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CS 5321
Assignment 1

Due: 18th Feb 2018, 11:59PM

Assignment 1 is about attacking a cipher using a padding oracle. For this assignment, you will implement the padding attack discussed in class. This attack was first discussed in the paper “Security Flaws Induced by CBC Padding - Applications to SSL, IPSEC, WTLS...” by S. Vaudenay. You should read the paper (http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/3-540-46035-7_35) and implement the described attack.

Submission will be made via IVLE and must be received by **Sunday, 18th Feb 2018, 11.59pm.**

1 Padding Oracle Attack [70 pts]

In Problem 1, you will have the opportunity to create your own padding attack discussed in class to extract a message from a ciphertext. You can find a set of valid ciphertexts on the IVLE handout section. The ciphertexts will be given as a 128-bit hexadecimal number (starting with 0x...) computed as follows:

$$C = C_0 || C_1 = \text{CBC}_K^{\text{Encrypt}}(\text{PAD}(M)),$$

where the word M is shorter than or equal to 8 ASCII characters (i.e., 64 bits). The block size of the cipher and the length of the secret key K are 64 bits. The first 64-bit block of C is the initialization vector (IV), which we denote C_0 , and the last 64-bit block is the first cipher block, C_1 . Note that we assume the randomized CBC encryption; that is, the IV (C_0) is randomly selected for every message.

You are given a padding oracle, which can be accessed by function calls; see Section 3 for the details. You can access the padding oracle as many times as you want. You will have two language options to develop your padding attack program: Java or Python. The padding oracle will accept both C_0 and C_1 (each 64 bits long), and return a 1 or a 0, indicating correct or incorrect padding respectively. The padding oracle works as follows:

$$\{0, 1\} = \text{Check PAD}(\text{CBC}_K^{\text{Decrypt}}(C')),$$

where you provide the C' ; i.e., you are a chosen-ciphertext attacker.

1.1 Submission & Grading

Submission: Your code has name $p1_S_#.java$ (or $.py$) where $\#$ denotes the student id. Tar all your codes ($S_#.tar$) and upload it to IVLE. Your code should accept two command-line arguments C_0 and C_1 in the following format:

For java

- `javac -cp pad_oracle.jar p1_S_#.java &&`
`java -cp pad_oracle.jar:bcprov-jdk15-130.jar: p1_S_# C0 C1`

For python

- `python p1_S_#.py C0 C1`

The ciphertext blocks (C_0 and C_1) have hex format starting with 0x. The output must be the plaintext in ASCII format.

Grading: Your code should successfully obtain the plaintext from a ciphertext. You will get **40 pts** if your code works for the ciphertexts that are available on handouts. If it works with all the other ciphertexts (not given to students), an additional **30 pts** will be given.

2 Turning Decryption Oracle into Encryption Oracle [30 pts]

What you will create in Problem 1 is a single-block decryption oracle that takes a two-block cipher-text (one of which is an IV) and returns a single-block plaintext. Now, you are asked to create an encryption oracle using the single-block decryption oracle. Your code needs to take an arbitrary message M , pad it if needed, and encrypt it without knowing the secret key. Note that the message M , can be longer than one plaintext block.

We provide a single-block decryption oracle so that you can solve Problem 2 without solving Problem 1. The single-block decryption oracle is accessed via calling the oracle function. Note that the secret key used in Problem 2 is different from the one used in Problem 1.¹

2.1 Submission & Grading

Submission: Your code has name `p2_S_#.java(or .py)`, where $\#$ denotes the student id. Tar all your codes (`S_#.tar`) and upload it to IVLE. Your code should accept any arbitrary message, M in the command-line argument:

For java

- `javac -cp dec_oracle.jar p2_S_#.java &&`
`java -cp dec_oracle.jar:bcprov-jdk15-130.jar: p2_S_# "This is the message that needs to be encrypted."`

For python

- `python p2_S_#.py "This is the message that needs to be encrypted."`

The output must be the one or more 64-bit hex formats; e.g., 0x12...ef 0x98..ab 0xb7..2d.

Grading: Your code should encrypt all the multiple test plaintext messages and generate valid ciphertexts to get **30 pts**. Partial points will be given when not all test plaintext messages are encrypted successfully.

¹Since the two keys are different, you cannot use the decryption oracle provided in Problem 2 to solve Problem 1.

3 How to access the oracles?

You will be given the following list of files:

- pad_oracle.jar: Padding oracle (Java bytecode²) for Problem 1.
- dec_oracle.jar: Decryption oracle (Java bytecode) for Problem 2.
- oracle_python_v1_2.py: Padding and decryption oracles (Python functions) for Problem 1 and 2, respectively (version 1.2).
- python_interface_v1_2.jar: Java bytecode for interfacing Python scripts and oracle Java bytecodes.
- bcprov-jdk15-130.jar: Crypto library.

Here are the example codes that access the oracles.

Java:

```
// query padding oracle
pad_oracle p = new pad_oracle ();
boolean isPaddingCorrect = p.doOracle("0x1234567890abcdef", "0x1234567890abcdef");

// query decryption oracle
dec_oracle d = new dec_oracle ();
String plaintext = d.doOracle("0x1234567890abcdef", "0x1234567890abcdef");
```

Python:

Execute the Java-Python interface class by

```
java -cp pad_oracle.jar:dec_oracle.jar:bcprov-jdk15-130.jar:python_interface_v1_2.jar
python_interface_v1_2
```

In your Python script,
from oracle_python_v1_2 import pad_oracle, dec_oracle

```
# query padding oracle
ret_pad = pad_oracle('0x1234567890abcdef', '0x1234567890abcdef');
# query decryption oracle
ret_dec = dec_oracle('0x1234567890abcdef', '0x1234567890abcdef');
```

²Note that (1) you should not reverse-engineer the bytecodes and (2) even if you did, it would not help.