

DIFFIE-HELLMAN KEY EXCHANGE

The simplest and the original implementation of the protocol uses the multiplicative group of integers modulo p , where p is prime, and g is a primitive root modulo p . Here is an example of the protocol, with non-secret values in blue, and secret values in **red**.

1. Alice and Bob agree to use a prime number $p = 23$ and base $g = 5$ (which is a primitive root modulo 23).
 2. Alice chooses a secret integer $a = 6$, then sends Bob $A = g^a \bmod p$
 - $A = 5^6 \bmod 23 = 8$
 3. Bob chooses a secret integer $b = 15$, then sends Alice $B = g^b \bmod p$
 - $B = 5^{15} \bmod 23 = 19$
 4. Alice computes $s = B^a \bmod p$
 - $s = 19^6 \bmod 23 = 2$
 5. Bob computes $s = A^b \bmod p$
 - $s = 8^{15} \bmod 23 = 2$
6. Alice and Bob now share a secret (the number **2**).

Aim:

To implement Diffie-Hellman key exchange using C.

Algorithm:

1. Get a prime number q as input from the user.
2. Get a value x_a and x_b which is less than q .
3. Calculate primitive root α
4. For each user A , generate a key $X_a < q$
5. Compute public key, $\alpha^{\text{pow}(X_a)} \bmod q$
6. Each user computes Y_a
7. Print the values of exchanged keys.

Program Code:

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//This program uses fast exponentiation function power instead of pow library function
#include <stdio.h> #include <math.h>
int power( int,unsigned int,int); int
main()
{ int x,y,z,count,ai[20][20]; int
  alpha,xa,xb,ya,yb,ka,kb,q;
  printf("\nEnter a Prime Number \"q\":");
  scanf("%d",&q);
  printf("\nEnter a No \"xa\" which is less than value of q:");
  scanf("%d",&xa);
  printf("\nEnter a No \"xb\" which is less than value of
  q:"); scanf("%d",&xb); printf("\nEnter alpha:");
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scanf("%d",&alpha); ya
= power(alpha,xa,q); yb
= power(alpha,xb,q); ka
= power(yb,xa,q); kb =
power(ya,xb,q);
printf("\nya = %d \nyb = %d \nka = %d \nkb = %d \n",ya,yb,ka,kb); if(ka ==
kb) printf("\nThe secret keys generated by User A and User B are same\n");
else printf("\nThe secret keys generated by User A and User B are not
same\n");
return 0;
}

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int power(int x, unsigned int y, int p)
{ int res = 1;          // Initialize result x = x % p; //
    Update x if it is more than or equal to p

    while (y > 0)
    {
        // If y is odd, multiply x with result
        if (y & 1)
            res = (res*x) % p;

        // y must be even now y
        = y>>1; // y = y/2 x
        = (x*x) % p;
    } return
    res;
}

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Output:

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[student@fedora ~]$ vi 301deffie.c  
[student@fedora ~]$ gcc 301deffie.c  
[student@fedora ~]$ ./a.out
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Enter a Prime Number "q":5

Enter a No "xa" which is less than value of q:3

Enter a No "xb" which is less than value of q:2

Enter alpha:3

ya = 2

yb = 4

ka = 4

kb = 4

The secret keys generated by User A and User B are same

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[student@fedora ~]$
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Result: