

CNIT 370

MEA 3

RSA (TOTAL 50 PTS)

NOTE

- ▶ **You need to include all the group activities in your final MEA report.**
- ▶ **You should zip all the document in a single .zip file and upload it the zip file to Blackboard**
- ▶ **MEA3 report is due by the end of day (11:59pm) on 10/26/17. Blackboard is always slow around 11:59pm, please submit it at least a few minutes, if not a few hours earlier.**
- ▶ **Two upload attempts will be allowed. But only the last attempt will be graded.**

Task 1.1 Individual Activity (3 pts)

In 3 minutes, please write down how to use asymmetric key to encrypt and decrypt a message. Use math notations, language, and the diagram to illustrate it.

Task 1.2: Group Activity (2 pts)

- ▶ In 5 minutes, please discuss the following question with the students on your table:

Diffie-Hellman (DH) Key exchange is often categorized as a public key or asymmetric key system. Can you directly use DH to encrypt and decrypt a message? Why?

Suggested Reading:

- ▶ **The Secret Story of Nonsecret Encryption**

https://www.schneier.com/essays/archives/1998/04/the_secret_story_of.html

- ▶ **The Open Secret**

<https://www.wired.com/1999/04/crypto/>

Misconceptions on Public Key

- ▶ **Public-key encryption is more secure from cryptanalysis than symmetric encryption**
- ▶ **Public-key encryption is a general-purpose technique that has made symmetric encryption obsolete**
- ▶ **There is a feeling that key distribution is trivial when using public-key encryption, compared to the cumbersome handshaking involved with key distribution centers for symmetric encryption**

Public key Principles

▶ It can be used for encryptions

- Anything encrypted with public key can be decrypted use its corresponding private key, and vice versa.
- Why we don't use asymmetric keys directly on encryption?

Generally used in two occasions

▶ Key distribution (session set-up)

- How to have secure communications in general without having to trust a KDC with your key

▶ Digital Signatures (Non-interactive Apps)

- How to verify that a message comes intact from the claimed sender

Public Key Requirements

- ▶ **A trap-door one-way function is a family of invertible functions f_k , such that**
 - $Y = f_k(X)$ easy, if k and X are known
 - $X = f_k^{-1}(Y)$ easy, if k and Y are known
 - $X = f_k^{-1}(Y)$ infeasible, if Y known but k not known
- ▶ **However, do not directly apply the trap-door function as the encryption/description algorithms because the trap-door function is deterministic.**
- ▶ *Some refers to the textbook RSA as RSA trapdoor*

- ▶ **Ronald Rivest, Adi Shamir, Leonard Adelman**
 - 1978 - Communications of the ACM (Feb)
- ▶ **Most widely used general-purpose approach to public-key encryption**
- ▶ **Currently the “Work Horse” of IT Security**
 - Most PKI products, SSL/TLS, IPSec, PGP, Outlook...
- ▶ **Is a cipher in which the plaintext and ciphertext are integers between 0 and $n - 1$ for some n**
 - A typical size for n is 1024 bits, or 309 decimal digits

The Number Theories related to RSA:

▶ Prime Factorization

▶ Fermat's little theorem (p is a prime #)

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

where p is prime and $\gcd(a, p) = 1$

▶ Euler Totient Function $\phi(n)$

- Number of elements in reduced set of residues

- for p, q (p, q prime) $\phi(p \cdot q) = (p-1)(q-1)$

▶ Euler's Theorem: (N does not need to be a prime #)

- $a^{\phi(N)} \bmod N = 1$ where $\gcd(a, N) = 1, N$

▶ The Chinese Remainder Theorem (trapdoor)

- $x_{\bmod n} = (x_{\bmod p} * x_{\bmod q})$ if $n = pq$

RSA process

- ▶ p and q are two prime numbers.
- ▶ $N = pq$
- ▶ $t = (p-1)(q-1)$
- ▶ e is such that $1 < e < t$ and $\gcd(t, e) = 1$.
- ▶ d is such that $(ed) \bmod t = 1$.

- ▶ **Public key:** $P = \{e, N\}$
- ▶ **Private key:** $S = \{d, p, q\}$
- ▶ **Message:** M
- ▶ **Encrypt** $\Rightarrow C = M^e \bmod N$.
- ▶ **Decrypt** $\Rightarrow M = C^d \bmod N$.

RSA works, because

▶ in RSA have:

- $N = p \cdot q$
- $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$
- carefully chosen e & d to be inverses mod $\phi(N)$
- hence $e \cdot d = 1 + k \cdot \phi(N)$ for some k

▶ Hence: (all the calculation is mod N)

$$\begin{aligned} C^d &= (M^e)^d = M^{ed} = M^{1+k \cdot \phi(N)} = M^1 \cdot (M^{\phi(N)})^k \\ &= M^1 \cdot (1)^k = M^1 \end{aligned}$$

Finding e and d

▶ Euclid's algorithm

- $\text{GCD}(m,n) = \text{GCD}(n, m \bmod n)$ ($m > n$). Continue the process until $n=0$

▶ Using Euclid's extended algorithm

- $x[0] = (p-1) * (q-1)$ $y[0] = 0$
- $x[1] = e$ $y[1] = 1$
- while $x[i] > 0$ calculate: $x[i] = x[i-2] \bmod x[i-1]$
- $y[i] = y[i-2] - \text{floor}(x[i-2] / x[i-1]) * y[i-1]$

Task 2 Group Activity RSA Example, (5pts)

Finish this in 10 minutes

1. Select primes: $p=17$ & $q=11$,
2. Compute $N = pq =$ _____
3. Compute $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1) =$ _____
4. Select $e : \gcd(e, \text{_____}) = 1$; choose $e = 7$
5. Determine: $d = 23$ works because _____
6. Publish public key $P =$ _____
7. Keep secret private key $S =$ _____
8. given message $M = 88$ ($88 < \text{_____}$)
9. encryption: $C =$ _____
10. decryption: $M =$ _____

RSA Keys

- ▶ **The public key is the combination of e and N**
 - Made available to everyone
- ▶ **The private key is the combination of p , q , and d**
 - You can calculate any of these from any other
 - Therefore many references will state the private key is simply d
 - Kept secret

What if you lost either p , q , or d ?

Choosing values for RSA variables

▶ Values of e

- RSA can be used for both encryption and digital signatures
- You should always use different values of e for each action
 - Ensures that the two applications don't interact
- Common applications are $e=3$ for signatures and $e=5$ for encryption or $e=17$ for signatures and $e=65537$

▶ Values of n

- N should be at least 2048 bits
- Therefore p and q should be at least 1024 bits

Task 3: Individual Activity (10 pt)

- ▶ Use the 'RSA key Generator' and the 'RSA' module in Cryptool 2.0, illustrate how to encrypt and decrypt a message. Do this outside classroom.
- ▶ A) Encrypt a message (5pt), use random prime generation with a range of 50. Output the message in Hex format (output the byte array to a String Encoder, and choose presentation format Hex)
- ▶ A) Decrypt the cipher text produced in Task 3.A (5pt)

Type (or Copy & Paste) the answers in the report, and attach the *.cwm file in the zip file.

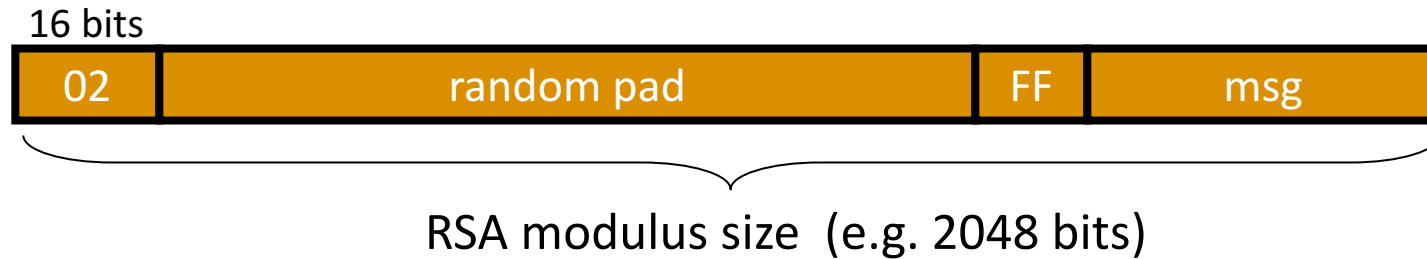
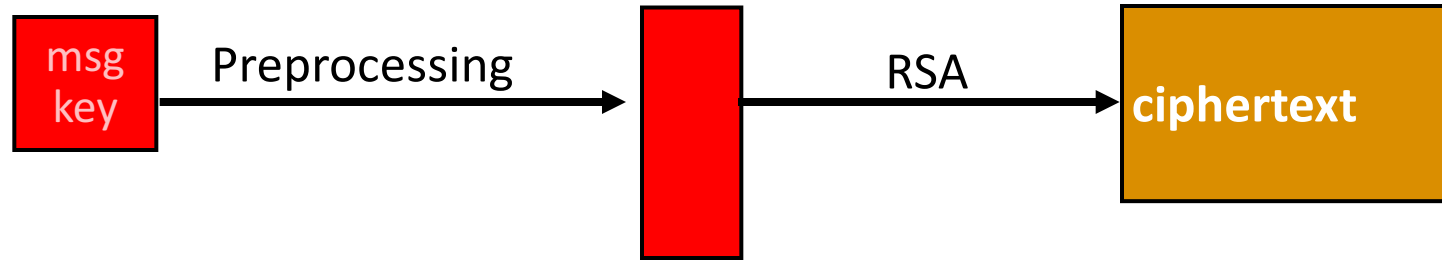
Task 4, Group Activity (10 pt)

- ▶ **Public key: (N: 56977 e: 23)**
- ▶ **Cipher Text (HEX)**
- ▶ **AA 12 49 0D EE B0 6B 79 FE BD 93 4E 49 0D D3 8E 5C 43 36
CB 8D 43 49 0D DE D3 99 9D 49 69 93 4E**
- ▶
- ▶ **Use factorizer, RSA key generator and RSA (decryption mode) to break the ciphered text.**

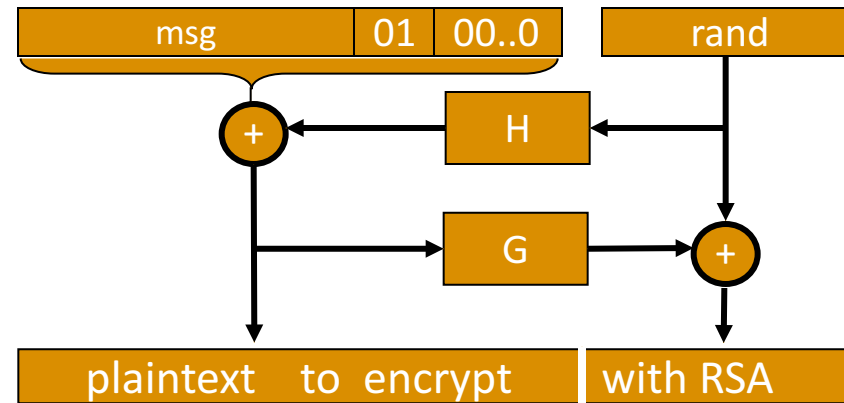
RSA Implementation

- ▶ **All RSA messages must be larger than the e th root of n**
 - Or else no modulo reduction takes place and you can easily recover the message
 - If $e=5$ and $m < 5^{\text{th}}$ root of n then an attacker can simply take the 5^{th} root of m to recover m
- ▶ **This is common with sending AES keys via RSA**
 - Use pre-processing to ensure m is large enough
- ▶ **RSA encryption is usually much faster than Decryption (CRT: Chinese Remainder Theory)**

RSA encryption in practice



Known as PKCS1 mode 2 (still not very secure), widely used in https [Bleichenbacher attack, 1998]
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Theorem: RSA-OAEP is CCA secure when H, G are *random oracles* (ideal hash functions)

in practice: use SHA-256 for H and G

Subtleties in implementing OAEP

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OAEP-decrypt(ct):

error = 0;

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if ($\text{RSA}^{-1}(\text{ct}) > 2^{n-1}$)
{ error = 1; goto exit; }

.....

if ($\text{pad}(\text{OAEP}^{-1}(\text{RSA}^{-1}(\text{ct}))) \neq \text{"01000"}$)
{ error = 1; goto exit; }

Problem: timing information leaks type of error

⇒ Attacker can decrypt any ciphertext

Lesson: Don't implement RSA-OAEP yourself !

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Attacks on RSA Implementations

▶ **Timing attack: (1997)**

- The time it takes to compute $C^d \pmod{N}$ can expose d .

▶ **Power attack: (1999)**

- The power consumption of a smartcard while it is computing $C^d \pmod{N}$ can expose d .

▶ **Faults attack: (1997)**

- A computer error during $C^d \pmod{N}$ one error can expose d

OpenSSL defense: check output. 10% slowdown.

RSA Key Generation problems

OpenSSL RSA key generation (abstract):

```
prng.seed(seed)
p = prng.generate_random_prime()
prng.add_randomness(bits)
q = prng.generate_random_prime()
N = p*q
```

Poor entropy at startup:

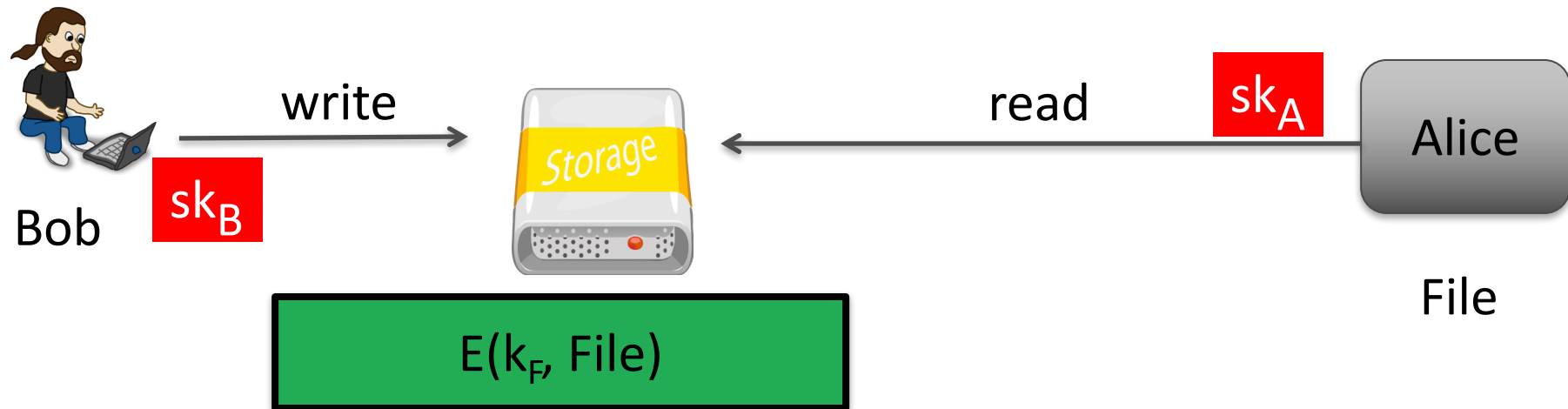
- ▶ Same p will be generated by multiple devices, but different q
- ▶ N_1, N_2 : RSA keys from different devices \Rightarrow
 $\gcd(N_1, N_2) = p$

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Task 5. Individual Activity (5pt)

How do we use public-key encryption to encrypt disk? (EFS)

Hint: You really want to encrypt the file using symmetric key encryption, such as AES. In the example, it is $E(K_p, File)$. So the question is: how do you allow both Alice and Bob know K_p ? Use language, diagram and math notation to describe it.



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Task 6. Group Activity (10 pt)

- ▶ **Cryptool V1, 'Analysis', → 'Asymmetric Encryption' → 'Side Channel Attack on Textbook RSA'**
- ▶ **Click 'Show Information Dialogs' on the bottom right, then following the instruction to complete the demo.**
- ▶ **Explain in diagram, math notations, and language, how the normal encryption and decryption is carried in this example (5pt)**
- ▶ **Explain in more than two different representations, (two out of language, diagram, and math notations) how the attack is conducted.**

Task 7. Individual Activity: 5pt

- ▶ **Suppose someone finds a way to easily factor large prime numbers. This makes RSA no longer secure. When searching for alternatives, someone suggested that Diffie-Hellman algorithms can be revised to replace RSA for public key and private key encryption.**
- ▶ **If it works, does it make the revised DH safe to use? Put it differently, does large prime factorization a threat to DH?**
- ▶ **If it works, illustrate in language and diagram/math notation, how it works. (HINT: El Gamal)**