

Cryptography and Network Security

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Administrative Information

<https://cns.mario-cagalj.from.hr>

- Lecture presentations
- Course description, laboratory exercises, literature
- Links to online books and other interesting references
- Various announcements (+ Moodle)

Evaluation Criteria and Grading

The final grade is formed **approximately** as follows:

Exam 1 (midterm 1)	40%
Exam 2 (midterm 2)	50%
Labs	10%

- Earning points by solving cryptography challenges
- Challenges provided via REST API server (Python FastAPI)
- Students submit solutions (including source code) via a local GitLab server

<https://github.com/mcagalj/CNS-2023-24>

Course Content Overview

- Symmetric and asymmetric cryptography
- Encryption modes
- Authenticated encryption schemes
- Authentication functions
- Digital signatures, message authentication codes
- Network security protocols (TLS and SSH)
- Web security (HTTPS, auth tokens, passkeys)
- WiFi security (if time permits)

Real-World Cryptography

Real-World Cryptography

The screenshot shows a browser window with the address bar displaying "Page Info — https://chat.openai.com/c/07addcf2-9cd1-4921-94f...". Below the address bar are four tabs: "General", "Media", "Permissions", and "Security", with "Security" being the active tab. The main content area is divided into three sections: "Website Identity", "Privacy & History", and "Technical Details".

Website Identity
Website: chat.openai.com
Owner: This website does not supply ownership information.
Verified by: Cloudflare, Inc. [View Certificate](#)

Privacy & History
Have I visited this website prior to today? Yes, 1,518 times
Is this website storing information on my computer? Yes, cookies and 873 KB of site data [Clear Cookies and Site Data](#)
Have I saved any passwords for this website? No [View Saved Passwords](#)

Technical Details
Connection Encrypted (TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256, 128 bit keys, TLS 1.3)
The page you are viewing was encrypted before being transmitted over the Internet.
Encryption makes it difficult for unauthorized people to view information traveling between computers. It is therefore unlikely that anyone read this page as it traveled across the network. [Help](#)

Real-World Cryptography

```
ssl_protocols TLSv1.2 TLSv1.3;
ssl_prefer_server_ciphers off;
ssl_ciphers "ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-...";

server {
    server_name cns.mario-cagalj.from.hr;

    ...

    ssl_certificate /etc/letsencrypt/live/.../fullchain.pem;
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/letsencrypt/live/.../privkey.pem;
    include /etc/letsencrypt/options-ssl-nginx.conf;
    ssl_dhparam /etc/letsencrypt/ssl-dhparams.pem;
}
```

Real-World Cryptography

Encoded

PASTE A TOKEN HERE

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4uRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MzkwMjQ0fQ.wRJSMeKKf2QT4fwpMeJf36P0k6yJV_adQssw5c
```

Decoded

EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{  
  "alg": "HS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

PAYLOAD: DATA

```
{  
  "sub": "1234567890",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "iat": 1516239022  
}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
HMACSHA256(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),  
    
)  secret base64 encoded
```

✔ Signature Verified

SHARE JWT

Real-World Cryptography

Encoded

PASTE A TOKEN HERE

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzUxMiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoiYWRtaW4iOnRydWUsIm1hdCI6MTUxNjIzOTAyMn0uYW04ZlLdHFR1v7xdrW3lCGZrMIsVe0vWCFvK2DRns2c3MN-mcp_-RE6TN9umSBYoNV-mnb31wFf8iun3fB6aDS6m_OXAiURVEKrPFNG1R38JSHUtsFzqT0j-wFrJZN4RvwZnNGSMvK3wzzUriZqmiNLSG8lkt1En6KA4kYVaM61_NpmPHWAjGEXWv7cjHYupcjMSmR8uMTwN5UuAwgW6FRstCJEfoxwb0WKiyoaS1DuIiHZJ8cyGhhEmmAPiCwtPAwGeaL1yZMcp8p82cpTQ5Qb-7CtRov3N4Dc0HgWYk6LomPR5j5cCkePAz87duqzSMpCB0mC0uE3CU2VMtGeQ
```

 Signature Verified

Decoded

EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{  
  "alg": "RS512",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

PAYLOAD: DATA

```
{  
  "sub": "1234567890",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "admin": true,  
  "iat": 1516239822  
}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
RSASHA512(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),  
  -----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----  
  MIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ  
  BAMIIBCGKCAQEAu1SULFVLPHCozMx  
  H2Mo  
  -----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----  
  MIIEvwIBADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAA  
  SCBKkwegS1AgEAAoIBAQC7VJTU49Us  
  8cKj  
  MzEfyYjiBA4R4/M2bS1GB4t7NXp9BC  
  )
```

SHARE JWT

Real-World Cryptography

SSH keys

[New SSH key](#)

This is a list of SSH keys associated with your account. Remove any keys that you do not recognize.

Signing keys

SSH

Commits signing key

SHA256:Bs1aGJhJ0DZ8bGWP2hHjg0zuoqzKvssHm9F49RIYGo

Added on Feb 13, 2024

Signing

[Delete](#)

Real-World Cryptography

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'mcagalj / project-evalu-8'. The 'Commits' section is active, displaying a list of commits. A tooltip is overlaid on the commit 'Testing commit signing 5', providing verification details.

Commits on Feb 14, 2024

- Testing commit signing 5
mcagalj committed last week
Verified 44cb663
- Testing commit signing 4
mcagalj committed last week
Verified 399fff0

Commits on Feb 13, 2024

- Testing commit signing 3
mcagalj committed last week
Verified a29ec58

Tooltip: This commit was signed with the committer's **verified signature**.

mcagalj
SSH Key Fingerprint:
Bs1aGJhJ0DZ8bGWP2hHjg0zuoqpzKvssHm9F49RI
YGo
[Learn about vigilant mode](#)

Real-World Cryptography

Git protocol uses a hash function for content-based naming and to organize content into an efficient Merkle tree.

```
$ git cat-file -p 71e42b1e10424661104dff8b174784706fa3203e
```

```
040000 tree b1db1748961ceae6c81e446154546ac419551971    certificates
040000 tree 7f0746313766a9738b4e5b0f49cde84dd226841e    migrations
100644 blob b208bbb8550f1447d5fbcaea6c3a823d8718620e    schema.prisma
```

```
$ git hash-object -w schema.prisma
```

```
b208bbb8550f1447d5fbcaea6c3a823d8718620e
```

Real-World Cryptography

The screenshot shows a PDF viewer interface with a document titled "Brazo-paradox.pdf". The document content includes a signature card for "MARIO ČAGALI" with a QR code and contact information. A "Signature Properties" dialog box is open, displaying the following information:

- Signature is VALID, signed by Mario Čagalj
- Signing Time: 2022/11/07 09:35:19 +0100
- Source of Trust obtained from European Union Trusted Lists (EUTL)
- This is a Qualified Electronic Signature according to EU Regulation 910/2014
- Reason: Document SIGN
- Location: Not specified

The dialog also includes a "Validity Summary" section with "Advanced Signature Properties":

- Signature Details
- Signature was created using AKO PAMESCoreApi 2.0.8130-Certlib [PROOF]
- Hash Algorithm: SHA256
- Signature Algorithm: RSA with PKCS#1 v1.5
- PKCS Signature Level: B-B

At the bottom of the dialog, it states: "The signer's certificate is valid and has not been revoked." and provides a "Show Signer's Certificate..." button. The dialog also has "Advanced Properties...", "Validate Signature", and "Close" buttons.

■ Android Cryptography¹

■ Android Keystore

```
import android.security.keystore.KeyProperties
...
companion object {
    private const val ALGORITHM = KeyProperties.KEY_ALGORITHM_AES
    const val BLOCK_MODE_CBC = KeyProperties.BLOCK_MODE_CBC
    private const val PADDING = KeyProperties.ENCRYPTION_PADDING_PKCS7
    private const val KEY_SIZE = 256
    private const val CBC_CIPHER = "$ALGORITHM/$BLOCK_MODE_CBC/$PADDING"
    ...
}
```

¹Click to follow hyperlink

Real-World Cryptography

WhatsApp's encryption system based on **Signal protocol**.

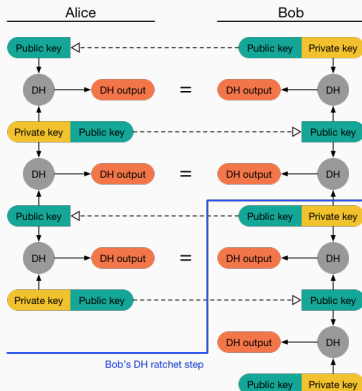
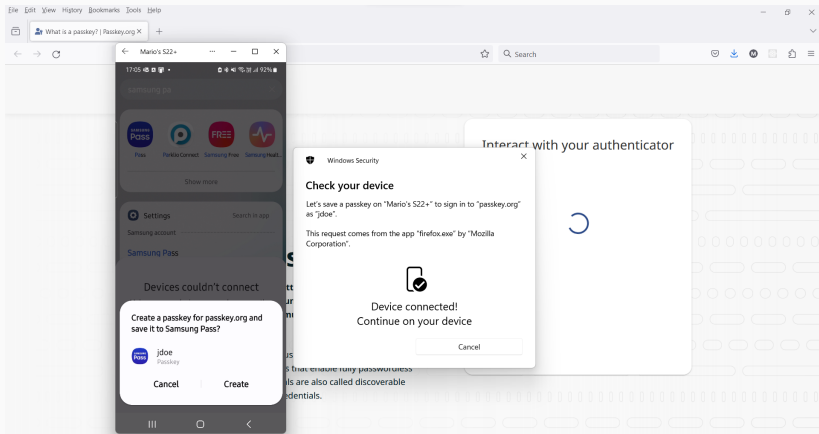


Figure 1: Double ratchet protocol: (source: signal.org)

Real-World Cryptography

Passkeys



- Android Cryptography²
- Android Keystore

```
import android.security.keystore.KeyProperties
...
companion object {
    private const val ALGORITHM = KeyProperties.KEY_ALGORITHM_AES
    const val BLOCK_MODE_CBC = KeyProperties.BLOCK_MODE_CBC
    private const val PADDING = KeyProperties.ENCRYPTION_PADDING_PKCS7
    private const val KEY_SIZE = 256
    private const val CBC_CIPHER = "$ALGORITHM/$BLOCK_MODE_CBC/$PADDING"
    ...
}
```

²Click to follow hyperlink

- Storing passwords

`$argon2id$v=19$m=65536,t=3,p=4$Z0L9wdqT0wsLo8tw3gW90g$LjqqWI6g6Yey8...`

- Password managers³

³Click to follow hyperlink

(Cloud) Database encryption

- Transparent data encryption⁴
- Column-level encryption
- Field-level encryption

⁴Click to follow hyperlink

Google Cloud

- Encryption at rest⁵
- Encryption in transit
- Application layer transport security

⁵Click to follow hyperlink

Blockchain technology

- Cryptocurrency
- Web 3.0⁶
- Supply chain management

Related append-only ledgers/records

- Key transparency
- Certificate transparency

⁶Click to follow hyperlink

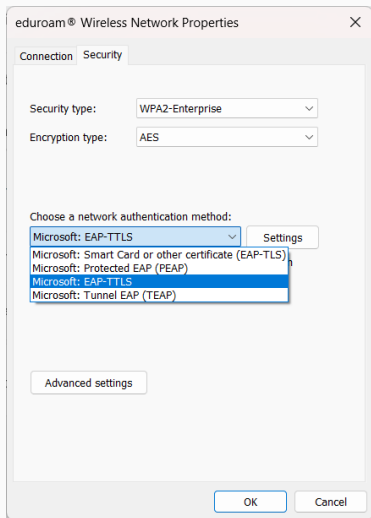
VPN

- OpenVPN (TLS-based)⁷
- strongSwan (IPsec-based)
- WireGuard

Related: MACsec

⁷Click to follow hyperlink

Real-World Cryptography



Encryption works. Properly implemented strong crypto systems are one of the few things that you can rely on. Unfortunately, endpoint security is so terrifically weak that NSA can frequently find ways around it.