
2.1.

The stream cipher described in Definition 2.1.1 can easily be generalized to work in alphabets other than the binary one. For manual encryption, an especially useful one is a stream cipher that operates on letters.

1. Develop a scheme which operates with the letters A, B,..., Z, represented by the numbers 0,1,...,25. What does the key (stream) look like? What are the encryption and decryption functions?

Answer:

Key stream in this case is a stream of (randomly generated) characters from A, B, .. Z

Encryption function:

$$Y_i = x_i + z_i \bmod 26 \quad (z_i \text{ is randomly generated alphabet between } 0, 1, 2, \dots, 25)$$

Decryption function:

$$X_i = y_i - z_i \bmod 26 \quad (z_i \text{ is randomly generated alphabet between } 0, 1, 2, \dots, 25)$$

Have to use '-' in the Decryption function to make sure that after substituting y_i in the decryption equation, we get back x_i .

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

2. Decrypt the following cipher text:

bsaspp kkuosp

which was encrypted using the key:

rsidpy dkawoa

1. Decrypting bsaspp:

For b

$$X_i = b - r \bmod 26$$

$$= 1 - 17 \bmod 26 = -16 \bmod 26 = 10 \bmod 26 = 10 = K$$

For s

$$X_i = s - s \bmod 26$$

$$= 18 - 18 \bmod 26 = 0 = A$$

For a

$$X_i = a - i \bmod 26$$

$$= 0 - 8 \bmod 26 = 18 \bmod 26 = 18 = S$$

For s

$$X_i = s - d \bmod 26$$

$$= 18 - 3 \bmod 26 = 15 \bmod 26 = 15 = P$$

For p

$$X_i = p - p \bmod 26$$

$$= 15 - 15 \bmod 26 = 0 = A$$

For s

$$X_i = p - y \bmod 26$$

$$= 15 - 24 \bmod 26 = 17 \bmod 26 = 17 = R$$

Word bsaspp decrypts to Kaspar

1. Decrypting kkuosp

For K

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= k-d \bmod 26 \\ &= 10-3 \bmod 26 = 7 \bmod 26 = 7 = H \end{aligned}$$

For s

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= k-k \bmod 26 \\ &= 10-10 \bmod 26 = 0 \bmod 26 = 0 = A \end{aligned}$$

For a

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= u-a \bmod 26 \\ &= 20-0 \bmod 26 = 20 \bmod 26 = 20 = U \end{aligned}$$

For o

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= o-w \bmod 26 \\ &= 14-22 \bmod 26 = 18 \bmod 26 = 18 = S \end{aligned}$$

For p

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= s-o \bmod 26 \\ &= 18-14 \bmod 26 = 4 \bmod 26 = 4 = E \end{aligned}$$

For s

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= p-a \bmod 26 \\ &= 15-0 \bmod 26 = 15 \bmod 26 = 15 = P \end{aligned}$$

Word kkuosp decrypts to Hausep

Full Name came out to be : **Kasper Hausep**

3. How was the young man murdered?

Answer : Though the word decrypts to Kaspar Hausep but as per online content available is for Kasper Hauser.

As per <https://www.livescience.com/44375-the-mystery-of-kaspar-hauser.html>

“ It is widely believed that Hauser stabbed himself (probably for attention) and had simply injured himself more grievously than he had intended.”

2.2. Assume we store a one-time key on a CD-ROM with a capacity of 1 Gbyte. Discuss the real-life implications of a One-Time-Pad (OTP) system. Address issues such as life cycle of the key, storage of the key during the life cycle/after the life cycle, key distribution, generation of the key, etc.

Answer:

Issues:

1. The size of the data that we can encrypt has to be the same as key length. In this case, because we cannot have more than 1 Gbyte of key length, we cannot encrypt more than 1 Gigabyte of data.
2. Another issue is that because the key is stored on CD-ROM, if the CD-ROM is lost or damaged, we might permanently lose access to the data and will never be able to decrypt it.
3. The key must be exchanged and stored securely on both sender and receiver's side.
4. Generation of the key must be done by a true random number generator algorithm.

2.3. Assume an OTP-like encryption with a short key of 128 bit. This key is then being used periodically to encrypt large volumes of data. Describe how an attack works that breaks this scheme.

Answer:

In this case, the attacker might use the patterns in the underlying text to recover parts of the key.

Another point is if the attacker knows some part of the plaintext, he might be able to even generate the whole key and decrypt the complete plaintext as well.

2.4. At first glance it seems as though an exhaustive key search is possible against an OTP system. Given is a short message, let's say 5 ASCII characters represented by 40 bit, which was encrypted using a 40-bit OTP. Explain exactly why an exhaustive key search will not succeed even though sufficient computational resources are available. This is a paradox since we know that the OTP is unconditionally secure. That is, explain why a brute-force attack does not work.

Note: You have to resolve the paradox! That means answers such as "The OTP is unconditionally secure and therefore a brute-force attack does not work" are not valid.

Answer:

One problem with exhaustive key search is that there is no way to know what the right answer is, which means no way to identify the correct key.

With OTP based encryption, there is a 50/50 chance of 0 bit turning into a 0 or 1 and a 50/50 chance of 1 bit turning into a 0 or 1. So, the odds of getting back the plaintext are the worst.

Step 3 Seeing is believing. Let's look at how these actual digital certificates and the trusted root certificate store look through the eyes of Google Chrome.

- a. In Google Chrome, go to www.citibank.com.
- b. Click the lock at the far left of the URL bar.
- c. Click Certificate (Valid).

A window, with tabs, will open up. In the General tab, notice the certificate information. In the Details tab, notice all of the fields and values for the digital certificate. In the Certification Path tab, notice the hierarchy of CAs.

The certificate the website gives the browser is known as a leaf certificate, because it's at the end of the hierarchy, and it is signed by an intermediate CA's certificate. The intermediate CA's certificate is signed by a root certificate. The root certificate is self-signed and is trusted by browsers.

Using this hierarchy, browsers don't have to manage large amounts of root certificates. It enables the root CA to delegate signing to intermediate CAs without sharing the root master signing private key. It also enables the root CA to revoke an intermediate CA's certificate in the event of a mistake or malicious action, instead of revoking the root CA's certificate, which would cause immediate problems in browsers worldwide.

- d. Click OK to close the certificate window.
- e. At the upper-right corner of the browser window, click the Customize And Control Google Chrome Button (three vertical dots).
- f. Click Settings.
- g. In the Privacy And Security section, click Security, and scroll down to the Advanced section.
- h. Click Manage Certificates, and then click each tab in the dialog. You're now looking through Chrome's trusted root certificate store, which since Chrome debuted in 2009, always used the root store of the system it was on. On Windows systems, Chrome used the Microsoft Trusted Root Program. On macOS systems, Chrome used the Apple Root Certificate program. It was announced at the end of October 2020 that Chrome has plans in the works to create and use its own dedicated certificate root store.

Read this for further details: www.zdnet.com/article/chrome-will-soon-have-its-own-dedicated-certificate-root-store/

Answer:

Certificate Screenshot:

Certificate Viewer: www.citi.com

General Details

Issued To

Common Name (CN) www.citi.com
Organization (O) Citigroup Inc.
Organizational Unit (OU) <Not Part Of Certificate>

Issued By

Common Name (CN) DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA
Organization (O) DigiCert Inc
Organizational Unit (OU) www.digicert.com

Validity Period

Issued On Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:00:00 PM
Expires On Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:59:59 PM

Fingerprints

SHA-256 Fingerprint 41 AE D0 DA 2B 5A E2 6E DA CC 4E 32 7B AB DB 44
CE 41 20 94 16 05 43 BD AC 97 57 84 E3 BF 62 86
SHA-1 Fingerprint C9 2A FD 49 C7 6F E3 48 0D DA 6F B6 4D 98 71 79
54 7E 88 CD

Certificate Viewer: www.citi.com

General **Details**

Certificate Hierarchy

▼ DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
 ▼ DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA
 www.citi.com

Certificate Fields

▼ DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
 ▼ Certificate
 Version
 Serial Number
 Certificate Signature Algorithm
 Issuer
 ▼ Validity
 Not Before

Field Value

Export...

Step 4 Now let's look at how digital certificates and the trusted root certificate store look through the eyes of Mozilla Firefox.

- In Mozilla Firefox, go to www.citibank.com.
- Click the lock at the far left of the URL bar.
- Click the arrow near Connection Secure.
- Click More Information.
- Click the View Certificate button.
- Go through the information in all three tabs, which includes information about the certificate, the CA, and that CA's root.
- On the upper-right corner of the browser window, click the Open menu button (three horizontal lines).
- Click Options.
- In the pane at the left, click Privacy & Security.
- Scroll all the way down, and in the Certificates section, click the View Certificates... button.
- Click each tab at the top. You're now looking through Firefox's trusted root certificate store.

Answer:

Page Info — <https://www.citi.com/>

General Media Permissions Security

Website Identity

Website: www.citi.com
Owner: Citigroup Inc.
Verified by: DigiCert Inc

[View Certificate](#)

Privacy & History

Have I visited this website prior to today? No
Is this website storing information on my computer? Yes, cookies and 166 KB of site data [Clear Cookies and Site Data](#)

Have I saved any passwords for this website? No [View Saved Passwords](#)

Technical Details

Connection Encrypted (TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384, 256 bit keys, TLS 1.2)
The page you are viewing was encrypted before being transmitted over the Internet.
Encryption makes it difficult for unauthorized people to view information traveling between computers. It is therefore unlikely that anyone read this page as it traveled across the network.

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Certificate

www.citi.com DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA

Subject Name

Inc. Country	US
Inc. State/Province	Delaware
Business Category	Private Organization
Serial Number	2154254
Country	US
State/Province	New York
Locality	New York
Organization	Citigroup Inc.
Common Name	www.citi.com

Issuer Name

Country	US
Organization	DigiCert Inc
Organizational Unit	www.digicert.com
Common Name	DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA

Validity

Not Before	Thu, 10 Nov 2022 00:00:00 GMT
Not After	Mon, 04 Dec 2023 23:59:59 GMT

Subject Alt Names
DNS Name www.citi.com
DNS Name prod.report.nacustomerexperience.citi.com
DNS Name www2.citibank.com
DNS Name www1.citibank.com
DNS Name www.creditcards.citi.com
DNS Name www.citiretailservices.com
DNS Name www.citigroup.com
DNS Name www.citibank.com
DNS Name www.citibank.co.uk
DNS Name oncampus.citi.com
DNS Name icg.citi.com
DNS Name creditcards.citi.com
DNS Name ccsi.citi.com
Public Key Info
Algorithm RSA
Key Size 2048
Exponent 65537
Modulus C6:1C:25:01:51:50:3F:6C:D6:B1:06:6A:99:4E:1E:CE:5C:2D:D2:9F:42:3D:...
Miscellaneous
Serial Number 09:4C:4E:6A:CB:B9:9D:AD:35:CF:BC:59:49:40:79:B0
Signature Algorithm SHA-256 with RSA Encryption
Version 3
Download PEM (cert) PEM (chain)

Fingerprints
SHA-256 41:AE:D0:DA:2B:5A:E2:6E:DA:CC:4E:32:7B:AB:DB:44:CE:41:20:94:16:05...
SHA-1 C9:2A:FD:49:C7:6F:E3:48:0D:DA:6F:B6:4D:98:71:79:54:7E:88:CD
Basic Constraints
Certificate Authority No
① Key Usages
Purposes Digital Signature, Key Encipherment
Extended Key Usages
Purposes Server Authentication, Client Authentication
Subject Key ID
Key ID 36:97:19:71:8E:2F:4C:5D:A7:E7:95:6F:A0:38:36:49:0F:ED:BC:2C
Authority Key ID
Key ID 3D:D3:50:A5:D6:A0:AD:EE:F3:4A:60:0A:65:D3:21:D4:F8:F8:D6:0F
CRL Endpoints
Distribution Point http://crl3.digicert.com/sha2-ev-server-g3.crl
Distribution Point http://crl4.digicert.com/sha2-ev-server-g3.crl

www.citibank.com	DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA	DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
Subject Name		
Country : US Organization : DigiCert Inc Organizational Unit : www.digicert.com Common Name : DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA		
Issuer Name		
Country : US Organization : DigiCert Inc Organizational Unit : www.digicert.com Common Name : DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA		
Validity		
Not Before : Tue, 22 Oct 2013 12:00:00 GMT Not After : Sun, 22 Oct 2028 12:00:00 GMT		
Public Key Info		
Algorithm : RSA Key Size : 2048 Exponent : 65537 Modulus : D7:53:A4:04:51:F8:99:A6:16:48:4B:67:27:AA:93:49:D0:39:ED:0C:B0:B0...		

Miscellaneous
Serial Number : 0C:79:A9:44:B0:8C:11:95:20:92:61:5F:E2:6B:1D:83
Signature Algorithm : SHA-256 with RSA Encryption
Version : 3
Download : PEM (cert) PEM (chain)
Fingerprints
SHA-256 : 40:3E:06:2A:26:53:05:91:13:28:5B:AF:80:A0:D4:AE:42:2C:84:8C:9F:78:... SHA-1 : 7E:2F:3A:4F:8F:E8:FA:8A:57:30:AE:CA:02:96:96:63:7E:98:6F:3F
① Basic Constraints
Certificate Authority : Yes
② Key Usages
Purposes : Digital Signature, Certificate Signing, CRL Signing
Extended Key Usages
Purposes : Server Authentication, Client Authentication
Subject Key ID
Key ID : 3D:D3:50:A5:D6:A0:AD:EE:F3:4A:80:0A:65:D3:21:D4:F8:F8:D6:0F

Purposes	Digital Signature, Certificate Signing, CRL Signing
Extended Key Usages	
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Subject Key ID	
Key ID	3D:D3:50:A5:D6:A0:AD:EE:F3:4A:60:0A:65:D3:21:D4:F8:F8:D6:0F
Authority Key ID	
Key ID	B1:3E:C3:69:03:F8:BF:47:01:D4:98:26:1A:08:02:EF:63:64:2B:C3
CRL Endpoints	
Distribution Point	http://crl4.digicert.com/DigiCertHighAssuranceEVRootCA.crl
Authority Info (AIA)	
Location	http://ocsp.digicert.com
Method	Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)
Certificate Policies	
Qualifier	Practices Statement (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.2.1)
Value	https://www.digicert.com/CPS

Certificate	
www.citi.c...	DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
Subject Name	
Country	US
Organization	DigiCert Inc
Organizational Unit	www.digicert.com
Common Name	DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
Issuer Name	
Country	US
Organization	DigiCert Inc
Organizational Unit	www.digicert.com
Common Name	DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
Validity	
Not Before	Fri, 10 Nov 2006 00:00:00 GMT
Not After	Mon, 10 Nov 2031 00:00:00 GMT
Public Key Info	
Algorithm	RSA
Key Size	2048

Public Key Info	
Algorithm	RSA
Key Size	2048
Exponent	65537
Modulus	C6:CC:E5:73:E6:FB:D4:BB:E5:2D:2D:32:A6:DF:E5:81:3F:C9:CD:25:49:B...
Miscellaneous	
Serial Number	02:AC:5C:26:6A:0B:40:9B:8F:0B:79:F2:AE:46:25:77
Signature Algorithm	SHA-1 with RSA Encryption
Version	3
Download	PEM (cert) PEM (chain)
Fingerprints	
SHA-256	74:31:E5:F4:C3:C1:CE:46:90:77:4F:0B:61:E0:54:40:88:3B:A9:A0:1E:D0:...
SHA-1	5F:B7:EE:06:33:E2:59:DB:AD:0C:4C:9A:E6:D3:8F:1A:61:C7:DC:25
① Basic Constraints	
Certificate Authority	Yes
② Key Usages	
Purposes	Digital Signature, Certificate Signing, CRL Signing
Subject Key ID	
Key ID	B1:3E:C3:69:03:F8:BF:47:01:D4:98:26:1A:08:02:EF:63:64:2B:C3

Miscellaneous	
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Basic Constraints	
Certificate Authority	Yes
Key Usages	
Purposes	Digital Signature, Certificate Signing, CRL Signing
Subject Key ID	
Key ID	B1:3E:C3:69:03:F8:BF:47:01:D4:98:26:1A:08:02:EF:63:64:2B:C3
Authority Key ID	
Key ID	B1:3E:C3:69:03:F8:BF:47:01:D4:98:26:1A:08:02:EF:63:64:2B:C3

Your Certificates Authentication Decisions People Servers Authorities

You have certificates on file that identify these certificate authorities

Certificate Name	Security Device
AC Camerfirma S.A.	
Chambers of Commerce Root - 2008	Builtin Object Token
Global Chambersign Root - 2008	Builtin Object Token
AC Camerfirma SA CIF A82743287	
Camerfirma Chambers of Commerce Root	Builtin Object Token
ACCV	
ACCVRAIZ1	Builtin Object Token
Actalis S.p.A./03358520967	
Actalis Authentication Root CA	Builtin Object Token
AffirmTrust	
AffirmTrust Premium ECC	Builtin Object Token
AffirmTrust Networking	Builtin Object Token
AffirmTrust Commercial	Builtin Object Token

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Your Certificates Authentication Decisions People Servers **Authorities**

You have certificates on file that identify these certificate authorities

Certificate Name	Security Device
Certum Root CA	Builtin Object Token
✓ Unizeto Technologies S.A.	
Certum Trusted Network CA 2	Builtin Object Token
Certum Trusted Network CA	Builtin Object Token
✓ VeriSign, Inc.	
VeriSign Class 2 Public Primary Certification Authority - ...	Builtin Object Token
VeriSign Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority - ...	Builtin Object Token
✓ WISeKey	
OISTE WISeKey Global Root GA CA	Builtin Object Token
OISTE WISeKey Global Root GC CA	Builtin Object Token
OISTE WISeKey Global Root GB CA	Builtin Object Token
✓ XRamp Security Services Inc	
XRamp Global CA Root	Builtin Object Token

View... Edit Trust... Import... Export... Delete or Distrust... OK

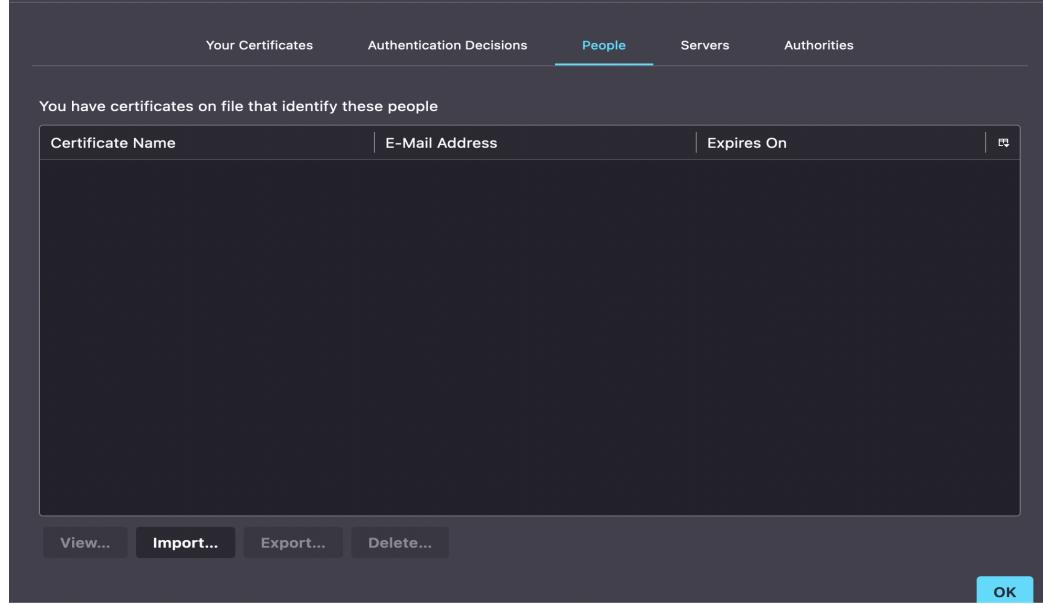
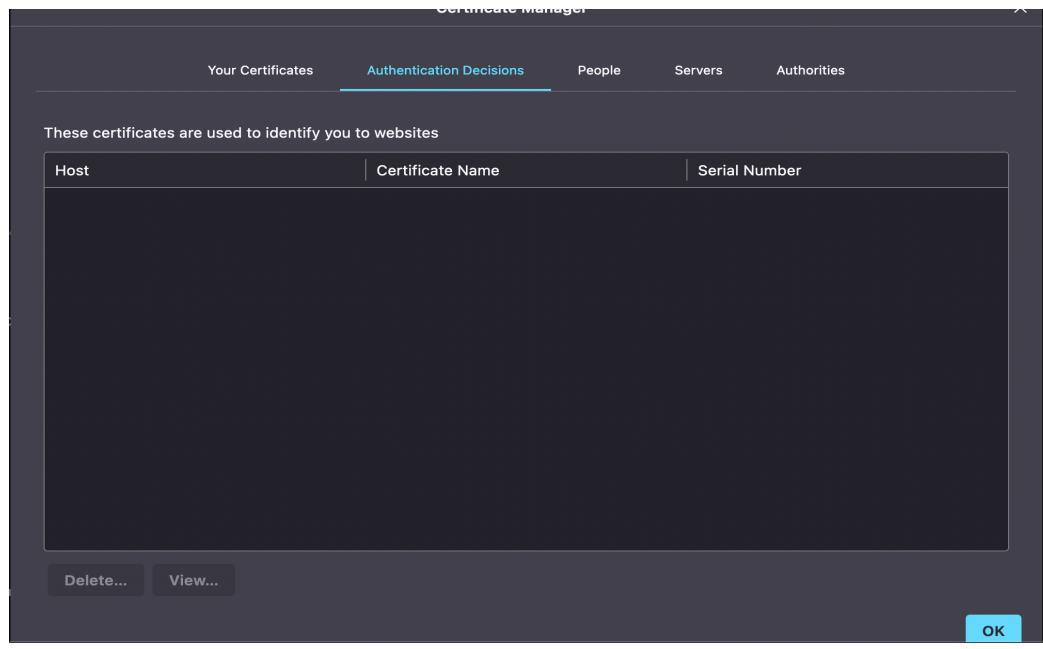
Certificate Manager

Your Certificates Authentication Decisions People Servers Authorities

You have certificates from these organizations that identify you

Certificate Name	Security Device	Serial Number	Expires On
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View... Backup... Backup All... Import... Delete... OK



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These entries identify server certificate error exceptions

Server	Certificate Name	Lifetime

View... **Export...** **Delete...** **Add Exception...**

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