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## Public Key Cryptography: <br> Encryption

## Symmetric Key Management

- Each pair of communicating entities needs a shared key
- For an $n$-party system, there are $n(n-1) / 2$ distinct keys in the system and each party needs to maintain $n-1$ distinct keys.
- How to reduce the number of shared keys in the system

1. Centralized key management
2. Public keys

- How to set up shared keys



## Centralized Key Management

Online Key Distribution Server


- Only $n$ long-term secret keys, instead of $n(n-1) / 2$ in the system.
- Each user shares one long-term secret key with the Server.
- The Server may become the single-point-of-failure and the performance bottleneck.
- Secret keys are used only for the secure delivery of session keys.
- Real data are encrypted under session keys.


## Public key Encryption

- Receiver Bob has a key pair: public and private
- publish the public key such that the key is publicly known
- Bob keeps the private key secret
- Other people use Bob's public key to encrypt messages for Bob
- Bob uses his private key to decrypt

- Security requirement 1: difficult to find private key or plaintext from ciphertext
- Security requirement 2: difficult to find private key from public key


## Motivation of Public Key Cryptography (Summary)

- One problem with symmetric key algorithms is that the sender needs a secure method for telling the receiver about the encryption key.
- Plus, you need a separate key for everyone you might communicate with (scalability issue).
- Public key algorithms use a public-key and privatekey pair to tackle the two problems
- Each receiver has a (public key, private key) pair.
- The public key is publicly known (published).
- A sender uses the receiver's public key to encrypt a message.
- Only the receiver can decrypt it with the corresponding private key.



# P\&Q PRIME $N=P Q$ <br> $E D \equiv 1$ MOD (P-1)CQ-1) <br> $C=M^{E} \operatorname{MOD} N$ $M=C^{D} M O D N$ 



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## Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman (RSA)

- Randomly choose two large and roughly equal-length prime numbers, $p$ and $q$.
- E.g. $|p|=|q|=512$ bits
- Sets $n=p q$ ( $n$ is called the public modulus)
- Randomly choose e such that $\operatorname{gcd}(e, \phi(n))=1$.
- $e$ is called the public exponent.
- $\phi(n)=\phi(p q)=(p-1)(q-1)$
- Compute $d$ such that $d e \equiv 1(\bmod \phi(n))$.
- In other words, $d$ is the modular inverse of e modular $\phi(n)$.
- d is called the private exponent.
- Public Key: $P K=(n, e)$, Private Key: $S K=d$
- Encryption: $C=M^{e} \bmod n$
- Decryption: $M=C^{d} \bmod n$

Given a RSA public key ( $n, e$ ), can we encrypt any message $M \in Z_{n}$ ?

## An Example of RSA Encryption and Decryption

- Choose two primes $p=47$ and $q=71 \Rightarrow n=p q=3337$.
- Choose $e$ such that it is relatively prime to $\phi(n)=46 \times 70=3220$.
- e.g. $e=79$.
- Compute $d=e^{-1} \bmod \phi(n)$ using extended Euclidean algorithm.
- $d \equiv 79^{-1}(\bmod 3220)=1019$
- Public key $\mathrm{PK}=(n, e)=(3337,79)$
- Private key SK =d=1019
- Encrypt $M=688 \Rightarrow 688^{79} \bmod 3337=1570$
- Decrypt $C=1570 \Rightarrow 1570^{1019} \bmod 3337=688$


## Security of RSA

- RSA Problem (RSAP) : Given
- a positive integer $n$ that is a product of two distinct equal-length primes $p$ and $q$,
- a positive integer $e$ such that $\operatorname{gcd}(e,(p-1)(q-1))=1$, and
- an integer $c$ chosen randomly from $Z_{n}{ }^{*}$
find an integer $m$ such that $m^{e} \equiv c(\bmod n)$. Note: $p$ and $q$ are not given.
- The intractability of the RSAP forms the basis for the security of the RSA public-key cryptosystem.
- RSAP is closely related to the Factorization Problem but not known to be equivalent.
- Factorization Problem (FACTORING) : Given a positive integer $n$, find its prime factorization; that is, write $n=p_{1}{ }^{e 1} p_{2}{ }^{e 2} \ldots p_{k}{ }^{e k}$ where the $p_{i}$ are primes and each $e_{i} \geq 1$.
- E.g. $72=2^{3} \cdot 3^{2}$
- The value of the RSA public exponent $e$ can be small, say 16 bits long, but the value of d should be large, say at least 10000 bịts tong.



## RSAP and FACTORING

- RSAP $\leq_{p}$ FACTORING : The RSA problem can efficiently be reduced to the factorization problem.
- If one can solve FACTORING, then one can solve RSAP.
- Open Problem : Is FACTORING $\leq_{p}$ RSAP?
- It is widely believed that it is true, although no proof of this is known.


## More about RSA Security Strength

- The strength of the RSA algorithm depends on the difficulty of doing prime factorization of large numbers:
- Knowing the public key <e, $n>$, if the cryptanalyst could factor $n$ $=p q$, then $\phi(n)(=(p-1)(q-1))$ is obtained
- Knowing e and $\phi(n), d$ can be obtained with a known algorithm (Euclid's algorithm) for finding multiplicative inverse (de = 1 mod $\phi(n)$ )
- To break an RSA encryption (i.e., finding the decryption key) by brute force (i.e., by trying all possible keys) is not feasible given the relative large size of the keys
- A better approach is to solve the prime factorization problem.
- The best known factorization algorithms seem to indicate that the number of operations to factorize a number $n$ is estimated by

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\exp \left((\ln n)^{1 / 3}(\ln \ln n)\right)
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## RSA: Key Length vs. Security Strength

- RSA is inefficient - it gains strength slowly
- RSA-1024 is equivalent to an 80-bit symmetric key
- RSA-2048 is equivalent to a 112-bit key (3DES)
- RSA-3072 is equivalent to 128 -bit key (AES)
- RSA-7680 is equivalent to an 192-bit AES key
- RSA-15,380 is required to equal an AES-256 key!
- the performance of large size RSA is terrible
- The computation time required for larger keys increases rapidly
- The time required for signing is proportional to the cube of the key length
- RSA-2048 operations require 8 times as long as RSA-1024
- Example - 60ms for RSA-1024 sign. 600ms for RSA-2048
- RSA-15,360 would take 3375 times RSA-1024, or 200 seconds!


## ElGamal Encryption Scheme

- Let p be a large prime.
- Let $Z_{p}{ }^{*}=\{1,2,3, \ldots, p-1\}$
- Let $Z_{p-1}=\{0,1,2, \ldots, p-2\}$
- $a \epsilon_{R} S$ means that $a$ is randomly chosen from the set $S$
- Let $g \in Z_{\text {* }}{ }^{*}$ such that none of $g^{1} \bmod p, g^{2} \bmod p, \ldots, g^{p-2} \bmod p$ is


## Public Key Pair:

- Private key: $\mathrm{X} \in_{\mathrm{R}} Z_{\mathrm{p}-1}$
- Public key: $Y=g^{\times} \bmod p$


## Encryption:

1. $r \in_{R} Z_{p-1}$
2. $A=g^{r} \bmod p$
3. $B=M Y^{r} \bmod p$ where $M \in Z_{p}{ }^{*}$ is the message.

Ciphertext $C=(A, B)$.
Decryption:

1. $K=A^{x} \bmod p$
2. $M=B K^{-1} \bmod p$

## An Example of EIGamal Encryption and Decryption

- Let $p=2357$
$g=2$
Private key: $\mathrm{x}=1751$
Public key: $\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{g}^{\mathrm{x}}=2^{1751}=1185(\bmod 2357)$
- Encryption:
- say M = 2035

1. Pick a random number $r=1520$
2. Computes

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\begin{aligned}
& A=g^{r} \equiv 2^{1520} \equiv 1430(\bmod 2357) \\
& B=M Y^{r} \equiv 2035 \times 1185^{1520} \equiv 697(\bmod 2357)
\end{aligned}
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- The ciphertext $C=(A, B)=(1430,697)$
- Decryption:

1. Computes $K \equiv A^{x} \equiv 1430^{1751} \equiv 2084(\bmod 2357)$
2. $\mathrm{M} \equiv \mathrm{B} \mathrm{K}^{-1} \equiv 697 \times 2084^{-1} \equiv 2035(\bmod 2357)$

## Security of EIGamal Encryption Scheme

## Encryption:

1. $r \in \in_{R-1}$
2. $A=g^{r} \bmod p$
3. $\quad B=M Y^{r} \bmod p$ where $M \in Z_{p}{ }^{*}$ is the message.

Ciphertext $C=(A, B)$.

- Given $C=(A, B)$ and public key $Y=g^{x} \bmod p$, find $M$ without knowing $x$.

1. If adversary can get $r$ from $A=g^{r}$ mod $p$, then the scheme is broken.
2. If adversary can get $x$ from $Y=g^{x}$ mod $p$, then the scheme is broken.
3. From $A=g^{r} \bmod p$ and $Y=g^{x} \bmod p$, if adversary can compute $g^{r x} \bmod p$, then the scheme is broken.

- First two correspond to DLP (Discrete Logarithm Problem)
- The last one corresponds to Diffie-Hellman Problem

Deterministic Encryption vs. Probabilistic Encryptoin

- Deterministic Encryption
- Encrypting same messages will generate same ciphertexts
- Probabilistic Encryption
- Encrypting same messages will generate different ciphertexts


## Discrete Logarithm Problem (DLP)

- Let $p$ be a prime number. Given two integers: $\mathrm{g}, \mathrm{y}$
- $g$ and $y$ are integers chosen randomly in $Z_{p}{ }^{*}$.
- Find a such that $g^{a} \bmod p=y$
- $a$ is called the discrete $\log$ of $y$ to the base $g \bmod p$.


## DLP (Discrete Log Problem)

- Given $a, g$ and $p$, compute $y \equiv g^{a} \bmod p$ is EASY
- However, given $y$, $g$ and $p$, compute $a$ is HARD


## Factoring (revisit)

- Given p and q , compute $\mathrm{n}=\mathrm{pq}$ is EASY
- However, given $n$, compute the prime factors $p$ and $q$ is HARD

DLP Example:

- For $p=97, g=5$ and $y=35$, compute a such that $g^{a} \bmod p=35$.
- We need to try all possibilities (from 1 to 96 ) to obtain such a
- When $p$ is large, DLP is hard
- In practice, p should at least be 1024 bits long.
- Practical problems (not to be discussed in this course): How to generate and verify such a large prime number $p$ ? How to generate $g$ ?


## Diffie-Hellman Problem

- Given $A=g^{x} \bmod p$ and $B=g^{y} \bmod p$, find $C=g^{x y} \bmod p$.
- If DLP can be solved, then Diffie-Hellman Problem can be solved.
- Open Problem: If Diffie-Hellman Problem can be solved, can DLP be solved?


## Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange



- Alice computes $\left(g^{b}\right)^{a}=g^{b a}=g^{a b} \bmod p$
- Bob computes $\left(g^{a}\right)^{b}=g^{a b} \bmod p$
- Could use $K=g^{a b} \bmod p$ as symmetric key
$\square$ This key exchange scheme is secure against eavesdroppers if DiffieHellman Problem is assumed to be hard to solve.
$\square$ However, it is insecure if the attacker in the network is active: man-in-the-middle attack. "Active" means that the attacker can intercept, modify, remove or insert messages into the network.


## Man-in-the-Middle Attack (MITM)



- Trudy shares secret $\mathrm{g}^{\text {at }} \bmod \mathrm{p}$ with Alice
- Trudy shares secret $\mathrm{g}^{\text {bt }}$ mod p with Bob
- Alice and Bob don't know Trudy exists!


## Public key vs. Symmetric key

| Symmetric key | Public key |
| :--- | :--- |
| Two parties MUST trust each other | Two parties DO NOT need to trust <br> each other |
| Both share the same key (or one key <br> is computable from the other) | Two separate keys: a public and a <br> private key |
| Attack approach: bruteforce | Attack approach: solving <br> mathematical problems (e.g. <br> factorization, discrete log problem) |
| Faster | Slower (100-1000 times slower) |
| Smaller key size | Larger key size |
| Examples: DES, 3DES, DESX, RC6, | Examples: RSA, EIGamal, ECC,... |
| AES, ... |  |

## Summary

- PKE Concept
- RSA Encryption
- RSA Assumption
- Factoring Assumption
- ElGamal Encryption
- DL Assumption
- DH Assumption
- DH Key Exchange
- MITM Attack

