

# DES - Data Encryption Standard

Block size	64 bits
Key Size	56 bits
Speed	~ 50 cycles per byte
Algorithm	Feistel Network

## Timeline

- **1972** NBS call for proposals
- **1974** IBM Lucifer proposal  
analyzed by DOD and enhanced by NSA
- **1976** adopted as standard
- **2004** NIST withdraws the standard

# Security of DES - DES Challenges (brute force contests)

**1998** *Deep Crack*, the EFF's DES cracking machine used 1,856 custom chips

- Speed : matter of days
- Cost : \$250,000

**2006** *COPACOBANA*, the COst-optimized Parallel COdeBreaker used 120 FPGAs

- Speed : less than 24h
- Cost : \$10,000