

# RSA Key Sizes

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# 1. Cryptography Primer

- Combinatorial, Algebraic and Number Theoretic techniques
- Pseudo-random Bits
- Block and Stream Ciphers
- Public Key Encryption
- Digital signatures
- Hash functions and information integrity
- Challenge-Response, Zero Knowledge based identification
- Efficient implementation of protocols in software and hardware
- Technology of secure smart-card processors
- Key establishment, certification, escrow, TTP
- Cryptanalysis and Security of cryptographic protocols
- Patents, Export control laws, Standards and Cyber laws

## 2. Algorithms Engineering

### Typical PIV 3 GHz, Linux, C Benchmarks :

- Stream Ciphers (  $\simeq 1.5$  Gbits/sec ) :  
LFSR, non-linear FSR, FISH, PIKE, A5 ...
- Block Ciphers (  $\simeq 300$  Mbits/sec ) :  
DES, IDEA, BLOWFISH, RC5 ( 64 bit ); RC6, TWOFISH, MARS,  
RIJNDAEL, SERPENT ( AES-128 bit )
- Public Key Ciphers (  $\simeq 20$  Kbits/sec ) :  
RSA, ElGamal (  $\mathbf{F}_p; \mathbf{F}_q, q = 2^n, p^n$  ), Elliptic Curve (  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{F}_q)$  );  
Chor-Rivest, NTRU ...
- Digital Signatures  
( generation  $\simeq 20$  Kbits/sec, verification  $\simeq 1.2$  Mbits/sec ) :  
RSA, ElGamal (  $\mathbf{F}_p; \mathbf{F}_q, q = 2^n, p^n$  ), Elliptic Curve (  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{F}_q)$  );

### 3. Cryptanalysis

- 1 **Integer Factoring Problems (IFP)** Let  $N$  be an integer with  $N = p * q$  for prime integers,  $p, q$ . Given  $N$  find the factors.
- 2 **Discrete Logarithm Problems (DLP)** Let  $G$  be a group. The groups to be considered are (i) the multiplicative group of the finite field  $F_q$ , for  $q$  an odd prime or  $q = 2^m$ , (ii) the additive group of points on an elliptic curve over a finite field  $E(F_q)$ . Let  $g$  be a fixed, distinguished element (e.g., a generator of a cyclic group or an element of large order) of  $G$  and let  $a = g^x$  for some  $x$ . Given  $g, a$  in  $G$  determine  $x$ .
- 3 **Statistical Analysis Problems (SAP) - cryptanalysis** Given the cipher-text  $c = \langle c_0, \dots, c_N \rangle, c_j \in \{0, 1\}$  output of (i) a stream cipher or (ii) a block cipher, determine the corresponding (i) plain-text  $p = \langle p_0, \dots, p_N, p_j \in \{0, 1\} \rangle$  or, (ii) symmetric key  $k = \langle k_0, \dots, k_n, k_j \in \{0, 1\} \rangle$ , under various cryptanalytic scenarios .

- **Stream Ciphers :**  
linear complexity profile, correlations, mul. var. poly. eqns ...
- **Block Ciphers :**  
differential, linear, Mod  $n$  attacks ...
- **Public Key Ciphers** integer factorization, discrete logarithms in groups, lattice short vectors, modular square roots ...
- **side channel attacks - timing attacks, power analysis ...**
- **1 Day = 86400  $\approx$   $2^{16}$  seconds; 1 Year =  $2^{25}$  seconds,**
- **(assuming 1 single precision int/float mul instruction = 1 cycle);**  
1 MIPS/ 1 Mflops Year =  $2^{45}$  cycles ;  
1 BIPS/ 1 Gflops Year =  $2^{55}$  cycles ;  
1 TIPS/ 1 Tflops Year =  $2^{65}$  cycles ;  
1 PIPS/ 1 Pflops Year =  $2^{75}$  cycles ;

- **Our PC is 1GHz Pentium IV processor =  $2^{30}$  cycles/second ; 1 PC Year =  $2^{55}$  cycles;**
- **a desk-top super-computer delivers  $\simeq 2^{40}$  cycles/second or  $\simeq 2^{65}$  cycles/year - a PARAM-PADMA year (approximately the work-factor for factoring a 512 bit integer or breaking a RSA-512 key)**
- **DES (i) brute-force :  $2^{55}$  trials X  $2^9$  cycles per trial =  $2^{64}$  cycles = 512 BIPS Years or = 512 PC Years**
- **Assuming Differential Cryptanalysis implementation with all the required storage and communication, the effort is  $2^{45}$  trials or  $2^{54}$  cycles or 0.5 PC Year**

# Cryptanalysis Techniques and Effort

- **Let**  $L(n) = \exp\{(1.93 + o(1))(\log n)^{1/3}(\log \log n)^{2/3}\}$
- $L(n)$  **represents the cost of all computations for the currently, known, most efficient algorithms for Factoring, DL etc.**
- **The [1999] factoring record RSA155 ( 512 bit  $n = pq$  ), would thus be  $L(2^{29}) \sim 2^{64}$ . In actual practice it was  $2^{58}$ , that is 64 times faster than straight DES attack. I call this equivalent to 1/64 DES cracks.**
- **I must note that certain arithmetic ops in factoring require more cycles than DES ops.**



## 5. Typical Work Factors

Integer factoring :

size (bits)	512	1024	2048
work (cycles)	$2^{\{64\}}$	$2^{\{86\}}$	$2^{\{116\}}$

Discrete logarithm in  $F_q$

size (bits)	512	1024	2048
work (cycles)	$2^{\{60\}}$	$2^{\{80\}}$	$2^{\{100\}}$

Discrete logarithm in  $E(F_q)$ ,  $J(F_q)$

size (bits)	160	200	240
work (cycles)	$2^{\{70\}}$	$2^{\{90\}}$	$2^{\{120\}}$

DES (16 rounds) key size 56 bits

work (straight) :  $2^{\{65\}}$  cycles

work (DC/LC ) :  $2^{\{55\}}$  cycles

AES (Rijndael - 10 rounds) key size 128 bits

work :  $> 2^{\{110\}}$  cycles

most stream ciphers key material (~128 bits)  
work :  $> 2^{\{110\}}$  cycles

Transposition cipher

size (chars)	400	900	1600
work (cycles)	$2^{\{50\}}$	$2^{\{56\}}$	$2^{\{59\}}$

[1995]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSA-130} &: 432 : \exp( 1.93 * 6.69 * 3.19 ) \\ &= \exp(41.18) = 2^{(59.41)} \end{aligned}$$

[1999]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSA-512} &: 512 : \exp( 1.93 * 7.08 * 3.25 ) \\ &= \exp(44.10) = 2^{(63.62)} \end{aligned}$$

[2003]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSA-576} &: 576 : \exp( 1.93 * 7.36 * 3.30 ) \\ &= \exp(46.88) = 2^{(67.6)} \end{aligned}$$

[2005]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSA-640} &: 640 : \exp( 1.93 * 7.63 * 3.34 ) \\ &= \exp(49.18) = 2^{(70.85)} \end{aligned}$$

[2010]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSA-768} &: 768 : \exp( 1.93 * 8.10 * 3.40 ) \\ &= \exp(53.23) = 2^{(76.80)} \end{aligned}$$

$L(n, c, e) = \exp\{c * (\ln n)^{(1/3)} * (\ln(\ln(n)))^{(1/3)},$

$c = 1.923, e = 1/3$

no. bits                      u                      practical bounds

$T = 2^{(u)}:$

463	61.11	54 (13000 hrs. @3GHz: $\sim 2^{(57)} > \sim 2^{(54)}$ )
512	63.62	56.3 (?)
576	67.67	58.9 (?)
640	70.85	62 (40 Opteron, 1yr: $\sim 40 * 3 * 2^{(30)} * 2^{(25)}$ )
704	73.45	65.5 (?) ( $\sim 11.3 * 40 = 452$ Opteron yrs)
768	76.80	69.3 (?) ( $\sim 13.93 * 452 = 6296$ Opteron yrs) ([7 Jan 2010] 2100 AMD64 years)
1024	86.76	(1 million AMD64 years)
2048	116.88	(billion-million AMD64 years)

## 6. Attacks

- **small exponents**
- **common modulus**
- **timing analysis**
- **simple power analysis**
- **differential power analysis**
- **fault injections**
- **branch predictions**
- **accelerators: cluster, FPGA, GPU**
- **quantum computers**