

# CIS 5560

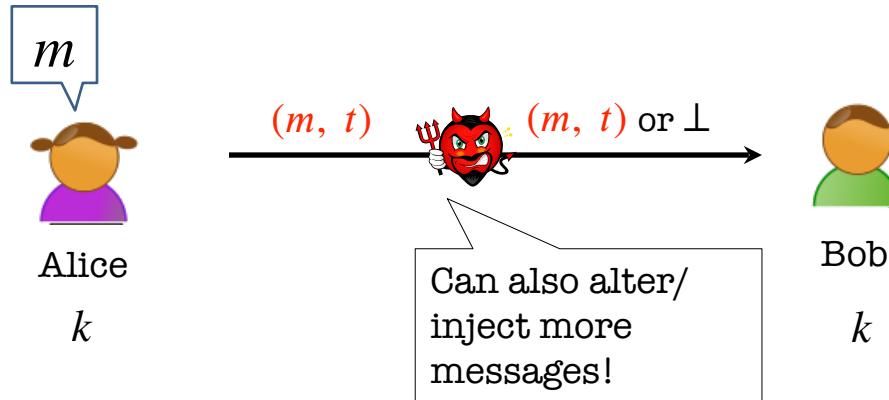
## Cryptography Lecture 18

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# Announcements

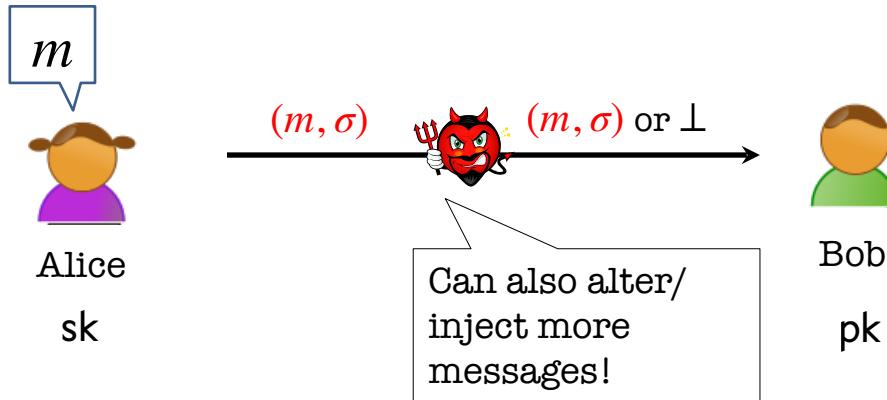
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# Symmetric-key Message Authentication



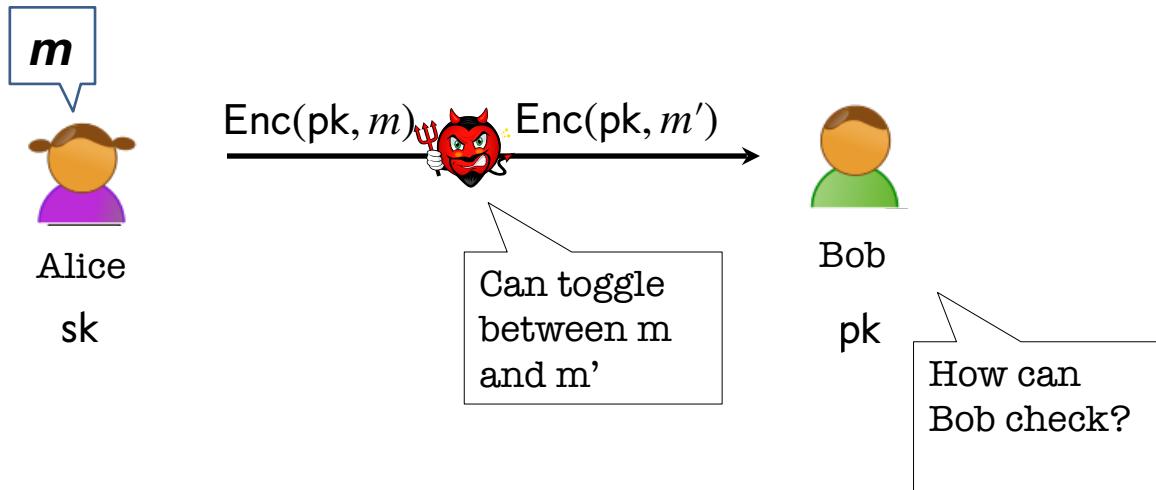
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# Public-key Message Authentication?



We want Alice to generate a **signature** for the message  $m$  which is **hard to forge** without the secret/signing key  $sk$ .

# Does PKE not solve this?



Anybody can encrypt, and no way for recipient to check.

# New primitive: Digital Signatures

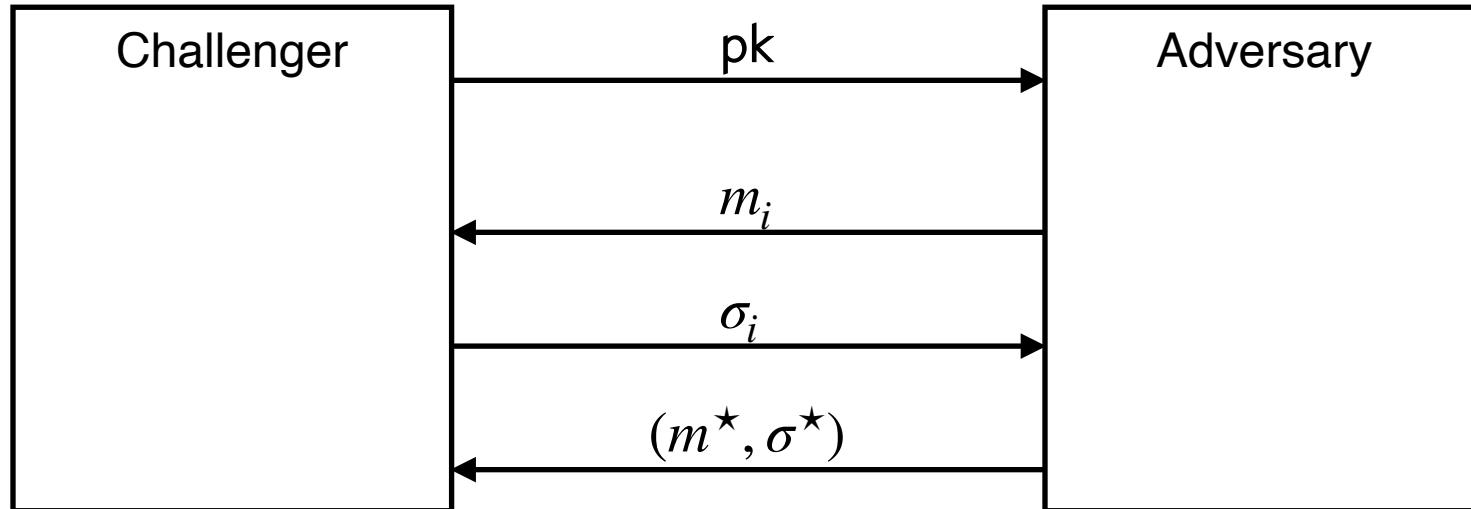
# Digital Signatures: Definition

A triple of PPT algorithms  $(\text{Gen}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$  such that

- Key generation:  $\text{Gen}(1^n) \rightarrow (\text{sk}, \text{pk})$
- Message signing:  $\text{Sign}(\text{sk}, m) \rightarrow \sigma$
- Signature verification:  $\text{Verify}(\text{pk}, m, \sigma) \rightarrow b \in \{0,1\}$

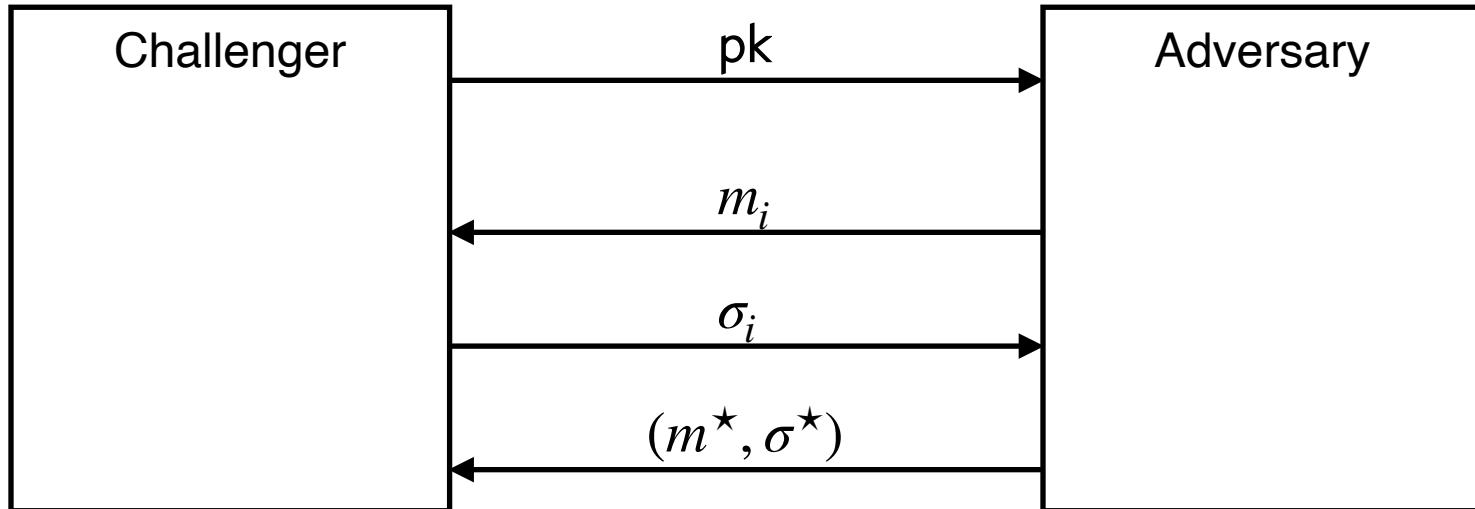
**Correctness:** For all  $\text{vk}, \text{sk}, m$ :  $\text{Verify}(\text{pk}, m, \text{Sign}(\text{sk}, m)) = 1$

# EUF-CMA for Signatures



$$\Pr \left[ \begin{array}{c} m^{\star} \notin \{m_i\} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{Verify}(pk, m^{\star}, \sigma^{\star}) = 1 \end{array} \right] = \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

# Strong EUF-CMA for Signatures



$$\Pr \left[ \begin{array}{c} (m^{\star}, \sigma^{\star}) \notin \{(m_i, \sigma_i)\} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{Verify}(pk, m^{\star}, \sigma^{\star}) = 1 \end{array} \right] = \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

# Digital Signatures vs. MACs

## Signatures

$n$  users require  $n$  key-pairs

Publicly Verifiable

**Transferable**

**Provides Non-Repudiation**

(is this a good thing or a bad thing?)

## MACs

$n$  users require  $n^2$  keys

Privately Verifiable

**Not Transferable**

Does not provide Non-Rep.

Let  $(\text{Gen}, \text{Sign}, \text{V})$  be a signature scheme.

Suppose an attacker is able to find  $m_0 \neq m_1$  such that

$$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{m}_0, \sigma) = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{m}_1, \sigma) \quad \text{for all } \sigma \text{ and keys } (\mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{sk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}$$

Can this signature be secure?

- Yes, the attacker cannot forge a signature for either  $m_0$  or  $m_1$
- No, signatures can be forged using a chosen msg attack
- It depends on the details of the scheme

Alice generates a  $(pk, sk)$  and gives  $pk$  to her bank.

Later Bob shows the bank a message  $m = \text{"pay Bob 100\$"}$  properly signed by Alice, i.e.  $\text{Verify}(pk, m, \text{sig}) = 1$

Alice says she never signed  $m$ . Is Alice lying?

- Alice is lying: existential unforgeability means Alice signed  $m$  and therefore the Bank should give Bob 100\$ from Alice's account
- Bob could have stolen Alice's signing key and therefore the bank should not honor the statement
- What a mess: the bank will need to refer the issue to the courts

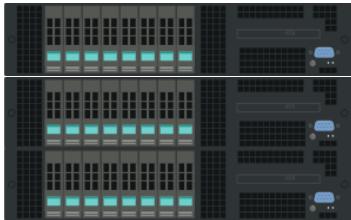
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## Code signing:

- Software vendor signs code
- Clients have vendor's pk. Install software if signature verifies.

software vendor



initial software install (pk)

many clients



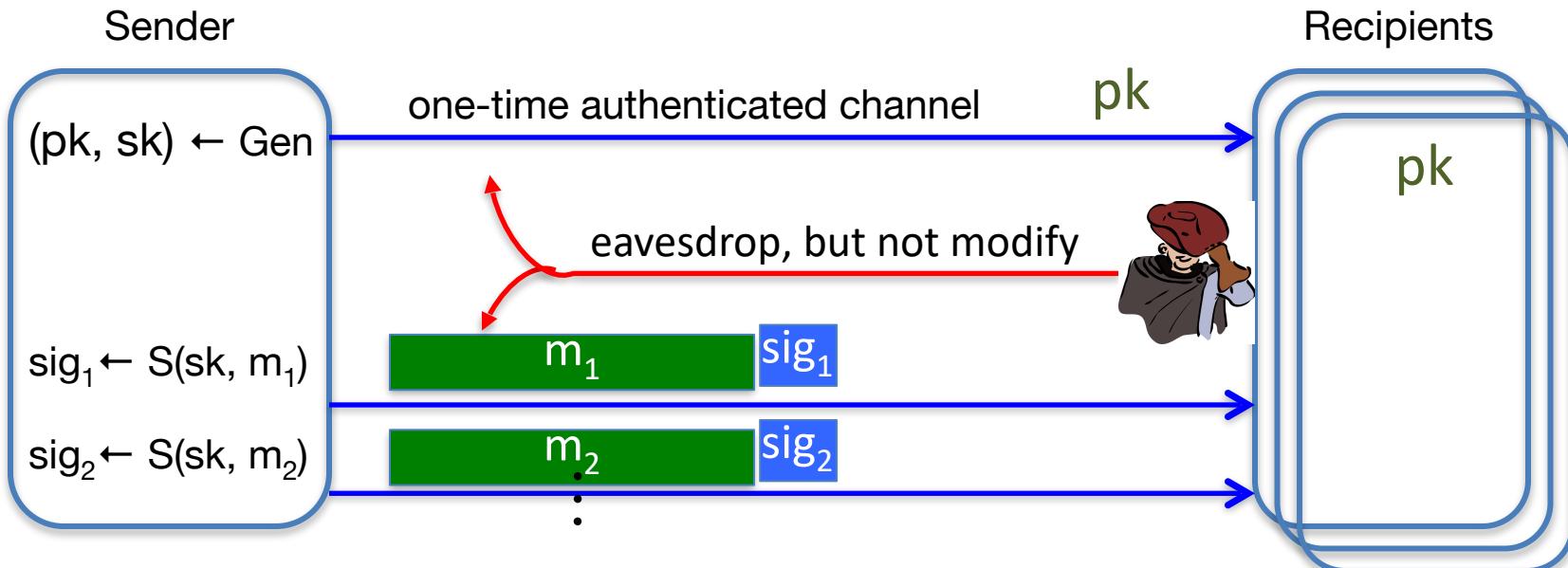
[ software update #1 , sig ]

[ software update #2 , sig ]

# More generally:

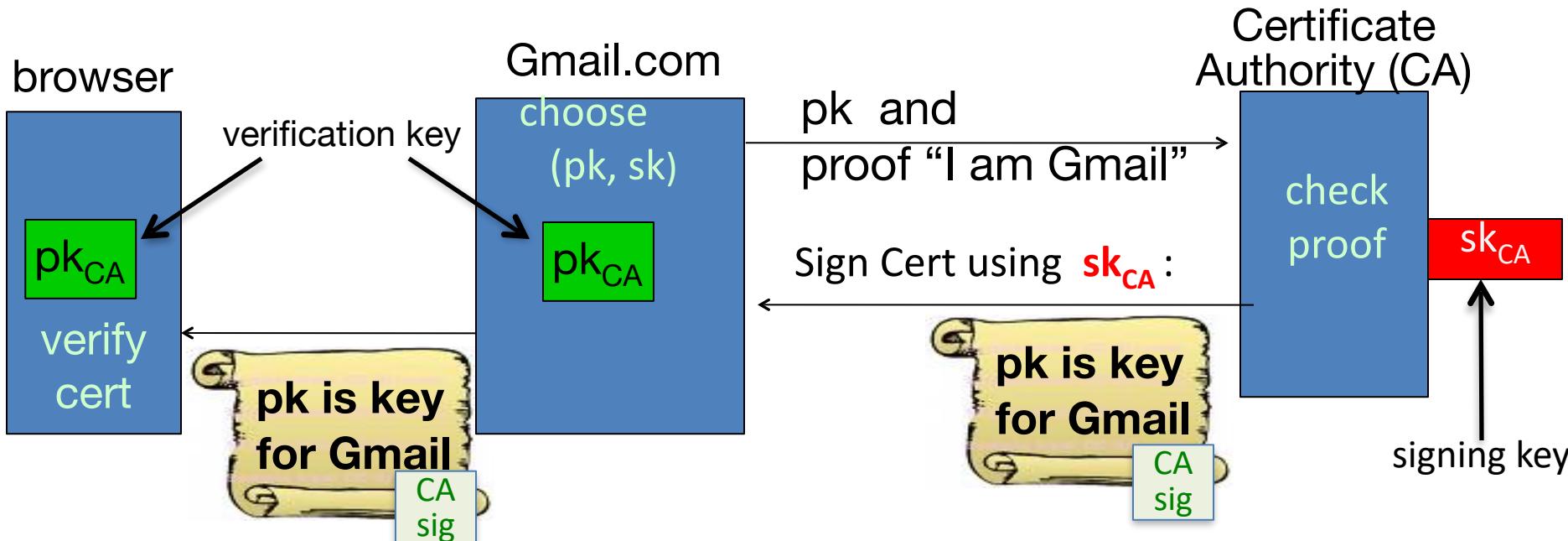
One-time authenticated channel (non-private, one-directional)  
⇒ many-time authenticated channel

Initial software install is authenticated, but not private



# Important application: Certificates

Problem: browser needs server's public-key to setup a session key  
Solution: server asks trusted 3<sup>rd</sup> party (CA) to sign its public-key pk



**Server uses Cert for an extended period** (e.g. one year)

# Certificates: example

## Important fields:

Serial Number	5814744488373890497
Version	3
Signature Algorithm	SHA-1 with RSA Encryption ( 1.2.840.113549.1.1.5 )
Parameters	none
Not Valid Before	Wednesday, July 31, 2013 4:59:24 AM Pacific Daylight Time
Not Valid After	Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:59:24 AM Pacific Daylight Time
Public Key Info	
Algorithm	Elliptic Curve Public Key ( 1.2.840.10045.2.1 )
Parameters	Elliptic Curve secp256r1 ( 1.2.840.10045.3.1.7 )
Public Key	65 bytes : 04 71 6C DD E0 0A C9 76 ...
Key Size	256 bits
Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Derive
Signature	256 bytes : 8A 38 FE D6 F5 E7 F6 59 ...

The screenshot shows a certificate chain and detailed certificate information for the domain `mail.google.com`.

**Certificate Chain:**

- Equifax Secure Certificate Authority
- GeoTrust Global CA
- Google Internet Authority G2
- mail.google.com

**mail.google.com Certificate Details:**

**Subject:** mail.google.com

**Issued by:** Google Internet Authority G2

**Expires:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:59:24 AM Pacific Daylight Time

**Status:** This certificate is valid

**Details:**

Subject Name	
Country	US
State/Province	California
Locality	Mountain View
Organization	Google Inc
Common Name	mail.google.com
Issuer Name	
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Organization	Google Inc
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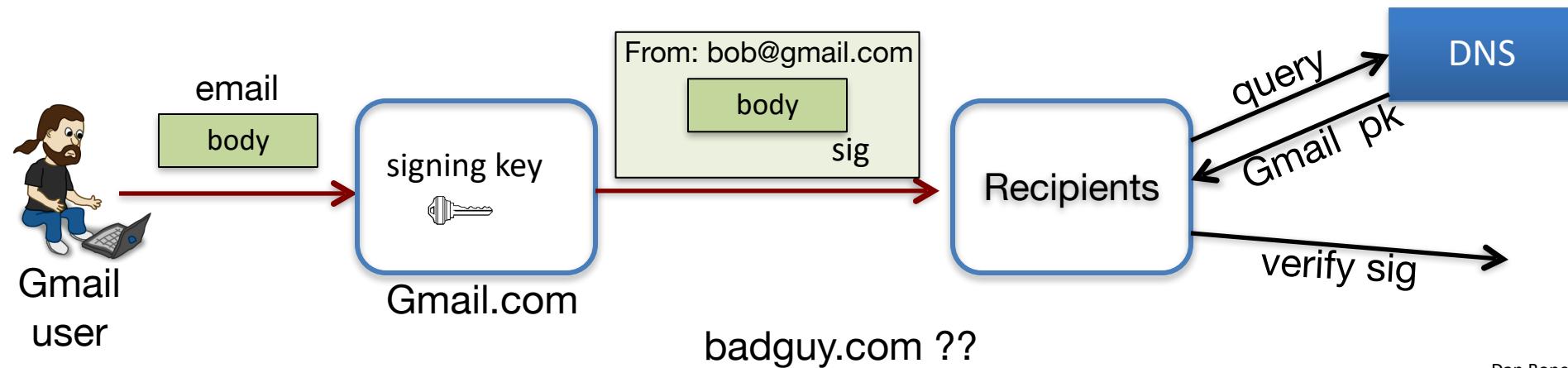
What entity generates the CA's secret key  $sk_{CA}$  ?

- the browser
- Gmail
- the CA
- the NSA

# Signing email: DKIM (domain key identified mail)

Problem: bad email claiming to be from [someuser@gmail.com](mailto:someuser@gmail.com)  
but in reality, mail is coming from domain **badguy.com**  
⇒ Incorrectly makes gmail.com look like a bad source of email

Solution: **gmail.com** (and other sites) sign every outgoing mail



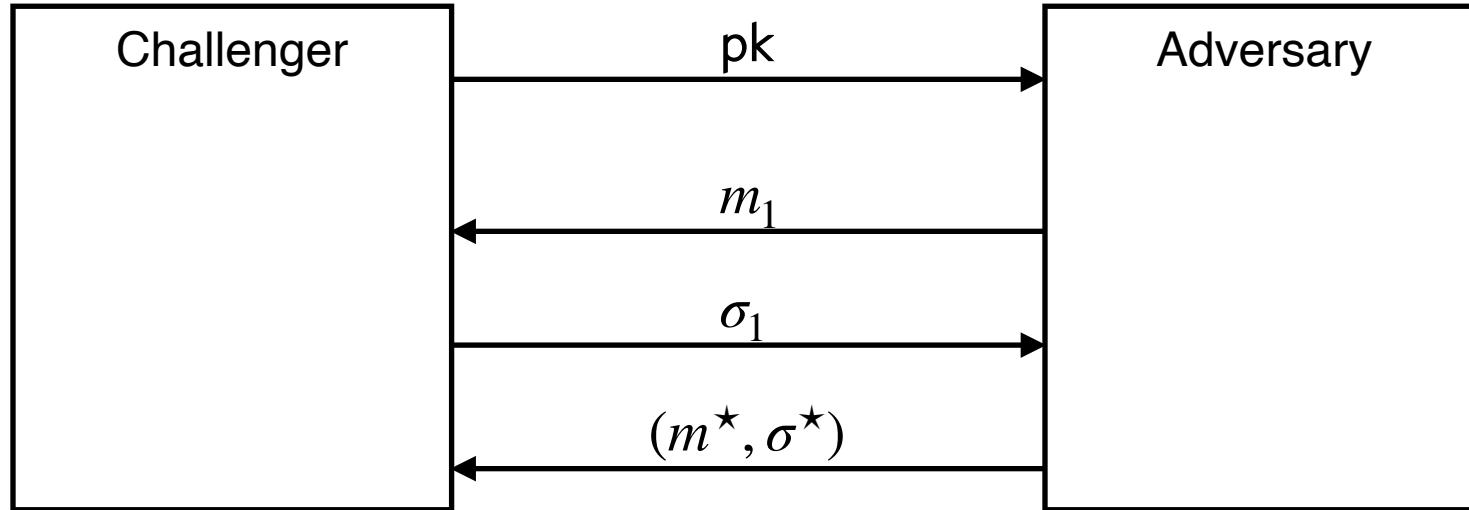
# When to use signatures

Generally speaking:

- If one party signs and one party verifies: **use a MAC**
  - Often requires interaction to generate a shared key
  - Recipient can modify the data and re-sign it before passing the data to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- If one party signs and many parties verify: **use a signature**
  - Recipients **cannot** modify received data before passing data to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (non-repudiation)

# Constructions

# Simpler Goal: EUF-CMA for 1-time Signatures



$$\Pr \left[ \begin{array}{c} m^* \neq m_1 \\ \text{and} \\ \text{Verify}(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1 \end{array} \right] = \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

# Lamport (One-time) Signatures from OWFs

Signing Key sk:  $\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$

Public Key pk:  $\begin{pmatrix} y_0 = f(x_0) \\ y_1 = f(x_1) \end{pmatrix}$

Signing a bit  $b$ : The signature is  $\sigma = x_b$

Verifying  $(b, \sigma)$ : Check if  $f(\sigma) = y_b$

**Claim:** Assuming  $f$  is a OWF, no PPT adversary can produce a signature of  $\bar{b}$  given a signature of  $b$ .

# Lamport One-time Signatures for $n$ -bit msgs

Secret Key sk: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{1,0} & x_{2,0} & \dots & x_{n,0} \\ x_{1,1} & x_{1,1} & \dots & x_{n,1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Public Key pk: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{1,0} & y_{2,0} & \dots & y_{n,0} \\ y_{1,1} & y_{2,1} & \dots & y_{n,1} \end{pmatrix}$$
 where  $y_{i,b} = f(x_{i,b})$ .

Signing  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ :  $\sigma = (x_{1,m_1}, x_{2,m_2}, \dots, x_{n,m_n})$

**Claim:** Assuming  $f$  is a OWF, no PPT adv can produce a signature of  $m$  given a signature of a single  $\underline{m'} \neq m$ .

**Claim:** Can forge signature on any message given the signatures on (some) two messages.

# Lamport (One-time) Signatures for arbitrary bits

Secret Key sk:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{1,0} & x_{2,0} & \dots & x_{n,0} \\ x_{1,1} & x_{1,1} & \dots & x_{n,1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Public Key pk:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{1,0} & y_{2,0} & \dots & y_{n,0} \\ y_{1,1} & y_{2,1} & \dots & y_{n,1} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $y_{i,b} = f(x_{i,b})$ .

Signing  $m$ :

1.  $z := H(m)$
2.  $\sigma = (z_{1,m_1}, z_{2,m_2}, \dots, z_{n,m_n})$

**Claim:** Assuming  $H$  is CRH and  $f$  is a OWF, no PPT adv can produce a signature of  $\underline{m}$  given a signature of a single  $\underline{m}' \neq \underline{m}$ .

**Claim:** Can forge signature on any message given the signatures on (some) two messages.

So far, only one-time security...

# Constructing a Signature Scheme

Step 0. Still one-time, but arbitrarily long messages.

Step 1. Many-time: Stateful, Growing Signatures.

Step 2. How to Shrink the signatures.

Step 3. How to Shrink Alice's storage.

Step 4. How to make Alice stateless.

Step 5 (*optional*). How to make Alice stateless and deterministic.

# Constructing a Signature Scheme

**Theorem** [Naor-Yung'89, Rompel'90]

(EUF-CMA-secure) Signature schemes exist assuming that one-way functions exist.

**TODAY:**

(EUF-CMA-secure) Signature schemes exist assuming that collision-resistant hash functions exist.