





Introduction to Cryptography

0. Course information Manuel – Summer 2019





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Course arrangements:

- Lectures:
 - Tuesday 10:00 11:40
 - Thursday 10:00 11:40
 - Friday 8:00 9:40 (odd weeks)
- Office hours: Tuesday 15:40 17:50

Appointments outside of the office hours can be taken by email

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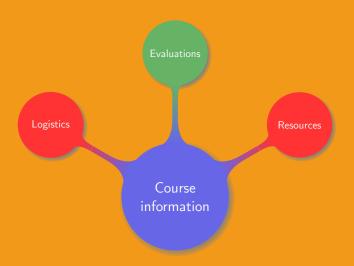
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- Personal side:
 - 1 Perform extra research
 - 2 Relate known strategies to new problems
 - 3 Read and write some code

Detailed goals:

- Know the most common symmetric key cryptography protocols
- Know the most common public key cryptography protocols
- Understand the importance of true randomness in cryptography
- Understand the basics on hash functions in cryptography
- Know the various security levels and be able to derive their corresponding key length depending on the most efficient attacks available
- Know the basic algorithms to solve real life problems such as digital signatures, secret sharing, or traitor tracing
- Be able to perform basic programming in a cryptographic context, i.e. using large numbers or low level logical operations
- Get a high level overview of the various sub-fields of cryptography
- Understand the mathematics used in cryptography



Chapter organisation



Homework:

• Total: 10

Content: basic concepts, coding, mathematics

Projects:

Total: 2

Content: discover new areas of cryptology

Challenges:

• Total: 3

Content: code breaking

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 - Reuse part the course or textbooks and quoting the source
 - Share ideas and understandings on the course
 - Provide hints on where or how to find information

Documents allowed during the exams:

- Part A: a mono or bilingual dictionary
- Part B:
 - The lecture slides with **notes on them** (paper or electronic)
 - A mono or bilingual dictionary

Group works:

- Every student in a group is responsible for his group's submission
- If a student breaks the Honor Code, the whole group is guilty

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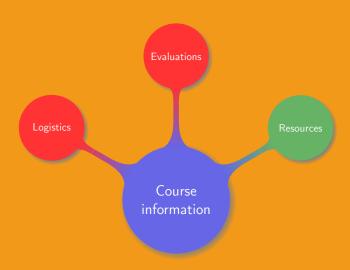
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Any late request will be rejected

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Information and documents available on the Canvas platform:

- Course materials:
 - Syllabus
 - Lecture slides
 - Homework
- Course information:
 - Announcements
 - Notifications

- Projects
- Challenges

- Grades
- Polls

Useful places where to find information:

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Never use Baidu in any course

- Work regularly, do not wait the last minute/day
- Respect the Honor Code
- Go beyond what is taught
- Do not learn, understand
- Keep in touch with us
- Advice and suggestions are always much appreciated







Thank you!