CS162
Operating Systems and Systems Programming
Lecture 24

Security

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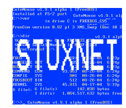
What is Computer Security Today?

- Computing in the presence of an adversary!
  - Adversary is the security field's defining characteristic
- Reliability, robustness, and fault tolerance
  - Dealing with Mother Nature (random failures)
- Security
  - Dealing with actions of a knowledgeable attacker dedicated to causing harm
  - Surviving malice, and not just mischance
- Wherever there is an adversary, there is a computer security problem!



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Protection vs. Security

- Protection: mechanisms for controlling access of programs, processes, or users to resources
  - Page table mechanism
  - Round-robin schedule
  - Data encryption
- Security: use of protection mech. to prevent misuse of resources
  - Misuse defined with respect to policy
    - » E.g.: prevent exposure of certain sensitive information
    - » E.g.: prevent unauthorized modification/deletion of data
  - Need to consider external environment the system operates in
    - » Most well-constructed system cannot protect information if user accidentally reveals password – social engineering challenge

Security Requirements

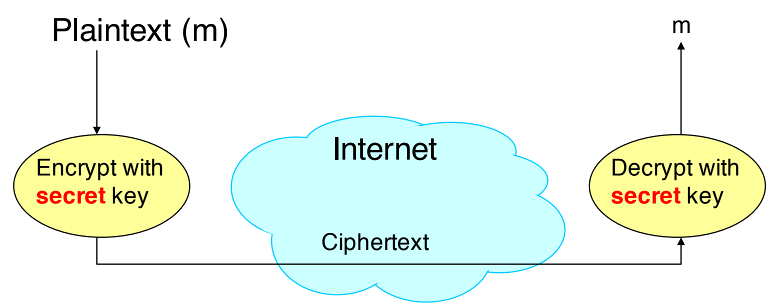
- Authentication
  - Ensures that a user is who is claiming to be
- Data integrity
  - Ensure that data is not changed from source to destination or after being written on a storage device
- Confidentiality
  - Ensures that data is read only by authorized users
- Non-repudiation
  - Sender/client can't later claim didn't send/write data
  - Receiver/server can't claim didn't receive/write data

Securing Communication: Cryptography

- Cryptography: communication in the presence of adversaries
- Studied for thousands of years
  - See the Simon Singh's The Code Book for an excellent, highly readable history
- Central goal: confidentiality
  - How to encode information so that an adversary can't extract it, but a friend can
- General premise: there is a key, possession of which allows decoding, but without which decoding is infeasible
  - Thus, key must be kept secret and not guessable

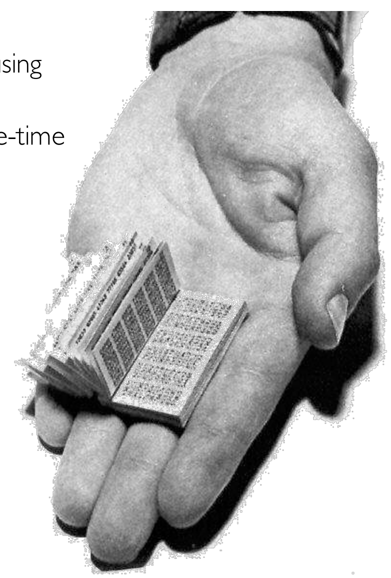
Using Symmetric Keys

- Same key for encryption and decryption
- Achieves confidentiality
- Vulnerable to tampering and replay attacks



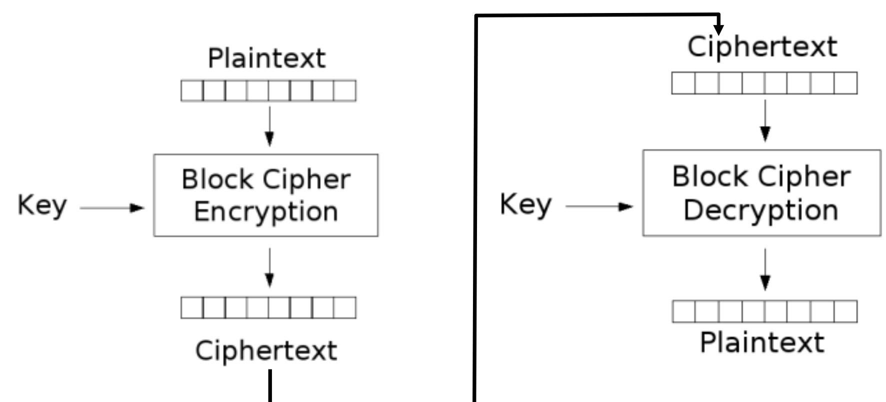
Symmetric Keys

- Can just XOR plaintext with the key
  - Easy to implement, but easy to break using frequency analysis
  - Unbreakable alternative: XOR with one-time pad
    - » Use a different key for each message



Block Ciphers with Symmetric Keys

- More sophisticated (e.g., block cipher) algorithms
  - Works with a block size (e.g., 64 bits)
- Can encrypt blocks separately:
  - Same plaintext same ciphertext
- Much better:
  - Add in counter and/or link ciphertext of previous block

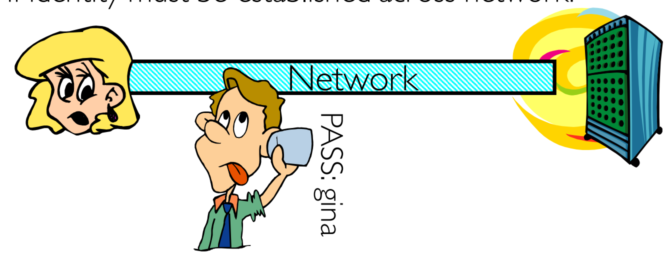


Symmetric Key Ciphers - DES & AES

- Data Encryption Standard (DES)
  - Developed by IBM in 1970s, standardized by NBS/NIST
  - 56-bit key (decreased from 64 bits at NSA's request)
  - Still fairly strong other than brute-forcing the key space
    - » But custom hardware can crack a key in < 24 hours
  - Today many financial institutions use Triple DES
    - » DES applied 3 times, with 3 keys totaling 168 bits
- Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
  - Replacement for DES standardized in 2002
  - Key size: 128, 192 or 256 bits
- How fundamentally strong are they?
  - No one knows (no proofs exist)

Authentication in Distributed Systems

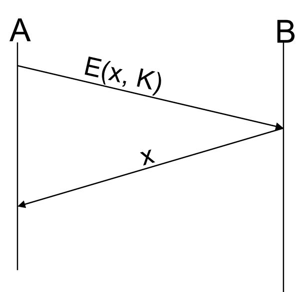
- What if identity must be established across network?



  - Need way to prevent exposure of information while still proving identity to remote system
  - Many of the original UNIX tools sent passwords over the wire "in clear text"
    - » E.g.: telnet, ftp, yp (yellow pages, for distributed login)
    - » Result: Snooping programs widespread
- What do we need? Cannot rely on physical security!
  - Encryption: Privacy, restrict receivers
  - Authentication: Remote Authenticity, restrict senders

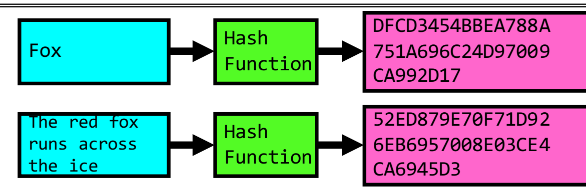
Authentication via Secret Key

- Main idea: entity proves identity by decrypting a secret encrypted with its own key
  - K – secret key shared only by A and B
- A can asks B to authenticate itself by decrypting a nonce, i.e., random value, x
  - Avoid replay attacks (attacker impersonating client or server)
- Vulnerable to man-in-the middle attack



Notation: E(m,k) – encrypt message m with key k

Secure Hash Function

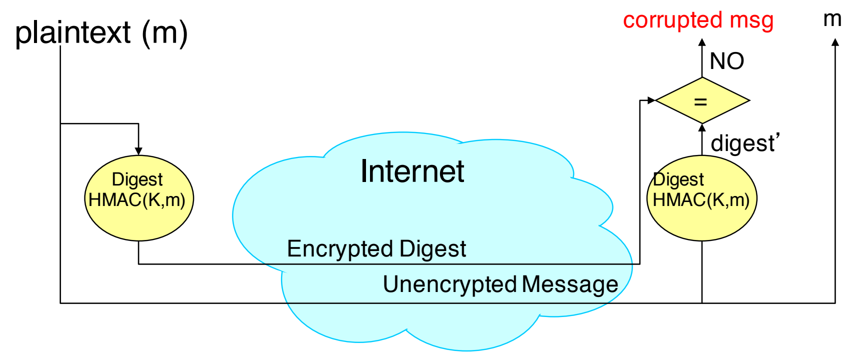


- Hash Function: Short summary of data (message)
  - For instance, $h_1=H(M_1)$ is the hash of message M_1
    - » h_1 fixed length, despite size of message M_1
    - » Often, h_1 is called the "digest" of M_1
- Hash function H is considered secure if
  - It is infeasible to find M_2 with $h_1=H(M_2)$; i.e., can't easily find other message with same digest as given message
  - It is infeasible to locate two messages, m_1 and m_2, which "collide", i.e. for which $H(m_1) = H(m_2)$
  - A small change in a message changes many bits of digest/can't tell anything about message given its hash

Integrity: Cryptographic Hashes

- Basic building block for integrity: cryptographic hashing
  - Associate hash with byte-stream, receiver verifies match
    - » Assures data hasn't been modified, either accidentally – or maliciously
- Approach:
  - Sender computes a secure digest of message m using H(x)
    - » H(x) is a publicly known hash function
    - » Digest d = HMAC (K, m) = H (K | H (K | m))
    - » HMAC(K, m) is a hash-based message authentication function
  - Send digest d and message m to receiver
  - Upon receiving m and d, receiver uses shared secret key, K, to recompute HMAC(K, m) and see whether result agrees with d

Using Hashing for Integrity



Can encrypt m for confidentiality

Standard Cryptographic Hash Functions

- MD5 (Message Digest version 5)
  - Developed in 1991 (Rivest), produces 128 bit hashes
  - Widely used (RFC 1321)
  - Broken (1996-2008): attacks that find collisions
- SHA-1 (Secure Hash Algorithm)
  - Developed in 1995 (NSA) as MD5 successor with 160 bit hashes
  - Widely used (SSL/TLS, SSH, PGP, IPSEC)
  - Broken in 2005, government use discontinued in 2010
- SHA-2 (2001)
  - Family of SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512 functions
- HMAC's are secure even with older "insecure" hash functions
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Administrivia

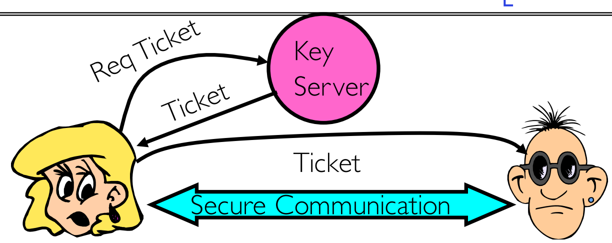
- Final Exam
  - Monday May 9th 3-6 PM Wheeler Auditorium
  - All material from the course
    - » With slightly more focus on second half, but you are still responsible for all the material
  - Two double-sided sheets of handwritten notes
  - No calculators
- Review session
  - May 6th 1-4 PM 390 Hearst Mining

BREAK

Key Distribution

- How do you get shared secret to both places?
  - For instance: how do you send authenticated, secret mail to someone who you have never met?
  - Must negotiate key over private channel
    - » Exchange code book
    - » Key cards/memory stick/others
- Third Party: Authentication Server (like Kerberos)
  - Notation:
    - » K_{xy} is key for talking between x and y
    - » $(\ldots)^K$ means encrypt message (…) with the key K
    - » Clients: A and B, Authentication server S
  - A asks server for key:
    - » A S: [Hi! I'd like a key for talking between A and B]
    - » Not encrypted. Others can find out if A and B are talking
  - Server returns *session* key encrypted using B's key
    - » S A: Message [Use K_{ab} (This is A! Use K_{ab})^{Ksb}] ^{Ksa}
    - » This allows A to know, "S said use this key"
  - Whenever A wants to talk with B
    - » A B: Ticket [This is A! Use K_{ab}]^{Ksb}
    - » Now, B knows that K_{ab} is sanctioned by S

Authentication Server Continued [Kerberos]



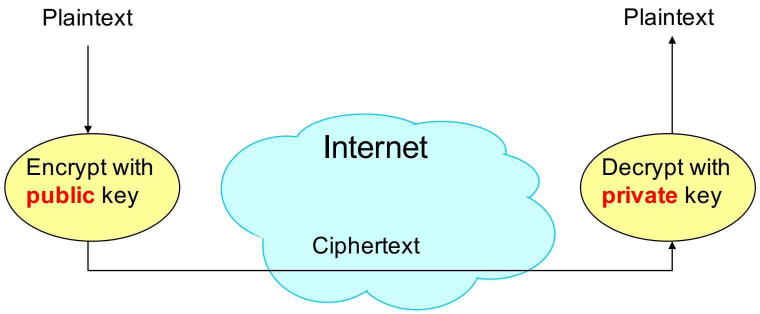
- Details
  - Both A and B use passwords (shared with key server) to decrypt return from key servers
  - Add in timestamps to limit how long tickets will be used to prevent attacker from replaying messages later
  - Also have to include encrypted checksums (hashed version of message) to prevent malicious user from inserting things into messages/changing messages
  - Want to minimize # times A types in password
    - » A S (Give me temporary secret)
    - » S A (Use $K_{temp-sa}$ for next 8 hours)^{Ksa}
    - » Can now use $K_{temp-sa}$ in place of K_{sa} in prototcol

Asymmetric Encryption (Public Key)

- Idea: use two different keys, one to encrypt (e) and one to decrypt (d)
  - A key pair
- Crucial property: knowing e does not give away d
- Therefore e can be public: everyone knows it!
- If Alice wants to send to Bob, she fetches Bob's public key (say from Bob's home page) and encrypts with it
  - Alice can't decrypt what she's sending to Bob …
  - … but then, neither can anyone else (except Bob)

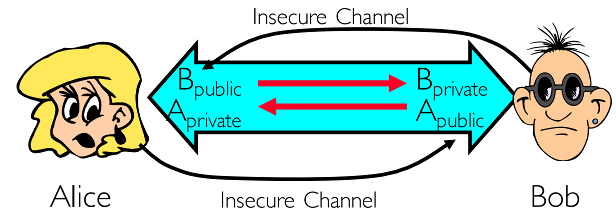
Public Key / Asymmetric Encryption

- Sender uses receiver's public key
  - Advertised to everyone
- Receiver uses complementary private key
  - Must be kept secret



Public Key Encryption Details

- Idea: K_{public} can be made public, keep $K_{private}$ private



- Gives message privacy (restricted receiver):
  - Public keys (secure destination points) can be acquired by anyone/used by anyone
  - Only person with private key can decrypt message
- What about authentication?
  - Use combination of private and public key
  - Alice Bob: $[(\text{I'm Alice})^{Aprivate} \text{ Rest of message}]^{Bpublic}$
  - Provides restricted sender and receiver
- But: how does Alice know that it was Bob who sent her B_{public}? And vice versa…

Public Key Cryptography

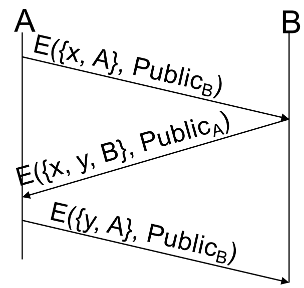
- Invented in the 1970s
  - Revolutionized cryptography
  - (Was actually invented earlier by British intelligence)
- How can we construct an encryption/decryption algorithm using a key pair with the public/private properties?
  - Answer: Number Theory
- Most fully developed approach: RSA
  - Rivest / Shamir / Adleman, 1977; RFC 3447
  - Based on modular multiplication of very large integers
  - Very widely used (e.g., ssh, SSL/TLS for https)
- Also mature approach: Eliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)
  - Based on curves in a Galois-field space
  - Shorter keys and signatures than RSA

Properties of RSA

- Requires generating large, random prime numbers
  - Algorithms exist for quickly finding these (probabilistic!)
- Requires exponentiating very large numbers
  - Again, fairly fast algorithms exist
- Overall, much slower than symmetric key crypto
  - One general strategy: use public key crypto to exchange a (short) symmetric session key
    - » Use that key then with AES or such
- How difficult is recovering d, the private key?
  - Equivalent to finding prime factors of a large number
    - » Many have tried - believed to be very hard (= brute force only)
    - » (Though quantum computers could do so in polynomial time!)

Simple Public Key Authentication

- Each side need only to know the other side's public key
  – No secret key need be shared
- A encrypts a nonce (random num.) x
  – Avoid replay attacks, e.g., attacker impersonating client or server
- B proves it can recover x, generates second nonce y
- A can authenticate itself to B in the same way
- A and B have shared private secrets on which to build private key!
  – We just did secure key distribution!
- Many more details to make this work securely in practice!



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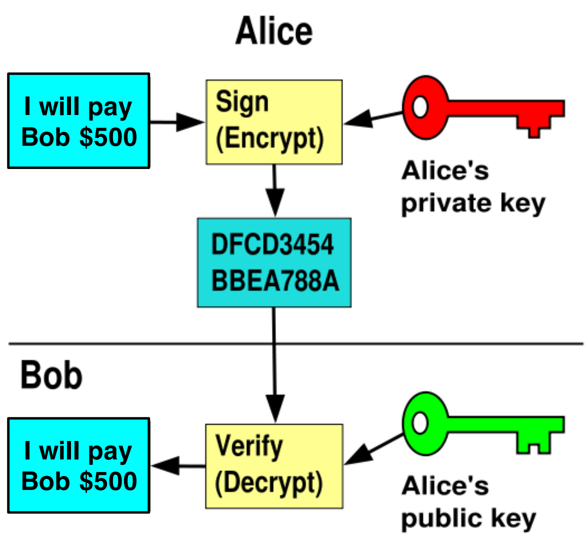
Non-Repudiation: RSA Crypto & Signatures

- Suppose Alice has published public key KE
- If she wishes to prove who she is, she can send a message x encrypted with her private key KD (i.e., she sends E(x, KD))
  – Anyone knowing Alice's public key KE can recover x, verify that Alice must have sent the message
    » It provides a signature
  – Alice can't deny it: non-repudiation
- Could simply encrypt a hash of the data to sign a document that you wanted to be in clear text
- Note that either of these signature techniques work perfectly well with any data (not just messages)
  – Could sign every datum in a database, for instance

RSA Crypto & Signatures (cont'd)



Digital Certificates

- How do you know K_E is Alice's public key?
- Trusted authority (e.g., Verisign) signs binding between Alice and K_E with its private key $KV_{private}$
  – C = E({Alice, K_E}, $KV_{private}$)
  – C: digital certificate
- Alice: distribute her digital certificate, C
- Anyone: use trusted authority's KV_{public}, to extract Alice's public key from C
  – D(C, KV_{public}) =
  D(E({Alice, K_E}, $KV_{private}$), KV_{public}) = {Alice, K_E}

Summary of Our Crypto Toolkit

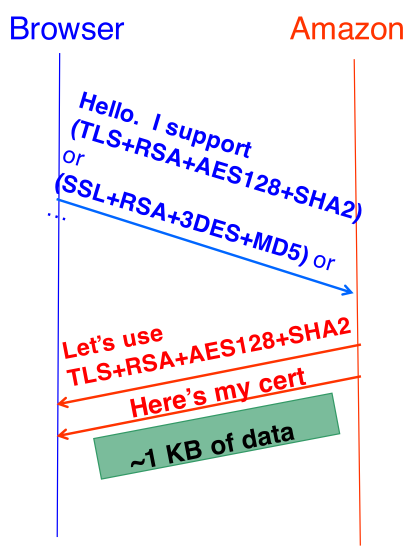
- If we can securely distribute a key, then
  - Symmetric ciphers (e.g., AES) offer fast, presumably strong confidentiality
- Public key cryptography does away with (potentially major) problem of secure key distribution
  - But: not as computationally efficient
    - » Often addressed by using public key crypto to exchange a session key
- Digital signature binds the public key to an entity

Putting It All Together - HTTPS

- What happens when you click on `https://www.amazon.com`?
- `https` = "Use HTTP over SSL/TLS"
  - SSL = Secure Socket Layer
  - TLS = Transport Layer Security
    - » Successor to SSL
  - Provides security layer (authentication, encryption) on top of TCP
    - » Fairly transparent to applications

HTTPS Connection (SSL/TLS) (cont'd)

- Browser (client) connects via TCP to Amazon's HTTPS server
- Client sends over list of crypto protocols it supports
- Server picks protocols to use for this session
- Server sends over its certificate
- (all of this is in the clear)



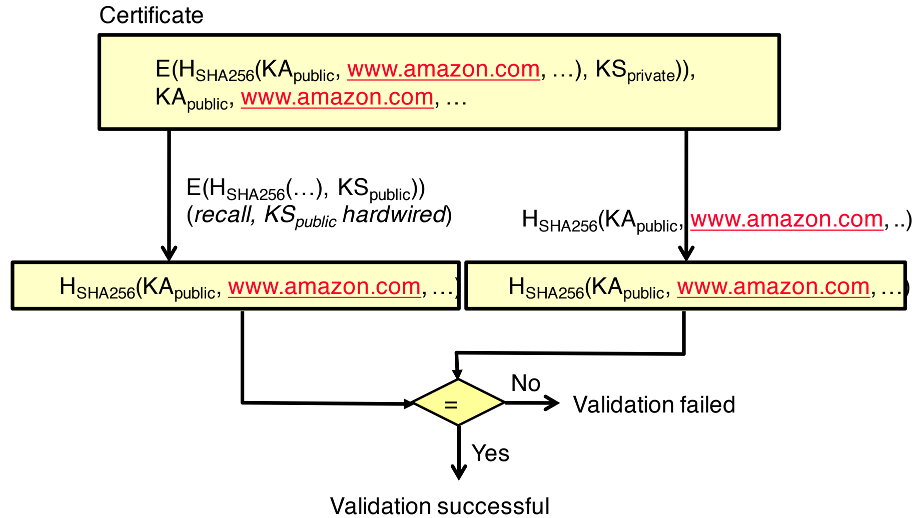
Inside the Server's Certificate

- Name associated with cert (e.g., Amazon)
- Amazon's RSA public key
- A bunch of auxiliary info (physical address, type of cert, expiration time)
- Name of certificate's signatory (who signed it)
- A public-key signature of a hash (SHA-256) of all this
  - Constructed using the signatory's private RSA key, i.e.,
  - Cert = $E(H_{SHA256}(KA_{public}$, www.amazon.com, …), $KS_{private}))$
    - » KA_{public}: Amazon's public key
    - » $KS_{private}$: signatory (certificate authority) private key
- …

Validating Amazon's Identity

- How does the browser authenticate certificate signatory?
  - Certificates of several certificate authorities (e.g., Verisign) are hardwired into the browser (or OS)
- If can't find cert, warn user that site has not been verified
  - And may ask whether to continue
  - Note, can still proceed, just without authentication
- Browser uses public key in signatory's cert to decrypt signature
  - Compares with its own SHA-256 hash of Amazon's cert
- Assuming signature matches, now have high confidence it's indeed Amazon …
  - … assuming signatory is trustworthy
  - DigiNotar CA breach (July-Sept 2011): Google, Yahoo!, Mozilla, Tor project, Wordpress, … (531 total certificates)

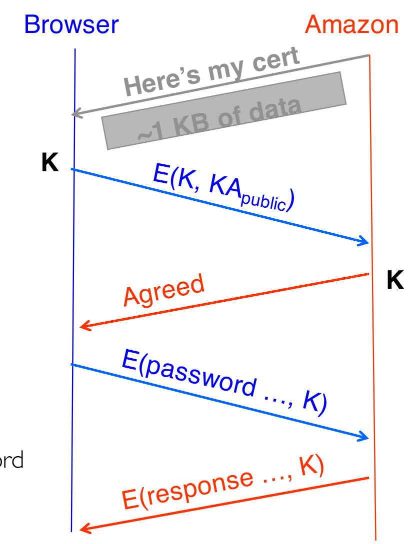
Certificate Validation



Can also validate using peer approach: https://www.eff.org/observatory

HTTPS Connection (SSL/TLS) cont'd

- Browser constructs a random session key K used for data communication
  - Private key for bulk crypto
- Browser encrypts K using Amazon's public key
- Browser sends $E(K, KA_{public})$ to server
- Browser displays
- All subsequent comm. encrypted w/ symmetric cipher (e.g., AES128) using key K
  - E.g., client can authenticate using a password



Security Summary

- Many more challenges to building secure systems and applications
- No fixed-point solutions
- Adversaries constantly change and adapt
- Defenses must also constantly change and adapt
- Take CS 161

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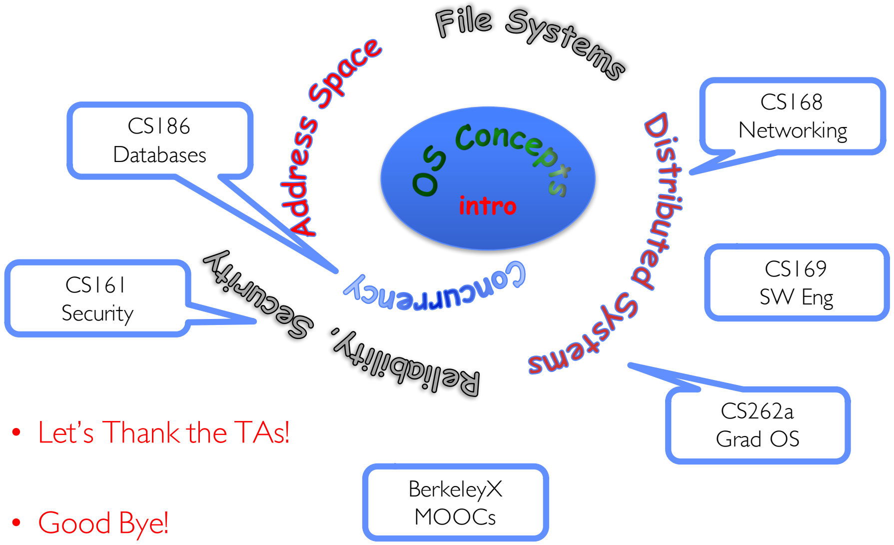

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