# Elliptic Curve Key Exchange and AES

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## **ECIES (Elliptic Curve Integrated Encryption Scheme)**

- Symmetric Key Encryption System such as AES
- Method of public-key cryptography ECC for safe Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange
- Good balance between speed/security

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

Symmetric Key Encryption: able to encrypt and decrypt a message using the same cipher



#### ECC vs. RSA

ECC and RSA bit size equivalence to obtain similar security:

160 1024

256 3072

384 7680

BUT, ECC is harder to implement and program slower



http://royalforkblog.github.io/2014/0 9/04/ecc/

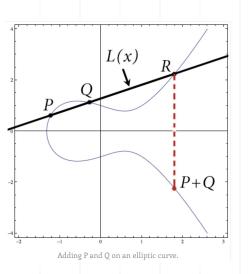
## **Sample Curve**

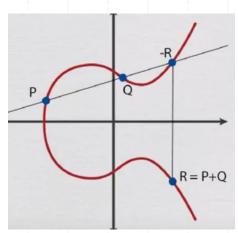
Point Addition/Doubling in the curve

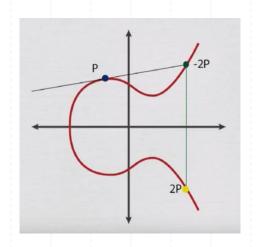
$$y^2=x^3-3x+4$$

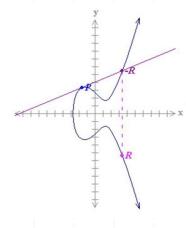
# **Point Addition, Doubling**

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$









**Point Addition** 

#### Point Doubling

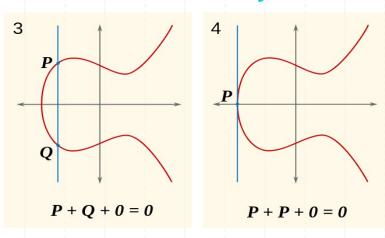
-P is P reflected across x-axis

$$3P = P + 2P$$

$$4P = P + 3P...$$



# **Point at Infinity**



P + (-P) gives 
$$\mathcal{O}$$
  
If derivative at P = 0, also  $\mathcal{O}$ 

## The Graph, why it works

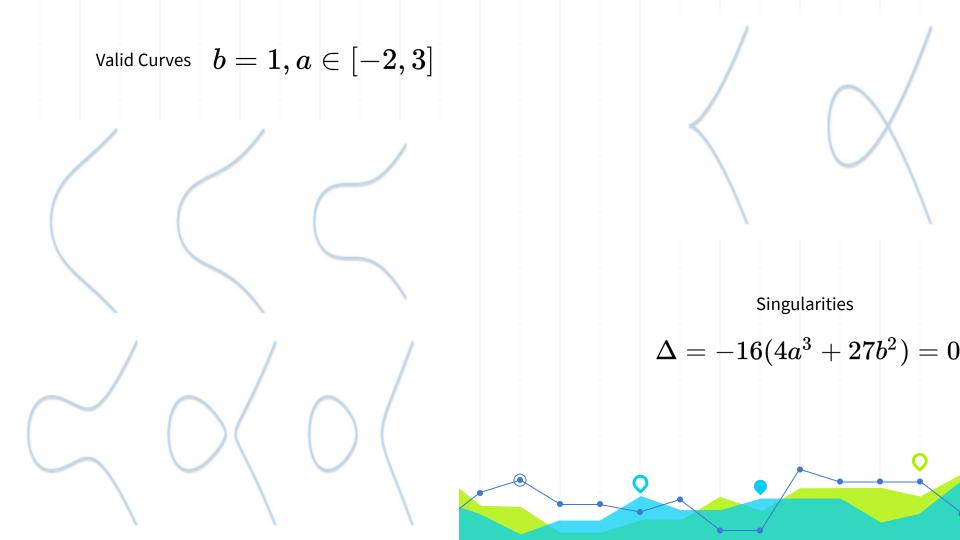
- The graph of  $y^2=x^3+ax+b$
- The graph will become a singularity if discriminant equals 0:

$$\Delta = -16(4a^3 + 27b^2) = 0$$

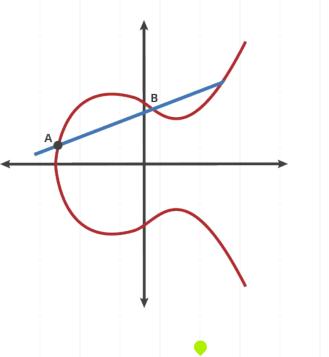
- All (x,y) on the curve restricted over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (all integers taken mod prime p)
- Initial Generator point G
- Order of G is least n such that nG becomes (2)
- Properties:
  - -a(bP) = b(aP)
  - P + Q = Q + P

A "Point at Infinity" called  $\mathcal{O}$  (the vertical line "point") from P + (-P)

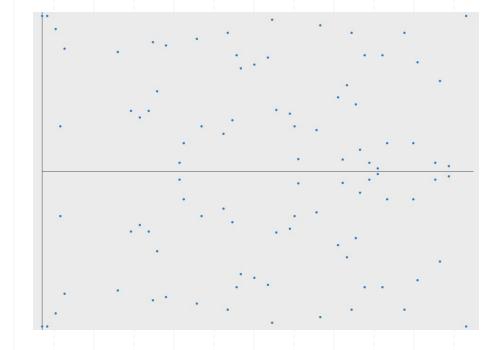
The curve 
$$\,y^2=x^3+7\,$$
 is used in Bitcoin



Starting Point A Not restricted to  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ 



$$y^2 = x^3 - x + 1 \pmod{97}$$



#### **Parameters**

- We now have {p, a, b, G, n}
- p to determine our field for the curve  $\mathbb{Z}_p$
- a, b are parameters for the curve itself  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$
- Known to everyone
- n is ord(G)



## Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Goal

- Bob wants to send message to Alice
- Create a shared private key for Alice/Bob, Eve no access
- With this shared key, Alice/Bob can use a symmetric encryption system (like AES)

## Elliptic Curve Diffie Hellman Key Exchange

Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem acts as the Trapdoor function

#### Alice:

- Private Key:  $\, lpha \in [1, n-1] \,$
- Public: A=lpha G
- A released to everyone
- Finds lpha B = lpha (eta G) = P

#### Bob:

- Private Key:  $eta \in [1,n-1]$
- Public: B=eta G
- $oldsymbol{B}$  released to everyone
- Finds eta A = eta(lpha G) = P

#### Eve (Outsider):

- Has AB
- ECDLP prevents Eve from easily finding  $lpha\,eta$
- No access to P

#### ECDLP:

Hard to find n given initial point nG and generator point G

#### Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman

# Bob



Bob picks private key  $oldsymbol{eta}$ 

$$1 \leq \beta \leq n-1$$

Computes

$$B = \beta G$$

Receives

$$A = (x_A, y_A)$$

Computes

$$P = \beta \alpha G$$





$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

$$\frac{G}{n}$$





Alice picks private key lpha

$$1 \leq \alpha \leq n-1$$

Computes

$$A = \alpha G$$

Receives

$$B = (x_B, y_B)$$

Computes

$$P = \alpha \beta G$$

## **Symmetric Encryption**

- Let mk (masterkey) be our x-coord of lphaeta G
- Encrypt/Decrypt with symmetric encryption system
- Ex. AES

- Put mk through a Key Derivation Function (stretch/strengthen)
- Alice/Bob have access to mk and will produce the same cipher key from the KDF, Eve can not

## **Other Uses of Elliptic Curves**

- Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA)
- Edwards-curve Digital Signature Algorithm (EcDSA)
- Elliptic Curve MQV
- ElGamal (uses curve for the encryption)

# Thank You!

#### **AES-128**

32	88	31	e0
43	5a	31	37
f6	30	98	07
a8	8d	a2	34

- 1 bit is a binary digit (either 1 or 0)
- 1 byte is essentially 8 bits
- AES-128 uses 128 bit (16 byte) keys and states
- We first want to convert our input string into a state (4 by 4 block of bytes). We may use the ASCII conversion table, which works perfectly with hexadecimal bytes since it has 128 conversions
- Every 2 digit hexadecimal is 1 byte

### **ASCII/Unicode**

Used to convert strings of text into numbers, which can then go through the cryptological system

#### ASCII:

- Works for English language only
- Converts 2<sup>^</sup>7 (128) of the symbols into integers 0 to 127.
- Smaller memory required than unicode

#### Unicode:

- Works for most characters in the world
- Has 2<sup>16</sup> conversions
- More universal
- Because of its large size, unicode might require the message to be broken up into smaller parts, which would each separately go through the cryptography

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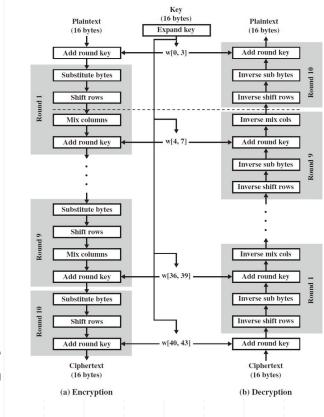
## **AES Encryption**

Rcon Constants (Base 16)					
Round	Constant(Rcon)	Round	Constant(Rcon)		
1	01 00 00 00	6	20 00 00 00		
2	02 00 00 00	7	40 00 00 00		
3	04 00 00 00	8	80 00 00 00		
4	08 00 00 00	9	1B 00 00 00		
5	10 00 00 00	10	36 00 00 00		

#### S-box (Substitution Box) for AES

Key Schedule- recursively created with the resulting cipher key and contains every round key.

- 1. Last column of every key is first SubByted, then RotWorded (shifted one by up), Xored with the first column and Xored with respective column in the Rcon
- 2. The newly generated column i is Xored with the column i-3 to get the next column



#### **AES Process**



Add Initial round key (input cipher) Xor each column with each other

32	88	31	e0
43	5a	31	37
f6	30	98	07
a8	8d	a2	34

2b	28	ab	09
7e	ae	f7	cf
15	d2	15	4f
16	a6	88	3с

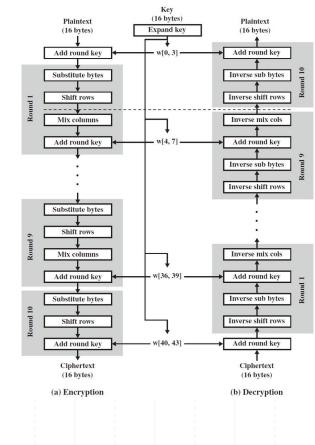
State (to be encrypted)

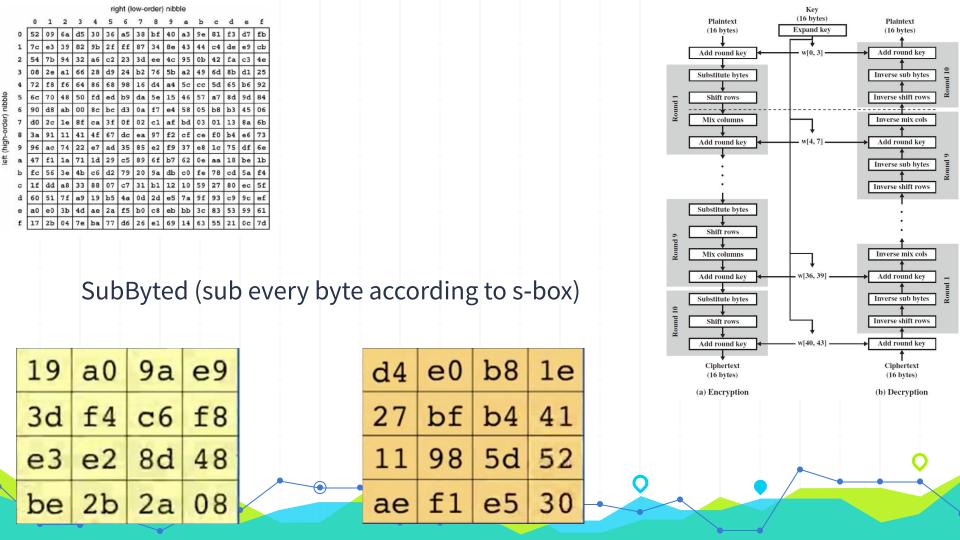
Cipher key

19	a0	9a	e9
3d	f4	c6	f8
			48
be	2b	2a	08

Number of rounds used is based on the key size: 128 bit: 10 192 bit: 12

256 bit: 14





#### ShiftRows (row i moves to the left by i)

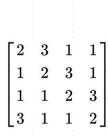
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27	bf	b4	41
11	98	5d	52
ae	f1	e5	30

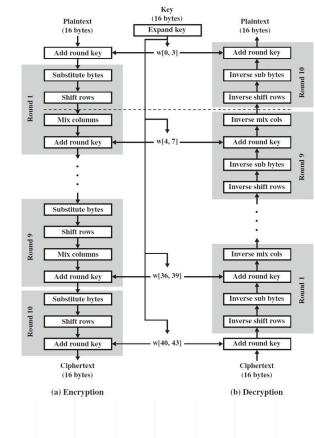
d4	e0	b8	1e
bf	b4	41	27
5d	52	11	98
30	ae	f1	e5

## MixColumns (mult each column by Matrix)

d4	e0	b8	1e
bf	b4	41	27
5d	52	11	98
30	ae	f1	e5

04	e0	48	28
66	cb	f8	06
81	19	d3	26
e5	9a	7a	4c





### Add round specific keys (Xor each column again)

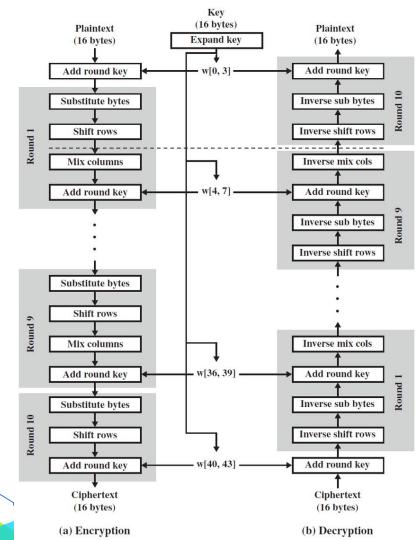
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66	cb	f8	06
81	19	d3	26
e5	9a	7a	4c



a0	88	23	2a
fa	54	a3	6c
fe	2c	39	76
17	b1	39	05

#### Round key 1

a4	68	6b	02
9c	9f	5b	6a
7f	35	ea	50
f2	2b	43	49



# **AES Decryption**

- Same key is still used
- ^^ Allows Bob to encrypt the message and Alice to decrypt it (both have the right cipher key)
- The order is simply reversed and steps inversed

