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ABSTRAK

Kajian ini bertujuan untuk membangunkan dan menyediakan garispanduan untuk membina membangunkan model simulasi untuk menguji algoritma cryptografi dari segi kelajuan pengengkripan dan kelajuan pengdekripan di portal UUM. Pembangunan model simulasi ini melibatkan tujuh langkah iaitu definisi masalah, pembangunan model simulasi, pengujian dan pengesahan model, rekabentuk simulasi eksperimen, perlaksaan simulasi eksperimen, penaksiran keputusan dan implementasi keputusan. Pembanguna model simulasi ini melibatkan tiga tahap. Tahap pertama adalah pembinaan ID pengguna dan katakunci, tahap kedua melibatkan implementasi algorithma cryptografi kedalam tahap pertama dan tahap ketiga melibatkan implementasi parameter ujian iaitu kelajuan pengengkripan dan kelajuan pengdekripan.

Methodologi yang digunakan bermula dengan identifikasi masalah, identifikasi keperluan, analisis proses model dan merekabentuk model simulasi. Simulasi model dibangunkan dengan menggunakan Active Server Page, JavaScript dan SQL 7.0 sebagai pangkalan data. Kajian ini diakhiri dengan kesimpulan, yang menyatakan masalah dan limitasi yang dihadapi dalam melaksanakan kajian disamping mengutarakan beberapa cadangan untuk kajian akan datang.

ABSTRACT

The purposes of this project are to construct and provide guidelines to develop a simulation model to evaluate cryptography algorithm in terms of encryption speed and decryption speed on UUM portal. The development of the simulation model consists of seven steps. The steps are problem definition, construct the simulation model, test and validate the model, design the simulation experiments, conduct the simulation experiments, evaluate the result and implement the result. The development of the simulation model involves three level of development. Level one is the development of userID and password, level two involve the insertion of cryptography algorithm into the test bed and level three involve the insertion of the testing parameter speed coding.

The methodology used in this study begun with problem identification, requirement identification, analysed the model process and design the simulation model. The simulation model was developed using Active Server Page, JavaScript and SQL 7.0 as database. This project concludes by discussing problems and limitations that were encountered in completing this project, and offers a few recommendations for future development in this area.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

Security is one of the important criteria in web-based application. A lot of security techniques can be used to secure the important information. According to Wolfe (2000), the protection of information for business or private purpose in web-based application such as portal can be achieved through the careful selection and use of cryptographic tools. Schneier (1996) discuss a number of common cryptographic techniques that can be employed.

Cryptography as defined by most cryptographers is the art and science of keeping message secure. It is a process of changing readable and understandable information called plaintext into unreadable random data called ciphertext and then being able to translate the ciphertext back into plain text by the same process. Process of changing the plaintext into ciphertext is called encryption while process of translating the ciphertext into plaintext is called decryption (Wolfe, 2000).

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