The cryptographic system consists of Alice and Bob, who both use AES and RSA. Assuming Alice is sending to Bob, Alice will encrypt a message with a random 16-byte AES key. This AES key will then be encrypted itself using Bob’s public RSA key. Then, a signature is created using SHA-256.

These three parts are all sent in two parts. The RSA encrypted AES key is appended to the front of the AES encrypted message, the ciphertext, and sent combined, then the signature is sent to Bob.

Bob receives these messages. He can then splits the encrypted AES key from the ciphertext since he knows the size of the key. He uses his private RSA key to decrypt the AES key, then uses the AES key to decrypt the ciphertext into the message. Finally, he creates a signature to compare using the same parameters and method as Alice, SHA-256, and compares them.

In the case that Alice is sending to Bob

**Alice**

B = Load bob\_public\_key

M = Message

M = Pad Message

K = Random 16 Byte AES key

C = AES Encrypt M with K

E = RSA Encrypt K with B

MAC = SHA256(K + M)

Send E + C

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Receive E + C

Receive MAC

Split E from C

B = Load bob\_private\_key

K = RSA Decrypt E with B

M = AES Decrypt C with K

If MAC is SHA256(K + M):

Authenticated

Else:

ERROR

To run the program, open the command prompt in the folder containing all related files and enter either “python Alice.py” or “python Bob.py” where Alice or Bob send the message respectively.