

# PV204 Security technologies LABS

JavaCard programming, Secure Multiparty Computation



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## The masterplan for this lab

- Threshold ECDSA signature/decryption (MeeSign tool)
  - Large group, smaller groups
- Brainstorm interesting usages of MPC
- Manage and update JavaCard applications on smartcard

# Secure Multiparty Computation



## Preparation (every student)

- Download and extract MeeSign client for your platform at <https://meesign.crocs.fi.muni.cz/>
  - Alternatively use the provided VM <http://is.muni.cz/go/meesign-vm>
- Connect to university network => wlan-fi, eduroam, vpn
- Start MeeSign application
- Check that server is set to `meesign.crocs.fi.muni.cz`
- **!** Set your name as 'pv204 0x **your\_nick\_here**' (replace x by number of your seminar group)
- Click Register

A screenshot of the MeeSign application's registration form. The window title is "MeeSign". At the top center is a yellow feather logo. Below the logo, the text "MeeSign" is displayed in a large font. There are two input fields: the first is labeled "Name" and contains the text "pv204 01 PetrS"; the second is labeled "Server" and contains the text "meesign.crocs.fi.muni.cz". A small "14/32" character count is visible to the right of the name field. At the bottom of the form is a large, rounded, dark blue button labeled "Register".

# Troubleshooting

- Missing link to libssl.so 1.1 -  
<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/72133316/libssl-so-1-1-cannot-open-shared-object-file-no-such-file-or-directory>
- You can run multiple clients on single machine
  - Download binary from <https://meesign.crocs.fi.muni.cz/>
  - Create first, second, third... new folder, extract binary there
  - Run meesign\_client from each folder



## Task1: Signing as a larger group

- New group 'PV204\_0x\_large' created by tutor
  - Threshold set to  $n-2$
  - Students added by nickname (or QRCode)
- Confirm yourself in when prompted
- Tutor starts signing of document, wait for notification
- Open then sign pdf document shared, Sign afterwards
- Wait for the finalization ( $n-2$  people needed)
- Check yourself properties of the resulting MPC signature
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader or <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/DSS/webapp-demo/validation> (upload signed file, Detailed report -> Basic Building Blocks SIGNATURE)

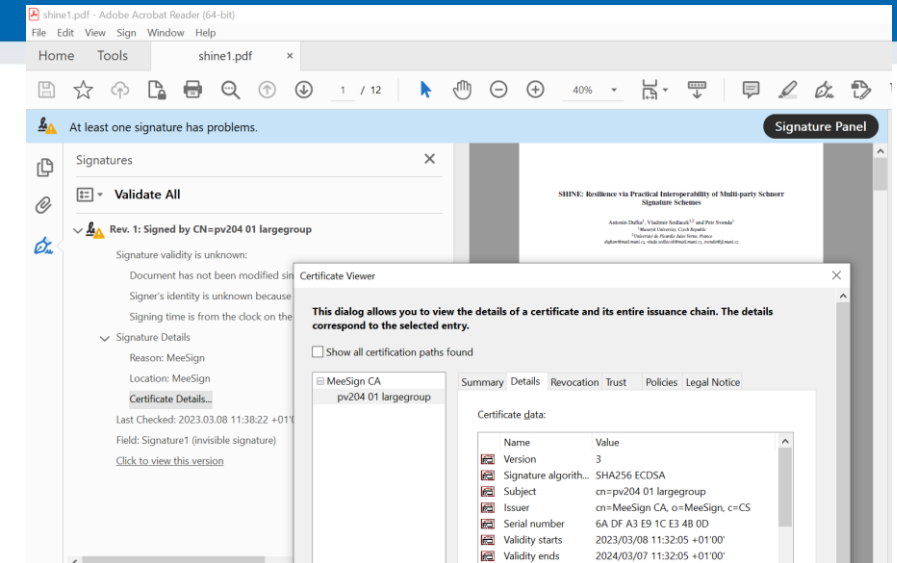
# Verify pdf signature

- Check resulting signature

- Adobe Acrobat Reader

- pdfsig (poppler-utils)

- Online <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/DSS/webapp-demo/validation>



```

$ pdfsig example.pdf
Digital Signature Info of: example.pdf
Signature #1:
- Signer Certificate Common Name: Small Group (Jimmy & Joe)
- Signer full Distinguished Name: CN=Small Group (Jimmy & Joe)
- Signing Time: May 27 2022 09:05:26
- Signing Hash Algorithm: SHA-256
- Signature Type: adbe.pkcs7.detached
- Signed Ranges: [0 - 106317], [125263 - 125849]
- Total document signed
- Signature Validation: Signature is Valid.
- Certificate Validation: Certificate issuer isn't Trusted.

```

### Cryptographic Verification : PASSED

Has the reference data object been found? ✓ +

Is the reference data object intact? ✓ +

Is the signature intact? ✓

### Signature Acceptance Validation : PASSED

Is the structure of the signature valid? ✓

Is the signed attribute: 'signing-certificate' present? !

Is the signed qualifying property: 'signing-time' present? ✓

Is the signed qualifying property: 'message-digest' or 'SignedProperties' present? ✓

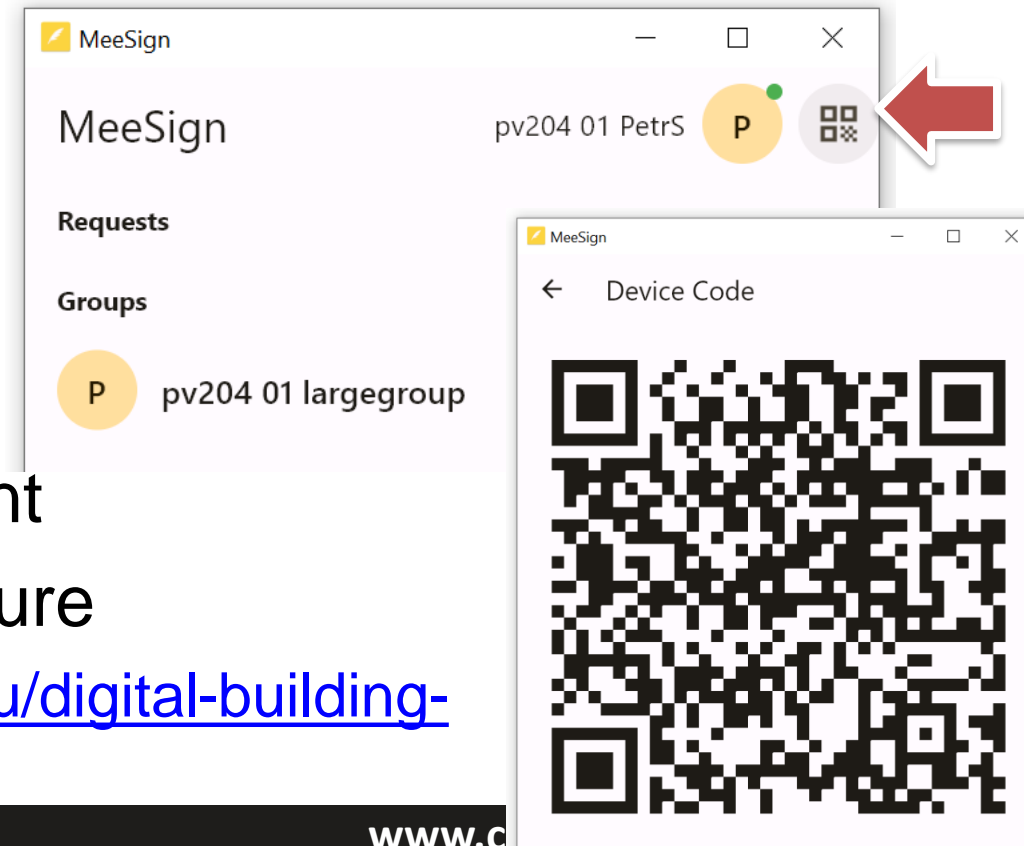
Are cryptographic constraints met for the signature creation? ✓ +

Are cryptographic constraints met for the message digest? ✓ +



## Task 2: Signing in smaller group

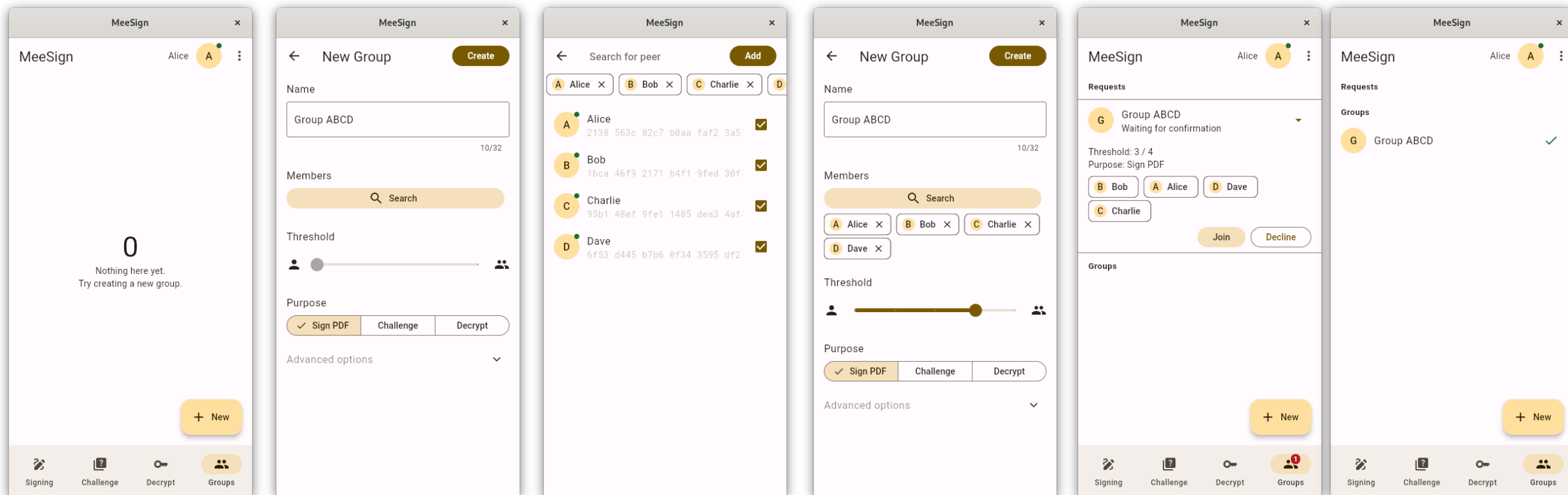
- Groups of 3-4 students (4 devices)
- Create new group with some unique name, add yourself and peers
  - Select purpose as ‘Sign PDF’
  - Try to add peers via qrcode
    - Users display qrcode (upper right corner)
    - Group creator Add member → Scan
  - Set threshold to 3-of-4
- Initiate MPC signing, sign, view document
- Check yourself the resulting MPC signature
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader or <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/DSS/webapp-demo/validation>





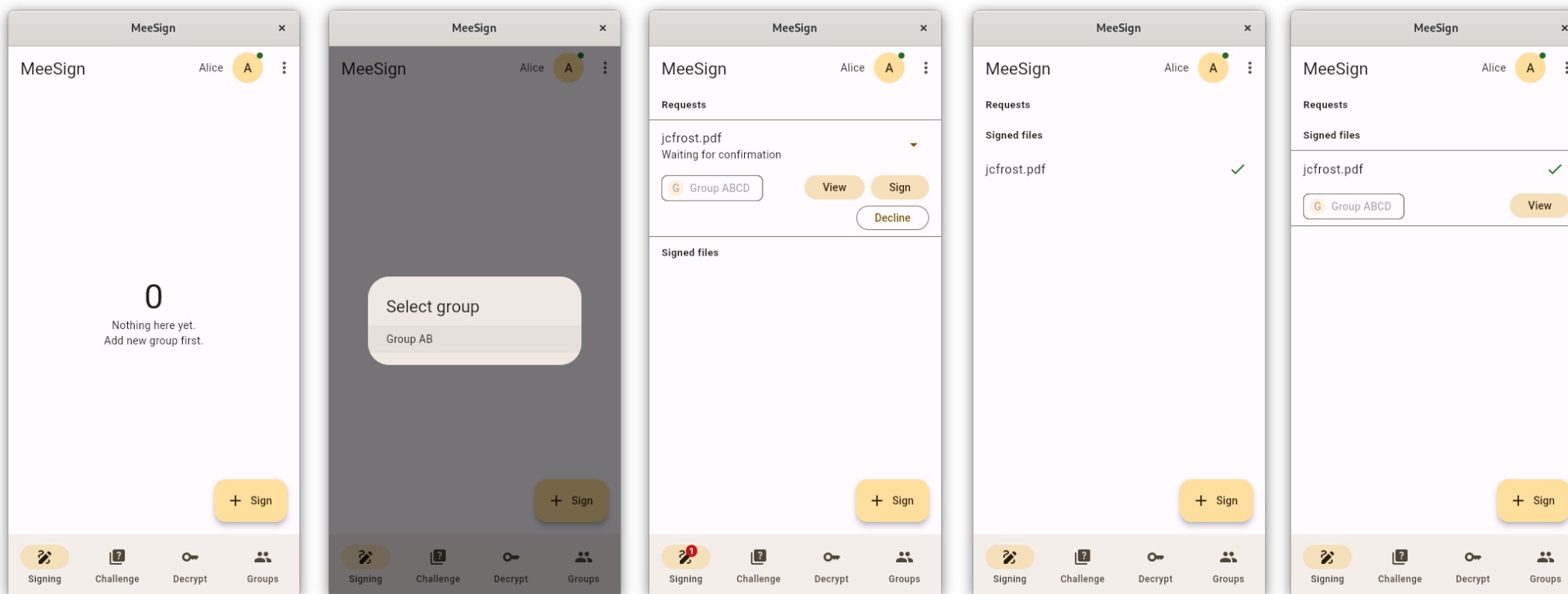
## Task 2: Setting up a threshold

- Create a 3-of-4 group for PDF signing



## Task 2: Setting up a threshold

- Create a signature of an arbitrary PDF with the group



## Task 2: Questions

- How did the group creation behave?
  - Did all of you need to approve it? Why?
- How did the signing behave?
  - Did all of you need to approve it? Why?
- What do you think lawyers think about such signature?
  - Accountability?
- Can you set 1-of-n? Why not? What would it mean for the private key?
  - What does it provide beyond a regular single-party signature?
  - Do you have any ideas how it could be used?

## Task 2: Questions

- What is difference between group 2-of-3 and 3-of-3? What is security advantage of the first and second one respectively?
- What if two people from the group refuses to sign?
- How many devices needs an attacker to compromise to forge signatures?
- What is the reason why Adobe Acrobat Reader displays warning about resulting signature?
- What is a public key of your group?



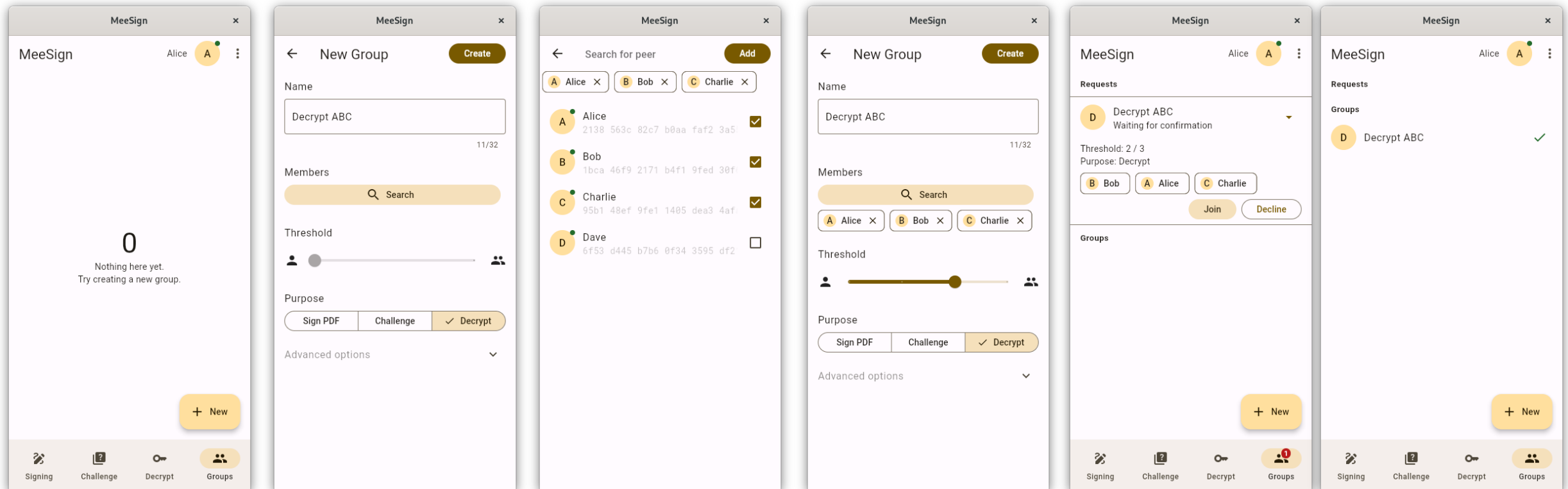
## Task 3: Multiparty decryption

- Keep groups of 3-4 students (3 devices)
- Create new group with some unique name, add yourself and peers
  - Select purpose of group to 'Decrypt'
  - Set threshold 2-of-3
- One sends encrypted image or message to group
- Others decrypt and view result

The screenshot shows the 'New Group' screen in the MeeSign app. At the top, there is a back arrow, the text 'New Group', and a 'Create' button. Below this is a 'Name' field containing 'Decrypt ABC' and a character count '11/32'. Underneath is a 'Members' section with a search bar. The 'Threshold' section features a slider between two person icons, currently set to 2. The 'Purpose' section has three buttons: 'Sign PDF', 'Challenge', and 'Decrypt' (which is selected and highlighted in yellow). At the bottom, there is an 'Advanced options' section with a downward arrow. A red arrow points to the 'Decrypt' button.

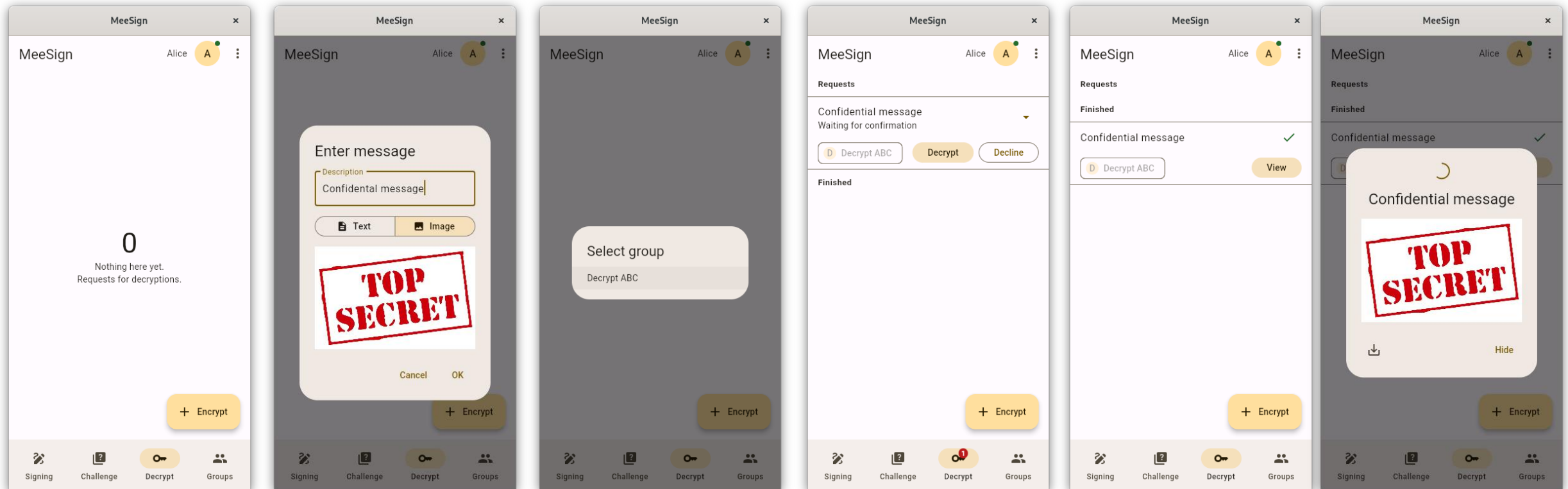
# Task 3: Multi-party decryption

- It is not just signing – create a decryption group



# Task 3: Multi-party decryption

- Send an encrypted image or message to the group



## Task 3: Questions - Multi-party decryption

- Can everyone in the group see the decrypted message?
- Who can see the decrypted picture?





## Task: Brainstorm interesting usages for MPC

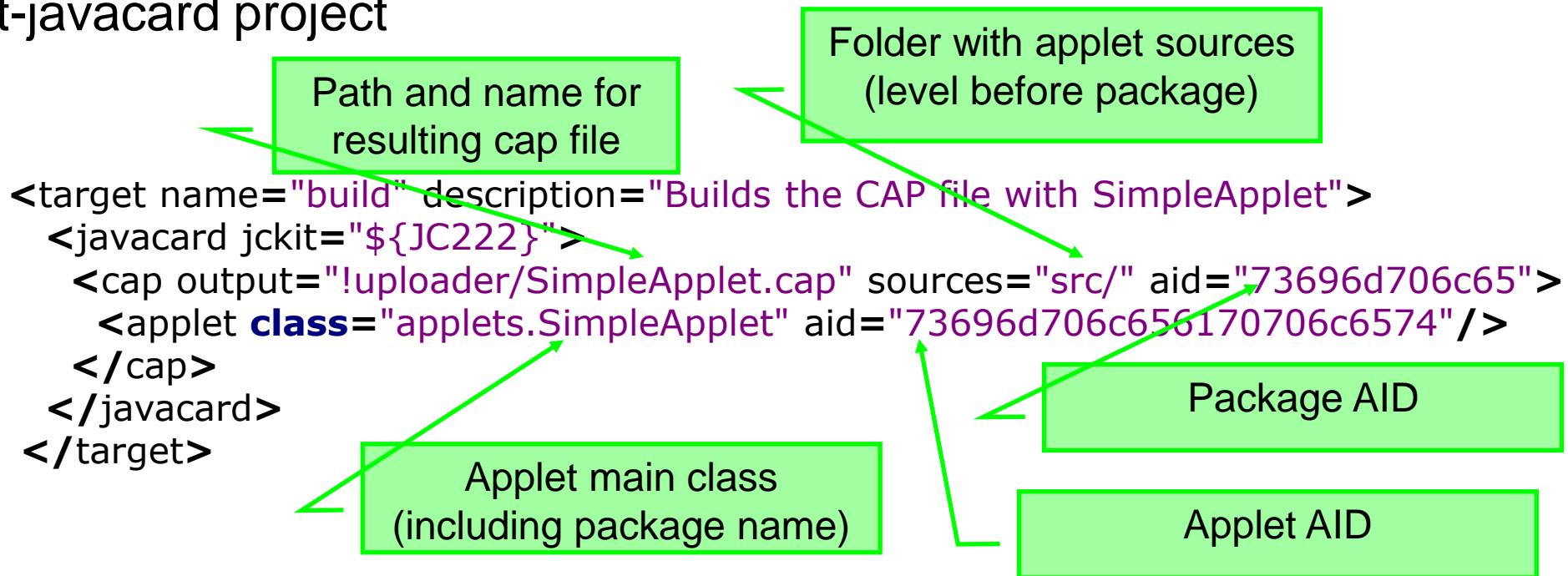
- Form groups of 3 students
- Brainstorm and write into Miro at least three concrete usage scenarios utilizing asymmetric cryptography where MPC can be used (be creative!)
  - [https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVMf66usg=/?share\\_link\\_id=424368693160](https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVMf66usg=/?share_link_id=424368693160)
  - Goals achieved, threshold configuration
- Pick the most interesting one and elaborate in more details
  - Describe process of group establishment, problems solved, comparison to single key scenario
- Some hints
  - RSA/ECDSA/Schnorr/EdDSA...
  - Document signing, authentication, collaborative decryption, key generation, PKI, single point of failure, unicorns, key distribution, ...
  - k-of-n threshold, combination with secure hardware, temporary signers, cold-storage signers
  - Human participant, automated participant with policy, redundant participants, multiple shares by one participant, only machine participants, asynchronous participants, timelocks...

# CONVERSION AND UPLOAD TO REAL CARD

We will compile, convert and install SimpleApplet.cap

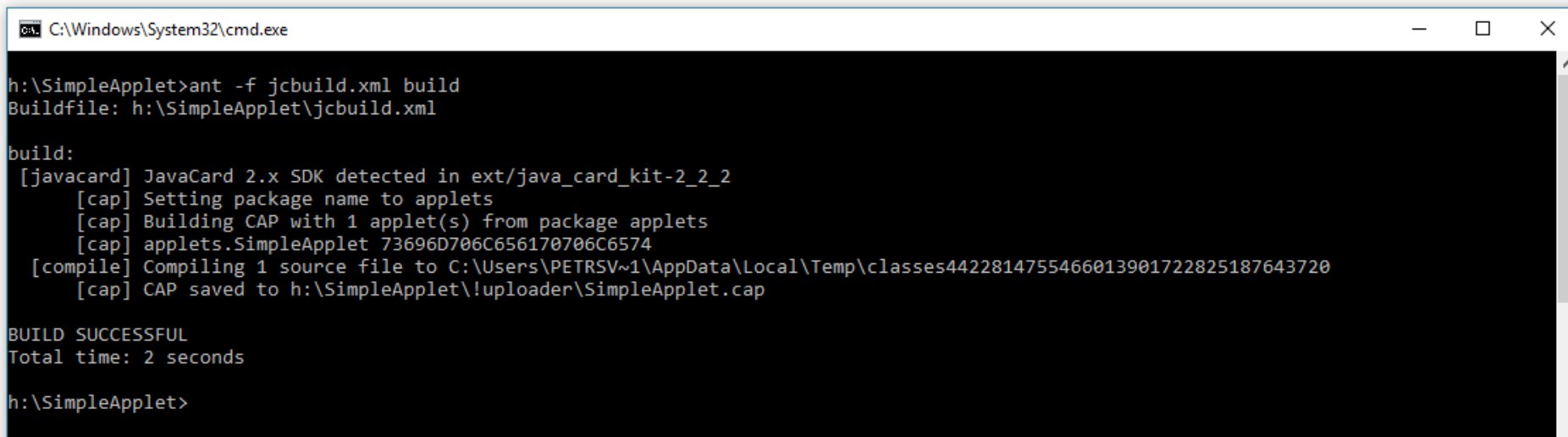
## Task: Create cap file and upload to card

- Navigate to SimpleApplet folder
  - src folder contains applet's source code in SimpleApplet.java
  - `jcbuild.xml` contains configuration for conversion with ant-javacard project



## Task: Create cap file and upload to card

- Compile & Convert
  - Execute on cmd line: `ant -f jcbuild.xml build`



```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
h:\SimpleApplet>ant -f jcbuild.xml build
Buildfile: h:\SimpleApplet\jcbuild.xml

build:
[javacard] JavaCard 2.x SDK detected in ext/java_card_kit-2_2_2
[cap] Setting package name to applets
[cap] Building CAP with 1 applet(s) from package applets
[cap] applets.SimpleApplet 73696D706C656170706C6574
[compile] Compiling 1 source file to C:\Users\PETRSV~1\AppData\Local\Temp\classes4422814755466013901722825187643720
[cap] CAP saved to h:\SimpleApplet\!uploader\SimpleApplet.cap

BUILD SUCCESSFUL
Total time: 2 seconds

h:\SimpleApplet>
```

- If OK, SimpleApplet.cap is created in !uploader folder

## Task: Create cap file and upload to card

- <http://github.com/martinpaljak/GlobalPlatformPro>

1. List already loaded applets

```
- java -jar gp.jar -list -d
```

2. Uninstall previous version of SimpleApplet

```
- java -jar gp.jar -uninstall SimpleApplet.cap -d
```

3. Install SimpleApplet.cap

```
- java -jar gp.jar -install SimpleApplet.cap -d
```

4. Use applet (commands in SimpleAPDU code)

## Problem: what with other applets on card?

### 1. List already loaded applets

- `java -jar gp.jar -list -d`

### 2. Find package\_AID and run:

- `java -jar gp.jar -deleteddeps -delete package_aid`

- The `-deleteddeps` will also delete all applets from target package

- E.g., our SimpleApplet can be also removed by

- `gp -deleteddeps -delete 73696d706c65`

## Be aware – real card can be blocked

- Too many unsuccessful authentication requests

```
>gp --list -debug
# Detected readers from SunPCSC
[*] Alcor Micro USB Smart Card Reader 0
SCardConnect("Alcor Micro USB Smart Card Reader 0", T=*) -> T=0, 3BF71800008031F
E45736674652D6E66C4
SCardBeginTransaction("Alcor Micro USB Smart Card Reader 0")
A>> T=0 (4+0000) 00A40400 00
A<< (0018+2) (56ms) 6F108408A000000003000000A5049F6501FF 9000
A>> T=0 (4+0008) 80500000 08 6265E168FB2639C1
A<< (0028+2) (118ms) 00003126960097543174010200103595AC1420213D2969EA8B8C41F3 90
00
```

```
openkms.gp.GPException: STRICT WARNING: Card cryptogram invalid!
Card: 3D2969EA8B8C41F3
Host: DB1E6E1E71958A15
!!! DO NOT RE-TRY THE SAME COMMAND/KEYS OR YOU MAY BRICK YOUR CARD !!!
    at openkms.gp.GlobalPlatform.printStrictWarning(GlobalPlatform.java:156)

    at openkms.gp.GlobalPlatform.openSecureChannel(GlobalPlatform.java:471)
    at openkms.gp.GPTool.main(GPTool.java:348)
```

## Be aware – real card can be blocked

- Don't write script that executes many authentications at once (cycle, multiple commands)
- If unsuccessful one/two authentication is detected, then as for help, please!!!



## Questions

- How can you list applets and packages available on card?
- How can you prevent people listing applets on your card?
- Why you need to remove applet first before installing updated version?

# ADDING NEW JAVACARD FUNCTIONALITY

We will update, compile, convert and install SimpleApplet.cap

## Tasks: add new “increment” method to applet

- Implement on-card Increment() method
  - All payload bytes from incoming apdu are incremented by one (separately)
  - Resulting array is returned back to host
- Add new constant for instruction INS\_INC
- Add new method void Increment(APDU apdu) and its implementation
  - setIncomingAndReceive(), for loop over array, setOutgoingAndSend()
- Add method call into switch inside process() method
- Debug functionality with simulated card
- Compile, convert and upload updated applet to real card
- Change from simulator to real card
  - runCfg.setTestCardType(RunConfig.**CARD\_TYPE.PHYSICAL**);
- Test functionality using real card

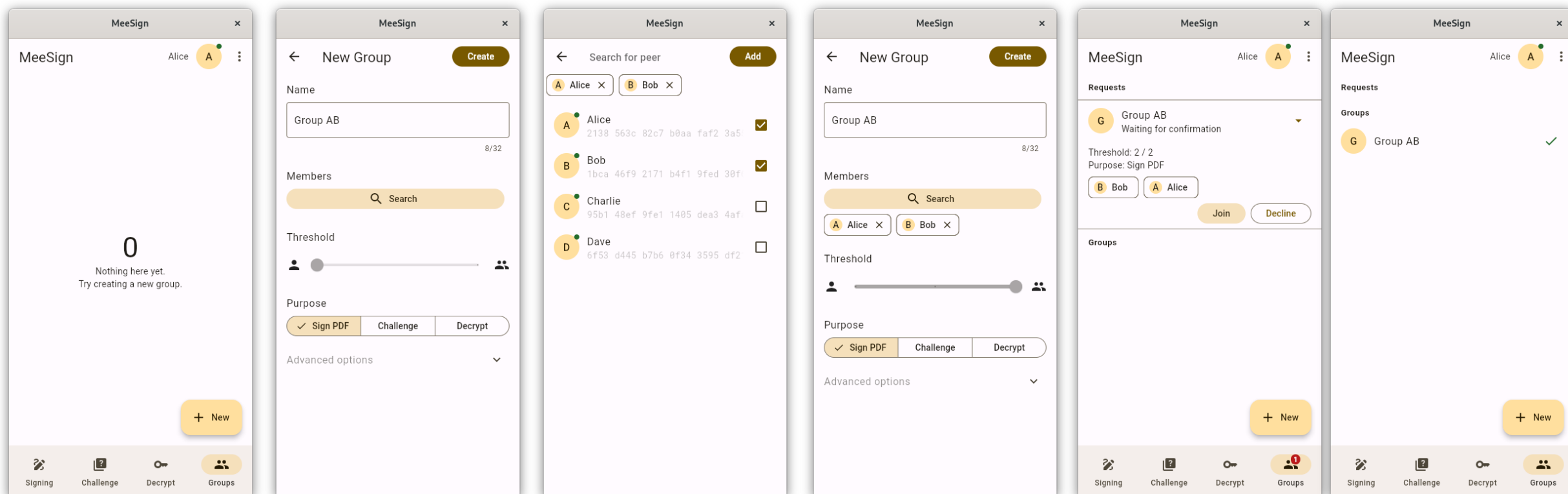
**NO ASSIGNMENT THIS WEEK 😊**



# SIMPLE EXAMPLE 2-OF-2 GROUP

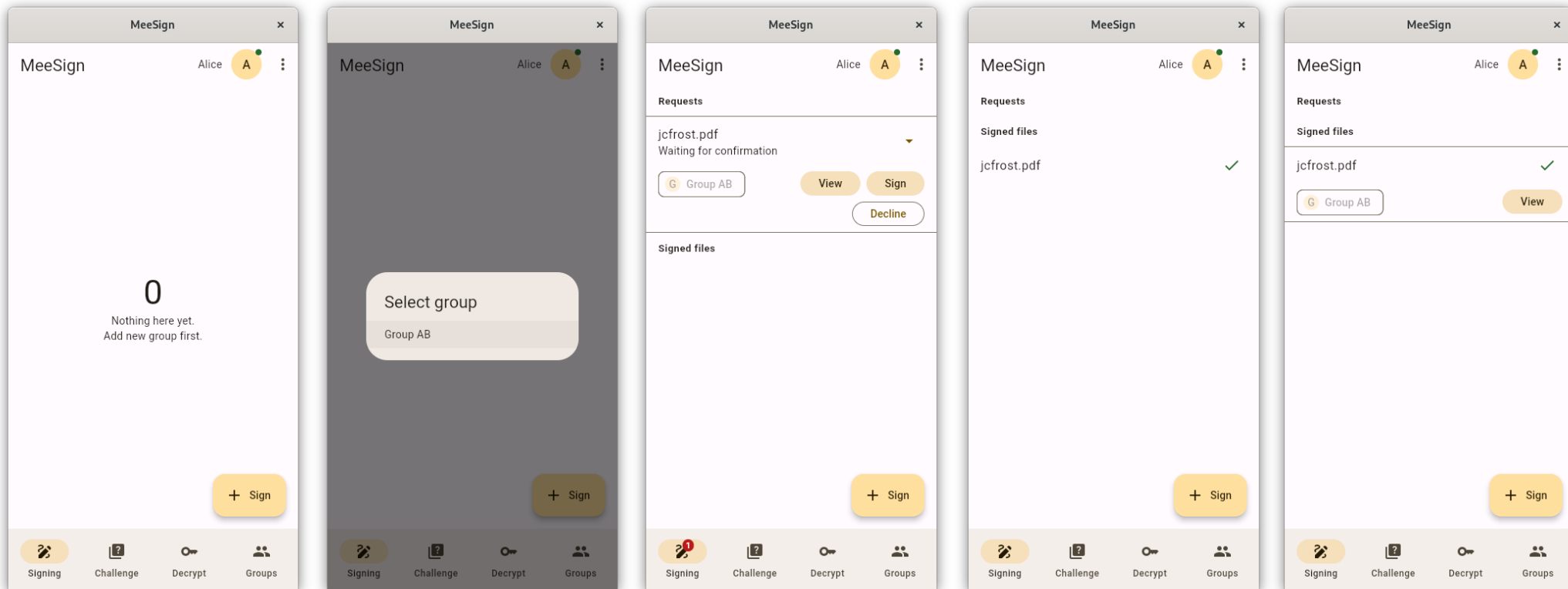
# Example: Multi-party PDF signing

- Create a 2-of-2 group for PDF signing



# Example: Multi-party PDF signing

- Create a signature of an arbitrary PDF with the group





## Example: Multi-party PDF signing

- Verify the signature
  - Why is it not trusted?

```
↳ pdfsig jcfrost.signed.pdf
Digital Signature Info of: jcfrost.signed.pdf
Signature #1:
- Signature Field Name: Signature1
- Signer Certificate Common Name: Group AB
- Signer full Distinguished Name: CN=Group AB
- Signing Time: Mar 11 2024 14:04:38
- Signing Hash Algorithm: SHA-256
- Signature Type: adbe.pkcs7.detached
- Signed Ranges: [0 - 932569], [951515 - 952103]
- Total document signed
- Signature Validation: Signature is Valid.
- Certificate Validation: Certificate issuer isn't Trusted.
```