



Learning from SSL failures

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DUAL EC DRBG

- NSA EC DRBG Random number generator
- ANSI - Certicom, Entrust, Mastercard, NIST, NSA, RSA...
- ISO & NIST
 - One of 4 RNGs
 - Not the default algorithm
 - BUT x100 slower than others
- RSA's BSAFE - Default algorithm (10M\$)
- FIPS 140-2 - Mandatory to pass the certification process

Notes

- Check what algorithms are your systems using (now)
- First check the community, then the standards

Debian random

- Use uninitialized data + `getpid()` as entropy source.
- Valgrind + Purify
- `/* MD_Update(&m,buf,j); purify complains */`
- `srand(getppid())` -> 32,768 seed values for deterministic private key generation
- Can pregenerate about 32k private keys

Notes

- Always use OS / HSM source of entropy.
- Caution with code checkers
- Confusing comments?
- Check key space : `srand(time(NULL))` , PIN, PUKs ...

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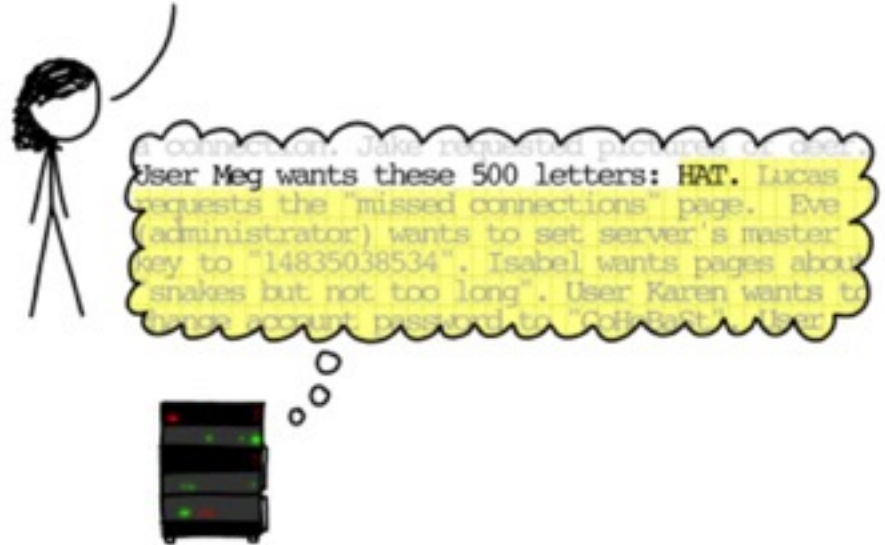
Copy **in** to **out**

```
/* Read type and payload length first */  
hbtype = *in++;  
n2s(in, payload);  
out = OPENSSL_malloc(1 + 2 +  
    payload + padding);  
/* Enter response type, length and  
    copy payload */  
*out++ = TLS1_HB_RESPONSE;  
s2n(payload, out);  
memcpy(out, in, payload);
```

No malloc check?

No range checks?

SERVER, ARE YOU STILL THERE?
IF SO, REPLY "HAT" (500 LETTERS).



Notes

- Force write preconditions and input validation in “unsafe” code
- Simplify the code to help code checkers to find bugs
- Software audits/reviews. Developers training.
- Use safer language for security development. C kills least privilege (Access to all memory).
- Negative unit tests for ill-formed L(ength)V(alue) packets. Deterministic fuzz testing.
- Always-zeroize-after-allocate-deallocate / store it in another subsystem (like HSM or Vault)

Downgrade attack

SSLv2 Handshake messages are not protected. This permits a man-in-the-middle to trick the client into picking a weaker cipher suite than it would normally choose.

SSLv3 5.36.9. Finished Message

```
md5_hash: MD5(master_secret + pad2 + MD5(handshake_messages + Sender
        + master_secret + pad1));
sha_hash: SHA(master_secret + pad2 + SHA(handshake_messages + Sender
        + master_secret + pad1));
```

TLSv1.2 7.4.9 Finished Message

```
PRF_SHA256(master_secret, finished_label, SHA256(handshake_messages))
[PRF=Pseudo random function]
```


Notes

- All data sent in the wire should be authenticated before processing the message

go to fail

```
if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &signedParams)) != 0)
    goto fail;
    goto fail;

if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.final(&hashCtx, &hashOut)) != 0)
    goto fail;
    ...

fail:
    SSLFreeBuffer(&signedHashes);
    SSLFreeBuffer(&hashCtx);
    return err;
```

Clang has `-Wunreachable-code` to warn about this, but it's not in `-Wall`.

Notes

- Understand what kind of checks are doing your software checkers

CRIME (Compression ratio info-leak make easy)

SSLv2 Data are not compressed before encryption. Compression eliminates most structure and redundancy from the plaintext.

SSLv3 5.2.2. Record Compression and Decompression

All records are compressed using the compression algorithm defined in the current session state. There is always an active compression algorithm; however, initially it is defined as `CompressionMethod.null`.

If session cookie `session=1` TLS record is smaller than if cookie `session=2`.

```
<html><body>
```

```
  
```

```
  
```

Notes

- Remove-redundancy-before-cypher is not ALWAYS a good practice
- Length of ciphered messages could give information to attackers.
- Algorithms could link internal data. `append_ciphertext != append_plaintext`
- Optimizations could give side-channel information.

FREAK

- cli>srv: Use RSA2048
 - MITM: cli>srv: Use RSA512
- srv>cli: **Ok, We'll use cipher RSA512**
 - Client also does not check RSA2048!
=RSA512**
- cli <-> srv: ciphered communications
 - MITM: record all ciphered communications
- MITM: Factor RSA512 (100\$ AWS)
- MITM: Decipher communications



Notes

- Check if negotiation results matches with your initial requirements

LOGJAM

- MITM: Downgrade to DH_EXPORT
- DH_EXPORT uses a massive reused public known key by default

Vulnerable if most common 1024-bit group is broken	
HTTPS – Top 1 Million Domains	17.9%
HTTPS – Browser Trusted Sites	6.6%
SSH – IPv4 Address Space	25.7%
IKEv1 (IPsec VPNs) – IPv4 Address Space	66.1%

Notes

- If you are reusing a key, study the pros/cons
- Remove support of insecure crypto algorithms from code

Key Exchange Algorithm Confusion

```
struct {  
    /* KeyExchangeAlgorithm algorithm */  
    select (KeyExchangeAlgorithm) {  
        case diffie_hellman:  
            ServerDHParams params;  
            Signature signed_params;  
        case rsa:  
            ServerRSAParams params;  
            Signature signed_params;  
    }  
} ServerKeyExchange;
```

Theoric attack. Algorithm is context-bounded. Attacker could drop/alter some protocol messages to change the meaning of the messages

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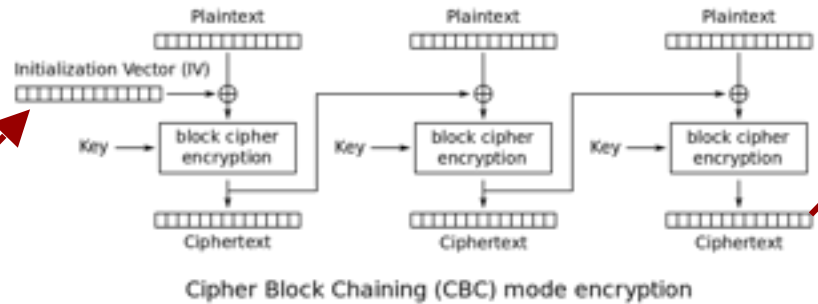
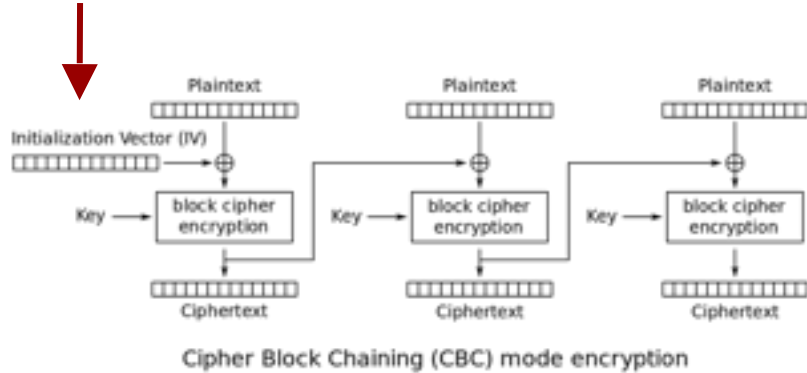
- Use context-free message structures: Misinterpretation of a received message should be avoided by providing explicit information on the content.
- Tagging each field with some information indicating its intended type.
- Version “meanings” of data

BEAST

TLSv1

initialization vector (IV) for the first record is generated with the other keys and secrets when the security parameters are set. The IV for subsequent records is the last ciphertext block from the previous record.

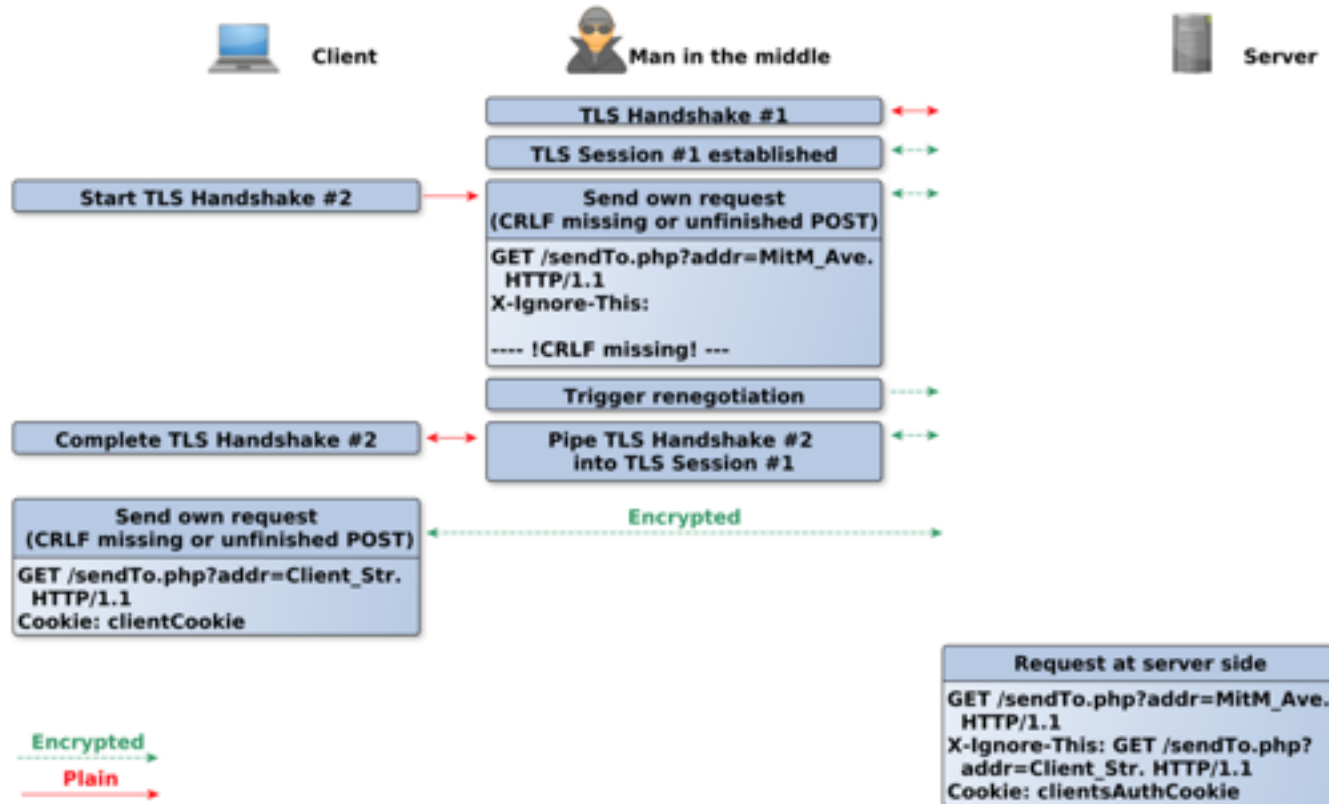
`func(session_data)`



Notes

- Use random IVs / don't reuse any IV data
- Entropy needed in each independent stream in its layer
- Discard CBC and use Authenticated encryption like CGM.
- A crypto algorithm is bounded to a context
- Dropped support for non-ahead ciphers in TLS 1.3

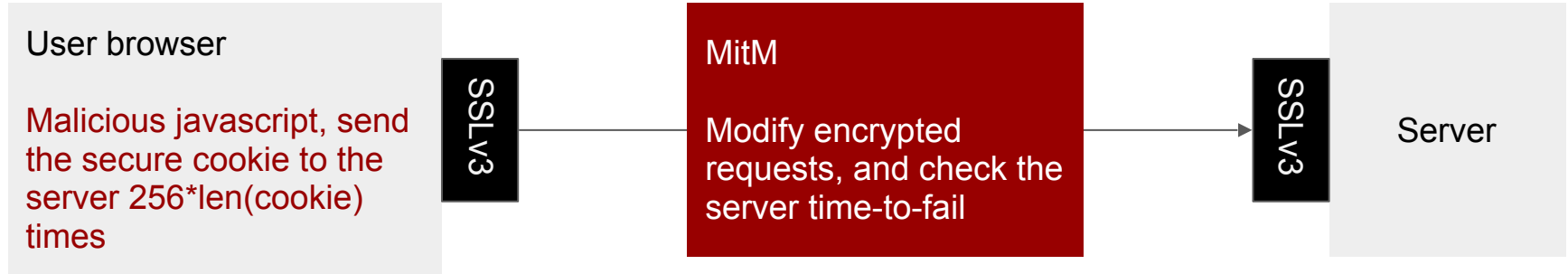
Renegotiation attack



Notes

- Check buffers after security changes
- Dropped renegotiation support in TLS 1.3

POODLE



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msg = cukie

Message Authentication Digest of msg= MAC

block1

M A C c u k i e

block2

. 7

Padding content is **not specified** (in this case 0's)

M A C c u k i e

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7

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iv -> (xor)

/-----> (xor)

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key -> (cipher)

key-> (cipher)

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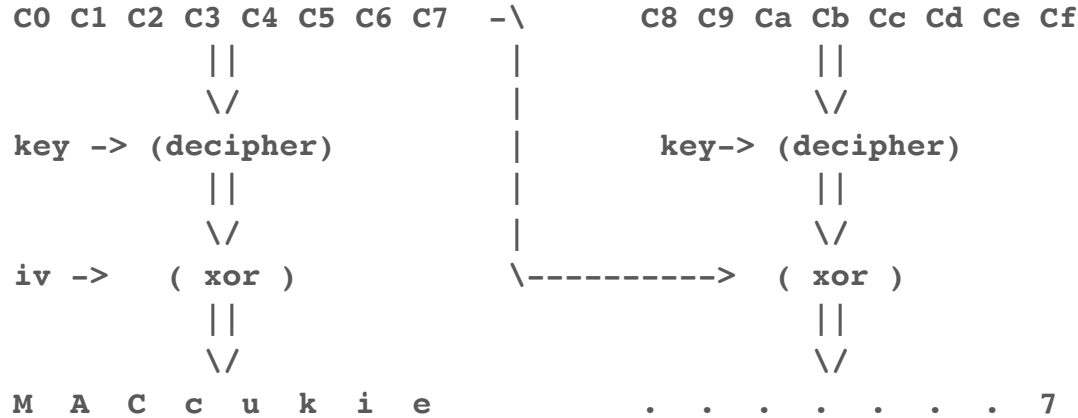
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C0 C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 -/

C8 C9 Ca Cb Cc Cd Ce Cf

POODLE



SERVER

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- 0 - upper: len=5
- 1 - Decipher blocks
- 2 - Check padding
- 3 - Check MAC

Server only checks last byte

- 1 padding_len != 7? verification then FAIL (1s) => PADDING ERROR (message size is in upper network layer = 5)
- 2 mac != MAC ? verifications then FAIL (2s) => MAC ERROR
- 2 verifications then SUCCESS (2s) => OK

POODLE

Valid decrypted plaintexts

M	A	C	c	u	k	i	e
M	A	C	c	u	k	i	e
M	A	C	c	u	k	i	e
M	A	C	c	u	k	i	e
M	A	C	c	u	k	i	e
M	A	C	c	u	k	i	e
M	A	C	c	u	k	i	e
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M	A	C	c	u	k	i	e

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	7

0xFFFFFFFF valid plaintexts. If MitM sends a random 2nd packet and there's a MAC error then we know that plaintext of random packet the finishes with '7'

POODLE

- POODLE attack is solved in TLS v1 filling all the padding (PKCS#7)

block1	block2
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M A C c u k i e	7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7

- TLSv1: Does not differentiate between MAC and padding errors. (Handling of padding errors changed from bad-record-mac rather than decryption-failed alert to protect against CBC attacks)
- TLSv1.2 ... In general, the best way to do this is to compute ... **This leaves a small timing channel since ..., but it is not believed to... LUCKY13 on LAN!**
- (CVE-2016-2107) Padding oracle attack to decrypt traffic... this issue was introduced as part of the fix for Lucky 13 padding ...

Notes

- No “filled with anything”
- CGM
- Consider constant timing verification functions in each layer
- Do not send detailed error information (server shouldn't be an Oracle). One bit disclosed x attack (oracle) and attack can be repeated 16k times => 16k disclosed bits
- An attacker that could cipher data with your keys (without knowing them) shouldn't break your ciphered data.
- Be careful duplicating data (padding size in message + message length in other layer).

Notes

```
int CRYPTO_memcmp(const volatile void * volatile in_a,
                  const volatile void * volatile in_b,
                  size_t len) {
    size_t i;
    const volatile unsigned char *a = in_a;
    const volatile unsigned char *b = in_b;
    unsigned char x = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        x |= a[i] ^ b[i];
    return x;
}
```

https://golang.org/src/crypto/subtle/constant_time.go

https://cryptocoding.net/index.php/Cryptography_Coding_Standard

STATE MACHINE

• SMACK

- OpenSSL
- GnuTLS
- NSS
- Java
- Mono
- CyaSSL



Notes

- Understand, draw the full state machine
 - It could easy become a very messy diagram
 - Including sub-protocols: timeouts & errors in upper & lower transports
 - *Input-enabled* state machines: So for every state the state machine shall specify what should happen for every possible input.
- Implement it ..or in *happy flow* legacy code track the state machines changes and define well-known trusted paths using the current usage

Gràcies

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