Mobile Application Development Junior infants crypto maths

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Learning objectives

An overview of:

- Mathematics underlying encryption.
- Extremely simple explanations.
- Real-world encryption uses huge numbers:
- Example: 600 digits; 2000 bits.
- We work with smallest possible quantities for learning purpose.
- We provide examples of:
  - Prime numbers.
  - Generators.
  - Modular arithmetic.
  - Symmetric key encryption.
  - Public key encryption.
  - Hashing

Number Theory

The briefest of introductions

Number Theory

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Prime number

- Natural numbers: whole numbers: $0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$
- Prime: natural number divisible only by itself and one.
- Examples of primes: $2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13$
- 4 is not prime because it is divisible by 2.
- Zero and one are not considered primes.

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Prime number

- There is an infinite number of primes.
- Primes still being discovered.
- Structure of pattern of primes still unsolved.
- In real-world cryptography huge prime numbers are used.
- Typically 600 digits, approximately 2000 bits.
- We will work with very small primes.

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Prime number

- All natural numbers are either prime or composite numbers.
- A number not a prime number is a composite.
- Prime: 7 because factors are itself and one only.
- Composite: 8 because factors are $1, 2, 4, 8$ and so not prime.

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Euclid's discoveries (300 BC)

- Realized all numbers prime or composite.
- Any number repeatedly divisible until set primes arrived at.
- $15 = 3 + 3 + 3$
- $25 = 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5$
- $49 = 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7$

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Euclid Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic)

- 30 = 2 x 15 (The prime 2 added 15 times)
- 30 = 3 x 10 (The prime 3 added 10 times)
- 30 = 5 x 6 (The prime 5 added 6 times)
- 2, 3 and 5 are the prime factors of 30.

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Euclid Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic)

- 2 x 3 x 5 is prime factorization of 30.
- Every number has one & only one prime factorization.
- Unique: no two numbers have same factorization.
- Analogy: each number different lock with unique key.
- The unique key: the prime factors.
- No two locks share same key.
- No two numbers share prime same factorization.

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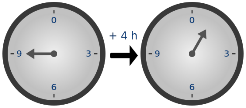
Modular arithmetic

- Also referred to as *clock* arithmetic.
- Number wraps around when modulus reached.
- In case of 12-hour clock the modulus is 12
- Valid range numbers is 0 to 11.
- Example modular addition:
  - $9 + 2 \bmod 12 = 11$
  - $9 + 3 \bmod 12 = 0$
  - $9 + 4 \bmod 12 = 1$



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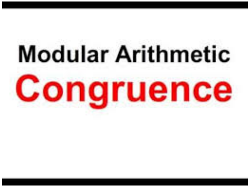
Modular arithmetic

- Java uses % operator for modular arithmetic.
- Example where modulus is 12:
  - 15 % 12 is 3
  - 3 is the remainder when 15 divided by 12.
  - Also expressed as 15 mod 12
- So 15 mod 12 is congruent to 3.
- Which may be expressed as 15 mod 12 $\equiv$ 3.



Hashing

What are hashes & how are they generated?

Hash & Hash Algorithms

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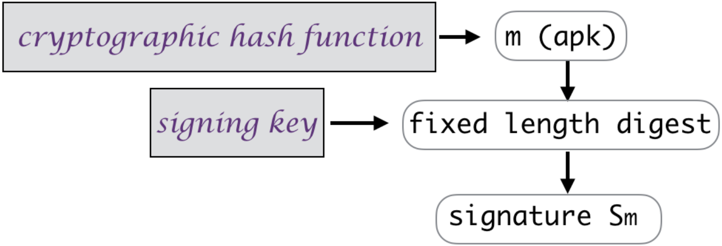
Signing



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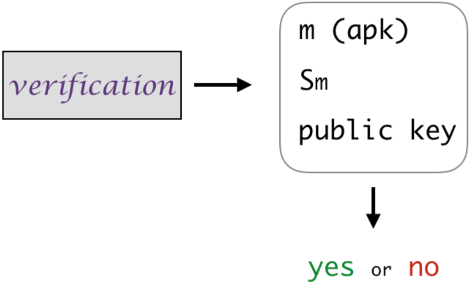
Verifying



Symmetric Key Encryption

Example using one-time pad

Symmetric Key Encryption

One Time Pad

Key same length as plaintext

Exclusive OR denoted by $\oplus$.

- m denotes plaintext or message text
- k denotes key
- c denotes the cipher text or encrypted message
- $c = m \oplus k$

a	b	$a \oplus b$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

m	0	1	1	0	1	1
k	1	0	1	1	0	0
c	1	1	0	1	1	1

One Time Pad

Key same length as plaintext

Observe from table:

- $c = m \oplus k$
- $m = c \oplus k$

m	0	1	1	0	1	1
k	1	0	1	1	0	0
c	1	1	0	1	1	1
$c \oplus k$	0	1	1	0	1	1

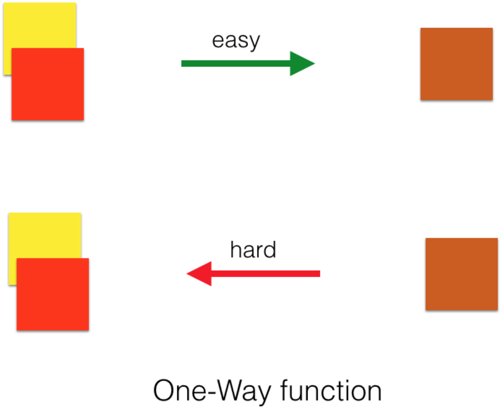
Key Exchange

Discovered independently by Diffie & Hellman (Stanford) & Christopher Cocks (GCHQ)

Diffie-Hellman

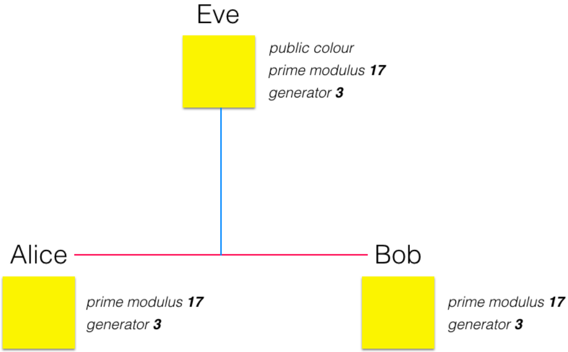
Key Exchange

Uses One-Way Function



Key Exchange

One-Way Function - underlying mathematical theory



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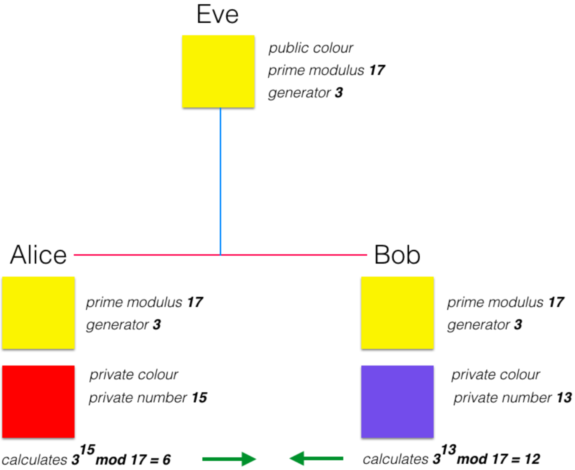

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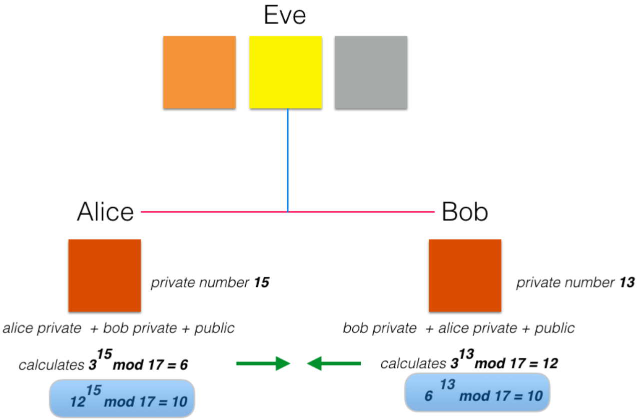


Alice's & Bob's shared secret key

Key Exchange

Diffie-Hellman & Christopher Cocks

Diffie-Hellman

- **Public:** g and p
- **Private:** Alice's exponent a, Bob's exponent b

$g^a \bmod p$ →

← $g^b \bmod p$

Alice, a — Bob, b

- Alice computes $(g^b)^a = g^{ba} = g^{ab} \bmod p$
- Bob computes $(g^a)^b = g^{ab} \bmod p$
- Use $K = g^{ab} \bmod p$ as symmetric key

RSA Encryption

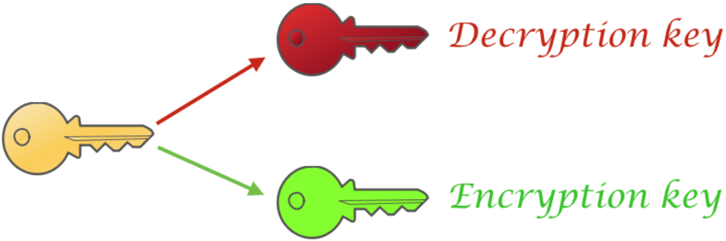
Discovered by Rivest, Shamir, Adleman (RSA) & Christopher Cocks (GCHQ)

$\mathcal{RSA}$

RSA Encryption

public-private key pair

- Ron **R**ivest, Adi **S**hamir & Leonard **A**dleman
- Key generator produces two components.
- The private (secret) key (SK) used to decrypt.
- The public key (PK) used to encrypt.
- Keys have inverse functionality.
  - Encrypt with PK => decrypt with SK.
  - Sign (encrypt) with SK => verify (decrypt) with PK.



RSA Encryption

Mathematical explanation

- Let modulus be 14.
- Alice uses key generator to output public-private key pair.
- Gives (somehow) public key to Bob.
  - Private key: (11, 14)
  - Public key: (5, 14)
  - There is a mathematical relationship between the 11 & 5.
  - Explanation: beyond scope of course.
  - Explained in KhanAcademy Brit Cruise course referenced below.

RSA Encryption

Mathematical explanation

Bob encrypts plaintext 2 using public key (5, 14):

$$
\begin{aligned}
c &= 2^5 \mathit{mod}\, 14 \\
&= 4
\end{aligned}
$$

Hint: Use Paul Trow's online modular arithmetic calculator:

`https`://goo.gl/MhfqcO

RSA Encryption

Mathematical explanation

Alice uses private key (11, 14) to decrypt $c = 4$:

$$
\begin{aligned}
m &= 4^{11} mode\, 14 \\
&= 2
\end{aligned}
$$

RSA Encryption

Mathematical explanation

Alice uses private key (11, 14) to sign (encrypt) a message $m = 2$:

$$
\begin{aligned}
c &= 2^{11} \, mode \, 14 \\
&= 4
\end{aligned}
$$

Bob verifies signed message 4 using public key (5, 14):

$$
\begin{aligned}
m &= 4^{5} \, mod \, 14 \\
&= 2 \ (verified)
\end{aligned}
$$

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