

Authentication

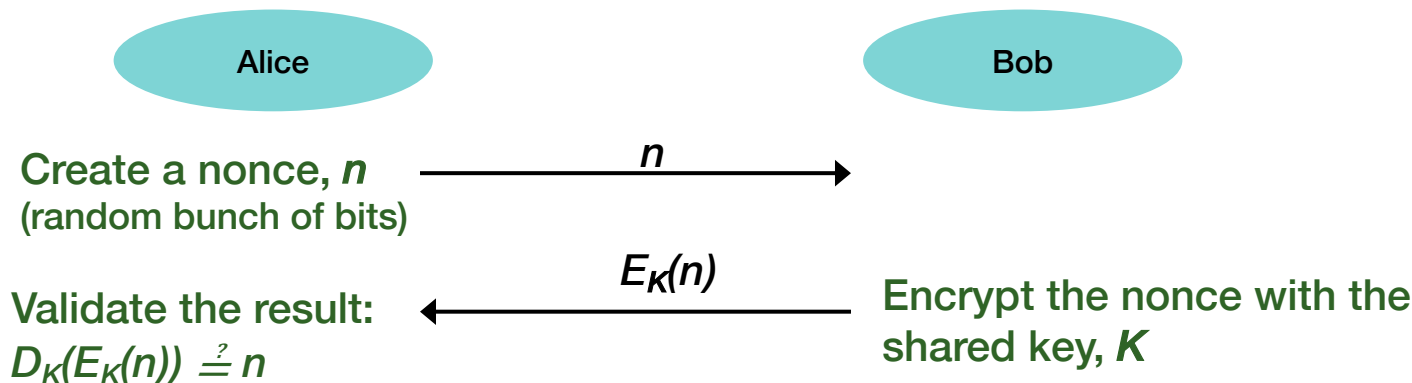
- **Identification:** *who are you?*
- **Authentication:** *prove it*
- **Authorization:** *you can do this*

Some protocols (or services) combine all three

Cryptographic Authentication

The concept: prove you have the key

Ask the other side to prove they can encrypt or decrypt a message with the key



- This assumes a **pre-shared key** and symmetric cryptography.
- After that, Alice can encrypt & send a **session key**.
- Minimize the use of the pre-shared key.

Mutual authentication

- Alice had Bob prove he has the key
- Bob may want to validate Alice as well
 - ⇒ mutual authentication
 - Bob will do the same thing
 - Have Alice prove she has the key
- **Pre-shared key:** Alice encrypts the nonce with the key
- **Public key:** Alice encrypts the nonce with her private key

Combined authentication & key exchange

Basic idea with symmetric cryptography:

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- **Alice wants to talk to Bob: she asks Trent**

- Trent generates a session key encrypted for Alice
- Trent encrypts the same key for Bob (ticket)

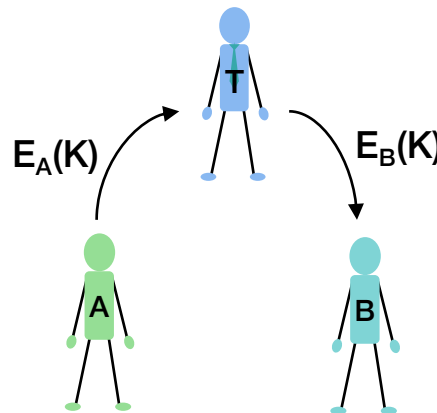
- **Authentication is implicit:**

- If Alice can encrypt a message for Trent, she proved she knows her key
- If Bob can decrypt the message from Trent, he proved he knows his key

- **Trent can also perform *authorization***

- **Weaknesses that we need to address:**

- Replay attacks



Combined authentication & key exchange algorithms

Security Protocol Notation

$Z \parallel W$

- Z concatenated with W

$A \rightarrow B : \{Z \parallel W\}_{k_{A,B}}$

- A sends a message to B
- The message is the concatenation of Z & W and is encrypted by key $k_{A,B}$, which is shared by users A & B

$A \rightarrow B : \{Z\}_{k_A} \parallel \{W\}_{k_{A,B}}$

- X sends a message to Y
- The message is a concatenation of Z encrypted using A 's key and W encrypted by a key shared by A and Y

r_1, r_2

- **nonces** – strings of random bits

Bootstrap problem

How can Alice & Bob communicate securely?

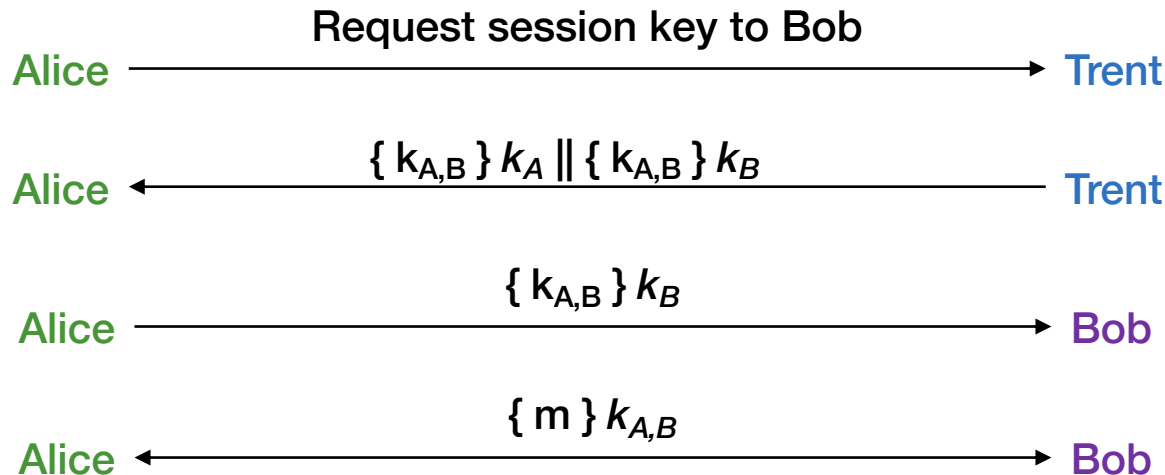
- **Alice cannot send a key to Bob in the clear**
 - We assume an unsecure network
- **We looked at two mechanisms:**
 - Diffie-Hellman key exchange
 - Public key cryptography

Let's examine the problem some more ... in the context of authentication & key exchange

Simple Protocol

Use a trusted third party – Trent – who has all the keys

Trent creates a session key for Alice and Bob

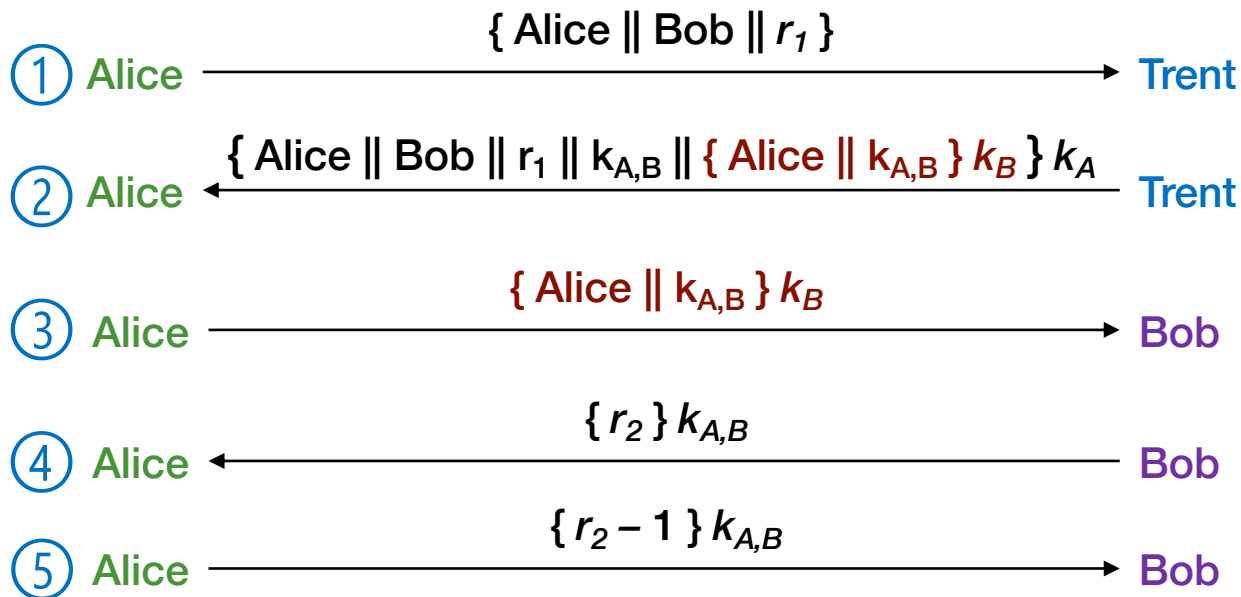


Problems

- **How does Bob know he is talking to Alice?**
 - Trusted third party, Trent, has all the keys
 - Trent knows the request came from Alice since only he and Alice can have the key
 - Trent can **authorize** Alice's request
 - Bob gets a session key encrypted with Bob's key, which only Trent could have created
 - But Bob doesn't know who requested the session – *is the request really from Alice?*
 - *Trent would need to add sender information to the message encrypted for Bob*
- **Vulnerable to **replay attacks****
 - Eve records the message from Alice to Bob and later replays it
 - Bob will think he's talking to Alice and re-use the same session key
- **Protocols should provide **authentication & defense against replay attacks****

Needham-Schroeder

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- Alice knows only Bob & Trent can read this and get the session key.
- Bob knows it's a request from Alice

① Alice → Trent: { Alice || Bob || r_1 }

② Trent → Alice: { Alice || Bob || r_1 || k_S || { Alice || k_S } k_B } k_A

- Bob now tries to find out if this is a replay attack
- If it is, Eve will not be able to decipher r_2

③ Alice → Bob: { Alice || k_S } k_B

This is an **authentication** step: Bob asks Alice to prove she knows $k_{A,B}$

④ Bob → Alice: { r_2 } k_S

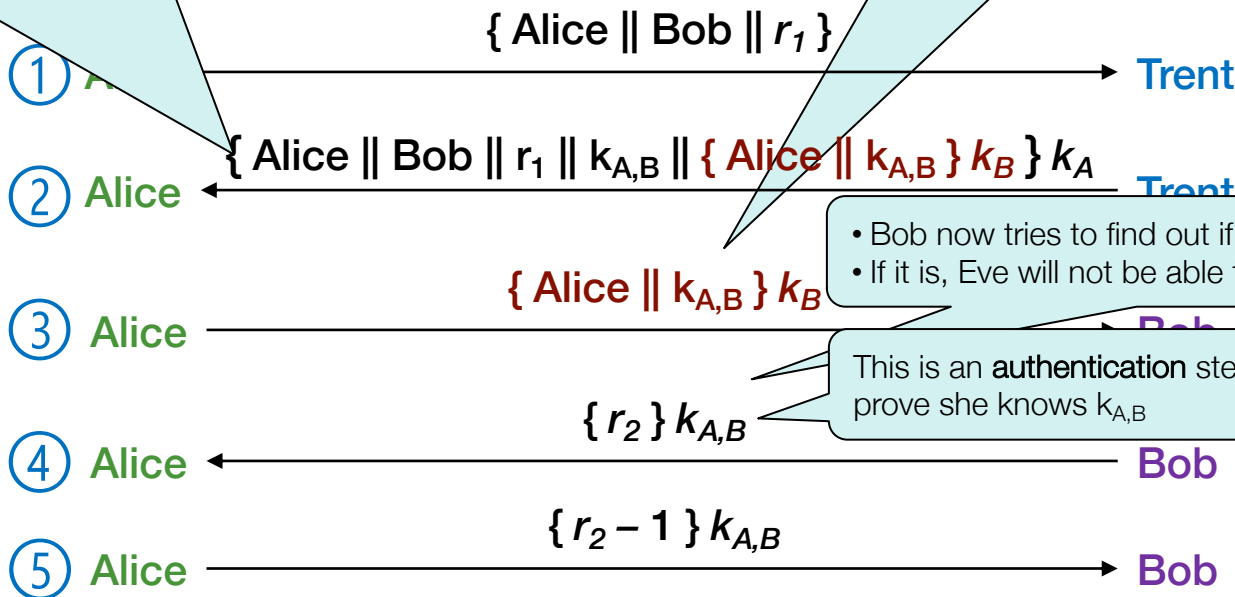
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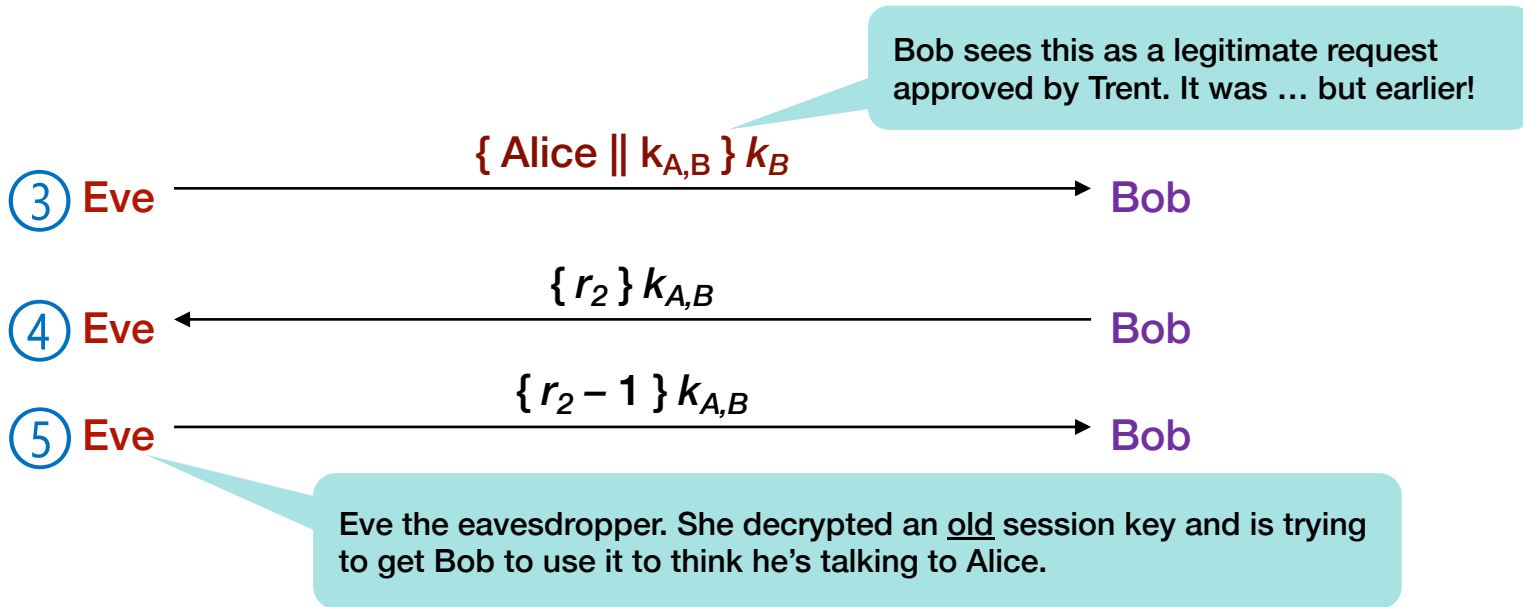
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Needham-Schroeder Protocol Vulnerability

- We assume all keys are secret

Needham-Schroeder is still vulnerable to a certain replay attack ... if an old session key is known!

- But suppose Eve can obtain the session key from an old message (she worked hard, got lucky, and cracked an earlier message)

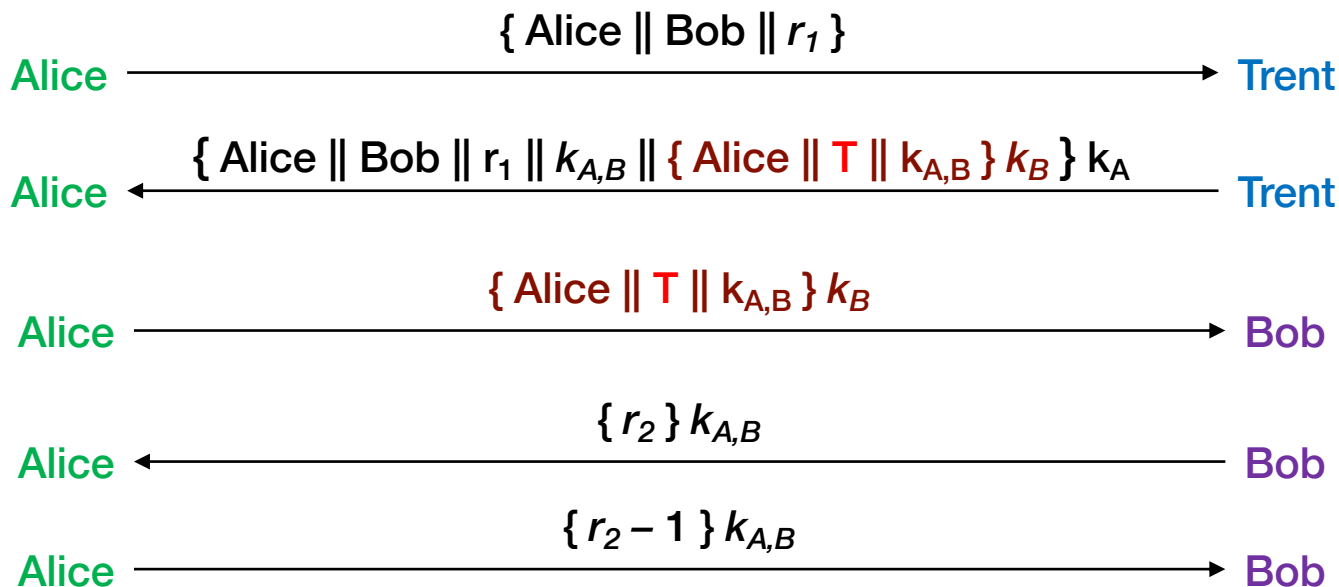


Denning-Sacco Solution

- **Problem: replay in the third step of the protocol**
 - Eve replays the message: $\{ \text{Alice} \parallel k_{A,B} \} k_B$
- **Solution: use a timestamp T to detect replay attacks**
 - The trusted third party (Trent) places a timestamp in a message that is encrypted for Bob
 - The attacker has an old session key but not Alice's, Bob's or Trent's keys
 - Eve cannot spoof a valid message that is encrypted for Bob

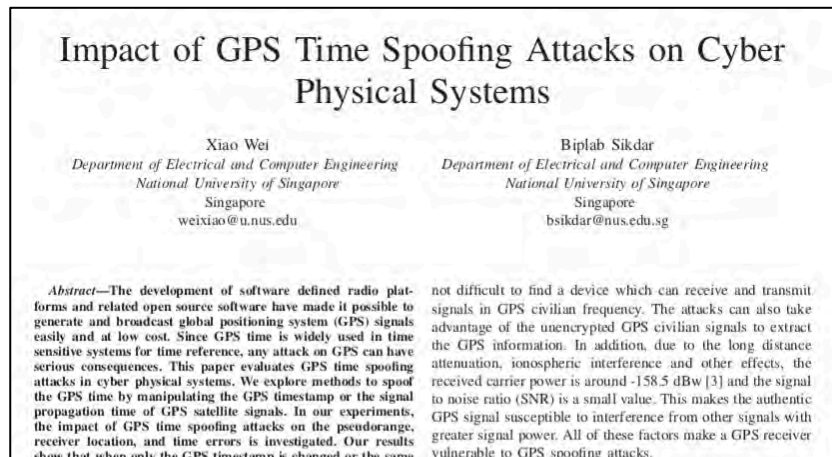
Needham-Shroeder w/Denning-Sacco mods

Add **nonces** – random strings – AND a **timestamp**



Problem with timestamps

- **Use of timestamps relies on synchronized clocks**
 - Messages may be falsely accepted or falsely rejected because of bad time
- **Time synchronization becomes an attack vector**
 - Create fake NTP responses
 - Generate fake GPS signals



Otway-Rees Protocol: Session IDs

Another way to correct the *third message replay* problem

- **Instead of using timestamps**

- Use a random integer, *n*, that is associated with all messages in the key exchange

- **The protocol is altered slightly**

- Alice first sends a message to Bob
 - The message contains the session ID & nonce encrypted with Alice's secret key
- Bob forwards the message to Trent
 - And creates a message containing a nonce & the same session ID encrypted with Bob's secret key
- Trent creates a session key & encrypts it for both Alice and for Bob

Otway-Rees Protocol

Use nonces (r_1, r_2) & session IDs (n)

Alice sends the communication request to Bob – with the session ID

Alice $\xrightarrow{n \parallel \text{Alice} \parallel \text{Bob} \parallel \{r_1 \parallel n \parallel \text{Alice} \parallel \text{Bob}\} k_A}$ Bob

Trent $\xleftarrow{n \parallel \text{Alice} \parallel \text{Bob} \parallel \{r_1 \parallel n \parallel \text{Alice} \parallel \text{Bob}\} k_A}$ Bob
 $\{r_2 \parallel n \parallel \text{Alice} \parallel \text{Bob}\} k_B$

Bob authenticates himself & forwards request to Trent

Trent $\xrightarrow{n \parallel \{r_1 \parallel k_{A,B}\} k_A \parallel \{r_2 \parallel k_{A,B}\} k_B}$ Bob

Alice $\xleftarrow{n \parallel \{r_1 \parallel k_{A,B}\} k_A}$ Bob

Kerberos

Kerberos

- **Authentication service developed by MIT**
 - project Athena 1983-1988
- **Uses a trusted third party & symmetric cryptography**
- **Based on Needham Schroeder with the Denning Sacco modification**
- **Passwords not sent in clear text**
 - assumes only the network can be compromised
- **Supported in most all popular operating systems**
 - Default network authentication used in Microsoft Windows
 - Supported in macOS, Linux, FreeBSD, z/OS, ...
 - Used by Rutgers to store NetIDs via the Central Authentication Service (CAS)

Kerberos

Users and services authenticate themselves to each other

To access a service:

- User presents a **ticket** issued by the Kerberos authentication server
- Service uses the ticket to verify the identity of the user

Kerberos is a **trusted third party**

- Knows all (users and services) passwords
- Responsible for
 - **Authentication**: validating an identity
 - **Authorization**: deciding whether someone can access a service
 - **Key distribution**: giving both parties an encryption key (securely)

Kerberos – General Flow

User *Alice* wants to communicate with a service *Bob*

Both Alice and Bob have keys – Kerberos has copies

- $\text{key} = \text{hash}(\text{password})$

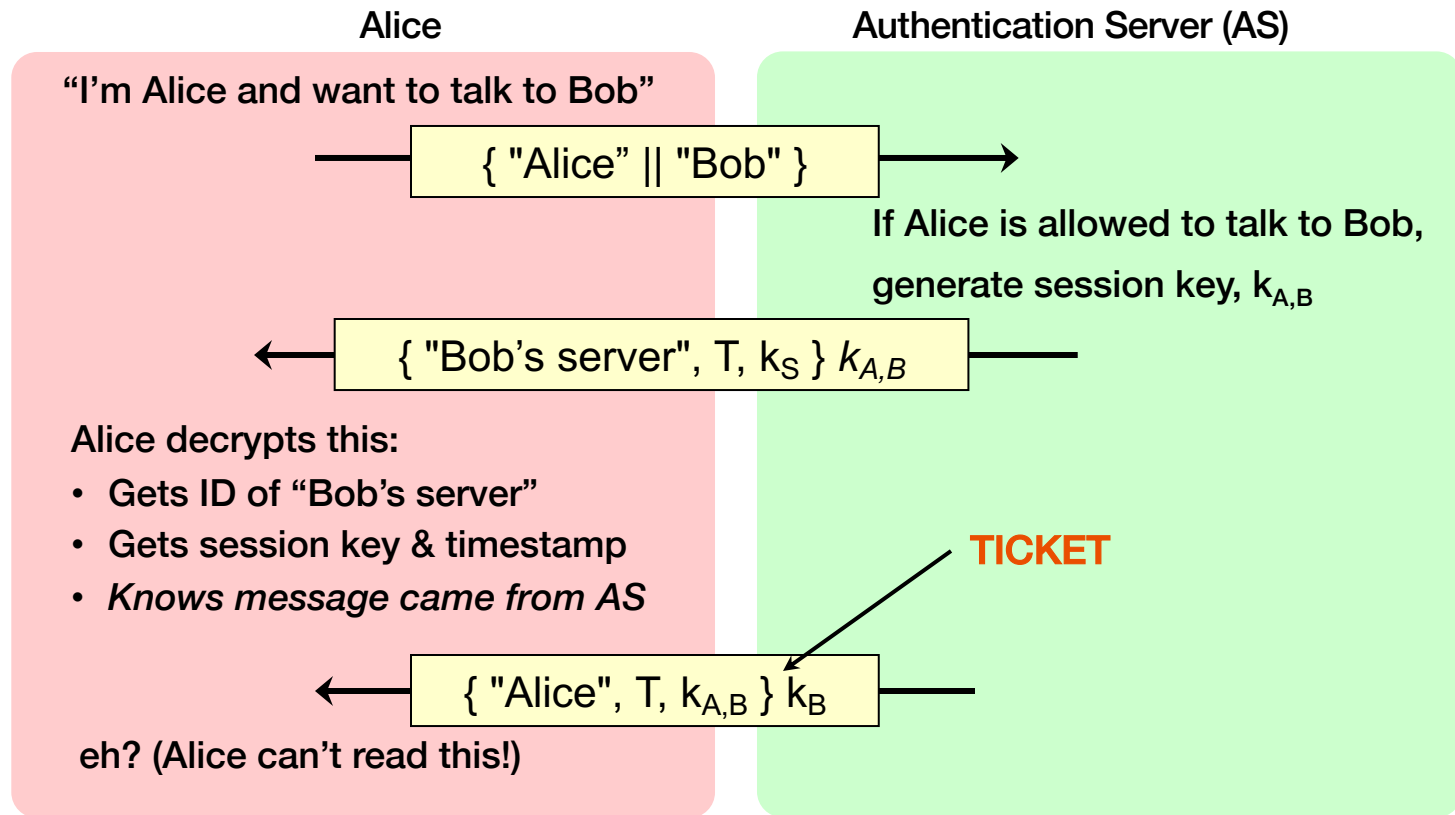
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- Alice authenticates with Kerberos server
 - Gets *session key* and *ticket*

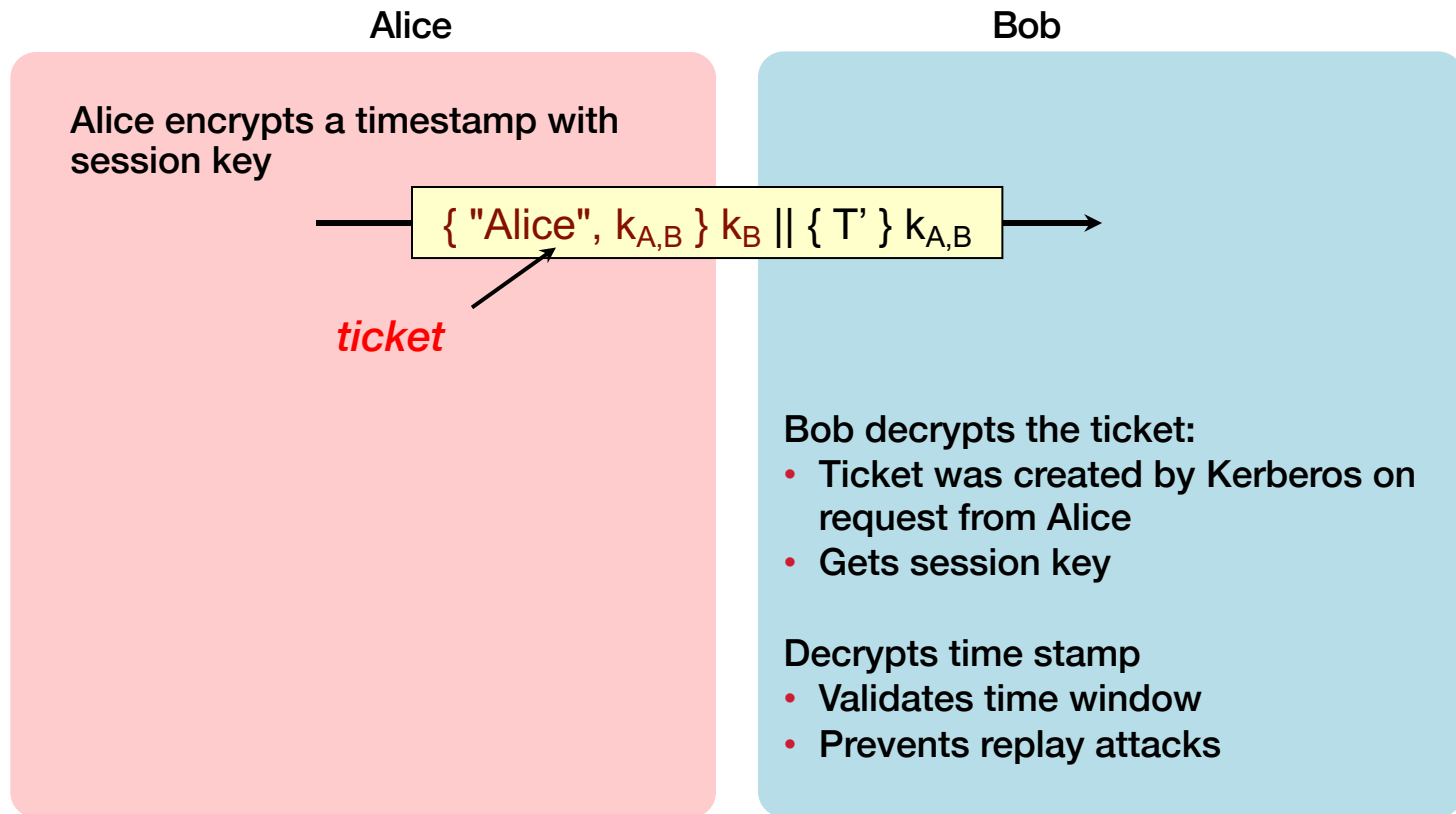
Step 2:

- Alice gives Bob the ticket, which contains the session key
- Convinces Bob that she got the session key from Kerberos

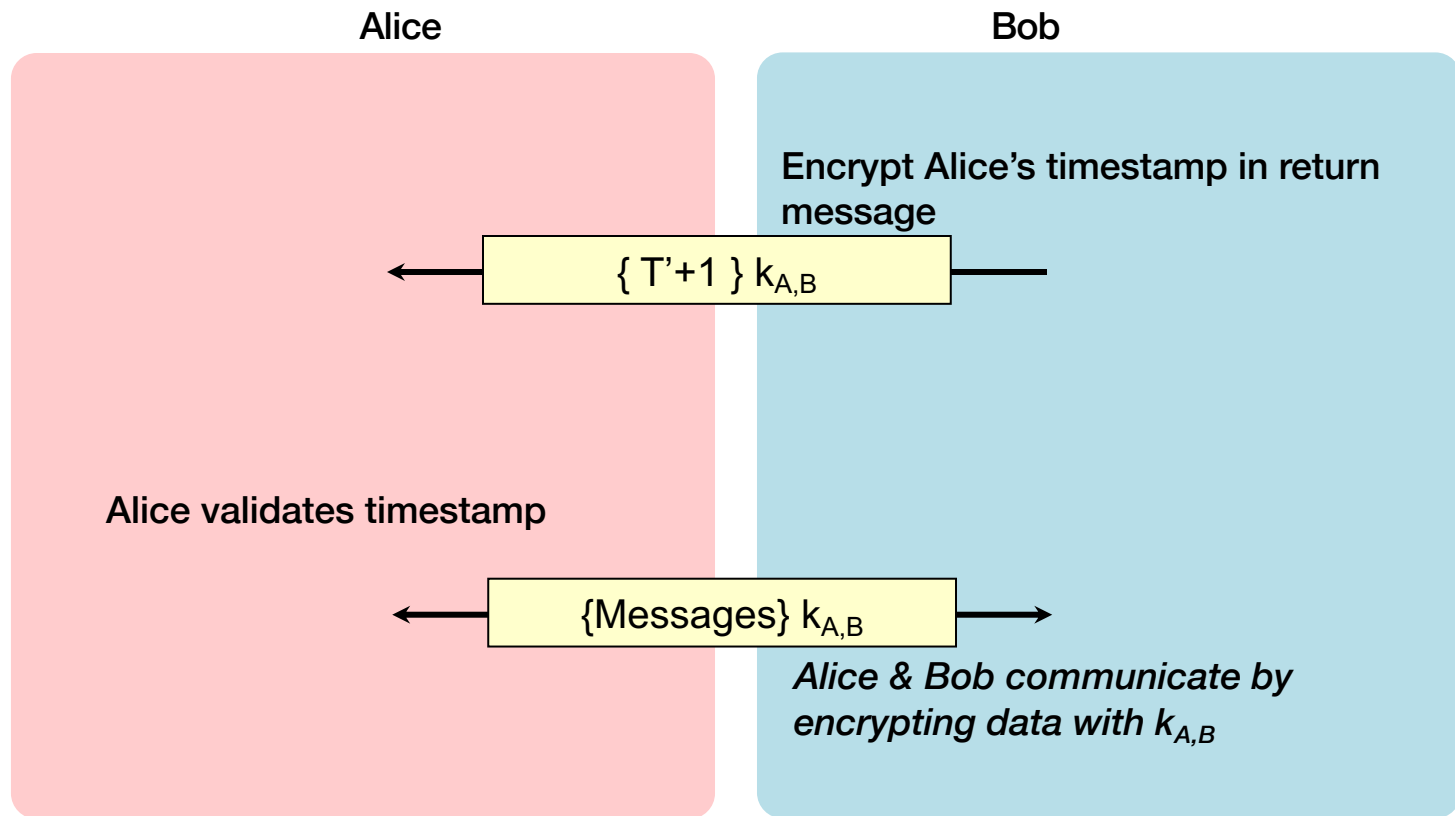
Kerberos (1): Authorize, Authenticate



Kerberos (2): Send key



Kerberos (3): Authenticate recipient of message



Kerberos key usage

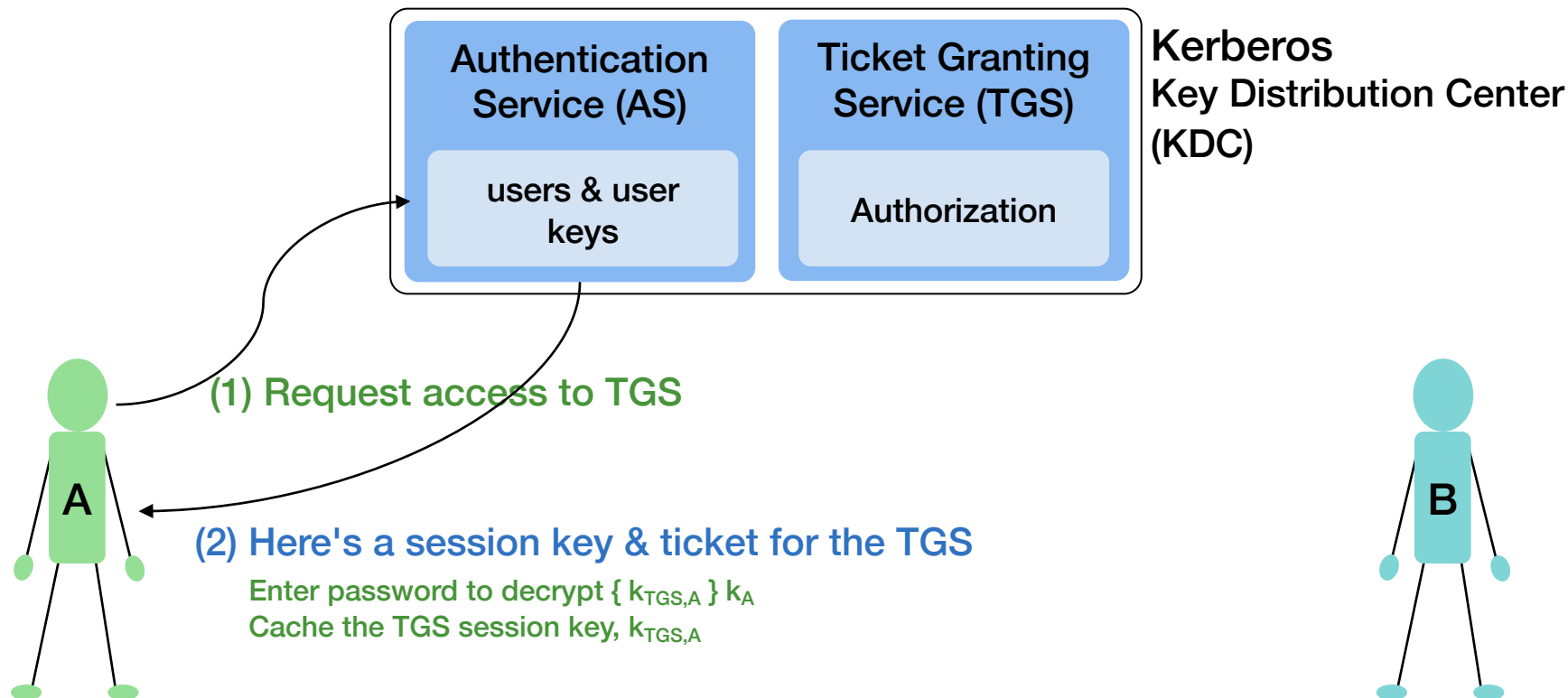
- **Every time a user wants to access a service**
 - User's password (key) must be used to decode the message from Kerberos
- **We can avoid this by caching the password in a file**
 - Not a good idea
- **Another way: create a temporary password**
 - We can cache this temporary password
 - It's just a session key to access Kerberos – to get access to other services
 - Split Kerberos server into

Authentication Service + Ticket Granting Service

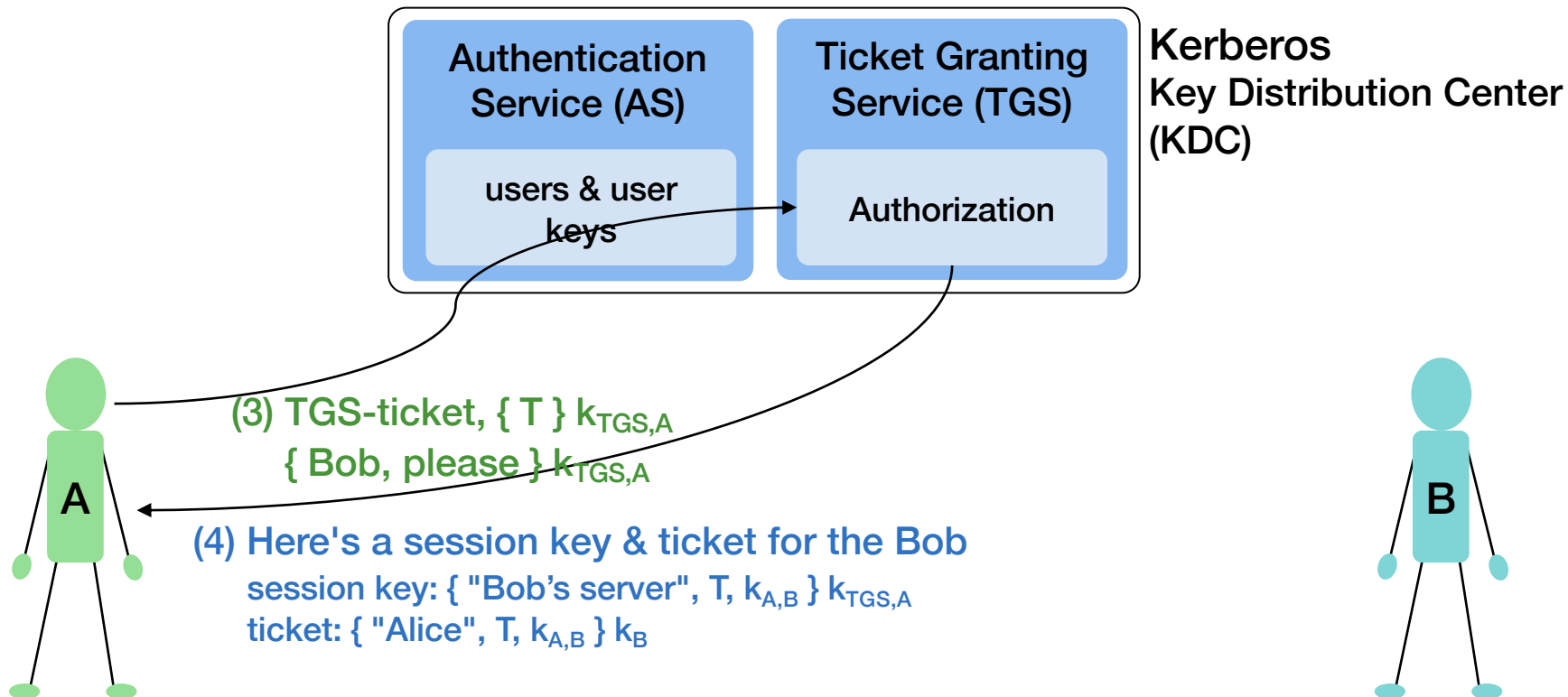
Ticket Granting Server (TGS)

- TGS works like a **temporary ID**
- **User first requests access to the TGS**
 - Contact Kerberos Authentication Service (AS knows all users & their keys)
 - Gets back a ticket & session key to the TGS – these can be cached
- **To access any service**
 - Send a request to the TGS – encrypted with the TGS session key along with the ticket for the TGS
 - The ticket tells the TGS what your session key is
 - It responds with a session key & ticket for that service

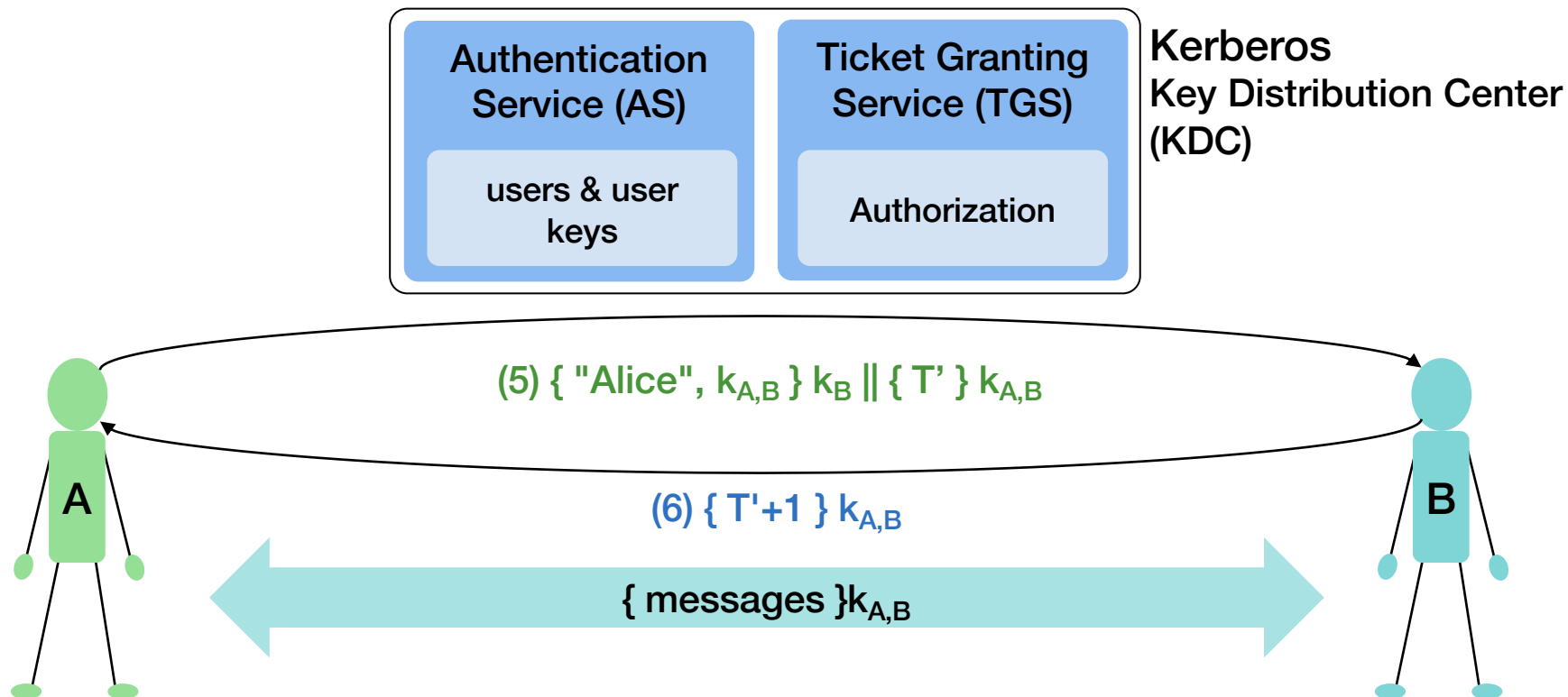
Kerberos AS + TGS: Step 1



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Using Kerberos

`$ kinit`

Password: *enter password*

ask AS for permission (session key) to access TGS

Alice gets:

$\{\text{"TGS"}, T, k_{A,TGS}\} k_A \leftarrow \text{Session key \& encrypted timestamp}$

$\{\text{"Alice"}, k_{A,TGS}\} k_{TGS} \leftarrow \text{TGS Ticket}$

Compute key (A) from password to decrypt session key $k_{A,TGS}$ and get TGS ID.

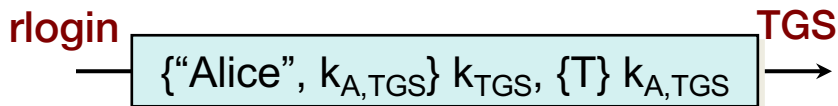
You now have a ticket to access the Ticket Granting Service

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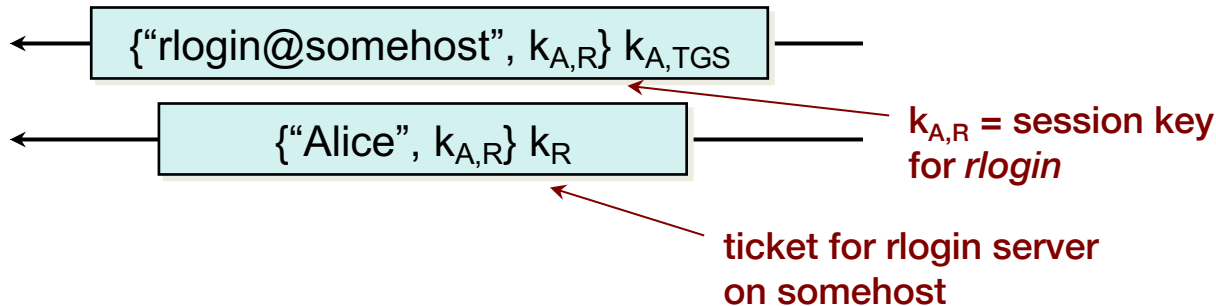
\$ rlogin somehost

rlogin uses the TGS Ticket to request a ticket for the *rlogin* service on *somehost*

Alice sends session key, S , to TGS



Alice receives session key for rlogin service & ticket to pass to rlogin service



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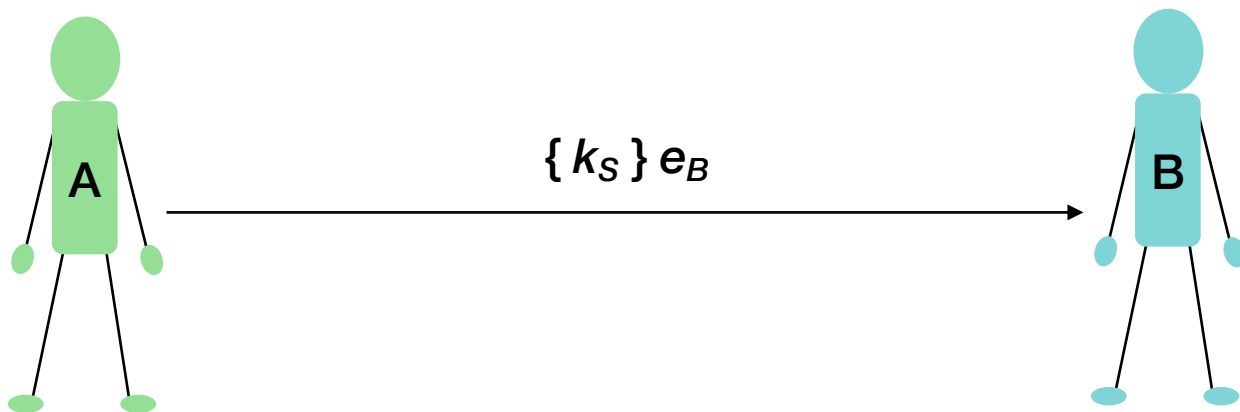
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- **Weaknesses that we had to fix:**
 - Replay attacks – add nonces – Needham-Schroeder protocol
 - Replay attacks re-using a cracked old session key
 - Add timestamps: Denning-Sacco protocol, Kerberos
 - Add session IDs at each step: Otway-Rees protocol

Public Key Exchange

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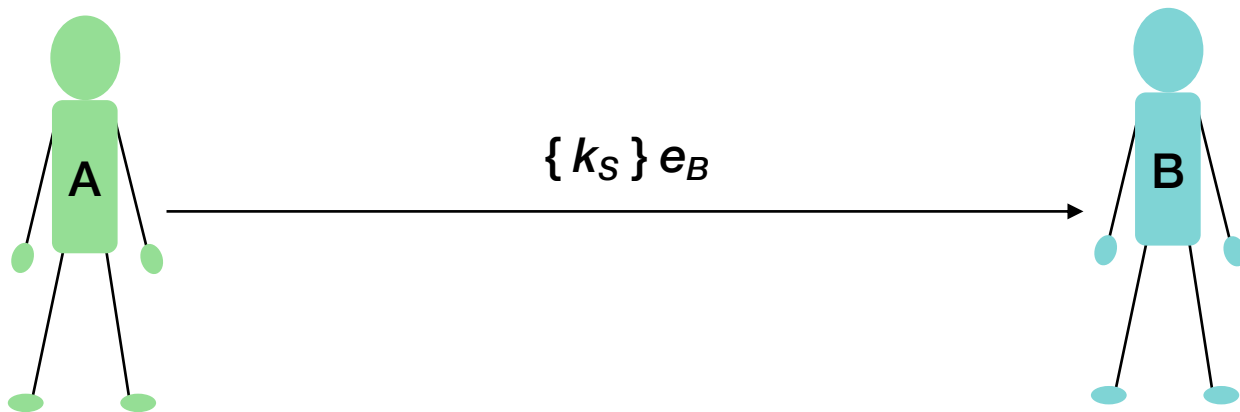
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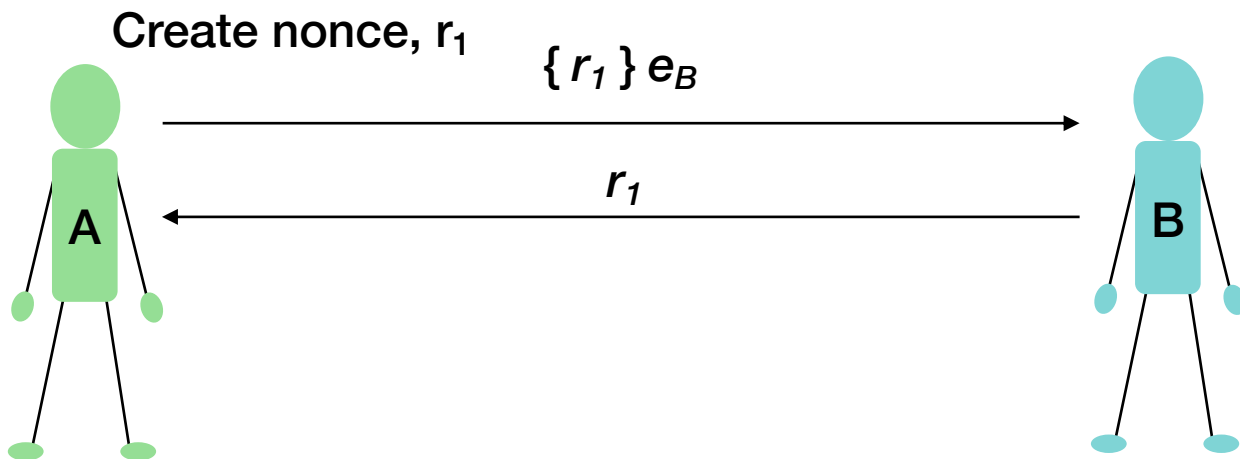
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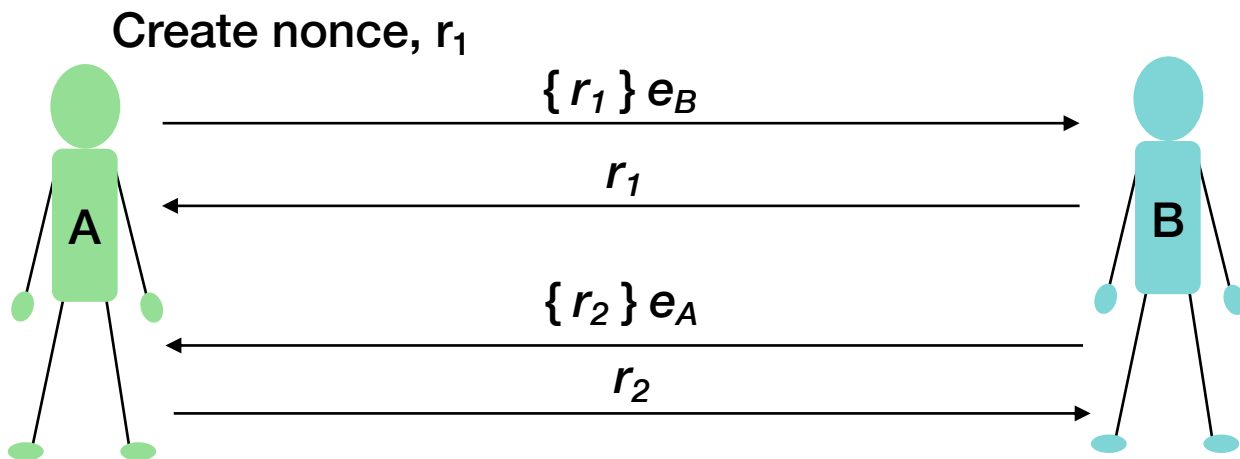
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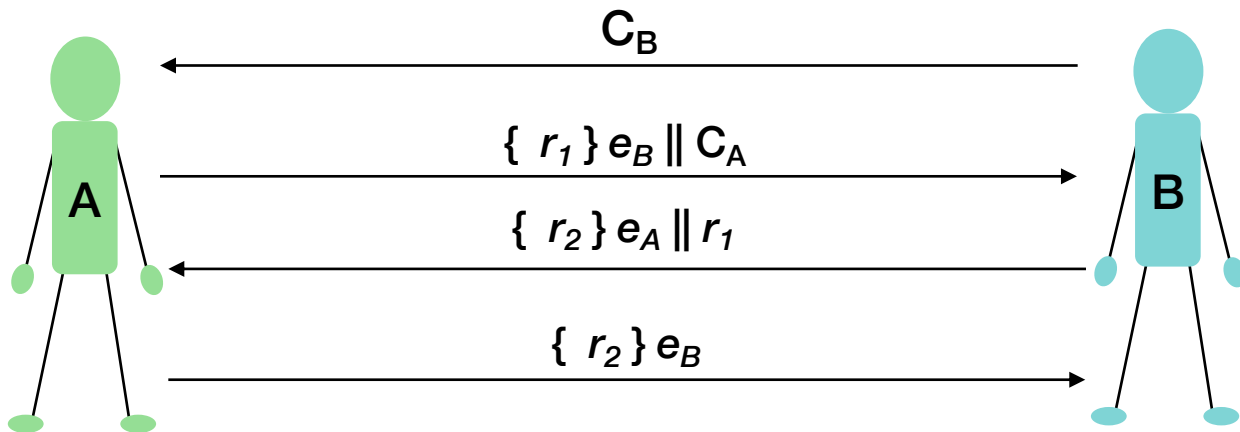
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Adding identity binding

- How do we know we have the right public keys?
- Get the public key from a trusted certificate
 - Validate the signature on the certificate



Cryptographic toolbox

- **Symmetric encryption**
- **Public key encryption**
- **Hash functions**
- **Random number generators**

User Authentication

Three Factors of Authentication

1. Ownership

Something you have

Key, card

Can be stolen

2. Knowledge

Something you know

*Passwords,
PINs*

*Can be guessed,
shared, stolen*

3. Inherence

Something you are

*Biometrics
(face, fingerprints)*

*Requires hardware
May be copied
Not replaceable if lost or stolen*

Multi-Factor Authentication

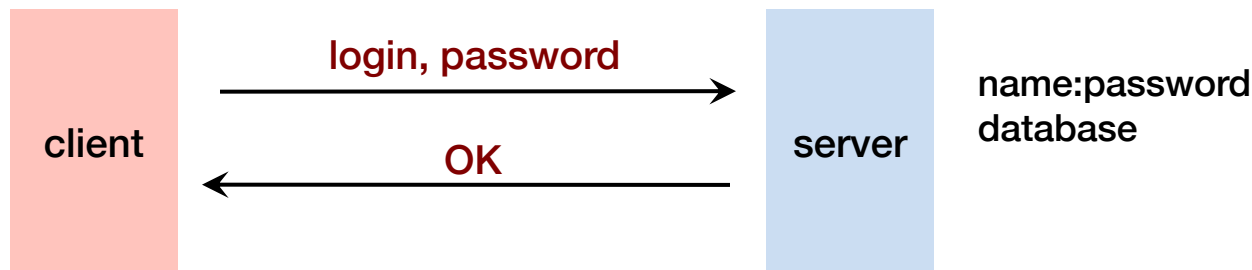
Factors may be combined

- **ATM machine: 2-factor authentication (2FA)**
 - ATM card something you have
 - PIN something you know
- **Password + code delivered via SMS: 2-factor authentication**
 - Password something you know
 - Code something you have: your phone

Two passwords \neq Two-factor authentication
The factors must be different

Authentication: PAP

Password Authentication Protocol



- Unencrypted, reusable passwords
 - Insecure on an open network
 - Also, the password file must be protected from open access
 - But administrators can still see everyone's passwords
- What if you use the same password on Facebook as on Amazon?*

Passwords are bad

- **Human readable & easy to guess**
 - People usually pick really bad passwords
- **Easy to forget**
- **Usually short**
- **Static ... reused over & over**
 - Security is as strong as the weakest link
 - If a username (or email) & password is stolen from one server, it might be usable on others
- **Replayable**
 - If someone can grab it or see it, they can play it back

It's not getting better

Recent large-scale leaks of password from servers have shown that people
DO NOT pick good passwords

Rank	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	password	123456	123456	123456	123456	123456	123456	123456
2	123456	password	password	password	password	password	password	123456789
3	12345678	12345678	12345	12345678	12345	12345678	123456789	qwerty
4	abc123	qwerty	12345678	qwerty	12345678	qwerty	12345678	password
5	qwerty	abc123	qwerty	12345	football	12345	12345	1234567
6	monkey	123456789	123456789	123456789	qwerty	123456789	111111	12345678
7	letmein	111111	1234	football	1234567890	letmein	1234567	12345
8	dragon	1234567	baseball	1234	1234567	1234567	sunshine	iloveyou

Past eight years of top passwords from SplashData's list

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_the_most_common_passwords

Policies to the rescue?

Password rules

“Everyone knows that an exclamation point is a 1, or an I, or the last character of a password. \$ is an S or a 5. If we use these well-known tricks, we aren’t fooling any adversary. We are simply fooling the database that stores passwords into thinking the user did something good”

— Paul Grassi, NIST

Periodic password change requirement problems

- People tend to change passwords rapidly to exhaust the history list and get back to their favorite password
- Forbidding changes for several days enables a denial of service attack
- People pick worse passwords, incorporating numbers, months, or years

<https://fortune.com/2017/05/11/password-rules/>
<https://pages.nist.gov/800-63-3/sp800-63b.html#sec6>

Here are the guidelines for creating a new password:

Your new password must contain at least 2 of the 3 following criteria:

- At least 1 letter (uppercase or lowercase)
- At least 1 number
- At least 1 of these special characters: ! # \$ % + / = @ ~

Also:

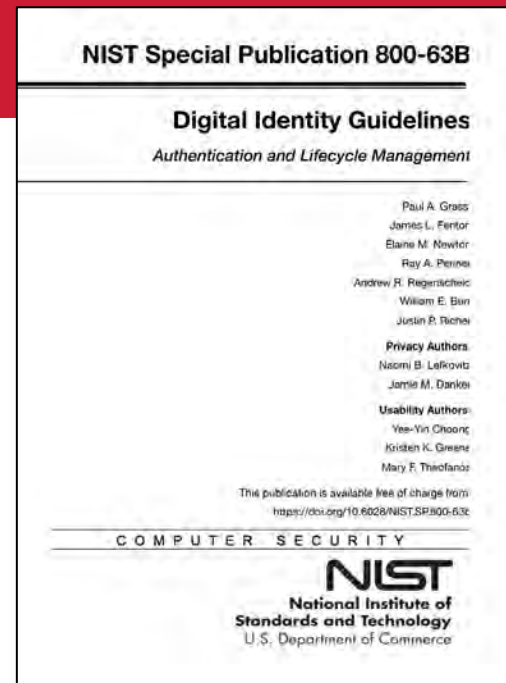
- It must be different than your previous 5 passwords.
- It can't match your username.
- It can't include more than 2 identical characters (for example: 111 or aaa).
- It can't include more than 2 consecutive characters (for example: 123 or abc).
- It can't use the name of the financial institution (for example: JPMC, Morgan or Chase).
- It can't be a commonly used password (for example: password1).

Cancel

Next

NIST recommendations

- Remove periodic password change requirements
- Drop complexity requirements (numbers, letters, symbols)
- Choose long passwords
- Avoid
 - Passwords obtained from databases of previous breaches
 - Dictionary words
 - Repetitive or sequential characters (e.g. 'aaaaa', '1234abcd')
 - Context-specific words, such as the name of the service, the username, and derivatives thereof



<https://pages.nist.gov/800-63-3/sp800-63b.html>

PAP: Reusable passwords

Problem #1: Open access to the password file

What if the password file isn't sufficiently protected and an intruder gets hold of it? All passwords are now compromised!

Even if an admin sees your password, this might also be your password on other systems.

How about encrypting the passwords?

- Where would you store the key?
- Adobe did that
 - 2013 Adobe security breach leaked 152 million Adobe customer records
 - Adobe used encrypted passwords
 - But the passwords were all encrypted with the same key
 - If the attackers steal the key, they get the passwords

Poor Password Management

Adobe security breach (November 2013)

- 152 million Adobe customer records ...
with encrypted passwords
- Adobe encrypted passwords with a symmetric key
algorithm
... and used the same key to encrypt every password!

	Frequency	Password
1	1,911,938	123456
2	446,162	123456789
3	345,834	password
4	211,659	adobe123
5	201,580	12345678
6	130,832	qwerty
7	124,253	1234567
8	113,884	111111
9	83,411	photoshop
10	82,694	123123
11	76,910	1234567890
12	76,186	000000
13	70,791	abc123
14	61,453	1234
15	56,744	adobe1
16	54,651	macromedia
17	48,850	azerty
18	47,142	iloveyou
19	44,281	aaaaaa
20	43,670	654321
21	43,497	12345
22	37,407	666666
23	35,325	sunshine
24	34,963	123321

Top 26 Adobe Passwords

PAP: Reusable passwords

Solution:

Store a **hash of the password in a file**

- Given a file, you don't get the passwords
- Have to resort to a **dictionary** or **brute-force attack**
- Example, passwords hashed with SHA-512 hashes (SHA-2)

What is a dictionary attack?

- **Suppose you got access to a list of hashed passwords**
- **Brute-force, exhaustive search: try every combination**
 - Letters (A-Z, a-z), numbers (0-9), symbols (!@#\$%...)
 - Assume 30 symbols + 52 letters + 10 digits = 92 characters
 - Test all passwords up to length 8
 - Combinations = $92^8 + 92^7 + 92^6 + 92^5 + 92^4 + 92^3 + 92^2 + 92^1 = 5.189 \times 10^{15}$
 - If we test 1 billion passwords per second: ≈ 60 days
- **But some passwords are more likely than others**
 - 1,991,938 Adobe customers used a password = “123456”
 - 345,834 users used a password = “password”
- **Dictionary attack**
 - Test lists of common passwords, dictionary words, names
 - Add common substitutions, prefixes, and suffixes

Easiest to do if the attacker steals a hashed password file – so we read-protect the hashed passwords to make it harder to get them

How to speed up a dictionary attack

Create a table of **precomputed hashes**

Now we just search a table for the hash to find the password

SHA-256 Hash	password
8d969eef6ecad3c29a3a629280e686cf0c3f5d5a86aff3ca12020c923adc6c92	123456
5e884898da28047151d0e56f8dc6292773603d0d6aabbdd62a11ef721d1542d8	password
ef797c8118f02dfb649607dd5d3f8c7623048c9c063d532cc95c5ed7a898a64f	12345678
1c8bfe8f801d79745c4631d09fff36c82aa37fc4cce4fc946683d7b336b63032	letmein
...	...

Salt: defeating dictionary attacks

Salt = random string (typically up to 16 characters)

- Concatenated with the password
- Stored with the password file (it's not secret)

"am\$7b22QL" + "password"

Even if you know the salt, you cannot use precomputed hashes to search for a password (because the salt is prefixed to the password string and becomes part of the hash)

Example:

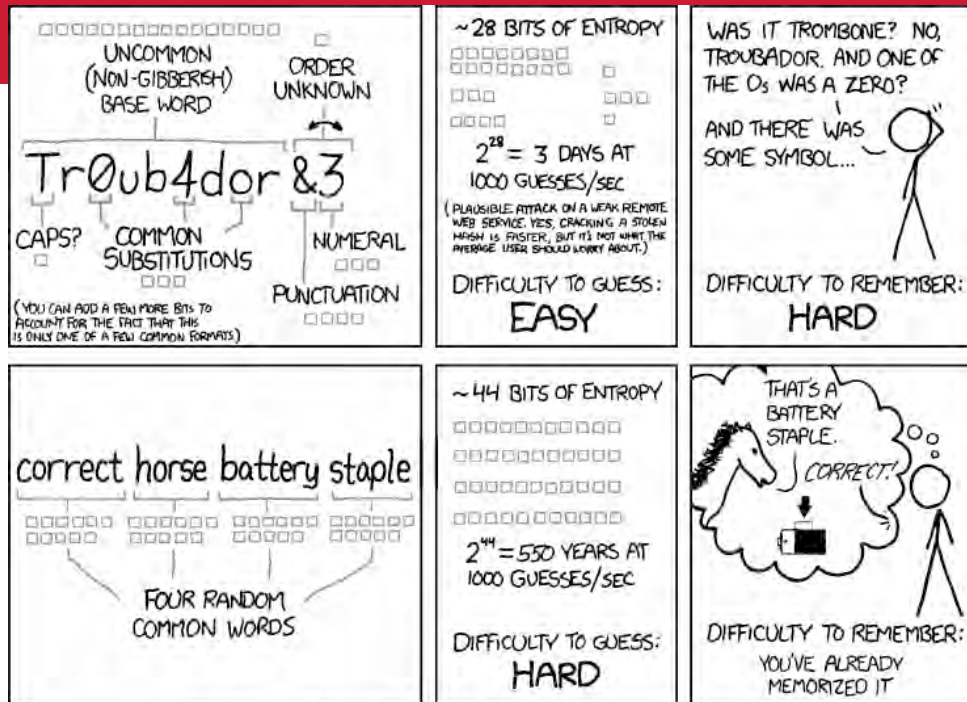
SHA-256 hash of "password", salt = "am\$7b22QL" = *hash("am\$7b22QLpassword") = 076bb015496e1db7b57e4c3b1c34d69504358b13fae4c50270cf40dfa92a1996*

You will not have a precomputed hash("am\$7b22QLpassword")

Longer passwords

English text has an entropy of about 1.2-1.5 bits per character

Random text has an entropy $\approx \log_2(1/95) \approx 6.6$ bits/character



THROUGH 20 YEARS OF EFFORT, WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY TRAINED EVERYONE TO USE PASSWORDS THAT ARE HARD FOR HUMANS TO REMEMBER, BUT EASY FOR COMPUTERS TO GUESS.

Assume 95 printable characters

Defenses

- **Use longer passwords**
 - But can you trust users to pick ones with enough entropy?
- **Rate-limit guesses**
 - Add timeouts after an incorrect password
 - Linux waits about 3 secs – and terminates the *login* program after 5 tries
- **Lock out the account after N bad guesses**
 - But this makes you vulnerable to **denial-of-service attacks**
- **Use a slow algorithm to make guessing slow**
 - OpenBSD *bcrypt* Blowfish password hashing algorithm

People forget passwords

- **Especially seldom-used ones – how do we handle that?**
- **Email them?**
 - Common solution
 - Requires that the server be able to get the password (can't store a hash)
 - What if someone reads your email?
- **Reset them?**
 - How do you authenticate the requester?
 - Usually send reset link to email address created at registration
 - But – what if someone reads your mail? ...or you no longer have that address?
- **Provide hints?**
- **Write them down?**
 - OK if the threat model is electronic only

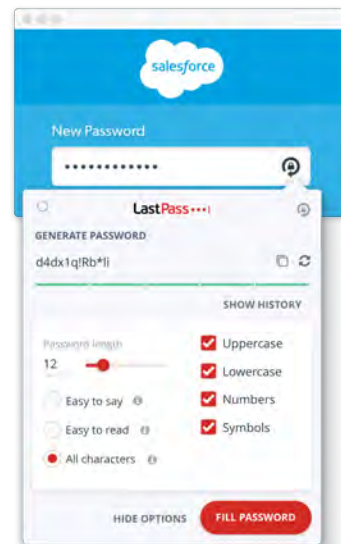
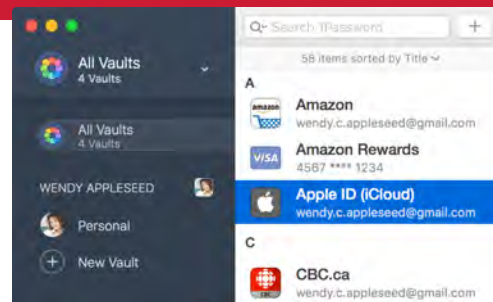
Reusable passwords in multiple places

- **People often use the same password in different places**
- **If one site is compromised, the password can be used elsewhere**
 - People often try to use the same email address and/or username
- **This is the root of phishing attacks**

Password Managers

Software that stores passwords in an encrypted file

- **Do you trust the protection?**
 - The reputation of the company & its security policies
 - The synchronization capabilities?
- **Can malware get to the database?**
- **In general, these are good**
 - Way better than storing passwords in a file
 - Encourages having unique passwords per site
 - Password managers may have the ability to recognize web sites & defend against phishing



9 Popular Password Manager Apps Found Leaking Your Secrets

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 Wang Wei

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Vulnerabilities in Password Manager Apps



Dashlane: #1 Password Manager



F-Secure KEY Password manager



1Password - Password Manager



Password Manager



My Passwords



Keeper® Free Password Manager

The Washington Post

Password managers have a security flaw. But you should still use one.

Exclusive: A new study finds bugs in five of the most popular password managers. So how is it safe to keep all your eggs in one basket?

By Geoffrey A. Fowler • Feb 19, 2019

THE VERGE

LastPass fixes bug that could let malicious websites extract your last used password

Even password managers have security bugs

By Jon Porter • Sep 16, 2019

LastPass has patched a bug that would have allowed a malicious website to extract a previous password entered by the service's browser extension. ZDNet reports that the bug was discovered by Tavis Ormandy, a researcher in Google's Project Zero team, and was disclosed in a bug report dated August 29th. LastPass fixed the issue on September 13th, and deployed the update to all browsers where it should be applied automatically, something LastPass users would be smart to verify.

Key management risks

Password managers are a form of key storage

South African bank to replace 12m cards after employees stole master key

Postbank says employees printed its master key at one of its data centers and then used it to steal \$3.2 million.

Catalin Cimpanu • June 15 2020

Postbank, the banking division of South Africa's Post Office, has lost more than \$3.2 million from fraudulent transactions and will now have to replace more than 12 million cards for its customers after employees printed and then stole its master key.

The bank suspects that employees are behind the breach, the news publication said, citing an internal security audit they obtained from a source in the bank.

The **master key is a 36-digit code** (encryption key) that allows its holder to decrypt the bank's operations and even access and modify banking systems. It is also used to generate keys for customer cards.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/south-african-bank-to-replace-12m-cards-after-employees-stole-master-key/>

PAP: Reusable passwords

Problem #2: Network sniffing or shoulder surfing

Passwords can be stolen by observing a user's session in person or over a network:

- Snoop on http, telnet, ftp, rlogin, rsh sessions
- Trojan horse
- Social engineering
- Key logger, camera, physical proximity
- Brute-force or dictionary attacks

Solutions:

- (1) Use an encrypted communication channel
- (2) Use **one-time passwords**
- (3) Use multi-factor authentication, so a password alone is not sufficient

One-time passwords

Use a different password each time

- If an intruder captures the transaction, it won't work next time

Three forms

1. **Sequence-based**: password = $f(\text{previous password})$
2. **Time-based**: password = $f(\text{time}, \text{secret})$
3. **Challenge-based**: $f(\text{challenge}, \text{secret})$

S/key authentication

- **One-time password scheme**
- **Produces a limited number of authentication sessions**
- **Relies on one-way functions**

S/key authentication

Authenticate Alice for 100 logins

- pick random number, R
- using a one-way function (e.g., a hash function), $f(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= f(R) \\x_2 &= f(x_1) = f(f(R)) \\x_3 &= f(x_2) = f(f(f(R))) \\&\dots \dots \\x_{100} &= f(x_{99}) = f(\dots f(f(f(R)))\dots)\end{aligned}$$

*Give this list
to Alice*

- then compute:
 $x_{101} = f(x_{100}) = f(\dots f(f(f(R)))\dots)$

S/key authentication

Authenticate Alice for 100 logins

Store x_{101} in a password file or database record associated with Alice

alice: x_{101}

S/key authentication

Alice presents the *last* number on her list:

Alice to host: { “alice”, x_{100} }

Host computes $f(x_{100})$ and compares it with the value in the database

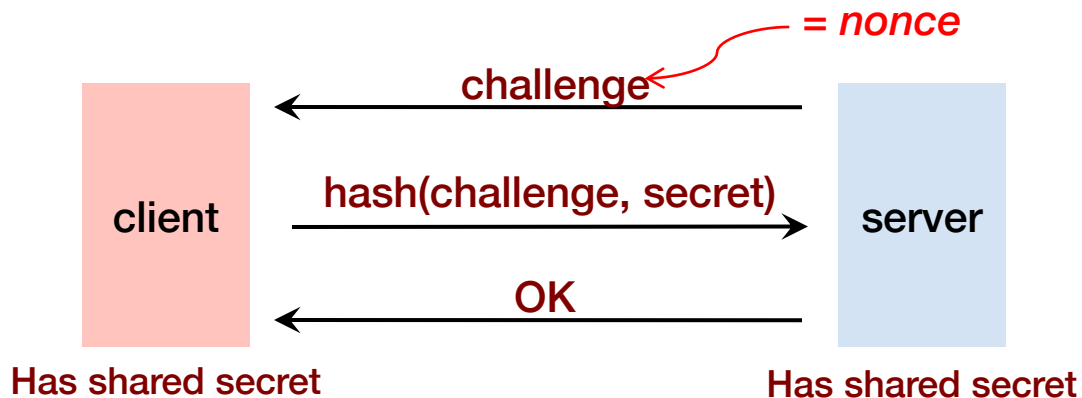
*if $f(x_{100}$ provided by alice) = passwd(“alice”)
 replace x_{101} in db with x_{100} provided by alice
 return success
else
 fail*

next time: Alice presents x_{99}

If someone sees x_{100} there is no way to generate x_{99} .

Authentication: CHAP

Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol

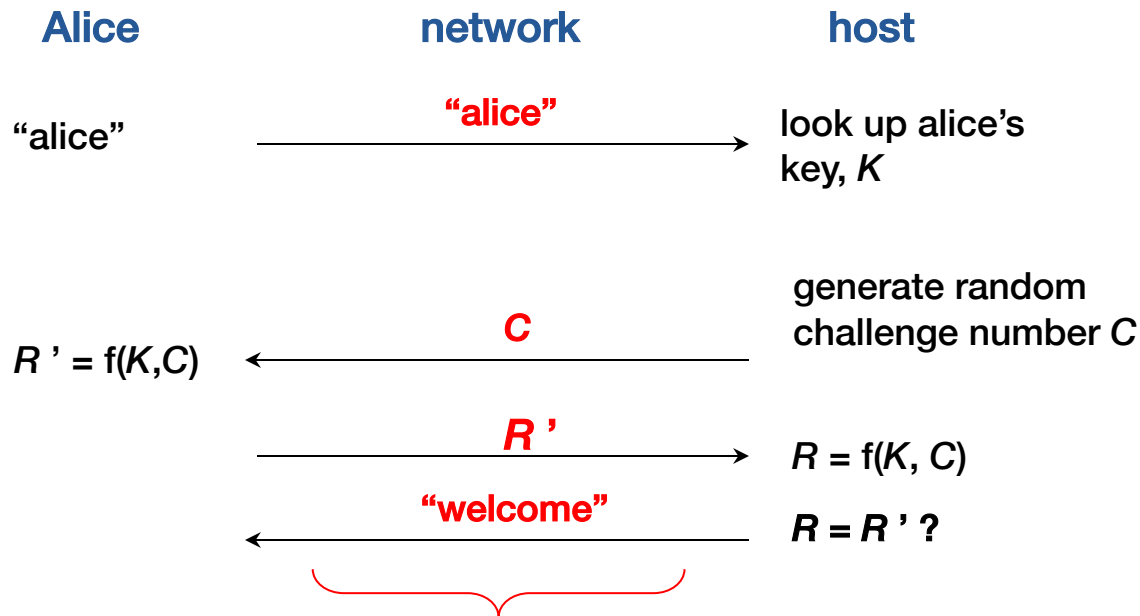


The challenge is a **nonce** (random bits).

We create a hash of the nonce and the secret.

An intruder does not have the secret and cannot do this!

CHAP authentication



an eavesdropper does not see K

SMS/Email Authentication

- **Second factor = your possession of a phone (or computer)**
- **After login, sever sends you a code via SMS (or email)**
- **Entering it is proof that you could receive the message**
- **Dangers**
 - **SIM swapping** attacks (social engineering on the phone company)
 - Viable for high-value targets
 - Social engineering to get email credentials

Time-Based Authentication

Time-based One-time Password (TOTP) algorithm

- Both sides share a secret key
 - Sometimes sent via a QR code so the user can scan it into the TOTP app
- User runs TOTP function to generate a one-time password

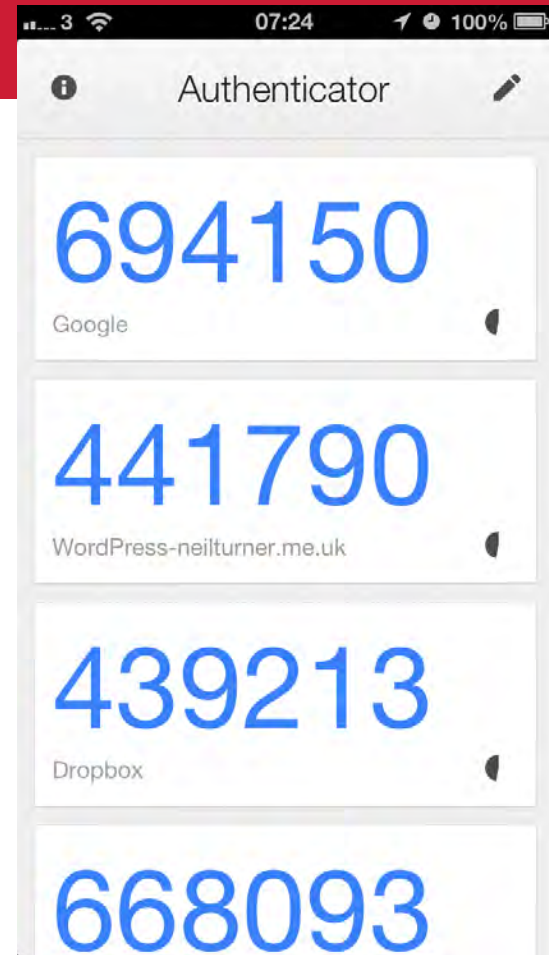
$\text{one_time_password} = \text{hash}(\text{secret_key}, \text{time})$

- User logs in with: *name, password, and one_time_password*
 - Service generates the same password
- $\text{one_time_password} = \text{hash}(\text{secret_key}, \text{time})$
- Typically 30-second granularity for time

Time-based One-time Passwords

Used by

- Microsoft Two-step Verification
- Google Authenticator
- Facebook Code Generator
- Amazon Web Services
- Bitbucket
- Dropbox
- Evernote
- Zoho
- Wordpress
- 1Password
- Many others...



RSA SecurID card



Username:

paul

Password:

1234032848



PIN + passcode from card



Something you know

Something you have

Passcode changes every 60 seconds





1. Enter PIN
2. Press \diamond
3. Card computes password
4. Read password & enter

Password:

354982

SecurID card

Same principle as Time-based One-Time Passwords

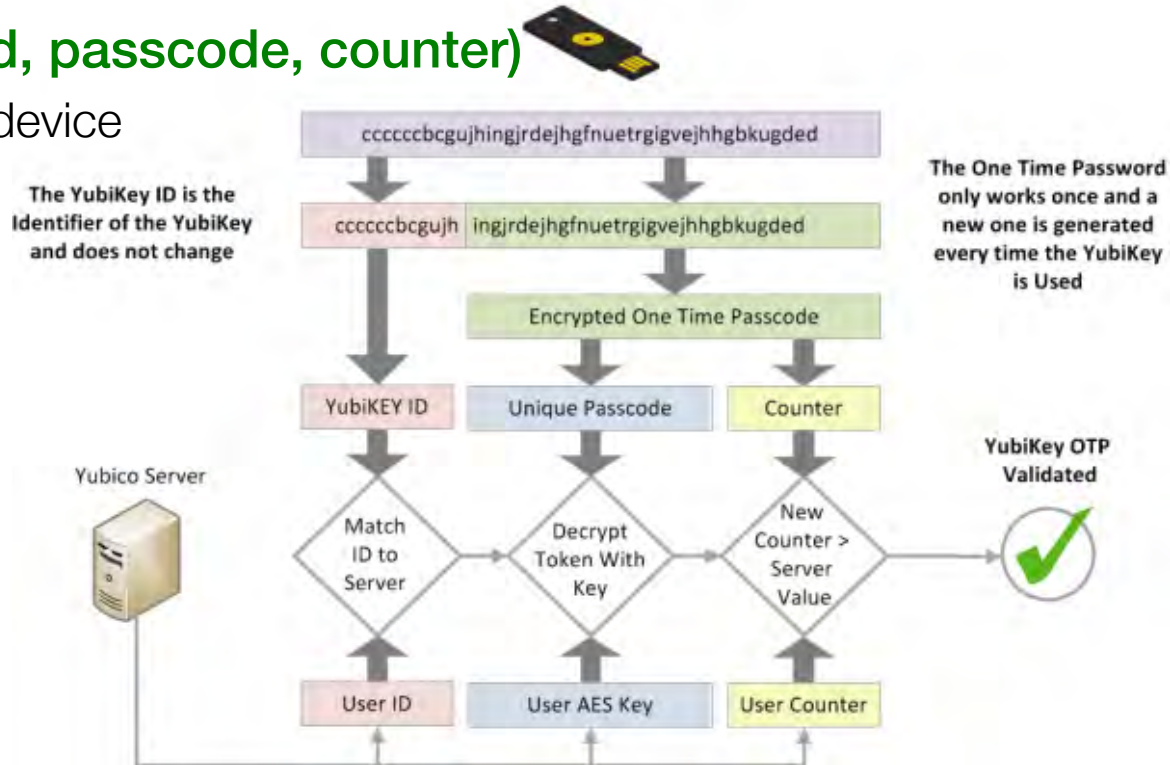
- **Proprietary device from RSA**
 - SASL mechanism: RFC 2808
- **Two-factor authentication based on:**
 - **Shared secret key** (seed)
 - stored on authentication card **Something you have**
 - **Shared personal ID** – PIN
 - known by user **Something you know**

Yubikey: Yubico One Time Password

HOTP = Hash-based One-Time Password

OTP = *hash*(hardware_id, passcode, counter)

Passcode generated on the device
from session counters,
previous values,
other sources



Man-in-the-Middle Attacks

Password systems are vulnerable to **man-in-the-middle attacks**

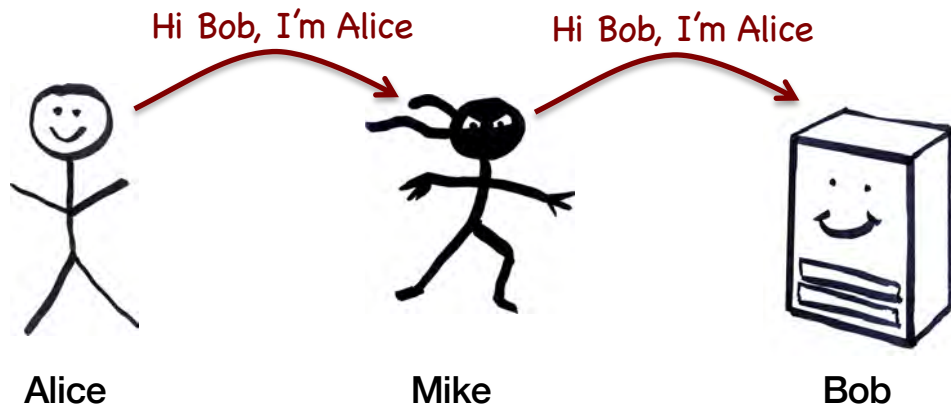
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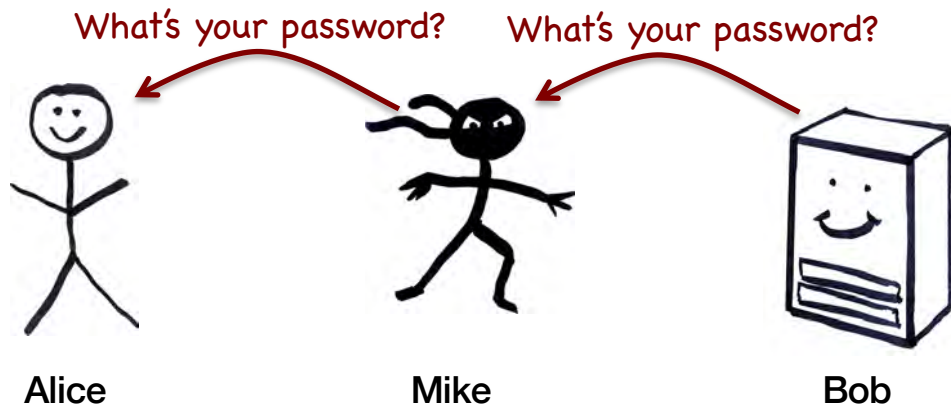
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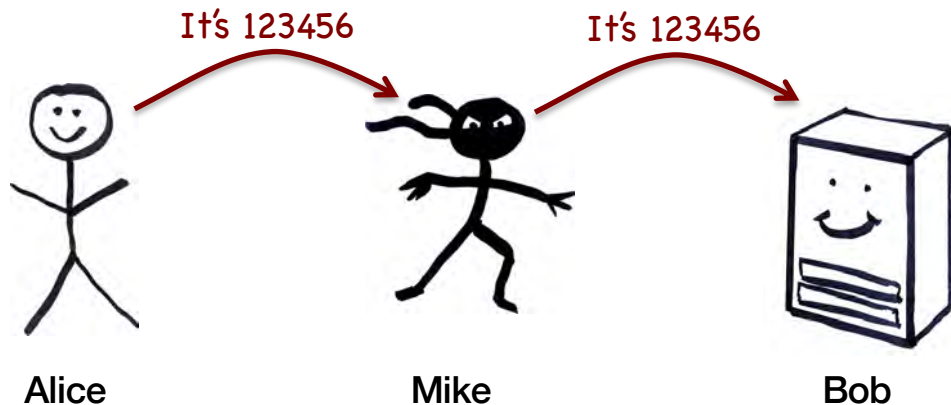
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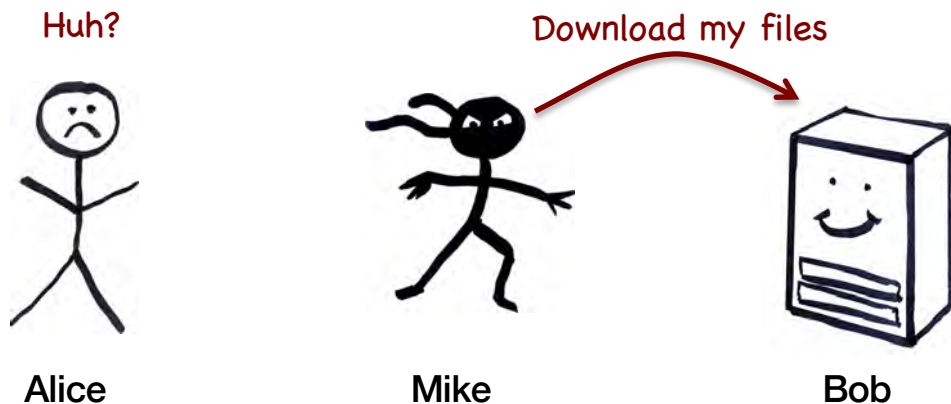
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Guarding against man-in-the-middle attacks

- **Use a covert communication channel**
 - The intruder won't have the key
 - Can't see the contents of any messages
 - But you can't send the key over that channel!
- **Use signed messages for all communication**
 - Signed message = { message, private-key-encrypted hash of message }
 - Both parties can reject unauthenticated messages
 - The intruder cannot modify the messages
 - Signatures will fail (they will need to know how to encrypt the hash)
- **But watch out for replay attacks!**
 - May need to use session numbers or timestamps

Biometric Authentication

Biometrics

- Identify a person based on physical or behavioral characteristics

```
scanned_fingerprint = capture();  
if (scanned_fingerprint == stored_fingerprint)  
    accept_user();  
else  
    reject_user();
```

We'd like to use
logic like this

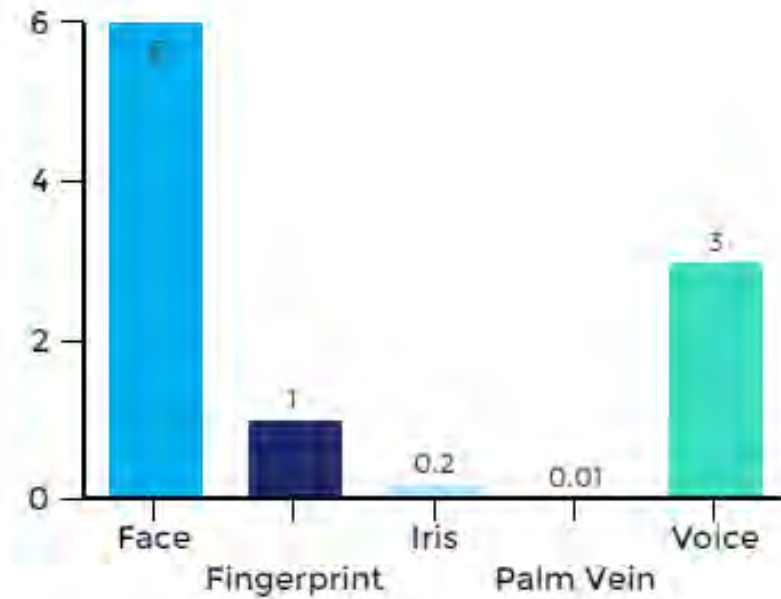


Biometrics

- **Rely on statistical pattern recognition**
 - Thresholds to determine if the match is close enough
- **False Accept Rate (FAR)**
 - Non-matching pair of biometric data is *accepted* as a match
- **False Reject Rate (FRR)**
 - Matching pair of biometric data is *rejected* as a match

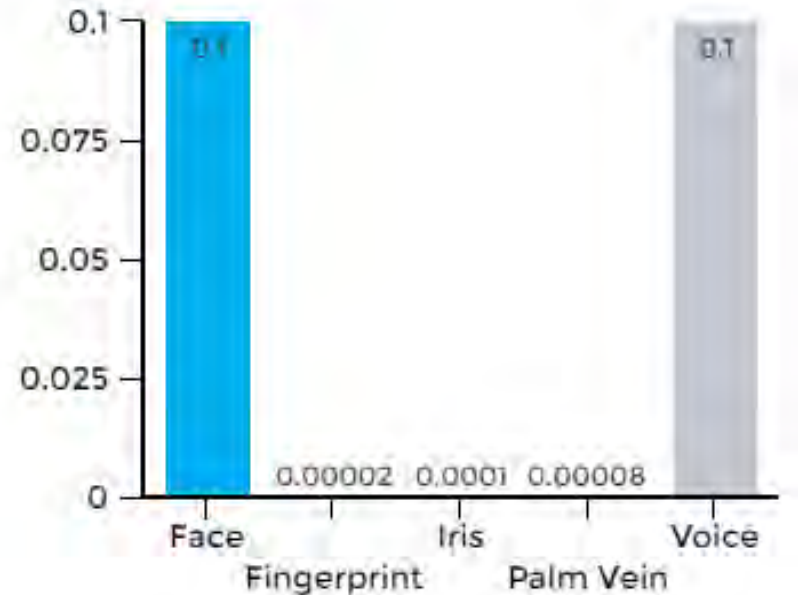
FRR vs. FAR

Images from <https://www.bayometric.com/biometrics-face-finger-iris-palm-voice/>
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False Rejection Rate (FRR)

Likelihood that the authentication will reject an authorized user



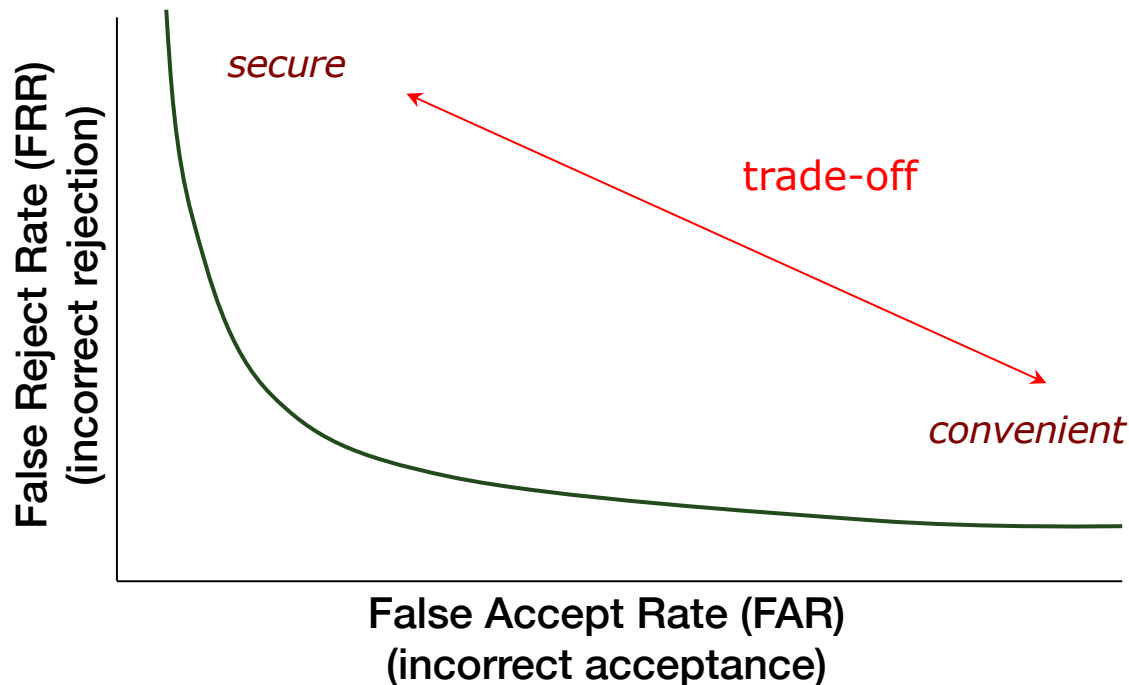
False Acceptance Rate (FAR)

Likelihood that the authentication will accept an unauthorized user

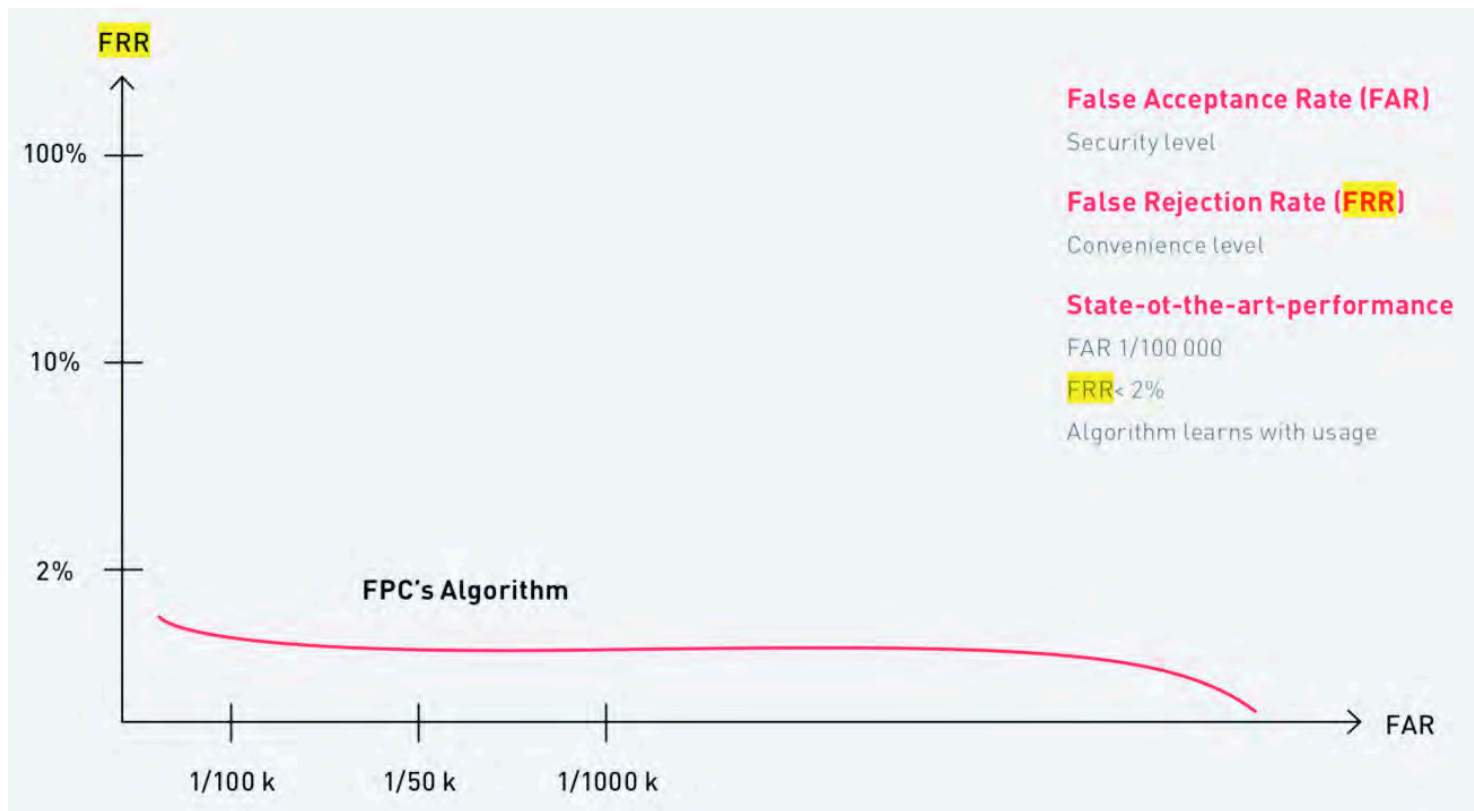
Biometrics: ROC Curve

Each biometric system has a characteristic ROC curve

(receiver operator characteristic, a legacy from radio electronics)



Sample ROC curve for an advanced capacitive fingerprint sensor



Source: https://www.fingerprints.com/uploads/2019/10/fpc_white_paper_digital.pdf

Galaxy S9 Intelligent Scan favors unlocking ease over security



An in-depth look at Samsung's new biometrics verification system -- and how it stacks up against the iPhone X's Face ID — shows it's not quite safe enough for mobile payments.

Shara Tibken, Alfred Ng March 1, 2018 5:00 AM PST

Unlocking the Galaxy S9 might be faster -- but that doesn't mean it's more secure.

Samsung's newest smartphones, the Galaxy S9 and S9 Plus, include a new feature the company calls Intelligent Scan. The technology combines Samsung's secure iris scanner with its less-secure facial recognition unlock technology.

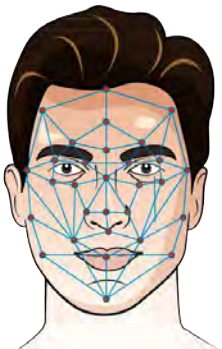
When unlocking your phone, it first will scan your face. If that fails to unlock the phone, the device then will check your irises. If both fail, Intelligent Scan will try to authenticate your identity using a combination of the two. And it all happens almost instantaneously.

<https://www.cnet.com/news/samsung-galaxy-s9-intelligent-scan-unlock-favors-ease-over-security/>

Biometric Modalities

Face

- Face geometry
- w/ 3-D imaging
- Thermographs
- Ear imaging



Eyes

- Iris - spokes
- Retina scans



Hands

- Fingerprints
- Vein scans
- Hand geometry
 - Finger length
 - Contours
 - Surface area



Signature, Voice

Behavioral vs.
Physical system

A handwritten signature of John Hancock.

Others

- DNA
- Odor
- Gait
- Driving habits
- ...



Biometrics: distinct features

Example: Fingerprints

Identify minutiae points and their relative positions

Minutiae (features)

Arches

Loops

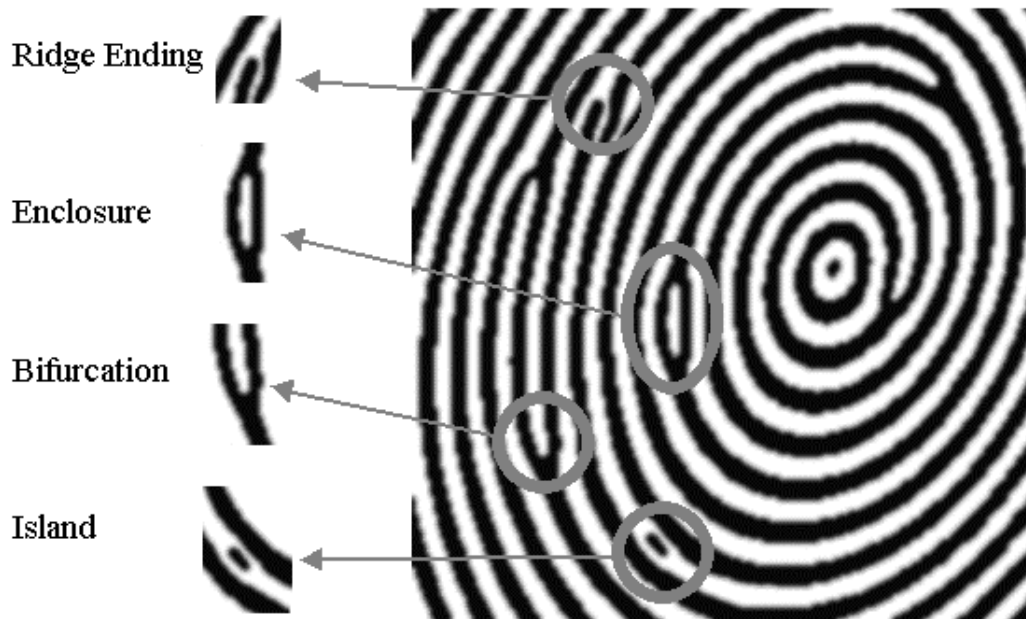
Whorls

Ridge endings

Bifurcations

Islands

Bridges



source: http://anil299.tripod.com/vol_002_no_001/papers/paper005.html

Biometrics: desirable characteristics

- **Robustness**

- Repeatable, not subject to large changes over time
- Fingerprints & iris patterns are more robust than voice

- **Distinctiveness**

- Differences in the pattern among population
- Fingerprints: typically 40-60 distinct features
- Irises: typically >250 distinct features
- Hand geometry: ~1 in 100 people may have a hand with measurements close to yours.

Biometrics: desirable characteristics

Biometric	Robustness	Distinctiveness	Ease of Use	User Acceptance
Fingerprint	Moderate	High	Medium	Medium
Face	Moderate	Low	High	High
Hand Geometry	Moderate	Low	Medium	Medium
Voice	Moderate	Low	High	High
Iris	High	Ultra high	Medium	Medium
Retina	High	Ultra high	Low	Low
Signature	Low	Moderate	Low	High

Irises vs. Fingerprints

- **Number of features measured:**
 - High-end fingerprint systems: ~40-60 features
 - Iris systems: ~240 features
- **False accept rates (FAR)**
 - Fingerprints: ~ 1:100,000 (varies by vendor; may be ~1:500)
 - $FRR \approx 0 - 66\%$, $FAR \approx 0.01\%$
 - Irises: ~ 1:1.2 million
 - $FRR \approx 1\%$, $FAR \approx 0.1\%$
 - Retina scan ~1:10,000,000

Irises vs. Fingerprints

- **Ease of data capture**

- More difficult to damage an iris ... but lighting is an issue
- Feature capture more difficult for fingerprints:
 - Smudges, gloves, dryness, ...

- **Ease of searching**

- Fingerprints cannot be normalized
1:many searches are difficult
- Irises can be normalized to generate a unique IrisCode
1:many searches much faster

Biometric: authentication process

0. Enrollment

- The user's entry in a database of biometric data needs to be initialized
- Initial sensing and feature extraction
- May be repeated to ensure good feature extraction



Biometric: authentication process

1. Sensing

- User's characteristic must be presented to a sensor
- Output is a function of:
 - Biometric measure
 - The way it is presented
 - Technical characteristics of sensor

2. Feature Extraction

- Signal processing
- Extract the desired biometric pattern
 - remove noise and signal losses
 - discard qualities that are not distinctive/repeatable
 - Determine if feature is of “good quality”

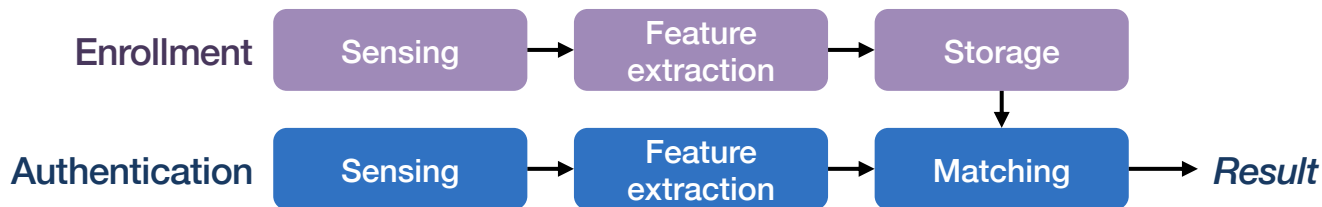
Biometric: authentication process

3. Pattern matching

- Sample compared to original signal in database
- Closely matched patterns have “small distances” between them
- Distances will hardly ever be 0 (perfect match)

4. Decision

- Decide if the match is close enough
- Trade-off:
↓ false non-matches leads to ↑ false matches



Identification vs. Verification

- **Identification:** *Who is this?*
 - 1:many search
- **Verification:** *Is this Bob?*
 - Present a name, PIN, token
 - 1:1 (or 1:small #) search

Biometrics: Essential characteristics

- **Trusted sensor**
- **Liveness testing**
- **Tamper resistance**
- **Secure communication**
- **Acceptable thresholds**



Biometrics: other characteristics

- **Cooperative systems (multi-factor)**
 - User provides identity, such as name and/or PIN
- **vs. Non-cooperative**
 - Users cannot be relied on to identify themselves
 - Need to search large portion of database
- **Overt vs. covert identification**
- **Habituated vs. non-habituated**
 - Do users regularly use (train) the system

Problems with biometric systems

- **Requires a sensor**
 - Camera works OK for iris scans & facial detection
(but a good Iris scan will also take IR light into account)
- **Tampering with device or device link**
 - Replace sensed data– or just feed new data
- **Tampering with stored data**
- **Biometric data cannot be compartmentalized**
 - You cannot have different data for your Amazon & bank accounts
- **Biometric data can be stolen**
 - Photos, lifting fingerprints
 - Once biometric data is compromised, it remains compromised
 - You cannot change your iris or finger

A photo will unlock many Android phones using facial recognition

By John E Dunn

08 JAN 2019

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Security threats, Vulnerability

How easy is it to bypass the average smartphone's facial recognition security?

According to the Dutch consumer protection organisation Consumentenbond, in the case of several dozen Android models, it's a lot easier than most owners probably realise.



Its researchers tested 110 devices, finding that 42 could be beaten by holding up nothing more elaborate than a photograph of a device's owner.

Consumentenbond offers little detail of its testing methodology but it seems these weren't high-resolution photographs – almost any would do, including those grabbed from social media accounts or selfies taken on another smartphone.

While users might conclude from this test that it's not worth turning on facial recognition, the good news is that 68 devices, including Apple's recent XR and XS models, resisted this simple attack, as did many other high-end Android models from Samsung, Huawei, OnePlus, and Honor.

<https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2019/01/08/facial-recognition-on-42-android-phones-beaten-by-photo-test/>

Google Pixel 4 Face Unlock works if eyes are shut

Chris Fox • Technology reporter • 17 October 2019

Google has confirmed the Pixel 4 smartphone's Face Unlock system can allow access to a person's device even if they have their eyes closed.

One security expert said it was a significant problem that could allow unauthorised access to the device.

By comparison, Apple's Face ID system checks the user is "alert" and looking at the phone before unlocking.

Google said in a statement: "Pixel 4 Face Unlock meets the security requirements as a strong biometric."

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-50085630>

Samsung Galaxy S8 iris scanner tricked by photo, contact lens



Turns out the sophisticated tech can't tell the difference between your eye and a picture with a contact lens over the iris, a hacking club says.

Alfred NG. May 24, 2017 8:34 AM PDT

You won't believe your eyes. But maybe the Samsung Galaxy S8 will.

In the month since Samsung released its flagship device, hackers in Germany have figured how to break the phone's iris recognition lock. Samsung has touted the biometric technology as "one of the safest ways to keep your phone locked," claiming that a person's iris patterns are "virtually impossible to replicate."

But that's exactly what the hackers from the Chaos Computer Club say they did. The hackers used a photo shot in night mode and from a medium distance, about the same range that would pop up in a Facebook profile picture or a selfie. They then printed out a closeup of the person's eye and put a contact lens over the iris on the paper.

The lens is there to replicate the eye's curvature, the Chaos Computer Club said in a blog post this week. Someone then held up the piece of paper to the Samsung Galaxy S8's iris scanner, and it unlocked as if a real person had looked at it.

<https://www.cnet.com/news/samsung-galaxy-s8-iris-scanner-tricked-photo-contact-lens/>

Fraudsters Used AI to Mimic CEO's Voice in Unusual Cybercrime Case

Scams using artificial intelligence are a new challenge for companies

By Catherine Stupp • August 30, 2019

Criminals used artificial intelligence-based software to impersonate a chief executive's voice and demand a fraudulent transfer of €220,000 (\$243,000) in March in what cybercrime experts described as an unusual case of artificial intelligence being used in hacking.

The CEO of a U.K.-based energy firm thought he was speaking on the phone with his boss, the chief executive of the firm's German parent company, who asked him to send the funds to a Hungarian supplier. The caller said the request was urgent, directing the executive to pay within an hour, according to the company's insurance firm, Euler Hermes Group SA.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/fraudsters-use-ai-to-mimic-ceos-voice-in-unusual-cybercrime-case-11567157402>

Massive biometric security flaw exposed more than one million fingerprints

The system is used by banks, police and defence companies.

August 14, 2019 – Rachel England, @rachel_england



A biometrics system used by banks, UK police and defence companies has suffered a major data breach, revealing the fingerprints of more than one million people as well as unencrypted passwords, facial recognition information and other personal data.

Biostar 2, the biometrics lock system managed by security company Suprema, uses fingerprints and facial recognition technology to give authorised individuals access to buildings. Last month the platform was integrated into another access system -- AEOS -- which is used by 5,700 organizations across 83 countries, including the UK Metropolitan Police.

<https://www.engadget.com/2019/08/14/biometric-security-flaw-fingerprints>

Samsung's Galaxy S10 fingerprint sensor fooled by 3D printed fingerprint

It took 13 minutes to print up the fake

By Andrew Liptak • April 7 2019

... user darkshark outlined his project: he took a picture of his fingerprint on a wineglass, processed it in Photoshop, and made a model using 3ds Max that allowed him to extrude the lines in the picture into a 3D version. After a 13-minute print (and three attempts with some tweaks), he was able to print out a version of his fingerprint that fooled the phone's sensor.

<https://www.theverge.com/2019/4/7/18299366/samsung-galaxy-s10-fingerprint-sensor-fooled-3d-printed-fingerprint>

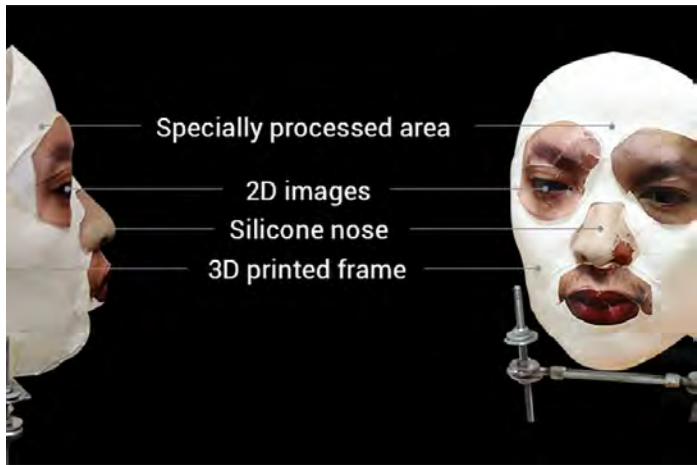
Video: <https://imgur.com/gallery/8aGqsSu>

This \$150 mask beat Face ID on the iPhone X It's just a proof of concept at the moment

By Thuy Ong • Nov 13 2017

Vietnamese cybersecurity firm Bkav claims it's been able to bypass the iPhone X's Face ID feature using a mask. The mask is made to trick Apple's depth mapping and the result is a kind of creepy hybrid monster head with realistic cutouts for the eyes, nose and mouth.

Bkav says the mask is crafted through a combination of 3D printing, makeup, and 2D images.



The End