

EHN 410

E-BUSINESS AND NETWORK SECURITY

PRACTICAL 3 GUIDE

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I. Instructions

Working alone, you are tasked with implementing a cryptographic authentication system for distributing encryption keys. For this practical, you will make use of an RC4 stream cipher to encrypt/decrypt data between two simulated entities. You may use your RC4 cipher from Practical 2 and modify where necessary.

To begin, create two class objects and name them "Transmitter" and "Receiver". These objects should act exactly as their names imply, where Transmitter will simulate data transmission and Receiver should receive the data sent by Transmitter.

This system should utilize an RC4 stream cipher to encrypt "digest" – which is a combination of the message to be sent, and the hash value of that message. "message" could either be a string of characters or a .png image. However, the focus of this assignment will not be on the data encryption itself, but rather more secure key distribution and data authentication. Use an RSA Encryption scheme to encrypt and distribute the necessary RC4 keys between Transmitter and Receiver.

Your simulation system must also have a 1 in 10 chance to randomly flip a single bit in the first 4 bytes of the decrypted plaintext. This is to show how much a single bit changes the hash value and to create the possibility of failed hash checks.

Your system must operate in separate phases to establish a secure data transmission channel.

Phase 1: Key Distribution

- 1) Receiver sends their RSA public key to Transmitter,
- 2) Transmitter uses RSA to encrypt a given or generated RC4 key,
- 3) Transmitter sends the encrypted RC4 key to Receiver.

Phase 2: Data Signing and Encryption

- 1) Transmitter processes the message stream through a hash function,
- 2) Transmitter appends the message with its hash to form the digest,
- 3) Transmitter encrypts the digest stream using RC4,
- 4) Transmitter sends the encrypted data to Receiver.

Phase 3: Data Decryption and Authentication

- 1) Receiver gets the encrypted ciphertext from Transmitter,
- 2) Receiver decrypts the data stream using RC4 to get the received digest,
- 3) Receiver computes the hash for the received message and compares it to the received hash,
- 4) The message is authenticated when the hashes match.

On the front-end side of the system, you must implement the ability to take user input according to the following program flow diagram.

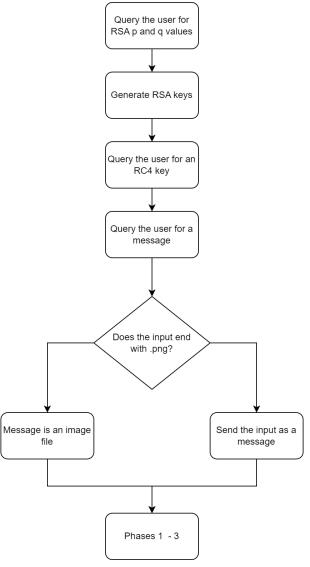


Fig. 1: Program flow from a user perspective.

Implement the following functions inside of the Backend.py file and use these to implement the Simulator.py file.

A. SHA 512

- 1) sha Preprocess Message(inputHex: str) $\rightarrow str$::
 - This function pads the input data to a multiple of 1024 bits as required by the SHA-512 algorithm.
 - inputHex is the data that needs to be padded. It is a string in hex format, ex. "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21".
 - The output is a hex string that has been padded, ex. "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21......80" (Example is shortened, please don't add "." to your output).

- 2) sha Create Message Blocks(inputHex: str) \rightarrow np.ndarray: :
 - This function returns a ndarray of message blocks (each of which is 1024 bits in length).
 - inputHex is the padded message. It is a string in hex format, ex. "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21".
 - The output is a ndarray of hex strings (each string's hex value has 1024 bits), ex. ['49276D205069636B6C6520526...', '49276D205069636B6C6520526...']
- 3) sha Message Schedule(inputHex: str) \rightarrow np.ndarray: :
 - This function returns a ndarray of the 80 words of the message schedule (Figure 11.12).
 - inputHex is a message block. It is a string in hex format, ex "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21".
 - The output is a ndarray of hex strings (each string's hex value has 64 bits), ex. ['49276D205069636B' '6C65205269636B21']
- 4) $sha_Hash_Round_Function(messageWordHex: str, aHex: str, bHex: str, cHex: str, dHex: str, eHex: str, fHex: str, gHex: str, hHex: str, roundConstantHex: str) <math>\rightarrow$ tuple: :
 - This function performs the round function (Figure 11.11).
 - messageWordHex is one entry of the message schedule W_t . It is a string in hex format, ex. "49276D205069636B".
 - roundConstantHex is the appropriate K_t value from table 11.4. It is a string in hex format, ex. "428A2F98D728AE22".
 - aHex to hHex is the current values of a h (H_{i-1} separated into 8 64bit hex strings) in Figure 11.11 in a hex string format, ex. "6A09E667F3BCC908".
 - The output is a tuple of the new a h values as hex strings (H_i separated into 8 64 bit hex strings), ex. ('de74d8590d664160', '6a09e667f3bcc908', 'bb67ae8584caa73b', '3c6ef372fe94f82b', '40900bd4cb1e82fc', '510e527fade682d1', '9b05688c2b3e6c1f', '1f83d9abfb41bd6b')
- 5) $sha_F_Function(messageBlock: str, aHex: str, bHex: str, cHex: str, dHex: str, eHex: str, fHex: str, gHex: str, hHex: str) <math>\rightarrow tuple: :$
 - This function performs the F function (Figure 11.10 minus the addition at the end) on the input block.
 - messageBlock is a message block. It is a string in hex format (1024 bits), ex. "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21...".
 - aHex to hHex is the current values of a h (H_{i-1} separated into 8 64bit hex strings) in Figure 11.11 in a hex string format, ex. "6A09E667F3BCC908".
 - The output is a tuple of the new a h values as hex strings (8 64 bit hex strings), ex. ('de74d8590d664160', '6a09e667f3bcc908', 'bb67ae8584caa73b', '3c6ef372fe94f82b', '40900bd4cb1e82fc', '510e527fade682d1', '9b05688c2b3e6c1f', '1f83d9abfb41bd6b')
- 6) $sha_Process_Message_Block(inputHex: str, aHex: str, bHex: str, cHex: str, dHex: str, eHex: str, fHex: str, gHex: str, hHex: str) <math>\rightarrow$ tuple: :
 - This function receives a message block, performs the F function on it, and then adds it with H_{i-1} .
 - messageBlock is a message block. It is a string in hex format (1024 bits), ex. "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21...".

- aHex to hHex is the current values of a h (H_{i-1} separated into 8 64bit hex strings) in Figure 11.11 in a hex string format, ex. "6A09E667F3BCC908".
- The output is a tuple of the new a h values as hex strings (H_i separated into 8 64 bit hex strings), ex. ('de74d8590d664160', '6a09e667f3bcc908', 'bb67ae8584caa73b', '3c6ef372fe94f82b', '40900bd4cb1e82fc', '510e527fade682d1', '9b05688c2b3e6c1f', '1f83d9abfb41bd6b')
- 7) $sha_Calculate_Hash(inputHex: str) \rightarrow str: :$
 - This function calculates the hash value of the input.
 - inputHex is a hex string of any length, ex. "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21"
 - The function returns a 512 bit hex string, ex. "657A7C7A59CA505015B7149A3743B1D21..."
- 8) sha String To Hex(inputStr: str) \rightarrow str: :
 - This function receives a string and converts it to a hex string.
 - inputStr is a string of any length, ex. "Hi, my name is..."
 - The function returns a hex string, ex. "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21"
- 9) sha Image To $Hex(inputImg: 3D int ndarray) \rightarrow str:$:
 - This function receives an image, flattens it and converts it to a hex string.
 - inputImg is an 3D int ndarray.
 - The function returns a hex string, ex. "49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21"
- 10) sha Hex To $Str(inputHex: str) \rightarrow str:$:
 - This function receives a hex string, and converts it to a character string.
 - inputHex is an hex string.
 - The function returns a character string, ex. "Hi, my name is..."
- 11) $sha_Hex_To_Im(inputHex: str, originalShape: tuple) \rightarrow 3D int ndarray: :$
 - This function receives a hex string, and converts it to a 3D int ndarray with shape originalShape.
 - inputHex is an hex string.
 - The function returns a 3D int ndarray.

Inside the Backend.py file, implement the following function for the Transmitter class.

- B. Transmitter Class
- 1) encrypt With RSA(message: str, RSA Key: tuple) \rightarrow 1D int ndarray: :
 - This function receives a hex string, and encrypts it using RSA with a block size of 2 bytes.
 - message is a hex string that needs to be encrypted. You may assume that message will be a length that is divisible by the block size (so no padding is required).
 - RSA Key is the RSA key to use during encryption.
 - The function returns a 1D int ndarray that consists of the encrypted blocks.

- 2) create $Digest(message) \rightarrow str:$:
 - This function receives a string plaintext or an image plaintext, converts it to a hex string, calculates the hash value, and returns the digest.
 - message can be either a string sentence or an image ndarray.
 - The function returns a hex string.
- 3) $encrypt_with_RC4(digest: str, key: str) \rightarrow 1D int ndarray: :$
 - This function receives a hex string as input and encrypts it using the RC4 cipher.
 - Modify your RC4 encrypt functions to receive a hex string as input.
 - key can be any string, ex. "Hi there!".
 - The function returns a 1D int ndarray that contains the encrypted data.

Inside the Backend.py file, implement the following function for the Receiver class.

C. Receiver Class

- 1) generate RSA Keys(newP: int, newQ: int) \rightarrow None:
 - This function receives the p and q values and generates random private and public keys for RSA.
 - The function does not return anything.
 - The function populates the following variables of the class:
 - self.p
 - self.q
 - self.n
 - self.phi
 - self.e
 - self.d
 - self.publicKey int the form (e, n)
 - self.privateKey int the form (d, n)
- 2) decrypt With RSA(message: 1D int ndarray, RSA Key: tuple) \rightarrow str:
 - This function receives the encrypted RC4 key and decrypts it using RSA.
 - message is the encrypted array.
 - RSA Key is the RSA key to use during decryption.
 - The function returns the decrypted hex string.
- 3) decrypt With RC4(digest: 1D int ndarray, key: str) \rightarrow str:
 - This function receives the encrypted RC4 array and decrypts it.
 - digest is the encrypted digest array.
 - key can be any string, ex. "Hi there!".
 - Modify your RC4 decrypt functions to return a hex string.
 - The function returns a hex string.

- 4) $split \ Digest(digest: str) \rightarrow tuple:$
 - This function receives the hex string digest and splits it into the message and the hash value.
 - This function returns a tuple with the message and the hash, ex. ('49276D205069636B6C65205269636B21', '657A7C7...')
- 5) authenticate Message(digest: str) \rightarrow tuple:
 - This function receives a hex string digest and authenticates the message.
 - digest is a hex string.
 - The function returns a tuple that contains the following:
 - Boolean to show if the message was authenticated successfully,
 - Message as a hex string,
 - Expected hash as a hex string,
 - Calculated has as a hex string,
 - ex. (True, '49276D20506...', '657A7C7...', '657A7C7...')

Inside the Simulator.py file, implement code to simulate secure data transmission between the Transmitter and Receiver. Use Figure 2 as an example. The inputs and outputs have been hidden or shortened. Try to stick to the format as much as possible. The code in this file must be executable and will be run manually (the code in Backend.py will be auto-marked).

Fig. 2: Example output of simulator.

II. Submission Requirements

A. Code Instructions

Everyone is required to submit code conforming to the requirements listed below. A mark of zero will be awarded if the submitted code file does not run, produces errors, or does not follow the instructions.

- All code must be commented to a point where the implementation of the underlying algorithm can be determined.
- Only insert your modified RC4 code in the RC4.py file.
- The Receiver and Transmitter classes can not "know" of each other's existence. This means only the simulator can call functions of the classes and you cannot, for example, call the Receiver's decrypt With RSA function from with the Transmitter class.
- Your name and student number must be included as comments at the top of the submitted code files.
- Code must be submitted via the EHN 410 ClickUP page **AND** AMS. Do not email code to the lecturer or Assistant Lecturer (AL) as emailed code will be considered not to have been submitted.
- The ClickUP submission must be a PDF document without a cover page including just the code.
- Do not include your modified RC4 code in the clickup submission. Inlcude the simualtor and backend code in a single PDF file.
- code submission on AMS must be 3 files, called StudentNumber Prac 3 Simulator.py, StudentNumber Prac 3 RC4.py and Student-Number Prac 3 Backend.py, for example, 12345678 Prac 3 Simulator.py, 12345678 Prac 3 RC4.py and 12345678 Prac 3 Backend.py.
- Make sure you follow the naming instructions.
- All print statements and any other functions that were used for unit testing etc. must be removed before submission (except from the simulator).
- All code must be written using Python 3.10 or newer.
- The code submitted must be the final implementation.
- No late assignments will be accepted. No excuses for late submission will be accepted.
- Everyone must do their own work. Academic dishonesty is unacceptable and cases will be reported to the University Legal Office for suspension.

B. Notes

- Only the following modules may be imported into your Python implementation file:
 - Numpy for data structures such as matrices and arrays.
 - String for string manipulation consistency.
- You may implement any additional helper functions to complete the functionality described in this practical guide.