

# Challenges in **DNSSEC** based IoT Device Identity Management

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# Why did we build an IoT Registry?

**We saw an opportunity  
& took it!**

Goal is to have **DNSSEC**  
integral in the solution for  
**IoT Device Identity** and  
**mutual TLS authn**

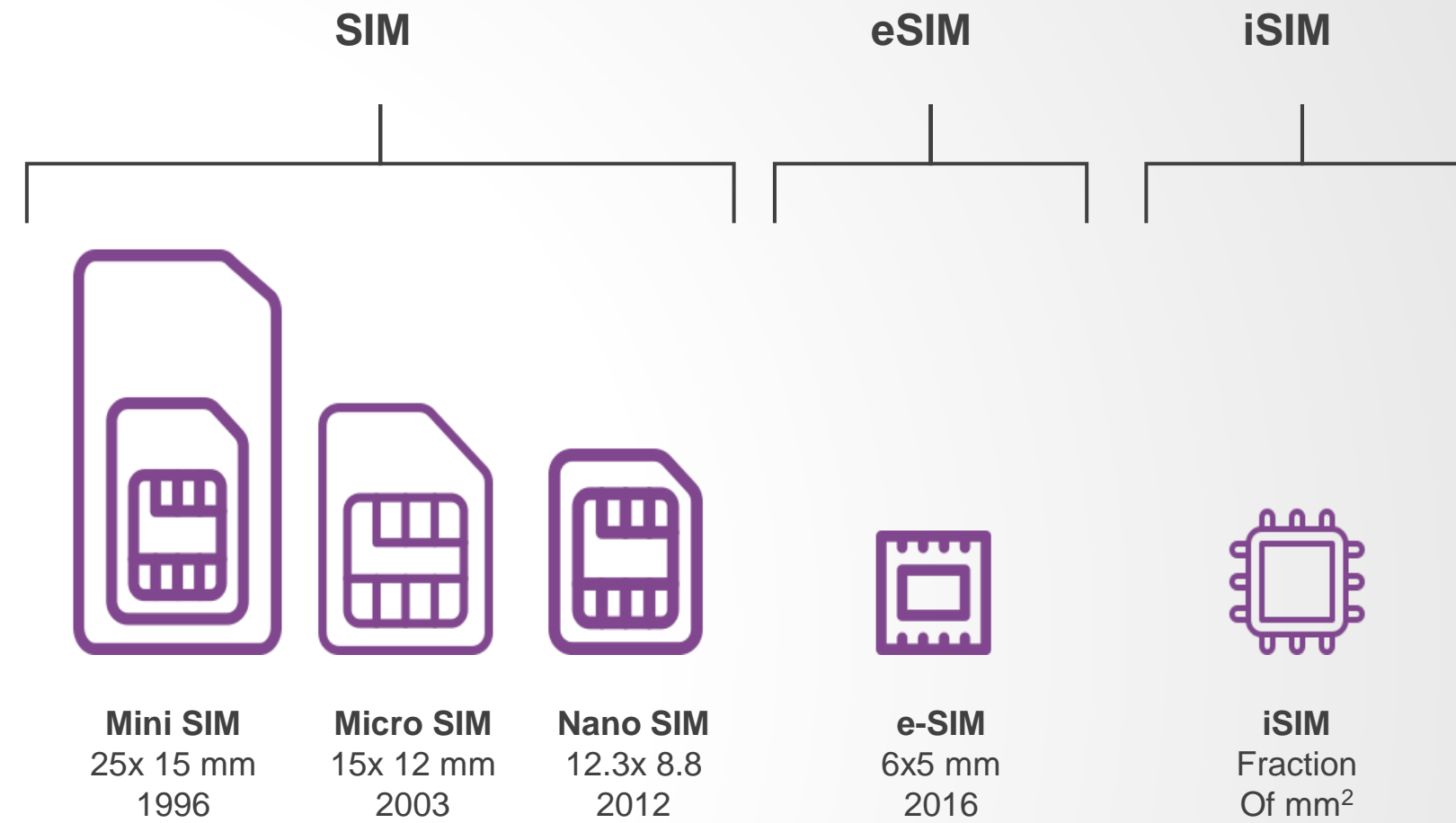


**It's a major learning curve!!!**

<https://github.com/CIRALabs/CIRA-Secure-IoT-Registry>



# SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE - SIM



**\* A Secure Element (SE) is a tamper-resistant microprocessor-based platform**

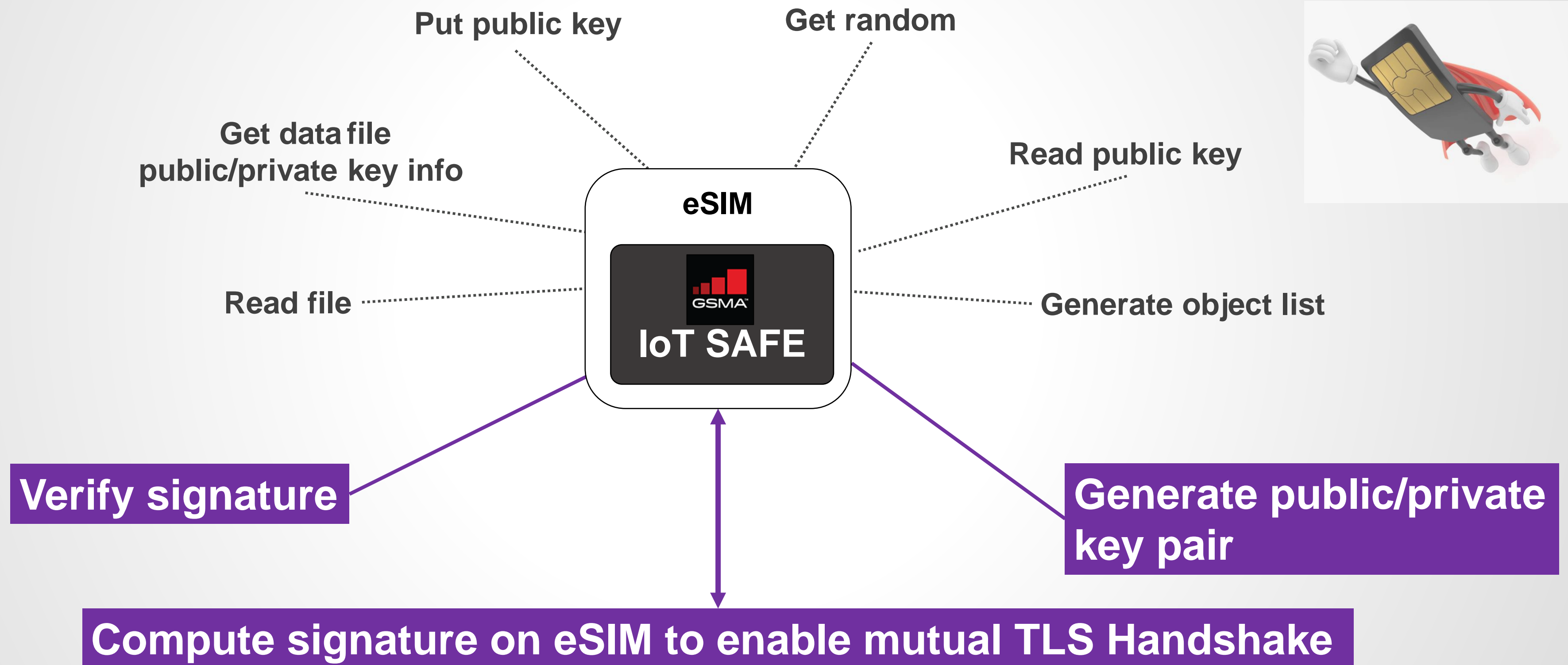
**The SE securely stores sensitive data such as the application data and IoT device Identity**

**The embedded SIM is a new secure element compliant with GSMA**

\* <https://www.thalesgroup.com/en/markets/digital-identity-and-security/mobile/secure-elements>



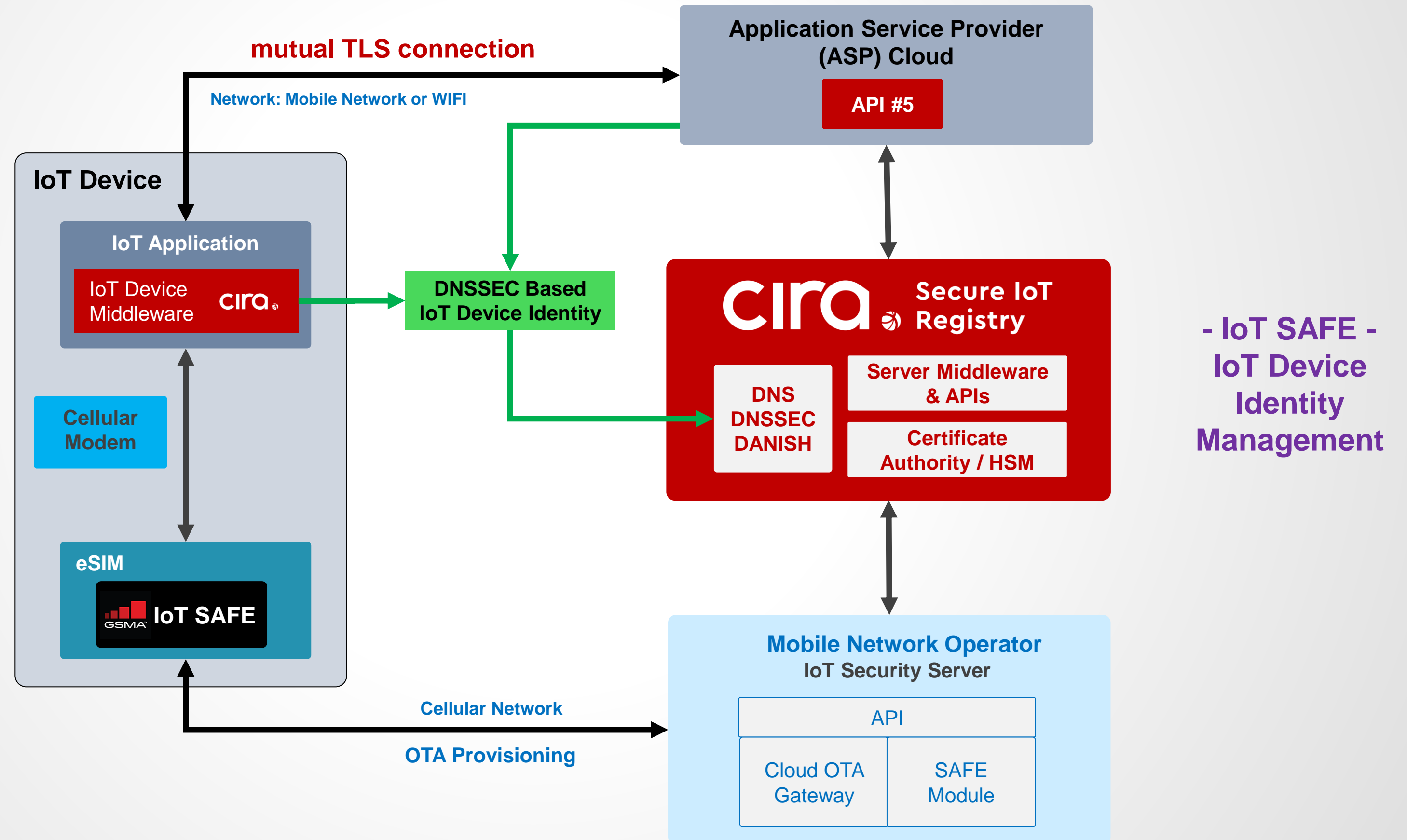
# GSMA IoT SAFE → Pretty robust IoT Device Identity Solution



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# CIRA IoT Registry: ZERO TOUCH REMOTE eSIM PROVISIONING

Building on top of the existing GSMA MNO -> eSIM trust model



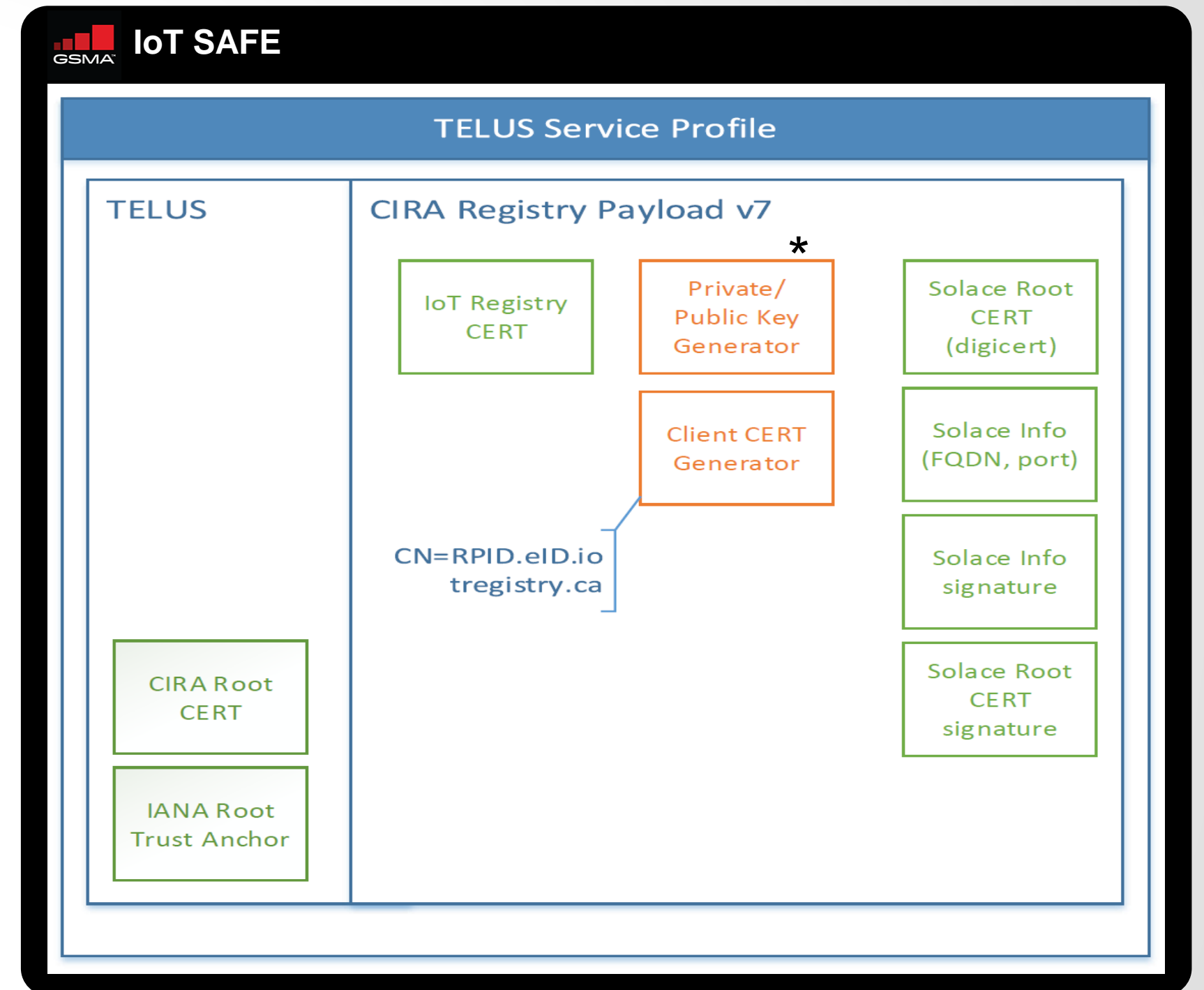
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# IoT SAFE Applet – IoT Device Identity from CIRA Registry Payload

- IoT Device Identity:
  - Private/Public key pair
  - Signed Client CERT (by IoT registry)
  - Unique DNS identifier subjectAltName/CN

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 Pre-provisioned at SIM activation

 Downloaded over-the-air

\* Private / Public Key pair generated on-board

# Server Side – TLSA – recap - this works now!

## RFC 7671 DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities (DANE) Protocol

\*The TLSA RR (Resource Record) for a service is located at a DNS name that specifies certificate constraints should be applied for the services at a certain TCP or UDP port. At least one of the TLSA RRs must provide a validation (path) for the certificate offered by the service at the specified address.

The RR itself has 4 fields of data, describing which level of validation the domain owner provides.

- the certificate usage field
- the selector field
- the matching type field
- the certificate association data

Example of a MQTT Service TLSA Record for above Application Service Provider

- Port: 8883
- Protocol: TCP
- Certificate Usage: 3 Domain issued certificate
- Selector: 0 (entire certificate)
- Matching Type: 0 entire match (1 or 2 = hash of certificate)
- Certificate: ASP-PKIX-CERT

**\_8883.\_tcp.iotasp.ca TLSA 3 0 0 ...ASP-PKIX-CERT**

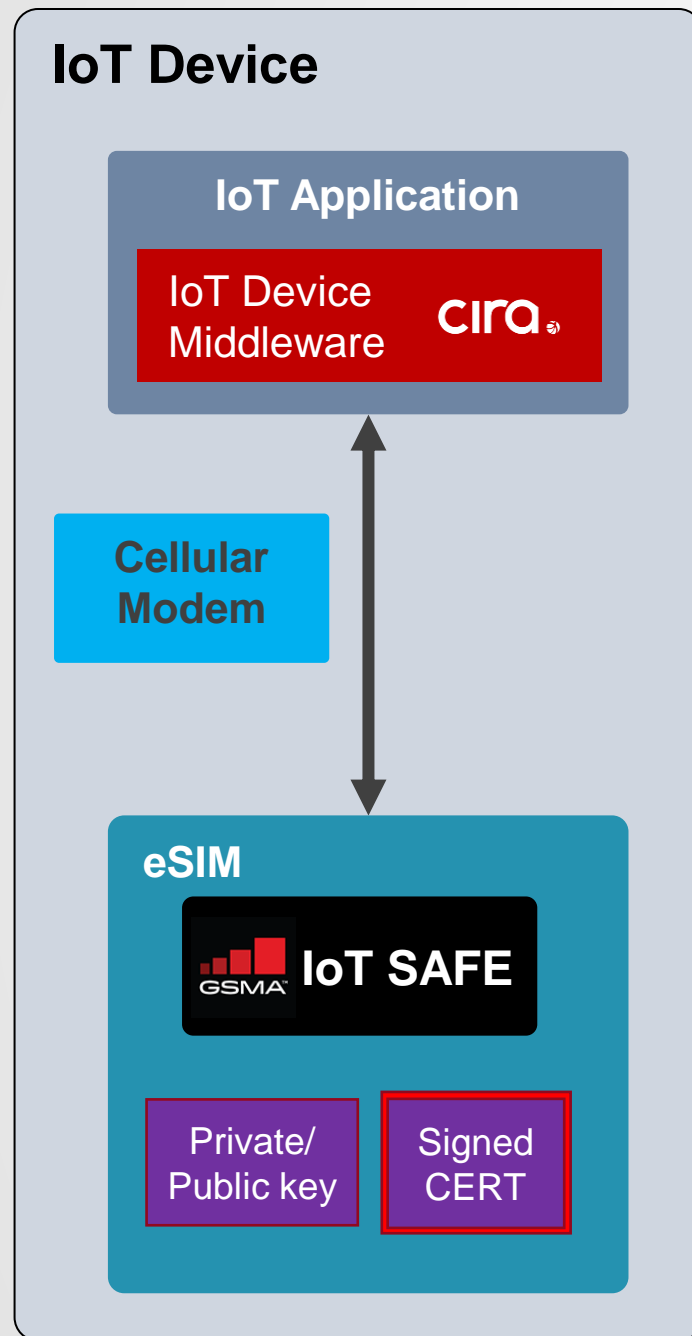
Application Service Provider  
(ASP) Cloud

ASP-  
PKIX-  
CERT

# Client Side – TLSA for client identity – couple of internet drafts ☺

## Shumon, Viktor & Ash to the rescue !!!

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### TLS Extension for DANE Client Identity

draft-huque-tls-dane-clientid-04

“TLS and DTLS extension to convey a DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities (DANE) Client Identity to a TLS or DTLS server”

DANE Client Identity Extension "dane\_clientid"

- In TLS 1.2, the empty extension is sent in the ServerHello message.
- In TLS 1.3, it is sent in the CertificateRequest message.

### DANE CLIENT IDENTITY: use of the \_device label in TLSA RR

draft-huque-dane-client-cert-06

“how to publish Transport Layer Security (TLS) server certificates or public keys in the DNS. “

#### Certificate:

- eID.\_device.iotregistry.ca TLSA 3 0 0 ...SIGNED-CERT

or

#### Public Key:

- eID.\_device.iotregistry.ca TLSA 3 1 1 ...PUBLIC-KEY-SHA-256

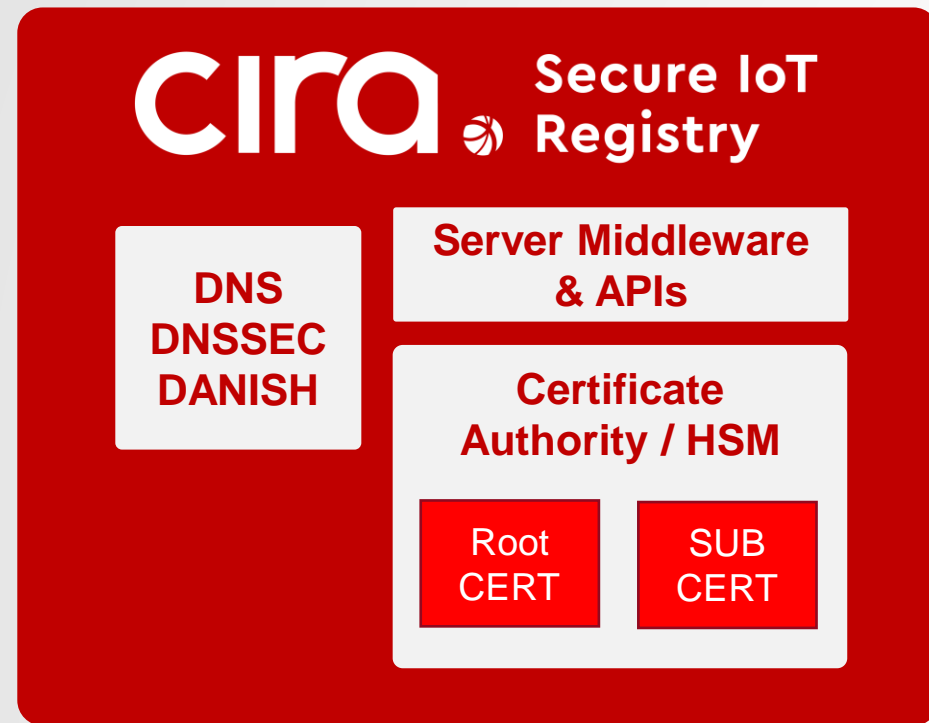
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# Certificate Authority Side: DNS based root/subordinate discovery

## Making some progress – a step in the right direction



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### PKI-Authenticated Certificate Discovery Using DANE TLSA records

draft-wilson-dane-pkix-cd-01

“how to use the TLSA record to enable entity and CA certificate discovery for object security and trust chain discovery use cases, and how to use PKIX validation for TLSA records queried without the benefit of DNSSEC.”

Finding CA root cert from IoT device client ID:

- TLSA Client ID: eID.\_[device.iotregistry.ca](https://device.iotregistry.ca)
- to
- WebPKI link: <https://device.iotregistry.ca/.well-known/ca/AKI.pem>  
(where AKI is the authorityKeyID extracted from the entity certificate)

But it would be nice to get something like from a TLSA point of view with a new label: `_rootcert`

Finding CA root cert TLSA from IoT device client ID TLSA:

- TLSA Client ID: eID.\_[device.iotregistry.ca](https://device.iotregistry.ca)
- to
- TLSA Root CERT: `_rootcert.device.iotregistry.ca TLSA 0 0 0 ...ROOT-CERT-PUBLICKEY`

## Conclusion

# DNSSEC should be a standard in opensource apps

To support adoption,  
enable DNSSEC by  
default,  
fund the open-source  
development

**Still have many gaps in middleware to support TLSA and DNSSEC by defaults**

OpenSSL to support client and server side mutual TLS connection with full DNSSEC TLSA identity authentication

On client to use eSIM to TLS authentication

On client to validate server with TLSA

On Server to use CERT to validate IoT device identity (attestation)



**Thank You**

