

CS 4770: Cryptography

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The Diffie-Hellman protocol

Fix a large prime p (e.g. 600 digits)

Fix an integer g in $\{1, \dots, p\}$


Alice

choose random \mathbf{a} in $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$

Bob

choose random \mathbf{b} in $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$

$$p, g, A \leftarrow g^a \text{ mod } p$$

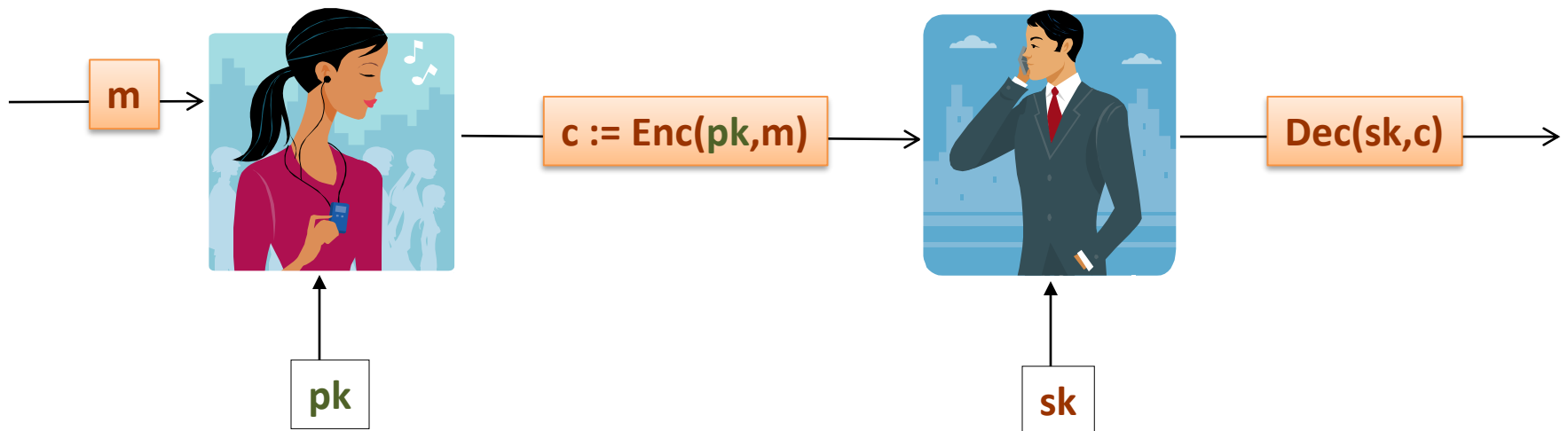

$$B \leftarrow g^b \text{ mod } p$$


$$\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{a}} \text{ (mod } p) = (g^{\mathbf{b}})^{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{AB}} = \mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{ab}} \text{ (mod } p) = (g^{\mathbf{a}})^{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{b}} \text{ (mod } p)$$

Public-key encryption

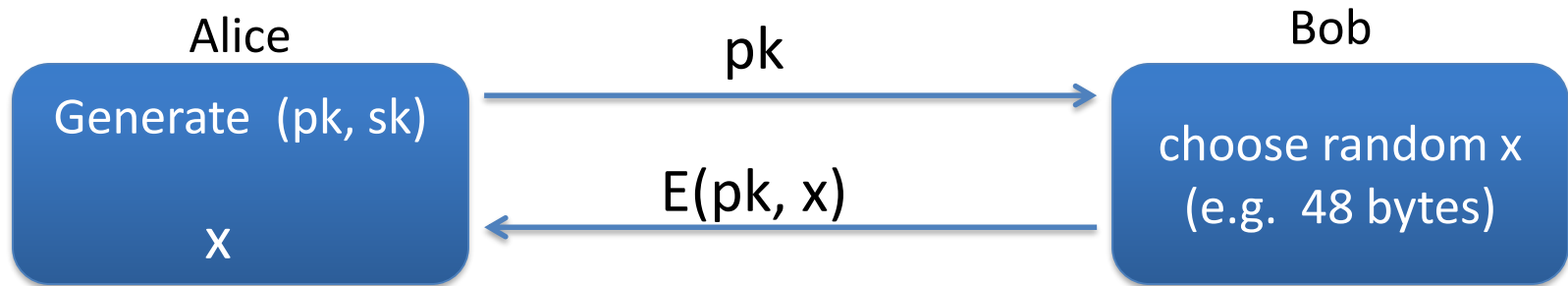
Instead of using one key k ,
use **2** keys (pk, sk), where

pk - public key used for **encryption**,
 sk – secret key used for **decryption**.



Applications

Key exchange (for now, only eavesdropping security)



Non-interactive applications: (e.g. Email)

- Bob sends email to Alice encrypted using pk_{alice}
- Note: Bob needs pk_{alice} (public key management)

Public key encryption

Definition: a public-key encryption system is a triple of algs.
(Gen, Enc, Dec)

- Gen(): randomized alg. outputs a key pair (pk, sk)
- Enc(pk, m): randomized alg. that takes $m \in M$ and outputs $c \in C$
- Dec(sk, c): det. alg. that takes $c \in C$ and outputs $m \in M$ or \perp

Correctness: \forall (pk, sk) output by G :

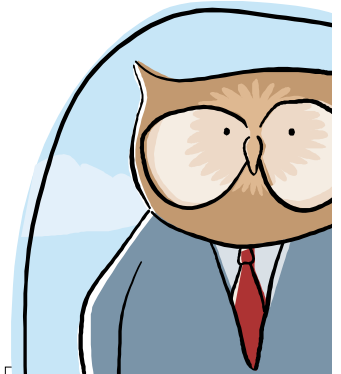
$$\forall m \in M: \text{Dec}(sk, \text{Enc}(pk, m)) = m$$

CPA Security Game – Public key

$\Pi = (\text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$: an encryption scheme



security parameter
 n



PPT Adversary A

Challenger

chooses m_0, m_1 such that
 $|m_0| = |m_1|$

Makes a guess b'

pk

m_0, m_1

c

1. $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(n)$
2. chooses random $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$
3. calculate $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(pk, m_b)$

Security definition:

We say that (Enc, Dec) is **CPA-secure** if any **polynomial time** adversary,
 $|\Pr[b' = b] - \frac{1}{2}|$ is negligible in n .

CPA security definition

- Experiment $\text{Exp}_{\Pi, A}^{\text{CPA}}(n)$:
 1. Choose $(pk, sk) \leftarrow^R \text{Gen}(1^n)$
 2. $m_0, m_1 \leftarrow A_1(pk)$
 3. $b \leftarrow^R \{0,1\}; c \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{pk}(m_b)$
 4. $b' \leftarrow A_2(pk, m_0, m_1, c)$
 5. Output 1 if $b = b'$ and 0 otherwise

We say that **(Enc, Dec)** is **chosen-plaintext attack (CPA) secure** if

For every **PPT** adversary $A = (A_1, A_2)$:

$|\Pr[\text{Exp}_{\Pi, A}^{\text{CPA}}(n) = 1] - \frac{1}{2}|$ negligible in n

Relation to symmetric cipher security

Recall: for symmetric ciphers we had two security notions:

- EAV security and CPA security
- We showed that CPA security is strictly stronger than EAV security

For public key encryption:

- EAV security \Rightarrow CPA security

follows from the fact that attacker can encrypt by himself

- Public key encryption **must** be randomized

CCA security definition

- Experiment $\text{Exp}_{\Pi, A}^{\text{CCA}}(n)$:
 1. Choose $(pk, sk) \leftarrow^R \text{Gen}(1^n)$
 2. $m_0, m_1 \leftarrow A_1^{\text{Dec}_{sk}(\cdot)}(pk)$
 3. $b \leftarrow^R \{0, 1\}; c \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{pk}(m_b)$
 4. $b' \leftarrow A_2^{\text{Dec}_{sk}(\cdot)}(m_0, m_1, c)$
 5. Output 1 if $b = b'$ and 0 otherwise

Adversary can not
submit c to
decryption oracle

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Construct public-key encryption
from trapdoor functions

Trapdoor functions (TDF)

Def: a trapdoor func. $X \rightarrow Y$ is a triple of efficient algorithms (Gen, F, F^{-1})

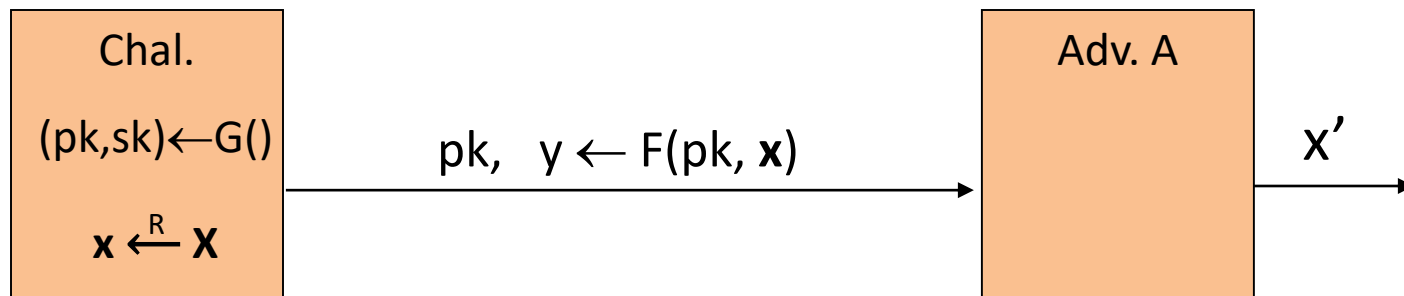
- $\text{Gen}()$: randomized alg. outputs a key pair (pk, sk)
- $F(pk, \cdot)$: deterministic alg. that defines a function $X \rightarrow Y$
- $F^{-1}(sk, \cdot)$: defines a function $Y \rightarrow X$ that inverts $F(pk, \cdot)$

More precisely: $\forall (pk, sk)$ output by G

$$\forall x \in X: F^{-1}(sk, F(pk, x)) = x$$

Secure Trapdoor Functions (TDFs)

(Gen, F, F^{-1}) is secure if $F(\text{pk}, \cdot)$ is a “one-way” function: can be evaluated, but cannot be inverted without sk



Def: (Gen, F, F^{-1}) is a secure TDF if for all PPT A :

$$\Pr[\mathbf{x} \leftarrow X, y = F(\text{pk}, \mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}' \leftarrow A(\text{pk}, y), \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}']$$

is negligible

Construct trapdoor functions

RSA trapdoor

Review: arithmetic mod composites

Let $N = p \cdot q$ where p, q are prime

$$\mathbb{Z}_N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1\}; \quad (\mathbb{Z}_N)^* = \{\text{invertible elements in } \mathbb{Z}_N\}$$

Facts: $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(x, N) = 1$

– Number of elements in $(\mathbb{Z}_N)^*$ is $\varphi(N) = (p-1)(q-1) = N - p - q + 1$

Euler's theorem:

$$\forall x \in (\mathbb{Z}_N)^* : x^{\varphi(N)} = 1 \pmod{N}$$

The RSA trapdoor permutation

First published: Scientific American, Aug. 1977

R. Rivest, A. Shamir, and L. Adelman

Very widely used:

- SSL/TLS: certificates and key-exchange
- Secure e-mail and file systems
- ... many others

The RSA trapdoor permutation

Gen(): Choose random primes $p, q \approx 1024$ bits.

Set $N=pq$. **RSA modulus**

Choose integers e, d s.t. **$e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)}$**

Output $pk = (N, e)$, $sk = (d)$

$F(pk, x) : \mathbb{Z}_N^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^* ; F(pk, x) = x^e \pmod N$

$F^{-1}(sk, y) = y^d \pmod N$

$$y^d = \mathbf{RSA(x)^d} = x^{ed} = x^{k\varphi(N)+1} = \left(x^{\varphi(N)}\right)^k \cdot \mathbf{x} = x$$

The RSA assumption

RSA assumption: RSA is trapdoor permutation

For all PPT algorithms A :

$$\Pr \left[A(N, e, y) = y^{1/e} \right] < \text{negligible}$$

where $p, q \xleftarrow{R}$ n -bit primes, $N \leftarrow pq$, $y \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

Textbook RSA is insecure

Textbook RSA encryption:

– public key: (N,e)

Encrypt: $c \leftarrow m^e \bmod N$

– secret key: (N,d)

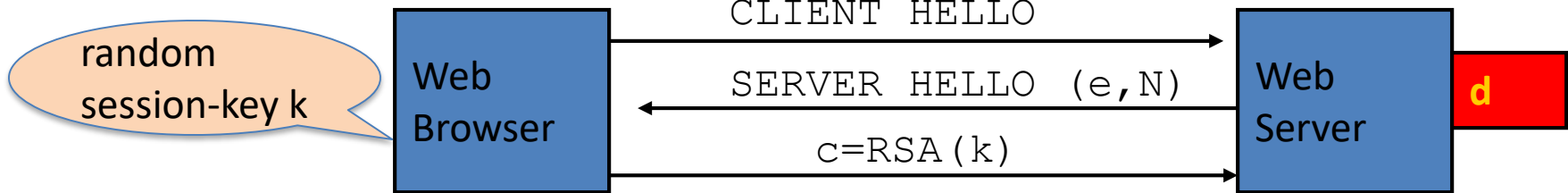
Decrypt: $c^d \rightarrow m \bmod N$

Insecure cryptosystem !!

- Is not semantically secure and many attacks exist
- Deterministic encryption

⇒ The RSA trapdoor permutation is not an encryption scheme !

Attack 1: Meet in the middle



Suppose k is 64 bits: $k \in \{0, \dots, 2^{64} - 1\}$. Eve sees: $c = k^e$ in Z_N

If $k = k_1 \cdot k_2$ where $k_1, k_2 < 2^{34}$ (prob. $\approx 20\%$)

then $c/k_1^e = k_2^e$

Step 1: build table: $c/1^e, c/2^e, c/3^e, \dots, c/2^{34e}$. time: 2^{34}

Step 2: for $k_2 = 0, \dots, 2^{34} - 1$ test if k_2^e is in table. time: 2^{34}

Output matching (k_1, k_2) .

Total attack time: $\approx 2^{40} \ll 2^{64}$

Attack 2: Small messages

- Encrypt: $c \leftarrow m^e \bmod N$
- Use small exponents (e.g., $e = 3$)
- Assume that m is small
 - m is 300 bits, N is 1024 bits
 - $m^e < N \Rightarrow c = m^e$ over integers
 - Then can compute $m = c^{1/e}$ over integers
- Finding e -th roots is easy over integers, but hard mod N , for $N=pq$

Attack 3: Small decryption exponent

To speed up RSA decryption use small private key d ($d \approx 2^{128}$)

$$c^d = m \pmod{N}$$

Wiener'87: If $d < N^{0.25}$ then RSA is insecure.

BD'98: If $d < N^{0.292}$ then RSA is insecure (open: $d < N^{0.5}$)

Insecure: private key d can be found from (N, e)

Attack 4: RSA with related public keys

- Assume 2 users share the same module N
 - Public keys (N, e_1) and (N, e_2) with $\gcd(e_1, e_2) = 1$
- Same message m encrypted under both keys
 - Adversary sees $c_1 = m^{e_1} \bmod N$; $c_2 = m^{e_2} \bmod N$
- Attacker can recover m
 - e_1 and e_2 are public \Rightarrow there exists X and Y such that $e_1 X + e_2 Y = 1$ (X and Y can be found with extended Euclidian algorithm)
 - $c_1^X c_2^Y = m^{e_1 X} m^{e_2 Y} = m \bmod N$
- Morale: do not reuse the same RSA modulus for multiple keys

RSA public-key encryption

(E, D): authenticated encryption scheme

$H: Z_N \rightarrow K$ where K is key space of (E_s, D_s)

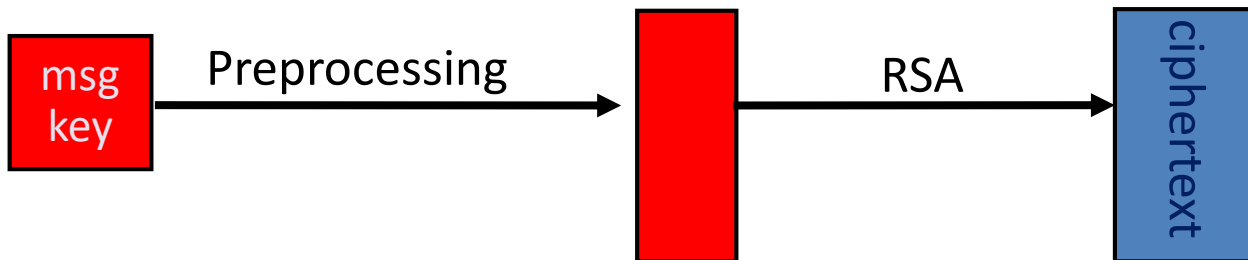
- **Gen**(\cdot): generate RSA parameters:
 $pk = (N, e), \quad sk = (d)$
- **Enc**(pk, m): (1) choose random x in Z_N
(2) $y \leftarrow \text{RSA}(x) = x^e, \quad k \leftarrow H(x)$
(3) output $(y, E(k, m))$
- **Dec**($sk, (y, c)$): output $D(H(\text{RSA}^{-1}(y)), c)$

CCA secure
ISO Standard

RSA encryption in practice

Never use textbook RSA.

RSA in practice (since ISO standard is not often used) :

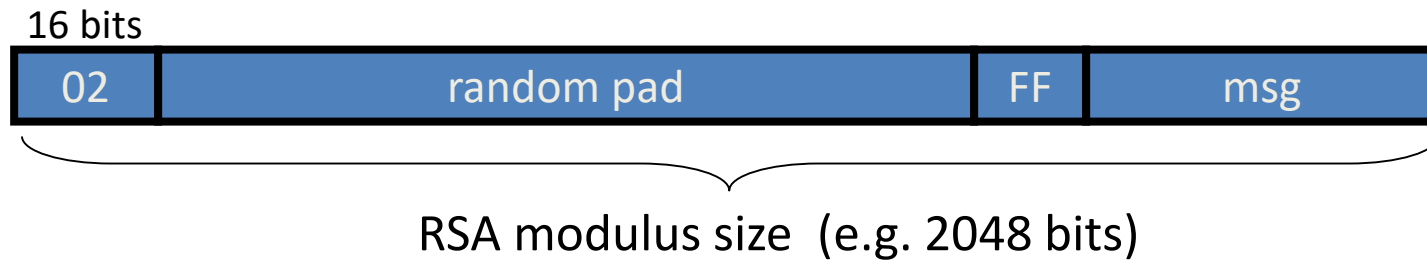


Main questions:

- How should the preprocessing be done?
- Can we argue about security of resulting system?

PKCS1 v1.5

PKCS1 mode 2: (encryption)

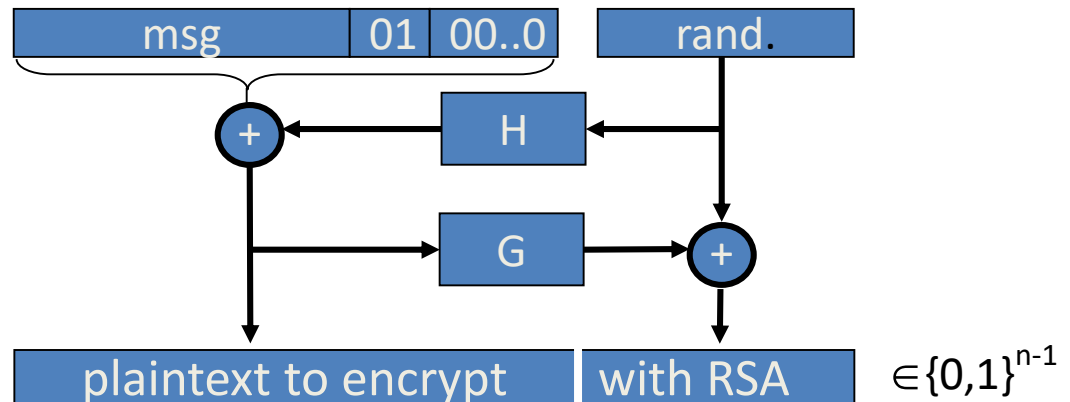


- Resulting value is RSA encrypted
- Widely deployed, e.g. in HTTPS

PKCS1 v2.0: OAEP

New preprocessing function: OAEP [BR94]

check pad
on decryption.
reject CT if invalid.



Theorem [FOPS'01]: RSA is a trapdoor permutation \Rightarrow
RSA-OAEP is CCA secure when H, G are *random functions*

in practice: use SHA-256 for H and G

Further reading

- Why chosen ciphertext security matters, V. Shoup, 1998
- Twenty years of attacks on the RSA cryptosystem, D. Boneh, Notices of the AMS, 1999
- OAEP reconsidered, V. Shoup, Crypto 2001
- Key lengths, A. Lenstra, 2004

Key insights

- CCA security is the desired notion of security for public-key encryption to handle active attackers
 - CPA security is equivalent to EAV security
- RSA trapdoor
 - Relies on hardness of computing e -th roots mod N
- CCA secure public-key encryption can be constructed from trapdoor permutations
 - Trapdoor permutations (e.g., RSA) are not by themselves secure encryption schemes
 - Need to use a method to transform them to CCA-secure encryption (ISO standard, OAEP)

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