

Security

Note Title

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- Secrecy
- Authentication
- Non-repudiation
- Integrity

Threat Model
Who is trying to do what
to the communications and what
tools and techniques do they
have available

Cryptography - "secret writing"

Notation

P : plaintext

C : cyphertext

K : Key

E : $E_K(P)$ encryption w/ key K

D : $D_K(C)$ decryption w/ key K

Sender of msg computes $C = E_{K_1}(P)$
sends C

Receiver computes $P = D_{K_2}(C)$

Symmetric Key Crypto : $K_1 = K_2$

Public Key Crypto : $K_1 \neq K_2$

Kerckhoff's principle:

all Crypto algorithms must be considered public —
only keys are secrets.

Public Key Crypto: (K_1, K_2) : A key pair

$D_{K_2}(E_{K_1}(P)) = P$: K_1 is made public.

How to use PKC:

Requirement for a key pair to be useful for crypto:

given D, E, K_1 : it is very hard to

figure out K_2 ; given $E_{K_1}(P)$ very hard
to figure out P .