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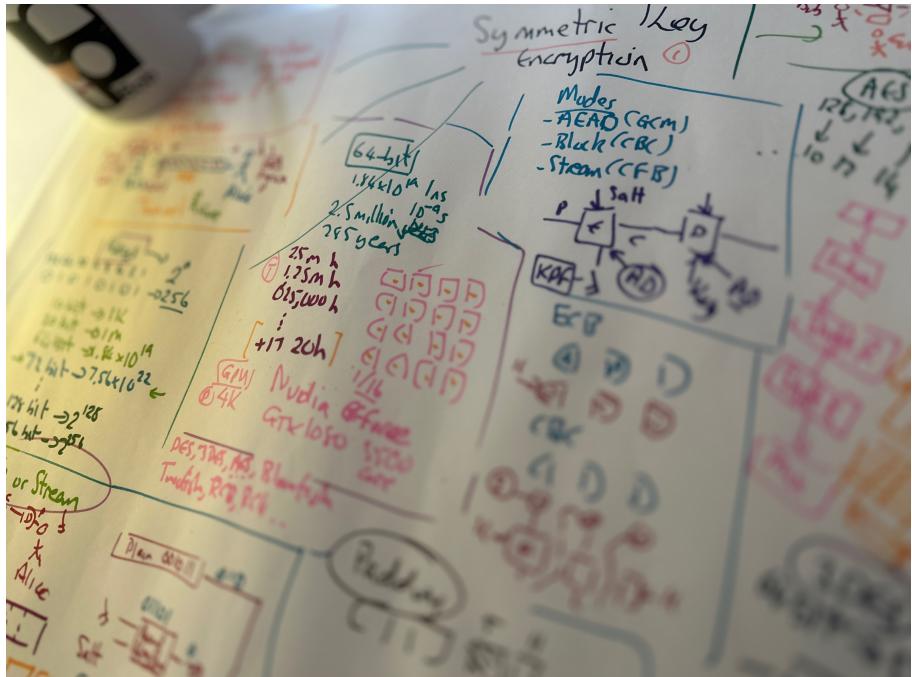
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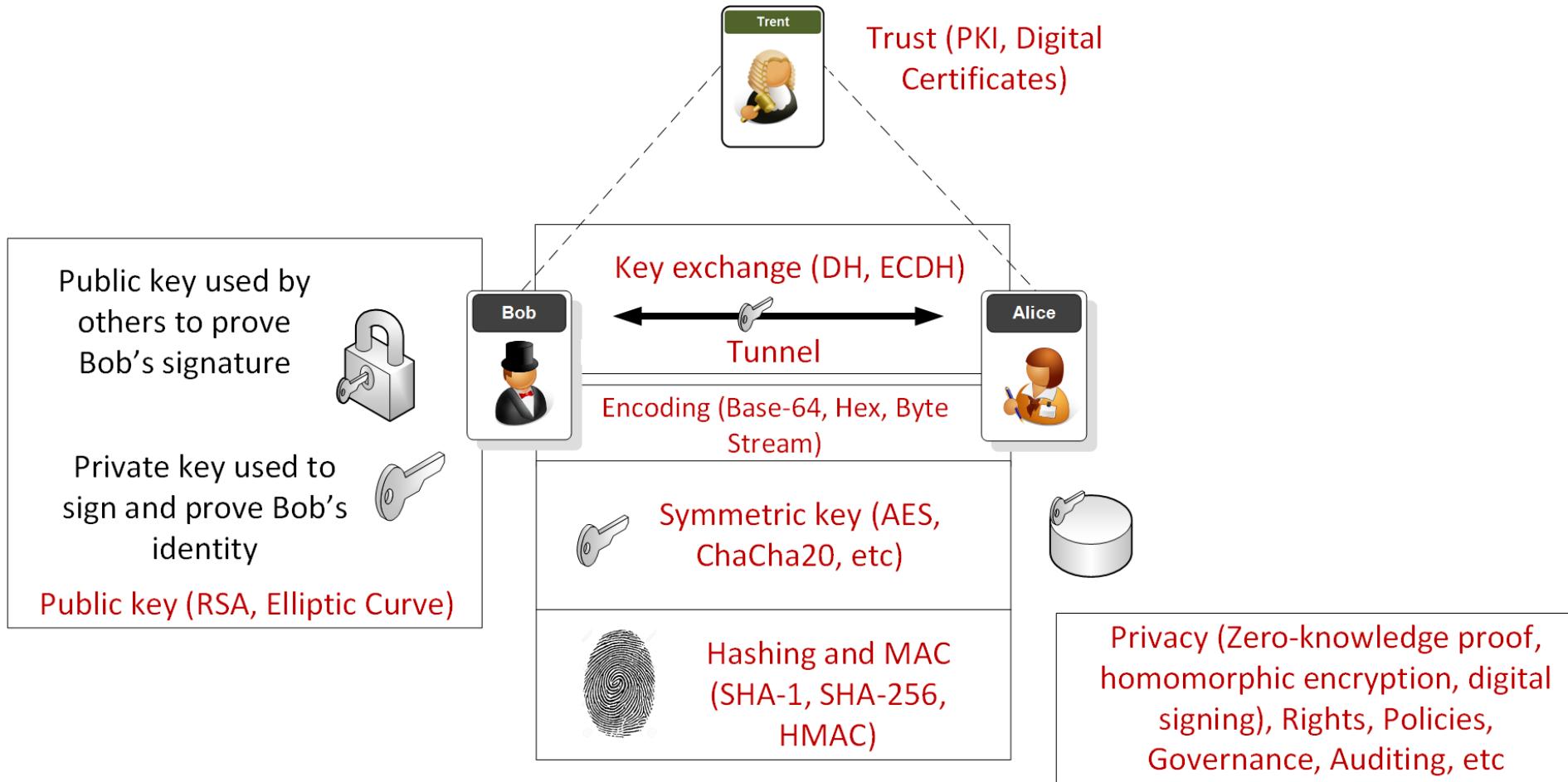
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Overview



Puzzle

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- 10 days?
- 100 days?
- 1 year?
- 10 years?
- 100 years?

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- ***529 million million years***
 - Boil every ocean on planet, 16,384 times

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Boiling the planet

security level	volume of water to bring to a boil	bit-lengths		
		symmetric key	cryptographic hash	RSA modulus
teaspoon security	0.0025 liter	35	70	242
shower security	80 liter	50	100	453
pool security	2 500 000 liter	65	130	745
rain security	0.082 km ³	80	160	1130
lake security	89 km ³	90	180	1440
sea security	3 750 000 km ³	105	210	1990
global security	1 400 000 000 km ³	114	228	2380
solar security	-	140	280	3730

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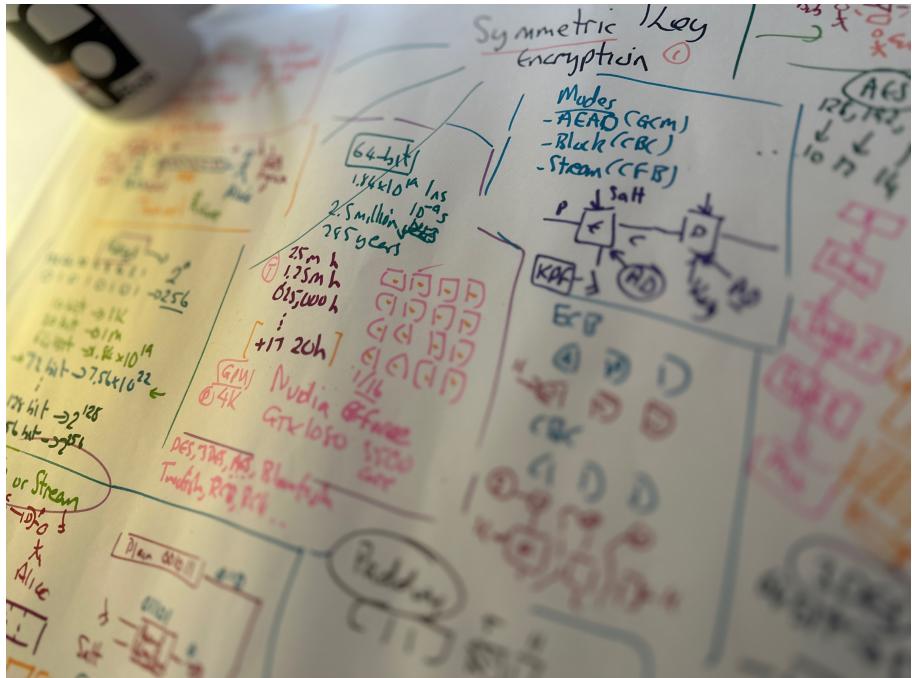
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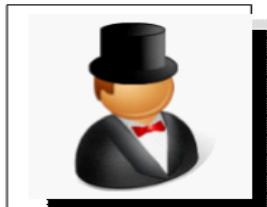
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Intruder

Eve



Bob



Privacy (Private Key)
Identity (Public Key)
Integrity (Public/Private Key)



Alice



John

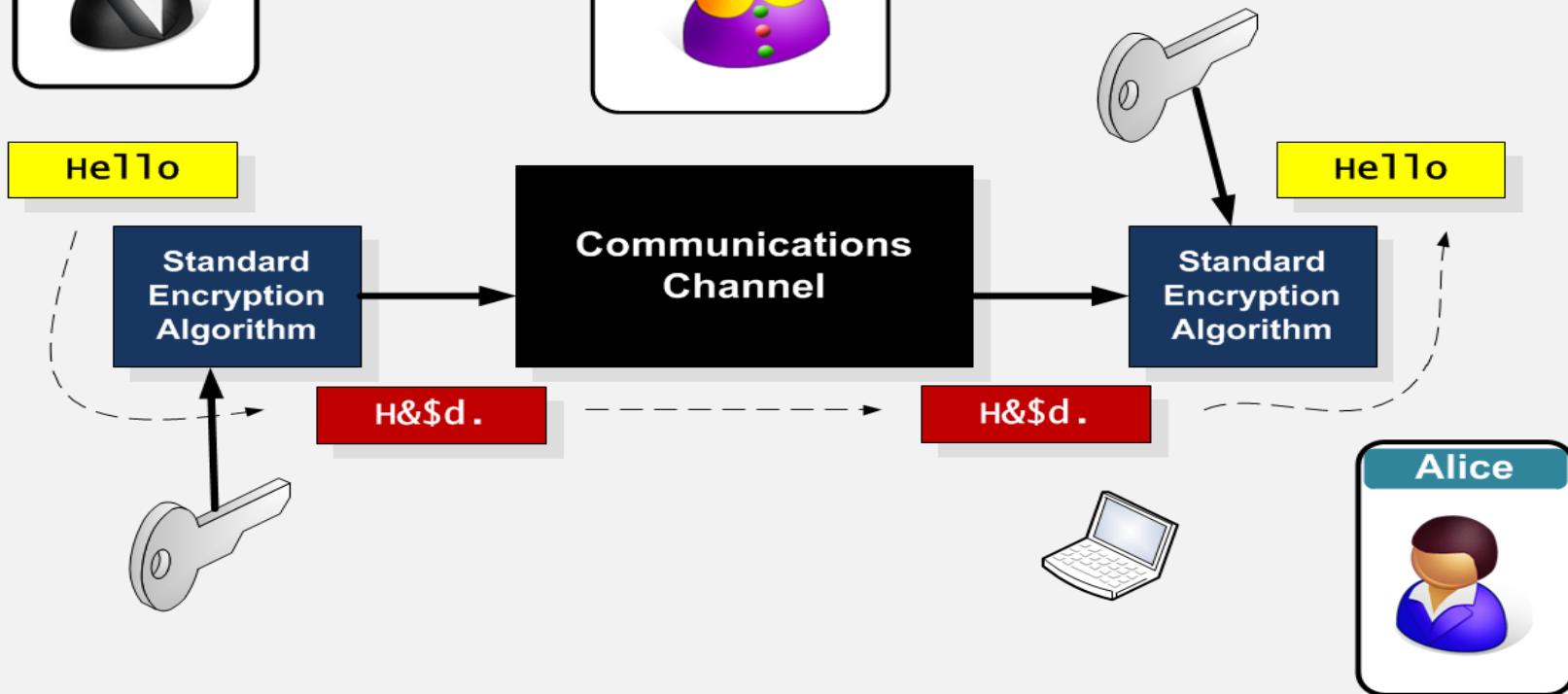


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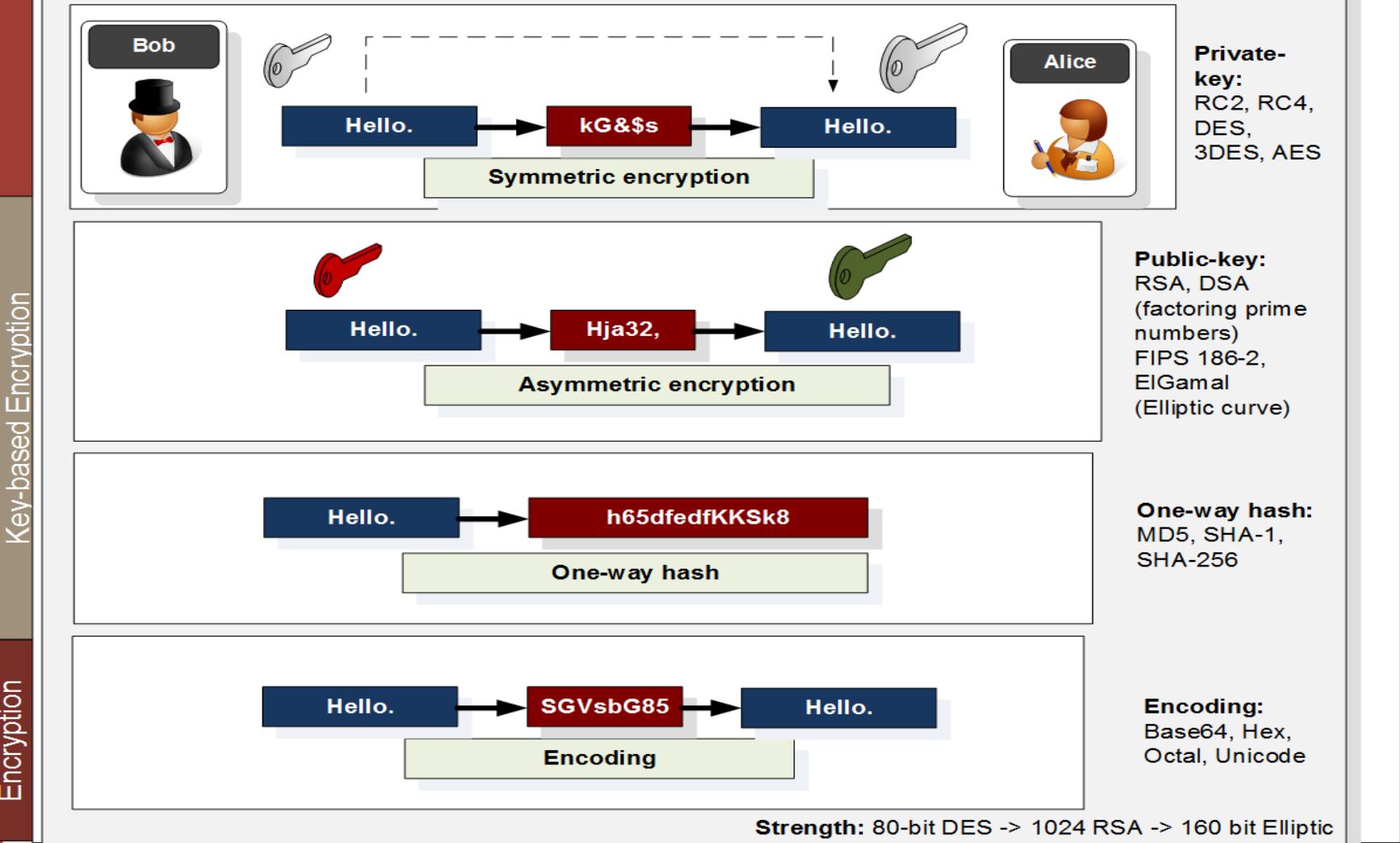
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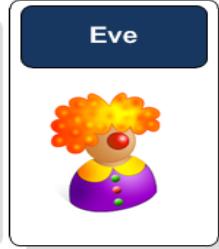


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Encryption





Number of keys

The larger the key, the greater the key space.

Code size	Number of keys	Code size	Number of keys	Code size	Number of keys
1	2	12	4,096	52	4.5×10^{15}
2	4	16	65,536	56	7.21×10^{16}
3	8	20	1,048,576	60	1.15×10^{18}
4	16	24	16,777,216	64	1.84×10^{19}
5	32	28	2.68×10^8	68	2.95×10^{20}
6	64	32	4.29×10^9	72	4.72×10^{21}
7	128	36	6.87×10^{10}	76	7.56×10^{22}
8	256	40	1.1×10^{12}	80	1.21×10^{24}
9	512	44	1.76×10^{13}	84	1.93×10^{25}
10	1024	48	2.81×10^{14}	88	3.09×10^{26}





Okay... we select a **64-bit key** ...
which has 1.84×10^{19} combinations

Time to crack

- It is important to understand the length of time that a message takes to crack as it may need to be secret for a certain time period.

18.4 million million million different keys
000000000000...0000000000000000
To
111111111111....1111111111111111

How long will it take to crack it by brute-force (on average)?



A 64-bit key has 1.84×10^{19} combinations and it could be cracked by brute-force in 0.9×10^{19} goes.

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If we use a fast computer such as 1GHz clock (1ns), and say it takes one clock cycle to test a code, the time to crack the code will be:

9,000,000,000 seconds (150 million minutes)
... 2.5 million hours (285 years)



If it takes 2.5 million hours (285 years) to crack a code. How many years will it take to crack it within a day?

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Computers typically improve their performance every year ... so assume a **doubling** of performance each year.

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2017	2,500,000	104,167	285
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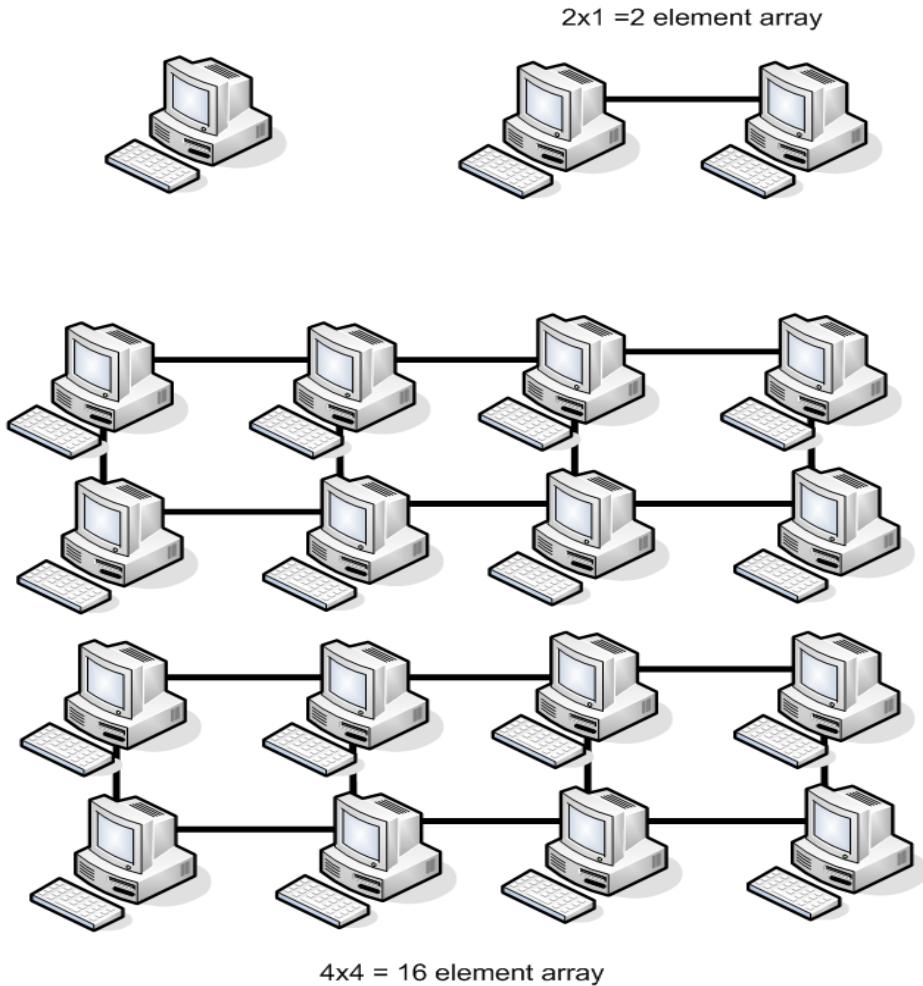


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2020	312,500	13,021	36
2021	156,250	6,510	18
2022	78,125	3,255	9
2023	39,063	1,628	4
2024	19,532	814	2
+8	9,766	407	1
+9	4,883	203	1
+10	2,442	102	0.3
+11	1,221	51	0.1
+12	611	25	0.1
+13	306	13	0
+14	153	6	0
+15	77	3	0
+16	39	2	0
+17	20	1	0

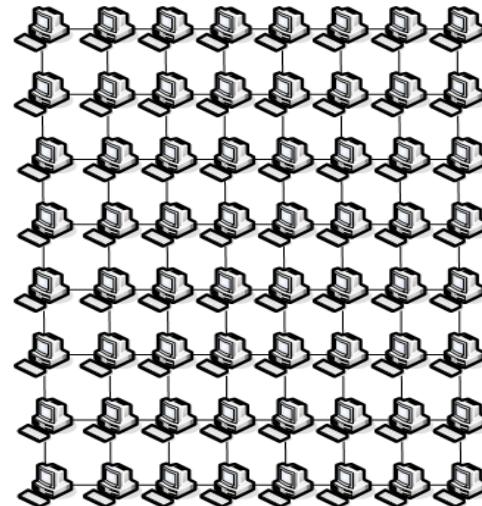
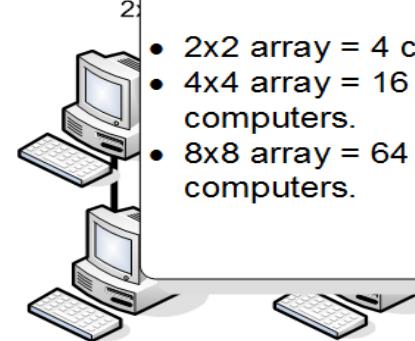
Time to crack

- From 285 years to 1 day, just by computers increasing their computing power.

56-bit DES:
Developed
1975
30 years ago!
... now easily
crackable



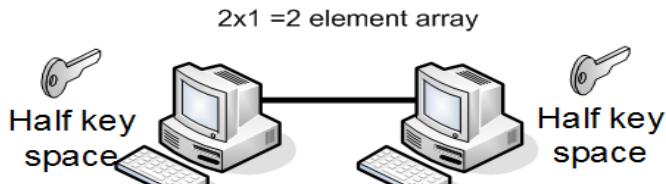
Parallel processing



16x16 = 256 element array

Parallel processing

- 64-bit key --- from **104,000 days** (284 years) to one hour or less.



Brute-force

Encryption

Processors	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
1	104000 days	52000	26000	13000	6500	3250
4	26000	13000	6500	3250	1625	813
16	6500	3250	1625	813	407	204
64	1625	813	407	204	102	51
256	406	203	102	51	26	13
1024	102	51	26	13	7	4
4096	25	13	7	4	2	1
16,384	152hr	76hr	38hr	19hr	10hr	5hr
65,536	38hr	19hr	10hr	5hr	3hr	2hr
262,144	10hr	5hr	3hr	2hr	1hr	
1,048,576	2hr	1hr				

key
ice

4x4 = 16 element array

16x16 = 256 element array

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Nvidia GeForce GTX 1080 Ti Specifications:

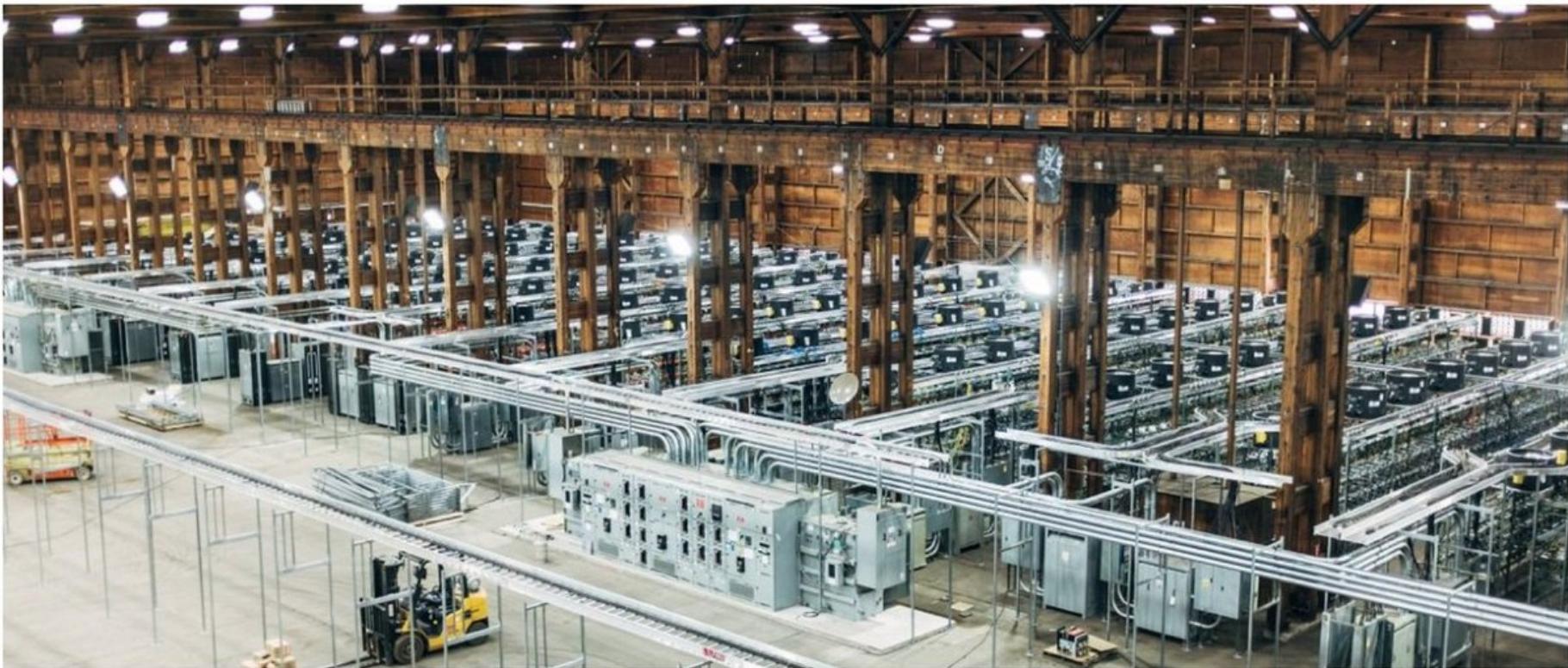
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- CUDA Cores (single precision): 3584
- Texture Units: 224
- ROP Units: 88
- Base Clock: 1480 MHz
- Boost Clock: 1582 MHz
- Memory Clock: 5505 MHz
- Memory Data Rate: 11 Gbps
- L2 Cache Size: 2816K
- Total Video Memory: 11264MB GDDR5X
- Memory Interface: 352-bit
- Total Memory Bandwidth: 484 GB/s
- Texture Rate (Bilinear): 331.5 GigaTexels/sec
- Fabrication Process: 16 nm
- Transistor Count: 12 Billion
- Connectors: 3 x DisplayPort, 1 x HDMI
- Power Connectors: One 6-pin, One 8-pin
- Recommended Power Supply: 600 Watts



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Nvidia GeForce GTX 970 Ethereum Mining GPU

Price

520 USD

Payback period

367 days



Buy now

Power	Power cost per day	Return Per Week	Cost per KH/s
145	\$ 0.4176	\$ 9.90	\$ 0.03270
Hash Rate	Return Per Day	Return Per Month	Payback period
15,900.0 KH/s	\$ 1.41	\$ 42.42	367 days
Mines	Profit Ratio	Return Per Year	Annual Return Percentage
Ethereum	338%	\$ 516.12	99%

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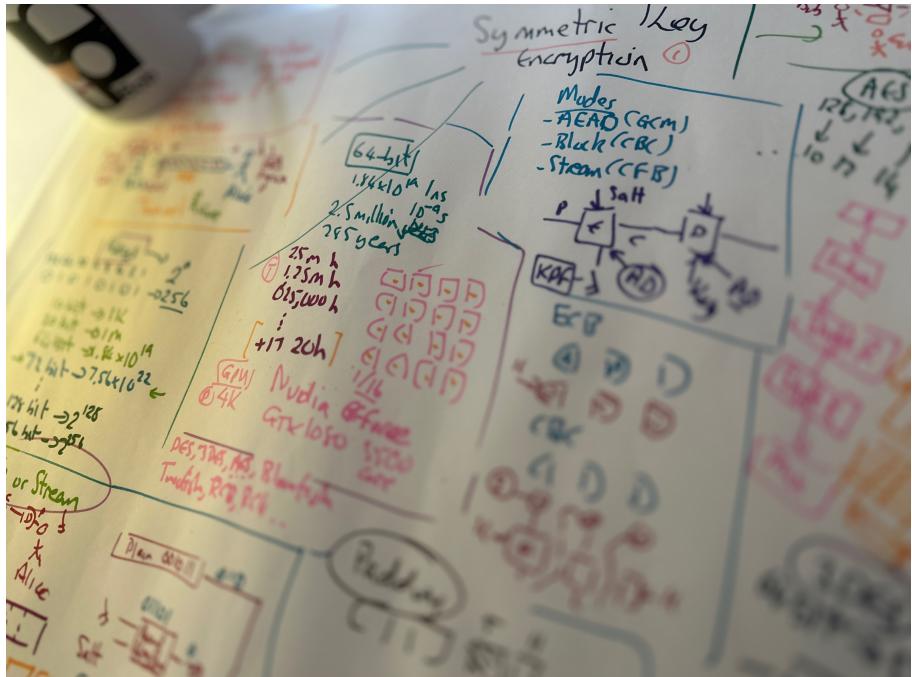
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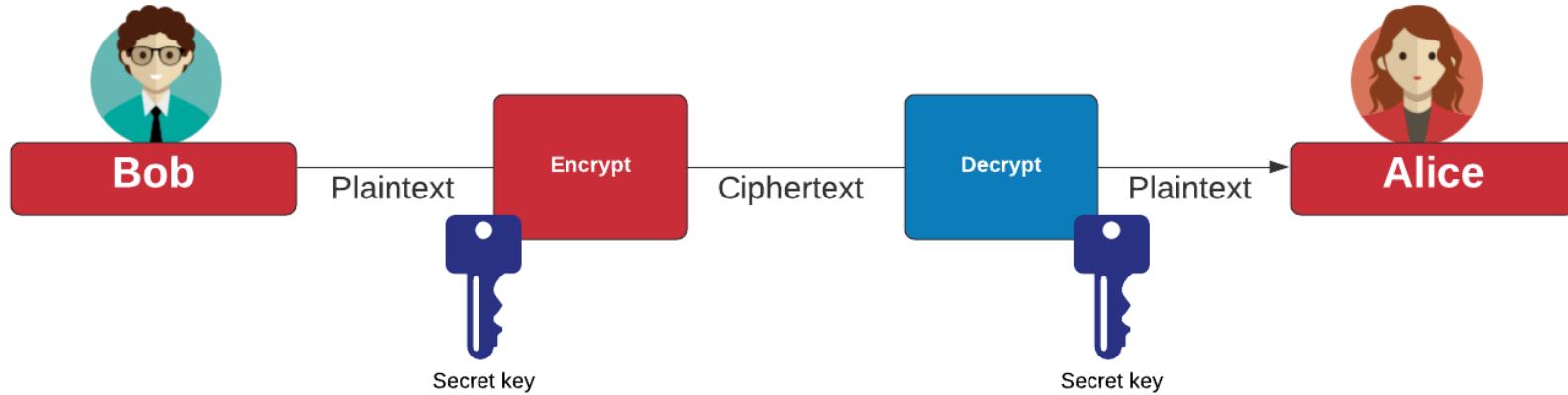
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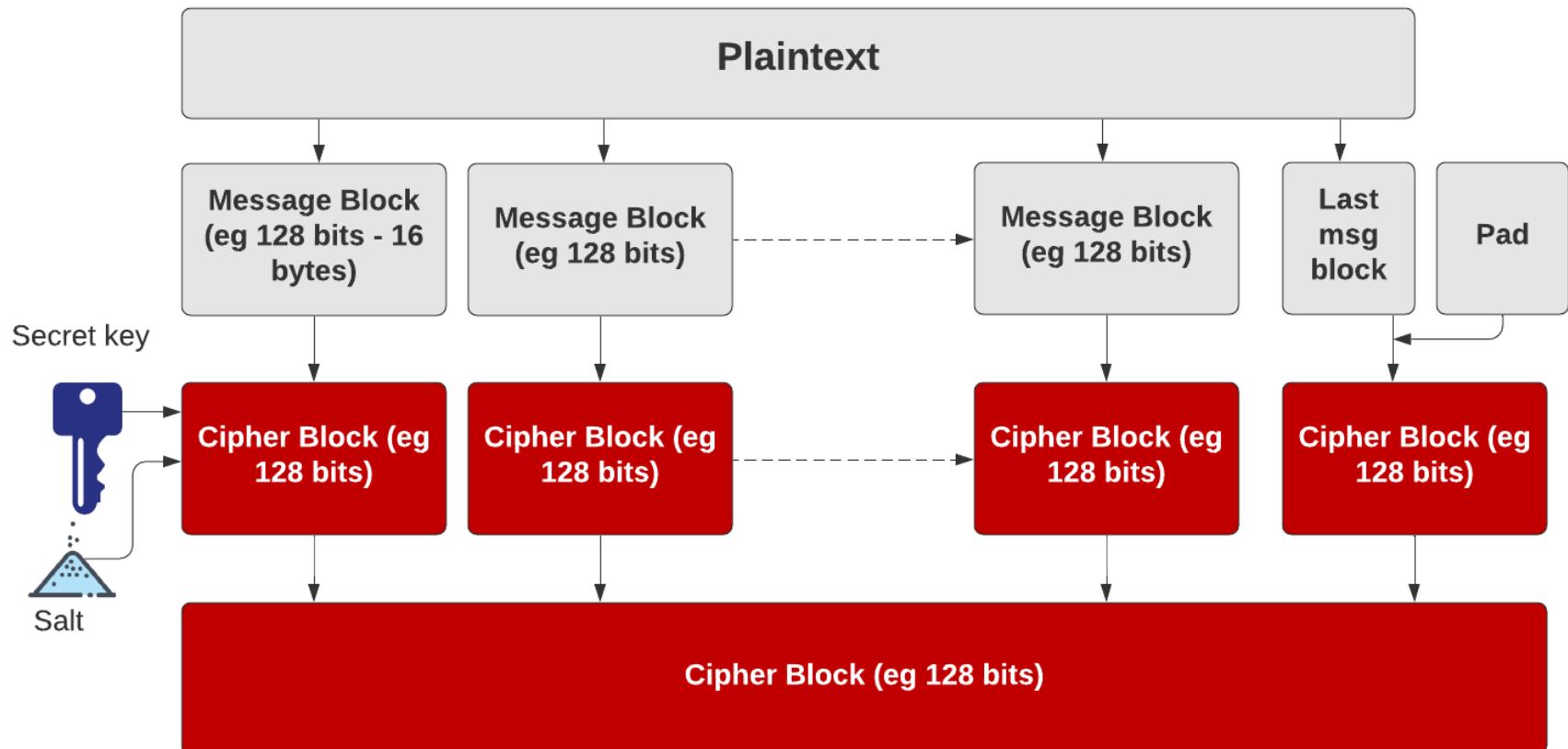
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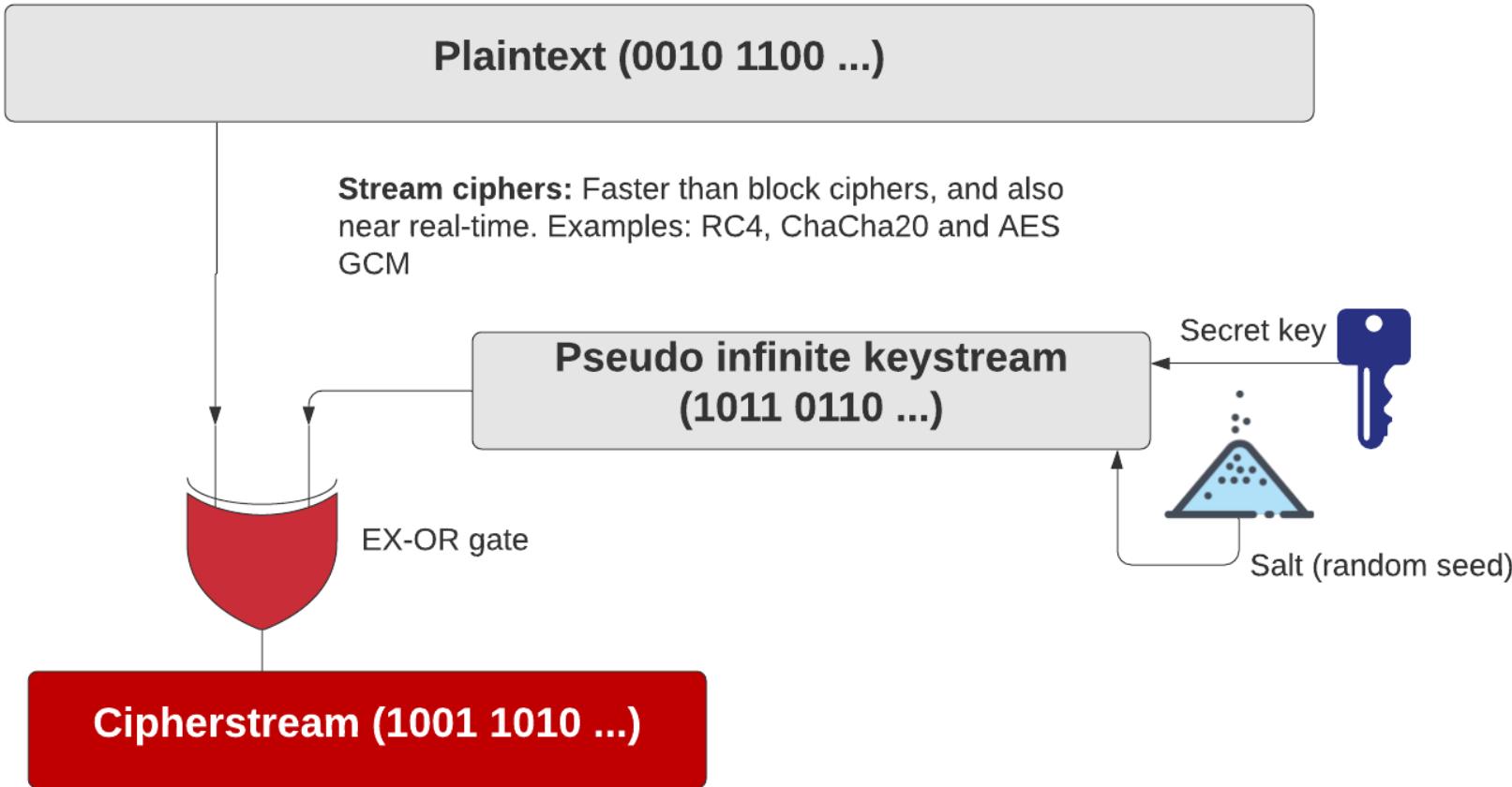
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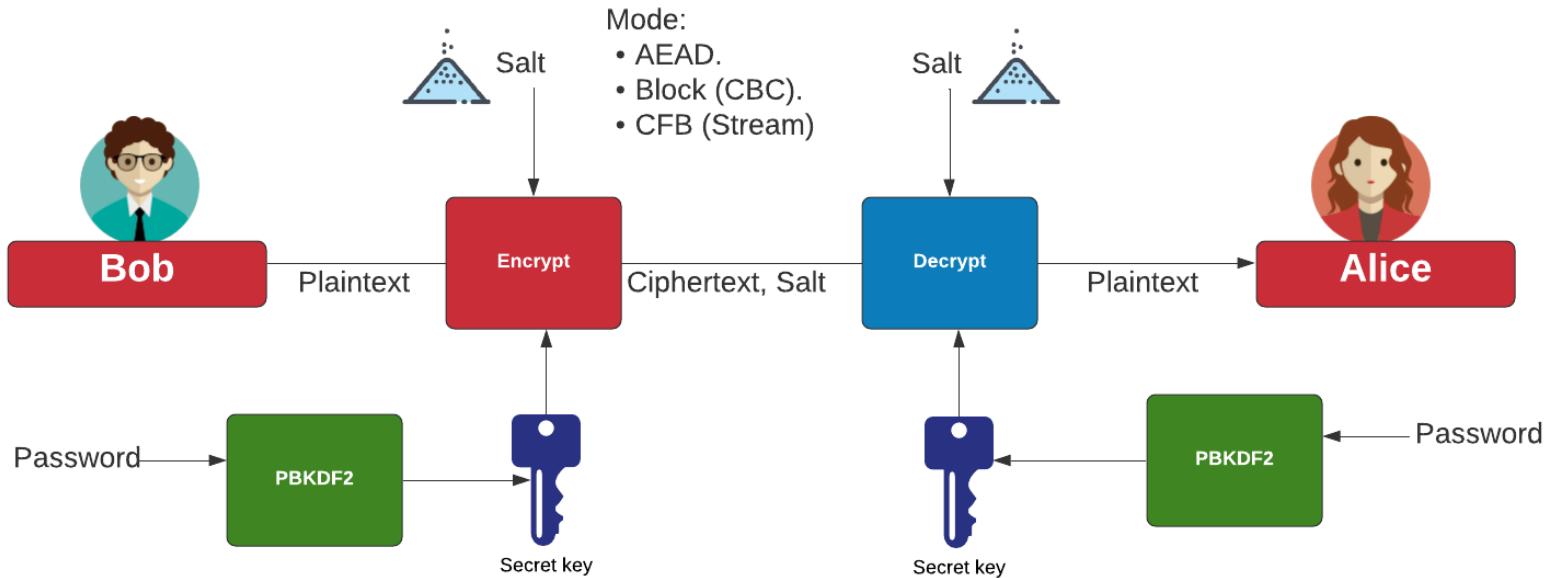
Symmetric Key – Block cipher



Symmetric Key – Stream cipher



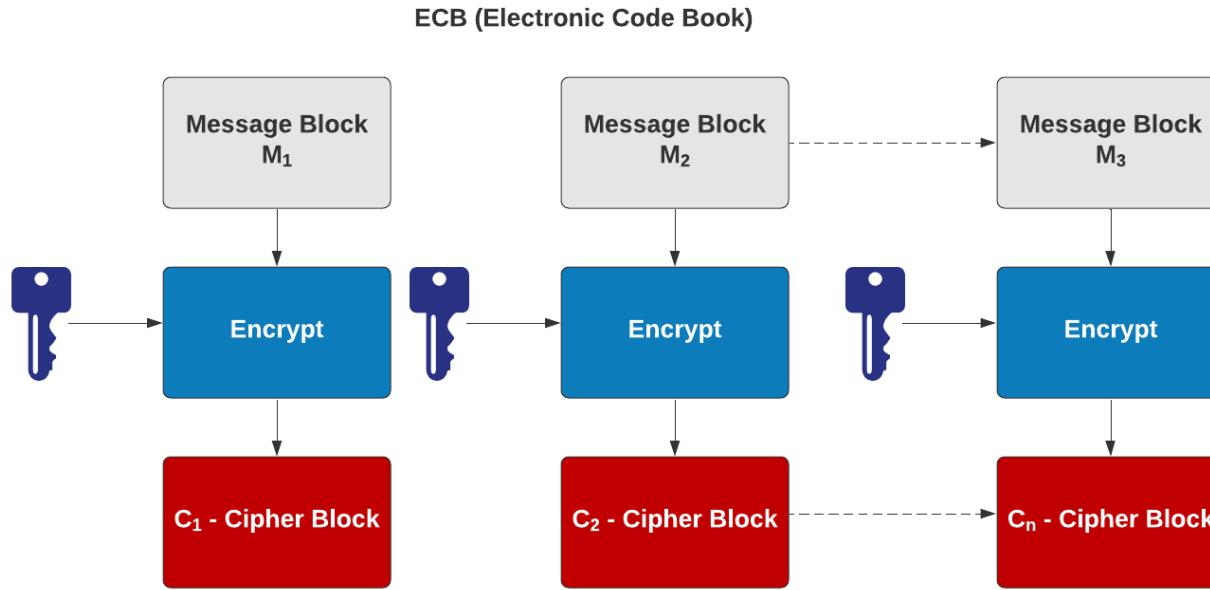
Symmetric Key - Modes



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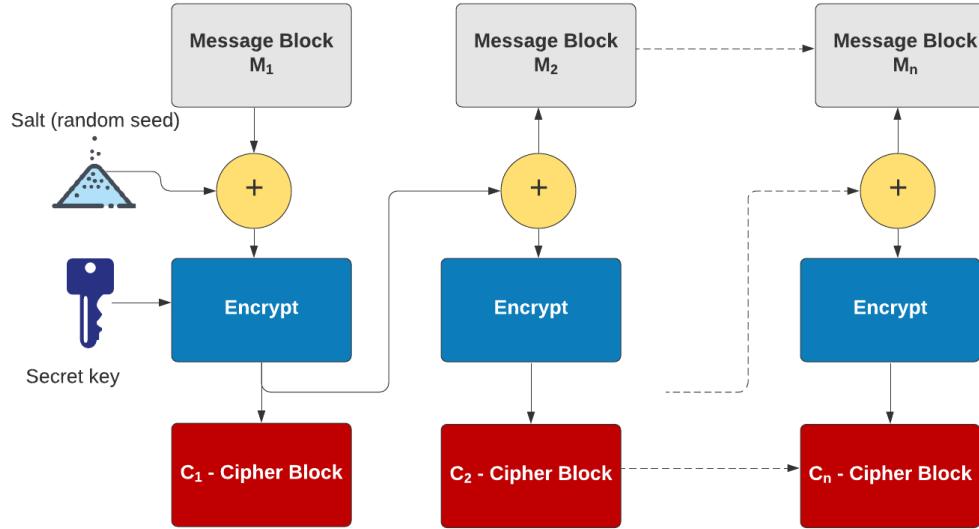
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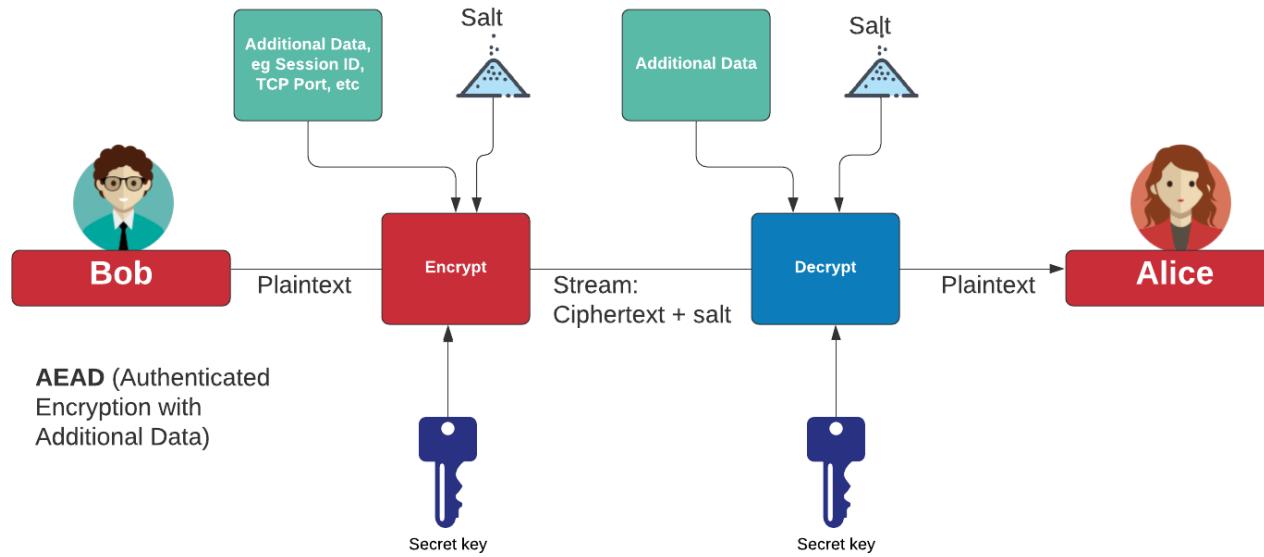
Symmetric Key – Cipher Block Chaining (CBC)



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Authenticated Encryption with Additional Data (AEAD)



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Padding

- **CMS** (Cryptographic Message Syntax). This pads with the same value as the number of padding bytes. Defined in RFC 5652, PKCS#5, PKCS#7 and RFC 1423 PEM.
- **Bits**. This pads with 0x80 (10000000) followed by zero (null) bytes. Defined in ANSI X.923 and ISO/IEC 9797-1.
- **ZeroLength**. This pads with zeros except for the last byte which is equal to the number (length) of padding bytes.
- **Null**. This pads will NULL bytes. This is only used with ASCII text.
- **Space**. This pads with spaces. This is only used with ASCII text.
- **Random**. This pads with random bytes with the last byte defined by the number of padding bytes.

Padding

- After padding (CMS): 68656c6c6f0b0b0b0b0b0b0b0b0b0b0b
Cipher (ECB): 0a7ec77951291795bac6690c9e7f4c0d
- After padding (Bit): 68656c6c6f80000000000000000000000000000000
Cipher (ECB): 731abffc2e3b2c2b5caa9ca2339344f9
- After padding (ZeroLen): 68656c6c6f00000000000000000000000000000000a
Cipher (ECB): d28e2f7e8e44e068732b292bde444245
- After padding (Null): 68656c6c6f00000000000000000000000000000000
Cipher (ECB): 444797422460453d95856eb2a1520ece
- After padding (Random): 68656c6c6fffc6ecfd884a38798d62a**0a**
Cipher (ECB): c2c88b4364d2c2dc6f2cac9ab73c995d

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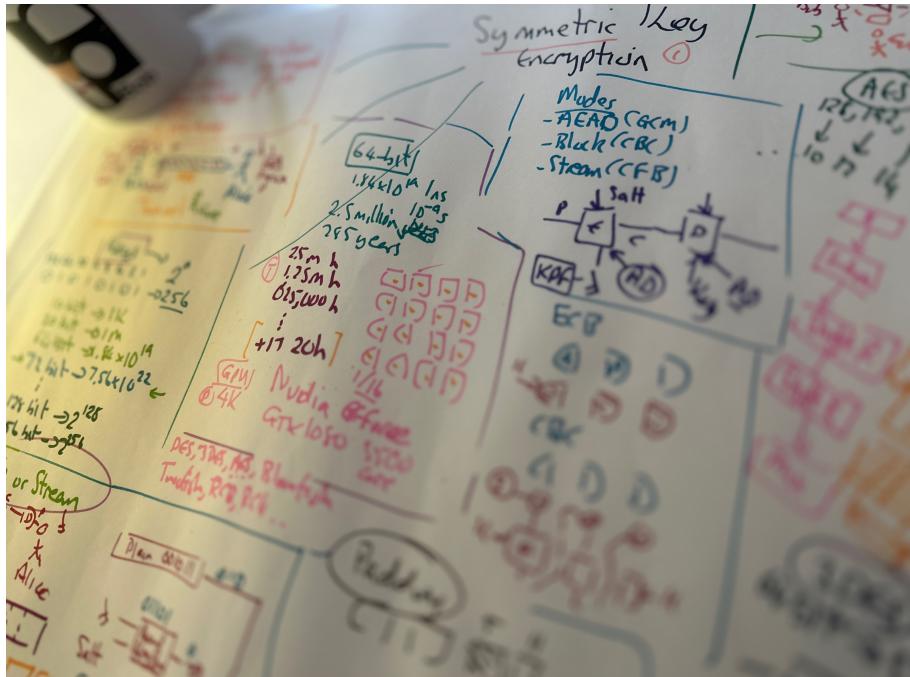
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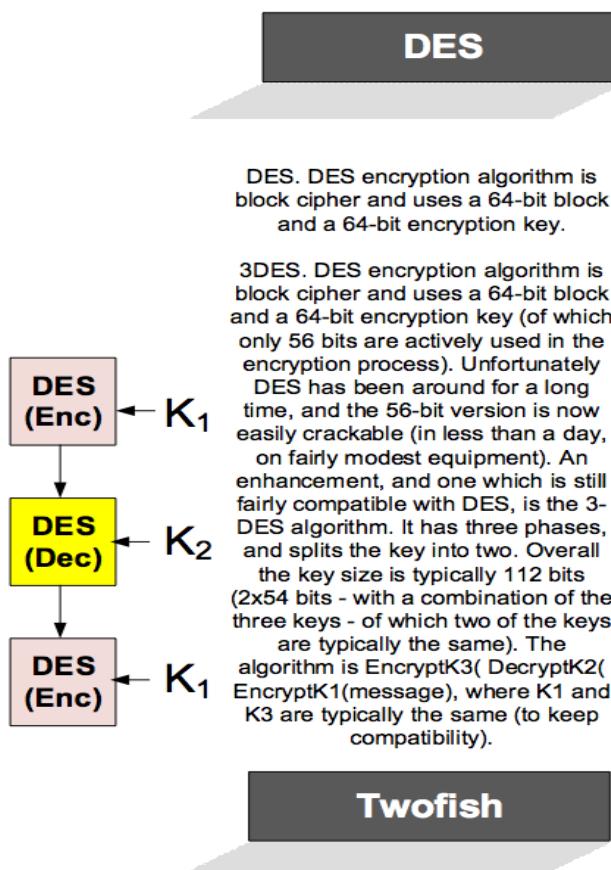
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Bruce Schneier created Twofish with a general-purpose private key block cipher encryption algorithm.



- Skipjack. Skip jack. Skipjack is a block cipher, using private-key encryption algorithm, and designed by NSA.
- Camellia. Camillia is a block cipher created by Mitsubishi and NTT.
- RC4. RC4 is a stream cipher used in WEP (in wireless encryption).
- Affine. Affine is a stream cipher which uses an equation to encrypt.

3-DES. The DES encryption algorithm uses a **64-bit block** and a 64-bit encryption key (of which only **56 bits** are actively used in the encryption process). Unfortunately DES has been around for a long time, and the 56-bit version is now easily crackable (in less than a day, on fairly modest equipment). An enhancement, and one which is still fairly compatible with DES, is the 3-DES algorithm. It has three phases, and splits the key into two. Overall the key size is typically **112 bits** (2x54 bits - with a combination of the three keys - of which two of the keys are typically the same). The algorithm is:

$\text{Encrypt}_{K_3}(\text{Decrypt}_{K_2}(\text{Encrypt}_{K_1}(\text{message})))$

<http://asecuritysite.com/encryption/threedes>

where K1 and K3 are typically the same (to keep compatibility).



RC-2. RC2 ("Rivest Cipher") is seen as a replacement for DES. It was created by Ron Rivest in 1987, and is a **64-bit block code** and can have a key size from 40 bits to 128-bits (in increments of 8 bits). The 40-bit key version is seen as weak, as the encryption key is so small, but is favoured by governments for export purposes, as it can be easily cracked. In this case the key is created from a Key and an IV (Initialisation Vector). The key has 12 characters (96 bits), and the IV has 8 characters (64 bits), which go to make the overall key.

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AES/Rijndael. AES (or Rijndael) is the new replacement for DES, and uses **128-bit blocks** with 128, 192 and 256 bit encryption keys. It was selected by NIST in 2001 (after a five year standardisation process). The name Rijndael comes from its Belgium creators: Joan Daemen and Vincent Rijmen.

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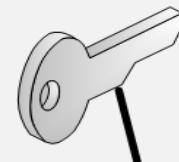


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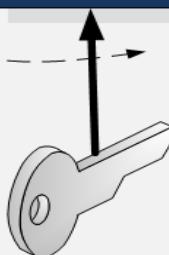
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Alice

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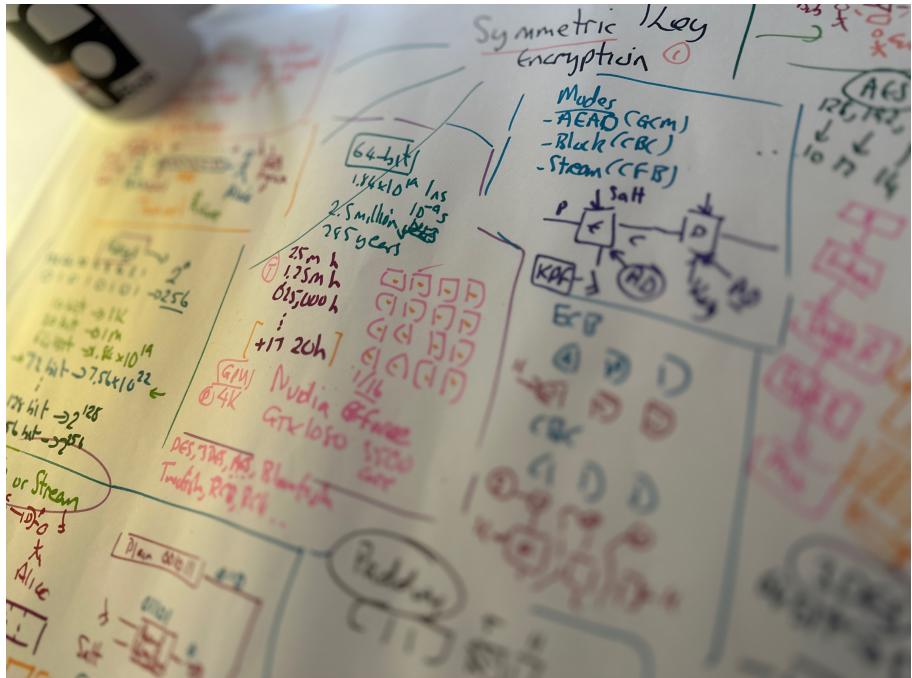
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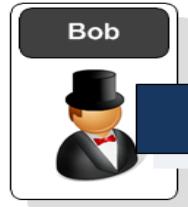
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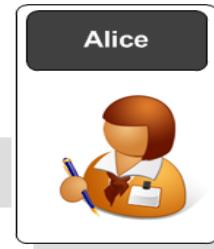
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Hello. How are you?



kG&\$s &FDsaf *fd\$

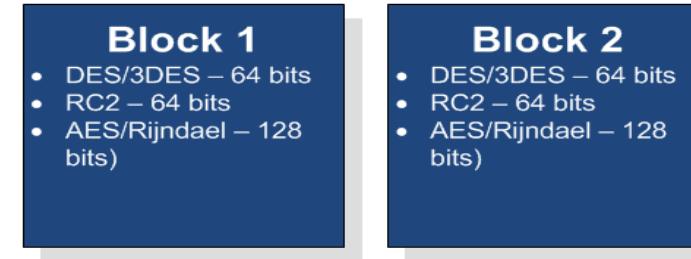


kG&\$s &FDsaf *fd\$



The solution is to add **salt** to the encryption key, as that it changes its operation from block-to-block (for block encryption) or data frame-to-data frame (for stream encryption)

A major problem in encryption is playback where an intruder can copy an encrypted message and play it back, as the same plain text will always give the same cipher text.

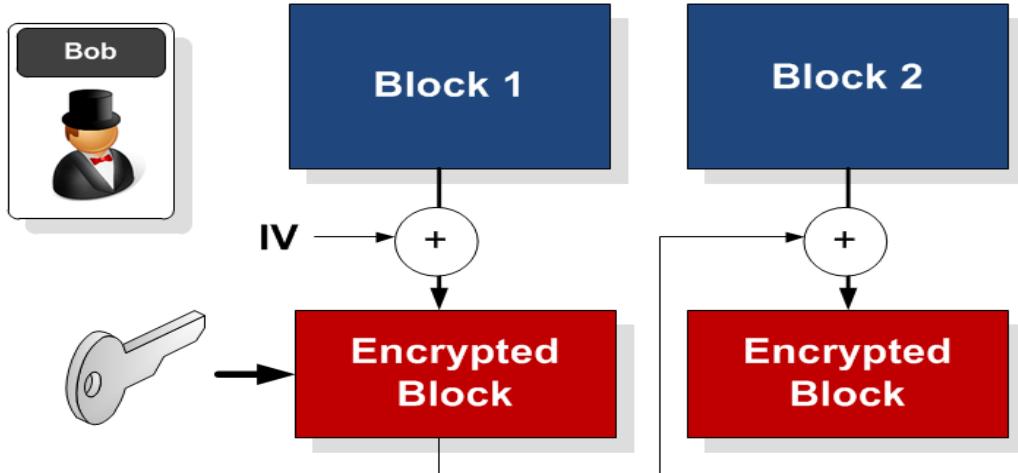


Electronic Code Book (ECB) method. This is weak, as the same cipher text appears for the same blocks.

Hello → 5ghd%43f=

Hello → 5ghd%43f=

Adding salt. This is typically done with an IV (Initialisation Vector) which must be the same on both sides. In WEP, the IV is incremented for each data frame, so that the cipher text changes.



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC). This method uses the IV for the first block, and then the results from the previous block to encrypt the current block.



Original image



Image with AES using ECB

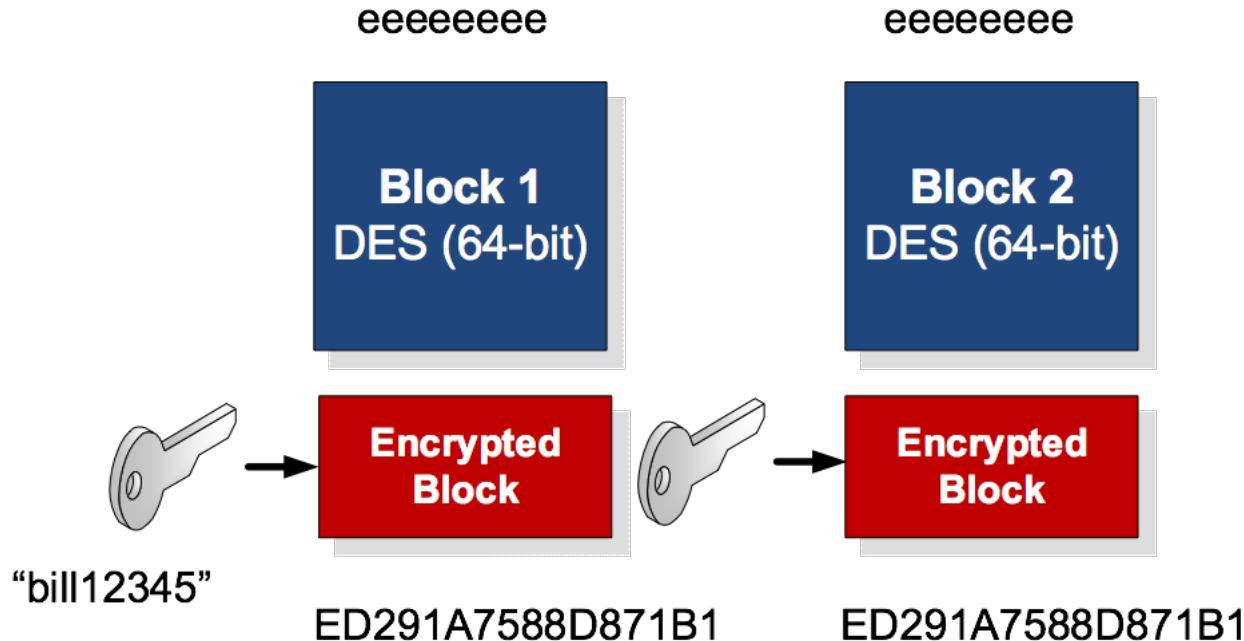


Image with AES using CBC

Image ref: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Block_cipher_modes_of_operation

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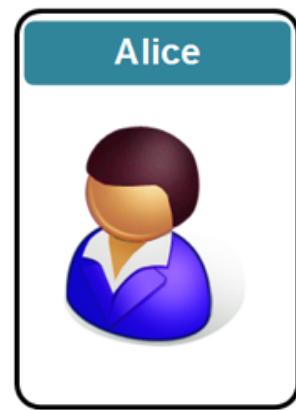
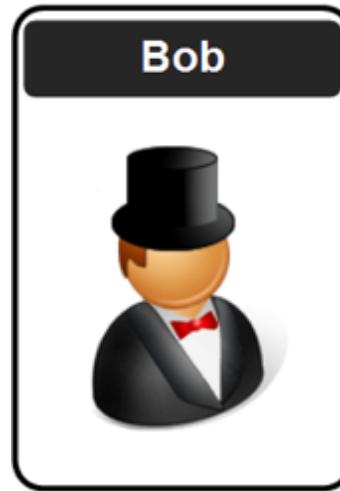
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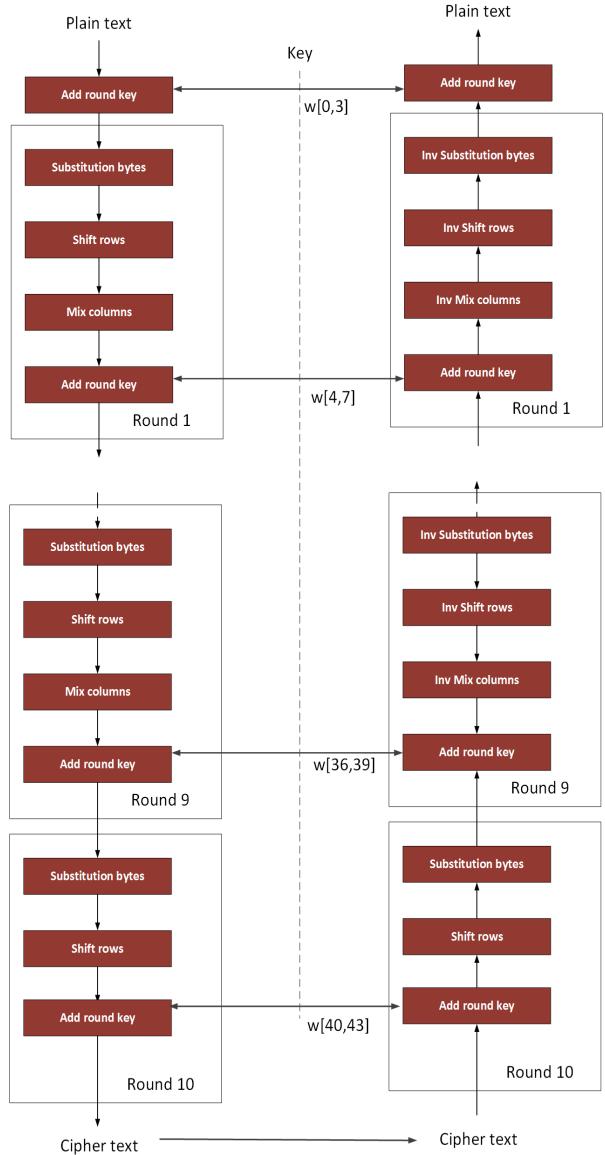
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AES

NIST



	0x	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6	x7	x8	x9	xA	xB	xC	xD	xE	xF
0x	0x63	0x7c	0x77	0x7b	0xf2	0x6b	0x6f	0xc5	0x30	0x01	0x67	0x2b	0xfe	0xd7	0xab	0x76
1x	0xca	0x82	0xc9	0x7d	0xfa	0x59	0x47	0xf0	0xad	0xd4	0xa2	0xaf	0x9c	0xa4	0x72	0xc0
2x	0xb7	0xfd	0x93	0x26	0x36	0x3f	0xf7	0xcc	0x34	0xa5	0xe5	0xf1	0x71	0xd8	0x31	0x15
3x	0x04	0xc7	0x23	0xc3	0x18	0x96	0x05	0x9a	0x07	0x12	0x80	0xe2	0xeb	0x27	0xb2	0x75
4x	0x09	0x83	0x2c	0x1a	0x1b	0x6e	0x5a	0xa0	0x52	0x3b	0xd6	0xb3	0x29	0xe3	0x2f	0x84
5x	0x53	0xd1	0x00	0xed	0x20	0xfc	0xb1	0x5b	0x6a	0xcb	0xbe	0x39	0x4a	0x4c	0x58	0xcf
6x	0xd0	0xef	0xaa	0xfb	0x43	0x4d	0x33	0x85	0x45	0xf9	0x02	0x7f	0x50	0x3c	0x9f	0xa8
7x	0x51	0xa3	0x40	0x8f	0x92	0x9d	0x38	0xf5	0xbc	0xb6	0xda	0x21	0x10	0xff	0xf3	0xd2
8x	0xcd	0x0c	0x13	0xec	0x5f	0x97	0x44	0x17	0xc4	0xa7	0x7e	0x3d	0x64	0x5d	0x19	0x73
9x	0x60	0x81	0x4f	0xdc	0x22	0x2a	0x90	0x88	0x46	0xee	0xb8	0x14	0xde	0x5e	0x0b	0xdb
Ax	0xe0	0x32	0x3a	0x0a	0x49	0x06	0x24	0x5c	0xc2	0xd3	0xac	0x62	0x91	0x95	0xe4	0x79
Bx	0xe7	0xc8	0x37	0x6d	0x8d	0xd5	0x4e	0xa9	0x6c	0x56	0xf4	0xea	0x65	0x7a	0xae	0x08
Cx	0xba	0x78	0x25	0x2e	0x1c	0xa6	0xb4	0xc6	0x88	0xdd	0x74	0x1f	0x4b	0xbd	0x8b	0x8a
Dx	0x70	0x3e	0xb5	0x66	0x48	0x03	0xf6	0x0e	0x61	0x35	0x57	0xb9	0x86	0xc1	0x1d	0x9e
Ex	0x1e	0xf8	0x98	0x11	0x69	0xd9	0x8e	0x94	0x9b	0x1e	0x87	0x9e	0xce	0x55	0x28	0xdf
Fx	0x8c	0xa1	0x89	0x0d	0xbf	0xe6	0x42	0x68	0x41	0x99	0x2d	0x0f	0xb0	0x54	0xbb	0x16

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1x	0x7c	0x03	0x39	0x82	0x9b	0x2f	0xff	0x87	0x34	0x8e	0x43	0x44	0xc4	0xde	0x9	0xcb
2x	0x54	0x7b	0x94	0x32	0xa6	0xc2	0x23	0x3d	0xee	0x4c	0x95	0x0b	0x42	0xfa	0xc3	0x4e
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4x	0x72	0xf8	0x0f	0x64	0x86	0x68	0x98	0x16	0xd4	0xa4	0x5c	0xcc	0x5d	0x65	0xb6	0x92
5x	0x6c	0x70	0x48	0x50	0xfd	0xed	0xb9	0xda	0x5e	0x15	0x46	0x57	0xa7	0x8d	0x9d	0x84
6x	0x90	0xd8	0xab	0x00	0x8c	0xbc	0xd3	0xa0	0xf7	0xe4	0x58	0x05	0xb8	0x3b	0x45	0x06
7x	0xd0	0x02	0x1e	0x8f	0xca	0x3f	0x0f	0x02	0xc1	0xaf	0xbd	0x03	0x01	0x13	0x8a	0x6b
8x	0x3a	0x91	0x11	0x41	0x4f	0x67	0xdc	0xea	0x97	0xf2	0xcf	0xce	0xf0	0xb4	0xe6	0x73
9x	0x96	0xac	0x74	0x22	0xe7	0xad	0x35	0x85	0xe2	0xf9	0x37	0xe8	0x1c	0x75	0xdf	0x6e
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Bx	0xfc	0x56	0x3e	0x4b	0xc6	0xd2	0x79	0x20	0x9a	0xdb	0xc0	0xfe	0x78	0xcd	0x5a	0xf4
Cx	0x1f	0xdd	0xa8	0x33	0x88	0x07	0xc7	0x31	0xb1	0x12	0x10	0x59	0x27	0x80	0xec	0x5f
Dx	0x60	0x51	0x7f	0xa9	0x19	0xb5	0xa4	0x0d	0x2d	0xe5	0x7a	0x9f	0x93	0xc9	0x9c	0xef
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Fx	0x17	0x2b	0x04	0x7e	0xba	0x77	0xd6	0x26	0xe1	0x69	0x14	0x63	0x55	0x21	0x0c	0x7d

Cipher text

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AES Modes

IV: 000000000000000b

Cipher (ECB): 0a7ec77951291795bac6690c9e7f4c0d

[Cn7HeVEpF5w6xmkMnn9MDQ==]

decrypt: hello

Cipher (CBC): 81466cb66599fc317dce1ebfa1f4e9ab

[gUZstmWZ/DF9zh6/ofTpqw==]

decrypt: hello

Cipher (CFB): 79aa48d5b5a07feba6d89d3ad5b277c8

[eapI1bwgf+um2J061bj3yA==]

decrypt: hello

Cipher (OFB): 794a54871f0473bd0556fdafed76de59

[eupuhx8Ec70Fvv2v7xbewQ==]

decrypt: hello

Cipher (CTR): 3abfc1269139221192ff31301a899791

[Or/B]pE5IhGS/zEwGomXkQ==]

decrypt: hello

Example

ECB

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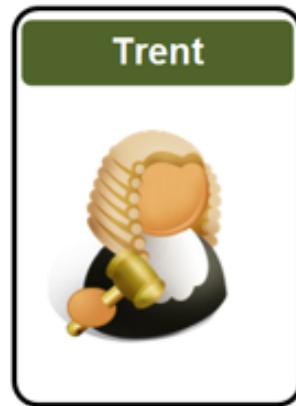
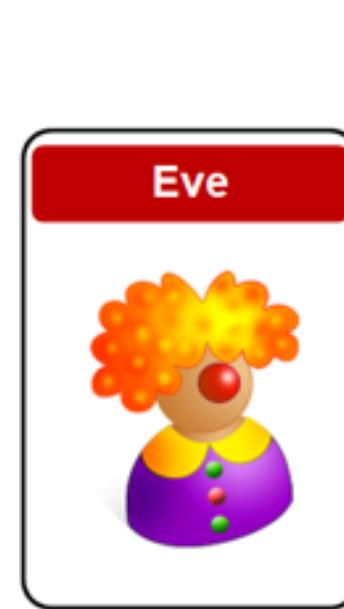
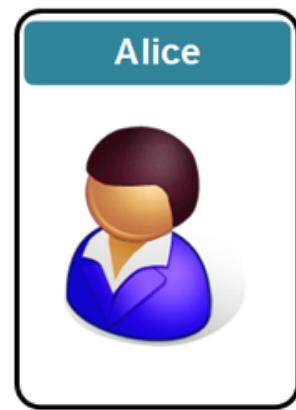
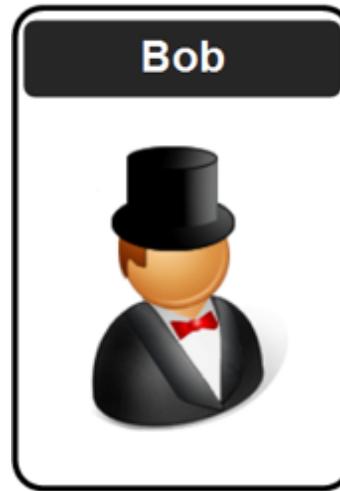
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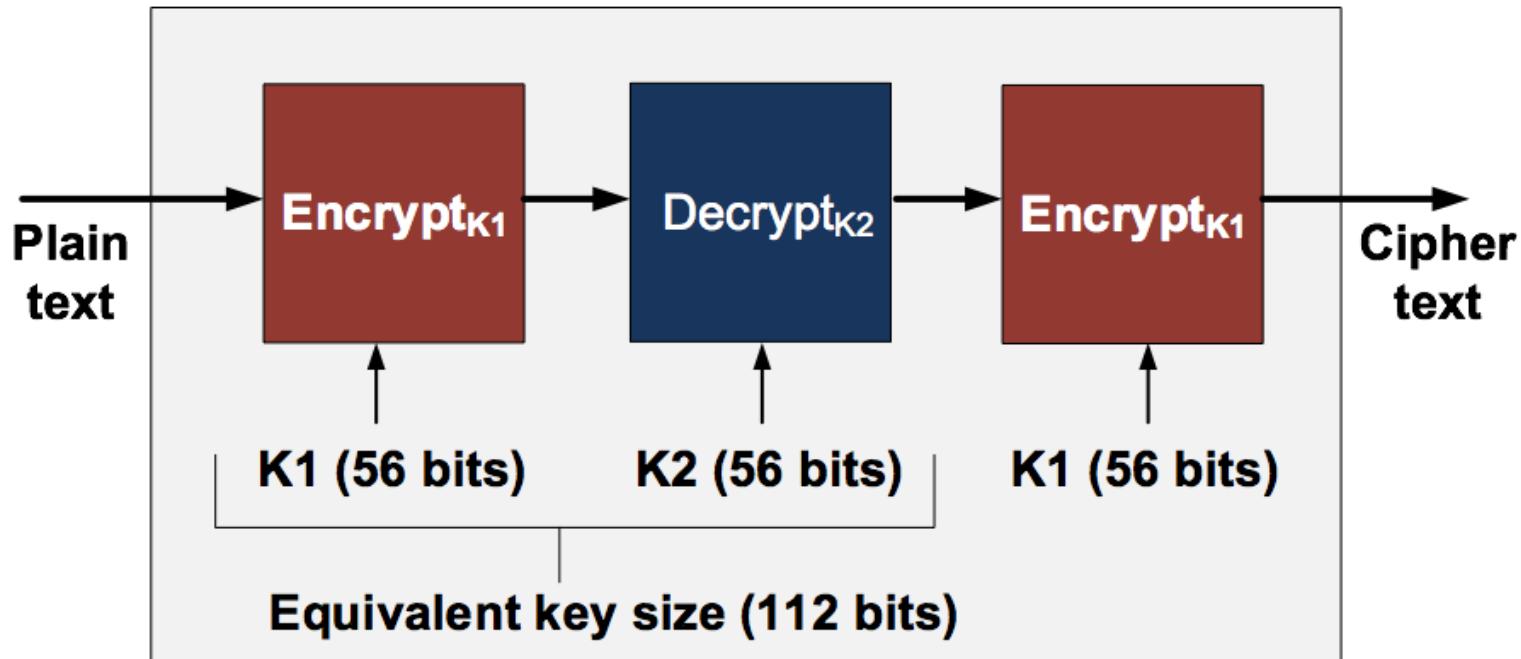
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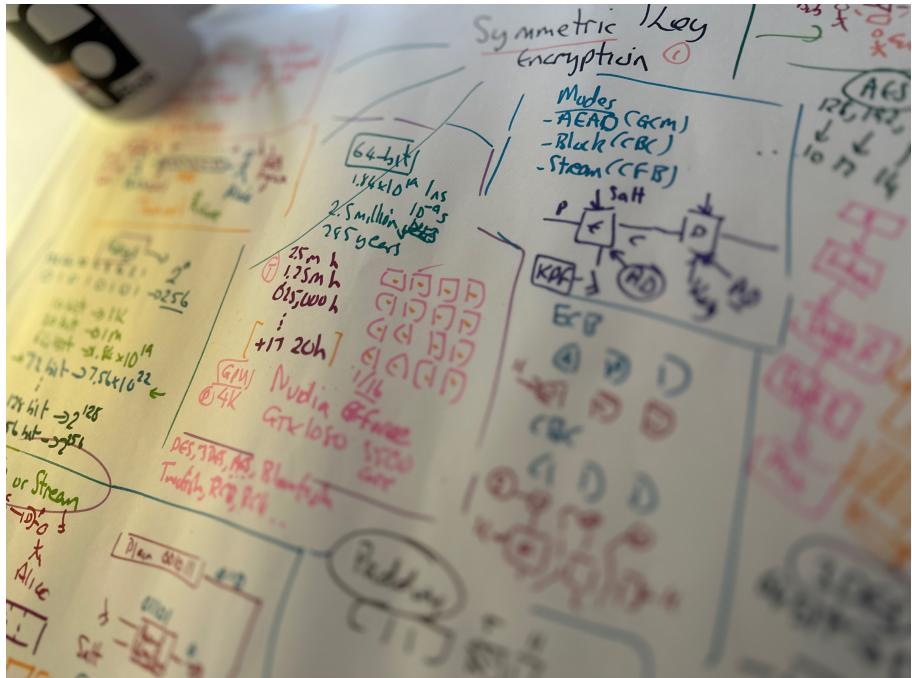
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ChaCha operates on 32-bit bits with a key of 256 bits

(K=(k0, k1, k2, k3, k4, k5, k6, k7). This output blocks of

chaCha20-Poly1305 Cipher Suites for Transport Layer Security (TLS)

512-bits for the key stream (Z), and which is EX-XORed

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```

def KSA(key):
    keylength = len(key)

    S = range(256)

    j = 0
    for i in range(256):
        j = (j + S[i] + key[i % keylength]) % 256
        S[i], S[j] = S[j], S[i] # swap

    return S

def PRGA(S):
    i = 0
    j = 0
    while True:
        i = (i + 1) % 256
        j = (j + S[i]) % 256
        S[i], S[j] = S[j], S[i] # swap

        K = S[(S[i] + S[j]) % 256]
        yield K

def RC4(key):
    S = KSA(key)
    return PRGA(S)

```

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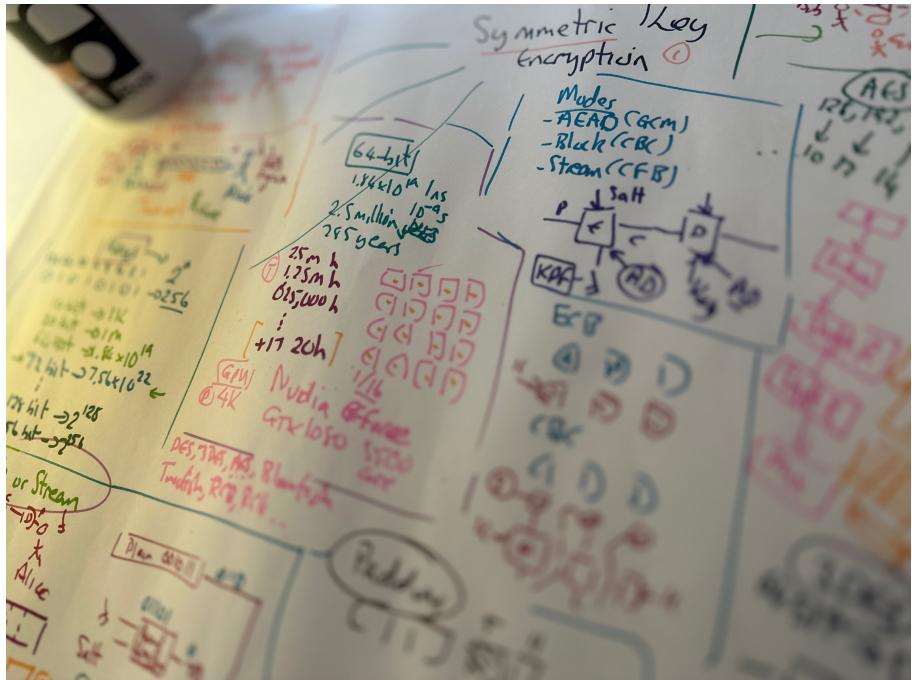
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Key Entropy

$$\text{Key Entropy} = \log_2(\text{Phrases}) = \frac{\log_{10}(\text{Phrases})}{\log_{10}(2)}$$

$$\text{Key Entropy} = \log_2(26^8) = \frac{\log_{10}(26^8)}{\log_{10}(2)} = 37.6 \text{ bits}$$

Try!

Password definition	Number of possible characters	Total number of passwords	Entropy (bits)
[0-9]	10	100,000,000	26.6
[a-z]	26	2.08827x10 ¹¹	37.6
[a-zA-Z]	52	5.34597x10 ¹³	45.6
[a-zA-Z0-9]	62	2.1834x10 ¹⁴	47.6
[a-zA-Z0-9\$%!@+=]	68	4.57163x10 ¹⁴	48.7

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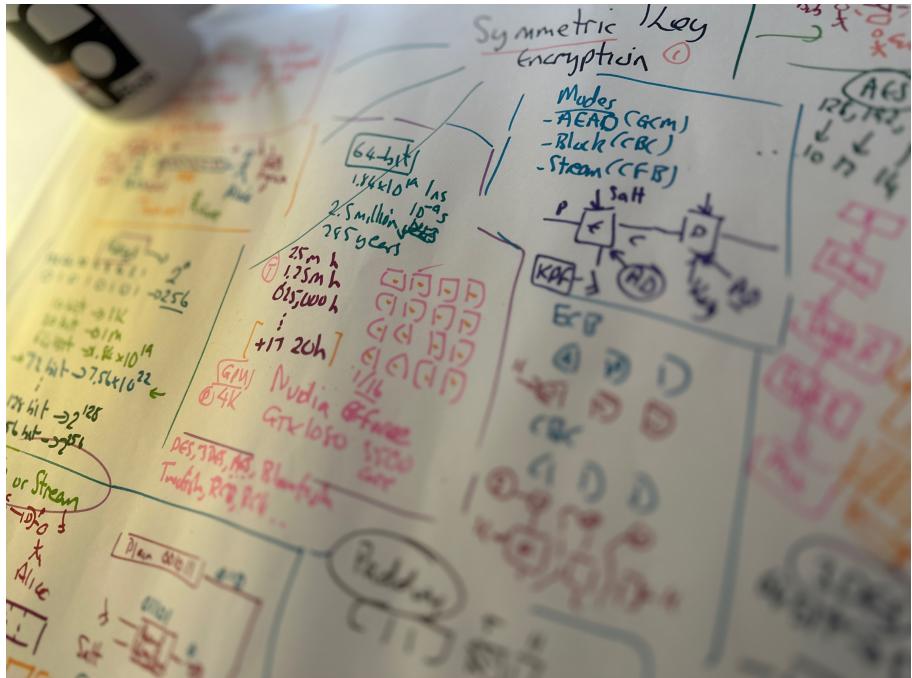
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Key Storage/Transport

```
3059301306072a8648ce3d020106082a8648ce3d030107034200042927b10512bae  
3eddcfe467828128bad2903269919f7086069c8c4df6c732838c7787964eaac00e5  
921fb1498a60f4606766b3d9685001558d1a974e7341513
```

DER format

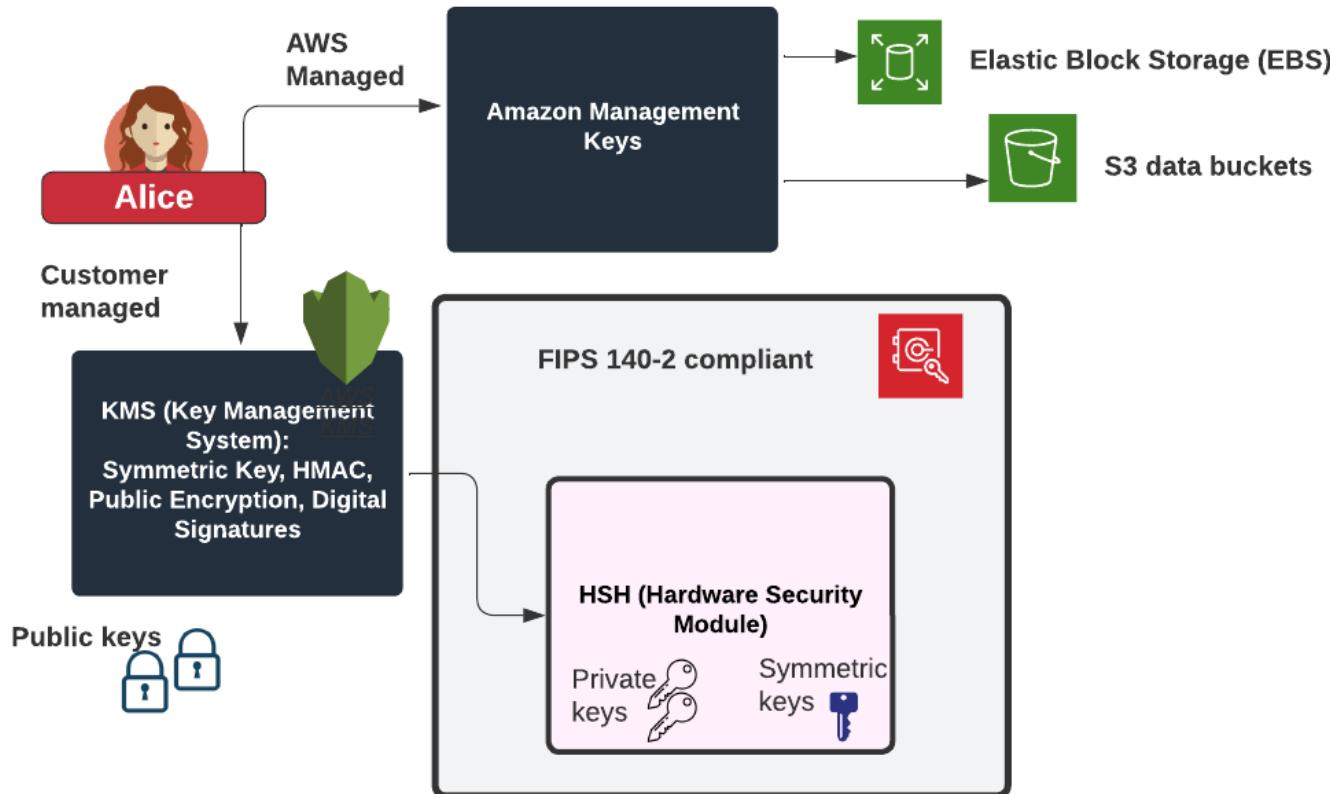
JSON format

```
{  
  "primaryKeyId": 1331912396,  
  "key": [  
    {"keyData": {  
        "typeUrl": "type.googleapis.com/google.crypto.tink.AesGcmKey",  
        "keyMaterialType": "SYMMETRIC",  
        "value": "GhBpskWWTrE27e2w67X4Tzfs"  
      },  
      "outputPrefixType": "TINK",  
      "keyId": 1331912396,  
      "status": "ENABLED"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

PEM format

```
-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----  
MIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIIBCgKCAQEAw51PMB  
Ulyh22zy3hEhlsNPH6/Cqg0HJorX1WbNKLfiU2aAt24jn4CC+y  
0L4XZxm14QvKKImIOM0MbLS1Te29n64HuuQ9owKLHuSMww4wiL  
HL6x7nK/Pq72eoQ/etFBkaX5nYGUD/+G+5BgAPx1mBgU5/y9+/  
Tfa6rDMSAbmJ0tkk1ghnuaq4dSoHWbW+zpHMVtjtHgzDGhX9Kj  
p2yDLULUbsd04ylacTkxyIc92ZHdZeP6Hh+KhNC04Z65zwXLEA  
xwIDAQAB  
-----END PUBLIC KEY-----
```

KMS and HSM



Cloud-based Symmetric Key

Key Management Service (KMS)

AWS managed keys

Customer managed keys

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The screenshot shows the AWS KMS console interface. A success message at the top indicates a new key was created with alias 'MyPublicKey2' and key ID 'mrk-563b89d2385b4e70899e0dfd5158ef7b'. Below this, the 'Customer managed keys' list is displayed, showing three existing keys: 'MyPublicKey' (key ID: 68ded69b-6c19-4b34-9f91-f8c2628ee612), 'BillsNewKey' (key ID: 98a90e1f-2cb5-4564-a3aa-d0c060cdcf0a), and 'MyPublicKey2' (key ID: mrk-563b89d2385b4e70899e0dfd5158ef7b). The 'Create key' button is visible at the top right of the list.

Aliases	Key ID	Status	Key spec	Key usage
MyPublicKey	68ded69b-6c19-4b34-9f91-f8c2628ee612	Enabled	RSA_2048	Encrypt and decrypt
BillsNewKey	98a90e1f-2cb5-4564-a3aa-d0c060cdcf0a	Enabled	SYMMETRIC_DEFAULT	Encrypt and decrypt
MyPublicKey2	mrk-563b89d2385b4e70899e0dfd5158ef7b	Enabled	RSA_2048	Encrypt and decrypt

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Success
Your AWS KMS key was created with alias MyPublicKey2 and key ID `mrk-563b89d2385b4e70899e0dfd5158ef7b`.

Configure key

Customer managed keys (3)

Aliases	Key ID	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> MyPublicKey	<code>68ded69b-6c19-4b34-9f91-f8c2628ee612</code>	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/> BillsNewKey	<code>98a90e1f-2cb5-4564-a3aa-d0c060cdcf0a</code>	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/> MyPublicKey2	<code>mrk-563b89d2385b4e70899e0dfd5158ef7b</code>	Enabled

Key type [Help me choose](#)

Symmetric
A single key used for encrypting and decrypting data or generating and verifying HMAC codes.

Asymmetric
A public and private key pair used for encrypting and decrypting data or signing and verifying messages.

Key usage [Help me choose](#)

Encrypt and decrypt
Use the key only to encrypt and decrypt data.

Generate and verify MAC
Use the key only to generate and verify hash-based message authentication codes (HMAC).

Advanced options

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Success

Your AWS KMS key was created with alias MyPublicKey2 and key ID **mrk-563b89d2385b4e70899e0dfd5158ef7b**.

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Once we have this, we can then encrypt the file using the "aws kms encrypt" command, and then use "fileb://1.txt" to refer to the file:

```
aws kms encrypt --key-id alias/MySymKey --plaintext fileb://1.txt --query CiphertextBlob --output text > 1.out  
cat 1.out
```

This produces a ciphertext blob, and which is in Base64 format:

```
AQICAHgTBdpVTrBrduWKdNnvMoMMUWj0bqp+GqbghUx7qa6JwEQ7F2Fzubd+pcz3I06bFuLAAAAdjB0BgkqhkiG9w0BBwagZzB1AgEAMGAGCSqGSIB3DQEHTAeBglghkgBZQMEAS4wEQQM  
g13vWRVPyL7KK3k1AgEQgDP+dQ4KsqT94hiARF8zlybFAtXJJBIucc8M952KHmkJzBGQQP4f8YQQ70DELV97ZXizzME=
```

We could transmit this in Base64 format, but we need to convert it into a binary format for us to now decrypt it. For this we use the "Base64 -d" command:

```
$ base64 -i 1.out --decode > 1.enc  
$ cat 1.enc
```

The result is a binary output:

```
$ cat 1.enc  
x:UNSjg  
00e0` 1`He.0'[3*:l[v0t *H  
]Y07+y%3u  
D_3&$.q  
i @-_ {exddd_v1_w_W3n_145559
```

Now we can decrypt this with our key, and using the command of:

```
$ aws kms decrypt --key-id alias/BillsNewKey --output text --query Plaintext --ciphertext-blob fileb://1.enc > 2.out  
$ cat 2.out
```

The output of this is our secret message in Base64 format:

```
VGhpcyBpcyBteSBzZWNyZXQgZm1sZS4K
```

and now we can decode this into plaintext:

```
$ base64 -i 2.out --decode  
This is my secret file.
```

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