

RSA SIGNATURE: BEHIND THE SCENES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present a complete digital signature message stream, just the way the RSA digital signature scheme does it. We will focus on the operations with large numbers due to the fact that operating with large numbers is the essence of RSA that cannot be understood by the usual illustrative examples with small numbers[1].

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1. INTRODUCTION

The idea of RSA is based on the belief that it is difficult to factor the number that is the product of two large prime numbers. Because of that it is necessary to develop the arithmetic of large numbers operations, as well as to encode the algorithm for number primality test, a hash function and many more auxiliary functions that are necessary for developing of the own digital signature software[4].

Many people have heard about a digital signature and read a notice saying that a document is digitally signed, but few of them have a real idea of what a digital signature is and how it looks like.

Below, we will present in detail how to generate a digital signature. We are sure that this will be an inspiring step for many people to try to develop their own tools for the protection of their data integrity.

2. THE RSA SIGNATURE SCHEME

In this paragraph, we will recall the steps that are necessary for the RSA scheme [2][3].

Algorithm Key generation for the RSA signature scheme

SUMMARY: each entity creates an RSA public key and a corresponding private key.

Each entity A should do the following:

1. Generate two large distinct random primes p and q , each roughly the same size (see x11.3.2).
2. Compute $n = pq$ and $\phi = (p - 1)(q - 1)$.
3. Select a random integer e , $1 < e < \phi$ such that $\gcd(e, \phi) = 1$.
4. Use the extended Euclidean algorithm ([2]) to compute the unique integer d , $1 < d < \phi$, such that $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi}$
5. A's public key is $(n; e)$; A's private key is d

Algorithm RSA signature generation and verification

SUMMARY: entity A signs a message $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Any entity B can verify A's signature and recover the message m from the signature.

1. *Signature generation.* Entity A should do the following:

- (a) Compute $m' = R(m)$, an integer in the range $[0; n - 1]$.
- (b) Compute $s = (m')^d \pmod{n}$.
- (c) A's signature for m is s .

2. *Verification.* To verify A's signature s and recover the message m , B should:

- (a) Obtain A's authentic public key $(n; e)$.
- (b) Compute $m' = s^e \pmod{n}$.
- (c) Verify that $m' \in \mathbb{Z}$; if not, reject the signature.
- (d) Recover $m = R^{-1}(m')$.

3. PREPARATORY STEP

In order to sign a message, we need to prepare many functions. Since Hash value of the message is central in the digital signature, we consider it is very important that we have a software for finding hash value.

In this paragraph, we will show the algorithm and code for SHA-1.

3.1. SECURE HASH ALGORITHM (SHA-1)

In this paragraph we specify SHA-1 [2], for several reasons: Because of the digital signature, to see how seem complicated and daunting and in the end because we can see how it can be solved by simply tools such as Delphi 7 console application.

INPUT: bitstring x of bitlength $b \geq 0$.

OUTPUT: 160-bit hash-code of x .

1. Definition of constants. Define a fifth (32-bit initial chaining values) IV to match those in MD4: $h_5 = 0xc3d2e1f0$. $h_5 = 0xc3d2e1f0$.

Define per-round integer additive constants: $y_1 = 0x5a827999$, $y_2 = 0x6ed9eba1$, $y_3 = 0x8f1bbcdc$, $y_4 = 0xca62c1d6$. (No order for accessing source words, or specification of bit positions for left shifts is required.)

2. Overall preprocessing. Pad as in MD4, except the final two 32-bit words specifying the bitlength b is appended with most significant word preceding least significant.

As in MD4, the formatted input is $16m$ 32-bit words: $x_0x_1 \dots x_{16m-1}$. Initialize chaining variables: $(H_1;H_2;H_3;H_4;H_5) \quad (h_1; h_2; h_3; h_4; h_5)$.

3. Processing. For each i from 0 to $m - 1$, copy the i^{th} block of sixteen 32-bit words into temporary storage: $X[j] = x_{16i+j}; 0 \leq j \leq 15$, and process these as below in four 20-step rounds before updating the chaining variables

(expand 16-word block into 80-word block; let X_j denote $X[j]$)

for j from 16 to 79, $X_j \leftarrow ((X_{j-3}(X_{j-8} \oplus X_{j-14} \oplus X_{j-16}) \lrcorner 1)$.

(initialize working variables) $(A, B, C, D, E) \leftarrow (H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, H_5)$.

(Round 1) For j from 0 to 19 do the following:

$t \leftarrow ((A \lrcorner 5) + f(B, C, D) + E + X_j + y_1)$,

$(A, B, C, D, E) \leftarrow (t, A, B \ll 30, C, D)$.

(Round 2) For j from 20 to 39 do the following

$t \leftarrow ((A \lrcorner 5) + h(B, C, D) + E + X_j + y_2)$.

$(A, B, C, D, E) \leftarrow (t, A, B \ll 30, C, D)$.

(Round 3) For j from 40 to 59 do the following:

$t \leftarrow ((A \lrcorner 5) + g(B,C,D) + E + X_j + y_3)$

$(A, B, C, D, E) \leftarrow (t, A, B \ll 30, C, D)$.

(Round 4) For j from 60 to 79 do the following:

$t \leftarrow ((A \lrcorner 5) + h(B, C, D) + E + X_j + y_4)$.

$(A, B, C, D, E) \leftarrow (t, A, B \ll 30, C, D)$.

(update chaining values)

$(H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, H_5) \leftarrow (H_1 + A, H_2 + B, H_3 + C, H_4 + D, H_5 + E)$.

4. Completion. The hash-value is: $H_1 \& H_2 \& H_3 \& H_4 \& H_5$.

(with first and last bytes the high- and low-order bytes of H_1, H_5 , respectively)

Where:

$\&$: concatenation of strings

$+$: addition modulo 2^{32}

$f(u,v,w) = uv \vee u'w$

$g(u,v,w) = uv \vee uw \vee vw$

$h(u,v,w) = u \oplus v \oplus w$

uv : and

u' : complement

$u \vee v$: or

\oplus : exclusive or

$u \ll s$: rotation to the left for s position

$(X_1, \dots, X_j) \leftarrow (Y_1, \dots, Y_j)$: simultaneous assignment ($X_i \leftarrow Y_i$).

3.2. CODE FOR SHA-1

In this paragraph, we will encode upper algorithm. We will use console application Delphi 7.

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PROGRAM SHA_1;
{$APPTYPE CONSOLE}
var c1: char;
k,i,j,l,duz,duz1,m,I1,I2,I3,I4:integer;
a:array[1..8] of integer;
a1,a2:array[1..32] of integer;
h1,h2,h3,h4,h5,y1,y2,y3,y4,hh1,hh2,hh3,hh4,hh5,p:array [0..31] of integer;
aa,bb,cc,dd,ee,pp,qq,rr,tt,ss,nn,mm:array[0..31] of integer;
pom:array[0..35] of integer;
x:array[0..79,0..31] of integer;
f,g:file of integer;

procedure dodeli(var a:array of integer;b:array of integer);
var i:integer;
begin
for i:=0 to 31 do a[i]:=b[i];
end;
procedure rot(var a:array of integer;t:integer);
var i,k,l:integer;
begin
for i:=1 to t do
begin
k:=a[0];
for l:=0 to 30 do a[l]:=a[l+1];
a[31]:=k;
end;
end;
procedure kom(var a:array of integer);
var i,j:integer;
begin
for i:=0 to 31 do
if a[i]=0 then a[i]:=1
else a[i]:=0;
end;
procedure fi(u,v,w:array of integer;var t:array of integer);
var i,j:integer;
p:array[0..31] of integer;
begin
for i:=0 to 31 do v[i]:=v[i] and u[i];
kom(u);
for i:=0 to 31 do t[i]:=v[i] or (u[i] and w[i]);
end;
procedure gi(u,v,w:array of integer;var t:array of integer);
var i,j:integer;

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begin
for i:=0 to 31 do t[i]:= (u[i] and v[i]) or (u[i] and w[i]) or (v[i] and w[i]);
end;
procedure hi(u,v,w:array of integer;var t:array of integer);
var i,j:integer;
begin
for i:=0 to 31 do t[i]:= (u[i] xor v[i]) xor w[i];
end;
procedure saberi(a,b:array of integer;var w:array of integer);
var c:integer;
begin
c:=0;
for i:=31 downto 0 do
begin
w[i]:= (a[i]+b[i]+c) mod 2;
if (a[i]+b[i]+c)<2 then c:=0
else c:=1;
end;
end;
procedure ses(a,b,c,d:integer);
var s:integer;
begin
s:=0;
s:=a*8+b*4+c*2+d;
if s=0 then write('0');if s=1 then write('1');if s=2 then write('2');
if s=3 then write('3');if s=4 then write('4');if s=5 then write('5');
if s=6 then write('6');if s=7 then write('7');if s=8 then write('8');
if s=9 then write('9');if s=10 then write('a');if s=11 then write('b');
if s=12 then write('c');if s=13 then write('d');if s=14 then write('e');
if s=15 then write('f');
end;
begin
writeln;
writeln('Type your message to 147 symbols- because we use EOLN-Enter. For larger messages
we can use files');
assign(g,'por.dat');
rewrite(g);
duz:=0;
writeln;
write('Input message:');
while not eoln do
begin
read(c1);
k:=ord(c1);
for i:=1 to 8 do a[i]:=0;
i:=1;
while k<>0 do
begin

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a[i]:=k mod 2;
k:=k div 2;
i:=i+1;
end;
duz:=duz+8;
for I:=8 downto 1 do write(g,A[I]);
end;
{Padding}
duz1:=duz;
k:=1;
l:=0;
write(g,k);
duz:=duz+1;
if duz mod 512=0 then
begin
for i:=1 to 512-64 do write(g,l);
duz:=duz+512-64;
end
else
begin
k:=duz mod 512;
for i:=1 to 512-k-64 do write(g,l);
duz:=duz+512-k-64;
end;
i:=1;
while duz1<>0 do
begin
if i<=32 then
begin
a1[i]:=duz1 mod 2;
duz1:=duz1 div 2
end
else
begin
a2[i]:=duz1 mod 2;
duz1:=duz1 div 2;
end;
i:=i+1;
end;
for i:=32 downto 1 do write(g,a2[i]);
for i:=32 downto 1 do write(g,a1[i]);
{big-endian }
{end of padding}
{Defining Constants}
{ Constants do not have to recalculate}
h1[31]:=1;h1[30]:=0;h1[29]:=0;h1[28]:=0; h1[27]:=0;h1[26]:=0;h1[25]:=0;h1[24]:=0;
h1[23]:=1;h1[22]:=1;h1[21]:=0;h1[20]:=0; h1[19]:=0;h1[18]:=1;h1[17]:=0;h1[16]:=0;
h1[15]:=1;h1[14]:=0;h1[13]:=1;h1[12]:=0; h1[11]:=0;h1[10]:=0;h1[9]:=1;h1[8]:=0;

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h1[7]:=1;h1[6]:=1;h1[5]:=1;h1[4]:=0; h1[3]:=0;h1[2]:=1;h1[1]:=1;h1[0]:=0;

h2[31]:=1;h2[30]:=0;h2[29]:=0;h2[28]:=1; h2[27]:=0;h2[26]:=0;h2[25]:=0;h2[24]:=1;
h2[23]:=1;h2[22]:=1;h2[21]:=0;h2[20]:=1; h2[19]:=0;h2[18]:=1;h2[17]:=0;h2[16]:=1;
h2[15]:=1;h2[14]:=0;h2[13]:=1;h2[12]:=1; h2[11]:=0;h2[10]:=0;h2[9]:=1;h2[8]:=1;
h2[7]:=1;h2[6]:=1;h2[5]:=1;h2[4]:=1; h2[3]:=0;h2[2]:=1;h2[1]:=1;h2[0]:=1;

h3[31]:=0;h3[30]:=1;h3[29]:=1;h3[28]:=1; h3[27]:=1;h3[26]:=1;h3[25]:=1;h3[24]:=1;
h3[23]:=0;h3[22]:=0;h3[21]:=1;h3[20]:=1; h3[19]:=1;h3[18]:=0;h3[17]:=1;h3[16]:=1;
h3[15]:=0;h3[14]:=1;h3[13]:=0;h3[12]:=1; h3[11]:=1;h3[10]:=1;h3[9]:=0;h3[8]:=1;
h3[7]:=0;h3[6]:=0;h3[5]:=0;h3[4]:=1; h3[3]:=1;h3[2]:=0;h3[1]:=0;h3[0]:=1;

h4[31]:=0;h4[30]:=1;h4[29]:=1;h4[28]:=0; h4[27]:=1;h4[26]:=1;h4[25]:=1;h4[24]:=0;
h4[23]:=0;h4[22]:=0;h4[21]:=1;h4[20]:=0; h4[19]:=1;h4[18]:=0;h4[17]:=1;h4[16]:=0;
h4[15]:=0;h4[14]:=1;h4[13]:=0;h4[12]:=0; h4[11]:=1;h4[10]:=1;h4[9]:=0;h4[8]:=0;
h4[7]:=0;h4[6]:=0;h4[5]:=0;h4[4]:=0; h4[3]:=1;h4[2]:=0;h4[1]:=0;h4[0]:=0;

h5[31]:=0;h5[30]:=0;h5[29]:=0;h5[28]:=0; h5[27]:=1;h5[26]:=1;h5[25]:=1;h5[24]:=1;
h5[23]:=1;h5[22]:=0;h5[21]:=0;h5[20]:=0; h5[19]:=0;h5[18]:=1;h5[17]:=1;h5[16]:=1;
h5[15]:=0;h5[14]:=1;h5[13]:=0;h5[12]:=0; h5[11]:=1;h5[10]:=0;h5[9]:=1;h5[8]:=1;
h5[7]:=1;h5[6]:=1;h5[5]:=0;h5[4]:=0; h5[3]:=0;h5[2]:=0;h5[1]:=1;h5[0]:=1;

y1[31]:=1;y1[30]:=0;y1[29]:=0;y1[28]:=1; y1[27]:=1;y1[26]:=0;y1[25]:=0;y1[24]:=1;
y1[23]:=1;y1[22]:=0;y1[21]:=0;y1[20]:=1; y1[19]:=1;y1[18]:=1;y1[17]:=1;y1[16]:=0;
y1[15]:=0;y1[14]:=1;y1[13]:=0;y1[12]:=0; y1[11]:=0;y1[10]:=0;y1[9]:=0;y1[8]:=1;
y1[7]:=0;y1[6]:=1;y1[5]:=0;y1[4]:=1; y1[3]:=1;y1[2]:=0;y1[1]:=1;y1[0]:=0;

y2[31]:=1;y2[30]:=0;y2[29]:=0;y2[28]:=0; y2[27]:=0;y2[26]:=1;y2[25]:=0;y2[24]:=1;
y2[23]:=1;y2[22]:=1;y2[21]:=0;y2[20]:=1; y2[19]:=0;y2[18]:=1;y2[17]:=1;y2[16]:=1;
y2[15]:=1;y2[14]:=0;y2[13]:=0;y2[12]:=1; y2[11]:=1;y2[10]:=0;y2[9]:=1;y2[8]:=1;
y2[7]:=0;y2[6]:=1;y2[5]:=1;y2[4]:=1; y2[3]:=0;y2[2]:=1;y2[1]:=1;y2[0]:=0;

y3[31]:=0;y3[30]:=0;y3[29]:=1;y3[28]:=1; y3[27]:=1;y3[26]:=0;y3[25]:=1;y3[24]:=1;
y3[23]:=0;y3[22]:=0;y3[21]:=1;y3[20]:=1; y3[19]:=1;y3[18]:=1;y3[17]:=0;y3[16]:=1;
y3[15]:=1;y3[14]:=1;y3[13]:=0;y3[12]:=1; y3[11]:=1;y3[10]:=0;y3[9]:=0;y3[8]:=0;
y3[7]:=1;y3[6]:=1;y3[5]:=1;y3[4]:=1; y3[3]:=0;y3[2]:=0;y3[1]:=0;y3[0]:=1;

y4[31]:=0;y4[30]:=1;y4[29]:=1;y4[28]:=0; y4[27]:=1;y4[26]:=0;y4[25]:=1;y4[24]:=1;
y4[23]:=1;y4[22]:=0;y4[21]:=0;y4[20]:=0; y4[19]:=0;y4[18]:=0;y4[17]:=1;y4[16]:=1;
y4[15]:=0;y4[14]:=1;y4[13]:=0;y4[12]:=0; y4[11]:=0;y4[10]:=1;y4[9]:=1;y4[8]:=0;
y4[7]:=0;y4[6]:=1;y4[5]:=0;y4[4]:=1; y4[3]:=0;y4[2]:=0;y4[1]:=1;y4[0]:=1;

dodeli(hh1,h1);dodeli(hh2,h2);dodeli(hh3,h3); dodeli(hh4,h4);dodeli(hh5,h5);

m:=duz div 512;

reset(g);

{Processing}

i:=0;

while i<=m do

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begin
  for j:=0 to 15 do
    begin
      for l:=0 to 31 do
        read(g,x[j,l]);
      end;
      for j:=16 to 79 do
        begin
          for l:=0 to 31 do
            p[l]:=((x[j-3,l] xor x[j-8,l]) xor x[j-14,l]) xor x[j-16,l]);
            l:=1;
            rot(p,l);
            for l:=0 to 31 do x[j,l]:=p[l];
          end;
          i:=i+1;
        end;
      { initialize working variables }
      dodeli(aa,hh1);dodeli(bb,hh2);dodeli(cc,hh3); dodeli(dd,hh4);dodeli(ee,hh5);
    end;
  for j:=0 to 19 do
    begin
      dodeli(pp,aa); dodeli(ss,bb);
      dodeli(nn,cc); dodeli(mm,dd);
      for l:=0 to 31 do qq[l]:=x[j,l];
      fi(bb,cc,dd,rr);
      rot(aa,5);
      saberi(aa,rr,pom);
      saberi(pom,ee,pom);
      saberi(pom,qq,pom);
      saberi(pom,y1,pom);
      for l:=0 to 31 do tt[l]:=pom[l];
      dodeli(aa,tt);dodeli(bb,pp);
      rot(ss,30);
      dodeli(cc,ss);
      dodeli(dd,nn);dodeli(ee,mm);
    end; writeln;
  for j:=20 to 39 do
    begin
      dodeli(pp,aa);dodeli(ss,bb);
      dodeli(nn,cc);
      dodeli(mm,dd);
      for l:=0 to 31 do qq[l]:=x[j,l];
      hi(bb,cc,dd,rr);
      rot(aa,5);
      saberi(aa,rr,pom);
      saberi(pom,ee,pom);
      saberi(pom,qq,pom);
      saberi(pom,y2,pom);
      for l:=0 to 31 do tt[l]:=pom[l];
    end;
  end;

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dodeli(aa,tt);
dodeli(bb,pp);rot(ss,30);dodeli(cc,ss);dodeli(dd,nn); dodeli(ee,mm);
end;
  for j:=40 to 59 do
begin
dodeli(pp,aa);dodeli(ss,bb);
  dodeli(nn,cc); dodeli(mm,dd);
  for l:=0 to 31 do qq[l]:=x[j,l];
gi(bb,cc,dd,rr);
rot(aa,5);
saberi(aa,rr,pom);
saberi(pom,ee,pom);
saberi(pom,qq,pom);
saberi(pom,y3,pom);
  for l:=0 to 31 do tt[l]:=pom[l];
dodeli(aa,tt);
dodeli(bb,pp);rot(ss,30);dodeli(cc,ss);dodeli(dd,nn); dodeli(ee,mm);
end;
  for j:=60 to 79 do
begin
dodeli(pp,aa);dodeli(ss,bb);
  dodeli(nn,cc); dodeli(mm,dd);
  for l:=0 to 31 do qq[l]:=x[j,l];
hi(bb,cc,dd,rr);
rot(aa,5);
saberi(aa,rr,pom);
saberi(pom,ee,pom);
saberi(pom,qq,pom);
saberi(pom,y4,pom);
  for l:=0 to 31 do tt[l]:=pom[l];
dodeli(aa,tt);
dodeli(bb,pp);rot(ss,30);dodeli(cc,ss);dodeli(dd,nn); dodeli(ee,mm); end;
saberi(hh1,aa,pom);
  for l:=0 to 31 do hh1[l]:=pom[l] ;
saberi(hh2,bb,pom);
  for l:=0 to 31 do hh2[l]:=pom[l] ;
saberi(hh3,cc,pom);
  for l:=0 to 31 do hh3[l]:=pom[l] ;
  saberi(hh4,dd,pom);
  for l:=0 to 31 do hh4[l]:=pom[l] ;
  saberi(hh5,ee,pom);
  for l:=0 to 31 do hh5[l]:=pom[l] ;
  writeln('Binary Hash value:');
  writeln;
  for l:=0 to 31 do write(hh1[l]);
  for l:=0 to 31 do write(hh2[l]);
  for l:=0 to 31 do write(hh3[l]);
  for l:=0 to 31 do write(hh4[l]);

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for l:=0 to 31 do write(hh5[l]);
writeln;
assign(f,'hash.dat');
rewrite(f);
writeln('hex hash value:'); writeln;
for l:=31 downto 0 do write(f,hh5[l]);
for l:=31 downto 0 do write(f,hh4[l]);
for l:=31 downto 0 do write(f,hh3[l]);
for l:=31 downto 0 do write(f,hh2[l]);
for l:=31 downto 0 do write(f,hh1[l]);
for l:=0 to 7 do
begin
i1:=hh1[4*l];i2:=hh1[4*l+1];i3:=hh1[4*l+2]; i4:=hh1[4*l+3];
ses(i1,i2,i3,i4);
end;
for l:=0 to 7 do
begin
i1:=hh2[4*l];i2:=hh2[4*l+1];i3:=hh2[4*l+2]; i4:=hh2[4*l+3];
ses(i1,i2,i3,i4);
end;
for l:=0 to 7 do
begin
i1:=hh3[4*l];i2:=hh3[4*l+1];i3:=hh3[4*l+2]; i4:=hh3[4*l+3];
ses(i1,i2,i3,i4);
end;
for l:=0 to 7 do
begin
i1:=hh4[4*l];i2:=hh4[4*l+1];i3:=hh4[4*l+2]; i4:=hh4[4*l+3];
ses(i1,i2,i3,i4);
end;
for l:=0 to 7 do
begin
i1:=hh5[4*l];i2:=hh5[4*l+1];i3:=hh5[4*l+2]; i4:=hh5[4*l+3];
ses(i1,i2,i3,i4);
end; readln; readln;
end.

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3.3. EXAMPLES OF HASH VALUES

The result of this function is the 160 series of zeros and ones whose order depends on the message.

Example 1: Using this software, we will determine the hash value of the message: *Advanced Computing: An International Journal (ACIJ)*

Output to the screen:

Input message:Advanced Computing: An International Journal (ACIJ)

5. FUTURE WORK

In the arguments for and against in a trial of strength of ECC (**Elliptic Curve Cryptography**) and RSA, the simple fact that they are performed by the same tools made for operations with large numbers, is usually overlooked. Mathematical bases of RSA and ECC are completely different [2] [8], but they need the same operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, finding the remainder, calculating d from the equation $e*d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for fixed values of e and p , SHA-1 and more other joint auxiliary operations needed for the realization of a digital signature in both schemes. Therefore, ECC is our next goal-because we have the tools.

6. CONCLUSION

We believe that each country must stimulate young people's interest in cryptography, because we doubt that our secret data can be protected using someone else's software.

Of course, it is very difficult to develop our own protection mechanisms, but we think it is far better to protect data using our own mechanisms first, and then, thus modified, leave them to someone else's software, than to allow the original data be protected by somebody else's mechanisms, which is a logical nonsense.

That is the reason why we always insist on more our own softwares and a greater interest in cryptography, which seems itself (in case it wasn't brought closer to a reader) pretty cryptic and bouncing[5]. So, this work is primarily addressed to young researches as an incentive to try to develop their own tools for data protection. Those tools do not have to be flawless, they may be far below the level of the tools found on the market. However, they should be good enough for the beginning of a hard work that would lead researches to some great commercial solutions.

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