

# STEGANOGRAPHY

Basic idea → information hide / covered writing.

It is the practice of concealing messages / file / image (i.e., any type of information) within another file, message or image / video.

Note → Later, we will extract it at its destination.

It is derived from Greek words  
steganos meaning covered or concealed.  
& graphia which means writing.

**IMP**

\*) Steganography is different from cryptography  
but, using both together can improve  
security of the protected data/info. and prevent  
the detection of the secret communication.

In cryptography, we make the data unreadable  
(by encryption)  
In steganography, we are hiding the existence of  
data.



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data.

Various forms of Steganography are :

- 1) Text
  - 2) Audio
  - 3) Video
  - 4) Images
- " (hiding the data in the img. file)

° in short steganography can be used to  
hide/conceal any type of digital content  
(including text, img, video, audio).

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

### CRYPTOGRAPHY | STEGANOGRAPHY

It is a kind of known communication.

It is a technique to convert the secret msg into an unreadable form.

It alters the overall structure of the data

Key is necessary

It is a kind of hidden communication.

It is a technique to hide the existence of communication

It doesn't alter the overall structure of the data

Key is optional but if used, provides more security.

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confidentiality  
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 (img + secret info)

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 (art to detect the communication)

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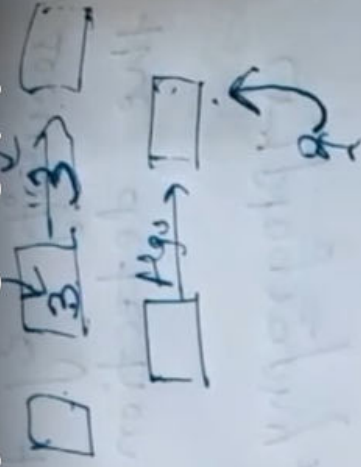
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Attack

In steganography,

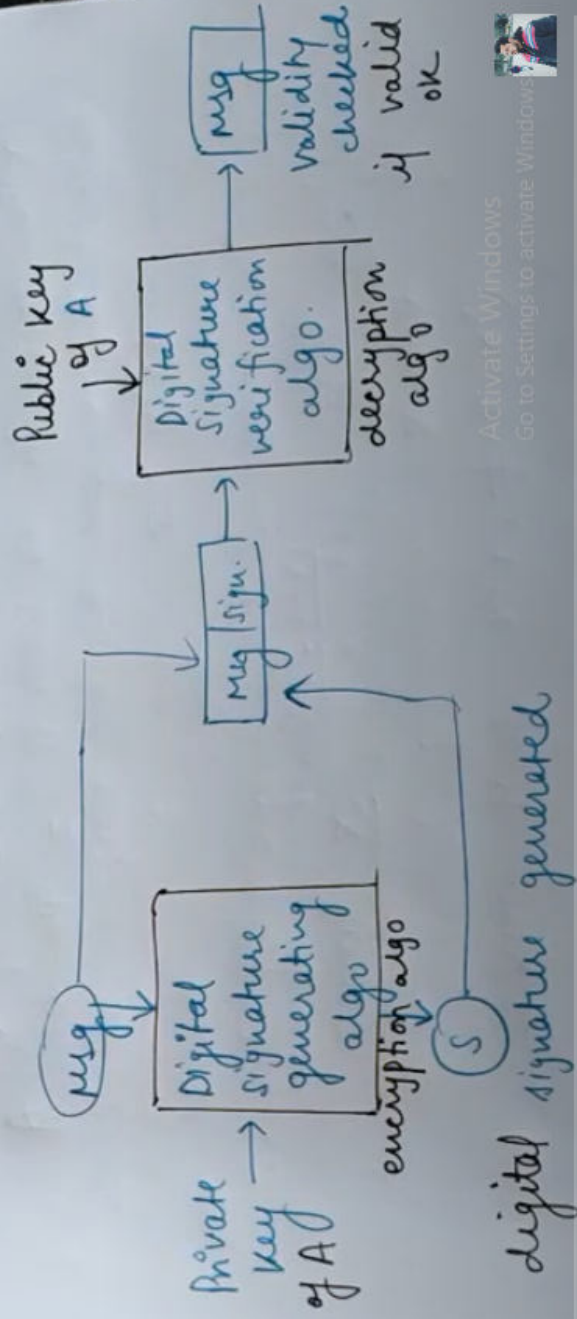
we have confidentiality,  
authentication, data integrity and non repudiation

it supports confidentiality and authentication.

"give you  
R<sub>1</sub>" → B  
member

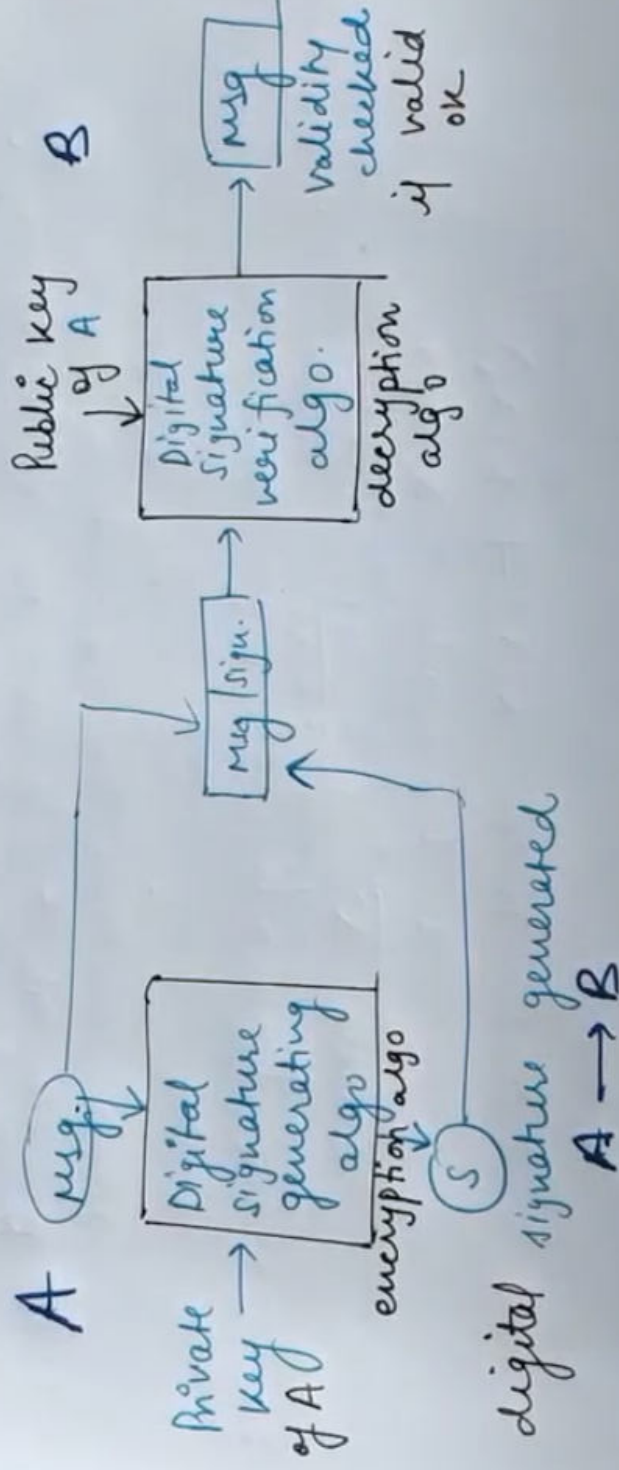
## Digital Signature

- vimp role in e-commerce, online transaction, etc.
- based on asymmetric key cryptography  
encryption → private key  
decryption → public key
- used for authentication & non repudiation & msg integrity
- not used for confidentiality



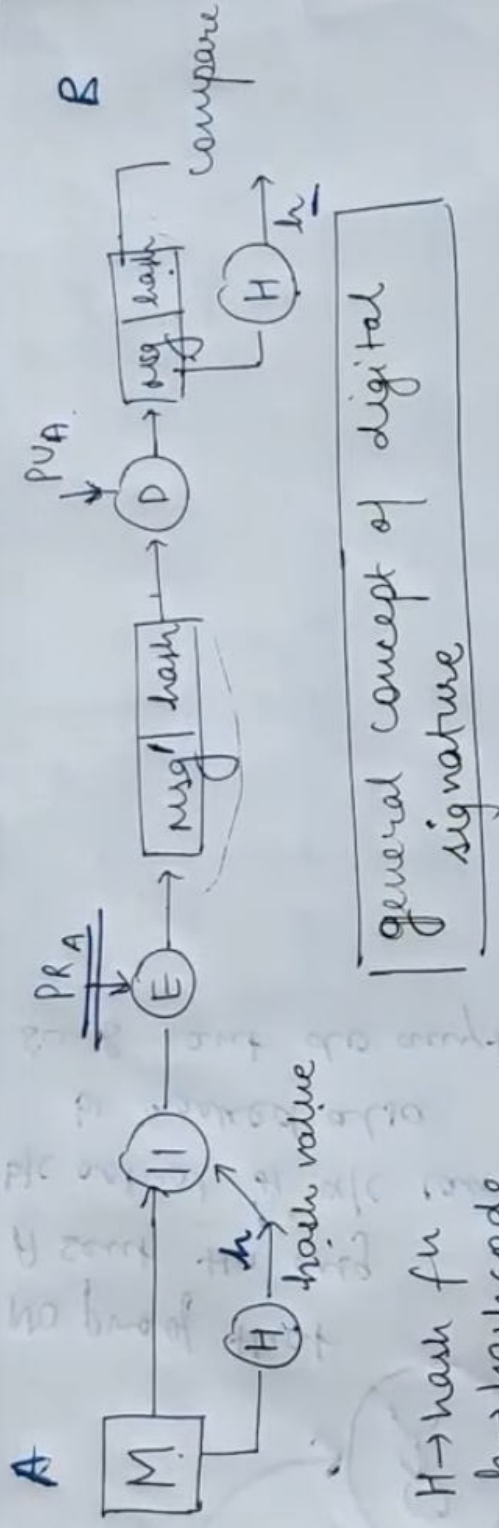


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→ also provides msg integrity  
 b/c if msg changed

private key of Alice is used.  
∴ authenticity achieved.



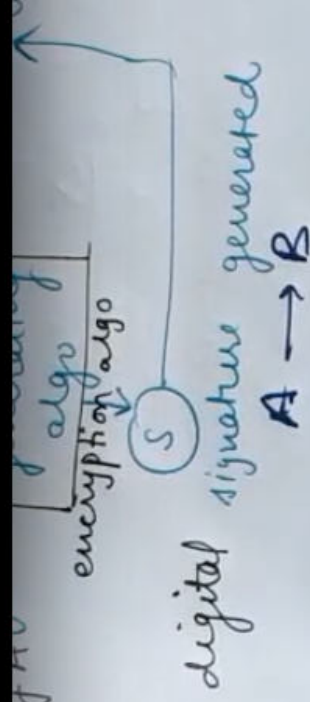
general concept of digital signature

$H \rightarrow$  hash fn  
 $h \rightarrow$  hash code  
 $|| \rightarrow$  append

Note  $\rightarrow$  The signature must use some unique info. to the sender to prevent both forgery & denial.

∴ authentication & integrity





→ also provides msg integrity  
 b/c if msg changed then at receiver side, we will not get the exact msg.

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achieved using Hashing  
 concept using msg digest | hash values

Note → When we sign a document digitally,  
 we send the signature as a separate document.  
 Sender sends 2 docs → msg & signature.

sign Public  
 decrypt  
 compare  
 same valid  
 else not

Non repudiation  
achieved by using a trusted 3<sup>rd</sup> party

## Digital Signature

- signature must use some info unique to the sender, to prevent forgery & denial.
- It must be easy to produce digital signatures.
- " " " " to verify & recognize " " "

→ we need (i) key generation algo → to generate private key

(ii) Signing Algo  $P \rightarrow M$  and Private key,  $OP \rightarrow$  Digital Sign

(iii) verifying algo → using public key & sign.

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confidentiality

