

# Team ISE Image Selective Encryption

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  - Research into areas such as
    - Selective Encryption
    - Broadband
    - Multimedia and Distance Learning



#### Problem:

- Multimedia files are often very large
- Encrypting can require extensive processing time
- Can also increase the file size

 No current intelligent method for securing multimedia information without encrypting an entire file



## Solution:

- <u>Selective Encryption</u>
- <u>Team ISE</u>





#### **Definition of Selective Encryption:**

 Selective encryption applies encryption to a subset of a file with the expectation that the entire file will be rendered useless to anyone who cannot decrypt that subset.

#### **Successful Selective Encryption:**

 The right subset must be chosen or the file may not very secure

Example:

For ixstanxe, obsxurinx everx fiftx lettxr of ax Englxsh sextencx does xot maxe it pxrticxlarlx hard xo read.

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#### **Sponsor's current research into MPEG**

- Target for degraded image rather than secretive
- Encryption of less than 10% of file
- Allow only a small reduction in efficiency (nominal increase in bandwidth)
- Provide solution to the cryptography community for review and testing





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#### **Team ISE Presentation Outline:**

- General introduction to compressed media
- Requirements for JPEG image approach
- Architecture and Design
  - C++ Production Code
  - Website
- Demonstrate research
  - C# JPEG Manipulator



# Compressed Multimedia Overview



Multimedia file examples:

- MPEG 1, 2, and 4 video
- MP3 (MPEG 1 Layer 3)
- JPEG, zip and voice

Each uses a standard compression scheme



## **Multimedia File Components**

- Compressed files are partitioned into standard pieces
- Some parts are *Descriptive*
- Others are Mathematical
- These components are referred to as frames within a compressed media file



#### Frame:

- Consists of a marker, header and data
- Example frame (piece of a JPEG file):

ff e0 00 10 4a 46 49 46 00 01 01 01 00 48 00 48 00 00



#### Marker:

- Indicates what kind of data follows.
- Example marker:

ff e0 (indicates Application Data)



#### Header:

- Describes the data to follow
- Size, parameters, descriptor, etc.
- Example header:

00 10 -- (16 bytes of data will follow)



#### Data:

- The information itself
- Example data:

4a 46 49 46 00 01 01 01 00 48 00 48 00 00 (16 bytes of information indicating what application created the file.)



Real cryptography approaches a solution from both a white hat and black hat view

White hat -- Designs a secure system
Black hat -- Attempts to break into the

system



### **Closed encryption method**

- NSA has been faulted in not publishing their algorithms
- Only people on the inside actually know the algorithm

#### **Open encryption method**

- Algorithm is published publicly
- People not involved in producing the algorithm can review and attempt to break the encryption
- If the encryption is broken, we can improve the algorithm



Why do we want to use selective encryption?

Drawbacks to encrypting an entire fileTakes time to encrypt the data

Sometimes makes the file bigger

Drawbacks to selective encryption
Slightly more complex than encrypting an entire file
Have to find the right target to encrypt



 Many multimedia compression algorithms concentrate critical information in a small portion of the bit stream

 Encrypting this portion could render the remaining information useless

 Selective encryption involves selecting which pieces of a bit stream to encrypt in order to minimize the amount of encryption applied and maximize the amount of damage



# **JPEG Specification and Approach**



#### **JPEG Selective Encryption**

 JPEG is a compressed image format consisting of frames (markers, headers, data)

 Through a process of analysis, we were able to find a target appropriate for successful selective encryption

• We are only required to handle Baseline JPEG Images, the most commonly used compression mode for JPEGs

#### **Criteria For Bad Targets**

- Optional markers
- Markers not used in Baseline JPEG images
- Markers that contain information that does not affect visibility of the image
- Markers that contain information that can be easily guessed or forged by a hacker

Markers immediately eliminated:

- APP Application
- COM Comments
- DAC Define Arithmetic Conditioning Tables(Not part of Baseline Compression)
- DHP Define Hierarchical Progression (Not part of Baseline Compression)
- DNL Define Number of Lines
- DRI Define Restart Interval
- EOI End of Image
- EXP Expand (Not part of Baseline Compression)

Markers immediately eliminated:

- JPG Reserved for Future Extensions
- RES Reserved
- RST Restart (Not part of Baseline Compression)

• TEM - Temporary (Not used in Baseline Compression)

- Markers themselves are predictable
- Scan Header easily reconstructed



## Remaining Target List for Selective Encryption

- Encoded Data Stream
- Quantizer Tables
- Huffman Tables

#### **Target Analysis**

 Two C++ programs were written for target analysis:

**Convert and Analyze** 

#### Convert

- Binary to Hexadecimal
- File information for a single JPEG
  image



This is an ASCII representation (in hexadecimal) of the binary values found in the file : Dust.jpg

Markers Found:=========

ff d8 -- Start of Image

ff e0 - Application Data - 00 10 - (16 bytes) - 4a 46 49 46 00 01 01 01 00 48 00 48 00 00

ff db -- Define Quantization Table -- 00 43 -- (67 bytes) -- 00 06 04 05 06 05 04 06 06 05 06 07 07 06 08 0a 10 0a 0a 09 09 0a 14 0e 0f 0c 10 17 14 18 18 17 14 16 16 1a 1d 25 1f 1a 1b 23 1c 16 16 20 2c 20 23 26 27 29 2a 29 19 1f 2d 30 2d 28 30 25 28 29 28

ff c0 -- Huffman Table -- Baseline DCT -- 00 11 -- (17 bytes) -- 08 01 cb 02 4a 03 01 22 00 02 11 01 03 11 01

ff c4 -- Huffman Table -- 00 1f -- (31 bytes) -- 00 00 01 05 01 01 01 01 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b

#### Analyzer

- Compute file information for multiple
  JPEG images
- Average file size
- Average number of Huffman tables
- Average size of Huffman tables combined
- Average number of Quantizer tables
- Average size of Quantizer tables
   combined



#### Analyzer

- Average size of the encoded stream
- Average number of markers
- Number of files processed
- Percent of the file dedicated to:
  - Huffman tables
  - Quantizer tables
  - Encoded Stream



#### **Test Cases for JPEG Analysis**

- Over 2500 JPEG images randomly selected from the Internet
- Digital Photograph vs. Manmade
- Size ranges: 10-19KB, 100 KB, 1 MB, and larger
- Resolution Ranges: 320x240, 640x480, and 800x640 Pixels



#### **Encoded Data Stream**

- SOI (start of image) marker
- Compressed data stream
- Takes up a large portion of the file
- Averaged 90% of the file!





#### **Quantizer Tables**

- DQT (Define Quantization Table) markers
- Averaged 0.88% of the file
- Unpredictable affects on image
- Might not visually damage the image at all!
- Could be replaced with another Quantizer table!



#### **Huffman Tables**

- DHT (Define Huffman Table) markers
- Averaged 1.84% of the file
- Considerable damage to image
- Mathematically derived from the image
- This makes the Huffman Tables a
  perfect target for Selective Encryption



# **Architecture and Design**



# **ISE ARCHITECTURE**

- Invocation
- ISE Class Inheritance
- User Interface
- High-Level Modular Decomposition
- File Description



### **ARCHITECTURE: INVOCATION**

- Test Suite
  - Application designed to aid the research into JPEG images
  - Easy to test the effects of manipulating each type of frame
- Production Code
  - Final release of C++ package implementing selective encryption for successful targets



## **ARCHITECTURE: INVOCATION**

## **Test Suite:**

• Invoked as a windowed Version 1.1 .NET application





**Production Code:** 

- ISE ENCRYPTOR and ISE DECRYPTOR
  - Input File Name and Path
  - Output File Name and Path
  - Encryption Key
  - Flags



#### **ARCHITECTURE: ISE CLASS INHERITANCE**

#### **ISE Super Class**

• The ise class will define our process and will be inherited by our specific encryption classes:

class ise
{
 public:
 virtual int selectiveEncryption(. . .) = 0;
 virtual int selectiveDecryption(. . .) = 0;
};



**ARCHITECTURE: ISE CLASS INHERITANCE** 

**JPEG Encryptor Class** 

 The jpeg\_file class is the immediate goal of project ISE

```
class jpeg_file : public ise
{
    public:
    virtual int selectiveEncryption(. . .);
    virtual int selectiveDecryption(. . .);
};
```





#### **ARCHITECTURE: ISE CLASS INHERITANCE**

### **MP3 Encryptor Class**

• This class will be an extension to the project.

```
class mp3_file : public ise
{
    public:
        virtual int selectiveEncryption(. . .);
        virtual int selectiveDecryption(. . .);
};
```



# **ARCHITECTURE: USER INTERFACE**

- Test Suite
- Production Code





ARCHITECTURE: ISE USER INTERFACE Production Code:

- Utilized through API
  - Encryptor API

int selectiveEncryption(
 ifstream &input\_file\_stream,
 ofstream &output\_file\_stream,
 char\* key\_material,
 char\* encryption\_flags,
 int num\_flags, int quality);



ARCHITECTURE: ISE USER INTERFACE Production Code:

- Utilized through API
  - Decryptor API

int selectiveDecryption(
 ifstream &input\_file\_stream,
 ofstream &output\_file\_stream,
 char\* key\_material,
 char\* encryption\_flags,
 int num\_flags, int quality);



# **FILE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Input Files:** 

- Encryptor:
  JPEG file with '.jpg' extension
- Decryptor:
  - Encrypted file with '.ise' extension





# **FILE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Output Files:** 

- Encryptor:
  - Encrypted file ending in '.ise' extension
- Decryptor:
  - JPEG file with '.jpg' extension



#### **ISE WEBSITE**

Website is temporarily Available at:
 ucsub.colorado.edu/~pouzeshi/ISE

#### Includes links to:

- Sponsor
- Documentation
- Test Suite/Production Code

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- Other Relevant sites
- Team ISE info

PROJECT EXTENSIONS/CODE MODIFICATION

**Compression Type Extension:** 

- Time Permitting, the project will be extended to include:
  - MP3 Compression
  - ZIP Compression

• The Modular Design of the JPEG selective encryptor makes these extensions possible.



# **Manipulator Demonstration:**



