**CS ??? Computer Security** Authentication and Hashing Yasser F. O. Mohammad

### **REMINDER 1: Fiestel Network**

- Each round consists of:
  - Substitution on left half of text
  - Permutation of the two halves
- The substitution is controlled by the key of every round
- Factors of Security:
  - Block size
  - Key size
  - N. rounds
  - Subkey generation
  - Round Function
- Decryption = Encryption with reversed subkey order



### **REMINDER 2: CBC (Cipher Block**

Chaining Mode)



#### REMINDER 3: CTR (Counter Mode)



#### **REMINDER 4: Key Hierarchy**



## REMINDER 5: Key Distribution Center



#### **Rule of Authentication**

- Encryption protects against passive attacks
- Authentication protects against active attacks
- Authentication uses encryption

#### **Different Uses of Encryption**



(a) Symmetric encryption: confidentiality and authentication



(b) Public-key encryption: confidentiality



(c) Public-key encryption: authentication and signature





#### Authentication Without Confidentiality

- Why?
  - Broadcasting
  - I am too busy to encrypt
  - Authentication of programs (no need to decrypt every time)
- How?
  - Message Authentication Code (MAC)
  - One Way Hash function

# $MAC = Substring(E(k_{A-B}, M), n)$ $B: M_1 = Substring(M_{received}, strlen(M_{received}) - n)$ $Test(MAC == Substring(E(k_{A-B}, M_1), n))$

MAC

- B knows that the message was not altered. Why?
- B knows that the message is from A. Why?
- If the message contains a sequence number, B knows that the order was not altered
- Usually DES is used and *n* equals 16 or 32

#### Authentication using shared key

$$A \rightarrow B: M_{1} = E(k_{A-B}, 'hello'+M)$$
  

$$B: \text{if } Substring(D(k_{A-B}, M_{1-received}), 5) == 'hello' \text{ then}$$
  

$$M_{1-received} == M_{1}$$
  

$$Sender(M_{1}) == A$$
  

$$\text{if } E \neq A \text{ then } E \text{ cannot read } M$$

How can we use this exchange to agree on a new key? Why would we want to do that?

#### **One Way Hash Functions**

- a) Only we know *k* 
  - Most conventional
- b) Uses Public Keys only
  - Offers Nonrepudiation
  - No key distribution
- c) Only we know the secret
  - No encryption
  - Used in HMAC adopted by IP security
- Why No Encryption?
  - *I.* Encryption is slow
  - 2. Encryption is expensive
  - 3. Encryption is optimized for large
  - 4. Patents & export control



#### Hash function Requirements

- Arbitrary Data Size
- Fixed length output
- Easy to compute
- One Way: Given the hash we should not recover the message
- Weak collision resistance: given x we cannot find y so that H(x)=H(y)
- Strong collision resistance: we cannot find any (x,y) so that H(x)=H(y)

### **General Hashing algorithm**

#### • n bits hash

- Treat the message as a sequence of n bit blocks
- Process each block in some order
- Output the final n bits

#### Simplest hash function (XOR)

$$C_i = b_{i1} \bigoplus b_{i1} \bigoplus \dots \bigoplus b_{im}$$

where

- $C_i = i$ th bit of the hash code,  $1 \le i \le n$
- m = number of n-bit blocks in the input
- $b_{ii} = i$ th bit in *j*th block
- = XOR operation
- How to break this?

### First Improvement (RXOR)

- 1. Initially set the *n*-bit hash value to zero.
- 2. Process each successive *n*-bit block of data as follows:
  - a. Rotate the current hash value to the left by one bit.
  - b. XOR the block into the hash value.

• How to break this?

#### **Modern Hash Functions**

#### • SHA-1 (self read the algorithm)

- Maximum input is  $2^{64}$
- Digest size = 160 bits
- Block size is 512 or 1024 bits





### **Other Hash functions**

- MD5
  - By Ron Rivest
  - 128 bit digest
  - 512 bit blocks
  - Arbitrary input length
- RIPMOD 160
  - 160 bit digest
  - 512 bit block

#### HMAC

 $\mathsf{HMAC}(\mathsf{K},\mathsf{M}) = \mathsf{H}[(\mathsf{K}^+ \bigoplus \mathsf{opad})||\mathsf{H}[(\mathsf{K}^+ \bigoplus \mathsf{ipad})||\mathsf{M}]]$ 

In words,

- Append zeros to the left end of K to create a b-bit string K<sup>+</sup>(e.g., if K is of length 160 bits and b = 512 then K will be appended with 44 zero bytes 0 x 00).
- 2. XOR (bitwise exclusive-OR) K<sup>+</sup> with ipad to produce the b-bit block S<sub>i</sub>.
- 3. Append M to S<sub>i</sub>.
- 4. Apply H to the stream generated in step 3.
- 5. XOR K<sup>+</sup> with opad to produce the b-bit block S<sub>o</sub>
- 6. Append the hash result from step 4 to S<sub>o</sub>
- 7. Apply H to the stream generated in step 6 and output the result.
  - A hash function that uses a key but does not require slow encryption.

