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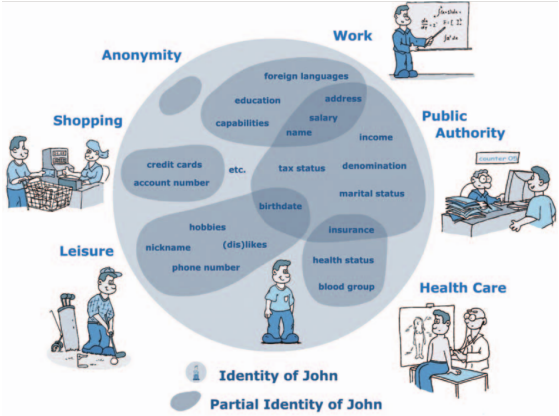
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- ▶ living in Nijmegen,
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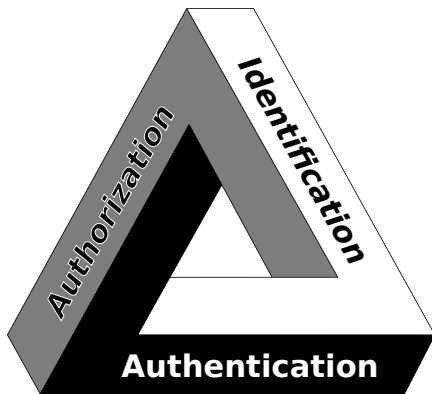
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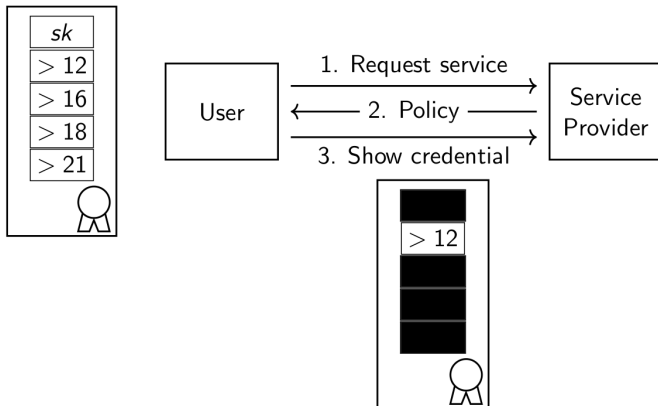
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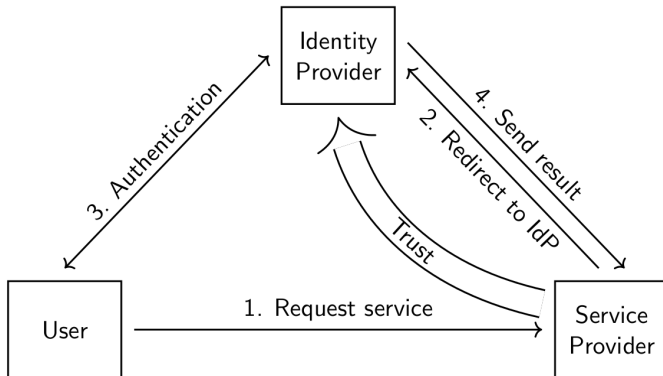
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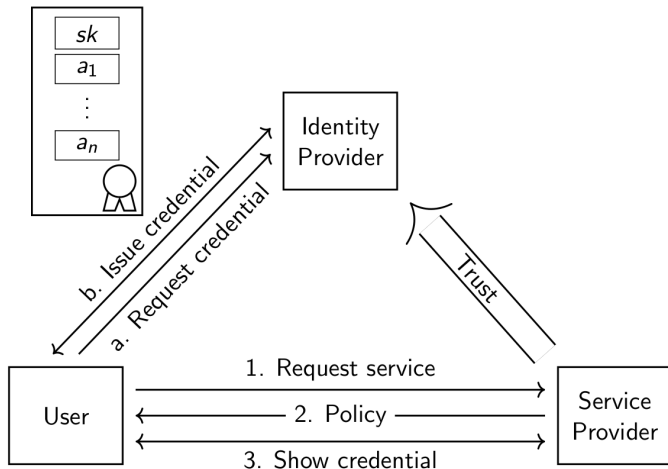
IRMA overview



Standard centralized solution



IRMA is a decentral solution



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- ▶ Attributes are stored **locally**, under direct control of the user
 - ▶ storage on mobile phone is most convenient
 - ▶ attributes are cryptographically bound to the user, and are non-transferrable



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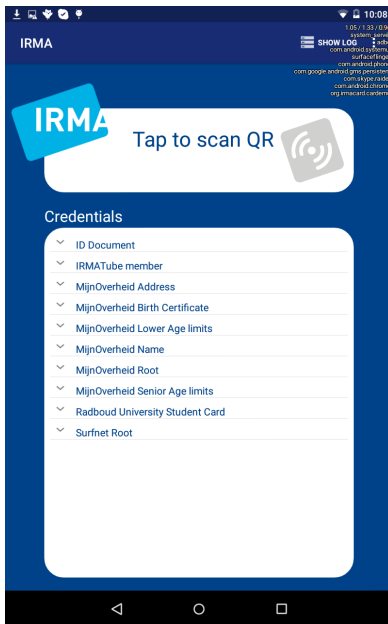
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 - ▶ partly in conflict with previous requirements



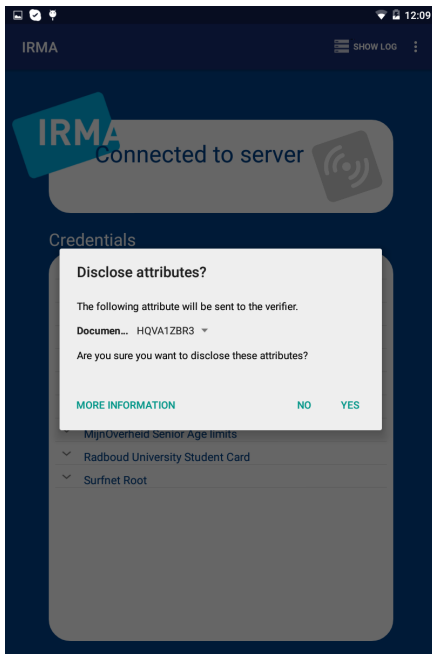
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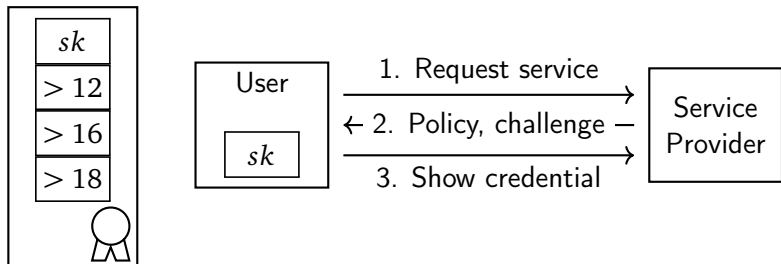
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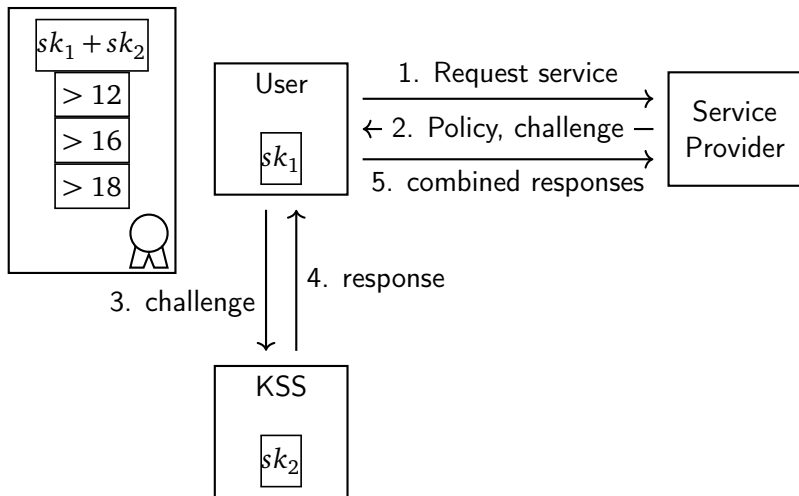
A smartphone offers:

- ▶ Weak key storage
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- ▶ Nicer user experience
- ▶ Stronger keys, faster performance, unlimited attributes, etc.
- ▶ Online issuance & verification, updatability, etc.

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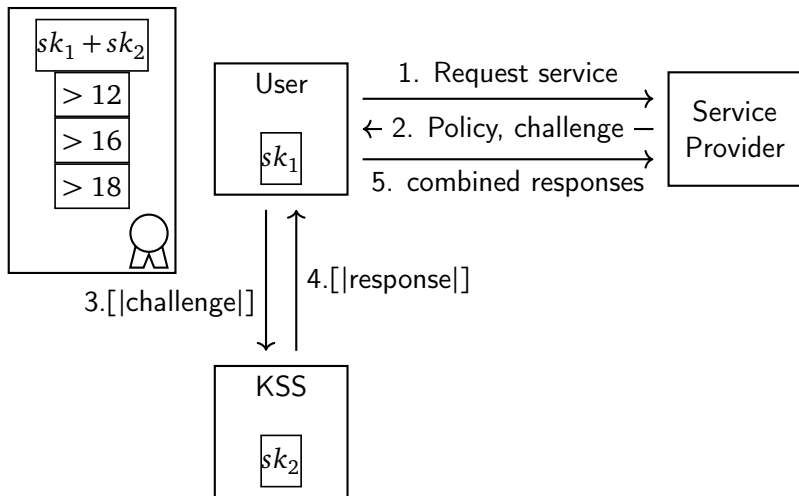
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- ▶ Attribute based signatures
- ▶ Online credential store

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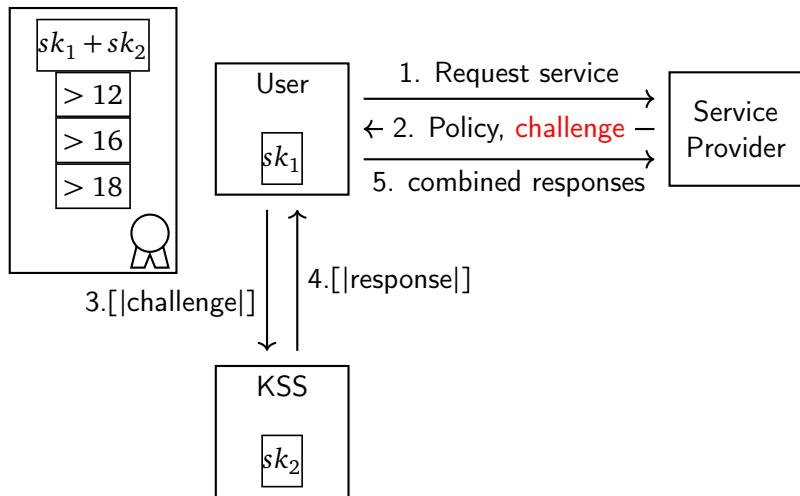
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