

Experiment no.: 07

Title: Perform key exchange using DH algorithm

Course Outcome: Use cryptography algorithms and protocols to achieve Computer Security

Theory:

What is Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (exponential key exchange)?

The Diffie-Hellman key exchange (also known as exponential key exchange) is a method for securely exchanging cryptographic keys over an insecure channel. It is a fundamental building block of many secure communication protocols, including SSL/TLS and SSH.

The Diffie-Hellman key exchange works by allowing two parties (Alice and Bob) to agree on a shared secret key over an insecure channel, without any other party being able to intercept the key or learn anything about it. The key exchange involves the following steps ?

- Alice and Bob agree on two large prime numbers, p and g , and a public key exchange algorithm.
- Alice chooses a secret integer, a , and computes $A = g^a \text{ mod } p$. She sends A to Bob.
- Bob chooses a secret integer, b , and computes $B = g^b \text{ mod } p$. He sends B to Alice.
- Alice computes $s = B^a \text{ mod } p$. Bob computes $s = A^b \text{ mod } p$.
- Alice and Bob now both have shared secret keys, which they can use to establish a secure communication channel.

The security of the Diffie-Hellman key exchange relies on the fact that it is computationally infeasible for an attacker to determine the shared secret keys from the public values of p , g , A , and B . This allows Alice and Bob to exchange the key securely, even over an insecure channel.

Code:

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
int main() {
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int prime, base, privA, privB;
printf("Enter the prime number (n): ");
scanf("%d", &prime);
printf("Enter the primitive root (g): ");
scanf("%d", &base);
printf("Enter private key for User 1: ");
scanf("%d", &privA);
printf("Enter private key for User 2: ");
scanf("%d", &privB);
double pubA = fmod(pow(base, privA), prime);
double pubB = fmod(pow(base, privB), prime);
double sharedX = fmod(pow(pubB, privA), prime);
double sharedY = fmod(pow(pubA, privB), prime);
printf("\nUser 1 sends public key: %d\n", (int)pubA);
printf("User 2 sends public key: %d\n", (int)pubB);
printf("\nUser 1 computes shared key: %d\n", (int)sharedX);
printf("User 2 computes shared key: %d\n", (int)sharedY);
if ((int)sharedX == (int)sharedY)
    printf("\nKey Exchange Successful! Shared Secret Key = %d\n",
(int)sharedX);
else
    printf("\nKey Exchange Failed.\n");
return 0;

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Output:

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Enter the prime number (n): 11
Enter the primitive root (g): 3
Enter private key for User 1: 2
Enter private key for User 2: 4

User 1 sends public key: 9
User 2 sends public key: 4

User 1 computes shared key: 5
User 2 computes shared key: 5

Key Exchange Successful! Shared Secret Key = 5
○ PS C:\Users\Adina\OneDrive\Desktop\Computer Engineering\SEM 5\CS\C program>
  
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Conclusion:

I have successfully written C program to implement DH key exchange algorithm.