

Introduction to Cryptosystems

Lesson 1



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code	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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Definition

$E_k: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ “Invertible”

$\exists E_{k'}^{-1} \equiv D_{k'}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ such that

$\forall m \in \mathcal{M}, k, k' \in K, c = E_k(m) \leftrightarrow m = D_{k'}(c).$

Types of cryptosystem

- $k \neq k'$: Asymmetric cryptosystem/Public key cryptosystem.
- $k \equiv k'$: Symmetric cryptosystem/Secret key cryptosystem.
- $|\mathcal{M}| \geq |\mathcal{C}|$: cryptographic hash function.

Example

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Kerckhoff's Principle for Cryptosystem

- The cryptosystem should be unbreakable practically, if not mathematically.
- Falling of the cryptosystem in the hands of an intruder should not lead to any compromise of the system, preventing any inconvenience to the user.
- The key should be easily communicable, memorable, and changeable.
- The ciphertext should be transmissible by telegraph, an unsecure channel.
- The encryption apparatus and documents should be portable and operable by a single person.
- Finally, it is necessary that the system be easy to use, requiring neither mental strain nor the knowledge of a long series of rules to observe.

Attacks

- Attacks are typically categorized based on the action performed by the attacker. An attack, thus, can be **passive** or **active**
- Passive Attacks. The main goal of a passive attack is to obtain **unauthorized access to the information**.
- Active Attacks. An active attack involves changing the information in some way by conducting some process on the information.

Assumptions of Attacker

- Environment around Cryptosystem
- Details of the Encryption Scheme
- Availability of Ciphertext
- Availability of Plaintext and Ciphertext

Cryptographic Attacks

- **Ciphertext Only Attacks (COA)**
- **Known Plaintext Attack (KPA)**
- **Chosen Plaintext Attack (CPA)**
- **Dictionary Attack**
- **Brute Force Attack (BFA)**
- **Birthday Attack**
- **Man in Middle Attack (MIM)**
- **Side Channel Attack (SCA)**
- **Timing Attacks**
- **Power Analysis Attacks**
- **Fault analysis Attacks**

Practicality of Attacks

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