

# ICT Course: Information Security

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# Session 7: Digital signature and Hash function

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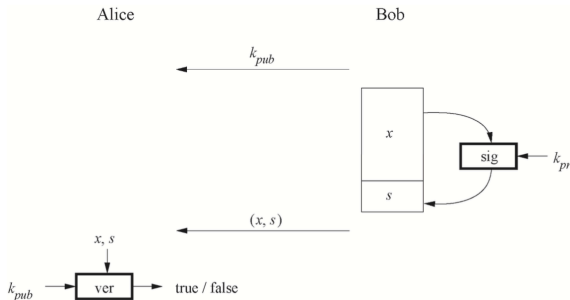
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# Digital Signature

Digital signature provides:

- Message authentication: assures that message is authentic to one user (the same functionality of hand-written signature)
- Integrity
- Nonrepudiation

# Principles of Digital Signatures



- Key generation?
- Signature Algorithm?
- Verification function?

# RSA signature scheme

- Generate private keys and public keys: use the RSA key generation
- Generate signature: "encrypt" the message with private key to obtain  $s$ , append  $s$  to the message
- Verify signature: "decrypt" the signature with public key and compare it with the message

# RSA signature scheme - Details

Key generation:

- Private key:  $k_{pr} = d$
- Public key:  $k_{pub} = (n, e)$

Alice

Bob

←  $K_{pub}$

$K_{pr} = d$   
 $K_{pub} = (n, e)$

←  $(x, s)$

Compute signature:  
 $s = \text{sig}_{k_{pr}}(x) \equiv x^d \bmod n$

Verify signature:

$x' \equiv s^e \bmod n$

If  $x' \equiv x \bmod n \rightarrow$  valid signature

If  $x' \not\equiv x \bmod n \rightarrow$  invalid signature

# RSA Signature Scheme - Security

- $n$  needs to be at least 1024 bits
- Forgery Attack:
  - Trudy can generate a valid signature for a random message
  - Method:
    - 1 Choose a signature
    - 2 Compute the respectively message from  $k_{pub}$
  - Trudy can claim to Alice that he's Bob
- Solution against Forgery Attack: Padding Scheme

# Elgamal Digital Signature

- Key generation?
- Signature generation and Verification
- Example: Bob wants to send a message to Alice. This time, it should be signed with the Elgamal digital signature scheme. Describe the key generation, signature generation and verification process.

$$p = 29, \alpha = 2, d = 12, k_E = 5$$



# Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)-Overview

- Federal US Government standard for Digital Signature
- Proposed by NIST
- Based on Elgamal signature scheme
- Signature length: 320 bits
- Signature verification is slower compared to RSA

# DSA - Key Generation

Key generation:

- ① Generate a prime  $p$ :  $2^{1023} < p < 2^{1024}$
- ② Find a prime divisor  $q$  of  $p - 1$ :  $2^{159} < q < 2^{160}$
- ③ Find  $\alpha$ :  $ord(\alpha) = q$
- ④ Choose a random integer  $d$ :  $0 < d < q$
- ⑤ Compute  $\beta \equiv \alpha^d \bmod p$

Key pairs:

- $k_{pub} = (p, q, \alpha, \beta)$
- $k_{pr} = d$

# DSA - Signature Generation - Verification

## Signature Generation

- ① Choose random ephemeral key  $k_E$ :  $0 < k_E < q$
- ② Compute  $r \equiv (\alpha^{k_E} \bmod p) \bmod q$
- ③ Compute  $s \equiv (SHA(x) + d * r) * k_E^{-1} \bmod q$

## Signature Verification

- ① Compute  $w \equiv s^{-1} \bmod q$
- ② Compute  $u_1 \equiv w * SHA(x) \bmod q$
- ③ Compute  $u_2 \equiv w * r \bmod q$
- ④ Compute  $v \equiv (\alpha^{u_1} * \beta^{u_2} \bmod p) \bmod q$
- ⑤ Verification  $ver(x, (r, s))$ :  
 if  $v \equiv r \bmod q$ , then valid signature  
 if  $v \not\equiv r \bmod q$ , then invalid signature

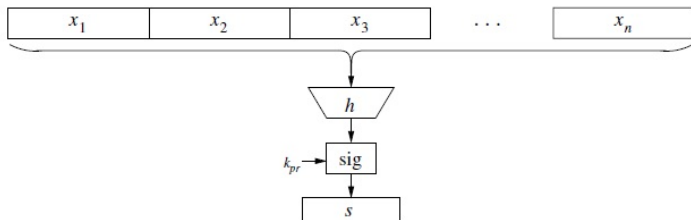
# DSA - Example

Bob wants to send a message  $x$  to Alice which is to be signed with the DSA algorithm. Suppose the hash value of  $x$  is  $h(x) = 26, p = 59, q = 29, \alpha = 3, d = 7, k_E = 10$ . What is the key pair? Describe the signature generation and verification.

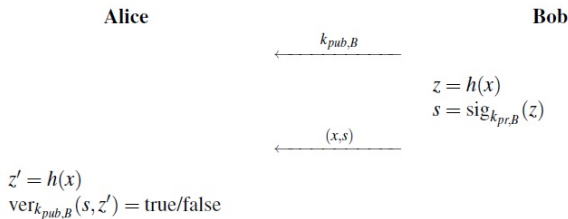
# Hash function - Why it is required?

Signing a long message:

- If the message is divided into block size that is less than allowed input size of digital signature algorithm
  - High computational load
  - Message overhead
  - Security limitations
- a short signature for the message: hash function



# Basic protocol for Digital Signature with a hash function



Desirable properties of hash function:

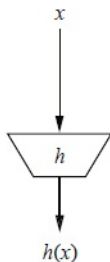
- Fast to compute
- Output is fixed length and independent of input length
- Computed fingerprint (output of the hash function) is highly sensitive to all input bits (a minor modification of input leads to different output)

# Security requirements of hash functions

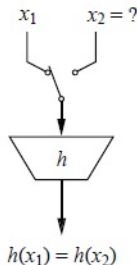
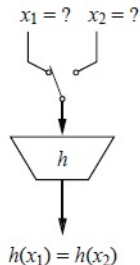
Properties needed for a hash function to be "secure":

- 1 preimage resistance (one-wayness):  $h(x)$  is one-way
- 2 second preimage resistance (weak collision resistance):  
 $\nexists x_2 \neq x_1 : h(x_1) = h(x_2)$
- 3 collision resistance (strong collision resistance):  $\nexists h(x_1) = h(x_2) : x_1 \neq x_2$

# Security requirements of hash functions



preimage resistance

second preimage  
resistance

collision resistance



# Hash function algorithms

Two general types of hash functions:

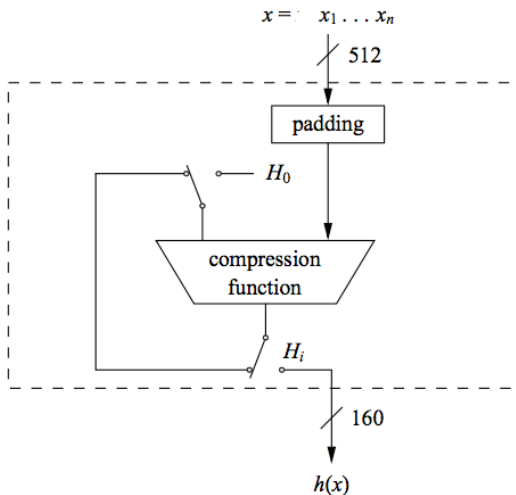
- Dedicated hash functions: algorithms are specifically designed to serve as hash functions, e.g., MD4 family: MD5, SHA-1...
- Block cipher hash functions: using block cipher to construct hash functions

# Hash Algorithm SHA-1

- part of MD4 family
- based on Merkel-Damgard construction
- 160-bit output from a message of maximum length  $2^{64}$  bits
- Widely used

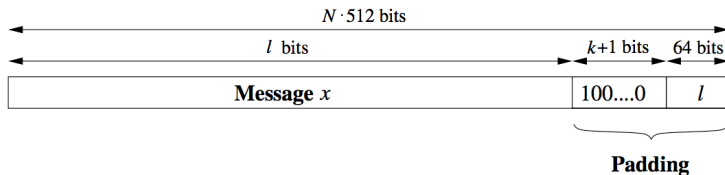
# SHA-1 High-level Diagram

Compress function: 80 rounds, 20 rounds/stage



# SHA-1 Preprocessing

- Padding:
  - Message length:  $l$  bits
  - Padded message length: multiple of 512 bits



- Dividing the padded message: 512 bit blocks  $x_i$ , each block 16 words  $\times$  32 bits
- Initial fixed hash value  $H_0$ : 160 bits  $\equiv$  5 words  $H_0^{(i)}$

# SHA-1 Hash computation

- Message schedule: 80 words  $W_j$  are derived from 16 words of a block in the padded message

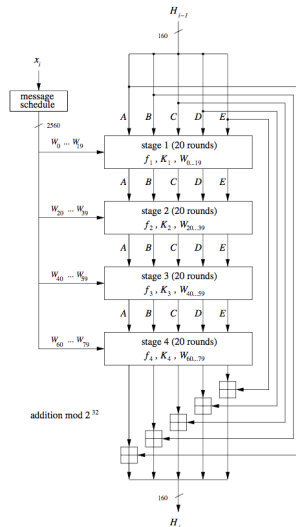
$$W_j = \begin{cases} x_i^{(j)} & \text{if } 0 \leq j \leq 15 \\ (W_{j-16} \oplus W_{j-14} \oplus W_{j-8} \oplus W_{j-3})_{\ll 1} & \text{if } 16 \leq j \leq 79 \end{cases}$$

denote:  $X_{\ll n}$ : circular left shift of the word  $X$  by  $n$  bit positions.

# SHA-1 Hash computation - Compression function

80-round compression function:

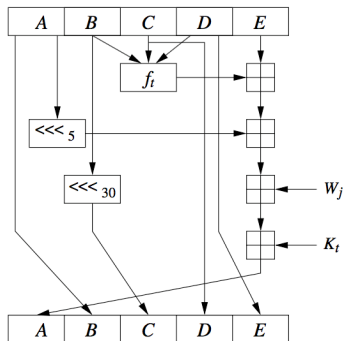
- In each stage  $t$  (20 rounds):  
internal function  $f_t$ , constant  $K_t$   
are specified
- output after 80 rounds is added to  
the input value  $H_{i-1}$  modulo  $2^{32}$   
in word-wise fashion.



# SHA-1 Hash function - Compression function

The operation within round  $j$  in stage  $t$ :

$$A, B, C, D, E = (E + f_t(B, C, D) + (A)_{\ll 5} + W_j + K_t), A, (B)_{\ll 30}, C, D$$



# SHA-1 - Parameters

Initial hash values:

$$A = H^{(0)}_0 = 674523010$$

$$B = H^{(1)}_0 = EFCDAB890$$

$$C = H^{(2)}_0 = 98BADCFE0$$

$$D = H^{(3)}_0 = 103254760$$

$$E = H^{(4)}_0 = C3D2E1F0.$$

Round functions and round constants for the SHA rounds

| Stage $i$ | Round $j$ | Constant $K_i$   | Function $f_i$  |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|---|
| 1         | 0...19    | $K_1 = 5A827999$ | $f_1(B, C, D) = (B \wedge C) \vee (\bar{B} \wedge D)$             |
| 2         | 20...39   | $K_2 = 6ED9EBA1$ | $f_2(B, C, D) = B \oplus C \oplus D$                              |
| 3         | 40...59   | $K_3 = 8F1BBCDC$ | $f_3(B, C, D) = (B \wedge C) \vee (B \wedge D) \vee (C \wedge D)$ |
| 4         | 60...79   | $K_4 = CA62C1D6$ | $f_4(B, C, D) = B \oplus C \oplus D$                              |



## Exercise

Compute the output of the first round of stage 1 of SHA-1 for a 512-bit input block of

1.  $x = 0\dots 00$
2.  $x = 0\dots 01$  (i.e., bit 512 is one).

Ignore the initial hash value  $H_0$  for this problem (i.e.,  $A_0 = B_0 = \dots = 000000000hex$ ).