

Tetris-based Cryptography: a gateway to serious Crypto

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CRYPTRIS, a gateway to serious Crypto

CRYPTRIS : A **scientific mediation** video Game mimicking Tetris, on the foundation and usage of asymmetric cryptography.

- ▶ Coordination, Médiation, Funding : **INRIA**
- ▶ Scenario, développement : **digitalcuisine**
- ▶ Sponsoring : **Cap Math**



It is **Open-Source**² and runs fully on HTML5!

2. <https://github.com/inriamecsci/cryptris/>

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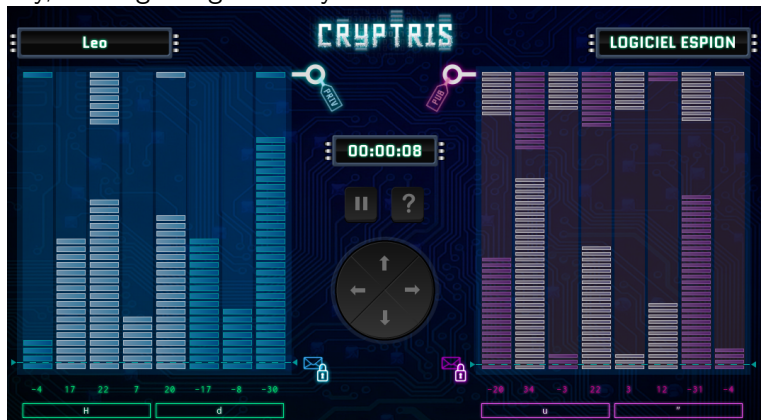
Go beyond the “IACR Copenhagen Resolution”, and act :

- ▶ Promote and Supervise the development of secure and easy to use crypto software
- ▶ Educate about cryptography : raise awareness, avoid misconceptions, fight the “**dark-art**” feeling, make it conceptually simple

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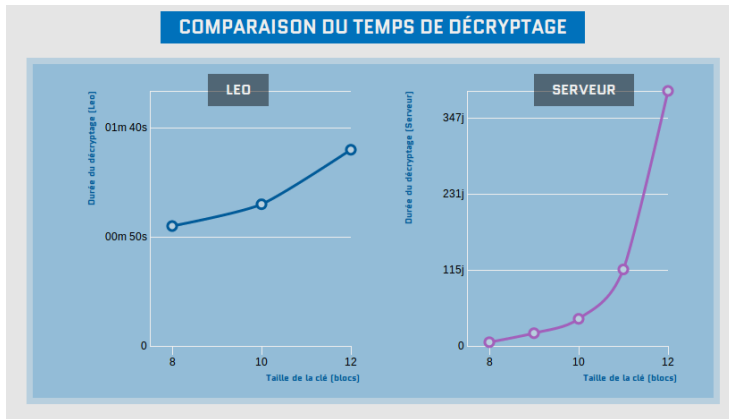
Playing against the Spy

On the left, the player (legitimate receiver) plays with the private key, making the game easy.



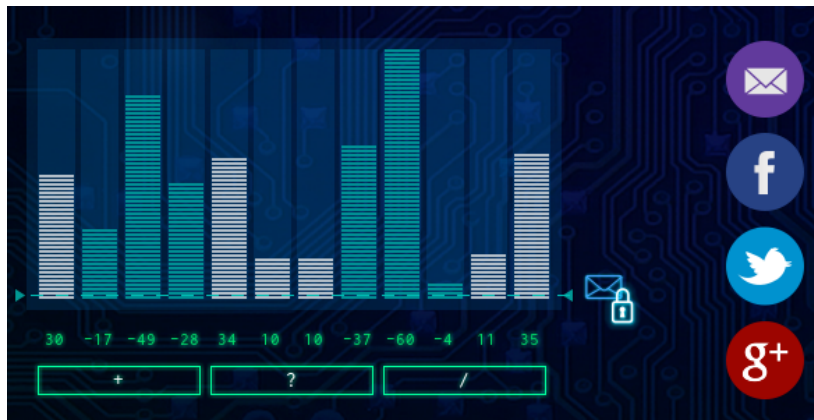
On the right, the adversary only has the public key : the game is much harder for him !

Exponential hardness



Soon it becomes impossible to decrypt for the adversary, but remains easy for the legitimate user. QEM !

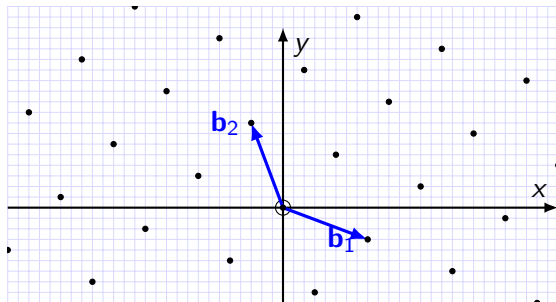
Share your Cryptopathy



The game is compatible with social networks :
challenge your contact with personalized “encrypted” messages.

Nah! No prime numbers, can't be serious.

Its actually quite serious : Lattice based Cryptography.



It comes with 2 Popular Science articles⁴ slowly switching from Tetris to serious math!

4. published on CNRS's blog IMAGES DES MATHÉMATIQUES.

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And if you read French :

<http://inriamecsci.github.io/cryptris/>