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Practical Cryptographic Systems

Introduction

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Intro

- **What is a Cryptographic System?**
 - A security system
 - Uses cryptography
- **Many fascinating ways to get it wrong!**
 - “Practical”:
People actually use it & depend on it



DVD-Cracking Teen Acquitted

Associated Press 01.07.03



Cell phone, VoIP technologies lack security, experts say

2015-12 Out of Cycle Security Bulletin: ScreenOS: Multiple Security issues with ScreenOS (CVE-2015-7755, CVE-2015-7756)

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PRODUCT AFFECTED:
Please see below for details.

Blu-ray Disc

New attack cracks WEP in record

The fact that 104-bit WEP has been cracked is in itself not new, but the speed with which the attack works is.

The DROWN Attack



DROWN check

Paper

Q&A

DROWN is a serious vulnerability that affects HTTPS and other services that rely on SSL and TLS, some of the essential cryptographic protocols for Internet security. These protocols allow everyone on the Internet to browse the web, use email, shop online, and send instant messages without third-parties being able to read the communication.

DROWN allows attackers to break the encryption and read or steal sensitive

Gift Cards



Researchers claim GSM calls can be hacked on the cheap



Motivation

- **Building (successful) systems requires more than cryptographic expertise**
 - **Though it's a prerequisite!**
- **It's cross-disciplinary:**
 - **Crypto**
 - **Information Security**
 - **Software Engineering**
 - **Hardware Engineering**
 - **UI, Policy, etc...**

This course

- **Not a course in theoretical cryptography**
 - We'll cover cryptography from a practical angle, aim is to apply cryptography
- **Practice-oriented tutorial**
 - examine how systems fail
 - how we can design against it
 - what can't we design against
- **Driven by your questions & the news**

What you'll come away with

- **A grounding in cryptographic techniques**
 - **The right algorithms**
 - **Strengths & weaknesses, applicability**
 - **A feel for the design/evaluation process**
 - **Introduction to standards (e.g., FIPS)**
 - **Enough to know where to look for more**
- **Knowledge of our own limitations**
 - **Building secure systems is hard
(even for experts)**

Grading, Text

- **Grading Policy:**
 - **40% Exams (Midterm & Final)**
 - **40% Assignments**
 - **15% Project**
 - **5% Class participation**
- **Texts:**
 - **Katz/Lindell: Modern Cryptography**
 - **Anderson: Security Engineering**
- **Website: spar.isi.jhu.edu/~mgreen/650.445**

Electronic Stuff & Reading

- **Website**

- **<http://spar.isi.jhu.edu/~mgreen/650.445/>**
(or just Google “Practical Cryptographic Systems”)
- **Slides up as we go**
- **Reading assignment today (for Weds)**
Anderson chap 5.7 (Symmetric Crypto)
- **My Office Hours Weds 2:30-3:30pm**
- **TA Office Hours (TBD but soon)**
- **Assignment 1 out today (2:00pm)**

Programming

- The assignments in this class involve writing code
 - We will primarily use Go (with exceptions)
 - It's your responsibility to give us working assignments that build/run
 - Anything other than a working assignment is a failure

Course Guidelines

- Do:
 - Read the news!
Twitter, Slashdot, ArsTechnica, etc.
 - Bring up interesting topics & recent attacks
you'd like to learn more about
- Don't:
 - Cheat***
 - Get me arrested



Readings

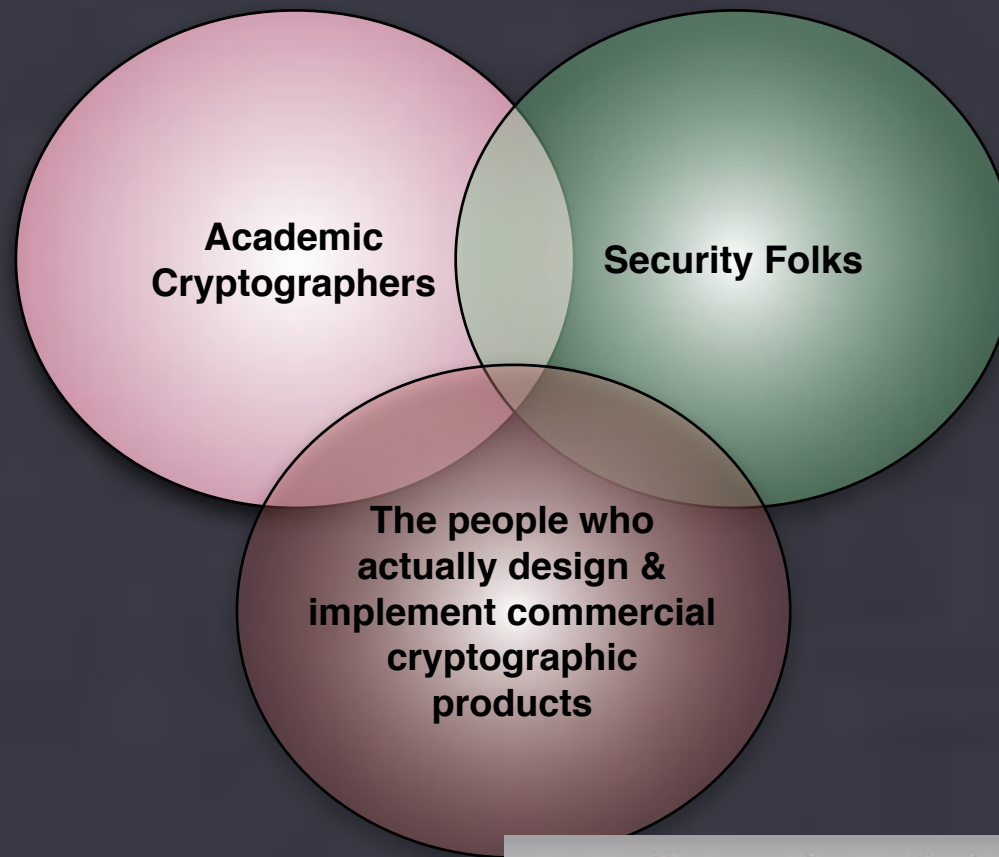
- Assigned each week
 - You must read them, be prepared to discuss in class
 - These will be covered in written assignments on the homework, as well as exams

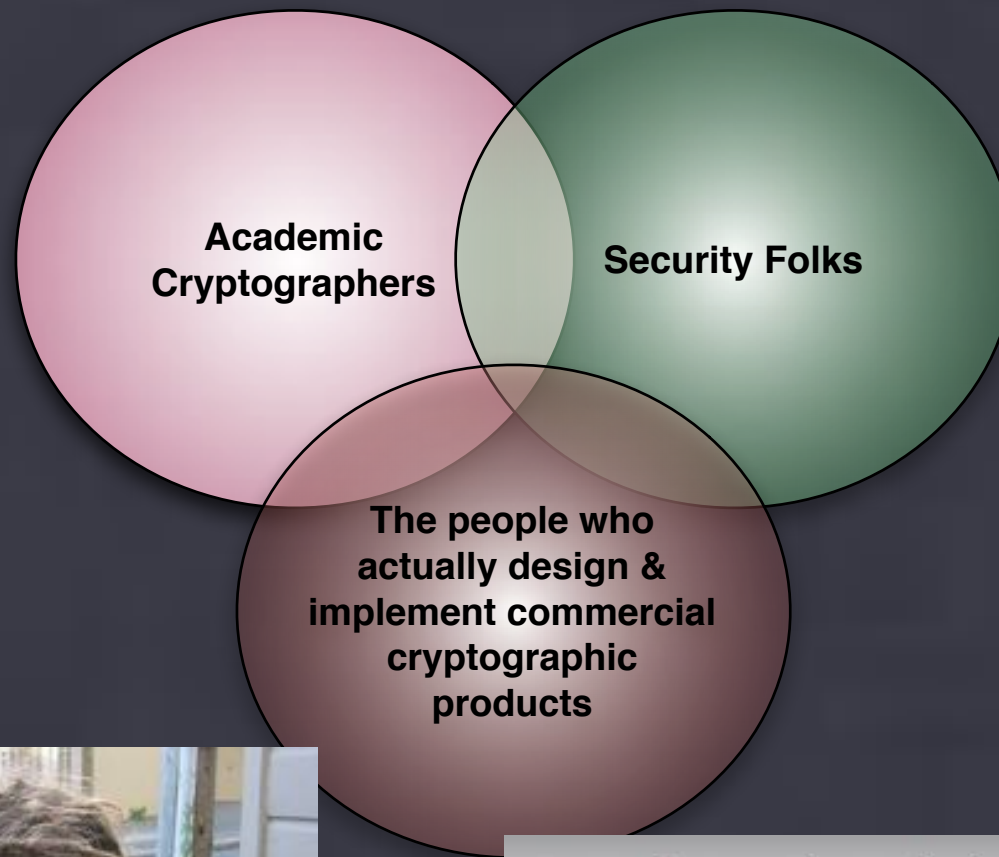
Incidentals

- **Piazza page**
 - **Join it! (piazza.com - JHU - course name)**
- **Travel**
 - **From time to time I might not be here**
 - **Someone else will cover for me**
 - **I'm going to assign reading!**

Today







Security Failure

- **When systems fail:**
 - **Researchers get published**
 - **\$\$\$ lost**
 - **Private information compromised**
 - **People die (?)**





Concept

Primitives

Protocols

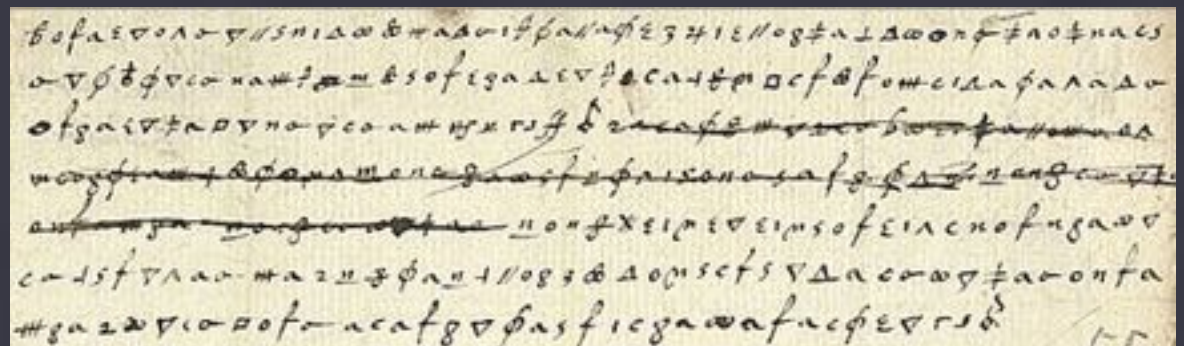
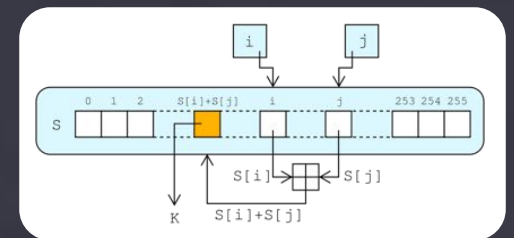
Implementation

Usage

Primitives

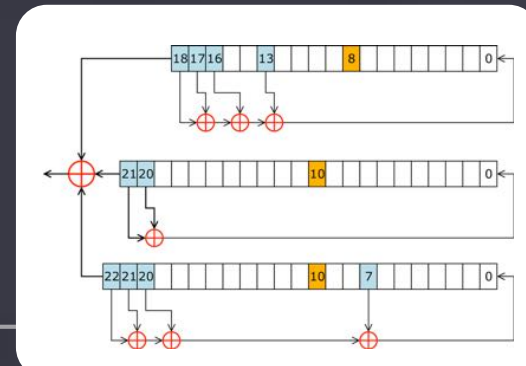
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- Codes, ciphers, encryption schemes, MACs, etc.:
 - Classically, an attack on the “system” meant an attack on the primitive
 - History is littered with broken primitives



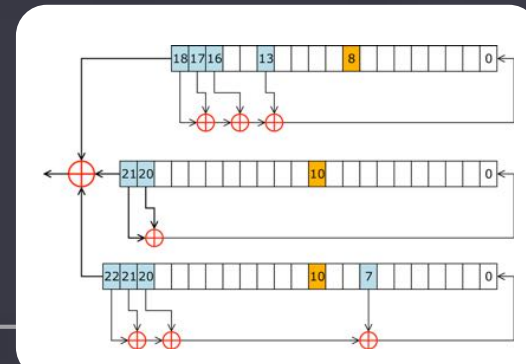
Primitives

- **Practical Example: GSM encryption**
 - A5/0: No encryption
 - A5/1: Based on LFSRs
 - A5/2: Weakened A5/1
 - A5/3 (KASUMI): New for 3G



Primitives

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(and 3G vuln. to protocol attacks)
- Deliberately weak cipher design
 - Cost & politics



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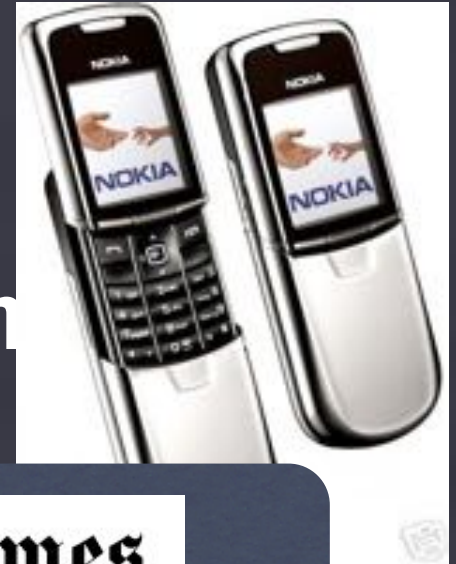
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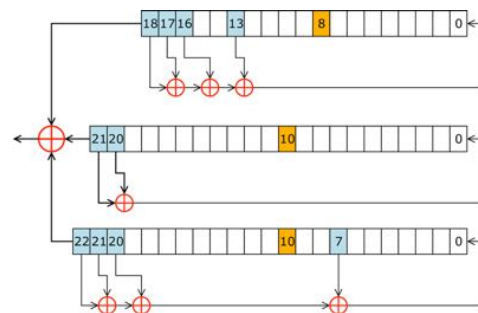


The New York Times

Cellphone Encryption Code Is Divulged

By KEVIN J. O'BRIEN
Published: December 28, 2009

BERLIN — A German computer engineer said Monday that he had deciphered and published the secret code used to encrypt most of the world's digital mobile phone calls, saying it was his attempt to expose weaknesses in the security of global wireless systems.



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threat **post**

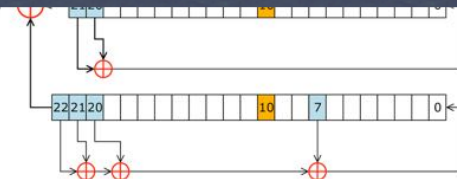
The Kaspersky Lab Security News Service

January 11, 2010, 4:57PM

A Second GSM Cipher Falls

A group of cryptographers has developed a new attack that has broken Kasumi, the encryption algorithm used to secure traffic on 3G GSM wireless networks. The technique enables them to recover a full key by using a tactic known as a related-key attack, but experts say it is not the end of the world for Kasumi.

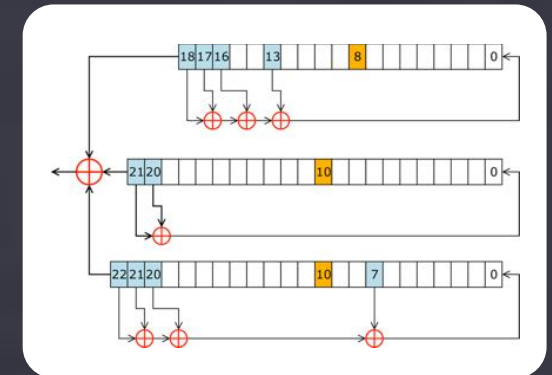
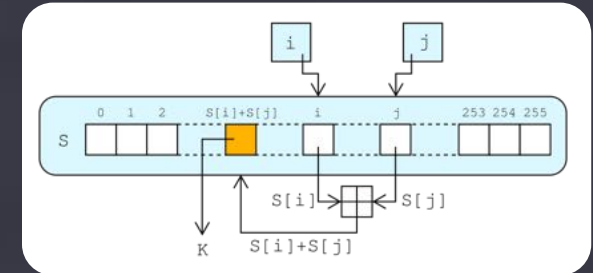
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Primitives

- Typical problems:
 - Using the wrong ones (& homebrew crypto)
 - Or using the right ones... wrong
 - E.g., RC4 in WEP and TLS



Virtual Matrix Encryption (VME) is a data security method and apparatus that provides an exceptional degree of security at low computational cost. The

data security arrangement differs from known data security measures in several fundamental aspects. Most notably, the content of the message is not sent with the encrypted data. Rather, the encrypted data consists of pointers to locations within a virtual matrix, a large (arbitrarily large), continuously-changing array of values.

Primitives

- Sometimes the “right” primitives stop being right...
 - The great Hash Function Adventure of 2000-2017
(MD5 broken, SHA1 broken)

MD5 considered harmful today

Creating a rogue CA certificate

Google Achieves First-Ever Successful SHA-1 Collision Attack

Thursday, February 23, 2017 Swati Khandelwal

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Collision Attack: Two Different Documents, But Same SHA-1 Hash Fingerprint

SHattered

The first concrete collision attack against SHA-1
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 - More recently:

RC4 in TLS is Broken: Now What?

Posted by [Ivan Ristic](#) in [SSL Labs](#) on March 19, 2013 5:32 AM



RC4 has long been considered problematic, but until very recently there was no known way to exploit the weaknesses. After the BEAST attack was disclosed in 2011, we—grudgingly—started using RC4 in order to avoid the vulnerable CBC suites in TLS 1.0 and earlier. This caused the usage of RC4 to increase, and some say that it now accounts for about 50% of all TLS traffic.

Last week, a group of researchers (Nadhem AlFardan, Dan Bernstein, Kenny Paterson, Bertram Poettering and Jacob Schuld)

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NIST looks for defense against code-cracking quantum machines

By Brian Robinson | Dec 22, 2016

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has taken the first steps to tackle the dangers to current data encryption methods posed by quantum computers. While the computers themselves are still some years away from being used to break encryption codes, NIST believes the time needed to develop quantum-resistant encryption is getting short.

NIST issued a formal **call for proposals** for Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization on Dec. 20, focusing on gathering ideas that would lead to a “complete and proper” candidate algorithm for public key standards.

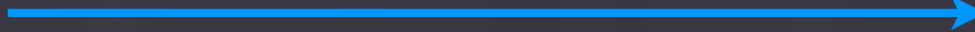
Protocols

Protocols

- **Classical cryptographic protocol:**



Encrypted Message



Attacker



Protocols

- Modern cryptographic protocol:



Key Exchange, Validation,
Signature Delivery, etc.



Attacker

Protocol examples:

- **Vehicle remote control/immobilizer**
 - Only legitimate owner can start the car/
unlock the doors, etc.



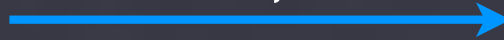
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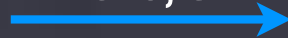
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 - Vulnerable to “replay attack”

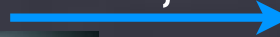


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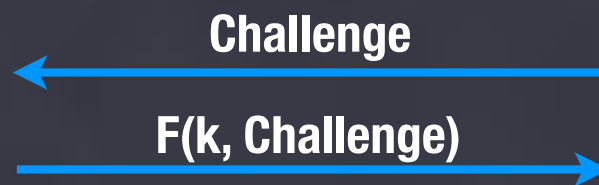
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Protocol examples:

- **Solution: Challenge-Response**
 - “Identification Friend or Foe”
 - Key is never broadcast over the air



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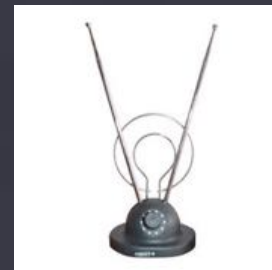
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MITM

- **Man in the Middle Attack**
 - Route communications between car & keyfob
 - Don't have to break the protocol --- just abuse it



(SN, k)



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MITM

- Not just theoretical...
 - Anderson [Chap 2]
 - Military radars use a similar technique to identify friendly aircraft
 - How do we fix this?



S.A. Plane

Challenge
MAC(k, Challenge)



S.A. Radar

Challenge
MAC(k, Challenge)



Cuban Attacker

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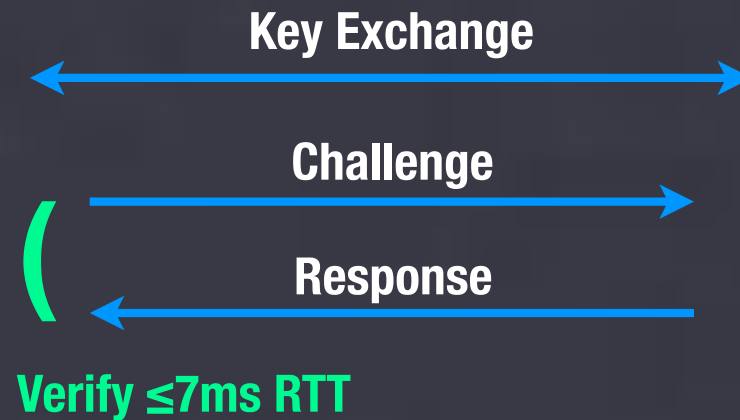


Round Trip Timing

- The case of DTCP-IP
 - Content transport protocol
 - Concern: prevent user from sharing content over the Internet
 - Ensure that Sink is within 7ms of Source



Source



Sink