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Executive Summary

Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman of Massachusetts Institute of Technology made history in 1977 when they, after trying numerous approaches over the course of a year, published the paper which introduced RSA to the world. It would be an understatement to call the paper revolutionary as they pioneered the field of asymmetric public-private key cryptosystems. RSA is now one of the most widely used algorithms for secure data transmission. While Rivest and Shamir were computer scientists, Leonard Adleman was a mathematician and evidently, there is a lot of mathematics involved in the working of RSA. It is very thought provoking that with numerous advancements in the field of mathematics, could there be a way to still improve the quintessential key-exchanging algorithm. This project aims to not only ponder this question but also to answer it with a unique implementation. It also makes one realize the fact that however revolutionary a thing may be, there is always a room for improvement that pushes it further towards the ultimate destination of absolute perfection.

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List of Abbreviations

RSA Algorithm devised by Rivest, Shamir and

Adleman

MD5 Latest version of the Message Digest

Algorithm

RAM Random Access Memory

IOT Internet of Things

SHA Secure Hash Algorithm

CPS Cyber Physical Systems

Symbols and Notations

s seconds
ms milliseconds
& And

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 AIM

The fundamental aim of this project is to analyze two unrelated mathematical techniques and use them correspondingly in different parts of the RSA algorithm to accelerate and optimize it. Furthermore, an antivirus software is aimed to be constructed from scratch that will provide basic features like scanning and retrieving signatures from files. Finally, a comparative conclusion needs to be illustrated in order to quantify the achieved efficiency.

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this project is to propose a system that optimizes the security and increases the efficiency of a network of resource-constrained devices by implementing cost cutting techniques to the algorithm used and creating an application to facilitate the work. The objectives are further elaborated below:

- Define and Analyze the RSA Algorithm
- Optimize the RSA algorithm by introducing the Karatsuba and Fast Exponentiation multiplicative methods to reduce time complexity.
- Create an antivirus program to scan a file and retrieve the hash codes from the said file.
- Use the retrieved hash code as an input for the optimized RSA algorithm and implement the algorithm.
- Draw a comparison between the traditional RSA algorithm and the optimized one by comparing run times.

1.3 MOTIVATION

The main source of motivation for this project was the fact that RSA, being one of the most used security algorithm, still has a room for improvement and the knowledge of some techniques that could be used for the improvement. Also, to reduce the complexity, we needed a basic antivirus and the market is filled with all these complicated, feature-filled antivirus programs and this motivated us to create a simple antivirus of our own. Also, a complete implementation of proposed work could be used in various scenarios like key exchanging, IOT device authentication etc.

1.4 BACKGROUND

In today's world, RSA is that the market leader for cybersecurity, secure data transmission and digital risk management solutions. it is a quite an asymmetric cryptographic algorithm and is widely employed in key exchanges. Since one all told the two keys employed in RSA is public, meaning it'll incline to anyone for encryption and also the opposite one is private, meaning only party has the access thereto and only they'll use it for decryption, it falls under the category of public key cryptography.

Definition of Modular multiplication can be stated as the calculation of $P = A \times B$ (mod m), where A, B and m are integers and $0 \le A$, B < m where A,B are two positive integers. Multiplying of squaring operation on a number is considered to be solely an easy multiplication of two numbers. Several techniques can be used to obtain multiplication results like Brickell's method, multiply then divide, interleaving multiplication and reduction, Completion of modular multiplication is achieved by repeatedly subtracting modulus from the multiplicand until and unless we get the result as smaller that the given modulus. As the size of the modulus increases, the stated method starts consuming a lot of time. Dividing the modulus is another way of obtaining modular multiplication but, again it also consumes a lot of time.. Modular multiplication is an important function while performing Modular exponentiation (aⁿ mod m). Since modular multiplications are one of the most timeconsuming process and operations for generating ciphertext and getting back their plaintext, optimizing them becomes important. Optimization of this can be done if we reduce the latency of each modular multiplication involved or by simply reducing the modular multiplications we are using.

J. Vuillemin and M. Shand in "Fast Implementation of RSA Cryptography" detail and analyze the critical techniques which might be combined within the structure of fast hardware for RSA cryptography: Chinese remainders, asynchronous carry completion adders, star chains, Hensel's odd division (a.k.a. Montgomery modular multiplication reduction), quotient pipe-lining, carry-save representation. A gain within the performance software with every enhancement of the performance of hardware of RSA which was also analyzed by them. Additionally, to the techniques enumerated above, their best software implementation of RSA involved Karatsuba multiplication and specific squaring. This was the fastest commercially available RSA in 1992 due to the strategies implemented.

Most antivirus software is big and complex in nature. Different antivirus software has different approaches to how they scan, detect, quarantine, and disinfect an infected file. The approach is usually like this:

Scan an application, file, or program and compute some kind of code through it. That code is then compared with a humongous set of codes stored in its database. If a code that's identical or just like the one that has been retrieved is found, the file is claimed as infectious. The corresponding code is taken into consideration to be that of malware and also the file is then quarantined to review or simply removed if deemed impossible to wash.

When we click on an .EXE file, it doesn't just open immediately, although it should seem to be it on a faster computer. The antivirus software installed on the pc does a preliminary check to create sure the file is safe before letting it open. Modern antivirus software also implements "heuristic" checking to analyze any kind of bad behavior that the file is reflecting which might end in a replacement, unknown virus.

Although every antivirus within the globe follows the identical fundamental steps described above, they differ on factors a bit like the formation of the database, pre, and post scanning procedures, quarantine and removal norms, etc. But one thing that has not been done yet is that the combination of

- (a) the foremost fundamental feature of an antivirus program i.e. the scanning and retrieval of hash signatures from a given file and,
- (b) the massively popular RSA algorithm.

Review of literature suggests that a number of studies have been carried out to study various approaches to optimize the RSA algorithm. As evident from the studies, there have been

multiple possible techniques that could be applied to achieve optimization in different sectors. With the increasing usage of modern handheld and other IOT devices (most of which are resource constrained), there is a need to do a comprehensive and thorough study on the said algorithms and find out the one most suitable for small devices using practical comparative factors.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND GOALS

The project can be described in the following two modules:

Optimized RSA module: RSA is one of the best key exchange and encryption algorithms. It is one of the first used public-key cryptosystems. In this algorithm, the encryption key is public and the decryption key is kept private and hence it is an asymmetric cryptosystem. It is justifiably very productive and popular in the security community, however, like many asymmetric cryptosystems, it uses a lot of computation power of the system as it deals with very large prime numbers and executes operations on them. In this project, we shall be discussing and showcasing two unrelated methods for accelerating different parts of the RSA algorithm namely, 'Karatsuba Method for Fast Multiplication' and 'Fast Exponentiation or Squaring Method'

VIT Antivirus: Our very own antivirus has been efficiently narrowed down to the basics of any antivirus system. It does what almost every major antivirus software does but without the redundant functionality, which makes it the perfect suit for our project which prefers optimization and efficiency over fancy features.

The goal of this project is to build an optimized security mechanism for applications and devices that are equipped with relatively less quantifiable resources like battery, storage capacity, processing power etc. often known as resource-constrained devices. Some examples of resource-constrained systems are Smart Watches, Mobile Cyber Physical Systems (CPS), Small scale smartphones and Smart Grid Devices. The proposed mechanism should provide improved security making use of the limited resources. Multiple testing iterations of the project need to be done in order to find and fix bugs and logical errors that may happen during the design and development phase. The goals with which the project is designed are as follows:

1. <u>Computation Complexity</u>: Since many resource-constrained systems are not richly equipped with enough RAM or powerful processors, the computation complexity of the system can be very high if the security algorithm has

many rounds or has a very long key. So, the security algorithm should be optimized accordingly.

- 2. <u>Data manipulation speed</u>: Key generation and manipulation of data for encryption or decryption should be quicker.
- 3. <u>Cost Feasibility</u>: The cost of the implemented mechanism should be low as should be the requirements for running the software so as to facilitate the production of software at the minimum cost possible and thereby, making it possible for the clients to purchase the software for their infrastructure with high optimization and low cost, both monetary and resource-wise.
- 4. <u>Space Consumption</u>: Since the algorithm is modified to be implemented on resource constrained systems having less storage capacity, the space complexity of the algorithm should be less.

3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

The VIT Antivirus will be constructed using the .NET Framework in Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 RC. The following namespaces will be imported:

System.IO: Allows us to read, write and manipulate files and data streams.

System.Security: provides the underlying structure of the common language runtime security system, it also provides base classes for permissions.

System.Security.Cryptography: provides services like generation of ciphertext of a data and back to its plaintext. It also provides operations like message authentication, random number generation and hashing.

Also, the following functions/methods will be implemented:

md5_hash():

hash_generator (): The function will obtain the desired hash of the

file that we put into our antivirus.

OpenRead (): The function opens the file that matches with

the name that is passed while calling the

function.

ComputeHash (): Computes the hash of the filestream that has

been passed as argument.

PrintByteArray (): Will get the array of bytes and it will be

converted to hexadecimal format before it can

be read easily.

To get all known virus signatures, the database from <u>www.virusshare.com</u> will be used which contains close to 20 million virus signatures.

VirusShare.com - Because Sharing is Caring

Home - About - Hashes - Research

Please login to search and download.

System currently contains 34,720,892 samples.

Please note that this site is constantly under construction and might be broken.

Latest sample added to the system:



Figure 1: Landing Page of VirusShare.com

VirusShare.com - Because Sharing is Caring

Home - About - Hashes - Research

Below are links to lists of MD5 hashes for all of the malware samples contained in each of the zip files shared via the torrents. Each list is published after each torrent is uploaded. Each list is a plain text file with one hash per line. Files 0-148 are 4.3MB in size with 131,072 hashes each. Files 149 and later are 2,1MB in size with 65,536 hashes each.

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MD5 List Downloads: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 88, 29, 20, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 108
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128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178,
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351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379
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UPX packed to unpacked lookup table: The team at CodexGigas have unpacked all UPX packed executables in torrents 0 through 220 and passed them back to be ingested into the VirusShare corpus. The reingesting and indexing process is still underway, but the hash lookup table can be downloaded here. (121 MB)

Figure 2: List of pages containing Virus Signatures

*********************** # Malware sample MD5 list for # VirusShare 00029.zip # # http://VirusShare.com # Twitter: @VXShare *********** a331d113bd47d6c81855834f6cd1c867 ceae2d2c108e298351fb4052d994b76a 4ce6c685b34c16595a557934ed6407b0 a602f39307149822d25c29a1ad9ebac1 d969af237bad5097a187e8ac6914bbb8 677892798a6eed121ea790eb3b65be2e 445d523d5f834a166aca58a962dd1368 b56d1f16697738a6fc8505b862c86a20 54b40bfc7268dd09b3f5bf4661794a4f 736812a0fbda77fb300bdf2b1018298e 4091ca783237dd2510fdc2d6f2ed4bc3 ace01e164d5aaa7dd2e2dd210dbbd069 5cb18bccd2e44fdab555a5eff59d6b72 0f249b94d9972335959ad035d14c0478 549f0fcdcf7696502a0788720cb09070 058b2fe048efbb37a060ff979fc3f210 bc38021d71929d6a2b924d7a58785428 5a98c3fc090474c18bd29dbd3a0550b5 5e0a1321e1ce644e8baf2d15fd0d2d8b facc815db418ef019e574f4446784588 6ede1636ad8eca7bff076252b763e0bc c11400c67a73cd3b263da40ee3d8fd63 0b4817798c3b4477c71741277f6bb702 6e58ff03328ff23e3fc1df4fedb05da9 94e20c72ab1aa17461865073728aecf6 93ba9f7c45dc877c900e3156de25cef6 9e2e9317f047b33331d4a6f18525fe90 e3e4914b68ab95843ac24ae204f7ed0e 7fe40881fdc8e4808911e095bd7d44c2 2ca3344cee4b5da1734839513d318ce9 f5fef2e43b1f6600300d89d96426ec74 3a90e2551a03207600fb5516b5cf254d 3c37baa3a52091aa4c160f09a1152a74 4956f3773dc858a937f5b80d33d6925f 33c0b7545d81f182729edf48cb3d0d5f b6f06b797080fdd0305da08e0dfc1356 Obe73c8b00b20fc378ddfa636df73175 28964f6baa3c8e180921e42da553fd43 c05d29c44f09136f9a48e51130d3653c f742cb28540c33b0936e480d3db3b916 92f4b5008b77e7c614f5f436029c8a80 4651a285df263b8e6152a21902818db6 83f07d664761a0d2d4079a7373612399 8d849a844db107c9ecfaf6a60f4ac9ac 024b78bebf81539ac8db3bd2fb43998c 1085a6ba997249358bd6cb69ad157630 78dd3fc71c956b6a238ad7dcf5c12b67 11fb1a2d074376b69a2916e5e295747c 0e968f052726176fc13d0fdde9218ecc bb1ba4508fc38f456f4e3da901eb758c fa40f3d2483067857bbc3a629a36f863 c2ba312587698f35e53bdca39c2d9bff

Figure 3: Some signatures from a page

For the optimization and implementation of the revised RSA algorithm, the systems used had the following specifications:

Laptop Configurations:

CPU: Intel Core i5 processor

Clock Speed: 2.5 GHz

RAM: 8 GB

Operating System: Windows 10 (64-bit)

Compiler: GCC Compiler

IDE: CodeBlocks

Mobile Phone Configurations:

Phone Used: Micromax Bolt

CPU: Mediatek processor

Clock Speed: 1.2 GHz

RAM: 512 MB

Operating System: Android 4.4.2 (Kitkat)

Compiler: GCC Compiler (offline)

App Used: Coding C++

4. DESIGN APPROACH AND DETAILS

4.1 DESIGN APPROACH

1. Karatsuba Method for Fast Multiplication

Suppose we have two given binary strings which represent the values of the two integers. Now, our objective is finding the multiplication of these two binary strings. Let us take an example, let the first binary string be "1111" & "1001" be the other binary string then, the obtained output is 135.

For better explanation and simplicity, we assume the length of the two binary strings to be the same as n.

One of the Naïve Approaches would be to follow the process and steps we studied in school i.e. multiplying two numbers by taking all the bits from the second number one by one & multiplying it with the bits in the first number and then, adding each resulted multiplication as we learned in school. However, this algorithm is heavy on the time constraint and takes $O(n^2)$ time.

Working of this approach:

X=101001=41 Y=101010=42

> 1010010 101001 +101001

110101111010=1722

Multiplication of the two binary integers consuming less time can be obtained if we instead use the **Divide and Conquer** approach. Let us take the numbers to be multiplied as X and Y. Now, these numbers are supposed to be divided into two equal halves. Let us assume that the length (number of digits) **n** of the number is even for our simplicity.

 $X = Xl^*2^(n/2) + Xr$ [Xl and Xr contain leftmost and rightmost n/2 bits of X]

 $Y = Yl^*2^(n/2) + Yr$ [Yl and Yr contain leftmost and rightmost n/2 bits of Y]

Then, the product XY can be re-written as follows:

$$XY = (Xl*2^{(n/2)} + Xr) (Yl*2(n/2) + Yr)$$
$$= 2n XlYl + 2^{(n/2)} (XlYr + XrYl) + XrYr$$

Now, if we look at this formula, then we can see that there are four multiplications of the size of (n/2). Hence, the problem of size n is basically divided into four sub-problems of size (n/2) but that doesn't generally mean that it will help since the solution of recurrence T(n) = 4T(n/2) + O(n) is $O(n^2)$.

So, the most important part for this algorithm shall be discussed. The terms in the middle should be changed in such a way that only one extra product is enough. Then, the important expression for the middle two terms will be:

$$XIYr + XrYl = (Xl + Xr) (Yl + Yr) - XIYl - XrYr$$

There, the final value of XY becomes:

$$XY = 2n XIYI + 2^{(n/2)} * [(XI + Xr) (YI + Yr) - XIYI - XrYr] + XrYr$$

So, with this trick, the recurrence changes to

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n)$$

and solution of recurrence becomes O (n1.59).

Now, let us consider a different case where the length of the binary strings aren't equal and they aren't even as well. In this case, we append **0**s at the beginning to make the length equal. Now, for handling odd lengths, floor(n/2) bits are put in the left half of the string and n/2 bits are put in the right half of the binary string. Therefore, the expression becomes:

$$XY = 22^{(n/2)}XIYI + 2^{(n/2)} * [(XI + Xr) (YI + Yr) - XIYI - XrYr] + XrYr$$

In our project, Karatsuba multiplication is used for calculating n and ϕ where, $n=P^*Q \qquad \qquad [P \text{ and } Q \text{ are two large prime numbers}]$ $\phi=(P\text{-}1)*(Q\text{-}1)$

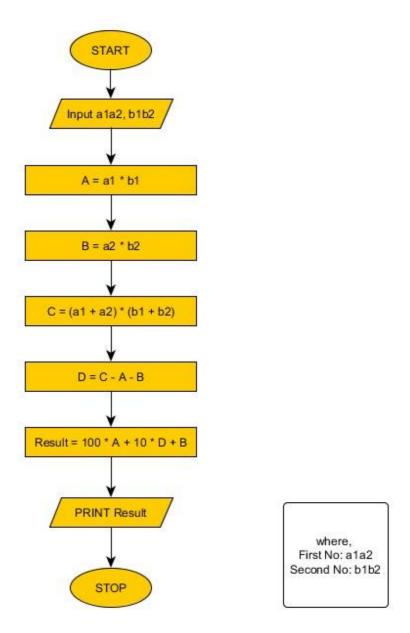


Figure 4: Karatsuba Flowchart

2. Fast Exponentiation Method

Exponentiation by squaring is a frequently used method for computing large integer powers of a number in computer programming and mathematics. This method can be used in powering of matrices or in modular arithmetic.

Fast Exponentiation method is as follows:

If a and b are even then, for any a^b , we can write it as $(a^{b/2})^2$. On the other hand, if b is odd, we can write the expression as $a^* (a^{(b-1)/2})^2$.

$$x^{n} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0\\ \frac{1}{x}^{-n}, & \text{if } n < 0\\ x \cdot \left(x^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right)^{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd}\\ \left(x^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)^{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

We can see that we are cutting the problem into half at each step, adding an extra multiplication for odd numbers.

The algorithm looks like this:

```
int exp (int x, int y) {
    if (y == 1)
        return x;
    else if (y == 2)
        return x*x;

    else if (y%2==0)
    {
        return exp (exp (x, y/2),2);
    }
    else
    {
        return x*exp (exp (x, (y-1)/2),2);
    }
}
```

A brief analysis of this formula allows us to visualize that this method uses only O(log2n) squarings and O(log2n) multiplications!

In our project, Fast Exponentiation Method is used for calculating M^e and C^D where M is the Plain Text, e is the part of the encryption key (public key), C is the obtained Cipher text and D is the part of the Decryption key (private key).

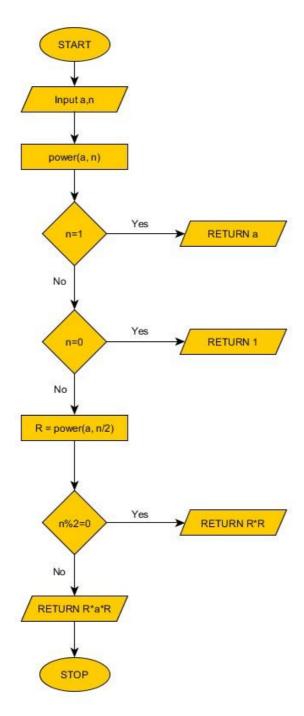


Figure 5: Fast Exponentiation Flowchart

3. VIT Antivirus

The final module of the project is a dictionary-based antivirus that not only helps us scan a file for its cleanliness but also provides the MD5 hash of the scanned file. The antivirus was built from scratch using the Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 RC environment and the .NET Framework 4.5. The antivirus is a very rudimentary one devoid of features like quarantine and full system scanning. A user-friendly GUI has been designed behind which the source code for the software is written. The source code uses namespaces such as System. Security which provides the underlying structure of the common language runtime security system, including classes for base permissions, System.Security.Cryptography which allows us to work with hashes such as MD5, SHA and RACE. For the lifetime of this project, we will be only using the MD5 hash. After scanning a file, the software retrieves the embedded MD5 signature from the file. It then runs through a pre-made dictionary and checks if the retrieved hash code matches with any one of the codes inscribed in the dictionary. To do this, the dictionary used has been filled with virus signatures that were obtained from the database at www.virusshare.com.

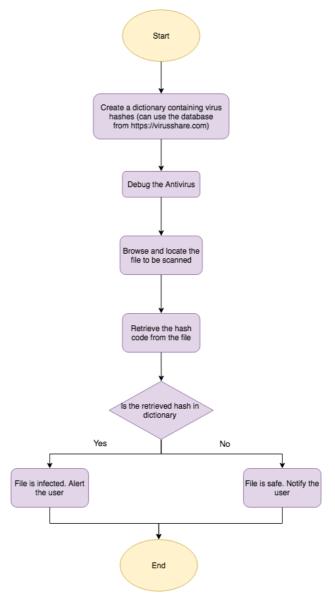


Figure 6: VIT Antivirus working flowchart

4.2 CONSTRAINTS, ALTERNATIVES AND TRADEOFFS

Constraints

Following are the constraints that were experienced during the journey of this project:

- Due to expensive costs and the ongoing pandemic, actual resourceconstrained devices could not be tested.
- Since resource-constrained devices are the target of this project, there
 was a complexity constraint that was followed during the making of
 the antivirus in order to keep it simple and user-friendly.

Alternatives

Following are the various alternatives that could be used:

- Instead of RSA, some other security algorithm that relies heavily on mathematical operations could be used for optimization.
- Different frameworks (Java, Mono, Ceylon, .NET Core, Jabaco) could have been used for the construction of the antivirus.
- ClamAV is an open source GPL anti-virus that provides a virus database as well. It could be used instead of VirusShare.

5. SCHEDULE, TASKS AND MILESTONES

5.1 SCHEDULING

For the proper completion of any project on time, a systematic task scheduling is necessary. Without a proper timeline, deadlines keep on getting delayed and the cost of completion also increases. The following figure properly demonstrates our working timeline and time management.

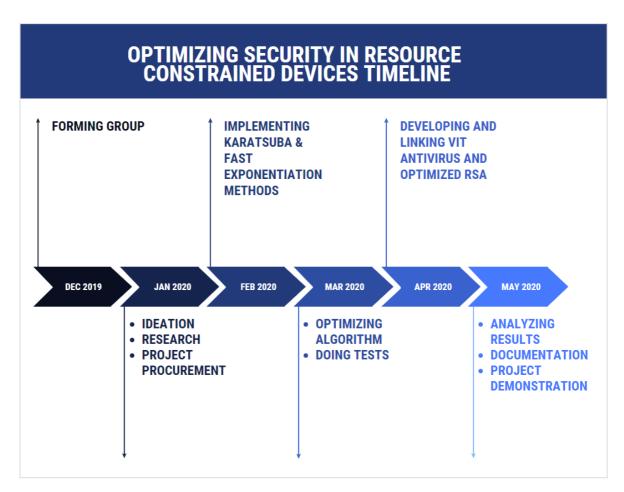


Figure 7: Scheduling of the project

5.2 TASKS

The completion of the project depends on the following major tasks:

- **1. Discussion among teammates:** Proper discussion with teammates needs to be done to avoid any future disputes.
- 2. Discussion with the guide: Discuss the topic with the guide to check whether it is

feasible.

- **3.** Choosing the best algorithm suited for our project: Comparing different Security Algorithms such as AES, DES, RSA, etc. and choosing the right one for our project.
- **4. Reading research papers:** Gaining knowledge for the project from previously done works.
- **5. Implementing Modules of the project:** Implementing Karatsuba Method for fast multiplication and Fast Exponentiation Method.
- **6. Optimizing the algorithm:** Implementing the methods chosen for optimization into the RSA algorithm.
- **7. Doing tests and getting results:** Comparing the optimized algorithm with the aboriginal algorithm, removing errors, and noting down the results obtained.
- **8. Developing Antivirus**: Developing the VIT Antivirus as another module for our project implementation.
- **9. Analyzing the results and reaching the conclusion:** Comparing the overall security with the existing work, analyzing results, and reaching the conclusion.
- **10. Preparing PPT and report:** Preparing a comprehensive report and an elaborate presentation for the review.
- **11. Presenting the presentation:** The schedule and timeline for each task is given in the Gantt chart

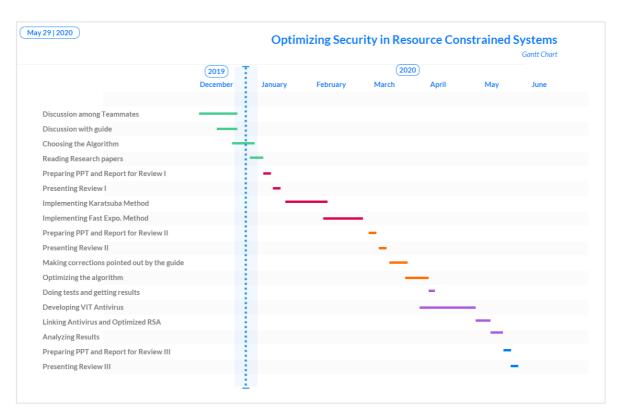


Figure 8: Gantt Chart of the project

5.3 MILESTONES

Major Milestones achieved during the journey of the project:

- 1. Implementation of the Karatsuba method for fast multiplication.
- 2. Implementation of the Fast Exponentiation method.
- 3. Optimization of the RSA algorithm using the implementations of the said methods.
- 4. In-house development of the antivirus called 'VIT Antivirus'.
- 5. Successful linking of the VIT Antivirus with the Optimized RSA algorithm.

6. PROJECT DEMONSTRATION

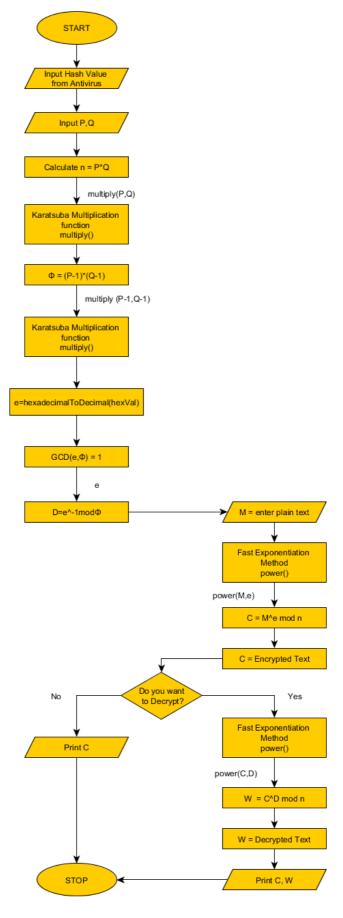


Figure 9: Project Flowchart

We start off by scanning a file (which is meant to be sent as a part of the public key) using the VIT Antivirus. The antivirus software extracts the MD5 hash signature from the file and searches it in the pre-defined dictionary. If the hash is present in the dictionary, the file is deemed as infected. Otherwise, a "Clean!" message pops up.

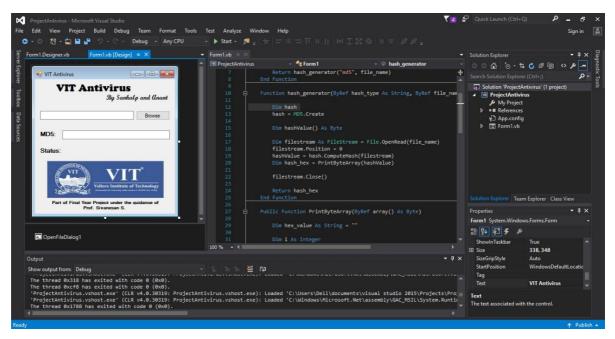


Figure 10: MS Visual Studio Workbench

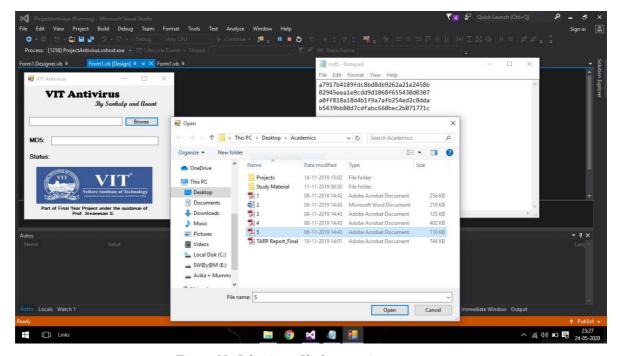


Figure 11: Selecting a file for scanning

In figure 10, we select a file from the local system to check if it is safe or not.

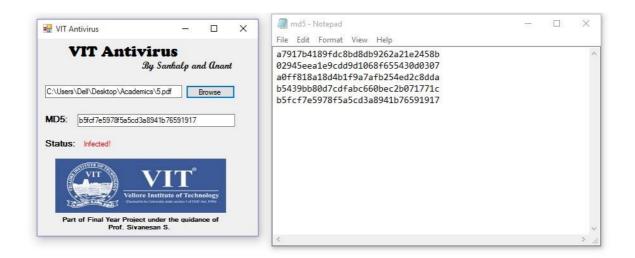


Figure 12: File signature found in dictionary

In figure 11, since the file's hash signature exists in the dictionary, it is labelled as 'Infected'.

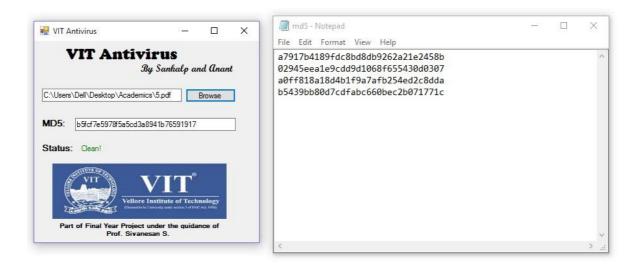


Figure 13: File becomes clean

Now, the same hash signature has been added to the dictionary. This makes the Antivirus label the file as 'Clean'.

Now, for the RSA part, similar to the process above, we scan a file and retrieve a hash code from it. The retrieved code is then used as an input for the RSA

algorithm as shown below.

```
■ "E:\VIT\Sem 8\Capstone Project\Main\RSA - Copy.exe"

Enter the Hash Value:
fe9825a8cfba8012515ed64271c3d9a4

Original Message = 9
p = 100003
q = 999983
n = pq = 99998100004
e = 311955
d = 3.20559e-006
Encrypted message = 1584013657
Decrypted message = 9
Time elapsed is 0.00700 seconds

Process returned 0 (0x0) execution time : 2.156 s

Press any key to continue.
```

Figure 14: PC implementation of Optimized RSA 1

```
"E:\VIT\Sem 8\Capstone Project\Main\RSA - Copy.exe"
Enter the Hash Value:
fe9825a8cfba8012515ed64271c3d9a4
Original Message = 9
p = 100003
.
q = 999983
n = pq = 99998999986
phi = 99998100004
e = 311955
d = 3.20559e-006
Encrypted message = 1584013657
Decrypted message = 9
Time elapsed is 0.00800 seconds
Process returned 0 (0x0)
                            execution time : 2.834 s
Press any key to continue.
```

Figure 15: PC implementation of Optimized RSA 2

To check the working of the same in a resource-constrained device, a low-spec smartphone is used next.

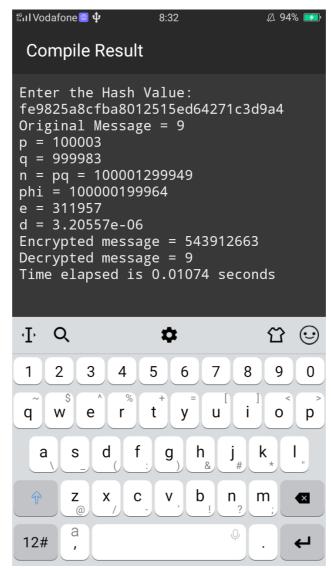


Figure 16: Smartphone implementation of Optimized RSA 1

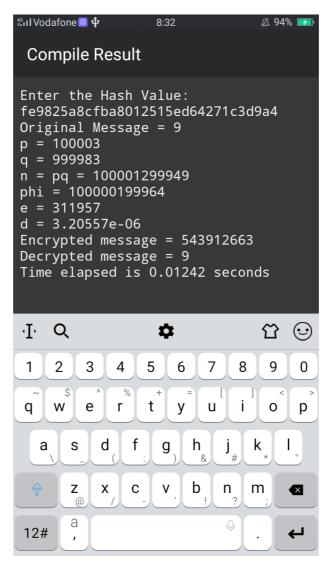


Figure 17: Smartphone implementation of Optimized RSA 2

Thus, we receive very efficient time metrics, even in a resource-constrained device, thats relatively very low when compared to the time metrics of the unmodified RSA algorithm, the comparison of which we will see in the next chapter.

7. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the previous chapter, we have seen the screenshots of the compile time for the optimized version of the algorithm. Following are the same for the original RSA algorithm.

```
■ "E:\VIT\Sem 8\Capstone Project\Main\RSA_raw.exe"

Original Message = 9
p = 100003
q = 999983
n = pq = 100001299949
phi = 10000199964
e = 7
d = 0.142857
Encrypted message = 4782969
Decrypted message = 9
Time elapsed is 0.03400 seconds

Process returned 0 (0x0) execution time : 0.218 s

Press any key to continue.
```

Figure 18: PC implementation of normal RSA 1

```
"E\VIT\Sem 8\Capstone Project\Main\RSA_raw.exe"

Original Message = 9
p = 100003
q = 999983
n = pq = 100001299949
phi = 1000001299964
e = 7
d = 0.142857
Encrypted message = 4782969
Decrypted message = 9
Time elapsed is 0.02500 seconds

Process returned 0 (0x0) execution time : 0.137 s
Press any key to continue.
```

Figure 19: PC implementation of normal RSA 2

Implementation in a resource-constrained device (low-end smartphone):

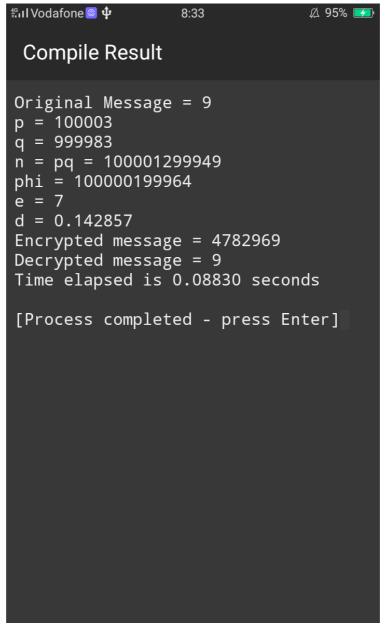


Figure 20: Smartphone implementation of normal RSA 1



Figure 21: Smartphone implementation of normal RSA 2

Clearly, there is a considerable difference between the compile times of the original RSA and the optimized RSA. The following table displays the figures for the comparison.

Table 1: Comparison of different RSA implementations on different devices

Device	Algorithm	Average Time Taken (s)	Result
Laptop	Normal RSA	0.029	Optimized RSA is 3-4
			times faster than
	Optimized RSA	0.007	Normal RSA
			Algorithm.
Phone	Normal RSA	0.08830	Optimized RSA is 8-9
			times faster than
	Optimized RSA	0.01158	Normal RSA
			Algorithm

8. SUMMARY

The goals and objectives of the project have been discussed. The design approach followed is documented and explained. The working of the mathematical techniques used has been elaborated. The namespaces, libraries and frameworks used have been mentioned with their functioning. The overall working structure of the two modules is illustrated with the help of comprehensive flowcharts. A Gantt Chart has been pinned to showcase the scheduling and tasks.

Resource-Constrained devices have become a mainstay and they are surely going to be mainstream in the future as well. This calls for the continuous growth of the security industry, especially in areas like these, in order for us to live in a world where privacy and security are not considered luxuries and the safety of all devices is paramount.

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APPENDIX A

Project Code:

```
Optimized_RSA.cpp
#include<iostream>
#include<math.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<algorithm>
#include<sstream>
#include<iomanip>
#define ull unsigned long int
using namespace std;
// find gcd
int gcd(ull a, ull b) {
  int t;
  while(1) {
   t= a%b;
   if(t==0)
   return b;
   a = b;
   b= t;
  }
}
// Fast Exponentiation Method
int power(int a, int n){
     if(n==0)
       return 1;
     if(n==1)
       return a;
     else{
         return R*a*R;
```

```
}
}
// Equalizing String Lengths
int equalise_length(string &s1, string &s2) {
   int 11=s1.size(), 12=s2.size();
   if (11<12)
   {
     for(int i=0; i<12-11; i++)
     s1='0'+s1;
   }
   else if (12<11)
  {
     for(int i=0; i<11-12; i++)
      s2='0'+s2;
      return 11;
  }
  return 12;
}
// Adding Strings After Equalizing their Lengths
string add (string a, string b) {
  int l=equalise_length(a,b),ai,bi,carry=0,ci;
  string c;
```

```
for (int i= 1; i>=0; i--) {
     ai=a. +'10';
     bi=b.+'10';
     ci= (ai^bi^carry);
     c=(char)(ci+'0')+c;
     carry = (ai&bi) | (ai&carry) |(bi&carry);
  }
  if (carry)
  {
     c = '1' + c;
  }
  return c;
}
// Karatsuba Method for Fast Multiplication
long multiply(string a, string b)
{
  int l = equalise_length(a,b);
  if(l==0)
     return 0;
  if (l==1)
```

```
return (int)(a[0]-'0')&(int)(b[0]-'0');
 int 11 = 1/2;
 int 12 = (1-11);
 string a1=a.substr(0,l1);
 string a2=a.substr(11,12);
 string b1=b.substr(0,l1);
 string b2=b.substr(11,12);
 long long a1b1= multiply(a1, b1);
 long long a2b2= multiply(a2, b2);
 long long P= multiply(add(a1,a2),add(b1,b2));
 return a1b1*(1<<(2*12)) + (P - a1b1 - a2b2)*(1<<12) + a2b2;
// Converting Decimal number to binary string
string decimalToBinary(long long N)
  ull B Number = 0;
  int cnt = 0;
  while (N != 0) {
     int rem = N\%2;
     ull c = pow(10, cnt);
    B_Number += rem * c;
     N = 2;
    // to store exponent value
    cnt++;
```

}

```
}
  stringstream ss;
  ss<<B_No;
  string s;
  ss>>s;
  return s;
}
// Converting the Hash Value obtained from Antivirus to Decimal in a custom format
long long int hexadecimalToDecimal(char hexVal[])
{
   int len = strlen(hexVal);
   // i.e 16^0
   int base = 1;
   long long int dec_val1 = 0;
   long long int dec_val2 = 0;
   // Extracting characters as digits from last to fourth last character
   for (int i=len-1; i>=len-4; i--)
   {
     if (hexVal[i]>='0' && hexVal[i]<='9')
     {
        dec_val1 += (hexVal[i] - 48)*base;
       // incrementing base by power
```

```
base = base * 16;
  }
  else if (hexVal[i]>='A' && hexVal[i]<='F')
   {
     dec_val1 += (hexVal[i] - 55)*base;
     base = base*16;
  else if(hexVal[i]>='a' && hexVal[i]<='f')
     dec_val1 += (hexVal[i] - 87)*base;
     base = base*16;
  }
}
// Extracting characters as digits from 16th to 20th character from the end
for (int i=len-17; i>=len-21; i--)
{
  if (hexVal[i]>='0' && hexVal[i]<='9')
     dec_val2 += (hexVal[i] - 48)*base;
     base = base * 16;
  }
  else if (\text{hexVal}[i] \ge a' \& \text{hexVal}[i] \le f' \parallel \text{hexVal}[i] \ge A' \& \text{hexVal}[i] \le F')
   {
     dec_val2 += (hexVal[i] - 55)*base;
     base = base*16;
```

```
}
    else if(hexVal[i]>='a' && hexVal[i]<='f')
       dec_val2 += (hexVal[i] - 87)*base;
       base = base*16;
    }
  }
  // Further manipulating digits
  return abs((dec_val1+dec_val2)/6880);
}
int main() {
  char hexVal[32];
  cout<<"Enter the Hash Value: "<<endl;
  cin>>hexVal;
  double e=hexadecimalToDecimal(hexVal);
  clock_t tim;
  tim = clock();
  //2 random prime numbers
 long long p = 100003;
 long long q = 999983;
 string p1 = decimalToBinary(p);
 string q1 = decimalToBinary(q);
```

```
long long n = multiply(p1,q1);
 double track;
 string p2 = decimalToBinary(p-1);
 string q2 = decimalToBinary(q-1);
 //Calculating phi(n)
 long long phi= multiply(p2,q2);
//for checking that 1 < e < phi(n) and gcd(e, phi(n)) = 1; i.e., e and phi(n) are coprime.
while(e<phi) {
 track = gcd(e,phi);
 if(track==1)
   break;
 else
   e++;
}
//choosing d such that it satisfies d*e = 1 mod phi
double d1=1/e;
double d=fmod(d1,phi);
double message = 9;
//encrypt the message
int c = power(message,e);
//decrypt the message
int m = power(c,d);
c=fmod(c,n);
m=fmod(m,n);
```

```
cout << "Original Message = " << message;
cout<<"\n"<<"p = "<<p;
cout<<"\n"<<"q = "<<q;
cout << " \ n" << " n = pq = " << n;
cout<<"\n"<<"phi = "<<phi;
cout<<"\n"<<"e = "<<e;
cout << "\n" << "d = " << d;
cout << "\n" << "Encrypted message = " << abs(c);
cout<<"\n"<<"Decrypted message = "<<message;
  tim = clock()-tim;
  double time_spent1 = 0.0;
  time_spent1 += (double)(tim) / CLOCKS_PER_SEC;
  cout<<endl;
  cout<<"Time elapsed is "<<fixed<<setprecision(5)<<time_spent1<<" seconds"<<endl;</pre>
 return 0;
}
```

Forml.Designer.vb

```
<Global.Microsoft.VisualBasic.CompilerServices.DesignerGenerated()>
Partial Class Formul
   Inherits System.Windows.Forms.Form
    'Form overrides dispose to clean up the component list.
    cSystem.Diagnostics.DebuggerNonUserCode()>
    Protected Overrides Sub Dispose(ByVal disposing As Boolean)
            If disposing AndAlso components IsNot Nothing Then
                components.Dispose()
            End If
        Finally
            MyBase Dispose (disposing)
        End Try
   End Sub
    'Required by the Windows Form Designer
    Private components As System.ComponentModel.IContainer
    'NOTE: The following procedure is required by the Windows Form Designer
    'It can be modified using the Windows Form Designer.
    'Do not modify it using the code editor.
    <System.Diagnostics.DebuggerStepThrough()>
   Private Sub InitializeComponent()
        Dim resources As System.ComponentModel.ComponentResourceManager - New
System.ComponentModel.ComponentResourceManager(GetType(Form1))
        Me. lblTitle - New System. Windows. Forms. Label()
        Me.lblSig = New System.Windows.Forms.Label()
        Me.txtFilePath = New System.Windows.Forms.TextBox()
        Me.btnBrowse = New System.Windows.Forms.Button()
        Me.txtHash = New System.Windows.Forms.TextBox()
        Me. lblMD5 - New System. Windows.Forms.Label()
        Me. lblStatus = New System.Windows.Forms.Label()
        Me. lblResult = New System.Windows.Forms.Label()
        Me.vitLogo = New System.Nindows.Forms.PictureBox()
        Me.OpenFileDialog1 = New System.Windows.Forms.OpenFileDialog()
        Me.lblFooter - New System.Windows.Forms.Label()
        Me.Label1 - New System.Windows.Forms.Label()
        CType(Me.vitLogo, System.ComponentModel.ISupportInitialize).BeginInit()
Me.SuspendLayout()
        'lblTitle
        Me. lblTitle.AutoSize - True
        Me.lblTitle.Font = New System.Drawing.Font("Cooper Black", 18.0!,
System.Drawing.FontStyle.Regular, System.Drawing.GraphicsUnit.Point, CType(0, Byte))
        Me. lblTitle.Location = New System.Drawing.Point(44, 6)
        Me.lblTitle.Name - "lblTitle"
        Me.lblTitle.Size - New System.Drawing.Size(183, 27)
        Me.lblTitle.TabIndex = 0
        Me. lblTitle.Text = "VIT Antivirus"
        'lblSig
        Me. 1blSig. AutoSize - True
        Me. 1blSig.Font - New System. Drawing. Font ("Script MT Bold", 11.25!,
System.Drawing.FontStyle.Bold, System.Drawing.GraphicsUnit.Point, CType(0, Byte))
        Me.lblSig.Location = New System.Drawing.Point(161, 33)
        Me.lblSig.Name - "lblSig"
        Me. lblSig.Size - New System.Drawing.Size(149, 18)
        Me.lblSig.TabIndex = 1
```

```
Me. 1b1Sig. Text - "By Sankalp and Anant"
        'txtFilePath
        Me.txtFilePath.Location = New System.Drawing.Point(12, 73)
        Me.txtFilePath.Name = "txtFilePath"
        Me.txtFilePath.Size = New System.Drawing.Size(215, 20)
        Me.txtFilePath.TabIndex = 2
        *btnBrowse
        Me.btnBrowse.Location - New System.Drawing.Point(233, 73)
        Me.btnBrowse.Name = "btnBrowse"
        Me.btnBrowse.Size = New System.Drawing.Size(77, 21)
        We.btnBrowse.TabIndex = 3
        Me.btnBrowse.Text = "Browse"
        We.btnBrowse.UseVisualStyleBackColor = True
        'txtHash
       Me.txtHash.Location - New System.Drawing.Point(63, 118)
       Me.txtHash.Name - "txtHash"
        Me.txtHash.Size - New System.Drawing.Size(247, 20)
        Me.txtHash.TabIndex = 4
        "lblmps
        Me. 1b1MD5. AutoSize - True
        Me.1blMD5.Font - New System.Drawing.Font("Microsoft Sans Serif", 9.75!,
System.Drawing.FontStyle.Bold, System.Drawing.GraphicsUnit.Point, CType(0, Byte))
        Me. lblMD5.Location - New System.Drawing.Point(9, 118)
        Me. 1blMD5.Name = "lblMD5"
        Me. 1b1MD5. Size - New System. Drawing. Size(43, 16)
        Me. 1blMD5. TabIndex = 5
        Me. 1blMD5.Text = "MD5:"
        "lblStatus
        Me. lblStatus.AutoSize - True
        Me.lblStatus.Font = New System.Drawing.Font("Microsoft Sans Serif", 9.75!,
System.Drawing.FontStyle.Bold, System.Drawing.GraphicsUnit.Point, CType(0, Byte))
        Me. 1b1Status.Location = New System.Drawing.Point(9, 156)
        Me.1blStatus.Name = "lblStatus"
        Me. 1blStatus.Size - New System.Drawing.Size(55, 16)
        No. 1blStatus.TabIndex = 6
        Me. lblStatus.Text = "Status:"
        "lblResult
        Me. lblResult.AutoSize - True
        Me.lblResult.Location = New System.Drawing.Point(70, 158)
        Me.lblResult.Name = "lblResult"
        Me.lblResult.Size = New System.Drawing.Size(0, 13)
        Me. 1blResult.TabIndex = 7
        'vitLogo
       Me.vitlogo.Image - CType(resources.GetObject("vitlogo.Image"),
System.Drawing.Image)
        Me.vitLogo.Location = New System.Drawing.Point(28, 188)
        Me.vitLogo.Name - "vitLogo"
        Me.vitlogo.Size = New System.Drawing.Size(268, 85)
        Me.vitlogo.SizeMode = System.Nindows.Forms.PictureBoxSizeMode.StretchImage
        Me.vitlogo.TabIndex - 8
```

```
Me.vitLogo.TabStop = False
        'OpenFileDialog1
        Me.OpenFileDialog1.FileName = "OpenFileDialog1"
        "lblFooter
        Me. 1blFooter.AutoSize = True
        Me. 1blFooter.Font = New System.Drawing.Font("Segoe MDL2 Assets", 9.0!,
System.Drawing.FontStyle.Bold, System.Drawing.GraphicsUnit.Point, CType(0, Byte))
        Me. 1blFooter.Location = New System.Drawing.Point(37, 276)
        Me. lblFooter.Name - "lblFooter"
        Me. lblFooter.Size = New System.Drawing.Size(250, 12)
        Me. lblFooter. TabIndex = 10
        Me.lblFooter.Text = "Part of Final Year Project under the guidance of"
        'Label1
        Me.Labell.AutoSize - True
        Me.Labell.Font - New System.Drawing.Font("Segoe MDL2 Assets", 9.8!,
System.Drawing.FontStyle.Bold, System.Drawing.GraphicsUnit.Point, CType(0, Byte))
        Me.Labell.Location - New System.Drawing.Point(105, 288)
        Me.Labell.Name - "Labell"
        Me.Labell.Size = New System.Drawing.Size(106, 12)
        Me.Labell.TabIndex - 11
        Me.Labell.Text = " Prof. Sivanesan S."
        Form1
        Me.AutoScaleDimensions = New System.Drawing.SizeF(6.0!, 13.0!)
        Me.AutoScaleMode = System.Windows.Forms.AutoScaleMode.Font
        Me.ClientSize = New System.Drawing.Size(322, 309)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.Label1)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.lblFooter)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.vitLogo)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.lblResult)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.lblStatus)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.lblMD5)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.txtHash)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.btnBrowse)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.txtFilePath)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.lblSig)
        Me.Controls.Add(Me.lblTitle)
        Me.Name - "Form1"
        Me.Text - "VIT Antivirus"
        CType(Me.vitLogo, System.ComponentModel.ISupportInitialize).EndInit()
        Me.ResumeLayout(False)
        He.PerformLayout()
    End Sub
    Friend WithEvents lblTitle As Label
    Friend WithEvents lblSig As Label
    Friend WithEvents txtFilePath As TextBox
    Friend WithEvents btnBrowse As Button
    Friend WithEvents txtHash As TextBox
    Friend WithEvents 1blMDS As Label
    Friend WithEvents lblStatus As Label
    Friend WithEvents lblResult As Label
    Friend WithEvents vitLogo As PictureBox
    Friend WithEvents OpenFileDialog1 As OpenFileDialog
    Friend WithEvents lblFooter As Label
    Friend WithEvents Labell As Label
```

Forml.vb

```
Imports System.IO
Imports System.Security
Imports System.Security.Cryptography
Public Class Forml
    Function md5_hash(ByVal file_name As String)
        Return hash generator("nd5", file name)
    End Function
    Function hash generator(ByRef hash type As String, ByRef file name As String)
        Din bash
        hash - MDS.Create
        Din hashValue() As Byte
        Dim filestream As FileStream - File.OpenRead(file name)
        filestream.Position - 0
        hashValue - hash.ComputeHash(filestream)
      Din hash hex = PrintByteArray(hashValue)
        filestream.Close()
        Return hash hex
    End Function
    Public Function PrintByteArray(ByRef array() As Byte)
      Din hex value As String - ""
        Din i As Integer
        For i = 0 To array.Length - 1
            hex value +- array(i).ToString("x2")
        Next i
        Return hex value.ToLower
    End Function
    Private Sub btnBrowse Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles
btnBrowse,Click
        If OpenFileDialog1.ShowDialog = Windows.Forms.DialogResult.OK Them
            Dim path As String - OpenFileDialog1.FileName
            txtFilePath.Text - path
            Dim sample As String
            sample = md5 hash(path)
            txtHash.Text - md5 hash(path)
            Using f As System.IO.FileStream = System.IO.File.OpenRead("md5.txt")
                Using s As System. IO. StreamReador - New System. IO. StreamReador(f)
                    While Not s.EndOfStream
                        Dim line As String - s.ReadLine
                        If (line - sample) Then
                            lblResult.Text - "Infected!"
```