

Security

Assignment 9, Monday, November 21, 2011

Handing in your answers: There are two options:

1. Put your solutions in Pim's post box (in the white cabinet, lower door, near the printer at the station-side-end of the corridor on the second floor of the Huygens building). Before handing in, make sure:
 - your names and student numbers are written on the document.
2. Send your solutions by e-mail to `pim@cs.ru.nl` with subject '*assignment 9*'. This e-mail should only contain a single PDF document as attachment. Before handing in, make sure:
 - your names and student numbers are included in the document (since it will be printed),
 - your names are part of the filename (example: `PimVullers.FlavioGarcia-9.pdf`), and
 - the file is a PDF document.

Deadline: Monday, November 28, 8:30 sharp!

Note: Do not forget to perform the modulo operations.

1. **(5 points)** Consider the RSA cryptosystem, see Wikipedia¹. For each question, give intermediate steps to show how you got your results.
 - (a) Bob has chosen primes $p = 5$ and $q = 11$, compute n and $\phi(n)$.
 - (b) Take $e = 7$ and compute d such that $d * e = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$. Now e and d are Bob's public and private keys.
 - (c) Compute Bob's signature on $m = 16$.
 - (d) Now Alice wants Bob to sign $m = 16$ **blindly**. Take random $r = 13$ and compute m' , i.e., the message that Alice sends to Bob to sign.
 - (e) Compute Bob's signature on m' .
 - (f) Un-blind the signature from (e) and compare your results with (c).
2. **(5 points)** In this question we ask you to use PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) which allows you to send and receive encrypted and/or signed e-mails. To do this, you need to create your own PGP-identity which is basically your e-mail address and public key signed with your private key. For this purpose we recommend the combination of *Thunderbird*² with the extension *Enigmail*³ which uses *GnuPG*⁴. The latter is an open-source implementation of the OpenPGP standard (RFC4880). You can also use other tools like *PGP Desktop Email*⁵, but we only offer support for the *Thunderbird/Enigmail* combination.
 - (a) Find out how PGP works by performing the following steps (additional information is available in the Enigmail Quick Start Guide⁶):
 - i. Generate a PGP-identity, and submit it to the public key server `subkeys.pgp.net`. This can either be done by using the command line or by using the plugin functionality of *Enigmail*.

¹<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA>

²<http://www.getthunderbird.com/>

³<http://enigmail.mozdev.org/download/> or <https://addons.mozilla.org/thunderbird/addon/enigmail/>

⁴<http://www.gnupg.org/download/>

⁵<http://www.symantec.com/business/desktop-email>

⁶<http://enigmail.mozdev.org/documentation/quickstart.php.html>

- ii. Sign the key of at least one other student, and convince at least one other student to sign your key *on the server*. Remember to upload the signed public key to the key server to make your signature public.
 - iii. Refresh the public key information from the key server to verify that the keys have been signed. Note that there might be some delay between your upload and actual publication.
- (b) Now you have a PGP-identity you can use it to e-mail securely. A convenient way to do this is via the *Enigmail* plugin for *Thunderbird*.

Send an **encrypted** and (digitally) **signed** e-mail with the subject “assignment 9” to `pim@cs.ru.nl` using the public key of key ID `0x021E4C4B`. The message should contain: your **names**, your public **key ID** and, as a PDF attachment, your **answers to the first question** of this assignment.

(It is a good idea to first send this to another student, using her/his public key, and see whether it works. Otherwise we might not be able to grade your work!)