

Lesson 13 – Midterm 1 Review

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Crypto Basics

Symmetric Key

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Hash Functions

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- CIA triad: primary focus (L0 P16)
 - **Confidentiality, integrity, availability**
- **How to speak crypto** (L1 P8)
 - Cryptography, Cryptanalysis, Cryptology, Crypto
- **Kerckhoffs' principle**: the strength of a cryptosystem depends ONLY on the key (L1 P11)
 - Trudy only doesn't know the key (and of course, the plaintext)
- Key properties of a secure system by Claude Shannon
 - Confusion: hide relationship between plaintext & ciphertext
 - Diffusion: hide the statistics

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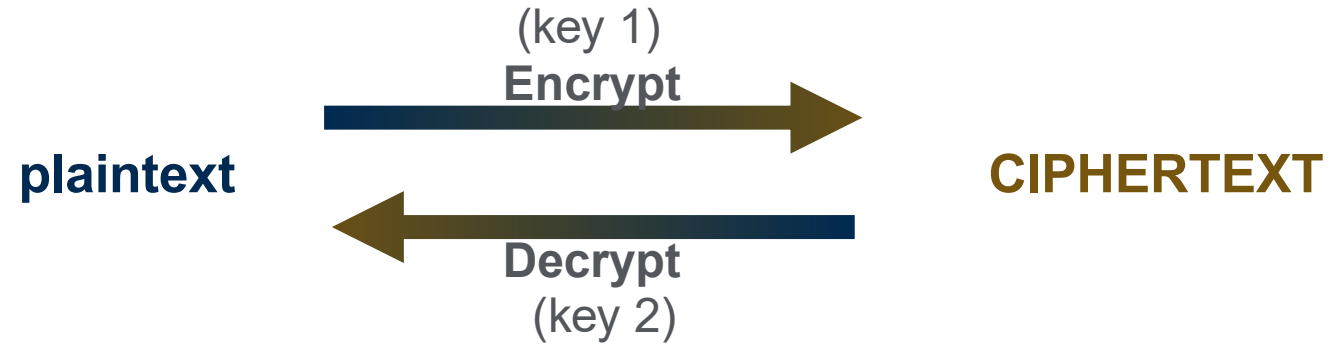
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- Cipher system (cryptosystem L1 P9, 10, 16)



- Key used for encryption and decryption can be different
- Keyspace: the set of all possible values of the key
- Exhaustive key search: check the whole keyspace
- **Definition for “secure” (L1 P21)**
 - A cipher system is secure if best know attack is to try all keys
 - A cipher system is insecure if any shortcut attack is known
 - Under this def., an insecure cipher may be harder to break!

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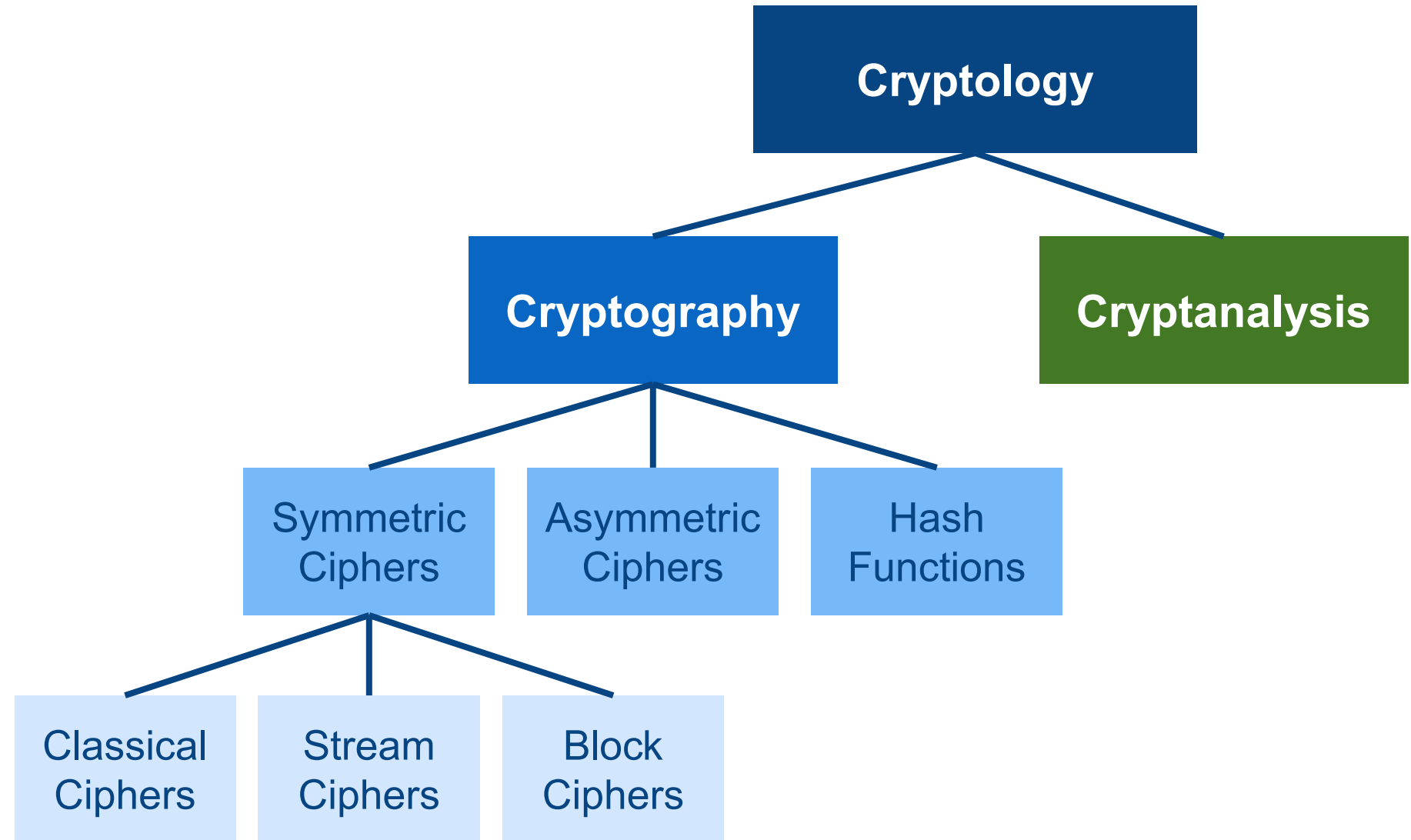
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- Classical ciphers are dead, but worth analyze (L1 P13)
 - Modern ciphers developed from them!
- Classical ciphers covered (L1 P14 – 27)
 - Caesar cipher, **parameterized Caesar**, simple substitution
 - Double-transposition, **one-time pad**, codebook
- For each of above ciphers, you should know... (L1)
 - How it works, that is, how to encrypt & decrypt, and how to get key if given plaintext & ciphertext
 - **Keyspace and work factor** (except for codebook)
 - Secure or not, confusion or diffusion, why it's dead

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- **Stream ciphers uses the idea of “one-time pad” (L2)**
 - “Stretch” a small key to a long keystream (any size)
 - The keystream is used to encrypt/decrypt like a one-time pad
 - Keystream is pseudo-random (not truly random) and may repeat (important to know the upper bound)
 - Efficient in hardware –was popular
- We focused on A5/1 and RC4, you should know...(L2)
 - Basic information (summarized on L3 P3)
 - For **A5/1**, understand **majority function** (Assignment 1 Q6)
 - **RC4 operates on bytes, so it's also efficient in software**

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- **Block ciphers uses the idea of “codebook” (L3)**
 - Each block of plaintext has a corresponding block of ciphertext
 - Key is used to generate codebooks
 - Change key = switch the codebook
 - “Electronic” version of codebook (“book” not fixed)
 - Notation: $C = E(P, K)$, $P = D(C, K)$
- **Feistel cipher: general block cipher design principle (L3)**
 - A type of block cipher, not a specific block cipher
 - “Half-half”, swap & XOR involved in each round
 - Round function F does not need to be invertible

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- Focused on DES, AES, and TEA, you should know...(L3)
 - Basic information (summarized on L4 P4)
 - **Feistel or not**, and why
 - For **DES**, how **S-box works**, and why 3DES is needed
 - For **AES**, functions **confusion or diffusion**
- Block cipher modes: encrypt multiple blocks (L4 P6 – 11)
 - ECB, CBC, CTR (summarized on L5 P2)
 - How each works
 - ECB's weakness, CBC auto-recover, CTR like a stream cipher
- **MAC: used for integrity** (L4 P12 – 15)

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- Public key crypto: different keys to encrypt and decrypt
 - No key exchange needed! (L5 P5)
 - Based on “trapdoor one-way functions” (L5 P7)
 - More mathematical than symmetric key ciphers
- Can be used for encryption or signature (L5 P6)
 - $\{M\}_{\text{receiver}}$: encrypt M by receiver’s public key so only receiver can decrypt using his/her private key
 - $[M]_{\text{signee}}$: “encrypt” M by signee’s private key so only he/she can sign, and others can verify by decrypting using public key (Others must also know M !)

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- RSA (L5 P17 – 20)
 - How to generate the keys: public (N, e), private d (and p & q)
 - How to encrypt and decrypt (L5 P18)
 - How to choose secure keys (L5 P19 – 20)
- Diffie-Hellman: key exchange algorithm
 - Basic information (L7 P4) and how it works (L7 P5)
 - MIM attack (L7 P6)
- ECC: a different math approach (L7 P7)
 - Pros & cons (L7 P8)

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- Signature using public key crypto provides both **integrity and non-repudiation** (L7 P4)
 - Only signee knows his/her private key
 - If signed using public key crypto, signee cannot deny after!
- Corrections to common misinterpretations (L7 P5 – 6)
 - **Signature cannot identify the sender!**
A message can be signed and sent by different people!
 - **Everyone can encrypt a message using public key!**
Always remember public key is public!
The signee, the encrypter, the sender all can be different!

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- Public Key Infrastructure (PKI): the stuff needed to securely use public key crypto (L7 P7)
 - Certificate authority (CA): a trusted 3rd party (TTP) to create and sign digital certificate for users
 - Digital certificate: contains user's name and public key
- Verify CA's signature to verify integrity & identity of owner of corresponding private key (L7 P8)
 - **Does NOT verify the identity of the sender of certificate**
- PKI can use different "trust models" (L7 P9)
 - Monopoly, oligarchy, anarchy

- Hash function: “map” big M to smaller “fingerprint” of M
 - Notation: $h(M)$, also called hash, or digest
 - **Collisions exist** since input space is larger than output space
 - If find a collision, hash is broken
 - If $h(M)$ has n bits, then 2^n possible hashes
 - If hash x messages, x^2 comparisons are done

To find m collisions, need $x = \sqrt{m * 2^n}$ tries (L8 P5 – 7)

- Properties of a secure crypto hash (L8 P8 – 9)
 - Deterministic, compressive, efficient, one-way, avalanche effect, weak collision/strong collision resistance

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- Algorithms similar to block ciphers (L7 P13 – 16)
 - Be familiar with the names: MD5, SHA-1, Tiger hash
- Understand usages of hash functions (L8 P17 – 20)
 - HMAC: hashed MAC, used for integrity
 - **Online bids**: bidders submit $h(\text{bid})$ instead of bid
 - Hashes don't reveal bids (one way)
 - Can't change bid after hash sent (weak collision resistance)
 - **Reduce spam email**: request sender's "proof-of-work"
 - Make spam more costly to send emails to limit the amount
 - NOT to block/eliminate spam emails!

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- Covered 3 unintentionally software flaws (L9)
 - Buffer overflow, incomplete mediation, race condition
- For each flaw, need to know...
 - Why & how it will cause problems
 - How Trudy can exploit this flaw
- For buffer overflow, also need to know how to defense
 - Ways covered: non-executable stack, canary, ASLR, use safer language/methods (L9 P17 – 18)
 - Need to be able to name at least 3 of them
 - And can explain one of them in more detail

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- Malware examples on timeline(L10 P6 –10)
 - Need to be able to analyze the trend (summarized on L11 P2)
- Malware detection(L10 P11 –14)
 - Signature, change, anomaly
 - For each, need to know what is it trying to detect, what it can detect, and pros & cons (summarized on L11 P3)
- Evade detection(L10 P15 –18)
 - Avoid common signatures: encryption, polymorphic, metamorphic –know the difference (summarized on L11 P4)
 - Or infect fast: flash worm

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- Introduced SRE with a simple example (L11 P9 –12)
 - Be able to use a disassembler (whatever one you want, an online one should be enough for the quiz) to get the serial number of an .exe (you don't need to run the .exe!)
- Also covered 4 ways to mitigate SRE (L11 P13 –16)
 - Anti-disassembly, anti-debugging, tamper-resistance, code obfuscation
 - Need to be able to name at least 3 of them
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- Covered 3 other attacks (L12)
 - Salami attack, **linearization attack**, time bomb
- For each (especially first 2), need to know...
 - **Under which situation the attack is possible**
 - Be able to outline such attack
- For linearization attack, also need to know...
 - How to analyze the **work factor** (L12 P9)
 - **Be able to come up a way of checking the serial number that is “immune” to such an attack**

- Timed quiz on Canvas (no access code)
 - Ingredients on the next slide
- Closed all materials
 - Except tools (include your own program, etc.) to calculate
 - One grade off if cheat (copy from each others, internet, etc.)!
- Cover L0 – L12 (assignment 1 – 3)
- Checkpoint & practice for the final
 - speed, format, etc.
- 3 pts if submitted on time with a score over 50%
 - All-or-nothing

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In terms of question types

Type	# of Questions	Points	Time (mins)
Matching	2 (4 matches)	4 (4 * 1)	4 (4 * 1)
MC	9	9 (9 * 1)	9 (9 * 1)
Fill-in-blanks	6 (8 blanks)	9 (7 * 1 + 1 * 2)	13 (7 * 1.5 + 1 * 2.5)
Short Answers	11	28 (8 * 2 + 3 * 4)	32 (8 * 2.5 + 3 * 4)

In terms of topic covered

Crypto Misc	8 pts	Public Key	9 pts	Software Insecurity	13 pts
Symmetric	16 pts	Hash	4 pts		

In terms of difficulty level: roughly 7-2-1 scheme

- 70% “easy”: conceptual, similar to assignment question
- 20% “medium”: need some understanding
- 10% “hard”: didn’t explicitly cover in class

- Oct. 10, Thursday, 16:30 – 17:45
 - 16:30 – 17:30 (60 mins): Take the midterm
 - 17:30 – 17:35 (5 mins): Finalize your submission

Make sure you submitted the midterm before **deadline**

No submission after **deadline** will be accepted!
 - 17:45 – 17:45 (15 mins): Check your submission

Contact me for any unsuccessful submissions
- Or [pick an earlier time](#) (submit before Oct. 7, 23:59)
- Check on Canvas (on Oct. 8):

Due	Oct 10 at 5:35pm	Points	30	Question
Available	Oct 10 at 4:30pm - Oct 10 at 5:45pm			1 hour
Time Limit	60 Minutes			

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- Go over assignments, focus on those you did wrong
 - Should be enough to give you 50%...
- Go over the appendix of each lecture
 - Recap each concept (recap the key points, give examples)
 - Try the exercises
- Open a discussion if you have any question
 - Answer questions may help you to understand better
- Open any programs you wrote before starting quiz
- Set an alarm 2~3 minutes before deadline
 - Be sure to submit it before the deadline