

Asymmetric ciphers

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Introduction

So far: how two users can protect data using a shared secret key

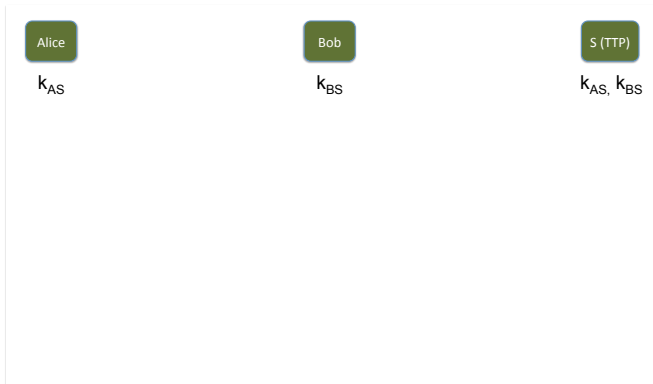
- ▶ One shared secret key per pair of users that want to communicate

Our goal now: how to establish a shared secret key to begin with?

- ▶ Trusted Third Party (TTP)
- ▶ Diffie-Hellman (DH) protocol
- ▶ *RSA*
- ▶ ElGamal (EG)

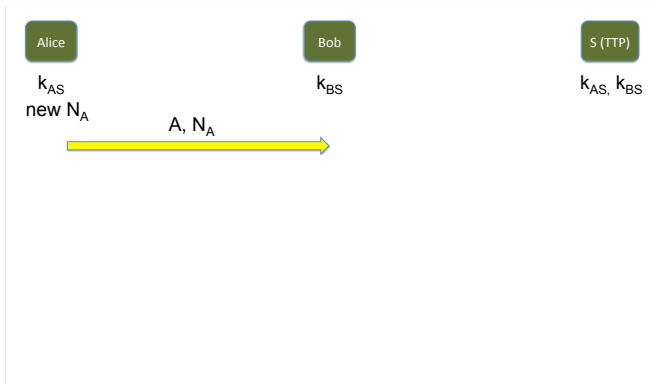
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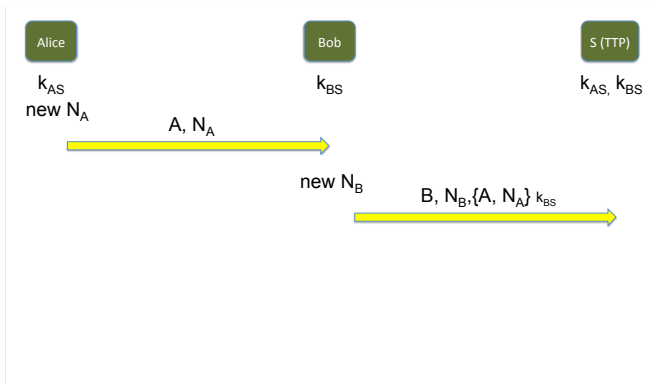
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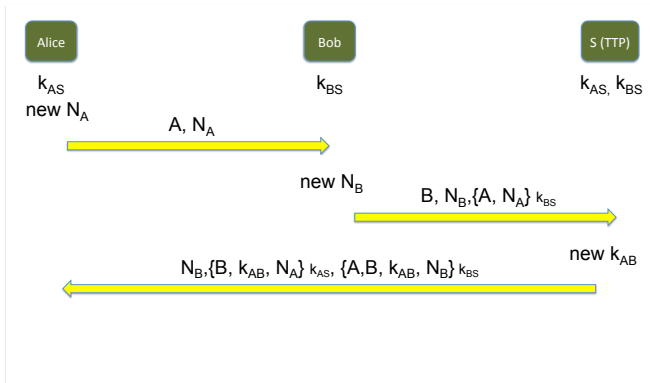
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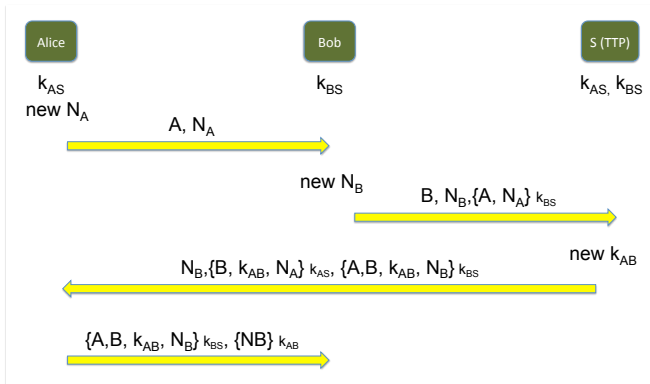
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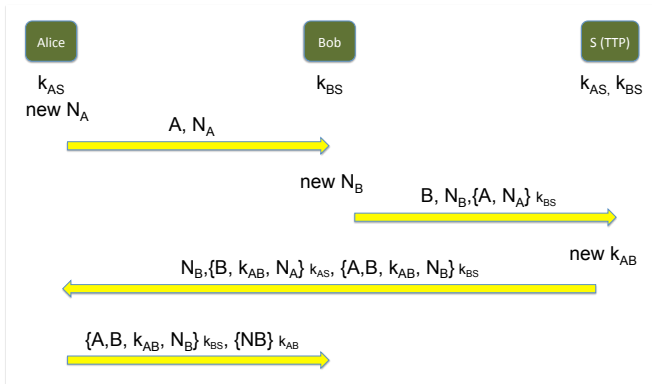
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Question: can we establish a shared secret key without a TTP?

Answer: Yes!

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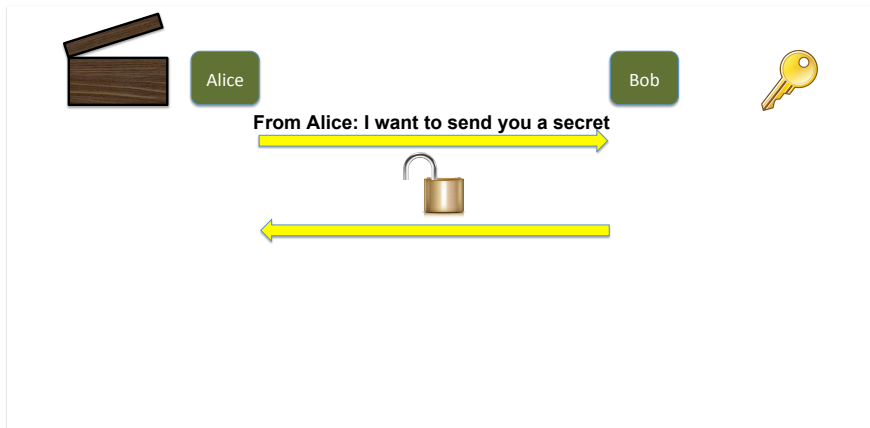
From Alice: I want to send you a secret



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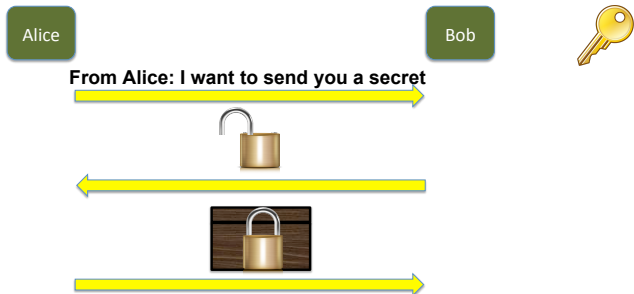
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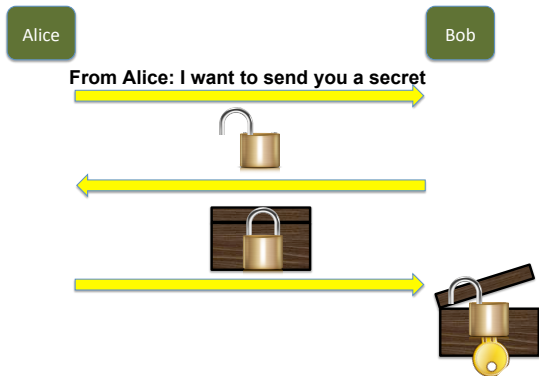
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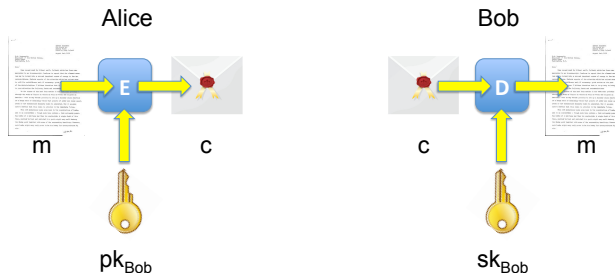


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- ▶ key generation algorithm: $G : \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}$
encryption algorithm $E : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$
decryption algorithm $D : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$
st. $\forall (sk, pk) \in G$, and $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}$, $D(sk, E(pk, m)) = m$



- ▶ the decryption key sk_{Bob} is secret (only known to Bob). The encryption key pk_{Bob} is known to everyone. And $sk_{Bob} \neq pk_{Bob}$

We need a bit of number theory now

Primes

Definition

$p \in \mathbb{N}$ is a **prime** if its only divisors are 1 and p

Ex: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29

Theorem

Every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ has a **unique factorization** as a product of prime numbers (which are called its factors)

Ex: $23244 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 13 \times 149$

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We can now go back and see how to establish a key without a TTP

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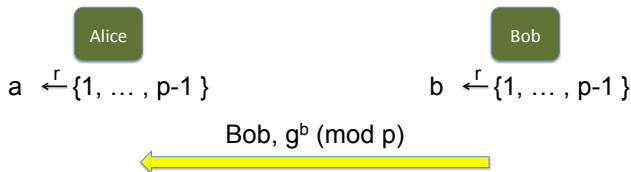
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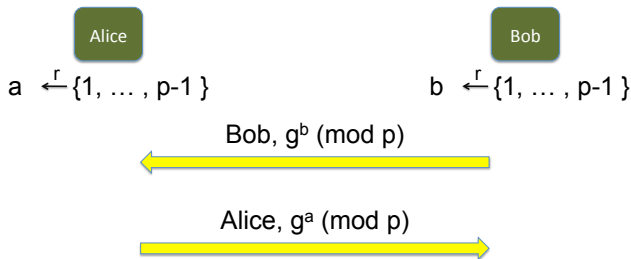
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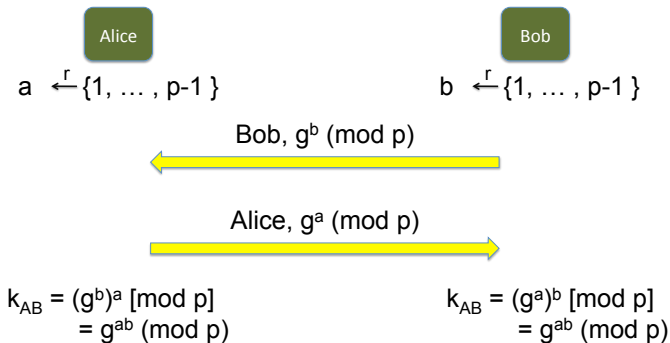
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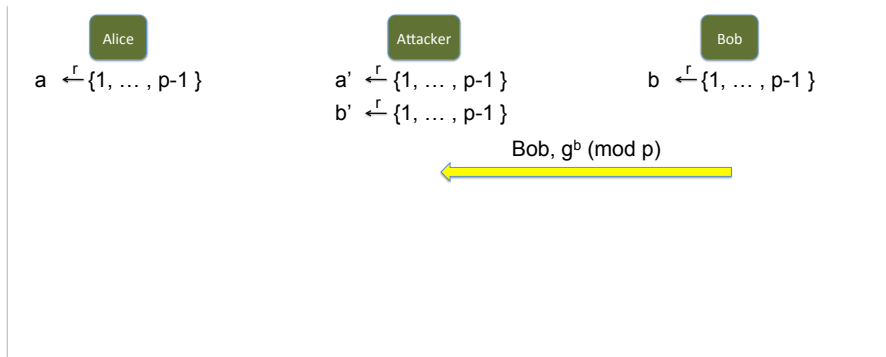
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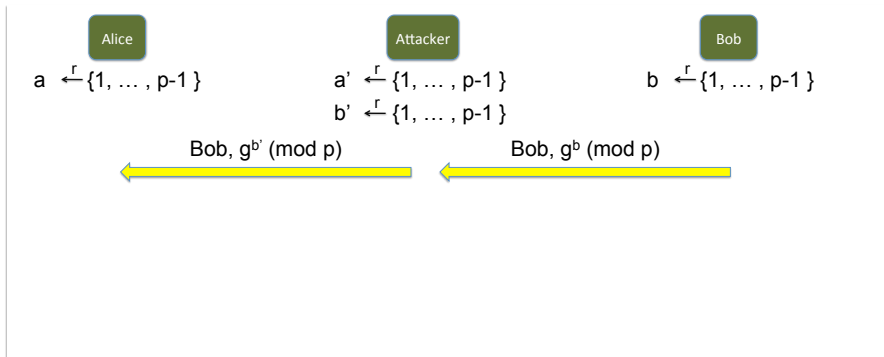
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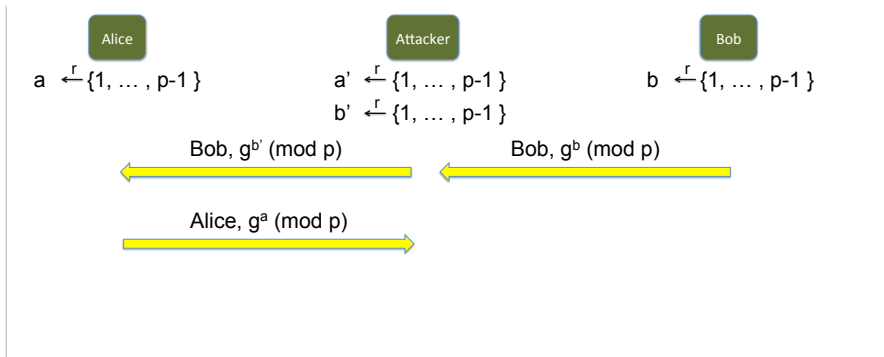
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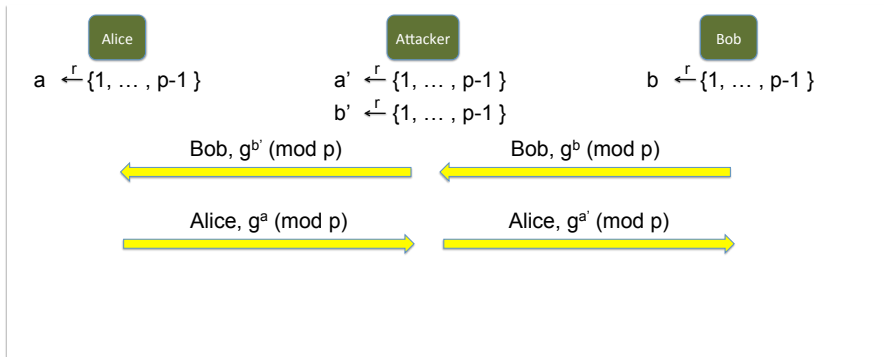
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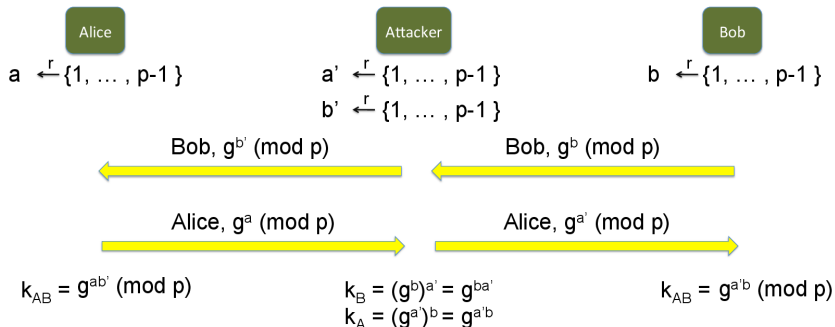
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How **NOT** to use *RSA*

(G_{RSA}, RSA, RSA^{-1}) is called raw *RSA*. Do not use raw *RSA* directly as an asymmetric cipher!

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(Details on the board)

ISO standard

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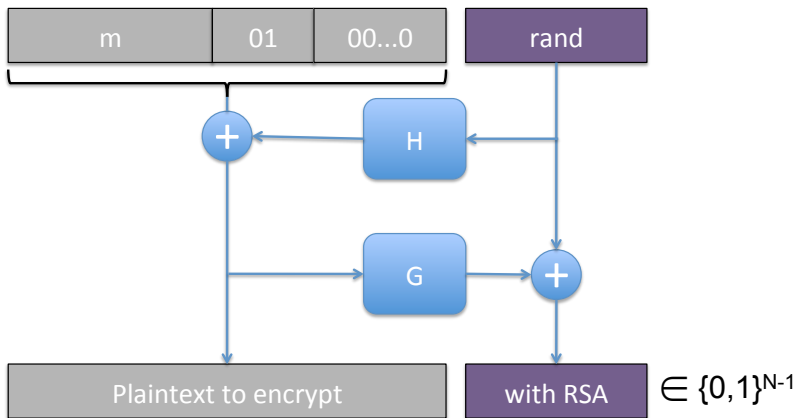
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