

# Experiment No. 6

Title: Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Protocol

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**Title:** Perform VLab and implement Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol.

Resources needed: Windows/Linux OS

# Theory:

To implement Diffie-Hellman, the two end users Alice and Bob, while communicating over a channel they know to be private, mutually agree on positive whole numbers p and q, such that p is a prime number and q is a generator of p. The generator q is a number that, when raised to positive whole-number powers less than p, never produces the same result for any two such whole numbers. The value of p may be large but the value of q is usually small. Once Alice and Bob have agreed on p and q in private, they choose positive whole-number personal keys a and b, both less than the prime-number modulus p. Neither user divulges their personal key to anyone; ideally they memorize these numbers and do not write them down or store them anywhere. Next, Alice and Bob compute public keys a\* and b\* based on their personal keys according to the formulas

$$a^* = q^a \mod p$$
and
$$b^* = q^b \mod p$$

The two users can share their public keys a\* and b\* over a communications medium assumed to be insecure, such as the Internet or a corporate wide area network (WAN). From these public keys, a number x can be generated by either user on the basis of their own personal keys. Alice computes x using the formula

Bob computes x using the formula

$$x = (a^*)^b \bmod p$$

 $x = (b^*)^a \mod p$ 

The value of x turns out to be the same according to either of the above two formulas. However, the personal keys a and b, which are critical in the calculation of x, have not been transmitted over a public medium. Because it is a large and apparently random number, a potential hacker has almost no chance of correctly guessing x, even with the help of a powerful computer to conduct millions of trials. The two users can therefore, in theory, communicate privately over a public medium with an encryption method of their choice using the decryption key x.

# Algorithm:

- 1) Perform Vlab https://cse29-iiith.vlabs.ac.in/exp/diffie-hellman/index.html
- 2) Make use of client-server chatting application and implement following

#### A. Client/Sender

- 1. Choose a large prime number p
- 2. Calculate generator g of p
- 3. Share p and g with the Server/Receiver

- 4. Select any natural number (client secrete) a
- 5. Calculate  $R_A = g^a \mod p$  and send it to the Server/Receiver
- 6. Upon receiving  $R_B$  from the Server/Receiver, calculate shared key  $K_{AB} = (R_B)^a \mod p$

# B. Server/Receiver:

- 1. Select any natural number (server secrete) b
- 2. Upon receiving p and g, calculate  $R_B = b^a \mod p$  and send it to the Client/Sender
- 3. Upon receiving  $R_A$  from the Client/Sender, calculate shared key  $K_{AB} = (R_A)^b \mod p$
- **C. NOTE/OBSERVE**: Manually verify that the  $K_{AB}$  at both the ends is same.

# **Results:**

# VLAB:

Virtual Linis Lini	Diffie-Hellman Key Establishment	
Public Information:		
Prime Number:  7237 Generate Prime		
Generator G:  [26   Another Generator		
Alice  Key: 390 Generate A 6235 Calculate Ga  Send Ga to B  Received: 2021  Calculate Gab   5273		Bob     Generate B

# Code:

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import random

def calculate_generator(p):
    for g in range(2, p):
        if pow(g, p - 1, p) == 1:
            return g

def diffie_hellman_key_exchange(p, g, a, RB):
    RA = pow(g, a, p)
    KAB = pow(RB, a, p)

return RA, KAB
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def xor encrypt(message, key):
    encrypted_message = ""
    for i in range(len(message)):
        encrypted_char = chr(ord(message[i]) ^ key)
        encrypted_message += encrypted_char
    return encrypted_message
def calculate_modular_exponentiation(q, a, p):
    a_star = pow(q, a, p)
    return a star
def xor_decrypt(encrypted_message, key):
    decrypted message = ""
    for i in range(len(encrypted_message)):
        decrypted_char = chr(ord(encrypted_message[i]) ^ key)
        decrypted message += decrypted char
    return decrypted message
def diffie hellman():
    prime = 7297
    generator = calculate_generator(prime)
    print("Generator:", generator)
    alice_private_key = random.randint(1, prime-1)
    bob_private_key = random.randint(1, prime-1)
    print("Alice's private key:", alice_private_key)
    print("Bob's private key:", bob_private_key)
    alice_public_key = calculate_modular_exponentiation(generator,
alice_private_key, prime)
    print("Alice's public key:", alice_public_key)
    bob_public_key = calculate_modular_exponentiation(generator,
bob_private_key, prime)
    print("Bob's public key:", bob_public_key)
    alice_shared_secret = calculate_modular_exponentiation(bob_public_key,
alice_private_key, prime)
    bob_shared_secret = calculate_modular_exponentiation(alice public key,
bob_private_key, prime)
    return alice_shared_secret, bob_shared_secret
alice shared secret, bob shared secret = diffie hellman()
print("Alice's shared secret:", alice shared secret)
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print("Bob's shared secret:", bob_shared_secret)

# Message to be sent from Alice to Bob
message = "Hey bro my name is Aarya"

# Encrypt the message using XOR encryption and Alice's shared secret
encrypted_message = xor_encrypt(message, alice_shared_secret)

print("Encrypted message:", encrypted_message)

# Decrypt the message using XOR decryption and Bob's shared secret
decrypted_message = xor_decrypt(encrypted_message, bob_shared_secret)

print("Decrypted message:", decrypted_message)
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#### **Output:**

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PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

PS D:\Github\SEM-5\Information and Network Security (Lab)> & C:/Users/Aarya/python.exe "d:/Github/SEM-5/Information and Network Security (Lab)/EXP6/chat app.py"
Generator: 2
Alice's private key: 3421
Bob's private key: 5288
Alice's public key: 5040
Alice's shared secret: 2257
Bob's shared secret: 2257
Encrypted message: @_0_EDB_SE_0_0_EDS_0_0
Decrypted message: @_0_EDB_SE_0_0_EDS_0_0
Decrypted message: Mey bro my name is Aarya

PS D:\Github\SEM-5\Information and Network Security (Lab)>
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#### **Questions:**

1. Explain any one attack on Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol.

#### Ans:

One attack that targets the Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol is the "Man-in-the-Middle" (MitM) attack. The Diffie-Hellman protocol is designed to allow two parties to establish a shared secret key over an insecure communication channel, which can then be used for encrypted communication. However, the MitM attack exploits the vulnerability in the communication channel by inserting an attacker between the two legitimate parties.

# **Outcomes:**

CO3: Describe various access control policies and models.

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# **Conclusion:**

We can conclude that we have learnt about Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Protocol.

Grade: AA / AB / BB / BC / CC / CD /DD

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#### **References:**

# **Books/ Journals/ Websites:**

• Mark Stamp, "Information security Principles and Practice" Wiley.