

# Cryptography: Encryption, Hash Functions, Certificates

# Cryptographic Libraries (and APIs)

- C:
  - OpenSSL: <https://www.openssl.org>
  - Cryptlib: <https://www.cryptlib.com>
  - NaCL (Networking and Cryptography): <https://nacl.cr.yp.to>
- Java:
  - JCA/JCE architecture and its implementations (Bouncy Castle: <https://www.bouncycastle.org/fr/>)
  - JAAS for authentication & authorization – notably for J2EE
  - Apache Commons Crypto (OpenSSL wrapper): <https://github.com/apache/commons-crypto>
  - jNaCL: <https://github.com/neilalexander/jnacl>
- Python:
  - NaCL (Networking and Cryptography): <https://nacl.cr.yp.to>
  - pyOpenSSL: <https://www.pyopenssl.org/en/stable/index.html>
  - cryptography: <https://github.com/pyca/cryptography>
- Web:
  - W3C low-level Crypto API (available in browsers): <https://www.w3.org/TR/WebCryptoAPI/>
  - IETF Javascript Object Signing and Encryption (jose): <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/jose/about/>

# Encryption

- Transforms data (also called plaintexts or cleartexts) into a ciphertext
  - The ciphertext cannot be read by anybody outside those who possess a secret
  - The secret is also called an encryption or decryption key
- Encryption is a mechanism ensuring the confidentiality property
- Kerckhoffs principle (1883):
  - The security of a system must only rely on the ignorance of the key, not that of another parameter
  - No “security by obscurity”



Enigma Machine



Augustin Kerckhoffs

# Symmetric Key Cryptography



- Encryption and decryption are symmetrical and use the same key
- Main problem of symmetric key encryption: key exchange
  - The keys must be exchanged between each pair of communicating entities
  - In practice, one must also distribute secret keys that will be used without these keys being intercepted by eavesdroppers.

# Encryption - approaches

- Substitution Ciphers
  - The alphabet is shifted (rotation)
  - Exemple: Caesar's cipher (3 shifts)
  - Monoalphabetic Ciphers
    - Each letter is substituted by another chosen arbitrarily
    - Weakness: frequential analysis (frequency of occurrence of letters ...)
  - Polyalphabetic substitution Ciphers
    - Permutation of alphabetic symbols
    - Using multiple ciphering alphabets (1 permutation per symbol)
    - The key selects which alphabet is used for each letter
    - Exemple: Vigenère's cipher
- Transposition Ciphers (or Permutation Ciphers)
  - The letter order is modified without changing their value
  - Permutating input symbols
  - The key identifies the permutation
- Product Ciphers
  - Combination of substitutions and permutations
  - Foundation of modern encryption

# Encryption : Transposition

1	2	3	4
r	e	n	d
e	z	v	o
u	s	d	e
m	a	i	n
a	l	u	n
i	v	e	r
s	i	t	e

Encryption Key: «3 1 4 2»

First line : «nrde»

Ciphertext:

«nrdeveozduesimnuanleirvtsei»

# Encryption: Substitution

For the « B » letter in the key, a shift of +1 is used in the alphabet.

If the plaintext contains a « R », and the key a « B »,  
the cleartext will be « S »

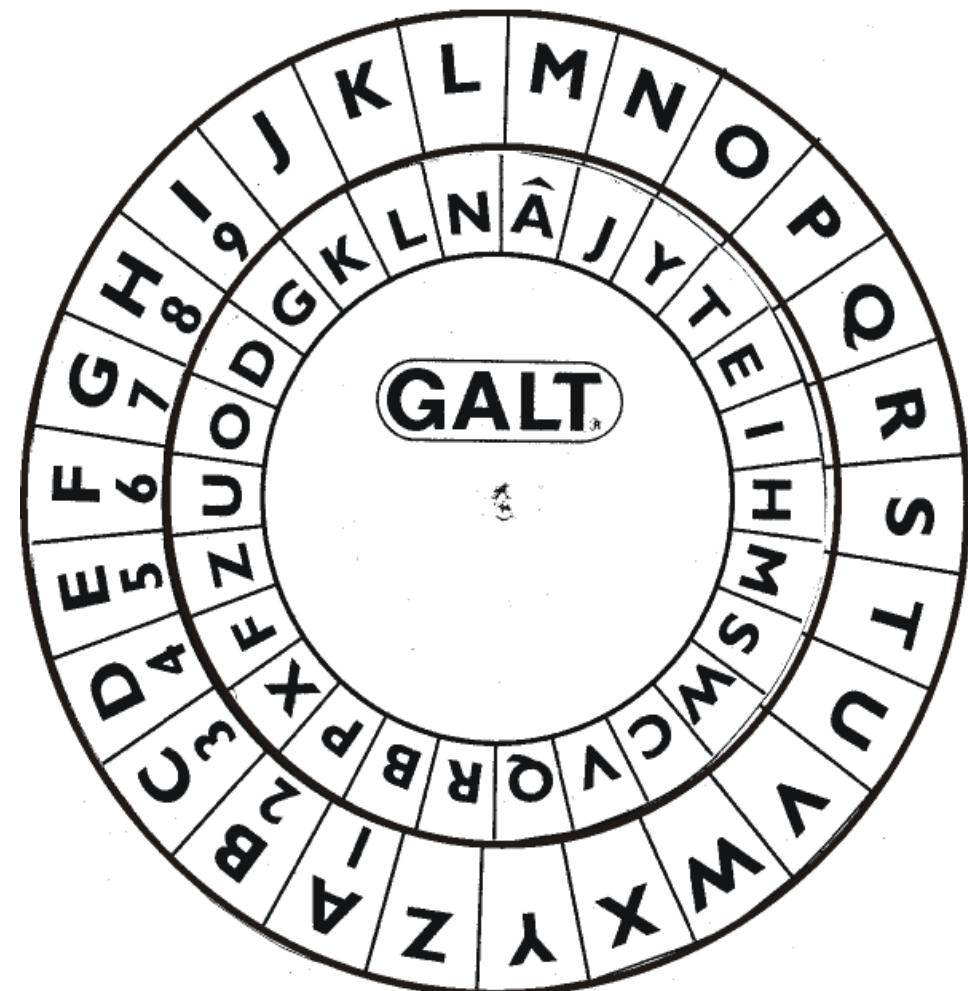
If the plaintext contains a « E », and the key a « A »,  
the cleartext will remain a « E »

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chiffrement =	S	E	A	D	J	S	F	D	O	C	R



# Encryption: Substitution

More complex and faster substitutions have been supported with hardware



# Block Ciphers

- Confusion :
  - The relationship between plaintext P and ciphertext C statistics must be overly complex to be exploited through cryptanalysis
  - Base Technique: Substitution
- Diffusion :
  - Each symbol of P and/or K must influence several symbols of C
  - The plaintext redundancy must be distributed over a ciphertext
  - Base Technique: Permutation (Transposition)

# DES

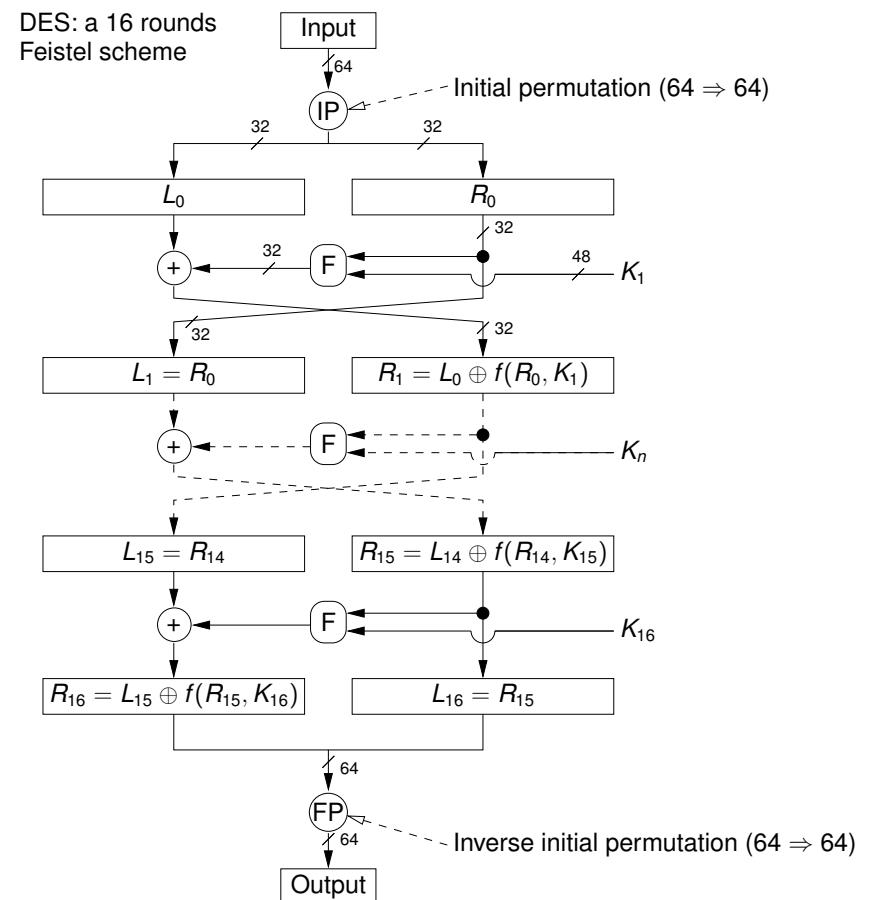
In 1973, the *National Bureau of Standards* of the USA launches a call for a cryptographic system.

In 1975, the Data Encryption Standard (DES), developed by IBM (under the name « Lucifer ») is adopted.

- 64 bit Bloc Cipher
- 56 bit Key (72 057 594 037 927 936 keys)

# Encryption with DES

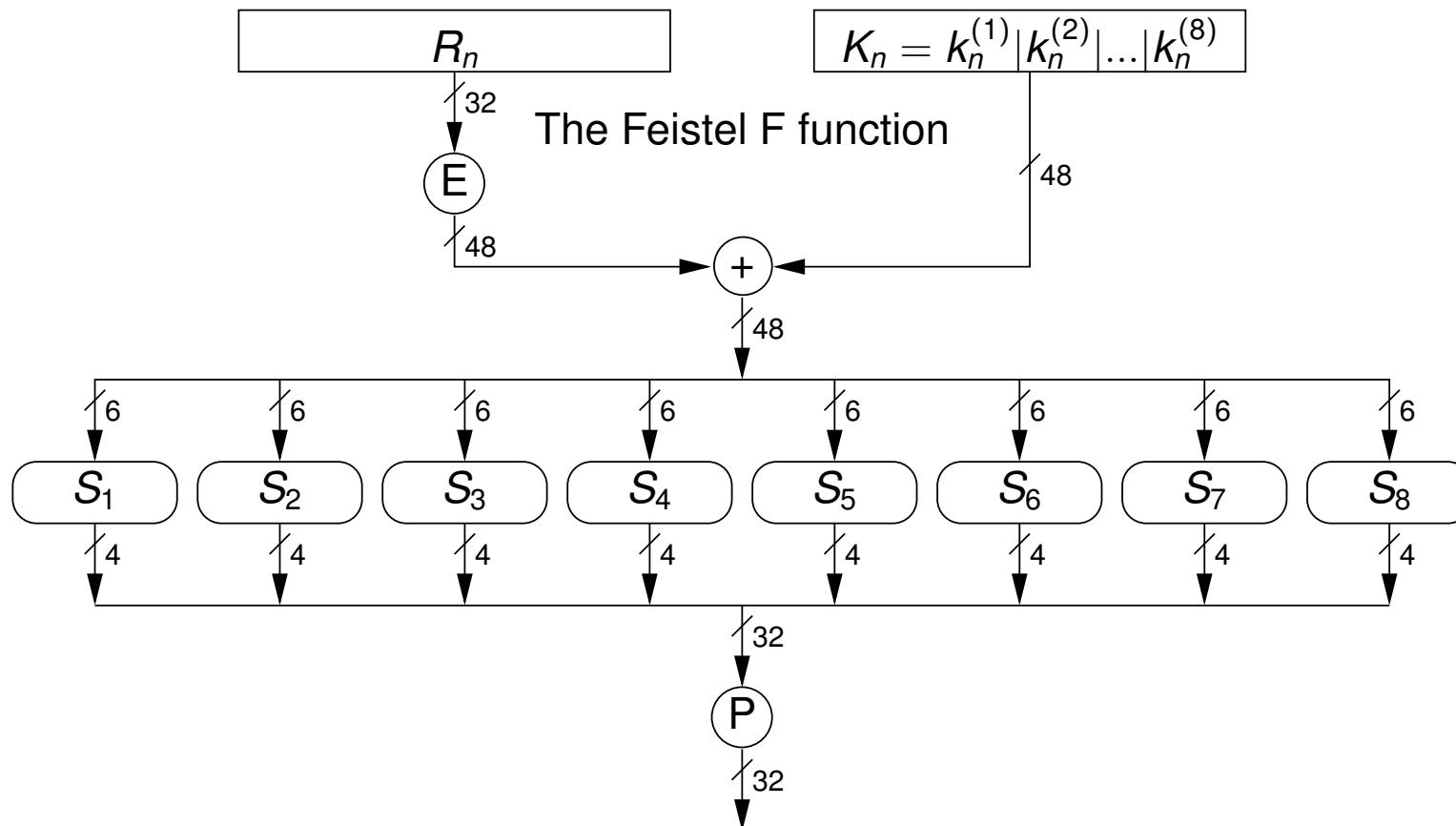
- DES - Data Encryption Standard (1976)
  - Feistel scheme (iterative block encryption)
  - Optimised for hardware implementation
  - 56 bit key, vulnerable to exhaustive key search ( $2^{56}$  possibilities)
  - A computer with 1024 processors running at 1 GHz can explore all keys in a day
  - DES is no longer secure but is now used as Triple DES (DED or EDE).
- Newer standard: AES – Advanced Encryption Standard (2000)
  - 128-256 bit keys



# The Feistel $f$ function in the DES algorithm

- 1) 32 bit transposition towards 48 bits
- 2) Precomputed substitution (stored in tables called S-boxes)

S-Box design (pre-computed substitutions) was wildly discussed



## Chaining Modes

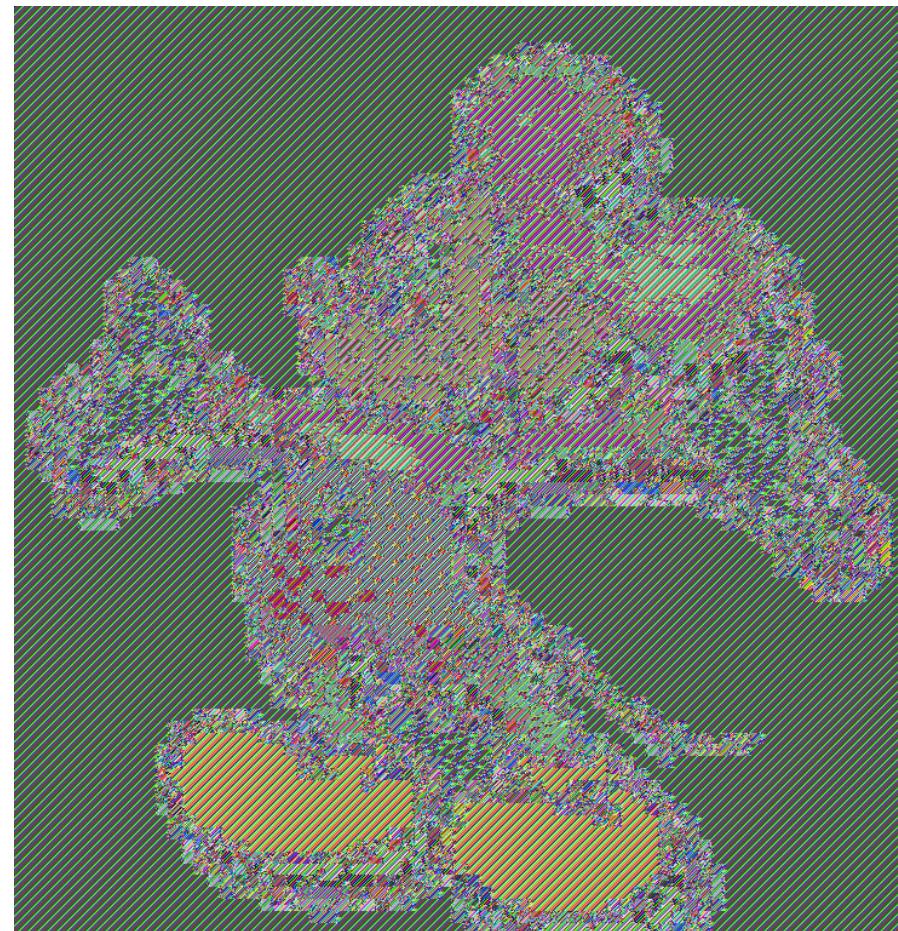
- Electronic Code Book (ECB) – **Statistical Attacks** against DES in ECB mode !
- Cipher Block Chaining (CBC)
- Counter (CTR)
- Cipher Feedback (CFB)

**Chaining blocks introduces problems with respect to error propagation and resynchronization ...**

# Plaintext



# DES-ECB Encryption

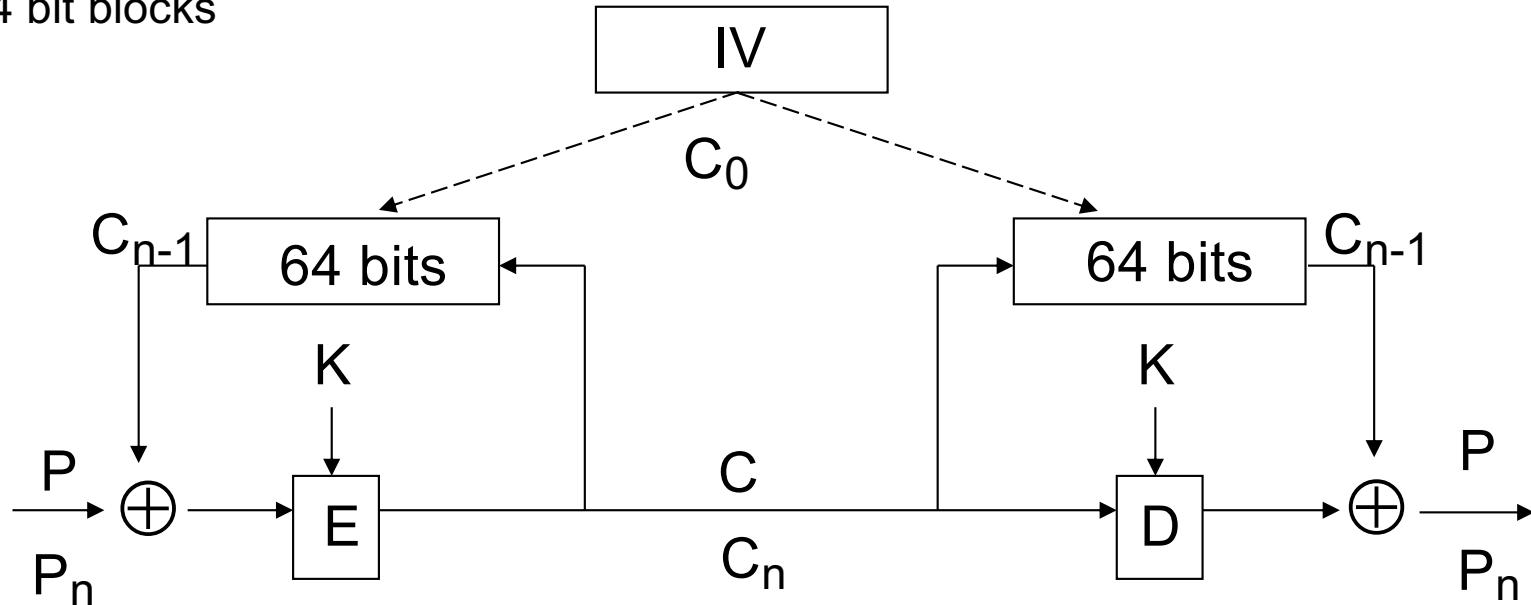


## DES-CBC Encryption



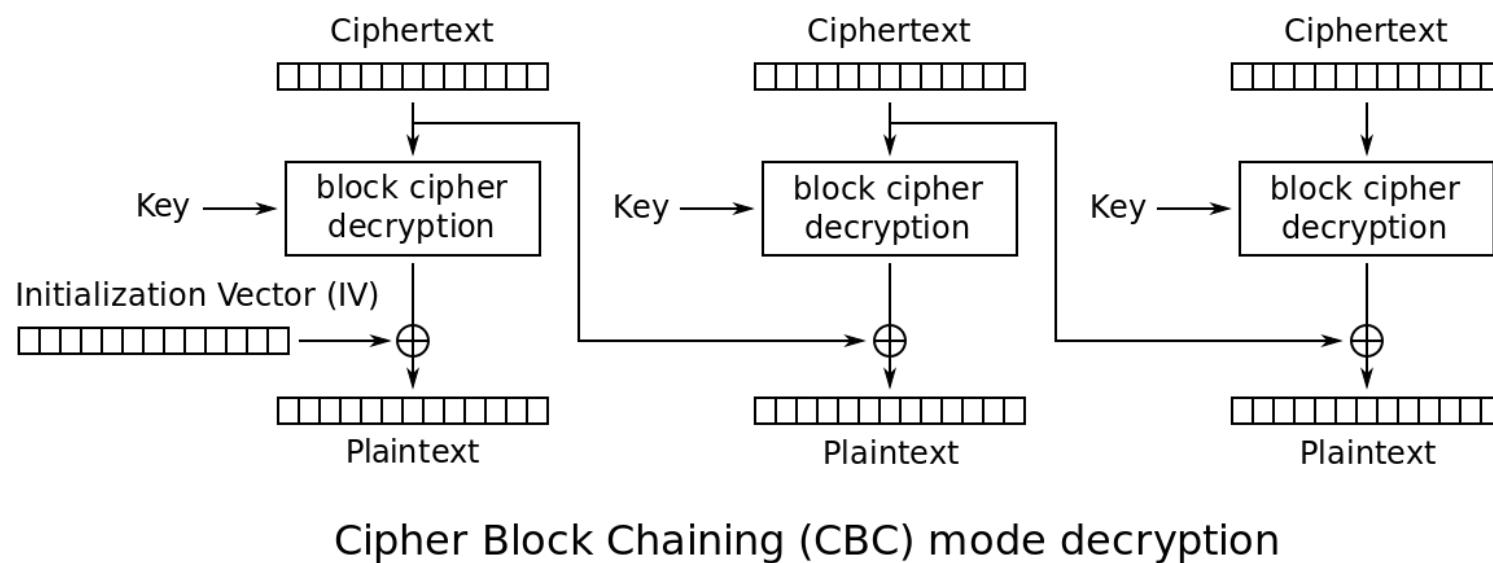
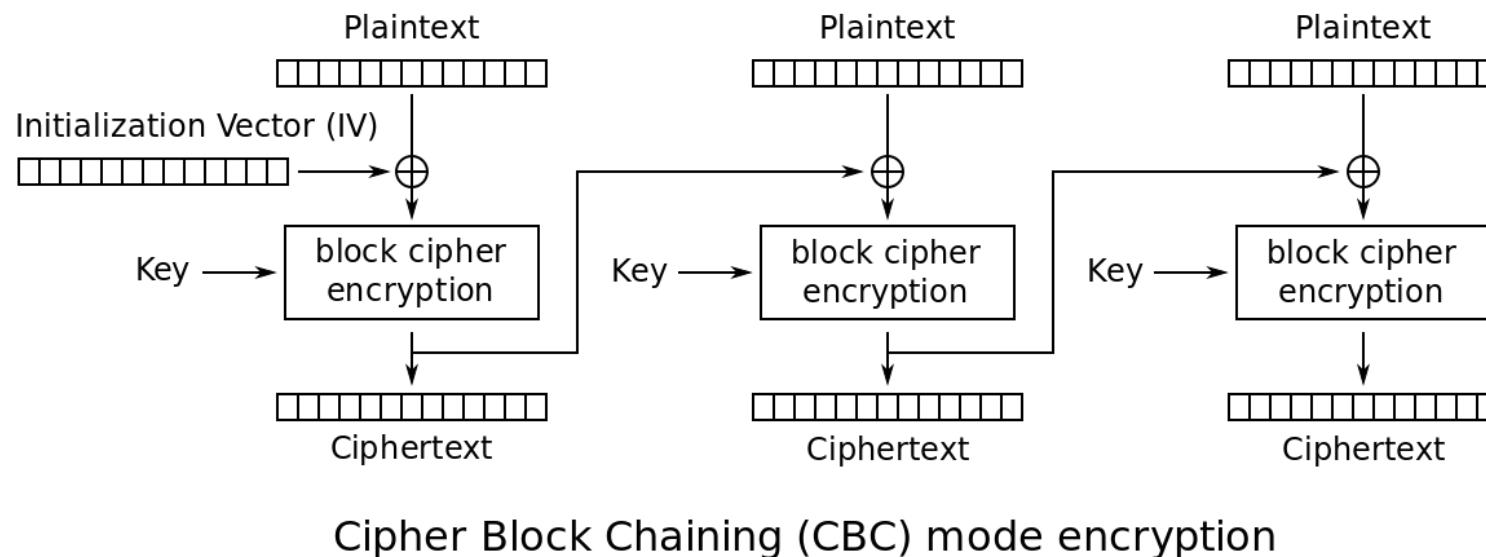
# CBC Mode

Cipher Block Chaining  
64 bit blocks

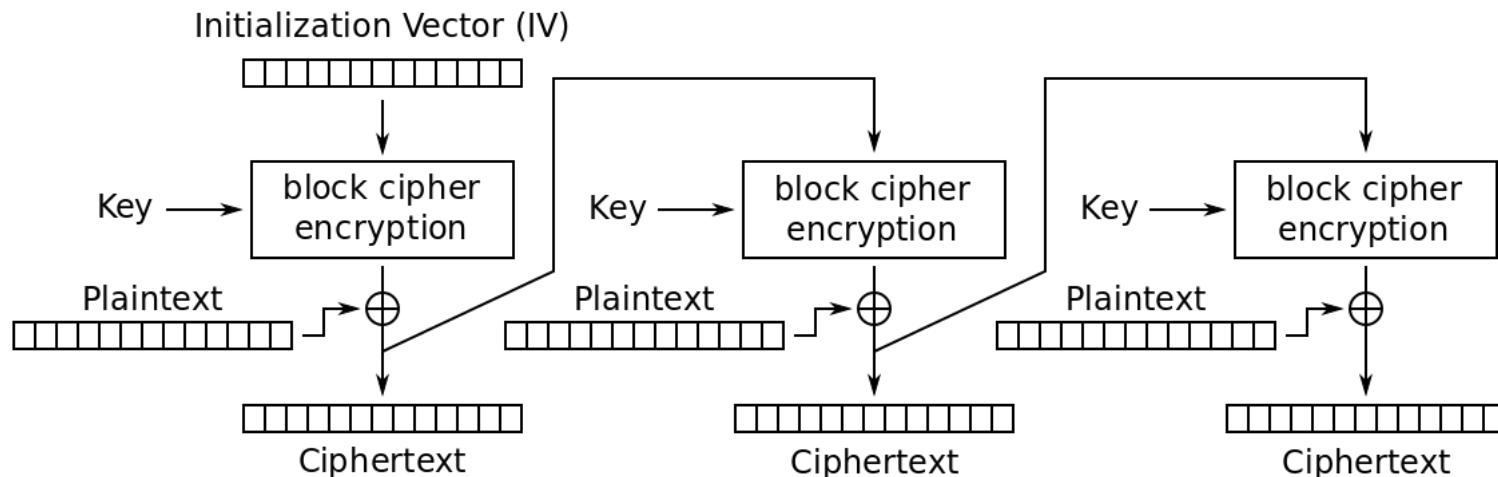


- $C_i = E_K(P_i \oplus C_{i-1})$
- $C_0 = E_K(P_0 \oplus IV)$ , IV (Initialization Vector) transmitted in clear
- $P_i = D_K(C_i) \oplus C_{i-1}$
  
- chaining effect :  $C_i$  depends on all  $P_j$  with  $j \leq i$
- last block in  $C$  : depends on all cleartext blocks
- converts DES into a stream cipher
- 1 encryption / decryption operation per 64 bits

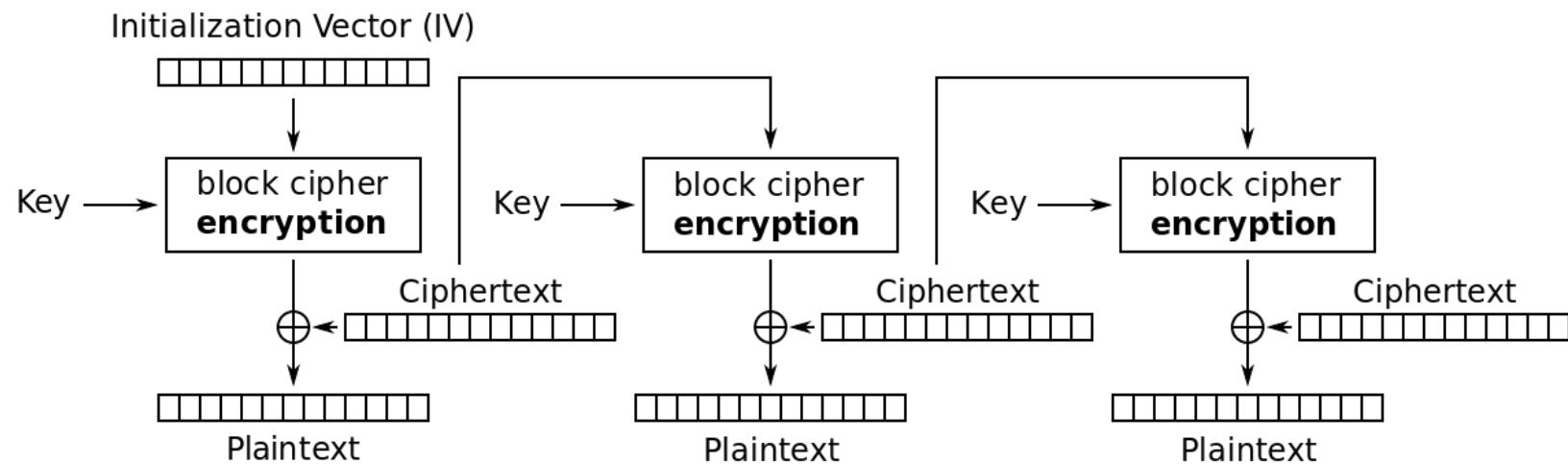
# Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) Mode



# Cipher Feedback (CFB) Mode

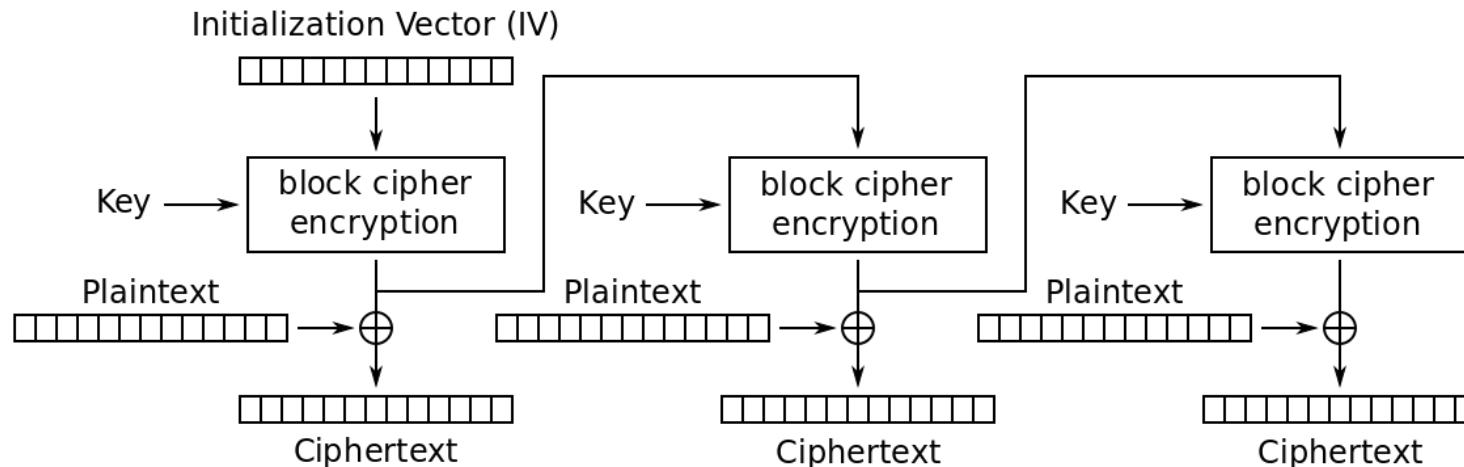


Cipher Feedback (CFB) mode encryption

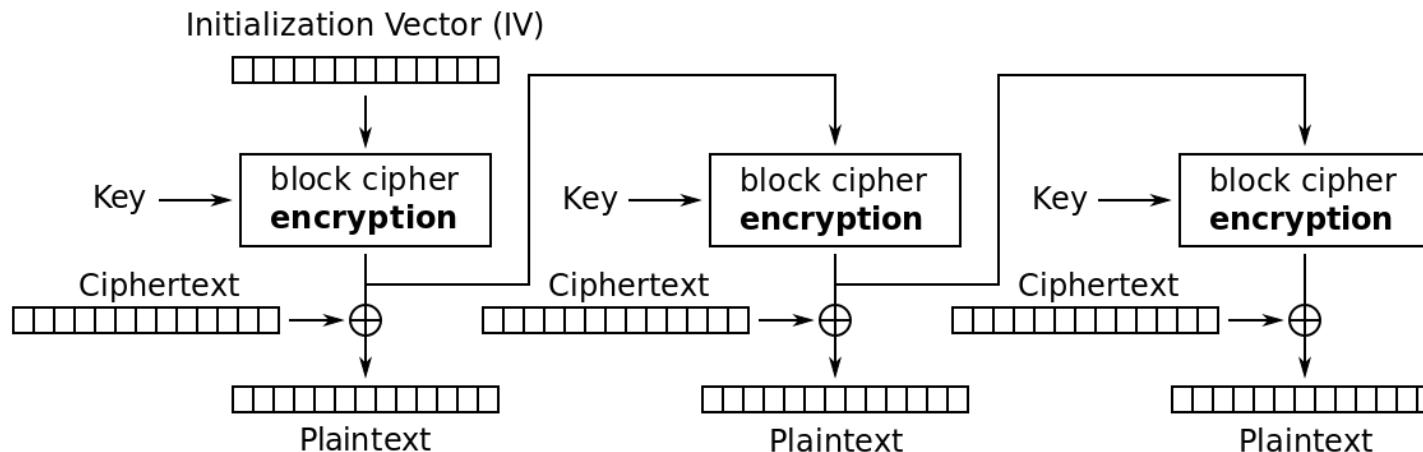


Cipher Feedback (CFB) mode decryption

# Output Feedback (OFB) Mode

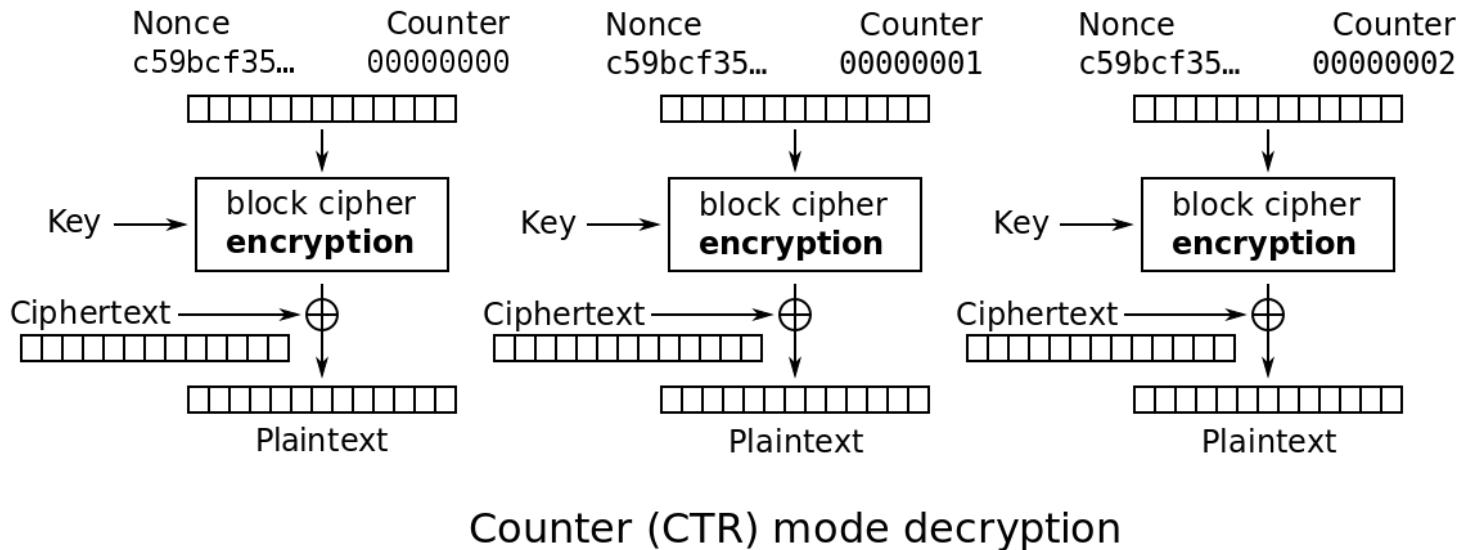
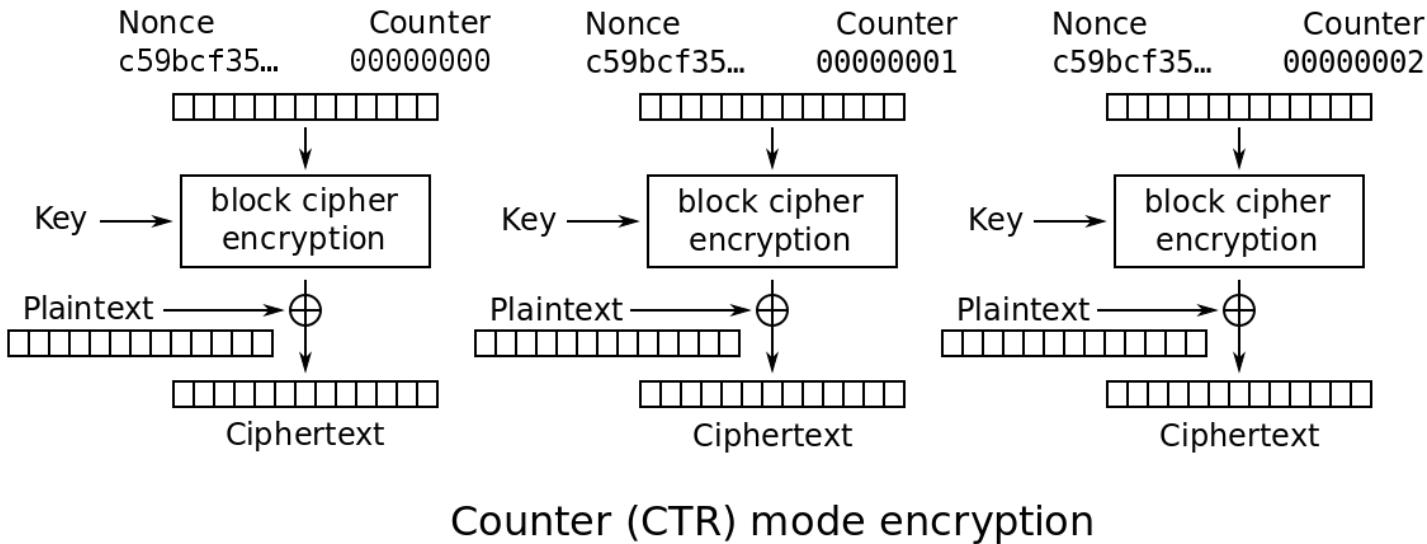


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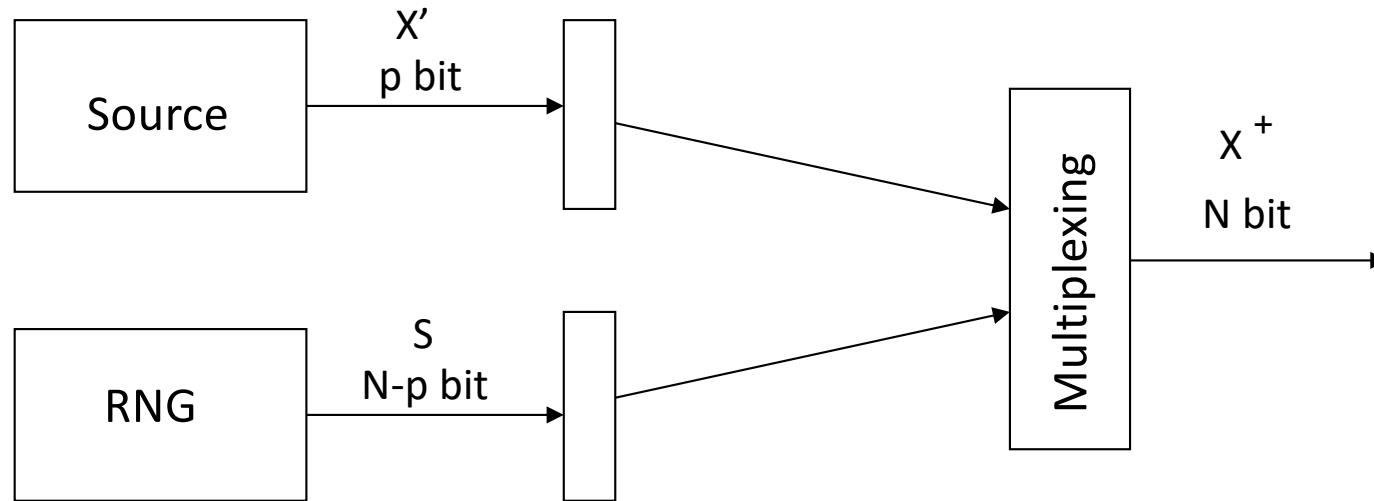


Output Feedback (OFB) mode decryption

# Counter (CTR) Mode



# Padding



- Two applications:
  - fighting cryptanalysis (e.g., frequency analysis)
  - Adapting cleartext to algorithms (input format size, e.g., 64 bits in DES)
- Example
  - Encryption Algorithme : 56-bit DES key,  $H(K) = 56$  bits
  - Cleartext: 8-bit English coded in ASCII,  $r = 6,7$  bits/character
  - Padding of every source bit with 63 random bits,  $p=1$
- Standards:
  - PKCS#5 and #7 (Public Key Cryptography Standard), PKCS#1 - RSA-OAEP (Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding), zero padding for hashes (ISO/EIC 10118-1) ...

# Types of attacks

- ***Ciphertext only attacks:***

the attacker knows C with  $C=E_K(P)$

objectives: find P and K

- ***Known cleartext attacks:***

the attacker knows  $(P_i, C_i)$  with  $C_i = E_K(P_i)$

objectives: find K

- ***Chosen cleartext attacks:***

the attacker can obtain  $C_i$  starting from a chosen  $P_i$

objectives : find K

the attacks can be adaptive

- ***Chosen ciphertext attacks:***

the attacker can obtain  $P_i$  for a chosen  $C_i$

objectives : find K

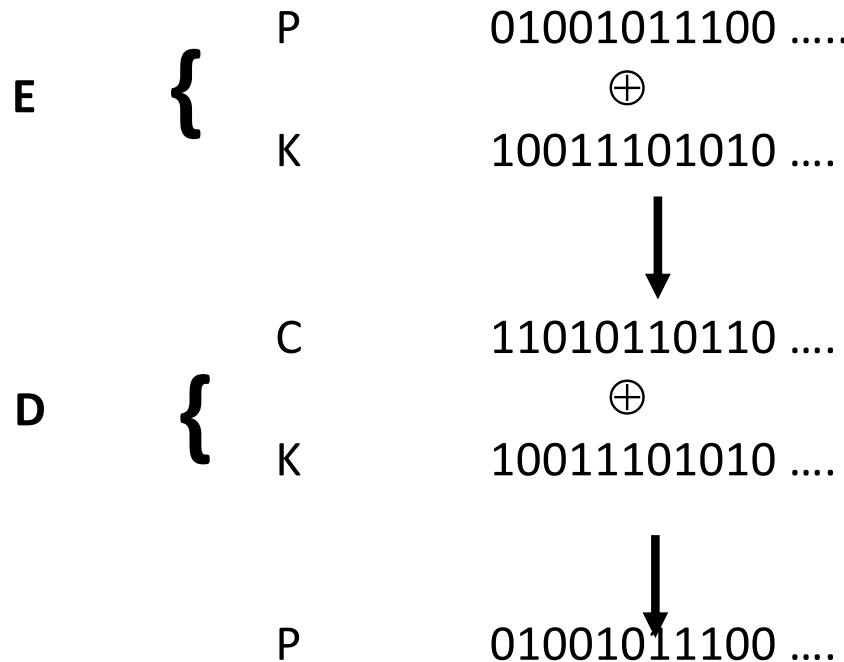
the attacks can also be adaptive

# Security Evaluation

- **Unconditional Security (Perfect Secrecy)** = the system is secure against an attacker with an unlimited amount of time or resources
  - so: is there enough information to compromise the system security?
- **Security through theoretical complexity** = proving that the system is secure against an adversary with polynomial capability.
- **Provable Security** = proving that compromising the system security amounts to solving a problem known as “difficult” (e.g., discrete logarithm, factoring big integers).
- **Computational Security** (practical security) = the system is secure against an attacker with a given time and resources.

# One-time pad: perfect secrecy

## Vernam Cipher



Gilbert Vernam

- Additive group operation
- Implementation using exclusive or (XOR)

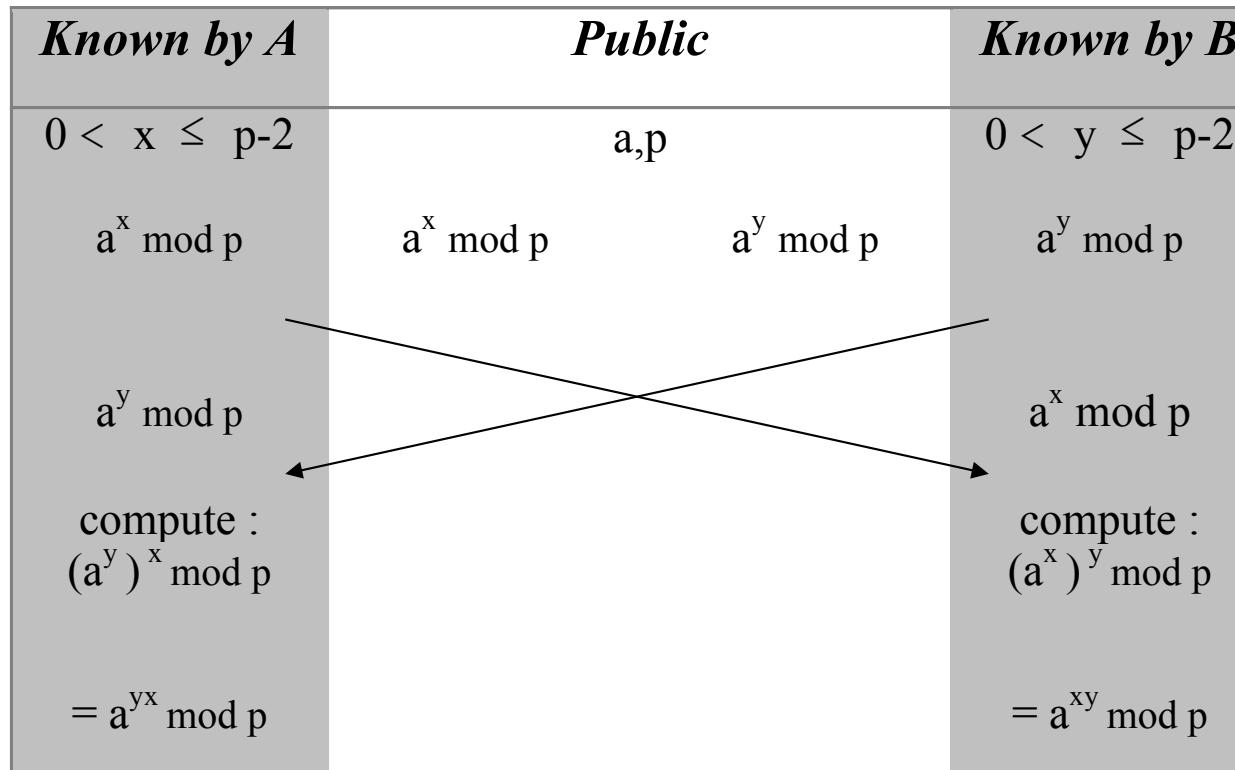
# Asymmetric Key Cryptography



- Encryption based on the difficulty to find the inverse solution to a mathematical problem
  - Much more costly than symmetric key encryption
- Diffie-Hellman (1977)
  - Secret sharing :  $(g^a)^b = (g^b)^a = g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$
- RSA : Rivest-Shamir-Adleman (1978)
  - Standard solution today
  - $E_{KP}(P) = M^e \text{ mod } n$  et  $D_{KS}(C) = M^d \text{ mod } n$
  - Les clés KP=(e,n) et KS=(d,n) are connected by a mathematical relationship
- Elliptic curves: the new breed

# Diffie-Hellman algorithm

$p$  is a large prime,  $a$  a primitive element of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$



- A and B establish a shared secret ( $a^{xy} \bmod p$ ) without exchanging any secret information
- $a^{xy} \bmod p$  may be used as a secret key with a symmetric key algorithm in order to encrypt data
- relies on the hardness to compute the discrete logarithm

# Public key encryption

The algorithm on an operation whose inverse computation is hard

Modulus:

X	1	2	3	4	5	6
$3^x$	3	9	27	81	243	729
$3^x \text{ mod } 7$	3	2	6	4	5	1

# RSA: Inversibility

## Euler Function

For an integer  $n$ ,  $z = \phi(n)$  is the number of primes with  $n$ .

- if  $n$  is prime  $\phi(n) = n-1$
- if  $n = p \cdot q$  with  $p$  and  $q$  prime  
$$\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

## Euler Theorem

If  $a$  and  $n$  are respectively prime

$$a^{\phi(n)} \bmod n = 1$$

## Why RSA works

$$\begin{aligned} D_K(E_k(M)) &= ((M)^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n \\ &= (M^e)^d \bmod n = M^{e \cdot d} \bmod n \end{aligned}$$

But we chose  $e \cdot d = 1 \bmod z$

Thus there exists an integer  $j$  such that  $e \cdot d = jz + 1$

$$M^{e \cdot d} = M^{jz} M \bmod n = M \bmod n$$

According to Euler theorem:

$$M^{jz} \bmod n = (M^z)^j \bmod n = (1)^j = 1$$

# Example (B. Schneier)

1) Given two primes  $p = 47, q = 71$   
 $n = p \cdot q = 3337$

2)  $z = (p-1)(q-1) = 46 \cdot 70 = 3220$   
Let us choose  $e = 79$  (prime with  $n$ )

3) Computing the inverse of  $e$  modulo  $z$   
A possible solution: Euler theorem

$$e^{\phi(n)} \equiv e \pmod{z}$$

Thus :  $d = e^{-1} \equiv e^{\phi(n)-1} \pmod{z}$

Numerically :  $79^{78} \pmod{3220} = 1019$

4) To encrypt  $M = 6882326879666683$   
Let us decompose  $M$  into blocks whose value is less than  $n = 3337$   
=> 3 digit blocks

$$M = 688 \ 232 \ 687 \ 966 \ 668 \ 3$$

Let us encrypt 688:  $688^{79} \pmod{3337} = 1570$

$$E(M) = 1570 \ 2756 \ 2091 \ 2276 \ 2423 \ 158$$

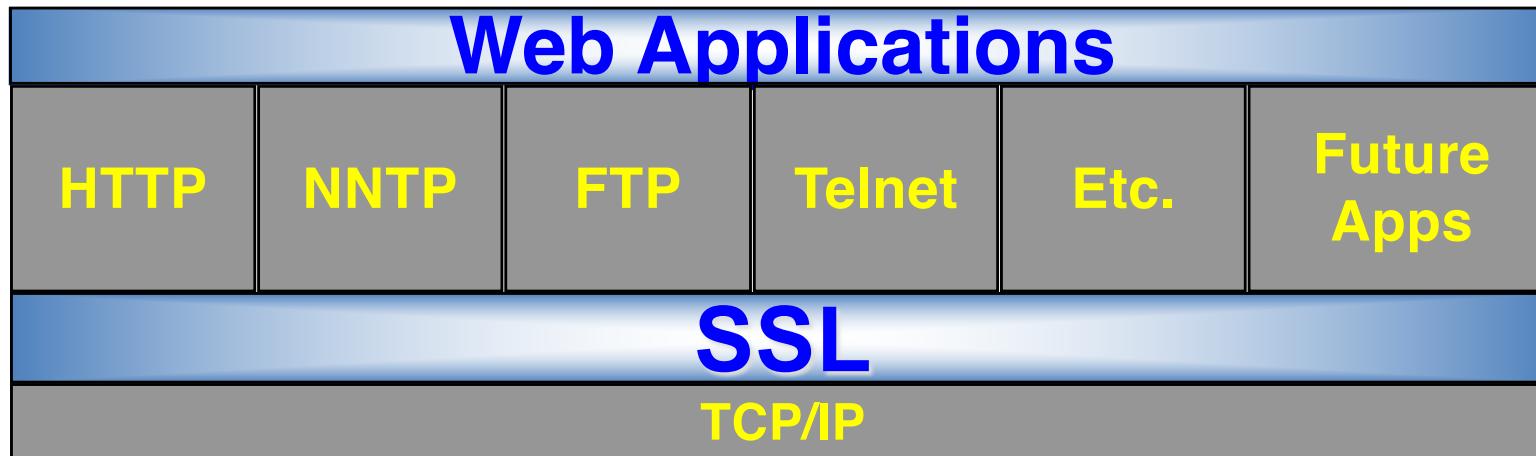
Let us decrypt 1570:  $1570^{1019} \pmod{3337} = 688$

# RSA: implementation weaknesses

- Never use a value overly small for  $n$ ,
- Never use an overly short private key
- Use only strong keys such that  $p-1$  and  $q-1$  have a large prime factor
- Do not encrypt overly short blocks (always complete them to  $n-1$  bits, so as to destroy any syntactic structure)
- Do not use a  $n$  factor common to several keys if those keys can be used to encrypt the same message
- If a private key  $(d, n)$  is compromised, do not use the other keys using  $n$  as a modulus
- Never encrypt or authenticate a message from a third party without modifying it (by adding a few random bytes for instance)

# Examples of cryptographic protocol deployments

- Secure transport protocols:
  - SSL/TLS (Secure Socket Layer / Transport Layer Security) – independent from applications
    - Services: server authentication / client authentication / integrity (check values) / confidentiality (encryption)



- Secure Payloads:
  - S-HTTP: individual encryption of HTTP messages
    - Services: authentication, integrity, confidentiality + digital signatures (adds non-repudiation)
  - S/MIME (Secure Internet Multipurpose Extension)

# Hash Functions

- A hash function  $h$  is a function which associates to a message  $M$  of any length a message  $h(M)$  (also denoted as  $\{M\}^h$ ) of a constant (generally short) length.
- While  $M$  can be arbitrarily large while  $\{M\}^h$  has a given length

Example: file system hashcodes, error detection codes

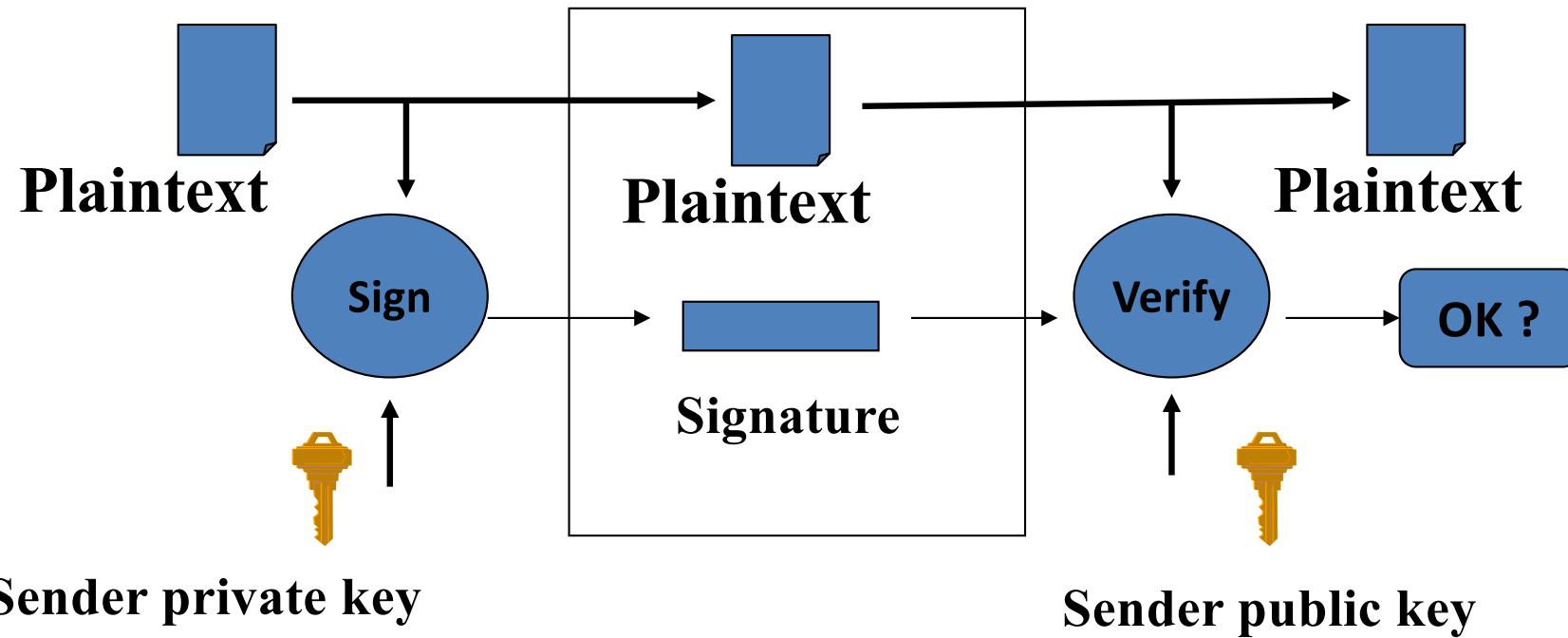
# Cryptographic hash functions

Notable usage: integrity protection, password « storage »

MD5 (don't use !), SHA-1 (don't use!), SHA-256, bcrypt, scrypt, Argon2,  
...

- 3 properties:
- Preimage resistance: given  $K$ , it is computationally hard to find  $M$  such that  $h(M)=K$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Preimage resistance: given  $M$ , it is computationally hard to find  $M'$  distinct from  $M$  such that  $h(M)=h(M')=K$
- Collision-free: it is computationally hard to find  $M$  and  $M'$  distinct from  $M$  such that  $h(M)=h(M')$ 
  - Birthday attacks ...
- It is keyed if its computation depends on a secret information (termed MAC – Message Authentication Code)

# Digital Signature



- Comes with a message (which can be encrypted or in cleartext)
- Ensures:
  - The authentication of the origin of a message
  - The protection of the integrity of a message
  - The non repudiation of a message

# Signature using a public key algorithm

E, D : public key algorithm

Generating the signature of A over message M :

$$S = E_{K_{Sa}}(h(M))$$

Verifying the signature :

- compute  $h(M)$
- verify whether  $D_{K_{Pa}}(S) = h(M)$

# Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

- Public key certificates
  - Certifies the association of a name and a key
  - Some certificates can also reference authorizations (permissions)
- Foundational to today's secure and commercial Internet
- Assurances over identity, not trust!
  - Trust = external knowledge
- Example of usage: Thunderbird + Enigmail

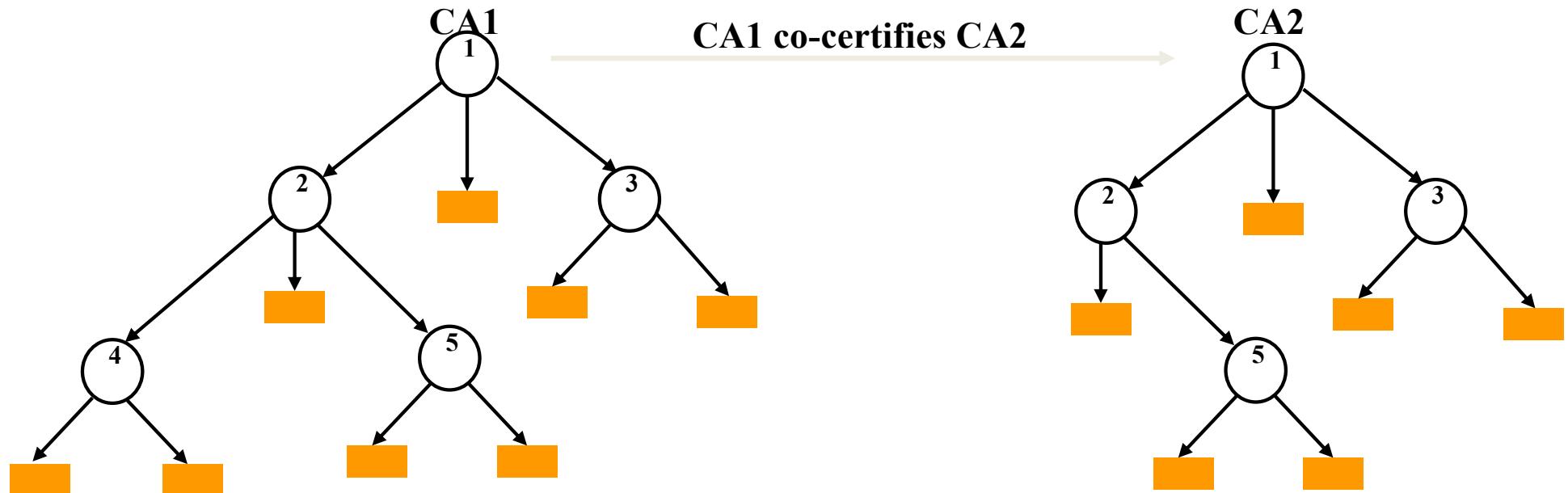


# Certificates

- Introduced in 1978 [Kohnfelder]
- Certificates  $\neq$  Signature
  - Certificats are *implemented using* signatures
- Certificates  $\neq$  Authentication / Authorizations
  - Authentication (resp. authorizations) *can be implemented with* certificates
- X.509 – the current “standard”
  - v.1 (1988) and v.2 – not extensible
  - v.3 (1997) current standard – optional extensions
  - Numerous other proposals extend X.509
- Other standards
  - PGP (notably OpenPGP), SPKI, etc.

# Trust Models in X.509

- Hierarchical Infrastructure
- Possibility to certify between 2 CAs belonging to different trees (co-certification)



# Countermeasures and More Vulnerabilities

- Countermeasures can lead to new vulnerabilities
  - E.g., if we only allow three incorrect logins, as a countermeasure to brute-force attacks (account is frozen), which new vulnerability do we introduce?
    - **Denial of Service attack**
  - If a countermeasure relies on new software, bugs in this new software may mean
    - that it is ineffective, or
    - worse still, that it introduces more weaknesses
    - E.g., Witty worm appeared in Mar 2004 exploited ISS security software
      - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witty\\_%28computer\\_worm%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witty_%28computer_worm%29)

# Caveat: insecurities in cryptography

- SSH was meant to provide security, namely as countermeasure against eavesdropping on network, but is a source of new vulnerabilities
- Cryptography is not the cause of these vulnerabilities, and could not solve/prevent these vulnerabilities
  - Protocol, implementation errors (e.g., WEP in WiFi)
  - Programming errors (buffer overflow)
  - Distribution errors (trojan)
- Bruce Schneier: “*Currently encryption is the strongest link we have. Everything else is worse: software, networks, people. There's absolutely no value in taking the strongest link and making it even stronger*”

Authentication / Identification /  
Platform Integrity

# Authentication

- What I know: passwords, secret questions, secret keys
- What I own: smartcard, bank card, RSA key, mobile phone
- What I am: biometrics – physiology (fingerprints, iris, veins, face, voice ...) or behavior (signature, gestures ...)
- Increasing association of two mechanisms
  - two-factor authentication from different categories

# Passwords

- Strictly personal
- Hard to find, easy to remember (no need to write it down)
  - Minimum number of characters (including ; / ! % ....)
  - Does not correspond to a dictionary word
- Avoid
  - Names or first names of relatives
  - Telephone number...
- Must be changed periodically
- Key phrase method
  - Saying, movie title....

**FIGURE 11.15 • Passwords, weakest to strongest**

Strong passwords use words that are unrelated to your interests and include upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and symbols.

Weakest
John
Kelley
JohnnieD
yankees
Heresjohnnie
nycoolboy
NYcoolboy#1
Hypertree
nyKOOLB@Y
Hyper#tree9
re@Lpharm#
92Tpo5#cCw
Strongest

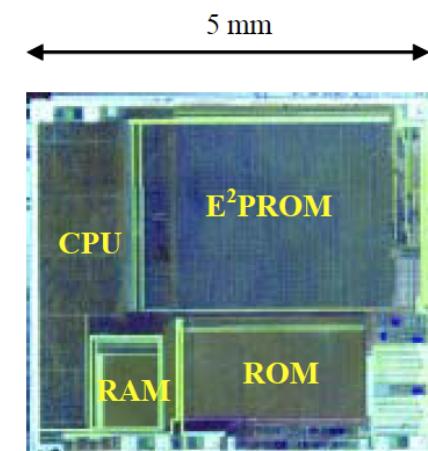
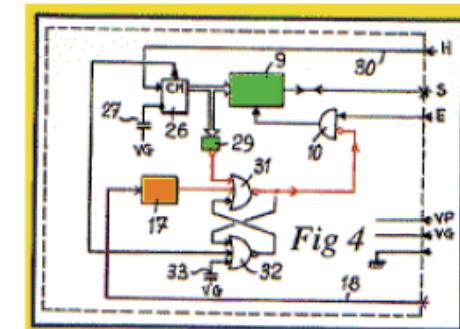
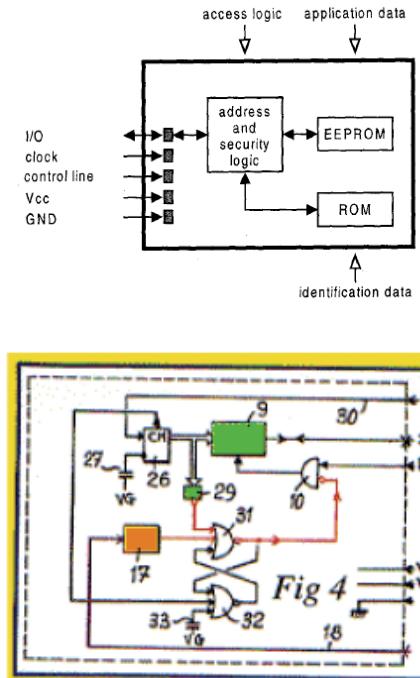
*Most effective*

# Smartcard

- Smart card, IC card, chip card, pin card ...
- Main features:
  - Portable object storing data and/or procedures.
  - Secure object
  - Prevents reading data stored in the card memory (secret keys...)
  - Code executed in a trusted space
  - Low cost object customizable for hundreds of millions of users.
    - 1-5\$ for SPOM / 0,1-0,5\$ for magnetic cards
  - Can't work alone and requires
    - A card reader to deliver energy
    - *A clock*
    - *A communication link*

# The card and its technical features

- Memory card:
  - Simple memory (reading / writing) (EPROM / EEPROM)
  - Not standardised
- Cabled logic Card :
  - The card contains a cabled device for protecting the data
  - Dedicated electronics to connect input and output pins
  - Not standardised
- Microprocessor card (SPOM/MAM) :
  - Memory + processor → programmable
  - Security algorithms (ex: DES, RSA)
  - ISO 7816 standards
  - Contact-based or contactless card
  - 1<sup>st</sup> implementation Bull CP8: 36b of RAM, 1 Kb EPROM, 1,6 Kb ROM



# Biometrics

- Goals:
  - The user does not risk losing his authentication mechanism
  - Some authentication modes are well integrated – ex: fingerprints (iPAQ, iPhone 5s)



- Problems:
  - Biometric factor theft: never use 1-factor identification!
  - Sometimes easy counterfeiting (fingerprints...)
  - The data should be preserved under the control of their owner (ex: smartcard)

**FIGURE 11.17 • Facial recognition**

By taking measurements of 128 facial features and matching them to the measurements of known faces, biometric software can help identify people.



# SW Platform Security: Java

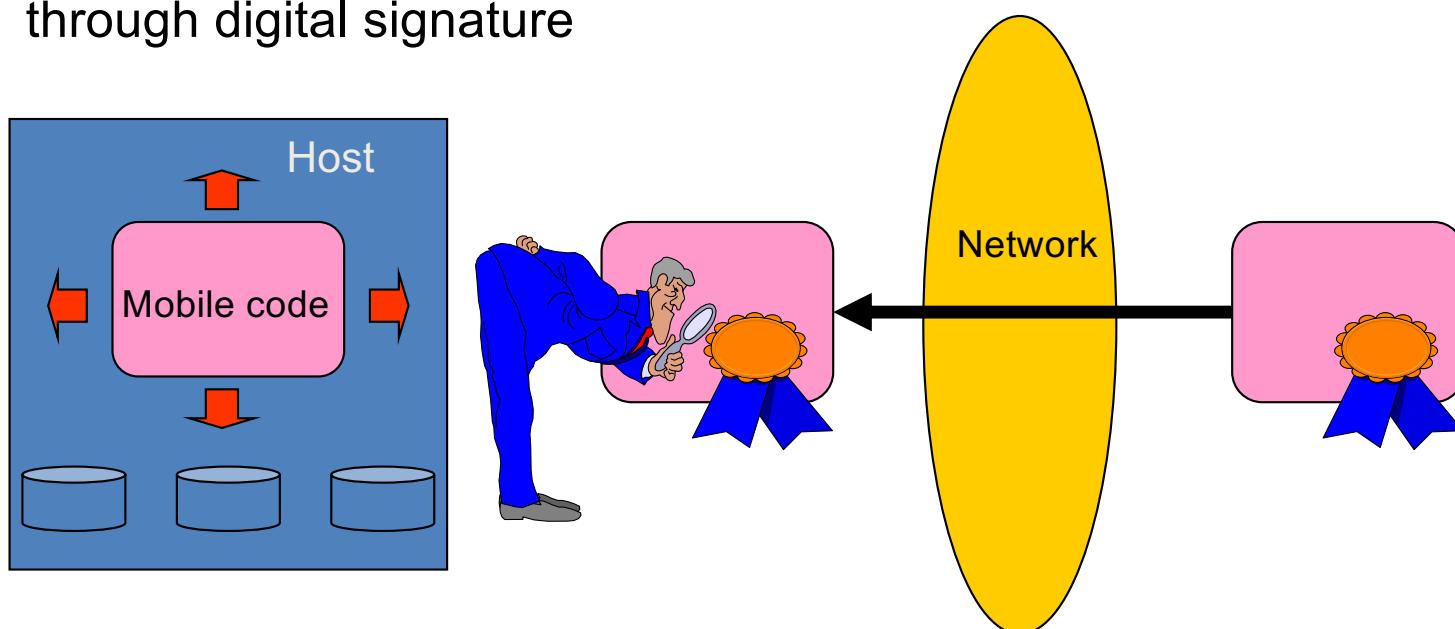
- Host and Mobile code bear separate identities
  - Authentication of the mobile code's origin
- Mobile code is exposed through the network
  - Verification of the mobile code's integrity
- Mobile code is generated by a different party
  - Access control
  - Semantic verification

# Java: Security Manager

- Purpose:
  - establish a custom security policy
  - define the boundaries of the sandbox
- installing an application security manager:
  - in charge for the application lifetime
    - not replaceable
  - policy can depend upon information collected elsewhere
    - e.g. class loader
- To customize the sandbox:
  - extend the `java.lang.SecurityManager` class
  - override methods authorizing resource access

# Authentication / Integrity - Code Signing

Strong authentication and code integrity through digital signature



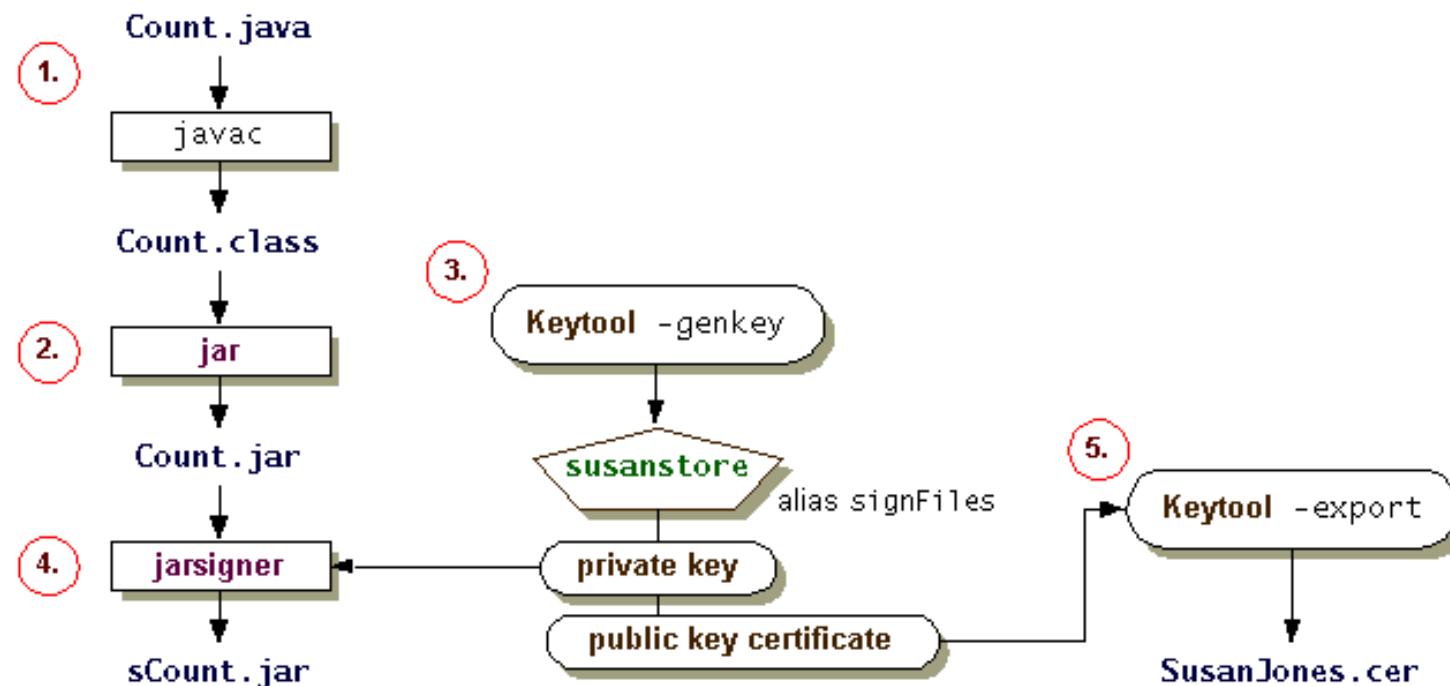
Problem: no accountability for mobile code actions

# Java Signed Applets

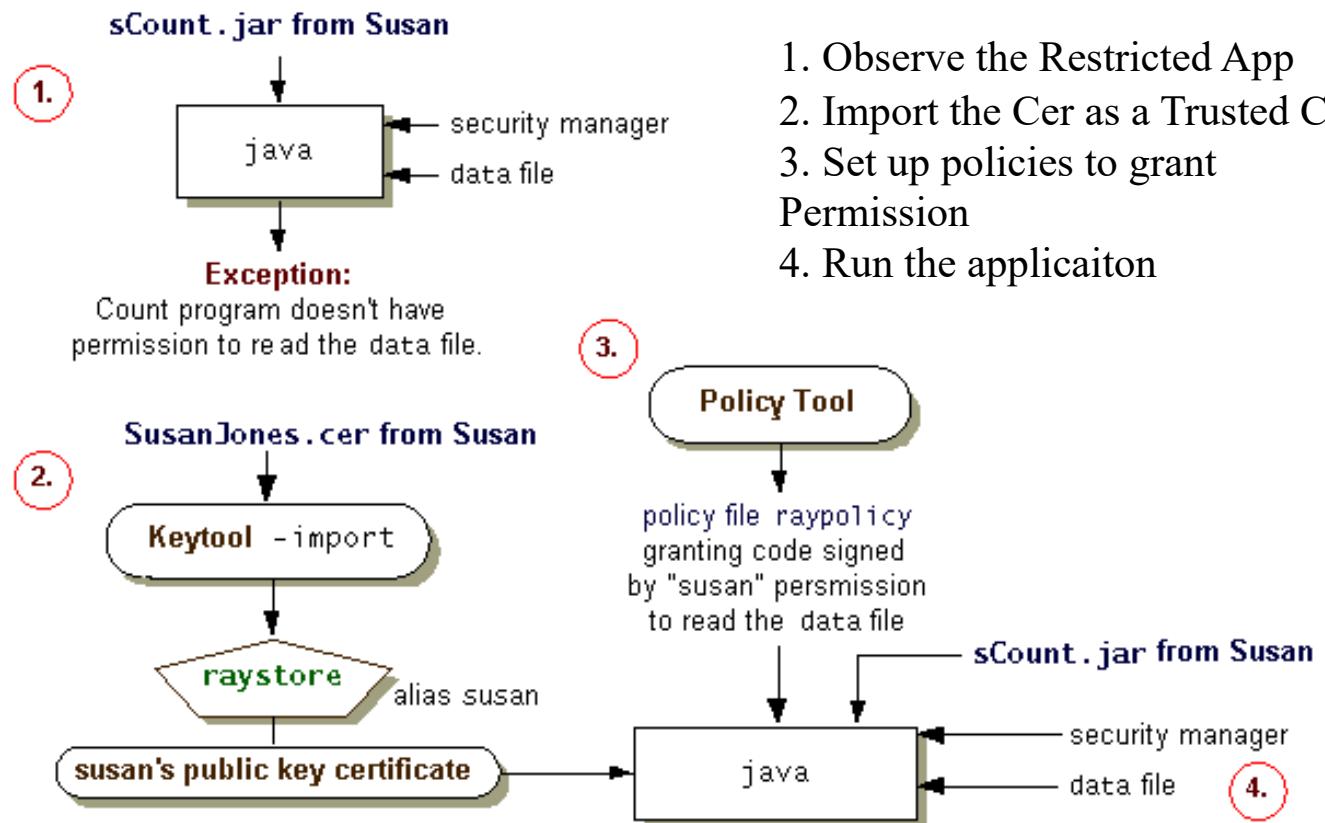
- Available starting from JDK 1.1
- Similar to signed ActiveX components
- Policy:
  - applet authenticated  $\Rightarrow$  full access to local resources
  - no certificate  $\Rightarrow$  the applet is sandboxed
- Archive (JAR) file holds [applet(s) + certificate]

# Signed Code

- Generate keys : (3) `keytool -genkey -alias signedFiles -keystore susanstore -storepass ab987c`
- (4) `jarsigner -keystore susanstore -signedjar sCount.jar Count.jar signFiles`
- (5) `keytool -export -keystore susanstore -alias signFiles -file SusanJones.cer`

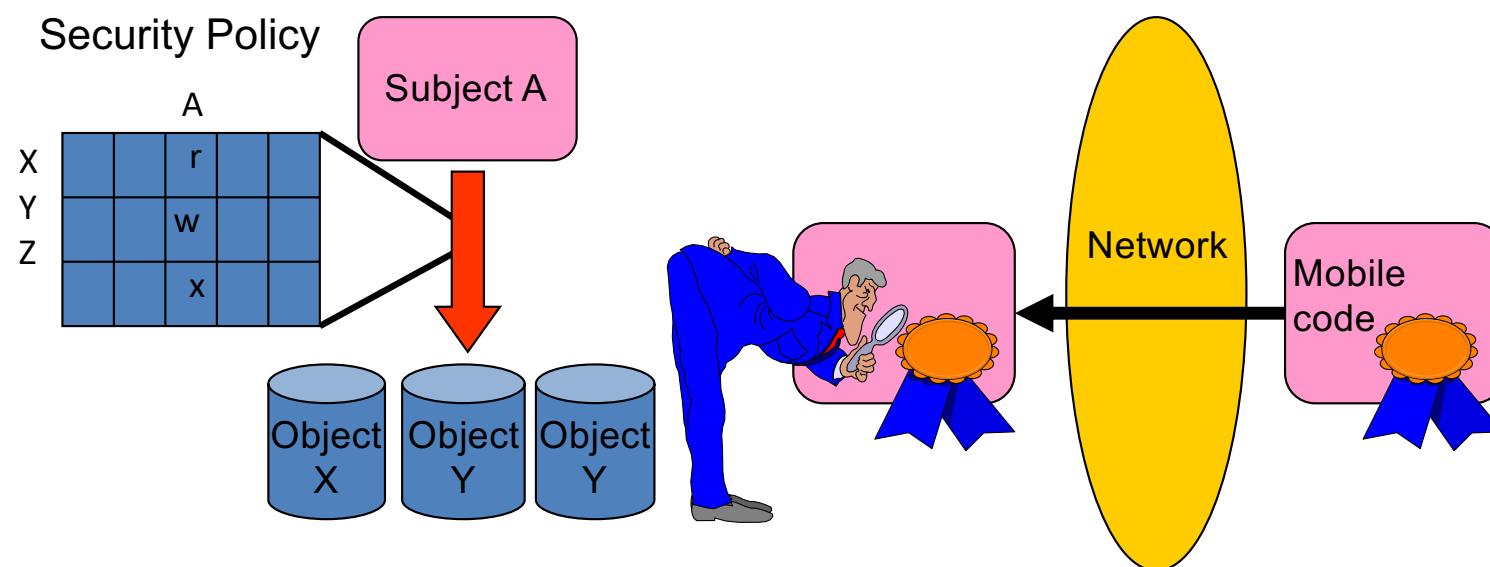


# On Receiving a Signed Code

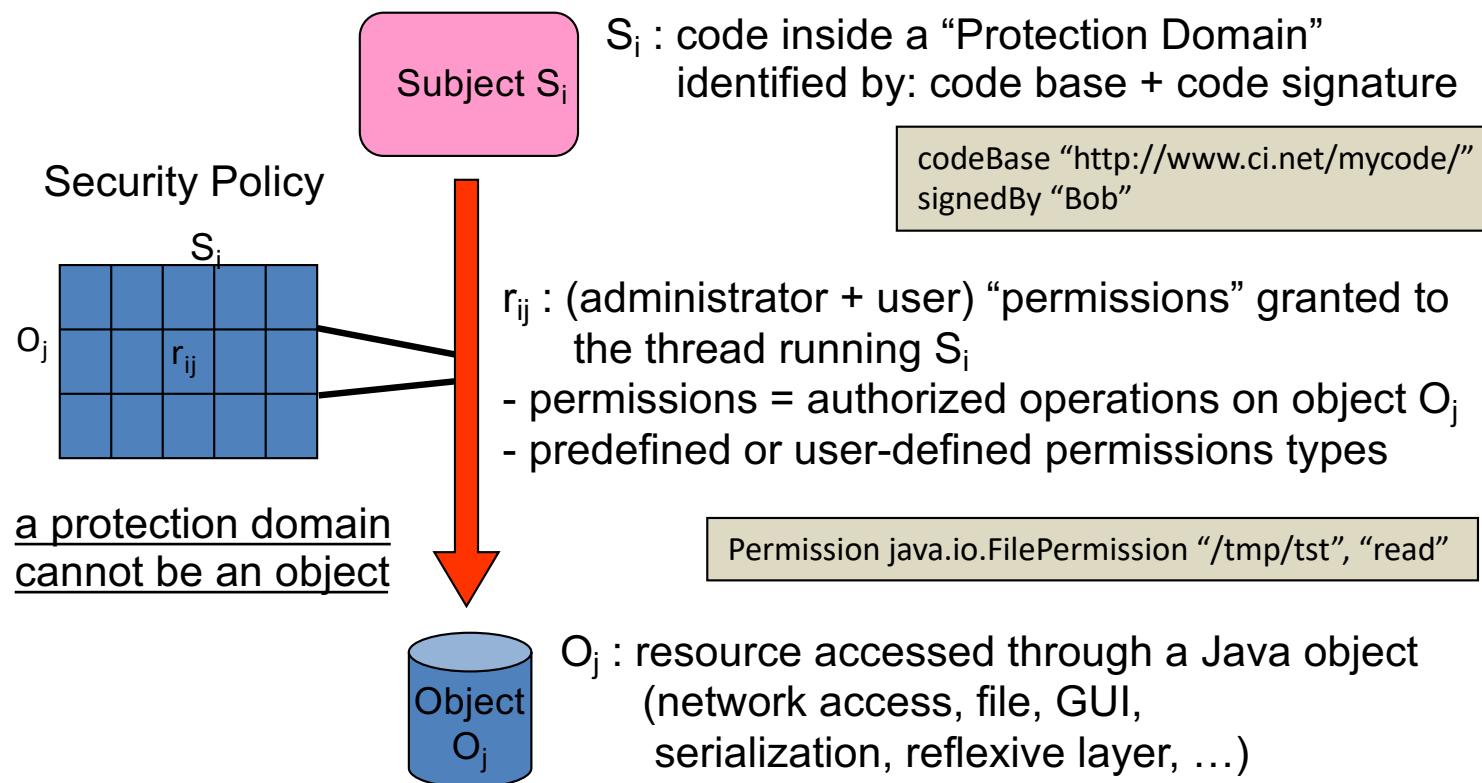


# Java Access Control - Security Policy

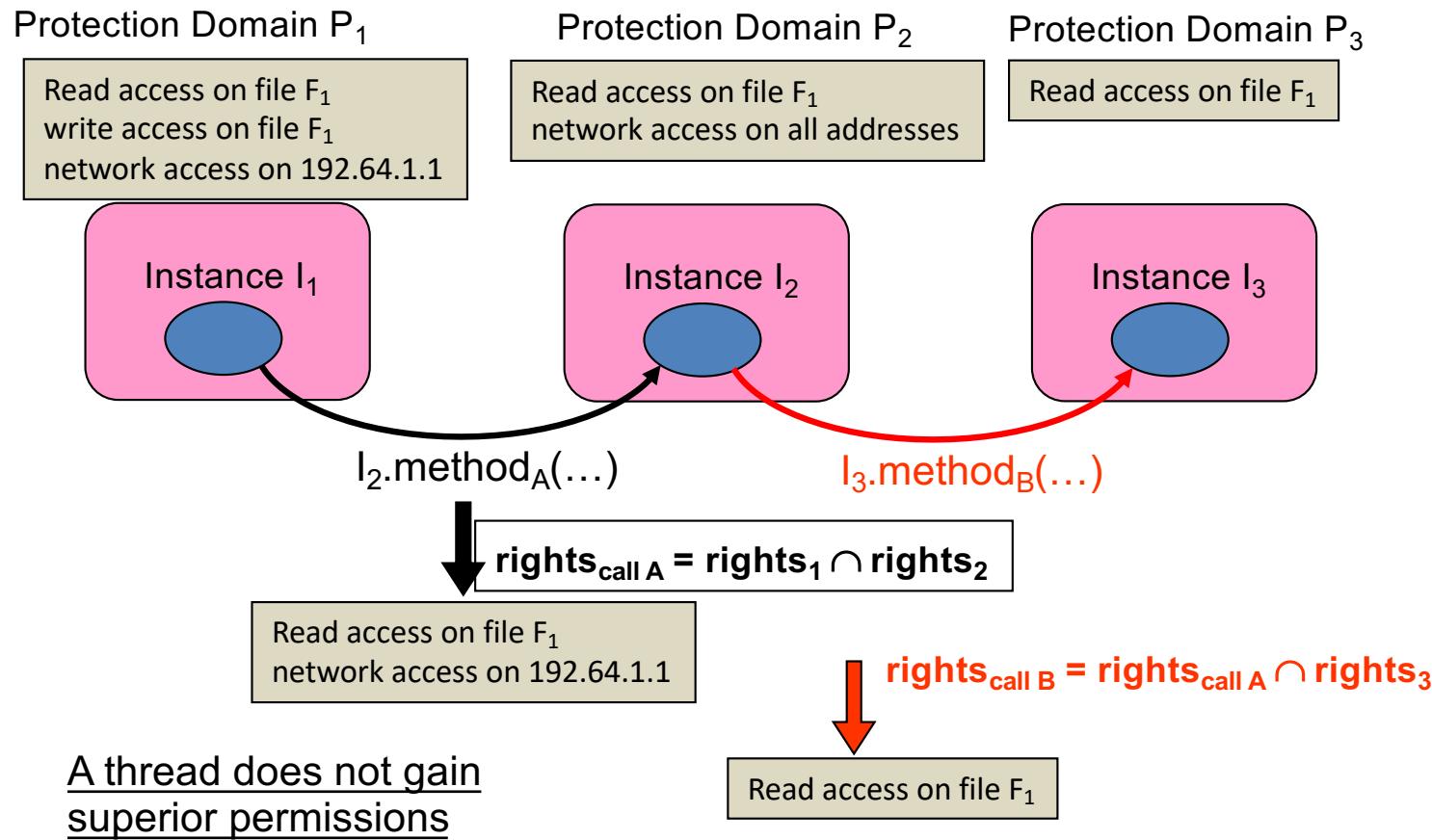
Access Control based on a variable Security Policy



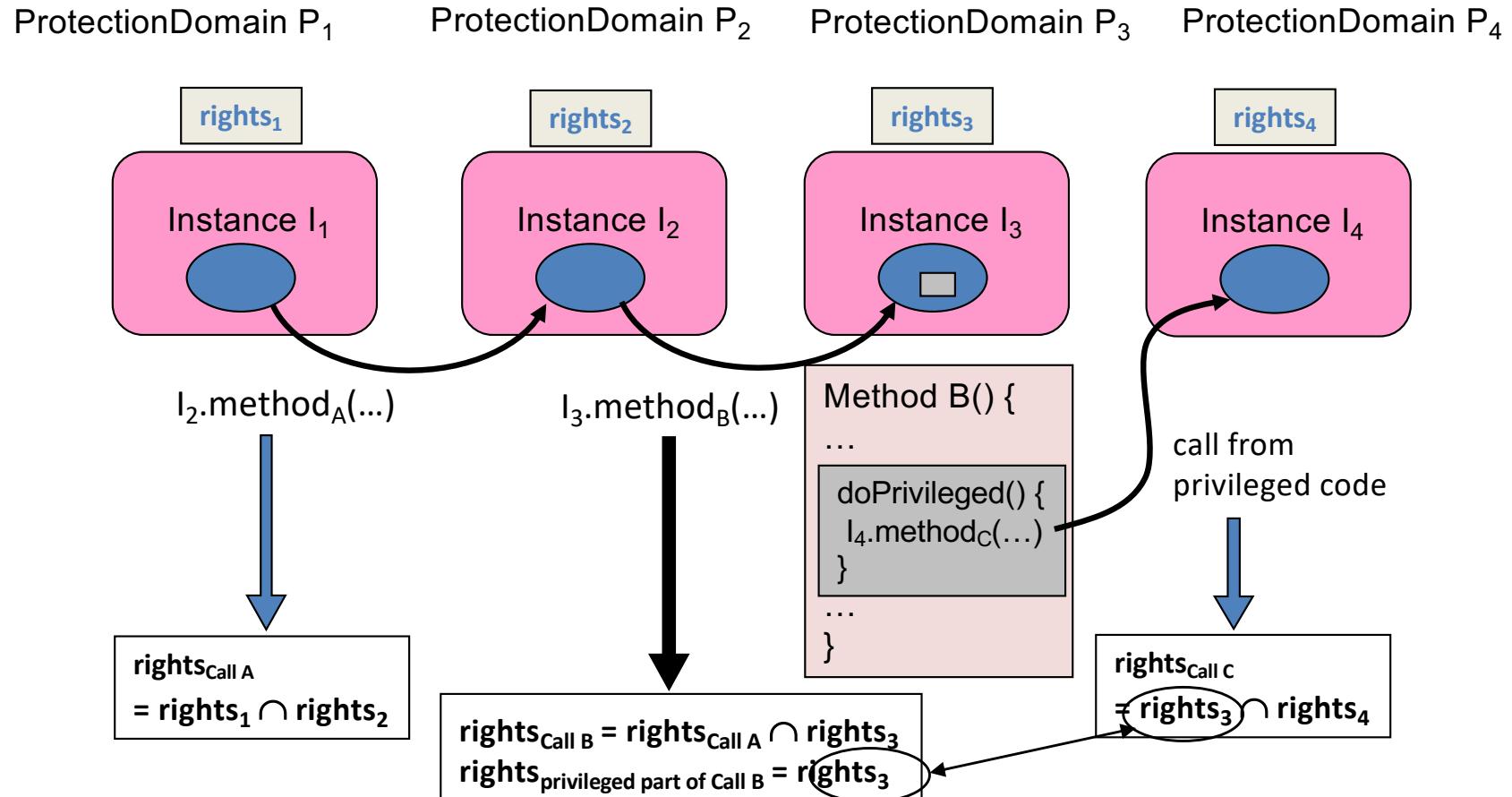
# Java Access Control Model



# Java: rights across protection domains



# Java: privileged code (POLP)

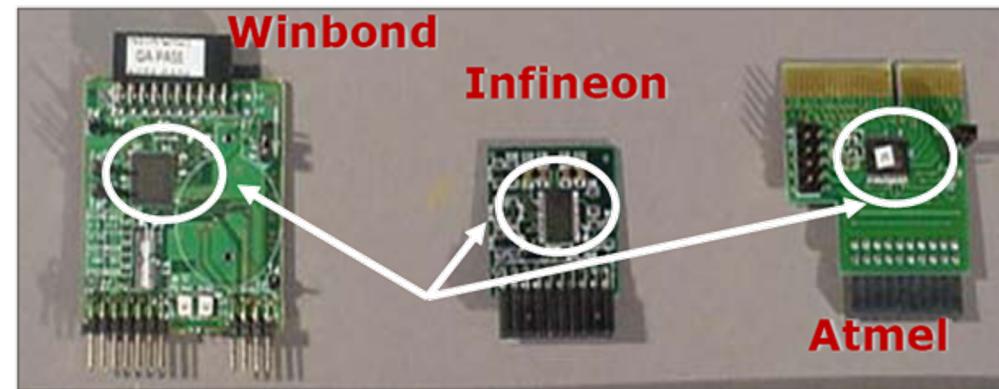


# HW Platform Integrity: Trusted Computing

- TCG consortium, founded in 1999
  - Main members (more than 200):
    - AMD, HP, IBM, Infineon, Intel, Lenovo, Microsoft, Sun
- Architecture has been adopted by other vendors
  - ARM TrustZone, Apple Secure Enclave, Google Titan-M
- **Hardware protected (encrypted) storage:**
  - Only “authorized” software can decrypt data
  - e.g., protecting key for decrypting file system
- **Secure boot:** method to “authorize” software
- **Attestation:** Prove to remote server what software is running on my machine

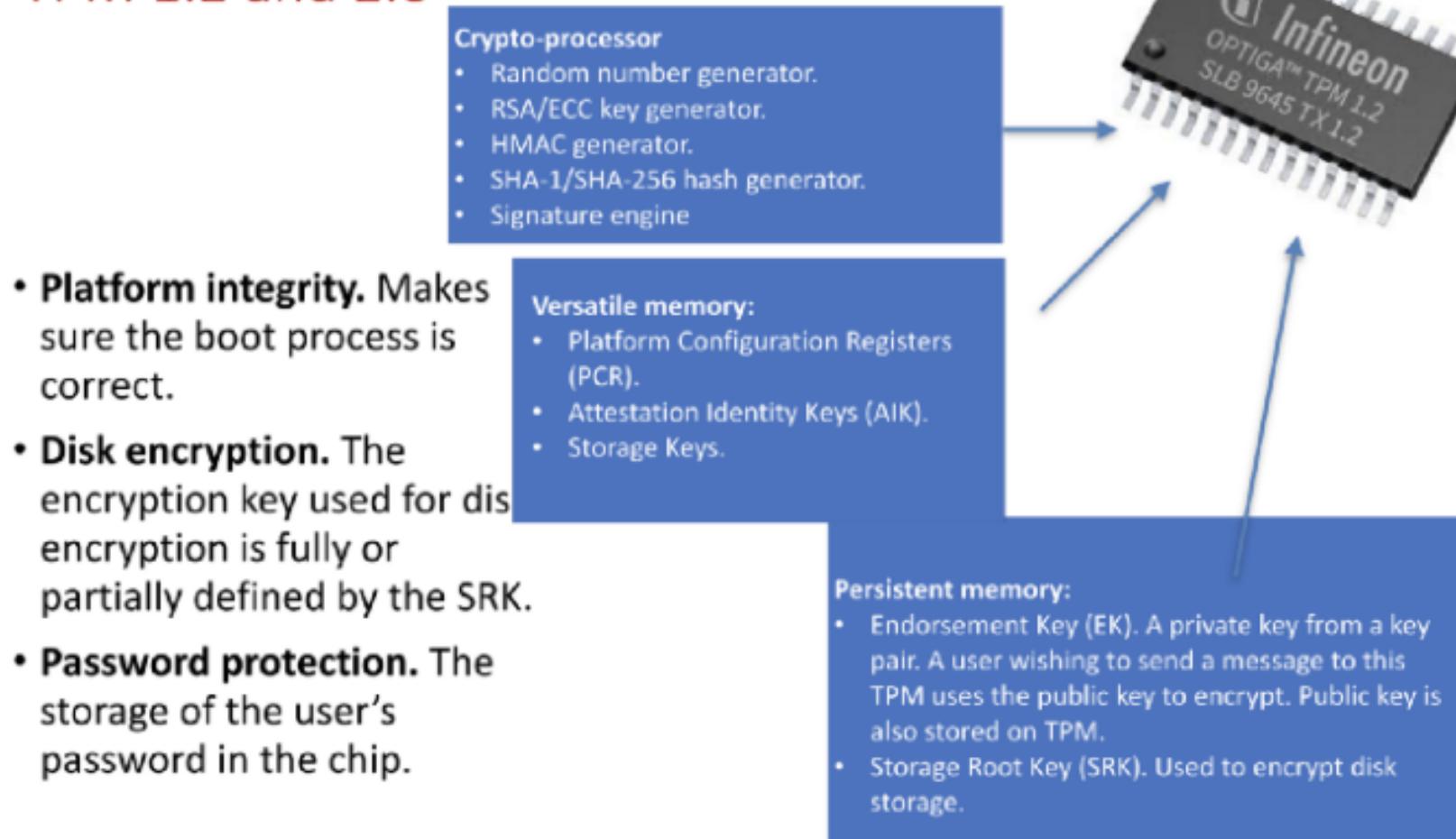
# Architecture

- HW coprocessor:
  - TCG's TPM chip (Trusted Platform Module)
  - Apple T2
  - Google Titan-M
  - laptops, mobile phones, ...
- Software:
  - Modifications to BIOS, OS, Applications
  - Typically used for file/disk encryption (e.g. Bitlocker)
  - Client-side single sign-on linked to a workstation
  - Secure boot / platform attestation before/together with critical operation (login, signature)

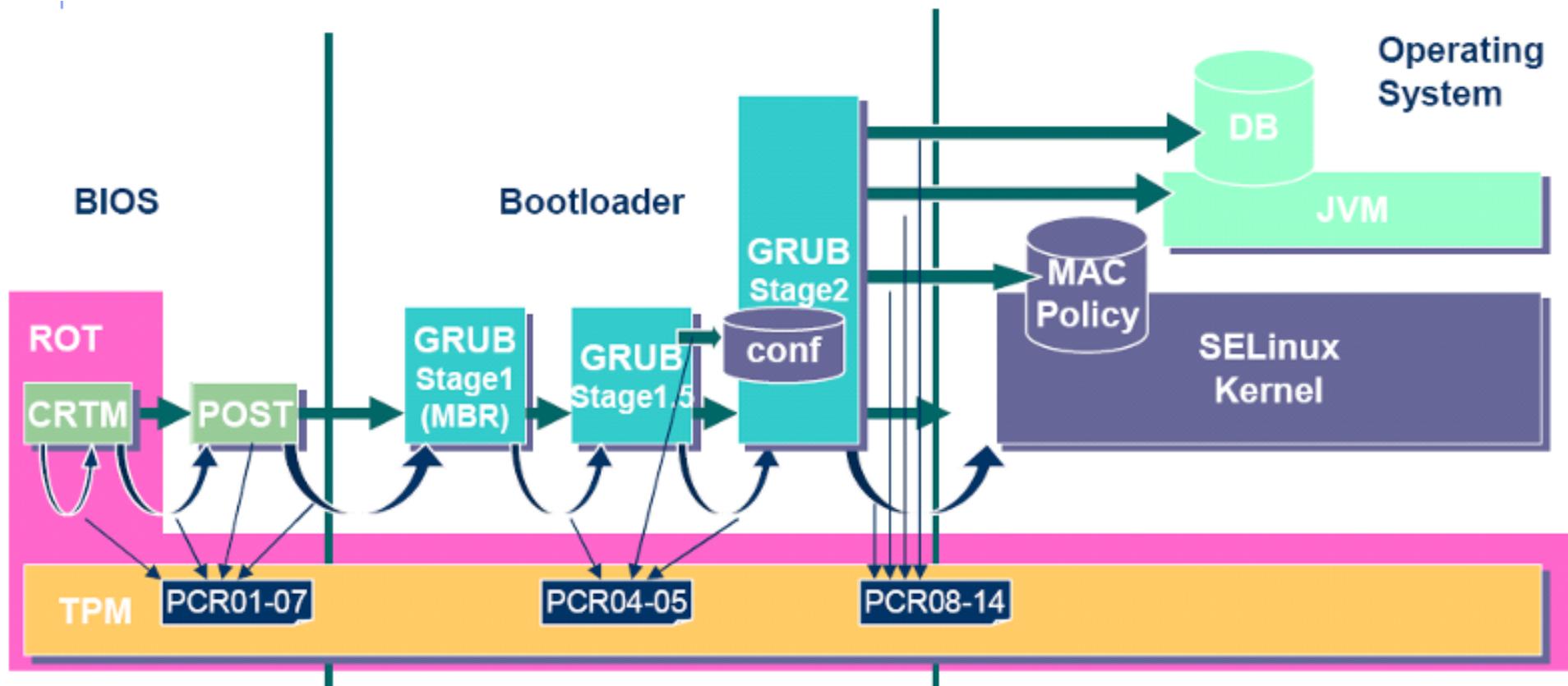


# Hardware Security Module

## TPM 1.2 and 2.0



# Secure Boot Example: Trusted Grub (IBM'05)



# Trusted Computing: conclusions

- Widely used today
- APIs to access attestation features and protected storage: extends SW functionality
- Attacks are however POSSIBLE:
  - Faulty validation or attestation processes (e.g., CVE-2018-6622, CVE-2017-16837)
  - HW attacks: e.g., Bitlocker key sniffing  
(<https://pulsesecurity.co.nz/articles/TPM-sniffing>)

