

Assignment#01
Meet-in-the-middle attack on Double DES
CS3002 - Information Security

You have to launch a successful meet-in-the-middle attack on double DES (using two keys). Since this process requires you to generate all possible combinations of the first key (i.e. k_1), you need to *report the number of keys used for k_2* to find the key pair i.e. (k_1, k_2) . *Report the time taken* for finding the key pair.

Note:

1. You can use any implementation of DES (use built-in functions (if available) or pick any *valid* implementation from the internet.
2. This assignment must be implemented in python.
3. You can generate a number of plain-text, cipher-text pairs to use for the attack. One pair can be used to launch the attack, the rest can be used to verify that the keys found are *valid*.