MTAT.07.017
Applied Cryptography

Introduction, Randomness, PRNG,
One-Time Pad, Stream Ciphers

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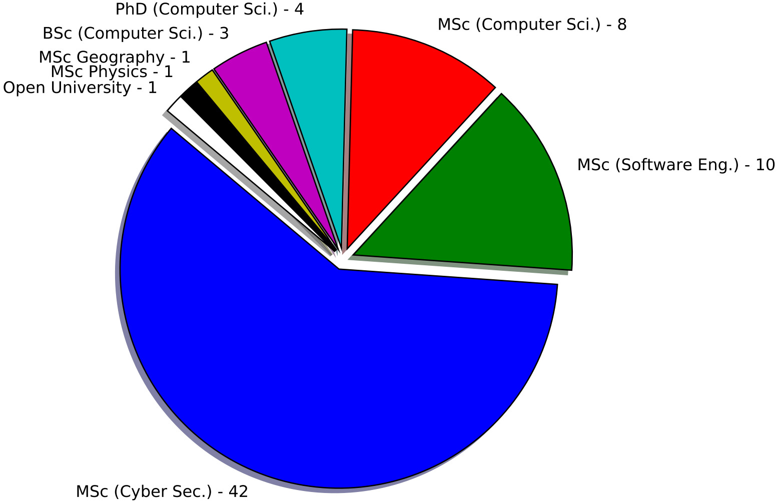
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Crypto courses in UT

- Cryptology I
- Cryptographic protocols
- Cryptology II
- Research seminar in cryptography
- Quantum cryptography
- Topics of mathematics in cryptology
- Applied cryptography

This course

- Practical course
- Learn by implementing
- No proofs – just intuition

Course timeline

16 weeks

- Lecture: Thu 10:15 – 12:00 (room 405)
- Practice: Thu 18:15 – 20:00 (room 206)

6 ECTS – 10 hours weekly

- 2 hours in class
- 8 hours on homework (may vary)

Grading

- Homework every week
- Homeworks give maximum 70% of final grade
  - Bonus points help to achieve the maximum
- Deadlines are strict!
  - Homework deadline – beginning of next lecture
  - May be extended if you have a good excuse
  - Late submission gets 50% of grade
  - Homeworks submitted later than 1 week after the deadline are not accepted
- Exam gives another 30% of final grade
  - Should be easy if you follow the lectures

Programming Environment

Course history:

- 2010: C, C++, Java
- 2011: Java
- 2012: Java
- 2013: Python
- ...
- 2018: Python

Test environment: Ubuntu 16.04.3, Python 2.7.x

Python packages from Ubuntu package repository (not pip)

Homework submission

- Create a private Bitbucket repository and grant me 'read' privileges:

  `https://bitbucket.org/appcrypto/2018/src/master/setup/`

- Homework templates will be published at course repository: `https://bitbucket.org/appcrypto/2018/`
- Feedback will be given using Bitbucket's code comment feature
- Do not look on homework solutions of others!
  - Plagiarism cases will be handled in accordance with UT Plagiarism Policy

Academic Fraud

- It is academic fraud to collaborate with other people on work that is required to be completed and submitted individually.
- The homeworks in Applied Cryptography course are required to be completed and submitted invididually!
- You can help your peers to learn by explaining concepts, but don't provide them with answers or your own work!
  - If you don't see the borders – work alone.
- Copying code samples from internet resources (e.g., stackoverflow.com) may be considered plagiarism:
  - the most basic building blocks may be OK
  - combination (composition) of building blocks is NOT OK
  - If you don't see the borders – limit yourself to Python API documentation.

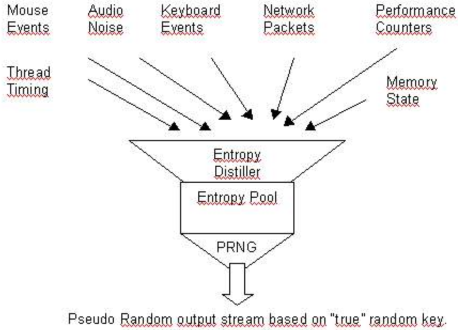
Randomness

- Why do we need randomness in real life?
- Why do we need randomness in crypto?
  - For keys, nonces, etc.
- What is random sequence?
  - Sequence of numbers that does not follow any deterministic pattern
  - None of the numbers can be predicted based on previous numbers
  - Has no description shorter than itself
  - Sequence of bits that cannot be compressed
- Where we can get random numbers?
  - Can we flip a coin to get a random number?
  - Can a computer program generate random numbers?
  - Thermal noise, photoelectric effect, quantum phenomena

Pseudo-Random Number Generator (PRNG)

Deterministic algorithm that produces endless stream of numbers which are indistinguishable from truly random.
PRNG is initialized using (hopefully) random 'seed' value.

Linux /dev/urandom implementation:



- Known part of the input does not allow to predict the output
- PRNG is used when true-RNG is not available
- Can be used to “extend” randomness
- Entropy of the output depends on the entropy of the input

Randomness

- Can we tell whether the sequence is random?

  `...41592653589...`
  `3.141592653589793...`

  `...000000......`

  - Statistical randomness tests

Bits and Bytes

Bit string:

10001000011

$2^{11} + 2^7 + 2^1 + 2^0$

Most significant bit (msb) – left-most bit

Bytes - 8-bit collections (0-255)

Byte - basic addressable element

ASCII Table

0	<NUL>	32	<SPC>	64	@	96	`	128	Ä	160	†	192	¿	224	‡
1	<SOH>	33	!	65	A	97	a	129	Å	161	°	193	¡	225	·
2	<STX>	34	"	66	B	98	b	130	Ç	162	¢	194	¬	226	‚
3	<ETX>	35	#	67	C	99	c	131	É	163	£	195	√	227	„
4	<EOT>	36	$	68	D	100	d	132	Ñ	164	§	196	ƒ	228	‰
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http://www.asciitable.com/

Hexadecimal (Base16) Encoding

Hex	Value	Binary
'0'	0	0000
'1'	1	0001
'2'	2	0010
'3'	3	0011
'4'	4	0100
'5'	5	0101
'6'	6	0110
'7'	7	0111
'8'	8	1000
'9'	9	1001
'A'	10	1010
'B'	11	1011
'C'	12	1100
'D'	13	1101
'E'	14	1110
'F'	15	1111

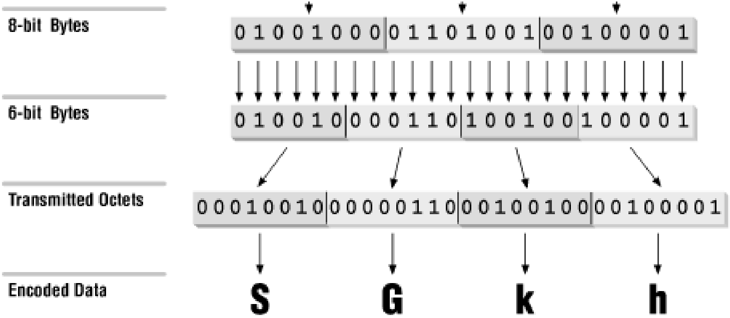
- One hex symbol represents 4 bits
- Two hex sumbols needed to represent a byte

`2E = 0010 1110`

Base64 encoding

bn+ITbj/TRwcSAwT8CZnFZN0me5/AGdFIGNLBPPo
7Nc07T6XTpsTw0QxnM++9xJXKkEEcaEn2Vo9MiAV
PVUR5PsFGKZbL7coPRdHD058RokCF4aizWv6+Dqg
0lsXsmXliWusn0Q==

- Can represent binary data using printable characters
- Base64 encoded data approximately 33% larger



Bitwise operations

AND:

- extract partion of bit string

```
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 (bit mask)
---------------
0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 (AND)
```

```
>>> 60 & 6
4
```

OR:

- set specific bits

```
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0
---------------
0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 (OR)
```

```
>>> 60 | 6
62
```

XOR:

- flip specific bits

```
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0
---------------
0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 (XOR)
```

```
>>> 60 ^ 6
58
```

Shift:

- shift and pad with 0

```
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
---------------
0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 (right shift by two)
```

```
>>> 60 >> 2
15
```

Bitwise operations: AND

- Extract bits we are interested in

Example:

```
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 (bit mask)
---------------
0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 (AND)
```

Python:

```
>>> 60 & 6
4
```

Bitwise operations: OR

- Set specific bits

Example:

```
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0
---------------
0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 (OR)
```

Python:

```
>>> 60 | 6
62
```

Bitwise operations: XOR

- Flip specific bits

Example:

```
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0
---------------
0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 (XOR)
```

Python:

```
>>> 60 ^ 6
58
```

Bitwise operations: Shift

- Shift (right or left) and pad with zeros

Example:

```
0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
---------------
0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 (right shift by two)
```

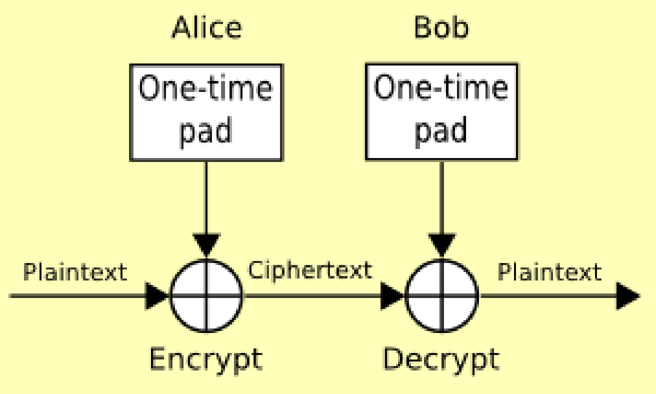
Python:

```
>>> 60 >> 2
15
>>> 15 << 1
30
```

- Fast multiplication and division by 2

One-Time Pad (OTP)

- Key generation: key (one-time pad) is random sequence the same length as plaintext
- Encryption operation: XOR (⊕) the key with plaintext
- Decryption operation: XOR (⊕) the key with ciphertext



One-Time Pad (OTP)

Information-theoretically secure (unbreakable), if:

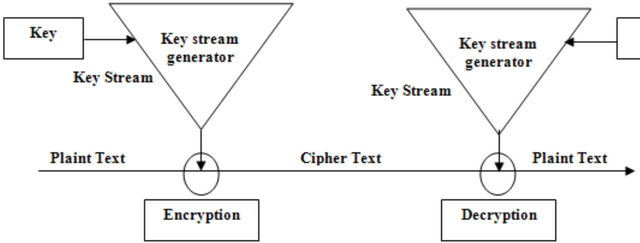
- Key (one-time pad) is truly random
- Key is never reused

  plaintext1 ⊕ key = ciphertext1
  plaintext2 ⊕ key = ciphertext2 ⊕ plaintext2 = key
  key ⊕ ciphertext1 = plaintext1

- Not used in practice

Stream Cipher

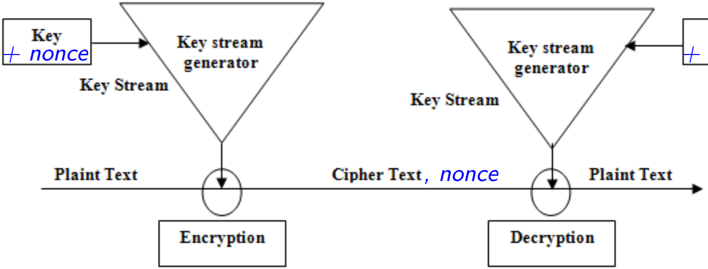
- Key generation: a small key "seeds" the PRNG
- Encryption operation: XOR ($\oplus$) the key with plaintext
- Decryption operation: XOR ($\oplus$) the key with ciphertext



- Stream ciphers differ by the PRNG used
- Why is it less secure than one-time pad?
- Encryption on its own does not provide integrity!
- **The same keystream must never be reused!**

Stream Cipher

Solution – on every encryption add unique *nonce* to the key:



- The same *nonce* must never be reused!
- How to generate *nonce*?
  - Counter value
  - Random value
  - Current time

Questions

- Where we can get (true) random numbers?
- Why pseudo-random number is not as good as random number?
- What are the properties of random sequence?
- Can we tell whether the provided sequence is random?
- What happens to data if we XOR it with random data?
- Why brute-froce attacks are ineffective in breaking one-time pad?
- Why unbreakable one-time pad is not used in enterprise products?
- How is stream cipher different from one-time pad?

Task: One-Time Pad (OTP)

Implement One-Time Pad cryptosystem.

Encryption should produce a random key file and encrypted output file:

```
$ chmod +x otp.py
$ ./otp.py encrypt datafile datafile.key datafile.encrypted
```

Decryption should use the key file and produce decrypted original plaintext file:

```
$ ./otp.py decrypt datafile.encrypted datafile.key datafile.plai
```

- Commit "01/otp.py" to your repository

```
$ git add 01/otp.py
$ git commit -m "01 homework solution" 01/otp.py
$ git push
```

Task: Template

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
import os, sys       # do not use any other imports/libraries
# took x.y hours (please specify here how much time your solution required)

def encrypt(pfile, kfile, cfile):
    # your implementation here
    pass


def decrypt(cfile, kfile, pfile):
    # your implementation here
    pass

def usage():
    print "Usage:"
    print "encrypt <plaintext file> <output key file> <ciphertext output file>"
    print "decrypt <ciphertext file> <key file> <plaintext output file>"
    sys.exit(1)

if len(sys.argv) != 5:
    usage()
elif sys.argv[1] == 'encrypt':
    encrypt(sys.argv[2], sys.argv[3], sys.argv[4])
elif sys.argv[1] == 'decrypt':
    decrypt(sys.argv[2], sys.argv[3], sys.argv[4])
else:
    usage()
```

Python Cheat Sheet

```
>>> "abraca" + 'dabra'
'abracadabra'

>>> for character in "foo":
...     print "char=%s" % (character)
char=f
char=o
char=o

>>> "abraca"[2:5]
'rac'

>>> "abracadabra".encode('hex')
'6162726163616461627261'
>>> "abracadabra".encode('base64')
'YWJyYWNhZGFicmE=\n'
>>> "abracadabra".encode('base64').decode('base64')
'abracadabra'
```

Python

Python's `str` data type can store any byte:

```
>>> s = 'Abc\x00\x61'
>>> len(s)
5
>>> s[0], s[1], s[2], s[3], s[4]
('A', 'b', 'c', '\x00', 'a')
>>> ord(s[0])
65
>>> chr(65)
'A'
```

- `ord()` can be used to convert byte to integer
- `chr()` can be used to convert integer to byte

Python: Bytes to Integer

```
>>> s = 'abC'
>>> i = ord(s[0])
>>> i
97
>>> bin(i)
'0b1100001'
>>> i = i << 8
>>> bin(i)
'0b110000100000000'
>>> i = i | ord(s[1])
>>> bin(i)
'0b110000101100010'
>>> i = i << 8
>>> bin(i)
'0b11000010110001000000000'
>>> i = i | ord(s[2])
>>> bin(i)
'0b11000010110001001000011'
>>> i
6382147
```

- Convert first byte to integer
- Left-shift integer 8 times
- Convert second byte to integer
- Load second integer in first 8 bits
- ...

Task: One-Time Pad (OTP)

- Encrypter:
  - Read the file contents into byte string (e.g., `s = open('file.txt').read()`)
  - Convert plaintext byte string to one big integer
  - Obtain random byte string the same length as plaintext (use `os.urandom()`)
  - Convert random byte string to one big integer
  - XOR plaintext integer and key integer (**please, use this approach**)
  - Save the key (one-time pad) and XOR'ed result (ciphertext) to file:
    - Convert key integer to byte string:
    - Use bit masking and left shift
  - Once more: use bitwise operations!
    - Banned: functions `bin()`, `str()`, `int()`, `bytearray()` and operator `**`!
- Decrypter:
  - Perform the operations in reverse order

Task: Test Case

```
$ echo -n -e "\x85\xce\xa2\x25" > file.enc
$ hexdump -C file.enc
00000000  85 ce a2 25                    |...%|
$ echo -n -e "\xe4\xac\xe1\x2f" > file.key
$ hexdump -C file.key
00000000  e4 ac e1 2f                    |.../|
$ ./otp.py decrypt file.enc file.key file.plain
$ hexdump -C file.plain
00000000  61 62 43 0a                    |abC.|

$ echo -n -e "\x00\x00\x61\x62\x43\x00" > file.plain
$ hexdump -C file.plain
00000000  00 00 61 62 43 00              |..abC.|
$ ./otp.py encrypt file.plain file.key file.enc
$ ./otp.py decrypt file.enc file.key fileorig.plain
$ hexdump -C fileorig.plain
00000000  00 00 61 62 43 00              |..abC.|
```

Value 0 can be encoded as empty file or file full of zero bytes.

Please!

- Do not waste your time on input validation
- Do not use imports/libraries that are not explicitly allowed
- Include information of how much time the tasks took (as a comment at the top of your source code)
- Give a feedback about parts that were hard to grasp or implement
- Make a note if something was wrong on slides or you have an idea for improvement
- Do not leave any unrequired debugging output in your solution
- Commit the solution to the main branch of your repository with the filename required

Thank you!