



# Live Session 03

## Symmetric Key Cryptography

CS 7349

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# House Keeping

- Status of Teams for Term Paper? Topic?
- Term Paper Topic, team, due by 01/28/2024; Checkpoint on 01/29, 01/3
- Quiz 1 and Homework 1 are issued
- Quiz 1, 1 week; Homework 1, 2 weeks
- Presentations start 01/22/2024



# Security News of the Week – Spring 2024

- <https://arstechnica.com/security/2024/01/mass-exploitation-of-ivanti-vpns-is-infecting-networks-around-the-globe/>
  - Ivanti VPNs worldwide have been compromised. Several government agencies impacted (Cloud providers own this VPN box. CISA directive)
- <https://www.reuters.com/technology/cybersecurity/us-secs-x-account-hacked-with-sim-swapping-agency-says-2024-01-22/>
  - “SIM swapping” hacked SECs X-account to release fake bitcoin news
- <https://cybernews.com/security/billions-passwords-credentials-leaked-mother-of-all-breaches/>
  - “Mother of all breaches”: 26B records, 12TB of data from multiple hacks



# New Urban Dictionary terms

- SIM swapping
- Doxxing
- Swatting



# Other

- Naughty – bypassing the system
  - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sci-Hub>
  - 2011 khazakh grad student launches sci-hub.io and now sci-hub.cc to protest against paywalled research.
  - Considered illegal and site banned after lawsuit by Elsevier. Still exists
- Nice – opensource libraries
  - Keyczar/K2: an opensource crypto toolkit released by Google in 2008
  - <https://security.googleblog.com/2008/08/keyczar-safe-and-simple-cryptography.html>



# CS 7349 – Tying it all together

INTRODUCTION TO CS7349 AND THE  
THREAT LANDSCAPE

INTRODUCTION TO NETWORKS

SYMMETRIC KEY CRYPTO

USING SYMMETRIC KEY CIPHERS

RANDOMNESS AND PSEUDORANDOM  
NUMBERS

PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO/Team Paper

HASH FUNCTIONS

MESSAGE AUTHENTICATION CODES

KEY MANAGEMENT

IDENTITY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT

NETWORK SECURITY

SECURITY – CLOUD, WIRELESS/5G, DDoS,  
SASE, IoT, SDN, Smart Cities

FRAMEWORKS, STANDARDS, OPERATIONS,  
Governance/Risk/Compliance

REVIEW/ADDITIONAL TOPICS

**Confidentiality**

**Integrity   Availability**

**Networks/Application**





# Spring schedule

Date	Week/Unit	Learning Material	Assignment
01/17/2024	1/1	Intro to Data and Network Security	Stallings Ch 1; Quiz#1; Start project team, select project and inform instructor
Jan 22, 24	2/2	Intro to Computer Networks	Submit Quiz #2; Project team confirms problem with instructor/Homework 1 issued/Term paper checkpoint
Jan 29, 31	3/3	Symmetric Key Cryptography	Stallings Ch 2-3; Submit Quiz #3; First Project Draft (Title, authors, abstract and Intro)/
Feb 5, 7	4/4	Using Symmetric Key Ciphers	Stallings Ch 3-6; Submit Quiz#4 (ch03 and ch06); Homework #2 issued
Feb 12, 14	5/5	Randomness and Pseudorandom Numbers	Stallings Ch 7; Submit Quiz #5/Term Paper Checkpoint
Feb 19, 21	6/6	Public Key Cryptography	Stallings Ch 9-10; Submit Quiz #6/Case Study Due/
Feb 26, 28	7/7	Hash Functions/	Stallings Ch 11; Submit Quiz #7; Paper Interim Draft; Exam 1 issued
Mar 4, 6	8/8	Message Authentication Codes	Stallings Ch 12; Submit Quiz#8;
Mar 11, 13	9/9	SPRING BREAK!!!	
Mar 18, 20	03/10	Key Management and Key Distribution	Stallings Ch 14; Submit Quiz #10/Term paper checkpoint/Start on project presentation/Case Study
Mar 25, 27	04/11	User Authentication	Stallings Ch 15; Submit Quiz #11/
Apr 1, 3	12/12	Network Security	Stallings Ch 17; Submit Quiz #12; Presentation check/Exam #2
Apr 8, 10	13/13,14	Privacy, Security Ethics	
Apr 15, 17	14	Applications: AI and Quantum Computing	Submit Final Project Paper
Apr 22, 24	15	Open	Presentations of Term Project by class/
Apr 29		Wrap up and Review	
<b>This schedule is subject to changes. All assignments are due by 11:59pm of the due date. Earlier submissions are encouraged and welcome. Do not wait till the last moment.</b>			
<b>You will have 2 weeks to complete most assignments.</b>			

**Book: Cryptography and Network Security by William Stallings, 8<sup>th</sup> edition**





# Class Presentation - Special Topic

- Any topic of your interest: Work, ~~school~~, play
  - Can be a question/answer, wonderment, information
  - **Security related; NOT term paper related; NO course topic**
  - Strict time limits 5 mins + 3 mins Q&A
- Schedule – as per roster
  - Adu, Aliliele, Blocker, Braden, Brown, Burnett...



# Project Timeline (For 9 page paper)

- Jan: First project draft 1 page, basically your Introduction section, plus title, authors and abstract, some references
- Feb: Interim draft 3 pages, basically your intro and related work, plus basic description of your solution
- Mar: Draft 6 pages. Detailed solution, analysis, references
- Apr: Final paper 9 pages. Submit, with presentation

A LaTeX template and example paper will be provided

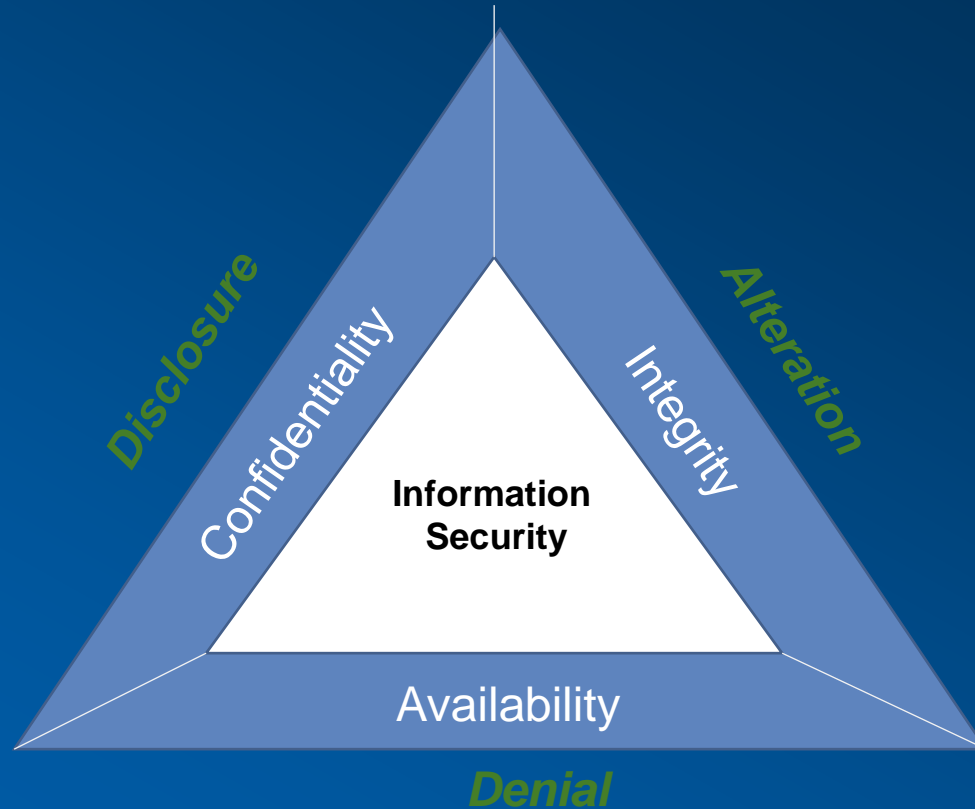


# Project – 1<sup>st</sup> deliverable

- Team projects (3 per team)
- Choose topic (from topic list or your own)\*
- Within topic, identify problem to be addressed (no survey projects, only problem solving projects - survey is a part of your problem solution and is contained in the final paper)
- Confirm problem with professor



# InfoSec, CIA, Threats

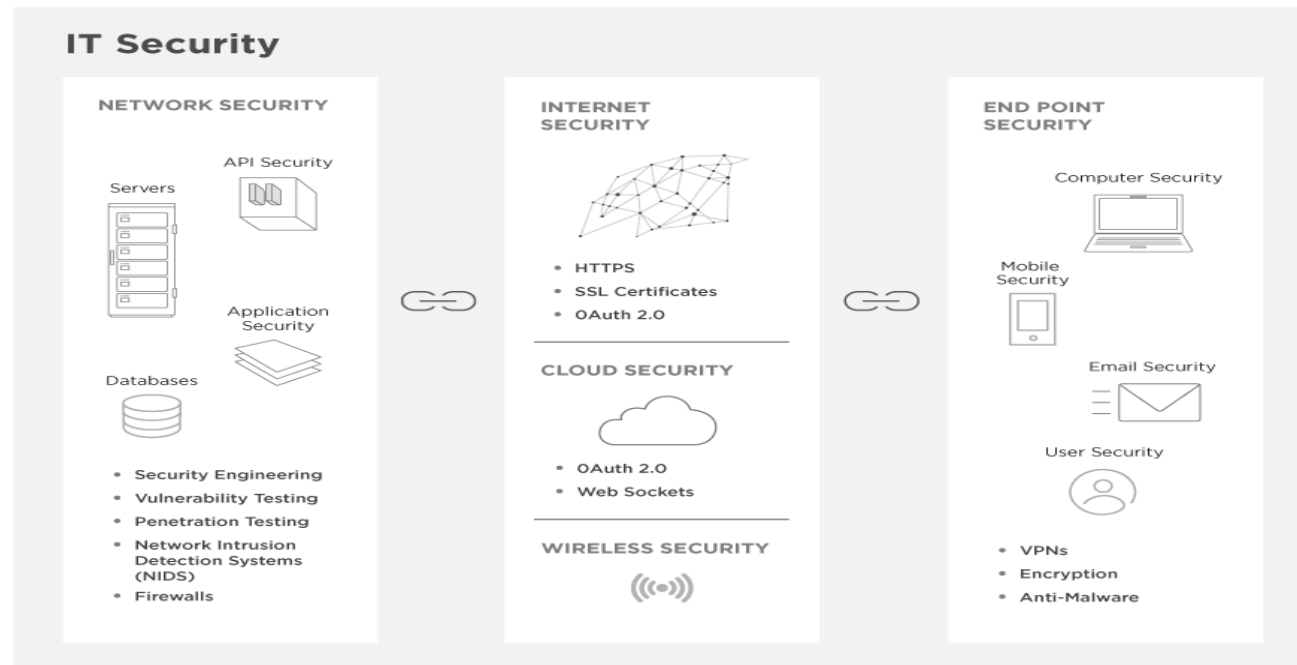


# Network Security Basics

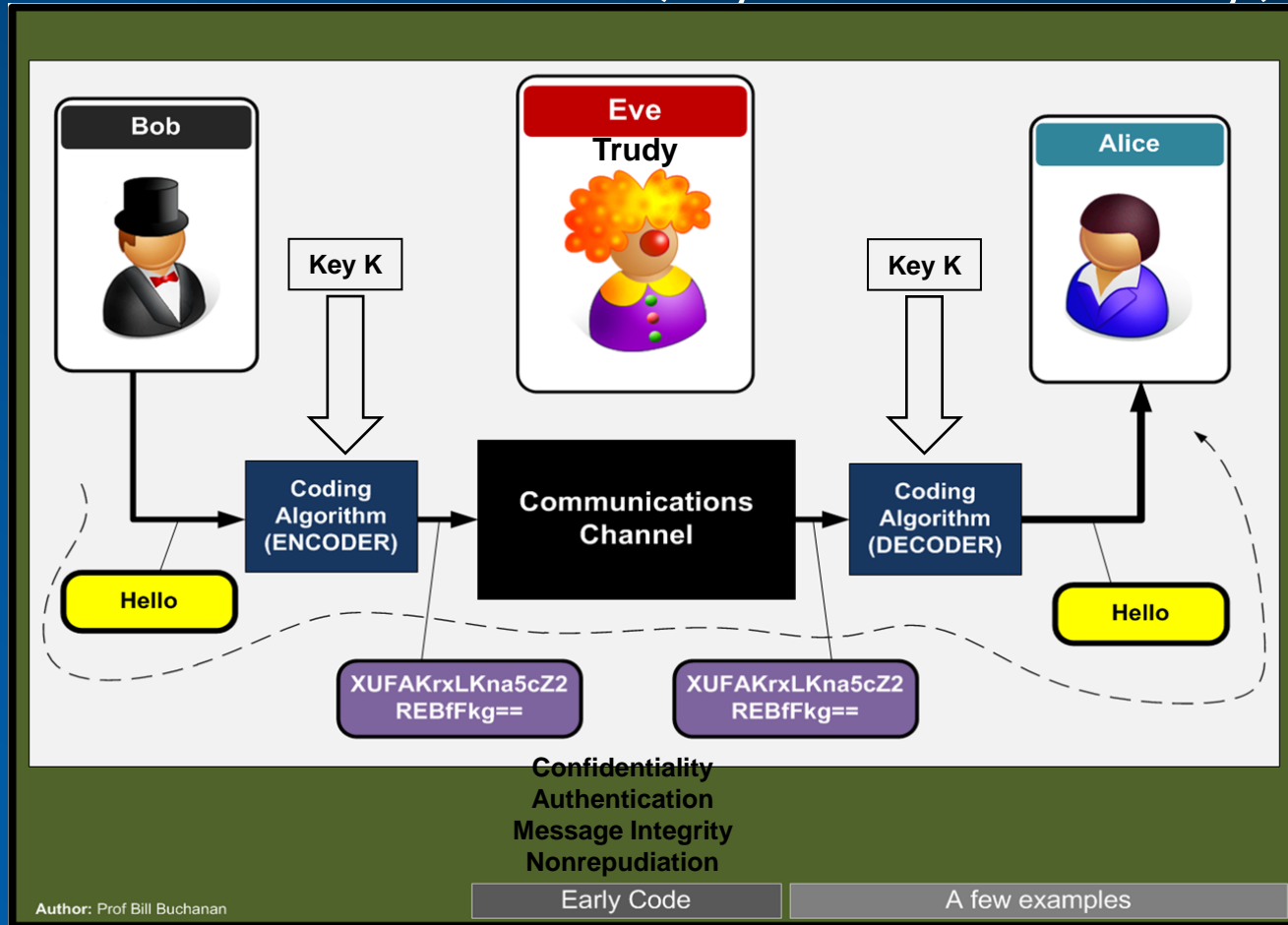
## The IT Security Chain

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The more links in your network's chain—databases, cloud-based servers, APIs, and mobile applications—the more potential vulnerabilities you face. Here's an overview of areas of IT security to consider.



# Secure Communication (Symmetric Key)



# Cryptography Terms

**Encryption**: the processing of converting a message into an unreadable form

**Plaintext**: the original (unencrypted) message

**Ciphertext**: the encrypted or encoded message resulting from encryption

**Algorithm (Cipher)**: a mathematical formula used to convert an unencrypted message into an encrypted message

**Key**: a random and secret value placed within the algorithm to encrypt the plaintext and/or decrypt the ciphertext

**Cryptosystem**: a computer-based system that provides the four basic objectives of secure communication

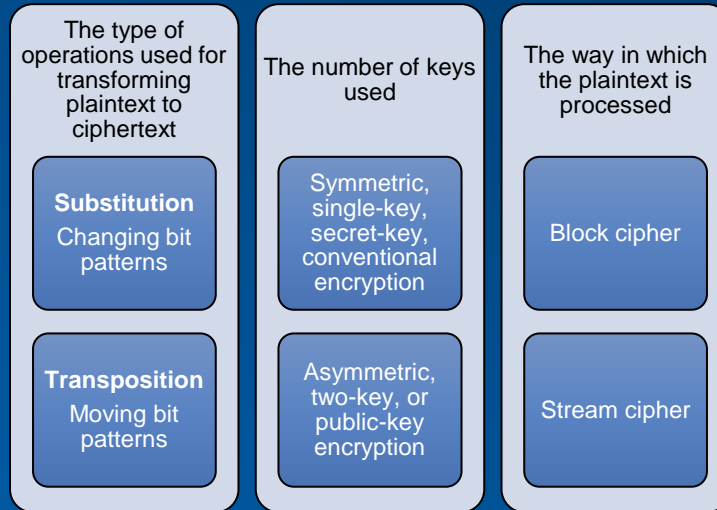
**Encipher**: to encrypt or convert plaintext to ciphertext

**Decipher**: to decrypt or convert ciphertext back to plaintext





# Crypto basics – models and attacks



Type of Attack	Known to Cryptanalyst
Ciphertext Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encryption algorithm</li><li>• Ciphertext</li></ul>
Known Plaintext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encryption algorithm</li><li>• Ciphertext</li><li>• One or more plaintext-ciphertext pairs formed with the secret key</li></ul>
Chosen Plaintext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encryption algorithm</li><li>• Ciphertext</li><li>• Plaintext message chosen by cryptanalyst, together with its corresponding ciphertext generated with the secret key</li></ul>
Chosen Ciphertext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encryption algorithm</li><li>• Ciphertext</li><li>• Ciphertext chosen by cryptanalyst, together with its corresponding decrypted plaintext generated with the secret key</li></ul>
Chosen Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encryption algorithm</li><li>• Ciphertext</li><li>• Plaintext message chosen by cryptanalyst, together with its corresponding ciphertext generated with the secret key</li><li>• Ciphertext chosen by cryptanalyst, together with its corresponding decrypted plaintext generated with the secret key</li></ul>

## Brute-force attack

- Attacker tries every possible key on a piece of ciphertext until an intelligible translation into plaintext is obtained
- On average, half of all possible keys must be tried to achieve success

## Cryptanalysis

- Attack relies on the nature of the algorithm plus some knowledge of the general characteristics of the plaintext
- Attack exploits the characteristics of the algorithm to attempt to deduce a specific plaintext or to deduce the key being used



# Key Concepts – Crypto basics

- Symmetric Key Crypto
  - 1 key for both E and D
  - Stream and Block
  - Substitution and Permutation
- Substitution Ciphers: Caesar, Monoalphabetic, Playfair, Hill, Polyalphabetic
- One-time PAD (unconditionally secure system)
  - Perfect secrecy (CT gives NO information on PT)
  - Cannot use 3 times!!
  - PT and CT can give key ( $k = PT \text{ (XOR) CT}$ )
  - Random key;  $k \text{ size} = m \text{ size}$
- [http://www.simonsingh.net/The\\_Black\\_Chamber/chamberguide.html](http://www.simonsingh.net/The_Black_Chamber/chamberguide.html) ; ex. Monoalpha, Vignere square
- Permutation Ciphers: Rail Fence, Row Transposition, ROTOR Machines (WW2, Enigma, the basis for DES Block cipher)



# Game Time! – Build your own cipher

- Meet me at the Toga Party = Plaintext
- Substitution, Transposition
  - Provide Key if necessary
- Demonstrate E and D by hand
- Post your results on the breakout wall and the course wall



# Block Ciphers

- Feistel Block Cipher, Data Encryption Standard (DES).
- Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), 3DES (triple DES) - later
- An introduction DES by Dr. Dan Boneh
- <https://www.coursera.org/learn/crypto/lecture/TzBaf/the-data-encryption-standard>
- Communication Theory of Secrecy Systems by Claude Elwood Shannon [http://luca-giuzzi.unibs.it/corsi/Support/papers-cryptography/Communication\\_Theory\\_of\\_Secrecy\\_Systems.pdf](http://luca-giuzzi.unibs.it/corsi/Support/papers-cryptography/Communication_Theory_of_Secrecy_Systems.pdf)
- RANDOMNESS!!; Diffusion and Confusion; Avalanche



# Review – Block, Stream and DES

- Block Cipher Design and Block Ciphers
  - # of rounds (round functions)
  - Design of the function  $F$  (invertible function)
  - Key scheduling algorithm
- Stream Cipher
  - Keystream
- DES
  - Block cipher (feistel block)
  - Now replaced with 3DES/AES

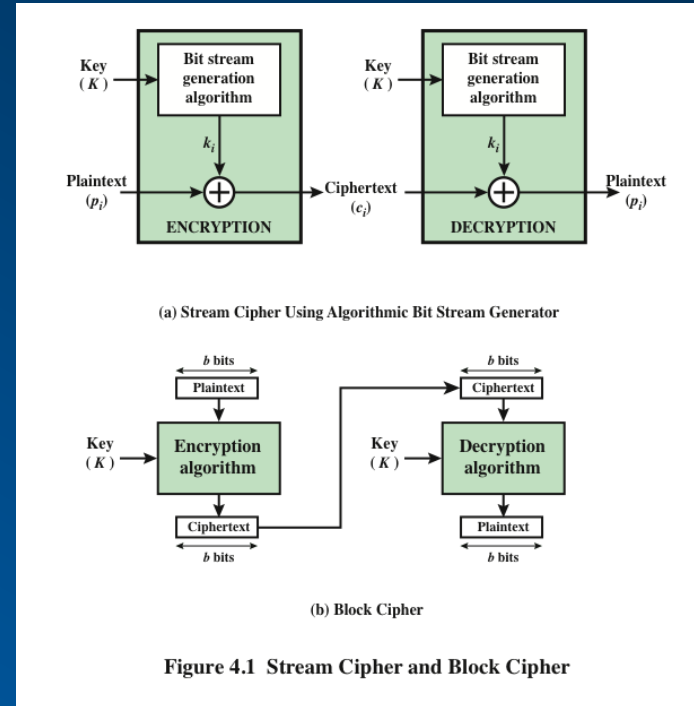
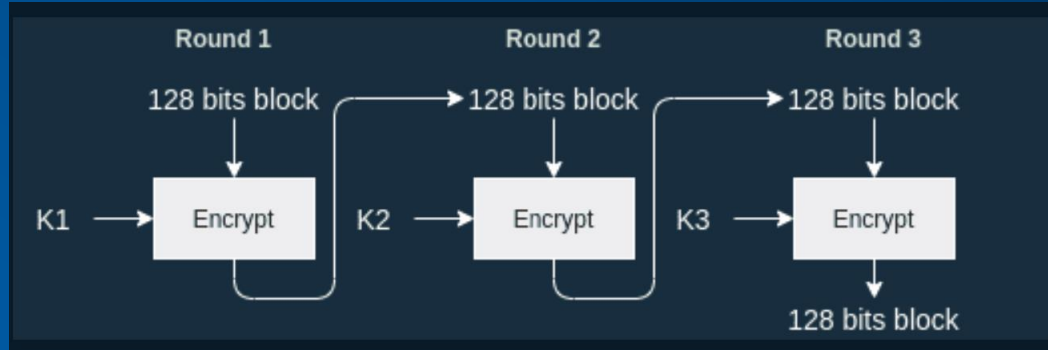


Figure 4.1 Stream Cipher and Block Cipher

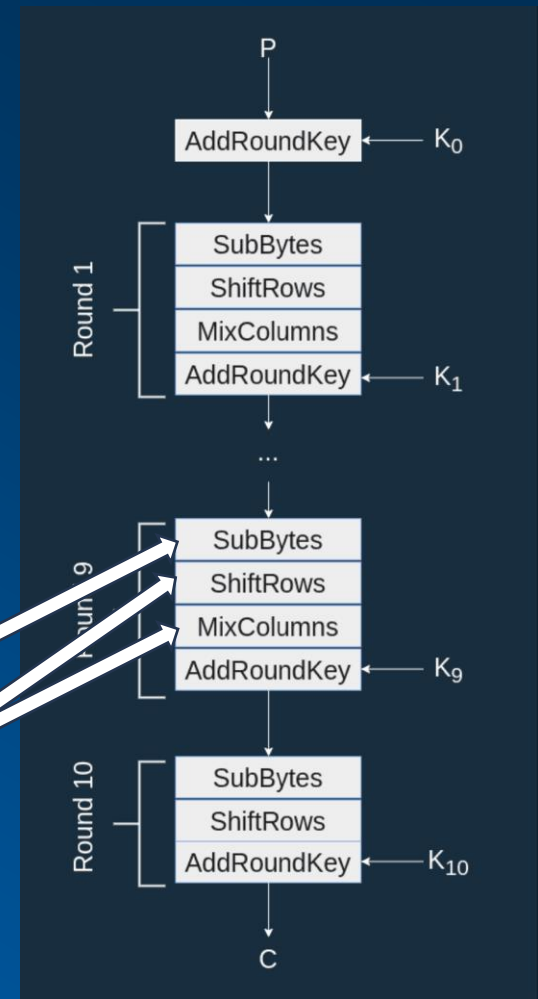


# Block Ciphers



Substitution

Permutation



# Unit Overview

- Burning questions?
- Why XOR?
  - Simple gate
  - Reversible for both E and D
  - IF an independent random variable  $R1$  is XORed with a random variable  $R2$  the result is a random variable with uniform distribution (output randomized)







# Using Symmetric Key Ciphers

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# Wireshark basics

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkCSr30UojM> – Wireshark basics
- <https://www.lifewire.com/wireshark-tutorial-4143298> - 'complete' tutorial
- <https://www.concise-courses.com/security/wireshark-basics/>
- <http://www.computerweekly.com/tutorial/Quick-and-dirty-Wireshark-tutorial>
- [https://cs.gmu.edu/~astavrou/courses/ISA\\_674\\_F12/Wireshark-Tutorial.pdf](https://cs.gmu.edu/~astavrou/courses/ISA_674_F12/Wireshark-Tutorial.pdf)
- [https://www.wireshark.org/docs/wsug\\_html\\_chunked/ChapterIntroduction.html](https://www.wireshark.org/docs/wsug_html_chunked/ChapterIntroduction.html) - from Wireshark.org



# Unit Overview

- Burning questions? Anything unusual in Unit 4?
- #1 security criteria for symmetric key cipher?
  - <https://www.keylength.com/en/2/>

## Brute-Force Cracking DES

How long does it take to brute-force crack a 56-bit key?

- Assume that:
  - One evaluation of DES takes 10 operations.
  - We have a computer that can perform  $10^{15}$  operations per second
- This means that:
  - We can evaluate  $10^{14}$  (i.e.,  $2^{46.5}$ ) DES encryptions per second.
  - DES would take an average of  $2^{55} / 2^{46.5} = 2^{8.5}$  seconds (i.e., approximately 362 seconds) to find on this machine
- DES's 56-bit key is not very secure.

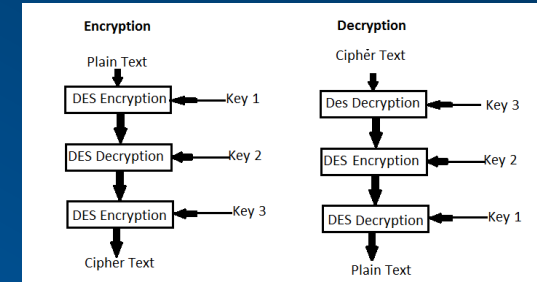
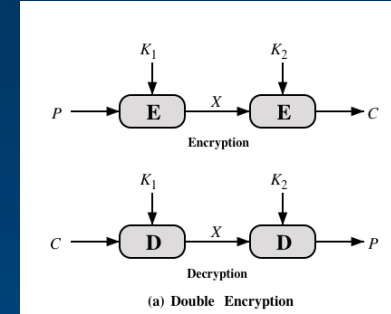
## Brute-Force Time Based on Key Size

Key size (bits)	Time (seconds)	Time (years)	Million machines' time (years)
56	$2^{8.5} \approx 362$	0.0000114	0.0000000000000114
80	$2^{33.5}$	385	0.000000385 years = 12 seconds
112	$2^{46.5}$	$1.65 \times 10^{12}$	1,654
128	$2^{80.5}$	$5.42 \times 10^{16}$	54,200,000
256	$2^{209.5}$	$3.69 \times 10^{55}$	$3.69 \times 10^{46}$



# Unit Overview – 2DES, 3DES

- DES : brute force attack only 56-bit key
- 2DES : MITM (meet-in-the-middle) attack
  - Brute force ALL encryptions with  $k_1$  (get  $CT_i$ )
  - Brute force ALL decryptions with  $k_2$  (get  $CT_j$ )
  - When  $CT_i = CT_j$ , then the 2 DES keys are  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ !
- 3DES : 2 keys ( $k_1, k_2, k_1$ ) or 3 keys ( $k_1, k_2, k_3$ )
  - 3 independent keys recommended
  - Backwards compatible with DES



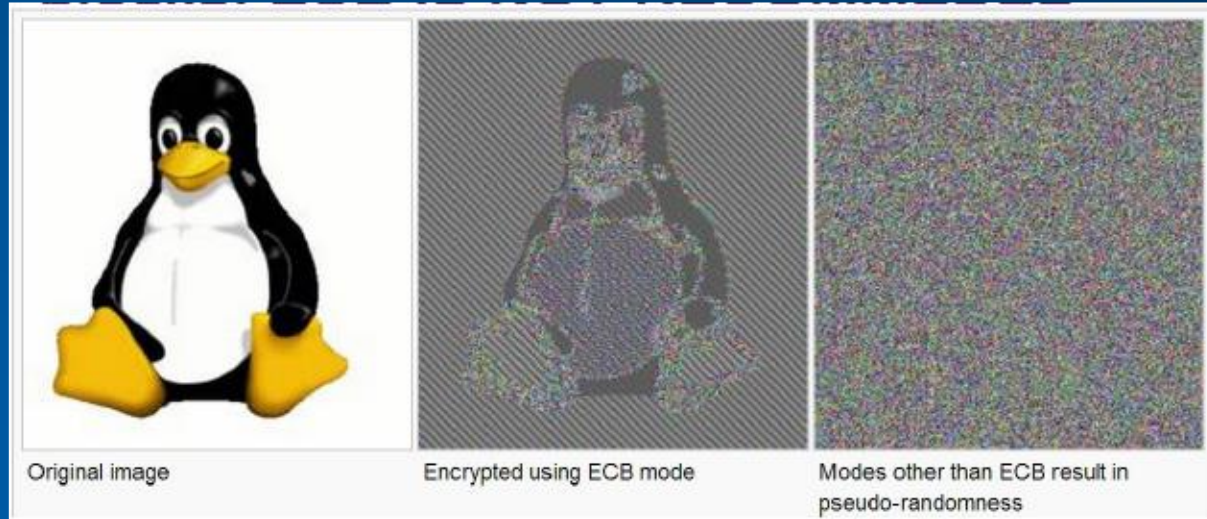
# Game Time! – Modes of Operation

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Block\\_cipher\\_mode\\_of\\_operation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Block_cipher_mode_of_operation)
- Group 1 = CBC 1011010111100001101010101101011110000110101001
- Group 2 = CFB
- Group 3 = CTR
- Group 4 = OFB
- Pro's cons; apps; parallel operations?; bit corruption
- Post your results
- <http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/SP/nistspecialpublication800-38a.pdf> (NIST Special Publication 800-38A Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation)
- XTS-AES is SP800-38E  
<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-38e/final>





# Modes of Operation



# AES Block Cipher

- An introduction AES by Dr. Dan Boneh (4:30 mins)
  - <https://www.coursera.org/learn/crypto/lecture/chOMI/the-aes-block-cipher>
- The Design of Rijndael, AES – The Advanced Encryption Standard by J. Daemen; V. Rijmen
  - <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=560131>





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# Project Reports

- **Use the LaTeX template** provided for your project paper submissions.
- **Read** the Sample paper and **follow** its directions as appropriate in writing your paper.
- Your paper is expected to be publishable
  - High quality research, well written, reproducible results based on paper contents.
- <https://scholar.google.com/> for references (NOT cnn.com, foxnews.com, cnbc.com; YES ietf.org, ieee.org,...itu-t)



# Project Abstract and Intro

- **Abstract structure** (100 word limit for 6 pages)
  - start with statement of what is presented
  - motivate the problem
  - discuss details of what is done at a high level
  - state the main conclusions
- **Introduction basic structure** (the rest of page 1):
  - motivate the problem further
  - state the problem in detail
  - state the basic work done/approach taken
  - State the contributions of your paper
  - state the outline for the rest of the paper
    - Conclusions are not stated in the introduction.



# Project Paper

- **Use the LaTeX template** provided for all of your project paper submissions.
- Your paper is expected to be publishable
  - High quality research, well written, reproducible results based on paper contents. 9 pages exactly. No more, no less
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