Mobile Application Development Sign Your App

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Sign your app Learning objectives

An overview of:

- Symmetric key encryption
- Public key encryption
- Cryptographic hash function
- Exchange secret key in public channel
- Review programming module crypto
- Certificates
- Signing app
- Key storage and security
- Secure shell (SSH)

Sign your app Learning objectives

Abstraction: focus on details appropriate target audience

- High level: *ssh mike@192.168.61.8*
- Intermediate: $c = m \oplus k$

• Low:
$$D(k, c') = m_1 \oplus 1$$





Android Studio APK Signing

Public Key Encryption

- Two related keys used.
- A private (secret) key (SK) used to decrypt.
- A public key (PK) used to encrypt.
- Keys have inverse functionality.
 - Encrypt with PK => decrypt with SK.
 - Sign (encrypt) with SK => verify (decrypt) with PK.



Sign your app Certificates and Keystores

Public-key certificate

- Also known as:
 - Digital certificate
 - Identity certificate
- Comprises:
 - Public key
 - Meta data
- Certificate owner:
 - Uses private (secret) key

- Android studio includes signing tool.
- Configurable auto or manual.
- App may also be signed using commandline tools.
- Attaches digital certificate to APK.
- Certificate acts as digital fingerprint or signature.
- Uniquely associates APK to author and its private key.
- Verifies future app updates authentic.
- Same certificate must be used during entire app life.

Digital Signature Scheme comprises 3 algorithms:

- Public-private key-pair generator.
- Signing algorithm:
 - Input: message + private key.
 - Output: signature.
- Signature verifying algorithm:
 - Input: message + public key + signature.
 - Output: message authentic? Yes:No.

Android implementation (v1):

- Up to and including Marshmallow.
- Uses standard Java Development Kit (JDK) tools:
 - *jarsigner* : signs message.
 - *jarsigner* : verifies authenticity of message.

Android implementation (v2):

- Applies to Nougat (7.0).
- New app signing scheme.
- Recommended but not mandatory.
 - APK hashed and signed.
 - Resulting APK Signing Block inserted in APK.
 - Backward compatible.

Run and build from Android Studio IDE

- Uses debug version apk.
- Auto signs apk with debug certificate.
- Debug cert stored in debug keystore.
- All signing data auto genererated.
- Debug unacceptable Google Play Store.



Certificates and Keystores - Release build

- Android Studio generates keystore.
- On signing, use keystore and private key.
- Individually password protect store and private keys.
- Consider using password manager.
- Loss of passwords or keys potentially catastrophic.

Sign your app Certificate usage

- Sign all your APKs with same cert.
 - Throughout entire app lifespan.
- Facilitates upgrades.
 - Avoids loss installed client base
- Takes advantage of signature-based permissions policy.
 - Apps can share code and data securely.
- Facilitates modularization.
 - Multiple apps runnable as one in same process.

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Sign your app Manually using Android Studio

Generate Signed APK APK(s) generated successfully. Reveal in Finder

Name	Date Modified	Size	Kind
app-release.apk	13:10	1.2 MB	Document
app.iml	13:10	10 KB	Document
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build.gradle	08/10/2016	562 bytes	Sublimument
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proguard-rules.pro	08/10/2016	662 bytes	Document
src	08/10/2016		Folder

Key store and private keys

Password management

- Passwords critically important to:
 - Retain securely,
 - Retain indefinitely.
- Consider using password manager.
- Password Safe (Windows): https://pwsafe.org/
- Gorilla (Cross platform): http://bit.ly/2elPsav
- pwSafe (Mac & iOS): https://pwsafe.info/



- Electronic analogue of physical signature
- Binds document & identity
- Not easily forged
- Various digital signature schemes:
 - Rivest, Shamir, Adleman (RSA)
 - Digital Signature Standard (DSS)



- Electronic document that can prove ownership.
- Pair of associated electronic keys used.
- Private key and public key.
- Signing tool attaches certificate to apk.



- Signed apk uniquely associated with signing author.
- Prevents forgery.
- Ensures any updates originate from signing author.

Supporting cryptograpic technology A brief exploration

Basics of Cryptographic Technology

Three types cryptography

Single key used for both encryption and decryption.



Three types cryptography

Key pair: secret and public.



Three types cryptography

Public cryptographic hash function used. No key - plaintext not recoverable.



Cryptographic hash function

- Uses include digital signatures, message authentication.
- Hash function maps any-size data to fixed-size data.
- Function output: hash values, codes, sums or hashes.
- Also input: message; output (message) digest.
- Collision-resistant: 2 inputs same output hard to find.
- Output does not leak input information.
- Output looks random.
- Small input change large output change.

Cryptographic system that:

- Uses associated pair of keys public & private.
- Public key may be distributed widely.
- Private key should be kept secure by owner.

Document encrypted using public key:

- Use private key to decrypt.
- Document encrypted using private key:
 - Use public key to decrypt.
 - This is essence of digital signing.

Encountered to date in programming module

- Caesar cipher
- Vigenere cipher
- One-time pad (OTP)

Encountered to date in course

Caesar cipher

- Message text or plain text
- Cipher text: encrypted plain text
- Encrypt: shift plain text character
- Example: shift by 3 thus A becomes D



Vigenere Cipher

Key length matches plain text

- Plain text
 - VIGENERECIPHEREXAMPLE
- Key same length plaintext
 - ATTACKATDAWNATTACKATD

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Vigenere Cipher

Encryption - Decryption



Encountered to date in course

Potentially perfect secrecy - but practical difficulties.

• One-time pad (OTP)

One Time Pad

Key same length as plaintext

		а	b		$a \oplus k$)	
Exclusive OR denoted by \oplus .	0	0		0			
 m denotes plaintext or 		0	1		1		
message text		1	0		1		
 k denotes key 		_1	1		0		
 c denotes the cipher text or 							
encrypted message	m	0	1	1	0	1	1
• $c = m \oplus k$	k	1	0	1	1	0	0
	с	1	1	0	1	1	1
One Time Pad Key same length as plaintext

Observe from table:

- $c = m \oplus k$
- $m = c \oplus k$

m	0	1	1	0	1	1
k	1	0	1	1	0	0
с	1	1	0	1	1	1
$c\oplusk$	0	1	1	0	1	1

Hashing

What are hashes & how are they generated?

- What is a hash?
 - A fixed-length string.
 - The output from a function.
 - Known as hash function.
 - Whose input is a string of any length.





f(x): fixed-length string

Hashing example

Git versioning system uses SHA-1 has function.

- Git uses SHA-1 hash function.
 - Purpose: ensure consistency.
 - Input: any number of bytes.
 - Output: 20-bytes.



SHA-1 hashing examples

Observe differences between inputs and outputs

ICTSkills-2015

c83007996185ec1269ae9d1e78ef12d51ac0b078

ICTSkills-2016

33f87c1b7e03bc33b34e62313a638123260ca0b0

Hash algorithm

The internals of a hash function

- Hash algorithm
 - Algorithm: series of computations.
 - Producing solution to problem.
 - Hash algorithm: the internals of hash function.

Hashes

What are they used for?

- Hashes are used:
 - To ensure data & message integrity.
 - To validate passwords.
 - In signing Android APKs.

Hashing

Hash function properties

- One-way functions.
 - Easy to compute output given an input.
 - Difficult to compute input given output.
- Small input variation.
- Result: large output variation.

Creating shared secret key

Diffie-Hellman key exchange

Diffie-Hellman

Creating shared secret key

Diffie-Hellman key exchange

- Securely exchange cryptographic keys over public channel
- PK crypto envisaged by James Ellis & mathematically proven by Clifford Cocks in GCHQ (1973).
- Malcolm Williamson in attempting to disprove PK discovered secure key exchange (1973).
- Immediately classified but made public in 1997.
- Independently discovered by Whitfield Diffie & Martin Hellman (1976).

Key exchange explained using colours

A random colour published



Alice & Bob each randomly select a secret colour



Alice & Bob mix public colour and secret colour - this is easy



Key exchange Alice's & Bob's mixed colours - finding original colours is is hard



Alice sends Bob her mixed colour - Bob sends Alice his mixed colour



Alice & Bob each add private colour to mixed colors



The two final mixtures are exactly the same colour - this is shared secret key



Alice's & Bob's shared secret key

Key Exchange Uses One-Way Function



One-Way function

Key Exchange Uses One-Way Function



Public Key Cryptography

Public-private key pair

 \mathcal{RSA}

public-private key pair

Alice:

- Creates lock & key
- Key is private.
- Kept securely.
- Lock is public.





RSA Encryption public-private key pair

Alice:

- Sends open lock to Bob.
- Could send same lock multiple people.



public-private key pair

Bob:

- Locks message.
- Returns to Alice.



public-private key pair

Alice:

- Uses secret key.
- Unlocks Bob's message.
- Could unlock many messages.
- Secured with same lock.



Public Key Cryptography (PK)

- PK crypto envisaged by James Ellis & mathematically proven by Clifford Cocks in GCHQ (1973).
- Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir & Leonard Adleman discovered independently (1977)



Public Key Cryptography (PK)

- Key generator produces two components.
- The private (secret) key (SK) used to decrypt.
- The public key (PK) used to encrypt.
- Keys have inverse functionality.
 - Encrypt with PK => decrypt with SK.
 - Sign (encrypt) with SK => verify (decrypt) with PK.



Underlying cryptographic technologies

Secure Shell (SSH)

Underlying cryptographic technologies

- Symmetric Encryption
- Public Key (Asymmetric) Encryption
- Hashing



Underlying cryptographic technologies

Goal is to achieve:

- Authentication
- Message encryption
- Message integrity



Underlying cryptographic technologies

Asymmetric Encryption

- Client generates public-private key pair.
- Public key sent to server.
- Used in symmetric key set up.
- Used for authentication.



Underlying cryptographic technologies

Symmetric Encryption

- Key exchange algorithm establishes shared secret key.
- This key used to encrypt data.



Underlying cryptographic technologies

Hashing

- Hash-based message authentication code (HMAC).
- Used to ensure message integrity (not tampered).
- MAC signing algorithm generates tag using key and message.
- MAC verification algorithm uses key, message and tag.



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