

Problem 1:

The OSPF routing protocol uses a MAC rather than digital signatures to provide message integrity. Why is use of a message authentication code, MAC, a better choice than use of a digital signature?

Problem 2:

Think about whether it is possible to use a nonce and public key cryptography to solve the end-point authentication problem. Consider the following natural protocol:

- (1) Alice sends the message “**I am Alice**” to Bob.
- (2) Bob chooses a nonce, **R**, and sends it to Alice.
- (3) Alice uses her **private** key to encrypt the nonce and sends the resulting value to Bob.
- (4) Bob applies Alice's public key to the received message. Thus, Bob computes **R** and believes the Alice he is communicating with is the authenticate Alice.
 - a) Diagram this protocol, using the notation for public and private keys employed in the textbook.
 - b) Suppose that certificates, as issued by certificate authorities are not used. Describe and diagram how Trudy can become a “woman-in-the-middle” by intercepting Alice’s messages and then pretending to be Alice to Bob.

Problem 3:

Suppose Alice wants to send an e-mail to Bob. Bob has a public-private key pair (K_B^+ , K_B^-), and Alice has Bob’s certificate. But Alice does not have a public, private key pair. Alice and Bob (and the entire world) share the same hash function $H(\bullet)$.

- a) In this situation, is it possible to design a scheme so that Bob can verify that Alice created the message? If so, show how with a block diagram for Alice and Bob.
- b) Is it possible to design a scheme that provides confidentiality for sending the message from Alice to Bob? If so, show how with a block diagram for Alice and Bob.

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