Introduction to cryptography Welcome

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Introducing myself

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- Cryptographer at STMicroelectronics in Diegem
 - User of cryptography for secure chips (e.g., smartcards)
 - Active in research in symmetric cryptography
- Professor of Cryptanalysis (Erasmus Mundus Cyberus)

Lectures - Outline

- 1 Historical ciphers and general principles
- 2 Secret-key techniques (symmetric cryptography)
 - Primitives: keystream generator, block cipher, permutation
 - Modes of operation
 - Encryption, authentication, authenticated encryption
- 3 Hashing
- 4 Public-key techniques (asymmetric cryptography)
 - Key establishment, encryption, signature
 - Factorization, discrete logarithm, elliptic curves

Exercises

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The exercises follow the same chapters as the lectures.

Plus two additional sessions:

- The finite field GF(2⁸)
- Modular arithmetic

Starts this week already Friday September 20 in Forum D

References

- The lecture slides
- The outline on the Université Virtuelle (UV)
 - Key points to remember
 - Pointers for more information
- Paar and Pelzl, *Understanding Cryptography*, Springer 2011 (ISBN 978-3642041006)
 - Note: there is a second edition available, but not yet evaluated
- Katz and Lindell, Introduction to Modern Cryptography (third edition), CRC Press, 2021 (ISBN 978-0815354369)
- Menezes, van Oorschot and Vanstone, Handbook of applied cryptography, freely available on http://www.cacr.math.uwaterloo.ca/hac/