

# **MysteryTwister C3**

THE CRYPTO CHALLENGE CONTEST

## **ORYX STREAM CIPHER – PART 4A**

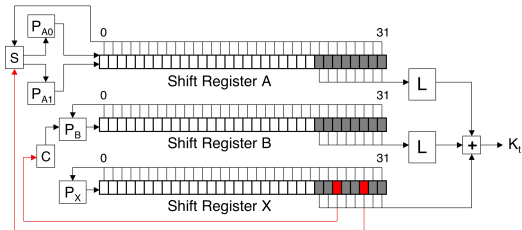
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# Introduction

ORYX is a stream cipher that was developed as part of a U.S. cell phone industry security standard. The system was deployed and briefly used in the late 1990s until its many security flaws became apparent [1].

The internal operation of the ORYX cipher is illustrated below, where  $K_t$  is a keystream byte that is XORed with a plaintext byte to encrypt, and XORed with the corresponding ciphertext byte to decrypt.



The definitions of  $P_X$ ,  $P_{A0}$ ,  $P_{A1}$ ,  $P_B$ ,  $S$ ,  $C$ , and  $L$  are given in [2], and they also appear in the simulator `ORYX.c`. Note that  $L$  is a lookup table where  $(L(0), L(1), \dots, L(255))$  is a permutation of the byte values  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 255\}$ .

# Challenge

The challenge here is to recover the initial fills of the shift registers  $X$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$ , and part of the  $L$  permutation. You are given the first 750 bytes of keystream and the first 192 (out of 256) elements of  $L$ , which appear, in hex, in the file `oryx4a.txt`.

Give your solution in the form

$X$  initial fill

$A$  initial fill

$B$  initial fill

$L$  permutation

where all values are in hex and the  $L$  permutation is given as a  $16 \times 16$  table.

For example, if you determine that the initial fill of each register is fedcba98 and L is the identity permutation, then your solution would be submitted as

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fedcba98
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00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 1f
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2a 2b 2c 2d 2e 2f
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 3a 3b 3c 3d 3e 3f
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 4a 4b 4c 4d 4e 4f
50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 5a 5b 5c 5d 5e 5f
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6a 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f
70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7a 7b 7c 7d 7e 7f
80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 8a 8b 8c 8d 8e 8f
90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 9a 9b 9c 9d 9e 9f
a0 a1 a2 a3 a4 a5 a6 a7 a8 a9 aa ab ac ad ae af
b0 b1 b2 b3 b4 b5 b6 b7 b8 b9 ba bb bc bd be bf
c0 c1 c2 c3 c4 c5 c6 c7 c8 c9 ca cb cc cd ce cf
d0 d1 d2 d3 d4 d5 d6 d7 d8 d9 da db dc dd de df
e0 e1 e2 e3 e4 e5 e6 e7 e8 e9 ea eb ec ed ee ef
f0 f1 f2 f3 f4 f5 f6 f7 f8 f9 fa fb fc fd fe ff
```

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