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QUESTION 1: Each time you start a new chat or reinstall WhatsApp, it generates new encryption keys. why?

- Because new keys make your chat more secure.
- If old keys were re-used, anyone who got those keys could read new messages.
- So WhatsApp makes fresh keys each time to keep every chat private and safe from past hacks.
- Simple analogy: New chat = new lock, so old keys can't open it.

QUESTION 2: Can AES use a 512-bit key?

Why or why not?

- No AES cannot use a 512-bit key.
- AES was designed to only support three key sizes: 128, 192 and 256 bits.
- These are part of its official design standard.
- It is a fixed algorithm
- Simple Analogy: AES works only with the key sizes it was built for - 512 bits is not allowed.

QUESTION 3: Your IoT device has Low power and Little memory. Would AES still be a good choice?

- Not the best choice.
- AES is strong but can be too heavy for small, low-power devices.
- IoT devices often use lighter algorithms like TinyAES, Speck, or Simon that need less power and memory.
- Simple Analogy: Strong but big; IoT devices = small and weak → not a good match.

QUESTION 4: If AES is mathematically secure, why do data breaches still happen?

- Because hackers don't always attack the math, they attack the people or systems using it.
- Breaches happen when:
 - People use weak passwords.
 - Systems are not updated.
 - Keys are stolen, or
 - Data is exposed before encryption.

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