

CIT 424

Computer System Security

02/16/15
Spring 2015



Digital Signature

Digital Signature Algorithms

- In some cases, secrecy isn't required
- But authentication is
- The data must be guaranteed to be that which was originally sent
- Especially important for data that is long-lived

Encryption and Digital Signatures

- Digital signature methods are based on encryption
- The basic act of having performed encryption can be used as a signature
 - If only I know K , then $C=E(P,K)$ is a signature by me
 - But how to check it?

Signatures With Shared Key Encryption

- Requires a trusted third party
- Signer encrypts document with secret key shared with third party
- Receiver checks validity of signature by consulting with trusted third party
- Third party required so receiver can't forge the signature

For Example,

K_s



When in
the Course
of human
events it
becomes
necessary
for one

Elas7pa
10'gwOmega
30'sswp.
1f43'-s 4
32.doas3
Dsp5.a#l
^o,a 02



K_s

When in
the Course
of human
events it
becomes
necessary
for one

Signatures With Public Key Cryptography

- Signer encrypts document with his private key
- Receiver checks validity by decrypting with signer's public key
- Only signer has the private key
 - So no trusted third party required
- But receiver must be certain that he has the right public key

For Example,

K_d



When in
the Course
of human
events it
becomes
necessary
for one

Elas7pa
10'gwOmega
30'sswp.
1f43'-s 4
32.doas3
Dsp5.a#l
^o,a 02



When in
the Course
of human
events it
becomes
necessary
for one

K_e

Alice's
public
key

Problems With Simple Encryption Approach

- Computationally expensive
 - Especially with public key approach
- Document is encrypted
 - Must be decrypted for use
 - If in regular use, must store encrypted and decrypted versions

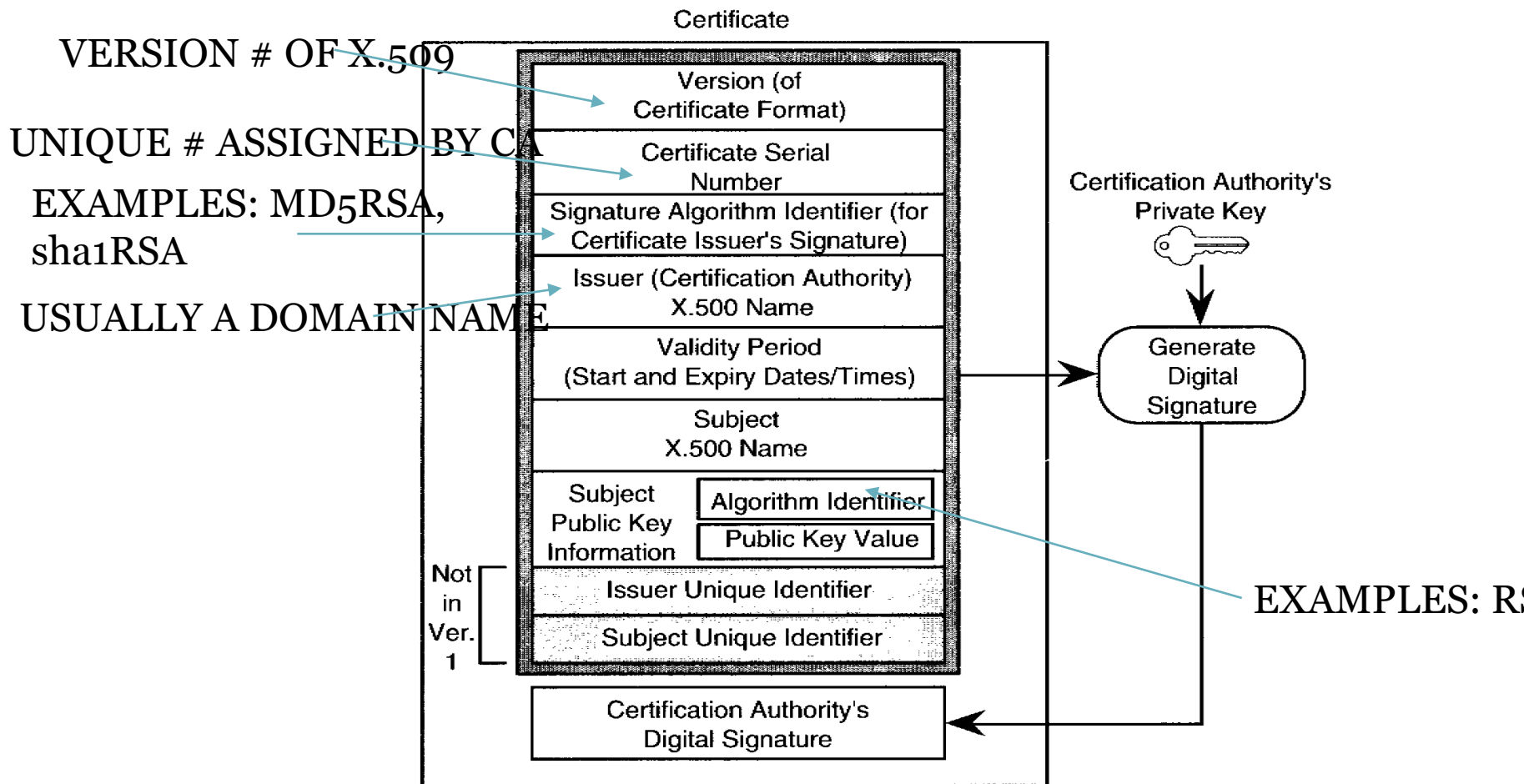


Digital Certificates

Digital Certificate Contents

- Name of holder
- Public key of holder
- Name of trusted third party (certificate authority)
- DIGITAL SIGNATURE OF CERTIFICATE
AUTHORITY
- Data on which hash and public-key algorithms have
been used
- Other business or personal information

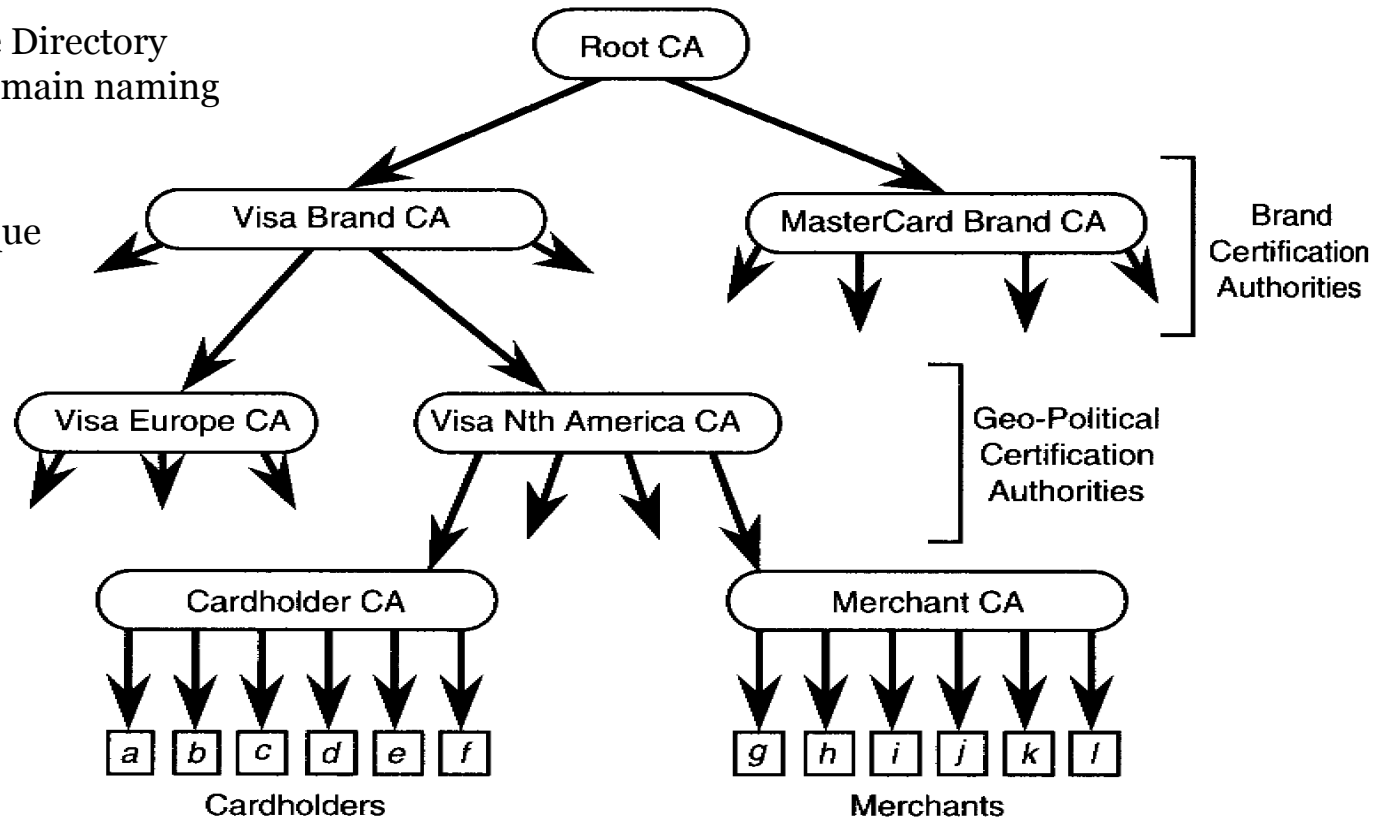
X.509 Version 2 Certificate



Certification Chains

X.500 Name Directory
similar to domain naming

Children have unique
relative names

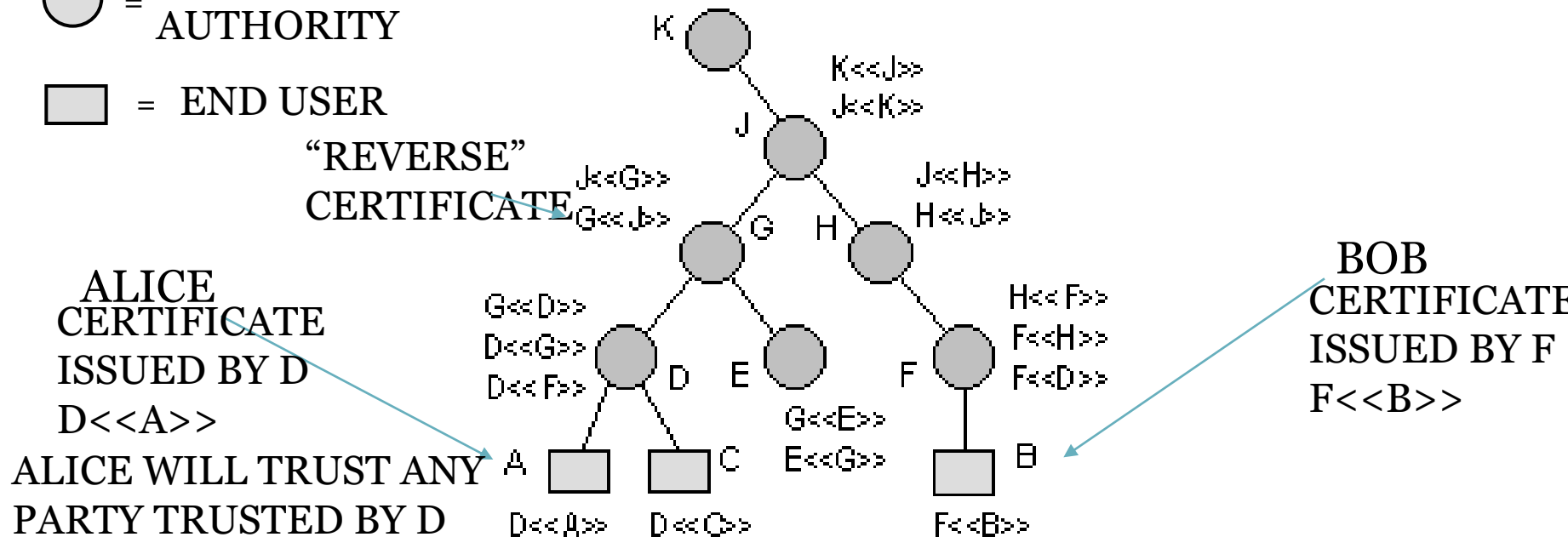


SOURCE: FORD &
BAUM,
*SECURE ELECTRONIC
COMMERCE*

Certification Paths

○ = CERTIFICATION
AUTHORITY

□ = END USER



CERTIFICATION PATH: $D \ll G \gg$, $G \ll J \gg$, $J \ll H \gg$, $H \ll F \gg$, $F \ll B \gg$

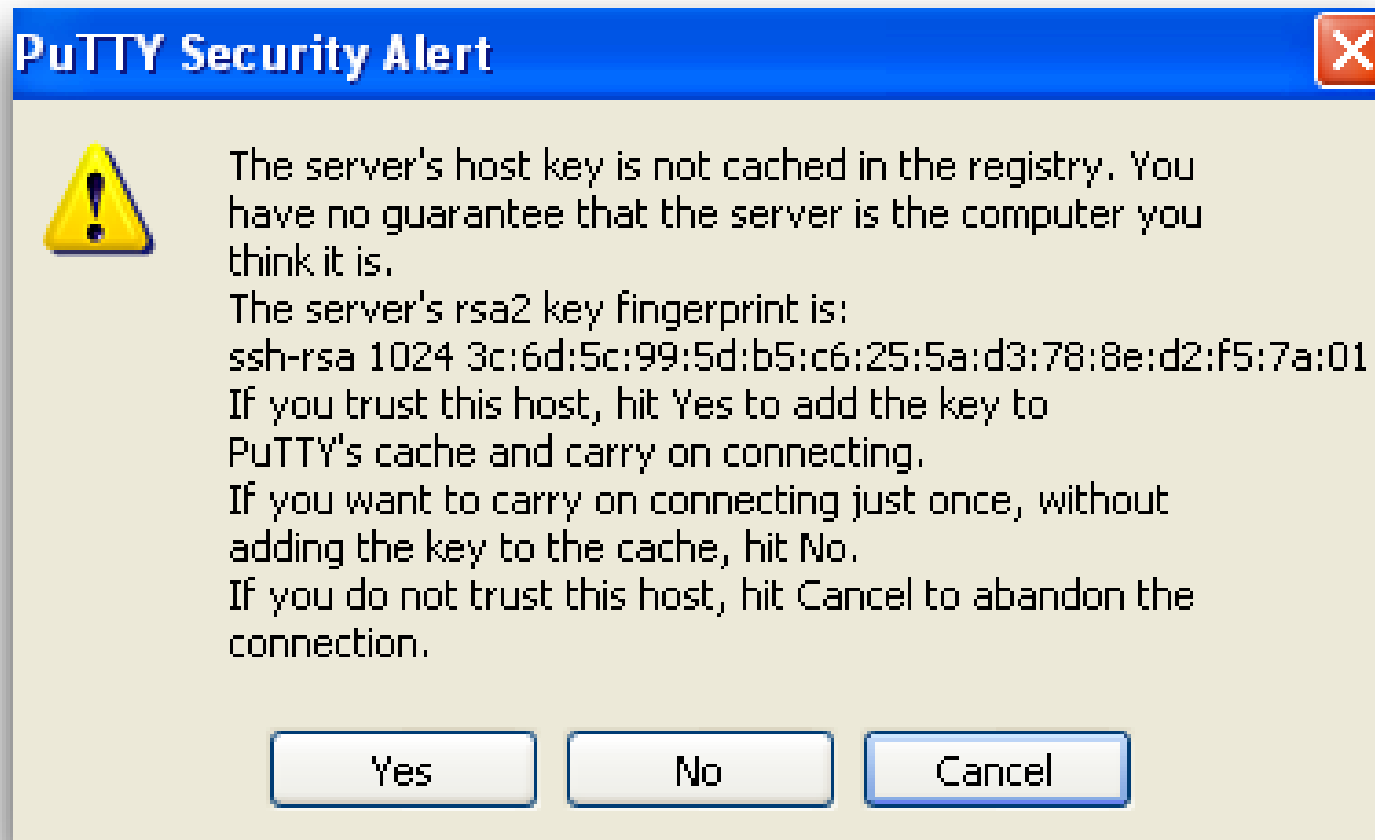
D TRUSTS G G TRUSTS J J TRUSTS H H TRUSTS F F TRUSTS B

ALICE NOW HAS (AND TRUSTS) BOB'S CERTIFICATE



Leap of Faith

SSH: First Time Connection



SSH: When the Key is Changed

```
#####  
@    WARNING: REMOTE HOST IDENTIFICATION HAS CHANGED!    @  
#####  
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING NASTY!  
Someone could be eavesdropping on you right now (man-in-the-middle attack)!  
It is also possible that the RSA host key has just been changed.  
The fingerprint for the RSA key sent by the remote host is  
b5:ac:a1:77:20:25:97:5e:e4:c0:e7:0d:56:25:dd:d5.  
Please contact your system administrator.  
Add correct host key in /Users/oscar/g/.ssh/known_hosts to get rid of this message.  
Offending key in /Users/oscar/g/.ssh/known_hosts:1  
RSA host key for 10.10.3.161 has changed and you have requested strict checking.  
Host key verification failed.  
  
[09:08 AM]:[oscar@g-oscar-gimac]  
[/Users/oscar/g]  
$ █
```