Intelligent Block Ciphering System with Dynamic Key Length

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Abstract

As long as we are trapped within the services of the electronic environment and its facilities (sending and Receiving Files), the electronic environment and its contents may be exposed to attacks by unauthorized persons to achieve the goals of data theft and sabotage and complete sending (after it has been sabotaged) to the recipient, so the files must be preserved and given a warning that the contents of the sent files have been tampered with by sending a sensor message to the sender and recipient about the status of the file. The file is encrypted with a variable-length key to prevent external attacks. After implementing the proposed system, results showed up to a 43% improvement in performance compared to traditional (non-intelligent) encryption methods.".

Key words: Intelligent Block cipher, Dynamic key length, Cryptography, "DES, Transposition cipher

1. Introduction

The world has witnessed a massive technological revolution in recent decades[$\]$, leading to the emergence of what is known as the "electronic environment"[$\]$,[$\]$, characterized by rapid advancements in technology that have significantly altered how we live and interact through digital communication, online platforms, and the integration of technology into everyday activities and processes[\pounds].Data security is a paramount issue within the digital domain, as numerous hackers constantly seek to exploit vulnerabilities, destroy sensitive data, and blackmail organizations for financial gain. Protecting this information is essential to maintain trust and operational integrity [\circ],[$\]$].

This paper is organized as follows: Section \checkmark delves into block ciphers and associated techniques. The proposed system for this research was presented in section \checkmark . Section ε reviews the experimental result and finally, section \circ dealt

with the most prominent conclusions that were recorded through the application of the proposed system.

Y. Block Cipher and Techniques

There are two types of symmetric key encryption: block ciphers and stream ciphers $[\vee], [\wedge]$. Stream ciphers enable the encryption and decryption of data streams using a symmetric key method [9]. In contrast, Block ciphers handle data one block at a time by dividing the plaintext or message into blocks, with each block processed separately using a key and a cryptographic algorithm [1,]. Block ciphers successfully process information through segmenting it right into specific-sized blocks. usually 7ξ or 17λ bits, and using advanced mathematical calculations[**],[**]. The efficacy of file encryption relies on the confidentiality of the key in use, as decryption is only possible along with the correct secret key $[1^{\circ}]$. Commonly utilized across diverse websites, block ciphers get the applications in data that transfer, store, anti-malware, and user privacy $[1 \xi]$. They encode data throughout transmission to prevent eavesdropping, safe and secure stored data on the devices, prevent the spread of malware and file encryption [1°],[17], as well as safeguard confidential data like medical and fiscal documents, supporting the personal privacy of people and also institutions $[\uparrow\uparrow], [\uparrow\land]$. Despite of the large number of different types of block ciphers, only some of them are known to the general public [19]. The most famous and in common use type of block cipher is the DES, "DES, and AES [7,], [7,], [7,]].

Y, V. The Triple Data Encryption Standard

"DES was proposed as an enhancement to DES, providing a higher level of security [Υ "]. "DES features an increased key size and operates by applying the DES algorithm " times to each data block. The key lengths for "DES are Υ " and Υ bits, with Υ rounds, and it uses a Υ -bit block size [Υ 2],[Υ 0],[Υ 7]. This design offers heightened protection against cryptanalytic attacks, though the increased security comes at the cost of longer encryption time [Υ Y],[Υ A].

Y,Y Transposition Cipher

A transposition cipher is a method of cryptography where the sequence of characters in a message is rearranged without changing the characters, according to a designated system or key, disrupting the original character sequence to conceal the message's meaning $[\uparrow\uparrow], [\uparrow\uparrow\cdot]$. Transposition algorithms are primarily used for data encryption, and to guard sensitive information from unauthorized access $[\uparrow\uparrow]$. While not typically used alone in modern cryptographic practices, transposition ciphers can form part of a larger, more complex encryption system $[\uparrow\uparrow]$.

". Proposed System

This section presents an innovative encryption system that combines the traditional "DES algorithm and the transposition algorithm by adding a change in the key length in an intelligent manner to provide a robust and scalable security solution. The system aims to enhance data protection by leveraging the strengths of both algorithms, thereby increasing the complexity of the encryption process and improving the system's resistance to attacks.

T, **1** Propose algorithm

Here, we introduce and explain the main algorithms to ensure a focused approach toward achieving the desired goal.

Algorithm¹ focuses on preparing and encrypting the file, including the necessary steps to handle file sizes, key generation, encryption methods, and data encapsulation. While **Algorithm**⁷ emphasizes the secure transmission of the encrypted data, including setting acknowledgment types, validating file status, and ensuring secure delivery to the destination.

Algorithm **** : Encryption Process

Input: file (any file type and size), destination (user site)

Output: (cipher file, keys, block size)

- ۱. Start
- **Y.** Read the input file.

- **•**. Calculate the file size
- •. Select the block size based on the file size and cipher time that needed
- If file size < MB, block size $= 7 \xi$.
- If file size $< \ GB$, block size $= \ MA$.
- If file size < 1 TB, block size $= 10^{10}$.
- •. Calculate the key length to improve security as:
- Pass one with specific key length
- pass two with another key length
- **•**. Apply encryption:
- Encrypt the data using the "DES algorithm with the key generated in Pass \cdot .
- Encrypt the data using a transposition algorithm with the key generated in Pass r.
- v. Create a table to record each user and their respective key variant
- values, based on file and user.
- A. Save data (block size and key lengths for pass 1 and pass 7).
- Encapsulate Process:

Encapsulate_ data(cipher file, block size, key lengths for both passes and destination).

۰.End

Algorithm [×] : Sending Process

Input:

- encapsulated_data: The data structure resulting from the encryption process
- destination : The user's designated location
- file_status : Select either as a combination of sending and receiving status

(including tracking information), or as a simple status indicating whether the file is 'crashed' or 'intact'."

Output:

• Acknowledgment_type

۱. Start

***. Rem**" This step determines how the system confirms that the data has been successfully received. It may involve specifying different types of

acknowledgments depending on the method of communication".

Set Acknowledgment Type(source, destination)

***. Rem**" This step prepares the data for transmission by ensuring that it is in the correct format and location for the transmission protocol".

Insert Cipher in Section that designated for it

4. Rem" This step prepares the data for transmission by ensuring that it is in the correct format and location for the transmission protocol".

Insert Data(block size, keys length pass ' and pass ', destination)

•. **Rem**" This step check File Status and Determine Acknowledgment type ": **a.** If the file status is 'intact,' update the acknowledgment state to "Acknowledgment: Received."

b. Otherwise, update the acknowledgment type to compromised that's mean (take the necessary action).

7. Refresh Encapsulated Data with Acknowledgment type and send it Securely

^v. End

T, *T* implementation

In this section, a multilayer encryption system is utilized to improve file security by encrypting data in two consecutive passes using different algorithms and with variable key lengths. During the first phase, the "DES algorithm is applied using a key length that is determined by the system depending on the user. In the second phase, the transposition algorithm is implemented with a different key length that also depends on the user . This variation in algorithms and key lengths greatly enhances the complexity of the decryption process, making it harder for attackers to gain access to the data. In case of an attack, the key lengths are automatically modified to ensure ongoing protection without any intervention or awareness by the system user. Table ` shows the correlation between usernames and key lengths, while Table ` demonstrates the relationship between file size and block size.



£. Experimental Result

This section presents Figure λ , which represents the input to the "DES encryption algorithm, which is in the form of digital values and has a size of λ^{Λ} bits $(\lambda^{\Lambda}x^{\Lambda})$.

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Fig¹.a. Input to the "DES Algorithm

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And Figure 1.b illustrates the process of the transposition encryption for a block of size $11A \times 11A$.

Fig **\.b.** Process of Transposition Algorithm

Figure Υ .a represents the actual data after inserting a test file into the Υ DES encryption algorithm and taking a block segment of size $\Upsilon \Lambda \times \Upsilon \Lambda$. After that, the transposition algorithm is applied to the same encrypted segment, and the block segment is exposed in the format shown in Figure Υ .b.



Based on the data of Table $\[mathcap{w}$ in appendix , which represents the file size and the level of complexity based on the time required to decrypt it using simple decryption software approved by NIST cryptographic institutions, Figure $\[mathcap{w}$ illustrates the time required to decrypt a ($\[mathcap{v}]^{\Lambda}$) block using the $\[mathcap{w}]$ DES algorithm.



Figure ^{*}. Time Required to Decrypt by the ^{*}DES Algorithm

Figure ξ illustrates the time required to decrypt a $\chi \chi \chi h$ block using the transposition algorithm.









Figure $\$ shows a comparison between three algorithms: "DES, the transposition algorithm, and the proposed algorithm, in terms of their complexity level based on decryption time. The comparison demonstrates that the proposed system performs better than the traditional "DES and transposition algorithms.



Figure 7 Compare the Decoding time required by the Algorithms

°.Conclusion

In this section, we will discuss the most prominent conclusions that were recorded through the application of the proposed system:

1. The proposed intelligent block cipher system demonstrated strong effectiveness in encryption by integrating "DES and transposition algorithms with key length change in an intelligent manner which effectively enhances data security.

r. The proposed algorithm improved the efficiency and robustness of encryption and decryption operations, achieving up to rresistance improvement in resistance to unauthorized access compared to traditional encryption methods.

^γ. Data security complexity has increased, (making encryption harder to crack), due to a multi-stage encryption structure and dynamically changing key lengths.

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Appendix

Table $\[mathbb{"}$ represents the file size and complexity rate based on the time required to decrypt it using simple decryption software approved by NIST cryptographic institutions.

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