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# Simulating Diffie-Hellman with MITM attack
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import random
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# Function to simulate power modulo ( $a^b \pmod p$ )
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```
def power_mod(base, exp, mod):
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    return pow(base, exp, mod)
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# Diffie-Hellman participants
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class Participant:
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```
    def __init__(self, name, p, g):
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```
        self.name = name
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```
        self.p = p
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```
        self.g = g
```

```
        self.private_key = random.randint(2, p - 2) # Choose private key
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```
        self.public_key = power_mod(g, self.private_key, p) # Compute public key
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```
    def compute_shared_secret(self, other_public_key):
```

```
        return power_mod(other_public_key, self.private_key, self.p)
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# Man-in-the-Middle Attacker
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class Attacker:
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```
    def __init__(self, p, g):
```

```
        self.p = p
```

```
        self.g = g
```

```
        self.private_key = random.randint(2, p - 2)
```

```
        self.public_key = power_mod(g, self.private_key, p)
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```
    def intercept_and_replace(self, original_key):
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        # Intercept and return attacker's public key instead of the original
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```
        return self.public_key
```

```
def compute_shared_secret(self, other_public_key):  
    return power_mod(other_public_key, self.private_key, self.p)
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Example of Diffie-Hellman with MITM attack

```
def main():
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```
    # Prime number (p) and generator (g)
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```
    p = 23 # Small prime number for simplicity
```

```
    g = 5 # Generator
```

```
    # Participants
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```
    alice = Participant("Alice", p, g)
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```
    bob = Participant("Bob", p, g)
```

```
    mallory = Attacker(p, g) # Man-in-the-middle
```

```
    # Step 1: Alice sends her public key to Bob
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```
    alice_public_key = alice.public_key
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```
    intercepted_by_mallory = mallory.intercept_and_replace(alice_public_key)
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```
    # Step 2: Mallory sends her fake public key to Bob
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```
    bob_received_key = intercepted_by_mallory
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    # Step 3: Bob sends his public key to Alice
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```
    bob_public_key = bob.public_key
```

```
    intercepted_by_mallory_bob = mallory.intercept_and_replace(bob_public_key)
```

```
    # Step 4: Mallory sends her fake public key to Alice
```

```
    alice_received_key = intercepted_by_mallory_bob
```

```
    # Alice computes her "shared secret"
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```
    alice_shared_secret = alice.compute_shared_secret(alice_received_key)
```

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# Bob computes his "shared secret"
bob_shared_secret = bob.compute_shared_secret(bob_received_key)

# Mallory computes secrets with Alice and Bob
mallory_shared_with_alice = mallory.compute_shared_secret(alice_public_key)
mallory_shared_with_bob = mallory.compute_shared_secret(bob_public_key)

# Outputs
print("=== Keys ===")
print(f"Alice's Public Key: {alice_public_key}")
print(f"Bob's Public Key: {bob_public_key}")
print(f"Mallory's Fake Public Key: {mallory.public_key}")

print("\n=== Shared Secrets ===")
print(f"Alice's Shared Secret: {alice_shared_secret}")
print(f"Bob's Shared Secret: {bob_shared_secret}")
print(f"Mallory's Shared Secret with Alice: {mallory_shared_with_alice}")
print(f"Mallory's Shared Secret with Bob: {mallory_shared_with_bob}")

print("\n=== Results ===")
if alice_shared_secret == bob_shared_secret:
    print("Secure Communication: Shared secrets match.")
else:
    print("Insecure Communication: Man-in-the-middle attack succeeded!")
    print(f"Mallory can decrypt and re-encrypt messages.")

# Run the simulation
main()

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Here's an explanation of the code, broken down step by step:

Imports

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```
import random
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- The random module is used to generate random private keys for the participants and the attacker.
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Power Modulo Function

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```
def power_mod(base, exp, mod):
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```
    return pow(base, exp, mod)
```

- This function calculates $(base^{exp}) \% mod$ efficiently.
 - It's used in the Diffie-Hellman process to compute public keys and shared secrets.
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Participant Class

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class Participant:
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```
    def __init__(self, name, p, g):
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```
        self.name = name # Name of the participant (e.g., Alice, Bob)
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```
        self.p = p # Shared prime number
```

```
        self.g = g # Shared generator
```

```
        self.private_key = random.randint(2, p - 2) # Random private key
```

```
        self.public_key = power_mod(g, self.private_key, p) # Compute public key
```

```
    def compute_shared_secret(self, other_public_key):
```

```
        return power_mod(other_public_key, self.private_key, self.p)
```

- **Attributes:**

- name: Identifier for the participant.
 - p, g: The shared prime number and generator agreed upon by all parties.
 - private_key: A randomly generated secret number unique to the participant.
 - public_key: Computed as $g^{\text{private_key}} \bmod p$, shared with others.
 - **Method:**
 - compute_shared_secret: Computes the shared secret using the other party's public key and their private key.
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Attacker Class

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class Attacker:

```
def __init__(self, p, g):
    self.p = p
    self.g = g
    self.private_key = random.randint(2, p - 2) # Random private key for attacker
    self.public_key = power_mod(g, self.private_key, p) # Attacker's public key
```

```
def intercept_and_replace(self, original_key):
    return self.public_key # Replace intercepted key with attacker's key
```

```
def compute_shared_secret(self, other_public_key):
    return power_mod(other_public_key, self.private_key, self.p)
```

- **Attributes:**
 - Similar to Participant, but the attacker intercepts and manipulates the key exchange.
 - **Methods:**
 - intercept_and_replace: Replaces the intercepted key with the attacker's own public key.
 - compute_shared_secret: Computes the shared secret with the participant whose key was intercepted.
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Main Function

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```
def main():
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```
    p = 23 # Prime number
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```
    g = 5 # Generator
```

- A small prime number and generator are chosen for simplicity.
 - These values are shared by Alice, Bob, and Mallory.
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Participants and Attacker Initialization

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```
alice = Participant("Alice", p, g)
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```
bob = Participant("Bob", p, g)
```

```
mallory = Attacker(p, g)
```

- **Alice** and **Bob** are initialized as participants, each with their own private and public keys.
 - **Mallory** is the attacker with her own private and public keys.
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Key Exchange Steps with MITM Attack

1. Alice Sends Public Key to Bob (Intercepted by Mallory):

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alice_public_key = alice.public_key
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```
intercepted_by_mallory = mallory.intercept_and_replace(alice_public_key)
```

- Alice's public key is intercepted by Mallory.
- Mallory replaces it with her own public key.

2. Mallory Sends Her Fake Key to Bob:

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bob_received_key = intercepted_by_mallory
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- Bob receives Mallory's fake key, thinking it is Alice's.

3. Bob Sends Public Key to Alice (Intercepted by Mallory):

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```
bob_public_key = bob.public_key  
intercepted_by_mallory_bob = mallory.intercept_and_replace(bob_public_key)
```

- Bob's public key is intercepted and replaced by Mallory's.

4. Mallory Sends Her Fake Key to Alice:

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```
alice_received_key = intercepted_by_mallory_bob
```

- Alice receives Mallory's fake key, thinking it is Bob's.

Compute Shared Secrets

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```
alice_shared_secret = alice.compute_shared_secret(alice_received_key)  
bob_shared_secret = bob.compute_shared_secret(bob_received_key)  
mallory_shared_with_alice = mallory.compute_shared_secret(alice_public_key)  
mallory_shared_with_bob = mallory.compute_shared_secret(bob_public_key)
```

- Alice and Bob compute what they think are shared secrets, but these are different because of Mallory's interference.
- Mallory computes separate shared secrets with Alice and Bob, allowing her to intercept messages between them.

Display Results

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```
print("=== Keys ===")  
print(f"Alice's Public Key: {alice_public_key}")  
print(f"Bob's Public Key: {bob_public_key}")  
print(f"Mallory's Fake Public Key: {mallory_public_key}")
```

- Displays the public keys involved in the key exchange, including Mallory's fake key.

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```
print("\n=== Shared Secrets ===")
print(f"Alice's Shared Secret: {alice_shared_secret}")
print(f"Bob's Shared Secret: {bob_shared_secret}")
print(f"Mallory's Shared Secret with Alice: {mallory_shared_with_alice}")
print(f"Mallory's Shared Secret with Bob: {mallory_shared_with_bob}")
```

- Shows the computed shared secrets for all parties.

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if alice_shared_secret == bob_shared_secret:
    print("Secure Communication: Shared secrets match.")
else:
    print("Insecure Communication: Man-in-the-middle attack succeeded!")
    print(f"Mallory can decrypt and re-encrypt messages.")
```

- Verifies if the communication is secure or if the MITM attack succeeded.

Key Takeaways

- The code demonstrates how a Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) attack exploits the lack of authentication in the Diffie-Hellman key exchange.
- Authentication mechanisms, such as digital signatures, are essential to prevent this vulnerability.