

Side Chat

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Assignment Project Exam Help **Key**

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plaintext

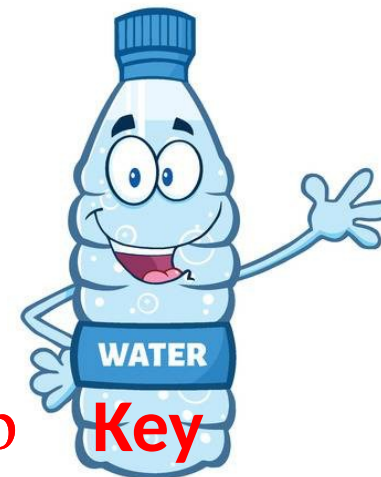


ciphertext



Side channel

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AES Implementation

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AES T-table access

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```
s0 = plaint  
t0 = Te0[s0>>24]
```

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- Assume we know the plaintext and the index ($s0 \gg 24$)
 - We can recover the most significant byte of the key

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- If we know the plaintext and all of the indices in the first round we can recover the key.

The Microarchitecture

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ISA

TLB
Instruction
Cache
BPU

Data
Cache

MMU

LLC

DRAM

Interconnect

CPU vs. Memory



**Processor
Speed**

**Memory
Latency**

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500 ns

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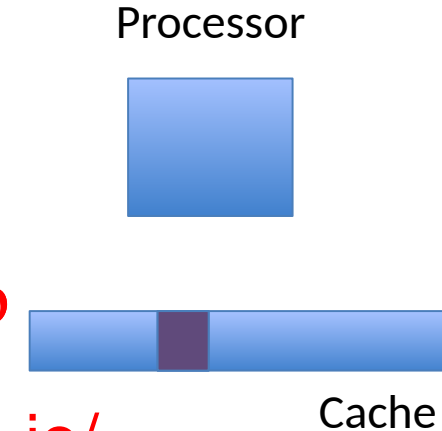
8*2600 MHz

63 ns

Bridging the gap

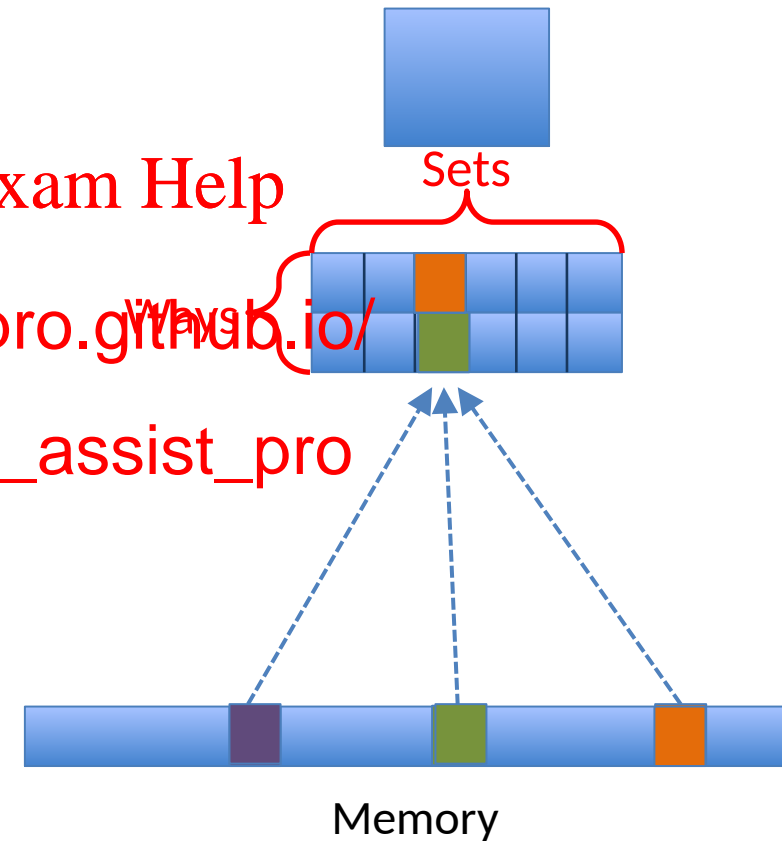
Cache utilises locality to bridge the gap

- Divides memory into lines
- Stores recently used lines
- In a *cache hit*, data is retrieved from the cache
- In a *cache miss*, data is retrieved from memory and inserted to the cache



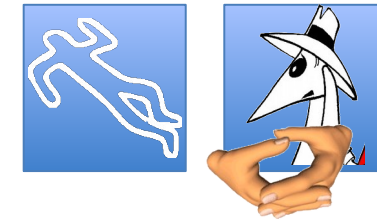
Set Associative Caches

- Memory lines map to *cache sets*. Multiple lines map to the same set.
- Sets consist of *ways*. A memory line can be stored in **any** of the ways of the set it maps to.
- When a cache miss occurs, one of the lines in the set is *evicted*.



The Prime+Probe Attack

- Allocate a cache-sized memory buffer
- *Prime*: fills the cache with the contents of the buffer
- *Probe*: measure the time to access each cache set
 - Slow access indicates victim access to the set
- The probe phase primes the cache for the next round



Memory

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Sample Victim: Data Rattle

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Cache Fingerprint of the Rattle Program

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AES T-tables and cache lines

Cache Line 0

Cache Line 1

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Cache Line 2

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Cache Line 4

Cache Line 5

AES T-tables and cache lines

Cache Line 0

Cache Line 1

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Cache Line 2

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- If $0 \leq \text{plaintext}[0]^{\text{key}[0]} < 16$, Cache Line 0 is accessed.
- What if $\text{plaintext}[0]^{\text{key}[0]} \geq 16$?

Analysing the AES Implementation

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Analysing the AES Implementation

- Each round, Te0 is accessed 4 times
- AES has 10 rounds
 - Te0 is accessed 40 times in an AES

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- Each follow up access misses Cache Line 0 with a probability of 15/16

- The probability that all accesses miss Cache Line 0 is about 8%

Prime+Probe Attack on AES

- Repeat 1000000 times:
 - Generate a random plaintext
 - Prime the cache
 - Encrypt the plaintext
 - Probe the cache and record results
- For each plaintext byte
 - Partition results based on the most significant half of a plaintext byte
 - Find the cache set with the slowest access time for each pair
 - Identify the most significant half of the corresponding key byte

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PP Attack on AES - Results

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PP Attack on AES – More Results

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What's now?

- Recover the second half of the key
 - Second round attack – similar but with ugly maths
- How to perform the attack
 - Easy: use Mastik: <http://cs.ad>
- How to defend?
 - Later...

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The FLUSH+RELOAD Technique

- Leaks information on victim access to shared memory.
- Spy monitors victim's
 - Spy can determine wh
 - Spy can infer the data the victim cpe

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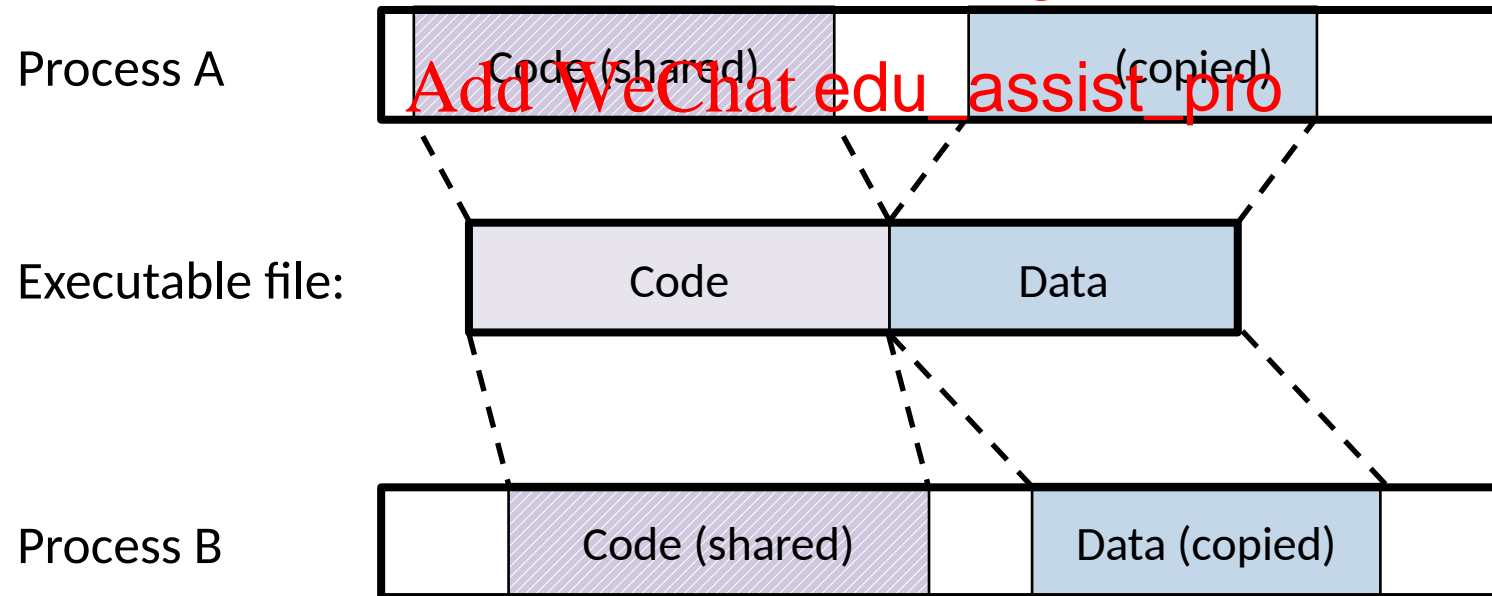
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Code Sharing

- Recall that programs that run the same executable can share the code

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Code is Data

- In Von Neumann architectures code is a type of data

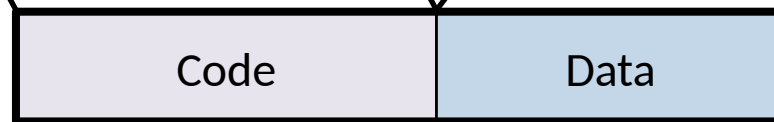
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Process A



Program file:



Process B



Cache Consistency

- Memory and cache can be in inconsistent states
 - Rare, but possible
- Solution: Flushing contents
 - Ensures that the next load is served from the memory

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Processor



Cache



Memory

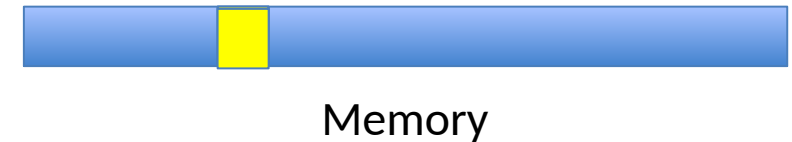
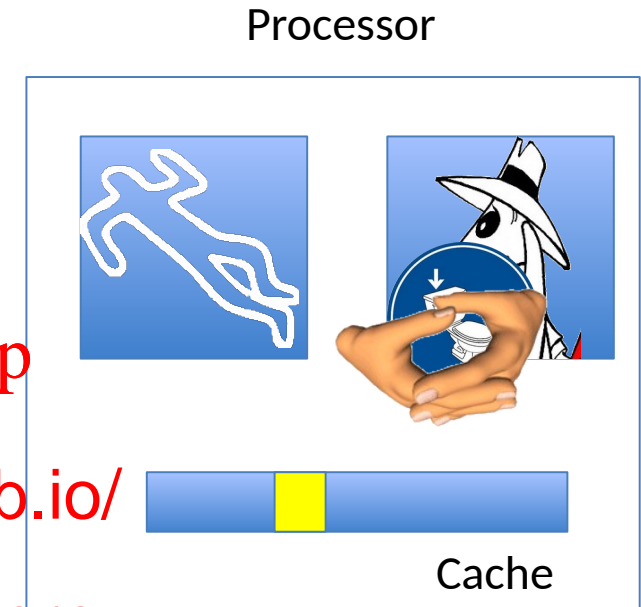
FLUSH+RELOAD

- **FLUSH** memory line
- Wait a bit
- Measure time to **RELOAD** line
 - slow-> no access
 - fast-> access
- Repeat

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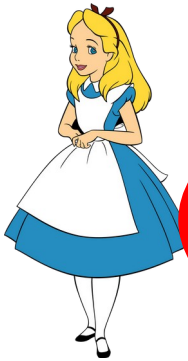
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The RSA Encryption System

- The RSA encryption is a public key cryptographic scheme



$$M = C^d \bmod N$$

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M

$$C = M^e \bmod N$$

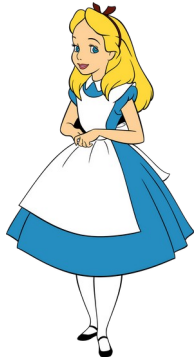


Key Generation:

- Select random primes p and q
- Calculate $N = pq$
- Select a public exponent $e (=65537)$
- Compute $d = e^{-1} \bmod \phi(N)$
- (N, e) is the public key
- (p, q, d) is the private key

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Schnorr Signatures



$(A, \alpha) = \text{keypair}()$

A

$$R = g^r \bmod p$$

$(R, r) = \text{keypair}()$

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M

$e = \text{Hash}(R, M)$

e

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$s = r - e\alpha$

s

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$$R = g^s \cdot A^e \pmod{p}$$

$$e = ? \text{Hash}(R, M)$$



GnuPG 1.4.13 Exponentiation

```

x ← 1
for  $i \leftarrow |d|-1$  downto 0 do
   $x \leftarrow x^2 \bmod n$ 
  if ( $d_i = 1$ ) then
     $x = xC \bmod n$ 
  endif
done
return  $x$ 

```

Example:

$$11^5 \bmod 100 =$$

$$161,051 \bmod 100 = 51$$

Operation	x	i	d_i
-			
square			
...			
...			

The private key is encoded in the sequence of operations !!!

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Flush+Reload on GnuPG 1.4.13

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FR vs. PP

- Flush+Reload tends to be more accurate
- Prime+Probe has less prerequisites

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Variants

- Prime+Probe
 - Instruction cache
 - Last-level cache
 - TLB, BPU
 - Prime+Abort
- Flush+Reload
 - Flush-Flush
 - Evict+Reload

- Evict+Time
- CacheBleed
- Open DRAM rows
- Fetch Channel

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Countermeasures– System Level

- Avoid sharing hardware
 - Goes against modern software deployment trends
- Safe hardware implementations
 - Limited applicability
- Hardware partitioning
 - Partial support (if any)
- State sanitisation
 - Partial support (if any)
- Hardware randomisation
 - Not currently supported
- Clock randomisation
 - Ineffective

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Software Countermeasures

- Preloading
 - Read all of the AES tables prior to decryption
 - Ineffective against asynchronous adversaries
- AES S-table implem
 - A single table of size
 - Reduces chance of missing a cache

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GnuPG 1.4.14 Square and Multiply Always

```
 $x \leftarrow 1$   
for  $i \leftarrow |d|-1$  downto 0 do  
   $x \leftarrow x^2 \bmod n$   
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return  $x$ 
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Constant-Time Programming

- A programming style that avoids:
 - Instructions whose timing depends on secret data
 - Conditional execution based on secret data
 - Memory access to a d on secret data

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Eliminating Conditional Statements

```
if (condition)
    t = f1()
else
    t = f2()
```

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ct(t1, t2, condition)

Implementing select

- Case 1: condition evaluates to 0 or 1

```
mask = condition - 1
```

```
return (t1 & ~mask) | (t2 & mask)
```

- Case 2: condition (r non-0)

```
mask = ((c ^ (
```

```
return (t1 & ~mask) | mask)
```

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Caveats

- The result of select depends on secret data. Anything that depends on it also depends on secret data.
- In particular, swapping pointers using select does not produce constant-time code
- The choices of processor and compiler matter
 - In most processors, division is not constant-time
 - In some processors multiplication is not constant-time
 - Compiler optimisations may kill constant-time code
 - **These issues have been exploited**

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