

Security of Key Derivation Functions

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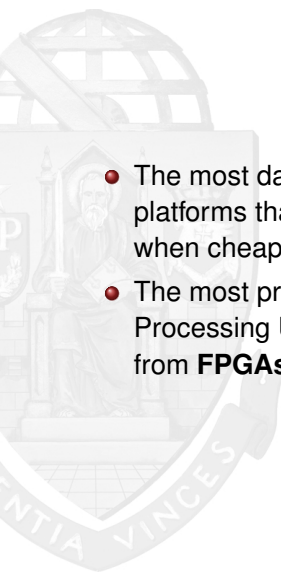
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Attack platforms

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- The most dangerous threats faced by KDFs comes from platforms that benefit from **economies of scale**, especially when cheap, **massively parallel** hardware is available;
 - The most prominent examples of such platforms are Graphics Processing Units (**GPUs**) and custom hardware synthesized from **FPGAs** [DGK12].

GPUs – Evolution

- Following the increasing demand for **high-definition real-time rendering**, Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) have traditionally carried a large number of processing cores, boosting its parallelization capability;
- Only more recently, however, GPUs evolved from **specific platforms into devices for universal computation** and started to give support to standardized languages that help harnessing their computational power, such as CUDA [Nvi12a] and OpenCL [Khr12];
- As a result, they became more intensively employed for more general purposes, including **password cracking** [Spr11, DGK12].

GPUs – Examples

NVidia Tesla K20X [Nvi12b]:

- 2.688 cores operating at 732 MHz;
- 6 GB of shared DRAM, with a bandwidth of 250 GB/s.

NVidia GT540M (the vga card of my notebook):

- 96 cores operating at 900 MHz;
- 2 GB of shared DRAM, with a bandwidth of 28,8 GB/s.

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However, **if a sequential KDF requires 20 MB of DRAM**, the maximum number of cores that could be used simultaneously becomes 300, only 11 % of the total available.

FPGA

- An FPGA is a collection of configurable logic blocks wired together and with memory elements, forming a programmable and high-performance integrated circuit;
- As such devices are configured to perform a specific task, **they can be highly optimized** for its purpose (e.g., using pipelining [Dan08, KMM⁺06]);
- Furthermore, When compared to GPUs, FPGAs may also be advantageous due to the latter's **considerably lower energy consumption** [CMHM10, FBCS12].

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- The **small memory usage** of the PBKDF2 algorithm, as most of the underlying SHA-2 processing is performed using the device's memory cache (much faster than DRAM) [DGK12, Sec. 4.2];
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However – as in the GPU's example – **if a sequential KDF requires 20 MB of DRAM** in place of PBKDF2, the resulting throughput would presumably be much lower, especially considering that the FPGAs employed can have up to 64 MB of DRAM [Sci] and, thus, up to 3 passwords can be processed in parallel rather than 5.376.

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PBKDF2

Algorithm PBKDF2.

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INPUT: *salt* ▷ The salt

INPUT: *T* ▷ The user-defined parameter

OUTPUT: *K* ▷ The password-derived key

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1: if  $k > (2^{32} - 1) \cdot h$  then
2:   return Derived key too long.
3: end if
4:  $l \leftarrow \lceil k/h \rceil$  ;  $r \leftarrow k - (l - 1) \cdot h$ 
5: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $l$  do
6:    $U[1] \leftarrow \text{PRF}(pwd, salt || \text{INT}(i))$  ▷ INT(i): 32-bit encoding of i
7:    $T[i] \leftarrow U[1]$ 
8:   for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $T$  do
9:      $U[j] \leftarrow \text{PRF}(pwd, U[j - 1])$  ;  $T[i] \leftarrow T[i] \oplus U[j]$ 
10:  end for
11:  if  $i = 1$  then  $K \leftarrow T[1]$  else  $K \leftarrow K || T[i]$  end if
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Attacks					
PBKDF2	Sequential (Default)		Intermediate states		Memory-free*
	Memory $O(\tau)$	Time $O(l.T)$	Memory -	Time -	Time -

Table: Complexity of attacks applicable to PBKDF2.

BCRYPT

Algorithm Bcrypt.

INPUT: pwd ▷ The password

INPUT: $salt$ ▷ The salt

INPUT: T ▷ The user-defined cost parameter]

OUTPUT: K ▷ The password-derived key

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1:  $s \leftarrow \text{InitState}()$  ▷ Copies the digits of  $\pi$  into the sub-keys and S-boxes  $S_i$ 
2:  $s \leftarrow \text{ExpandKey}(s, salt, pwd)$ 
3: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $2^T$  do
4:    $s \leftarrow \text{ExpandKey}(s, 0, salt)$  ;  $s \leftarrow \text{ExpandKey}(s, 0, pwd)$ 
5: end for
6:  $c_{text} \leftarrow \text{"OrpheanBeholderScryDoubt"}$ 
7: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to 64 do {  $c_{text} \leftarrow \text{BlowfishEncrypt}(s, c_{text})$  } end for
8: return  $T \parallel salt \parallel c_{text}$ 

9: function EXPANDKEY( $s, salt, pwd$ )
10:   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to 32 do {  $P_i \leftarrow P_i \oplus pwd[32 * (i - 1) \dots 32 * i - 1]$  } end for
11:   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to 9 do
12:      $temp \leftarrow \text{BlowfishEncrypt}(s, salt[64 * (i - 1) \dots 64 * i - 1])$ 
13:      $P_{0+(i-1)*2} \leftarrow temp[0 \dots 31]$  ;  $P_{1+(i-1)*2} \leftarrow temp[32 \dots 64]$ 
14:   end for
15:   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to 4 do
16:     for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to 128 do
17:        $temp \leftarrow \text{BlowfishEncrypt}(s, salt[64 * (j - 1) \dots 64 * j - 1])$ 
18:        $S_i[(j - 1) * 2] \leftarrow temp[0 \dots 31]$  ;  $S_i[1 + (j - 1) * 2] \leftarrow temp[32 \dots 63]$ 
19:     end for
20:   end for
21:   return  $s$ 
22: end function

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2: s ← ExpandKey(s, salt, pwd)
3: for i ← 1 to  $2^T$  do
4:   s ← ExpandKey(s, 0, salt) ; s ← ExpandKey(s, 0, pwd)
5: end for
6: ciphertext ← "OrpheanBeholderScryDoubt"
7: for i ← 1 to 64 do { ciphertext ← BlowfishEncrypt(s, ciphertext) } end for
8: return T || salt || ciphertext

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19:    end for
20:  end for
21:  return s
22: end function

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Complexity annotations:

- Red box (lines 3-5): 2^T
- Red box (line 7): $\approx 2^9 \cdot 2^T + 2^6$
- Green box (lines 10-14): 2^5
- Green box (lines 15-16): 9
- Green box (lines 17-19): 2^2
- Orange box (lines 16-19): $2^2 \cdot 2^7$

BCRYPT – Summary

Let,

- τ be the amount of memory used by the system variables;
- β be the 4 KBytes of memory used by the S-Boxes and sub-keys of Blowfish algorithm [PM99].

Attacks					
BCRYPT	Sequential (Default)		Intermediate states		Memory-free*
	Memory $O(\tau + \beta)$	Time $O(2^{9+T})$	Memory -	Time -	Time -

Table: Complexity of attacks applicable to BCRYPT.

SCRYPT

Algorithm Scrypt.

PARAM: h \triangleright The output length of *BlockMix*'s internal hash function

INPUT: pwd \triangleright The password

INPUT: $salt$ \triangleright A random salt

INPUT: k \triangleright The key length

INPUT: b \triangleright The block size, satisfying $b = 2r \cdot h$

INPUT: R \triangleright Cost parameter (memory usage and processing time)

INPUT: p \triangleright Parallelism parameter

OUTPUT: K \triangleright The password-derived key

1: $(B_0 \dots B_{p-1}) \leftarrow \text{PBKDF2}_{\text{HMAC-SHA-256}}(pwd, salt, 1, p \cdot b)$

2: **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $p - 1$ **do** { $B_i \leftarrow \text{ROMix}(B_i, R)$ } **end for**

3: $K \leftarrow \text{PBKDF2}_{\text{HMAC-SHA-256}}(pwd, B_0 || B_1 || \dots || B_{p-1}, 1, k)$

4: **return** K \triangleright Outputs the k -long key

5: **function** $\text{ROMix}(B, R)$ \triangleright Sequential memory-hard function

6: $X \leftarrow B$

7: **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $R - 1$ **do** \triangleright Initializes memory array V

8: $V_i \leftarrow X$; $X \leftarrow \text{BlockMix}(X)$

9: **end for**

10: **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $R - 1$ **do** \triangleright Reads random positions of V

11: $j \leftarrow \text{Integerify}(X) \bmod R$; $X \leftarrow \text{BlockMix}(X \oplus V_j)$

12: **end for**

13: **return** X

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16: $Z \leftarrow B_{2r-1}$ $\triangleright r = b/2h$, where $h = 512$ for Salsa20/8

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18: **return** $(Y_0, Y_2, \dots, Y_{2r-2}, Y_1, Y_3, Y_{2r-1})$

19: **end function**

SCRYPT – Sequential (Default)

Algorithm Script.

PARAM: h ▷ The output length of *BlockMix*'s internal hash function

INPUT: pwd ▷ The password

INPUT: $salt$ ▷ A random salt

INPUT: k ▷ The key length

INPUT: b ▷ The block size, satisfying $b = 2r \cdot h$

INPUT: R ▷ Cost parameter (memory usage and processing time)

INPUT: p ▷ Parallelism parameter

OUTPUT: K ▷ The password-derived key

Memory cost $\approx p.R.2r$

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17: **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $2r - 1$ **do** { $Z \leftarrow \text{Hash}(Z \oplus B_i)$; $Y_i \leftarrow Z$ } **end for** 2r

18: **return** $(Y_0, Y_2, \dots, Y_{2r-2}, Y_1, Y_3, Y_{2r-1})$

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SCRYPT – Memory-free*

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INPUT: $salt$ ▷ A random salt

INPUT: k ▷ The key length

INPUT: b ▷ The block size, satisfying $b = 2r \cdot h$

INPUT: R ▷ Cost parameter (memory usage and processing time)

INPUT: p ▷ Parallelism parameter

OUTPUT: K ▷ The password-derived key

Processing cost $\approx p.R.R.2r$

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2: **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $p - 1$ **do** { $B_i \leftarrow \text{ROMix}(B_i, R)$ } **end for**

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Table: Complexity of attacks applicable to SCRYPT.

Lyra

Algorithm The Lyra Algorithm.

PARAM: *Hash* ▷ Sponge with block size b (in bits) and underlying permutation f

PARAM: ρ ▷ Number of rounds of f in the Setup and Wandering phases

INPUT: *pwd* ▷ The password

INPUT: *salt* ▷ A random salt

INPUT: T ▷ Time cost, in number of iterations

INPUT: R ▷ Number of rows in the memory matrix

INPUT: C ▷ Number of columns in the memory matrix

INPUT: k ▷ The desired key length, in bits

OUTPUT: K ▷ The password-derived k -long key

1: ▷ Setup: Initializes a $(R \times C)$ memory matrix whose cells have b bits each

2: $Hash.absorb(pad(salt \parallel pwd))$ ▷ Padding rule: 10^*1

3: $M[0] \leftarrow Hash.squeeze_\rho(C \cdot b)$

4: **for** $row \leftarrow 1$ **to** $R - 1$ **do**

5: **for** $col \leftarrow 0$ **to** $C - 1$ **do**

6: $M[row][col] \leftarrow Hash.duplexing_\rho(M[row - 1][col], b)$

7: **end for**

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15: **end for**

16: $col \leftarrow M[row][C - 1] \bmod C$

17: $row \leftarrow Hash.duplexing(M[row][col], |R|) \bmod R$

18: **end for**

19: **end for**

20: ▷ Wrap-up: key computation

21: $Hash.absorb(pad(salt))$ ▷ Uses the sponge's current state

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23: **return** K ▷ Outputs the k -long key

Lyra – Sequential (Default)

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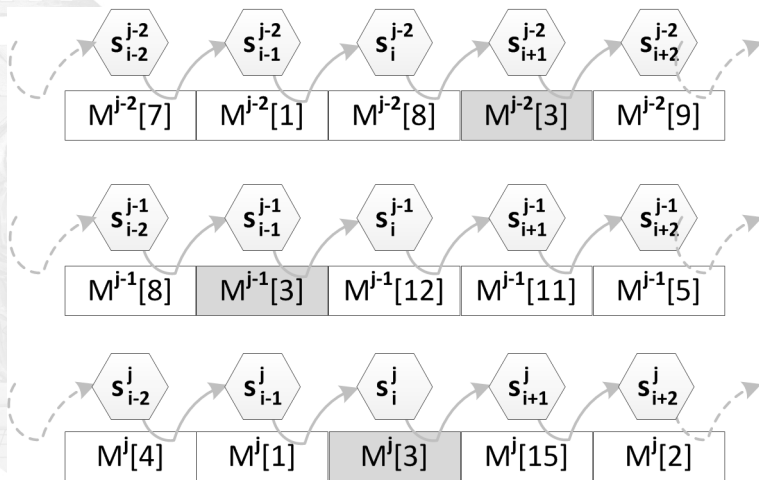
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 INPUT: *salt* ▷ A random salt
 INPUT: T ▷ Time cost, in number of iterations
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 INPUT: k ▷ The desired key length, in bits
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Processing cost $\approx (R+T) \cdot R \cdot T / 2$

Memory cost $\approx R \cdot (T-1)$

T

R

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PARAM: *Hash* ▷ Sponge with block size b (in bits) and underlying permutation f

PARAM: ρ ▷ Number of rounds of f in the Setup and Wandering phases

INPUT: *pwd* ▷ The password

INPUT: *salt* ▷ A random salt

Processing cost $\approx R \cdot (R/2)^T$

INPUT: T ▷ Time cost, in number of iterations

INPUT: R ▷ Number of rows in the memory matrix

INPUT: C ▷ Number of columns in the memory matrix

INPUT: k ▷ The desired key length, in bits

OUTPUT: K ▷ The password-derived k -long key

1: ▷ Setup: Initializes a $(R \times C)$ memory matrix whose cells have b bits each

2: *Hash.absorb*(*pad*(*salt* || *pwd*)) ▷ Padding rule: 10^*1

3: $M[0] \leftarrow \text{Hash.squeeze}_\rho(C \cdot b)$

4: for $row \leftarrow 1$ to $R - 1$ do

5: for $col \leftarrow 0$ to $C - 1$ do

6: $M[row][col] \leftarrow \text{Hash.duplexing}_\rho(M[row - 1][col], b)$

7: end for

8: end for

9: ▷ Wandering: Iteratively overwrites blocks of the memory matrix

10: $row \leftarrow 0$

11: for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $T - 1$ do ▷ Time Loop

12: for $j \leftarrow 0$ to $R - 1$ do ▷ Rows Loop: randomly visits R rows

13: for $col \leftarrow 0$ to $C - 1$ do ▷ Columns Loop: visits blocks in row

14: $M[row][col] \leftarrow M[row][col] \oplus \text{Hash.duplexing}_\rho(M[row][col], b)$

15: end for

16: $col \leftarrow M[row][C - 1] \bmod C$

17: $row \leftarrow \text{Hash.duplexing}(M[row][col], |R|) \bmod R$

18: end for

19: end for

20: ▷ Wrap-up: key computation

21: *Hash.absorb*(*pad*(*salt*)) ▷ Uses the sponge's current state

22: $K \leftarrow \text{Hash.squeeze}(k)$

23: return K ▷ Outputs the k -long key

Lyra – Summary

Attacks					
Lyra	Sequential (Default)		Intermediate states		Memory-free*
	Memory $O(R.C)$	Time $O(R.T)$	Memory $O(R.T)$	Time $O(R^2.T + R.T^2)$	Time $O(R^{T+1})$

Table: Complexity of attacks applicable to Lyra.

Summary

Let,

- τ be the amount of memory used by the system variables;
- β be the 4 KBytes of memory used by the S-Boxes and sub-keys of Blowfish algorithm [PM99].

Attacks

	Sequential (Default)		Intermediate states		Memory-free*
	Memory $O(\tau)$	Time $O(l.T)$	Memory -	Time -	Time -
PBKDF2					
BCRYPT	$O(\tau + \beta)$	$O(2^{9+T})$	-	-	-
SCRYPT	$O(R)$	$O(R)$	-	-	$O(R^2)$
Lyra	$O(R.C)$	$O(R.T)$	$O(R.T)$	$O(R^2.T + R.T^2)$	$O(R^{T+1})$

Table: Complexity of attacks applicable to the main KDFs.

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Internal functions

- The security of the key derivation function is directly linked to the security of the function used internally;
- The hash function SHA-1 adopted by the PBKDF2 algorithm and the hash function Salsa20/8 adopted by the Scrypt algorithm **have known vulnerabilities** [WYY05, AFK⁺08];
- While the sponge function BLAKE2 adopted by Lyra **remains safe** [MQZ10].

Conclusions

- Lyra is Lyra, a password-based key derivation scheme that allows legitimate users to **fine tune memory and processing costs** according to the desired level of security and resources available in the target platform;
- Moreover, the combination of a strictly sequential design, the high costs of exploring memory-processing trade-offs, and the ability to raise the memory usage beyond what is attainable with similar-purpose solutions (e.g., scrypt) for a similar security level and processing time, make **Lyra an appealing KDF alternative**.

Questions?



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