

rsa encryption

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diffie-hellman model

RSA encryption follows this general security model

∀ party A, they have a public key PK_A that others use to encrypt messages M to A.

$$C = PK_A(M)$$

party A has a secret key SK_A that they can use to decrypt ciphertexts they receive.

$$M = SK_A(C)$$

the clinch is that even publishing PK_A , nothing is revealed about SK_A

RSA implementation

RSA relies on the difficulty of factoring the product n of two very large primes p, q to be secure

the private and public keys are pairs of integers:

$$PK = (n, e) \text{ where } n = p \cdot q \text{ and } \gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$$

$$SK = (n, d) \text{ where } de = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$$

↑
Euler's totient
counts pos. int.
up to n that
are rel. prime
to n

to encrypt and decrypt, keys are used as follows:

$$C \equiv \text{Enc}(PK, m) \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$$

$$m \equiv \text{Dec}(SK, C) \equiv C^d \pmod{n}$$

how are our keys generated?

1. two distinct large primes p, q are chosen

2. compute $n = pq$

3. compute $\lambda(n) = \text{lcm}(\phi(p), \phi(q)) = \text{lcm}(p-1, q-1)$ where λ is Carmichael's totient function. $\lambda(n)$ is private

- choose int. e s.t. $1 < e < \lambda(n)$ and $\gcd(e, \lambda(n)) = 1$
also: $e \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\lambda(n)}^*$, $\Phi(n) = |\mathbb{Z}_n^*| = (p-1)(q-1)$ ↑ this means e & $\lambda(n)$ are relatively prime to another
- compute $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\lambda(n)}$
d is the modular multiplicative inverse of $e \pmod{\lambda(n)}$

let's briefly show correctness

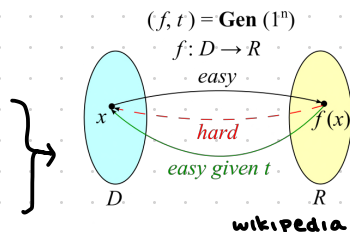
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Dec}(\text{SK}, \text{Enc}(\text{PK}, m)) \\
 &= \text{Dec}(\text{SK}, m^e \bmod n) \\
 &= (m^e)^d \bmod n \\
 &= m^{e \cdot d} \bmod n \\
 &= m^1 \bmod n = m
 \end{aligned}$$

fun fact

practical implement. use chinese remainder theorem

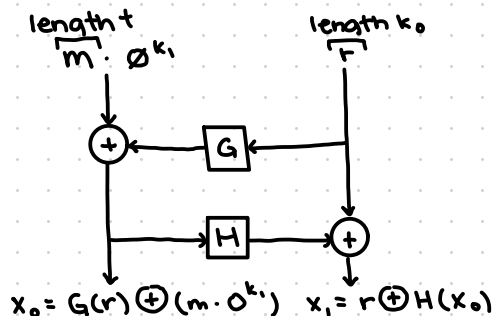
RSA IS ...

- not semantically secure
- not even randomized
- a trapdoor permutation
 - ↳ easy to compute, hard to invert (RSA assumption)
 - ↳ easy to invert given a trapdoor d



MAKING RSA CCA2 SECURE

idea: apply RSA encryption to an encoding of the message
 we call this OAEP: optimal asymmetric encryption padding



$$\text{Enc}_{n,e}(x_0, x_1)$$

where G, H are random oracles

OAEP is randomized $\forall m \rightarrow \text{Enc}(m) = (x_0, x_1)$ is randomized.
Without revealing the encoding (x_0, x_1) entirely, nothing can be learned about m

Any trapdoor with OAEP encoding is CPA secure
RSA with OAEP is CCA2 secure