Access Control and Privacy Policies (9)

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hash functions...but Bob can only check once he has also the solution

Zero-Knowledge Proofs

Two remarkable properties:

- Alice only reveals the fact that she knows a secret.
- Having been convinced, Bob cannot use the evidence in order to convince Carol.

The Idea



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Even if Bob has a hidden camera, a recording will not be convincing to anyone else (Alice and Bob could have made it all up).

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Even worse, an observer present at the experiment would not be convinced.

Graph Isomorphism



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Non-Interactive ZKPs

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Random Number Generators