Module 3 Day 10

Encryption and Authentication

What makes an application?

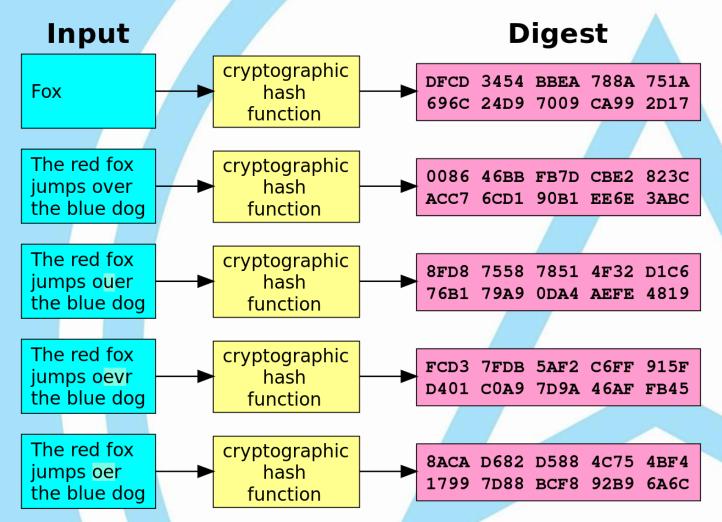
- Program Data
 - ✓ Variables & .NET Data Types
 - ✓ Arrays
 - ✓ More Collections (list, dictionary, stack, queue)
 - ✓ Classes and objects (OOP)
- Program Logic
 - ✓ Statements and expressions
 - ✓ Conditional logic (if)
 - ✓ Repeating logic (for, foreach, do, while)
 - ✓ Methods (functions / procedures)
 - ✓ Classes and objects (OOP)
 - Frameworks (MVC)

- Input / Output
 - User
 - ✓ Console read / write
 - ✓ HTML / CSS
 - ☐ Front-end frameworks (HTML / CSS / JavaScript)
 - Storage
 - ✓ File I/O
 - ✓ Relational database
 - ☐ APIs

Hashing Data

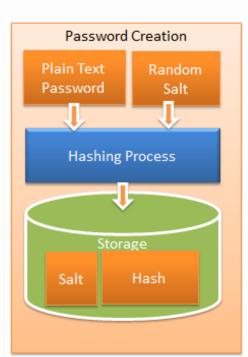
- One-way, repeatable algorithm to change data into a "hash value"
 - One-way means there is no way to get to the original data, given only the hash
 - Repeatable means if I run the same original data through the algorithm again,
 I'll get the same result
- Used to verify data transmissions (aka, checksum)
- Used for storing passwords securely

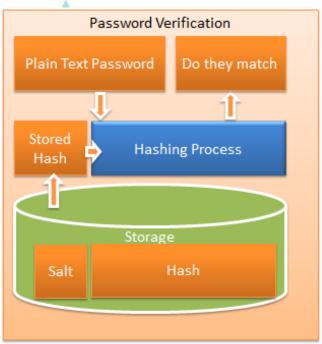
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Hashing Passwords

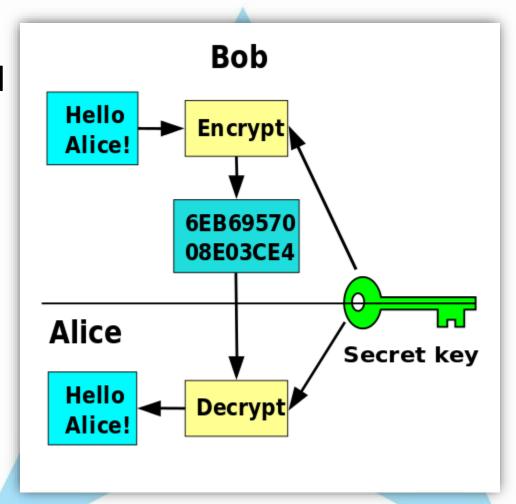
- Password is hashed when created
 - Hash is stored in DB
- To login, password is hashed using the same algorithm
 - Hashes are compared.
- Adding a salt prevents dictionary attacks
 - Salt also stored in the DB
- Increasing work factor greatly increases security
 - Hash the hash





Encryption – Symmetric Key

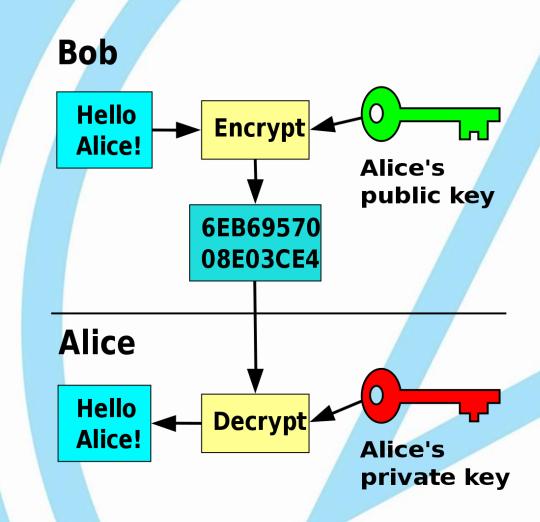
- Uses a single key to encrypt (lock) and decrypt (unlock) the data
- "Shared secret"
- Examples:
 - Password-protected files
 - Windows BitLocker



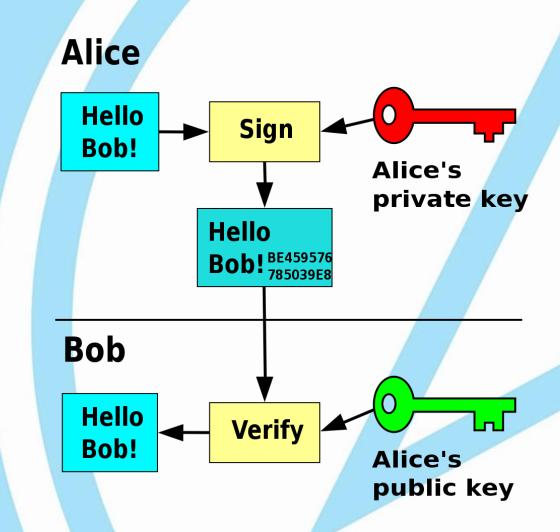
Encryption – Asymmetric Key

- Public key cryptography / Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
- Two keys used: a "public" key and a "private" key
 - Messages encrypted using Public must be decrypted using Private
 - Message encrypted using Private must be decrypted using Public
- Can be used to
 - Securely send data to another user, or (encrypt public, decrypt private)
 - Guarantee the identity of the sender (encrypt private, decrypt public)

Bob securely sends message to Alice



Alice proves this message is from her



Authentication & Authorization

Authentication

- Who you are
- Prove that you are who you claim to be
- "What you have and what you know" (2FA)
 - ATM card, cell phone, ID card, biometric (fingerprint, retina, face)
 - Password, PIN, Security Question
- Often involves a password

Authorization

- What you can do
- Can you view data, or edit it? Delete it? Add users? Etc.
- Useless without Authentication

Authentication & Authorization in ASP.NET

- Parts of the app may be public, and parts may be protected to only authorized users
- Controllers or Actions can be protected with an Authorization attribute
- Some actions may require the user to be in a particular role
- There are different types of authentication
 - We are going to use Session-based today
 - In Module 4, we will use token-based

