

Asynchronous Session Activity

Diffie Hellman Key Exchange Algorithm

→ The Diffie-Hellman [DH] Algorithm is a key-exchange protocol that enables two parties communicating over public channel to establish a mutual secret without it being transmitted over the internet.

DH enables the two to use a public key to encrypt and decrypt their conversation or data using symmetric cryptography.

The Algorithm

Consider User A & B, who wants to exchange their message.

User A will have his own private key (say K) and

User B will have his own private key (say L)

So, first they will make a cipher text —

$$A = p^K \bmod q$$

$$B = p^L \bmod q$$

where A — cipher text

$q \neq p^K$ — prime no.

K — A's private key

where L is B's private key

Now they will exchange their cipher texts then they will find the private keys of each other. through messaging (Secret key)

Now to find the private key,

for User A

$$S = B^k \text{ mod } q$$

for User B

$$S = A^L \text{ mod } q$$

Now the result will be same, that is, they have successfully exchanged and decrypted the messages (Secret Encryption key)

Numerical Example

Let's take two prime no.

$$G: 233 \quad N: 601$$

User A's X value - 21

User B's Y value - 9

User A's A value - 185

User B's B value - 588

$$A = G^X \text{ mod } N$$

$$B = G^Y \text{ mod } N$$

Now, User A will send his A value to User B and User B will send his B value to User A, then they will recalculate the values to set the same shared key.

User A key - 588

User B key - 588

$$\text{Key} = B^X \text{ mod } N$$

$$\text{Key} = A^Y \text{ mod } N$$

The key matched.

Hence they shared information successfully.

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