

Cryptography and security (IPM-18sztKVSZKRBG)

Assignment III

Minimum requirements

- There are 4 different IT security related problems described in this paper with varying difficulties;
- You need to collect at least 5 points from this assignment;
- Always provide step by step solutions;
- Submit your final solution in one PDF file including every necessary source code;
- Please send your solutions to ntihanyi@inf.elte.hu till 20th April 2022;
- It is **strictly prohibited** to share your solutions with others.

Challenge #1 - Brute-force

We have the following small script. The embedded password is only 6 characters long.

Questions:

- a. Write a program that recover the cleartext password. (3 points)
- b. Recommend a more secure algorithm for password hashing. (1 point)

Challenge #2 - Finite Field

AES is using the following reducing polynomial for multiplication: $x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$

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a. Solve the multiplication in GF(8): 0xCA \cdot 0x53 = ? (1 point)
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- b. Solve the multiplication in GF(8): $0x11 \cdot 0xDA = ?$ (1 point)
- c. Solve the multiplication in GF(8): $0x99 \cdot 0xFF = ?$ (1 point)
- d. Solve the multiplication in GF(8): $0xCC \cdot 0x39 = ?$ (1 point)
- e. Implement the general AES GF(8) multiplication in any chosen programming language (6 points)

Challenge #3 - Collision

We have the following python script.

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import md5
def encrypt(password):
hash = md5.new(password).hexdigest()
l = list(hash)
l.sort()
return md5.new(''.join(l)[:13]+"ABCD").hexdigest()
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Questions:

- a. Provide two different strings s1 and s2 where encrypt(s1)=encrypt(s2) (1 point)
- b. Implement the solution in any chosen programming language. (3 points)

Challenge #4 - AES or RSA

AES and RSA are the most widely used symmetric and asymmetric encryption algorithms.

Questions:

a. Describe the most important differences between AES and RSA (10-12 sentences). (2 points)