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(Continue) Cryptography

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Goals for Today

Cryptography

Achieving Privacy (Symmetric)

Encryption schemes: A tool for protecting privacy.



Achieving Integrity (Symmetric)

Message authentication schemes: A tool for protecting integrity.

(Also called message authentication codes or MACs.)



CBC Mode: Encryption



Identical blocks of plaintext encrypted differently

- Last cipherblock depends on entire plaintext
 - Still does not guarantee integrity

CBC-MAC



- Not secure when system may MAC messages of different lengths.
 - NIST recommends a derivative called CMAC (not required)

Birthday attacks

Are there two people in the first 1/3 of this classroom that have the same birthday?

- Yes?
- No?

Birthday attacks

Why is this important for cryptography?

- 365 days in a year (366 some years)
 - Pick one person. To find another person with same birthday would take on the order of 365/2 = 182.5 people
 - Expect "collision" -- two people with same birthday -- with a room of only 23 people
 - For simplicity, approximate when we expect a collision as the square root of 365.

• 2¹²⁸ different 128-bit keys (or other random values)

- Pick one key at random. To exhaustively search for this key requires trying on average 2¹²⁷ keys.
- Expect a "collision" after selecting approximately 2⁶⁴ random keys.
- 64 bits of security against collision attacks, not 128 bits.

Broad Class of Hash Functions



- Collisions: h(x)=h(x') for distinct inputs x, x'
- Result of hashing should "look random" (make this precise later)
 - Intuition: half of digest bits are "1"; any bit in digest is "1" half the time

Cryptographic hash function needs a few properties...

One-Way

Intuition: hash should be hard to invert

- "Preimage resistance"
- Let $h(x')=y \in \{0,1\}^n$ for a random x'
- Given y, it should be hard to find any x such that h(x)=y

How hard?

- Brute-force: try every possible x, see if h(x)=y
- SHA-1 (common hash function) has 160-bit output
 - Expect to try 2¹⁵⁹ inputs before finding one that hashes to y.

Collision Resistance

- Should be hard to find distinct x, x' such that h(x)=h(x')
 - Brute-force collision search is only O(2^{n/2}), <u>not</u> O(2ⁿ)
 - For SHA-1, this means O(2⁸⁰) vs. O(2¹⁶⁰)
- Birthday paradox (informal)
 - Let t be the number of values x,x',x"... we need to look at before finding the first pair x,x' s.t. h(x)=h(x')
 - What is probability of collision for each pair x,x'? $1/2^n$
 - How many pairs would we need to look at before finding the first collision?
 O(2ⁿ)
 - How many pairs x,x' total? Choose(t,2)=t(t-1)/2 ~ $O(t^2)$
 - What is t? 2^{n/2}

One-Way vs. Collision Resistance

One-wayness does <u>not</u> imply collision resistance

- Suppose g is one-way
- Define h(x) as g(x') where x' is x except the last bit
 - h is one-way (to invert h, must invert g)
 - Collisions for h are easy to find: for any x, h(x0)=h(x1)

Collision resistance does <u>not</u> imply one-wayness

- Suppose g is collision-resistant
- Define h(x) to be 0x if x is n-bit long, 1g(x) otherwise
 - Collisions for h are hard to find: if y starts with 0, then there are no collisions, if y starts with 1, then must find collisions in g
 - h is not one way: half of all y's (those whose first bit is 0) are easy to invert (how?); random y is invertible with probab. 1/2

Weak Collision Resistance

- Given randomly chosen x, hard to find x' such that h(x)=h(x')
 - Attacker must find collision for a <u>specific</u> x. By contrast, to break collision resistance it is enough to find <u>any</u> collision.
 - Brute-force attack requires O(2ⁿ) time
 - AKA second-preimage collision resistance
- Weak collision resistance does <u>not</u> imply collision resistance

Which Property Do We Need?

UNIX passwords stored as hash(password)

- One-wayness: hard to recover the/a valid password
- Integrity of software distribution
 - Weak collision resistance (second-preimage resistance)
 - But software images are not really random...
 - Collision resistance if considering malicious developers

Auction bidding

- Alice wants to bid B, sends H(B), later reveals B
- One-wayness: rival bidders should not recover B (this may mean that she needs to hash some randomness with B too)
- Collision resistance: Alice should not be able to change her mind to bid B' such that H(B)=H(B')

Common Hash Functions

MD5 (deprecated)

- 128-bit output
- Designed by Ron Rivest, used very widely
- Collision-resistance broken (summer of 2004)
- RIPEMD-160
 - 160-bit variant of MD5
- SHA-1 (Secure Hash Algorithm) (deprecated)
 - 160-bit output
 - US government (NIST) standard as of 1993-95
 - Also recently broken! (Theoretically -- not practical.)
- SHA-256, SHA-512, SHA-224, SHA-384

SHA-3: Just picked -- not an official standard yet

Basic Structure of SHA-1 (Not Required)



How Strong Is SHA-1?

Every bit of output depends on every bit of input

- Very important property for collision-resistance
- Brute-force inversion requires 2¹⁶⁰ ops, birthday attack on collision resistance requires 2⁸⁰ ops
- Some weaknesses, e.g., collisions can be found in 2⁶³ ops (2005)

HMAC

 Construct MAC by applying a cryptographic hash function to message and key

- Invented by Bellare, Canetti, and Krawczyk (1996)
- Mandatory for IP security, also used in SSL/TLS

Structure of HMAC



Achieving Both Privacy and Integrity

Authenticated encryption scheme

Recall: Often desire both privacy and integrity. (For SSH, SSL, IPsec, etc.)





But insecure! [BN, Kra]

Assume Alice sends messages:



If $T_i = T_j$ then $M_i = M_j$

Adversary learns whether two plaintexts are equal.

Especially problematic when M_1 , M_2 , ... take on only a small number of possible values.



