

# Cryptography and Network Security

## Lab 6

### Digital Signature

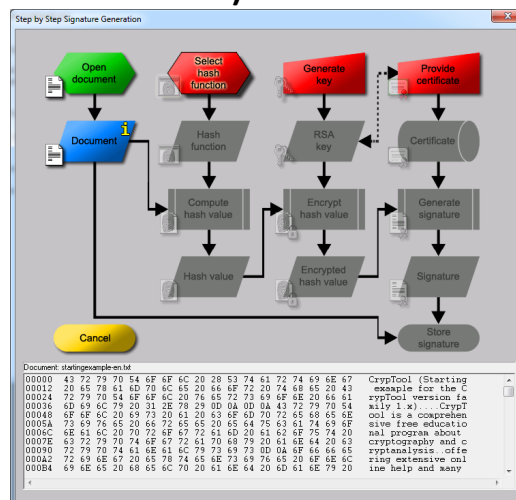
## INTRODUCTION

A digital signature is a mathematical scheme for demonstrating the authenticity of digital messages or documents. A valid digital signature gives a recipient reason to believe that the message was created by a known sender (authentication), that the sender cannot deny having sent the message (non-repudiation), and that the message was not altered in transit (integrity).

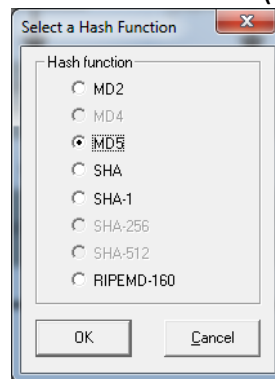
## EXPERIENCE

### A. Digital Signature Visualization

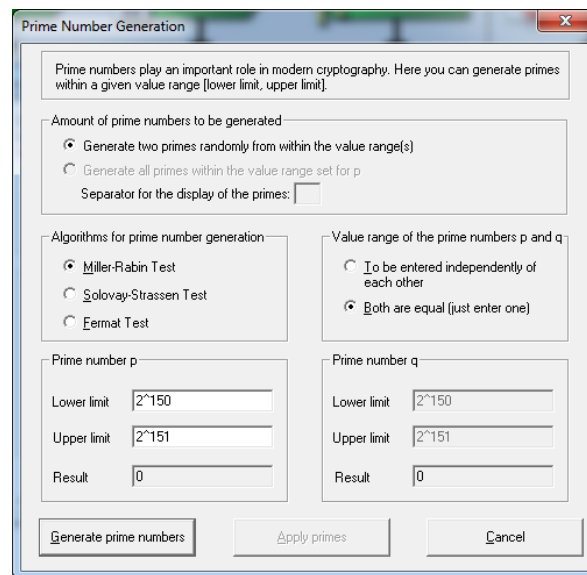
1. Select from menu of CrypTool “Digital Signatures/PKI” \ “Signature Demonstration (Signature Generation)”



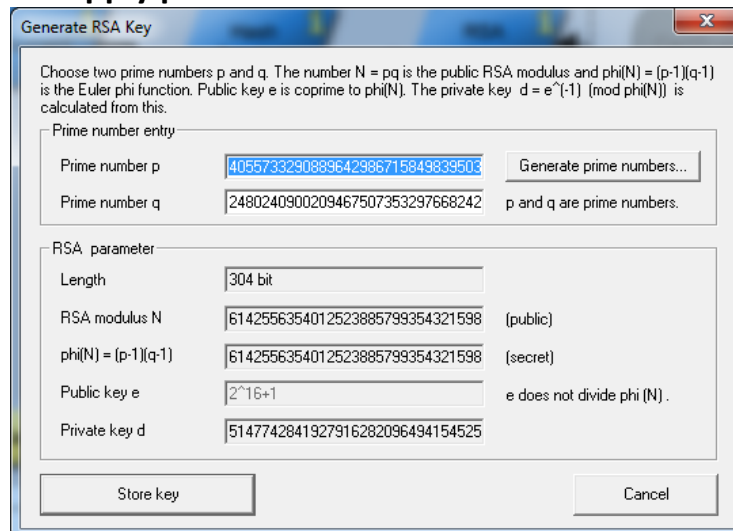
2. Click on “**Select hash function**”. Choose **MD5** (or others) and click **OK**.



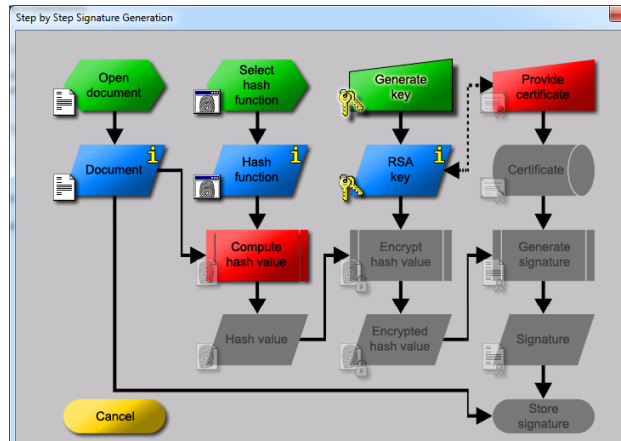
3. Click “**Generate Key**” and “**Generate prime numbers**” in **step by step Signature Generation** dialog.



4. Enter **2<sup>150</sup>** as the lower limit and **2<sup>151</sup>** as upper limit. And click **Generate prime numbers** and **apply primes**.



5. Click **Store key** button.



6. Click **Provide certificate** button. Enter  
Name: **Smith** - First name: **Mary** - Key identifier: **Mary key**  
PIN: **cryptool** - PIN verification: **cryptool**

Public RSA parameter

Bit length: 304 bit

RSA modulus N: 61425563540125238857935432159827719944783292887045616641936

Public key e: 65537

Personal data for the certificate

Name: Smith

First name: Mary

Key identifier: Mary key (optional)

PIN: cryptool

PIN verification: cryptool

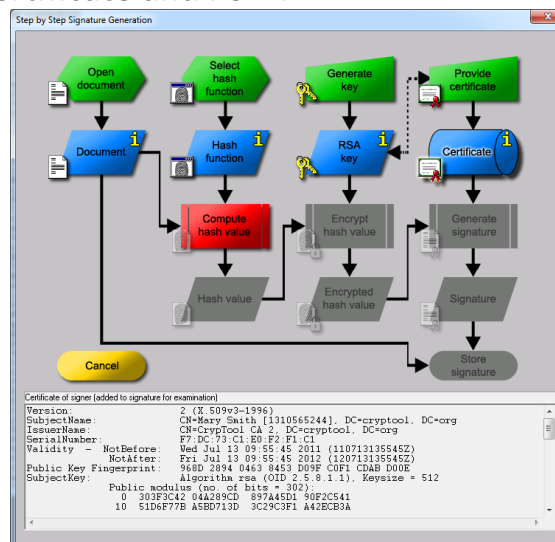
Generated names for PSE and certificate

User Key ID: [Smith][Mary][RSA-304][1310565244][Mary key]

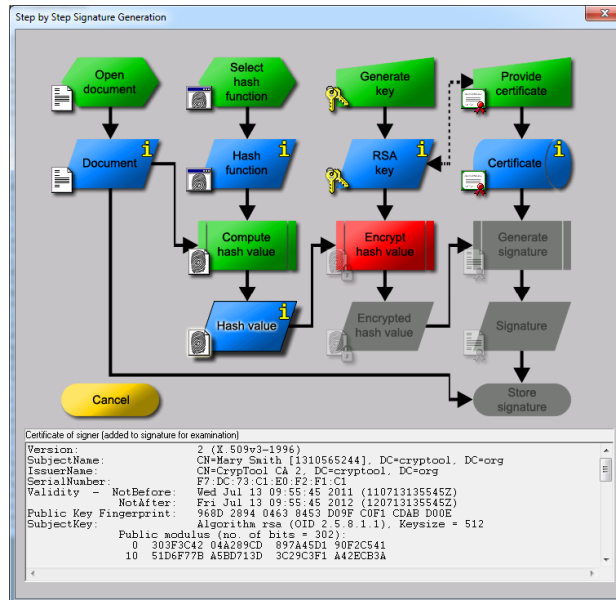
Distinguished Name: CN=Mary Smith [1310565244], DC=cryptool, DC=org

Create Certificate and PSE Import certificate and key Cancel

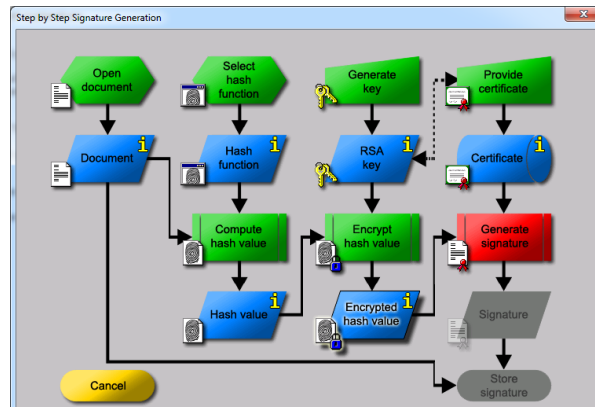
7. And click **“Create Certificate and PSE”**.



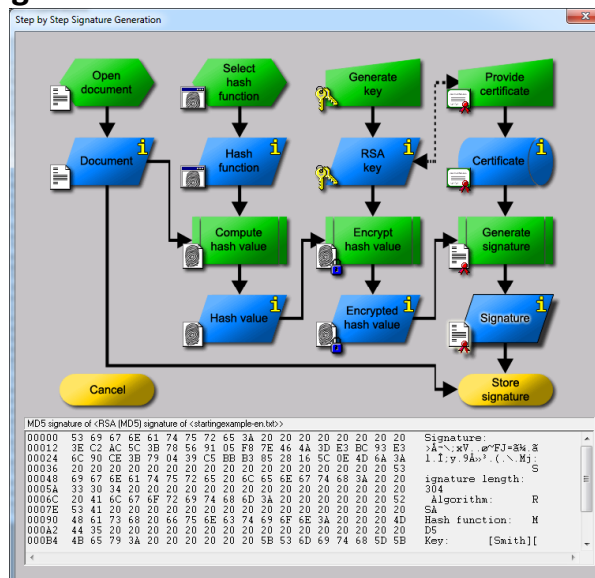
8. click **“Compute hash value”**.



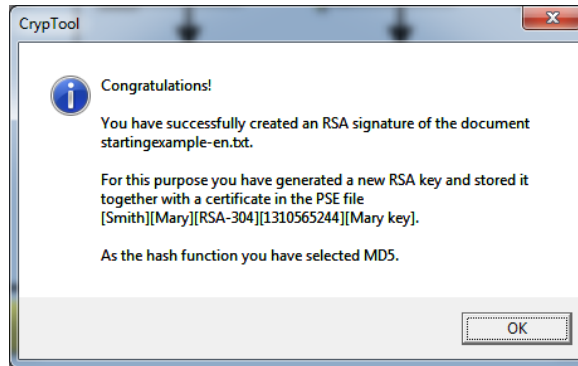
9. Click **“Encrypt hash value”**.



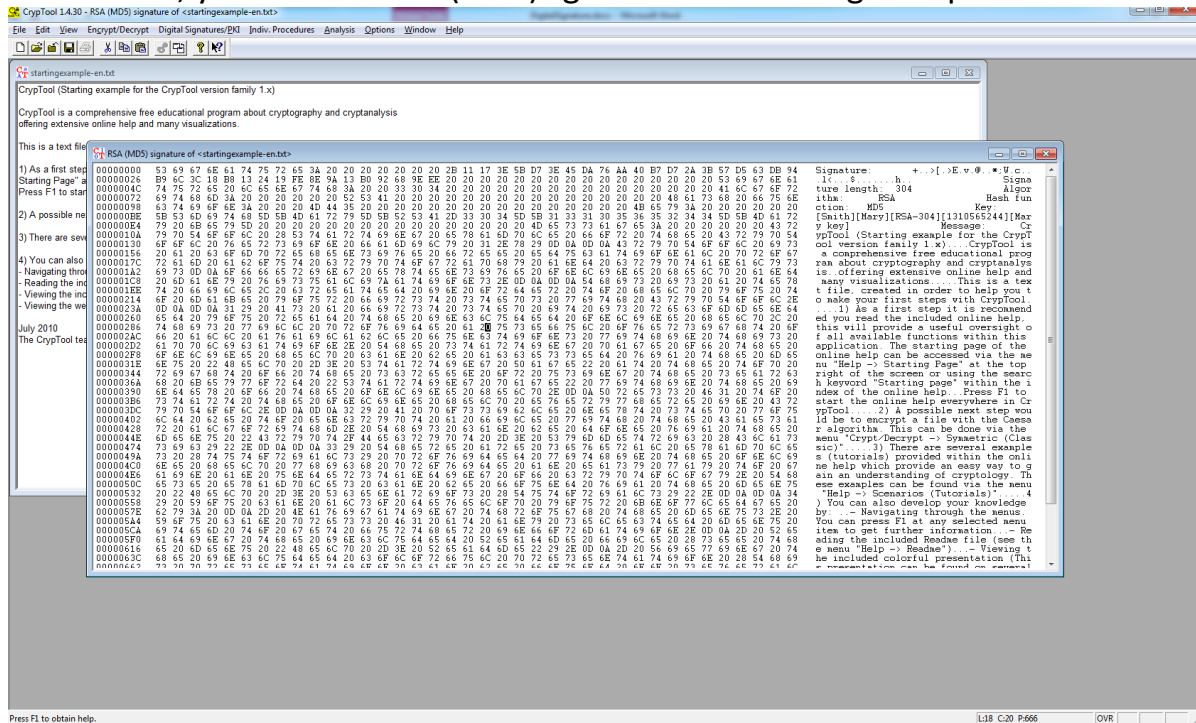
10. Click **“Generate signature”**.



## 11. Click “Store signature”.

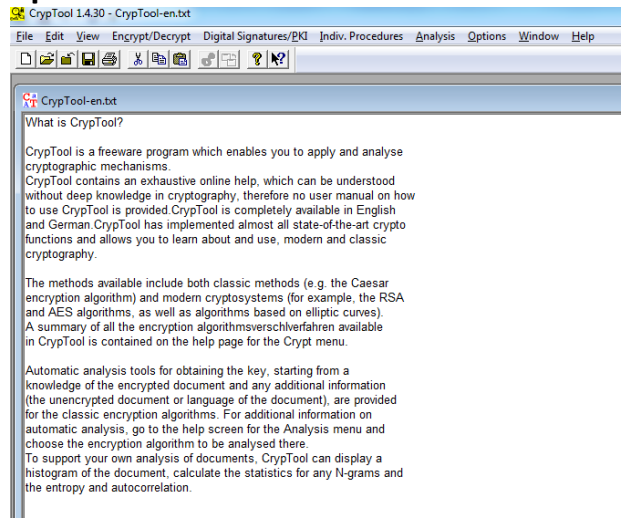


## 12 click “OK”, you will see RSA (md5)signature of <startingexample-en.txt>.

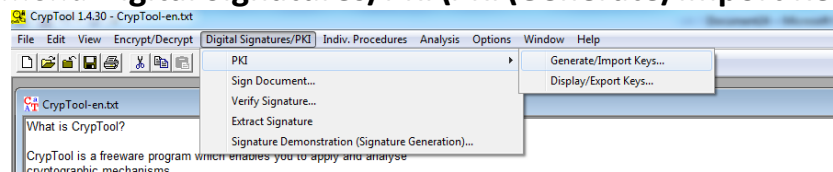


## B. RSA Signature

1. Open the file **CrypTool-en.txt** under **C:\Program Files (x86)\CrypTool\examples**.



2. Click from menu **Digital Signatures/PKI\PKI\Generate/Import Keys**.

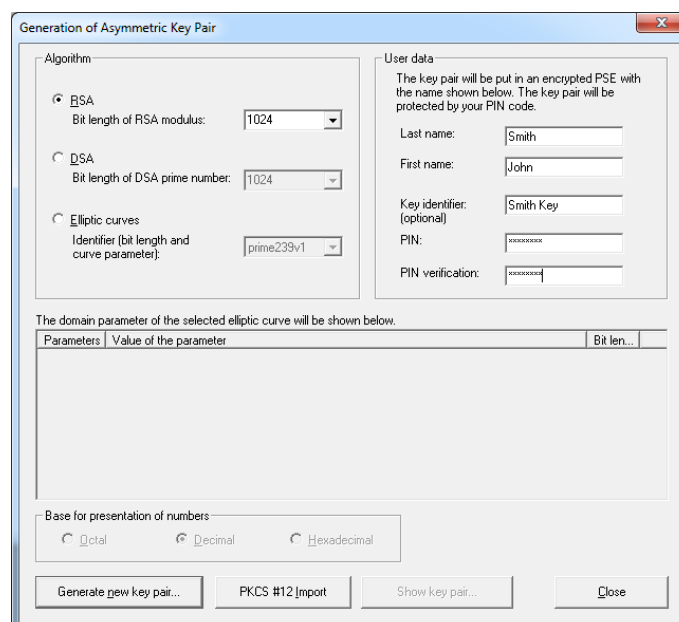


3. Enter the following

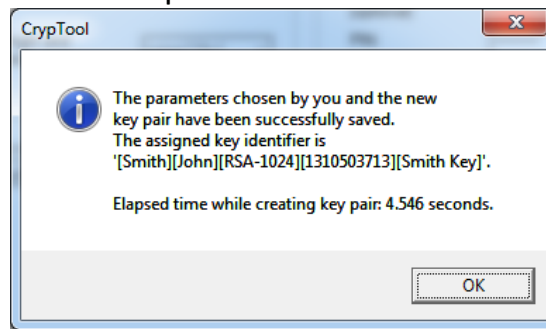
Last name: **Smith** - First name: **John** - Key identifier: **Smith Key**

PIN code: **cryptool** - PIN: **cryptool**

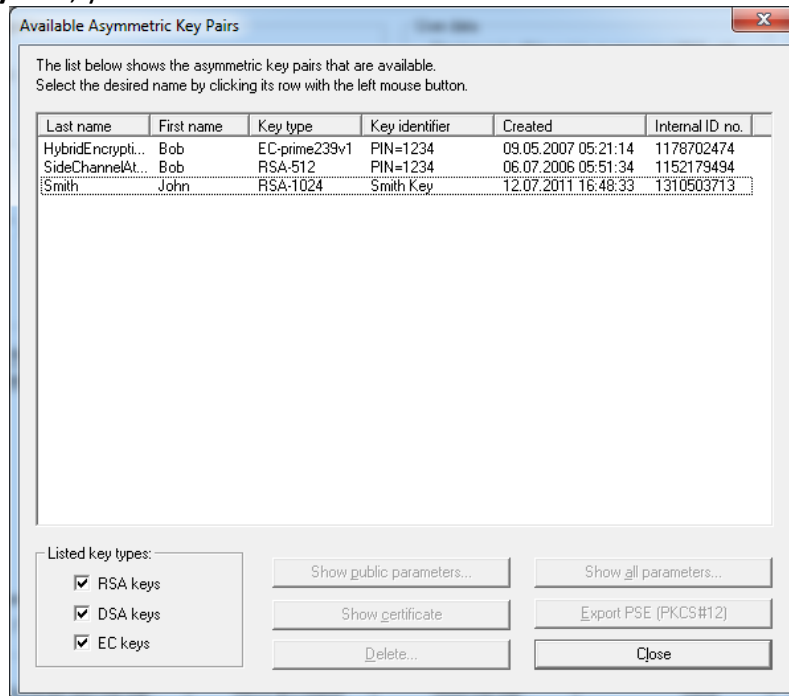
And click on the **Generate new key pair** button.



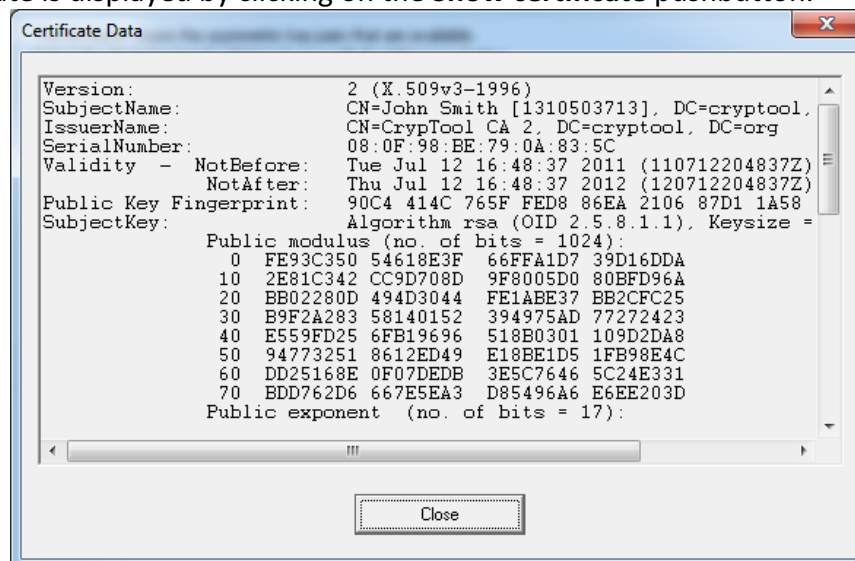
4. The following window shows up and click **OK**:



5. Click **Show Key Pair**, you will see



6. The certificate is displayed by clicking on the **Show certificate** pushbutton.



7. Close both dialogs on **Certificate Data** and **Available Asymmetric Key Pairs**.
8. To sign the document of CrypTool-en.txt, select **Digital Signatures/PKI\Sign Message**. Enter the following

Choose hash function: **RIPEMD-160**

Choose signature algorithm: **RSA**

Choose a key/PSE to be used when signing: **Smith John**

PIN code: **cryptool**

And click on **Sign** button.

**Sign a Document**

Choose hash function:

Algorithm:	Output length
<input type="radio"/> MD2	128 bits
<input type="radio"/> MD5	128 bits
<input checked="" type="radio"/> RIPEMD-160	160 bits
<input type="radio"/> SHA	160 bits
<input type="radio"/> SHA-1	160 bits

Choose signature algorithm:

Factorization based algorithms

- ☒ RSA

Discrete logarithm based algorithms

- ☐ DSA

Elliptic curve based algorithms

- ☐ ECSP-DSA
- ☐ ECSP-NR

Presentation format:

- ☐ Affine coordinates
- ☒ Projective coordinates

Choose a key/PSE to be used when signing

Last name	First name	Key type	Key identifier	Created	Internal ID no.
HybridEncrypti...	Bob	EC-prime239v1	PIN=1234	09.05.2007 05:21:14	1178702474
SideChannelAt...	Bob	RSA-512	PIN=1234	06.07.2006 05:51:34	1152179494
Smith	John	RSA-1024	Smith Key	12.07.2011 16:48:33	1310503713

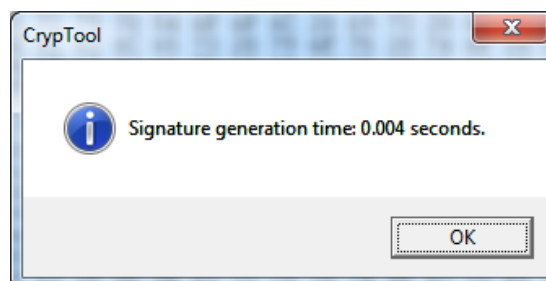
Listed key types:

- ☒ RSA keys
- ☒ DSA keys
- ☒ EC keys

PIN code for chosen PSE:

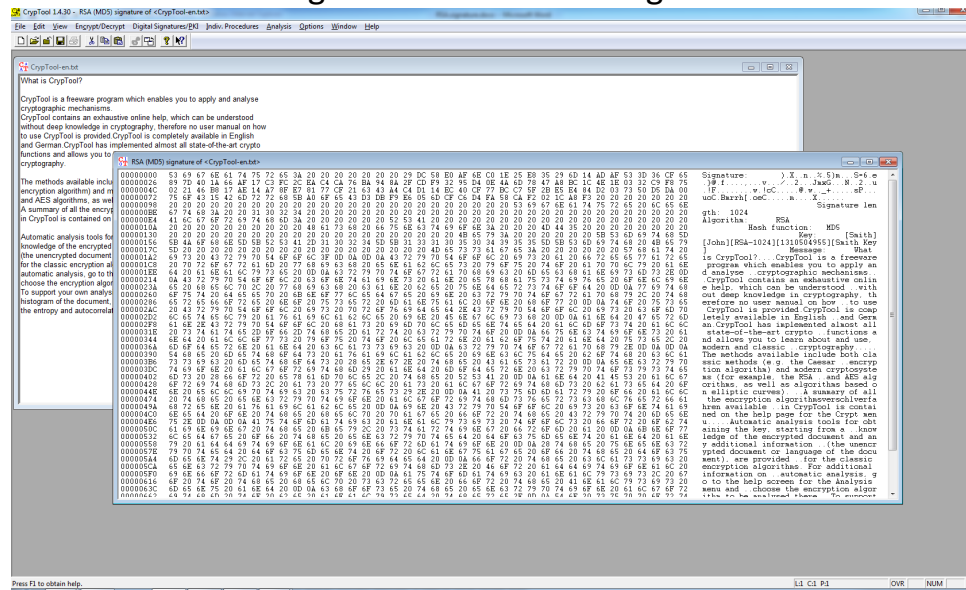
☐ Display signature time

☐ Display intermediate results

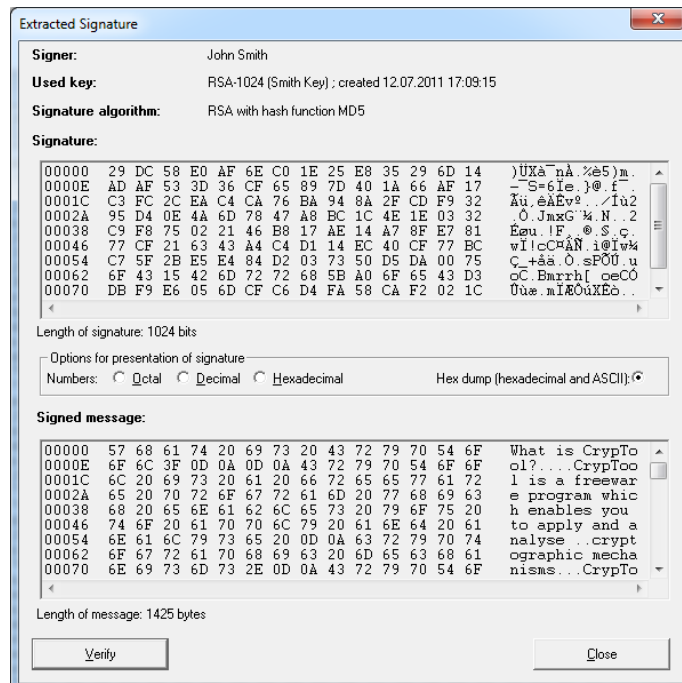




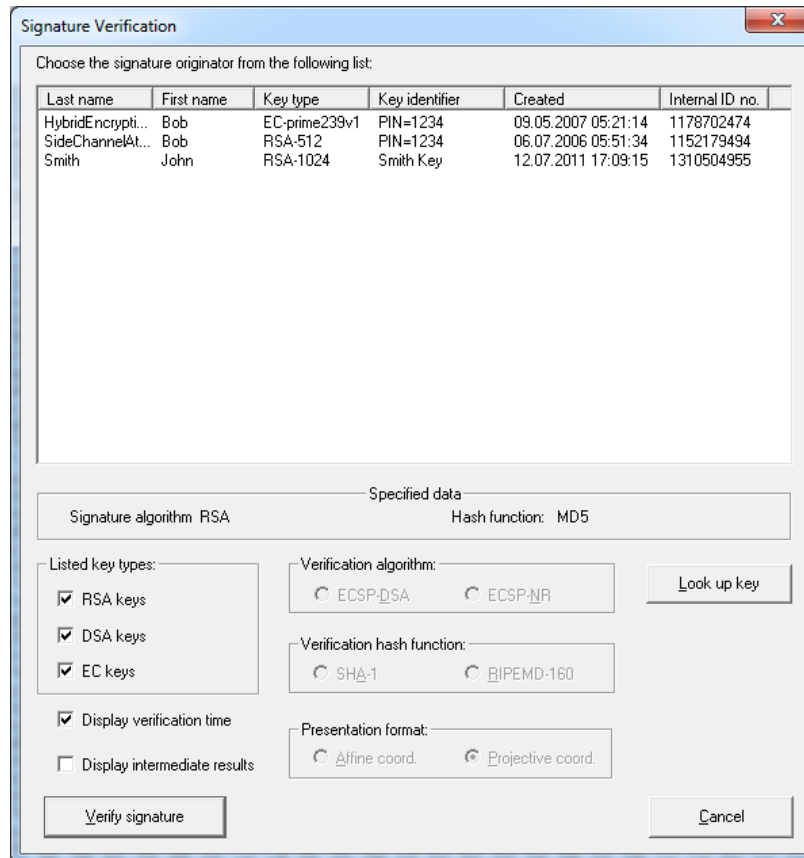
9. Click **OK** button. The dialog box closes and the signed document is displayed.



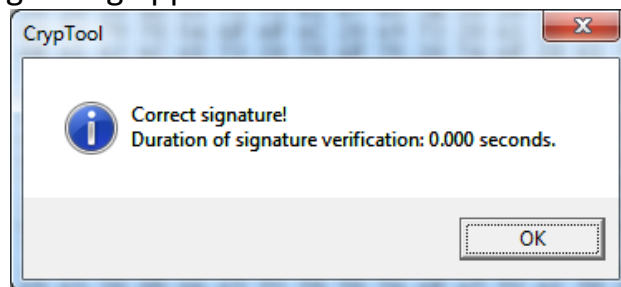
10. The signature is at the start of the document and the document to be signed is at the end, as can be verified easily by comparing with the original document. A clearer presentation, with the separation of the signature and the document, can be obtained by selecting **Digital Signature/PKI\Extract Signature**.



11. Select **Digital Signature/PKI\Verify Signature** to check that the document has not been altered.

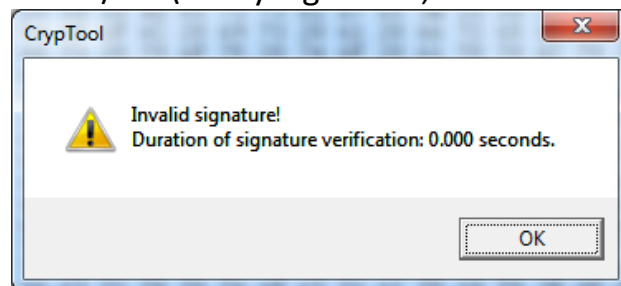


12. Select John Smith from the list of signatures and click on the Verify signature button. The following dialog appears.



13. Modify the message by deleting "What".

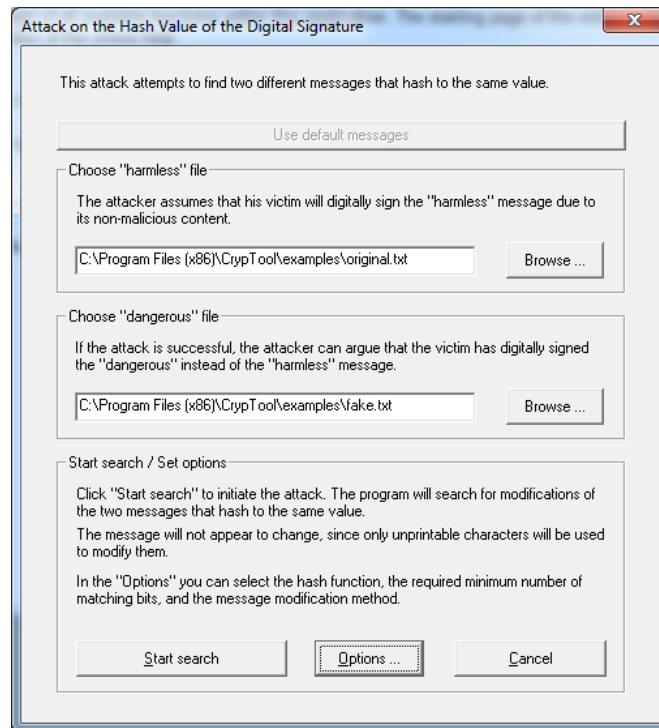
14. Select Digital Signature/PKI\Verify Signature, the following dialog box appears:



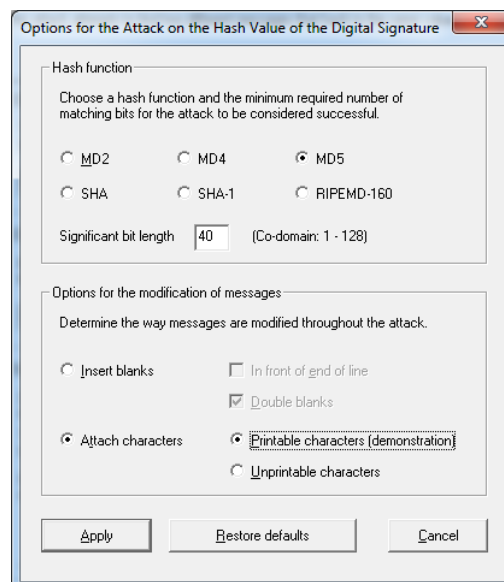
## C. Attack on Digital Signature/Hash Collision

Find two messages with the same hash value.

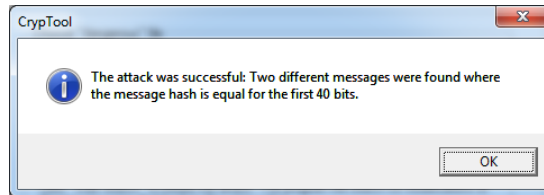
1. Select **“Analysis” \ “Hash” \ “Attack on the Hash Value of the Digital Signature”** from the menu.



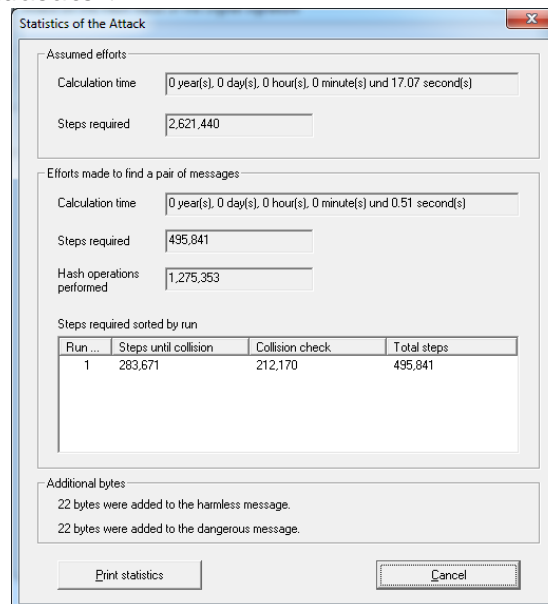
2. Click **“Options”**.



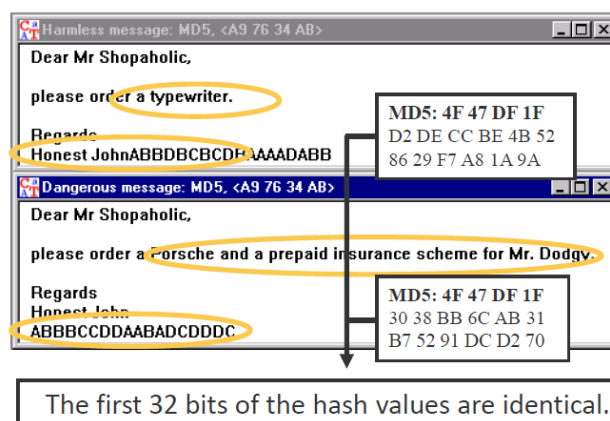
- Choose **MD5** under Hash function and **40** for Significant bit length, and click **Apply**.
- Click **“Start Search”** in dialog of Attack on the Hash Value of the Digital Signature.



- Click **“OK”** and **“Print Statistics”**.



- After modifying the two messages, the hash value of them are the same. The message will not appear to change, since only unprintable characters will be used to modify them.



A 72-bit partial collision (i.e., the first 72 hash value bits are identical) was found in a couple of days using a single PC. Today signatures with hash values of 128 bits or less are vulnerable to a massive parallel search. It is therefore recommended to use hash values with a length of at least 160 bits.

## **HOMEWORK**

1. List two disputes that can arise in the context of message authentication.
2. What are the properties a digital signature should have?
3. What requirements should a digital signature scheme satisfy?
4. What is the difference between direct and arbitrated digital signature?
5. In what order should the signature function and the confidentiality function be applied to a message, and why?
6. What are some threats associated with a direct digital signature scheme?
7. DSA specifies that if the signature generation process results in a value of  $s = 0$ , a new value of  $k$  should be generated and the signature should be recalculated. Why?
8. With DSA, because the value of  $k$  is generated for each signature, even if the same message is signed twice on different occasions, the signatures will differ. This is not true of RSA signatures. What is the practical implication of this difference?