




# **Two- and Multi-Party Protocols**

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- cryptography is concerned with secure communication
- various other tasks
- enable to solve many real-world problems electronically
- theoretical any given functionality can be performed with protocols






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But what's that! All printers in the department seem to malfunction. So Joe needs a way to electronically timestamp his work.





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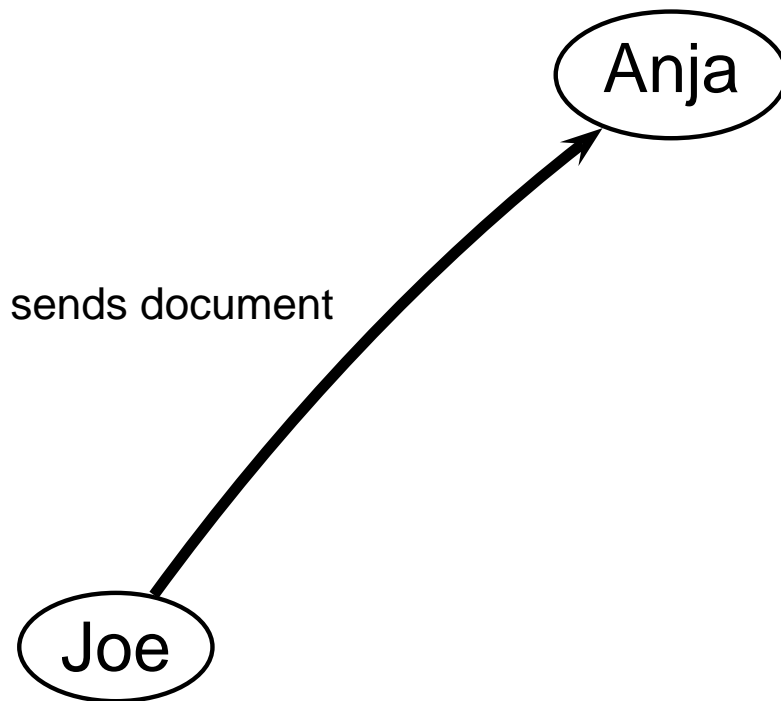
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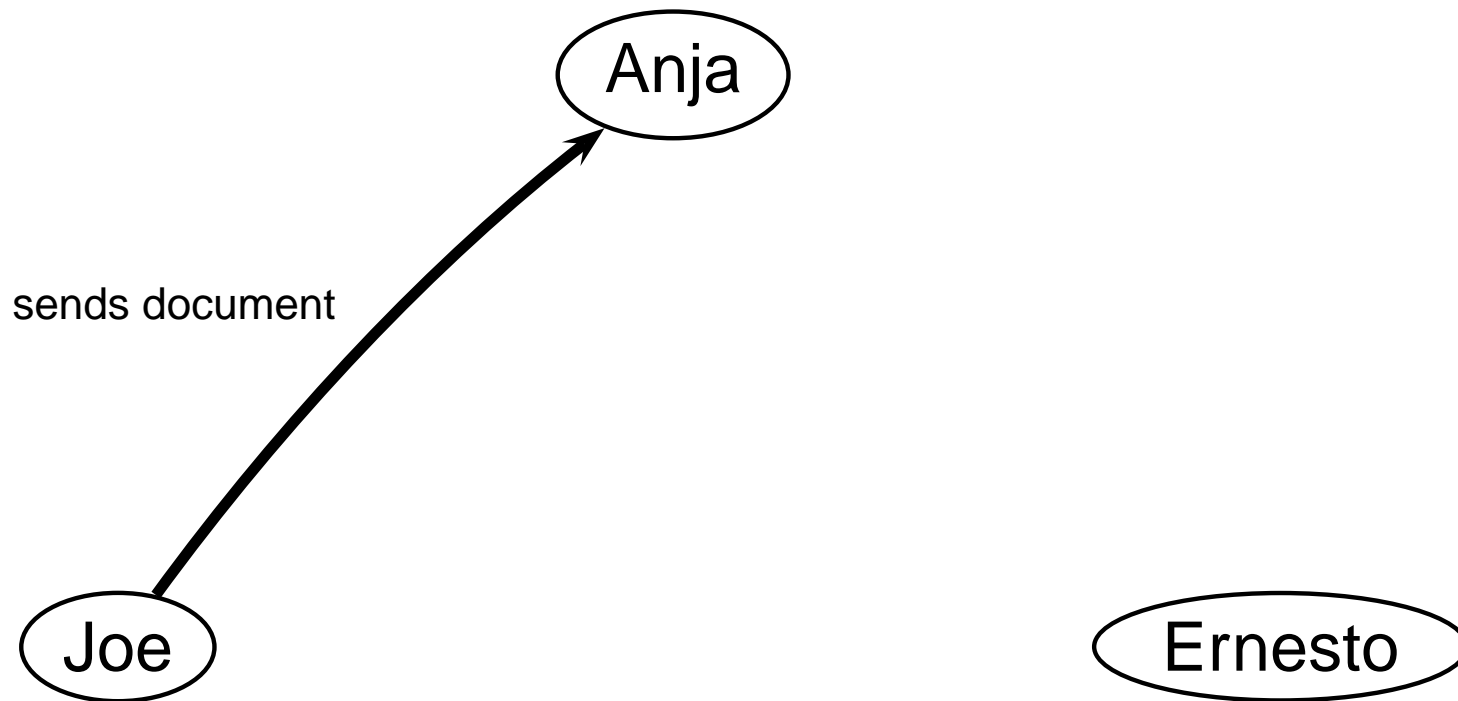
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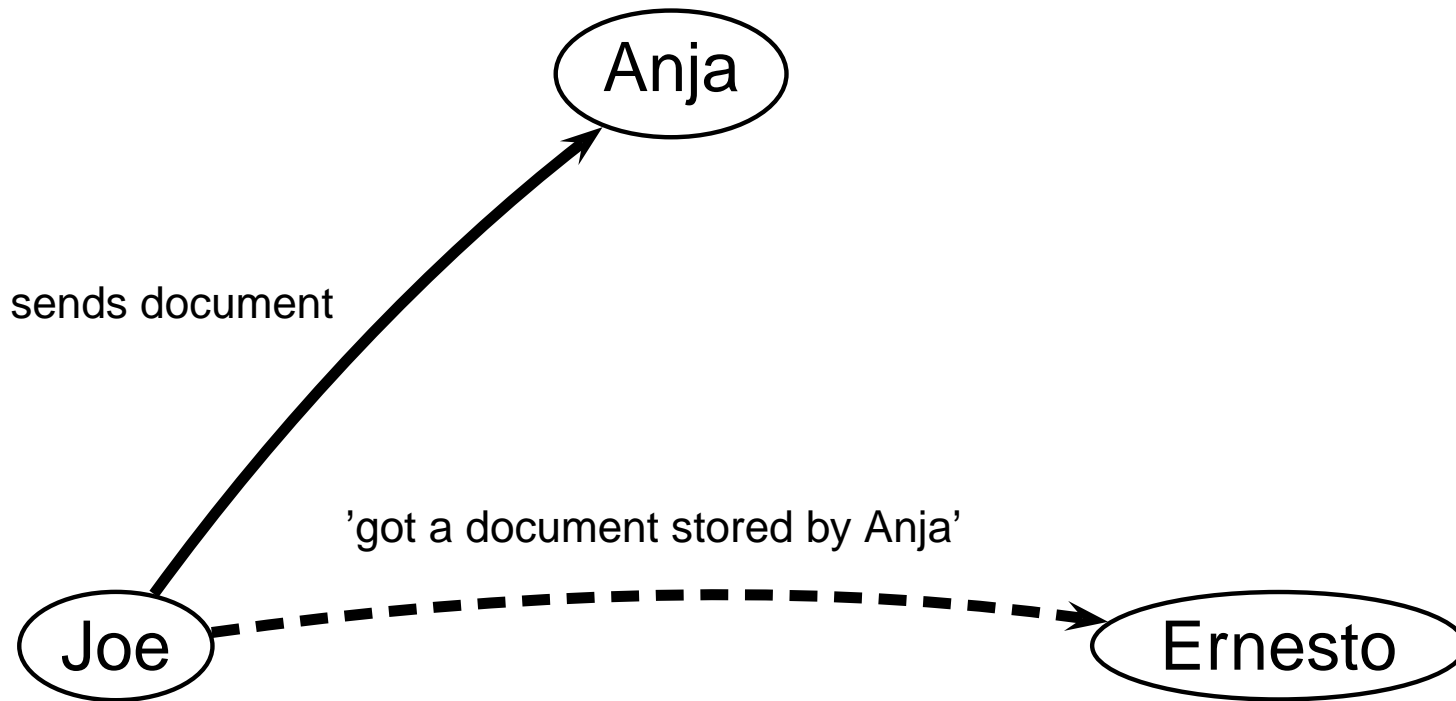
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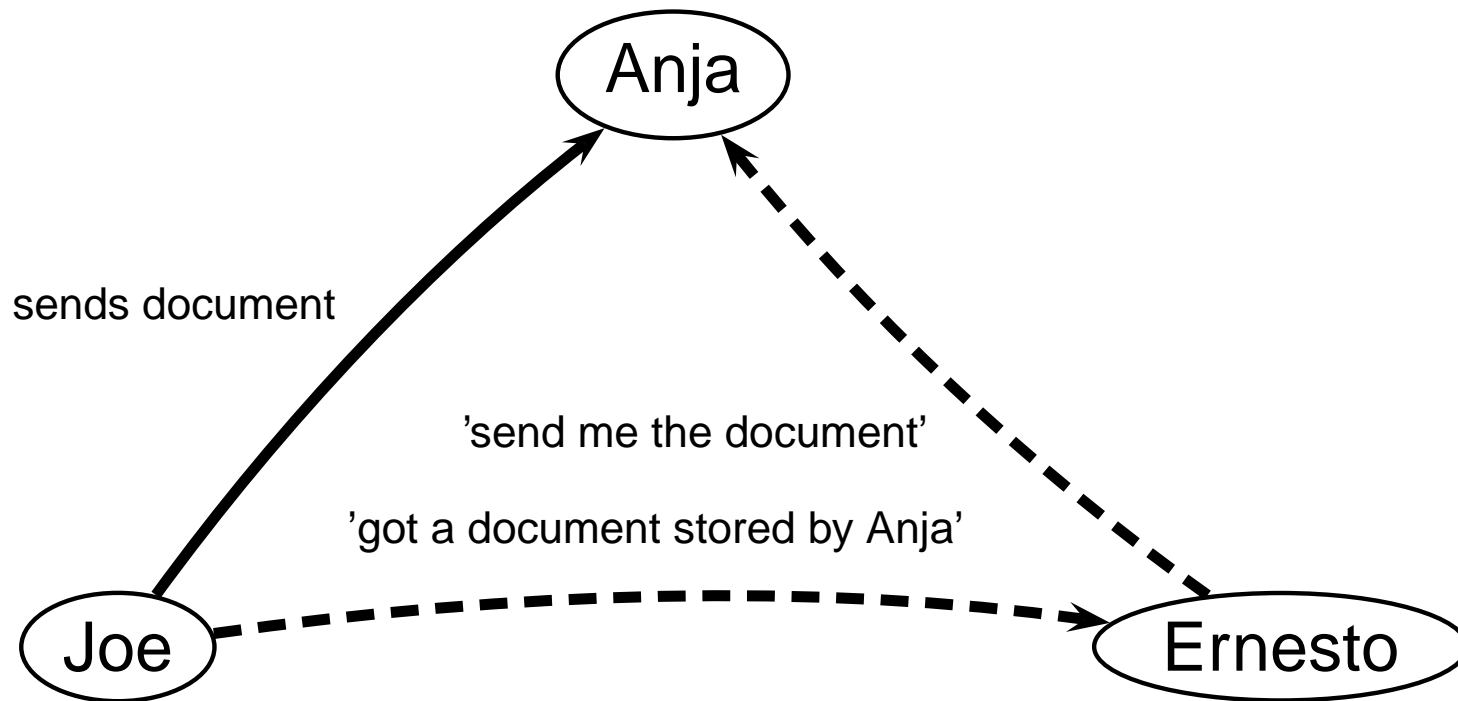
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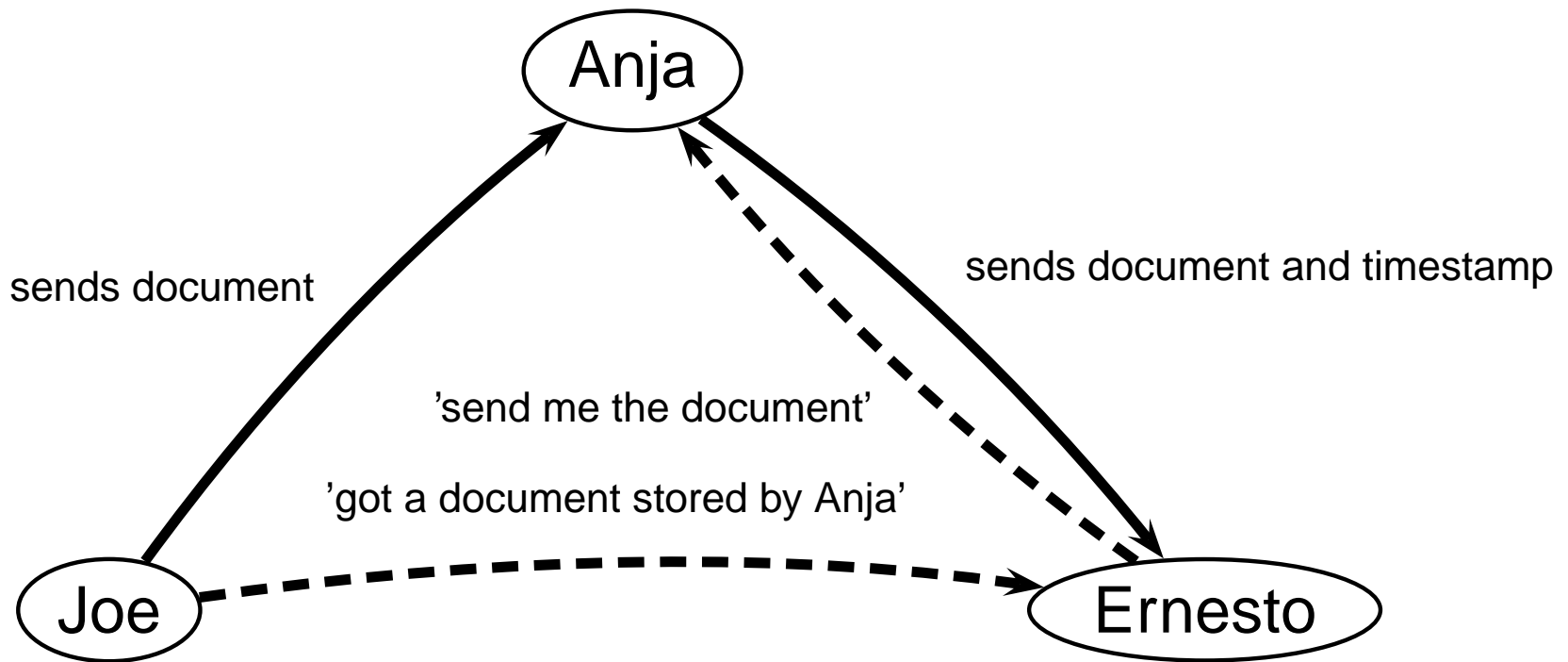
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- errors may occur (transmission, database)
- third party may not be honest



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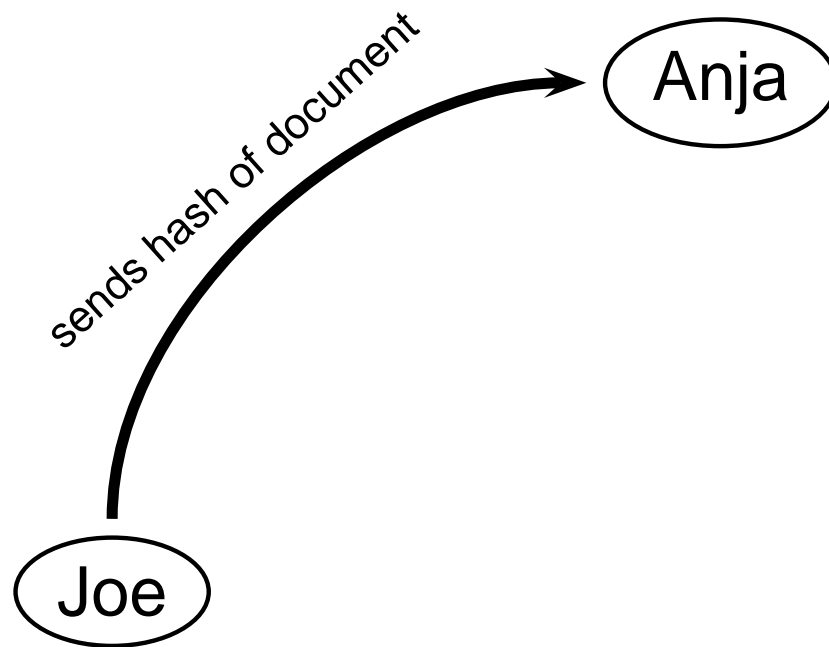
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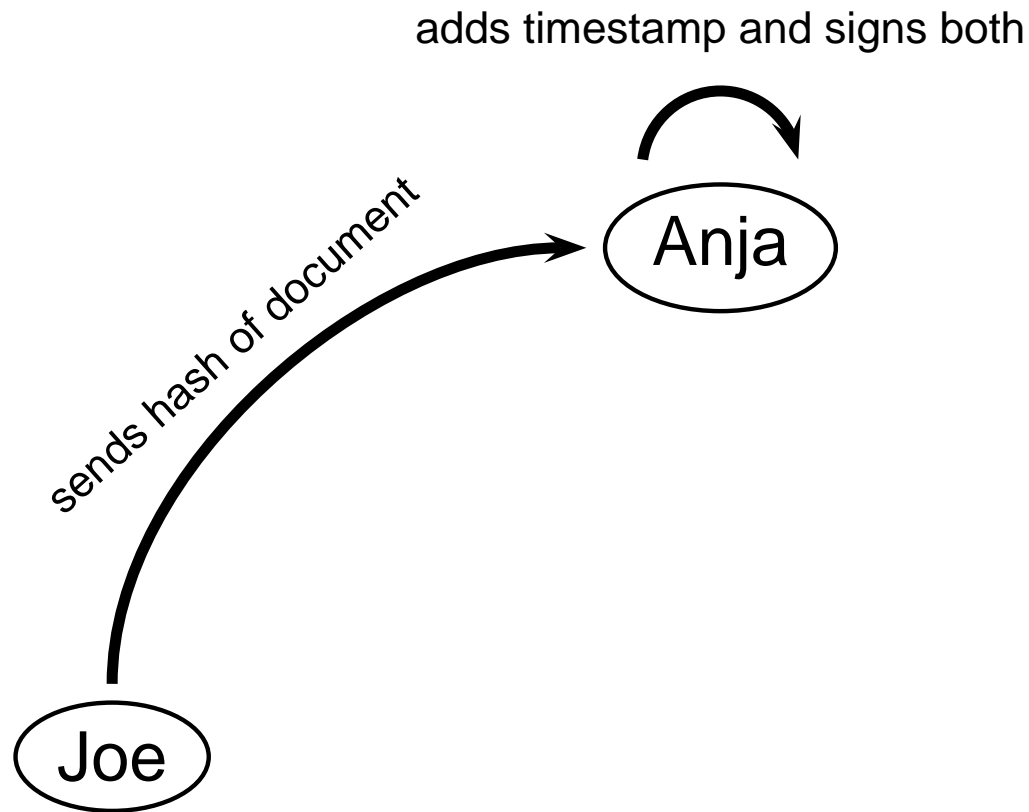


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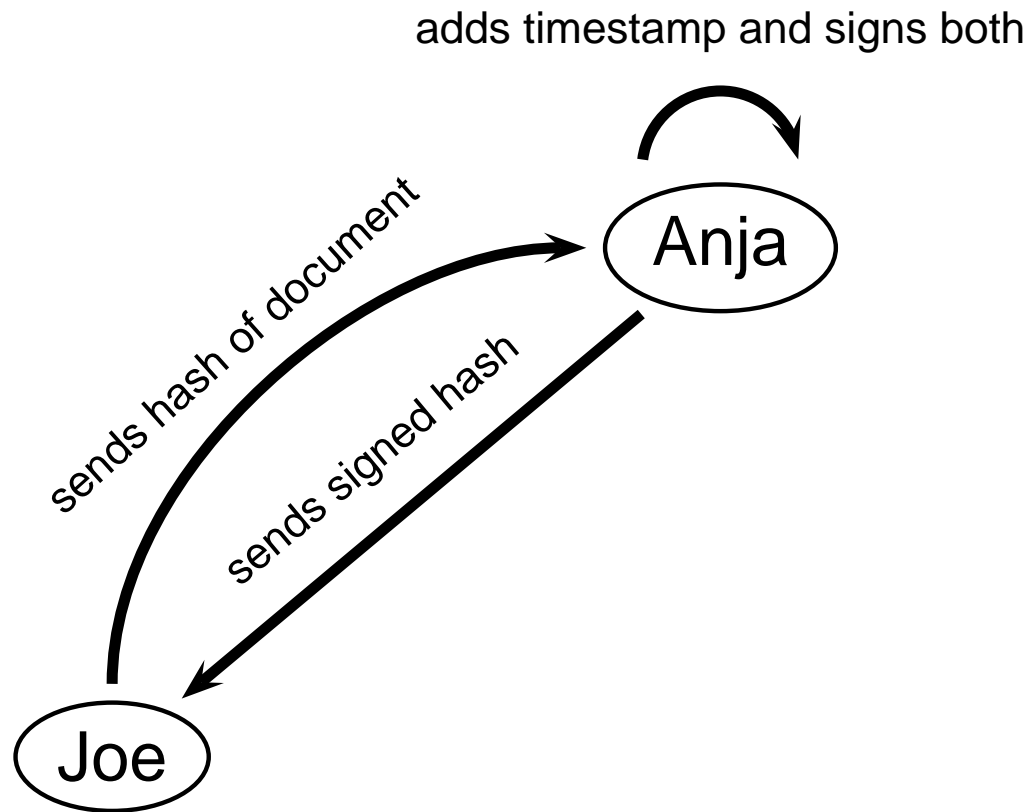
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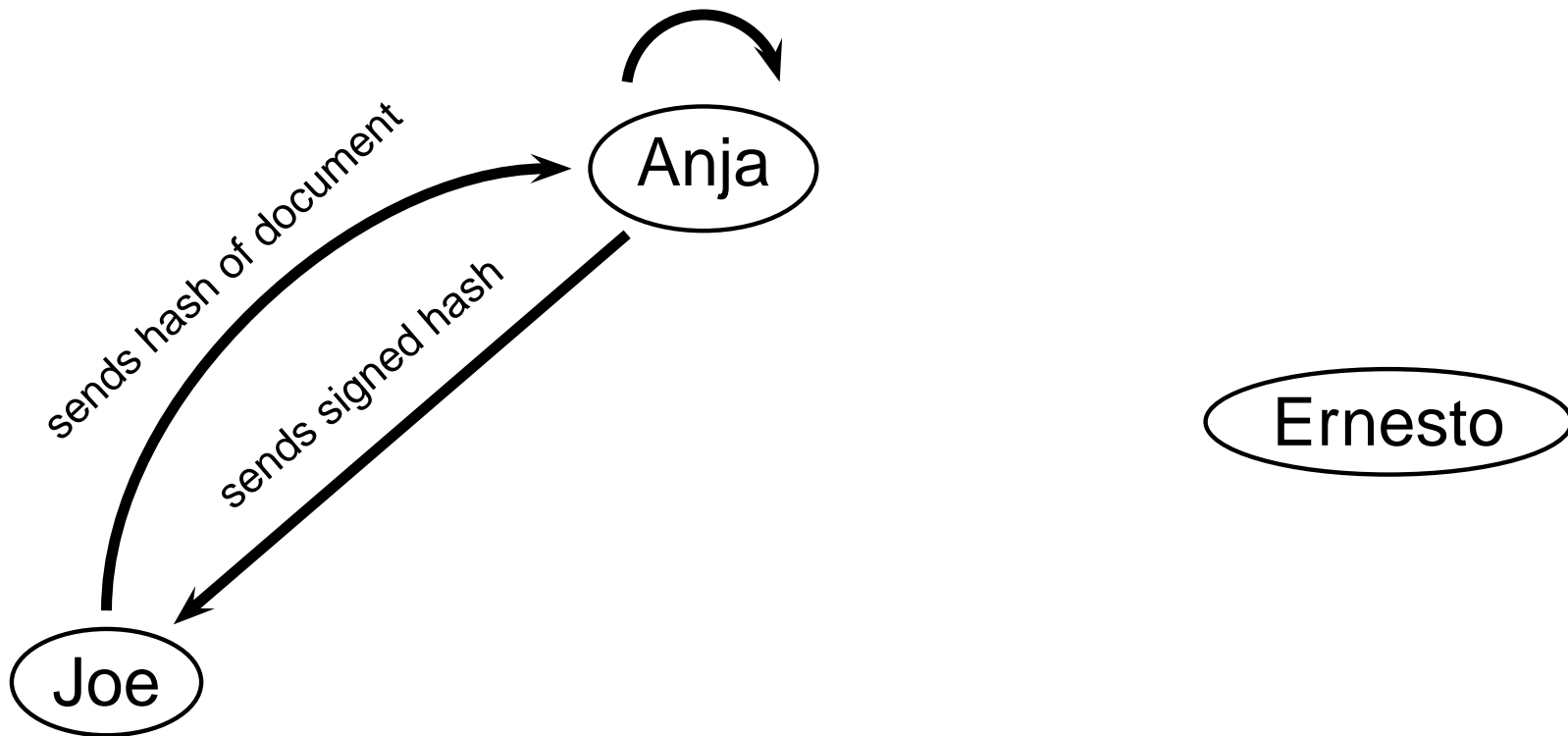


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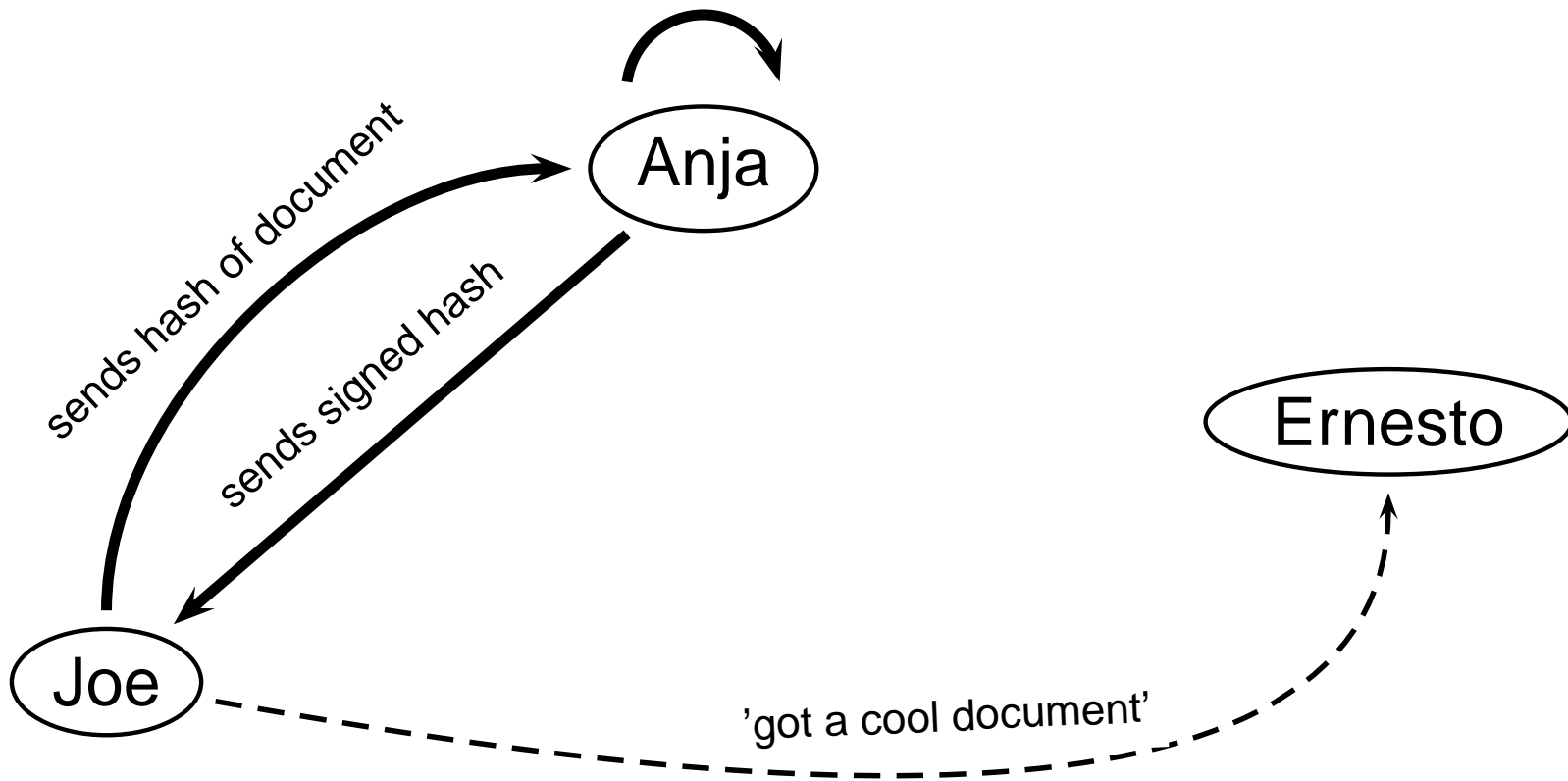


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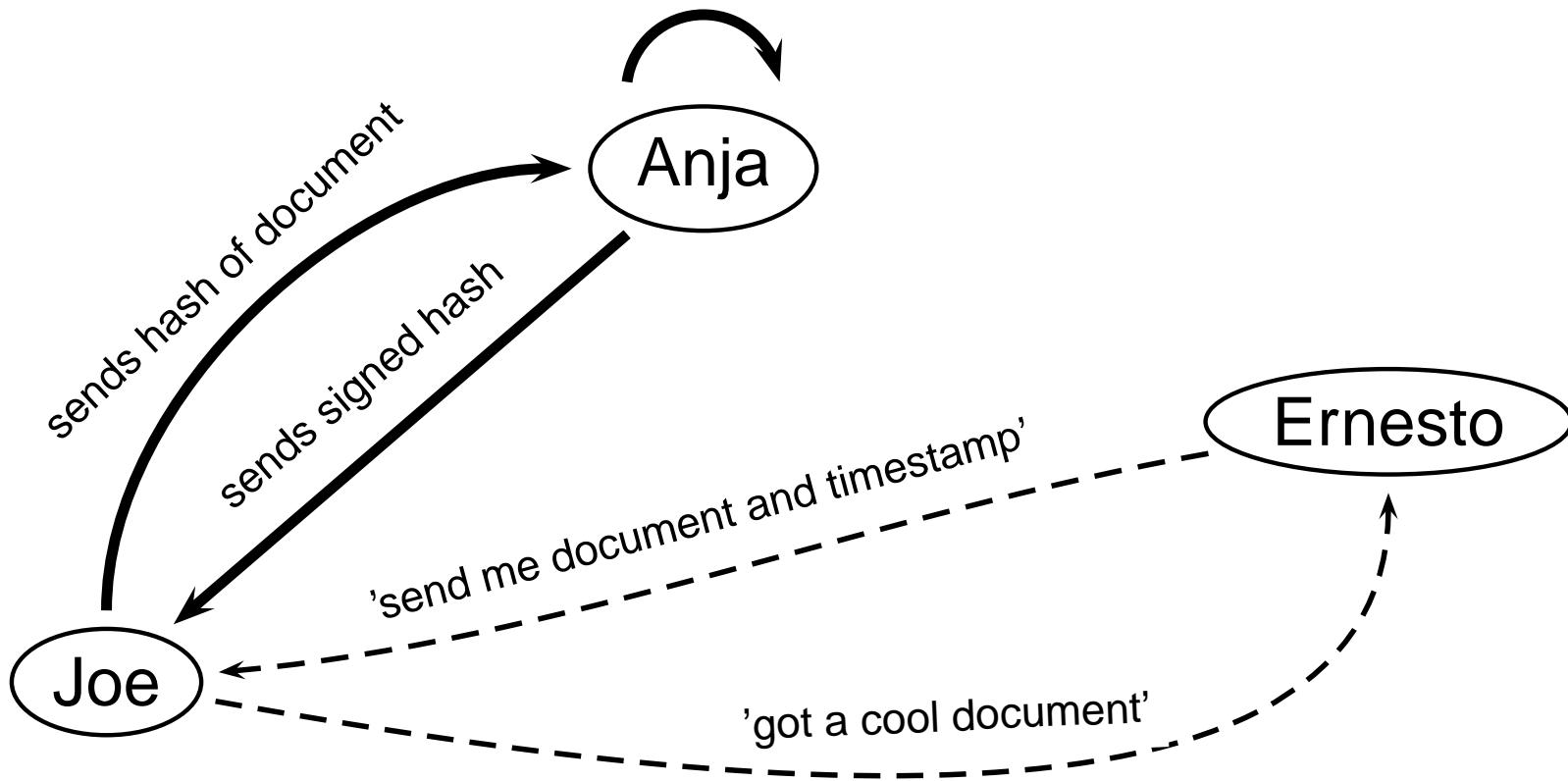


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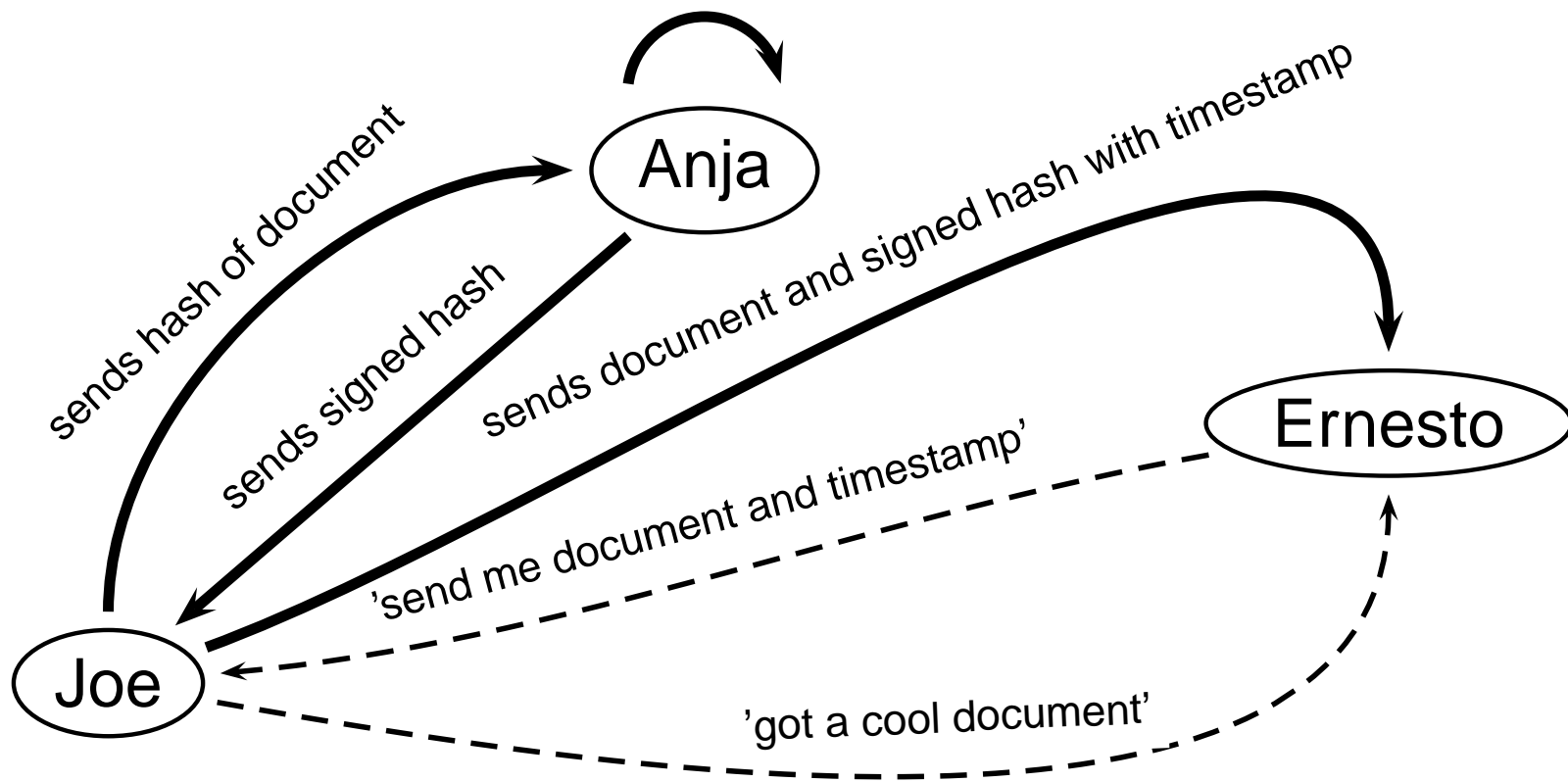
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- remaining Problem: Joe and Anja might work together



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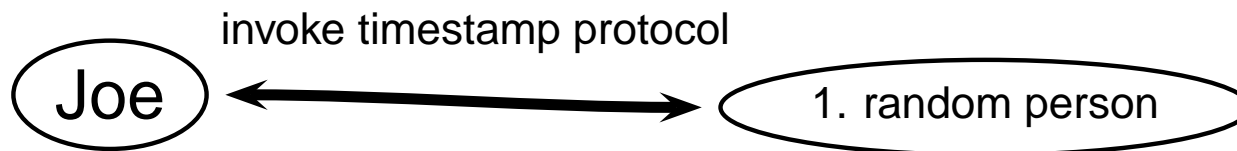
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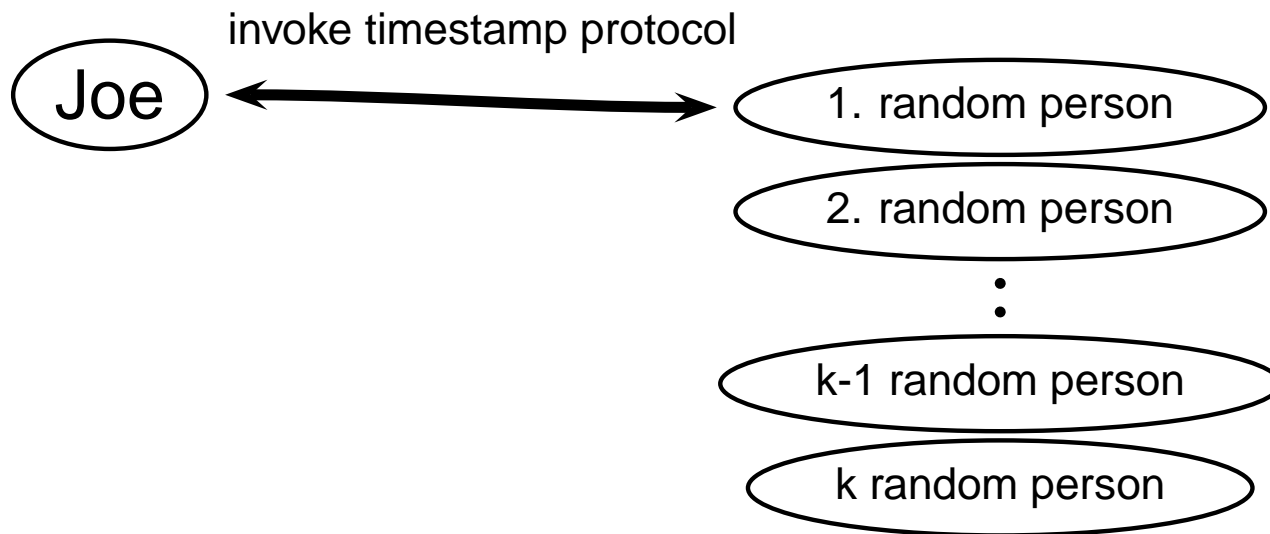
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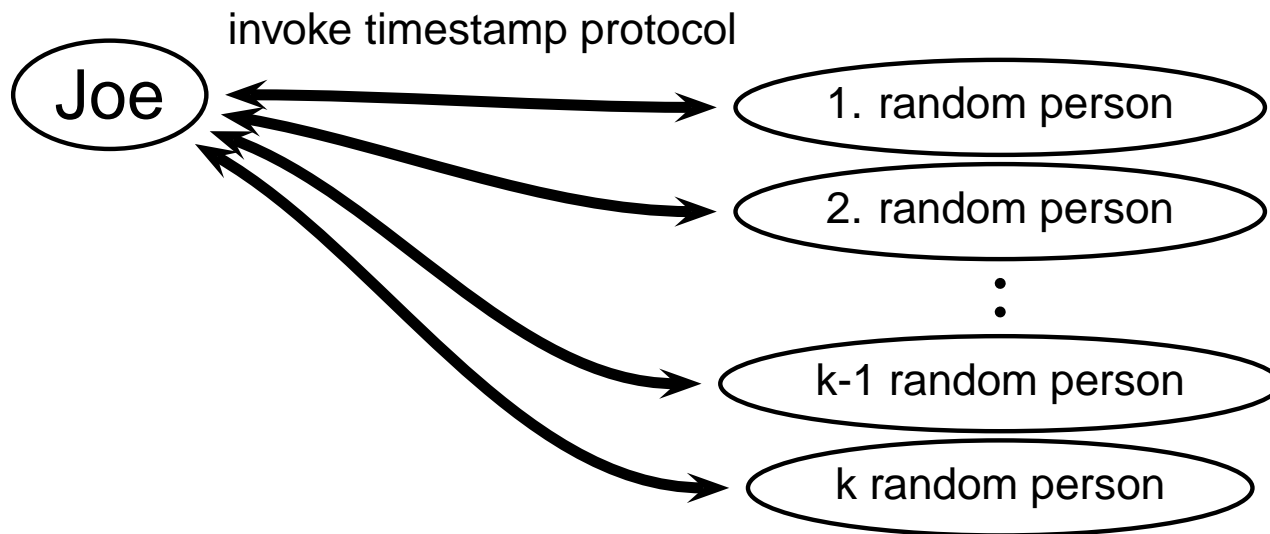




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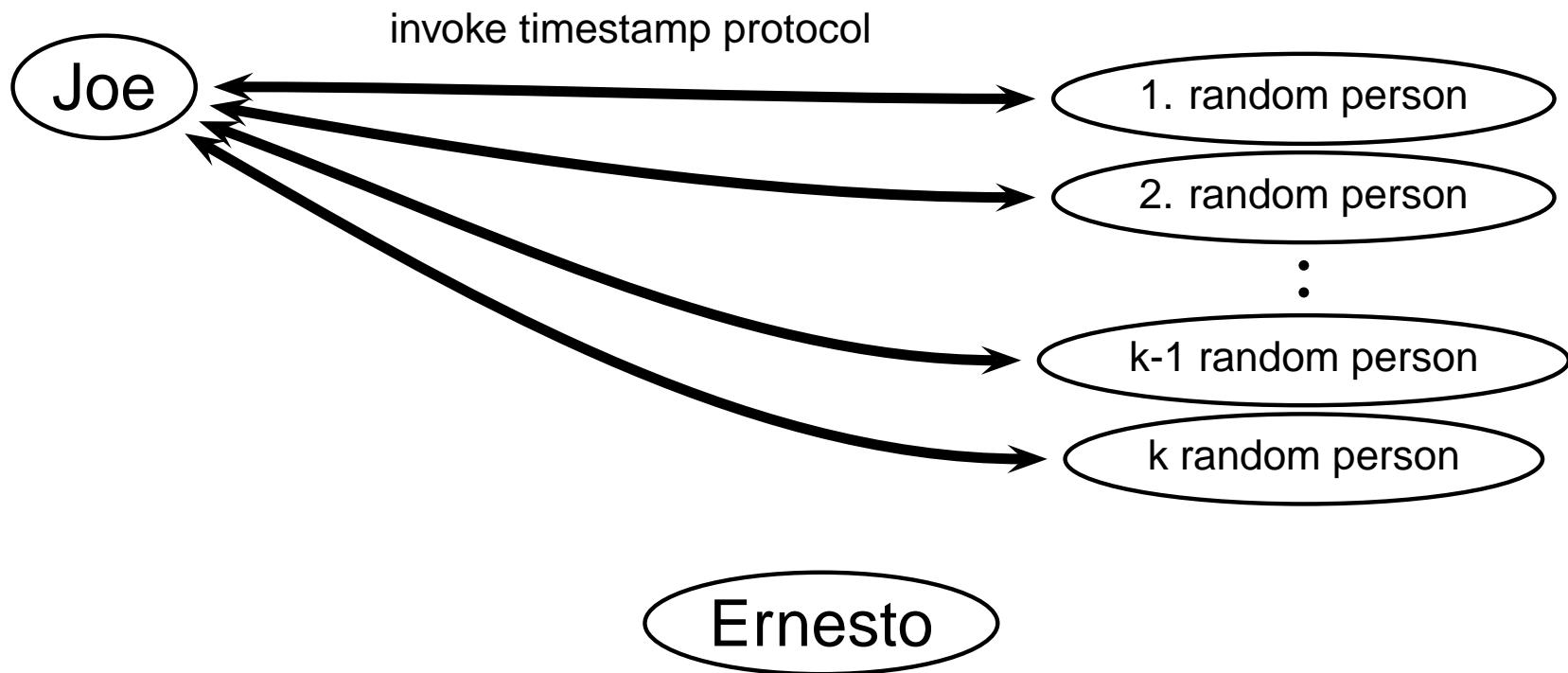
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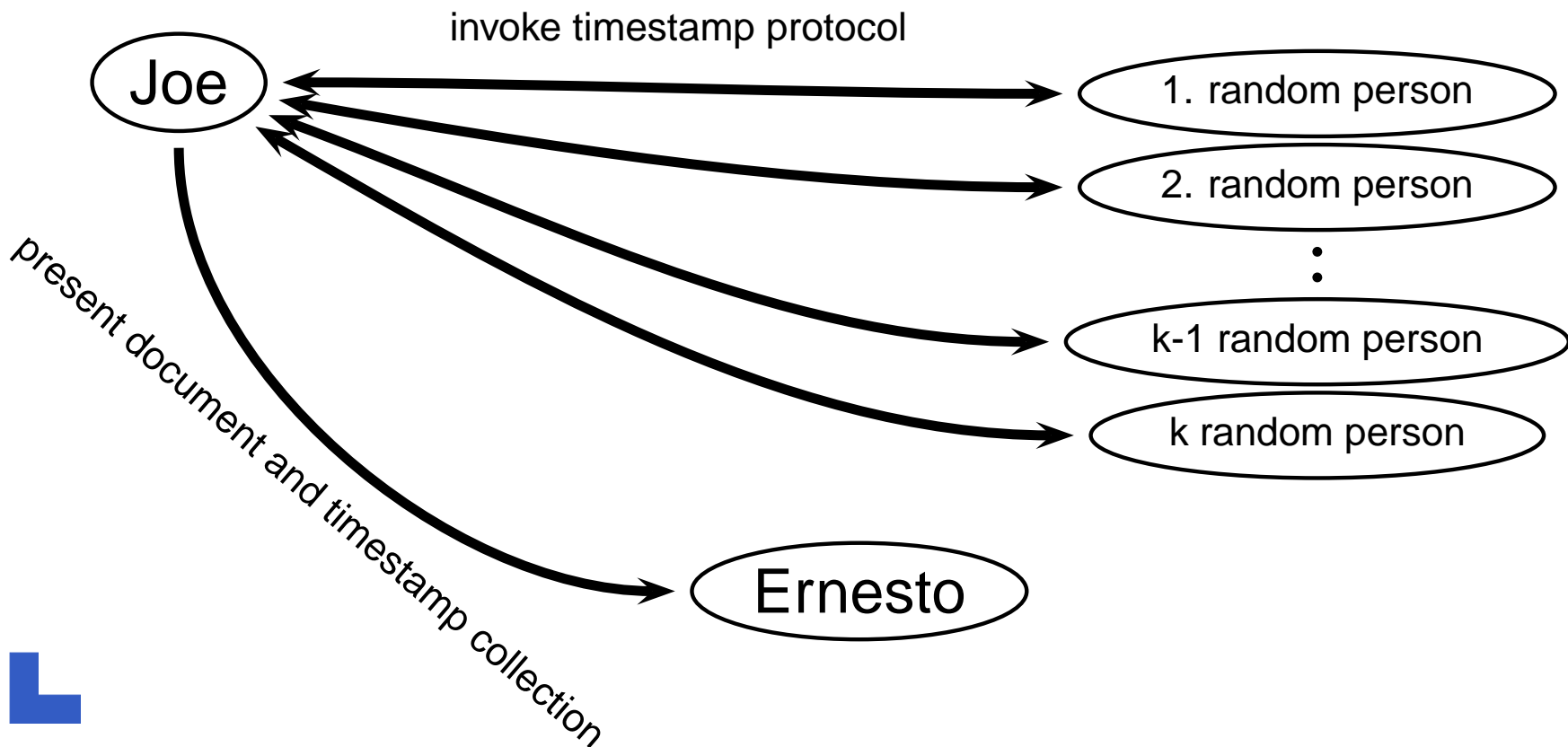
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- choose  $k$  sufficiently high
- only a subset of  $k$  persons should suffice for a valid timestamp



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- cryptographic algorithm commutative, i.e.  
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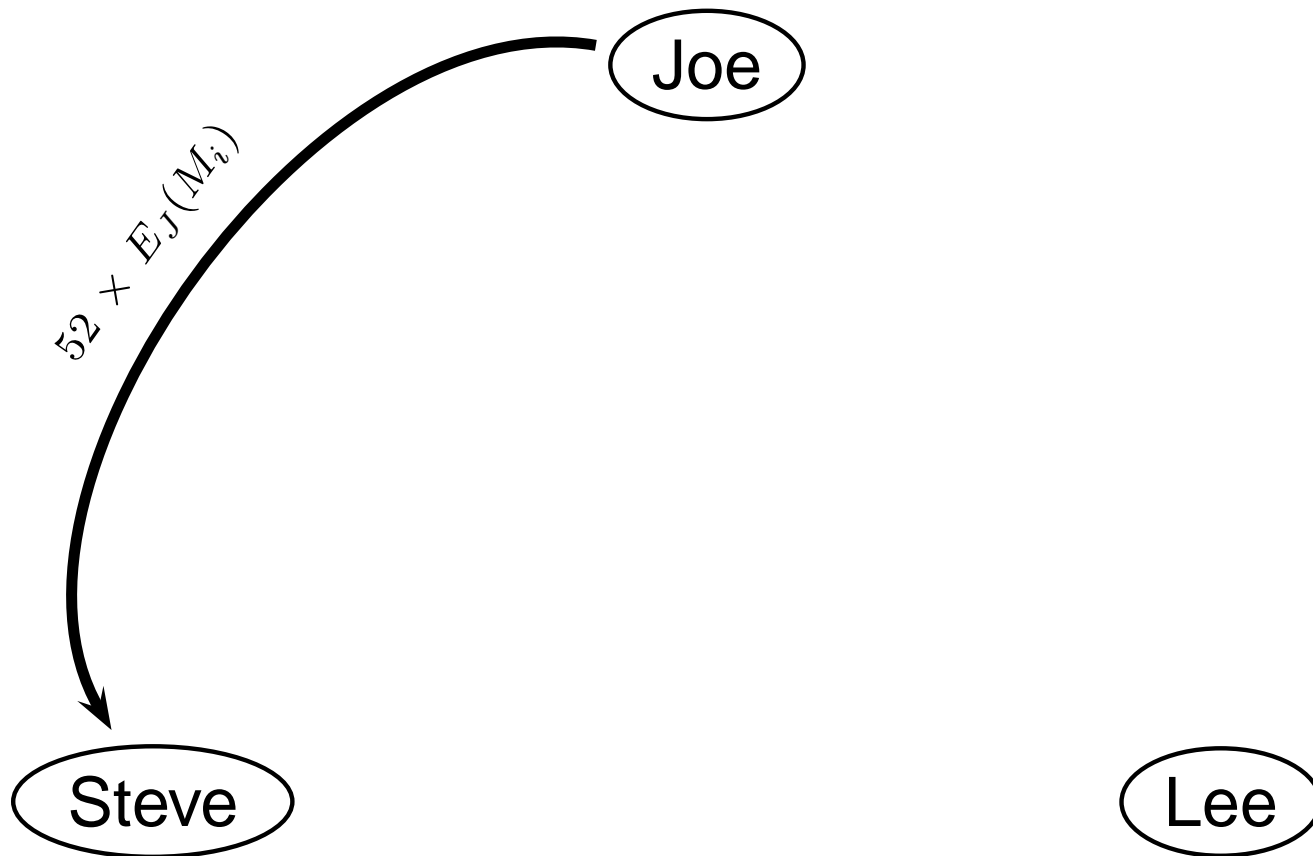
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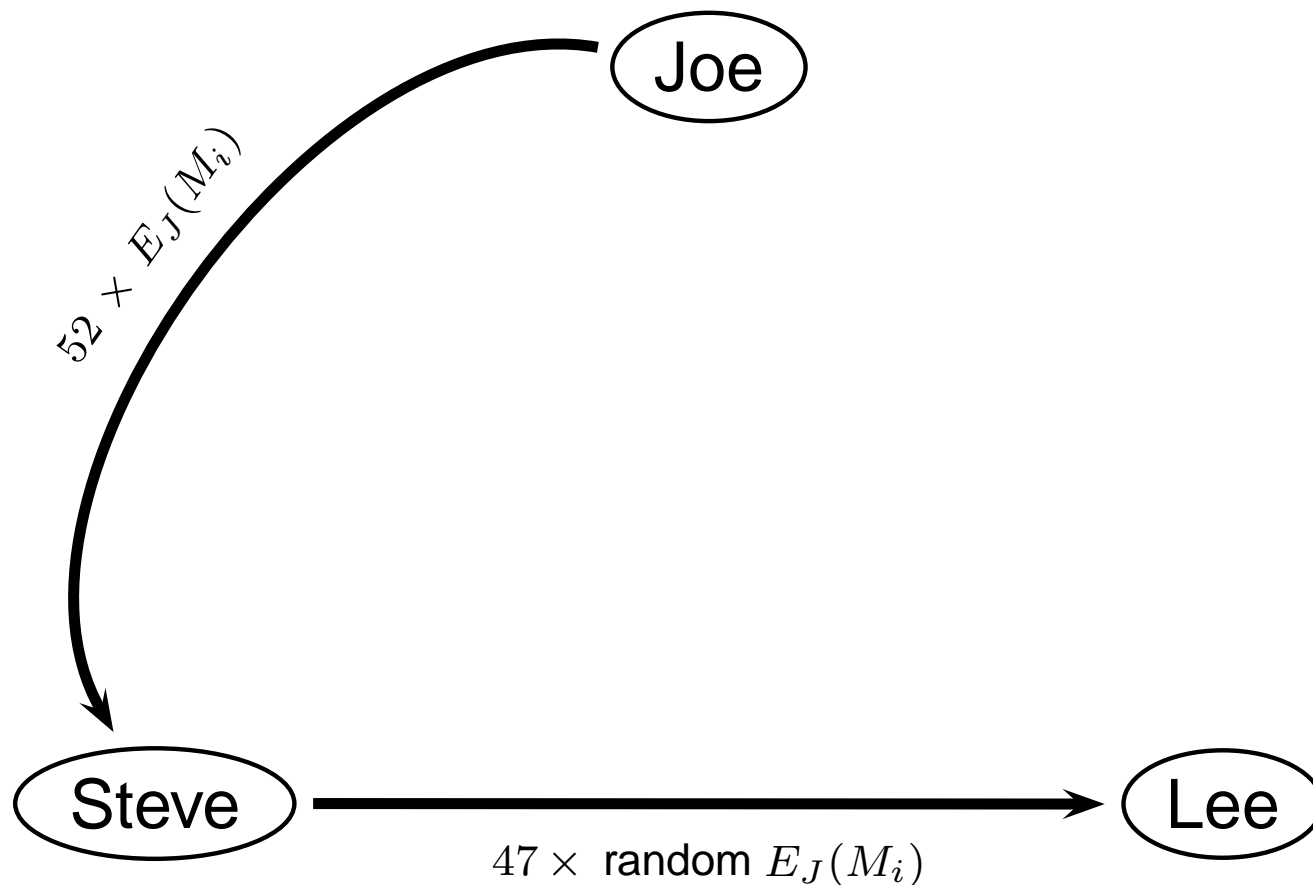
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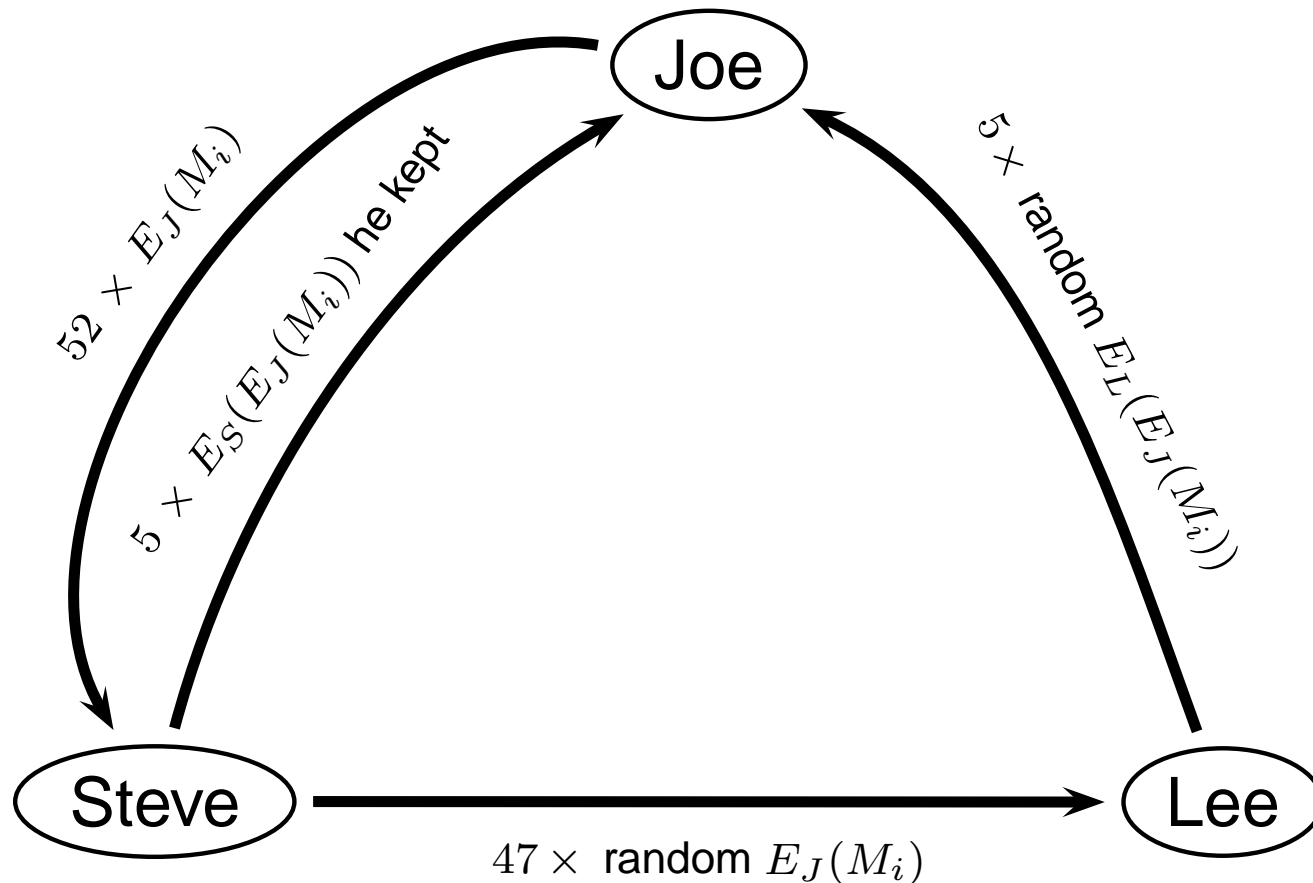
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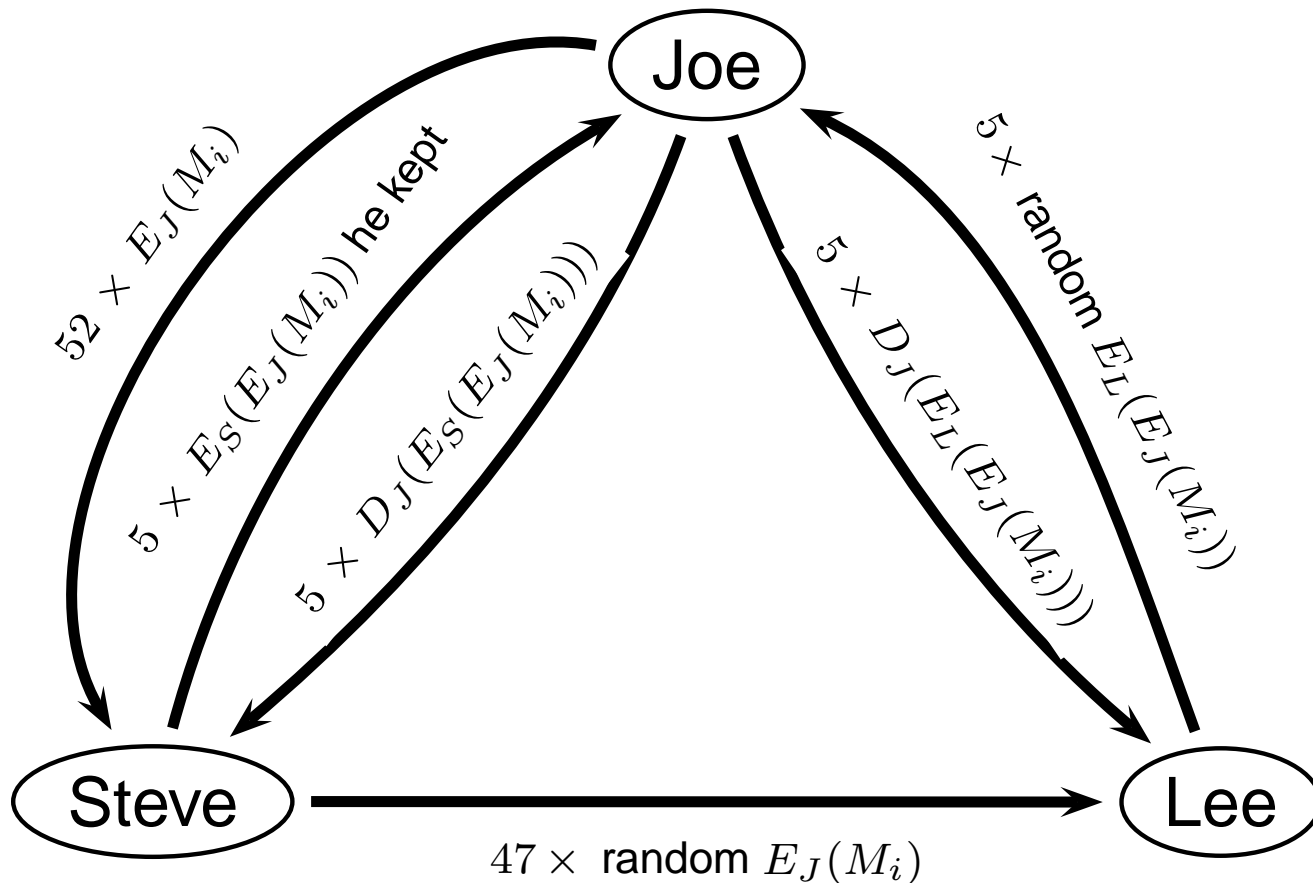
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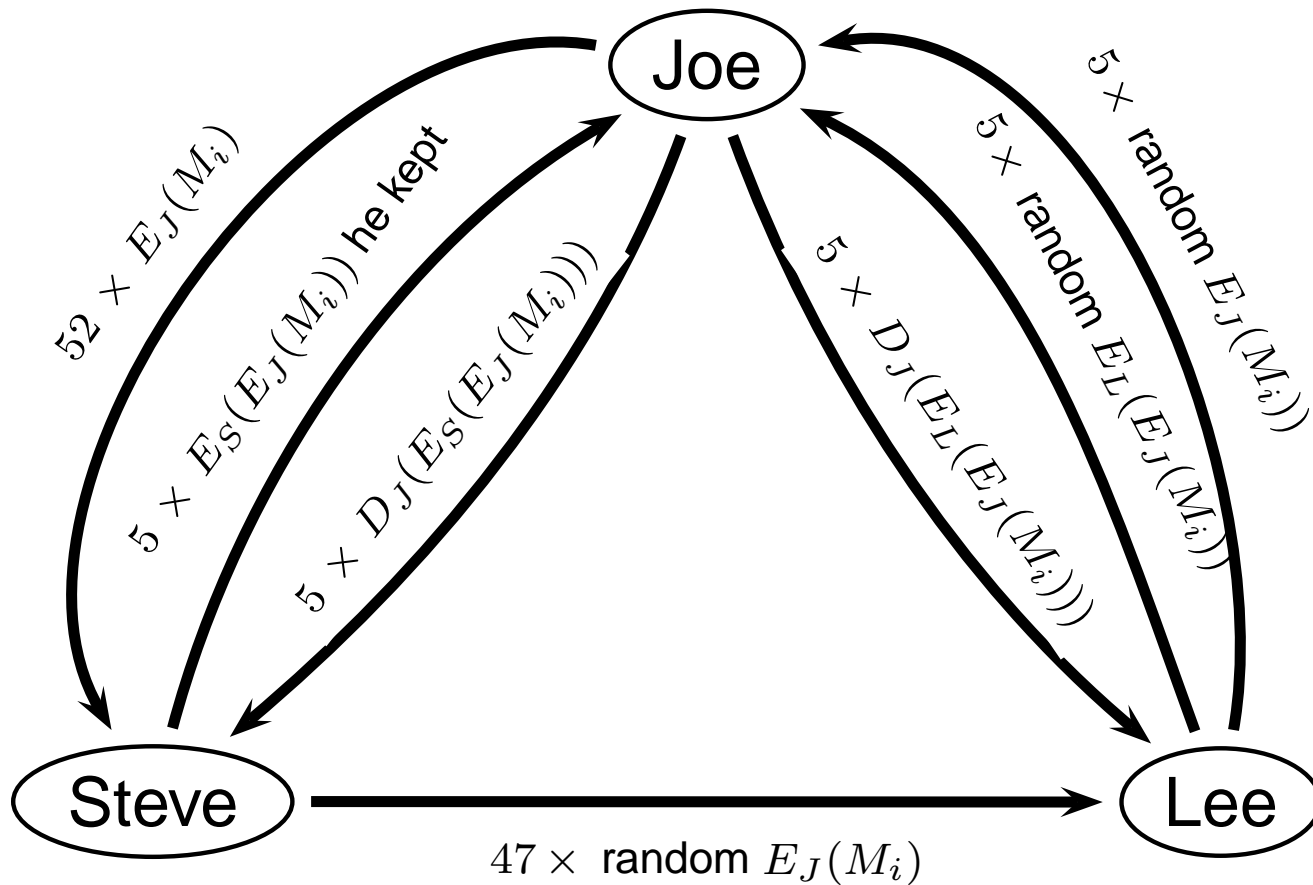
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- everyone reveals his hand and keys after the game
- desired: only winner reveals his hand, but this is not secure
- implementation is not effective



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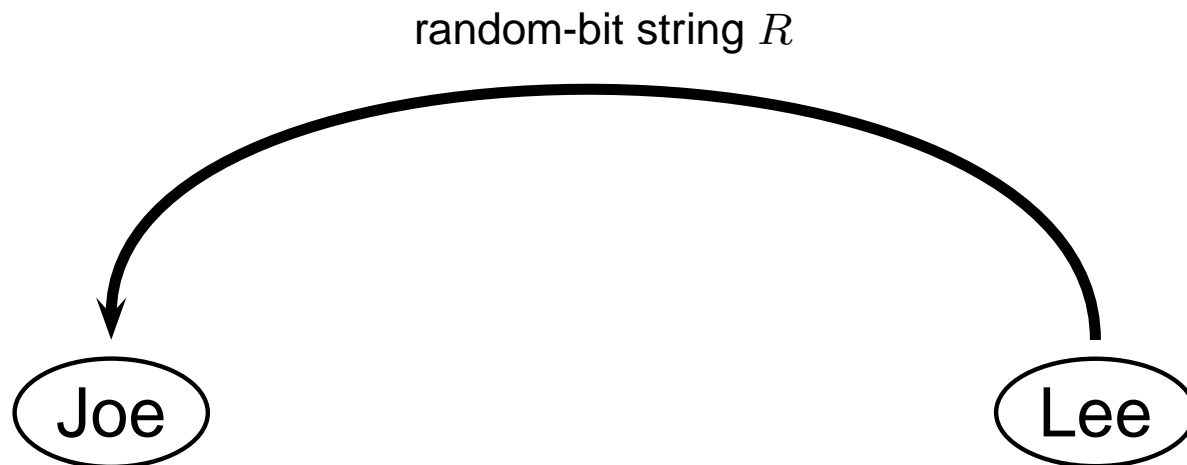
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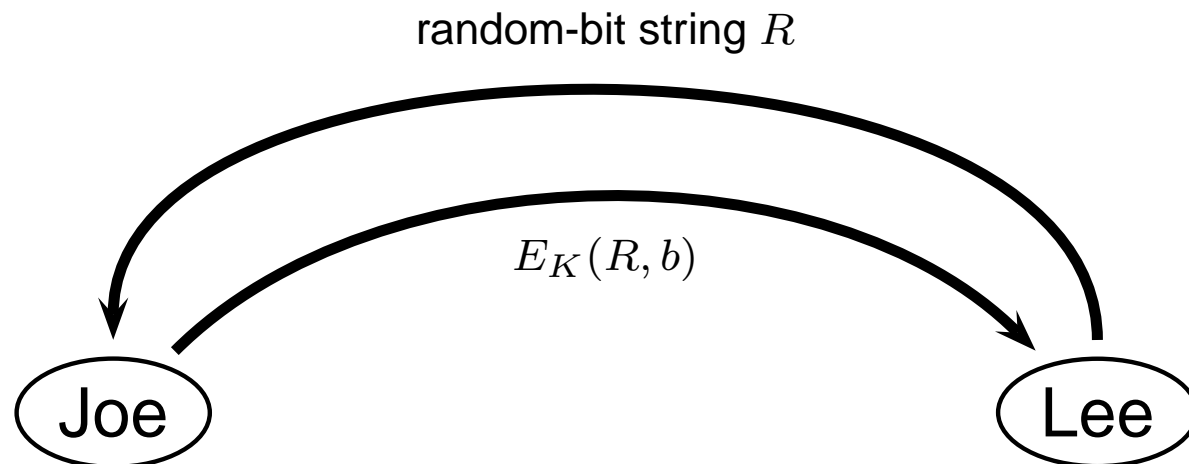




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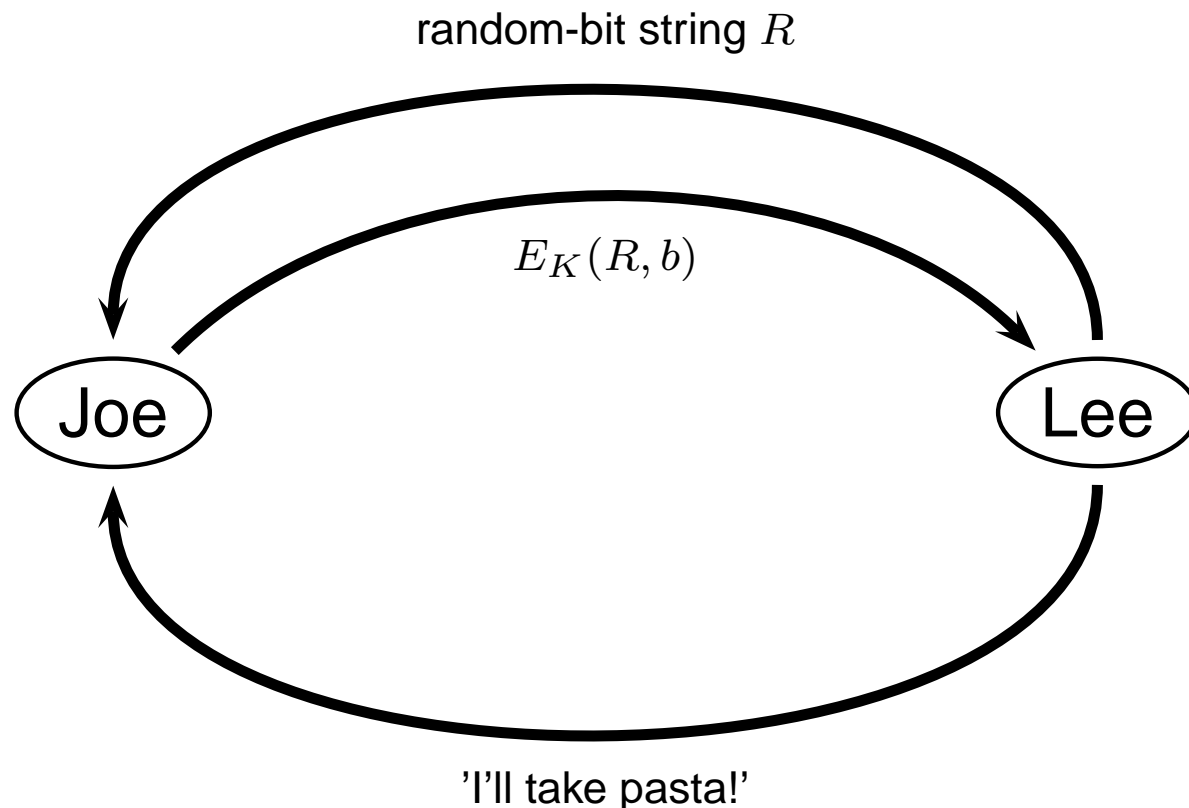
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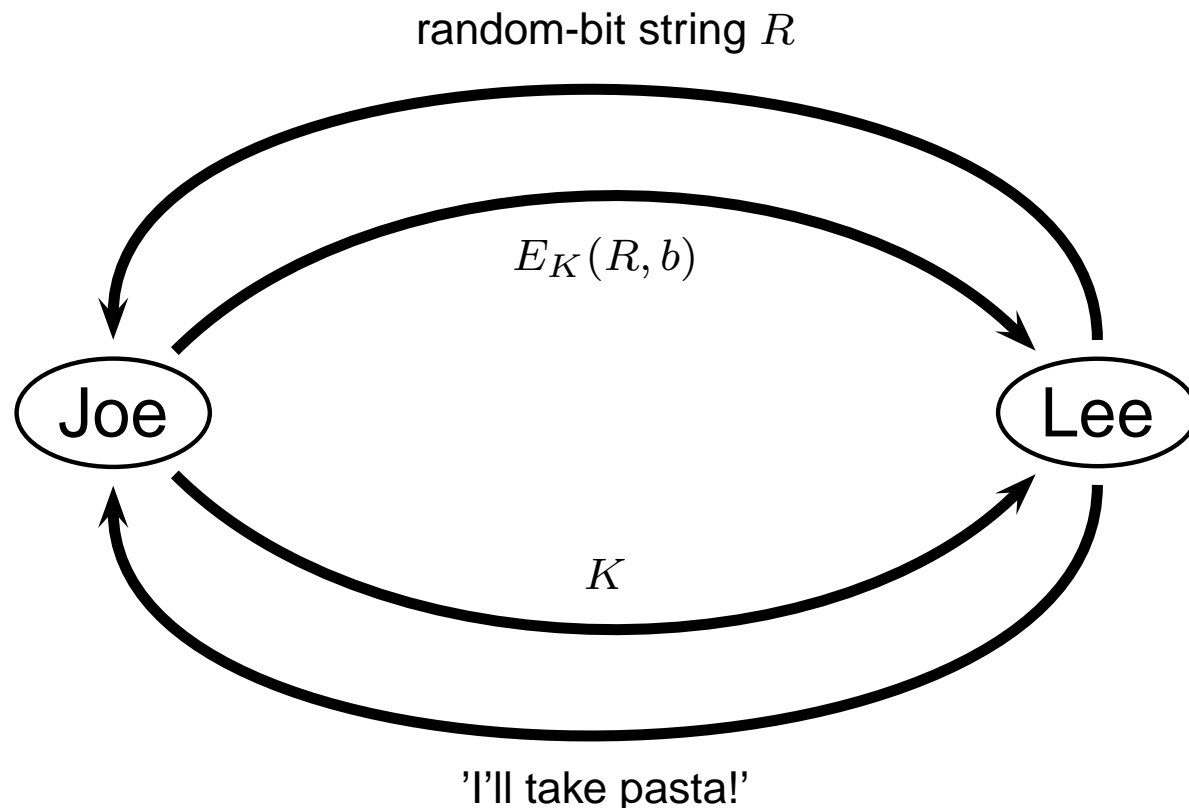


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- impossible to cheat
- several other protocols for this task
- e.g. involving one-way functions or pseudo-random-sequence generators



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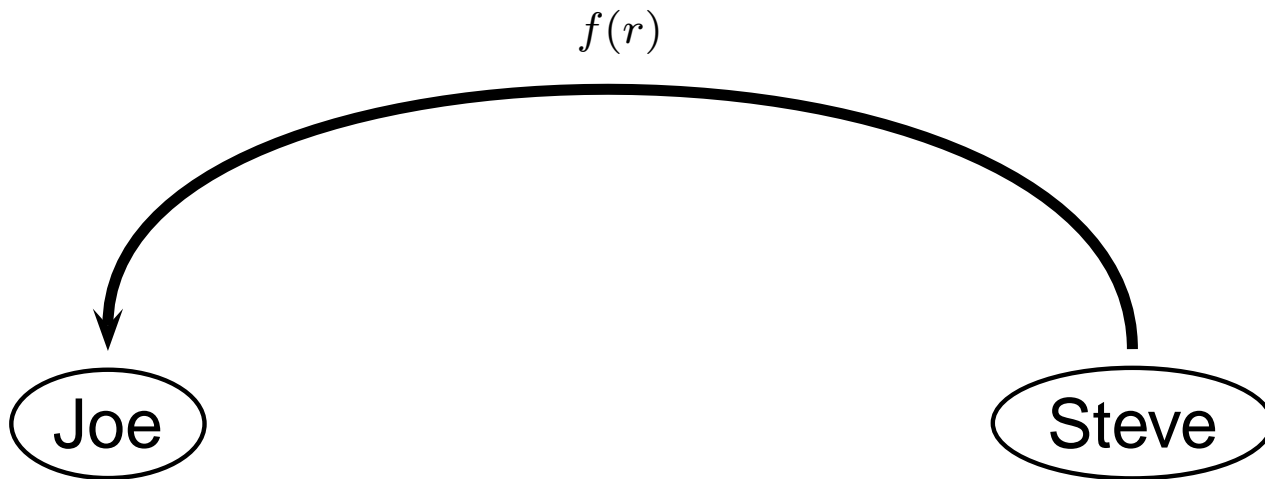
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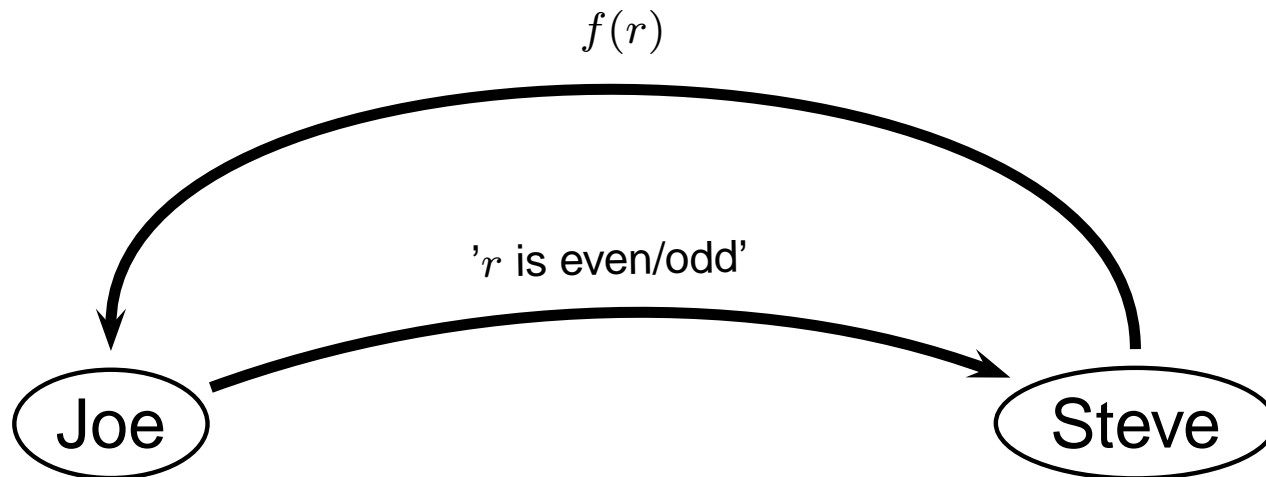
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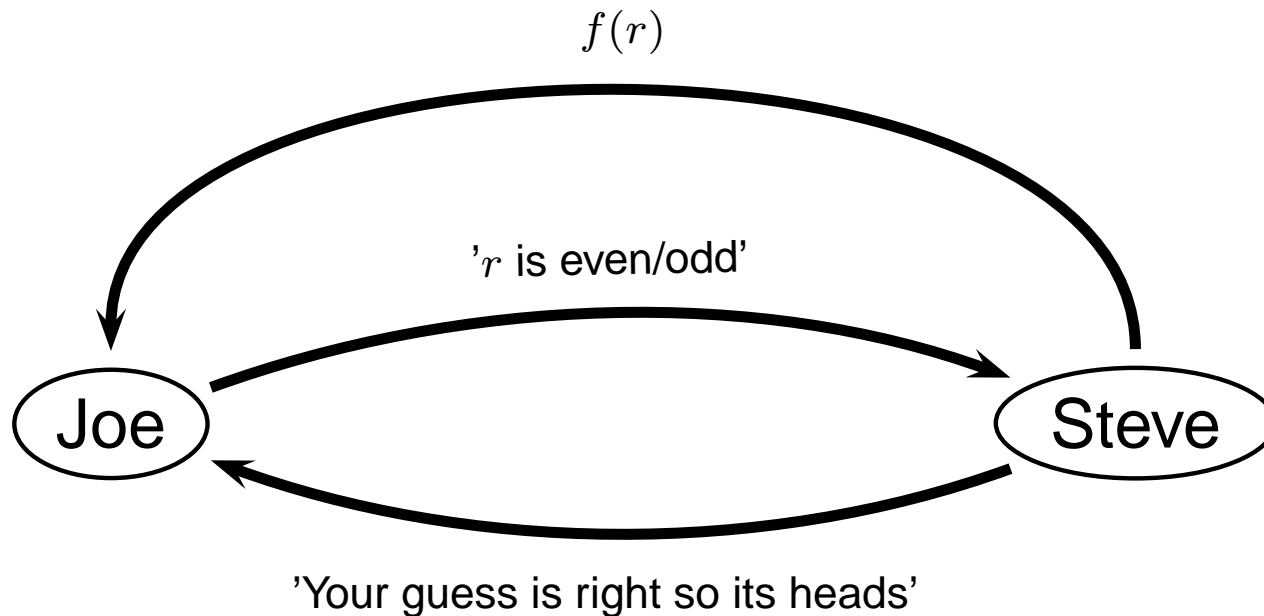
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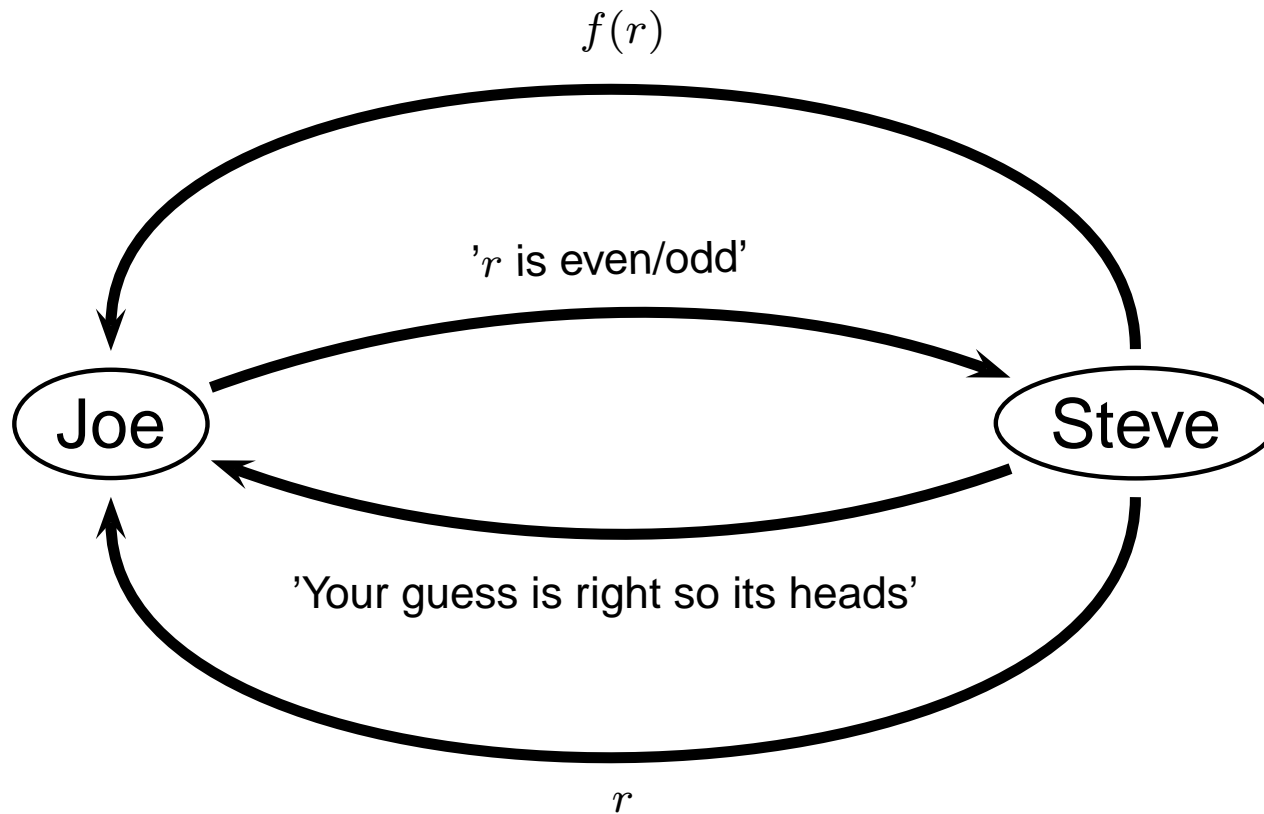
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- least significant bit of  $f(x)$  and  $x$  must be uncorrelated
- use some other bit
- several other protocols exist

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- Joe will not know which pages Anja receives
- Here: Joe sends Anja one of two messages  $M_1, M_2$
- Joe generates two public-key/private-key pairs  $K_1, K_2$
- Anja chooses a key  $K_A$  in a symmetric algorithm (e.g. DES)

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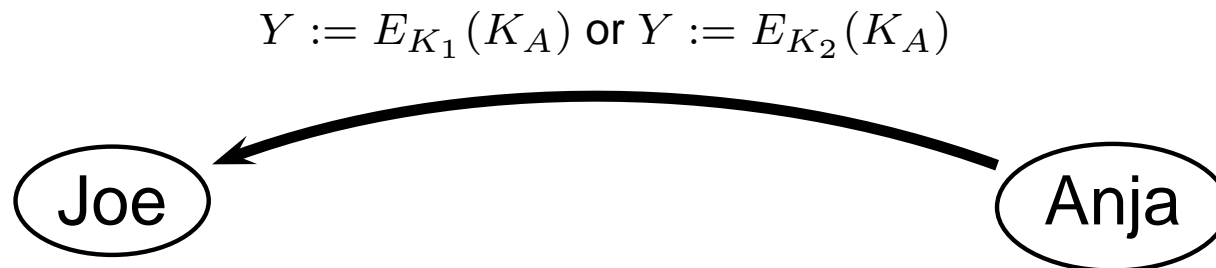
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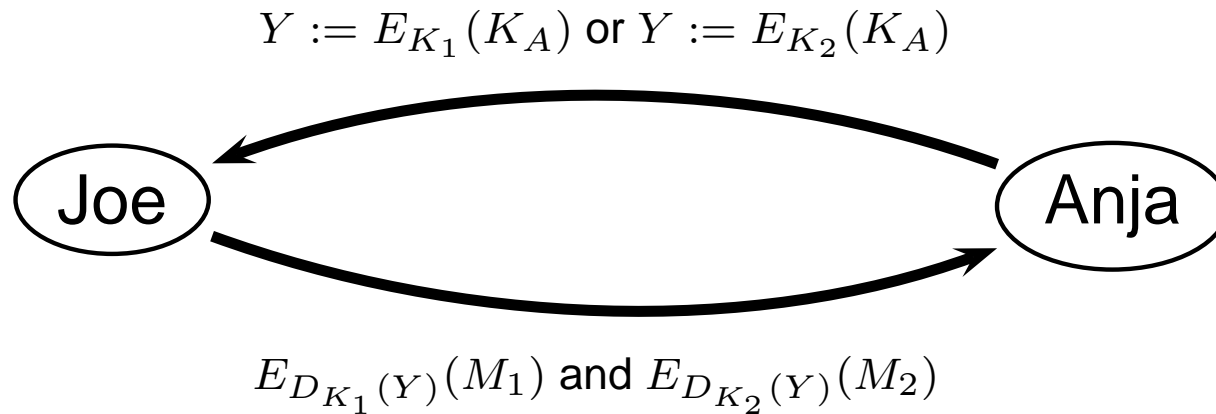
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- other is plain
- Joe may encrypt two identical messages
- reveal Joes private-key later
- protocol is strange but useful



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- Reto shall sign a document without knowing the content
- in real-life: envelope and carbon paper
- signature function  $S$  commutes with an encryption  $E$   
i.e.  $D(S(E(m))) = S(m)$
- RSA and one-time pads

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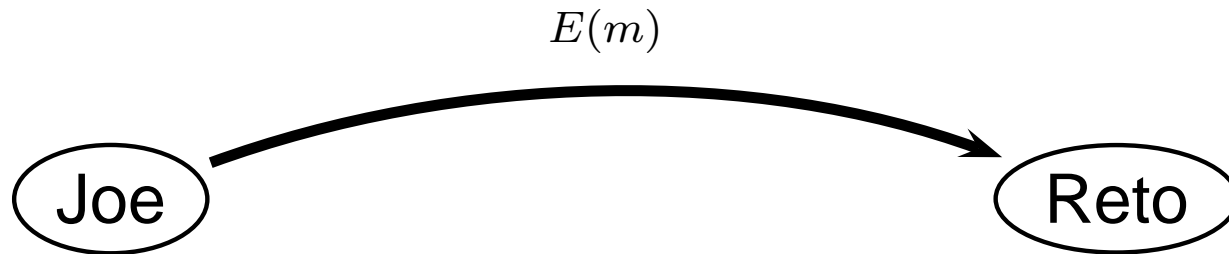
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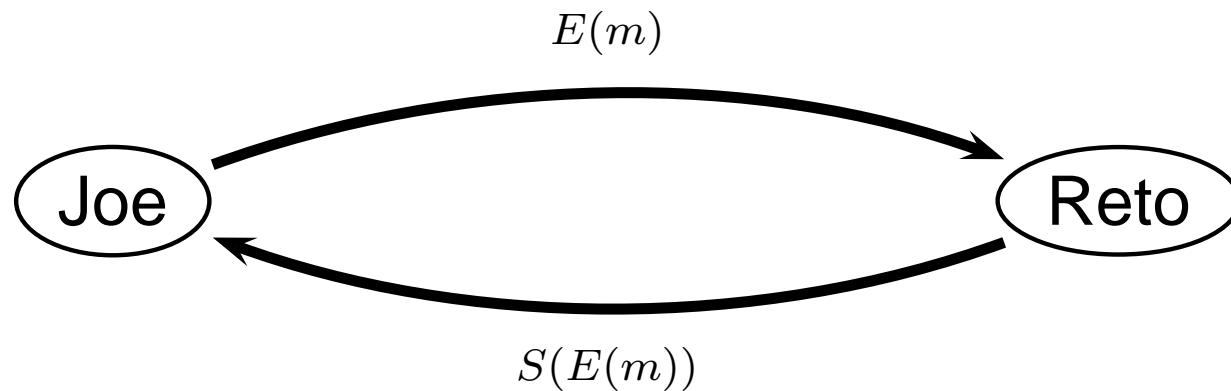




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- when Joe decrypts he gets the signed message
- Reto can not know which document he signed
- Reto can even get the signed document
- Reto signs many documents
- 'Reto owes Joe \$ 1.000.000'



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- Reto opens 99 documents at random
- all 99 documents should have the same content



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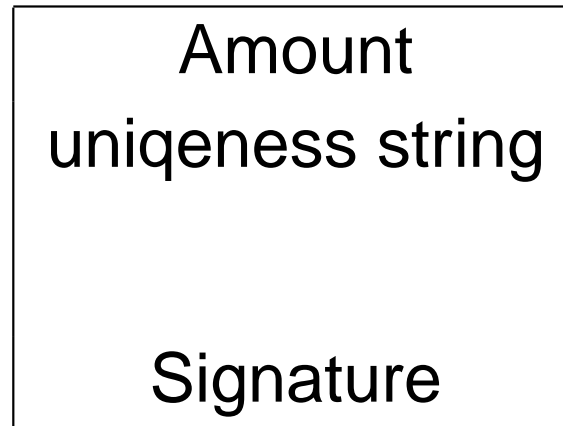
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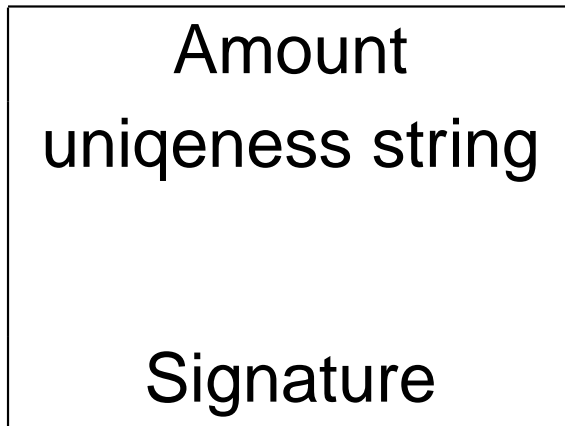
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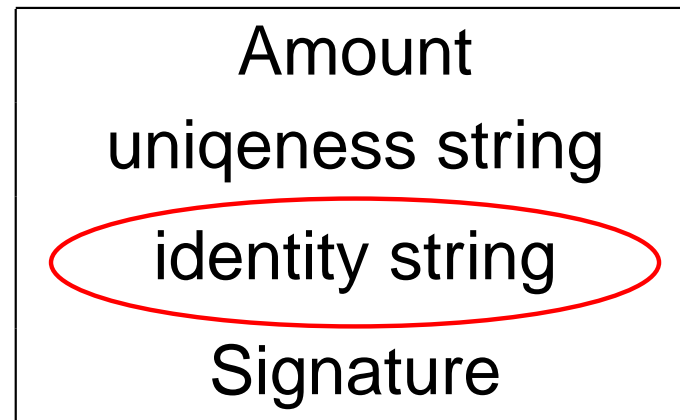
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- $n$  pairs of identity bit strings generated as follows
- an identity string stating Joes name, address, etc.
- split this into two pieces using a 'secret splitting protocol'
- commit to each piece (bit-commitment)
- any pair reveals Joes identity when opened (e.g.  $I_{23_L}$  and  $I_{23_R}$  but not  $I_{23_L}$  and  $I_{42_R}$  )



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- Deposit: Reto will check signature and uniqueness string
  - if uniqueness string is not used yet, record it and all the identity information
  - if the money is double spent, compare identity information
  - if they are identically the merchant has cheated
  - if not identity information is revealed



# Digital Cash - Summary

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If Joes proof of  $P \neq NP$  really holds you may read in the next volume of 'Computer Science Weekly'



# The End

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That's it.  
(Just kidding)



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Thank you for your attention.

