

MULTIPLE DATA ENCRYPTION STANDARD ALGORITHM

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Abstract. Data Encryption Standard (DES) was the first encryption algorithm robust enough against the differential attack [1]. Soon its short encryption key of only 56 bits became vulnerable since computer technology evolves and catching the key through a brute force attack takes a convenient time. In this paper we propose to apply the DES algorithm on a Galois Field (GF) with multi-bit symbols obtaining a non-binary DES algorithm called *Multiple DES* (MDES) with a longer encryption key.

Key words: Data encryption; algorithm; encryption key; DES; Galois Field.