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# Modern Cryptography

## Key Management

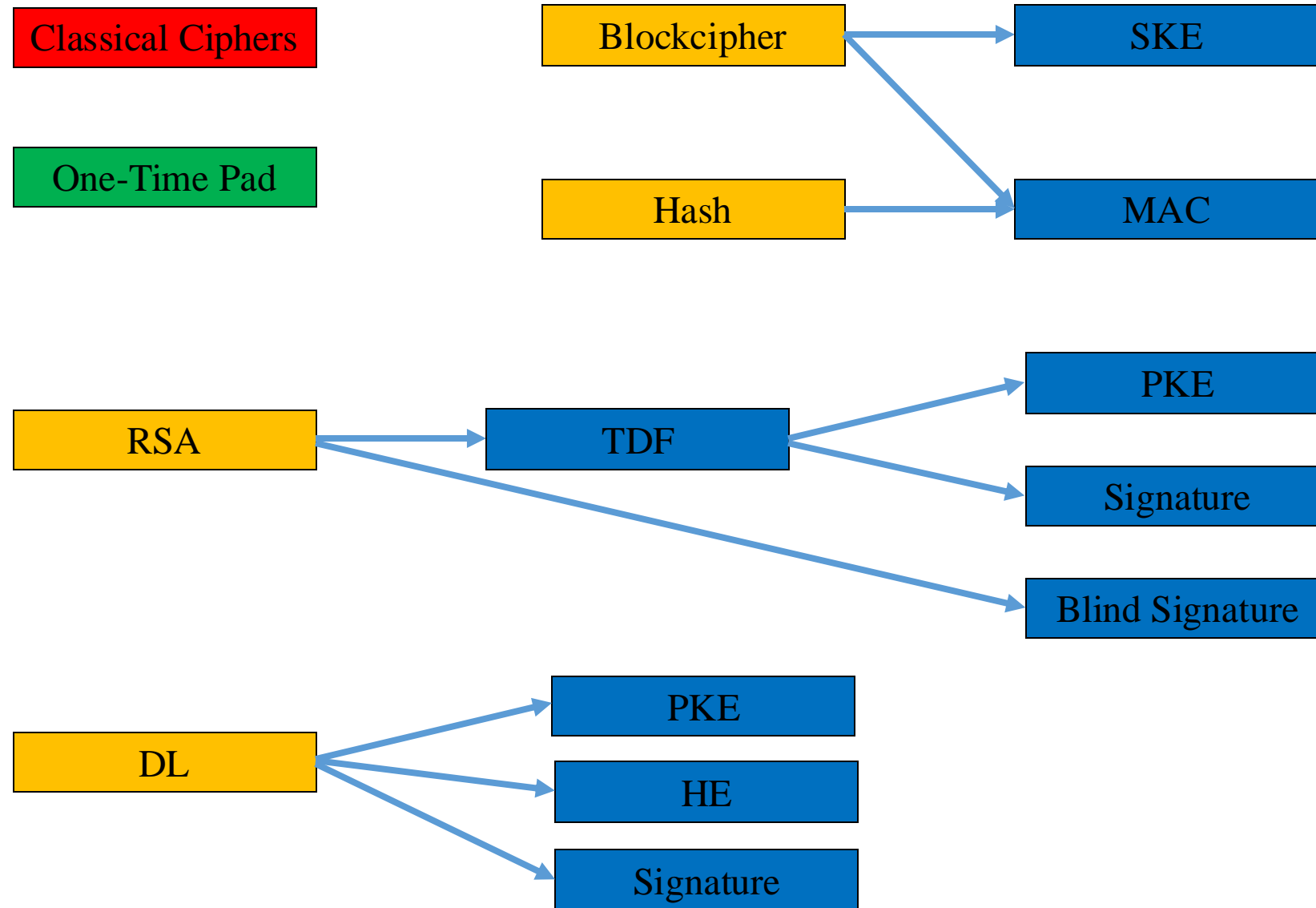
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# *RoadMap*

- Week 1-2: Preliminaries
- Week 3-4: Symmetric-Key Cryptography
- Week 5-7: Public-Key Encryption and Digital Signature
- Week 8: Key Management

# Roadmap



# Motivation

- When discussing symmetric-key cryptosystems, we always assume that secret keys are shared securely between the sender and the receiver. But how?
  - We can use a secure channel.
  - But what if there is no secure channel between the sender and the receiver?

# Key Exchange

# How to share a key securely?

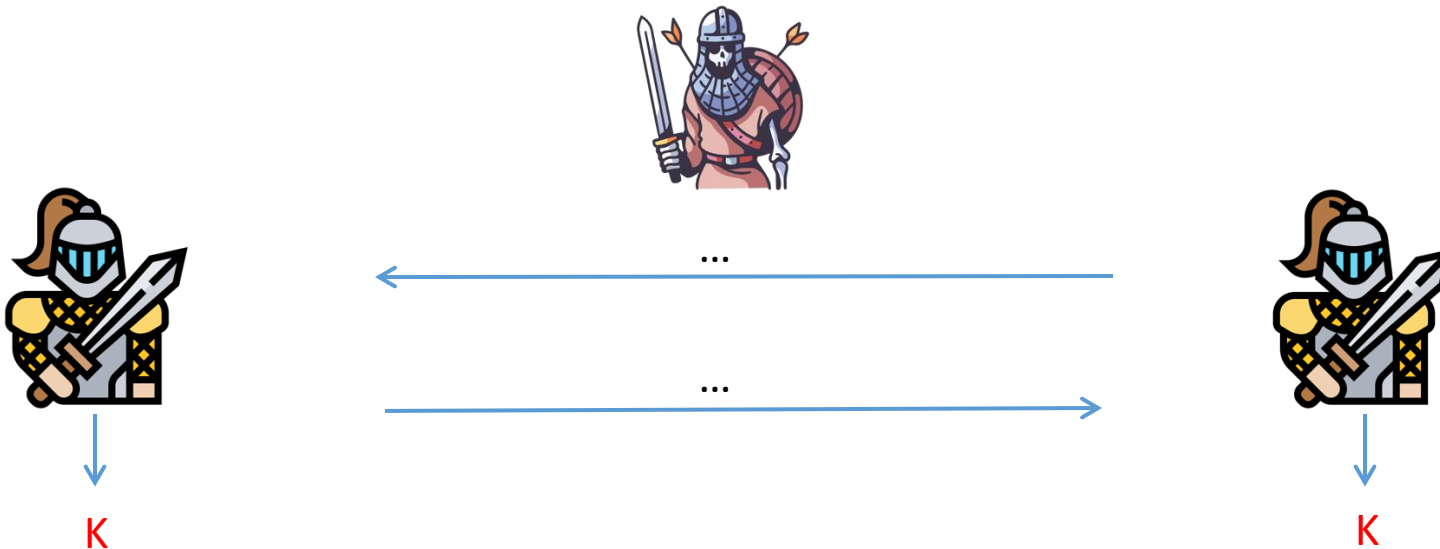
- We can use a PKE scheme. If the public key of the receiver is not known to the sender in advance, then we need complete the above task in the following two steps:



- We do not use the PKE/Signature scheme to protect the communication directly because it is much more expensive to run a PKE/Signature than running a SKE/MAC.

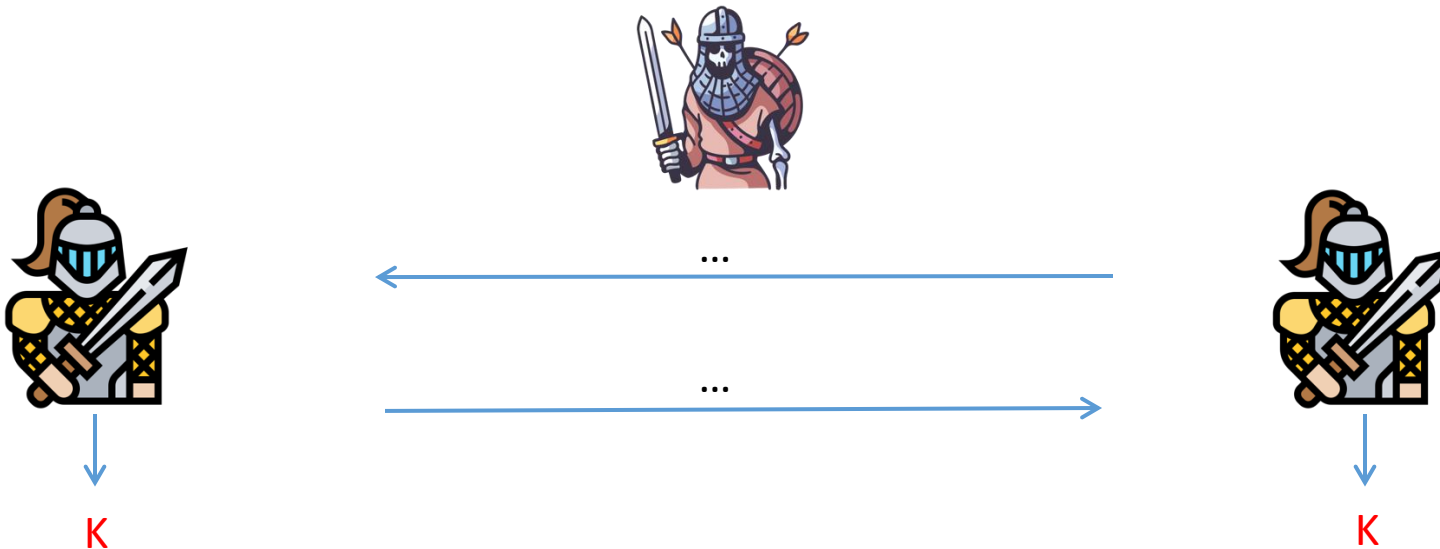
# How to transform a message securely?

- We may not hope to use a full PKE scheme, because
  - There is no PKE yet.
    - A solution to share the same secret key via an insecure channel was due to DH in 1976.
    - The first PKE scheme was proposed by RSA in 1978.
  - Other solutions are more efficient than PKE.
- A protocol that establish a shared secret key via an insecure channel is denoted as a **key exchange protocol**.



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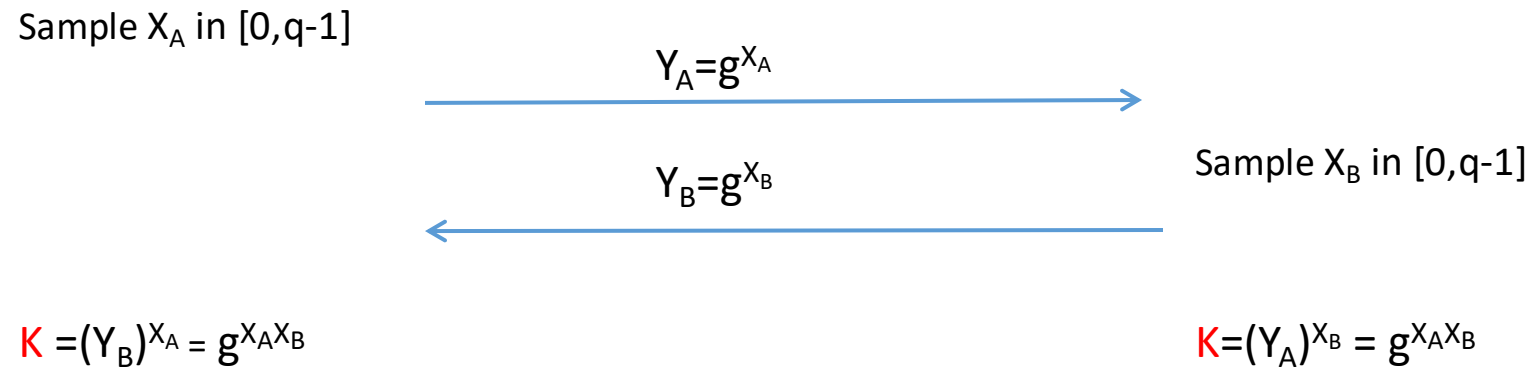
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- A key exchange protocol should satisfy
  - Correctness: if both parties run honestly, then they will get the same secret key.
  - Security: an adversary that observes the communication between honest parties cannot learn any information about the shared secret key.
    - This is usually defined by requiring that the adversary cannot distinguish the shared secret key from a random string.
    - The security definition only works for a passive adversary and it is not secure against an active attacker, e.g., the man-in-the-middle attack.
    - We need an authenticated key exchange protocol to defend against active attacks.

# Preliminaries on Cyclic Group

- Let  $(G, g, p)$  be a cyclic group, where  $G$  is the set of group element,  $g$  is the generator, and  $p$  is the group order:
  - $G = \{ g^0, g^1, \dots, g^{p-1} \}$
  - $g^p = 1$
- The following operations are easy in the group  $(G, g, p)$ :
  - Given any  $h_1, h_2$  in  $G$ , it is easy to compute  $h_1 \cdot h_2$ 
    - For any  $h$  in  $G$  and for any  $x, y$  in  $[0, p-1]$ , given  $h^x$  and  $h^y$ , it is easy to compute  $h^{x+y} = h^x \cdot h^y$
    - For any  $h_1, h_2$  in  $G$  and for any  $x$  in  $[0, p-1]$ , given  $h_1^x$  and  $h_2^x$ , we **can** compute  $(h_1 \cdot h_2)^x = h_1^x \cdot h_2^x$
  - Given any  $h$  in  $G$  and any  $x$  in  $[0, p-1]$ , it is easy to compute  $h^x$
- The following operations are **hard** in the group  $(G, g, p)$ :
  - Given  $g^x$ , it is **hard** to compute  $x$  (The DL problem)
  - Given  $g^x$  and  $g^y$ , it is **hard** to compute  $g^{xy}$  (The CDH problem)
  - Given  $g^x$  and  $g^y$ , it is **hard** to distinguish  $g^{xy}$  from a random group element in  $G$  (The DDH problem)

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  - B chooses a random number  $X_B$  in  $[0, q-1]$  and computes  $Y_B = g^{X_B}$ .
  - Then A sends  $Y_A$  to B and B sends  $Y_B$  to A.
- Step two:
  - A computes  $K_A = (Y_B)^{X_A}$ .
  - B computes  $K_B = (Y_A)^{X_B}$ .
- Both  $K_A$  and  $K_B$  are equal to  $g^{X_A X_B}$ .

# Security of Diffie-Hellman protocol

- If the DDH problem is hard in the group  $G$ .
  - The protocol can prevent the adversary from distinguishing the shared secret key from a random string, i.e., the adversary cannot learn any information about the shared secret key.

# The parameters of schemes based on DLP

- The modulus  $p$  should have the same size as that of the RSA modulus  $N$  for the same security level
  - 80-bit security:  $p$  is a 1024-bit prime number
  - 112-bit security:  $p$  is a 2048-bit prime number
  - 128-bit security:  $p$  is a 3072-bit prime number
- If we use the subgroup  $G$  of  $Z_p^*$  that has prime order  $q$ 
  - 80-bit security:  $p$  is a 1024-bit prime number and  $q$  is a 160-bit prime number
  - 112-bit security:  $p$  is a 2048-bit prime number and  $q$  is a 224-bit prime number
  - 128-bit security:  $p$  is a 3072-bit prime number and  $q$  is a 256-bit prime number

# Man-in-the-Middle Attack for Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Protocol

- In the protocol:
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    - ~~• Then A sends  $Y_A$  to B and B sends  $Y_B$  to A.~~
    - The adversary cuts the communication between A and B, and
      - It samples  $X_E$  in  $[0, q-1]$  and computes  $Y_E = g^{X_E}$
      - Then it sends  $Y_E$  to both A and B.
  - Step two:
    - A computes  $K'_A = (Y_E)^{X_A} = g^{X_A X_E}$
    - B computes  $K'_B = (Y_E)^{X_B} = g^{X_B X_E}$
    - The adversary computes  $K'_A = (Y_A)^{X_E} = g^{X_A X_E}$  and  $K'_B = (Y_B)^{X_E} = g^{X_B X_E}$ .
    - That is, both A and B are sharing secret key with the attacker.
- The problem can be solved if we add authentications in the protocol.

# Motivation

- When discussing symmetric-key cryptosystems, we always assume that secret keys are shared securely between the sender and the receiver. But how?
  - We can use a secure channel.
  - We can use a (authenticated) key exchange protocol if no secure channel is available?
- When discussing public-key cryptosystems, we always assume that the correct public keys are distributed. But how?
  - We can use a secure channel.
  - But what if there is no secure channel?



# Key Management and PKI

# What happens when you visit a website (securely)

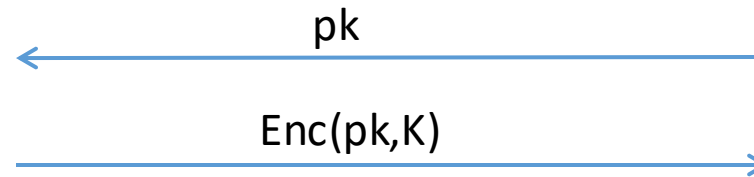
This is not secure!!!! (because the public key could be replaced by the adversary.)

Can we guarantee integrity by using a signature?

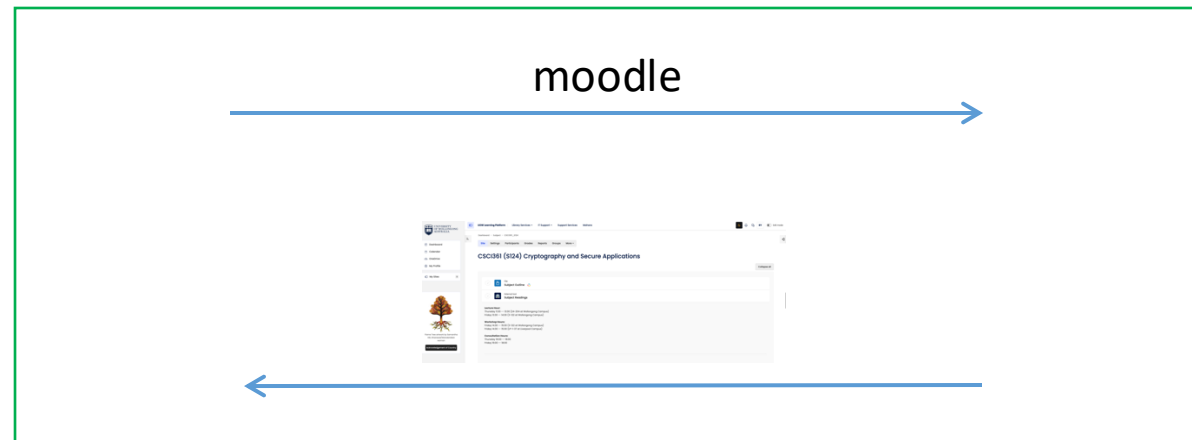
Again, how to get the public key of signature!



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# *Certificate (Idea)*

- We can solve the problem by asking a **trusted third party** to sign the public key of Alice.
- It is **impossible** to directly assume that an entity knows the public key of another entity, but it is reasonable to assume that **we ALL** know the public key of a trusted third party, such as Google.
- The trusted party is called a **certificate authority (CA)**.

# Certificate (Idea)

Certificate Viewer: \*.uowplatform.edu.au

General

Details

Issued To

Common Name (CN)

Organization (O)

Organizational Unit (OU)

\*.uowplatform.edu.au

<Not Part Of Certificate>

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Issued By

Common Name (CN)

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Organizational Unit (OU)

Amazon RSA 2048 M03

Amazon

<Not Part Of Certificate>

Validity Period

Issued On

Expires On

Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 11:00:00 AM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 10:59:59 AM

SHA-256 Fingerprints

Certificate

Public Key

94214f43c6c89081e23eb349f116b09fe4a37b366e5f1c5e60d129e6bc739aaf

e1df8a3b21a208a42c5f1c82cdf7a7cf39b0fd74905577c4b2f6af02d5e2ce4

- The public key of Amazon is  $pk^*$ . (Certificate Authority)  
(We trust this public key. Suppose that everyone trusts this)
- When we browse “www.uow.edu.au”, the web server sends its public key  $pk$  to us. But we don’t know  $pk$  belongs to UOW or not.
- The CA uses  $sk^*$  to genera a digital signature  $S\_UOW$  on  $M=$ “ $pk$  belongs to UOW”
- With  $pk$  and  $S\_UOW$ , we know that  $pk$  bleongs to UOW

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General

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Certificate Hierarchy

▼ Amazon Root CA 1

▼ Amazon RSA 2048 M03

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Certificate Fields

Extended Key Usage

CRL Distribution Points

Authority Information Access

Certificate Basic Constraints

Signed Certificate Timestamp List

Certificate Signature Algorithm

Certificate Signature Value

▼ SHA-256 Fingerprints

Field Value

32 0F 53 09 08 C7 83 D3 41 90 FD BA 2C BA 15 9C  
DE 57 3F 1F 6C 54 38 7C B0 7C A1 6B F6 76 13 E3  
D5 D8 92 FE A9 92 1A 6D 06 FE 06 2F D9 C7 83 60  
A4 AE 69 05 60 ED 0A CE 55 BB 4B 97 0B AC 5B 07  
F1 34 7D 83 A6 28 C5 B8 31 20 9C 1C 8D 53 5D AA  
02 B4 50 4A 62 8F D8 25 96 6D D2 D6 B4 2B FB 5A

Export...

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Certificate Fields

Not After

Subject

▼ Subject Public Key Info

Subject Public Key Algorithm

Subject's Public Key

▼ Extensions

Certification Authority Key ID

Certificate Subject Key ID

Field Value

Modulus (2048 bits):  
BB 52 54 9A E1 D9 32 36 CB 55 29 54 4B EB 23 68  
65 61 24 DD E0 6A 49 3F 02 A8 84 21 E3 37 85 7B  
70 6F 12 10 A7 C2 D1 4A C7 FC 63 D5 08 C7 57 10  
F0 8B 11 A0 39 EE 5E AC 6F 8F E6 45 F2 83 2B 04  
FA 8F C5 48 47 0B 6D 1D 1E 16 72 BA C4 BD 23 63

Export...

# Get A Certificate

- The system can be sketched as follows:
  - Alice securely sends  $PK_A$  to the certificate authority.
  - Alice receives a certificate  $C_A$  that binds  $PK_A$  to Alice. The main component in  $C_A$  is a signature on  $PK_A$  and some necessary auxiliary information, which is signed by the certificate authority.
  - This certificate can be verifiable by everyone who has the public key of the certificate authority.
  - A certificate has the following form:

$M = [PK_A, \text{Alice's ID, validity period, ...}]$ .

$S_A = \text{Sign}_{SK_T}(M)$

$C_A = (M, S_A, \dots)$

# Use A Certificate


- When Bob wants to send an encrypted message to Alice:
  - He obtains Alice's certificate.
  - Verifies the signature in the certificate using the public key of the certificate authority.
  - Verifies the identity of the owner of the certificate
  - Verifies the certificate has not been expired, etc.
  - Extracts  $PK_A$  and uses it to encrypt the message.
- Question: how to ensure Alice has the correct public key of the certificate authority?

# Trusted Root Certificates

- Question: how to ensure Bob has the correct public key of the the certificate authority?
  - If it is a root certificates authority, its public key will be hardwired in the code of web browser/operation system.
  - If it is not a root certificates, then its public key also includes a certificate authenticating its public key. The certificate is issued by another certificates authority.



# Trusted Root Certificates in MACOS









































AAA Certificate Services

Root certificate authority

Expires: Monday, January 1, 2029 at 10:59:59 Australian Eastern Daylight Time

This certificate is valid

Name	Kind	Date Modified	Expires	Keychain
 AAA Certificate Services	certificate	--	Jan 1, 2029 at 10:59:59	System Roots
 AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM	certificate	--	Jan 1, 2030 at 11:00:00	System Roots
 ACCVRAIZ1	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2030 at 20:37:37	System Roots
 Actalis Authentication Root CA	certificate	--	Sep 22, 2030 at 21:22:02	System Roots
 AffirmTrust Commercial	certificate	--	Jan 1, 2031 at 01:06:06	System Roots
 AffirmTrust Networking	certificate	--	Jan 1, 2031 at 01:08:24	System Roots
 AffirmTrust Premium	certificate	--	Jan 1, 2041 at 01:10:36	System Roots
 AffirmTrust Premium ECC	certificate	--	Jan 1, 2041 at 01:20:24	System Roots
 Amazon Root CA 1	certificate	--	Jan 17, 2038 at 11:00:00	System Roots
 Amazon Root CA 2	certificate	--	May 26, 2040 at 10:00:00	System Roots
 Amazon Root CA 3	certificate	--	May 26, 2040 at 10:00:00	System Roots
 Amazon Root CA 4	certificate	--	May 26, 2040 at 10:00:00	System Roots
 ANF Global Root CA	certificate	--	Jun 6, 2033 at 03:45:38	System Roots
 Apple Root CA	certificate	--	Feb 10, 2035 at 08:40:36	System Roots
 Apple Root CA - G2	certificate	--	May 1, 2039 at 04:10:09	System Roots
 Apple Root CA - G3	certificate	--	May 1, 2039 at 04:19:06	System Roots
 Apple Root Certificate Authority	certificate	--	Feb 10, 2025 at 11:18:14	System Roots
 Atos TrustedRoot 2011	certificate	--	Jan 1, 2031 at 10:59:59	System Roots
 Autoridad de Certificacion Firmaprofesional CIF A62634068	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2030 at 19:38:15	System Roots
 Baltimore CyberTrust Root	certificate	--	May 13, 2025 at 09:59:00	System Roots
 Buypass Class 2 Root CA	certificate	--	Oct 26, 2040 at 19:38:03	System Roots
 Buypass Class 3 Root CA	certificate	--	Oct 26, 2040 at 19:28:58	System Roots
 CA Disig Root R2	certificate	--	Jul 19, 2042 at 19:15:30	System Roots
 Certainly Root E1	certificate	--	Apr 1, 2046 at 10:00:00	System Roots
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 Certigna	certificate	--	Jun 30, 2027 at 01:13:05	System Roots
 certSIGN ROOT CA	certificate	--	Jul 5, 2031 at 03:20:04	System Roots
 certSIGN ROOT CA G2	certificate	--	Feb 6, 2042 at 20:27:35	System Roots
 Certum CA	certificate	--	Jun 11, 2027 at 20:46:39	System Roots
 Certum EC-384 CA	certificate	--	Mar 26, 2043 at 18:24:54	System Roots
 Certum Trusted Network CA	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2029 at 23:07:37	System Roots
 Certum Trusted Network CA 2	certificate	--	Oct 6, 2046 at 18:39:56	System Roots
 Certum Trusted Root CA	certificate	--	Mar 16, 2043 at 23:10:13	System Roots
 CFCA EV ROOT	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2029 at 14:07:01	System Roots
 Chambers of Commerce Root	certificate	--	Oct 1, 2037 at 02:13:44	System Roots
 Chambers of Commerce Root - 2008	certificate	--	Jul 31, 2038 at 22:29:50	System Roots
 Cisco Root CA 2048	certificate	--	May 15, 2029 at 06:25:42	System Roots



Amazon Root CA 4

Root certificate authority

Expires: Saturday, May 26, 2040 at 10:00:00 Australian Eastern Standard Time

This certificate is valid

> Trust

▼ Details

Subject Name

Country or Region

Organization

Common Name

US

Amazon

Amazon Root CA 4

Issuer Name

Country or Region

Organization

Common Name

US

Amazon

Amazon Root CA 4

Serial Number

Version

06 6C 9F D7 C1 BB 10 4C 29 43 E5 71 7B 7B 2C C8 1A C1 0E

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Signature Algorithm

Parameters

ECDSA Signature with SHA-384 ( 1.2.840.10045.4.3.3 )

None

Not Valid Before

Not Valid After

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 10:00:00 Australian Eastern Standard Time

Saturday, May 26, 2040 at 10:00:00 Australian Eastern Standard Time

Public Key Info

Algorithm

Parameters

Public Key

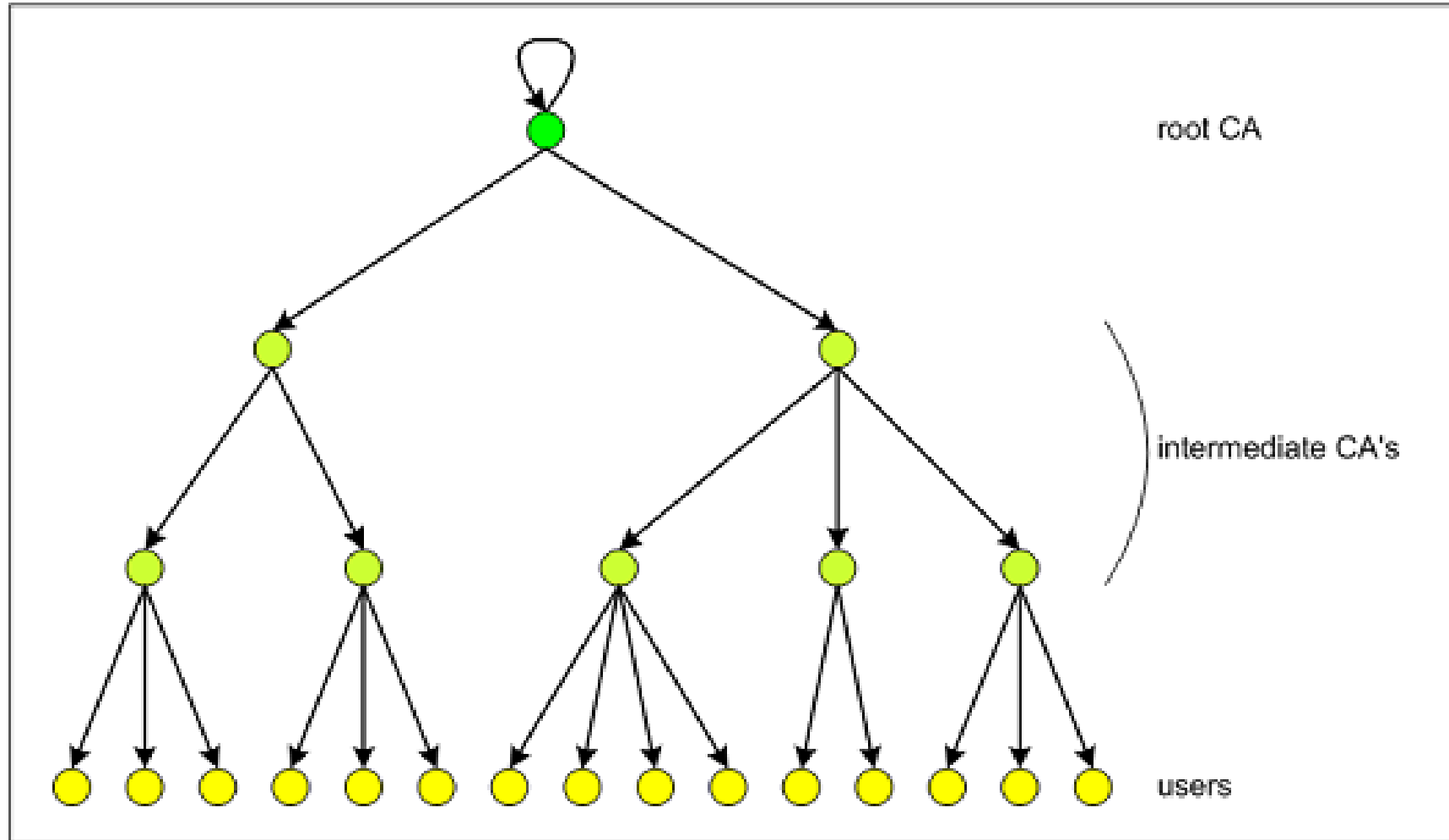
Key Size

Elliptic Curve Public Key ( 1.2.840.10045.2.1 )

Elliptic Curve secp384r1 ( 1.3.132.0.34 )

97 bytes : 04 D2 AB 8A 37 4F A3 53 ...

384 bits



Classical Ciphers

One-Time Pad

Blockcipher

Hash

SKE

MAC

RSA

TDF

PKE

Signature

PKI

Blind Signature

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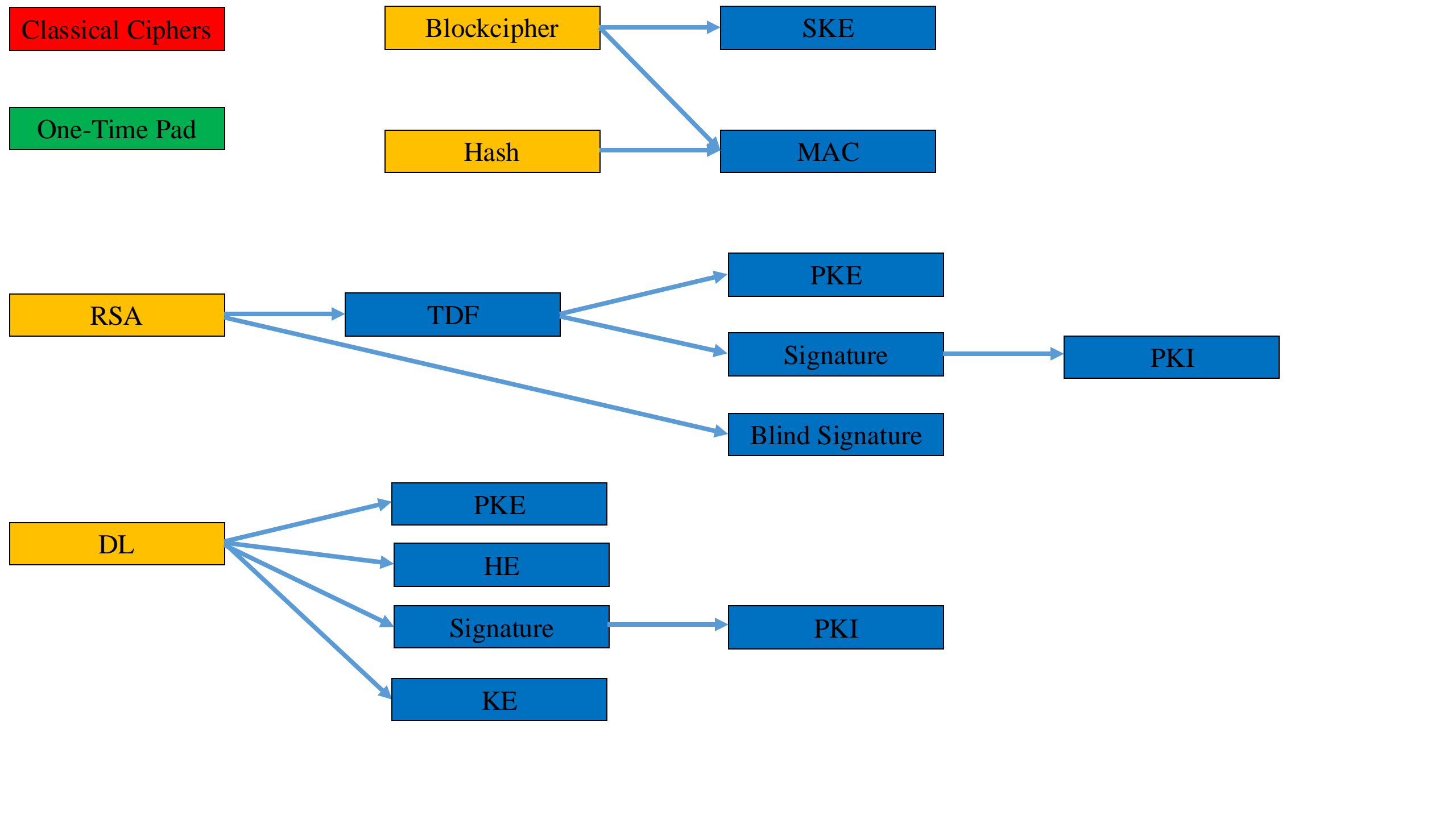
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Signature

KE

PKI



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