

# Mid-term 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Everyone in CM3**

**2 Groups – 2 exams**

10:15-11:30

From Abbey to Jalal

11:45-13:00

From Jeanmonod to Zrouga

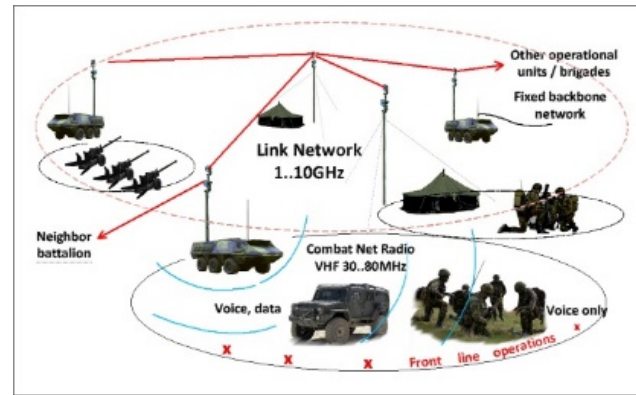
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1h15 for the exam

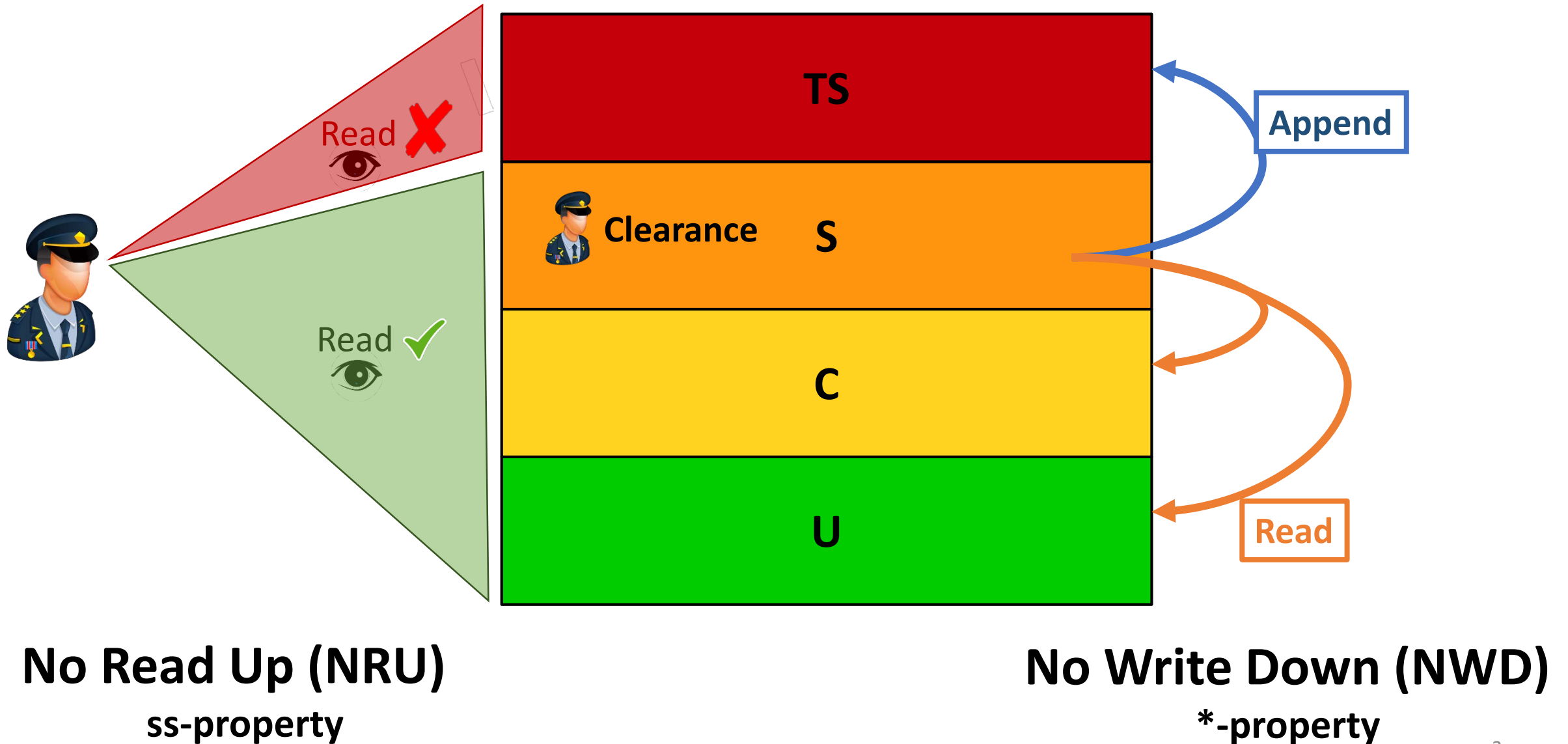
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and you **CANNOT** use your phone/computer

# Last week – Mandatory Access Control

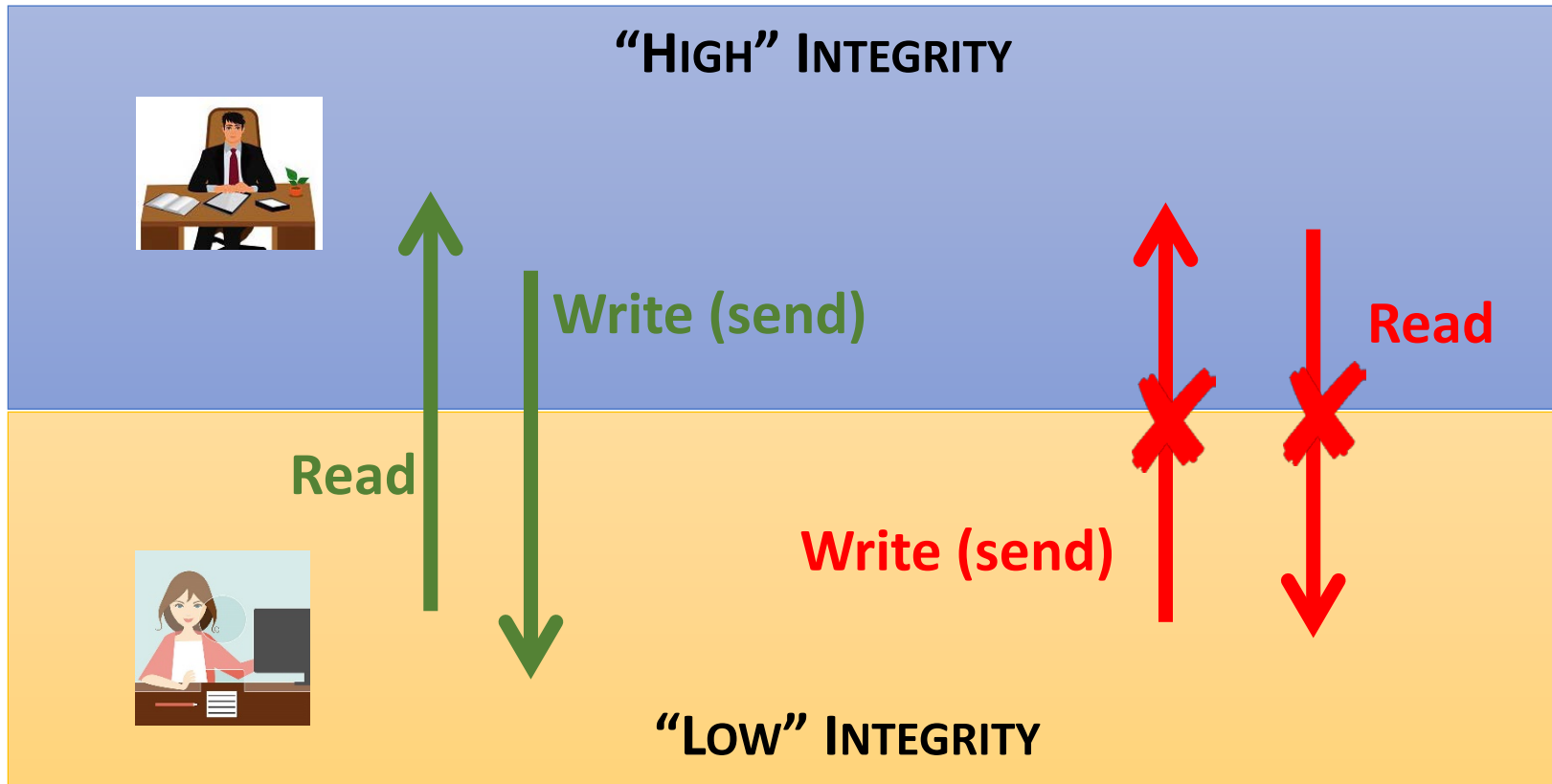
***Central security policy assigns permissions***



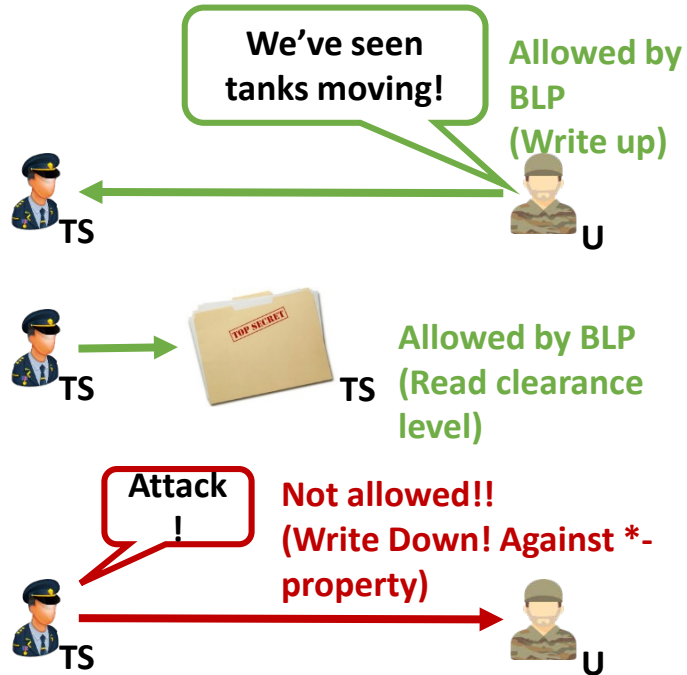
# Last week – Bell LaPadula model - Confidentiality



# Last week – Biba - Integrity



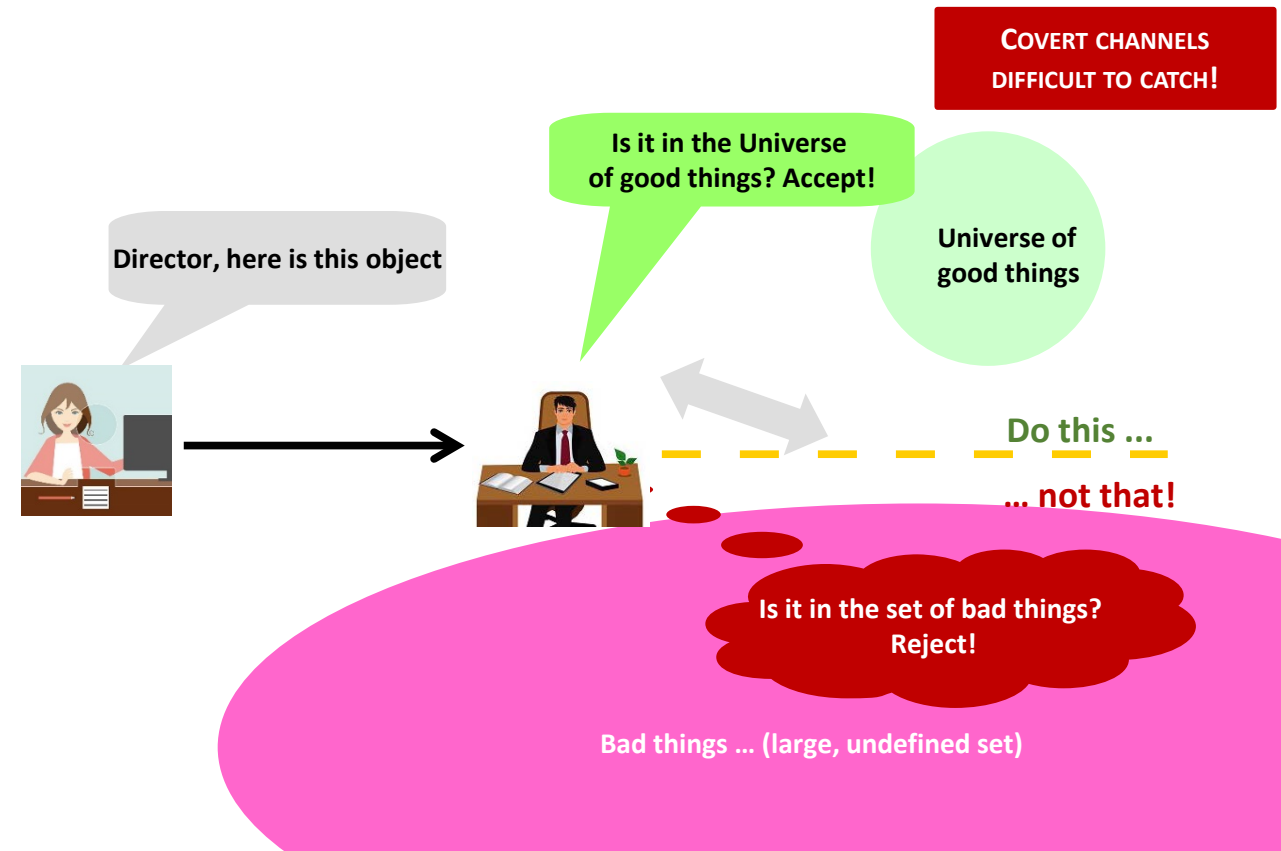
# Declassification



Beware of these flows!



# Sanitization



# Combining security properties

**Secure composition of mechanisms is hard!**

## **Composing confidentiality and integrity**

- BLP: confidentiality, no integrity
- BIBA: integrity, no confidentiality
- Example we study: Chinese Wall Model


## **From multi-level to multi-lateral security**

- “Different” entities seek different properties.
- These properties may be opposed to each other.

# Chinese Wall model

Inspiration: UK rules about handling “conflicts of interest” in the financial sector.

- A separation must exist at all times, even within the same firm, between people engaging in activities that conflict with each other.
- Cost of failure: large fines and reputation



Consultancy services for different clients  
Financial advice and auditing of same client

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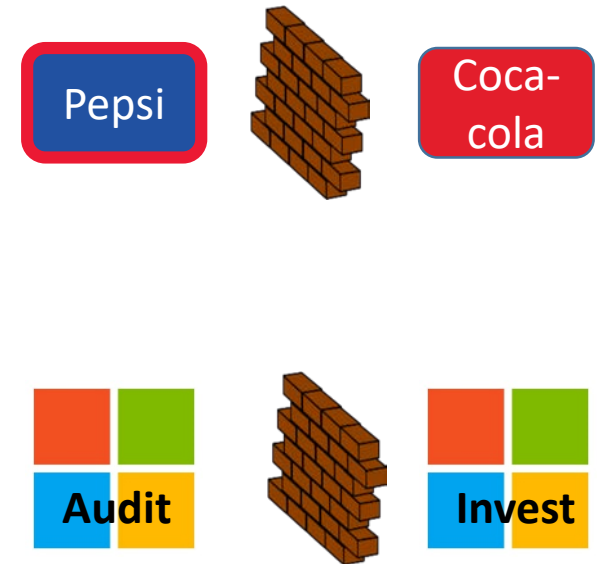
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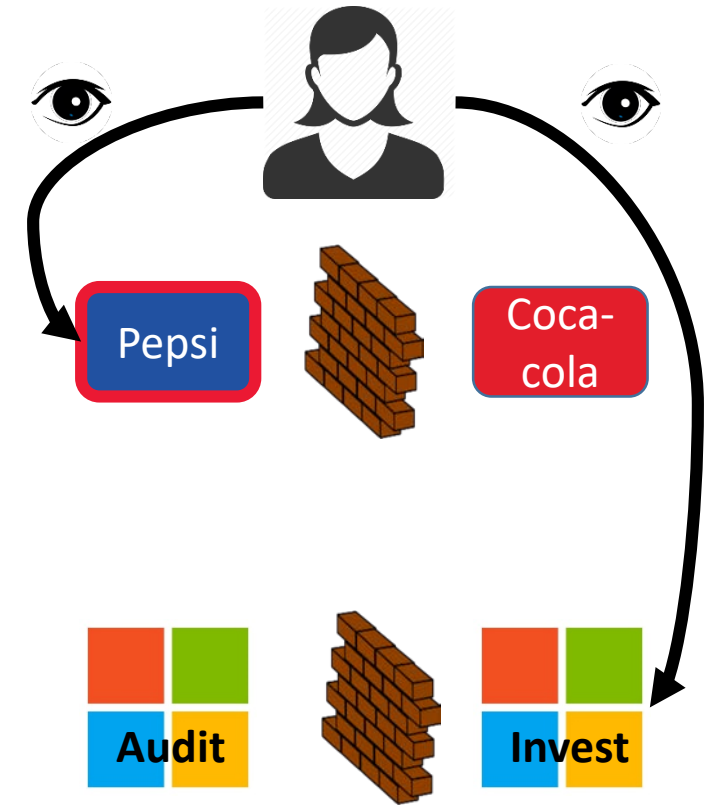
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***ALICE***

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- 2. Microsoft Invest*

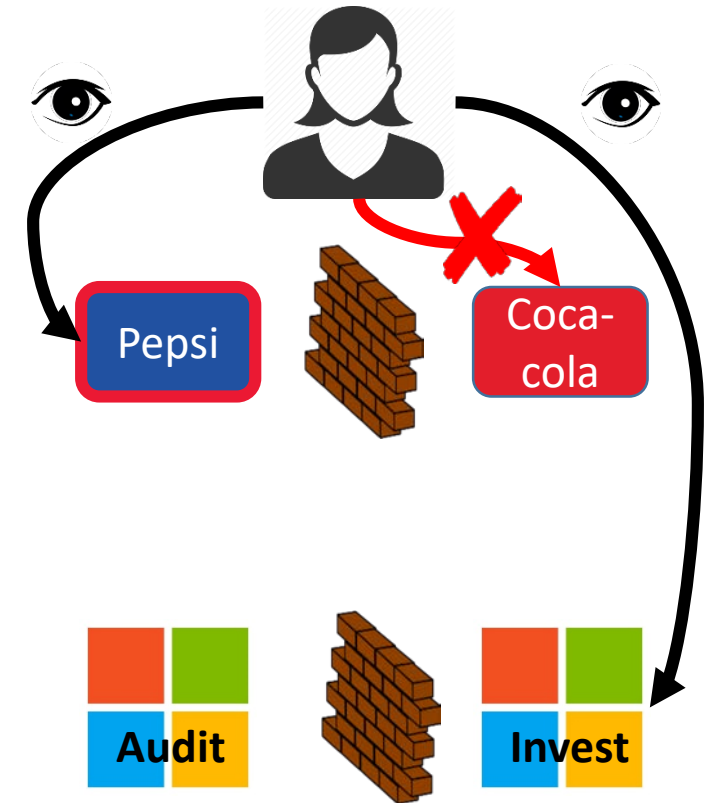
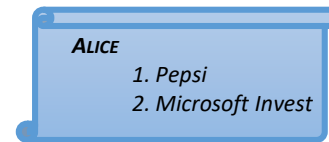


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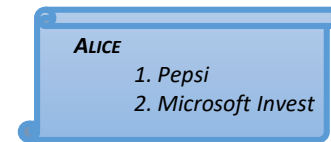
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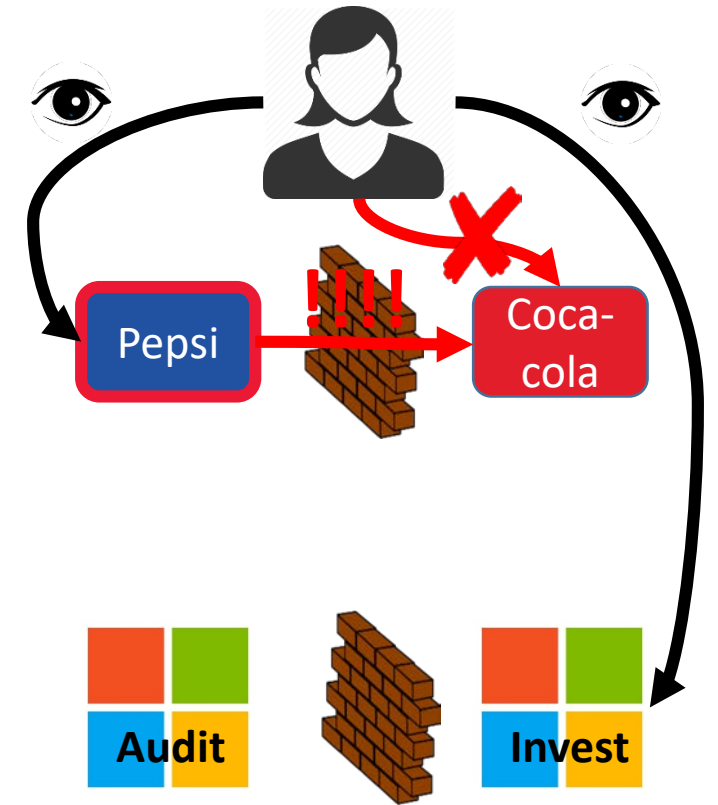
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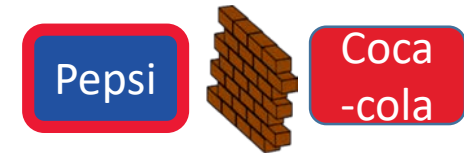


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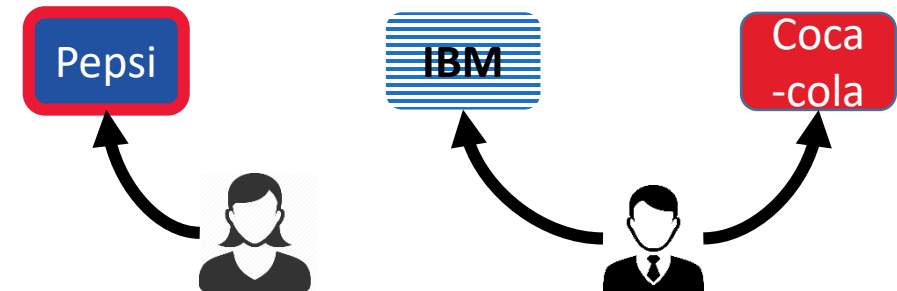
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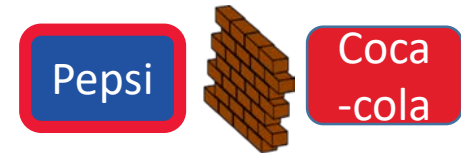


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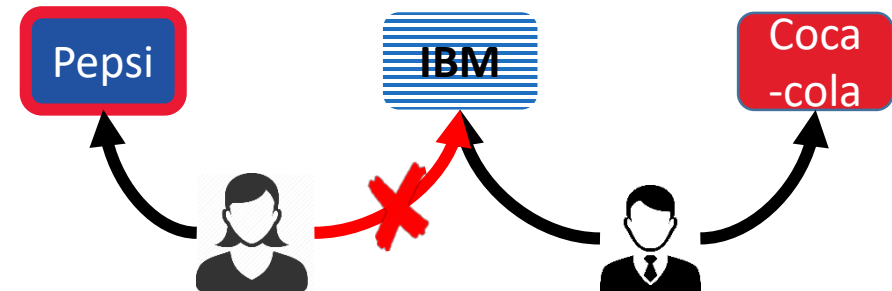
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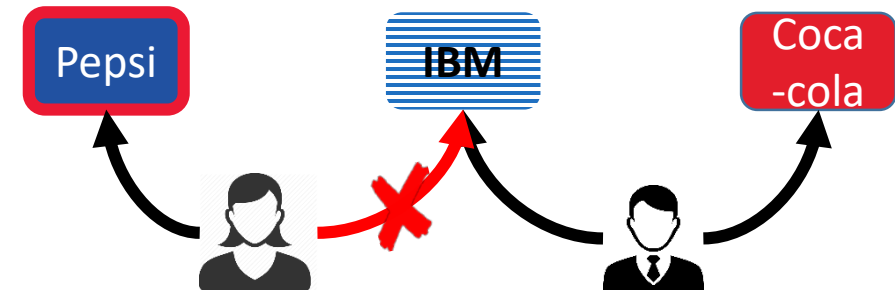
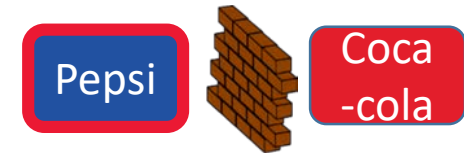
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Why? If she writes in IBM with her knowledge of Pepsi, then the information *may* flow to Coca-cola.

**SANITIZATION** is necessary for business

“Un-label” some items as long as the information cannot lead to any conflict of interest, e.g., extract some “general market information”



# Multilateral security

At least two principals require two different, “incompatible” or even conflicting security properties

- *Both Alice and Bob want financial privacy, but they wish to compute who is richest*
- *Alice wants privacy of her location, but her insurer Bob want to make sure she is not driving much on rural roads (integrity)*
- *Users of an on-line service want anonymity, but the service wants to identify who is committing fraud*
- *Elections: need to both provide privacy and integrity (even if you lose)*
- *In telephony: users want privacy, the network wants to be paid for communications*

**Who secures the TCB?**



# How to deal with multilateral security

## 1. Use a trusted third party

- They need to be trusted by all parties to enforce the security properties all parties care about
- **Single point of failure** (5Cs: Cost, Compulsion, Collusion, Corruption, Carelessness)

## 2. Use some form of secure hardware

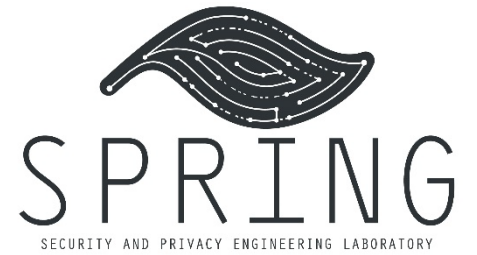
- One party provides the hardware, that is used by the other
  - SIM card in your mobile phone - Keeps the authentication keys away from YOU*
  - Digital Rights Management controls in DVD players - Keeps you away from some functions of the equipment
- **Single point of failure - manufacturer?**

## 3. Modern Cryptography.

- Can enforce any multilateral security property
- At what cost? Advanced Privacy Enhancing Technologies master course!



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# Computer Security (COM-301)

## Applied cryptography

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# Textbooks

Ross Anderson & Dieter Gollmann: Chapters on Cryptography

Handbook of Applied Cryptography by A. Menezes, P. van Oorschot and S. Vanstone

Dan Boneh - <https://www.coursera.org/learn/crypto>

Jonathan Katz - <https://www.coursera.org/learn/cryptography>

} More advanced  
than this lecture

# Warning: Don't try this at home!



2-hour introduction to applied cryptography does not qualify you to design cryptographic primitives or protocols!

**This course:** What you can expect from cryptographic algorithms and how to use them in a security system

What is missing?

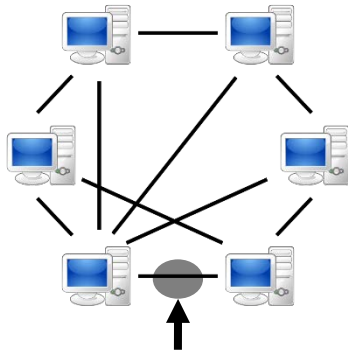
Cryptanalysis

How to prove formally that a scheme is secure

How to securely implement cryptographic schemes

**To do these you need  
a real cryptographer!**

# Why cryptography matters?



**Data in transit**



**Data at rest**

## What is the TCB?

### CRYPTOGRAPHY

Frees you from physical security

Reduces TCB to the confidentiality or integrity of keys

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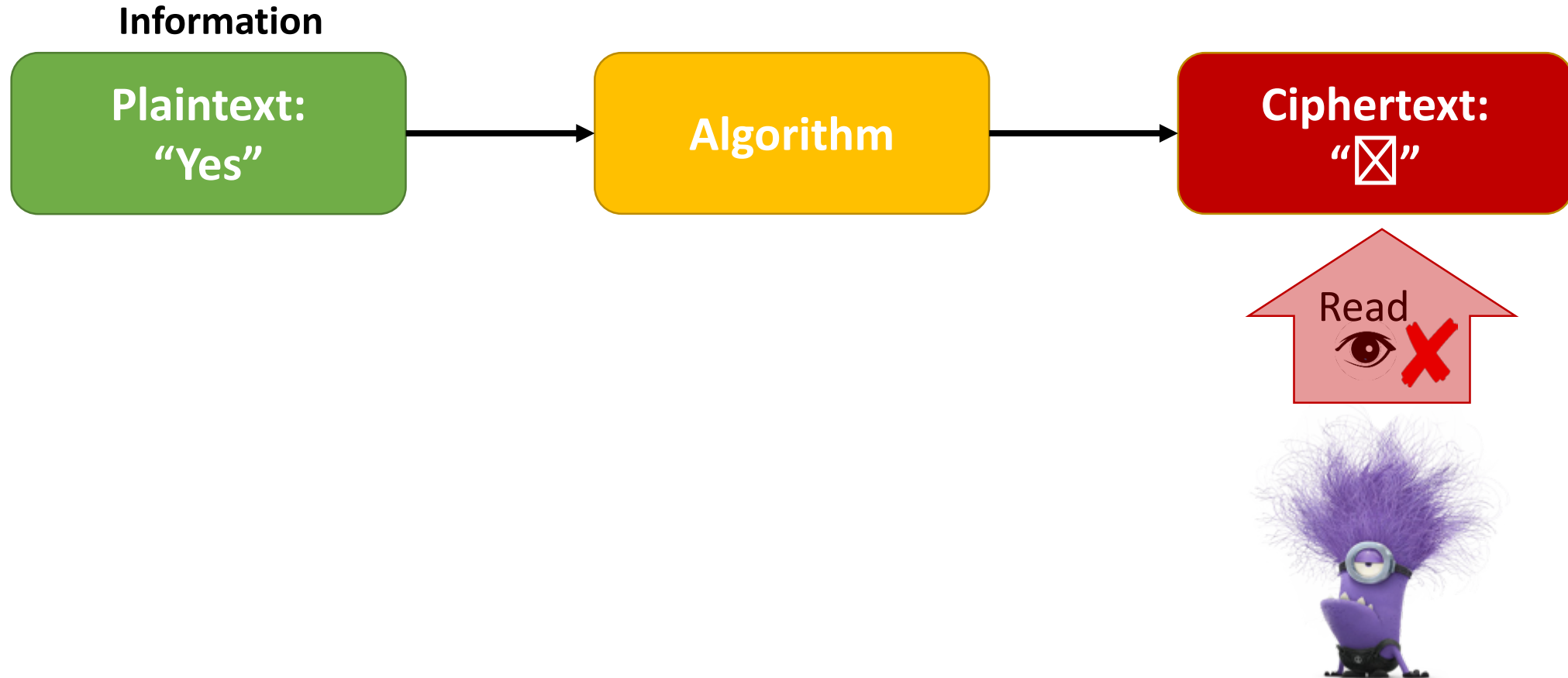
Information

Plaintext:  
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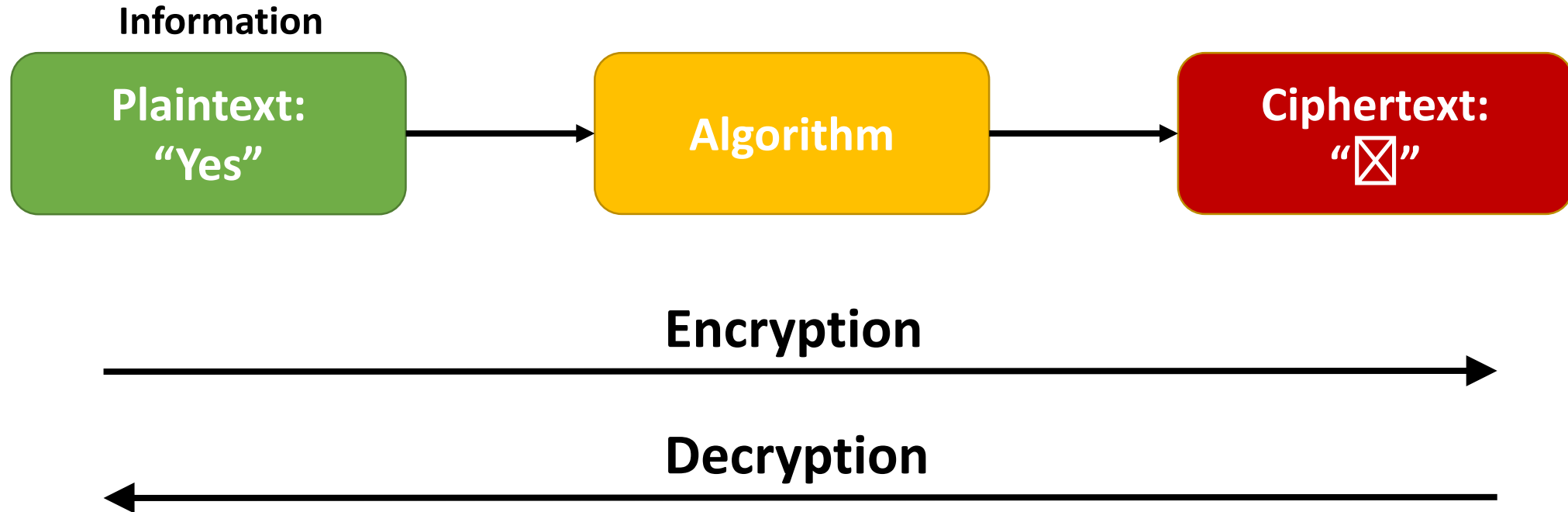
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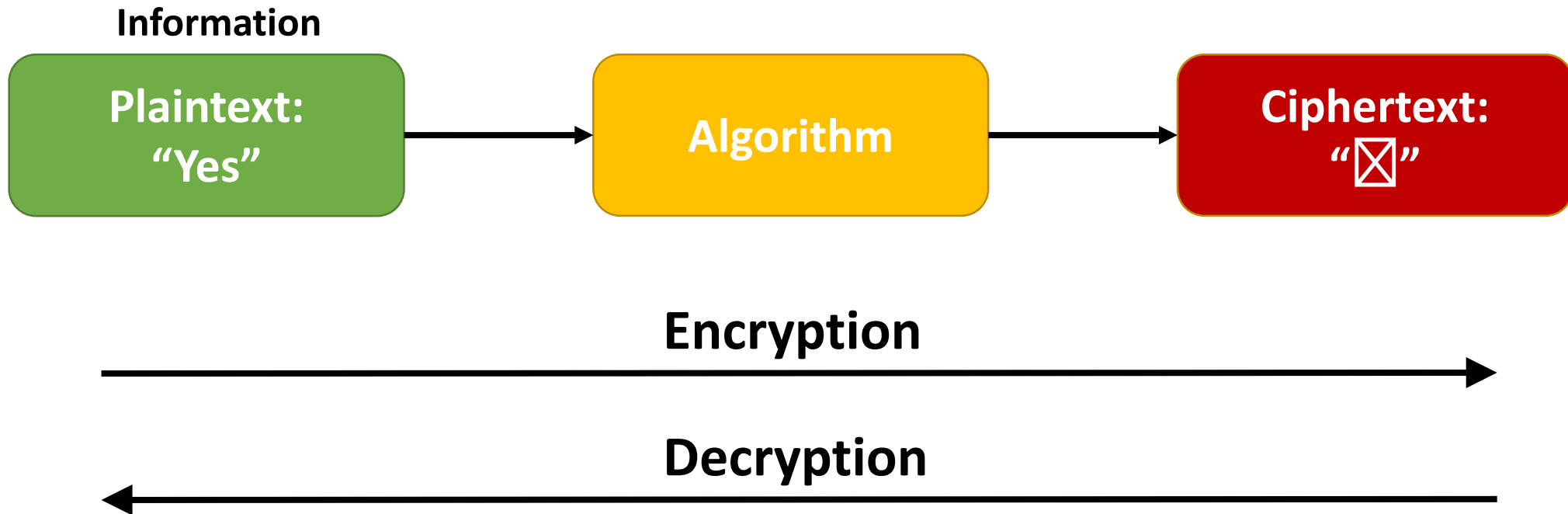
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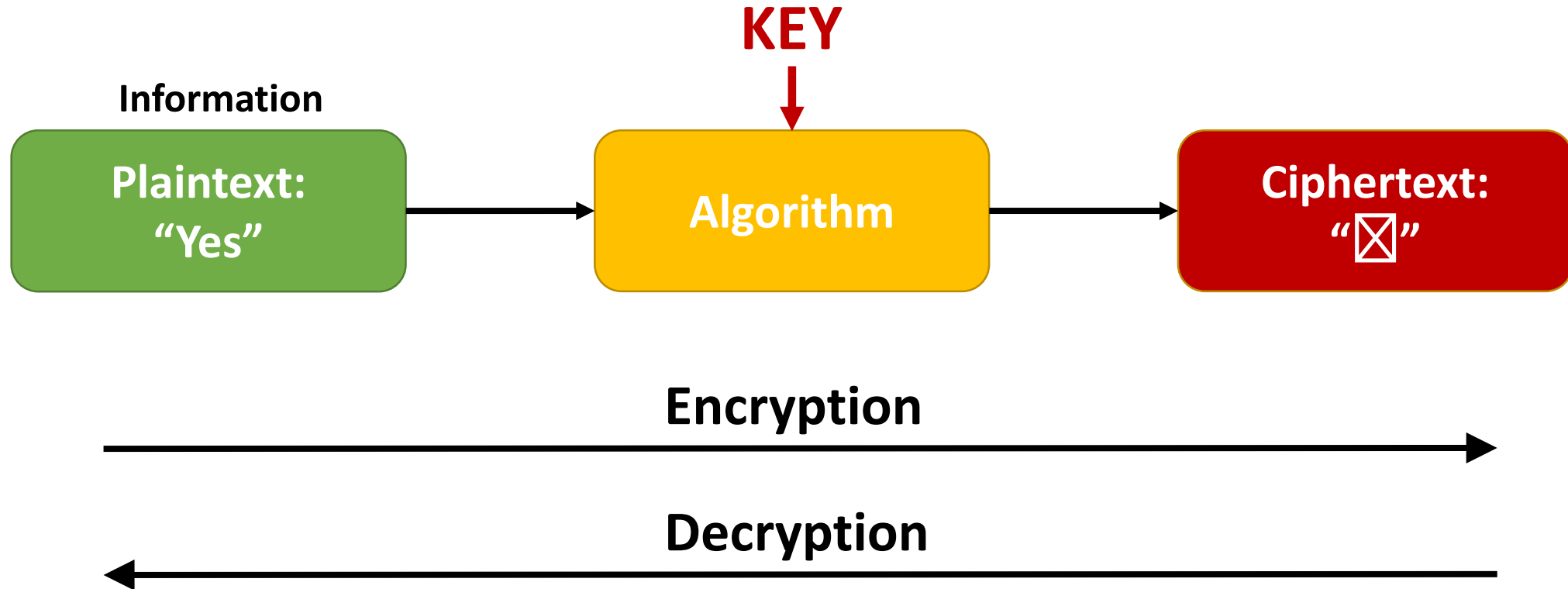
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As opposed to encoding, encryption  
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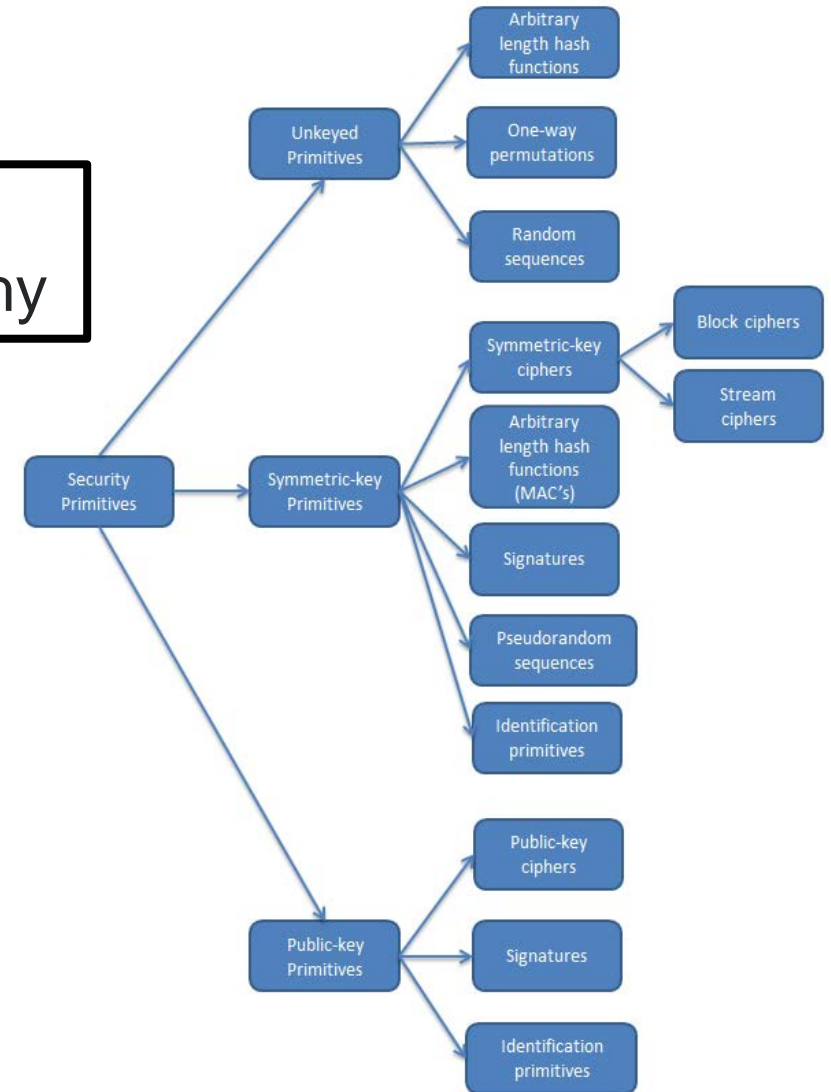
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## Cryptographic primitives

universal, exchangeable building blocks in cryptography

What exactly a primitive is depends on the level of abstraction

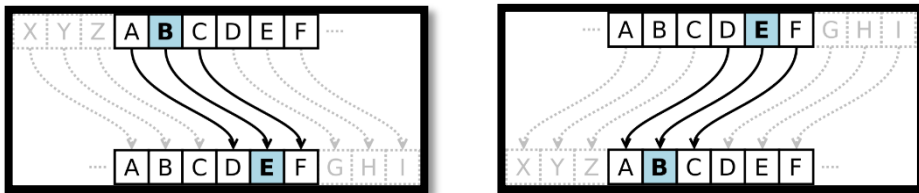
The most basic primitives are those, where a function is considered secure, but either you can't break it down any further or there is no security argument for its individual parts



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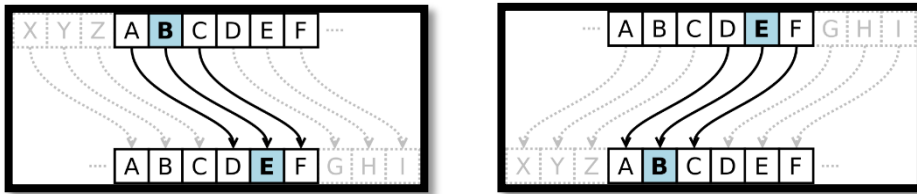
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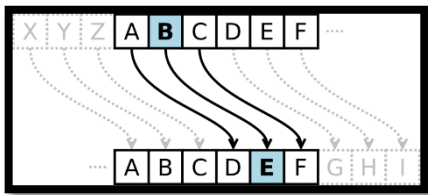
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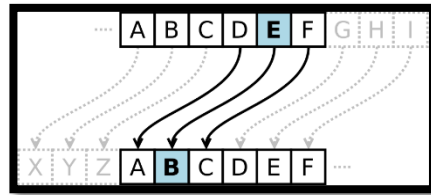
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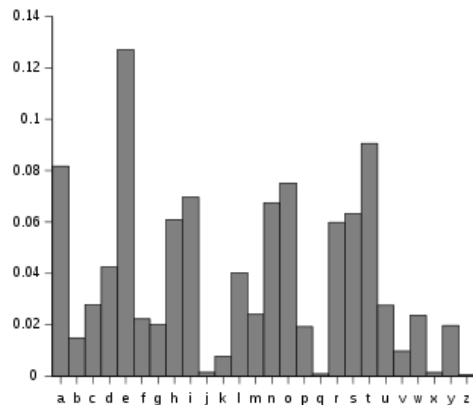
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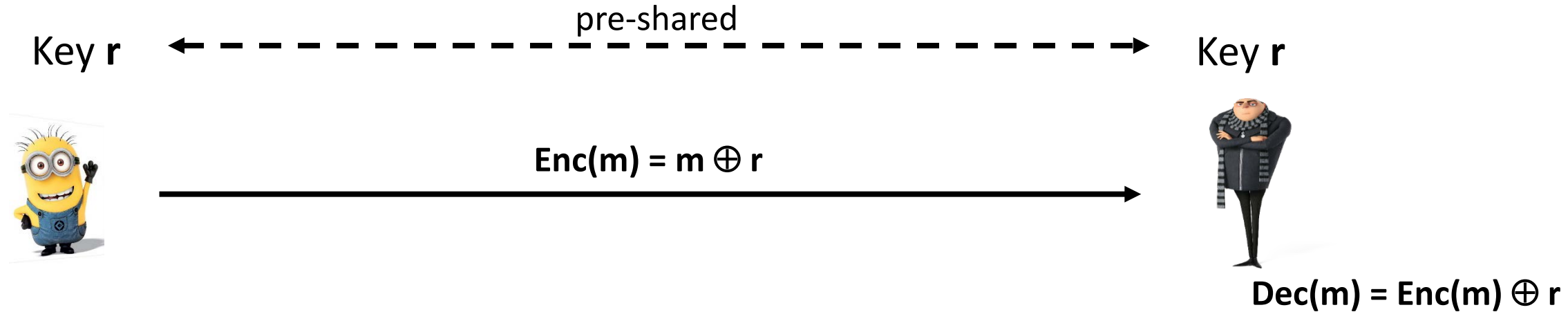
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**Frequency analysis!**

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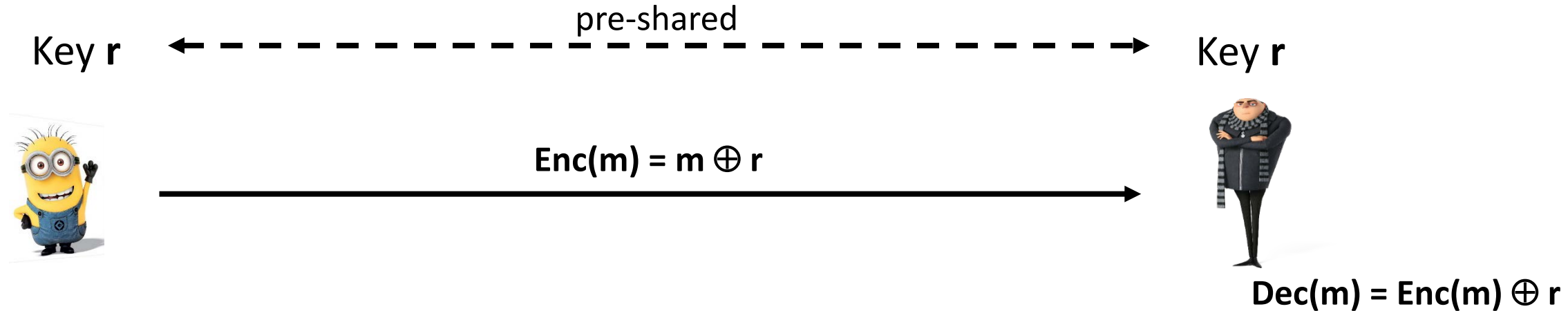
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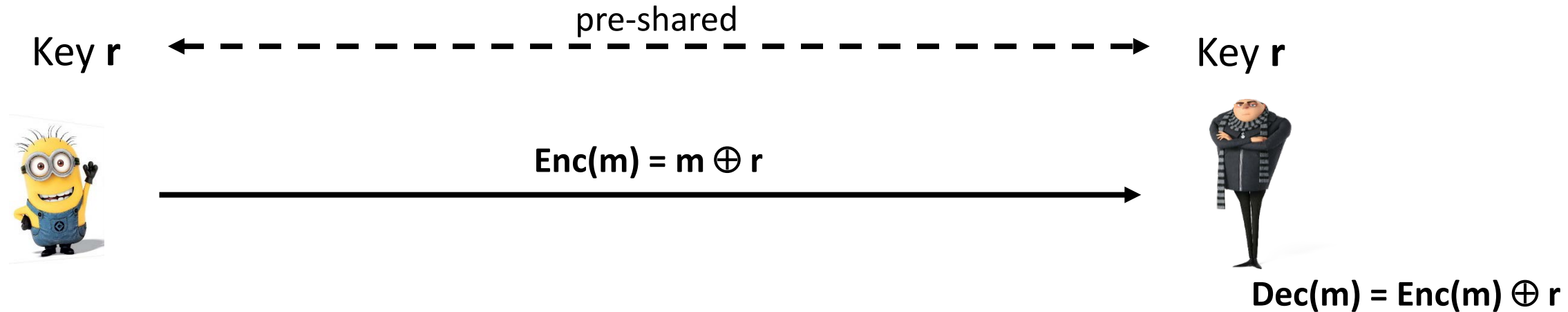
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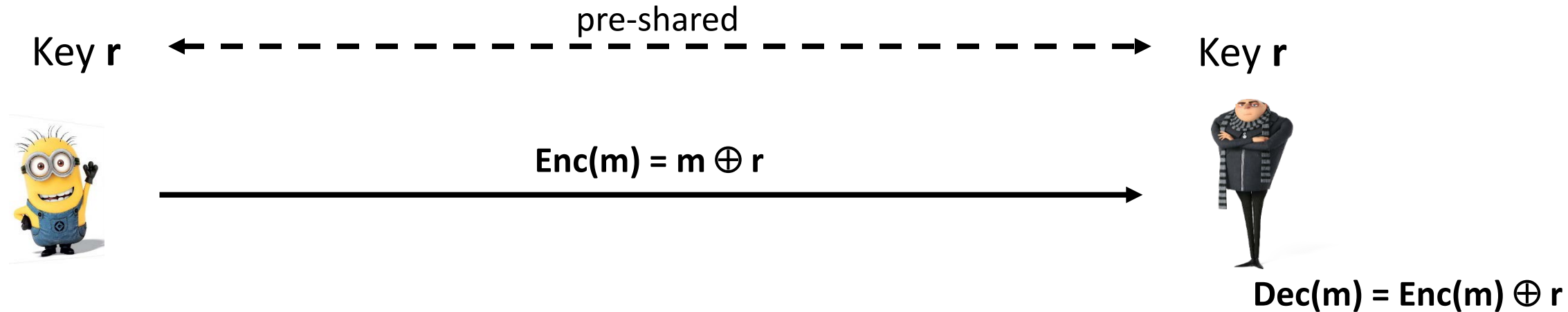
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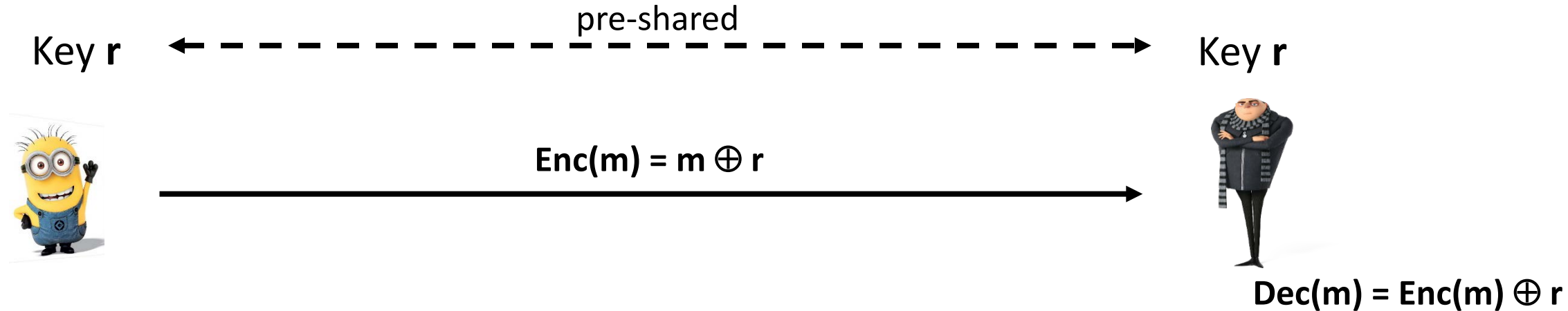


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$$(\text{msg1} \oplus \text{pad}) \oplus (\text{msg2} \oplus \text{pad}) \rightarrow (\text{msg1} \oplus \text{msg2})$$

**Reveals where msg differ**  
**Frequency analysis works**  
**ASCII patterns (space or letter)**  
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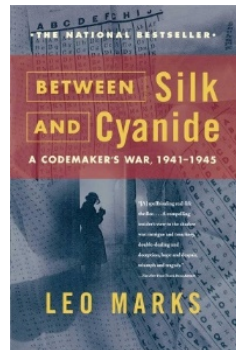
## What are the downsides of the one-time-pad?

Key as long as the message (nowadays USBs contain several GB)  
and pre-shared! ← Moscow–Washington hotline

Key **cannot** be reused

Key **must** be random!

No integrity

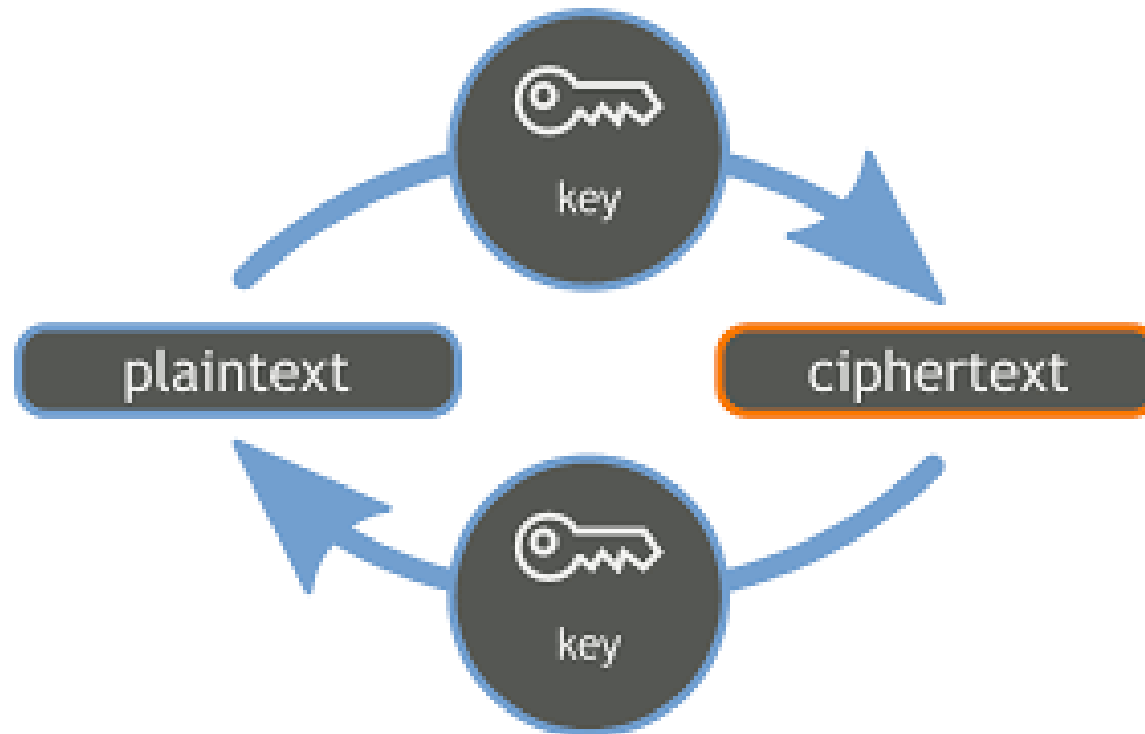


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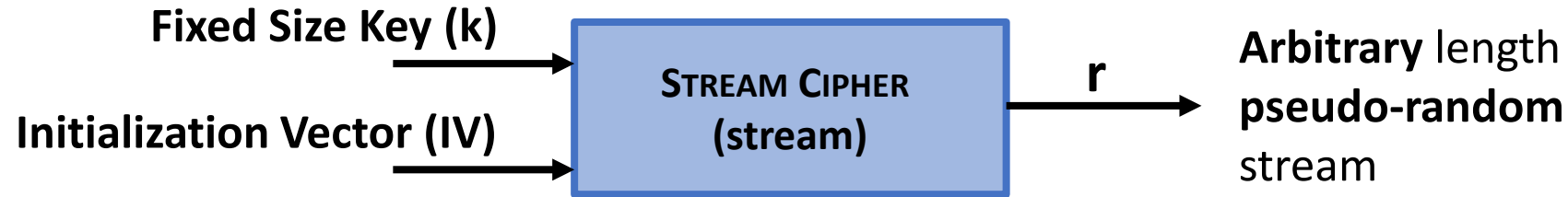
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# Symmetric encryption

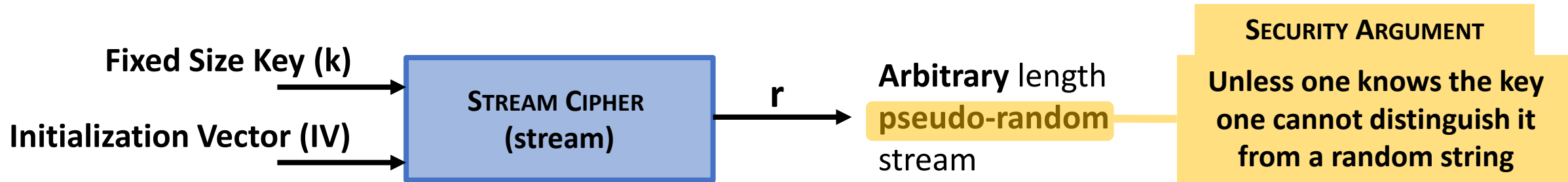
Encryption of plaintext and decryption of ciphertext are done using **THE SAME KEY**



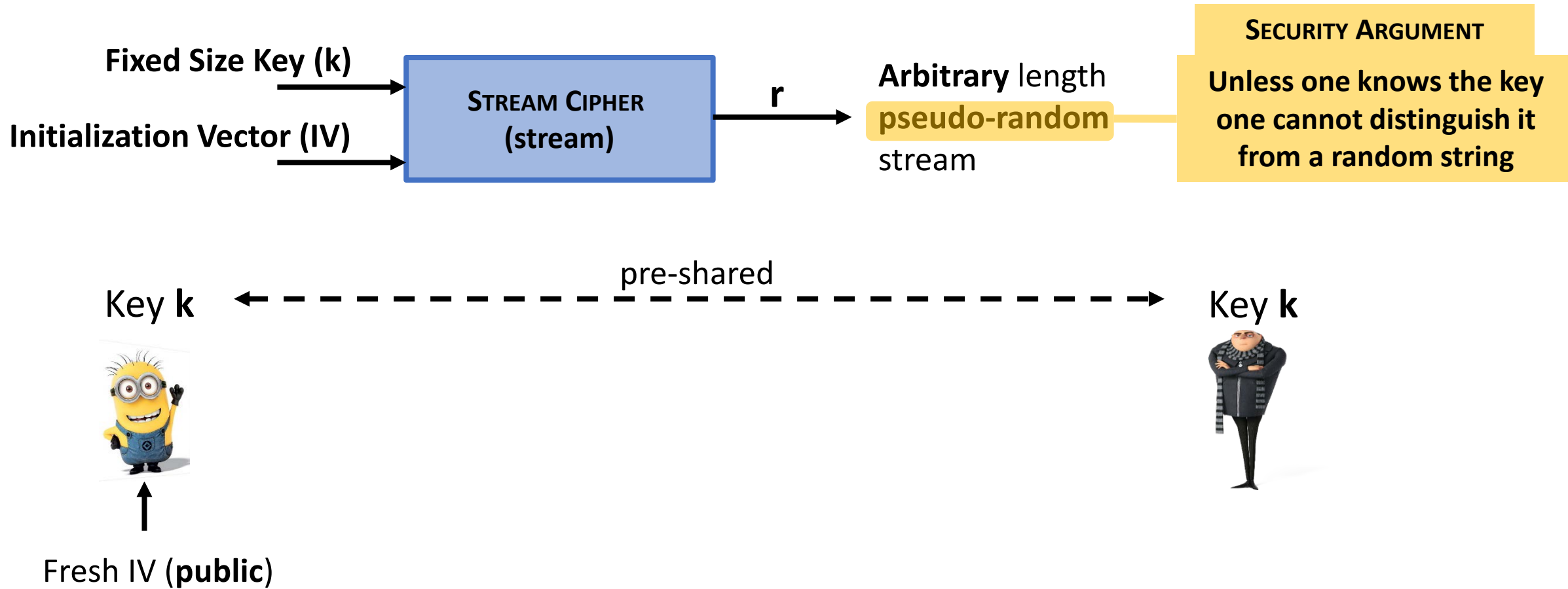
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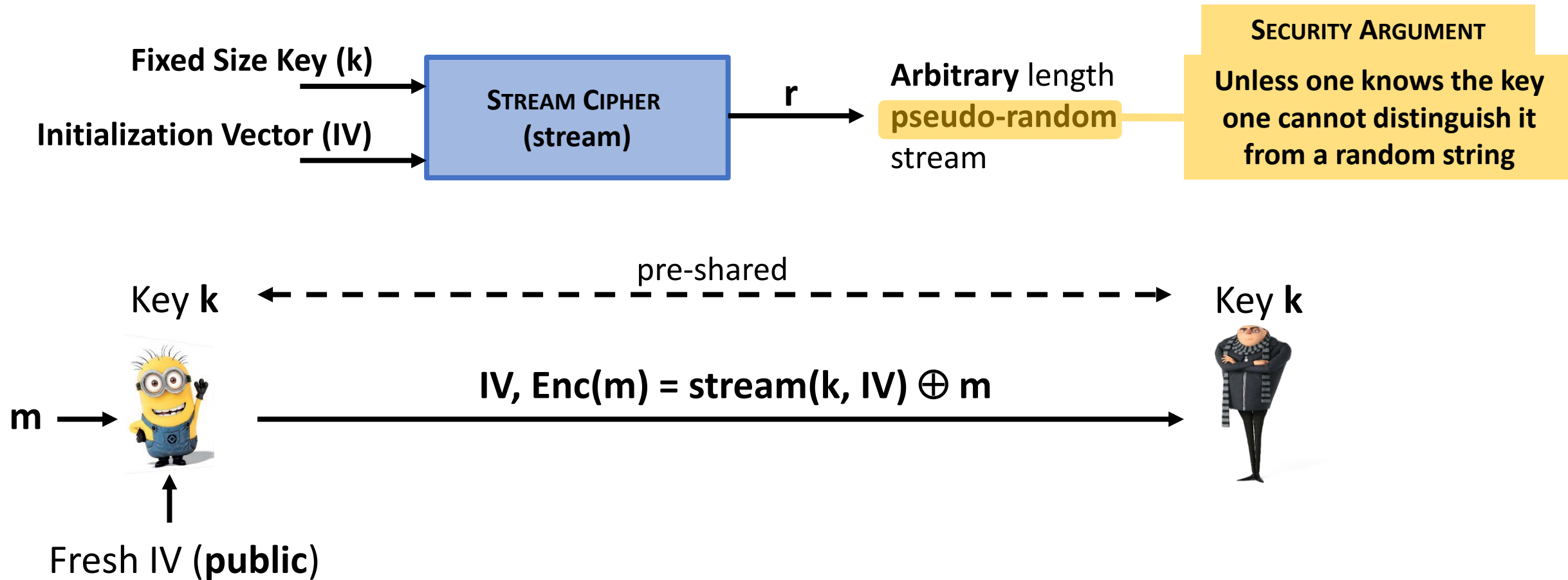


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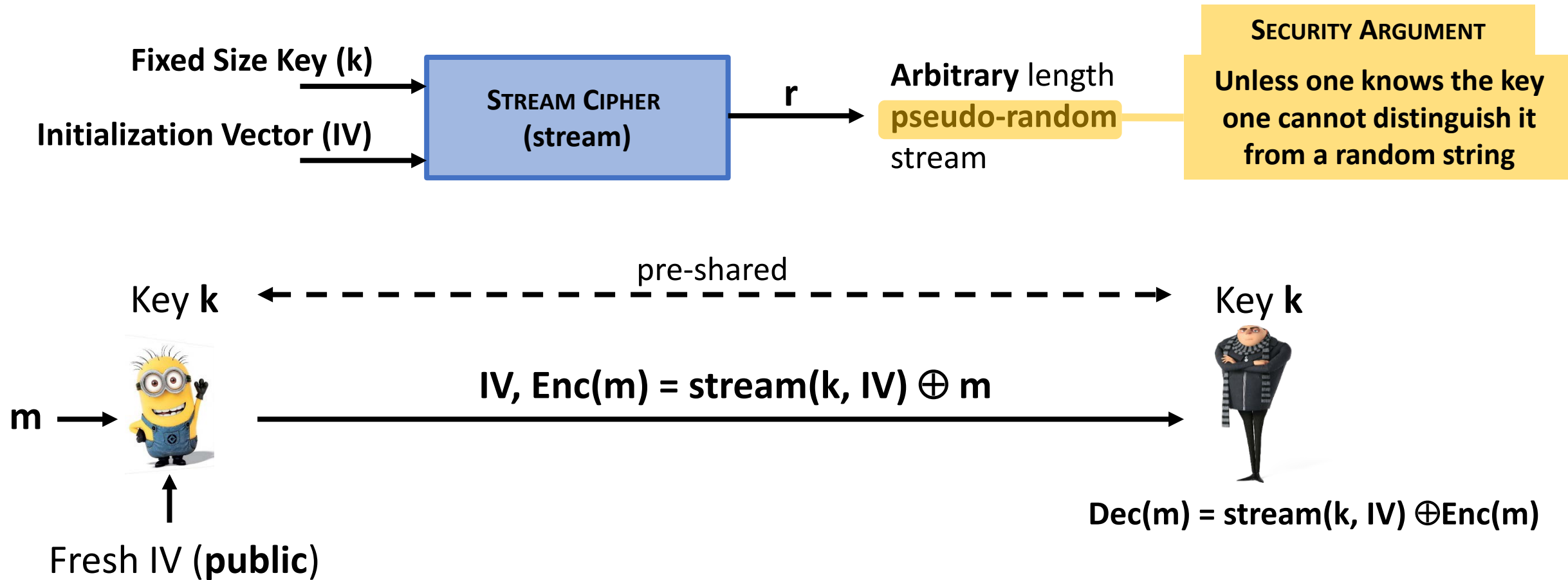




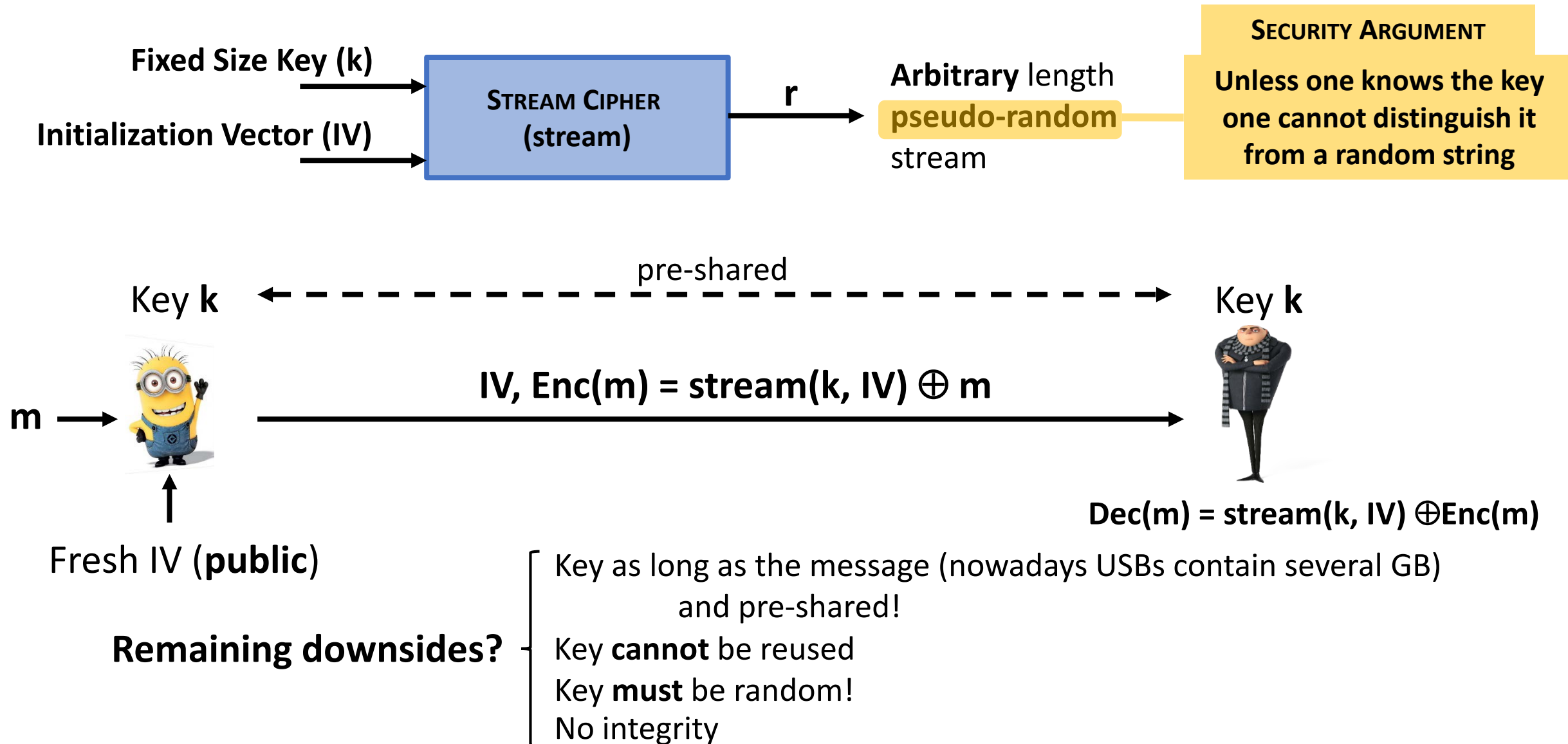
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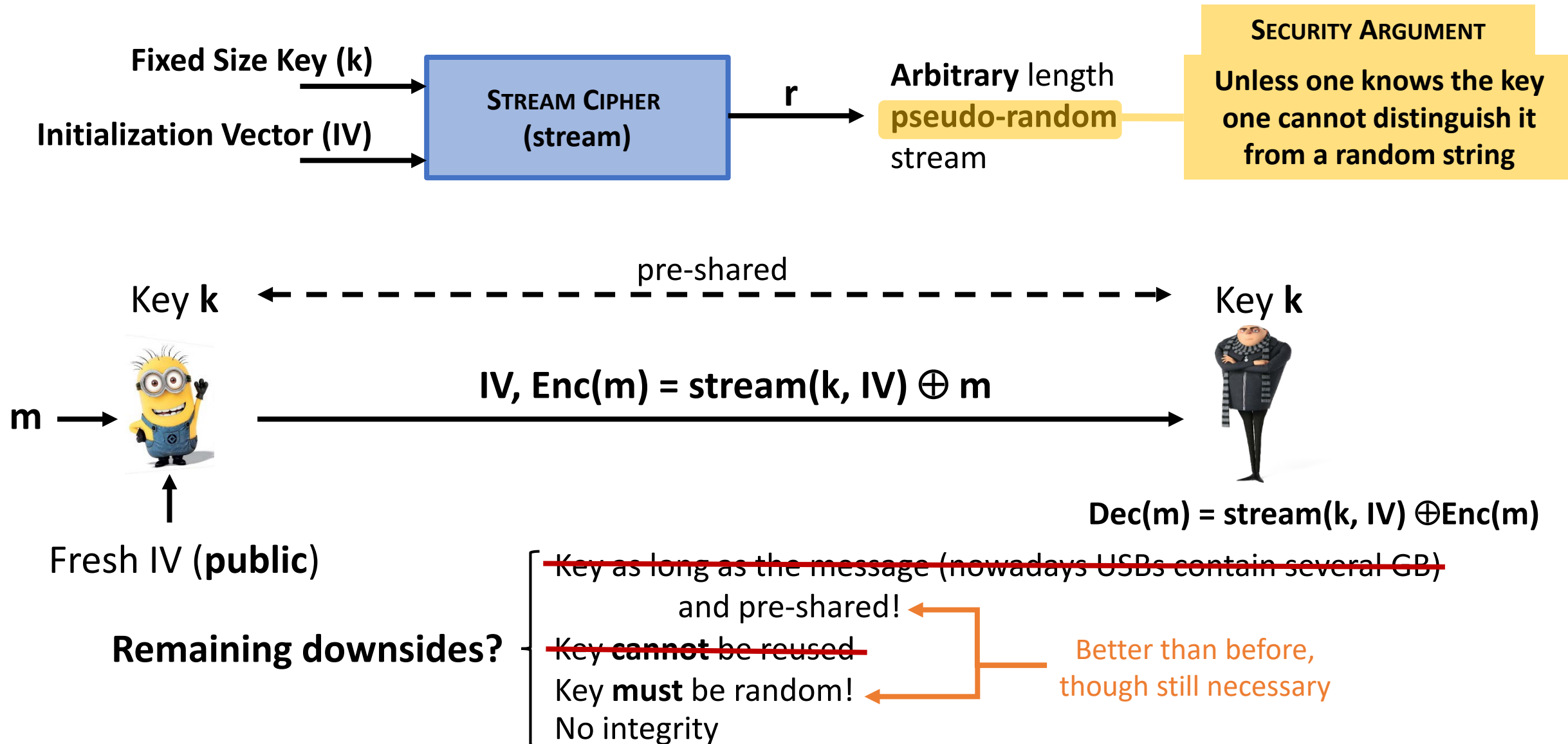
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# What is an Initialization Vector?

- Fixed-size input to iterative cryptographic primitives to start the process
- Has to be **unique** (for a key): no IV may be reused under the same key  
Multiple messages (even same!) encrypted with the same key look different
- It **must be random**! If it is predictable, it gives advantage to the adversary
- It **does not need to be secret**! Keeping the key secret is enough

# Stream ciphers

## STRENGTHS

**Speed of transformation:** algorithms are linear in time and constant in space

**Low error propagation:** errors in one bit do not affect subsequent symbols

## WEAKNESSES

**Low diffusion:** all information of a plaintext symbol is contained in one encrypted symbol

**Susceptibility to insertions/ modifications:** text can be inserted, difficult to detect

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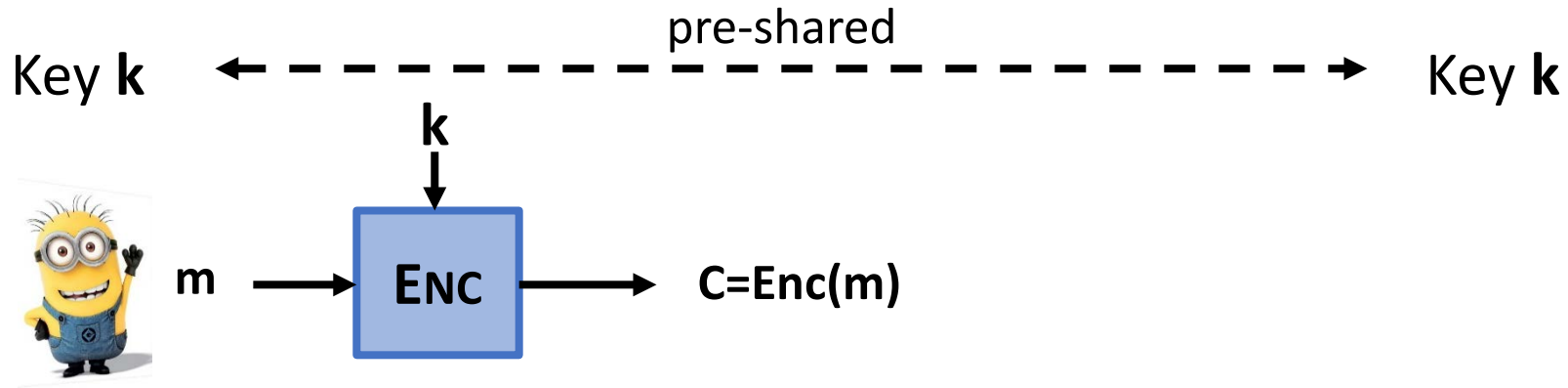


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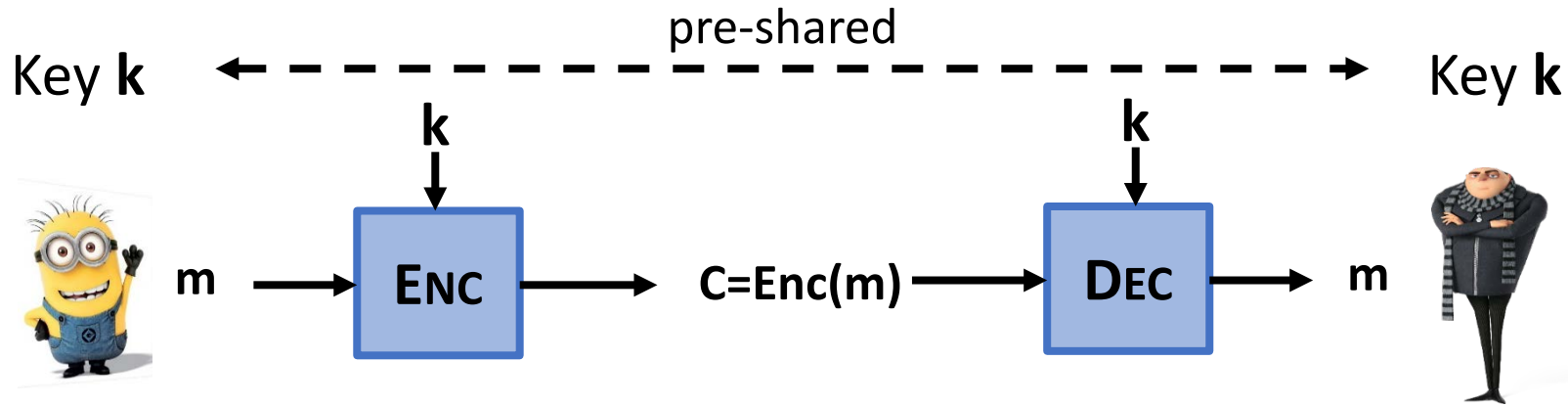
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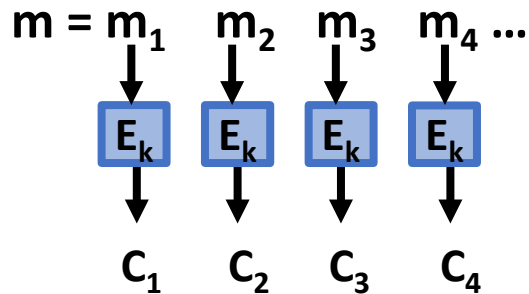
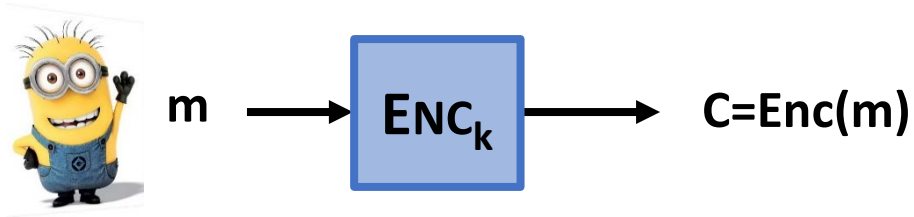
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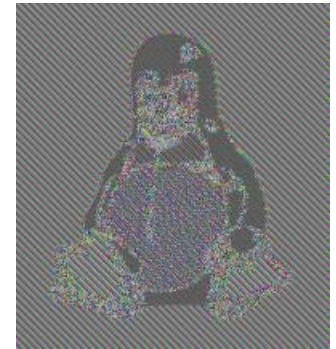
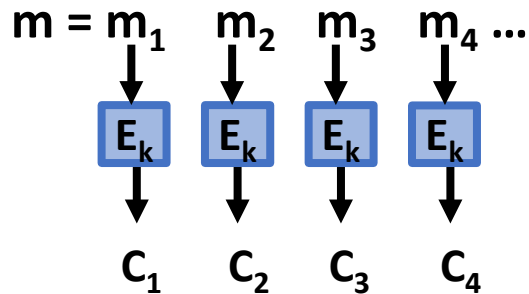
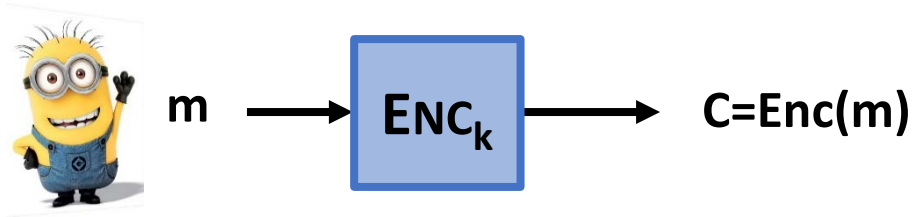


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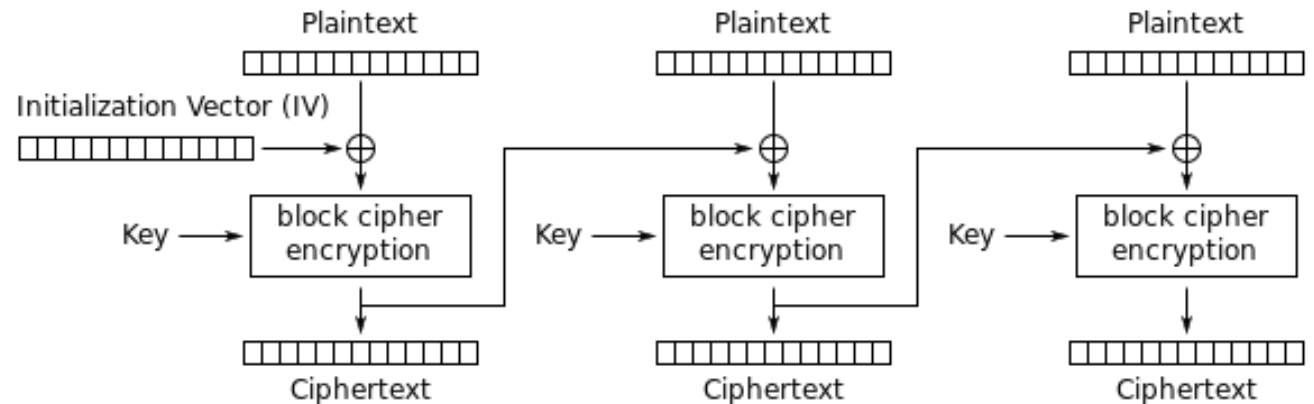
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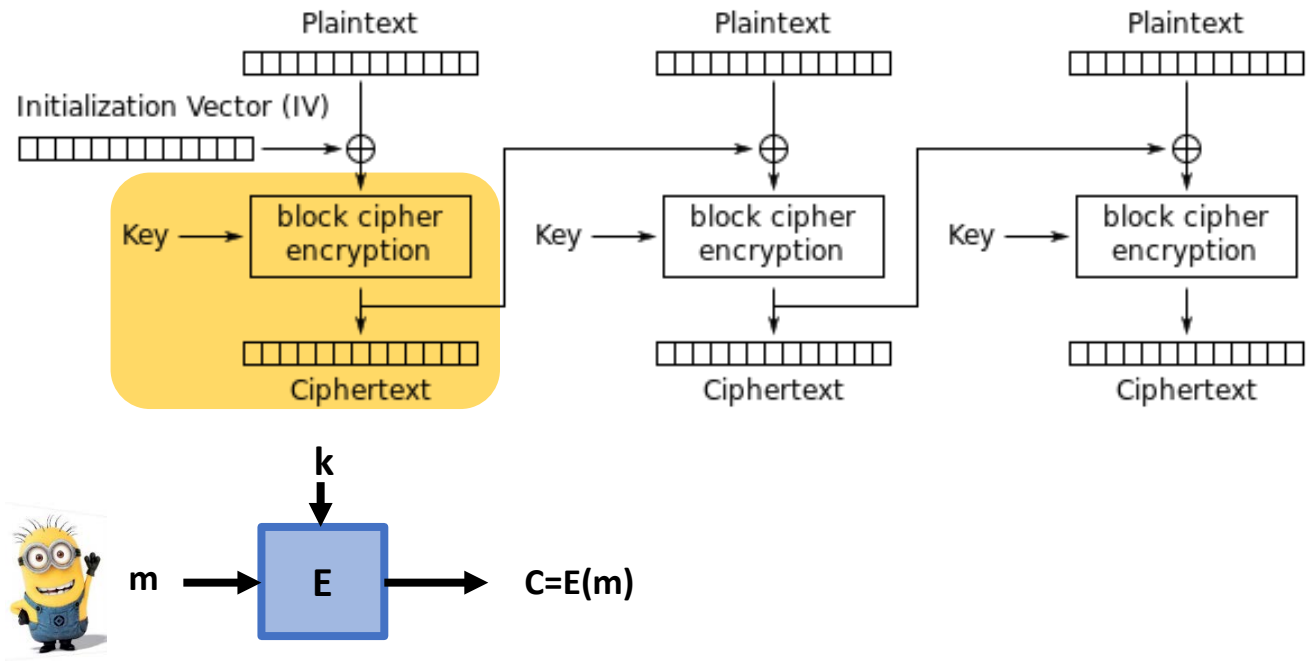
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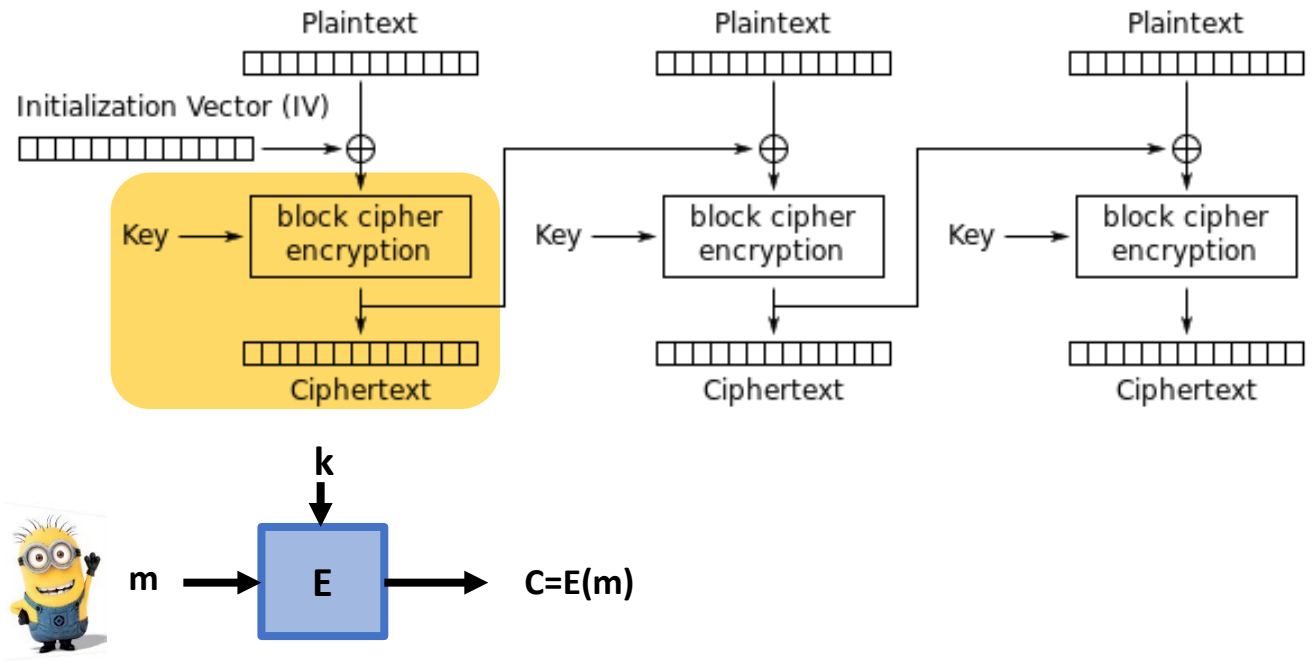
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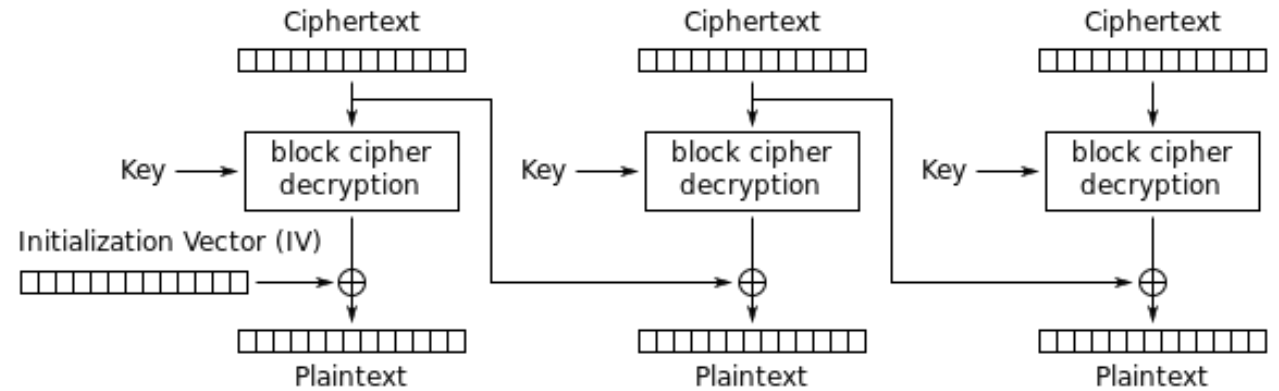
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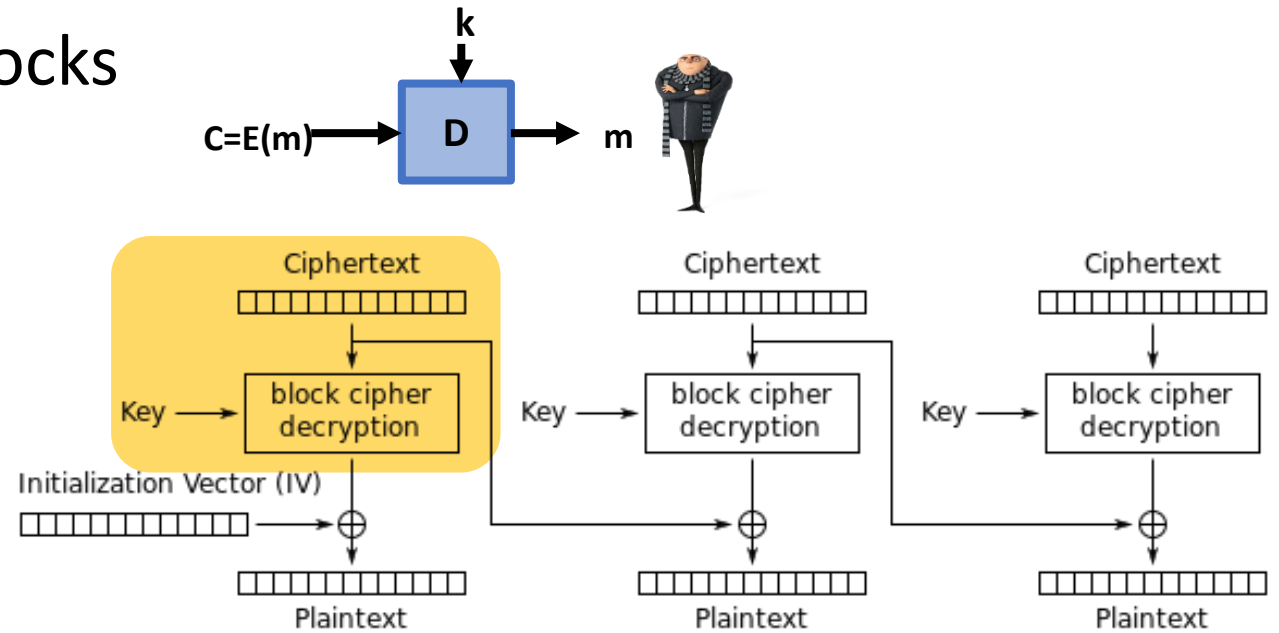
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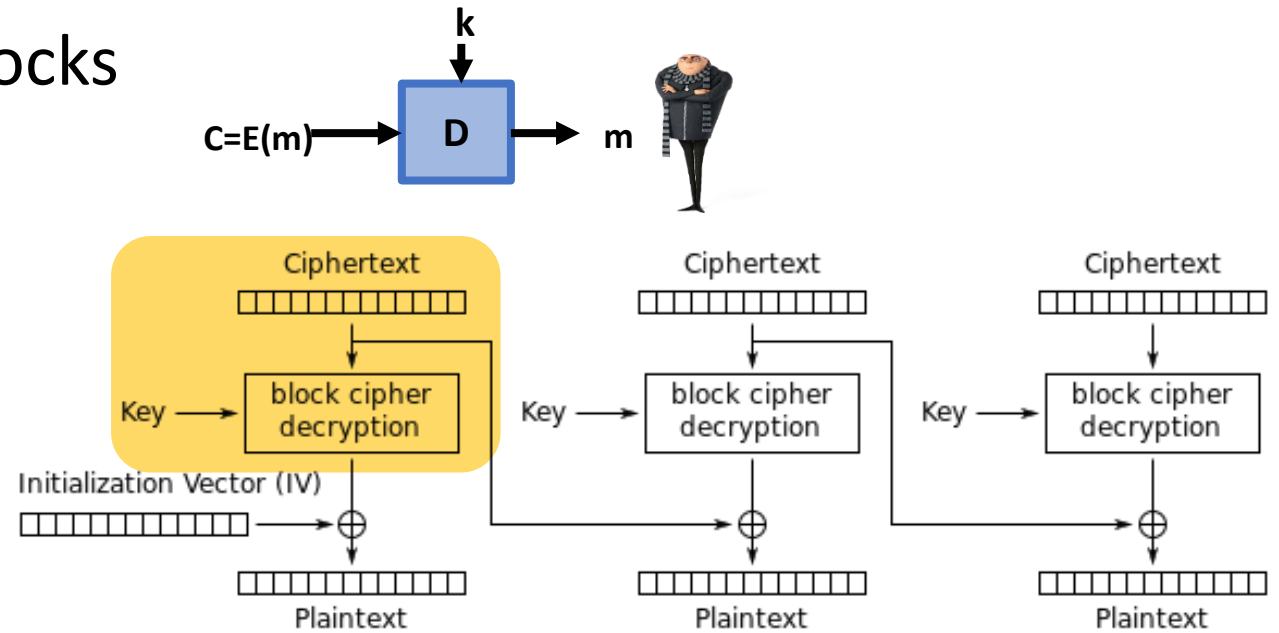
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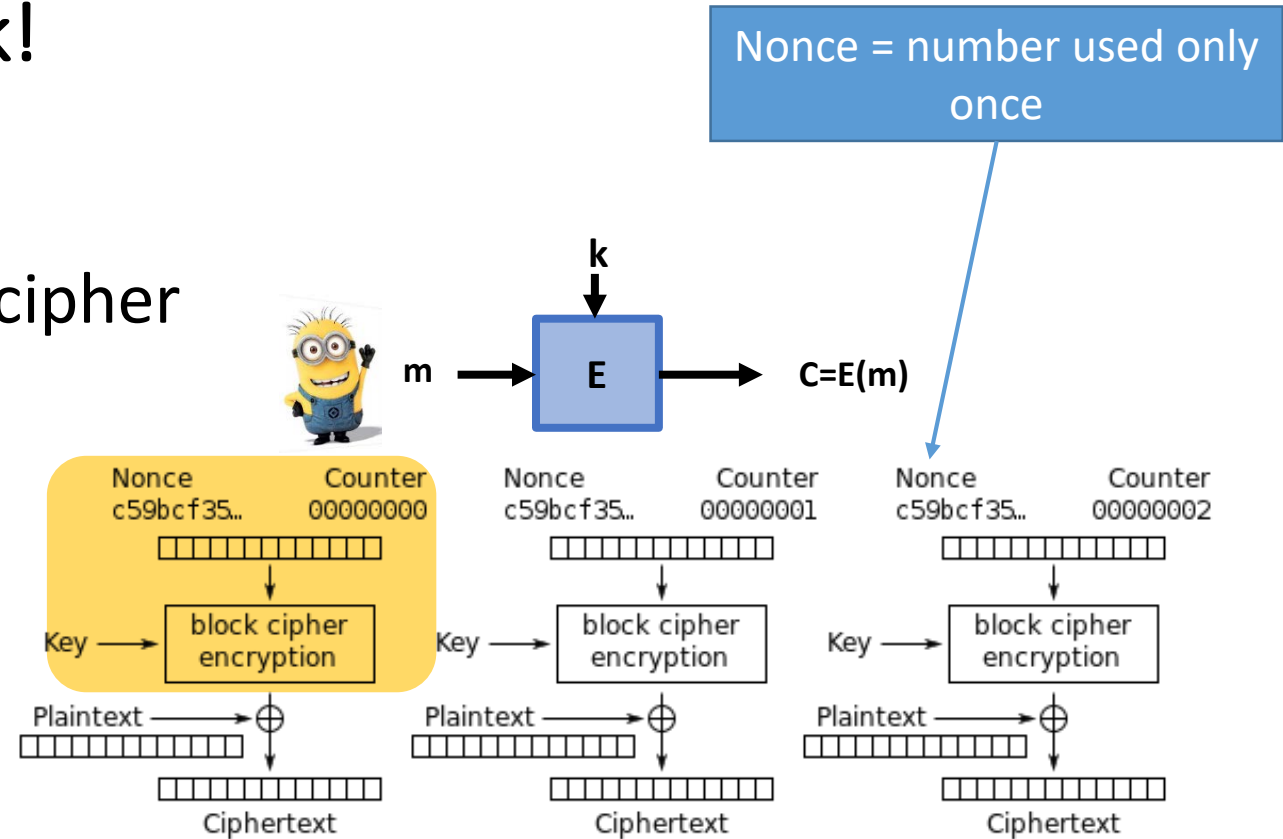
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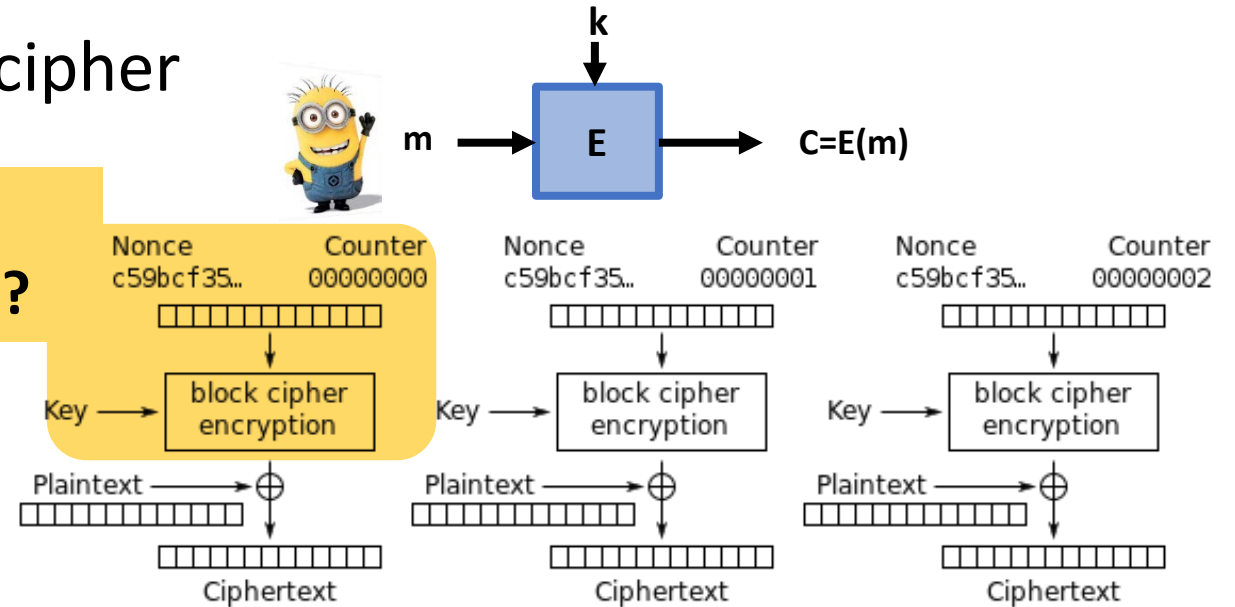
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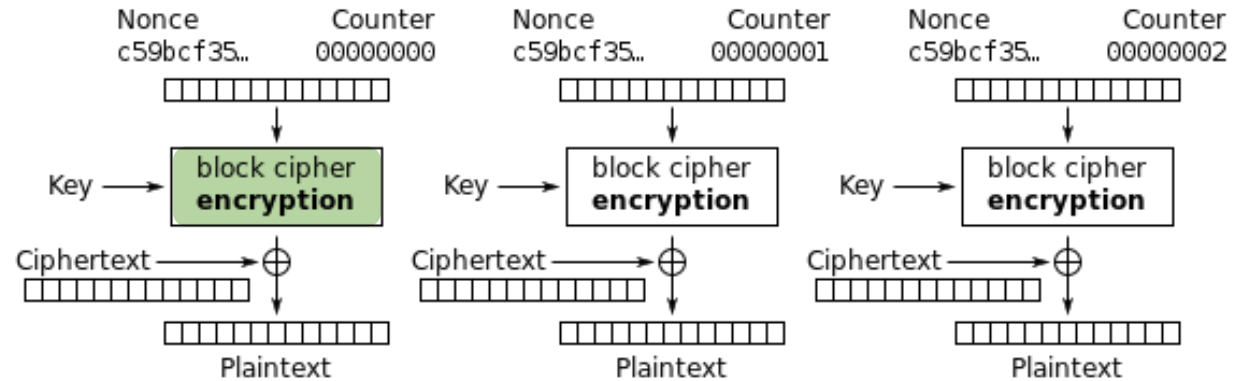
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## CHECK AT HOME: OUTPUT FEEDBACK MODE (OFB)

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**Slowness of encryption:** an entire block must be accumulated before encryption / decryption can begin

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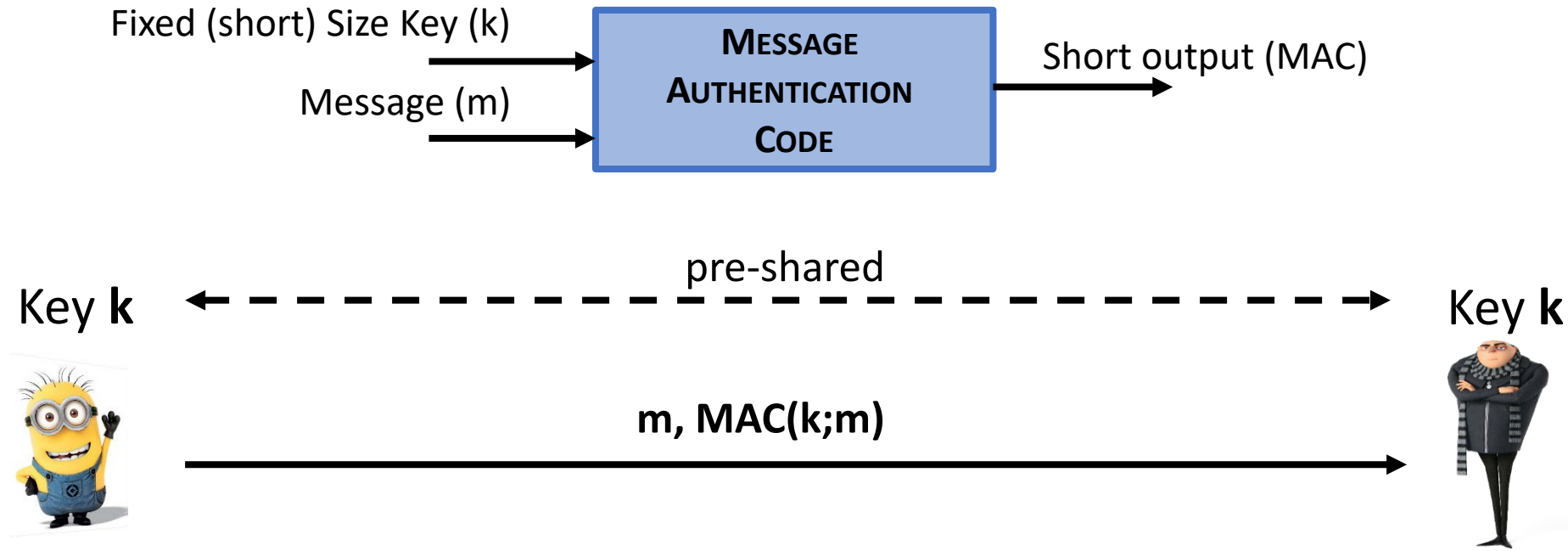
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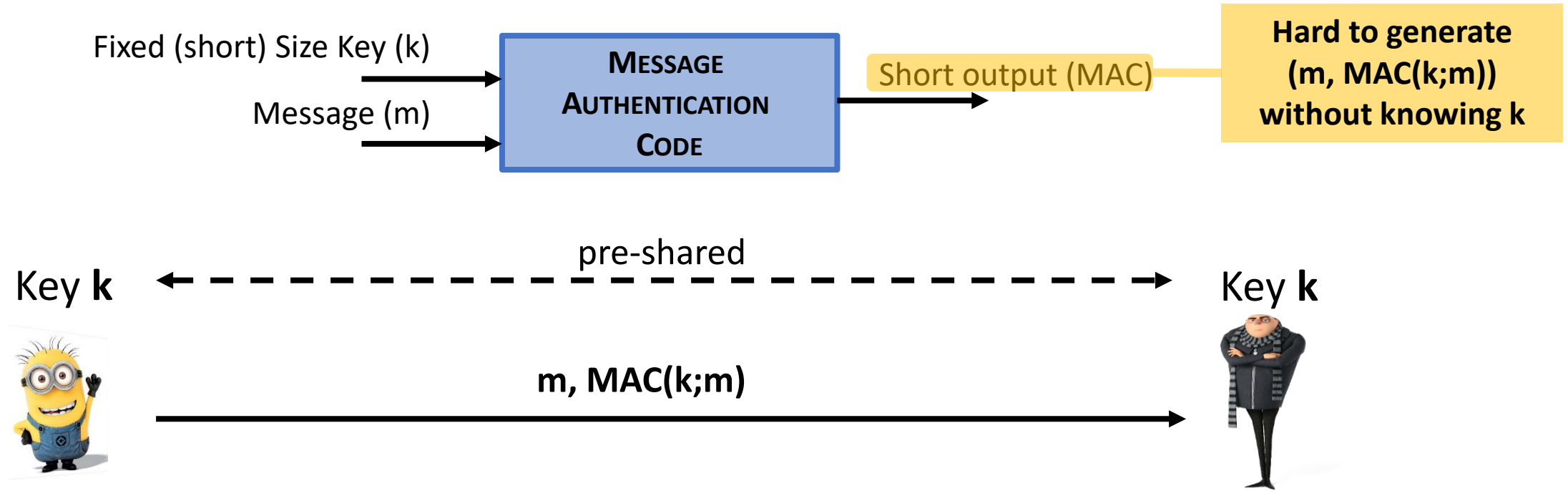
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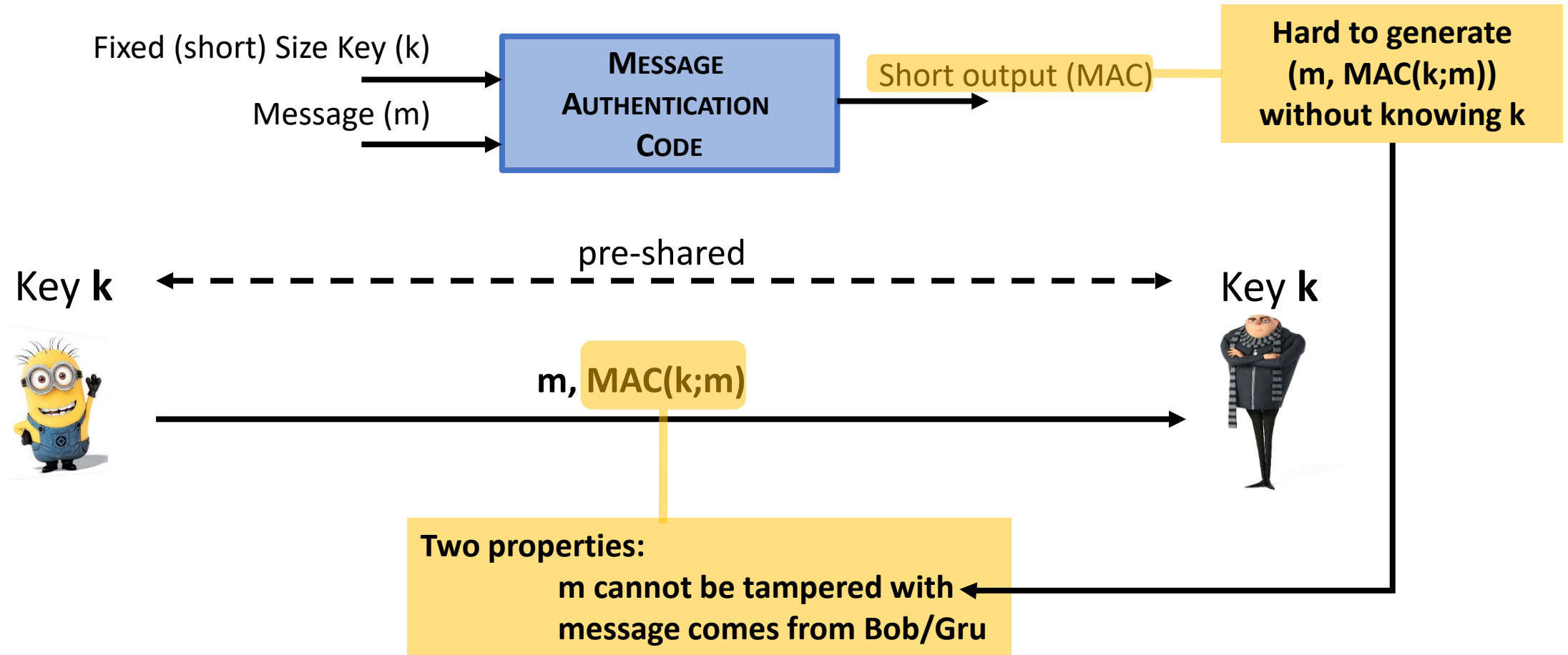
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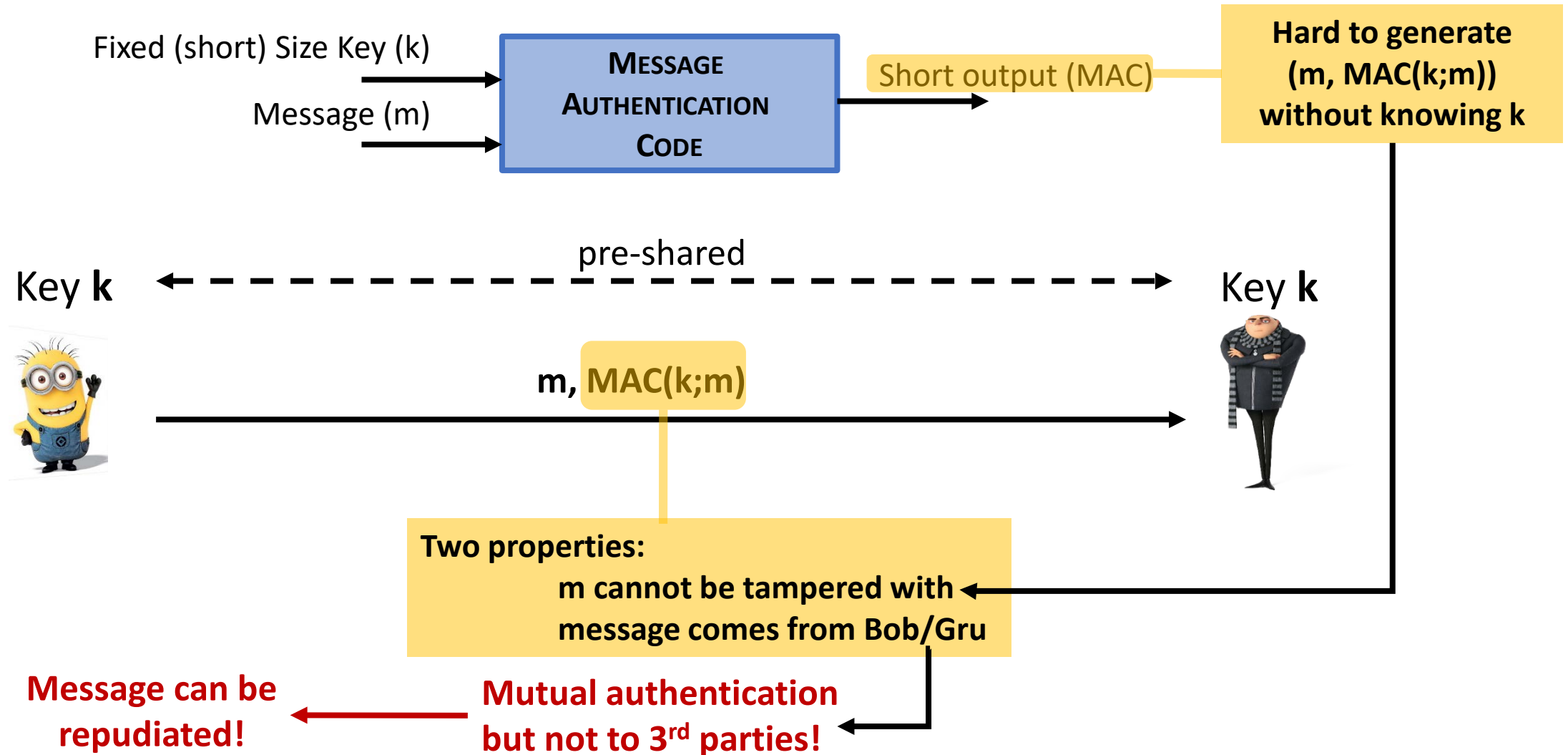
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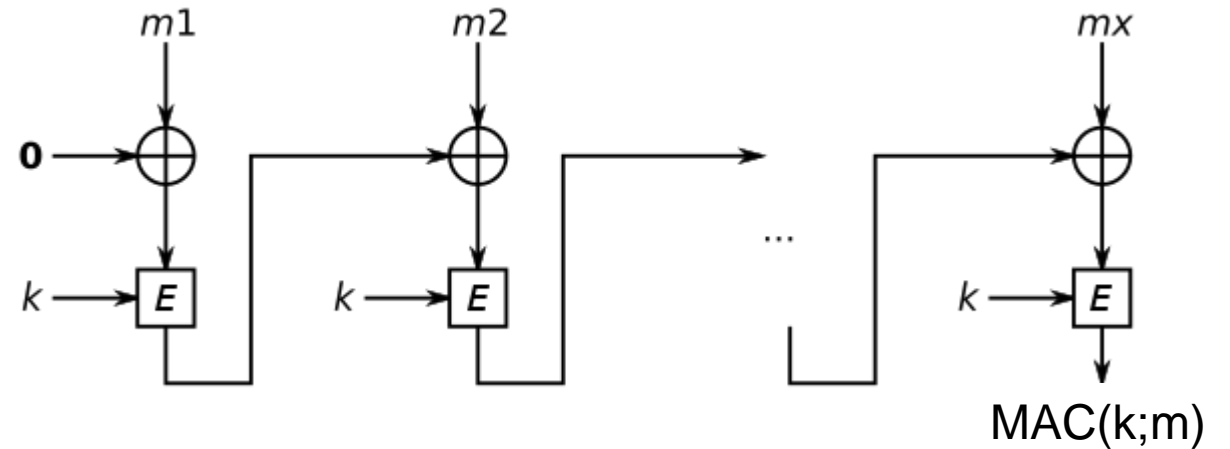
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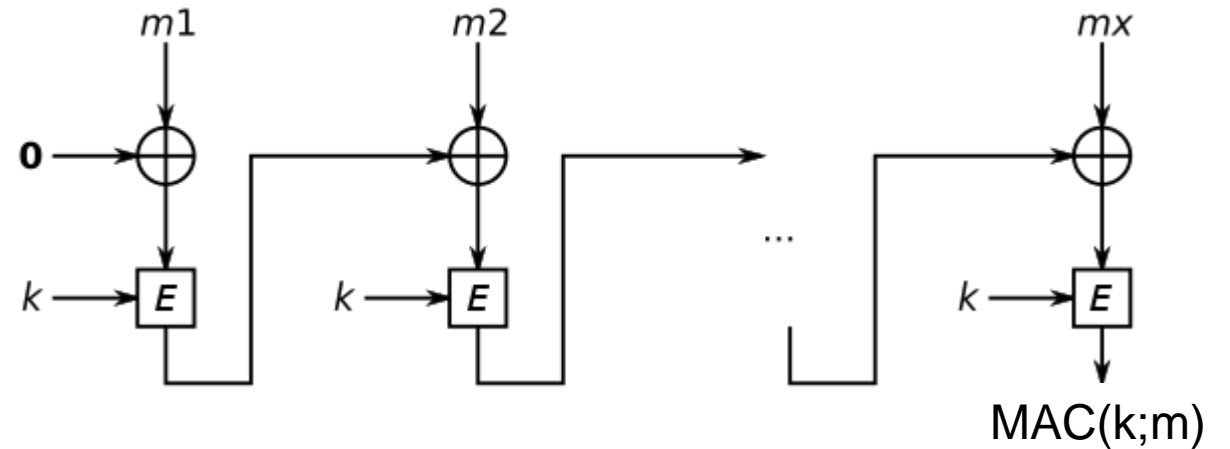
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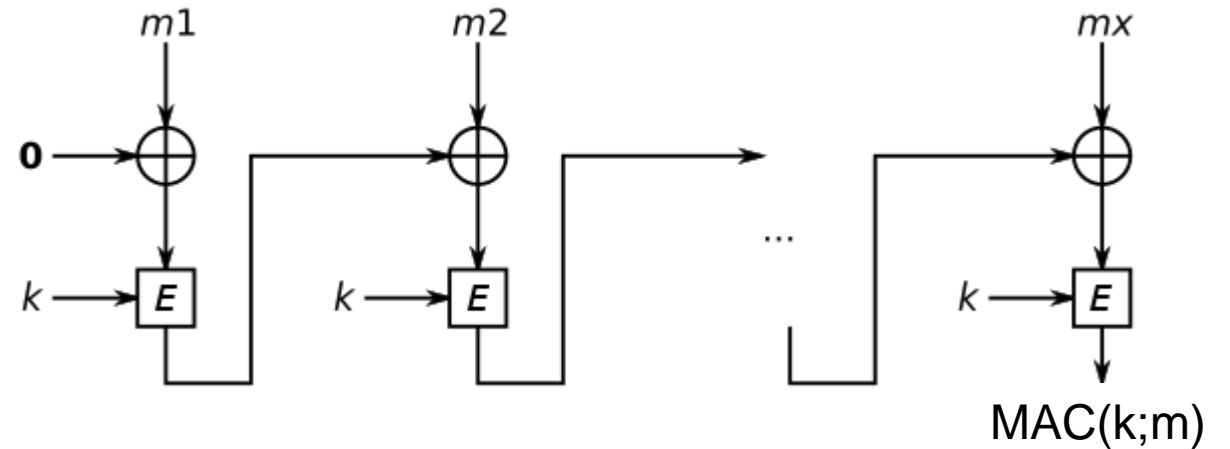
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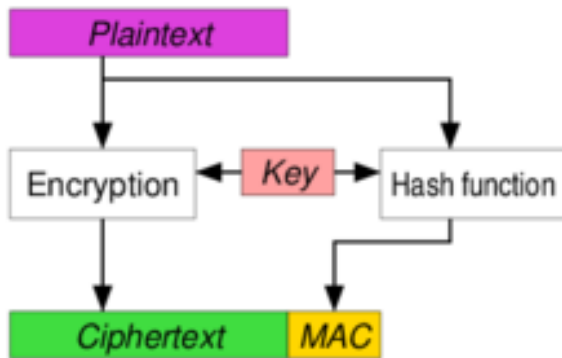


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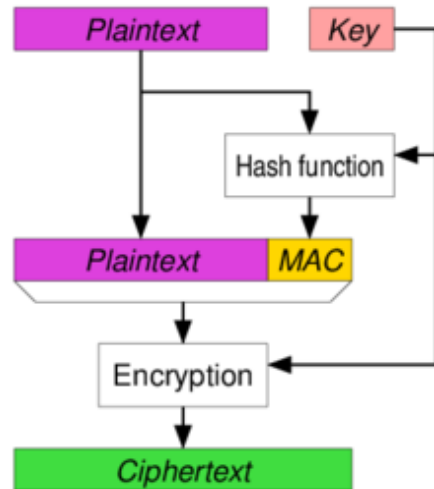
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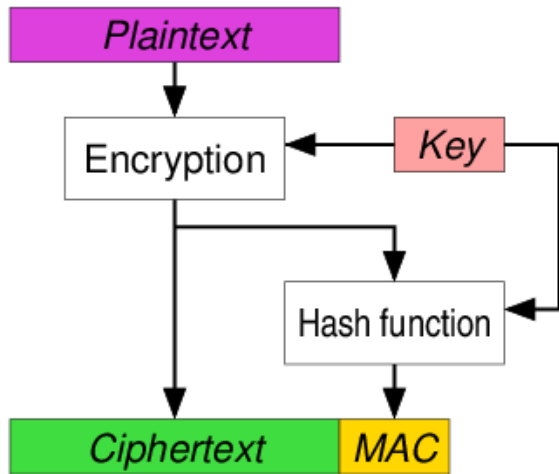
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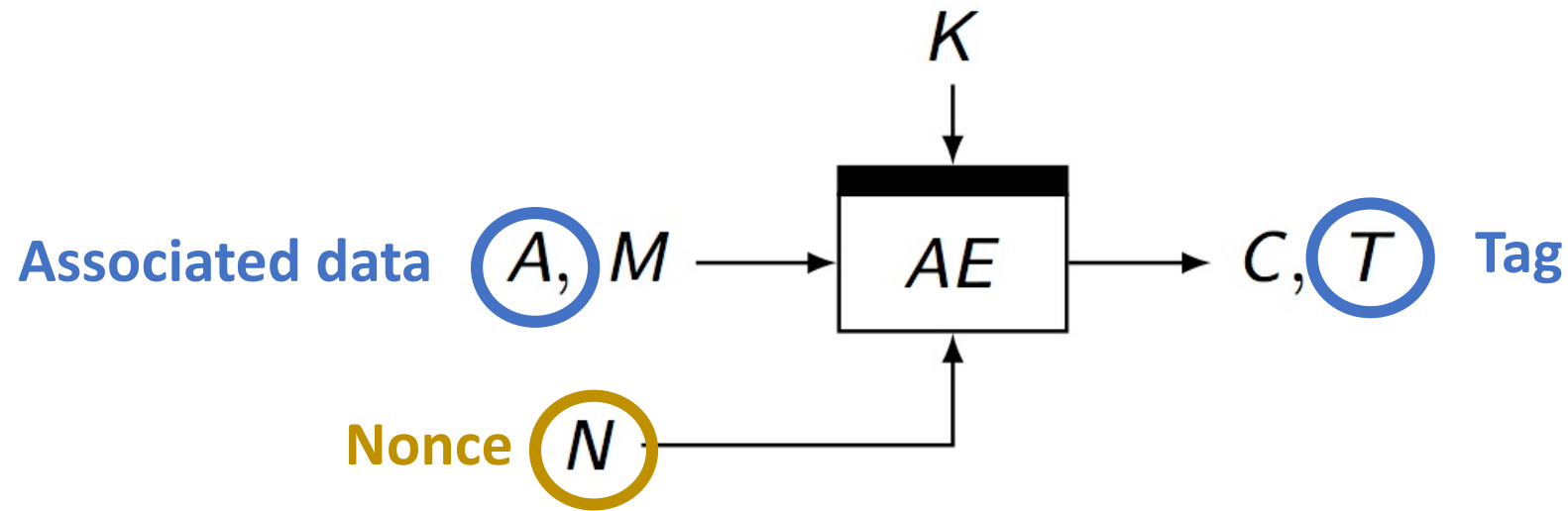
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# Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD)

Home-made crypto recipes are dangerous!!!



Galois counter mode - **GCM** (one pass)

Encrypt-then-authenticate-then-translate - **EAX** (Two passes)

# Asymmetric Cryptography

Block ciphers, Stream Ciphers, MACs:

Alice and Bob need to **share** a **secret** key

Secure key distribution is a problem!

If only we could have a public keys...

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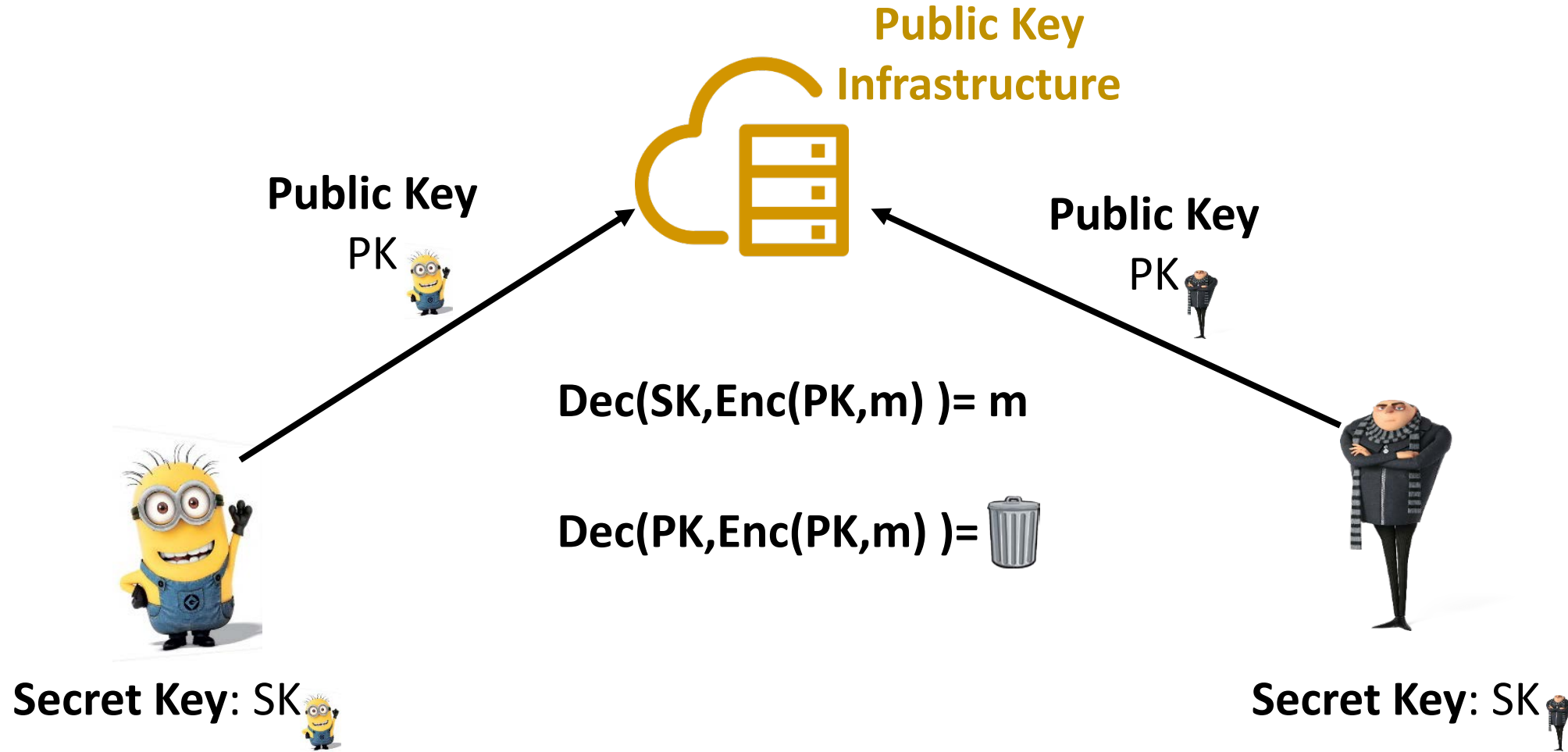
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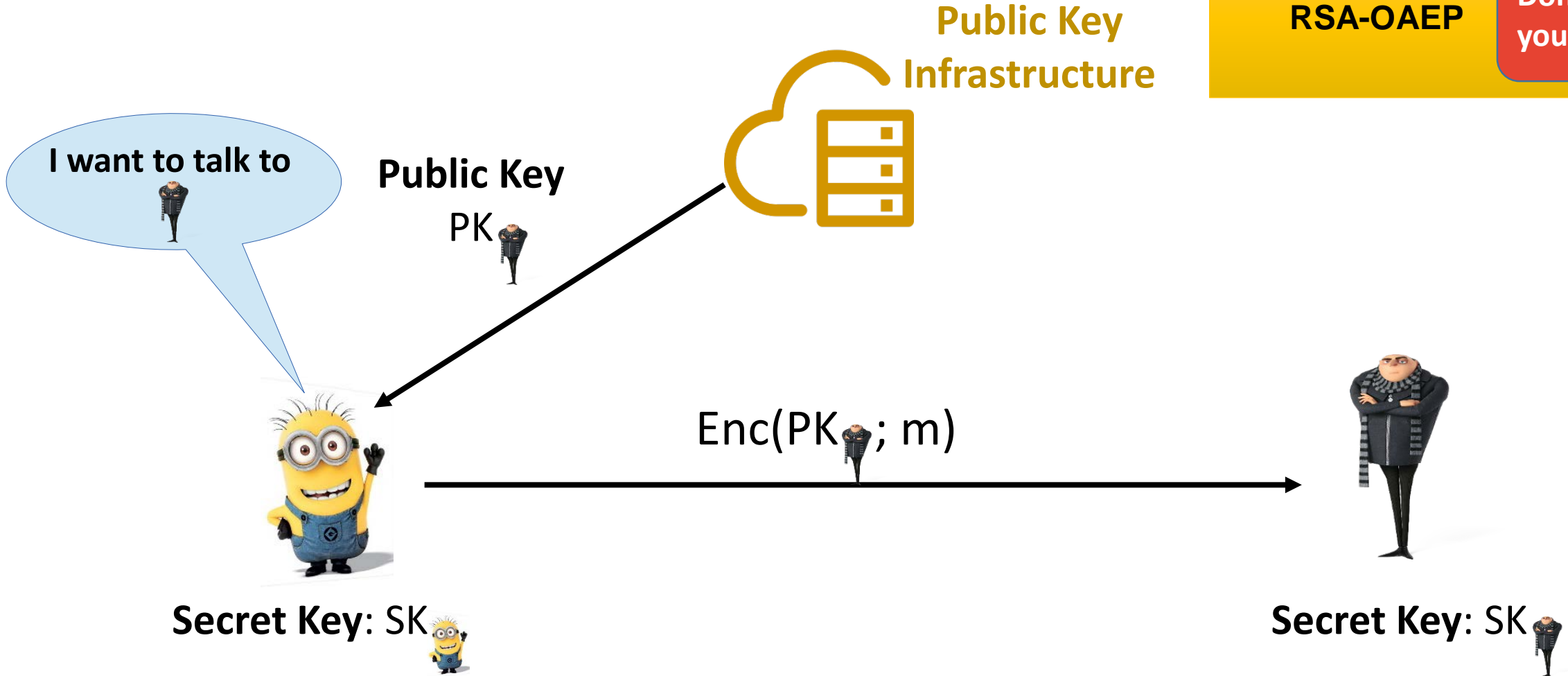


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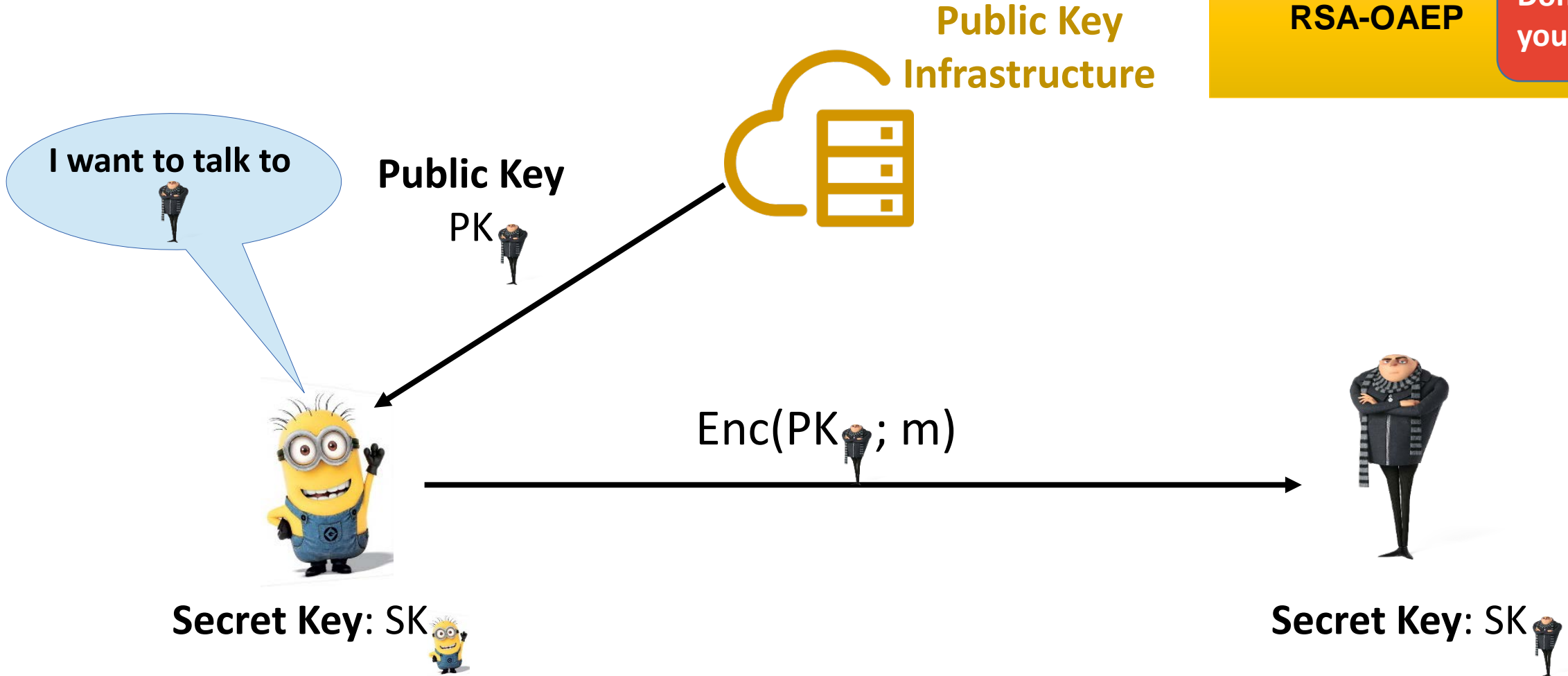


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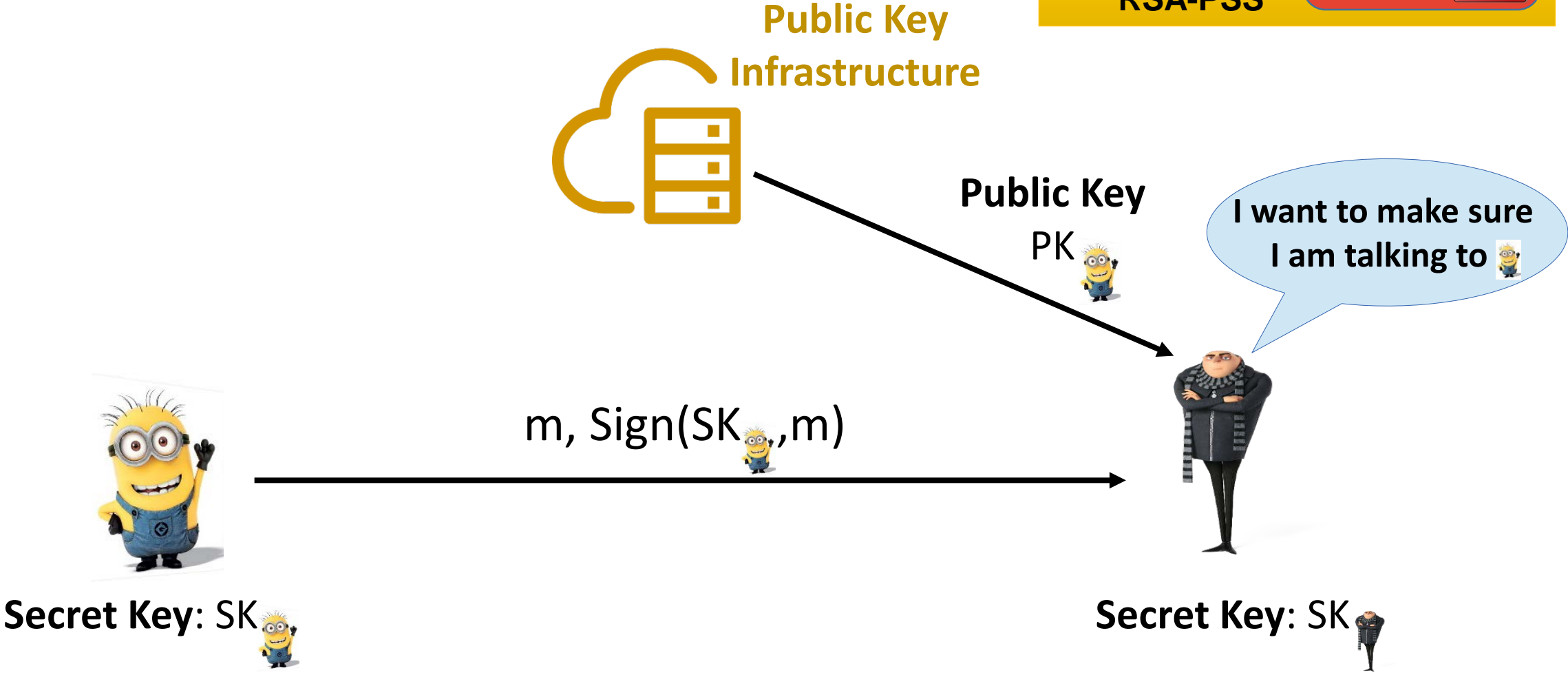
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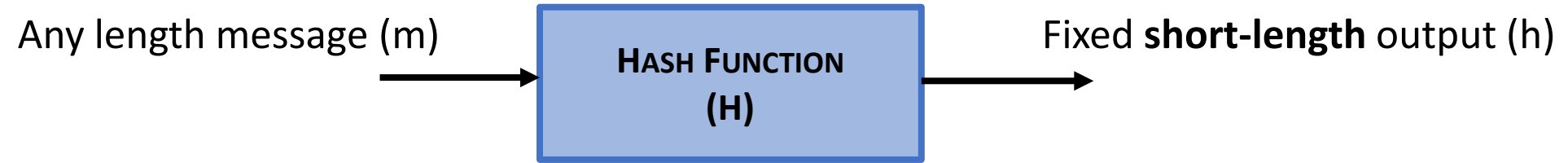
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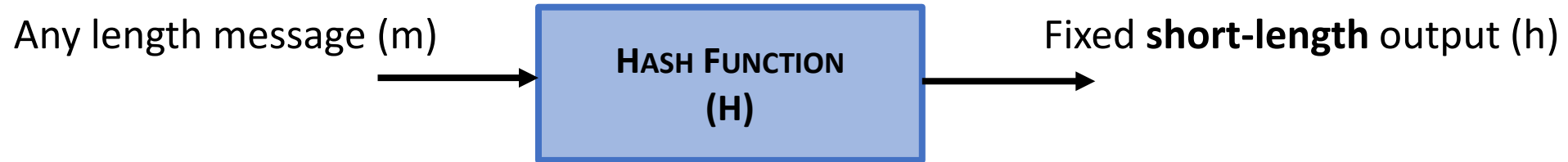
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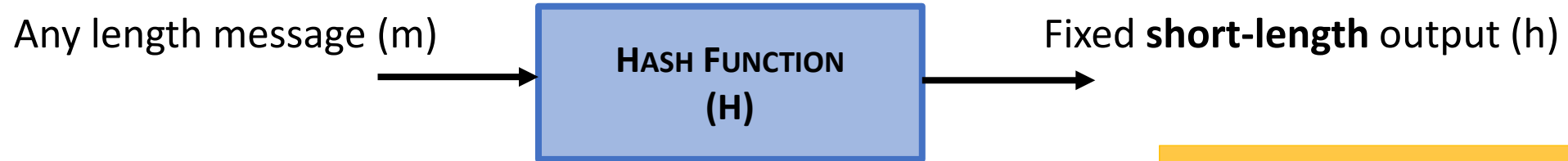
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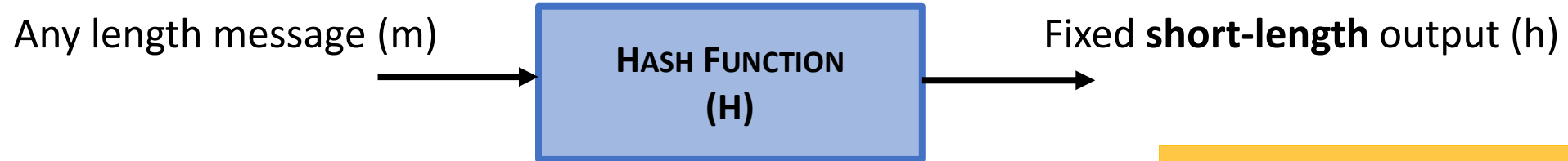
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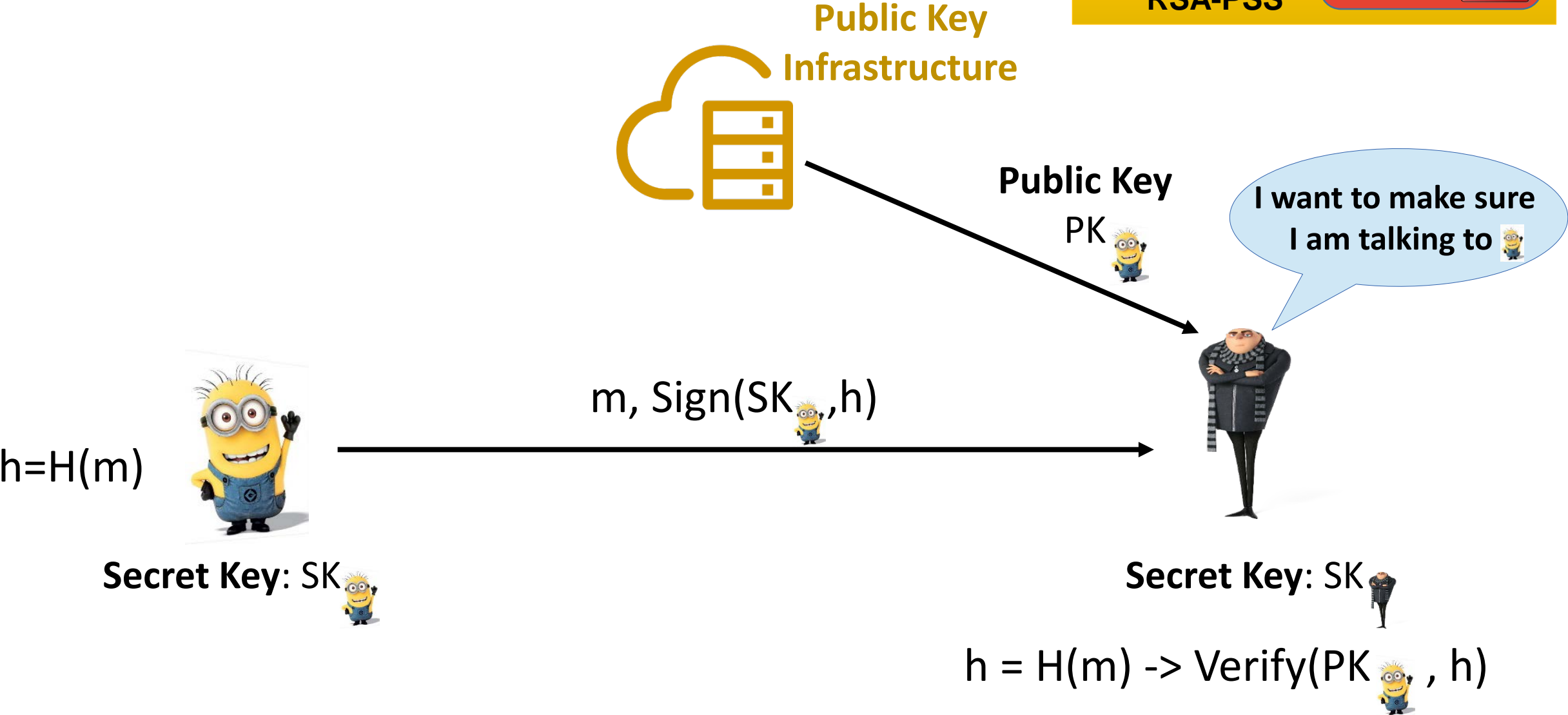
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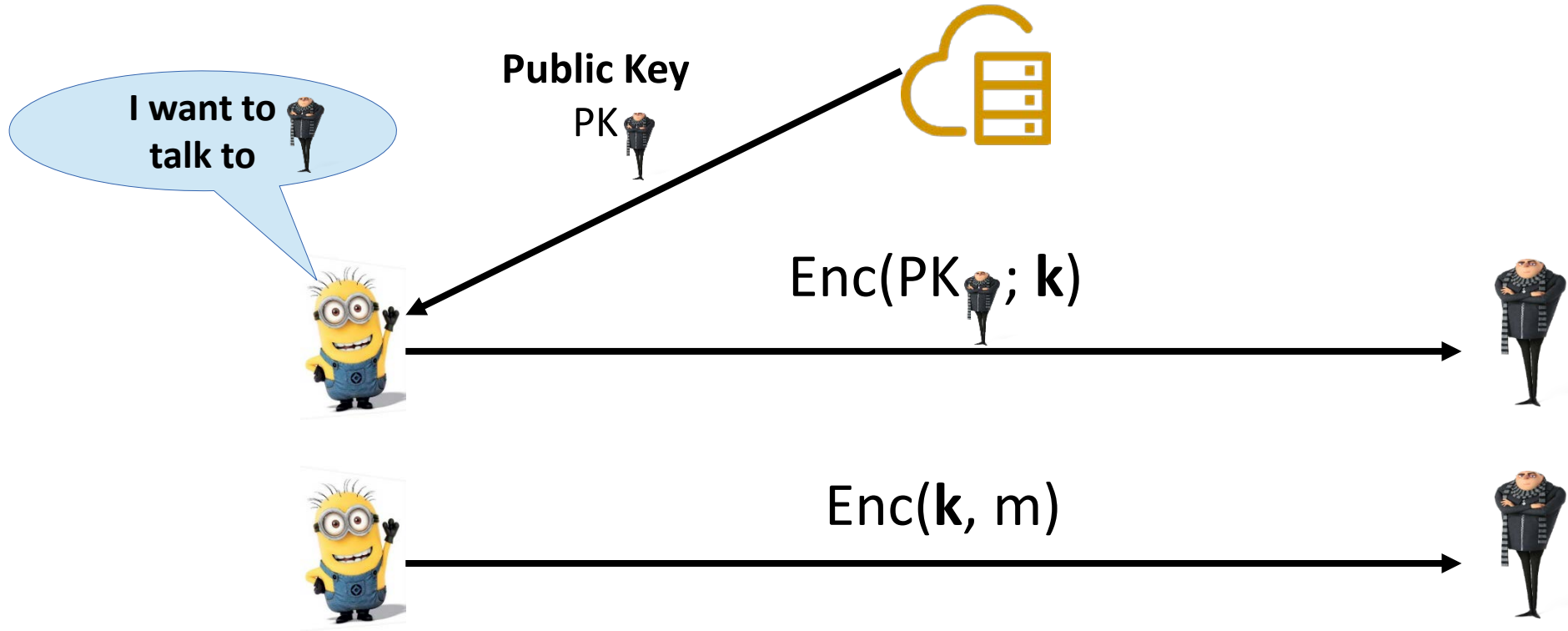
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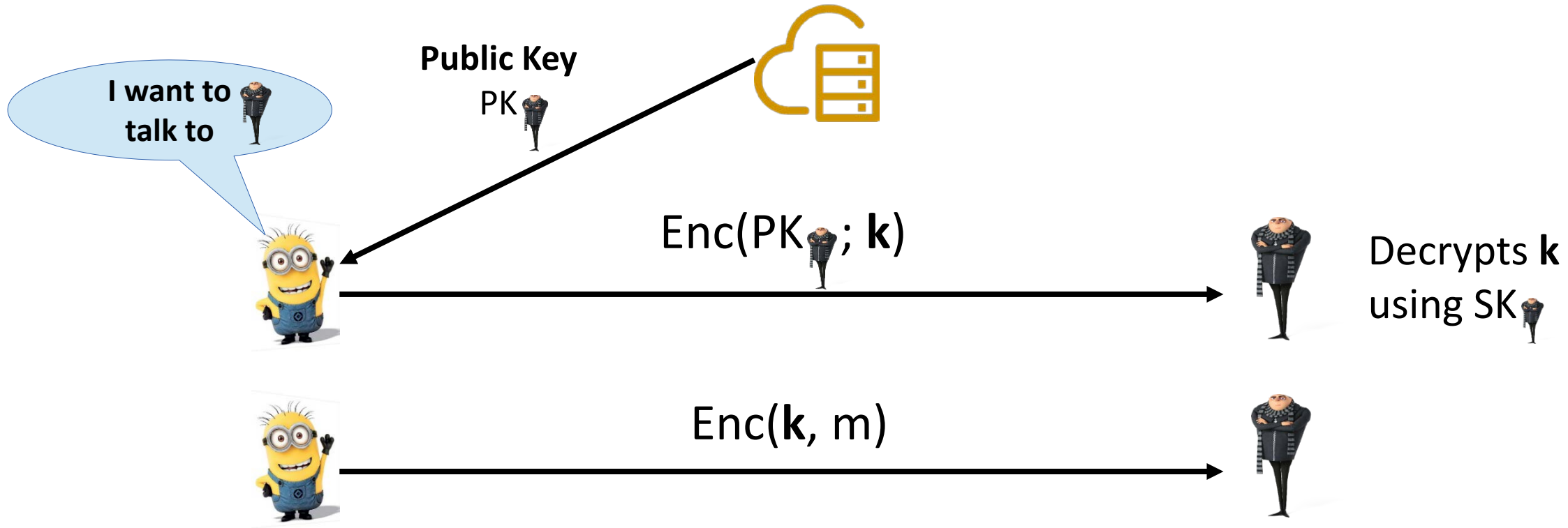
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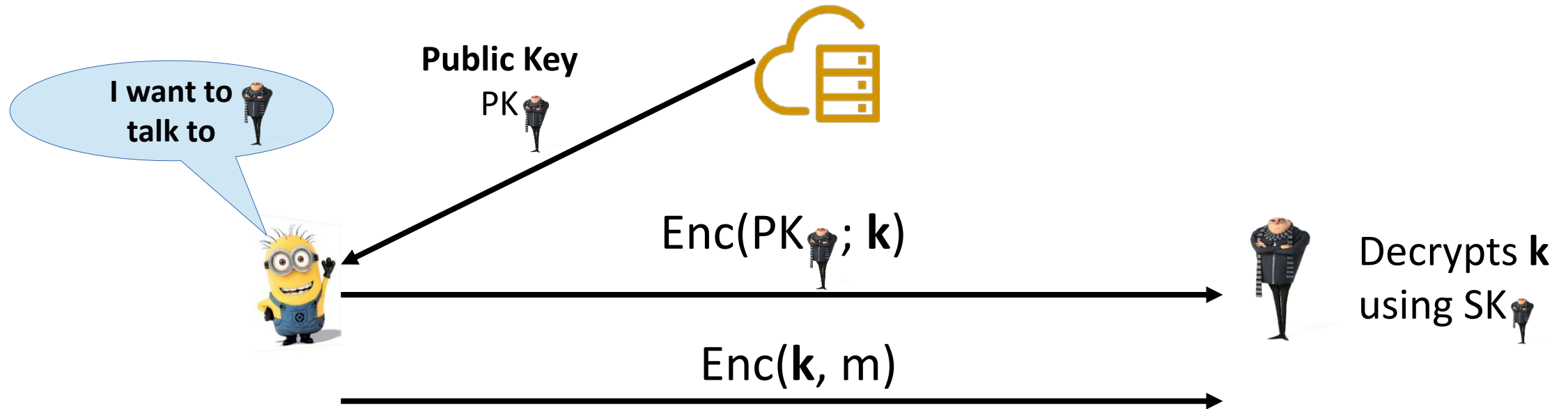
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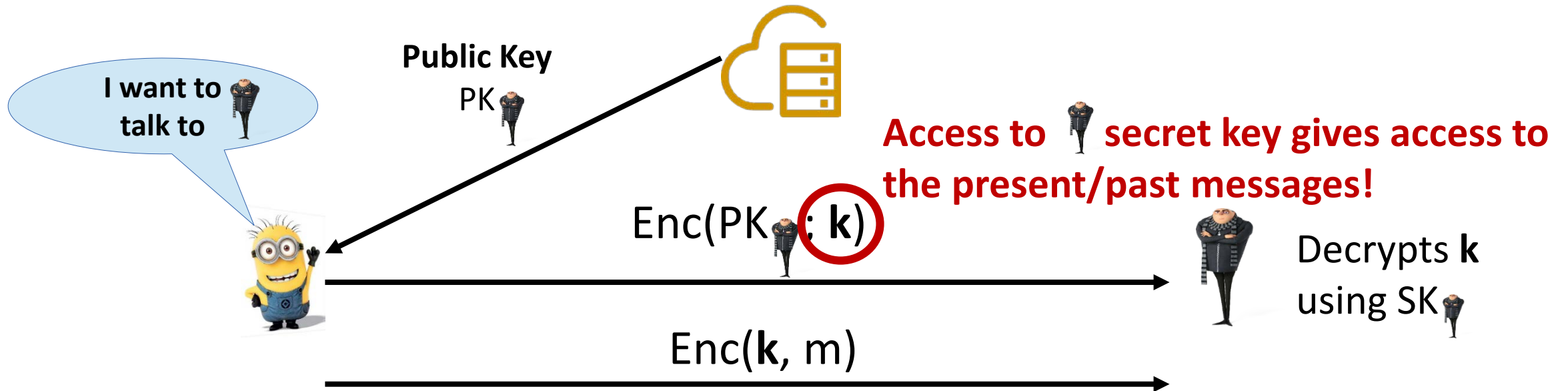
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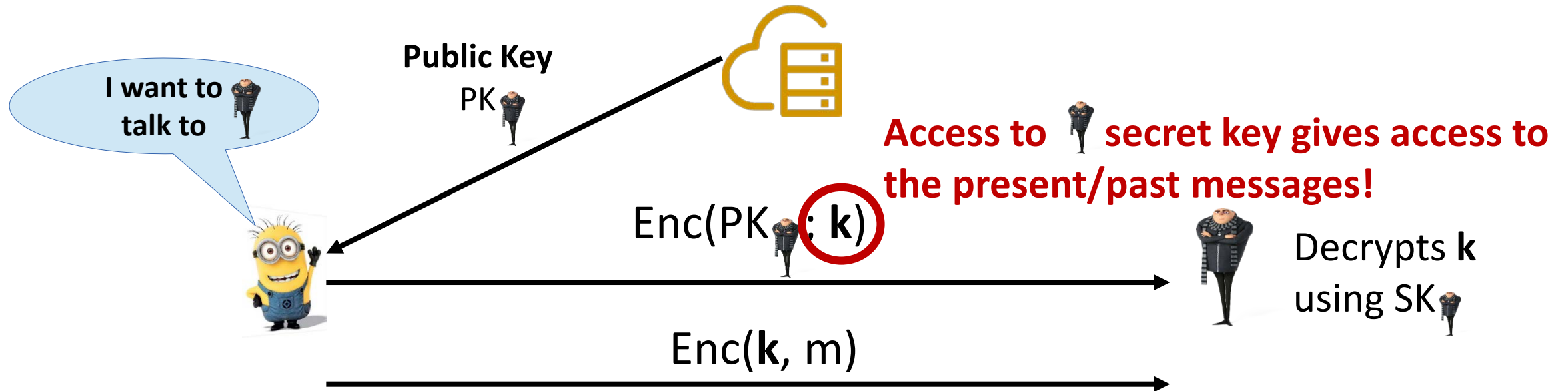
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How can we obtain this property??

# The math you need for the basics

Arithmetic modulo a number: clock arithmetic

$$6 \pmod{12} = 6 \pmod{12}$$

$$12 \pmod{12} = 0 \pmod{12}$$

$$14 \pmod{12} = 2 \pmod{12}$$

Arithmetic modulo a large prime  $p$  ( $>1024$  bits)

Addition and multiplication  $\pmod{p}$  can be computed

Exponentiation can be computed [Given  $(a, x) \rightarrow a^x \pmod{p}$ ]

Discrete logarithms are **HARD**! [Given  $(a, a^x \pmod{p}) \rightarrow x$ ]

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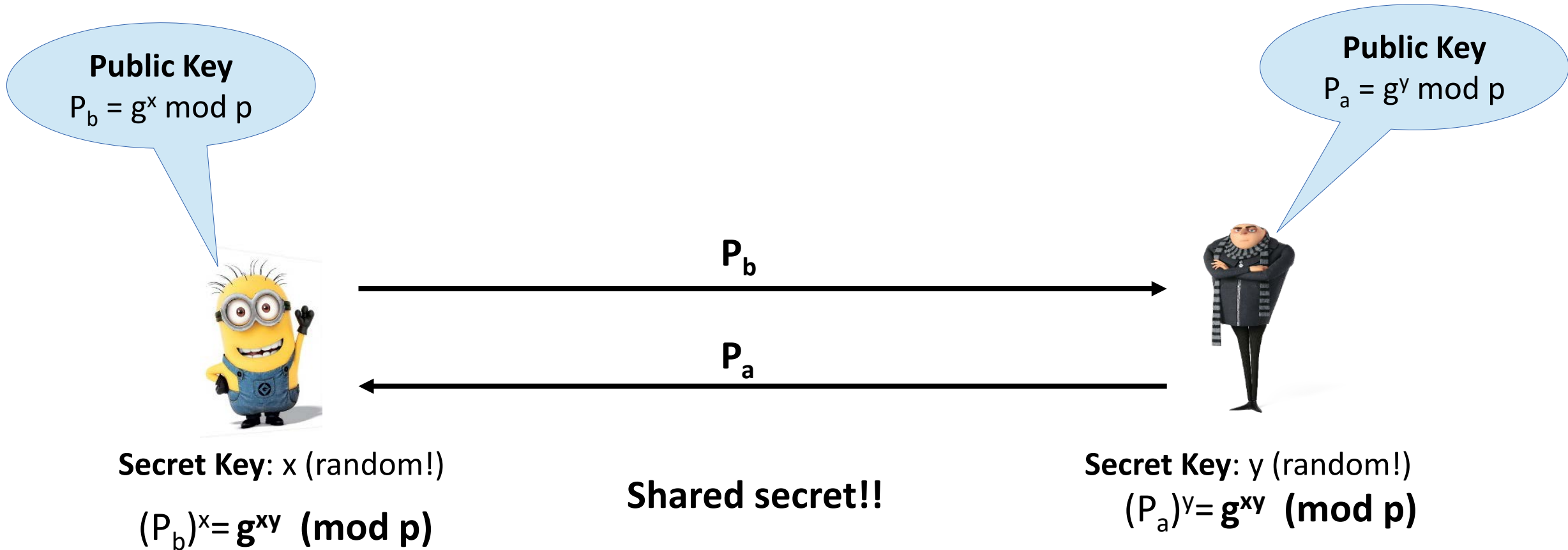


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- Integrity / Authentication: Message Authentication Codes (MACs)

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- Confidentiality: Encryption
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## **Hash functions**

- Three security properties
- Support Digital Signatures + other functions

## **Hybrid encryption**

best both worlds!

## **Forward secrecy**

Diffie Hellman

# Unanswered questions

- How do I build a block cipher?
- How do I build a stream cipher?
- How do I build a hash function?
- How do I implement those?

On the basis of this course: **Do not!**

And only use well established and standardised modes of operation and protocols

Use well established, audited libraries