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Diffie Hellman

Alice and Bob's shared secret is 12. The steps below show how I reached this conclusion:

1. I intercept that $g=17$, $p=61$, $A=46$, and $B=5$.
2. Now let $A=46=g^X \bmod p=17^X \bmod 61$. It follows that $X=14$.
3. Similarly, let $B=5=g^Y \bmod p=17^Y \bmod 61$. It follows that $Y=26$.
4. Now Alice computes that $B^X \bmod p=5^{14} \bmod 61=12$.
5. Finally Bob computes that $A^Y \bmod p=46^{26} \bmod 61=12$, as expected.

For finding the values of X and Y , I guessed and checked until I found values that worked. For integers much larger, this process is too inefficient for an interloper to learn the secret. Thus, the failure would occur at steps 2 and 3.

RSA

The unencrypted message is below, as well as its translation into letters from the ASCII values I found.

068 101 097 114 032 066 111 098 044 032 067 104 101 099 107 032 116 104 105 115
032 111 117 116 046 032 032 104 116 116 112 115 058 047 047 119 119 119 046 115
099 104 110 101 105 101 114 046 099 111 109 047 098 108 111 103 047 097 114 099
104 105 118 101 115 047 050 048 049 055 047 049 050 047 101 045 109 097 105 108
095 116 114 097 099 107 105 110 103 095 049 046 104 116 109 108 032 089 105 107
101 115 033 032 089 111 117 114 032 102 114 105 101 110 100 044 032 065 108 105
099 101

Dear Bob, Check this out.

https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2017/12/e-mail_tracking_1.html Yikes! Your friend, Alice

The process is as follows:

1. I know Bob's public key: (31, 4661).
2. Using an online calculator, I found that the prime factors of 4661 are 59 and 79.
3. Now I find a value d such that $e \times d = 31 \times d \equiv 1 \bmod 58 \times 78 = 4524$. Using an online calculator, I found that $d = 2335$.
4. Now we raise each integer in the encrypted data to the power of d modulo 4661.

5. I then passed the decrypted numbers through an ASCII translator to uncover the final message.

Similar to the Diffie-Hellman process above, this method is inefficient if the second value in the public key is very large. This is because there is no efficient way for finding the prime factors of this number n besides checking the combinations of every prime number less than n . While I was able to use an online calculator in step 2, it would hypothetically take many thousands of years to do the same for a number on the scale of 600 digits unless I made a really lucky guess.