

Asymmetric key cryptography

- ▶ Also called Public Key Cryptography. A pair of keys are used
- ▶ Public key: used for encryption
- ▶ Private key: used for decryption. Only known to the owner. Only the corresponding private key can decrypt
- ▶ Requirements:
 - ▶ It's computationally infeasible to find the private key given only the algorithm and public key
 - ▶ It's computationally easy to en/decrypt a message using the relevant key