



Network Security - Project

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Introduction



- DDL: 2025.06.23 23:59
- Submit Format:
 - Project_\${Team_name}. {tar.gz/rar/zip}
 - Task 1
 - Your code/data for task 1 (15/100)
 - Task 2
 - Your code/data for task 2 (25/100)
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 - Report_\${Team_name}.pdf (45/100)



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Project – Task 1



- Goal: Implement the textbook RSA algorithm (without any padding)
- Your code should be able to:
 - **Generate** a random RSA key pair with a given key size (e.g., 1024-bit)
 - **Encrypt** a plaintext with the public key.
 - **Decrypt** a ciphertext with the private key.



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Project - Task 2



- Goal : Perform a CCA2 attack on textbook RSA
- Textbook RSA is elegant, but has **no semantic security**.
- An adaptive chosen-ciphertext attack (abbreviated as **CCA2**) is an interactive form of chosen-ciphertext attack in which an attacker sends a number of ciphertexts to be decrypted, then uses the results of these decryptions to select subsequent ciphertexts.
- The goal of this attack is **to gradually reveal** information about an encrypted message, or about the decryption key itself.

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- Refer an existing work for the implementation
 - Details of this attack can be found in **Chap 4**.

When Textbook RSA is Used to Protect the Privacy of Hundreds of Millions of Users

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Server-client communication

Client



- ① generate a 128-bit AES session key for the session.
- ② encrypt this session key using a 1024-bit RSA public key.
- ③ use the AES session key to encrypt the WUP request.
- ④ send the RSA-encrypted AES session key and the encrypted WUP request to the server.



- ① decrypt the RSA-encrypted AES key it received from the client.
- ② choose the least significant 128 bits of the plaintext to be the AES session key.
- ③ decrypt the WUP request using the AES session key.
- ④ send an AES-encrypted response if the WUP request is valid.

Server



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- In this attack, the server knows
 - RSA key pair
 - AES key
- The adversary knows
 - RSA public key
 - a RSA-encrypted AES key
 - an AES-encrypted WUP request
- The adversary wants to know
 - **AES key**

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- In this part, you are supposed to
 - Properly design your own WUP request format, **server-client communication model**, etc.
 - **Generate** a history message by yourself, it should includes a RSA-encrypted AES key and an AES-encrypted request.
 - Present the **attack** process to obtain the AES key (and further decrypt the encrypted request) from the history message.
- You can use third-party library to implement **AES** encryption and decryption.



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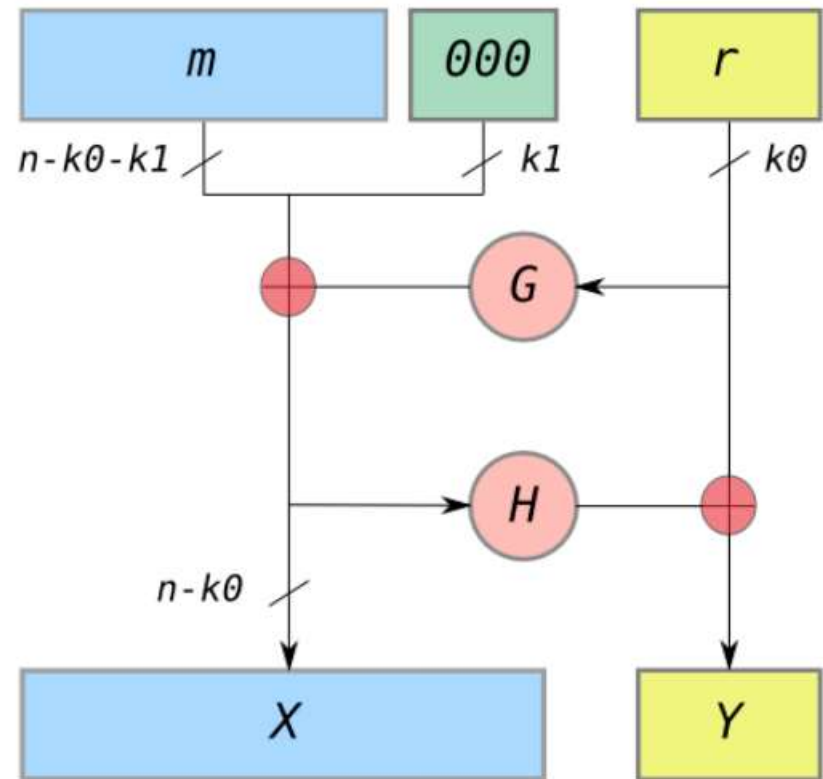


- Goal: defend the attack
 - **Implement RSA-OAEP algorithm and discuss why it can defend such kind of attacks.**
- Since textbook RSA is vulnerable to attacks, in this paper, the authors give a solution: **using OAEP key padding algorithm.**
- In cryptography, Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding (**OAEP**) is a padding scheme often used together with RSA encryption. OAEP satisfies the following two goals:
 - Add an element of randomness which can be used to convert a **deterministic** encryption scheme (e.g., traditional RSA) into a **probabilistic** scheme.
 - **Prevent partial decryption** of ciphertexts (or other information leakage) by ensuring that an adversary cannot recover any portion of the plaintext without being able to invert the trapdoor one-way permutation.

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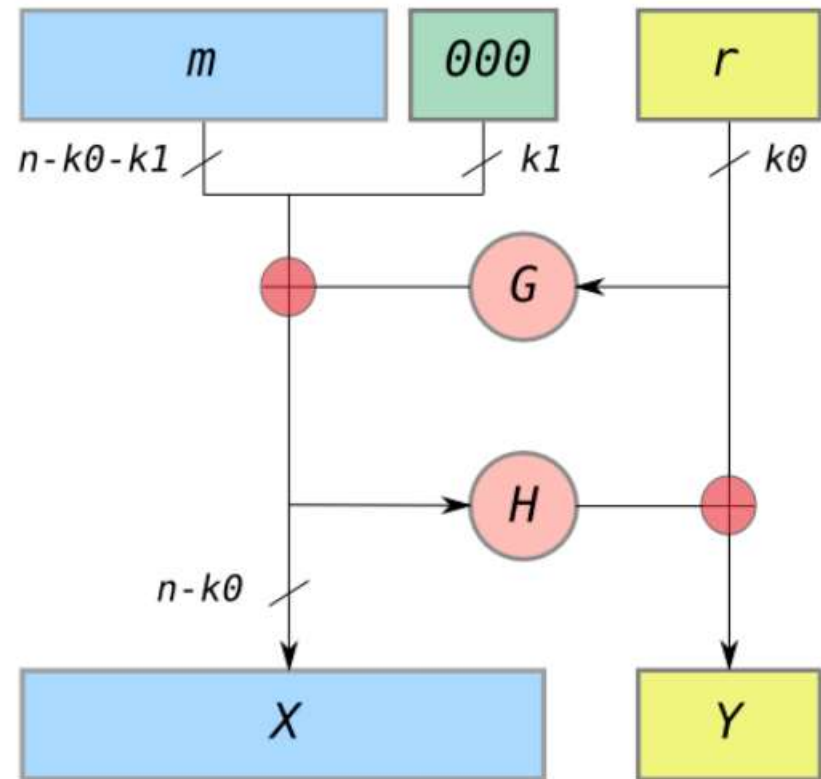
- n is the number of bits in the RSA modulus.
- k_0 and k_1 are integers fixed by the protocol.
- m is the plaintext message, an $(n-k_0-k_1)$ bit string
- G and H are typically some cryptographic hash functions fixed by the protocol.
- \oplus is an xor operation



Project - Task 3: OAEP encoding



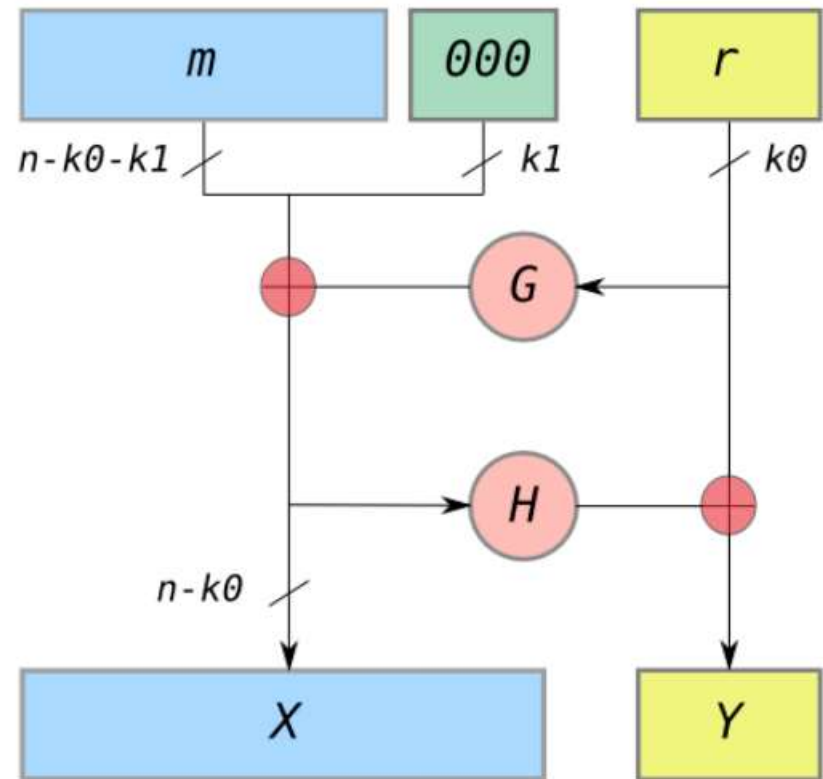
1. messages are padded with $k1$ zeros to be $n-k0$ bits in length.
2. r is a randomly generated $k0$ bit string
3. G expands the $k0$ bits of r to $n-k0$ bits.
4. $X = m00..0 \oplus G(r)$
5. H reduces the $n-k0$ bits of X to $k0$ bits.
6. $Y = r \oplus H(X)$
7. The output is $X \parallel Y$ where X is shown in the diagram as the leftmost block and Y as the rightmost block



Project - Task 3: OAEP decoding



1. recover the random string as $r = Y \oplus H(X)$
2. recover the message as $m00..0 = X \oplus G(r)$
3. The "**all-or-nothing**" security is from the fact that to recover m , you must recover the entire X and the entire Y ; X is required to recover r from Y , and r is required to recover m from X . Since any changed bit of a cryptographic hash completely changes the result, the entire X and the entire Y must both be completely recovered.



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- In this part, you are supposed to
 - Add the **OAEP padding** module to the textbook RSA implementation.
 - Give a **discussion** on the advantages of RSA-OAEP compared to the textbook RSA.
 - As a bonus, you can further try to **present** CCA2 attack to **RSA-OAEP** to see whether it can thwart the CCA2 attack you have implemented in part 2.



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- Files to be Submitted and Standard of Grading:

- [illegible]

Task 2



- Files to be Submitted and Standard of Grading:
 - **Code** : 10 points
 - **CCA2 (Use RSA parameters in task 1):**
 - History_Message.txt 1 point
 - AES_Key.txt (hexadecimal, 128bits) 1 point
 - WUP_Request.txt (hexadecimal) 1 point
 - AES_Encrypted_WUP.txt (hexadecimal) 2 points
 - Attack Process to Obtain the AES key: 10 points
 - Both Screenshot and Log Files are OK

Task 3



- Files to be Submitted and Standard of Grading:
 - **Code** : 10 points
 - **Encryption (Use RSA parameters and Message in task 1):**
 - Random_Number.txt 1 point
 - Message_After_Padding.txt (hexadecimal) 1 point
 - Encrypted_Message.txt (hexadecimal) 1 point
 - Pass Decryption (TA) 2 points
- (Recommended using $n=1024$, $k_0=512$, hash: sha512)

Any extra file added is OK but need to be explained in report!

Thank You



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