

# NDNCERT-v2: Deploy, Debug, Dominate

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# Summary

- Deploy
  - /ndn/edu/memphis/agawande/CA
  - Lack of documentation to setup with repo
- Debug
  - Crashed the server multiple times
  - Discovered multiple problems in client and server
  - Found out unimplemented critical things in the server
- Dominate
  - Skeleton of PyNDNCert client
  - Still on the way (far away) to domination

# Crashes

- Ndn-cert-client
  - Type enter on step 0 -> Crashes: stoi
  - Crash when entering any other string by exact challenge name
    - What would you expect to enter to the question
      - Step 3: Please type in the challenge ID from the following challenges
    - Email
- NDN-Cert Server
  - Crash when receiving interest with incorrect sha256-params
    - Discovered by GSoC student earlier: <https://redmine.named-data.net/issues/4982>
  - Crash on invalid input
    - wrong request, incorrect encryption, missing blocks in parameters TLV, anything non-conformant

# Critical Unimplemented Things

- Hkdf derived key not used
  - In both client and server code, `m_aesKey` being initialized and derived using `hkdf` function, but not actually used anywhere.
- PROBE not implemented
  - Probe function is neither fully documented (as a spec) nor implemented anywhere in the server code. The code only include functionality to set a “handler”, but no uses of that (except the test cases).
  - Effectively, it is now hard-coded to return randomly generated number as identity.

# Other (unexpected) things

- Local-ndncert-anchor not used
  - `m_localNdnCertAnchor` (local-ndncert-anchor)
- Client tool asks for email twice (?!?)
- Why json for NEW/and other exchanges requires “\n” at the end ?!?
  - Not having it crashes the server
- Minor: `JSON_CA_EQUEST_ID` -> typo

# Roadblocks to Domination

- Problems related to encryption/decryption
- Stuck with decrypting JSON:
  - IV, payload, algorithm seem to be the same outputted in Python and received in C++, but C++ crashes with a mystery error from `security::transform::blockCipher`
- <https://github.com/9th-ndn-hackathon/pyndncert>