*
//DRQUTIL  EXEC PGM=DRQUTIL,
//              PARM='ENVAR("_CEE_ENVFILE=&DIR./&FN") /'
//STEPLIB  DD DSN=WMQ.AMS.V7R1.SDRQLOAD,DISP=SHR
//              DD DSN=WMQ.V7R0M1.SCSQANLE,DISP=SHR
//              DD DSN=WMQ.V7R0M1.SCSQAUTH,DISP=SHR
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSIN    DD *
setmqspl -m QZ09
-p TO.SECRET.FROMZ
-s SHA1
-e RC2 -r "CN=carl,O=ibm,C=FR"
/*
//
```

## drqdserv.envars

```
_DRQSERV_QMGR=QZ09
_DRQSERV_MSG_LOGGING=stderr_logging
_DRQSERV_MSG_LEVEL=*.i
_DRQSERV_MSG_FOLDING=no
_DRQ_INIT_THREADS=20
_DRQ_MAX_THREADS=100
NLSPATH=/usr/lpp/mqmese/V7R0M1/lib/nls/msg/%L/...fLANG=En_US.IBM-1047
TZ=EST5EDT
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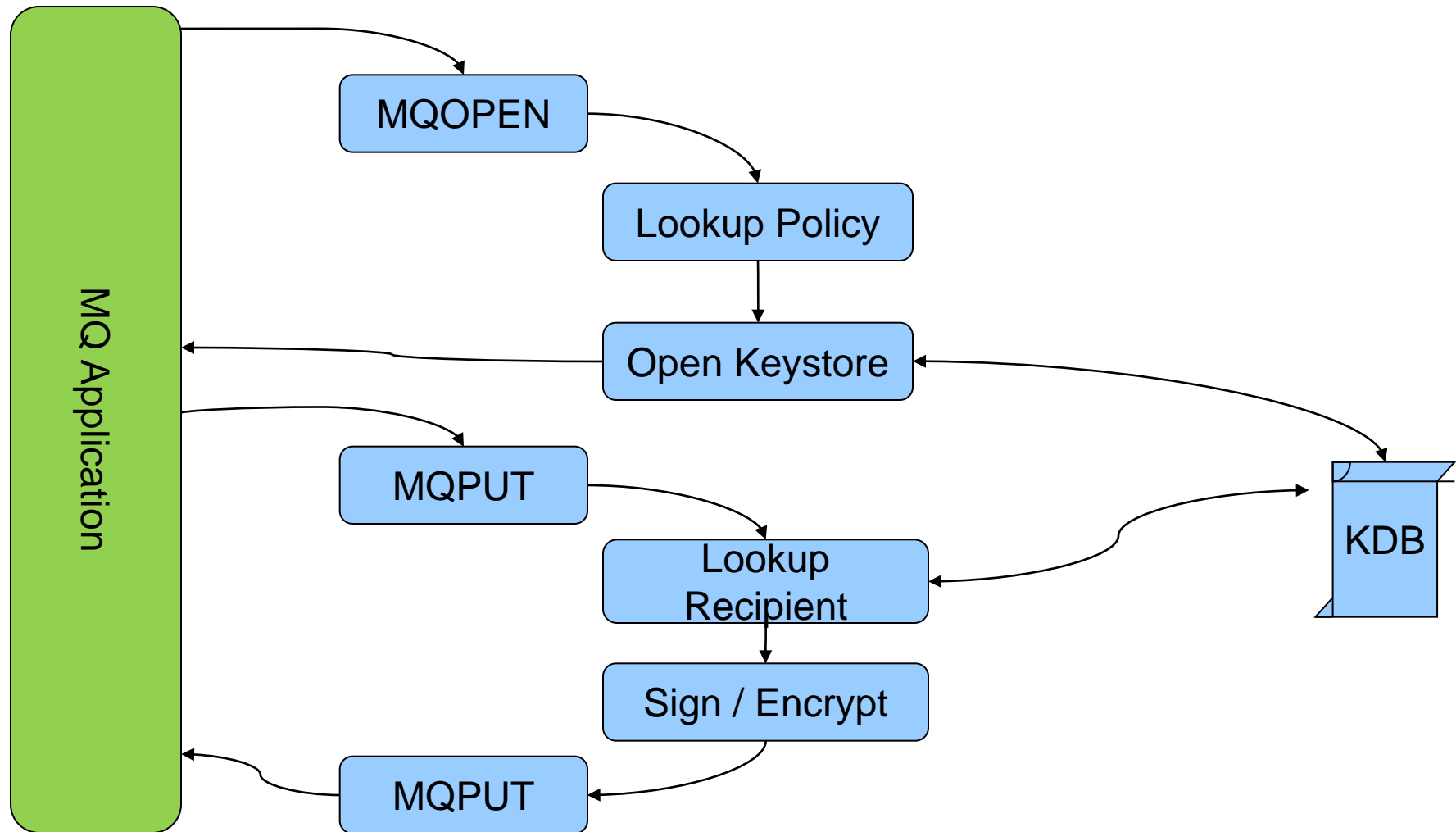
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1. Install AMS Interceptor
2. Configure AMS
3. Create keystores/keyrings with public / private key pairs
  - a) copy sender's CA key chain to receiver's keystore for integrity
  - b) copy receiver's public key to sender's keyring for encryption



# MQAMS Interceptor Process





# Error handling

- AMS returns a RC=2063 if the application tries to access (MQGET) a message for which it is not authorized

```
c:\result>amqsgbr SECRET.Q LOCALQM
Sample AMQSGBR0 (browse) start
LOCALQM
MQGET ended with reason code 2063
Sample AMQSGBR0 (browse) end
```
- The event is also logged in the <AMS installation>\log\\*.log file
- For destructive MQGET requests, the message is also transferred to the SYSTEM.PROTECTION.ERROR.QUEUE. The original message remains there with a DLQ header for administrative handling.



# Encrypted message examples

### Encrypted message (via Q alias)

```
c:\result>amqsbcbg SECRET.Q.ALIAS LOCALQM
```

```
AMQSBCG0 - starts here
*****
```

MQOPEN - 'SECRET.Q.ALIAS'

```
MQGET of message number 1
****Message descriptor****
```

```
StrucId   : 'MD'      Version : 2  
Report    : 0         MsgType : 8  
Expiry    : -1        Feedback : 0  
Encoding  : 546       CodedCharSetId : 437  
Format    : ''  
Priority   : 0         Persistence : 0  
MsgId     : X'414D51204C4F43414C514D202020202020403CF4C201A0402'  
CorrelId  : X'0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000'  
BackoutCount : 0  
ReplyToQ  : '  
ReplyToQMgr : 'LOCALQM  
** Identity Context  
:
```

\*\*\* Message \*\*\*

length - 1242 bytes

00000000:	5044	4D51	0200	0200	6800	0000	6800	0000	'PDMQ....h...h...'
00000010:	0800	0000	B501	0000	1100	0000	0000	0000	'.....'.
00000020:	4D51	5354	5220	2020	0000	0000	0000	0000	'MQSTR.....'.
00000030:	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	'.....'.
00000040:	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	'.....'.
00000050:	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	'.....'.
00000060:	0000	0000	0000	0000	3082	046E	0609	2A86	'.....0é.n.'.
00000070:	4886	F70D	0107	03A0	8204	5F30	8204	5B02	'Hà.....áé_0é.[...'
00000080:	0100	3181	D730	81D4	0201	0030	3D30	3131	'..lũ.0ũ.....0=011'.
00000090:	0B30	0906	0355	0406	1302	4A50	3111	300F	'..0.....JP1.0.'.
000000A0:	0603	5504	0A13	0843	6174	556E	696F	6E31	'..U.....CatUnion!'
000000B0:	0F30	0D06	0355	0403	1306	4769	6E67	6572	'..0...U.....Ginger'
000000C0:	0208	C1C7	B970	3999	57D6	300D	0609	2A86	'.....pöw_0'.
000000D0:	4886	F70D	0101	0105	0004	8180	649E	822A	'Hà.....üçd.é'.
000000E0:	C090	A27B	16BE	E9BD	916C	8F50	C239	5B9E	'..Éó{...@.æ!ÄP.9[...'
000000F0:	5C87	4F22	2A9F	0839	6B9D	C11C	27B9	53D3	'\c0"*f.9k¥...'.S.'
00000100:	2AC3	C929	B5D8	FB71	4D2B	8F39	A8B2	381D	'*...)....qM+Ä9ç.8.'
00000110:	31C8	C29D	7608	0891	D6B8	744B	8012	A9DF	'1..¥v...æ...tKC...'.

### DLQ of encrypted message (via Q alias)

```
c:\result>amqsbcg SYSTEM.PROTECTION.ERROR.QUEUE LOCALQM
```

```
AMQSBCG0 - starts here
*****
```

MQOPEN - 'SYSTEM.PROTECTION.ERROR.QUEUE'

```
MQGET of message number 1
****Message descriptor****
```

```
StrucId   : 'MD'   Version : 2
Report    : 0      MsgType : 8
Expiry    : -1     Feedback : 0
Encoding  : 546    CodedCharSetId : 437
:
****      Message      ****
```

length - 1398 bytes

```

00000000: 444C 4820 0100 0000 0F08 0000 5345 4352 'DLH .....SECR'
00000010: 4554 2E51 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 'ET.Q.....'
00000020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 '.....'
00000030: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 4C4F 4341 '.....LOCA'
00000040: 4C51 4D20 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 'LQM.....'
00000050: 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 '.....'
00000060: 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2202 0000 '....."...'
00000070: B501 0000 2020 2020 2020 2020 0B00 0000 '.....'
00000080: 433A 5C57 4D51 5637 5C62 696E 5C61 6D71 'C:\W\MOV7\bin\amc'
00000090: 7370 7574 2E65 7865 2020 2020 3230 3130 'sput.exe 2010'
000000A0: 3131 3135 3136 3236 3533 3530 5044 4D51 '111516265350PDMQ'
000000B0: 0200 0200 6800 0000 6800 0000 0800 0000 '....h.....'
000000C0: B501 0000 0600 0000 0000 0000 4D51 5354 '.....MQSI'
000000D0: 5220 2020 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 'R.....'
000000E0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 '.....'
000000F0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 '.....'
00000100: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 '.....'
00000110: 0000 0000 0000 0000 045E 0609 2A86 4886 '.....0é.^ *âhâ..'
00000120: 0107 03A0 8204 4F30 8204 4B02 0100 3181 '....áé.00é.K...lû'
00000130: D730 81D4 0201 0030 3D30 3131 0B30 0906 '0ü.....0=011.0'
00000140: 0355 0406 1302 4A50 3111 300F 0603 5504 'U....JP1.0...U.'
00000150: 0A13 0843 6174 556E 696F 6E31 0F30 0D06 '....CatUnion1.0...'
00000160: 0355 0403 1306 4769 6E67 6572 0208 C1C7 'U....Ginger...'
00000170: B970 3999 57D6 300D 0609 2A86 4886 F70D 'p9ÖW.0... *âhâ..'

```

# Why use X.509 certificates?

- WMQ AMS is based on asymmetric cryptography, also known as public key cryptography, using X.509 certificates.
- Common objections to certificate-based crypto include:
  - "Setting a pass-phrase in the config file makes admin tasks easy"
  - "But symmetric encryption is so much faster"
  - "I just need encryption at rest"
  - Remember these, we'll come back to them shortly.
- But these assume that the two options are otherwise equivalent
  - Or else assume that any loss of security will be minimal and offset by the added convenience
- The next few slides will examine why that might not be true





# Why was public key crypto invented?

- Secure key exchange turns out to be a non-trivial problem
- If I can tell you the key over the phone, it is easy to crack
  - "the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog"
  - Reduced character set
  - Low entropy
- If it's too complex to read to you, I now need to arrange for secure delivery
  - 5lCXc-)7DRY/0hv'cEdA50{T{z8\$!',[IBAR^RP%#Xv\_na(>ag:>Y@m\*eGh]Ko]
  - Do **you** want to try to type this in correctly?
  - Could send you a flash drive by secure courier
    - But it's still low entropy
    - And if you cut-and-paste, it leaves traces in memory
- The list of issues with key distribution is rather extensive



# Role of asymmetric keys to solve the key distribution problem

- One-way cryptographic algorithm based on dual keys
  - Anything encrypted with one key can only be decrypted with the other key from the same pair
  - One key designated as "private" and kept strictly confidential
  - One key designated as "public" and distributed freely
- Possible to perform a zero-knowledge key exchange
  - Dynamically generate a unique, long session key
  - High entropy, largest possible key space (binary)
  - Public/private keys facilitate an exchange such that the session key cannot be intercepted, even while an attacker is watching
    - (See: Diffie-Hellman key exchange)



# Additional benefits of asymmetric keys

- Authentication – A message that can be decrypted using the public key can only have been generated with the private key
  - Recipient has assurance of origin of the message
- Authorization – Encrypt a message using a public key and only the holder of the private key can read it
  - Sender has assurance that only intended recipient has access
- Accountability – A message signed with a given private key can not have originated from someone who does not hold that private key
  - Non-repudiation by sender of messages signed with private key

# Symmetric key has none of these benefits

- Example scenario: Consider a server with many clients, all using a shared symmetric key
  - Server has no cryptographic basis with which to distinguish one client from another
    - Must trust the identity asserted in the message
  - Clients cannot tell if a given reply message actually came from the server was spoofed by another key holder
  - Messages may be altered by any key holder without detection
  - Any sender can deny having sent a particular message
    - Because there is no way to prove otherwise

# Objection #1 debunked

"Setting a pass-phrase in the config file makes admin tasks easy."

- Significant effective loss of security due to:
  - Typeable keys easier to crack
  - Difficulty in exchanging long, complex keys securely
- No support for
  - Authentication
  - Authorization
  - Accountability

The convenience of symmetric key is real but the differential in the level security achieved is tremendous. In terms of key strength alone, this amounts to *hundreds of orders of magnitude*.



# Consider how security systems degrade

- Does the system scale?
- How does the system respond when a single node is compromised?
- What is the impact of a key update?
- Does the addition or deletion of individual nodes affect overall security of the system?

Too often, security decisions focus on the cost to deploy and operate without considering the additional impacts of routine maintenance, revocation, compromise or recovery.



# Symmetric key scaling

- Consider: A central hub and many remote locations
  - Each location must know the secret key
    - Dependent on physical security at each location
    - Dependent on at least one person per location
    - Ignore non-trivial key distribution problem for the moment
- What is the risk of a network with 10 spoke nodes?
- How does it increase when there are 100 spokes?
- How about 1,000 spokes?
- Actual customer use case was a corporate office and 3,200 locations

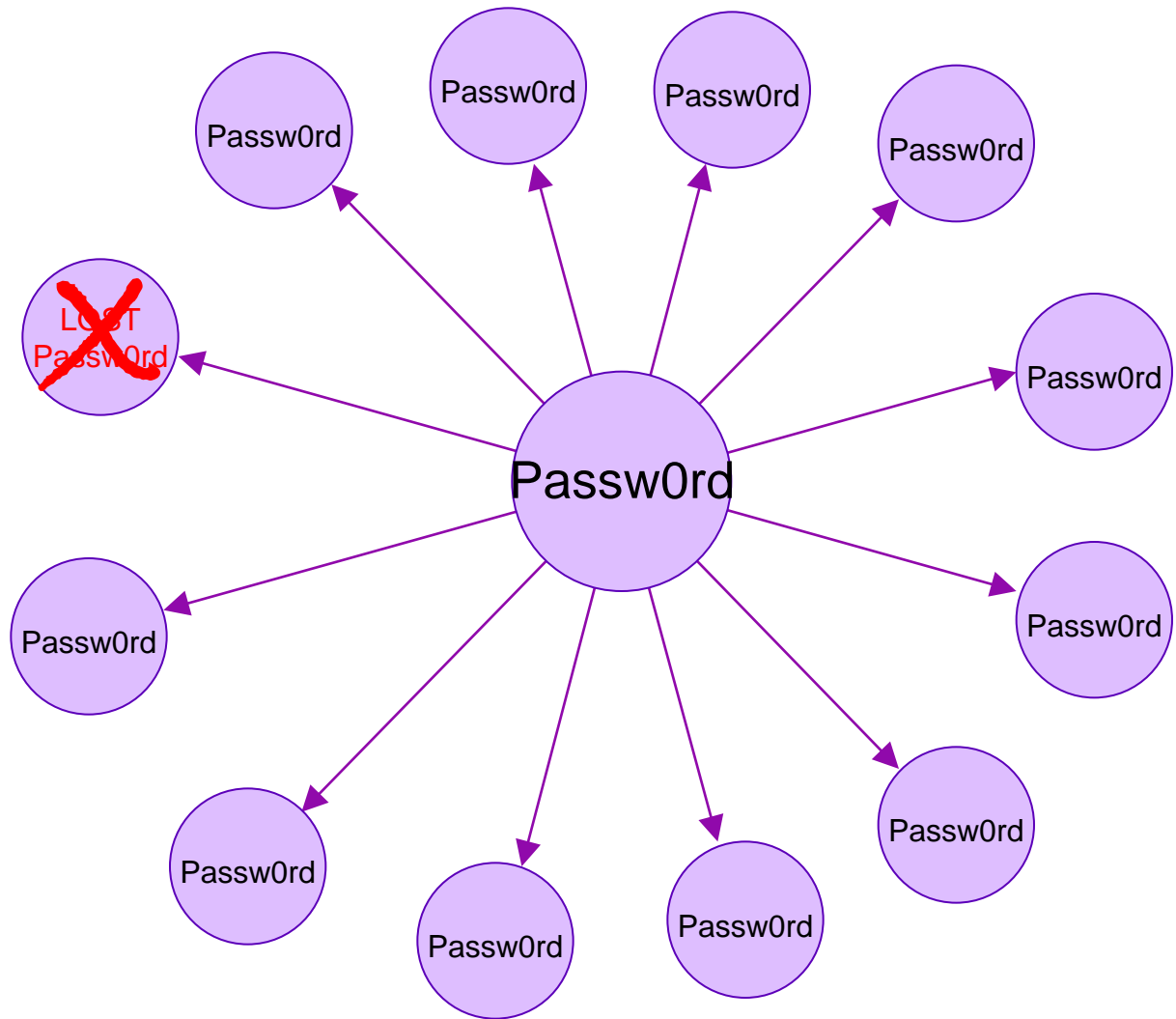
With symmetric key, the probability of compromise increases with each new node, eventually approaching certainty.



# Symmetric key compromise



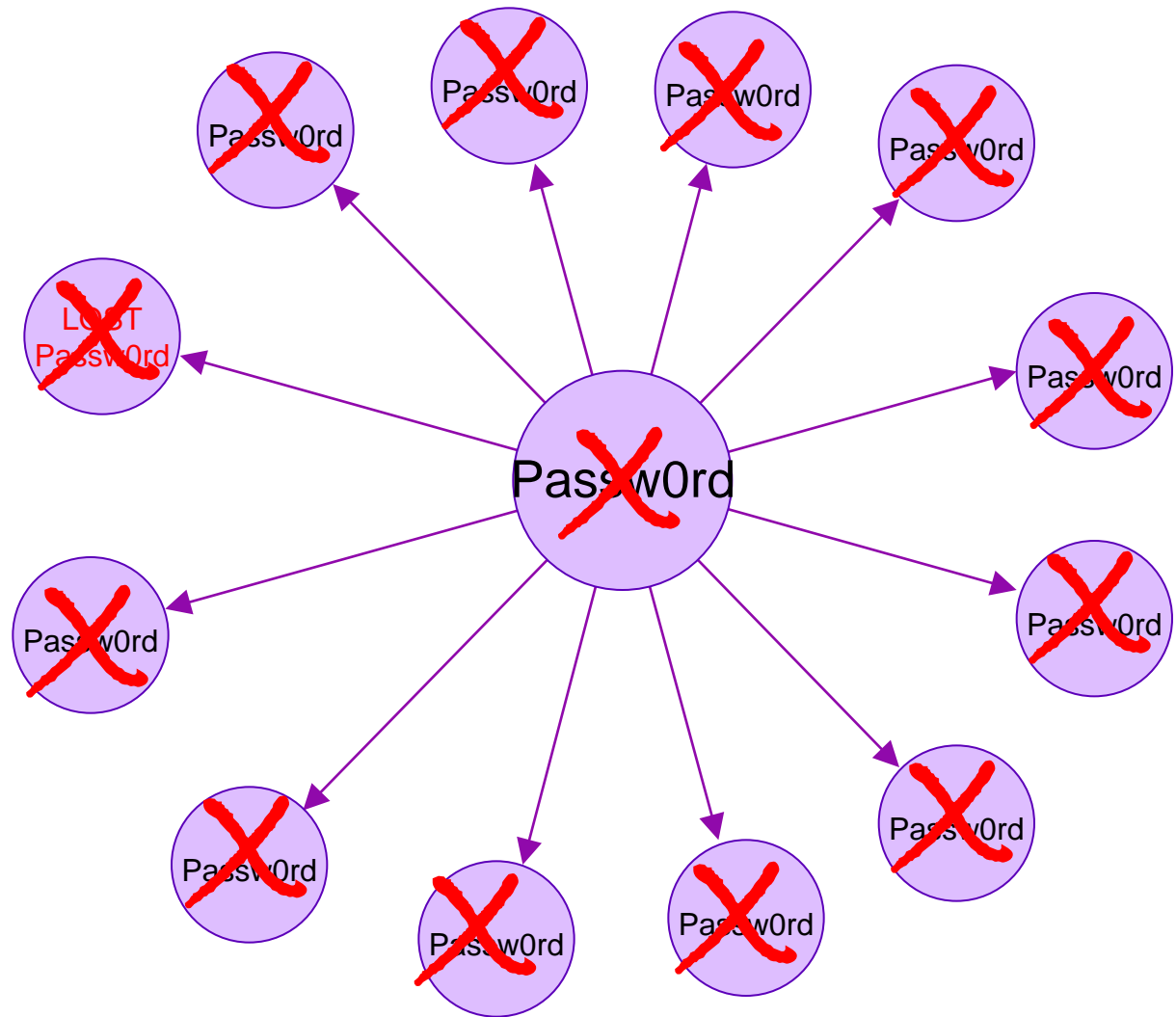
Compromise  
one  
password...



# Symmetric key compromise



Compromise  
one  
password...  
...and the  
entire  
network is  
compromised.



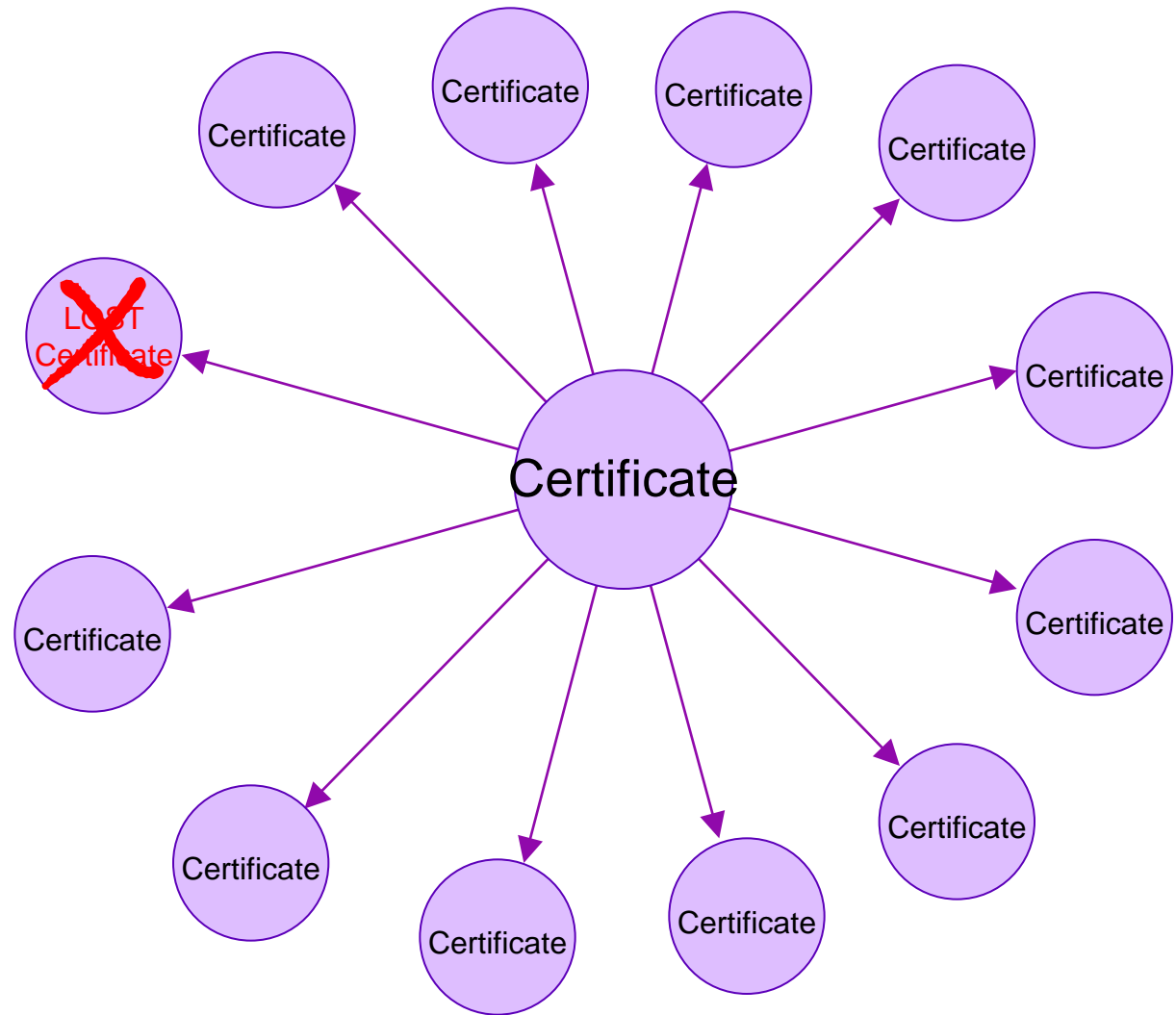
Degrades catastrophically



# Compare to asymmetric key compromise



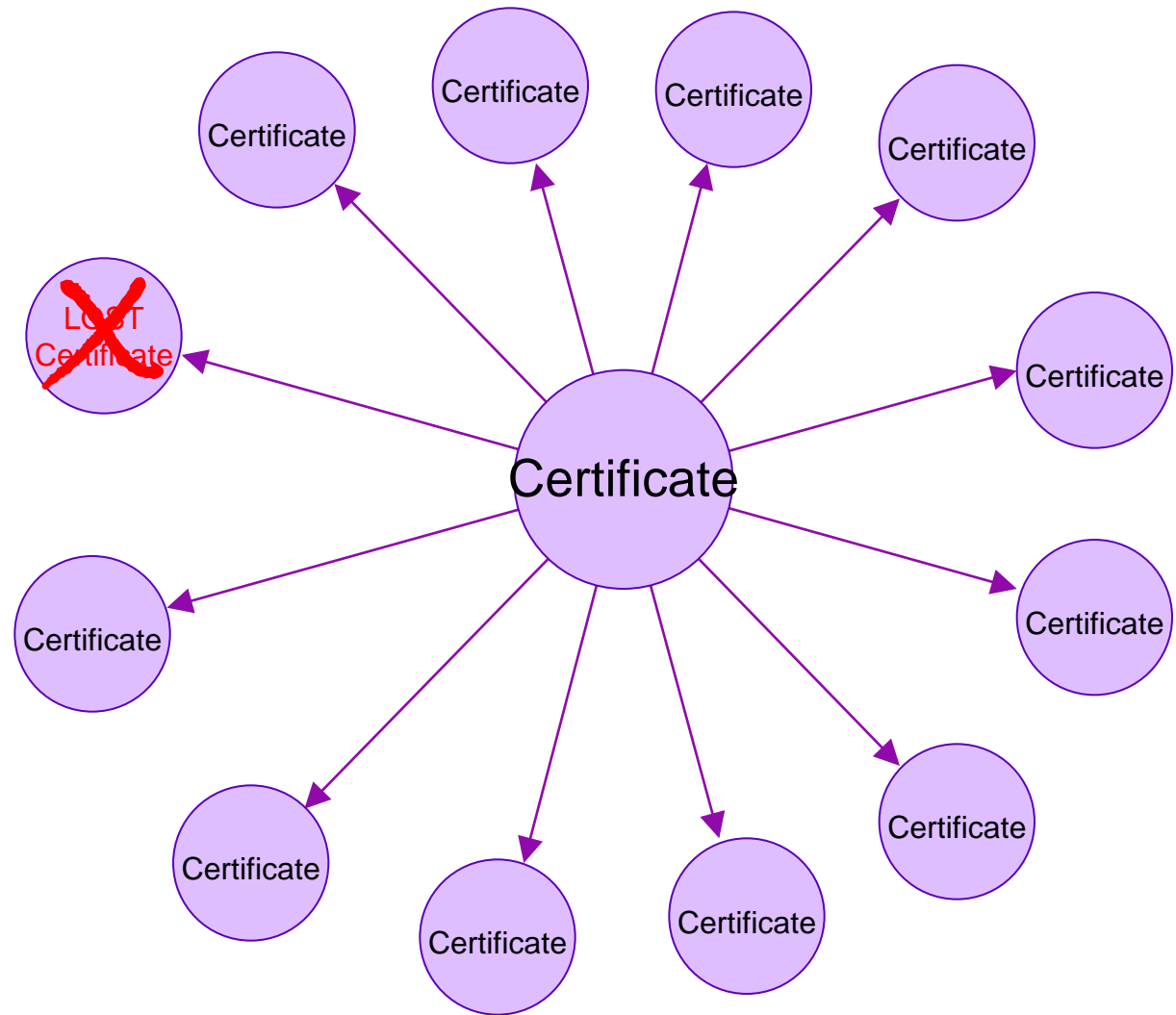
Compromise  
one  
certificate...



# Compare to asymmetric key compromise



Compromise  
one  
certificate...  
...only that  
node is  
compromised.



Degrades gracefully



# What about key updates?

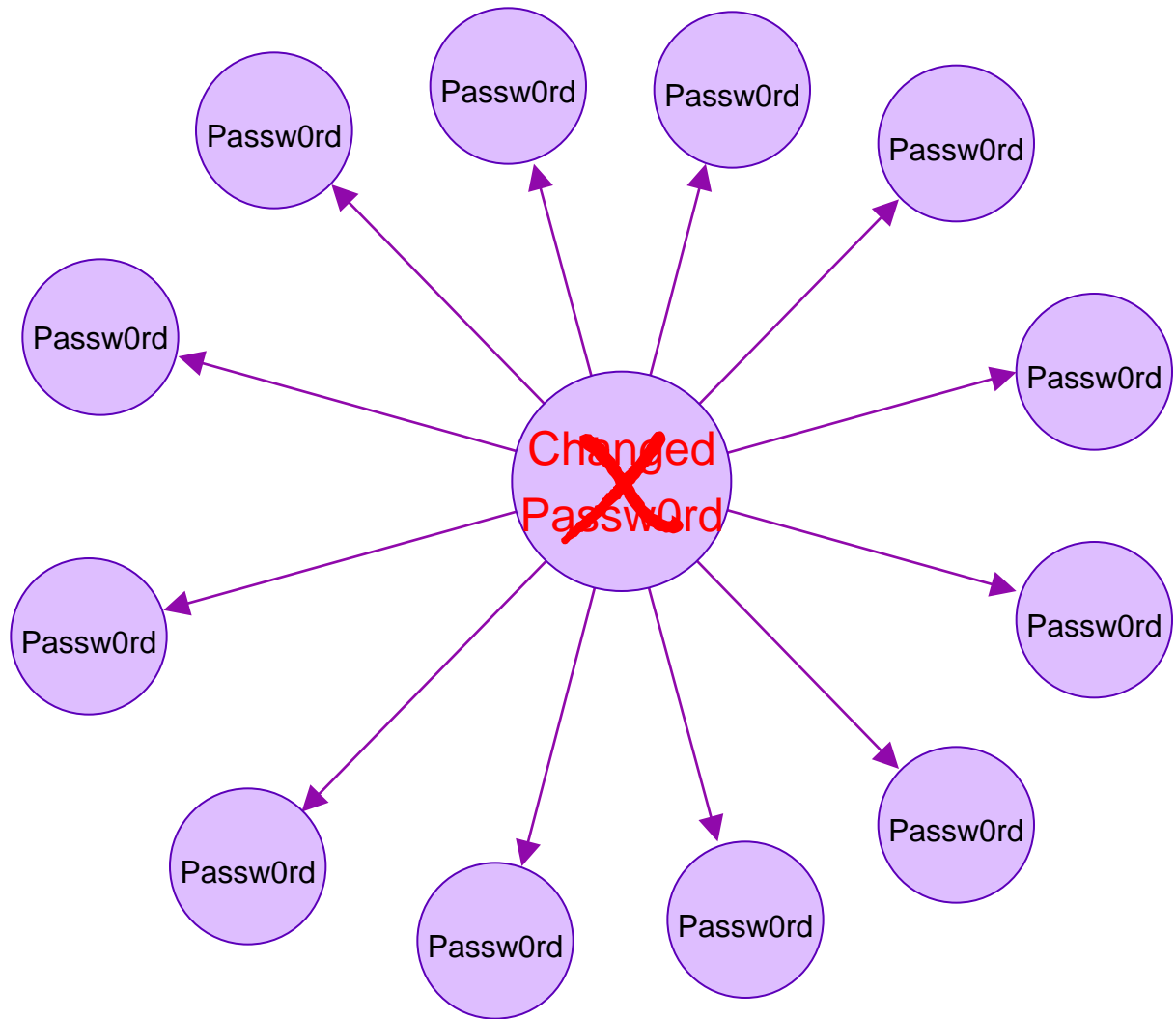
- Regulatory regimes typically mandate periodic key updates
- Certificates can be renewed (as opposed to replaced) with minimal impact
  - Update the keystore and bounce the app
- Even cert replacement causes only minimal disruption
  - No coordinated system-wide outage
  - Each instance is bounced on its own schedule
    - Add new certificates
    - Rolling bounce for instances to pick up new certificates
    - Update relevant policies to point to new cert
    - Remove old cert
    - Rolling bounce to pick up updated keystore



# Symmetric key renewal



Change  
one  
password...



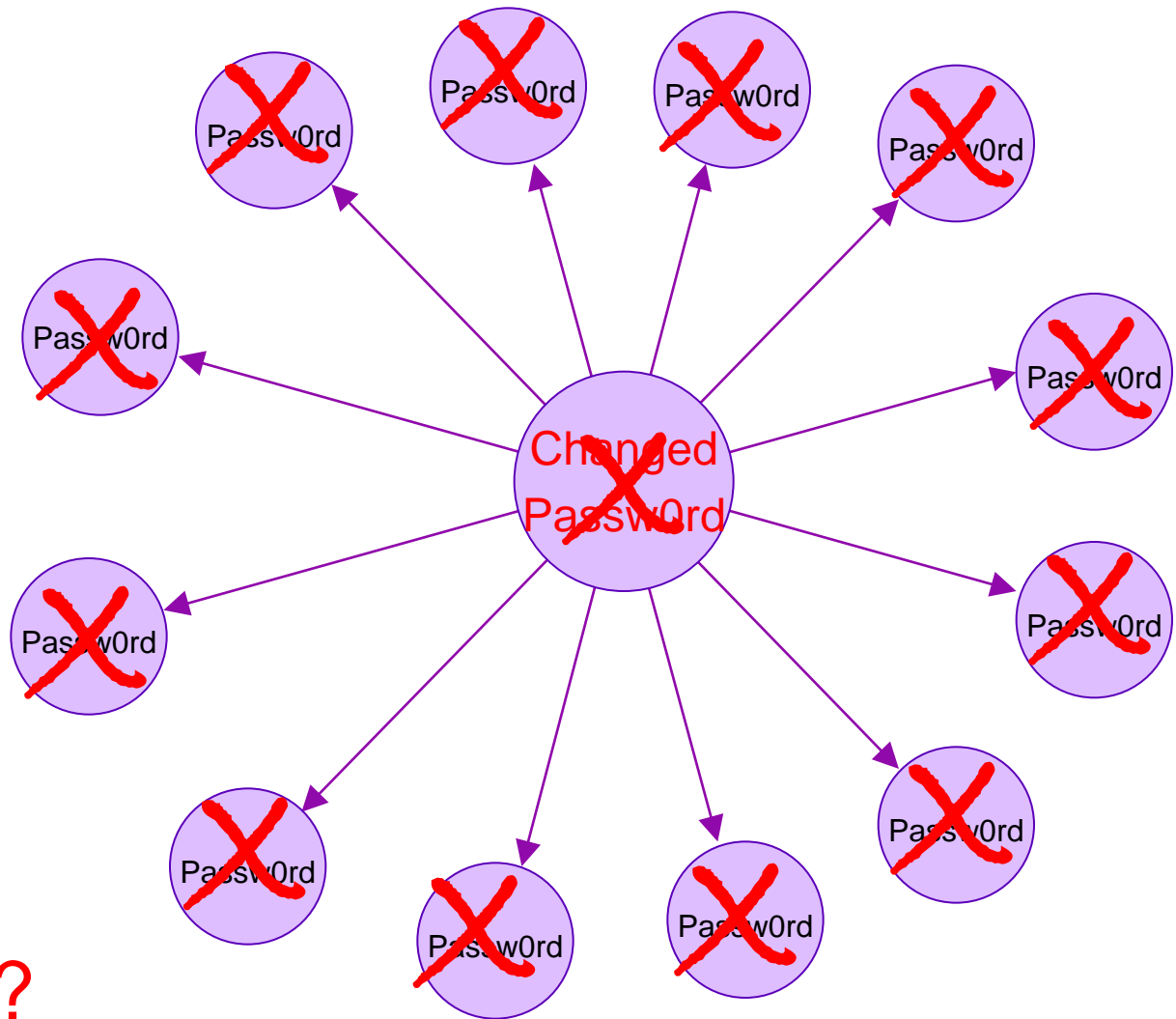


# Symmetric key renewal



Change  
one  
password...  
...and the  
entire  
network is  
down.

Look familiar?



# Add or delete a node

- Adding nodes is deceptively simple with symmetric key
  - This is why it looks so attractive at first
    - Even so, few people stop to consider what it means for dozens or hundreds of people to know the secret key
    - Or the implications of depending on physical security for the *same* secret key across hundreds or thousands of locations
- But what happens when a node is removed?
  - Has the key been securely destroyed? How do you know?
    - If you're not willing to bet the business on it, then you'd better take an outage while you re-key the entire network
  - If not destroyed, the credentials on that server can be used to compromise the entire network
    - No way to distinguish the attacker from legitimate nodes
    - No way to authenticate the messages

Symmetric encryption offers no means with which  
to revoke access for an individual node



# Objection #2 debunked

"But symmetric encryption is so much faster."

- Yes, it absolutely is.
  - But it doesn't scale
  - Routine maintenance requires a system-wide coordinated outage
  - It lacks any revocation mechanisms
  - And in the event of compromise, it degrades catastrophically

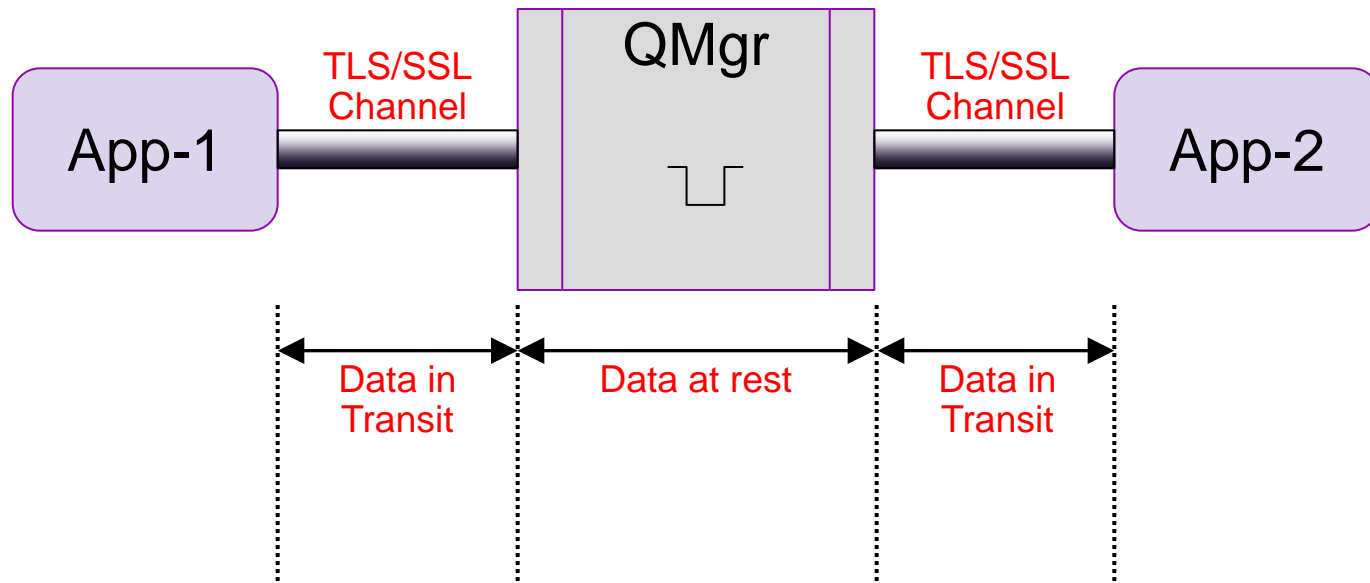
If this company is managing YOUR money, YOUR personal information or YOUR health data, do you want them using symmetric or asymmetric key encryption?

If it's your company, which encryption do you bet the business on?

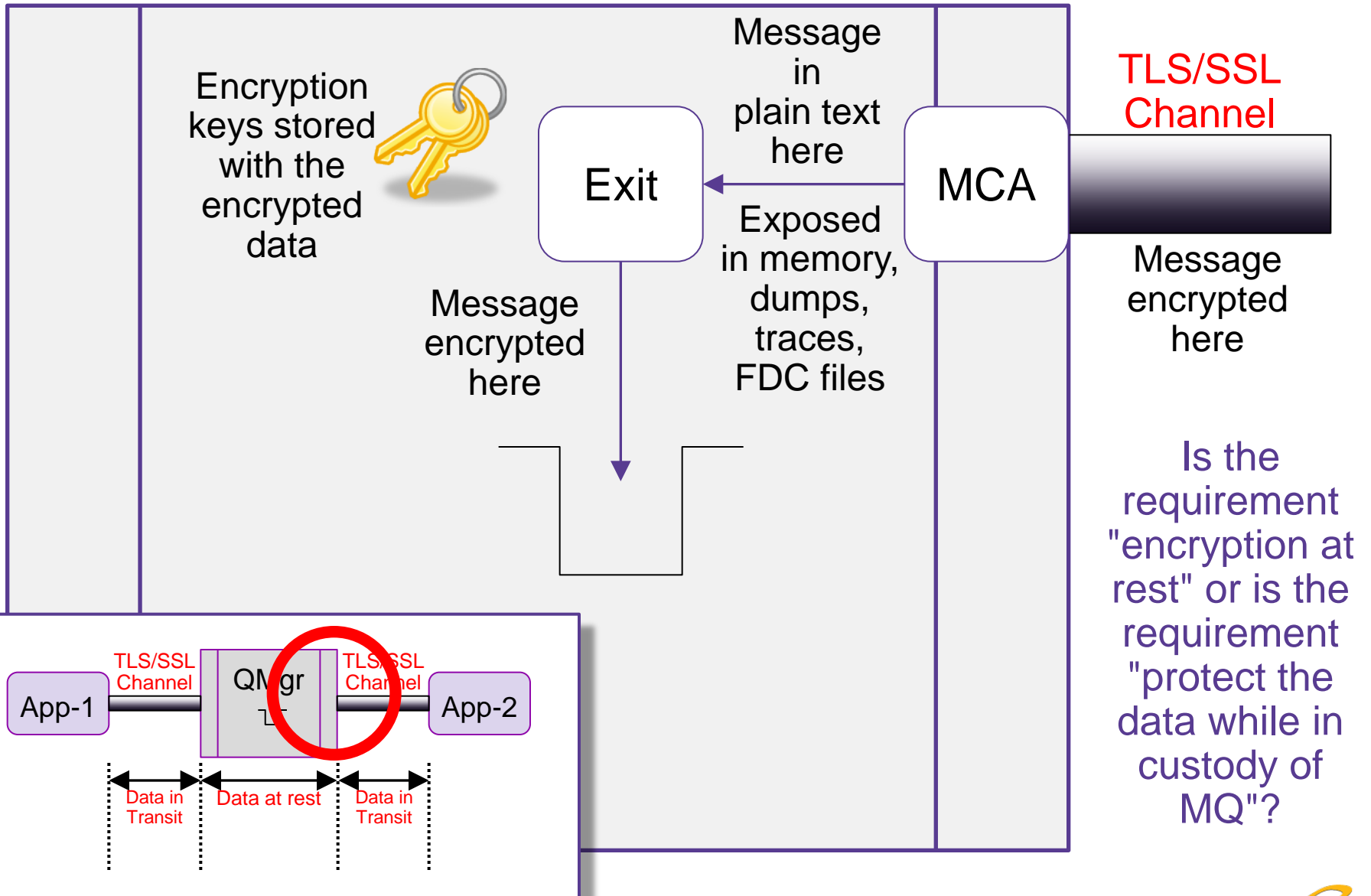


# Requirement vs. Implementation

- Is "encryption at rest" actually a requirement? Or is it just an implementation detail?
- The term is based on a gross oversimplification of the security model of messaging

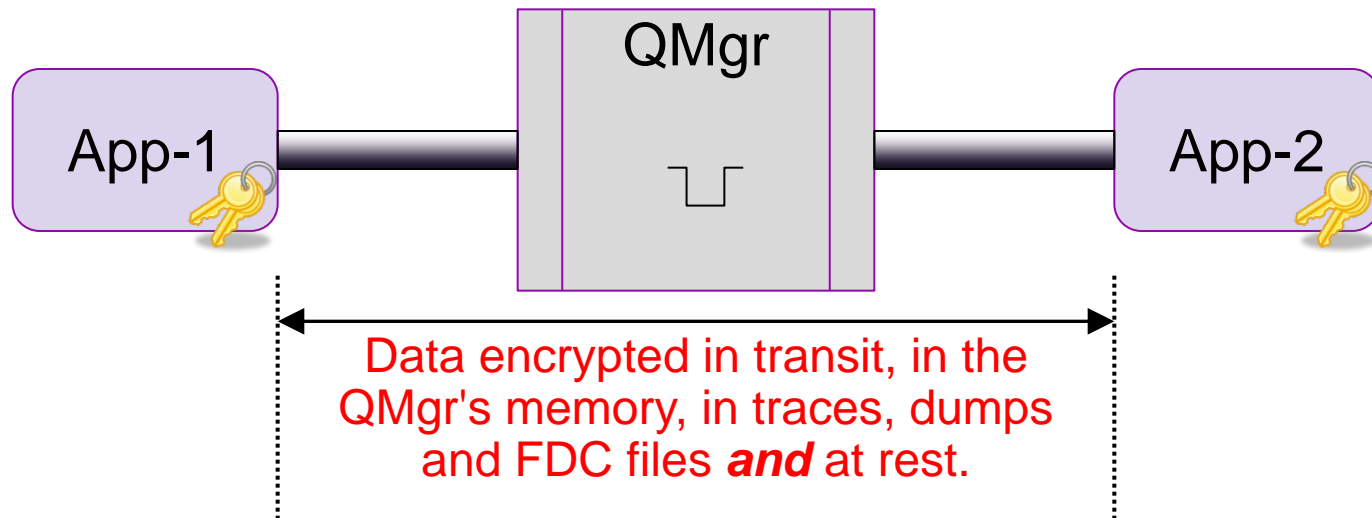


# A closer look at the "at rest" phase



# AMS provides true end-to-end

- AMS intercepts the message before it hits the channel
- Not in plaintext at any point until the receiver has it in memory
- Keys are held at the endpoints so compromise of the QMgr or its underlying server does not expose the data



Note: AMS includes a server-side solution as in the previous slide, for when it is not possible to run AMS on the client application node. Use where appropriate but be aware of the difference in effective security with the different solutions.



# Objection #3 debunked

"I just need encryption at rest."

- "Encryption at rest" does not describe a requirement
  - It is a consequence of a requirement to secure data while in custody of the QMgr but doesn't tell the whole story
- What is the actual threat to be mitigated?
  - That somebody steals the disk drive?
  - Or that the QMgr or server could be compromised?
- Perhaps the threat to be mitigated is failing the audit
  - Can you prove to the auditor that data cannot leak in memory, traces, dumps or log files?
  - Do you expect a savvy auditor to overlook such exposures?

# Why use AMS section summary

- Public-key crypto wasn't invented because people were sitting around with nothing better to do
  - Driven by business requirements to overcome weaknesses inherent in the alternatives
- WebSphere MQ AMS uses public-key crypto not because it is "state of the art" or "the best security possible" but because it solves the key distribution problem and provides additional functionality not otherwise available such as:
  - Authentication
  - Authorization
  - Accountability
- Difference in performance can be great but it is linear
- Difference in effective security is exponential







# Known limitations

- Covered in more detail on the following slides:
  - Pub/Sub
  - Channel data conversion
  - Distribution lists
- IMS Bridge not supported
- Non-threaded applications using API exit on HP-UX
- JMS and Java supported only with MQv7+
  - But v6.0 is EOS as of September 2012

Please submit and vote on enhancement requests  
in the RFE Community at <http://ibm.co/IBMRFE>



# Pub/Sub



- The whole idea of pub/sub is to decouple publishers from subscribers and participation is dynamic
- If you don't know who your recipients are ahead of time, you cannot encrypt a message for them using their public key
  - Symmetric key crypto works for this use case but as we saw earlier the effective level of security is greatly reduced and such systems tend to degrade catastrophically when compromised
- But if you **do** know who your recipients are ahead of time, you can achieve the desired result using an alias over a topic.
- The use case of *signing* a publication is valid for pub/sub but not currently supported.
  - If you need this, please submit an RFE! <http://ibm.co/IBMRFE>



# Channel data conversion

- This is not supported in AMS for a very simple reason – in order to perform data conversion, the data must be in plaintext *while in custody of the channel*.
  - That's why it's called *channel* data conversion ☺
  - If you can figure out how to perform code page conversion on encrypted data, get your affairs in order because some men in black will be stopping by for a visit and you won't be seen or heard from for a very long time
- Use convert on the GET call instead
  - May need to configure Java at some fix pack levels to convert at the client instead of the QMgr. See APAR IC72897  
<http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21501765>



# API Distribution lists

- The API version of distribution list is not supported
- However an administrative distribution list may be configured using an alias over a topic
  - Publisher "thinks" it is putting messages on a queue
  - Recipients use an administrative subscription which delivers publications to a pre-defined queue
  - AMS policy is then defined for the alias and the recipient's queue



# Summary

## WebSphere MQ Advanced Message Security V7.0.1

- Protects message integrity and/or privacy
- Supports MQ v6 and v7.x
- Supports MQ Server, MQ Client and Java/JMS
- Existing MQ applications do not require changes
- “Light weight” product - No pre-requisites, easy installation, easy configuration
- 90-Day trial version available for download



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