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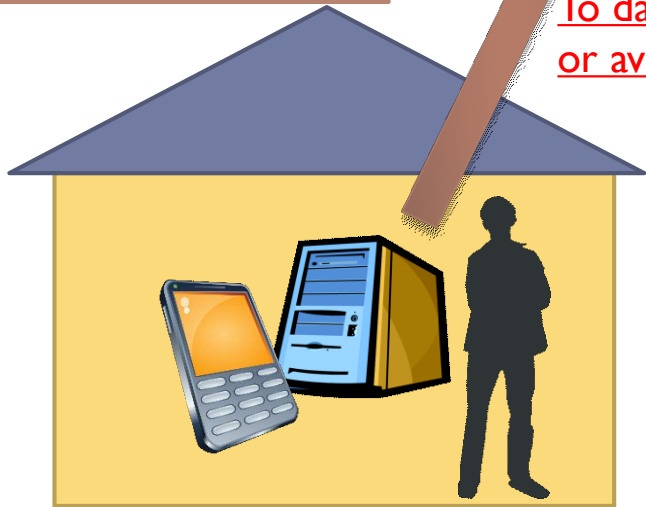
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Novelty of the  
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In case of:

- ▶ Discovery of a password
- ▶ Discovery of a cloud account
- ▶ Technical difficulties

POLICE / GENDARMERIE

With the same rules and  
safeguards as during the  
house search

# What difficulties subsist

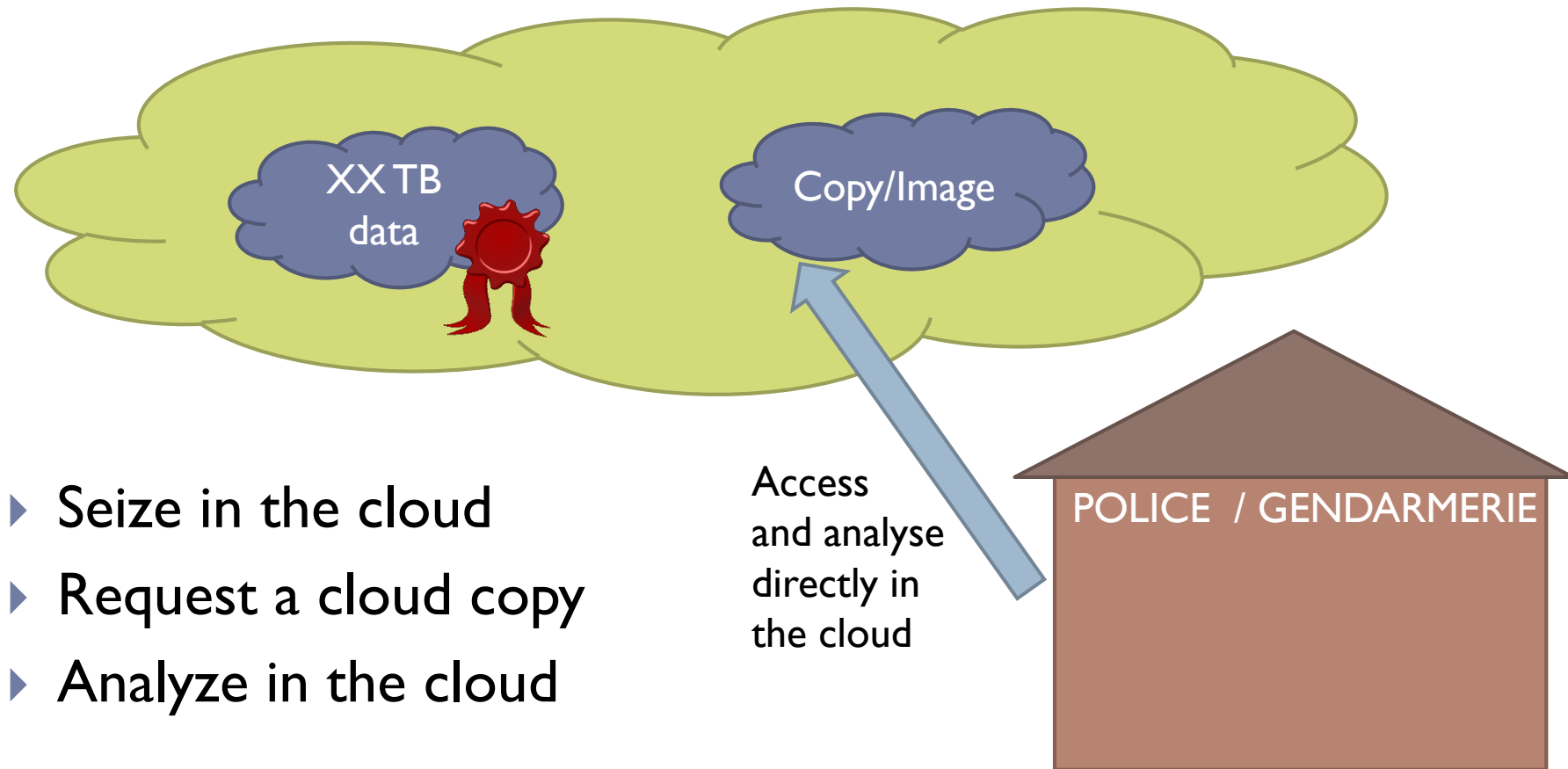
## *Practical difficulties for the investigator*

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- ▶ **Where is data really located?**
  - ▶ Usually we consider the data to be in the country where the hosting company is headquartered
- ▶ **When access is protected:**
  - ▶ Finding the password
  - ▶ Getting the password from the witness / suspect
- ▶ **Getting the consent, when it is necessary**
  - ▶ And still some discussions on what “person who has the lawful authority to disclose the data” from article 32 covers
- ▶ **Concurrent access from other people incl. other suspects**
- ▶ **Blurry situations**
  - ▶ Devices that consistently update data
  - ▶ Data accessible on infrastructures to a select public (e.g. you first need to register an account)

# What we would like, or will need to do in the future

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- ▶ Seize in the cloud
- ▶ Request a cloud copy
- ▶ Analyze in the cloud