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# Crypto I

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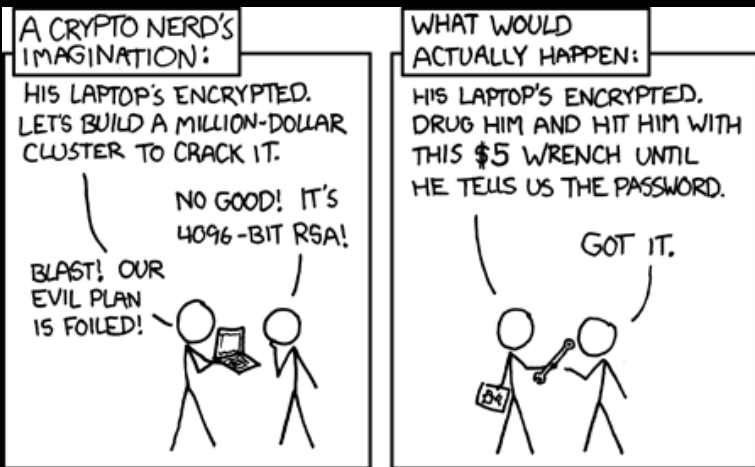
# Announcements

- Lockpicking Support Group!
  - Come practice lockpicking
  - Mondays 8-9 PM



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# Outline

Basics

XOR

Diffie-Hellman



# Scoreboard

Place	User		Score
1	ronanboyarski	+1.5k points	28035
2	NullPoExc		24515
3	caasher	+4k points	21290
4	CBCicada	+9k points (up 1 place)	18015
5	mgcsstywth	+.1k points	17125
6	EhWhoAml		8645
7	aaronthewinner	+.4k points	7655
8	ilegosmaster		6660
9	drizzle	+.1k points	6225
10	SHAD0WV1RUS		5970



# Get Involved Callout

Looking for people to:

- run meetings
- plan events
- create challenges
- get more involved in the club :0
- Let us know if interested!



# Section 1

## Basics



# What is Crypto Anyways?



Alice



Bob



Eve





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  - Many More
    - **All insecure!!**



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- Tip: In Python, always work with bytes / bytestrings, never with normal strings (Python 3.8+)



# Conversion Cheatsheet

This is hard to read, download the slides!!

Format	Description	From Bytes	To Bytes
<b>base64</b>	uses printable letters to encode more complex binary	<code>base64.b64encode</code>	<code>base64.b64decode</code>
hex	uses symbols 0-9, A-F	<code>bytearray.hex()</code> , <code>binascii.hexlify()</code>	<code>bytes.fromhex()</code> , <code>binascii.unhexlify()</code>
integer	normal integers	<code>Crypto.Util.number.bytes_to_long</code> (PyCryptoDome), <code>int.from_bytes</code>	<code>Crypto.Util.number.long_to_bytes</code> (PyCryptoDome), <code>int.to_bytes</code>

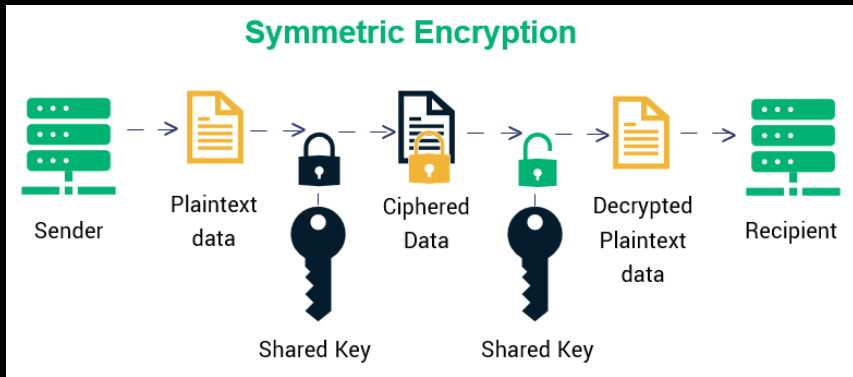


## Section 2

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# Symmetric Encryption



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A	B	$A \oplus B$
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- All of this means  $C \oplus K = M \oplus K \oplus K = M \oplus 0 = M$



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  - Flag Formats: `sigpwny{`



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- Given some random  $X$  and  $a$ , finding  $b$  is really hard to compute for large primes  $p$
- This **Discrete Log Problem (DLP)** is the basis for many modern cryptography standards



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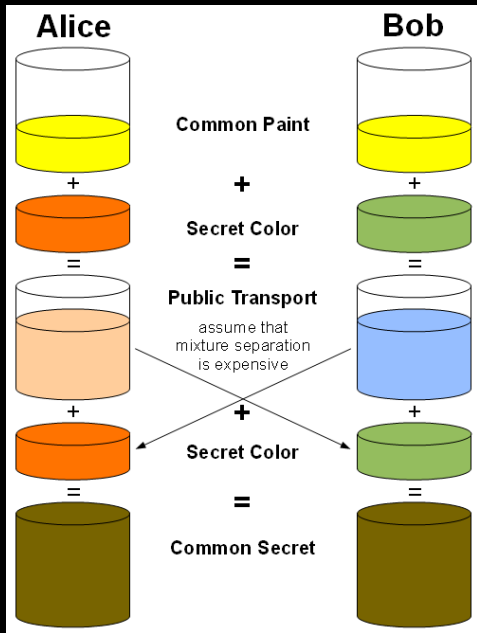


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Diffie-Hellman takes advantage of this!





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Alice and Bob now have the same key!

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  - “Smooth Primes”  $p$  where  $p-1$  has many factors
  - [Pohlig-Hellman](#), [Pollard’s Rho](#)
  - More on this next week with [advanced factoring](#)!



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# Practice @ CryptoHack



# Next Meetings

## 2023-10-15 – This Sunday

- Crypto II
- More Diffie-Hellman + RSA

## 2023-10-19 – Next Thursday

- PWN I with Sam

## 2022-10-22 – Next Sunday

- Pwn II with Kevin



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Thanks for listening!



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