Cryptographic Applications: Pretty Good Privacy

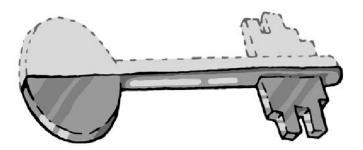
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Asymmetric encryption refresher:

- One key mathematically related to the other.
- Public key can be generated from private key. But NOT vice versa.
- If you encrypt data with the public key, you need to private key to decrypt

 You can sign data with the private key and verify the signature using the public key



Keys

- Private key is kept SECRET.
- You should encrypt your private key with a symmetric passphrase.

- Public key is distributed.
- Anyone who needs to send you confidential data can use your public key





Signing & encrypting

- Data is encrypted with a public key to be decrypted with the corresponding private key.
- Data can be signed with the private key to be verified by anyone who has the corresponding public key.
- Since public keys are data they can be signed too.

Use cases: email

- Enctypting: to send confidential information
 - Encrypt with a recipient's public key, and decrypt by using the recipient's private key
- Signing: to prove the message actually comes from signer and is not modified during delibery
 - Sign with signer's private key, and verify by using signer's public key

Use case: file distribution

- Signing: to prove that the contents is actually distributed by the signer and not modified since signed
 - Sign with signer's private key, and verify by using signer's public key
- You can generate a separate signature file if needed
 - You have the original file and corresponding signature file for it

Installing GnuPG Software

- Core software either commercial from pgp or opensource from gnupg.
- https://www.gpg4win.org/ for Windows
- https://www.gpgtools.org/ for OS X
 - This is now a commercial with 30 trial days
- Your package manager for Linux/UNIX
- Source code from https://www.gnupg.org/
- we have hands-on later

Key management: generation

- Using graphical tools based on what you installed above:
 - GPG Keychain Access for OS X
 - Kleopatra or GPA for Windows
- Using the command line:
 - -gpg --gen-key
- Generate a key use your email address. The comment field can be left blank.

Public key in armor format

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$ gpg --export --armor keiichi@iij.ad.jp
----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK----
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mQINBFQswzIBEADDzpxoRx8V3pkX3XeMH7HetaJcqp+2ESNWTqrzYEv5wcpaJj1B 4Tau7G9kFDb/ieFYB1ASXm+h+kzo8cPzn8+nVQc9c2tqh5eYX01A1Xvm2QnIEfdU 2ce7PNSXgFtHILdyHnrtLnkTgPq+8qJkoK6f50hq3Vu7Uekz/MuHSFdgqIdNvVZotVFuxfouxHhMDfTciu4DddvftHvTF06FzajQdnSuBw6rZcA52rvT2ZZaEvV8rEsCdwSk9h1DKwz/39PT2rlwfZE5KCBvu3AZgFlkeBusYLX41TgH1pi5s1RLUSU+jOZr

(snip)

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=3jxT

----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK----

Key management: distribution

- On printed media
 - published book or business cards
- Digitally in email
- Online using the openpgp key servers
 - https://keys.openpgp.org/
- Still does not tell you if you trust the key

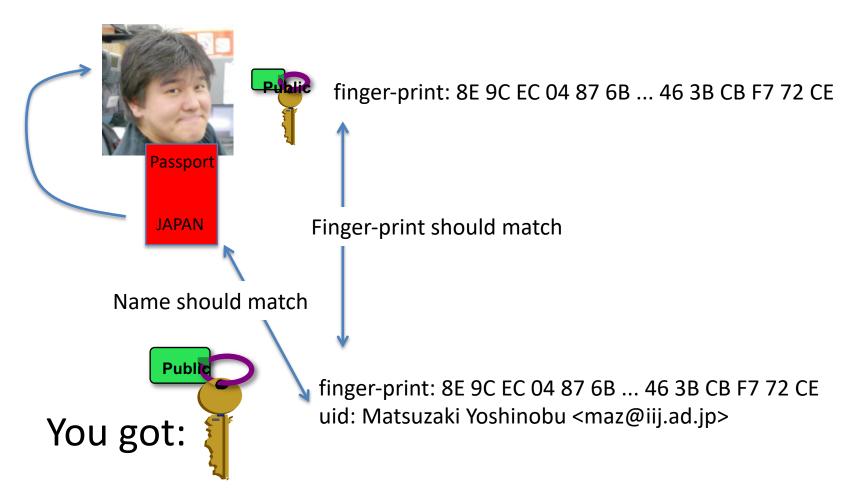
Get the right key

- You don't need to trust the person
- But you need to be confident that the key is owned by the person
- Check owner's identity and integrity of the public key before use
 - Ask passport or appropriate ID card for identity check
 - Name is usually included in the public key
 - Ask fingerprint of the key to confirm that the public key you have is the same key which the person distributed

Fingerprint

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$ gpg --fingerprint keiichi@iij.ad.jp
      rsa4096 2014-10-02 [SC] [expires: 2021-03-05]
pub
      1B15 ACBC 1FB8 7325 B9BF DCE6 B74D 1CFB 5173 3681
uid
              [ultimate] Keiichi SHIMA (Internet Initiative Japan, Inc.) <keiichi@iij.ad.jp>
              [ultimate] Keiichi SHIMA (IIJ Innovation Institute, Inc.) <keiichi@iijlab.net>
uid
uid
              [ultimate] [jpeg image of size 3011]
uid
              [ultimate] [jpeg image of size 14554]
sub
      rsa4096 2014-10-02 [E] [expires: 2021-03-05]
      rsa4096 2015-02-12 [S] [expires: 2021-03-05]
sub
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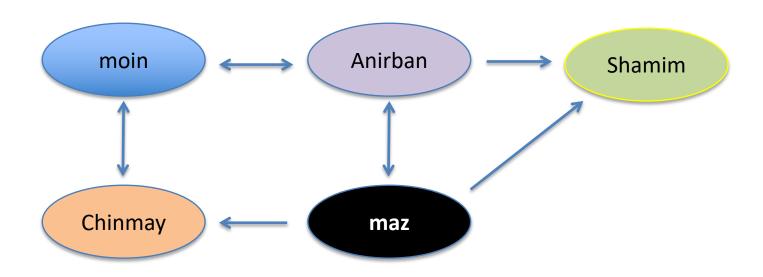
Belonging



Trust

- Centralized / hierarchal trust where certain globally trusted bodies sign keys for every one else.
- Decentralized webs of trust where you pick who you trust yourself, and decide if you trust who those people trust in turn.
- Which works better for what reasons?

Sample web of trust.



You can share your "trust information" by publishing others' public keys with your pgp sign

Key management: rollover

- Expiry dates ensure that if your private key is compromised they can only be used till they expire.
- Can be changed after creating the key.
- Before expiry, you need to create a new key, sign it with the old one, send the signed new one to everyone in your web of trust asking them to sign your new key.

Key management: revocation

- Used to mark a key as invalid before its expiry date.
- Always generate a revocation certificate as soon as you create your key.
- Do not keep your revocation certificate with your private key.
 - -gpg --gen-revoke IDENTITY

Key management: partying

- Key signing parties are ways to build webs of trust
- Each participant carries identification, as well as a copy of their key fingerprint
- Each participant decides if they're going to sign another key based on their personal policy
- Keys are easiest kept in a keyring on an openpgp keyserver

Information in your pubkey

- Key and its algorithm
 - Creation and Expiration date
 - Preferences
- User ID (string)
 - Usually RFC822 style mail name like
 - Name Foo <foo@example.com>
- Subkeys

Subkey

- To have separate keys on purpose
 - Primary key to certificate other subkeys
- Purpose of keys
 - Certificate
 - Signing
 - Encryption
 - Authentication

Interesting gpg commands

- Get help for gpg options
 - gpg --help AND man gpg
- Print the fingerprint of a particular key
 - gpg --fingerprint IDENTITY
- IDENTITY = email or PGP key ID
- Export a public key to an ASCII armored file.
 - gpg --armor --output my-public-key.asc --export
 IDENTIY

Interesting gpg commands

- Import a key from a file into your keyring
 - gpg --import public.asc
- Locate a key by email address
 - gpg --auto-key-locate keyserver --locate-keys someonesaddress@example.net
- Import a key from a keyserver
 - gpg --recv-keys KEYID
- Send your key to a keyserver
 - gpg --export youraddress@example.org | curl -T https://keys.openpgp.org
- Sign a key
 - gpg --sign-key KEYID

Interesting gpg commands

- Signing a file
 - gpg --clearsign FILE
 - gpg --sign FILE
- Verifying/Extracting a file
 - gpg --verify FILE.gpg
 - gpg --decrypt FILE.gpg
- Encrypting a file for a recipient
 - gpg --recipient RECIPIENT_IDENTITY --encrypt
 FILE

SKS Keyserver Attack

- In late June 2019, a major OpenPGP key server network was attacked
- A good summary can be found at
 - https://gist.github.com/rjhansen/67ab921ffb4084c865b3618d6955275f
- Some of the PGP software stopped using the existing keyservers and shifting to keys.openpgp.org
- The community is still looking for better key distribution mechanism, so stay tuned