Protecting Information Assets
- Unit#4c -

Cryptography, Public Key Encryption and Digital Signatures

Cryptography

- Method of transmitting and storing data in a form that only those it is intended for can read and process
- An effective way of protecting sensitive information as it is transmitted through untrusted network communication paths or stored on media

- Complements physical and logical access controls

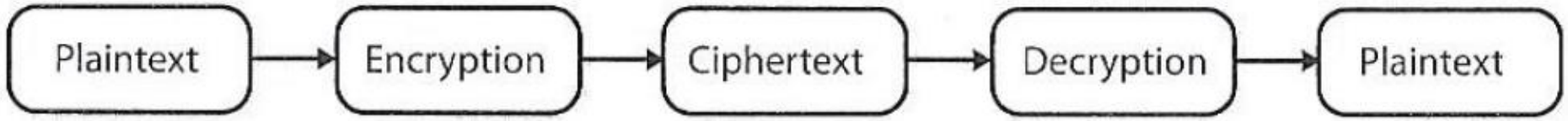
Cryptanalysis

- The study of methods to break cryptosystems
- Often targeted at obtaining a key
- Attacks may be passive or active

- Kerckhoff's Principle
  - The only secrecy involved with a cryptosystem should be the key
- Cryptosystem Strength
  - How hard is it to determine the secret associated with the system?

Terminology

- **Plaintext** – is the readable version of a message
- **Ciphertext** – is the unreadable results after an encryption process is applied to the plaintext
- **Cryptosystem** – includes all the necessary components for encryption and decryption
  - Algorithms
  - Keys
  - Software
  - Protocols



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Cipher = encryption algorithm

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2. **Diffusion:** Usually carried out through transposition

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Example: Substitution cipher or algorithm

- A mono-alphabetic substitution cipher

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA
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"SECURITY" <=> "HVXFIRGB"

- Poly-alphabetic substitution cipher

- **Standard Alphabet:**
  ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
- **Cryptographic Alphabet:**
  DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC

- **Plaintext:**
  LOGICAL SECURITY
- **Ciphertext:**
  ORJLFDO VHFXULWB

Services of cryptosystems

- **Confidentiality** Renders the information unintelligible except by authorized entities.
- **Integrity** Data has not been altered in an unauthorized manner since it was created, transmitted, or stored.
- **Authentication** Verifies the identity of the user or system that created the information.
- **Authorization** Upon proving identity, the individual is then provided with the key or password that will allow access to some resource.
- **Nonrepudiation** Ensures that the sender cannot deny sending the message.

Repudiation – the sender denying he sent the message

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XOR – Exclusive OR

Creating “confusion” through a binary mathematical function called “exclusive OR”, abbreviated as XOR

Message stream:	1001010111
Keystream:	0011101010
Ciphertext stream:	1010111101

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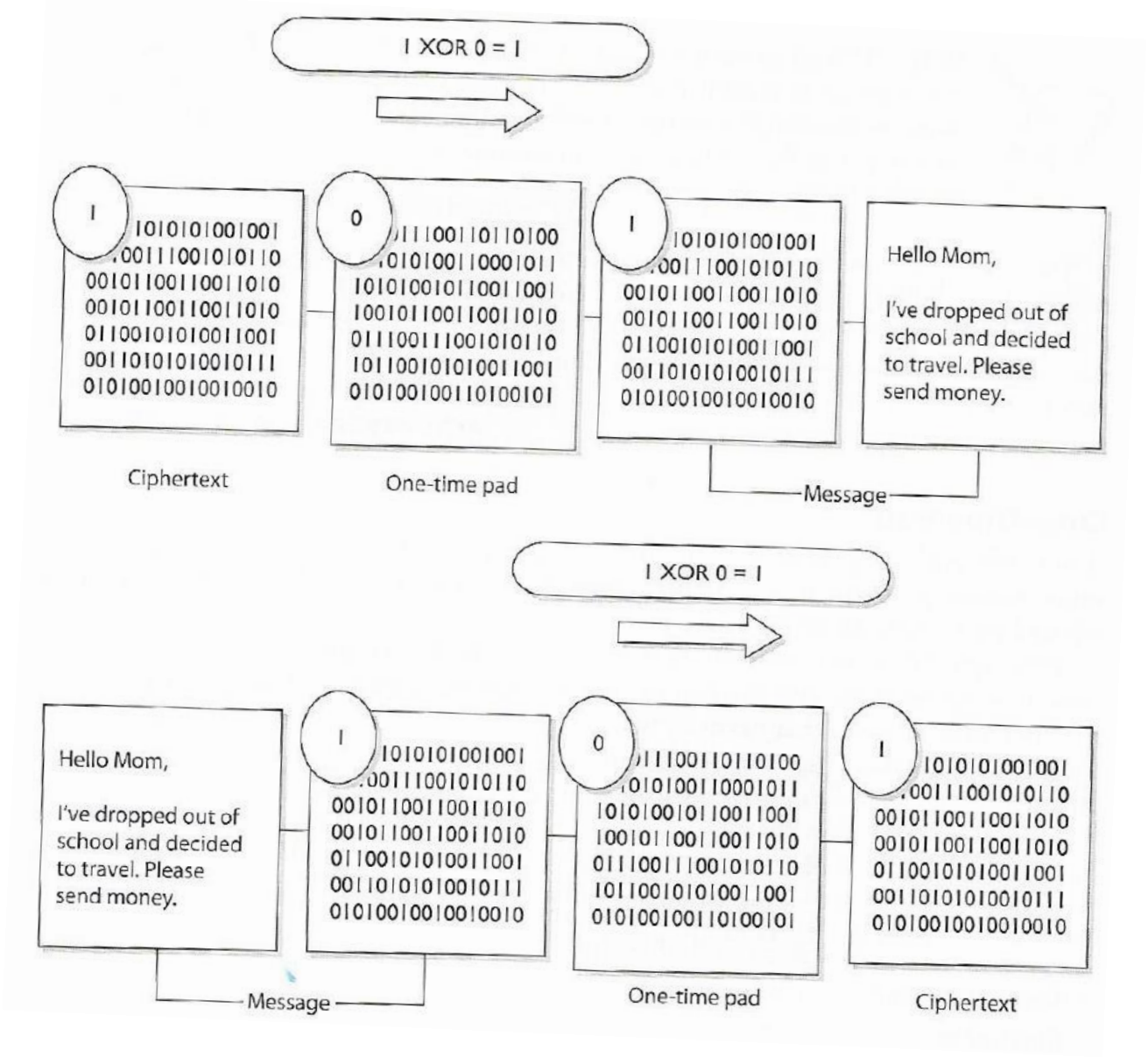
One-Time Pad *a perfect encryption scheme*

One-Time Pad Requirements

- Made up of truly random values
- Used only one time
- Securely distributed to its destination
- Secured at sender's and receiver's sites
- At least as long as the message



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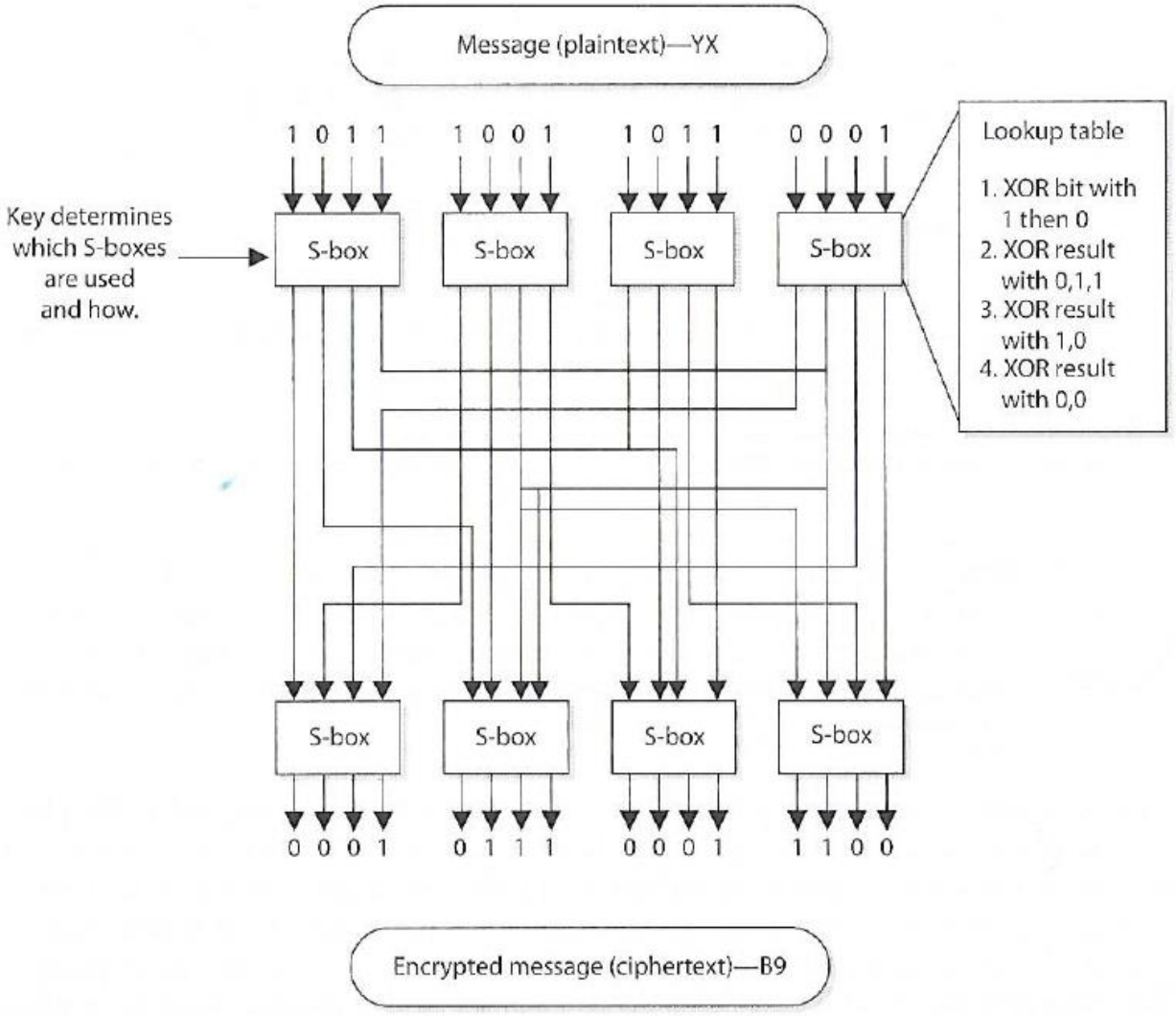

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Dichotomies is cryptography

- Symmetric versus Asymmetric
- Stream versus block
- Synchronous versus Asynchronous
- 1-Way functions versus 2-Way functions

Symmetric versus asymmetric algorithms

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  - Use a copied pair of symmetric (identical) secret keys
  - The sender and the receive use the same key for encryption and decryption functions
- Asymmetric cryptography
  - Also know as “public key cryptography”
  - Use different (“asymmetric”) keys for encryption and decryption
  - One is called the “private key” and the other is the “public key”

Symmetric cryptography

Strengths:

- Much faster (less computationally intensive) than asymmetric systems.
- Hard to break if using a large key size.

Weaknesses:

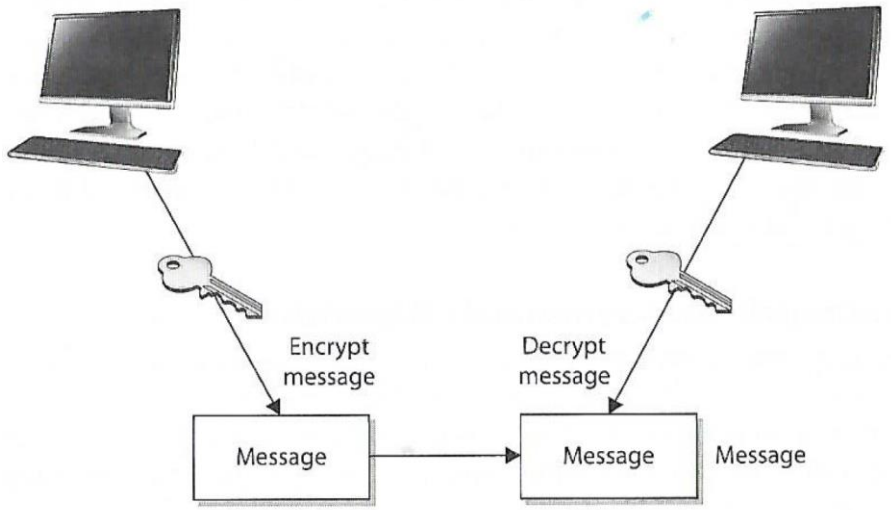
- Requires a secure mechanism to deliver keys properly.
- Each pair of users needs a unique key, so as the number of individuals increases, so does the number of keys, possibly making key management overwhelming.
- Provides confidentiality but not authenticity or nonrepudiation.

Two types: Stream and Block Ciphers

- **Stream Ciphers** treat the message a stream of bits and performs mathematical functions on each bit individually

- **Block Ciphers** divide a message into blocks of bits and transforms the blocks one at a time

Symmetric encryption uses the same keys.



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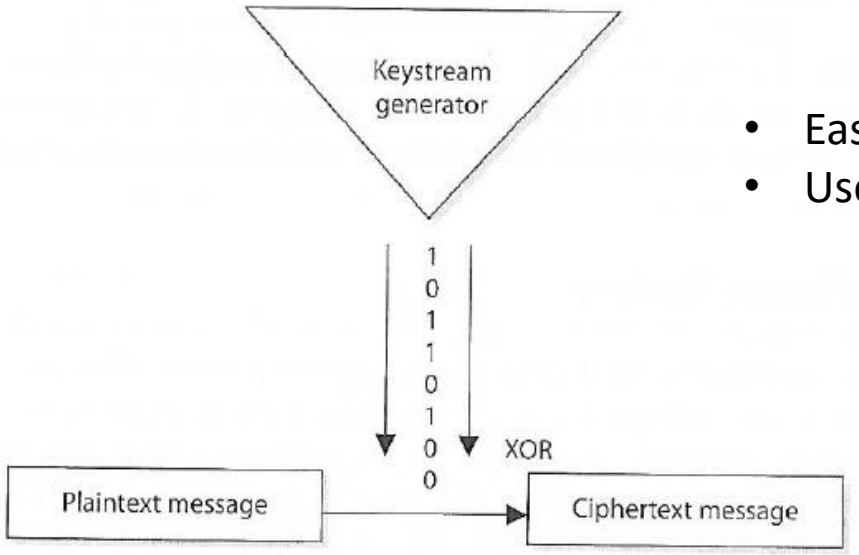
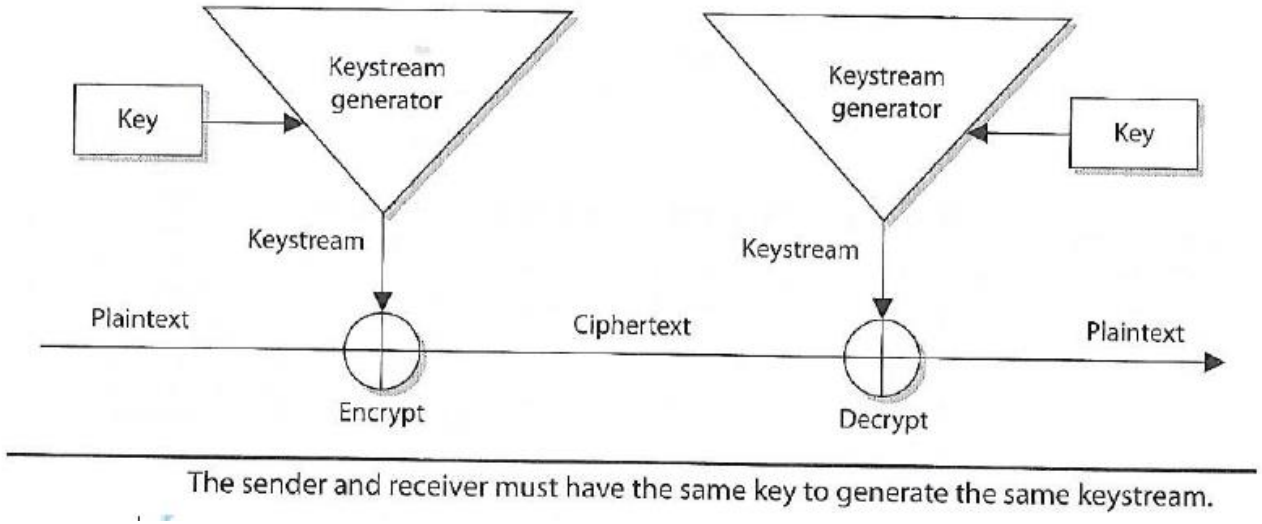


- Easy to implement in hardware
- Used in cell phones and Voice Over Internet Protocol



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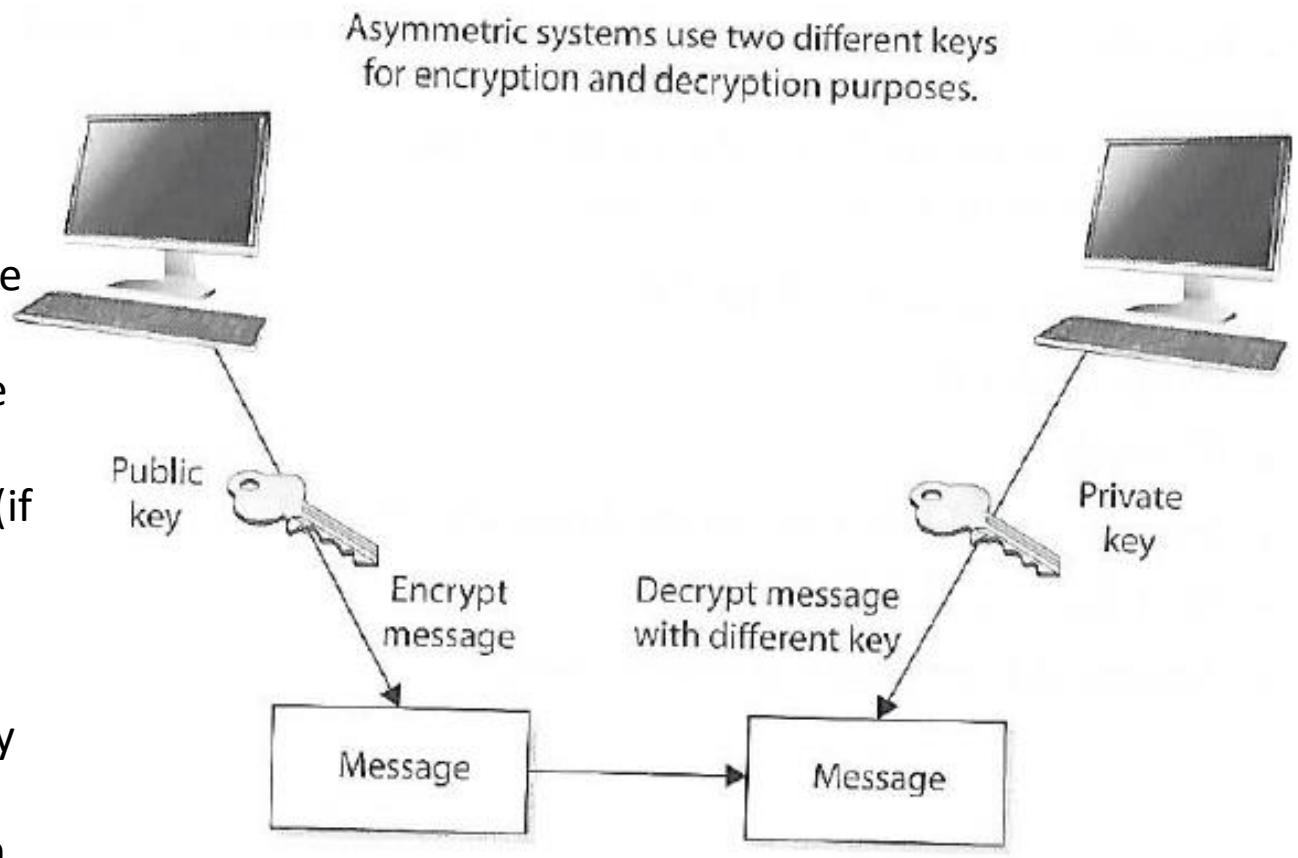
Asymmetric cryptography

- **Public and Private** keys are mathematically related
  - Public keys are generated from private key
  - Private keys cannot be derived from the associated public key (if it falls into the wrong hands)

- **Public key** can be known by everyone
- **Private key** must be known and used only by the owner



Asymmetric cryptography is computational intensive and much slower than symmetric cryptography

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Asymmetric cryptography

- Do not get confused and think the public key is only for encryption and private key is only for decryption!

- Each key type can be use used to encrypt and decrypt
  - If data is encrypted with a private key it cannot be decrypted with the same private key (but it can be decrypted with the related public key)
  - If data is encrypted with a public key it cannot be decrypted with the same public key (but it can be decrypted with the related private key)

Asymmetric cryptography

If the sender (“Jill”) encrypts data with her private key, the receiver (“Bill”) must have a copy of Jill’s public key to decrypt it

- By decrypting the message with Jill’s public key Bill can be sure the message really came from Jill
- A message can be decrypted with a public key only if the message was encrypted with the corresponding private key
  - *This provides **authentication** because Jill is only the only one who is supposed to have her private key*

If Bill (the receiver) wants to make sure Jill is the only one who can read his reply, he will encrypt the response with her public key

- *Only Jill will be able to decrypt the message, because she is the only one who has the necessary private key*
- *This provides **confidentiality** because only Jill is able to decrypt the message with her private key*

Asymmetric cryptography

Why would Bill (now the sender) choose to encrypt his reply to Jill with his private key instead of using Jill's public key?

- **Authentication** – Bill wants Jill to know that the message came from him and no one else
- If he encrypted the data with Jill's public key, it does not provide authenticity because anyone can get Jill's public key
- If he uses his private key to encrypt the data, then Jill can be sure the message came from him and no one else

Note: *Symmetric keys do not provide authenticity – because the same key is used on both ends (using one of the secret keys does not ensure the message originated from a specific individual*

Asymmetric cryptography

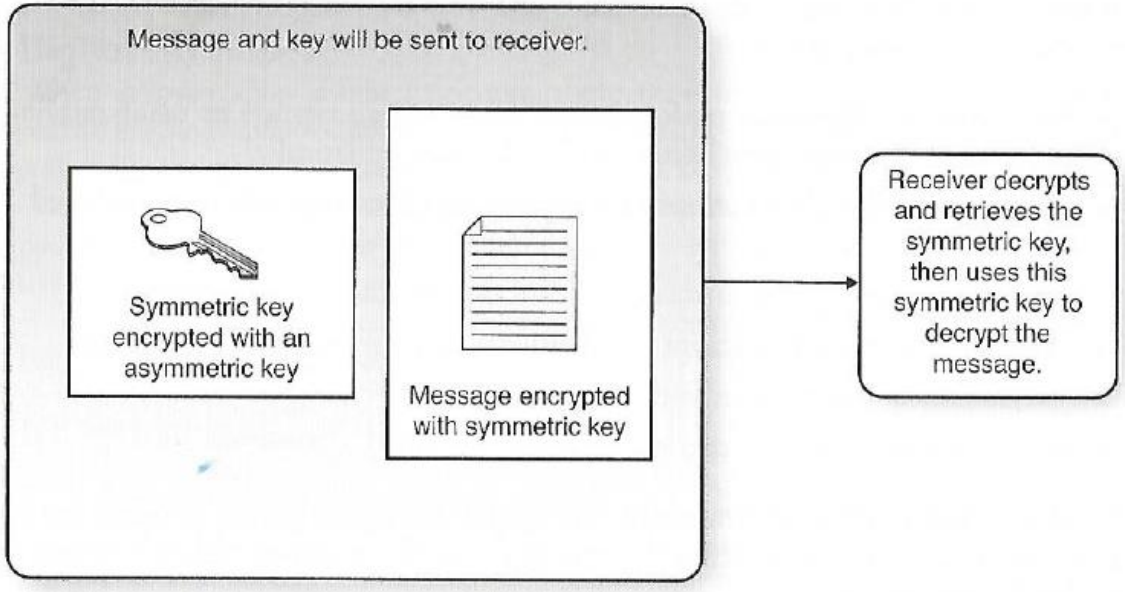
- If **confidentiality** is the most important security service, the sender would encrypt the file with the receiver's public key
  - This is called a "**secure message format**" because it can only be decrypted by the person with the corresponding private key

- If **authentication** is most important, the sender would encrypt the data with his private key
  - This provides assurance to the receiver that the only person who could have encrypted the data is the individual in possession of the private key
  - If the sender encrypted the data with receivers public key, authentication is not provided because the public key is available to anyone
  - Encrypting data with the senders private key is called an "**open message format**" because anyone with a copy of the corresponding public key can decrypt the message
  - Confidentiality is not assured

Hybrid Encryption (a.k.a. “digital envelope”)

Symmetric and asymmetric and algorithms are often used together

- Public key cryptography’s asymmetric algorithm is used to create public and private keys for secure automated key distribution
- Symmetric algorithm is used to create secret keys for rapid encryption/decryption of bulk data



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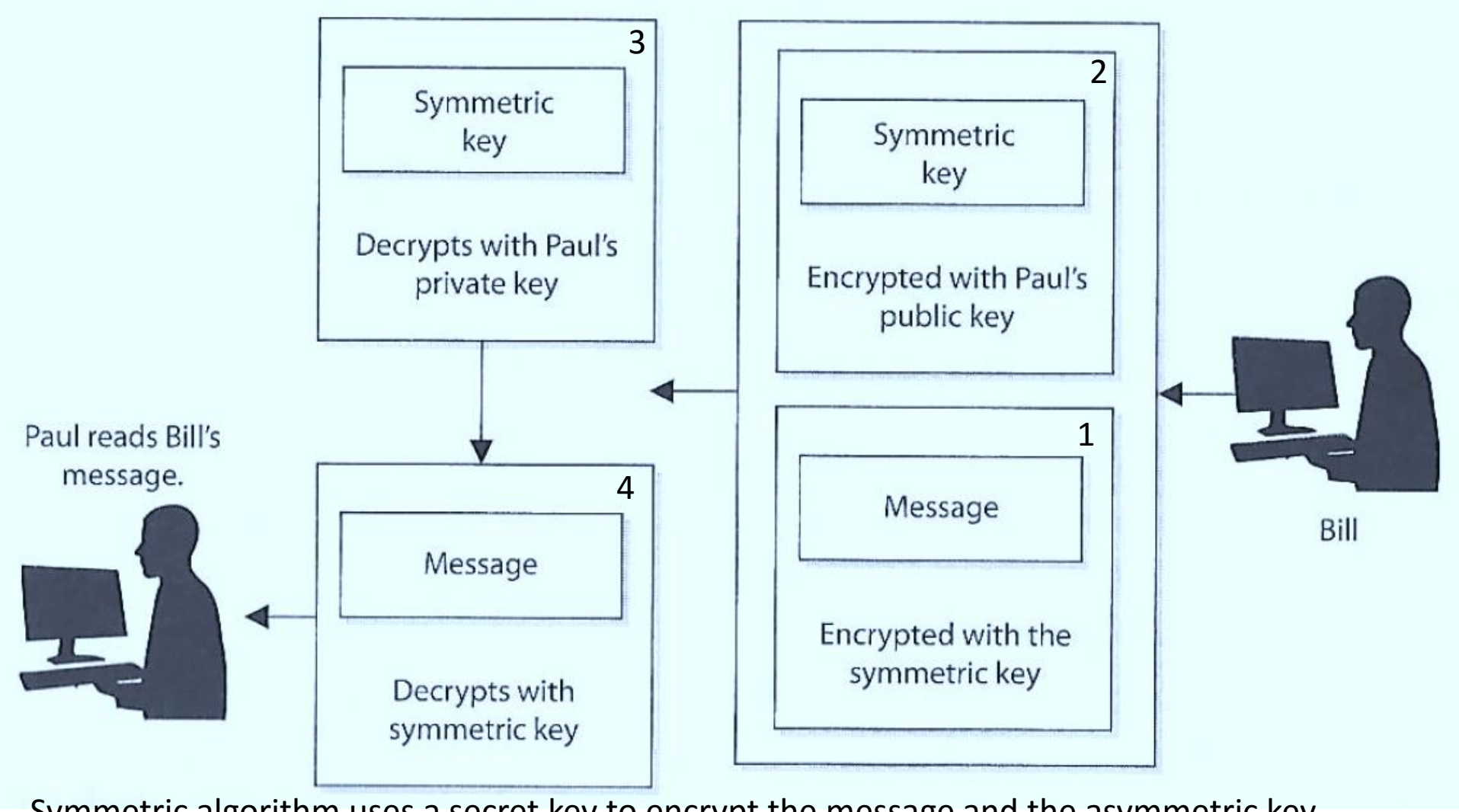

Symmetric algorithm uses a secret key to encrypt the message and the asymmetric key encrypts the secret key for transmission (SSL/TLS uses hybrid)

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   - **Confidentiality**: only the receiver's private key can be used to decrypt the symmetric key, and only the receiver should have access to this private key

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   - **Authenticity** of the sender and nonrepudiation. If the receiver can decrypt the encrypted data with the sender's public key, then receiver knows the data was encrypted with the sender's private key

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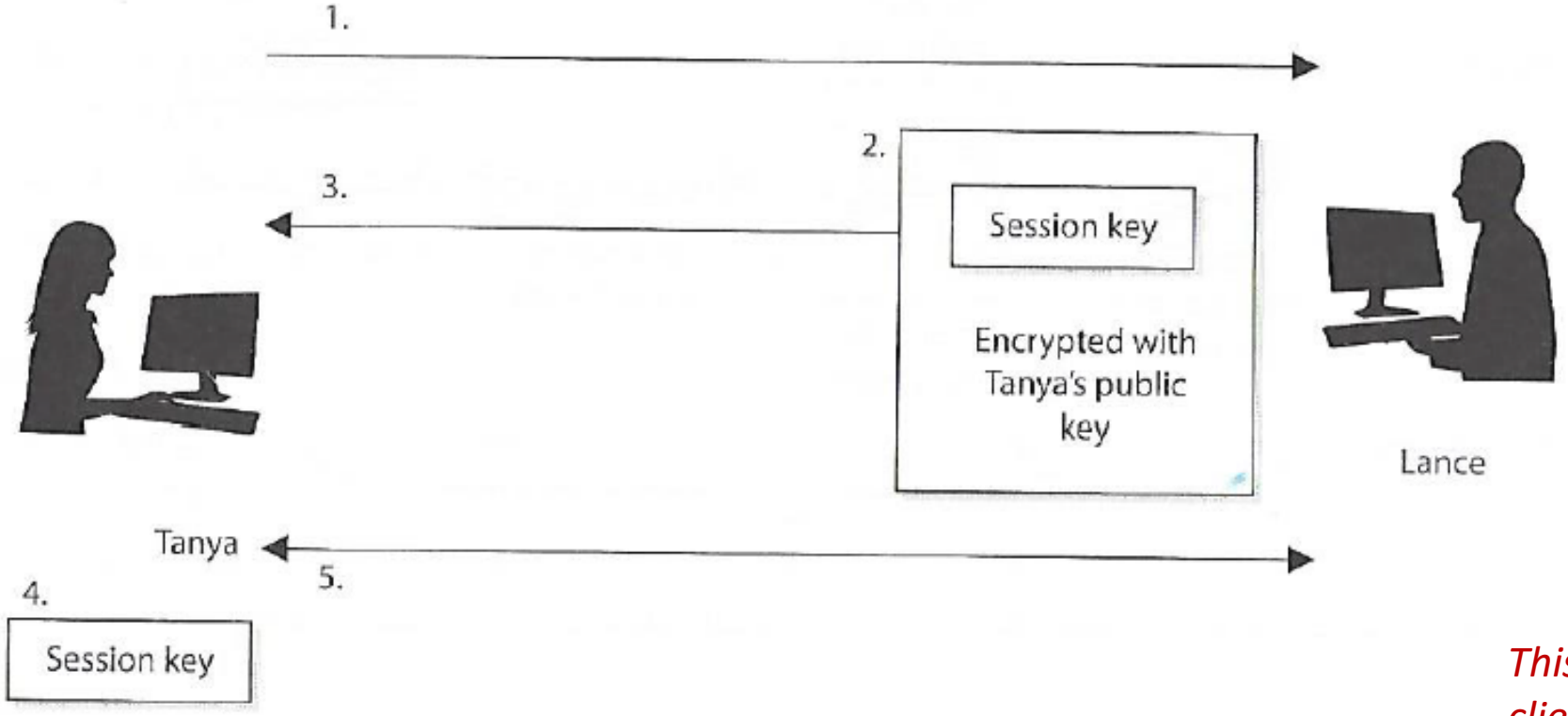
   - **Because the asymmetric key algorithm is too slow**

Session keys

Single-use symmetric keys used to encrypt messages between two users in an individual communication session



1) Tanya sends Lance her public key.
2) Lance generates a random session key and encrypts it using Tanya's public key.
3) Lance sends the session key, encrypted with Tanya's public key, to Tanya.
4) Tanya decrypts Lance's message with her private key and now has a copy of the session key.
5) Tanya and Lance use this session key to encrypt and decrypt messages to each other.

This is how secure web client applications communicate with server-side services

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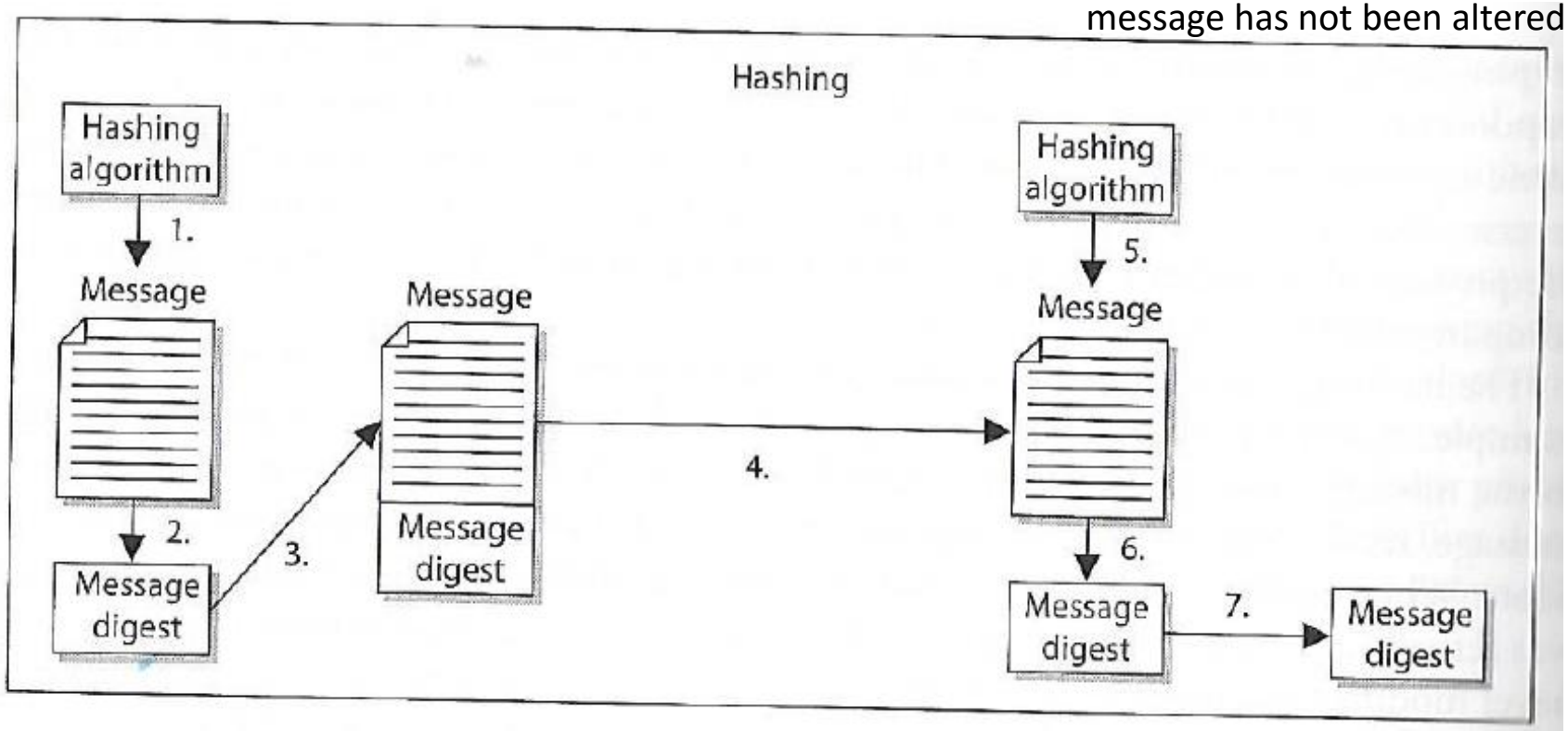
One-way Hash

- Assures message **integrity**
- A function that takes a variable-length string (i.e. message) and produces a fixed-length value called a hash value
- Does not use keys

1. Sender puts message through hashing function
2. Message digest generated
3. Message digest appended to the message
4. Sender sends message to receiver
5. Receiver puts message through hashing function
6. Receiver generates message digest value
7. Receiver compares the two message digests values. If they are the same, the message has not been altered



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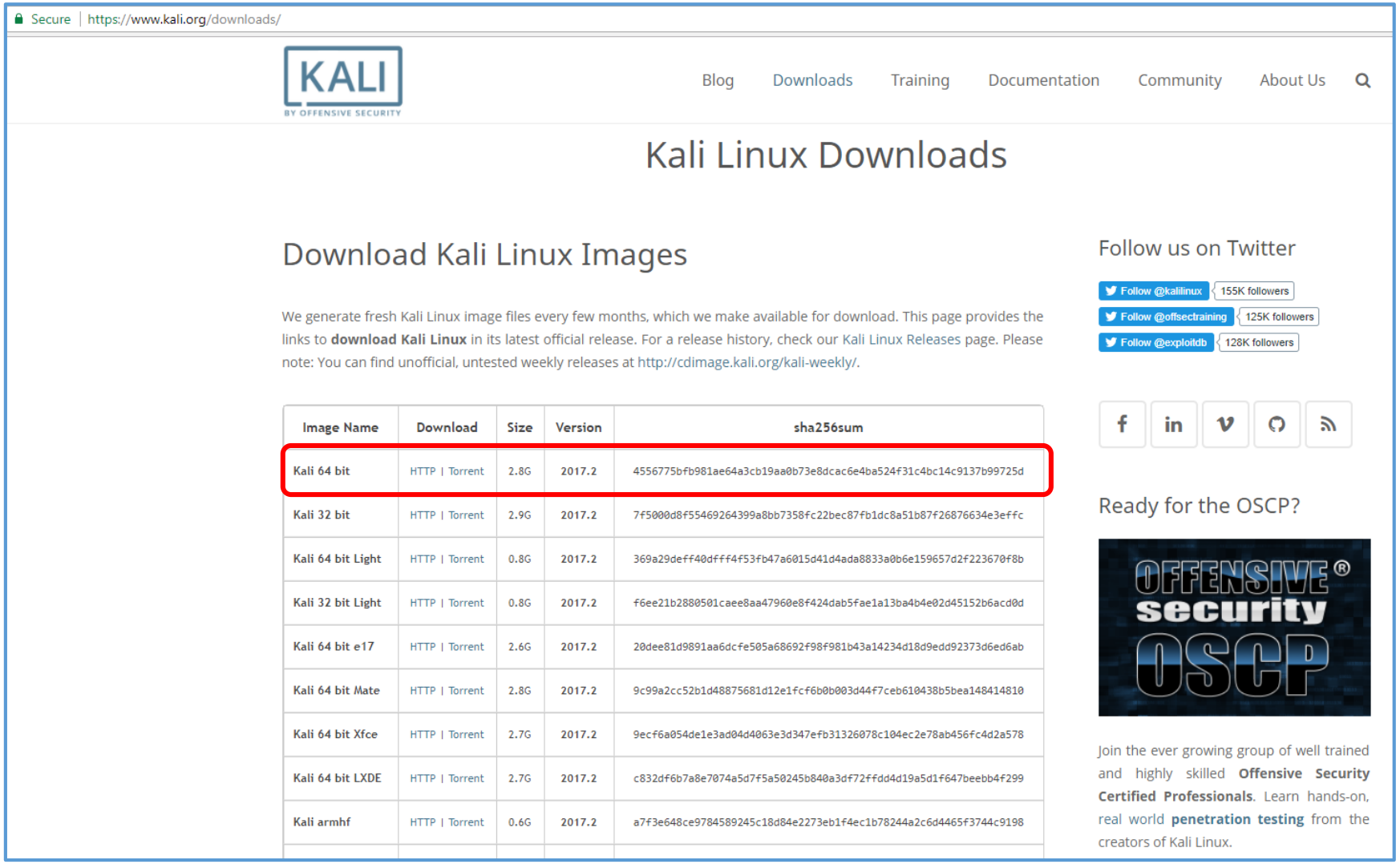

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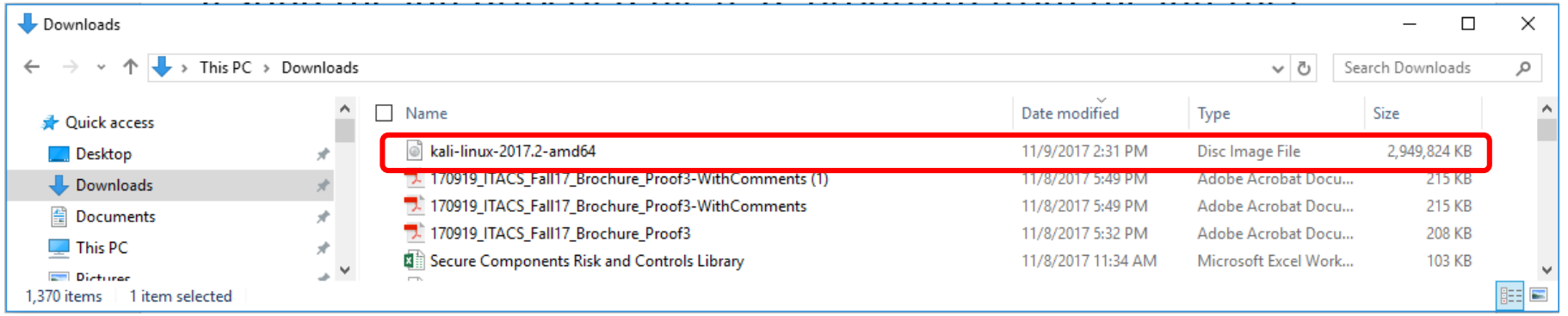

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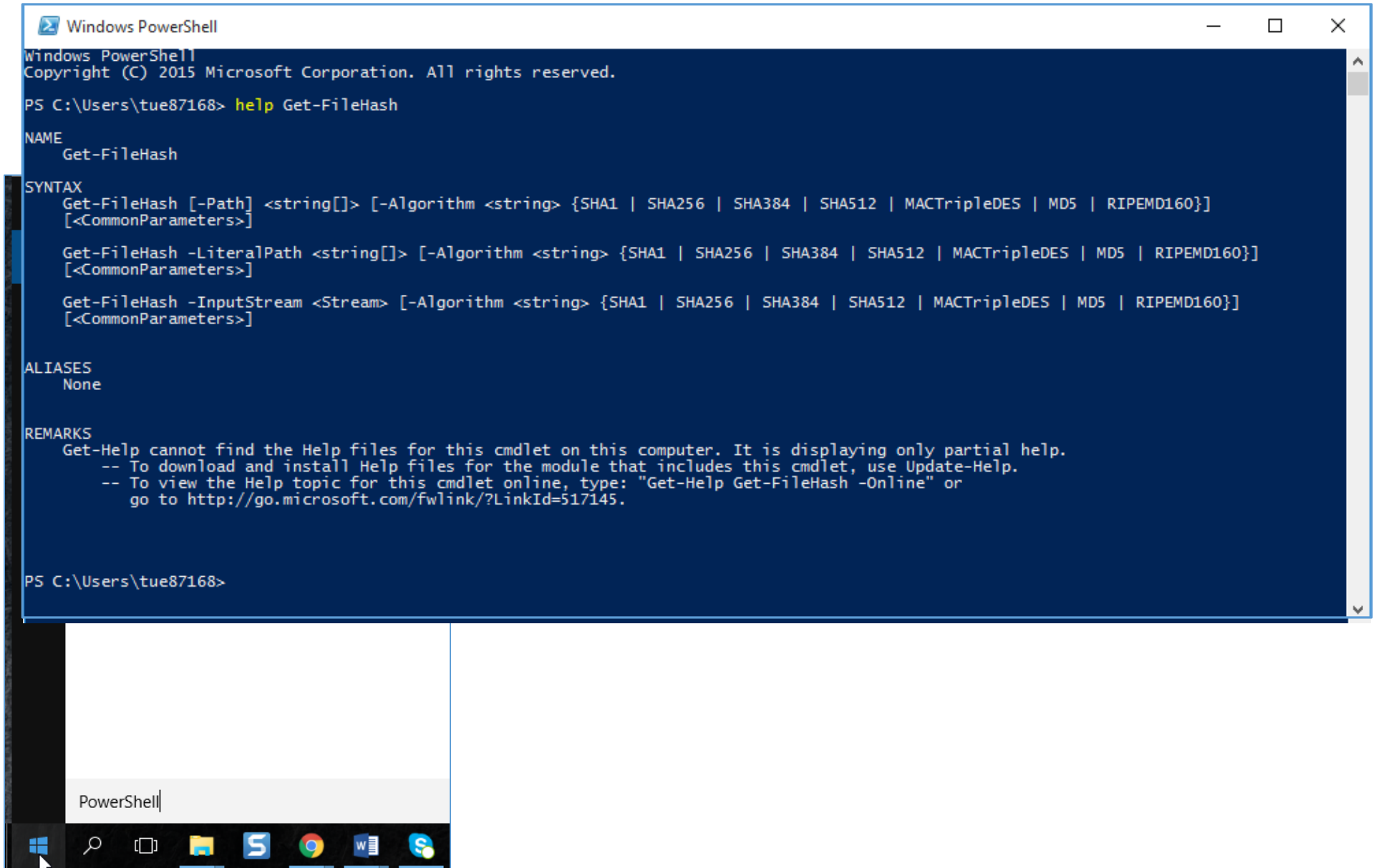

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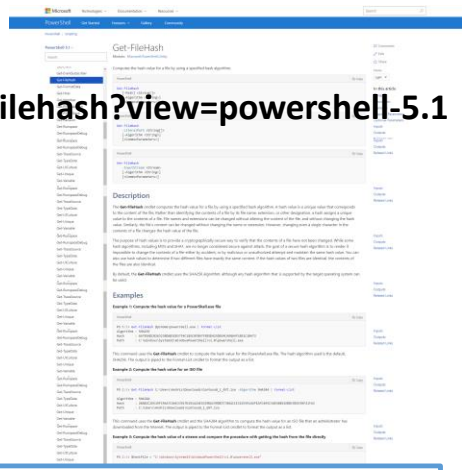

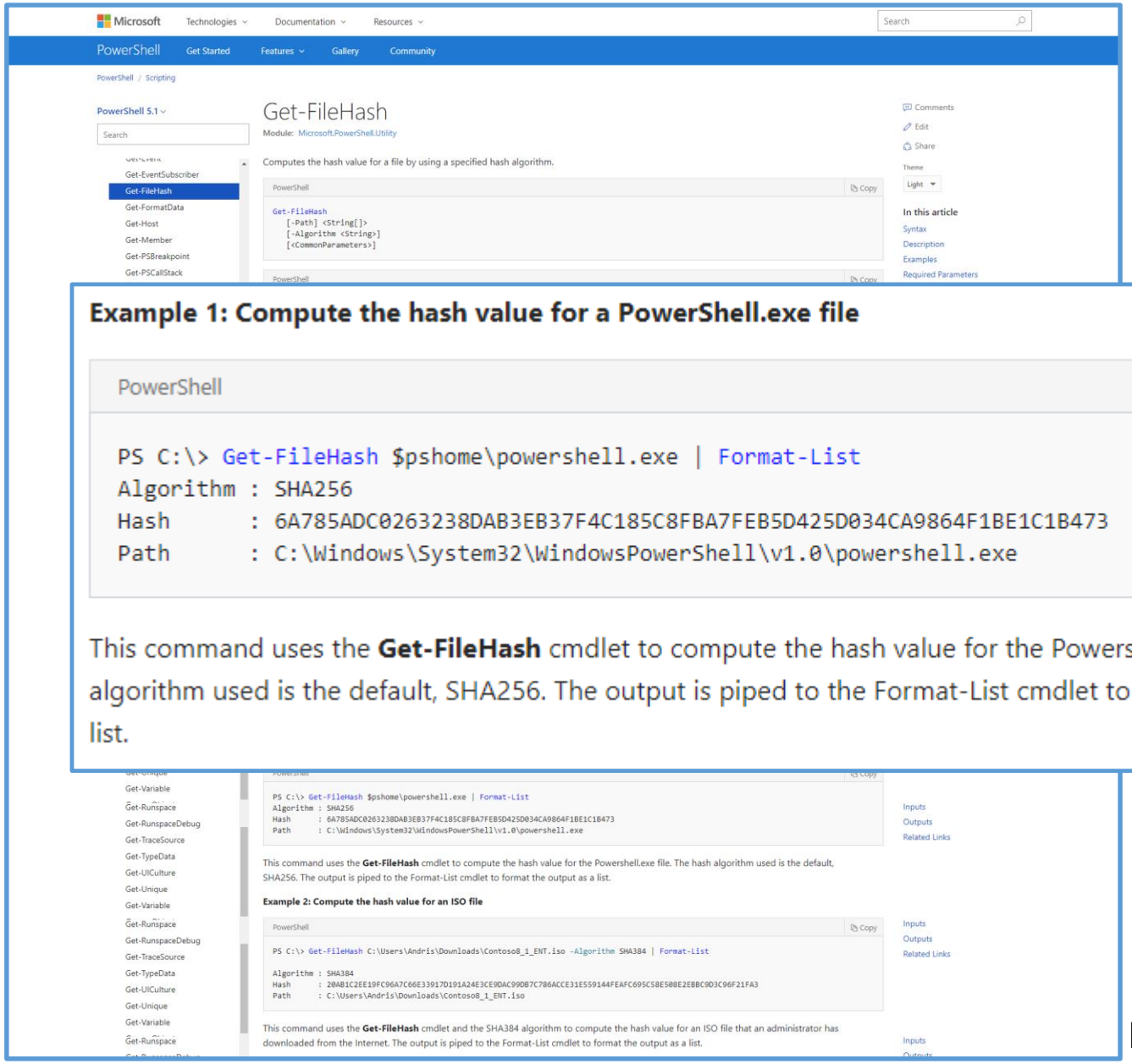

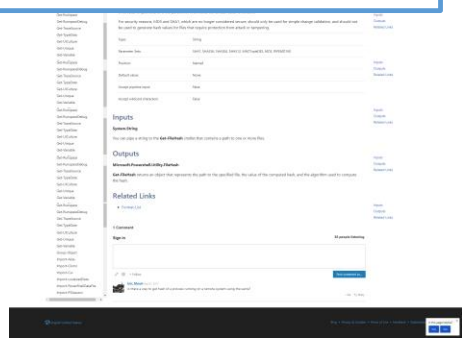

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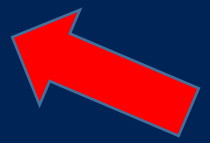

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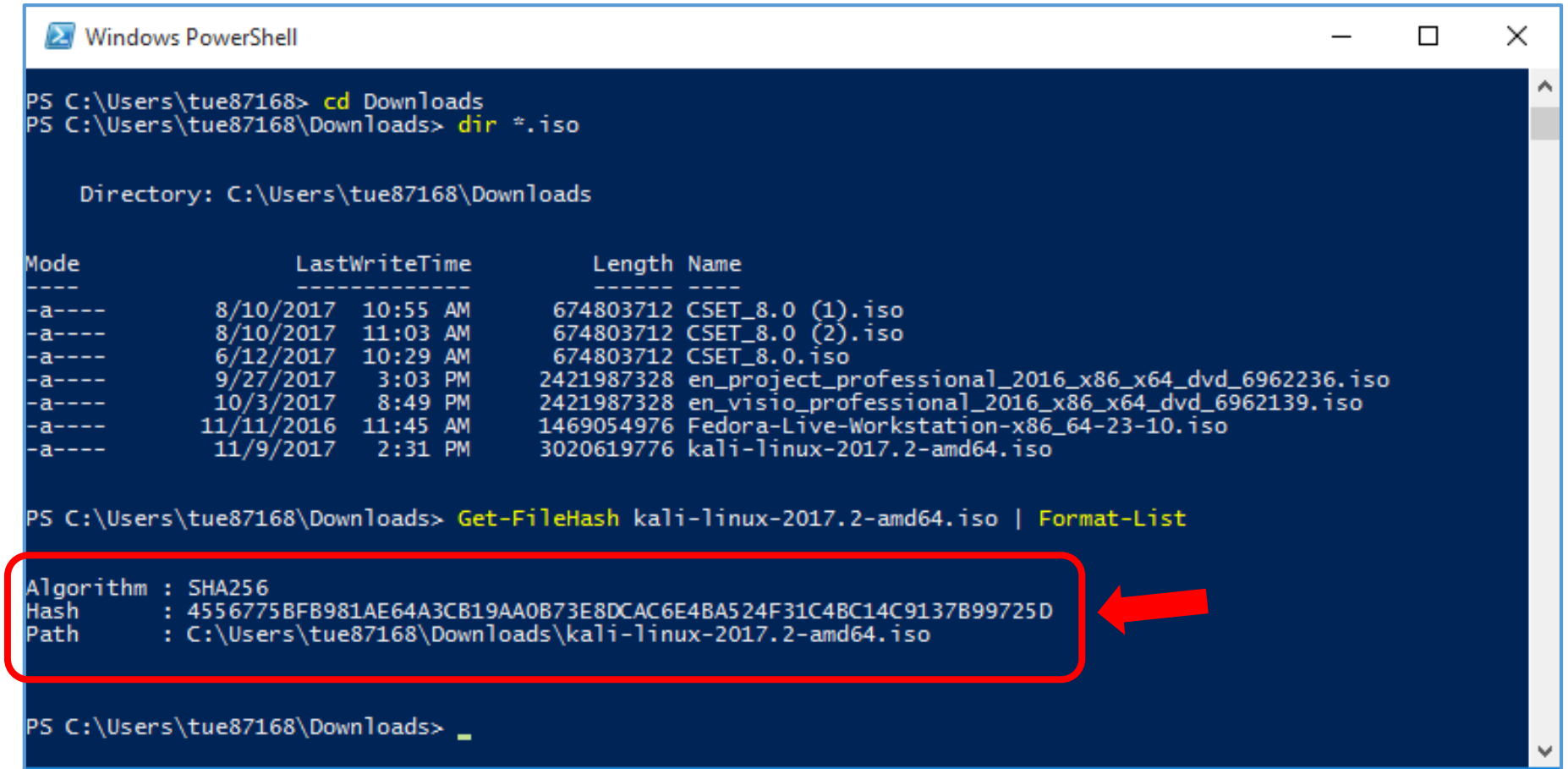

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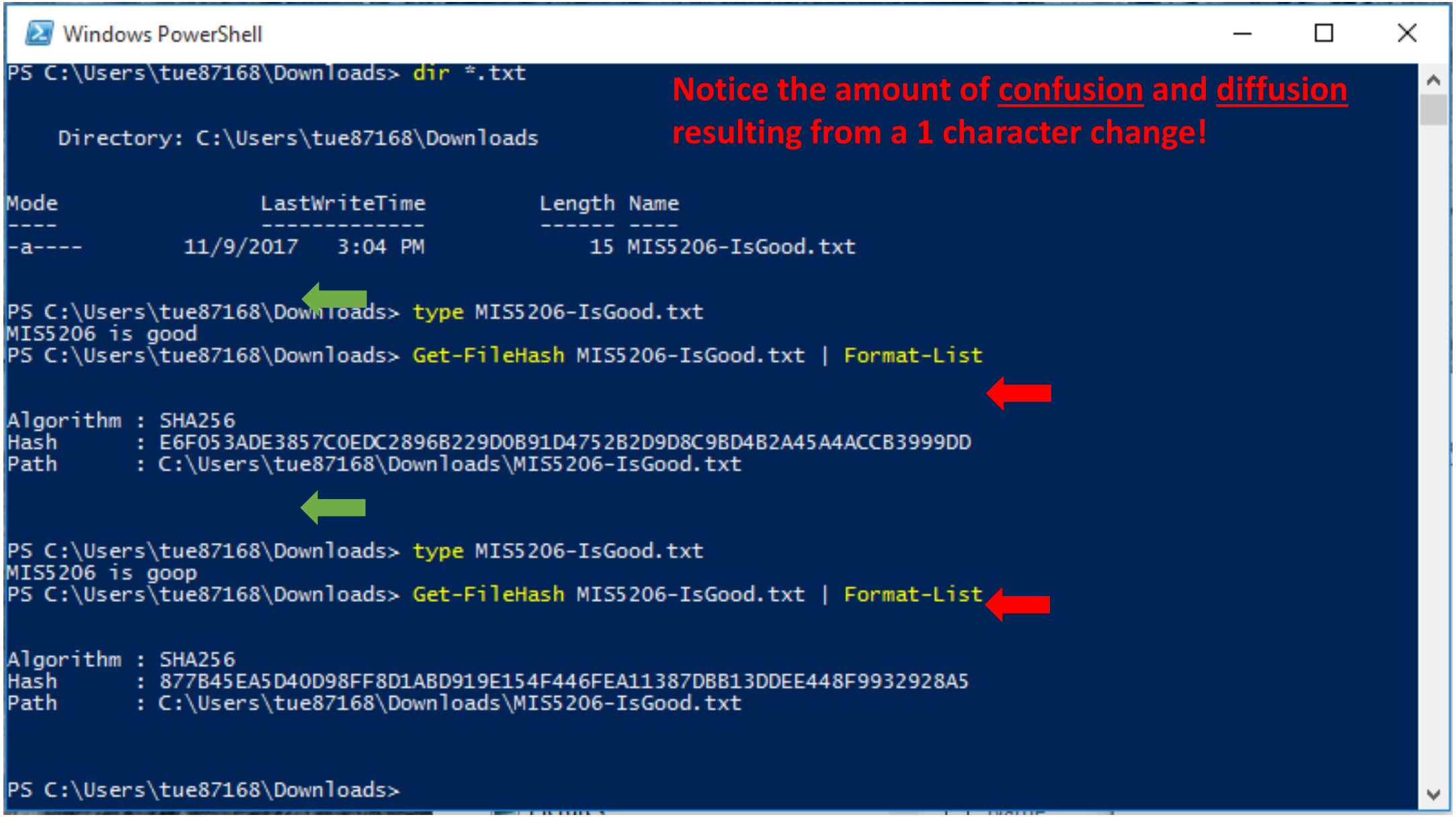
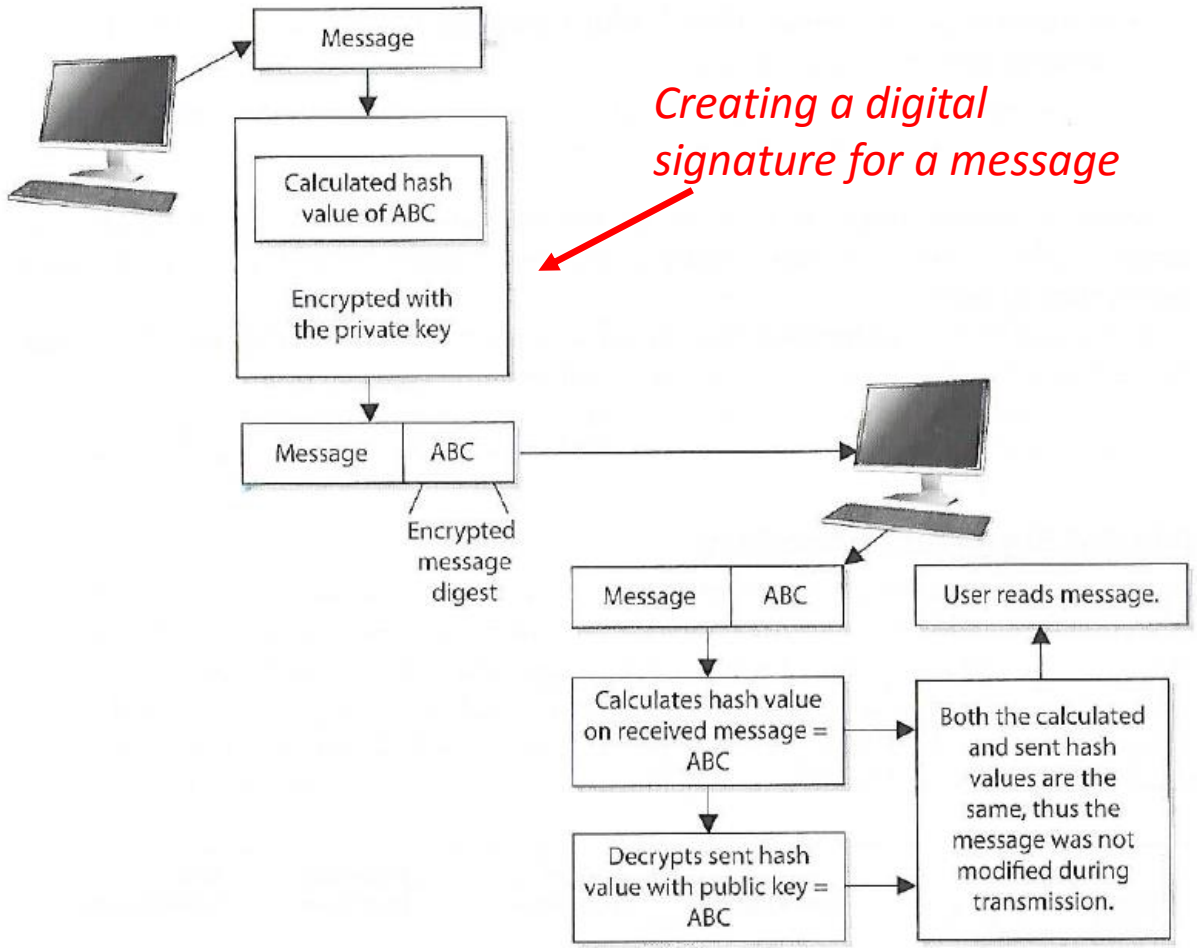


Digital Signature

- A hash value encrypted with the sender's private key
- The act of signing means encrypting the message's hash value with the private key



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Message Authentication Codes

- Small block of data generated with a secret key and appended to a message
- HMAC (RFC 2104)
  - Uses hash instead of cipher for speed
  - Used in SSL/TLS and IPSec

Cryptographic algorithms and their functions

Cryptographic Algorithms and Protocols

Name	Type	Algorithm Method	Key Size	Strength	Replaced By
DES	*Symmetric*	64-bit block cipher	64 bit (56 + 8 parity) 56-bit encryption keys	Very weak	3DES
3DES	*Symmetric*	64-bit block cipher	192 bit (168 bit + 24 parity)	Moderate	AES
Blowfish	*Symmetric*	64-bit block cipher	32- to 448-bit key		
AES	*Symmetric*	128-bit block cipher	128-bit encryption keys 192-bit encryption keys 256-bit encryption keys	Strong	N/A
Twofish	*Symmetric*	128-bit block cipher	128-, 192-, or 256-bit key		
RC4 – Rivest Cipher 4	*Symmetric*	Stream mode cipher (one bit at a time)	40- to 2,048-bit key		
RC5	*Symmetric*	Block mode cipher	Variable (up to 2048)	Very Strong	N/A
RSA	*Asymmetric*	Key transport	1024-bit keys	Strong	N/A
Diffie-Hellman	*Asymmetric*	Key exchange	N/A	Moderate	El Gamal
El Gamal	*Asymmetric*	Key exchange	N/A	Very Strong	N/A
MD5	*Hashing - Integrity*	Rivest MD5 Block Hash	512 bit block processing Creates 128-bit hashes / digest	Strong	MD6, et. Al.
SHA-1	*Hashing – Integrity*	Rivest SHA Hash	512-bit processing Creates 160-bit hashes / digest	Very Strong	N/A
SHA-2	*Hashing – Integrity*	Hash	Creates 224-, 256-, 384-, or 512-bit hashes		
HMAC-MD5	*Integrity - Authenticity*	Keyed Digest	Creates 128-bit hashes	Very Strong	N/A
HMAC-SHA1	*Integrity - Authenticity*		Creates 160-bit hashes		
RIPEMD	*Hash*		Creates 128-, 160-, 256-, or 320-bit hashes		

Reasons to Use Cryptography

Reason	How achieved
Confidentiality	The message can be encrypted
Integrity	The message can be hashed and/or digitally signed
Authentication	The message can be digitally signed
Nonrepudiation	The message can be digitally signed

Public Key Infrastructure

- Not the same as public key encryption algorithm
- All components needed to enable secure communication
  - Policies and Procedures
  - Keys and Algorithms
  - Software and Data Formats
- Assures identity to users
- Provides key management features

PKI Components

Digital Certificates

- Contains Public Key identity and verification info

Certificate Authorities (CA)

- Trusted entity that issues certificates

Registration Authorities (RA)

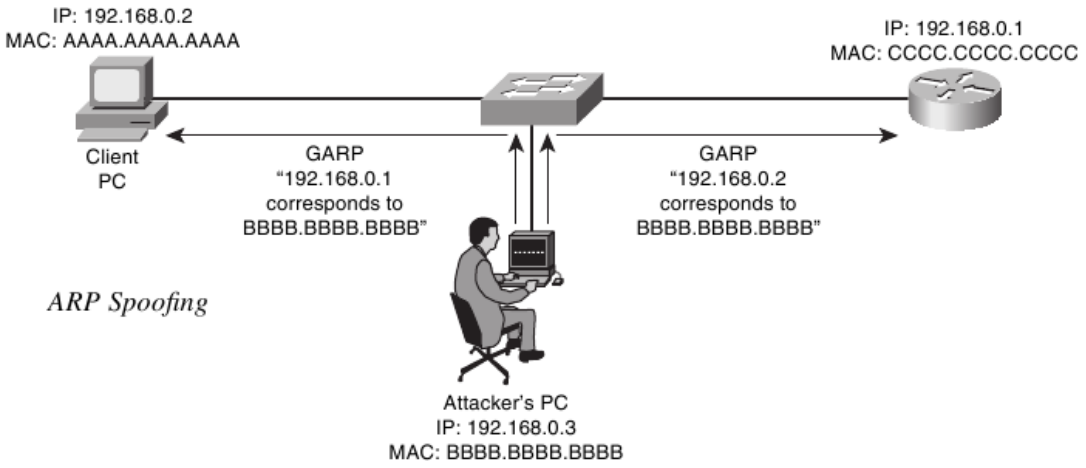
- Verifies identity for certificate requests

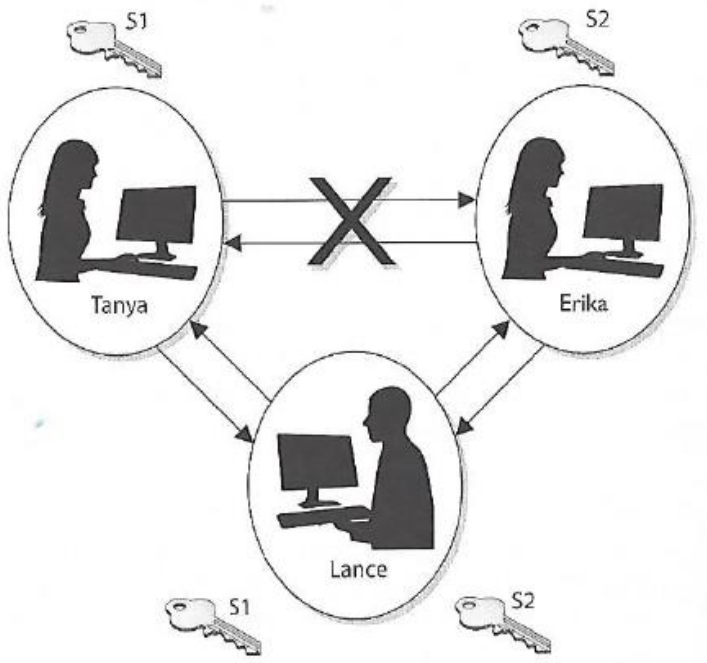
Certificate Revocation List (CRL)

Cryptanalysis Attacks

Man-in-the-Middle attack

- Hacker intercepts traffic grabs two others' public keys and replaces them with his/her own public key and uses his/her own private key to decrypt and monitors the traffic between the others





Cryptanalysis Attacks

- Brute force
  - Trying all key values in the keyspace
- Frequency Analysis
  - Guess values based on frequency of occurrence
- Dictionary Attack
  - Find plaintext based on common words
- Replay Attack
  - Repeating previous known values
- Factoring Attacks
  - Find keys through prime factorization
- Known Plaintext
  - Format or content of plaintext available

Cryptanalysis Attacks

- Chosen Plaintext
  - Attack can encrypt chosen plaintext
- Chosen Ciphertext
  - Decrypt known ciphertext to discover key
- Differential Power Analysis
  - Side Channel Attack
  - Identify algorithm and key length