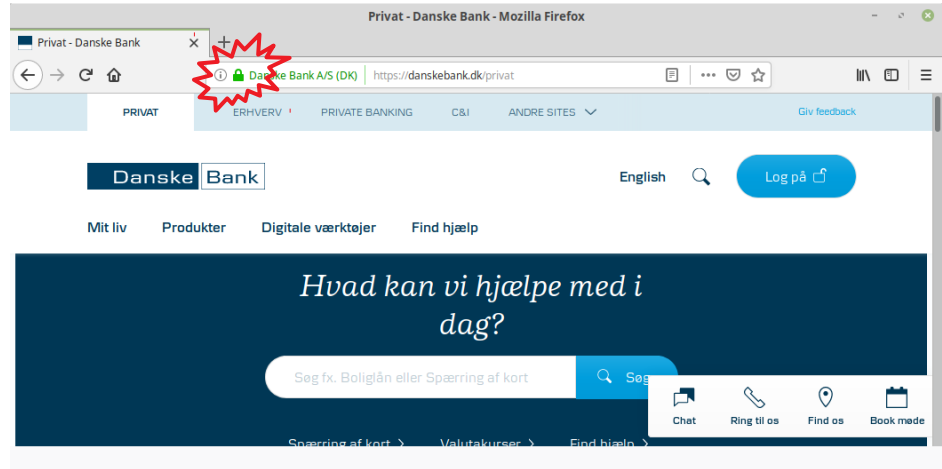




Security in computer networks

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Our goal: Secure communication



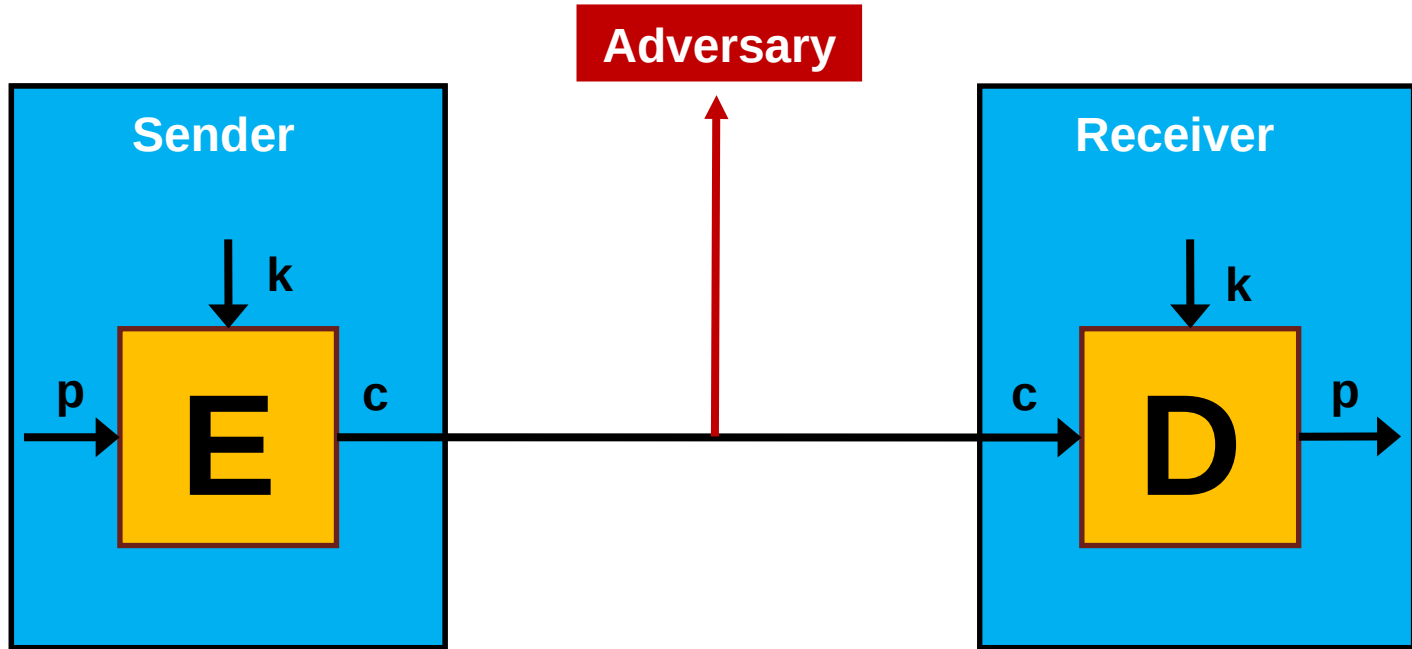


Agenda

Today: Crypto building blocks

Next time: Crypto protocols

Cryptosystems



Kerckhoffs' principle

"Il faut qu'il n'exige pas le secret, et qu'il puisse sans inconvénient tomber entre les mains de l'ennemi"

The method must not need to be kept secret, and having it fall into the enemy's hands should not cause problems"

Or, the security of a cryptographic algorithm must rest solely in the secrecy of its **key**, not in the secrecy of the algorithm itself

Collaries:

- Assume attacker knows the algorithm
- Make it available for public analysis
- Protect the key!



Auguste
Kerckhoffs
(1835 - 1903)



Security goals

Confidentiality – prevent eavesdropping

Integrity – prevent modifications

Authentication – prevent impersonation



Goal #1: Confidentiality



Symmetric cryptosystems



Symmetric cryptosystems

Stream ciphers

One time pad

If k random, $|k| \geq |p|$, never reused, and kept secret, then it is impossible to decrypt or break without knowing the key (Shannon, 1949)

Key:

0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
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Plaintext:

1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
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Ciphertext:

1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
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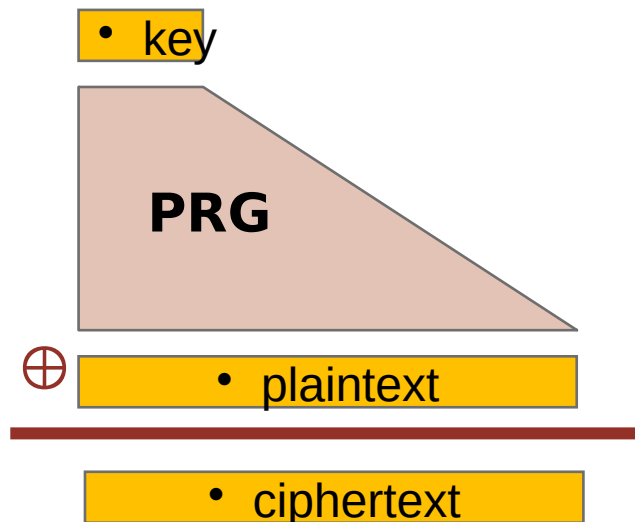
Towards modern stream ciphers

Problem

OTP key as long as plaintext

Solution

Generate pseudo random keystream





1st rule of stream ciphers

Never reuse key

$$C_1 \leftarrow P_1 \oplus \text{PRG}(k)$$

$$C_2 \leftarrow P_2 \oplus \text{PRG}(k)$$

$$C_1 \oplus C_2 \rightarrow P_1 \oplus P_2$$

$$P_1 \oplus P_2 \rightarrow P_1, P_2$$



Solution: Initialisation Vector (IV)

For each message

- Generate IV

- Mix k with IV

- Generate keystream $\text{PRG}(k + \text{IV})$ and encrypt

- Send c and IV (in plaintext)

Change k before IVs run out

Stream ciphers in the wild



https://

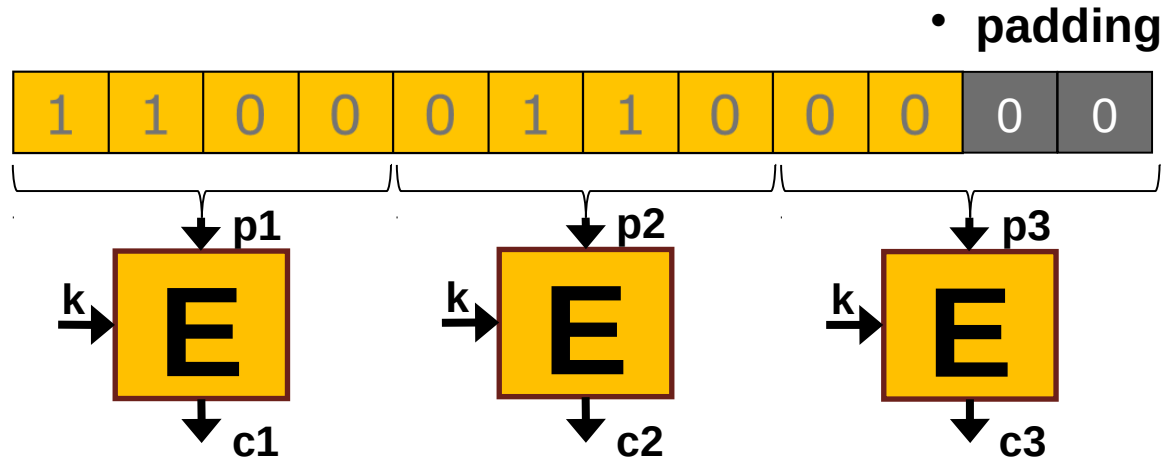




Block ciphers

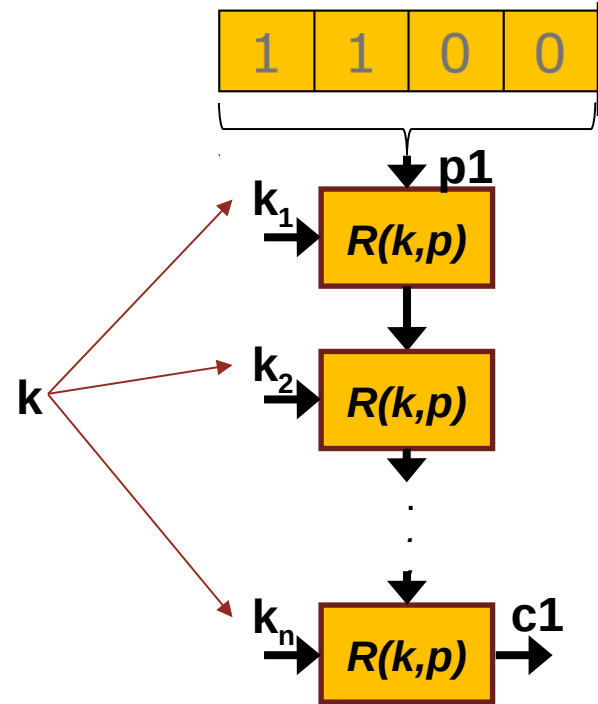
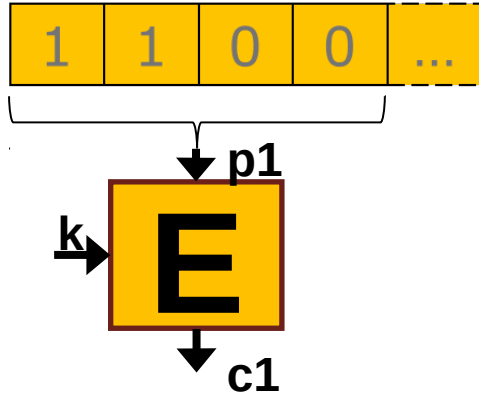
Block ciphers

One block at a time – as opposed to one bit at a time



One block at a time

Blocks, rounds function, key schedule, iterations





DES, AES

DES

Key 64, block 64, rounds 16

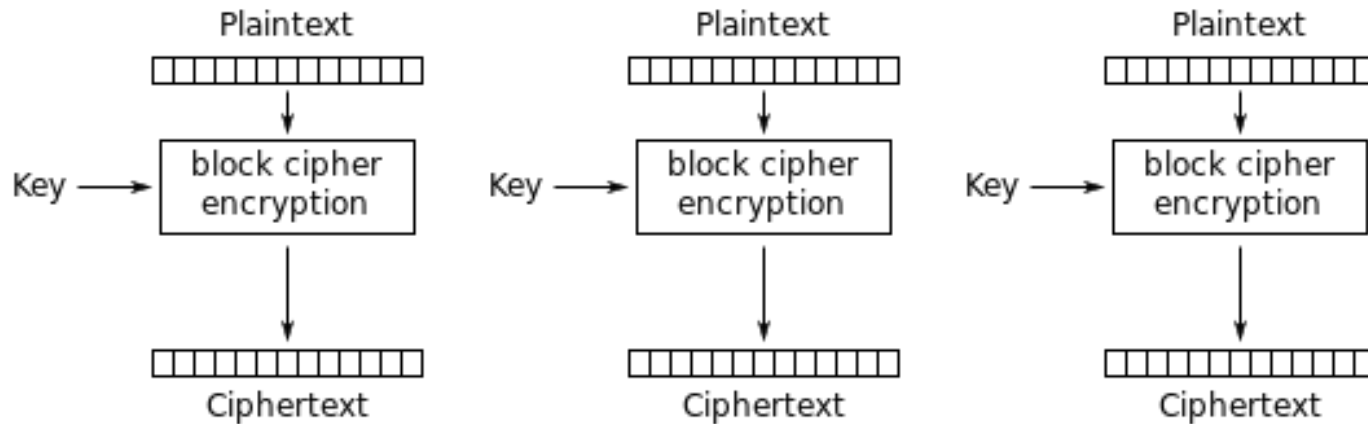
AES

Keys 128/192/256, block 128, rounds 10/12/14



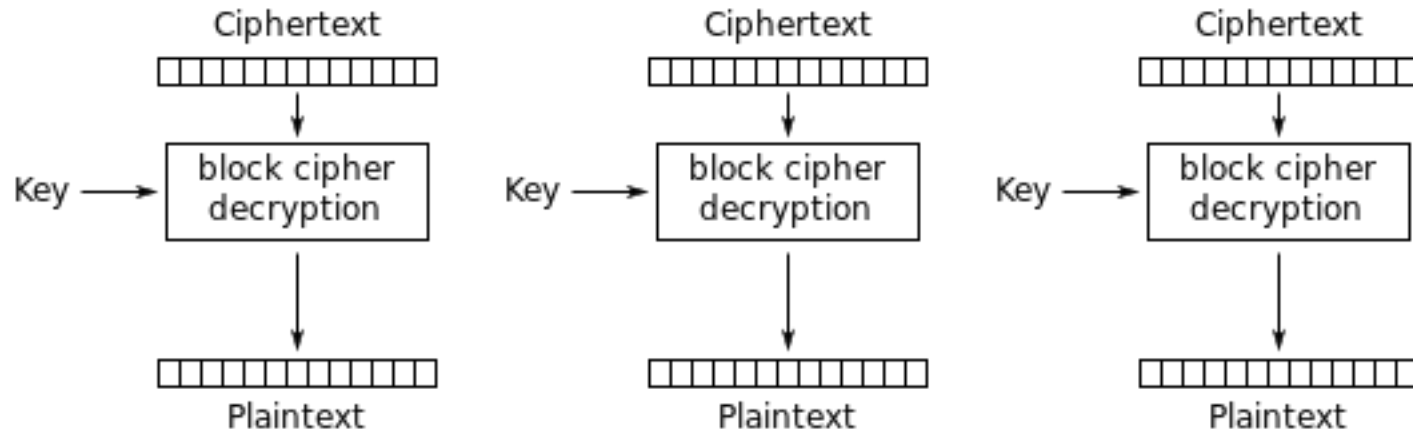
Modes of operation

Electronic Codebook (ECB)



Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode encryption

ECB decryption



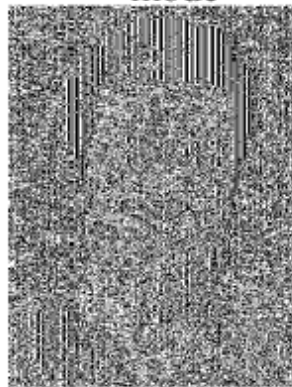
Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode decryption

If $p1 = p2$, then $c1 = c2$

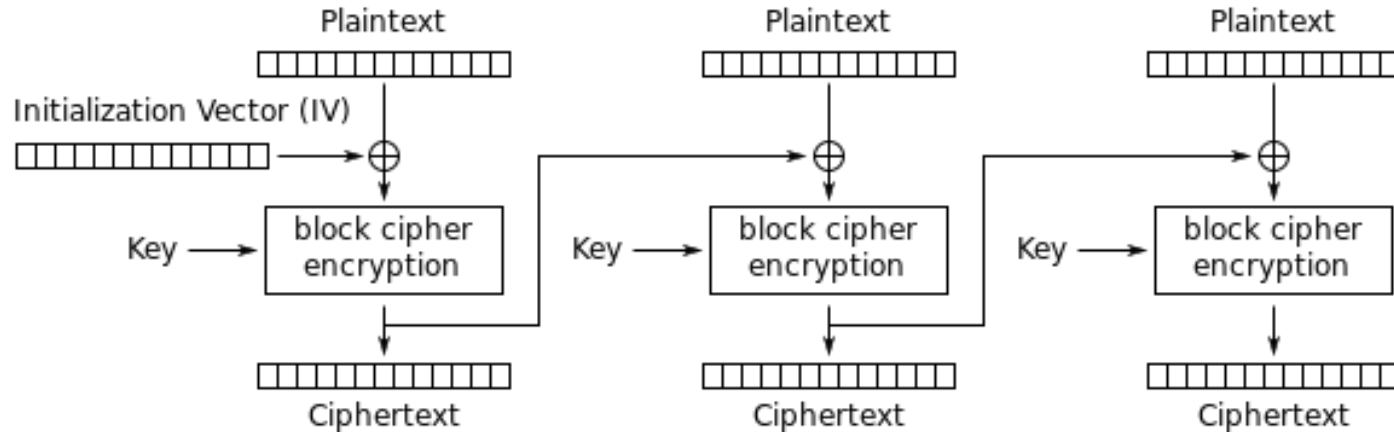
An example plaintext



Encrypted with AES in ECB
mode

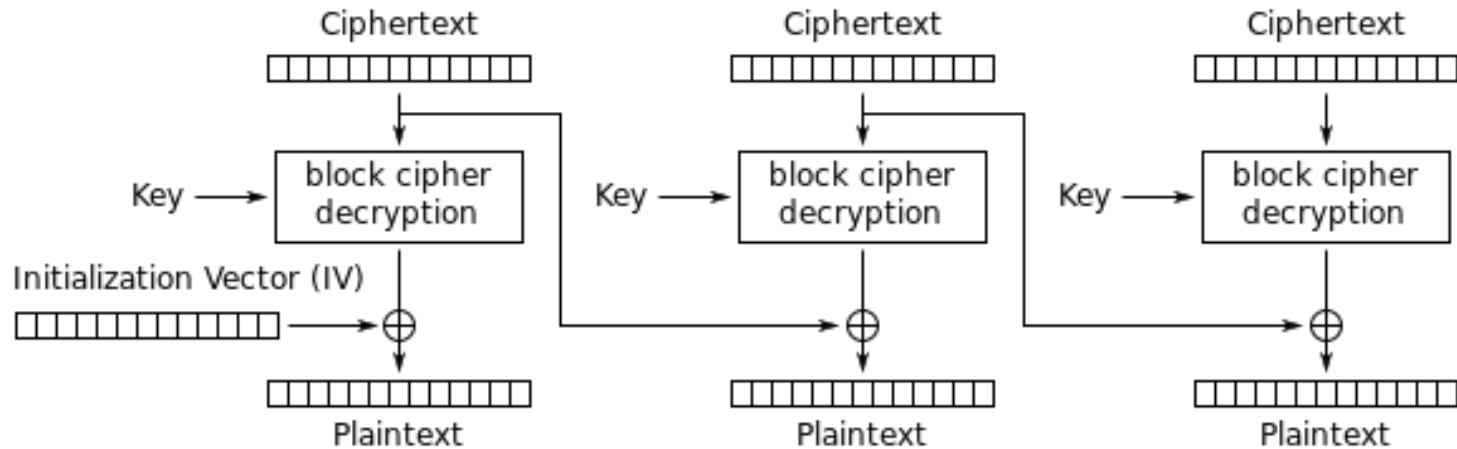


Cipher Block Chaining



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode encryption

CBC decryption



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode decryption

Better

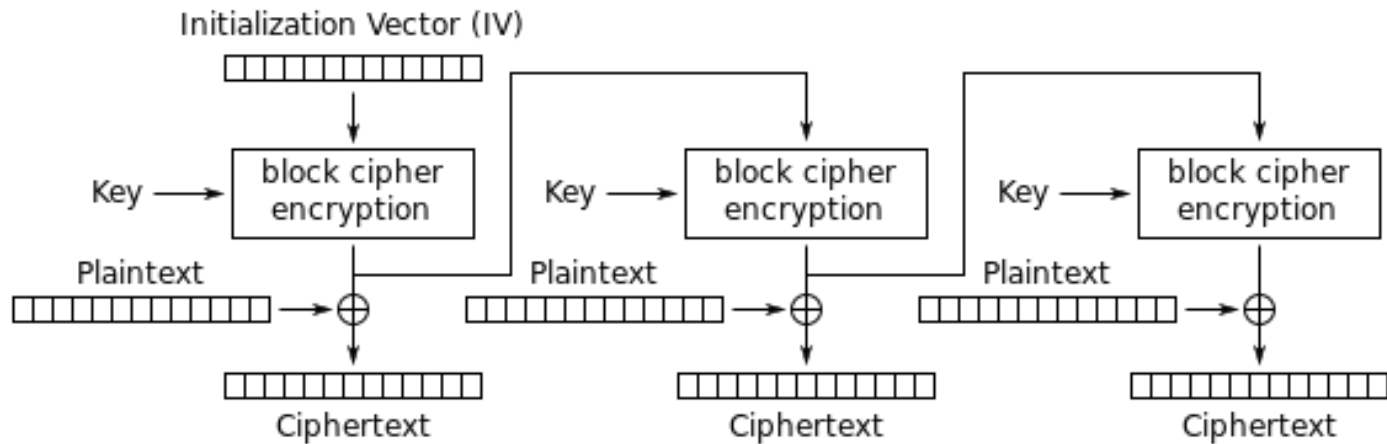
An example plaintext



Encrypted with AES in CBC
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Output Feedback



Output Feedback (OFB) mode encryption



Security goals revisited

“Susceptibility to malicious insertions and modifications. Because each symbol is separately enciphered, an active interceptor who has broken the code can splice together pieces of previous messages and transmit a spurious new message that may look authentic.” - Phleeger & Phleeger in Security in Computing, Pearson, 2003

Is this a disadvantage of stream cipher? Why, why not?

Security goal of encryption: Confidentiality



Status

Confidentiality: Check!

Integrity: Missing



Message authentication code (MAC)



Message authentication code

Goal: Provide integrity

Process

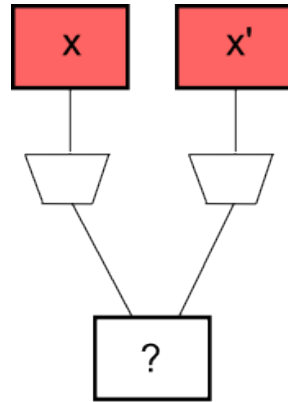
Choose a cryptographic hash function $h : \{0,1\}^x \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$

Sender: Send $h(m), m$

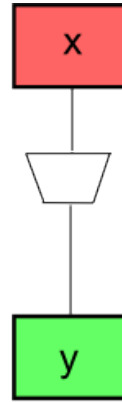
Receiver: Calculate $h(m)$ and verify it matches $h(m)$

Examples MD5 ($n = 128$), SHA-256 ($n = 256$)

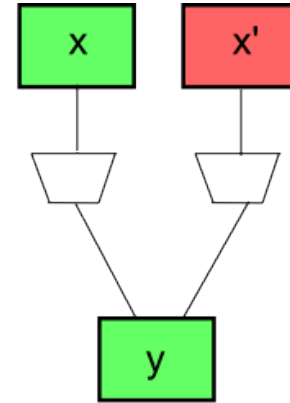
Cryptographic hash functions



Finding
Collision



Finding
Inversion



Finding
2nd Pre-image



Hash-based MAC (HMAC)

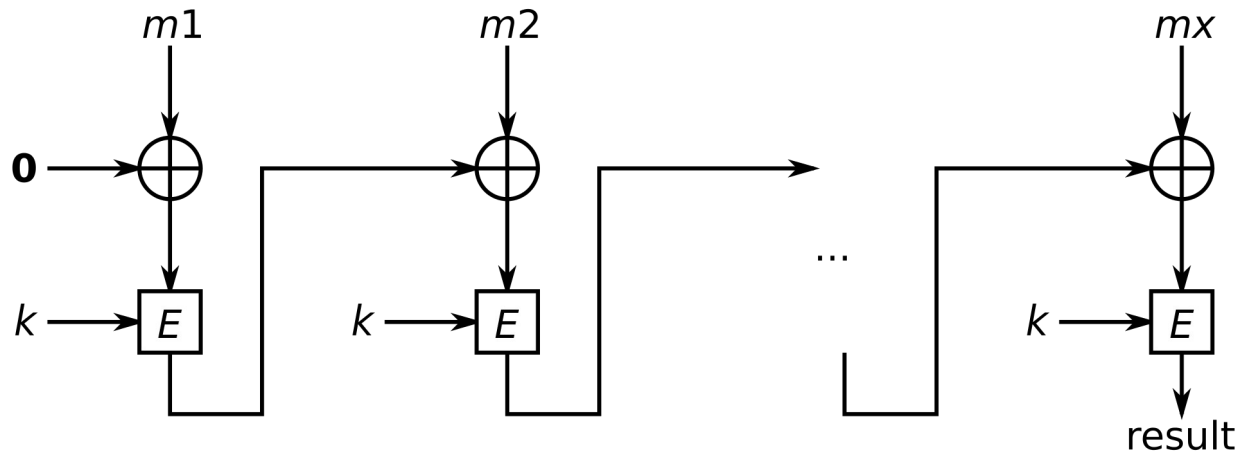
RFC2104: Hash-based MAC

$\text{HMAC}(h,k,m) =$

$$h((k \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel h((k \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel m))$$

HMAC provides integrity and authenticity

CBC-MAC





Car keys

Your car key sends the code for "open the door", together with a MAC, to the car whenever you press the button.

What could go wrong?

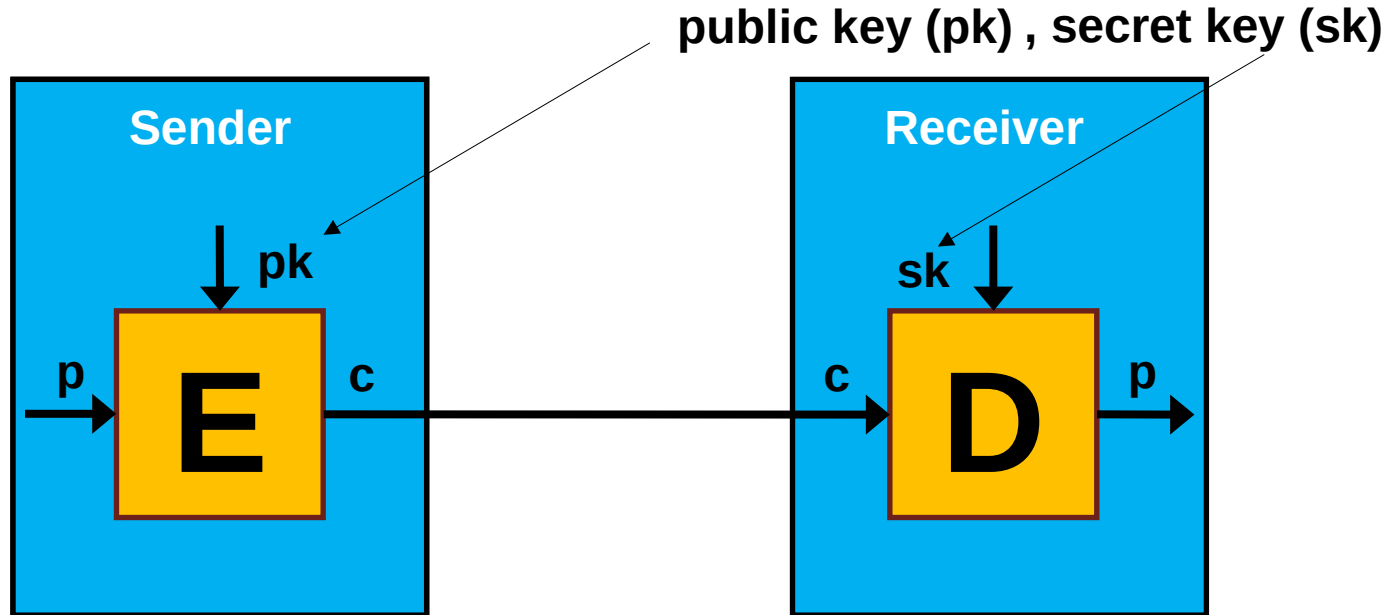
Replay attack: attacker records message and replays it later

We need some freshness: a timestamp or nonce



Public-key cryptography

Or, asymmetric encryption



Analogy: Combination locks

Bob sends out locks with combination he only knows

Alice picks one of Bob's locks, places her message in a box and locks it with Bob's lock

Bob is the only one who can open the box now





No pre-shared key!

Bob

Publish public key, protect private key

Alice

Encrypt message with Bob's public key

Bob

Decrypts with his private key



Rivest Shamir Adleman (RSA), 1978

Key generation

Encryption

Decryption



RSA key generation

Choose two large prime numbers p, q

Compute $n = pq$, $z = (p-1)(q-1)$

Choose e (with $e < n$) that has no common factors with z

Choose d such that $ed \bmod z = 1$

Public key is (n, e) . Private key is (n, d) .



RSA encryption and decryption

Public key (n,e) , private key (d)

Encryption

Transform M to m in $\{0,n-1\}$

Compute $c = m^e \pmod{n}$

Decryption

Compute $m = c^d \pmod{n}$

Reverse transformation to get M

RSA example

Alice chooses $p=5$, $q=7$. Then $n=35$, $z=24$.

Sets $e=5$ (so e , z relatively prime).

And $d=29$ (so $ed-1$ exactly divisible by z).

encrypt:	\underbrace{m}_{12}	$\underbrace{m^e}_{24832}$	$\underbrace{c = m^e \bmod n}_{17}$
decrypt:	\underbrace{c}_{17}	$\underbrace{c^d}_{481968572106750915091411825223071697}$	$\underbrace{m = c^d \bmod n}_{12}$



RSA security

The RSA problem: Find the e th root of $m^e \bmod n$

Most promising method, integer factorisation:

Given $N = pq$, p, q prime, factor n

Then, from public e , re-generate d

Integer factorisation is a “hard” problem

No polynomial-time algorithm found, non-existence not proved either

Largest number factored: 768 bits long (RSA-768, 2010) \Rightarrow Choose $n > 2048$ bits



RSA in practice

Hybrid cryptography

Use public-key encryption to encrypt and exchange symmetric keys

Use symmetric encryption for bulk encryption



Reverse = digital signature

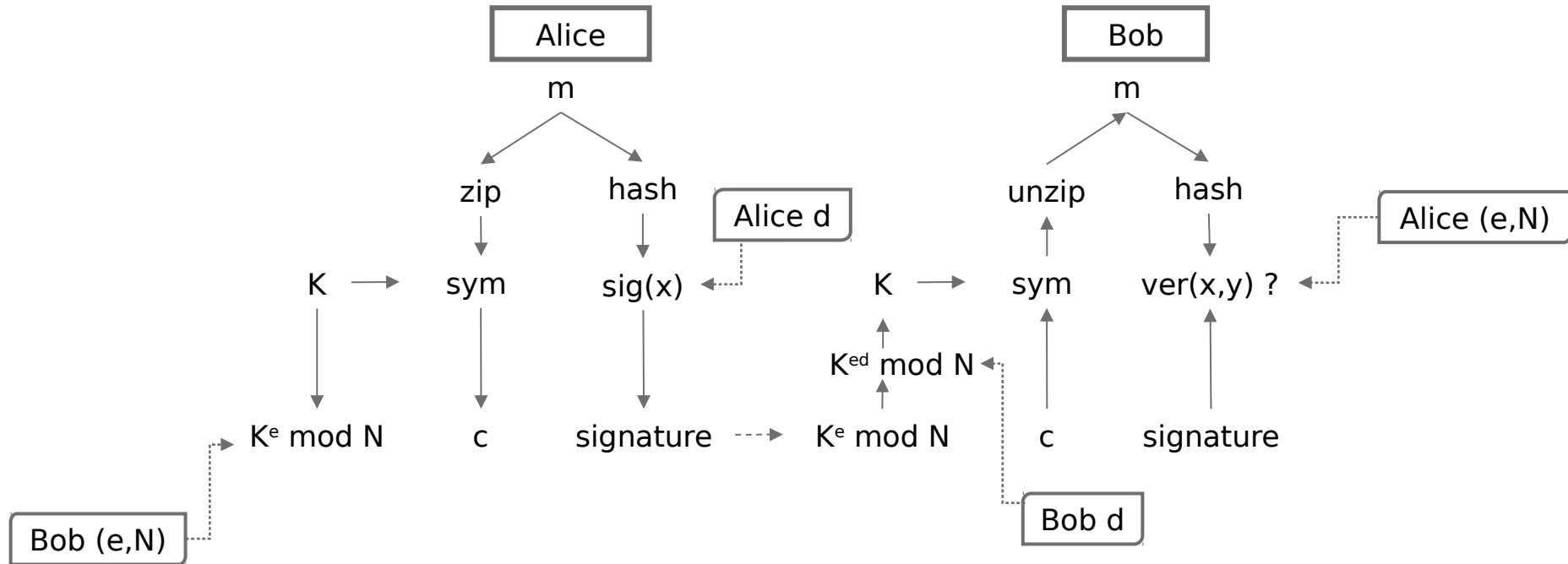
Public key (n,e) , private key (d)

Signature: $\text{sig}(m) = m^d \pmod{n}$

Verify: $\text{ver}(m, \text{sig}(m)) = \text{true}$ iff $m = (m^d)^e \pmod{n}$

Remember $h(m)$

Putting it all together





**Next time, real-world crypto
protocols**



Key management

Many keys to protect

Master key

Session key

Signature key

Data encryption key

Key encryption key

...





Protect during entire lifecycle

Generation

Exchange

Storage/backup

Use

Expiration

Revocation

Destruction



Key exchange options include

Pre-distribution

Generated and distributed “ahead of time” e.g. physically

Distribution

Generated by a trusted third party (TTP) and sent to all parties

Agreement

Generated by all parties working together

Asymmetric

Is e really yours?



Is e really yours?



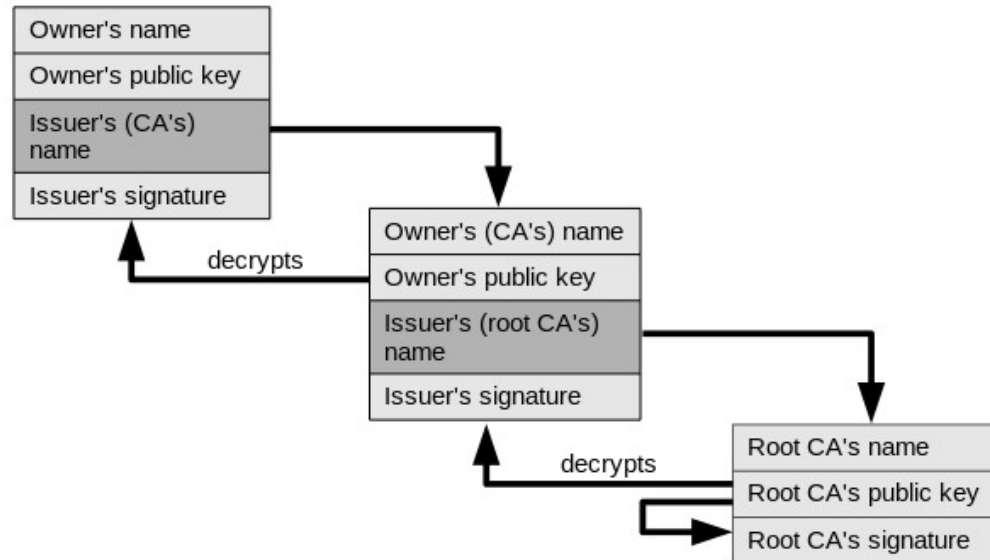
Public-key infrastructure (PKI)

A system for the creation, storage, and distribution of **digital certificates** which are used to verify that a particular public key belongs to a certain entity

X.509 format for certificates include:

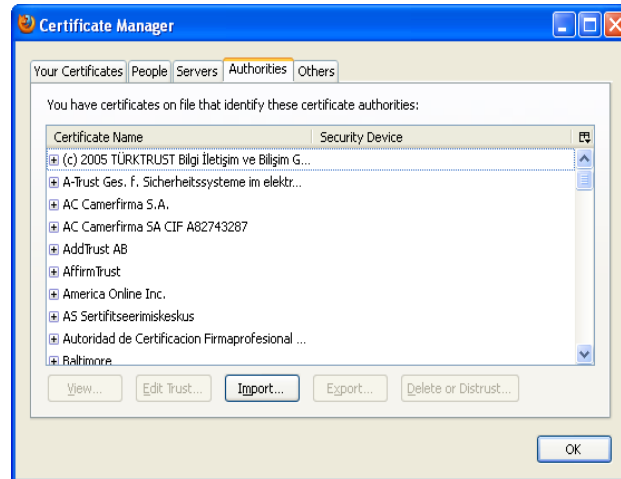
- Serial number – unique identification of certificate
- Valid-From/To – lifespan of the certificate
- Subject – the entity/person/machine/etc. identified
- Public key – the entity's public key
- Signature – the actual signature of the issuer

Chain of trust



Trust in browsers

Browsers come pre-configured with a set of root CAs. Do you trust all these CAs (to authenticate properly, to avoid/inform of breaches)?





Wrap-up



Security goals achieved

Confidentiality

Integrity

Authentication

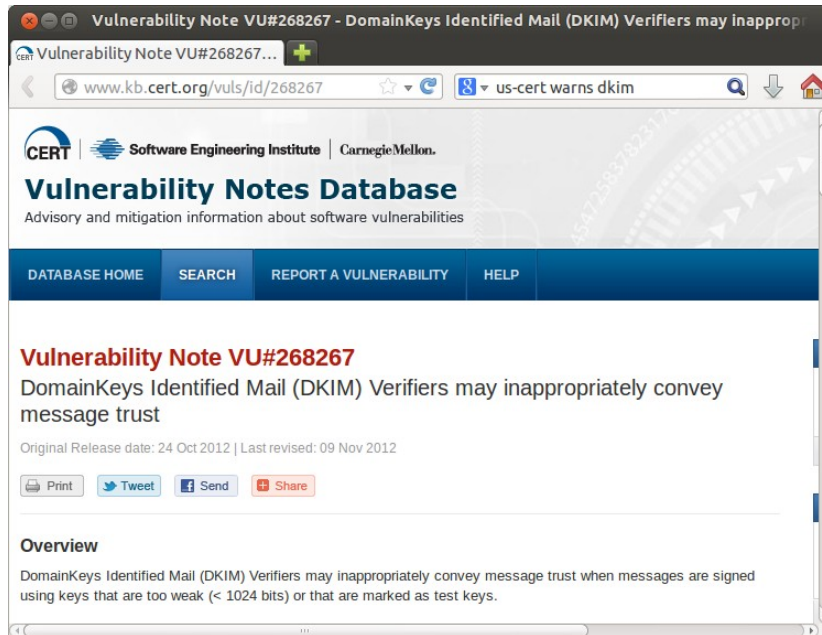
Non-repudiation

CHECK!



But crypto can still fail

Small keys fail



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Vulnerability Note VU#268267 - DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) Verifiers may inappropriately convey message trust". The address bar shows the URL "www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/268267". The page header includes the CERT logo and the text "Software Engineering Institute | Carnegie Mellon". The main heading is "Vulnerability Notes Database" with the subtitle "Advisory and mitigation information about software vulnerabilities". A navigation bar contains links for "DATABASE HOME", "SEARCH", "REPORT A VULNERABILITY", and "HELP". The main content area features the title "Vulnerability Note VU#268267" in red, followed by the subtitle "DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) Verifiers may inappropriately convey message trust". Below this, it states "Original Release date: 24 Oct 2012 | Last revised: 09 Nov 2012". There are buttons for "Print", "Tweet", "Send", and "Share". The "Overview" section begins with the text: "DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) Verifiers may inappropriately convey message trust when messages are signed using keys that are too weak (< 1024 bits) or that are marked as test keys."

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Collision fail



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Impressive fail

New attack steals e-mail decryption keys by capturing computer sounds

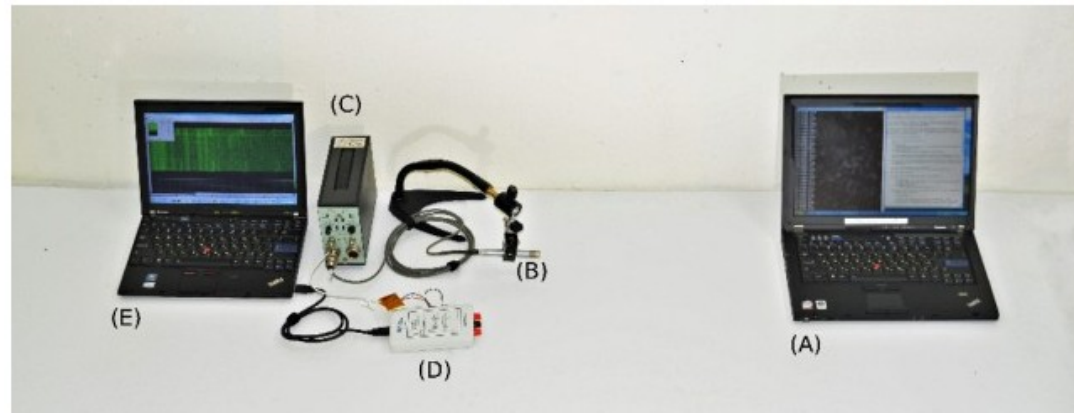
Scientists use smartphone to extract secret key of nearby PC running PGP app.

by Dan Goodin - Dec 18, 2013 11:25 pm UTC

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Bad choice fail

IRS Encourages Poor Cryptography

Buried in one of the [documents](#) are the [rules for encryption](#):

While performing AES encryption, there are several settings and options depending on the tool used to perform encryption. IRS recommended settings should be used to maintain compatibility:

- Cipher Mode: ECB (Electronic Code Book).
- Salt: No salt value
- Initialization Vector: No Initialization Vector (IV). If an IV is present, set to all zeros to avoid affecting the encryption.
- Key Size: 256 bits / 32 bytes Key size should be verified and moving the key across operating systems can affect the key size.
- Encoding: There can be no special encoding. The file will contain only the raw encrypted bytes.
- Padding: PKCS#7 or PKCS#5.

ECB? Are they [serious](#)?

DIY fail



Smart grid security WORSE than we thought

OSGP's DIY MAC is a JOKE



Backdoor fail

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NIST finally dumps NSA-tainted random number algorithm

Summary: *Many years since a backdoor was discovered, probably planted by the NSA, public pressure finally forces NIST to formally remove Dual_EC_DRBG from their recommendations.*



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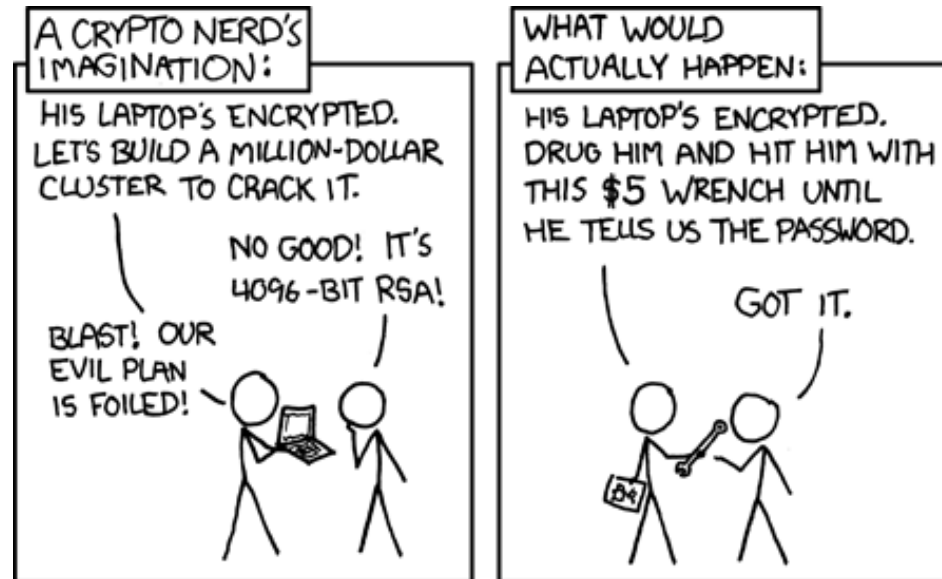
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