

[TWCTF-2016: Crypto] Twin Primes Writeup

Standard

Challenge description:

Decrypt it.

[twin-primes.7z](#)

We have 4 files in the archive:

- **encrypt.py** – A Python script uses RSA algorithm to encrypt the flag
- **encrypted** – The encrypted message
- **key 1** – n, and e of one of the keys used in the encryption process
- **key 2** – n, and e of the other key used in the encryption process

Are you ready for your math lesson? Here we go.

After reading encrypt.py we know that:

- $n1 = p * q$
- $n2 = (p+2)(q+2)$
- p and q are [twin primes](#). i.e p is prime and p+2 is also prime; similar for q.

Now let's turn the equation into an equation with one unknown and then

solve it for the unknown. We can isolate q to be $q = \frac{n2}{p+2} - 2$ and substitute q in the other equation. Now we have an equation in one

unknown:

$$n1 = p \left(\frac{n2}{p+2} - 2 \right)$$

Solve the equation and you'll get: $2p^2 + (n1 - n2 + 4)p + 2n1 = 0$

We need to solve this quadratic equation in order to find p and q. After that it will not be a problem to find the d's and build the keys.

The rest is in the script:

```
1  from sympy import *
2  from Crypto.Util.number import *
3  import Crypto.PublicKey.RSA as RSA
4  import os
5
6  # n from key1
7  n1 = 1940264376802796729448069536103722764963751456128046135270842019219732899351271
8
9  # n from key2
10 n2 = 1940264376802796729448069536103722764963751456128046135270842019219732899351271
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12 # e from key1 && key2
13 e=long(65537)
14
15 # a,b and c of the quadratic equation
16 a = 2
17 b = n1-n2+4
18 c = 2*n1
19
20 x = Symbol('x')
21
22 # solve the equation and put the solutions in x1_2, one of the solutions will be p,
23 x1_2 = solve(a*x**2+b*x+c)
24
25 p = x1_2[0]
26 q = x1_2[1]
27
28 # create d1 and d2 form p and q
29 d1 = inverse(e, (p-1)*(q-1))
30 d2 = inverse(e, (p+1)*(q+1))
31
32 # constructs the paramter to key1 and key2
33 key1=RSA.construct((n1,e,d1))
34 key2=RSA.construct((n2,e,d2))
35
36 # decrypt the flag
37 encrypted_flag = open('/Megabeets/encrypted',"r").read()
38 long_to_bytes(key1.decrypt(key2.decrypt(encrypted_flag)))
39
40 # result: "TWCTF{3102628d7059fa267365f8c37a0e56cf7e0797ef}"
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