Security in computer networks

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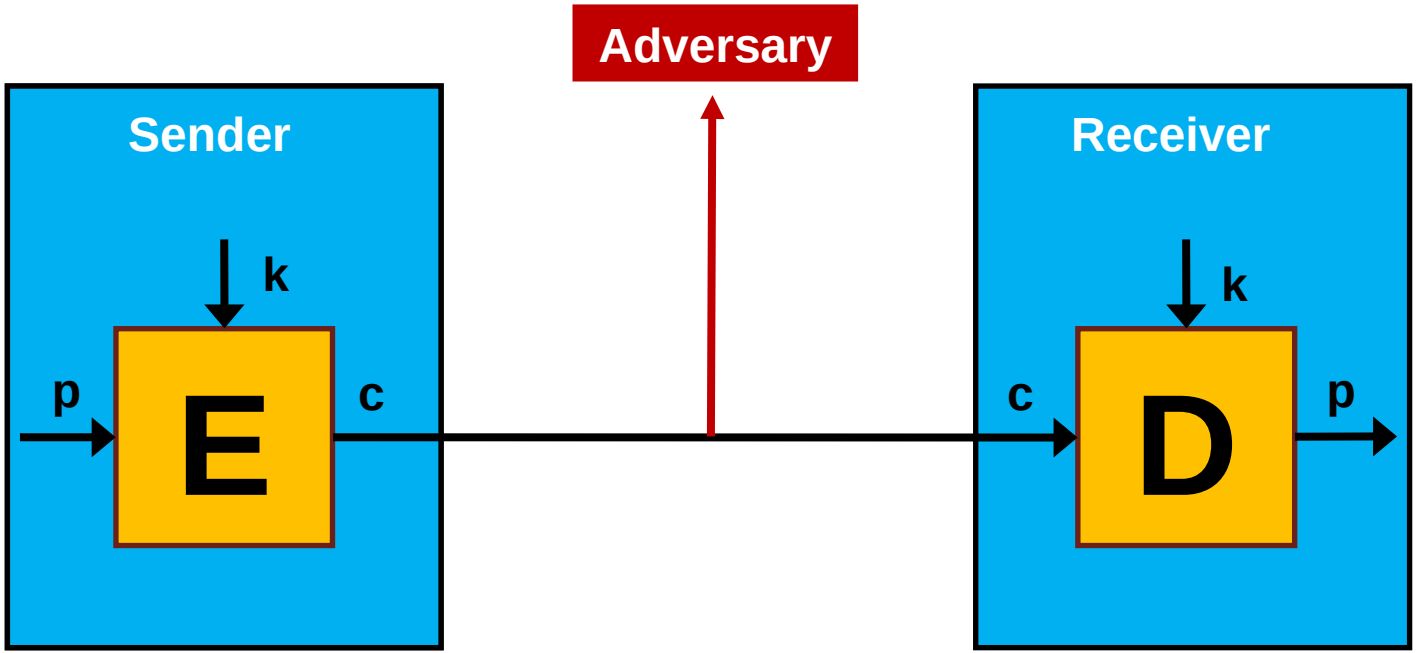
Our goal: Secure communication

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

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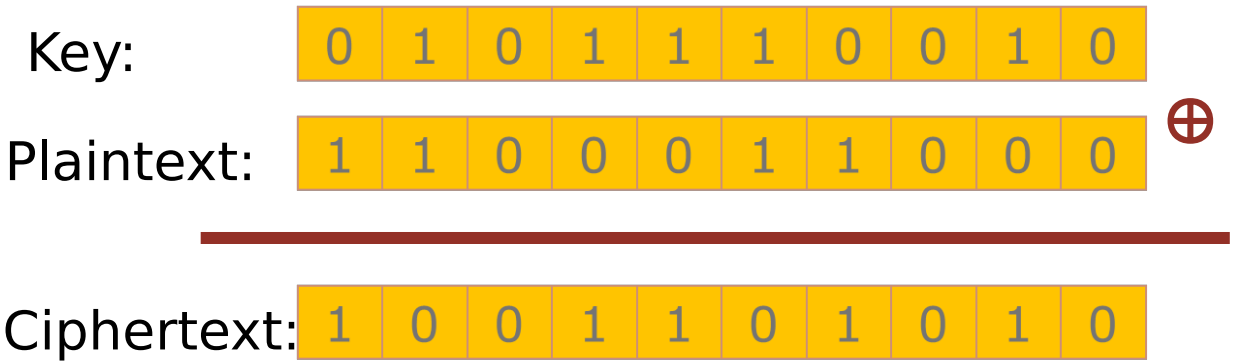
Stream ciphers

One time pad

If *k* random, |*k*| >= |*p*|, never reused, and kept secret, then then impossible to decrypt or break without knowing the key (Shannon, 1949)



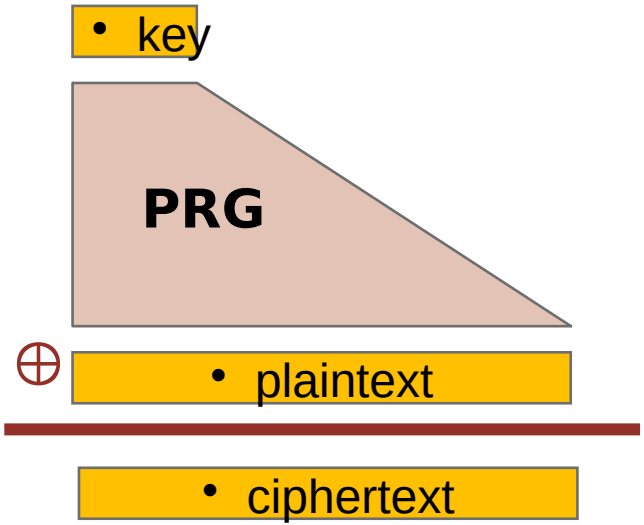
Towards modern stream ciphers

Problem

OTP key as long as plaintext

Solution

Generate pseudo random keystream



1st rule of stream ciphers

Never reuse key

$$C_1 \leftarrow P_1 \oplus PRG(k)$$

$$C_2 \leftarrow P_2 \oplus PRG(k)$$

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

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

Solution: Initialisation Vector (IV)

For each message

- Generate IV
- Mix k with IV
- Generate keystream PRG(k+IV) and encrypt
- Send c and IV (in plaintext)

Change k before IVs run out

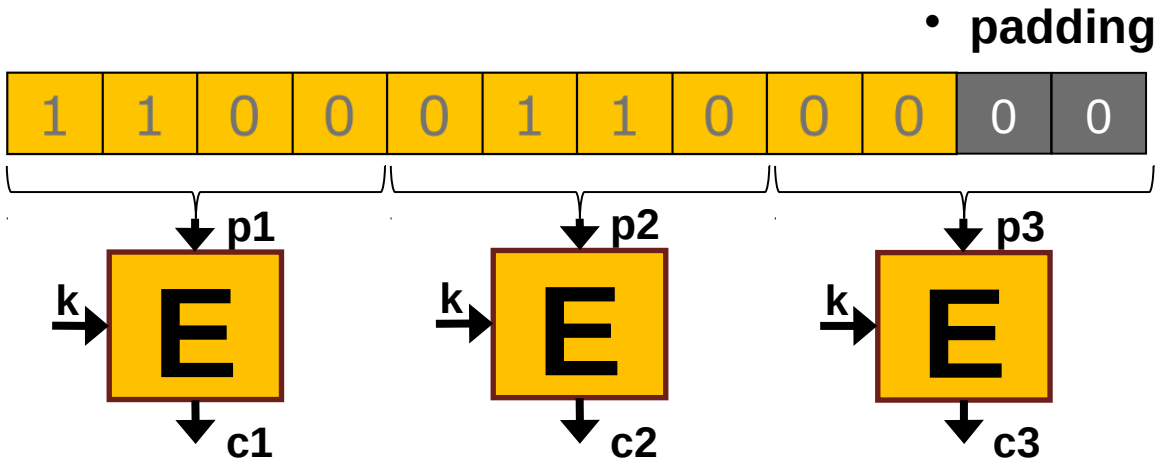
Stream ciphers in the wild

https://

Block ciphers

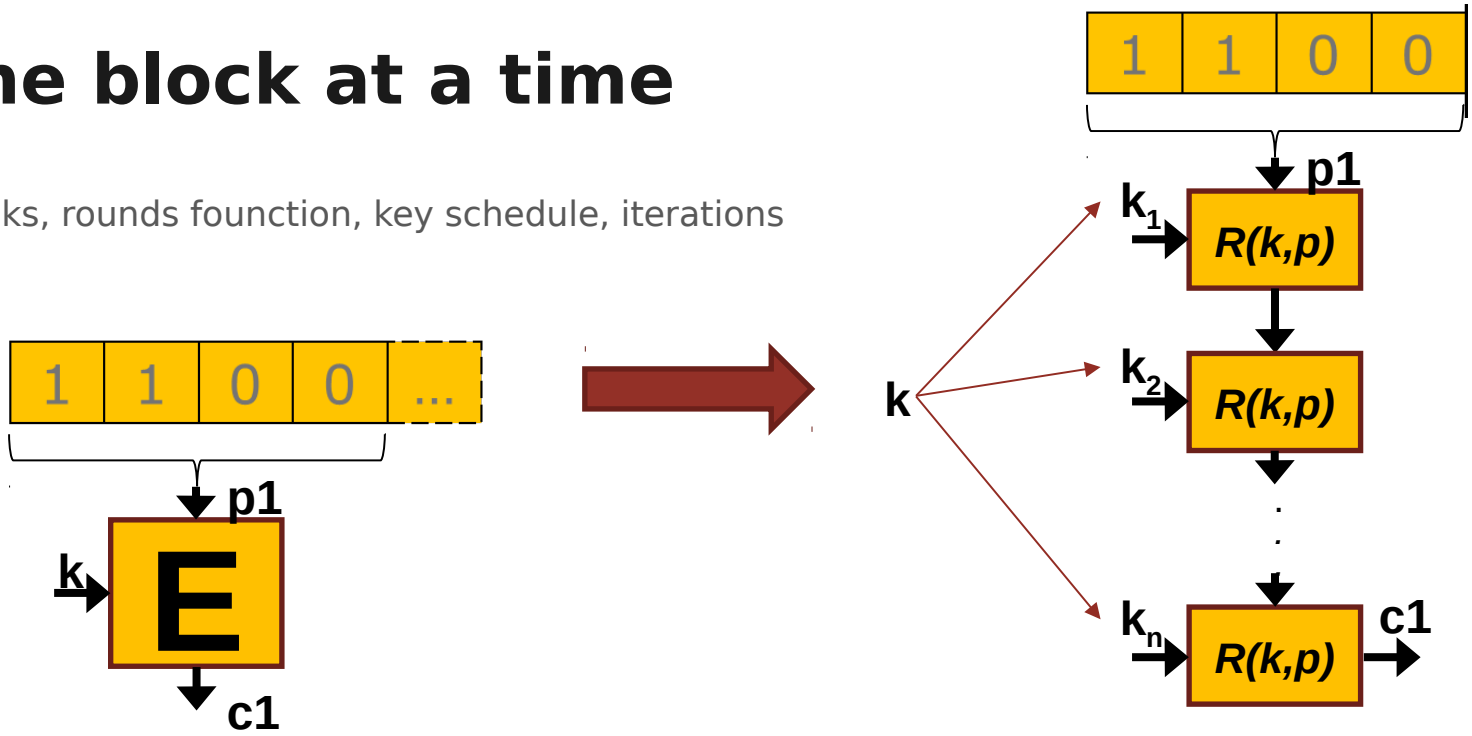
Block ciphers

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



One block at a time

Blocks, rounds founction, key schedule, iterations



DES, AES

DES

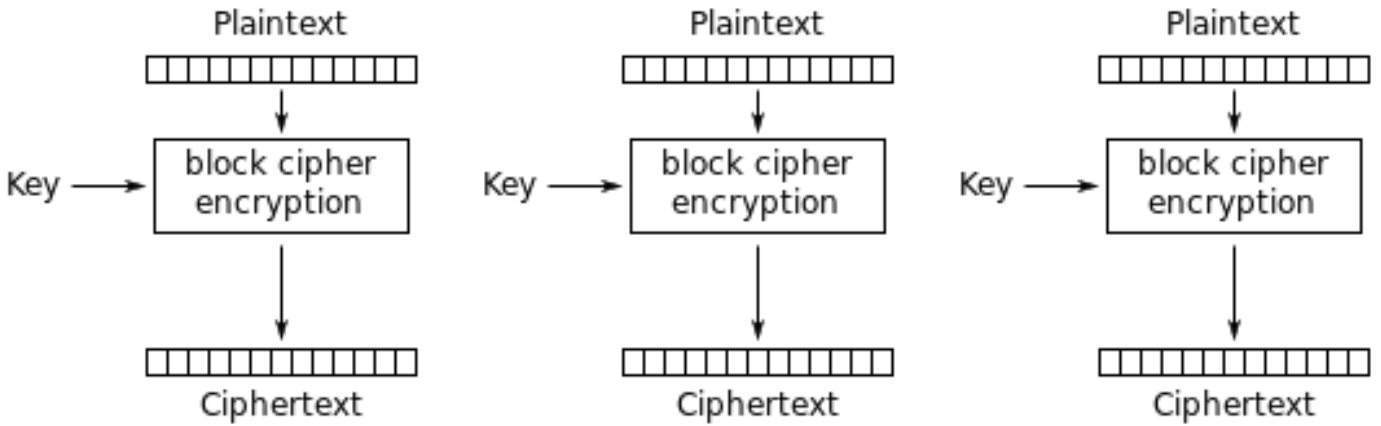
Key 64, block 64, rounds 16

AES

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

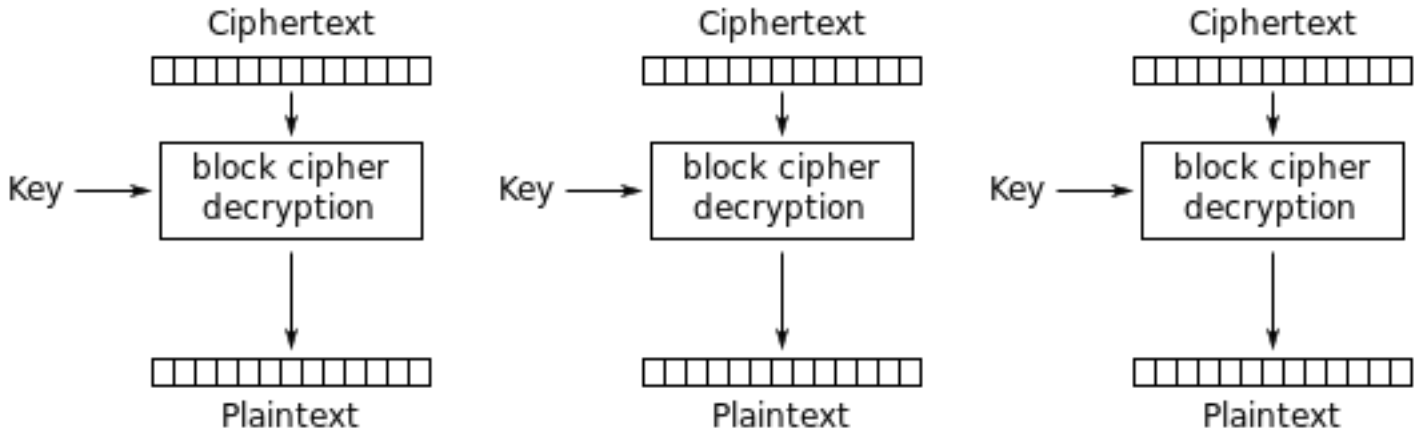
Modes of operation

Electronic Codebook (ECB)



Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode encryption

ECB decyption

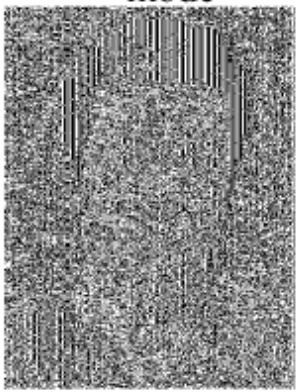


Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode decryption

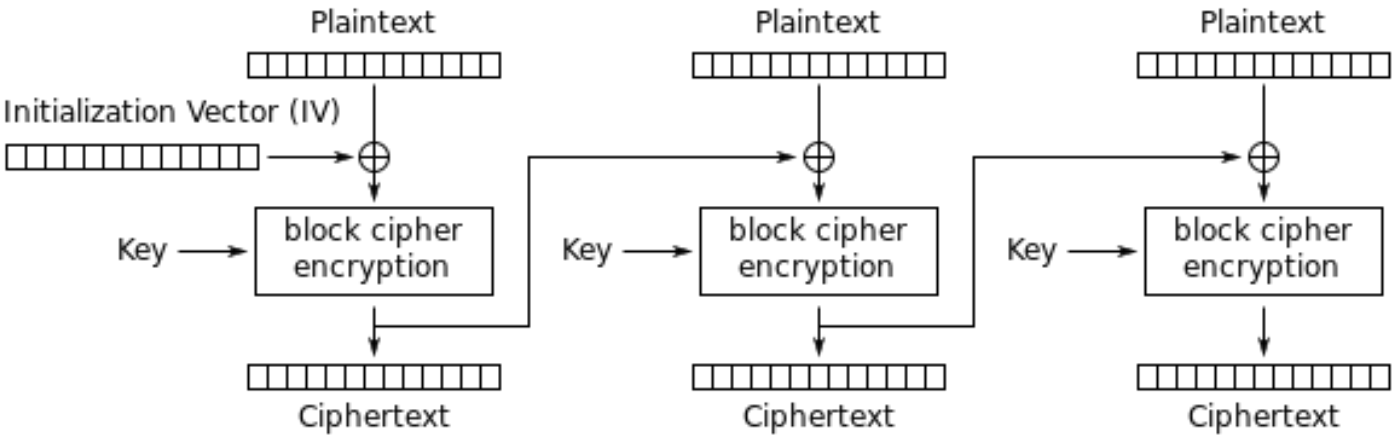
If p1 = p2, then c1 = c2

An example plaintext

Encrypted with AES in ECB mode

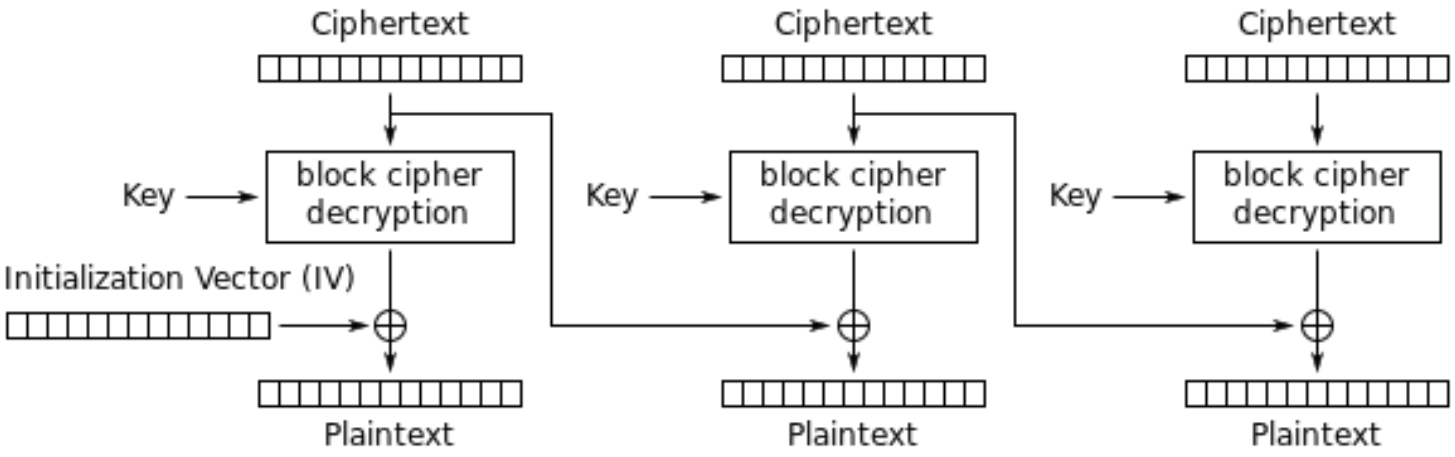


Cipher Block Chaining



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode encryption

CBC decryption

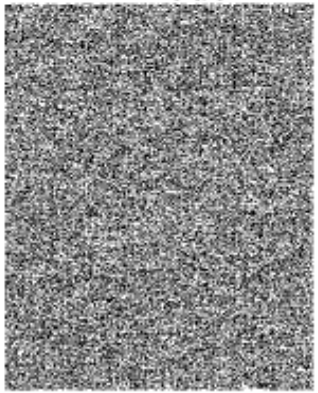


Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode decryption

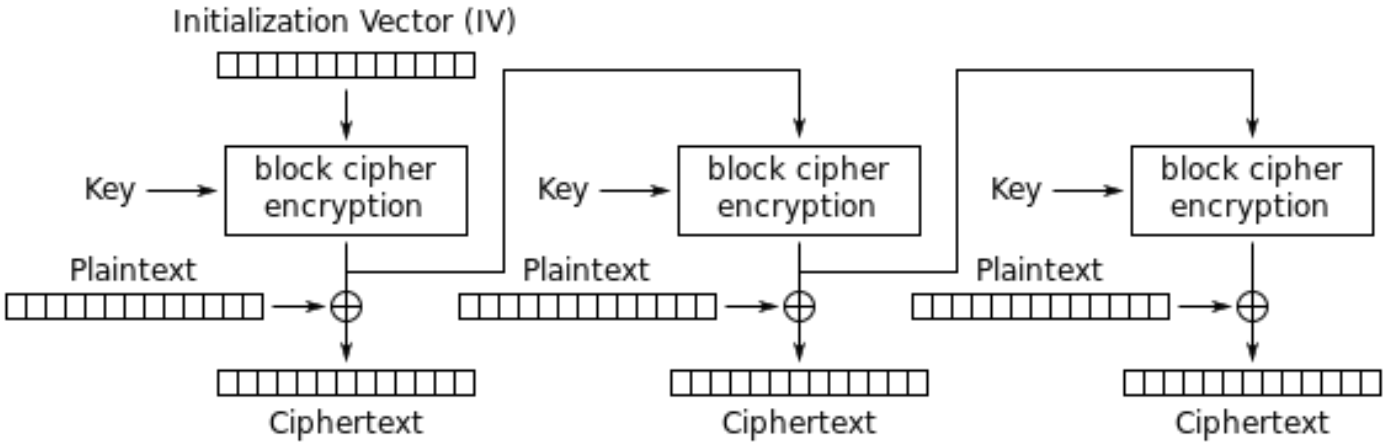
Better

An example plaintext

Encrypted with AES in CBC mode



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

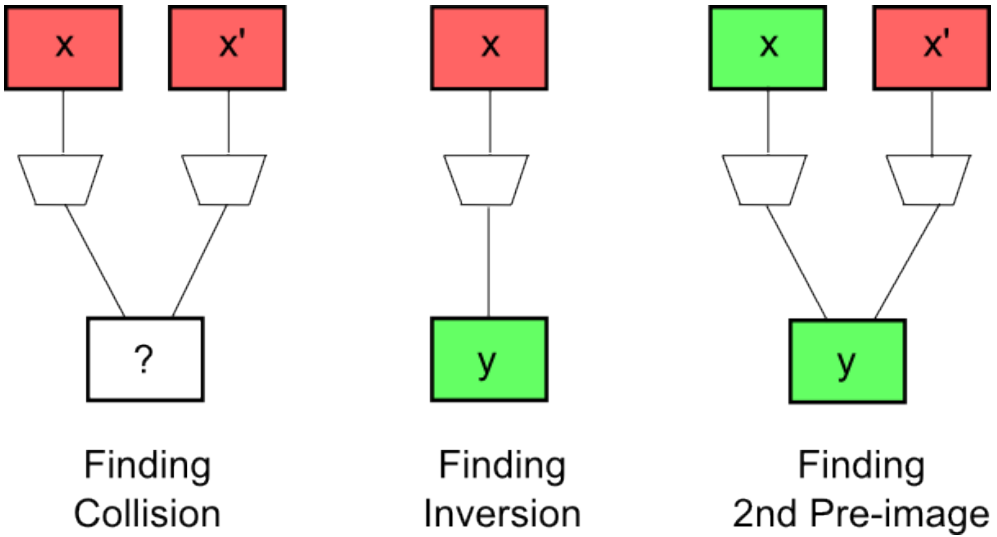
Goal: Provide integrity

Process

- Choose a cryptographic hash funciton 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



Hash-based MAC (HMAC)

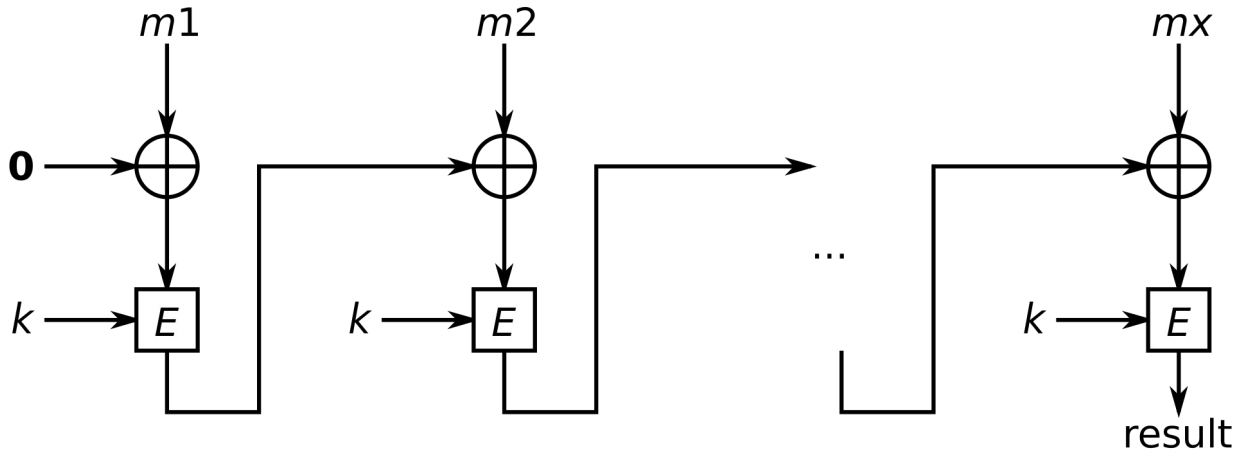
RFC2104: Hash-based MAC

HMAC(h,k,m) =

$$h\ (\ (k \oplus opad) \parallel h\ ((k \oplus ipad) \parallel m)$$

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.

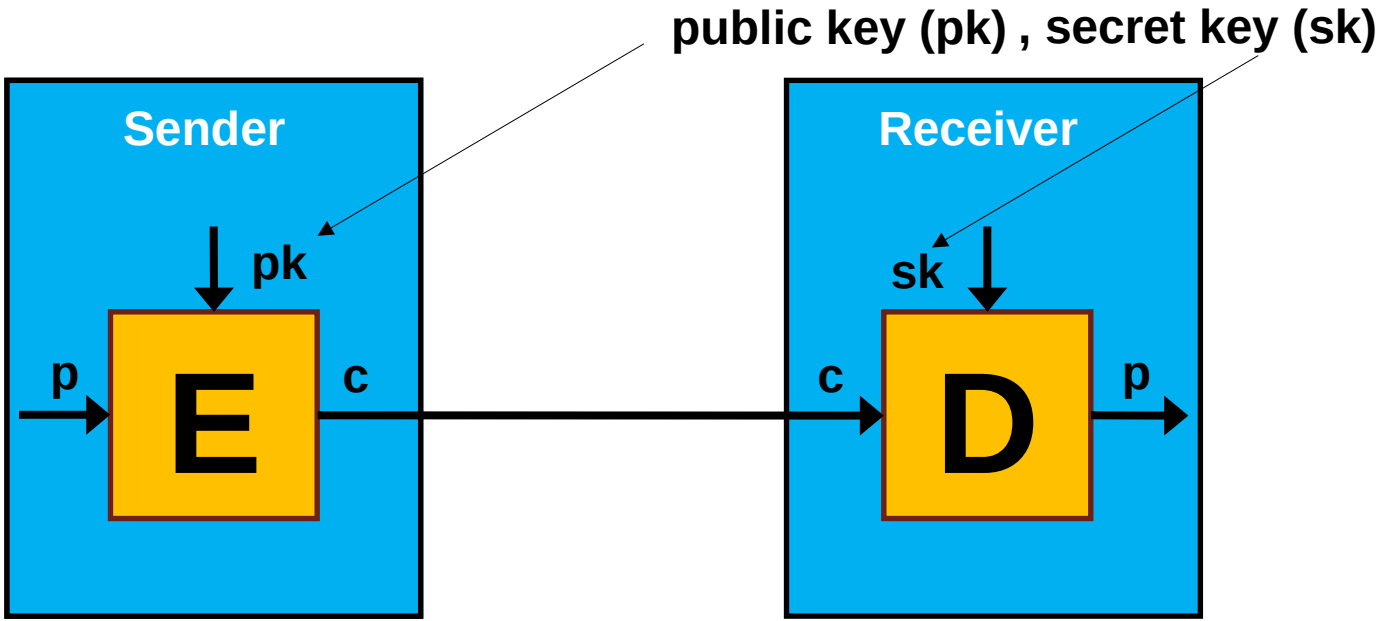
What could go wrong?

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

Deccryption

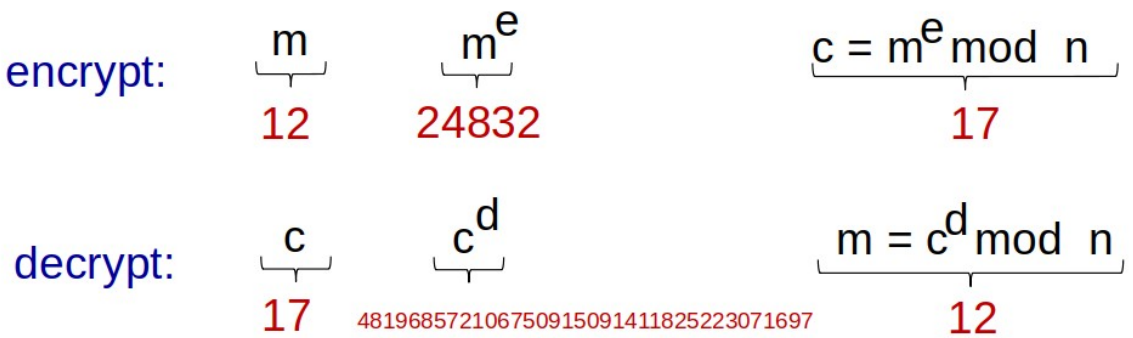
- Compute $m = c^d \pmod{n}$
- Reverse transformation to get M

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).



RSA security

The RSA problem: Find the eth root of m^e mod 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-existance not proved either
- Largest number factored: 768 bits long (RSA-768, 2010) ⇒ 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

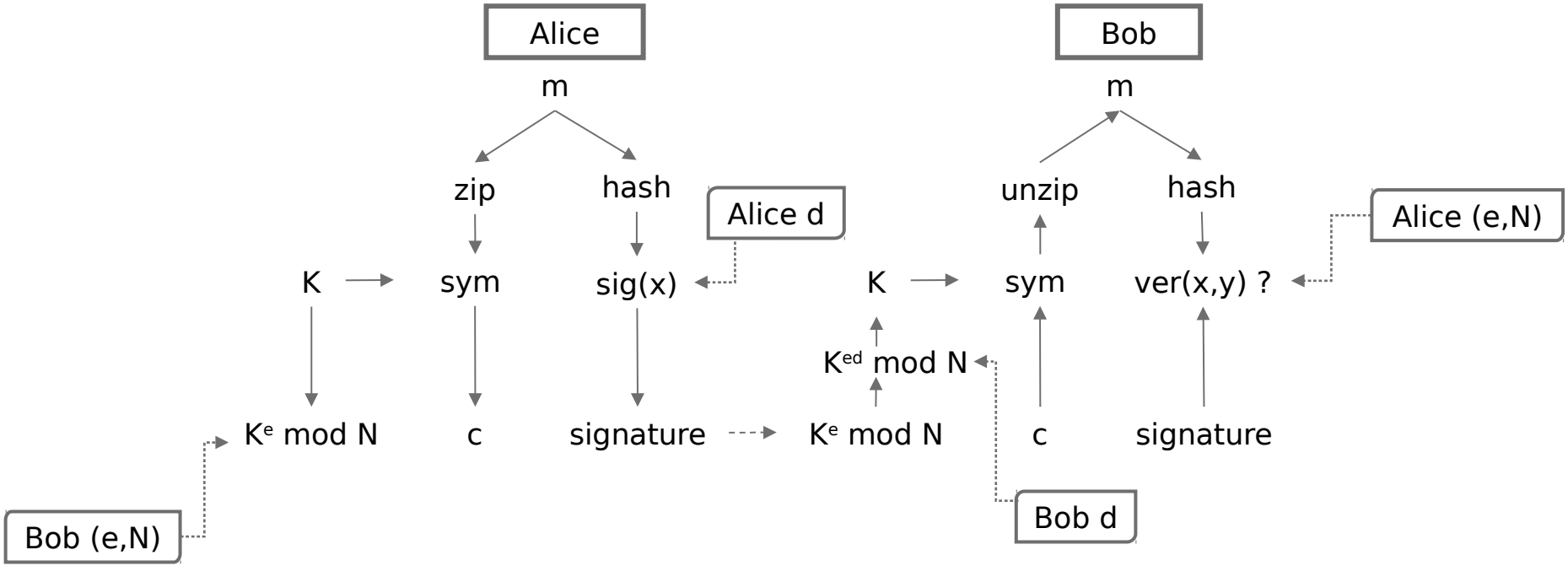
Public key (n,e), private key (d)

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

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

Remember h(m)

Putting it all togehter



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?

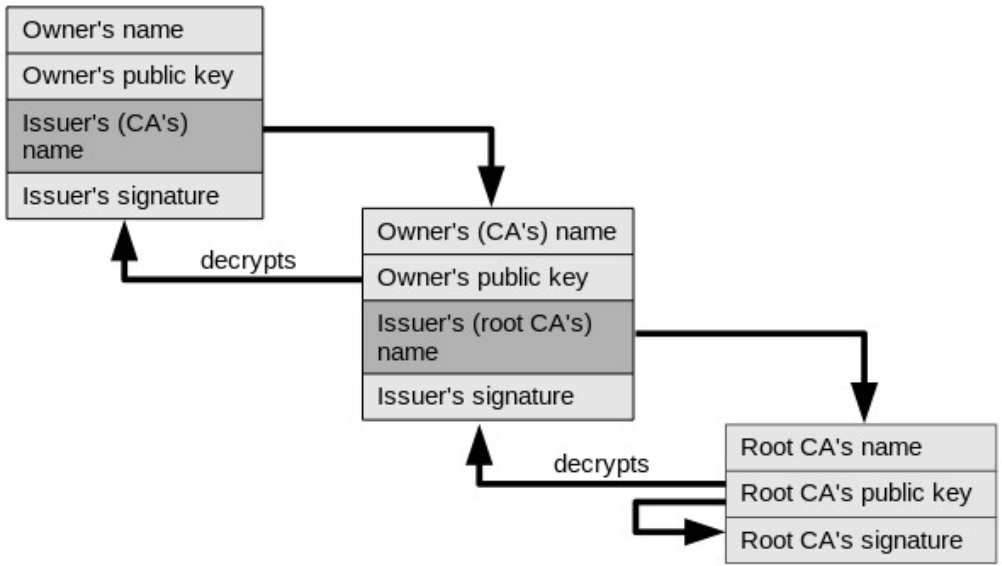
Public-key infrastructure (PKI)

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:

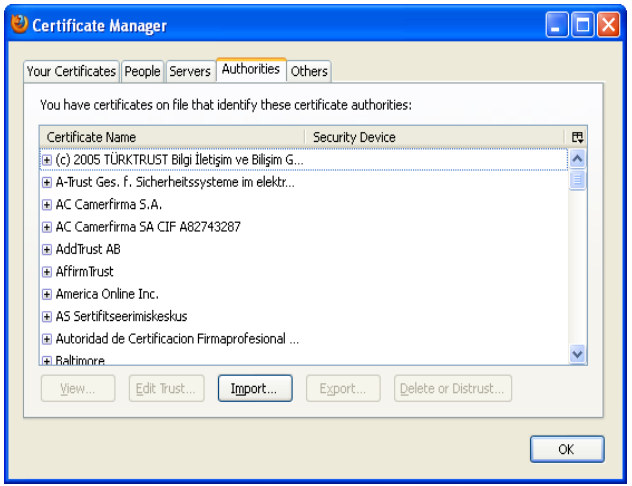
Serial number	– unique identification of certificate
Valid-From/To	– lifespan of the certificate
Subject	– the entity/person/machine/etc. identified
Public key	– the entity's public key
Signature	– the actual signature of the issuer

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

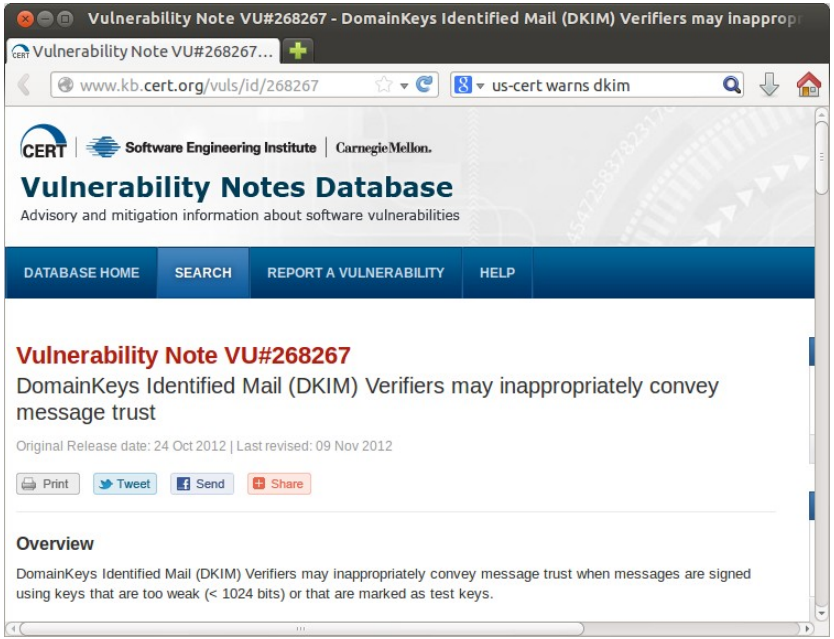
Authentication

Non-repudiation

CHECK!

But crypto can still fail

Small keys fail



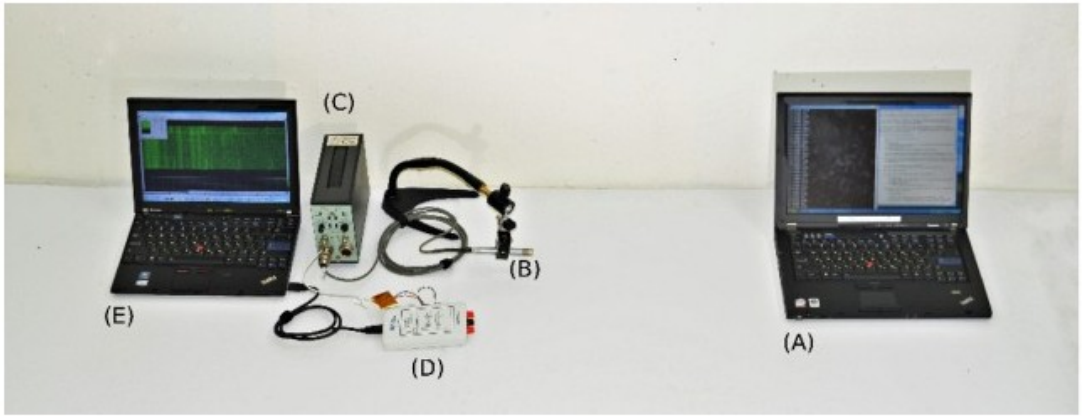
Collision fail

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



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

11 May 2015 at 02:03, Richard Chirgwin

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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.*

By Larry Seltzer for Zero Day | April 23, 2014 -- 14:04 GMT (07:04 PDT)

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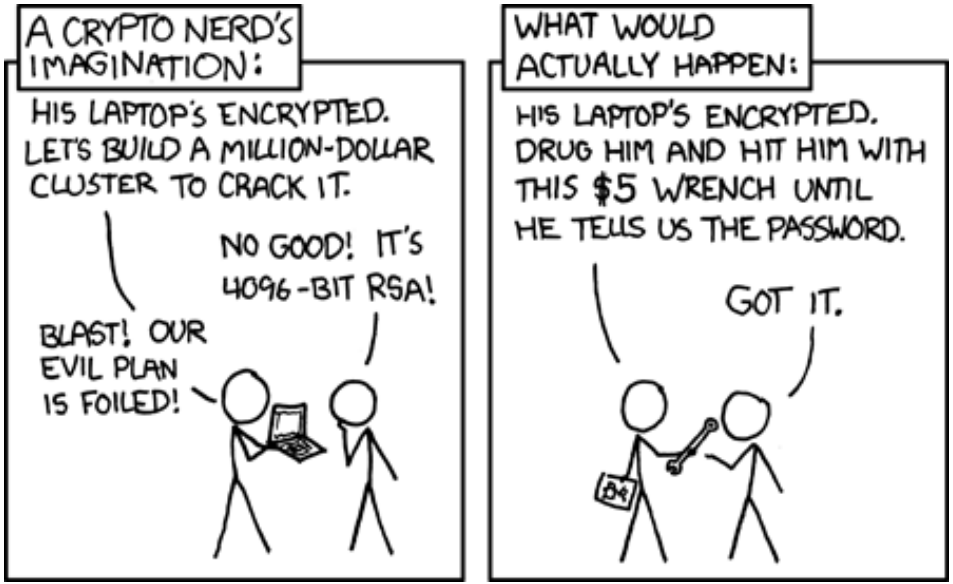
Real-world fail



(Malware fail)

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