

Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement

Diffie-Hellman protocol allows two communicating parties, say Alice and Bob, to create a symmetric session key with out the need of a KDC (Key Distribution Center)

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Alice and Bob chose two numbers p and g which are public.

' p ' is a large prime of the order of 1024 bits. ' g ' is a generator of order $p-1$ in the group Z_{p^*}

Alice chooses a large random number ' x ' in the range 0 to $p-1$ and calculates $R1 = g^x \bmod p$

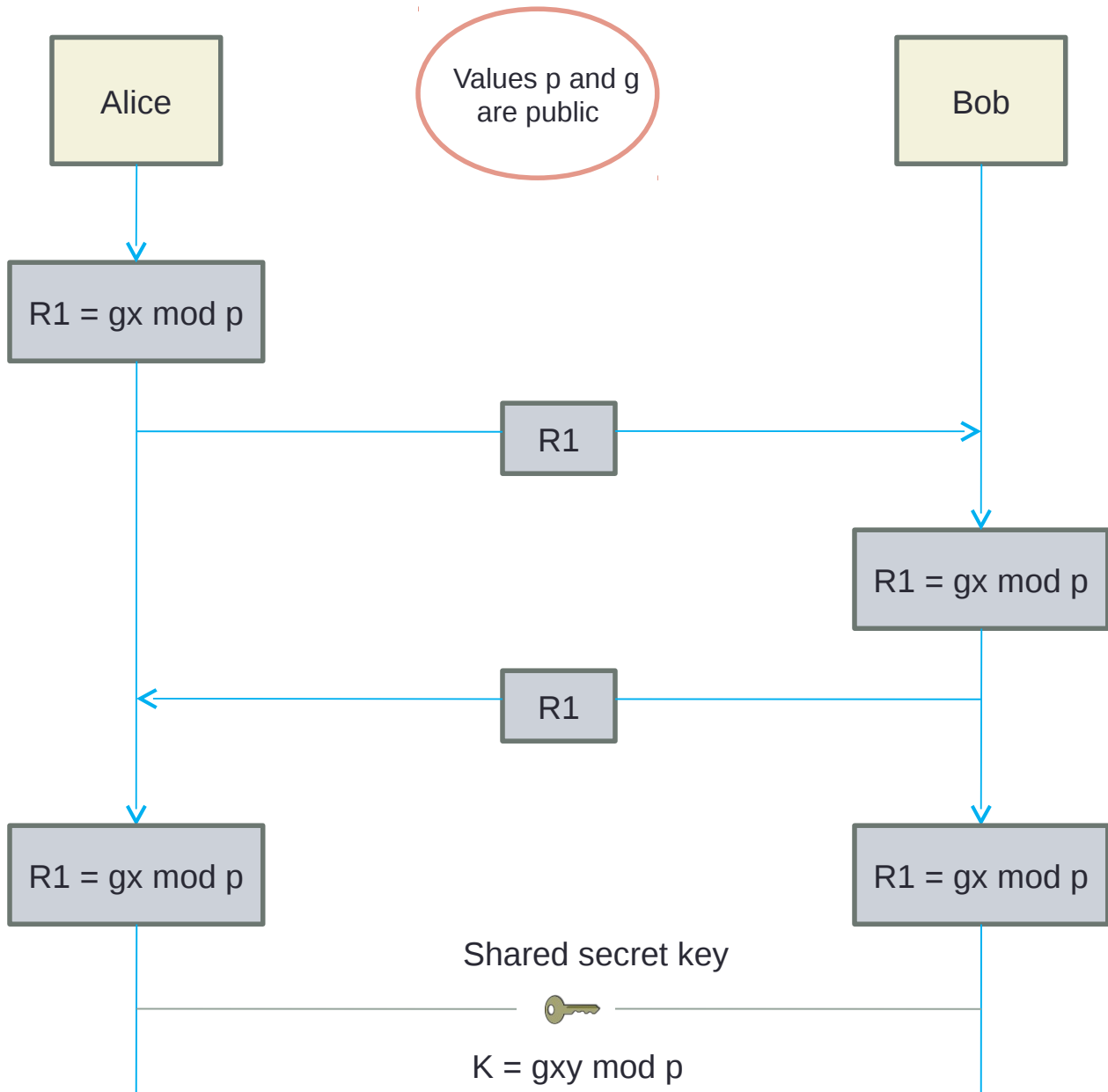
Bob chooses a large random number ' y ' in the range 0 to $p-1$ and calculates $R2 = g^y \bmod p$

Alice sends $R1$ to Bob and Bob sends $R2$ to Alice

Alice Calculates $K = (R2)^x \bmod p$

Bob Calculates $K = (R1)^y \bmod p$

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