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Diffie-Hellman

Shared secret: 36

Read code comments for explanation of each step in our process

If the numbers were much larger (both Alice and Bob choose a value of p and values for x and y that are much larger than 59), the code would fail on lines 2 and 6. This is because computers take much longer to calculate the modulo operator, particularly with larger numbers. Even when we tried raising the p, x, and y values to numbers near the 10,000 range, we noticed a substantial increase in computational time.

RSA

Shared secret: Hey Bob. It's even worse than we thought! Your pal, Alice. https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2022/04/airtags-are-used-for-stalking-far-more-than-pre viously-reported.html

The below is used to calculate the p and the q which multiplied make up n. This is where our process would fail if the keys involved were much bigger. Although there most probably exist faster implementations than the one below, there is still to some extent a non-linear relationship, meaning that any implementation is going to be slower than O(n). In our implementation this would be in the ranges, (and as our runtime is $O(n^2)$), our code would slow down substantially here, and with big enough numbers essentially make this process unfeasible. However, it would still be possible to brute force this, meaning that no matter how big the numbers are this method is not fully secure. However after a certain point, it would take too much time to test all possible numbers.

Below is the implementation of the modular inverse function:

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# The below was taken from a stackoverflow post: https://stackoverflow.com/questions/4798654/modular-multiplicative-inverse-function-in-python
# and equates to finding d in the "e * d = 1 mod (p - 1) (q - 1)"

def egcd(a, b):
    if a == 0:
        return (b, 0, 1)
    else:
        g, y, x = egcd(b % a, a)
        return (g, x - (b //a) * y, y)

def modinv(a, m):
    g, x, y = egcd(a, m)
    if g != 1:
        raise fxception ('DNE')
    else:
        return x % m
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Once the initial encrypted numbers are decrypted, they are still encoded. Note the method "chr" is used, which just converts the ultimately decoded character into a readable character (ASCII number to character). For example, the first character reads as '48' after encryption and before decoding, and 48 in ASCII translates to capital H.

Independent of RSA, the encoding of this message by itself is not at all secure because ASCII is a simple and well-known encoding that can be instantly translated with no cracking necessary. Below are the values of the encoded message, as well as each calculated/given value needed in this process. Additionally, the decryption and decoding of each character is included, which is then printed out.

Note: The comment in the code above describes the message of *decrypting, not decoding as it says.

Below is the result in the terminal:

robert@Roberto-Jovens-MacBook-Air cs338 % python3 temp.py
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