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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO0077596A1] The present invention relates generally to computer software and electronic hardware, and more specifically, to a method, apparatus and system resistant to tampering and reverse engineering, including a particular implementation for the Digital Encryption Standard (DES). Cryptographic key-based methodologies have a major weakness in that they require the cryptographic key to be known by both the encrypting and decrypting parties. An attacker who is able to obtain knowledge of both the cryptographic key and the encrypted data is able to decode the message. The invention hides cryptographic keys by increasing the obscurity and temper-resistance of the software program, which is done by randomly generating substantive yet redundant arguments; and inserting those arguments into the data flow of the program.

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