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Assignment No 2

Q1) What are the basic principles of cryptography?
How does cryptography contribute to h/w security?

→ Principles of cryptography :-

1) Confidentiality :-

Ensures that information is only accessible to those who are authorized to access it.

2) Integrity :-

Ensures that the information has not been altered or tampered with during transmission or storage.

Techniques such as cryptographic hash functions ensure the integrity of data by generating a fixed-size string that uniquely represents the original data.

3) Authentication :-

- Verifies the identity of the individual or systems involved in communication.

- Cryptography method such as digital signature and certificate authenticate users and devices conform to their identity.

4) Non-Repudiation :-

Ensures that once a party sends a message, they cannot deny having sent it. Digital signatures provide proof that a specific individual sent a msg, this preventing denial of participation in a transaction.

5) Availability :-

Ensures that authorized users have reliable access to information & resource when needed. While primarily

a concern in broader n/w security.

* Contribute of Cryptography to N/w Security:-

- It plays a crucial role in a security n/w's by address various vulnerabilities & ensuring secure communication.

1) Securing Data Transmission:-

Encryption protocols like SSL/TLS ensure that the data transmitted over n/w's remains confidential & secure from eavesdropping by attacker.

2) Authentication of User & devices:-

Cryptographic techniques authenticate the entities communicating in a n/w.

3) Protecting Against Data Tampering:-

Integrity checking mechanism like MAC's & digital signatures prevent unauthorized modification of data.

4) Ensuring Secure Access:-

PKI enable secure access control by managing digital certificates.

Q2. What is Encryption & Decryption. Discuss the diff. b/w Symmetric & asymmetric cryptography algorithms. List the all types of symmetric cryptography and explain any one.

→ Encryption:-

The process of converting plaintext into ciphertext using an encryption algorithm & a key.

→ Encryption ensures that only authorized users who have the key can read the encrypted information.

- Decryption:-

The reverse process of encryption, where the ciphertext is converted back into plaintext using a decryption algorithm & a key.

→ Only authorized user with the correct key can decrypt the information & access the original data.

→ Difference.

| Criteria | Symmetric Cryptography | Asymmetric Cryptography |
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| 1) Key | Single, shared key for both encryption & decryption. | Two key: public key for encryption, private key for decryption. |
| 2) Speed | Faster | Slower |
| 3) Security | Key distribution is a challenge. | Easier key distribution. |
| 4) Use Case | Used for encrypting large amounts of data. | Used for secure key exchange & authentication. |
| 5) Encryption Type | Block or Stream cipher | Based on mathematical problem like factoring large primes or elliptic curves. |

→ Type of Symmetric Cryptography Algorithms:-

→ ① Block Ciphers:-

Encrypt data in fixed size blocks ex: AES, DES.

2) Stream Ciphers:-

Encrypt data one bit or byte at a time.
ex. RC4, SEAL, etc.

003 Short notes :-

1) Steganography :-

- Steganography is the practice of hiding secret information within non-secret data. In such a info. within the existence.
- Steganography is the practice of concealing message or info. within other non-secret text or data to prevent detection.

→ Key Concepts :-

1) Carrier medium :-

The file or media where the 'hidden msg' is embedded.

2) Payload :-

The actual msg or data being concealed.

3) Stego file :-

The output file after embedding the payload into the carrier medium.

4) Encoding method :-

- 1) LSB encoding, 2) Transform domain,
- 3) Meta hiding.

5) Application :-

- 1) Convert Communication
- 2) Digital Watermarking
- 3) Cybersecurity.

2) Block Cipher principle :-

Block cipher principles are fundamental to understanding how block ciphers work in cryptography. They are essential for security digital communication and data.

— Key principles of block cipher :-

1) Fixed block size :-

Block ciphers work by dividing plaintext into fixed-sized blocks.

- Common blocks size include 64 bit.

2) Key :-

The same key is used for both encryption & decryption.

3) Substitution-Permutation N/W (SPN) :-

Most block ciphers, like AES, use an SPN structure, where the encryption involves rounds of substitution & permutation.

4) Rounds :-

It uses multiple round of transmission to achieve confusion & diffusion, essential for security.

— Popular Block cipher Algorithms :-

- 1) Data Encryption (DES)
- 2) Triple DES
- 3) Advanced Encryption Standard.

3) Data Encryption Standard (DES) :-
The Data Encryption Standard is a symmetric-key block cipher that was widely used for data encryption in the late 20th century.

- Key features :-

- 1) Block size
- 2) Key size
- 3) Rounds :-
DES performs 16 round of encryption.

4) Feistel structure :-

DES is based on the Feistel like a structure that divides the data block into two halves.

5) S-Box :-

DES is relies on s-boxes to introduce non-linearity into the encryption process.

6) P-Box :-

- DES Encryption process :-

- 1) Initial permutation
- 2) Round Function
- 3) Final permutation.

- Security Concerns :-

- 1) Brute force vulnerability.
- 2) Differential & Linear Cryptanalysis.

4) International Data Encryption Algorithm (IDEA)

- The International Data Encryption Algorithm is a symmetric-key block cipher that was designed to provide strong encryption & improved security over older algorithm like DES.

- Key features :-

- 1) Block size :-
It operates on 64-bit blocks of data.
- 2) Key size :-
It used a 128-bit key for encryption & dec.
- 3) Structure :-
It is based on a feistel-like structure.

4) Round :-

Each of the 8 rounds.

- Security :-

- 1) Resilience to cryptanalysis
- 2) Brute-force resistance.

- Advantages :-

- 1) Efficiency
- 2) Strong security
- 3) Low memory Requirement.

- Disadvantages :-

- 1) Block size
- 2) Patent.

- Application

- 1) Pretty Good privacy
- 2) Other cryptographic system.

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