

Digital Envelope

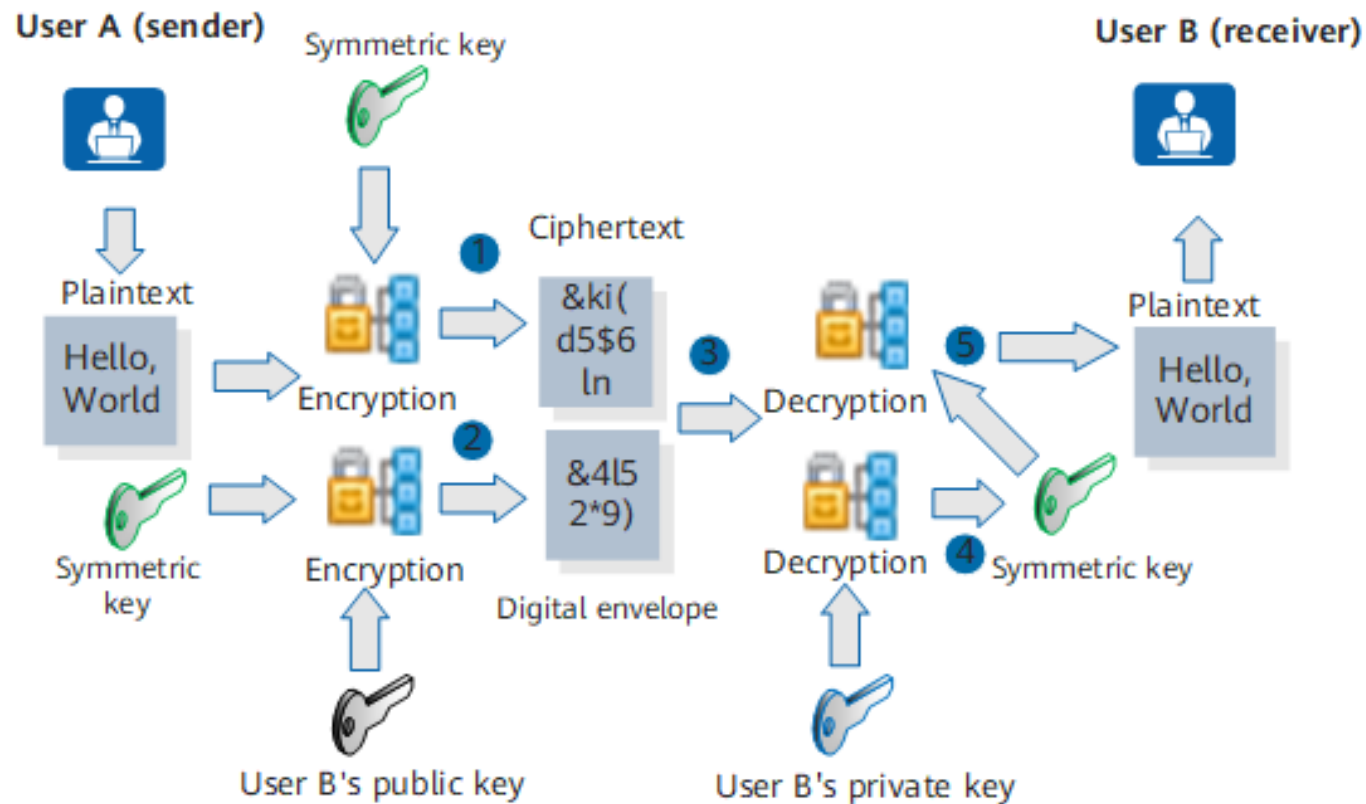
Including Keyed Hash MAC

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What to Expect...

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What is a Digital Envelope



What is a Digital Envelope (cont.)

- Public key cryptography prevents security risks when distributing a symmetric key
- In asymmetric key pairs, the public key encrypts data and the private key decrypts data
- The sender/receiver *do not* exchange keys
- The sender uses the receiver's public key to encrypt data
- The receiver uses its private key to decrypt data
- The receiver's private key is not shared to keep the data secure

Implementation: KeyGen.java

- Input: 16-character string for symmetric key generation
- Create a pair of RSA public and private keys for receiver Y, K_{Y+} and K_{Y-}
- Generate a **byte** [] symmetric key using user input
- Save keys to file

Implementation: Sender.java

- Input: plaintext, symmetric key, and receiver Y's public key
- Concatenate ($K_{xy} || M || K_{xy}$),
- Calculate the hash: $\text{SHA256}(K_{xy} || M || K_{xy})$, then print the hash
- Encrypt plaintext, M, using the symmetric key: $\text{AES-En } K_{xy}(M)$
- Encrypt the symmetric key with the public key: $\text{RSA-En } K_{y+}(K_{xy})$

Implementation: Receiver.java

- Input: cyphertext, hash text, encrypted symmetric key, and receiver Y's private key
- Use RSA Decryption to get the symmetric key, then print the key
- Use AES Decryption to get plaintext, M, then print and save the plaintext
- Compare the sender's hash text with the receiver's calculated hash text
 - Compare sender's SHA256 hash with the locally calculated SHA256 hash
 - Print the local hash value
 - Report hashing error if any

Its Purpose

- Digital envelopes protect the confidentiality of a message between a sender and receiver
 - The sender must use their own private key to decrypt the symmetric key
 - The symmetric key can then decrypt the message
- Improves key distribution, security, as well as overall efficiency
- The disadvantage of digital envelopes is without the use of a digital signature, the receiver cannot verify the sender's identity