



openHPI – Confidential Communication in the Internet

Cryptographic Protocols

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Cryptographic Protocols (1/2)

A **cryptographic protocol**, shortly **cryptoprotocol** is defined as

- an established sequence of actions
- for two or more participants
- to **ensure one or more security goals**, e.g.
 - securing **confidentiality**
 - ensuring **integrity**
 - ...

A **cryptoprotocol** is based on a **cryptosystem** with a **crypto procedure/algorithm** on the middle

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Typical participants of a cryptoprotocol:

Alice

- First communication partner and initiator of the communication in a cryptoprotocol

Bob

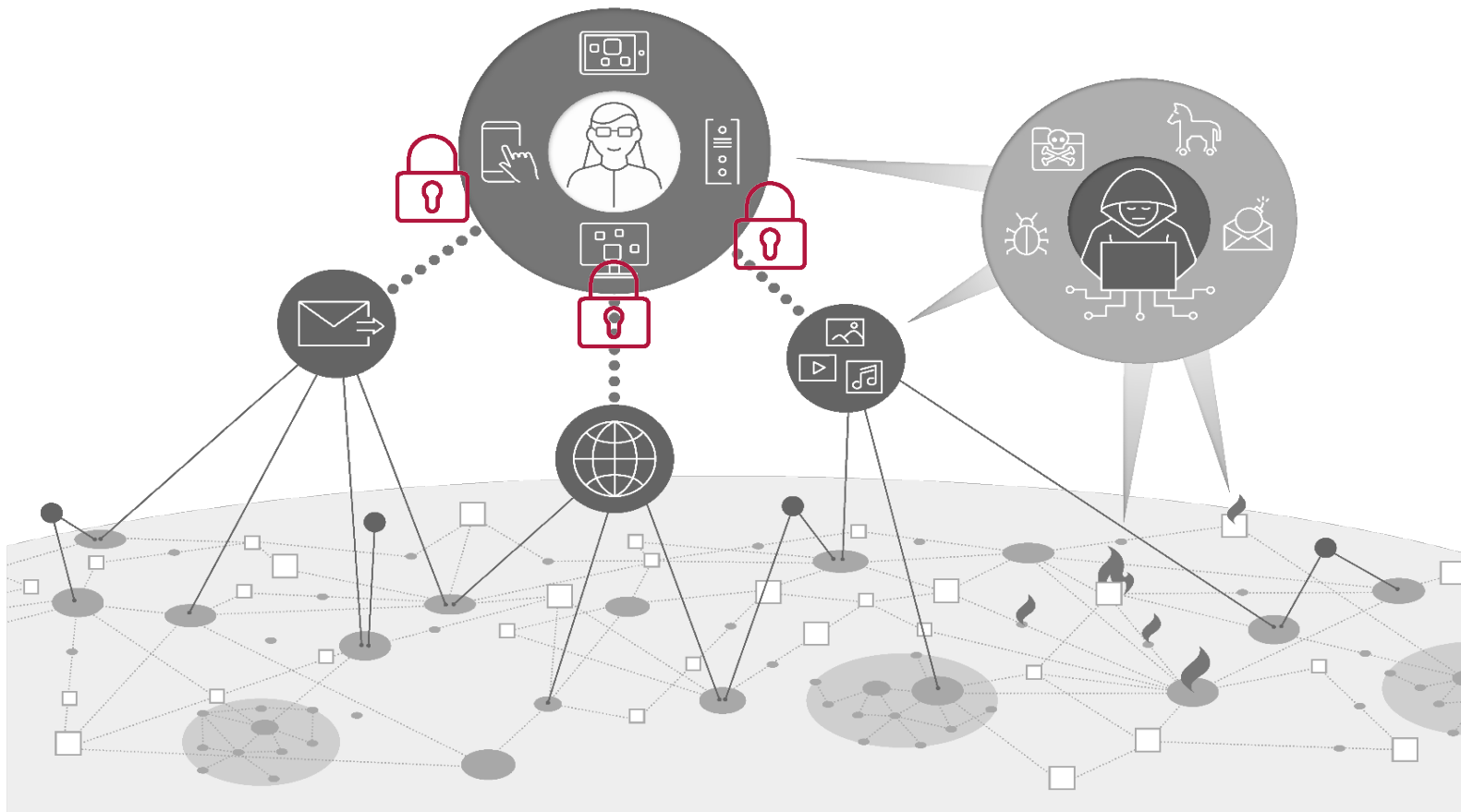
- Second communication partner in a cryptoprotocol

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- Bad guy with unlimited (computationally) abilities
 - when listening to a communication channel
 - when manipulating the tapped data and
 - when forwarding fake messages
 - ...

Cryptographic Protocol for ... **Encryption** (1/2)

Target: Ensuring the **confidentiality** of information to prevent spying on secrets e.g. when it is transmitted over the Internet



Preliminary remarks:

- We have already discussed symmetric and asymmetric procedures for encryption ...
- General problem with symmetrical procedures:
 - **Secure key exchange is very difficult**
- General problem with asymmetrical procedures:
 - passing on the public key is safe
 - **but:** Asymmetric methods are only suitable for small data volumes due to the **enormous computing time**

Idea: Hybrid encryption process

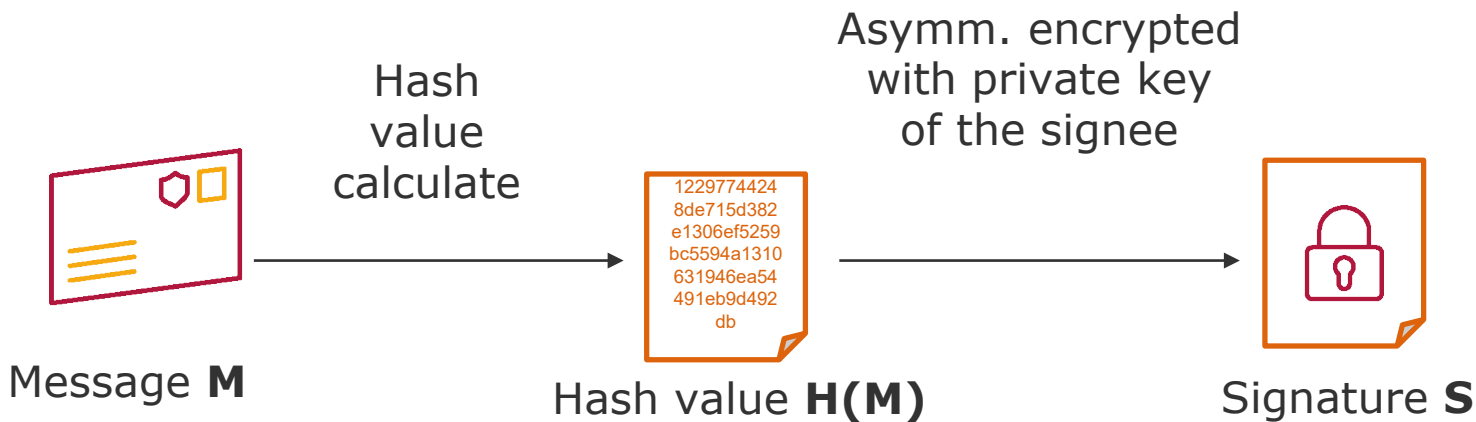
- Use of asymmetric procedures for the key exchange
- Use of symmetric procedures for the data exchange

Digital signatures are cryptoprotocols that ensure

- securing the **identity** of the author/sender and
- **integrity** of the **content**

No manipulation possible neither of the sender nor of the content

Process of the Digital Signature:



Cryptographic Protocol for ...

Digital Signatures (2/2)

Verification:

