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CHAPTER 5: Authentication and Digital Signatures

Coding Techniques

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 Key distribution mechanisms in asymmetric cryptography



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Motivation





Integrity: Problems I

a) Message integrity:

How can Bob validate that the message received from Alice is authentic, i.e. has not been fabricated nor changed during transmission?

b) Data origin authentication:

- How can Bob validate that a message received from a sender, who claims to be Alice, actually is coming from Alice?
 - Dealing with authenticity of the sender
 - Usually includes message integrity

Integrity: Problems II

c) Non-repudiation of the sender:

 How can Bob validate that a message sent from Alice actually has been sent by Alice, even if Alice claims not having sent the message?

d) Non-repudiation of the receiver:

- How can Bob validate that a message sent to Alice actually has arrived at Alice even if Alice claims not having received the message?
- e) Impersonation of the identity of the sender / the receiver
 - How can Bob check if Alice, Clare, or other users are sending messages as if they were signed by Bob?



How do we achieve that?

The following slides show how to achieve the previous objectives taking into account both the techniques already studied and those introduced in this chapter



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Sender Authentication

Two basic methods:

- Symmetric cryptography using shared secret:
 - Explicit exchange (seen)
 - Challenge/Response (seen)
 - Symmetric encoding with CRC (seen)
 - Use of hash functions with a secret key (this chapter)
- Asymmetric cryptography using digital signatures
 - This chapter



Message Integrity

Two basic alternatives:

- Symmetric encoding with CRC
 - Symmetric key does not need to be a shared secret
 - If the message has redundancy or the padding helps to detect modifications, the CRC would not be needed
- MDCs (modification detector code) using a key or coded (this chapter)
- Other alternatives may involve the use of secure channels
 - A not very common case



Non-repudiation and Impersonation

Non-repudiation:

Digital signatures (this chapter)

Impersonation:

Digital certificates (this chapter)



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Hash Functions





Hash Functions

Hash functions (also known as message digest):

- Input: A message with an arbitrary length
- Output: A fingerprint / marker / digest / hash value / ...
 ✓ Having a fixed length (n bits)

Calculating a hash function can be done:

- From the message alone
- Using the message and an additional key
- Two principal applications in cryptography:
 - Assure integrity for a message (MDC)

- Provide authentication and integrity for a message (MAC)
 - A key necessary in conjunction with the hash function



Hash functions v.s. CRC

 Hashes are just a fingerprint of fixed length, so isn't this the same as a CRC?
 The answer is NO:

- CRC was designed to countermeasure noise:
 - A CRC allows the extraction of information of the original message
 - It is easy to obtain several messages with the same CRC
- Hash functions are designed as protection against malicious attackers



Desired Properties of Hash Functions

Unidirectional (Pre-image resistance):

 Computationally infeasible to find a message which results in a pre-specified hash value

Compression

- A message of any length must have a digest of fixed length.
- Easy computation
- Diffusion
 - The digest must be a complex function of all the bits of the message. If only one bit is modified, the digest should flip almost half of its bits



Desired Properties of Hash Functions

Simple collision (2nd pre-image resistance):

 Computationally infeasible to find one message which results in the same hash value as a pre-specified message

Strong collision resistance:

- Computationally infeasible to find any two messages which result in the same hash value
- Note: Requires less operations for brute-force than the former two properties
- Remember birthday paradox:
 - You do not need to search within a 2^m space of messages, searching within a 2^{m/2} will suffice.
 - Algorithmic complexity drastically reduced.

Review of the birthday paradox

- Determine how many people is needed in a room so that al least two of them have the same birthday with probability greater than 0,5.
- Actually, this is not a paradox but it seems so because the number of people needed is 23 only (366^{1/2} = 19)
- Explanation: if each person enters the room and deletes from the blackboard his/her birthday, this first will have a probability that his/her birthday is not already deleted of n/n = 1, the second of (n-1)/n, etc. The probability of non-coincidence is pNC = n!/(n-k)!n^k. If k = 23, we have that pNC = 0,493 and the probability of coincidence is pC = 0,507.

Types of hash functions

♦MDC (manipulation detection codes) or MIC (message integrity codes) → do not use keys

- Unidirectionals or One-Way Hash Functions (OWHFs)
- Collision resistant (strong) o Collision Resistant Hash Functions (CRHFs)

♦MAC (message authentication codes) → use keys

The implicit key provides integrity, and if the key is a shared secret, it also provides authentication.



Generic Model for Iterated Hash Functions



Merkle's Meta-Method for Hashing

- INPUT: compression function f which is collision resistant
- OUTPUT: unkeyed hash function h which is collision resistant
 - Suppose that f maps (n+r) bits to n-bit outputs
 - * Break an input x into t blocks x_i (i=1,2,...,t)
 - All having the block length r
 - Pad the last block with zeros if necessary
 - Add an additional block with the message length
 - Letting H₀ = `0'^m (i.e. m zeros), compute iteratively the hash from:
 - ♦ $H_i = f(H_{i-1} | | x_i)$ and append the length block



Unkeyed Hash Functions: MDCs Based on Block Ciphers

Most famous examples:

Ha	ash function	n	m	Preimage	Collision	Comments
	atyas-Meyer- seas	n	n	2 ⁿ	2 ^{n/2}	For key length=n
M	DC-2 (with DES)	64	128	2*2 ⁸²	2*2 ⁵⁴	Rate = 0.5
M	DC-4 (with DES)	64	128	2 ¹⁰⁹	4*2 ⁵⁴	Rate = 0.25
M	erkle (with DES)	106	128	2 ¹¹²	2 ⁵⁶	Rate = 0.276
M	D4	512	128	2 ¹²⁸	2 ²⁰	
M	D5	512	128	2 ¹²⁸	2 ⁶⁴	
RI	PEMD-128	512	128	2 ¹²⁸	2 ⁶⁴	
SH 16	HA-1, RIPEMD- 60	512	160	2 ¹⁶⁰	2 ⁸⁰	



MDCs Based on Block Ciphers

Motivation:

- Efficient block ciphers already wide-spread
- Construct a hash function from a block cipher

But:

- Block ciphers do not possess the properties of random functions which would be ideal to build hash functions
 - E.g., they are invertible...
- Define the rate of an MDC as the inverse of the number of block cipher iterations it uses

MDCs Based on Block Ciphers: Example Rates

- n: n-bit block ciphers
- k: size of the block cipher key (in bits)
 m: size of the hash value (in bits)

Hash function	(n, k, m)	Rate
Matyas-Meyer-Oseas	(n, k, n)	1
Davies-Meyer	(n, k, n)	k/n
Miyaguchi-Preneel	(n, k, n)	1
MDC-2 (with DES)	(64, 56, 128)	1/2
MDC-4 (with DES)	(64, 56, 128)	14



Example: Matyas-Meyer-Oseas Hash

INPUT: bit string x

OUTPUT: n-bit hash-code of x

Algorithm:

Divide input x into n-bit blocks (pad if necessary)

- Pre-specify an n-bit initialization vector IV
- Define a function g that can generate a valid key from H_i.

□ The output is $H_i = E_{g(H_{i-1})}(x_i) \oplus x_i, 1 \le i \le t$

• With: $H_0 = IV$

Customized MDC Hash Functions

Some of the most important ones:

- MD4 (message digest 4)
- MD5 (message digest 5)
- SHA-1 (Secure hash algorithm 1)
- MD-5 is an improvement over MD-4
- SHA-1 is another improvement
 - Predecessor SHA-0, published by NIST in 1993, rendered obsolete by vulnerabilities
 - Successor: SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, y SHA-512
- Other functions of this type:
 - RIPEMD
 - RIPEMD-128
 - RIPEMD-160

MD4: Message Digest Number 4

128-bit hash function

- Original goals: Make it difficult to
 - 1. Find two messages with the same hash-value:
 - ✓ 2⁶⁴ operations (collision resistance)
 - 2. Find a message for a pre-specified hash:
 - ✓ 2¹²⁸ operations (2nd pre-image resistance)

Problem:

- Goal 1 was missed:
 - ✓ 2²⁰ operations necessary only
- MD4 no longer recommended!

MD4: Operation Overview



Security considerations

SHA-1 was compromised in 2005.

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MD5 in 2004

Xiaoyun Wang, Yiqun Lisa Yin & Hongbo Yu (the same which broke MD-5 the year before) broke SHA-1 with at least 2⁶⁹ operations, (by brute force 2⁸⁰ operations).

- Last attacks on SHA-1 have reduced the number of operations to 2⁶³.
- Although 2⁶³ is a large number of operations, it is within the limit of current computation capabilities.



Hash Functions Based on Modular Arithmetic

- Use arithmetic modulo m as principle for the compression function
- May re-use existing software based on public-key technology (e.g., RSA)
- Two significant disadvantages:
 - Processing speed
 - Guarantee of security

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One example: MASH



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Message Authentication Codes (MAC)

 Hash function using a key k to provide authentication

- Can be computed:
 - Based on block ciphers
 - Starting from MDCs and adding a key to the input message



MACs Based on Block Ciphers



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Constructing MACs from MDCs I

 Example: Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication Codes (HMAC)

H. Krawczyk, M. Bellare, R. Canetti, RFC 2104, 1997.

Define:

- H: Generic hash function (MD5, SHA-1...)
- K: Secret key shared between two peers
- **B:** Block length for the input of **H** (in bytes)
- Length of the output of H (in bytes)
 - ✓ MD5: **L** = **16** (128 bit); SHA-1: **L** = **20** (160 bit)
- ✤ K_L: Length of the key K
- Recommendation: K_L should be at least L
- If $K_L > B$: obtain a new K' = H(K)

Constructing MACs from MDCs II

• Procedure to obtain the hash value of M:

Pad K or K' with '0's to create a string K'' with B bytes

Define:

- ipad = the byte 0x36 repeated B times
- ✓ opad = the byte 0x5C repeated B times
- To compute the hash value S for message M:
 - \checkmark S = H(K" XOR opad || H(K" XOR ipad || M))

Example:

- ✤ H = MD5 to obtain a keyed variant of MD5:
 - ✓ Used in IPsec



Digital Signatures



What are we going to study?

Digital signature requirements
Properties
Methods

RSA
ElGamal
DSS



What do we want?

Obtain the following security services:

- Integrity
- Authentication
- Non-repudiation



By means of digital signatures


Characteristics of a Digital Signature

Requirements:

- Should be easy to generate
- Should be irrevocable, not to be rejected by its owner
- Should be unique (only the owner can generate it)
- Should be easy to authenticate or recognize by its owner and the receivers
- Must depend on the message and the author

Much stronger requirements than for a hand-written signature!



Digital signature

We need to leave a print that only the sender could leave in a message

- Use of the private key
- On the whole message?
 - Only on the digest (speed)
- Review 3 systems:
 - RSA
 - ElGamal
 - DSS



Digital Signatures using RSA

Public key (n_A, e_A) Private key (d_A) Alice

Algorithm:

Signature: $s_{A}[H(M)] = H(M)^{d_{A}} \mod n_{A}$

A sends a message M (plaintext or ciphertext) to destination B together with the signature: $\{M, s_A[H(M)]\}$

B has the public key (n_A, e_A) of A and decrypts $s_A [H(M)] \Rightarrow \{ (H(M)^{d_A})^{e_A} \mod n_A \}$ to get H(M). Bob On reception of message M', B computes the hash function H(M') and compares: If H(M') = H(M) the signature is correct.



Possible vulnerability of RSA signature

- Working in a multiplicative body, the following scenario is possible:
- If the signature of two messages M₁ and M₂ is known, a third message can be signed M₃ which is a product of the two previous messages, without the need for knowing the private key of the signer.
- Let the signer keys be e, d & n = p*q. Therefore:
 - $r_{M1} = M_1^d \mod n \quad \& \quad r_{M2} = M_2^d \mod n \quad \text{If now } M_3 = M_1 M_2$:
- $r_{M3} = (M_1M_2)^d \mod n = M_1^d M_2^d \mod n = r_{M1} r_{M2} \mod n$

In practice, this is not a problem, why?

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Before signing, a hash function is applied



Digital Signatures using ElGamal A to B

Alice

<u>EIGamal</u>: User A generates a random number \mathbf{x}_{a} (the private key) in a field with modulus \mathbf{p} . The public key is $\mathbf{y}_{a} = \mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{x}_{a}} \mod \mathbf{p}$, with the generator \mathbf{g}

Signature: (**r**, **s**)



- A generates a random number h, which shou to φ(p), i.e.: h | gcd{h, φ(p)} = 1
- 2. Compute: $h^{-1} = inv\{h, \phi(p)\}$
- 3. Compute $r = g^h \mod p$
- 4. Solve the following congruence to get s:

 $M = x_a * r + h * s \mod \phi(p)$ s = (M - x_a * r) * inv[h, \phi(p)] mod \phi(p)

Digital Signatures using ElGamal: Validation by B



Digital Signature Standard DSS

- 1991: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) proposes DSA, Digital Signature Algorithm, a variant of the algorithms by ElGamal y Schnoor.
- 1994: DSA is established as standard known as DSS, Digital Signature Standard.
- 1996: The government of the USA allows to export Clipper 3.11, in which DSS is built in using a hash function of the type SHS, Secure Hash Standard.
- Major disadvantage of ElGamal:
 - Duplication of the message size to send in the pair (r, s) in Z_p and \$\overline{(p)}\$
- However, the ElGamal scheme has been chosen for DSS

Digital Signature Standard DSS

Public parameters of the signature:

- A large prime number p (512 1024 bits)
- ☆ A prime number q (160 bits) divisor of p-1
- A generator g "of the order q mod p"
 - Generator of the order q is the root g modulus p such that q is the smallest integer that fullfils:
 - ➤q being much smaller than p
 - **Condition:** $g^q \mod p = 1$

So that:

• For all t: $g^t = g^t \pmod{q} \mod p$



DSS Signature: Example A \rightarrow **B**

Generation of the signature at A

- Public keys at A: prime number p, q and the generator g
- Secret key of the signature: x_a (1 < x_a < q) random
- Public key of the signature: $y = g^{x_a} \mod p$
 - Difficult to compute \mathbf{x}_{a} from \mathbf{y} !
- To sign a message 1 < M < p, the signer chooses a random number h, 1 < h < q and computes:
 - $r = (g^h \mod p) \mod q$
 - $s = [(M + x_a * r) * inv(h, q)] \mod q$
- The digital signature for M is the pair (r, s)

Verification of the Signature at B

Verification of A's signature at B

- B receives a pair (r, s)
- Then, B computes
 - w = inv(s, q)
 - $u = M * w \mod q$
 - $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{r} * \mathbf{w} \mod \mathbf{q}$

The size of the signature is smaller than p, i.e. less bits than the modulo of the signature, since q was chosen by design to be smaller than p

- Verification of the following equation:
 - $r = (g^u y^v \mod p) \mod q$
- If yes, the signature is accepted

Key selection in DSS

- Choose a prime q of 160 bits.
- Choose a prime p of length L bits, such as p=qz+1 for an integer z, 512 ≤ L ≤ 1024, and L is divisible by 64.
 - The modification "FIPS-186-2, change notice 1" specifies that L must be only 1024.
- Choose *h*, where 1 < *h* < *p* 1 such as *g* = *h*^z mod *p* > 1. (remember that *z* = (*p*-1) / *q*.)
- Choose x randomly, where 0 < x < q.</p>
- Compute $y = g^x \mod p$.
- The public key will be (p, q, g, y). The private will be x.
- Note that (*p*, *q*, *g*) can be shared among several users.



Certificates

My identity validated by a third party



Our objective

To be guaranteed the identity of somebody without needing to have knowledge about him/her in advance

In the physical world?

- ID card, passport
- That is: a document which contains identity data, "signed" by someone I trust.

In the digital world?

Digital certificates.



Our search

How can we be sure that a specific public key belongs to a user?

 If we are certain that a public key belongs to somebody we trust (Certificate Authority, CA)

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And the CA signs also other associations
 between identity-public key → that is a certificate
 (of identity)



Certificates of identity

A certificate consists of:

- A public key
- An identifier of the user, signed digitally by a certification authority (CA)

• Objective:

- Show that a public key belongs to a certain user
- Sender and receiver trust the certificate, so the sender is authenticated from the point of view of the receiver (if the certificate is digitally signed by the CA and the sender proves that it has the private key)

Format of certificates:

- X.509 (Recommendation X.509 of the CCITT: "The Directory -Authentication Framework". 1988)
- Well-known and currently widely extended
 - The format X.509 was adopted by PKIX group of IETF and adopted by TCP/IP

Versions

ITU-T X.509 standard:

- v1 (1988)
- v2 (1993) = minor changes

- v3 (1996) = v2 + extensions+ attribute certificates v1
- v3 (2001) = v3 + attribute certificates v2



Fields of a X.509 certificate

V1 certificate	V2 certificate	V3 certificate
version	version	version
serialNumber	serialNumber	serialNumber
signature	signature	signature
issuer	issuer	issuer
validity	validity	validity
subject	subject	subject
subjectPublicKeyInfo	subjectPublicKeyInfo	subjectPublicKeyInfo
	issuerUniqueIdentifier	issuerUniqueIdentifier
	subjectUniqueIdentifier	subjectUniqueIdentifier
		extensions



Data format

To define a data structure which could be able to travel by a network we need to use a data format definition language (XDR, IDL...).

X.509 makes use of ASN.1

- ASN.1 allows the definition of data structures
- Define coding rules to map those data structures to bits in order to be transmitted from one system to another.



X.509v3 certificates in ASN.1

Certificate ::= SEQUENCE { tbsCertificate TBSCertificate, signatureAlgorithm AlgorithmIdentifier, signature BIT STRING }

BIT STRING TBSCertificate ::= SEQUENCE [0] Version DEFAULT v1, version serialNumber CertificateSerialNumber, signature AlgorithmIdentifier, issuer Name, validity Validity, subject Name, subjectPublicKeyInfo SubjectPublicKeyInfo, [1] IMPLICIT UniqueIdentifier OPTIONAL, issuerUniqueID -- If present, version must be v2 or v3 subjectUniqueID [2] IMPLICIT UniqueIdentifier OPTIONAL, -- If present, version must be v2 or v3 extensions [3] Extensions OPTIONAL -- If present, version must be v3

X.509v3 certificates in ASN.1

Version ::= INTEGER { v1(0), v2(1), v3(2) }

CertificateSerialNumber ::= INTEGER

Validity ::= SEQUENCE {
 notBefore UTCTime,
 notAfter UTCTime }

UniqueIdentifier ::= BIT STRING

SubjectPublicKeyInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
 algorithm AlgorithmIdentifier,
 subjectPublicKey BIT STRING }

Extensions ::= SEQUENCE OF Extension

Extension ::= SEQUENCE {
 extnID OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
 critical BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
 extnValue OCTET STRING }

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Certificate example X.509

```
Certificate:
      Data:
          Version: 1 (0x0)
          Serial Number: 7829 (0x1e95)
          Signature Algorithm: md5WithRSAEncryption
          Issuer: C=ZA, ST=Western Cape, L=Cape Town, O=Thawte Consulting cc,
                  OU=Certification Services Division,
                  CN=Thawte Server CA/Email=server-certs@thawte.com
          Validity
              Not Before: Jul 9 16:04:02 1998 GMT
              Not After : Jul 9 16:04:02 1999 GMT
          Subject: C=US, ST=Marvland, L=Pasadena, O=Brent Baccala,
                   OU=FreeSoft, CN=www.freesoft.org/Email=baccala@freesoft.org
          Subject Public Key Info:
              Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
              RSA Public Key: (1024 bit)
                  Modulus (1024 bit):
                      00:b4:31:98:0a:c4:bc:62:c1:88:aa:dc:b0:c8:bb:
                      33:35:19:d5:0c:64:b9:3d:41:b2:96:fc:f3:31:e1:
                      66:36:d0:8e:56:12:44:ba:75:eb:e8:1c:9c:5b:66:
                      70:33:52:14:c9:ec:4f:91:51:70:39:de:53:85:17:
                      16:94:6e:ee:f4:d5:6f:d5:ca:b3:47:5e:1b:0c:7b:
                      c5:cc:2b:6b:c1:90:c3:16:31:0d:bf:7a:c7:47:77:
                      8f:a0:21:c7:4c:d0:16:65:00:c1:0f:d7:b8:80:e3:
                      d2:75:6b:c1:ea:9e:5c:5c:ea:7d:c1:a1:10:bc:b8:
                      e8:35:1c:9e:27:52:7e:41:8f
                  Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
      Signature Algorithm: md5WithRSAEncryption
          93:5f:8f:5f:c5:af:bf:0a:ab:a5:6d:fb:24:5f:b6:59:5d:9d:
          92:2e:4a:1b:8b;ac:7d:99:17:5d;cd:19:f6:ad;ef:63:2f:92:
          ab:2f:4b:cf:0a:13:90:ee:2c:0e:43:03:be:f6:ea:8e:9c:67:
          d0:a2:40:03:f7:ef:6a:15:09:79:a9:46:ed:b7:16:1b:41:72:
          0d:19:aa:ad:dd:9a:df:ab:97:50:65:f5:5e:85:a6:ef:19:d1:
          5a:de:9d:ea:63;cd:cb:cc:6d:5d:01:85:b5:6d:c8:f3:d9:f7:
          8f:0e:fc:ba:1f:34:e9:96:6e:6c:cf:f2:ef:9b:bf:de:b5:22:
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          68:9f
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X.509v3 extensions

Extensions can be:

- Public (the same meaning for everybody)
- Private (particular to a specific community)

Can be defined as:

- critical must be understood by the verifier of the certificate
- non-critical may be omitted by the verifier



Public extensions

Information about policies and keys

- Alternative names (non-X.500) for the sender and subject of the certificate
- Restrictions dealing with the path of the certificate
- Identifier of the certificate revocation list where one has to check the legitimacy of the certificate



Information about policies and keys

For example, the use of a key:

- Sign
- Encrypt keys
- Encrypt data
- Sign certificates
- Sign certificate revocation lists

For example, the identifier of the key of the CA (if it has several keys)



Alternative names

Names can be

- E-mail addresses
- DNS domain names
- Web URIs (Uniform Resource Identifier)
- IP addresses
- X.400 email addresses
- Registered identifiers
- Other



Restrictions about the path of the certificate

For example:

- To specify whether the subject of a certificate is a CA or a final entity → certificate chain
- To specify the maximum depth of the chain of certificates



Certificate Revocation List Identification

Admits several formats:

- Entry of a directory
- E-mail address
- URL



Certificate Revocation List in X.509

 Signed list which contains the compromised certificates, and therefore, revoked.

CRL X.509v2

CertificateList ::= SEQUENCE { tbsCertList TBSCertList, signatureAlgorithm AlgorithmIdentifier, signature BIT STRING }

TBSCertList ::= SEQUENCE {
version Version OPTIONAL,

AlgorithmIdentifier, signature issuer Name, thisUpdate UTCTime, nextUpdate UTCTime, revokedCertificates SEQUENCE OF SEQUENCE userCertificate CertificateSerialNumber, revocationDate UTCTime, Extensions OPTIONAL } crlEntryExtensions OPTIONAL, crlExtensions [0] Extensions OPTIONAL }

-- if present, must be v2

Version ::= INTEGER { v1(0), v2(1) }



Types of X.509 certificates

Up to now we have explained the certificates of names (PKC):

- My identity (and public key) signed by the CA
- Useful for authentication
- There is a second kind of certificates: attribute certificates (AC).
 - Associates attributes to a PKC.
 - Useful for authorization

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Issued by a attribute authority (AA)



Two types of certificates?

Usually, the identity of an entity is:

- Permanent in time
- Independent of the place

The authorization by an entity to use resources:

- It is locally issued and depends of the location
- Changes with time



PKI (Public Key Infrastructure)





PMI (Privilege Management Infrastructure)



Attribute certificates

AttributeCertificate ::= SEQUENCE {toBeSignedAttributeCertificateInfo,algorithmIdentifierAlgorithmIdentifier,encryptedBIT STRING

AttributeCertificateInfo ::= SEQUENCE {

version	AttCertVersion, version is v2	
holder	Holder,	
issuer	AttCertIssuer,	
signature	Algorithmldentifier,	
serialNumber	CertificateSerialNumber,	
attrCertValidityPeriod AttCertValidityPeriod,		
attributes	SEQUENCE OF Attribute,	
issuerUniqueID	Uniqueldentifier OPTIONAL,	
extensions	Extensions OPTIONAL	

References to the name certificate



Standard attributes

Some attributes are defined as standard:

- Authentication information for the service
 - Credentials to use the service
- Access identity
 - Used by the verifier of attribute certificates
- Group and role

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 Define the membership of the owner of the certificate to a group



Privilege delegation

 Similarly to PKC a chain of attribute certificate can be established

Using extensions in the attribute certificates, the SoA or an AA (with privileges) can sign an attribute certificate which allows the receiver to become, in turn, an AA.

You can limit the delegation depth





Exchange of Session Keys using Asymmetric Algorithms



Encryption with Asymmetric Keys

 Can use any of the encryption methods from chapter 4 to encrypt session keys to be sent to the receiver

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For example:





Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

 Selection of a prime number n (public) and g a primitive root of n



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