

# School of Electrical and Information Engineering University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg ELEN3015 – Data and Information Management

## Laboratory 6: Public Key Cryptography - RSA

# 1 Objective

Objective of the lab: The objective of this lab is to give the student some practical exposure to the concepts and theory of public key cryptography and RSA algorithm presented in class.

## 2 Requirements

*Note:* This lab requires some preparation, in terms of theoretical background as well as the use of the tools (use of the D-Lab, Matlab, the m-files, etc.). Students who are unable to do the lab because they have not prepared will be asked to leave.

Instructions, source material and preparation required:

- You are required to do all the preparation needed to implement the algorithms beforehand.
- Lab partners must operate in groups of two (and no larger) and may help each other during the lab but each should use his/her unique messages or codewords in all the exercises and write his/her own lab report.

*Report:* The report will take the form of the following group of files which should all be attached to a single email:

- An answer sheet (in Word or PDF format) with your name and your lab partner's name and student numbers, the date and experiment number, and your results for the various questions.
- All the m-files used in the lab.

#### 3 Outcomes

- 1. Key Generation
  - Generate two large primes, p and q, by using one of these two primality test algorithms, Solovay-Strassen test or Rabin-Miller test. Check whether the primality test is working by 'isprime()' function. (Two primes are less than  $2^{32}$ , if use Matlab.)
  - Calculate m = pq and  $\phi(m) = (p-1)(q-1)$ .
  - Randomly choose public key s (of an appropriate size). Check if s is coprime of  $\phi(m)$ .
  - Use extended Euclidean algorithm to get private key h. Check if  $sh \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(m)}$
- 2. RSA Encryption and Decryption
  - Generate 1000 numbers and encrypt them with public k. Record the processing time.
  - Decrypt these 1000 encrypted numbers and verify the algorithm. Record the processing time.

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