Chapter 6

Network Security

Security: overview

Chapter goals:

- understand principles of network security:
  - cryptography and its *many* uses beyond “confidentiality”
  - authentication
  - message integrity
- security in practice:
  - firewalls and intrusion detection systems
  - security in application, transport, network, link layers

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What is network security?

confidentiality: only sender, intended receiver should "understand" message contents

- sender encrypts message
- receiver decrypts message

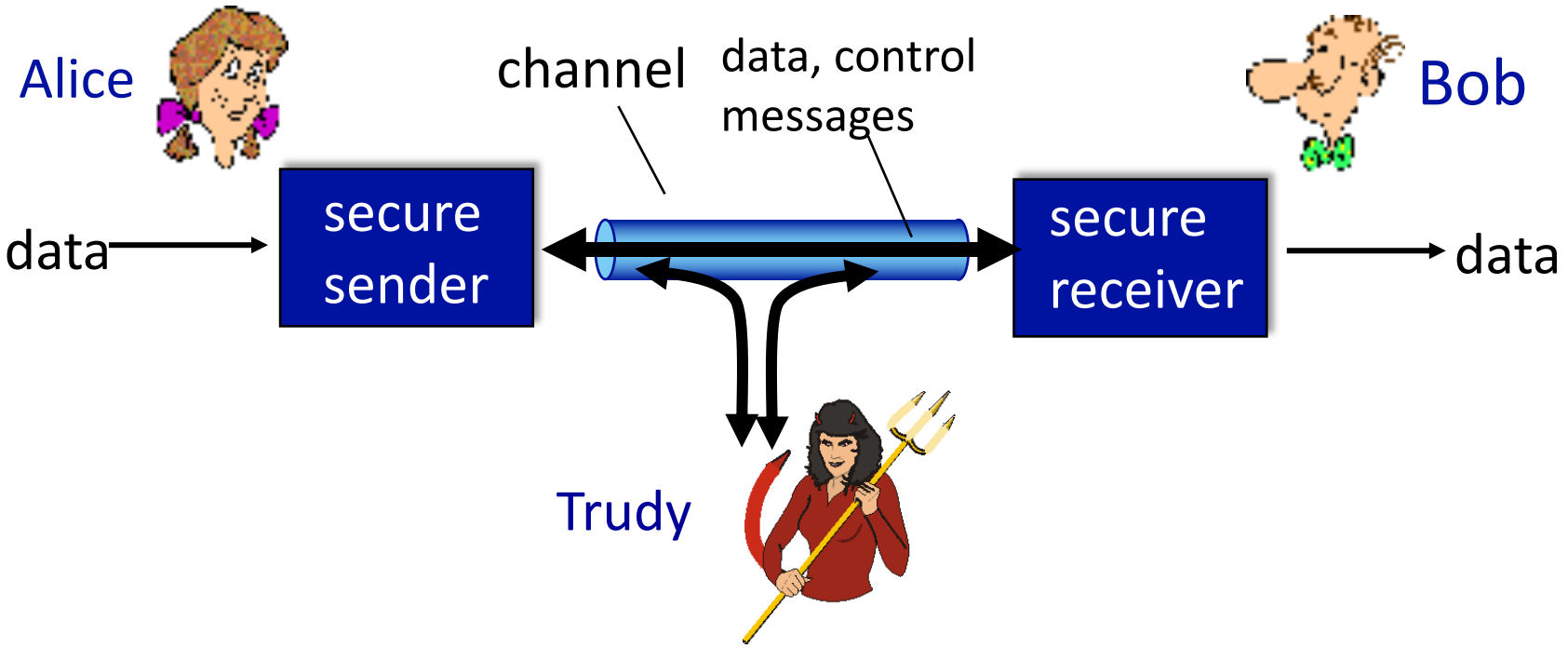
authentication: sender, receiver want to confirm identity of each other

message integrity: sender, receiver want to ensure message not altered (in transit, or afterwards) without detection

access and availability: services must be accessible and available to users

Friends and enemies: Alice, Bob, Trudy

- well-known in network security world
- Bob, Alice (lovers!) want to communicate “securely”
- Trudy (intruder) may intercept, delete, add messages



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Who might Bob and Alice be?

- … well, *real-life* Bobs and Alices!
- Web browser/server for electronic transactions (e.g., on-line purchases)
- on-line banking client/server
- DNS servers
- BGP routers exchanging routing table updates
- other examples?

There are bad guys (and girls) out there!

Q: What can a "bad guy" do?

A: A lot! (recall section 1.6)

- eavesdrop: intercept messages
- actively insert messages into connection
- impersonation: can fake (spoof) source address in packet (or any field in packet)
- hijacking: "take over" ongoing connection by removing sender or receiver, inserting himself in place
- denial of service: prevent service from being used by others (e.g., by overloading resources)

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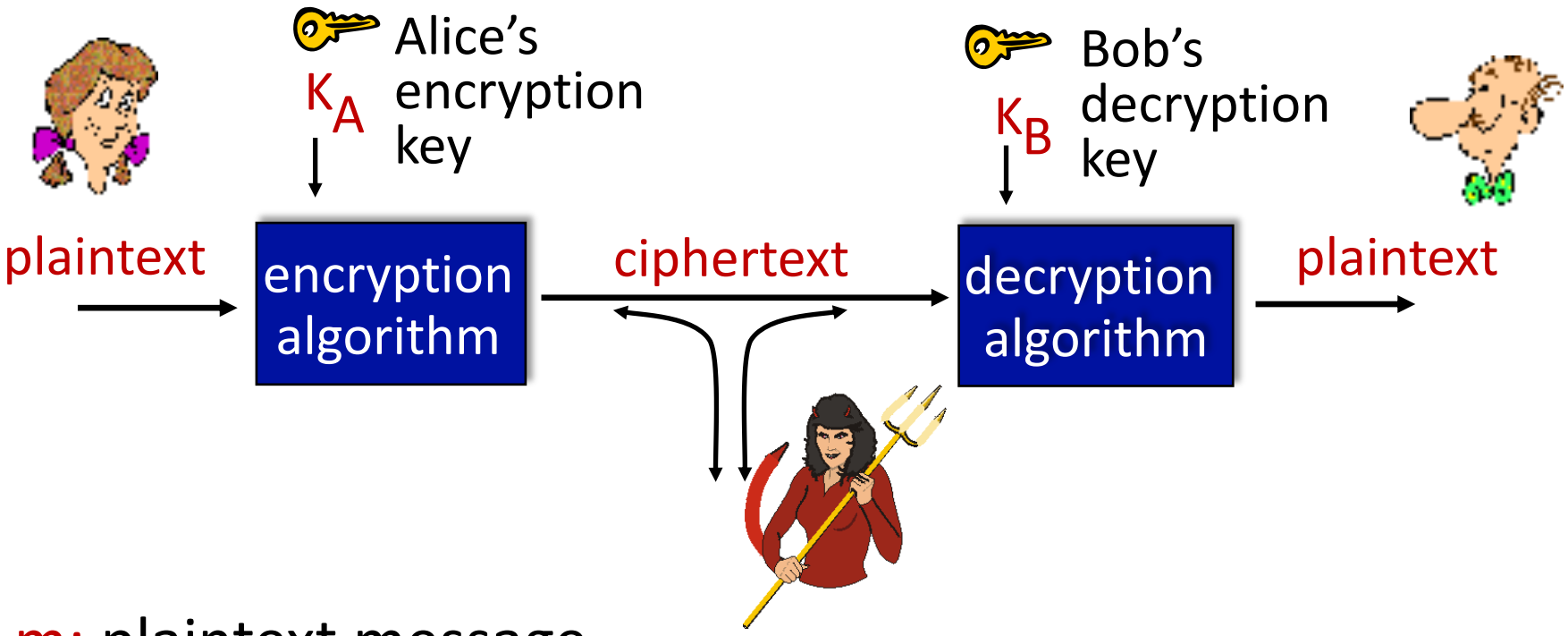
The language of cryptography

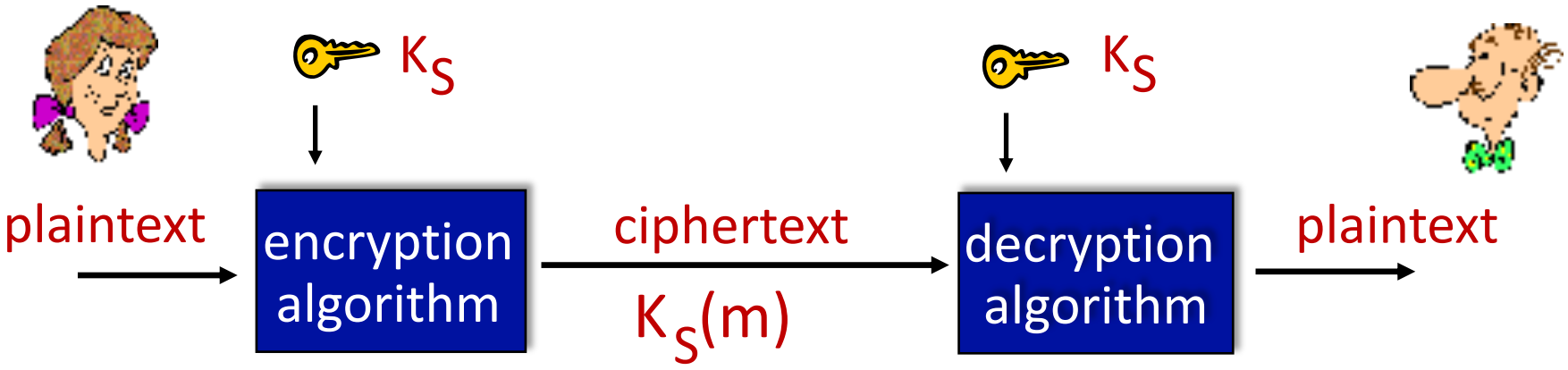


m: plaintext message

$K_A(m)$: ciphertext, encrypted with key K_A

$m = K_B(K_A(m))$

Symmetric key cryptography



symmetric key crypto: Bob and Alice share same (symmetric) key: K

- *e.g.,* key is knowing substitution pattern in mono alphabetic substitution cipher

Q: how do Bob and Alice agree on key value?

Simple encryption scheme

substitution cipher: substituting one thing for another

- monoalphabetic cipher: substitute one letter for another

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plaintext:   abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
                ↓                     ↓
ciphertext:  mnbvcxzasdfghjklpoiuytrewq
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e.g.:

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Plaintext: bob. i love you. alice
ciphertext: nkn. s gktc wky. mgsbc
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Encryption key: mapping from set of 26 letters to set of 26 letters

Symmetric key crypto: DES

DES: Data Encryption Standard

- US encryption standard [NIST 1993]
- 56-bit symmetric key, 64-bit plaintext input
- block cipher with cipher block chaining
- how secure is DES?
  - DES Challenge: 56-bit-key-encrypted phrase decrypted (brute force) in less than a day
  - no known good analytic attack
- making DES more secure:
  - 3DES: encrypt 3 times with 3 different keys

AES: Advanced Encryption Standard

- symmetric-key NIST standard, replaced DES (Nov 2001)
- processes data in 128 bit blocks
- 128, 192, or 256 bit keys
- brute force decryption (try each key) taking 1 sec on DES, takes 149 trillion years for AES

Does symmetric encryption suffice?

- Symmetric encryption is usually fast, but it has limitations!

  - The key is known by **both** sender and receiver
    - Key distribution/agreement is potentially **vulnerable**
    - Key is not attached with identity, thus against **non-repudiation**

  - Key management problem
    - Ex. when Alice wants to securely communicate with 100 others, Alice needs to remember 100 Keys, which is **hard to mange**

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Public Key Cryptography

symmetric key crypto:

- requires sender, receiver know shared secret key
- Q: how to agree on key in first place (particularly if never “met”)?

public key crypto

- *radically* different approach [Diffie-Hellman76, RSA78]
- sender, receiver do *not* share secret key
- *public* encryption key known to *all*
- *private* decryption key known only to receiver

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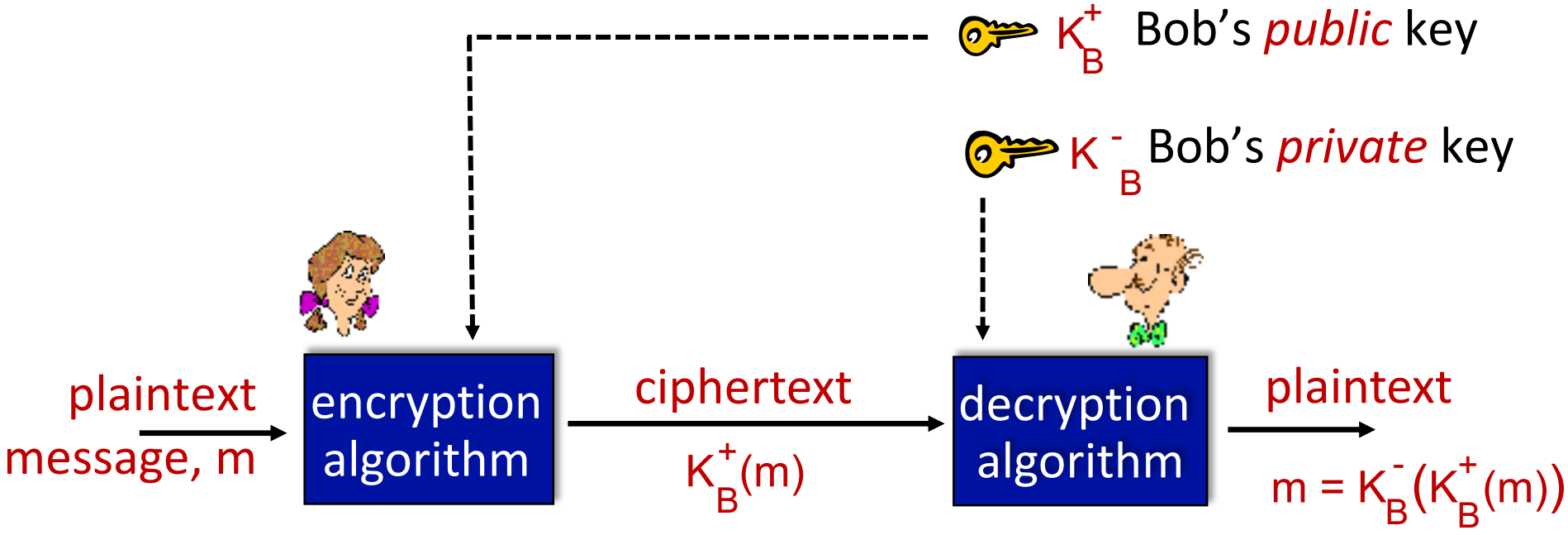

Wow - public key cryptography revolutionized 2000-year-old (previously only symmetric key) cryptography!

- similar ideas emerged at roughly same time, independently in US and UK (classified)

Public key encryption algorithms

requirements:

1. need $K_B^+(\cdot)$ and $K_B^-(\cdot)$ such that

$$K_B^-(K_B^+(m)) = m$$

2. given public key K_B^+, it should be impossible to compute private key K_B^-

RSA: Rivest, Shamir, Adelson algorithm

RSA Algorithm-Key Generation

- Pick two large primes **p** and **q**
- Calculate **n** = pq
- Pick **e** such that it is relatively prime to **phi(n)** = (q-1)(p-1)
  - Euler's Totient Function
- Calculate **d** = e^{-1} mod phi(n)
  - i.e. de mod phi(n) = 1
- Public key **k+** is **{e,n}** and private key **k-** is **{d,n}**

- 1. p=3, q=11
- 2. n = 3*11 = 33
- 3. phi(n) = (2*10) = 20
- 4. e = 7 | GCD(20,7) = 1
- 5. d = 7^{-1} mod 20
  - d | d7 mod 20 = 1
  - d = 3
  - "Euclid's Algorithm"
  - Number theory
- 6. k+ is {7, 33} and k- is {3, 33}

RSA Encryption with Public Key

- E(k+,P): $C = P^{\mathbf{e}} \bmod \mathbf{n}$
- D(k-,C): $P = C^{\mathbf{d}} \bmod \mathbf{n}$

- Example: Data: "**4**" (encoding of actual data)
  - E({7,33},4) = $4^7 \bmod 33 = 16384 \bmod 33 =$ **16**
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magic happens!

RSA Encryption with Private Key

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- Example: Data: "**4**" (encoding of actual data)
  - E({3,33},4) = $4^3 \bmod 33 = 64 \bmod 33 = 31$
  - D({7,33},31) = $31^7 \bmod 33 = 27{,}512{,}614{,}111 \bmod 33 = 4$

magic happens!

RSA: another important property

The following property will be *very* useful later:

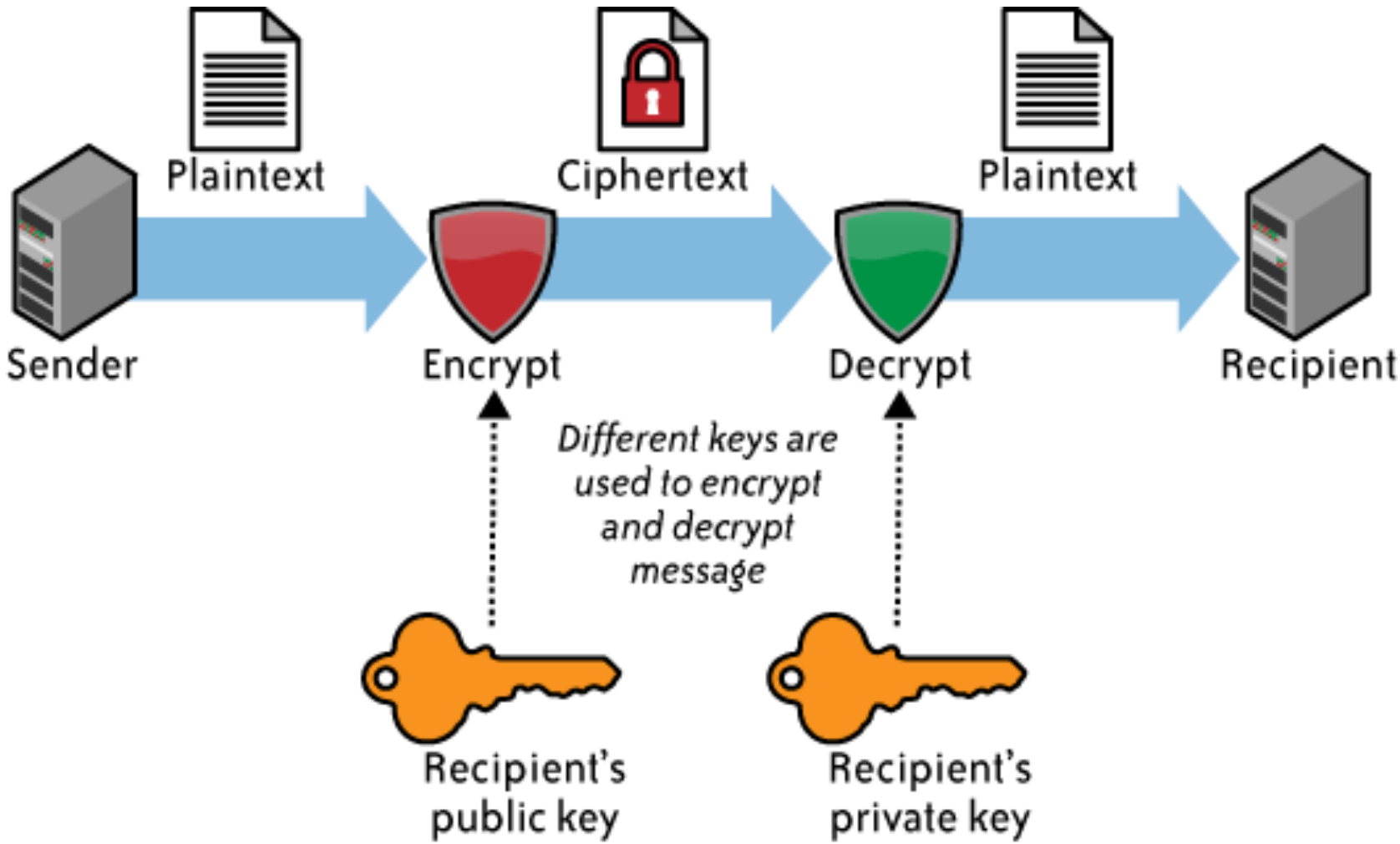
$$\underbrace{K_B^-(K_B^+(m))}_{\text{use public key first, followed by private key}} = m = \underbrace{K_B^+(K_B^-(m))}_{\text{use private key first, followed by public key}}$$

result is the same!

How to Use RSA

- Given message M, first uses *recipient's public key* against the message, then the paired private key will be used to restore the original message.
  - For **confidentiality**

- Given message M, the *sender's private key* is first used to sign the message, then the paired public key will be used by receiver to verify the signed message
  - This is the idea of **digital signatures**
  - For **content integrity**
  - For **authentication (source integrity)**
  - For **non-repudiation**



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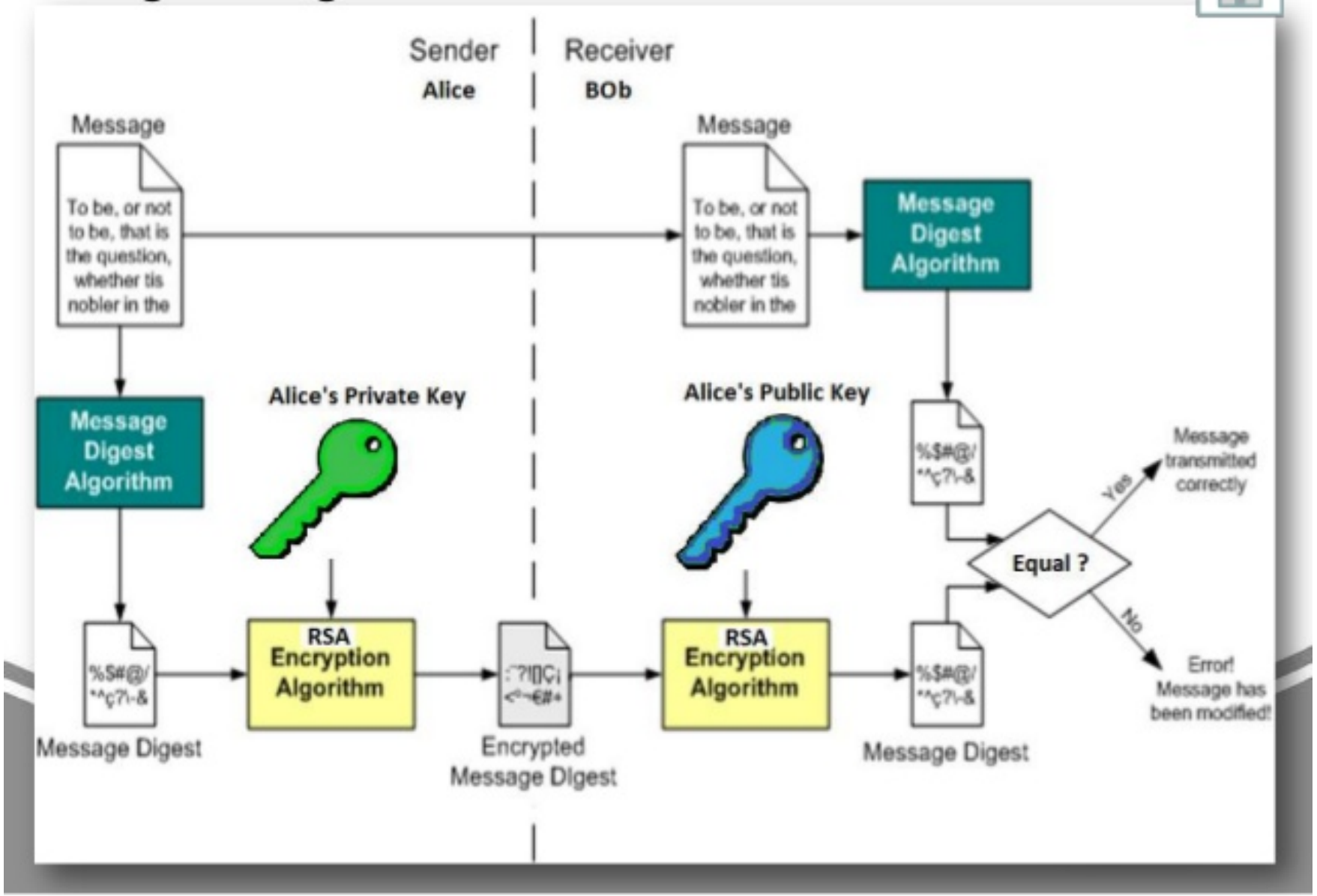
Digital Signature on RSA



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Why is RSA secure?

- suppose you know Bob's public key (n,e). How hard is it to determine d?
- essentially need to find factors of n without knowing the two factors p and q
  - fact: factoring a big number is hard

RSA in practice: session keys

- exponentiation in RSA is computationally intensive
- DES is at least 100 times faster than RSA
- use public key crypto to establish secure connection, then establish second key – symmetric session key – for encrypting data

session key, K_S

- Bob and Alice use RSA to exchange a symmetric session key K_S
- once both have K_S, they use symmetric key cryptography

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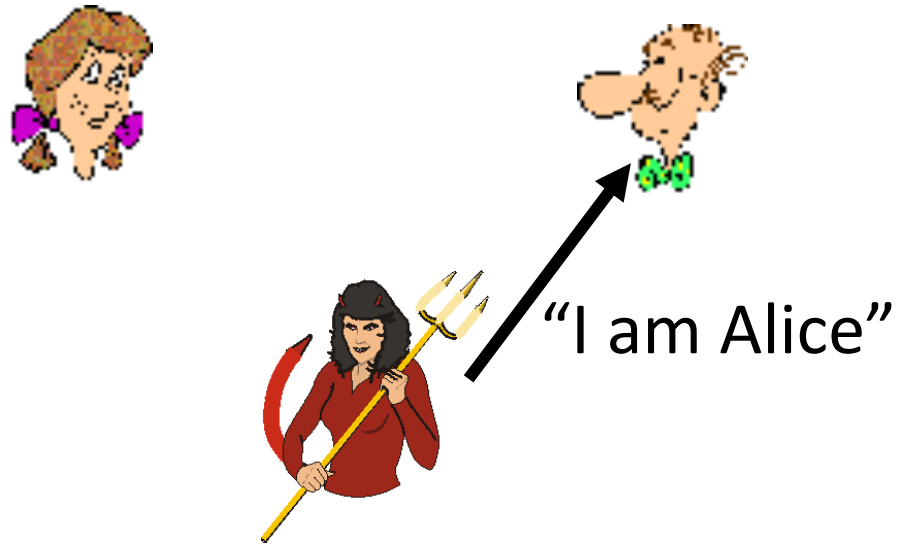

in a network, Bob can not “see” Alice, so Trudy simply declares herself to be Alice

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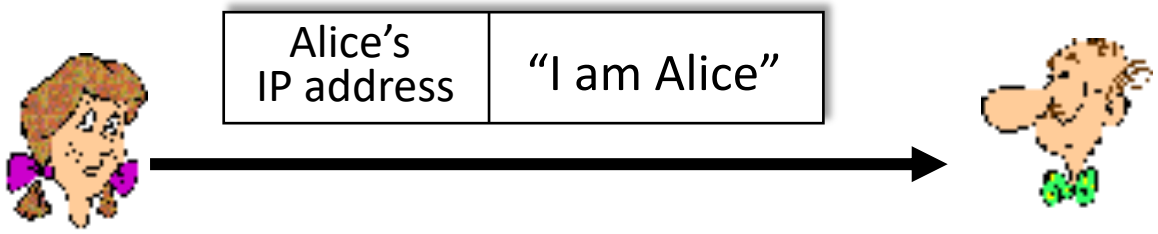

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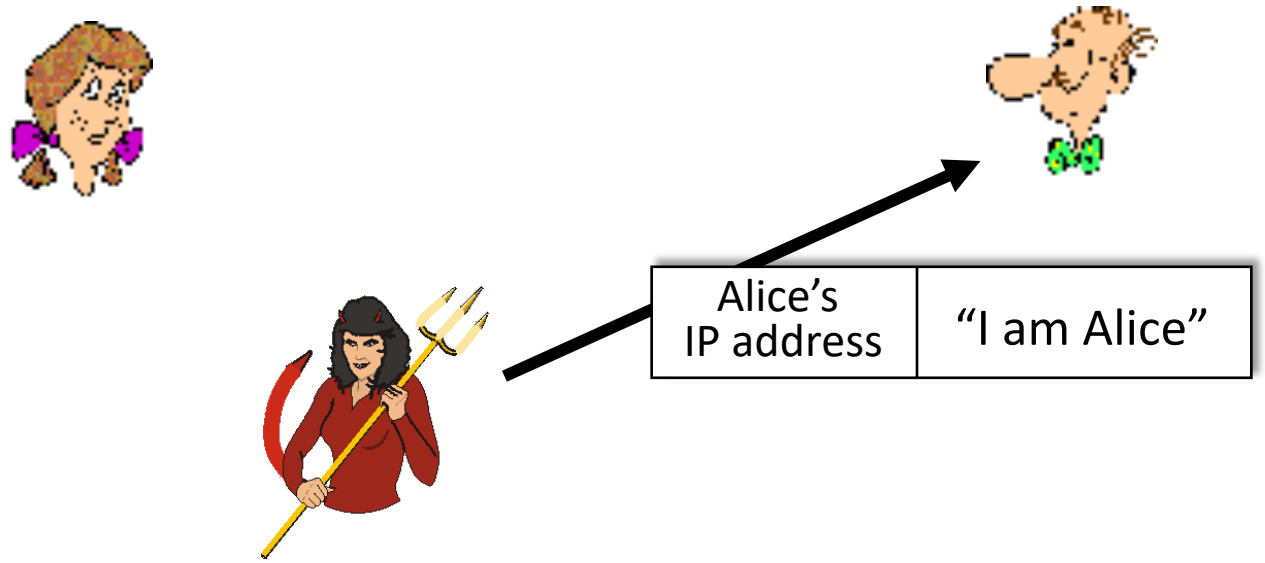

Trudy can create a packet “spoofing” Alice’s address

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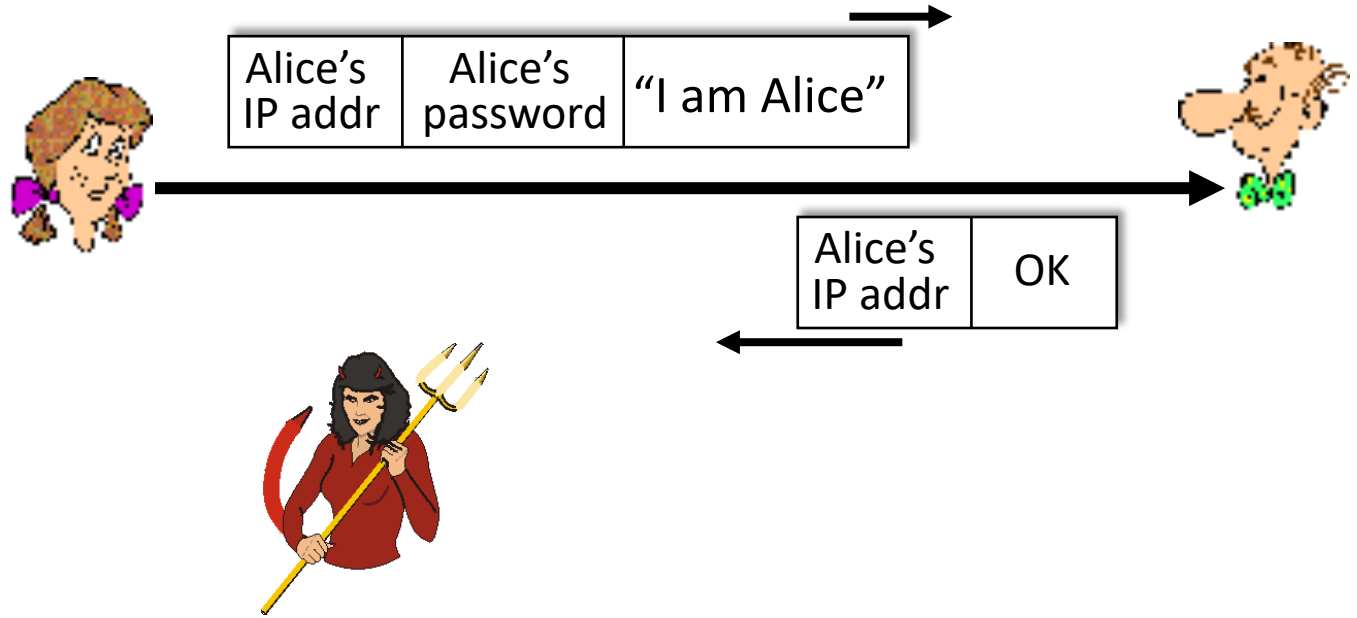

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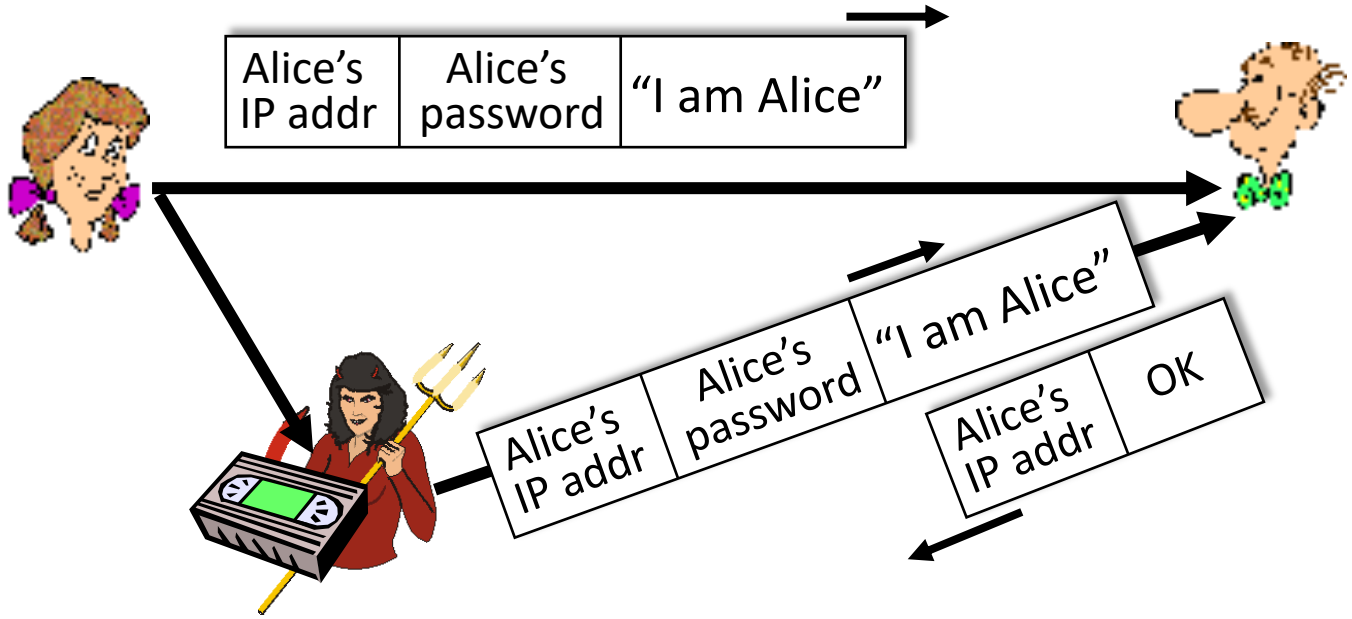

playback attack:
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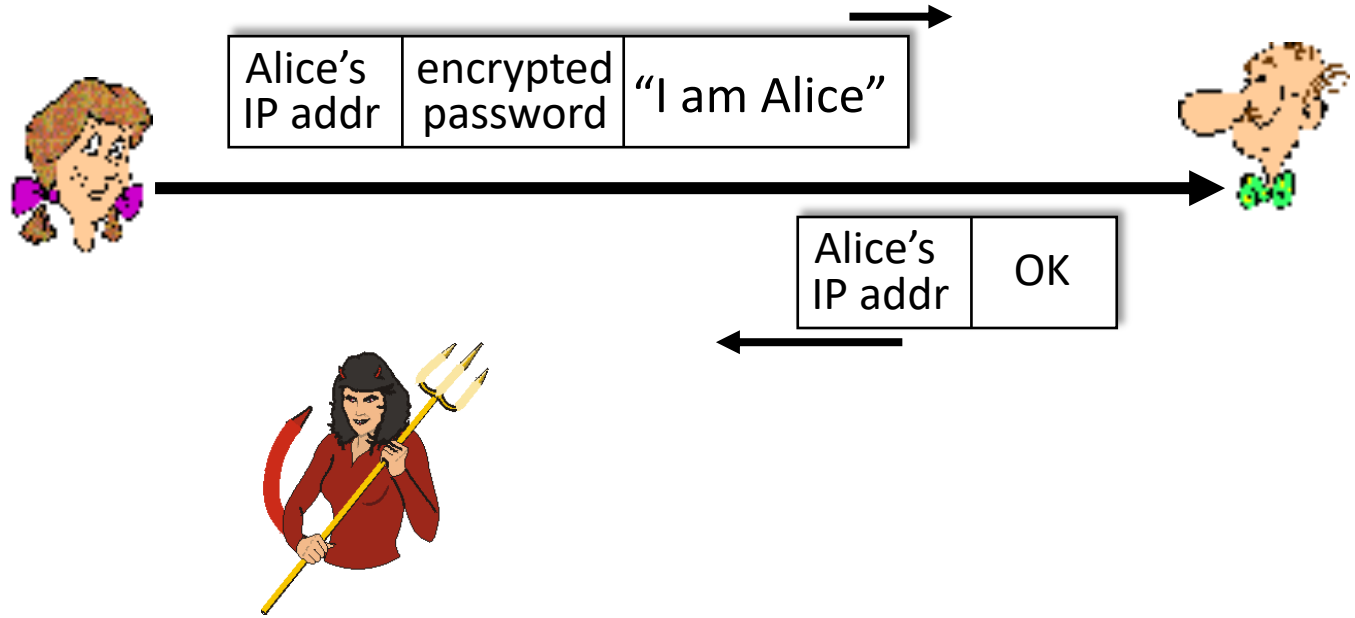

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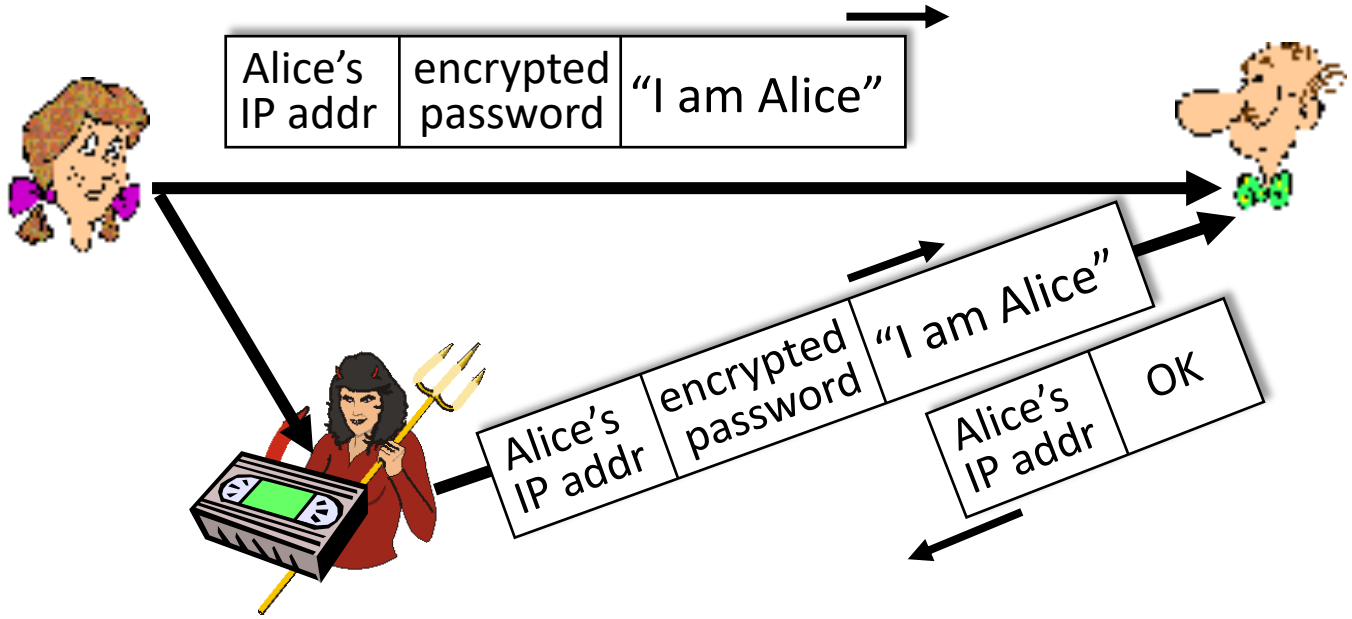


playback attack still works: Trudy records Alice's packet and later plays it back to Bob

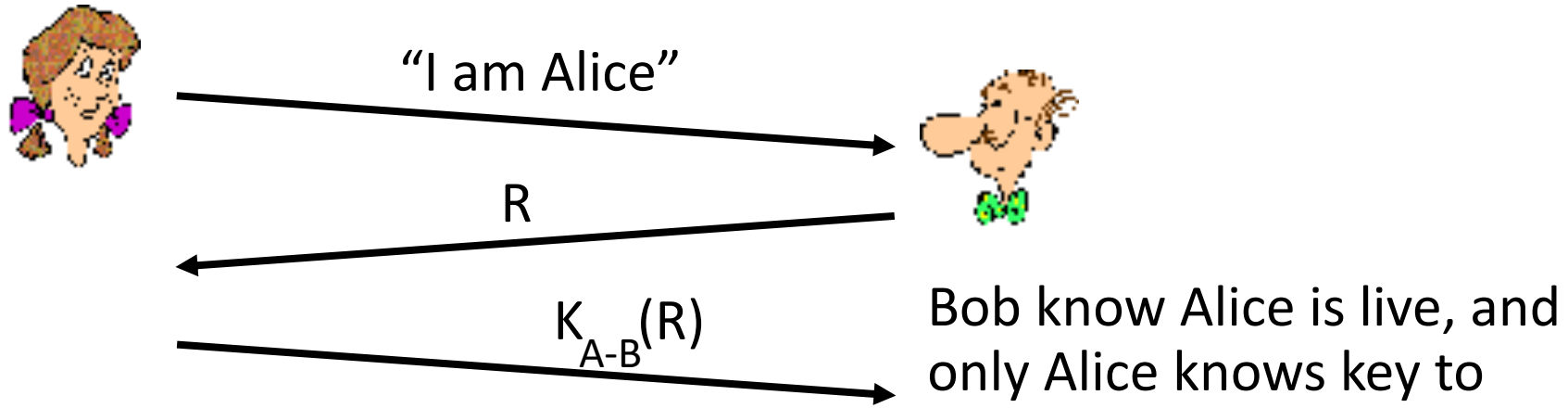
Authentication: a fourth try

Goal: avoid playback attack

nonce: number (R) used only once-in-a-lifetime

protocol ap4.0: to prove Alice "live", Bob sends Alice nonce, R

- Alice must return R, encrypted with shared secret key

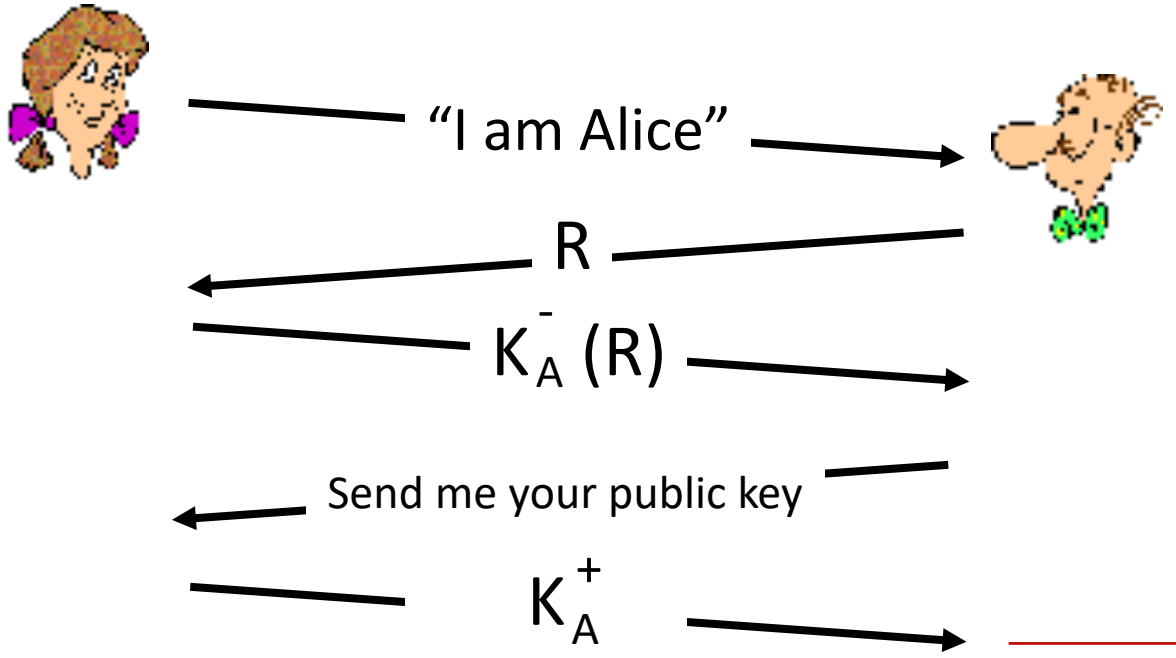


Failures, drawbacks?

Authentication: ap5.0

ap4.0 requires shared symmetric key - can we authenticate using public key techniques?

ap5.0: use nonce, public key cryptography



Bob computes

$K_A^+(K_A^-(R)) = R$

and knows only Alice could have the private key, that encrypted R such that

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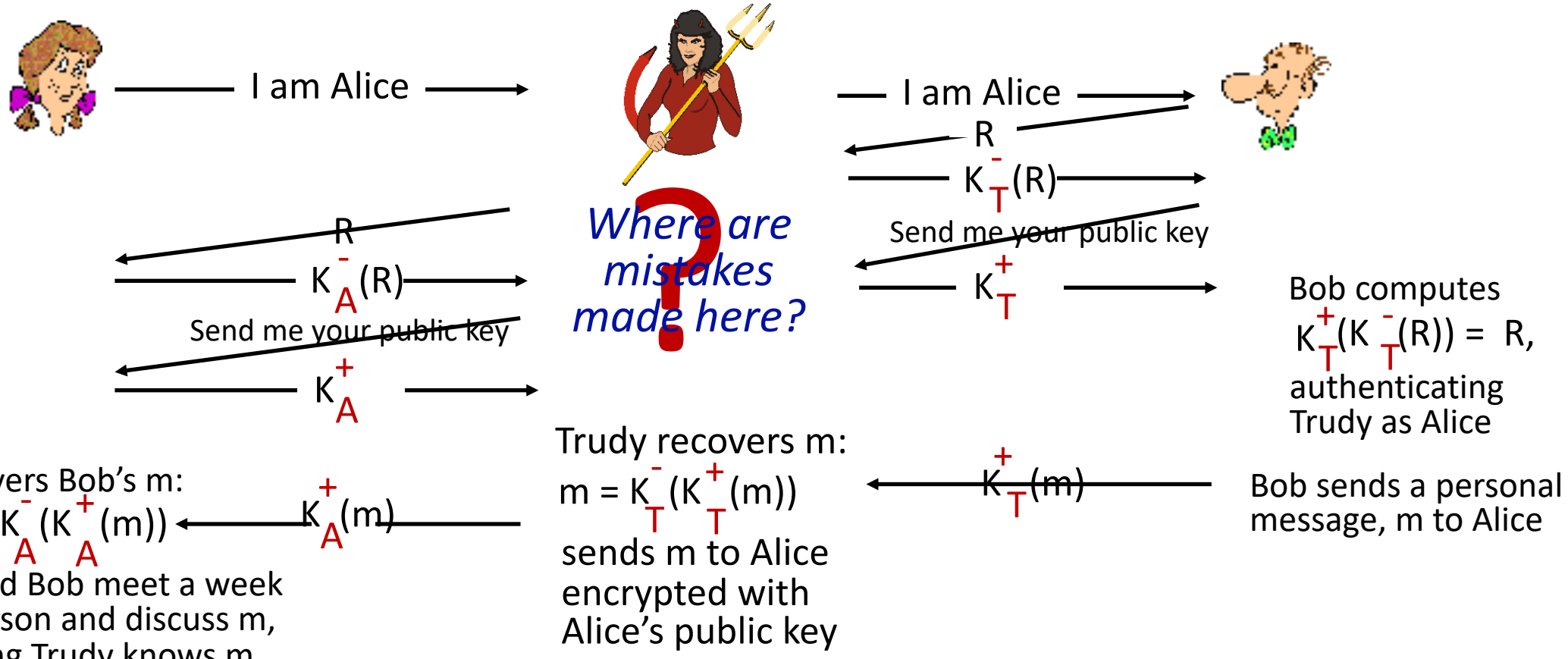
Authentication: ap5.0 – there's still a flaw!

man (or woman) in the middle attack: Trudy poses as Alice (to Bob) and as Bob (to Alice)



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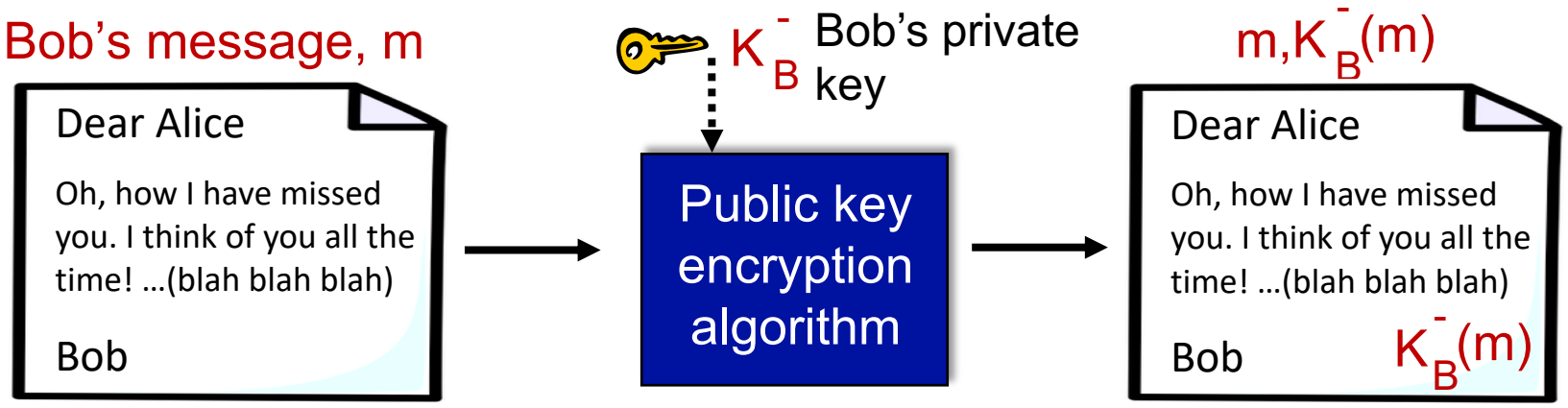
Digital signatures

cryptographic technique analogous to hand-written signatures:

- sender (Bob) digitally signs document: he is document owner/creator.
- *verifiable, nonforgeable:* recipient (Alice) can prove to someone that Bob, and no one else (including Alice), must have signed document
- simple digital signature for message m:
  - Bob signs m by encrypting with his private key K_B, creating "signed" message, $K_B^-(m)$



Digital signatures

- suppose Alice receives msg m, with signature: m, $K_B^-(m)$
- Alice verifies m signed by Bob by applying Bob's public key K_B^+ to $K_B^-(m)$ then checks $K_B^+(K_B^-(m)) = m$.
- If $K_B^+(K_B^-(m)) = m$, whoever signed m must have used Bob's private key

Alice thus verifies that:

- Bob signed m
- no one else signed m
- Bob signed m and not m'

non-repudiation:

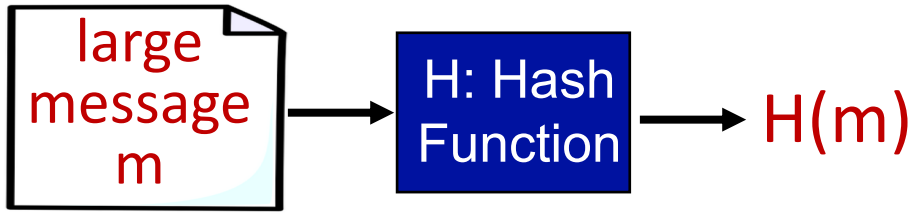
- ✓ Alice can take m, and signature $K_B^-(m)$ to court and prove that Bob signed m

Message digests

computationally expensive to public-key-encrypt long messages

goal: fixed-length, easy- to-compute digital “fingerprint”

- apply hash function H to *m*, get fixed size message digest, *H(m)*

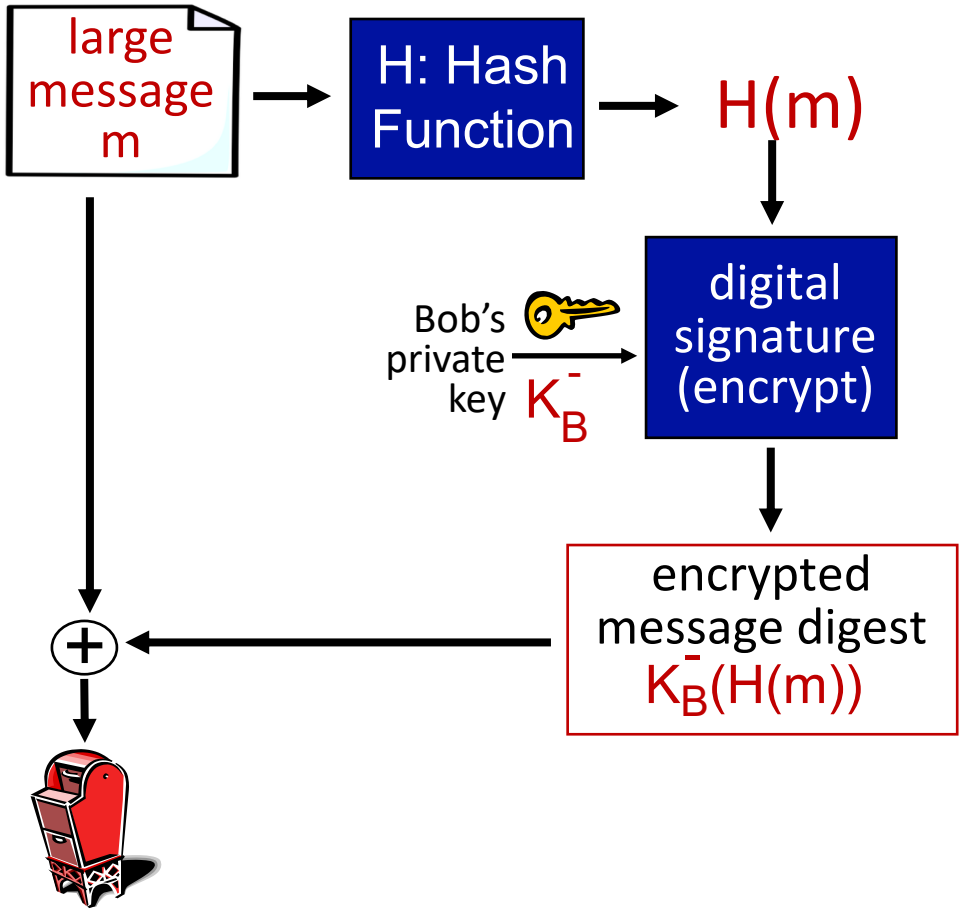


Hash function properties:

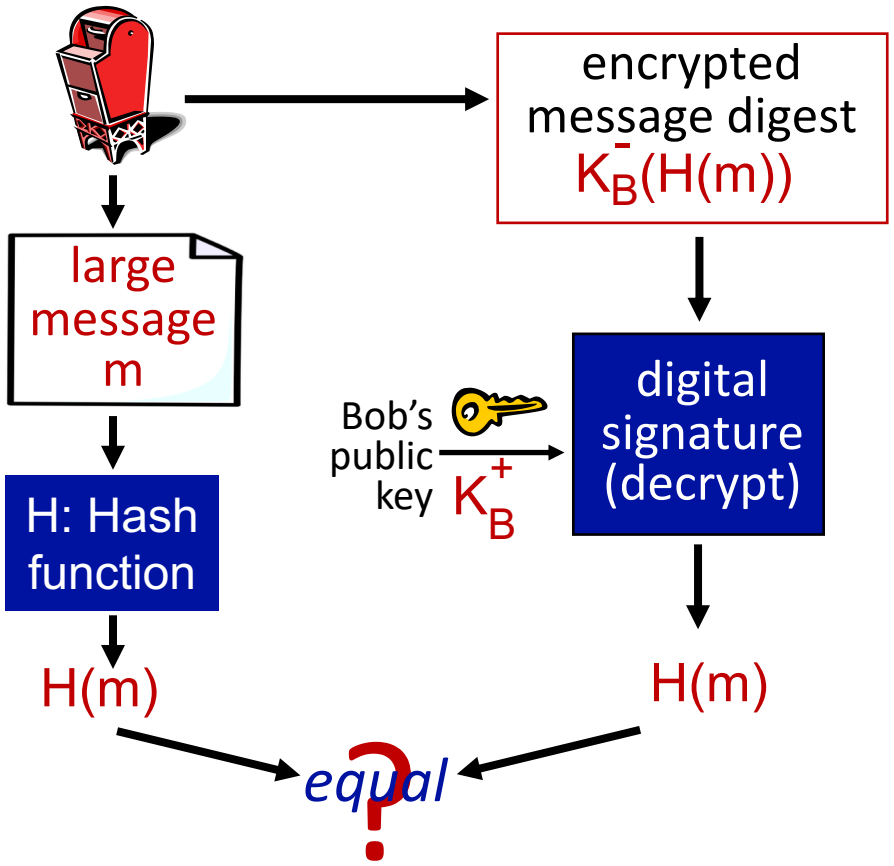
- many-to-1
- produces fixed-size msg digest (fingerprint)
- given message digest *x*, computationally infeasible to find *m* such that *x* = *H(m)*

Digital signature = signed message digest

Bob sends digitally signed message:



Alice verifies signature, integrity of digitally signed message:

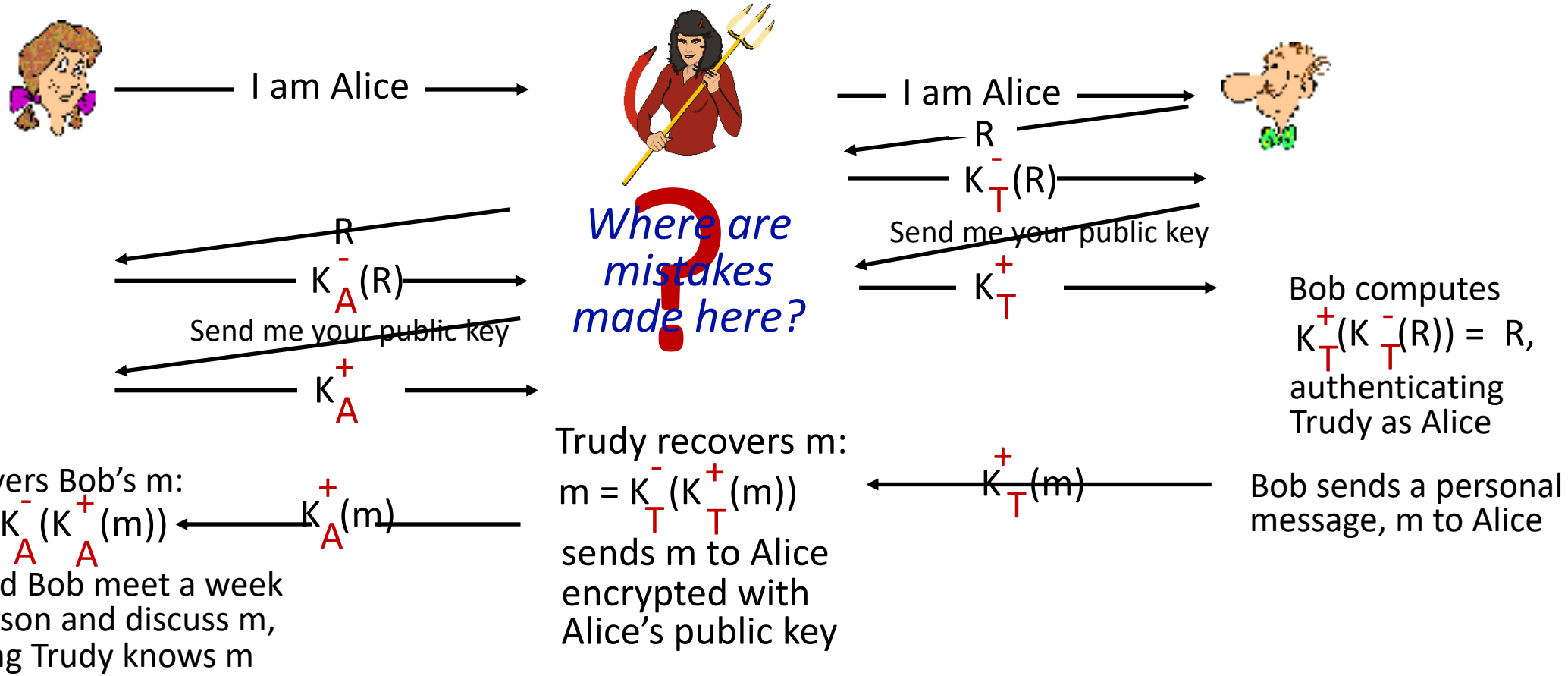


Hash function algorithms

- MD5 hash function widely used (RFC 1321)
  - computes 128-bit message digest in 4-step process.
  - arbitrary 128-bit string x, appears difficult to construct msg m whose MD5 hash is equal to x
- SHA-1 is also used
  - US standard [NIST, FIPS PUB 180-1]
  - 160-bit message digest

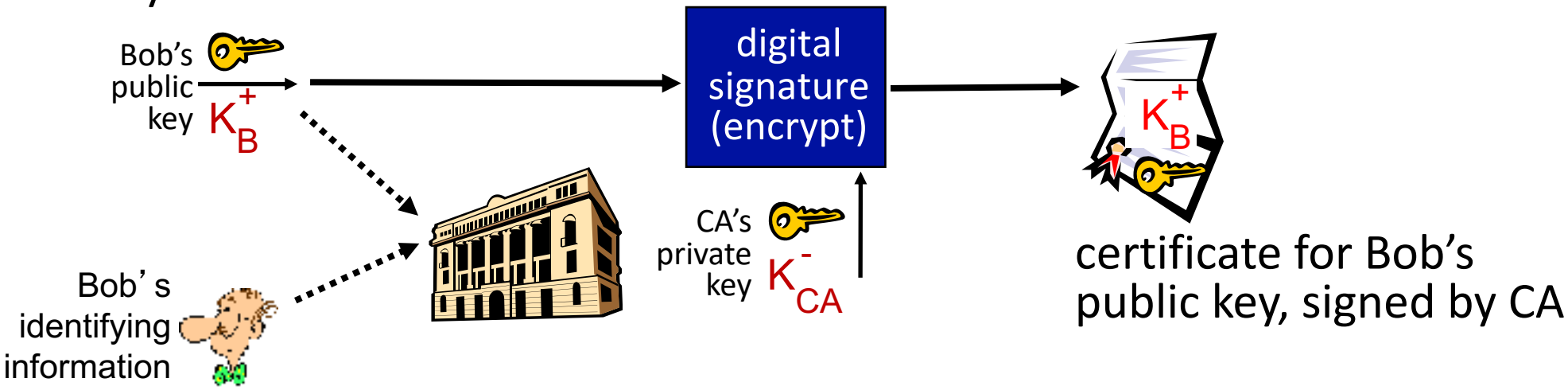
Authentication: ap5.0 – let's fix it!!

Recall the problem: Trudy poses as Alice (to Bob) and as Bob (to Alice)



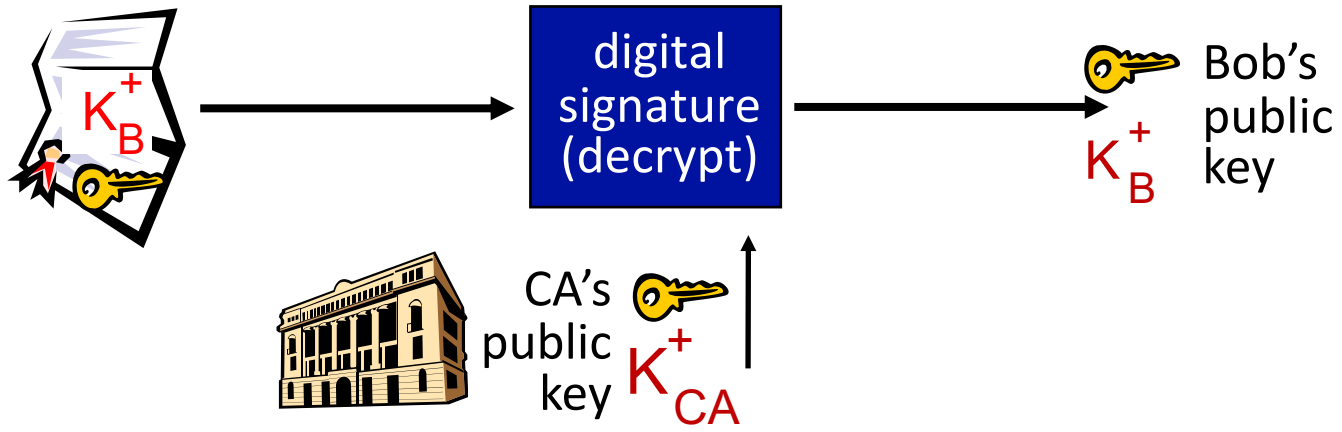
Need for certified public keys
Public key Certification Authorities (CA)

- certification authority (CA): binds public key to particular entity, E
- entity (person, website, router) registers its public key with CE provides "proof of identity" to CA
  - CA creates certificate binding identity E to E's public key
  - certificate containing E's public key digitally signed by CA: CA says "this is E's public key"



Public key Certification Authorities (CA)

- when Alice wants Bob's public key:
  - gets Bob's certificate (Bob or elsewhere)
  - apply CA's public key to Bob's certificate, get Bob's public key



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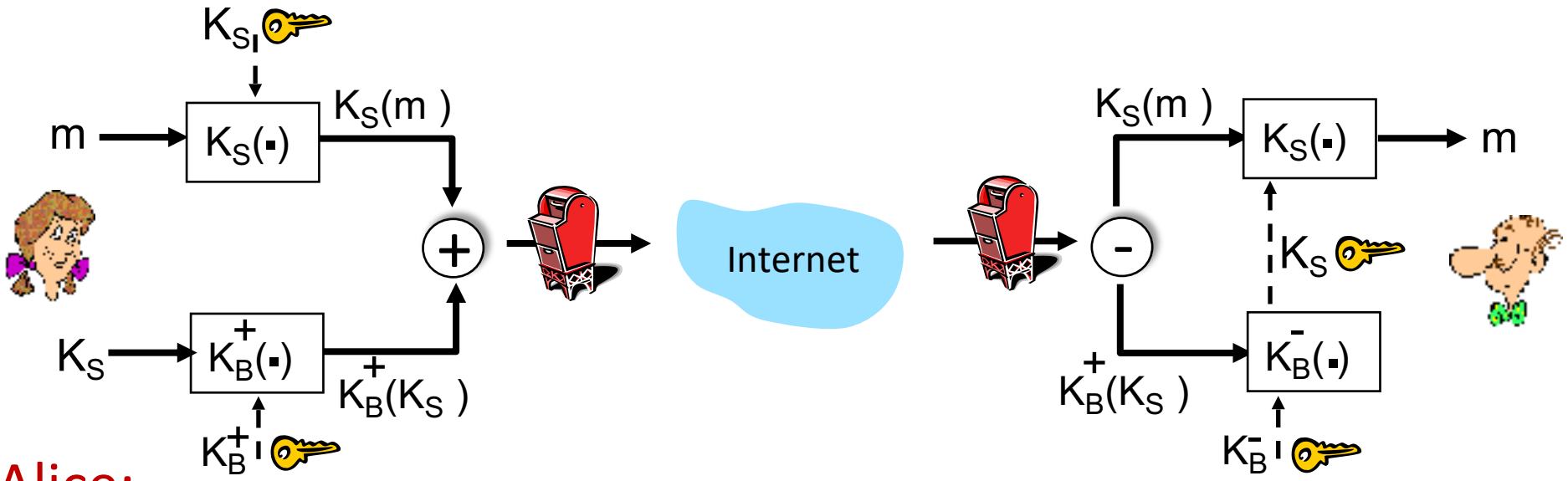

Alice:

- generates random *symmetric* private key, K_S
- encrypts message with K_S (for efficiency)
- also encrypts K_S with Bob's public key
- sends both $K_S(m)$ and $K^+_B(K_S)$ to Bob

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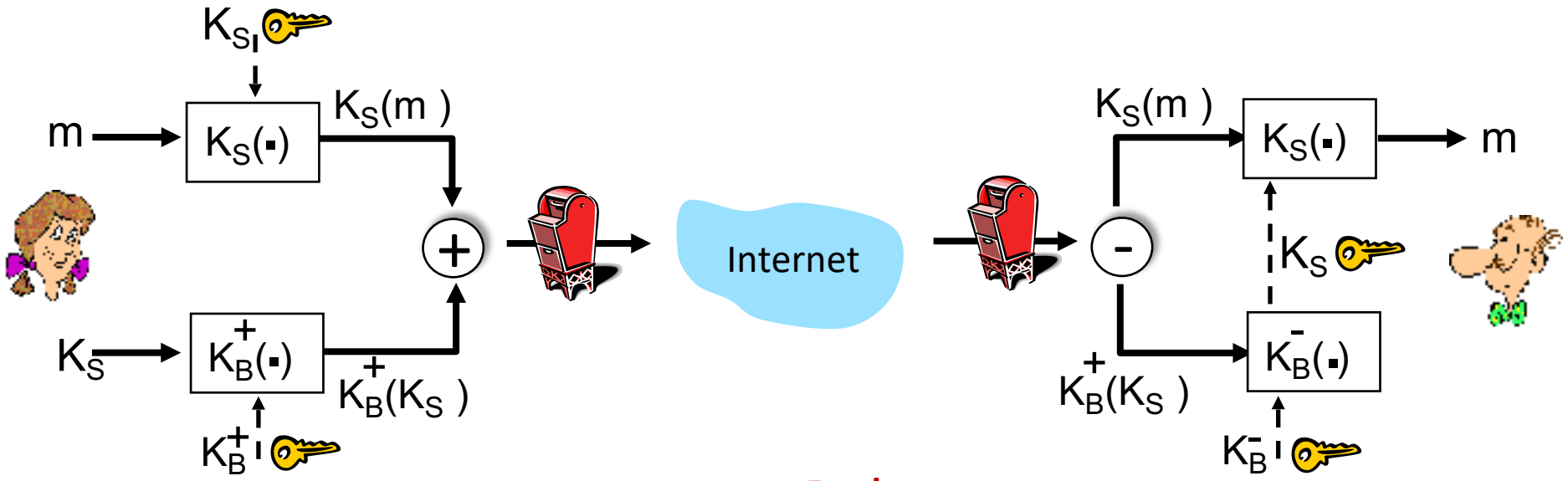
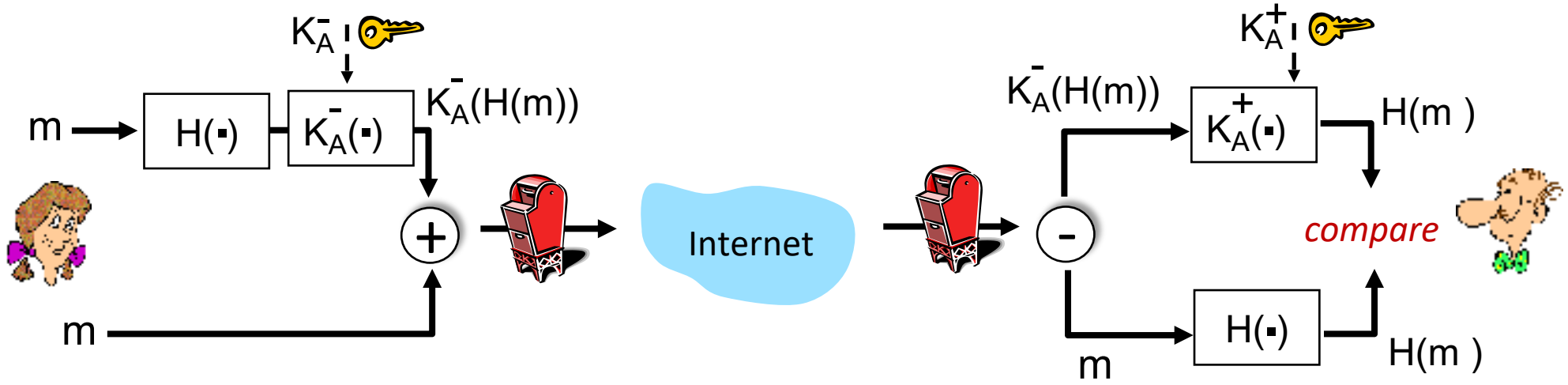


Bob:

- uses his private key to decrypt and recover K_S
- uses K_S to decrypt $K_S(m)$ to recover m

Secure e-mail: integrity, authentication

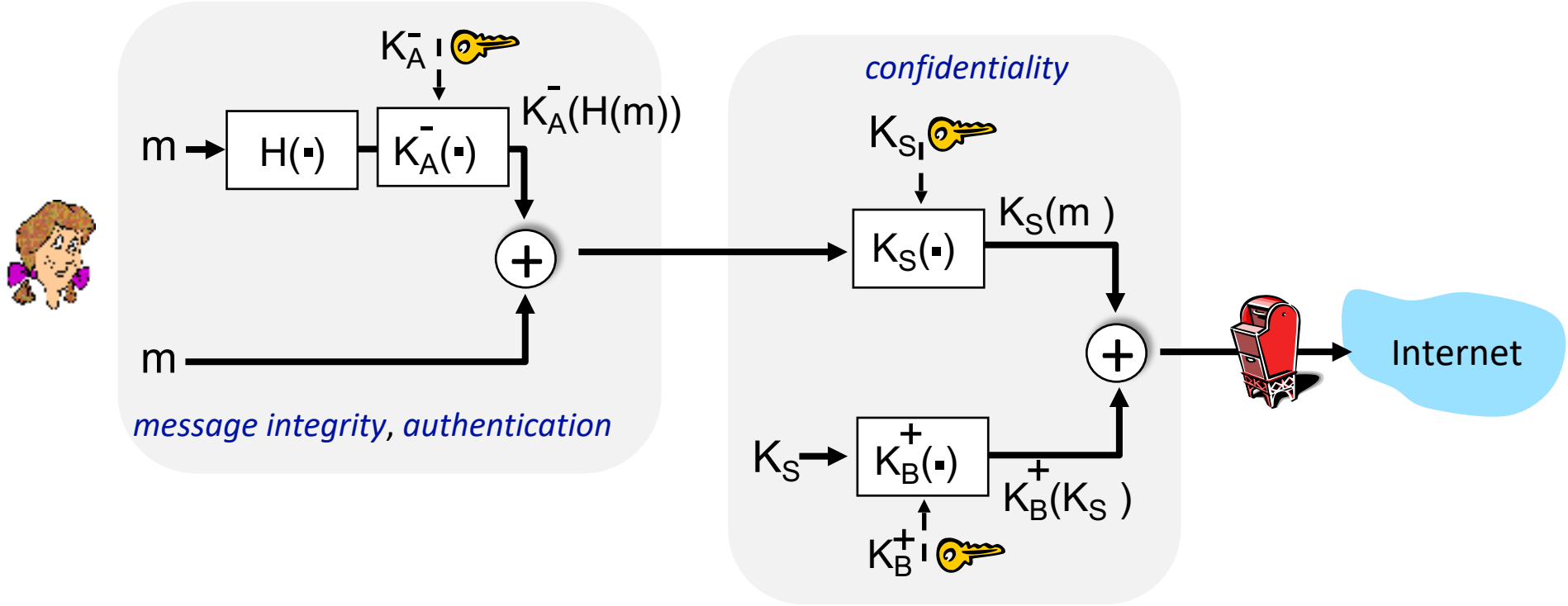
Alice wants to send m to Bob, with *message integrity*, *authentication*



- Alice digitally signs hash of her message with her private key, providing integrity and authentication
- sends both message (in the clear) and digital signature

Secure e-mail: integrity, authentication

Alice sends m to Bob, with *confidentiality, message integrity*, *authentication*



Alice uses three keys: her private key, Bob's public key, new symmetric key

What are Bob's complementary actions?

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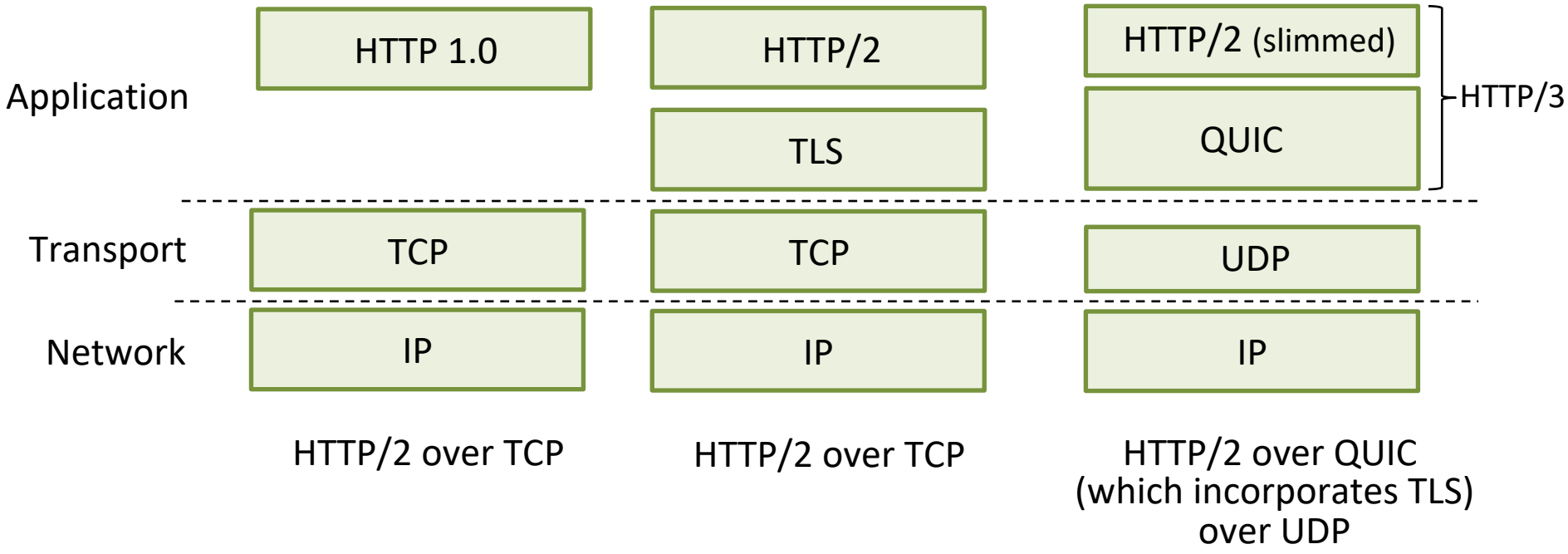
Transport-layer security (TLS)

- widely deployed security protocol above the transport layer
  - supported by almost all browsers, web servers: https (port 443)
- provides:
  - confidentiality: via *symmetric encryption*
  - integrity: via *cryptographic hashing*
  - authentication: via *public key cryptography*

  } *all techniques we have studied!*
- history:
  - early research, implementation: secure network programming, secure sockets
  - secure socket layer (SSL) deprecated [2015]
  - TLS 1.3: RFC 8846 [2018]

Transport-layer security (TLS)

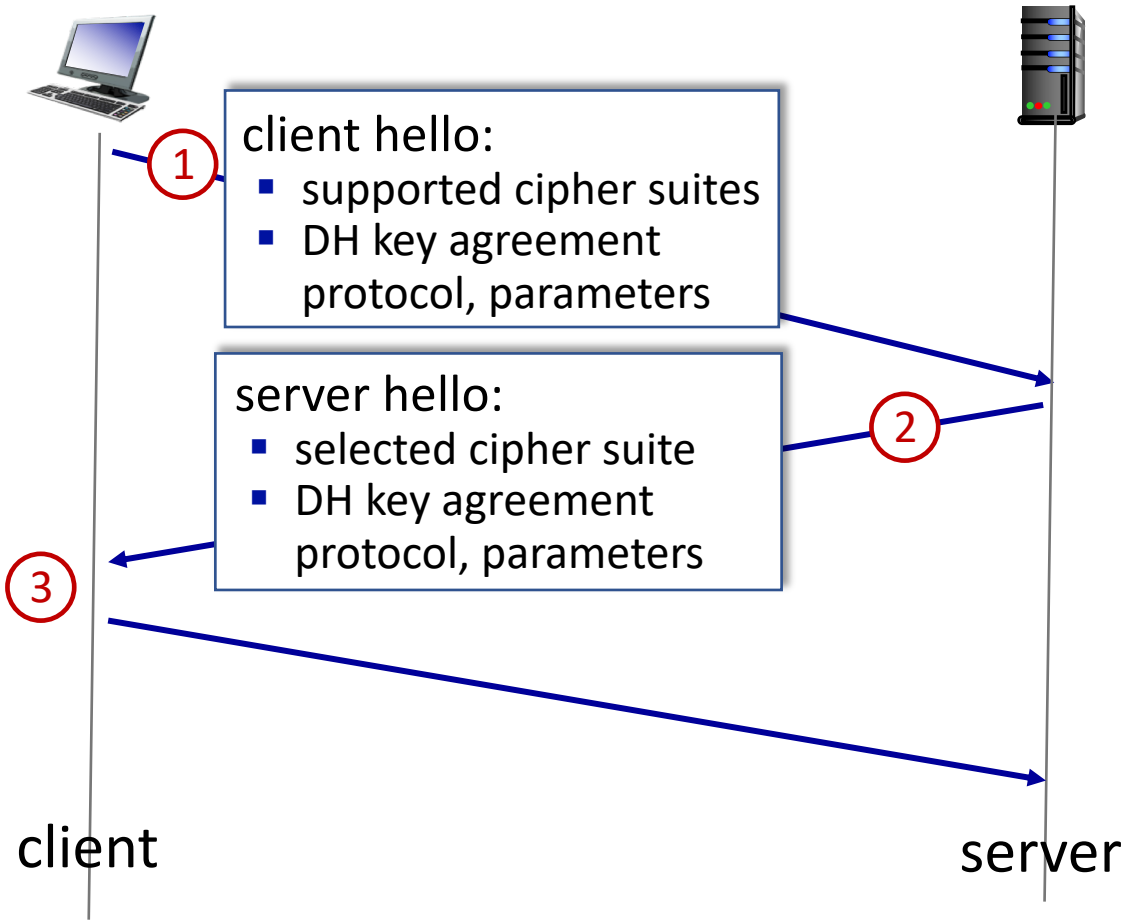
- TLS provides an API that *any* application can use
- an HTTP view of TLS:



TLS: 1.3 cipher suite

- "cipher suite": algorithms that can be used for key generation, encryption, MAC, digital signature
- TLS: 1.3 (2018): more limited cipher suite choice than TLS 1.2 (2008)
  - only 5 choices, rather than 37 choices
  - *requires* Diffie-Hellman (DH) for key exchange, rather than DH or RSA
  - combined encryption and authentication algorithm ("authenticated encryption") for data rather than serial encryption, authentication
    - 4 based on AES
  - HMAC uses SHA (256 or 284) cryptographic hash function

TLS 1.3 handshake: 1 RTT



1. client TLS hello msg:
   - *guesses* key agreement protocol, parameters
   - indicates cipher suites it supports
2. server TLS hello msg chooses
   - key agreement protocol, parameters
   - cipher suite
   - server-signed certificate
3. client:
   - checks server certificate
   - generates key
   - can now make application request (e.g.., HTTPS GET)

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VPN Security Requirements

- Confidentiality
  - hide packet content
- Content authentication (integrity)
  - if a packet is changed, replaced, or faked?
- Origin authentication (authentication)
  - is the real sender lying about its identity?
- Anti-replay:
  - a bad guy replaying a packet sent by others

- The goal of IPSec is to satisfy the 4 requirements!

Confidentiality

- Confidentiality is given through:
  - **Encryption**
    - Topic covered
    - In VPN, **triple DES** is used (in ESP)
    - To do encryption, key exchange must be done firstly
      - we need IKE!

Integrity

- Content Integrity is given through:
  - One-way hash function
  - **Keyed** hash function (HMAC)
    - HMAC(k, d) = h(k XOR h(k XOR d))
  - Digital signature

- Origin Integrity is given through:
  - Digital certificate
    - Private key, public key
  - Kerberos

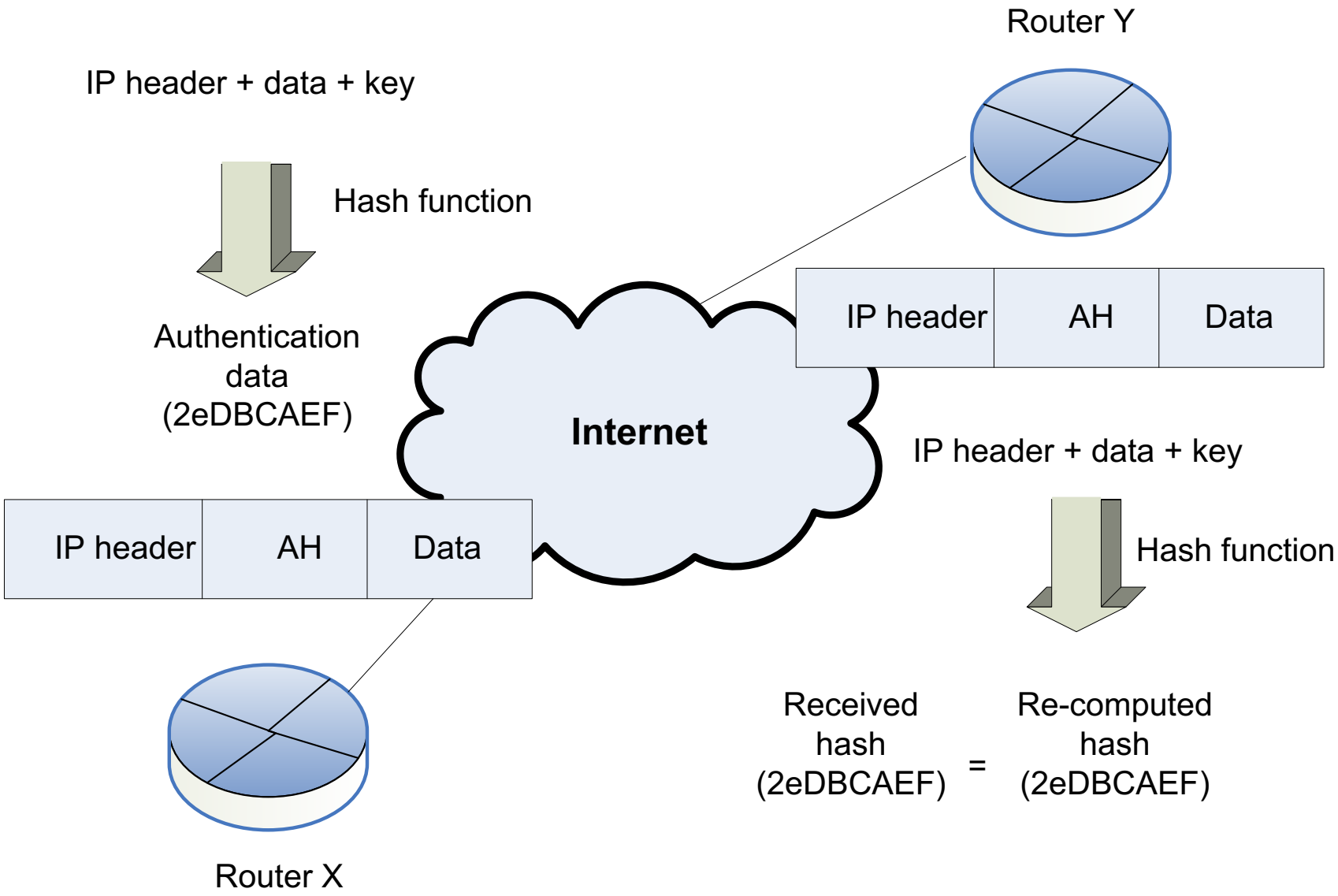
Anti-replay

- Anti-replay is given through:
  - One-time password
  - Sequence number
  - Timestamp

IPSec

- IPSec: Internet Protocol Security
  - A framework of open standards
  - Authentication Header (AH) + Encapsulating Security Payloads (ESP) + Internet Key Exchange (IKE)
    - AH gives you integrity + authentication
    - Authenticated ESP (tunnel mode) gives you confidentiality + integrity + authentication
    - IKE takes care of key exchange
      - Without key exchange, NONE of the 3 can be provided

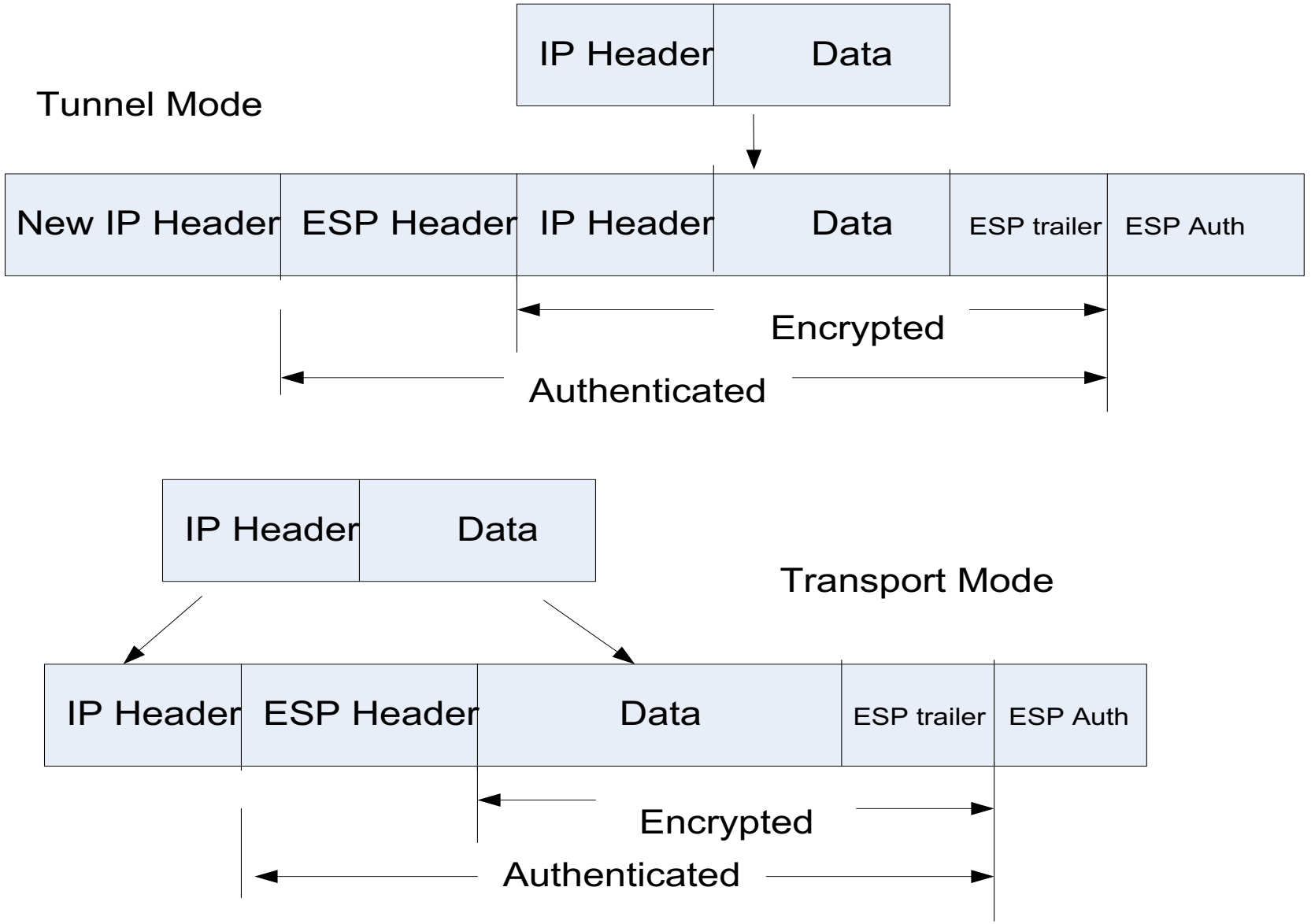
AH


Router Y
IP header + data + key
Hash function
Authentication data (2eDBCAEF)
IP header
AH
Data
Internet
IP header + data + key
IP header
AH
Data
Hash function
Router X
Received hash (2eDBCAEF)
=
Re-computed hash (2eDBCAEF)

ESP

- ESP can be used in 2 modes:
  - Transport mode
    - Encrypt traffic between two peer devices
  - Tunnel mode
    - Encrypt traffic between two subnets

ESP


IP Header
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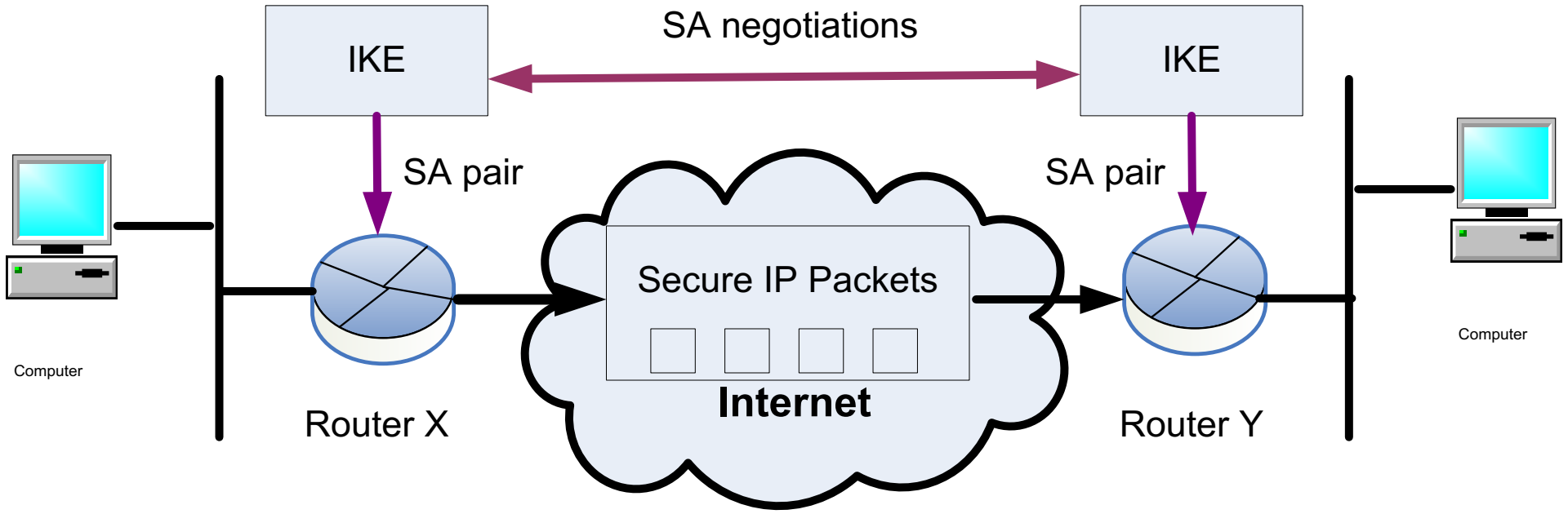
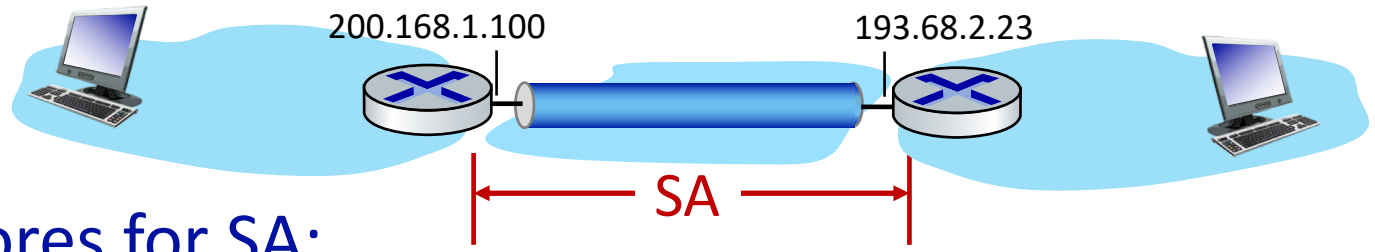
IKE



Both AH and ESP need keys!! But, IKE is optional.

Security associations (SAs)

- before sending data, security association (SA) established from sending to receiving entity (directional)
- ending, receiving entitles maintain *state information* about SA
  - recall: TCP endpoints also maintain state info
  - IP is connectionless; IPsec is connection-oriented!



R1 stores for SA:

- 32-bit identifier: *Security Parameter Index (SPI)*
- origin SA interface (200.168.1.100)
- destination SA interface (193.68.2.23)
- type of encryption used
- encryption key
- type of integrity check used
- authentication key

IKE: Internet Key Exchange

- *previous examples*:

  Example SA:

  SPI: 12345
  Source IP: 200.168.1.100
  Dest IP: 193.68.2.23
  Protocol: ESP
  Encryption algorithm: 3DES-cbc
  HMAC algorithm: MD5
  Encryption key: 0x7aeaca…
  HMAC key:0xc0291f…

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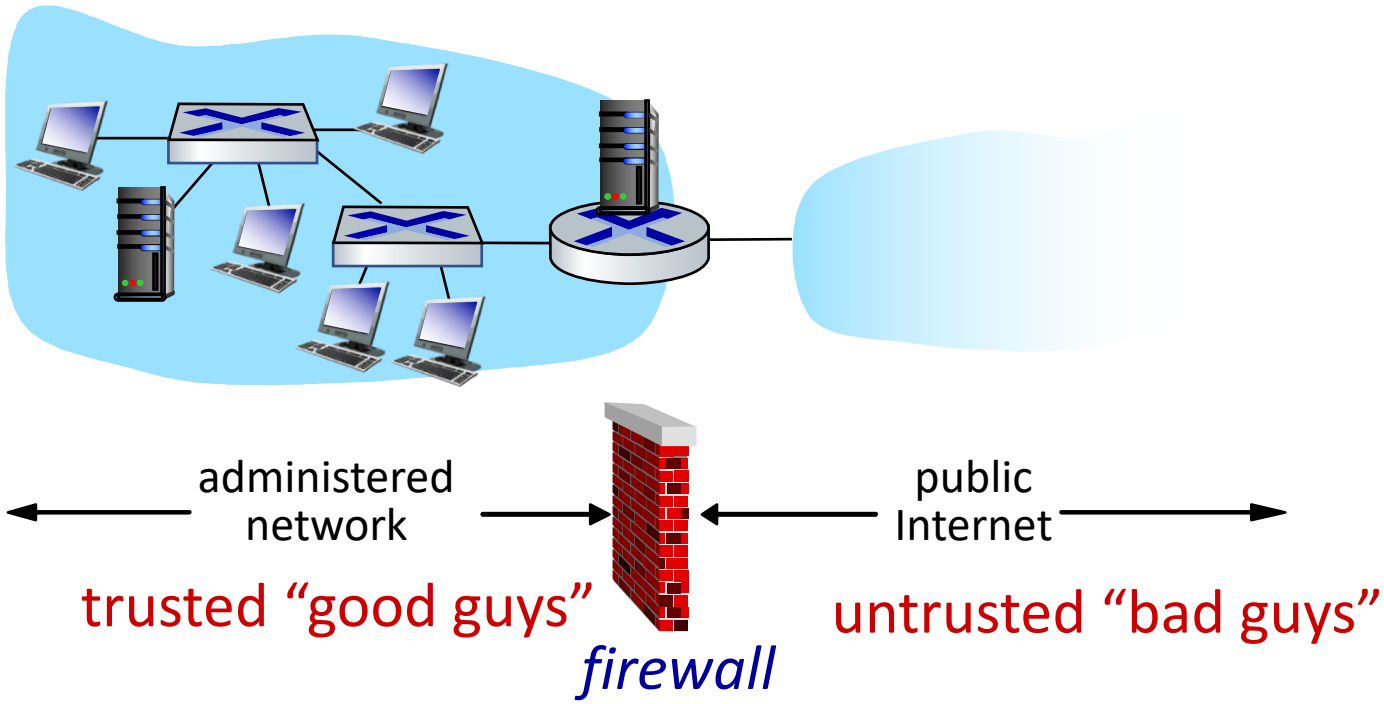
Firewalls

firewall

isolates organization's internal network from larger Internet, allowing some packets to pass, blocking others



Firewalls: why

prevent denial of service attacks:

- SYN flooding: attacker establishes many bogus TCP connections, no resources left for “real” connections

prevent illegal modification/access of internal data

- e.g., attacker replaces CIA’s homepage with something else

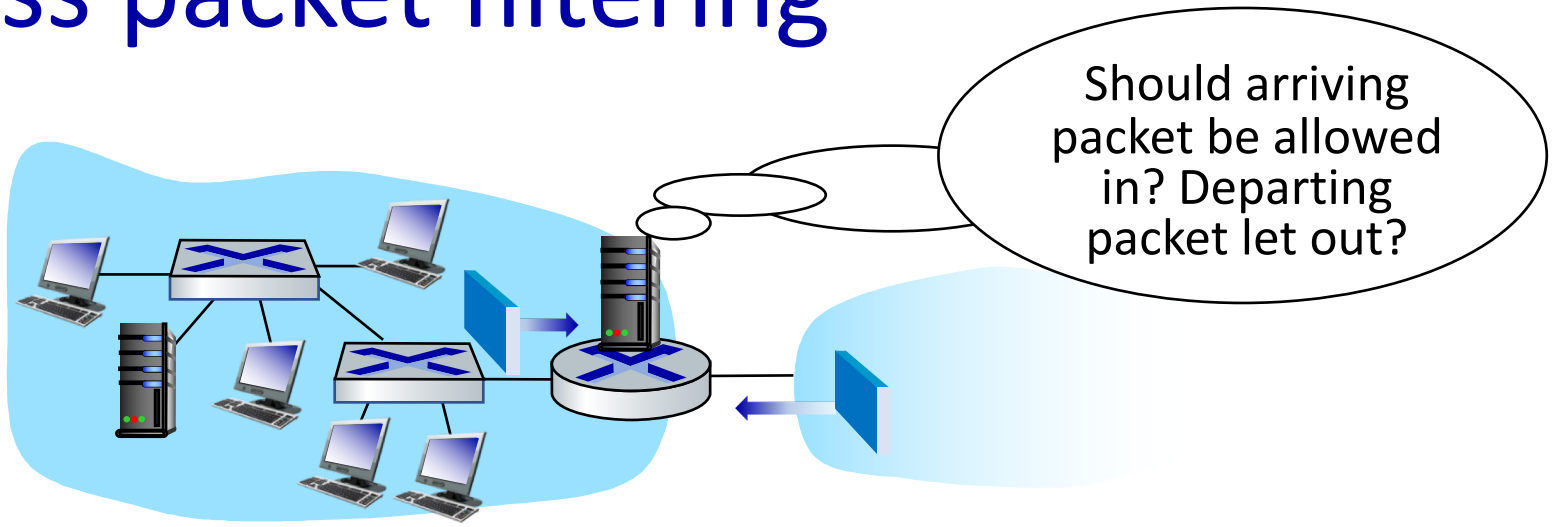
allow only authorized access to inside network

- set of authenticated users/hosts

three types of firewalls:

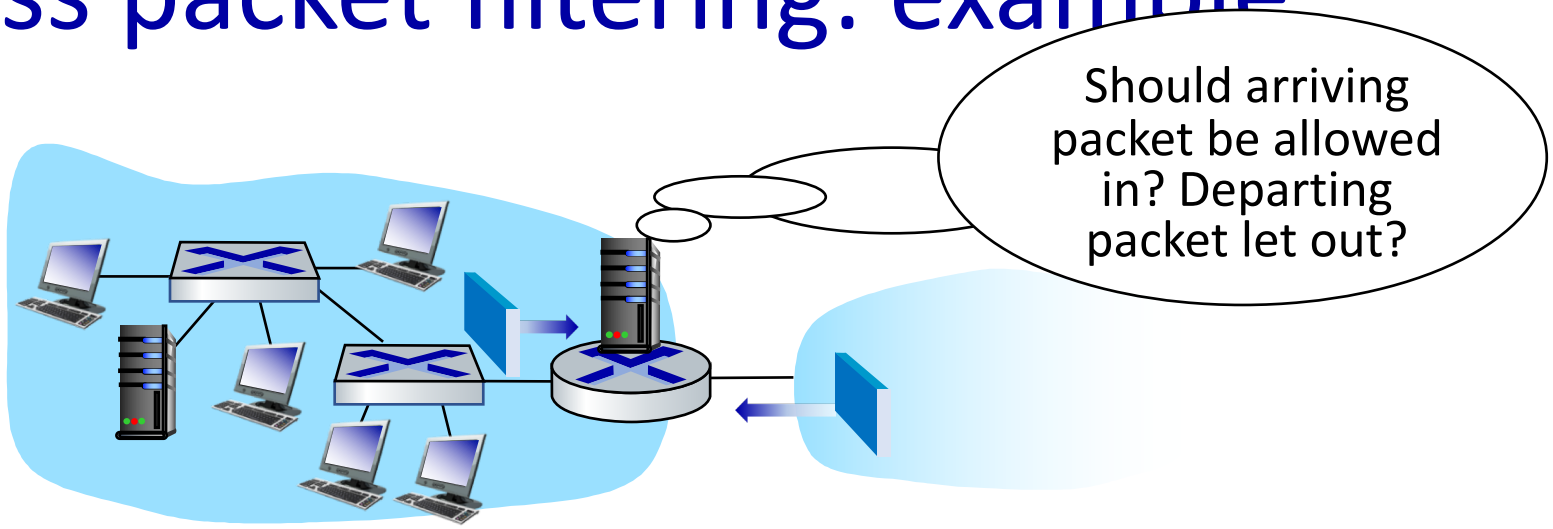
- stateless packet filters
- stateful packet filters
- application gateways

Stateless packet filtering



- internal network connected to Internet via router firewall
- filters packet-by-packet, decision to forward/drop packet based on:
  - source IP address, destination IP address
  - TCP/UDP source, destination port numbers
  - ICMP message type
  - TCP SYN, ACK bits

Stateless packet filtering: example



- example 1: block incoming and outgoing datagrams with IP protocol field = 17 and with either source or dest port = 23
  - result: all incoming, outgoing UDP flows and telnet connections are blocked
- example 2: block inbound TCP segments with ACK=0
  - result: prevents external clients from making TCP connections with internal clients, but allows internal clients to connect to outside

Stateless packet filtering: more examples

Policy	Firewall Setting
no outside Web access	drop all outgoing packets to any IP address, port 80
no incoming TCP connections, except those for institution's public Web server only.	drop all incoming TCP SYN packets to any IP except 130.207.244.203, port 80
prevent Web-radios from eating up the available bandwidth.	drop all incoming UDP packets - except DNS and router broadcasts.
prevent your network from being used for a smurf DoS attack.	drop all ICMP packets going to a "broadcast" address (e.g. 130.207.255.255)
prevent your network from being tracerouted	drop all outgoing ICMP TTL expired traffic

Access Control Lists

ACL: table of rules, applied top to bottom to incoming packets: (action, condition) pairs

action	source address	dest address	protocol	source port	dest port	flag bit
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	TCP	> 1023	80	any
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	TCP	80	> 1023	ACK
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	UDP	> 1023	53	---
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	UDP	53	> 1023	----
deny	all	all	all	all	all	all

Stateful packet filtering

- *stateless packet filter:* heavy handed tool
  - admits packets that "make no sense," e.g., dest port = 80, ACK bit set, even though no TCP connection established:

action	source address	dest address	protocol	source port	dest port	flag bit
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	TCP	80	> 1023	ACK

- *stateful packet filter:* track status of every TCP connection
  - track connection setup (SYN), teardown (FIN): determine whether incoming, outgoing packets "makes sense"
  - timeout inactive connections at firewall: no longer admit packets

Stateful packet filtering

ACL augmented to indicate need to check connection state table before admitting packet

action	source address	dest address	proto	source port	dest port	flag bit	check connection
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	TCP	> 1023	80	any	
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	TCP	80	> 1023	ACK	X
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	UDP	> 1023	53	---	
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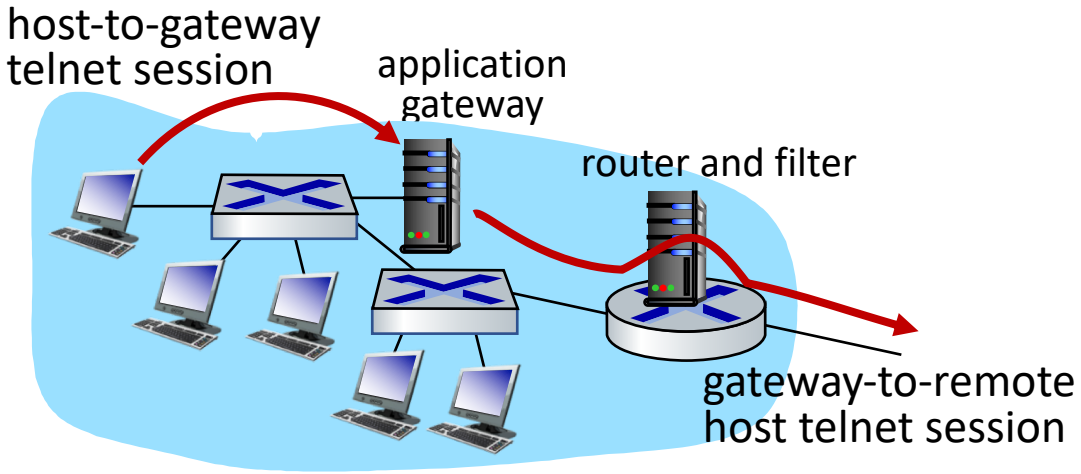
Application gateways

- filter packets on application data as well as on IP/TCP/UDP fields.
- *example:* allow select internal users to telnet outside



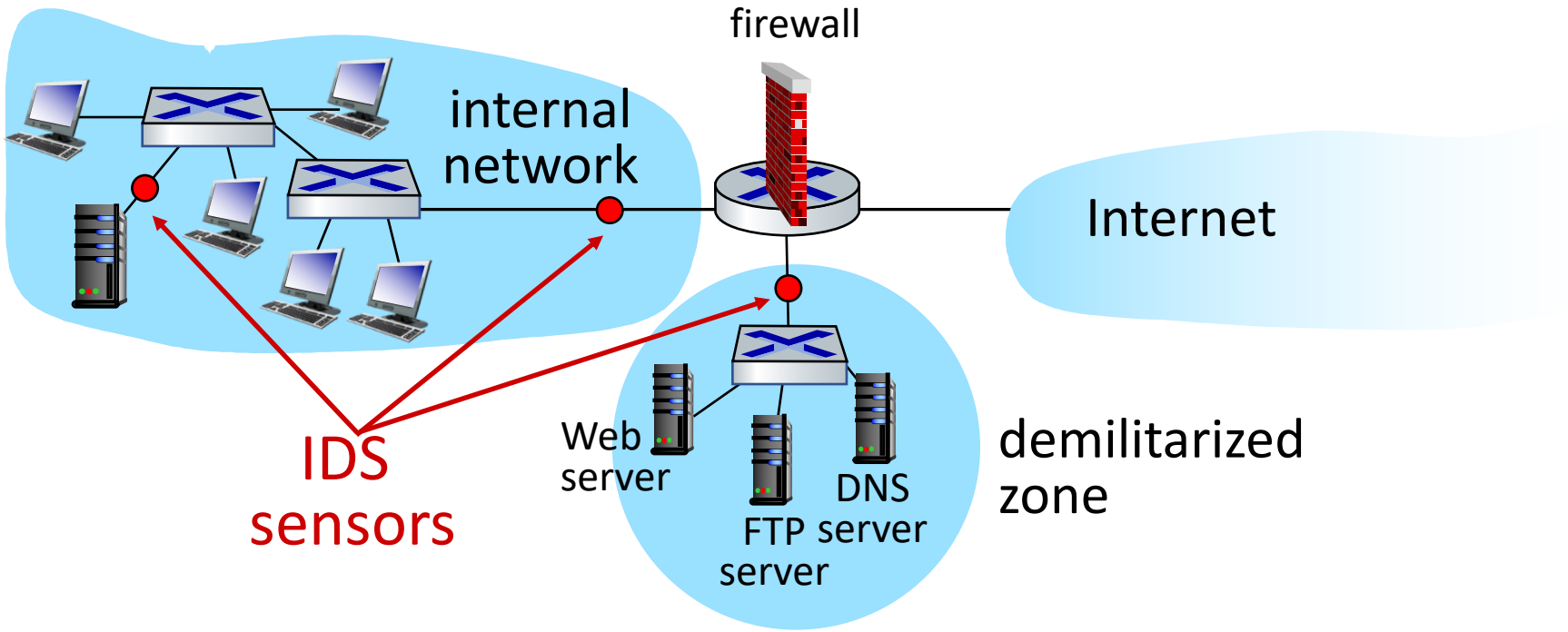
1. require all telnet users to telnet through gateway.
2. for authorized users, gateway sets up telnet connection to dest host
   - gateway relays data between 2 connections
3. router filter blocks all telnet connections not originating from gateway

Intrusion detection systems

- packet filtering:
  - operates on TCP/IP headers only
  - no correlation check among sessions
- IDS: intrusion detection system
  - deep packet inspection: look at packet contents (e.g., check character strings in packet against database of known virus, attack strings)
  - examine correlation among multiple packets
    - port scanning
    - network mapping
    - DoS attack

Intrusion detection systems

multiple IDSs: different types of checking at different locations



Network Security (summary)

basic techniques……

- cryptography (symmetric and public key)
- message integrity
- end-point authentication

…. used in many different security scenarios

- secure email
- secure transport (TLS)
- IP sec

operational security: firewalls and IDS