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# CHAPTER 4

## PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO

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# Diffie-Hellman Key exchange

# DIFFIE-HELLMAN



- Invented by Williamson (GCHQ) and, independently, by D and H (Stanford)
- A “key exchange” algorithm
  - Used to establish a shared symmetric key
- **Not for encrypting or signing**

- Security rests on difficulty of **discrete log problem**: (Not known: NP-complete)  
given  $g$ ,  $p$ , and  $g^k \bmod p \rightarrow$  find  $k$

# DIFFIE-HELLMAN



- Let  $p$  be prime, let  $g$  be a generator ( $p, g$  are public)
  - For any  $x \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  there is  $n$  s.t.  $x = g^n \bmod p$
- Alice selects secret value  $a$
- Bob selects secret value  $b$
- Alice sends  $g^a \bmod p$  to Bob
- Bob sends  $g^b \bmod p$  to Alice
- Both compute shared secret  $g^{ab} \bmod p$ 
  - $(g^b)^a = g^{ba} = g^{ab} \bmod p$
- Shared secret can be used as symmetric key

# DIFFIE-HELLMAN



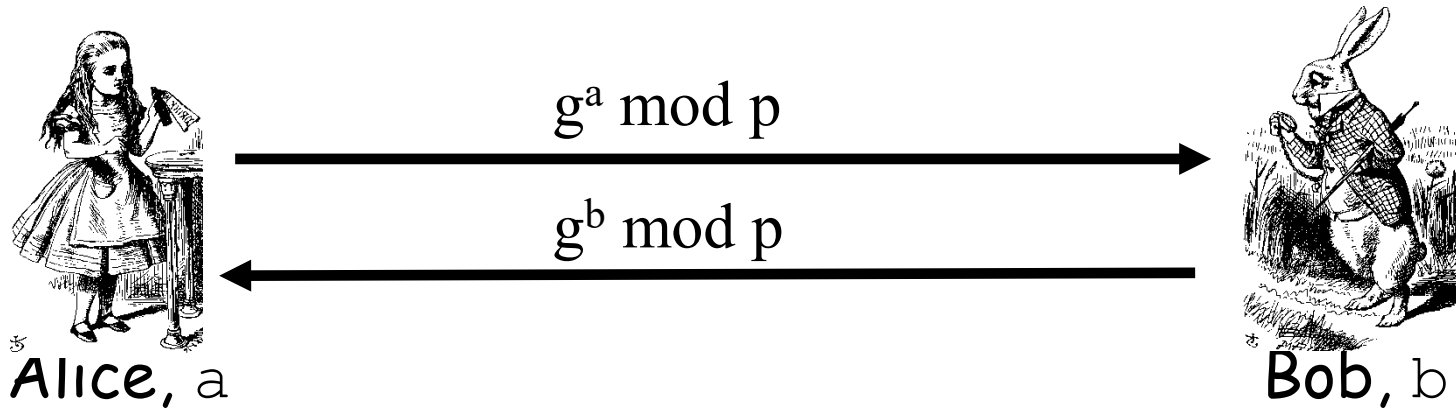
- Suppose that Bob and Alice use  $g^{ab} \bmod p$  as a symmetric key
- Trudy can see  $g^a \bmod p$  and  $g^b \bmod p$
- Note  $g^a g^b \bmod p = g^{a+b} \bmod p \neq g^{ab} \bmod p$
- If Trudy can find  $a$  or  $b$ , system is broken
- If Trudy can solve **discrete log** problem, then she can find  $a$  or  $b$

# DIFFIE-HELLMAN



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- **Public:**  $g$  and  $p$
- **Secret:** Alice's exponent  $a$ , Bob's exponent  $b$



- Alice computes  $(g^b)^a = g^{ba} = g^{ab} \bmod p$
- Bob computes  $(g^a)^b = g^{ab} \bmod p$
- Could use  $K = g^{ab} \bmod p$  as symmetric key

# DIFFIE-HELLMAN KEY EXCHANGE: EXAMPLE

Domain parameters  $p=29, g=2$

Alice

Choose random private key  
 $a = 5$

Compute corresponding public key  
 $A = g^a = 2^5 = 3 \text{ mod } 29$

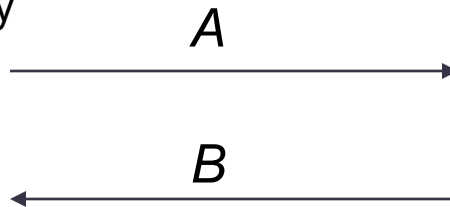
Compute common secret  
 $k_{AB} = B^a = g^{ba} = 7^5 = 16 \text{ mod } 29$

Bob

Choose random private key  
 $b = 12$

Compute corresponding public key  
 $B = g^b = 2^{12} = 7 \text{ mod } 29$

Compute common secret  
 $k_{AB} = A^b = g^{ab} = 3^{12} = 16 \text{ mod } 29$



**Proof of correctness:**

Alice computes:  $B^a = (g^b)^a \text{ mod } p$

Bob computes:  $A^b = (g^a)^b \text{ mod } p$

i.e., Alice and Bob compute the **same key**  $k_{AB}$ !



Alice

Choose random private key  
 $a \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$

Compute corresponding public key  
 $A = \alpha^a \bmod p$

$A$

$B$

Compute common secret  
 $k_{AB} = B^a = (g^a)^b \bmod p$

Bob

Choose random private key  
 $b \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$

Compute corresponding public key  
 $B = \alpha^b \bmod p$

Compute common secret  
 $k_{AB} = A^b = (g^b)^a \bmod p$

We can now use the joint key  $k_{AB}$   
for encryption, e.g., with AES

$$y = AES_{k_{AB}}(x)$$

$y$

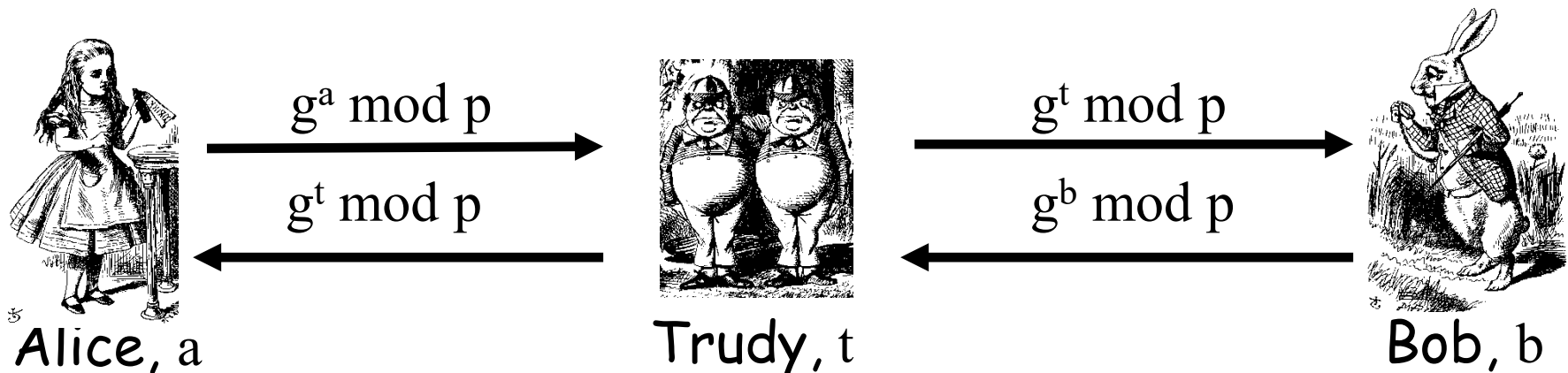
$$x = AES^{-1}_{k_{AB}}(y)$$

# DIFFIE-HELLMAN



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- Subject to **man-in-the-middle (MiM)** attack



- Trudy shares secret  $g^{at} \bmod p$  with Alice
- Trudy shares secret  $g^{bt} \bmod p$  with Bob
- Alice and Bob don't know Trudy exists!

# DIFFIE-HELLMAN



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- How to prevent MiM attack?
- Solutions
  1. Encrypt DH exchange with symmetric key
  2. Encrypt DH exchange with public key
  3. Sign DH values with private key
  4. Other?
- You **MUST** be aware of MiM attack on Diffie-Hellman



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# ECC: ELLIPTIC CURVE CRYPTOGRAPHY

# ELLIPTIC CURVE CRYPTO (ECC)



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- “Elliptic curve” is **not** a cryptosystem
  - Elliptic curves are a different way to do the math in public key system
- Elliptic curve versions of DH, RSA, etc.
- Elliptic curves may be more efficient
  - Fewer bits needed for same security
  - But the operations are more complex

# WHAT IS AN ELLIPTIC CURVE?



- An elliptic curve  $E$  is the graph of an equation of the form

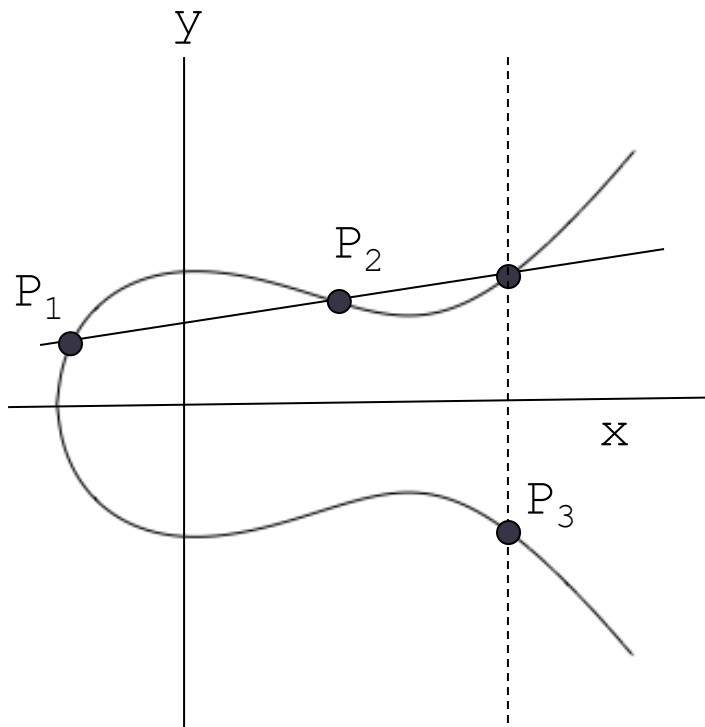
$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

- Also includes a “point at infinity” :  $\infty$
- What do elliptic curves look like?
- See the next slide!

# ELLIPTIC CURVE PICTURE



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- Consider elliptic curve

$$E: y^2 = x^3 - x + 1$$

- If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are on  $E$ , we can define

$$P_3 = P_1 + P_2$$

as shown in picture

- **Addition is all we need**
- For discrete points, we add “mod  $p$ ” to the EC

# KEY SIZE COMPARISON



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<i>Symmetric</i>	<i>ECC</i>	<i>RSA, DL</i>	<i>Remark</i>
64 Bit	128 Bit	$\approx 700$ Bit	Only short term security (a few hours or days)
80 Bit	160 Bit	$\approx 1024$ Bit	Medium security (except attacks from big governmental institutions etc.)
128 Bit	256 Bit	$\approx 3072$ Bit	Long term security (without quantum computers)





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# USES FOR PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO



# USES FOR PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO



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- Confidentiality
  - Transmitting data over insecure channel
  - Secure storage on insecure media
- Authentication (later)
- Digital signature provides integrity and **non-repudiation**
  - **No** non-repudiation with symmetric keys
  - Who has the secret key is the key for non-repudiation.



# NON-NON-REPUDIATION



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- Alice orders 100 shares of stock from Bob
- Alice computes **MAC** using symmetric key
- Stock drops, Alice claims she did not order
- Can Bob prove that Alice placed the order?
- **No!** Since Bob also knows symmetric key, he could have forged message
- **Problem:** Bob knows Alice placed the order, but he can't prove it

# NON-REPUDIATION



- Alice orders 100 shares of stock from Bob
- Alice **signs** order with **her private key**
- Stock drops, Alice claims she did not order
- Can Bob prove that Alice placed the order?
- **Yes! Only someone with Alice's private key could have signed the order**
- This assumes Alice's private key is not stolen (revocation problem)

# PUBLIC KEY NOTATION



- **Sign** message  $M$  with Alice's **private** key:  $[M]_{\text{Alice}}$
- **Encrypt** message  $M$  with Alice's **public** key:  $\{M\}_{\text{Alice}}$
- Then

$$\{[M]_{\text{Alice}}\}_{\text{Alice}} = M \quad \text{Sign then Encrypt}$$

$$[\{M\}_{\text{Alice}}]_{\text{Alice}} = M \quad \text{Encrypt then Sign}$$

# CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-REPUDIATION?



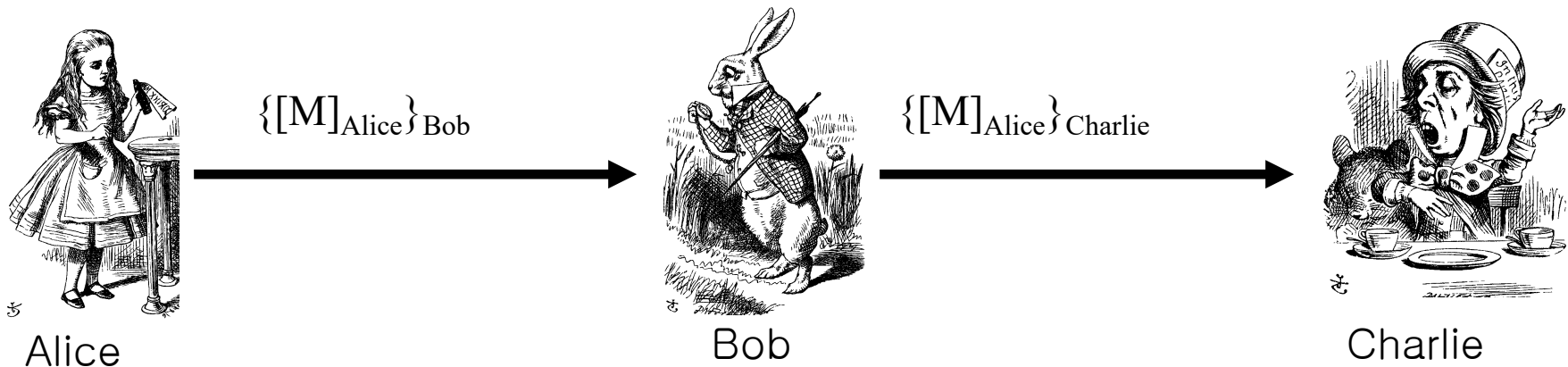
- Suppose that we want **confidentiality** and **integrity**/non-repudiation
- Can public key crypto achieve both?
- Alice sends message to Bob
  - **Sign and encrypt:**  $\{[M]_{\text{Alice}}\}_{\text{Bob}}$
  - **Encrypt and sign:**  $[\{M\}_{\text{Bob}}]_{\text{Alice}}$
- Can the order possibly matter?

# SIGN AND ENCRYPT



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□  $M = \text{"I love you"}$



□ **Q:** What's the problem?

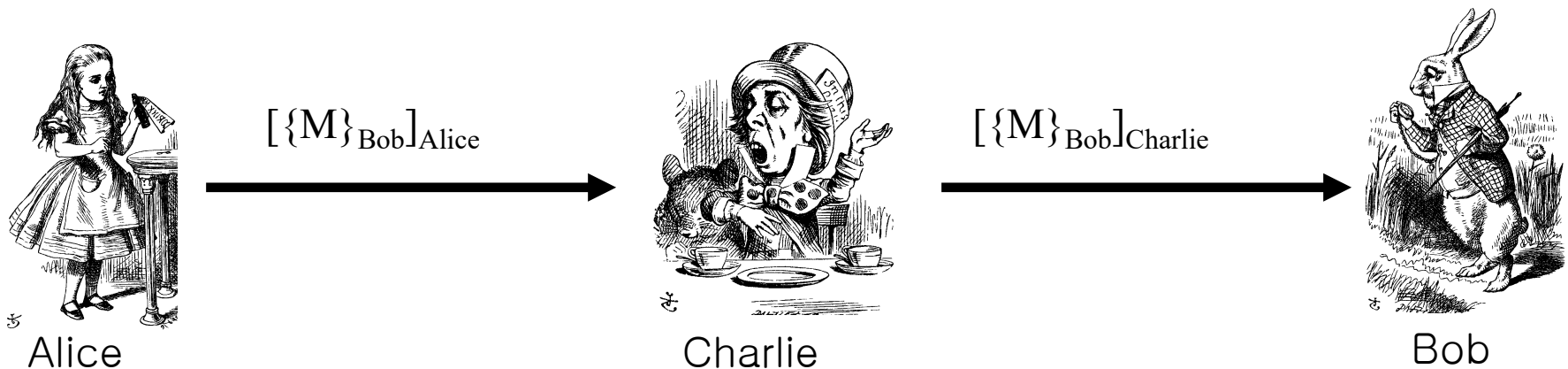
□ **A:** No problem — public key is public

# ENCRYPT AND SIGN



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- $M = \text{"My theory, which is mine..."}.$



- **Note** that Charlie cannot decrypt  $M$
- **Q:** What is the problem?
- **A:** No problem — public key is public





# PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE

- Digital **certificate** contains **name of user** and user's public key (possibly other info too)
- It is *signed* by the issuer, a *Certificate Authority* (CA), such as **VeriSign**

$M = (\text{Alice}, \text{Alice's public key}), S = [M]_{CA}$

**Alice's Certificate** = (M, S)

- Signature on certificate is **verified** using CA's public key

Must verify that  $M = \{S\}_{CA}$

# CERTIFICATE AUTHORITY



- Certificate authority (CA) is a **trusted 3rd party** (TTP) — **creates and signs certificates**
- Verify signature to verify **integrity** & identity of **owner of corresponding private key**
  - Does **not** verify the identity of the **sender** of certificate — certificates are public!
- Big problem if CA makes a mistake
  - CA once issued Microsoft cert. to someone else
- A common format for certificates is **X.509**

# HASH FUNCTION?



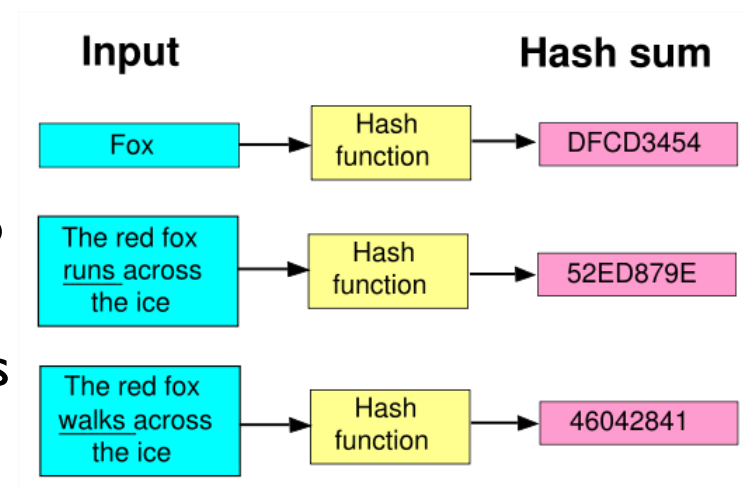
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## ■ Hash function

- a reproducible method of turning some kind of data into a (relatively) small number that may serve as a digital "fingerprint" of the data.

## ● Crypto Hash function

- a hash function with certain additional security properties to make it suitable for use as various info security applications



# HASH FUNCTION MOTIVATION



- Suppose Alice signs  **$M$** 
  - Alice sends  $M$  and  $S = [M]_{\text{Alice}}$  to Bob
  - Bob verifies that  $M = \{S\}_{\text{Alice}}$
  - Aside: Is it OK to just send  $S$ ?
- If  $M$  is big,  $[M]_{\text{Alice}}$  is costly to compute
- Suppose instead, Alice signs  $h(M)$ , where  $h(M)$  is much smaller than  $M$ 
  - Alice sends  $M$  and  $S = [h(M)]_{\text{Alice}}$  to Bob
  - Bob verifies that  $h(M) = \{S\}_{\text{Alice}}$



# CRYPTO HASH FUNCTION



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- Crypto hash function  $h(x)$  must provide the following properties
- **Compression**
  - output length is small
- **Efficiency**
  - $h(x)$  easy to computer for any  $x$
- **One-way**
  - given a value  $y$  it is infeasible to find an  $x$  such that  $h(x) = y$

# CRYPTO HASH FUNCTION



- **Weak collision resistance**
  - given  $x$  and  $h(x)$ , infeasible **to find  $y$**  with  $y \neq x$  such that  $h(y) = h(x)$
- **Strong collision resistance**
  - infeasible **to find any  $x$  and  $y$** , with  $x \neq y$  such that  $h(x) = h(y)$
- Lots of collisions exist, but hard to find one

- **MD(Message Digest) 5**
  - invented by Rivest
  - 128 bit output
  - MD2  $\rightarrow$  MD4  $\rightarrow$  MD5
  - MD2 and MD4 are no longer secure, due to collision found
  - Note: even MD5, collision recently found



- **SHA(Secure Hash Algorithm)-1**
  - A US government standard (similar to MD5)
  - “The world’s most popular hash function”
  - 180 bit output
  - SHA-0 → SHA-1
- Many others hashes, but MD5 and SHA-1 most widely used





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# Hash usages

# HASH USES



- Authentication (HMAC)
- Message integrity (HMAC)
- Message fingerprint
- Data corruption detection
- Digital signature efficiency
- Anything you can do with symmetric crypto ???

# ONLINE AUCTION



- Suppose Alice, Bob and Charlie are bidders
- Alice plans to bid A, Bob B and Charlie C
- They don't trust that bids will stay secret
- Solution?
  - Alice, Bob, Charlie submit **hashes**  $h(A)$ ,  $h(B)$ ,  $h(C)$
  - All hashes received and posted online
  - Then bids A, B and C revealed
- Hashes don't reveal bids (one way)
- Can't change bid after hash sent (collision)



## ■ Digital Watermarks

- The “Digital Watermarking” **name** from watermarking of paper or money as a security measure
- A technique which allows an individual to add hidden **copyright notices** to digital audio, video, or image signals and documents
- Defense against music or software piracy
- Example: Add “invisible” identifier to data
- Digital watermarking can be a form of **steganography**

# INFORMATION HIDING DIGITAL WATERMARK



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- Add a “mark” to data
- Several types of watermarks
- Type 1
  - Invisible — Not obvious the mark exists
  - Visible — Such as **TOP SECRET** stamp
- Type 2
  - Robust — Readable even if attacked
  - Fragile — Mark destroyed if attacked



- Add **robust invisible** mark to digital music
  - If pirated music appears on Internet, can trace it back to original source
- Add **fragile invisible** mark to audio file
  - If watermark is unreadable, recipient knows that audio has been tampered (integrity)
- Combinations of several types are sometimes used
  - E.g., visible plus robust invisible watermarks

# INFORMATION HIDING STEGANOGRAPHY



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- **Steganography – “Hidden writing”**
  - The art and science of writing hidden messages
    - recipient does not know of the existence of the mssg
  - Hide the fact that information is being transmitted – a kind of **covert channel (Ch8)**
    - Secret communication channel
    - Cryptography, where the existence of the message itself is not disguised, but the content is obscured.
- Example: Hide data in image or music file

# INFORMATION HIDING STEGANOGRAPHY



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- According to **Herodotus** (Greece 440BC)
  - Shaved slave's head
  - Wrote message on head
  - Let hair grow back
  - Send slave to deliver message
  - Shave slave's head to expose message (warning of Persian invasion)
- **Historically, Steganography has been used more than cryptography!**



# INFORMATION HIDING STEG EXAMPLE



- Images use 24 bits for color: **RGB**
  - 8 bits for **red**, 8 for **green**, 8 for **blue**
- For example
  - **0x7E 0x52 0x90** is this color
  - **0xFE 0x52 0x90** is this color
- While
  - **0xAB 0x33 0xF0** is this color
  - **0xAB 0x33 0xF1** is this color
- **Low-order bits are unimportant!**

# INFORMATION HIDING STEG EXAMPLE



- Given an uncompressed image file
  - For example, BMP format
- Then we can insert any information into low-order RGB bits
- Since low-order RGB bits don't matter, result will be “invisible” to human eye
- But a computer program can “see” the bits

# INFORMATION HIDING STEG EXAMPLE I



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- Left side: plain Alice image
- Right side: Alice with entire *Alice in Wonderland* (pdf) “hidden” in image

# INFORMATION HIDING STEG EXAMPLE 2



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## Non-Steganography Example

- Walrus.html in web browser

"The time has come," the Walrus said,  
"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax  
Of cabbages and kings  
And why the sea is boiling hot  
And whether pigs have wings."

- View source

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<font color="#000000">"The time has come," the Walrus said,</font><br>  
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# INFORMATION HIDING STEG EXAMPLE 2



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- stegoWalrus.html in web browser

"The time has come," the Walrus said,  
"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax  
Of cabbages and kings  
And why the sea is boiling hot  
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## ■ View source

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<font color="#010100">"The time has come," the Walrus said,</font><br>  
<font color="#000100">"To talk of many things:</font><br>  
<font color="#010100">Of shoes and ships and sealing wax</font><br>  
<font color="#000101">Of cabbages and kings</font><br>  
<font color="#000000">And why the sea is boiling hot</font><br>  
<font color="#010001">And whether pigs have wings."</font><br>
```

- "Hidden" message: 110 010 110 011 000 101

# INFORMATION HIDING STEGANOGRAPHY



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- Some formats (jpg, gif, wav, etc.) are more difficult (than html) for humans to read
- Easy to hide information in **unimportant bits**
- Easy to **destroy** or remove info stored in unimportant bits!

# INFORMATION HIDING STEGANOGRAPHY



- To be robust, information must be stored in **important bits**
- But stored information must not damage data!
- **Collusion attacks** also a major concern
  - The original and watermarked object can be compared
- Robust steganography is trickier than it seems

# THE BOTTOM LINE OF INF HIDING



- If information hiding is suspected
  - Attacker can probably make information/watermark unreadable
  - Attacker may be able to read the information, given the original document (image, audio, etc.)





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# CHAPTER 5

## HASH FUNCTIONS

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- SHA -Secure Hash Algorithm
- MD5 – Message Digest
- The process
  - Sender use MD5
  - Append Message Digest to plain text
  - Send it to receiver
  - Receiver compute with MD5
  - Receiver compare MD5, MD5

# MD5 ALGORITHM (128 BIT)

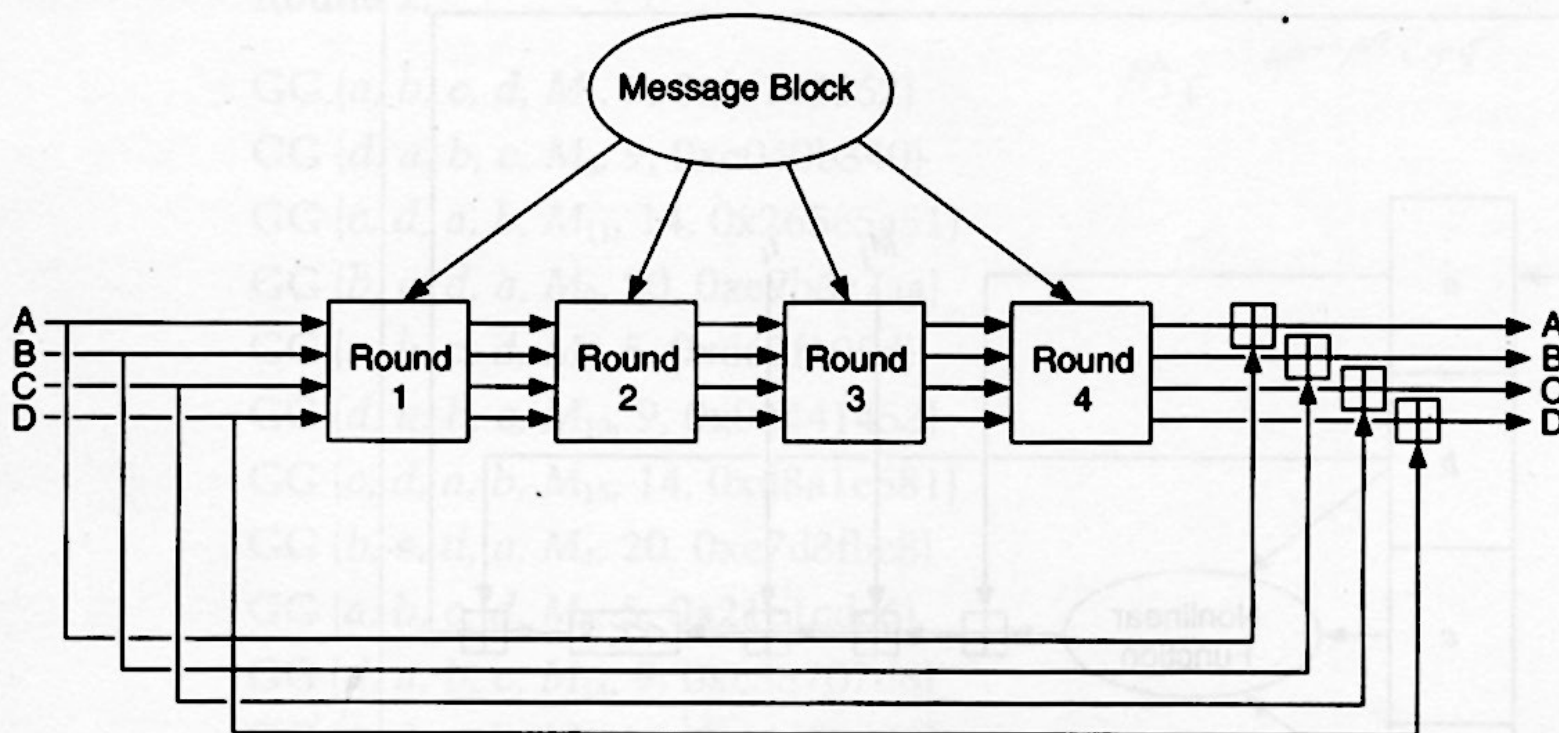


1. The Message is padded to an exact multiple of 512 bit blocks.
  - a. Append 64 bit representation
2. Initiate the MD buffers (32-bit, 4 buffer, A, B, C, D)
3. Process the each block (512)
4. Output (message digest in buffers)

# MAIN MD5 LOOP

IVs

A = 0x01234567  
B = 0x89abcdef  
C = 0xfedcba98  
D = 0x76543210





Plain text, X

512

Initializing Vector

32

A

B

C

D

F, T[1-16], X[ ]

A

B

C

D

G, T[17-34], X[ ]

A

B

C

D

H, T[35-48], X[ ]

A

B

C

D

I, T[49-64], X[ ]

+

MD



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Each round have 16 constraints and 16 steps. Each constraint will use in each step.

Uses 4 32-bit inputs:  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$

Also uses a 32-bit sub-block of the message block

Generates 4 32-bit outputs for the next round step or the next round

# DIFFICULTY IN CRACKING



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- Md5, with its 128bit encryption algorithm has 1,280,000,000,000,000,000 possible combinations.
- Even if the exact same hash value found, possible other string combination could have created it.
- It is considered that the md5 message digest would take an unrealistic time to crack via brute force attack.

# PROS/CONS MD5



- Easy to use
- Widely used
- Considered secure
- Difficult to crack
- Is susceptible to brute force attacks
- Hash collisions is a known flaw
- Quantum computers would make such an algorithm worthless