

# Digital Signatures

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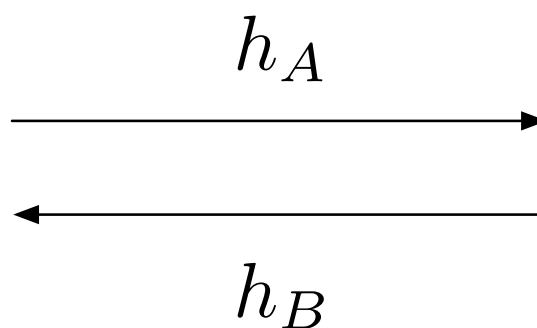
- Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange
- Alice outputs public parameters (G, p, g)
  - G is cyclic, generator g, group order p

Alice

Bob

choose a uniform  
 $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , compute  
 $h_A = g^x$

choose a uniform  
 $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , compute  
 $h_B = g^y$



compute  $k_A = h_B^x = g^{xy}$

compute  $k_B = h_A^y = g^{xy}$

- Alice and Bob share a same key  $g^{xy}$

# Security of DH Protocol

- If Discrete-Logarithm problem is easy, DH is not secure
  - Eavesdropper has  $h_A = g^x$  and  $h_B = g^y$
  - Computes  $x = \log_g(h_A)$  and  $y = \log_g(h_B)$
  - Obtains key  $k = g^{xy}$
  - DL is hard is necessary, but **not sufficient**
- **Computational Diffie-Hellman Problem (CDH)**
  - Given  $g^x$  and  $g^y$ , compute  $g^{xy}$  is hard

# Security of DH Protocol

- If CDH problem is easy, DH is not secure
  - Given  $h_A = g^x$  and  $h_B = g^y$
  - Adversary computes key  $k = g^{xy}$
  - CDH is hard is necessary, but still **not sufficient**
- **Decisional Diffie-Hellman Problem (DDH)**
  - Given  $g^x$ ,  $g^y$  and a random element  $h$  in  $G$ , decide whether  $h = g^{xy}$  is hard
- DH protocol is secure if DDH problem is hard

# Security of DH Protocol

- Computational Diffie-Hellman Problem (CDH)
  - Given  $g^x$  and  $g^y$ , compute  $g^{xy}$  is hard
- Decisional Diffie-Hellman Problem (DDH)
  - Given  $g^x$ ,  $g^y$  and a random element  $h$  in  $G$ , decide whether  $h = g^{xy}$  is hard
- **True**: DH protocol is secure if DDH problem is hard
- **False**: DH protocol is secure if CDH problem is hard
- **False**: DH protocol is secure if DL problem is hard

# Man-In-The-Middle Attacks

- DH is secure only against an eavesdropper
- DH is **not secure** under man-in-the-middle attacks
  - An attacker “Eve” between Alice and Bob
  - Alice thinks “I am talking to Bob”, but is Eve
  - Bob thinks “I am talking to Alice”, but is Eve

Alice



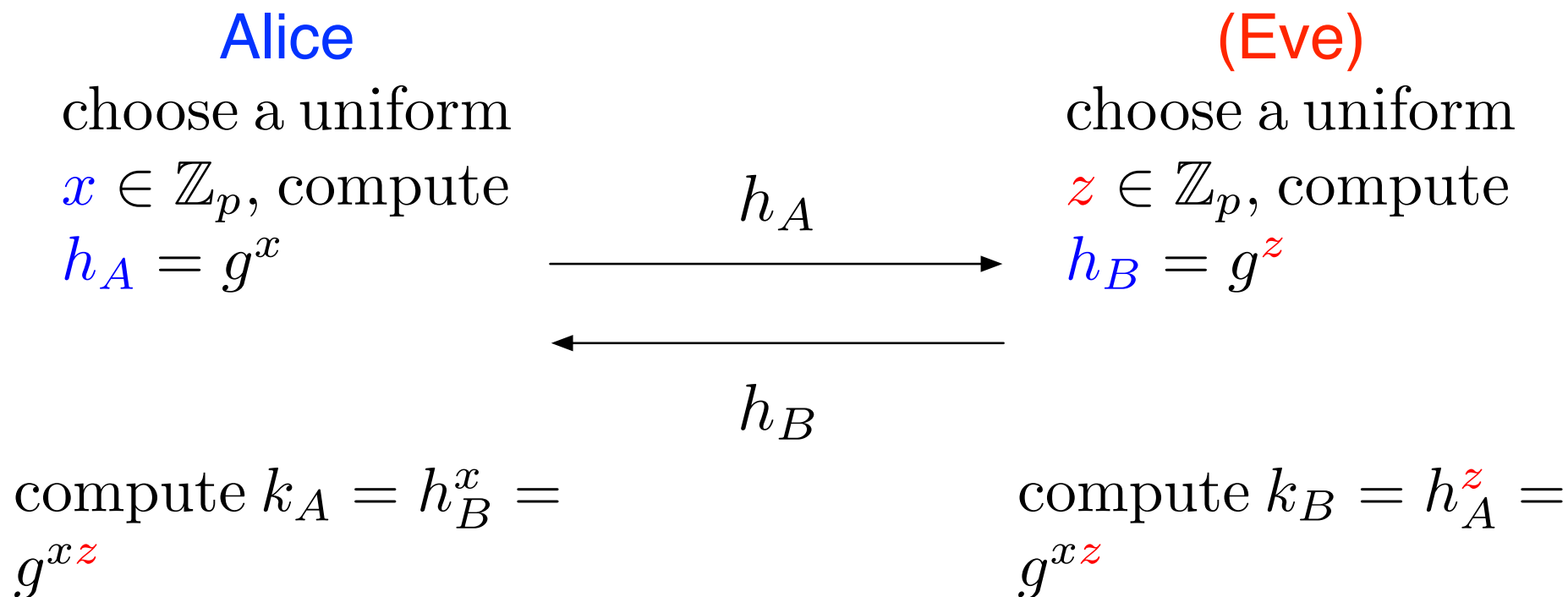
Eve



Bob

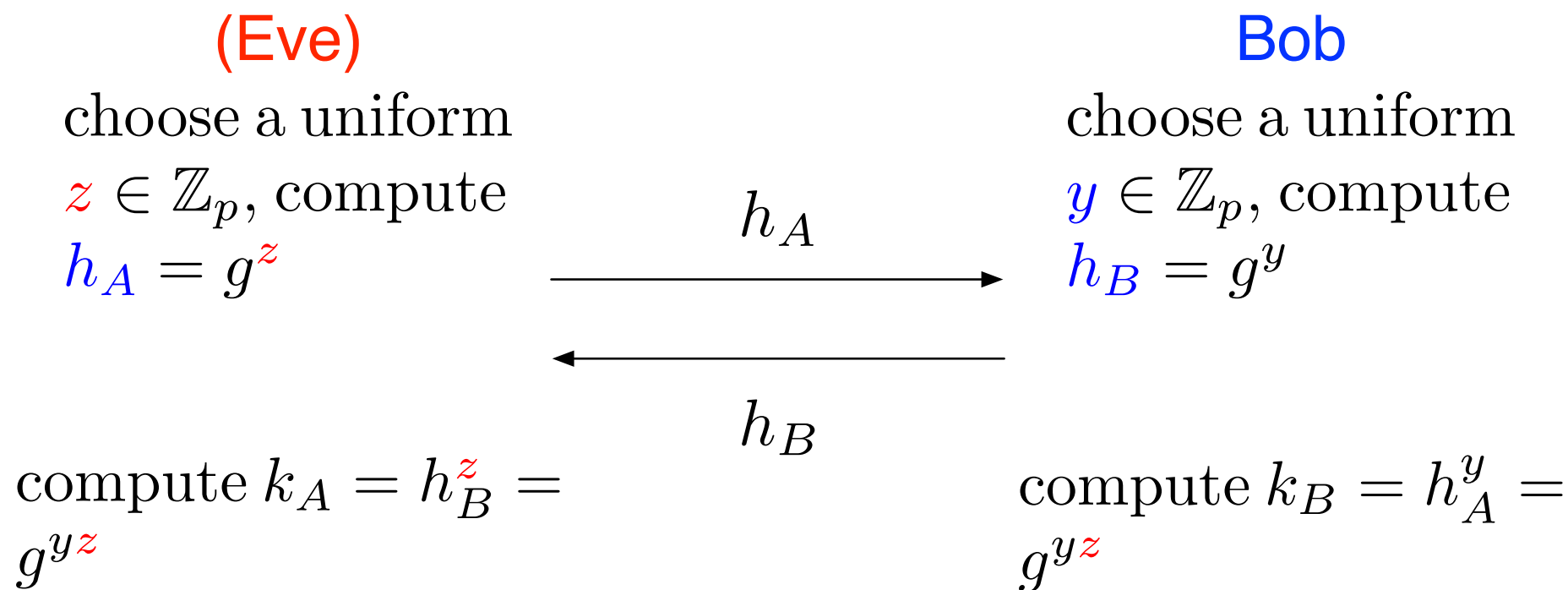


- Alice thinks “I am talking to Bob”, but is Eve
- Public parameters  $(G, p, g)$ 
  - $G$  is cyclic, generator  $g$ , group order  $p$



- Alice and Eve share a same key  $g^{xz}$

- Bob thinks “I am talking to Alice”, but is Eve
- Public parameters  $(G, p, g)$ 
  - generator  $g$ , group order  $p$



- Eve and Bob share a same key  $g^{yz}$



# Man-In-The-Middle Attacks

- Alice thinks “I share a key with Bob”, but is Eve
- Bob thinks “I share a key with Alice”, but is Eve
- Eve has two keys, one with Alice, one with Bob
- Eve learns all the later messages between A & B

Alice



$$k = g^{xz}$$

Eve



$$k = g^{xz}$$

$$k' = g^{yz}$$

Bob



$$k' = g^{yz}$$

Alice



$$k = g^{xz}$$

Eve



$$k = g^{xz}$$

$$k' = g^{yz}$$

Bob



$$k' = g^{yz}$$

- Example:  $Z_7^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Group order  $p = 6$ , generator  $g = 3$
  - Alice:  $x = 3$ , Bob:  $y = 2$ , Eve:  $z = 5$
  - What is the correct key between Alice and Bob without man-in-the-middle attack?
  - What is  $k$  and  $k'$  in man-in-the-middle attack?

Alice



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  - Alice:  $x = 3$ , Bob:  $y = 2$ , Eve:  $z = 5$
  - $A \longleftrightarrow B$  correct key:  $g^{xy} = 3^6 = 1 \bmod 7$
  - Alice has  $k = g^{xz} = 3^{15} = 6 \bmod 7$
  - Bob has  $k' = g^{yz} = 3^{10} = 4 \bmod 7$

Alice



$$k = g^{xz}$$

Eve



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$$k' = g^{yz}$$

Bob



$$k' = g^{yz}$$

- Practice:  $Z_{11}^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ 
  - Group order  $p = 10$ , generator  $g = 2$
  - Alice:  $x = 3$ , Bob:  $y = 2$ , Eve:  $z = 5$
  - What is the correct key between Alice and Bob without man-in-the-middle attack?
  - What is  $k$  and  $k'$  in man-in-the-middle attack?

Alice



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$$k' = g^{yz}$$

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  - Group order  $p = 10$ , generator  $g = 2$
  - Alice:  $x = 3$ , Bob:  $y = 2$ , Eve:  $z = 5$
  - $A \longleftrightarrow B$  correct key:  $g^{xy} = 2^6 = 9 \bmod 11$
  - Alice has  $k = g^{xz} = 2^{15} = 10 \bmod 11$
  - Bob has  $k' = g^{yz} = 2^{10} = 1 \bmod 11$

# Man-In-The-Middle Attacks

- DH is **not secure** under man-in-the-middle attacks
  - Alice thinks “I am talking to Bob”, but is Eve
  - Bob thinks “I am talking to Alice”, but is Eve
  - The channels are not authenticated

Alice



$$k = g^{xz}$$

Eve



$$k = g^{xz}$$

$$k' = g^{yz}$$

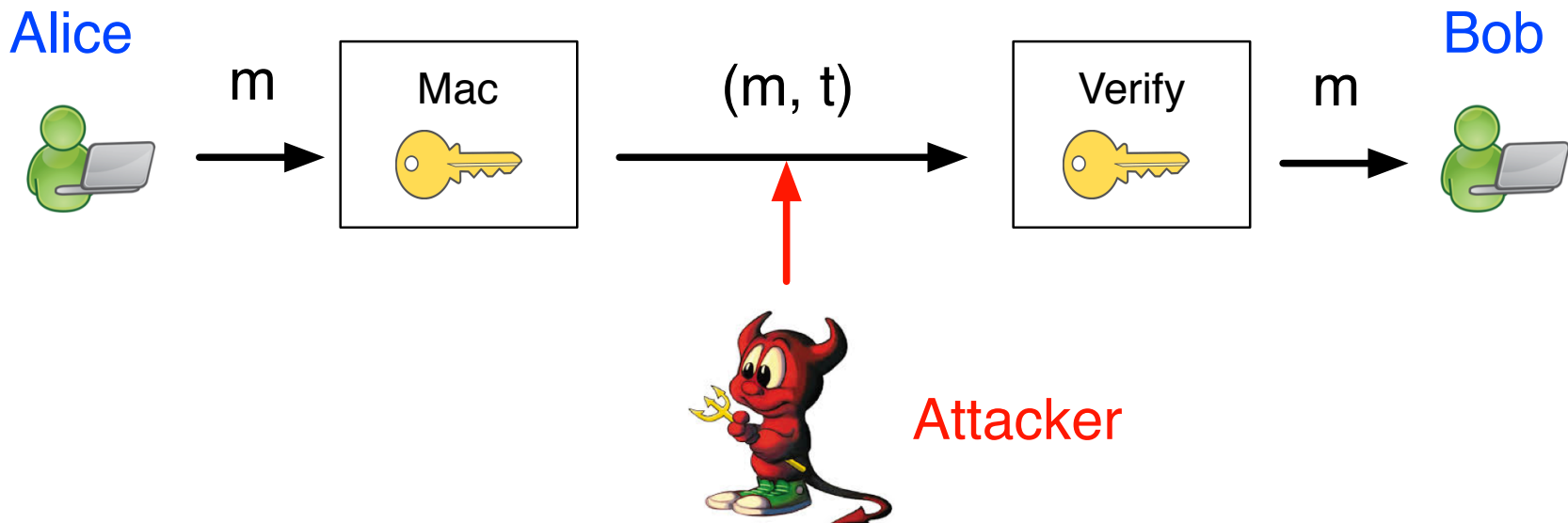
Bob



$$k' = g^{yz}$$

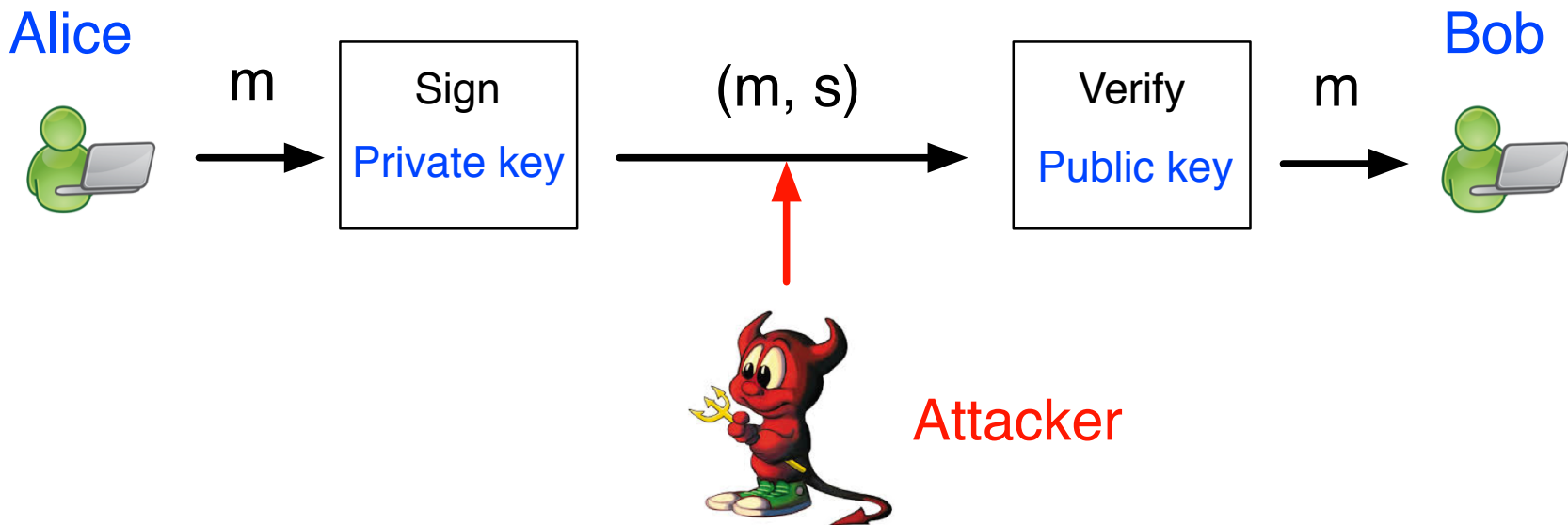
# Message Authentication Code

- Alice computes a tag for a message
- Bob can verify a message  $m$  using its tag  $t$ 
  - If valid, accept a message
  - Otherwise, drop or ignore a message



# Digital Signatures

- Public-key: Digital Signatures
  - Alice computes a signature with her sk
  - Bob can verify a message with Alice's pk





# Signature Scheme

1. KeyGen: takes a security parameter  $1^n$ , outputs a pair of keys  $(pk, sk)$ .
2. Sign: takes a private key  $sk$  and a message  $m$ , outputs a signature  $s$
3. Verify: takes a public key  $pk$ , a message  $m$ , and a signature  $s$ , outputs 1 if valid and 0 invalid

# Assumptions on Adversary

- Assumptions on an adversary:
  - Knows messages (is not about privacy)
  - Knows Sign and Verify algorithm,
  - Can collect previous message-sig pairs
  - Knows public key, but not private key
- Has limited computational power
  - Run efficient (polynomial-time) algorithms

# Security of Signatures

- Unforgeable under chosen-message attacks
  - A PPT adversary has access to a Sign oracle
    - Submits a message  $m$ , obtains a valid signature  $s$
  - It is hard for adversary to generate a valid signature  $s'$  for a “new” message  $m'$ 
    - A message that was not submitted to oracle
    - Valid if  $\text{Verify}(m', s') = 1$
    - Happens with a negligible probability

# Security of Signature

- Example: A sent 3 messages with signatures to B
  - (packers, 0x34dt)
  - (patriots, 0xd5ac)
  - (eagles, 0xa70b)
- Adversary learns above 3 message-sig pairs, sends
  - (patriots, 0xd5ac) to Bob, Bob takes it
  - (patriots, 0xd5a**b**) to Bob, Bob drops it
  - (**bengals**, 0x1234) to Bob, Bob drops it

# Signatures v.s. MACs

- Both protect data integrity
- Signatures have more properties:
  - **Public verifiable**: everyone can verify (everyone can have a public key)
  - **Non-repudiation**: Alice cannot deny a message signed by herself. (only Alice has her private key)
- Both suffer replay attacks

# Textbook RSA Signature

- KeyGen: given a security parameter  $1^n$ , generate two  $n$ -bit primes  $p$ ,  $q$ , compute  $N = pq$ , choose  $e$  s.t.  $\gcd(e, \phi(N)) = 1$ , compute  $d = e^{-1} \bmod \phi(N)$ , output public key  $pk = (N, e)$ , private key  $sk = d$
- Sign: given a message  $m$  and a private key  $sk = d$ , return  $s = m^d \bmod N$
- Verify: given a public key  $pk = (N, e)$ , a message  $m$  and a signature  $s$ , return 1 iff  $m = s^e \bmod N$

# Textbook RSA Signature

- Correctness:
  - Number theory basic:  $a^{\phi(N)} = 1 \pmod{N}$
  - We know in RSA:  $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$

$$\begin{aligned}s^e &= (m^d)^e \\ &= m^{de} \pmod{\phi(N)} \\ &= m \pmod{N}\end{aligned}$$

- $m, s$  are elements in group  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$
- $e, d$  are integers

# Textbook RSA Signature

- Example:  $p \cdot q = 11 \cdot 7 = 77 = N$ 
  - $\phi(N) = |Z_N^*| = (p-1)(q-1) = 10 \cdot 6 = 60$
  - choose  $e$ , s.t.  $\gcd(e, \phi(N)) = 1$
  - $e = 7, d = 43, ed = 7 \cdot 43 = 1 \pmod{60}$
  - $pk = (N, e) = (77, 7), sk = d = 43$
- Given  $m=2$ , signature  $s=m^d=2^{43}=\textcolor{red}{30} \pmod{77}$ 
  - $(m, s) = (2, 30)$
- Given  $m=2, s=30, pk, s^e = 30^7 = \textcolor{blue}{2} \pmod{77} = m$



# Textbook RSA Signature

- Textbook RSA:  $pk = (N, e) = (77, 7)$ ,  $sk = d = 43$ 
  - Sign:  $s = m^d$ ; Verify:  $m \stackrel{?}{=} s^e$
- Practice: Plaintext RSA
  - Give  $(m, s) = (3, 38)$ , is  $s$  a valid signature?
  - Give  $(m, s) = (4, 50)$ , is  $s$  a valid signature?
  - $s^e = 38^7 \bmod 77 = 3 = m$ ; Valid
  - $s^e = 50^7 \bmod 77 = 8 \neq m$ ; Not valid

# Textbook RSA Signature

- “Inverse” of Textbook RSA Encryption
  - Sign same as Dec, Verify (almost) same as Enc
- No-Message Attack
  - Given a public key  $pk = (N, e)$  only
  - Choose a random  $s'$  from  $Z_N^*$
  - Output a message  $m' = s'^e \bmod N$
  - $s'$  is a valid signature of  $m'$ 
    - No control on  $m'$ , could be meaningless

# Textbook RSA Signature

- Textbook RSA:  $pk = (N, e) = (77, 7)$ ,  $sk = d = 43$
- Example: No-Message Attack
  - generate a random  $s' = 20$
  - compute  $m' = s'^e = 20^7 = 48 \bmod 77$
  - output  $(m', s') = (48, 20)$ ,
    - valid signature for a 'new' message
- Attacker has no control on message  $m'$

# Textbook RSA Signature

- Homomorphic Attack

- Obtain  $(m_1, s_1)$  and  $(m_2, s_2)$
- Compute  $m' = m_1 * m_2$
- Compute  $s' = s_1 * s_2$
- Output  $(m', s')$ ,  $s'$  is valid, but  $m'$  is 'new'

Given  $s_1 = m_1^d, s_2 = m_2^d$

$$\begin{aligned} s'^e &= (s_1 \cdot s_2)^e = (m_1^d \cdot m_2^d)^e \\ &= m_1^{ed} \cdot m_2^{ed} = m_1 \cdot m_2 \\ &= m' \pmod{N} \end{aligned}$$

# Textbook RSA Signature

- Textbook: RSA  $pk = (N, e) = (77, 7)$ ,  $sk = d = 43$
- Example: Homomorphic Attack
  - Given  $(m_1, s_1) = (2, 30)$  and  $(m_2, s_2) = (3, 38)$
  - $m' = m_1 * m_2 = 2 * 3 = 6$
  - $s' = s_1 * s_2 = 30 * 38 = 62 \bmod 77$
  - output  $(m', s') = (6, 62)$ 
    - $s'$  is valid, but  $m'$  is a 'new' message
- Attacker has control on message  $m'$

# Textbook RSA Signature

- Textbook: RSA  $pk = (N, e) = (77, 7)$ ,  $sk = d = 43$
- Practice: Homomorphic Attack
  - Given  $(m_1, s_1) = (4, 53)$  and  $(m_2, s_2) = (3, 26)$
  - output  $(m', s') = (??, ??)$ 
    - $s'$  is valid, but  $m'$  is a 'new' message
  - $m' = m_1 * m_2 = 4 * 3 = 12$
  - $s' = s_1 * s_2 = 53 * 26 = 69 \bmod 77$

# Textbook RSA Signature

- Homomorphic Attack
  - Obtain  $(m_1, s_1)$
  - Compute  $m' = m_1 * m_1$
  - Compute  $s' = s_1 * s_1$
  - Output  $(m', s')$ ,  $s'$  is valid, but  $m'$  is 'new'

Given  $s_1 = m_1^d$

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- Practice: Homomorphic Attack
  - Given  $(m_1, s_1) = (4, 53)$
  - output  $(m', s') = (??, ??)$ 
    - $s'$  is valid, but  $m'$  is a 'new' message
  - $m' = m_1 * m_1 = 4 * 4 = 16$
  - $s' = s_1 * s_1 = 53 * 53 = 37 \bmod 77$



# RSA-FDH

- RSA with Full-Domain Hash (e.g., SHA256)
  - Hash a message, then sign hash value with RSA
- KeyGen: Same
- Sign: given a message  $m$  and a private key  $sk = d$ , return  $s = H(m)^d \bmod N$
- Verify: given a public key  $pk = (N, e)$ , a message  $m$  and a signature  $s$ , return 1 iff  $H(m) = s^e \bmod N$

# Security of RSA-FDH

- RSA-FDH prevents No-Message Attack
  - Given a public key  $pk = (N, e)$  only
  - Choose a random  $s'$  from  $Z_N^*$
  - Compute  $s'^e = H(m') \bmod N$
  - But hard to obtain  $m'$  since  $H$  is hard to inverse
    - Based on  $H(m')$ , find  $m'$  (a collision) with a negligible probability

# Security of RSA-FDH

- RSA-FDH prevents Homomorphic Attack
  - Obtain  $(m_1, s_1)$  and  $(m_2, s_2)$
  - Compute  $s' = s_1 \cdot s_2$ , then  $s'^e = H(m_1)H(m_2)$
  - Hard to find an  $m'$ , s.t.  $H(m') = H(m_1)H(m_2)$ 
    - find  $m'$  with a negligible probability

Given  $s_1 = H(m_1)^d, s_2 = H(m_2)^d$

$$\begin{aligned}s'^e &= (s_1 \cdot s_2)^e = (H(m_1)^d \cdot H(m_2)^d)^e \\ &= H(m_1)^{ed} \cdot H(m_2)^{ed} = H(m_1) \cdot H(m_2) \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} H(m') \pmod N\end{aligned}$$

# Public-Key Infrastructure

- Alice's public key
  - $pk = 0x42eacb56781230e0e23....$
- How can Bob ensure  $pk$  is Alice's public key
- Public-Key Infrastructure (PKI)
  - Certificate Authority (CA) generates certificates;
  - A certificate has the name of a user and the public key of this user
  - A certificate binds a user and a  $pk$  together

# Public-Key Infrastructure

- CA has its own public key and private key
  - CA signs each certificate with its private key
  - Users use CA's public key to verify
- E.g., Alice and Bob want to talk
  - Alice shows Bob her certificate
    - Bob verifies Alice's certificate with CA's pk
  - Bob shows Alice his certificate
    - Alice verifies Bob's certificate with CA's pk
  - Alice and Bob confirm each other's pk

# Public-Key Infrastructure

- Certificate Authority (UC); certificate (bearcat card)
  - UC generates bearcart cards;
  - A bearcart card has your name and M number
  - A bearcart card binds your name with M number
  - Everyone trusts UC
- Alice shows her card to Bob;
- Bob shows his card to Alice;
- Alice and Bob will start to talk

Subject Name	
Common Name	com.apple.idms.appleid.prd.57306437347276776169424d344f!

Issuer Name	
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Organizational Unit	Apple Certification Authority
Common Name	Apple Application Integration Certification Authority

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Version	3

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Key Size	2048 bits
Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Derive
Signature	256 bytes : 7F 7B 2F DD C2 AD CC F6 ...

# Additional Reading

Chapter 12, *Introduction to Modern Cryptography*,  
Drs. J. Katz and Y. Lindell, 2nd edition