

Cryptanalytic JH and BLAKE Hash Function for Authentication and Proposed Work Over BLAKE-256 Using C

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Abstract: Hash functions form an important category of cryptography, which is widely used in a great number of protocols and security mechanisms. Hash functions are a fundamental primitive category of security science. It is defined as computationally efficient function, which maps binary strings of arbitrary length to binary strings of fixed length. The last ones are the outputs of a hash computation and they are called hash values. Hash functions are applied to support digital signatures, data integrity, random number generators, authentication schemes, and data integrity mechanisms. National Institute of Standard and technology (NIST) has selected the 14 Second Round Candidates of the SHA-3 Competition. It focus on the new SHA-3 competition, started by the NIST, which searches for a new hash function in response to authentication concerns regarding the previous hash functions SHA-1 and the SHA-2 family.

This work is based on comparative study of two SHA-3 cryptographic hash function candidates JH and BLAKE (out of fourteen). It compares the common features of both candidates which is widely used in above mentioned applications and improvement over SHA-256 with proposed work BLAKE-256 hash function. SHA-256 is used 64 rounds to calculate 256 bit final hash value with 256 bit initial hash value but BLAKE-256 is used 14 rounds to calculate final hash value with same input length and same output length.

Keyword: SHA-3, JH ,BLAKE , Hash, Compression Function.

INTRODUCTION

We proposed a new compression function structure to construct a compression function of JH from a block cipher with constant key. JH compression function is constructed from a bijective function (a block cipher with constant key) [4]. The block size of the block cipher is $2m$ bits, $2m$ -bit hash value $H^{(i-1)}$ and the m -bit message block $M^{(i)}$ are compressed into the $2m$ -bit $H^{(i)}$. The BLAKE family contains four hash functions: BLAKE-28, BLAKE-32, BLAKE-48, BLAKE-64, with the bit lengths of their digests being 224,256,384 and 512, respectively. The former two operate on 32-bit words, while the latter two work with 64-bit words [3]. BLAKE comes in two variants: one that uses 32-bit words, used for computing hashes up to 256 bits long, and one that uses 64-bit words, used for computing hashes up to 512 bits long.

Compression Function is the main core of the hash functions data transformations, for a certain number of rounds for each hash function.

The compression function of BLAKE-256 takes as input four values [3]:

- ✚ Chain value $h = h_0, \dots, h_7$
- ✚ Message block $m = m_0, \dots, m_{15}$
- ✚ Salt $s = s_0, \dots, s_3$
- ✚ Counter $t = t_0, t_1$

These four inputs represent 30 words in total (i.e., 120 bytes = 960 bits).

The output of the function is a new chain value $h' = h'_0, \dots, h'_7$ of eight words (i.e., 32 bytes = 256 bits).

We write the compression of h, m, s, t to h' as

$$h' = \text{compress}(h, m, s, t)$$

COMPARATIVE STUDY OF JH AND BLAKE

FACTOR	JH	BLAKE
Structure	Iterative	HAIF mode
Hash variants	Single design	Two variants
Type	Block cipher based	Add-NOR-Rotate
Resistant to length extension	Each message block is 64 bytes	Message length limited to respectively 2^{64} and 2^{128} BLAKE-256 and BLAKE-512
Interface	Interfacing with initial values	Interfacing with salt
Security	Easy to analyze and large security margin	Based on iteratively based component (ChaCha) resistant to generic second-preimage attacks
Performance	Efficiently implemented, simple component and high parallelizability	Fast in both software and hardware, parallelism a straightforward one
Fast in both software and hardware	16.8 cycles/byte on 64 bit core 2 microprocessor, 21.3 cycles/byte on 32 bit core 2 microprocessor. Bit-slice, suitable for 128 bit SIMD instruction set	Intel core 2 Duo: BLAKE-256 can hash at about 1 cycle/byte and BLAKE-512 can hash at about 2 cycle/byte
Padding scheme	1.0's until congruent $(34 \bmod 512)$, 128 bit message length, min 512 bits added	1.0's until congruent $(44 \bmod 512)$, 64 bit message length for BLAKE-224. 1.0's until congruent $(44 \bmod 512)$, 64 bit message length for BLAKE-256. 1.0's until congruent $(99 \bmod 1024)$, 128 bit message length for BLAKE-384. 1.0's until congruent $(99 \bmod 1024)$, 128 bit message length for BLAKE-512.

Table 1. Comparative Results of JH and BLAKE

SIMULATION WORK

It gives us C code computing the compression function of BLAKE-256.

- **Initialization**

It calculates initialization step of BLAKE-256 with the input of initial chain value (hxd), salt (sxd) and counter (txd) and generate state value (vxd).

- **Round Function**

It calculates round function step of BLAKE-256 with the input of state values (axd, bxd, cxd,

dxdi), message word (mxd) and constant word (kxd) which is generated by initialization step of BLAKE-256, and then it generate new state values (axd, bxd, cxd, dxdo).

- **Finalization**

It calculates finalization step of BLAKE-256 with the input of final state values vxd (which is generated after 14 round), salt (sxd), initial chain value (hxd) and then it generate final chain or hash value (hxdo).

It gives us C code computing the compression function of BLAKE-256 with Header File BLAKEh.h and Turbo file Turbo.c.

Firstly, It calculates $G_0(v_0, v_4, v_8, v_{12})$



Figure1: Hash values Obtained after Two Block Message

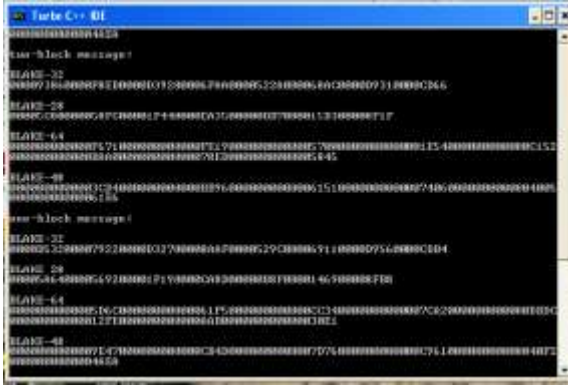


Figure2: Hash Value Obtained After one-block message

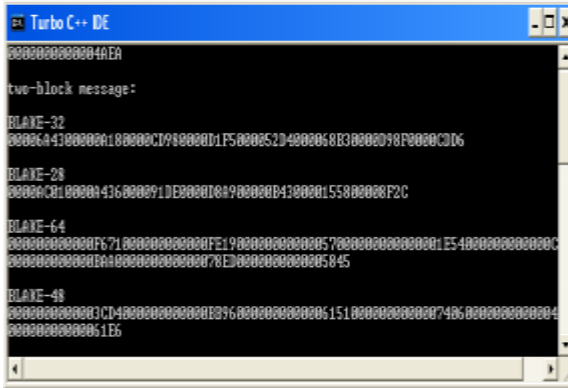


Figure3 : Changed Hash Value After Two Block-Message

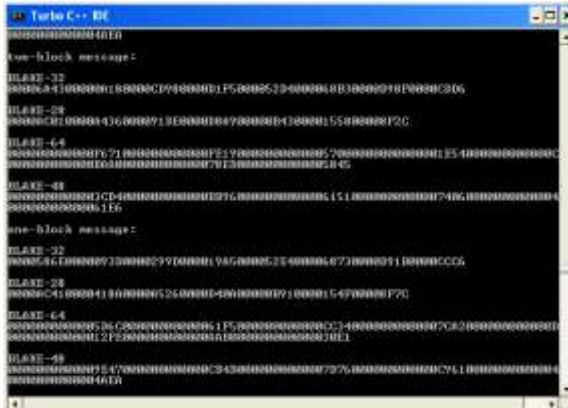


Figure4: Changed Hash Value After One-Block Message



Figure5: Combined Hash Values Of One & Two Block- Message

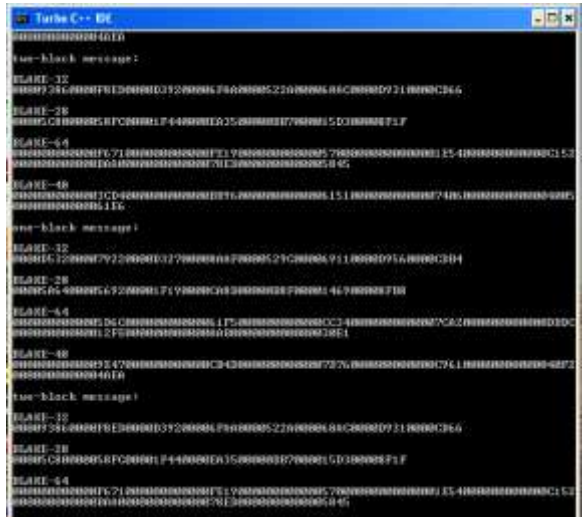


Figure6: Changed Combined Hash Value Of One & Two- Block Message

CONCLUSION

A cryptographic hash function is a hash function, that is, an algorithm that takes an arbitrary block of data and returns a fixed-size bit string, the (cryptographic) hash value, such that an (accidental or intentional) change to the data will (with very high probability) change the hash value. In this work the comparison of two SHA-3 cryptography hash function JH and BLAKE, less time consuming process BLAKE-256 with 14 rounds instead of 64 rounds of SHA-256, more reliable compare to SHA family. This work gives the comparative hash algorithms of both candidates.

FUTURE WORK

In future the working of the function (BLAKE-256) discussed here should be more less time consuming. It can be merge all three function of BLAKE-256 into single unit in VHDL then give one time input (256 bit) and get 256 bit final hash value.

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