
CSE 3400 - Introduction to Computer & Network Security
(aka: Introduction to Cybersecurity)

Public Key Cryptography– Part II

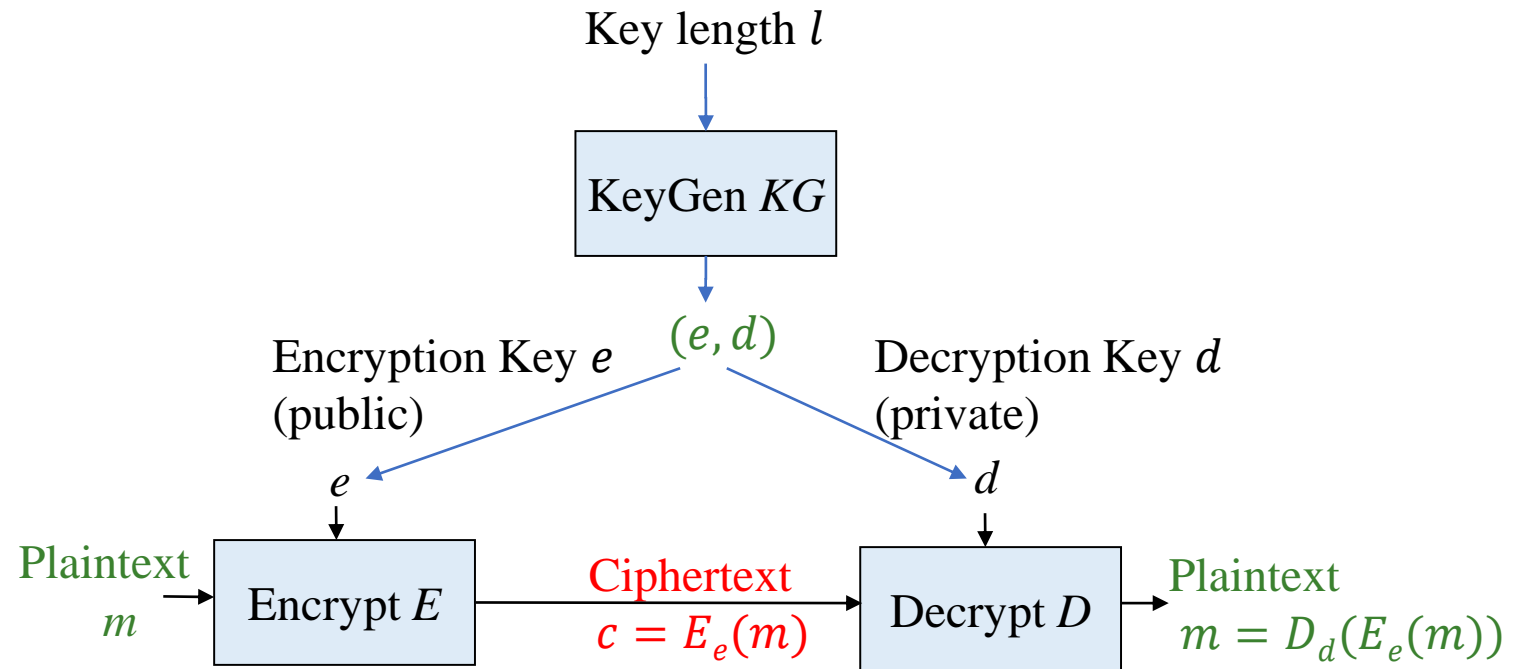
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Outline

- Public key encryption
- Digital signatures
- PKI

Public Key Encryption



Public Key Encryption IND-CPA Security

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(b, n) \{ \\ & k \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n \\ & (m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{E_k(\cdot)}(\text{'Choose'}, 1^n) \text{ s.t. } |m_0| = |m_1| \\ & c^* \leftarrow E_k(m_b) \\ & b^* = \mathcal{A}^{E_k(\cdot)}(\text{'Guess'}, c^*) \\ & \text{Return } b^* \\ \} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.11 (IND-CPA-PK). *Let $\langle KG, E, D \rangle$ be a public-key cryptosystem. We say that $\langle KG, E, D \rangle$ is IND-CPA-PK, if every efficient adversary $\mathcal{A} \in PPT$ has negligible advantage $\varepsilon_{\langle KG, E, D \rangle, \mathcal{A}}^{IND-CPA-PK}(n) \in NEGL(n)$, where:*

$$\varepsilon_{\langle KG, E, D \rangle, \mathcal{A}}^{IND-CPA-PK}(n) \equiv \Pr \left[T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle KG, E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(1, n) = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle KG, E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(0, n) = 1 \right] \quad (2.46)$$

Where the probability is over the random coin tosses in IND-CPA (including of \mathcal{A} and E).

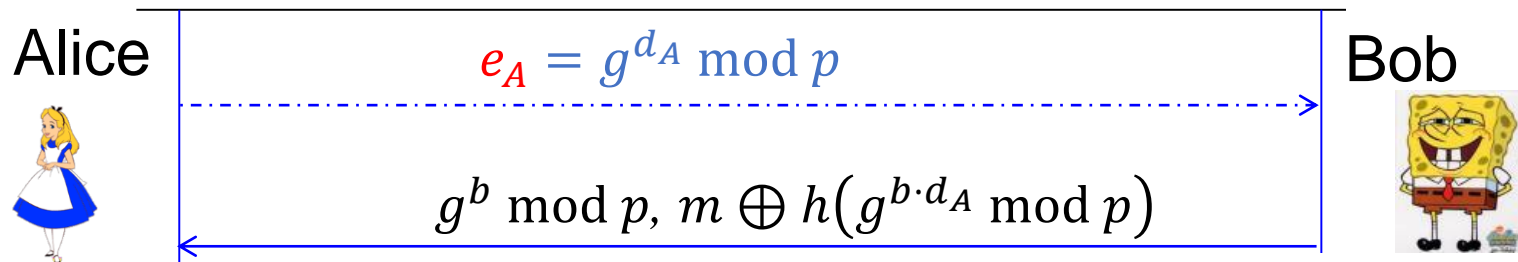
A cannot tell whether c is encrypted m0 or m1

Discrete Log-based Encryption

- We will explore two flavors:
 - An adaptation of DH key exchange protocol to perform encryption
 - ElGamal encryption scheme

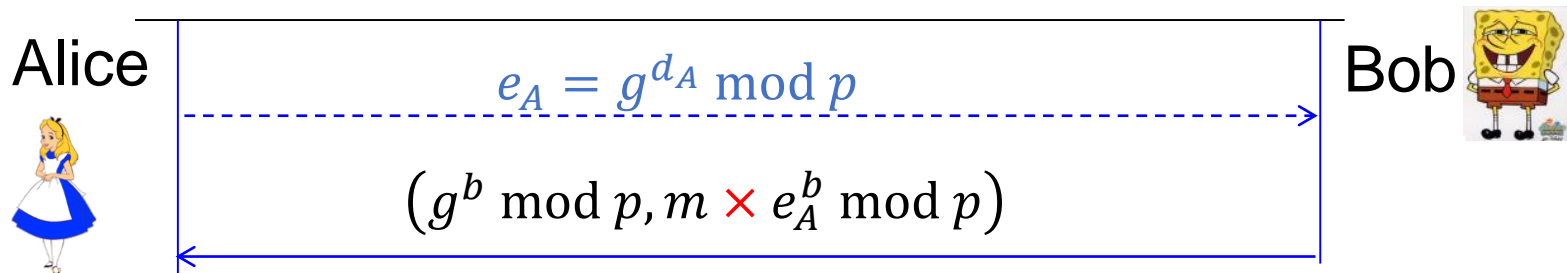
Turning [DH] to Public Key Cryptosystem

- Solves dependency on DDH assumption; secure under the (weaker) CDH assumption.
- Alice's public key is $e_A = g^{d_A} \bmod p$
- To encrypt message m to Alice
 - Bob selects random b
 - Sends: $g^b \bmod p$, $m \oplus h(e_A^b) = m \oplus h(g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
 - Secure if $h(g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$ is pseudo-random



ElGamal Public Key Encryption

- Variant of [DH] PKC: Encrypt by multiplication, **not XOR**
- Alice's public key is $e_A = g^{d_A} \bmod p$
- To encrypt message m to Alice:
 - Bob selects random b
 - Sends: $g^b \bmod p$, $m \times e_A^b = m \times g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p$



ElGamal Public Key Encryption

- Encryption:

$$E_{e_A}^{EG}(m) \leftarrow \left\{ (g^b \bmod p, m \cdot e_A^b \bmod p) \mid b \xleftarrow{\$} [2, p-1] \right\}$$

- Decryption:

$$D_{d_A}(x, y) = x^{-d_A} \cdot y \bmod p$$

- Correctness:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{d_A}(g^b \bmod p, m \cdot e_A^b \bmod p) &= \\ &= \left[(g^b \bmod p)^{-d_A} \cdot (m \cdot (g^{d_A})^b \bmod p) \right] \bmod p \\ &= [g^{-b \cdot d_A} \cdot m \cdot g^{b \cdot d_A}] \bmod p \\ &= m \end{aligned}$$

ElGamal Public Key Cryptosystem

- Problem: $g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p$ may leak bit(s)...
- `Classical' DH solution: securely derive a key, e.g., $h(\cdot)$
- El-Gamal's solution:
Use a group where DDH believed to hold
 - Note: message must be encoded as member of the group!
 - So why use it? Some special properties...

ElGamal PKC: homomorphism

- Homomorphism: multiplying two ciphertexts produces a ciphertext of the multiplication of the two plaintexts.
- Given two ciphertexts:

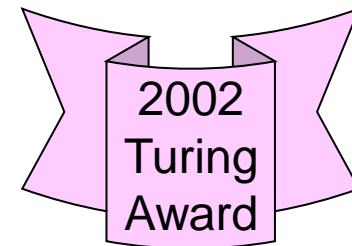
$$E_{e_A}(m_1) = (x_1, y_1) = (g^{b_1} \bmod p, m_1 \cdot g^{b_1 \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$$

$$E_{e_A}(m_2) = (x_2, y_2) = (g^{b_2} \bmod p, m_2 \cdot g^{b_2 \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$$

We can compute $E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2)$ from $E_{e_A}(m_1), E_{e_A}(m_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} &E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2) \\ &= (x_1 \cdot x_2 \bmod p, y_1 \cdot y_2 \bmod p) \\ &= (g^{b_1+b_2} \bmod p, m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot g^{(b_1+b_2) \cdot d_A} \bmod p) \end{aligned}$$

RSA Public Key Encryption



- First proposed – and still widely used
 - Not really studied in this course
- Select two large primes p, q and compute $n = pq$
- Select e s.t. e is co-prime with $\Phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$
 - The public key is (n, e)
- Let private key be $d = e^{-1} \bmod \Phi(n)$
 - $ed = 1 \bmod \Phi(n)$

For message $m < n$

Encryption: $E_{e,n}(m) = m^e \bmod n$

Decryption: $D_{d,n}(c) = c^d \bmod n$

RSA Public Key Cryptosystem

- Correctness

$$D_{d,n}(c) = c^d = \left(E_{e,n}(m)\right)^d = (m^e)^d = m^{ed} = m \bmod n$$

If m and n are coprime

$$m^{ed} = m^{1+k \cdot \phi(n)} = m^1 m^{k \cdot \phi(n)} = m \left(m^{\phi(n)}\right)^k = m \bmod n$$

Because $m^{\phi(n)} = 1 \bmod n$ (Euler's Theorem)

If m and n are not coprime, use Chinese Remainder Theorem

The RSA Problem and Assumption

- RSA problem: Find m , given (n, e) and $c = m^e \bmod n$
- RSA assumption: if (n, e) are chosen *correctly*, then the RSA problem is `hard'
 - i.e., no efficient algorithm can find m with non-negligible probability, for `large' n and $m \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{1, \dots, n - 1\}$
- RSA and factoring
 - Factoring algorithm \rightarrow algorithm to `break' RSA
 - Algorithm to find RSA private key \rightarrow factoring algorithm
 - *Knowing $d \rightarrow$ Factoring n*
 - But: RSA-breaking may not allow factoring

RSA PKC Security

- It is a deterministic encryption scheme \rightarrow cannot IND-CPA secure

$$E_{e,n}(m) = m^e \bmod n$$

- Textbook RSA is also multiplicative-homomorphic. It is not IND-CCA secure

$$m_1^e \cdot m_2^e = (m_1 \cdot m_2)^e$$

- RSA assumption does not rule out exposure of partial information about the plaintext

A solution: apply a random padding to the plaintext then encryption using RSA.

Padding RSA

- Pad and Unpad functions:
 - Encryption with padding, and decryption with unpad:

$$c = [\text{Pad}(m, r)]^e \bmod n$$
$$m = \text{Unpad}(c^d \bmod n)$$

- Required to...
 - Add randomization
 - Prevent detection of repeating plaintext
 - Prevent 'related message' attack (to allow use of tiny e)
 - Detect, prevent (some) chosen-ciphertext attacks

PKCS#1 padding

- PKCS#1 v1.5 padding (RFC 2313)

$$M = \text{Pad}(m) = 0x00 \parallel 0x02 \parallel r \parallel 0x00 \parallel m$$

m : the original message

r : a random string. At least 8 non-zero random bytes

Not semantically secure

- Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding (OAEP)
 - Adopted in PKCS#1 v2.0

Small encryption key

- Since e is public, we can choose small e and make encryption fast, for example, $e = 3$
 - There are attacks proposed, but can be prevented padding
 - In practice, it is advised to use a larger one, e.g., $e = 65537$
- Decryption key d must be large
 - The length of d should be longer than $0.292|n|$

Common modulus

Suppose you are an admin of company C.

You generate keys for each employee in the company as the follows.

1. Select two large primes p, q and compute $n = pq$
2. Select a different encryption key for each employee:

$$e_0, e_1, e_2, \dots$$

3. Generate corresponding decryption keys for each employee:

$$d_0, d_1, d_2, \dots$$

4. Distribute n and d_i to each employee securely

Do you see a problem?

Common modulus attack - 2

Suppose Alice and Bob generate their keys using the same n .
Alice's keys are (n, e_a) , Bob's keys are (n, e_b) and

$$\gcd(e_a, e_b) = 1$$

One sends the same message m to both Alice and Bob.

Eve can find out m from the ciphertext: m^{e_a} and m^{e_b} .

Because $\gcd(e_a, e_b) = 1$, Eve finds s_a and s_b such that, $e_a s_a + e_b s_b = 1$,
as in Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Then she computes

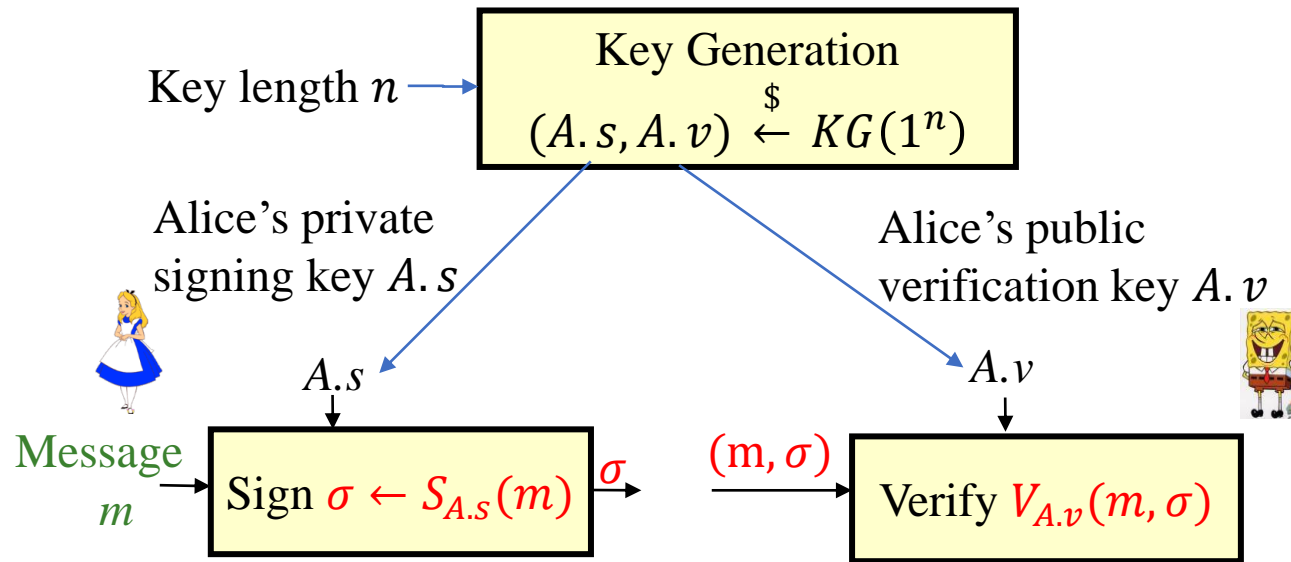
$$(m^{e_a})^{s_a} (m^{e_b})^{s_b} = m^{e_a s_a + e_b s_b} = m$$

How does Bob know Alice's public key?

- Depends on threat model...
 - Passive (‘eavesdropping’) adversary: just send it
 - Man-in-the-Middle (MitM): **authenticate**
- Authenticate – how?
 - MAC: requires shared secret key
 - **Public key signature scheme:**
authenticate using a trusted party's public key

Digital Signature

Public Key Digital Signatures



- Alice signs m , using $A.s$, a private, secret signature key
- Everyone can validate her signatures with her public key $A.v$

Correctness:

For every message m and valid key pair (s, v) , $V_v(m, S_s(m)) = OK$

Digital Signatures Security: **Unforgeability**

- Given v , attacker cannot find any 'valid' (m, σ) , i.e.,

$$V_v(m, \sigma) = OK$$

Even when attacker can select m' and receive $\sigma' = S_s(m')$

Note that $m' \neq m$

Digital Signature provides authentication, integrity **and** evidence/non-repudiation
MAC only provides authentication and integrity. No evidence, can repudiate

Digital Signature Scheme Security

Algorithm 1 The existential unforgeability game $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)(1^l)$ between signature scheme $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$ and adversary \mathcal{A} .

$(s, v) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{S}.\mathcal{KG}(1^l)$;
 $(m, \sigma) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{S}.\text{Sign}_s(\cdot)}(v, 1^l)$;
return $(\mathcal{S}.\text{Verify}_v(m, \sigma) \wedge (\mathcal{A} \text{ didn't request } S_s(m)))$;

Definition 1.6. *The existential unforgeability advantage function of adversary \mathcal{A} against signature scheme \mathcal{S} is defined as:*

$$\varepsilon_{\mathcal{S},\mathcal{A}}^{EUF-Sign}(1^l) \equiv \Pr \left(EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)(1^l) = \text{TRUE} \right) \quad (1.32)$$

Where the probability is taken over the random coin tosses of \mathcal{A} and of \mathcal{S} during the run of $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)$ with input (security parameter) 1^l , and $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)$ is the game defined in Algorithm 1.

RSA Signatures

- Secret signing key s , public verification key v
- Hash-then-sign
 - Use collision resistant hash function (CRHF)
 - Handle messages of arbitrary lengths
- Sign: $\sigma = \text{RSA}.S_s(m) = h(m)^s \bmod n$
- Verify:

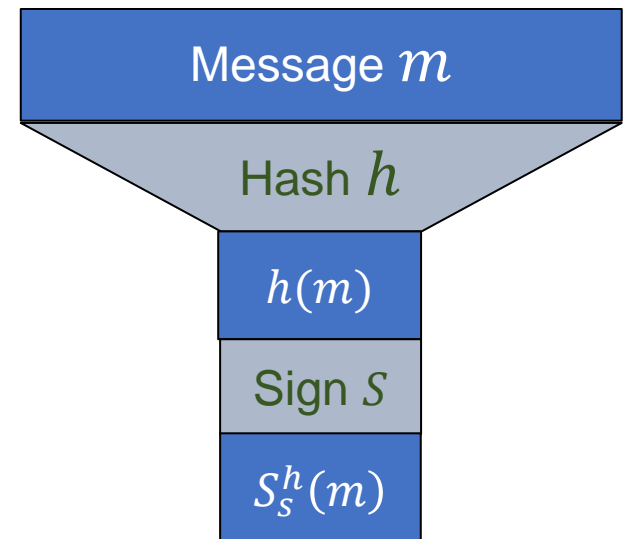
$\text{RSA}.V_v(m, \sigma)$

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 if $h(m) = \sigma^v \bmod n$
 return OK

 else
 return FAIL

}



Discrete-Log Digital Signature?

- RSA allowed encryption and signing...
based on assuming factoring is hard
- Can we sign based on assuming
discrete log is hard?
- Most well-known, popular scheme: DSA
 - Digital Signature Algorithm, by NSA/NIST
 - Details: crypto course

Pizza

- Motivation: Trudy plays pizza prank on Bob
 - Trudy creates e-mail order:
Dear Pizza Store, Please deliver to me four pepperoni pizzas.
Thank you, Bob
 - Trudy signs order with her private key
 - Trudy sends order to Pizza Store
 - Trudy sends to Pizza Store her public key, but says it's Bob's public key
 - Pizza Store verifies signature; then delivers four pepperoni pizzas to Bob
 - Bob doesn't even like pepperoni

Trust model

- Web of trust OpenPGP (Pretty Good Privacy)
 - **Decentralized model** (no central authority)
 - Multiple trust levels (don't trust, don't know, marginal, full)
 - The user decide if a key is valid
 - Do you trust a friend of your friends? How about their friends?
- Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
 - **Centralized**
 - Issued by a trusted third party (CA)
 - Certificate authority
 - Must trust issuer
 - If CA is compromised ...

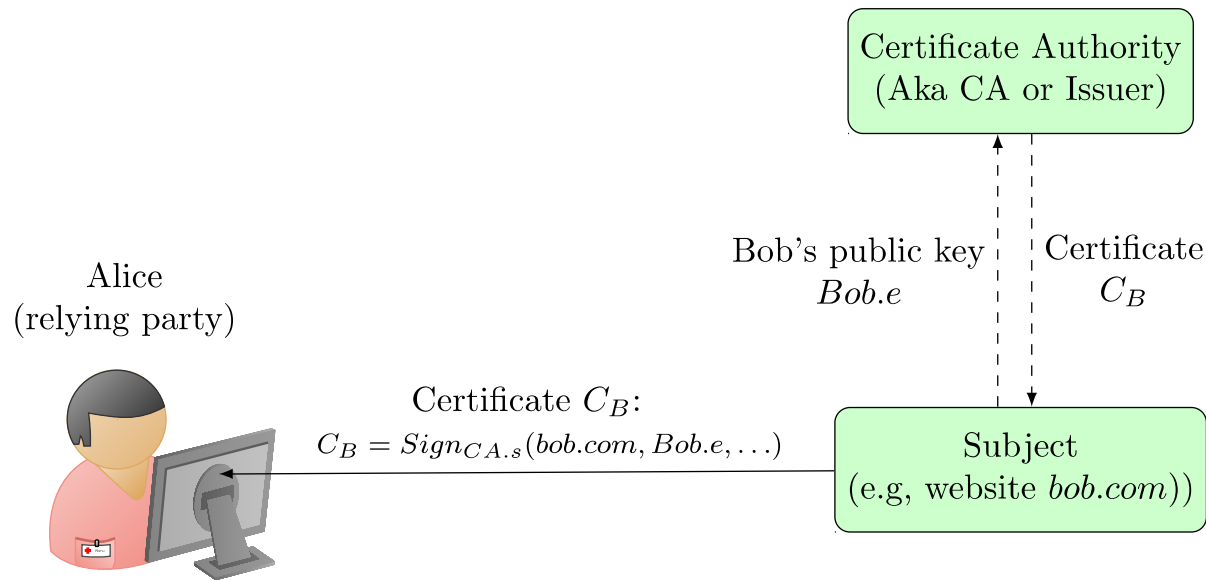
Public Key Infrastructure PKI

Public keys are very useful...

- Secure web connections
- Software signing (against malware)
- Secure messaging, email
- Cryptocurrency and blockchains.
- But ...
 - How do we know the PK of an entity?
 - Mainly: signed by **a trusted Certificate Authority**
 - E.g., in TLS, browsers maintain list of 'root CAs'

Public Key Certificates & Authorities

- **Certificate**: signature by **Issuer / Certificate Authority (CA)** over **subject's** public key and **attributes**
- **Attributes**: identity (ID) and others...
 - Validated by CA (liability?)
 - Used by **relying party** for decisions (e.g., use this website?)



Certificates are all about **Trust**

- Certificate
 - CA attests that Bob's public key is $Bob.e$

$$C_{Bob} = Sign_{CA.s}(Bob.com, Bob.e, \dots)$$

- Do we **trust** this attestation to be true?

Both Windows and Linux have a list of Trusted Root CAs

X.509: An ITU-T Standard for PKI

Certificate

- Version, Serial Number, Algorithm ID
- Issuer
- Validity (Not Before, Not After)
- Subject
- Subject Public Key Info
 - Public Key Algorithm, Subject Public Key, etc.
- Issuer Unique Identifier (optional)
- Subject Unique Identifier (optional)
- Extensions (optional)

Certificate Signature Algorithm

Certificate Signature

Files: .pem, .cer (crt), .p7b, .p12, .pfx

Rogue Certificates

- Rogue cert: equivocating or misleading (domain) name
- Attacker goals:
 - Impersonate: web-site, phishing email, signed malware..
 - Equivocating (same name): circumvent name-based security mechanisms, such as *Same-Origin-Policy (SOP)*, *blacklists*, *whitelists*, *access-control* ...
 - Name may be misleading even if not equivocating
- Types of misleading names ('cybersquatting'):
 - Combo names: bank.com vs. **accts-bank.com**, **bank.accts.com**, ...
 - Domain-name hacking: accts.bank.com vs. **accts-bank.com**, ... or **accts-bank.co**
 - Homographic: paypal.com [l is L] vs. **paypal.com** [i is I]
 - Typo-squatting: bank.com vs. **banc.com**, **baank.com**, **banl.com**,...

PKI Failures

- Certificates are valid until they expire
- There could be PKI failures and certificates must be revoked
 - Subject key exposure
 - CA failure
 - Cryptanalysis certificate forgery
 - Find collisions in the hash function used in the HtS paradigm,
 - or exploit some vulnerability in the digital signature scheme used for signing
- There should be revocation mechanisms

Some Infamous PKI Failures

2001	VeriSign: attacker gets code-signing certs
2008	Thawte: email-validation (attackers' mailbox)
2008,11	Comodo not performing domain validation
2011	DigiNotar compromised, 531 rogue certs (discovered); a rogue cert for *.google.com used for MitM against 300,000 Iranian users.
2011	TurkTrust issued intermediate-CA certs to users
2012	Trustwave issued intermediate-CA certificate for eavesdropping
2013	ANSSI, the French Network and Information Security Agency, issued intermediate-CA certificate to MitM traffic management device
2014	India CCA / NIC compromised (and issued rogue certs)
2015	CNNIC (China) issued CA-cert to MCS (Egypt), who issued rogue certs. Google and Mozilla removed CNNIC from their root programs.
2013-17	Audio driver of Savitech install root CA in Windows
2015,17	Symantec issued unauthorized certs for over 176 domains, causing removal from all root programs.
2019	Mozilla, Google <i>browsers</i> block <i>customer-installed</i> Kazakhstan root CA (Qaznet)
2019	Mozilla, Google revoke intermediate-CA of DarkMatter, and refuse to add them to root program



PKI Goals/Requirements



Trustworthy issuers: Trust anchor/root CAs and Intermediary CAs; Limitations on Intermediary CAs (e.g., restricted domain names)



Accountability: identify issuer of given certificate



Timeliness: limited validity period, timely **revocation**



Transparency: public log of all certificate; no 'hidden' certs!



Non-Equivocation: one entity – one certificate



Privacy: why should CA know which site I use?

Covered Material From the Textbook

- Chapter 1: Section: 1.4
- Chapter 6: Sections 6.4, 6.5 (except 6.5.6 and 6.5.7), and 6.6 (except RSA with message recovery)
- Chapter 8: Section 8.1

RSA examples

$$p = 19, q = 31, n = p \cdot q = 589$$

$$\varphi(n) = 18 * 30 = 540 \text{ (factors in 540: 2, 3, 5)}$$

$$e = 13 \quad d = e^{-1} = 457 \text{ mod } 540 \quad (\text{not mod } 589)$$

$$m = 387$$

$$\text{Encryption: } c = m^e = 387^{13} = 368 \text{ mod } 589$$

$$\text{Decryption: } m' = c^d = 368^{457} = 387 \text{ mod } 589$$

$$m = 323$$

$$\text{Encryption: } c = m^e = 323^{13} = 228 \text{ mod } 589$$

$$\text{Decryption: } m' = c^d = 228^{457} = 323 \text{ mod } 589$$

Factoring n vs exposing d

Theorem: Factoring n is equivalent to exposing d

If one can factor n , d can be computed from e

If d is known, one can factor n

$$\begin{aligned}e \cdot d &= 1 \bmod \varphi(n) \\ e \cdot d - 1 &= k \varphi(n)\end{aligned}$$

$a^{ed-1} = 1 \bmod n$ for all a that is coprime to n

Let $(e \cdot d - 1) = t \cdot 2^s$ and t is odd

Select a that is coprime to n , compute

$$r_1 = a^{\frac{ed-1}{2}}, r_2 = a^{\frac{ed-1}{4}}, r_3 = a^{\frac{ed-1}{8}}, \quad \dots, r_s = a^t \pmod{n}$$

Note $r_0 = 1$ and $r_{i-1} = r_i^2$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$

With 50% chance, $\exists i, r_i \neq \pm 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$.

Find the smallest i such that $r_i \neq \pm 1$. $\gcd(r_i - 1, n)$ is a non-trivial factor of n .

Example: factoring n if d is known

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$$(d \cdot e - 1) = 5940 = 2^2 * 1485 \text{ so } (s = 2, t = 1485)$$

$$\text{The exponents to be used in test are } 2970 = \frac{5940}{2} \text{ and } 1485 = \frac{5940}{4}.$$

Suppose randomly pick 90. 90 is coprime to 589.

$$r_1 = 90^{2970} = 1, r_2 = 90^{1485} = 94 \text{ mod } 589$$

94 is a non-trivial square-root of 1 mod n

93 and 95 have common factors with 589.

$$\gcd(93, 589) = 31 \quad \gcd(95, 589) = 19$$