



Modern Keysigning

How to Keysign:

- Verify Fingerprint
- Verify Identity
- Obtain authentic copy of key
 - many traps to be avoided
- Sign and send key
 - currently needs MTA

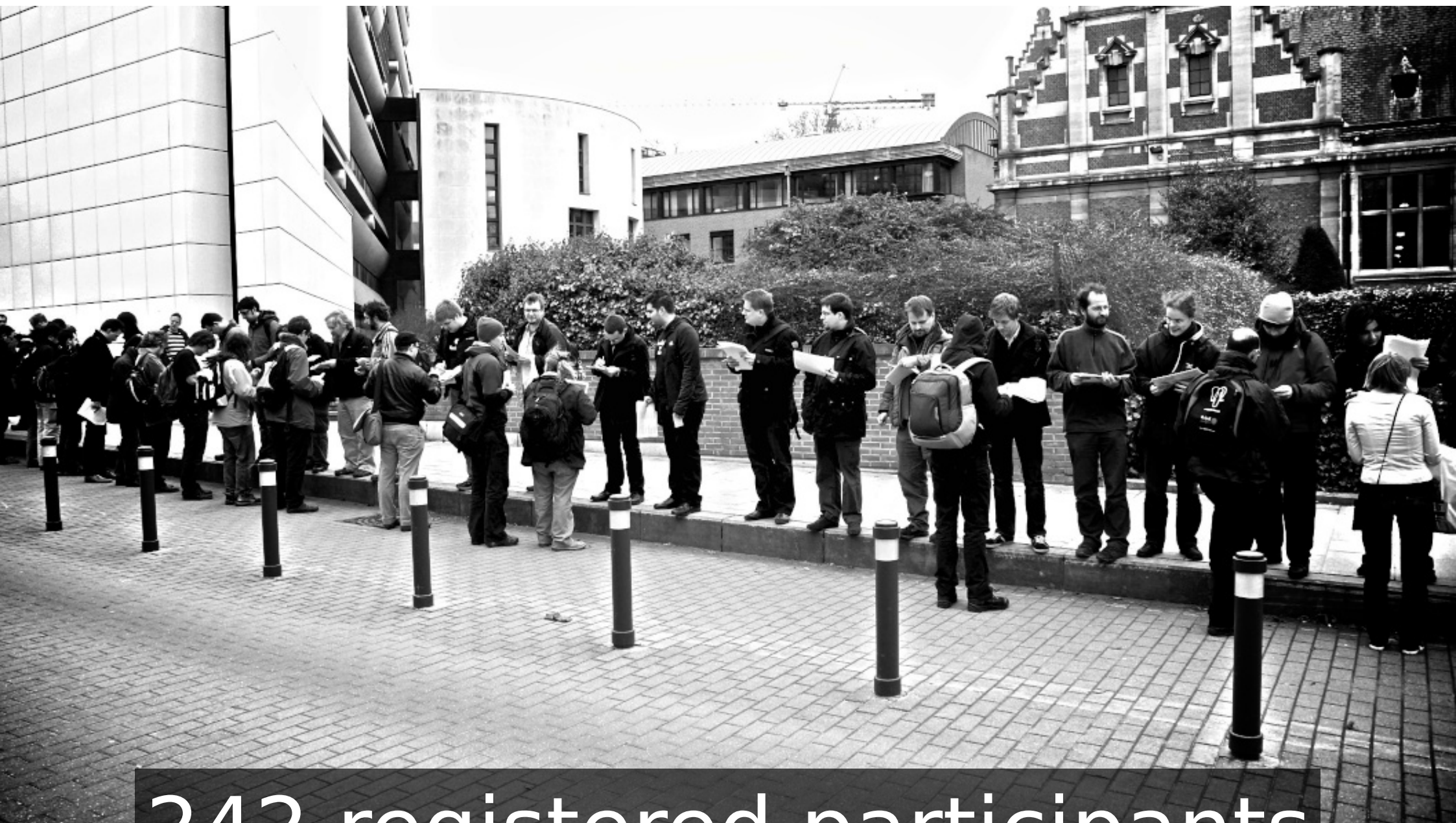
- $O(n)$
- $O(n^2)$

This is a typical keysigning protocol

It is hard to set up



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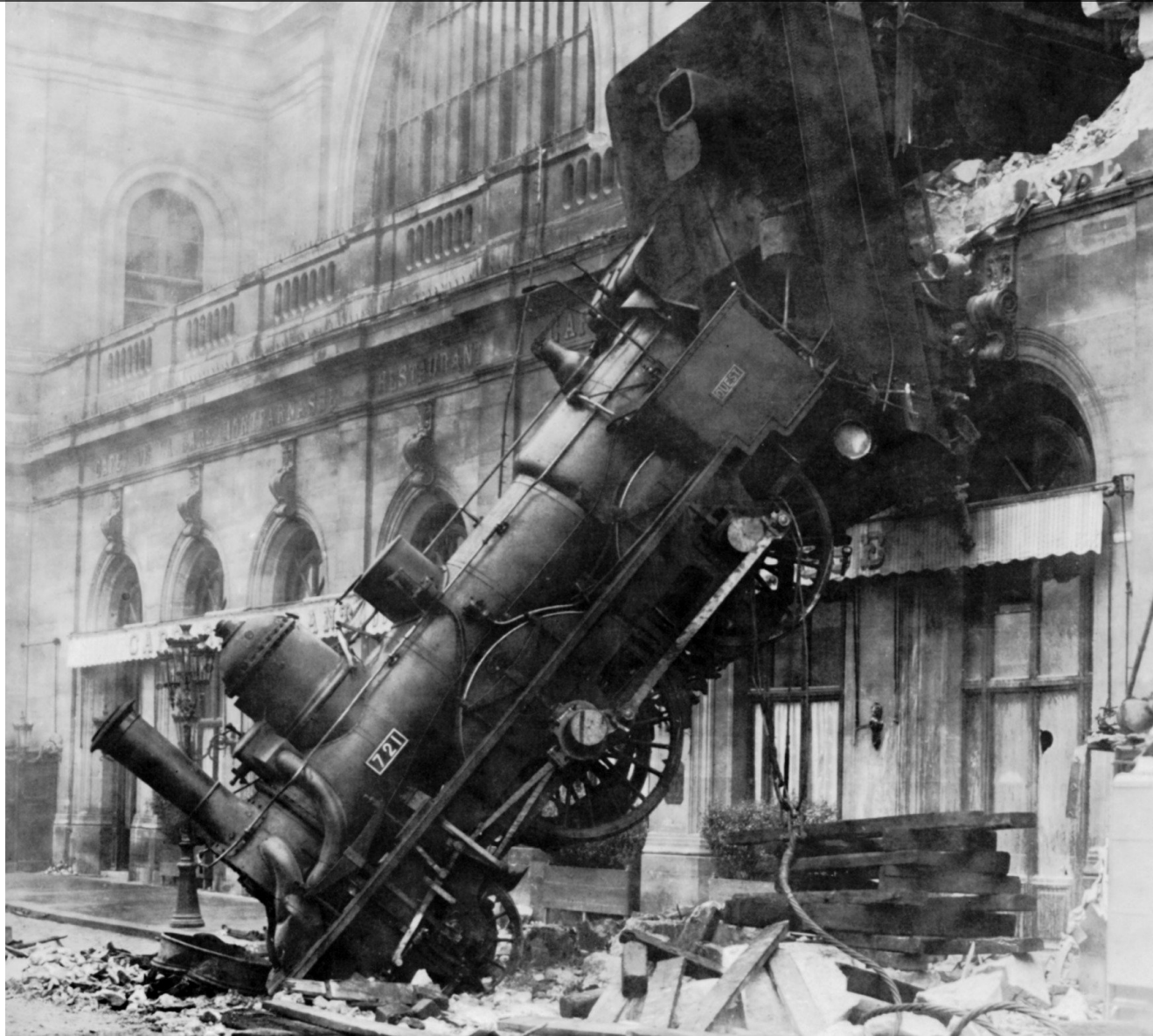
242 registered participants

LET'S DECENTRALISE

Keysigning "parties" suck

ALL THE THINGS!

A party without beer
only to obtain fingerprints



Keysigning "Parties" are not fun
people miss them
They don't print anything
Single point of failure



Base2

01100001000011001011001001010010
00110111101100110111000011101001
11101011001000010000100011101000
10011100111011100001101101101011
00000101100110110101100110001110

Pros: Very accurate, hard to misread

Cons: Very long

WTF

IS THIS SHIT?



Base16

610CB25237B370E9EB21
08E89CEE1B6B059B598E

Pros: looks familiar to nerds

Cons: Hard to distinguish characters

NOT SURE IF



B IS 8

Verifying fingerprints is hard



Base64

YQyyUjezcOnrlQjonO4bawWbWY4=

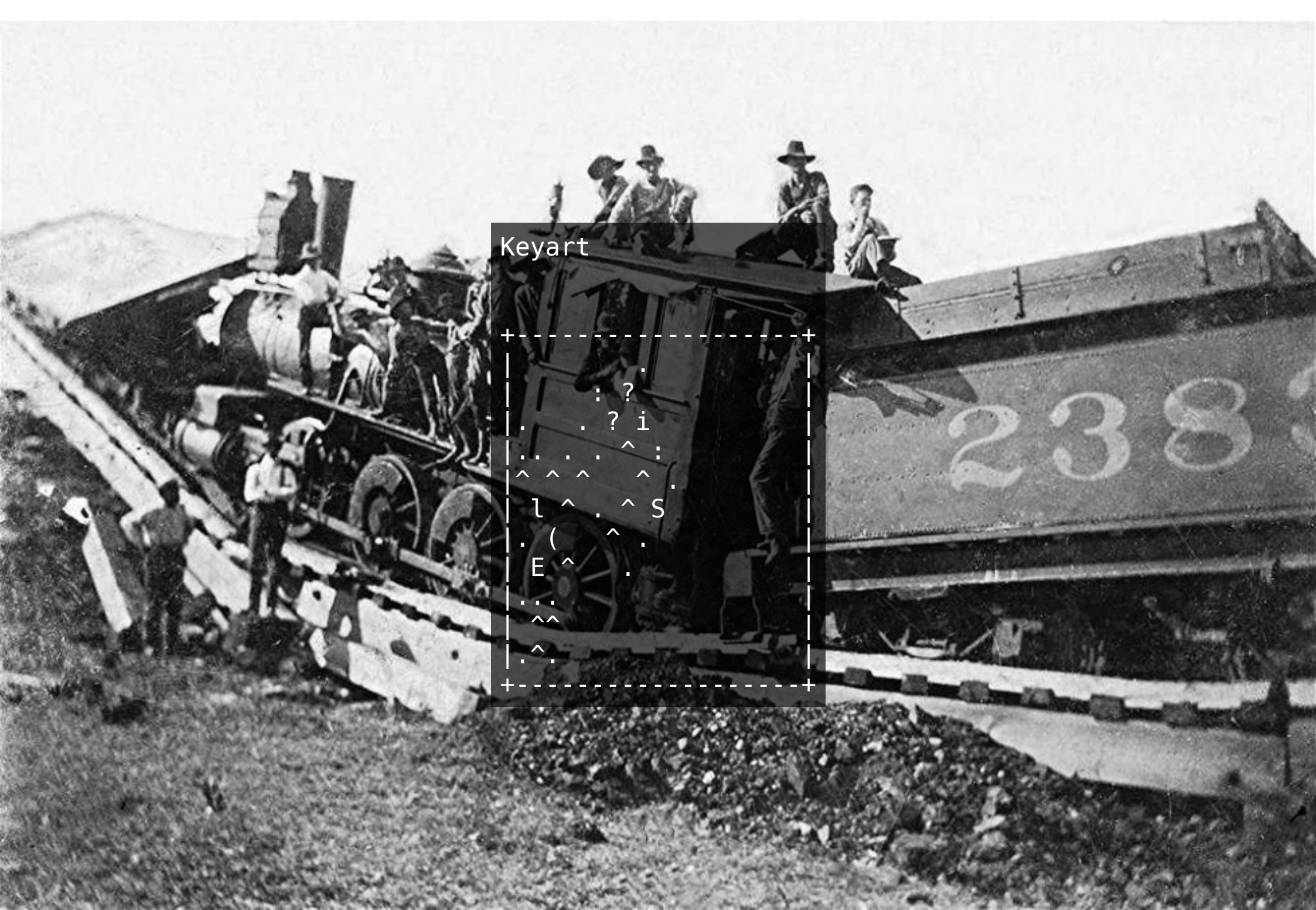
Pros: Shorter than other things

Cons: Probably too big of an alphabet



Base58Check

9r9knGannSDvojyUoGbgyWDUeWGdx7rUC

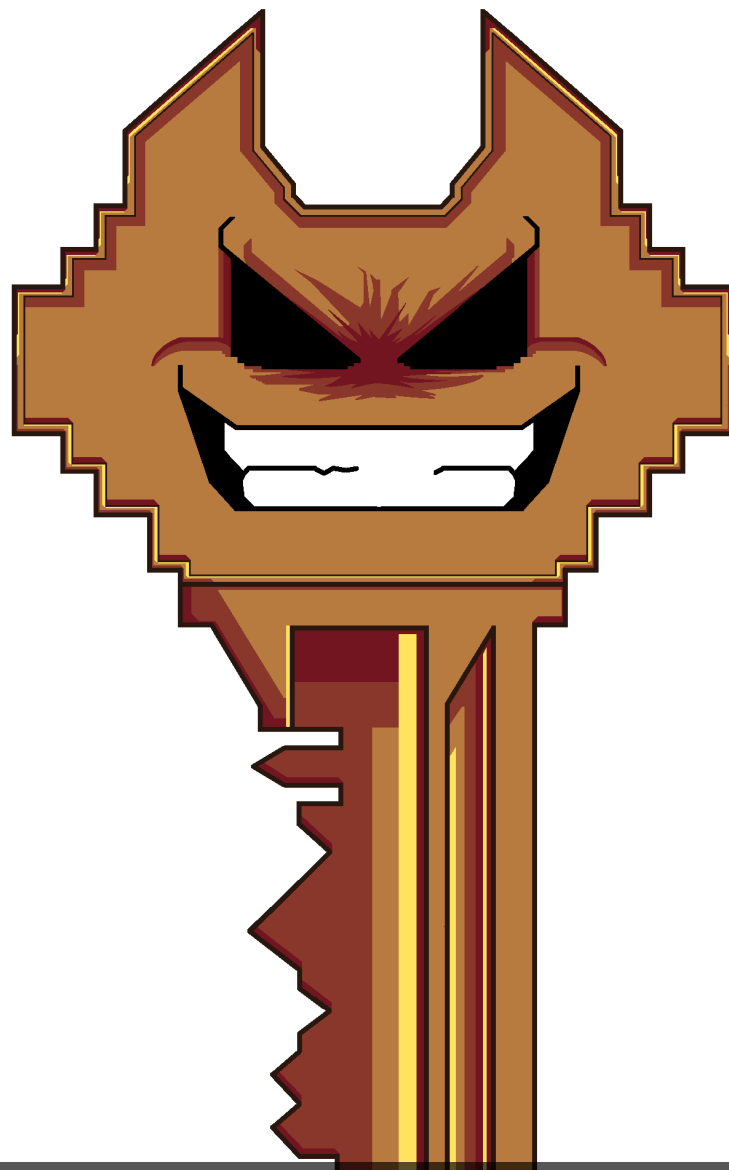


Pros: Probably simpler to compare

Cons: Easy to have collisions



Eventually, you've verified the fingerprint and the identity.
You try to obtain an authentic copy of the key.



short key ids
evil32.com

Of course you don't use short key ids. Do you..?

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gpghowto

This page is about howto get ride of the error which says "W: GPG error: <http://debian.cites.uiuc.edu> testing Release: The following signatures couldn't be verified because the public key is not available: NO_PUBKEY 010908312D230C5F". You may want to run apt-get update to correct these problems" while updating your system with apt-get. Most of the time you get this error if the pubkey is not available on the debian server from were you are downloading your packages.

Nobody uses short keyids. Except Debian

More detailed info are present on [SecureApt](#) (interesting things starting from [How apt uses Release.gpg](#)) . Please understand what you are doing first.

These are the commands which you need to run.

```
$ gpg --recv-keys 2D230C5F
$ gpg --export -a 2D230C5F | sudo apt-key add -
$ apt-get update
```

I don't always use short key ids

private key, you need to follow these guidelines when signing people's keys:

During the Event

1. Keysigning is always done after meeting in person
2. During this meeting you hand each other your OpenPGP key fingerprint and at least one government issued key fingerprints are usually distributed as key fingerprint slips, created by a script such as `gpg-key2ps` (pack
3. You check whether the name on the key corresponds with the name on the ID and whether the person in front of he is.

After the Event

You now have the printed public key information from the other participants.

Example key IDs for the other participants will be E4758D1D, C27659A2, and 09026E7B. Replace these IDs with the other participants.

1. retrieve the keys:
 1. `gpg --recv-keys E4758D1D C27659A2 09026E7B`
2. sign the keys:
 1. `gpg --sign-key E4758D1D`
 2. `gpg --sign-key C27659A2`
 3. `gpg --sign-key 09026E7B`
3. export the keys
 1. `gpg --armor --export E4758D1D --output E4758D1D.signed-by.01234567.asc`
 2. `gpg --armor --export C27659A2 --output C27659A2.signed-by.01234567.asc`
 3. `gpg --armor --export 09026E7B --output 09026E7B.signed-by.01234567.asc`
4. Email the key users (use the email address that was part of the key's user ID) and attach the corresponding signed key to the key server:
 1. `gpg --send-keys --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com E4758D1D`

And Ubuntu



For the party, you will need these strips and an official photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport.

After the Party

Step 1: Get other people's keys

You now have the printed public key information from the other participants.



Example key IDs for the other participants will be [E4758D1D](#), [C27659A2](#), and [09026E7B](#). Replace these IDs with the key IDs you received from the other participants.

And pretty much everybody else

1. Find the key ID numbers on each printout and get the public keys from the keyservers:

```
gpg --recv-keys E4758D1D C27659A2 09026E7B
```

Step 2: Sign the keys

1. Sign a key:

```
gpg --sign-key E4758D1D
```

- i. If a key has multiple user IDs, GPG will ask if you want to sign all of them.

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Elena

385 2 14

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1 Answer

active oldest vot



As error message, you haven't configured gpg server.

Try this:

```
gpg --keyserver subkeys.pgp.net --recv-keys 6092693E && gpg --export --armor 6092693E | sudo apt-key add -
```

on the Internet

Updated

It seems that you can not connect to server:

```
gpg: keyserver timed out
```

Do you have a firewall block port 11371 of hkp service.

You can use port 80 instead of 17371:

```
gpg --keyserver subkeys.pgp.net:80 --recv-keys 6092693E
```

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cuonglm

31.2k 3 30 73

The background of the slide is a dark gray surface covered with a complex, glowing cyan pattern. This pattern is a stylized representation of a fingerprint, where the ridges and valleys are formed by intricate circuit-like lines, including straight paths, curves, and small circular nodes. Two distinct, larger circuit components resembling microchips are visible: one in the upper left and another in the lower right. The overall aesthetic is high-tech and digital.

issue1579: GnuPG ignores the fingerprint

Also: v3 keys still accepted

So you use the fingerprint instead of short key ids
however, currently shipped gnupg version do not
check for the fingerprint of the key to be imported



Let's not use Keyservers

- leaks data
- trivial MITM attacks (issue1579)
- packet forgery
- OCaml... srsly.

<http://bugs.gnupg.org/gnupg/issue1579>

**I DON'T ALWAYS
TARGET USERS**



Let's define our target users.
It's my mom!



The Gold Standard:

K-3048

File Edit View Search Tools Documents



*caffrc ×

```
# .caffrc -- vim:ft=perl:
# This file is in perl(1) format - see caff(1) for details.

$CONFIG{'owner'} = 'Username';
#$CONFIG{'email'} = '[user]@[domain]';
#$CONFIG{'reply-to'} = 'foo@bla.org';

# You can get your long keyid from
#   gpg --with-colons --list-key <yourkeyid|name|emailaddress...>
#
# If you have a v4 key, it will simply be the last 16 digits of
# your fingerprint.
#
# Example:
#   $CONFIG{'keyid'} = [ qw{FEDCBA9876543210} ];
# or, if you have more than one key:
#   $CONFIG{'keyid'} = [ qw{0123456789ABCDEF 89ABCDEF76543210} ];
#$CONFIG{'keyid'} = [ qw{0123456789abcdef 89abcdef76543210} ];

# Select this/these keys to sign with
#$CONFIG{'local-user'} = [ qw{123456789abcdef 89abcdef76543210} ];
# Additionally encrypt messages for these kevids
```

CAFF... PERL... srsly..?

That's the pinnacle, the gold-standard of contemporary keysigning

**LET'S MAKE THEM USE
BASE16, OCAML, AND PERL**

FOR THEIR CRYPTO

AM I THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE



WHO IS SICK OF FINGERPRINTS?

A man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark tie, is seated at a desk in a cluttered office. The desk is covered with papers, a computer monitor, and various other items. Behind him, there are shelves filled with books, papers, and other office supplies. To his left, there are several filing cabinets. The overall scene suggests a busy, somewhat disorganized workspace.

Fast forward 20 years

We see the fire burning

We need to do something about the situation

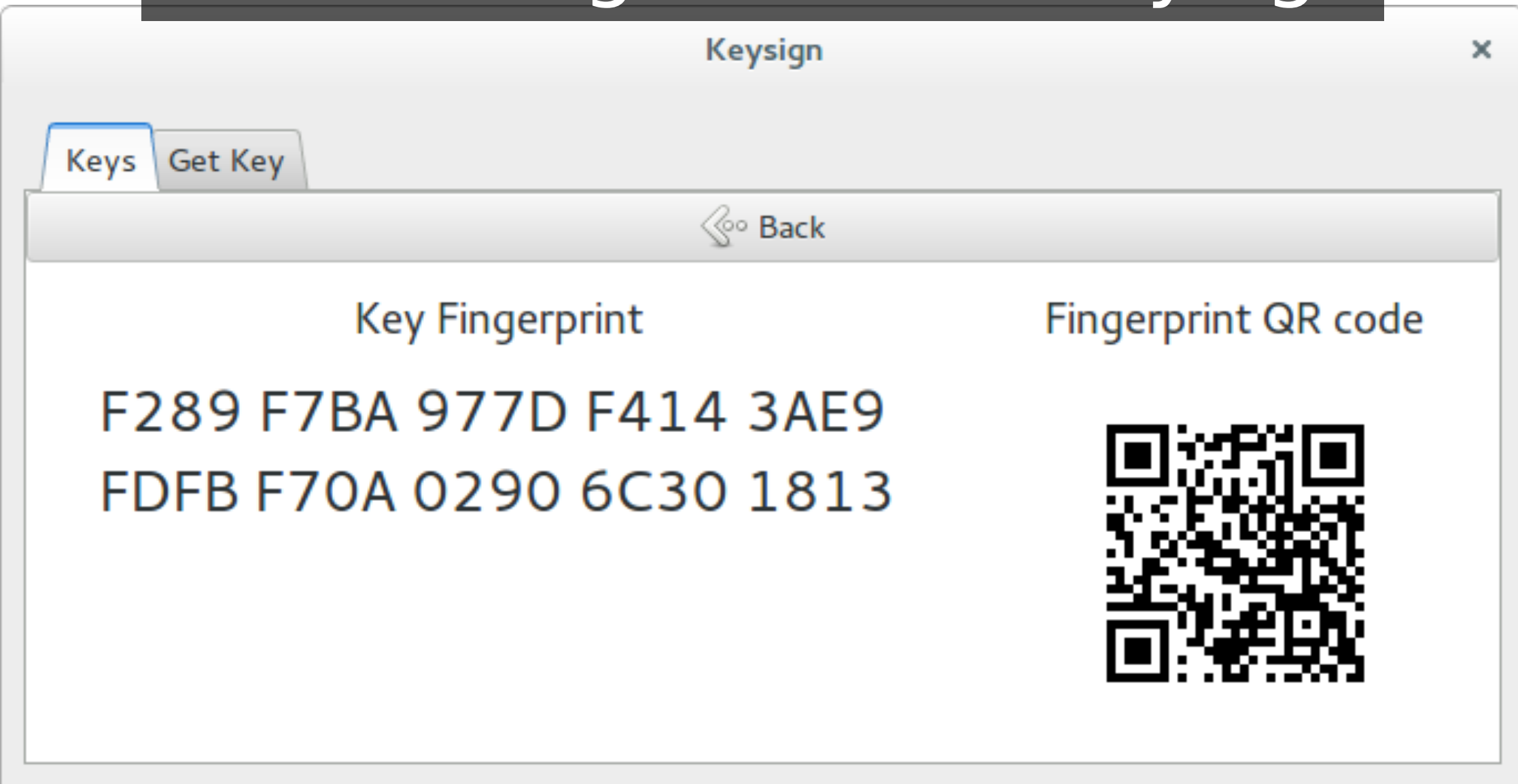


Two decades later:

- mobile computing
- WiFi
- QR Codes

Yet, our machines cannot talk to each other

Introducing: GNOME Keysign



Leveraging 2000s technologies

Keysign

Keys

Get Key

Type fingerprint

F289 F7BA 977D F414 3AE9
FDFB F70A 0290 6C30 1813

... or scan QR code

Open Image

Step 1: Scan QR Code or type fingerprint and click on 'Download' button

Back

Next



Demo

fish /home/muelli/vcs/geysigning

File Edit View Search Terminal Tabs Help

nano /home/muelli/vcs/ge... nano /home/muelli/vcs/ge... ipython /home/muelli/vcs/... fish /home/muelli/vcs/gey... fish /home/muelli/vcs/gey... python /home/muelli/vcs/...

```
(evolution:19692): gtkhtml-WARNING **: found token with no open
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 31815 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 31886 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 31906 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 31991 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 31960 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 33080 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 33462 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 33555 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 33769 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 34560 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 34883 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 35019 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 35619 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 36186 was not found when attempting to remove it
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 36483 was not found when attempting to remove it
→ geysigning git:(tobi_tmp_email) >
(evolution:19692): GLib-CRITICAL **: Source ID 36852 was not found when attempting to remove it
```



GNOME Keysign

- Directly transfers keys
- Sends encrypted email
- No MTA needed

STILL WAITING

<https://wiki.gnome.org/GnomeKeysign>

FOR PATCHES

memegenerator.net

Still waiting for patches

A historical black and white photograph showing a steam locomotive, numbered 221, derailed and tilted precariously against the side of a large, ornate building. The building has arched windows and a sign that reads "RESTAURANT CAFE DE LA GARE MONTMARTRE". A long ladder leans against the building. Several people in period clothing are standing on the street, observing the scene. The locomotive is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its front end resting against the building's facade. The street is paved, and there are some trees in the background.

Thank you