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Practice 6: Diffie Hellman (Network)

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Problem

What is the behaviour of the Diffie Hellman?

What are the main characteristics of the Diffie Hellman?

How does this method helps us to share a common key without send the real value?

Diffie—Hellman key exchange (D–H) is a specific method of securely exchanging cryptographic keys over a public channel and was one of the first public-key protocols as originally conceptualized by Ralph Merkle and named after Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman. D–H is one of the earliest practical examples of public key exchange implemented within the field of cryptography. [1]

Traditionally, secure encrypted communication between two parties required that they first exchange keys by some secure physical channel, such as paper key lists transported by a trusted courier. The Diffie–Hellman key exchange method allows two parties that have no prior knowledge of each other to jointly establish a shared secret key over an insecure channel. This key can then be used to encrypt subsequent communications using a symmetric key cipher. [1]

Diffie-Hellman Scheme



Hypothesis

A possible solution to the problem is to write a computer program in order to analyse the behaviour of the Diffie Hellman, this program will be able to encrypt and decrypt a text using the key generated with this technique. It also will work over a network.

If we program this software correctly, we will see how the character data is send and decrypted using the key previously computed using D-H. To encrypt/decrypt the messages, we will use the DES cipher block.

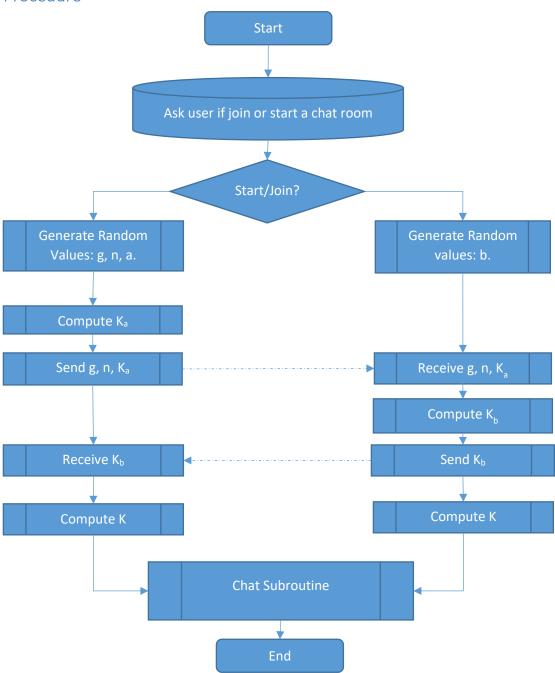
Software (libraries, package, tools)

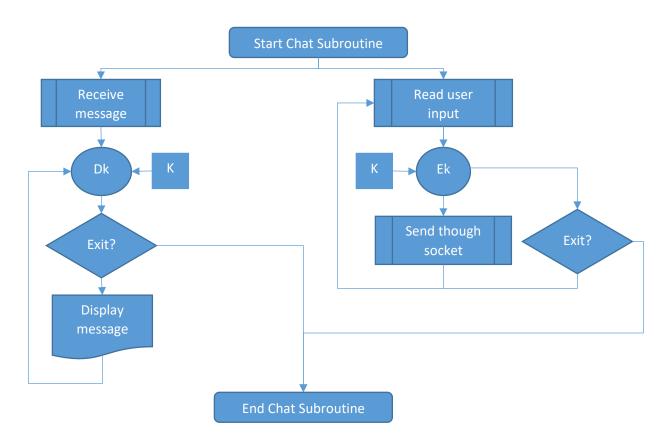
To do this practice, we used:

- Personal Computer
- Linux Operating System
- Text Editor

- GNU C++ Compiler
- Access to a computer network

Procedure





Results (Data)

```
victor@localhost:~/Documentos/Crypto/6_DiffieHellmanRED =  
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[victor@localhost 6_DiffieHellmanRED]$ ./chat

Chat

Type your name: Victor

1) I want to create a chat room

2) I want to join a chat room

1

Type the port number you want to use: 9000

Generated g: (Random)195149415783

Generated a: (Random)223044066483

Waiting for another person to connect
```

Figure 1: Starting a Chat Room

```
victor@localhost:~/Documentos/Crypto/6_DiffieHellmanRED _
Archivo Editar Ver Buscar Terminal Ayuda
[victor@localhost 6 DiffieHellmanRED]$ ./chat
Type your name: Leonardo

    I want to create a chat room

I want to join a chat room
Type the host address: 127.0.0.1
Type the host port: 9000
Generated b: (Random)23888246371
Connected to the chat room
Received g= 195149415783 n= 252097800623
Received Ka =86915123143
Shared key k = 86373098128
Kb=43544050984
Sending Kb
Diffie-Hellman data sent!
Write your messages:
```

Figure 2: Joining a Chat Room

Figure 3: Sending/Receiving encrypted data and displaying it into the terminal.

Conclusions

In this practice, we accepted the hypothesis because we could send a common key without sending the real value though an insecure channel, using the Diffie-Hellman scheme.

We could send and receive data encrypted with the DES block cipher, and using the previously common key obtained with the D-H, we could transform it into plaintext. This is useful because we made a basic lightweight "secure" chat using D-H and DES.

Reference

[1] "Diffie—Hellman key exchange", *Wikipedia*, 2016. [Online]. Available: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diffie%E2%80%93Hellman_key_exchange . [Accessed: 27- Nov-2016].

Code

```
    #include "./librerias/SocketFlujo.hpp"

#include <iostream>
#include <random>
4.
5. #include <unistd.h>
6. #include <sys/wait.h>
7. #include <openssl/des.h>
8. #define tam buffer 255
9. using namespace std;
10.
11.
12. unsigned long long int mulmod(unsigned long long int a,unsigned long long int b,un
   signed long long int c){
13.
       unsigned long long int x = 0,y=a%c;
       while(b > 0){
14.
15.
           if(b\%2 == 1){
16.
              x = (x+y)\%c;
17.
18.
           y = (y*2)%c;
           b /= 2;
19.
20.
       return x%c;
21.
22. }
23.
24. struct messageDH{
       unsigned long long int g;
26.
       unsigned long long int n;
27. };
28.
29. struct keyDH{
       unsigned long long int kn;
31. };
33. struct common msg{
34. char data[tam_buffer];
35.
       };
37. int main(){
38. SocketFlujo *socket;
       string port;
40. string option;
41.
       string name;
42. //Diffie-Hellman Variables
43.
       unsigned long long int g;
44. unsigned long long int n;
45.
       unsigned long long int a;
46. unsigned long long int b;
47.
       unsigned long long int k;
48. //Random
       std::random_device rd;
49.
```

```
std::mt19937 rng(rd()); // random-number engine used (Mersenne-
   Twister in this case)
51.
        std::uniform int distribution<unsigned long long int> uni(1,252097800623-1);
52.
53.
54.
        cout<<"Chat"<<endl;</pre>
55.
        cout<<"Type your name: ";</pre>
56.
        getline(cin, name);
57.
        name+=": ";
58.
59.
        cout<<"1) I want to create a chat room"<<endl;</pre>
60.
        cout<<"2) I want to join a chat room"<<endl;</pre>
61.
        getline(cin, option);
62.
63.
        if(option=="1"){
64.
            SocketFlujo s_in=SocketFlujo();
65.
            cout<<"Type the port number you want to use: ";</pre>
66.
            getline(cin, port);
67.
            s in.enlazar(stoi(port));
68.
            //Diffie-Hellman Code
69.
            string number input;
70.
            g=uni(rng);
71.
            cout<<"Generated g: (Random)"<<g<<endl;</pre>
72.
            n=uni(rng);
73.
            a=uni(rng);
74.
            cout<<"Generated a: (Random)"<<a<<endl;</pre>
75.
            //Waiting for another client
            cout<<"Waiting for another person to connect"<<endl;</pre>
76.
77.
            s_in.escucha();
78.
            socket=new SocketFlujo(s_in.aceptar());
79.
            cout<<"Another person has connected to this chat room"<<endl;</pre>
80.
        }else if(option=="2"){
81.
            socket= new SocketFlujo();
82.
            string ip;
83.
            cout<<"Type the host address: ";</pre>
84.
            getline(cin, ip);
85.
            cout<<"Type the host port: ";</pre>
86.
            getline(cin, port);
87.
            b=uni(rng);
            cout<<"Generated b: (Random)"<<b<<endl;</pre>
88.
89.
            socket->conectar(ip,stoi(port));
90.
            cout<<"Connected to the chat room"<<endl;</pre>
91.
        }else{
92.
            cout<<"Invalid option"<<endl;</pre>
93.
            return 0;
94.
95.
96.
        //Code before fork
97.
        if(option=="1"){//We send g,n,ka
98.
                 unsigned long long int k_a;
99.
                 k_a=mulmod(g,a,n);
100.
                        cout<<"Calculated Ka="<<k_a<<endl;</pre>
101.
                        //Sending g,a
                        cout<<"Sending g,n"<<endl;</pre>
102.
103.
                        messageDH hello msg;
104.
                        hello_msg.g=g;
105.
                        hello msg.n=n;
                        Paquete gn_paq=Paquete((char *)&hello_msg,sizeof hello_msg);
106.
107.
                        socket->envia(gn_paq);
108.
                        //Sending ka
109.
                        cout<<"Sending ka"<<endl;</pre>
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110.
                        keyDH key msg;
111.
                        key msg.kn=k a;
112.
                        Paquete k paq=Paquete((char *)&key msg, sizeof key msg);
113.
                        socket->envia(k paq);
                        cout<<"Diffie-Hellman data sent!"<<endl;</pre>
114.
115.
                        ////Getting Kb
                        cout<<"Getting kb"<<endl;</pre>
116.
117.
                        Paquete k paq2=Paquete(sizeof key msg);
118.
                        socket->recibe(k_paq2);
119.
                        memcpy(&key_msg,k_paq2.obtieneDatos(),sizeof key_msg);
120.
                        cout<<"Received Kb="<<key_msg.kn<<endl;</pre>
121.
                        k=mulmod(key_msg.kn,a,n);
122.
                        cout<<"Shared key k="<<k<<endl;</pre>
123.
124.
                }else if(option=="2"){//We only send kb once its computed
125.
                        //Getting g,n
126.
                        messageDH hello msg;
127.
                        Paquete gn_paq=Paquete(sizeof hello_msg);
128.
                        socket->recibe(gn paq);
129.
                        memcpy(&hello msg,gn paq.obtieneDatos(),sizeof hello msg);
130.
                        g=hello msg.g;
131.
                        n=hello_msg.n;
                        cout<<"Received g= "<<g<<" n= "<<n<<endl;</pre>
132.
133.
                        //Getting Ka
134.
                        keyDH key_msg;
135.
                        Paquete k_paq=Paquete(sizeof key_msg);
136.
                        socket->recibe(k_paq);
137.
                        //Computing k
138.
                        memcpy(&key_msg,k_paq.obtieneDatos(),sizeof key_msg);
139.
                        cout<<"Received Ka ="<<key_msg.kn<<endl;</pre>
140.
                        k=mulmod(key_msg.kn,b,n);
141.
                        cout<<"Shared key k = "<<k<<endl;</pre>
142.
                        //Computing kb
143.
                        unsigned long long int k_b;
144.
                        k_b=mulmod(g,b,n);
145.
                        cout<<"Kb="<<k_b<<endl;</pre>
146.
                        key_msg.kn=k_b;
147.
                        //sending kb
148.
                        cout<<"Sending Kb"<<endl;</pre>
                        Paquete k_paq2=Paquete((char *)&key_msg,sizeof key_msg);
149.
150.
                        socket->envia(k paq2);
151.
                        cout<<"Diffie-Hellman data sent!"<<endl;</pre>
152.
153.
154.
                //Chat code
155.
                //DES variables
156.
                DES_key_schedule schedule;
157.
                DES_cblock ivec={0xE1, 0xE2, 0xE3, 0xD4, 0xD5, 0xC6, 0xC7, 0xA8};
158.
                DES_cblock key;
159.
                const int numbits=8;
160.
                //Key manipulation
161.
                memcpy(&key,&k,sizeof key);
162.
               DES_set_key(&key,&schedule);
163.
164.
165.
                pid_t pid;
166.
                pid=fork();
                if(pid>0){//Main process, sender
167.
168.
                    //Chat Code
169.
170.
                    cout<<"Write your messages: "<<endl;</pre>
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```
171.
                    Paquete *out;
172.
173.
                        string input="";
174.
                        getline(cin, input);
175.
                        input=name+input;
176.
                        //Encrypt message
177.
                        unsigned char input cipher[tam buffer];
178.
                        char cleartxt[tam buffer];
179.
                        strcpy(cleartxt,input.c_str());
180.
                        DES_ofb_encrypt((unsigned char*)cleartxt,input_cipher,numbits,
    tam_buffer,&schedule,(C_Block *)ivec);
181.
                        //Send message
182.
                        common_msg msg;
183.
                        memcpy(msg.data,input_cipher,tam_buffer);
184.
                        out= new Paquete((char*)&msg,sizeof msg);
185.
                        socket->envia(*out);
186.
                        delete out;
187.
188.
                        //Exit chat
189.
                        if(input.find("--exit")!=string::npos){
190.
                            delete socket;
191.
                            kill(pid, SIGKILL);
192.
                            break;
                        }
193.
194.
195.
                    }while(true);
196.
                }else if(pid==0){//Child process, receiver
197.
198.
199.
                        string message="";
200.
                        Paquete *in= new Paquete(sizeof (common_msg));
                        socket->recibe(*in);
201.
202.
                        common_msg msg;
203.
                        memcpy(&msg,in->obtieneDatos(),sizeof msg);
204.
                        message=string(msg.data);
205.
                        //Decrypt message
206.
                        unsigned char output[tam_buffer];
                        DES_ofb_encrypt((unsigned char*)msg.data, output,numbits,tam_b
207.
    uffer,&schedule,(C_Block *)ivec);
208.
                        string text_clr((char *)output);
209.
                        //Exit chat
210.
                        if(text clr.find("--exit")!=string::npos){
211.
                            cout<<"The other person exited the room"<<endl;</pre>
212.
213.
                            delete in;
214.
                            delete socket;
215.
                            kill(getppid(), SIGKILL);
216.
                            break;
                        }
217.
218.
219.
                        //Show messages in console
220.
                        cout<<"CipherText: "<<message<<endl<<endl;</pre>
221.
                        cout<<"\tClearText: "<<text_clr<<endl;</pre>
222.
                        delete in;
223.
                    }while(true);
224.
225.
226.
                }else{//Error
                    cerr << "Error in fork: "<<strerror(errno) << endl;</pre>
227.
228.
229.
```

```
230. wait(0);

231.

232. return 0;

233.

234. }
```