Network Security - Part I

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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

Chapter 7 roadmap

What is network security?

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

- sender encrypts message
- receiver decrypts message

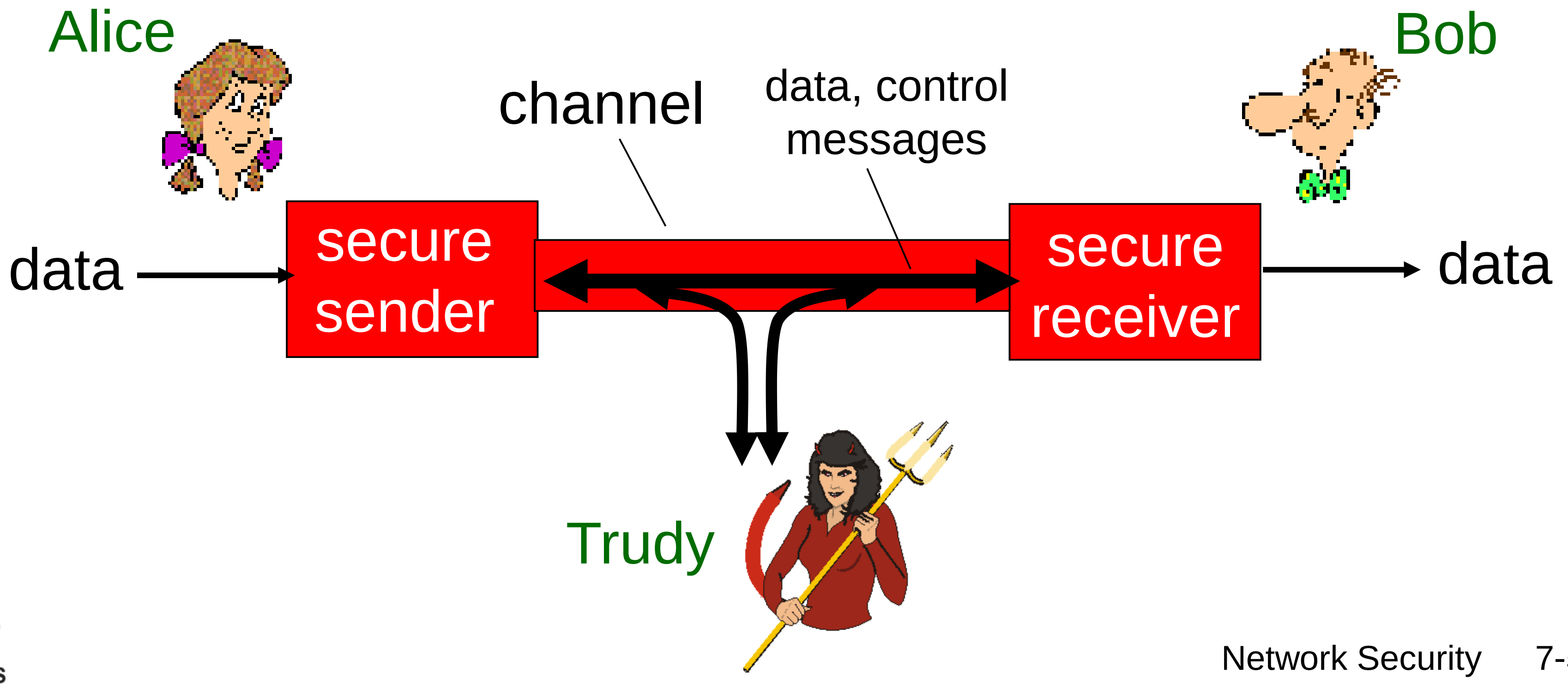
Authentication: sender, receiver want to confirm identity of each other

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
- 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)

more on this later ……

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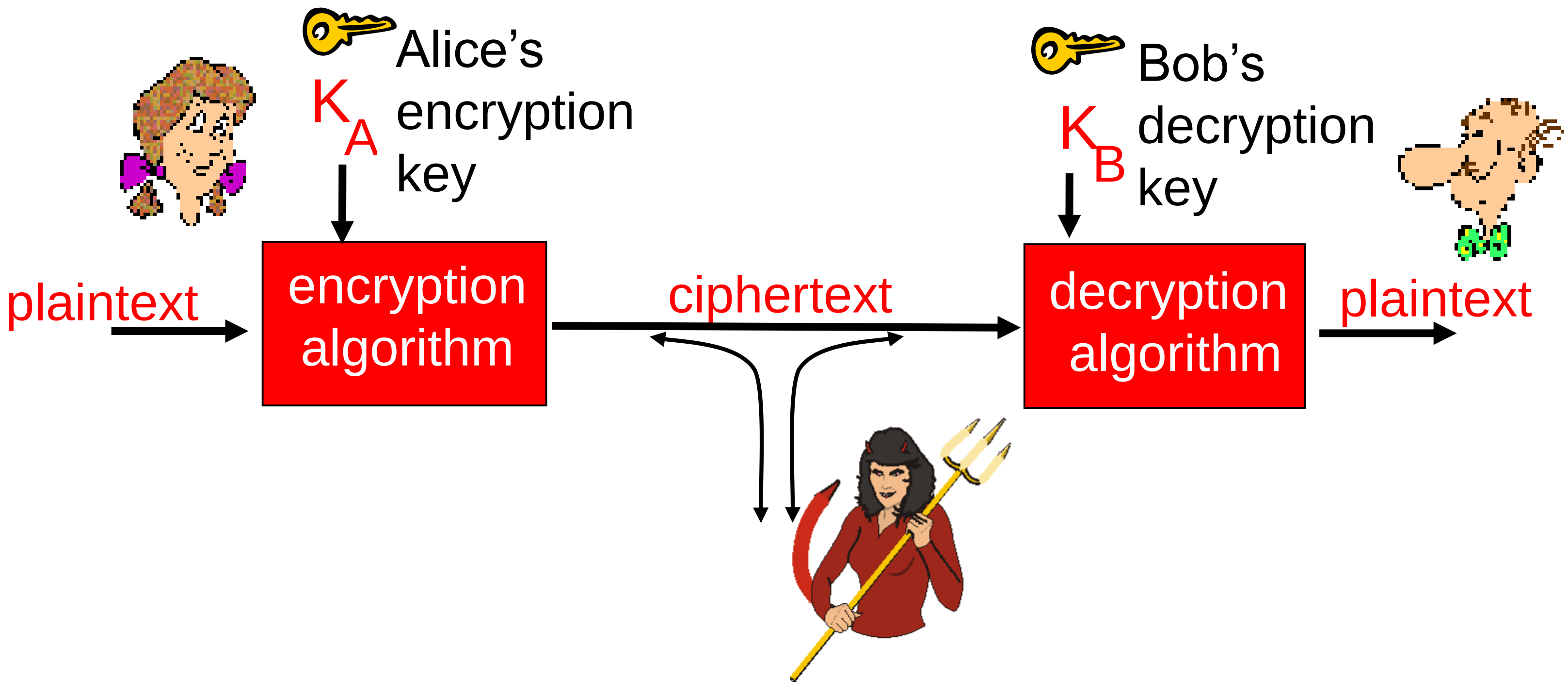
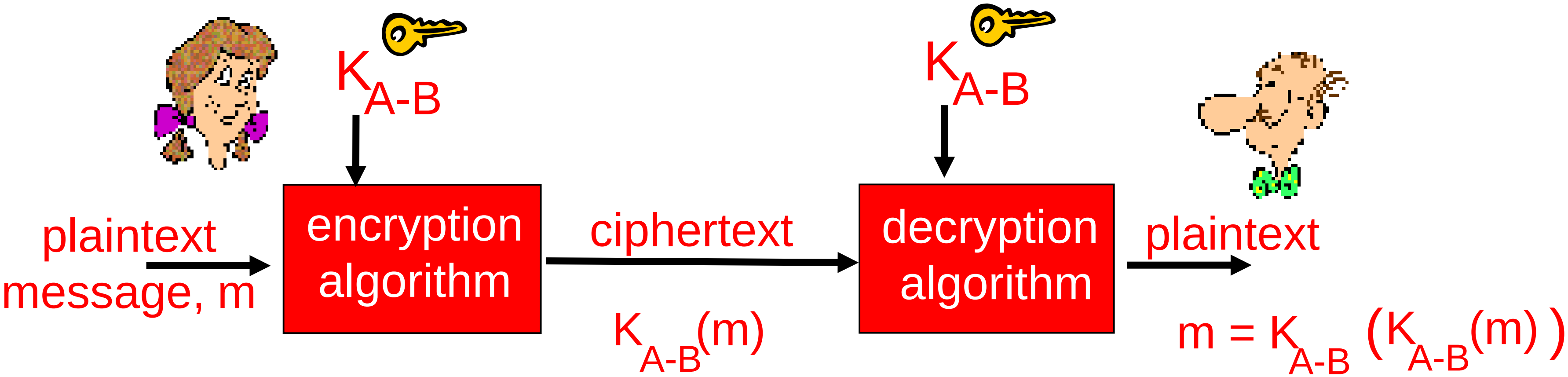
The language of cryptography



symmetric key crypto: sender, receiver keys *identical*

public-key crypto: encryption key *public*, decryption key *secret* (private)

Symmetric key cryptography



symmetric key crypto: Bob and Alice know same (symmetric) key: K_{A-B}

- e.g., key is knowing substitution pattern in mono alphabetic substitution cipher
- Q: how do Bob and Alice agree on key value?

Symmetric key cryptography

substitution cipher: substituting one thing for another

- monoalphabetic cipher: substitute one letter for another

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 plaintext:  abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

ciphertext:  mnbvcxzasdfghjklpoiuytrewq
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E.g.:
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 Plaintext: bob. i love you. alice
ciphertext: nkn. s gktc wky. mgsbc
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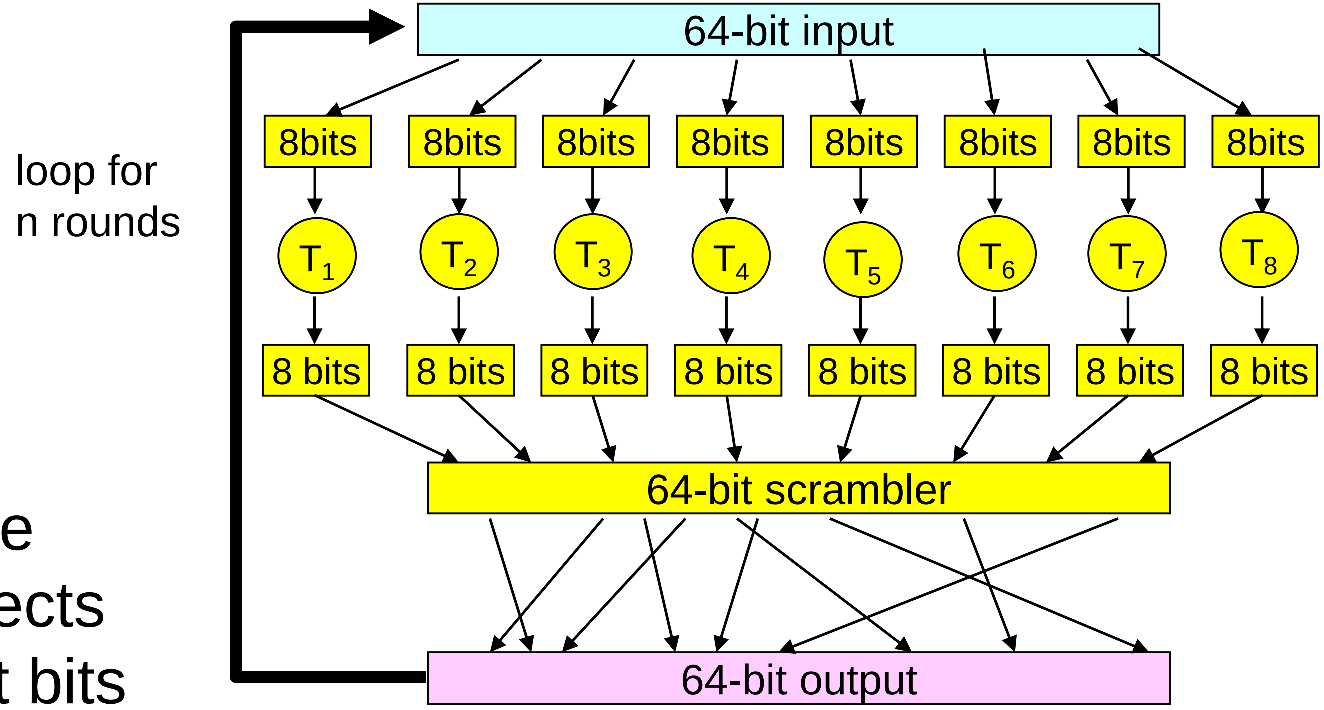
Q: How hard to break this simple cipher?:

- brute force (how hard?)
- other?

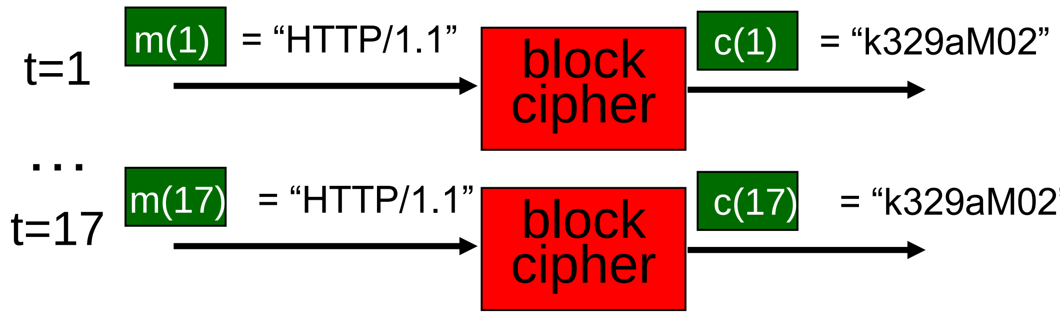
Block Cipher



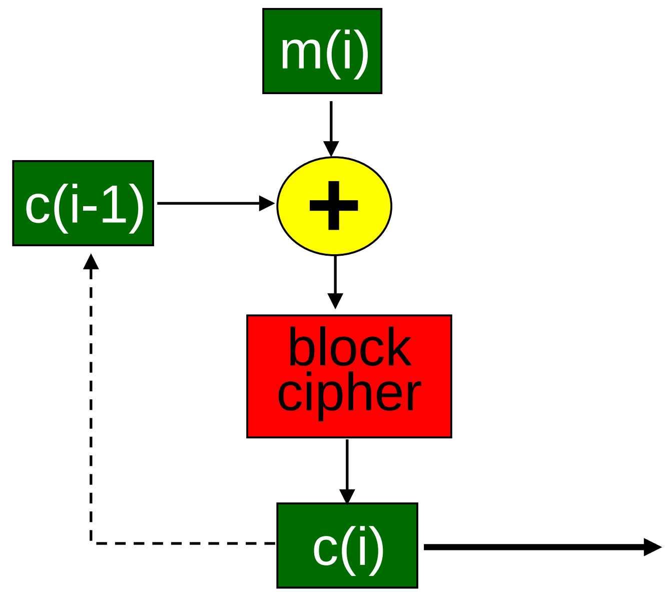
- one pass through: one input bit affects eight output bits
- multiple passes: each input bit affects all output bits
- block ciphers: DES, 3DES, AES

Cipher Block Chaining

- cipher block: if input block repeated, will produce same cipher text:



- *cipher block chaining:* XOR ith input block, m(i), with previous block of cipher text, c(i-1)
  - c(0) transmitted to receiver in clear
  - what happens in "HTTP/1.1" scenario from above?



Symmetric key crypto: DES

DES: Data Encryption Standard

- US encryption standard [NIST 1993]
- 56-bit symmetric key, 64-bit plaintext input
- How secure is DES?
  - DES Challenge: 56-bit-key-encrypted phrase (“Strong cryptography makes the world a safer place”) decrypted (brute force) in 4 months
  - no known “backdoor” decryption approach
- making DES more secure:
  - use three keys sequentially (3-DES) on each datum
  - use cipher-block chaining

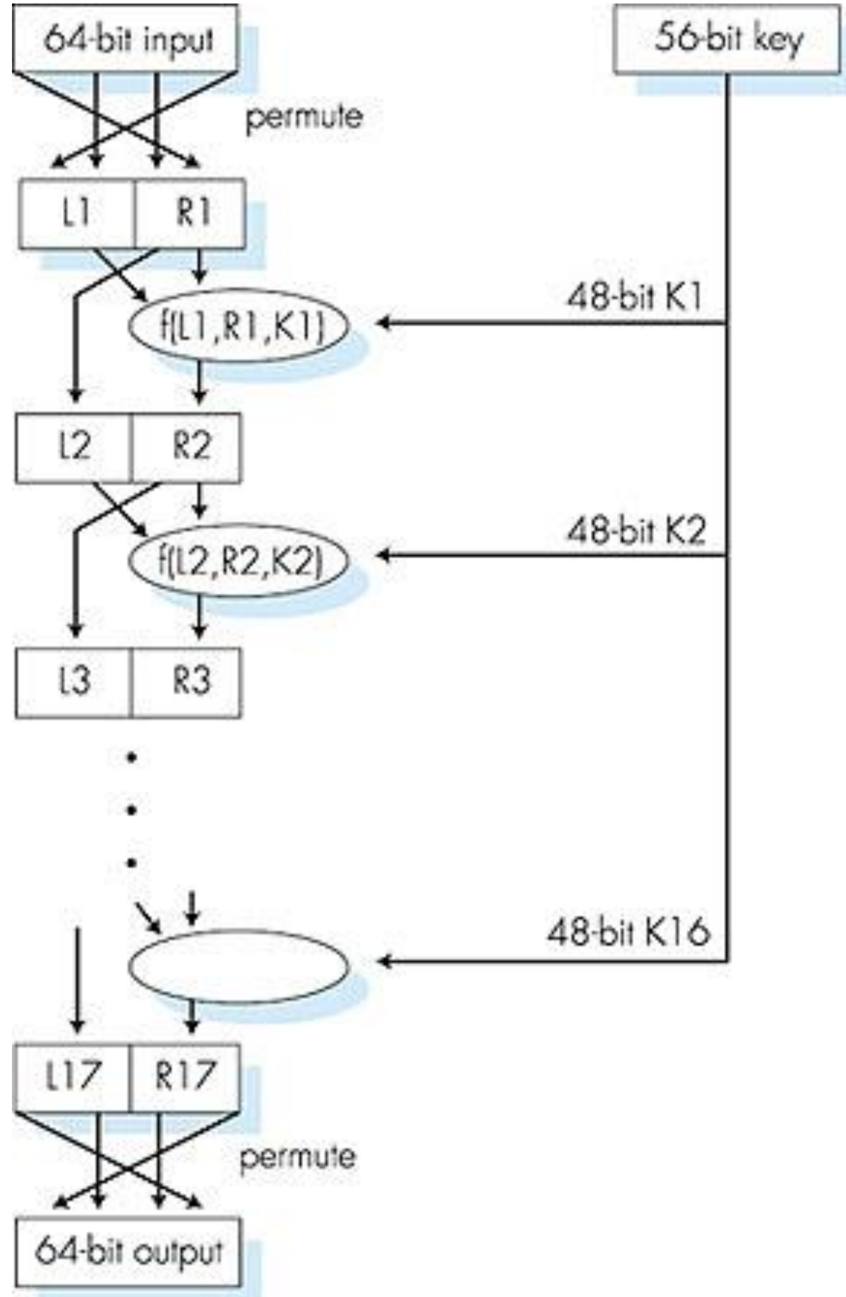
Symmetric key crypto: DES

DES operation

initial permutation

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

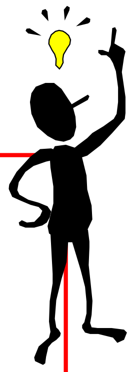
final permutation



AES: Advanced Encryption Standard

- new (Nov. 2001) symmetric-key NIST standard, replacing DES
- 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



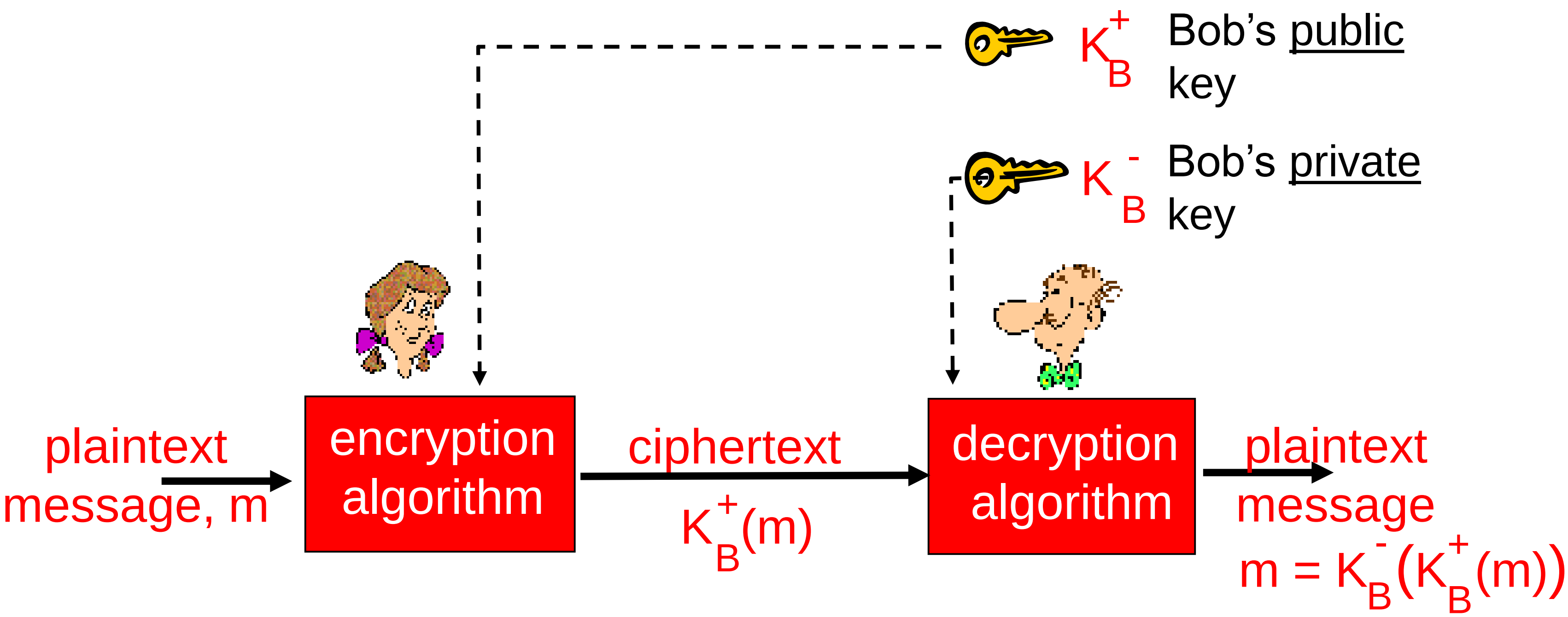
symmetric key crypto:

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

public key cryptography:

- 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

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

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

RSA: Rivest, Shamir, Adleman algorithm

RSA: Choosing keys

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

2. Compute $n = pq$, $z = (p-1)(q-1)$
   n is called RSA module, Z is Euler's phi function of n

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* mod $z = 1$).

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 bit pattern, m, compute

   $c = m^e \bmod n$ (i.e., remainder when m^e is divided by n)

2. To decrypt received bit pattern, c, compute

   $m = c^d \bmod n$ (i.e., remainder when c^d is divided by 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.

encrypt:

letter	m	m^e	$c = m^e \bmod n$
l	12	248832	17

decrypt:

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

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!

Public vs Symmetric Key?

Public Key cryptography removes need for key exchange

But: It’s slow (at least a factor of 100x slower)

A combination of both is often used in practice.

How would that look like?

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Message Integrity

Bob receives msg from Alice, wants to ensure:

- message originally came from Alice
- message not changed since sent by Alice

Cryptographic Hash:

- takes input m, produces fixed length value, H(m)
  - e.g., as in Internet checksum
- computationally infeasible to find two different messages, x, y such that H(x) = H(y)
  - equivalently: given m = H(x), (x unknown), can not determine x.
  - note: Internet checksum *fails* this requirement!

Internet checksum: poor crypto hash function

Internet checksum has some properties of hash function:

- ✓ produces fixed length digest (16-bit sum) of message
- ✓ is many-to-one

But given message with given hash value, it is *easy* to find another message with same hash value:

message	ASCII format
I O U 1	49 4F 55 31
0 0 . 9	30 30 2E 39
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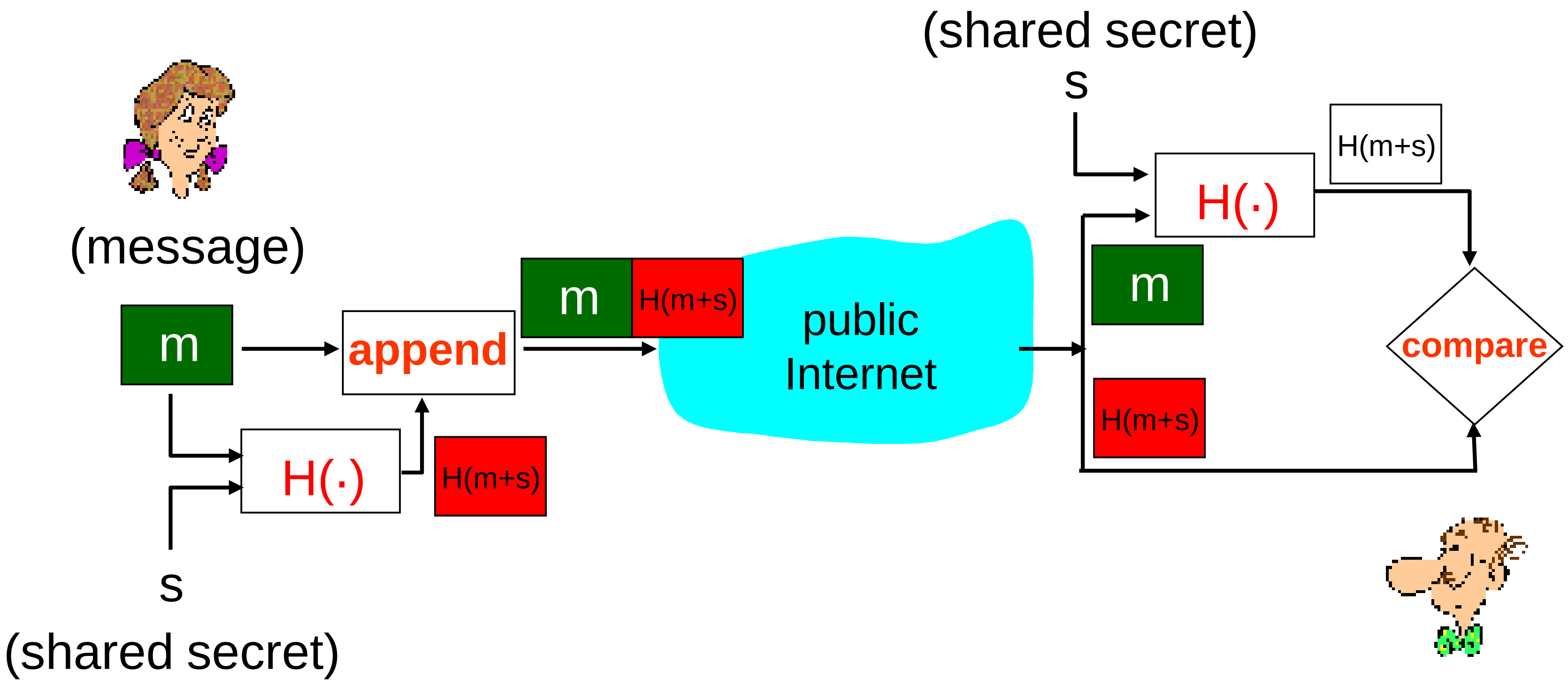
different messages but identical checksums!

Message Authentication Code



MACs in practice

- MD5 hash function widely used (RFC 1321)
  - computes 128-bit MAC in 4-step process.
  - arbitrary 128-bit string x, appears difficult to construct msg m whose MD5 hash is equal to x
    - 2005: attacks on MD5
- SHA-1 is also used
  - US standard [NIST, FIPS PUB 180-1]
  - 160-bit MAC
  - Could also use SHA-256, -384, -512

Digital Signatures

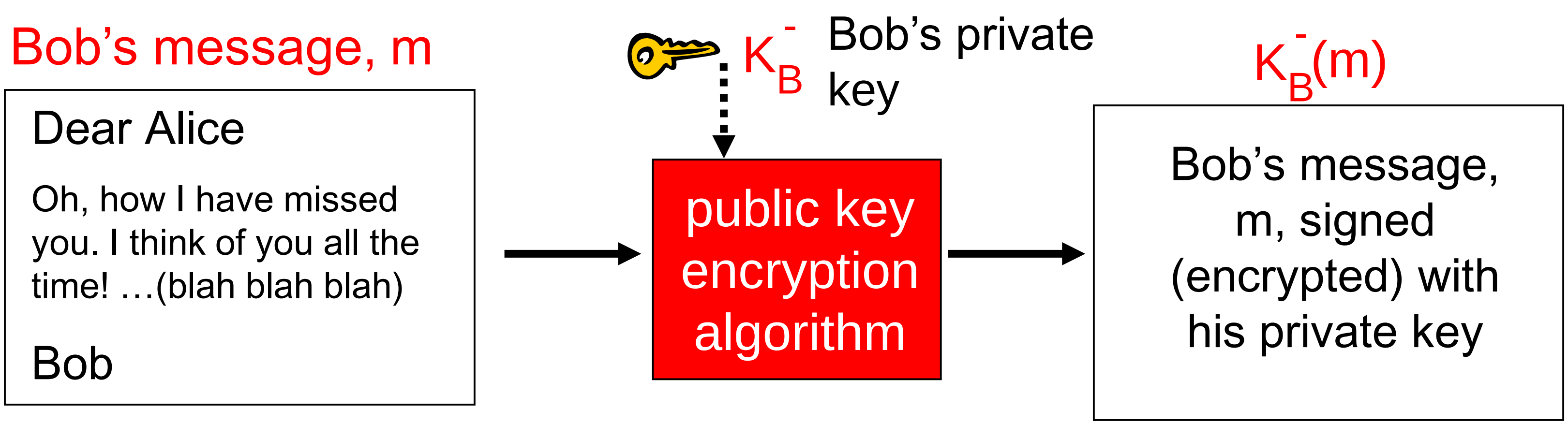
cryptographic technique analogous to hand-written signatures.

- 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 encrypting with his private key K_B^-, creating "signed" message, $K_B^-(m)$



Digital Signatures (more)

- suppose Alice receives msg m, digital signature $K_B^-(m)$
- Alice verifies m signed by Bob by applying Bob's public key K_B^+ to $K_B^-(m)$ then checks $K_B^+(K_B^-(m)) = m$.
- if $K_B^+(K_B^-(m)) = m$, whoever signed m must have used Bob's private key.

Alice thus verifies that:

- ✓ Bob signed m.
- ✓ No one else signed m.
- ✓ Bob signed m and not m'.

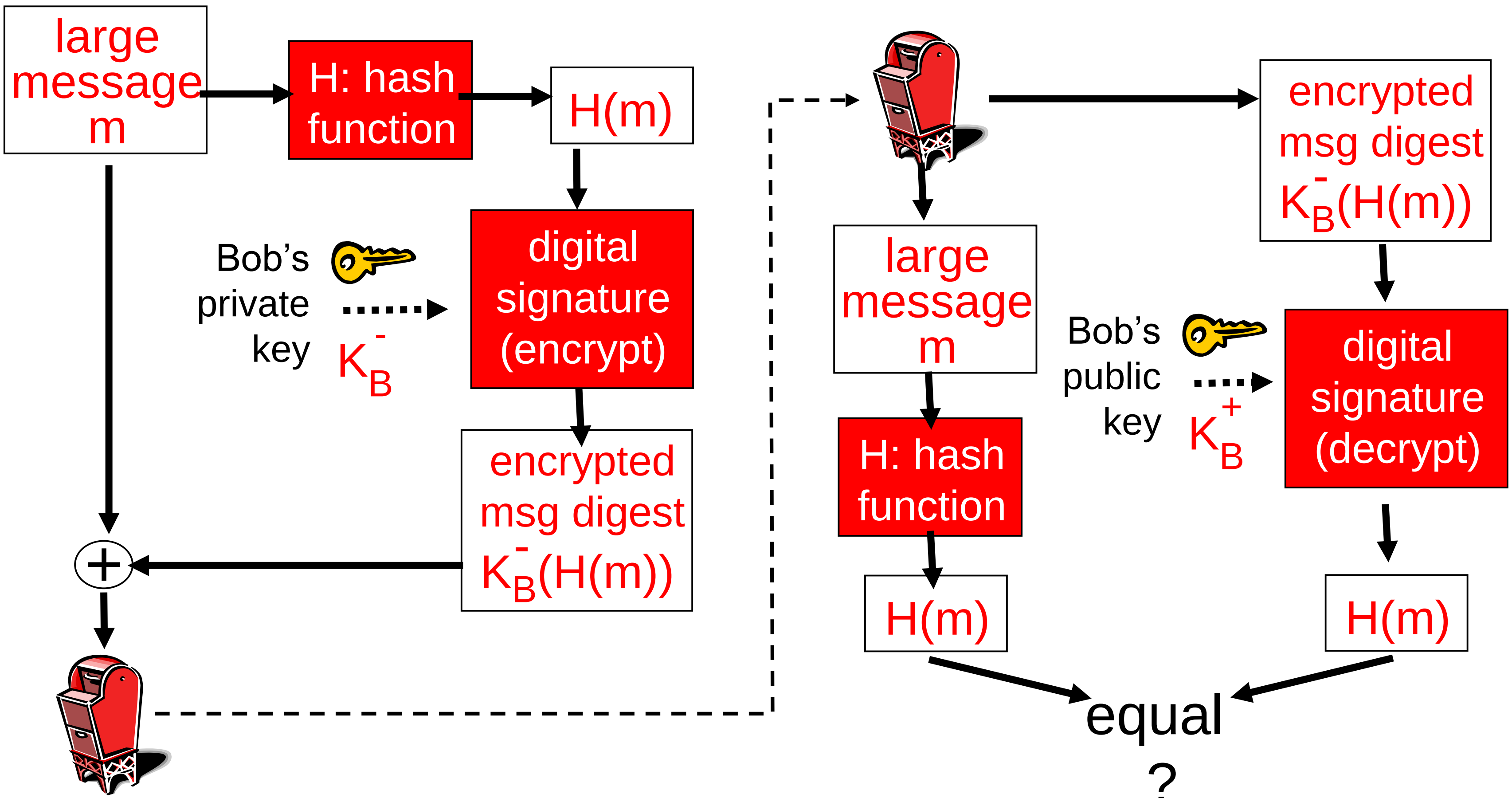
non-repudiation:

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

Digital signature = signed MAC

Bob sends digitally signed message:

Alice verifies signature and integrity of digitally signed message:



Public Key Certification

public key problem:

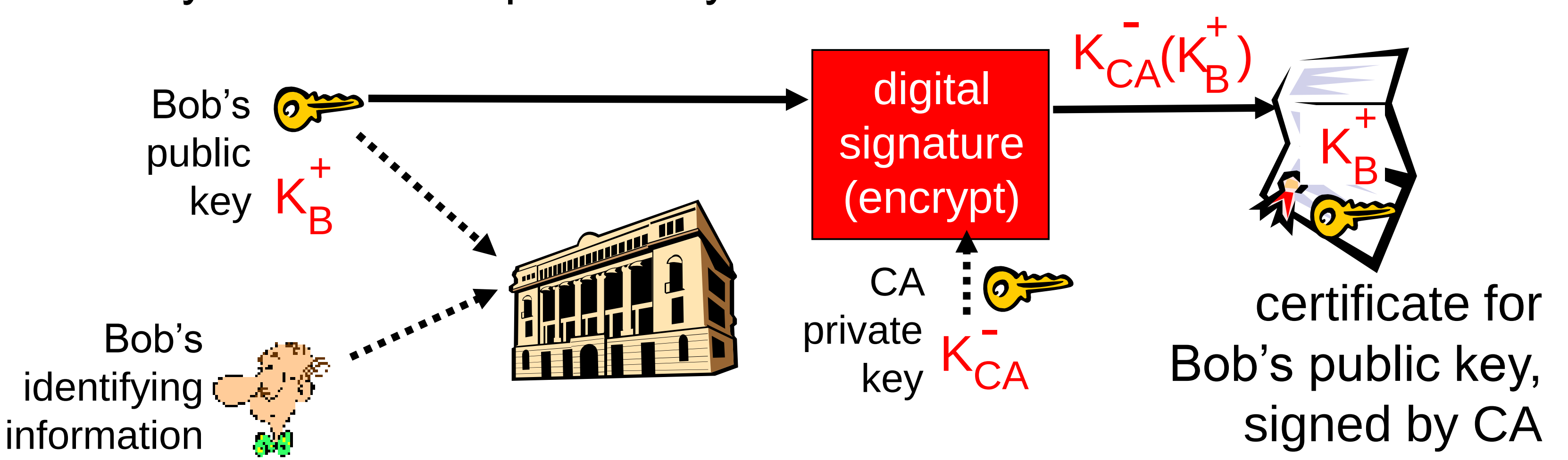
- When Alice obtains Bob's public key (from web site, e-mail, disk), how does she *know* it is Bob's public key, not Trudy's?

solution:

- trusted certification authority (CA)

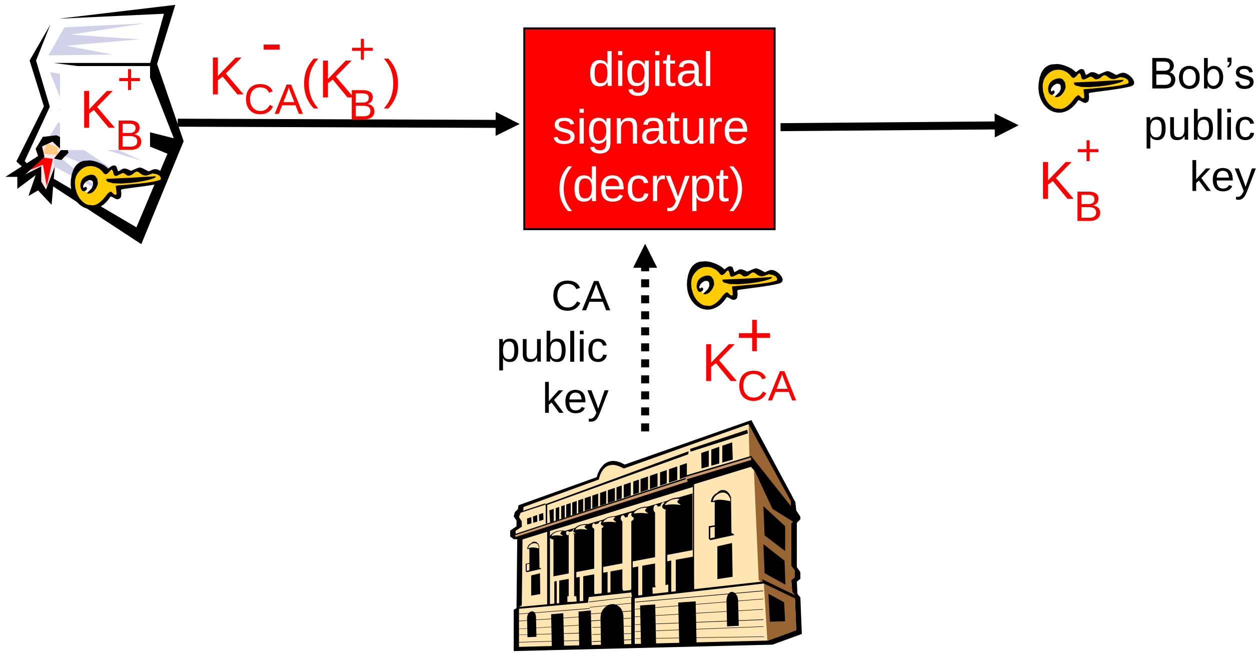
Certification Authorities

- Certification Authority (CA): binds public key to particular entity, E.
- E registers its public key with CA.
  - E provides “proof of identity” to CA.
  - CA creates certificate binding E to its public key.
  - certificate containing E’s public key digitally signed by CA: CA says “This is E’s public key.”



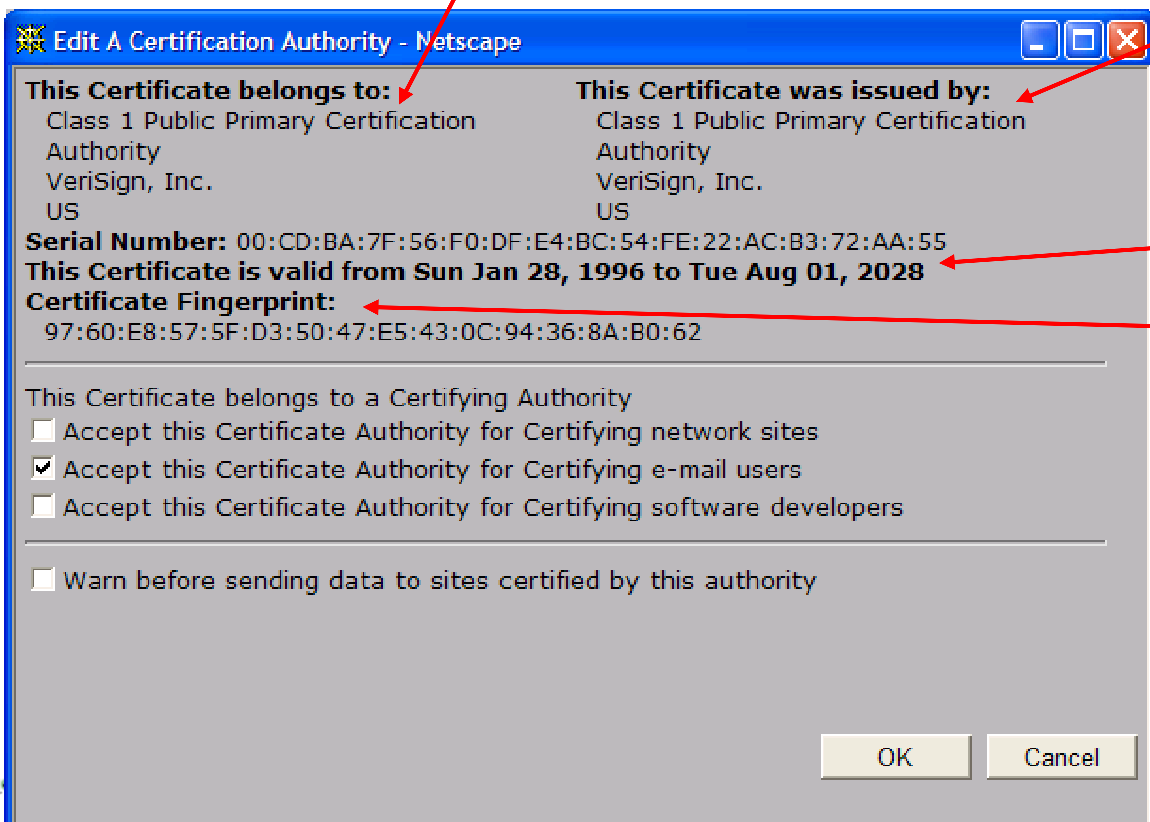
Certification Authorities

- when Alice wants Bob's public key:
  - gets Bob's certificate (Bob or elsewhere).
  - apply CA's public key to Bob's certificate, get Bob's public key



A certificate contains:

- Serial number (unique to issuer)
- info about certificate owner, including algorithm and key value itself (not shown)



- info about certificate issuer
- valid dates
- digital signature by issuer

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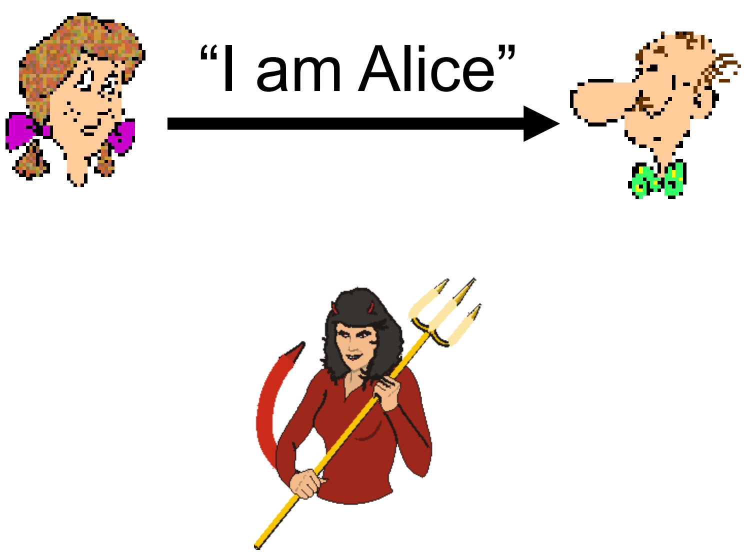

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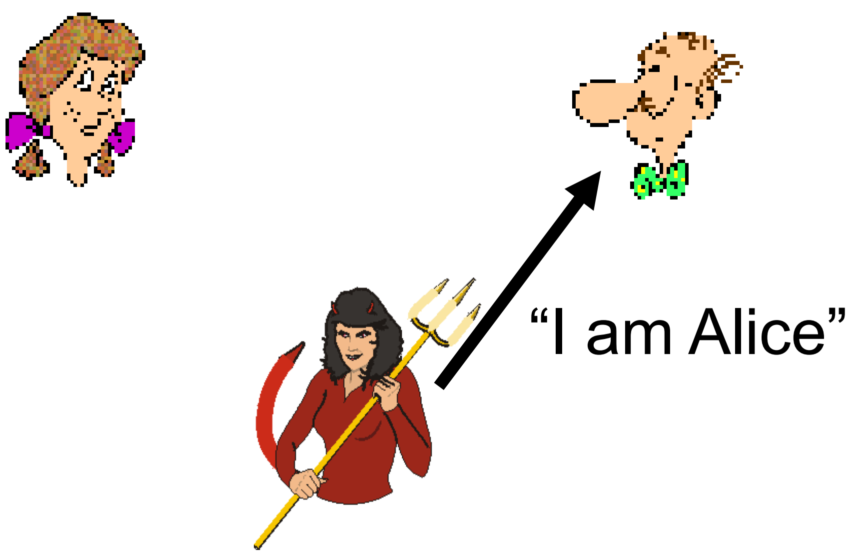

in a network,
Bob can not "see" Alice,
so Trudy simply
declares
herself to be Alice

Authentication: another try

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

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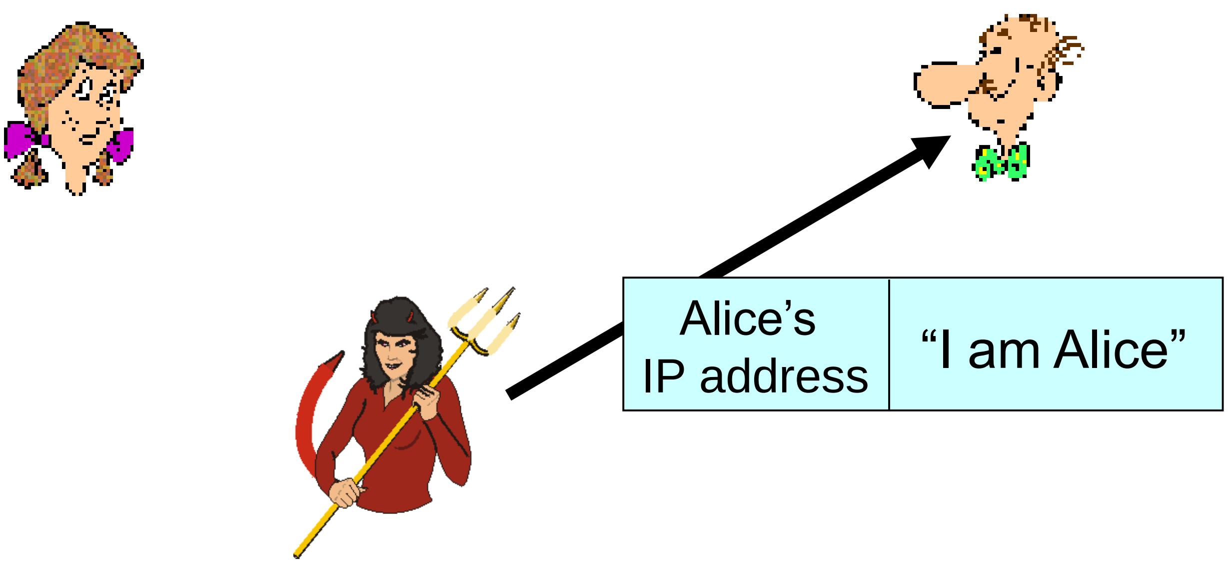
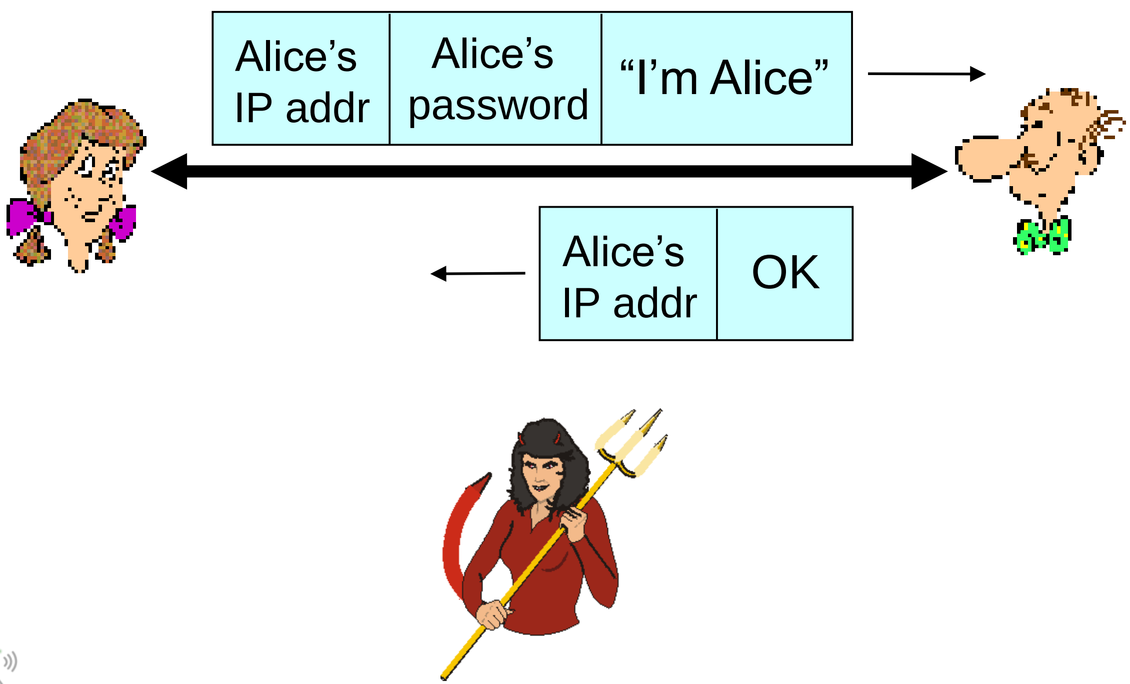


Trudy can create a packet "spoofing" Alice's address

Authentication: another try

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



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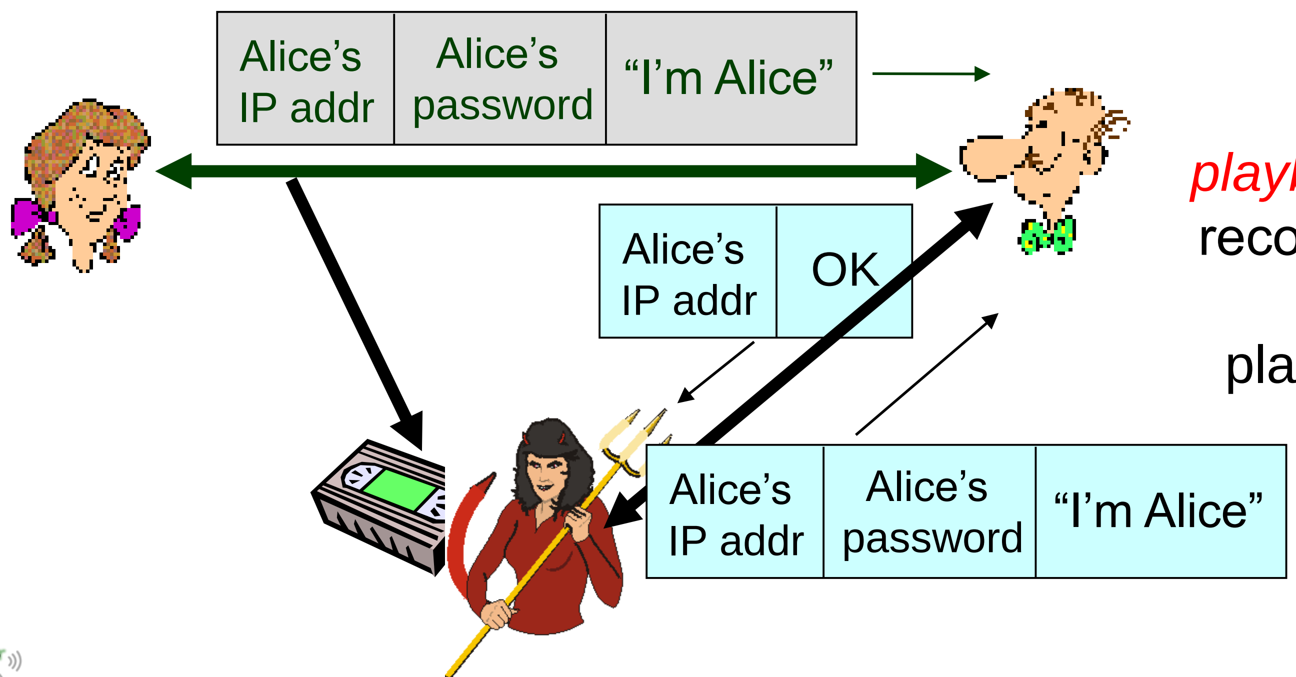

playback attack: Trudy records Alice’s packet and later plays it back to Bob

Authentication: yet another try

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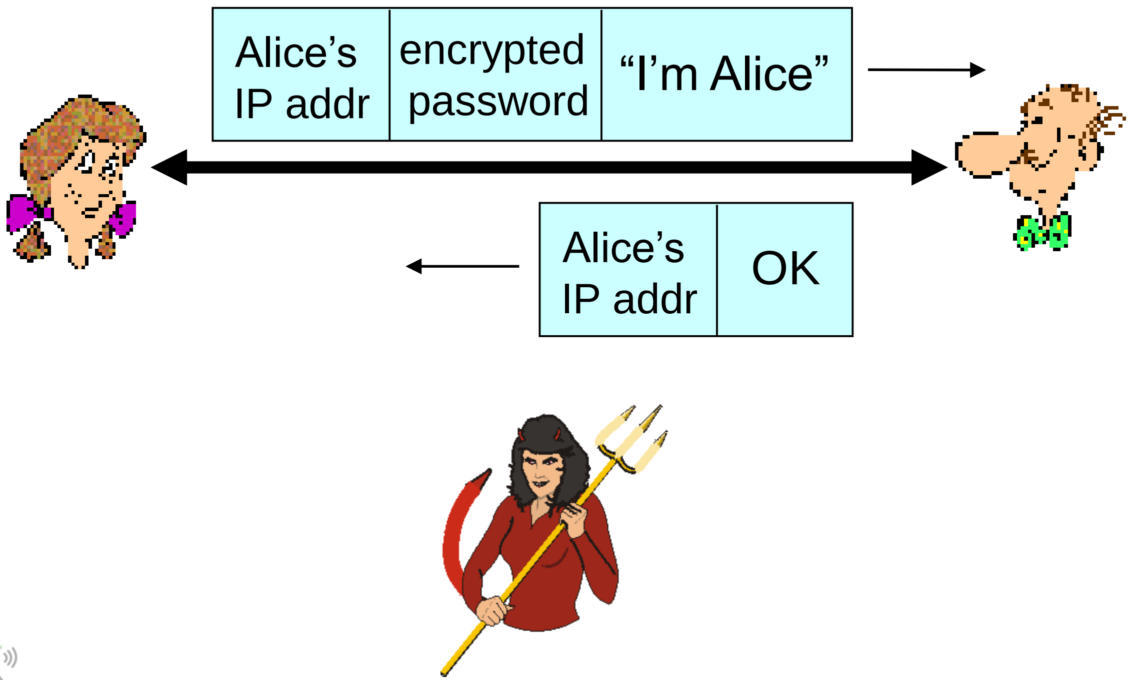

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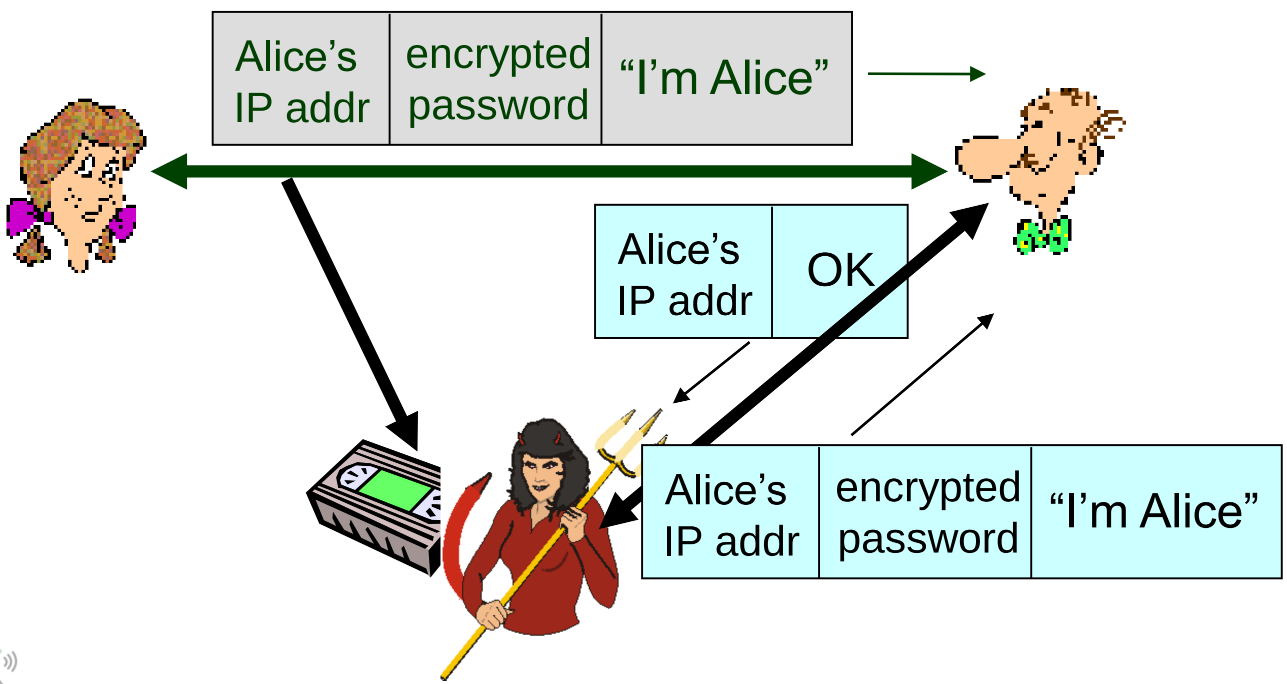


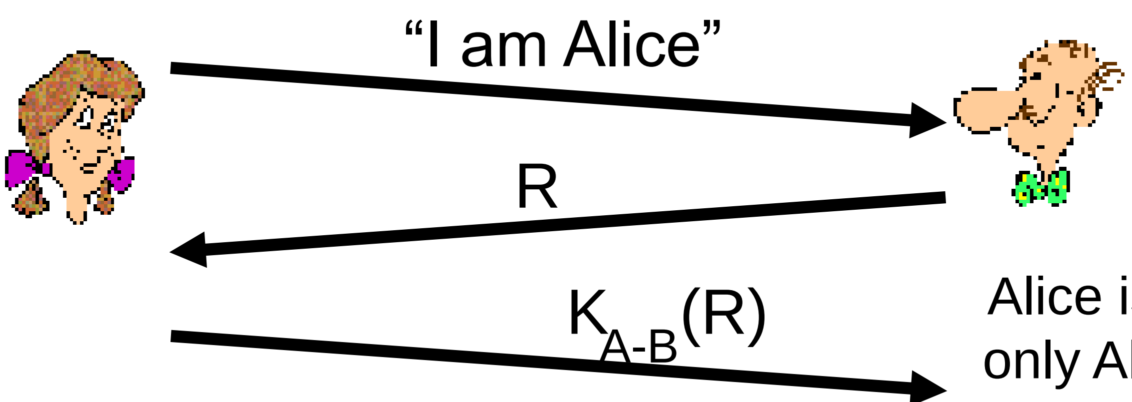
record and playback still works!

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 a 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!

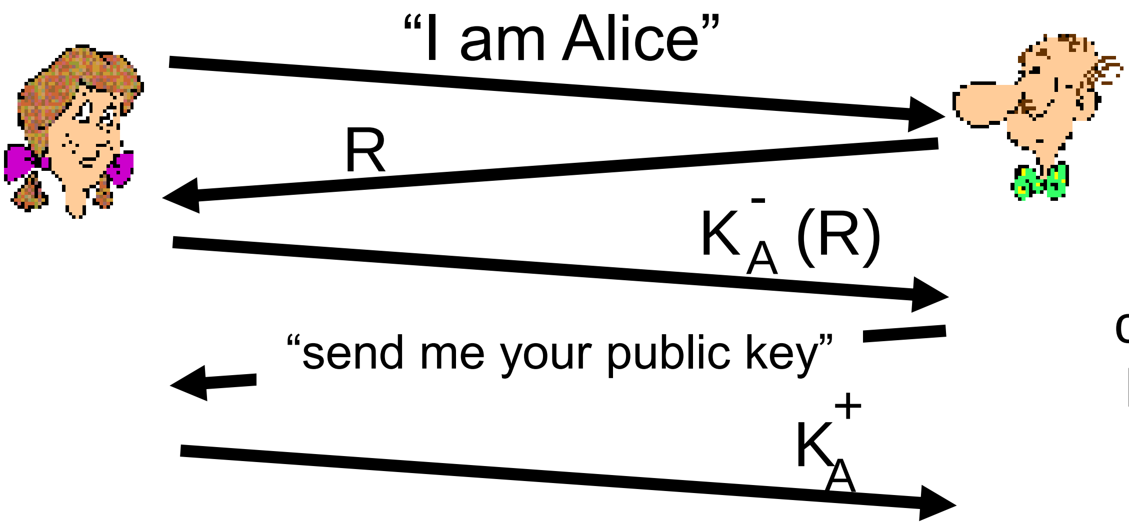
Failures, drawbacks?

Authentication: ap5.0

ap4.0 requires shared symmetric key

- can we authenticate using public key techniques?

ap5.0: use nonce, public key cryptography



Bob computes

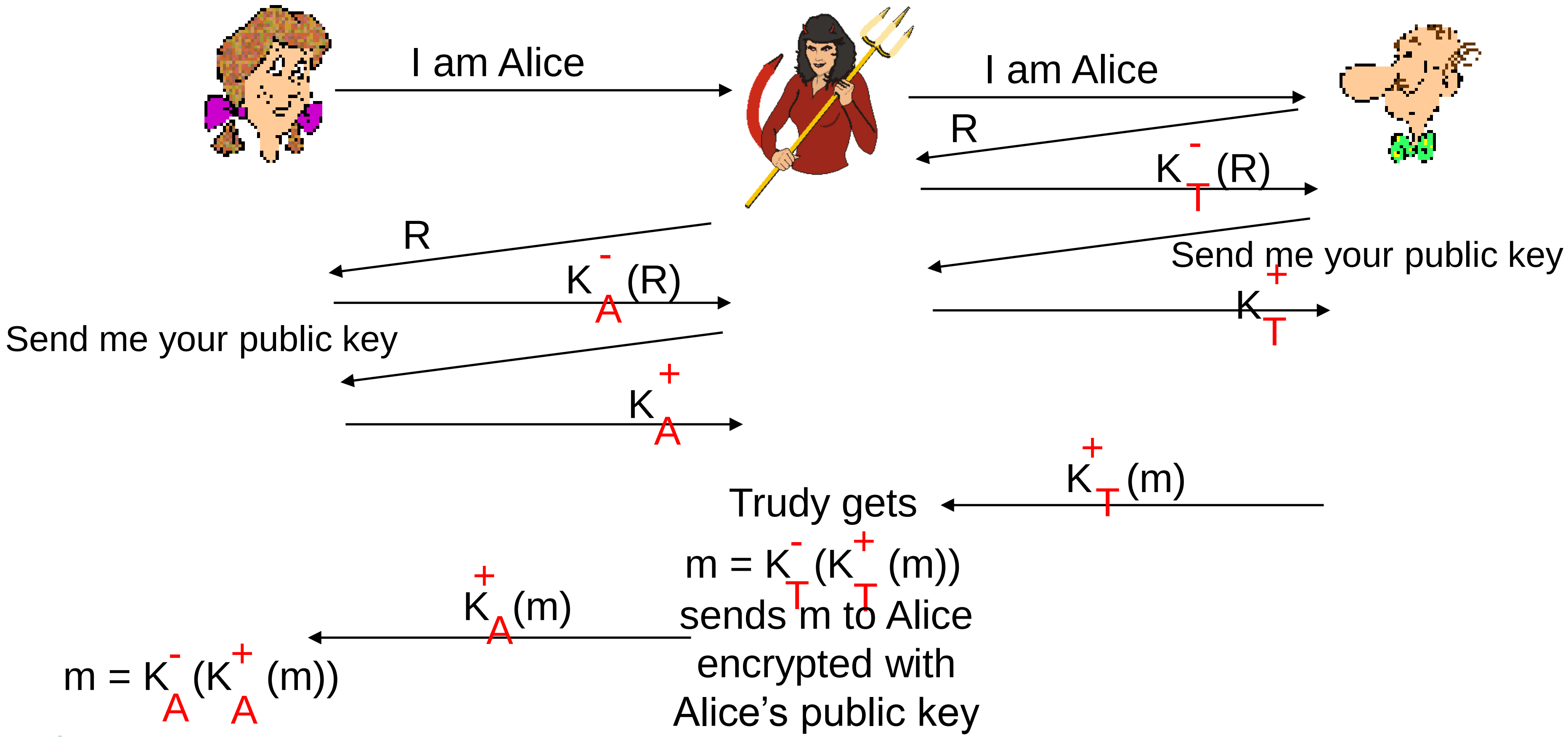
$$K_A^+(K_A^-(R)) = R$$

and knows only Alice could have the private key, that encrypted R such that

$$K_A^+(K_A^-(R)) = R$$

ap5.0: security hole

Man (woman) in the middle attack: Trudy poses as Alice (to Bob) and as Bob (to Alice)



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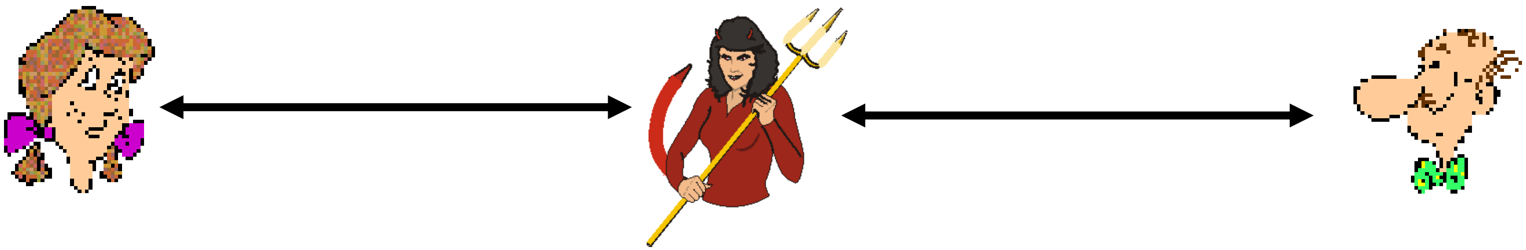

Difficult to detect:

- 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!