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# Encryption

Why It Matters

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- Specialize in next-generation technologies
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# Agenda

- Ciphers
- Symmetric Encryption
- Asymmetric Encryption
- The World We Live In

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## Ciphers

# One-Time Pad

- Information-theoretically secure
- Ciphertext is created by combining input with a shared random key
- Perfect secrecy
- Immune to brute-force attacks
- Requires perfectly random keys
- Keys cannot be reused ever
- Keys have to be as long as the input

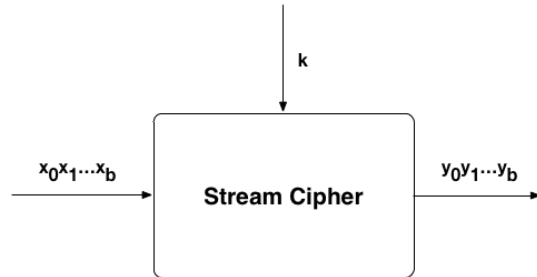
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## XOR

A	B	Output
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

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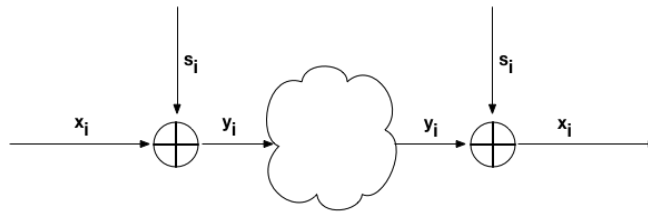
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$$y_i = e_{s_i}(x_i) \equiv x_i + s_i \text{ mod } 2$$

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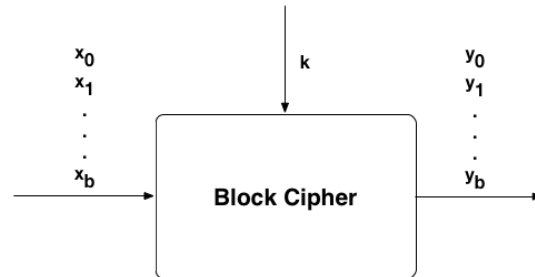
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## Stream Ciphers

- Encryption and Decryption are the same
- Modulo 2 addition is equivalent to XOR
- Security of the system is based upon keystream

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## Block Cipher Modes

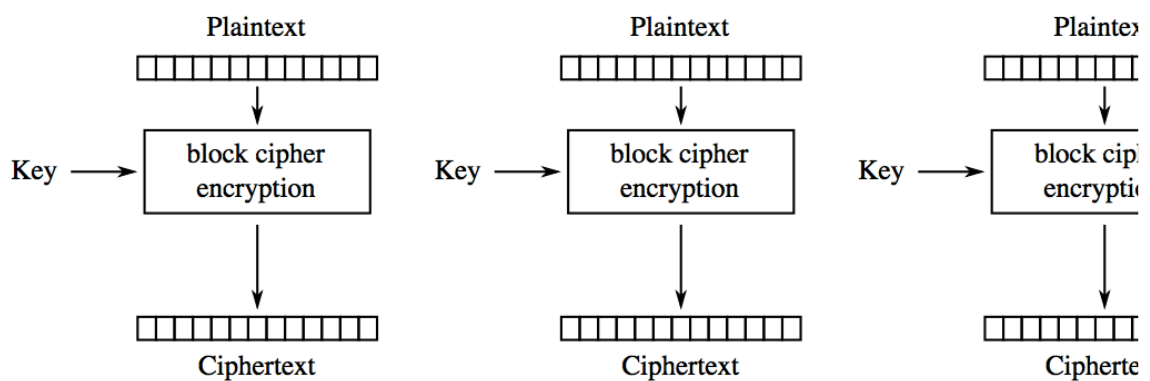
- Electronic Cookbook (ECB)
- Cipher Block Chaining (CBC)
- Cipher Feedback Mode (CFB)
- Output Feedback Mode (OFB)
- Counter Mode (CTR)
- Galois Counter Mode (GCM)

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# Electronic Cookbook (ECB)

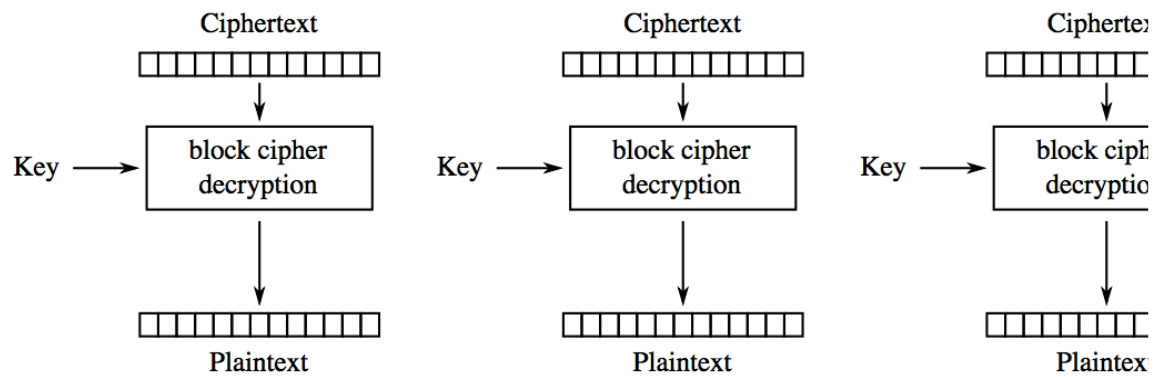
- Every block (num bits of size) is independently encrypted and decrypted
- Blocks of < num bits are padded
- Parallelizable
- Errors only affect individual blocks

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Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode encryption





Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode decryption

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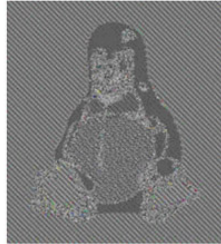
## Problems With ECB

- Block reordering cannot be detected
- Block substitutions are possible
- Highly deterministic

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Encrypted using  
ECB mode



Encrypted using  
other mode

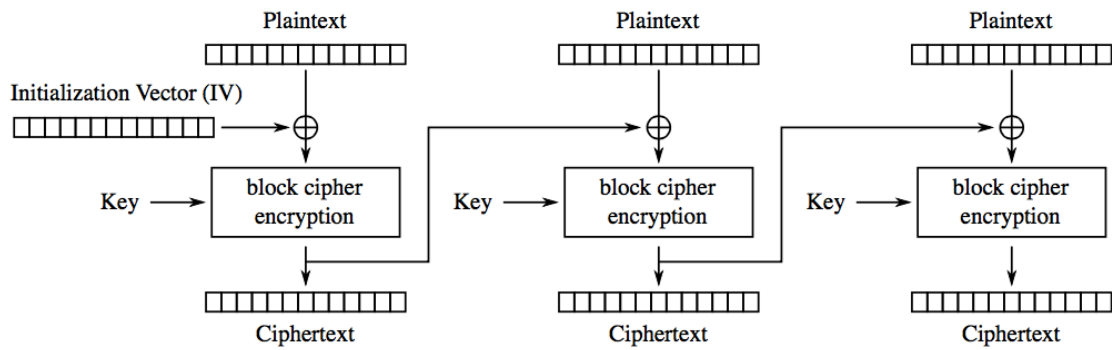
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## Cipher Block Chaining (CBC)

- Use of Initialization Vector (IV) reduces determinism
- Output of each block is XORed with next block and then encrypted
- Messages are still modifiable, but not deterministically

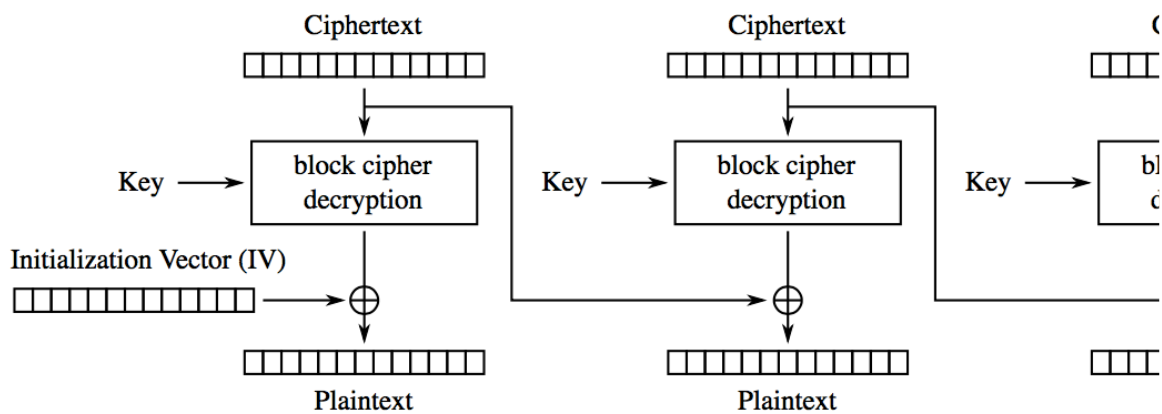
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Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode encryption

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Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode decryption

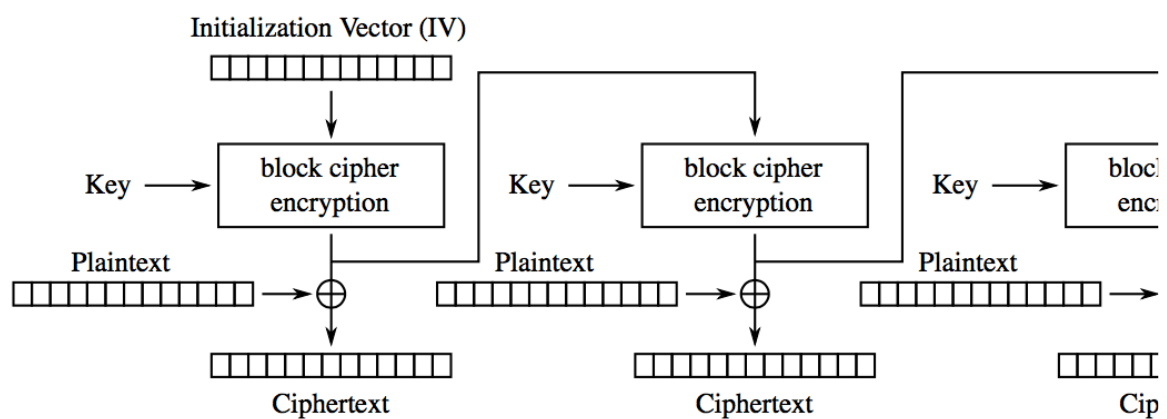
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# Output Feedback Mode (OFB)

- Block cipher is used to create a stream cipher
- Stream is computed as blocks, not bits
- Encrypt an IV to generate num bits
- Next num bits is generated by encrypting the output of previous block
- Key stream can be pre-computed
- Encryption and Decryption are the same

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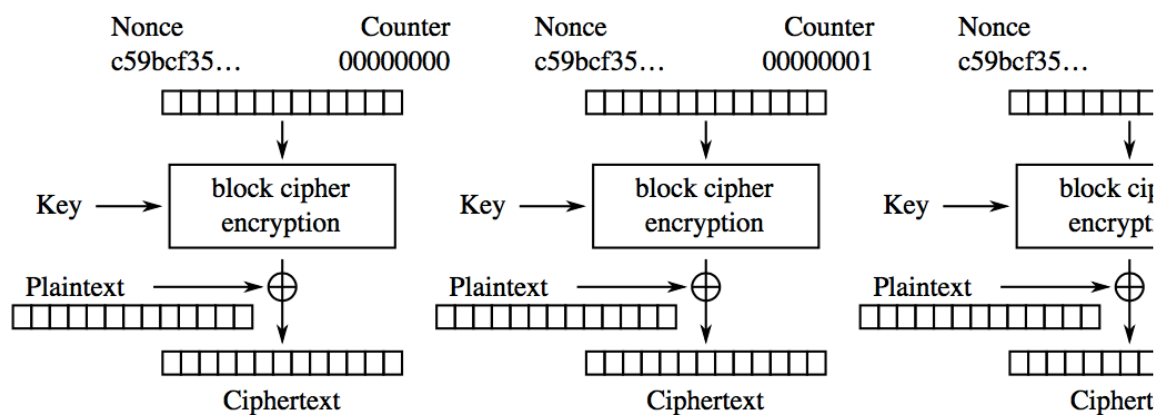
Output Feedback (OFB) mode encryption



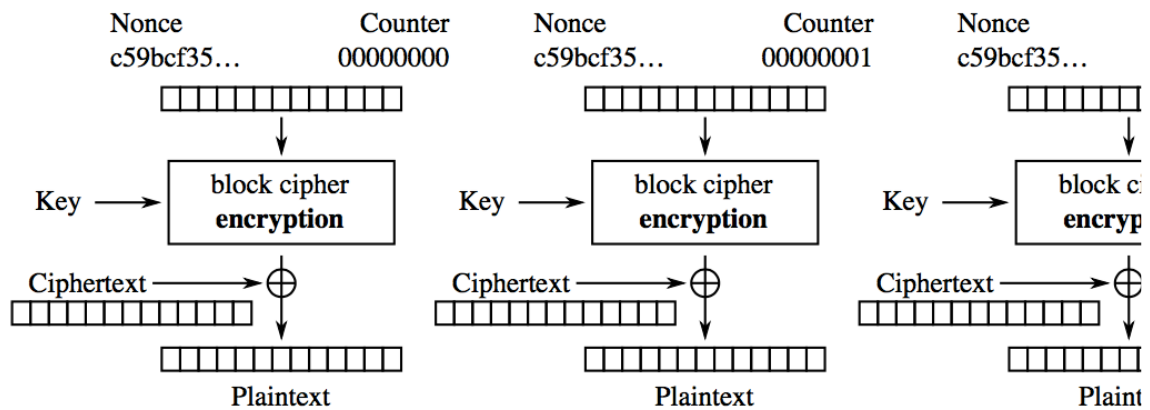
# Counter Mode (CTR)

- Also uses block cipher to generate keystream
- IV is chosen to be less than block size
- Remaining bits are used as a counter
- Does not require feedback chaining so can be parallelized for improved performance

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Counter (CTR) mode encryption



Counter (CTR) mode decryption

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## Hash Functions

- Generate a fixed-size output from arbitrary input
- Computationally unfeasible to reverse a hash
- Computationally unfeasible to generate a message for a given hash
- Computationally unfeasible to find two inputs that generate the same hash

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## Message Authentication Code (MAC)

- Verify data integrity and authenticity
- Cannot be sent with data itself
- Hashing key must be shared

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## Galois Counter Mode (GCM)

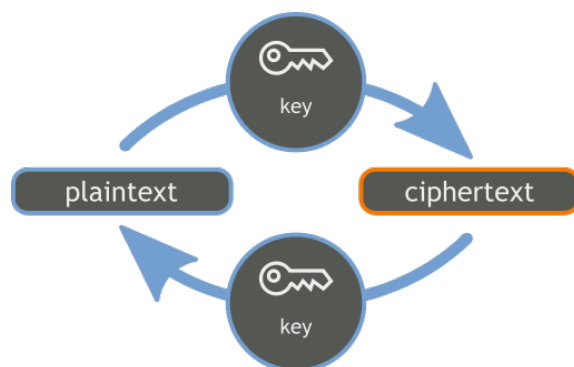
- Combines Counter Mode with Galois authentication
- Authenticity and Confidentiality
- MAC is generated
- Parallelizable

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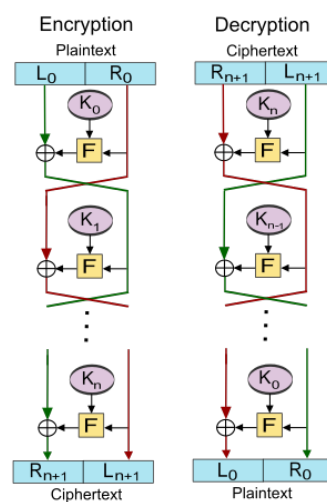
# Symmetric Encryption



# Data Encryption Standard (DES)

- NBS (with NSA consultation) requested proposals for ciphers to be used for unclassified but sensitive purposes
- Lucifer cipher from IBM based upon Feistel networks

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# Data Encryption Standard (DES)

- Convinced IBM to reduce keysize to 56 bits
- Changed the definition of the 'S-Boxes'
- Claim no involvement in the algorithm design

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Input bits 1 and 6		Input bits 2 thru 5															
↓		0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111
00	↓	1110	0100	1101	0001	0010	1111	1011	1000	0011	1010	0110	1100	0101	1001	0000	0111
01		0000	1111	0111	0100	1110	0010	1101	0001	1010	0110	1100	1011	1001	0101	0011	1000
10		0100	0001	1110	1000	1101	0110	0010	1011	1111	1100	1001	0111	0011	1010	0101	0000
11		1111	1100	1000	0010	0100	1001	0001	0111	0101	1011	0011	1110	1010	0000	0110	1101

**Figure 3-9.** Table of 4-bit outputs of S-box 1 (bits 1 thru 4)

Input bits 7 and 12		Input bits 8 thru 11															
↓		0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111
00	↓	1111	0001	1000	1110	0110	1011	0011	0100	1001	0111	0010	1101	1100	0000	0101	1010
01		0011	1101	0100	0111	1111	0010	1000	1110	1100	0000	0001	1010	0110	1001	1011	0101
10		0000	1110	0111	1011	1010	0100	1101	0001	0101	1000	1100	0110	1001	0011	0010	1111
11		1101	1000	1010	0001	0011	1111	0100	0010	1011	0110	0111	1100	0000	0101	1110	1001

**Figure 3-10.** Table of 4-bit outputs of S-box 2 (bits 5 thru 8)

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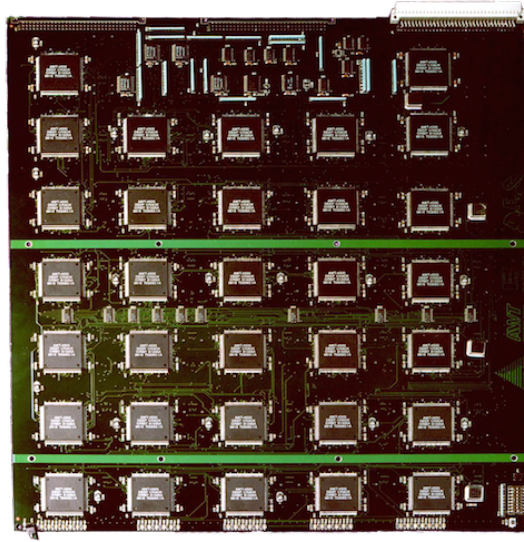
“In 1973 NBS solicited private industry for a data encryption standard (DES). The first offerings were disappointing, so NSA began working on its own algorithm. Then Howard Rosenblum, deputy director for research and engineering, discovered that Walter Tuchman of IBM was working on a modification to Lucifer for general use. NSA gave Tuchman a clearance and brought him in to work jointly with the Agency on his Lucifer modification.”

Thomas R. Johnson

*American Cryptology during the Cold War, 1945-1989. Book III: Retrenchment and Reform, 1972-1980*

## Differential Cryptanalysis (DC)

- An attack on block ciphers, stream ciphers and hashing functions
- How do changes in the input affect the output
- Discovered in the 1980s by Eli Biham and Adi Shamir
- Proposed a potential weakness in DES
- 1994 DES team published a paper claiming knowledge of DC since 1974 and that they designed against it



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## Triple Data Encryption Standard (3DES)

- Extend the life of the cipher while gaining protection
- Three independent keys are used for a key length of 168 bits
- MITM attack limits the strength to effective keylength of 112 bits
- SLOW

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# Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

- Developed by NIST between 1997 and 2000
- Open process requesting designs
- CAST-256, CRYPTON, DEAL, DFC, E2, FROG, HPC, LOKI97, MAGENTA, MARS, RC6, Rijndael, SAFER+, Serpent, and Twofish
- Wanted reasonable performance in a variety of environments
- Rijndael was chosen in 2000
- FIPS Pub 197 accepted in 2001
- Well-received by the crypto community

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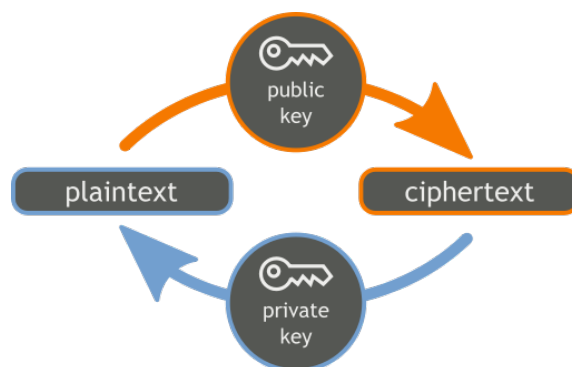
# Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

- Not based on Feistel networks
- Supports key sizes of 128, 192 and 256 bits
- Between 10-14 rounds
- SubBytes, ShiftRows, MixColumns, AddRoundKey
- Mostly side channel attacks although some better than brute force (but still hard) have been discovered
- Government has approved it for up to TS

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# Asymmetric Encryption



# Diffie-Helman Key Exchange (DHKE)

- First published asymmetric crypto scheme (1976)
- Influenced by work of Ralph Merkle
- Discovered earlier at GCHQ but was classified
- Allows derivation of a secret key over public channels
- Based upon the Discrete Logarithm Problem

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$$\alpha^x \equiv \beta \mod p$$

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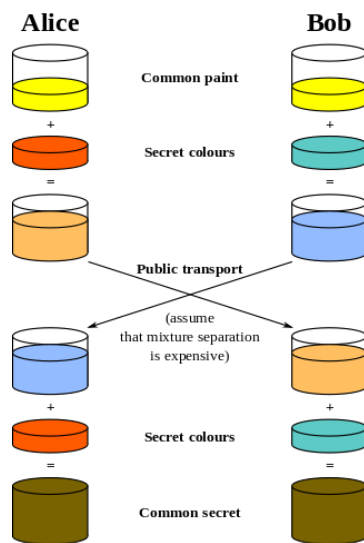


$$x = \log_{\alpha} \beta \bmod p$$

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$$k = (\alpha^x)^y \equiv (\alpha^y)^x \bmod p$$

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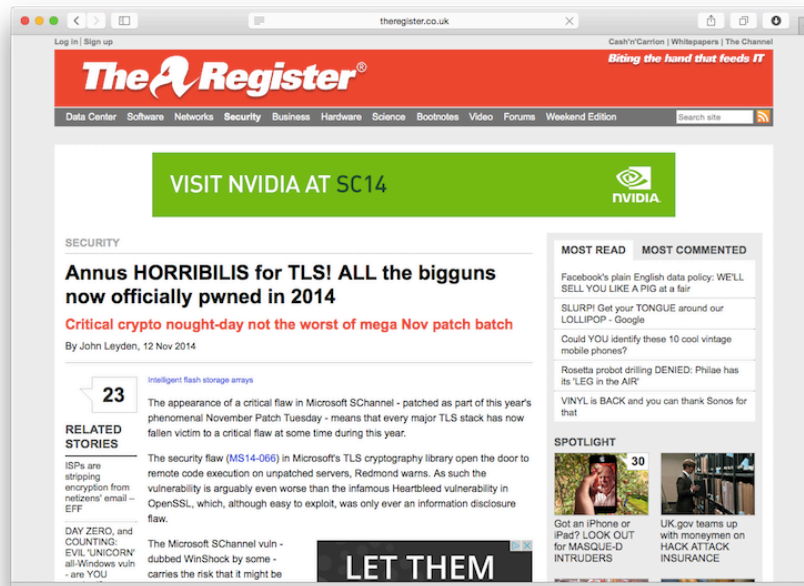
## DHKE Uses

- SSH
- TLS
- IPSec

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# The World We Live In



## Failures in Implementations

- Apple SecureTransport - 'Triple Handshake'
- GNUTLS - Bad Cert Validation/MITM
- OpenSSL - Heartbleed
- NSS - Signature Forgery Flaw (ASN.1 parsing)
- Microsoft SChannel

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## Known TLS Hacks

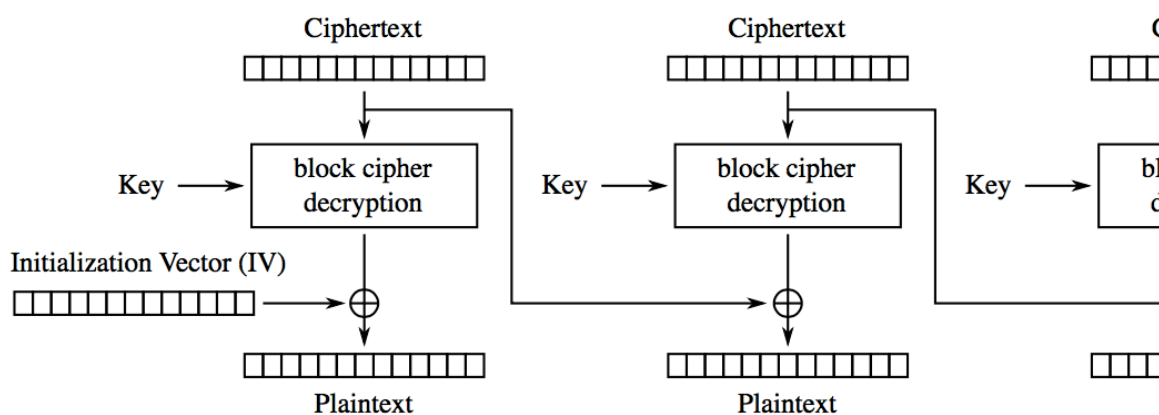
- BEAST
- CRIME
- BREACH
- Lucky Thirteen
- POODLE

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# Padding Oracle on Downgraded Legacy Encryption (POODLE)

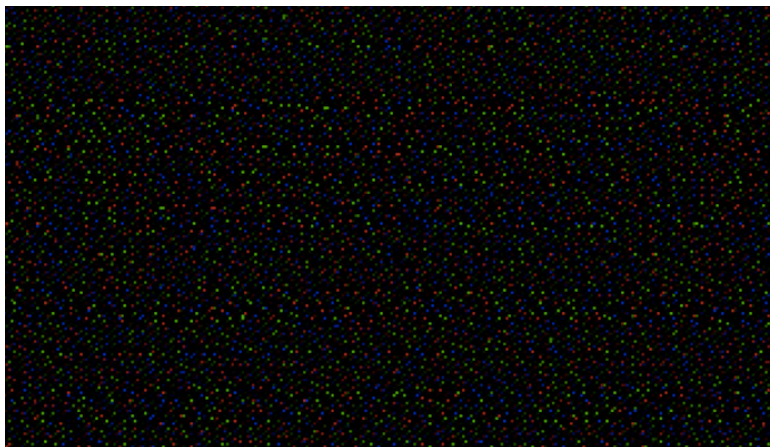
- Simulate a failure during negotiation
- Downgrade browser and server to SSL3
- Problem is in the protocol, not an implementation
- Must disable SSL3 in browser and server

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Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode decryption

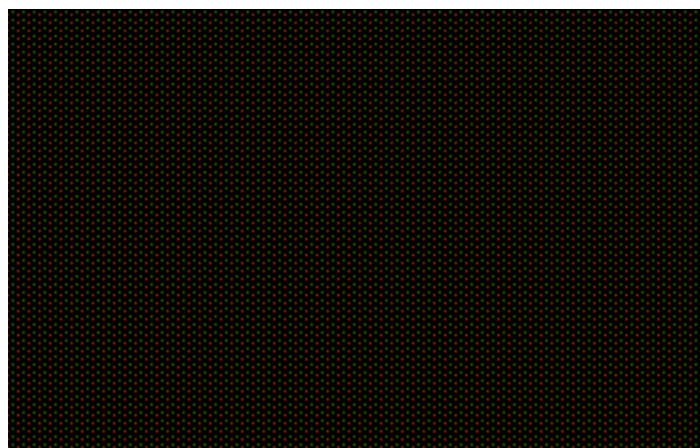
## AES Timing Variability



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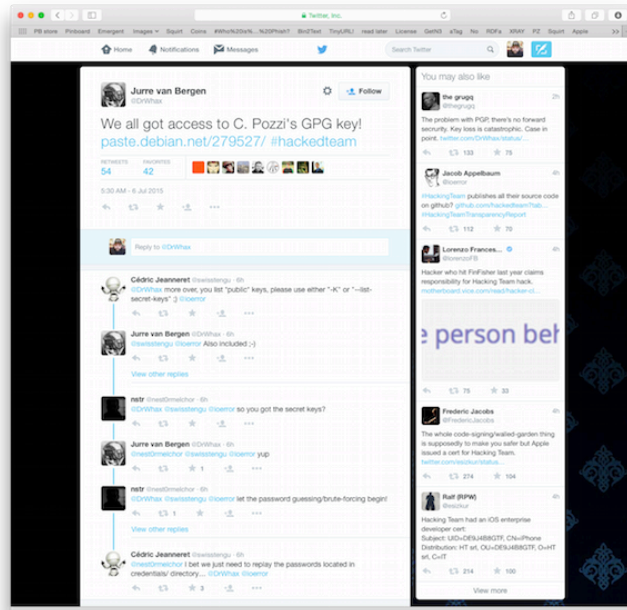
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## More Constant Time AES w/ Caching



Credit: <http://cr.yp.to>

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<https://weakdh.org>

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# BULLRUN

- Code name for NSA project to break crypto by any means possible
- Hack servers to get keys
- Influence policies, standards and specification for commercial public key technologies
- NYT reports NSA has a huge budget for these efforts

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# Dual\_EC\_DRBG

- Dual Elliptic Curve Deterministic Random Bit Generator
- PRNG algorithm (ISO 18031 and NIST Standard)
- In 2007, concern about a backdoor
- Required for FIPS 140-2
- BULLRUN revelations implicated Dual\_EC\_DRBG

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“NIST strongly recommends that, pending the resolution of the security concerns and the re-issuance of SP 800-90A, the Dual\_EC\_DRBG, as specified in the January 2012 version of SP 800-90A, no longer be used.”

NIST

[http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistbul/itlbul2013\\_09\\_supplemental.pdf](http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistbul/itlbul2013_09_supplemental.pdf)

## The Problem

- Crypto requires quality data from a PRNG
- Break the PRNG everything else falls
- TLS handshake requires 28 bytes of random data for session master secret
- NSA apparently paid RSA to make Dual\_EC\_DRBG default PRNG
- This year researchers discovered Dual\_EC\_DRBG could be backdoored (<http://dualec.org>)
- Discovered a nonstandard TLS extension in BSAFE implemented by RSA at NSA request to expose more PRNG data

# RdRand

- Intel instruction for returning random numbers from on-chip RNG with its own source of entropy
- Compliant with NIST SP 800-90A, FIPS 140-2 and ANSI X9.82
- SP 800-90 requires CTR DRBG, Hash DRBG, HMAC DRBG and Dual\_EC\_DRBG

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“I am so glad I resisted pressure from Intel engineers to let /dev/random rely only on the RDRAND instruction.”

“Relying solely on the hardware random number generator which is using an implementation sealed inside a chip which is impossible to audit is a BAD idea.”

Theodore Ts'o  
<https://plus.google.com/+TheodoreTso/posts/SDcoemc9V3J>

## OSS Support for RdRand

- Linus rejected petition to remove support from Linux kernel
- FreeBSD has removed support relying instead on Yarrow



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## FREAK of the Week

- Factoring RSA Export Keys
- SMACK variety
- Legacy of export controls
- Export version of clients
- MITM attack against vulnerable clients and servers
- Proof of concept by INRIA, Microsoft Research and IMDEA

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## Not a Thing, Right?

- Modern clients don't negotiate export ciphersuites
- What servers still support export ciphersuites?
- Still requires factoring a 512-bit RSA key or factoring a 40-bit symmetric cipher

Credit: <http://blog.cryptographyengineering.com/2015/03/attack-of-week-freak-or-factoring-nsa.html?m=1>

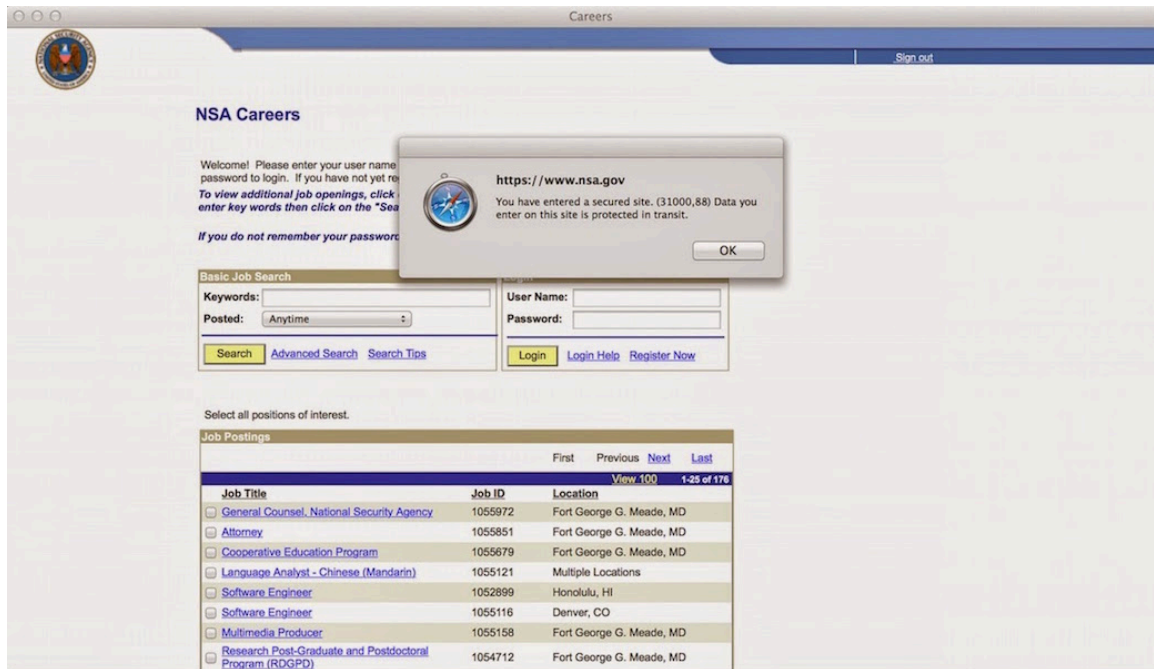
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## FREAK Attack

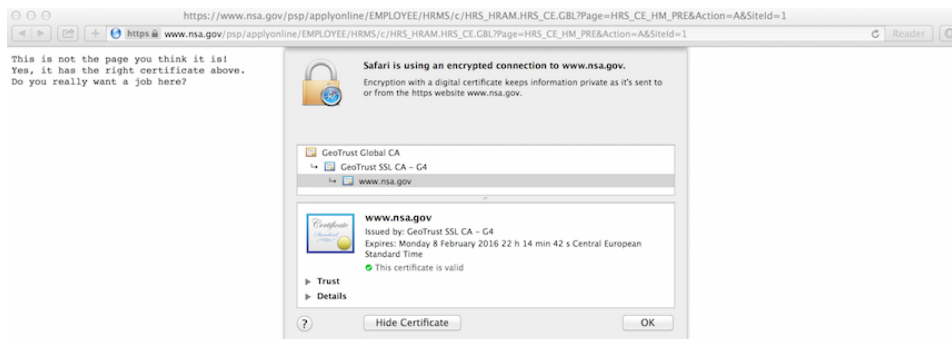
- MITM changes standard RSA ciphersuite request to export request
- OpenSSL/SecureTransport bug
- Attacker factors the RSA modulus to recover decryption key
- Apache mod\_ssl reuses export RSA key for the lifetime of the server

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# FREAK Server Vulnerabilities (Random Sample)

- GroupOn
- BusinessInsider
- tinyurl.com
- Kohls.com
- JCPenny.com
- zdnet.com
- cornell.edu
- lg.com
- motorola.com
- sec.gov
- pearson.com

Credit: <https://freakattack.com>

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# FREAK Vulnerabilities Client

- OpenSSL (pre-1.0.1k)
- BoringSSL (pre 11/10/14)
- LibreSSL (pre 2.1.2)
- SecureTransport
- SChannel
- Mono (pre 3.12.1)
- IBM JSSE

Credit: <https://smacktls.com>

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# FREAK Vulnerabilities Client

- Safari
- Chrome (OSX and Android)
- Android browser
- Opera
- Blackberry browser
- All versions of Windows
- Test: <https://www.smacktls.com/freak/>

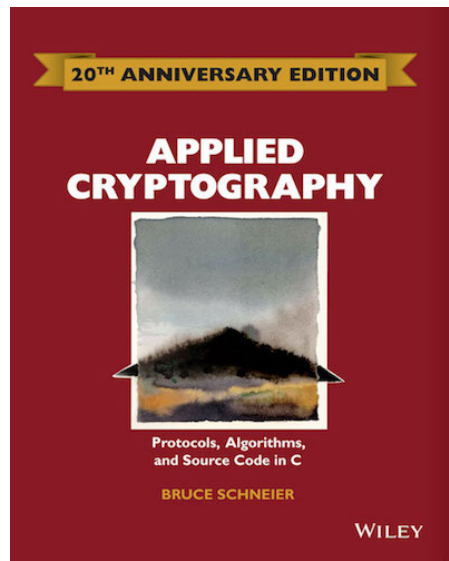
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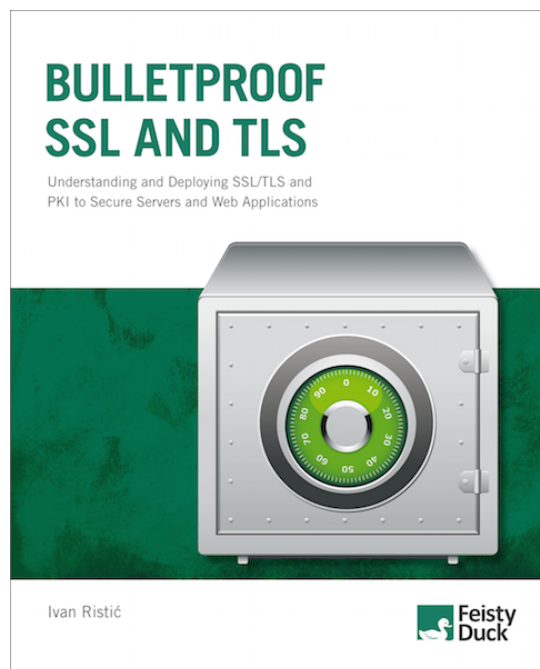


## Books

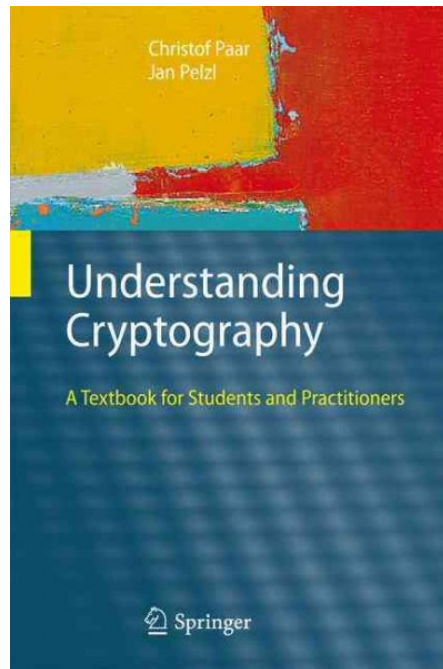




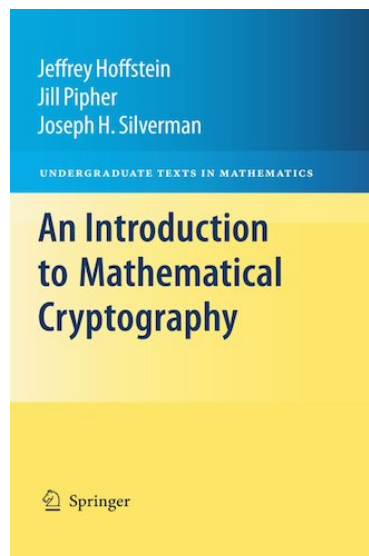
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