Using Resource Certificates

Progress Report on the Trial of Resource Certification

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9:30 am

Mail:

Product Manager:

We've had a complaint with a customer threatening legal action over some kind of address dispute. We have a call with legal this afternoon at 2:00 – details below.

If only….

- I could’ve quickly and accurately figured out who really had the right-of-use of the address block at the time

- I could’ve asked for a signed route origination that gave me (ASx) an authority to route prefix xxx that I could validate independently

Motivation:
Address and Routing Security

The (very) basic routing security questions that need to be answered are:

- Is this a valid address prefix?
- Who advertised this address prefix into the network?
- Did they have the necessary credentials to advertise this address prefix?
- Is the advertised path authentic?

What would be good …

To be able to use a reliable infrastructure to validate assertions about addresses and their use:

- Allow third parties to authenticate that an address or routing assertion was made by the current right-of-use holder of the address resource
- Confirm that the asserted information is complete and unaltered from the original
- Convey routing authorities from the resource holder to a nominated party that cannot be altered or forged

What would be good …

- Is to have a reliable, efficient, and effective way to underpin the integrity of the Internet's address resource distribution structure and our use of these resources in the operational Internet

- Is to replace various forms of risk-prone assertions, rumours and fuzzy traditions about addresses and their use with demonstrated validated authority

Resource Certificate Trial

Approach:

- Use X.509 v3 Public Key Certificates (RFC3280) with IP address and ASN extensions (RFC3779)

Parameters:

- Use existing technologies where possible
- Leverage on existing open source software tools and deployed systems
- Contribute to open source solutions and open standards

OpenSSL as the foundational platform

- Add RFC3779 (resource extension) support

Design of a Certification framework

- anchored on the IP resource distribution function

Resource Public Key Certificates

The certificate's Issuer certifies that:

the certificate's Subject

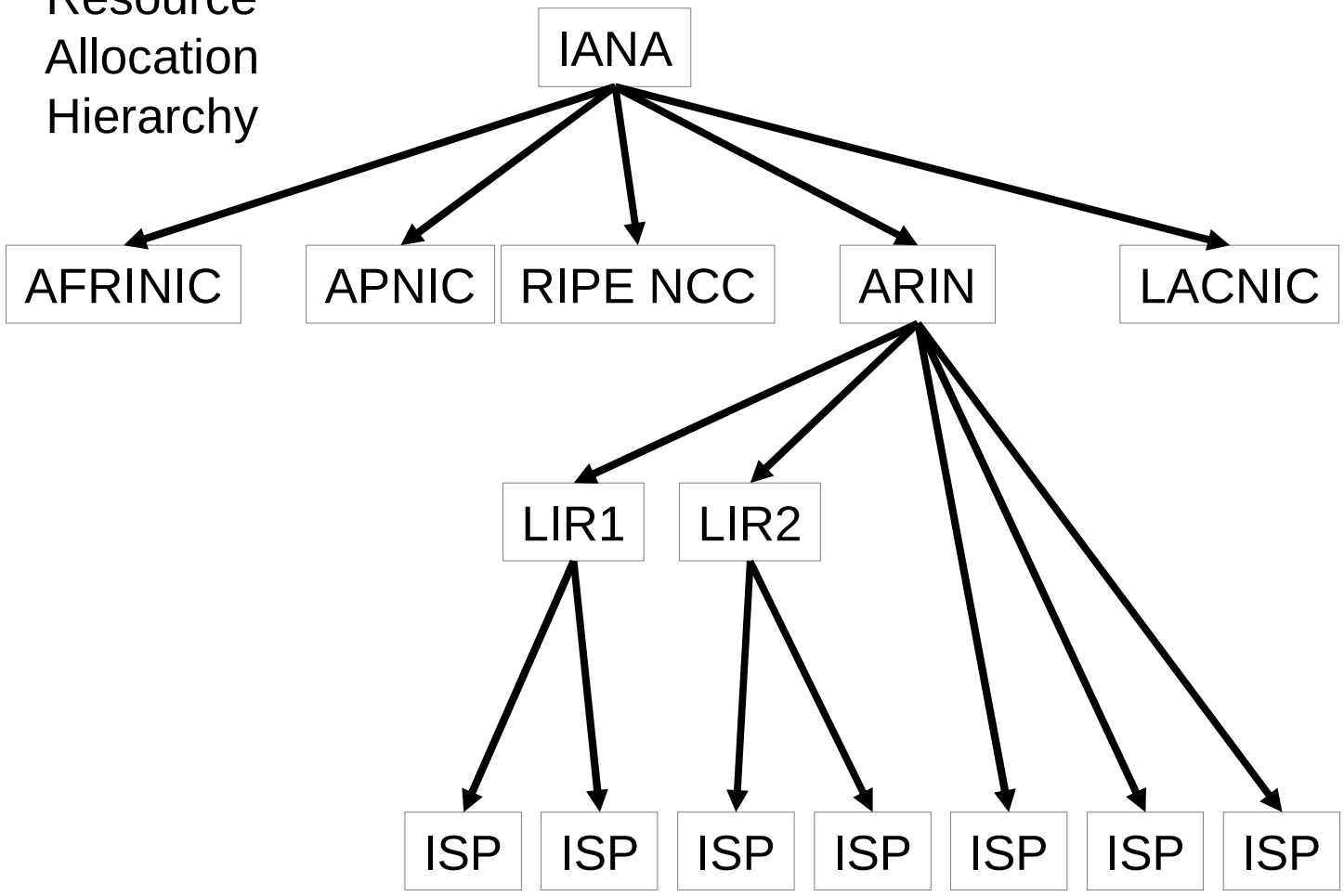
whose public key is contained in the certificate

is the current controller of a collection of IP address and AS resources

that are listed in the certificate's resource extension

Resource Certificates

Resource Allocation Hierarchy



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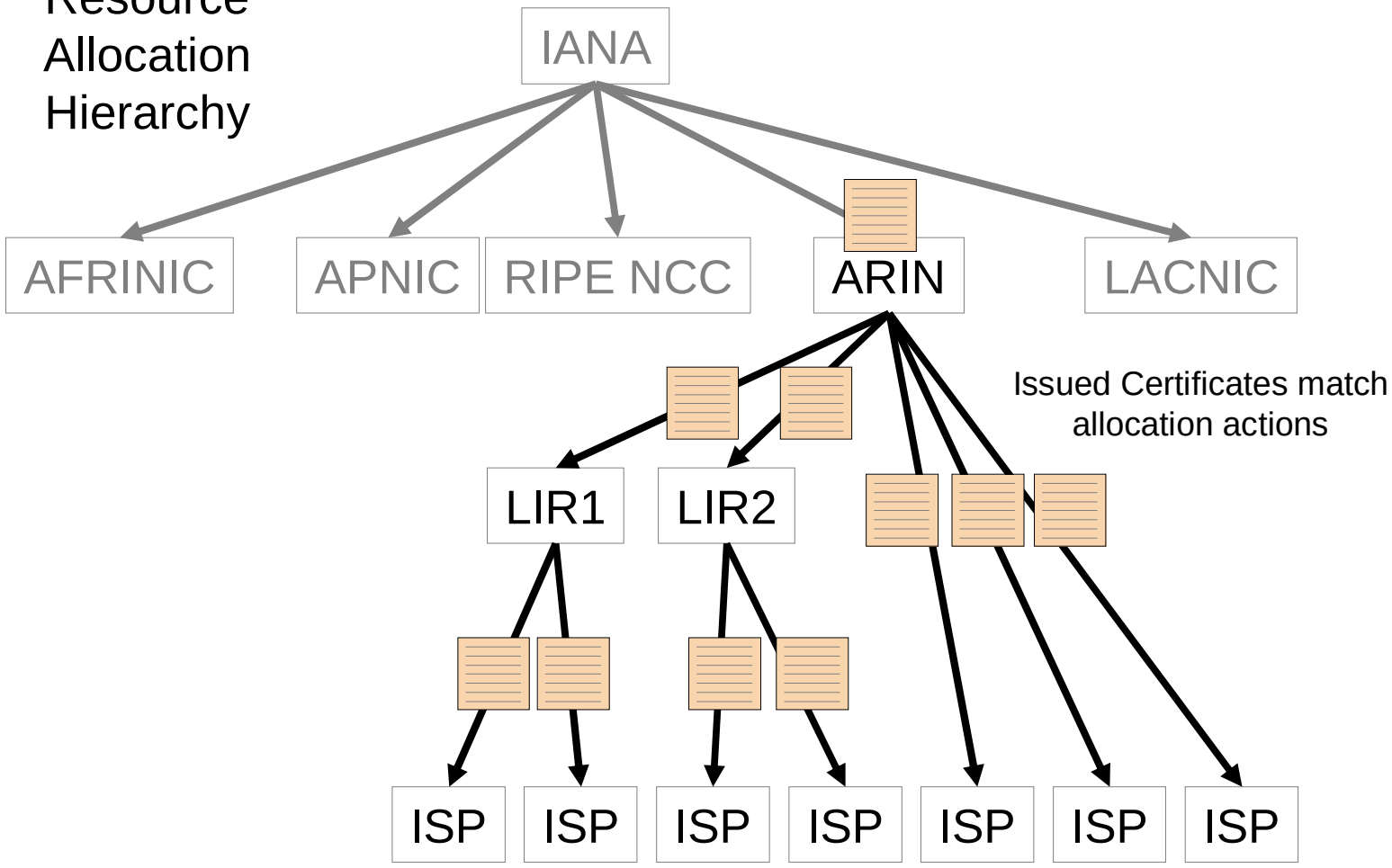

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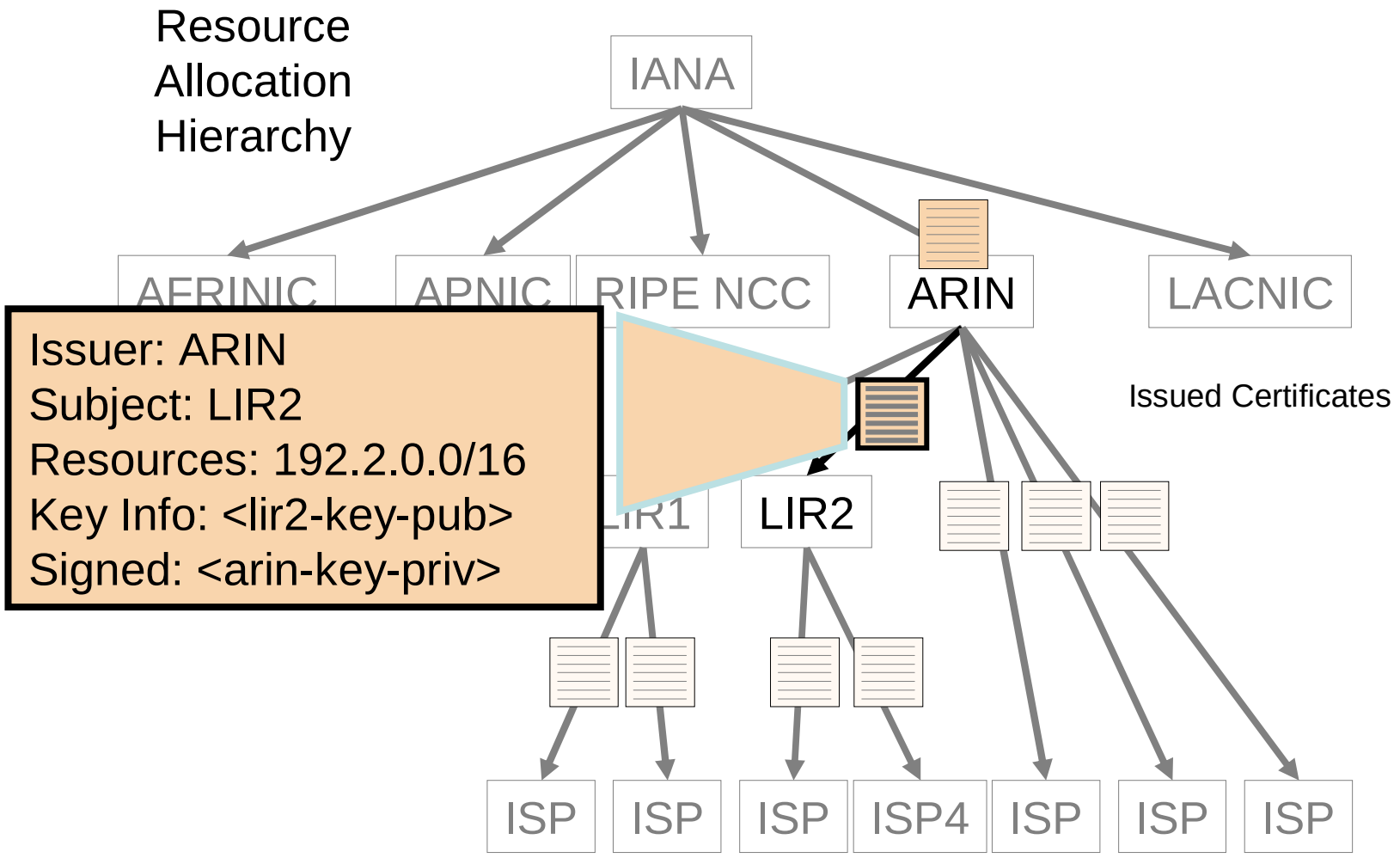

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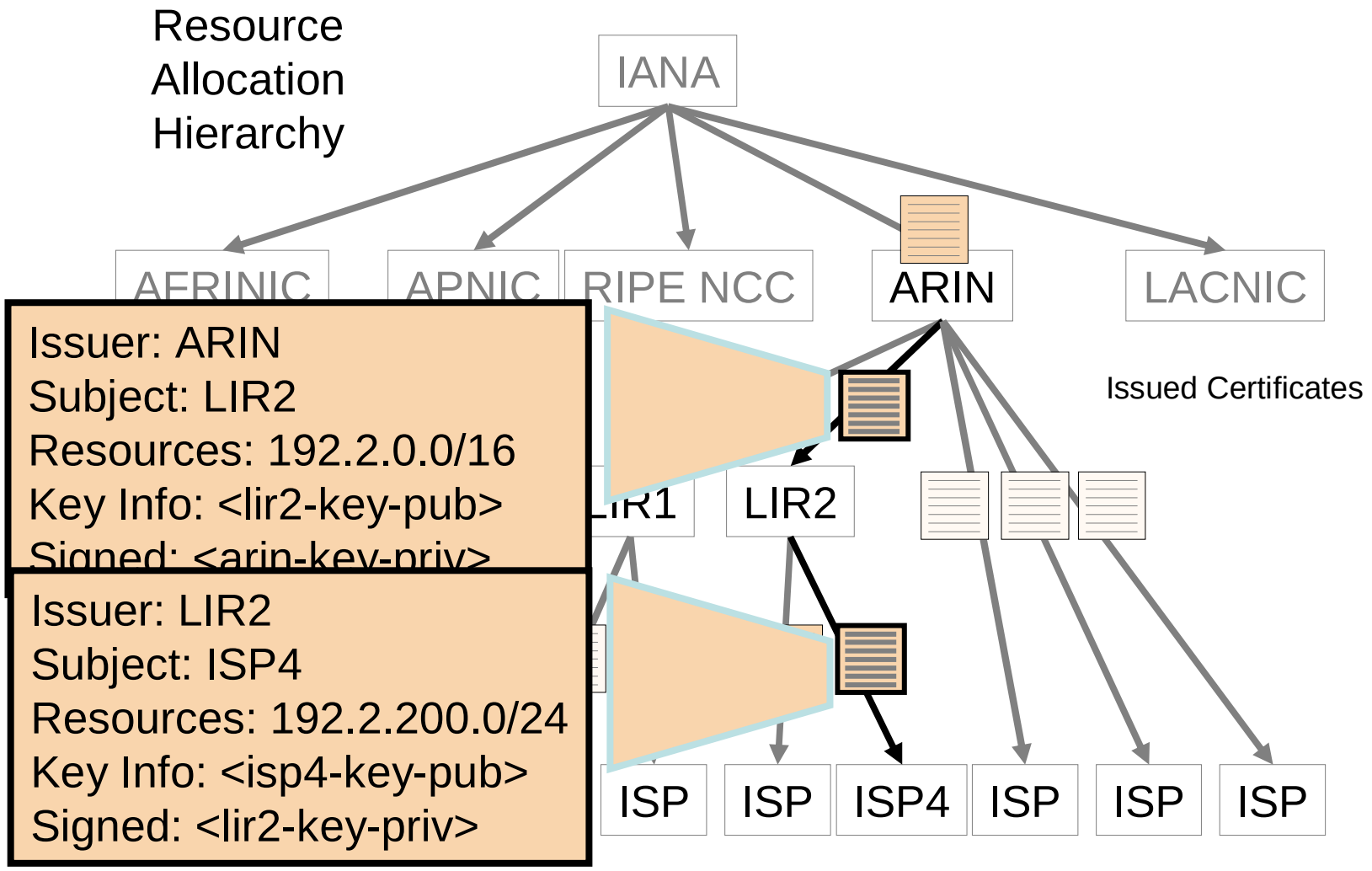

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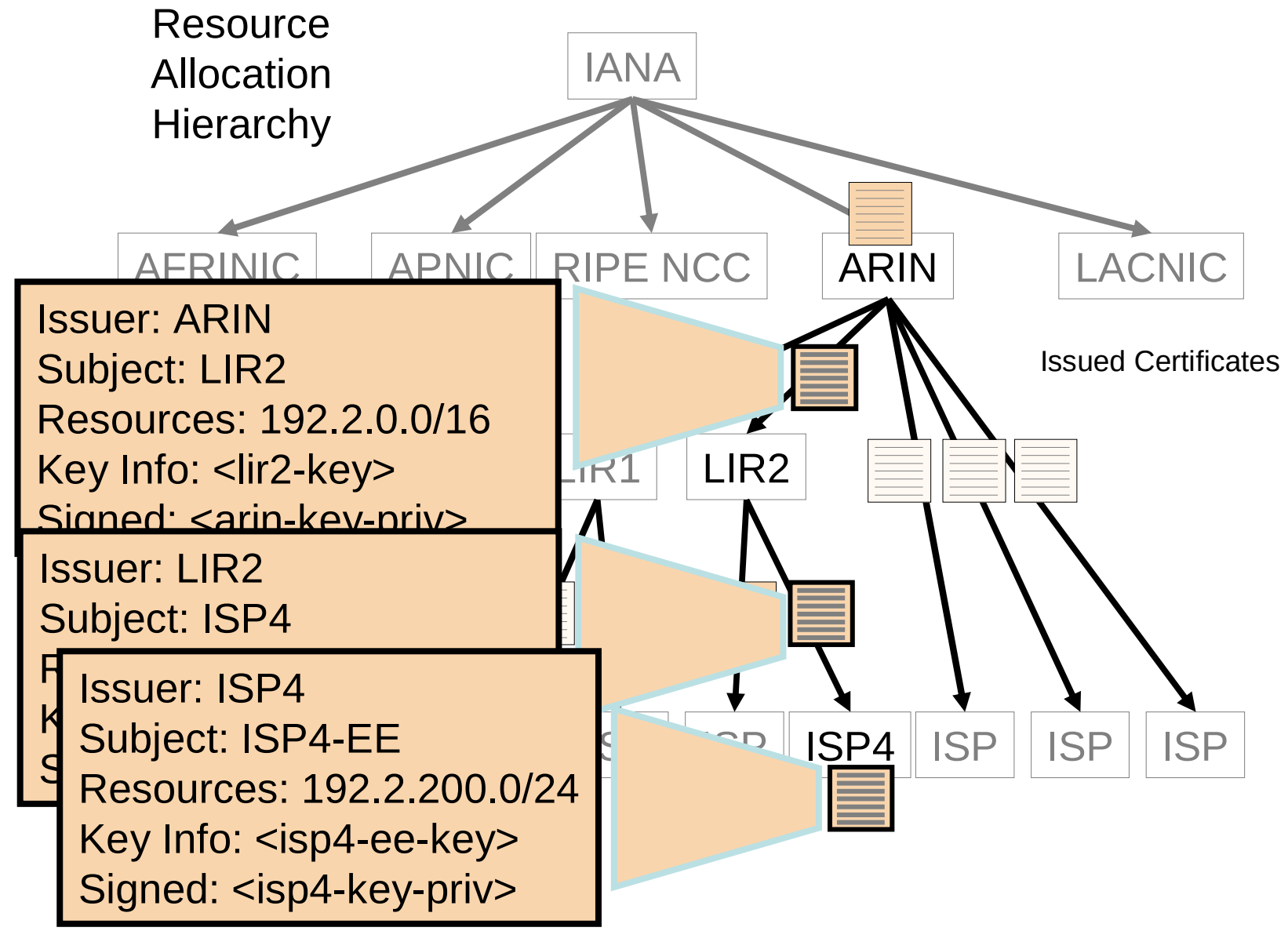
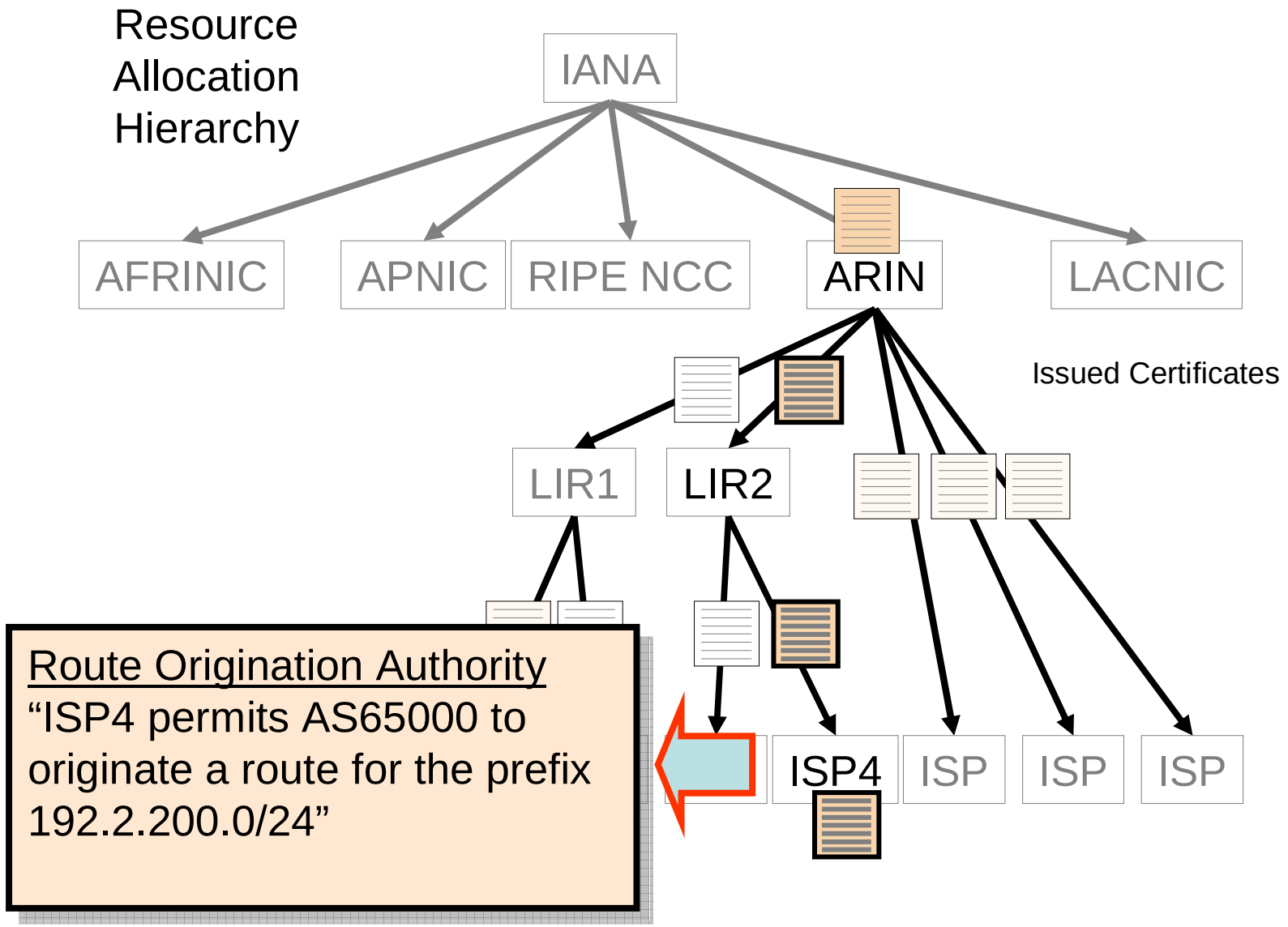


Base Object in a Routing Authority Context



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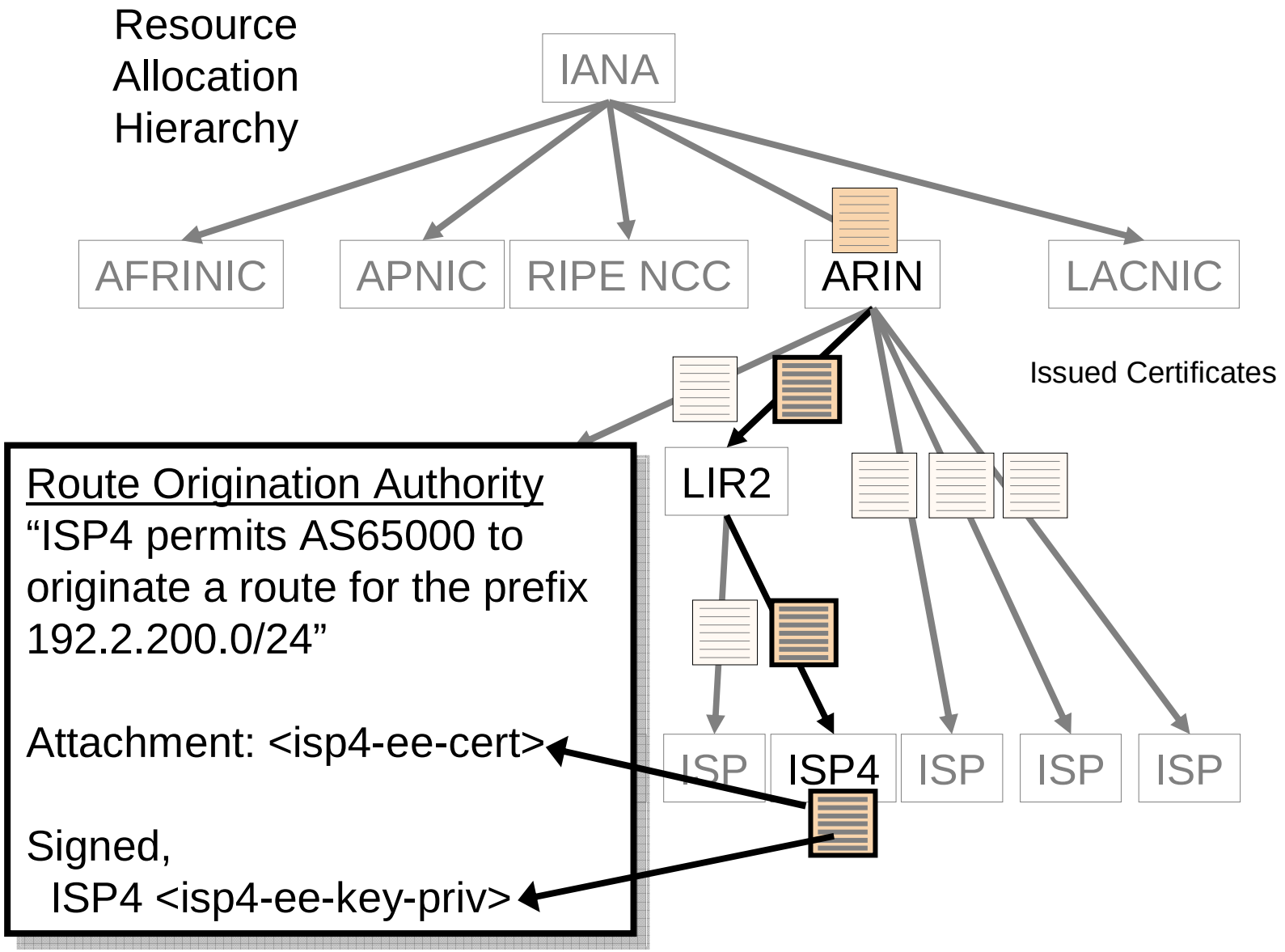

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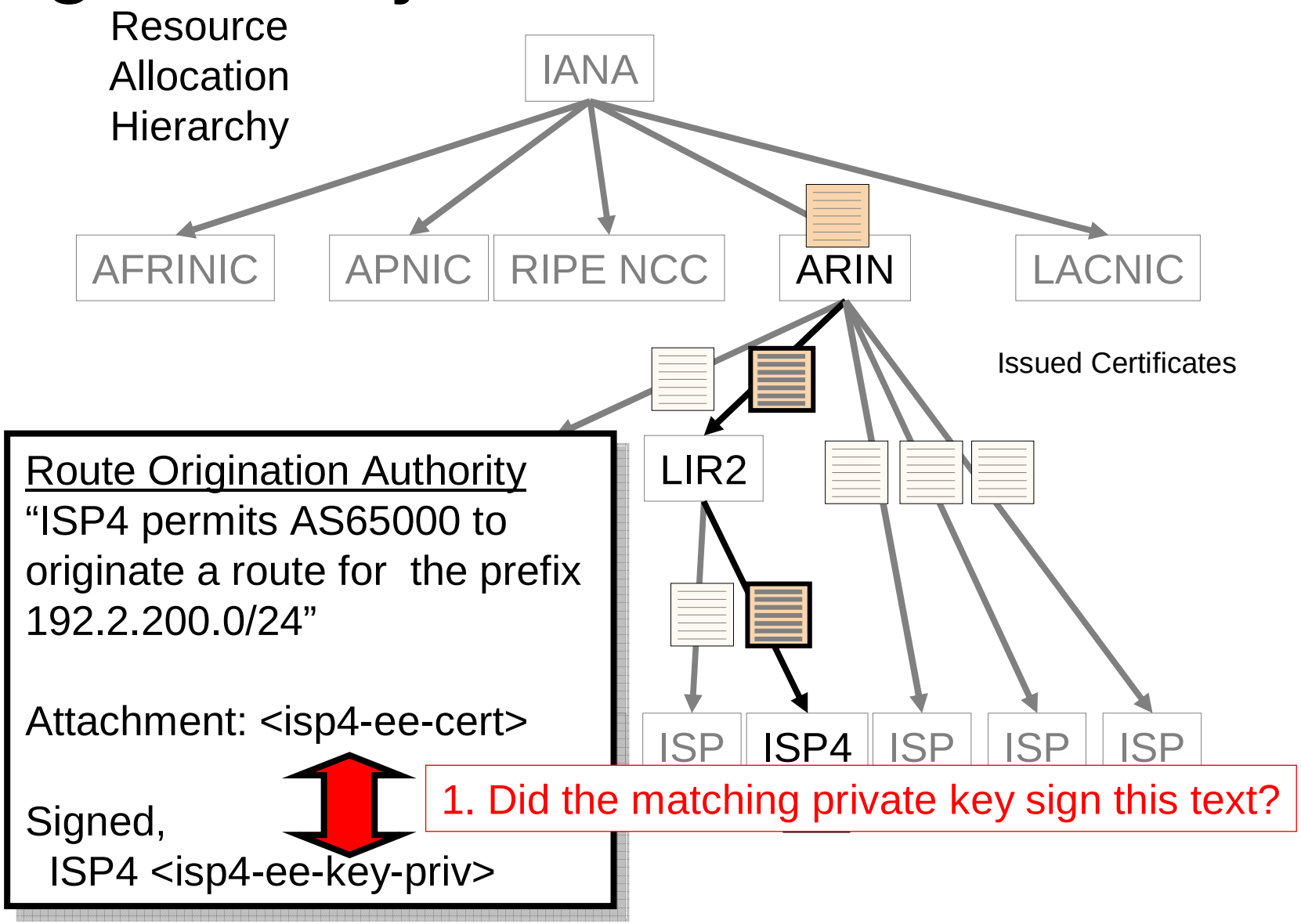

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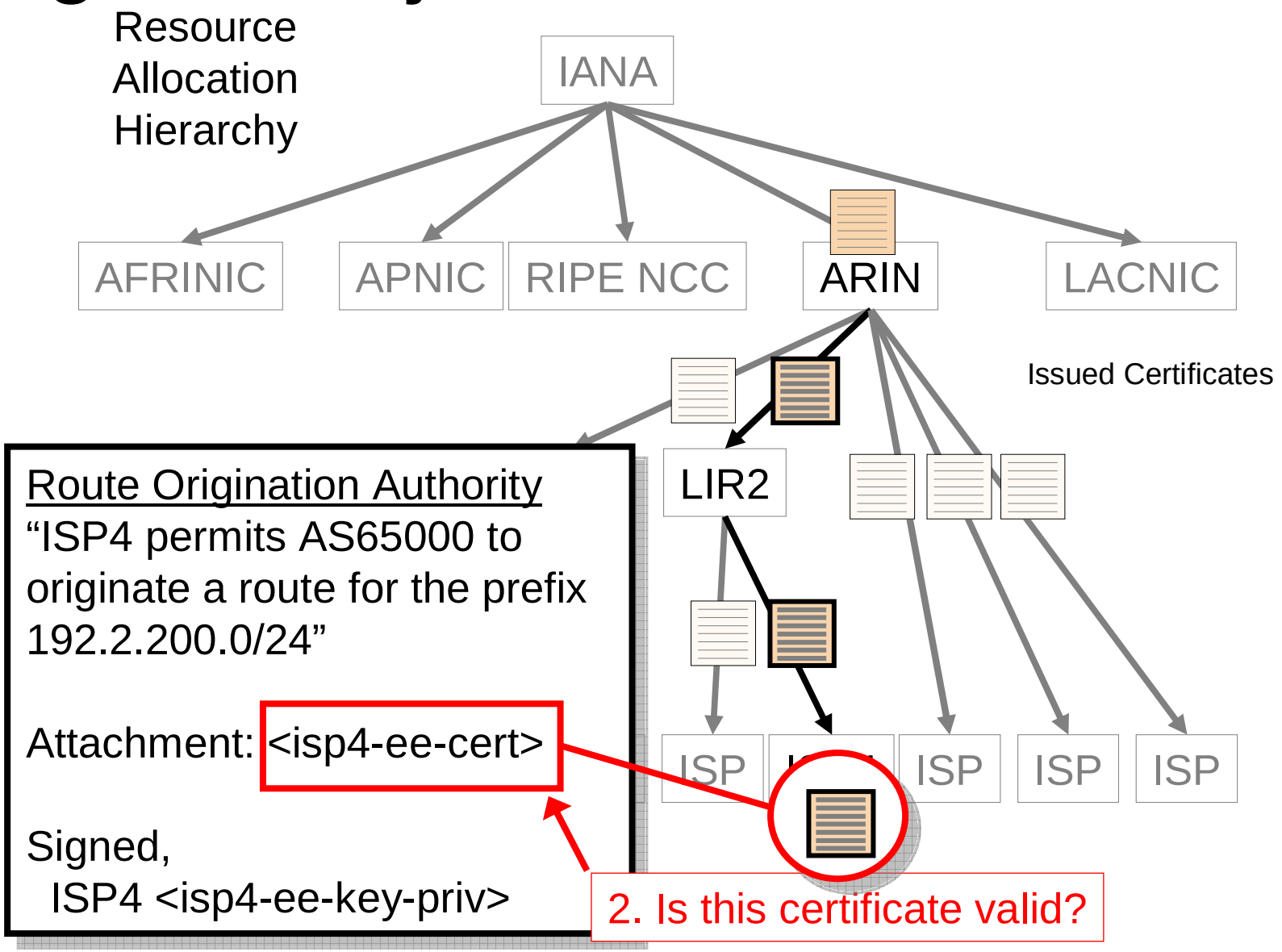

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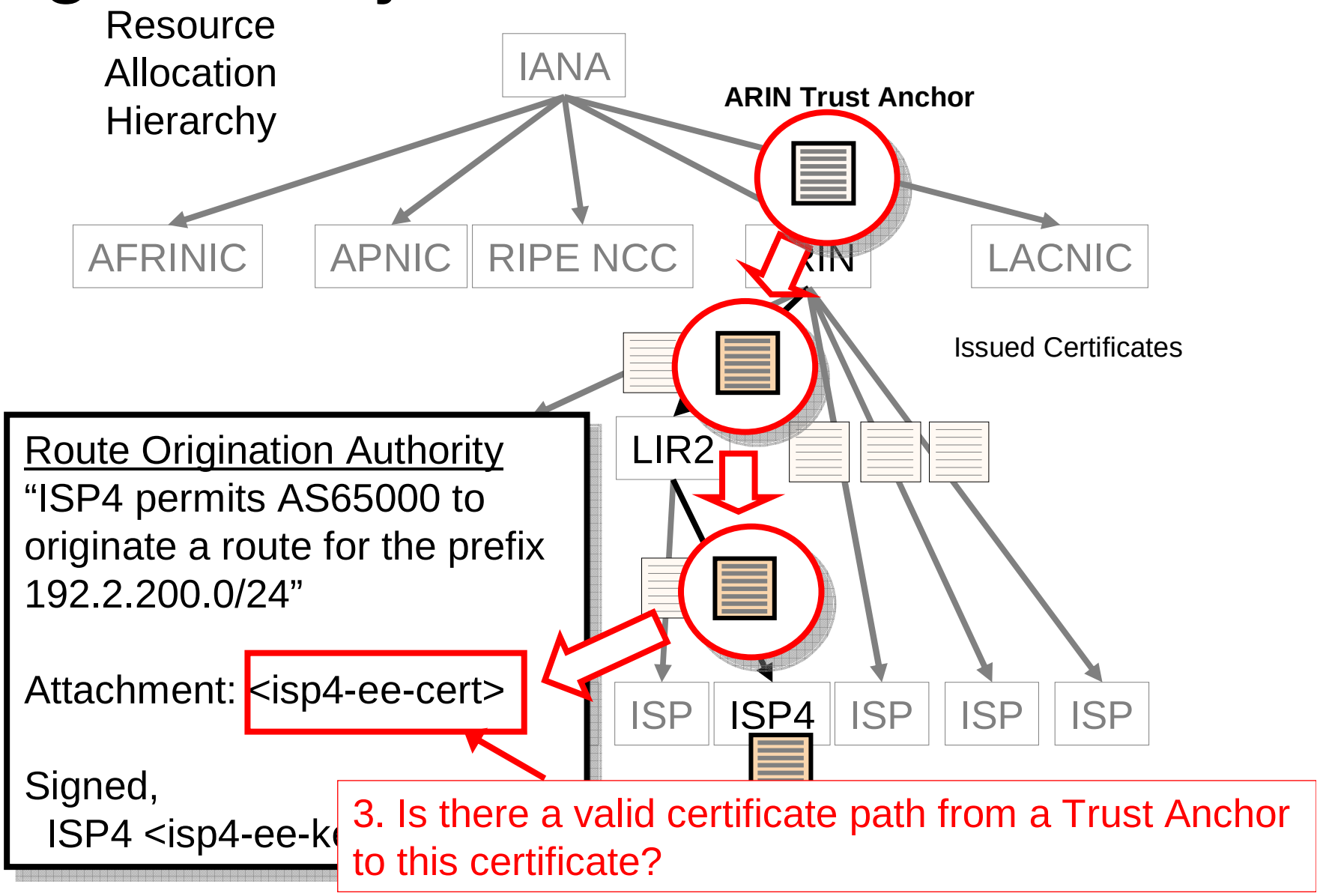

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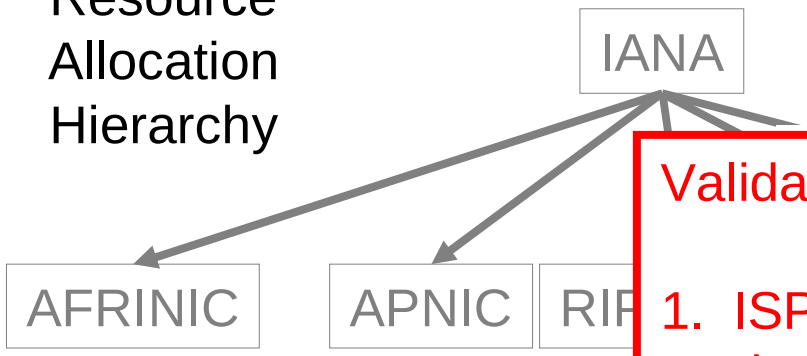


Route Origination Authority

"ISP4 permits AS65000 to originate a route for the prefix 192.2.200.0/24"

Attachment: <isp4-ee-cert>

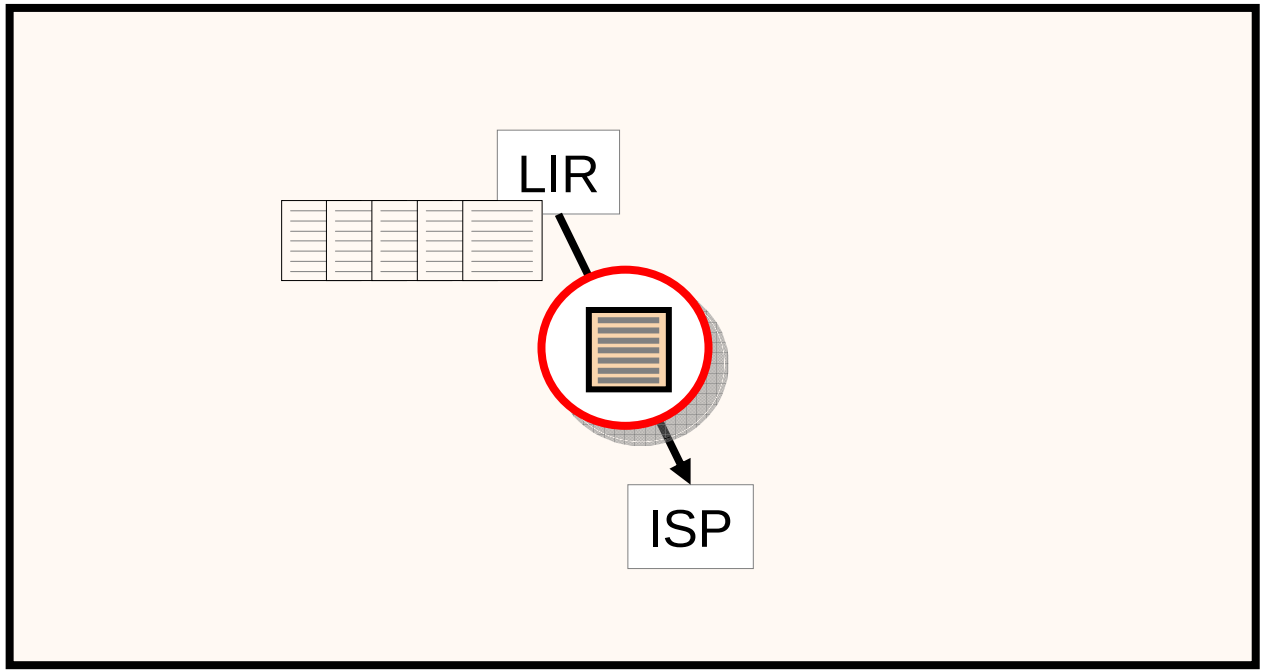
Signed,
ISP4 <isp4-ee-key-priv>

Validation Outcomes

1. ISP4 authorized this Authority document
2. 192.2.200.0/24 is a valid address
3. ISP4 holds a current right-of-use of 192.2 200.0/24
4. A route object where AS65000 originates an advertisement for the address prefix 192.2.200.0/24 has the explicit authority of ISP4, who is the current holder of this address prefix

What could you do with Resource Certificates?

- **Issue** signed subordinate resource certificates for any sub-allocations of resources, such as may be seen in a LIR context
  - Maintain a certificate collection that matches the current resource allocation state



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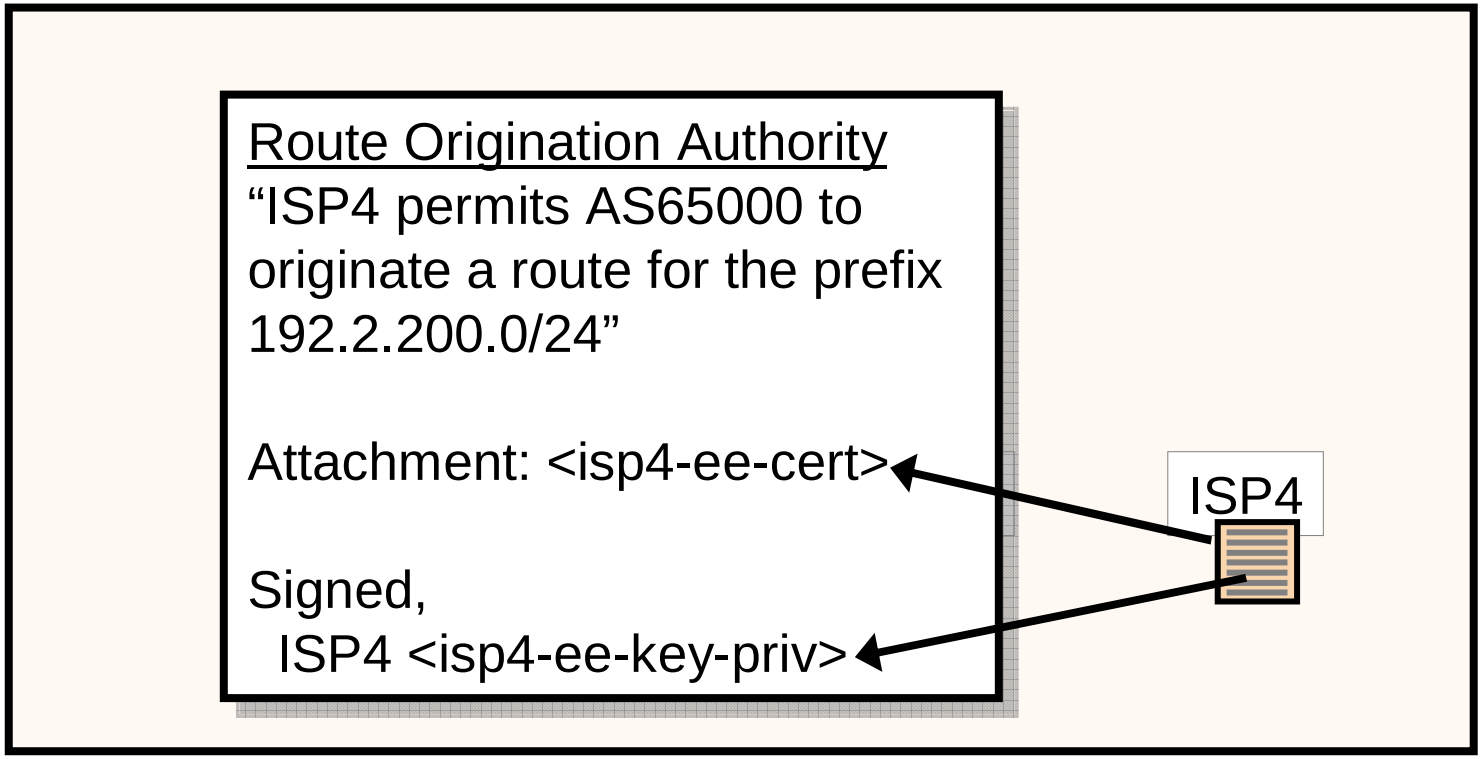
Sign routing authorities, routing requests, or WHOIS objects or IR objects with your private key

Use the private key to sign attestations with a signature that is associated with a right-of-use of a resource



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Validate signed objects

Authentication: Did the resource holder really produce this document or object?

Authenticity: Is the document or object in exactly the same state as it was when originally signed?

Validity: Is the document valid today?

– A relying party can:
  - authenticate that the signature matches the signed object,
  - validate the signature against the matching certificate's public key,
  - validate the certificate in the context of the Resource PKI

Example of a Signed Object

```
route-set:   RS-TELSTRA-AU-EX1
descr:       Example routes for customer with space under apnic
members:     58.160.1.0-58.160.16.255,203.34.33.0/24
tech-c:      GM85-AP
admin-c:     GM85-AP
notify:      test@telstra.net
mnt-by:      MAINT-AU-TELSTRA-AP
sigcert:     rsync://repository.apnic.net/TELSTRA-AU-IANA/cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5
             Ck010p5Q/Hc4yxwhTamNXW-cDWtQcmvOVGjU.cer
sigblk:      -----BEGIN PKCS7-----
             MIIBdQYJKoZIhvcNAQcCoIIBZjCCAWICAQExCzAJBgUrDgMCGgUAMAsGCSqGSIb3
             DQEHATGCAUEwggE9AgEBMBowFTETMBEGA1UEAxMKdGVsc3RyYS1hdQIBATAJBgUr
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             KJYFWWlrPqQnfTFMm5oLWBUhNjuX2E89qyQf2YZVizITTNg3ly1nwqBoAqmmDhDy
             +nsRVAxax7II2iQDTr/pjI2VWfe4R36gbT8oxyvJ9xz7I9IKpB8RTvPV02I2HbMI
             1SvRXMx5nQOXyYG3Pcxo/PAhbBkVkgfudLki/IzB3j+4M8KemrnVMRo=
             -----END PKCS7-----
changed:     test@telstra.net 20060822
source:      APNIC
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Signer's certificate

```
Version:   3
Serial:    1
Issuer:    CN=telstra-au
Validity:  Not Before: Fri Aug 18 04:46:18 2006 GMT
Validity:  Not After:  Sat Aug 18 04:46:18 2007 GMT
Subject:   CN=An example sub-space from Telstra IANA, E=apnic-ca@apnic.net
Subject Key Identifier g(SKI): Hc4yxwhTamNXW-cDWtQcmvOVGjU
Subject Info Access: caRepository -
           rsync://repository.apnic.net/TELSTRA-AU-IANA/cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5
           Ck01Op5Q/Hc4yxwhTamNXW-cDWtQcmvOVGjU
Key Usage: DigitalSignature, nonRepudiation
CRL Distribution Points:
           rsync://repository.apnic.net/TELSTRA-AU-IANA/cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5
           Ck01Op5Q.crl
Authority Info Access: caIssuers -
           rsync://repository.apnic.net/TELSTRA-AU-IANA/cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5
           Ck01Op5Q.cer
Authority Key Identifier:
           Key Identifier g(AKI): cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5Ck01Op5Q
Certificate Policies: 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.14.2
IPv4:       58.160.1.0-58.160.16.255, 203.34.33.0/24
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Potential Scenarios

Service interface via a Web Portal:

- Generate and Sign routing-related objects
- Validate signed objects against the PKI
- Manage subordinate certificate issuance
  - (Automated certificate management processes)

Local Tools – LIR Use

- Local repository management
- Resource object signing
- Generate and lodge certificate objects

Resource Certificate Trial Program

- ✓ Specification of X.509 Resource Certificates
- ✓ Generation of resource certificate repositories aligned with existing resource allocations and assignments
- ✓ Tools for Registration Authority / Certificate Authority interaction (undertaken by RIPE NCC)
- ✓ Tools to perform validation of resource certificates

Current Activities

- ✸ Extensions to OpenSSL for Resource Certificates (open source development activity, supported by ARIN)
- ✸ Tools for resource collection management, object signing and signed object validation (APNIC, and also open source development activity, supported by ARIN)
- ✸ LIR / ISP Tools for certificate management
- ✸ Operational service profile specification

Next Steps …

1. Complete current trial activities by EOY 06
2. APNIC Evaluation of Trial activities
   - Status of work items
   - Does this approach meet the objectives?
   - What are the implications of this form of certification of resources?
   - Impact assessment
     - Service infrastructure, operational procedures
     - Utility of the authentication model
     - Policy considerations
   - Recommendations for production deployment

Credit where credit is due…..

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Thank You

Questions?