

CIS 751 Lecture Assignment 12

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1 Signing the file

Assuming that we have already generated a public/private key pair (ex. using `openssl genrsa`), we can sign the file (`article.txt`) as follows.

```
openssl dgst -sha256 -sign private_key.pem \  
-out article.signature article.txt
```

This command will generate a hash of the file using the SHA-256 algorithm and sign it using the `private_key.pem` file. The signature will then be output in the `article.signature` file.

2 Verifying the signature

We will use the public key and the original article to verify the signature. This can be done with the below command.

```
openssl dgst -sha256 -verify public_key.pem \  
-signature article.signature article.txt
```

This command will use the SHA-256 algorithm, `public_key.pem` file, the signature in the `article.signature` file, and the `article.txt` to verify the signature. Assuming the verification is successful, `openssl` will print "Verified OK" to the terminal.