# Assignment 5 Design: Public Key Cryptography

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# 1 Description:

This program will simulate asymmetric Public-Public Encryption using the gmp library. What exactly is asymmetric Public key Cryptography? If Person A were to be the sender and Person B were to be the recipient, Person A would broadcast a message encrypted in Person B's public key, which everybody may or may not know about. The recipient and only that specific recipient (Person B) will be able to unlock it using their own private key, which makes them uniquely able to receive and decipher the message. Below is a diagram explaining this phenomenon:

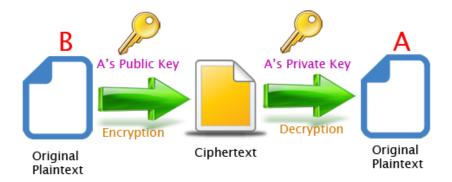


Figure 1

Diagram explaining Public-Private Key Encryption. Only Person A can receive the message from Person B because their private key is not known to outsiders. Image from

https://community.ibm.com/community/user/ibmz-and-linuxone/blogs/subhasish-sarkar1/2020/06/23/understanding-the-rsa-asymmetric-encryption-system

Knowing that, how is this program going to emulate that? Well it will be divided into 3 parts:

- 1. Generating a public and private key with keygen
- 2. Encrypting a message using a public key with encrypt
- 3. Decrypting a message using a private key with decrypt

There will be one C file that deals with initializing and clearing gmp random functions and that will be randstate.c.

The two C files that do most of the algorithmic and mathematical computation are numtheory.c and ss.c. There contain be 3 C files that will contain a main function and they are: keygen.c, encrypt.c, and decrypt.c.

Public and private keys are generated by keygen.c. There will be only one C file, encrypt.c, for encrypting using the public key and also only one C file, decrypt.c for decrypting using the private key. The purpose and the pseducode for each of the C files will be discussed in greater detail below.

#### 2 randstate.c

This C file will be written to process random numbers that will later be used as public and private keys. This C file will use the gmp.h library because C does not natively provide arbitrary precision integers. There will be a global variable called state which will have memory allocated and freed by the gmp library functions. Let's go over the functions for it.

#### 2.1 void randstate\_init(uint64\_t seed)

This function will have memory allocated to the global variable state using calloc. It will be using the Mersenne Twister algorithm to initialize state. Here is the following the function needs to do:

- 1. Call gmp\_randinit\_mt() function to intialize the state. Pass the state variable as the parameter.
- 2. Once initialized, call gmp\_randseed\_ui() in order to set the seed value into state.
- 3. Call the srandom() function and pass the seed into its parameter. This will set the seed of random to the same seed given to gmp random functions.

#### **2.2** void randstate\_clear(void)

This function will free all memory used by state by calling gmp\_randclear().

### 3 numtheory.c

This C file will be responsible for computing and using number theory that is used for the Schmidt-Samoa (SS) Algorithm. Here are the following functions for it:

#### 3.1 void pow\_mod(mpz\_t out, mpz\_t base, mpz\_t exponent, mpz\_t modulus)

This function is responsible for modular exponentiation. This is critically important in encrypting plaintexts and decrypting ciphertexts. Here are the following steps:

- 1. Create 3 mpz\_t variables v, p, and i. Initialize them using mpz\_inits().
- 2. Set the value of v to the value of 1 using mpz\_setui.
- 3. Set p equal to a and i equal to d using mpz\_set.
- 4. Create a while loop with the condition that i is greater than 0 using mpz\_cmp\_ui.
  - (a) Make sure if d is odd, v is equal to v \* p mod n.
  - (b) Make sure p is equal to  $p^2 \mod n$ .
  - (c) Make sure d is equal to half its current value.

#### 3.2 bool is\_prime(mpz\_t n, uint64\_t iters)

This function will conduct the Miller-Rabin primarily test to check whether n is is prime or not. This function is important to ensure all number being generated are prime numbers, it will be especially helpful for make\_prime(). Here are the following steps:

- 1. Create an if condition that will check if the number is equal to 0 or 1. These are special cases where the Miller-Rabin primarily test cannot determine. Return false if the condition is satisfied.
- 2. Create an if condition that will check if the number is equal to 2 or 3. These are also special cases where the Miller-Rabin primarily test cannot determine, but they are prime numbers. Return true if the condition is satisfied.
- 3. Create a mpz\_t n\_copy that will be equal to n-1.
- 4. Create a while loop that will divide n\_copy such that it will be odd.
- 5. Create a for loop that will iterate until iters number of times.
- 6. Inside the loop, it will check whether or not there are any values divisible to it using the modulus operator. If so, it will return false.
- 7. If the loop has completed, then by definition it has not found any divisible numbers, so it will return true.

# 3.3 void make\_prime(mpz\_t p, mpz\_t bits, mpz\_t iters)

This function will generate a new prime number in p. We will use bit-wise operators to make sure the number of bits is greater than or equal to bits. Here are the following steps:

- 1. Create an mpz\_t addition and initialize it. This will be used to add to the value the random mpz\_t returns.
- 2. Create a boolean primeSatisfied that will determine whether or not we got a prime.
- 3. If bits is equal to 1, we will make addition equal to 2<sup>bits</sup>. Otherwise, make addition equal to 2<sup>bits-1</sup>.

  The reason for this is because 1 or 2 bits offer a very limited range of prime numbers.
- 4. Create a while loop that will run until primeSatisfied is true.
  - (a) Generate random numbers from 0 to 2<sup>bits-1</sup> using mpz\_urandomb.
  - (b) Add addition to the value generated above.

# 3.4 void gcd(mpz\_t d, mpz\_t a, mpz\_t b)

This function computes the greatest common divisor of a and b and stores it in d. Here are the following steps:

- 1. Create copies of a and b. These copies are what will be used below.
- 2. Run a while loop where it runs while b is not equal to 0.
  - (a) Create an mpz\_t t equal to b.
  - (b) Make b equal to a mod b.
  - (c) Make a equal to t.
- 3. After the loop is complete, return a.

#### 3.5 void mod\_inverse(mpz\_t i, mpz\_t a, mpz\_t n)

This function computes the inverse a of modulo n and stores that value into i. This function will be necessary and crucial to making a private key. Here are the following steps:

- 1. Create copies of a and n.
- 2. Create variables t and t\_prime and their values will be 0 and 1 respectively.

- 3. Create a while loop that iterates until the copy of a is equal to 0.
  - (a) Make a variable called q that will hold the quotient of n\_copy and a\_copy.
  - (b) Create a temporary variable that will hold the copies of n\_copy and t.
  - (c) Make sure to set the value of n\_copy to a\_copy.
  - (d) Make sure to set the value of t equal to t\_prime.
  - (e) Set the value of a\_copy to the temporary variable of n\_copy subtracted from the quotient of q and a\_copy.
  - (f) Set the value of t\_prime to the temporary variable of t subtracted from the quotient of q and t\_prime.
- 4. After the loop finishes, check if n\_copy is greater than 1. If so, set i to 0 and return.
- 5. If t is negative, make t equal to the sum t of n.
- 6. Set i equal to the value of t.

#### **4** ss.c

This C file exists to apply all the math functions created in numtheory.c into the SS algorithm. This C file will do everything from generating public and private keys to encrypting them into files and decrypting them.

**4.1** void ss\_make\_pub(mpz\_t p, mpz\_t q, mpz\_t n, uint64\_t nbits, uint64\_t iters)

This function serves to generate the public key that will be used for encryption. There are two conditions to a public key n to be valid:

- 1. The log 2(n) >= nbits
- 2. p and q-1 cannot be divisible and q and p-1 cannot be divisible.

Thus, in order to achieve these two goals, a do-while loop will be created. Inside the loop, the random() function will be used to generate the number of bits that will be generated for p in making a prime number. The number will be in the range of [nbits/5, (2 \* nbits)/5). Once that is done, the number of bits for q will just be (nbits - (2 \* pbits)). The function make\_prime() will be called to generate the p and q prime numbers.

#### **4.2** Write Functions: void ss\_write\_pub() void ss\_write\_priv()

These functions will call gmp\_fprintf() in order to write the necessary contents into their respective files. It will use "Zx" in order to write the contents as a hexstring.

# **4.3 Read Functions:** void ss\_read\_pub() void ss\_read\_priv()

These functions will call gmp\_fscanf() in order to read the necessary contents and store them into the variables of the parameter passed. It will use "Zx" in order to read the contents as a hexstring.

# **4.4** void ss\_encrypt(mpz\_t c, mpz\_t m, mpz\_t n)

This function will create encrypt a message m by calling pow\_mod to calculate  $m^n$  mod n and store it in c.

# 4.5 void ss\_encrypt\_file(FILE \*infile, FILE \*outfile, mpz\_t n)

This function will encrypt the contents of infile and store it into outfile.

- 1. It will do so in blocks of size k. k is calculated by the following formula:  $(log 2(\sqrt{n}) 1)/8)$ .
- 2. Allocate an array of type uint8 dynamically using calloc() and make it of size k bytes.
- 3. Once k has been calculated, create a do-while loop that will use the function fread() to read the contents of infile in k-1 byte chunks and store the result into j.
  - (a) Make sure to include an if condition that will check if j is less than (k-1) or if j is equal to 0. If so make sure that it breaks, after calculating its binary data, encrypting, and writing to outfile.
  - (b) Make sure to call mpz\_import() to convert the message into binary data.
  - (c) Call the encrypt() function to get the ciphertext version of the message.
  - (d) Call gmp\_fprint() and print the contents onto outfile.
- 4. Free the array we dynamically allocated by calling free().

# 4.6 void ss\_decrypt(mpz\_t m, mpz\_t c, mpz\_t d, mpz\_t pq)

This function will create decrypt a ciphertext c by calling pow\_mod to calculate  $c^d$  mod pq and store it in m.

4.7 void ss\_decrypt\_file(FILE \*infile, FILE \*outfile, mpz\_t pq, mpz\_t d)

This function will decrypt the contents of infile and store the decrypted plaintext into outfile.

- 1. An array will be dynamically allocated of size k using calloc(). The value of k will be calculated by the taking (log 2(pq) 1)/8).
- Next, create a do-while loop that will scan each block using gmp\_fscanf() and store the contents into mpz\_t c.
  - (a) It will break from the loop whenever we reach the end of the file, indicated by the EOF variable.
  - (b) Decrypt c by calling decrypt() and store the plaintext into m.
  - (c) Call the mpz\_export() function which serves to convert the binary data back and store it in the array we dynamically created earlier.
  - (d) Write the contents of the decrypted message by calling fprintf().
- 3. Free the array we dynamically allocated by calling free().