# Information Security

Ch10: Key management & Other Public Key Cryptosystems

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# Agenda

- Key Management
- Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

## Key Management

- Public-key encryption helps address key distribution problems
  - Here, there are two aspects to use the PKC in this regard:
    - The distribution of public keys
    - The use of public-key encryption to distribute secret keys



### Distribution of Public Keys

- can be considered as using one of:
  - public announcement
  - publicly available directory
  - public-key authority
  - public-key certificates



### **Public Announcement**

- users distribute public keys to recipients or broadcast to community at large
  - eg. append PGP keys to email messages or post to news groups, email list
- major weakness is forgery
  - Anyone can forge such a public announcement
  - That is, some user could pretend to be user A and send a public key to another participant or broadcast such a public key
  - Until such time as user A discovers the forgery and alerts other participants, the forger is able to read all encrypted messages intended for A and can use the forged keys for authentication



### **Public Announcement**

Uncontrolled key distribution:





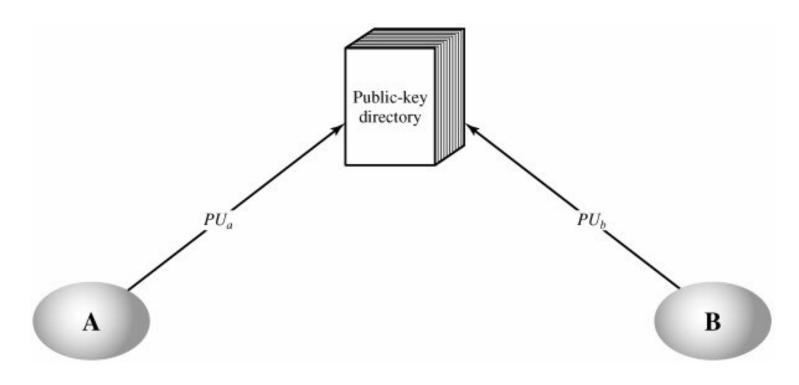
### **Publicly Available Directory**

- We can obtain greater security by registering public keys with a public directory
- directory must be trusted with properties:
  - contains {name,public-key} entries
  - participants register securely with directory
  - participants can replace key at any time
  - directory is periodically published
  - directory can be accessed electronically
- still vulnerable to tampering or forgery



# **Publicly Available Directory**

### Public key publication



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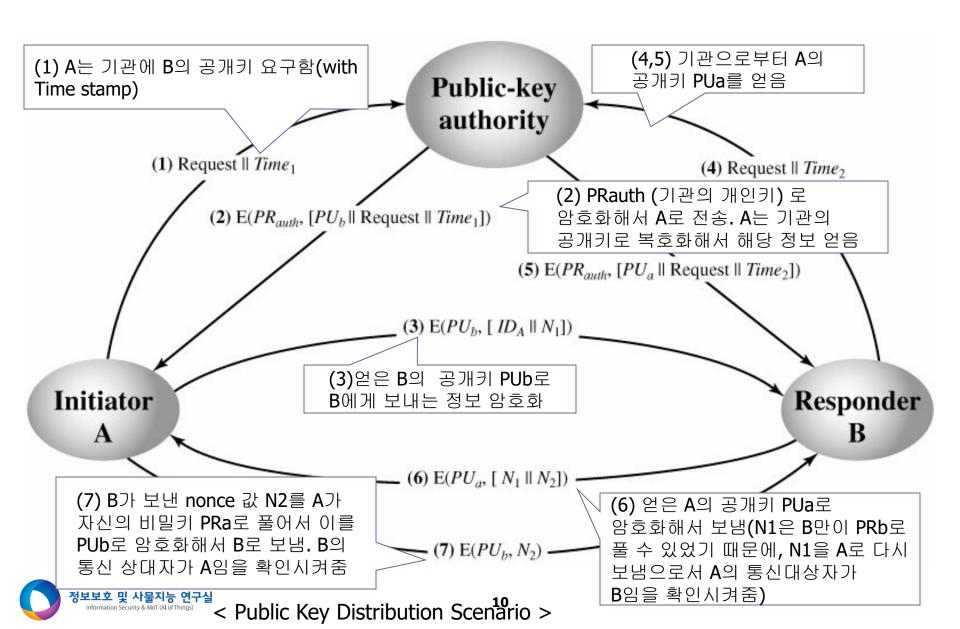


### **Public-Key Authority**

- It improves security by tightening control over distribution of keys from directory
- It assumes that a central authority maintains a dynamic directory of public keys of all participants
  - In addition, each participant reliably knows the public key of the authority and only the authority knows the corresponding private key.
- Users interact with directory to obtain any desired public key securely
  - does require real-time access to directory when keys are needed



# **Public-Key Authority**



### **Public-Key Certificates**

- Weakness of the public key authority:
  - Public key authority can be a bottleneck in the system
  - Also, the directory of names and public keys maintained by the authority is vulnerable to tampering.

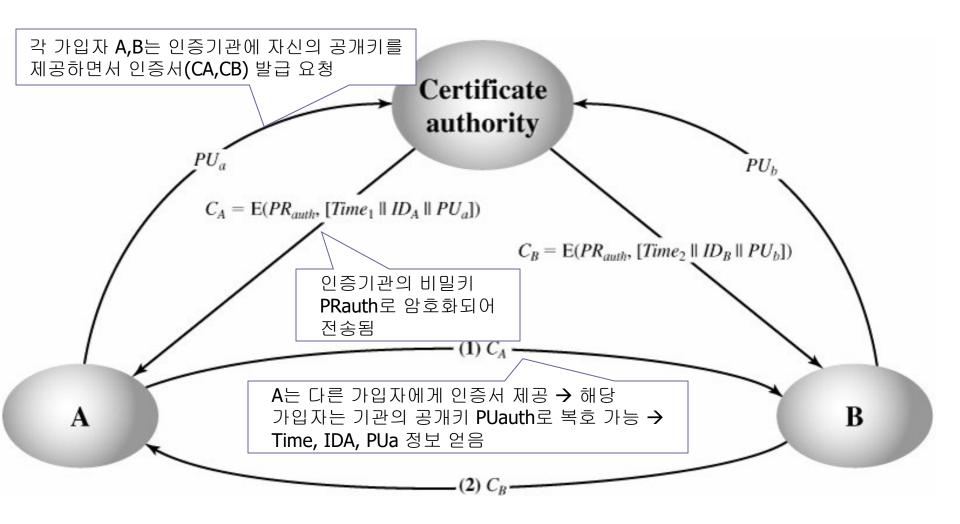


### **Public-Key Certificates**

- Certificates allow key exchange without real-time access to public-key authority
- A certificate binds identity to public key
  - usually with other information such as period of validity, rights of use etc
- with all contents **signed** by a trusted Public-Key or Certificate Authority (CA)
- can be verified by anyone who knows the public-key authoritie's public-key



## Public-Key Certificates



< Exchange of Public Key Certificates >



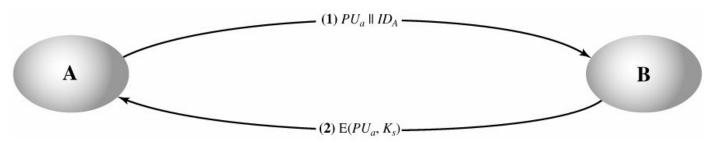
## Distribution of Secret Keys Using PKC

- For channel encryption, few people use the PKC for their secure communications
  - Because public-key algorithms are slow
  - so usually want to use private-key encryption to protect message contents
- So public-key encryption provides for the distribution of secret keys to be used for conventional encryption



## Simple Secret Key Distribution

- proposed by Merkle in 1979
  - A generates a new temporary public key pair {PUa, PRa}
  - A sends B the public key and their identity
  - B generates a session key Ks sends it to A encrypted using the supplied public key
  - A decrypts the session key and both (A,B) can use this key
- This protocol is insecure against an adversary who can intercept messages and then either relay the intercepted message or substitute another message (man-in-the-middle attack)

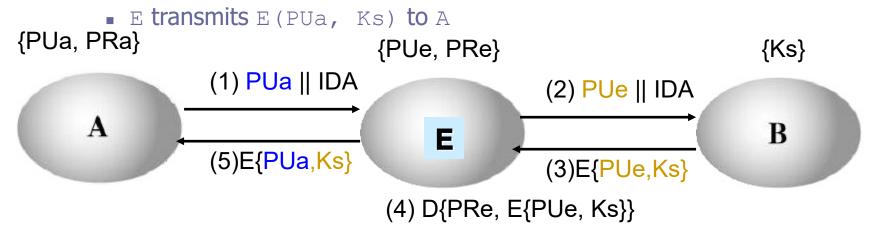


< Simple use public-key encryption to establish a session key >



### Man-in-the-middle Attack

- A generates a public/private key pair {PUa, PRa} and transmits a message intended for B consisting of PUa and an identifier of A, ID<sub>A</sub>.
- E intercepts the message, creates its own public/private key pair {PUe, PRe} and transmits PUe | | ID, to B.
- B generates a secret key, Ks, and transmits E (PUe, Ks).
- E intercepts the message, and learns Ks by computing D (PRe, E (PUe, Ks)).



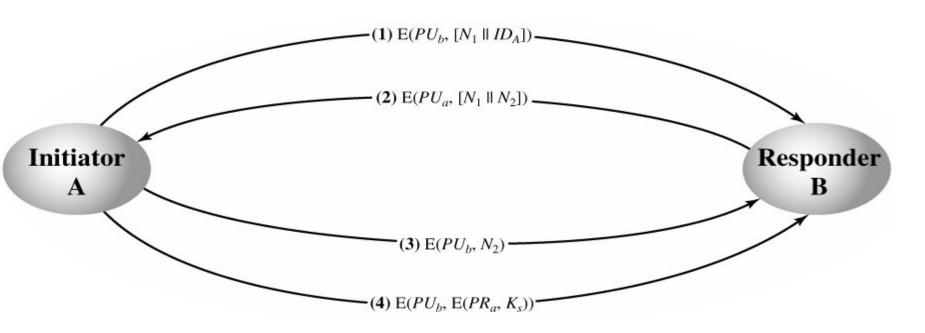
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\* A & B know the Ks and are unaware that Ks has also revealed to E



#### Secret Key Distribution with Confidentiality and Authentication

- (1) A uses B's public key to encrypt a message to B containing an identifier of A ( ${\rm ID_A}$ ) and a nonce (N1), which is used to identify this transaction uniquely.
- (2) B sends a message to A encrypted with PUa and containing A's nonce (N1) & a new nonce generated by B (N2) because only B could have decrypted message(1). The presence of N1 in message (2) assures A that the correspondent is B.

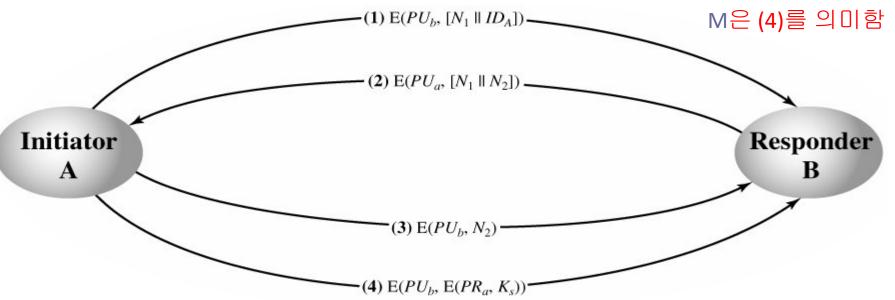




#### Secret Key Distribution with Confidentiality and Authentication

- (3) A returns N2 encrypted using B's public key, to assure B that its correspondent is A
- (4) A selects a secret key Ks and sends M = E(PUb, E(PRa, Ks)) to B. Encryption of this message with B's public key ensures that only B can read it; encryption with A's private key ensures that only A could have sent it.

\* B computes D(PUa, D(PRb, M)) to recover the secret key.





### **Hybrid Key Distribution**

- Another way to use public-key encryption to distribute secret keys is a hybrid approach: The use of KDC(Key Distribution Center) (used on IBM mainframe computer)
- It shares secret master key with each user
  - public-key used to distribute master keys
  - especially useful with widely distributed users
- distributes session key using master key
- Feature of this scheme
  - Performance: The session key exchange by public-key encryption could degrade overall system. With this scheme, the public-key encryption is used only to update the master key b/w a user and the KDC
  - Backward compatibility: this hybrid scheme is easily overlaid on existing KDC scheme.



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### Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- first public-key type scheme proposed
- by Diffie & Hellman in 1976 along with the exposition of public key concepts
  - note: now know that Williamson (UK) secretly proposed the concept in 1970
- is a practical method for public exchange of a secret key
- used in a number of commercial products



## Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- a public-key distribution scheme
  - cannot be used to exchange an arbitrary message
  - rather it can establish a common key
  - known only to the two participants
- value of key depends on the participants (and their private and public key information)
- based on exponentiation in a finite field (modulo a prime or a polynomial) - easy
- security relies on the difficulty of computing discrete logarithms (similar to factoring) – hard



### Discrete Logarithm

- We can define the discrete logarithm in the following way
- □ First, we define a primitive root of a prime number p as one whose powers modulo p generate all the integers from 1 to p-1
  - That is, if a is a primitive root of the prime number p, then the numbers a mod p, a² mod p,..., ap-1 mod p are distinct and consist of the integers from 1 through p-1 in some permutation.
- □ For any integer b and a primitive root a of prime number p, we can find a unique exponent i such that b = a i (mod p) where 0 <= i<= (p-1)
- The exponent i is referred to as the discrete logarithm of b for the base a, mod p
- $\Box$  dlog<sub>a,p</sub> (b)



## Diffie-Hellman Setup

- all users agree on global parameters:
  - large prime integer or polynomial q
  - a being a primitive root mod q
- each user (eg. A) generates their key
  - chooses a secret key (number): x<sub>A</sub> < q</p>
  - compute their public key: y<sub>A</sub> = a<sup>x<sub>A</sub></sup> mod q
- each user makes his key (e.g. y<sub>A</sub>) in public



## Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

□ shared session key for users A & B is K<sub>AB</sub>:

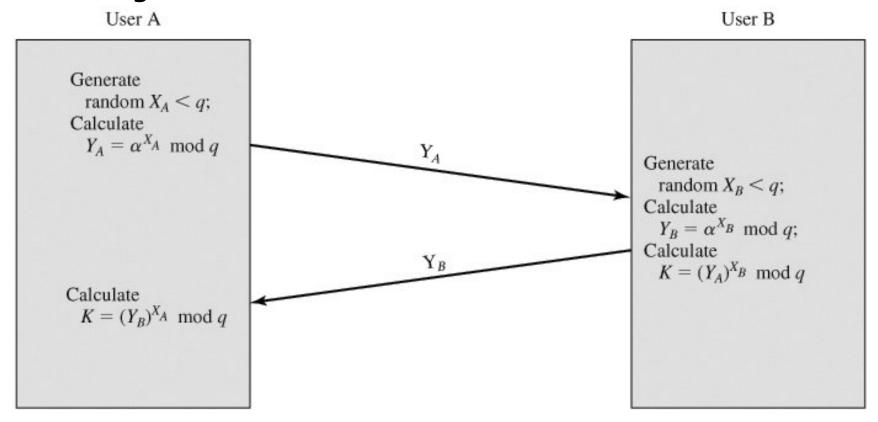
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K_{AB} = a^{x_A.x_B} \mod q
= y_A^{x_B} \mod q (which B can compute)
= y_B^{x_A} \mod q (which A can compute)
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- K<sub>AB</sub> is used as session key in private-key encryption scheme between Alice and Bob
- if Alice and Bob subsequently communicate, they will have the **same** key as before, unless they choose new public-keys
- attacker needs an x, must solve discrete log



## Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

 Suppose that user A wishes to set up a connection with user B and use a secret key to encrypt messages on that connection



## Diffie-Hellman Example

- users Alice & Bob who wish to exchange keys:
- $\blacksquare$  agree on prime q=353 and a=3
- select random secret keys:
  - A chooses  $x_A = 97$ , B chooses  $x_B = 233$
- compute respective public keys:
  - $y_A = 3^{97} \mod 353 = 40$  (Alice) •  $y_B = 3^{233} \mod 353 = 248$  (Bob)
- compute shared session key as:
  - $K_{AB} = y_B^{x_A} \mod 353 = 248^{97} = 160$  (Alice) •  $K_{AB} = y_A^{x_B} \mod 353 = 40^{233} = 160$  (Bob)



### DH Key Exchange Protocols

- users could create random private/public DH keys each time they communicate
- users could create a known private/public DH key and publish in a directory, then consulted and used to securely communicate with them
- both of these are vulnerable to a meet-in-the-Middle Attack
- authentication of the keys is needed

### Man-in-the-Middle Attack

- 1. Darth prepares by creating two private / public keys
- 2. Alice transmits her public key to Bob
- 3. Darth intercepts this and transmits his first public key to Bob. Darth also calculates a shared key with Alice
- 4. Bob receives the public key and calculates the shared key (with Darth instead of Alice)
- 5. Bob transmits his public key to Alice
- 6. Darth intercepts this and transmits his second public key to Alice. Darth calculates a shared key with Bob
- 7. Alice receives the key and calculates the shared key (with Darth instead of Bob)
- Darth can then intercept, decrypt, re-encrypt, forward all messages between Alice & Bob

### **ElGamal Cryptography**

- public-key cryptosystem related to DH
- so uses exponentiation in a finite (Galois)
- with security based difficulty of computing discrete logarithms, as in DH
- each user (eg. A) generates their key
  - chooses a secret key (number):  $1 < x_A < q-1$
  - compute their public key:  $y_A = a^{x_A} \mod q$

### ElGamal Message Exchange

- Bob encrypt a message to send to A computing
  - represent message M in range  $0 <= \mathbf{M} <= q-1$ 
    - longer messages must be sent as blocks
  - choose random integer k with  $1 \le k \le q-1$
  - compute one-time key  $K = y_A^k \mod q = a^{xA^k} \mod q$
  - encrypt **M** as a pair of integers  $(C_1, C_2)$  where
    - $C_1 = \mathbf{a}^k \mod q$ ;  $C_2 = \mathbf{KM} \mod q$
- A then recovers message M by

recovering key K as K = C<sub>1</sub> xA modq ak\*xA modq

 $yA = a^{xA} \mod q$ 

- computing  $\mathbf{M}$  as  $\mathbf{M} = C_2 \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mod q$
- a unique k must be used each time
  - otherwise result is insecure

### ElGamal Example

- use field GF(19) q=19 and a=10
- Alice computes her key:
  - A chooses  $x_A=5$  & computes  $y_A=10^5 \mod 19 = 3$
- Bob send message m=17 as (11, 5) by
  - chosing random k=6
  - computing  $K = y_A^k \mod q = 3^6 \mod 19 = 7$
  - computing  $C_1 = a^k \mod q = 10^6 \mod 19 = 11$ ;  $C_2 = KM \mod q = 7.17 \mod 19 = 5$
- Alice recovers original message by computing:
  - recover  $K = C_1^{xA} \mod q = 11^5 \mod 19 = 7$
  - compute inverse  $K^{-1} = 7^{-1} = 11$
  - recover  $M = C_2 K^{-1} \mod q = 5.11 \mod 19 = 17$

### Next...

■ We will study on Elliptic Curve Cryptography...



