

Speed and Size-Optimized Implementations of the PRESENT Cipher for Tiny AVR Devices

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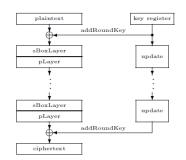
"Choose and implement a block cipher on the ATtiny45 in two versions, optimized for size and speed"

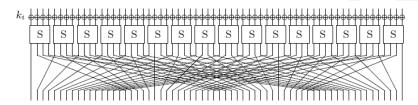
- PRESENT
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- XTEA
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PRESENT Cipher

generateRoundKeys() for i = 1 to 31 do addRoundKey(STATE, K_i) sBoxLayer(STATE) pLayer(STATE) end for addRoundKey(STATE, K_{32})







ATtiny Family

Model	Flash (Bytes)	SRAM (Bytes)	Clock speed (MHz)
ATtiny13	1024	64	20
ATtiny25	2048	128	20
ATtiny45	4096	256	20
ATtiny85	8192	512	20
ATtiny1634	16384	1024	12

- Basic 90 (single word) AVR instructions
- 32 8-bit general purpose registers
- 16-bit address space
- 16-bit words
- Harvard architecture



ATtiny45 Address Space

7 0	Addr.	16-bit	Use
R0	0×00		
R1	0×01		
R2	0×02		
R13	0×0D		
R14	0×0E		
R15	0×0F		
R16	0×10		5
R17	0×11		
R26	0×1A	X low	SRAM
R27	0x1B	X high	SKAW
R28	0×1C	Y low	SRAM + CPU registers
R29	0×1D	Y high	SKAW + CFO registers
R30	0×1E	Z low	SRAM + Flash
R31	0×1F	Z high	SIMINI + FIASII
64 I/O registers	0x0020 - 0x005F		
Internal SRAM	0×0060 - 0×00DF		

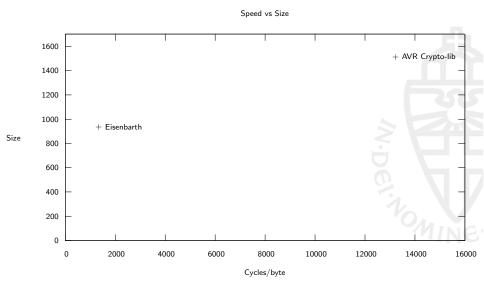


Quick AVR Recap

ldi Rd. 42 Load register from immediate Load register from SRAM pointer (X) ld Rd, X Load register from Flash pointer (Z) Ipm Rd, Z XOR output with input eor Ro, Ri Swap nibbles in byte swap Rd Rotate left with carry rol Rd Rotate left without carry Isl Rd Store to SRAM from register (and increment) st X+, RdProcedure calls rcall, ret, rjmp Stack access push, pop Counting inc. dec Adding add, sub Binary logic and, or, eor



State of the Art





Strategy

	Speed-optimized	Size-optimized
Substitution/permutation	Table lookups	On-the-fly computation
Code flow	Inlined / unrolled	Re-used / looped
Locality	All in registers	Use more SRAM



addRoundKey

```
; state ^= roundkey (first 8 bytes of key register)
addRoundKey:
    eor STATE0, KEY0
    eor STATE1, KEY1
    eor STATE2, KEY2
    eor STATE3, KEY3
    eor STATE4, KEY4
    eor STATE5, KEY5
    eor STATE6, KEY6
    eor STATE7, KEY7
    ret
```





4-bit S-Box

Х	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Α	В	С	D	Ε	F
S[x]	С	5	6	В	9	0	Α	D	3	Ε	F	8	4	7	1	2





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We have an 8-bit architecture, so we want to access bytes!



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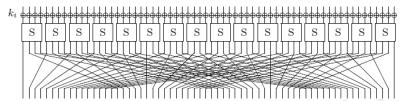


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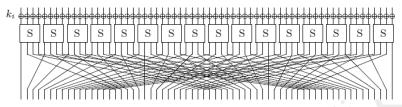
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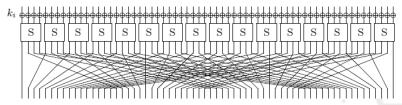


Idea: Combine the SBox and PLayer in lookup tables [Bo Zhu & Zheng Gong]



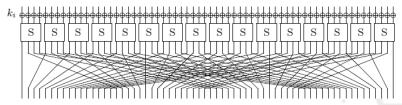
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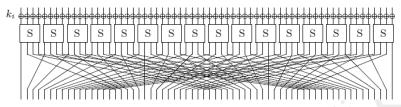
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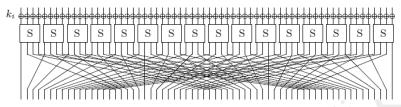
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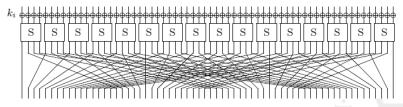
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 - *Id* instruction: 2 cycles, could reduce \sim 125 cycles/byte more



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Fewer changes in ZH



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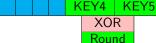




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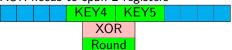


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Do step 3 before step 1 then XOR spans only 1 register



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But we need I/O:

```
consecutive_input:
    1d STATEO, X+
    ld STATE1, X+
    1d STATE2, X+
    1d STATE3, X+
    ret.
interleaved output:
    st STATE3, X-
    dec X
    st STATE2, X-
    dec X
    st STATE1, X-
    dec X
    st STATEO, X-
    dec X
    ret
```



Indirect Register Addressing

```
; state ^= roundkey (full state in SRAM)
addRoundKev:
     clr YL
                         ; point Y at first key register
addRoundKey_byte:
     ld INPUT, X
                ; load input
     1d KEY_BYTE, Y+ ; load key, advance pointer
     eor INPUT, KEY_BYTE ; XOR
     st X+, INPUT ; store output, advance pointer
     cpi YL, 8
              ; loop over 8 bytes
     brne addRoundKey byte
     subi XL, 8
                         ; point at the start of the block
     ret
```



Before:

С	5	6	В	9	0	Α	D	3	E	F	8	4	7	1	2





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C 5 6 B 9 0 A D 3 E F 8 4 7 1 2

After:

C5 6B 90 AD 3E F8 47 12



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                В
                                       3
                                            Ε
                                                      8
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unpack_sBox:
    asr 7.1
    lpm SBOX_OUTPUT, Z
    brcs odd_unpack
                            ; 2 cycles if true
even unpack:
    swap SBOX_OUTPUT
                              1 cycle
    rjmp unpack
                              2 cycles
odd_unpack:
```

1 cycle

unpack:

nop
nop
4 cycles total

ret

cbr SBOX OUTPUT, 0xF0



S-Box Optimization

```
sBoxByte:
   : input (low nibble)
   mov ZL, INPUT
                    ; load s-box input
   cbr ZL, 0xF0
                    ; clear high nibble in input
   or INPUT, SBOX_OUTPUT; save low nibble to output
   : fall through
sBoxHighNibble:
                    ; load s-box input
   mov ZL, INPUT
   cbr ZL, 0xF
                    ; clear low nibble in input
   swap ZL
                    ; move high nibble to low nibble
   rcall unpack_sBox
                    ; get output in SBOX_OUTPUT
   swap SBOX_OUTPUT     ; move low nibble to high nibble
   cbr INPUT, 0xF0 ; clear high nibble in output
   or INPUT, SBOX OUTPUT ; save high nibble to output
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sBoxByte:
    rcall sBoxLowNibbleAndSwap; apply s-box to low nibble
                                ; and swap nibbles
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sBoxHighNibble:
    swap INPUT
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                               ; halve input, take carry
    asr 71
    1pm SBOX OUTPUT, Z
                               ; get s-box output
    brcs odd unpack
                               ; branch depending on carry
even unpack:
    swap SBOX_OUTPUT
                               ; swap nibbles in s-box output
odd unpack:
    cbr SBOX OUTPUT, 0xF0
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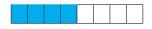


P-Layer Nibble

- Apply twice to consume an input byte
- · After 4 input bytes, 4 output bytes (half block) are filled
- Interleave 2 half blocks



2 Step P-Layer



Half state input



Half state output, interleaved



Second half state input



Second half state output, interleaved



Using SREG Flags and Stack

- Input
 - pLayerNibble and push 4 output bytes to stack
 - Do other half
- Output
 - Point at last odd state byte
 - Pop from stack and save 4 output bytes
 - Point at last even state byte and do other half



Key Register Rotation

```
rotate_left_i:
 1s1 KEY9
                    ; take MSB as carry, clear LSB
 rol KEY8
                     ; rotate MSB out, carry bit in
 rol KEY7
                     ; etc
 rol KEY6
 rol KEY5
 rol KEY4
 rol KEY3
 rol KEY2
 rol KEY1
 rol KEY0
 dec ITEMP
                     : decrement counter
 brne rotate_left_i
                    ; loop
 ret
```



Key Register Rotation

```
rotate_left_i:
 ldi YL, 10
                        ; point at last key byte
 clc
                        ; clear carry bit
rotate left i bit:
 ld ROTATED BITS, -Y
                        ; load key byte
 rol ROTATED BITS
                        : rotate bits
 st Y, ROTATED_BITS
                        ; save key byte
 cpse YL, ZERO
                        ; compare, skip if equal
 rjmp rotate_left_i_bit ; loop over all key bytes
 adc KEY9, ZERO
                        ; add carry bit to last key byte
                        : decrement counter
 dec ITEMP
 brne rotate left i
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AVR Crypto-lib Eisenbarth

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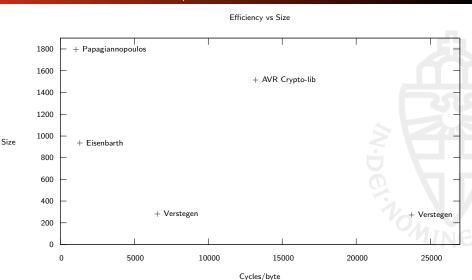
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128-bit	35193	71467	272
Unpacked S-Boxes (128-bit)	34774	71002	274
Inlined rotation (128-bit)	8482	15419	290
Inlined rotation, unpacked S-Boxes (128-bit)	8064	14954	292



Relative Performance/Size





ASCII Art

C56B90AD	3EF84712	5EF8C12	DB4630	79A57D0	3AD0	F1F	7F0E070E1
41D05DD05	CD047D080	2D16D00	82E81E1	06D0542	682E0	03D	04A9591F7
33C0CAE08	894CA9598	81991F9	883CD13	FACF9D1	E8A95	A9F	7089504D0
829 502	D08 295	089	5E8	2FE	F70E70	FE5	955
491 10F0	529 502	C00	0000	000	5F7080	7F8	52B
089587950	795879517	9587952	795879	5379508	9543958	6E0	D5D
F442687E3	D2DF802DD	DDF082E	4F31089	5CC278C	916 991	862	78D
93C830D1	F7A85008	9568E08	C91CD	DF8D936	A95 D9F	7A85	008
954	427 F0E0	70E	0189	6DD	27C C2	78D9	189
93C	A30 E1F7A	251	08 956	894	189 66	4E08	E91
CAD	FC9 DF6A	95D9F73	F932F931	F930F93	16F 4	E894	F3C
F68	941 7966	4E08F91	8E93AA95	6A95D9F	71E F	4E89	419
96F	6CF 0895	D7DFC5DF	CDDFE0D	FB7DFD9	F7C	0CF0	000



ASCII Art

```
s-boxes
                                                decrypt (start+16)
C56B90AD
            3EF84712
                        5EF8C12
                                    DB4630
                                             79A57D0
                                                      3AD0
                                                               F1F
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                       encrypt (end-16)
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S-Boxes, decrypt, rotate_left_i, sBoxByte, sBoxNibble, pLayerNibble, schedule_key, addRoundKey, sBoxLayer, setup, pLayer, encrypt.



Questions?

https://github.com/aczid/ru_crypto_engineering/ https://github.com/kostaspap88/PRESENT_speed_implementation/



