

In this lab I will encrypt and decrypt files using RSA encryption with OpenSSL. Like with AES I will begin by creating a text file using the echo command.

```
echo "This is a test file for RSA encryption." > test_file.txt
```

Next I will start generating a RSA private key using the command:

```
openssl genpkey -algorithm RSA -out private_key.pem -pkeyopt rsa_keygen_bits:2048
```

- openssl genpkey: Invokes OpenSSL's general-purpose key generation utility
- algorithm RSA: specifies RSA algorithm for key generation
- out private_key.pem: output file for key to be stored
- pkeyopt rsa_keygen_bits:2048: Defines generation key size. This defines an RSA key size of 2048 bits.

Now I need to extract the public key of my created RSA private key using the following command:

```
openssl rsa -pubout -in private_key.pem -out public_key.pem
```

- openssl rsa: openssl rsa tool used for key management
- -pubout: Openssl command to extract public key from private key
- -in private_key.pem: file extracting from
- out public_key.pem: save extracted public key to

Using the created public key I will encrypt my test file with the following command:

```
openssl pkeyutl -encrypt -in test_file.txt -pubin -inkey public_key.pem -out test_file_encrypted.bin
```

- openssl pkeyutl: openssl public key utility tool (encrypt, decrypt, ext)
- -encrypt: specifies that the public key is being used for encryption
- -in test_file.txt: specifies file for encryption
- -pubin: specifies the input is the public key (by default it is the private key)
- inkey public_key.pem: the public key used for encryption
- -out test_file_encrypted.bin: encrypted file

Using the cat command on both files shows a successful encryption

```
theia@theia-bradleyrroff:/home/project$ cat test_file.txt
This is a test file for RSA encryption.
theia@theia-bradleyrroff:/home/project$ cat test_file_encrypted.bin
rE00'00X\ :iE00$+00000G7h0"00000R_0040P5k000000
/6x;0000000:
000000n?(000000000000F_AoE\0000F00N[00000!000Π0-0X0Lwg00)*0E00000000k00000N8;00[00000
007qEw5n0000000X000eG$000[:0X00:theia@theia-bradleyrroff:/home/project$
```

Finally I will decrypt the file using the private key in the following command:

```
openssl pkeyutl -decrypt -in test_file_encrypted.bin -inkey private_key.pem -out test_file_decrypted.bin
```

- -decrypt: specifies decryption
- -in test_file_encrypted.bin: the input is the encrypted file
- -inkey private_key.pem: specifies the private key used for decryption
 - Note: because private key is default there is no need for an extra command like -pubin for public key
- Test_file_decrypted.bin: decrypted file

Finally using the cat command we can see our final results.

```
theia@theia-bradleyrroff:/home/project$ ls
private_key.pem  test_file.txt          test_file_encrypted.bin
public_key.pem   test_file_decrypted.bin
theia@theia-bradleyrroff:/home/project$ cat test_file_decrypted.bin
This is a test file for RSA encryption.
theia@theia-bradleyrroff:/home/project$ cat test_file.txt
This is a test file for RSA encryption.
theia@theia-bradleyrroff:/home/project$ cat test_file_encrypted.bin
rE00 0000\ :iE00 '$+00L 0000 0h0' 00\ 0 00LR_00\ 0P5k00R 0E00
/6x; 0000 000%
0000( 0 n?( 000000000000f_AoE\ 0000f 00N[ 00 000)! 0V 0 П0-0X 0Lwg 00)* 0E0 00w000000k0J 000N8; 00( [ 00E0
007qEw5n0000000 000eG$ 000{ : 0K 00x theia@theia-bradleyrroff:/home/project$
```