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# Pseudonymous Signature on eIDAS Token Implementation Based Privacy Threats

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**ephemeral:** the verifier gets convinced at the moment of protocol execution

the proof might be worthless for the third parties and not to be used for later checks  
*classical ZKP authentication protocols*

**long-lasting:** the proof can be presented to third parties at a later time

*electronic signatures*



# Electronic Identity Documents - Anonymity

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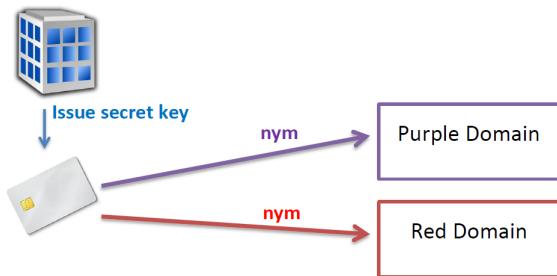
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## Pseudonym:

**an additional ID that does not reveal the real identity**

Prevents Sybil attacks - appearing under different against the same service.





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## Seclusiveness

Only the issuer may admit new users. It should be infeasible to create **false identities.**



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new version of BSI Technical Recommendation (2015)

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## Disadvantages

breaking into just 2 eID documents reveals the system keys and enables to forge eIDs



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A signature is a “Signature of Knowledge” of the secret keys which are in the proper form.



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The tracer can check

$$T_{domain,U} \stackrel{?}{=} nym_{1,U} \cdot nym_{2,U}^{s_U} = PK_{domain}^{SK_{U,1}} \cdot PK_{domain}^{SK_{U,2} \cdot s_U}$$



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- 3 The eID should now hold the pair

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# Are such keys in the proper form?

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Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{SK_{U,1} + SK_{U,2} \cdot SK_M} = \\ & a \cdot x_{1,1} + b \cdot x_{1,2} + (a \cdot x_{2,1} + b \cdot x_{2,2}) \cdot SK_M = \\ & a \cdot (x_{1,1} + x_{2,1} \cdot SK_M) + b \cdot (x_{1,2} + x_{2,2} \cdot SK_M) = \\ & a \cdot SK_{ICC} + b \cdot SK_{ICC} = \\ & SK_{ICC} \cdot (a \cdot b) \quad \text{mod } p = \\ & \underline{SK_{ICC}} \end{aligned}$$



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$$nym_1 \stackrel{?}{=} I_1^h \quad \text{and} \quad nym_2 \stackrel{?}{=} I_2^h$$



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- But we need more reliable standards...



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