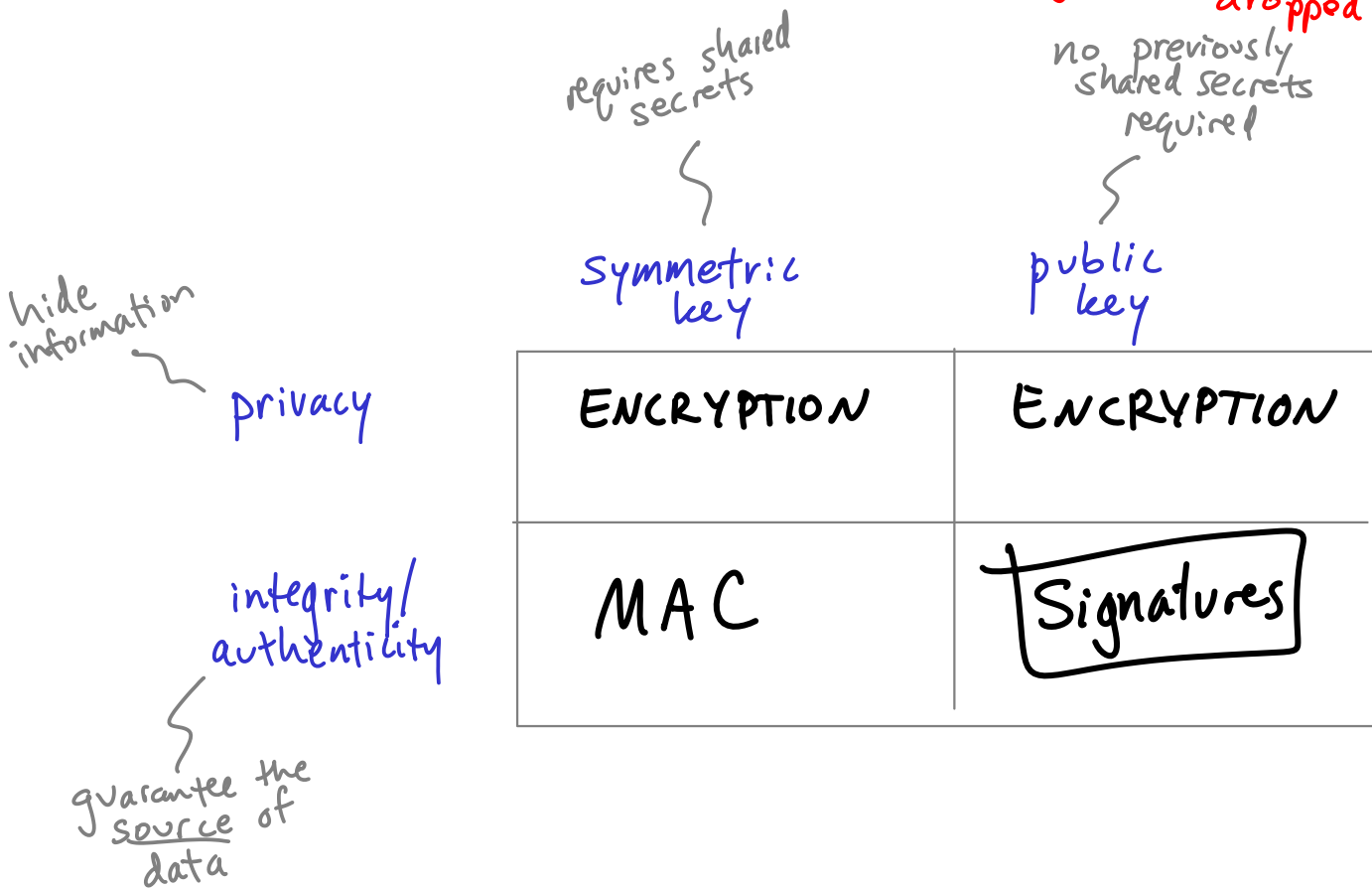


# Digital Signatures

Proj draft (optional) by Fri  
HW7 coming, but lowest HW dropped



## Digital Signatures:

- ▶ KeyGen  $\longrightarrow (vk, sk)$ 
  - (private) signing key
  - (public) verification key
- ▶ Sign( $sk, m$ )  $\longrightarrow \sigma$ 
  - signature
- ▶ Ver( $vk, m, \sigma$ )  $\longrightarrow 0/1$

## Security: similar to MAC

"Hard to generate a forgery, even after seeing signatures of chosen messages"

↓  
( $m, \sigma$ ) that verify, but Adv never asked for Sig on  $m$

## Formal Definition

```
(vk, sk) ← KeyGen  
GETVK():  
  return vk  
SIGN(m):  
  return Sign(sk, m)  
VER(m, σ):  
  return Ver(vk, m, σ)
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```
(vk, sk) ← KeyGen  
S = ∅  
GETVK():  
  return vk  
SIGN(m):  
  σ ← Sign(sk, m)  
  add (m, σ) to S  
  return σ  
VER(m, σ):  
  return (m, σ) ∈ S
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Weird:

Calling program doesn't need library's help to Verify

• "Textbook" RSA signatures:

$$N = pq, \quad ed \equiv_{\phi(N)} 1$$

public/verification key  $(N, e)$

private/signing key  $(N, d)$

$$\text{Sign}((N, d), m) = \underline{m^d} \bmod N$$

$\text{Ver}((N, e), m, \sigma)$ :

if  $\sigma^e \equiv_N m$  then 1 else 0

Insecure: Idea:  $\underbrace{m \mapsto m^d}_{\text{RSA func}}$  is a permutation

$\Rightarrow$  every  $\sigma$  is a valid signature of Something

In particular,  $\sigma$  is valid  
Signature of  $\sigma^e$

Attack: get  $(N, e)$   
choose  $\sigma$  arbitrarily  
set  $m = \sigma^e \pmod{N}$   
now  $(m, \sigma)$  is a forgery

Fix: Sign only  $H(m)$  where  $H$  is hash function  
 $\text{Sign}((N, d), m) = H(m)^d$

(full-domain hash RSA)

## Rabin Signatures

Obs #1: If  $p$  <sup>odd</sup> prime then half of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  are squares

Ex:  $p=13$   $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{1, \dots, 13\}$

$$1^2 = 1$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$3^2 = 9$$

$$4^2 = 3$$

$$5^2 = 12$$

$$6^2 = 10$$

$$7^2 = 10$$

$$8^2 = 12$$

$$9^2 = 3$$

$$10^2 = 9$$

$$11^2 = 4$$

$$12^2 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  6 squares  
out of  
12 in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

Obs #1: If  $p$  <sup>odd</sup> prime and  $x$  is square mod  $p$   
then

$$x^{(p-1)/2} \equiv_p 1$$

Proof:  $x = y^2$  so

$$x^{(p-1)/2} = (y^2)^{(p-1)/2} = y^{p-1} \stackrel{\phi(p)}{=} 1$$

Obs #2: If  $p$  is prime &  $p \equiv_4 3$  and  $x$  is square mod  $p$

then  $x^{\frac{p+1}{4}}$  is a square root of  $x$

Why?  $(x^{\frac{p+1}{4}})^2 = x^{\frac{p+1}{2}} = x^{1 + \frac{p-1}{2}}$

$$= x \left( x^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \right) = x$$

when I square this  $\rightarrow$  I get  $x$

Obs #3: If  $N$  is RSA modulus, then  
 $1/4$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  are squares

$$N = 3 \cdot 5$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_N^* = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$$

square  $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$

$\{1, 4, 1, 4, 4, 1, 4, 1\}$  } 2 of 8

Obs #4: If you know  $p$  &  $q$ , and  $x$  is square mod  $pq$  then you can compute a sqrt of  $x$

How? CRT

Obs #5: If you have a way to compute sqrts mod  $pq$ , then you can factor  $N$

Idea: Suppose  $\text{Algo}(x, N)$  returns  $y : y^2 \equiv_N x$

How to factor  $N$ ?

pick random  $r$

Set  $x \equiv_N r^2$

$\Rightarrow$   $x$  has 4 square roots

I know 2 of them:  $\pm r$

call others  $\pm s$

call  $\text{Algo}(x, N)$

$\rightarrow$  w/ prob  $\frac{1}{2}$  Algo outputs one of  $\pm s$

Now I know  $r, s$

$$r \not\equiv_N -s$$

$$r^2 \equiv_N s^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - s^2 \equiv_N 0$$

$$(r+s)(r-s) \equiv_N 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(r \pm s, N) = \text{factors of } N$$

## RABIN SIGS:

Verification key:  $N = p \cdot q$  where  
 $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$   $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

Signing key:  $p, q$

Sign( $(p, q), m$ ):

choose random  $r$

retry until  $m \parallel r$  is a square mod  $N$

compute  $u$  s.t.  $u^2 \equiv_N m \parallel r$

compute Sqrt mod  $N$

return  $(r, u)$

Verify( $N, m, (r, u)$ ):

check  $u^2 \equiv_N m \parallel r$