Cryptography Principles

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Purposes

- Learn what the rigorous information security is
- Learn how to secure information rigorously
- Learn how mathematics interplays with engineering

Cryptography is:

- A tremendous tool
- The basis for many security mechanisms
- Secure communication:
 - web traffic: HTTPS
 - wireless traffic: 802.11i WPA2 (and WEP), GSM, Bluetooth
 - encrypting files on disk: EFS, TrueCrypt
 - content protection (e.g. DVD, Blu-ray): CSS, AACS
 - user authentication

Cryptography is **NOT**:

- The solution to all security problems
- Reliable unless implemented and used properly
- Something you should try to invent yourself

Outline

- Classic cryptography, Perfect Secrets
- Private Key Encryption, MAC, Block Cipher, OWF
- Number Theory, Factoring and Discrete Log
- Key Management, Public Key, Digital Signature
- TPD, Random Oracle Model
- Cryptographic Protocols

Textbooks & Slides

- Introduction to Modern Cryptography, Jonathan Katz and Yehuda Lindell, Chapman & Hall/CRC. (Eng & Chi.)
- Applied Cryptography: Protocols, Algorithms, and Source Code in C, Bruce Schneier, John Wiley & Sons. (Eng. & Chi.)
- Coursera: Dan Boneh's Cryptography @Stanford
- Slides: https://github.com/YuZhang/crypto2014

Grades

- Composition:
 - Homework (30%)
 - Final Exam (70%)
- How to score high:
 - Read as much as you can
 - No Plagiarism!

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