

# Public Key Cryptography & Key Exchange

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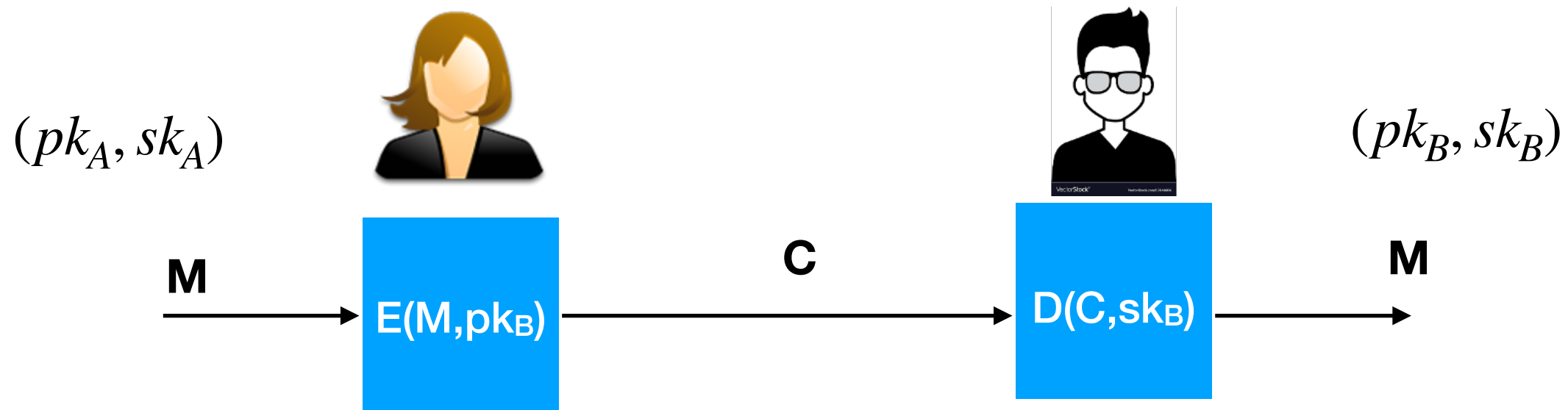
# Recap

- Trapdoor Permutations
- Textbook RSA
- RSA algorithm
- Attack on Textbook RSA

# This Lecture

- Key agreement
- Diffie Hellman Key Exchange
- Discrete Logarithm Problem
- Key Derivation Function
- El Gamal Encryption algorithm

# Public Key Cryptography

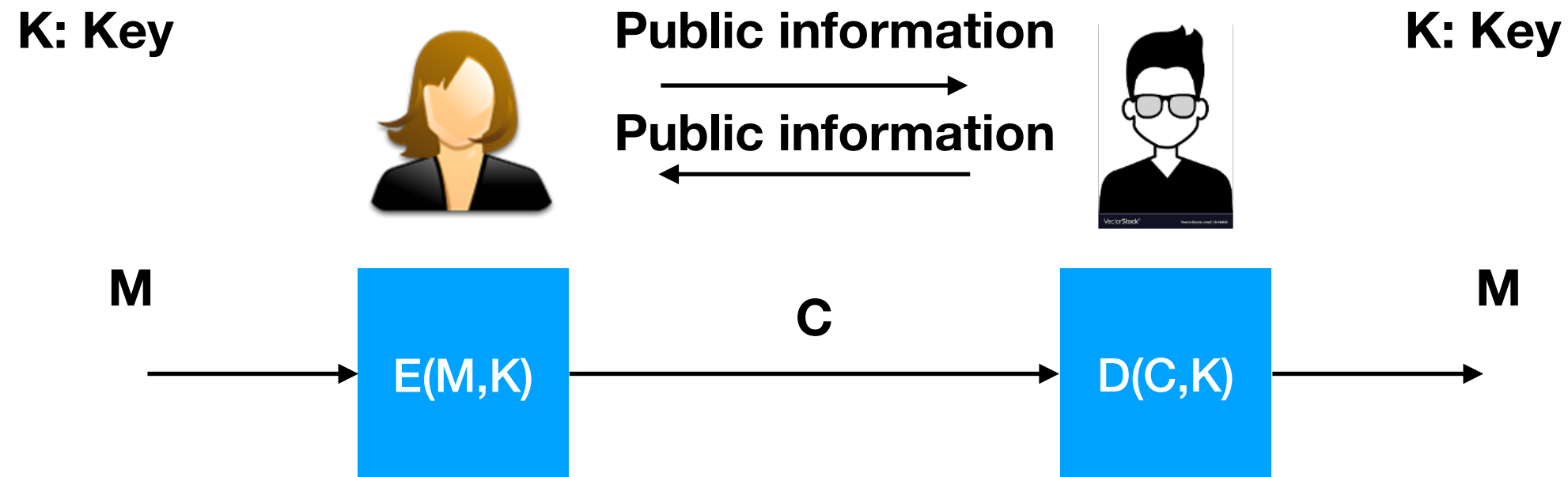


- $\varepsilon = (\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K})$  **Alice wants to send a message to Bob secretly**
- $KG(1^k) \rightarrow (pk_A, sk_A), (pk_B, sk_B), \dots$
- For  $m \in \mathcal{M}, E(m, pk_B) \rightarrow c$  **Public key of Bob known to everyone**  
**E is a randomised algorithm**
- $D(c, sk_B) \rightarrow m'$  **Secret key known only to Bob, else only Bob can decrypt**  
**D is a deterministic algorithm**
- Correctness:  $\forall k \in \mathcal{K}$  and messages  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ , if we execute  $c \xleftarrow{R} E(m, pk_B)$ ,  $m' \leftarrow D(c, sk_B)$ , then with probability 1,  $m = m'$

# Hard Problems

- No efficient solution, In spite of extensive efforts
  - But: **verification** of solutions is easy ('one-way' hardness)
  - **Hardness in the average case**
- Problem 1: Factoring
  - Choose randomly  $p, q \in_R \text{LargePrimes}$
  - Given  $pq$ , it is infeasible to find  $p, q$
  - Verification? Easy, just multiply factors
  - RSA cryptosystem and many other tools
- Problem 2: Discrete logarithm in cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ 
  - Where  $p$  is a safe prime
  - Given  $g^a$ , find  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$
  - Verification is efficient by exponentiation:  $O((\log n)^3)$
  - Basis for the Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange and many other tools

# Key Agreement



- Establish shared key between Alice and Bob
- **Without** assuming an existing shared ('master') key or trusted authority
- Use public information from A, B to setup shared secret key  $k$ .
- Eavesdropper cannot learn the key  $k$ .

**Whitfield Diffie & Martin Hellman 1976 "New Directions of Cryptography"**

**Awarded Turing Award in 2015**

# Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement

Choose group cyclic  $G$  of order  $p$  and  
Choose generator of  $g \in G$ , i.e.  $G = \{1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{p-1}\}$



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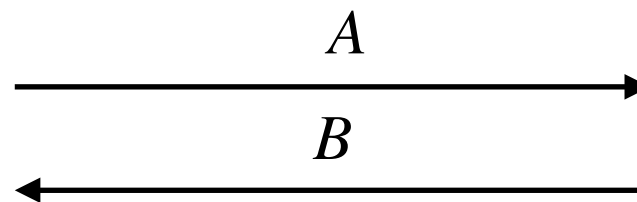
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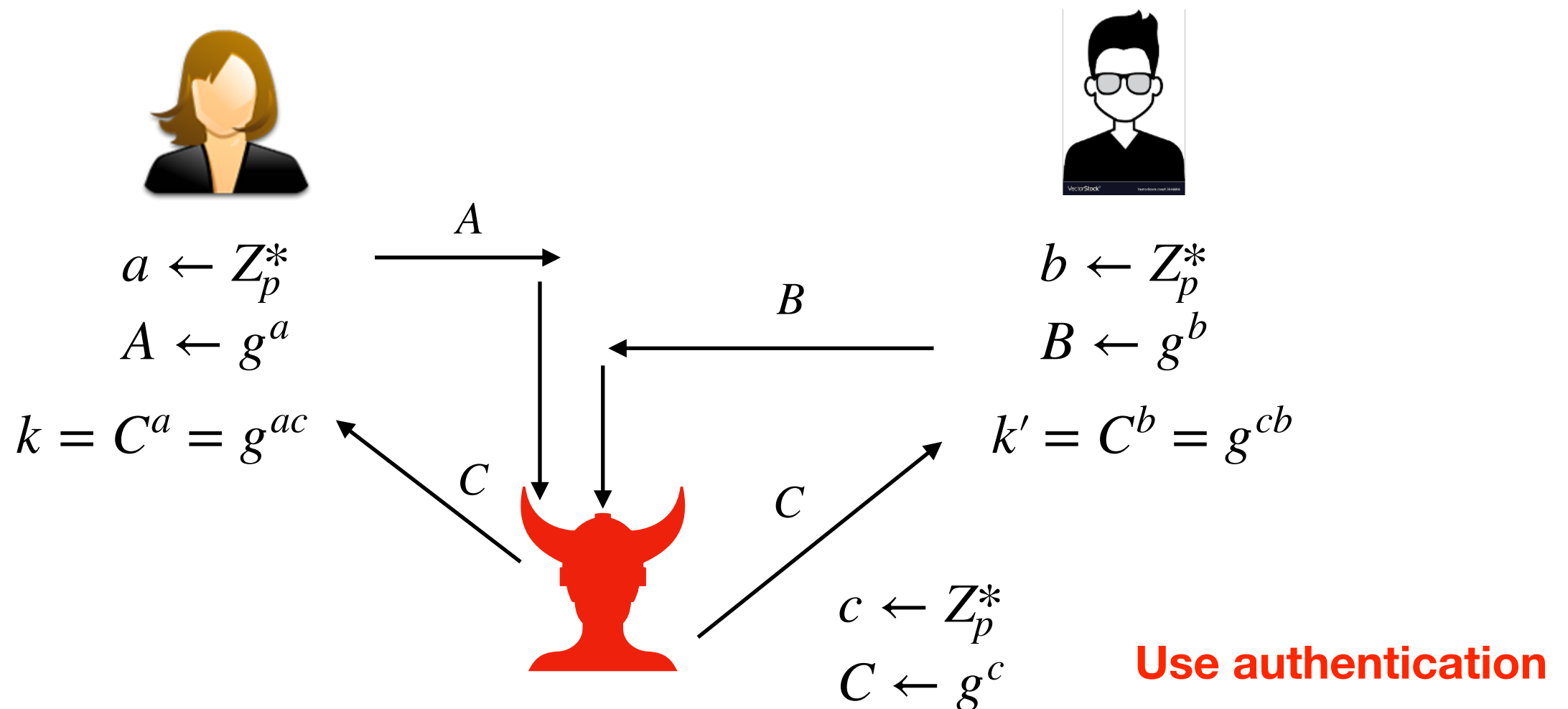


**K is the common key**

**Given  $A \leftarrow g^a$ , it is hard to find  $a = \log_g A \pmod p$**

# (Wo)man in the middle attack

Choose group  $G$  of order  $p$  and generator of  $g \in G$



Alice encrypts message with  $k$  which can be decrypted by Charlie  
Bob encrypts message with  $k'$  which can be decrypted by Charlie



# Discrete Logarithm Problem

- Computing logarithm is quite efficient over the real numbers
- For a cyclic multiplicative group  $G$ 
  - Cyclic group: exists generator  $g$  s.t.  $(\forall a \in G)(\exists i)(a = g^i)$
  - Discrete log problem: given generator  $g$  and  $a \in G$ , find  $i$  s.t.  $a = g^i$
  - Verification: exponentiation (efficient algorithm)
  - For prime  $p$ , the group  $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{1, \dots, p-1\}$  is cyclic [multiplications mod  $p$ ]
- Is discrete-log hard?
  - Some ‘weak’ groups, i.e., where discrete log is **not** hard: (in next tutorial)
    - $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  for prime  $p$ , where  $(p - 1)$  has only ‘small’ prime factors
      - Using the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm
      - Mistakes/trapdoors found, e.g., in OpenSSL’16
  - Other groups studied, considered Ok (‘hard’)
  - **Safe-prime** groups:  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  for **safe prime:  $p = 2q + 1$  for prime  $q$**

# Discrete Log Assumption for safe prime group

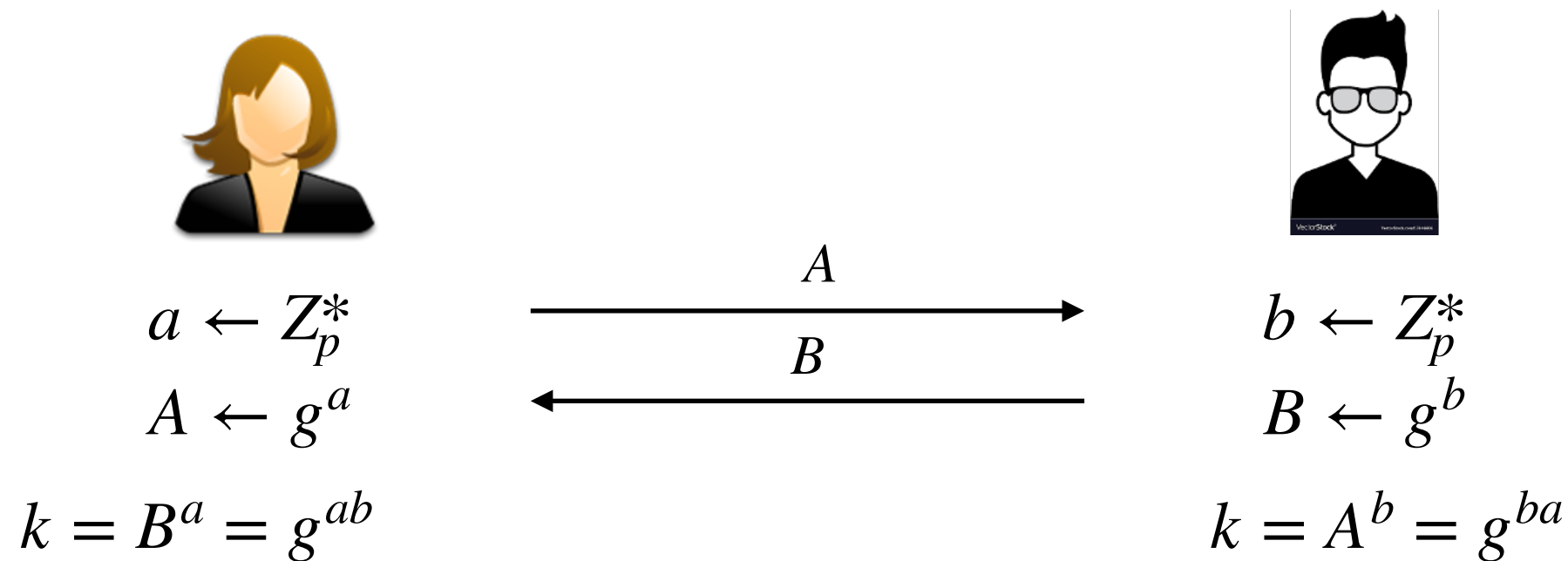
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- Given PPT adversary  $A$ , and  $n$ -bit safe prime  $p$ :

$$\Pr \left[ \begin{array}{l} g \leftarrow \text{Generator}(p); \\ x \xleftarrow{\$} \{1 \dots p-1\}; \\ A(x) = a \mid x = g^a \bmod p \end{array} \right] \approx \text{negl}(n)$$

1. Similar assumptions for (some) other groups
2. Knowing  $q$ , it is easy to find a generator  $g$
3. Any generator (primitive element) is ok

# Security of DH Key Exchange

Choose group  $G$  of order  $p$  and  
Choose generator of  $g \in G$ , i.e.  $G = \{1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{p-1}\}$



**K is the common key**

But DH requires stronger assumption than Discrete Log:

From  $g^b \bmod p$  and  $g^a \bmod p$ , Adversary can compute  $g^{ab} \bmod p$  (without knowing/learning  $a, b$  or  $ab$ )?

# Computational DH (CDH) Assumption for safe prime group

- Safe-prime groups:  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  for **safe prime:  $p = 2q + 1$  for prime  $q$**
- Given PPT adversary  $A$ , and  $n$ -bit safe prime  $p$ :

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Given  $g^a$  and  $g^b$ , it is difficult to compute  $g^{ab} \bmod p$

# Decisional DH (DDH) Assumption

- Given an RSA instance  $(n, e, y)$  and an element  $\hat{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ , it is easy to say if its a correct instance by checking if  $\hat{x}^e = y$
- Given  $(g^a, g^b)$ , it is hard to determine if  $g^{ab}$  is a solution of the problem instance
- Not only is the computational problem hard, the decisional problem is also hard
- Many problems use this fact to their advantage
- For  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  we call  $(g^a, g^b, g^c)$  a DH-triple, if  $c = ab$ .
- The DDH assumption tells us that there is no efficient algorithm that can effectively distinguish between a DH-triple and a random triple.
- DDH Assumption  $\implies$  CDH Assumption

# Partial Information Leak for DH

- Adversary compute *partial* information about  $g^{ba} \bmod p$
- Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (multiplicative group for (safe) prime  $p$ )
  - Finding (at least) one bit about  $g^{ba} \bmod p$  is easy! (Show as an exercise)  
Specifically whether  $x = g^{ba} \bmod p$  is quadratic residue *mod*  $p$ 
    - I.e., if  $(\exists y)(x = y^2 \bmod p)$
    - Denote:  $x \in QR(p)$
  - Compute Legendre Symbol: 
$$\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \pmod{p} \\ -1 & \text{if } x \notin QR(p) \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
    - How? Using Euler's criterion:  $\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) = x^{(p-1)/2} \bmod p$
- So...how to use DH 'securely'? Two options!

# How to use DH securely?

- Option 1: Use stinger group eg. Schnorr's not safe prime group, testing for QR appears to be a hard problem
- Option 2: Use DH with safe prime  $p$  but use key derivation function (KDF)
- Option 2 is preferable
- KDF: A KDF takes in some secret keying material  $s$ , which may or may not be uniformly distributed, and where the adversary may also have some auxiliary information about the keying material or its distribution, and outputs a uniformly distributed bit string.
- Naive way use hashing  $t \leftarrow H(s)$
- Use  $t$  as secret key for example in AES

# CDH+KDF

- With CDH, adversary may be able to compute some *partial* information about  $g^{ba} \bmod p$  ...
  - But ‘most bits are random’
- Solution: **Key Derivation Function (KDF)**
  - Two variants: random-keyed and unkeyed (deterministic)
- Randomized - KDF:  $k = KDF_s(g^{ab} \bmod p)$  where  $KDF$  is a key derivation function and  $s$  is public random (‘salt’)
- Deterministic - crypto-hash:  $k = h(g^{ab} \bmod p)$  where  $h$  is randomness-extracting crypto-hash
  - No need in salt, but **not** provably-secure
- Question: isn’t (every) PRF a KDF?
- No: PRF requires a message and a uniform random key. KDF does not require input key to be random.
- $KDF \implies PRF$

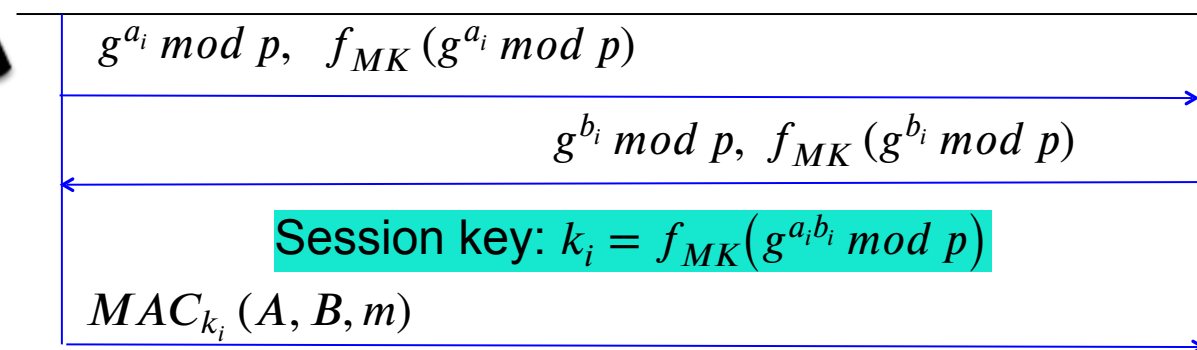
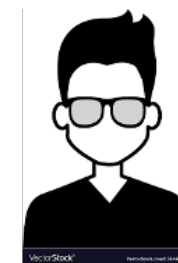


# Authenticated DH

- Recall: DH not secure against MitM attacker
  - We assumed authenticated channel [shared key?]
  - If we have shared key, why not just use it??
- Use DH for **resiliency to key exposure**
  - Do authenticated DH periodically (by establishing new sessions)
  - Use derived key for confidentiality, authentication
    - Some protocols use key to authenticate next exchange
  - → Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS):
    - Confidentiality of session  $i$  is resilient to exposure of all keys, except  $i$ -th session key, after session  $i$  ended

# Authenticated DH

- Assume  $f$  which is both a PRF and a KDF
- $MK$  is secret +  $f$  is PRF (& MAC)  $\rightarrow$  authentication (MK is the long term key)
- For every session there is a session key
  - And, assuming  $MK$  is secret, session keys are secure – even if discrete log would be easy (quantum computers or math break-thru)
- Assuming CDH and that  $f$  is **KDF**: secure if MK exposed
  - Since most bits of  $g^{a_i b_i}$  are secret
  - Against eavesdropping adv. OR if MK-exposed only after session
  - Perfect forward secrecy (PFS) !



# DH Key Establishment to PK Cryptosystem

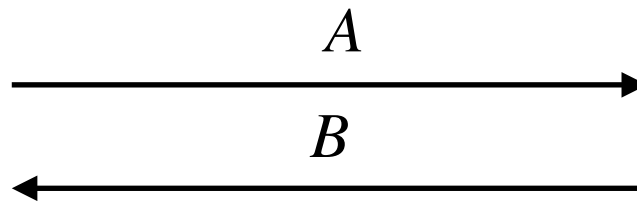
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SK<sub>B</sub> is b, PK<sub>B</sub> = B

# El-Gamal Public Key Cryptosystem

$$\mathcal{E}_{EG} = (KG, E, D)$$

KG: Choose group  $G$  of order  $p$  and

Choose generator of  $g \in G$ , i.e.  $G = \{1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{p-1}\}$

- $(E_s, D_s)$ : symmetric auth. encryption defined over  $(K, M, C)$
- $H : G^2 \rightarrow K$  a hash function

$E(m, pk = (g, h = g^b))$ :

$$a \leftarrow Z_n, \quad u \leftarrow g^a, \quad v \leftarrow h^a$$

$$k \leftarrow H(u, v), \quad c \leftarrow E_s(m, k)$$

output  $(u, c)$

$D((u, c), sk = b)$ :

$$v \leftarrow u^b$$

$$k \leftarrow H(u, v), \quad m \leftarrow D_s(c, k)$$

output  $m$

Computation: two exponentiation in Encryption, fixed basis

1 Exponentiation in Decryption

Precompute: Can compute,  $g^i$  and get a speedup

# Computational DH (CDH) Assumption for safe prime group

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# Hash DH (HDH) Assumption

- Given PPT adversary  $A$ , and  $G$  be a finite cyclic group of order  $p$
- $H : G^2 \rightarrow K$  a hash function
- Hash DH (HDH) assumption for  $(G, h)$  if
$$(g, g^a, g^b, H(g^b, g^{ab})) \approx_p (g, g^a, g^b, R),$$
- where  $g \leftarrow \text{Generator}(G)$ ,  $a, b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $R \leftarrow K$  ( $R$  uniform on  $K$ )

# Security of El Gamal

- Semantic Security of El Gamal in the Random Oracle Model: Proof using CDH assumption
- Semantic Security of El Gamal with the Random Oracles (using KDF): Proof using DDH Assumption
- You can also use HDH Assumption (Homework)

# El Gamal is Semantically Secure in RO Model

$E(m, pk = (g, h = g^b)) :$

$a \leftarrow Z_n, u \leftarrow g^a, v \leftarrow h^a$

$k \leftarrow H(u, v), c \leftarrow E_s(m, k)$

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$D((u, c), sk = b) :$

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- Assume  $h : G^2 \rightarrow K$  is modelled as a random oracle. If the CDH assumption holds for  $G$ , and  $(E_s, D_s)$  is semantically secure, then  $\mathcal{E}_{EG}$  is semantically secure.
- Proof: If  $H$  is a random oracle, then an adv. has to compute  $k$ . To compute  $k$ , it must know  $(u, v)$ .  $u$  is known, but  $v$  can't be computed under CDH assumption on  $G$  (Full proof on Boneh-Shoup)



# Semantic security of ElGamal without random oracles

- RO model simpler to visualize and fast
- When performance is not a concern do not use RO, prove in standard model
- NOTE: We try to give proofs in standard model as much as possible, because RO model relies on the security of the RO
- $H : G^2 \rightarrow K$  is a KDF. A secure KDF can't distinguish between  $(v, H(a, b))$  and  $(v, k)$ ,  $k \xleftarrow{R} K$
- If the DDH assumption holds for  $G$  and  $H : G^2 \rightarrow K$  is a secure KDF,  $(E_s, D_s)$  is semantically secure, then  $\mathcal{E}_{EG}$  is semantically secure.
- Proof Idea: If adversary sees the ciphertext  $(u, c)$ , where  $u = g^a$  and  $c$  is a symmetric encryption created using the key  $k := H(u, v)$ , where  $v = h^a$ .
- Suppose the challenger replaces  $v$  by a random independent group element  $w' \in G$  and constructs  $k$  as  $k := H(u, w')$ . By the DDH assumption the adversary cannot tell the difference between  $v$  and  $w'$ .
- Under the KDF assumption,  $k := H(u, w')$  looks like a random key in  $K$ , independent of the adversary's view, and therefore security follows by semantic security of  $(E_s, D_s)$ .

# Homomorphic Property

- RSA
- choose random primes  $p, q \approx 1024$  bits. Set  $N=pq$ .
- choose integers  $e, d$  s.t.  $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)}$

**Define:**  $f$ : as  $f(x) = x^e$  in

**Lemma:**  $f$  is one-way under the RSA assumption

**Properties:**  $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$  and  **$f$  has a trapdoor**

**DH**

Fix a finite cyclic group  $G$  (e.g.  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_p)^*$ ) of order  $n$

$g$ : a random generator in  $G$  (i.e.  $G = \{1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ )

**DLog:**  $f: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow G$  as  $f(x) = g^x \in G$

**Lemma:** Dlog hard in  $G \Rightarrow f$  is one-way

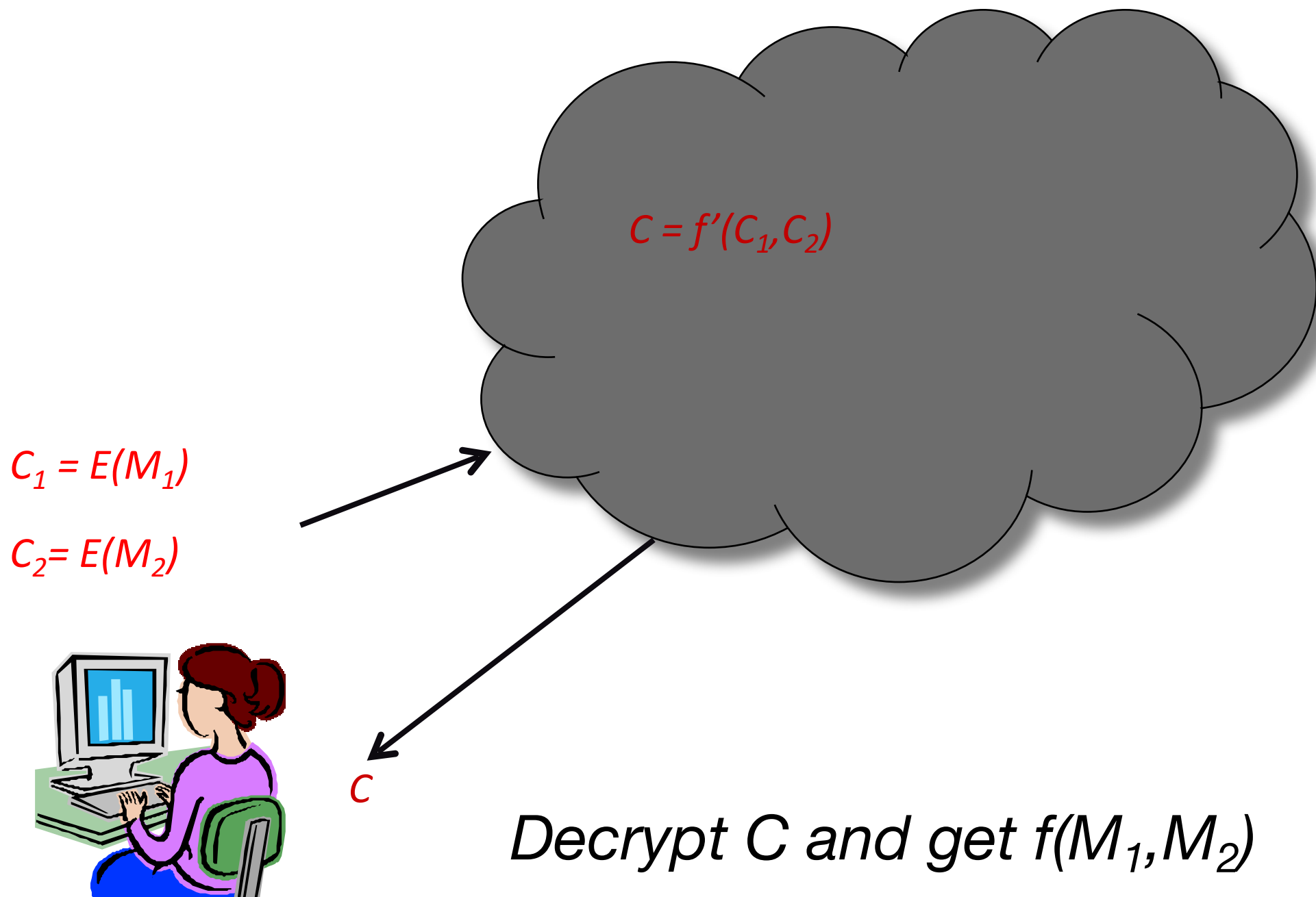
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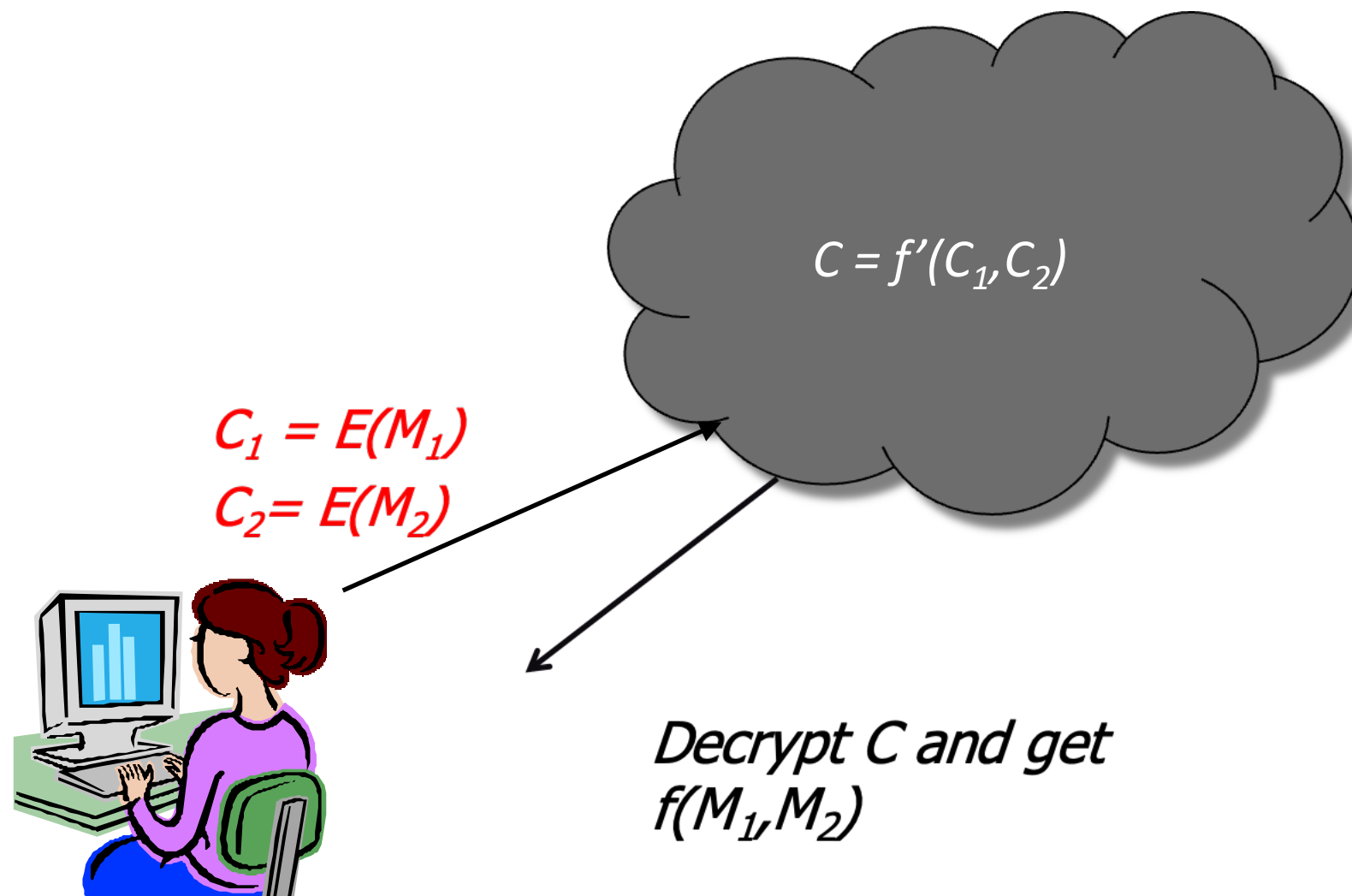
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# Homomorphic encryption

Given  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , Calculate  $f(M_1, M_2)$



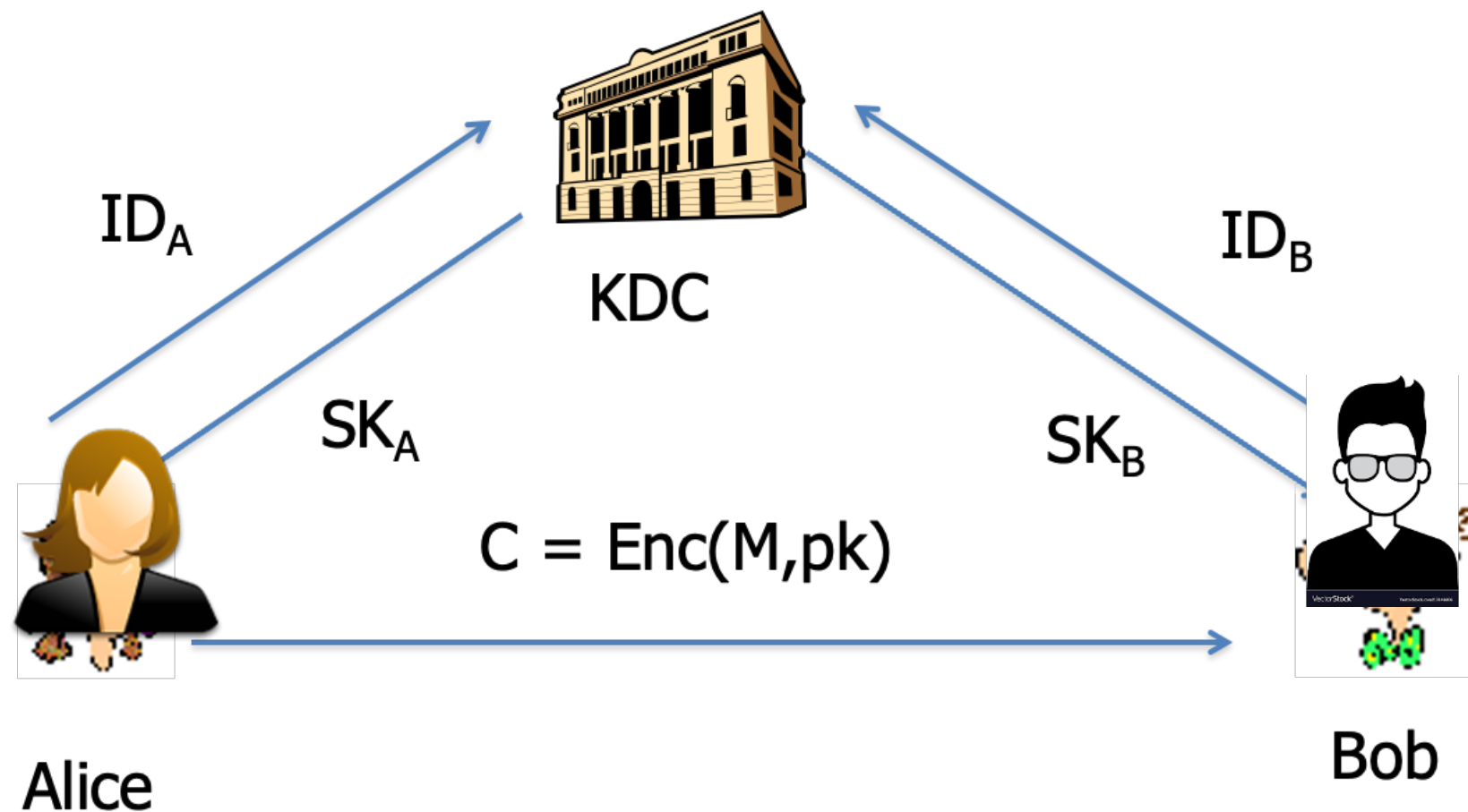
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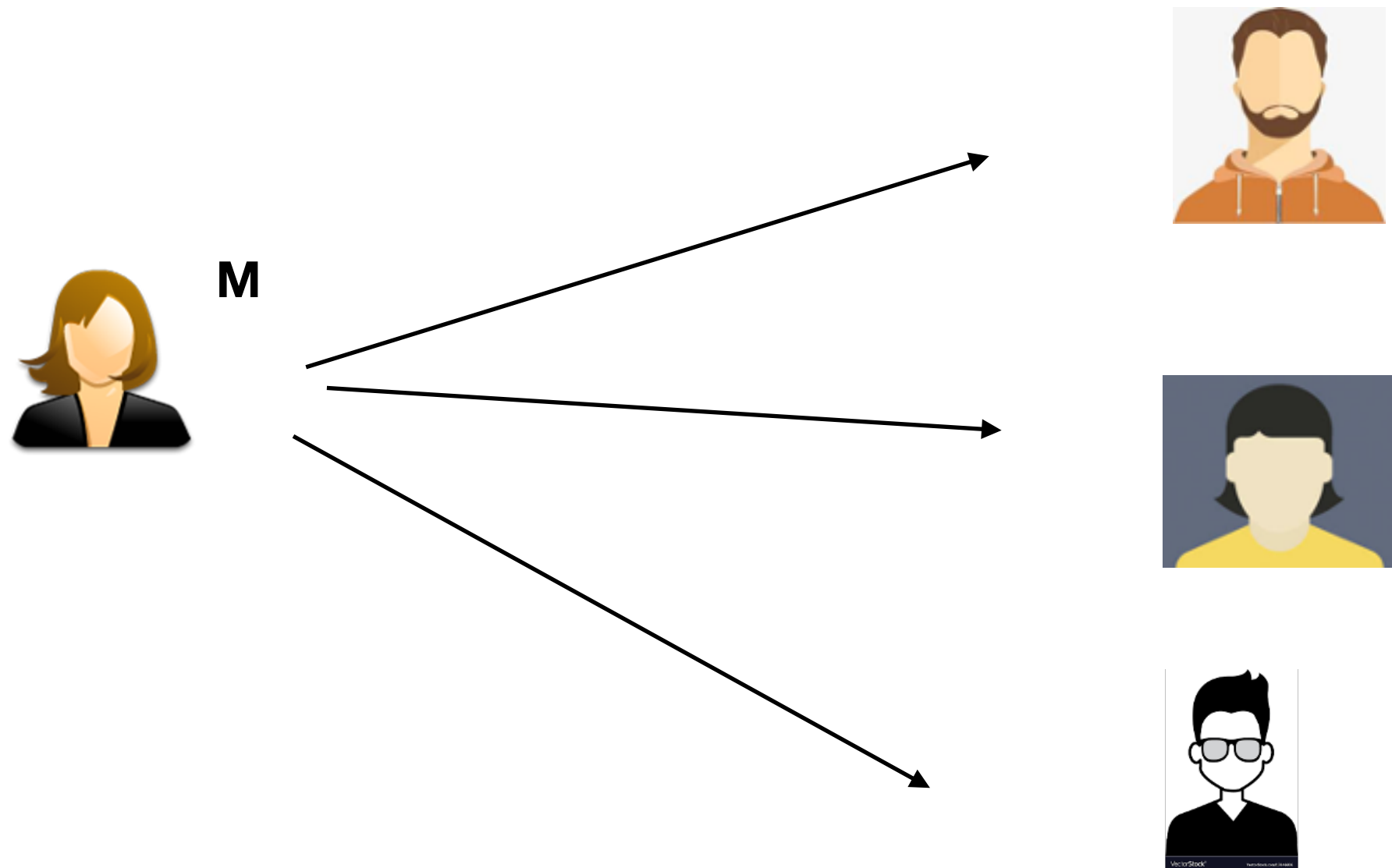
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- Choose group  $G$  of order  $p$  with generator  $g$
- Public key =  $(G, p, g, h)$ ,  $h = g^x$
- Secret key =  $x$
- $E(M) = (g^r, Mh^r)$ ,  $r$  is randomly chosen in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$
- Cloud cannot calculate  $r$ , and hence  $M$  (does not know  $x$ )
- $E(M_1)E(M_2) = (g^{r_1+r_2}, M_1M_2h^{r_1+r_2}) = E(M_1 \cdot M_2)$
- Data owner knows  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , and  $x$ , can calculate  $M_1M_2 = (M_1M_2h^{r_1+r_2})/(g^{r_1+r_2})^x$

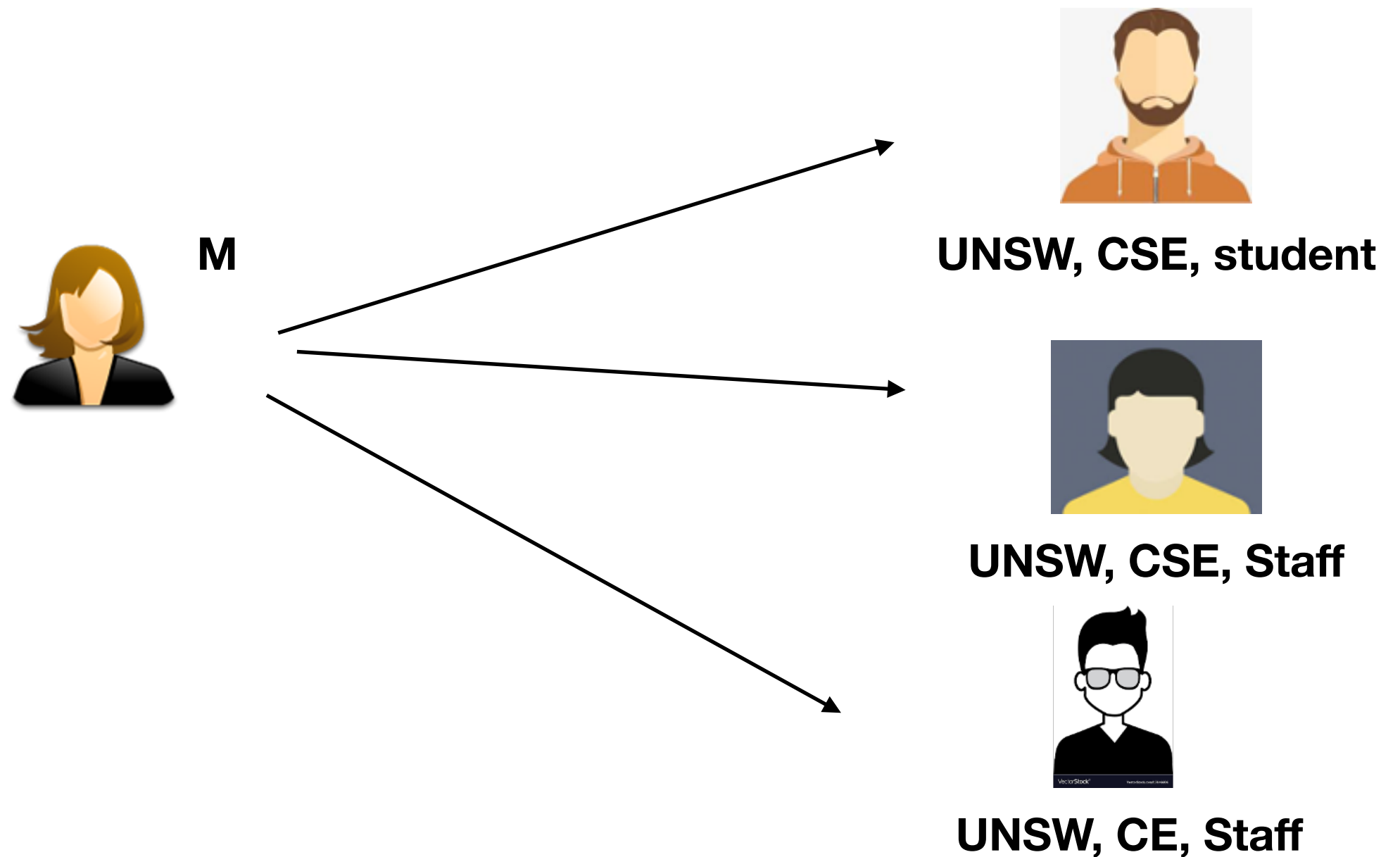
# Identity-based Encryption



# Broadcast Encryption



# Attribute-Based Encryption





**Thank you**