

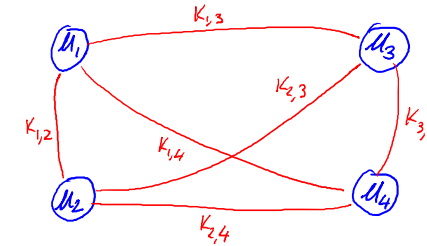
Network Information Security

Lecture seven: key exchange

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Key management

Problem: n users. Storing mutual secret keys is difficult



Total: $O(n)$ keys per user

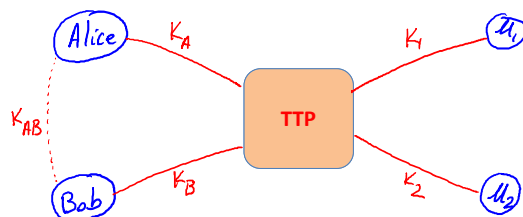
$$C_m^n = \frac{m!}{n!(m-n)!}$$

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A better solution

Online Trusted 3rd Party (TTP)



Every user only remembers one key.

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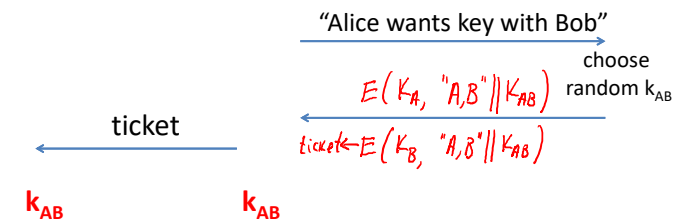
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Bob (k_B)

Alice (k_A)

TTP



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Generating keys: a toy protocol

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Eavesdropping(窃听) security only.

Eavesdropper sees: $E(k_A, "A, B" || k_{AB})$; $E(k_B, "A, B" || k_{AB})$

Eavesdropper learns nothing about k_{AB}

Note: TTP needed for every key exchange, knows all session keys.

(basis of Kerberos system)

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Toy protocol: insecure against active attacks

Example: insecure against **replay attacks** (重放攻击)

Attacker records session between Alice and merchant Bob

– For example a book order

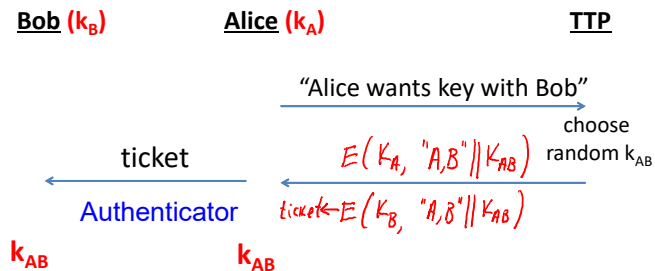
Attacker replays session to Bob

– Bob thinks Alice is ordering another copy of book

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A bit modification to the toy protocol

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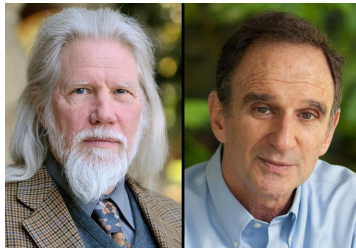
$E(k_{AB}, "alice" || \text{timestamp})$

This modification is used in real protocol, such as Kerberos.

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Can we generate shared keys without an **online** trusted 3rd party?

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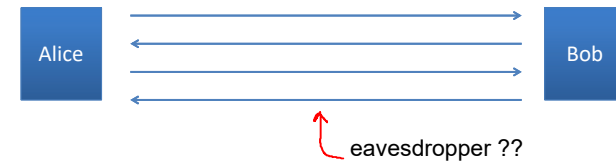
Merkle**1974****D-H****1976**
Stanford**RSA****1977**
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Key exchange without an online TTP?

Goal: Alice and Bob want shared key, unknown to eavesdropper

- For now: security against eavesdropping only (no tampering)



Can this be done using generic symmetric crypto?

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The Diffie-hellman protocol

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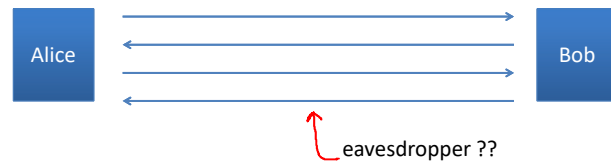
- In 2002, Hellman suggested the algorithm be called **Diffie–Hellman–Merkle key exchange**
- The system...has since become known as Diffie–Hellman key exchange. While that system was first described in a paper by Diffie and me, it is a public key distribution system, a concept developed by Merkle, and hence should be called 'Diffie–Hellman–Merkle key exchange' if names are to be associated with it. I hope this small pulpit might help in that endeavor to recognize Merkle's equal contribution to the invention of public key cryptography

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Wrap up

- Primitive root (原根)

For a prime p , exist a number g ($1 \leq g \leq p$), if $g \bmod p$, $g^2 \bmod p$, ..., $g^{(p-1)} \bmod p$, are a permutation of 1 to $p-1$, then g is a **primitive root** of prime p .

- Discrete logarithm (离散对数)

$a = g^i \bmod p$ ($0 \leq i \leq p-1$), i is called the index or **discrete logarithm** of a to the base g modulo p

- One way function

$y = f(x)$, $x \rightarrow y$ is easy, and $y \rightarrow x$ is very hard.

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The number 3 is a primitive root modulo 7⁽¹⁾ because

$$\begin{aligned}
 3^1 &= 3 = 3^0 \times 3 \equiv 1 \times 3 = 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \\
 3^2 &= 9 = 3^1 \times 3 \equiv 3 \times 3 = 9 \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\
 3^3 &= 27 = 3^2 \times 3 \equiv 2 \times 3 = 6 \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \\
 3^4 &= 81 = 3^3 \times 3 \equiv 6 \times 3 = 18 \equiv 4 \pmod{7} \\
 3^5 &= 243 = 3^4 \times 3 \equiv 4 \times 3 = 12 \equiv 5 \pmod{7} \\
 3^6 &= 729 = 3^5 \times 3 \equiv 5 \times 3 = 15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \\
 3^7 &= 2187 = 3^6 \times 3 \equiv 1 \times 3 = 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

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The Diffie-Hellman protocol

Fix a large prime p (e.g. 600 digits)

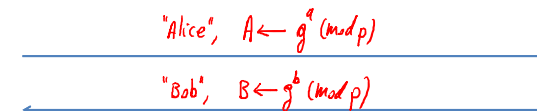
Fix an integer g in $\{1, \dots, p\}$

Alice

choose random a in $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$

Bob

choose random b in $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$



$$B^a \pmod{p} = (g^b)^a = k_{AB} = g^{ab} \pmod{p} = (g^a)^b = A^b \pmod{p}$$

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Security

Eavesdropper sees: $p, g, A=g^a \pmod{p}$, and $B=g^b \pmod{p}$

Can she compute $g^{ab} \pmod{p}$??

$$\exp(\tilde{O}(\sqrt[3]{n}))$$

More generally, if there is an **exponential gap** between users and attacker, the algorithm is secure.

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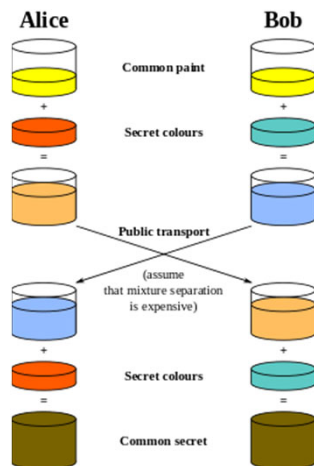
if p is a prime of at least 600 digits, then even the fastest modern computers cannot find a given only g, p and $g^a \pmod{p}$. Such a problem is called the **discrete logarithm problem**.

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D-H example

- Alice and Bob agree to use a modulus $p = 23$ and base $g = 5$ (which is a primitive root modulo 23).
- Alice chooses a secret integer $a = 6$, then sends Bob $A = g^a \pmod{p}$
 - $A = 5^6 \pmod{23} = 8$
- Bob chooses a secret integer $b = 15$, then sends Alice $B = g^b \pmod{p}$
 - $B = 5^{15} \pmod{23} = 19$
- Alice computes $s = B^a \pmod{p}$
 - $s = 19^6 \pmod{23} = 2$
- Bob computes $s = A^b \pmod{p}$
 - $s = 8^{15} \pmod{23} = 2$
- Alice and Bob now share a secret (the number 2).

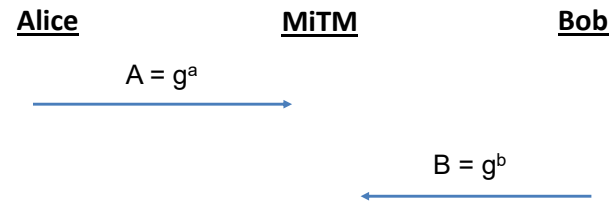
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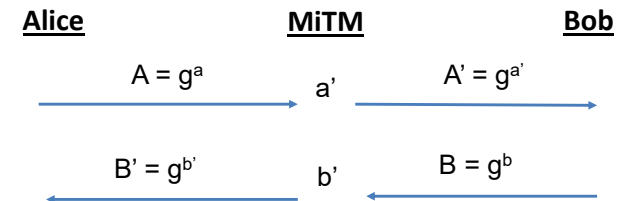
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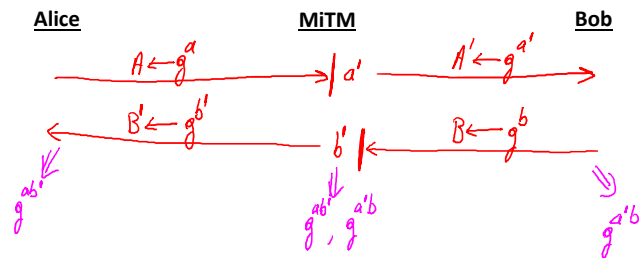
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