

BEAST TITLE TO-FILL

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ABSTRACT

Transport Layer Security (TLS) is an protocol that provides communication security over networks. However, there is a flaw in TLS 1.0 where the initial vectors for block ciphers are predictable. The BEAST attack, with some prerequisites and efforts, allows attackers in the middle to decrypt those encrypted messages. This paper will demonstrate the procedures of the BEAST attack, and propose methods in simulation and vulnerability detection.

Keywords

BEAST attack, TLS flaws, CBC exploits, vulnerability detection

1. INTRODUCTION

Transport Layer Security (TLS) has several versions. The specification for TLS 1.0 is RFC 2246[1].

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 A glance at TLS

2.2 CBC in block ciphers

CBC is one of the modes of operation used in block ciphers.

Supposing that P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n are the plaintext blocks, with a initial vector IV , we have:

$$C_1 = E_k(P_1 \oplus IV)$$
$$C_i = E_k(P_i \oplus C_{i-1}) (i \geq 2)$$

to obtain ciphertext blocks C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n .

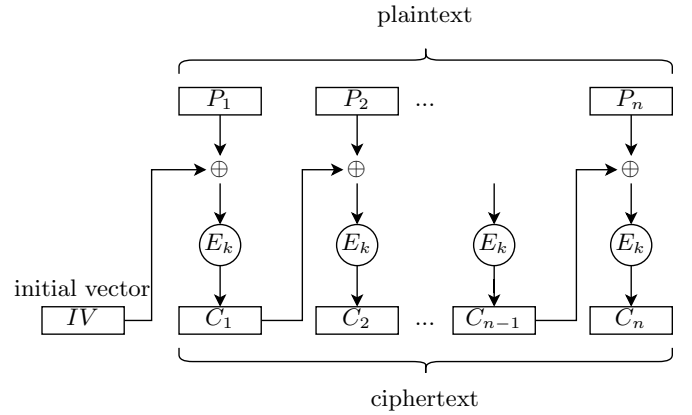


Figure 1: CBC encryptor

3. THREAT MODEL

4. DEMONSTRATION

5. PRACTICALITY AND DEFENSE

5.1 Praticality

While BEAST attacks are theoretically feasible, but through

6. REFERENCES

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APPENDIX

A. HEADINGS IN APPENDICES