Cryptography

- Introduction to the basic concepts
- Define and see examples of
 - Stream ciphers
 - Block ciphers
 - Hash functions
 - Message authentication codes
 - Public key encryption
 - Digital signatures
 - Digital certificates

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Cryptographic Keys

• Cryptographic algorithms use keys to protect data

Key management is the topic of addressing

- Where are keys generated?
- How are keys generated?
- Where are keys stored?
- How do they get there?
- Where are keys used
- How are they revoked and replaced?





Strength of Encryption Mechanisms

- Empirically secure Secure based on the fact that no one has broken it for some time.
 - Most common for practically used symmetric primitives and hash functions
 - Typically very efficient
- **Provably secure** We prove that breaking a scheme is at least as hard as breaking some well known problem like factoring or discrete log.
 - Most common for asymmetric primitives
 - Also possible for symmetric primitives (but we do not consider those in this course)
- Unconditionally secure The schemes are secure even if the adversary has unlimited computing power
 - Not common but possible



Attack Scenarios

- Kerckhoffs' principle:
 - Only the key should be unknown to an adversary
 - Security should not be based on the fact that the algorithm is secret, WHY?
 - Formulated in the 19th century and is for different reasons still sometimes ignored in the 21th century

• A scheme can be analysed under different scenarios

- Ciphertext only attack
- Known plaintext attack
- Chosen plaintext attack
- Chosen ciphertext attack
- All scenarios implicitly assume Kerckhoffs' principle
- **Primary attack goal:** Find the secret key
 - However, other goals can be imagined as well

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Symmetric Key Cryptography Some old cryptographic tools Scytale Jefferson's disk Enigma EITA25 - Computer Security 10

Very Simple Symmetric Schemes (motivate stream ciphers)

We will assume that all keys are chosen from a uniform distribution!

Shift cipher (Caesar cipher)

С

F G

2 3

56

В

Е

D

Е

н

4

7

5

8

...

...

Plaintext	
Ciphertext	

 F
 ...
 X
 Y
 Z

 I
 ...
 A
 B
 C

1

2

23 24 25

0

Map letter to number, then

Α

D

0 1

3 4

Plaintext Ciphertext

Key is "3" (or "D")

$c_t = m_t + 3$ $m_t = c_t - 3$

Problems:

X Only 26 keys

× Redundancy in language is preserved

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Define a permutation over the alphabet:

Plaintext

В C D E F Α X ΥZ DT Ciphertext S н v В Q Α 0

Table is the key

Problems:

✓ Only 26 keys (There are now 26!) × Redundancy in language is preserved

Vigenère cipher

Use a shift cipher, but different shifts for n consecutive letters

	0					1							
Α	В	С		Υ	z		Α	В	С		Υ	z	••••••
F	G	н		D	Ε		т	U	v		R	S	

n - 1										
Α	В	С		Υ	z					
М	Ν	0		к	L					

Letter t in message of length N is encrypted with table $t \pmod{n}$

Key is sequence of *n* numbers (or letters)

Problems:

 \checkmark Only 26 keys (There are now 26ⁿ)

 \checkmark Redundancy in language is preserved (n distributions)

The One-Time-Pad (OTP)

- Substitution cipher and Vigenere cipher can be broken with statistics since the language has redundancy!
 - Note that we are talking about a ciphertext only attack
- But what if n=N in Vigenere cipher? (Length of key is the same as message length)
- Then it is UNBREAKABLE!
- This is called Vernam cipher or One-Time-Pad (OTP)
- Perfect Secrecy (unconditionally secure)

Problems:

- ✓ Only 26 keys (There are now $26^{^{N}}$)
- ✓ Redundancy in language is preserved (No redundancy at all)
- Secure since number of possible keys is same as number of possible messages. New problem!



Inside the Keystream Generator



 $\sigma_0 = \gamma(K, IV)$ Initialisation function $\sigma_{t+1} = f(\sigma_t, K, IV)$ State update function $z_t = g(\sigma_t, K, IV)$ Output function

- ▶ IV (Initialisation Vector) allows reuse of key
 - Must be unique for each encryption with same key
 - Always assumed known to everyone
- > State can be: shift register, large table, counter etc
- Well known stream ciphers: RC4, SNOW, A5/1, E0, Salsa20, ChaCha20

Block Ciphers

Return to substitution cipher

Plaintext	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	 X	Υ	Ζ
Ciphertext	S	н	D	Т	v	В	 Q	Α	0

- Substitution cipher is a block cipher
 - Still, redundancy is a problem
 - Block length too small \rightarrow complete table easily recovered if some plaintext is known
- Increase block size to e.g., 64, 128, 192 or 256 bits
 - Now table is too large to fit in memory
- Solution: Use mathematic tools to map plaintext symbols to ciphertext symbols (and back)!
 - Still preserved redundancy, but we will solve that soon...



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Modes of Operation – ECB

- Electronic code book mode (ECB)
 - $c_i = eK(m_i)$
 - $m_i = dK(c_i)$
- > All blocks encrypted independently of each other



Redundancy preserved!

Modes of Operation – CBC

- Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) $c_i = eK(m_i \oplus c_{i-1}), c_{-1} = IV$

 - $m_i = \mathrm{dK}(c_i) \oplus c_{i-1}$
- Redundancy removed



Modes of Operation – OFB

- Output feedback mode
 - Turns the block cipher into a stream cipher
 - $z_t = eK(z_{t-1}), \quad z_{-1} = IV$

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$$c_t = m_t \oplus z_t$$

$$m_t = c_t \oplus z_t$$

Advanced state update function *f*, but very simple keystream generation function, *g*. (*Counter mode* has the opposite property) Model of stream cipher





Hash Functions, properties

- Additional properties
 - *Preimage resistance:* given y it is in general infeasible to find x such that h(x)=y.
 - Also called one-way
 - Second preimage resistance: given x, h(x) it is infeasible to find x' such that h(x)=h(x').
 - Also called weak collision resistance
 - *Collision resistance:* it is infeasible to find x, x' such that h(x)=h(x').
 - Also called strong collision resistance

Birthday Paradox

How many people do you need to be in a room such that the probability that two have the same birthday (month and day) is > 0.5?



Expected number of trials before collision with given y=h(x) is 2^n (Not Birthday paradox)

Expected number of trials before collision with *any* previously observed y=h(x) is approximately $2^{n/2}$ (*Birthday paradox*)

Common Hash Functions

MD5

- Very common when checking downloaded files
- Often used to save passwords on www
- Broken should not be used
- 128 bit output
- In theory we need about 2^{64} messages before we have a collision
- Weakness shows that collisions can be found within a minute

► SHA-1

- (Previously) common in many applications (TLS, certificates, checksums)
- Theoretically broken 2005, Practically broken 2017.
- 160 bit output
- In theory we need about 2^{80} messages before we have a collision
- Weakness shows that we need only about 2^{63.1} (6500 CPU years in 2017 attack)

> SHA-256, SHA-3

- Not broken
- These should be used



MAC, **Properties**

Defining properties

- *Ease of computation* Given k and x, $h_k(x)$ is easy to compute.
- *Compression* $h_k(x)$ maps x of arbitrary bit length to fixed length n output.
- Computation resistance given zero or more pairs $(x_i, h_k(x_i))$, it is infeasible to compute a pair $(x, h_k(x))$ with a new message x.

Does NOT provide encryption. That has to be added separately!

MAC Example

HMAC makes a MAC from a hash function.

 $\operatorname{HMAC}(m) = h(\ k \oplus p_1 \parallel h((\ k \oplus p_2 \) \parallel m \))$

- A simpler construction like $h(k \parallel x)$ is insufficient for many hash functions.
- A MAC can also be constructed from a block cipher.
- *Limitation of MACs*: Transmitter and receiver shares the same key *k*. No possibility to resolve internal disputes.

Public Key Cryptography

- Also called asymmetric cryptography
- Encryption
 - Public key used to encrypt
 - Private key used to decrypt
- Digital Signatures
 - Public key used for verification
 - Private key used for signing
- Note the terminology!
 - Secret key used in symmetric algorithms
 - Public key and private key used in asymmetric algorithms
 - Private key is sometimes also called secret key



Some Mathematics Before We Move On

- Modular arithmetic:
- $a \equiv b \mod n$ if and only if $a b = k \cdot n$ for some integer k
- Properties:

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(a \mod n) + (b \mod n) \equiv (a + b \mod n)(a \mod n) \cdot (b \mod n) \equiv (a \cdot b \mod n)
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for every $a \neq 0 \mod p$, p prime, there exists an integer a^{-1} so that $a \cdot a^{-1} \equiv 1 \mod p$

- gcd(a,b) is the greatest common divisor of a and b
- More generally:

If and only if gcd(a, n) = 1, then there exists an integer a^{-1} so that $a \cdot a^{-1} \equiv 1 \mod n$

Examples

- a) $32 \equiv 6 \mod 13$ since $32 6 = 2 \cdot 13$
- **b**) $60 \mod 13 \equiv (20 \mod 13) + (40 \mod 13) \equiv 7 + 1 \mod 13 \equiv 8 \mod 13$
- c) $2^{10} \mod 13 \equiv (2^5 \mod 13) \cdot (2^5 \mod 13) \equiv 6 \cdot 6 \mod 13 \equiv 10 \mod 13$
- d) $8^{-1} \mod 13 \equiv 5 \mod 13$ since $8 \cdot 5 \equiv 1 \mod 13$
- e) $8^{-1} \mod 12$ does not exist since $gcd(8,12) = 4 \neq 1$

More Mathematics

• Euler phi function: $\phi(n)$ is the number of integers < n that are coprime to n

 $\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}$, p prime $\phi(nm) = \phi(n)\phi(m)$ if m and n are coprime

• Euler's Theorem: $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \mod n$ is valid for all *a* when gcd(a,n) = 1

More Examples

- **a)** $\phi(13) = 12$
- **b**) $\phi(17) = 16$
- c) $\phi(221) = \phi(13 \cdot 17) = \phi(13) \cdot \phi(17) = 12 \cdot 16 = 192$

d)
$$\phi(12) = \phi(4) \cdot \phi(3) = (2^2 - 2)(3 - 1) = 4$$

- e) $a^{12} \equiv 1 \mod 13$ for all *a* that are not multiples of 13
- f) $a^{192} \equiv 1 \mod 221$ for all *a* such that gcd(a, 221) = 1

More Mathematics

- Let p be a prime and a an arbitrary (nonzero) integer. The *multiplicative* order of a modulo p is defined to be the smallest integer n such that aⁿ = 1 mod p.
- Fermat's little theorem: For $a \neq 0 \mod p$ and p prime

 $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \bmod p$

▶ The order of an element divides *p* - 1

Public Key Cryptography

- Usually based on one of two mathematical problems
 - Factoring Given an integer n, find the prime factors
 - Discrete Logarithm Problem (DLP) Given a prime p and integers a and y, find x such that $y = a^x \mod p$
- Other mathematical problems can be used
- This gives provable security

RSA Encryption, Parameters

- Provably secure, based on the problem of factoring
- Pick primes p, q. Let $n = p \cdot q$ and compute

$$\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

• Pick an integer *e* such that

$$gcd(e,\phi(n))=1$$

Find *d* such that

 $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \mod \phi(n)$

- Public key: *e*, *n*
- Private key: $d, \phi(n), p, q$
RSA Encryption

- Encrypt:
 - $c = m^e \mod n$
- Decrypt: $m = c^d \mod n$
- Proof that it works:

$$c^{d} = m^{ed} = m^{k\phi(n)+1} = (m^{\phi(n)})^{k} m = 1^{k} m = m \mod n$$

Note that only d and n is needed in decryption. However, in practice p and q are used to speed up decryption using the chinese remainder theorem. (Not included in course)

Security of RSA (factoring)

- If we can factor the public value *n*, we will get *p* and *q* and can easily find $d \rightarrow RSA$ would be broken
- How easy is it to factor large numbers?
- Aug 1999: 512-bits number was factored
- May 2005: 663-bit number was factored
- December 2009: A 768-bit number was factored
 - Single core 2.2GHz AMD Opteron, 2GB RAM would need 1500 years
 - Of course hundreds of computers were used instead
 - Total time: about two years
 - Estimated that factoring 1024-bit numbers are 1000 times harder will be possible within 10 years with similar computing effort

Note: Finding d is equivalent to factoring, but breaking RSA (decrypting) might be easier than factoring

• With quantum computers, factoring is easy \rightarrow Post-quantum cryptography



- Scheme consists of
 - Key generation algorithm
 - Signature algorithm
 - Verification algorithm
- Private signature key, Public verification key
- Does NOT provide encryption. That has to be added separately!
- Provides nonrepudiation. A MAC does not!

A third party can resolve disputes about the validity of a signature without the signer's private key

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RSA Signatures

- Key generation same as in RSA encryption
- Public verification key: n, e
- Private signing key: d, p, q,
- Signing: Hash message M: m=h(M) and then sign by $s = m^d \mod n$.
- Verification: Check if

 $s^e = m \mod n$

• Property: We can select public *e* to be small (e.g. e=3 or $e=2^{16}+1$). This allows fast verification, but signing will be slow.

Comparing Symmetric and Asymmetric Algorithms

- Symmetric algorithms are much faster than asymmetric algorithms. About a factor 1000.
- Symmetric algorithms can use shorter key with same security. 1024 bit RSA modulus corresponds to about 80 bit symmetric key.
- Elliptic curves are often used to make public key cryptography more efficient. Both shorter keys and faster algorithms are possible.

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Digital Certificates

Public key cryptography:

- Alice has a key pair, one private key and one public key.
- Alice can *sign messages using her private key* and some redundancy in the message (hash value). Anyone can verify the signature using her public key.
- Anyone can *send encrypted messages to Alice using Alice's public key*. Only Alice can decrypt using her private key.
- **Problem:** We need to make sure that the public key we are using really belongs to Alice. Otherwise
 - We may verify a forged signature, thinking it is genuine
 - We may encrypt sensitive data allowing an adversary to decrypt it
- Solution: Certificates

Not much different from a driver's license

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Allt om it-skandalen

I januari 2017 sparkades Transportstyrelsens generaldirektör Maria Ågren utan närmare förklaring från regeringen. I juli framkom att hon erkänt vårdslöshet med hemlig uppgift. Istället för att lyssna på Säpos avrådan har Transportstyrelsen låtit IBM ta över it-driften, i strid med lagen. Transportstyrelsens



Transportstyrelsen röjde hemliga uppgifter

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SVERIGE @ 4 apr, 2018 It-skandalen på Transportstyrelsen visar bland annat...

5 personer som avgått eller fått sparken efter IT-skandalen **Transportstyrelsen**

Värre än vi trodde på Transportstyrelsen LEDARE @ 25 jan, 2018 **Per Gudmundson:** Det så kallade "haveriet" på Transportstyrelsen var mer omfattande än vad som...

Certificates

- Primarily binds a subject name to a public key, but can also contain other information such as authorization
- Information is signed by a Certification Authority (CA)
- If CA is trusted, then we trust the binding between user and public key

Public Key Infrastructure

The set of hardware, software, people, policies and procedures needed to create, manage, store, distribute and revoke digital certificates based on asymmetric cryptography

RFC 4949, Internet Security Glossary







