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CSE 3400 - Introduction to Computer & Network Security  
(aka: Introduction to Cybersecurity)

## Lecture 11

# Public Key Cryptography– Part II

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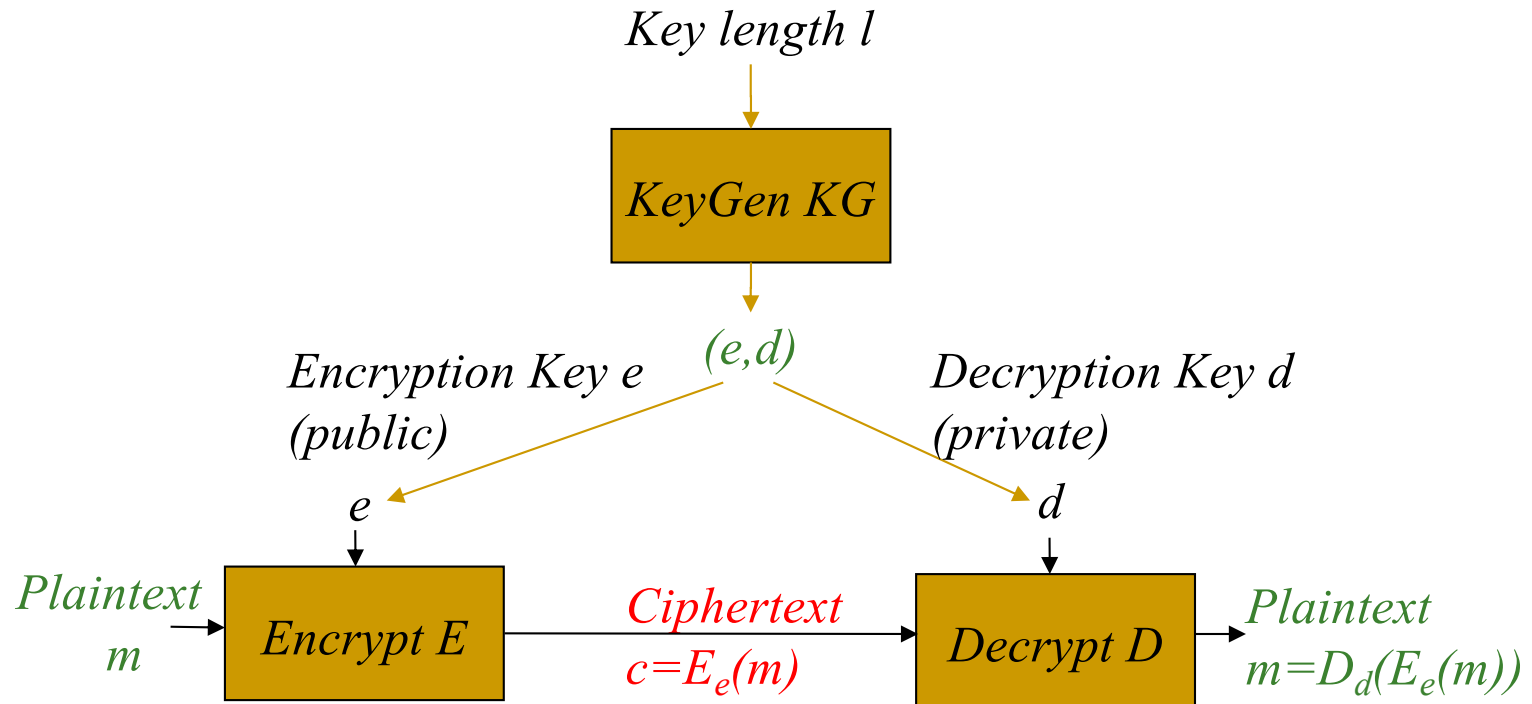
# Outline

- ❑ Public key encryption.
- ❑ Digital signatures.
- ❑ PKI

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# Public Key Encryption

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# Public Key Encryption IND-CPA Security

$$\begin{aligned} &T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle KG, E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(b, n) \{ \\ &\quad (e, d) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} KG(1^n) \\ &\quad (m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{'Choose'}, e) \text{ s.t. } |m_0| = |m_1| \\ &\quad c^* \leftarrow E_e(m_b) \\ &\quad b^* = \mathcal{A}(\text{'Guess'}, (c^*, e)) \\ &\quad \text{Return } b^* \\ &\} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.10** (PKC IND-CPA). *Let  $\langle KG, E, D \rangle$  be a public-key cryptosystem. We say that  $\langle KG, E, D \rangle$  is IND-CPA, if every efficient adversary  $\mathcal{A} \in PPT$  has negligible advantage  $\varepsilon_{\langle KG, E, D \rangle, \mathcal{A}}^{IND-CPA}(n) \in NEGL(n)$ , where:*

$$\varepsilon_{\langle KG, E, D \rangle, \mathcal{A}}^{IND-CPA}(n) \equiv \Pr \left[ T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle KG, E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(1, n) = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[ T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle KG, E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(0, n) = 1 \right] \quad (2.35)$$

*Where the probability is over the random coin tosses in IND-CPA (including of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $E$ ).*

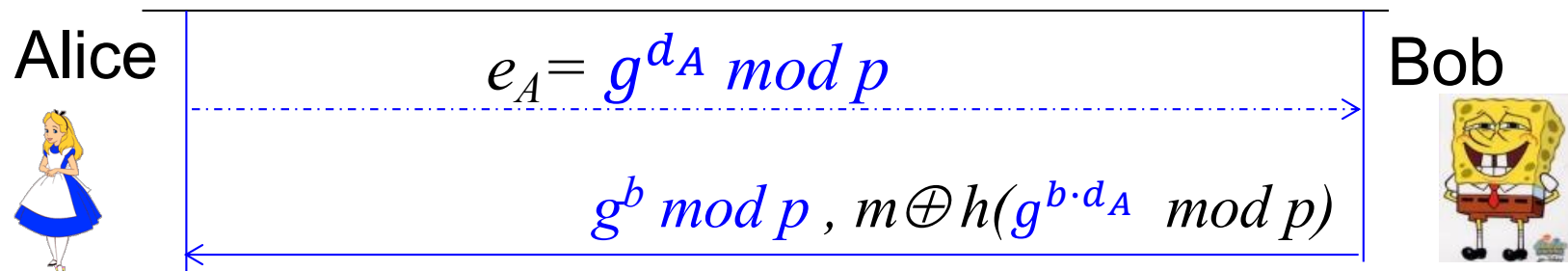
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# Discrete Log-based Encryption

- We will explore two flavors:
  - An adaptation of DH key exchange protocol to perform encryption.
  - ElGamal encryption scheme.

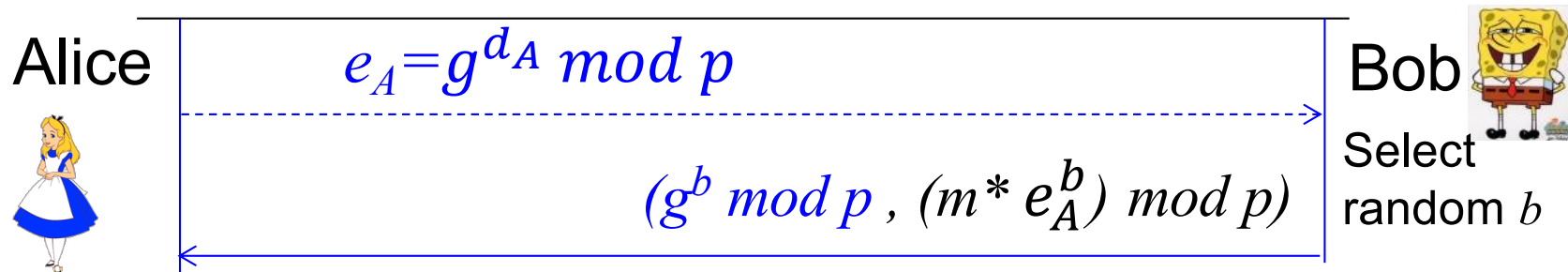
# Turning [DH] to Public Key Cryptosystem

- Solves dependency on DDH assumption; secure under the (weaker) CDH assumption.
- To encrypt message  $m$  to Alice:
  - Bob selects random  $b$
  - Sends:  $g^b \bmod p$ ,  $m \oplus h((e_A)^b) = m \oplus h(g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
  - Secure if  $h(g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$  is pseudo-random



# ElGamal Public Key Encryption

- Variant of [DH] PKC: Encrypt by multiplication, not XOR
- To encrypt message  $m$  to Alice, whose public key is  $e_A = g^{d_A} \bmod p$ :
  - Bob selects random  $b$
  - Sends:  $g^b \bmod p$ ,  $m * (e_A)^b = m * g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p$





# ElGamal Public Key Encryption

- Encryption:

$$E_{e_A}^{EG}(m) \leftarrow \left\{ (g^b \bmod p, m \cdot e_A^b \bmod p) \mid b \xrightarrow{\$} [2, p-1] \right\}$$

- Decryption:

$$D_{d_A}(x, y) = x^{-d_A} \cdot y \bmod p$$

- Correctness:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{d_A}(g^b \bmod p, m \cdot e_A^b \bmod p) &= \\ &= \left[ (g^b \bmod p)^{-d_A} \cdot (m \cdot (g^{d_A})^b \bmod p) \right] \bmod p \\ &= [g^{-b \cdot d_A} \cdot m \cdot g^{b \cdot d_A}] \bmod p \\ &= m \end{aligned}$$

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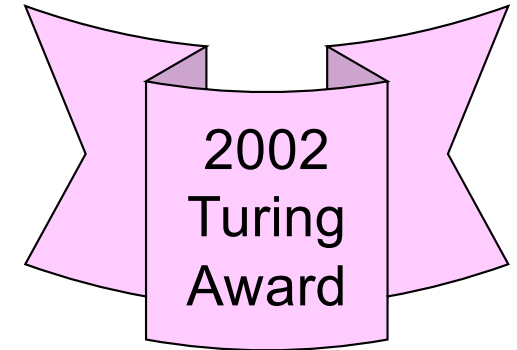
# ElGamal Public Key Cryptosystem

- Problem:  $g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p$  may leak bit(s)...
- `Classical' DH solution: securely derive a key:  
 $h(g^{a_i b_i} \bmod p)$
- El-Gamal's solution: use a group where DDH believed to hold
  - Note: message must be encoded as member of the group!
  - So why use it? Some special properties...

# ElGamal PKC: homomorphism

- Multiplying two ciphertexts produces a ciphertext of the multiplication of the two plaintexts.
- Given two ciphertexts:
  - $E_{e_A}(m_1) = (x_1, y_1) = (g^{b_1} \bmod p, m_1 * g^{b_1 \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
  - $E_{e_A}(m_2) = (x_2, y_2) = (g^{b_2} \bmod p, m_2 * g^{b_2 \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
- $Mult((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) \equiv (x_1 x_2, y_1 y_2)$
- Homomorphism:
  - $= (g^{b_1+b_2} \bmod p, m_1 \cdot m_2 * g^{(b_1+b_2) \cdot d_A} \bmod p) =$   
 $= E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2)$
- $\rightarrow$  compute  $E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2)$  from  $E_{e_A}(m_1), E_{e_A}(m_2)$

# RSA Public Key Encryption



- First proposed – and still widely used
- Not really covered in this course – take crypto!
- Select two **large primes**  $p, q$  ; let  $n=pq$
- Select prime  $e$  (public key:  $\langle n, e \rangle$ )
  - Or co-prime with  $\Phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
- Let private key be  $d=e^{-1} \bmod \Phi(n)$  (i.e.,  $ed=1 \bmod \Phi(n)$ )
- Encryption:  $RSA.E_{e,n}(m)=m^e \bmod n$
- Decryption:  $RSA.D_{d,n}(c)=c^d \bmod n$
- Correctness:  $D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = (m^e)^d = m^{ed} = m \bmod n$ 
  - Intuitively:  $ed=1 \bmod \Phi(n) \rightarrow m^{ed} = m \bmod n$
- But why? Remember Euler's theorem.

# RSA Public Key Cryptosystem

- Correctness:  $D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = m^{ed} \bmod n$
- $m^{ed} = m^{ed} = m^{1+l\Phi(n)} = m m^{l\Phi(n)} = m (m^{\Phi(n)})^l$
- $m^{ed} \bmod n = m (m^{\Phi(n)} \bmod n)^l \bmod n$
- Euler's Theorem:  $m^{\Phi(n)} \bmod n = 1 \bmod n$
- $\rightarrow D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = m^{ed} \bmod n = m 1^l \bmod n = m$
- Comments:
  - $m < n \rightarrow m = m \bmod n$
  - Euler's Theorem holds (only) if  $m, n$  are co-primes
  - If not co-primes? Use Chinese Remainder Theorem
    - A nice, not very complex argument
    - But: beyond our scope – take Crypto!

# The RSA Problem and Assumption

- RSA problem: Find  $m$ , given  $(n, e)$  and 'ciphertext' value  $c = m^e \bmod n$
- RSA assumption: if  $(n, e)$  are chosen 'correctly', then the RSA problem is 'hard'
  - I.e., no efficient algorithm can find  $m$  with non-negligible probability
  - For 'large'  $n$  and  $m \xrightarrow{\$} \{1, \dots, n\}$
- RSA and factoring
  - Factoring alg  $\rightarrow$  alg to 'break' RSA
  - Algorithm to find RSA private key  $\rightarrow$  factoring alg
  - But: RSA-breaking may not allow factoring

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# RSA PKC Security

- It is a deterministic encryption scheme → cannot IND-CPA secure.
- RSA assumption does not rule out exposure of partial information about the plaintext.
- It is not CCA secure.

*A solution: apply a random padding to the plaintext then encryption using RSA.*

# Padding RSA

- Pad and Unpad functions:  $m = \text{Unpad}(\text{Pad}(m; r))$ 
  - Encryption with padding:  $c = [\text{Pad}(m, r)]^e \bmod n,$
  - Decryption with unpad:  $m = \text{Unpad}(c^d \bmod n)$
- Required to...
  - Add randomization
    - Prevent detection of repeating plaintext
  - Prevent ‘related message’ attack (to allow use of tiny  $e$ )
  - Detect, prevent (some) chosen-ciphertext attacks
- Early paddings schemes subject to CCA attacks
  - Even ‘Feedback-only CCA’ (aware of unpad failure)



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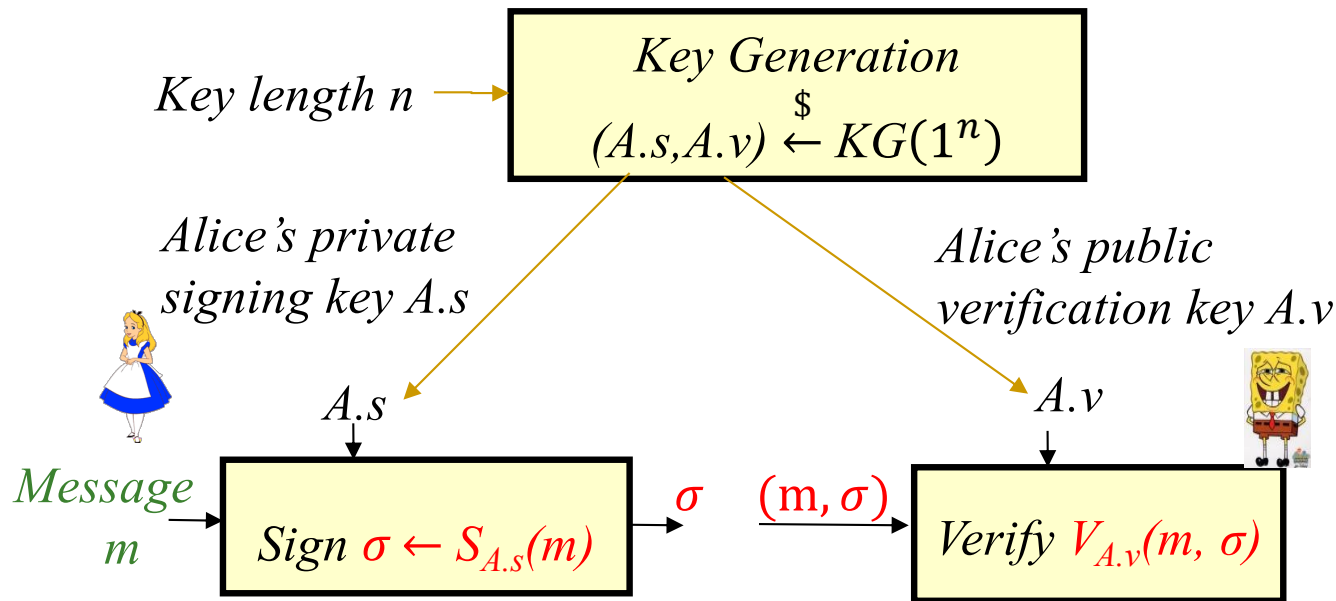
# How does Bob know Alice's public key?

- Depends on threat model...
    - Passive (‘eavesdropping’) adversary: just send it
    - Man-in-the-Middle (MITM): **authenticate**
  - Authenticate – how?
    - MAC: requires shared secret key
    - **Public key signature scheme:**  
authenticate using public key
    - Certificate: public key of entity – **signed by certificate authority (CA)**
      - This comes under what is called **Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)**
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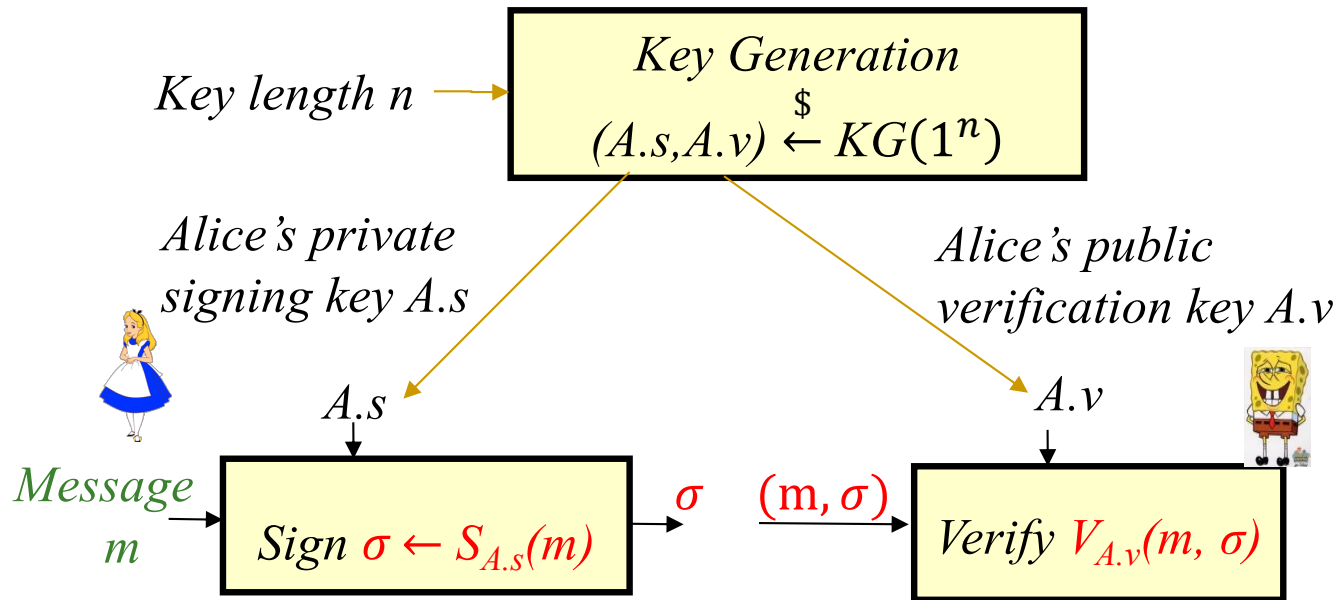
# Digital Signature

# Public Key Digital Signatures



- Sign using a private, secret signature key ( $A.s$  for Alice)
- Validate using a public key ( $A.v$  for Alice)
- Everybody can validate signatures at any time
  - Provides authentication, integrity **and** evidence / non-repudiation
  - MAC: 'just' authentication+integrity, no evidence, can repudiate

# Digital Signatures Security: Unforgeability



- Unforgeability: given  $v$ , attacker should be unable to find **any** 'valid'  $(m, \sigma)$ , i.e.,  $V_v(m, \sigma) = OK$ 
  - Even when attacker can select messages  $m'$ , receive  $\sigma' = S_s(m')$
  - For any message except chosen  $m$

# Digital Signature Scheme Definition

**Definition 1.4** (Signature scheme and its correctness). *A signature scheme is defined by a tuple of three efficient (PPT) algorithms,  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$ , and a set  $M$  of messages, such that:*

*$\mathcal{KG}$  is a randomized algorithm that maps a unary string (security parameter  $1^l$ ) to a pair of binary strings  $(\mathcal{KG}.s(1^l), \mathcal{KG}.v(1^l))$ .*

*$\text{Sign}$  is an algorithm<sup>8</sup> that receives two binary strings as input, a signing key  $s \in \{0, 1\}^*$  and a message  $m \in M$ , and outputs another binary string  $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^*$ . We call  $\sigma$  the signature of  $m$  using signing key  $s$ .*

*$\text{Verify}$  is a predicate that receives three binary strings as input: a verification key  $v$ , a message  $m$ , and  $\sigma$ , a purported signature over  $m$ .  $\text{Verify}$  should output TRUE if  $\sigma$  is the signature of  $m$  using  $s$ , where  $s$  is the signature key corresponding to  $v$  (generated with  $v$ ).*

*Usually,  $M$  is a set of binary strings of some length. If  $M$  is not defined, then this means that any binary string may be input, i.e., the same as  $M = \{0, 1\}^*$ .*

*We say that a signature scheme  $(\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$  is correct, if for every security parameter  $1^l$  holds:*

$$\left( \forall (s, v) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{KG}(1^l), m \in M \right) \text{Verify}_v(m, \text{Sign}_s(m)) = \text{‘Ok’} \quad (1.31)$$

# Digital Signature Scheme Security

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**Algorithm 1** The existential unforgeability game  $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)(1^l)$  between signature scheme  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$  and adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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$(s, v) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{S}.\mathcal{KG}(1^l)$  ;  
 $(m, \sigma) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{S}.\text{Sign}_s(\cdot)}(v, 1^l)$ ;  
**return**  $(\mathcal{S}.\text{Verify}_v(m, \sigma) \wedge (\mathcal{A} \text{ didn't request } S_s(m)))$ ;

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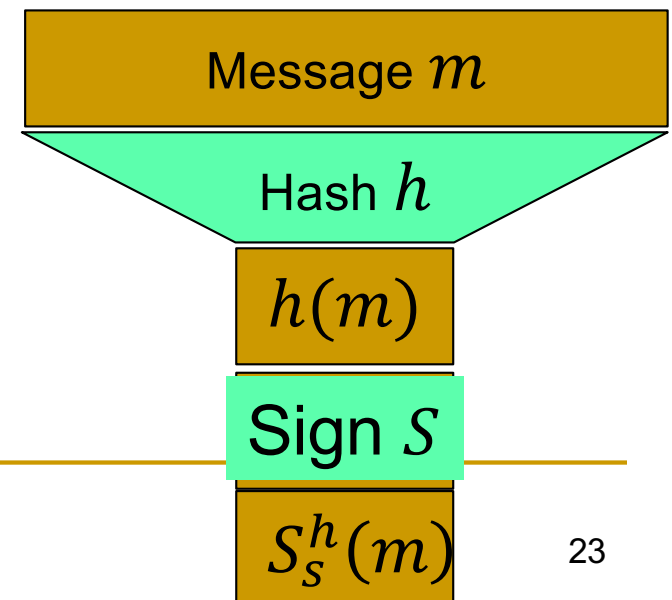
**Definition 1.6.** *The existential unforgeability advantage function of adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against signature scheme  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined as:*

$$\varepsilon_{\mathcal{S},\mathcal{A}}^{EUF-Sign}(1^l) \equiv \Pr \left( EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)(1^l) = \text{TRUE} \right) \quad (1.32)$$

*Where the probability is taken over the random coin tosses of  $\mathcal{A}$  and of  $\mathcal{S}$  during the run of  $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)$  with input (security parameter)  $1^l$ , and  $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)$  is the game defined in Algorithm 1.*

# RSA Signatures

- Secret signing key  $s$ , public verification key  $v$
- Short ( $<n$ ) messages: RSA signing with message recovery
- $\sigma = \text{RSA}.S_s(m) = m^s \text{ mod } n$ ,  
 $\text{RSA}.V_v(m, \sigma) = \{ \text{OK if } m = \sigma^v \text{ mod } n; \text{ else, FAIL } \}$
- Long messages: ??
  - Hint: use collision resistant hash function (CRHF)
  - $\sigma = \text{RSA}.S_s(m) = h(m)^s \text{ mod } n$ ,  
 $\text{RSA}.V_v(m, \sigma) = \{ \text{OK if } h(m) = \sigma^v \text{ mod } n; \text{ else, FAIL } \}$



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# Discrete-Log Digital Signature?

- RSA allowed encryption and signing... based on assuming factoring is hard
- Can we sign based on assuming discrete log is hard?
- Most well-known, popular scheme: DSA
  - Digital Signature Algorithm, by NSA/NIST
  - Details: crypto course



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# Public Key Infrastructure PKI

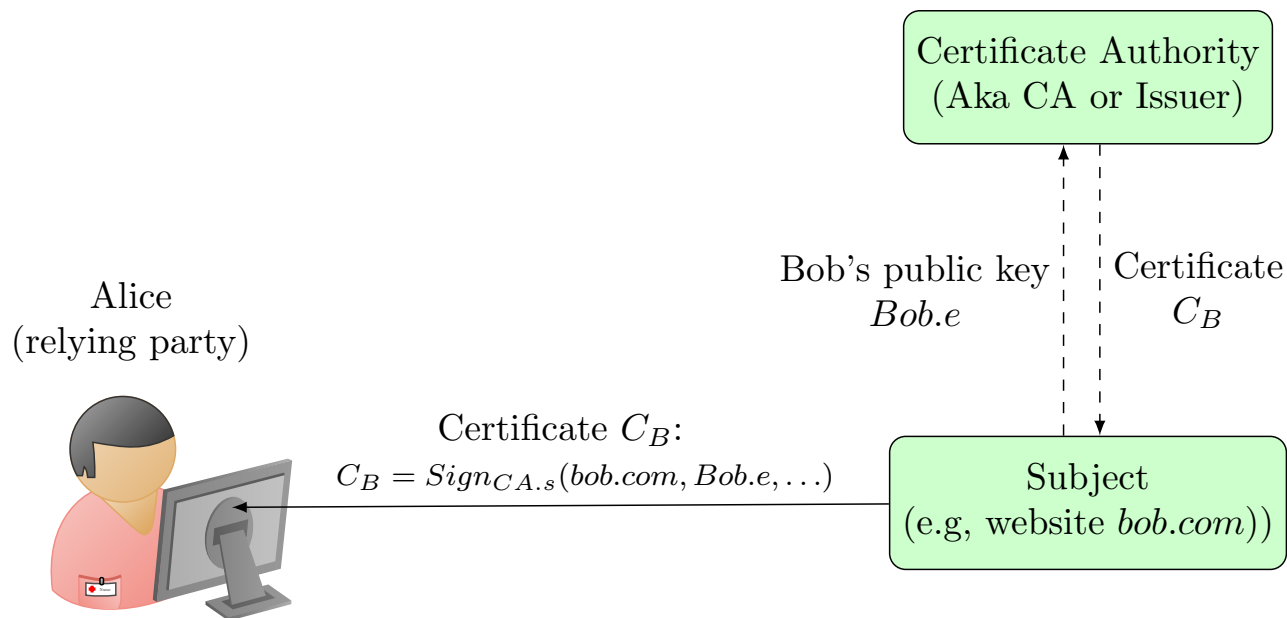
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# Public keys are very useful...

- Secure web connections
- Software signing (against malware)
- Secure messaging, email
- Cryptocurrency and blockchains.
- But ...
  - How do we know the PK of an entity?
    - Mainly: signed by a **trusted Certificate Authority**
    - E.g., in TLS, browsers maintain list of 'root CAs'

# Public Key Certificates & Authorities

- **Certificate**: signature by **Issuer / Certificate Authority (CA)** over **subject's public key** and **attributes**
- **Attributes**: identity (ID) and others...
  - Validated by CA (liability?)
  - Used by **relying party** for decisions (e.g., use this website?)



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# Certificates are all about **Trust**

- Certificate:  $C_{Bob} = Sign_{CA.S}(Bob.com, Bob.e, \dots)$ 
  - CA attests that Bob's public key is *Bob.e*
- Do we **trust** this attestation to be true?
- Special case of **trust management**
  - Important problem far beyond PKI... still not resolved !

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# Rogue Certificates

- Rogue cert: equivocating or misleading (domain) name
- Attacker goals:
  - Impersonate: web-site, phishing email, signed malware..
  - Equivocating (same name): circumvent name-based security mechanisms, such as *Same-Origin-Policy (SOP)*, *blacklists*, *whitelists*, *access-control* ...
  - Name may be misleading even if not equivocating
- Types of misleading names ('cybersquatting'):
  - Combo names: bank.com vs. **accts-bank.com**, **bank.accts.com**, ...
  - Domain-name hacking: accts.bank.com vs. **accts-bank.com**, ... or **accts-bank.co**
  - Homographic: paypal.com [l is L] vs. **paypal.com [i is I]**
  - Typo-squatting: bank.com vs. **banc.com**, **baank.com**, **banl.com**,...

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# PKI Failures

- Although the signature over the certificate verifies correctly, there is still a failure and the certificate must be revoked.
  - This is called a PKI failure.
- PKI failures include:
  - Subject key exposure.
  - CA failure.
  - Cryptanalysis certificate forgery.
    - Find collisions in the hash function used in the HtS paradigm,
    - or exploit some vulnerability in the digital signature scheme used for signing.

# Some Infamous PKI Failures

2001	VeriSign: attacker gets code-signing certs
2008	Thawte: email-validation (attackers' mailbox)
2008,11	Comodo not performing domain validation
2011	DigiNotar compromised, 531 rogue certs (discovered); a rogue cert for *.google.com used for MitM against 300,000 Iranian users.
2011	TurkTrust issued intermediate-CA certs to users
2012	Trustwave issued intermediate-CA certificate for eavesdropping
2013	ANSSI, the French Network and Information Security Agency, issued intermediate-CA certificate to MitM traffic management device
2014	India CCA / NIC compromised (and issued rogue certs)
2015	CNNIC (China) issued CA-cert to MCS (Egypt), who issued rogue certs. Google and Mozilla removed CNNIC from their root programs.
2013-17	Audio driver of Savitech install root CA in Windows
2015,17	Symantec issued unauthorized certs for over 176 domains, causing removal from all root programs.
2019	Mozilla, Google browsers block customer-installed Kazakhstan root CA (Qaznet)
2019	Mozilla, Google revoke intermediate-CA of DarkMatter, and refuse to add them to root program



# PKI Goals/Requirements



**Trustworthy issuers:** Trust anchor/root CAs and Intermediary CAs; Limitations on Intermediary CAs (e.g., restricted domain names)



**Accountability:** identify issuer of given certificate



**Timeliness:** limited validity period, timely **revocation**



**Transparency:** public log of all certificate; no 'hidden' certs!



**Non-Equivocation:** one entity – one certificate



**Privacy:** why should CA know which site I use?



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# Covered Material From the Textbook

- ❑ Chapter 1: Section: 1.4
- ❑ Chapter 6: Sections 6.4, 6.5 (except 6.5.6 and 6.5.7), and 6.6 (except RSA with message recovery)
- ❑ Chapter 8: Section 8.1

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# Thank You!

