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Lab 26: Cryptography

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Introduction

This lab focuses on hashing files and then recognizing changes to the hash value after the file is modified. It will also cover another method to hide text or files within other files using steganography techniques.

Objectives

- Use encrypting/decrypting techniques
- Generate hashes and file checksum



Lab Topology





Lab Settings

The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

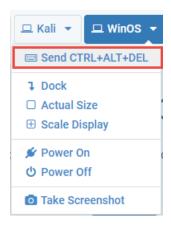
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1 Learn How Hash Values Change When Text is Edited

Hashing is the process of generating a unique value using a mathematical algorithm. This hash value can be used to validate digital information. This means a hash value can be used to determine if files have been changed since they have been hashed. The hash value can be considered as a serial number for a file and will be completely different if the slightest change is made to the file. In this exercise, we will hash some data and compare the values to see the verification in action.

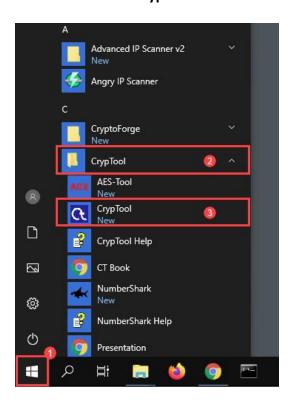
- 1. Launch the **WinOS** virtual machine to access the graphical login screen.
 - 1.1. Select **Send CTRL+ALT+DEL** from the dropdown menu to be prompted with the login screen.



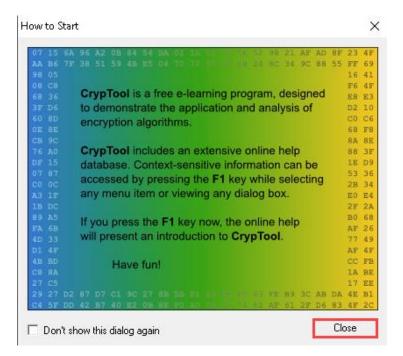
1.2. Log in as Administrator using the password: Train1ng\$



2. Let's begin by opening the software called *Cryptool* by clicking the **Start Menu** button seen in *item* **1** below. Next, navigate to and click the folder called **Cryptool** and then click the **Cryptool** icon seen in *items* **2** and **3** below.

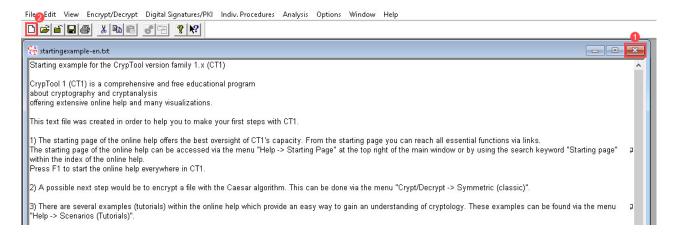


3. The *Cryptool* window will appear. This is a free educational tool that is great for learning about the wonders of cryptography. This tool has many features and a detailed help file, so we will not do a familiarization for this one. Instead, we will go directly to the feature we will be using in this lab. Begin by reading the *How to Start* window and then clicking the **Close** button once you are done, as highlighted below.

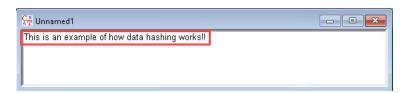




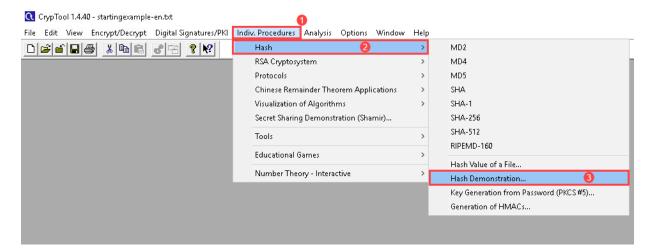
4. The main window will display a sample text file, but we will not be using that for this exercise. Instead, click the X at the top-right corner of that window to close it, then click the New icon from the toolbar to create a new file, as seen in items 1 and 2 below.



5. A new blank file will appear, so let's type some text in this window. Type the following text (Or text of your choice): This is an example of how data hashing works!! in the new window as seen below:

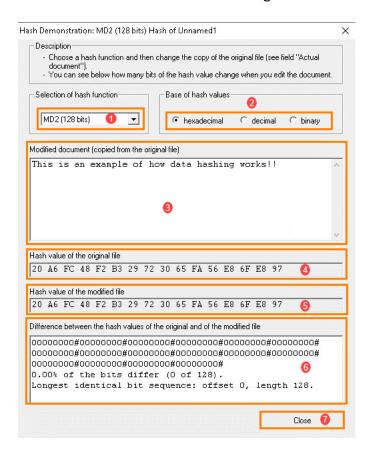


6. Next, navigate to and click **Indiv. Procedures** from the *Menu bar* as seen in *item* **1** below. Next, hover over **Hash** from the dropdown menu that appears and then click **Hash Demonstration...** from the submenu that appears, as seen in *items* **2** and **3** below.





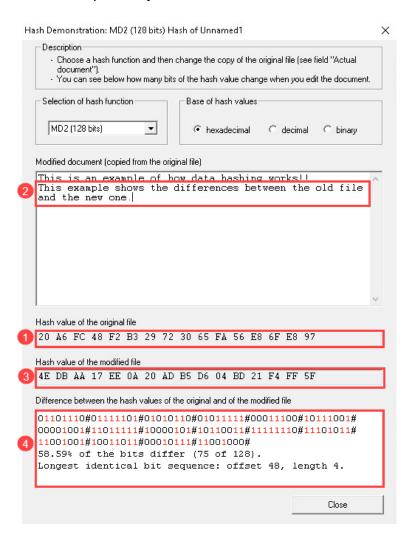
7. The Hash Demonstration window will appear. In this window, we will be able to see the hexadecimal, decimal, and binary hash values of the data we typed earlier. We can also compare the hash of the data we typed with the hash of the same data after we modify it a little. The table below the following screenshot provides a quick outline of the features we will be using in this exercise.



#	Name	Description
1	Selection of hash	This option allows you to choose between different hash
	function	algorithms
2	Base of hash	The radio buttons here allow you to choose what base
	values	the hash value should be represented in
3	Modified	This shows the text of the document that is being hashed
	document	and allows you to make changes to the document
4	Hash value of the	This is the hash value of the data represented in the
	original file	Modified document field
5	Hash value of the	This is the hash value of the data represented in the
	modified file	Modified document field after you add text or make
		changes to it
6	Difference	This display shows the differences between the old file
	between the hash	and the new one
	values of the	
	original and the	
	modified file	
7	Close	This is the option to close the window

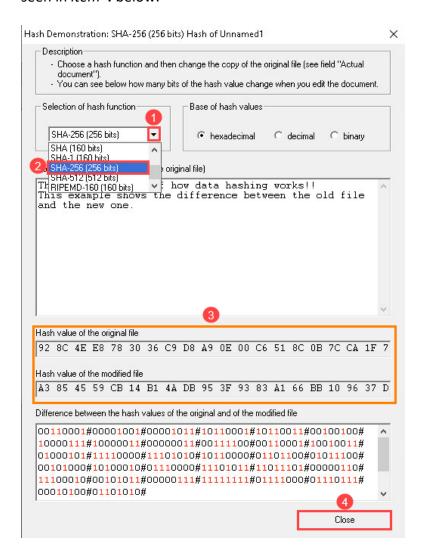


8. Now that you are a bit more familiar with the interface, let's add some data to the modified document field and see what happens. First, pay attention to the data in the Hash value of the original file field seen in item 1 below; this is the MD5 hash value of the data you typed earlier. Now, go back to the Modified document field and type the following text (or text of your choice), as seen in item 2: This example shows the differences between the old file and the new one. Notice as you type, the hash value in the hash value of the modified file field, seen in item 3, changes simultaneously. The red values in the Difference between the hash values of the original and the modified file field, seen in item 4, also change simultaneously and represent the new values that cause the hash to be different. When you compare the hashes in items 1 and 3, you can see that the difference is significant, even when you add just one character.





9. Now let's take a look at what this data looks like when hashed using a different algorithm. To do this, click the **arrow** to open the *Selection of hash function* dropdown menu, as seen in *item* 1. There are several different options there, but we'll just look at one. Click on **SHA-256** to choose that hash algorithm, as seen in *item* 2. The hash values in the respective fields are now completely different, as seen in *item* 3. They are much longer as well, which means that this algorithm is a lot more secure. Feel free to look at different algorithm outputs and make some changes to the options and text to see how it affects the hash values. When you are done, click the **Close** button seen in *item* 4 below.



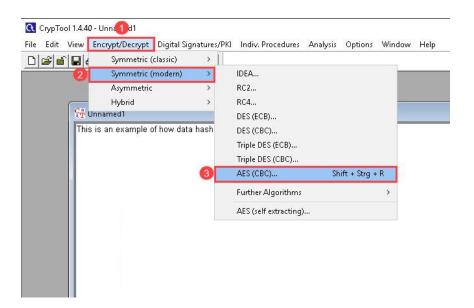
Next, we will use *CrypTool* to see how to encrypt and decrypt text.



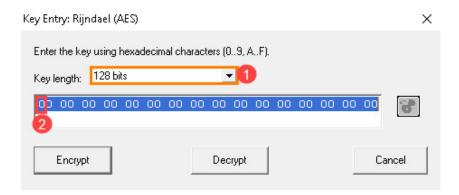
2 Encrypting and Decrypting Text

Since *CrypTool* is still open, let's move directly to the next exercise. In this exercise, we will be quickly encrypting and decrypting the text you typed in the previous exercise.

1. To begin, navigate to Encrypt/Decrypt > Symmetric (modern) > AES (CBC) as seen in *items* 1, 2, and 3 below:

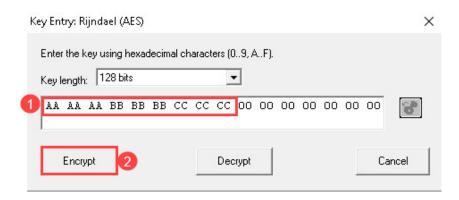


2. The *Key Entry* window will appear, which allows you to set the encryption key and its length. As you can see in *item* **1**, the key length is 128bits which means the key will have 32 characters. Let's make a simple encryption key to use for encrypting our text. Begin by clicking on the first character in the text box, as seen in *item* **2** below.

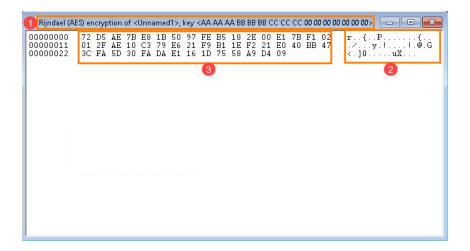




3. Type the following text in the textbox: AA AA BB BB BB CC CC CC as seen in *item* 1 below. In normal circumstances, you must ensure that you type the key correctly because this key is used to encrypt the document. A mistake here would normally mean that the data will be unrecoverable. Because *CrypTool* is designed for learning, the key is displayed on the window of the encrypted data. Once you have verified that the key is typed correctly, click the **Encrypt** button seen in *item* 2 below.

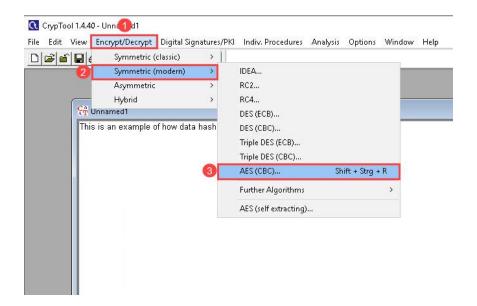


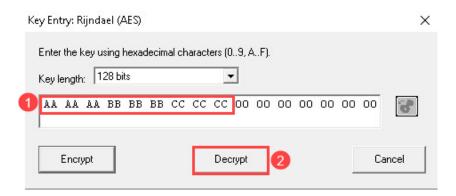
4. Since we're encrypting a very small amount of text, the process will be extremely fast. You should see the following window appear with ciphertext, as seen in *item* 1 below. It is unreadable and can only be reverted using the key we typed before. The hexadecimal representation of the data can be seen in *item* 2. *Item* 3 shows the encryption algorithm and the key.





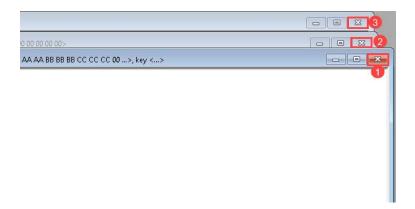
 Now, let's decrypt this text using our key. To do this, navigate to Encrypt/Decrypt > Symmetric (modern) > AES (CBC) as seen in items 1, 2, and 3 below:



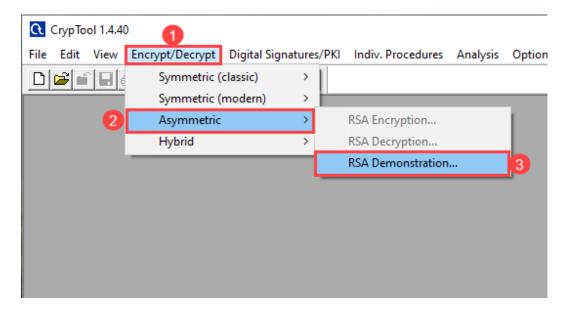




7. You have successfully encrypted and decrypted data using the symmetric algorithm AES. You can compare the contents by switching between the windows. Once you are done, close all the windows open windows seen in *items* 1, 2, and 3 below by clicking the X at the top-right corner of each one.

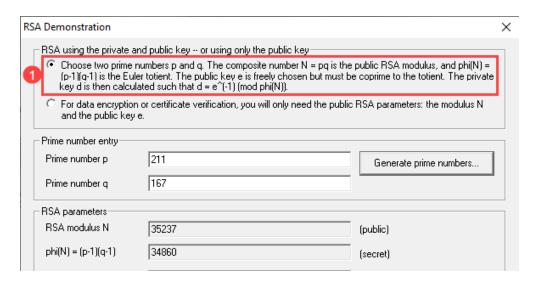


Now we will encrypt the original text using an Asymmetric algorithm. To begin, navigate to Encrypt/Decrypt > Asymmetric > RSA Demonstration as seen in items 1, 2, and 3 below:

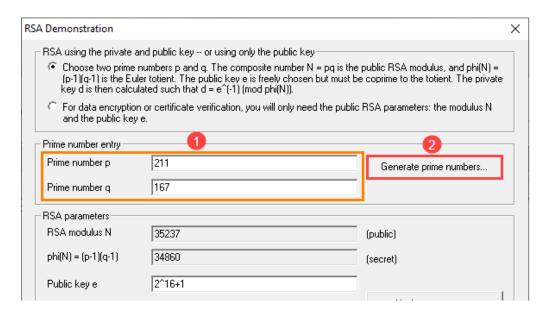




9. Please note, the following process can be very complicated. In this exercise, we will try to stick to simpler explanations to make it easier to understand. The RSA Demonstration window should now be open. This window contains several fields and options. We will go through the exercise gradually. The first 2 options are the RSA using the private and public key or using only the public key radio buttons. We will leave the first option selected as seen in item 1. This indicates that we want to generate both a public and private key.

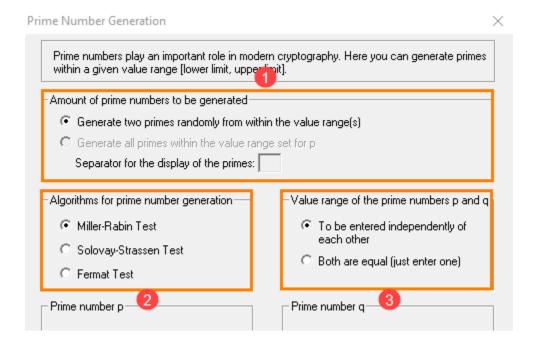


10. RSA encryption requires the use of prime numbers to help in the calculation of the public and private keys. You can choose 2 prime numbers in the *Prime number entry* fields seen in *item* 1, or you can use the tool to generate prime numbers. In this exercise, we will generate the prime numbers. Do this by clicking the **Generate prime numbers** button seen in *item* 2 below.



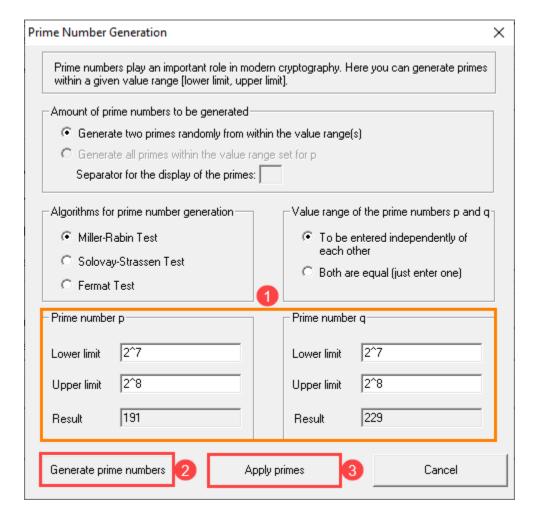


11. The Private Number Generation window will appear, and we will use this window to generate our odd numbers. We will leave all the options as they are, but let's take a quick look at their purpose. The Amount of prime numbers to be generated radio button seen in item 1 allows you to choose different options for generating random prime numbers based on a designated range. The Algorithms for prime number generation radio buttons seen in item 2 show you what type of algorithm will be used to generate the prime number. The Value range of the prime numbers p and q radio buttons seen in item 3 allow you to choose between entering unrelated prime numbers or ones that are equal.



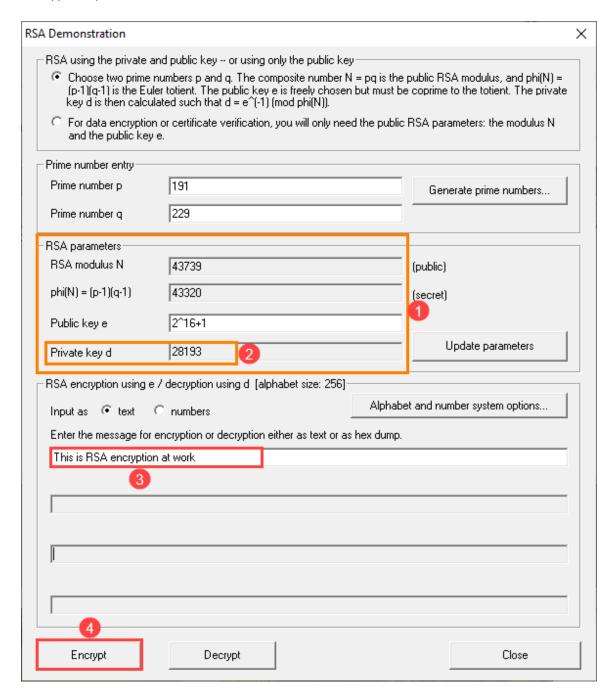


12. The *Prime number p* and *Prime number q* fields seen in *item* 1 allow you to change the value range and generate larger or smaller prime numbers. We will leave all these options as they are and click the **Generate prime numbers** as seen in *item* 2 below. You can press it several times to generate different prime numbers. Once you have 2 prime numbers you want to use, click the **Apply Primes** button seen in *item* 3.



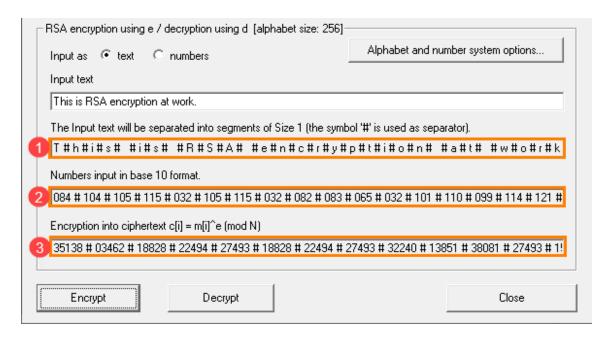


13. You will be taken back to the RSA Demonstration window with the new prime numbers entered. The RSA parameters fields contain the parameters for the generation of the public and private keys. The private key can be seen in the field seen in item 2 and is the key that will be needed to decrypt the encrypted data. The RSA encryption using e / decryption using d section is where we will enter the data we will encrypt. Let's type the following text as seen in the Enter the message for encryption or decryption either as text or as hex dump field seen in item 3: This is RSA encryption at work. Finally, click the Encrypt button seen in item 4 to see the encryption process.

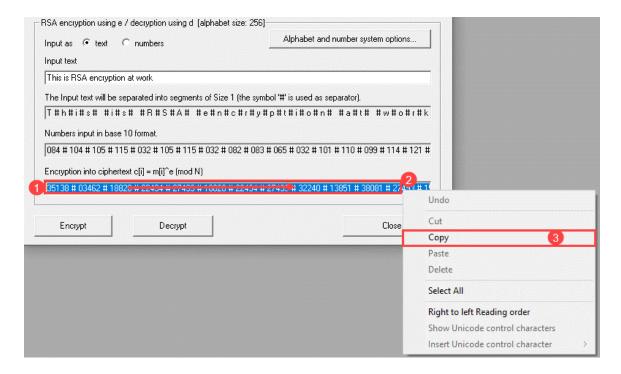




14. The fields below the text that we input reveal the way the data is encrypted. The first field shows the message broken down in blocks, as seen in item 1 below. In Item 2, the Numbers input in base 10 format field is a numeric conversion of the letters in the Input text field. The last field is the Encryption into ciphertext field, and this is the field that shows the ciphertext seen in item 3. This ciphertext would be the message that is being transmitted. The recipient would need the private and public keys in order to decrypt this message.

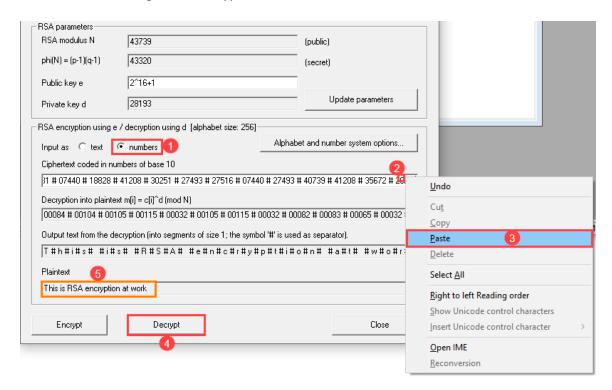


15. Now let's decrypt the ciphertext. To begin, highlight the encrypted data by clicking and sweeping from the beginning of the ciphertext to the end, as seen in *item* 1. Next, right-click on the highlighted text and click the **Copy** from the context menu seen in *items* 2 and 3 below.



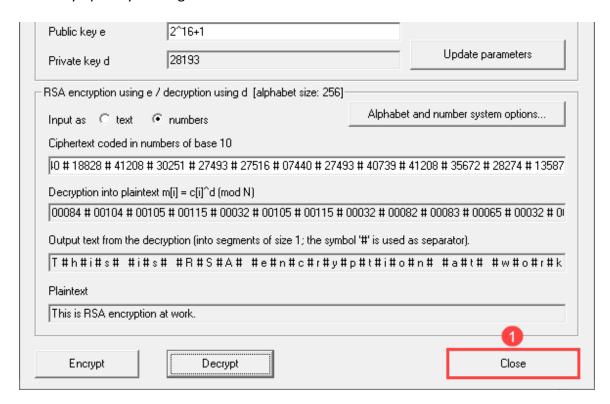


16. Now that the data is copied to the clipboard, let's delete the data in the *Input text* field by highlighting it and pressing the **Backspace** or **Delete** key. Before pasting the data, click the **numbers** radio button seen in *item* 1 to change the type of data we can paste in the *Input text* field. Once you are done, right-click in the *Input text* field and click **Paste** from the context menu, as seen in *items* 2 and 3 below. Finally, click the **Decrypt** button seen in *item* 4 below. As you can see in the *Plaintext* field in *item* 5 below, the message was decrypted.

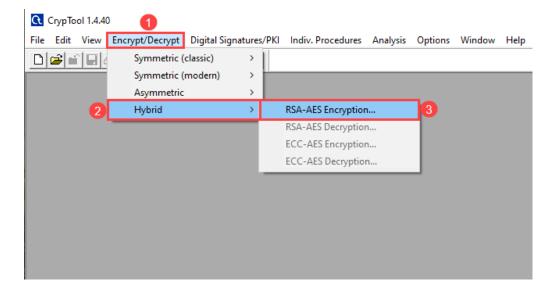




17. Now that you see how both symmetric and asymmetric encryption works, let's take a look at the hybrid encryption method. Let's start by closing the windows that are currently open by clicking the **Close** button seen in *item* **1** below.

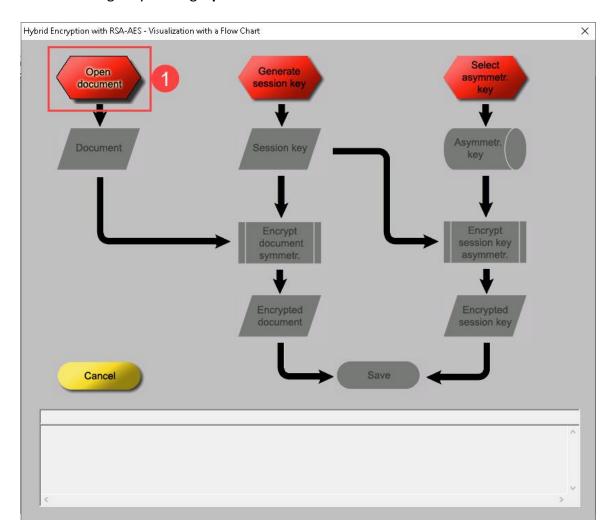


18. Now navigate to Encrypt/Decrypt > Hybrid > RSA-AES Encryption as seen in items 1, 2, and 3 below:



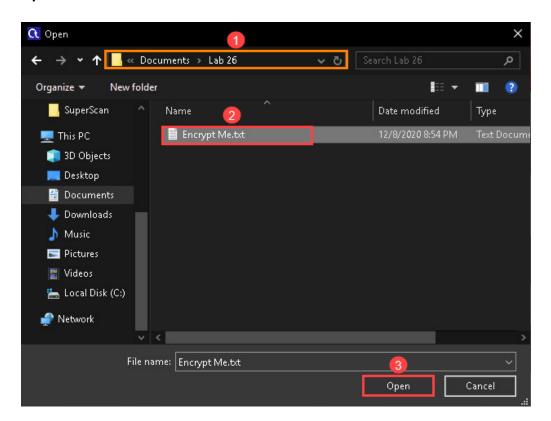


19. The *Hybrid Encryption with RSA-AES - Visualization with a Flow Chart* window will appear. Each step in the flow chart can be clicked to continue the process or reveal data. Let's begin by clicking **Open document** as seen in *item* **1** below.



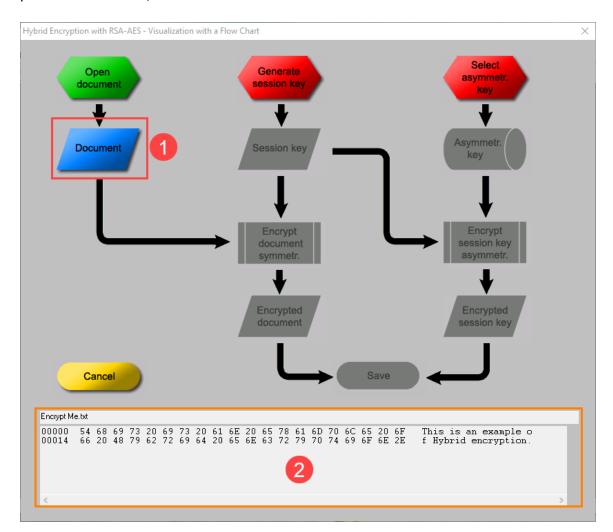


20. The *Open* window will appear; use it to navigate to **Documents > Lab 26** as seen in *item* 1 below. Click the single txt file there called **Encrypt Me.txt** and then click the **Open** button seen in *items* 2 and 3 below.



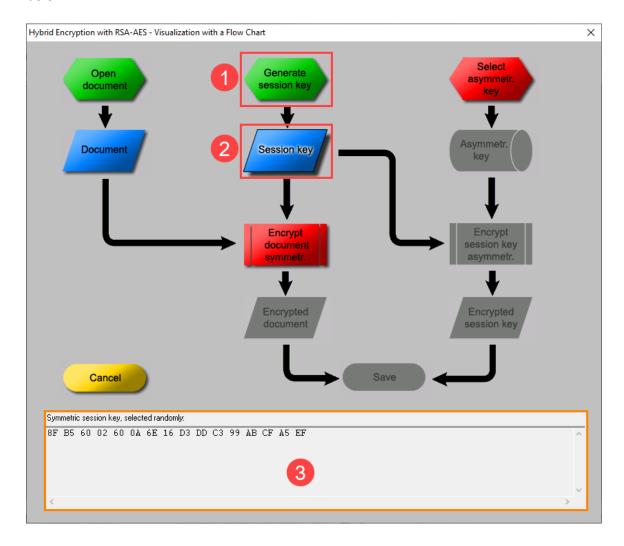


21. You will be taken back to the flow chart, where the *Document* step is now highlighted. Click the **Document** button to reveal the raw unencrypted text in the pane at the bottom, as seen in *items* 1 and 2 below.



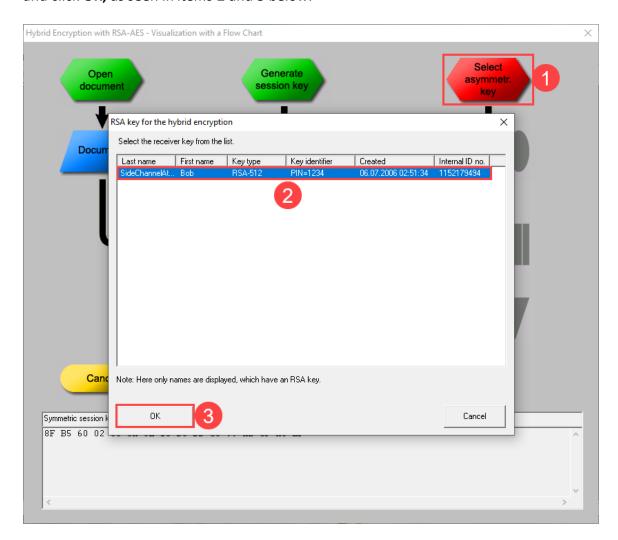


22. The next step is to generate the session key, which will be used to encrypt the document using the AES algorithm. To generate the key, click **Generate session key** button, as seen in *item* **1** below. This will generate a random symmetric session key. You will see the *Session key* step highlighted now. Click the **Session key** step to reveal the data in the pane at the bottom of the window seen in *items* **2** and **3** below.



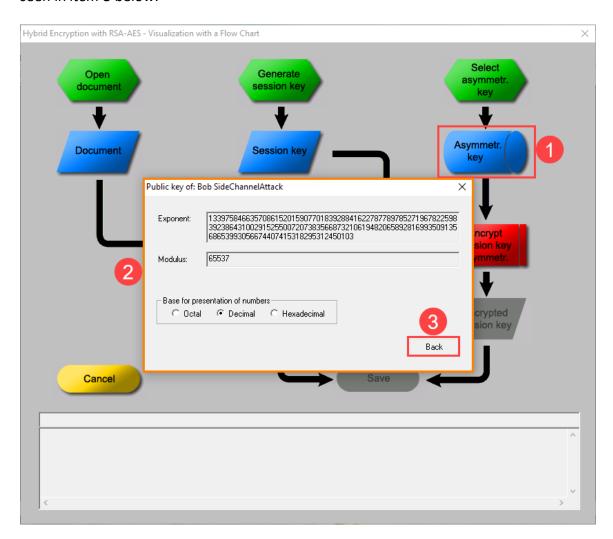


23. Next, let's select an asymmetric key by clicking the **Select asymmetr. key** step, as seen in *item* **1**, to open the *RSA key for the hybrid encryption* window. This list contains the public_key of the recipient and is the key that will be used to encrypt the session key we generated in the last step. Click the single entry in this window and click **OK**, as seen in *items* **2** and **3** below.



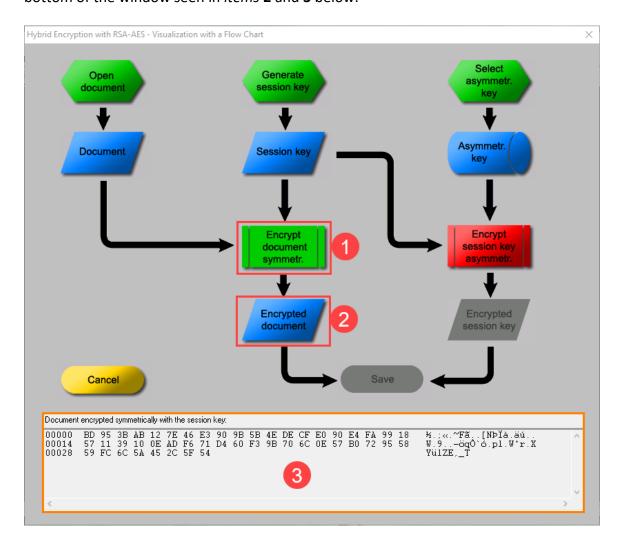


24. You will be taken back to the flow chart once again, but this time the *Asymmetr. key* step is highlighted. Let's click **Asymmetr. key** as seen in *item* **1** to see what the public key looks like in *item* **2**. Once you are done, close the window by clicking **Back** as seen in *item* **3** below.



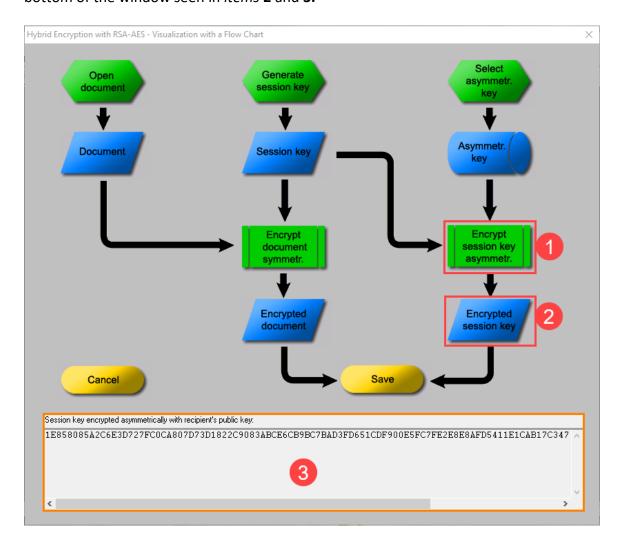


25. Now let's Encrypt the document using the symmetric session key by clicking the **Encrypt document symmetr.** button, seen in *item* **1** below. Next, click the **Encrypted document** step to view the encrypted document's contents in the pane at the bottom of the window seen in *items* **2** and **3** below.



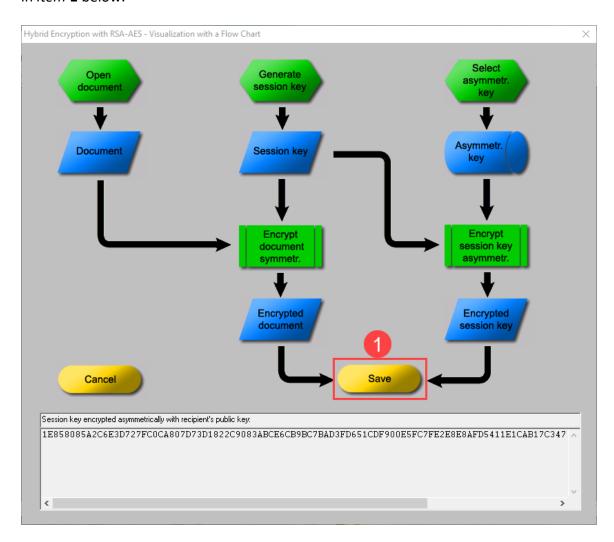


26. Since the document is encrypted using the session key, let's encrypt the session key now, using the public key. To do this, click **Encrypt session key asymmetry** as seen in *item* **1.** Next, click the **Encrypted session key** step to reveal it in the pane at the bottom of the window seen in *items* **2** and **3.**



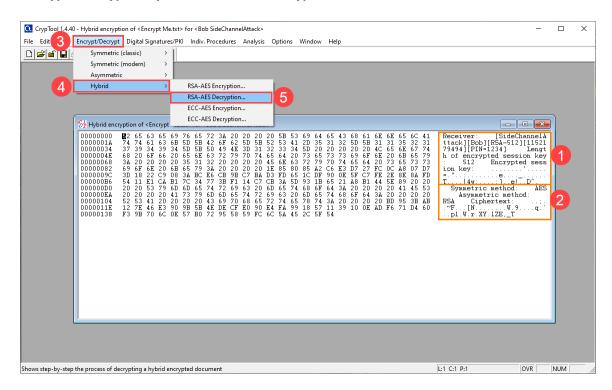


27. The final step is to save the encrypted data. This will create a file that has the encrypted data along with the encrypted session key. To do this, click **Save**, as seen in *item* **1** below.



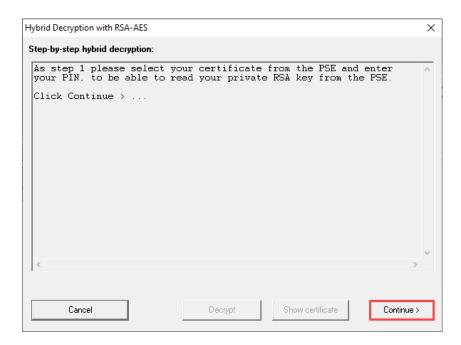


28. You will be taken back to *CrypTool's* main window, where you can see the encrypted data in hexadecimal and plain text. As you can see in *item* 1, the encrypted session key is at the top of the document. In *item* 2, you can see the encrypted data and the encryption methods. Let's decrypt this data now. To do this, navigate to Encrypt/Decrypt > Hybrid > RSA-AES Decryption as seen in *items* 3, 4, and 5 below.

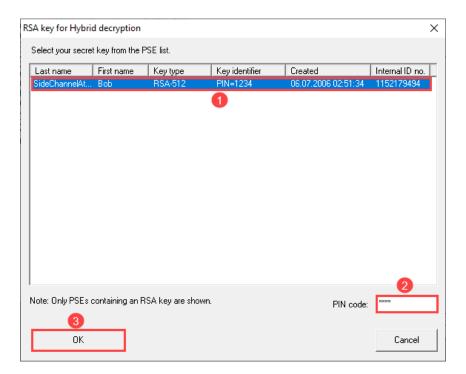




29. The *Hybrid Decryption with RSA-AES* window will appear. The first thing we'll do is select the certificate associated with the private key to start the decryption process.

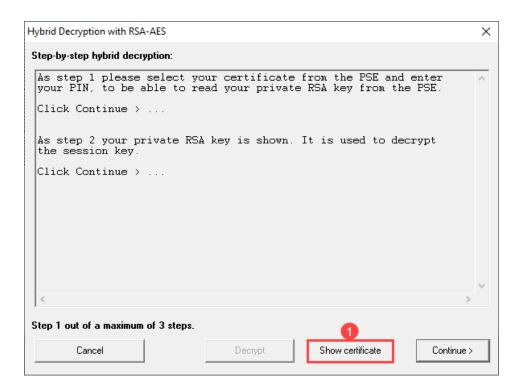


30. The RSA key for Hybrid decryption window will appear. Like before, click the one entry in the window as seen in item 1. Next, type the PIN from the Key identifier row in the PIN code field in item 2. Once you are done, click OK to go back to the Hybrid Decryption with RSA-AES window.





31. In the *Hybrid Decryption with RSA-AES* window, the *Show certificate* button will now be highlighted. Click **Show certificate**, seen in *item* **1**, to view the contents of the certificate.



32. The *Certificate Data* window will appear. You can read through it to get an understanding of what the certificate contains. Once you are done, click **Close**, as seen in *item* **1** below.

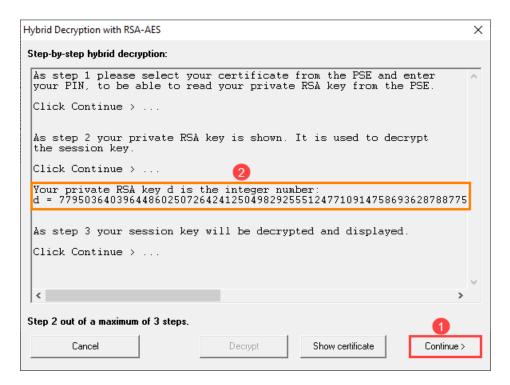
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  IssuerName:
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  SerialNumber:
                                          Thu Jul 06 02:51:40 2006 (060706095140Z)
Fri Jul 06 02:51:40 2007 (070706095140Z)
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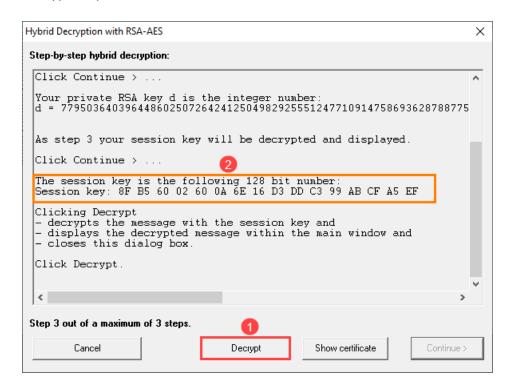
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33. Back in the *Hybrid Decryption with RSA-AES* window, click the **Continue** button seen in *item* **1** to reveal the private key, which will be revealed in the window as seen in *item* **2**. Next, click the **Continue** button seen in *item* **1** once again to decrypt the symmetric session key that we used to encrypt the document.

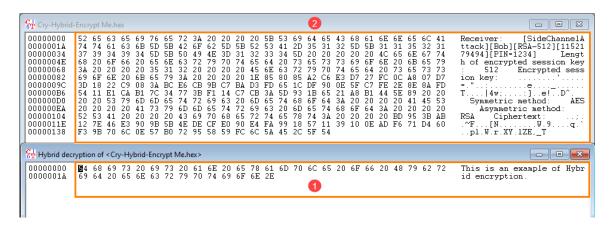


34. You will now see the decrypted session key appear, as seen in *item* **1.** This is the key that is needed to decrypt the document. Click **Decrypt** as seen in *item* **2** to begin the decryption process.





35. You will be taken back to the main window, where you will see the decrypted data in item 1. There will also be the encrypted data in the other window seen in item 2. You can use these windows to compare the encrypted data before and after.





In this exercise, we covered encrypting data using the symmetric, asymmetric, and hybrid approaches. In the complex hybrid method, we generated a session key then encrypted a document with the session key. Next, we encrypted the session key using a public key. Then, we decrypted the session key using the pre-shared private key. Finally, we decrypted the encrypted document using the decrypted session key.

36. As you can see, the encryption process can be very technical, but it is ideal for protecting data. This lab is now over. To exit *CrypTool*, click the **X** at the top-right corner of the window to close it, as seen in *item* **1**.

