Introduction -Cryptographie et Sécurité des Communications-

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- Associate Professor at INSA Lyon since 2007.
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 - at Grenoble, Turku (Finland), Rennes, and Lyon: Models of concurrency and computations, programming languages, performance analysis for parallel multi-core architectures.
 - at CEA-Grenoble (2017-2020): Counter-measures against physical (side-channel, fault-injection, etc) attacks
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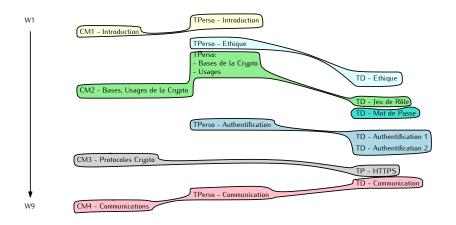
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Course Objectives

Give you some "necessary and sufficient" background on:

- Cryptography
- Cryptographic protocols
- Public-key infrastructures
- Ethical issues

Course Plan



Information Security

- 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.
- ▶ ≜ 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, dictionnary 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 content to the intended recipients. 5

⁵https://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"

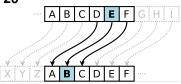
History (1) Caesar cipher

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

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

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

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



History (1) Caesar cipher

- Encryption and decryption are cheap
- Easy to crack with frequency analysis
- Sufficient when no-one around can read :)



One-time pad

- Substitution cipher
- ► Choose a **random key** *K* as least as long as the plaintext
- ► To **encrypt**, each letter *P_i* in Plaintext is replaced by the corresponding shifted letter:

$$E(P_i) = (P_i + K_i) \mod 26$$

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One-time pad - Pros and Cons

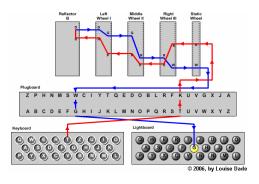
- Proven secure
- Even to frequency analysis
- Encryption and decryption are cheap
- Key must be as long as the plaintext ...
- Key must be kept secret
- Key must not be lost (not by one character)
- Key must be truly random

Enigma

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

Enigma - How does it work?

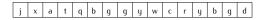
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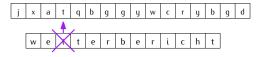
Enigma - How does it work?

- Every day, the machine is reset to a pre-established configuration:
 - ► Rotors choice (3 or 4 or 5 amongst 6 possible)... = 20.
 - ► Rotors permutation 26³
 - Rotors initial positions 26³
 - ► Plugboard setting: 150.10¹²
- Every message contains a rotors position the machine should be reset to before decrypting the rest of the message.

- ▶ 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 reccurring messages, like weather reports)
- **.**..











Possible Solutions



- 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 + plugboard) in less than 20minutes per day.





⁶watch https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Imitation_Game

Next time - Cryptography

- Symmetric cryptography
- Asymmetric cryptography
- Key sharing