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7. Network Security

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Chapter 7: Network Security

Chapter goals:

- understand principles of network security:
  - cryptography and its *many* uses beyond "confidentiality"
  - authentication
  - message integrity
- security in practice:
  - firewalls and intrusion detection systems
  - security in application, transport, network, link layers

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- What is Network Security?
- Principles of Cryptography
- Authentication, Message Integrity
- Securing TCP: SSL/TLS

What is network security?

confidentiality: only sender, intended receiver should "understand" message contents

- sender encrypts message
- receiver decrypts message

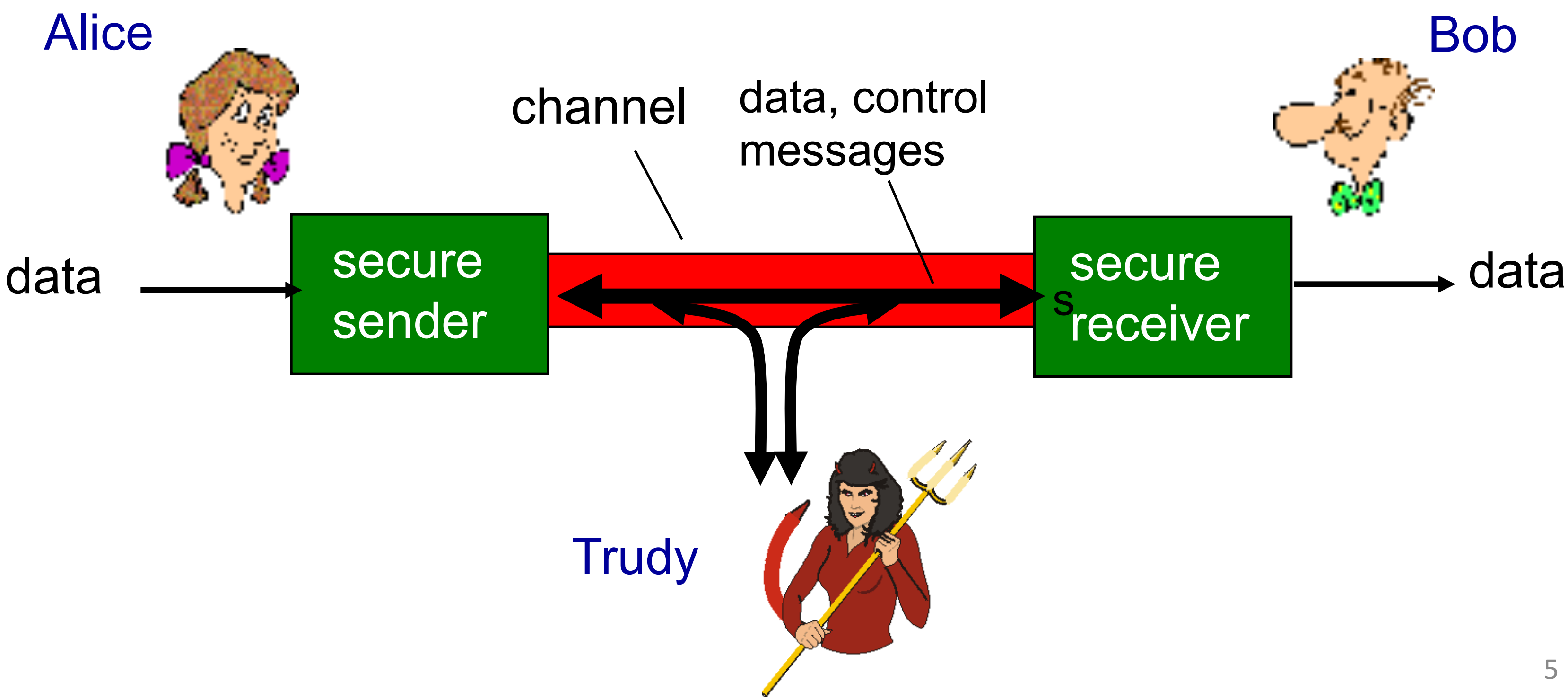
authentication: sender, receiver want to confirm identity of each other

message integrity: sender, receiver want to ensure message not altered (in transit, or afterwards) without detection

access and availability: services must be accessible and available to users

Friends and enemies: Alice, Bob, Trudy

- well-known in network security world
- Bob, Alice (lovers!) want to communicate "securely"
- Trudy (intruder) may intercept, delete, add messages



Who might Bob, Alice be?

- … well, *real-life* Bobs and Alices!
- Web browser/server for electronic transactions (e.g., on-line purchases)
- on-line banking client/server
- DNS servers
- routers exchanging routing table updates
- Many other examples!

There are bad guys (and girls) out there!

Q: What can a "bad guy" do?

A: A lot!

- *eavesdrop:* intercept messages
- actively *insert* messages into connection
- *impersonation:* can fake (spoof) source address in packet (or any field in packet)
- *hijacking:* "take over" ongoing connection by removing sender or receiver, inserting himself in place
- *denial of service*: prevent service from being used by others (e.g., by overloading resources)

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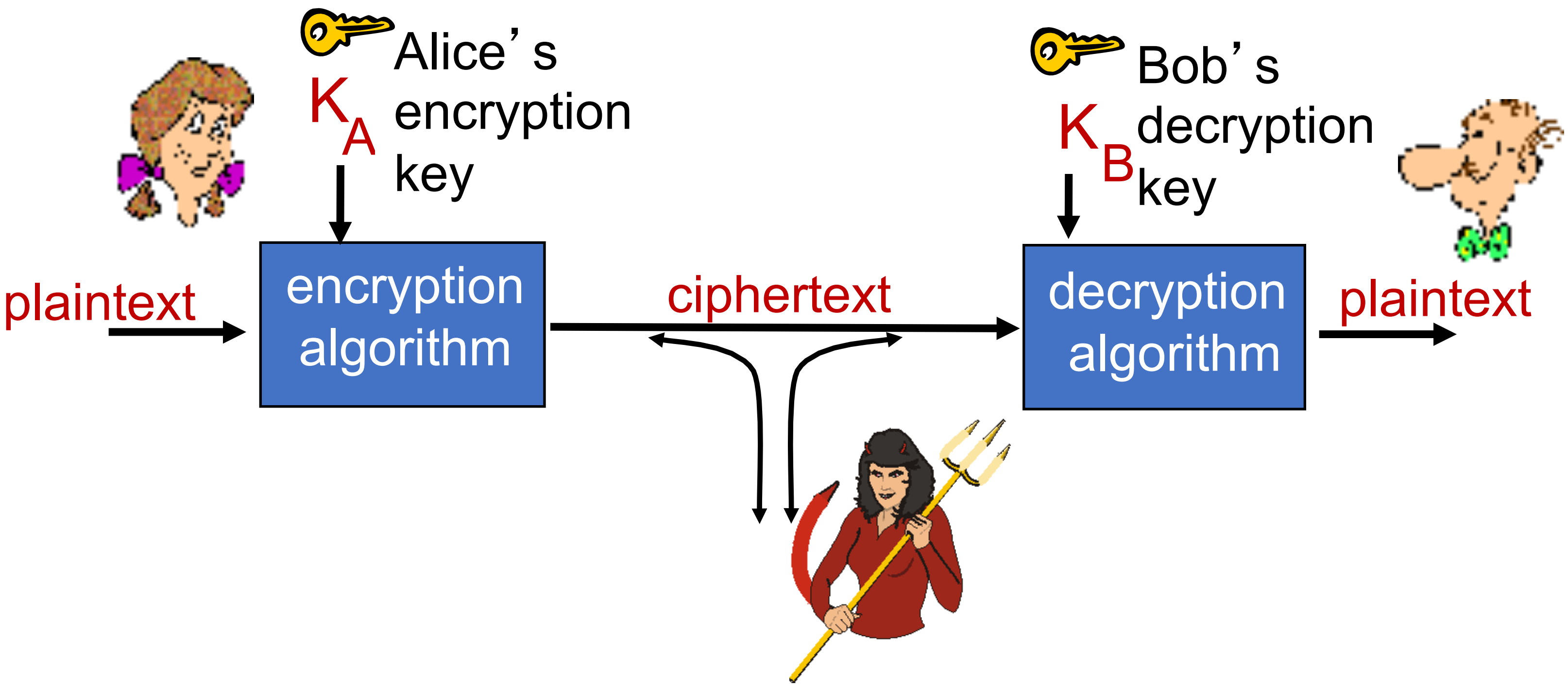
The language of cryptography

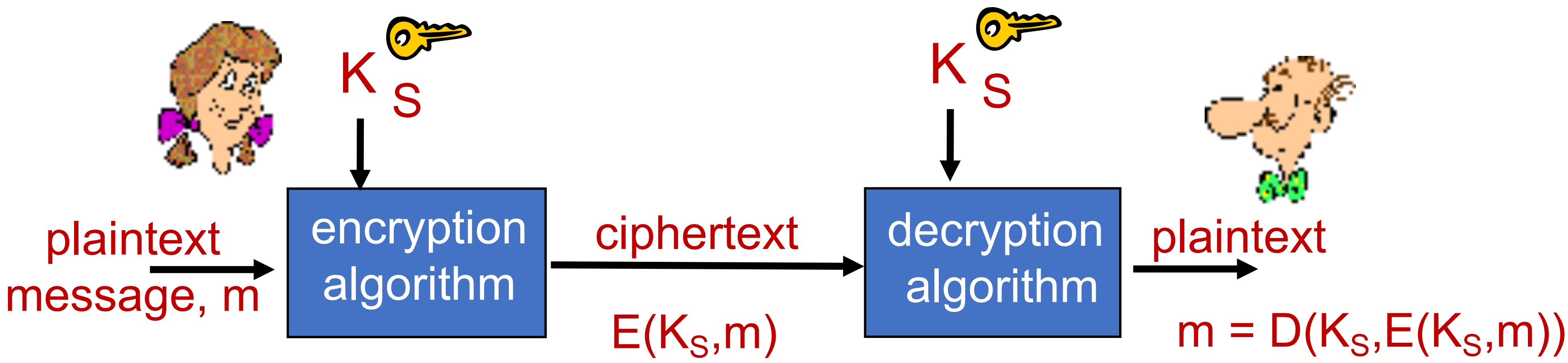


m plaintext message

$E(K_A,m)$ ciphertext, encrypted with key K_A

$m = D(K_B,E(K_A,m))$

Symmetric key cryptography



symmetric key crypto: Bob and Alice share same (symmetric) key: K_S

Symmetric key crypto: DES

DES: Data Encryption Standard

- US encryption standard [NIST 1993]
- 56-bit symmetric key, 64-bit plaintext input
- block cipher with cipher block chaining
- how secure is DES?
  - DES Challenge: 56-bit-key-encrypted phrase decrypted (brute force) in less than a day
  - no known good analytic attack
- making DES more secure:
  - 3DES: encrypt 3 times with 3 different keys

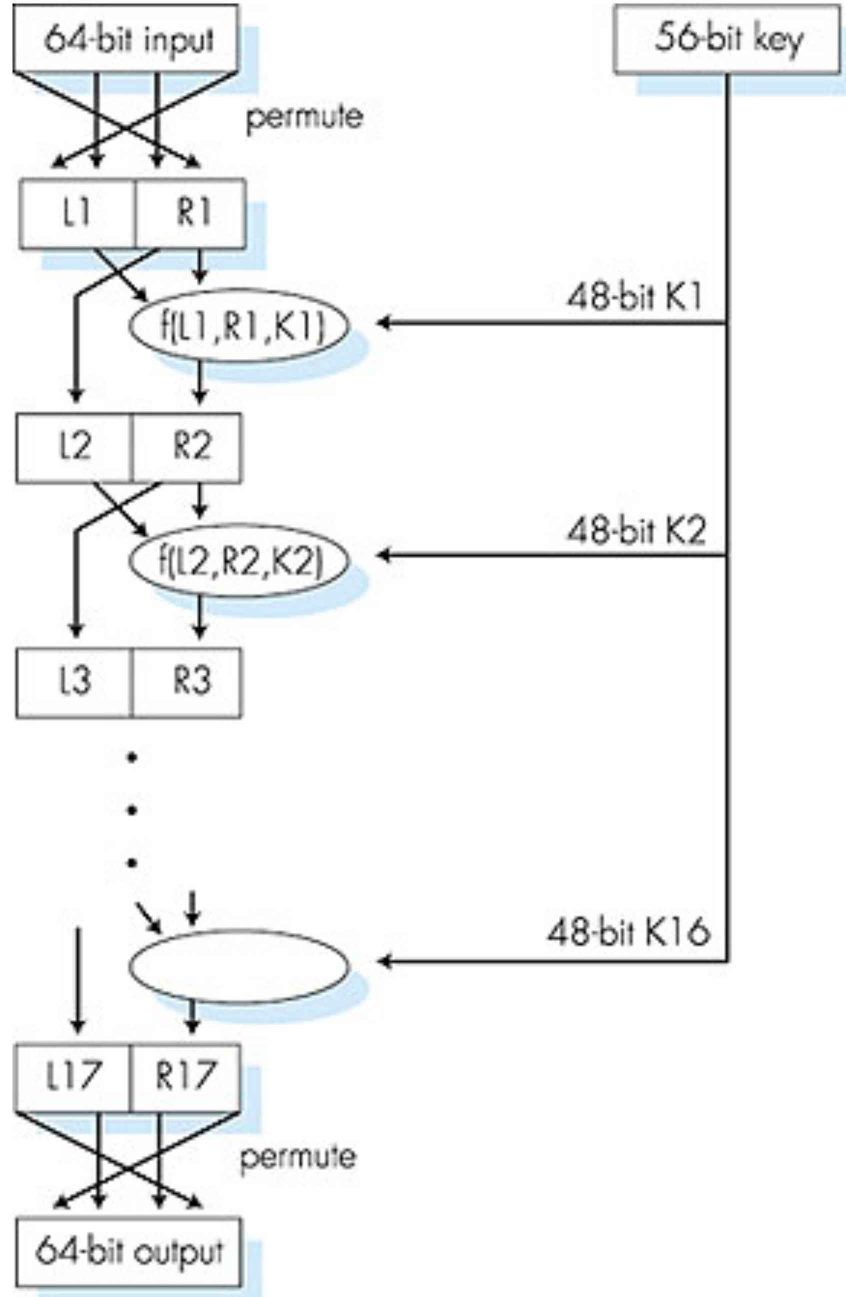
Symmetric key crypto: DES

DES operation

initial permutation

16 identical "rounds" of function application, each using different 48 bits of key

final permutation



AES: Advanced Encryption Standard

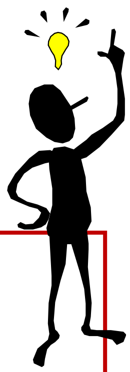
- symmetric-key NIST standard, replaced DES (Nov 2001)
- processes data in 128 bit blocks
- 128, 192, or 256 bit keys
- brute force decryption (try each key) taking 1 sec on DES, takes 149 trillion years for AES

Public Key Cryptography

symmetric key crypto

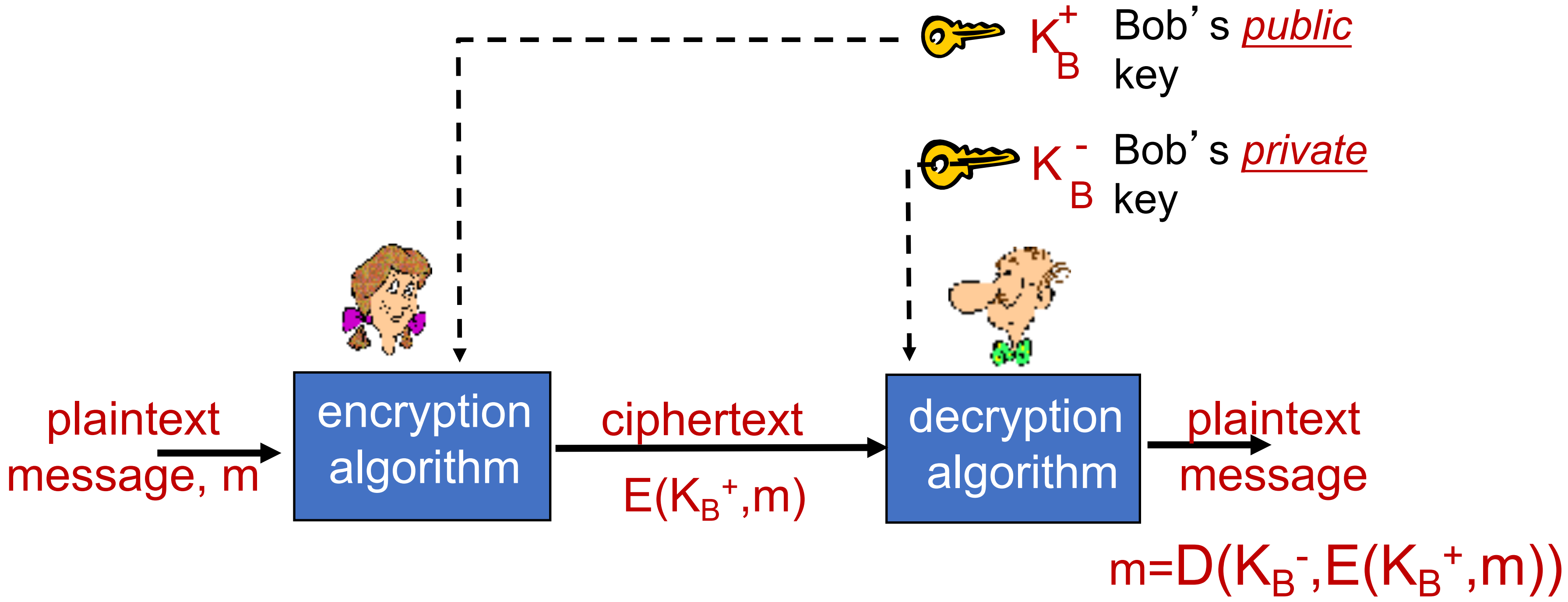
- requires sender, receiver know shared secret key
- Q: how to agree on key in first place (particularly if never “met”)?

public key crypto



- radically different approach [Diffie-Hellman76, RSA78]
- sender, receiver do *not* share secret key
- *public* encryption key known to *all*
- *private* decryption key known only to receiver

Public key cryptography



Public key encryption algorithms

requirements:

1. need $K_B^+(\cdot)$ and $K_B^-(\cdot)$ such that

$$D(K_B^-,E(K_B^+,m))=m$$

2. given public key K_B^+, it should be impossible* to compute private key K_B^-

RSA: Rivest, Shamir, Adelson algorithm

RSA: getting ready

- message: just a bit pattern
- bit pattern can be uniquely represented by an integer number
- thus, encrypting a message is equivalent to encrypting a number

example:

- m= 10010001 . This message is uniquely represented by the decimal number 145.
- to encrypt m, we encrypt the corresponding number, which gives a new number (the ciphertext).

RSA: Creating public/private key pair

1. choose two large prime numbers $p, q.$ (e.g., 1024 bits each)

2. compute $n = pq$, $z = (p-1)(q-1)$

3. choose e (with $e<n$) that has no common factors with z (e, z are "relatively prime").

4. choose d such that $ed-1$ is exactly divisible by z. (in other words: $ed \bmod z = 1$).

5. *public* key is (n,e). *private* key is (n,d).

$(n,e) = K_B^+$ $(n,d) = K_B^-$

RSA: encryption, decryption

0. given (n,e) and (n,d) as computed above

1. to encrypt message m $(<n)$, compute

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

2. to decrypt received bit pattern, c, compute

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

magic happens!

$$m = (\underbrace{m^e \bmod n}_{c})^d \bmod n$$

RSA example:

Bob chooses *p=5, q=7*. Then *n=35, z=24*.

e=5 (so *e, z* relatively prime).

d=29 (so *ed-1* exactly divisible by z).

encrypting 8-bit messages.

encrypt:

bit pattern	m	m^e	$c = m^e \bmod n$
0000l000	12	24832	17

decrypt:

c	c^d	$m = c^d \bmod n$
17	481968572106750915091411825223071697	12

Why does RSA work?

- must show that $c^d \bmod n = m$ where $c = m^e \bmod n$
- fact: for any x and y: $x^y \bmod n = x^{(y \bmod z)} \bmod n$
  - where $n = pq$ and $z = (p-1)(q-1)$
- thus,

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\begin{aligned}
c^d \bmod n &= (m^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n \\
&= m^{ed} \bmod n \\
&= m^{(ed \bmod z)} \bmod n \\
&= m^1 \bmod n \\
&= m
\end{aligned}
$$

RSA: another important property

The following property will be *very* useful later:

$$K_B^-(K_B^+(m)) = m = K_B^+(K_B^-(m))$$

use public key first, followed by private key

use private key first, followed by public key

result is the same!

Why $K_B^-(K_B^+(m)) = m = K_B^+(K_B^-(m))$?

follows directly from modular arithmetic:

$$(m^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n = m^{ed} \bmod n$$
$$= m^{de} \bmod n$$
$$= (m^d \bmod n)^e \bmod n$$

Why is RSA secure?

- suppose you know Bob's public key (n,e). How hard is it to determine d?
- essentially need to find factors of n without knowing the two factors p and q
  - fact: factoring a big number is hard

RSA in practice: session keys

- exponentiation in RSA is computationally intensive
- DES is at least 100 times faster than RSA
- use public key crypto to establish secure connection, then establish second key – symmetric session key – for encrypting data

session key, K_S

- Bob and Alice use RSA to exchange a symmetric key K_S
- once both have K_S, they use symmetric key cryptography

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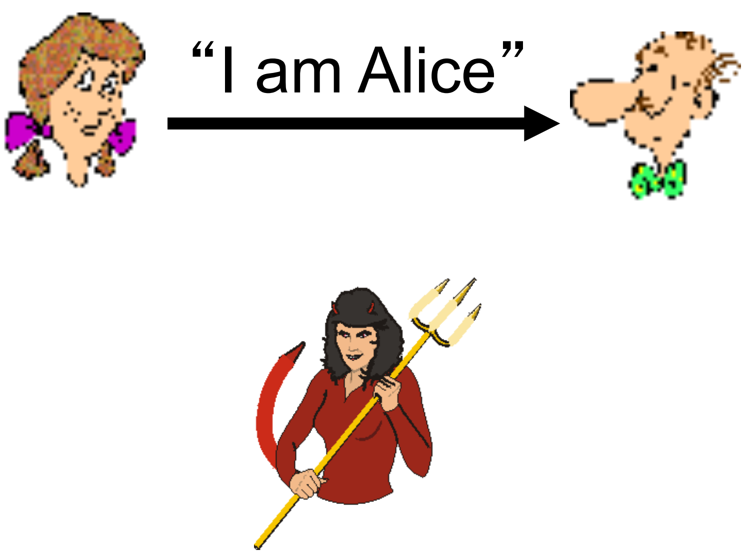

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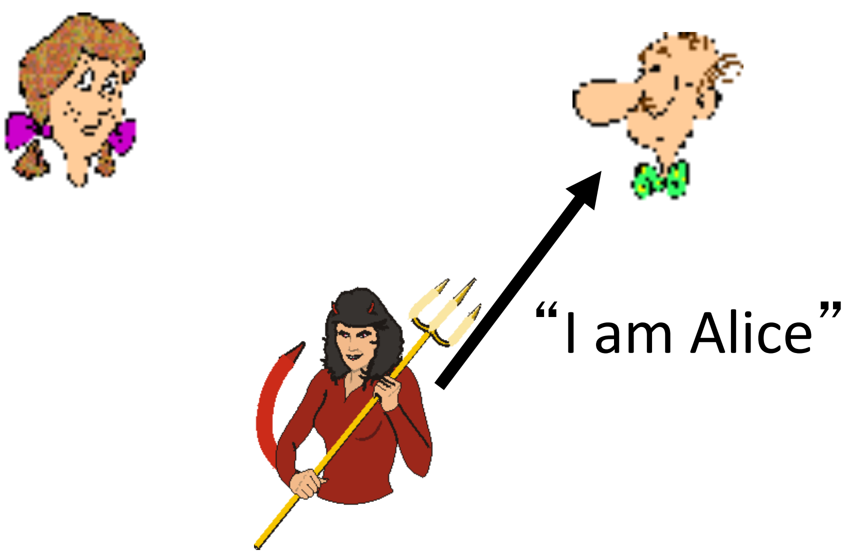

in a network,
Bob can not "see" Alice, so
Trudy simply declares
herself to be Alice

Authentication: another try

Protocol ap2.0: Alice says “I am Alice” in an IP packet containing her source IP address

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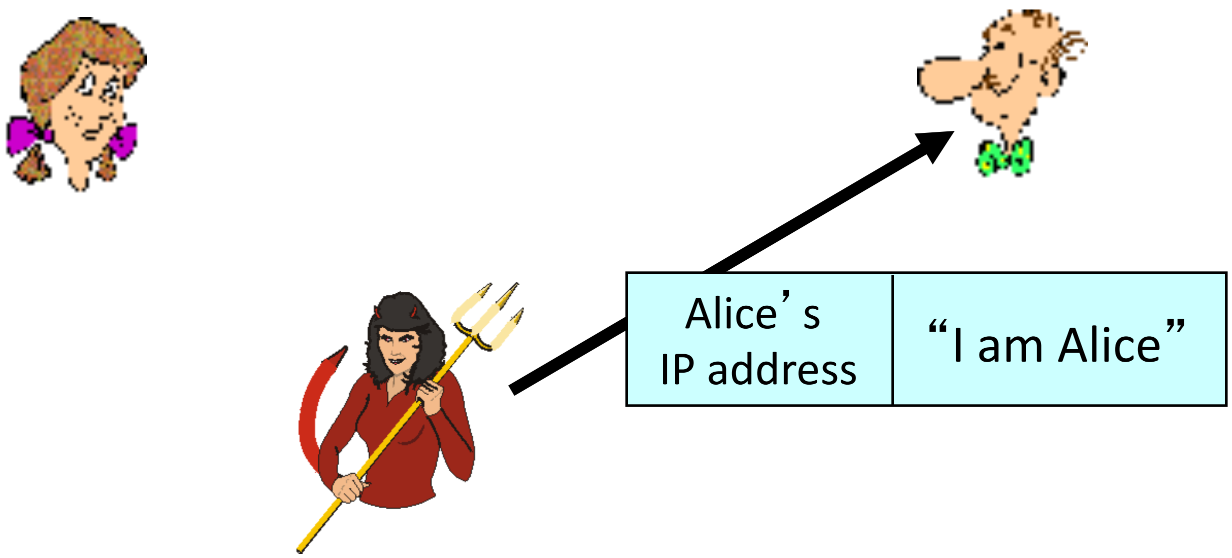
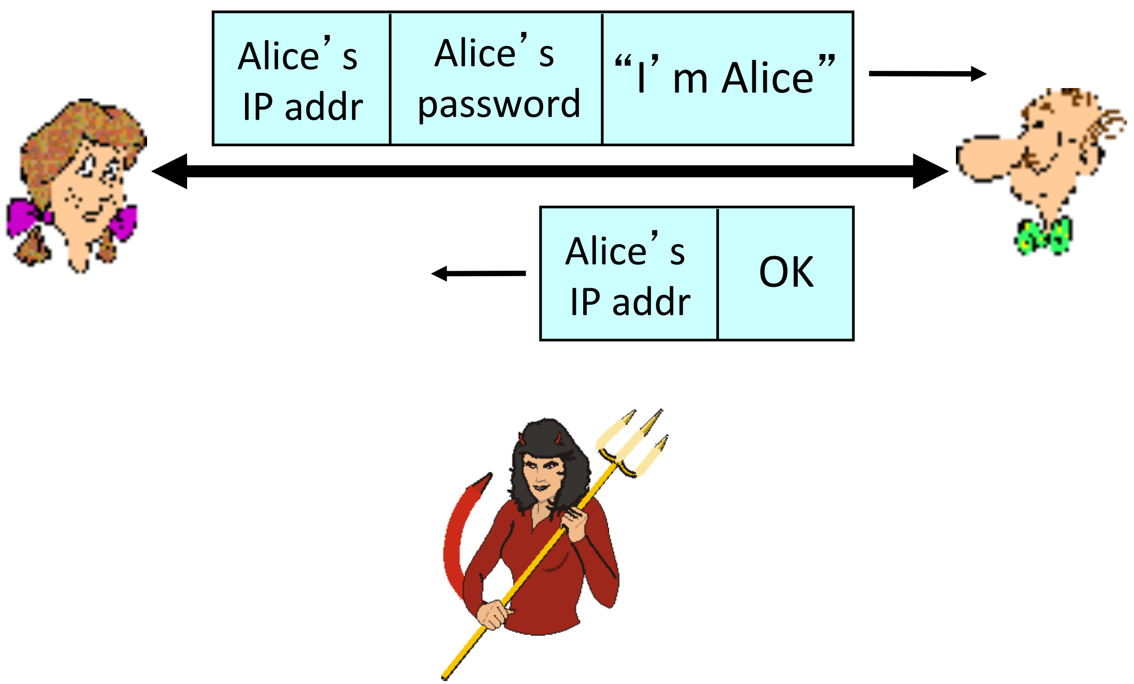


Trudy can create a packet "spoofing" Alice's address

Authentication: another try

Protocol ap3.0: Alice says "I am Alice" and sends her secret password to "prove" it.



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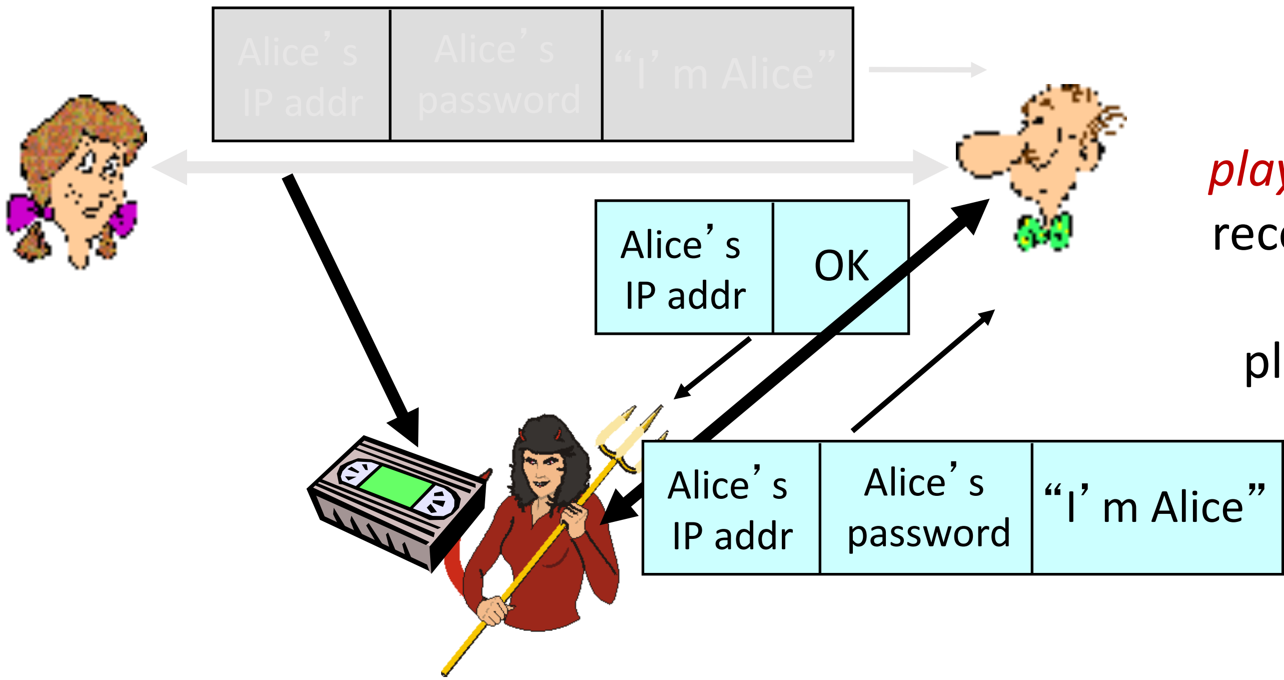

playback attack: Trudy records Alice's packet and later plays it back to Bob

Authentication: yet another try

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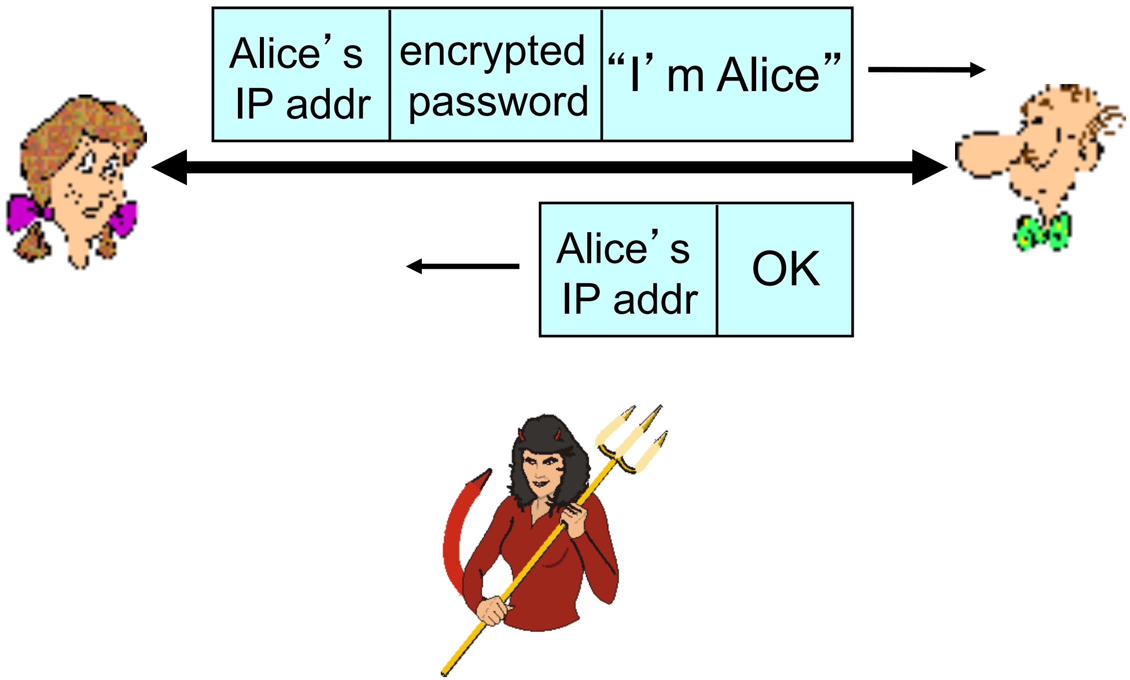

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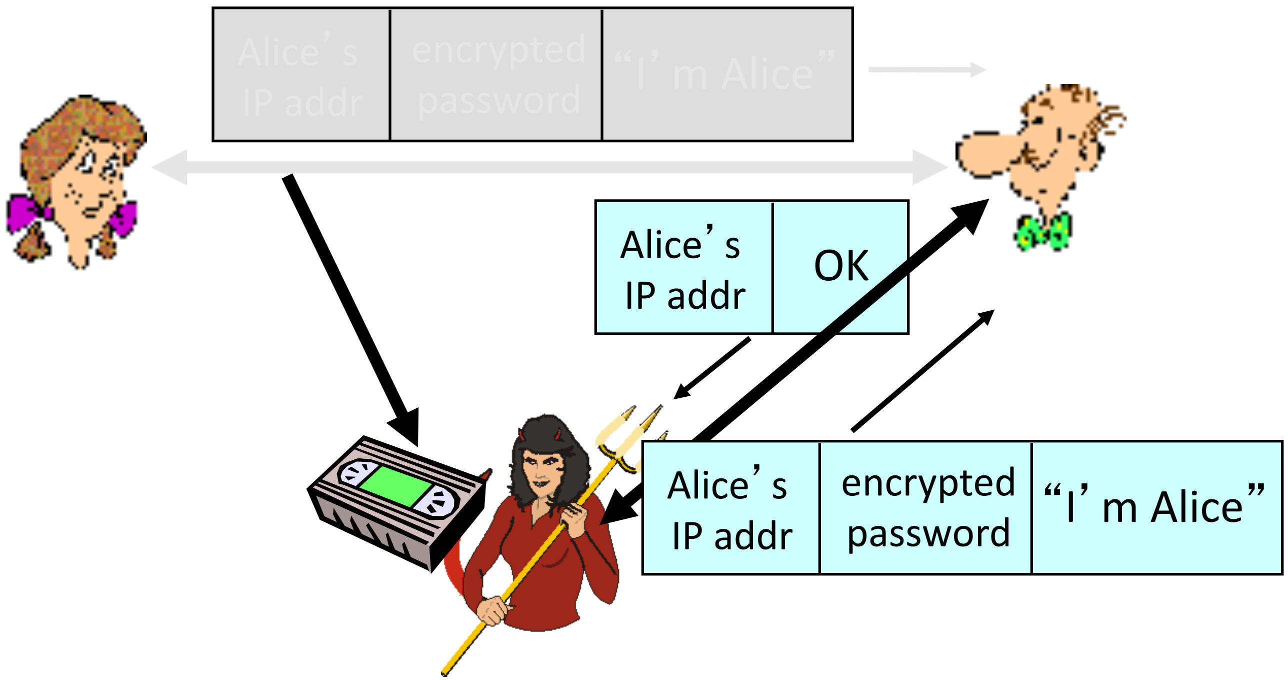


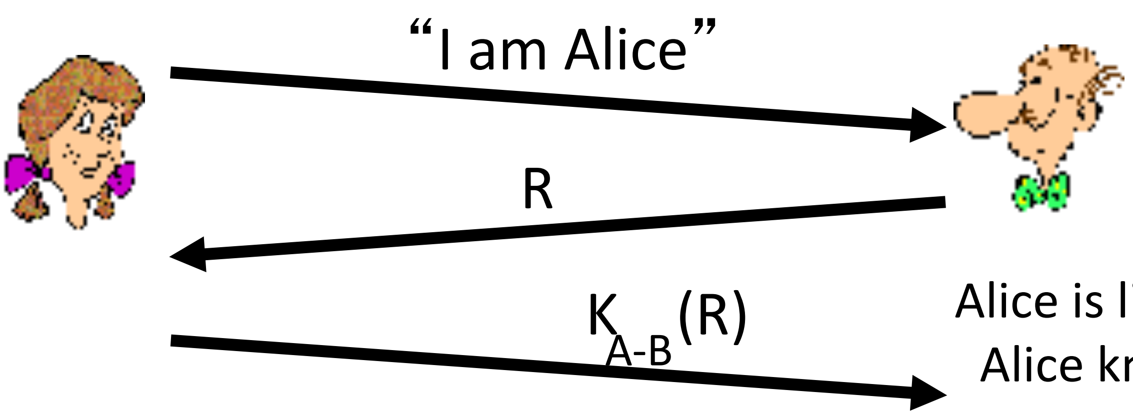
record and playback *still* works!

Authentication: yet another try

Goal: avoid playback attack

nonce: number (R) used only *once-in-a-lifetime*

ap4.0: to prove Alice "live", Bob sends Alice *nonce*, R.
Alice must return R, encrypted with shared secret key



Alice is live, and only Alice knows key to encrypt nonce, so it must be Alice!

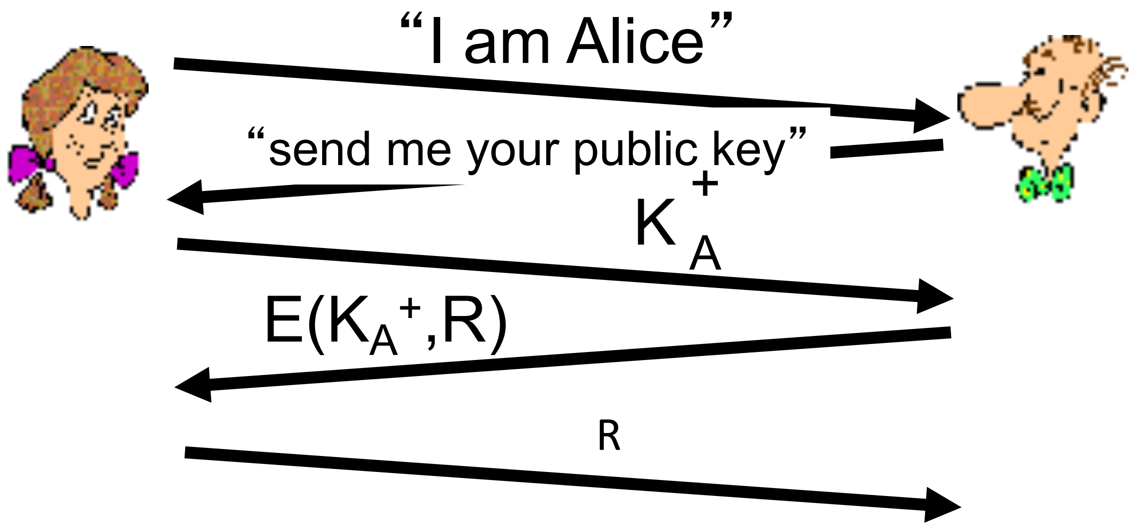
Failures, drawbacks?

Authentication: ap5.0

ap4.0 requires shared symmetric key

- can we authenticate using public key techniques?

ap5.0: use nonce, public key cryptography



ap5.0: security hole

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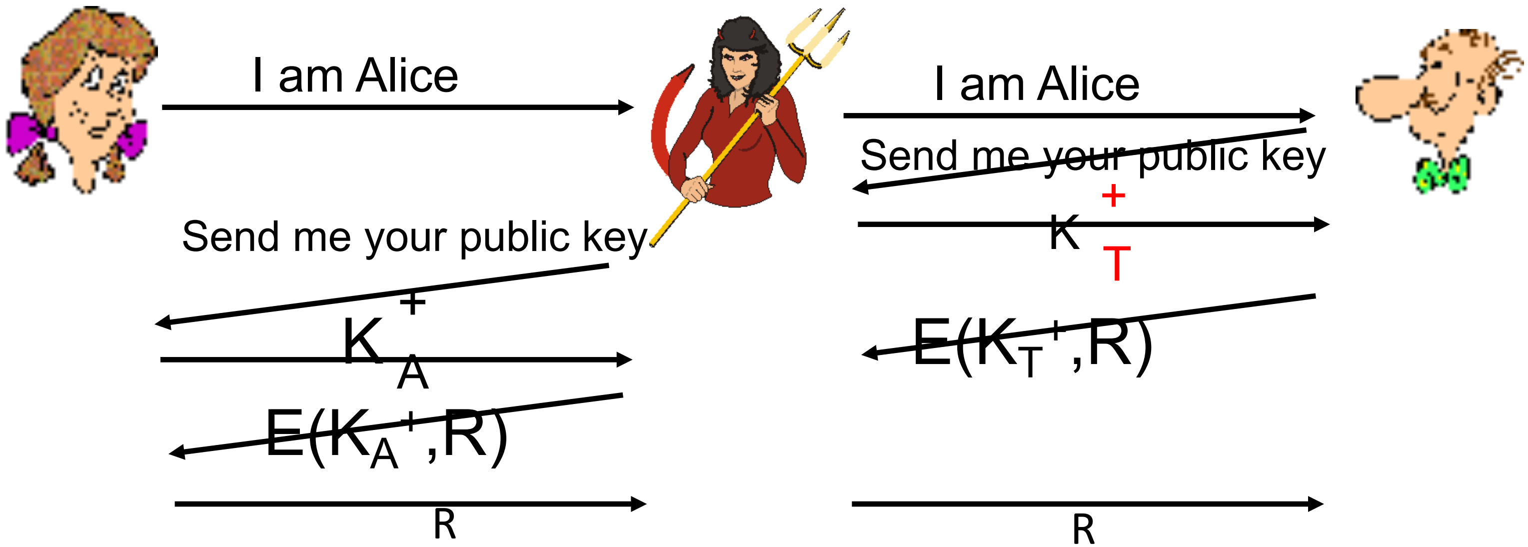

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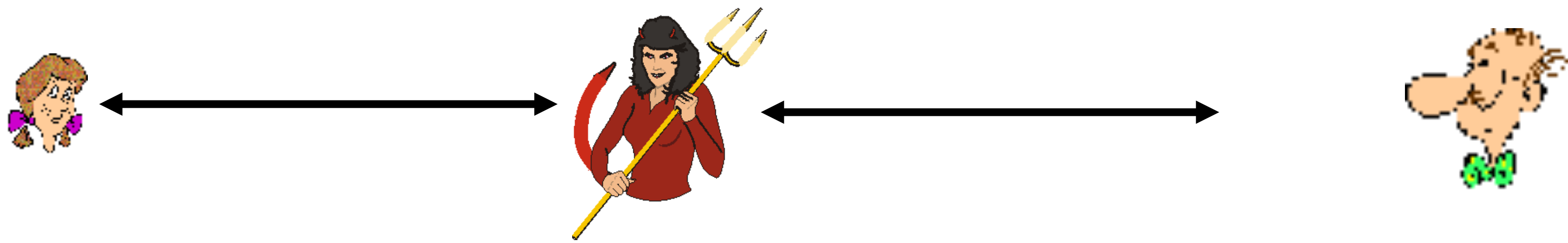


difficult to detect:

- Bob receives everything that Alice sends, and vice versa. (e.g., so Bob, Alice can meet one week later and recall conversation!)
- problem is that Trudy receives all messages as well!

Digital signatures

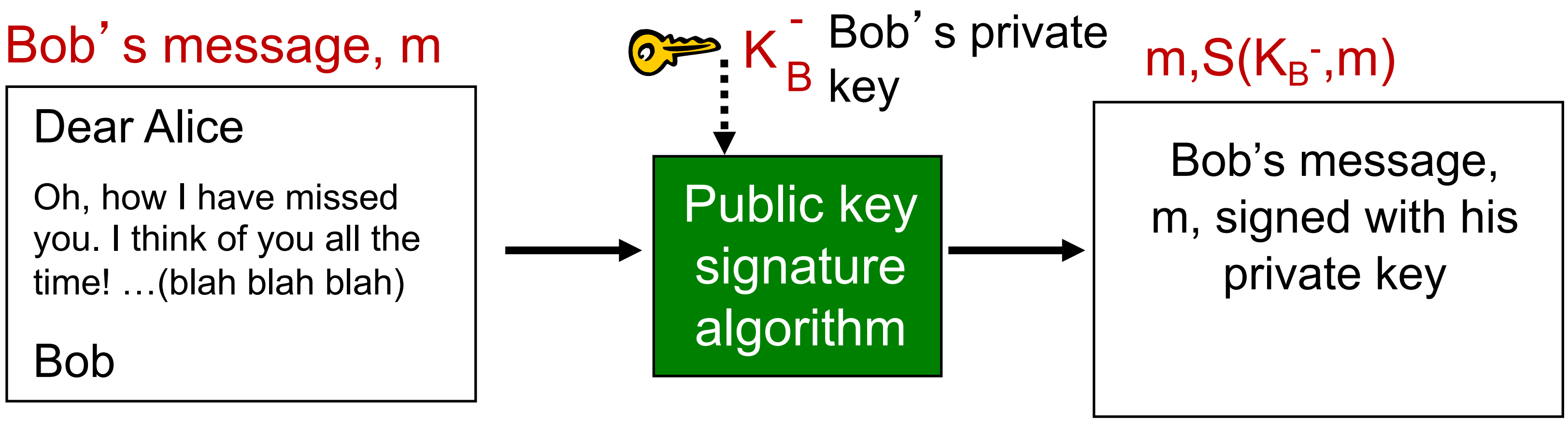
cryptographic technique analogous to hand-written signatures:

- sender (Bob) digitally signs document, establishing he is document owner/creator.
- *verifiable, nonforgeable:* recipient (Alice) can prove to someone that Bob, and no one else (including Alice), must have signed document

Digital signatures

simple digital signature for message m:

- Bob signs m by signing with his private key K_B^-, creating signed message, $K_B^-(m)$



Digital signatures

- suppose Alice receives msg m, with signature: m, $S(K_B^-,m)$
- Alice verifies m signed by Bob by using Bob's public key K_B^+ to verify $V(K_B^+,S(K_B^-,m),m)$ = True

Alice thus verifies that:

- Bob signed m
- no one else signed m
- Bob signed m and not m'

non-repudiation:

✓ Alice can take m, and signature $K_B(m)$ to court and prove that Bob signed m

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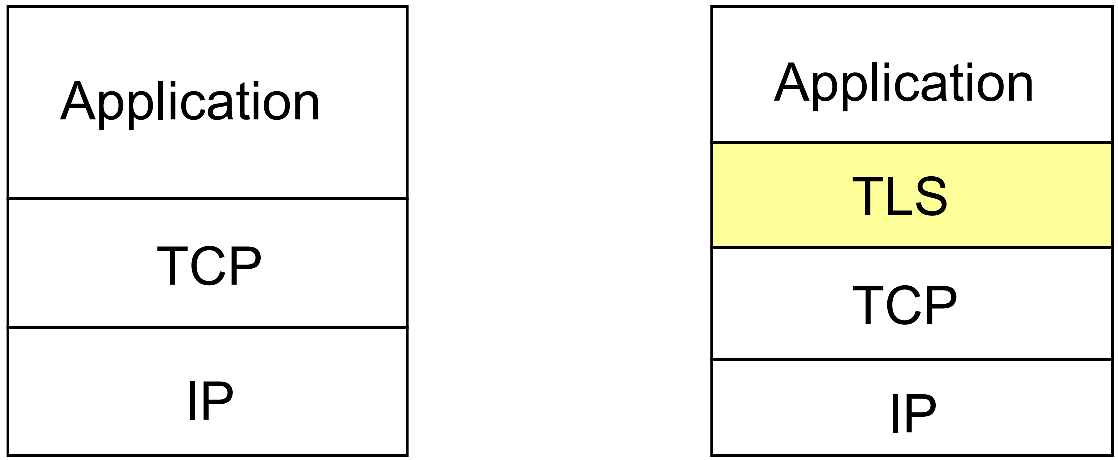
SSL/TLS: Transport Layer Security

- widely deployed security protocol
  - supported by almost all browsers, web servers
  - https
  - billions $/year over TLS
- mechanisms: [Woo 1994], implementation: Netscape
- Current version: TLS1.2
  - TLS1.3 (aka TLS2 aka TLS4 aka TLS7 on the horizon)
- provides
  - *confidentiality*
  - *integrity*
  - *authentication*

- original goals:
  - Web e-commerce transactions
  - encryption (especially credit-card numbers)
  - Web-server authentication
  - optional client authentication
  - minimum hassle in doing business with new merchant
- available to all TCP applications
  - secure socket interface

TLS and TCP/IP



normal application *application with TLS*

- TLS provides application programming interface (API) to applications
- C and Java TLS libraries/classes readily available

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Network Security (summary)

basic techniques……

- cryptography (symmetric and public)
- message integrity
- end-point authentication

…. used in many different security scenarios

- secure email
- secure transport (SSL)

operational security: firewalls and IDS