





#### • Key Takeaways

- \*Steganography hides data **within normal-looking content**.
- \*Provides **confidentiality through concealment** (not encryption).
- \***Balance** among invisibility, capacity, and robustness is essential.
- \***LSB** is the most common and simplest method.
- \*Increasingly combined with **encryption** for stronger security.

#### Key Establishment & Distribution

##### Key Freshness:

- \*Each session/key should be unique to prevent replay attacks.
- \*Often ensured using **nonces** or **timestamps**.

##### Man-in-the-Middle Attack (MitM)

- \*Occurs when attacker intercepts key exchange.

\*Example: intercepts Diffie-Hellman exchange → establishes separate keys with both parties.

Countermeasures: Use digital certificates. Authenticate public keys via **PKI**.

##### Certificates & Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

\***Certificate**: Digital document binding public key → entity identity, signed by CA.

\***CA (Certificate Authority)**: Trusted entity that signs certificates.

\***PKI**: Framework to manage keys, certificates, trust hierarchy.

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