

Mobile Application Development Sign Your App

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Learning objectives

An overview of:

- Symmetric key encryption
- Public key encryption
- Cryptographic hash function
- Exchange secret key in public channel
- Review programming module crypto
- Certificates
- Signing app
- Key storage and security

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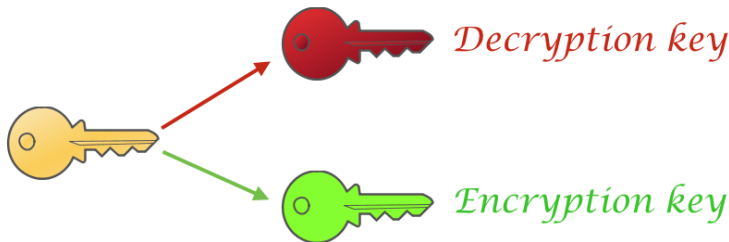
Android Studio

Android Studio APK Signing

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Public Key Encryption

- Two related keys used.
- A private (secret) key (SK) used to decrypt.
- A public key (PK) used to encrypt.
- Keys have inverse functionality.
 - Encrypt with PK \Rightarrow decrypt with SK.
 - Sign (encrypt) with SK \Rightarrow verify (decrypt) with PK.



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Certificates and Keystores

Public-key certificate

- Also known as:
 - Digital certificate
 - Identity certificate
- Comprises:
 - Public key
 - Meta data
- Certificate owner:
 - Uses private (secret) key

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Certificates and Keystores

- Android studio includes signing tool.
- Configurable auto or manual.
- App may also be signed using commandline tools.
- Attaches digital certificate to APK.
- Certificate acts as digital fingerprint or signature.
- Uniquely associates APK to author and its private key.
- Verifies future app updates authentic.
- Same certificate must be used during entire app life.

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Digital Signature Scheme

Digital Signature Scheme comprises 3 algorithms:

- Public-private key-pair generator.
- Signing algorithm:
 - Input: message + private key.
 - Output: signature.
- Signature verifying algorithm:
 - Input: message + public key + signature.
 - Output: message authentic? Yes:No.

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Digital Signature Scheme

Android implementation (v1):

- Up to and including Marshmallow.
- Uses standard Java Development Kit (JDK) tools:
 - *jarsigner* : signs message.
 - *jarsigner* : verifies authenticity of message.

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Digital Signature Scheme

Android implementation (v2):

- Applies to Nougat (7.0).
- New app signing scheme.
- Recommended but not mandatory.
 - APK hashed and signed.
 - Resulting *APK Signing Block* inserted in APK.
 - Backward compatible.

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Run and build from Android Studio IDE

- Uses **debug** version apk.
- Auto signs apk with debug certificate.
- Debug cert stored in debug keystore.
- All signing data auto generated.
- Debug unacceptable Google Play Store.

Run 'app' (^R)



Debug 'app' (^D)

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Certificates and Keystores - Release build

- Android Studio generates keystore.
- On signing, use keystore and private key.
- Individually password protect store and private keys.
- Consider using password manager.
- Loss of passwords or keys potentially catastrophic.

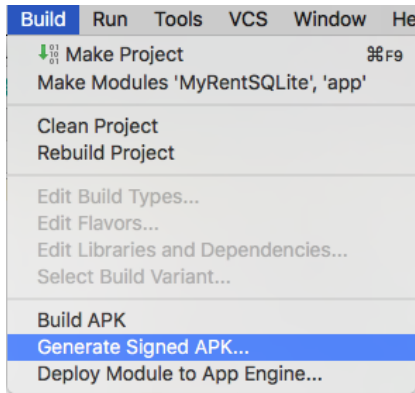
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Certificate usage

- Sign all your APKs with same cert.
 - Throughout entire app lifespan.
- Facilitates upgrades.
 - Avoids loss installed client base
- Takes advantage of signature-based permissions policy.
 - Apps can share code and data securely.
- Facilitates modularization.
 - Multiple apps runnable as one in same process.

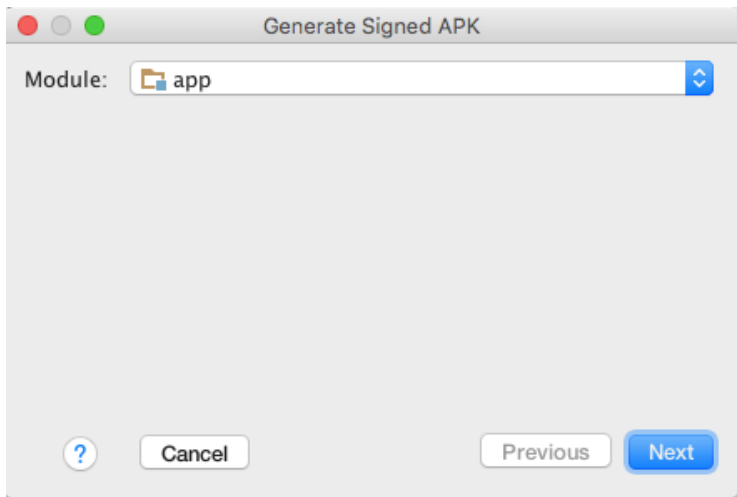
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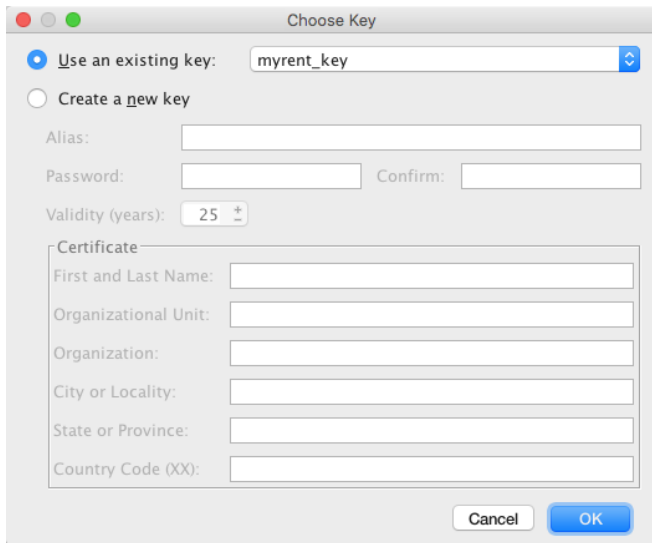
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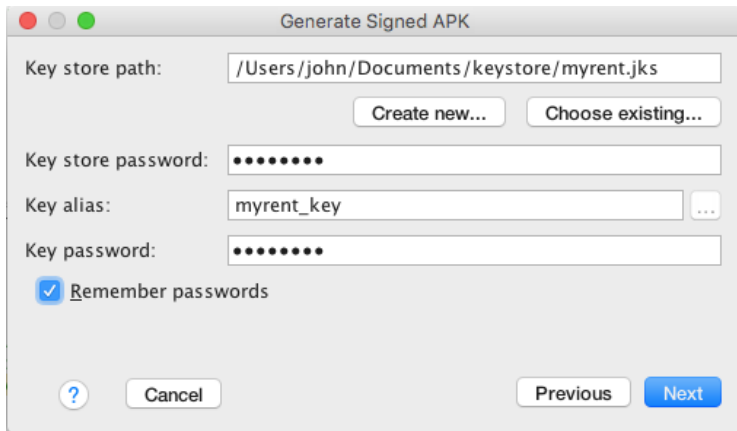


The screenshot shows a 'Choose Key' dialog box with the following elements:

- Radio button ☒ **Use an existing key:** with a text field containing 'myrent_key' and a dropdown arrow.
- Radio button ☐ **Create a new key**
- Text field for **Alias:**
- Text fields for **Password:** and **Confirm:**
- Text field for **Validity (years):** with the value '25' and a spinner.
- A section titled **Certificate** containing text fields for:
 - First and Last Name:**
 - Organizational Unit:**
 - Organization:**
 - City or Locality:**
 - State or Province:**
 - Country Code (XX):**
- Cancel** and **OK** buttons at the bottom right.

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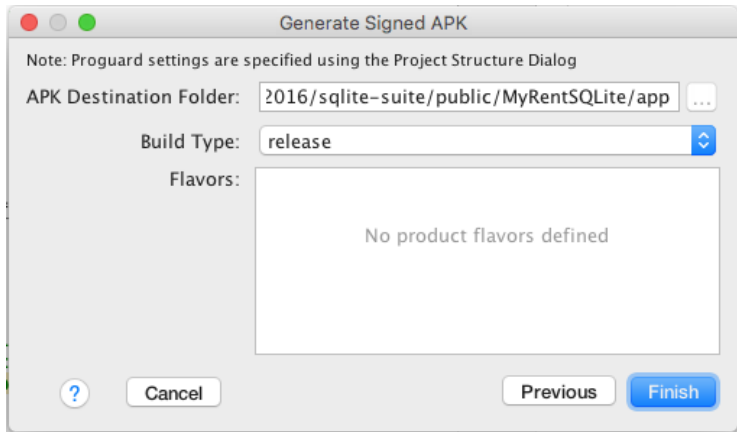


The screenshot shows the 'Generate Signed APK' dialog box in Android Studio. The dialog has a title bar with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons). The main content area contains the following fields and controls:

- Key store path:** A text field containing the path `/Users/john/Documents/keystore/myrent.jks`. Below this field are two buttons: **Create new...** and **Choose existing...**.
- Key store password:** A text field filled with ten black dots, indicating a masked password.
- Key alias:** A text field containing the text `myrent_key`. To the right of the field is a small button with three dots.
- Key password:** A text field filled with ten black dots, indicating a masked password.
- Remember passwords:** A checkbox with a blue checkmark, labeled **Remember passwords**.
- Navigation buttons:** At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: a help button (a circle with a question mark), a **Cancel** button, and a **Next** button (which is highlighted in blue).



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**Generate Signed APK**
APK(s) generated successfully.
[Reveal in Finder](#)

Name	^	Date Modified	Size	Kind
 app-release.apk		13:10	1.2 MB	Document
 app.iml		13:10	10 KB	Document
▶  build		Yesterday	--	Folder
 build.gradle		08/10/2016	562 bytes	Sublim...ument
▶  libs		08/10/2016	--	Folder
 proguard-rules.pro		08/10/2016	662 bytes	Document
▶  src		08/10/2016	--	Folder

Key store and private keys

Password management

- Passwords - critically important to:
 - Retain securely,
 - Retain indefinitely.
- Consider using password manager.
- Password Safe (Windows): <https://pwsafe.org/>
- Gorilla (Cross platform): <http://bit.ly/2elPsav>
- pwSafe (Mac & iOS): <https://pwsafe.info/>

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Digital Signature

- Electronic analogue of physical signature
- Binds document & identity
- Not easily forged
- Various digital signature schemes:
 - Rivest, Shamir, Adleman (RSA)
 - Digital Signature Standard (DSS)

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Digital Certificate

- Electronic document that can prove ownership.
- Pair of associated electronic keys used.
- Private key and public key.
- Signing tool attaches certificate to apk.

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Digital Certificate

- Signed apk uniquely associated with signing author.
- Prevents forgery.
- Ensures any updates originate from signing author.

Supporting cryptograpic technology

A brief exploration

Basics of Cryptographic Technology

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Three types cryptography

Single key used for both encryption and decryption.

Symmetric key cryptography



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Three types cryptography

Key pair: secret and public.

Public key cryptography (asymmetric)


plaintext (m)  ciphertext (c)  plaintext (m)

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Three types cryptography

Public cryptographic hash function used. No key - plaintext not recoverable.

Hash function (one-way)

plaintext (m)  ciphertext (c)

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Cryptographic hash function

- Uses include digital signatures, message authentication.
- Hash function maps any-size data to fixed-size data.
- Function output: hash values, codes, sums or hashes.
- Also input: message; output (message) digest.
- Collision-resistant: 2 inputs same output hard to find.
- Output does not leak input information.
- Output looks random.
- Small input change - large output change.

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Public key cryptography

Cryptographic system that:

- Uses associated pair of keys - public & private.
- Public key may be distributed widely.
- Private key should be kept secure by owner.

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Public key cryptography

Document encrypted using public key:

- Use private key to decrypt.

Document encrypted using private key:

- Use public key to decrypt.
- This is essence of digital signing.

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Encountered to date in programming module

- Caesar cipher
- Vigenere cipher
- One-time pad (OTP)

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Caesar cipher

- Message text or plain text
- Cipher text: encrypted plain text
- Encrypt: shift plain text character
- Example: shift by 3 thus A becomes D



Vigenere Cipher

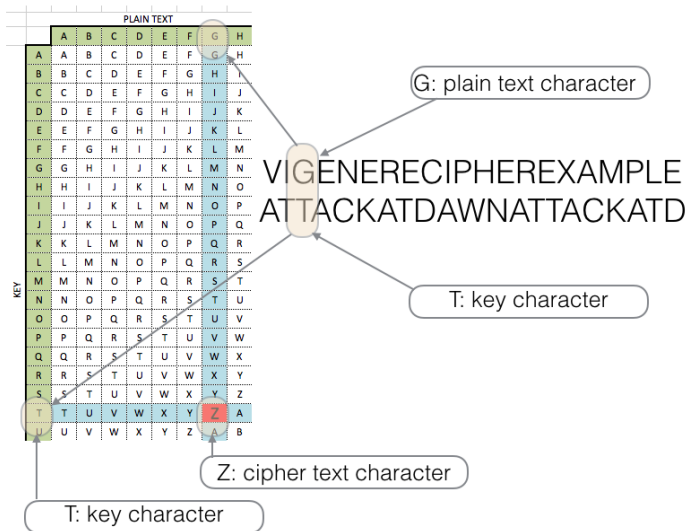
Key length matches plain text

- Plain text
 - VIGENERECIPHEREXAMPLE
- Key same length plaintext
 - ATTACKATDAWNATTACKATD

PLAIN TEXT																										
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Vigenere Cipher

Encryption - Decryption



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Encountered to date in course

Potentially perfect secrecy - but practical difficulties.

- One-time pad (OTP)

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:

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

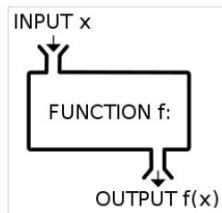
m	0	1	1	0	1	1
k	1	0	1	1	0	0
c	1	1	0	1	1	1
$c \oplus k$	0	1	1	0	1	1

Hashing

What are hashes & how are they generated?

- What is a hash?
 - A fixed-length string.
 - The output from a function.
 - Known as hash function.
 - Whose input is a string of any length.

x: variable-length string

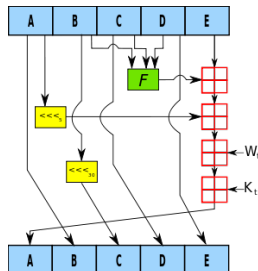


f(x): fixed-length string

Hashing example

Git versioning system uses SHA-1 hash function.

- Git uses SHA-1 hash function.
 - Purpose: ensure consistency.
 - Input: any number of bytes.
 - Output: 20-bytes.



SHA-1 hashing examples

Observe differences between inputs and outputs

ICTSkills-2015

c83007996185ec1269ae9d1e78ef12d51ac0b078

ICTSkills-2016

33f87c1b7e03bc33b34e62313a638123260ca0b0

Hash algorithm

The internals of a hash function

- Hash algorithm
 - Algorithm: series of computations.
 - Producing solution to problem.
 - Hash algorithm: the internals of hash function.

Hashes

What are they used for?

- Hashes are used:
 - To ensure data & message integrity.
 - To validate passwords.
 - In signing Android APKs.

Hashing

Hash function properties

- One-way functions.
 - Easy to compute output given an input.
 - Difficult to compute input given output.
- Small input variation.
- Result: large output variation.

Creating shared secret key

Diffie-Hellman key exchange

Diffie-Hellman

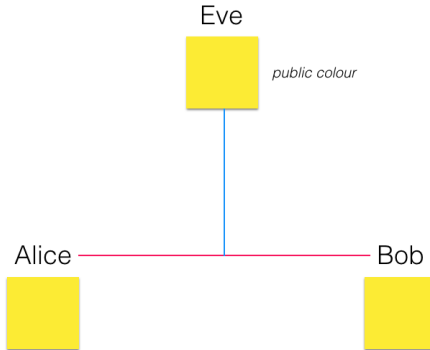
Creating shared secret key

Diffie-Hellman key exchange

- Securely exchange cryptographic keys over public channel
- PK crypto envisaged by James Ellis & mathematically proven by Clifford Cocks in GCHQ (1973).
- Malcolm Williamson in attempting to disprove PK discovered secure key exchange (1973).
- Immediately classified but made public in 1997.
- Independently discovered by Whitfield Diffie & Martin Hellman (1976).

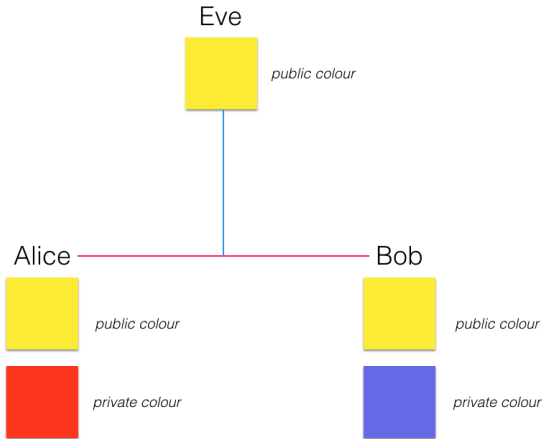
Key exchange explained using colours

A random colour published



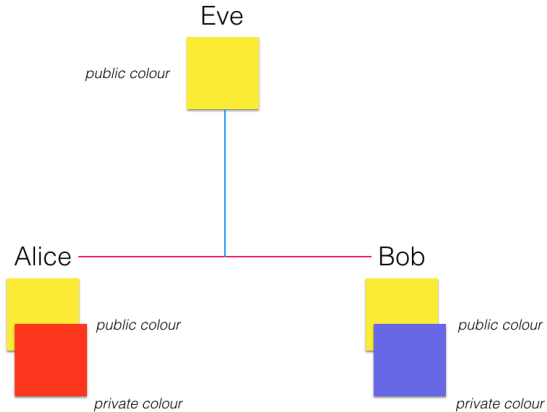
key exchange

Alice & Bob each randomly select a secret colour



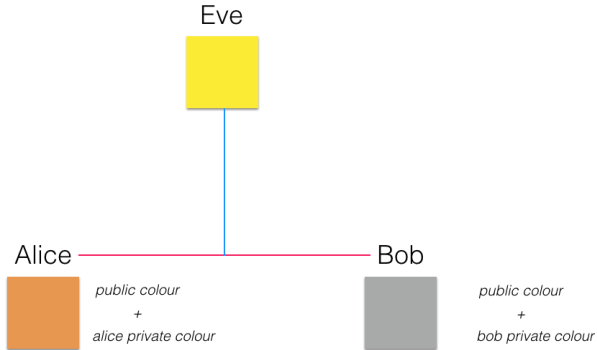
Key exchange

Alice & Bob mix public colour and secret colour - this is **easy**



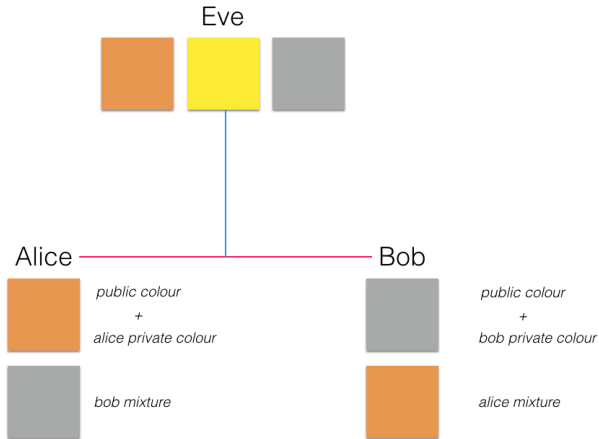
Key exchange

Alice's & Bob's mixed colours - finding original colours is **hard**



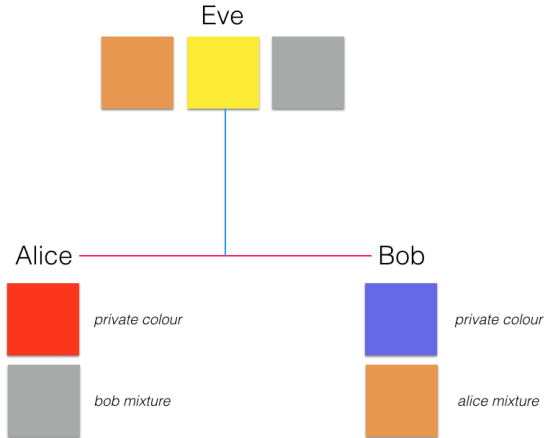
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Alice sends Bob her mixed colour - Bob sends Alice his mixed colour



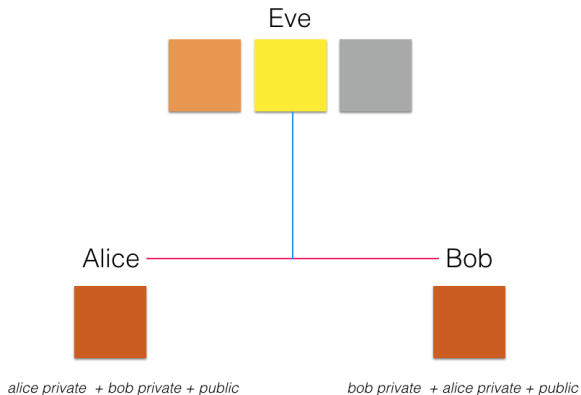
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Alice & Bob each add private colour to mixed colors



Key exchange

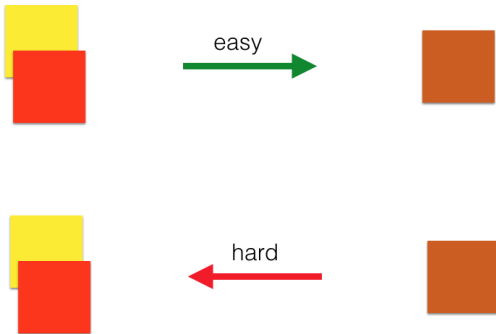
The two final mixtures are exactly the same colour - this is shared secret key



Alice's & Bob's shared secret key

Key Exchange

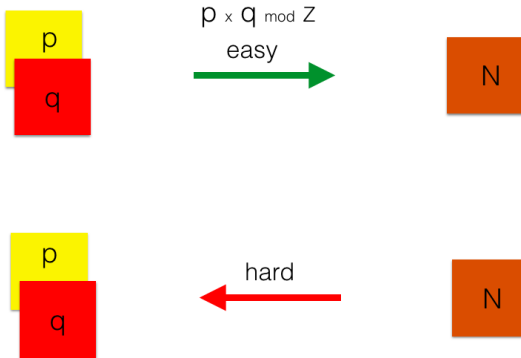
Uses One-Way Function



One-Way function

Key Exchange

Uses One-Way Function



One-Way function

Public Key Cryptography

Public-private key pair

RSA

RSA Encryption

public-private key pair

Alice:

- Creates lock & key
- Key is private.
- Kept securely.
- Lock is public.



RSA Encryption

public-private key pair

Alice:

- Sends open lock to Bob.
- Could send same lock multiple people.



RSA Encryption

public-private key pair

Bob:

- Locks message.
- Returns to Alice.



RSA Encryption

public-private key pair

Alice:

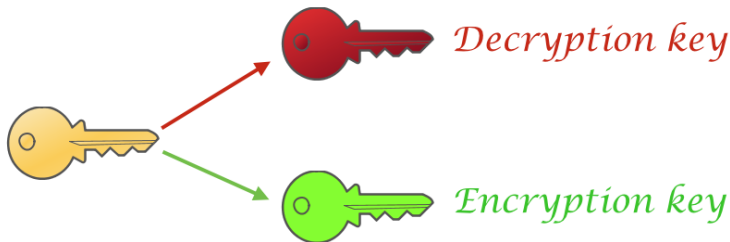
- Uses secret key.
- Unlocks Bob's message.
- Could unlock many messages.
- Secured with same lock.



RSA Encryption

Public Key Cryptography (PK)

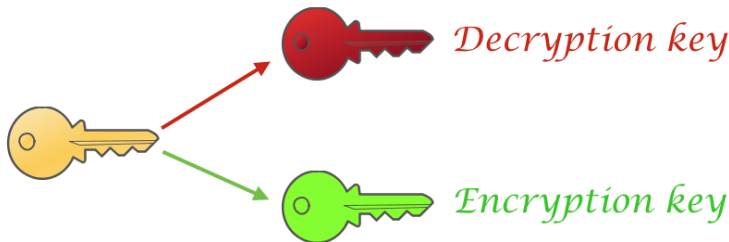
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RSA Encryption

Public Key Cryptography (PK)

- 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 \Rightarrow decrypt with SK.
 - Sign (encrypt) with SK \Rightarrow verify (decrypt) with PK.



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