Authenticated Encryption and Cryptographic Network Protocols

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Some Straw Men

TCP/IP (highly abstracted)



Destination Machine

Encrypted with CBC and random IV



Destination Machine

Example Tampering Attack

Encrypted with CBC and random IV





(easy with CBC and rand IV)

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How?



An Attack Using Only Network Access

<u>Example:</u>

Remote terminal app where each keystroke encrypted with CTR mode



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The Story So Far

<u>*Confidentiality*</u>: semantic security against a CPA attack

– Examples: Using CBC with a PRP, AES

Integrity: security against existential forgery – Examples: CBC-MAC, NMAC, PMAC, HMAC

Now: security against *tampering*

– Integrity + Confidentiality!

The lesson

CPA security <u>cannot</u> guarantee secrecy under <u>active</u> attacks.



Motivating Question: Which is Best?

Encryption Key = K_E ; MAC key = k_I



Authenticated Encryption

An *authenticated encryption* system (E,D) is a cipher where

As usual: E: $K \times M \times N \longrightarrow C$ D: $K \times C \times N \longrightarrow M \cup \{\bot\}$ but reject ciphertext as invalid

<u>Security</u>: the system must provide

- Semantic security under CPA attack, and
- *<u>ciphertext integrity</u>*. The attacker cannot create a new ciphertext that decrypts properly.

(t, E, Z) Ciphertext Integrity "comphrishionel"

For $b = \{0,1\}$, define EXP(0) and EXP(1) as:



Def: (E,D) has <u>ciphertext integrity</u> iff for all "efficient" A: $Adv_{CI}[A,I] = Pr [Chal. outputs 1] < \varepsilon$

Authenticated Encryption

<u>Def</u>: cipher (E,D) provides <u>authenticated</u> <u>encryption (AE)</u> if it is

- (1) semantically secure under CPA, and
- (2) has ciphertext integrity

<u>Counter-example</u>: CBC with rand. IV does not provide AE

- D(k, \cdot) never outputs \bot , hence adv. always wins ciphertext integrity game



⇒ if D(k,c) ≠⊥ Bob guaranteed message is from someone who knows k (but could be a replay)

Implication 2



Authenticated encryption \Rightarrow

Security against <u>chosen ciphertext attack</u>

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<u>Def</u>: A CCA adversary has the capability to get ciphertexts of their choosing decrypted.



The Lunchtime CCA Attack



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802.11b WEP: how not to do it



Active attacks

Fact: CRC is linear, i.e. \forall m,p: CRC(m \oplus p) = CRC(m) \oplus F(p)

WEP ciphertext:IVdest-port = 80dataCRCattacker:000...00...... XX....0000F(XX)XX = 25 \oplus 80IVdest-port = 25dataCRC'

Upon decryption CRC is valid, but ciphertext is changed !!

Chosen Ciphertext Security

Adversaries Power: both CPA and CCA

- Can obtain the encryption of arbitrary messages
- Can decrypt ciphertexts of his choice

<u>Adversaries Goal</u>: break semantic security

CCA Game Definition

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ENC = (E,D) is CCA secure iff $Adv[A,ENC] = |Pr[Exp(0) = 1] - Pr[Exp(1) = 1]| < \varepsilon$



Example: CBC is not CCA Secure



<u>Thm</u>: Let (E,D) be a cipher that provides AE. Then (E,D) is CCA secure !

In particular, for any q-query eff. A there exist eff. B_1 , B_2 s.t.

 $(Adv_{CCA}[A,E] \le 2q \cdot Adv_{CI}[B_1,E] + Adv_{CPA}[B_2,E]$

AE implies CCA security!

So What?

Authenticated encryption assures security against:

- A passive adversary (CPA security)
- An active adversary that can even decrypt some ciphertexts (CCA security)

Limitations:

- Does not protect against replay
- Assumes no other information other than message/ciphertext pairs can be learned.
 - Timing attacks out of scope
 - Power attacks out of scope

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AE Constructions

Cipher + MAC = security

History

Android

Pre 2000: Crypto API's provide *separate* MAC and encrypt primitives

- Example: Microsoft Cryptographic Application
 Programming Interface (MS-CAPI) provided HMAC
 and CBC + IV
- Every project had to combine primitives in their own way

2000: Authenticated Encryption

- Bellare and Namprempre in Crypto, 2000
- Katz and Yung in FSE, 2000

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Theorems

Let (E,D) by a CPA secure cipher and (S,V) a MAC secure against existential forgery. Then:

- 1. Encrypt-then-MAC <u>always</u> provides authenticated encryption
- 2. MAC-then-encrypt <u>may</u> be insecure against CCA attacks
 - however, when (E,D) is rand-CTR mode or rand-CBC, MAC-then-encrypt provides authenticated encryption

Standards

- GCM: CTR mode encryption then CW-MAC
- CCM: CBC-MAC then CTR mode (802.11i)
- EAX: CTR mode encryption then CMAC

All are nonce-based.

All support Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD).



An example API (OpenSSL)

int AES_GCM_Init(AES_GCM_CTX *ain,

unsigned char *nonce, unsigned long noncelen,

unsigned char *key, unsigned int klen)

int AES_GCM_EncryptUpdate(AES_GCM_CTX *a, unsigned char *aad, unsigned long aadlen, unsigned char *data, unsigned long datalen, unsigned char *out, unsigned long *outlen)
MAC Security -- an explanation

Recall: MAC security required an attacker given (m, t) couldn't find a different t' such that (m,t') is a valid MAC

Why? Suppose not: $(m, t) \rightarrow (m, t')$

Then Encrypt-then-MAC would not have Ciphertext Integrity !!



Performance

From Crypto++ 5.6.0 [Wei Dai]

AE Cipher	Code Size	Speed (MB/sec)	Raw Cipher	Raw Speed
AES/GCM	Large	108 🧼	AES/CTR	139 🧲
AES/CCM	smaller	61	AES/CBC	109
AES/EAX	smaller	61	AES/CMAC	109
AES/OCB*	small	129	HMAC/SHA1	147 🧲

* OCB mode may have patent issues. Speed extrapolated from Ted Kravitz's results.

Summary

Encrypt-then-MAC

- Provides integrity of CT
- Plaintext integrity
- If cipher is malleable, we detect invalid CT
- MAC provides no information about PT since it's over the encryption

MAC-then-Encrypt

- No integrity of CT
- Plaintext integrity
- If cipher is malleable, can × change message w/o detection
- MAC provides no information on PT since encrypted

Encrypt-and-MAC

- No integrity on CT
- Integrity of PT can be verified
- If cipher is malleable, contents of CT can be altered; should detect at PT level
- May reveal info about PT in the MAC (e.g., MAC of same messages are the same)

Wrapup

- Authenticated Encryption
 - Chosen Ciphertext Attack (CCA) and CCA-secure ciphers
 - AE game = CCA + CPA secure

Encrypt-then-MAC always right

– Don't roll your own

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Questions?



Case Study: TLS



<u>Certificates</u> bind a public key to a user



<u>Certificate Authority</u> (CA) binds certificate to person



Certificate parameters





Alice

Alice Sends: User ID || public key || ...





Alice

Alice Generates and Gives:

User ID || public key || ...

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Alice's Certificate

[User ID || public key || ...] || CA Name || Serial || Sig || <add. params>

X.509 Certificates



TLS and SSL

- Transport Layer Security (TLS)
 - Secure socket layer (SSL) predecessor
 - originally developed by Netscape
 - version 3 designed with public input
 - RFC 2246
- Uses TCP to provide a reliable end-to-end service

Protocol Stack



Session Establishment



Encrypt with symmetric cipher using shared secret

HTTP	Telnet					
Handshake		C C	hange Lipher	Alert		
SSL Record Protocol						
ТСР						
IP						

Protocol Record



Other Fields

Change cipher: Re-initiate handshake protocol, e.g., to renegotiate the keying material used for encryption

Alert: Signal warning or fatal problem

- Fatal: unexpected message, bad record mac, decompression failure, handshake failure, illegal parameter
- Warning: close notify, no certificate, bad certificate, unsupported certificate, certificate revoked, certificate expired, certificate unknown



Detailed Protocol



TLS Crypto



Unidirectional keys: $k_{b \rightarrow s}$, $k_{s \rightarrow b}$ Stateful encryption:

- Each side maintains two 64-bit counters: $ctr_{b \rightarrow s}$, $ctr_{s \rightarrow b}$
- Init. to 0 when session started. ctr++ for every record.
- Purpose: replay defense

TLS Record Encryption (CBC AES-128, HMAC-SHA1)



Browser side $enc(k_{b\rightarrow s}, data, ctr_{b\rightarrow s})$:

step 1:tag \leftarrow S(k_{mac} , [++ctr $_{b \rightarrow s}$ || header || data])step 2:pad [header || data || tag] to AES block sizestep 3:CBC encrypt with k_{enc} and new random IVstep 4:prepend header

TLS Record Decryption (CBC AES-128, HMAC-SHA1)

Server side $dec(k_{b\rightarrow s}, record, ctr_{b\rightarrow s})$:

- step 1: CBC decrypt record using k_{enc}
- step 2: check pad format, send bad_record_mac if invalid
- step 3: check tag on $[++ctr_{b\rightarrow s} ||$ header || data] send bad_record_mac if invalid

Provides authenticated encryption (provided no other info. is leaked during decryption)

TLS Record Decryption (CBC AES-128, HMAC-SHA1)

Server side $dec(k_{b\rightarrow s}, record, ctr_{b\rightarrow s})$:

- step 1: CBC decrypt record using k_{enc}
- step 2: check pad format, send decryption_failed if invalid
- step 3: check tag on $[++ctr_{b\rightarrow s} ||$ header || data] send bad_record_mac if invalid

Padding Oracles

Server side $dec(k_{b\rightarrow s}, record, ctr_{b\rightarrow s})$:

- step 1: CBC decrypt record using k_{enc}
- step 2: check pad format, abort if *invalid*
- step 3: check tag, abort if *invalid*

Two different types of errors: bad pad vs bad MAC

<u>Padding Attack</u>: Attacker submits ciphertext and learns if last byte of plaintext are a valid pad



Credit: Brice Canvel Fixed in OpenSSL 0.9.7a

In older TLS 1.0: padding oracle due to different alert messages.

TLS Padding

Туре	Version	Length
Data		
Tag	Tag	Tag
Tag	Tag	Pad

Valid paddings:

- 0x01 for 1 byte padding
- 0x02 0x02 for 2 byte padding
- 0x03 0x03 0x03 for 3 byte padding

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Using a Padding Oracle with CBC

Example:

Attacker has ciphertext c = (c[0], c[1], c[2]) and wants m[1]. We'll show you how to get last byte of m[1]. (Full break possible)



Step 1: Throw Away c[2]



Step 2: Guess and Check if Padding Valid

Let g be our guess for the last byte of m[1]



*note MAC will fail, but we get the byte.

Using a Padding Oracle

Attack: submit (IV, c'[0], c[1]) to padding oracle \Rightarrow attacker learns if last byte = g

Repeat with g = 0,1, ..., 255 to learn last byte of m[1]

Then use a (0x02, 0x02) pad to learn the next byte and so on ...

Another TLS Bug Prior to 1.1

IV for CBC is predictable using chained IV

- IV for next record is last ciphertext block of current record.
- Not CPA secure (see block cipher lecture).
 BEAST attack is a practical implementation

Other Problems

The TLS header leaks the length of TLS records

• Lengths can also be inferred by observing network traffic

For many web applications, leaking lengths reveals sensitive info:

- In tax preparation sites, lengths indicate the type of return being filed which leaks information about the user's income
- In healthcare sites, lengths leaks what page the user is viewing
- In Google maps, lengths leaks the location being requested

No easy solution



- 1. Encrypt-then-MAC would completely avoid many problem.
 - MAC is checked first and ciphertext discarded if invalid
- 2. MAC-then-CBC provides Authenticated Encryption, but padding oracle destroys it

Certificate Revocation

What to do if your keys are compromised.

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1. ClientHello


Certificate Verification Protocols

• Expiration Date

• Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL) and Certificate Revocation Trees (CRT)

• OCSP – Online Cert Status Protocol



Certificate Revocation Tree Generation



Revoked cert C_i sorted by serial



Online Cert Status Protocol

