

**CSE 484 / CSE M 584: Computer Security and  
Privacy**

# **Cryptography**

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# Admin

- HW2: Due Nov 7, 4:30pm
- Looking ahead, rough plan:
- Lab 2 out ~Nov 5, due ~Nov 19 (Quiz Section on Nov 8)
- HW 3 out ~Nov 19, due ~Nov 30
- Lab 3 out ~Nov 26, due Dec 7 (Quiz Section on Nov 29)
- HW1s were **awesome**

# Public Key Encryption

# Requirements for Public Key Encryption

- **Key generation:** computationally easy to generate a pair (public key  $PK$ , private key  $SK$ )
- **Encryption:** given plaintext  $M$  and public key  $PK$ , easy to compute ciphertext  $C = E_{PK}(M)$
- **Decryption:** given ciphertext  $C = E_{PK}(M)$  and private key  $SK$ , easy to compute plaintext  $M$ 
  - Infeasible to learn anything about  $M$  from  $C$  without  $SK$
  - Trapdoor function:  $Decrypt(SK, Encrypt(PK, M)) = M$

# Some Number Theory Facts

- Euler totient function  $\varphi(n)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) is the number of integers in the  $[1, n]$  interval that are relatively prime to  $n$ 
  - Two numbers are relatively prime if their greatest common divisor (gcd) is 1
  - Easy to compute for primes:  $\varphi(p) = p-1$
  - Note that  $\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a) \varphi(b)$

# RSA Cryptosystem [Rivest, Shamir, Adleman 1977]

- Key generation:
  - Generate large primes  $p, q$ 
    - Say, 1024 bits each (need primality testing, too)
  - Compute  $n=pq$  and  $\varphi(n)=(p-1)(q-1)$
  - Choose small  $e$ , relatively prime to  $\varphi(n)$ 
    - Typically,  $e=3$  or  $e=2^{16}+1=65537$
  - Compute unique  $d$  such that  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$ 
    - Modular inverse:  $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\varphi(n)}$  ← How to compute?
  - Public key =  $(e, n)$ ; private key =  $(d, n)$
- Encryption of  $m$  ( $m$  a number between 0 and  $n-1$ ):  
 $c = m^e \pmod n$
- Decryption of  $c$ :  $c^d \pmod n = (m^e \pmod n)^d \pmod n = m$

# Why Decryption Works (FYI)

- Decryption of  $c$ :  $c^d \bmod n = (m^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n = (m^e)^d \bmod n = m$
- Recall  $n=pq$  and  $\varphi(n)=(p-1)(q-1)$  and  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$
- Chinese Remainder Theorem: To show  $m^{ed} \bmod n \equiv m \bmod n$ , sufficient to show:
  - $m^{ed} \bmod p \equiv m \bmod p$
  - $m^{ed} \bmod q \equiv m \bmod q$
- If  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \rightarrow m^{ed} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
- Else  $m^{ed} = m^{ed-1}m = m^{k(q-1)(p-1)}m = m^{h(p-1)}m$  for some  $k$ , and  $h=k(q-1)$ . Why? Recall how  $d$  was chosen and the definition of mod.
- Fermat Little Theorem:  $m^{(p-1)h} m \equiv 1^h m \pmod{p} \equiv m \pmod{p}$

# Why is RSA Secure?

- **RSA problem:** given  $c$ ,  $n=pq$ , and  $e$  such that  $\gcd(e, \varphi(n))=1$ , find  $m$  such that  $m^e=c \pmod n$ 
  - In other words, recover  $m$  from ciphertext  $c$  and public key  $(n,e)$  by taking  $e^{\text{th}}$  root of  $c$  modulo  $n$
  - There is no known efficient algorithm for doing this
- **Factoring problem:** given positive integer  $n$ , find primes  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  such that  $n=p_1^{e_1}p_2^{e_2}\dots p_k^{e_k}$
- If factoring is easy, then RSA problem is easy (knowing factors means you can compute  $d = \text{inverse of } e \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$ )
  - It may be possible to break RSA without factoring  $n$  -- but if it is, we don't know how



# RSA Encryption Caveats

- Encrypted message needs to be interpreted as an integer less than  $n$
- Don't use RSA **directly** for privacy – **output is deterministic!** Need to pre-process input somehow
- Plain RSA also does not provide integrity
  - Can tamper with encrypted messages

In practice, OAEP is used: instead of encrypting  $M$ , encrypt  $M \text{ xor } G(r); r \text{ xor } H(M \text{ xor } G(r))$

- $r$  is random and fresh,  $G$  and  $H$  are hash functions

# More on RSA + OAEP

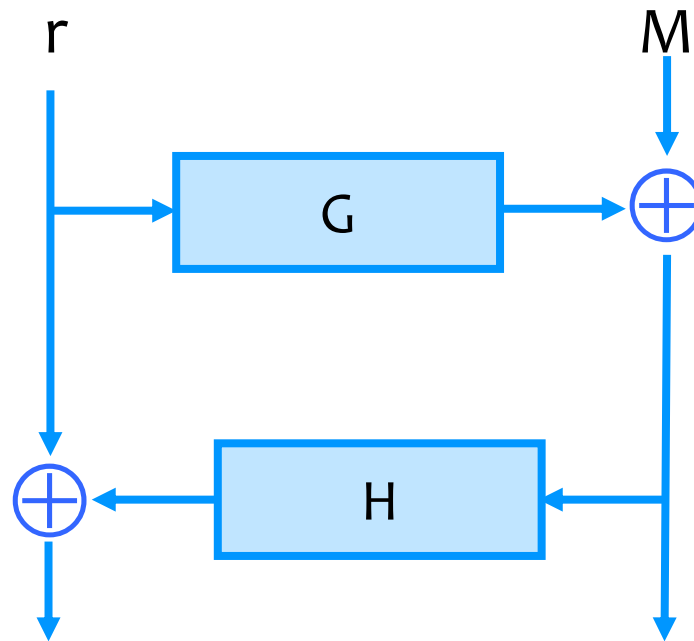
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Question: How do you decrypt a message encrypted with RSA + OAEP?

# OAEF as a Figure

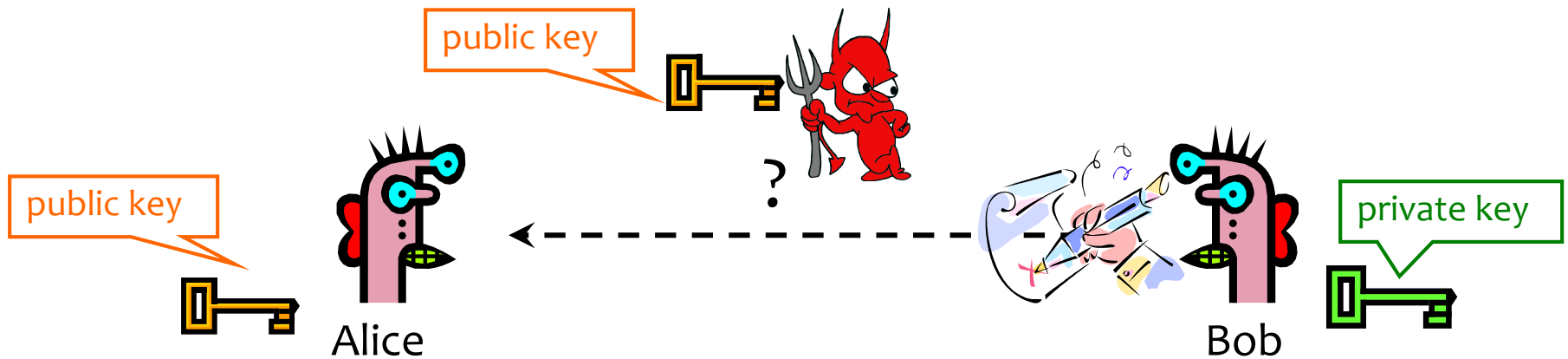
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- Do you see how to invert? (Side note, similar to DES internals)

# Digital Signatures

# Digital Signatures: Basic Idea



Given: Everybody knows Bob's **public key**  
Only Bob knows the corresponding **private key**

Goal: Bob sends a “digitally signed” message

1. To compute a signature, must know the private key
2. To verify a signature, only the public key is needed

# RSA Signatures

- Public key is  $(n, e)$ , private key is  $(n, d)$
- To **sign** message  $m$ :  $s = m^d \bmod n$ 
  - Signing & decryption are same **underlying** operation in RSA
  - It's infeasible to compute  $s$  on  $m$  if you don't know  $d$
- To **verify** signature  $s$  on message  $m$ :  
verify that  $s^e \bmod n = (m^d)^e \bmod n = m$ 
  - “Just like encryption” (for RSA primitive)
  - Anyone who knows  $n$  and  $e$  (public key) can verify signatures produced with  $d$  (private key)
- “Just like encryption” in quotes!
  - In practice, also need padding & hashing
  - Standard padding/hashing schemes exist for RSA signatures

# DSS Signatures

- Digital Signature Standard (DSS)
  - U.S. government standard (1991, most recent rev. 2013)
- Public key:  $(p, q, g, y=g^x \bmod p)$ , private key:  $x$
- Security of DSS requires hardness of discrete log
  - If could solve discrete logarithm problem, would extract  $x$  (private key) from  $g^x \bmod p$  (public key)
- **Important Note: We have discussed discrete logs modulo integers.**
- **Significant advantages in using elliptic curve groups – groups with some similar mathematical properties (i.e., are “groups”) but have better security and performance (size) properties**

# Stepping Back



# Cryptography Summary

- Goal: Privacy
  - Symmetric keys:
    - One-time pad, Stream ciphers
    - Block ciphers (e.g., DES, AES) → modes: EBC, CBC, CTR
  - Public key crypto (e.g., Diffie-Hellman, RSA)
- Goal: Integrity
  - MACs, often using hash functions (e.g, MD5, SHA-256)
- Goal: Privacy and Integrity
  - Encrypt-then-MAC
- Goal: Authenticity (and Integrity)
  - Digital signatures (e.g., RSA, DSS)