

# Digital Signature Algorithm (160-bit)

## • Alice – Key Creation

- Find 1024-bit prime  $p$ ,  
160-bit prime  $q$  where  $q$  divides  $p - 1$
- Find  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  where  $\text{ord}(\alpha) = q$
- Choose random  $0 < d < q$ ,  
compute  $\beta \equiv \alpha^d \pmod{p}$
- Publish  $(p, q, \alpha, \beta)$

## • Alice – Sign message $x$

- Choose ephemeral  $0 < k_E < q$
- Compute
$$r \equiv \left( \alpha^{k_E} \pmod{p} \right) \pmod{q}$$
$$s \equiv (\text{SHA}(x) + dr) k_E^{-1} \pmod{q}$$
- Send  $(x, (r, s))$

## • Bob – Verify Signature

- Compute

$$w \equiv s^{-1} \pmod{q}$$

$$u_1 \equiv w \cdot \text{SHA}(x) \pmod{q}$$

$$u_2 \equiv w \cdot r \pmod{q}$$

$$v \equiv (\alpha^{u_1} \beta^{u_2} \pmod{p}) \pmod{q}$$

- If  $v = r$  then valid  
If  $v \neq r$  then invalid

## Specifications in FIPS PUB 186-4

<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/fips/186/4/final>

1. Pick a random 160-bit number  $q$ , check if prime, if not pick another  $q$
2. Loop up to 4096 times *(Not sure why exactly 4096)*
  - Pick a random 1024-bit number  $m$
  - Let  $p = m - (m \bmod 2q) + 1$  *(Say what?)*
  - If  $p$  prime, then we're done, if not repeat loop
3. If don't have prime pair  $(q, p)$ , then go to Step 1 and try another  $q$