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Programming Assignment 3

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1 Certification

I, John Young, certify that I wrote all submitted code from scratch and did not copy it in part or whole from another source. Any references used in the completion of the assignment are cited in my written work.

1.1 Citations

I utilized standard API Libraries that are linked in the assignment page. I also utilized the argparse library API.

2 Introduction

`bob.py` acts as Bob and is intended to start first and wait for a connection from Alice. `alice.py` acts as Alice, initializing a connection to Bob and sending a simple message `'Hello'`. When Bob gets a message from Alice he replies with his Digest, which contains his name, his public key and his signature. Alice then receives Bob's digest and verifies the message is from Bob by checking it with a Certificate Agencies public key. Upon good verification, Alice sends her encoded message to Bob, which contains her symmetric key (Encrypted with Bob's public key so no one can read it but Bob), the message and verification, both encrypted with the symmetric key. Bob then receives the message from Alice and verifies it's integrity via decryption it and comparing hash values. This entire process can be seen inf Figure 1.

There are more details that can be seen in my code documentation that explain this process more in depth. From dong this assignment I understand the details of a secure communication using RSA and hashing. I understand that the connection should use hashing, RSA, a 3rd party certificate agency and a transfer of an encrypted key in order to securely set up a connection between two or more parties. If done correctly the parties can use the symmetric key in addition to a initialization vector to communicate securely.

Figure 1: Screen shot of Alice sending a message to Bob. (Bob on the left and Alice on the Right

3 Program Software Engineering

I did my best to ensure good software programming. I used consistent methods between both `alice.py` and `bob.py` in order manipulate the data using encryption, decryption, encode or decode. I also used comments on every method explaining what each parameter is, what it is meant to do and what it should return. In addition to my code documentation, I also used types when initializing any new variable to help show how I intended on using that object.

4 Errors or Extensions

I'm unaware of any errors and wrote this program with the intention on not having any errors. However I made some assumptions where the assignment was not clear. I assume that `alice.py` exits after finishing the steps shown in Figure 1. I assume that `bob.py` can either exit after finishing the steps shown in Figure 1 or repeat the process. I programming `bob.py` to repeat the process after finishing. I also assume that `bob.py` only needs to support

one connection at a time so that is how I implemented it.