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Configuration Manual

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1 Introduction

In my paper Secure Cryptography Algorithm using Rubik's Cube for IOT Devices, I proposed an encryption algorithm based around a 4x4 Rubik's cube and the AES algorithm. This configuration manual will describe the steps that need to be taken to setup the environment on a Raspberry Pi 4 Model B and allow the tests to be conducted. Some of the code will be explained in this configuration manual to demonstrate how this algorithm runs.

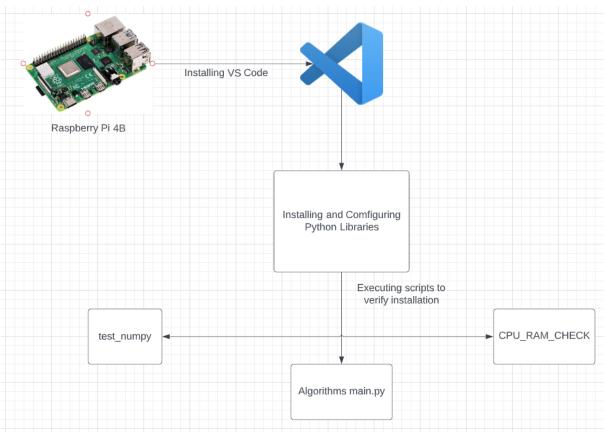
2 Environment Setup

The research question is to propose a new cryptography algorithm that can work on IoT devices without affecting performance. This will be achieved by comparing the results from the proposed algorithm against a Python lightweight algorithm chosen by the NIST and comparing Python implementations of more know algorithms such as AES. All these algorithms will be evaluated on the same environment so that the results of these tests will be accurate.

Section 2 will give detailed instructions for installing each of the following requirements.

- Installing the Raspberry PI OS on the Raspberry Pi Model 4B
- Updating the packages on the Raspberry Pi OS
- Installing and configuring settings inside of VSCode for optimal performance
- Installing Python and other Python Libraries. Scripts will be included to test that the installations were successful

In addition, particular aspects of the proposed algorithm will be highlighted to indicate its uniqueness in comparison to current algorithms.



2.1 Diagram of Environment Setup

2.2 Installing the Raspberry Pi OS

To install the Raspberry Pi OS onto the Raspberry Pi Model 4B, the Raspberry Pi imager needs to be downloaded from Raspberry Pi's official site. In order to use this software, a Micro SDHC card with the capacity of 32GB's is required, as well as a Micro SDHC card reader. Click on the "Download for Windows" option and install the exe file downloaded. With the Micro SDHC card inserted into the Micro SDHC card reader, plug the reader into the computer and run the Raspberry Pi Imager. Next is to choose the Operating System that will be installed onto the Raspberry Pi 4B. There are a few different versions of the OS that can be installed but for this environment setup, choose the default 32-bit version.

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Figure 2: Network Lab Diagram

Once the storage device has been selected, click on the write option, and wait for the process to be completed. When this has been completed, the SDHC card is ready and can be inserted into the Raspberry Pi.

2.3 Configuring the Raspberry Pi Environment

After going through the initial setup, we need to execute a few commands to update all dependencies that are on the environment. Open a terminal and type the following command to update the package list and then update all the dependencies.

sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get upgrade

With the Raspberry Pi updated, it's time to install Visual Studio Code as our Integrated Desktop Environment. Inside the terminal, execute the following command to install Visual Studio Code. This might take some time depending on your internet speed.

sudo apt install code

Once Visual Studio Code has been installed, launch it, and use the keyboard shortcut CTRL+P to open the Quick Open option. If we type in >runtime into this box, we will open the argv.json file. This file is our Runtime Arguments which can allow us to change one option to use software rendering instead of hardware accelerated rendering.

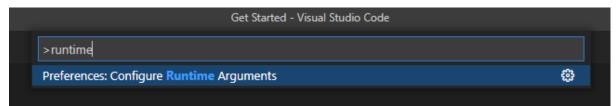


Figure 3: Locating Runtime Arguments in VSCode

The argv.json file will look like Figure 4 when loading it for the first time.

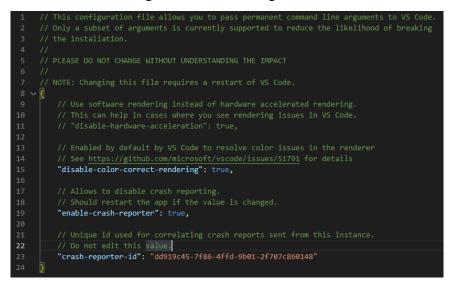


Figure 4: Argv.json before changes

If we remove the two forward slashes from line eleven, we can allow Visual Studio Code to use the software rendering method. Figure 5 shows the change that was made. After saving the change, restart Visual Studio Code.

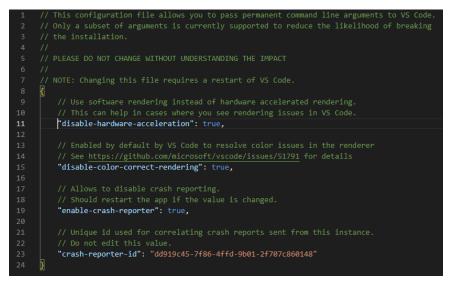


Figure 5: Argv.json after changes

2.4 Installing Python Libraries

On the Raspberry Pi OS, Python comes preinstalled with version 3.9.5. We can check this by running the command.

python -V

For the proposed algorithm, the Numpy package will be needed to run the scripts. "NumPy, which stands for Numerical Python, is a library consisting of multidimensional array objects and a collection of routines for processing those arrays. Using NumPy, mathematical and logical operations on arrays can be performed" [1]. To install Numpy, it is recommended that

PIP3 is installed since Python 3 is installed on the OS. Running the command below will install PIP3 onto the system.

sudo apt install python3-pip

After installing PIP3, we can install Numpy which can be done with the below command.

pip3 install numpy

To assess whether the package installed successfully, run the test_numpy script in Visual Studio code. This code should split an array of six values into a 3x3 array.

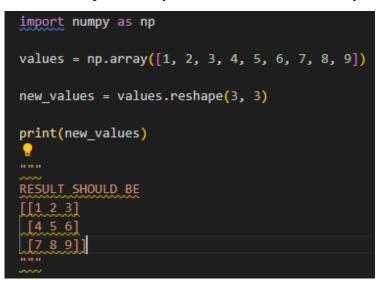


Figure 6: test_numpy script

The other requirements needed to be checked on the device when executing the algorithms scripts are the CPU and RAM usage. To check these usages on the Raspberry Pi, the packet psutil can be used. "psutil (Python system and process utilities) is a Python package that retrieves information on ongoing processes and system usage (CPU, memory, storage, network, and sensors). It is mostly used for system monitoring, profiling, restricting process resources, and process management" [4].

To install the psutil package, two commands need to be ran. The first command to run is

sudo apt-get install gcc python3-dev

This command needs to be ran because the package python-dev has some headers files that are needed for Pythons C API. Psutil requires these headers to function in our algorithm. To install the psutuil package after installing the Python C Headers, run the following command.

pip install --no-binary :all: psutil

The --no-binary :all: section of the command is to exclude any binary packages when installing a package from source. To test if psutil has been successful been installed, a test script called CPU_RAM_Check has been included in the algorithms folder so it can be run and verify it is working.

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Figure 7: CPU_RAM_Check - verifying script works with results

3 Proposed Algorithm Configuration

The proposed algorithm has six files in total which are responsible for different purposes. The main three which are covered in this configuration manual are

- Main
- Functions
- Movements

3.1 Main file

The main file is responsible for running both the encrypt and decrypt methods. For the encrypt method, the plaintext and key variables must be either 16, 24 or 32 characters long each. The algorithm will not work if the length of both variables is different.



plaintext="Thistextwillwork" # <-- 16 characters long</pre>

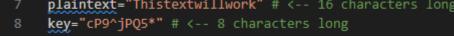


Figure 8: main script - incorrect lengths

The results of both encryption and decryption are stored in the following variables to prove the algorithm works as designed.

- ciphertext
- rot_cipher_key
- decrypted_plaintext
- decrypted_rot_key

A timer has been added to the script to test the execution time of running both the encrypt and decrypt methods. The start_time method will grab the time at the beginning of the scripts execution and Figure 7 will remove that time from the current time to get the result.

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86 print("Process finished --- %s seconds ---" % (time.time() - start_time))
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Figure 9: main script – execution time
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3.2 Functions file

The functions file is responsible for almost all the operations done by the algorithm. The key_schedule function runs on both the encrypt and decrypt methods. A key schedule takes the initial key provided and does different operations on it to create many more round keys. Depending on the size of the plaintext and key variables, a different number of rounds are performed to make more keys. A different key from this schedule is used for each round of the process. This function starts on line 10 and ends on line 149.

Since the algorithm is based on a 4x4 Rubik's cube, a create_cube was designed to make 6 4x4 arrays which would act as our cube of 96 faces. Reshaping the arrays can be achieved with NumPy which was installed earlier.

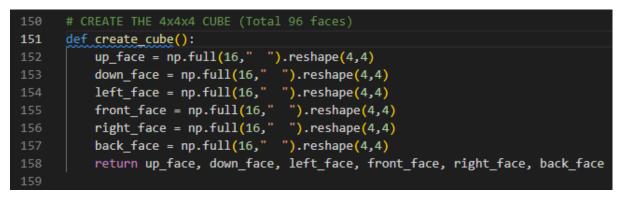


Figure 10: functions script - creating the cube

From our key_schedule results, we pass those results and the plaintext into the face_operation function. The plaintext's orientation will be altered to look like Figure 11 before performing any of the operations. After this change, certain operations will be carried out with the plaintext and a key based on which round is being performed. These operations will be one of the following depending on the round.

- xor
- sbox
- shift_rows
- mix_columns

"XOR is a bitwise operator, and it stands for "exclusive or." It performs logical operation. If input bits are the same, then the output will be false(0) else true(1)" [2]. For this operation to be carried out, both values must be converted to be hexadecimal values.

The sbox function will take our hexadecimal value and check it against a table. The first character will be checked on the left side and the second value will be checked on the right side. The sbox used in this algorithm is based on the Rijndael AES S-box. If our hexadecimal

value is 28, we use the 2 on the left side and the 8 on the right side. Where these two values intercepts are the value that we substitute 28 for, which in this case is ee.

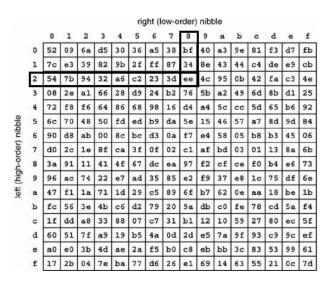


Figure 11: AES SBox – How to use

The shift_rows function will shift values in our 4x4 based on the length of the key. Using NumPys array roll functionality will move the values in the array based on the iteration of the loop. Each row is moved a different amount which is quite like how the AES algorithm applies it but shifted by different amounts.

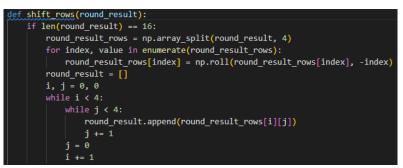


Figure 12: shift_rows - snippet of shifting

The mix_columns function will add our hex values with the predefined matrix by using the l_lookup provided in the mix_columns_table file and then substitute the final value in the e_lookup table. These tables are also known as Galois Field tables [3].

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		'x0',	'x1',	'x2',	'x3',	'x4',	'x5',	'x6',	'x7',	'x8',	'x9',	'xa',	'xb',	'xc',	'xd',	'xe',	'xf'],
L .	['0x',	'01',	'03' ,	'05',	'0f',	'11',	'33',	'55',	'ff',	'1a',	'2e',	'72' ,	'96',	'a1',	'f8',	'13',	'35'],
L .	['1x',	'5f',	'e1',	'38',	'48',	'd8',	'73' ,	'95',	'a4',	'f7',	'02',	'06',	'0a',	'1e',	'22',	'66',	'aa'],
L .	['2x',	'e5',	'34',	'5c',	'e4',	'37',	'59' ,	'eb',	'26',	'6a',	'be',	'd9',	'70',	'90',	'ab',	'e6',	'31'],
~	['3x',	'53',	'f5',	'04',	'0c',	'14',	'3c',	'44',	'cc',	'4f',	'd1',	'68',	'b8',	'd3',	'6e',	'b2',	'cd'],
~	['4x',	'4c',	'd4',	'67' ,	'a9',	'e0',	'3b',	'4d',	'd7',	'62' ,	'a6',	'f1',	'08',	'18',	'28',	'78',	'88'],
~	['5x',	'83',	'9e',	'b9',	'd0',	'6b',	'bd',	'dc',	'7f',	'81',	'98',	'b3',	'ce',	' 49',	'db',	'76',	'9a'],
~	['6x',	'b5',	'c4',	'57',	'f9',	'10',	'30',	'50',	'f0',	'0b',	'1d',	'27',	'69' ,	'bb',	'd6',	'61',	'a3'],
~	['7x',	'fe',	'19',	'2b',	'7d',	'87',	'92' ,	'ad',	'ec',	'2f',	'71',	'93' ,	'ae',	'e9',	'20',	'60',	'a0'],
~	['8x',	'fb',	'16',	'3a',	'4e',	'd2',	'6d',	'b7',	'c2',	'5d',	'e7',	'32',	'56',	'fa',	'15',	'3f',	'41'],
~	['9x',	'c3',	'5e',	'e2',	'3d',	'47',	'c9',	'40',	'c0',	'5b',	'ed',	'2c',	'74',	'9c',	'bf',	'da',	'75'],
~	['ax',	'9f',	'ba',	'd5',	'64',	'ac',	'ef',	'2a',	'7e',	'82',	'9d',	'bc',	'df',	'7a',	'8e',	'89',	'80'],
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Figure 13: mix_columns – e_table

With the new ciphertext being created after the face_operation table, the random_orientation will take the ciphertext and assign values to random faces on the cube. The length of the ciphertext will always be 96 bytes long. Based on which face a hexadecimal value is stored to, a mathematical operation is performed to generate that number and store it in the orientation array. Once all the values are assigned onto the cube, the next function scramble_rot_key will be executed.

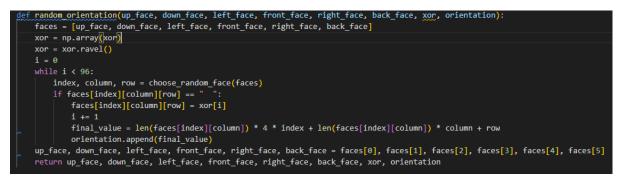


Figure 14: random_orientation

The scramble_rot_key function will execute 96 different cube related movements and store them in the rotation_key_array. For each movement a random number from the orientation array will be added to the key. A possible result would be FWA237. The FWA2 is the cubes movement and the 37 indicates the position where the first value of the ciphertext is placed on the cube. It's important to mark this position since it will be needed to place the text in the same place when decrypting.

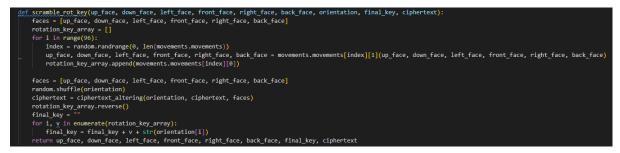


Figure 15: scramble_rot_key

The final step of the encryption process is the rot_cipher_key function will cipher do an XOR operation on our original key and our rot_key. The original key is repeated until its length is the same as the rot_key. The result given from this function is a very long key which lengths can vary based on the movements chosen by the scramble_rot_key function. Figure 16 is an example of a rot_cip_key.

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123f284147522a3746515b25222c405a6121253046562d3746515d20202e435e662a284146563132365b5d5525383359
6d5a203537574e4d3e252f5d42583b2d155a584332323b464251393b365e405a123f2a424c553c3746585820345d465d
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Figure 16: A result of the rot_cipher_key function

3.3 Movements file

The Movements file stores all possible movements in separate functions and has an array that acts as a legend to indicate which movement has been performed. On a 4x4 Rubik's cube, there are 72 different movements that can be performed, and these movements are stored in the movements array with a string representation of the movement as shown in Figure 17.



Figure 17: Movements - Legend storing possible movements.

For the movements to be performed, each function requires that all the cube's face to be passed in as parameters. Some of these functions will be performed twice based on how much movement is required. All functions are programmed to move faces on the cube in a 90-degree angle either clockwise or anticlockwise. For movements requiring 180 degrees of movement, the same function will be executed twice. Figures 18 and 19 will demonstrate this.



Figure 18: Movements – F Clockwise Movement (90 Degrees).

def F2clock(up_face, down_face, left_face, front_face, right_face, back_face):								
<pre>up_face, down_face, left_face, front_face</pre>	<pre>, right_face, back_face = Fclock(up_face, down_face, 1</pre>	left_face, front_face, right_face, back_face)						
<pre>up_face, down_face, left_face, front_face</pre>	<pre>, right_face, back_face = Fclock(up_face, down_face, 1</pre>	<pre>left_face, front_face, right_face, back_face)</pre>						
return up face, down face, left face, from	nt face, right face, back face							

Figure 19: Movements - F Clockwise Movement performed twice (180 Degrees)

3.4 Conclusion

To conclude that the algorithm runs correctly through VSCode, press the play button in the top right as shown in Figure 20 on the main.py file.

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Figure 20: Executing the algorithms script

The results of the script can vary since the rot_cip_key variable can be created with different movements between each execution. Figures 22 and 23 shows two different rounds of encryption and decryption based off the same plaintext and key values which are also shown in Figure 21.

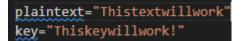
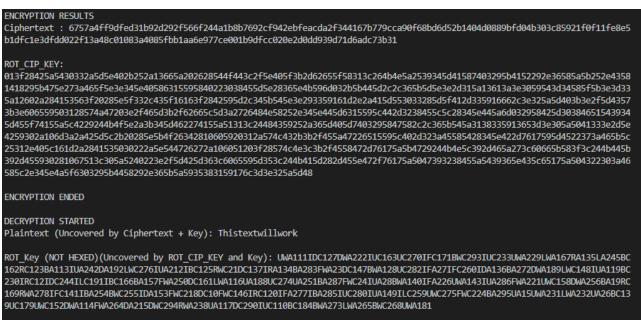


Figure 21: Plaintext and key values



DECRYPTION ENDED

Figure 22: Round 1 of algorithms result

ENCRYPTION RESULTS

Ciphertext : 206d0f83fcf11a92a61d52eba94b89bb4d6668febd1bf2a1d03bb72f2271a49200f5923ce9c0b89dc7e2fe0f44311e41773a8e2ca4f91fd03 dfe1bce3440695fffbfdac067fdb78579fcd39dadd0ddac6793d69db15bd24230481008cc571108

ROT CIP KEY:

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ENCRYPTION ENDED

DECRYPTION STARTED

Plaintext (Uncovered by Ciphertext + Key): Thistextwillwork

ROT_Key (NOT HEXED)(Uncovered by ROT_CIP_KEY and Key): UA247BA131IUC235DA142IDA277LWA159UWC171FC164BA192UWC254DA213ILC250IFA11 5RWA160IFC263BWC218IUA211BWA172LWA278DC283IUA120LWA223BC124LA273IDC181ILC22DC148UWC179IRC257IBA174LA185RA129RWC170IUA184DWC149 FA166RWA125DWA143RWC180IDC222FWC233BWC216DC28IFC275LA268IBA246UWA11IFC140BWC167DWC20FWA121DWA141UWA244BA239IUC19RWC137FWC26DA2 10RA27IUC132BC252IBC190DA151BC293UA212RA162IDA276FWA165ILA119IBA15RWA236RA214BA130IFA253RA227BC23UC226RWA194LWC238UWC195IDA14I LA217DA234IUA258LA191FC288IDA228RWA289BC187UC156DC245DC255LWA269LA282BC286FC161

DECRYPTION ENDED

Figure 23: Round 2 of algorithms result

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