## **CS2105**

# An Awesome Introduction to Computer Networks

**Network Security** 



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#### Lecture goals:

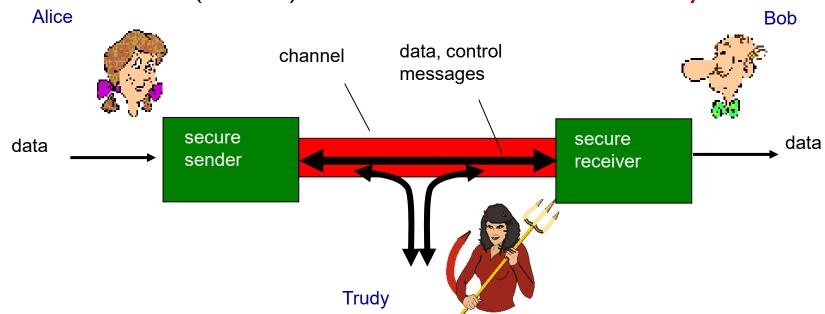
- Understand principles of network security:
  - confidentiality
  - authentication
  - message integrity

### Chapter 8 roadmap

- 8.1 What is network security?
- 8.2 Principles of cryptography
- 8.3 Message integrity and digital signatures
- 8.9 Operational security: firewalls

### Alice, Bob, Trudy

- Bob, Alice (lovers!) want to communicate
- Trudy (intruder) may
  - Eavesdrop
  - Delete
  - Add messages
- Bob (or Alice) may repudiate
- Bob, Alice (lovers!) want to communicate "securely"



### Who might Bob, Alice be?

- ... well, real-life Bobs and Alices!
- Web browser/server for electronic transactions (e.g., on-line purchases) amazon.com
- On-line banking client/server



- DNS servers
- Routers exchanging routing table updates

### There are bad guys (and girls) out there!

Q: What can a "bad guy" do?

<u>A:</u> A lot!

- eavesdrop: intercept messages
- actively insert messages into connection
- impersonation: can fake (spoof) source address in packet (or any field in packet)
- hijacking: "take over" ongoing connection by removing sender or receiver, inserting oneself in place (Man in the middle)
- denial of service: prevent service from being used by others (e.g., by overloading resources)

### What is network security?

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- **Authentication:** 
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- Message integrity:
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- \* Access and availability:
  - services must be accessible and available to users

### Motivation: Countering Trudy

Bob, Alice (lovers!) want to communicate "securely"

- What would you, as Alice, do?
  - Make the Message Physically secure.
  - Use a language only know to you
    - Code Words
    - Code Language
      - Language of a gang of friends
      - Navajo Code Talkers in WWII
      - book cipher
  - Is it good?
    - Confidentiality: if the code language is secret, Trudy cannot understand.
    - Authentication: if the code language is secret, only Alice and Bob can write it.
    - Message Integrity: if the code language has an inviolable property.

cryptographic techniques are *inextricably* woven into authentication, message integrity, and confidentiality



#### Aim:

- Confidentiality
- Authentication
- Message Integrity

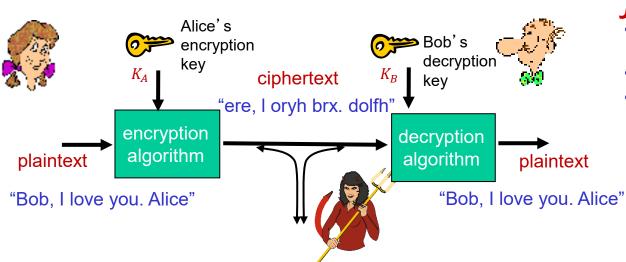
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### The language of cryptography

- Cryptography:
  - κρυπτός (kryptos) hidden
  - γράφειν (graphia) writing
- Cryptographic techniques
  - allow a sender to disguise data so that an intruder can gain no information from the intercepted data.
  - allow the receiver to recover the original data from the disguised data.

### The language of cryptography



#### Jargon Alert:

- Plaintext: Message in the original form
- Ciphertext: Encrypted Message
- Key: A string of numbers or characters, provided as input parameter to the encryption/decryption algorithm

**Notation** 

\*m: plaintext message

 $\star K_A(.)$ : Encryption algorithm, with key  $K_A$ 

 $\star K_A(m)$ : ciphertext

 $K_B(.)$ : Decryption algorithm, with key  $K_B$ 

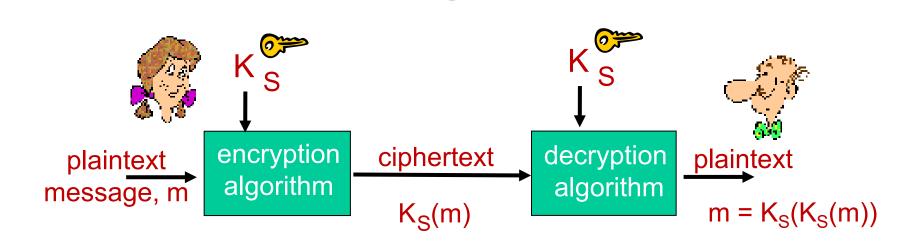
K<sub>A</sub> is an abuse of notation, The Encryption and Decryption algorithm may not be same

### Types of Cryptography

Based on the values of the keys, there are two types of encryption

- Symmetric Key Cryptography
  - Sender and receiver use the same key
  - $\bigstar K_A = K_B$  (We are talking about the key not the algorithms)
- \*Asymmetric Key Cryptography AKA Public key Cryptography
  - Sender and receiver use different key
  - $*K_A \neq K_B$  (We are talking about the key not the algorithms)

### Symmetric key cryptography



symmetric key crypto: Bob and Alice share same (symmetric) key: K<sub>S</sub>

Q: how do Bob and Alice agree on key value?

Ans: Will need to decide on the common key prior to communication via some other secure means, like face to face meeting

### Caesar's cipher

- This method is named after Julius Caesar, who used it in his private correspondence
- Is a form of Substitution cipher: substituting one thing for another
- Fixed shift of alphabet
  - e.g., right shift by 3:

```
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
defghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzabc
```

e.g.: plaintext: the quick brown fox ciphertext: wkh txlfn eurzq ira



Encryption key: only need shift number, 25 possible values

Weakness: Easy to break with brute force search

### Monoalphabetic cipher

- Substitute one letter for another
  - Is a Substitution cipher

```
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
|
mnbvcxzasdfghjklpoiuytrewq
```

```
e.g.: Plaintext: bob, i love you. alice ciphertext: nkn, s gktc wky. mgsbc
```



Encryption key: mapping from set of 26 letters to set of 26 letters, 26! Mappings possible

### Monoalphabetic cipher

- 26! (~10<sup>26</sup>) mappings possible are not as much as they seem
- We can break it with Statistical Analysis
  - letters e (13%) and t (9%) are the most frequent letters
  - knowing that particular two-and three-letter occurrences of letters appear quite often together (for example, "in," "it," "the," "ion," "ing,"
  - If the intruder has some knowledge about the possible contents of the message, then it is even easier to break the code.
    - if Trudy the might suspect that the names "bob" and "alice" appear in the text.
    - and had a copy of the example ciphertext message above, then she could immediately determine seven of the 26 letter pairings

### Breaking an encryption scheme

- Ciphertext only attack: Trudy has ciphertext she can analyze
- Known-plaintext attack: Trudy has plaintext corresponding to ciphertext
  - e.g., in monoalphabetic cipher, Trudy determines pairings for a,l,i,c,e,b,o,
- Chosen-plaintext attack: Trudy can get ciphertext for chosen plaintext
  - e.g., in monoalphabetic cipher, Trudy determines gets Alice to send "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog,"

### Polyalphabetic encryption

- What is the fundamental weakness of Monoalphabetic Cipher?
  - Each letter has only one mapping
- Solution?
  - Use multiple mappings
- E.g.
  - Use n substitution ciphers,  $C_1, C_2, ..., C_n$
  - Define a cycling pattern:
    - e.g., n=4:  $C_1$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_2$
  - for each new plaintext symbol, use subsequent substitution pattern in cyclic pattern
    - dog: d from  $C_1$ , o from  $C_3$ , g from  $C_4$



### Polyalphabetic encryption

Example:

```
      a
      b
      c
      d
      e
      f
      g
      h
      i
      j
      k
      l
      m
      n
      o
      p
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      f
      g
      h
      i
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Cycling Pattern:  $C_1C_3C_3C_2$ 

e.g.: plaintext: bob, i love you. alice ciphertext: exk, o oxek bxd. durih

### **Block Ciphers**

- The message to be encrypted is processed in blocks of K bits.
- For example,
  - if K = 64, the message is broken into 64-bit blocks
  - each block is encrypted independently.
- To encode a block, the cipher uses a one-to-one mapping
- E.g.: K = 3
  - Input: 010110001111
  - Encrypted output: 101000111001
- Number of keys:  $2^K!$ 
  - 2<sup>64</sup>! Is an astronomical value.

11 0		
Input	Output	
000	110	
001	111	
010	101	
011	100	
100	011	
101	010	
110	000	
Ш	001	

### Block Cipher

#### **DES: Data Encryption Standard**

- US encryption standard [NIST 1993]
- 56-bit symmetric key, 64-bit block
- How secure is DES?
  - DES Challenge: 56-bit-key-encrypted phrase decrypted (brute force) in less than a day
- Making DES more secure:
  - 3DES: encrypt 3 times with 3 different keys

#### **AES: Advanced Encryption Standard**

- Symmetric-key NIST standard, replaced DES (Nov 2001)
- 128 bit blocks; 128, 192, or 256 bit keys
- How secure is AES?
  - Machine capable of Brute force decryption DES in 1 sec on DES, takes 149 trillion years for 128-AES

### Public Key Cryptography

#### symmetric key crypto

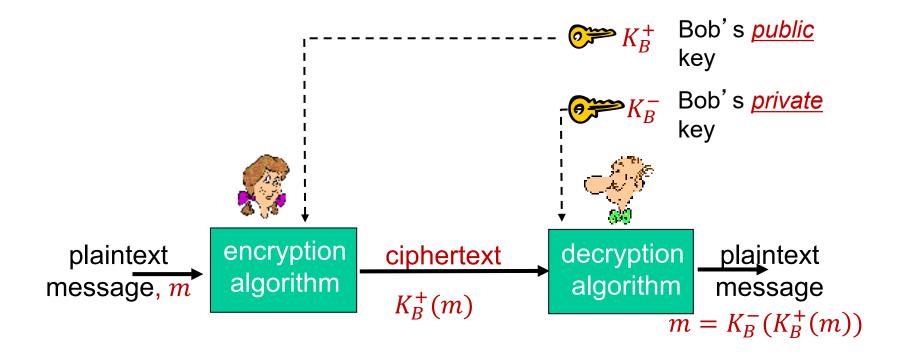
- Drawback: requires sender, receiver know shared secret key
- Q: how to agree on key in first place (particularly if never "met")?



#### public key crypto

- sender, receiver do not share secret key
- Sender uses a public encryption key known to all
- receiver uses a private decryption key known only to receiver
- radically different approach [Diffie-Hellman'76, RSA'78]

### Public key cryptography



### Public key encryption algorithms

#### Requirements:

1 need  $K_B^+(.)$  and  $K_B^-(.)$  such that

$$m = K_B^-(K_B^+(m))$$

2 given public key  $K_B^+$ , it should be impossible to compute private key  $K_B^-$ 



RSA: Rivest, Shamir, Adleman algorithm

### Prerequisite: modular arithmetic

- $x \mod n$  = remainder of x when divide by n
- facts:

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[(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a+b) \bmod n[(a \bmod n) - (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a-b) \bmod n[(a \bmod n) \times (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a \times b) \bmod n
```

Thus

```
(a \bmod n)^d \bmod n = a^d \bmod n
```

- example:
  - a = 14, n = 10, d = 2
  - $a^d \mod n = 14^2 \mod 10 = 6$
  - $(a \mod n)^d \mod n = (14 \mod 10)^2 \mod 10 = 16 \mod 10 = 6$

### RSA: getting ready

- message: just a bit pattern
  - bit pattern can be uniquely represented by an integer number
  - thus, encrypting a message is equivalent to encrypting a number

#### example:

- = m = 10010001.
- This message is uniquely represented by the decimal number 145.
- to encrypt m, we encrypt the corresponding number, which gives a new number (the ciphertext).

### RSA: Creating public/private key pair

- I. choose two large prime numbers p, q.
- 2. compute n = pq, z = (p 1)(q 1)
- 3. choose e (with e < n) that has no common factors with z (i.e., e and z are "relatively prime").
- 4. choose d such that ed 1 is exactly divisible by z. (in other words:  $ed \mod z = 1$ ).
- 5. public key is (n, e). private key is (n, d).

### RSA: encryption, decryption

- 0. given (n, e) and (n, d) as computed above
- 1. to encrypt message m (Note: m < n), compute  $c = m^e \mod n$
- 2. to decrypt received bit pattern, c, compute  $c^d \mod n$

magic 
$$(m^e \mod n)^d \mod n = m$$
 happens!

### RSA example: Bob Chooses

```
1. p = 5, q = 7.

1. n = pq = 35,

2. z = (p - 1)(q - 1) = 24
```

- 2. e = 5 (with e < n & e and z are "relatively prime").
- 3. d = 29 such that  $ed \mod z = 1$ .

encrypting 8-bit messages.

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encrypt: bit pattern m m me c = me mod n

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decrypt: c = m^{e} \mod n

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### RSA: another important property

The following property will be very useful later:

$$K_B^-(K_B^+(m)) = m = K_B^+(K_B^-(m))$$

followed by private key

use public key first, use private key first, followed by public key

result is the same!

Why 
$$K_B(K_B(m)) = m = K_B(K_B(m))$$
?

follows directly from modular arithmetic:

```
(m^e \mod n)^d \mod n = m^{ed} \mod n
= m^{de} \mod n
= (m^d \mod n)^e \mod n
```

### RSA in practice: session keys

- Exponentiation in RSA is computationally intensive
- DES is at least 100 times faster than RSA, but needs prior knowledge of Key  $K_S$
- Can we Combine them?
  - Select a Key K<sub>S</sub>
  - Use RSA to transfer  $K_S$
  - Use  $K_S$  as the symmetric key in DES for encrypting data for this session
- The symmetric key  $K_S$ , is called the session key.

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### Message Integrity

- Message integrity:
  - sender, receiver want to ensure message not altered (in transit, or afterwards) without detection
- \*Have we seen this requirement earlier?
  - Does "error detection" fit the bill?
  - **❖** Yes
    - Checksum
    - **❖**Parity
    - **\***CRC

#### Internet checksum

#### Internet checksum:

- produces fixed length digest (16-bit sum) of message
- is many-to-one

Consider the given message: "IOU100.99BOB"

<u>message</u>	<b>ASCII</b> format	<u>message</u>	<b>ASCII</b> format
I O U 1	49 4F 55 31	I O U <u>9</u>	49 4F 55 <u>39</u>
00.9	30 30 2E 39	00. <u>1</u>	30 30 2E <u>31</u>
9 B O B	39 42 D2 42	9 B O B	39 42 D2 42
	B2 C1 D2 AC —	different messages	B2 C1 D2 AC
		but identical checksums!	

- · It is easy to find another message with same checksum value
- checksum is designed to detect accidental errors not attacks!

### CRC

#### Better than Checksum

- Yet poor
- Output is biased to the input
  - Minor changes in input produce minor changes in output

- E.g.
  - "Steven has fifteen white tables." and "Maria has nine red beds."
    - Both have CRC32 checksum = 248210933
  - "Joe has fourteen magenta things." and "Lars has thirteen black balls."
    - Both have CRC32 checksum = 93832682

### Cryptographic Hash Function

#### Hash function:

- If a function H(.) that takes an input m and produces fixed-size msg digest (fingerprint)
  - many-to-1



#### Cryptographic Hash function:

- Is a hash function such that it is computationally infeasible to find any two different messages x and y such that H(x) = H(y)
- Informally, this property means that it is computationally infeasible for an intruder to substitute one message for another message

## Cryptographic Hash Function

- MD5 hash function widely used (RFC 1321)
  - computes 128-bit message digest.
- SHA-1 is also used
  - US standard [NIST]
  - 160-bit message digest
- Both SHA-1 and MD5 are cryptographically broken
  - NIST formally deprecated use of SHA-1 in 2011
  - Replaced by SHA-2, SHA-3

### Hash function, e.g., md5sum

- Generate short, fixed-length outputs (or digests); 128 bits
  - especially useful for longer inputs; "fingerprint"

```
jithin@jithin-d5060: ~/Desktop/demo
                                                           X
(base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$ ls -lh
total 1.1G
rwxrwxrwx 1 jithin jithin 0 Oct 18 15:41 empty
rwxrwxrwx 1 jithin jithin 1.1G Oct 3 21:05 large.mp4
-rwxrwxrwx 1 jithin jithin 60M Jul 26 2021 small.zip
-rwxrwxrwx 1 jithin jithin 581K Dec 20 2019 tiny.pdf
(base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$ md5sum
d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e empty
9c2baf4ad9658da3d37f4cb191cde902 large.mp4
090f09aff66ad1c5041223a5448cc49e small.zip
820556736ebbd7ea8ede2fb9582aeec9 tiny.pdf
(base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$ _
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### Hash function, e.g., md5sum

 A small change in the input should result in a large change in the hash output

```
jithin@jithin-d5060: ~/Desktop/demo
                                                        X
(base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$ cat F1
I love the awesome introduction to computer networks.
 base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$
base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$ cat F2
 love the awesome introduction to computer networks.
base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$
base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$ md5sum F*
6c34ce49a1e6928bb554c2841110c702 F1
d2eef264ca1ce0734862d81eef12d2f8
(base) jithin@jithin-d5060:~/Desktop/demo$
```

# Message Integrity

- To ensure Message integrity:
  - $\bullet$  Send (m, H(m))
- Does this work?
  - **❖** No!!!
- **Recall:** Message integrity:
  - sender, receiver want to ensure message not altered (in transit, or afterwards) without detection
- \*What happens if the attacker replaces (m, H(m)) with (m', H(m'))?
  - \*Receiver has no way of detecting it

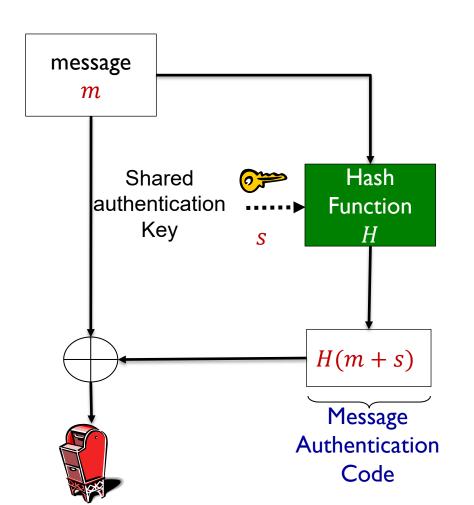
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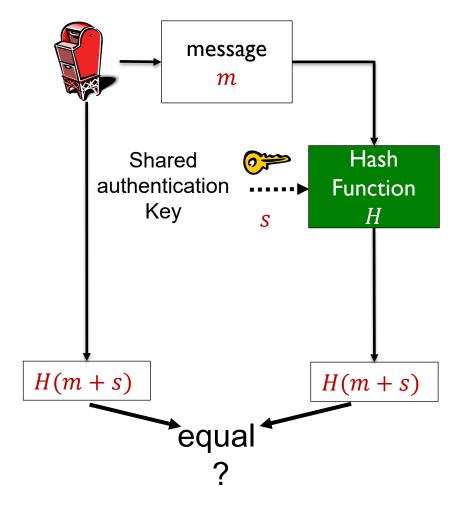
- \*The sender and receiver share a "Authentication key" s
- To ensure Message integrity:
  - ❖ Send (m, H(m + s))Message Authentication Code
- Does This work?
  - Yes!!!
  - s is a secret key known to the receiver and no one else
  - ightharpoonup Receiver can generate the authentication code directly from m and compare with the received code

### Message Authentication Code

Bob sends message:

Alice verifies the message:





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## Digital signatures

- Cryptographic technique analogous to handwritten signatures
- Sender (Bob) digitally signs document, establishing he is document owner/creator.

### Signature must be

- Verifiable:
  - Recipient (Alice) can check if the signature and the message was generated by Bob.
- Unforgeable:
  - No one, other than Bob should be able to generate the signature and the message.

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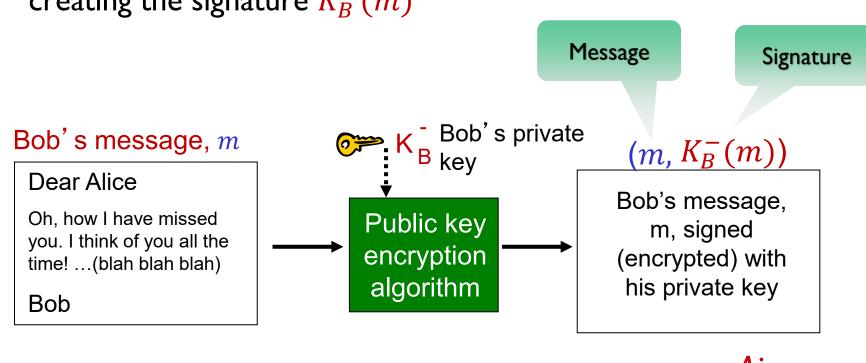
use public key first, use private key first, followed by public key

result is the same!

# Digital signatures

### simple digital signature for message m:

• Bob signs m by encrypting with his private key  $K_B^-$  creating the signature  $K_B^-(m)$ 



#### Aim:

- Verifiable
- Unforgeable

## Digital signatures

- Suppose Alice receives msg m, with signature:  $m, K_B^-(m)$ .
- Alice verifies m signed by Bob by applying Bob's public key  $K_B^+$  to  $K_B^-(m)$  then checks  $K_B^+(K_B^-(m)) = m$ .
- If  $K_B^+(K_B^-(m)) = m$ , whoever signed m must have used Bob's private key.

#### Alice thus verifies that:

- Bob signed m
- no one else signed m
- Bob signed m and not m'

#### non-repudiation:

✓ Alice can take m, and signature  $K_B^-(m)$  to court and prove that Bob signed m Aim:

- Verifiable
- Unforgeable

# Digital signatures: Optimization

computationally expensive to public-key-encrypt long messages

goal: fixed-length, easy- to-compute digital "fingerprint"

• Apply hash function H to m, get fixed size message digest, H(m).

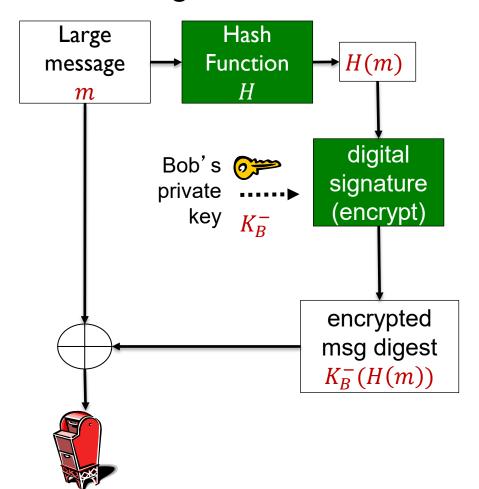


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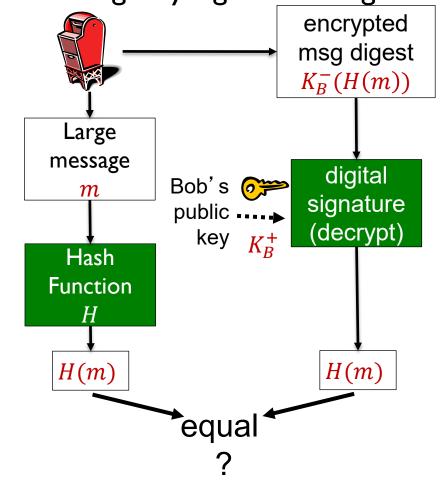
- produces fixed-size msg digest (fingerprint)
- given message digest x, computationally infeasible to find m such that x = H(m)

### Digital signature = signed message digest

Bob sends digitally signed message:



Alice verifies signature, integrity of digitally signed message:



**Failure** 

### Public-key certification

- Trudy plays pizza prank on Bob

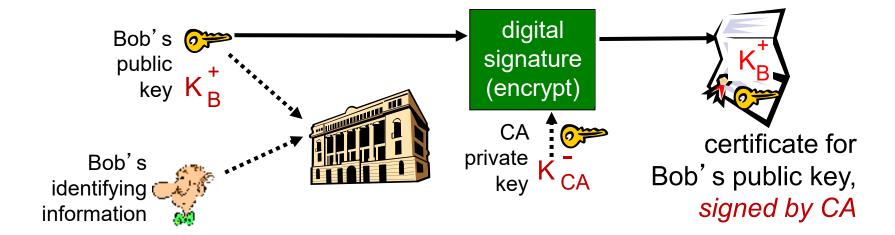
  - Trudy signs order with her private key
  - Trudy sends order to Pizza Store
  - Trudy sends to Pizza Store her public key, but says it's Bob's public key
  - Pizza Store verifies signature; then delivers four pepperoni pizzas to Bob
  - Bob doesn't even like pepperoni
- Why did the prank succeed?

### Certification authorities

- **Problem:** The reason we failed was, we did not know Bob's public key
- Solution:
  - We create a Certification authority(CA) who maintain a public database of everyone's public key
  - Anyone who receives a message from "Bob" will access this database for  $K_B^+$
- Problem: What if Trudy intercepts the communication with the CA and alters it?
- Solution:
  - CA signs it's messages.
- Problem: We do not know CA's public key
- Solution:
  - Let us make this a universal knowledge!!!!!
  - We maintain a list of CAs trusted a priori.
  - Operating system has a list of "Trusted Root Certification Authorities"

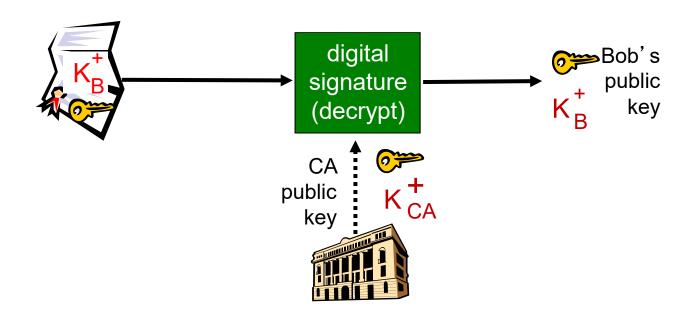
### Certification authorities

- certification authority (CA): binds public key to particular entity, E.
- *E* (person, router) registers its public key with CA.
  - E provides "proof of identity" to CA.
  - CA creates certificate binding *E* to its public key.
  - certificate containing E's public key digitally signed by CA
    - CA says "this is E's public key"



### Certification authorities

- when Alice wants Bob's public key:
  - gets Bob's certificate (Bob or elsewhere).
  - apply CA's public key to Bob's certificate, get Bob's public key



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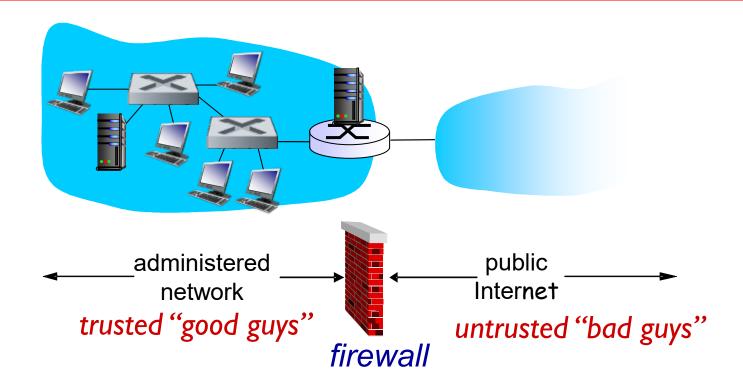
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### **Firewalls**

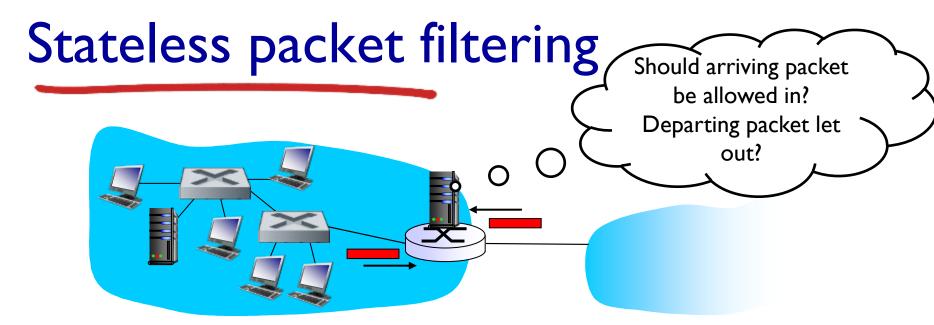
### -firewall

isolates organization's internal net from larger Internet, allowing some packets to pass, blocking others



## Firewalls: why

- Prevent denial of service (DoS) attacks:
  - SYN flooding: attacker establishes many bogus TCP connections, no resources left for "real" connections
- Prevent illegal modification/access of internal data
  - e.g., attacker replaces CIA's homepage with something else
- Allow only authorized access to inside network
  - set of authenticated users/hosts
- Three types of firewalls:
  - stateless packet filters
  - stateful packet filters
  - application gateways



- internal network connected to Internet via router firewall
- router filters packet-by-packet, decision to forward/drop packet based on:
  - source IP address, destination IP address
  - TCP/UDP source and destination port numbers
  - ICMP message type
  - TCP SYN and ACK bits

## Stateless packet filtering: example

- example 1: block incoming and outgoing datagrams with IP protocol field = 17
  - result: all incoming, outgoing UDP flows are blocked

- example 2: block inbound TCP segments with ACK=0.
  - result: prevents external clients from making TCP connections with internal clients, but allows internal clients to connect to outside.

### Stateless packet filtering: more examples

Policy	Firewall Setting		
No outside Web access.	Drop all outgoing packets to any IP address, port 80		
No incoming TCP connections, except those for institution's public Web server only.	Drop all incoming TCP SYN packets to any IP except 130.207.244.203, port 80		
Prevent Web-radios from eating up the available bandwidth.	Drop all incoming UDP packets - except DNS and router broadcasts.		
Prevent your network from being used for a smurf DoS attack.	Drop all ICMP packets going to a "broadcast" address (e.g. 130.207.255.255).		
Prevent your network from being tracerouted	Drop all outgoing ICMP TTL expired traffic		

### **Access Control Lists**

ACL: table of rules, applied top to bottom to incoming packets: (action, condition) pairs

action	source address	dest address	protocol	source port	dest port	flag bit
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	TCP	> 1023	80	any
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	TCP	80	> 1023	ACK
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	UDP	> 1023	53	
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	UDP	53	> 1023	
deny	all	all	all	all	all	all

### Limitations of firewalls

- IP spoofing: router can't know if data "really" comes from claimed source
- Can become a bottleneck
- tradeoff: degree of communication with outside world, level of security
- Many highly protected sites still suffer from attacks

## Summary

- **Confidentiality:** 
  - Substitution Cipher
  - Symmetric Key
  - ❖ Public Key
- **Authentication:** 
  - Signature
- Message integrity:
  - Cryptographic Hash
- **Access and availability:** 
  - Firewall