Module 3 Day 10

Authentication and Encryption

What makes an application?

- Program Data
  - ✓ Variables & .NET Data Types
  - ✓ Arrays
  - ✓ More Collections (list, dictionary, stack, queue)
  - ✓ Classes and objects (OOP)
- Program Logic
  - ✓ Statements and expressions
  - ✓ Conditional logic (if)
  - ✓ Repeating logic (for, foreach, do, while)
  - ✓ Methods (functions / procedures)
  - ✓ Classes and objects (OOP)
  - ❖ Frameworks (MVC)
- Input / Output
  - User
    - ✓ Console read / write
    - ✓ HTML / CSS
    - ❑ Front-end frameworks (HTML / CSS / JavaScript)
  - Storage
    - ✓ File I/O
    - ✓ Relational database
    - ❑ APIs

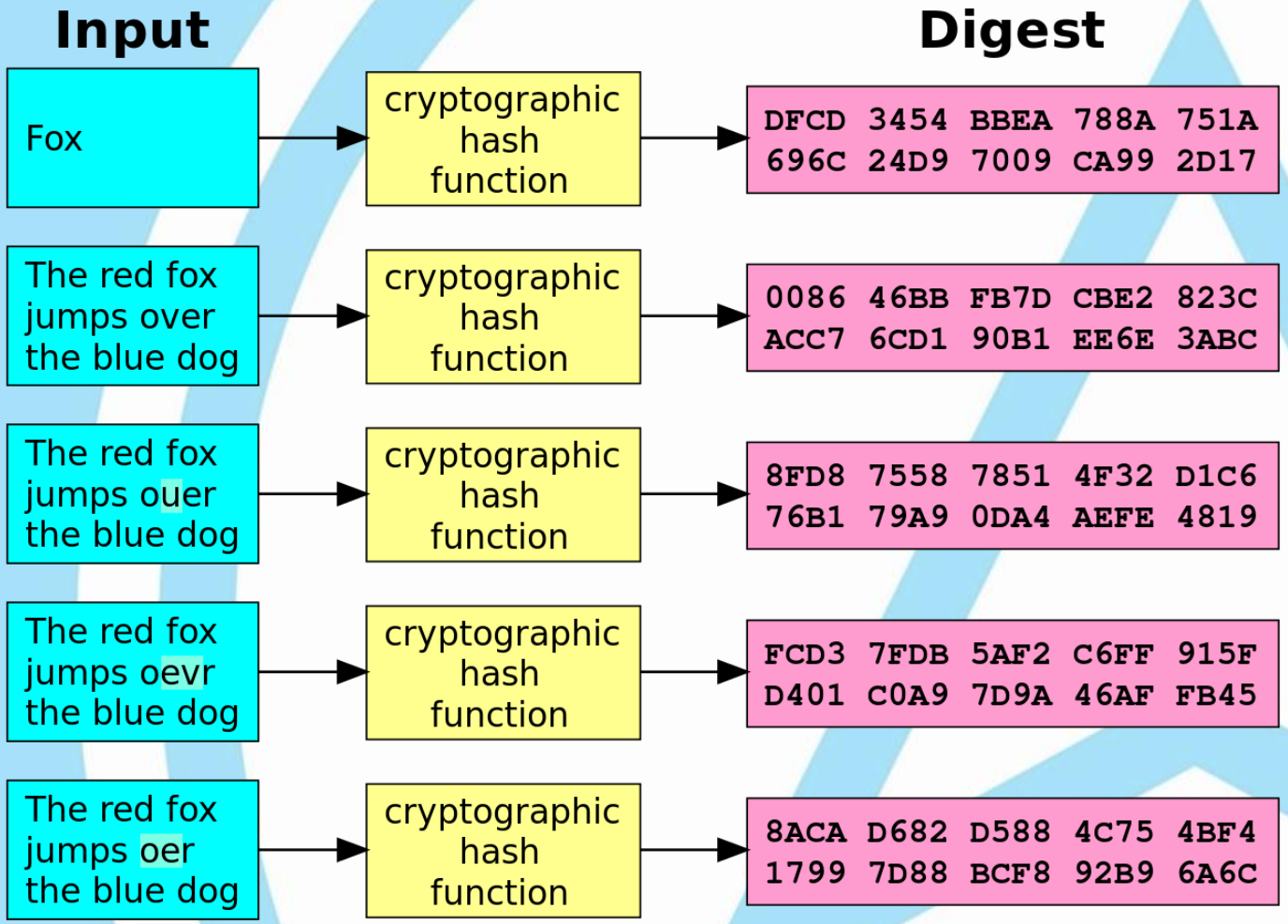
Authentication and Authorization

- Authentication
  - Who you are
  - Prove that you are who you claim to be
  - “What you have and what you know” (2FA)
    - ATM card, cell phone, ID card, biometric (fingerprint, retina, face)
    - Password, PIN, Security Question
  - Often involves a password
- Authorization
  - What you can do
  - Can you view data, or edit it? Delete it? Add users? Etc.
  - Useless without Authentication

Hashing Data

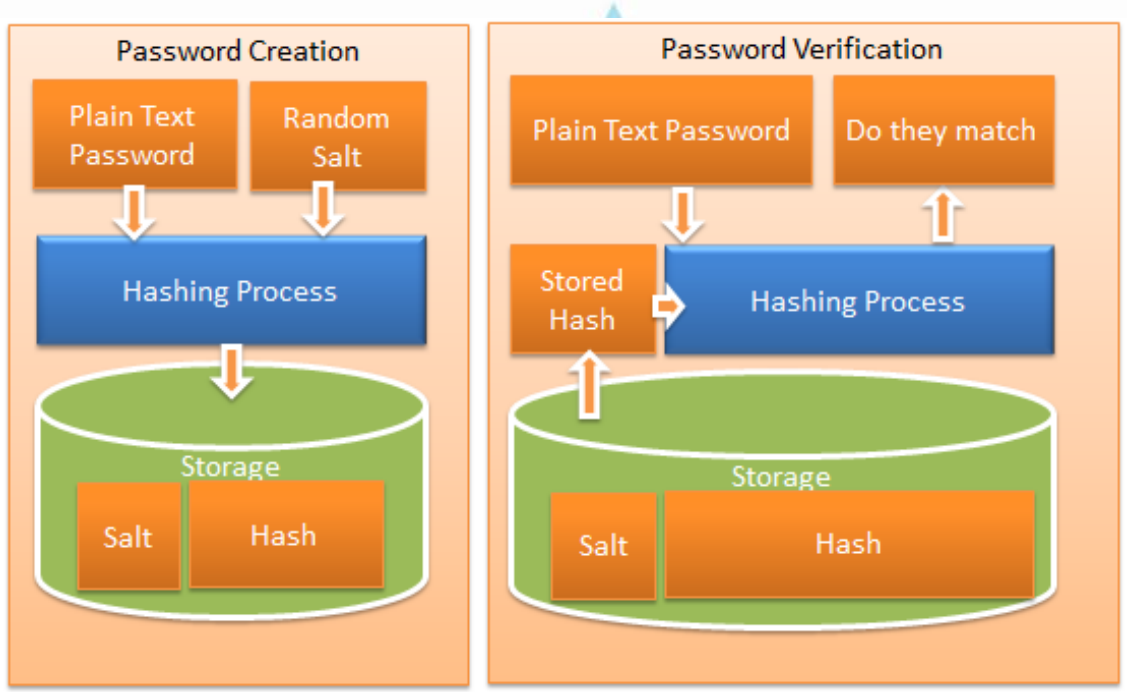
- One-way, repeatable algorithm to change data into a “hash value”
- One-way means there is no way to get to the original data, given only the hash
- Repeatable means if I run the same original data through the algorithm again, I’ll get the same result
- Used to verify data transmissions (aka, checksum)
- Used for storing passwords securely

Hashing Data



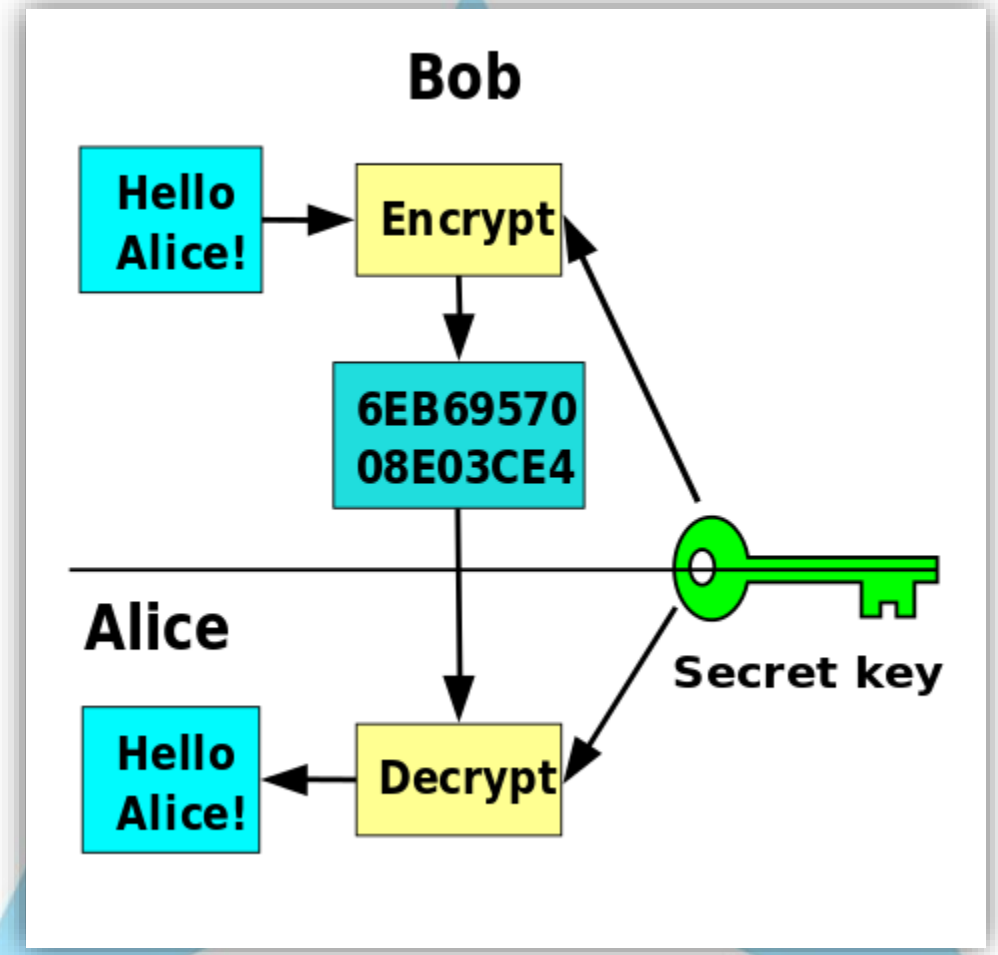
Hashing Passwords

- Password is hashed when created
  - Hash is stored in DB
- To login, password is hashed using the same algorithm
  - Hashes are compared.
- Adding a salt prevents dictionary attacks
  - Salt also stored in the DB
- Increasing work factor greatly increases security
  - Hash the hash



Encryption – Symmetric Key

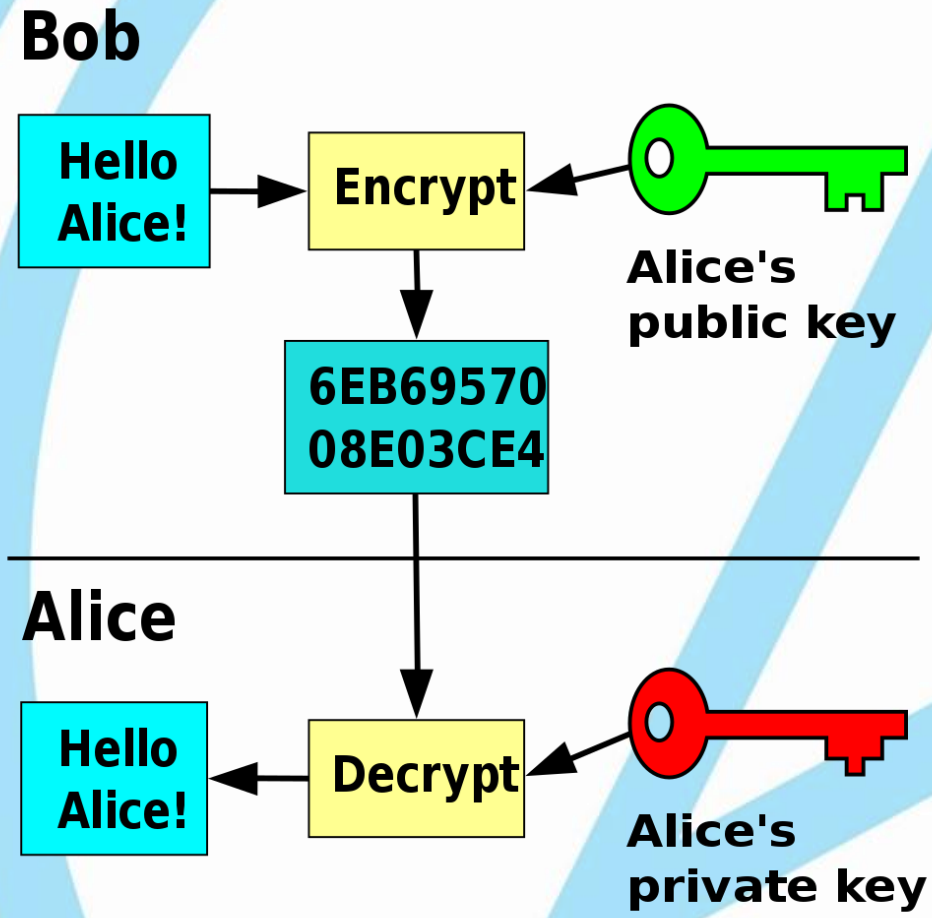
- Uses a single key to encrypt (lock) and decrypt (unlock) the data
- “Shared secret”
- Examples:
  - Password-protected files
  - Windows BitLocker



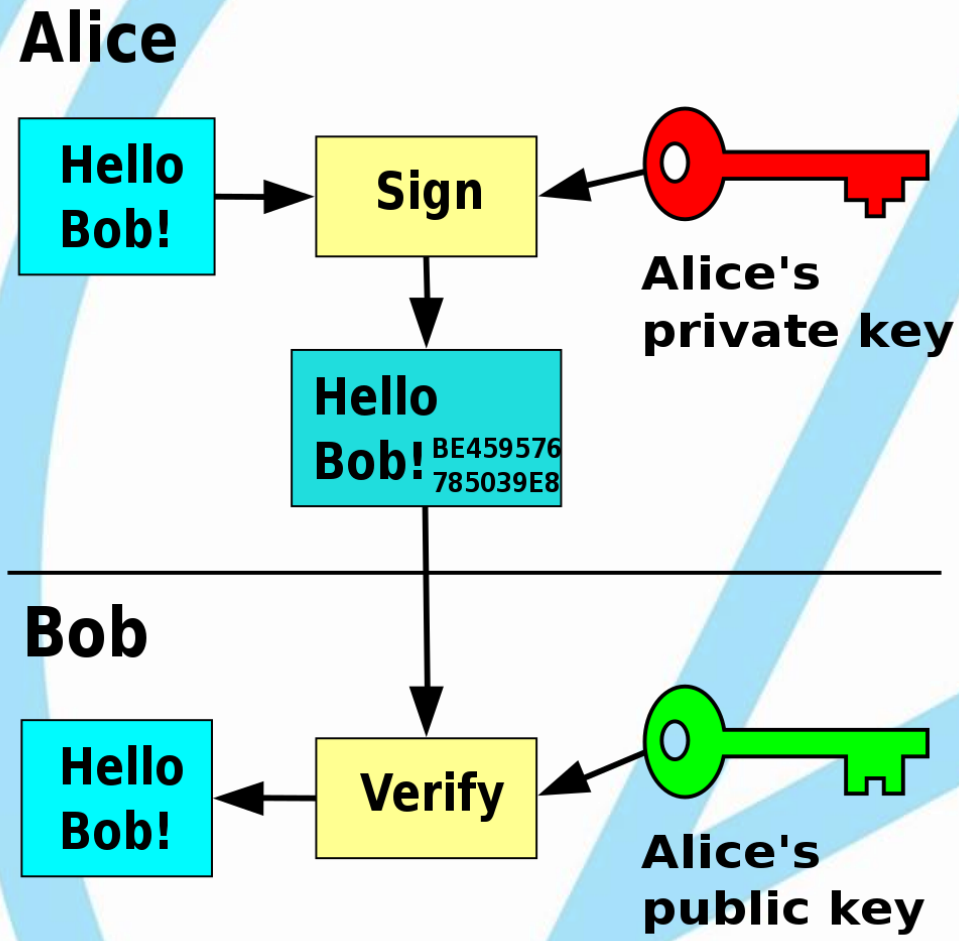
Encryption – Asymmetric Key

- Public key cryptography / Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
- Two keys used: a “public” key and a “private” key
  - Messages encrypted using Public must be decrypted using Private
  - Message encrypted using Private must be decrypted using Public
- Can be used to
  - Securely send data to another user, or (encrypt public, decrypt private)
  - Guarantee the identity of the sender (encrypt private, decrypt public)

Bob securely sends message to Alice



Alice proves this message is from her



Authentication & Authorization in ASP.NET

- Parts of the app may be public, and parts may be protected to only authorized users
- Controllers or Actions can be protected with an Authorization attribute
- Some actions may require the user to be in a particular role
- There are different types of authentication
  - We are going to use Session-based today
  - In Module 4, we will use token-based