Lecture 9: Public-Key Cryptography

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Crypto Thus Far...





Key pairs

- Instead of sharing a key between pairs of principals...
- ...every principal has a pair of keys
 - public key: published for the world to see
 - private key: kept secret and never shared



Protocol to exchange encrypted message

- 1. A: $c = Enc(m; pk_B)$
- 2. A -> B: c
- 3. B: $m = Dec(c; sk_B)$

key pair: (pk_B, sk_B)

Public keys

0. B: (K_B, k_B) = Gen(len) 1. ...

- All public keys published in "phonebook"
- So A can lookup B's key to send message
- Length of phonebook is O(n)
- So quadratic problem reduced to linear!
- Eliminates key distribution problem!

RSA

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- Gen(len):
 - Pick primes *p*, *q*
 - Choose e, d such that $ed = 1 \mod \operatorname{lcm}(p 1, q 1)$
 - pk = (n, e), sk = (p, q, d)
- Enc(m, pk)

$$c = m^e \mod n$$

• Dec(c, sk):

$$m = c^d \mod n$$

Problems with Textbook RSA

- Deterministic: given same plaintext and key, always produces the same ciphertext
- *Small numbers*: if m^e < n, then log is easy to compute
- *Big numbers*: if m > n, can't compute do math mod n

Solution 1: Padding

- PKCS#1 v1.5: 0x00 0x02 [non-zero bytes] 0x00 [message]
 - Vulnerable to a padding oracle attack!
- OAEP (Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding)
 - Security proof (with assumptions)



Square-and-Multiply

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res = 1;
while (exp > 0) {
      if (\exp \% 2 == 1){
              res = res * base % p;
       base = base^2\% p;
       exp >> 1;
}
```

return res;

Side Channels



- Power
- Timing
- EM Radiation
- Acoustics

Blinded RSA

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- Enc(m, pk)

$$c = (mr)^e \cdot r^{-e} \bmod n$$

• Dec(c, sk):

$$m = c^d \mod n$$

Solution 2: Hybrid encryption

- Assume:
 - Symmetric encryption scheme (Gen_SE, Enc_SE, Dec_SE)
 - Public-key encryption scheme (Gen_PKE, Enc_PKE, Dec_PKE)
- Use public-key encryption to establish a shared session key
 - Avoids quadratic problem, assuming existence of phonebook
 - Avoids problem of key distribution
- Use symmetric encryption to exchange long plaintext encrypted under session key
 - Gain efficiency of block cipher and mode



Protocol to exchange encrypted message



0. B: (pk_B, sk_B) = Gen_PKE(len_PKE)
 publish (B, pk_B)

2. A -> B: c1, c2

Session keys

- If key compromised, only those messages encrypted under it are disclosed
- Used for a brief period then discarded
 - cryptoperiod: length of time for which key is valid
 - in this case, for a single (long) message
 - not intended for reuse in future messages
- only intended for unidirectional usage:
 - A->B, not B->A

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

Recall: Key pairs

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Key pair terminology

	Encryption	Digital Signatures
Public key	Encryption key	Verification key
Private key	Decryption key	Signing key

Digital signature scheme

A digital signature scheme is a triple (Gen, Sign, Ver):

- Gen(len): generate a key pair (pk,sk) of length len
- Sign(m; sk): sign message m with key sk, producing signature s as output
- Ver(m, s; sk): verify signature s on message m with key pk





Protocol to exchange signed message

- 0. A: $(K_A, k_A) = Gen(len)$
- 1. A: $s = Sign(m; k_A)$
- 2. A \rightarrow B: m, s
- 3. B: accept if Ver(m; s; K_A)
- Message is sent in plaintext: no protection of confidentiality
- Goal is to detect modification not prevent

Security of digital signatures

 Must be hard to forge signature for a message without knowledge of key

...like handwritten signatures

 Even if in possession of multiple (message, signature) pairs for that key

...unlike handwritten signatures

DSA

- **DSA:** Digital Signature Algorithm [Kravitz 1991]
- Standardized by NIST and made available royalty-free in 1991/1993
- Used for decades without any serious attacks
- Closely related to Elgamal encryption

RSA

- Core ideas are the same as RSA encryption
- Common mistake: "RSA sign = encrypt with private key"
- Truth (in real world, outside of textbooks):
 - there's a core RSA function R that works with either pk or sk
 - RSA encrypt = do some prep work on m then call R with pk
 - RSA sign = do different prep work on m then call R with sk
 - Prep work: recall "textbook RSA is insecure"
 - (For encryption: OAEP)
 - For signatures: PSS (probabilistic signature scheme)
 - Also need to handle long messages...



Signatures with hashing

- 1. A: $s = Sign(H(m); k_A)$
- 2. A -> B: m, s
- 3. B: accept if Ver(H(m); s; K_A)

Blind signatures

[Chaum 1983]

- Purpose: signer doesn't know what they are signing
- Two additional algorithms: Blind and Unblind
- Unblind(Sign(Blind(m); k)) = Sign(m; k)
- Uses: e-cash, e-voting

Group signatures

[Chaum and van Heyst 1991]

- Purpose: one member of group signs anonymously on behalf of group
- Introduces a group manager who controls membership
- Two new protocols: Join and Revoke, to manage membership
- One new algorithm: Open, which manager can run to reveal who signed a message