

Feistel Cipher is a structure used for creating block ciphers :-

Encryption Process:

Step 1:- The plain text is divided into two equal parts L =Left part, R =Right part.

Step 2:- Every Round has an encryption function that is applied to plain text.

Step 3:- The encryption function is applied to the Right part and the Left part remains unchanged.

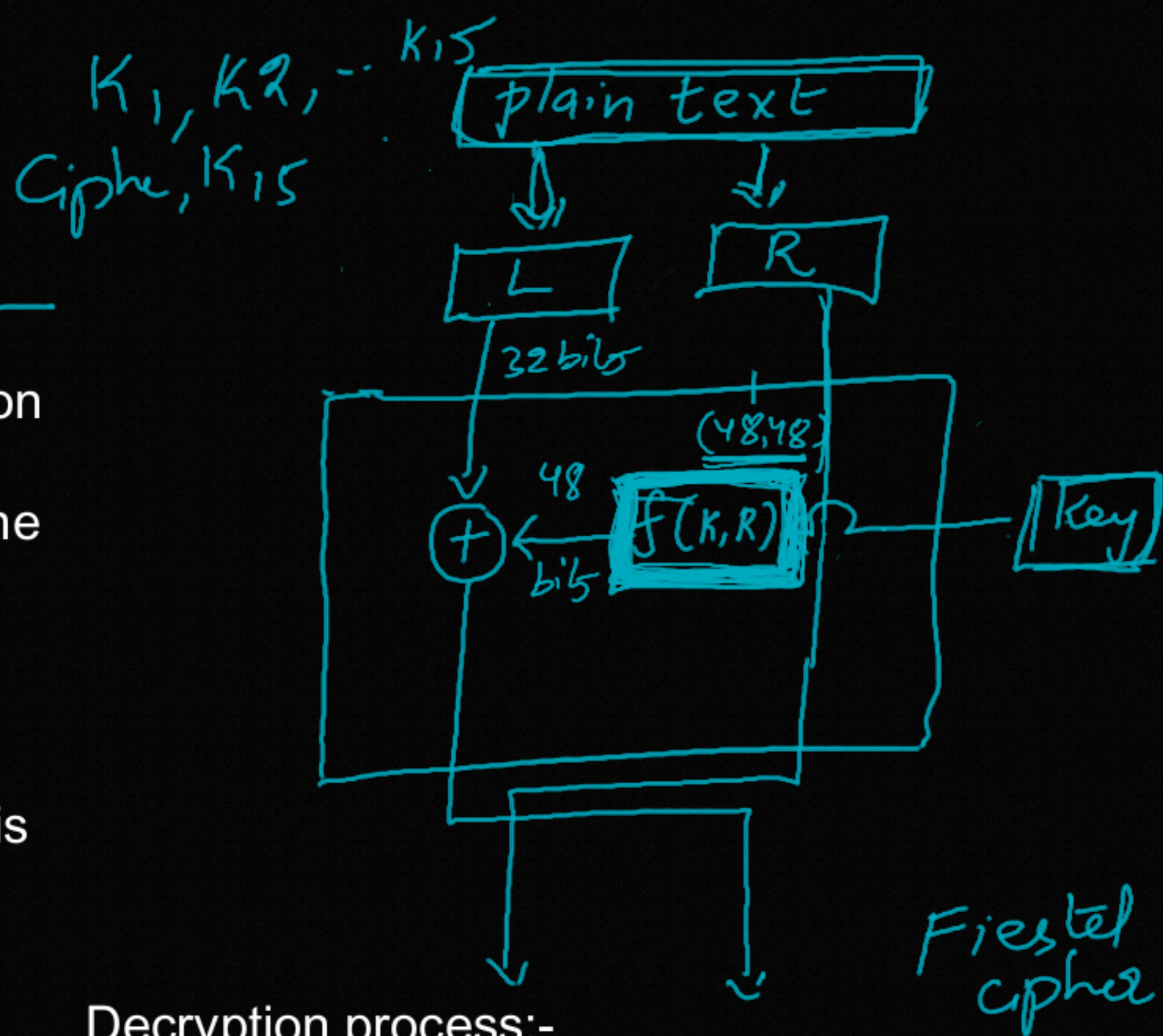
Step 4:- The encryption function takes 2 inputs i.e. The Key and Right part of plain text.

Step 5:- The Output of the encryption function is ExOr'd with left part of plain text.

Step 6:- Previous round Left part text becomes right part text of current round.

Step 7:- In every round, a separate Key is used.

Note:- Feistel cipher is a repetitive procedure and number of rounds are not fixed.



Decryption process:-

It's similar to encryption process but we use cipher text instead of plain text and the Key is in reverse order

DES Encryption:-

DES is an asymmetric key block cipher which is based on 16 rounds feistel cipher.

The following are the operations performed in DES:-

1. Key Generation
2. Round Function
3. Initial and Final Permutation

1. Key Generation:-

- a. Initially the key size is 64 bits
- b. Every 8th bit is discarded and new Key size becomes 56-bits.
- c. Divide 56-bits into two equal parts of 28-bits each.
- d. For round numbers (1,2,9,16) do circular left shift by one bit and for other rounds left shift by 2 bits.
- e. Now consider both 28-bits to form 56-bits.
- f. Now this 56-bits are given to compression p-box and reduced to 48-bits.

2. Round Function:-

It's the heart of DES algorithm, steps performed by Round function are:-

- a. Expansion P-box: As we know Right Part = 32-bits and

Key size = 48-bits, therefore we expand 32-bits to 48-bits. First we divide 32-bits into 8 groups of 4-bit each and every 4 bit is converted to 6-bit.

b. Now DSE Xor 48-bit Key with expanded 48-bits and the output is 48-bit.

c. The output generated by Round Function (48-bits) is given to substitution boxes. These substitution boxes convert 48-bits to 32-bits. 48-bits are divided into 8 groups of 6-bits each and every 6-bits are converted to 4-bits., Thus resulting in 32-bits.

d. The Initial and Final permutation are just used to change the bits, it's just used to create confusion.

DES Decryption:-

It's exactly the reverse of encryption process.

Initial Permutation

Round 1

Round 16

64-bit cipher text

K₁

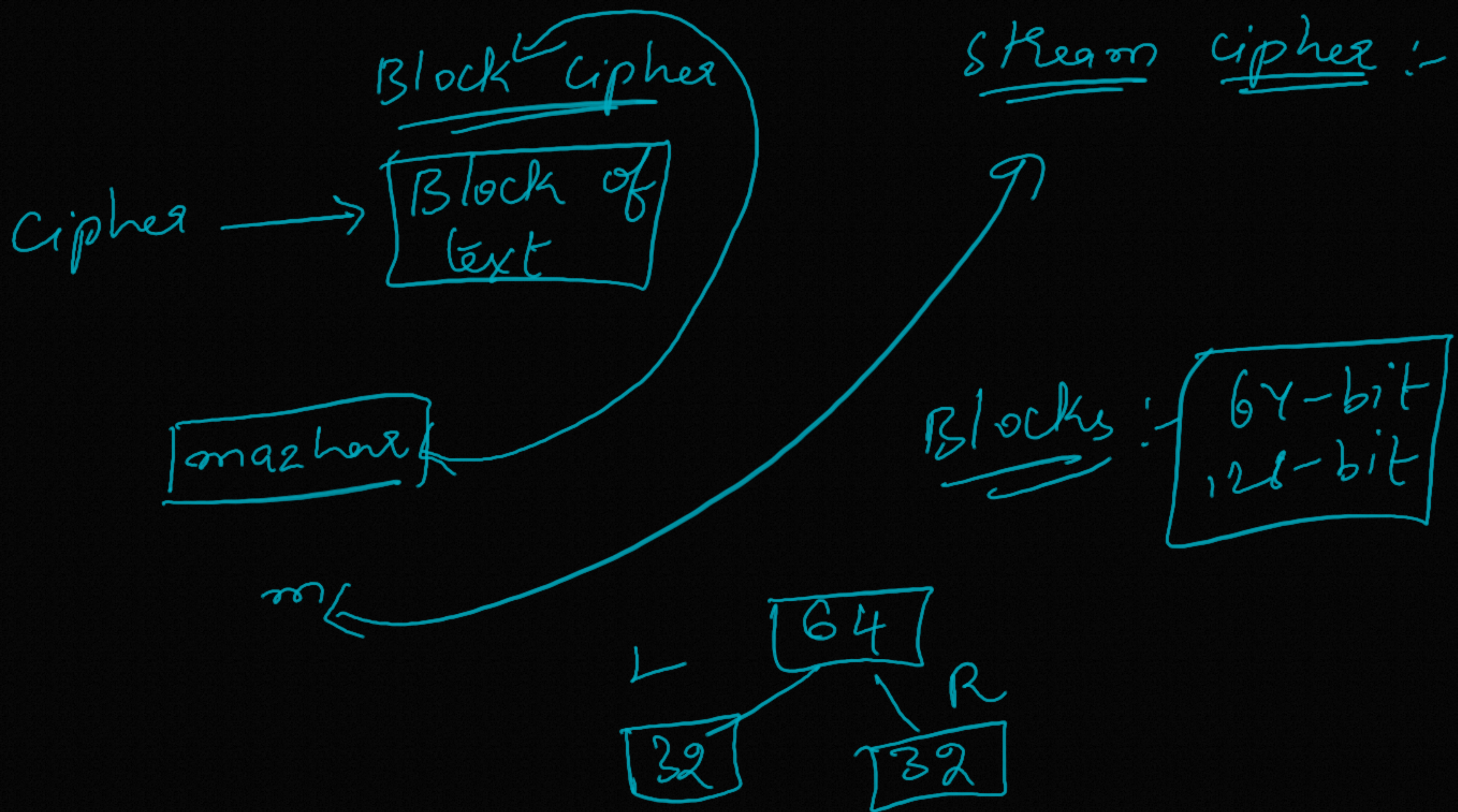
K₁₆

48-bit

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Key Generator

56 bit



1. plain text $\{L, R\}$

2. Round $\{ \text{Encryption} \} \leftrightarrow \text{plain text}$

3. Encryption function \rightarrow Right part

Key Generation \rightarrow 64 bit (K-size)
~~56~~-bit

8th bit

$$8 \times 8 = 64$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$7 \times 8 = 56 \text{ bits}$$

L XOR
32 XOR 32

$f(K, R)$
(48, 32)
 ↓
 48

Expan

Compr

$f(48, 32)$
 ↓
 48

↓
32