ECE/CS 5560

Lab2: Symmetric Key Encryption Lab

Covered Topic

- Secret-key encryption
- Substitution cipher and frequency analysis
- Encryption modes, IV, and paddings
- Common mistakes in using encryption algorithms
- Programming using the crypto library

Make sure you complete Lab 1 before you proceed to this lab!

Task 1

- Goal: File encryption with different ciphers and modes
- Use **openssl** to encrypt files

```
$ openssl enc -ciphertype -e -in plain.txt -out cipher.bin
              -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff
              -iv 0102030405060708
```

-ciphertype supported cipher type can be found using “man enc” command

-e	encrypt
-in	input file name
-out	output file name
-K/-iv	key/iv value in HEX

Task 2

- Goal: Encrypt picture file using ECB and CBC, observe encryption difference
- Use a picture of your choice or the pic_original.bmp in lab_symmetric.zip (picture should be in **.bmp format**)
- Only encrypt the **body** of the picture but keep the header

Name	Size	Offset	Description
Header	14 bytes		Windows Structure: BITMAPFILEHEADER
Signature	2 bytes	0000h	'BM'
FileSize	4 bytes	0002h	File size in bytes
reserved	4 bytes	0006h	unused (=0)
DataOffset	4 bytes	000Ah	Offset from beginning of file to the beginning of the bitmap data
InfoHeader	40 bytes		Windows Structure: BITMAPINFOHEADER
Size	4 bytes	000Eh	Size of InfoHeader =40
Width	4 bytes	0012h	Horizontal width of bitmap in pixels
Height	4 bytes	0016h	Vertical height of bitmap in pixels
Planes	2 bytes	001Ah	Number of Planes (=1)
Bits Per Pixel	2 bytes	001Ch	Bits per Pixel used to store palette entry information. This also identifies in an indirect way the number of possible colors. Possible values are: 1 = monochrome palette. NumColors = 1 4 = 4bit palletized. NumColors = 16 8 = 8bit palletized. NumColors = 256 16 = 16bit RGB. NumColors = 65536 24 = 24bit RGB. NumColors = 16M
Compression	4 bytes	001Eh	Type of Compression 0 = BI_RGB no compression 1 = BI_RLE8 8bit RLE encoding 2 = BI_RLE4 4bit RLE encoding
ImageSize	4 bytes	0022h	(compressed) Size of Image It is valid to set this =0 if Compression = 0
XpixelsPerM	4 bytes	0026h	horizontal resolution: Pixels/meter
YpixelsPerM	4 bytes	002Ah	vertical resolution: Pixels/meter
Colors Used	4 bytes	002Eh	Number of actually used colors. For a 8-bit / pixel bitmap this will be 100h or 256.
Important Colors	4 bytes	0032h	Number of important colors 0 = all

Task 2

- Encrypt the whole picture

```
$ openssl enc -ciphertype -e …
```

- Retrieve the header from original image and body from encrypted picture

```
$ head -c 54 [original_picture] > header
$ tail -c +55 [encrypted_picture] > body
```

- Combine header and body into a .bmp file

```
$ cat header body > [new_picture]
```

- Open [new_picture] using image viewer (eog on our VM)

Task 2

- Perform encryption using both ECB and CBC
- Report any observations you may have
- Provide explanation for your observations

Task 3

- Goal: Implement CBC and OFB mode using AES encryption
- Code for performing AES encryption/decryption is provided in lab_symmetric.zip
- Use Figure 7.4 and 7.6 in the lab document as a guide

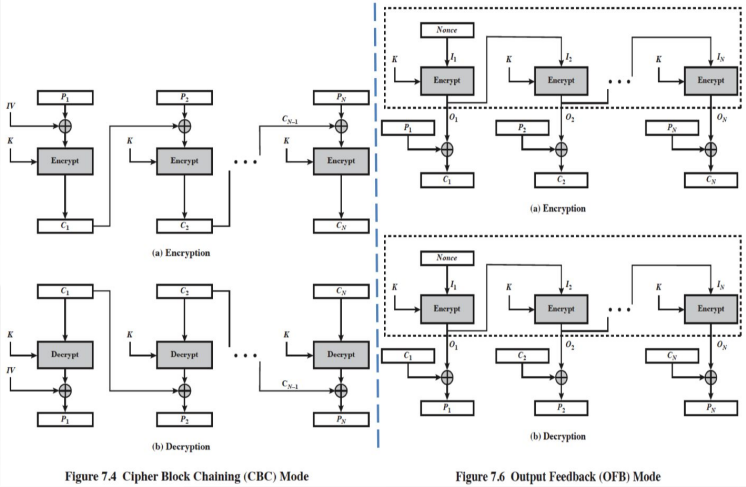


Figure 7.4 Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) Mode

Figure 7.6 Output Feedback (OFB) Mode

Task 3

- Hints:
  - Convert key, iv, and plaintext/ciphertext to **HEX value** to perform the encryption/decryption
  - Make sure to use **correct padding** for CBC encryption, you are allowed to use Crypto.Util.Padding package for creating and removing pad
  - Use encryption values in Task3.txt of lab_symmetric.zip to verify your result

Task 4

- Goal: Observe paddings
- 4.1: only answer the questions about paddings for different ciphers
- 4.2: use aes-128-cbc
  - Generate files with 5 bytes, 10 bytes, and 16 bytes
  - Encrypt all files to ciphertexts
  - Decrypt all ciphertexts to plaintext **with nopad**
  - Compare hex value for plain1 and plain2

```
$ openssl enc -ciphertype -e
```

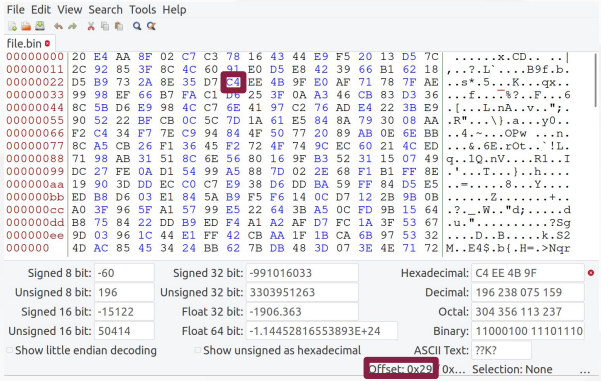
```
$ openssl enc -ciphertype -d -nopad
```

```
$ hexdump -C [plaintext]
```

Task 5

- Goal: Observe error propagation for different cipher modes
- Hint:
  - Use 2000 bytes of 0x00 to better observe the result
  - Use bless tool to open the encrypted file, manually change the 42nd byte (offset 0x29)
  - Compare both plaintexts

```
$ truncate -s 2K file.bin
```



Task 6

- Goal: Decrypt cipher using same or predictable IV
- 6.1:
  - Use a **short file** (i.e. 20 bytes) for encryption, easy to compare and observe the result
  - You can ignore the warning “hex string is too short…”
- 6.2:
  - Use the sample_code.py in lab_symmetric.zip for OFB
  - Explain if we replace OFB with CFB, **no need to demonstrate**

Task 6

- 6.3:
  - Make sure you read through **Section 2: Lab Environment** at the beginning of the lab document
  - The plaintext that you input should be a **HEX value**, convert string to HEX first
  - Bob's secret message is **Yes** or **No** with capitalized **Y** and **N**
  - You also need to consider CBC padding

Questions?

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