

Introduction

– Cryptography and Secured Communications –

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Course Objectives

Give you some “necessary and sufficient” background on:

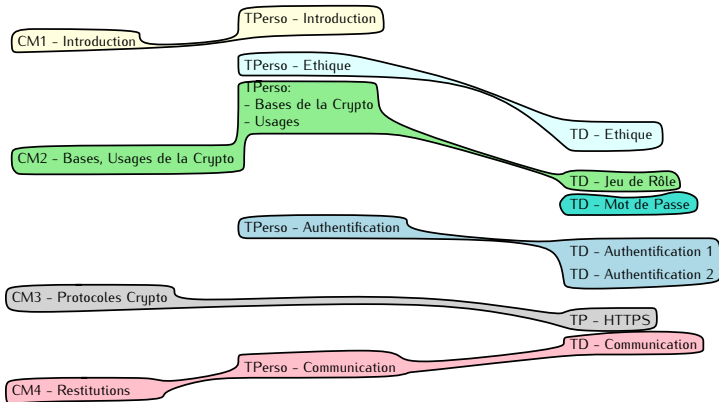
- ▶ Cryptography
- ▶ Cryptographic protocols
- ▶ Public-key infrastructures
- ▶ Associated ethical issues

Course Plan

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Information Security

- ▶ **Information security** \triangleq practice of protecting information by mitigating information risks³
- ▶ Need to protect all elements dealing with information: computers, networks, people
- ▶ Security covers a lot of different aspects: physical security, social engineering, communication security, etc.
- ▶ \triangleq practice that allows to maintain the CIA triad (see next)

³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_security

The CIA Triad

- ▶ **Confidentiality**: Information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized individuals, entities, or processes.⁴
- ▶ **Integrity**: Information is not modified in an unauthorized or undetected manner. Also called **anti-tampering**.
- ▶ **Availability**: Information is available when it is needed.

⁴Beckers, K. (2015). Pattern and Security Requirements: Engineering-Based Establishment of Security Standards.

Threats

- ▶ A **threat** is a potential negative action or event that can result in unwanted impact to a computer system, application or user information.
- ▶ A **threat model** is a set of properties that characterize threats associated to a particular environment. Often implies **security requirements** on a system.

Vulnerabilities

- ▶ A **vulnerability** is a weakness which can be exploited by an attacker to access unauthorized information or to compromise the attacked system's behavior.
- ▶ The **attack surface** of a system/application is the set of (known) vulnerabilities exposed by it to a potential attacker.

Attacks

- ▶ **Attack** = Attempt to exploit a vulnerability
- ▶ Attack can be:
 - ▶ Passive (eavesdropping, side-channel, etc)
 - ▶ Active (worm, faults, etc)
 - ▶ Denial-of-service
- ▶ When the attack is successful, we say the system is **compromised**

Trust

- ▶ **Trust** = Degree to which an entity (person, system, hardware, software) is going to behave as expected
- ▶ A **Trust model** describes which entity(ies) is/are trusted and at which level.

Threats and attack techniques - Examples

- ▶ Eavesdropping, Trojans, Worms, Viruses
- ▶ Buffer Overflows, Spoofing, MITM attacks, Replay attacks,
- ▶ Shoulder surfing, Dumpster diving,
- ▶ Password attacks (brute-force, dictionary based),
malicious-code attacks,
- ▶ Side-channel attacks: cache, timing, power-monitoring,
etc.

Defenses - a quick panorama

- ▶ Cryptography
- ▶ Secured communication protocols
- ▶ Code and Data Encryption
- ▶ Physical shielding
- ▶ White-box cryptography

Definition - Communication Security

Communication Security \triangleq discipline of preventing unauthorized interceptors from accessing telecommunications in an intelligible form, while still delivering un-altered content to the intended recipients.

Confidentiality

Availability

Integrity

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⁵inspiration:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communications_security

Cryptology

Cryptology, is the science of practice and study of techniques for secure communication in the presence of adversarial behavior.

- ▶ **Cryptography:** Practice and study of techniques for secure communication in the presence of adversarial behavior.
- ▶ **Cryptanalysis:** Process of analyzing information systems in order to understand hidden aspects of the systems.
- ▶ **Cryptology = Cryptography + Cryptanalysis**

In this course, we mainly focus on **Cryptography**.

A brief history of cryptography

- ▶ Keeping message secret has always been a (powerful) men's concern ...
- ▶ ... but (at least today) it's also of every person's interest.
- ▶ ... because there is no "I got nothing to hide"

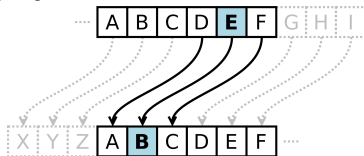
History (1) Caesar cipher

- ▶ Substitution cipher
- ▶ Each letter is encoded with its order in the alphabet: A→0, B→1, ..., Z→26
- ▶ We choose a **fixed shift value** sh
- ▶ To **encrypt**, each letter P_i in Plaintext is replaced by the corresponding shifted letter:

$$E(P_i) = (P_i + sh) \bmod 26$$

- ▶ To **decrypt**, each letter C_i in the Ciphertext is converted back with :

$$D(C_i) = (C_i - sh) \bmod 26$$



History (1) Caesar cipher

- ➕ Encryption and decryption are cheap
- ➖ Easy to crack with frequency analysis
- ➖ Sufficient when no-one around can read :) (in particular, what's the difference between a foreign language and an encrypted language, if you can't read the first).



One-time pad

- ▶ Substitution cipher
- ▶ Choose a **random key** K as least as long as the plaintext
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One-time pad - Pros and Cons

- ⊕ Proven secure
- ⊕ Even to frequency analysis
- ⊕ Encryption and decryption are cheap
- ⊖ Key must be as long as the plaintext ...
- ⊖ Key must be kept secret
- ⊖ Key must not be lost (not by one character)
- ⊖ Key must be truly random

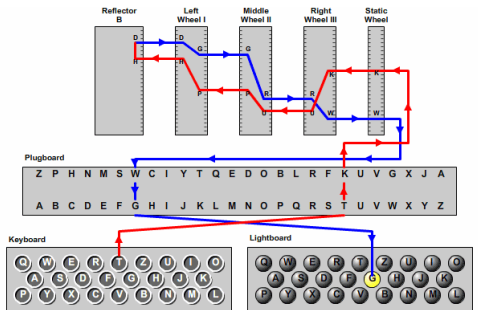
Enigma

- ▶ Invented at the end of WWI
- ▶ Used extensively by Nazi Germany during WWII
- ▶ First cracked by Polish services during the early 30s ...
- ▶ ... then by British-led effort at Bletchley Park, including Alan Turing.



Enigma - How does it work?

► Substitution cipher



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Enigma - Combinatorial

- ▶ **Every day**, the machine is reset to a pre-established configuration:
 - ▶ 20 Rotors choice (3 or 4 or 5 among 6 possible).
 - ▶ 26^3 Rotors permutation
 - ▶ 26^3 Rotors initial positions
 - ▶ Plug-board settings: $150 \cdot 10^{12}$
- ▶ **Every message** contains a rotors position the machine should be reset to before decrypting the rest of the message.

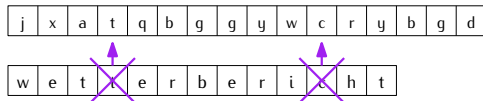
Enigma - Breaking the machine

- ▶ To brute-force Enigma is unpractical: 150 millions millions combinations
- ▶ A letter is encrypted into a different letter every time
- ▶ ... but never to itself !! **Main flaw**
- ▶ Try to guess a word or phrase in a message (and Germans military did use recurring messages, like weather reports)
- ▶ ...

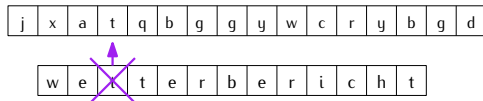
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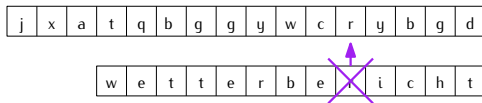
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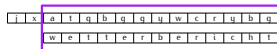
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OK !

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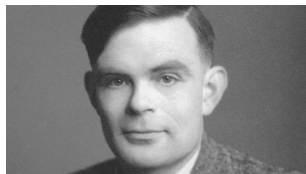
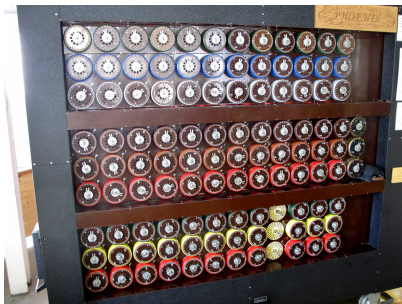
Possible Solutions



Enigma - Breaking the machine

- ▶ Adding a couple more properties, evict impossible configurations.
- ▶ Scan through the remaining combinations using **the Bombe** : electro-mechanical machine able to “play” 36 Enigma equivalent “in parallel”.
- ▶ In the end guess the key (wheel starting positions + plug-board) in less than 20minutes per day.

Enigma



⁶watch

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Imitation_Game

Next time - Cryptography

- ▶ Symmetric cryptography
- ▶ Asymmetric cryptography
- ▶ Key sharing