

Switching between the AES-128 and AES-256 Using K_s * & Two Keys

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Summary

This paper proposes a method to switch between the AES–128 and the AES–256 encrypters by using special key; that is to determine the process sequence. To encrypt the information, the user must provide the two keys (K_1, K_2) of the recipient as well as the message to be encrypted. This method can make it reduces a period of the time, especially in saving the hardware resource in implementing the AES 256 bit module and AES 128 bit module. Most designed modules can be used for both AES encryption and decryption. Besides, the architecture can still deliver a high data rate in both encryption and decryption operations. Therefore, we take advantage of the power from AES–256, and speed from AES–128. Therefore, at least one complexity by three to increase the speed, and speed will increase at least one by three of complexity. The proposed architecture is suited for hardware–critical applications and Network applications, such as using the chatting to exchange the secret messages, etc.

Key words:

Switching, K_s , SDA, K_1, K_2 .

1. Introduction

In January 1997, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced the initiation of an effort to develop the AES and made a formal call for algorithms on September 12, 1997. After reviewed the results of this preliminary research, the algorithms MARS, RC6TM, Rijndael, Serpent and Twofish were selected as finalist. And further reviewed public analysis of the finalist, NIST has decided to propose Rijndael as the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). It is expected to replace the DES and Triple DES so as to fulfill the stricter data security requirement because of its enhanced security levels.

Besides, an ASIC solution of AES is also required, because it can be more secure and consumes less power than that implemented by software.

In this paper, we used two ways to encrypt and decrypt the AES 256 bit and AES 128 bit. By comparing it with other

designs, we can find that it yields safe the time and keep the power of the key 256 bit in good security when hardware used for both AES encryption and AES decryption so, this method is called **MOLAZ**** method. The random key for switching between the two methods (K_s) when we enter the two keys of AES–128 and AES–256 each one using by its algorithm (see Fig.1). K_s is generated randomly by the Keygen as shown below:

$K_s = \text{kygen generat}(10000);$

Except if $K_s = 0000, \dots$ or 9999 not all even or all odd.

The system do the algorithm AES–128 if the key is even numbers $\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$ and algorithm AES–256 if the key is odd numbers $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$, and by using the SDA (System to determine the algorithm) system to determine the number of times (n_0 and n_1) each algorithm are used. A total number of times used this way is $n=4$ that is mean 4 times for all methods, and send to each algorithm K_{s_i} to determine the sequence, see Fig. 1.

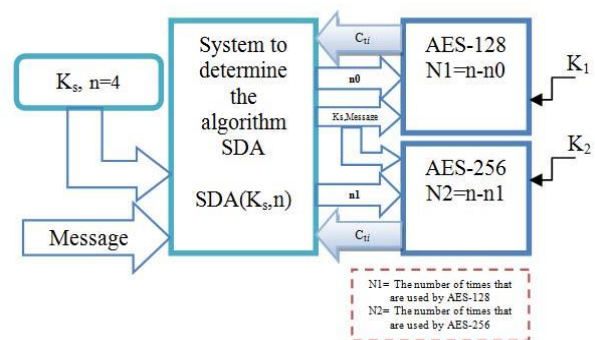


Fig. 1: the SDA using K_s and the message

2. K_s generation

To meaningful time period we must use 128 bit keys since whenever, increased the number of bits increased period of time and less speed. We use the AES–128 encryption to obtain to cipher text when the switch (K_s) has the even

numbers 0,2,4,6 and 8, and AES–256 has the odd numbers 1,3,5,7 and 9.

For Example: if $K_s=4615$, $i=0$, see Table 1.

The sequence of operations	K_{si}	i
AES–128	4	0
AES–128	6	1
AES–256	1	2
AES–256	5	3

Table 1: show the sequence of algorithms

If $K_s = 0000, \dots$ or 9999 , nothing to do if all numbers odd or even; Since the benefit of this operation to using the two algorithms in the message.

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Ks=kygenerat(10000);
Except if  $K_s = 0000, \dots$  or  $9999$ 
The flowchart in Fig. 3 shows the code below:
if(checkalldd (ks,4)==true || checkalleven (ks,4)==true)
    ks=kygenerat(10000);
    
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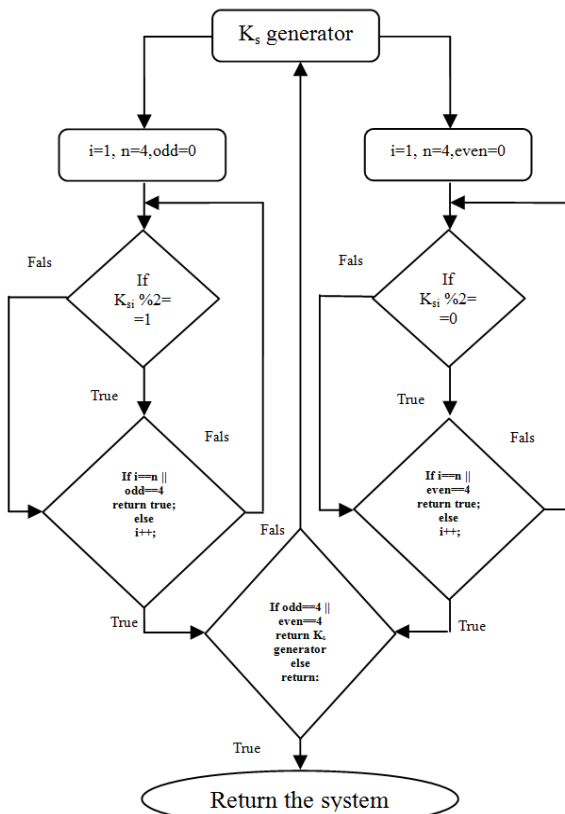


Fig. 3: Flow Char show check K_s elements

Convert the K_s to string array then send it to SDA method.

3. SDA method

The array of the key switching (K_s) enter this method with the message, therefore, the system check how many times each algorithm call to it and the sequence for ciphering the message. The message is divided into four sections $m_i = \{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4\}$ as four arrays and will be determined by the key which algorithm will work on it and then add each number to the beginning of array message see Fig. 2. Send the array to its algorithm AES–128 or AES–256.

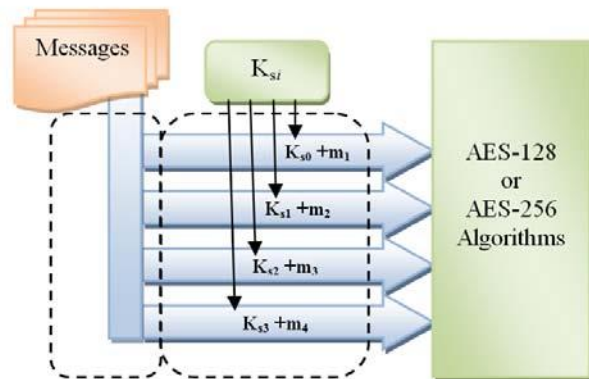


Fig. 2: SDA system sends K_s and m_i to algorithms

4. AES SYSTEM

4.1. AES General operations en/decryption

An AES system is a symmetric–key system in which the sender and receiver of a message share a single, common key, which is used to encrypt and decrypt the message. The data length of a key or message may be chosen to be any of 128 or 256 bits. The AES encryption/decryption algorithms are shown in Table 2.

AES operates on a 4x4 array of bytes (referred to as “state”). The algorithm consists of performing four different simple operations. These operations are (shown in Table 2):

- SubBytes
- ShiftRows
- MixColumns
- AddRoundKey

SubBytes perform byte substitution which is derived from a multiplicative inverse of a finite field. ShiftRows shifts elements from a given row by an offset equal to the row number. The MixColumns step transforms each column using an invertible linear transformation. Finally, the

AddRoundKey step takes a 4x4 block from a expanded key (derived from the key), and XORs it with the “state”.

AES is composed of four high - level steps. These are:

- 1.Key Expansion
- 2.Initial Round
- 3.Rounds
- 4.Final Round

The Key Expansion step is performed using Rijndael’s key schedule. The Initial Round consists only of an AddRoundKey operation. The Rounds step consists of a SubBytes, ShiftRows, MixColumns, and an AddRoundKey operation. The number of rounds in the Rounds step varies from 10 to 14 depending on the key size. Finally, the Final Round performs a SubBytes, ShiftRows, and an AddRoundKey operations.

Decryption in AES is done by performing the inverse operations of the simple operations in reverse order. However, as shown later on in this paper, because of the block cipher mode of operation used, decryption was implemented but never used .

Table 2. AES encryption/decryption algorithm.

<i>AES Decryption</i>	<i>AES Encryption</i>
InvAddRoundKey for round=1 to Nr-1 InvShiftRows InvSubBytes InvAddRoundKey InvMixColumns end for InvShiftRows InvSubBytes InvAddRoundKey	AddRoundKey for round=1 to Nr-1 SubBytes ShiftRows MixColumns AddRoundKey end for SubBytes ShiftRows AddRoundKey

4.2. MOLAZ encryption

This operation begin when SDA system decided the sequence and the number of times do the algorithm ,after the system request to the algorithm to do the operation of encryption and send the data m_i the algorithm reply new array $C_t[i][]$, $i=1,2,3,4$; since the message is split to four parts m_1, m_2, m_3 and m_4 .

For example:

$$K_s [i]=\{9,6,4,1\}, i=1,2,3,4$$

SDA send $K_{s1}=9$ that is mean AES-256 method in the sequence 1 and m_1 of total operations m_i .

$$m_1=\{ 'm', 'o', 'c', 'e', 'h', 'e', 'b' \}$$

in Hexadecimal

$$m_1=\{ 6d,6f,63,65,68,65,62 \}$$

m_1 means the part one of the message, since i of $K_{s_i}=1$ so the sequence is one.

AES-256 encrypt the message one with using the key K_1 256 bit and reply to SDA the array of cipher text1,
 $K_1 = "my name is mocheb"$

$$C_{temp}[16]=\{ D721,753A,B106,5324,7C35,57FD,28B8,50A7,E293,B85E,C889,9A93,E774,399D,73A0,387A \}$$

$$C_t[1][i]=C_{temp}[i], i=1 \text{ to } 16$$

Then, the number of $K_s=9$ added to the encryption operation to begin of the C_{temp} array to the total array C_t and we added new random numbers before send C_t to receiver; like “A78” with $K_s =9$ the result is “9A78” , that means we must remove the first four numbers from each array of C_t before the decryption method.

$$C_t[1][i+1]=\{9A78\}, j= i+1=17$$

$$m_1:C_t[1][j]=\{ 9A78,D721,753A,B106,5324,7C35,57FD,28B8,50A7,E293,B85E,C889,9A93,E774,399D,73A0,387A \}$$

This operation is apply to all the messages according to $K_{s_i}=\{9,6,4,1\}, i=1,2,3,4 :$

$$i=2, K_{s_2}=6 \text{ and } m_2 \rightarrow \text{AES}-128$$

$$m_2:C_t[2][j]=\{6DFF, \dots\}$$

$$i=3, K_{s_3}=4 \text{ and } m_3 \rightarrow \text{AES}-128$$

$$m_3:C_t[3][j]=\{435A, \dots\}$$

$$i=4, K_{s_4}=1 \text{ and } m_4 \rightarrow \text{AES}-256$$

$$m_4:C_t[4][j]=\{8F65, \dots\}$$

Finally, the array sends back to the SDA system in order to collect all the arrays in one array as above C_t and then the user of the system send the cipher text to the recipient.

4.3. MOLAZ decryption

The recipient receives the encrypted text or cipher text and enters it into the SDA system where reverse the operation –deciphering, and according to the following steps:

- (i) He must know the two keys K_1 and K_2 .
- (ii) Split the C_t array into 4 array $C_t[4][n]$.
- (iii) SDA system replaces the first four numbers of each array $C_t[i][j]$, $i=1$ to 4 and $j=1$ to 4, then add just the first number of each four numbers to K_{s_i} array see Fig. 4.
- (iv) Send the value key switch K_{s_i} , number of sequence i of the operations and the cipher text C_t to the algorithm AES-128 or AES-256 according to the sequence i and K_{s_i} see Fig. 5.

- (v) Use the K_1 for AES-128 and K_2 for AES-256 to produce the decryption text.
- (vi) Finally, all the decryption texts added to the one array $m_i[i]$, $i=0,1,\dots,n$, $n \geq 0$ see Fig. 5.

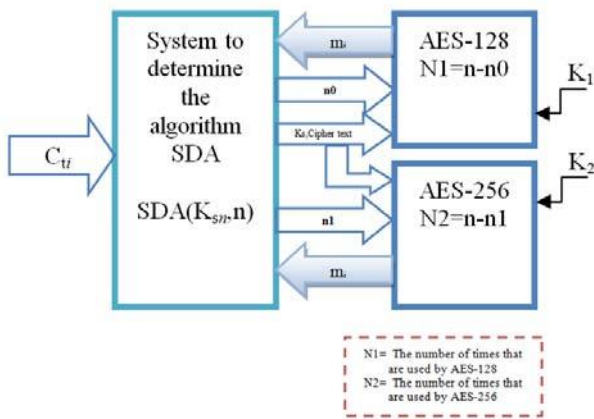


Fig. 4: the SDA using K_s and the cipher text C_{ti}

5. Objectives

- a. Depend on AES-256 Method to give more complexity to the system.
- b. If complexity is low so the speed is increase so, we use 128 bit (in the probability of 1- 3 times / total cases) to give more speed to the system .
- c. Efficiency to use and in exchange (switching) between the cases; This is due to use a center of processing (SDA).
- d. High security, because the encrypt text cannot be dealt with anyone just who has the two keys for the algorithm under this system .
- e. K_s generated randomly ,so impossible know anyone the sequence of the cases.

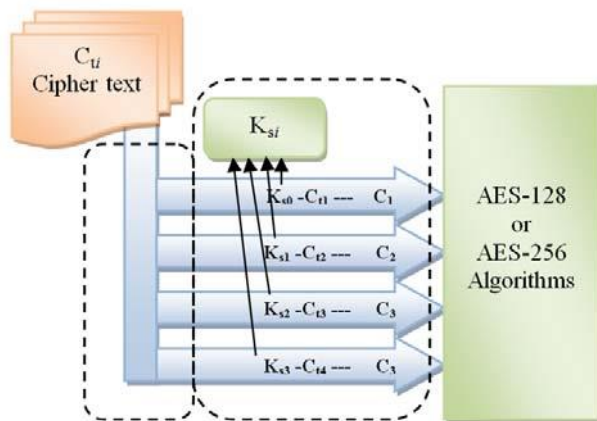


Fig. 5 : SDA system operations with C_{ti}

6. Conclusion

In this paper, a quick overview how we can use Encryption to send messages securely, using two AES methods. More importantly, we must use the new technology if we need upgrade the method that we used it .In essence, we use here three keys, first one to specify the sequence and two keys –different keys one 128 bit and another 256. Complexity at least one for three to increase the speed, and speed will increase by at least one for three of the complexity.. In finally, this system is efficiency and high security.

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