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# Data Encryption Standard

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# Introduction

## Objective:

- Establish a secure communication environment using RSA encryption.
- Create a trusted CA to issue and verify public-key certificates.

## Key Components:

- Certification Authority (CA) Server
- Client Applications (Client A and Client B)
- RSA Cryptography Module (Key generation, encryption, decryption)

## Functionality:

- Clients register with the CA.
- CA issues digitally signed certificates.
- Clients exchange secure messages using RSA encryption.

# Client Code

(client.py)

- Purpose:
  - Implements client-side operations for registration, certificate requests, and secure message exchange.
- Key Methods:
  - register(): Registers the client with the CA and receives the CA's public key.
  - request\_certificate(): Requests a certificate from the CA for the client's public key.
  - get\_peer\_certificate(peer\_id): Retrieves a peer's certificate from the CA.
  - validate\_certificate(certificate): Validates a received certificate by contacting the CA.
  - send\_message(recipient\_public\_key, message): Encrypts a message using the recipient's public key.
  - receive\_message(encrypted\_message): Decrypts an incoming encrypted message using the client's private key.
- Workflow:
  - The client connects to the CA using sockets.
  - Data is serialized using pickle for transmission.
  - Secure message exchange is enabled once certificates are validated.

```
class CAClient:
    def __init__(self, server_host, server_port, client_id, public_key, private_key, ca_public_key):
        self.server_host = server_host
        self.server_port = server_port
        self.client_id = client_id
        self.public_key = public_key
        self.private_key = private_key
        self.ca_public_key = ca_public_key
        self.rsa = RSA(1024)
        self.certificate = None
```

# CA Code

(ca.py)

- Purpose:
  - Acts as the trusted authority that manages client public keys and issues/validates certificates.
- Key Components:
  - Certification Authority Class:
    - Registers clients and stores their public keys.
    - Signs certificates by hashing certificate data and encrypting the hash with the CA's private key.
    - Verifies certificates by decrypting the signature and comparing hashes.
  - CA Server:
    - Listens for client requests over TCP using socket programming.
    - Handles registration, certificate signing, certificate retrieval, and verification.
- Data Flow:
  - Client sends a request (e.g., register, sign, get\_certificate, verify).
  - CA processes the request, performs cryptographic operations, and sends back a response.

```
# Certification Authority: stores client public keys and issues certificates.
class CertificationAuthority:
    def __init__(self):
        self.rsa = RSA(1024)
        self.ca_public_key, self.ca_private_key = self.rsa.generate_keys()
        self.client_public_keys = {}
        self.certificates = {}

    def register_client(self, client_id, client_public_key):
        """Register a client by storing its public key."""
        self.client_public_keys[client_id] = client_public_key
        print(f"[CA] Registered client {client_id} with public key: {client_public_key}")
        return "Client registered successfully."

    def sign_certificate(self, client_id, duration=600):
        if client_id not in self.client_public_keys:
            return None, "Client not registered"

        public_key = self.client_public_keys[client_id]
        issue_time = int(time.time())
        certificate_data = f"ClientID: {client_id}, PublicKey: {public_key}, IssueTime: {issue_time}, Duration: {duration}"
        certificate_hash = hashlib.sha256(certificate_data.encode()).digest()
        hash_int = int.from_bytes(certificate_hash, byteorder='big')
        encrypted_signature = self.rsa.encrypt(str(hash_int), self.ca_public_key)

        certificate = {
            "client_id": client_id,
            "public_key": public_key,
            "issue_time": issue_time,
            "duration": duration,
            "signature": encrypted_signature
        }
        self.certificates[client_id] = certificate
        print(f"[CA] Issued certificate for client {client_id}: {certificate}")
        return certificate, "Certificate Issued"

    def verify_certificate(self, client_id):
        if client_id not in self.certificates:
            return False, "Certificate not found!"
```

# Encryption RSA

- RSA Module Functionality:
- Key Generation:
  - Generates two distinct primes, computes  $n$  and Euler's Totient  $\phi$ .
  - Determines public exponent  $e$  (coprime with  $\phi$ ) and computes private key  $d$ .
- Encryption Process:
  - Input: Plaintext string and recipient's public key  $(e, n)$ .
  - Block Processing:
    - Splits plaintext into blocks based on block size (with room for padding overhead).
    - Applies PKCS#1-like padding to each block.
    - Converts padded block to an integer.
    - Encrypts each block using modular exponentiation:  
 $\text{encrypted\_block} = \text{block}^e \bmod n$
    - Encodes encrypted block to Base64 for transmission.
- Key Points:
- Ensures confidentiality by using the recipient's public key.
- Each block is encrypted individually to handle larger messages.

```
def encrypt(self, plaintext, public_key):
    """Encrypt plaintext (str) with the given public key (block-wise)."""
    e, n = public_key
    ciphertext = ""
    # For RSA with PKCS#1-like padding, we leave 11 bytes for overhead
    for i in range(0, len(plaintext), self.block_size - 11):
        block = plaintext[i : i + self.block_size - 11]
        block_bytes = block.encode('utf-8')
        block_bytes = pad(block_bytes, self.block_size)
        block_int = int.from_bytes(block_bytes, byteorder='big')
        encrypted_block = pow(block_int, e, n)
        # Convert to base64
        enc_b64 = b64encode(
            encrypted_block.to_bytes((encrypted_block.bit_length() + 7) // 8, byteorder='big')
        ).decode('utf-8')
        ciphertext += enc_b64 + " "
    return ciphertext.strip()
```



# Decryption RSA

- RSA Module Functionality (Continued):

Decryption Process:

- Input: Encrypted message (Base64 string) and recipient's private key (d,n).

Block Processing:

- Splits the Base64 encoded message into individual blocks.
- Decodes each block from Base64 to get the encrypted integer.
- Decrypts using modular exponentiation:  
 $\text{decrypted\_block} = \text{encrypted\_block}^d \bmod n$
- Converts the decrypted integer back to a byte string of fixed block size.
- Removes PKCS#1-like padding to retrieve the original plaintext block.
- Key Points:
  - Private key is used to decrypt messages, ensuring that only the intended recipient can read the content.
  - Correct unpadding is critical to recover the exact original message

```
def decrypt(self, ciphertext, private_key):
    """Decrypt ciphertext (str) with the given private key (block-wise)."""
    d, n = private_key # Use the provided private key
    decrypted_text = ""
    blocks = ciphertext.strip().split()
    for block in blocks:
        block_bytes = b64decode(block)
        block_int = int.from_bytes(block_bytes, byteorder='big')
        decrypted_block_int = pow(block_int, d, n)
        # Convert to fixed block size using self.block_size
        fixed_bytes = decrypted_block_int.to_bytes(self.block_size, byteorder='big')
        unpadded = unpad(fixed_bytes, self.block_size)
        decrypted_text += unpadded.decode('utf-8')
    return decrypted_text
```



**THANKS!**