



Digital Signatures

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Digital Signatures

- ★ Define a digital signature scheme $DS = (\mathcal{K}, Sign, VF)$
- ★ Key generation: $(pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$
- ★ Signing a message: $\sigma \xleftarrow{\$} Sign_{sk}(M)$
- ★ Signature Verification $d \xleftarrow{\$} VF_{pk}(M, \sigma)$
 - ★ $d = 1$ if σ is valid for
for given message under (pk, sk) pair
 - ★ else $d = 0$



Digital Signature Assumptions

Alice generates (pk, sk)



$(M, \sigma \leftarrow \text{Sig}_{sk}(M))$



Bob has correct pk

Bob outputs $VF_{pk}(M, \sigma)$

- ★ Bob assumed to have correct pk
- ★ Sender (Alice) has the private key
- ★ Sig could be randomized and /or stateful
- ★ We will mainly focus on deterministic Sig algorithms
 - ▶ Unlike PKE algorithms

Defining Security

Definition 9.2 Let $\mathcal{DS} = (\mathcal{K}, \text{Sign}, \text{VF})$ be a digital signature scheme, and let A be an algorithm that has access to an oracle and returns a pair of strings. We consider the following experiment:

Experiment $\text{Exp}_{\mathcal{DS}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A)$

$(pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$

$(M, \sigma) \leftarrow A^{\text{Sign}_{sk}(\cdot)}(pk)$ \swarrow pk \searrow (M, σ) for any M

If the following are true return 1 else return 0:

- $\text{VF}_{pk}(M, \sigma) = 1$
- $M \in \text{Messages}(pk)$
- M was not a query of A to its oracle

The *uf-cma-advantage* of A is defined as

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{DS}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A) = \Pr \left[\text{Exp}_{\mathcal{DS}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A) = 1 \right]. \blacksquare$$

$A:$

M_1, σ_1

M_2, σ_2

\vdots

M_q, σ_q

$M \in \{M_1, \dots, M_q\}$



RSA based Signatures

★ $((N, e), (N, p, q, d)) \leftarrow (K)$ where $e.d = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$, $N = pq$

★ Signature Generation

- ▶ Algorithm $Sign_{N,p,q,d}(M)$
- ▶ if $M \in Z_N^*$ return \perp
- ▶ return $M^d \pmod N$

★ Verification

- ▶ Algorithm $VF_{N,e}(M, \sigma)$
- ▶ if $M \notin Z_N^* \vee \sigma \notin Z_N^*$ return 0
- ▶ if $M = \sigma^e \pmod N$ return 1 else 0

★ Direct RSA signature generation is not secure

Possible Attacks

★ Forger F_1

- ▶ Forger $F_1^{Sign_{N,p,q,d}(\cdot)}(N, e)$
- ▶ return $(1, 1)$

$$1^d \bmod N = 1$$

$$(1, 1)$$

uf-cma

$$Adv_{DS}(F_1) = 1$$

★ Forger F_2

- ▶ Forger $F_2^{Sign_{N,p,q,d}(\cdot)}(N, e)$
- ▶ $\sigma \leftarrow Z_N^*$, $M \leftarrow \sigma^e \bmod N$
- ▶ return (M, σ)

uf-cma

$$Adv_{DS}(F_2) = 1$$

★ Forger F_3

- ▶ Forger $F_3^{Sign_{N,p,q,d}(\cdot)}(N, e)$
- ▶ $M_1 \leftarrow Z_N^* - \{1, M\}$, $M_2 \leftarrow MM_1^{-1} \bmod N$
- ▶ $\sigma_1 \leftarrow Sign_{N,p,q,d}(M_1)$, $\sigma_2 \leftarrow Sign_{N,p,q,d}(M_2)$
- ▶ return $(M, \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \bmod N)$

All attacks
have advantage
one





Hash-then-invert paradigm

- ★ Goal: RSA based scheme that
 - ▶ is provably secure
 - ▶ has Flexible message space

- ★ Idea Hash the message first given $H_N : \{0, 1\}^* \mapsto Z_N^*$

- ★ Signature Generation
 - ▶ Algorithm $Sign_{N,p,q,d}(M)$
 - ▶ $y \leftarrow H_N(M)$
 - ▶ return $y^d \bmod N$

- ★ Verification
 - ▶ Algorithm $VF_{N,e}(M, \sigma)$
 - ▶ $y \leftarrow H_N(M)$
 - ▶ if $y = \sigma^e \bmod N$ return 1 else 0



Hash then Invert Paradigm

- ★ Previous Forgers described do not work well for Hash-then-Invert
 - ▶ $H_N(1) \neq 1$ with high probability (w.h.p)
 - ▶ $\sigma^e \bmod N \neq H_N(M)$ w.h.p
 - ▶ $H_N(M_1).H_N(M_2) \neq H_N(M)$ w.h.p

- ★ Not secure if it is easy to find $M_1 \neq M_2$ such that $H_N(M_1) = H_N(M_2)$

- ★ What are the assumptions needed to make Hash then Invert Paradigm Secure??