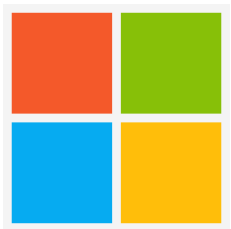


# Secure Multi-party Computation

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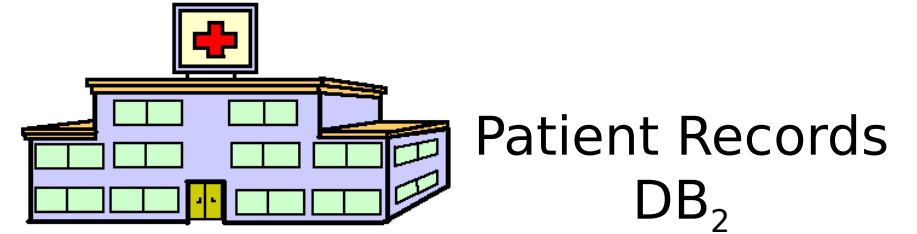


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# Machine Learning on Health Records

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Can hospitals compute  
joint  
statistics on their  
databases  
without revealing patient  
information to one  
another?

# Private Set Intersection

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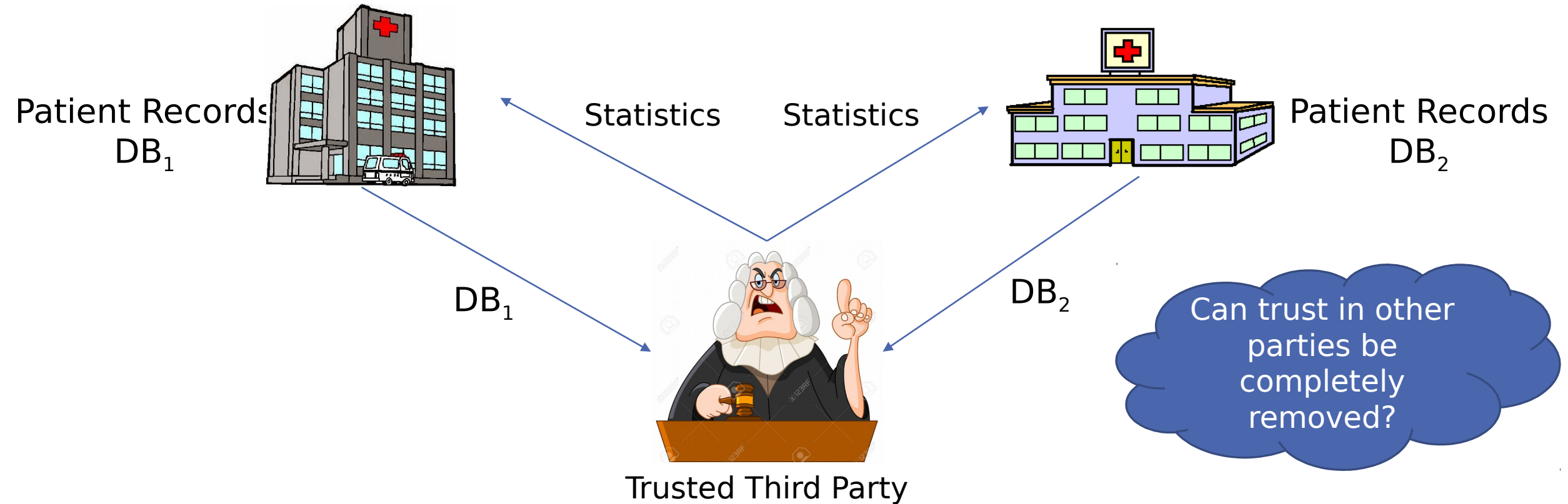


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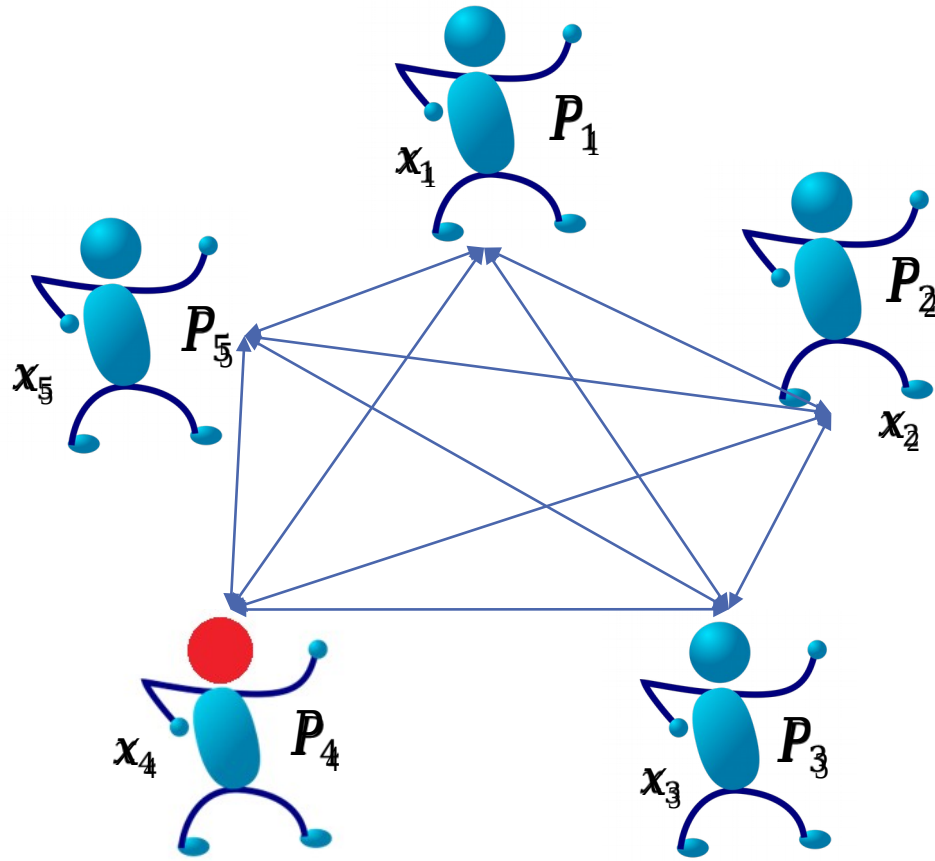
- Realty companies find list of customers who have double listed
- Can they do so without revealing individual customer names to each other?

# A way to solve this problem



# Secure Two/Multi-party Computation (MPC)

[Yao86, GMW87, BGW88, CCD88]



- $n$  parties, corruptions
- $P_i$  has input  $x_i$
- Goal is to compute  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- **Correctness:** Execute protocol to compute  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  correctly
- **Security:** Parties should not learn anything\* about other parties' inputs

# Talk Outline

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- What is security in 2PC/MPC?
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# Two-party Computation Security

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# Two-party Computation Security

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Net worth:  
X \$



What is  
our total  
net  
worth?



Net worth:  
Y \$



# Two-party Computation Security

Net worth:  
X \$



$$f(x, y) = x + y$$



Net worth:  
Y \$

$$f(x, y) = x + y$$

Alice should not learn anything\* about Bob's input; *What does Alice learn?*

# Two-party Computation Security

Net worth:  
X \$



Secure Computation  
cannot prevent Alice  
from learning what she  
could have learned  
about Bob from the  
output (and her input)



Net worth:  
Y \$

Defining Security:  
*Alice learns nothing more* than what can be  
learned from  $x$  and  $f(x,y)$

# Two-party Computation Security

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Net worth:  
X \$



Who is richer?  
(i.e., is  $X > Y$  ?)



Net worth:  
Y \$

Alice and Bob learn if  $X > Y$  but nothing more

# Two-party Computation Security

Net worth:  
X \$



Alice and Bob execute  
a protocol to compute  
 $f(x,y)$



Net worth:  
Y \$

Will Bob learn nothing about  $x$   
(other than  $f(x,y)$ ) even when  
he does not execute the  
protocol honestly?

# Two Kinds of Security – Semihonest vs Malicious

Net worth:  
X \$



Net worth:  
Y \$

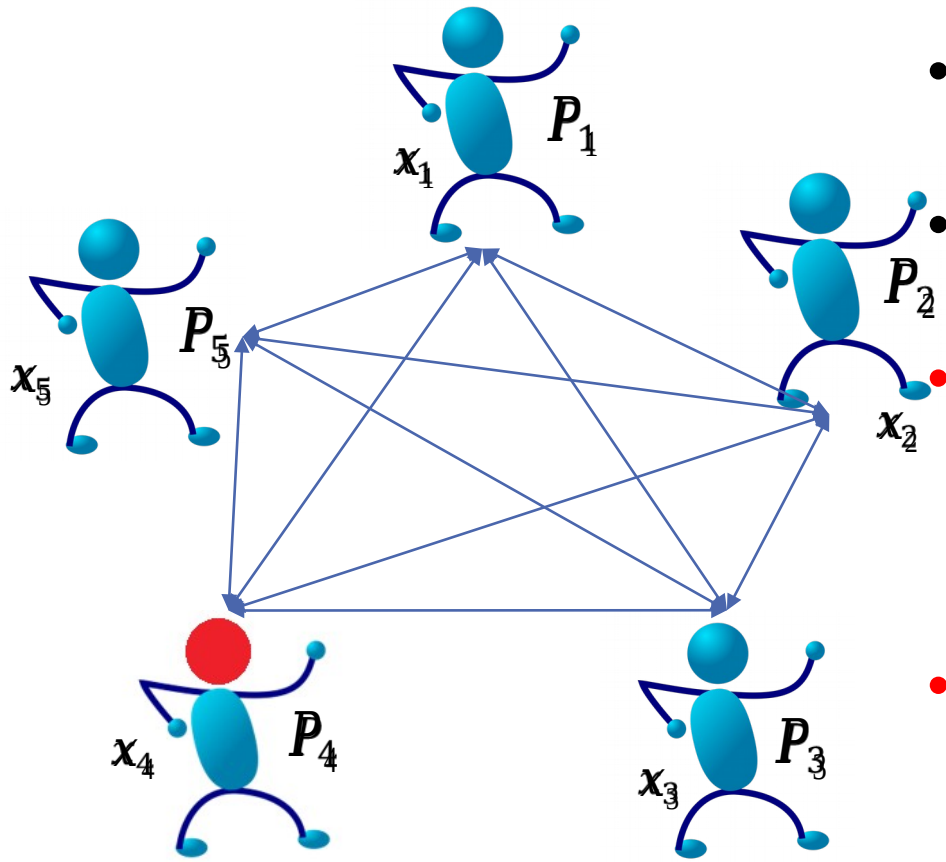
Semihonest

Malicious

- | Semihonest   | Malicious   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security guaranteed when malicious party follows the protocol honestly</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security guaranteed even when malicious party does not follow the protocol honestly</li></ul> |

# Secure Multi-party Computation (MPC)

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- Similar security notions
- Includes a corruption threshold  $t < n$
- **Semihonest:**  $t$  parties colluding do not learn any more information when they all follow the protocol honestly
- **Malicious:**  $t$  parties colluding do not learn any more information even when they do not follow the protocol

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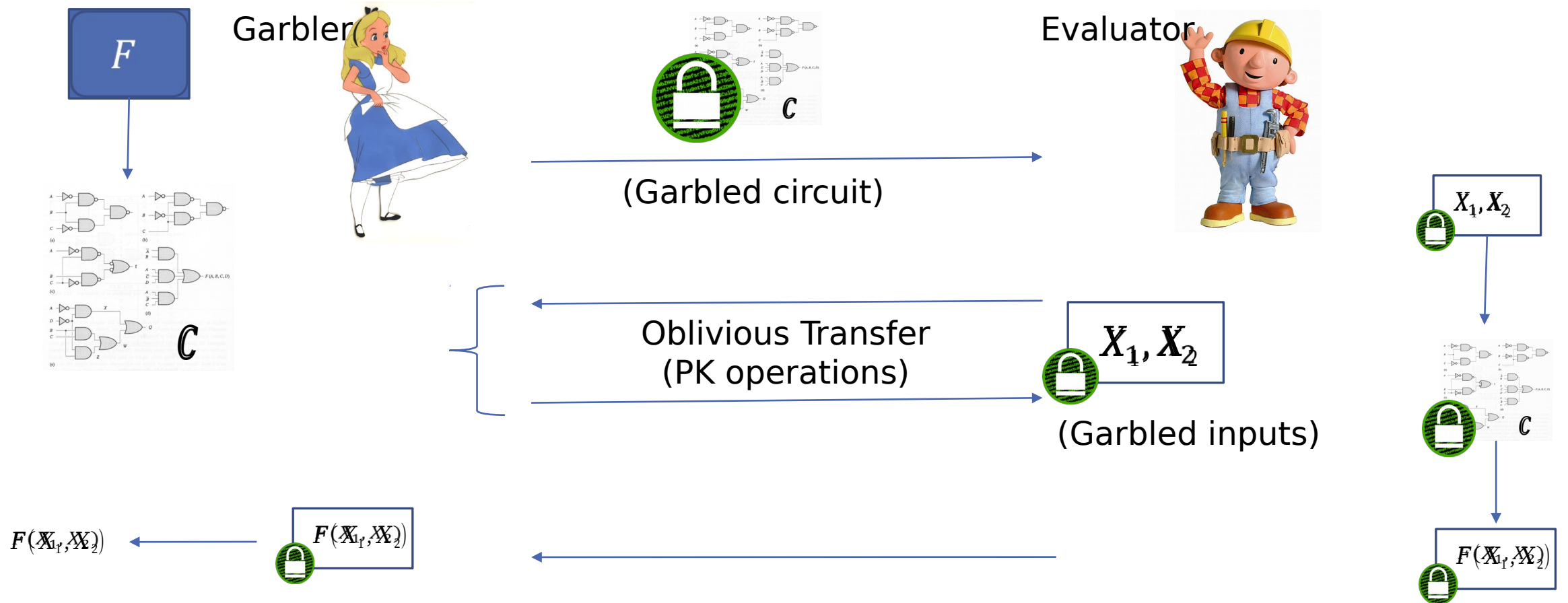
# Boolean Computation

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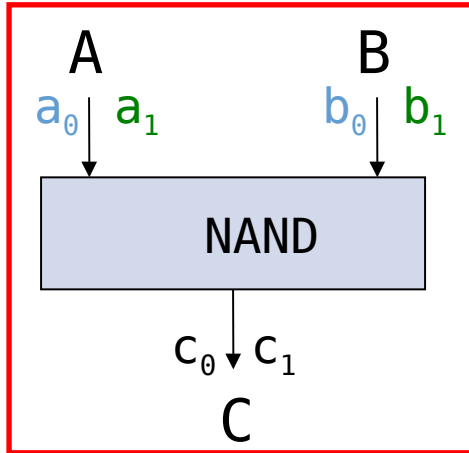
- All compute expressed as Boolean circuits (AND, XOR gates)
- Comparison, Bit-shifts etc. are most efficient when expressed as Boolean circuits
- Multiplication costs  $O(l^2)$



# Technique for 2 PC – Garbled Circuits [Yao86]



# How to Garble a gate? (E.g. NAND)



- Alice picks 2 random keys per wire (6 per gate).
- One key corresponds to 0 and the other to 1.
  - If  $A = 0$ , then key =  $a_0$ .

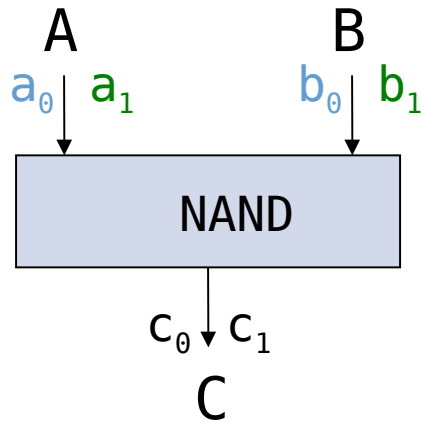
A	B	C
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

NAND Gate Truth Table

A	B	C
$a_0$	$b_0$	$c_1$
$a_0$	$b_1$	$c_1$
$a_1$	$b_0$	$c_1$
$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_0$

Truth Table with Keys

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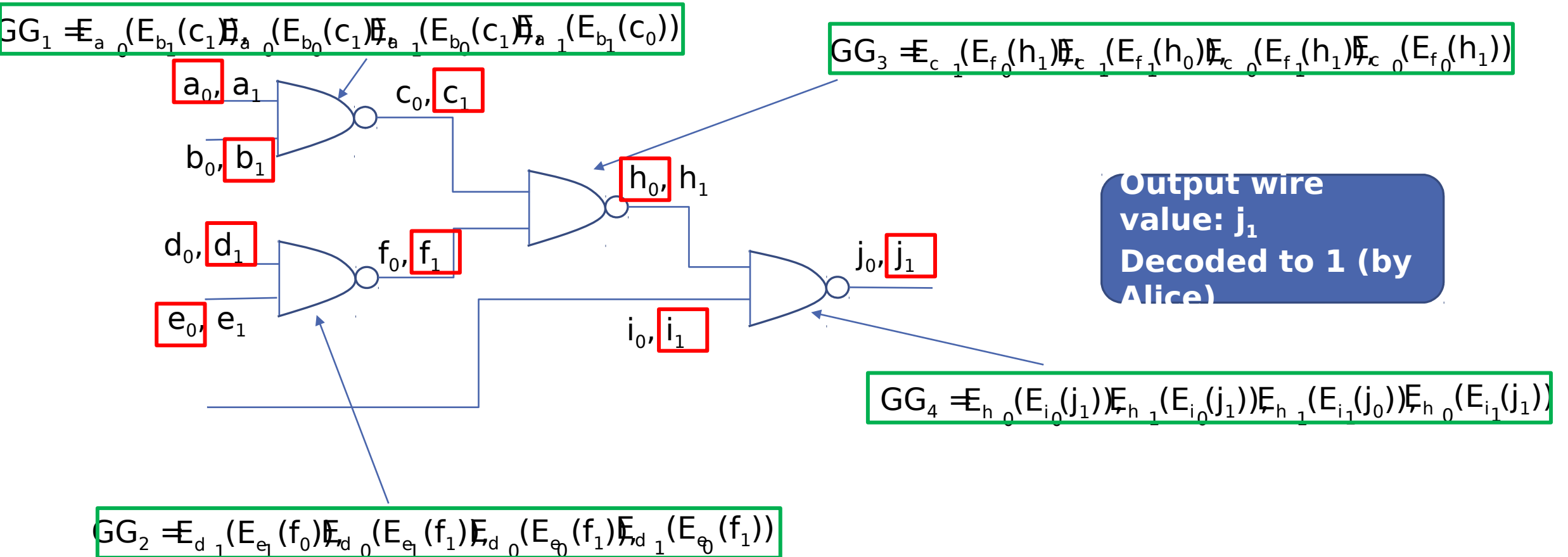
How does Bob evaluate it?

A	B	C	Garbled NAND Gate
$a_0$	$b_0$	$c_1$	$E_{a_0}(E_{b_0}(c_1))$
$a_0$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$E_{a_0}(E_{b_1}(c_1))$
$a_1$	$b_0$	$c_1$	$E_{a_1}(E_{b_0}(c_1))$
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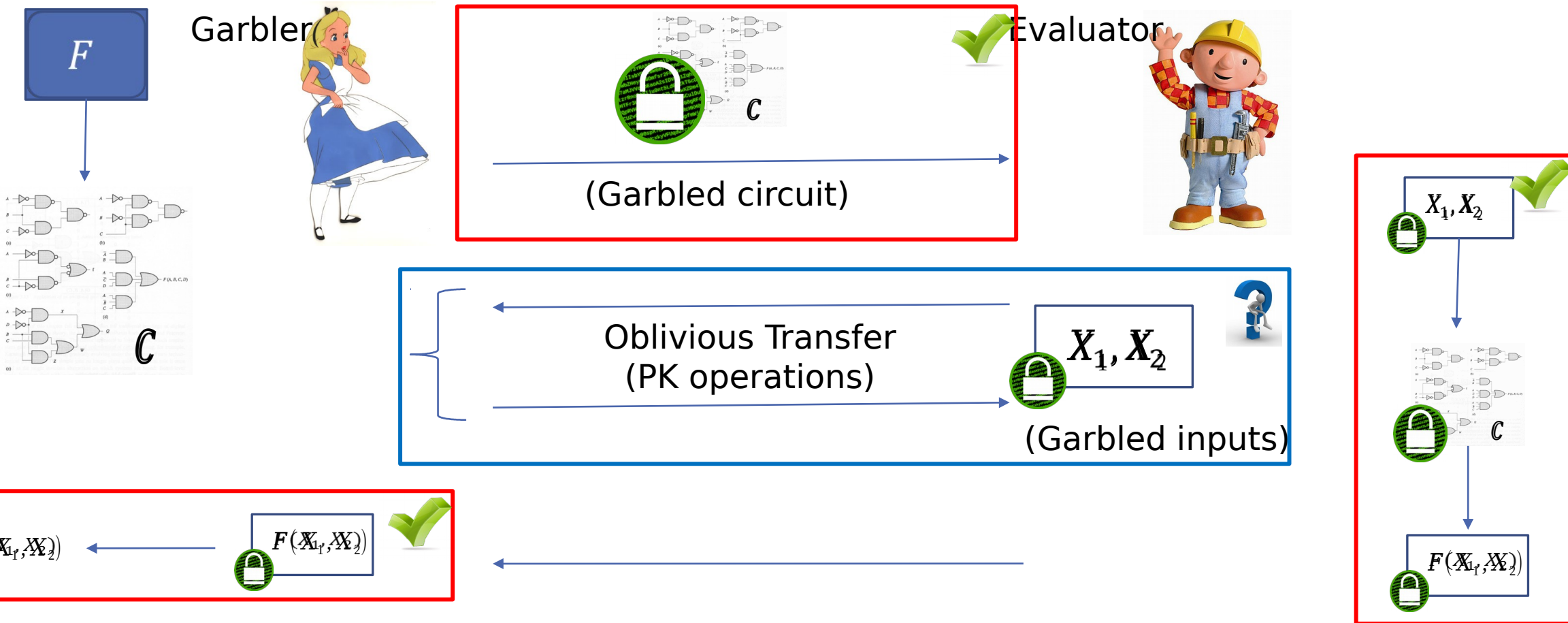
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This ciphertext alone will decrypt correctly.

# How does a Garbled Circuit look?

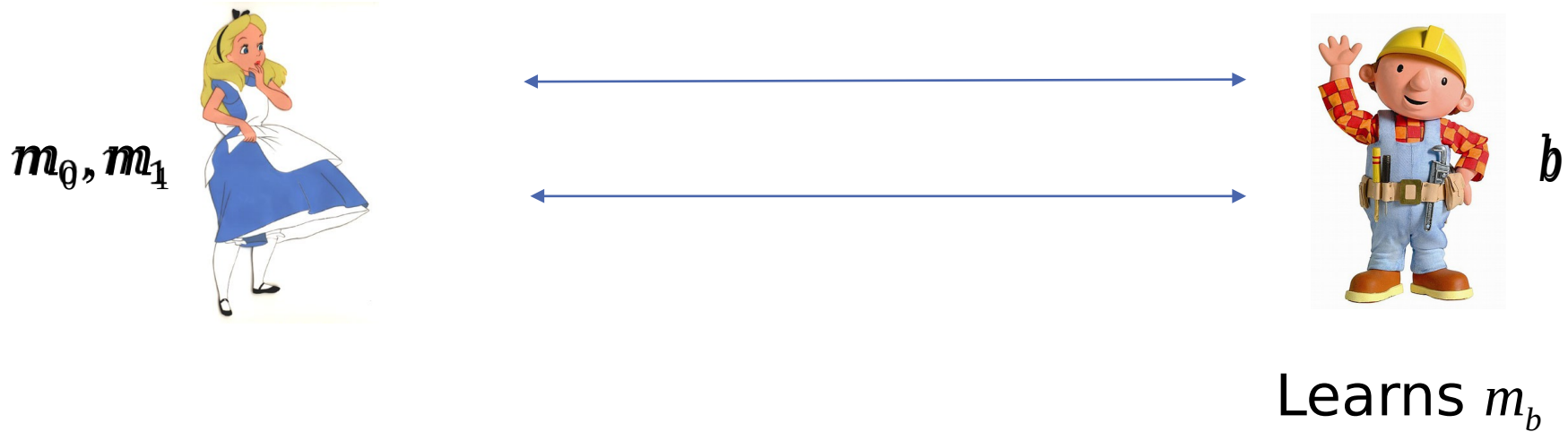


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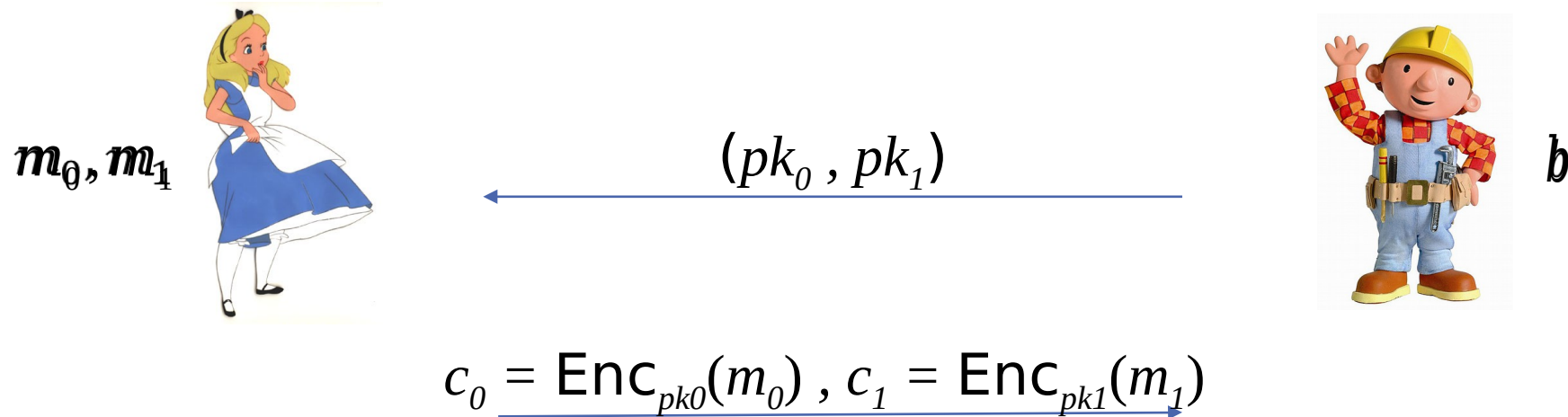
# Oblivious Transfer [Rabin81, EGL85]

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- Security 1: Alice does not learn  $b$
- Security 2: Bob does not learn  $m_{1-b}$

# A protocol for Oblivious Transfer (OT) from (special) public-key encryption

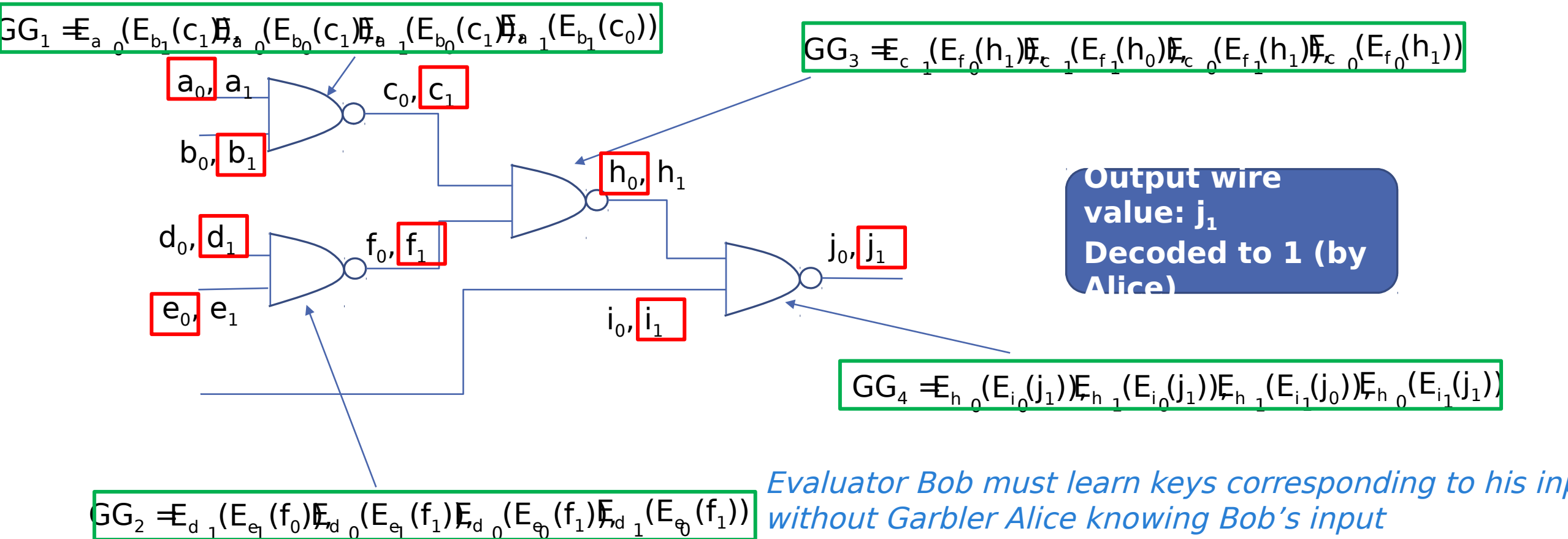


- Pick  $(pk_b, sk_b)$  and  $pk_{1-b}$
- Decrypt  $c_b$  to learn  $m_b$

Security 1: Alice does not learn  $b$  because  $pk_0$  and  $pk_1$  are indistinguishable

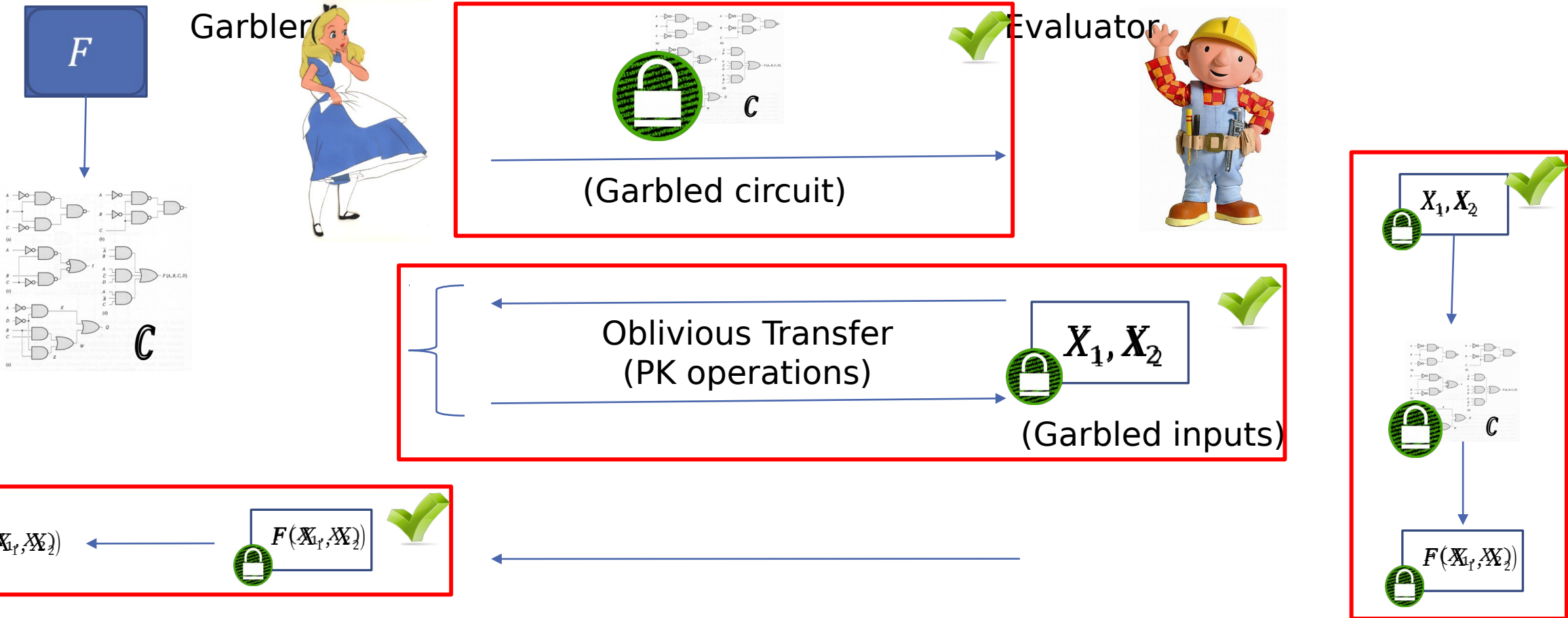
Security 2: Bob does not learn  $m_{1-b}$  because he does not know  $sk_{1-b}$

# Where do OTs fit in Garbled Circuits?



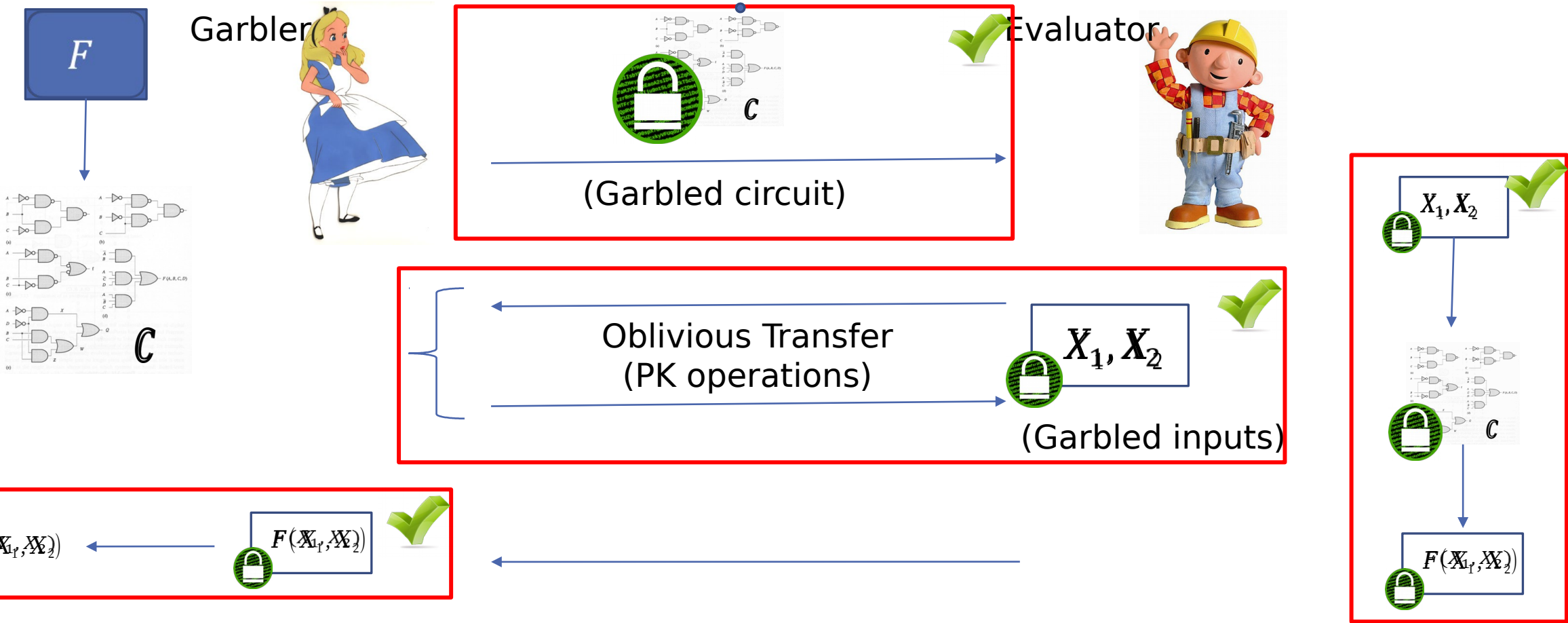


# Putting it all together



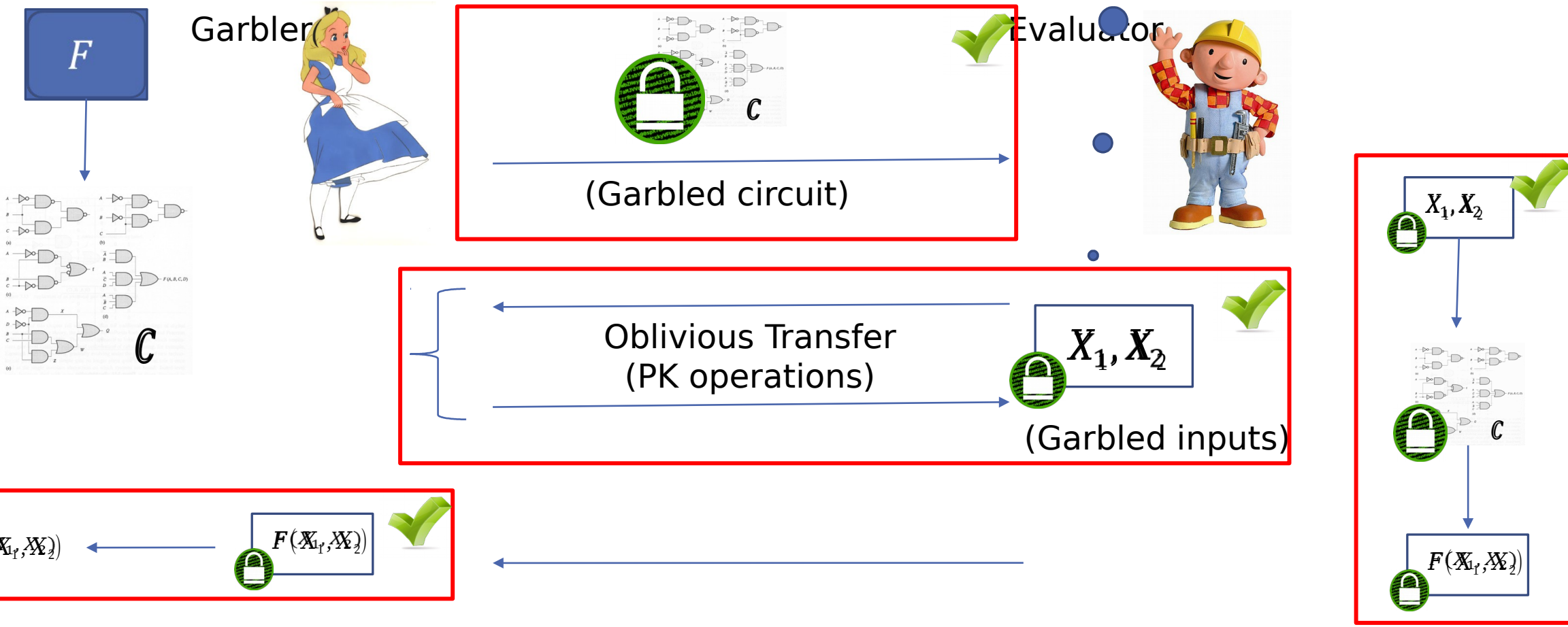
# Why is the protocol so easy)

Only depends on C - No information about Alice's input



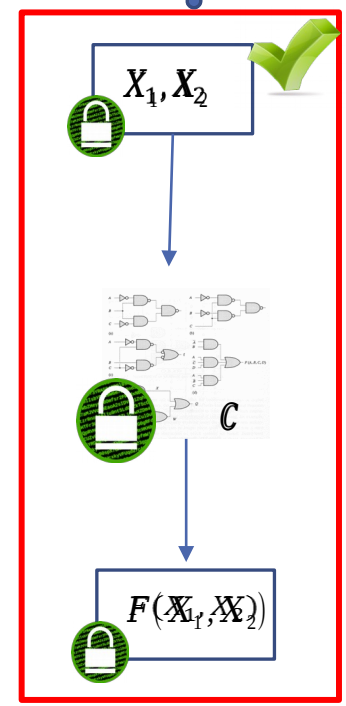
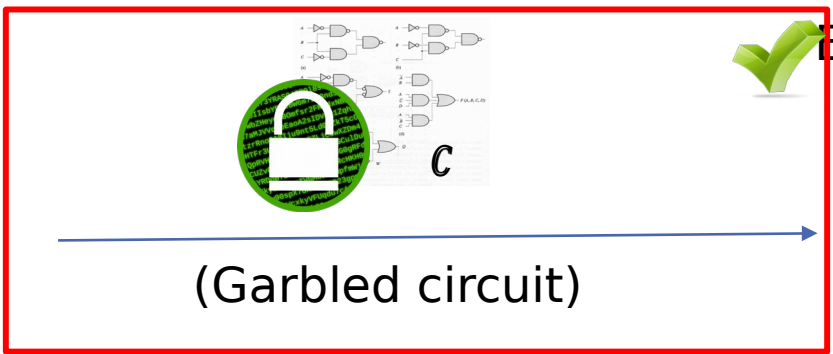
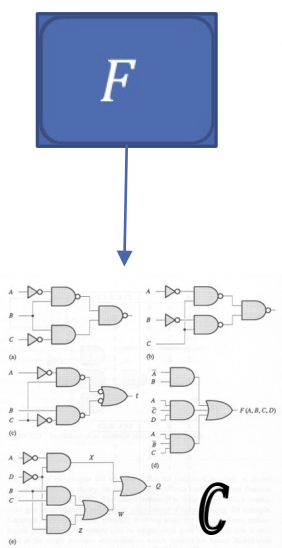
# Why is the protocol easy)

OT security says Alice does not learn Bob's input and Bob learns only one key



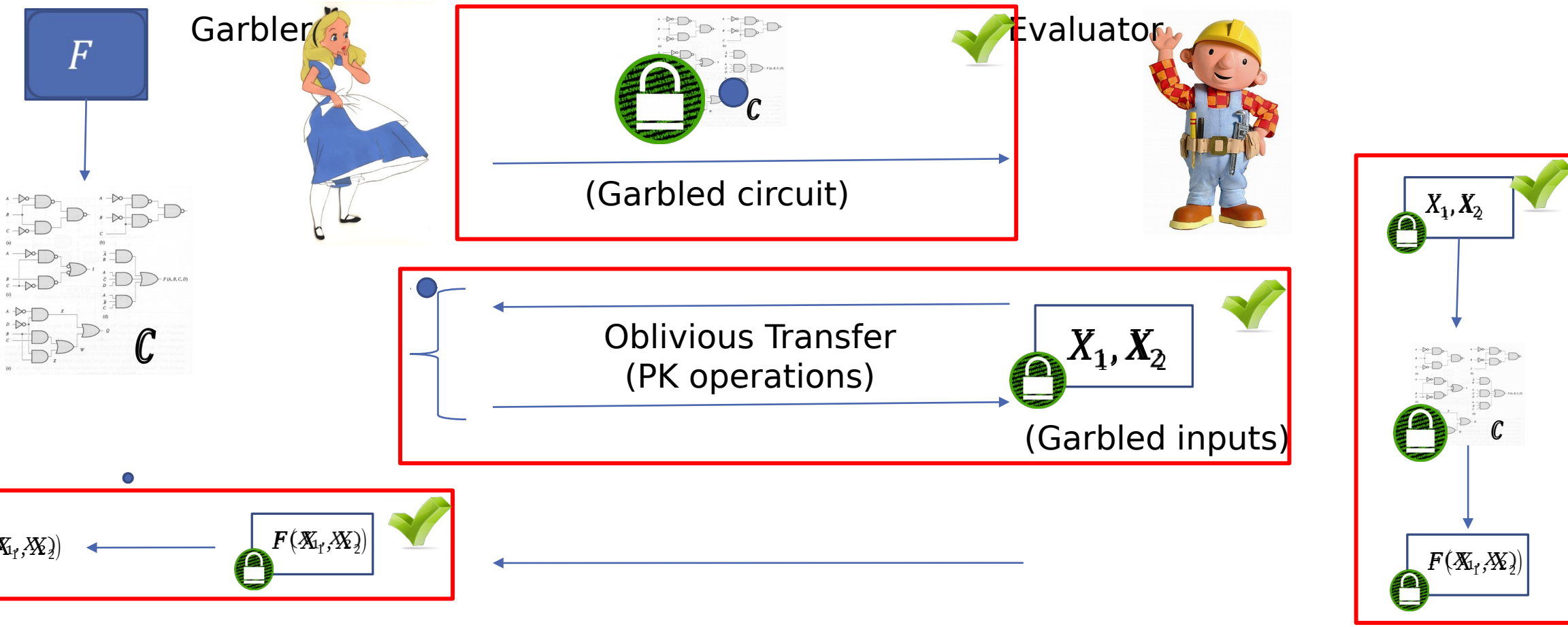
# Why is the protocol (easy)

(tricky) proof can show that Bob only learns one final key and no other information

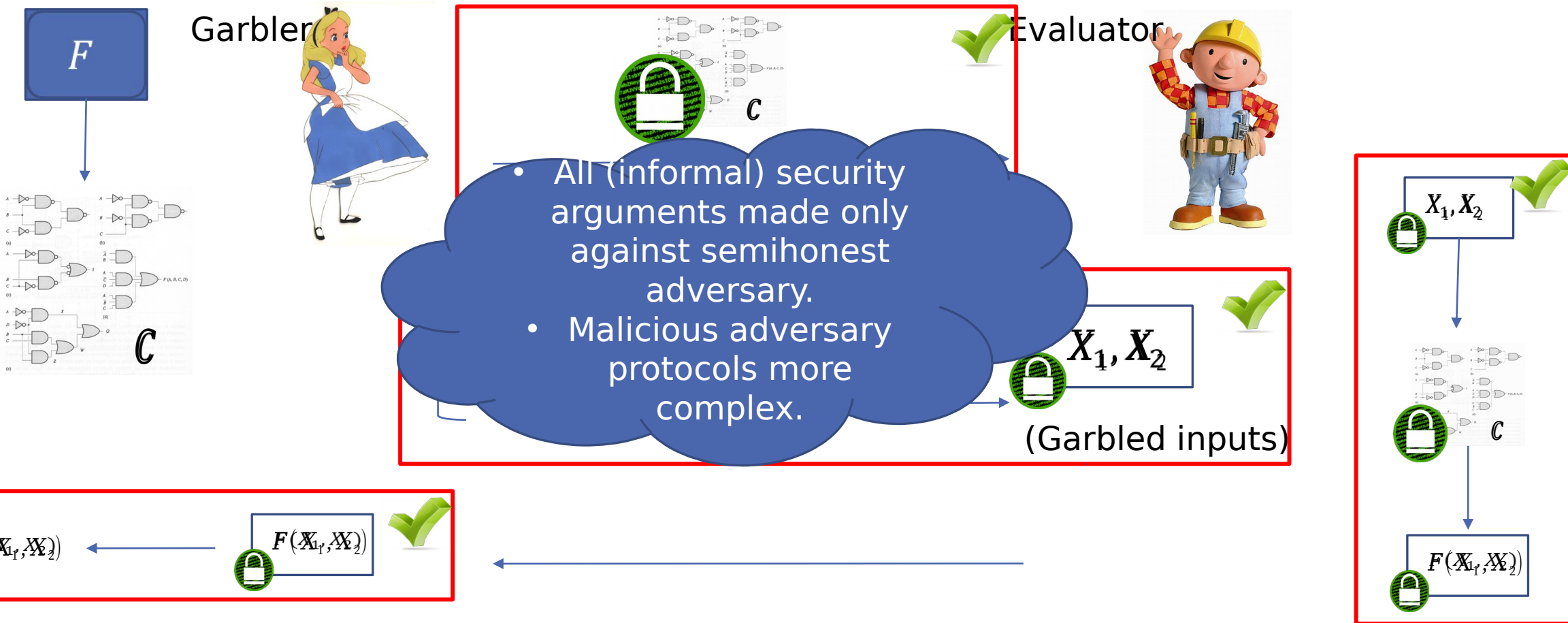


# Why is the protocol easy)

Alice only sees one final key corresponding to  $f(x_1, x_2)$





# Why is the protocol secure? (Not easy)



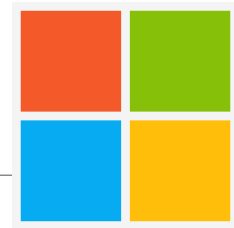
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# Secure Multi-party Computation & Applications to Private Machine Learning

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# Talk Outline

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- Secure Computation for Arithmetic Circuits
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(applied to private machine learning)

# Secure Computation of Arithmetic Circuits

Input  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^{32}}$



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Arithmetic circuit

- Arithmetic circuits have addition and multiplication gates

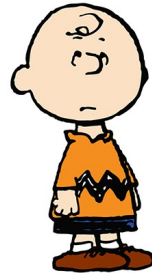
## Protocol Summary:

- Alice and Bob start with 2-out-2 secret shares of input
- For a gate, given shares of input wires, run a protocol to compute shares of output wire

# 2-out-of-2 Secret sharing scheme



$s_0$



$s$



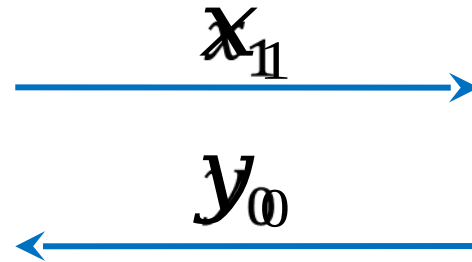
$s_1$

- Split secret into two parts  $s_0, s_1$
- Single share reveals nothing about
- Combine shares to get
- Example: Uniform shares s.t.  $s_0 + s_1 = s$

# Input sharing phase

- Each party shares its input with other party

Input  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{32}}$



Pick  $x_1$  s.t.  $x_0 + x_1 = x$

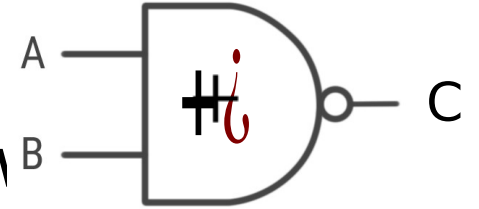
Input  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{32}}$



Pick  $y_1$  s.t.  $y_0 + y_1 = y$

# Addition gate

- Each locally adds the shares of input



$a_0, b_0$



No  
Interactio  
n

$a_1, b_1$



Compute  $c_0 = a_0 + b_0$

Compute  $c_1 = a_1 + b_1$

- Correctness:  $c_0 + c_1 = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1) = a + b = c$
- Security: trivial

# Multiplication gate

$$x_0, y_0, z_0 \quad C$$

- Need setup such as "Beaver" Triplet
- Parties hold shares of random  $x, y, z$  with  $z = x * y$

$$x_0, y_0, z_0$$

$$a_0, b_0$$



$$x_1, y_1, z_1$$

$$a_1, b_1$$



Reconstruct e and f

Compute

$$c_0 = f * a_0 + e * b_0 + z_0$$

**Correctness**  
?

Compute

$$c_1 = f * a_1 + e * b_1 + z_1 - e * f$$

**Security?**


# Secure Computation Protocols

- **Boolean circuits:** Garbled circuits [Yao], GMW, BMR, .....  
(Good for expressing comparisons, bitwise operations, maximum, etc)
- **Arithmetic circuits:** Using beaver triplets [Beaver], BGW, CCD, SPDZ, .....  
(Good for expressions and additions)

Very hard for non-crypto experts to select a good protocol for application!

Might need a mix of protocols!

# Talk Outline

- Secure Computation for Arithmetic Circuits 
- **EzPC: Programmable, Efficient, and Scalable Secure Computation** (applied to private machine learning)  
Joint work with Nishanth Chandran, Aseem Rastogi and Rahul Sharma



# Many Challenges in using 2PC

Function  $F$



- **Very hard** for developers to write *secure* 2PC applications
- Which protocol is best suited for my application?
  - GMW, Yao, BGW, BMR, .....
- How to express the function efficiently?
  - Circuits: Boolean vs Arithmetic
- Most protocols require low circuit level programming
  - Tedious and error-prone

# Our Goal: Democratizing 2PC

Make 2PC accessible to  
developers

Function  $F(x, y)$



- Programmer-friendly platform
  - Developer only specifies functionality
- Generality: Express arbitrary functionalities
- Performance: Automatically choose right circuit rep.
- Scale to practical tasks
- Formal guarantees of Correctness and Security

# Current state of affairs

Alice:  $w, b$

Bob:  $x$

Function:  $w^t x > b$



## Option 1

- Program in one of the several DSLs such as Fairplay, Wysteria, OblivM, CBMC-GC, SMCL, Sharemind, etc
- Pro: High-level programmer friendly framework
- Pro: Developer is oblivious of underlying crypto magic
- **Cons: Poor performance** (single circuit representation)

- Since complexity of 2PC program grows with circuit size, for performance,
  - Require Arithmetic circuit for Boolean circuit for comparison with
- **None** of the high-level frameworks support a mix of Arithmetic and Boolean circuit

# Current state of affairs

Function:  $w^t x > b$



## Option 2

- Program in ABY framework (Demmler et al. NDSS-15)
- Pro: Uses a combination of Boolean and Arithmetic circuits
- Pro: Much better performance
- **Cons: Not programmer friendly** (low level)
  - Manually split compute into Boolean & Arithmetic
  - Write corresponding low-level circuits for each part
  - Insert inter-conversions between them
- **Cons: Tedious and Error-prone + some**

# Current state of affairs

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Function:  $w^t x > b$



## Option 3

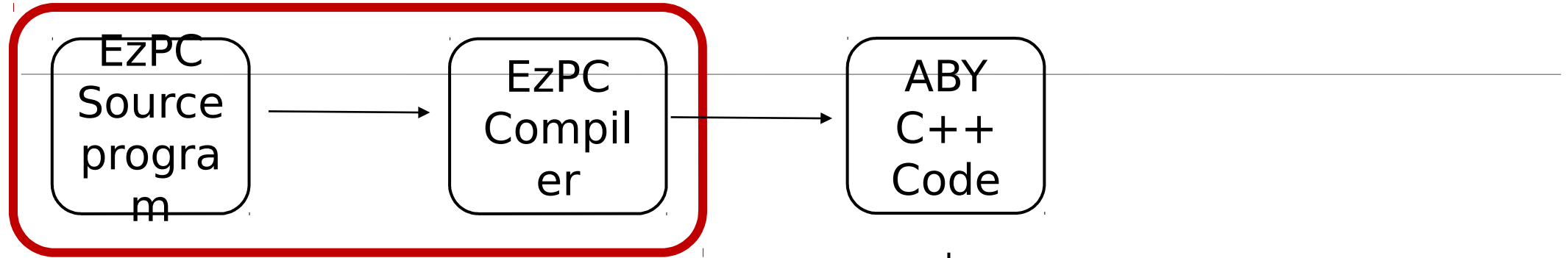
- Design *specialized* protocols for functions of interest
- Pro: Good performance
- **Cons:** Requires a lot of **cryptographic expertise**
- **Cons: No generality:** Great effort for each function

# State of the art in 2PC (for $E = (w^T x > b)$ )

Solution Programmability Generality Performance Scalability Security

DSLs like OblivM, CBMC-GC, etc	✓	✓		✗	✓	✓
ABY	✗	✓		✓	✗	✓
Specialized Protocols like MiniONN, etc	✗	✗		✓	✓	✓
EzPC	✓	Our Approach		✓	✓	✓

# Our tool: EzPC (Easy two-party computation)



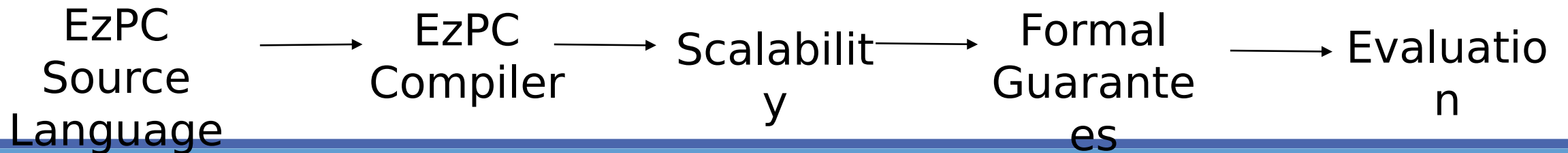
**P**

**A**



**P**

**B**



# EzPC: Source Program

Function:  $w^T x > b$



```
uint w[30] = input1();
uint x[30] = input2();
uint b = input1();
```

```
uint acc = 0;
for i in [0:30] {
acc = acc + (w[i] * x[i]);
}
```

```
Output2(acc > b ? 1 :
```

- Base types and array types
- Mathematical operators (+, \*, >, &, >>, ....)
- Statements for assignments, array read/write, bounded for loops and if

```
//circuit builders for arithmetic and boolean
2 Circuit* ycirc = s[S_YAO]->GetCircuitBuildRoutine();
  Circuit* acirc = s[S_ARITH]->GetCircuitBuildRoutine();
4 ...
  if(role == SERVER) {
6   //Put gates to read w and b
  } else { //role == CLIENT
8   //Put gates to read x
  }
10
  for(uint32_t i = 0; i < 30; i++) { //acc = w^T x
12   share * a_t_0 = acirc->PutMULGate(a_w[i], a_x[i]);
    a_acc = acirc->PutADDGate(a_acc, a_t_0 );
14 }

16 //convert acc and b from arithmetic to boolean
  share *y_acc = ycirc->PutA2YGate(a_acc);
18 share *y_b = ycirc->PutA2YGate(a_b);

20 share *y_pred = ycirc->PutGTGate (y_acc, y_b);
  uint32_t one = 1 ;
22 share *y_1 = ycirc->PutCONSGate(one, bitlen);
  uint32_t zero = 0 ;
24 share *y_0 = ycirc->PutCONSGate(zero, bitlen);
  share *y_t = ycirc->PutMUXGate(y_pred, y_1, y_0);
26
  share *y_out = ycirc->PutOUTGate(y_t, CLIENT);
28 party->ExecCircuit();

30 if(role==CLIENT) { //only to the client
  uint32_t _o = y_out->get_clear_value<uint32_t>();
32 }
```

providing low-level circuit  
API



# EzPC: How the compiler works?

- EzPC source program  $\rightarrow$  ABY code
- Problem: Automatically assigns variables and operators to **B**oolean or **A**rithmetic type
- Using cryptographic costs of primitive operators as well as inter-conversion costs
- **Hard problem, can require exponential time**
- Heuristics-based cryptographic cost-aware compiler
- **Hard Constraints**: MULT in Arithmetic; GT/COND/BitwiseAND in Boolean
- **Soft Constraints**: ADD can be either in Arithmetic or Boolean based on operands
- Minimize inter-conversion cost
  - Maintain a map from variables to available types

Our heuristics

# EzPC: Cryptographic Cost-aware Compiler

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uint b = input1();
```

```
uint acc = 0;
for i in [0:30] {
  uint temp = w[i] * x[i];
  acc = acc + temp;
}
```

```
Output2(acc > b ? 1 : 0);
```

Source Program  
Program  $b$



```
uintA w[30] = input1();
uintA x[30] = input2();
uintB b = input1();
```

```
uintA acc = 0;
for i in [0:30] {
  uintA temp = w[i] * x[i];
  acc = acc + temp;
}
```

```
uintB acc_B = A2B(acc);
Output2(acc_B > b ? 1 : 0);
```

Intermediate Program  
(Annotate all variables & operators and insert inter-conversions)

# EzPC: Cryptographic Cost-aware Compiler

- Minimize inter-conversions: Maintain a map from variables to available share type

```

:
uint acc = 0;
for i in [0:30] {
uint temp = w[i] * x[i];
acc = acc + temp;
}

uint 0 = (acc > b ? 1 : 0);
uint y = acc * w[0];
uint z = acc & b;
uint z = acc & b;

```



```

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uintA acc = 0;
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}

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uintB 0 = (acc_B > b_B ? 1 : 0);

uintA y = acc *A w[0];
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```

Intermediate Program

Source Program

# EzPC: Scalability

- Program needs to be written as circuit
  - Circuit needs to fit in memory

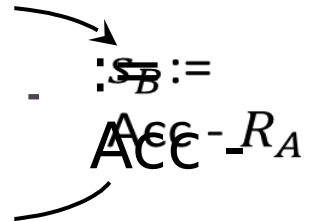
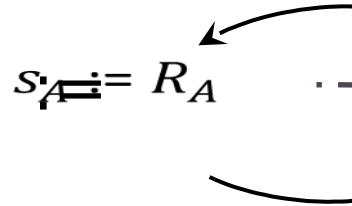


$W, u$



$x, v$

- Unroll the loops (Circuits don't have loops)
  - Circuit size can be huge (>28 GB)



- **Secure Code Partitioning**

- Partition into P1 and P2
- Need to pass Acc to P2 *securely*
- Secret-share Acc b/w Alice & Bob
- P2 reconstructs Acc



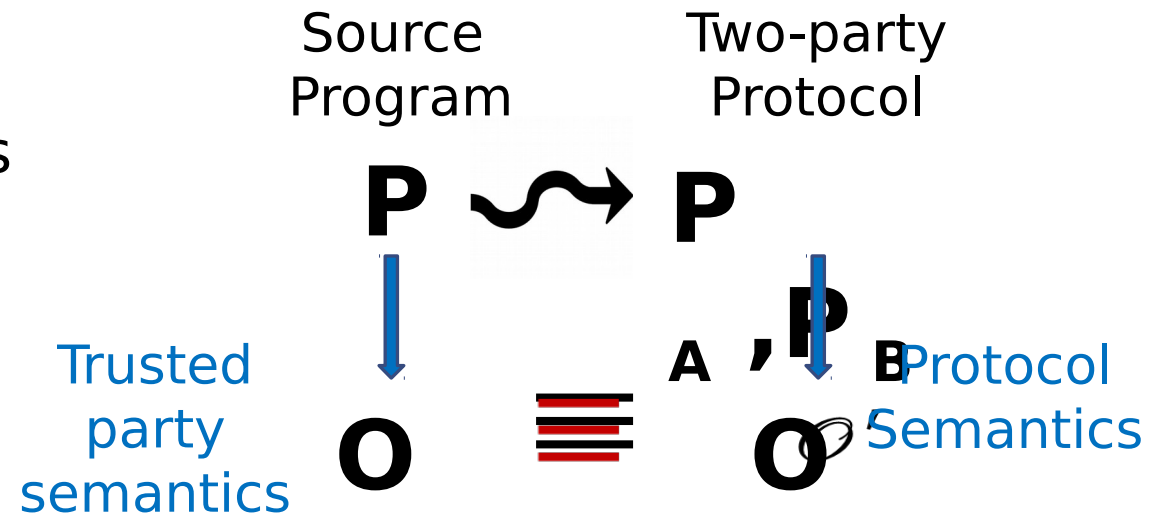
Revealing Acc  
Alice or Bob  
breaks security

- Very natural and crucial for benchmarks such as large DNNs,

# EzPC: Formal Guarantees

- **Correctness**

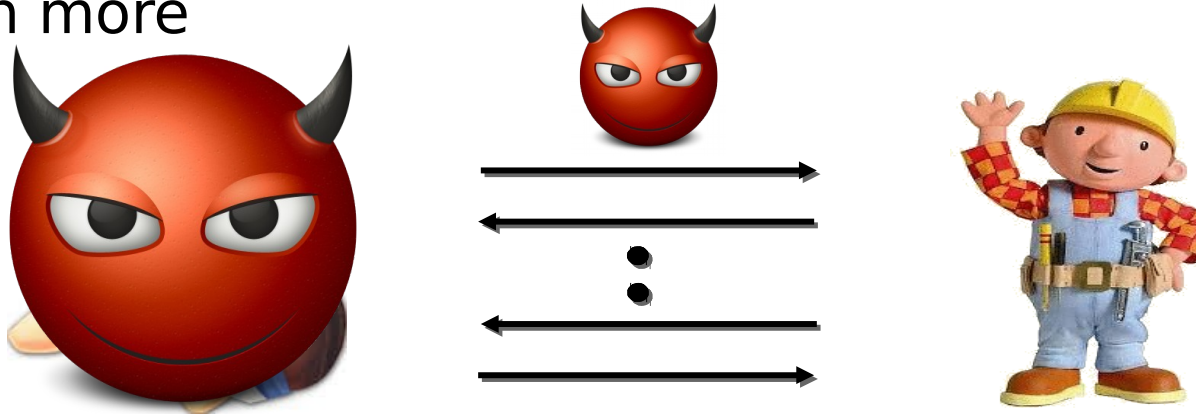
- Formulate trusted party semantics and protocol semantics
- For a well-typed **P**, both semantics
  - terminate without errors
  - produce same outputs
- No array index out of bounds errors



# EzPC: Formal Guarantees

- **Security**

- Semi-honest security against corruption of one party
- Honest-but-curious adversary that follows the protocol faithfully BUT is eager to learn more



- Eavesdrop on communication
  - Learns nothing about Alice's or Bob's input
- Corrupt Alice
  - Learn nothing about Bob's input (beyond o/p)

- Formally reduce security of compiler to semi-honest security of 2PC back-end (ABY)
- Security of partitioning scheme

Security of  
2PC back-  
end



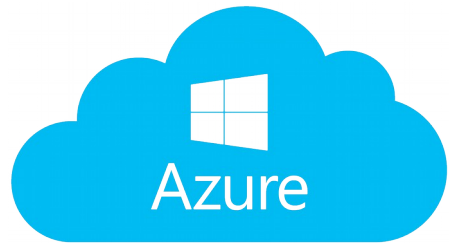
Security of  
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programs

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# Applications of EzPC to Private Machine Learning

# Secure Prediction using Secure 2PC

$F(\text{Model}, \text{Data})$



ML classifier for  
diabetes  
Model is IP



Medical report  
Data is private

- Bob wants to learn output of classifier
- Solved by 2PC!
- Bob learns classifier output *only*
- Azure learns *nothing* about Bob's input!



# EzPC: Evaluation

- Demonstrate generality by evaluating EzPC on large variety of benchmarks
- In *all* cases, EzPC protocols BEAT/MATCH performance of state-of-the-art specialized protocols
- Writing benchmarks did not require any crypto know-how
- Lines of code (LOC) is proportional to C++ code for describing the ality



Generic 2PC protocols gives state-of-art performance (if done smartly)!

# Deep Neural Networks

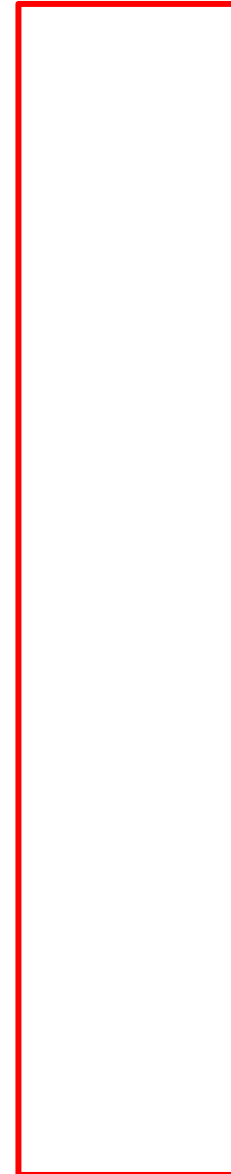
- Many layers; Each layer has
  - A linear operation that can be written as a matrix multiplication
  - A non-linear activation function such as Maxpool, ReLU, etc
- Matrix multiplication is suited for Arithmetic; non-linear function is suited to Boolean
- **Cryptonets** (ICML 16)
  - Based on Homomorphic Encryption (HE)
  - MNIST: 1 fully connected, 1 convolutional, square activation function

DNN	Cryptonets Time (s)	EzPC Time (s)
Cryptonets	297	0.6

2PC based approach much faster than HE!

# Our Evaluation

Benchmark	Prev. Time (s)
Naïve Bayes (Audiology)	3.9
Decision Trees (ECG)	0.4
SecureML (MNIST)	1.1
MiniONN (MNIST)	9.4
MiniONN CIFAR-10	544



# More ML classifiers in EzPC

- Tensorflow tutorial benchmarks

- Softmax regression for MNIST:  $\arg \max b$
- DNN for MNIST: 2 convolutional, 2 fully connected, ReLU activation, 99.2% accuracy

	LAN (1ms) Time (s)	WAN (40ms) Time (s)	LOC
Regression	0.1	0.7	38
DNN	30.5	60.3	172

First 2PC implementations for these benchmarks

- Bonsai (ICML 17): Much smaller models for weak IoT devices, reasonable accuracy

- Bonsai (ICML 17) like structure but much smaller

- Tree

Dataset	Depth	LAN (1ms) Time (s)	WAN (40ms) Time (s)	LOC
USPS	2	0.2	0.9	156
WARD	3	0.3	1.1	283

Demonstrates programmability and generality of EzPC

# EzPC: In a nut-shell

- Developer friendly
  - Easy to get correct functionality
- Generality and Customizability
  - Small change in functionality requires small change in code
- State-of-the-art performance
  - Beats specialized protocols
- Scales to large programs
- Formal guarantees of correctness and security



# Future Directions

- Generalize EzPC to more than 2 parties
  - Integrate existing MPC protocols to EzPC
  - Build new MPC protocols that combine Arithmetic and Boolean
- Malicious parties?
- Make language of EzPC more powerful
  - Enhance the expressiveness of the language with functions
  - Better support for floating point operations
- Find other exciting applications apart from private machine learning