Chapter 8 Security

- What is network security?
- Principles of cryptography
- Message integrity, authentication
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What is network security?

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

- sender encrypts message
- receiver decrypts message

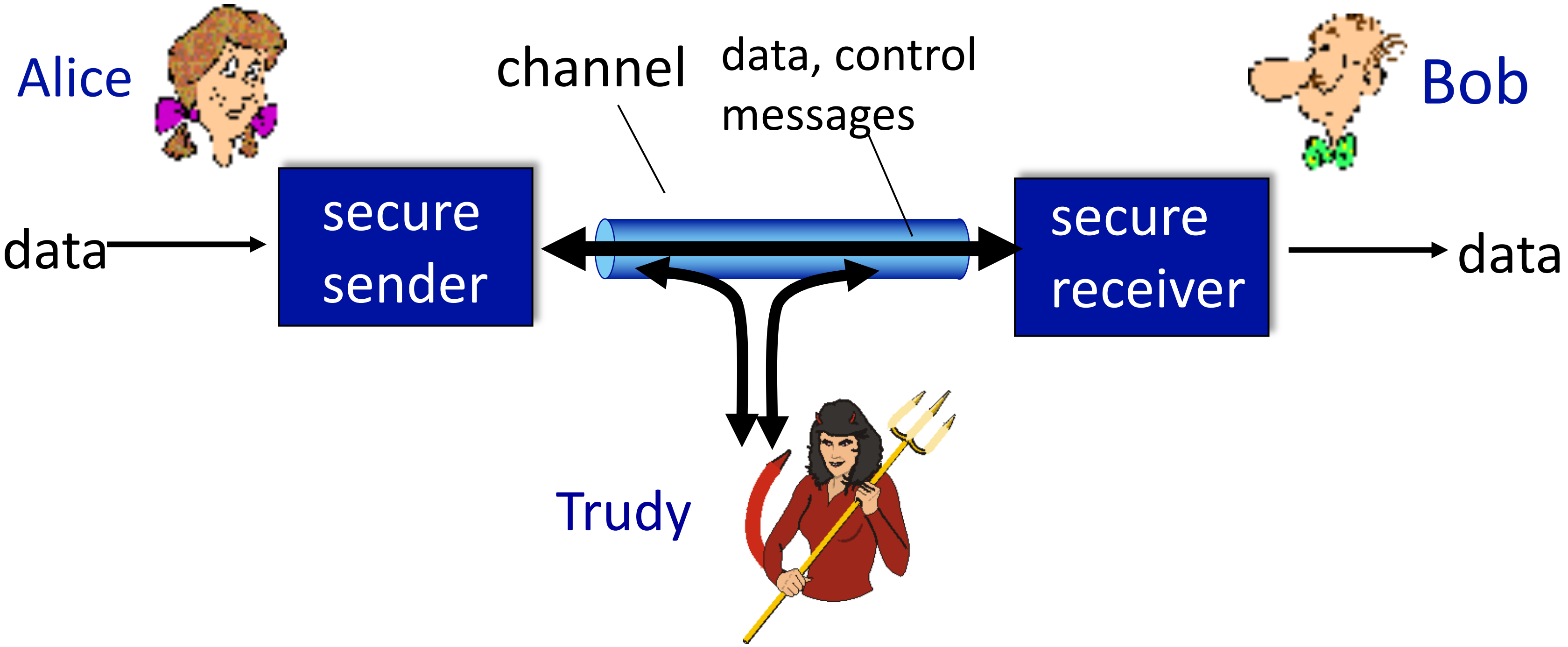
authentication: sender, receiver want to confirm identity of each other

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



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Who might Bob and 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
- BGP 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! (refer to section 1.6)

- 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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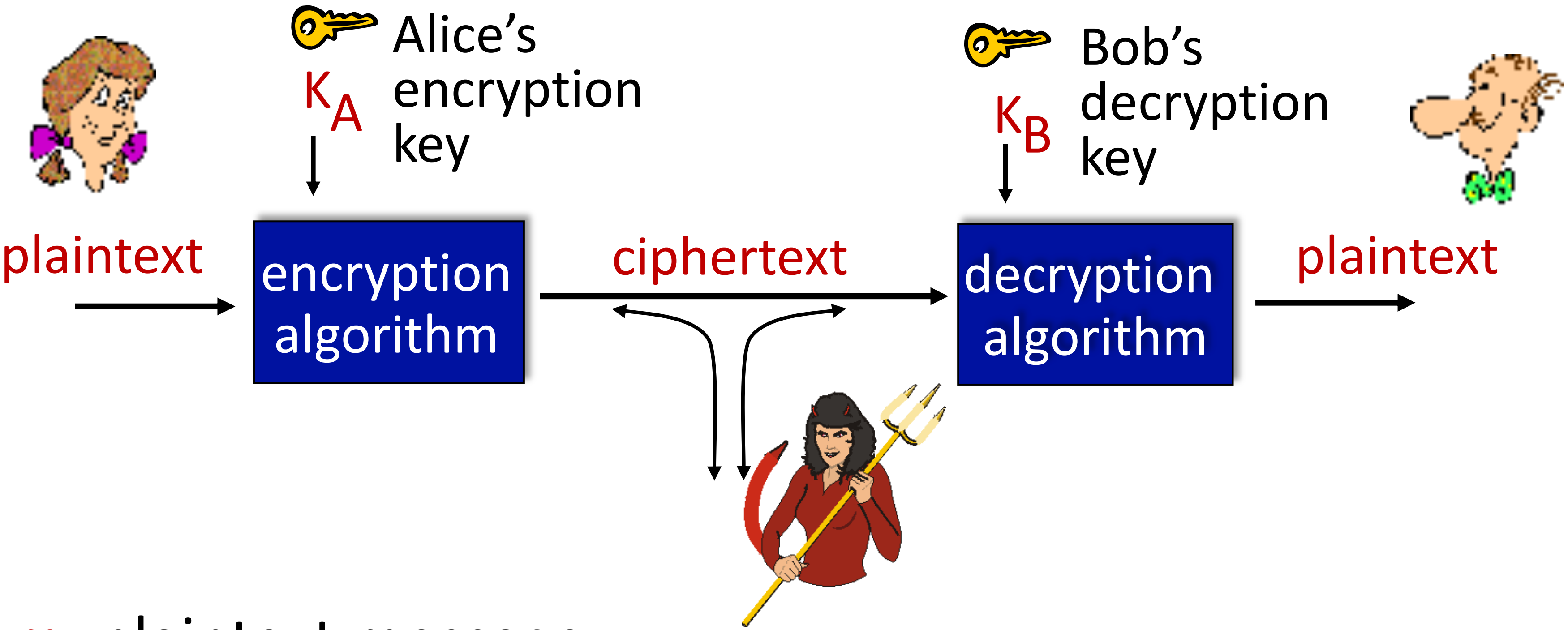
The language of cryptography



K_A Alice's encryption key

K_B Bob's decryption key

plaintext

encryption algorithm

ciphertext

decryption algorithm

plaintext

m: plaintext message

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

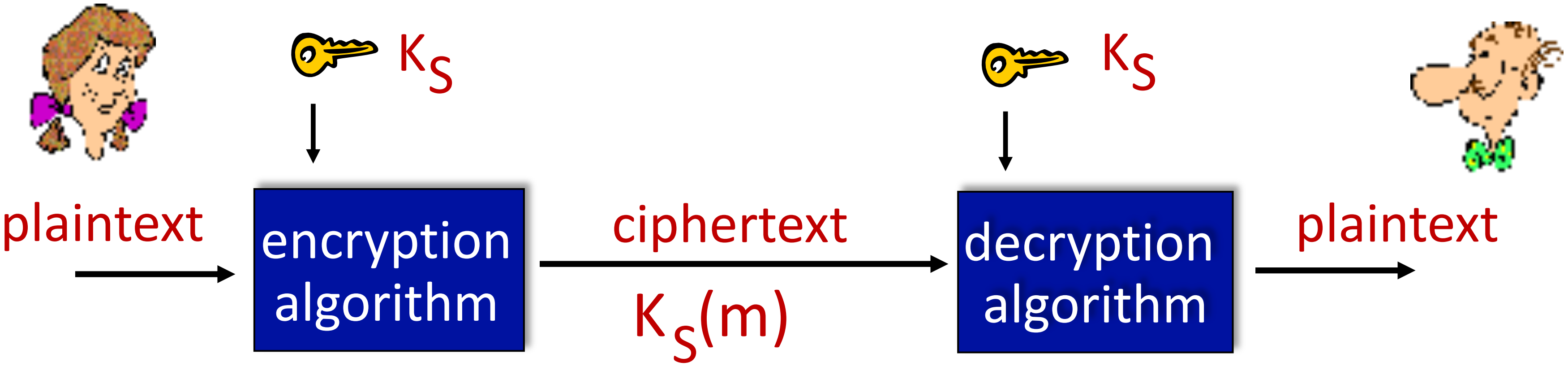
$m = K_B(K_A(m))$

Breaking an encryption scheme

- cipher-text only attack: Trudy has ciphertext she can analyze
- two approaches:
  - brute force: search through all keys
  - statistical analysis

- known-plaintext attack: Trudy has plaintext corresponding to ciphertext
  - *e.g.,* in monoalphabetic cipher, Trudy determines pairings for a,l,i,c,e,b,o,
- chosen-plaintext attack: Trudy can get ciphertext for chosen plaintext

Symmetric key cryptography



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

- *e.g.,* key is knowing substitution pattern in mono alphabetic substitution cipher

Q: how do Bob and Alice agree on key value?

Simple encryption scheme

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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Encryption key: mapping from set of 26 letters to set of 26 letters

A more sophisticated encryption approach

- n substitution ciphers, $M_1, M_2, \ldots, M_n$
- cycling pattern:
  - e.g., n=4: M_1, M_3, M_4, M_3, M_2; M_1, M_3, M_4, M_3, M_2; ..
- for each new plaintext symbol, use subsequent substitution pattern in cyclic pattern
  - dog: d from M_1, o from M_3, g from M_4

Encryption key: n substitution ciphers, and cyclic pattern

- key need not be just n-bit pattern

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

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

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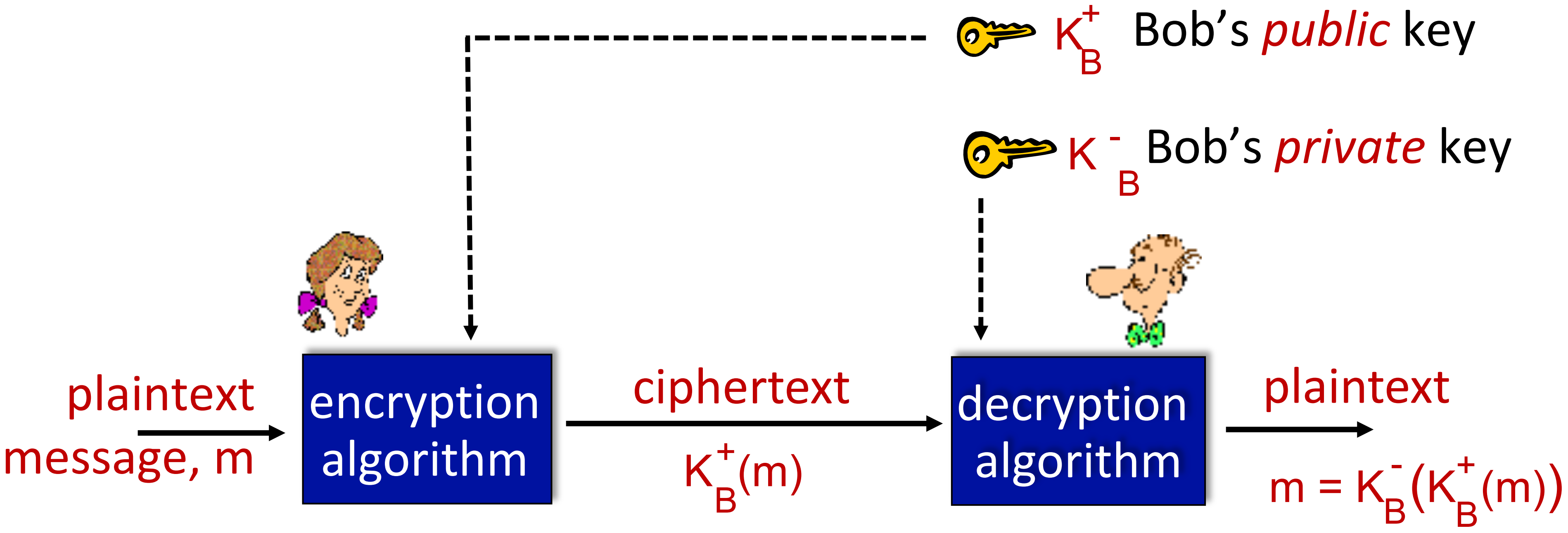

Wow - public key cryptography revolutionized 2000-year-old (previously only symmetric key) cryptography!

- similar ideas emerged at roughly same time, independently in US and UK (classified)

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, Adelson algorithm

Prerequisite: modular arithmetic

- x mod n = remainder of x when divide by n
- facts:

  $[(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a+b) \bmod n$
  $[(a \bmod n) - (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a-b) \bmod n$
  $[(a \bmod n) * (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a*b) \bmod n$

- thus

  $(a \bmod n)^d \bmod n = a^d \bmod n$

- example: x=14, n=10, d=2:

  $(x \bmod n)^d \bmod n = 4^2 \bmod 10 = 6$
  $x^d = 14^2 = 196 \quad x^d \bmod 10 = 6$

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 session key K_S
- once both have K_S, they use symmetric key cryptography

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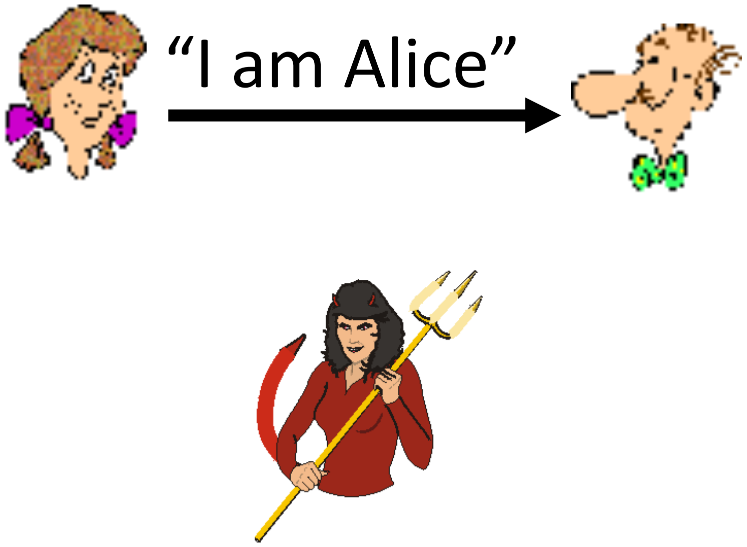

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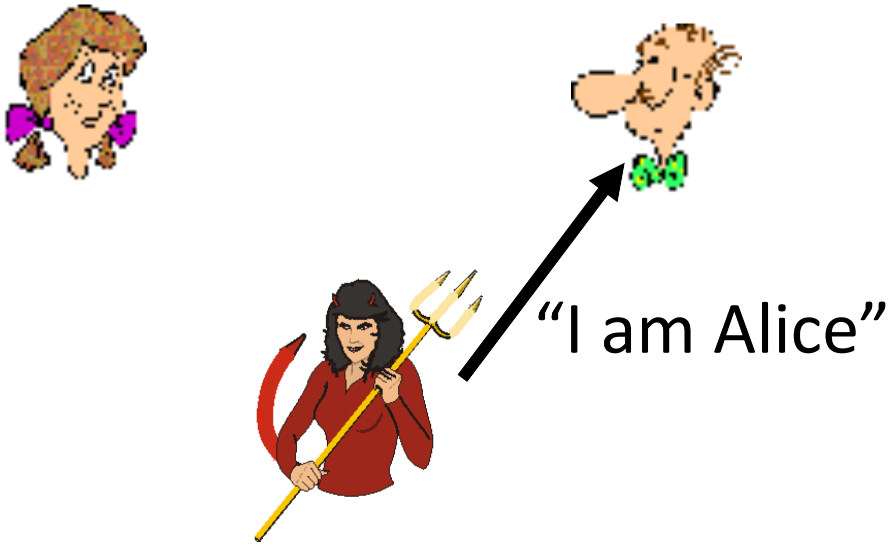

in a network, Bob can not "see" Alice, so Trudy simply declares herself to be Alice

Authentication: another try

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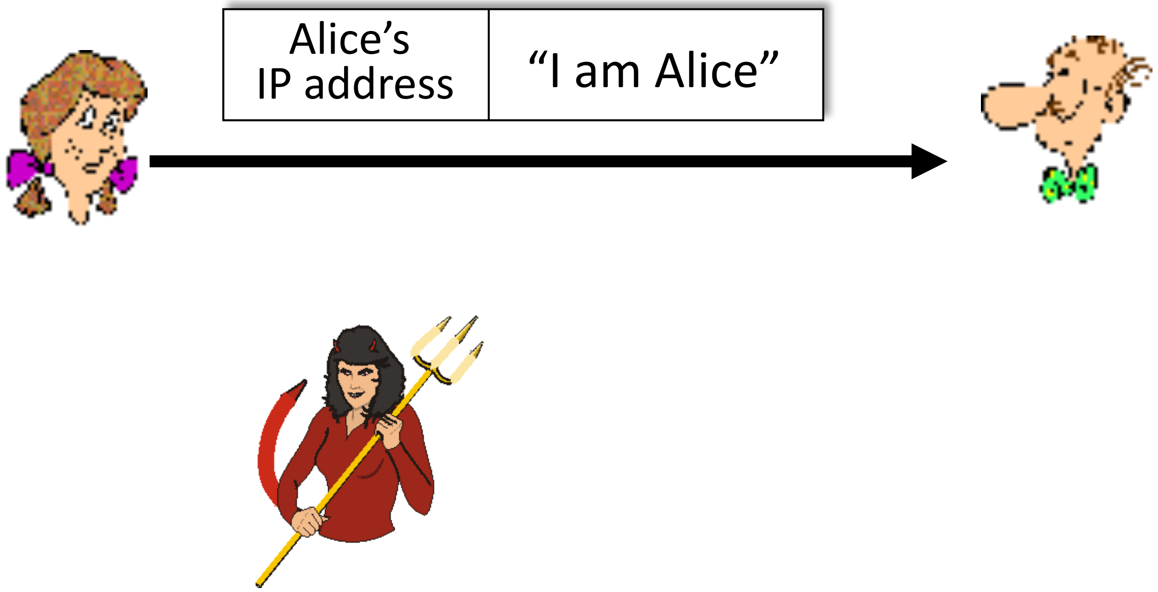
Protocol ap2.0: Alice says “I am Alice” in an IP packet containing her source IP address



Alice’s IP address

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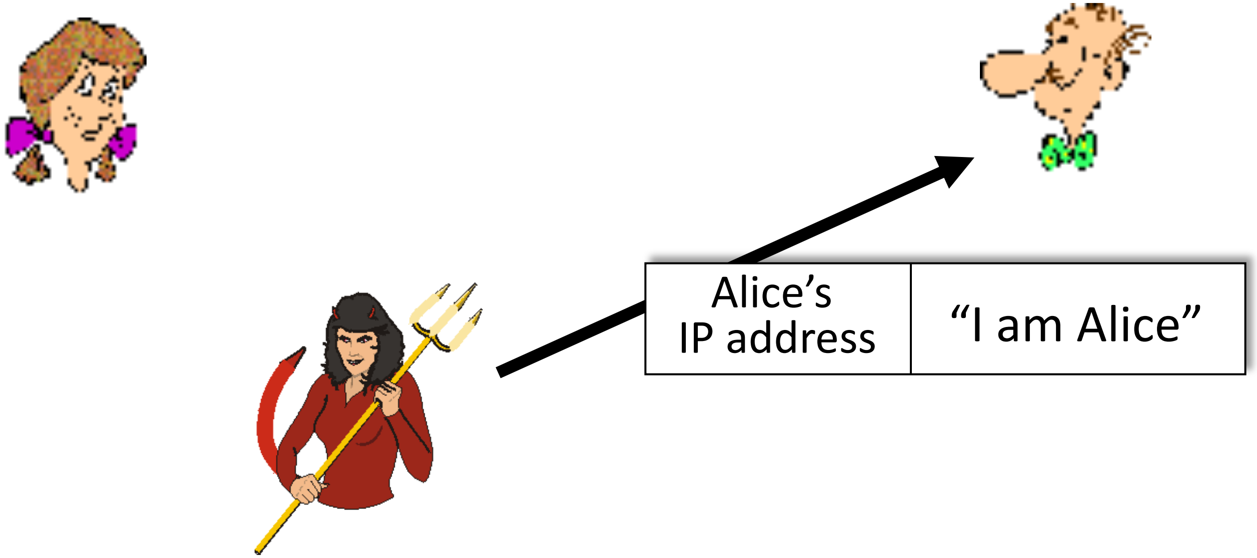

Trudy can create a packet “spoofing” Alice’s address

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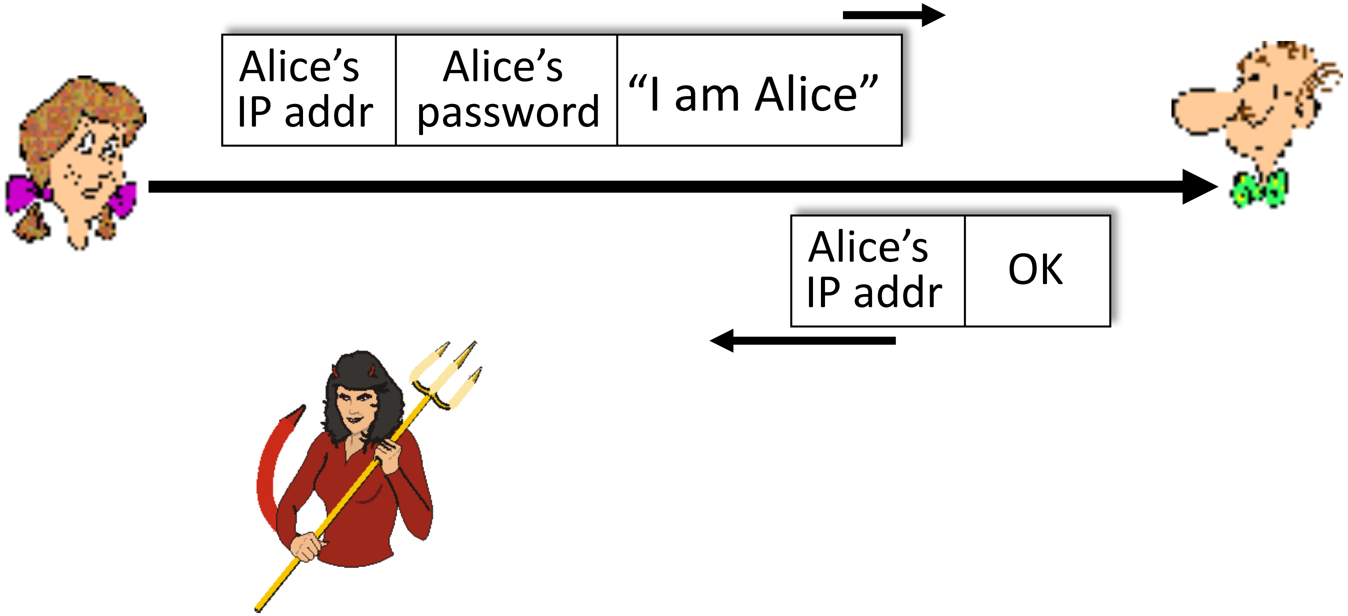

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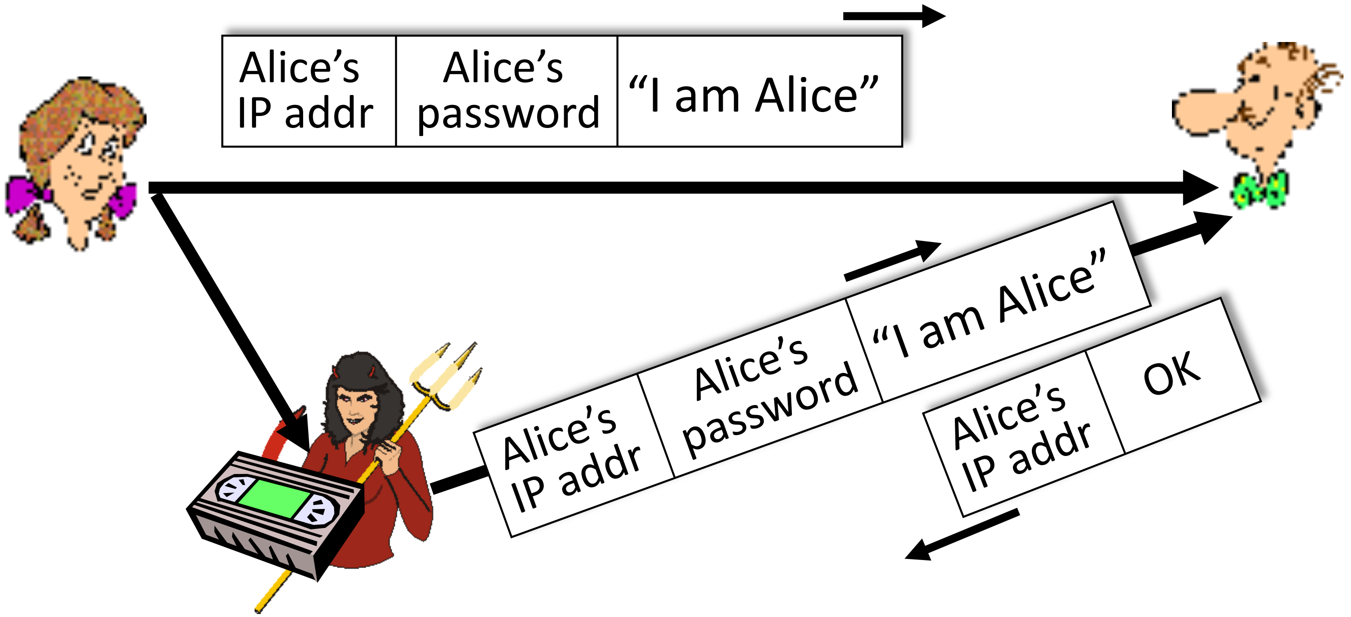

playback attack:
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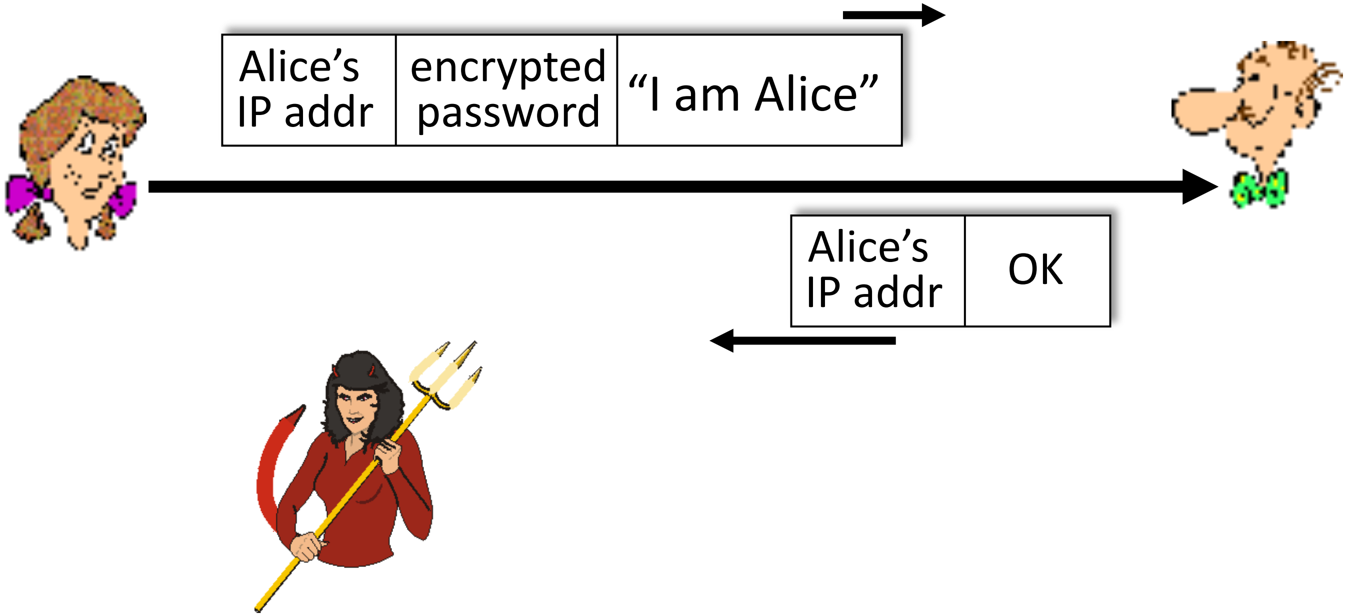

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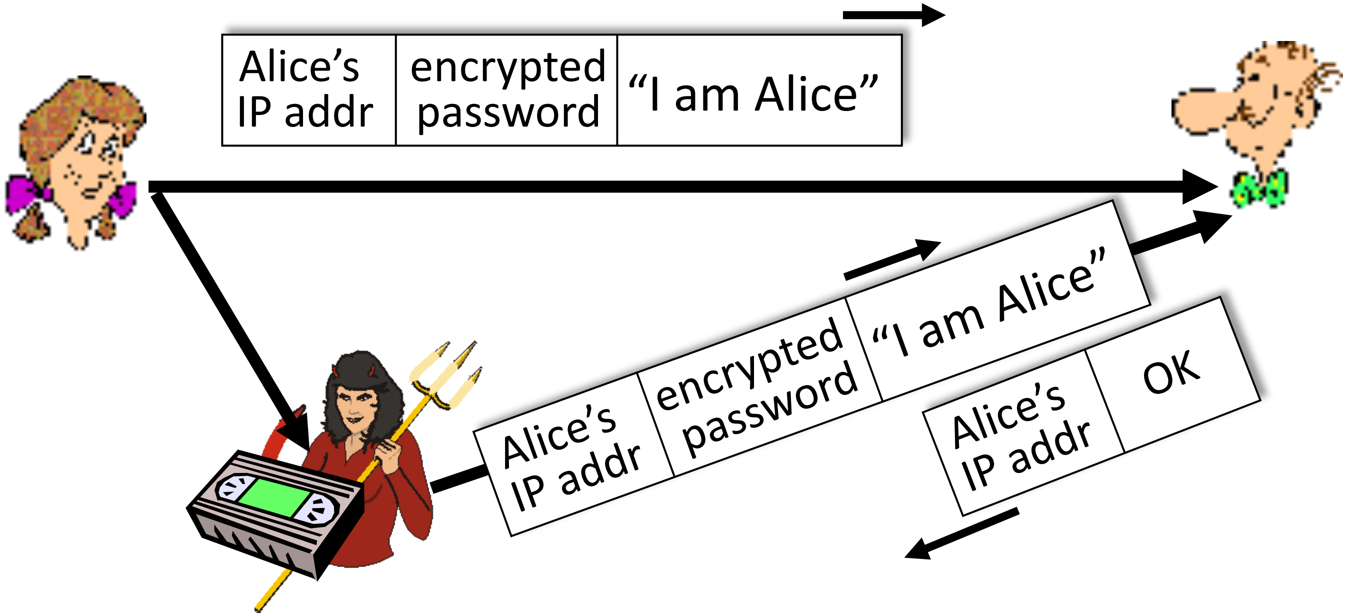


playback attack still works: Trudy records Alice's packet and later plays it back to Bob

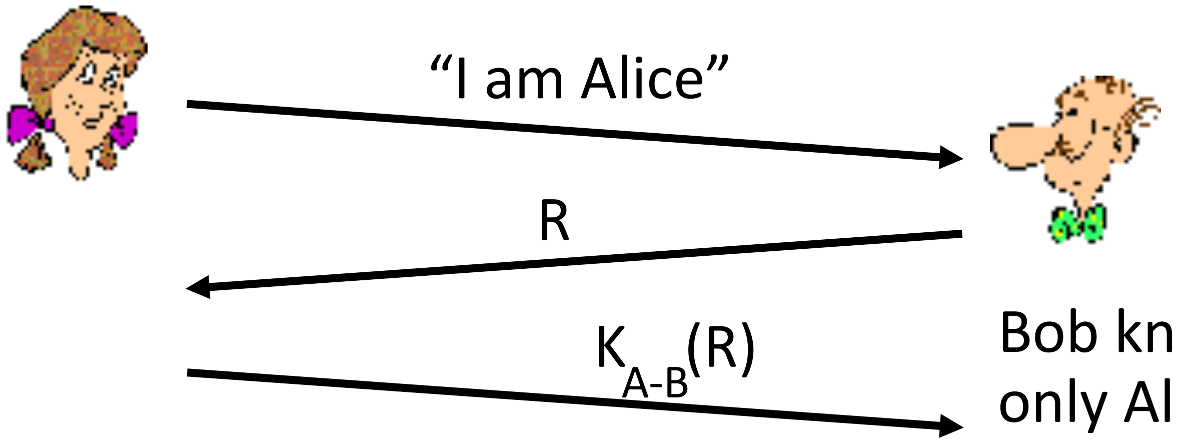
Authentication: a fourth try

Goal: avoid playback attack

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

protocol ap4.0: to prove Alice "live", Bob sends Alice nonce, R

- Alice must return R, encrypted with shared secret key



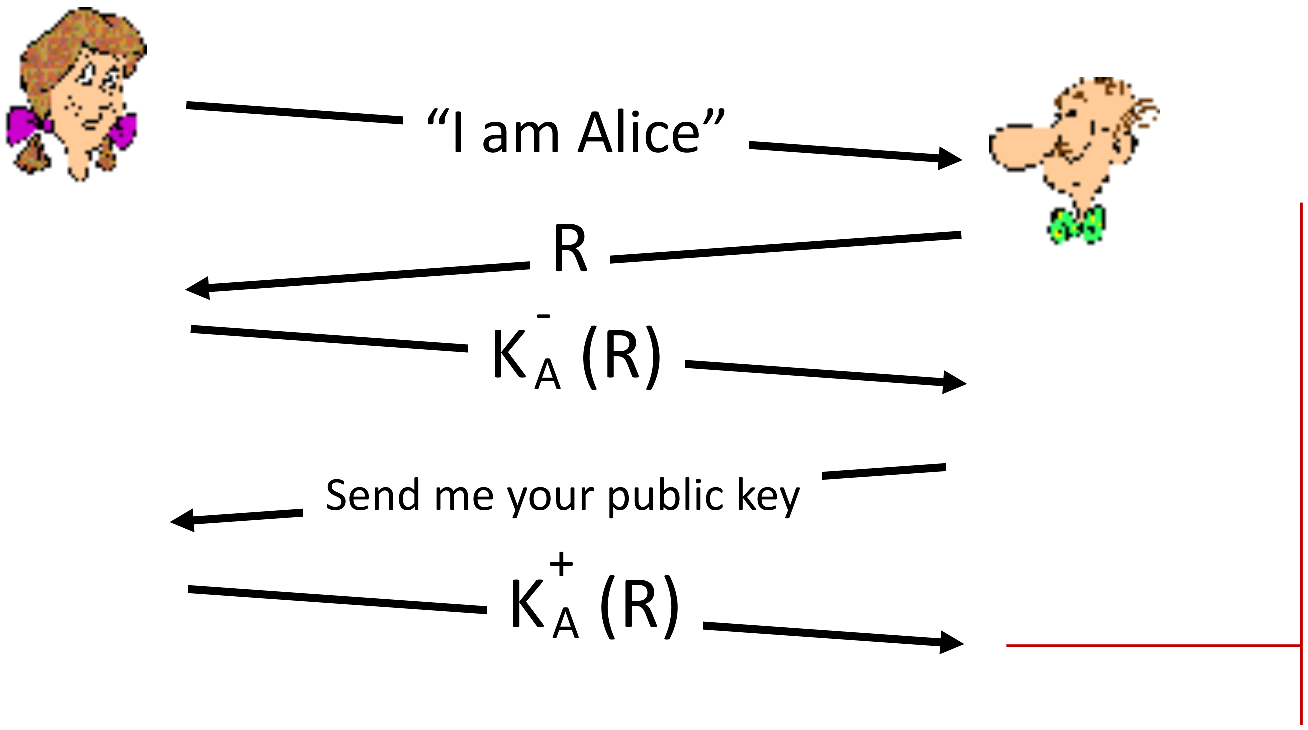
Bob know Alice is live, and only Alice knows key to encrypt nonce, so it must be Alice!

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



"I am Alice"

R

$K_A^-(R)$

Send me your public key

$K_A^+(R)$

Bob computes

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

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

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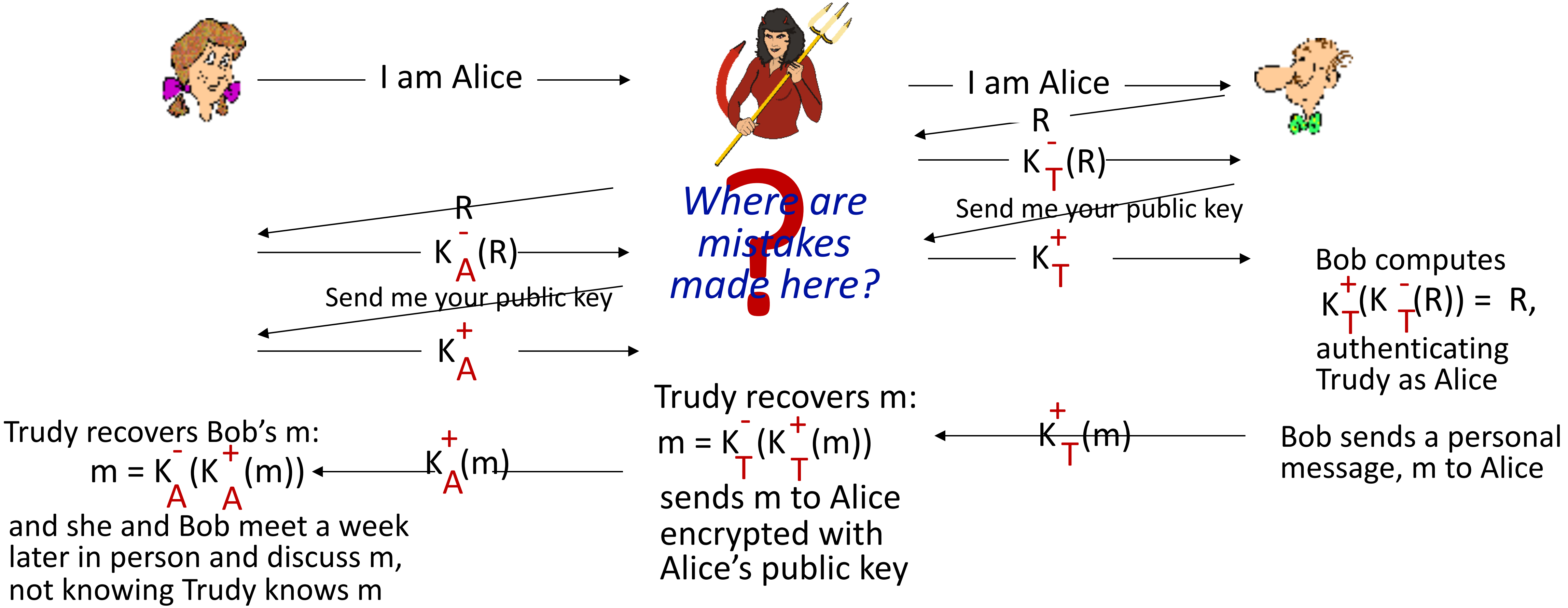
Authentication: ap5.0 – there’s still a flaw!

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



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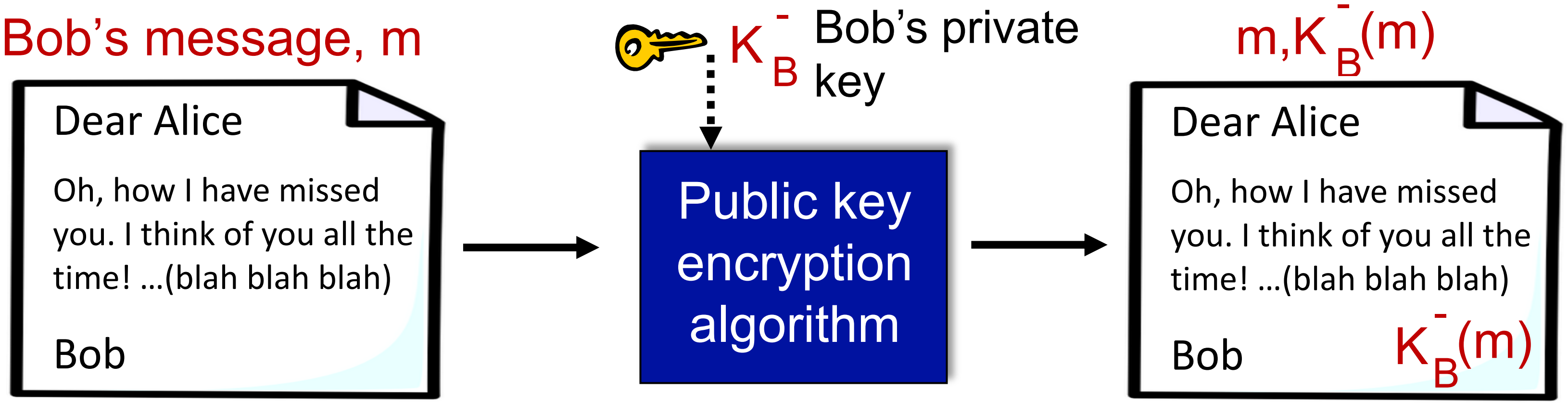
Digital signatures

cryptographic technique analogous to hand-written signatures:

- sender (Bob) digitally signs document: 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
- simple digital signature for message m:
  - Bob signs m by encrypting with his private key K_B, creating "signed" message, $K_B^-(m)$


Bob's message, m
Dear Alice
Oh, how I have missed you. I think of you all the time! …(blah blah blah)
Bob
K_B^- Bob's private key
Public key encryption algorithm
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Digital signatures

- suppose Alice receives msg m, with signature: m, $K_B^-(m)$
- 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:

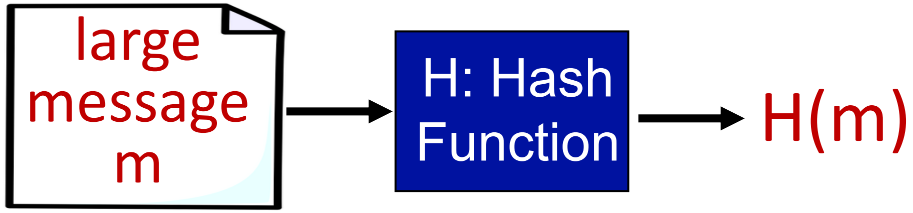
✓ Alice can take m, and signature $K_B^-(m)$ to court and prove that Bob signed m

Message digests

computationally expensive to public-key-encrypt long messages

goal: fixed-length, easy- to-compute digital “fingerprint”

- apply hash function H to *m*, get fixed size message digest, *H(m)*



Hash function properties:

- many-to-1
- produces fixed-size msg digest (fingerprint)
- given message digest *x*, computationally infeasible to find *m* such that *x = H(m)*

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
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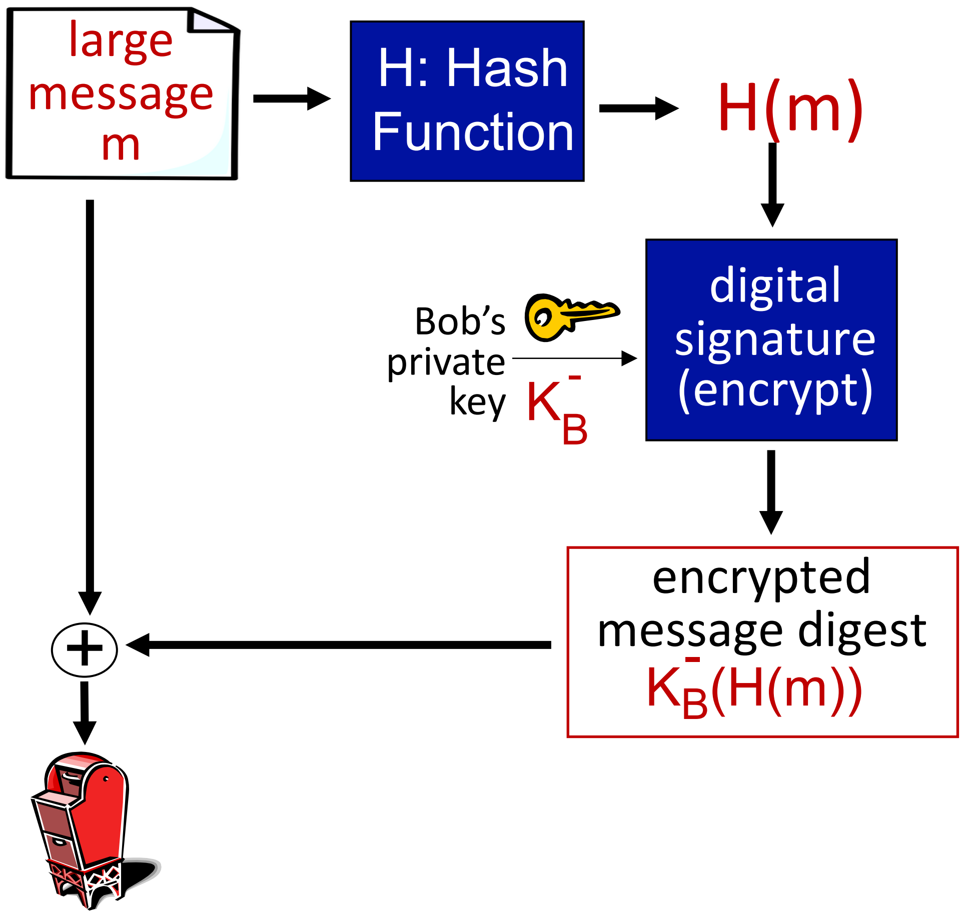
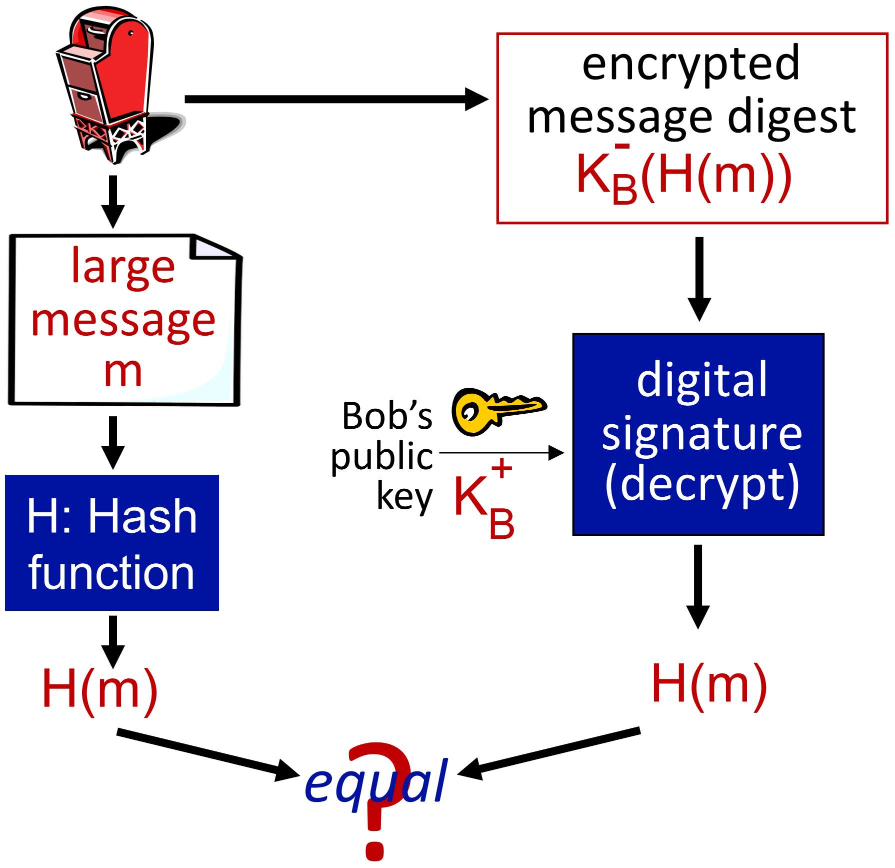
different messages but identical checksums!

Digital signature = signed message digest

Bob sends digitally signed message:



Alice verifies signature, integrity of digitally signed message:



Hash function algorithms

- MD5 hash function widely used (RFC 1321)
  - computes 128-bit message digest in 4-step process.
  - arbitrary 128-bit string x, appears difficult to construct msg m whose MD5 hash is equal to x
- SHA-1 is also used
  - US standard [NIST, FIPS PUB 180-1]
  - 160-bit message digest

Authentication: ap5.0 – let’s fix it!!

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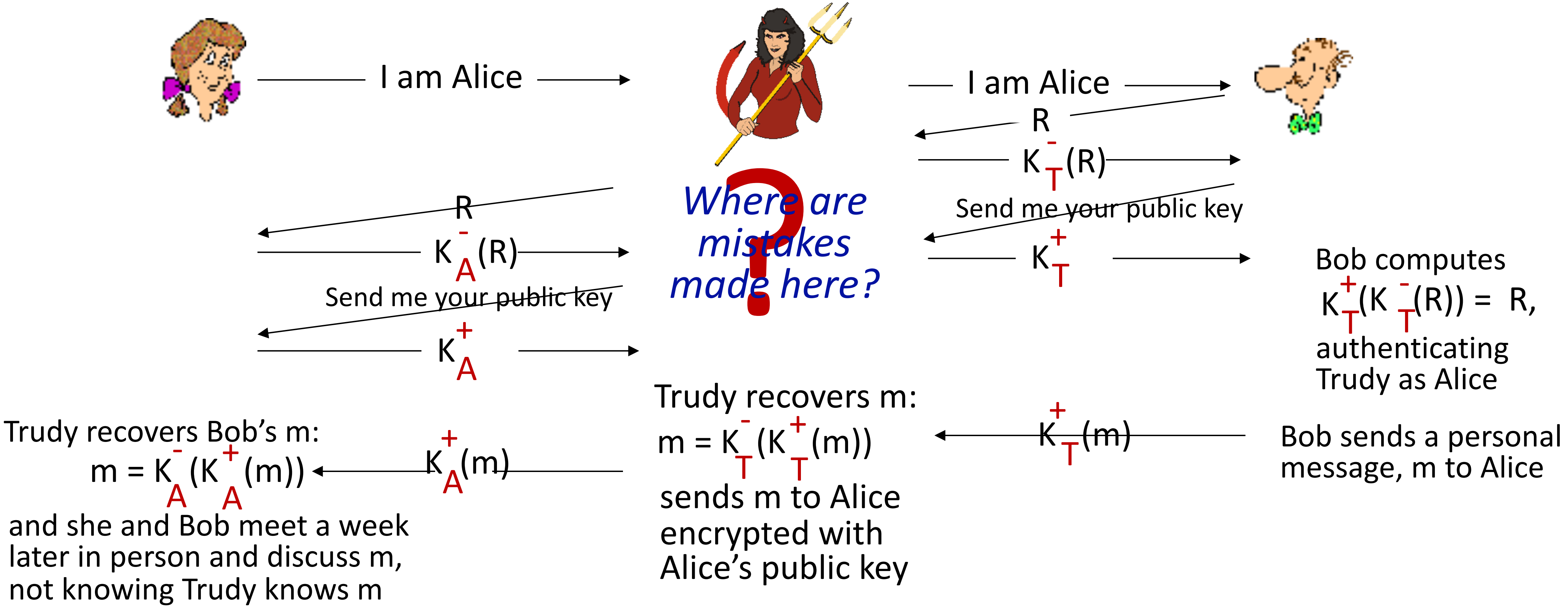

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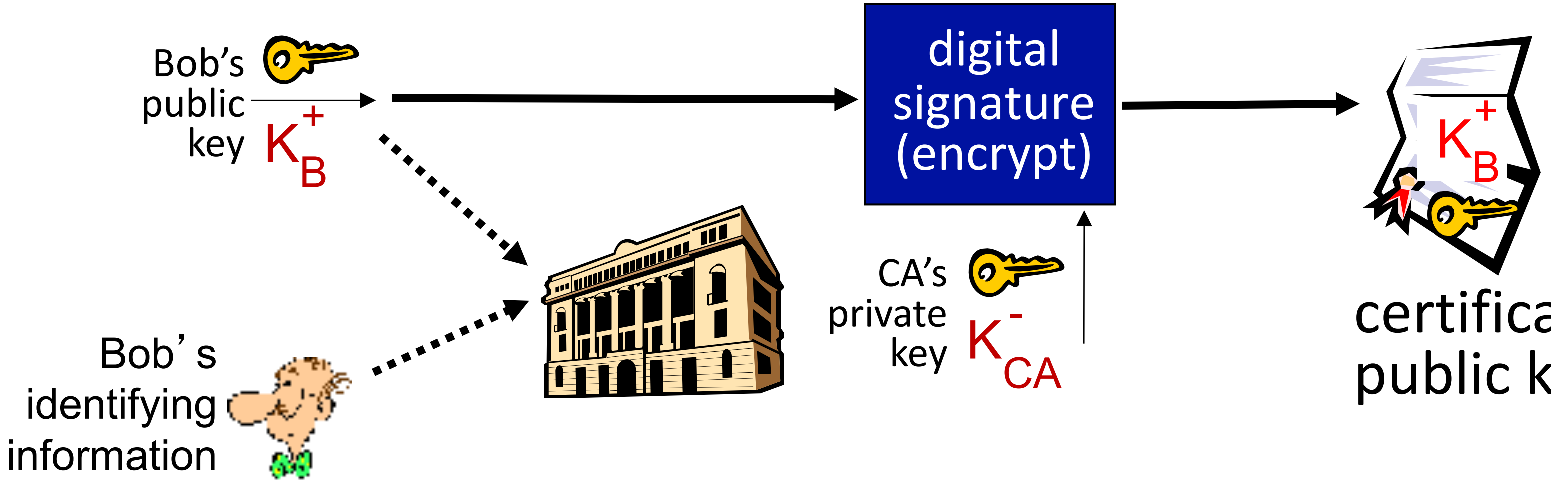
Public key Certification Authorities (CA)

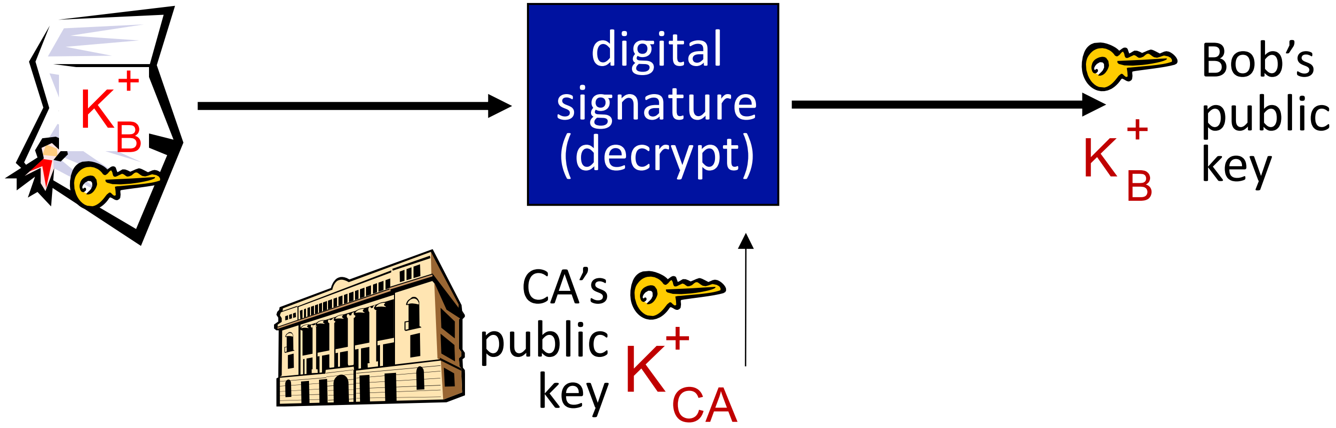
- certification authority (CA): binds public key to particular entity, E
- entity (person, website, router) registers its public key with CE provides "proof of identity" to CA
  - CA creates certificate binding identity E to E's public key
  - certificate containing E's public key digitally signed by CA: CA says "this is E's public key"



certificate for Bob's public key, signed by CA

Public key Certification Authorities (CA)

- 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



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Transport-layer security (TLS)

- widely deployed security protocol above the transport layer
  - supported by almost all browsers, web servers: https (port 443)
- provides:
  - confidentiality: via *symmetric encryption*
  - integrity: via *cryptographic hashing*
  - authentication: via *public key cryptography*

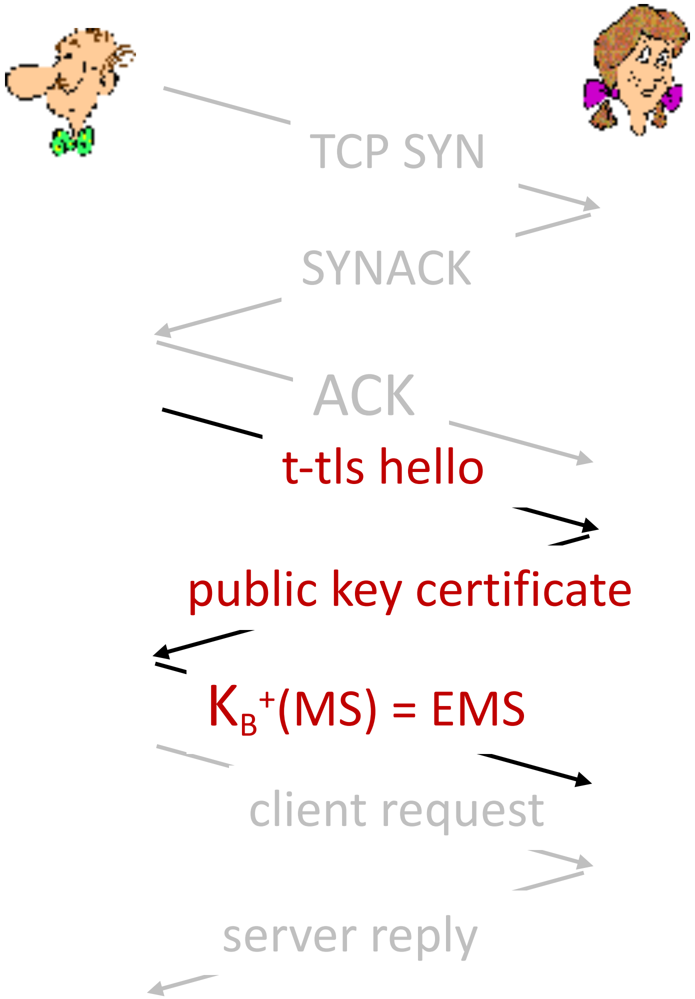
all techniques we have studied!

- history:
  - early research, implementation: secure network programming, secure sockets
  - secure socket layer (SSL) deprecated [2015]
  - TLS 1.3: RFC 8846 [2018]

Transport-layer security: what’s needed?

- let’s *build* a toy TLS protocol, *t-tls,* to see what’s needed!
- we’ve seen the “pieces” already:
  - handshake: Alice, Bob use their certificates, private keys to authenticate each other, exchange or create shared secret
  - key derivation: Alice, Bob use shared secret to derive set of keys
  - data transfer: stream data transfer: data as a series of records
    - not just one-time transactions
  - connection closure: special messages to securely close connection

t-tls: initial handshake



t-tls handshake phase:

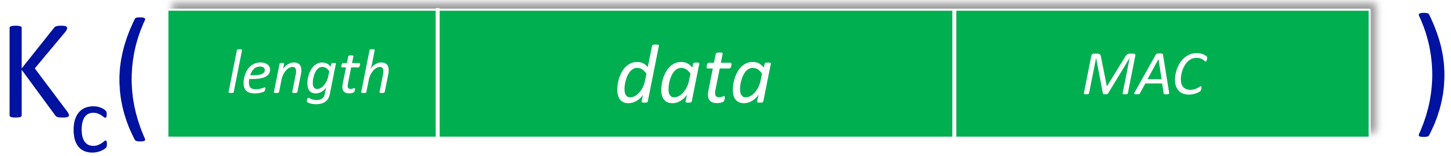
- Bob establishes TCP connection with Alice
- Bob verifies that Alice is really Alice
- Bob sends Alice a master secret key (MS), used to generate all other keys for TLS session
- potential issues:
  - 3 RTT before client can start receiving data (including TCP handshake)

t-tls: cryptographic keys

- considered bad to use same key for more than one cryptographic function
  - different keys for message authentication code (MAC) and encryption
- four keys:
  - K_c : encryption key for data sent from client to server
  - M_c : MAC key for data sent from client to server
  - K_s : encryption key for data sent from server to client
  - M_s : MAC key for data sent from server to client
- keys derived from key derivation function (KDF)
  - takes master secret and (possibly) some additional random data to create new keys

t-tls: encrypting data

- recall: TCP provides data *byte stream* abstraction
- Q: can we encrypt data in-stream as written into TCP socket?
  - *A:* where would MAC go? If at end, no message integrity until all data received and connection closed!
  - *solution:* break stream in series of “records”
    - each client-to-server record carries a MAC, created using M_c
    - receiver can act on each record as it arrives
- t-tls record encrypted using symmetric key, $K_{c,}$ passed to TCP:

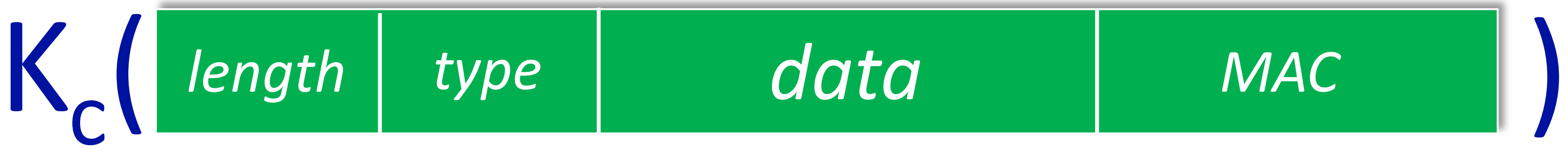


t-tls: encrypting data (more)

- possible attacks on data stream?
  - *re-ordering:* man-in middle intercepts TCP segments and reorders (manipulating sequence #s in unencrypted TCP header)
  - *replay*
- solutions:
  - use TLS sequence numbers (data, TLS-seq-# incorporated into MAC)
  - use nonce

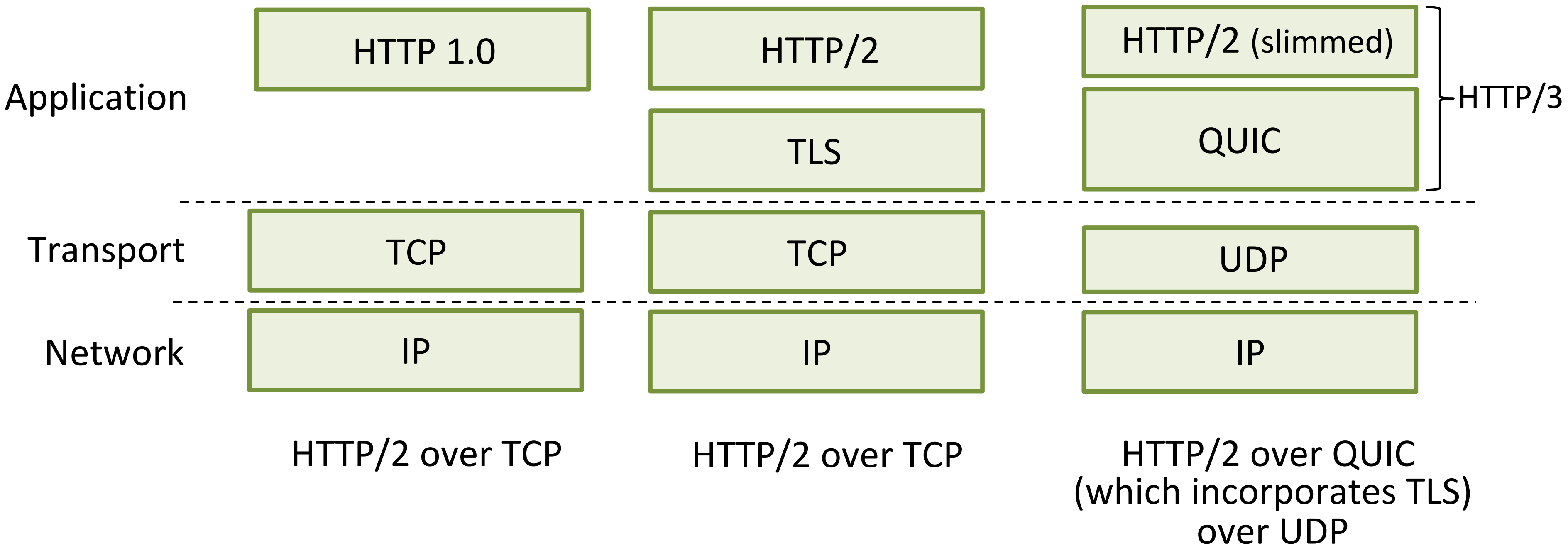
t-tls: connection close

- truncation attack:
  - attacker forges TCP connection close segment
  - one or both sides thinks there is less data than there actually is
- solution: record types, with one type for closure
  - type 0 for data; type 1 for close
- MAC now computed using data, type, sequence #



Transport-layer security (TLS)

- TLS provides an API that *any* application can use
- an HTTP view of TLS:



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Firewalls

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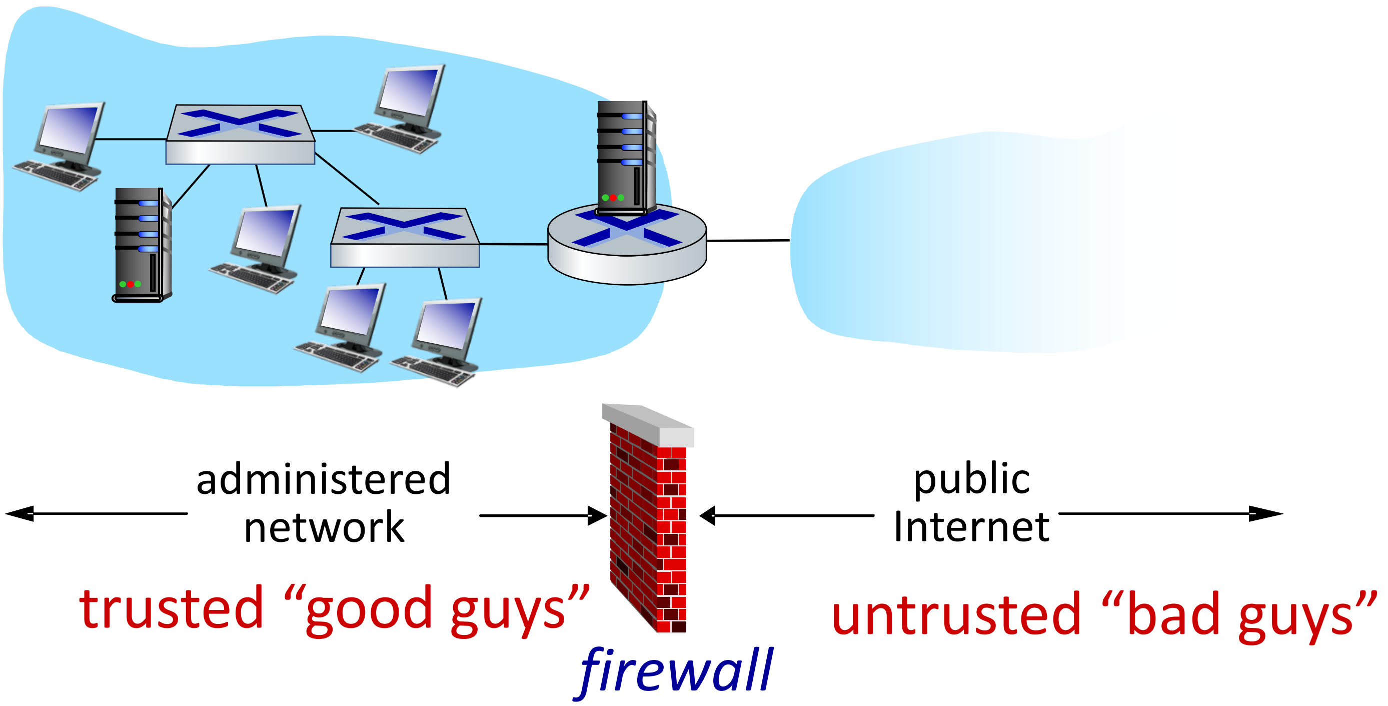
isolates organization's internal network from larger Internet, allowing some packets to pass, blocking others



Firewalls: why

prevent denial of service attacks:

- SYN flooding: attacker establishes many bogus TCP connections, no resources left for “real” connections

prevent illegal modification/access of internal data

- e.g., attacker replaces CIA’s homepage with something else

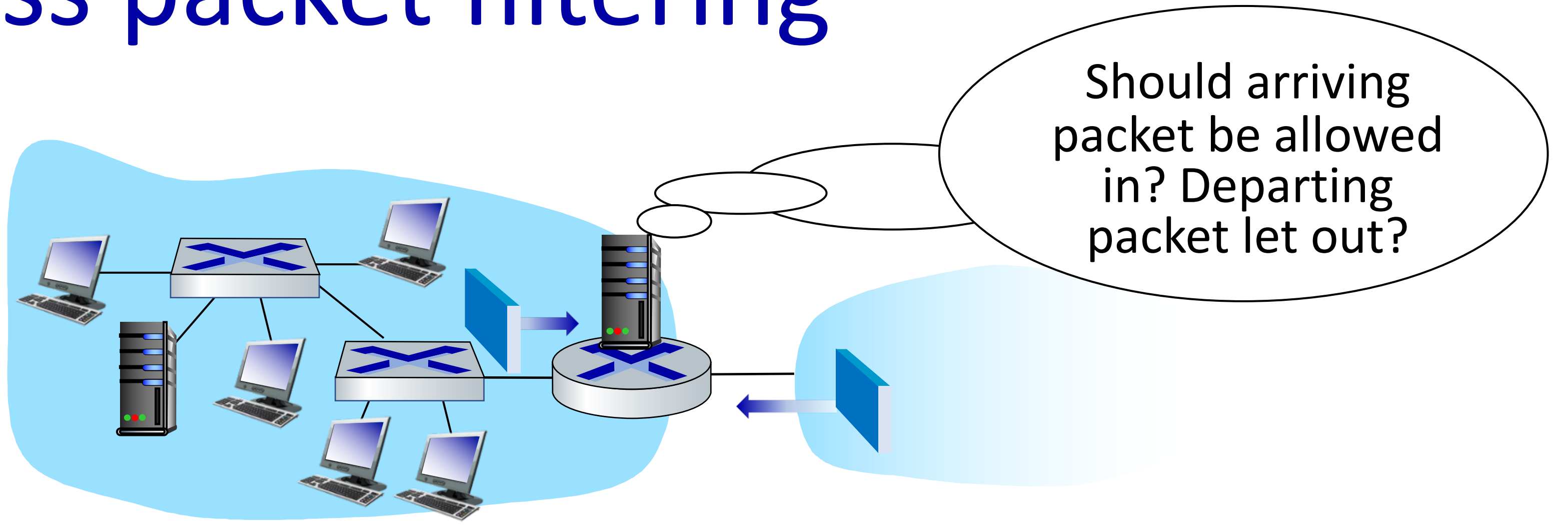
allow only authorized access to inside network

- set of authenticated users/hosts

three types of firewalls:

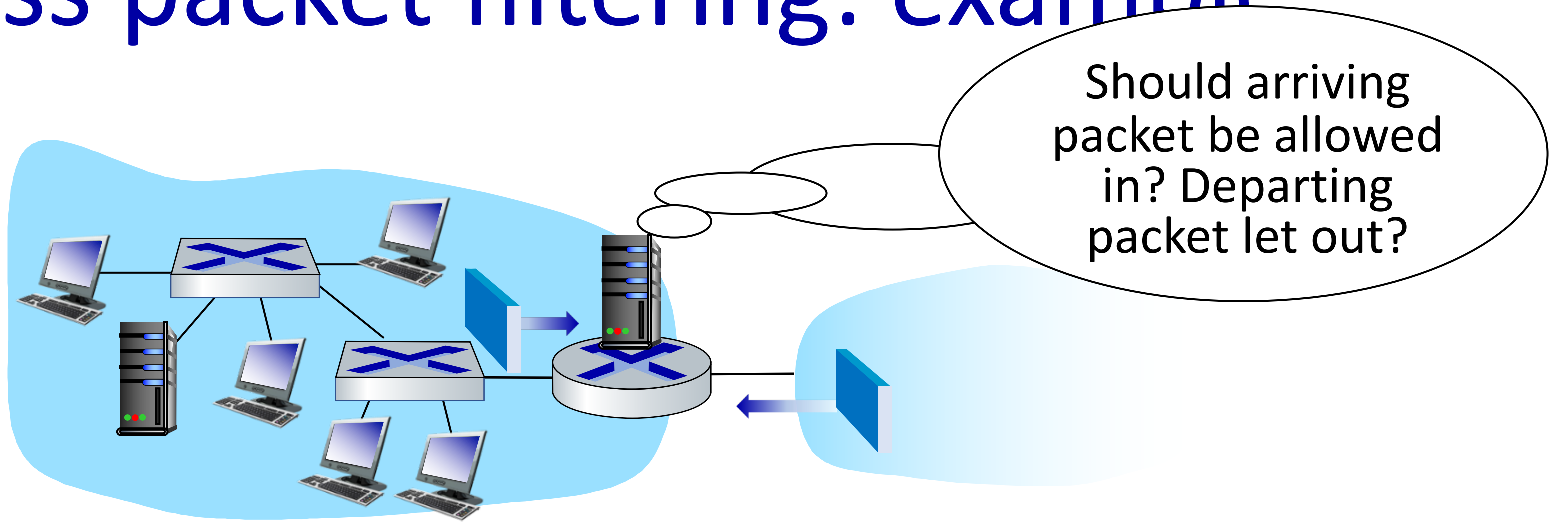
- stateless packet filters
- stateful packet filters
- application gateways

Stateless packet filtering


Should arriving packet be allowed in? Departing packet let out?

- internal network connected to Internet via router firewall
- filters packet-by-packet, decision to forward/drop packet based on:
  - source IP address, destination IP address
  - TCP/UDP source, destination port numbers
  - ICMP message type
  - TCP SYN, ACK bits

Stateless packet filtering: example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- <span>example 1:</span> block incoming and outgoing datagrams with IP protocol field = 17 and with either source or dest port = 23
  - result: all incoming, outgoing UDP flows and telnet connections are blocked
- example 2: block inbound TCP segments with ACK=0
  - result: prevents external clients from making TCP connections with internal clients, but allows internal clients to connect to outside

Stateless packet filtering: more examples

Policy	Firewall Setting
no outside Web access	drop all outgoing packets to any IP address, port 80
no incoming TCP connections, except those for institution’s public Web server only.	drop all incoming TCP SYN packets to any IP except 130.207.244.203, port 80
prevent Web-radios from eating up the available bandwidth.	drop all incoming UDP packets - except DNS and router broadcasts.
prevent your network from being used for a smurf DoS attack.	drop all ICMP packets going to a “broadcast” address (e.g. 130.207.255.255)
prevent your network from being tracerouted	drop all outgoing ICMP TTL expired traffic

Access Control Lists

ACL: table of rules, applied top to bottom to incoming packets: (action, condition) pairs: looks like OpenFlow forwarding (Ch. 4)!

action	source address	dest address	protocol	source port	dest port	flag bit
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	TCP	> 1023	80	any
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	TCP	80	> 1023	ACK
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	UDP	> 1023	53	---
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	UDP	53	> 1023	----
deny	all	all	all	all	all	all

Stateful packet filtering

- *stateless packet filter:* heavy handed tool
  - admits packets that "make no sense," e.g., dest port = 80, ACK bit set, even though no TCP connection established:

action	source address	dest address	protocol	source port	dest port	flag bit
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	TCP	80	> 1023	ACK

- *stateful packet filter:* track status of every TCP connection
  - track connection setup (SYN), teardown (FIN): determine whether incoming, outgoing packets "makes sense"
  - timeout inactive connections at firewall: no longer admit packets

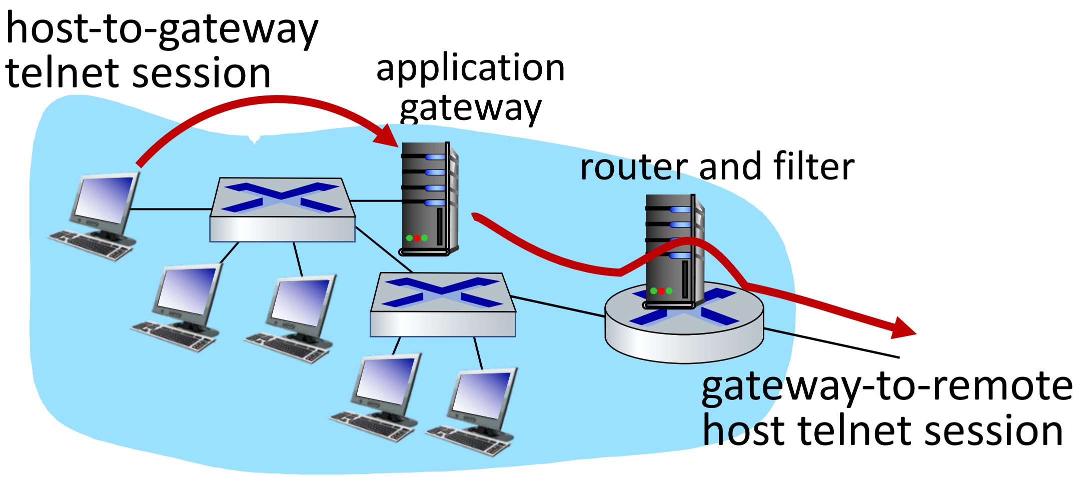
Stateful packet filtering

ACL augmented to indicate need to check connection state table before admitting packet

action	source address	dest address	proto	source port	dest port	flag bit	check connection
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	TCP	> 1023	80	any	
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	TCP	80	> 1023	ACK	X
allow	222.22/16	outside of 222.22/16	UDP	> 1023	53	---	
allow	outside of 222.22/16	222.22/16	UDP	53	> 1023	----	X
deny	all	all	all	all	all	all	

Application gateways

- filter packets on application data as well as on IP/TCP/UDP fields.
- *example:* allow select internal users to telnet outside


host-to-gateway telnet session
application gateway
router and filter
gateway-to-remote host telnet session

1. require all telnet users to telnet through gateway.
2. for authorized users, gateway sets up telnet connection to dest host
   - gateway relays data between 2 connections
3. router filter blocks all telnet connections not originating from gateway

Limitations of firewalls, gateways

- IP spoofing: router can’t know if data “really” comes from claimed source
- if multiple apps need special treatment, each has own app. gateway
- client software must know how to contact gateway
  - e.g., must set IP address of proxy in Web browser
- filters often use all or nothing policy for UDP
- *tradeoff:* degree of communication with outside world, level of security
- many highly protected sites still suffer from attacks