

Hackit 2016 Quals - Handmade encryption standard

Crypto - 250 pts

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Times are getting harder and harder for Gen.Tompson.

I`m soldier Alderson and some time ago we got this Rijndael cipher: $\a2\xc5\xe7\xcc\xe4\xa9\xb6\x41\x0b\x77\x92\x54\$ And we have even intercepted its key(!):

21449030350486006488383082093598

But the problem is that decryption operation have failed somehow =(

Our math-team found out that standart algorithm was modified by cryptographer - he decided to use his own substitutic Math team also found out that modification was pretty simple - cryptographer just exchanged 3 elements of that substi P.S General Tompson can't talk right now.

In this challenge, they talk about the Rijndael Cipher which is the algorithm used by the AES Standard. During this algorithm, a "box" of 256 bytes is used and called S-Box (For Substitution box).

After a lot of research and failed attemps, here are the elements we must know and remember before entering the channel:

- S-Box is used for encryption and S-Box-Inverse is used for decryption.
- S-Box is used for the Key Expansion part. Therefore it is used both for Encryption and Decryption.

Therefore here, as far as we need to decrypt, we'll need to change S-box aswell as S-Box-Inv accordingly.

Now few mathematics about the permutations problem. We need to switch 3 elements among them. So we first need to fetch every group of 3 distinct element between 1 and 256 without considering the place in the group. This is called a combination. Once we've got a group like this one: (a,b,c) we got only 2 permutations which changes all three elements:

- (b,c,a)
- (c,a,b)

Once we've listed this, the total of permutations equals 2 times the number of combinations of 3 among 256. Which

mathematically is: $2*\frac{(256)!}{(256-3)!*3!}$ = 5 527 040 possibilities which is by far vulnerable to bruteforcing.

So in our code, we first need to generate all permutations with this:

```
const int N = 256;
const int K = 3;
std::string bitmask(K, 1); // K leading 1's
bitmask.resize(N, 0); // N-K trailing 0's
uint8_t a = 0x00, b = 0x00, c = 0x00;
   bool aSet = false, bSet = false;
   //Here we define the three elements of the permutations
   for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k) // [0..N-1] integers
       if (bitmask[k]){
           if(!aSet){
               a = (unsigned char) k;
               aSet = true;
           }
            else if(!bSet){
               b = (unsigned char) k;
               bSet = true;
            else if(!cSet){
               c = (unsigned char) k;
               cSet = true;
           else{
                std::cout << "Error" << std::endl;</pre>
           }
       }
   }
} while (std::prev_permutation(bitmask.begin(), bitmask.end()));
```

We'll also need to get an aes256 implementation (The key is written in ascii. So this is 32 bytes). I used this one. In this file, we just need to do few changes. We need to remove the const before the declaration of SBox and SBoxInv and then add these 2 functions:

```
void aes256_setInvBox(uint8_t *box){
    memcpy(sboxinv,box,256);
}
void aes256_setBox(uint8_t *box){
    memcpy(sbox,box,256);
}
```

Once we did this, we only need to change the SBox and the SBoxInv accordingly. For example, if our group is (a,b,c) and we want to modify it to (b,c,a) we have this code:

```
uint8_t save = 0x0;
memset(&save,newBox[a],1);
memcpy(newBox+a,newBox+b,1); //Set SBox[b] in SBox[a]
memset(newBoxinv+newBox[a],a,1); //Set SBoxInv(b) to point to the "array address" of SBox[a] which is a.
memcpy(newBox+b,newBox+c,1);
memset(newBoxinv+newBox[b],b,1);
memcpy(newBox+c,&save,1);
memset(newBoxinv+newBox[c],c,1);
```

With this, we just launch the decryption and check if we have the flag.

Final code:

```
/*
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*/
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream>

#include "aes256.h"

using namespace std;

bool hasFlag(uint8_t *buf){
    std::string bufString(buf,buf+64*sizeof(uint8_t));
```

```
if(bufString.find("h4ck1t") != std::string::npos){
        return true;
    return false;
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
    aes256_context ctx;
    uint8_t key[32] = {'2', '1', '4', '4', '9', '0', '3', '0', '3', '5', '0', '4', '8', '6', '0', '0', '6', '4', '8',
    const uint8_t saveBuf[64] = {0xa2,0xc5,0xe7,0xcc,0xe4,0xa9,0xb6,0x41,0x0b,0x77,0x92,0x54,0x78,0xdb,0xed,0xab,0xe0
    //Values to generate the permutations
    const int N = 256;
    const int K = 3:
    const uint8_t saveBox[256] =
        0x63, 0x7c, 0x77, 0x7b, 0xf2, 0x6b, 0x6f, 0xc5,
        0x30, 0x01, 0x67, 0x2b, 0xfe, 0xd7, 0xab, 0x76,
        0xca, 0x82, 0xc9, 0x7d, 0xfa, 0x59, 0x47, 0xf0,
        0xad, 0xd4, 0xa2, 0xaf, 0x9c, 0xa4, 0x72, 0xc0,
        0xb7, 0xfd, 0x93, 0x26, 0x36, 0x3f, 0xf7, 0xcc,
        0x34, 0xa5, 0xe5, 0xf1, 0x71, 0xd8, 0x31, 0x15,
        0x04, 0xc7, 0x23, 0xc3, 0x18, 0x96, 0x05, 0x9a,
        0x07, 0x12, 0x80, 0xe2, 0xeb, 0x27, 0xb2, 0x75,
        0x09, 0x83, 0x2c, 0x1a, 0x1b, 0x6e, 0x5a, 0xa0,
        0x52, 0x3b, 0xd6, 0xb3, 0x29, 0xe3, 0x2f, 0x84,
        0x53, 0xd1, 0x00, 0xed, 0x20, 0xfc, 0xb1, 0x5b,
        0x6a, 0xcb, 0xbe, 0x39, 0x4a, 0x4c, 0x58, 0xcf,
        0xd0, 0xef, 0xaa, 0xfb, 0x43, 0x4d, 0x33, 0x85,
        0x45, 0xf9, 0x02, 0x7f, 0x50, 0x3c, 0x9f, 0xa8,
        0x51, 0xa3, 0x40, 0x8f, 0x92, 0x9d, 0x38, 0xf5,
        0xbc, 0xb6, 0xda, 0x21, 0x10, 0xff, 0xf3, 0xd2,
        0xcd, 0x0c, 0x13, 0xec, 0x5f, 0x97, 0x44, 0x17,
        0xc4, 0xa7, 0x7e, 0x3d, 0x64, 0x5d, 0x19, 0x73,
        0x60, 0x81, 0x4f, 0xdc, 0x22, 0x2a, 0x90, 0x88,
        0x46, 0xee, 0xb8, 0x14, 0xde, 0x5e, 0x0b, 0xdb,
        0xe0, 0x32, 0x3a, 0x0a, 0x49, 0x06, 0x24, 0x5c,
        0xc2, 0xd3, 0xac, 0x62, 0x91, 0x95, 0xe4, 0x79,
        0xe7, 0xc8, 0x37, 0x6d, 0x8d, 0xd5, 0x4e, 0xa9,
        0x6c, 0x56, 0xf4, 0xea, 0x65, 0x7a, 0xae, 0x08,
        0xba, 0x78, 0x25, 0x2e, 0x1c, 0xa6, 0xb4, 0xc6,
        0xe8, 0xdd, 0x74, 0x1f, 0x4b, 0xbd, 0x8b, 0x8a,
        0x70, 0x3e, 0xb5, 0x66, 0x48, 0x03, 0xf6, 0x0e,
        0x61, 0x35, 0x57, 0xb9, 0x86, 0xc1, 0x1d, 0x9e,
        0xe1, 0xf8, 0x98, 0x11, 0x69, 0xd9, 0x8e, 0x94,
        0x9b, 0x1e, 0x87, 0xe9, 0xce, 0x55, 0x28, 0xdf,
        0x8c, 0xa1, 0x89, 0x0d, 0xbf, 0xe6, 0x42, 0x68,
        0x41, 0x99, 0x2d, 0x0f, 0xb0, 0x54, 0xbb, 0x16
    }:
    const uint8_t saveBoxInv[256] =
        0x52, 0x09, 0x6a, 0xd5, 0x30, 0x36, 0xa5, 0x38,
        0xbf, 0x40, 0xa3, 0x9e, 0x81, 0xf3, 0xd7, 0xfb,
        0x7c, 0xe3, 0x39, 0x82, 0x9b, 0x2f, 0xff, 0x87,
        0x34, 0x8e, 0x43, 0x44, 0xc4, 0xde, 0xe9, 0xcb,
        0x54, 0x7b, 0x94, 0x32, 0xa6, 0xc2, 0x23, 0x3d,
        0xee, 0x4c, 0x95, 0x0b, 0x42, 0xfa, 0xc3, 0x4e,
        0x08, 0x2e, 0xa1, 0x66, 0x28, 0xd9, 0x24, 0xb2,
        0x76, 0x5b, 0xa2, 0x49, 0x6d, 0x8b, 0xd1, 0x25,
        0x72, 0xf8, 0xf6, 0x64, 0x86, 0x68, 0x98, 0x16,
        0xd4, 0xa4, 0x5c, 0xcc, 0x5d, 0x65, 0xb6, 0x92,
        0x6c, 0x70, 0x48, 0x50, 0xfd, 0xed, 0xb9, 0xda,
        0x5e, 0x15, 0x46, 0x57, 0xa7, 0x8d, 0x9d, 0x84,
        0x90, 0xd8, 0xab, 0x00, 0x8c, 0xbc, 0xd3, 0x0a,
        0xf7, 0xe4, 0x58, 0x05, 0xb8, 0xb3, 0x45, 0x06,
        0xd0, 0x2c, 0x1e, 0x8f, 0xca, 0x3f, 0x0f, 0x02,
        0xc1, 0xaf, 0xbd, 0x03, 0x01, 0x13, 0x8a, 0x6b,
        0x3a, 0x91, 0x11, 0x41, 0x4f, 0x67, 0xdc, 0xea,
        0x97, 0xf2, 0xcf, 0xce, 0xf0, 0xb4, 0xe6, 0x73,
        0x96, 0xac, 0x74, 0x22, 0xe7, 0xad, 0x35, 0x85,
        0xe2, 0xf9, 0x37, 0xe8, 0x1c, 0x75, 0xdf, 0x6e,
        0x47, 0xf1, 0x1a, 0x71, 0x1d, 0x29, 0xc5, 0x89,
        0x6f, 0xb7, 0x62, 0x0e, 0xaa, 0x18, 0xbe, 0x1b,
        0xfc, 0x56, 0x3e, 0x4b, 0xc6, 0xd2, 0x79, 0x20,
        0x9a, 0xdb, 0xc0, 0xfe, 0x78, 0xcd, 0x5a, 0xf4,
```

```
0x1f, 0xdd, 0xa8, 0x33, 0x88, 0x07, 0xc7, 0x31,
              0xb1, 0x12, 0x10, 0x59, 0x27, 0x80, 0xec, 0x5f,
              0x60, 0x51, 0x7f, 0xa9, 0x19, 0xb5, 0x4a, 0x0d,
              0x2d, 0xe5, 0x7a, 0x9f, 0x93, 0xc9, 0x9c, 0xef,
              0xa0, 0xe0, 0x3b, 0x4d, 0xae, 0x2a, 0xf5, 0xb0,
              0xc8, 0xeb, 0xbb, 0x3c, 0x83, 0x53, 0x99, 0x61,
              0x17, 0x2b, 0x04, 0x7e, 0xba, 0x77, 0xd6, 0x26,
              0xe1, 0x69, 0x14, 0x63, 0x55, 0x21, 0x0c, 0x7d
};
//Round number 1. Why 1 ? I don't know and I don't really give a shit! :D
int 1 = 0;
//The buffer used to store the current encryption / decryption state % \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right
uint8_t buf[65];
//The new boxes
uint8 t newBox[256];
uint8_t newBoxinv[256];
memset(buf,0x00,sizeof(buf));
//Generation permutations loop
std::string bitmask(K, 1); // K leading 1's
bitmask.resize(N, 0); // N-K trailing 0's
//Declare permuation values
uint8_t a = 0x00, b = 0x00, c = 0x00;
do {
              //Increment round and reset indexes
              1++;
              //Reset permutation values.
              a = 0x00; b = 0x00; c = 0x00;
              //Set index to next permutation
              bool aSet = false, bSet = false, cSet = false;
              for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k) // [0..N-1] integers
              {
                            if (bitmask[k]){
                                          if(!aSet){
                                                        a = (unsigned char) k;
                                                        aSet = true;
                                          }
                                          else if(!bSet){
                                                        b = (unsigned char) k;
                                                        bSet = true;
                                          else if(!cSet){
                                                      c = (unsigned char) k;
                                                        cSet = true;
                                          }
                                          else{
                                                        std::cout << "Error" << std::endl;</pre>
                                          }
                            }
              }
              //Reset buffer and box
              memcpy(buf,saveBuf,sizeof(buf));
              memcpy(newBox,saveBox,sizeof(saveBox));
              memcpy(newBoxinv,saveBoxInv,sizeof(saveBoxInv));
              //First permutation
              uint8_t save = 0x0;
              memset(&save,newBox[a],1);
              memcpy(newBox+a,newBox+b,1);
              memset(newBoxinv+newBox[a],a,1);
              memcpy(newBox+b,newBox+c,1);
              memset(newBoxinv+newBox[b],b,1);
              memcpy(newBox+c,&save,1);
              memset(newBoxinv+newBox[c],c,1);
              aes256_setBox(newBox);
              aes256_setInvBox(newBoxinv);
              //4 decryption because buffer is 64 bytes long
              for(int offset=0;offset<sizeof(buf);offset+=16){</pre>
```

```
aes256_init(&ctx, key);
            aes256_decrypt_ecb(&ctx, buf+offset);
            aes256_done(&ctx);
        if(hasFlag(buf)){
            std::cout << buf << std::endl;</pre>
        }
        //2nd permutation, We reset the buffers
        memcpy(buf,saveBuf,16);
        memcpy(newBox,saveBox,256);
        memcpy(newBoxinv,saveBoxInv,256);
        //Second permutation
        memset(&save,newBox[a],1);
        memcpy(newBox+a,newBox+c,1);
        memset(newBoxinv+newBox[a],a,1);
        memcpy(newBox+c,newBox+b,1);
        memset(newBoxinv+newBox[c],c,1);
        memcpy(newBox+b,&save,1);
        memset(newBoxinv+newBox[b],b,1);
        aes256_setBox(newBox);
        aes256_setInvBox(newBoxinv);
        //4 decryption because buffer is 64 bytes long
        for(int offset=0;offset<sizeof(buf)-1;offset+=16){</pre>
            aes256_init(&ctx, key);
            aes256_decrypt_ecb(&ctx, buf+offset);
            aes256_done(&ctx);
        }
        if(hasFlag(buf)){
            std::cout << buf << std::endl;</pre>
        if(1%100000 == 0){
            std::cout << 1 << std::endl;</pre>
    } while (std::prev_permutation(bitmask.begin(), bitmask.end()));
    return 0;
}
```

Running this programm is very quick compared to python code. It does about 20 000 permutations per second, we get the result in less than 5 minutes showing us the flag: h4ck1t{50M30N3_KN0VV5_cRyPto_N0T_34D}

This program could still be improved for sure, because there's some repeating code in here:)

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