CSS Experiment 4

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Aim:

To Analyze and implement Diffie-Hellman Key exchange algorithm

Theory:

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange algorithm:

Diffie-Hellman algorithm is one of the most important algorithms used for establishing a shared secret. At the time of exchanging data over a public network, we can use the shared secret for secret communication. We use an elliptic curve for generating points and getting a secret key using the parameters.

- We will take four variables, i.e., P (prime), G (the primitive root of P), and a and b (private values).
- O The variables **P** and **G** both are publicly available. The sender selects a private value, either a or b, for generating a key to exchange publicly. The receiver receives the key, and that generates a secret key, after which the sender and receiver both have the same secret key to encrypt.

Let's understand the process step by step for user1 (sender) and user2 (receiver):

Steps	User1	User2
1.	P, G => available public keys.	P, G => available public keys.
2.	a is selected as a private key.	b is selected as a private key.
3.	Eq. to generate key: x=G ^a mod P	Eq. to generate key: y=G ^b mod P
4.	After exchanging keys, user1 receives	After exchanging keys, user2 receives key x.
	key y.	
5.	User1 generates a secret key by using	User2 generates a secret key by using the
	the received key y: k _a =y ^a mod P	received key x: $k_b=x^b \mod P$

Algebraically, 5th step can be shown as follows:

 $k_a = k_b$

It means that both the users have the symmetric secret key to encrypt.

Example:

- 1. User1 and User2 get public keys P = 33 and G = 8.
- 2. User1 selects a as a private key, i.e., 3, and User2 selects b as a private key, i.e., 2.
- 3. User1 calculate the public value:

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x = (8^3 \mod 33) = 512 \mod 33 = 17
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4. User2 calculate the public value:

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y = (8^2 \mod 33) = 64 \mod 33 = 31
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- 5. User1 and User2 exchange public keys, i.e., 17 and 31.
- 6. User1 receives public key y = 31 and User2 receives public key x = 17.
- 7. User1 and User2 calculate symmetric keys:

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User1: k_a=y_a \mod P = 31_3 \mod 33 = 29791 \mod 33 = 25
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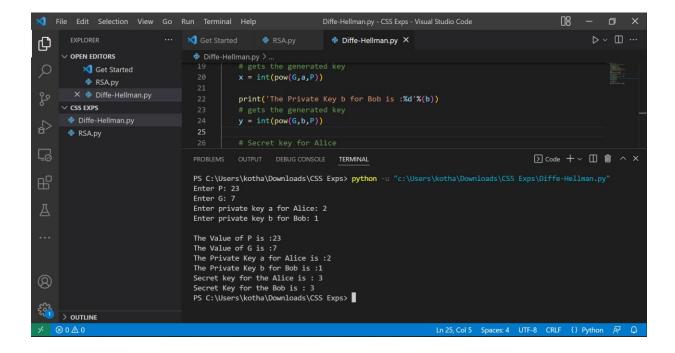
User2: $k_b=x_b \mod P = 17_2 \mod 33 = 289 \mod 33 = 25$

8. 25 is the shared secret.

Program for Diffie-Hellman Algorithm:

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if __name__ == '__main__':
# Both the persons will be agreed upon the
# public keys G and P
# A prime number P is taken
P = int(input("Enter P: "))
# A primitive root G is taken
 G = int(input("Enter G: "))
# Alice will choose the private key a
 a = int(input("Enter private key a for Alice: "))
 # Bob will choose the private key b
 b = int(input("Enter private key b for Bob: "))
 print()
 print('The Value of P is :%d'%(P))
 print('The Value of G is :%d'%(G))
 print('The Private Key a for Alice is :%d'\( (a) )
 # gets the generated key
 x = int(pow(G,a,P))
 print('The Private Key b for Bob is :%d'%(b))
 y = int(pow(G,b,P))
# Secret key for Alice
 ka = int(pow(y,a,P))
# Secret key for Bob
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Output for Diffie-Hellman Algorithm:



Conclusion:

Thus, we have seen how Diffie-Hellman Algorithm works by four variables to generate same secret key for both users. We have successfully designed and implemented a code for Diffie-Hellman Algorithm in python programming language and understood the concept of this asymmetric algorithm.