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**REVIEW - 2**

**TITLE:- SECURING SENSITIVE PATIENT DATA  
USING ENCRYPTION ALGORITHMS AND SHA-256**

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## **1.) HASHING ALGORITHM:-**

### **SHA-256 (SECURE HASH ALGORITHM 256-BIT )**

#### **CODE:-**

```
import hashlib
import os

def hash_patient_data(patient_data):
    """
    Hashes patient data using SHA-256.

    Parameters:
        - patient_data (str): The data string containing sensitive patient information.

    Returns:
        - str: A hashed hexadecimal representation of the data.

    """
    # Generate a random salt for each record to increase security
    salt = os.urandom(16) # 16 bytes of random salt
    # Combine salt with patient data
    salted_data = salt + patient_data.encode('utf-8')
    # Create SHA-256 hash of the salted data
    hash_object = hashlib.sha256(salted_data)
    # Convert to hexadecimal format
    hashed_data = hash_object.hexdigest()
    # Return the salt and hash (they'll need to be stored together for verification)
    return salt.hex(), hashed_data
```

## **EXPLANATION:**

### **Salt Generation:**

The code generates a unique random salt for each patient record to prevent attackers from using precomputed hash tables (rainbow tables) to reverse-engineer the data.

### **SHA-256 Hashing:**

It uses SHA-256 to hash the patient data along with the salt, which ensures data integrity and is computationally difficult to reverse.

### **Hexadecimal Output:**

The output hash is converted to hexadecimal format for storage, making it easier to store in databases or files.

## **NOTES:**

**Storing the Salt:** The salt and hash need to be stored together because the salt will be required when verifying the data.

**Data Security:** Always use secure storage for the hashed values and salts, such as an encrypted database, to further protect patient data.

## **CONCLUSION:-**

This hashing approach helps keep patient data secure by making it challenging to retrieve the original information from the hash alone.

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## SAMPLE OUTPUT:-

```
# Example usage
patient_data = "John Doe, ID: 123456789, DOB: 01-01-1980"
salt, hashed_data = hash_patient_data(patient_data)
print(f"Salt: {salt}")
print(f"Hashed Data: {hashed_data}")

Salt: 5cb8c8b3179d449b878b390043a4fe63
Hashed Data: 6bb00e1113fcc51588634737e7cdd982a3fd6b6eb2750e0237c515abaa25b188

# Example usage1
patient_data = "John Doe, ID: 123456789, DOB: 01-01-1980"
salt, hashed_data = hash_patient_data(patient_data)
print(f"Salt: {salt}")
print(f"Hashed Data: {hashed_data}")

#Example usage2
patient_data = "Ram Kumar, ID: 123496789, DOB: 01-012-1985"
salt, hashed_data = hash_patient_data(patient_data)
print(f"Salt: {salt}")
print(f"Hashed Data: {hashed_data}")

Salt: 2698a5d2e47786b312d1fad36c024ae7
Hashed Data: 4f6dff5ca48c7aa8f045a97934a755123794a59b6dbadd0d94f04a6b202a9e4a
Salt: 7bcc73f6d366dc0bd3eaf252a75de6fe
Hashed Data: e5b87fc3e0432fe4fcf889a764cc5b758d0e740789831d48d3c00cba9724cb3
```

## **2. ENCRYPTION ALGORITHM:-**

### **RSA – RIVEST-SHAMIR-ADLEMAN:**

#### **CODE:-**

```
# Import necessary libraries
from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.asymmetric import rsa, padding
from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import serialization, hashes
from cryptography.hazmat.backends import default_backend

# Key Generation
def generate_keys():

    private_key = rsa.generate_private_key(
        public_exponent=65537,
        key_size=2048,
        backend=default_backend()
    )

    public_key = private_key.public_key()

    # Serialize keys for storage or sharing
    pem_private_key = private_key.private_bytes(
        encoding=serialization.Encoding.PEM,
        format=serialization.PrivateFormat.PKCS8,
        encryption_algorithm=serialization.NoEncryption()
    )

    pem_public_key = public_key.public_bytes(
        encoding=serialization.Encoding.PEM,
        format=serialization.PublicFormat.SubjectPublicKeyInfo
    )
```

```
    return pem_private_key, pem_public_key

# Encrypt data with the public key

def encrypt_data(public_key_pem, data):

    public_key = serialization.load_pem_public_key(
        public_key_pem,
        backend=default_backend()
    )

    encrypted_data = public_key.encrypt(
        data.encode(),
        padding.OAEP(
            mgf=padding.MGF1(algorithm=hashes.SHA256()),
            algorithm=hashes.SHA256(),
            label=None
        )
    )

    return encrypted_data

# Decrypt data with the private key

def decrypt_data(private_key_pem, encrypted_data):

    private_key = serialization.load_pem_private_key(
        private_key_pem,
        password=None,
        backend=default_backend()
    )

    decrypted_data = private_key.decrypt(
        encrypted_data,
        padding.OAEP(
            mgf=padding.MGF1(algorithm=hashes.SHA256()),
            algorithm=hashes.SHA256(),
            label=None
        )
    )

    return decrypted_data
```

```
    label=None  
)  
)  
return decrypted_data.decode()
```

## **EXPLANATION:-**

### **1. Key Generation:**

- generate\_keys() creates a public and private key pair.
- Both keys are serialized in PEM format, allowing for easy storage or sharing.

### **2. Encryption:**

- encrypt\_data() takes the public key and the data to be encrypted.
- Data is encoded to bytes and encrypted with OAEP padding (for security).

### **3. Decryption:**

- decrypt\_data() takes the private key and the encrypted data.
- Data is decrypted using the private key and returned in readable format.

## **NOTE:-**

### **Security Level:-**

- **Larger Key Size:** Increasing the key size (e.g., from 2048 bits to 4096 bits) provides stronger encryption. This makes it harder for attackers to break the encryption through brute-force attacks or cryptographic analysis.
- **Smaller Key Size:** Reducing the key size (e.g., from 2048 bits to 1024 bits) makes the encryption weaker and more vulnerable to attacks. Today, 1024-bit keys are considered insecure for most sensitive applications.

### **Recommendation:-**

- 2048 bits is the minimum recommended key size for secure applications.
- 3072 bits or 4096 bits can be used for highly sensitive data or long-term security.
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## CODE SCREEN SHOT:-

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the title "Untitled7" and a status bar indicating "Last Checkpoint: 9 minutes ago". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Run, Kernel, Settings, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for file operations like New, Open, Save, and Run.

The code in cell [2] is as follows:

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from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import serialization, hashes
from cryptography.hazmat.backends import default_backend

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        key_size=2048,
        backend=default_backend()
    )
    public_key = private_key.public_key()

    # Serialize keys for storage or sharing
    pem_private_key = private_key.private_bytes(
        encoding=serialization.Encoding.PEM,
        format=serialization.PrivateFormat.PKCS8,
        encryption_algorithm=serialization.NoEncryption()
    )

    pem_public_key = public_key.public_bytes(
        encoding=serialization.Encoding.PEM,
        format=serialization.PublicFormat.SubjectPublicKeyInfo
    )

    return pem_private_key, pem_public_key

# Encrypt data with the public key
def encrypt_data(public_key_pem, data):
    public_key = serialization.load_pem_public_key(
        public_key_pem,
        backend=default_backend()
    )

    encrypted_data = public_key.encrypt(
        data.encode(),
        padding.OAEP(
            mgf=padding.MGF1(algorithm=hashes.SHA256()),
            algorithm=hashes.SHA256(),
            label=None
        )
    )

    return encrypted_data
```

```
# Decrypt data with the private key
def decrypt_data(private_key_pem, encrypted_data):
    private_key = serialization.load_pem_private_key(
        private_key_pem,
        password=None,
        backend=default_backend()
    )

    decrypted_data = private_key.decrypt(
        encrypted_data,
        padding.OAEP(
            mgf=padding.MGF1(algorithm=hashes.SHA256()),
            algorithm=hashes.SHA256(),
            label=None
        )
    )

    return decrypted_data.decode()
```

## SAMPLE OUTPUT:-

1.)

```
# Example Usage
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Generate keys
    private_key, public_key = generate_keys()

    # Sample patient data
    patient_data = """
    Name: John Doe
    Age: 45
    Diagnosis: Hypertension
    """

    # Encrypt data
    encrypted = encrypt_data(public_key, patient_data)
    print("Encrypted data:", encrypted)

    # Decrypt data
    decrypted = decrypt_data(private_key, encrypted)
    print("\nDecrypted data:\n", decrypted)
```

Encrypted data: b'0\xfa0\xc9\xb5\x814\xca5\xa5&|\x91\xc8\xac\xec\x92\x57%\xcf+\xcs\x8c,\x91\xbbg\x80\x94\x14\xab\xda\x94\x88\xf38\xfa\x8a\xd7\xff1\,\x95\x5\x8c\x91\xef2\x7\xfe\x03\xba\x87\xad\x1b\x5\xb1\xad\xd1\x15\x89\x96\x88:\x1a\xea\x92\xdb\x9d\x90\x8a\x2w\x1d\xb\x8a\x85\x11\x91\x7\xde\x1f\x8e\xed3\x91\x81\x92\xd4\xb4\xad\xae7\xfa\x8a7\x1a\xc8:\xec5\xb1\xec4\x80\x80\x82\xad\x[\x9\xfb\xcf4\xac\xad\xf\xad1\xb5]\xuf4\x80\xf5\x9b\x80\xdc\xfb\xd3\x1\xb\xda\xb6\x81\xad\xr\x98\xec\xf3\x91\xdc\xbd4\xaa\x8a\x10\x80\xad\x0\x1f\xad\x8e\x1b\x9\x2\x80\x1c\x1e\x96\x13\xe2\x80\x18\xfb\xcd\xbf\xdf\xcc\xea\x88\x5h\xf38\xdc\xcb\xfb\xed3>\x9a\xda\xb9\x2\x10\x8c\xaf\x19\xad\xea\x2\xb2U\\\'\xsa[T\x858\xba\{\'\x85\x3V]\xub4\xab\x12\x88\xaa\x83\x19\x86\xfb\x14\xac\x2c\xeb\xaa\x5\xc5\xf4d\x1d4\xaa\xdc\x4\x2'

Decrypted data:

Name: John Doe  
Age: 45

### # Example Usage

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Generate keys
    private_key, public_key = generate_keys()

    # Sample patient data
    patient_data = """
Name: ram kumar
Age: 35
Diagnosis: heart patient
"""

    # Encrypt data
    encrypted = encrypt_data(public_key, patient_data)
    print("Encrypted data:", encrypted)

    # Decrypt data
    decrypted = decrypt_data(private_key, encrypted)
    print("\nDecrypted data:\n", decrypted)
```

Encrypted data: b"\xd71\xd0!\xae\xc1\xaa\xae\x9f\x87-\xe9\xe1\xbc\xc8\x5\x1\xf\x14\xb9\x94\xd1\xcd4\x7\x9b\x15\x88\x2\xc7\x3\_\x94\x95\xab\xce"; \xe9=\x1c\x4+\x9e\xfc\xf6\x7\xe0\x1a\x9e\xd4\xe5\x0\xdf\xe6\x8\x1a\x3\x0\x9e\xbb4\x9b7\xef\x19\xad\xf0\xb6\x81\xab\xd5\x9e\x4\xn\xc8\x0\x18\xbe\x8c\_\x87\x89g\x8d\x81\xd7\xed\x97\xl\xd9\x1\xee\x8c\x82\x99\x8c\x89\x1\xe7\xf2\xad\xab\xbc"; "\x9b\xf\xfbA\xb6\xd3\x7\xt\xe7\xf\x8f\xaf\xb2\x9d\x85\x11\xb\x81\xe4c\x7\x96\xef\x9\x84\xde\x9\x75\xc6\xab\xf\x14\xe4\xbe\x9aw\x(\x1\x1H\x8e\x7\xb3\xed\x9\x17\x84,\x84\x1f\x9\xf\x8\xdb\x4\x8\x\xff\xdb\x9\x1p\xe8\x11D\x87\x8f\xbe\x1e\x84\xc1\x15\x3\xb\x84\xca\x1d\xa1\x9b\x2\x7\xt\xbc\xe9\xc2\xf\xfe\xt\xdd\xb\x9\x95\x1\xab\xuf\x17\xr\x2\xe1\xde\x9\x1\xea\x12\x18"

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