

Assignment 3.

Q1. Discuss the principles of public key cryptography?

→ Public key cryptography, also known as asymmetric cryptography, is a class of cryptography protocol that uses two distinct but mathematically related.

Keys: ① Public key ② Private key.

- These keys are used for encryption & decryption, providing secure communication, authentication, & digital signature.

- Key principles of Public Key Cryptography system :-

1) Key pair :-

The public key is openly shared & freely anyone can access.

- The private key is kept secret & is used to decrypt data encrypted.

2) Asymmetric Encryption :-

In this the public key is used to encrypt a message, & only the corresponding private key can decrypt it.

3) Authentication :-

This provides authentication & data integrity.

4) Key management :-

Public key cryptography simplifies key management compared to symmetric key systems.

5) Mathematical Hardness :-

This ensures the security of the system.

6) One-way function:-
A function concept in public key cryptosystems is the concept of one-way functions.

7) Confidentiality & Non-Repudiation:-
Ensured when a message is encrypted using the recipient's public key.
Provided through digital signatures.

8) Public Key Infrastructure (PKI):-
PKI is a framework for managing public keys & certificates which associates public key with the identities of individual organisations or devices.

Q2) What is asymmetric cryptography? Enlist the all types of asymmetric cryptography & explained any. Asymmetric cryptography, also known as public key cryptography, is a type of cryptography system that one used a pair keys for encryption & decryption. A public key is used for encryption, & the corresponding private key is used for decryption. or vice versa.

Key feature
1) Public Key 2) Private Key
3) Non-repudiation 4) Security.

Type of Asymmetric cryptography
1) RSA
2) Elliptic Curve cryptography
3) DSA
4) Diffie-Hellman Key exchange
5) ElGamal: Based cryptography.

1) RSA (Cryptosystem):-
RSA - Rivest-Shamir-Adleman is based on the integer factorization problem, commonly used for secure communication & digital signatures.
RSA can be used for both encryption or decryption & digital signature.

How RSA works:-
1) Key Generation
2) Encryption
3) Decryption
4) Digital signature.

Security:-
RSA is vulnerable to certain type of attacks like chosen-ciphertext attacks which required careful padding & key management practice.

Application:-
1) Secure Internet communication
2) Email Encryption
3) Digital signatures.

Q3. Explain the concept of message integrity. ^{Right}
Message Integrity:-
It refers to the assurance that a msg. has not been altered or tampered with during transmission or storage.
It ensures that the data sent
This is critical in secure communication as it guarantees the accuracy & reliability of the msg. preventing unauthorized modification.

→ Message Digest :-

- It is a cryptography that for each output a fixed length string that uniquely represents a msg.
- It is essentially a fingerprint of the original message.
- Any small change in the message, even a single character, will result in a completely diff msg digest, making it an effective way to verify message integrity.

Q4. Write a short note on following

A RSA algorithm :-

- The RSA algorithm is a widely used public-key cryptographic system for secure data transaction.
- It is named after its inventors, Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman who introduced it in 1977.
- RSA is primarily used for secure communication & encryption as well as digital signatures & authentication.

Key concepts :-

- Asymmetric cryptography
 - Public Key
 - Private Key

2) Mathematical Fundamentals

→ Step involved in RSA

- Key Generation
- Encryption
- Decryption

B Diffie Hellman Key Exchange.

- It is a method for two parties to securely generate a shared secret key over an insecure communication channel.
- This shared key can then be used for encrypting communication using symmetric encryption.

Key Concepts :-

- Asymmetric process for symmetric key
- Discrete logarithm problems

Steps in Diffie-Hellman Key :-

- Agree on public parameters
- Generate private key
- Compute public keys
- Generate the shared secret

Security :-

The security of the Diffie-Hellman key exchange relies on the discrete logarithm problem.

Vulnerabilities

- Man-in-the-middle attack

Applications

- TLS/SSL
- IPsec
- SSH

c) Digital Signature

— It is a cryptographic mechanism used to verify the authenticity & integrity of digital msg or documents.

— It serves the same purpose as a handwritten signature or a stamped seal but it provides for more inherent security.

— Key Concept :-

1) Authentication :-

Ensure the identity of the sender.

2) Integrity :-

Verify that the message hasn't been tampered with during transaction.

3) Non-repudiation :-

The sender cannot deny having sent the msg because the digital signature binds the msg to the sender's private key.

4) How it works :-

1) Private Key

2) Public Key

— Steps for Digital Signature Creation :-

① Hashing the msg

② Signing the Hash

— Application :-

1. Secure email

2. SW distribution

3. Legal docs

4. Cryptocurrencies

— Advantages

1. Security

2. Efficiency

3. Legal Validity.

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