

# CS 55: Security and Privacy

Asymmetric encryption

ALICE SENDS A MESSAGE TO BOB  
SAYING TO MEET HER SOMEWHERE.

UH HUH.

BUT EVE SEES IT, TOO,  
AND GOES TO THE PLACE.

WITH YOU SO FAR.

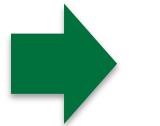
BOB IS DELAYED, AND  
ALICE AND EVE MEET.

YEAH?



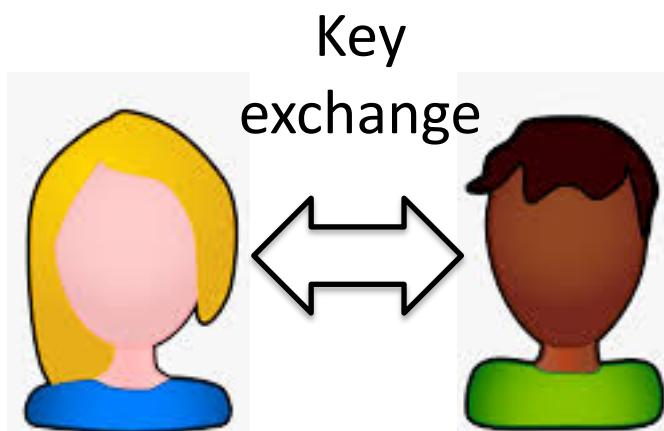
I'VE DISCOVERED A WAY TO GET COMPUTER  
SCIENTISTS TO LISTEN TO ANY BORING STORY.

# Agenda



1. Diffie-Helman key exchange
2. Asymmetric encryption
3. The RSA algorithm
4. Digital Signatures

# With symmetric key cryptography, both sender and receiver must know key



Both Alice and Bob must both know the same key for symmetric encryption

Traditionally keys distributed via paper and trusted couriers

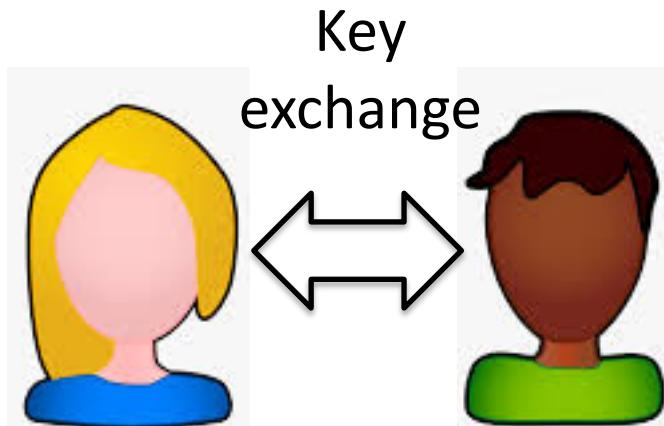
Problematic in web age!



If Eve learns key, can decrypt messages

We assume Eve is always listening

# Diffie-Helman (DH) allows a sender and receiver to develop the same key



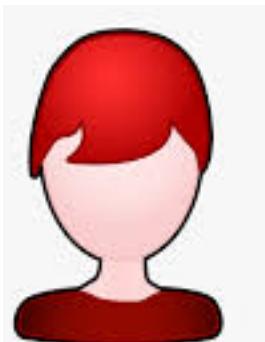
Alice

Bob

Goal: develop the same key on both sides, but prevent Eve from doing the same

Then use the key for symmetric encryption (e.g., AES)

Called key agreement protocol



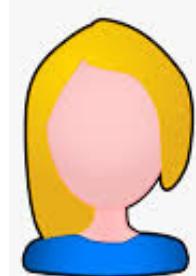
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**NOTE: Diffie-Helman is non-authenticated (you don't know with whom you are agreeing a key)!**

# To get the intuition behind DH, consider mixing colors three colors



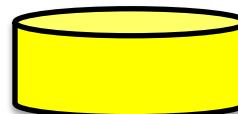
Alice



Alice picks color (private)



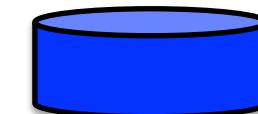
Eve



Pick color known to everyone  
(Alice, Bob, and Eve)



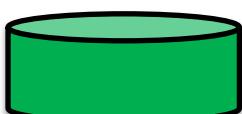
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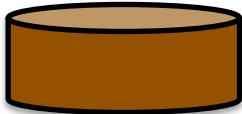
Bob picks color (private)



Private + public

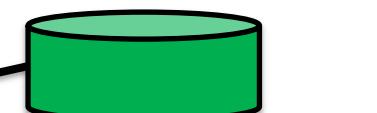


Private  
+  
Bob's color

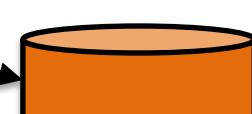


Send mixture to other  
party (Eve can see)

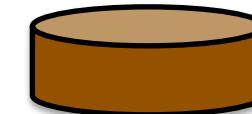
Alice and Bob have  
same color, Eve cannot  
make same



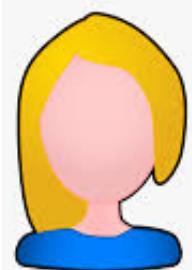
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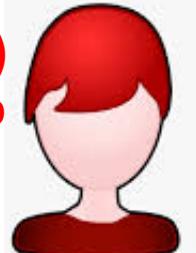
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# In reality DH uses two public prime numbers and two private random numbers



Alice



Eve



Bob

Pick random  $1 < a < p$

$$g^a \text{ mod } p$$

Compute  
 $K = (g^b \text{ mod } p)^a \text{ mod } p$   
 $= g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$

Alice and Bob pick  
public numbers  $g$  and  $p$   
•  $p$  large prime  
•  $g$  small prime

Pick random  $1 < b < p$   
**What is the problem here?  
Non-authenticated, who  
did you agree a key with?**

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

Eve cannot separate  $x$   
and  $y$  from  $g$  and  $p$

Compute  
 $K = (g^a \text{ mod } p)^b \text{ mod } p$   
 $= g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$

**Now Alice and Bob know same key, can use  
with symmetric encryption (AES)**

# Test program confirms this approach allows Alice and Bob to calculate same key

diffie\_helman.c

```
void main() {  
    int g = 5; //prime, known to alice, bob, eve  
    int p = 23; //prime, known to alice, bob, eve  
  
    int a = 6; //random private, known only to alice  
    int b = 15; //random private, known only to bob  
  
    //alice knows g, p, and a  
    //bob knows g, p, and b  
    //eve knows g, p  
  
    //alice sends to bob  $g^a \text{ mod } p$   
    //bob sends to alice  $g^b \text{ mod } p$   
    int a_to_b = (long long)(pow(g,a)) % p;  
    int b_to_a = (long long)(pow(g,b)) % p;  
    //eve sees both a_to_b and b_to_a  
  
    //alice calculates  $b_{\text{to\_a}}^a \% p$   
    //bob calculates  $a_{\text{to\_b}}^b \% p$   
    int alice = (long long)(pow(b_to_a,a)) % p;  
    int bob = (long long)(pow(a_to_b,b)) % p;  
  
    printf("Alice calculates %i\n",alice);  
    printf("Bob calculates %i\n",bob);  
}
```

*g* (small prime) and *p* (large prime)  
to known all

Alice and Bob each pick private random number

- Alice does not know *b*
- Bob does not know *a*
- Eve does not know either *a* or *b*

Alice sends  $g^a \text{ mod } p$  to Bob  
Bob sends  $g^b \text{ mod } p$  to Alice

- Eve sees both numbers
- *Discrete log problem* says it is difficult for Eve to extract *a* or *b* from numbers she sees
- No known way to solve quickly

Alice calculates  $(g^b \text{ mod } p)^a \text{ mod } p$   
Bob calculates  $(g^a \text{ mod } p)^b \text{ mod } p$   
 $= g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$

Each calculate 2 in this example

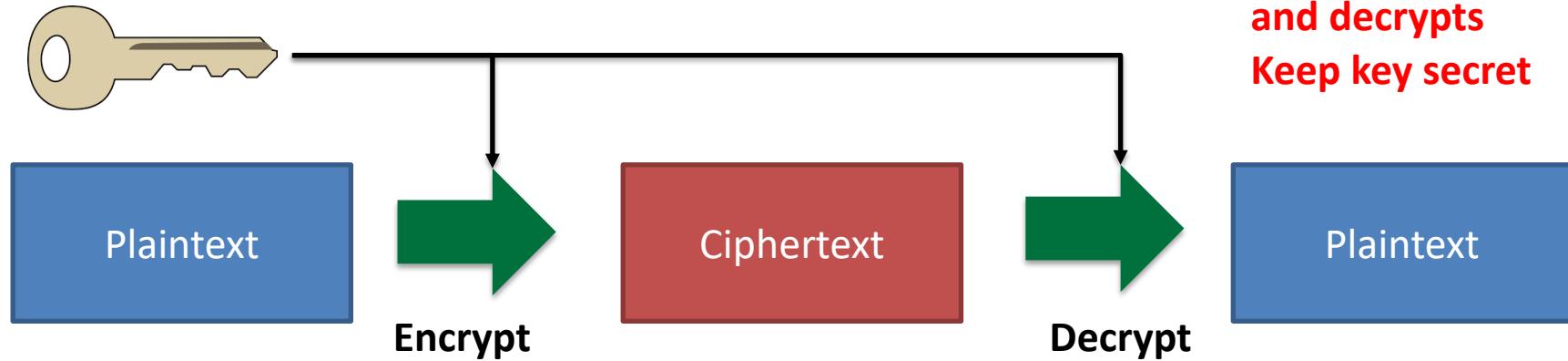
Alice and Bob have same key, but do not know each other's secret  
Eve cannot calculate key

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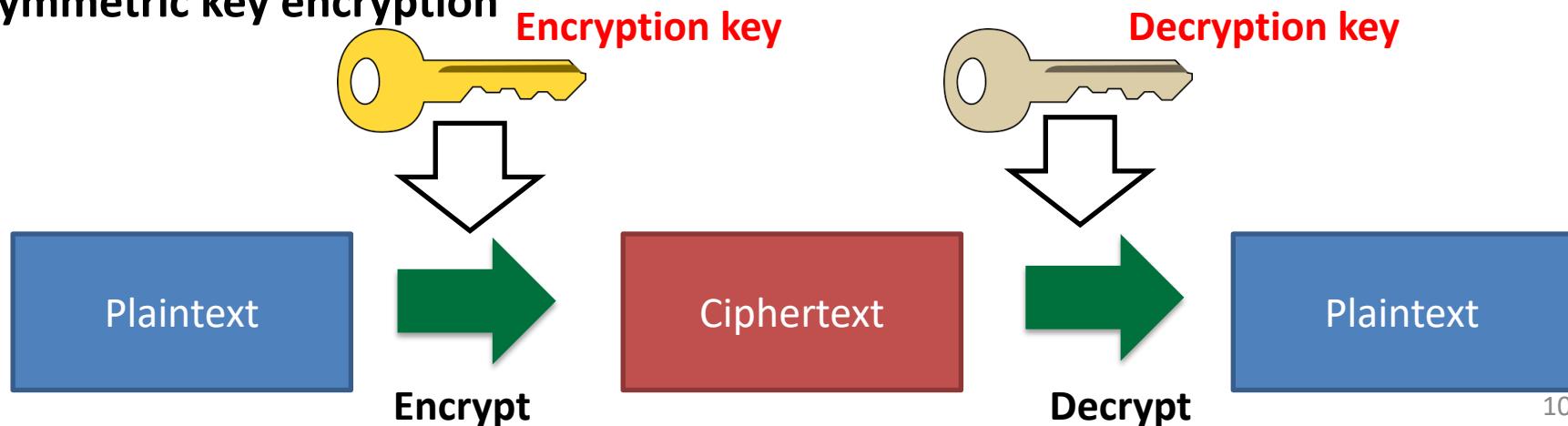
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# Asymmetric encryption uses a public and private key; symmetric only uses one key

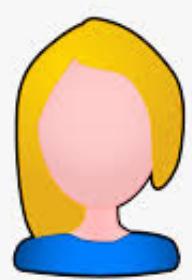
## Symmetric key encryption



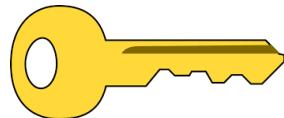
## Asymmetric key encryption



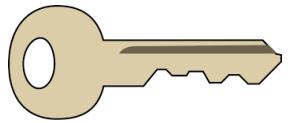
# Step 1: Alice creates public and private key, publishes public key; keeps private secret



Alice



Alice publishes  
public key



Private key held  
in secret

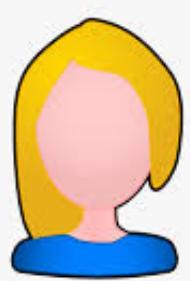


Eve

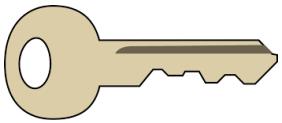


Bob

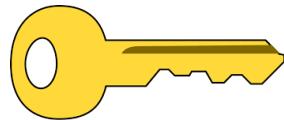
# Step 2: Bob gets Alice's public key



Alice



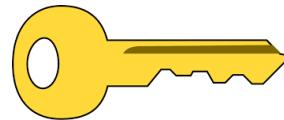
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Alice publishes  
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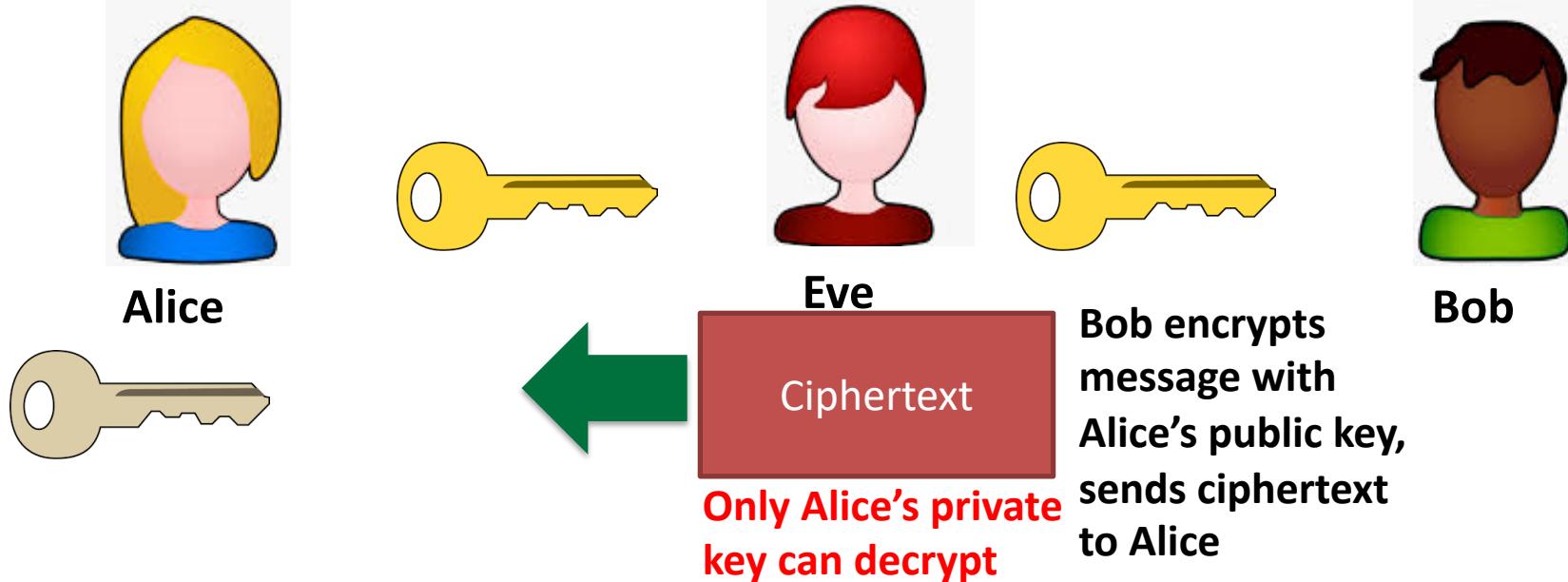


Bob gets Alice's  
public key

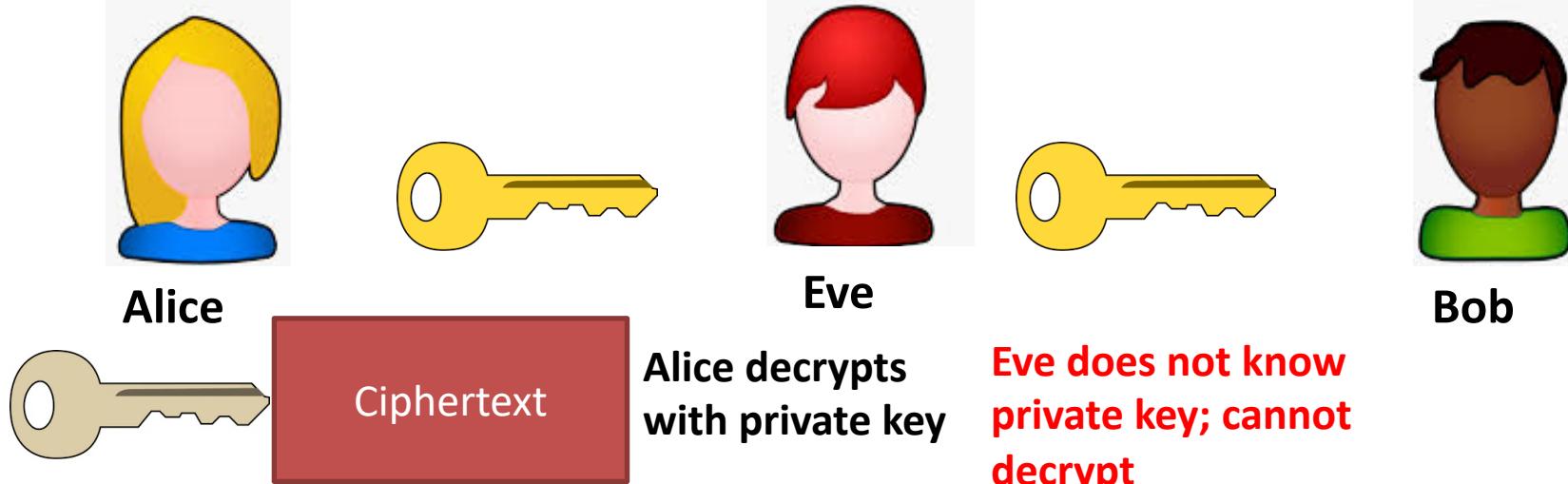


Bob

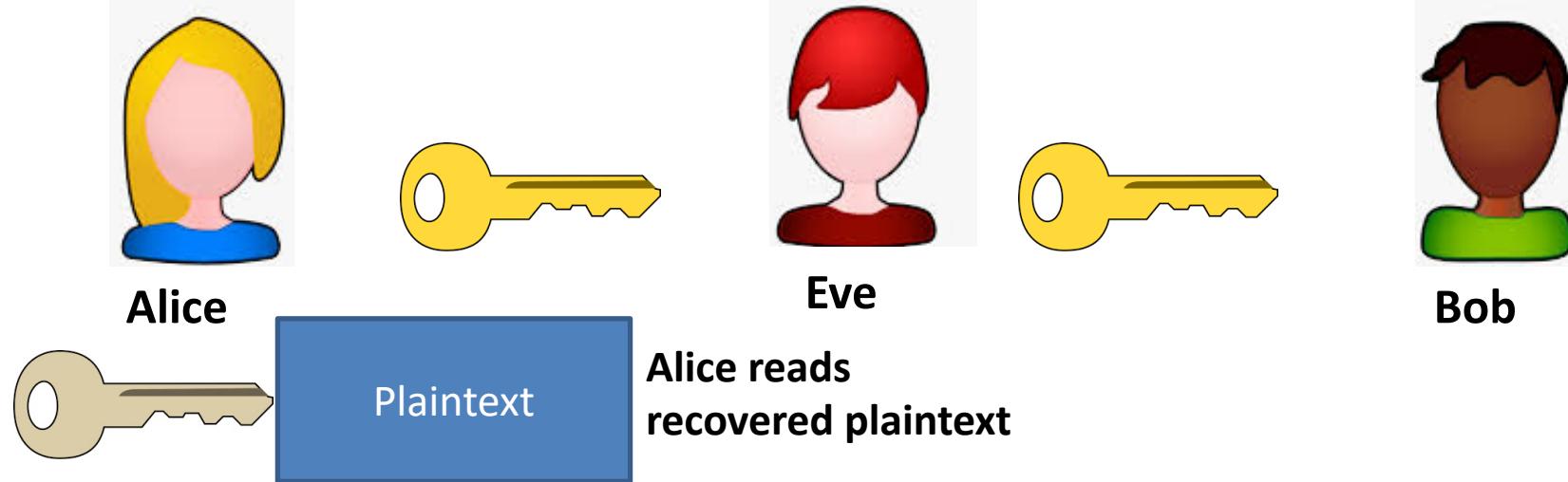
# Step 3: Bob encrypts message to Alice using Alice's public key



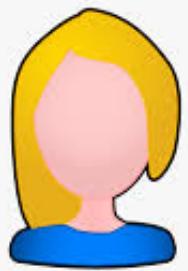
# Step 4: Alice decrypts message using private key



# Step 5: Alice reads plaintext from Bob



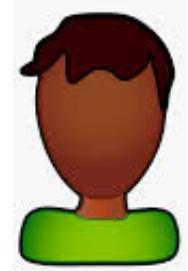
# We can tweak DH to turn it into a Public Key encryption scheme



Alice



Eve



Bob

Pick:  $g, p, a$

Public key:  $g, p, g^a \text{ mod } p$

Private key:  $a$

Pick:  $b$

**Works, but not used this way in practice  
We use RSA instead**



**Send encrypted message to Alice:**

- Get Alice public key =  $g^a \text{ mod } p$
- Compute  $K = (g^a \text{ mod } p)^b \text{ mod } p$   
 $= g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$
- Use AES to encrypt  $C = E(m, K)$
- Send  $C$  and  $g^b \text{ mod } p$

**To decrypt**

- $K = (g^b \text{ mod } p)^a \text{ mod } p$   
 $= g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$
- Use AES to decrypt  $m = D(C, K)$

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# Step 1: Alice generates a public encryption key $(e,n)$ and private decryption key $d$



Alice

## Key generation:

- Pick two large primes  $p$  and  $q$
- Compute  $n = pq$
- Select public encryption key  $e$  (often use  $e = 65537 = 0x10001$ )
- Find private decryption key  $d$  such that  $ed \bmod \phi(n) = 1$
- Publish  $(e,n)$
- Keep  $d$  secret

### Choosing public key $e$

- Choice of  $e$  is made public (nothing to hide)
- Want  $e$  that is coprime with  $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
- In practice fix  $e$  first, often use 65537 (prime)

### Choosing private key $d$

- Decryption key  $d$  based on choice of  $e$ ,  $p$ , and  $q$
- Solve  $ed \bmod \phi(n) = 1$  (inverse  $e$ )

### Implementation issues

- Will be dealing with big numbers, use BigNum package in C
- sudo apt-get install libssl-dev
- To get  $d$ , use:  
`BN_mod_inverse(d, e, phi, ctx);`

# The BIGNUM library in C can create public key $(e, n)$ and private key $d$

rsa.c

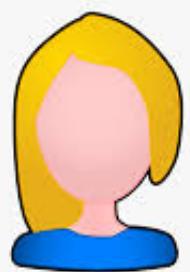
```
BN_CTX *ctx = BN_CTX_new(); // Set up BIGNUM context
BIGNUM *p, *q, *n, *phi, *e, *d, *m, *c, *res;
BIGNUM *new_m, *p_minus_one, *q_minus_one;
<snip>

printf("Creating public and private keys\n");
// Set the public key exponent e
BN_dec2bn(&e, "65537");
printBN("Public key (hex):", e); // Fix public key e as prime number
                                 // Need not be 65537, but commonly chosen

// Check whether e and ( $\phi(n)$ ) are relatively prime.
do {
    // Generate random p and q.
    BN_generate_prime_ex(p, NBITS, 1, NULL, NULL, NULL); //random prime p
    BN_generate_prime_ex(q, NBITS, 1, NULL, NULL, NULL); //random prime q
    BN_sub(p_minus_one, p, BN_value_one()); // Compute p-1
    BN_sub(q_minus_one, q, BN_value_one()); // Compute q-1
    BN_mul(n, p, q, ctx); // Compute n=pq
    //make sure e is relatively prime to phi
    BN_mul(phi, p_minus_one, q_minus_one, ctx); // Compute ( $\phi(n)$ )
    BN_gcd(res, phi, e, ctx); // Calculate random large primes p and q
    BN_is_one(res); // Ensure e and  $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$  are coprime (gcd ==1)
} while (!BN_is_one(res)); // try again if not relatively prime

// Compute the private key exponent d, s.t.  $ed \bmod \phi(n) = 1$ 
BN_mod_inverse(d, e, phi, ctx); // Calculate d as inverse of e
                                // (d undoes e's encryption)
printBN("Private key (hex):", d); // Solves  $ed \bmod \phi(n) = 1$ 
```

# Step 2: Create ciphertext by converting message to number, then raise to $e$



Alice

## Key generation:

- Pick two large primes  $p$  and  $q$
- Compute  $n = pq$
- Select public encryption key  $e$   
(often use  $e = 65537 = 0x10001$ )
- Find private decryption key  $d$  such  
that  $ed \bmod \phi(n) = 1$
- Publish  $(e, n)$
- Keep  $d$  secret



Bob

## 2) Create ciphertext

- Get Alice's public key  $e$  and  $n$
- Convert message to number  $m$  (string of hex numbers)
- Calculate ciphertext:  
 $c = m^e \bmod n$
- Send  $c$  to Alice

# BIGNUM can create ciphertext from message using recipient's public key ( $e, n$ )

rsa.c

// Encryption: calculate  $m^e \bmod n$

```
printf("\nEncrypting message: %s\n", msgToSend);
char *msgHex = convertStringtoHex(msgToSend); //convert msgToSend to hex
BN_hex2bn(&m, msgHex); ←
BN_mod_exp(c, m, e, n, ctx); //encrypt with public key e and n
printBN("Encryption result:", c); ←
```

Convert message to send to number  $m$  (here a hex string based on characters in msgToSend)

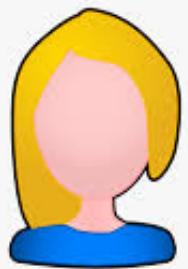
Concatenates character hex values into long string  $m$

Create  $m$  in BIGNUM

Calculate ciphertext  
 $c = m^e \bmod n$

- If *Bob* sending to *Alice* use Alice's published  $e$  and  $n$
- If *Alice* sending to *Bob*, use Bob's published  $e$  and  $n$

# Step 3: Use $d$ to decrypt ciphertext $C$



Alice

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## 3) Decrypt $c$ using $d$

- Calculate  $m = c^d \bmod n = (m^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n = m^{ed} \bmod n = m$



Bob

## 2) Create ciphertext

- Get Alice's public key  $e$  and  $n$
- Convert message to number  $m$  (string of hex numbers)
- Calculate ciphertext:  
$$c = m^e \bmod n$$
- Send  $c$  to Alice

# BIGNUM can decrypt ciphertext $C$ using private key $d$

```
rsa.c // Decryption: calculate  $c^d \bmod n$  Use private decryption key  $d$  to recover message  $m$ 
BN_mod_exp(new_m, c, d, n, ctx); //decrypt with private key d
printBN("Decryption result:", new_m);
char *string = BN_bn2hex(new_m);
Convert hex back to string
char *recovered_message = convertHexToString(string);
printf("Decrypted message: %s\n", recovered_message);

// Clear the sensitive data from the memory
BN_clear_free(p); BN_clear_free(q); BN_clear_free(d);
BN_clear_free(phi); BN_clear_free(m); BN_clear_free(new_m);
BN_clear_free(c); BN_clear_free(res);
BN_clear_free(p_minus_one); BN_clear_free(q_minus_one);

char *convertHexToString(char *hex) {
    const int len = strlen(hex);
    char *string = malloc((len/2+1)*sizeof(char));
    for (int i = 0, j = 0; j < len; ++i, j += 2) {
        int val[1];
        sscanf(hex + j, "%2x", val);
        string[i] = val[0];
        string[i + 1] = '\0';
    }
    return string;
}
```

Don't leave crypto info lying around in memory!!

Use BIGNUM's methods to clear memory

# OpenSSL can create public and private keys from the command line instead of in C

```
$ openssl genrsa -aes128 -out privateKey.pem 1024
```

Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus

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e is 65537 (0x10001)

Enter pass phrase for privateKey.pem:

Verifying - Enter pass phrase for privateKey.pem:

Size of private key in bits

Store key in file called  
privateKey.pem

Encrypt output file with 128-bit AES (using password promoted – here cs55)

If this option not selected,  
key file is not password protected

.pem format stores data in  
Base64 encoding

# Examine the contents of the key file (.pem) using OpenSSL's rsa command

```
$openssl rsa -in privateKey.pem -noout -text
```

Do not show encrypted data

Show data in plaintext

Enter pass phrase for privateKey.pem:

Private-Key: (1024 bit)

modulus:

00:b3:b8:1e:de:de:2f:91:a1:00:c3:f0:4b:73:5d:...<snip>

Output data stored  
in key .pem file

publicExponent: 65537 (0x10001)

Public key n

privateExponent:

00:8a:c0:ae:64:d7:19:d6:cf:7d:2d:c9:ca:16:e9:...<snip>

Public key e

prime1:

00:de:c7:8b:8f:67:45:59:dd:f9:8f:65:dd:8b:87:...<snip>

Private key d

prime2:

00:ce:84:c7:93:8b:20:d0:3c:35:9b:d6:01:cf:05:...<snip>

exponent1:

00:9b:81:0a:47:b5:3c:51:78:82:64:b8:24:26:ea:...<snip>

Other values for  
performance  
improvement

exponent2:

00:bd:9f:3f:5c:e2:ff:63:14:15:a9:1b:ec:17:39:...<snip>

coefficient:

00:a3:c0:5d:0e:5d:52:db:a1:d8:6e:55:63:e5:b3:...<snip>

DO NOT share the  
private key file!

# Create a public key file using the rsa command also

```
$openssl rsa -in privateKey.pem -pubout > publicKey.pem
```

Enter pass phrase for privateKey.pem:  
writing RSA key

Extract publicKey from privateKey.pem,  
save in publicKey.pem



# More shows the value of the public key

```
$openssl rsa -in privateKey.pem -pubout > publicKey.pem
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writing RSA key
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Extract publicKey from privateKey.pem,  
save in publicKey.pem

```
$ more publicKey.pem
```

```
-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
```

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MIGfMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBgQCzuB7e3i+RoQDD8EtzXXVHi24C  
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e9tdyMuFt8hAEtlk2MBYmxfpw2p8pdcBznKLiLzLJt4ozsf+FswONUiE2wwYI+ZG  
jLW1wJ4NM0iTm1JYjwIDAQAB
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-----END PUBLIC KEY-----
```

See the entire public key

# OpenSSL shows public key ( $n$ , $e$ ) in a more readable form

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-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
```

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```

```
-----END PUBLIC KEY-----
```

See the entire public key

```
$ openssl rsa -in publicKey.pem -pubin -text -noout
```

```
Public-Key: (1024 bit)
```

```
Modulus:
```

```
 00:b3:b8:1e:de:de:2f:91:a1:00:c3:f0:4b:73:5d:...<snip>
```

```
Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
```

Get  $n$  (modulus) and  $e$

# Encrypt and decrypt data using public and private keys

```
$ echo "We attack at dawn!" > msg.txt
```

Message to encrypt/decrypt

```
$ openssl rsautl -encrypt -inkey publicKey.pem -pubin -in msg.txt -out msg.enc
```

Encrypt using  
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```
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```

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00000070: 7f74 32e7 ee26 156e 5b90 21f7 617b 3f04 .t2..&.n[.!a{?.
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Ciphertext unreadable

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public key  
(assume public  
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message  
sender)

```
$ openssl rsautl -decrypt -inkey privateKey.pem -in msg.enc
```

Ciphertext unreadable

```
Enter pass phrase for privateKey.pem:
```

```
We attack at dawn!
```

Decrypt with private key (also asks  
for password to access private key)

**NOTE: does not use AES, instead uses RSA to encrypt entire message – slow**

**Also make sure len(msg) > len(e)**

# Using RSA to encrypt a large message is slow; use it with AES

## Computing ciphertext $c = m^e \bmod n$ takes a long time

- $m$  is generally a large number (two hex digits per plaintext character), long if message is long
- Raising  $m$  to a large number  $e$  takes some time
- Result is normally too big to use *int* or *long*, need special library (BIGNUM) to calculate and store value

## Computing plaintext $m = c^d \bmod n$ is also slow

## Use RSA with AES for long messages $m$

- Generate random key  $K$  as message and exchange  $K$  using RSA
- Encrypt plaintext  $m$  with AES using random key  $K$
- Send AES encrypted ciphertext to recipient
- Recipient decrypts using key  $K$

# There are some “gotchas” to be aware of when using RSA

## RSA is deterministic

- Same plaintext always gives same ciphertext (with same keys)
- Can tell if two messages are the same
- Use AES random IV (say in CBC mode) once keys exchanged
- OpenSSL uses random padding

## Poorly chosen $e$ with short $m$ encryptions can be easily decrypted

- If  $e$  is small (say  $e=3$ ) and message  $m$  is short,  $m^e$  can be  $< n$
- Because  $c = m^e \text{ mod } n$ 
  - If  $m^e < n$  then mod does not matter
  - Ciphertext is simply  $m^e$
  - Decrypt by just taking  $e^{\text{th}}$  root of  $m$
- **Choose large  $e$  and pad  $m$  if needed!**

If same plaintext is encrypted more than  $e$  times using same  $e$  but different  $n$ , can decrypt plaintext using Chinese Remainder Theorem

# Practice

## 1) Given

p = F7E75FDC469067FFDC4E847C51F452DF

q = E85CED54AF57E53E092113E62F436F4F

e = 0D88C3

**Compute d**

## 2) Given

n = DCBFFE3E51F62E09CE7032E2677A78946A849DC4CDDE3A4D0CB81629242FB1A5

e = 010001 (this hex value is decimal 65537)

M = Attack at dawn!

**Compute C**

## 3) Given

d = 74D806F9F3A62BAE331FFE3F0A68AFE35B3D2E4794148AACBC26AA381CD7D30D

**Decrypt C from part 2**

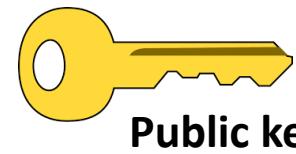
# Agenda

1. Diffie-Helman key exchange
2. Asymmetric encryption
3. The RSA algorithm
4. Digital Signatures

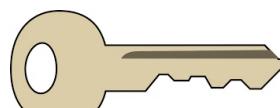
# If Alice gets an encrypted message, how does she authenticate the sender?



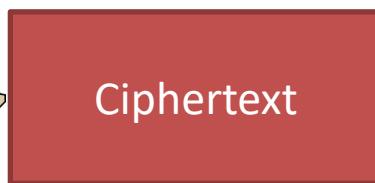
Alice



Public key available  
to anyone



Private key



Ciphertext

Alice gets a message  
encrypted with her public key

How does she know who  
sent the message?

We can use digital signatures to  
show the message must have  
come from a specific sender



Bob

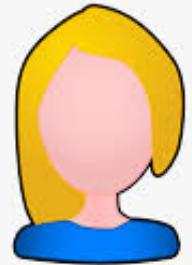
Bob could get public  
key and encrypt  
message ("We attack  
at dawn! – Bob")



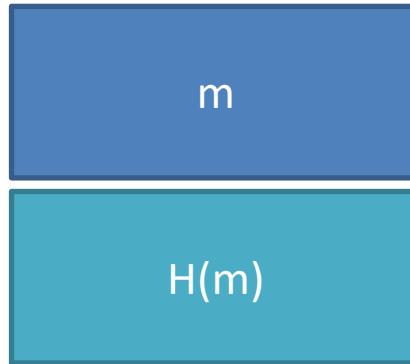
Eve

Alice could also get  
public key and  
encrypt message  
("We attack at  
sunset! – Bob")

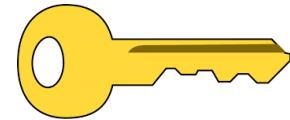
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Bob



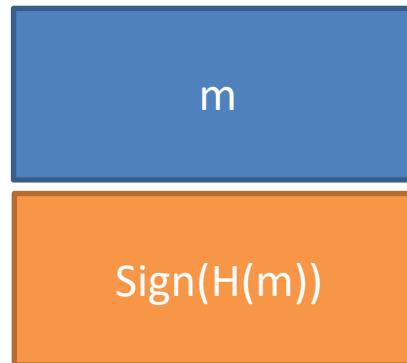
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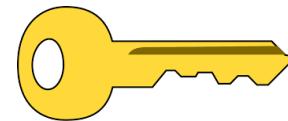
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Alice



Bob



Public key

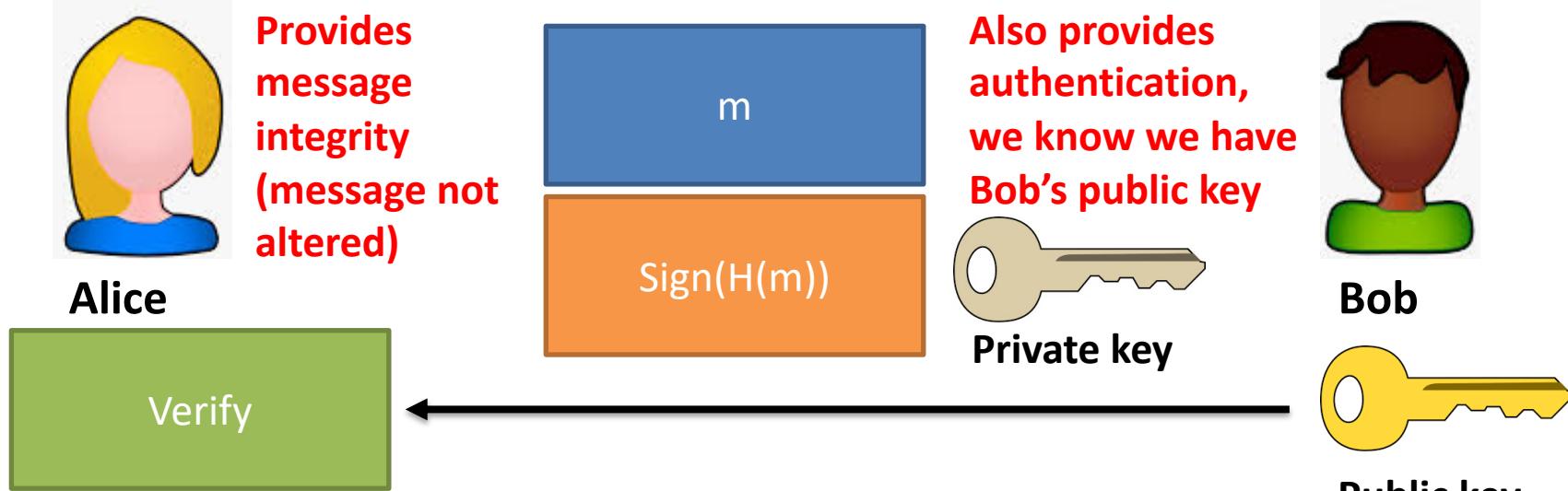
Remember, the public and private keys are inverses of each other

Order they are applied doesn't matter  
 $[m^e \bmod n]^d \bmod n$  (first e, then d)  
=  $[m^d \bmod n]^e \bmod n$  (first d, then e)  
=  $m^{ed} \bmod n$  (both orderings give this)  
=  $m$  (which is the plaintext)

## Bob

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- Encrypt (sign) hash using private key  $d$
- Signature  $s = (H(m))^d \bmod n$
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- Note: message not encrypted in this example (but it could be)

# Digital signatures can be used to ensure a message came from a specific sender



## Alice

- Gets plaintext message and signature from Bob
- Verify:
  - Decrypt signature using Bob's public key to get Bob's hash of plaintext (anyone can do this)
  - Alice hashes plaintext
  - See if hashes match
- Verifies unchanged msg from Bob

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#Bob creates message

```
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```

```
$ cat msg.txt
```

We attack at dawn!

#Bob hashes msg.txt using sha256

```
$ openssl sha256 -binary msg.txt > msg.sha256
```

```
$ xxd msg.sha256
```

```
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```
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```

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Sign message using private key  
Signature in msg.sig

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Signature in msg.sig

If msg changed,  
hash will not match

#Alice verifies hash

```
$ openssl rsautl -verify -inkey publicKey.pem -in msg.sig -pubin -raw | xxd
```

Verify signature  
using public key

If sig changed, will  
not match hash

00000000: 0001 ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....

00000010: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....

<snip>

00000050: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ff00 .....

00000060: cdc1 866c 2088 9e65 f705 fc42 e556 7da8 ...l ..e...B.V}.

00000070: a310 dd80 fc9f 1853 84e7 8abb a669 95b0 .....S.....i..

Match after  
padding

Message must have  
been sent by Bob  
because only his public  
key can undo the  
private key encryption

# We can use Python for encryption, decryption, and signatures also

## rsa\_encrypt.py

```
#run: python3 rsa_encrypt.py publicKey.pem ciphertext.bin  
message = b'We attack at dawn!'
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
```

```
    #read public key and set padding to OAEP  
    print("Reading public key from",sys.argv[1])  
    key = RSA.importKey(open(sys.argv[1],'rb').read())  
    cipher = PKCS1_OAEP.new(key) #use OAEP padding
```

```
#encrypt message using public key
```

```
ciphertext = cipher.encrypt(message)
```

```
#write output file
```

```
print("Writing output to",sys.argv[2])  
f = open(sys.argv[2],'wb')  
f.write(base64.b64encode(ciphertext))  
f.close()
```

Encrypt a message using  
message ("We attack at dawn!")  
using publicKey.pem

Store results in ciphertext.bin

# We can use Python for encryption, decryption, and signatures also

## rsa\_decrypt.py

```
#run: python3 rsa_decrypt.py privateKey.pem cs55 ciphertext.bin
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    print("Reading ciphertext from",sys.argv[3])
    ciphertext = open(sys.argv[3], 'rb').read()
```

```
print("Reading private key from",sys.argv[1])
private_key_pem = open(sys.argv[1],'rb').read()
private_key = RSA.importKey(private_key_pem, passphrase=sys.argv[2])
cipher = PKCS1_OAEP.new(private_key)
```

```
print("Decrypting ciphertext")
message = cipher.decrypt(base64.b64decode(ciphertext))
```

```
print("Message:",message)
```

Read ciphertext.bin  
Decrypt using privateKey.pem  
(using password cs55)  
Print recovered message

# We can use Python for encryption, decryption, and signatures also

## rsa\_sign.py

```
#run: python3 rsa_sign.py privateKey.pem cs55 signature.bin  
message = b'An important message' #same message used in rsa_verify.py
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    print("Reading private key",sys.argv[1])  
    key_pem = open(sys.argv[1]).read()  
    key = RSA.import_key(key_pem, passphrase=sys.argv[2])
```

Sign message (“An important message”) using privateKey.pem (password cs55)

Store signature in signature.bin

Note: pss is a padding scheme that adds random input

```
print("Message to sign is:",message)  
print("Hashing message")  
h = SHA256.new(message)
```

```
print("Signing hash")  
signer = pss.new(key)  
signature = signer.sign(h)
```

```
print("Writing signature to",sys.argv[3])  
open(sys.argv[3], 'wb').write(signature)
```

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```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    print("Reading signature from",sys.argv[2])  
    signature= open(sys.argv[2], 'rb').read()  
  
    print("Reading public key from",sys.argv[1])  
    key = RSA.import_key(open(sys.argv[1]).read())  
  
    print("Hashing and verifying hash")  
    h = SHA256.new(message)  
    verifier = pss.new(key)  
    try:  
        verifier.verify(h, signature)  
        print("The signature is valid.")  
    except (ValueError, TypeError):  
        print("The signature is NOT valid.")
```

Verify signature file  
signature.bin using  
publicKey.pem

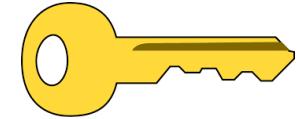
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Alice



Bob



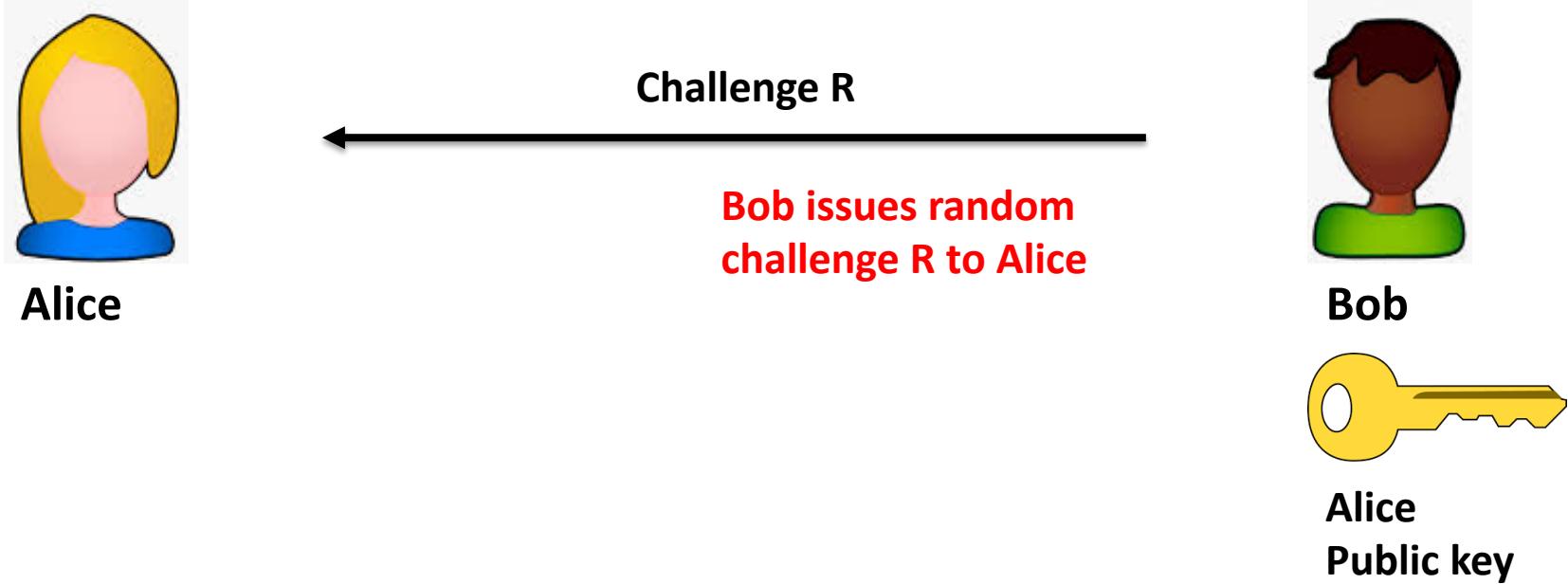
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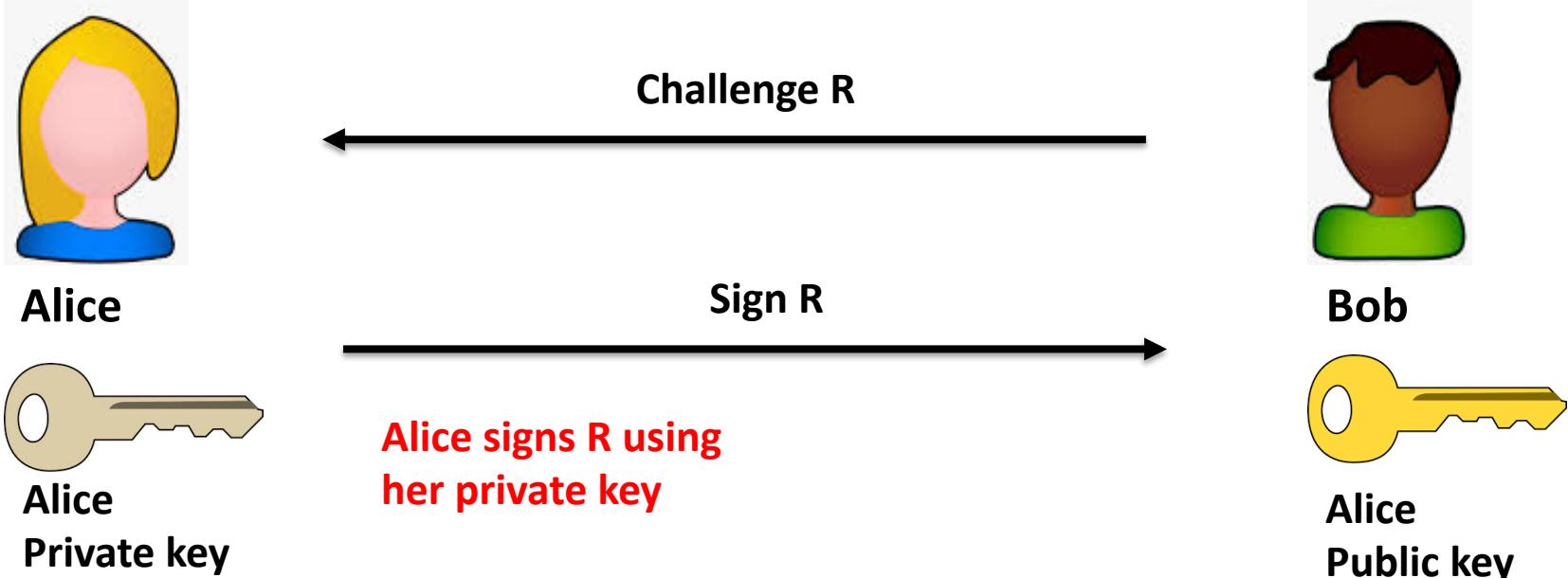


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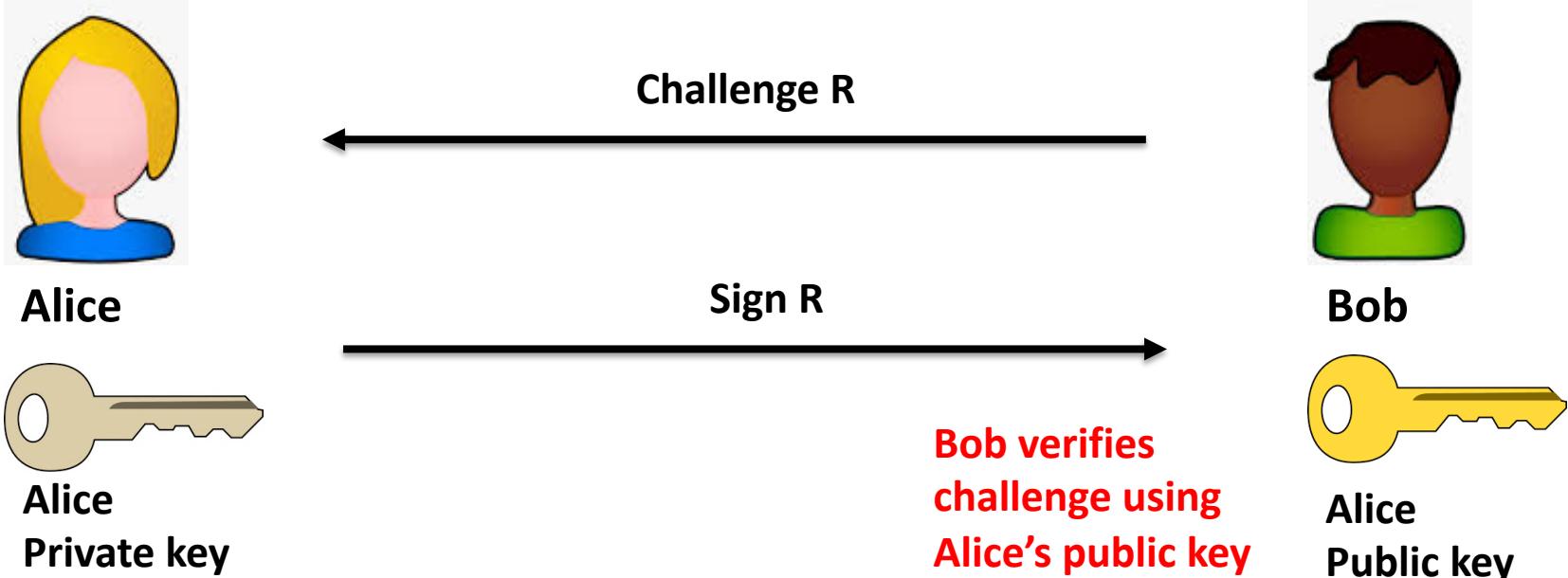


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Now simply knowing a static password is not enough

Adversary needs the private key

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