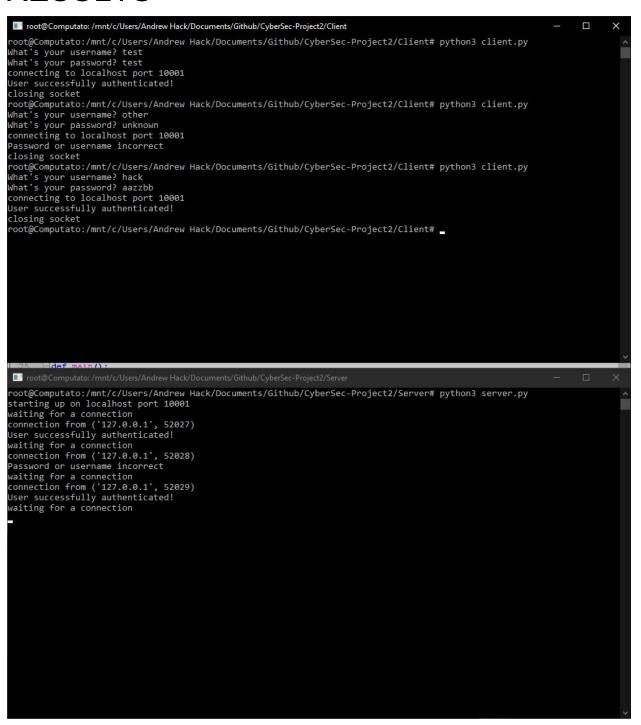
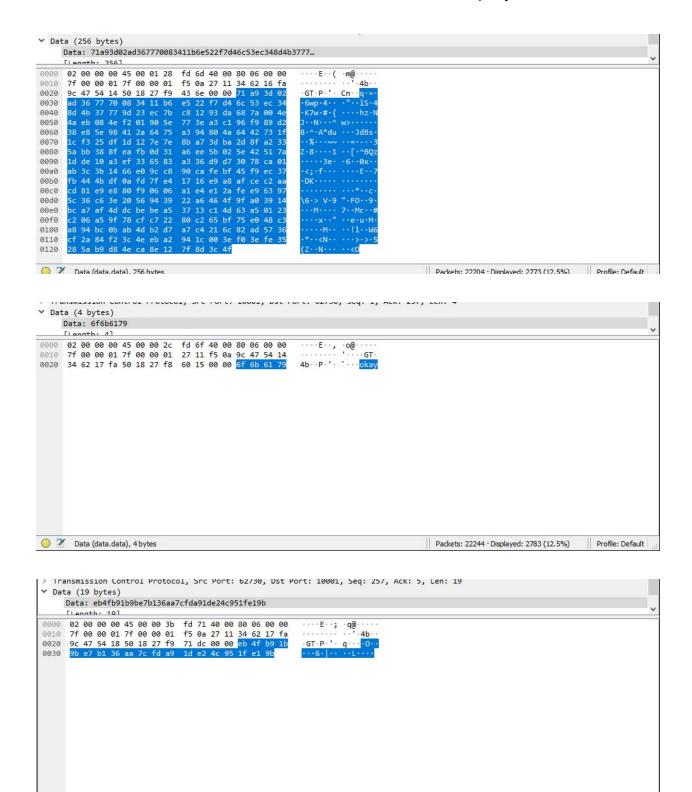
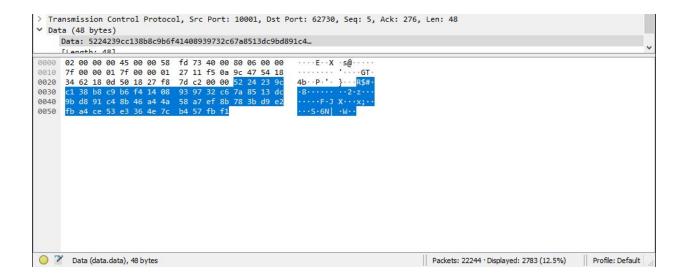
## **RESULTS**



Packets: 22244 · Displayed: 2783 (12.5%) Profile: Default



O ata (data.data), 19 bytes



All of the messages except for the "okay" message were encrypted. The server correctly identifies user/password combos and successfully returns the correct response to the client.

## **REPORT**

We used PBKDF2 in order to ensure that it takes longer to guess a hash if the passfile was to be compromised. In this algorithm, the salt will be used repeatedly in a series of hashes, slowing attempts to guess the passwords that match the hashes. The encryption algorithm utilized is the *SHA-512* algorithm. This algorithm was selected for having high resistance against collision attacks and length extension attacks, as can be seen here: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secure\_Hash\_Algorithms">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secure\_Hash\_Algorithms</a>. *SHA-3* was not used due to being incompatible with the pbkdf2\_hmac() function.

To generate our key pair, we used the Python Cryptography Toolkit (pycrypto) that has RSA encryption methods included. We generated a one time pair of keys and stored these in folders within the project directory. We specifically used the RSA library in pycrypto to create the keys. The keys were generated one time so that there would be access in both the server.py and the client.py files. The private key is stored within the server.py file and the public key is stored within the client.py file.

We are managing symmetric encryption by using AES (Advanced Encryption Standard), a symmetric encryption algorithm. Within that, we used the mode of Cipher Feedback (CFB), which we decided to use because the block cipher is only used in the encrypting direction, meaning that the message does not need to be padded to the multiple of a block size. Downfalls are that CFB cannot encrypt data in parallel, slowing down the encryption process. But this isn't something that bothered us, given the small size of the message we are encrypting. Another downfall of CFB is that it is susceptible to replay attacks. However, it is safe from a chosen plain-text attack, because the attacker has no way of knowing if they got the correct data.

This program would be secure from eavesdroppers on a publicly visible network because the data being sent over the network at all times is encrypted data. To start, when the session key is being sent over the network, it is encrypted with the public key of the server. This means that the server is the only thing that will be able to decrypt the session key. Therefore the session key is safe when it is sent over. Once the client knows that the server has received the session key, it then creates an AES encryption for the username and password, so this information will be encrypted before it is sent over a public network. The server then sends back an encrypted message telling the client whether the hashed username and password match. Therefore, at all times the information being sent over the public network would be safe from sniffing. The only way that the information could be compromised is if the public and private keys were stolen from the local files or if the session key was stolen from either of the local files.

Our program is susceptible to replay attacks. If someone grabbed the encrypted message during its passing from the client and the server, they could pass the same encrypted message through our system again, and our system would have no way of knowing the encrypted message has been sent before, and everything would be successful for the attacker. If we wanted to protect against this, we could include a unique tag with every message, and

have the decryption function check to make sure that the program has not already seen that unique tag before, as it would compare it to a stored database of seen unique tags.

I learned that trying to create a secure connection between two different ports is much more difficult than it may sound. I certainly had to read lots of the documentation in regards to the implementation of both RSA from the pycrypto file and the AES encryption implementation to get the encryption methods to work when sending the information from the client to the server. I was surprised that while the concepts may seem relatively simple, the implementation of them can be quite difficult.