

Exercise 1 - Cryptography



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Exercise 1: Caesar Cipher

- Decrypt the following word, encrypted with the Caesar cipher:

JYFWAVNYHWOF

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

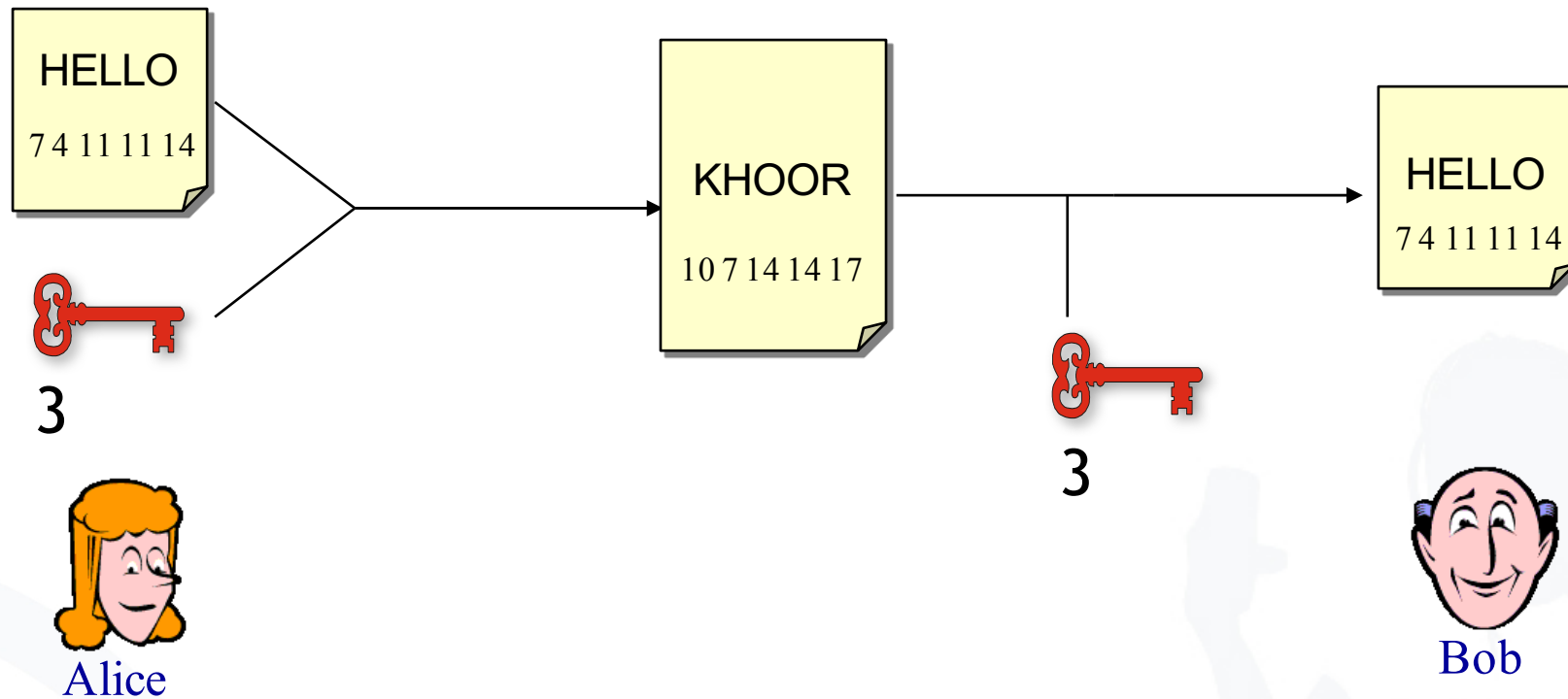
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

- We assign a number for every character.
- This enables us to calculate with letters as if they were numbers.

- Encryption:

1. Assign numbers to characters (A=0, B=1,...)
2. Choose key k (0,..., 25)
3. Compute $(\text{num}(\text{char}) + k) \bmod 26$, where char is the character to encrypt and $\text{num}(x)$ the number assigned to character x (e.g. $\text{num}(A) = 0$)

Caesar Cipher: Example



- How to decrypt?
- Decryption:
 1. Choose key k (0,..., 25)
 2. Assign numbers to characters (A=0, B=1,...)
 3. Compute $(\text{num}(\text{char}) - k) \bmod 26$, where char is the character to encrypt and $\text{num}(x)$ the number assigned to character x
 4. Repeat steps for all characters
 5. Stop, if decrypted word makes sense

- Let's try:

Key	J	Y	F	W	A	V	N	Y	H	W	O	F
1	I	X	E	V	Z	U	M	X	G	V	N	E
2	H	W	D	U	Y	T	L	W	F	U	M	D
3	G	V	C	T	X	S	K	V	E	T	L	C
4	F	U	B	S	W	R	J	U	D	S	K	B
5	E	T	A	R	V	Q	I	T	C	R	J	A
6	D	S	Z	Q	U	P	H	S	B	Q	I	Z
7	C	R	Y	P	T	O	G	R	A	P	H	Y

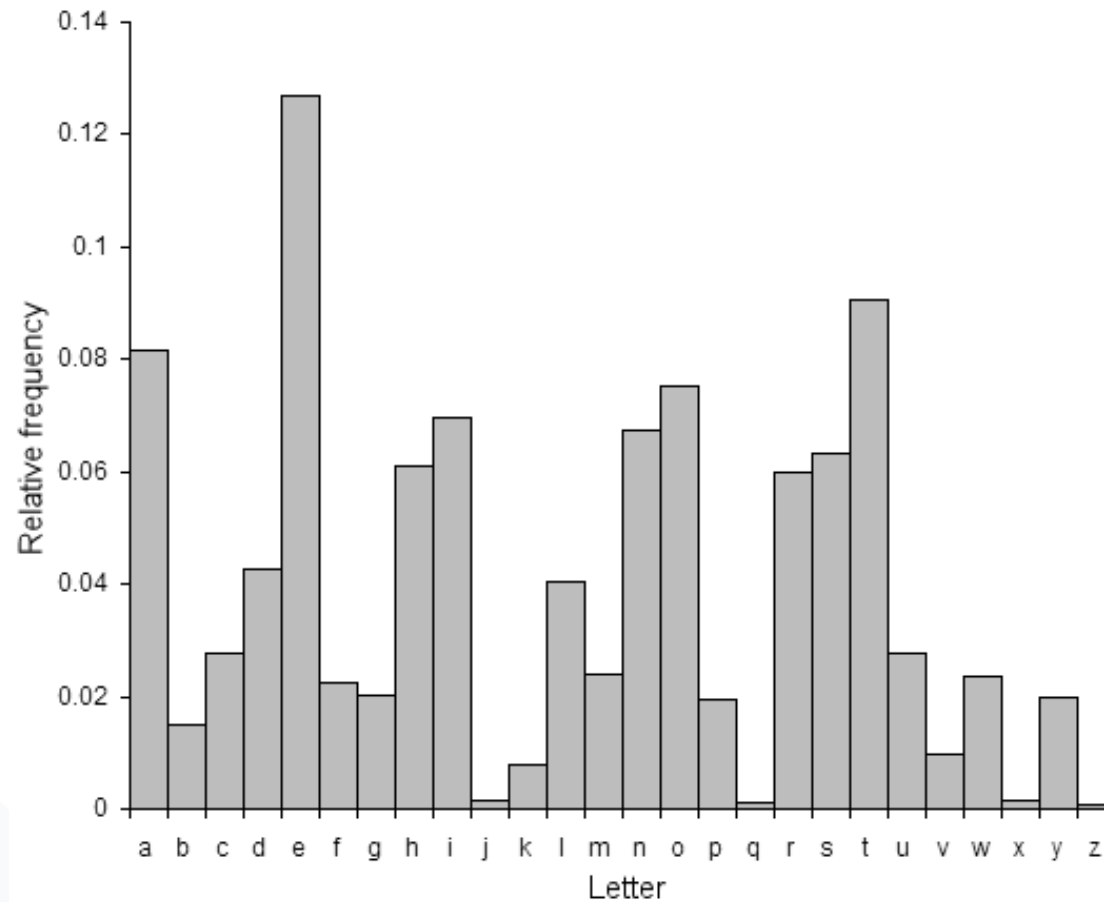
Assessment of Caesar Cipher

- Very simple form of encryption.
- The encryption and decryption algorithms are very easy and fast to compute.
- It uses a very limited key space ($n=26$)
- Therefore, the encryption is very easy and fast to compromise.

Some Cool Stuff! Can a Tool Decrypt This?

pelcgbtencul cevbe gb gur zbqrea ntr jnf rssrpgviryl flabalzbhf jvgu rapelcgvba, gur
pbairefvba bs vasbezngvba sebz n ernqnoyr fgngvba nccnerag abafrafr. gur bevtvangbe bs
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hayvzvrq pbzchgvat cbjre-na rknzcyr vf gur bar-gvzr cnq-ohg gurfr fpurzrf ner zber
qvssvphyg gb vzcyzrag guna gur orfg gurbergvpyl oernxnoyr ohg pbzchgngvbanyl frpher
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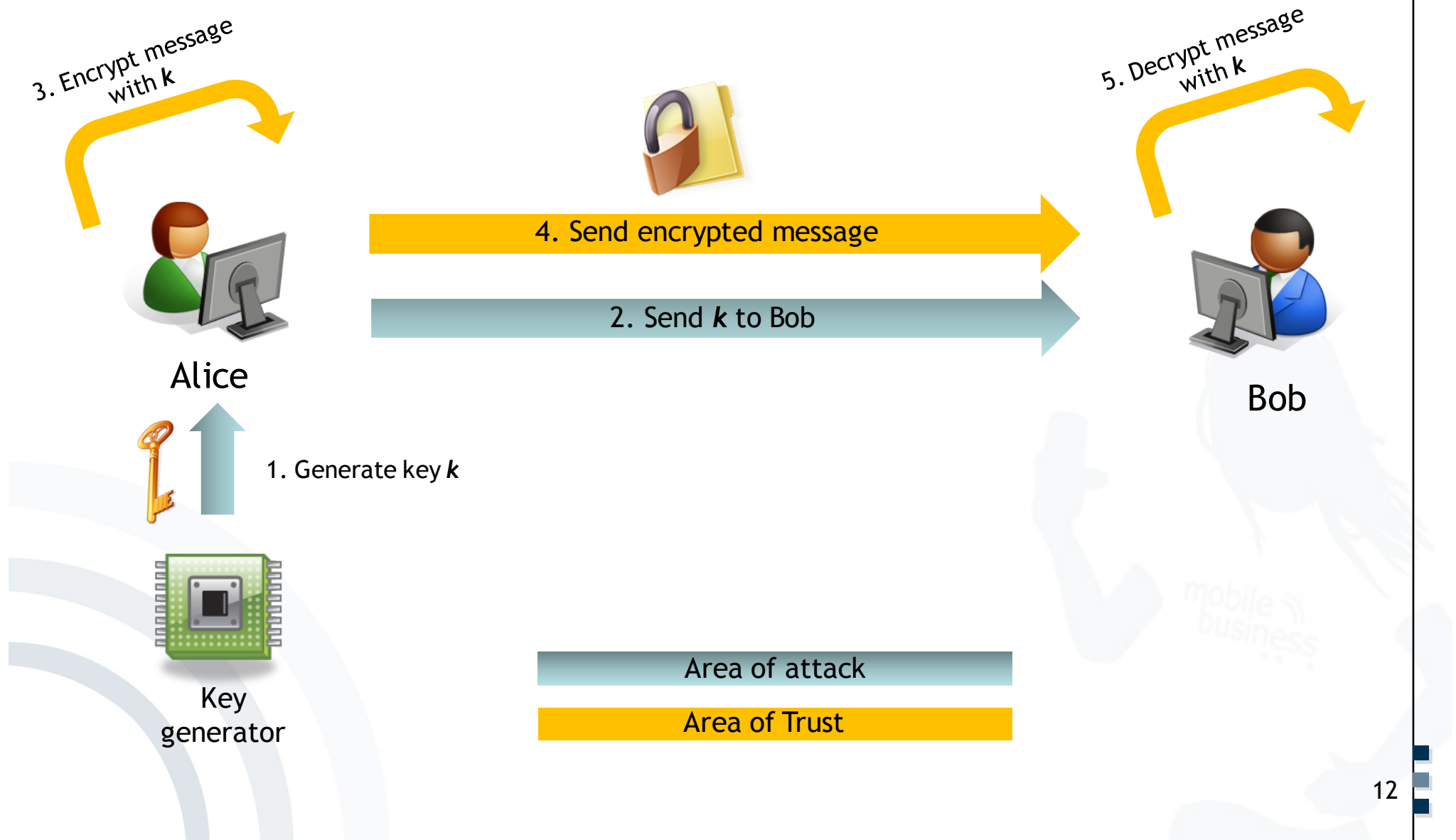
English letters frequency

Exercise 2: Cryptosystems

1. Imagine the following situation: Alice wants to share a secret with Bob and therefore sends an encrypted message to Bob.
 - 1.1 Sketch the process by using symmetric encryption/decryption.
 - a. Complete the illustration by highlighting each step and adding all missing elements – such as keys, involved 3rd parties,...



Exercise 2: Cryptosystems - Symmetric Encryption



Exercise 2: Cryptosystems

b. What are pre-conditions for this approach?

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- Generation of shared symmetric key
- Exchange of (secret) shared key
 - Need for secure channel

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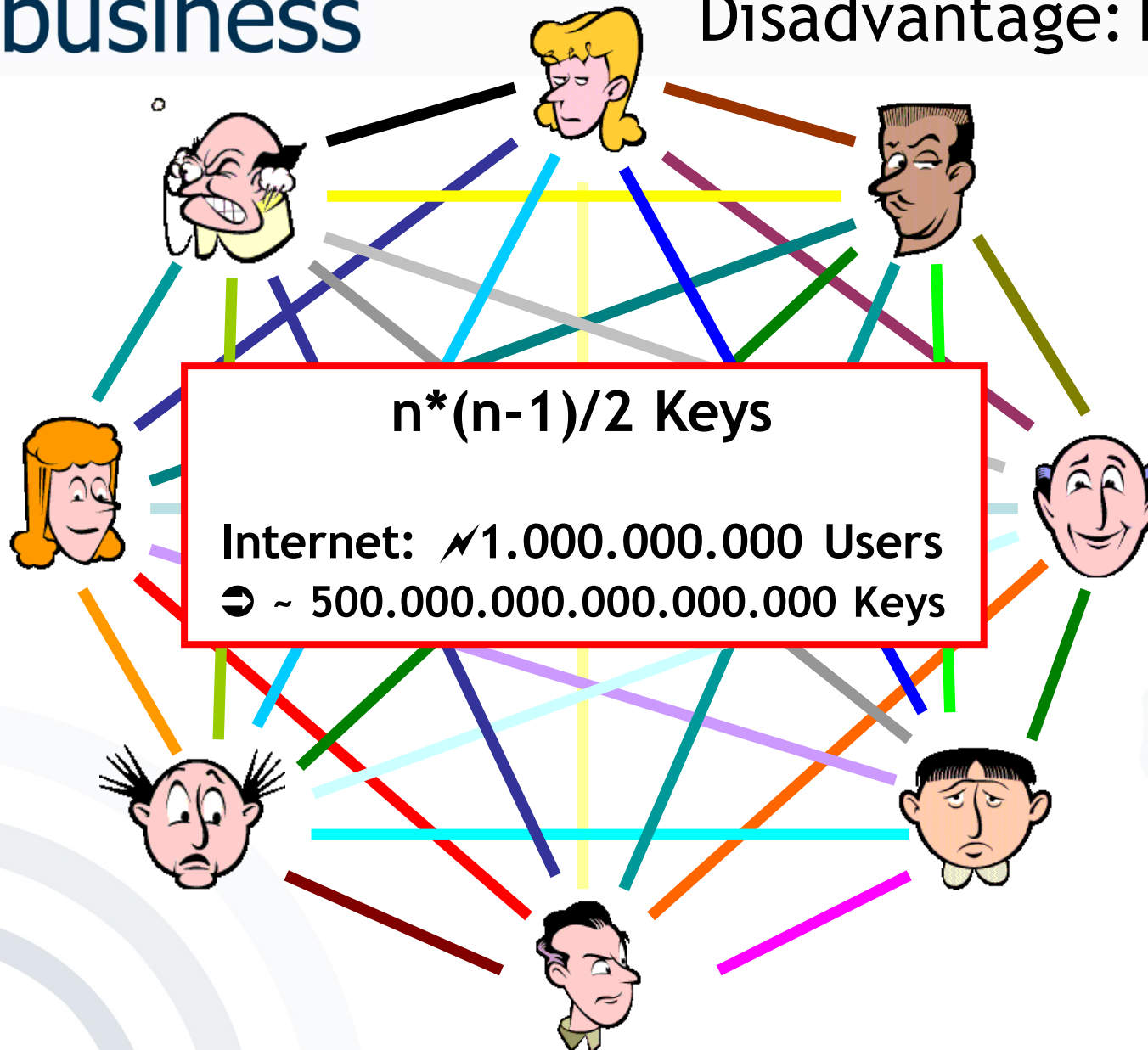
c. What are advantages and disadvantages of symmetric encryption/decryption?

Advantage: Algorithms are very fast

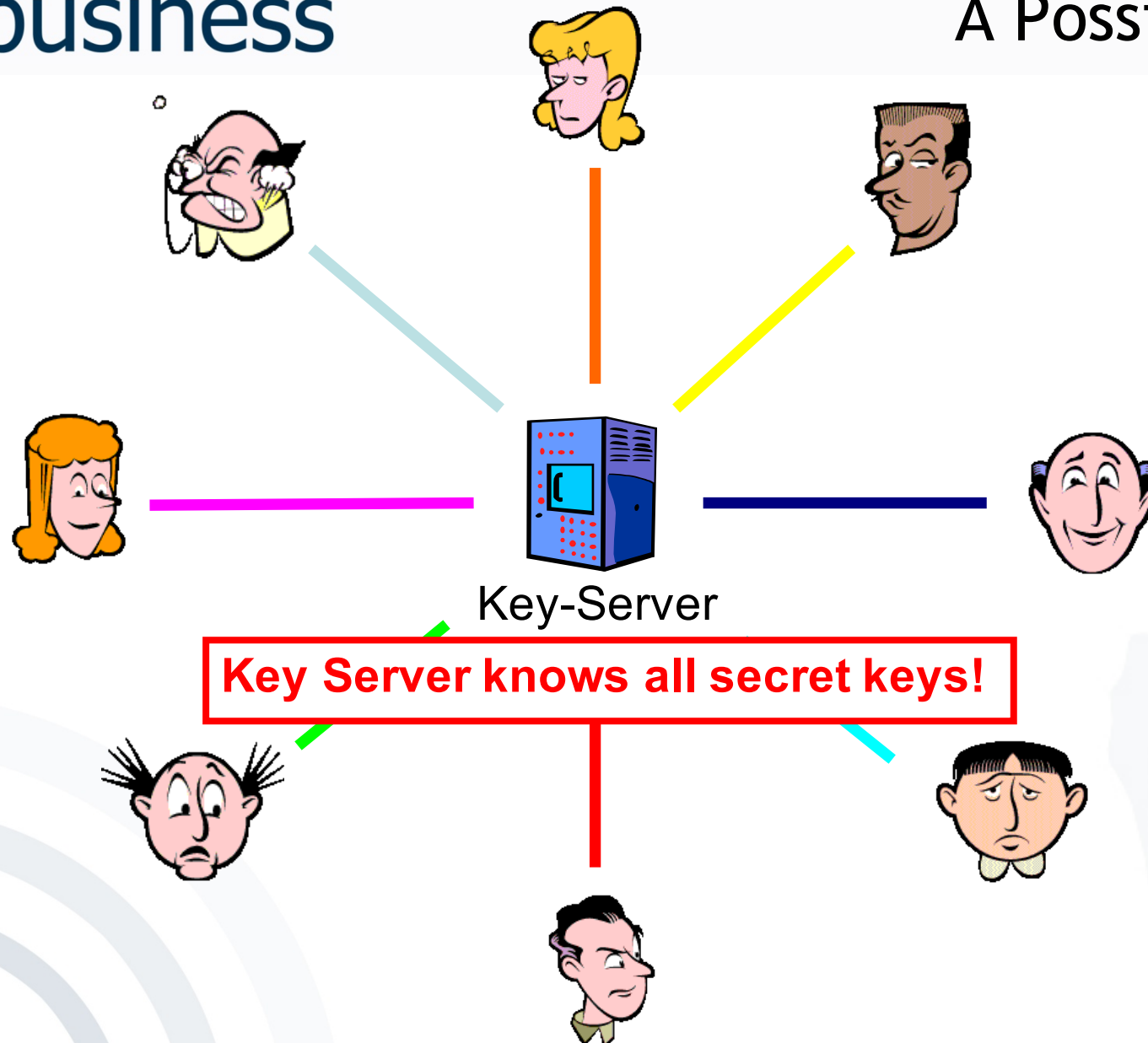
Algorithm	Performance*
RC6	138 ms
AES	173 ms
SERPENT	200 ms
IDEA	288 ms
MARS	394 ms
TWOFISH	697 ms
DES-edc	726 ms

*) Encryption of 1 MB-blocks with an Athlon 1GHz processor

Symmetric Encryption Disadvantage: Key Exchange



Symmetric Encryption: A Possible Solution



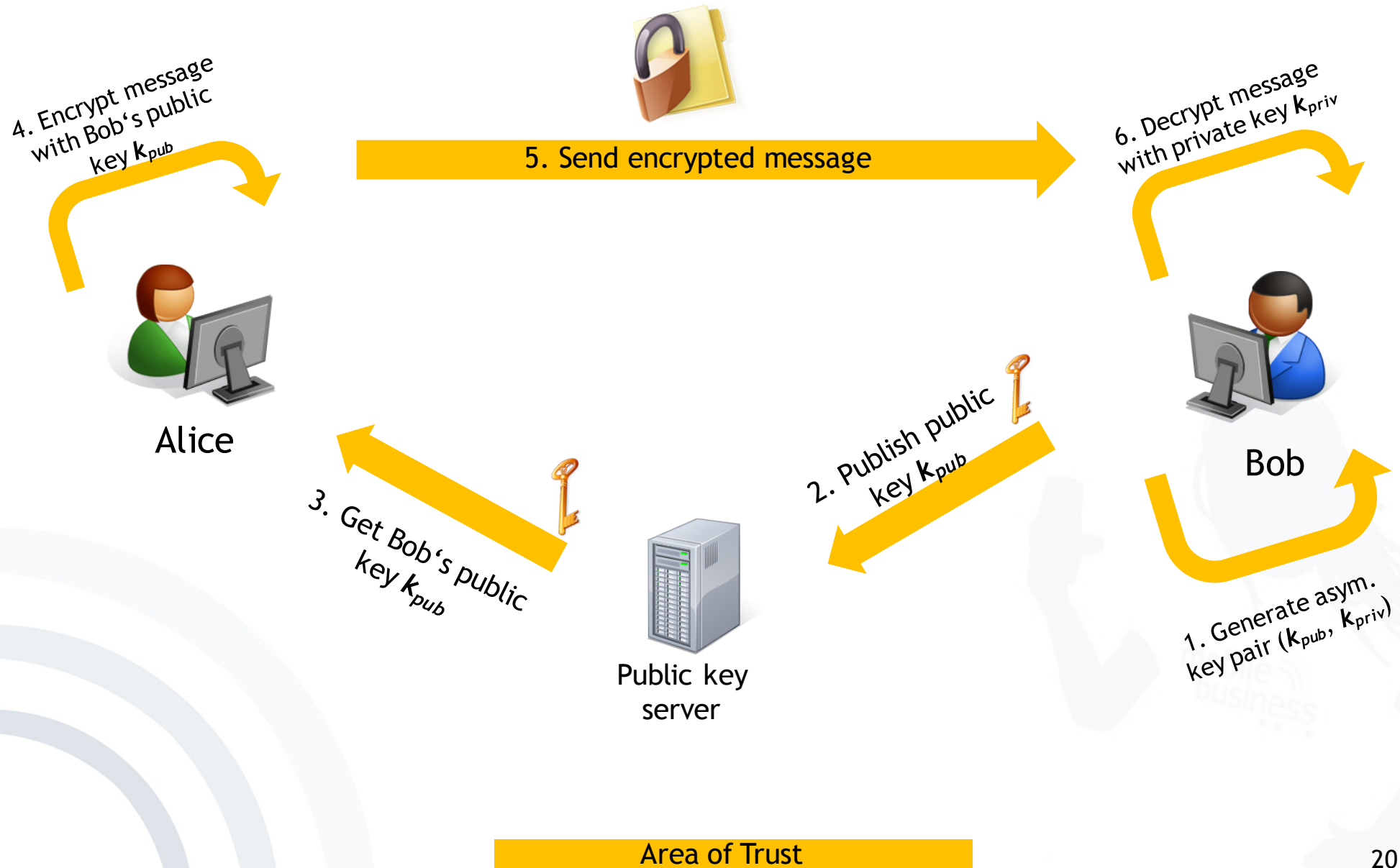
Exercise 2 - Asymmetric Encryption

1.2 Sketch the process by using asymmetric encryption/decryption.

- a. Complete the illustration by highlighting each step and adding all missing elements – such as keys, involved 3rd parties,...



Exercise 2: Cryptosystems - Asymmetric Encryption



Exercise 2: Cryptosystems

b. What are pre-conditions for this approach?

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- Generation of asymmetric key pairs
- Publishing public part of key
- Private key must be kept secret (!)

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c. What are advantages and disadvantages of asymmetric encryption/decryption?

Algorithm	Performance*
El Gamal	1826 s
RSA	16 s

Disadvantage: Complex operations
with very big numbers

➔ **Algorithms are very slow**

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c. What are advantages and disadvantages of asymmetric encryption/decryption?

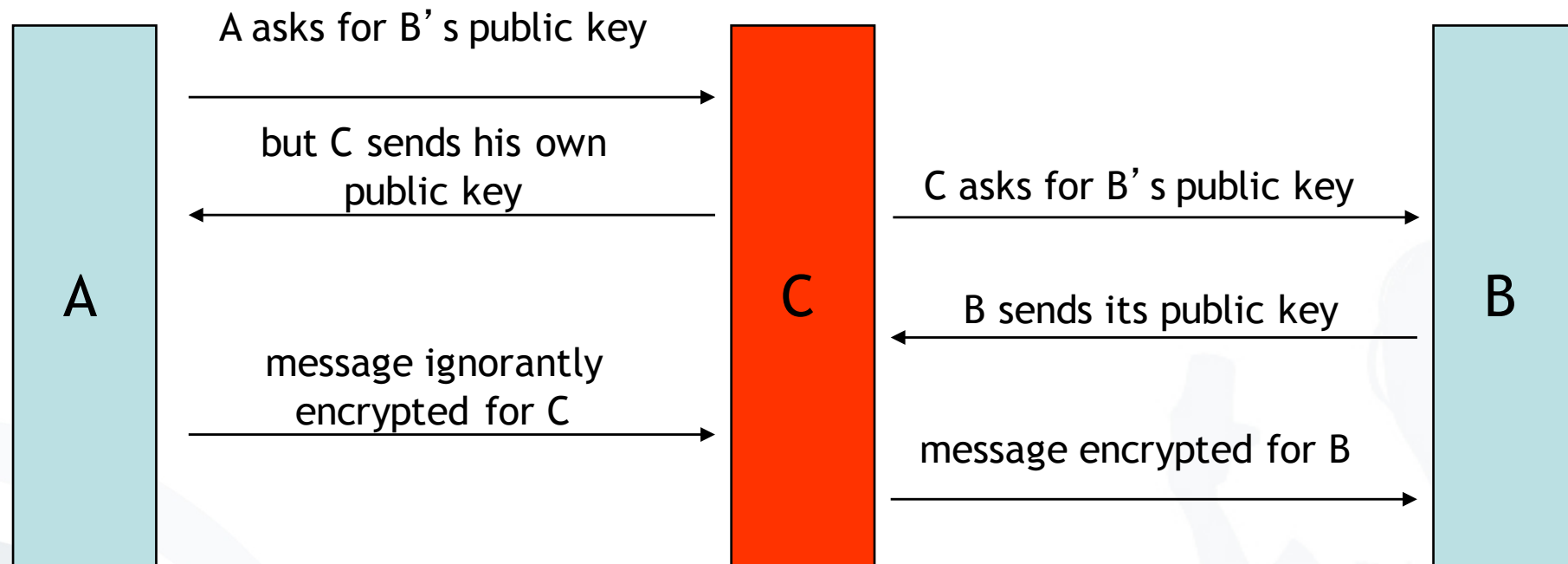
Advantages:

- No secret must be shared
- Only one key per endpoint

Disadvantages:

- Algorithms are very slow
- Man-in-the-middle-attack

“Man in the middle attack”



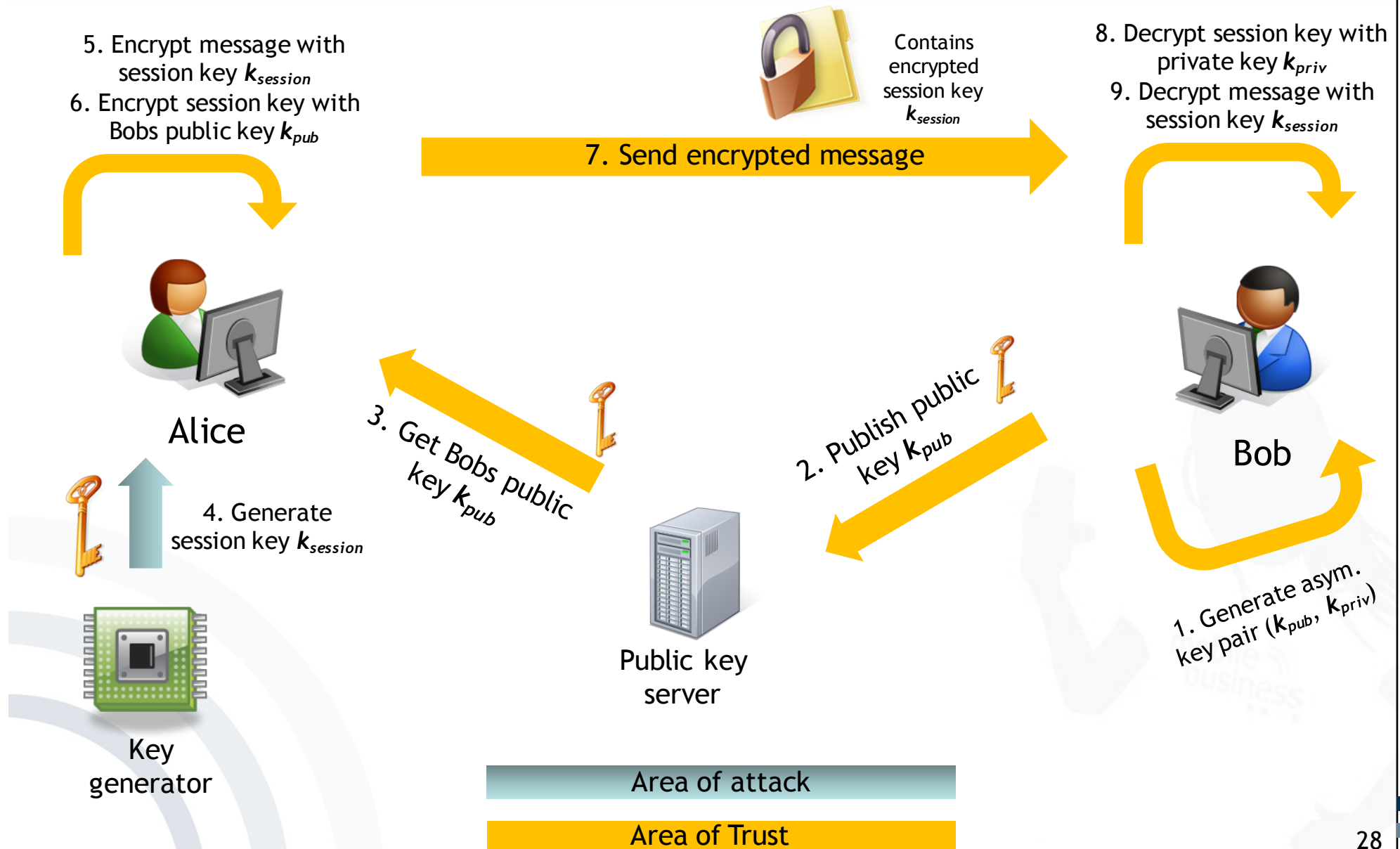
- ➔ Keys are certified, that means a third person/institution confirms (with its digital signature) the affiliation of the public key to a person

1.3 Sketch the process by using PGP.

- a. Complete the illustration by highlighting each step and adding all missing elements – such as keys, involved 3rd parties,...



Exercise 2: Cryptosystems - PGP



Exercise 2: Cryptosystems

b. What are pre-conditions for this approach?

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- Generation of asymmetric key pairs
- Publishing public part of key
- Private key must be kept secret (!)
- Generation of session key

c. What are advantages and disadvantages of PGP?

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→ Hybrid encryption

→ Advantages of both symmetric and asymmetric encryption

- Brute-Force-Attacks on the pass phrase
 - PGPCrack for conventionally encrypted files
- Trojan horses, changed PGP-Code
 - e.g. predictable random numbers, encryption with an additional key
- Attacks on the computer of the user
 - not physically deleted files
 - paged memory
 - keyboard monitoring

Exercise 3: Cryptosystems

Mention possible ways for distributing keys and discuss advantages as well as disadvantages.

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- Manually (e.g. on flash disc)
- Over existing secure channel
- Download from (trusted) key server
- Stored on Smart Card
- Based on certificates
- Key exchange protocols

Exercise 4: Password Habits and Privacy Behavior

- Download the following three research articles about the “Privacy Paradox” and the use behavior regarding passwords (accessible via UB Uni-Frankfurt Portal):
 1. Florencio, D. & Herley, C., 2007. A large-scale study of web password habits. *Proceedings of the 16th international conference on World Wide Web - WWW '07*, p.657. Available at: <http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?doid=1242572.1242661>.
 2. Florêncio, D., Herley, C. & Coskun, B., 2007. Do strong web passwords accomplish any- thing? *Proceedings of the 2nd USENIX workshop on Hot topics in security (HOTSEC'07)*, p.10. Available at: <http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1361419.1361429>.
 3. Norberg, P.A., Horne, D.R. & Horne, D.A., 2007. The Privacy Paradox: Personal Infor- mation Disclosure Intentions versus Behaviors. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 41(1), pp.100- 126.

Exercise 4: Password Habits and Privacy Behavior - Questions

Read the articles thoroughly and answer the following questions for each of the research contributions:

- a) What is the research problem?
- b) Why is this paper relevant? How does it contribute to science?
- c) What is the methodology used and what are the results?
- d) Can you identify weaknesses in any part of the research?

→ Please refer to the extensively discussed solutions in the exercise.

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