

# RSA

? Public Key CryptoSystem

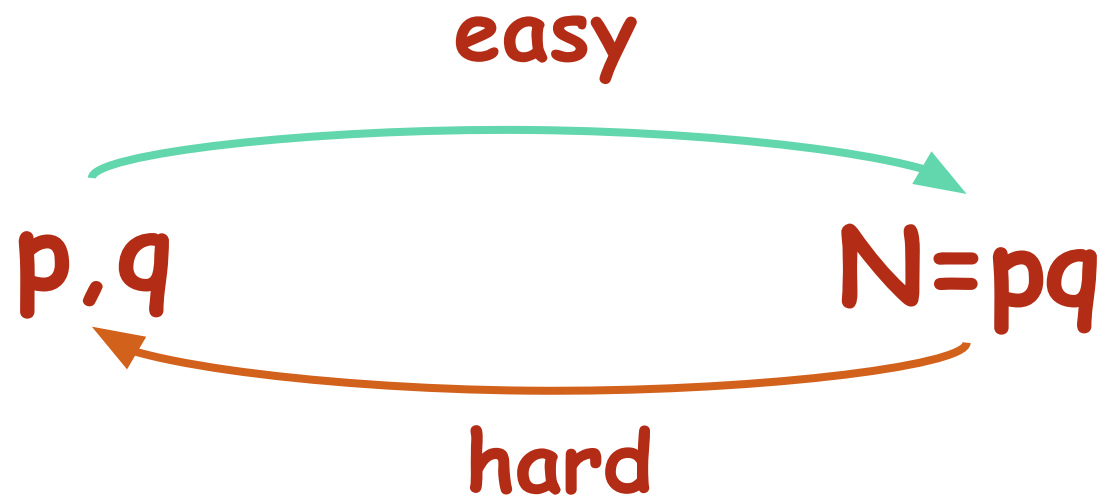


# DIFFIE AND HELLMAN (76)

## “NEW DIRECTIONS IN CRYPTOGRAPHY”

- ❑ Split the Bob's secret key  $K$  to two parts:
- ❑  $K_E$ , to be used for encrypting messages **to Bob**.
- ❑  $K_D$ , to be used for decrypting messages **by Bob**.
  
- ❑  $K_E$  can be made public
  - (public key cryptography, asymmetric cryptography)

# INTEGER MULTIPLICATION & FACTORING AS A ONE WAY FUNCTION.



Q.: Can a public key system be based  
????? on this observation

# EXCERPTS FROM RSA PAPER (CACM, 1978)



*The era of “electronic mail” may soon be upon us; we must ensure that two important properties of the current “paper mail” system are preserved: (a) messages are private, and (b) messages can be signed. We demonstrate in this paper how to build these capabilities into an electronic mail system*



*At the heart of our proposal is a new encryption method. This method provides an implementation of a “public-key cryptosystem,” an elegant concept invented by Diffie and Hellman. Their article motivated our research, since they presented the concept but not any practical implementation of such system*

## THE MULTIPLICATIVE GROUP $Z_{pq}^*$

*Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two large primes. Denote their product  $N = pq$*

*The multiplicative group  $Z_N^* = Z_{pq}^*$  contains all integers in the range  $[1, pq-1]$  that are relatively prime to both  $p$  and  $q$ . [Prove it]*

*Since in  $[1, pq-1]$  there are  $(p-1)$  multiples of  $q$  and  $(q-1)$  multiples of  $p$ , the size of the group is  $f(pq) = pq-1-(p-1)-(q-1)=pq-(p+q)+1=(p-1)(q-1)$*

*so (by Euler's theorem)  
for every  $x \in Z_{pq}^*$ ,  $x^{(p-1)(q-1)} = 1$*

# EXPONENTIATION IN $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}^*$

Motivation: We want to exponentiate for encryption.

Note that not all integers in  $\{1, 2, \dots, pq-1\}$  belong to  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}^*$ . These elements do not necessarily have a unique inverse in  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}^*$  (in fact multipl. is not a one-to-one mapping)

Let  $e$  be an integer,  $1 < e < (p-1)(q-1)$ .

**Question:** When is exponentiation to the  $e$ -th

power,  $x \mapsto x^e$ , a one-to-one oper. in  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}^*$ ?

# EXPONENTIATION IN $Z_{pq}^*$

Claim: If  $e$  is relatively prime to  $(p-1)(q-1)$  then  $x \mapsto x^e$  is a one-to-one op in  $Z_{pq}^*$

Constructive proof: Since  $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1))=1$ ,  $e$  has a multiplicative inverse mod  $(p-1)(q-1)$ .

Denote it by  $d$ , then  $ed=1 + C(p-1)(q-1)$ ,  $C$  constant.

Let  $y=x^e$ , then  $y^d = (x^e)^d = x^{1+C(p-1)(q-1)} = x^1 x^{C(p-1)(q-1)} = x(x^{(p-1)(q-1)})^C = x \cdot 1 = x$

meaning  $y \mapsto y^d$  is the inverse of  $x \mapsto x^e$  QED

# RSA PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOSYSTEM

- ❑ Let  $N = pq$  be the product of two primes
- ❑ Choose  $1 < e < \phi(N)$  such that  $\gcd(e, \phi(N)) = 1$
- ❑ Let  $d$  be such that  $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$
- ❑ The public key is  $(e, N)$
- ❑ The private key is  $(d, N)$
  
- ❑ Encryption of  $M \in \mathbb{Z}_N$  by  $C = E(M) = M^e \pmod{N}$
- ❑ Decryption of  $C \in \mathbb{Z}_N$  by  $M = D(C) = C^d \pmod{N}$   
*The above-mentioned method should not be confused with the exponentiation technique presented by Diffie and Hellman to solve the key distribution problem”.*



## WHY DECRYPTION WORKS

- since  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi}$ , there is integer  $k$  s.t.  
 $ed = 1 + k \phi$ ,  $\phi = (p-1)(q-1)$
- if  $\gcd(m, p) = 1$  then (by Fermat)  $m^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .
  - raise both sides to the power  $k(q-1)$  and then multiply both sides by  $m$ , and get  
 $m^{1+k(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv m \pmod{p}$
- if  $\gcd(m, p) = p$  (no other possibilities!) then the last congruence still holds because both sides congruent to 0 mod  $p$ , because  $m = jp$ , for some  $j \geq 1$  (hence  $m$  is multiple of  $p$ )
- hence, in both cases,  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{p}$
- similarly,  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{q}$
- since  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ , it follows  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{N}$

# RSA

- ❑ key length is variable
  - ❑ the longer, the higher security
  - ❑ 4096 bits is common
- ❑ block size also variable
  - ❑ but  $|\text{plaintext}| \leq |N|$  (in practice, for avoiding weak cases,  $|\text{plaintext}| < |N|$ )
  - ❑  $|\text{ciphertext}| = |N|$
- ❑ slower than DES
  - ❑ not used in practice for encrypting long messages
  - ❑ mostly used to encrypt a symmetric key, then used for encrypting the message

## A SMALL EXAMPLE

- ❑ Let  $p = 47$ ,  $q = 59$ ,  $N = pq = 2773$ .  $\phi(N) = 46 \times 58 = 2668$ .
- ❑ Pick  $d = 157$  ( $\gcd(2668, 157) = \gcd(157, 156) = \gcd(156, 1) = \gcd(1, 0) = 1$ ), then  $157 \times 17 - 2668 = 1$ , so  $e = 17$  is the inverse of 157 mod 2668 [see next slide for details]
- ❑ For  $N = 2773$  we can encode two letters per block, using a two-digit number per letter:
- ❑ blank = 00, A = 01, B = 02, ..., Z = 26
- ❑ Message: **ITS ALL GREEK TO ME** is encoded
- ❑ 0920 1900 0112 1200 0718 0505 1100 2015 0013 0500

## COMPUTING THE MULTIPLICATIVE INVERSE

- ❑  $p = 47, q = 59, N = pq = 2773, \phi(N) = 46 \times 58 = 2668$ ;  
choose  $d = 157$
- ❑ Bézout's identity:  $au + bv = d$  ( $a \geq b$ ;  $u, v$  signed integers;  
 $d$  greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ ) + extended Euclid's  
alg.
  - ❑ if  $a$  and  $b$  coprime then  $d = 1$ ,  $u$  is the multiplicative inverse of  
 $a \pmod{b}$  and  $v$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $b \pmod{a}$
- ❑  $-1 \times 2668 + 17 \times 157 = 1$  (Bézout)

# THE EXTENDED EUCLID'S ALGORITHM

- ❑ given integer  $x, y$  s.t.  $\gcd(x,y)=1$ , find the multiplicative inverse of  $x \pmod{y}$ 
  - ❑ assume wlog  $x \geq y$
- ❑ **traditional Euclid's alg.** for computing  $\gcd(x,y)$  calculates  $r_n = r_{n-2} \% r_{n-1}$ , with  $r_{-2} = x, r_{-1} = y$
- ❑ when  $r_n = 0$  gcd has been found, equal to  $r_{n-1}$
- ❑ **Bézout identity**: there exist  $u, v$  s.t.  $ux + vy = 1$
- ❑ the multiplicative inverse of  $x \pmod{y}$  is a number  $x^{-1}$  such that  $x^{-1}x \equiv 1 \pmod{y}$ , hence,  $x^{-1}x - 1 = ky$ , for some integer  $k$ , that is  $x^{-1}x - ky = 1$ , or  $x^{-1}x + vy = 1$ , for some integer  $v$  (with  $v = -k$ )

## THE EXTENDED EUCLID'S ALGORITHM (2)

- we can extend Euclid's algorithm to compute signed integers  $u_n$  and  $v_n$  s.t., for each  $n$ :  

$$u_n x + v_n y = r_n$$
- **(constructive) proof by induction**
- let  $u_{-2} = 1, v_{-2} = 0, u_{-1} = 0, v_{-1} = 1$
- let  $r_n = r_{n-2} - r_{n-1}q_n, q_n = \lfloor r_{n-2} / r_{n-1} \rfloor$
- if we set  $u_n = u_{n-2} - q_n u_{n-1}$  and  $v_n = v_{n-2} - q_n v_{n-1}$ , since (by inductive HP)  $r_{n-1} = u_{n-1}x + v_{n-1}y$  and  $r_{n-2} = u_{n-2}x + v_{n-2}y$ , if we compute  $r_n = r_{n-2} - r_{n-1}q_n = u_{n-2}x + v_{n-2}y - q_n(u_{n-1}x + v_{n-1}y)$  we get  

$$r_n = (u_{n-2} - q_n u_{n-1})x + (v_{n-2} - q_n v_{n-1})y$$
, namely  

$$r_n = u_n x + v_n y \quad \text{QED}$$

## THE EXTENDED EUCLID'S ALGORITHM (3)

- since we halt the algorithm when  $r_n = 0$  and  $\gcd(x, y) = r_{n-1} = 1$  then:

$$\square \quad r_{n-1} = u_{n-1}x + v_{n-1}y = 1$$

- hence  $x^{-1} = u_{n-1}$  (inverse is unique), and  $y^{-1} = v_{n-1}$

$n$	$r_n$	$q_n$	$u_n$	$v_n$
-2	2668		1	0
-1	157		0	1
0	156	16	1	-16
1	1	1	-1	17
2	0	156	157	-2668

## A SMALL EXAMPLE

- ❑  $N = 2773$ ,  $e = 17$  (10001 in binary)
- ❑ ITS ALL GREEK TO ME is encoded as  
0920 1900 0112 1200 0718 0505 1100 2015 0013 0500
- ❑ First block  $M = 0920$  encrypts to  
 $M^e = M^{17} = (((M^2)^2)^2)^2 \times M = 948 \pmod{2773}$
- ❑ The whole message (10 blocks) is encrypted as  
0948 2342 1084 1444 2663 2390 0778 0774 0219 1655
- ❑ Indeed  $0948^d = 0948^{157} = 948^{1+4+8+16+128} = 920 \pmod{2773}$ , etc.



## CONSTRUCTING AN INSTANCE OF RSA

- ❑ Alice first picks at random two large primes,  $p$  and  $q$
- ❑ Let  $N = p \cdot q$  be the product of  $p$  and  $q$
- ❑ Alice then picks at random a large  $d$  that is relatively prime to  $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$   
(  $\gcd(d, \phi(N)) = 1$  )
- ❑ Alice computes  $e$  such that  $d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$
- ❑ Alice publishes the public key  $(N, e)$
- ❑ Alice keeps the private key  $(N, d)$ , as well as the primes  $p, q$  and the number  $\phi(N)$ , in a safe place

# RSA: IMPLEMENTATION

1. Find  $p$  and  $q$ , two large primes
  - Random (an adversary should not be able to guess these numbers; they should be different each time a new key is defined)
2. Choose suitable  $e$  to have a fast encryption
  - Use exponentiation algorithm based on repeated squaring:
    - ? Compute power of 2, 4, 8, 16, ...
    - ? Compute power  $e$  by using the binary encoding of  $e$  and powers computed in so far (ex.: if  $e = 3$  then 2 multiplications needed; if  $e = 2^{16} + 1$  then 5 multiplications needed)
  - In this way decrypting is generally slower ( $d$  is large)
3. Compute  $d$ :
  - *Euclid's extended algorithm*

# RSA: IMPLEMENTATION (STEP 1)

## 1. Find two random primes

### Algorithm:

- randomly choose a random large odd integer
- test if it is a prime

### Note:

- Prime number are relatively frequent (in  $[N, 2N]$  there are  $\approx N / \ln N$  primes)
- [prime number theorem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_number_theorem) ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime\\_number\\_theorem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_number_theorem)) states that the average gap between prime numbers near  $N$  is roughly  $\ln(N)$
- Hence randomly choosing we expect to find a prime of  $N$  bits every  $\ln N$  attempts

## RSA: IMPLEMENTATION (STEP 2)

Encrypting algorithm (compute exponentiation) .2

Compute power by repeated squaring (so computing power of 2, 4, 8, ..) and then executing multiplication (based on binary encoding of the exponent  $e$ )

Cost:  $O(\log N)$  operations

Constant no. of operations if  $e$  is small and its binary representation has few ones

Examples:  $e = 3$ , 2 multiplications

$e = 65537 = 2^{16} + 1$ , compute powers  $M^2, M^4, M^8, M^{16}, \dots$   
 $M^{65536}$  and then  $M^{65537} = M^{65536} * M$

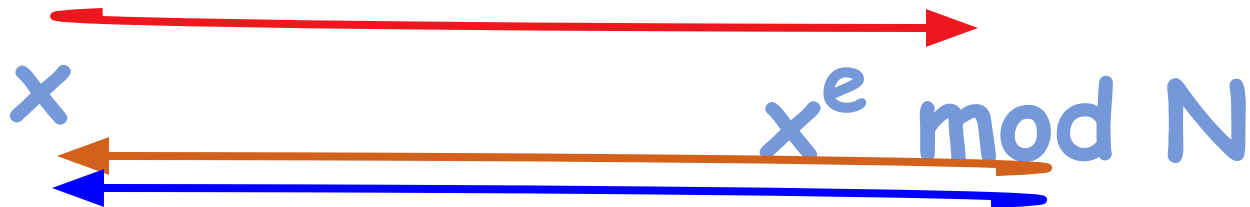
(total 16 multiplication)

# TRAP-DOOR OWF

- ❑ Definition:  $f: D \rightarrow R$  is a *trapdoor one way function* if there is a trapdoor  $s$  such that:
  - ❑ Without knowledge of  $s$ , the function  $f$  is a one way function
  - ❑ Given  $s$ , inverting  $f$  is easy
- ❑ Example:  $f_{g,p}(x) = g^x \bmod p$  is **not** a trap-door one way function.
- ❑ Example: RSA is a trap-door OWF.

# RSA AS A ONE WAY TRAPDOOR FUNCTION.

easy



hard

Easy with trapdoor info (  $d$  )

# RSA: A COLLECTION OF TRAP-DOOR OWF

- ❑ Note: RSA defines a function that depends on the Key
- ❑ Definition: Let  $I$  be a set of indices. A collection of trap door one-way functions is a set of functions  $F$  parameterized by elements in  $I$
- ❑  $F$  verifies: For all values  $i$  in  $I$  there exists  $f_i$  such that
  - ❑  $f_i$  belongs to  $F$
  - ❑  $f_i: D \rightarrow R_i$  is a *trap-door one way function*
- ❑ Idea: we need an algorithm that given a security parameter (the key) selects a function in  $F$  together with a trapdoor information

# ATTACKS ON RSA

Recall RSA robustness does not imply it is always robust

1. **Factor  $N = pq$ .** This is believed hard unless  $p, q$  have some “bad” properties. To avoid such primes, it is recommended to
  - Take  $p, q$  large enough (100 **digits** each).
  - Make sure  $p, q$  are not too close together.
  - Make sure both  $(p-1), (q-1)$  have large prime factors (to foil Pollard’s **rho** algorithm)
    - special-purpose integer factorization algorithm (John Pollard, 1975); particularly effective at splitting composite numbers with small factors.
2. Some **messages might be easy** to decrypt



# RSA AND FACTORING

- ❑ **Fact 1:** given  $n, e, p$  and  $q$  it is easy to compute  $d$
- ❑ **Fact 2:** given  $n, e$ 
  - ❑ if you factor  $n$  then you can compute  $\varphi(n)$  and  $d$
- ❑ **Conclusion:**
  - ❑ If you can factor  $n$  then you break RSA
  - ❑ If you invert RSA, then you can factor  $n$ ?  
***OPEN PROBLEM***

# FACTORING RSA CHALLENGES

RSA challenges: **factor**  $N = pq$ :



RSA Security has published factoring challenges

- RSA 426 bits, 129 digits: factorized in 1994 (8 months, 1600 computers on the Internet (10000 Mips))
- RSA 576 bits, 173 digits: factorized in dec. 2003, \$10000
- RSA 640 bits, Nov. 2005, 30 2.2GHz-Opteron-CPU
- Challenge is not active anymore (2007)

June 2008: Kaspersky Labs proposed an international distributed effort to crack a 1024-bit RSA key used by the Gpcode Virus. From their website: *We estimate it would take around 15 million modern computers, running for about a year, to crack such a key. (??)*

# RSA - ATTACKS

- ❑ There are messages easy to decrypt:  
if  $m = 0, 1, n-1$  then  $\text{RSA}(m) = m$ 
  - ❑ notice  $e$  must be odd  $\geq 3$ , hence  $(n-1)^e \bmod n = n-1$ , because  $(n-1)^2 \bmod n = 1$
- ❑ **SOLUT: rare, use salt**
- ❑ If both  $m$  and  $e$  are small (e.g.,  $e = 3$ ) then we might have  $m^e < n$ ; hence
  - ❑  $m^e \bmod n = m^e$
  - ❑ compute  $e$ th root in arithmetic is easy: adversary compute it and finds  $m$
- ❑ **SOLUT. Add nonzero bytes to avoid small messages**

# RSA - ATTACKS

Small  $e$  (e.g.,  $e = 3$ )

- Suppose adversary has two encryptions of similar messages such as

$$c_1 = m^3 \bmod n \text{ and } c_2 = (m+1)^3 \bmod n$$

Therefore

$$m = (c_2 + 2c_1 - 1) / (c_2 - c_1 + 2)$$

- The case  $m$  and  $(am + b)$  is similar (see next slide)

SOLUT. Choose large  $e$

# Low-Exponent RSA with Related Messages

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**Abstract.** In this paper we present a new class of attacks against RSA with low encrypting exponent. The attacks enable the recovery of plaintext messages from their ciphertexts and a known polynomial relationship among the messages, provided that the ciphertexts were created using the same RSA public key with low encrypting exponent.

Suppose we have two messages  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  related by a known affine relation

$$m_2 = \alpha m_1 + \beta.$$

Suppose further that the messages are encrypted under RSA with an exponent of 3 using a single public modulus  $N$ .

$$c_i = m_i^3 \bmod N, \quad i = 1, 2$$

Then from

$$c_1, c_2, \alpha, \beta, N$$

we can calculate the secret messages  $m_i$  algebraically as follows:

$$\frac{\beta(c_2 + 2\alpha^3 c_1 - \beta^3)}{\alpha(c_2 - \alpha^3 c_1 + 2\beta^3)} = \frac{3\alpha^3 \beta m_1^3 + 3\alpha^2 \beta^2 m_1^2 + 3\alpha \beta^3 m_1}{3\alpha^3 \beta m_1^2 + 3\alpha^2 \beta^2 m_1 + 3\alpha \beta^3} = m_1 \bmod N.$$

The algebra is more transparent if we assume (without loss of generality) that  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ .

$$\frac{(m+1)^3 + 2m^3 - 1}{(m+1)^3 - m^3 + 2} = \frac{3m^3 + 3m^2 + 3m}{3m^2 + 3m + 3} = m \bmod N. \quad (1)$$

*Eurocrypt 1996*

## CHINESE REMAINDER THEOREM

- Suppose  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  are positive integers which are pairwise coprime. Then, for any given integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ , there exists an integer  $x$  solving the system of simultaneous congruencies

$$x \equiv a_i \pmod{n_i} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k.$$

- Furthermore, all solutions  $x$  to this system are congruent modulo the product  $N = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$ .

# RSA - ATTACKS

Assume  $e = 3$  and then send the same message three times to three different users, with public keys

$$(3, n_1) (3, n_2) (3, n_3)$$

Attack: adv. knows public keys and

$$m^3 \bmod n_1, m^3 \bmod n_2, m^3 \bmod n_3$$

- He can compute (using Chinese remainder theorem)  
 $m^3 \bmod (n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot n_3)$

- Moreover  $m < n_1, n_2, n_3$ ; hence  $m^3 < n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot n_3$  and  
 $m^3 \bmod n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot n_3 = m^3$

- Adv. computes cubic root and gets result

SOLUT. Add random bytes to avoid equal messages

## RSA - ATTACKS

- ❑ If message space is small, then adv. can test all possible messages

ex.: adv. knows encoding of  $m$  and knows that  $m$  is either  $m_1=10101010$  or  $m_2=01010101$

adv. encrypts  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  using public key and verifies

- ❑ SOLUT. Add random string in the message



## RSA - ATTACKS

- ❑ If two user have same  $n$  (but different  $e$  and  $d$ ) then bad.
  - ❑ One user could compute  $p$  and  $q$  starting from his  $e$ ,  $d$ ,  $n$  (somewhat tricky, based on Euler's theorem – see for instance “The Handbook of Applied Cryptography”, Sect. 8.2.2)
  - ❑ Then, the user could easily discover the secret key of the other user, given his public key

**SOLUT.** Each person chooses his own  $n$  (the probability two people choose same  $n$  is very very low)

# RSA - ATTACKS

- ❑ Multiplicative property of RSA:

- ❑ If  $M = M_1 * M_2$  then  $(M_1 * M_2)^e \bmod N = ((M_1^e \bmod N) * (M_2^e \bmod N)) \bmod N$

Hence an adversary can proceed using small messages (chosen ciphertext, see next slide)

- ❑ Can be generalized if  $M = M_1 * M_2 * \dots * M_k$
  - ❑ Solut.: padding on short messages

## RSA - CHOSEN CIPHERTEXT ATTACK

**Adversary** wants to decrypt  $C = M^e \bmod n$

1. adv. computes  $X = (C \cdot 2^e) \bmod n$
2. adv. uses  $X$  as chosen ciphertext and asks the oracle for  $Y = X^d \bmod n$

but....

$$X = (C \bmod n) \cdot (2^e \bmod n) = (M^e \bmod n) \cdot (2^e \bmod n) = (2M)^e \bmod n$$

thus adv. got  $Y = (2M)$

# RSA - ATTACKS

chosen ciphertext attack:

- ❑ Adv. T knows  $c = M^e \bmod n$
- ❑ T randomly chooses  $X$  and computes  $c' = c X^e \bmod n$  and ASKS ORACLE TO DECRYPT  $c'$
- ❑ T computes  $(c')^d = c^d (X^e)^d = M X \bmod n !!$
- ❑ **SOLUT:** require that messages verify a given structure (oracle does not answers if M does not verify requirements)

# RSA - ATTACKS

## Implementation attacks

- ❑ Timing: based on time required to compute  $C^d$
- ❑ Energy: based on energy required to compute (smart card)  $C^d$
- ❑ Solut.: add random steps in implementation

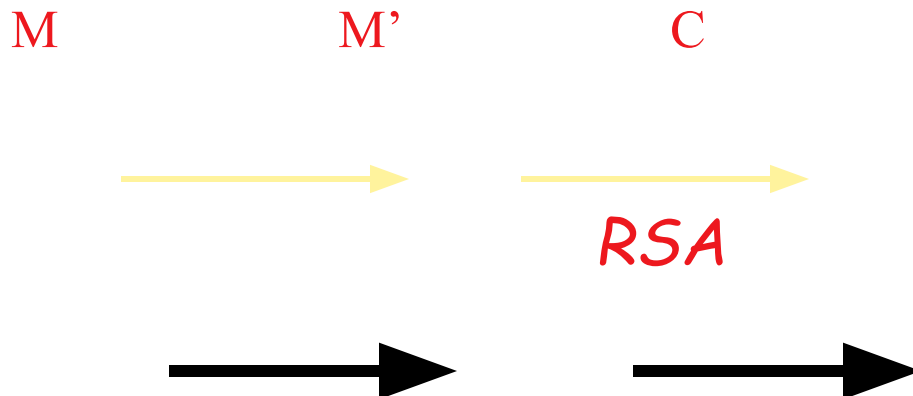
# RSA - ATTACKS : CONCLUSION

Textbook implementation of RSA is NOT safe

- ❑ It does not verify security criteria
- ❑ Many attacks

There exists a standard version

- ❑ Preprocess  $M$  to obtain  $M'$  and apply RSA to  $M'$  (clearly the meaning of  $M$  e  $M'$  is the same)



## PROPERTIES OF RSA

- ❑ The requirement  $(e, \phi(n)) = 1$  is important for uniqueness
- ❑ Finding  $d$ , given  $p$  and  $q$  is easy. Finding  $d$  given only  $n$  and  $e$  is assumed to be hard (the RSA assumption)
- ❑ The public exponent  $e$  may be small. Typically, its value is either 3 (problematic) or  $2^{16} + 1$
- ❑ Each encryption involves several modular multiplications. Decryption is longer.

# PUBLIC-KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY STANDARD (PKCS)

Set of standard devised and published by RSA Security; many versions with different goals (1-15). See Wikipedia for details

PKCS#1: standard to send messages using RSA (byte)

$m = 0 \parallel 2 \parallel \text{at least 8 non-zero bytes} \parallel 0 \parallel M$

(M original message)

- ❑ first byte 0 implies message is less than  $N$
- ❑ second byte (= 2) denotes encrypting of a message (1 denotes dig. signature) and implies  $m$  is not small
- ❑ random bytes imply
  - ❑ same message sent to many people is always different
  - ❑ space of message is large



# PKCS

*from the Handbook of Applied Cryptography*

## 15.3.6 De facto standards

Various security specifications arising through informal processes become de facto standards. This section mentions one such class of specifications: the PKCS suite.

### PKCS specifications

A suite of specifications called *The Public-Key Cryptography Standards* (PKCS) has parts as listed in Table 15.11. The original PKCS #2 and PKCS #4 have been incorporated into PKCS #1. PKCS #11 is referred to as *CRYPTOKI*.

No.	PKCS title
1	RSA encryption standard
3	Diffie-Hellman key-agreement standard
5	Password-based encryption standard
6	Extended-certificate syntax standard
7	Cryptographic message syntax standard
8	Private-key information syntax standard
9	Selected attribute types
10	Certification request syntax standard
11	Cryptographic token interface standard

**Table 15.11:** PKCS specifications.

# RSA AND DATA INTEGRITY: OAEP

- Padding scheme often used together with RSA encryption
  - introduced by Bellare and Rogaway: "Optimal Asymmetric Encryption - How to Encrypt with RSA" 1994, 1995  
(<http://cseweb.ucsd.edu/users/mihir/papers/oae.pdf>)
- OAEP uses a pair of random oracles G and H to process the plaintext prior to asymmetric encryption
  - a random oracle is a mathematical function mapping every possible query to a random response from its output domain.
  - when combined with RSA it is secure under chosen plaintext/ciphertext attacks
- OAEP satisfies the following two goals
  1. Add an element of randomness which can be used to convert a deterministic encryption scheme (e.g., traditional RSA) into a probabilistic scheme.
  2. Prevent partial decryption of ciphertexts (or other information leakage) by ensuring that an adversary cannot recover any portion of the plaintext without being able to invert the trapdoor one-way permutation f.

# OPTIMAL ASYMMETRIC ENCRYPTION PADDING (OAEP)

$n$  = number of bits in RSA modulus

$k_0$  and  $k_1$  = integers fixed by the protocol

$m$  = plaintext message, a  $(n - k_0 - k_1)$ -bit string

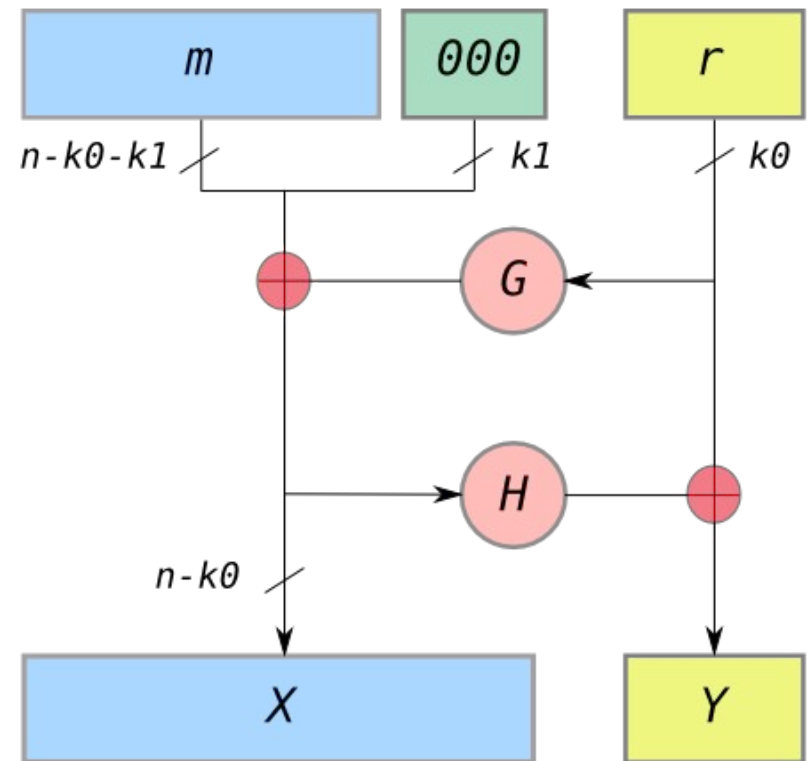
$G$  and  $H$  = cryptographic hash functions fixed by the protocol

## To encrypt

- messages are padded with  $k_1$  zeros to be  $n - k_0$  bits in length.
- $r$  is a random  $k_0$ -bit string
- $G$  expands the  $k_0$  bits of  $r$  to  $n - k_0$  bits.
- $X = m00\dots0 \oplus G(r)$
- $H$  reduces the  $n - k_0$  bits of  $X$  to  $k_0$  bits.
- $Y = r \oplus H(X)$
- output is  $X \parallel Y$

## To decrypt

- recover the random string as  $r = Y \oplus H(X)$
- recover the message as  $m00\dots0 = X \oplus G(r)$



$G$  and  $H$  are **identical** in PKCS#1 and MGF1  
(mask generation function, a hash with  
programmable output-size)



# OAEP - "ALL-OR-NOTHING" SECURITY

## "all-or-nothing" security

- ❑ to recover  $m$ , you must recover the entire  $X$  and the entire  $Y$ 
  - ❑  $X$  is required to recover  $r$  from  $Y$ , and  $r$  is required to recover  $m$  from  $X$
- ❑ since any bit of a cryptographic hash completely changes the result, the entire  $X$ , and the entire  $Y$  must both be completely recovered

# PKCS#1 TODAY

- ❑ current version of PKCS#1 is 2.2 (RFC 8017, 2016), based on
  - ❑ RSA Encryption Primitive (RSAEP)
  - ❑ RSA Decryption Primitive (RSADP)
  - ❑ both use the same math with different base/exponent
    - ❑  $x^y \bmod N$
- ❑ according to RFC 8017 two **encryption schemes** are expected to be supported
  - ❑ RSAES-OAEP (required, to be used with new applications)
  - ❑ RSAES-PKCS1-v1\_5 (for compatibility with existing applications)

# RSAES-OAEP

- ❑ given message  $M$ , **determine encoded message  $M'$**  (octet-stream) by means of OAEP
- ❑ **determine integer representative  $m$  of  $M'$** 
  - ❑ use  $m = \text{OS2IP}(M')$  *octet-stream to integer primitive*
- ❑ **compute ciphertext representative (integer)**
  - ❑  $c = \text{RSAEP}((N, e), m)$   *$(N, e)$  is public-key*
- ❑ **convert ciphertext representative (integer) to ciphertext (octet-stream)**
  - ❑ use  $C = \text{I2OSP}(c, |N|)$  *integer to octet-stream primitive*
- ❑ decryption is symmetric and is based on OAEP<sup>-1</sup> and RSADP

# OCTET-STREAMS AND NON-NEGATIVE INTEGERS

- ❑ **OS2IP: *octet-stream to integer primitive***
  - ❑ a non-negative integer is constructed by interpreting  $k$  octets (8-bit bytes) as a number in base 256, where each octet represent a digit (in  $[0, 255]$ )
  - ❑  $k$  is the number of bytes for representing  $N$
  
- ❑ **I2OSP: *integer to octet-stream primitive***
  - ❑ an octet-stream (array of  $k$  bytes) is constructed by determining the coefficients of the representation in base 256 of the given integer (each coefficient is an integer in  $[0, 255]$  and is stored in one octet)

# RSAES-PKCS1-v1\_5

- ❑ given message  $M$ , **determine encoded message  $M'$**  (octet-stream) by means of
  - ❑  $M' = 0x00 \parallel 0x02 \parallel \text{at least 8 non-zero bytes} \parallel 0x00 \parallel M$
- ❑ **determine integer representative  $m$  of  $M'$** 
  - ❑ use  $m = \text{OS2IP}(M')$  *octet-stream to integer primitive*
- ❑ **compute ciphertext representative (integer)**
  - ❑  $c = \text{RSAEP}((N, e), m)$   *$(N, e)$  is public-key*
- ❑ **convert ciphertext representative (integer) to ciphertext (octet-stream)**
  - ❑ use  $C = \text{I2OSP}(c, |N|)$  *integer to octet-stream primitive*
- ❑ decryption is symmetric and is based on RSADP and the extraction of  $M$  from  $M'$



# ELGAMAL ENCRYPTION

- ❑ Constructed by ElGamal in 1984
- ❑ Based on DH and consists of three components: key generator, encryption algorithm, decryption algorithm
- ❑ Alice publishes  $p, g \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  as public parameters
  - ❑  $g$  is generator of a cyclic group of order  $p$
- ❑ Alice chooses  $x$  as a private key and publishes  $g^x \bmod p$  as a public key
  - ❑  $x$  chosen at random in  $\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$
- ❑ Encryption (Bob, for Alice) of  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  by sending  $(g^y \bmod p, mg^{xy} \bmod p)$ 
  - ❑  $y$  chosen at random in  $\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$
- ❑ Decryption: Alice computes  $(g^y)^x \bmod p = g^{xy} \bmod p$ , then computes  $(g^{xy})^{-1} \bmod p$  for obtaining  $mg^{xy}(g^{xy})^{-1} \bmod p = m$
- ❑ Requires two exponentiations per each block transmitted
- ❑ The involved math is not trivial

## REAL WORLD USAGE

Two words:

Key Exchange

(use RSA (ElGamal) to define a secret key that is used  
with a faster protocol like AES)