CSEP 564: Computer Security and Privacy

Cryptography [2]

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Logistics

- Lab1a is in!
 - Every group turned in something on-time, excellent!
- Lab1b is due next week
 - Wednesday is current deadline, may get pushed to thur/fri
- Lab2 goes out next week when lab1b is due

Paper Discussion Time!



"Timing Attacks on Implementations of Diffie-Hellman, RSA, DSS, and Other Systems" Paul C. Kocher

- Quick discussion only
- We'll revisit timing channels later in the quarter, time permitting...

Pay TU

DES and 56 bit keys

• 56 bit keys are quite short

Key Size (bits)	Number of Alternative Keys	Time required at 1 encryption/µs	Time required at 10 ⁶ encryptions/µs
32	$2^{32} = 4.3 \times 10^9$	$2^{31} \mu s = 35.8$ minutes	2.15 milliseconds
56	$2^{56} = 7.2 \times 10^{16}$	$2^{55} \mu s = 1142$ years	10.01 hours
128	$2^{128} = 3.4 \times 10^{38}$	$2^{127} \mu s = 5.4 \times 10^{24} \text{ years}$	5.4 × 10 ¹⁸ years
168	$2^{168} = 3.7 \times 10^{50}$	$2^{167} \mu s = 5.9 \times 10^{36} \text{years}$	5.9 × 1030 years
26 characters (permutation)	$26! = 4 \times 10^{26}$	$2 \times 10^{26} \mu s = 6.4 \times 10^{12} \text{ years}$	6.4×10^6 years

- 1999: EFF DES Crack + distributed machines
 - < 24 hours to find DES key
- DES ---> 3DES
 - 3DES: DES + inverse DES + DES (with 2 or 3 diff keys)

3DES

• Two-key 3DES increases security of DES by doubling the key length



But wait... what about 2DES?

- Suppose you are given plaintext-ciphertext pairs (P1,C1), (P2,C2), (P3,C3)
- Suppose Key1 and Key2 are each 56-bits long
- Can you figure out Key1 and Key2 if you try all possible values for both (2¹¹² possibilities) → Yes
- Can you figure out Key1 and Key2 more efficiently than that? → Discuss!



-7 A = 56 But wait... what about 2DES? • Meet-in-the-middle attack: guess K1 and K2 independently! $E(M_0, A_0)$ $E(M_0, A_1)$ \cdots $E(M_0, A_{2^{56}})$ $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ $D(C_{o}, B_{o}), D(C_{o}, B_{i}) \dots D(C_{o}, B_{a^{s}}) B_{j}$

Meet-in-the-Middle Attack

- Guess 2⁵⁶ values for Key1, and create a table from P1 to a middle value M1 for each key guess (M1^{G1}, M1^{G2}, M1^{G3}, ...)
- Guess 2⁵⁶ values for Key2, and create a table from C1 to a middle value M'1 for each key guess (M'1^{G1}, M'1^{G2}, M'1^{G3}, ...)
- Look for collision in the middle values → if only one collision, found Key1 and Key2; otherwise repeat for (P2,C2), ...



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Defining the strength of a scheme

- Effective Key Strength 🦾
 - Amount of 'work' the adversary needs to do
- DES: 56-bits
 - 2^56 encryptions to try 'all keys'
- 2DES: 57-bits
 - 2*(2^56) encryptions = 2^57
- 3DES: 112-bits (or sometimes 80-bits)
 - Meet-in-the-middle + more work = 2^112 (for 3 keys, e.g. K1, K2, K3)
 - Various attacks = 2^80 (for 2 keys, e.g. K1, K2, K1)

Standard Block Ciphers

• DES: Data Encryption Standard

- Feistel structure: builds invertible function using non-invertible ones
- Invented by IBM, issued as federal standard in 1977
- 64-bit blocks, 56-bit key + 8 bits for parity
- AES: Advanced Encryption Standard
 - New federal standard as of 2001
 - NIST: National Institute of Standards & Technology
 - Based on the Rijndael algorithm
 - Selected via an open process
 - 128-bit blocks, keys can be 128, 192 or 256 bits

Encrypting a Large Message

 So, we've got a good block cipher, but our plaintext is larger than 128bit block size



• What should we do?

Electronic Code Book (ECB) Mode



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- Identical blocks of plaintext produce identical blocks of ciphertext
- No integrity checks: can mix and match blocks

Information Leakage in ECB Mode







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Oops

Move Fast and Roll Your Own Crypto A Quick Look at the Confidentiality of Zoom Meetings

By Bill Marczak and John Scott-Railton April 3, 2020

• Zoom <u>documentation</u> claims that the app uses "AES-256" encryption for meetings where possible. However, we find that in each Zoom meeting, a single AES-128 key is used in ECB mode by all participants to encrypt and decrypt audio and video. The use of ECB mode is not recommended because patterns present in the plaintext are preserved during encryption.

https://citizenlab.ca/2020/04/move-fast-roll-your-own-crypto-a-quick-look-at-the-confidentiality-of-zoom-meetings/

Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) Mode: Encryption



- Identical blocks of plaintext encrypted differently
- Last cipherblock depends on entire plaintext
 - Still does not guarantee integrity

CBC Mode: Decryption





Initialization Vector Dangers



Found in the source code for Diebold voting machines:

DesCBCEncrypt((des_c_block*)tmp, (des_c_block*)record.m_Data, totalSize, DESKEY, NULL, DES_ENCRYPT)

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- Identical blocks of plaintext encrypted differently
- Still does not guarantee integrity; Fragile if ctr repeats

Information Leakage in CTR Mode (poorly)



Encrypt in CTR mode: But with the same counter for each frame!



Counter Mode (CTR): Decryption



Ok, so what mode do l use?

- Don't choose a mode, use established libraries 😳
- Good modes:
 - GCM Galois/Counter Mode
 - CTR (sometimes) /-
 - Even ECB is fine in 'the right circumstance'
- AES-128 is standard
 - Be concerned if something says "AES 1024"...

https://research.kudelskisecurity.com/2022/05/11/practical-bruteforce-of-aes-1024-military-grade-encryption/

When is an Encryption Scheme "Secure"?

- Hard to recover the key?
 - What if attacker can learn plaintext without learning the key?
- Hard to recover plaintext from ciphertext?
 - What if attacker learns some bits or some function of bits?

How Can a Cipher Be Attacked?

- Attackers knows ciphertext and encryption algorithm
 - What else does the attacker know? Depends on the application in which the cipher is used!

 $M_o: C_o \mid M_i: C_i$

C, -7M, $C_2 - 7M_2$ $C \neq C$

- Ciphertext-only attack
- KPA: Known-plaintext attack (stronger)
 - Knows some plaintext-ciphertext pairs
- CPA: Chosen-plaintext attack (even stronger)
 - Can obtain ciphertext for any plaintext of choice
- CCA: Chosen-ciphertext attack (very strong)
 - Can decrypt any ciphertext <u>except</u> the target

 C_{o}

Chosen Plaintext Attack



... repeat for any PIN value

Very Informal Intuition

Minimum security requirement for a modern encryption scheme

- Security against chosen-plaintext attack (CPA)
 - Ciphertext leaks no information about the plaintext
 - Even if the attacker correctly guesses the plaintext, he cannot verify his guess
 - Every ciphertext is unique, encrypting same message twice produces completely different ciphertexts
 - Implication: encryption must be randomized or stateful
- Security against chosen-ciphertext attack (CCA)
 - Integrity protection it is not possible to change the plaintext by modifying the ciphertext

The shape of the formal approach

- <u>IND</u>istinguishability under <u>Chosen Plaintext Attack</u>
 - IND-CPA
- Formalized *cryptographic game*
- Adversary submits pairs of *plaintexts* (M_a, M_b)
 - Gets back ONE of the *ciphertexts* (C_x)
- Adversary must guess which ciphertext this is (C_a or C_b)
 - If they can do better than 50/50, they win

 $M_a = = M_b$

So Far: Achieving Privacy

Encryption schemes: A tool for protecting privacy.



Now: Achieving Integrity

Message authentication schemes: A tool for protecting integrity.



Integrity and authentication: only someone who knows KEY can compute correct MAC for a given message.

Reminder: CBC Mode Encryption



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CBC-MAC



- Not secure when system may MAC messages of different lengths
- Use a different key not encryption key
 - NIST recommends a derivative called CMAC [FYI only]

Another Tool: Hash Functions

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• <u>Cryptographic</u> hash function needs a few properties...
Property 1: One-Way

- Intuition: hash should be hard to invert
 - "Preimage resistance"
 - Let h(x') = y in {0,1}ⁿ for a random x'
 - Given y, it should be hard to find any x such that h(x)=y
- How hard?
 - Brute-force: try every possible x, see if h(x)=y
 - SHA-1 (common hash function) has 160-bit output
 - Expect to try 2¹⁵⁹ inputs before finding one that hashes to y.

Property 2: Collision Resistance

• Should be hard to find $x \neq x'$ such that h(x)=h(x')

Birthday Paradox

- Are there two people in the ~first page of people on Zoom (depending on the size of your window) that have the same birthday?
 - 365 days in a year (366 some years)
 - Pick one person. To find another person with same birthday would take on the order of 365/2 = 182.5 people
 - Expect birthday "collision" with a room of only 23 people.
 - For simplicity, approximate when we expect a collision as **sqrt(365)**.
- Why is this important for cryptography?
 - 2¹²⁸ different 128-bit values
 - Pick one value at random. To exhaustively search for this value requires trying on average 2¹²⁷ values.
 - Expect "collision" after selecting approximately 2⁶⁴ random values.
 - **64 bits** of security against collision attacks, not 128 bits.

Property 2: Collision Resistance

- Should be hard to find $x \neq x'$ such that h(x)=h(x')
- Birthday paradox means that brute-force collision search is only O(2^{n/2}), not O(2ⁿ)
 - For SHA-1, this means O(2⁸⁰) vs. O(2¹⁶⁰)

One-Way vs. Collision Resistance

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Collision resistance does **not** imply one-wayness.

You can prove this by constructing a function that has one property but not the other.

One-Way vs. Collision Resistance (Details here mainly FYI)

- One-wayness does <u>not</u> imply collision resistance
 - Suppose g is one-way
 - Define h(x) as g(x') where x' is x except the last bit
 - h is one-way (to invert h, must invert g)
 - Collisions for h are easy to find: for any x, h(x0)=h(x1)
- Collision resistance does <u>not</u> imply one-wayness
 - Suppose g is collision-resistant
 - Define y=h(x) to be 0x if x is n-bit long, 1g(x) otherwise
 - Collisions for h are hard to find: if y starts with 0, then there are no collisions, if y starts with 1, then must find collisions in g
 - h is not one way: half of all y's (those whose first bit is 0) are easy to invert (how?); random y is invertible with probab. ¹/₂

Property 3: Weak Collision Resistance

- Given randomly chosen \mathbf{x} , hard to find x' such that h(x)=h(x')
 - Attacker must find collision for a <u>specific</u> x. By contrast, to break collision resistance it is enough to find <u>any</u> collision.
 - Brute-force attack requires O(2ⁿ) time
- Weak collision resistance does not imply collision resistance.

h (badthing) h (good thing)

Hashing vs. Encryption

- Hashing is one-way. There is no "un-hashing"
 - A ciphertext can be decrypted with a decryption key... hashes have no equivalent of "decryption"

 Hash(x) looks "random" but can be compared for equality with Hash(x')

- Hash the same input twice \rightarrow same hash value
- Encrypt the same input twice \rightarrow different ciphertexts
- Crytographic hashes are also known as "cryptographic checksums" or "message digests"

Application: Password Hashing

- Instead of user password, store hash(password)
- When user enters a password, compute its hash and compare with the entry in the password file
- Why is hashing better than encryption here?
 - Breakout

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- When user enters a password, compute its hash and compare with the entry in the password file
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- System does not store actual passwords!
- Don't need to worry about where to store the key!
- Cannot go from hash to password!

Application: Password Hashing

- Which property do we need?
 - One-wayness?
 - (At least weak) Collision resistance?
 - Both?

Application: Password Hashing + Salting

• Salting

We 'salt' hashes for password by adding a randomized suffix to the password

(purselt) salt

- E.g. Hash("coolpassword"+"35B67C2A")
- We then store the salt with the hashed password!
- Server generates the salt
- The goal is to prevent *precomputation attacks*
 - If the adversary doesn't know the salt, they can't precompute common passwords

Hash Functions Review

- Map large domain to small range (e.g., range of all 160- or 256-bit values)
- Properties:
 - Collision Resistance: Hard to find two distinct inputs that map to same output
 - One-wayness: Given a point in the range (that was computed as the hash of a random domain element), hard to find a preimage
 - Weak Collision Resistance: Given a point in the domain and its hash in the range, hard to find a new domain element that maps to the same range element



<u>Goal</u>: Software manufacturer wants to ensure file is received by users without modification.

<u>Idea:</u> given goodFile and hash(goodFile), very hard to find badFile such that hash(goodFile)=hash(badFile)

Application: Software Integrity

- Which property do we need?
 - One-wayness?
 - (At least weak) Collision resistance?
 - Both?

Which Property Do We Need?

One-wayness, Collision Resistance, Weak CR?

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- Commitments (e.g. auctions)
 - Alice wants to bid B, sends H(B), later reveals B
 - **One-wayness:** rival bidders should not recover B (this may mean that they need to hash some randomness with B too)
 - Collision resistance: Alice should not be able to change their mind to bid B' such that H(B)=H(B')

Commitments

Common Hash Functions

- SHA-2: SHA-256, SHA-512, SHA-224, SHA-384
- SHA-3: standard released by NIST in August 2015
- MD5 Don't Use!
 - 128-bit output
 - Designed by Ron Rivest, used very widely
 - Collision-resistance broken (summer of 2004)
- RIPÉMD
 - 160-bit version is OK
 - 128-bit version is *not* good
 - SHA-1 (Secure Hash Algorithm) Don't Use!
 - 160-bit output
 - US government (NIST) standard as of 1993-95
 - Theoretically broken 2005; practical attack 2017!



SHA-1 Broken in Practice (2017)

Google just cracked one of the building blocks of web encryption (but don't worry)

It's all over for SHA-1

by Russell Brandom | @russellbrandom | Feb 23, 2017, 11:49am EST

https://shattered.io



Aside: How we evaluate hash functions

- Speed
 - Is it amenable to hardware implementations?
- Diffusion
 - Does changing 1 bit in the input affect all output bits?
- Resistance to attack approaches
 - Collisions?
 - Length extensions?
 - etc



Recall: Achieving Integrity

Message authentication schemes: A tool for protecting integrity.



Integrity and authentication: only someone who knows KEY can compute correct MAC for a given message.

HMAC

- Construct MAC from a cryptographic hash function
 - Invented by Bellare, Canetti, and Krawczyk (1996)
 - Used in SSL/TLS, mandatory for IPsec
- Why not encryption? (Historical reasons)
 - Hashing is faster than block ciphers in software
 - Can easily replace one hash function with another
 - There used to be US export restrictions on encryption

MAC with SHA3

- SHA3(Key || Message)
- SHA3 is designed to get the same safety properties as HMAC constructions

Authenticated Encryption

Pollev.com/dkohlbre

- What if we want <u>both</u> privacy and integrity?
- Natural approach: combine encryption scheme and a MAC.
- Is this fine? (Pollev)

$$MAC(M_{i}, k_{m}) = SHA3(K_{m}||M_{i})$$



Authenticated Encryption

- What if we want <u>both</u> privacy and integrity?
- Natural approach: combine encryption scheme and a MAC.
- But be careful!
 - Obvious approach: Encrypt-and-MAC
 - Problem: MAC is deterministic! same plaintext \rightarrow same MAC



Authenticated Encryption

• Instead:

Encrypt *then* MAC.

 (Not as good: MAC-then-Encrypt)



Encrypt-then-MAC

Back to cryptography land

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Stepping Back: Flavors of Cryptography

- Symmetric cryptography
 - Both communicating parties have access to a shared random string K, called the key.
- Asymmetric cryptography
 - Each party creates a public key pk and a secret key sk.

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Asymmetric Setting

Each party creates a public key pk and a secret key sk.



Public Key Crypto: Basic Problem



rand key)

Applications of Public Key Crypto

- Encryption for confidentiality
 - <u>Anyone</u> can encrypt a message
 - With symmetric crypto, must know secret key to encrypt
 - Only someone who knows private key can decrypt
 - Key management is simpler (or at least different)
 - Secret is stored only at one site: good for open environments
- Digital signatures for authentication
 - Can "sign" a message with your private key
- Session key establishment
 - Exchange messages to create a secret session key
 - Then switch to symmetric cryptography (why?)

Session Key Establishment

Modular Arithmetic

• Given g and prime p, compute: g¹ mod p, g² mod p, ... g¹⁰⁰ mod p

- For p=11, g=10
 - 10¹ mod 11 = 10, 10² mod 11 = 1, 10³ mod 11 = 10, ...
 - Produces cyclic group {10, 1} (order=2)
- For p=11, g=7
 - 7¹ mod 11 = 7, 7² mod 11 = 5, 7³ mod 11 = 2, ...
 - Produces cyclic group {7,5,2,3,10,4,6,9,8,1} (order = 10)
 - g=7 is a "generator" of Z₁₁*





Diffie-Hellman Protocol (1976)

Diffie and Hellman Receive 2015 Turing Award





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Diffie-Hellman Protocol (1976)

- Alice and Bob never met and share no secrets
- <u>Public</u> info: p and g
 - p is a large prime, g is a **generator** of Z_p^*
 - $Z_p^* = \{1, 2 \dots p-1\}; a Z_p^* i such that <math>a = g^i \mod p$
 - Modular arithmetic: numbers "wrap around" after they reach p





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Why is Diffie-Hellman Secure?

• Discrete Logarithm (DL) problem:

given g^x mod p, it's hard to extract x

- There is no known <u>efficient</u> algorithm for doing this
- This is <u>not</u> enough for Diffie-Hellman to be secure!
- Computational Diffie-Hellman (CDH) problem: given g^x and g^y, it's hard to compute g^{xy} mod p
 ... unless you know x or y, in which case it's easy
- Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) problem:

given g^x and g^y, it's hard to tell the difference between where r is random



More on Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- **Important Note:**
 - We have discussed discrete logs modulo integers
 - C • 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

Diffie-Hellman: Conceptually



Common paint: p and g

Secret colors: x and y

Send over public transport: g^x mod p g^y mod p

Common secret: g^{xy} mod p

[from Wikipedia]

Diffie-Hellman Caveats



- Assuming DDH problem is hard (depends on choice of parameters!), Diffie-Hellman protocol is a secure key establishment protocol against <u>passive</u> attackers
 - Common recommendation:
 - Choose p=2q+1, where q is also a large prime
 - Choose g that generates a subgroup of order q in Z_p*
 - DDH is hard in this group
 - Eavesdropper can't tell the difference between the established key and a random value
 - In practice, often hash $g^{xy} \mod p$, and use the hash as the key
 - Can use the new key for symmetric cryptography
- Diffie-Hellman protocol (by itself) does not provide authentication (against active attackers)

• Person in the middle attack (also called "man in the middle attack")

Example from Earlier

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 - Produces cyclic group {3,9,5,4,1} (order = 5) (5 is a prime)
 - g=3 generates a group of prime order

Stepping Back: Asymmetric Crypto

- We've just seen session key establishment
 - Can then use shared key for symmetric crypto
- Next: public key encryption
 - For confidentiality
- Then: digital signatures
 - For authenticity

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



- 7 Euler totient function φ(n) (n≥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 $\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a) \varphi(b)$ if a & b are relatively prime

f(ab) = f(a) f(b)

Compute? e mod (n)

RSA Cryptosystem [Rivest, Shamir, Adleman 1977]

• Key generation:

- Generate large primes p, q
 - Say, 2048 bits each (need primality testing, too)
- Compute n=pq and (n)=(p-1)(q-1)
- Choose small **e**, relatively prime to $\varphi(n)$
 - Typically, **e=3** or **e=2¹⁶+1=65537**
- Compute unique **d** such that $ed \equiv 1 \mod \varphi(n)$
 - Modular inverse: $d \equiv e^{-1} \mod \varphi(n)$
- Public key = (e,n); private key = (d,n)
- Encryption of m: c = m^e mod n
- Decryption of c: $c_{7}^{d} \mod n = (m^{e})^{d} \mod n \Rightarrow m$

Why is RSA Secure?



- RSA problem: given c, n=pq, and e such that gcd(e, φ(n))=1, find m such that m^e=c mod n
 - In other words, recover m from ciphertext c and public key (n,e) by taking eth root of c modulo n
 - There is no known efficient algorithm for doing this *without* knowing p and q
- Factoring problem: given positive integer n, find primes p₁, ..., p_k such that n=p₁^{e₁}p₂^{e₂}...p_k^{e_k}
- If factoring is easy, then RSA problem is easy (knowing factors means you can compute d = inverse of e mod (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 <u>not</u> provide integrity
 - Can tamper with encrypted messages

In practice, OAEP is used: instead of encrypting M, encrypt $M \bigoplus G(r) || r \bigoplus H(M \bigoplus G(r))$

• r is random and fresh, G and H are hash functions

Review: RSA Cryptosystem [Rivest, Shamir, Adleman 1977]

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How to compute?



Actually, RSA is busted

- Math is OK, implementation isn't
 - Yes, all the implementations
- <u>https://blog.trailofbits.com/2019/07/08/fuck-rsa/</u>
- Sorry I just spent time teaching it to you
 - Maybe you would've preferred projected coordinate math on elliptic curves?

Digital Signatures: Basic Idea



<u>Given</u>: Everybody knows Bob's public key Only Bob knows the corresponding private key

<u>Goal</u>: 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 mod 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 mod n = (m^d)^e mod n = m

- Just like encryption (for RSA primitive)
- Anyone who knows **n** and **e** (public key) can verify signatures produced with d (private key)
- In practice, also need padding & hashing
 - Without padding and hashing: Consider multiplying two signatures together
 - 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 mod p), private key: x
- Each signing operation picks a new random value, to use during signing. Security breaks if two messages are signed with that same value.
- Security of DSS requires hardness of discrete log
 - If could solve discrete logarithm problem, would extract x (private key) from g^x mod p (public key)
- Again: We've discussed discrete logs modulo integers; significant advantages to using elliptic curve groups instead.

Post-Quantum

- If quantum computer become a reality
 - It becomes much more efficient to break conventional asymmetric encryption schemes (e.g., factoring becomes "easy")
- There exists efforts to make quantum-resilient asymmetric encryption schemes
 - (Check out NIST's PQC competition!)

Post quantum cryptography



Authenticity of Public Keys



<u>Problem</u>: How does Alice know that the public key they received is really Bob's public key?

Threat: Person-in-the Middle



Distribution of Public Keys

- Public announcement or public directory
 - Risks: forgery and tampering
- Public-key certificate
 - Signed statement specifying the key and identity
 - sig_{CA} "Bob", PK_B)
 - Additional information often signed as well (e.g., expiration date)
- Common approach: certificate authority (CA)
 - Single agency responsible for certifying public keys
 - After generating a private/public key pair, user proves their identity and knowledge of the private key to obtain CA's certificate for the public key (offline)
 - Every computer is <u>pre-configured</u> with CA's public key

You encounter this every day...



SSL/TLS: Encryption & authentication for connections

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SSL/TLS High Level

- SSL/TLS consists of two protocols
 - Familiar pattern for key exchange protocols
- Handshake protocol
- Use public-key cryptography to establish a shared secret key between the client and the server
 - Record protocol
 - Use the secret symmetric key established in the handshake protocol to protect communication between the client and the server



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Hierarchical Approach

- Single CA certifying every public key is impractical
- Instead, use a trusted root authority (e.g., Verisign)
 - Everybody must know the root's public key
 - Instead of single cert, use a certificate chain
 - sig_{Verisign}("AnotherCA", PK_{AnotherCA}), sig_{AnotherCA}("Alice", PK_A)
 - Not shown in figure but important:
 - Signed as part of each cert is whether party is a CA or not



• What happens if root authority is ever compromised?