

CSCI 331:  
Introduction to Computer Security

Lecture 9: Password Cracking, part 3

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Topics

Paper discussion  
Generating PCHC chains  
Generating Rainbow chains

Your to-dos

1. Lab 3 part 1, **due Sunday 10/8.**
2. Read *Smashing the Stack for Fun and Profit*, **for Thurs 10/12.**
3. Lab 3 part 2, **due Sunday 10/15.**
4. Midterm exam: **in class, Thursday, Oct 19**

Project Part 1 Partner Activity

<u>Partner 1</u>	<u>Partner 2</u>
David	Ye
Ben	Michelle
Faisal	Gregor
Sarah	Kit
Jack	Lee

## Project Part 1 Partner Activity

1. **Find** assigned partner.
2. Spend **10 minutes reading** your partner's proposal.
3. Take **15 min discussing each proposal**.

Prompts:

- a. **What** is the attack?
- b. **Who** can carry it out?
- c. **What** resource is at stake?
- d. **How** does the attack threaten:
  - i) confidentiality
  - ii) integrity/authenticity
  - iii) availability
  - iv) non-repudiation
- e. How **realistic** is implementation?

## Project Activity

4. Think about how your conversation affected your thoughts on your project ideas.

Write down 2-3 concrete "next steps."  
Take 2 minutes.

### Suggestions:

- How you can improve writing.
- Additional background research.
- How to do a proof-of-concept.
- Resources you might need...

## Project Part 1 Partner Activity

5. Think about the last step you took and, **right now, email me** a short evaluation of your proposal. The options are:
  - (doh) Didn't understand the assignment.
  - (huh) Missing some important points.
  - (oic) Generally good; could use clarification.
  - (golly) Perfect.

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## Generating Hash Chains with a Fixed Reducer

Example of length 4.

















0001

dict  
end start genPlaintext(i) hash(p) reduce(c)

end	start
4AAD	0000

start: 0001  
end: 0001  
0001 ← genPlaintext(1)

...

end	start

0001

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4AAD	0000

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end: 0001  
0001 ← genPlaintext(1)

...

end	start

And so on...

## Question

Previous CS331 student:  
“If we **enumerate** all keys, don't we have **duplication** in our table?”

## Question

Can a precomputed hash chain **decrypt all hashes**?

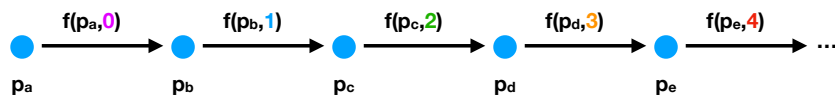
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## Why “rainbow table”?

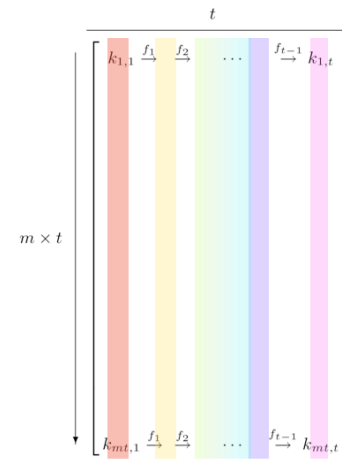
Rainbow tables are a **tiny** modification to PCHC tables:  
The reducer function **changes at each link  $i$  in the chain.**

$$\text{Let } f(p, i) = \text{reduce}_i(\text{hash}(p))$$



It's like a “rainbow” of reducer functions.

## Why “rainbow table”?









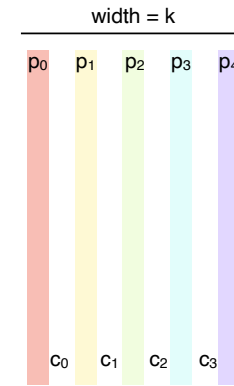
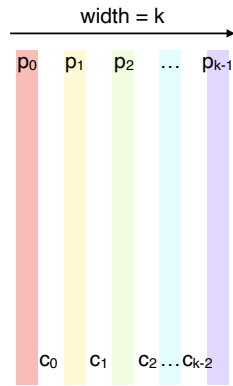






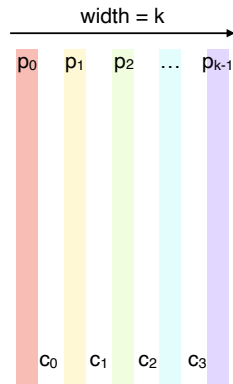






I hypothesize that c reduces to p<sub>4</sub> →

What reducer should I use? `reduce(c, 3)`



I hypothesize that c reduces to p<sub>k-2</sub> →

What reducer should I use? `reduce(c, 2)`

Then: `reduce(c, 3)`

## Recap & Next Class

### Today we learned:

- PCHC generation
- Rainbow table generation

### Next class:

- Classes of program bugs