# Robust Distributed Symmetric-key Encryption

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# What Our Group Worked on

- Based on Professor Wang's paper: "Robust distributed symmetric-key encryption"
- Implemented the scheme in C++
- Found parallel improvements using OpenMP and C++ threads
- Dockerized the application, ran on different environments, and on Google Cloud

## What is Distributed Symmetric-key Encryption

- A full set of keys are split between N servers
- Each machine holds a partial key set
- A secret is generated using the full key set
- Machines work together using their partial key sets to encrypt and decrypt messages
- No set of machines less than the T threshold can reconstruct the secret alone

# What Makes Professor Wang's Robust

### Example of possible key distribution matrix

Server	Assigned Keys						
A	k <sub>1</sub>	k <sub>2</sub>	k <sub>3</sub>	k <sub>4</sub>	k <sub>5</sub>	k <sub>6</sub>	
В	k <sub>1</sub>	k <sub>2</sub>	k <sub>3</sub>	k <sub>7</sub>	k <sub>8</sub>	k <sub>9</sub>	
С	k <sub>1</sub>	k <sub>4</sub>	k <sub>5</sub>	k <sub>7</sub>	k <sub>8</sub>	k <sub>10</sub>	
D	k <sub>2</sub>	k <sub>4</sub>	k <sub>6</sub>	k <sub>7</sub>	k <sub>9</sub>	k <sub>10</sub>	
E	k <sub>3</sub>	k <sub>5</sub>	k <sub>6</sub>	k <sub>8</sub>	k <sub>9</sub>	k <sub>10</sub>	

Server	Role	Results Calculated									
A	Unused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
В	Honest Initiator	W <sub>1</sub>	w <sub>2</sub>	w <sub>3</sub>	-	-	-	w <sub>7</sub>	w <sub>8</sub>	w <sub>9</sub>	W <sub>10</sub>
C	Participating	-	-	-	W <sub>4</sub>	<b>w</b> <sub>5</sub>	-	-	-	-	-
D	Participating	-	-	-	W <sub>4</sub>	-	<b>W</b> <sub>6</sub>	-	-	-	-
E	Participating	-	-	-	-	<b>w</b> <sub>5</sub>	w <sub>6</sub>	-	-	-	-

### Different Roles in the Scheme

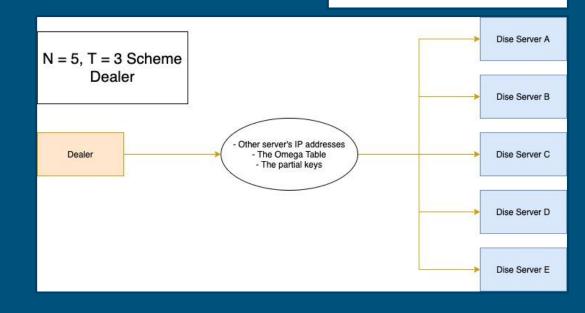
- Dealer: supplies the omega table and partial keys to the DiSE Servers.
- Client: begins either a encryption or decryption transaction
- DiSE Server: waits to be contacted by one of the other roles
- Honest Initiator: random DiSE Server chosen by the client who manages the transaction
- Participant: contacted by the Honest Initiator to create the partial w's for either encryption or decryption

### Dealer Flow

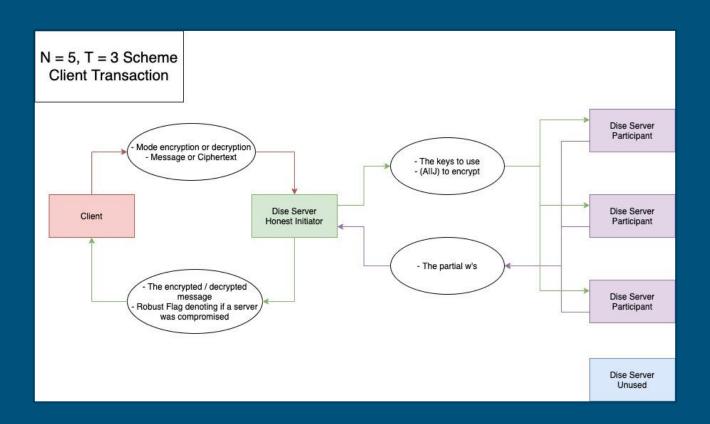
- Generate key list and populates the omega matrix
- Send data assigned to each server to the corresponding server in parallel

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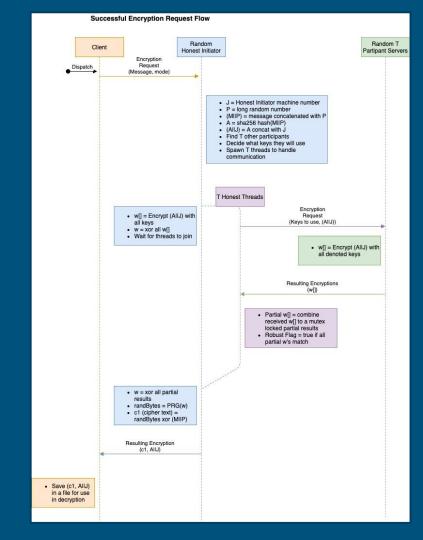


### **Transaction Communication Overview**



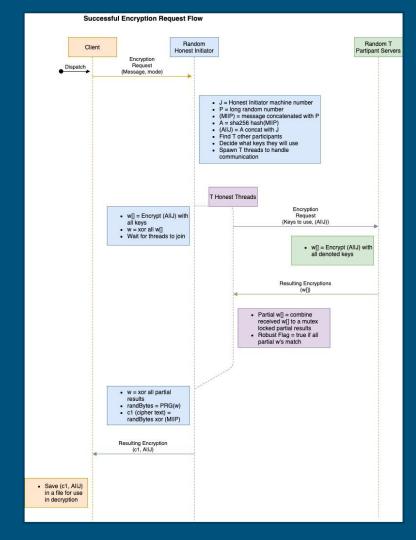
# **Encryption Flow**

- Client Hits a random Server to be Honest Initiator
- Honest Init creates M||P and A||J
- Asks random T to create partial W's



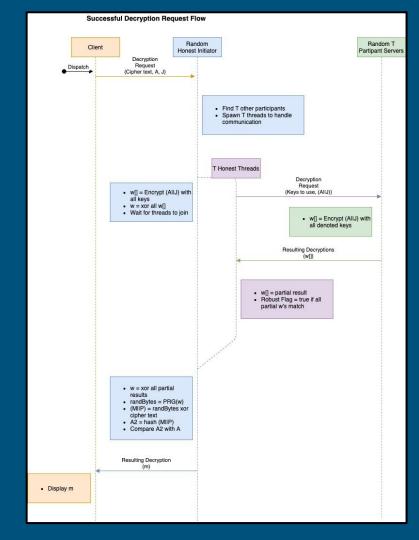
# **Encryption Flow**

- Honest Initiator checks robustness
- Uses a pseudo-random number generator with the final W as seed
- xors final w with the message
- Client saves (C1, A||J)



# Decryption Flow

- Client sends (C1, A||J) to random Honest Initiator
- Performs encryption steps in reverse
- Key difference is that it checks the hash of M||P with the provided A



### Roadblocks

- We were building the application from the ground up
- Had difficulty running the larger case
- Due to version issues, we could not use OpenSSL and Crypto++ for the pseudo-random number generator

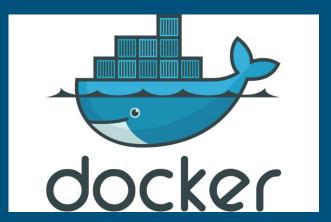
# DOCKER Running on Different Virtual Machines

- To demonstrate the portability of our application we ran it on multiple types of virtual machines
- Virtual Machines Used:
  - Ubuntu
  - Debian
  - Kali



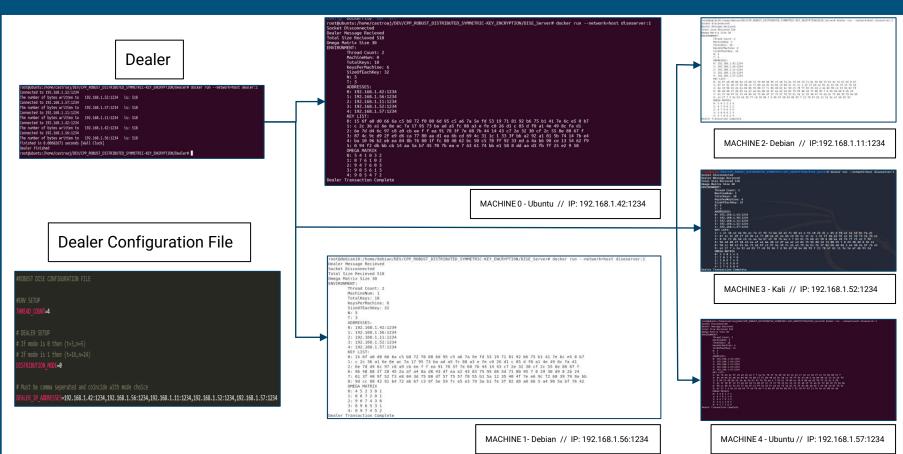








### DOCKER Demo of N 5 T 3 - DEAL



### DOCKER Demo of N 5 T 3 - ENC / DEC

# Client - Encryption Request root@ubuntu:/home/castroaj/DEV/CPP\_ROBUST\_DISTRIBUTED\_SYMMETRIC-KEY\_ENCRYPTION/Client# docker run --network=host client:1 Connect Initiator randomly selected as: 192.168.1.42 1234 Connected to 192.168.1.42 1234 Encrypting this message: Hello This is the CS 470 41 Byte Message! Wrote: 49 to Honest Initiator Reading Successful Encryption to file: encResult.txt Finished In 2.03973 seconds [Mall Clock] Client Finished root@ubuntu:/home/castroaj/DEV/CPP\_ROBUST\_DISTRIBUTED\_SYMMETRIC-KEY\_ENCRYPTION/Client# Client Client - Decryption Request Connected Client Connected Connect

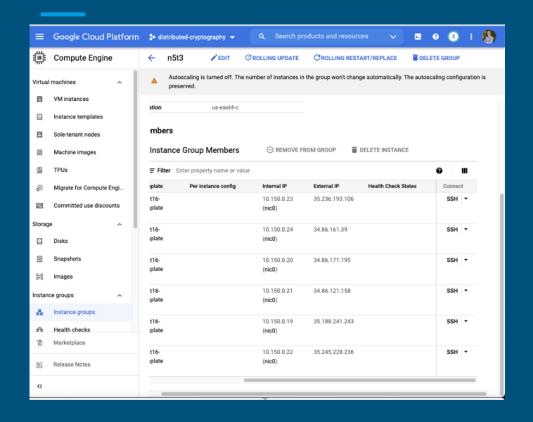
root@ubuntu:/home/castroaj/DEV/CPP\_ROBUST\_DISTRIBUTED\_SYMMETRIC-KEY\_ENCRYPTION/Client/src# ./Client -d -c ../config/d
Thread Count: 4
Encryption mode: 1
Address 1: 192.168.1.42:1234
Honest Initiator randomly selected as: 192.168.1.42 1234
connecting...
connected to 192.168.1.42 1234
S bytes written...
97 bytes written...
Wrote: 97 to Honest Initiator
reading...
disconnected...
Reading Successful Decryption
Resulting message: Hello This is the CS 470 41 Byte Message!
Finished in 3.00884 seconds [Wall Clock]
Client Finished
Constitution Finished

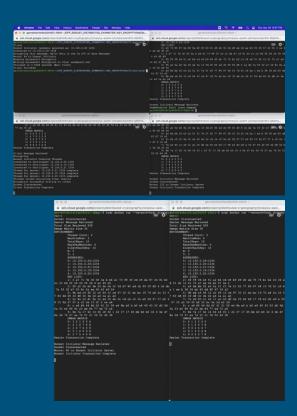
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> Honest Initiator Contacts: 192.168.1.11

> > 192.168.1.52

# DOCKER Running on Google Cloud





# Live Local Host Demo (N=5, T= 3)

# Thank You!