

Chapter 10

Other Public-Key Cryptosystems

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- First published public-key algorithm
- A number of commercial products employ this key exchange technique
- Purpose is to enable two users to securely exchange a key that can then be used for subsequent symmetric encryption of messages
- The algorithm itself is limited to the exchange of secret values
- Its effectiveness depends on the difficulty of computing discrete logarithms

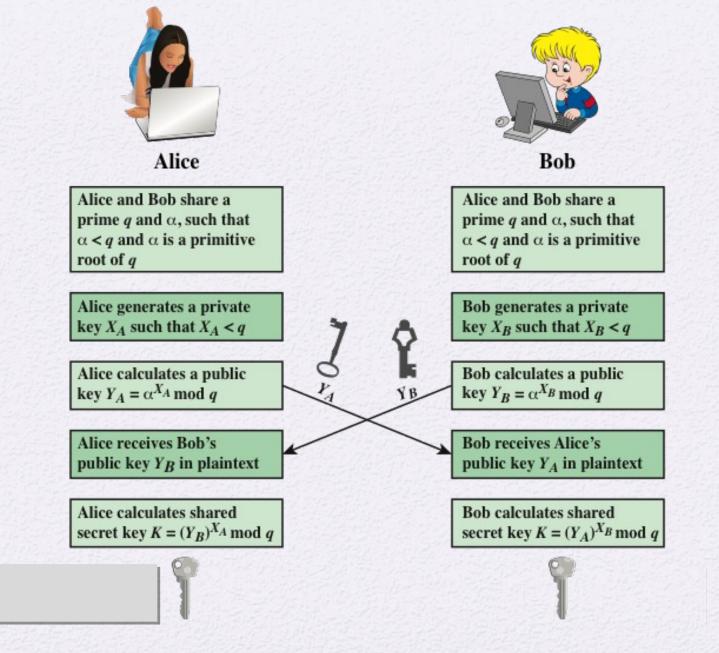
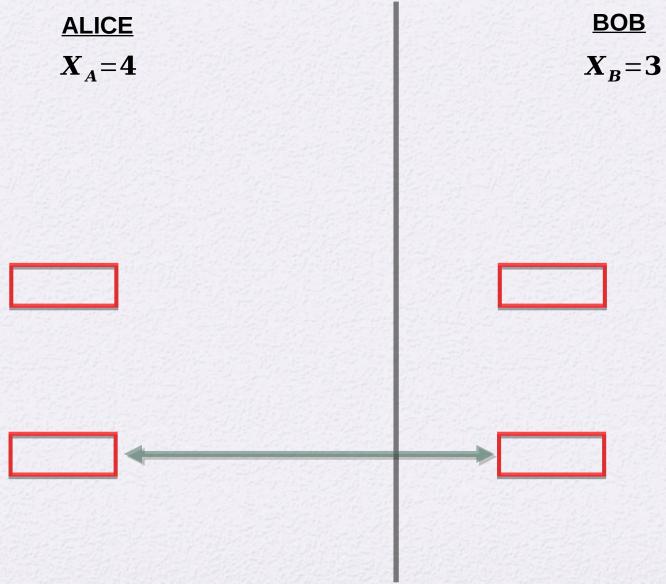


Figure 10.1 Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

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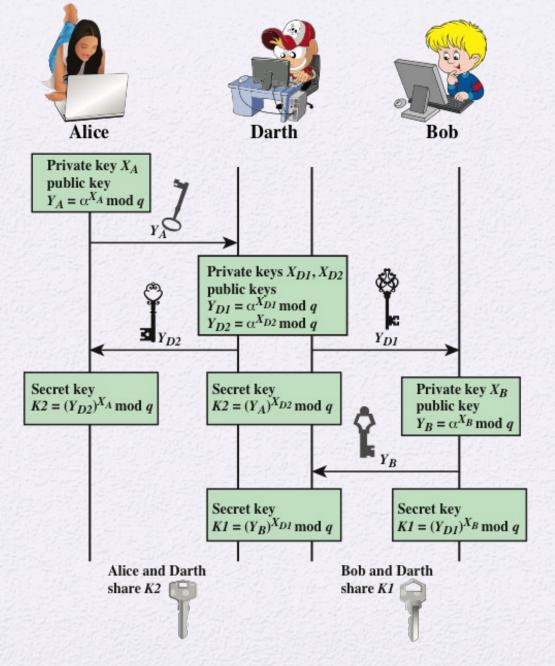


Figure 10.2 Man-in-the-Middle Attack

ElGamal Cryptography

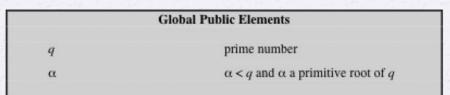
Announced in 1984 by T. Elgamal

Public-key scheme based on discrete logarithms closely related to the Diffie-Hellman technique

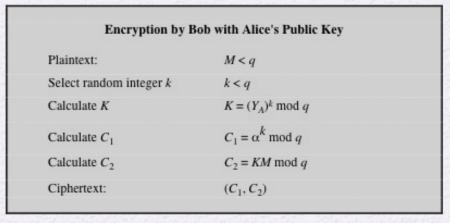
Used in the digital signature standard (DSS) and the S/MIME e-mail standard

Global elements
are a prime
number q and a
which is a
primitive root of q

Security is based on the difficulty of computing discrete logarithms



Random Number Generation by Alice	
Select private X_A	$X_A < q - 1$
Calculate Y _A	$Y_A = \alpha^{X_A} \mod q$
Public key	$\{q,\alpha,Y_A\}$
Private key	X_A



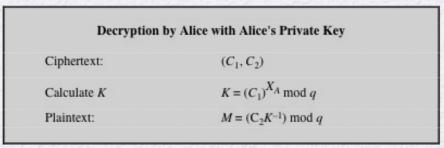


Figure 10.3 The ElGamal Cryptosystem

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Alice

Alice receives (C_1, C_2)

Bob sends a message to Alice "B" (66 in ASCII)