Lattice Cryptanalysis

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RECOVERING A FULL PEM PRIVATE KEY WHEN HALF OF IT IS REDACTED

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The @Cryptolsk._account was pinged tody by BNORT, with a CTF-like challenge found in the wild: Starker week, Heek's a write-up covering how given a partially reduced PPM, the whole private key can be recovered. The Twitter use, SXX, shared a partially reducted private RSK key in a breek about a penetration text where they had recovered a private key. Precisely, a corcenshot of a PEM was shared online with 31 of 51 total lines of the file reducted.





The ROBOT Attack



Return Of Bleichenbacher's Oracle Threat

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Full paper published at the Usenix Security conference.

An earlier version was published at the Cryptology ePrint Archive

News

We won a Pwnie award!

We gave presentations about ROBOT at various Infosec conferences:

ROBOT presentation at RuhrSec 2018 ROBOT presentation at BornHack 2018 ROBOT presentation at USENIX Security 2018

Further presentations were given at other conferences, for example, at Black Hat USA. We'll add links once recordings become available.

The Vulnerability

ROBOT is the return of a 19-year-old vulnerability that allows performing RSA decryption and signing operations with the private key of a TLS server.

In 1998, Daniel Bleichenbacher discovered that the error messages given by SSL servers for errors in the PKCS #1 v1.5 nadding allowed an adaptive-chosen cinhertext.



Weak Cryptography Implementations: Fiat-Shamir Attacks On Modern Proofs

Lattices







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Note [x, y, 0] is an integer linear combination

Usages

- Integer Linear programming
- Finding rational approximations to real numbers
- Factorizing rational polynomials
- Solving a modular polynomial for small roots
- Finding minecraft seeds :) (great video on this!)
- Breaking Cryptosystems

Case Study 1: Knapsack

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- Gen \rightarrow (*pk*, *sk*)
- $\operatorname{Enc}_{pk}(m) \to c$
- $\operatorname{Dec}_{sk}(c) \to m$

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- Broken by lattices! (with some conditions)

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Hmm looks like a short linear combination to me



Solving Knapsack*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & b_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -c \end{bmatrix}$$

Short vector of all 0 and 1 : $[m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, 0]$

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- Password managers, company key sharing

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- Factorize a number n = pq given the "top part" of p
- Used to find minecraft seeds
- Java random uses a linear random number generator
- Solve for specific situations: 12 eyes, etc

Final Thoughts

- What lattices are
- Attacked a public key cryptosystem
- Attacked a poor implementation