Digital Signatures and Confidentiality

Ksa Alice's Secret Key



Kpa, Kpb public keys



- 1. Alice generates an asymmetric session key k
- 2. Use both symmetric and asymmetric cryptography to encrypt, sign and verify the message and the key

 $E_{Kpb}(k) \parallel E_k(m \parallel E_{Ksa}(H(m)))$

This how GPG works



As of versions 2.0.26 and 1.4.18, GnuPG supports the following algorithms:

- Pubkey: RSA, ElGamal, DSA
- Cipher: IDEA (since versions 1.4.13 and 2.0.20), 3DES, CAST5, Blowfish, AES-128, AES-192, AES-256,
 Twofish, Camellia-128, -192 and -256 (since versions 1.4.10 and 2.0.12)
- Hash: MD5, SHA-1, RIPEMD-160, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512, SHA-224
- Compression: Uncompressed, ZIP, ZLIB, BZIP2

More recent releases of GnuPG 2.x ("stable" and "modern" series) expose most cryptographic functions and algorithms Libgcrypt (its cryptographic library) provides, including support for elliptic curve cryptography (ECDSA, ECDH and EdDSA)^[10] in the "modern" series (i.e. since GnuPG 2.1).