

Asymmetric Encryption

Uses public/private key pair

Each user generates a pair of public and private keys

Public Key is known to everyone and is used to encrypt data

Private Key is only known to the key owner and used for decryption

Used in 3 categories

-Encryption/Decryption (provide secrecy)

-Digital signatures (provide authentication)

-Key exchange (of session keys)

Diffie-Hellman key exchange

First public-key type scheme

Proposed by Diffie & Hellman in 1976

A practical method for public exchange of a secret key

Cannot be used to exchange an arbitrary message

Security relies on the difficulty of computing discrete logarithms

Diffie-Hellman algorithm

q prime number

$\alpha < q$, α primitive root of q

User A

Select $PR=X_a$ $X_a < q$

Calculate $Y_a = \alpha^{X_a} \text{ mod } q$
 $PU=Y_a$

User B

Select $PR=X_b$ $X_b < q$

Calculate $Y_b = \alpha^{X_b} \text{ mod } q$
 $PU=Y_b$

Secret key calculation

User A $K=(Y_b)^{X_a} \text{ mod } q$

User B $K=(Y_a)^{X_b} \text{ mod } q$

Disadvantages

Cannot be used for asymmetric key exchanges

Man-in-the-Attack

ElGamal-Cryptosystem

Presented in 1984 by Tahir Elgamal

Used for encrypting messages

Based on discrete logarithmic problem

Disadvantages

Decryption is slow

Duplicates message length by factor of two during encryption

ElGamal algorithm

Select large prime q

Select p, p is primitive root of q

User A

Choose private key X_a , $1 < X_a < q-1$

Compute public key $Y_a = p^{X_a} \text{ mod } q$

Similarly User B calculates X_b and Y_b

Encryption from A

Message M $0 \leq M \leq q-1$

Choose k $1 \leq k \leq q-1$

Compute $K = Y_a^k \text{ mod } q$

Compute $C_1 = p^k \text{ mod } q$

Compute $C_2 = KM \text{ mod } q$

---Ciphertext(C_1, C_2)

Decryption from B

Recover key $K = C_1^{X_b} \text{ mod } q$

Compute message $M = C_2 * K^{-1} \text{ mod } q$

RSA

Uses large integers (eg. 1024 bits)

RSA key generation

Select two large primes p and q p not equal to q

Calculate $n = p * q$

Calculate $O(n) = (p-1) * (q-1)$

Select e $1 < e < O(n)$ and e is coprime to $O(n)$

Calculate $d = e^{-1} \text{ mod } O(n)$

Public key $PU = \{e, n\}$

Private key $PR = \{d, n\}$

Encryption

Plaintext M $M < n$

Ciphertext $C = M^e \text{ mod } n$

Decryption

Plaintext C

Ciphertext $M = C^d \text{ mod } n$

Key Distribution Techniques

Means of delivering key to two parties who wish to communicate

For symmetric encryption to work, two parties must exchange the same key

Public-key cryptosystems are mostly used to encrypt secret keys

Frequent key exchanges are desirable to limit the amount of data compromised

The strength of any cryptographic system relies on key distribution technique

Advantages and Disadvantages

Hard to crack since it involves factorization of prime numbers

Can be very slow in cases where large data needs to be encrypted

Man-in-the-Middle attack



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Key Distribution Models

Model 1

A->B PUA||IDa

B->A E(PUa,ks)

-Ensures confidentiality but not authentication

-Vulnerable to man-in-the-middle attack

Model 2

A->B E(PUB,[N1||IDa])

B->A E(PUa,[N1||N2])

A->B E(PUa,N2)

A->B E(PUB,E(PRa,Ks))

-ensures both confidentiality and authentication

Distribution of public keys:

Public announcement

Feeding in a Publicly available directory

-Both vulnerable to forgery(anyone can claim to be someone)

Public Key Authority

-A trusted third party(KDC)

-Provides session keys to users who wish to communicate

-Requires users to be registered

-Just like a directory composed of users public key

-User interacts with the directory to obtain any desired public key securely

Interaction Model:

A->auth Request|T1

auth->A Epr_auth[KPU_b|Request|T1]

A->B Epu_b[IDA|N1]

B->auth Request|T2

auth->B Epr_auth[KPU_a|Request|T2]

B->A Epu_a[N1|N2]

A->B Epu_b[N2]

Public-Key Certificates:

Certificates allow key exchange without realtime access to Public-Key Authority

A certificate binds user identity to public key

Certificate contains all necessary details appended by its hash

Helps user claim accountability for a Key

X_509 Certificates:

Issued by a Certification Authority (CA)

Part of CCITT X.500 directory service standards

Defines the framework for authentication

Uses public-key crypto & digital signatures

X.509 certificates are widely used and has 3 versions

Each version with information extended

Certificate contains information such as Public Key, Digital Signature, Issuer, Version, Serial Number, Time Stamp.

X.509 Version 3:

Has been recognised that additional information is needed in a certificate

-email/URL, policy details, constraints

Rather than explicitly naming new fields defined a general extension model

-Identifier, Criticality Indicator, Value

Hash Functions

Accepts variable length input M and produces fixed-size hash h

$$h = H(M)$$

Principal object is data integrity

It is infeasible to find object

- With pre-specified hash (**One-Way Property**)

-Two objects mapping to same hash (**Collision -Free Property**)

Message Authentication Code(MAC):

Also known as a keyed hash function

Concerned with integrity and authentication

Calculates hash from the message and encrypts with the secret key->Cryptographic Checksum or MAC or Tag

-Then is appended to the message

-The receiver calculates the hash of message and compares

-Same hash value confirms that the message came from the stated sender (its authenticity) and has not been changed.

Digital Signatures :

Concerned with integrity, authentication, Non-repudiation

Operation is similar to that of the MAC

Model-1:

Instead the hash value of a message is encrypted with a user's private key

Anyone who knows the user's public key can verify the integrity of the message

An attacker who wishes to alter the message would need to know the user's private key

-This provides authentication.

Model 2 :

Once the encrypted hash of the message is calculated and appended to original message

Once again it is encrypted with the symmetric secret key

Receiver decrypts it with the symmetric key then public key

Then calculates hash of message and compares

This ensures confidentiality as well as authentication

