

Symmetric attacks: assessment

CATALDO BASILE

< CATALDO.BASILE@ POLITO.IT >

POLITECNICO DI TORINO

Agenda

- stats
- 4 attacks
 - from the exams

Preliminary stats

Please fill in this form as I use it for statistical purposes

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1lyzDITZ4wfi3JwbQCY6nvateq8G6jHUgnLpECsykDGa47w/viewform?usp=dialog>

Attack #1

If a cookie is initialized this way during a successful login phase:

```
username = get_UN()
cipher = AES.new(key=key, mode=AES.MODE_ECB)
cookie = f"username={username}&root=false&p=none"
bytes_to_long(cipher.encrypt(pad(cookie.encode(),AES.block_size)))
```

Which kind of attack you may execute to become an administrator if the server-side authorization checks are performed this way?

```
try:
    dec_cookie = unpad(cipher.decrypt(long_to_bytes(cookie)),
AES.block_size).decode()
    token = parse_cookie(dec_cookie)
    if token["root"] != 'true' and token["p"] != 'rw':
        print("You are not an admin!")
        return
    print(f"OK! You are an admin now!")
    # you need to arrive here
except:
    print("ERROR")
```

- question 1

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEhSEtCMQdkDcK4JZI0LVndfrLfS5WPKlkpX-ILK1Aafhg1w/viewform?usp=dialog>

- question 2

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAEJYvBeilUjCxT7LI38VIBDVELJ90nue85ZKg31P6W52htw/viewform?usp=dialog>

Attack #2

Mallory attacked a server that is always answering inputs from users, this is its code:

```
while True:
    data = receive_input()
    payload = padding + data + flag

    cipher = AES.new(key=key, mode=AES.MODE_ECB)
    return_answer(cipher.encrypt(pad(payload, AES.block_size)).hex())
```

She wants to steal the flag.

What is the attack to mount?

- question 1
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfu3numoCIKbpMOyxiYLjYOShc1W7GBQOataHaJrsJN1bAawA/viewform?usp=dialog>
- question 2
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeInWnGejQ8SsfIAQSWccvrGshoxPcCfNnuRUruTHVFURIOqw/viewform?usp=dialog>

Attack #3

Mallory sniffed a communication between a client and a server.

The data sniffed are a 64 bytes long AES ciphertext. Mallory stored them in a Python module and imported as:

```
from mysniffeddata import ciphertext
```

When Mallory sent again the server the ciphertext, which answers any request from the Internet, the response of the server was composed of four bytes:

```
"\xff\xff\xff\xff"
which have been stored as
```

Mallory randomly generated 64 bytes and sent them to the server. She observed that the answer of the server was in this case:

```
"\x00\x00\x00\x00"
She stored this answer to be obtained as:
```

Then, she tried more focused changes:

When changing 1 bit in `ciphertext[:32]`, the answer of the server was

```
"\xff\xff\xff\xff"
```

When changing 1 bit in `ciphertext[32:42]`, the answer of the server was

```
"\xff\xff\xff\xff"
```

When changing 1 bit in `ciphertext[42:48]`, the answer of the server was

```
"\x00\x00\x00\x00"
```

When changing 1 bit in `ciphertext[48:]`, the answer of the server was

```
"\x00\x00\x00\x00"
```

question 1

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiFns5FfogzLcibVOCCTkFitvgPbzm4OKC4Np-A DCdgH5sQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

question 2

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeB2SWBNiXwc2RZ6wExy-DWRltulM92wf4BmAM3-Ly A 4AqA/viewform?usp=dialog>

question 3

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezAPY2AcFUVYcjs89j3jTfm17qcY9-7zXuBW-8FISmUGCVbQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

question 4

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjEYLI1xLXAtftLYqxhLPfIP 8Az3wMBL9EnyAoTmuABvieg/viewform?usp=dialog>

Attack #4

You discovered an Oracle that receives input (named data) and returns the following message:

```
message = "Input="+data+" Secret="+secret_var  
encrypted with a cypher object created in this way:
```

```
cipher = AES.new(key, AES.MODE_ECB)
```

1) From your test, secret_var is as long as 37 bytes.

How would you proceed to generate this cookie without performing an ACP attack?

```
cookie = "admin=1,username=root,access=rwx" + secret_var[0:16]
```

- question 1

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf SoAoJKBDtBQXY Ql-r-J58izUlsBwcJbqjAGErRBstsD9wA/viewform?usp=dialog>

- question 2

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXEco4UK65xECjrj SSCdiEw3- o1-7IR2WYPnQw9x3ZT mhw/viewform?usp=dialog>