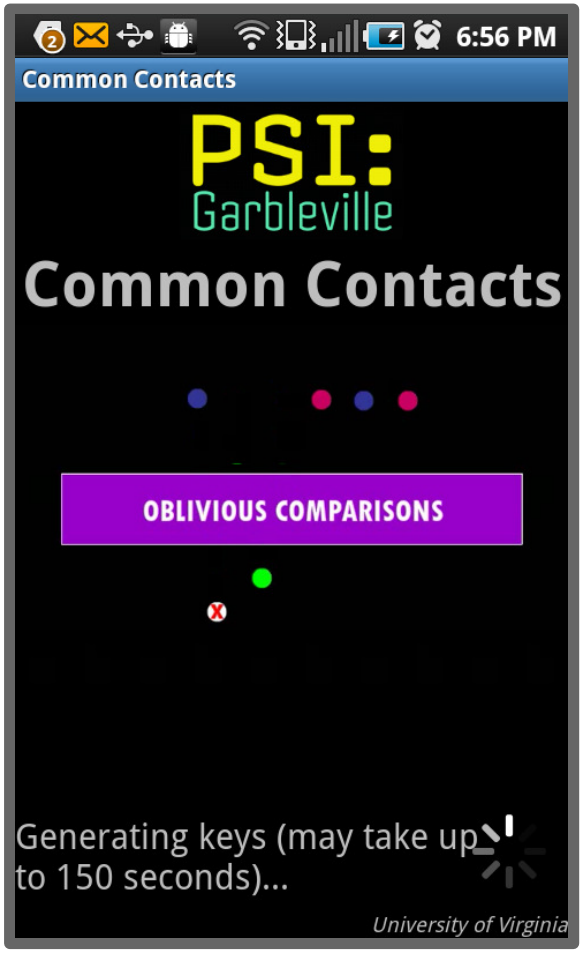

Privacy-Preserving Applications on Smartphones

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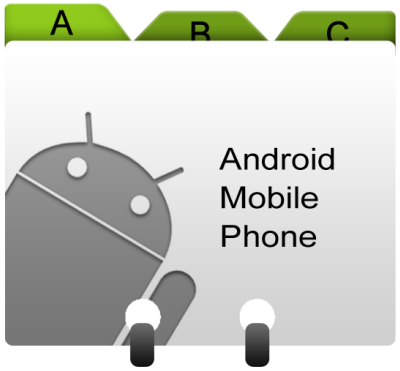
What's on your phone?

Contacts



Location History

Pictures

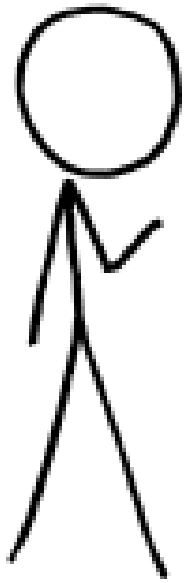
Email

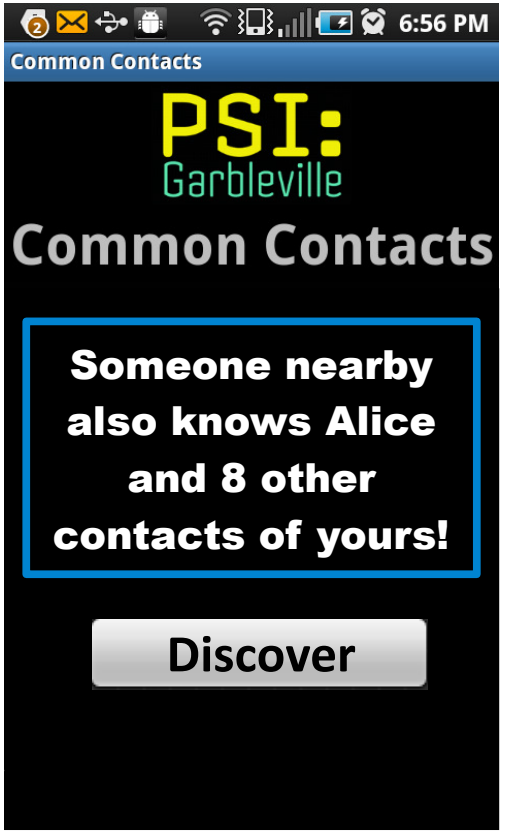
Genome

(maybe next year)

Banking & Payment

Mutual Contact Discovery





Bob

Alice

Transfer entire (hashed) contact list between devices?

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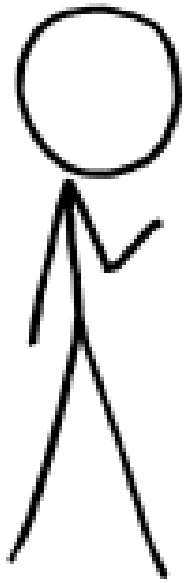

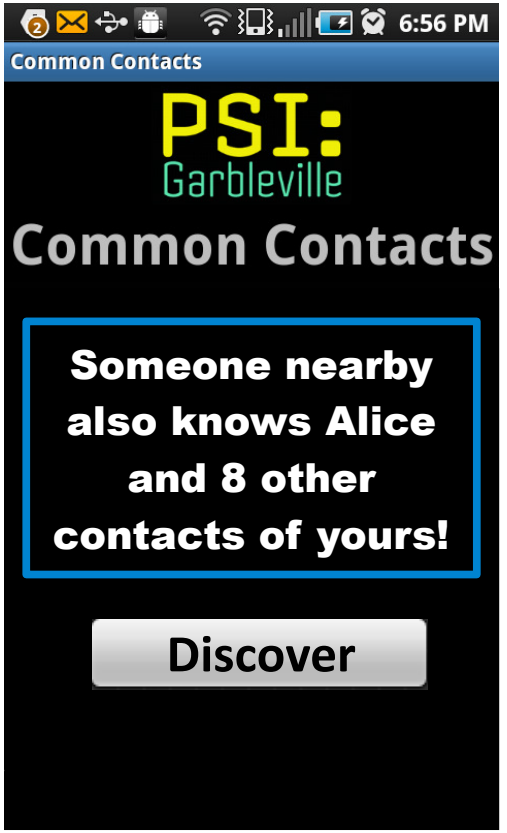

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Sharing contact list with a stranger is unacceptable

The Dilemma

Can we interact with others *and* control our data?

Trust a Third Party?

June 2011
1.3 Million

April 2011
70 Million

June 2011
200,000

April 2011
2,500 Corporate Clients

June 2011
25 Million

Secure Two-Party Computation

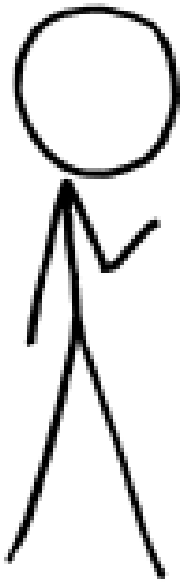
Bob (circuit evaluator)

Private Data: *a*

Agree on
$f(a,b) \rightarrow x$

Alice (circuit generator)

Private Data: *b*



Garbled Circuit Protocol

Outputs $x = f(a,b)$
without revealing a
to Bob or b to Alice.

Semi-honest threat model

Andrew Yao, 1982/1986

Potential Applications

Two Party

Common Contacts

Favorite Workshop Papers

Hyper-Targeted Advertising

Multi-Party

Voting, Auctions & more!

Collaborative Scheduling

Potential Applications

User-Initiated (Explicit) Automatic (Background)

Voting, Auctions & more!

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Implementing Privacy-Preserving Applications

Secure-Computation Framework

Java-Based
Garbled Circuit
Framework

Pipelined Circuit Execution
Free XOR
Circuit-Level Optimizations

See our talk in the **Friday, 5 PM Applied Cryptography** USENIX Security technical session:

Faster Secure Two-Party Computation Using Garbled Circuits
Yan Huang, David Evans, Jonathan Katz, & Lior Malka

Available now:
http://mightbeevil.org/framework/

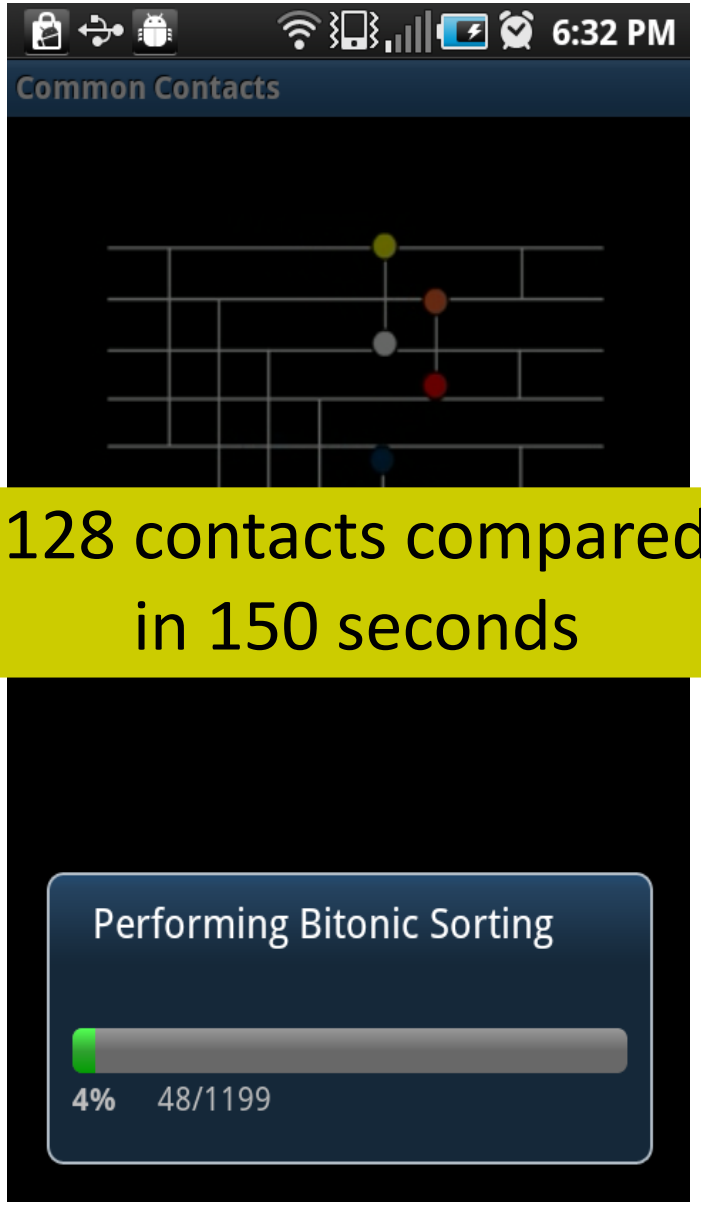
Porting the Framework

100 non-free gates per second:
1000 times slower than desktop!

No cryptographic hardware modules.

We thank Google for the Nexus One phones!

Common Contacts



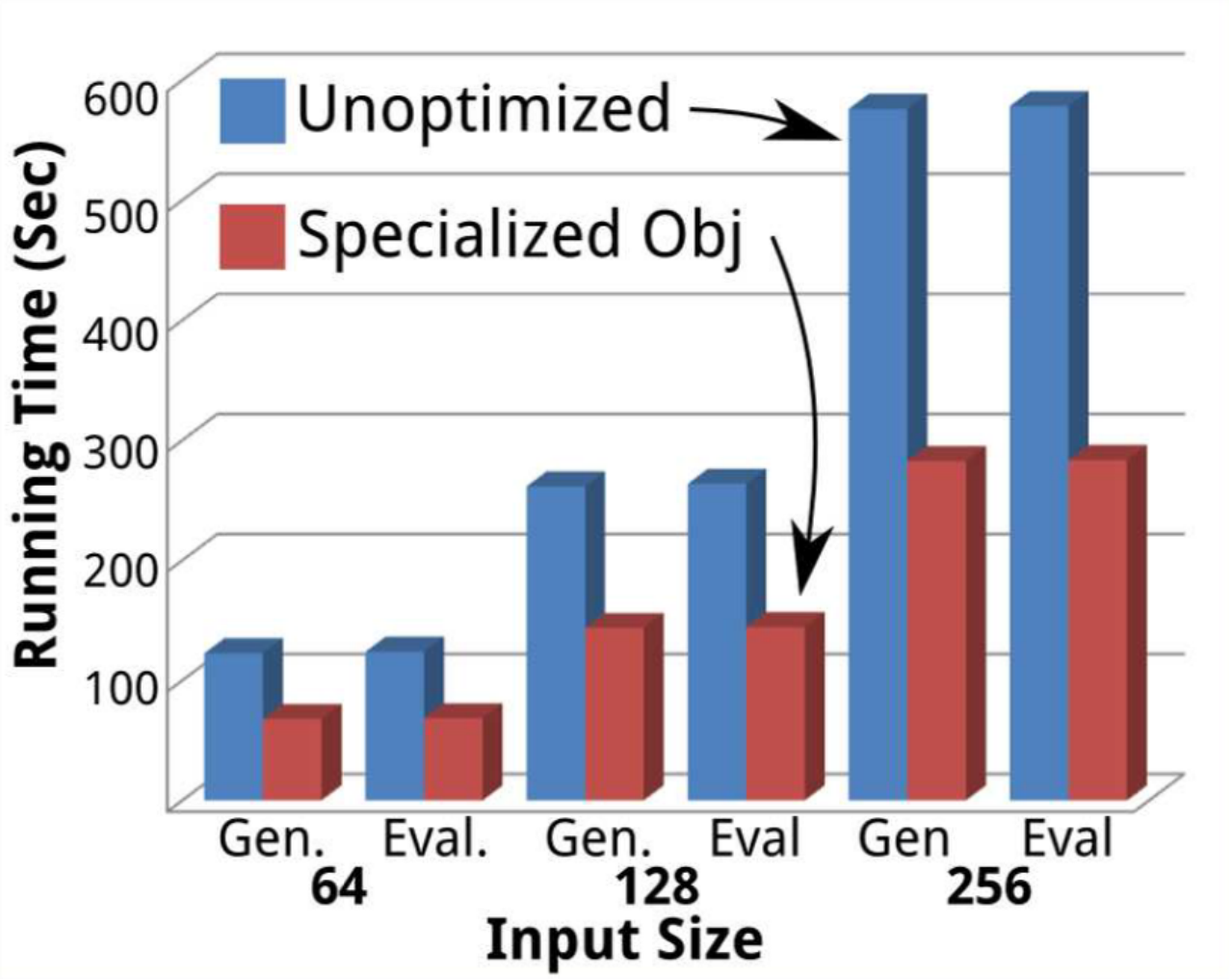
128 contacts compared in 150 seconds

Search for mutually shared contacts, without leaking others.

24-bit Hashes of Email and Phone Numbers

Sort-Compare-Shuffle to do private set intersection in $O(n \log n)$

Improving Mobile Performance



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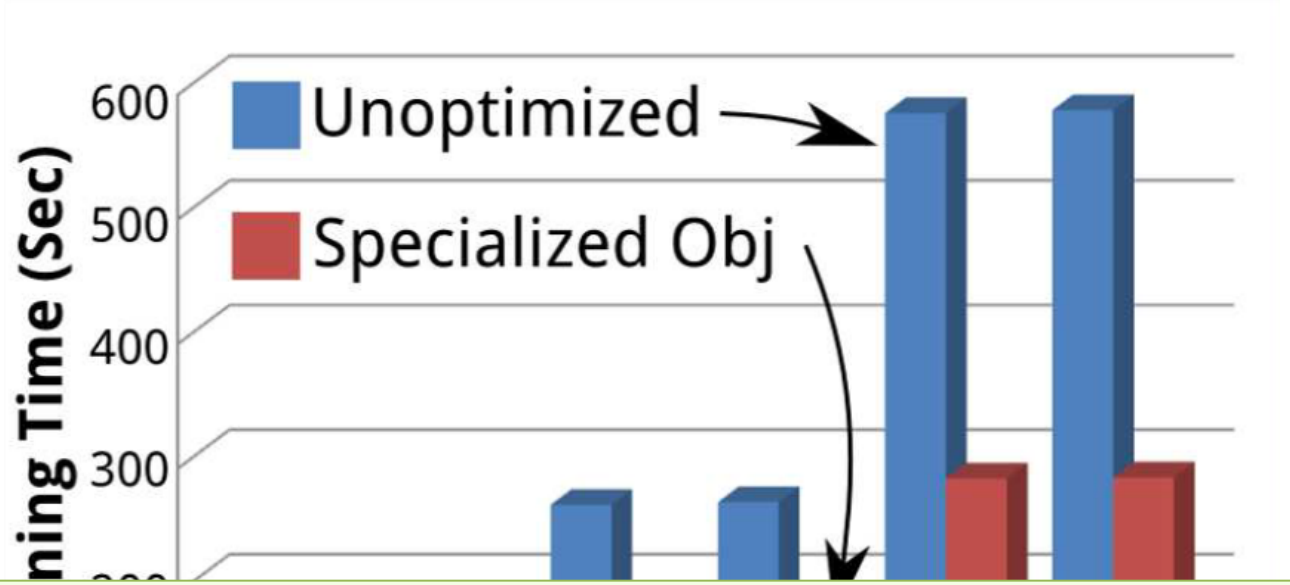

Poster and Demo: *More Efficient Secure Computation on Smartphones*

Sang Koo, Yan Huang, Peter Chapman, and David Evans

(Thursday, 6PM California East/West)

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Future Optimization: RenderScript

C99 with extensions

Runs on either CPU or GPU depending on complexity

Renderscript transform test

Displaying file: R.raw.robot

Future Directions

Stronger Adversaries

Semi-Honest (*Honest But Curious*) **Adversary**

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Software Based Attestation?

Leveraging the Carrier

at&t

verizon

Any *new* peers nearby?

Carriers can identify and locate devices on their networks.

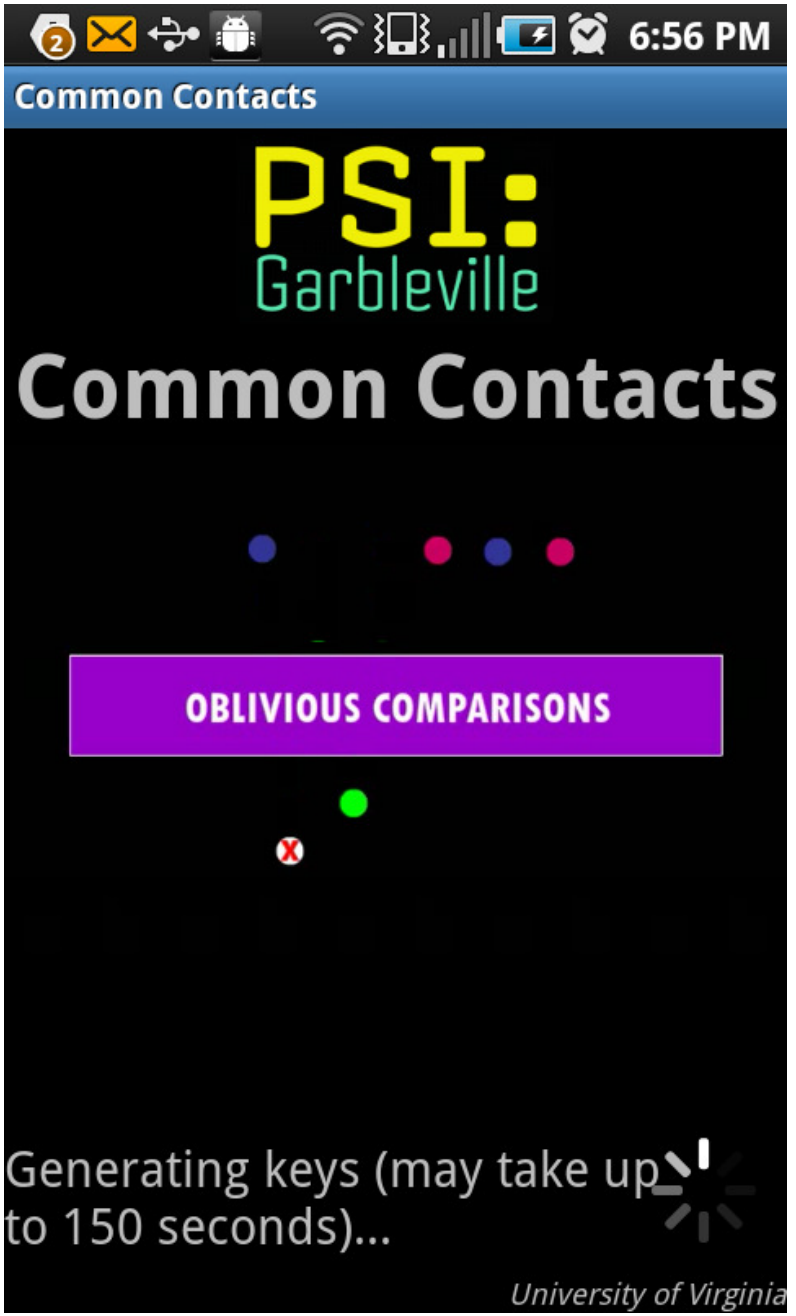
OS Support for Secure Computation

OS/Standardized Displays

Private data restricted to secure computation by OS

Summary

- Useful applications that are “social” and cryptographically protect privacy.
- Performance challenges, open research questions, and deployment hurdles remain.



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User-Friendly Secure Computation

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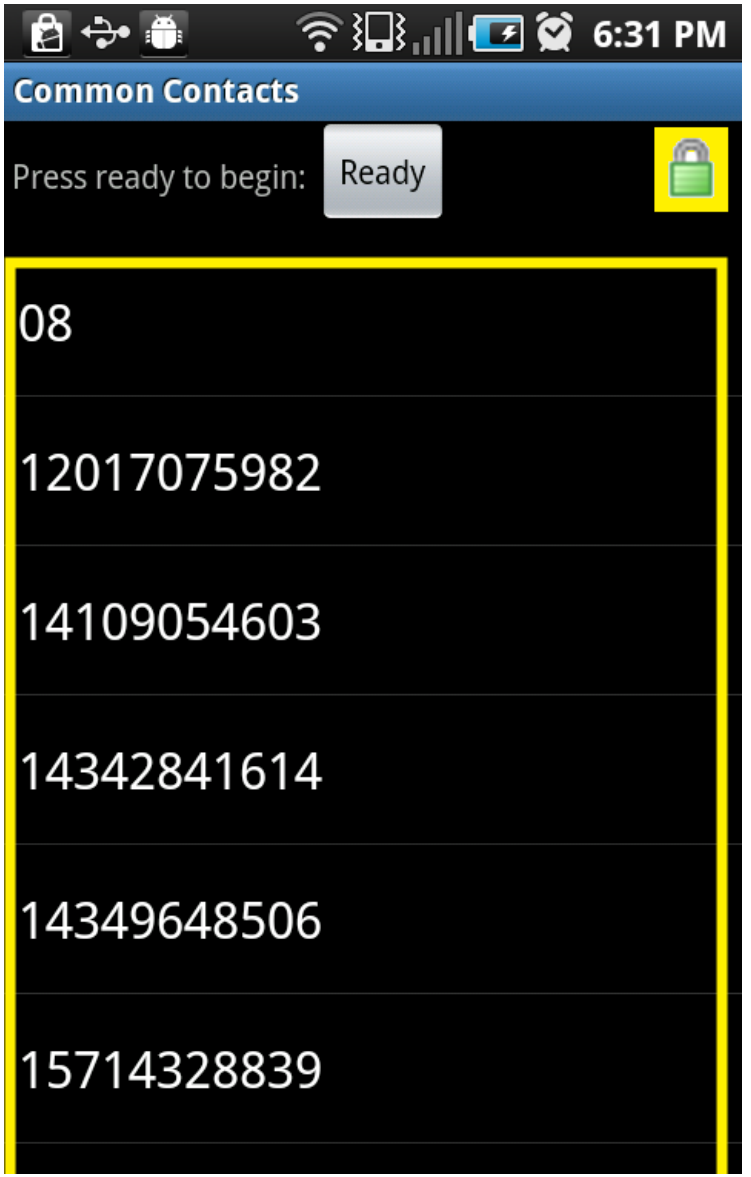


Application Development

Now: Privacy-Preserving computations as a concept must break out of academia

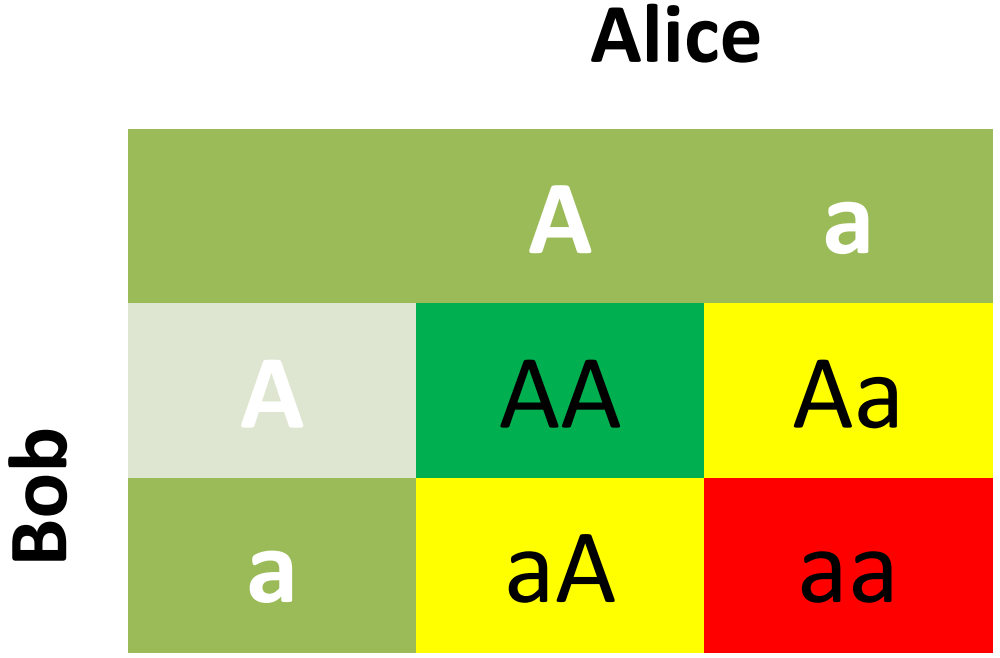
Proper education about data leakage and threat mode

+2 Years: Secure Computation Library Development

Share Sub-circuits & Components

+5 Years: Automatic Source Conversion with Privacy-Preserving Functionality

Heterozygous Recessive Risk



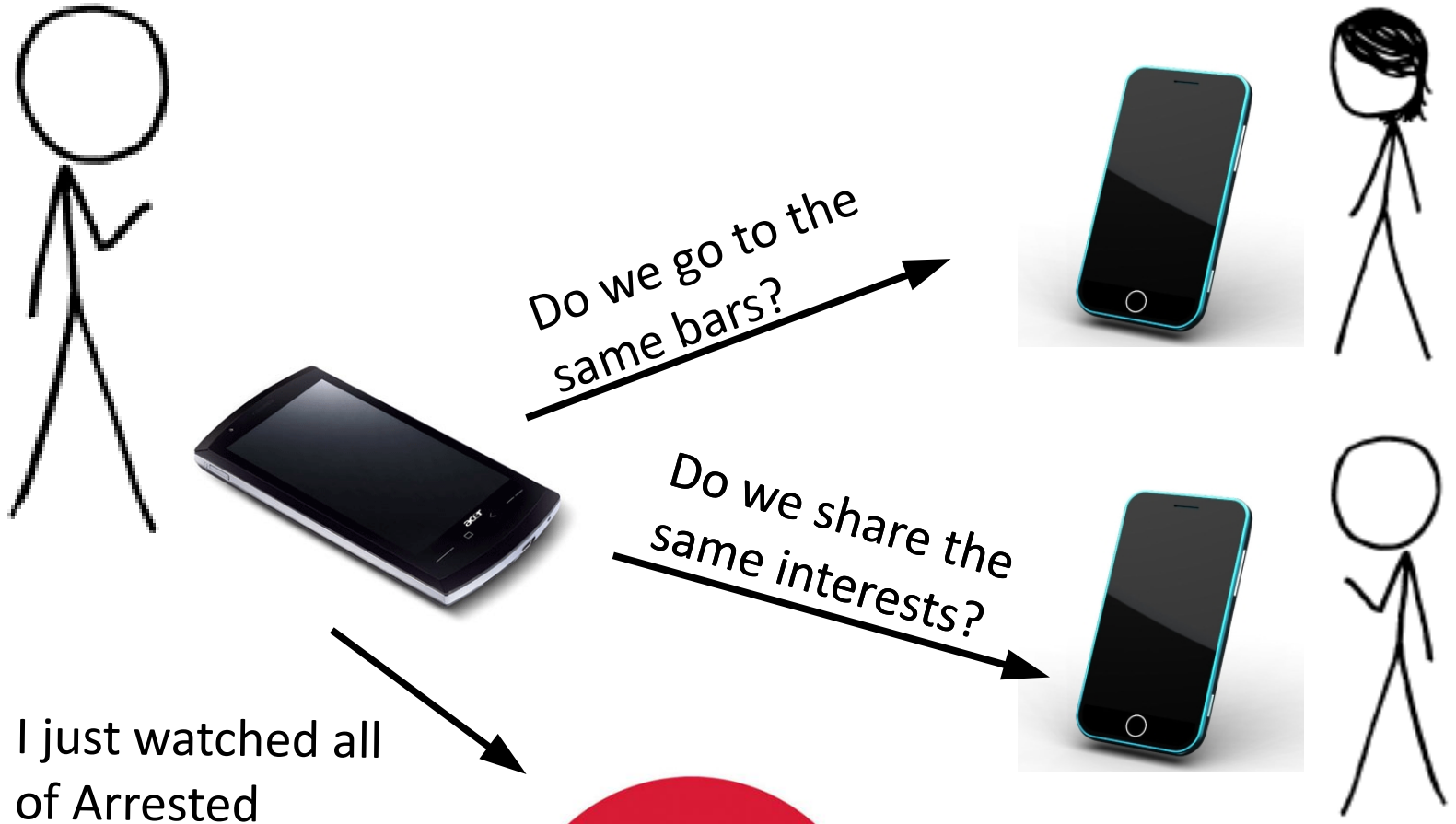
Noncarrier: 25%

Just Carrier: 50%

Disease: 25%

Goal: Compute overall risk across a range of diseases

Background Secure Computations



Must cap repeated executions