

Course plan:

30.1.22

- Practicalities
- Introduction to cryptography:
 - Where is cryptography used
 - the security mindset/"professional paranoia"
 - definition of a symmetric-key encryption scheme
 - historical ciphers
 - Kerkhoffs' principle

6.2.22

- Lightning-fast reminder: probability
- Perfect secrecy
- One-time pad, proof of security
- Examples of real-world chosen-plaintext and chosen-ciphertext attacks

13.2.22

- Block ciphers
 - Iterated block ciphers
 - SPN design
 - AES
 - The IND game, chosen-plaintext and chosen-ciphertext security
 - Modes of operation

20.2.22

Homework week. Lecture only if we didn't get through the material from previous weeks

27.2.22

- Message authentication codes
- UF-CMA
- CBC-MAC
- Hash functions:
 - Where are they used
 - Collision-resistance
 - Preimage resistance, second preimage resistance
 - Merkle-Damgård
 - Application: H-MAC

6.3.22

- Lightning-fast reminder: Modular arithmetic
 - Extended Euclid's algorithm
 - Chinese Remainder Theorem
 - Euler's totient function and Euler's theorem
- Define public-key encryption
- Plain RSA encryption

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20.3.22

- Recap insecurity plain RSA encryption
- How to construct secure RSA encryption
- Define Digital signatures and note that UF-CMA is security notion
- RSA signatures
- hash-then-sign.

27.3.22

- Prove UF-CMA security of RSA signature
- Primality tests

Homework over the Easter break

17.4.22

- (Possibly primality tests ctd.)
- The discrete logarithm assumption
- Diffie-Hellman key exchange
- Public-key encryption from key exchange (ElGamal)

24.4.22

- Quantum computing
- Bird's-eye view of Shor's algorithm
- Where are quantum broken schemes used?

1.5.22

- The Learning With Errors (LWE) problem
- Regev's encryption scheme.

8.5.22

Buffer/bonus lecture

Homework hand-in dates

1. 27.2.22, 13:00
2. 20.3.22, 13:00
3. 17.4.22, 13:00

Book

"Cryptography made simple" by Nigel Smart

Exam

Date: 15.05.2023

"All help" is allowed, which means all help except internet

The exercise and homework problems give you an indication of how the exam problems could look.