



# changelog

24 Feb 2023: using? for digital signatures: fix key in  $V$  to be public key

24 Feb 2023: certificate idea: correctly identify what private key  $A$  signs with

# last time

(review of?) sockets

read()/write() interface

bind() (set address); listen()+accept()/connect()

UDP sockets

tracking connections → file descriptors

domain name system

hierarchical database; caching

URLs

mapping link-layer to network-layer addresses

address discovery — DHCP

# anonymous feedback — quizzes (1)

“I love this class being my 6th HSS elective. Why are these quizzes more similar to a section from the SAT’s reading section than quizzes from a CS class.”

“Would we be able to move the quizzes until after the homework and/or labs? I feel I understand the topic much better after those but generally the quizzes are harder to understand since we have little to no experience with them by the point we take them.”

there will be times when we don’t do assignment until week+ after lecture coverage

(based on my guesses about post-Spring-break scheduling and making sure I have time if lecture goes slowly)

think I’m getting lots of complaints either way

## anonymous feedback — last quiz

“We were given conflicting information for solving the first question on the quiz. One slides suggests that we should multiply the 12 most significant bits of the given 0x1231 with 8(the page size), but the example we did during class suggests we never implement this step. As a result, I had two answers for that quiz question, namely 0x9180 and 0x1230. I feel that partial credit should be given for said question.”

the page size in the quiz question was **16 bytes** (= 8 PTEs)

...so the page size to multiply by was 16

in the example in lecture, PTEs were 1 byte —

so as a special case page size in bytes = page size in PTEs

## anonymous feedback — OH waits

“In OH [TA name] spent 30+ minutes helping the same student after two new students had written their names on the whiteboard.”

## anonymous feedback — HW due time

“Can the assignments (not labs) be due at 11:59pm on the day it's due?”

# network address translation

IPv4 addresses are kinda scarce

solution: *convert* many private addrs. to one public addr.

locally: use private IP addresses for machines

outside: private IP addresses become a single public one

commonly how home networks work (and some ISPs)



# implementing NAT

remote host + port	outside local port number	inside IP	inside port number
128.148.17.3:443	54033	192.168.1.5	43222
11.7.17.3:443	53037	192.168.1.5	33212
128.148.31.2:22	54032	192.168.1.37	43010
128.148.17.3:443	63039	192.168.1.37	32132

table of the translations

need to update as new connections made

# NAT and layers

previously: network layer responsible for get to right machine

now: network + transport layer

because we use port numbers

also, NAT needs to know about connections (transport layer)  
to know how to setup/remove table entries

# secure communication context

“secure” communication

mostly talk about on network

between *principals*  $\approx$  people/servers/programs

but same ideas apply to, e.g., messages on disk  
communicating with yourself

# A to B

running example: A talking with B  
maybe sometimes also with C

attacker E — eavesdropper  
passive  
gets to read all messages over network

attacker M (man-in-the-middle)  
active  
gets to read and replace and add messages on the network

# privileged network position

intercept radio signal?

control local wifi router?

may doesn't just forward messages

compromise network equipment?

send packets with 'wrong' source address  
called "spoofing"

fool DNS servers to 'steal' name?

fool routers to send you other's data?

# possible security properties? (1)

what we'll talk about:

confidentiality — information shared only with those who should have it

authenticity — message genuinely comes from right principal (and not manipulated)

## possible security properties? (2)

important ones we won't talk about...:

repudiation — if A sends message to B, B can't prove to C it came from A

(takes extra effort to get along with authenticity)

forward-secrecy — if A compromised now, E can't use that to decode past conversations with B

anonymity — A can talk to B without B knowing who it is

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start: assume A and B have a *shared secret* they both know  
(and M, E do not)

(later: easier to setup assumptions)

# bad ways to use shared secret

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well, this doesn't really help:

- against E, who can read the password AND confidential info

- against M, who can also pretend to be A for B

# symmetric encryption

some magic math!

we'll be given two functions by expert:

encrypt:  $E(\text{key}, \text{message}) = \text{ciphertext}$

decrypt:  $D(\text{key}, \text{ciphertext}) = \text{message}$

key = shared secret

ideally small (easy to share) and chosen at random

unsolved problem: how to share it?

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# secrecy properties

actually that's not secret enough, usually want to resist recovery of info about message **or key** even given...

partial info about the message, or

lots of other (message, ciphertext) pairs, or  
“known plaintext”

lots of (message, ciphertext) pairs for *other messages the attacker chooses*, or  
“chosen plaintext”

lots of (message, ciphertext) pairs encrypted under similar keys, or  
“related key”

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# encryption is not enough

if B receives an encrypted message from A, and...

it makes sense when decrypted, why isn't that good enough?

problem: an active attacker M

can *selectively* manipulate the encrypted message

# manipulating encrypted data?

one example: common symmetric encryption approach:

- use random number + shared secret to...

- produce sequence of hard-to-guess bits  $x_i$  as long as the message

- produce ciphertext with xor:  $c_i = m_i \oplus x_i$

- message =  $m_0m_1m_2 \dots$ ; ciphertext = [random number] $c_0c_1c_2 \dots$

means that flipping  $c_i$  flips bit  $m_i$

also means that we can shorten messages silently

# manipulating messages

as an active attacker

if we know part of plaintext

can sometimes make it read anything else by flipping bits

“Pay \$100 to Bob” → “Pay \$999 to Bob”

we can shorten

“Pay \$100 to ABC Corp if they ...” → “Pay \$100 to ABC Corp”

we can corrupt selected parts of message and check the response is

e.g. what changes don't make B reject message as malformed?

# message authentication codes (MACs)

goal: use shared secret *key* to verify message origin

one function:  $MAC(\text{key}, \text{message}) = \text{tag}$

knowing  $MAC$  and the message and the tag, it should be hard to:

- find the value of  $MAC(\text{key}, \text{other message})$

  - “forging the tag”

- find the key

## contrast: MAC v checksum

message authentication code acts like checksum, but...

checksum can be recomputed without any key

checksum meant to protect against accidents, not malicious attacks

checksum can be faster to compute + shorter

# using without encryption?

in advance: choose + share MAC key

A prepares message:

A computes 'Please pay \$100 to M.'

A computes  $MAC(\text{MAC key, 'Please pay \$100 to M.'}) = @@@$

A  $\rightarrow$  B: Please pay \$100 to M. @@@

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# “authenticated encryption”

often encryption + MAC packaged together

name: authenticated encryption

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only with smaller number of trusted authorities

don't need to have keys for every website in advance

# asymmetric encryption

we'll have two functions:

encrypt:  $PE(\text{public key, message}) = \text{ciphertext}$

decrypt:  $PD(\text{private key, ciphertext}) = \text{message}$

(public key, private key) = "key pair"

# key pairs

‘private key’ = kept secret

usually not shared with *anyone*

‘public key’ = safe to give to everyone

usually some hard-to-reverse function of public key

concept will appear in some other cryptographic primitives

# asymmetric encryption properties

functions:

encrypt:  $PE(\text{public key, message}) = \text{ciphertext}$

decrypt:  $PD(\text{private key, ciphertext}) = \text{message}$

should have:

knowing  $PE$ ,  $PD$ , the public key, and ciphertext shouldn't make it too easy to find message

knowing  $PE$ ,  $PD$ , the public key, ciphertext, and message shouldn't help in finding private key

# using asymmetric v symmetric

both:

- use secret data to generate key(s)

asymmetric (AKA public-key) encryption

- one “keypair” per recipient

- private key kept by recipient

- public key sent to all potential senders

- encryption is one-way without private key

symmetric encryption

- one key per (recipient + sender)

- secret key kept by recipient + sender

- if you can encrypt, you can decrypt

# public keys

public key used to encrypt

can share this with everyone!

private key used to decrypt

kept secret

don't even share with people sending us messages

## using?

in advance: B generates private key + public key

in advance: B sends public key to A (and maybe others) securely

A computes  $PE(\text{public key, 'The secret formula is...'}) = \text{*****}$

send on network:

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# digital signatures

symmetric encryption : asymmetric encryption ::

message authentication codes : digital signatures

# digital signatures

pair of functions:

sign:  $S(\text{private key}, \text{message}) = \text{signature}$

verify:  $V(\text{public key}, \text{signature}, \text{message}) = 1$  (“yes, correct signature”)

(public key, private key) = key pair (similar to asymmetric encryption)

public key can be shared with everyone

knowing  $S$ ,  $V$ , public key, message, signature

doesn't make it too easy to find another message + signature so that

$V(\text{public key}, \text{other message}, \text{other signature}) = 1$

## using?

in advance: A generates private key + public key

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A computes  $S(\text{private key}, \text{'Please pay ...'}) = \text{*****}$

send on network:

A  $\rightarrow$  B: 'I authorize the payment', \*\*\*\*\*

B computes  $V(\text{private key}, \text{'Please pay ...'}, \text{*****}) = 1$

## tools, but...

have building blocks, but less than straightforward to use

lots of issues from using building blocks poorly

start of art solution: formal proof systems

# replay attacks

A→B: Did you order lunch? [signature 1 by A]

signature 1 by A =  $\text{Sign}(\text{A's private signing key}, \text{"Did you order lunch?"})$   
will check with  $\text{Verify}(\text{A's public key}, \text{signature 1 by A}, \text{"Did you order lunch?"})$

B→A: Yes. [signature 1 by B]

signature 1 by B =  $\text{Sign}(\text{B's private key}, \text{"Yes."})$   
will check with  $\text{Verify}(\text{B's public key}, \text{signature 1 by B}, \text{"Yes."})$

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# nonces (1)

one solution to replay attacks:

A→B: #1 Did you order lunch? [signature 1 from A]  
signature from A = Sign(A's private key, "#1 Did you order lunch?")

B→A: #1 Yes. [signature 1 from B]

A→B: #2 Vegetarian? [signature 2 from A]

B→A: #2 No, not this time. [signature 2 from B]

...

A→B: #54 There's a guy at the door, says he's here to repair the AC. Should I let him in? [signature ? from A]

(assuming A actually checks the numbers)



## nonces (2)

another solution to replay attacks:

B→A: [next number #91523] [signature from B]

A→B: #91523 Did you order lunch? [next number #90382]  
[signature from A]

B→A: #90382 Yes. [next number #14578] [signature from B]

...

A→B: #6824 There's a guy at the door, says he's here to repair  
the AC. Should I let him in? [next number #36129][signature from  
A]

(assuming A actually checks the numbers)

## replay attacks (alt)

M→B: #50 Did you order lunch? [signature by M]

B→M: #50 Yes. [signature intended for M by B]

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# confusion about who's sending?

in addition to nonces, either

- write down more who is sending + other context so message can't be reused and/or

- use unique set of keys for each principal you're talking to

with symmetric encryption, also “reflection attacks”

- A sends message to B, attacker sends A's message back to A as if it's from B

# other attacks without breaking math

# TLS state machine attack

from <https://mitls.org/pages/attacks/SMACK>

protocol:

- step 1: verify server identity
- step 2: receive messages from server

attack:

- if server sends “here’s your next message”,  
instead of “here’s my identity”  
then broken client ignores verifying server’s identity

# Matrix vulnerabilities

one example from <https://nebuchadnezzar-megolm.github.io/static/paper.pdf>

system for confidential multi-user chat

protocol + goals:

- each device (my phone, my desktop) has public key
- to talk to me, you verify one of my public keys
- to add devices, my client can forward my other devices' public keys

bug:

- when receiving new keys, clients did not check who they were forwarded from correctly

on the lab



# getting public keys?

browser talking to websites  
needs public keys of every single website?

not really feasible, but...

## certificate idea

let's say A has B's public key already.

if C wants B's public key and knows A's already:

A can send C:

“B's public key is XXX” AND

Sign(B's private key, “B's public key is XXX”)

if C trusts A, now C has B's public key

if C does not trust A, well, can't trust this either

# certificate authorities

instead, have public keys of trusted *certificate authorities*

only 10s of them, probably

websites go to certificates authorities with their public key

certificate authorities sign messages like:

“The public key for foo.com is XXX.”

these signed messages called “certificates”

# example web certificate (1)

Certificate:

Data:

Version: 3 (0x2)

Serial Number:

81:13:c9:49:90:8c:81:bf:94:35:22:cf:e0:25:20:33

Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption

Issuer:

commonName = InCommon RSA Server CA

organizationalUnitName = InCommon

organizationName = Internet2

localityName = Ann Arbor

stateOrProvinceName = MI

countryName = US

Validity

Not Before: Feb 28 00:00:00 2022 GMT

Not After : Feb 28 23:59:59 2023 GMT

Subject:

commonName = collab.its.virginia.edu

organizationalUnitName = Information Technology and Communication

organizationName = University of Virginia

stateOrProvinceName = Virginia

countryName = US

# example web certificate (1)

Certificate:

Data:

....

Subject Public Key Info:

Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption

RSA Public-Key: (2048 bit)

Modulus:

00:a2:fb:5a:fb:2d:d2:a7:75:7e:eb:f4:e4:d4:6c:

94:be:91:a8:6a:21:43:b2:d5:9a:48:b0:64:d9:f7:

f1:88:fa:50:cf:d0:f3:3d:8b:cc:95:f6:46:4b:42:

....

X509v3 extensions:

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X509v3 Extended Key Usage:

TLS Web Server Authentication, TLS Web Client Authentication

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X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:

DNS:collab.its.virginia.edu

DNS:collab-prod.its.virginia.edu

DNS:collab.itc.virginia.edu

Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption

39:70:70:77:2d:4d:0d:0a:6d:d5:d1:f5:0e:4c:e3:56:4e:31:

....

# certificate chains

That certificate signed by “InCommon RSA Server CA”

CA = certificate authority

so their public key, comes with my OS/browser?

not exactly...

they have their own certificate signed by “USERTrust RSA Certification Authority”

and their public key comes with your OS/browser?

(but both CAs now operated by UK-based Sectigo)

# backup slides