Part 5 - Salting

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Salted rcrack

Non-salted rcrack

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Timing:

It takes 31.84s to crack all the salted passwords using the rainbow table which is approximately 4.5 times longer than that of non-salted, 7.34s.

Explanation:

In this lab, Salting adds a random alphabet to the password of the hash function to ensure a unique hash output.

Without salting, hashed passwords are not unique to themselves because of the deterministic and predictable nature of the hash function when given the same input password, thus always giving the same hash output.

An example would be when Alice and Bob choose 'qwerty' as their passwords, the hash password generated will be the same for both. As long as the password is found, the attacker is able to access all accounts using the same hash.

By using salt, we are increasing the randomness for each password input. The hash created will be unique for every input even if the input password is the same. With the increased randomness, the hash function will be less predictable and harder to crack.

Simply adding an alphabet to the end of the passwords from the lab, I needed to introduce 4 rainbow tables with table_index (reduction function) 0, 1 and 2 respectively, along with an increased in chain_num from 600 000 to 1 000 000 to find all the salted passwords. Whereas a 0 table_index and chain_num 600 000 is sufficient to crack the non-salted passwords. Salting introduces more complexity when cracking the salted passwords compared to the non-salted passwords as shown from the images above.