

The observations and calculations of astronomers have taught us much that is wonderful; but the most important is that they have revealed to us the abyss of our ignorance, which otherwise human reason could never have conceived to be so great.  
**To meditate on this must produce a great change in the determination of the purposes for which our reason should be used.**

Immanuel Kant  
Critique of Pure Reasoning (1781)

## Web Cybersecurity – L3

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# Agenda

## **Crypto Overview** [theory 1h30m]

- Steganography, Encryption & Decryption
- Symmetric and Asymmetric Encryption
- Attacks on Protocol Logic (man-in-the-middle)
- ~~Authenticated Key Agreement~~

Coffee break [10m]

## **Cybersecurity Topic #4 - CSRF** [lab 1h]

- WebGoat lesson (A8:2013 Request Forgery) [1h]

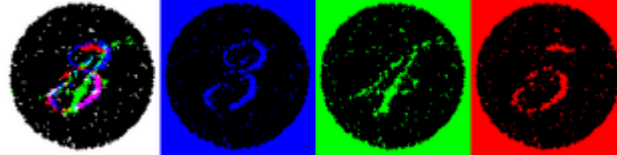
## **Cybersecurity Topic #5 - Broken Authentication** [1h]

- WebGoat lesson (A2 – Secure Passwords) [1h]

# Steganography

Steganography is the practice of **concealing** information

Security by  
obscurity



**NIST**  
National Institute of  
Standards and Technology  
U.S. Department of Commerce

"System security **should not depend** on the secrecy of the implementation or its components."

# Steganography

Histiaeus sent a message to his vassal, Aristagoras, by shaving the head of his most trusted servant, "marking" the message onto his scalp, then sending him on his way once his hair had regrown



The hidden image is revealed by removing all but the two least significant bits of each color component and a subsequent normalization.



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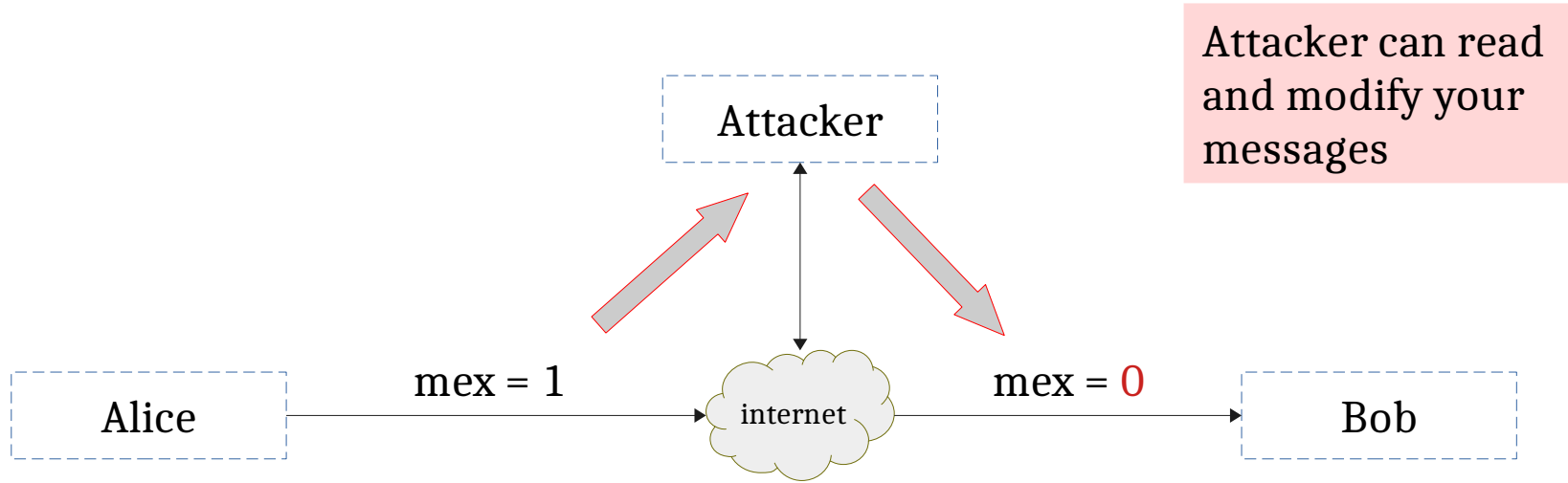
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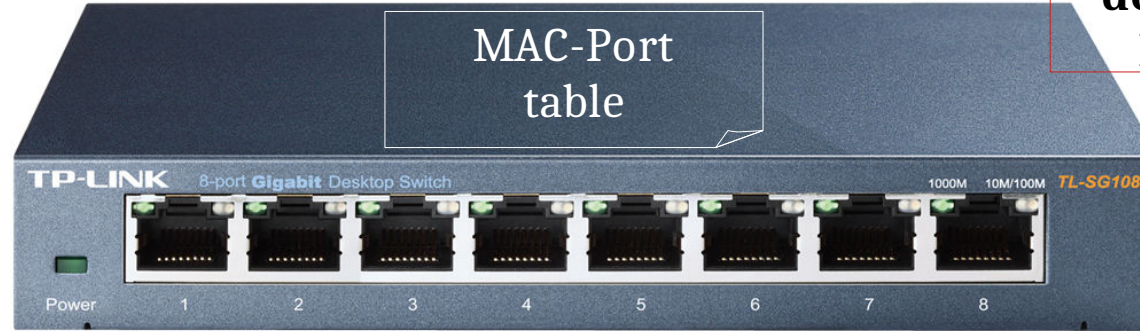


## NO security protocol



# The ARP protocol and a “simple” MitM

Layer-2 switches  
**don't use IP** but  
MAC & ports



```
enp0s31f6: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
  inet 192.168.1.14 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
  inet6 fe80::1a0d:9a93:c041:5c34 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
  ether f8:75:a4:68:1b:b7 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
  RX packets 4003427 bytes 3442986377 (3.4 GB)
  RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
  TX packets 3547359 bytes 2581928591 (2.5 GB)
  TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
  device interrupt 16 memory 0xc9700000-c9720000
```

Alice  
(device)

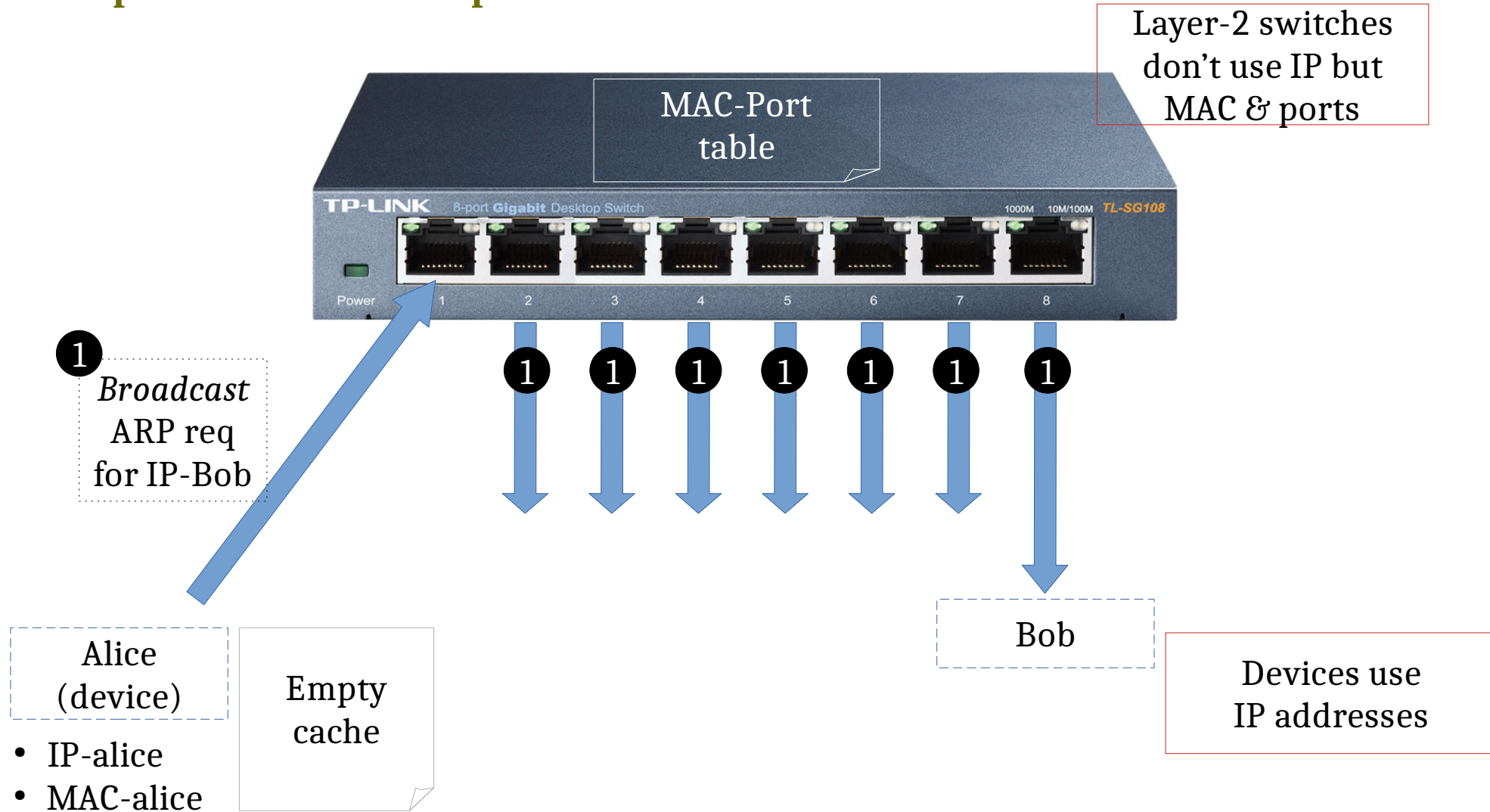
- IP-alice
- MAC-alice

Bob  
(device)

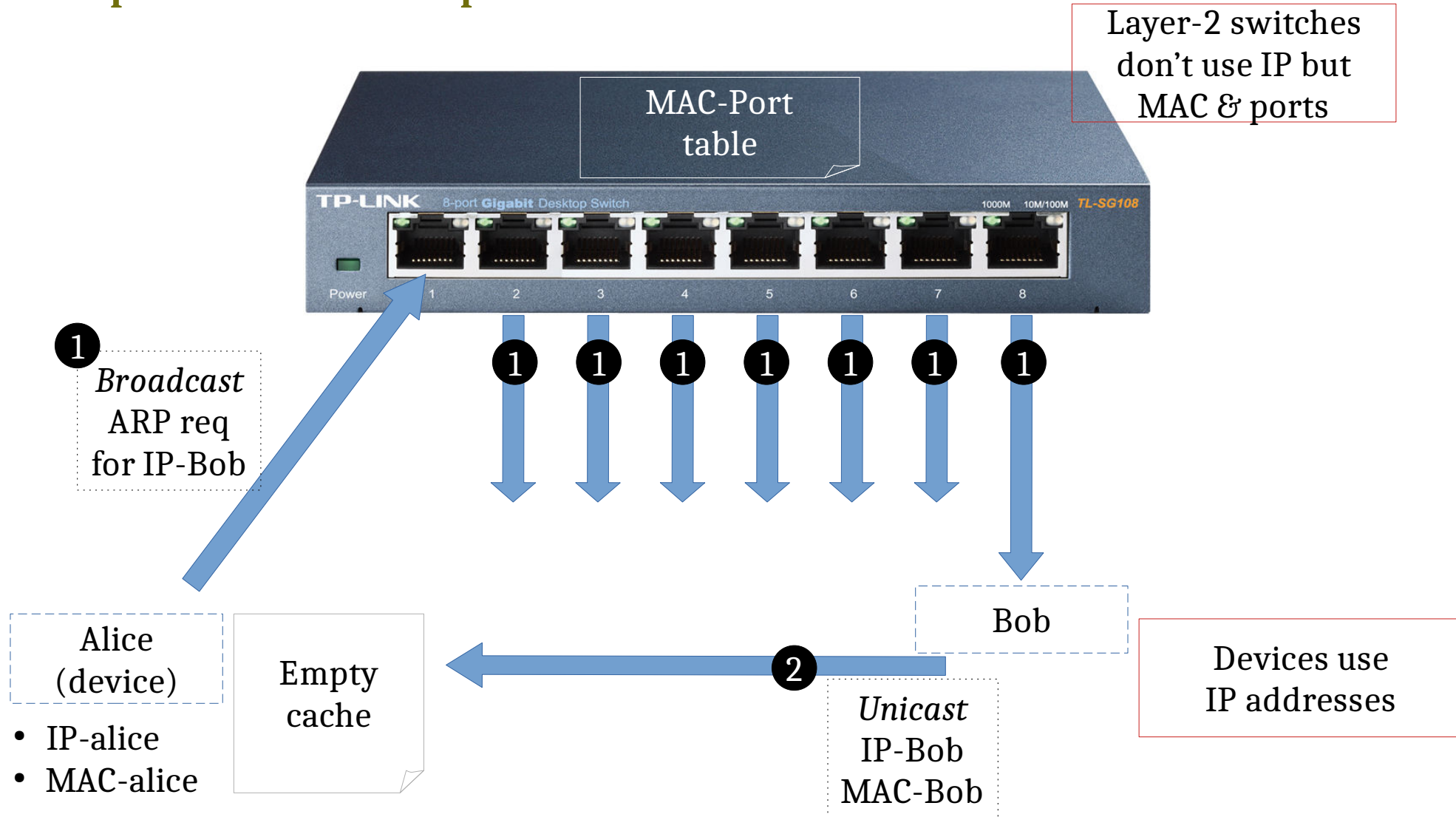
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- MAC-Bob

Devices use  
IP addresses

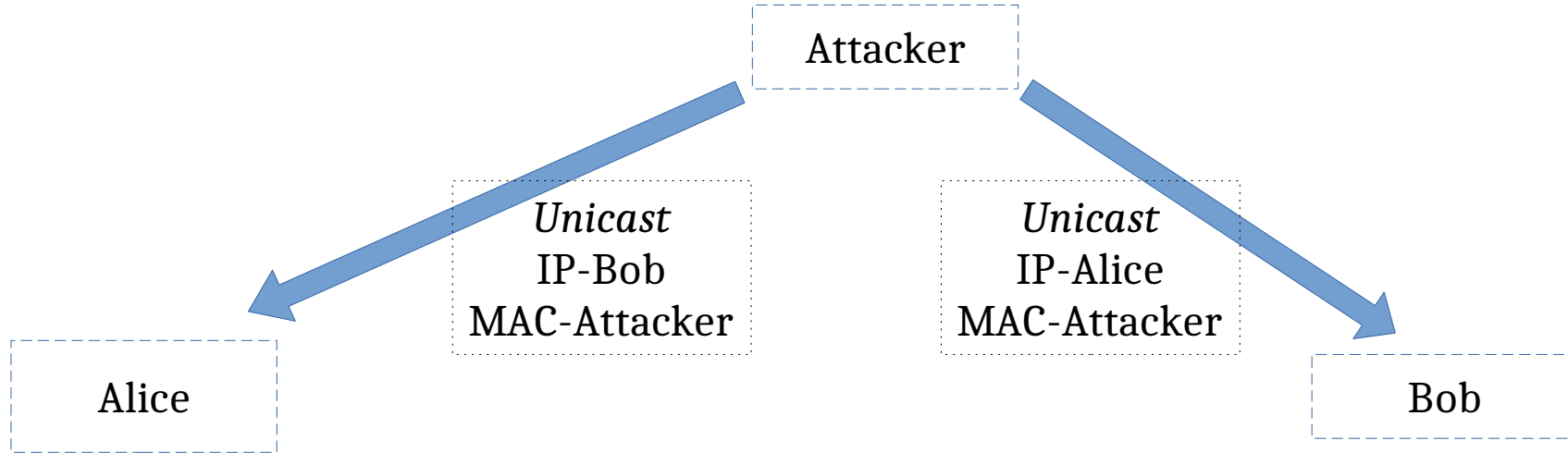
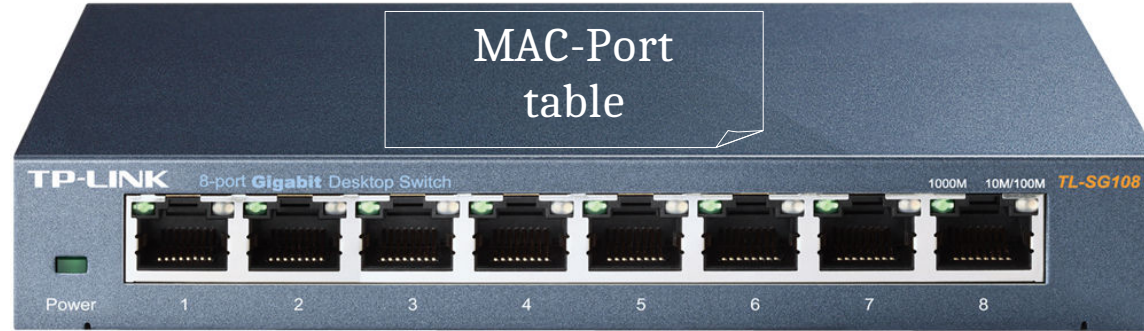
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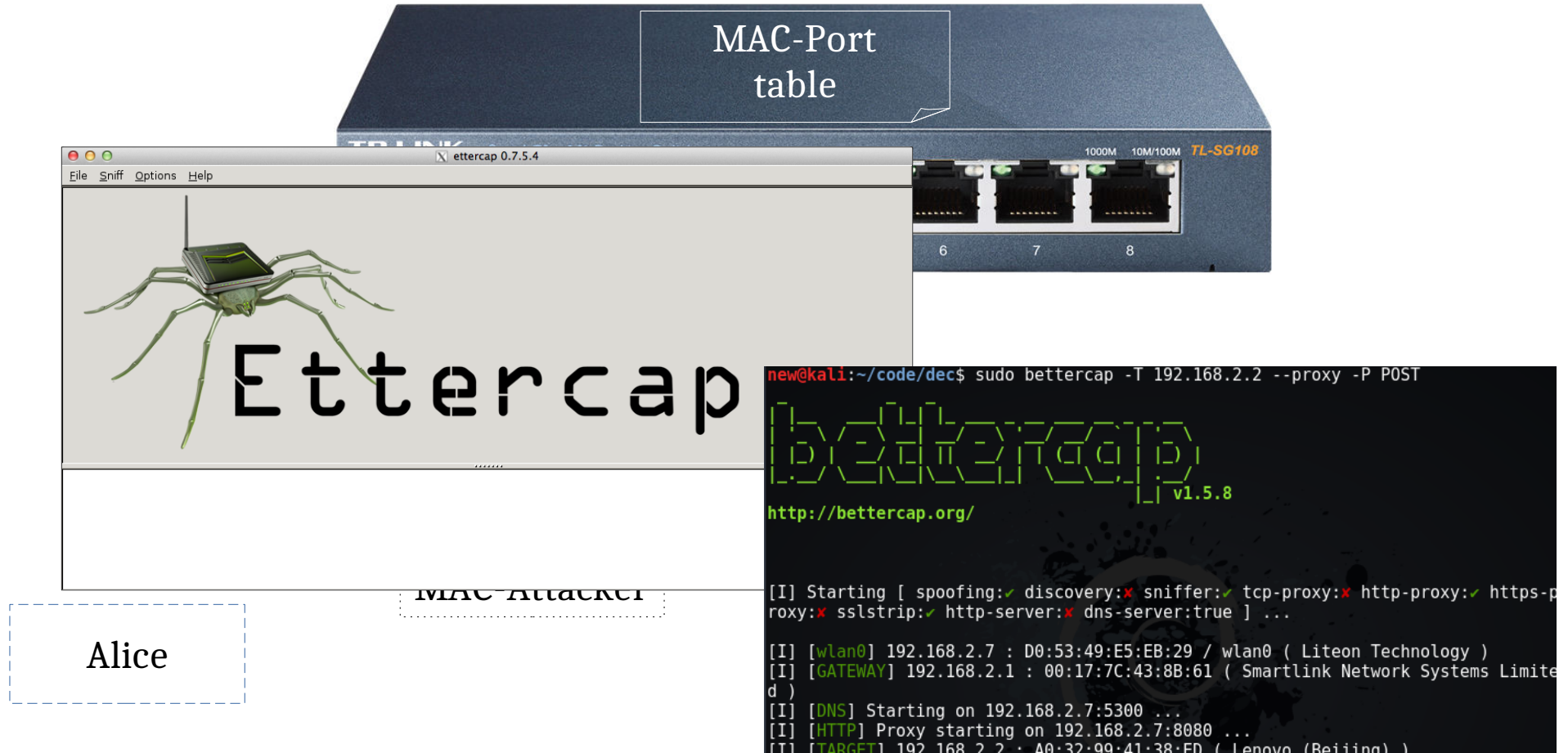
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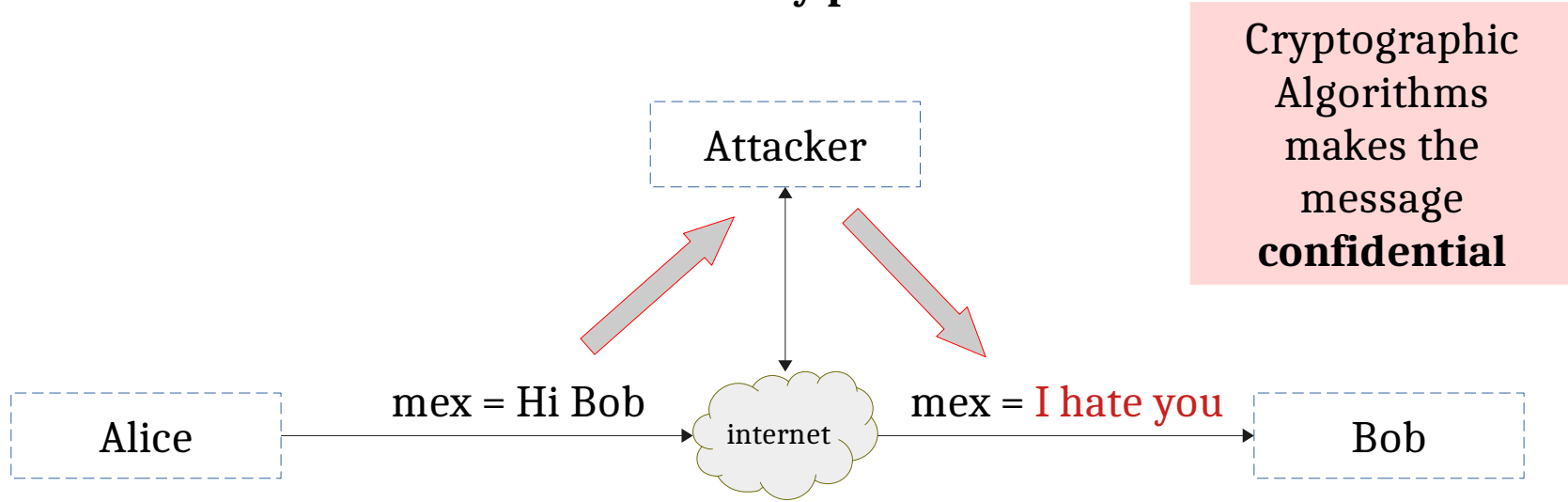


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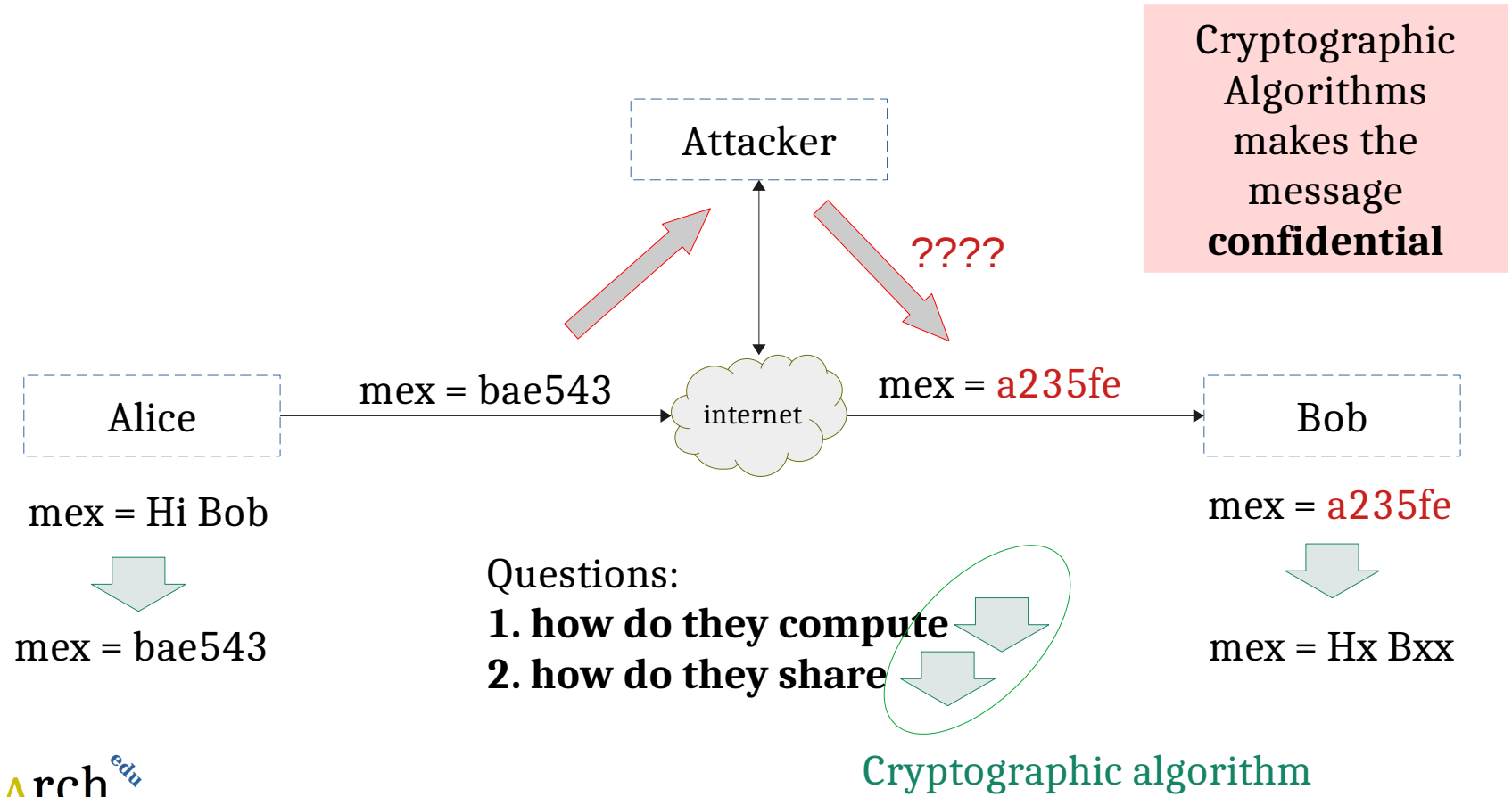
## Back to our Example

### NO security protocol



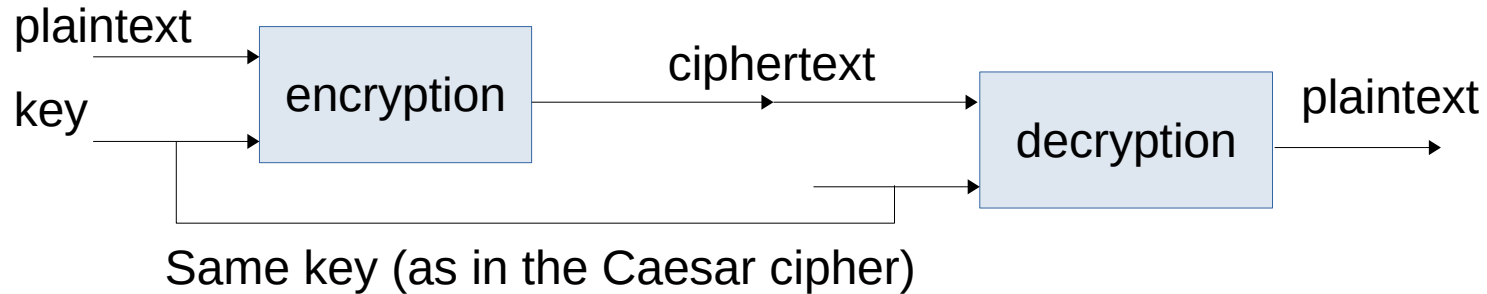
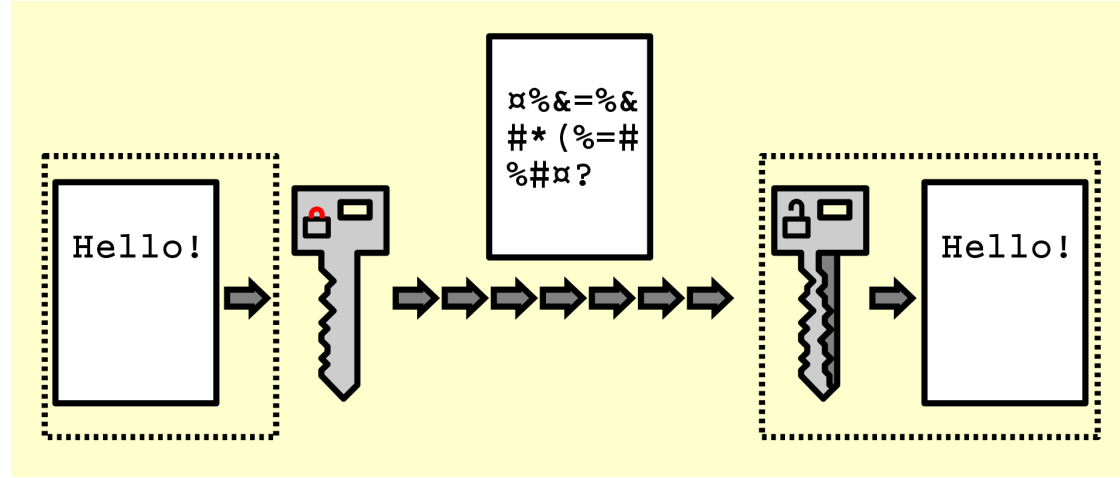


# Using Cryptography - Confidentiality





# Encryption/Decryption



# One-Time Pad

## encryption

		H	E	L	L	0	message				
	7	(H)	4	(E)	11	(L)	14	(O)	message		
+	23	(X)	12	(M)	2	(C)	10	(K)	11	(L)	key
=	30		16		13		21		25		message + key
=	4	(E)	16	(Q)	13	(N)	21	(V)	25	(Z)	(message + key) mod 26
		E		Q		N		V		Z	→ ciphertext

## decryption

	E	Q	N	V	Z	ciphertext
	4 (E)	16 (Q)	13 (N)	21 (V)	25 (Z)	ciphertext
-	23 (X)	12 (M)	2 (C)	10 (K)	11 (L)	key
=	-19	4	11	11	14	ciphertext - key
=	7 (H)	4 (E)	11 (L)	11 (L)	14 (O)	ciphertext - key (mod 26)
	H	E	L	L	O	→ message

# One-Time Pad

## encryption

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	7 (H)	4 (E)	11 (L)	11 (L)	14 (O)	message
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$=$	30	16	13	21	25	message + key
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Different operations but same key!  
**Symmetric (key) Encryption**

# Shortcomings of Symmetric Encryption

Whoever has the key  
can decrypt the messages

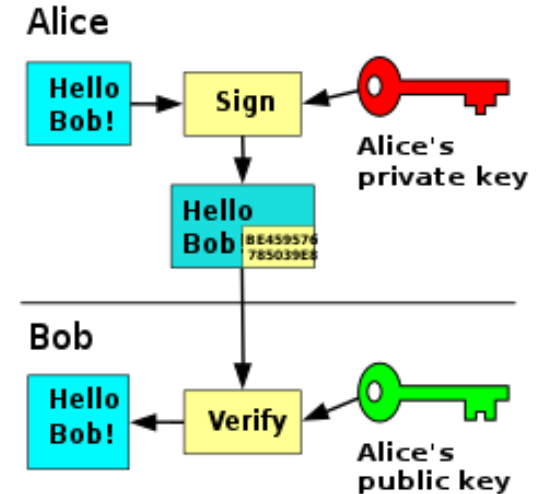
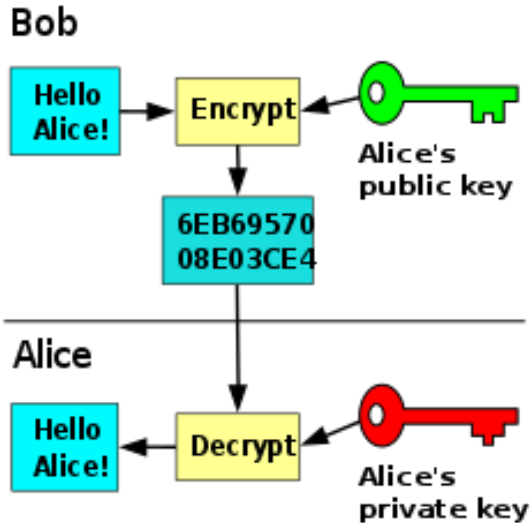
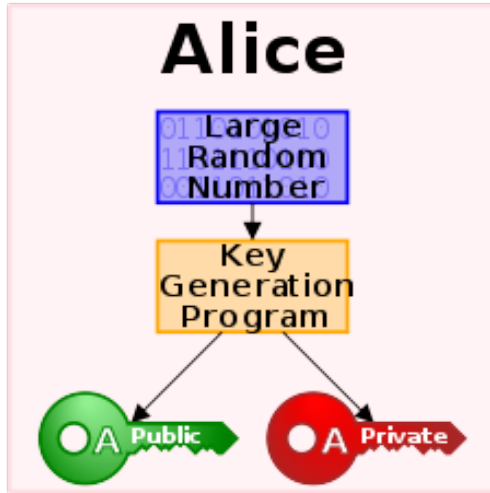
The KGB often issued its agents one-time pads printed on tiny sheets of flash paper, paper chemically converted to nitrocellulose, which burns almost instantly and leaves no ash

Still... if someone gets the key...

decryption

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# Public Key Encryption a.k.a. Asymmetric (key) Encryption



- Public keys cannot be used to decrypt what they have encrypted
- So, You can **freely share your public key**

# Public Key Infrastructures

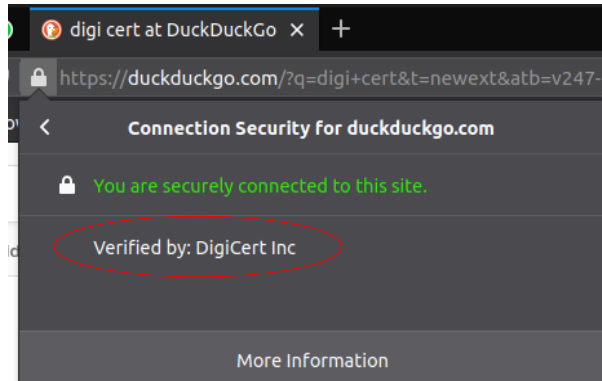
Q) Is public key encryption the new 42?

A) Well... it's **slower** than symmetric key encryption

Q) Why don't we use asymmetric encryption to exchange symmetric keys?

A) What a great idea!

## Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)



Subject Name	
Country	US
State/Province	Pennsylvania
Locality	Paoli
Organization	Duck Duck Go, Inc.
Common Name	*.duckduckgo.com

Public Key Info	
Algorithm	RSA
Key Size	2048
Exponent	65537
Modulus	AE:25:F8:F2:28:B4:61:93:4D:41:AA:75:5F:23:6F:17:6C:5C:11:3F:5B:F3:1C:83:...

## At least, read this definitions before the exam

- **Encryption:** the process of converting a plaintext into the corresponding ciphertext in such a way that only authorized entities can obtain the plaintext from the ciphertext
- **Decryption:** the process of converting a ciphertext into the corresponding plaintext
- **Steganography:** the process of concealing information
  - **Security by obscurity:** the belief that cybersecurity can be achieved by hiding sensitive information
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- **Symmetric Encryption:** use the same key to encrypt/decrypt.
- **Asymmetric Encryption:** use a pair of public and private keys to encrypt decrypt resp.
- **Symmetric Enc. is relatively slower than Asymmetric**
- **OTP:** a symmetric key encryption scheme