Introduction to Cryptography
Lecture 8

Digital signatures,
Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

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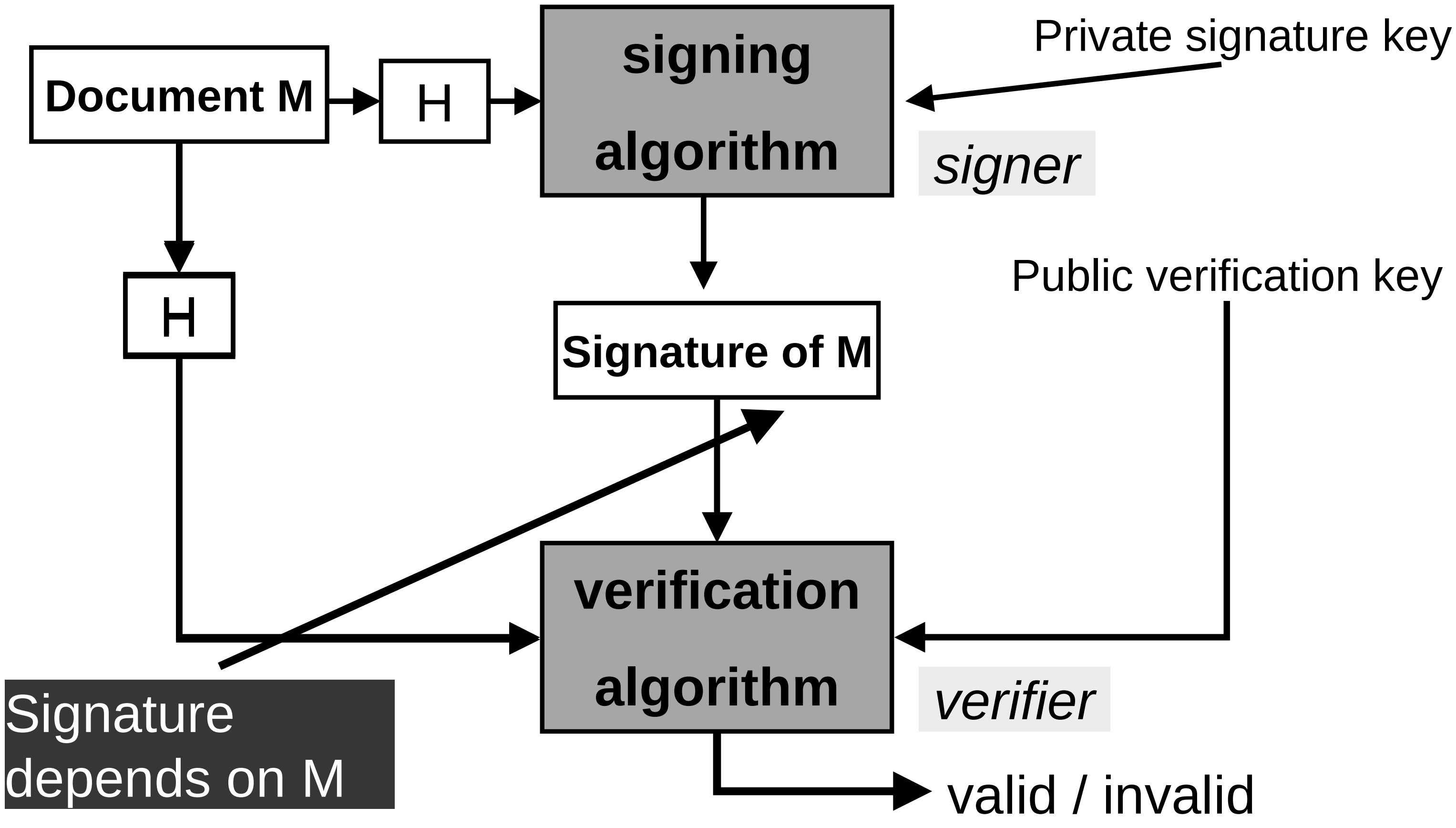
Desiderata for digital signatures

- Associate a document to an signer
- A digital signature is attached to a document *(rather then be part of it)*
- The signature is easy to verify but hard to forge
  - Signing is done using knowledge of a private key
  - Verification is done using a public key associated with the signer *(rather than comparing to an original signature)*
  - It is impossible to change even one bit in the signed document
- *A copy of a digitally signed document is as good as the original signed document.*
- Digital signatures could be legally binding…

Signing/verification process



Security definitions for digital signatures

- Attacks against digital signatures
  - *Key only attack:* the adversary knows only the verification key
  - *Known signature attack:* in addition, the adversary has some message/signature pairs.
  - *Chosen message attack:* the adversary can ask for signatures of messages of its choice (e.g. attacking a notary system).

    Seems even more reasonable than chosen message attacks against encryption.

Security definitions for digital signatures

- Several levels of success for the adversary
  - *Existential forgery:* the adversary succeeds in forging the signature of one message.
  - *Selective forgery:* the adversary succeeds in forging the signature of one message of its choice.
  - *Universal forgery:* the adversary can forge the signature of any message.
  - *Total break:* the adversary finds the private signature key.

- Different levels of security, against different attacks, are required for different scenarios.

Example: simple RSA based signatures

- Key generation: (as in RSA)
  - Alice picks random p,q. Finds $e \cdot d=1$ mod $(p-1)(q-1)$.
  - Public verification key: (N,e)
  - Private signature key: d

- Signing: Given m, Alice computes $s=m^d$ mod N.

- Verification: given m,s and public key (N,e).
  - Compute $m' = s^e$ mod N.
  - Output "valid" iff m'=m.

Attacks against plain RSA signatures

- Signature of m is $s=m^d \bmod N$.

- Universally forgeable under a chosen message attack:
  – *Universal forgery:* the adversary can forge the signature of any message of its choice.
  – *Chosen message attack:* the adversary can ask for signatures of messages of its choice.

- Existentially forgeable under key only attack.
  – *Existential forgery:* succeeds in forging the signature of at least one message.
  – *Key only attack:* the adversary knows the public verification key but does not ask any queries.

RSA will a full domain hash function

- Signature is sig(m) = $f^{-1}(H(m)) = (H(m))^d$ mod N.
  - $H()$ is such that its range is $[1,N]$
- *The system is no longer homomorphic*
  - $sig(m) \cdot sig(m') \neq sig(m \cdot m')$
- *Seems hard to generate a random signature*
  - Computing s^e is insufficient, since it is also required to show m s.t. $H(m) = s^e$.
- Proof of security in the random oracle model – where *H()* is modeled as a random function

RSA with full domain hash –proof of security

- Claim: If H() is a random oracle, then if there is a polynomial-time *A()* which forges a signature with non-negligible probability, then it is possible to invert the RSA function, on a random input, with non-neg prob.
- Proof:
  - Our input: y. Should compute y^d mod N.
  - *A()* queries *H()* and a signature oracle *sig()*, and generates a signature *s* of a message for which it did not query *sig()*.
  - Suppose *A()* made at most *t* queries to *H()*, and always queries *H(m)* before querying *sig(m)*.
  - We will show how to use *A()* to compute y^d mod N.

RSA with full domain hash –proof of security

- Proof (contd.)
  - We decide how to answer *A's* queries to *H(),sig()*.
  - Choose a random i in $[1,t]$, answer queries to *H()* as follows:
    - The answer to the *i*th query (m_i) is y.
    - The answer to the *j*th query ($j \neq i$) is $(r_j)^e$, where r_j is random.
  - Answer to *sig(m)* queries:
    - If $m=m_j$, $j \neq i$, then answer with r_j. (Indeed $sig(m_j)= (H(m_j))^d = r_j$)
    - If $m=m_i$ then stop. (we failed)
  - *A*'s output is *(m,s).*
    - *If* $m=m_i$ and s is the correct signature, then we found y^d.
    - Otherwise we failed.
  - Success probability is $1/t$ times success probability of *A()*.

Rabin signatures

- Same paradigm:
  - $f(m) = m^2 \bmod N$. $(N=pq)$.
  - $Sig(m) = s$, s.t. $s^2 = m \bmod N$. I.e., the square root of *m.*
- *Unlike RSA,*
  - Not all *m* are QR mod *N*.
  - Therefore, only ¼ of messages can be signed.
- *Solutions:*
  - Use random padding. Choose padding until you get a QR.
  - Deterministic padding (Williams system).
- A *total break* given a chosen message attack. (show)
- Must use a hash function H as in RSA.

El Gamal signature scheme

- Invented by same person but different than the encryption scheme. (think why)
- A randomized signature: same message can have different signatures.
- Based on the hardness of extracting discrete logs
- The DSS (Digital Signature Standard) that was adopted by NIST in 1994 is a variation of El-Gamal signatures.

El Gamal signatures

- Key generation:
  - Work in a group Z_p^* where discrete log is hard.
  - Let g be a generator of Z_p^*.
  - Private key $1 < a < p\text{-}1$.
  - Public key p, g, $y=g^a$.

- Signature: (of M)
  - Pick random $1 < k < p\text{-}1$, s.t. gcd$(k,p\text{-}1)=1$.
  - Compute $m=H(M)$.
    - $r = g^k \bmod p$.
    - $s = (m - r \cdot a) \cdot k^{-1} \bmod (p\text{-}1)$
  - Signature is r, s.

El Gamal signatures

- Signature:
  - Pick random $1 < k < p-1$, s.t. gcd$(k,p-1)=1$.
  - Compute
    - $r = g^k \bmod p$.
    - $s = (m - r \cdot a) \cdot k^{-1} \bmod (p-1)$
- Verification:
  - Accept if
    - $0 < r < p$
    - $y^r \cdot r^s = g^m \bmod p$

same r in
both places!

- It works since $y^r \cdot r^s = (g^a)^r \cdot (g^k)^s = g^{ar} \cdot g^{m-ra} = g^m$
- Overhead:
  - Signature: one (offline) exp.   Verification: three exps.

El Gamal signature: comments

- Can work in any finite Abelian group
  - The discrete log problem appears to be harder in elliptic curves over finite fields than in Z_p* of the same size.
  - Therefore can use smaller groups $\Rightarrow$ shorter signatures.
- Forging: find $y^r \cdot r^s = g^m \bmod p$
  - E.g., choose random $r = g^k$ and either solve dlog of g^m/y^r to the base r, or find $s=k^{-1}(m - \log_g y \cdot r)$ *(????)*
- Notes:
  - A different k must be used for every signature
  - If no hash function is used (i.e. sign M rather than $m=H(M)$), existential forgery is possible
  - If receiver doesn't check that $0<r<p$, adversary can sign messages of his choice.

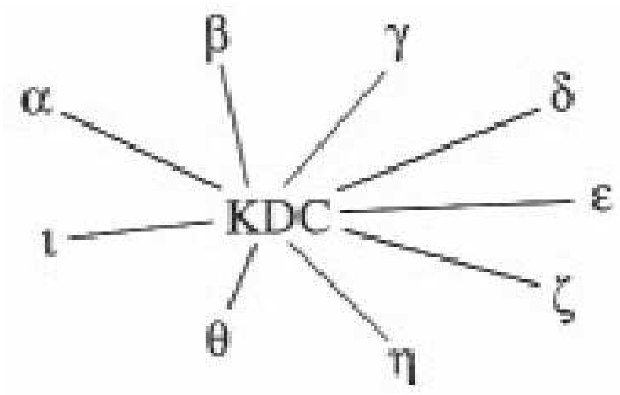
Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Key Infrastructure for symmetric key encryption

- Each user has a shared key with each other user
  - A total of n(n-1)/2 keys
  - Each user stores n-1 keys

Key Distribution Center (KDC)

- The KDC shares a symmetric key K_u with every user *u*
- Using this key they can establish a trusted channel
- When *u* wants to communicate with *v*
  - *u* sends a request to the KDC
  - The KDC
    - *authenticates u*
    - *g*enerates a key K_{uv} to be used by *u* and *v*
    - *sends* $Enc(K_u, K_{uv})$ to *u*, and $Enc(K_v, K_{uv})$ to *v*



Key Distribution Center (KDC)

- Advantages:
  - A total of *n* keys, one key per user.
  - easier management of joining and leaving users.

- Disadvantages:
  - The KDC can impersonate anyone
  - The KDC is a single point for failure, for both
    - security,
    - and quality of service
- Multiple copies of the KDC
  - More security risks
  - But better availability

Certification Authorities (CA)

- Public key technology requires every user to remember its private key, and to have access to other users' public key
- How can the user verify that a public key PK_v corresponds to user *v*?
  – What can go wrong otherwise?

- A simple solution:
  – A trusted public repository of public keys and corresponding identities
    - Doesn't scale up
    - Requires online access per usage of a new public key

Certification Authorities (CA)

- The Certificate Authority (CA) is trusted party.
- All users have a copy of the public key of the CA
- The CA signs Alice's digital certificate. A simplified certificate is of the form *(Alice, Alice's public key)*.

- When we get Alice's certificate, we
  - Examine the identity in the certificate
  - Verify the signature
  - Use the public key given in the certificate to
    - Encrypt messages to Alice
    - Or, verify signatures of Alice
- The certificate can be sent by Alice without any interaction with the CA.

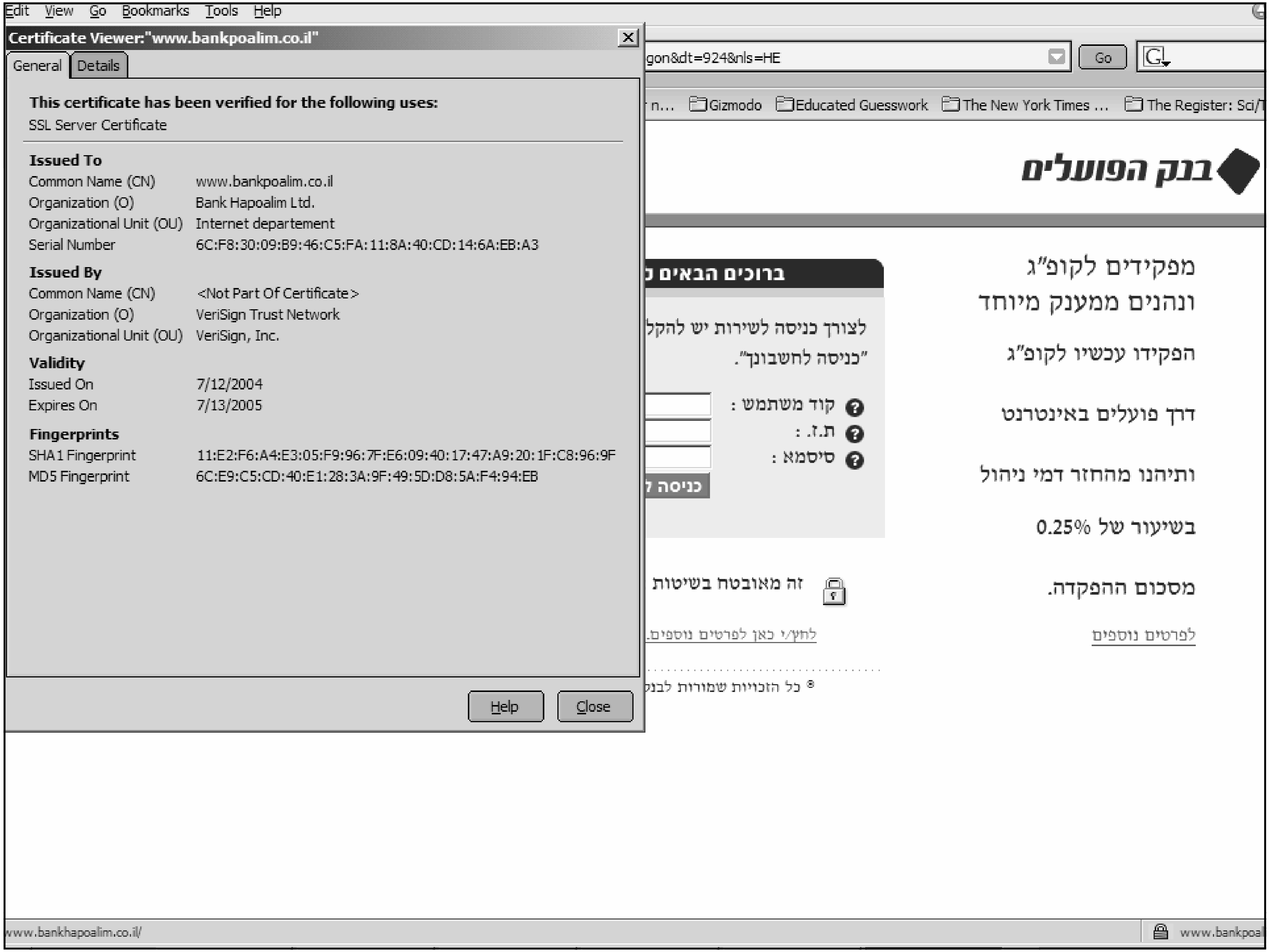
Certification Authorities (CA)

- Unlike KDCs, the CA does not have to be online to provide keys to users
  - It can therefore be better secured than a KDC
  - The CA does not have to be available all the time
- Users only keep a single public key – of the CA
- The certificates are not secret. They can be stored in a public place.
- When a user wants to communicate with Alice, it can get her certificate from either her, the CA, or a public repository.
- A compromised CA
  - can mount active attacks (certifying keys as being Alice's)
  - but it cannot decrypt conversations.

Certification Authorities (CA)

- For example.
  - To connect to a secure web site using SSL or TLS, we send an https:// command
  - The web site sends back a public key[1], and a certificate.
  - Our browser
    - Checks that the certificate belongs to the url we're visiting
    - Checks the expiration date
    - Checks that the certificate is signed by a CA whose public key is known to the browser
    - Checks the signature
    - If everything is fine, it chooses a session key and sends it to the server encrypted with RSA using the server's public key

(1) This is a very simplified version of the actual protocol.



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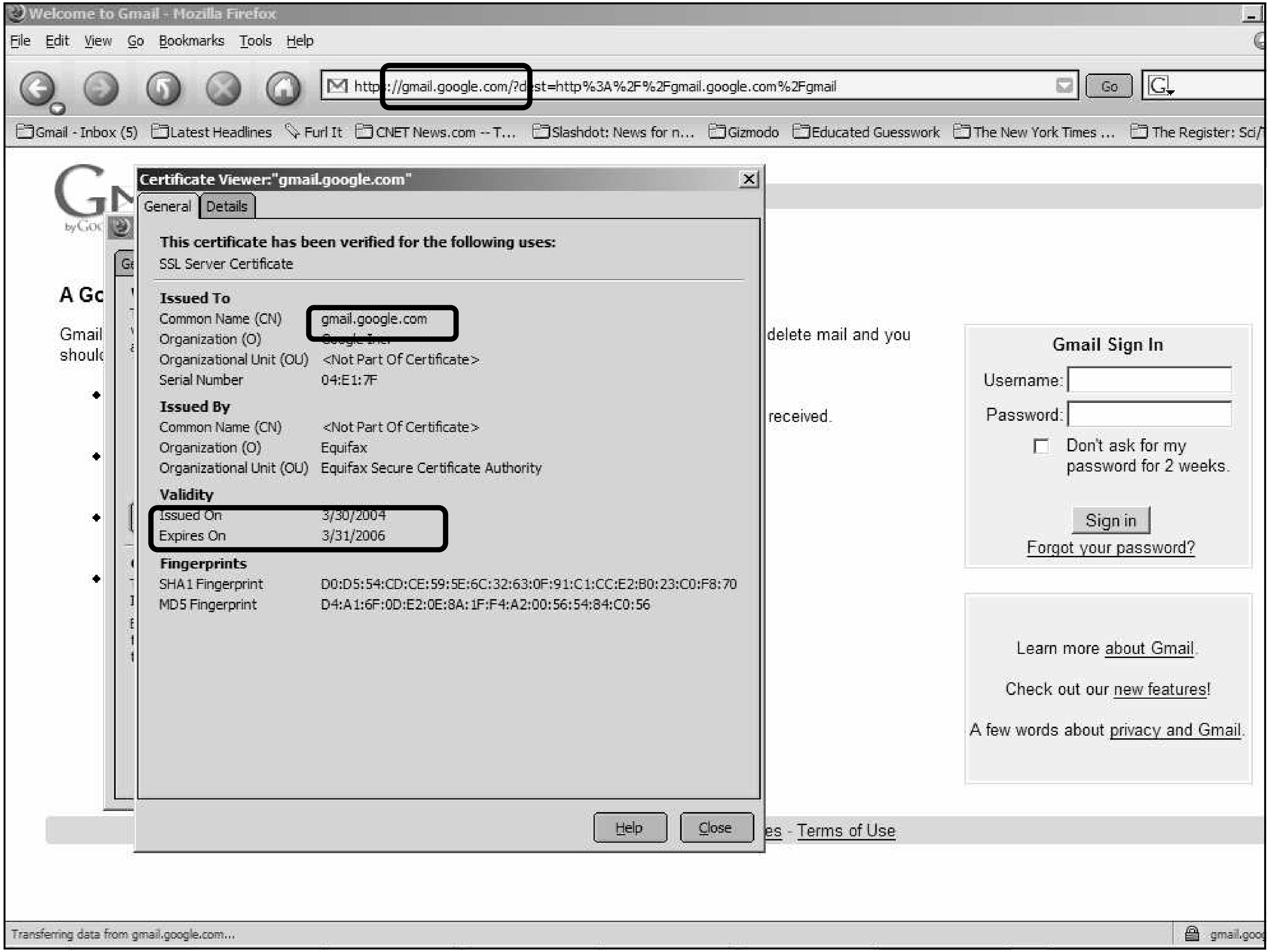

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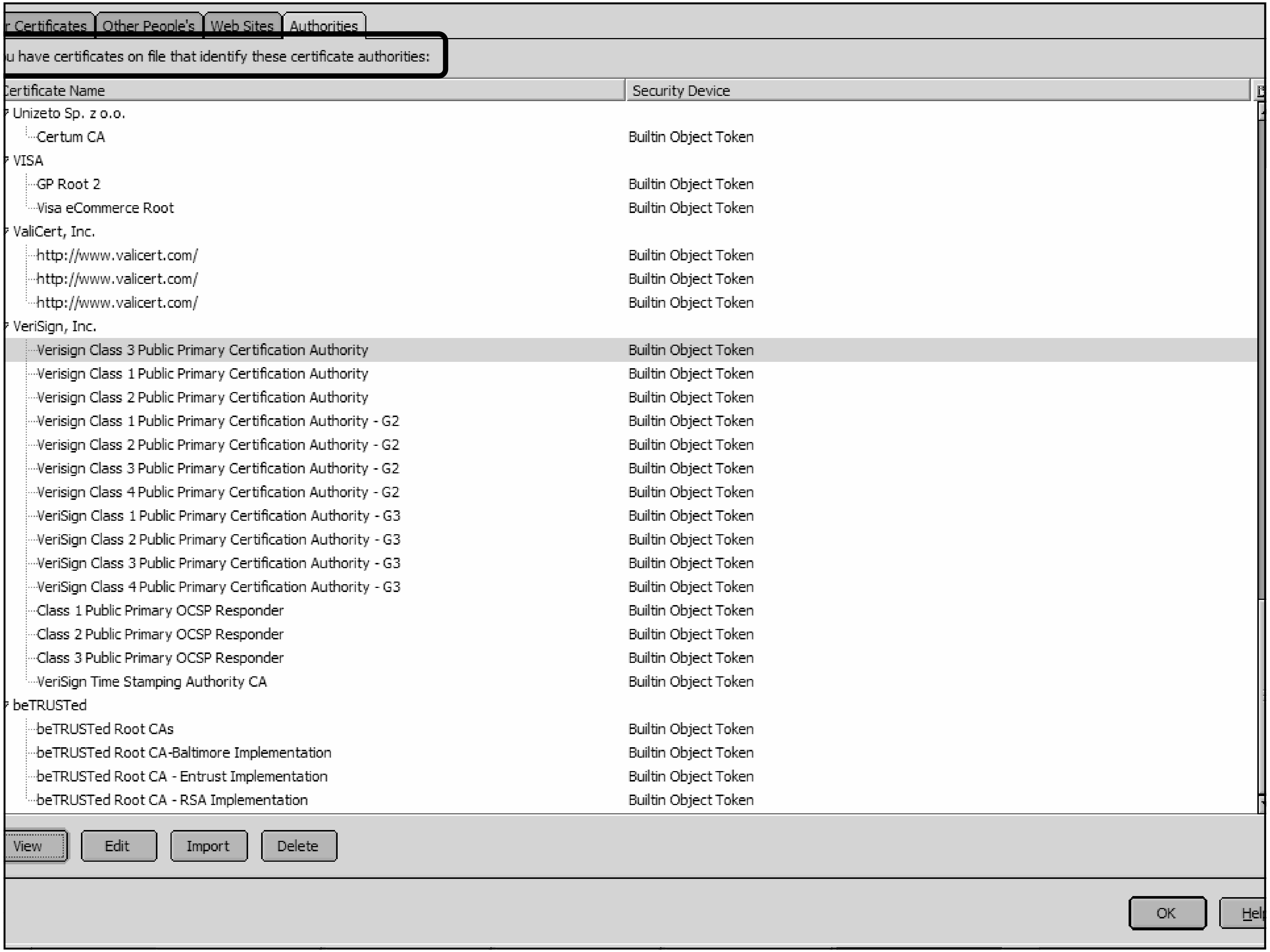
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Certificates

- A certificate usually contains the following information
  - Owner’s name
  - Owner’s public key
  - Encryption/signature algorithm
  - Name of the CA
  - Serial number of the certificate
  - Expiry date of the certificate
  - …
- Your web browser contains the public keys of some CAs
- A web site identifies itself by presenting a certificate which is signed by a chain starting at one of these CAs

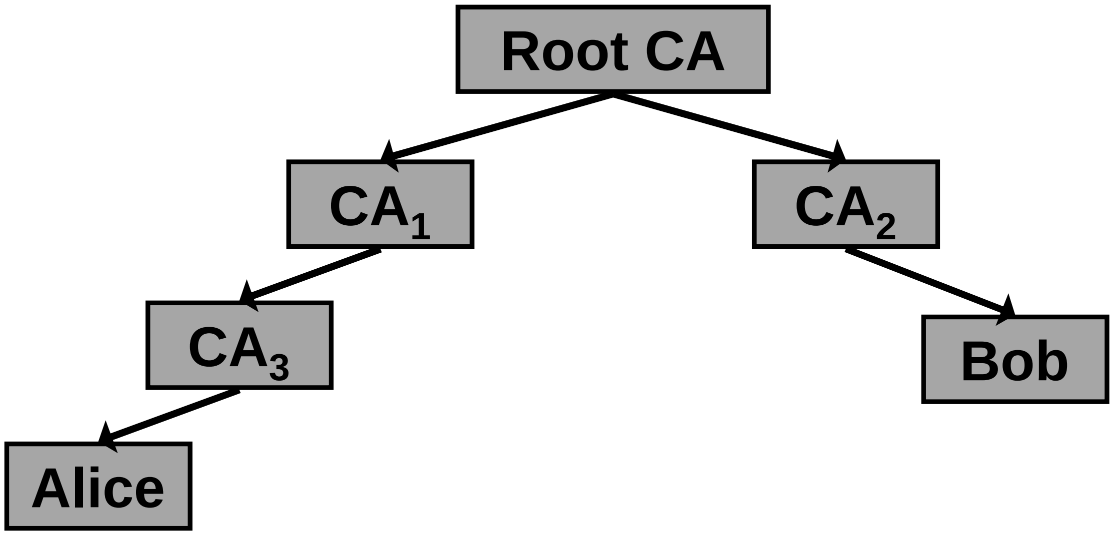
Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

- The goal: build trust on a global level

- Running a CA:
  - If people trust you to vouch for other parties, everyone needs you.
  - A license to print money
  - But,
    - The CA should limit its responsibilities, buy insurance…
    - It should maintain a high level of security
    - Bootstrapping: how would everyone get the CA’s public key?

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

- Monopoly: a single CA vouches for all public keys
- Monopoly + delegated CAs:
  - top level CA can issue certificates for other CAs
  - Certificates of the form
    - [$(\text{Alice}, PK_A)_{CA3}$, $(CA3, PK_{CA3})_{CA1}$, $(CA1, PK_{CA1})_{TOP\text{-}CA}$]



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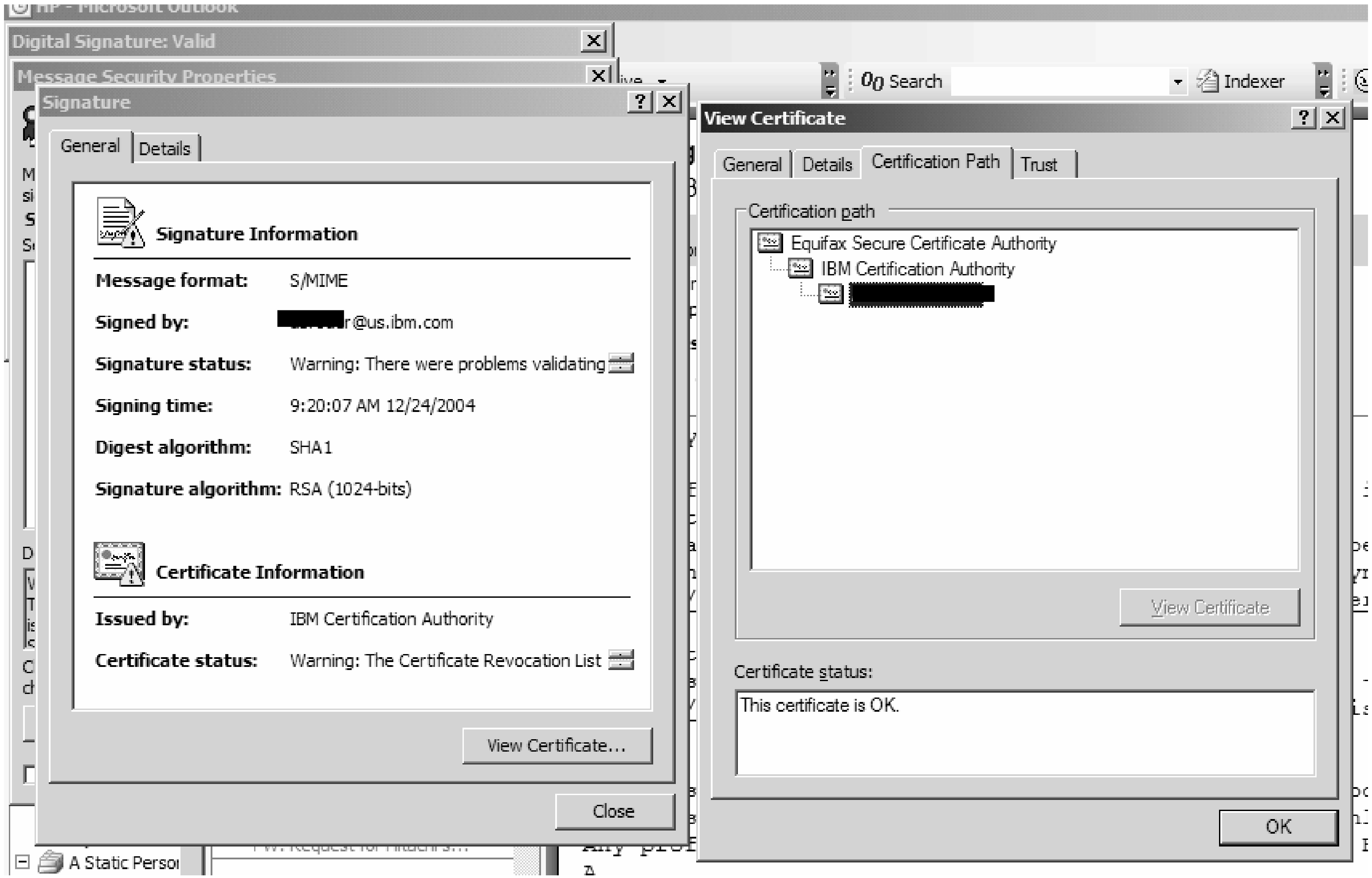

Public Key Infrastructure

- Oligarchy
  - Multiple trust anchors (top level CAs)
    - Pre-configured in software
    - User can add/remove CAs
- Top-down with name constraints
  - Like monopoly + delegated CAs
  - But every delegated CA has a predefined portion of the name space (il, ac.il, haifa.ac.il, cs.haifa.ac.il)
  - More trustworthy