

# Keeping Data Secure in 2020

Ensuring data is kept safe

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## **Executive Summary**

This paper will demonstrate to the reader, how to keep data secure in the modern day. This will include how to transmit data securely through different methods as well as keeping data secure when being stored in a database or file system. It is important to understand the differences between secure transmission protocols and un-secure transmission protocols and how one can be more secure than the other. In this paper it can be seen the difference between secure and unsecure methods of transporting data. Storing data is just as important if not more important than transmitting data. Securing data when it is being stored is vital for good security measures. Stored data is usually the main focus for an attacker as it gives them more time to attempt to steal the data as the data is not been moved or transmitted.

A demonstration is carried out to show the difference between HTTP and HTTPS. A network protocol analyzer was used to capture traffic in transit over a network and therefore allows for a comparison between security methods used by both HTTP and HTTPS to be able to see which one would be considered more secure and why.

A piece of software called Kleopatra is used and demonstrated using both the command line interface and the graphical user interface in this paper as an alternative way to use the same secure encryption method that is used by HTTPS. This allows for a greater understanding of what happens when the data is being sent behind the scenes of a web browser.

As Kleopatra and HTTPS use the same encryption method, the mathematics behind the encryption method used by both methods is explored and explained to give the reader a more in depth understanding of how the data is being secured and how reliable and robust it is.

Storing data securely is also a large part of the data's life along with the transmission of data. Therefore in this paper, a comparison between different modern hashing algorithms has been carried out. This included researching any existing issues with the hashing algorithms, along with individual testing with an implemented password cracker to observe which hashing algorithms could possibly take longer and/or are harder to crack. It was observed that the MD5 hashing algorithm is no longer suitable for modern secure hashing of data.

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### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 BACKGROUND

In the 21st century, the world revolves around computers. From your average desktop computers, to smartphones to IOT (Internet of Things) devices such as remote-controlled lightbulbs, each one of these devices communicates with each other and transfers and stores data. In the modern day, there is data stored about almost everyone and everything on the planet. This can range from pricing of items on an online marketplace, what that odd-looking flower is in your back garden, who that actor was in your favorite movie, to more personal and sensitive information about people themselves. Taking online marketplaces as an example, most users that would be members of a marketplace website would have details such as their name, email, password and bank account details registered to that account. All of these details are sent across a network and then stored by the marketplace website company on their servers. In turn, this means that pressure is then placed onto the companies shoulders to keep this information safe from any malicious attacker, both in data transit and storage. One of the most common pieces of information that is considered sensitive information and is used for almost every kind of account is passwords. With passwords being used to access almost every form of modern account it is one of the main focuses of attackers to gain access to. This would in turn allow the attacker to try other accounts and repeat the process. Wired.com reported "Now, it seems, someone has cobbled together those breached databases and many more into a gargantuan, unprecedented collection of 2.2 billion unique usernames and associated passwords and is freely distributing them" (Greenberg, 2020) This indicates the need to ensure that sensitive information such as passwords are kept secure and are unreadable to any attacker that may gain access to them.

In previous years there was a lower required level of security, but as computers and technology have advanced and developed over the years, so has the increase in need for more complex and thorough security methods. Network traffic can now be captured with most modern devices and some free software. Lower levels of encryption and hashing methods are now outdated and can be cracked with consumer level hardware. With this possible, more in-depth and complex security methods have had to be developed and implemented to keep data secure from prying eyes.

There are many different ways to ensure that your data is kept safe when both being transported and stored. These methods range in difficulty to use and understand. Encryption can be used to obscure sensitive data being transported between devices. Encryption is the method of obscuring data by passing it through a mathematical algorithm. The most common method to encrypting data traffic is using HTTPS. This is due to it being the standard for transmitting data through a web browser to a web server. This is to keep the user's data safe. HTTPS uses the TLS (Transport Layer Security) protocol, formerly known as SSL (Secure Socket Layer), this protocol uses two different keys in an asymmetric key structure called RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) encryption. This method is also commonly known as public-key encryption. The two keys consist of a private key and a public key. The private key is linked to the owner, in this case the website, and is held on the webserver to decrypt incoming traffic to the server. The public key is distributed by the webserver to whoever is wanting to communicate with it. This allows the client to encrypt and send data securely to the server which will then decrypt the data.

However, even though this secures the data when being transmitted to the web server, when the data is being stored in the web server then a different method is required to secure the data. Hashing algorithms are a method of storing sensitive information inside of database's without being in a plain text form that is easy to read if accessed. This is carried out by passing in a value through the one-way mathematical algorithm. This means that the hash is very difficult, almost impossible to reverse. There are varying levels of complexity when it comes to hashing algorithms. Some of the lower level complexity algorithms, MD4, MD5 and a mid-range algorithm SHA-256 are among the most commonly known algorithms. MD4 and MD5 are commonly known to be used to verifying the integrity of downloaded files from the internet to ensure that the file has not been altered in transit. SHA-256 is the basic standard of what should be used to store sensitive information. There are more complex algorithms such as SHA-384 and SHA-512, these are more complex versions of SHA-256 and are considered more secure to use. These are analyzed and discussed later in the paper.

#### 1.2 AIM

The aims of this project are:

- To allow the reader to gain an understanding of why keeping data hidden and stored correctly is imperative for secure data handling.
- To demonstrate different methods on how to securely transmit data over a network.
- To understand the mathematics behind RSA encryption used by HTTPS and Kleopatra.
- To demonstrate how to store sensitive data, such as passwords, securely and how attackers may try to break any attempt to obscure the data.

## 2 Procedure & Results

#### 2.1 Overview of Procedure

In the following procedure, it will explain different methods in keeping data safe while being transmitted or being stored on a computer. This will include transmitting data through a web browser, transmitting data privately and then storing sensitive data such as passwords on a computer or database. The procedure contains:

- A demonstration of the difference between using HTTP and HTTPS when transmitting data over a web browser and how one is better than the other.
- A demonstration on how to use the Kleopatra software in conjunction with Gpg4win to send encrypted data through other methods than through a web browser.
- Both HTTPS and Kleopatra use RSA encryption, following the demonstrations on HTTPS and Kleopatra, the mathematics behind RSA encryption is explored and explained to give an understanding of how it is secure to encrypt data using this method.
- A comparison and demonstration between different hashing algorithms for securely storing data effectively and correctly. A password cracker implementation to demonstrate which hashes are easier to crack than others.

#### 2.2 HTTP & HTTPS

HTTPS uses SSL certificates along with RSA encryption to ensure that the users' data is kept secure when being transmitted over a network. HTTP does not have any of these traits. HTTP uses no encryption to request and send data. This means that the user's data is sent over a network without being encrypted.

To show the difference between captured traffic using the two different protocols, HTTP and HTTPS, a piece of software called Wireshark was used. This allows for the packets on a network to be captured and possibly viewed depending on the protocol being used.

#### 2.2.1 Using HTTP

The first step in analyzing HTTP packets is to navigate to a website using HTTP. In this case a local webserver and website were being used to demonstrate this. The website used can be seen in figure 1 below.

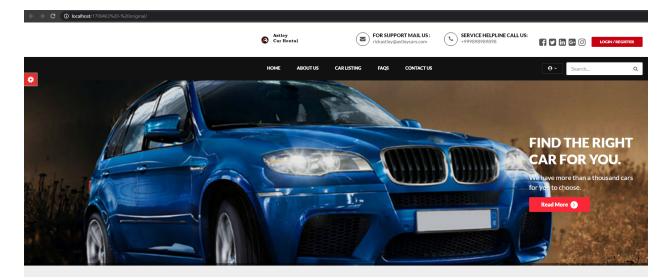


Figure 1: HTTP website

From here, Wireshark was launched. A list of connections can be seen on the home screen of Wireshark. Since the website that is being monitored is on the local machine, the loopback connection is the one we are interested in. This can be seen I figure 2 below.



Figure 2: Wireshark Home Page

Once the loopback traffic capture has been selected, then navigating back to the website. Login details are entered into the login portal. This can be seen in figure 3 below.

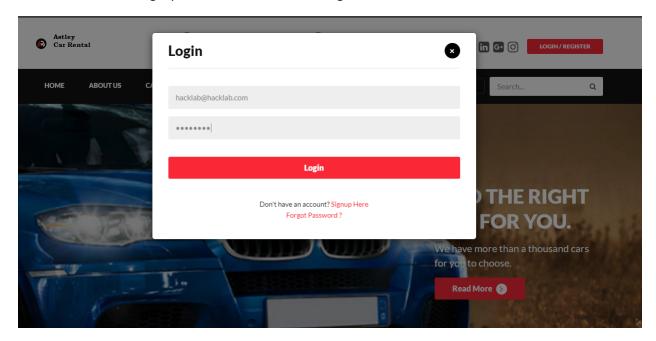


Figure 3: Login Portal

Going back to Wireshark, the traffic we are interested in is HTTP traffic. A filter can be placed on the captured packets. This can be seen in figure 4 below where the filter of 'http' was used.

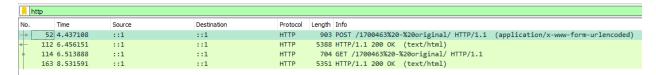


Figure 4: Filter HTTP

Clicking on the first packet in the list, it can be seen that the username and password that were entered can be seen in plain text. This can be seen in figure 5 below where the username reads 'hacklab@hacklab.com' and the password reads 'Hacklab1'.

No.		Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info				
-	52	4.437108	::1	::1	HTTP	903 POST /1700463%20-%20original/ HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)				
4	112	6.456151	::1	::1	HTTP	5388 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)				
+	114	6.513888	::1	::1	HTTP	704 GET /1700463%20-%20original/ HTTP/1.1				
	163	8.531591	::1	::1	HTTP	5351 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)				
>	Frame 52: 903 bytes on wire (7224 bits), 903 bytes captured (7224 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_Loopback, id 0									
>	Null/Loopback									
>	Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: ::1, Dst: ::1									
>	Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 34469, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 839									
>	> Hypertext Transfer Protocol									
~	▼ HTML Form URL Encoded: application/x-www-form-urlencoded									
	> Form item: "email" = "hacklab@hacklab.com"									
	> Form item: "password" = "Hacklab1"									
	> Form item: "login" = "Login"									

Figure 5: Captured Details

There is another method to view any data that has been captured if there are many more packets and are not able to find the exact one that represents the posting of the variables from the login page. This can be completed by navigating to the top menu and clicking on Analyze -> Follow -> HTTP Stream. This can be seen in figure 6 below.

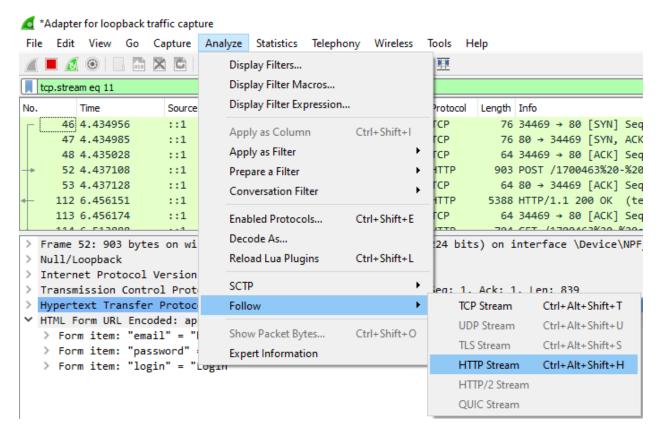


Figure 6: Route to HTTP Stream

After following the HTTP stream, a window should appear with all the HTTP information that was captured from the packets. As can be seen highlighted in figure 7 below, the username and password

that were entered into the prompted fields are clearly visible in plaintext with no security precautions to get past.

```
POST /1700463%20-%20original/ HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Length: 57
Cache-Control: max-age=0
Origin: http://localhost
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/80.0.3987.149 Safari/537.36
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.9
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
Referer: http://localhost/1700463%20-%20original/
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Accept-Language: en-GB,en-US;q=0.9,en;q=0.8
Cookie: PHPSESSID=9f119e9c401b71ba75f82a52bc771b30
email=hacklab%40hacklab.com&password=Hacklab1&login=LoginHTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 29 Mar 2020 18:01:03 GMT
Server: Anache
X-Powered-By: PHP/7.3.8
Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate
Pragma: no-cache
Vary: Accept-Encoding, User-Agent
Content-Encoding: gzip
Content-Length: 4941
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
```

Figure 7: Captured HTTP Stream

#### 2.2.2 Using HTTPS

The first step in analyzing HTTPS packets in booting up Wireshark and capturing packets from the relative connection point. A list of connections will be displayed at startup. This can be seen in figure 8 below.



Figure 8: Wireshark Home Screen

In this case the connection point is Ethernet. Clicking on this option then starts the capture process of all traffic going through the connection. Navigating to a website such as <a href="www.Amazon.co.uk">www.Amazon.co.uk</a> and viewing the navigation bar shows that a padlock is visible. This can be seen in figure 9 below. This indicates that the website is using HTTPS.

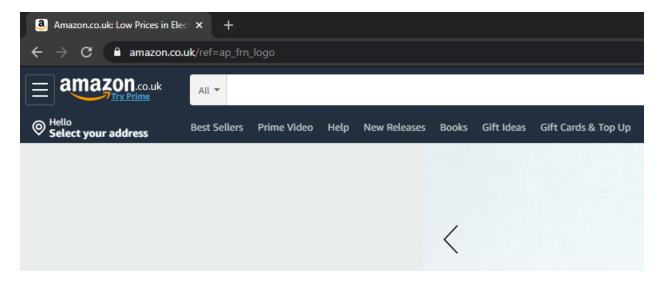


Figure 9: HTTPS Website

Once navigating to the login page and entering login details, these packets should be captured by Wireshark. Since HTTPS runs using SSL (Secure Socket Layer) encryption then a filter can be put in place to filter just the HTTPS traffic. This can be seen in figure 10 below.

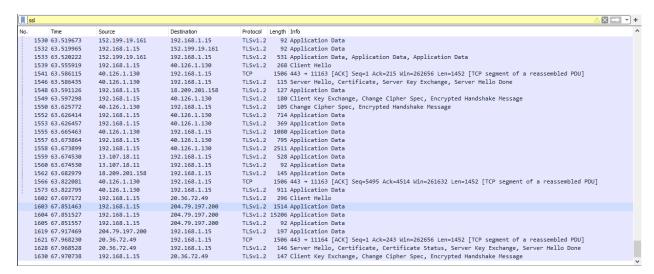


Figure 10: Filter SSL

From here, you are able to view any content that can be deciphered by viewing the TLS (Transport Layer Security) stream. This can be done by navigating to the following Analyze -> Follow -> TLS Stream. This can be seen in figure 11 below.

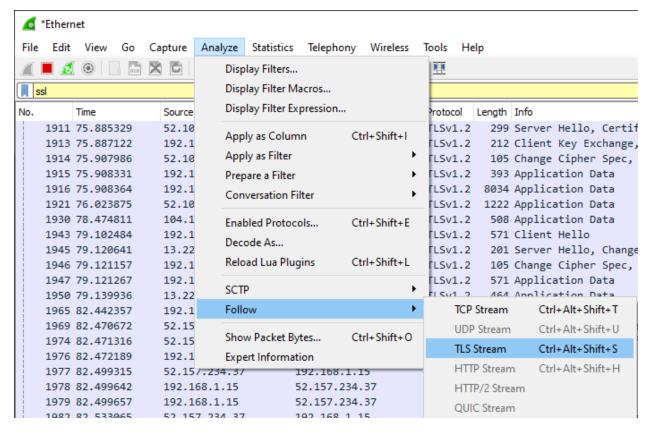


Figure 11: Route to TLS Stream

A window should appear with any information that can be intercepted and displayed. As can be seen in figure 12 below, there is no information that can be seen due to the increase in security and encryption that is used.

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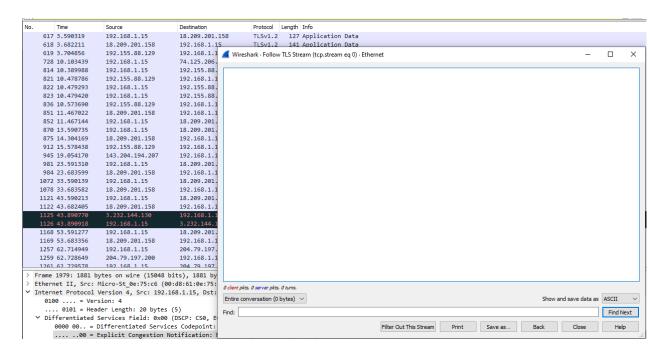


Figure 12: Captured Data

#### 1.1 ALTERNATIVE TRANSMISSION METHOD — GPG4WIN EXAMPLE

HTTPS works well for traffic that is being sent through a web browser, but what is you are sending data over a local network or using another form of transmitting the data to the receiver that may not use the same security protocols. RSA can be used out with a web browser as well. This method of encryption is commonly known as public-key encryption. The basis behind public key cryptography is using two 'keys', a private and a public key. One computer can hold the private key to decrypt data, and this computer can distribute a paired public key to anyone it may choose to allow for data to be encrypted for the paired private key. To be able to carry out and send files using public key encryption, the following procedure can be used.

The first step is to download the Gpg4win software from <a href="https://www.gpg4win.de/index.html">www.gpg4win.de/index.html</a>. The page that should appear can be seen below in figure 13.

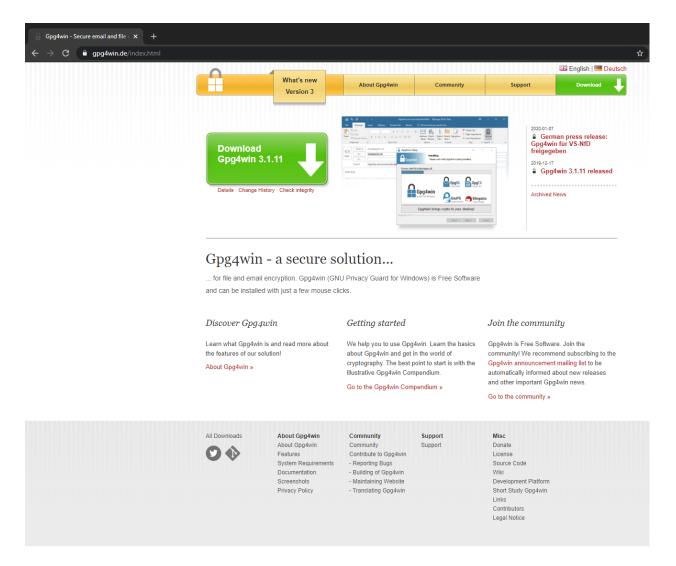


Figure 13: Gpg4win Website

Once the installer is downloaded, install the application with the following choices of components, including the software Kleopatra, this can be seen in figure 14 below.

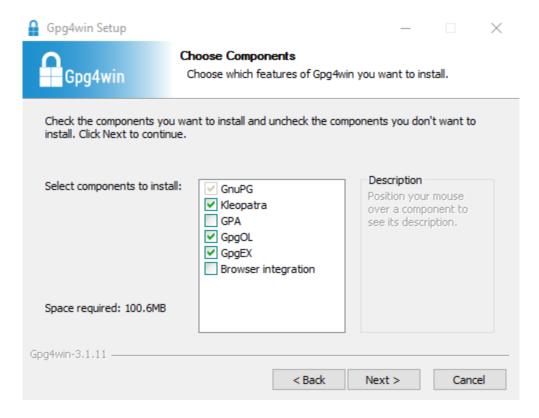


Figure 14: Setup

To ensure that the program has installed successfully. Opening command prompt and typing the command 'gpg --version' should display the following screen.

```
Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.752]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\jmcel>gpg --version
gpg (GnuPG) 2.2.19
libgcrypt 1.8.5
Copyright (C) 2019 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="https://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">https://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
Home: C:/Users/jmcel/AppData/Roaming/gnupg
Supported algorithms:
Pubkey: RSA, ELG, DSA, ECDH, ECDSA, EDDSA
Cipher: IDEA, 3DES, CAST5, BLOWFISH, AES, AES192, AES256, TWOFISH,
        CAMELLIA128, CAMELLIA192, CAMELLIA256
Hash: SHA1, RIPEMD160, SHA256, SHA384, SHA512, SHA224
Compression: Uncompressed, ZIP, ZLIB, BZIP2
C:\Users\jmcel>_
```

Figure 15: Verifying Install

From here there are two different ways to use the software. There is the command line interface or the graphical interface. These have both been covered in the following sections.

#### 2.2.3 GUI (Graphical User Interface)

#### 2.2.3.1 Generating Key Pair

The first step in using the graphical interface of gpg4win is to use the software that was previously installed, Kleopatra. Running this software, the following screen should appear.



Figure 16: Kleopatra Home Screen

Using the 'New Key Pair' button, another window will pop up asking for a name and email for the private key. The entries 'Johnny' and 'johncreee@gmail.com' were used. This can be seen in the figure below.

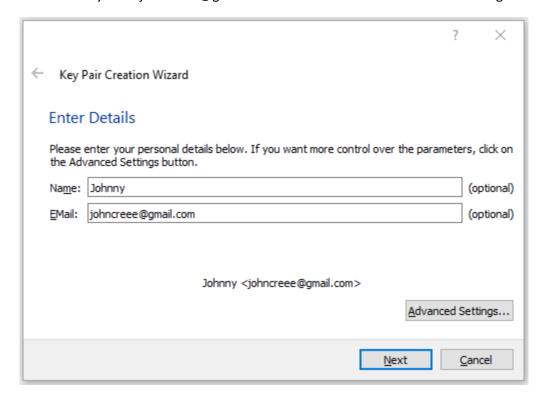


Figure 17: Entered Details

Selecting advanced options from the same window displays the more detailed options of the key pair that is to be generated. All values were let untouched apart from the date, unchecking this box allows the for key pair to be used indefinitely. This can be seen in figure 18 below.

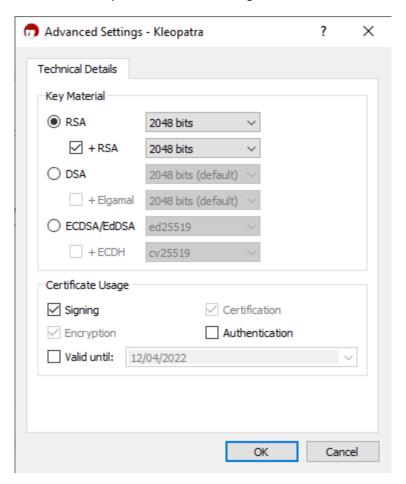


Figure 18: Technical Details

Clicking 'OK', then 'Next', then 'Create', a window will appear asking for a passphrase. The value of 'Hacklab123' was used in this case and can be seen entered into the fields below.

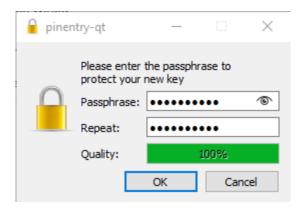


Figure 19: Entered Passphrase

The next screen should indicate that the key pair has been generated successfully. This can be seen below.

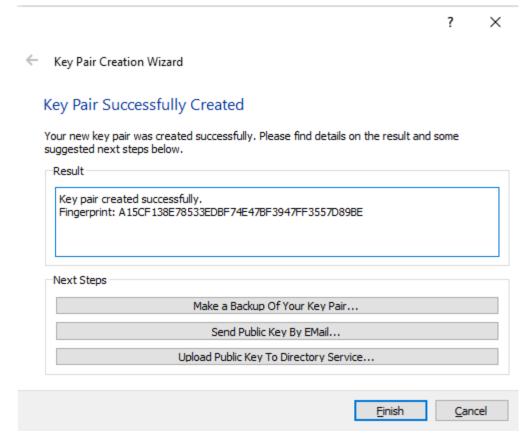


Figure 20: Successful Creation of Key

#### 2.2.3.2 Exporting Public Key

Now that the key pair has been created, the next step is to export the public key. This can be completed by clicking on the new key created and then going to the top navigation bar of the software and clicking the button lapelled 'Export'. A save window will appear; in this case the file was saved as 'pubKey.asc' in the desktop directory. This can be seen carried out below.

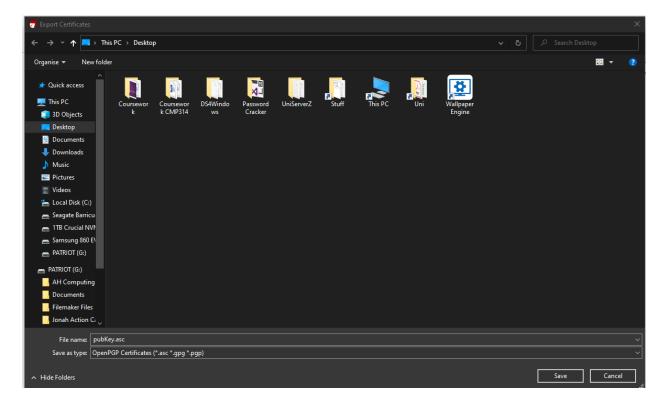


Figure 21: Saving Public Key

Opening the file in notepad ++, it can be seen that the file does contain the public key. The contents of the file can be seen below.

```
🔚 pub Key.asc 🔣
      ----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK----
  2
  3
      mQENBF6TJr8BCACwoRffYTnVvDl9MtMkHHs3lpcIsjiGfM2VvVQ/u47PshihCM+/
  4
      U+L12H/z+5Do0In/7aLX3Fhn35Iw05V9KxRsb5bax7dIc3kEUZvQ4QFJvE1NsKLA
      N4HDycFYSXfAKGmhDdtxaBee4s5hM16YBBG2z4dGrnKnL2MJcickmheRwT1Duw2Y
     7AhWlYiKbayL08A+lrW+E/77ncVU/D6o25ZIJbRPGJfM5cjklA7vl8+Ywown7t5Y
  7
      z4vgqE8kd4AY1e5sTgJmB7Pzte0iAQ1MKQfFG/x11c4852U5nnwaxWAk012p5VYz
      G1NkoaXY21du49m0WcRPzV+rAIMYPBzMZzozABEBAAG0HEpvaG5ueSA8am9obmNy
      ZWV1QGdtYW1sLmNvbT6JAU4EEwEIADgWIQShXPE454Uz7b905Hvz1H/zVX2JvgUC
  9
     XpMmvwIbAwULCQgHAgYVCgkICwIEFgIDAQIeAQIXgAAKCRDzlH/zVX2Jvj8/CACo
 10
 11
      4s7UWFDQb7LBIH8IHBZjgmP78YENtl/EmPdHtEtkle4lQIpCJaAtSdTLkPk+RDKX
 12
      EM2R5UtIvjo1QUqUCE9B0qwxmIbZyEcu9jvklw4s8CGGDUTHXyUDfIQojNuojDBP
 13
     7wO5Fz4LI5C3I+fUKihRQUY+oBizMCrd3hoXQNlMH+RR6bcAhK+hvmfTJnYo4P+Y
 14
      C/6J57SETcHelosOoW+Yanw8Uv+af9aVgy+VkXRGlswcZ1UA+MeBPxAVg8WaH1C8
 15
      fiScf9A6yk6HQmC1U3XGuKz8oLn4U2wcexypK6oTMv0QMDjesvK0I9Qxn9QHfYaP
 16
      d+8Wad/BLjIbo2U98u4YuQENBF6TJr8BCAC7/EzawJP+KFbpvdmV2jgZBvahKgwK
 17
     ouJ+vpvR+OAMHXuHcGPsgJIswyVgVeg9RZ1+fNhgfnsAEYSmvNkHWYW1N1eL982v
 18
     MdaGj5hoYB8VKFqLh6AJnjGTsEqSZBaRfMUDze2GuG9JU5RcN/iGFSHR9h02Z7/G
 19
      abHdzXE3ocwRl1UFEUyqhJ3t09qvmHWvzvYOr3fajZmiu90IL1jTDJ/L/tBrCBNk
 20
     bh2I62xQshV399YMWUKiMAL8EarHjpqUtBmkDqusNNOzM3kCLF7jAiB3kK03Vcsp
     jjlYKK5328KEZZNLz5rOJrRGoIjDchoHeoN9PJXFTrlTMUOhAHXwlM3fABEBAAGJ
 21
 22
     ATYEGAEIACAWIQShXPE454Uz7b905Hvz1H/zVX2JvgUCXpMmvwIbDAAKCRDz1H/z
 23
      VX2JvniwB/9KWRT1EzefRSKHMGSMSkA2g4W5Wh66H3eM48rX8sxeYHrAt5beMUB6
 24
     hghpFJHdBsr9PERONqdzoGbnZ9TaFwIJGScMJvJ+1w7zmxFPKH6h10mftpnfeMXj
 25
     ugOGkwSgu0dbziazbhRdCNI8bQulI3nhXzk3J4dj+lnvWp/EaCQPGLTSb0lYf+Vj
 26
     R4YvORQa/jAQpdq4Ju3eHykfR1COc51/JCmWWGq9HkV2200PjJRitrm/qQe2FcFM
      Kp25rESJPt1Ra28mSHF05D0FTbByAr82i/PchDHDm0JfWJ1Rs14KyUrKyh1h0I01
 28
     m+XkHGha2IBadlxoORg6H7wxydg72h2i
 29
 30
      ----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK----
 31
```

Figure 22: Public Key

#### 2.2.3.3 Distributing Public Key

The next step is to distribute the public key to another computer to allow for data to be encrypted using the new computer. This can be done my email or any other method of transferring files. In this case a USB stick was used to transfer the file from one computer to the other.

#### 2.2.3.4 Importing the Public Key

Note: From here on in section 2.3.1, there is two computers. One will be referenced as desktop computer, the one with the private key, and the other a laptop which will have the public key.

Once the file has been transferred to the laptop form the desktop computer, running Kleopatra on the laptop, the same starting screen should be present as previously. The option 'Import' should be present. Using this option and selecting the file that has been transferred over, the following screen should appear.

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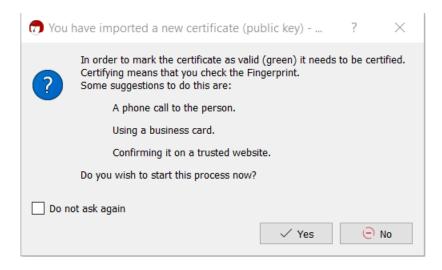


Figure 23: Create New Key Prompt

Selecting 'Yes', allows for the creation of a key pair on the laptop. The same process that was seen previously on the desktop computer is carried out. The entered details were as followed:

Name: Frank

Email: Frnak@gmail.com

Passphrase: Frank123

Once the local key pair had been created, the option to certify the imported key is shown as can be seen below in figure 24.

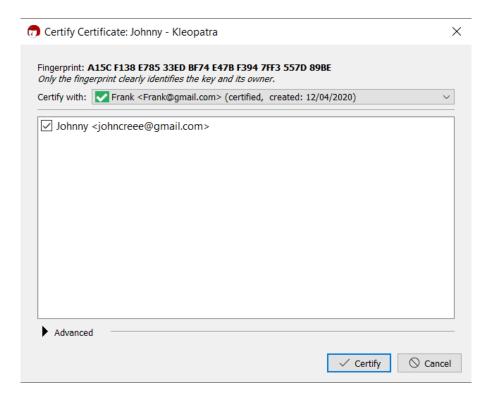


Figure 24: Certify Key

Selecting 'Certify' and then entering the passphrase for the new 'Frank' user completes the importation process.

#### 2.2.3.5 Encrypting a file

To encrypt a file, first a message must be crafted. A simple text file with some text inside will do the trick. A text file labelled TestMessage.txt was created. To encrypt the created text file, the 'Sign/Encrypt...' button at the top navigation bar of the window is selected. This can be seen in figure 25 below.



Figure 25: Encrypt Option

After selecting the button, a window will appear to select the file in which you would like to encrypt. After selecting the created text file, the following window should appear. From here the option to 'Encrypt for others:' is selected. Entering the username 'Johnny' should give the option to select the user 'Johnny' from the drop-down list. This can be seen below.

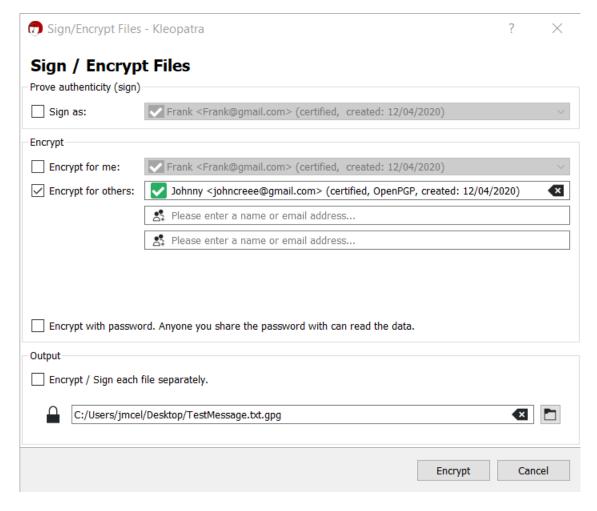


Figure 26: Encryption Options

Once all the necessary fields have been filled out, continuing the process encrypts the file creating another file called 'TestMessage.txt.gpg'.

From here, the 'TestMessage.txt.gpg' is sent back to the desktop computer to then be decrypted.

#### 2.2.3.6 Decrypting the file

To decrypt the 'TestMessage.txt.gpg' file, selecting the 'Decrypt/Verify...' button in Kleopatra opens a window to select the encrypted file. Once selected the file, the passphrase for the 'Johnny' user must be entered. Once the passphrase has been entered, the following window should appear indicating that the file has been decrypted successfully.

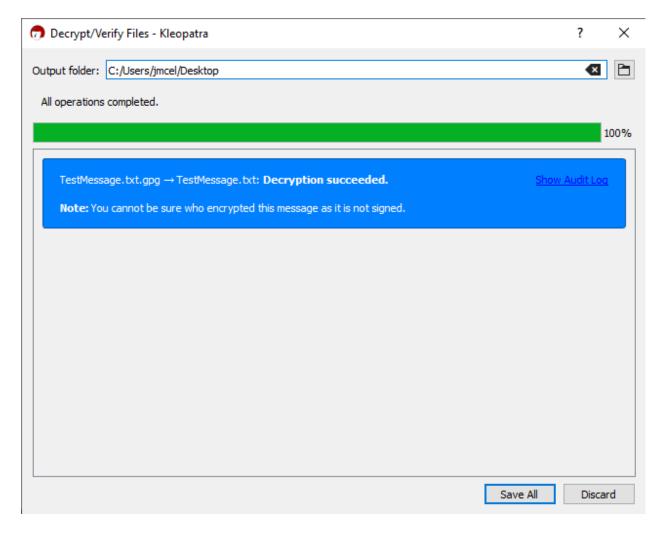


Figure 27: Successful Decryption

Saving the file to the desktop and opening it in Notepad ++, the contents of the original text file can be seen. The contents can be seen below.

```
TestMessage.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Hello, this a test from the laptop!
```

Figure 28: Plain Text Message

#### 2.2.4 CLI (Command Line Interface)

#### 2.2.4.1 Generating Key Pair

The first step in using gpg4win is to generate a private key. This can be done by using the command 'gpg --full-generate-key'. This will display the screen as shown below.

```
C:\Users\jmcel>gpg --full-generate-key
gpg (GnuPG) 2.2.19; Copyright (C) 2019 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.

Please select what kind of key you want:
    (1) RSA and RSA (default)
    (2) DSA and Elgamal
    (3) DSA (sign only)
    (4) RSA (sign only)
    (14) Existing key from card
Your selection?
```

Figure 29: Generate Key

From here, the selection made is '1' for 'RSA and RSA (default)'. The keysize will then be asked, for example purposes the default value of 2048 will be used, but a bigger keysize could be used in practice. This can be seen below.

```
Please select what kind of key you want:

(1) RSA and RSA (default)
(2) DSA and Elgamal
(3) DSA (sign only)
(4) RSA (sign only)
(14) Existing key from card
Your selection? 1
RSA keys may be between 1024 and 4096 bits long.
What keysize do you want? (2048) 2048
```

Figure 30: Type of Key

Then the time to live of the key is asked for, this can be days, weeks, months, years or indefinitely. For indefinitely '0' is entered. This was used in this case. This can be seen below.

```
Requested keysize is 2048 bits

Please specify how long the key should be valid.

0 = key does not expire

<n> = key expires in n days

<n>w = key expires in n weeks

<n>m = key expires in n months

<n>y = key expires in n years

Key is valid for? (0) 0
```

Figure 31: Keysize

A confirmation message will appear on screen to confirm that the key is to last indefinitely. Typing 'y' passes this check. From there, details are required for linking the key. As can be seen in the screenshot below test details were entered for this example.

```
Key does not expire at all
Is this correct? (y/N) y

GnuPG needs to construct a user ID to identify your key.

Real name: Johnny
Email address: johncreee@gmail.com
Comment: Test Account
You selected this USER-ID:
"Johnny (Test Account) <johncreee@gmail.com>"
```

Figure 32: Entered Details

Once the details are correct, entering 'o' and pressing enter confirms the details and a window will appear prompting for the entry of a passphrase. In this case the passphrase 'Hacklab123' was used. This was entered into the window as can be seen below in figure 33.

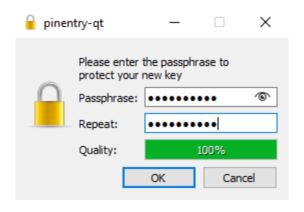


Figure 33: Passphrase

Once completed the following message should appear in the command prompt.

Figure 34: Successful Creation of Key Pair

This indicates that a public and private key have been signed to the created account and where the certificate has been stored on the local machine.

To ensure that the key has been created successfully, entering the command 'gpg --list-keys' will display the following screen with the list of stored keys that have been generated.

Figure 35: Confirm Key Creation

Navigating to the file path specified in figure 35 above, the revocation certificate can be seen. The file contents can be seen in appendix A.

The next step is to export the public key to be able to distribute it to other people. This can be done using the following command: 'gpg --armor --output "PublicKey.txt" --export "Johnny". This indicates to output the public key from the user "Johnny" to the file "PublicKey.txt" in the current directory. The command can be seen being used in the screenshot below.

```
C:\Users\jmcel>gpg --armor --output "PublicKey.txt" --export "Johhny"
C:\Users\jmcel>
```

Figure 36: Output Public Key

The full contents of the PublicKey.txt file can be found in appendix B.

#### 2.2.4.2 Sending Public Key and Encrypting Data

Note: From here on in section 2.3.2, there is two computers. One will be referenced as desktop computer, the one with the private key, and the other a laptop which will have the public key.

Now that a public key has been generated and saved. To then start using it, first the key must be distributed to who is required to send data to you. In this case, another computer was installed with the same software using the same method, but with no sets of keys registered.

To import the key onto the laptop, first the PublicKey.txt file was copied over from the Desktop. From here, typing the command 'gpg –import "PublicKey.txt" imports the public key from the user 'Johnny'. This can be seen below in figure 37.

Figure 37: Import Public Key

Once the key has been imported, the 'trust' attribute of the key needs to be configured. To configure the program to trust the imported key, the command 'gpg --edit-key "Johnny" is used. This will open the gpg edit command prompt. From here typing 'trust' then choosing the option '5 = I trust ultimately', the prompt will then ask If you are sure you would like to trust this key completely. Typing 'y' confirms the edit. The whole process can be seen in figure 38 below.

```
::\Users\jmcel\Desktop>gpg --edit-key "Johnny"
gpg (GnuPG) 2.2.19; Copyright (C) 2019 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
pub rsa2048/B5B2B671FEF6AA85
    created: 2020-04-01 expires: never
                                             usage: SC
    trust: unknown validity: unknown
sub rsa2048/A2D1C864825CDF47
                                             usage: E
    created: 2020-04-01 expires: never
 unknown] (1). Johnny (Test Account) <johncreee@gmail.com>
gpg> trust
oub rsa2048/B5B2B671FEF6AA85
    created: 2020-04-01 expires: never
                                             usage: SC
                         validity: unknown
    trust: unknown
sub rsa2048/A2D1C864825CDF47
    created: 2020-04-01 expires: never
                                             usage: E
 unknown] (1). Johnny (Test Account) <johncreee@gmail.com>
Please decide how far you trust this user to correctly verify other users' keys
(by looking at passports, checking fingerprints from different sources, etc.)
 1 = I don't know or won't say
 2 = I do NOT trust
 3 = I trust marginally
 4 = I trust fully
 5 = I trust ultimately
 m = back to the main menu
/our decision? 5
Do you really want to set this key to ultimate trust? (y/N) y
pub rsa2048/B5B2B671FEF6AA85
                                             usage: SC
    created: 2020-04-01 expires: never
    trust: ultimate
                         validity: unknown
sub rsa2048/A2D1C864825CDF47
    created: 2020-04-01 expires: never
                                             usage: E
 unknown] (1). Johnny (Test Account) <johncreee@gmail.com>
Please note that the shown key validity is not necessarily correct
unless you restart the program.
gpg> _
```

Figure 38: Editing Trust Configuration

To encrypt a message, first open notepad and type in a message. In this case, the file was saved as "TestMessage.txt". Using the command 'gpg -armor -recipient "Johnny" -output "Message.asc"

-encrypt "TestMessage.txt" can be used to encrypt the created message file. The command can be seen in figure 39 below.

```
C:\Users\jmcel\Desktop>gpg --armor --recipient "Johnny" --output "Message.txt.asc" --encrypt "TestMessage.txt"
C:\Users\jmcel\Desktop>
```

Figure 39: Encrypting Message

This will create a file called 'Message.txt.asc'. This can be seen in the screenshot below.



Figure 40: Outputted File

From here, the 'Message.txt.asc' file must be transferred over to the desktop computer. In the real world, this can be done by email or USB stick or any other method of transferring files. Once the file has been moved over, in the command prompt, using the command 'gpg --decrypt-files "Message.txt.asc", will decrypt the file. This can be seen in the screenshot below labelled figure 41.

```
C:\Users\jmcel\Desktop>gpg --decrypt-files "Message.txt.asc"
gpg: encrypted with 2048-bit RSA key, ID A2D1C864825CDF47, created 2020-04-01
    "Johnny (Test Account) <johncreee@gmail.com>"
C:\Users\jmcel\Desktop>
```

Figure 41: Decrypt File

A password prompt may pop up for the 'Johnny' user, in which the password implemented was 'Hacklab123'. This can be seen below.

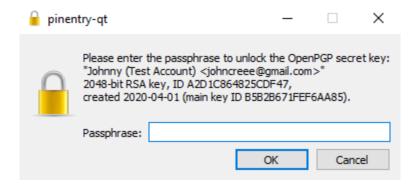


Figure 42: Enter Private Key Passphrase

The message file should then be decrypted, and another file should have been generated with the message inside. This generated file can be seen in figure 43 below.



Figure 43: Decrypted File

Opening the file, it can be seen that the message has been decrypted successfully. The message reads 'Hello, this is a test from the laptop!". The file and contents can be seen in the figure below.

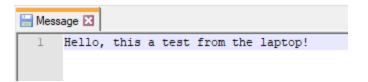


Figure 44: Plain Text File

#### 1.2 RSA ENCRYPTION

Both HTTPS and Kleopatra uses an asymmetric key structure protocol through SSL/TLS, this is known as the RSA encryption method. This method of encryption uses a public key to encrypt the data and a private key to decrypt the data.

To craft the public key, the algorithm uses two prime numbers (p & q), calculates the product of them (n) and the result is one of two parts of the public key. The second part is calculated by taking an exponent (e), that is co-prime with (n). This means that (n) and (e) have no common factors. The values (n) and (e) are used in conjunction with each other to create the public key.

The first step in crafting the private key, the totient of (n) is calculated. This is the product of (p-1) and (q-1). The next step is to create the key itself; this is done by taking the totient calculated, multiplying it by two, adding one and dividing it by (e). The value calculated is assigned (d) and is the value for the private key.

From here, to encrypt the data. The equation  $c=M^e mod \, n$  is used. This is where (e) and (n) have already been calculated for the public key, (M) is the unencrypted message and (c) is the encrypted message.

To decrypt the message, the equation  $D = c^d mod n$  is used. This is where (n) and (d) have already been calculated for the private key, (c) is the encrypted message and (D) is the decrypted message.

Below is a working example of how the mathematics work. To make it easier to follow, smaller numbers have been used. In practice, larger numbers would be used to make it harder to guess and allow it to be more secure.

```
Generating Public Key
```

```
Let's take p = 67, q = 79

n = pq
```

$$n = 67 \times 79$$
$$n = 5293$$

Small exponent e:

Must be coprime with n

Not a factor of n

$$1 < e < \phi(n)$$

Let's take: e = 7

**Generating Private Key** 

Calculate  $\phi(n)$ :

$$\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

$$\phi(n) = (66)(78)$$

$$\phi(n) = 5148$$

Calculate Private key d:

$$d = \frac{2(\phi(n))+1}{e}$$

$$d = \frac{2(5148)+1}{7}$$

$$d = \frac{10297}{7}$$

$$d = 1471$$

Encrypting Data with public key

Encrypt the numbers '1413'

Calculate Encrypted data:

$$c = M^e mod n$$

$$c = 1413^7 mod 5293$$

The mod function present in the equation above means that

$$c = remainder of \left\{ \frac{1413*1413*1413*1413*1413*1413*1413}{5293} \right\}$$

This can also be calculated using the Extended Euclidean Algorithm

$$c = 11245923707920225356717 \ mod 5293$$

$$c = 1350$$

Decrypt the data

So far, we have c being the encrypted data, d being the primary key and n being the public key.

Calculate D the Decrypted data:

$$D = c^d mod n$$

$$D = 1350^{1471} mod \, 5293$$

$$D = 1413$$

D = 1413, The decrypted message.

M = 1413, The starting unencrypted message.

# 1.3 Storing data securely

Not only is transmitting data important but storing data is one of the most important parts of data security. This is due to the data being sat in one place, this makes it a target for malicious attackers as they have one point to attack rather than trying to grab the data in transit. If a website was using HTTPS to securely transmit data to and from the webserver, what happens if sensitive information is needing to be stored on the webserver? Like a password for a login portal for example. One of the most common pieces of data that is targeted is passwords, this is due to the information and accounts that could be accessed using these passwords. To try and store passwords safely and securely, hashing algorithms were developed to obscure the representation of the password. There are many different hashing algorithms available in the present day. In this paper, the following hashing algorithms will be discussed: MD5 (Message-Digest 5), the SHA (Secure Hashing Algorithm) family including SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512. Each one of these hashing algorithms can hash sensitive information and appear to obscure the data, however some of the algorithms are more secure than others.

The MD5 hashing algorithm was first implemented in 1991 by Ronald Rivest. When released, the hashing algorithm was widely used for data security. Although now in the present day, the algorithm is found to be unfit for securing data. This is due to MD5 being a fast algorithm to use and run. MD5 produces a hash that is 128-bits in size, this is a relatively small hash when compared to other algorithms.

The SHA family of hashing algorithms have been in development for many years. The family consists of SHA-0, SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512. The first four of these from SHA-0 to SHA-256 work on a 512-bit message segment divided into 32-bit words and the last two working on a 1024-bit message segment divided into 64-bit words. Each of the algorithms produce a different length of output. SHA-1, which replaced SHA-0, produces an output of length 160 bits. SHA-224 produces a 224-bit output, SHA-256 a 256-bit output, SHA-384 a 384-bit output and SHA-512 a 512-bit output.

Taking into consideration the above hashing algorithms. Looking at the hash of a simple string can give the idea of a level of security they provide. Listed below is the hashing algorithms with the simple string 'Hello' being hashed.

MD5 - 8b1a9953c4611296a827abf8c47804d7

SHA-1 – f7ff9e8b7bb2e09b70935a5d785e0cc5d9d0abf0

SHA-224 - 4149da18aa8bfc2b1e382c6c26556d01a92c261b6436dad5e3be3fcc

SHA-256 - 185f8db32271fe25f561a6fc938b2e264306ec304eda518007d1764826381969

SHA-384 -

3519 fe 5 ad 2 c 596 ef e 3 e 276 a 6 f 351 b 8 f c 0 b 0 3 d b 8 6 1782 490 d 45 f 7598 e b d 0 a b 5 f d 5520 e d 102 f 38 c 4 a 5 e c 834 e 986 8 6 8 0 35 f c

SHA-512 -

3615f80c9d293ed7402687f94b22d58e529b8cc7916f8fac7fddf7fbd5af4cf777d3d795a7a00a16bf7e7f3fb 9561ee9baae480da9fe7a18769e71886b03f315

Previously in CMP202 Data Structures and Algorithms 2 in 2<sup>nd</sup> year Ethical Hacking, I implemented a multi-threaded password cracker as my coursework. This worked by using one CPU (Central Processing Unit) thread as a dictionary attack where a word list file was read from and each word was placed through the specified hashing algorithm from the choice of MD5 or SHA256. The other threads use a brute force method by attempting all possibilities for each number of characters up to the maximum number of threads the CPU has. E.g. First thread tries all 1-character passwords, second thread tries 2-character passwords and so on.

During the development of this paper however, the algorithm has had multiple improvements and changes made to it. First, more hashing options were added. The algorithm now includes the following hashing algorithms: MD5, SHA224, SHA 256, SHA384, SHA512. The mathematical files to be able to hash values were taken from (Code for Monkeys - C++, PHP, CSS, Programming Resource :: zedwood.com, 2020). This allows for a wider range of hashes to be cracked using this algorithm. The program has the option to run using just one hashing algorithm to try and crack the inputted hash, or to run using all the hashing algorithms at the same time to try and crack the inputted hash. This allows for a more functional and modular program. The full source code for the password cracker can be seen in appendix C.

To demonstrate which hashing algorithm is more secure than the other, a selection of phrases/passwords were chosen to be attempted to be cracked. These included: 'password', 'qwerty', 'h4ck. These phrases were tested in the password cracker with MD5, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384 and SHA-512 hashes being tested. The inputted hashes can be seen below:

#### MD5:

password - 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 qwerty - d8578edf8458ce06fbc5bb76a58c5ca4 h4ck - 0ed5f1f056b1d96122afaae306d3dd65

#### SHA-224:

password-d63dc919e201d7bc4c825630d2cf25fdc93d4b2f0d46706d29038d01 qwerty-5154aaa49392fb275ce7e12a7d3e00901cf9cf3ab10491673f97322f h4ck-906022a0f5bff263c5b9cfaa11a6c9270a456d2c7b30e6b50a0a25cc

#### SHA-256:

password - 5e884898da28047151d0e56f8dc6292773603d0d6aabbdd62a11ef721d1542d8 qwerty - 65e84be33532fb784c48129675f9eff3a682b27168c0ea744b2cf58ee02337c5 h4ck - caf33ed88e8d64d24f58a675f8da6491cd91eec1c2cde5fbeb0773cec2d1fb63

#### SHA-384:

password –

a8b64babd0aca91a59bdbb7761b421d4f2bb38280d3a75ba0f21f2bebc45583d446c598660c94ce680c47d19c30783a7

gwerty -

1ab60e110d41a9aac5e30d086c490819bfe3461b38c76b9602fe9686aa0aa3d28c63c96a1019e3788c40a1 4f4292e50f

h4ck -

ad6851ee3f95d51d3b818c8c34d1cc862fa5180c41a3876ad52ac11f76c7d9bb9efc751583555e6cf9d950e 11d7fad79

#### SHA-512:

password –

b109f3bbbc244eb82441917ed06d618b9008dd09b3befd1b5e07394c706a8bb980b1d7785e5976ec049b46df5f1326af5a2ea6d103fd07c95385ffab0cacbc86

qwerty -

0dd3e512642c97ca3f747f9a76e374fbda73f9292823c0313be9d78add7cdd8f72235af0c553dd26797e78e1854edee0ae002f8aba074b066dfce1af114e32f8

h4ck -

4d99f965b71a0de9bc8a0c5b9e153291e7aede241d8487662c7527429c8537842138280fb9f1262cc56d73 e6d27b20a4a5b39af1af5c807522bb3d56a7b7856e

Using the password cracker algorithm that had been implemented along with these hashes will give an indication on the amount of time that requires to crack each hash through brute force and dictionary attacks. The dictionary attack was carried out using a wordlist from online (danielmiessler/SecLists, 2020). This has 10,000 common passwords that can be hashed and compared to the input hash, this file was saved and renamed to 'Wordlist.txt' in the same directory as the password cracker program.

To be able to carry out the comparison, the program must be used to crack each of these hashes using individual hashing algorithms. Below are the steps taken to carry out one of these actions.

When first running the program, the program will ask if the user would like to attempt to crack a hash, or to hash a string. Entering '2' to crack a hash is used.

```
C:\Users\jmcel\Desktop\Password Cracker\Release\Password Cracker.exe

Would you like to:

1: Hash an input?

2: Attempt to crack a hash?

>> 2_
```

Figure 45: Function Selection

From here, the options that follow allow the user to either compare that entered hash to all possible hash types this program supports or to compare against a certain type of hashing algorithm. Since in this case it is to determine which singular hashing algorithm is better than the other, '2' is entered.

```
Would you like to attempt to crack:
1: All Hashes supported
2: Certain Hash
>> 2
```

Figure 46: Hash Function Selection

Displayed is a list of the hashing algorithms that can be tested listed from 2-6. In this case MD5 is being used, entering '2' allows for the use of testing against MD5 hashes.

```
Please enter the type of hash you are wanting to crack
2: MD5
3: SHA-224
4: SHA-256
5: SHA-384
6: SHA-512
>> 2
```

Figure 47: Hash Selection

The next step is to input the hash that is wanting to be cracked, this can be seen below with the hash of the phrase 'password' being entered.

```
Please enter the hash you would like to crack: >> 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
```

Figure 48: Enter Hash

Next is to input the filename of a wordlist file for the dictionary attack. In this case the file that was downloaded and being used is the 'Wordlist.txt' file. This can be seen entered in the screenshot below.

Please enter the filename with the correct extension for the dictionary attack: 
>> Wordlist.txt

Figure 49: Enter Dictionary File

The next option is to display all attempted passwords. Selecting yes at this stage would dramatically increase the time taken to crack any hashed phrase. So to give more accurate sense of which algorithm is faster, no is selected. This is carried out by entering '0' at this stage.

```
Would you like to view all attempted password? (1 for Yes or 0 for No)
Please note this will increase the time taken to crack the password drastically
>> 0
```

Figure 50: View Attempted Passwords

The program will then ask the user if they would like to specify the number of CPU threads to use. To make it fair for all tests, the option to detect the maximum number of threads on the computer and use them will be selected. This can be carried out by entering '2' as seen below in figure 51.

```
Please select from the following:
1: Specify number of threads
2: Detect Maximum threads
>> 2
```

Figure 51: Select Threads

Hitting enter after this prompt will start the password cracking. Seen below is the output format of the program with the entered hash, the cracked password, the number of attempts it took to crack the password, the number of milliseconds it took to crack, the hashing algorithm that was used and the type of attack the password was found using.

```
Initialising password crack...
Hash: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
Cracked Password: password
Number of attempts to crack the password: 330
Cracking the password took 8 ms. It was using the MD5 hash method. It was found using the Dictionary attack.
Press any key to continue . . .
```

Figure 52: Output

The full procedural output of the steps carried out above can be seen in figure 53 below.

```
C:\Users\jmcel\Desktop\Password Cracker\Release\Password Cracker.exe
Would you like to:
1: Hash an input?
2: Attempt to crack a hash?
Would you like to attempt to crack:
1: All Hashes supported
2: Certain Hash
Please enter the type of hash you are wanting to crack
2: MD5
3: SHA-224
4: SHA-256
5: SHA-384
6: SHA-512
>> 2
Please enter the hash you would like to crack:
>> 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
Please enter the filename with the correct extension for the dictionary attack:
>> Wordlist.txt
Would you like to view all attempted password? (1 for Yes or 0 for No)
Please note this will increase the time taken to crack the password drastically
Please select from the following:

    Specify number of threads
    Detect Maximum threads

Initialising password crack...
Hash: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
Cracked Password: password
Number of attempts to crack the password: 330
Cracking the password took 8 ms. It was using the MD5 hash method. It was found using the Dictionary attack.
Press any key to continue . . . _
```

Figure 53: Full Procedure

These steps are repeated 5 times for each of the hashes listed above for each hashing algorithm. The results of the carried-out procedure can be seen below. These numbers are relative to the machine they are running on as the CPU speed and core/thread count is an essential aspect to the program running. The following results were carried out on an Intel Core i5 9600k, 6 Core 6 Thread CPU, overclocked to 4.8 GHz on all cores, with 32GB of 2666MHz DDR4 RAM. The results have been split into two separate tables, one of which records the average time that is taken to crack each hash, and one with the average number of attempts it takes to crack each hash.

MD5	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Time
password	8	9	10	9	8	8.8
qwerty	10	9	8	9	8	8.8
h4ck	13486	13514	13494	13596	13582	13534.4
SHA-224	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Time
password	9	10	10	8	8	9
qwerty	8	10	8	9	9	8.8
h4ck	25637	25728	25543	25677	25574	25631.8
SHA-256	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Time
password	8	8	10	10	10	9.2
qwerty	11	9	10	10	11	10.2
h4ck	28535	28738	28673	29715	29580	29048.2
SHA-384	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Time
password	8	9	9	10	11	9.4
qwerty	10	8	11	9	8	9.2
h4ck	43302	41663	41997	41515	41545	42004.4
SHA-512	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Time
password	11	12	11	9	9	10.4
qwerty	11	8	9	9	10	9.4
h4ck	54320	55396	52433	53170	56286	54321

Figure 54: Average Time Taken

		Number		Number	Number	
MD5	Number 1	2	Number 3	4	5	Average Attempts
password	330	266	643	449	491	435.8
qwerty	967	598	275	296	341	495.4
h4ck	6178847	6190666	6193037	6186701	6177655	6185381.2
SHA-224	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Attempts
password	457	291	1018	704	152	524.4
qwerty	136	622	166	338	489	350.2
h4ck	6130058	6115808	6112918	6107792	6118382	6116991.6
SHA-256	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Attempts
password	132	148	198	395	208	216.2
qwerty	416	216	459	515	503	421.8
h4ck	5681083	5762855	5769557	5932745	5967011	5822650.2
SHA-384	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Attempts
password	149	132	150	168	536	227
qwerty	260	92	505	89	94	208
h4ck	5692543	5413609	5393001	5403932	5409344	5462485.8
SHA-512	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3	Time 4	Time 5	Average Attempts
password	484	785	647	445	335	539.2
qwerty	481	180	351	229	413	330.8
h4ck	5424822	5436279	5375960	5446452	5451421	5426986.8

Figure 55: Average Attempts Taken

Taking the above results and plotting graphs from them shows the trend with each hashing algorithm. Looking at figure 56 and 57, it can be seen that the number of attempts to be able to crack the password drastically decreases with the complexity of the algorithm, with the number of attempted passwords for MD5 being over 6 million in the space of 13 seconds and SHA-512 having 5.4 million attempts in the space of 54 seconds. This is due to the drastic increase in time that it takes for one hash to be calculated for a more complex algorithm such as SHA-512, meaning that less attempts can be made in the same length of time for an easier algorithm to run.

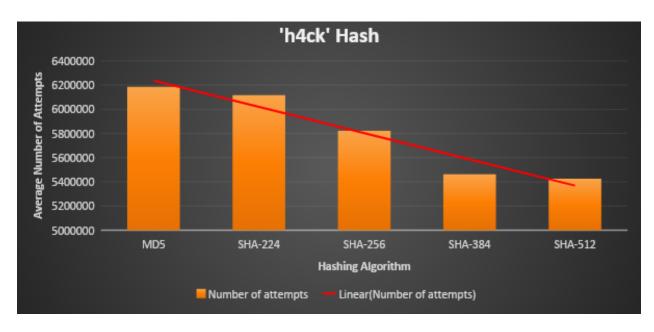


Figure 56: Number of Attempts again Hashing Algorithm

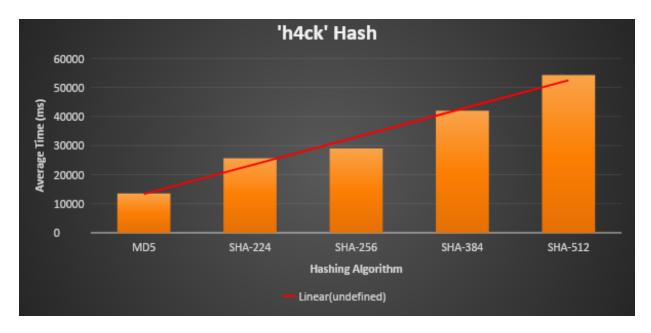


Figure 57: Time Taken for Each Hashing Algorithm

As can be seen from the gathered results, the SHA family of hashes, from the ones tested above, require a much longer time to be able to crack the same password used in all hashing algorithms. This means that there is a much lower number of passwords being attempted per second. MD5 can be seen to have many more attempts in a shorter time than SHA-256 and above algorithms. From the results, when attempting to crack a MD5 hash, the program attempts around 450,000 hashes per second, whereas SHA-256 attempts around 200,000 hashes and SHA-512 attempting around 100,000 per second. A lower

number of hashes attempted per second means that it would take a much longer time to be able to crack any hash.

Along with the high number of hashes that can be tested per second, another reason as to why MD5 being considered insecure for use is that as it has been out for a long time, there are large dictionary tables with cracked hashes in them showing the passwords in plain text. An example of an online dictionary is MD5Online (<a href="https://www.md5online.org/">https://www.md5online.org/</a>), they have over 1,150 billion cracked passwords using MD5 hashes, this means that 1,150 billion passwords have been cracked and are available to be checked online at any time. MD5 is also known to have hash collisions, this is where different data, when hashed, has the same hashed value as each other. In terms of a webserver and passwords in a database, this might mean that a different password could be used instead of the actual password, as they turn out to have the same hash value. This in turn indicates that the SHA family are a much more suitable hashing algorithm for securing sensitive data. SHA-512 is the most secure hashing algorithm out of the collection tested.

The implemented password cracker program allows for any inputted string to be hashed using one of the listed algorithms in the program. This can allow the user to keep their information secure by hashing any data that could be considered sensitive. The simple process of using the password cracker program to hash the entered value of "Hacklab" and return the hash:

"b7ec19d91682d9114dbfd3c30ccb60ec69684d5dea7ddeedf2def444ac334b8f44fd970b31229d195bdd8 38611a9b608abf587c1d48798e32ae17c0be5c7be4e" can be seen below in figure 58.

```
Would you like to:
1: Hash an input?
2: Attempt to crack a hash?
>> 1

What hash would you like to use
1: MD5
2: SHA-224
3: SHA-224
3: SHA-384
5: SHA-384
5: SHA-512
>> 5

Please enter the string you would like to hash
>> Hacklab
String: Hacklab
Produced Hash: b7ec19d91682d9114dbfd3c30ccb60ec69684d5dea7ddeedf2def444ac334b8f44fd970b31229d195bdd838611a9b608abf587c1d48798e32ae17c0be5c7be4e
Press any key to continue . . . ■
```

Figure 58: Hashing a value

# 3 Discussion

# 3.1 GENERAL DISCUSSION

All sensitive data in the modern day must be secured to prevent from malicious attackers gaining access to any sensitive information that may be transferred over a network or being stored on a computer and or database. This can be carried out using the methods discussed in this paper, using RSA through HTTPS or Kleopatra to transfer data and using hashing algorithms to store data securely. Without securing data properly, information can be captured and cracked by attackers with a malicious intent. Be this over a network or through a database, every aspect of the data transport life must be taken into consideration, without this user's information would be at risk.

Not hashing passwords with a suitable hashing algorithm can have a devastating effect. If a password database was to use the MD5 hashing algorithm as standard, if exploited and leaked. The passwords could easily be cracked in a very short time when compared to other algorithms. Using algorithms such as Sha-256, SHA-384, SHA-512 should be the standard in the modern day. These algorithms take more time to run which means that less attempts can be made per second at cracking the hash. These algorithms also do not currently have the large databases of already cracked hashes available like MD5 does. This in turn allows for a much more secure method in storing passwords.

# 3.2 COUNTERMEASURES

When trusting a website for using SSL/TLS encryption, it is possible to gain a fake SSL certificate. This means that it may appear that the network traffic is going to be sent encrypted and securely, this would however not be the case as the webserver would not actually have the encryption activated, it would just appear as it did. In conjunction with this, it is possible to have a fake 'padlock' at in the URL bar of a website. Again, this appears to be genuine but can trick the user into thinking that their traffic will be secure when being transmitted.

One of the possible countermeasures to the hashing algorithms discussed above has already been presented and tested in section 2.5 above. Password crackers can be used to brute force and/or dictionary attack any found hashes. Depending on the hardware used to run the password crackers, hundreds of thousands of passwords can be attempted per second to try and crack these passwords.

## 3.3 Conclusions

In conclusion to this paper, all sensitive data being sent or stored should be handled correctly and either be encrypted, hashed or obscured in a way that makes it very difficult for the attacker as can be seen using HTTP in the modern day to send data between points is not a secure way of transmitting data. HTTPS should always be used over HTTP when necessary. If unable to use HTTPS, then another encryption method such as Kleopatra should be used as a secure method in transferring data. Both of these methods use RSA encryption and are considered a secure way of transmitting data.

In conclusion to the gathered results from the password cracker, it can be seen that SHA-512 is the most secure hashing algorithm tested above, however it may be more suitable for smaller businesses that may not have the required computing power to use SHA-256 instead of SHA-512 as it takes longer to hash. SHA-256 is still considered a secure hashing algorithm but with more secure options available, consideration into what is being stored must be taken. MD5 should not be used to store any sensitive information as it is no longer considered secure due to the many vulnerabilities found in the algorithm.

# 3.4 FUTURE WORK

If more time was available, more research would be put into the mathematics and equations behind the different hashing algorithms such as MD5 and the SHA family of algorithms. This would allow for a further insight into the differences in mathematics between the algorithms and why one would be considered more complex and secure that the other.

More research could be carried out to find other methods of sending data securely over a network. This could include other types of encryption methods such as AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) or TripleDES (Triple Data Encryption Standard). Demonstrations of these methods along with explanations of the mathematics behind these methods could be researched and demonstrated to allow for a fuller understanding and comparison between each method.

Methods in which to try and break these types of encryption methods could be researched into and possibly demonstrated to indicate how strong each method is for securing data. Tools could possibly be developed like the password cracker used in this paper.

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**APPENDICES** 

APPENDIX A - OPENPGP CERTIFICATE

This is a revocation certificate for the OpenPGP key:

pub rsa2048 2020-03-31 [S]

11221E6CD14332A558C0331490B6F1F5066EFBA3

uid Johhny (Test Account) <johncreee@gmail.com>

A revocation certificate is a kind of "kill switch" to publicly declare that a key shall not anymore be used. It is not possible to retract such a revocation certificate once it has been published.

Use it to revoke this key in case of a compromise or loss of the secret key. However, if the secret key is still accessible, it is better to generate a new revocation certificate and give a reason for the revocation. For details see the description of of the gpg command "--generate-revocation" in the GnuPG manual.

To avoid an accidental use of this file, a colon has been inserted before the 5 dashes below. Remove this colon with a text editor before importing and publishing this revocation certificate.

:----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

Comment: This is a revocation certificate

iQE2BCABCAAgFiEEESIebNFDMqVYwDMUkLbx9QZu+6MFAl6DdasCHQAACgkQkLbx

9QZu+6PHzwf/VmS34ctOwp1JcABpyKdWE3P0TmwJURGqsw1ttYzT6bwtbBrlWcj1 qm6fLKrHrZTDe826kCHKrjRWwgPwqssZDBktyEP50vHiBsqBjlVhMA2/uXW2qvom RryiBXGgaCihPTm5SKflxY6QEb/hgX3o65mKGG29sGlLswPjgmNcnLVnRnrjkVAm Hz+9YJf5KrjNmZEJnLHqv8mlT5O6q24KpvHBpk/pX6FAuxpU43K3nqNi+NQD4H4H x22tYQhWJRls7CUjNa5/XopTkm4MLh4++9t1iKVE2aPX9wXAI7A5rEh+PqT08DKl J4rWulRebebGLdL8u38WlXHh2820d0LzNA==

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----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

# APPENDIX B - PUBLIC KEY

-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

mQENBF6DdYgBCAC0n7AC719PcazllMfLZi4U0ThJcO7kc/FpHkvPsM/Faoab7ClS Xuv66DZGGN/Axyk92CYrlBBqwHQHS0aPSMSqJi2CwEke/C3ne2YybPGe3p7s4Fjp AI2wDCtEtr6PoztmA8P9BTuzw/4mV15XQRkSbWaJZX84o3a0n2NXXqTLxudr5sSa AealgXd0lcxXDINX+Rs0l4udfWYJpmDn8E3J5NVfeqPu4sqL0qWNWBQLCxolsh/L 8S02xKXyhdmzBlv8DJ4rAY7O5vHSHHT0LuZCFeNnA6bc+CriRTWS0MmaxWG6KRcq xaLrKoa30ZHkeQZzEOg2+gCNV6/5Ui5m9PqHABEBAAG0K0pvaGhueSAoVGVzdCBB Y2NvdW50KSA8am9obmNyZWVlQGdtYWlsLmNvbT6JAU4EEwEIADgWlQQRIh5s0UMy pVjAMxSQtvH1Bm77owUCXoN1iAlbAwULCQgHAgYVCgkICwIEFgIDAQIeAQIXgAAK CRCQtvH1Bm77o3bmCACenGKUng6jUIBezjSJC7ZEEyUxiFKeDKxsgLLSpQAK3wVi U0P19R1hhY2jDs79hFRNvZYTk2+scZtk3s9VawIMC69kuf5ZFtVRuoEMz9t+cOsk +QsSP3GWfeQ95qPqjNX124y1A0IyNh923bzgFvfQhRB19py6YOGz0648k+Gig/W1 PKJM5pcHY7ehOoglN+zDUraHYNGI+kvA1X+UeaC3TRqevwGtSFmo6eWJkvuKobzJ 96DmL+8983YTAdXgLU6gSs3L9IakIJcOiHAC7iI7721kEIR937LljQz8F/ulRkBx 4a/uY4QWBE4eju1HXdNoPtG3AE/BOTiMy8+hFBIWuQENBF6DdYgBCAC7Eur2vbmG WyuaoYN5DsukGxllXM6Ij75ItN1b5QUbHuJa7+8SMtr9fHNvyNEgxkv/a76R+ucq zLRJZcL4SGbEnnhmNei+fgb8RTLNkpyysNtD9iejQAEzU7Dn1/fjnX4rJ3P0iZr/

MBj/42KxIX20Awgwa30jeBYDOaQSo2ixVZTT513SdJLImmVlh6J1PUJgJ9JQzF3o

OTKHAYRogUOPH6j/ra+zcjcHGGxvkDO3XMmBJuqqhK4FTbMO3l0gWLKHdDx+ivqv

6mDh0fBUxqoEhy4Dkt+pDWnOHGkDoRamAb1OWf0qPqN5U9pdpTTdibIUoNFvj0ks

Cv8pARuwSaQXABEBAAGJATYEGAEIACAWIQQRIh5s0UMypVjAMxSQtvH1Bm77owUC

XoN1iAlbDAAKCRCQtvH1Bm77o3slCACgaaDTcTE1eE2M6a3xn1F+vCCUZEZgDETo

LFel/rm+Zhgp4mRFr7Y0p1Y6B+l9o6wNzDFUoZOx/avxojEyA7qbkCKE/6p6hQ2B

ObEFLsc0tWOoAb5k2iA5TgztMs4VCDihFtX+PQw3fAraIDZL988kp/y3w9pEnG75

KDwCHH4FeLiYdhnokFYFB7EkFC4mWZlzLW6s2QKmiXSeN9l9f1AJSXCfz2ZUqTbs

MnRtDb1+GN4V2ShbvPEbVSFZkE14vC7BVXqMzEZSqXwLUUss+nKPFxDCBlKd3Qiy

3x6CpABCYTbshRNqPHxH48d0rhEDkxgLzS7mE/RroY+kGjbg+m+/

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----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

# Appendix C - Multi-Threaded Password Cracker

# Source.cpp

```
// Multi-Threaded password cracker implemented by Jonah McElfatrick
// The hash algorithms compatible with this algorithm are MD5, SHA224, SHA256, SHA384 and
SHA512
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http://www.zedwood.com/article/cpp-sha224-function
http://www.zedwood.com/article/cpp-sha256-function
http://www.zedwood.com/article/cpp-sha384-function
http://www.zedwood.com/article/cpp-sha512-function
using namespace std;
using std::chrono::duration cast;
using std::chrono::milliseconds;
// Define the alias "the_clock" for the clock type we're going to use.
typedef std::chrono::steady_clock the_clock;
// Mutex for when calculating the hash
mutex hash_mutex;
// Mutex for when displaying the current attempted password
mutex cout_mutex;
condition variable counter cv;
mutex counter_mutex;
bool counter bool;
// Bool to identify if the password has been found or not
bool done = false;
```

```
// String for the found password
string FoundPassword;
// Counter
int counter = 0;
string method;
string hashMethod;
const char CapitaLetters[26] =
const char LowerCaseLetters[26] =
const char Symbols[22] =
const char Numbers[10] =
```

```
// If they match then the password has been found, else it continues on till the end of the file
void DictionaryAttack(string filename, string inputHash, int hashChoice, int display) {
        // Variable for the contents of the file
        string contents;
        ifstream file(filename, ios_base::binary);
        if (!file.good()) {
                cout << "Unable to open Text File";</pre>
                system("pause");
        else {
entered hash
                while (file >> contents && !done) {
attempt to the counter variable
                        counter_bool = true;
                        counter_cv.notify_one();
                        // Check to see if the user wants to print out current password being
                        // Mutex's used to allow for a clean output on which password is being
                        if (display == 1) {
                                cout_mutex.lock();
                                cout << contents << endl;</pre>
                                cout_mutex.unlock();
                        // Initialise hash variable to store the hashed attempted password
                        string hash = "";
                        if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 2) {
                                // Hash the password using MD5
                                hash mutex.lock();
                                hash = md5(contents);
                                hash_mutex.unlock();
                                // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to
the inputted hash in MD5
                                if (hash == inputHash) {
                                         hashMethod = "MD5";
                                         cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                         cout mutex.lock();
```

```
done = true;
                                       FoundPassword = contents;
                                       method = "Dictionary";
                                       cout_mutex.unlock();
                       if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 3) {
                               hash mutex.lock();
                               hash = sha224(contents);
                               hash_mutex.unlock();
                               // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to
                               if (hash == inputHash) {
                                       hashMethod = "SHA-224";
                                       cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                       cout_mutex.lock();
                                       done = true;
                                       FoundPassword = contents;
                                       method = "Dictionary";
                                       cout_mutex.unlock();
                       if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 4) {
                               hash_mutex.lock();
                               hash = sha256(contents);
                               hash_mutex.unlock();
                               // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to
the inputted hash in SHA256
                               if (hash == inputHash) {
                                       hashMethod = "SHA-256";
                                       cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                       cout mutex.lock();
                                       done = true;
                                       FoundPassword = contents;
                                       method = "Dictionary";
                                       cout_mutex.unlock();
                       if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 5) {
```

```
hash mutex.lock();
                                hash = sha384(contents);
                                hash_mutex.unlock();
                                // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to
                               if (hash == inputHash) {
                                        hashMethod = "SHA-384";
                                        cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                        cout mutex.lock();
                                        done = true;
                                        FoundPassword = contents;
                                        method = "Dictionary";
                                        cout_mutex.unlock();
                        if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 6) {
                                hash_mutex.lock();
                                hash = sha512(contents);
                                hash_mutex.unlock();
                                // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to
the inputted hash in SHA512
                               if (hash == inputHash) {
                                        hashMethod = "SHA-512";
                                        cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                        cout_mutex.lock();
                                        done = true;
                                        FoundPassword = contents;
                                        method = "Dictionary";
                                        cout_mutex.unlock();
        // Closes the input textfile
        file.close();
// Tries every iteration or possibility from lowercase letters, uppercase letters, numbers and symbols.
// For each thread running this function they are calculating it for different lengths, for example thread
```

```
one will calculate for a password string length of 1
// thread two will calculate for a password string length of 2, thread three will calculate for a password
string length of 3 and so on.
void BruteForce(int stringlength, string s, string inputHash, int hashChoice, int display) {
        // Check to see if the password has been found, if so will start the return process on all
iterations of the function
       if (done) return;
       string pwordattempt;
       // Checks to see if the attempted password length for the thread has been reached to then
check if the attempted password is equal to the actual password
       if (stringlength == 0)
the counter variable
                counter bool = true;
                counter_cv.notify_one();
                // Check to see if the user wants to print out current password being attempted
                // Mutex's used to allow for a clean output on which password is being attempted
                if (display == 1) {
                        cout mutex.lock();
                        cout << s << endl;
                        cout mutex.unlock();
                // Initialise hash variable to store the hashed attempted password
                string hash = "";
                if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 2) {
                        // Hash the password using MD5
                        hash_mutex.lock();
                        hash = md5(s);
                        hash_mutex.unlock();
                        // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to the
inputted hash in MD5
                        if (hash == inputHash) {
                                hashMethod = "MD5";
                                cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                cout_mutex.lock();
                                done = true;
                                FoundPassword = s;
                                method = "Brute Force";
                                cout_mutex.unlock();
```

```
if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 3) {
                        hash mutex.lock();
                        hash = sha224(s);
                        hash_mutex.unlock();
                       // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to the
inputted hash in SHA224
                       if (hash == inputHash) {
                               hashMethod = "SHA-224";
                               cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                cout mutex.lock();
                                done = true;
                                FoundPassword = s;
                                method = "Brute Force";
                                cout_mutex.unlock();
               if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 4) {
                        hash_mutex.lock();
                        hash = sha256(s);
                        hash_mutex.unlock();
                        // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to the
                        if (hash == inputHash) {
                               hashMethod = "SHA-256";
                               cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                               cout_mutex.lock();
                                done = true;
                                FoundPassword = s;
                               method = "Brute Force";
                                cout_mutex.unlock();
               if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 5) {
                       hash mutex.lock();
                        hash = sha384(s);
                        hash_mutex.unlock();
                        // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to the
```

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inputted hash in SHA384
                        if (hash == inputHash) {
                                hashMethod = "SHA-384";
                                cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                cout mutex.lock();
                                done = true;
                                FoundPassword = s;
                                method = "Brute Force";
                                cout_mutex.unlock();
               if (hashChoice == 1 | | hashChoice == 6) {
                        hash_mutex.lock();
                        hash = sha512(s);
                        hash_mutex.unlock();
                       // Checks to see if the current hashed attempted password is equal to the
                       if (hash == inputHash) {
                               hashMethod = "SHA-512";
                                cout << endl << "Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
                                cout_mutex.lock();
                                done = true;
                                FoundPassword = s;
                                method = "Brute Force";
                                cout_mutex.unlock();
       for (int i = 0; i < 26 && !done; i++) // iterate through alphabet
               // Append new character onto the string
               // Loop for lowercase letters
               pwordattempt = s + LowerCaseLetters[i];
                BruteForce(stringlength - 1, pwordattempt, inputHash, hashChoice, display);
       // Loop for capital letters
       for (int j = 0; j < 26 \&\& !done; j++) {
               pwordattempt = s + CapitaLetters[j];
                BruteForce(stringlength - 1, pwordattempt, inputHash, hashChoice, display);
```

```
for (int x = 0; x < 22 && !done; x++) {
                pwordattempt = s + Symbols[x];
                BruteForce(stringlength - 1, pwordattempt, inputHash, hashChoice, display);
        // Loop for numbers
        for (int y = 0; y < 10 && !done; y++) {
                pwordattempt = s + Numbers[y];
                BruteForce(stringlength - 1, pwordattempt, inputHash, hashChoice, display);
int validateInt(int min, int max, int choice) {
        while (choice < min || choice > max) {
                cout << "Invalid Input" << endl;</pre>
                cout << "Please enter a value from the range above: " << endl << ">>> ";
                cin >> choice;
                cout << endl;</pre>
        return choice;
// Receive the choice of which hashing algorithm the password was hashed with
int ReceiveChoiceInput() {
        int choice;
        cout << "Would you like to attempt to crack:" << endl << "1: All Hashes supported" << endl <<</pre>
"2: Certain Hash" << endl << ">> ";
        cin >> choice;
        cout << endl;
        validateInt(1, 2, choice);
        if (choice == 2) {
                cout << "Please enter the type of hash you are wanting to crack" << endl << "2: MD5"</pre>
<< endl << "3: SHA-224" << endl << "4: SHA-256" << endl << "5: SHA-384" << endl << "6: SHA-512" <<
endl << ">> ";
                cin >> choice;
                cout << endl;
                validateInt(2, 6, choice);
        return choice;
// Receive the hash that is trying to be cracked
string ReceiveHashInput() {
        string hash;
```

```
cout << "Please enter the hash you would like to crack: " << endl << ">>> ";
        cin >> hash;
        cout << endl;
        return hash;
string ReceiveFilename() {
        string filename;
        cout << "Please enter the filename with the correct extension for the dictionary attack: " <<
endl << ">> ";
        cin >> filename;
        cout << endl;</pre>
        return filename;
// Function for receiving the number of threads that will run depending on how many characters the
int ReceiveThreads() {
        int threadNumber;
        int choice;
computer's CPU
        cout << "Please select from the following: " << endl << "1: Specify number of threads" << endl
<< "2: Detect Maximum threads" << endl << ">> ";
        cin >> choice;
        cout << endl;
        validateInt(1, 2, choice);
        if (choice == 1) {
                cout << "Please enter the number of characters you would like to try to crack: " <<</p>
endl << ">> ":
                cin >> threadNumber;
                cout << endl;
                // Validate the input is no more than 6 characters long
                validateInt(1, 10, threadNumber);
                // Returning threadNumber + 2 as there is 2 threads needed extra, one for the
                threadNumber += 2;
        else {
```

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threadNumber = thread::hardware concurrency();
        return threadNumber;
// Function to receive the choice to display the current attempted password
int receiveDisplayChoice() {
        int choice;
        cout << "Would you like to view all attempted password? (1 for Yes or 0 for No)" << endl <<
"Please note this will increase the time taken to crack the password drastically" << endl << ">> ";
        cin >> choice;
        cout << endl;</pre>
       choice = validateInt(0, 1, choice);
        return choice;
int ReceiveMethodChoice() {
       int choice;
        cout << "Would you like to:" << endl << "1: Hash an input? " << endl << "2: Attempt to crack a
hash? " << endl << ">> ";
       cin >> choice;
       cout << endl;
       choice = validateInt(1, 2, choice);
       return choice;
void numberCounter() {
        while (!done)
                unique_lock<mutex> mylock(counter mutex);
                while (!done && counter_bool == false) {
                        counter_cv.wait(mylock);
                if (done)
                counter += 1;
                counter_bool = false;
void hashFunction() {
       // Initialise variables for selecting the hash choice, the string to be hashed and the calculated
```

```
int hashChoice;
        string stringToHash;
        string hash;
        cout << "What hash would you like to use" << endl << "1: MD5" << endl << "2: SHA-224" <<
endl << "3: SHA-256" << endl << "4: SHA-384" << endl << "5: SHA-512" << endl << ">>> ";
        cin >> hashChoice;
        cout << endl;
        hashChoice = validateInt(1, 5, hashChoice);
        cout << "Please enter the string you would like to hash" << endl << ">>> ";
        cin >> stringToHash;
        cout << endl;</pre>
        switch (hashChoice)
        case 1: hash = md5(stringToHash); break;
        case 2: hash = sha224(stringToHash); break;
        case 3: hash = sha256(stringToHash); break;
        case 4: hash = sha384(stringToHash); break;
        case 5: hash = sha512(stringToHash); break;
        cout << "String: " << stringToHash << endl << "Produced Hash: " << hash << endl;</pre>
int main()
        //Initialise variable for storing the filename of the wordlist being used
        string filename;
        // Choice of which hash is being used
        int hashChoice = 0;
        // The inputted hash that is the target goal to crack
        string inputHash = "";
        int attempts;
        // Length of the string being attempted as the password
        int stringlength = 1;
```

```
int threadNumber;
       // Choice to display attempted passwords or not
       int display;
        int methodChoice;
        methodChoice = ReceiveMethodChoice();
        // Check to see what method has been chosen
       if (methodChoice == 1) {
                hashFunction();
        else {
                // Receive the which hashing algorithm is being used
                hashChoice = ReceiveChoiceInput();
                // Receive the hash that is being broken
                inputHash = ReceiveHashInput();
                // Receive the name of the text file that is being used in the dictionary attack
                filename = ReceiveFilename();
                // Receive the choice to display the attempted passwords or not
                display = receiveDisplayChoice();
                threadNumber = ReceiveThreads();
                cout << "Initialising password crack...";</pre>
                // Start the clock
                the_clock::time_point start = the_clock::now();
                // Initialise vector of threads
                vector<thread> tvector = {};
                tvector.push_back(thread(numberCounter));
                // Initialising threads each cracking the password for a different length
                while (stringlength < (threadNumber - 1)) {</pre>
                        tvector.push_back(thread(BruteForce, stringlength, "", inputHash,
hashChoice, display));
```

```
stringlength++;
                tvector.push_back(thread(DictionaryAttack, filename, inputHash, hashChoice,
display));
                // Join all working threads
                for (int i = 1; i < threadNumber; i++) {</pre>
                        tvector[i].join();
                // Display the cracked password if found and the number of tries to crack it
                if (done) {
                        cout << "Cracked Password: " << FoundPassword << endl;</pre>
                        cout << "Number of attempts to crack the password: " << counter << endl;</pre>
                //Display password not found
                else {
                        cout << "Password not found" << endl;</pre>
                the_clock::time_point end = the_clock::now();
                auto time taken = duration cast<milliseconds>(end - start).count();
                cout << "Cracking the password took " << time_taken << " ms. " << "It was using the "</pre>
<< hashMethod << " hash method. " << "It was found using the " << method << " attack." << endl;
                // Notify and join the thread that is running the counter loop to count the number of
                counter_cv.notify_one();
                (tvector.front()).join();
        system("pause");
        return 0;
```

Md5.h

```
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#ifndef BZF MD5 H
#define BZF MD5 H
#define _CRT_SECURE_NO_WARNINGS
// a small class for calculating MD5 hashes of strings or byte arrays
     3) get hexdigest() string
```

```
// assumes that char is 8 bit and int is 32 bit
class MD5
        typedef unsigned int size_type; // must be 32bit
        MD5();
        MD5(const std::string& text);
        void update(const unsigned char *buf, size_type length);
        void update(const char *buf, size_type length);
        MD5& finalize();
        std::string hexdigest() const;
        friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream&, MD5 md5);</pre>
        void init();
        typedef unsigned char uint1; // 8bit
        typedef unsigned int uint4; // 32bit
        enum { blocksize = 64 }; // VC6 won't eat a const static int here
        void transform(const uint1 block[blocksize]);
        static void decode(uint4 output[], const uint1 input[], size_type len);
        static void encode(uint1 output[], const uint4 input[], size_type len);
        bool finalized;
        uint1 buffer[blocksize]; // bytes that didn't fit in last 64 byte chunk
        uint4 count[2]; // 64bit counter for number of bits (lo, hi)
        uint4 state[4]; // digest so far
        uint1 digest[16]; // the result
        // low level logic operations
        static inline uint4 F(uint4 x, uint4 y, uint4 z);
        static inline uint4 G(uint4 x, uint4 y, uint4 z);
        static inline uint4 H(uint4 x, uint4 y, uint4 z);
        static inline uint4 I(uint4 x, uint4 y, uint4 z);
        static inline uint4 rotate_left(uint4 x, int n);
        static inline void FF(uint4 &a, uint4 b, uint4 c, uint4 d, uint4 x, uint4 s, uint4 ac);
        static inline void GG(uint4 &a, uint4 b, uint4 c, uint4 d, uint4 x, uint4 s, uint4 ac);
        static inline void HH(uint4 &a, uint4 b, uint4 c, uint4 d, uint4 x, uint4 s, uint4 ac);
        static inline void II(uint4 &a, uint4 b, uint4 c, uint4 d, uint4 x, uint4 s, uint4 ac);
std::string md5(const std::string str);
```

#### Sha224.h

```
#ifndef SHA224 H
#define SHA224 H
class SHA224
       typedef unsigned char uint8;
       typedef unsigned int uint32;
       typedef unsigned long long uint64;
       const static uint32 sha256_k[];
       static const unsigned int SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE = (512 / 8);
       void init();
       void update(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int len);
       void final(unsigned char *digest);
       static const unsigned int DIGEST_SIZE = (224 / 8);
protected:
       void transform(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int block_nb);
       unsigned int m_tot_len;
       unsigned int m_len;
       unsigned char m_block[2 * SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE];
       uint32 m_h[8];
std::string sha224(std::string input);
#define SHA2_MAJ(x, y, z) ((x & y) ^{(x \& z)} (y & z))
#define SHA2_UNPACK32(x, str)
```

```
{
    *((str) + 3) = (uint8) ((x) );
    *((str) + 2) = (uint8) ((x) >> 8);
    *((str) + 1) = (uint8) ((x) >> 16);
    *((str) + 0) = (uint8) ((x) >> 24);
}

#define SHA2_PACK32(str, x)  \
{
    *(x) = ((uint32) *((str) + 3) ) \
    | ((uint32) *((str) + 2) << 8) \
    | ((uint32) *((str) + 1) << 16) \
    | ((uint32) *((str) + 0) << 24);
}

#endif
```

#### Sha256.h

```
#ifndef SHA256_H
#define SHA256_H
#define _CRT_SECURE_NO_WARNINGS
#include <string>

class SHA256
{
    protected:
        typedef unsigned char uint8;
        typedef unsigned int uint32;
        typedef unsigned long long uint64;

        const static uint32 sha256_k[];
        static const unsigned int SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE = (512 / 8);

public:
        void init();
        void update(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int len);
        void final(unsigned char *digest);
        static const unsigned int DIGEST_SIZE = (256 / 8);

protected:
        void transform(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int block_nb);
        unsigned int m_tot_len;
```

```
unsigned int m len;
        unsigned char m_block[2 * SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE];
        uint32 m_h[8];
std::string sha256(std::string input);
#define SHA2_MAJ(x, y, z) ((x & y) ^{(x \& z)} (y & z))
#define SHA256 F4(x) (SHA2 ROTR(x, 17) ^ SHA2 ROTR(x, 19) ^ SHA2 SHFR(x, 10))
#define SHA2_UNPACK32(x, str)
  *((str) + 3) = (uint8) ((x) );
  *((str) + 1) = (uint8) ((x) >> 16);
  *((str) + 0) = (uint8) ((x) >> 24);
#define SHA2_PACK32(str, x)
```

#### Sha384.h

```
typedef unsigned long long uint64;
        const static uint64 sha512 k[];
        static const unsigned int SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE = (1024 / 8);
        void init();
        void update(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int len);
        void final(unsigned char *digest);
        static const unsigned int DIGEST_SIZE = (384 / 8);
protected:
        void transform(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int block_nb);
        unsigned int m tot len;
        unsigned int m_len;
        unsigned char m block[2 * SHA384 512 BLOCK SIZE];
        uint64 m_h[8];
std::string sha384(std::string input);
#define SHA2 SHFR(x, n) (x >> n)
#define SHA2 ROTL(x, n) ((x << n) | (x >> ((sizeof(x) << 3) - n)))
#define SHA2 MAJ(x, y, z) ((x \& y) \land (x \& z) \land (y \& z))
#define SHA2_UNPACK32(x, str)
  *((str) + 3) = (uint8)((x));
  *((str) + 2) = (uint8) ((x) >> 8);
  *((str) + 1) = (uint8) ((x) >> 16);
  *((str) + 0) = (uint8) ((x) >> 24);
#define SHA2_UNPACK64(x, str)
  *((str) + 7) = (uint8)((x));
  *((str) + 6) = (uint8) ((x) >> 8);
  *((str) + 5) = (uint8) ((x) >> 16);
  *((str) + 4) = (uint8) ((x) >> 24);
  *((str) + 3) = (uint8) ((x) >> 32);
  *((str) + 2) = (uint8) ((x) >> 40);
  *((str) + 1) = (uint8) ((x) >> 48);
```

## Sha512.h

```
#ifndef SHA512_H
#include <string>

class SHA512
{
    protected:
        typedef unsigned char uint8;
        typedef unsigned int uint32;
        typedef unsigned long long uint64;

        const static uint64 sha512_k[];
        static const unsigned int SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE = (1024 / 8);

public:
        void init();
        void update(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int len);
        void final(unsigned char *digest);
        static const unsigned int DIGEST_SIZE = (512 / 8);

protected:
        void transform(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int block_nb);
        unsigned int m_tot_len;
```

```
unsigned int m len;
        unsigned char m_block[2 * SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE];
        uint64 m h[8];
std::string sha512(std::string input);
#define SHA2_MAJ(x, y, z) ((x & y) ^{(x \& z)} (y & z))
#define SHA512 F3(x) (SHA2 ROTR(x, 1) ^ SHA2 ROTR(x, 8) ^ SHA2 SHFR(x, 7))
#define SHA2_UNPACK32(x, str)
  *((str) + 2) = (uint8) ((x) >> 8);
  *((str) + 1) = (uint8) ((x) >> 16);
  *((str) + 0) = (uint8) ((x) >> 24);
#define SHA2 UNPACK64(x, str)
  *((str) + 7) = (uint8)((x));
  *((str) + 6) = (uint8) ((x) >> 8);
  *((str) + 4) = (uint8) ((x) >> 24);
  *((str) + 3) = (uint8) ((x) >> 32);
  *((str) + 2) = (uint8) ((x) >> 40);
  *((str) + 1) = (uint8) ((x) >> 48);
  *((str) + 0) = (uint8) ((x) >> 56);
#define SHA2 PACK64(str, x)
  *(x) = ((uint64) * ((str) + 7) ) 
      | ((uint64) *((str) + 2) << 40) \
      | ((uint64) *((str) + 0) << 56); \
```

```
#endif
```

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```
// Constants for MD5Transform routine.
#define S11 7
#define S12 12
#define S13 17
#define S14 22
#define S21 5
#define S22 9
#define S23 14
#define S24 20
#define S31 4
#define S32 11
#define S33 16
#define S34 23
#define S41 6
#define S42 10
#define S43 15
inline MD5::uint4 MD5::F(uint4 x, uint4 y, uint4 z) {
        return x & y | ~x&z;
inline MD5::uint4 MD5::G(uint4 x, uint4 y, uint4 z) {
        return x & z | y & ~z;
inline MD5::uint4 MD5::H(uint4 x, uint4 y, uint4 z) {
        return x ^ y^z;
inline MD5::uint4 MD5::I(uint4 x, uint4 y, uint4 z) {
        return y ^(x | ^z);
inline MD5::uint4 MD5::rotate_left(uint4 x, int n) {
        return (x << n) | (x >> (32 - n));
inline void MD5::FF(uint4 &a, uint4 b, uint4 c, uint4 d, uint4 x, uint4 s, uint4 ac) {
        a = rotate_left(a + F(b, c, d) + x + ac, s) + b;
```

```
inline void MD5::GG(uint4 &a, uint4 b, uint4 c, uint4 d, uint4 x, uint4 s, uint4 ac) {
        a = rotate_left(a + G(b, c, d) + x + ac, s) + b;
inline void MD5::HH(uint4 &a, uint4 b, uint4 c, uint4 d, uint4 x, uint4 s, uint4 ac) {
        a = rotate_left(a + H(b, c, d) + x + ac, s) + b;
inline void MD5::II(uint4 &a, uint4 b, uint4 c, uint4 d, uint4 x, uint4 s, uint4 ac) {
        a = rotate_left(a + I(b, c, d) + x + ac, s) + b;
// default ctor, just initailize
MD5::MD5()
        init();
// nifty shortcut ctor, compute MD5 for string and finalize it right away
MD5::MD5(const std::string &text)
        init();
        update(text.c_str(), text.length());
        finalize();
void MD5::init()
        finalized = false;
        count[0] = 0;
        count[1] = 0;
        state[0] = 0x67452301;
        state[1] = 0xefcdab89;
        state[2] = 0x98badcfe;
        state[3] = 0x10325476;
```

```
void MD5::decode(uint4 output[], const uint1 input[], size_type len)
        for (unsigned int i = 0, j = 0; j < len; i++, j += 4)
                 output[i] = ((uint4)input[j]) | (((uint4)input[j + 1]) << 8) |
                 (((uint4)input[j + 2]) << 16) | (((uint4)input[j + 3]) << 24);
// a multiple of 4.
void MD5::encode(uint1 output[], const uint4 input[], size_type len)
        for (size type i = 0, j = 0; j < len; i++, j+= 4) {
                 output[j] = input[i] & 0xff;
                 output[j + 1] = (input[i] >> 8) & 0xff;
                 output[j + 2] = (input[i] >> 16) & 0xff;
                 output[j + 3] = (input[i] >> 24) \& 0xff;
// apply MD5 algo on a block
void MD5::transform(const uint1 block[blocksize])
        uint4 a = state[0], b = state[1], c = state[2], d = state[3], x[16];
        decode(x, block, blocksize);
        FF(a, b, c, d, x[0], S11, 0xd76aa478); /* 1 */
        FF(d, a, b, c, x[1], S12, 0xe8c7b756); /* 2 */
        FF(c, d, a, b, x[2], S13, 0x242070db); /* 3 */
        FF(b, c, d, a, x[3], S14, 0xc1bdceee); /* 4 */
        FF(a, b, c, d, x[4], S11, 0xf57c0faf); /* 5 */
        FF(d, a, b, c, x[5], S12, 0x4787c62a); /* 6 */
        FF(c, d, a, b, x[6], S13, 0xa8304613); /* 7 */
        FF(b, c, d, a, x[7], S14, 0xfd469501); /* 8 */
        FF(a, b, c, d, x[8], S11, 0x698098d8); /* 9 */
        FF(d, a, b, c, x[9], S12, 0x8b44f7af); /* 10 */
        FF(c, d, a, b, x[10], S13, 0xffff5bb1); /* 11 */
        FF(b, c, d, a, x[11], S14, 0x895cd7be); /* 12 */
        FF(a, b, c, d, x[12], S11, 0x6b901122); /* 13 */
        FF(d, a, b, c, x[13], S12, 0xfd987193); /* 14 */
```

```
FF(c, d, a, b, x[14], S13, 0xa679438e); /* 15 */
FF(b, c, d, a, x[15], S14, 0x49b40821); /* 16 */
/* Round 2 */
GG(a, b, c, d, x[1], S21, 0xf61e2562); /* 17 */
GG(d, a, b, c, x[6], S22, 0xc040b340); /* 18 */
GG(c, d, a, b, x[11], S23, 0x265e5a51); /* 19 */
GG(b, c, d, a, x[0], S24, 0xe9b6c7aa); /* 20 */
GG(a, b, c, d, x[5], S21, 0xd62f105d); /* 21 */
GG(d, a, b, c, x[10], S22, 0x2441453); /* 22 */
GG(c, d, a, b, x[15], S23, 0xd8a1e681); /* 23 */
GG(b, c, d, a, x[4], S24, 0xe7d3fbc8); /* 24 */
GG(a, b, c, d, x[9], S21, 0x21e1cde6); /* 25 */
GG(d, a, b, c, x[14], S22, 0xc33707d6); /* 26 */
GG(c, d, a, b, x[3], S23, 0xf4d50d87); /* 27 */
GG(b, c, d, a, x[8], S24, 0x455a14ed); /* 28 */
GG(a, b, c, d, x[13], S21, 0xa9e3e905); /* 29 */
GG(d, a, b, c, x[2], S22, 0xfcefa3f8); /* 30 */
GG(c, d, a, b, x[7], S23, 0x676f02d9); /* 31 */
GG(b, c, d, a, x[12], S24, 0x8d2a4c8a); /* 32 */
HH(a, b, c, d, x[5], S31, 0xfffa3942); /* 33 */
HH(d, a, b, c, x[8], S32, 0x8771f681); /* 34 */
HH(c, d, a, b, x[11], S33, 0x6d9d6122); /* 35 */
HH(b, c, d, a, x[14], S34, 0xfde5380c); /* 36 */
HH(a, b, c, d, x[1], S31, 0xa4beea44); /* 37 */
HH(d, a, b, c, x[4], S32, 0x4bdecfa9); /* 38 */
HH(c, d, a, b, x[7], S33, 0xf6bb4b60); /* 39 */
HH(b, c, d, a, x[10], S34, 0xbebfbc70); /* 40 */
HH(a, b, c, d, x[13], S31, 0x289b7ec6); /* 41 */
HH(d, a, b, c, x[0], S32, 0xeaa127fa); /* 42 */
HH(c, d, a, b, x[3], S33, 0xd4ef3085); /* 43 */
HH(b, c, d, a, x[6], S34, 0x4881d05); /* 44 */
HH(a, b, c, d, x[9], S31, 0xd9d4d039); /* 45 */
HH(d, a, b, c, x[12], S32, 0xe6db99e5); /* 46 */
HH(c, d, a, b, x[15], S33, 0x1fa27cf8); /* 47 */
HH(b, c, d, a, x[2], S34, 0xc4ac5665); /* 48 */
II(a, b, c, d, x[0], S41, 0xf4292244); /* 49 */
II(d, a, b, c, x[7], S42, 0x432aff97); /* 50 */
II(c, d, a, b, x[14], S43, 0xab9423a7); /* 51 */
II(b, c, d, a, x[5], S44, 0xfc93a039); /* 52 */
II(a, b, c, d, x[12], S41, 0x655b59c3); /* 53 */
II(d, a, b, c, x[3], S42, 0x8f0ccc92); /* 54 */
II(c, d, a, b, x[10], S43, 0xffeff47d); /* 55 */
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II(b, c, d, a, x[1], S44, 0x85845dd1); /* 56 */
        II(a, b, c, d, x[8], S41, 0x6fa87e4f); /* 57 */
        II(d, a, b, c, x[15], S42, 0xfe2ce6e0); /* 58 */
        II(c, d, a, b, x[6], S43, 0xa3014314); /* 59 */
        II(b, c, d, a, x[13], S44, 0x4e0811a1); /* 60 */
        II(a, b, c, d, x[4], S41, 0xf7537e82); /* 61 */
        II(d, a, b, c, x[11], S42, 0xbd3af235); /* 62 */
        II(c, d, a, b, x[2], S43, 0x2ad7d2bb); /* 63 */
        II(b, c, d, a, x[9], S44, 0xeb86d391); /* 64 */
        state[0] += a;
        state[1] += b;
        state[2] += c;
        state[3] += d;
        // Zeroize sensitive information.
        memset(x, 0, sizeof x);
// operation, processing another message block
void MD5::update(const unsigned char input[], size_type length)
        // compute number of bytes mod 64
        size type index = count[0] / 8 % blocksize;
        if ((count[0] += (length << 3)) < (length << 3))</pre>
                 count[1]++;
        count[1] += (length >> 29);
        // number of bytes we need to fill in buffer
        size_type firstpart = 64 - index;
        size_type i;
        if (length >= firstpart)
                 memcpy(&buffer[index], input, firstpart);
                 transform(buffer);
                 for (i = firstpart; i + blocksize <= length; i += blocksize)</pre>
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transform(&input[i]);
             index = 0;
      // buffer remaining input
       memcpy(&buffer[index], &input[i], length - i);
void MD5::update(const char input[], size_type length)
       update((const unsigned char*)input, length);
// MD5 finalization. Ends an MD5 message-digest operation, writing the
// the message digest and zeroizing the context.
MD5& MD5::finalize()
      static unsigned char padding[64] = {
       if (!finalized) {
             unsigned char bits[8];
             encode(bits, count, 8);
             size type index = count[0] / 8 \% 64;
             size_type padLen = (index < 56) ? (56 - index) : (120 - index);
             update(padding, padLen);
             update(bits, 8);
             // Store state in digest
              encode(digest, state, 16);
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memset(buffer, 0, sizeof buffer);
                memset(count, 0, sizeof count);
                finalized = true;
// return hex representation of digest as string
std::string MD5::hexdigest() const
        if (!finalized)
        char buf[33];
        for (int i = 0; i < 16; i++)
                sprintf(buf + i * 2, "%02x", digest[i]);
        buf[32] = 0;
        return std::string(buf);
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, MD5 md5)</pre>
        return out << md5.hexdigest();</pre>
std::string md5(const std::string str)
        MD5 md5 = MD5(str);
        return md5.hexdigest();
```

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#include "sha224.h"
const unsigned int SHA224::sha256 k[64] = //UL = uint32
{ 0x428a2f98, 0x71374491, 0xb5c0fbcf, 0xe9b5dba5,
0x3956c25b, 0x59f111f1, 0x923f82a4, 0xab1c5ed5,
0xd807aa98, 0x12835b01, 0x243185be, 0x550c7dc3,
0x72be5d74, 0x80deb1fe, 0x9bdc06a7, 0xc19bf174,
0xe49b69c1, 0xefbe4786, 0x0fc19dc6, 0x240ca1cc,
0x2de92c6f, 0x4a7484aa, 0x5cb0a9dc, 0x76f988da,
0x983e5152, 0xa831c66d, 0xb00327c8, 0xbf597fc7,
0xc6e00bf3, 0xd5a79147, 0x06ca6351, 0x14292967,
0x27b70a85, 0x2e1b2138, 0x4d2c6dfc, 0x53380d13,
0x650a7354, 0x766a0abb, 0x81c2c92e, 0x92722c85,
0xa2bfe8a1, 0xa81a664b, 0xc24b8b70, 0xc76c51a3,
0xd192e819, 0xd6990624, 0xf40e3585, 0x106aa070,
0x19a4c116, 0x1e376c08, 0x2748774c, 0x34b0bcb5,
0x391c0cb3, 0x4ed8aa4a, 0x5b9cca4f, 0x682e6ff3,
0x748f82ee, 0x78a5636f, 0x84c87814, 0x8cc70208,
0x90befffa, 0xa4506ceb, 0xbef9a3f7, 0xc67178f2 };
void SHA224::init()
       m h[0] = 0xc1059ed8;
       m_h[1] = 0x367cd507;
       m h[2] = 0x3070dd17;
       m_h[3] = 0xf70e5939;
       m_h[4] = 0xffc00b31;
       m h[5] = 0x68581511;
       m_h[6] = 0x64f98fa7;
       m_h[7] = 0xbefa4fa4;
       m_len = 0;
       m_{tot_len = 0;
void SHA224::update(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int len)
       unsigned int block nb;
       unsigned int new_len, rem_len, tmp_len;
       const unsigned char *shifted_message;
       tmp_len = SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE - m_len;
       rem_len = len < tmp_len ? len : tmp_len;</pre>
       memcpy(&m_block[m_len], message, rem_len);
       if (m_len + len < SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE) {
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m_len += len;
       new_len = len - rem_len;
       block_nb = new_len / SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE;
       shifted_message = message + rem_len;
       transform(m_block, 1);
       transform(shifted_message, block_nb);
       rem_len = new_len % SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE;
       memcpy(m_block, &shifted_message[block_nb << 6], rem_len);</pre>
       m_len = rem_len;
       m_tot_len += (block_nb + 1) << 6;
void SHA224::final(unsigned char *digest)
       unsigned int block_nb;
       unsigned int pm_len;
       unsigned int len_b;
       int i;
       block_nb = (1 + ((SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE - 9)
               < (m_len % SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE)));
       len_b = (m_tot_len + m_len) << 3;
       pm_len = block_nb << 6;
       memset(m_block + m_len, 0, pm_len - m_len);
       m_block[m_len] = 0x80;
       SHA2_UNPACK32(len_b, m_block + pm_len - 4);
       transform(m_block, block_nb);
       for (i = 0; i < 7; i++) {
               SHA2_UNPACK32(m_h[i], &digest[i << 2]);
void SHA224::transform(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int block_nb)
       uint32 w[64];
       uint32 wv[8];
       uint32 t1, t2;
       const unsigned char *sub_block;
       int i;
       int j;
       for (i = 0; i < (int)block_nb; i++) {</pre>
               sub block = message + (i << 6);
               for (j = 0; j < 16; j++) {
                       SHA2_PACK32(&sub_block[j << 2], &w[j]);
               for (j = 16; j < 64; j++) {
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w[j] = SHA256_F4(w[j-2]) + w[j-7] + SHA256_F3(w[j-15]) + w[j-7]
                for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
                        wv[j] = m_h[j];
                for (j = 0; j < 64; j++) {
                        t1 = wv[7] + SHA256_F2(wv[4]) + SHA2_CH(wv[4], wv[5], wv[6])
                                 + sha256_k[j] + w[j];
                        t2 = SHA256_F1(wv[0]) + SHA2_MAJ(wv[0], wv[1], wv[2]);
                        wv[7] = wv[6];
                        wv[6] = wv[5];
                        wv[5] = wv[4];
                        wv[4] = wv[3] + t1;
                        wv[3] = wv[2];
                        wv[2] = wv[1];
                        wv[1] = wv[0];
                        wv[0] = t1 + t2;
                for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
                        m_h[j] += wv[j];
std::string sha224(std::string input)
        unsigned char digest[SHA224::DIGEST_SIZE];
        memset(digest, 0, SHA224::DIGEST_SIZE);
        SHA224 ctx = SHA224();
        ctx.init();
        ctx.update((unsigned char*)input.c_str(), input.length());
        ctx.final(digest);
        char buf[2 * SHA224::DIGEST_SIZE + 1];
        buf[2 * SHA224::DIGEST SIZE] = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < SHA224::DIGEST_SIZE; i++)</pre>
                sprintf(buf + i * 2, "%02x", digest[i]);
        return std::string(buf);
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Sha256.cpp

```
#define CRT SECURE NO WARNINGS
#include "sha256.h"
const unsigned int SHA256::sha256 k[64] = //UL = uint32
{ 0x428a2f98, 0x71374491, 0xb5c0fbcf, 0xe9b5dba5,
0x3956c25b, 0x59f111f1, 0x923f82a4, 0xab1c5ed5,
0xd807aa98, 0x12835b01, 0x243185be, 0x550c7dc3,
0x72be5d74, 0x80deb1fe, 0x9bdc06a7, 0xc19bf174,
0xe49b69c1, 0xefbe4786, 0x0fc19dc6, 0x240ca1cc,
0x2de92c6f, 0x4a7484aa, 0x5cb0a9dc, 0x76f988da,
0x983e5152, 0xa831c66d, 0xb00327c8, 0xbf597fc7,
0xc6e00bf3, 0xd5a79147, 0x06ca6351, 0x14292967,
0x27b70a85, 0x2e1b2138, 0x4d2c6dfc, 0x53380d13,
0x650a7354, 0x766a0abb, 0x81c2c92e, 0x92722c85,
0xa2bfe8a1, 0xa81a664b, 0xc24b8b70, 0xc76c51a3,
0xd192e819, 0xd6990624, 0xf40e3585, 0x106aa070,
0x19a4c116, 0x1e376c08, 0x2748774c, 0x34b0bcb5,
0x391c0cb3, 0x4ed8aa4a, 0x5b9cca4f, 0x682e6ff3,
0x748f82ee, 0x78a5636f, 0x84c87814, 0x8cc70208,
0x90befffa, 0xa4506ceb, 0xbef9a3f7, 0xc67178f2 };
void SHA256::transform(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int block_nb)
       uint32 w[64];
       uint32 wv[8];
       uint32 t1, t2;
       const unsigned char *sub_block;
       int i;
       int j;
       for (i = 0; i < (int)block nb; i++) {
               sub_block = message + (i << 6);</pre>
               for (j = 0; j < 16; j++) {
                       SHA2_PACK32(&sub_block[j << 2], &w[j]);
               for (j = 16; j < 64; j++) {
                       w[j] = SHA256_F4(w[j-2]) + w[j-7] + SHA256_F3(w[j-15]) + w[j-7]
               for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
                       wv[j] = m_h[j];
               for (j = 0; j < 64; j++) {
                       t1 = wv[7] + SHA256_F2(wv[4]) + SHA2_CH(wv[4], wv[5], wv[6])
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+ sha256_k[j] + w[j];
                       t2 = SHA256_F1(wv[0]) + SHA2_MAJ(wv[0], wv[1], wv[2]);
                       wv[7] = wv[6];
                       wv[6] = wv[5];
                       wv[5] = wv[4];
                       wv[4] = wv[3] + t1;
                       wv[3] = wv[2];
                       wv[2] = wv[1];
                       wv[1] = wv[0];
                       wv[0] = t1 + t2;
               for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
                       m_h[j] += wv[j];
void SHA256::init()
       m_h[0] = 0x6a09e667;
       m_h[1] = 0xbb67ae85;
       m_h[2] = 0x3c6ef372;
       m_h[3] = 0xa54ff53a;
       m_h[4] = 0x510e527f;
       m h[5] = 0x9b05688c;
       m_h[6] = 0x1f83d9ab;
       m h[7] = 0x5be0cd19;
       m_len = 0;
       m_{tot_len} = 0;
void SHA256::update(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int len)
       unsigned int block nb;
       unsigned int new_len, rem_len, tmp_len;
       const unsigned char *shifted_message;
       tmp_len = SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE - m_len;
       rem_len = len < tmp_len ? len : tmp_len;
       memcpy(&m_block[m_len], message, rem_len);
       if (m_len + len < SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE) {</pre>
               m_len += len;
       new_len = len - rem_len;
       block nb = new len / SHA224 256_BLOCK_SIZE;
       shifted_message = message + rem_len;
       transform(m_block, 1);
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transform(shifted_message, block_nb);
        rem_len = new_len % SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE;
        memcpy(m_block, &shifted_message[block_nb << 6], rem_len);</pre>
        m_len = rem_len;
        m_tot_len += (block_nb + 1) << 6;
void SHA256::final(unsigned char *digest)
        unsigned int block nb;
        unsigned int pm_len;
        unsigned int len_b;
        int i;
        block_nb = (1 + ((SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE - 9)
                < (m_len % SHA224_256_BLOCK_SIZE)));
       len b = (m \text{ tot len} + m \text{ len}) << 3;
        pm_len = block_nb << 6;
        memset(m_block + m_len, 0, pm_len - m_len);
        m_block[m_len] = 0x80;
        SHA2_UNPACK32(len_b, m_block + pm_len - 4);
        transform(m_block, block_nb);
        for (i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
               SHA2_UNPACK32(m_h[i], &digest[i << 2]);
std::string sha256(std::string input)
        unsigned char digest[SHA256::DIGEST_SIZE];
        memset(digest, 0, SHA256::DIGEST_SIZE);
       SHA256 ctx = SHA256();
        ctx.init();
        ctx.update((unsigned char*)input.c_str(), input.length());
        ctx.final(digest);
        char buf[2 * SHA256::DIGEST_SIZE + 1];
        buf[2 * SHA256::DIGEST SIZE] = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < SHA256::DIGEST_SIZE; i++)</pre>
               sprintf(buf + i * 2, "%02x", digest[i]);
        return std::string(buf);
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## Sha384.cpp

```
#define _CRT_SECURE_NO_WARNINGS
#include "sha384.h"
const unsigned long long SHA384::sha512 k[80] = //ULL = uint64
{ 0x428a2f98d728ae22ULL, 0x7137449123ef65cdULL,
0xb5c0fbcfec4d3b2fULL, 0xe9b5dba58189dbbcULL,
0x3956c25bf348b538ULL, 0x59f111f1b605d019ULL,
0x923f82a4af194f9bULL, 0xab1c5ed5da6d8118ULL,
0xd807aa98a3030242ULL, 0x12835b0145706fbeULL,
0x243185be4ee4b28cULL, 0x550c7dc3d5ffb4e2ULL,
0x72be5d74f27b896fULL, 0x80deb1fe3b1696b1ULL,
0x9bdc06a725c71235ULL, 0xc19bf174cf692694ULL,
0xe49b69c19ef14ad2ULL, 0xefbe4786384f25e3ULL,
0x0fc19dc68b8cd5b5ULL, 0x240ca1cc77ac9c65ULL,
0x2de92c6f592b0275ULL, 0x4a7484aa6ea6e483ULL,
0x5cb0a9dcbd41fbd4ULL, 0x76f988da831153b5ULL,
0x983e5152ee66dfabULL, 0xa831c66d2db43210ULL,
0xb00327c898fb213fULL, 0xbf597fc7beef0ee4ULL,
0xc6e00bf33da88fc2ULL, 0xd5a79147930aa725ULL,
0x06ca6351e003826fULL, 0x142929670a0e6e70ULL,
0x27b70a8546d22ffcULL, 0x2e1b21385c26c926ULL,
0x4d2c6dfc5ac42aedULL, 0x53380d139d95b3dfULL,
0x650a73548baf63deULL, 0x766a0abb3c77b2a8ULL,
0x81c2c92e47edaee6ULL, 0x92722c851482353bULL,
0xa2bfe8a14cf10364ULL, 0xa81a664bbc423001ULL,
0xc24b8b70d0f89791ULL, 0xc76c51a30654be30ULL,
0xd192e819d6ef5218ULL, 0xd69906245565a910ULL,
0xf40e35855771202aULL, 0x106aa07032bbd1b8ULL,
0x19a4c116b8d2d0c8ULL, 0x1e376c085141ab53ULL,
0x2748774cdf8eeb99ULL, 0x34b0bcb5e19b48a8ULL,
0x391c0cb3c5c95a63ULL, 0x4ed8aa4ae3418acbULL,
0x5b9cca4f7763e373ULL, 0x682e6ff3d6b2b8a3ULL,
0x748f82ee5defb2fcULL, 0x78a5636f43172f60ULL,
0x84c87814a1f0ab72ULL, 0x8cc702081a6439ecULL,
0x90befffa23631e28ULL, 0xa4506cebde82bde9ULL,
0xbef9a3f7b2c67915ULL, 0xc67178f2e372532bULL,
0xca273eceea26619cULL, 0xd186b8c721c0c207ULL,
0xeada7dd6cde0eb1eULL, 0xf57d4f7fee6ed178ULL,
0x06f067aa72176fbaULL, 0x0a637dc5a2c898a6ULL,
0x113f9804bef90daeULL, 0x1b710b35131c471bULL,
0x28db77f523047d84ULL, 0x32caab7b40c72493ULL,
0x3c9ebe0a15c9bebcULL, 0x431d67c49c100d4cULL,
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0x4cc5d4becb3e42b6ULL, 0x597f299cfc657e2aULL,
0x5fcb6fab3ad6faecULL, 0x6c44198c4a475817ULL };
void SHA384::init()
       m_h[0] = 0xcbbb9d5dc1059ed8ULL;
       m_h[1] = 0x629a292a367cd507ULL;
       m h[2] = 0x9159015a3070dd17ULL;
       m_h[3] = 0x152fecd8f70e5939ULL;
       m_h[4] = 0x67332667ffc00b31ULL;
       m_h[5] = 0x8eb44a8768581511ULL;
       m_h[6] = 0xdb0c2e0d64f98fa7ULL;
       m_h[7] = 0x47b5481dbefa4fa4ULL;
       m len = 0;
       m_{tot_len = 0;
void SHA384::update(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int len)
       unsigned int block_nb;
       unsigned int new_len, rem_len, tmp_len;
       const unsigned char *shifted_message;
       tmp_len = SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE - m_len;
       rem_len = len < tmp_len ? len : tmp_len;</pre>
       memcpy(&m block[m len], message, rem len);
       if (m_len + len < SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE) {</pre>
               m len += len;
       new_len = len - rem_len;
       block_nb = new_len / SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE;
       shifted_message = message + rem_len;
       transform(m_block, 1);
       transform(shifted message, block nb);
       rem_len = new_len % SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE;
       memcpy(m_block, &shifted_message[block_nb << 7], rem_len);</pre>
       m_len = rem_len;
       m_tot_len += (block_nb + 1) << 7;
void SHA384::final(unsigned char *digest)
       unsigned int block_nb;
       unsigned int pm_len;
       unsigned int len_b;
       block_nb = (1 + ((SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE - 17)
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< (m_len % SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE)));
        len_b = (m_tot_len + m_len) << 3;</pre>
        pm len = block nb << 7;
        memset(m_block + m_len, 0, pm_len - m_len);
        m block[m len] = 0x80;
        SHA2_UNPACK32(len_b, m_block + pm_len - 4);
        transform(m_block, block_nb);
        for (i = 0; i < 6; i++) {
                SHA2_UNPACK64(m_h[i], &digest[i << 3]);
void SHA384::transform(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int block_nb)
        uint64 w[80];
        uint64 wv[8];
        uint64 t1, t2;
        const unsigned char *sub_block;
        int i, j;
        for (i = 0; i < (int)block_nb; i++) {</pre>
                sub_block = message + (i << 7);</pre>
                for (j = 0; j < 16; j++) {
                        SHA2_PACK64(&sub_block[j << 3], &w[j]);
                for (j = 16; j < 80; j++) {
                        w[j] = SHA512_F4(w[j-2]) + w[j-7] + SHA512_F3(w[j-15]) + w[j-7]
                for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
                        wv[j] = m_h[j];
                for (j = 0; j < 80; j++) {
                        t1 = wv[7] + SHA512_F2(wv[4]) + SHA2_CH(wv[4], wv[5], wv[6])
                                + sha512 k[i] + w[i];
                        t2 = SHA512_F1(wv[0]) + SHA2_MAJ(wv[0], wv[1], wv[2]);
                        wv[7] = wv[6];
                        wv[6] = wv[5];
                        wv[5] = wv[4];
                        wv[4] = wv[3] + t1;
                        wv[3] = wv[2];
                        wv[2] = wv[1];
                        wv[1] = wv[0];
                        wv[0] = t1 + t2;
                for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
                        m_h[j] += wv[j];
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## Sha512.cpp

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#define _CRT_SECURE_NO_WARNINGS
#include "sha512.h"
const unsigned long long SHA512::sha512_k[80] = //ULL = uint64
{ 0x428a2f98d728ae22ULL, 0x7137449123ef65cdULL,
0xb5c0fbcfec4d3b2fULL, 0xe9b5dba58189dbbcULL,
0x3956c25bf348b538ULL, 0x59f111f1b605d019ULL,
0x923f82a4af194f9bULL, 0xab1c5ed5da6d8118ULL,
0xd807aa98a3030242ULL, 0x12835b0145706fbeULL,
0x243185be4ee4b28cULL, 0x550c7dc3d5ffb4e2ULL,
0x72be5d74f27b896fULL, 0x80deb1fe3b1696b1ULL,
0x9bdc06a725c71235ULL, 0xc19bf174cf692694ULL,
0xe49b69c19ef14ad2ULL, 0xefbe4786384f25e3ULL,
0x0fc19dc68b8cd5b5ULL, 0x240ca1cc77ac9c65ULL,
0x2de92c6f592b0275ULL, 0x4a7484aa6ea6e483ULL,
0x5cb0a9dcbd41fbd4ULL, 0x76f988da831153b5ULL,
0x983e5152ee66dfabULL, 0xa831c66d2db43210ULL,
0xb00327c898fb213fULL, 0xbf597fc7beef0ee4ULL,
0xc6e00bf33da88fc2ULL, 0xd5a79147930aa725ULL,
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0x06ca6351e003826fULL, 0x142929670a0e6e70ULL,
0x27b70a8546d22ffcULL, 0x2e1b21385c26c926ULL,
0x4d2c6dfc5ac42aedULL, 0x53380d139d95b3dfULL,
0x650a73548baf63deULL, 0x766a0abb3c77b2a8ULL,
0x81c2c92e47edaee6ULL, 0x92722c851482353bULL,
0xa2bfe8a14cf10364ULL, 0xa81a664bbc423001ULL,
0xc24b8b70d0f89791ULL, 0xc76c51a30654be30ULL,
0xd192e819d6ef5218ULL, 0xd69906245565a910ULL,
0xf40e35855771202aULL, 0x106aa07032bbd1b8ULL,
0x19a4c116b8d2d0c8ULL, 0x1e376c085141ab53ULL,
0x2748774cdf8eeb99ULL, 0x34b0bcb5e19b48a8ULL,
0x391c0cb3c5c95a63ULL, 0x4ed8aa4ae3418acbULL,
0x5b9cca4f7763e373ULL, 0x682e6ff3d6b2b8a3ULL,
0x748f82ee5defb2fcULL, 0x78a5636f43172f60ULL,
0x84c87814a1f0ab72ULL, 0x8cc702081a6439ecULL,
0x90befffa23631e28ULL, 0xa4506cebde82bde9ULL,
0xbef9a3f7b2c67915ULL, 0xc67178f2e372532bULL,
0xca273eceea26619cULL, 0xd186b8c721c0c207ULL,
0xeada7dd6cde0eb1eULL, 0xf57d4f7fee6ed178ULL,
0x06f067aa72176fbaULL, 0x0a637dc5a2c898a6ULL,
0x113f9804bef90daeULL, 0x1b710b35131c471bULL,
0x28db77f523047d84ULL, 0x32caab7b40c72493ULL,
0x3c9ebe0a15c9bebcULL, 0x431d67c49c100d4cULL,
0x4cc5d4becb3e42b6ULL, 0x597f299cfc657e2aULL,
0x5fcb6fab3ad6faecULL, 0x6c44198c4a475817ULL };
void SHA512::transform(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int block nb)
       uint64 w[80];
       uint64 wv[8];
       uint64 t1, t2;
       const unsigned char *sub_block;
       int i, j;
       for (i = 0; i < (int)block nb; i++) {
              sub_block = message + (i << 7);</pre>
              for (j = 0; j < 16; j++)
                      SHA2_PACK64(&sub_block[j << 3], &w[j]);
              for (j = 16; j < 80; j++) {
                      w[j] = SHA512_F4(w[j-2]) + w[j-7] + SHA512_F3(w[j-15]) + w[j-7]
              for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
                      wv[j] = m_h[j];
              for (j = 0; j < 80; j++) {
                      t1 = wv[7] + SHA512_F2(wv[4]) + SHA2_CH(wv[4], wv[5], wv[6])
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+ sha512_k[j] + w[j];
                       t2 = SHA512_F1(wv[0]) + SHA2_MAJ(wv[0], wv[1], wv[2]);
                       wv[7] = wv[6];
                       wv[6] = wv[5];
                      wv[5] = wv[4];
                       wv[4] = wv[3] + t1;
                      wv[3] = wv[2];
                      wv[2] = wv[1];
                       wv[1] = wv[0];
                       wv[0] = t1 + t2;
               for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
                      m_h[j] += wv[j];
void SHA512::init()
       m_h[0] = 0x6a09e667f3bcc908ULL;
       m_h[1] = 0xbb67ae8584caa73bULL;
       m_h[2] = 0x3c6ef372fe94f82bULL;
       m_h[3] = 0xa54ff53a5f1d36f1ULL;
       m h[4] = 0x510e527fade682d1ULL;
       m_h[5] = 0x9b05688c2b3e6c1fULL;
       m h[6] = 0x1f83d9abfb41bd6bULL;
       m_h[7] = 0x5be0cd19137e2179ULL;
       m_len = 0;
       m_{tot_len = 0;
void SHA512::update(const unsigned char *message, unsigned int len)
       unsigned int block_nb;
       unsigned int new_len, rem_len, tmp_len;
       const unsigned char *shifted_message;
       tmp_len = SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE - m_len;
       rem_len = len < tmp_len ? len : tmp_len;</pre>
       memcpy(&m_block[m_len], message, rem_len);
       if (m_len + len < SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE) {</pre>
               m_len += len;
       new_len = len - rem_len;
       block_nb = new_len / SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE;
       shifted_message = message + rem_len;
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transform(m_block, 1);
       transform(shifted_message, block_nb);
       rem_len = new_len % SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE;
       memcpy(m_block, &shifted_message[block_nb << 7], rem_len);</pre>
       m len = rem len;
       m_tot_len += (block_nb + 1) << 7;
void SHA512::final(unsigned char *digest)
       unsigned int block_nb;
       unsigned int pm_len;
       unsigned int len_b;
       int i;
       block_nb = 1 + ((SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE - 17)
               < (m len % SHA384_512_BLOCK_SIZE));
       len_b = (m_tot_len + m_len) << 3;</pre>
       pm_len = block_nb << 7;
       memset(m_block + m_len, 0, pm_len - m_len);
       m_block[m_len] = 0x80;
       SHA2_UNPACK32(len_b, m_block + pm_len - 4);
       transform(m_block, block_nb);
       for (i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
               SHA2_UNPACK64(m_h[i], &digest[i << 3]);
std::string sha512(std::string input)
       unsigned char digest[SHA512::DIGEST_SIZE];
       memset(digest, 0, SHA512::DIGEST_SIZE);
       SHA512 ctx = SHA512();
       ctx.init();
       ctx.update((unsigned char*)input.c_str(), input.length());
       ctx.final(digest);
       char buf[2 * SHA512::DIGEST_SIZE + 1];
       buf[2 * SHA512::DIGEST_SIZE] = 0;
       for (int i = 0; i < SHA512::DIGEST_SIZE; i++)</pre>
               sprintf(buf + i * 2, "%02x", digest[i]);
       return std::string(buf);
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