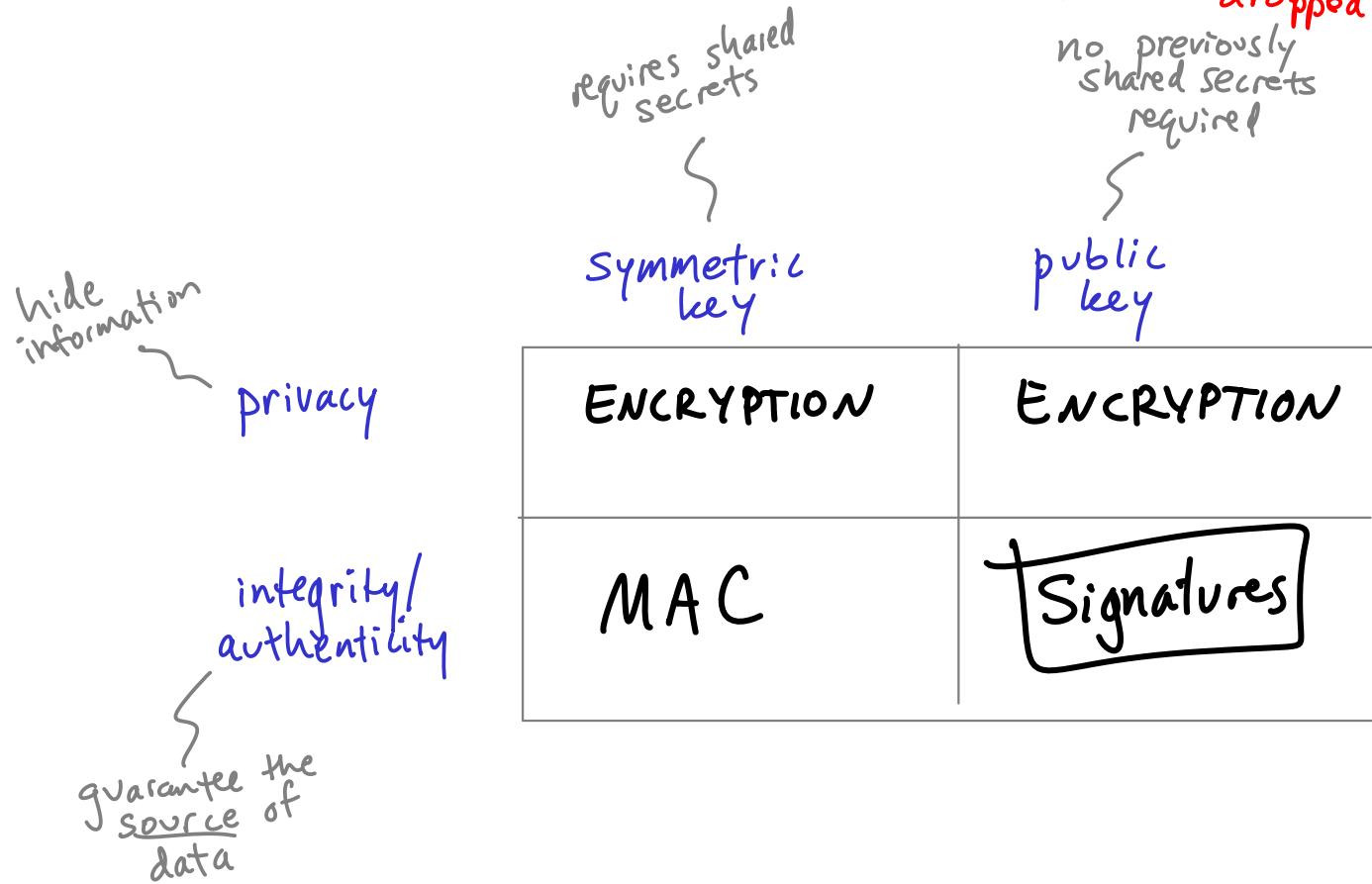


# Digital Signatures

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



## Digital Signatures:

- » KeyGen  $\longrightarrow (vk, sk)$ 
  - (private) signing key
  - (public) verification key
- »  $\text{Sign}(sk, m) \longrightarrow \sigma$  signature
- »  $\text{Ver}(vk, m, \sigma) \longrightarrow \%_1$

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

$(vk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}$   
GETVK():  
 return  $vk$   
SIGN( $m$ ):  
 return  $\text{Sign}(sk, m)$   
VER( $m, \sigma$ ):  
 return  $\text{Ver}(vk, m, \sigma)$

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$(vk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}$   
 $S = \emptyset$   
GETVK():  
 return  $vk$   
SIGN( $m$ ):  
 $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(sk, m)$   
 add  $(m, \sigma)$  to  $S$   
 return  $\sigma$   
VER( $m, \sigma$ ):  
 return  $(m, \sigma) \in S$ ?

### Weird:

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

"Textbook" RSA signatures:

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

public/verification key  $(N, e)$

private/signing key  $(N, d)$

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

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

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  $p$  prime then half of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  are squares

$$\text{Ex: } p=13 \quad \mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{1, \dots, 12\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 1^2 = 1 & 5^2 = 12 & 9^2 = 3 \\
 2^2 = 4 & 6^2 = 10 & 10^2 = 9 \\
 3^2 = 9 & 7^2 = 10 & 11^2 = 4 \\
 4^2 = 3 & 8^2 = 12 & 12^2 = 1
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l}
 6 \text{ squares} \\
 \text{out of} \\
 12 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_{13}^*
 \end{array}$$

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

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?  $\underbrace{(x^{\frac{p+1}{4}})^2}_{[} = x^{\frac{p+1}{2}} = x^{1 + \frac{p-1}{2}} = x(x^{\frac{p-1}{2}}) = x$   
 when I square this → I get  $x$

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

$$N = 3 \cdot 5 \quad \mathbb{Z}_N^* = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$$

squares ←  
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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  
 $p \equiv_4 q \equiv_4 3$

signing key:  $p, q$

$\text{Sign}((p, q), m)$ :

choose random  $r$

retry until  $\underbrace{m/r}$  is a square mod  $N$

compute  $u$  s.t.  $\underbrace{u^2 \equiv_N m/r}$

compute  $\text{Sqrt mod } N$

return  $(r, u)$

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

check  $u^2 \equiv_N m/r$