



Information Security

Lab 1

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In order to resolve this lab, I've created this code that can encrypt, send, receive, and decrypt arbitrary messages via nested encryption by using a MQTT message broker as intermediate forwarder between agents. The code is located in <https://github.com/hectornunfer/SI-Munics/tree/main/Lab1>. It's composed by 3 files, the first one is **tor.py**. In that file there are all the necessary encrypt/decrypt functions:

1- One to read my private key and another one to read my public key:

```
1 import cryptography
2 import os
3 import base64
4 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.ciphers.aead import AESGCM
5 # RSA-OAEP Encrypting and decrypting
6 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import hashes
7 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.asymmetric import padding
8 import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt
9 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.asymmetric import rsa
10 from cryptography.hazmat.backends import default_backend
11 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import serialization
12 from base64 import b64decode, b64encode
13 pubkey_dictionary = {
14
15 }
16 # Open my private key
17 with open("id_rsa", "rb") as key_file:
18     private_key = serialization.load_ssh_private_key(
19         key_file.read(),
20         password=None,
21         backend=default_backend()
22     )
23
24 # Open my public key
25 with open("id_rsa.pub", "rb") as key_file:
26     public_key = serialization.load_ssh_public_key(
27         key_file.read(),
28         backend=default_backend()
29     )
```

Listing 1: Read keys

2- Format the user-id to make him have 5 characters, it's used to format all the tags, including the end one.

```
1 # Add padding to user_id to make him have 5 characters
2 def format_userid(user_id):
3     return (b'\x00' * (5-len(user_id)) + user_id)
```

Listing 2: Format id's

3- This function is used to find the public key assigned to a user with a specific id, this iterates over the list of public keys called "pubkey-dictionary".

```
1 # Find public key by Id
2 def findPublicKeyById(id):
```

```

3     pkey = pubkey_dictionary.get(id)
4     if pkey is not None:
5         return serialization.load_ssh_public_key(
6             ('ssh-rsa ' + pkey).encode('ascii'),
7             backend=default_backend()
8         )
9     else:
10        return pkey

```

Listing 3: Find the public key of an user.

4- This pair of functions implements the AESGCM cipher, the first one encrypts a plaintext with a key and the second one decrypts a ciphertext with a key.

```

1 # Encrypt a plaintext with a key using AESGCM cipher
2 def encrypt_aesgcm(key, plaintext):
3     aesgcm = AESGCM(key)
4     nonce = key
5     ciphertext = aesgcm.encrypt(nonce, plaintext, None)
6     return ciphertext
7
8 # Decrypt a plaintext with a key using AESGCM cipher
9 def decrypt_aesgcm(key, ciphertext):
10    aesgcm = AESGCM(key)
11    nonce = key
12    plaintext = aesgcm.decrypt(nonce, ciphertext, None)
13    return plaintext

```

Listing 4: AESGCM cipher

5- This pair of functions implements the RSA cipher, the first one encrypts a plaintext with a given public key and the second one decrypts a ciphertext with a private key, in this case only my private key.

```

1 # Encrypt a plaintext with a key using RSA cipher
2 def encrypt_rsa(pub_key, plaintext):
3     ciphertext = pub_key.encrypt(
4         plaintext,
5         padding.OAEP(
6             mgf=padding.MGF1(algorithm=hashes.SHA256()),
7             algorithm=hashes.SHA256(),
8             label=None
9         )
10    )
11    return ciphertext
12
13 # Decrypt a plaintext with a key using RSA cipher
14 def decrypt_rsa(ciphertext):
15     plaintext = private_key.decrypt(
16         ciphertext,
17         padding.OAEP(
18             mgf=padding.MGF1(algorithm=hashes.SHA256()),
19             algorithm=hashes.SHA256(),
20             label=None
21         )
22    )
23    return plaintext

```

Listing 5: RSA cipher

6- Hybrid encryption and decryption.

```

1 # Encrypt a text using hybrid encryption, first AESGCM to cipher
2 # the text and then RSA to cipher the key used in AESGCM.
3 def encrypt_hybrid(pub_key, plaintext):
4     key = AESGCM.generate_key(bit_length=128)
5     c_aesgcm = encrypt_aesgcm(key, plaintext)
6     c_rsa = encrypt_rsa(pub_key, key)
7     return c_rsa + c_aesgcm
8
9 # Decrypt a ciphertext using hybrid encryption, first RSA to recover
10 # the AESGCM key and then AESGCM to recover the plaintext.
11 def decrypt_hybrid(ciphertext):
12     key_length = private_key.key_size // 8

```

```

12 cipher_k = ciphertext[:key_length]
13 cipher_plaintext = ciphertext[key_length:]
14 key = decrypt_rsa(cipher_k)
15 plaintext = decrypt_aesgcm(key, cipher_plaintext)
16
17 return plaintext

```

Listing 6: Hybrid encryption

7- It uses the hybrid cipher and nested encrypt over the relays of the path given.

```

1 # Encrypt nested through the path using hybrid cipher
2 def encrypt_nested_hybrid(path, plaintext):
3     # Revealed sender and end tags
4     m_end = format_userid(b"end") + format_userid(b"hnf") + format_userid(plaintext)
5     pkey_last = findPublicKeyById(path[-1])
6     c = encrypt_hybrid(pkey_last, m_end)
7     # Iterate through relays in reverse order and encrypt with their public keys
8     for i in range(len(path) - 2, 0, -1):
9         pkey_i = findPublicKeyById(path[i])
10        c = path[i+1] + c
11        c = encrypt_hybrid(pkey_i, c)
12    return c

```

Listing 7: Encrypt nested

The second one is **mqtt-listener.py**. Here is the implementation of the listener, it keeps listening for a message, and when something is received, it decrypts and checks if I'm the final destination. If I'm not, I send the message to the next hop of the path. As you can see commented on the code, it creates a client and then keeps listening for any message directed to the client's subscribed topic.

```

1 import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt
2 import tor
3 import mqtt as mqtt_client
4
5 MQTT_SERVER = "18.101.47.122"
6 MQTT_USER = "sinf"
7 MQTT_PASSWORD = "HkxNtvLB3GC5GQRUWfsA"
8 MQTT_PORT = 1883
9 MQTT_KEEPA_LIVE = 60
10 MQTT_TOPIC = "hnf"
11
12 # It gets the first 5 bytes of a plaintext and ignores the 0 byte \x00
13 def split_received_message(plaintext):
14     return plaintext[:5].strip(b'\x00').decode('ascii')
15
16 # When a message is received
17 def on_message(client, userdata, msg):
18     # It decrypts using hybrid decryption
19     plaintext = tor.decrypt_hybrid(msg.payload)
20     # Check if the first 5 bytes are equal to "end"
21     source = split_received_message(plaintext[:5])
22     # The encrypted message to be sent if i'm not the destination
23     message = plaintext[5:]
24     if source == "END" or source == "end":
25         # Same as above, if we are the destination, we get the source, that will be in
26         # the next 5 bytes
27         source = split_received_message(plaintext[5:])
28         # Getting the original message
29         message = plaintext[10:].decode('ascii')
30         print("From source: " + str(source))
31         print("Message: " + message)
32     else:
33         # If I'm not the destination, i send it to the next hope
34         print("Sending message to: " + str(source))
35         client.publish(str(source), message)
36
37 # Configuration of the client
38 def mqtt_client(server, port, topic, user, password, keepalive):
39     client = mqtt.Client()
40     client.on_message = on_message
41     client.username_pw_set(user, password)
42     client.connect(server, port, keepalive)

```

```

42     client.subscribe(topic)
43     return client
44 # It keeps listening while it receives any key from terminal
45 def listen():
46     while True:
47         client.loop_start()
48         leave = input("\nPresiona una tecla para salir: \n")
49         if leave != "":
50             client.loop_stop()
51             break
52
53 # Create the MQTT client
54 client = mqtt_client(MQTT_SERVER, MQTT_PORT, MQTT_TOPIC, MQTT_USER, MQTT_PASSWORD ,
55                     MQTT_KEEPALIVE)
56
57 # Keeps listening
58 listen()

```

Listing 8: Python example

The third and the last one is **mqtt.py**. It's just to send messages, it creates a client and configures the connection, after that, the message is sent to a path given.

```

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7 MQTT_PORT = 1883
8 MQTT_KEEPLIVE = 60
9 MQTT_TOPIC = "hnf"
10
11 # Configuration of the client
12 def mqtt_client(server, port, topic, user, password, keepalive):
13     client = mqtt.Client()
14     client.username_pw_set(user, password)
15     client.connect(server, port, keepalive)
16     client.subscribe(topic)
17     return client
18
19 # Create the MQTT client
20 client = mqtt_client(MQTT_SERVER, MQTT_PORT, MQTT_TOPIC, MQTT_USER, MQTT_PASSWORD ,
21                     MQTT_KEEPLIVE)
22
23 cipher_message = b"Probando"
24 # The path to send the message, the first relay have to be me always, it can't not be
25 # ommited due the implementation
26 path = ["hnf", "hnf", "hnf"]
27 # Implements the nested encryption with a path given
28 encrypted_to_send = tor.encrypt_nested_hybrid(path,cipher_message)
29 # Publishing a message on the topic of the FIRST RELAY, not the last one.
30 result = client.publish("hnf", encrypted_to_send)

```

Listing 9: Python example

Tests.

Before all, you need to install the libraries from **requirements.txt**, to do that, just run `pip install requirements.txt`.

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As you can see in the image [1](#), the 3 test have been executed succesfully. Message sending is represented in the upper terminal and message receiving in the lower one.

```
Windows PowerShell x Windows PowerShell x + v
PS C:\Users\3t0rn\OneDrive\Escritorio\MUNICS\1º CUATRI\Seguridad de la información\Prácticas> python3 mqtt.py
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PS C:\Users\3t0rn\OneDrive\Escritorio\MUNICS\1º CUATRI\Seguridad de la información\Prácticas> python3 mqtt.py

Simbolo del sistema x Windows PowerShell x + v
PS C:\Users\3t0rn\OneDrive\Escritorio\MUNICS\1º CUATRI\Seguridad de la información\Prácticas> python3 .\mqtt_listener.py

Presiona una tecla para salir:
Sending message to: hnf
From source: hnf
Message: Probando
From source: hnf
Message: Probando
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
Sending message to: hnf
From source: hnf
Message: Probando
```

Figure 1: Tests local.

Now, I'll test my code with my classmate Daniel. Firstable, I will use him as a relay of my path 2:

```
Presiona una tecla para salir:
Sending message to dfp
Sending message to hnf
Sending message to hnf
From source: hnf
Message: Probando
```

Figure 2: Classmate as a relay.

Then, I ask him to send me a message, it works good again 3:

```
Presiona una tecla para salir:
From source: dfp
Message: Test
```

Figure 3: Receiving classmate's message.

I will try to send a message to him now, and it also works 4:

```
Símbolo del sistema - pipenv x + v - □ x
ERROR decrypting!
-----
[ 2023-10-17 21:09:45.991571 ] Received message!
Forwarding to hnf...
-----
[ 2023-10-17 21:10:43.851984 ] Received message!
FROM: hnf
MESSAGE:
Probando
-----
[ 2023-10-17 21:11:12.449559 ] Received message!
ERROR decrypting!
-----
[ 2023-10-17 21:12:21.359212 ] Received message!
ERROR decrypting!
-----
[ 2023-10-17 21:12:30.451684 ] Received message!
ERROR decrypting!
-----
[ 2023-10-17 21:14:16.338589 ] Received message!
ERROR decrypting!
-----
[ 2023-10-17 21:14:18.532951 ] Received message!
ERROR decrypting!
-----
[ 2023-10-17 21:16:14.218411 ] Received message!
FROM: hnf
MESSAGE:
Probando
```

Figure 4: Sending message to classmate.

Note: the failed decryptions were because I was sending the message to the final relay's topic. So, the first succesfully decrypt was because the path was just me and Daniel. Then, when I was trying to send a message to this path = ["hnf","hnf","dfp"], the first publish was send to the last relay's topic, not to the next one in the path. I fixed that and now it works properly.

Finally, to test everything, i will test an anonym message, and it works too 5::

```
Windows PowerShell x + v - □ x
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PS C:\Users\3t0rn\OneDrive\Escritorio\MUNICS\1º CUATRI\Seguridad de la información\Prácticas>

Símbolo del sistema x + v - □ x
PS C:\Users\3t0rn\OneDrive\Escritorio\MUNICS\1º CUATRI\Seguridad de la información\Prácticas> python3 .\mqtt_listener.py

Presiona una tecla para salir:
Sending message to: hnf
From source: none
Message: Probando
```

Figure 5: Anonym sender.