

# A Ransomware Research Framework

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**Abstract:** This research develops a series of research frameworks for addressing the problem of ransomware from the perspective of multiple disciplines, begins to develop theories about ransomware, and identifies needs for future research. Approaches include criminal justice, hardware and software technologies, file structures, critical infrastructure impact, an abstract theoretic approach, and money tracking. To date, poster presentations are available and formal articles from each researcher are forthcoming.

**Ransomware classification with RNN**  
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**RansomAir Filled with Clouds**

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- Problem: ransom attacks
- Insight: data are different
- Solution: cloud storage



- PROBLEM: cloud security
- INSIGHT: slow recovery ok
- SOLUTION: code, not crypto



Even lightweight encryption incurs **slowdown**

Coding incurs **speedup**

- SOLUTION: deletion channel security

Encoding (using sudoku)



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Decoding

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Eavesdropping

437781412089103214051405172074 → P(known 43 digits) = 0.4%



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