



Information Security

Asymmetric encryption - LAB

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Objective

☞ Openssl

☞ Practice

Introduction

- ∞ The openssl application that ships with the OpenSSL libraries can perform a wide range of crypto operations.
- ∞ Download and install on Linux
 - yum install openssl
- ∞ Practice crypto operations

Commands

- ∞ Version: openssl version
- ∞ Performance: openssl speed
- ∞ Digests: MD5, SHA1
- ∞ Encryption/ Decryption
- ∞ Keys
- ∞ Password hashes
- ∞ Prime numbers
- ∞ Random data

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 - openssl dgst -md5 filename
 - openssl dgst -sha1 filename
 - openssl dgst -sha256 filename
 - md5sum filename
 - sha1sum filename

Encryption/ Decryption

- ☞ get a long list, one cipher per line
 - openssl list-cipher-commands
- ☞ encrypt file.txt to file.enc using 256-bit AES in CBC mode
 - openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -salt -in file.txt -out file.enc
- ☞ decrypt binary file.enc
 - openssl enc -d -aes-256-cbc -in file.enc
- ☞ # decrypt base64-encoded version
 - openssl enc -d -aes-256-cbc -a -in file.enc
- ☞ # provide password on command line
 - openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -salt -in file.txt \ -out file.enc -pass pass:mySillyPassword
- ☞ # provide password in a file
 - openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -salt -in file.txt \ -out file.enc -pass file:/path/to/secret/password.txt

Generate keys

- ∞ Generate an RSA key
 - openssl genrsa
- ∞ # 2048-bit key, saved to file named mykey.pem
 - openssl genrsa -out mykey.pem 2048
- ∞ # same as above, but encrypted with a passphrase
 - openssl genrsa -des3 -out mykey.pem 2048
- ∞ produce a public version of your private RSA key.
 - openssl rsa -in mykey.pem -pubout

sign a digest, verify a signed digest

- ✎ If you want to ensure that the digest you create doesn't get modified without your permission, you can sign it using your private key.
- ✎ # signed digest will be foo-1.23.tar.gz.sha1
 - openssl dgst -sha256 \ -sign mykey.pem -out foo-1.23.tar.gz.sha1 \ foo-1.23.tar.gz
- ✎ To verify a signed digest you'll need the file from which the digest was derived, the signed digest, and the signer's public key.
- ✎ # to verify foo-1.23.tar.gz using foo-1.23.tar.gz.sha1 and pubkey.pem
 - openssl dgst -sha256 \ -verify pubkey.pem \ -signature foo-1.23.tar.gz.sha1 \ foo-1.23.tar.gz

Password hashes

∞ Ex:

- openssl passwd MySecret
8E4vqBR4UOYF.

∞ generate a shadow-style password hash

- openssl passwd -1 MySecret
\$1\$sXiKzkus\$haDZ9JpVrRHBznY5OxB82.

Prime numbers

∞ test whether a number is prime?

- openssl prime 119054759245460753
1A6F7AC39A53511 is not prime

You can also pass hex numbers directly.

- openssl prime -hex 2f
2F is prime

∞ generate a set of prime numbers?

- openssl prime -generate -bits 64
16148891040401035823
- openssl prime -generate -bits 64 -hex
E207F23B9AE52181

Generate random data

- ∞ Use the rand option to generate binary or base64-encoded data.
- ∞ # write 128 random bytes of base64-encoded data to stdout
 - openssl rand -base64 128
- ∞ # write 1024 bytes of binary random data to a file
 - openssl rand -out random-data.bin 1024

Q & A