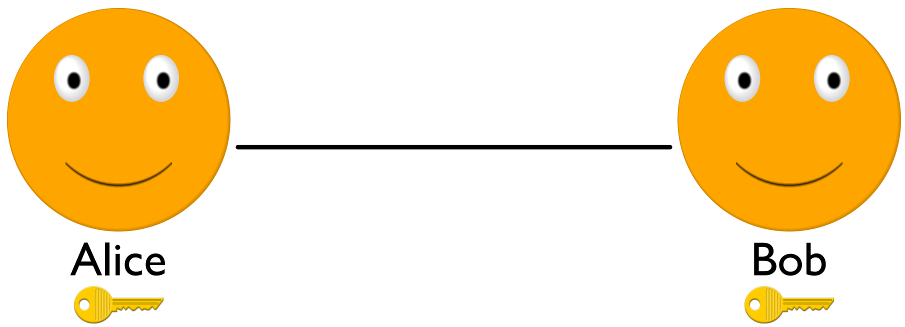
Communication with Shared Secrets

We have several ways for Alice and Bob to send confidential messages, and all require a  as a **shared secret**



How do Alice and Bob get a shared secret in the first place?

It turns out that it's possible to turn private secrets into a shared secret through a *public* conversation!

Public Key Cryptography

Two widely used algorithms to create shared secrets:

- **Diffie-Hellman**
- **RSA**

Both from the 1970s with similar capabilities—but different immediate uses, and RSA dominates for historical and commercial reasons

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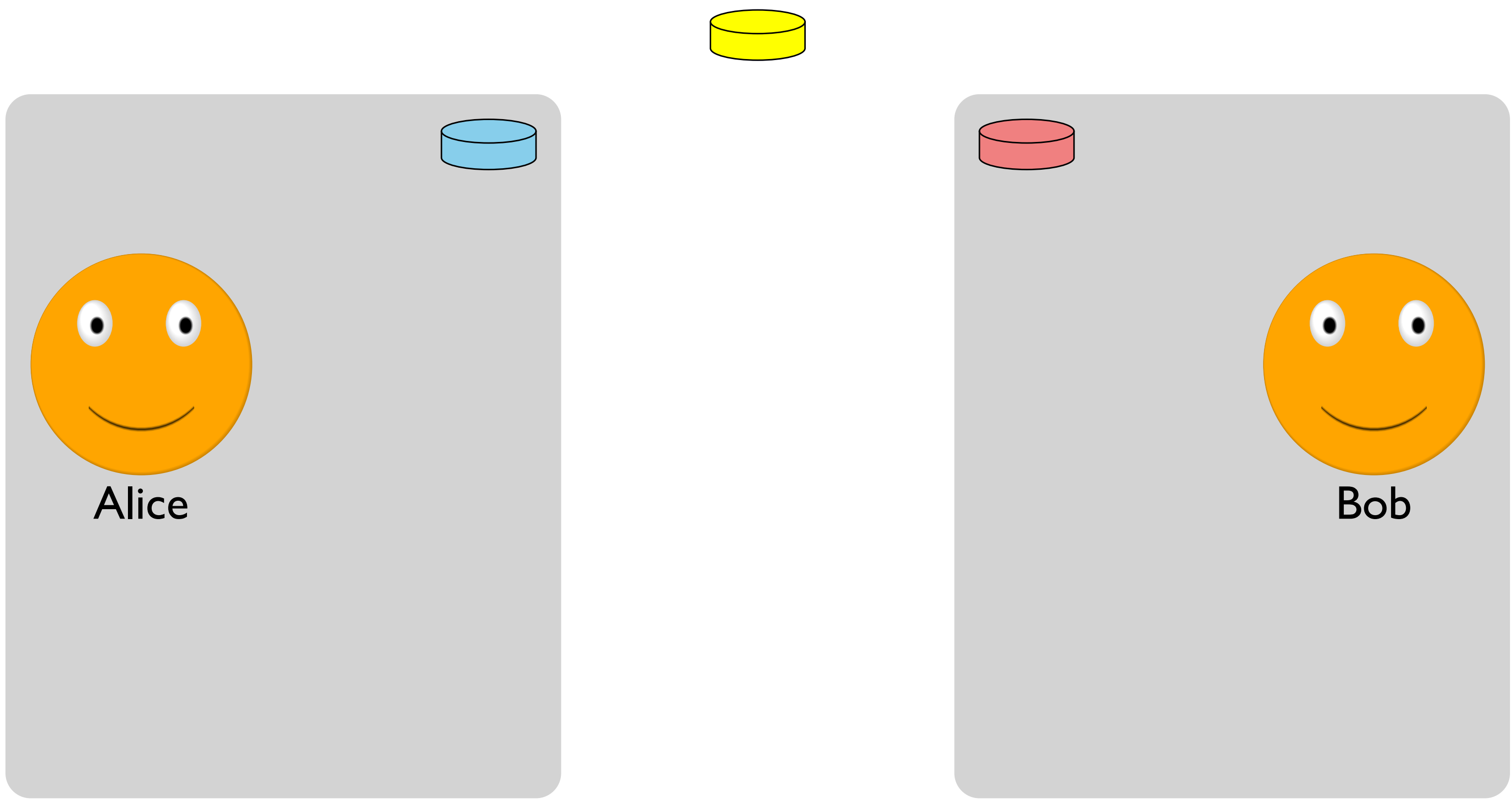

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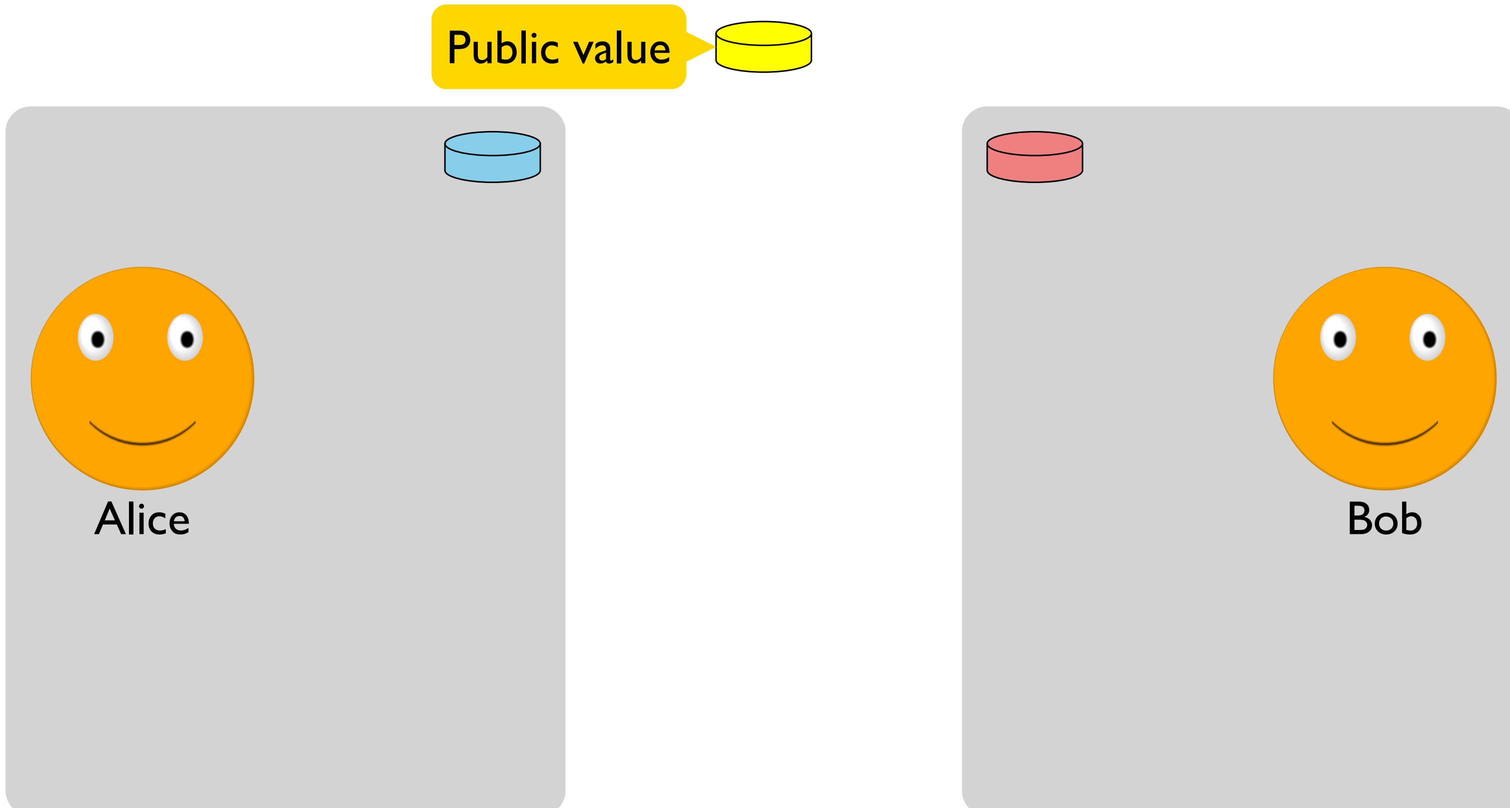

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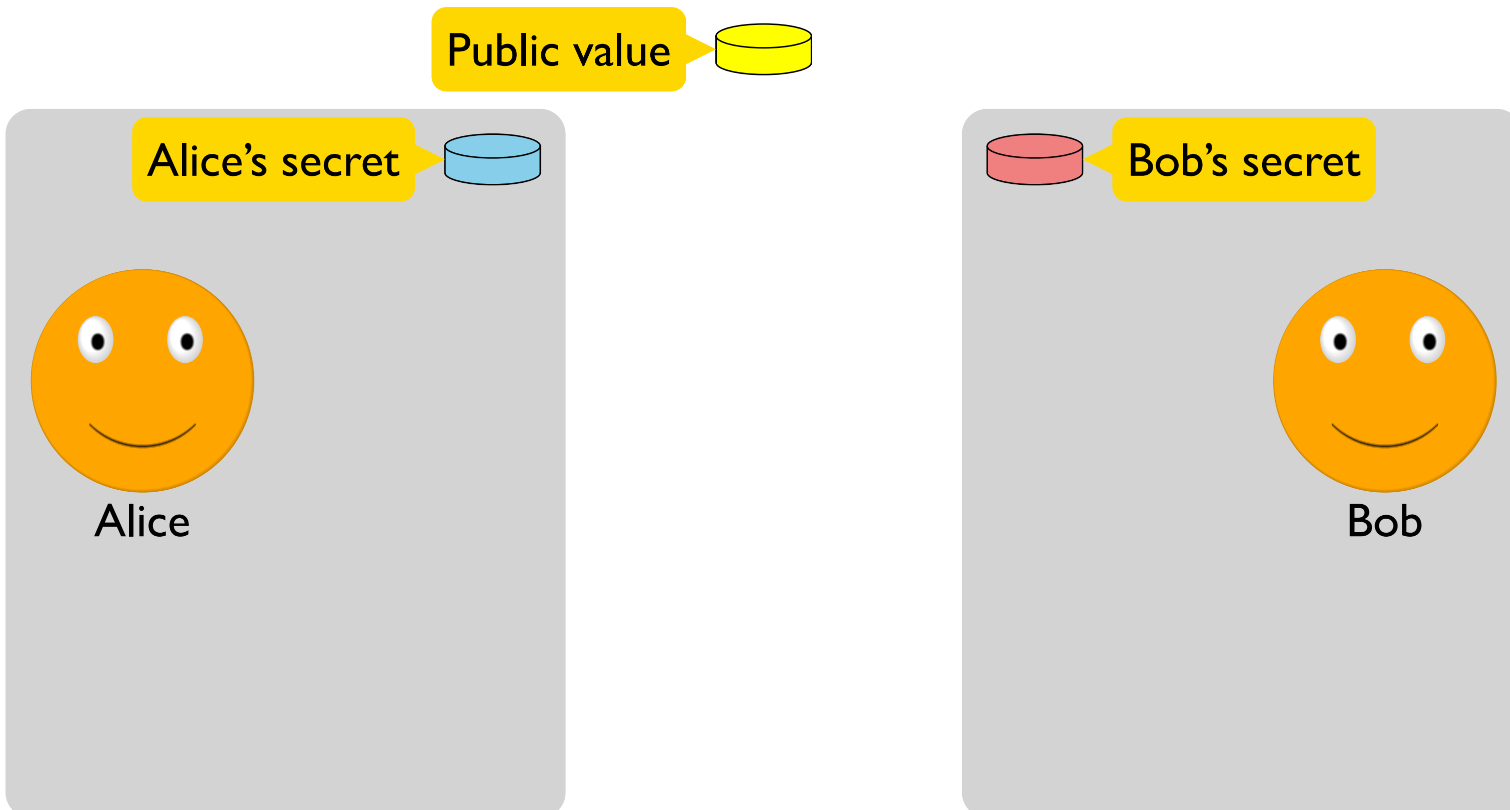

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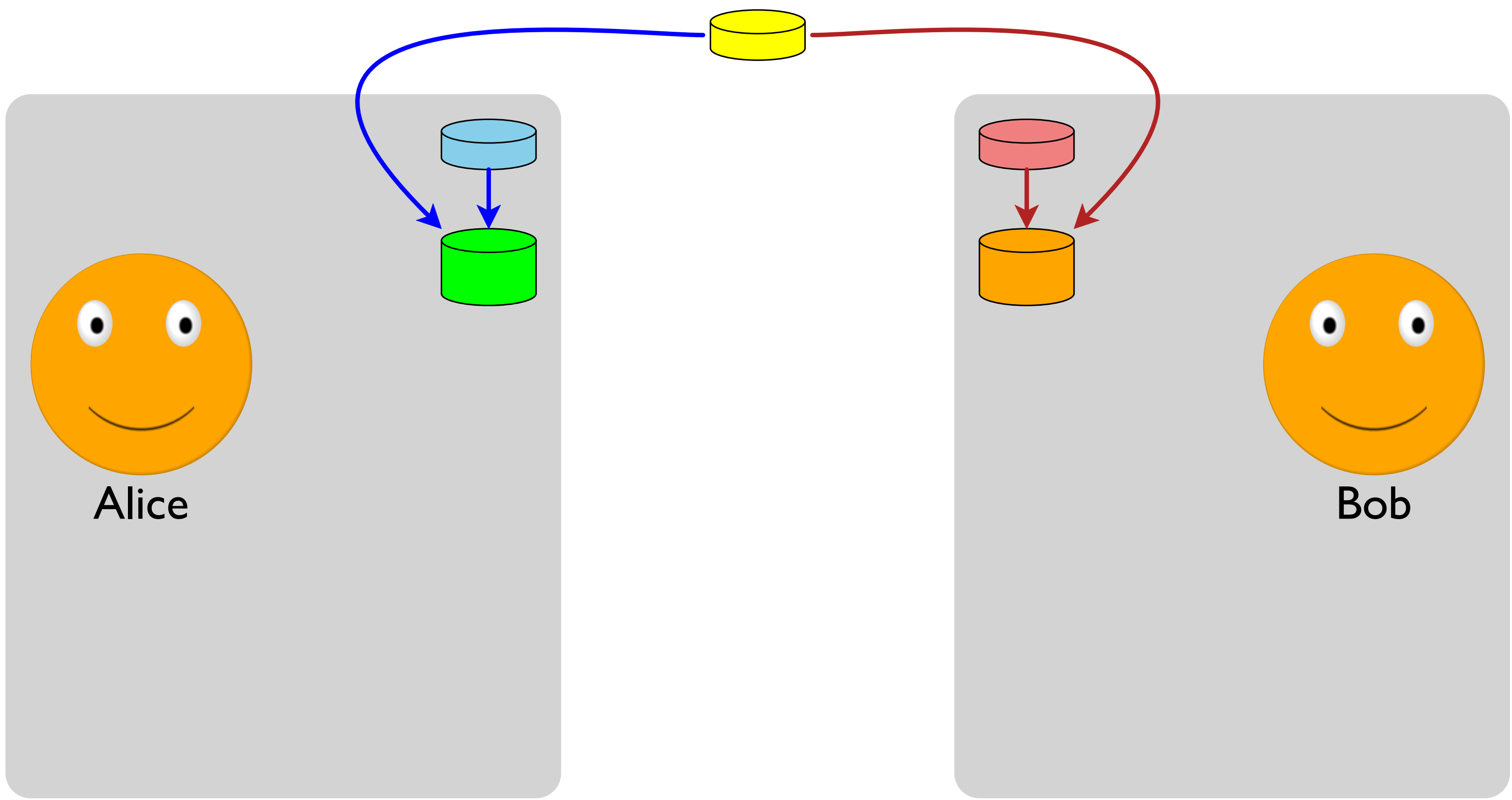

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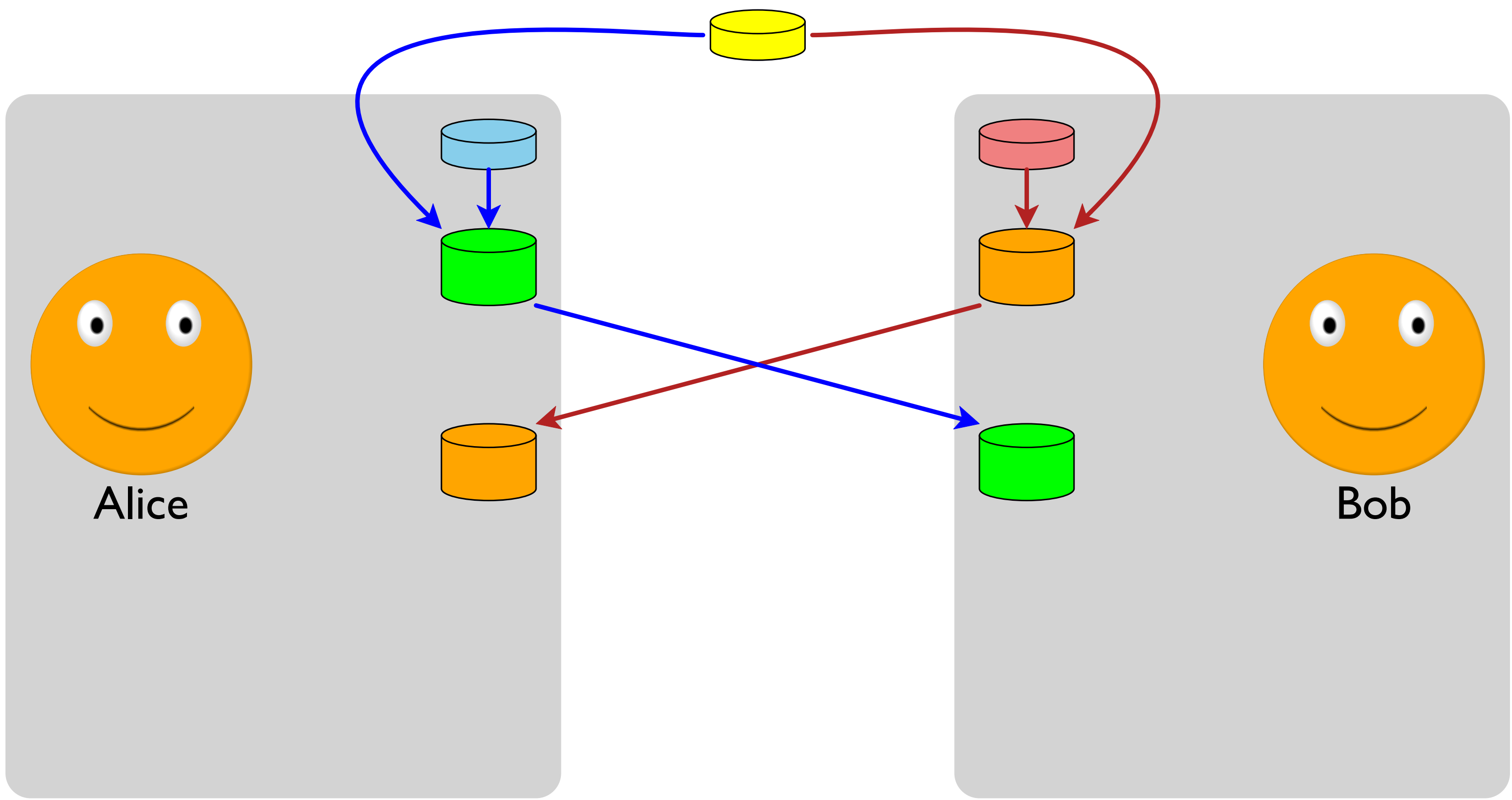

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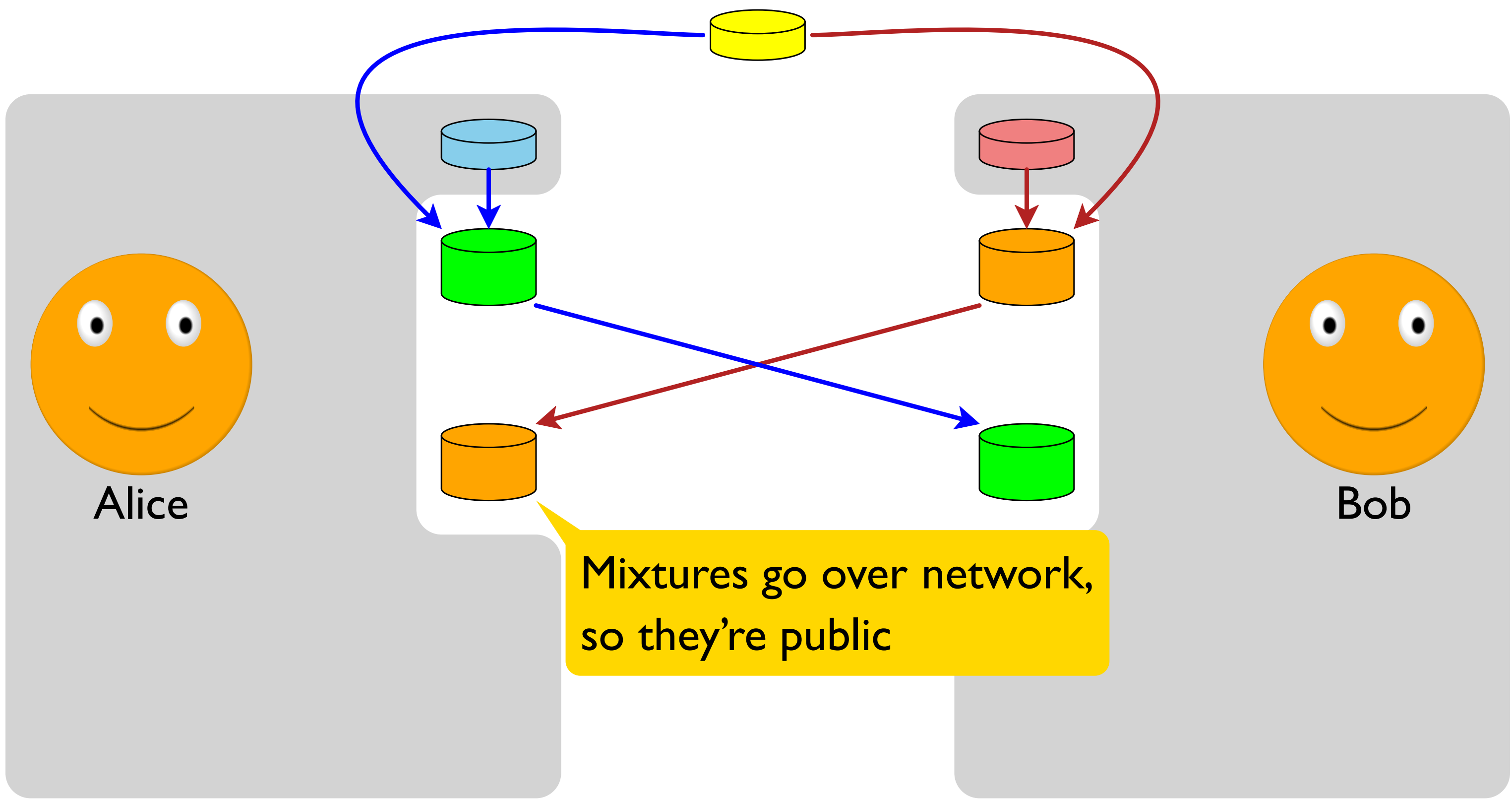

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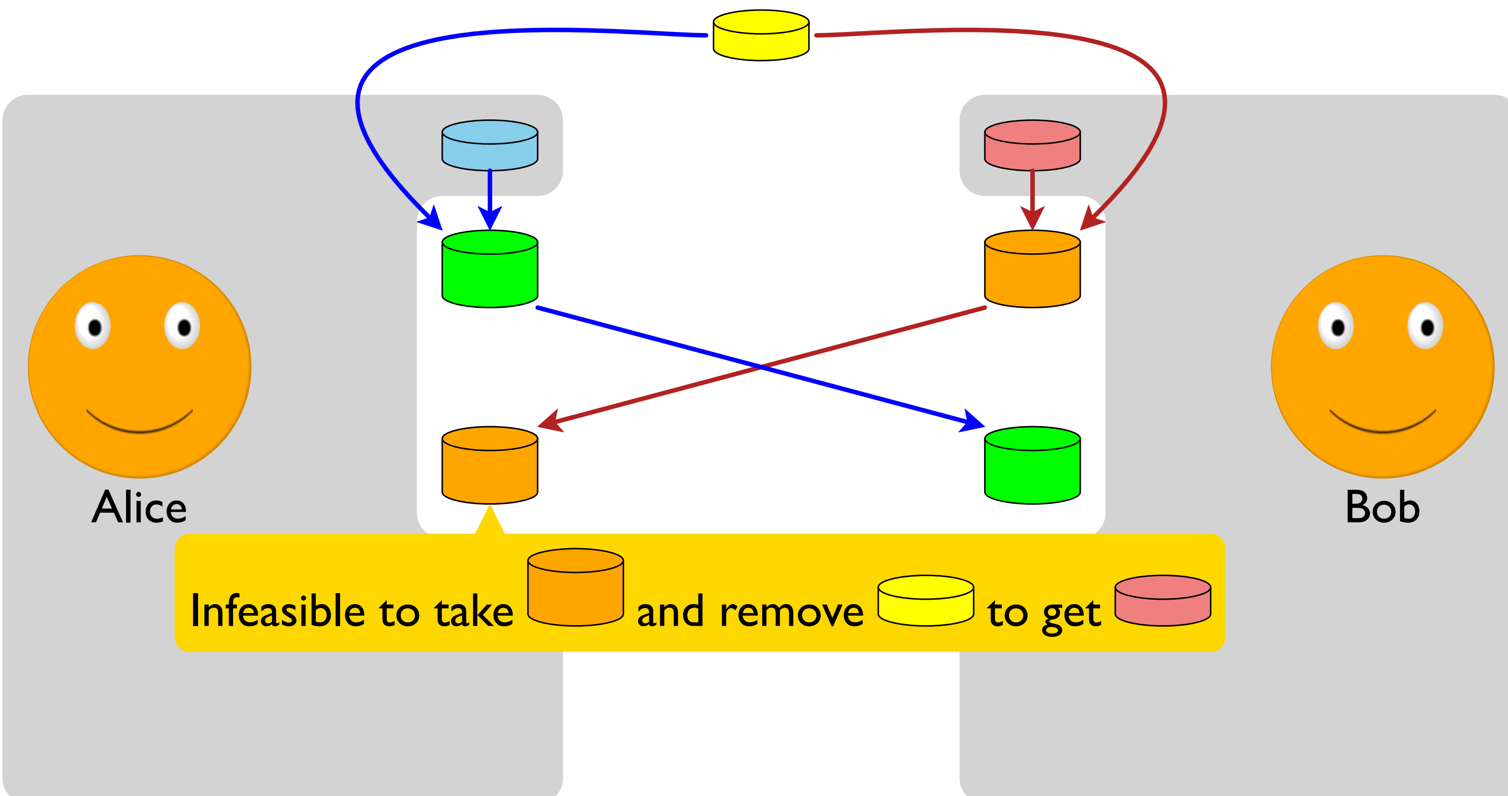

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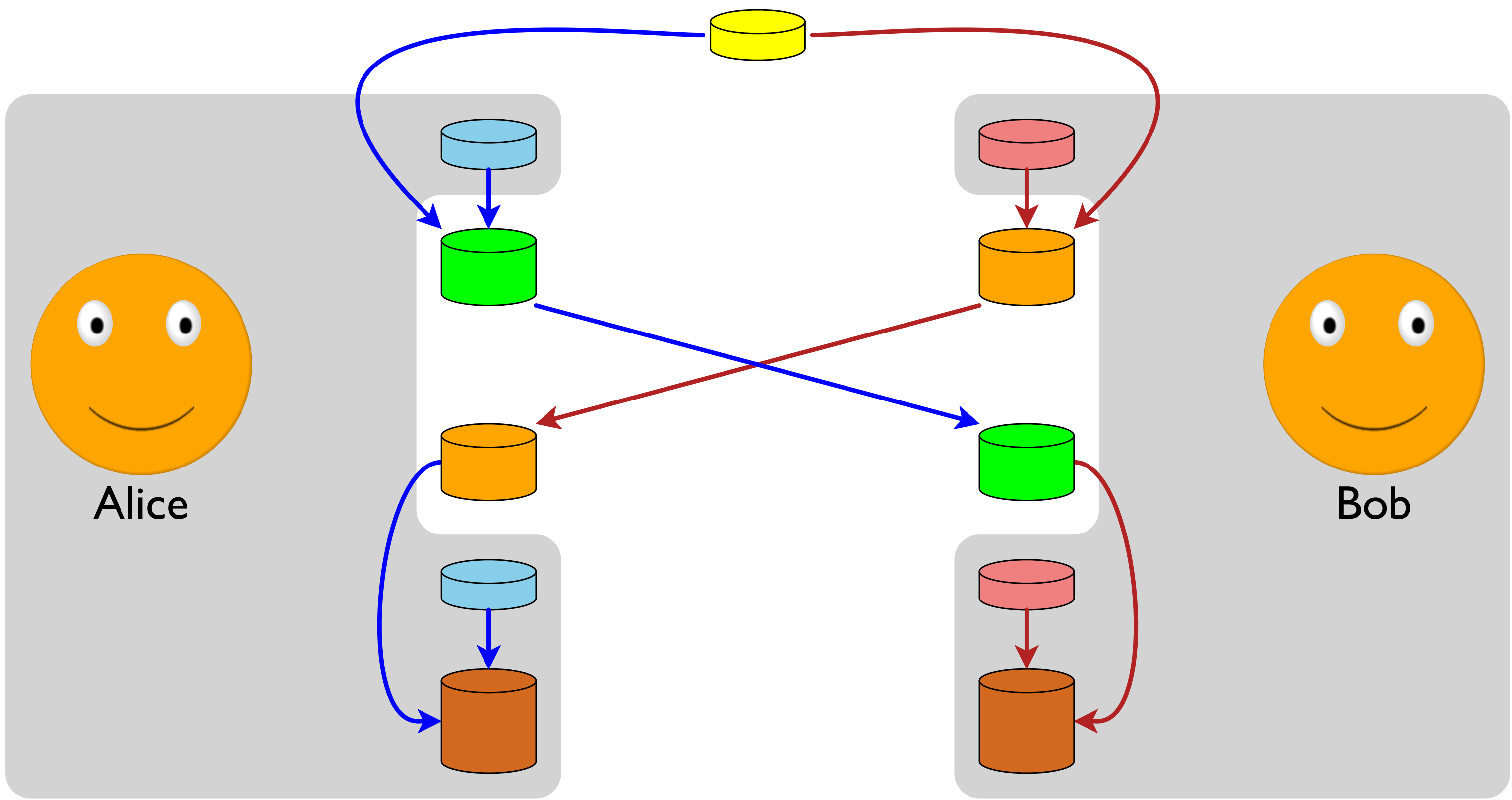

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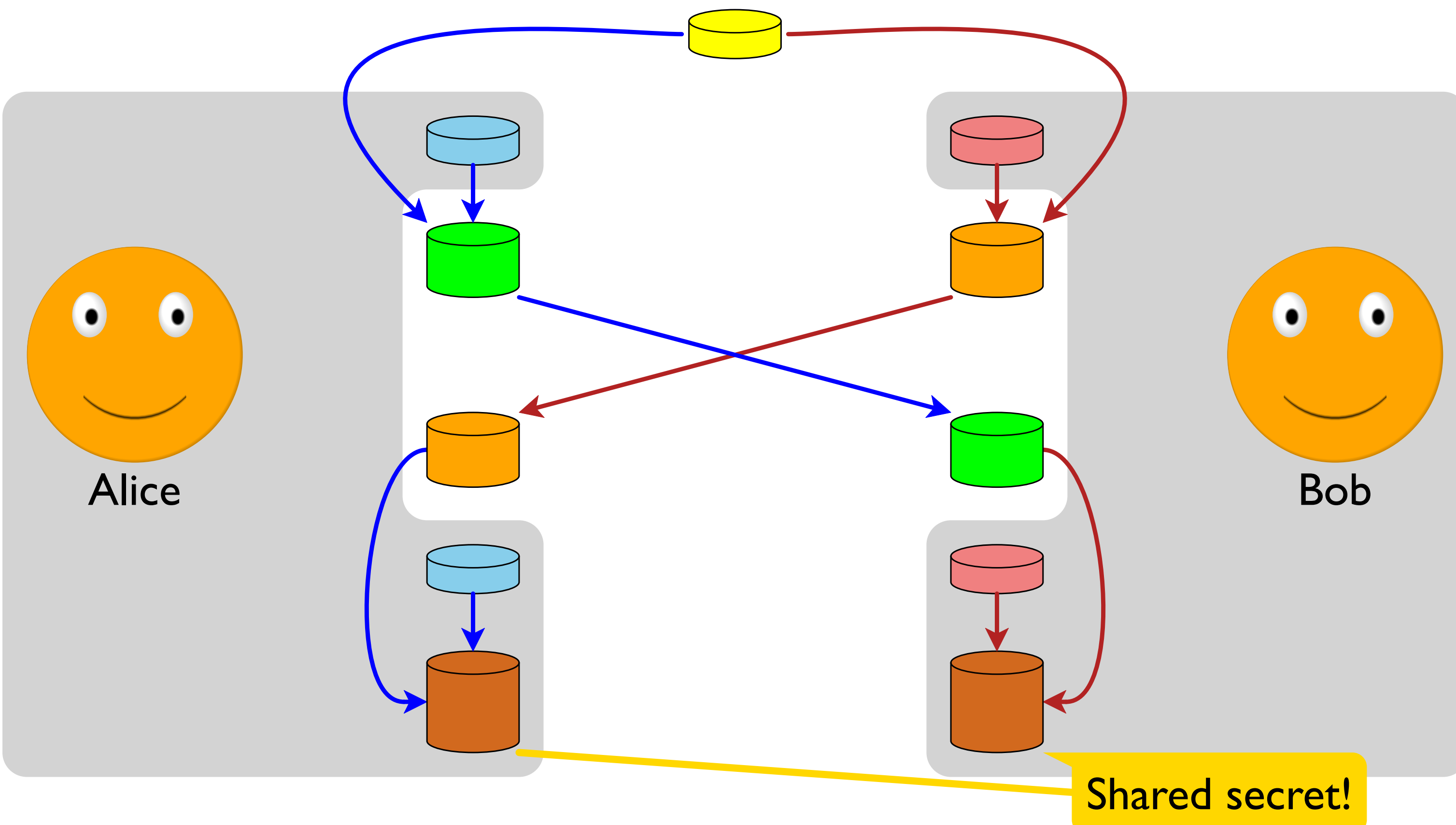

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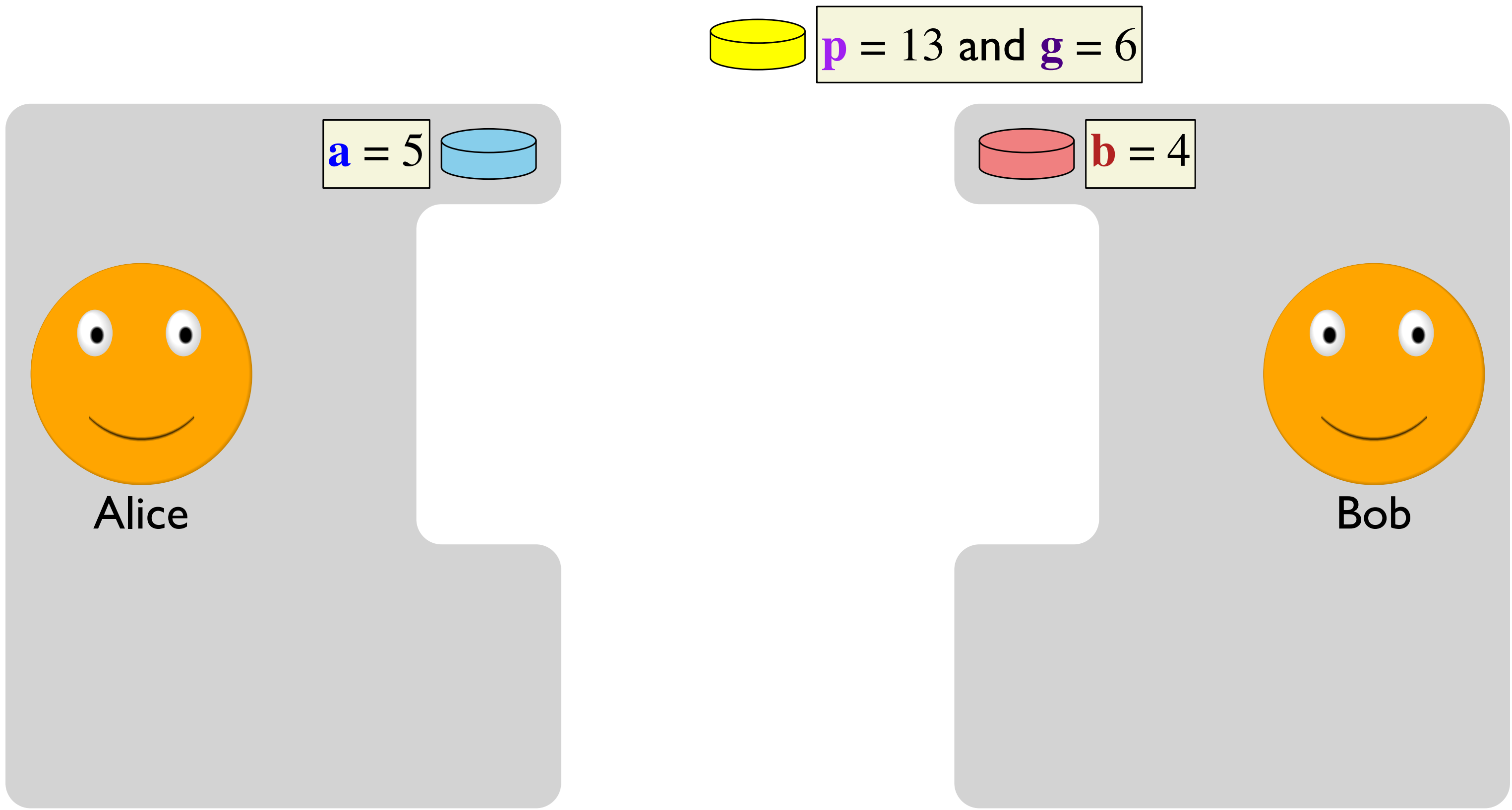

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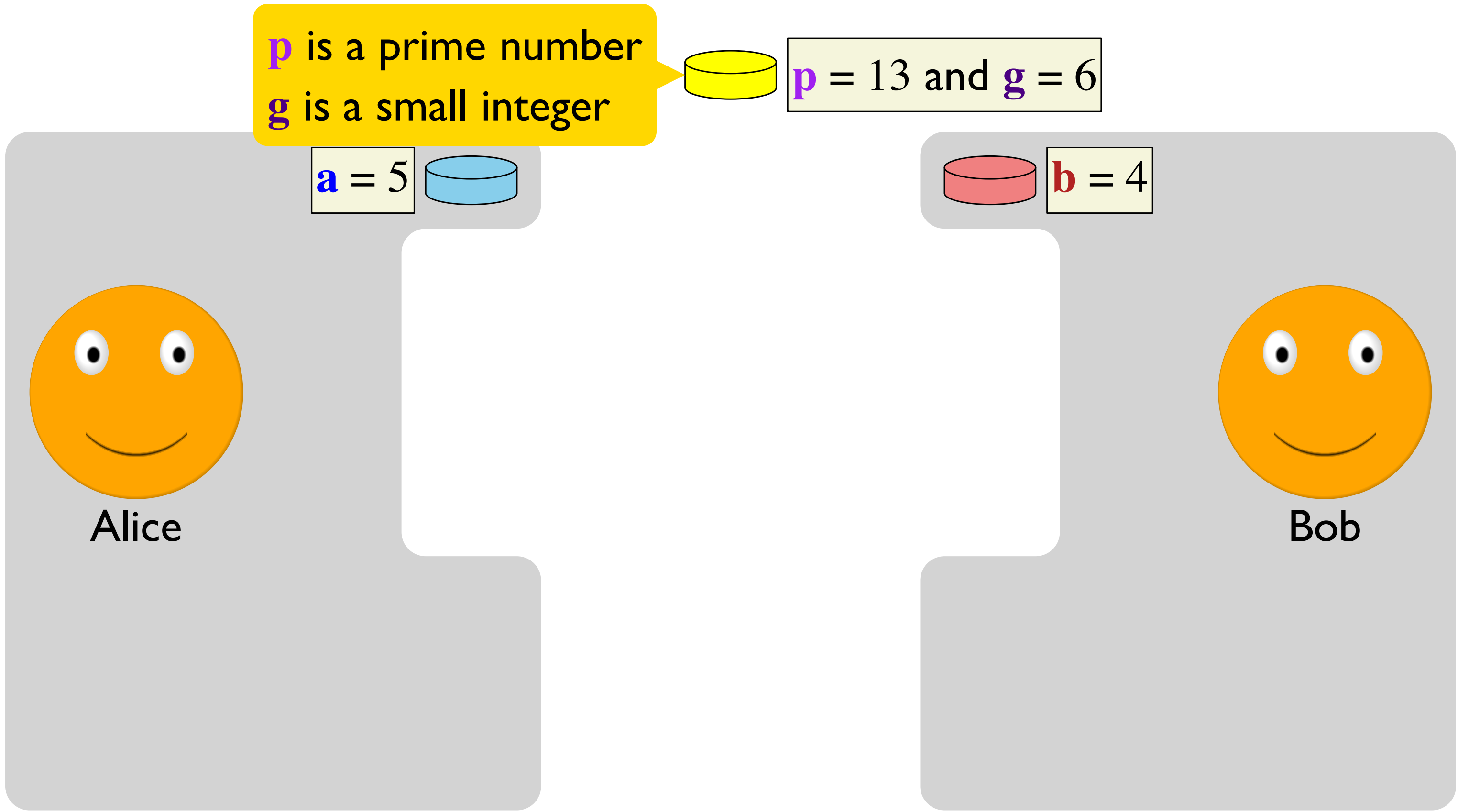

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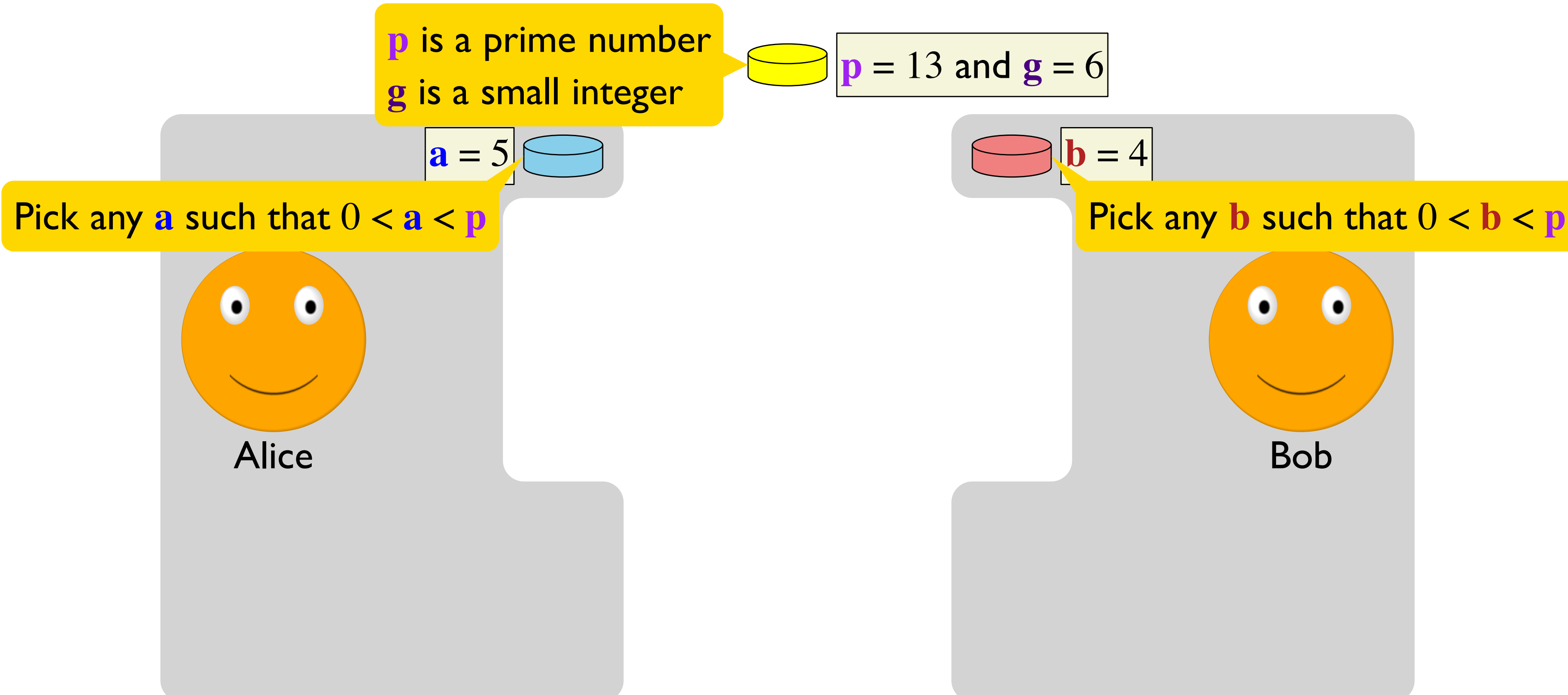

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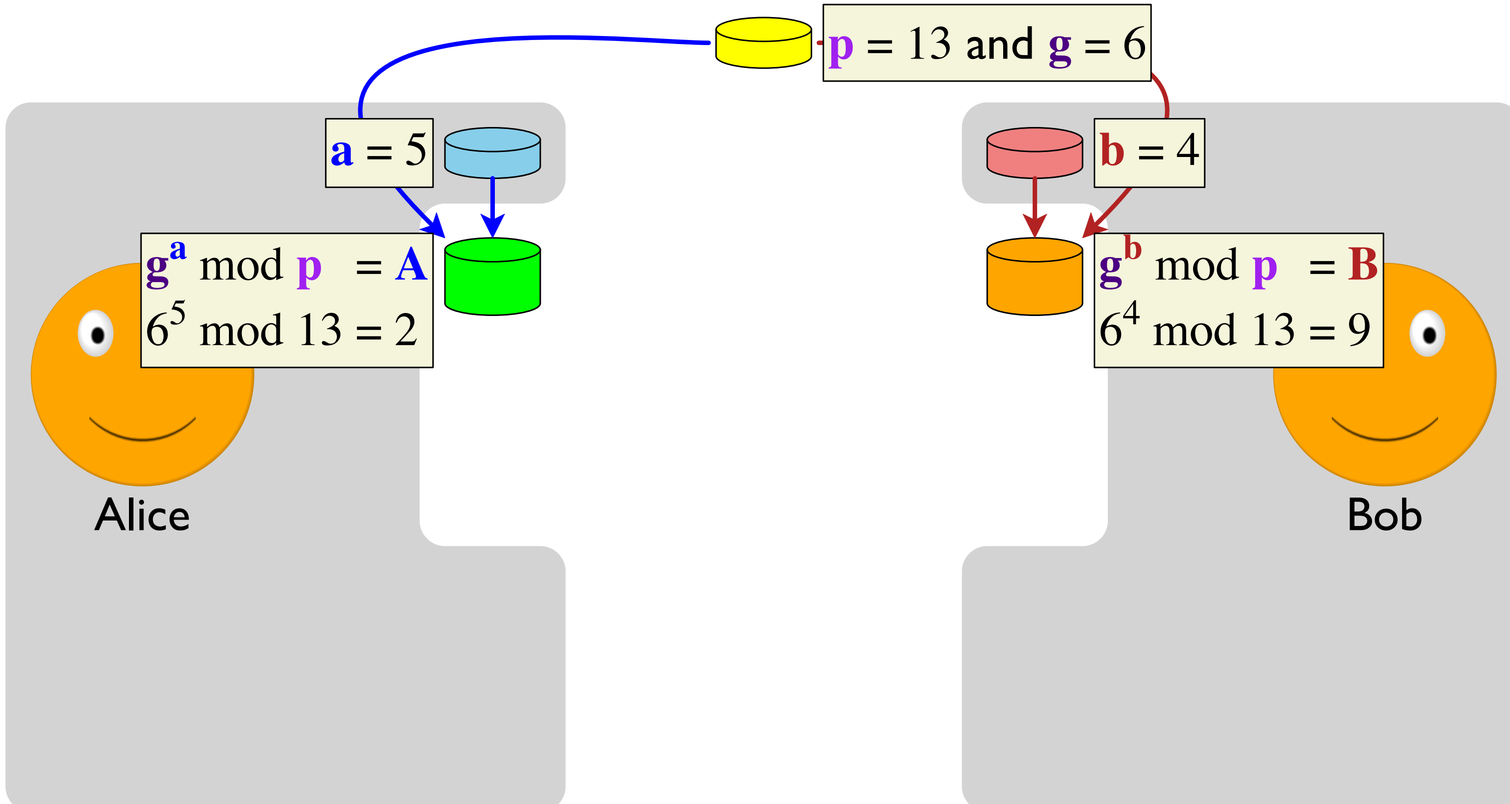

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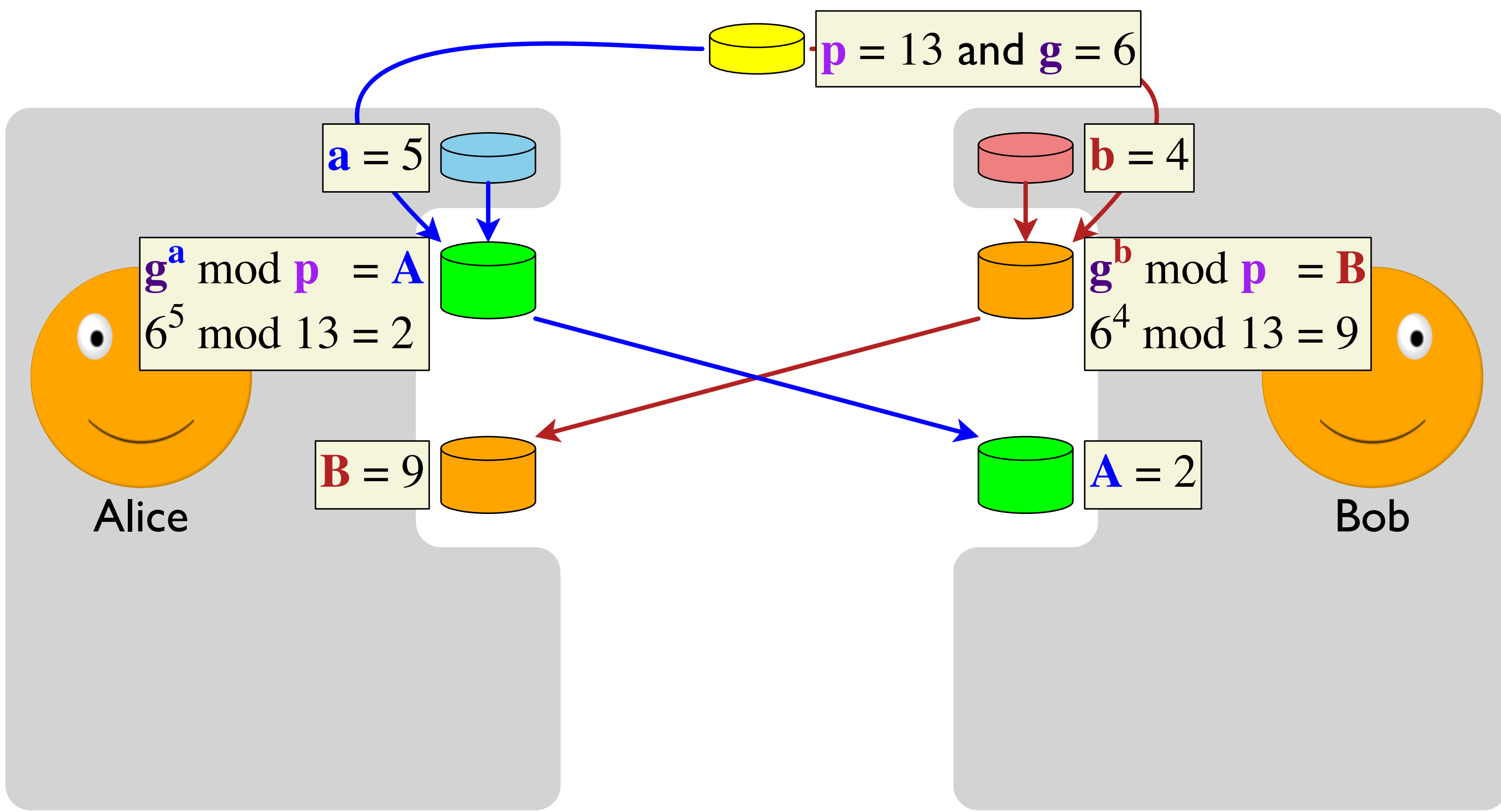

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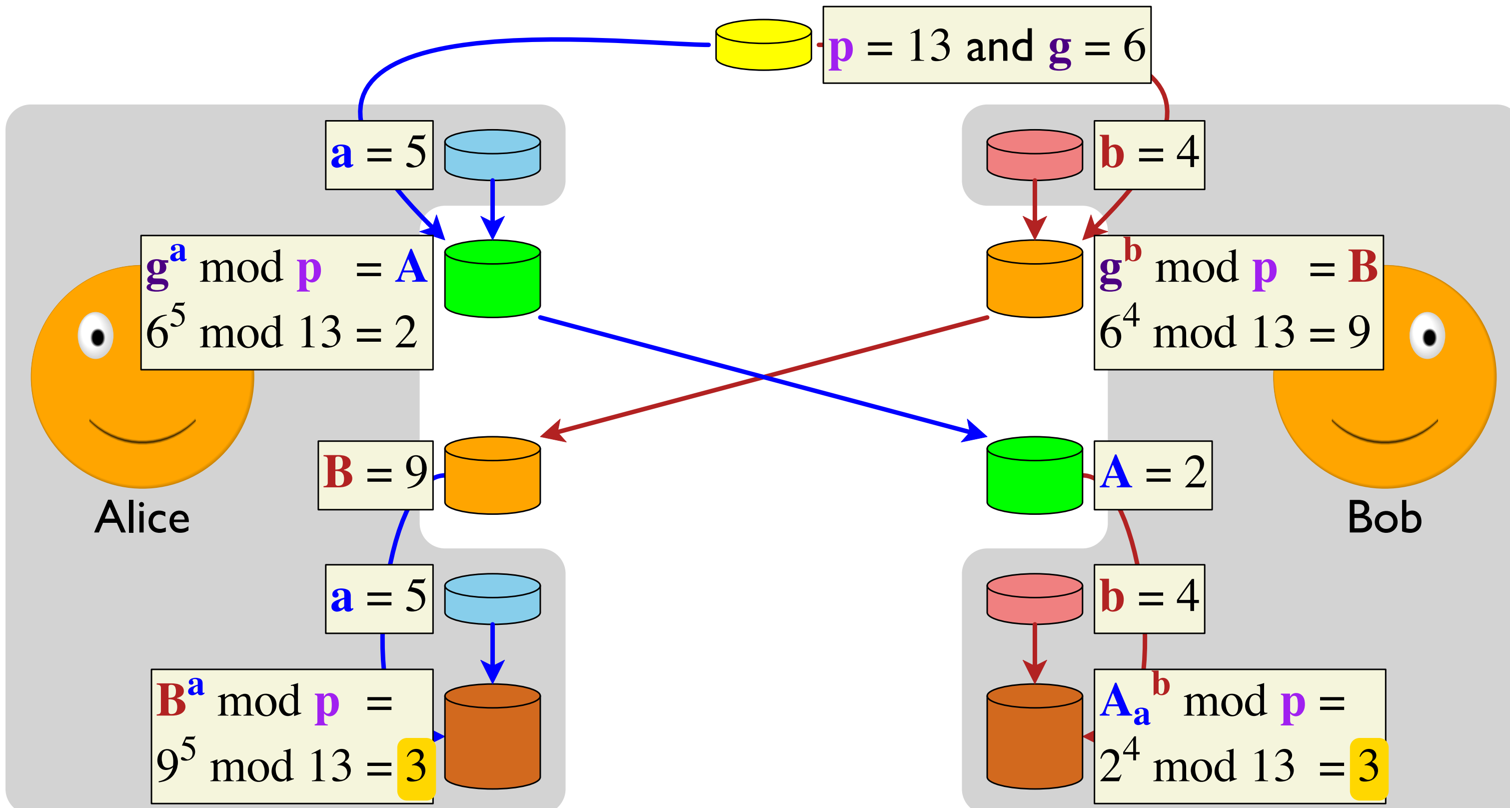

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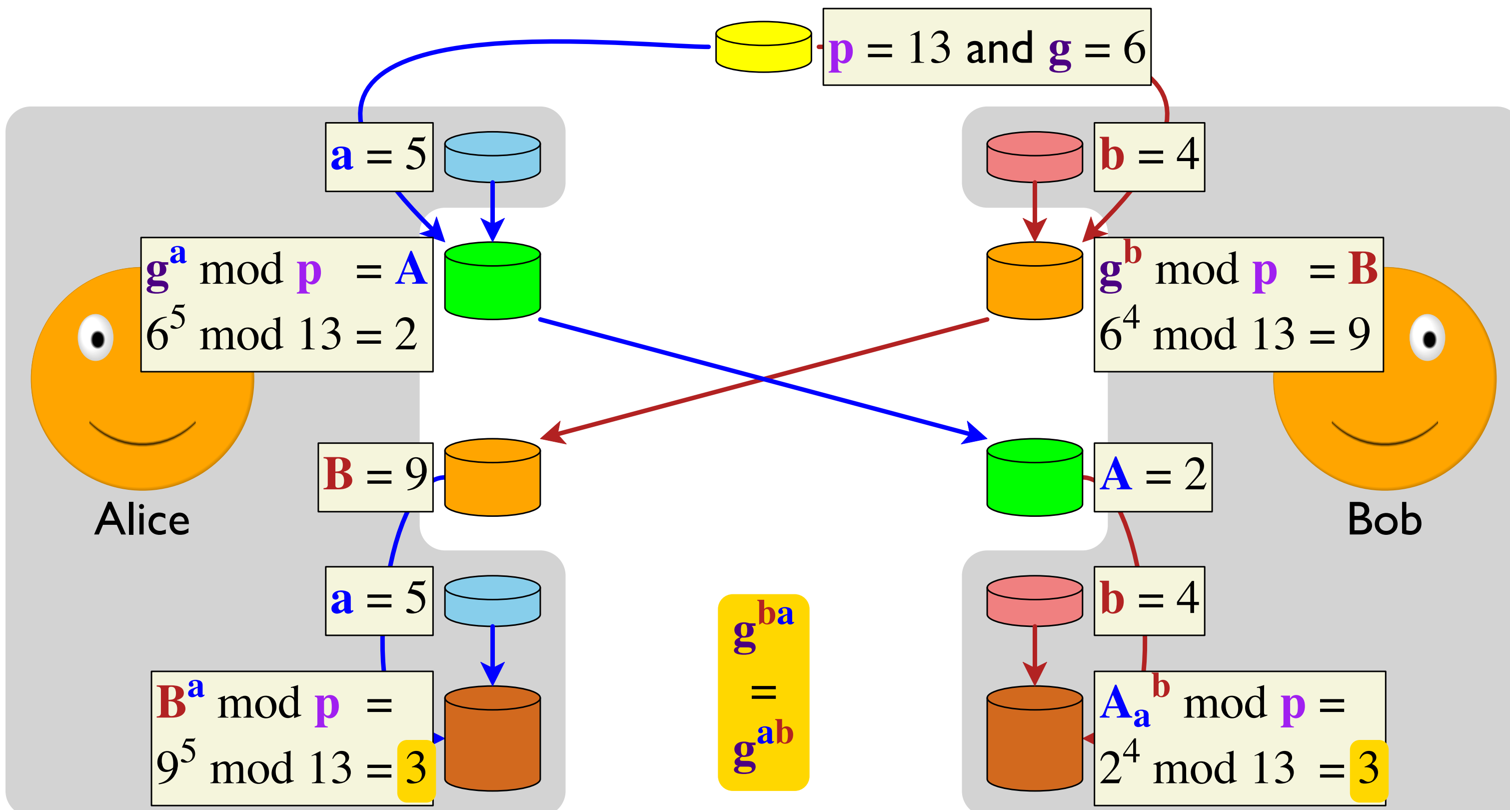

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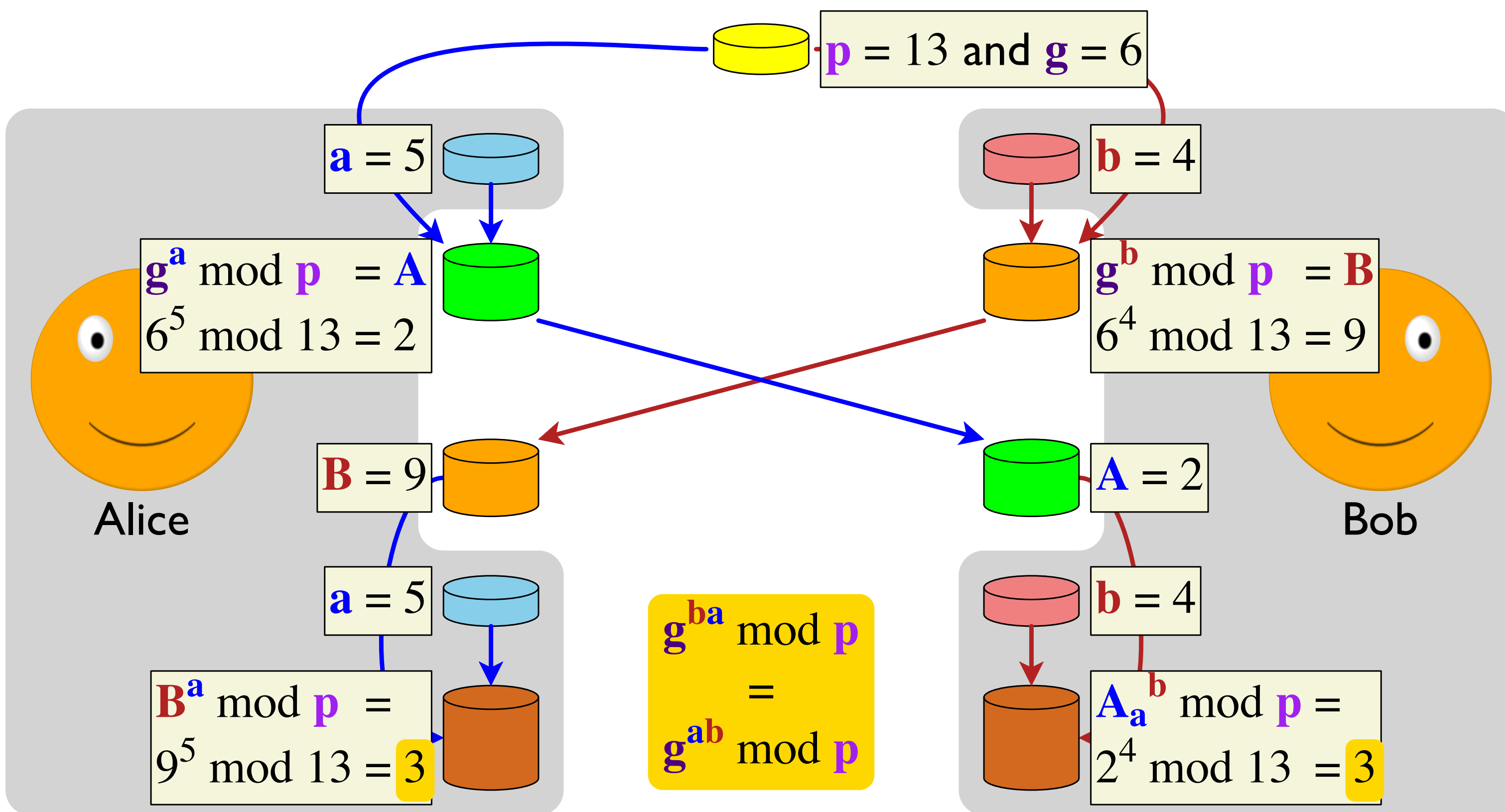

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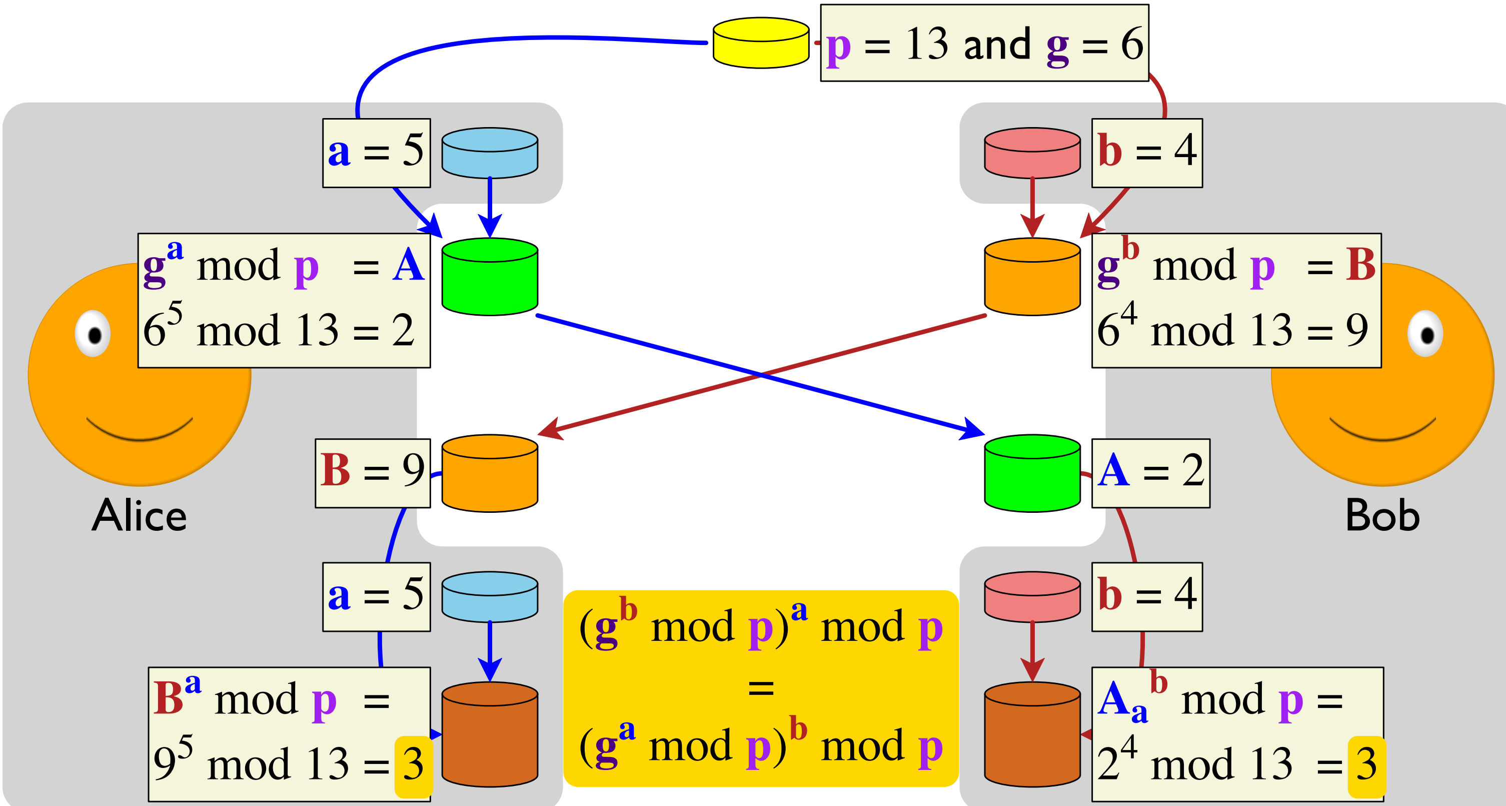

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$x^2 \bmod p = (x \bmod p)^2 \bmod p$

$\Rightarrow$ divide and conquer

Internet Key Exchange (IKE)

RFC 3526's 2048-bit **p** with **g** = 2:

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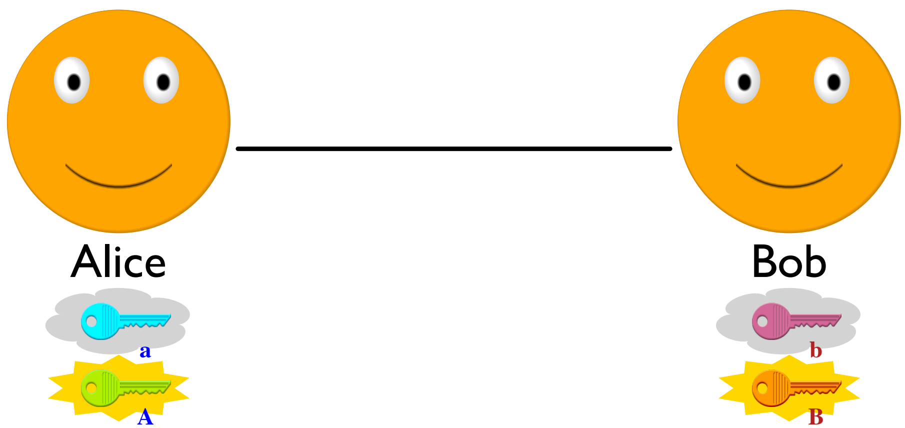

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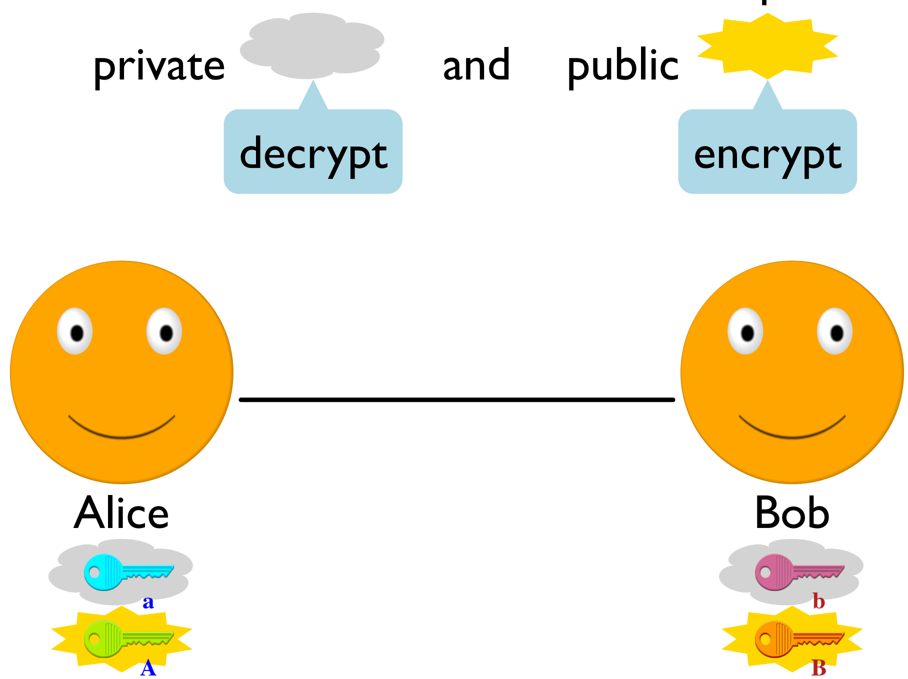

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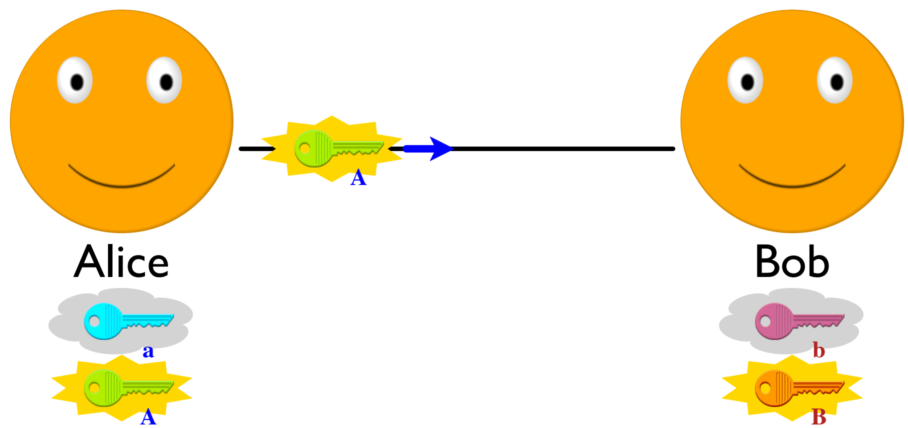

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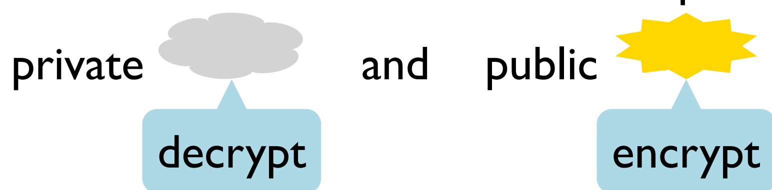

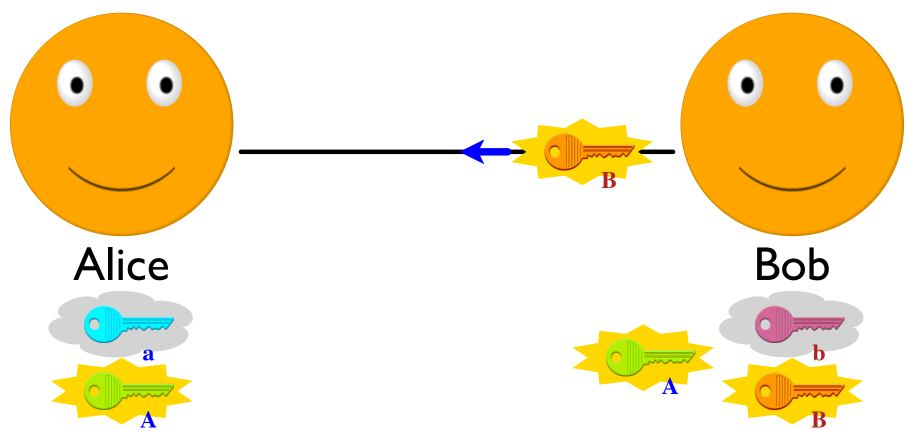

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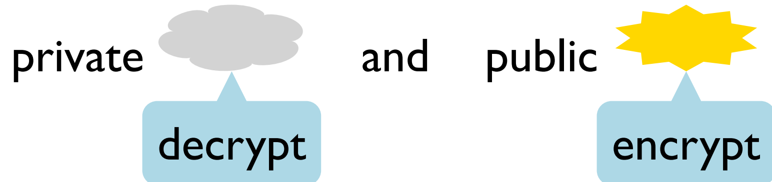
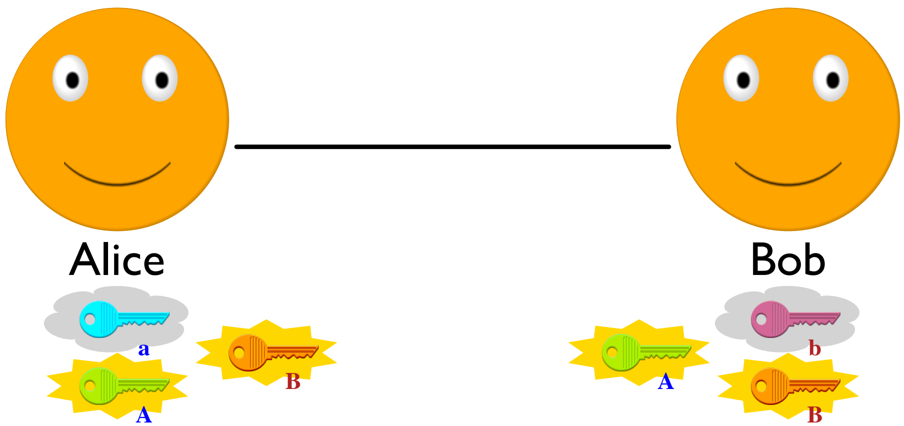
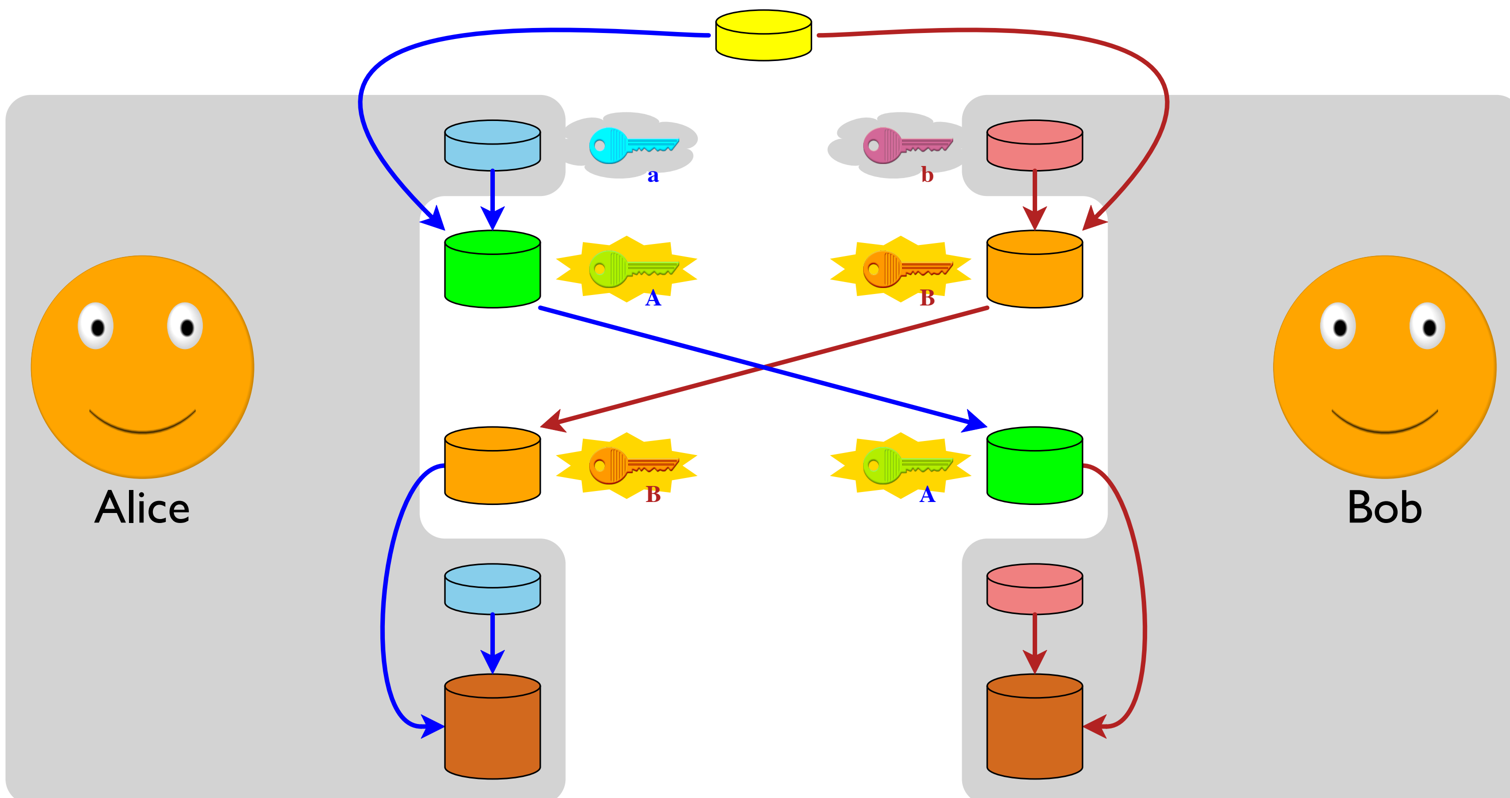




Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange as Public Key Infrastructure



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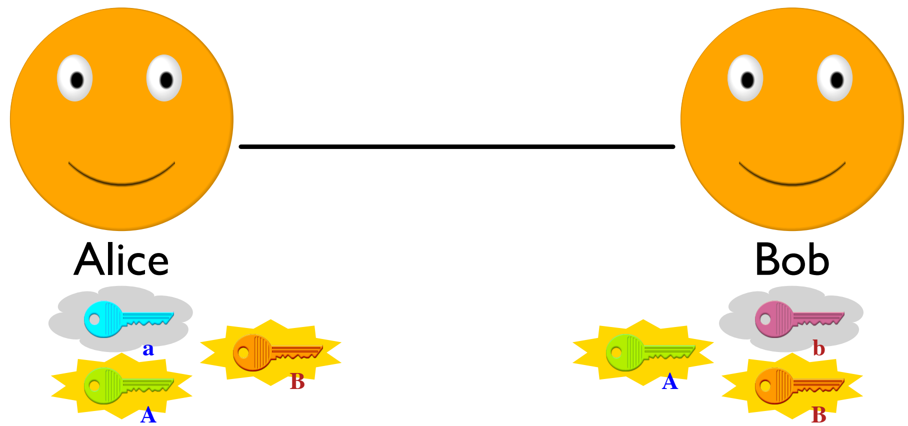

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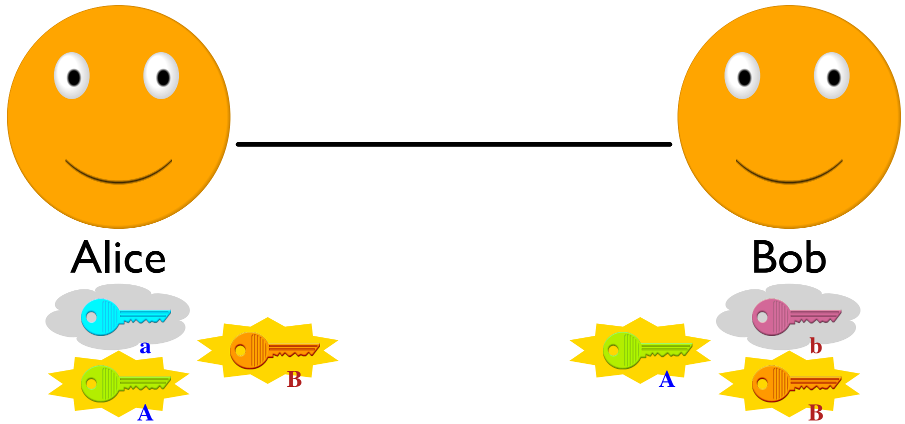

RSA to Bob

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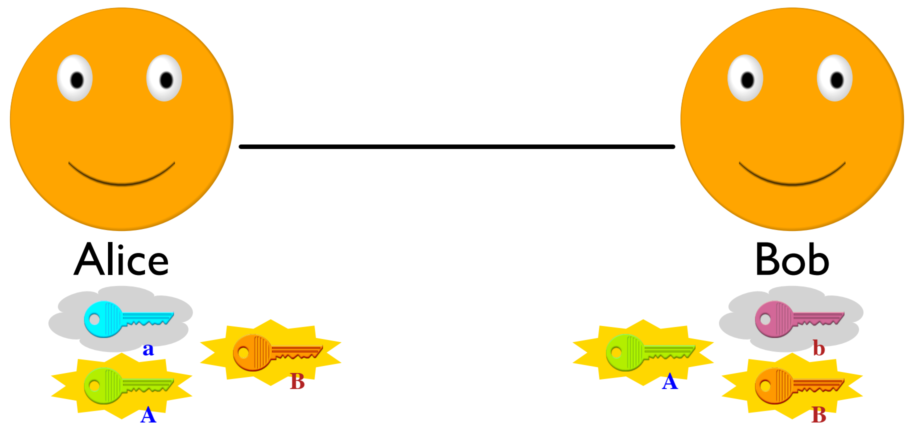

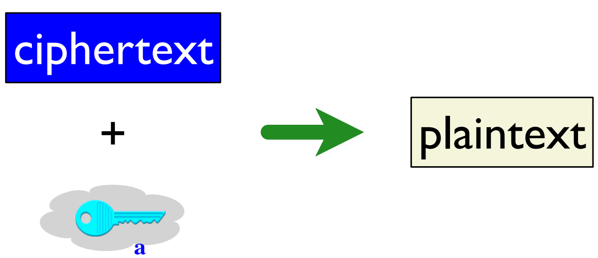

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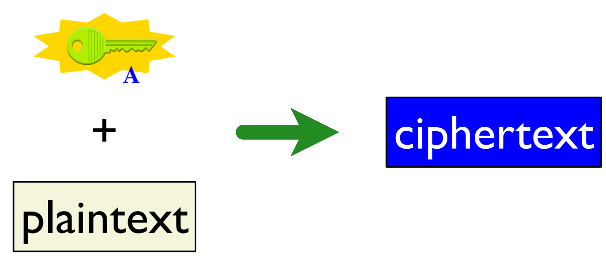

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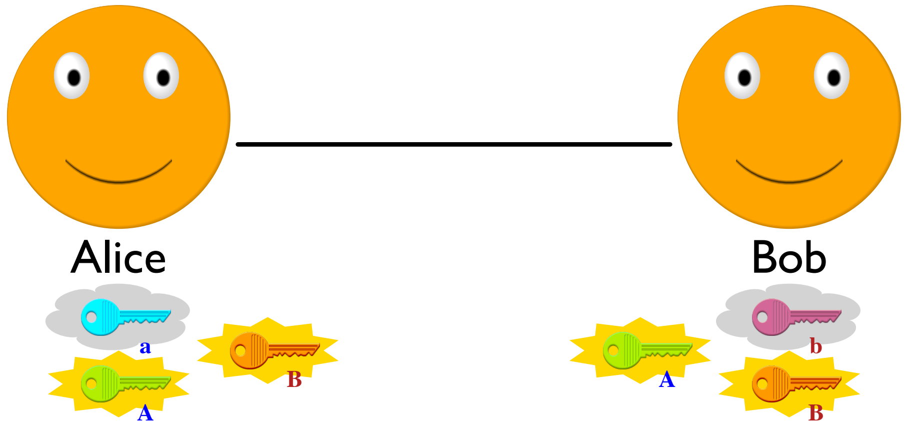

RSA *signing* by Alice

Public Key Cryptography

RSA public and private keys each work in both directions, so they can be used for both **confidentiality** and **authentication**

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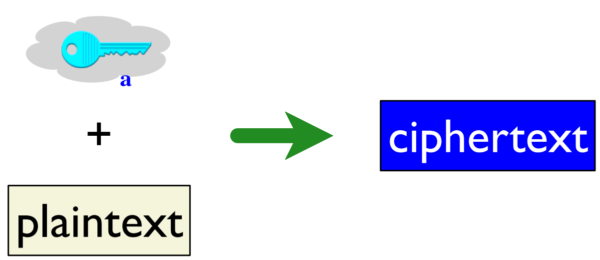

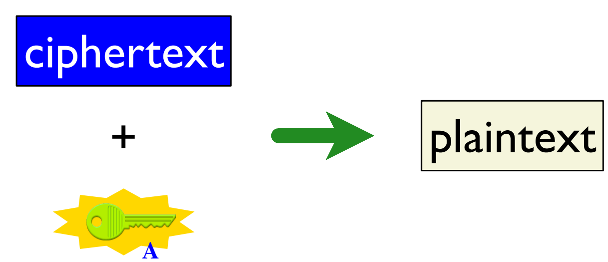

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Something like 1024 to 8192

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Easy to generate with high probability due to density of prime numbers and a quick “probably prime” test

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Even easier: arbitrary number plus a single $\mathrm{mod}\ 0$ check

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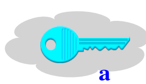

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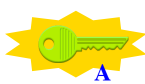

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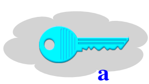

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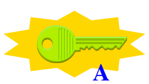

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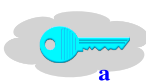
k-bit chunk of message



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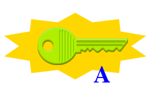

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RSA versus a Block Cipher

Compared to AES

- RSA is 1000x slower
- RSA has 10x larger keys (e.g., 2048 bits vs. 192 bits)
- RSA is more complex

... but RSA requires no initial shared secret

Using RSA

Generate a key pair:

```
openssl genrsa -out private.pem 1024
openssl rsa -pubout -in private.pem > public.pem
```

Sign a message:

```
openssl rsautl -sign -inkey private.pem -in a.txt > sig
```

Verify a signed message:

```
openssl rsautl -verify -pubin -inkey public.pem -in sig
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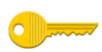
Summary

Public key cryptography uses public information to bootstrap a private conversation

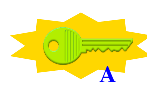
Diffie-Hellman

A way to arrive at a shared secret 

Shared  can then be used for a stream cipher, for example

Relies on the difficulty of the **discrete logarithm problem**

RSA

Published public key 

enables **confidential** message to owner,
authentication by owner

Relies on the difficulty of **prime factorization**