



# Introduction To Cryptography





# Hello!

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# 1. First Step into Cryptography

What is Cryptography?



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**Cryptography is the set of methods and tools that ensure a secure transmission and communication between two entities**



# Terminology

- **Cipher PlainText → CipherText**
- **Cryptosystem**
- **Cryptanalysis**

# Cryptography Objectives



**Authentication**



**Integrity**



**Non Repudiation**



**Confidentiality**

# Why So Important ?

Most Vulnerabilities are  
Cryptography based

Cryptography are used  
everywhere

Once learned you can be  
secure

Learning How to exploit  
Systems



# Art To Exploit

The Most Important Thing is  
To Learn How to Exploit A  
cryptography System



## 2.Types of cryptography

I.Classical cryptography

II.Modern cryptography



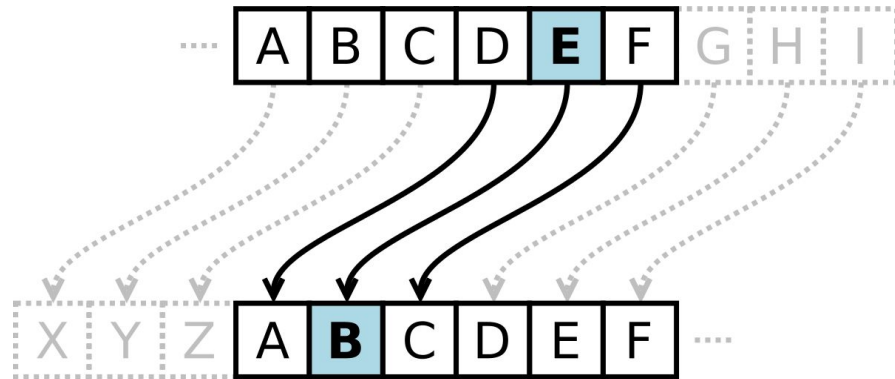
# I . Classical cryptography

# Caesar Cipher

Shift each letter of plaintext  
with a given **Key**

Specifications:

- Very simple
- Easy to break



# Break Me This

Z yrmv cvrievu yfn kf sivrb Trvjri Tzgyvi !!!



# Substitution Cipher

Replace each letter with its corresponding new value

Specifications:

- Very simple
- Needs some time to break

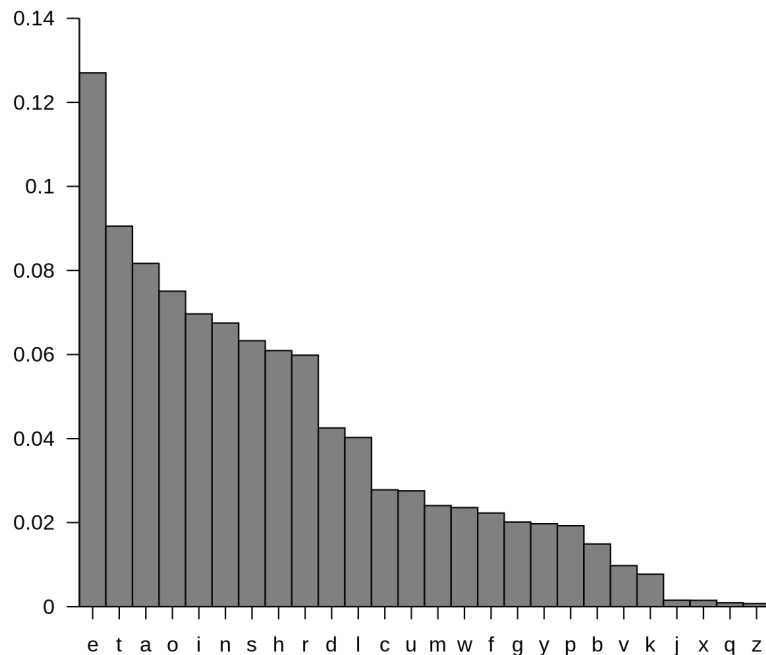
## CIPHER ALPHABET

A = B	H = A	O = O	V = L
B = V	I = D	P = Y	W = P
C = G	J = Z	Q = F	X = U
D = Q	K = C	R = J	Y = I
E = K	L = W	S = X	Z = R
F = M	M = S	T = H	
G = N	N = E	U = T	

Figure 1

# How to break IT?

Frequency Analysis



# Xor Operator

Xor is reversible that is why it is widely used

Input		Output
A	B	A xor B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

## ENCRYPT

$$\begin{array}{r} 00110101 \text{ Plaintext} \\ \oplus 11100011 \text{ Secret Key} \\ \hline = 11010110 \text{ Ciphertext} \end{array}$$

## DECRYPT

$$\begin{array}{r} 11010110 \text{ Ciphertext} \\ \oplus 11100011 \text{ Secret Key} \\ \hline = 00110101 \text{ Plaintext} \end{array}$$



# Encodings

What are encodings ?



# Encoding Examples

## BASE 64

Index	Binary	Char	Index	Binary	Char	Index	Binary	Char	Index	Binary	Char
0	000000	A	16	010000	Q	32	100000	g	48	110000	w
1	000001	B	17	010001	R	33	100001	h	49	110001	x
2	000010	C	18	010010	S	34	100010	i	50	110010	y
3	000011	D	19	010011	T	35	100011	j	51	110011	z
4	000100	E	20	010100	U	36	100100	k	52	110100	0
5	000101	F	21	010101	V	37	100101	l	53	110101	1
6	000110	G	22	010110	W	38	100110	m	54	110110	2
7	000111	H	23	010111	X	39	100111	n	55	110111	3
8	001000	I	24	011000	Y	40	101000	o	56	111000	4
9	001001	J	25	011001	Z	41	101001	p	57	111001	5
10	001010	K	26	011010	a	42	101010	q	58	111010	6
11	001011	L	27	011011	b	43	101011	r	59	111011	7
12	001100	M	28	011100	c	44	101100	s	60	111100	8
13	001101	N	29	011101	d	45	101101	t	61	111101	9
14	001110	O	30	011110	e	46	101110	u	62	111110	+
15	001111	P	31	011111	f	47	101111	v	63	111111	/

## Hexadecimal

68656c6c6f20776f7226c64

## Morse Code

Aa	•—	Jj	•— — —	Ss	•••
Bb	—•••	Kk	—• —	Tt	—
Cc	—• —•	Ll	•—••	Uu	•• —
Dd	—••	Mm	— —	Vv	••• —
Ee	•	Nn	—•	Ww	• — —
Ff	•• —•	Oo	— — —	Xx	—•••
Gg	— —•	Pp	• — —•	Yy	—• — —
Hh	••••	Qq	— —• —	Zz	— —••
Ii	••	Rr	• —•		

SGVsbG8gV29ybGQ=



# Hash Functions

One way to go

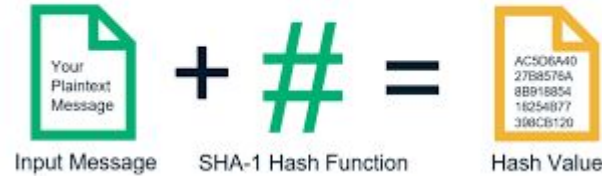


# Encoding Examples

## One Way function

A function that takes message as input and give a supposedly unique output  
 $f(x) = Y$

### An Example of a Hash Function



## Known Hash Algorithms

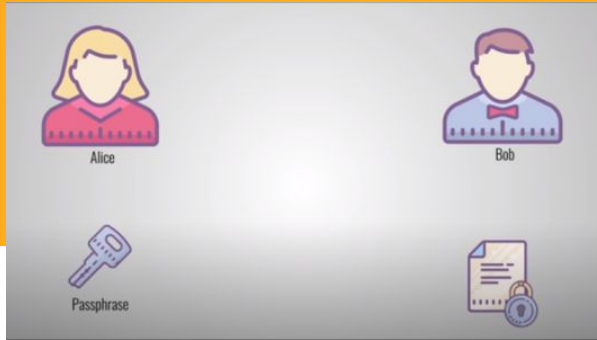
$m = \text{"admin"}$

**md5(m) = 21232f297a57a5a743894a0e4a801fc3 - 32 hex**

**sha1(m) = d033e22ae348aeb5660fc2140aec35850c4da997 - 40 hex**

**sha256(m) = 8c6976e5b5410415bde908bd4dee15dfb167a9c873fc4bb8a81f6f2ab448a918 - 64 hex**

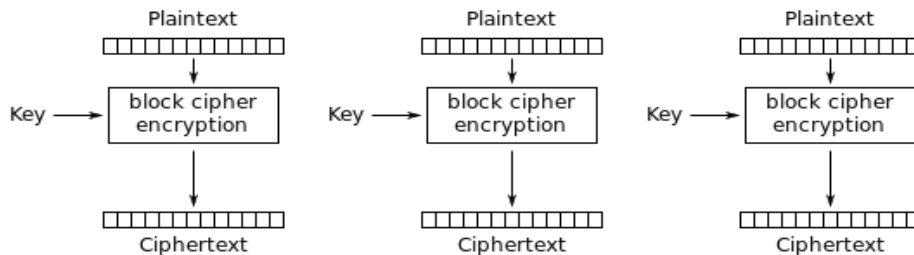
## II. Symmetrical cryptography



# Advanced Encryption Standard “AES”

- The most widely used symmetric cipher today
- A block cipher which operates on block size of 128 bits (16 bytes) for both encrypting and decrypting

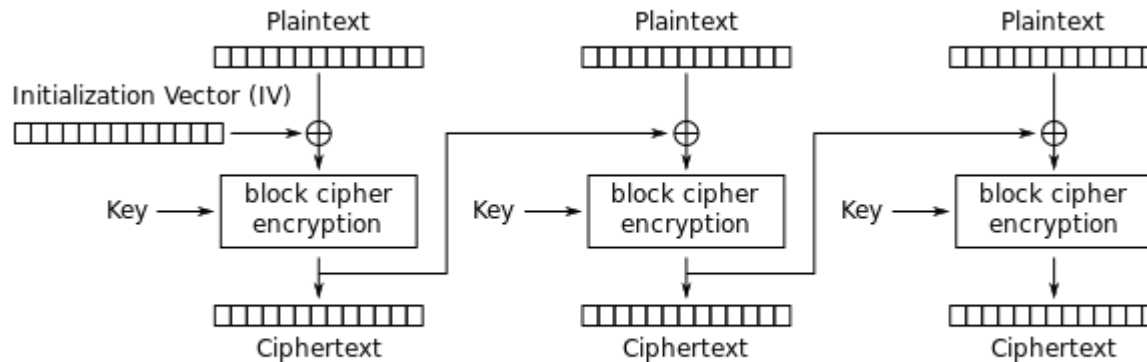
There are multiple modes : ECB,CBC,CTR ..



Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode encryption

# Advanced Encryption Standard “AES”

CBC mode is like ECB mode but with an additional key:  
IV , which will initiate the xor of the blocks



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode encryption

## But there is an issue



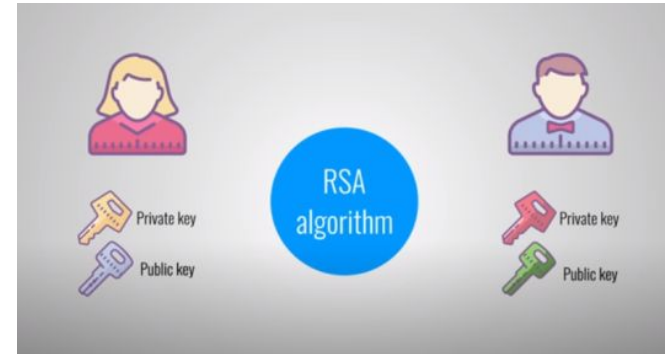


## II. Asymmetrical cryptography



# RSA

- The most famous algorithm in Public key cryptography
- It's Math based operations (power, modular Inverse, GCD, Euler toTient )
- It has 2 keys (private and public)
- We use the public key to encrypt
- and the private one to decrypt
- It lies on the factorization problem



# RSA

To generate RSA keys :

- **p** and **q** are prime numbers.
- **N** :the modulus is the product of p and q.
- **phi(N)** =  $(p-1)*(q-1)$  Euler totient
- **e**:public exponent (it has to be prime with phi)
- **d**: private exponent (  $(e*d) \% \text{phi} == 1$  )

**public\_key** = (N,e)

**private\_key** = (N,d)

**ciphertext** = (**plaintext**  $^{**}$  e)%N

**plaintext** = (**ciphertext**  $^{**}$  d)%N



# What is next ?

What should we do next !



# Learning Resources

- **CryptoHack** best website to learn cryptography
- **Rootme** Best website to learn cybersecurity and specially to get started
- **Cryptopals** A website filled with good cryptography resources and it contains a numerous number of ciphers
- **CTFTime** To checkout the writeups of old crypto challenges
- **Coursera** course of Cryptography 1 and Cryptography 2



# Thanks!

## Any questions?

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