



# Ensuring Healthcare System Integrity with Blockchain

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# Agenda:

Blockchain Based Integrity Assurance Concept

Keyless Signature Infrastructure overview

Integration with Estonian E-health Foundation & more



# Data Integrity

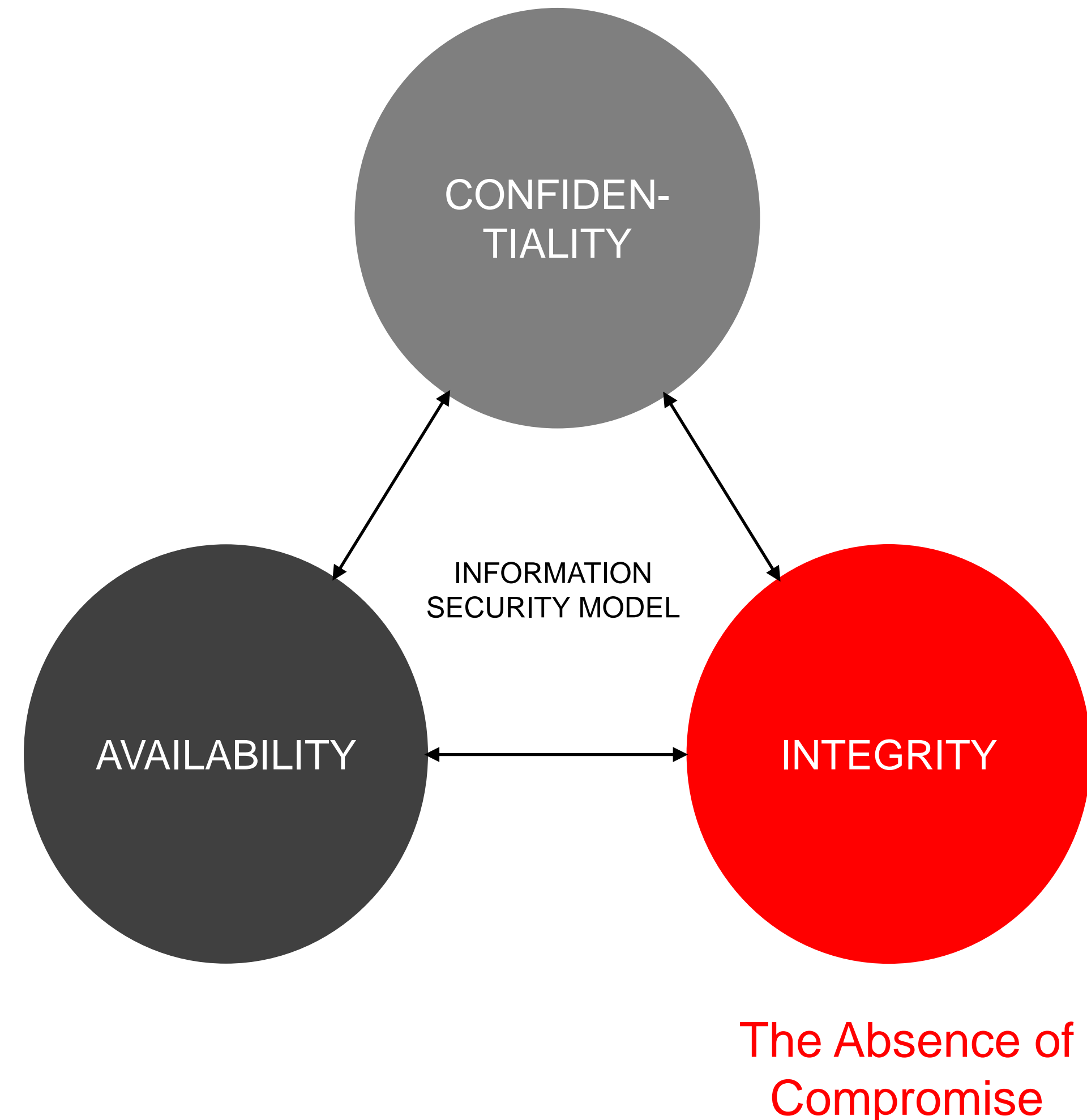
The root cause for ineffective cybersecurity is the **lack of integrity** of systems, networks, processes and data.

“The most serious national security threat looming in cyberspace may be the potential for vital data to be altered by cybermarauders”

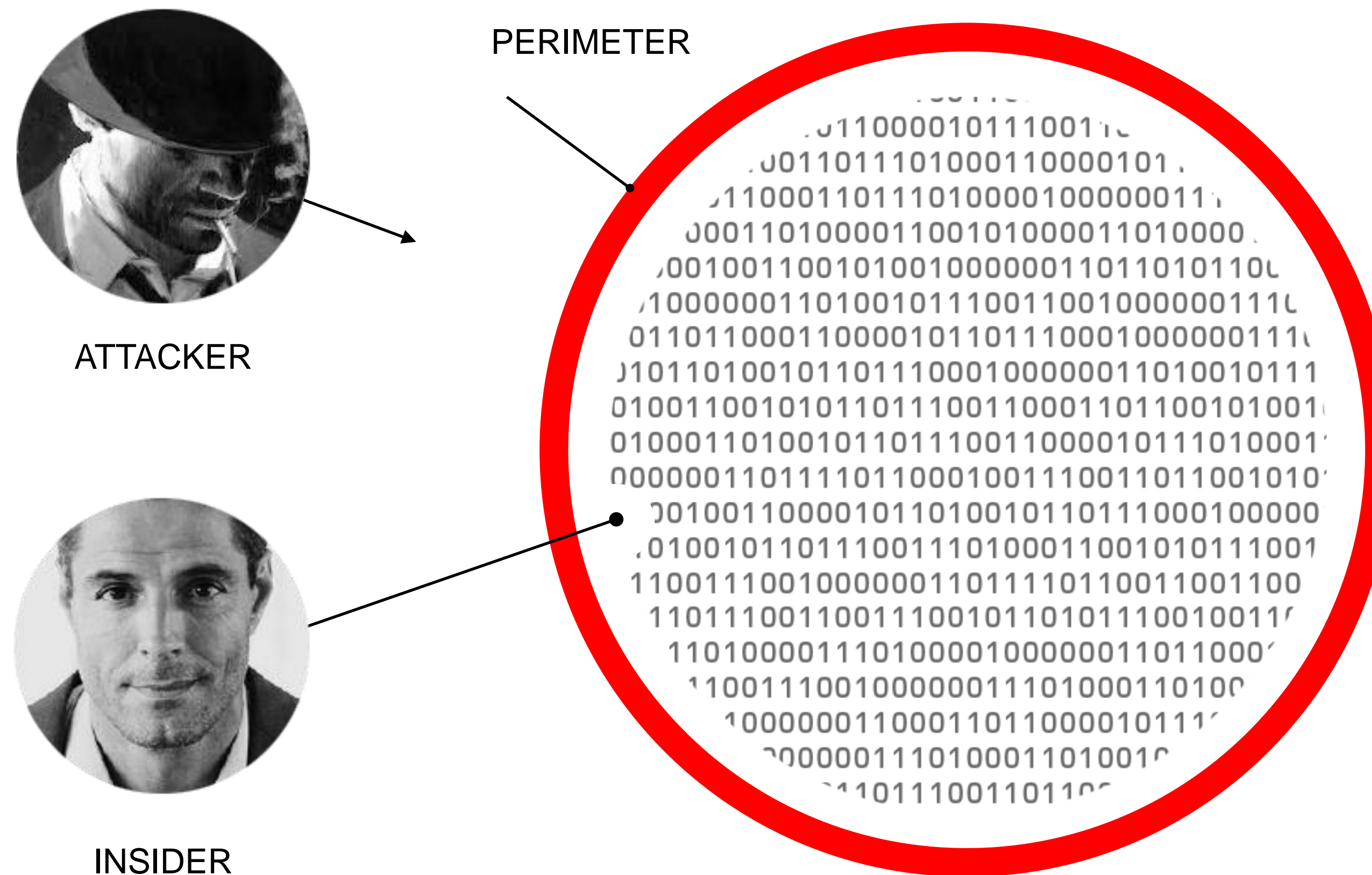
– James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)

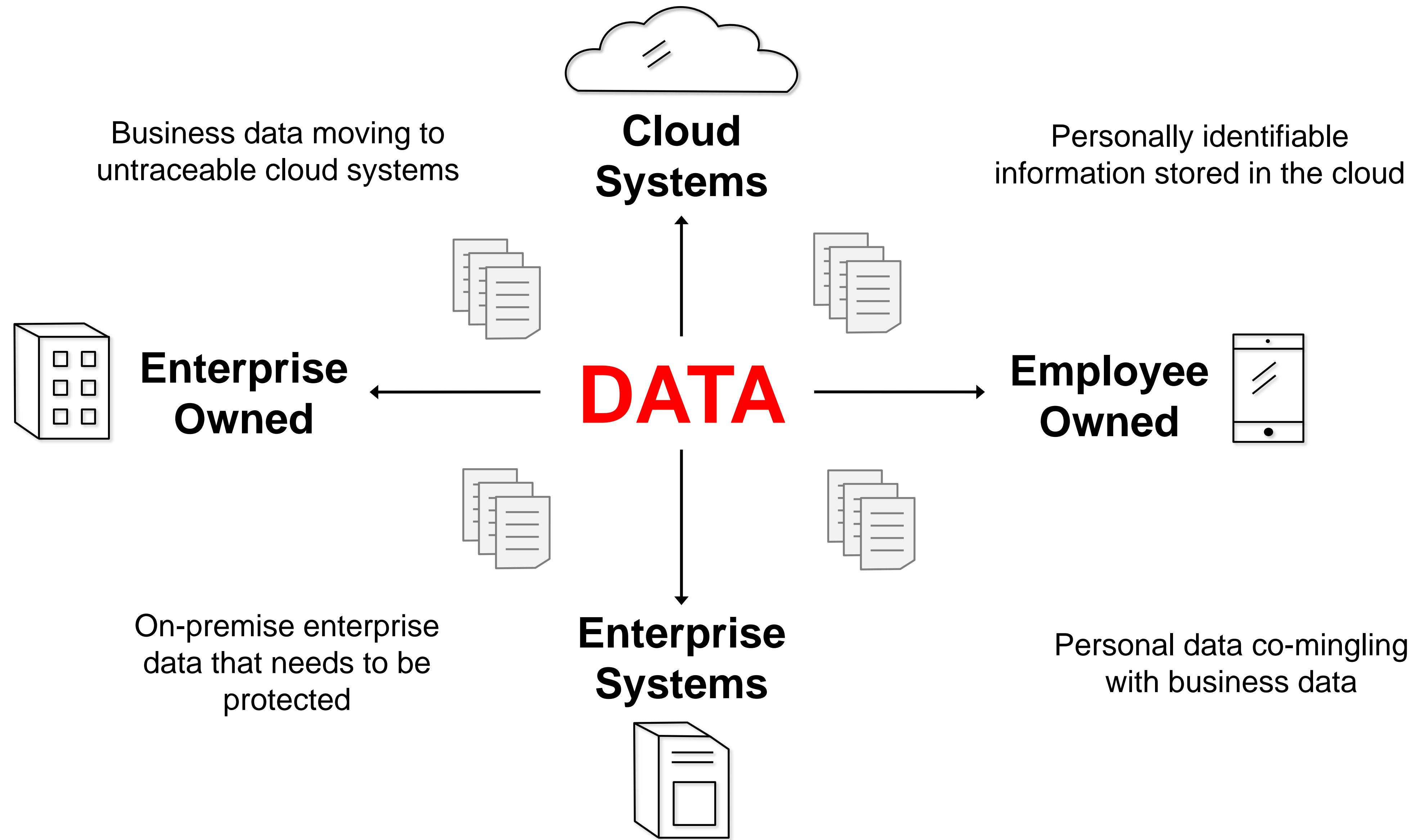
“The newest cyber threat will be data manipulation.”

– Mike Rogers, Director NSA



# The Problem: Traditional Approach to Cybersecurity





The old guard of **perimeter-based** defense is ineffective and we need to compliment these solutions

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**It's time to defend the DATA itself.**

# Data Integrity Application in Cybersecurity

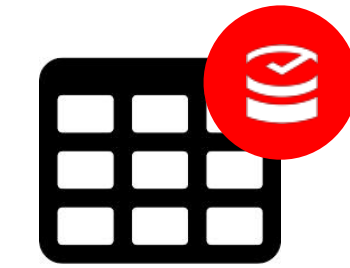
The practice of  
verifying that  
**DATA**  
in your network  
is not compromised



Firewalls



Configurations



Routing tables



Firmware



Data-at-rest



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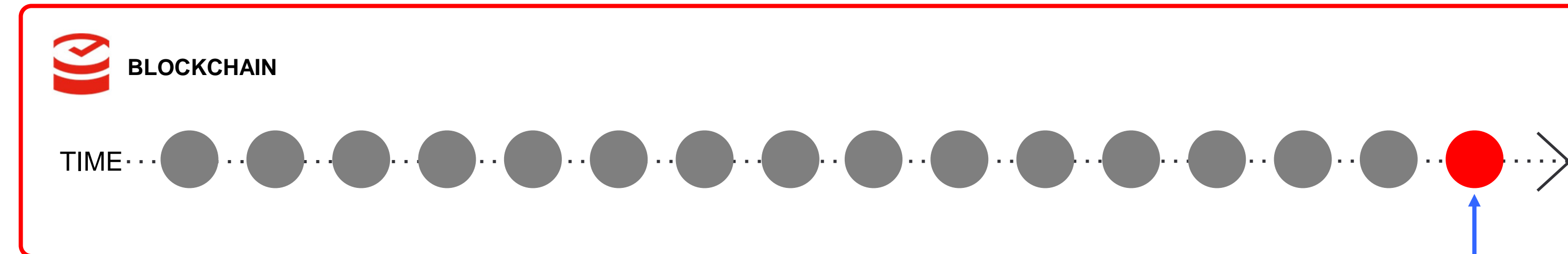
Virtualization



Event logs

...and other  
critical assets

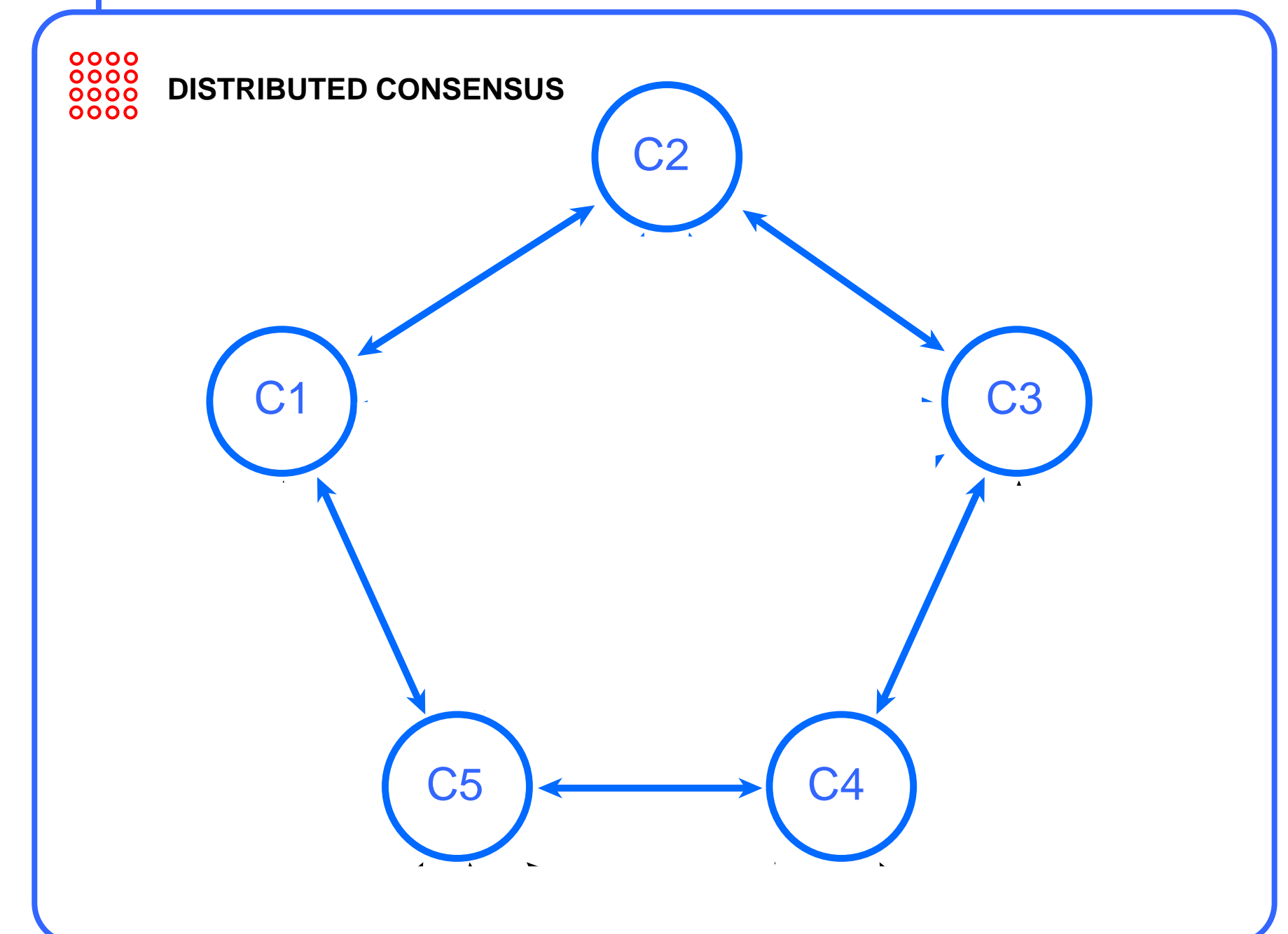
# Blockchain Principle



“Blockchain” is a distributed database that maintains a continuously growing list of data records, chained together against revision and tampering.

As every client has a copy of the blockchain it is impossible to manipulate information and cover up your tracks. The integrity and provenance of information systems can be mathematically proven.

“Distributed consensus” is an agreement between different compute-nodes over what is a true or false record



**Bitcoin is blockchain-based, not vice versa!**



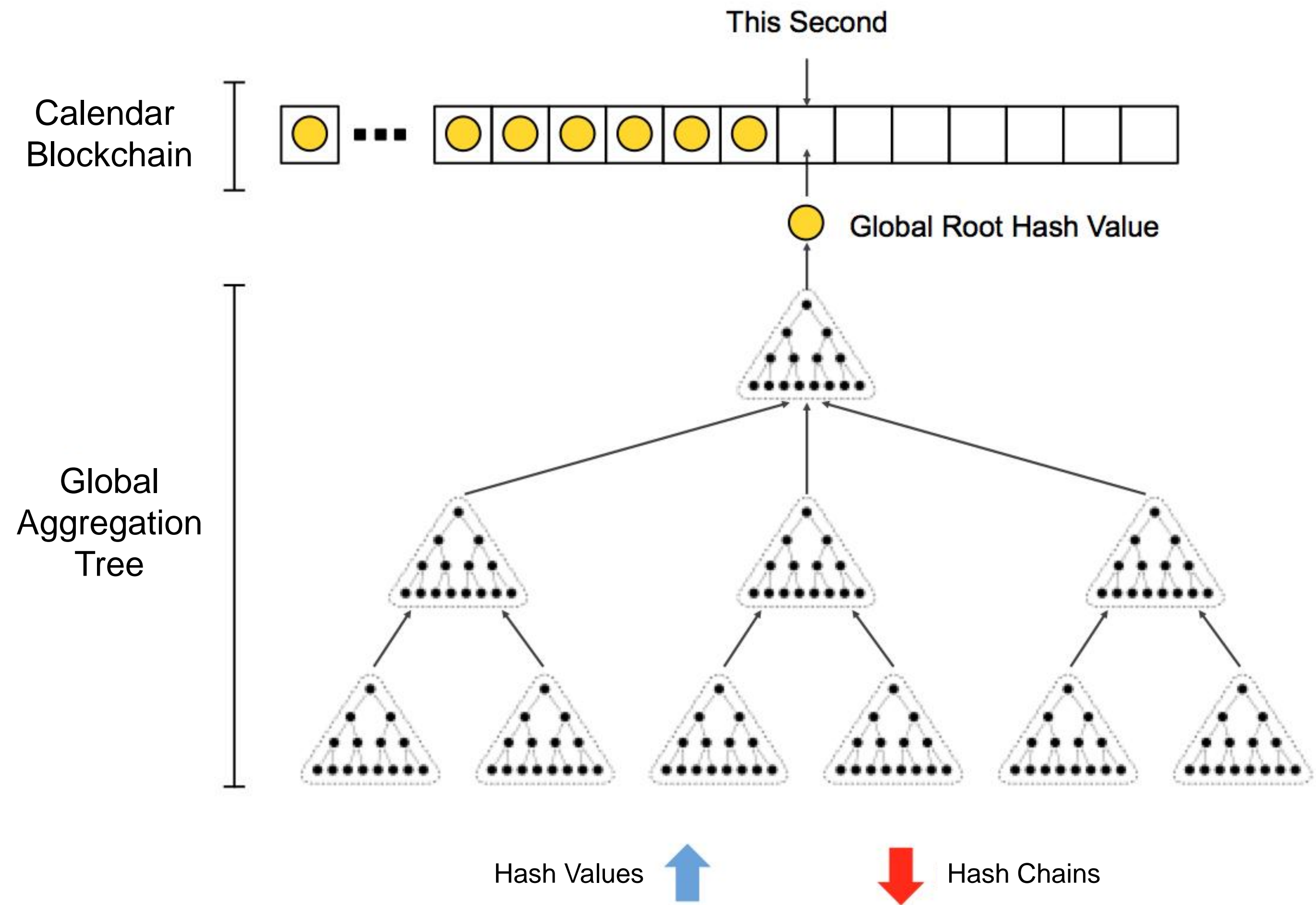
# Introducing the Hash Calendar Blockchain

A global asynchronous Aggregation Tree summarizing all submitted Hash Values is built every second and destroyed after all clients have received their hash chains.

The same tree is never rebuilt.

Only the Global Root Hash Values of the Aggregation Tree are kept in a public Calendar Blockchain.

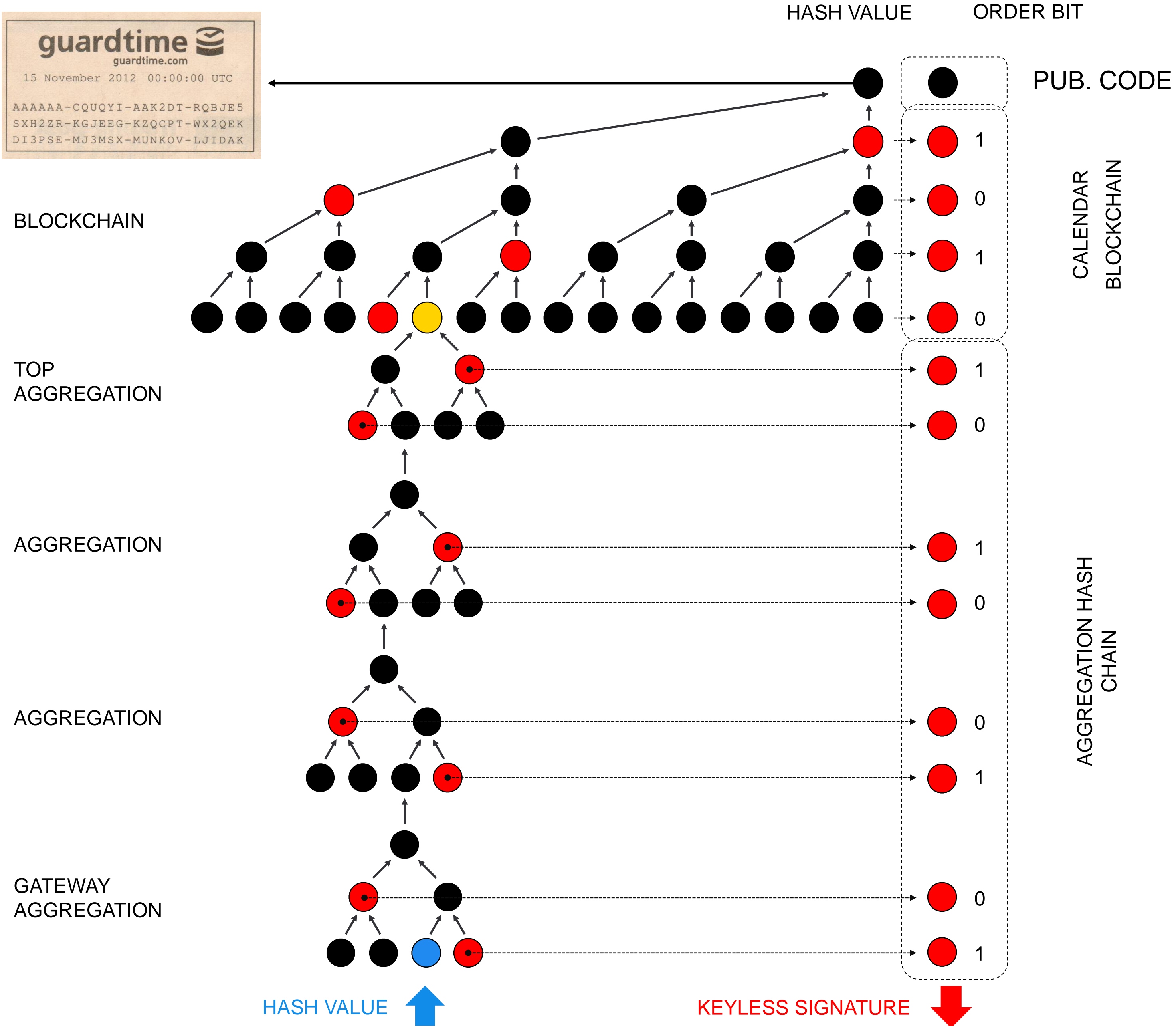
The Calendar Blockchain has exactly one entry for each second since 1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC



# Signature Token

A signature token consists of:

- Hash chain from input data hash to global blockchain database
- Blockchain database hash chain
- Root hash value of the blockchain database tree that is periodically published.





# KSI Properties

## KSI Signature provides:

- Signing time
- Signing entity
- Data integrity



KSI blockchain based asset authentication uses **formal mathematical methods** only, there are no secrets that can be compromised and conclusive proof of asset integrity is independent of any insiders or third parties.

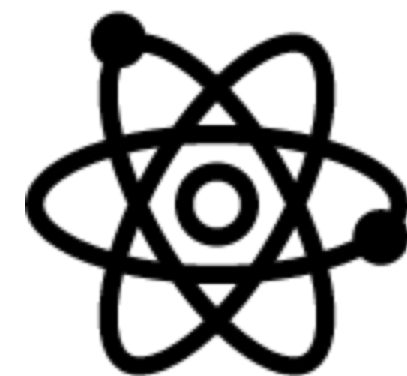


The massive scale of the KSI enables authentication of **billions of data items** every second.



The KSI does not ingest any customer data – complete data **privacy is guaranteed** at all times.

## Formal validation:



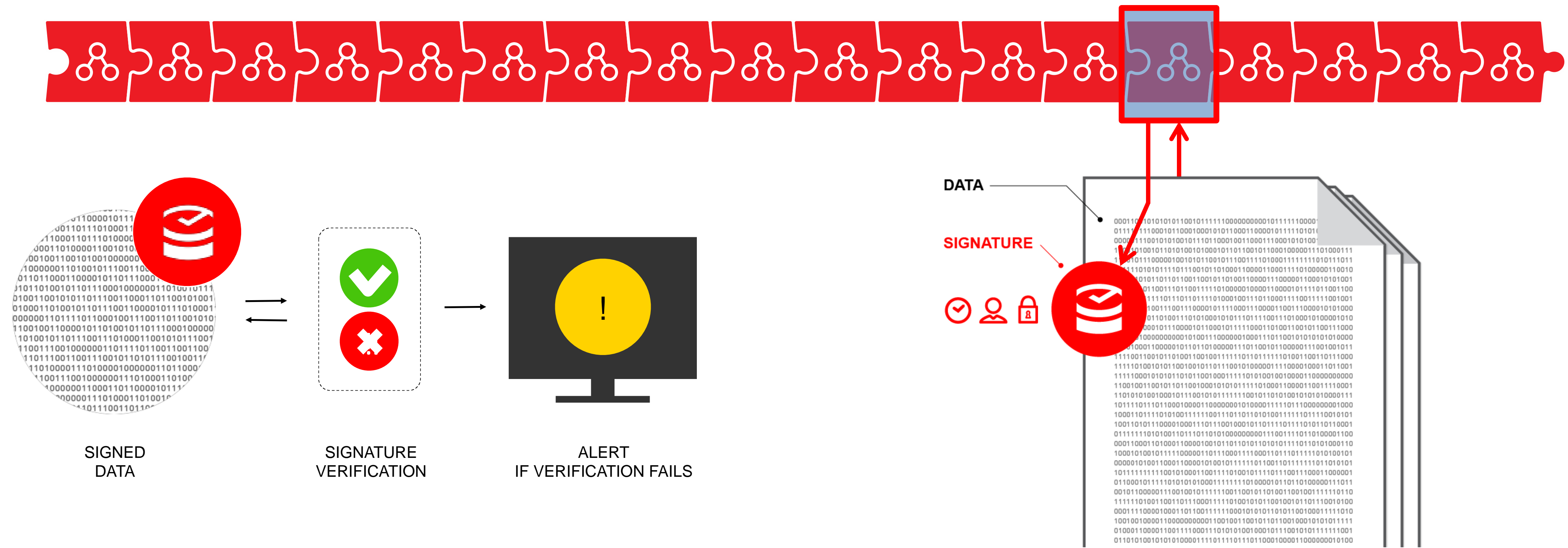
KSI is **quantum immune**, meaning it's security is not vulnerable to quantum algorithms run in existing or upcoming quantum computers, unlike i.e. RSA algorithm commonly used in PKI implementations.

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Galois and Guardtime Federal Awarded  
\$1.8M DARPA Contract to Formally Verify  
Blockchain-Based Integrity Monitoring  
System

# Solution to the Integrity Problem: Register Digital Assets in the Blockchain

KSI signatures, linked to the blockchain, enable the properties of data to be verified without the need for trusted third parties, keys or credentials that can be compromised.





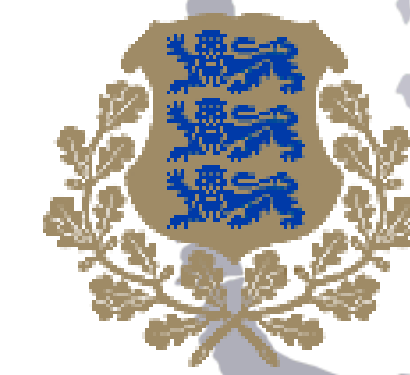
# Integrity Backbone for Estonian eSociety

Guardtime's KSI Blockchain is the **fundamental integrity substrate** for the Estonian e-Government systems that have 1,000+ citizen services and is ranked as one of the most advanced in the world.

Testing of KSI Blockchain in governmental systems started in 2008 and is in production use since 2012.

Today, Estonia has blockchain backed:

- Health-records
- Document registries
- Public database of laws
- Security infrastructure



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# E-Healthcare in Estonia

Open information exchange platform; standardized schemas.

- Lab results
- Prescriptions
- Case history
- Medical certificates
- Specialist appointments
- Data feeds, e.g. for social insurance
- Patient portal.



X-road is the underlying message exchange platform. Encrypted database, identifying and medical data kept separate. ID-card based access only; security hardware where necessary.

Strong transaction log is auditable by every subject.

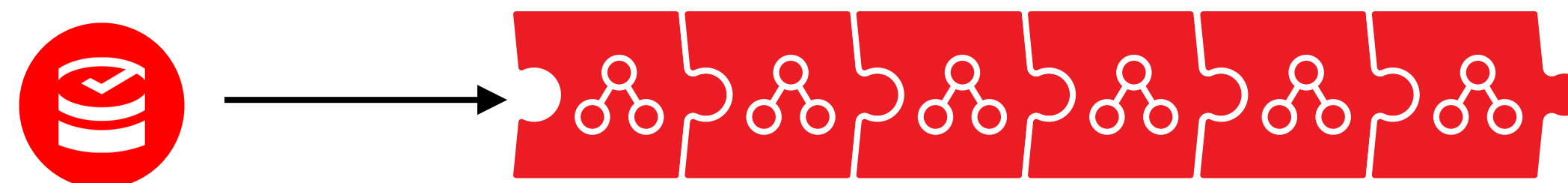
Managed by E-Health Foundation, founded by Ministry of Social Affairs and major medical institutions



# Initial integration with E-health Foundation

**Goal is to solve several key problems for back-end healthcare record storage:**

- 1 To produce independent and legally sound proofs of record and whole database for internal, external and regulatory compliance purposes.
- 2 To discover unauthorized changes, especially by insiders to the organization, and report them in a timely fashion.
- 3 Achieve the above capabilities across extremely large systems with terabytes of data and millions of records



KSI BLOCKCHAIN

# 1

## Regulatory Compliance

### **Goal is to ensure ISKE T3 compliance**

ISKE - Three-level baseline security system – defining requirements for confidentiality, availability and integrity.

ISKE is compulsory in organizations of state and local administration who handle databases/ registers.

T3 level integrity requirement: data source, manipulation and deletion must be legally provable. Data integrity, completeness and timeliness must be verifiable in real time.

T3 implementation in practice: hashchaining, signing and verifying all assets.



## 2

## Integrity assurance

**Goal is to identify unauthorized changes in a timely fashion**

Malicious actions by hackers or insiders that are mitigated:

- Unauthorized data manipulation
- Tampering with evidence of data manipulation
- Tampering with database backups



## Dimensioning requirements

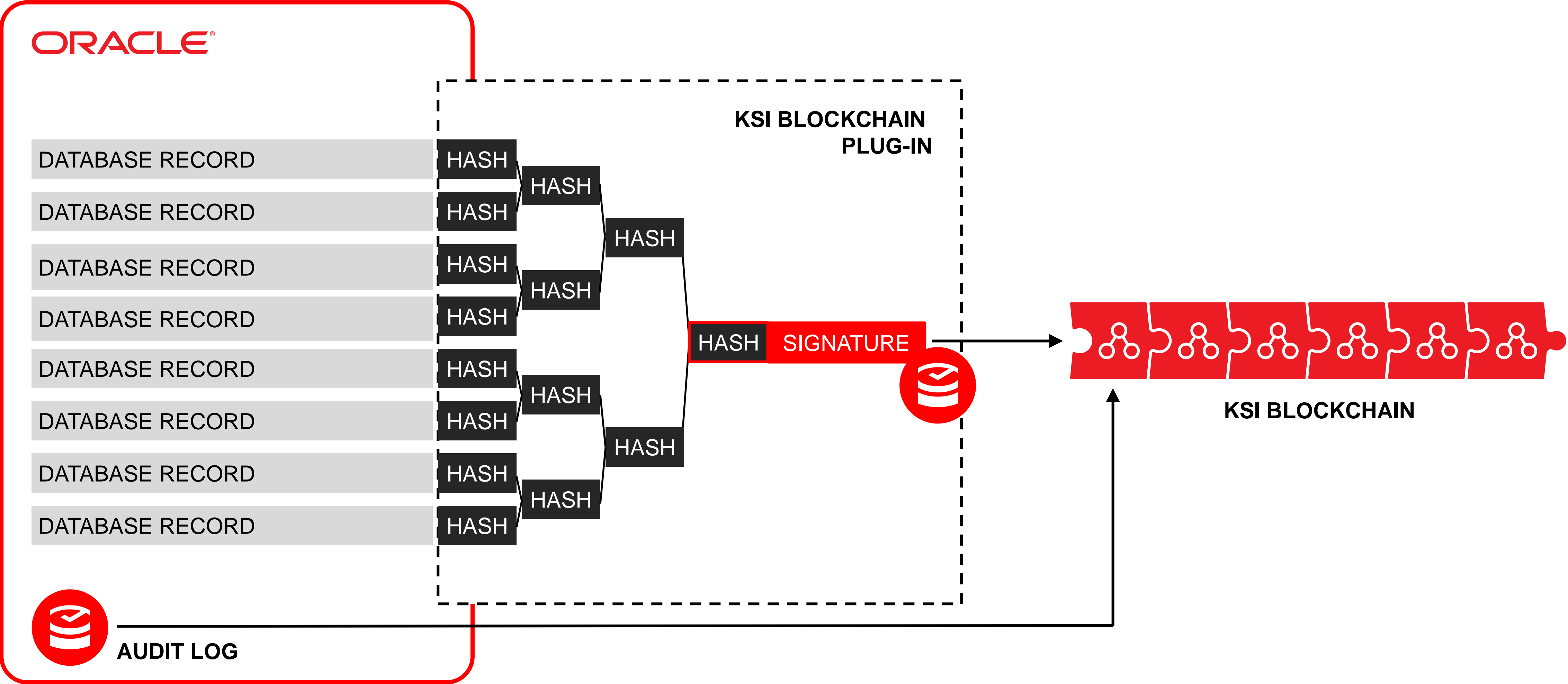
**KSI integration must not cause additional overhead in E-health information system**

Key dimensioning requirements:

- Tens of millions of database records must be signed
- Single record's integrity must be provable in isolation
- Verification must be configurable (last day, last 30 days, whole database)



# Estonian E-Healthcare Oracle Database integration



# Securing E- Prescriptions

## Use-Case Review



# e-Prescriptions: Overview

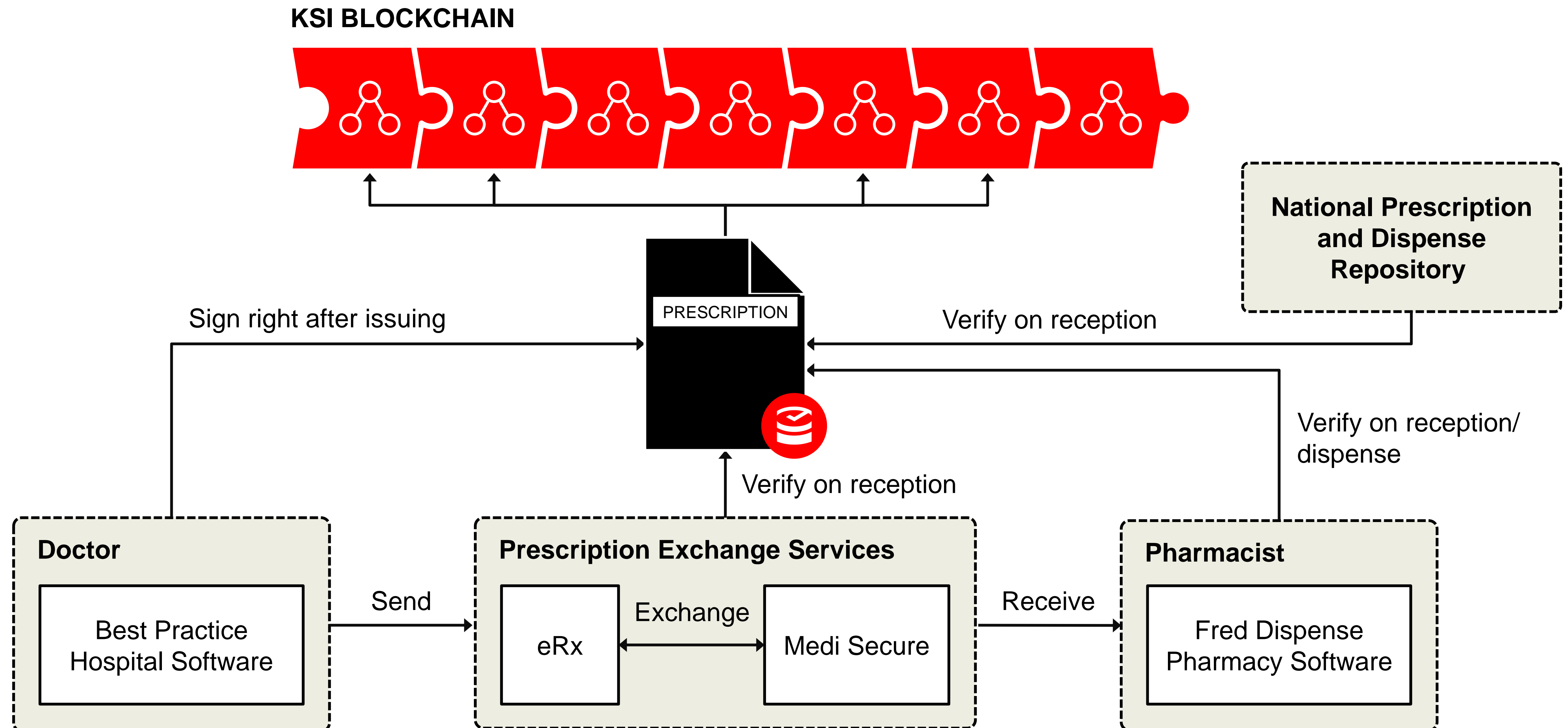
## Core Problems Being Addressed

- Ensure integrity of prescription network as a whole
- Long-term integrity
- Legal aspects of paperless governance

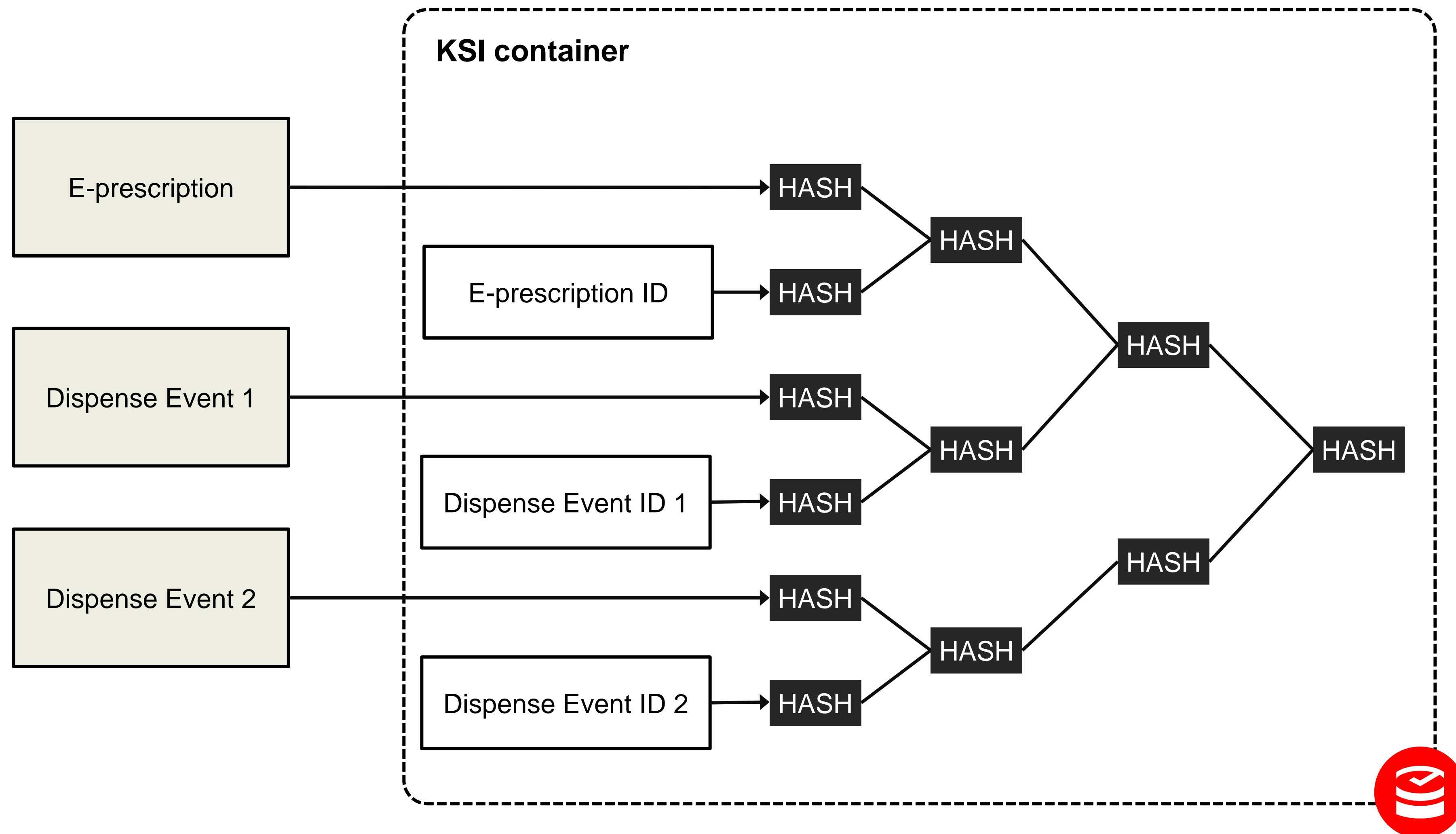
## KSI Solution

- KSI can protect e-prescription independent of the systems that process or store it
- Detect tampering with a valid e-prescription as it moves through the various systems
- Ensure consistency and integrity of dispense events of a e-prescription as it is being used
- Ensure the long term integrity of central e-prescription repositories and e-health records

# e-Prescriptions: Architecture



# e-Prescriptions: Containers





# E-Health Integrations / Use-Cases Roadmap



EHR long term archiving – provable integrity and timeline of medical events



Telemedicine and remote care – verification of integrity of exchanged medical data



Provably secure data handling at drug discovery and clinical trials

# Lessons Learned / Best Practices



## **Clearly define objectives:**

- What kind of alerts are desired?
- What needs to be provable and to who?
- What are risk vectors?



## **Define Integration aspects:**

- What is minimum/maximum granularity of data to be signed?
- If / how is data normalized?
- How often should data be signed?
- Where / how are signatures stored?
- What are verification policies?
- What are dimensioning aspects

## **Based on:**

- Painpoints
- Risk analysis
- Regulatory Compliance

## **Best Practices:**

- Sign as close to source as possible – follow business logic / data model
- Sign at immutable state
- Aggregate locally, consider hashing performance for large assets

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