Cryptography is a systems problem

'Should we deploy TLS?'

(or)

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Why this presentation?

10 Things You Should Know About Computer Security

5: Cryptography is a Solved Problem

Cryptography: The strongest link in the chain^{*}

but not to others. Unfortunately, people concentrate too much on the cryptography of a system – which is the equivalent of strengthening the strongest link in a chain.



"solved problem" Algorithms Protocol Design Implementation Library API design Deployment & Correct Usage

Confidence (inverse)





Today's example: SSL/TLS

- Why SSL/TLS?
 - Because it's the most important security protocol in the world!



NEWS Facebook Adopts Secure Web Pages By Default



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Facebook has finally started using HTTPS by default, following a 2010 FTC demand and in the distant footsteps of Google, Twitter, and Hotmail.



Google flips the switch on SSL encryption for Gmail

Mathew J. Schwartz | November 19, 2012 11:11 AM

Facebook has begun making HTTPS, which provides SSL/TLS encryption, the defau Filed in: Software, Wireless accessing all pages on its site.

By Colleen McColl, January 15, 2010 @ 9:47am

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ENCRYPT THE WEB: INSTALL HEPS EVERYWHER



-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----MIICXQIBAAKBgQC+gu/eSRi5ThbY w5kw+dSlOCU78jrGkbP4m0GyNN27 F5TsXqCJvqbwvTn+ExBxvBQyoYpdjl AoGATkxUN2CFd8tfWmhKVHY/ioF

Google announced Wednesday that it will start encrypting all its Gmail traffic when using a remote wireless server.

This comes within days of Google's announcement that it might pull its offices from China after discovering concerted attempts to break into Gmail accounts of human rights activists.

Gmail users will now default to using HTTPS, the secure, encrypted method for communicating with a remote server. This is for the entire e-mail session, not just for log-in as was previously the case. Since 2008 this option

Hacking in the Netherlands Took Aim at Internet Giants

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Published: September 5, 2011

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Attackers who hacked into a Dutch Web security firm have issued hundreds of fraudulent security certificates for intelligence agency Web sites, including the C.I.A., as well as for Internet giants like Google, Microsoft and Twitter, the Dutch government said on Monday.



This presentation

What's the matter with TLS?

Designwise/ Analysis-wise/ Implementation-wise/ Usage-wise

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- SSLv2 released one year later
 - Serious protocol negotiation bugs. Just awful.
- SSLv3
 - Slightly less serious issues [Schneier & Kelsey, others] padding oracles

tocol. We conclude that, while there are still a few technical wrinkles to iron out, on the whole SSL 3.0 is a valuable contribution towards practical communications security.

A brief history

- TLSvI.0
 - Predictable IVs, renegotiation attacks and more!

Hackers break SSL encryption used by millions of sites **Beware of BEAST decrypting secret PayPal cookies** By **Dan Goodin in San Francisco · Get more from this author** Posted in Security, 19th September 2011 21:10 GMT

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News

'CRIME' attack abuses SSL/TLS data compression feature to hijack HTTPS sessions

SSL/TLS data compression leaks information that can be used to decrypt HTTPS session cookies, researchers say

By Lucian Constantin September 13, 2012 09:02 PM ET 🧔 Add a comment

The SSL protocol



The SSL protocol

Negotiation



Key exchange

Secure communication

Renegotiation... etc. etc.



Protocol Design

It's bad

- Many problems result from TLS's use of "pre-historic cryptography" (- Eric Rescorla)
 - CBC with Mac-then-Encrypt, bad use of IVs
 - RSA-PKCS#IvI.5 encryption padding
 - RC4
 - Horrifying backwards compatibility requirements

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In theory, this works (if the MAC is larger than the block size) -Paterson et al. '11

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Probably good enough for <u>remote</u> timing...

Unlucky for you: UK crypto-duo 'crack' HTTPS in Lucky 13 attack **OpenSSL patch to protect against TLS decryption boffinry** By John Leyden • Get more from this author Posted in Security, 4th February 2013 16:58 GMT

BEAST

- Serious bug in TLS 1.0
- Allows complete (hollywood!) decryption of CBC ciphertexts
- Use of predictable Initialization Vector (CBC residue bug)
 - Known since 2002, attack described by Bard in 2005 (Bard was advised to focus on more interesting problems.)
 - Nobody cared or noticed until someone implemented it

Solution in practice: RC4

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(When RC4 is your solution, you need a better problem)

Compression (CRIME)

- Can't really blame the TLS designers for including it...
 - Blame cryptographers for not <u>noticing it's still in use?</u>
 - Blame cryptographers for pretending it would go away.
- We need a model for compression+encryption
 - Clearly this is weaker than semantic security
 - But how much weaker? Can we quantify?

Analysis

TLS for cryptographers

Initiator I		Responder R
$r_I \xleftarrow{r} \{0,1\}^{p_1(k)}$	r_I	\rightarrow
	<i>← ′ R</i>	$- r_R \stackrel{\tau}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^{p_2(k)}$
DHE $a a^x$ SIG $(r_x r_x a a^x) B$	DHS	EKT
g^{y}	$\begin{pmatrix} & n \\ & g^y \\ & & \end{pmatrix}$	$\leftarrow IC$ ENC _{pk_R} (k_p)
$k_m \leftarrow \mathtt{PRF}_{g^{xy}}(l_1)$	$k_m \leftarrow \mathtt{PRF}_{g^{xy}}(l_1)$	$k_m \leftarrow \texttt{PRF}_{k_p}(l_1)$
$(k_e^I, k_a^I, k_e^R, k_a^R) \leftarrow PRF_{k_m}(l_2)$ $F_I \leftarrow PRF_{k_m}(l_2)$	$[\mathtt{SIG}_{sk_I}(\mathtt{trscrpt}),I]^*$	→ parse SIG _{sk_I} () as σ IF VER _{vk_I} (trspt, σ) accept ELSE abort
$\Gamma_I \leftarrow \Pr_{k_m}(\iota_3)$	${ t E}_{k_e^I}(F_I { t HMAC}_{k_a^I}(F_I))$	$ \rightarrow \text{ parse } \mathbf{E}_{k_e^R}() \text{ as } \alpha \\ (k_e^I, k_a^I, k_e^R, k_a^R) \leftarrow PRF_{k_m}(l_2) \\ (F_I t_I) \leftarrow D_{k_e^I}(\alpha) \\ \text{ IF } F_I \leftarrow PRF_{k_m}(l_3) \\ \text{ AND } t_I \leftarrow HMAC_{k_a^I}(F_I) \\ \text{ accept } (k_e^I, k_a^I, k_e^R, k_a^R) \\ \text{ ELSE abort } \\ F_R \leftarrow PRF_{k_m}(l_4) $
	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{r}} = (\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{r}} \mathbf{HMAC}_{\mathbf{r}} = (\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{r}}))$	

TLS for cryptographers



Example: Negotiation

Each TLS protocol begins with a ciphersuite negotiation that determines which key agreement protocol (etc.) will be used.

Negotiation

Key Agreement

Tolga Acar, Mira Belenkiy, Mihir Bellare, and David Cash, Cryptographic Agility and its Relation to Circular Encryption, in EUROCRYPT 2010

Surely we've analyzed TLS?

• Well -- not really.

- In <u>CRYPTO 2012 (!)</u> we saw the first paper to successfully analyze TLS-DHE [Jager et al.]
- To date: no published work that analyzes even the TLS-RSA handshake (in a realistic setting)
- Nobody has ever proven the /full/TLS protocol to be secure

Implementation

Everything up 'til now was the good news.

OpenSSL, GnuTLS, NSS

- The problem with TLS is that we are cursed with <u>implementations</u>
 - OpenSSL being the chief offender
 - But followed closely...

```
if (bio == NULL)
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        if (PKCS7_is_detached(p7))
            bio=BIO_new(BIO_s_null());
        else if (os && os->length > 0)
            bio = BIO_new_mem_buf(os->data, os->length);
        if(bio == NULL)
            ł
            bio=BIO_new(BIO_s_mem());
            if (bio == NULL)
                goto err;
            BI0_set_mem_eof_return(bio,0);
            }
        }
    if (out)
        BIO_push(out,bio);
    else
        out = bio;
    bio=NULL;
    if (0)
        ł
err:
        if (out != NULL)
            BIO_free_all(out);
        if (btmp != NULL)
            BI0_free_all(btmp);
        out=NULL;
        }
    return(out);
    }
```

```
BIO_printf(b,"%ld bytes leaked in %d chunks\n",
              ml.bytes,ml.chunks);
#ifdef CRYPT0_MDEBUG_ABORT
       abort();
tendif
       }
   else
       /* Make sure that, if we found no leaks, memory-leak debugging itself
        * does not introduce memory leaks (which might irritate
        * external debugging tools).
        * (When someone enables leak checking, but does not call
        * this function, we declare it to be their fault.)
        *
                 This should be in CRYPTO_mem_leaks_cb,
        * XXX
        * and CRYPTO_mem_leaks should be implemented by
        * using CRYPTO mem leaks cb.
        * (Also there should be a variant of lh_doall_arg
        * that takes a function pointer instead of a void *;
        * this would obviate the ugly and illegal
        * void_fn_to_char kludge in CRYPT0_mem_leaks_cb.
        * Otherwise the code police will come and get us.)
        不/
       int old_mh_mode;
```

```
CRYPT0_w_lock(CRYPT0_LOCK_MALLOC);
```

```
goto end;
    i=make_REQ(req,pkey,subj,multirdn,!x509, chtype);
    subi=NULL: /* done processing '-subj' option */
    if ((kludge > 0) && !sk_X509_ATTRIBUTE_num(req->req_info->attrib
        sk_X509_ATTRIBUTE_free(req->req_info->attributes);
        req_info->attributes = NULL;
    if (!i)
        BI0_printf(bio_err,"problems making Certificate Request\n");
        goto end;
if (x509)
   EVP_PKEY *tmppkey;
   X509V3_CTX ext_ctx;
    if ((x509ss=X509_new()) == NULL) goto end;
   /* Set version to V3 */
    if(extensions && !X509_set_version(x509ss, 2)) goto end;
    if (serial)
        if (!X509_set_serialNumber(x509ss, serial)) goto end;
    else
```

Code to the spec!

RFC 5246: TLS 1.2



PKCS #1v1.5



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Why do it the simple way?

 EMSA-PKCS1-v1_5 encoding: Apply the EMSA-PKCS1-v1_5 encoding operation (Section 9.2) to the message M to produce a second encoded message EM' of length k octets:

 $EM' = EMSA-PKCS1-v1_5-ENCODE(M, k)$.

If the encoding operation outputs "message too long," output "message too long" and stop. If the encoding operation outputs "intended encoded message length too short," output "RSA modulus too short" and stop.

4. Compare the encoded message *EM* and the second encoded message *EM'*. If they are the same, output "valid signature"; otherwise, output "invalid signature."

PKCS#1 recommendation

```
int RSA_padding_check_PKCS1_type_1(unsigned char *to, int tlen,
        const unsigned char *from, int flen, int num)
   int i,j;
   const unsigned char *p;
   p=from;
   if ((num != (flen+1)) || (*(p++) != 01))
       RSAerr(RSA_F_RSA_PADDING_CHECK_PKCS1_TYPE_1,RSA_R_BLOCK_TYPE_IS_NOT_01);
       return(-1);
   /* scan over padding data */
   j=flen-1; /* one for type. */
   for (i=0; i<j; i++)</pre>
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       if (*p != 0xff) /* should decrypt to 0xff */
           if (*p == 0)
               { p++; break; }
           else
               RSAerr(RSA_F_RSA_PADDING_CHECK_PKCS1_TYPE_1,RSA_R_BAD_FIXED_HEADER_DECRYPT);
               return(-1);
               }
       p++;
   if (i == j)
       RSAerr(RSA_F_RSA_PADDING_CHECK_PKCS1_TYPE_1,RSA_R_NULL_BEFORE_BLOCK_MISSING);
       return(-1);
       }
   if (i < 8)
       RSAerr(RSA_F_RSA_PADDING_CHECK_PKCS1_TYPE_1,RSA_R_BAD_PAD_BYTE_COUNT);
```

return(-1):

OpenSSL v1.0.1c

APIs

just at least one guy who thinks "int enable" has only 2 values (not 3!) --- theGruqq



APIs

The worst example from this paper is Curl's API.

Curl has an option, CURL_SSL_VERIFYHOST. When VERIFYHOST=0, Curl does what you'd expect: it effectively doesn't validate SSL certificates.

When VERIFYHOST=2, Curl does what you'd expect: it verifies SSL certificates, ensuring that one of the hosts attested by the certificate matches the host presenting it.

When VERIFYHOST=1, or, in some popular languages, when VERIFYHOST=TRUE, Curl does something very strange. It checks to see if the certificate attests to any hostnames, and then accepts the certificate *no matter who presents it*.

Developers reasonably assume parameters like "VERIFYHOST" are boolean; either we're verifying or we're not. So they routinely set VERIFYHOST to 1 or "true" (which can promote to 1). Because Curl has this weird in-between setting, which does not express any security policy I can figure out, they're effectively not verifying certificates.

Space shuttles vs. Elevators

```
int do_evp_seal(FILE *rsa_pkey_file, FILE *in_file, FILE *out_file)
{
    int retval = 0;
    RSA *rsa_pkey = NULL;
    EVP_PKEY *pkey = EVP_PKEY_new();
    EVP_CIPHER_CTX ctx;
    unsigned char buffer[4096];
    unsigned char buffer out[4096 + EVP MAX IV LENGTH];
    size t len;
    int len out;
    unsigned char *ek = NULL;
    int eklen;
    uint32_t eklen_n;
    unsigned char iv[EVP_MAX_IV_LENGTH];
    if (!PEM_read_RSA_PUBKEY(rsa_pkey_file, &rsa_pkey, NULL, NULL))
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Error loading RSA Public Key File.\n");
        ERR_print_errors_fp(stderr);
        retval = 2;
        goto out;
    }
    if (!EVP_PKEY_assign_RSA(pkey, rsa_pkey))
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "EVP PKEY assign RSA: failed.\n");
        retval = 3;
        goto out;
    }
    EVP_CIPHER_CTX_init(&ctx);
    ek = malloc(EVP_PKEY_size(pkey));
    if (!EVP_SealInit(&ctx, EVP_aes_128_cbc(), &ek, &eklen, iv, &pkey, 1))
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "EVP_SealInit: failed.\n");
```

 $p_{0} + y_{0} = 2$

Elevators vs. space shuttles

#include "crypto_box.h"

std::string pk; std::string sk; std::string n; std::string m; std::string c;

c = crypto_box(m,n,pk,sk);

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HTTP->HTTPS

• Typical Banking Experience:

- SSL URLs begin with <u>https://</u>
- But users rarely type the prefix

User enters: americanexpress.com







HTTP->HTTPS

- If you can intercept the user's connection:
 - Don't redirect, or:
 - Redirect to malicious site, unsecured (http)

User enters: americanexpress.com



HTTP->HTTPS

• If you can intercept the user's connection:

- Homograph site: paypal.com (with a capital i), or:
- Use clever IDN tricks e.g.,

https://www.gmail.com/accounts/ServiceLogin!f.ijjk.cn





HTTP->HTTP->HTTPS

• It can be worse:

- Some sites give an <u>http</u> page with a form that submits via <u>https</u>

User enters: americanexpress.com



GET http://americanexpress.com

Unsecured http web page

User login info





We're all gonna die

- This is not what I'm saying
- There is a lot of good news in here:
 - We are learning how to analyze TLS
 - We are learning how to implement & use TLS
- But there is still so much left to be done.

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