

INFS 766 Internet Security Protocols

Public Key Cryptography PKI PGP

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Revolution in Cryptography

- Diffie & Hellman sought to solve 2 problems
 - Find a secure way to distribute keys in the public
 - Provide digital signature for document
- Public key cryptography is based on rigorous mathematical theory, rather than substitutions and permutations.
- It is asymmetric – requires two different keys: private key & public key

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Public Key Algorithms

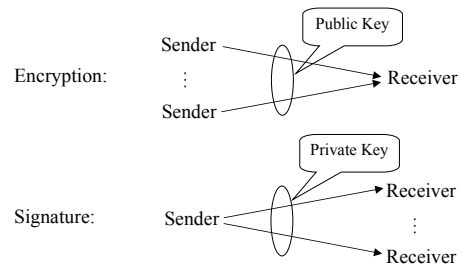
- Public key algorithms covered in this class
 - RSA: encryption and digital signature
 - Diffie-Hellman: key exchange
 - DSA: digital signature
- Number theory underlies most of public key algorithms.

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Use of Public-Key Cryptosystems



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Motivation of Public Key Cryptography

- Problems of secret key cryptography
 - If the shared secret key is compromised, the adversary could encrypt and decrypt all traffic between the 2 parties
 - Key distribution must be done secretly – difficult for (unknown /far away) parties
 - Need a secret key for each pair of entities – poor scalability
 - Does not provide non-repudiation!

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Use of Public-Key Cryptosystems

- Encryption/decryption
 - The sender encrypts a message with the receiver's public key
 - Only the receiver can decrypt the message.
- Digital signature
 - The sender signs a message with its private key.
 - Authentication and non-repudiation
- Key exchange
 - Two sides cooperate to exchange a session key.
 - Secret key cryptosystems are often used with the session key.

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Requirements for Public-Key Algorithms

- It is computationally easy to
 - generate a (public, private) key pair.
 - to generate a ciphertext using the public key.
 - to decrypt the ciphertext using the private key.
 - to sign with the private key.
 - to verify the signature with the public key.
- It is computationally infeasible to
 - determine the private key from the public key.
 - recover the message from the ciphertext and the public key.
 - forge a signature.

Public-Key Cryptanalysis

- Brute-force attack
 - Try all possible keys
- Derivation of private key from public key
 - Try to find the relationship between the public key and the private key and compute the private key from the public one.
- Probable-message attack
 - The public key is known.
 - Encrypt all possible messages
 - Try to find a match between the ciphertext and one of the above encrypted messages.

Trapdoor One-Way Function

- Essential requirement: **Trapdoor one-way function.**
- One-way function f
 - One-to-one mapping
 - $Y=f(X)$: easy
 - $X=f^{-1}(Y)$: infeasible
- Trapdoor one-way function
 - One-to-one mapping
 - $Y=f_k(X)$: easy if k and X are known
 - $X=f_k^{-1}(Y)$: easy if k and Y are known
 - $X=f_k^{-1}(Y)$: infeasible if Y is known but k is unknown.
- **Designing public-key algorithm is to find appropriate trapdoor one-way function.**

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- Published in
 - W. Diffie and ME Hellman, "[New Directions in Cryptography](#)", in IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, IT-22 no 6 (November 1976) p. 644--654
- The first public key algorithm
- Allows two users to agree on a secret key over public channel
- No encryption, decryption, nor authentication
- What's involved?
 - p is a large prime number (about 512 bits), $g < p$ and g is a primitive root of p .
 - p and g are publicly known

Goals of Public-Key Cryptanalysis

- Given the public key, cipher text, signature, to
 - find out the private key
 - find out the message encrypted
 - forge the signature

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- Procedure
- | <u>Alice</u> | <u>Bob</u> |
|--|--|
| pick secret S_a randomly | pick secret S_b randomly |
| compute $T_A = g^{S_a} \text{ mod } p$ | compute $T_B = g^{S_b} \text{ mod } p$ |
| send T_A to Bob | send T_B to Alice |
| compute $T_B^{S_a} \text{ mod } p$ | compute $T_A^{S_b} \text{ mod } p$ |
- Alice and Bob reached the same secret $g^{S_a S_b} \text{ mod } p$, which is then used as the shared key.

Diffie-Hellman Example

Alice and Bob want to establish a shared secret key

- Have agree on the value $n=353$ (prime) and $g=3$
- Select the random secret values:
 - Alice chooses $X_a=97$, Bob chooses $X_b=233$
- Derive the public keys:
 - $Y_a = g^{X_a} \bmod n = 3^{97} \bmod 353 = 40$ (Alice's)
 - $Y_b = g^{X_b} \bmod n = 3^{233} \bmod 353 = 248$ (Bob's)
- Derive the shared secret key
 - $K = Y_b^{X_a} \bmod n = 248^{97} \bmod 353 = 160$ (Alice's)
 - $K = Y_a^{X_b} \bmod n = 40^{233} \bmod 353 = 160$ (Bob's)

Man-In-The-Middle Attack

Alice	Mr. X	Bob
$g^{S_a}=123$	$g^{S_x}=654$	$g^{S_b}=255$
123 →	654 →	
	← 654	← 255
$654^{S_a}=123^{S_x}$		$255^{S_x}=654^{S_b}$

- Mr. X plays Bob to Alice and Alice to Bob

DH Security - Discrete Logarithm Is Hard

- $T = g^s \bmod p$
- Given T, g, p , it is computationally infeasible to compute the value of s (discrete logarithm)

Diffie-Hellman in Phone Book Mode

- DH is subject to active man-in-the-middle attack because their public key-component may be intercepted and substituted
- Phone book mode allows everyone to generate the public key-component in advance and publish them through other reliable means
- All communicating parties agree on their common $\langle g, p \rangle$
- Essential requirement: authenticity of the public key.

Diffie-Hellman Scheme

- Security factors
 - Discrete logarithm very difficult.
 - Shared key (the secret) itself never transmitted.
- Disadvantages:
 - Expensive exponential operation
 - Cannot be used to encrypt anything.
 - No authentication, so you can not sign anything.

Encryption With Diffie-Hellman

- Everyone computes and publishes $\langle p, g, T \rangle$
 - $T = g^S \bmod p$
- Alice communicates with Bob:
 - Alice
 - Picks a random secret S_a
 - Computes $g_b^{S_a} \bmod p_b$
 - Use $K_{ab} = T_b^{S_a} \bmod p_b$ to encrypt message
 - Send encrypted message along with $g_b^{S_a} \bmod p_b$
 - Bob
 - $(g_b^{S_a})^{S_b} \bmod p_b = (g_b^{S_b})^{S_a} \bmod p_b = T_b^{S_a} \bmod p_b = K_{ab}$
 - Use K_{ab} to decrypt
- Essentially key distribution + encryption

RSA (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman)

- Published in
 - R. Rivest, A. Shamir, and L. Adleman, "[A Method for Obtaining Digital Signatures and Public-Key Cryptosystems](#)", CACM 21, pp. 120--126, Feb. 1978
 - The first public key encryption and signature system
- Support both public key encryption and digital signature.
- Assumption/theoretical basis:
 - Factorization of large primes is hard.
- Variable key length (usually 1024 bits).
- Variable plaintext block size.
 - Plaintext must be "smaller" than the key.
 - Ciphertext block size is the same as the key length.

An Example

- Choose $p = 7$ and $q = 17$.
- Compute $n = p * q = 119$.
- Compute $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1) = 96$.
- Select $e = 5$, which is relatively prime to $\phi(n)$.
- Compute $d = 77$ such that $e * d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$.
- Public key: $\langle 5, 119 \rangle$
- Private key: $\langle 77, 119 \rangle$
- Message = 19
- Encryption: $19^5 \pmod{119} = 66$
- Decryption: $66^{77} \pmod{119} = 19$.

The RSA Algorithm

- To generate key pair:
 - Pick large primes p and q
 - Let $n = p * q$, keep p and q to yourself!
 - For public key, choose e that is relatively prime to $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$.
public key = $\langle e, n \rangle$
 - For private key, find d that is the multiplicative inverse of $e \pmod{\phi(n)}$, i.e., $e * d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$
 - Private key = $\langle d, n \rangle$.

Why Does RSA Work?

- Given pub = $\langle e, n \rangle$ and priv = $\langle d, n \rangle$
 - $n = p * q, \phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
 - $E * d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$
 - $x^{e * d} = x \pmod{n}$
 - encryption: $c = m^e \pmod{n}$
 - decryption: $m = c^d \pmod{n} = m^{e * d} \pmod{n} = m \pmod{n}$
= m (since $m < n$)
 - digital signature (similar)

How Does RSA Work?

- Given pubKey = $\langle e, n \rangle$ and privKey = $\langle d, n \rangle$
- Message = m
 - encryption: $c = m^e \pmod{n}, m < n$
 - decryption: $m = c^d \pmod{n}$
 - signature: $s = m^d \pmod{n}, m < n$
 - verification: $m = s^e \pmod{n}$

Practical Considerations of RSA

- How to find large prime numbers?
- How to do modular exponentiation with large numbers?
 - $123456789^{987654321} \pmod{234567891} = ?$
- How to do RSA encryption/decryption, signature efficiently?

Finding Large Prime Numbers

- Good news
 - Infinite number of prime numbers ☺
- Bad news
 - The prime number ratio decreases as the prime number gets big ☹
- Brute-force
 - Try to divide n by $2 \dots n^{1/2}$
 - Impractical for large number!!!
- No known practical method to determine if a given large number is prime ☹
- However fast probabilistic primality test exists. That is, determine if a larger number is likely to be a prime.

Fast Modular Exponentiation

- To calculate $x^y \bmod n$
 - Assume $y = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{k-1}$ has k bits
 - $z = 1$
 - for ($i = 0; i < k; i++$)
 - { $z = (z \times z) \bmod n;$
 - if ($b_i = 1$)
 - $z = (z \times x) \bmod n;$
 - }
 - /* now $z = x^y \bmod n$ */

Finding Large Prime Numbers (Cont'd)

- Primality test
 - Randomly pick $0 < a < n$, see if $a^{n-1} \bmod n = 1$?
 - If $a^{n-1} \bmod n \neq 1$, n is not prime for sure
 - If $a^{n-1} \bmod n = 1$, n is very likely to be prime.
 - The false positive rate is 10^{-13} for 100 digit number
 - Exist $n > 0$ such that $a^{n-1} \bmod n = 1$ for all $0 < a < n$
- Implication
 - We may (with small probability) choose some non-prime numbers for p & q , which would fail RSA operations (encryption/decryption, signature/verification)

Fast Modular Exponentiation Example

- To calculate $66^{77} \bmod 119$ ($77 = 1001101$)
 - 1 $66 \bmod 119 = 66$
 - 10 $66^2 \bmod 119 = 72$
 - 100 $66^4 \bmod 119 = (66^2 \bmod 119)^2 \bmod 119 = 67$
 - 1000 $66^8 \bmod 119 = (66^4 \bmod 119)^2 \bmod 119 = 86$
 - 1001 $66^9 \bmod 119 = (66^8 \bmod 119) \cdot 66 \bmod 119 = 83$
 - 10010 $66^{18} \bmod 119 = (66^9 \bmod 119)^2 \bmod 119 = 106$
 - 10011 $66^{19} \bmod 119 = (66^{18} \bmod 119) \cdot 66 \bmod 119 = 94$
 - 100110 $66^{38} \bmod 119 = (66^{19} \bmod 119)^2 \bmod 119 = 30$
 - 1001100 $66^{76} \bmod 119 = (66^{38} \bmod 119)^2 \bmod 119 = 67$
 - 1001100 $66^{77} \bmod 119 = (66^{76} \bmod 119) \cdot 66 \bmod 119 = 19$
- How many modular multiplications are needed for exponentiation with a 512 bit exponent?
 - on average 768
 - why?

Modular Exponentiation with Big Number

- To calculate $66^{77} \bmod 119$
 - multiply 66 by itself for 76 times, then mod 119
 - take mod 119 every time multiply 66
 - take advantage of property of modulo operation:
- $$x \times y \bmod n = [(x \bmod n) \times (y \bmod n)] \bmod n$$
- “Squaring and Multiplication”
 - The number of square and multiplication operations is linear to the number of bits of the exponent 77

Further Optimization of RSA Calculation

- Choose small public number e
 - $e = 3$
 - Faster encryption with public key
 - Faster signature verification with public key
 - Make sure
 - $m > n^{1/2}$, otherwise, m could be determined easily from c .
 - No same message to multiple recipients $\langle 3, n_1 \rangle, \langle 3, n_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle 3, n_i \rangle$, otherwise, m can be derived by Chinese remainder theorem
 - 3 is relative prime to $\phi(n)$, then $(p-1) \bmod 3 = ?$
 - $e = 65537$ ($2^{16} + 1$)

RSA Signing/Decryption Optimization

- Want to calculate $m=c^d \bmod n$ where $n=p \cdot q$
- Easy to compute $[m^d \bmod p]$ and $[m^d \bmod q]$ and combine
- Do
 1. Compute: $c_p=c \bmod p, c_q=c \bmod q$
 2. $m_p=c_p^d \bmod p$ and $m_q=c_q^d \bmod q$
 3. use Chinese remainder theorem to get $m=c^d \bmod pq$
- Note: Don't need to compute $c^d \bmod p$ etc, because for $d \gg p$, $c^d \bmod p = c^{d \bmod (p-1)} \bmod p$

Example: Let $p=3, q=7$. Then $n=21$. Let $m=4$.

- Need to decide $\langle e, d \rangle$
 - Choose $e=5$, then $d=17$ so $\langle e, d \rangle = \langle 5, 17 \rangle$
 - $c=m^e \bmod 21 = 4^5 \bmod 21 = 1024 \bmod 21 = 16$
 - $c_p = 16 \bmod 3 = 1$ and $c_q = 16 \bmod 7 = 2$
 - $m=c^d \bmod 21 = 16^{17} \bmod 21 = 16^{17 \bmod (3-1)} \bmod 3 = 16 \bmod 3 = 1$

The Security of RSA

Attacks against RSA

- Brute force: Try all possible private keys
 - Can be defeated by using a large key space
- Mathematical attacks
 - Factor n into $n=p \cdot q$.
 - Determine $\phi(n)$ directly: equivalent to factoring n .
 - Determine d directly: at least as difficult as factoring n .
- Timing attacks
 - Recover the private key according to the running time of the decryption algorithm.

RSA Optimization Example

- If d is 512-bit, p, q are 256-bit
 - One 512-bit exponentiation \Rightarrow two 256-bit exponentiations
 - 768 modular multiplications \Rightarrow 384+384 modular multiplications
 - Makes RSA about twice as fast

The Security of RSA (Cont'd)

- Factoring large integer is very hard!
- But if you can factor big number n then given public key $\langle e, n \rangle$, you can find d , and hence the private key by:
 - Knowing factors p, q , such that, $n = p \cdot q$
 - Then $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
 - Then d such that $e \cdot d = 1 \bmod \phi(n)$
- Ways to make n difficult to factor
 - p and q should differ in length by only a few digits
 - Both $(p-1)$ and $(q-1)$ should contain a large prime factor
 - $\gcd(p-1, q-1)$ should be small.
 - $d > n^{1/4}$.

RSA Performance vs DES

- Fast RSA implementations can encrypt KB/Sec (like a analog modem)
- Fast DES implementations can encrypt MB/Sec (like a LAN)
- The 1000 fold difference in speed is likely to remain
 - Determined by inherent computation complexity

The Security of RSA (Cont'd)

- Timing attacks
 - Determine a private key by observing how long it takes to decipher messages.
 - The attack proceeds computing bit by bit.
 - The attacker is able to determine bit j because for some d and a , the marked step is extremely slow

Algorithm for computing

$a^b \bmod n$.

$d \leftarrow 1$

For $i \leftarrow 0$ till to $k-1$

$d \leftarrow d * d \bmod n$

If $b_i = 1$

Then $d \leftarrow d * a \bmod n$

Return d .

The Security of RSA (Cont'd)

- Countermeasures against the timing attack
 - Constant exponentiation time
 - Don't return the result if the computation is too fast.
 - Hurt the performance.
 - Random delay
 - Confuse the timing attack by adding a random delay.
 - The attacker may be able to defeat random delay if the delay is not added carefully.
 - Blinding
 - Multiply the ciphertext by a random number before performing exponentiation.

Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

- Generate public parameters
 - p (512 to 1024 bit prime)
 - q (160 bit prime): $q|p-1$
 - $g = h^{(p-1)/q} \bmod p$, where $1 < h < (p-1)$ such that $g > 1$.
 - g is of order $q \bmod p$.
- User's private key x
 - Random integer with $0 < x < q$
- User's public key y
 - $y = g^x \bmod p$
- User's per message secret number
 - $k =$ random integer with $0 < k < q$.

The Security of RSA (Cont'd)

- RSA Data Security's blinding algorithm
 - Generate a random number r between 0 and $n-1$ such that $\gcd(r, n) = 1$.
 - Compute $C' = C * r^e \bmod n$
 - Compute $M' = (C')^d \bmod n$
 - Compute $M = M' * r^{-1} \bmod n$.
 - Performance penalty: 2 – 10%.

DSA (Cont'd)

- Signing
 - $r = (g^k \bmod p) \bmod q$
 - $s = [k^{-1}(H(M) + xr)] \bmod q$
 - Signature = (r, s)
- Verifying
 - M', r', s' = received versions of M, r, s .
 - $w = (s')^{-1} \bmod q$
 - $u_1 = [H(M')w] \bmod q$
 - $u_2 = (r')w \bmod q$
 - $v = [(g^{u_1}y^{u_2}) \bmod p] \bmod q$
 - if $v = r'$ then the signature is verified

Digital Signature Standard (DSS)

- By NIST
- Related to El Gamal
- Use SHA (SHA-1) to generate the hash value and Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA) to generate the digital signature.
- Faster for the signer, but not for than verifier:
Potential application: smart cards

Why Is DSA Secure?

- No revealing of private key x
- Can't forge a signature without x
- No duplicate messages with matched signature
- Need a per-message secret number k
 - If k is known, the private key x can be computed
 - Two messages sharing the same k can reveal the private key x

Digital Signature Brainstorming

- What's the difference between a physical signature on paper and a digital signature?
- Ownership proof
 - Physical signature on a book?
 - Digital signature on the pdf file of the book?

Certificate

- A signed message claiming somebody's public key is such such
 - [Alice's public key is 12345]_{Bob}
- If Carol does not know Bob or Bob's key, then the certificate signed by Bob doesn't mean much to Carol
- If Carol knows and trust David, who can certify Bob's key, then Carol may have some trust on Bob's certificate
- There could be a chain of certificate that indirectly certify the authenticity of the public key

Public Key Cryptography Brainstorming

- What if Alice's public key is forged?
 - Everyone (but Alice) somehow get a fake public key (generate by Bob) and they all believe it is Alice's public key
- Alice can not communicate with everyone through public key cryptosystem
 - Alice can not decrypt anything encrypted by others using the fake Alice's public key
 - When Alice signs anything with her private key, everyone else will think it is fake
- **It is critically important to have everyone have authentic public keys of everyone!**
- But how?

PKI Trust Models

- Trust anchor
 - The public key that the verifier trusts in advance (through some other means, ie manually handed by a long-time friend)
- Where to get the trust anchor?
- How to derive trust from the trust anchor?

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

- What is PKI for?
 - Facilitate secure distribution of every one's public key
 - Provide some "authenticity" of the public keys distributed
- PKI consists of
 - Certificates
 - Certification authorities (CA)
 - Certificate repository
 - Means to revoke certificate
 - Certificate chaining

Certificate Revocation

- There is a need to revoke a certificate before it is expired
 - Lost credit card
 - Termination of affiliation with some organization
- Revocation Mechanisms
 - CRL (certification revocation list)
 - Delta CRLs
 - First valid certificate
 - OLSR (online revocation server)
 - Good-list, bad-list

PGP

- Read Chapter 22