Cryptography

- Symmetric versus asymmetric cryptography. In symmetric the encryption and decryption keys are the same while in asymmetric cryptography they are different.
- Public key cryptography. (asymmetric)
- RSA scheme. (asymmetric)
- Examples: Secure shell (ssh, slogin, sshd), PGP (Pretty Good Privacy, a free cryptographic package), Kerberos network authentication, SSL (Secure Sockets Layer, used with https protocol).

[&]quot;If privacy is outlawed, only outlaws will have privacy." Zimmerman (author of PGP)

Public key cryptography

Each participant has a *public key* and a *secret key*. In RSA public-key cryptosystem, each key consists of a pair of large integers.

Alice has key (P_A, S_A) .

Bob has key (P_B, S_B) .

Let $\mathcal D$ be the set of permissible messages. Then we require the following conditions.

$$P_A, S_A, P_B, S_B : \mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{D}$$

 $M = S_A(P_A(M))$
 $M = P_A(S_A(M))$
 $M = S_B(P_B(M))$
 $M = P_B(S_B(M))$

Sending an encrypted message

- 1. Bob obtains Alice's public key P_A .
- 2. Bob computes the ciphertext $C = P_A(M)$ corresponding to the message M and sends C to Alice.
- 3. When Alice receives the ciphertext C, she applies her secret key S_A to retrieve the original message: $M = S_A(C)$.

Digital signature

- 1. Alice computes her digital signature $\sigma = S_A(M')$ for the message M' using her secret key.
- 2. Alice sends the message/signature pair $(M'\sigma)$ to Bob.
- 3. When Bob receives (M', σ) , he can verify that it originated from Alice by using Alice's public key to verify that $M' = P_A(\sigma)$.

A digital signature is verifiable by anyone who has access to the signers public key. The signed message is not encrypted.

Encrypted and signed message

- 1. Alice computes her digital signature $\sigma = S_A(M')$ for the message M' using her secret key.
- 2. Alice appends her digital signature to the message and then encrypts the resulting pair with Bob's public key to send $P_B(M'\sigma)$.
- 3. Bob decrypts the message using his secret key.
- 4. Bob verifies Alice's signature using her public key.

More on cryptography

- ► The security of the public-key cryptosystem rests in large part on the difficulty of factoring large integers.
 - If factoring large integers is easy, then breaking the RSA cryptosystem is easy.
 - ▶ If factoring large integers is hard, then whether breaking RSA is hard is an unproven statement. However decades of research has not found an easy way to break the RSA system.
- ▶ A perfect tool for electronic contracts, electronic checks, e-cash, etc. However cryptography is not a panacea for every security issue.
- How do you get your public key in the beginning. Get a certificate from a trusted authority.
- Public-key cryptosystem involve multiple-precision arithmetic which is considerably slower. Most practical systems use a hybrid approach.

Encryption in Java

- The packages javax.crypto and java.security provide the basic mechanisms.
- We can get a list of all available security providers with some simple code. See example: security/providers/ListProviders.java
- See code snippet below:

```
import java.security.Provider;
import java.security.Provider.Service;
import java.security.Security;
import java.util.Set;
public class ListProviders {
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        Provider[] list = Security.getProviders();
        for (Provider e: list) {
            System.out.println(e);
            Set<Service> serviceList = e.getServices();
            for (Service s: serviceList)
                System.out.println("\t" + s);
            System.out.println();
        }
    }
```

Encryption in Java

- Sample code that generates a key and uses it to encrypt information and then stores both the key and the encrypted information on the disk. See examples: EncryptTest.java DecryptTest.java
- ► Uses the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
- ► Code snippet:

```
// security/encryption/EncryptTest.java
FileOutputStream dataFile = new FileOutputStream("data.encrypted");
ObjectOutputStream oos = new ObjectOutputStream(
            new FileOutputStream("key");
KeyGenerator kg = KeyGenerator.getInstance("AES");
Key key = kg.generateKey();
oos.writeObject(key);
Cipher cipher = Cipher.getInstance("AES");
byte[] data = "Hello World!".getBytes();
cipher.init(Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE, key);
byte[] result = cipher.doFinal(data);
dataFile.write(data);
```

▶ Beware! The key is not protected. It must at least not be readable by anyone else.

Decryption in Java

Sample code that reads in a key and uses it to decrypt information from an encrypted file.

```
// security/encryption/DecryptTest.java
File dataFile = new File("data.encrypted");
FileInputStream data = new FileInputStream(dataFile);
ObjectInputStream ois = new ObjectInputStream( new FileInputStream("key"));
Key key = (Key) ois.readObject();
Cipher cipher = Cipher.getInstance("AES");
byte [] result = new byte[(int)dataFile.length()];
int n = data.read(result);
cipher.init(Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE, key);
byte[] original = cipher.doFinal(result);
```

MD5 Sums, Secure Hash and Password Input

- See example securehash/SHA2Test.java on how to use MD5 sums and Secure hash functions in Java. Please note that MD5 sums have a known flaw so research them fully before relying on them.
- ▶ Another issue is handling password input without showing input. See the example PasswordTest.java in the folder security/passwordinput for more details.

Secure Sockets Layer

- Secure Sockets Layer (SSL). The most widely used protocol used for SSL provides privacy, data integrity, authenticity and non-repudiation.
 - Uses asymmetric key cryptography (public/private key) to authenticate the identities of the communicating parties.
 - Uses asymmetric key cryptography (public/private key) to encrypt the shared encryption key that is used during the SSL session.
 - Uses symmetric key cryptography for data encryption between client and server.
- RMI with SSL. Java has two classes that provide the ability to secure the communication channel using SSL/TLS (Secure Socket Layer/Transport Layer Security) protocols:

```
javax.rmi.ssl.SslRMIClientSocketFactory
javax.rmi.ssl.SslRMIServerSocketFactory
```

Overview of RMI with SSL

- ► Establish a SSL session using a SSL handshake. The client initiates a connection and the server responds. This a multi-step process. The net result is that the client and server agree on an encryption scheme.
- ▶ The server sends its certificate and the client verifies it. The certificate sent by the server comes from the server's keystore as a database for the contents. The client either verifies the server's signature by either trusting the server or trusting one of the signers in the certificate chain provided by the server.
- ➤ The client stores certificates in its truststore. The default truststore is cacerts, which can be found in the following location: \$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/cacerts. Check the listed authorities in it with the command (default password is changeit): keytool -list -v -keystore cacerts
- Next the client uses the public key of the server to send a ClientKeyExchange message to the server. The message contains some random information that is used to generate a symmetric key that will be used for encrypting the content during the data exchange.
- Next the client sends a ChangeCipherSpec message indicating that it is ready to communicate. This message is followed by a Finished message.
- The server responds by sending its ChangeCipherSpec message and a Finished message.

Example SSL Handshake

```
*** ClientHello, TLSv1
RandomCookie: GMT: 1141769969 bytes = { 93, 99, 48, 178, 50, 21, 255,
207, 135, 20, 150, 233, 207, 151, 26, 126, 200, 93, 146, 59, 53, 232,
2, 209, 238, 34, 219, 178 }
Session ID: {}
Cipher Suites: [SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5, SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA,
TLS RSA WITH AES 128 CBC SHA. TLS DHE RSA WITH AES 128 CBC SHA.
TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA, SSL_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA,
SSL DHE RSA WITH 3DES EDE CBC SHA. SSL DHE DSS WITH 3DES EDE CBC SHA.
SSL_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA, SSL_DHE_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA,
SSL DHE DSS WITH DES CBC SHA. SSL RSA EXPORT WITH RC4 40 MD5.
SSL_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA, SSL_DHE_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA,
SSL DHE DSS EXPORT WITH DES40 CBC SHAll
Compression Methods: { 0 }
***
*** ServerHello, TLSv1
RandomCookie: GMT: 1141769970 bytes = { 214, 236, 161, 51, 175, 144,
66, 122, 86, 62, 242, 54, 229, 209, 121, 18, 164, 196, 77, 233, 16, 174,
20, 9, 92, 153, 236, 197 }
Session ID: {68, 14, 7, 242, 21, 148, 20, 218, 17, 110, 197, 208, 17,
91, 178, 156, 22, 52, 57, 41, 20, 215, 6, 80, 62, 112, 182, 111, 31,
35, 51, 164}
Cipher Suite: SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5
Compression Method: 0
***
```

Example SSL Handshake (continued)

```
From Client
*** ClientKeyExchange, RSA PreMasterSecret, TLSv1
Random Secret: { 3, 1, 155, 121, 164, 80, 202, 181, 110, 118, 28, 78,
85, 173, 230, 166, 234, 188, 171, 204, 130, 167, 6, 155, 155, 178, 70,
20, 88, 244, 141, 220, 177, 167, 4, 147, 24, 129, 165, 171, 70, 23, 132,
74, 144, 20, 156, 227 }
From Client
main, WRITE: TLSv1 Change Cipher Spec, length = 1
[Raw write]: length = 6
0000: 14 03 01 00 01 01
                                                           . . . . . .
*** Finished
From Server
RMI TCP Connection(2)-132.178.248.51, WRITE: TLSv1 Change Cipher Spec, length =
[Raw write]: length = 6
0000: 14 03 01 00 01 01
                                                           . . . . . .
*** Finished
```

Generated using the -Djavax.net.debug=all option to the java VM.

Creating the setup

- ▶ Generate a keystore that has a key pair (public and private key) along with a self-signed certificate. The store type is PKCS12, which is an industry standard. keytool -deststoretype pkcs12 -genkey -alias SecureServer -keyalg RSA -keystore Server_Keystore
- Examine the contents of the generated Server Keystore.
 keytool -list -v -keystore Server_Keystore
- Create a self-signed certificate.
 keytool -export -alias SecureServer -keystore Server_Keystore -rfc -file Server.cer
- ► To see what the certificate looks like.
- ▶ Next we import the server certificate into a truststore that can be used by the client.
- keytool -import -alias SecureServer -file Server.cer -keystore Client_Truststore
 To verify the contents of the truststore that we created, we issue the following command.
 - keytool -list -v -keystore Client_Truststore

In our example, we are working with a self-signed certificate instead of certificates signed by Certification Authority (CA). If there is a need to get the certificate signed by a CA then a Certificate Signing Request(CSR) needs to be generated. The generated CSR, then, should to be submitted along with other pertinent information to a Certification Authority such as VeriSign or USPS, who will then digitally sign the certificate.

Using SSL Sockets

- See example in the folder security/sslsockets.
- On the server side.

import javax.net.ssl.*;

SSLSocketFactory sslFact = (SSLSocketFactory)SSLSocketFactory.getDefault();

Make sure to adjust path to Server and Client truststore based on your project layout!

SSLSocket server = (SSLSocket)sslFact.createSocket(host, port);

Using RMI with SSL Sockets

- ► See examples in the folder security/rmisslex1
- On the server side.

```
System.setProperty("javax.net.ssl.keyStore","./resources/Server_Keystore");
  System.setProperty("javax.net.ssl.keyStorePassword", "password");
  System.setProperty("java.security.policy","./resources/mysecurity.policy");
  RMIClientSocketFactory rmiClientSocketFactory =
                                              new SslRMIClientSocketFactory();
  RMIServerSocketFactory rmiServerSockeyFactory =
                                              new SslRMIServerSocketFactory();
  DateServer server = (DateServer) UnicastRemoteObject.exportObject(this, 0,
                             rmiClientSocketFactory, rmiServerSockeyFactory);
  Registry registry = LocateRegistry.createRegistry(port);
  registry.rebind(name, server);
On the client side.
  System.setProperty("javax.net.ssl.trustStore", "Client_Truststore");
  System.setProperty("java.security.policy", "mysecurity.policy");
  Registry reg = LocateRegistry.getRegistry(host, port);
  DateServer server = (DateServer) reg.lookup("DateServerImpl");
```

► Also see example in folder security/rmisslex2

References

▶ JSSE (Java Secure Sockets Extension) documentation.