

SSN Practicum

Week 2

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1 Introduction

In this assignment you will use Cryptool. Download the current version (so not 2.0 beta) from <http://www.cryptool.com>. Install Cryptool in your Windows environment. After installation you should find, among other entries, a menu entry named “Script”. The document contains very useful background information for the lectures.

2 Assignment DES/AES

Watch the DES animation and the AES animation, and read the following publications:

- <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips197/fips-197.pdf>
- <http://csrc.nist.gov/archive/aes/rijndael/Rijndael-ammended.pdf>

1. What is known about cryptanalytic attacks on AES?

3 Assignment RSA

Download and study the RSA FAQ at <http://www.rsasecurity.com/rsalabs/node.asp?id=2152>.

2. How objective is this RSA FAQ? Explain your thoughts.