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Practical Cryptographic

Systems

Introduction

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Intro

- What is a Cryptographic System?
 - A security system
 - Uses cryptography
- Many fascinating ways to get it wrong!
 - “Practical”: People actually use it & depend on it



DVD-Cracking Teen Acquitted

Associated Press  01.07.03



Bluetooth Hacking - How to hack a mobile phone using "Super Bluetooth Hack" /

Cell phone, VoIP technologies lack security, experts say

Microsoft fixes Windows crypto bug reported by the NSA

Fixes were released today part of the Microsoft's January 2020 Patch Tuesday.

Please see below for details.

The DROWN Attack



DROWN check

Paper

Q&A

DROWN is a serious vulnerability that affects HTTPS and other services that rely on SSL and TLS, some of the essential cryptographic protocols for Internet security. These protocols allow everyone on the Internet to browse the web, use email, shop online, and send instant messages without third-parties being able to read the communication.

DROWN allows attackers to break the encryption and read or steal sensitive

The fact that 104-bit WEP has been cracked is in itself not new. What is new is the speed with which the attack works.

Researchers claim GSM calls can be hacked on the cheap.

Cards

OpenSSH

Motivation

- Building (successful) systems requires more than cryptographic expertise
 - Though it's a prerequisite!
- It's cross-disciplinary:
 - Crypto
 - Information Security
 - Software Engineering
 - Hardware Engineering
 - UI, Policy, etc...

This course

- Not a theoretical course in cryptography
 - We'll cover the basics, but aim is to apply cryptography
- Practice-oriented tutorial
 - examine how systems fail
 - how we can design against it
 - what can't we design against
- Driven by your questions & the news

What you'll come away with

- A grounding in cryptographic techniques
 - The right algorithms
 - Strengths & weaknesses, applicability
 - A feel for the design/evaluation process
 - Introduction to standards (e.g., FIPS)
 - Enough to know where to look for more
- Knowledge of our own limitations
 - Building secure systems is hard (even for experts)

Grading, Text

- **Grading Policy:**
 - **10% Written Homework**
 - **40% Exams (Midterm & Final)**
 - **40% Assignments**
 - **10% Class participation**
- **Texts:**
 - **Katz/Lindell: Modern Cryptography**
 - **Anderson: Security Engineering**

Syllabus / Piazza / BB

- <https://github.com/matthewdgreen/practicalcrypto/wiki/Spring-2020-Syllabus>
- <https://piazza.com/class/k5vc9i32mhl5l1>
(or go to Piazza, search for class name/number)
- We'll use Blackboard to submit assignments
(and nothing else!)

Programming

- The assignments in this class involve writing code
 - We will primarily use Go
 - It's your responsibility to give us working assignments that build/run
 - Anything other than a working assignment is a failure

Course Guidelines

- Do:
 - **Read the news!**
Twitter, Slashdot, ArsTechnica, etc.
 - **Bring up interesting topics & recent attacks you'd like to learn more about**
- Don't:
 - **Cheat*****
 - **Get me arrested**



Readings & Assignment

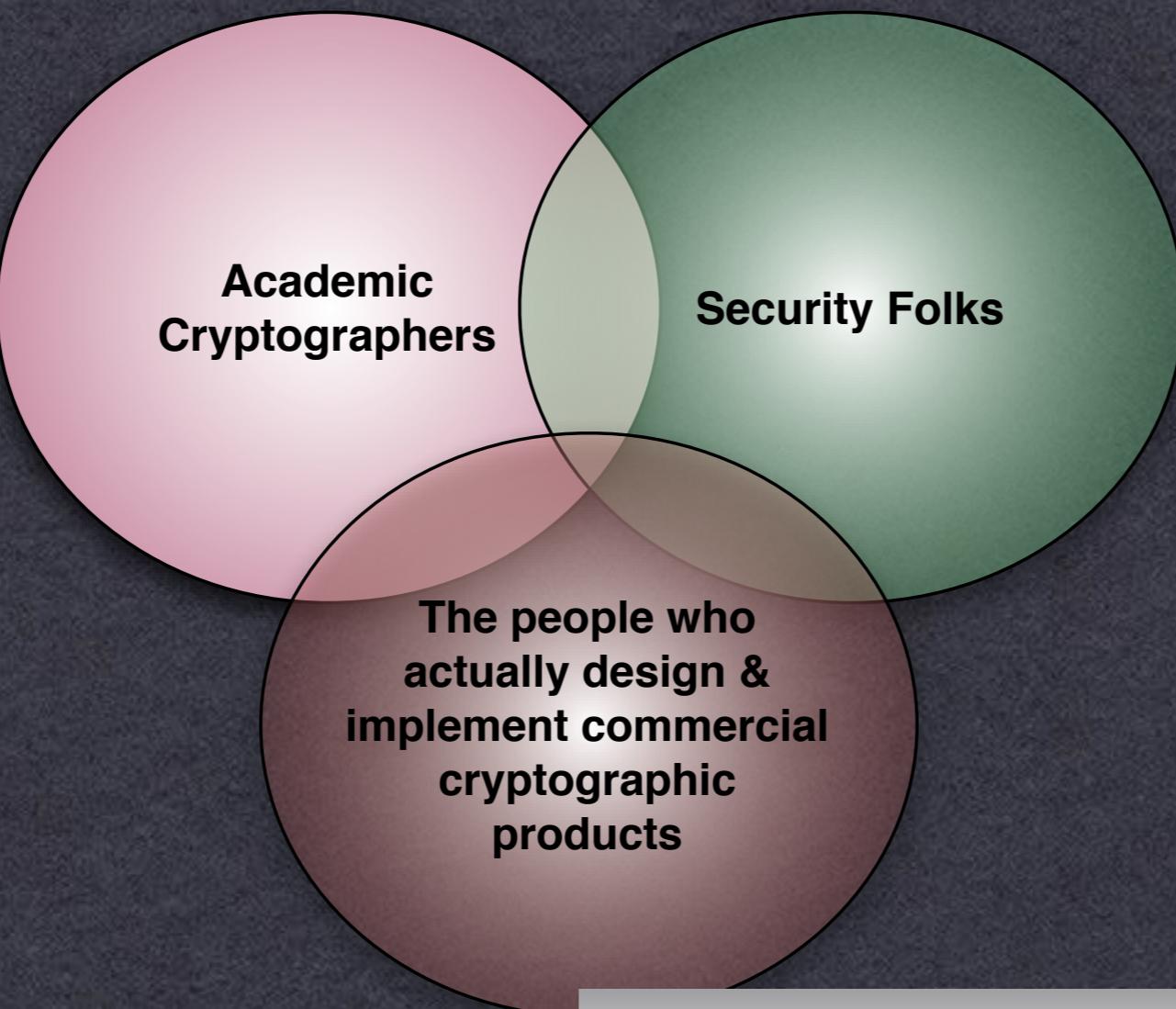
- Assigned each week
 - You must read them, be prepared to discuss in class
 - These wil be covered in written assignments on the homework, as well as exams

Incidentals

- Travel
 - From time to time I might not be here
 - Someone else will cover for me
 - I'm going to assign reading!

Today





Simple, Unbreakable Encryption.



**Academic
Cryptographers**

Security Folks

The people who
actually design &
implement commercial
cryptographic
products



Simple, Unbreakable Encryption.

solutions



Security Failure

- When systems fail:
 - Researchers get published
 - \$\$\$ lost
 - Private information compromised
 - People die (?)

Two arrested for stealing Jeeps -- using laptops

KHOU-TV

10:31 p.m. EDT August 4, 2016



HOUSTON — Police say charges have been filed against two suspects believed to be responsible for the theft and illegal export of more than 100 vehicles -- using laptop computers.

POPULAR USA TODAY





Concept

Primitives

Protocols

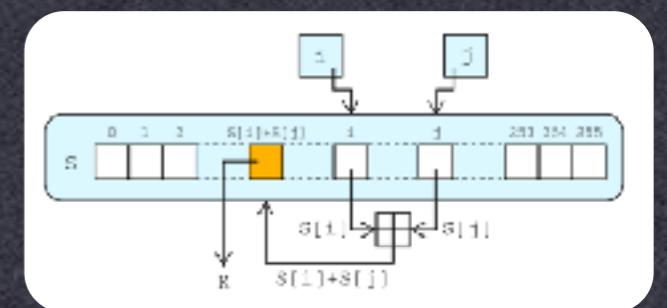
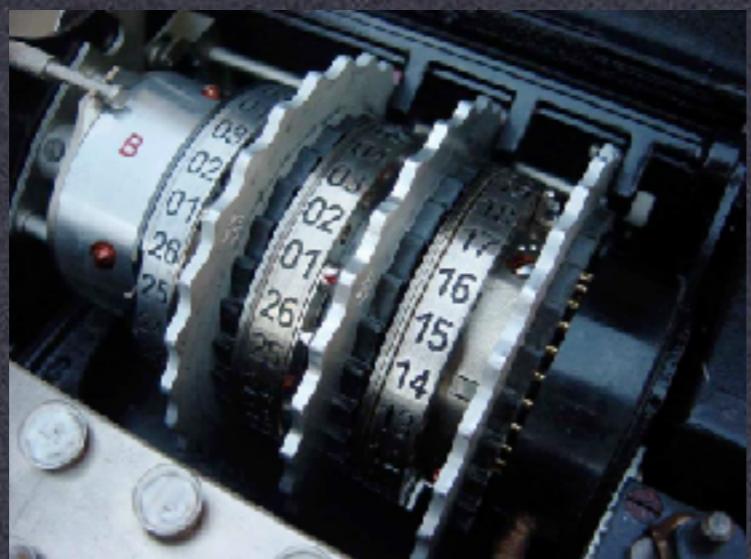
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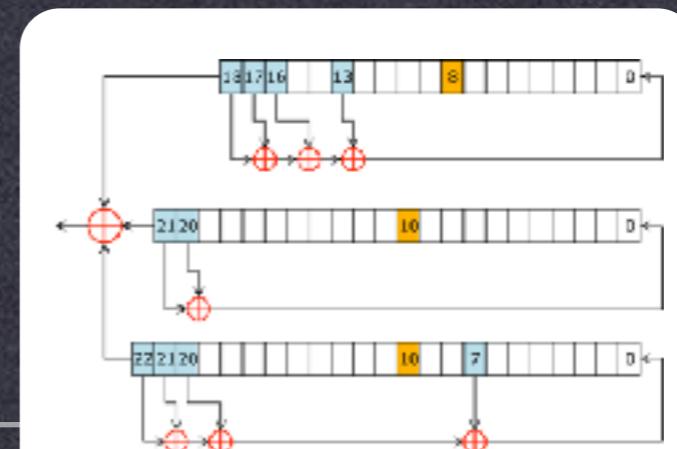
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- Codes, ciphers, encryption schemes, MACs, etc.:
 - Classically, an attack on the “system” meant an attack on the primitive
 - History is littered with broken primitives



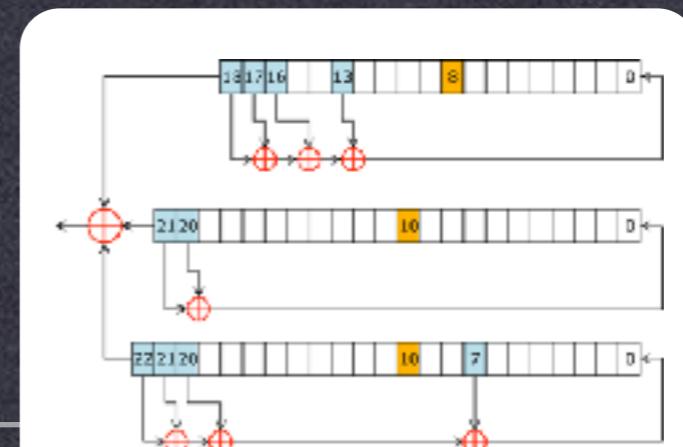
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- Practical Example: GSM encryption
 - A5/0: No encryption
 - A5/1: Based on LFSRs
 - A5/2: Weakened A5/1
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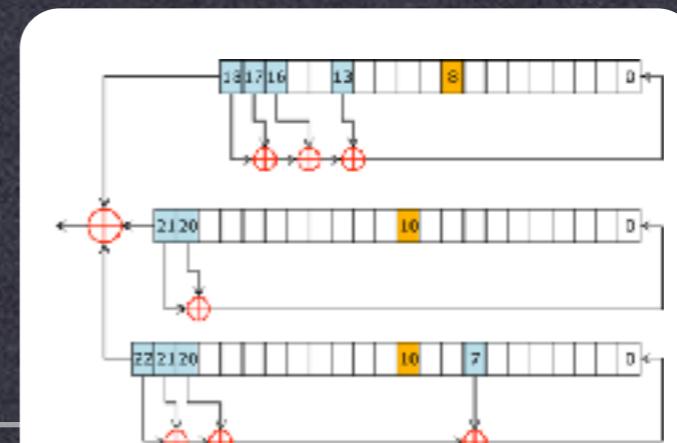
The New York Times

Cellphone Encryption Code Is Divulged

By KEVIN J. O'BRIEN

Published: December 28, 2009

BERLIN — A German computer engineer said Monday that he had deciphered and published the secret code used to encrypt most of the world's digital mobile phone calls, saying it was his attempt to expose weaknesses in the security of global wireless systems.



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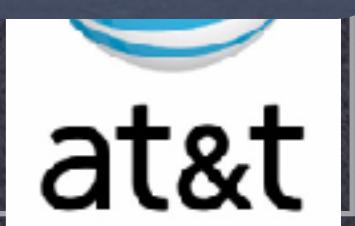
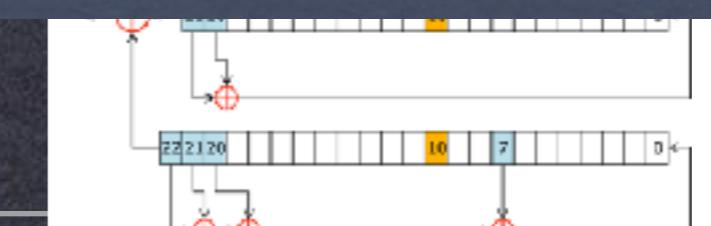


threat post
The Kaspersky Lab Security News Service

January 11, 2010, 4:57PM

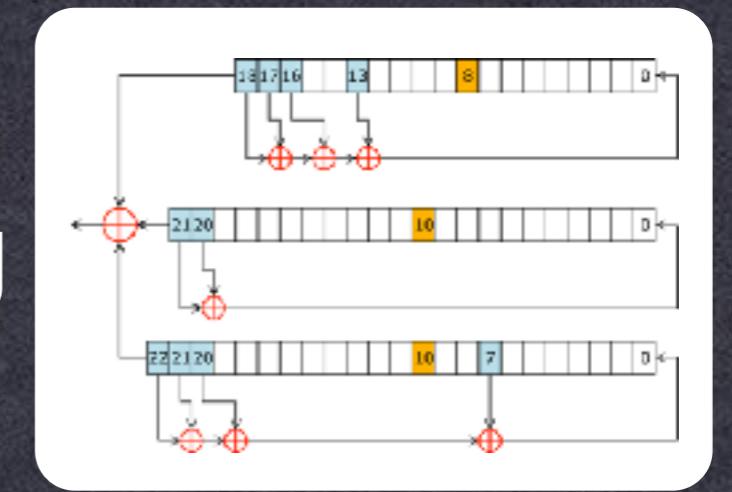
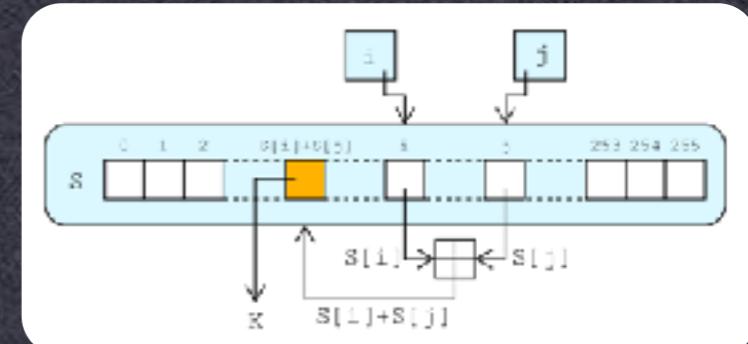
A Second GSM Cipher Falls

A group of cryptographers has developed a new attack that has broken Kasumi, the encryption algorithm used to secure traffic on 3G GSM wireless networks. The technique enables them to recover a full key by using a tactic known as a related-key attack, but experts say it is not the end of the world for Kasumi.



Primitives

- Typical problems:
 - Using the wrong ones (& homebrew crypto)
 - Or using the right ones... wrong
- E.g., RC4 in WEP



Virtual Matrix Encryption (VME) is a data security method and apparatus that provides an exceptional degree of security at low computational cost. The data security arrangement differs from known data security measures in several fundamental aspects. Most notably, the content of the message is not sent with the encrypted data. Rather, the encrypted data consists of pointers to locations within a virtual matrix, a large (arbitrarily large), continuously-changing array of values.

Primitives

- Sometimes the “right” primitives stop being right...
 - The great Hash Function Adventure of 200X (MD5 broken, SHA1 -- sort of)

MD5 considered harmful today

Creating a rogue CA certificate



Primitives

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 - More recently:

Schneier on Security

A blog covering security and security technology.

[« Risks of Cloud Computing](#) | [Main](#) | [Nuclear Self-Terrorization](#)

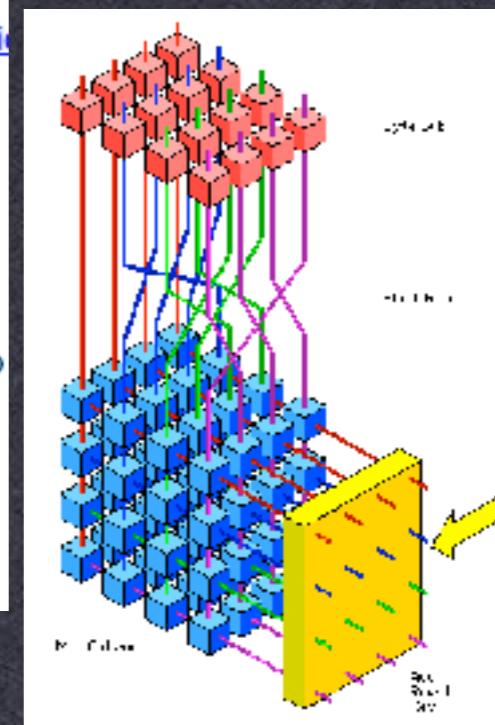
July 30, 2009

Another New AES Attack

A new and very impressive attack against [AES](#) has just been announced.

Over the past couple of months, there have [been two](#) (the second blogged about [here](#)) new cryptanalysis papers on AES. The attacks presented in the papers are not practical -- they're far too complex, they're related-key attacks, and they're against larger-key versions and not the 128-bit version that most implementations use -- but they are impressive pieces of work all the same.

This new attack, by Alex Biryukov, Orr Dunkelman, Nathan Keller, Dmitry Khovratovich, and Adi Shamir, is much more devastating. It is a completely practical attack against ten-round AES-256:



Protocols

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- Classical cryptographic protocol:



Encrypted Message

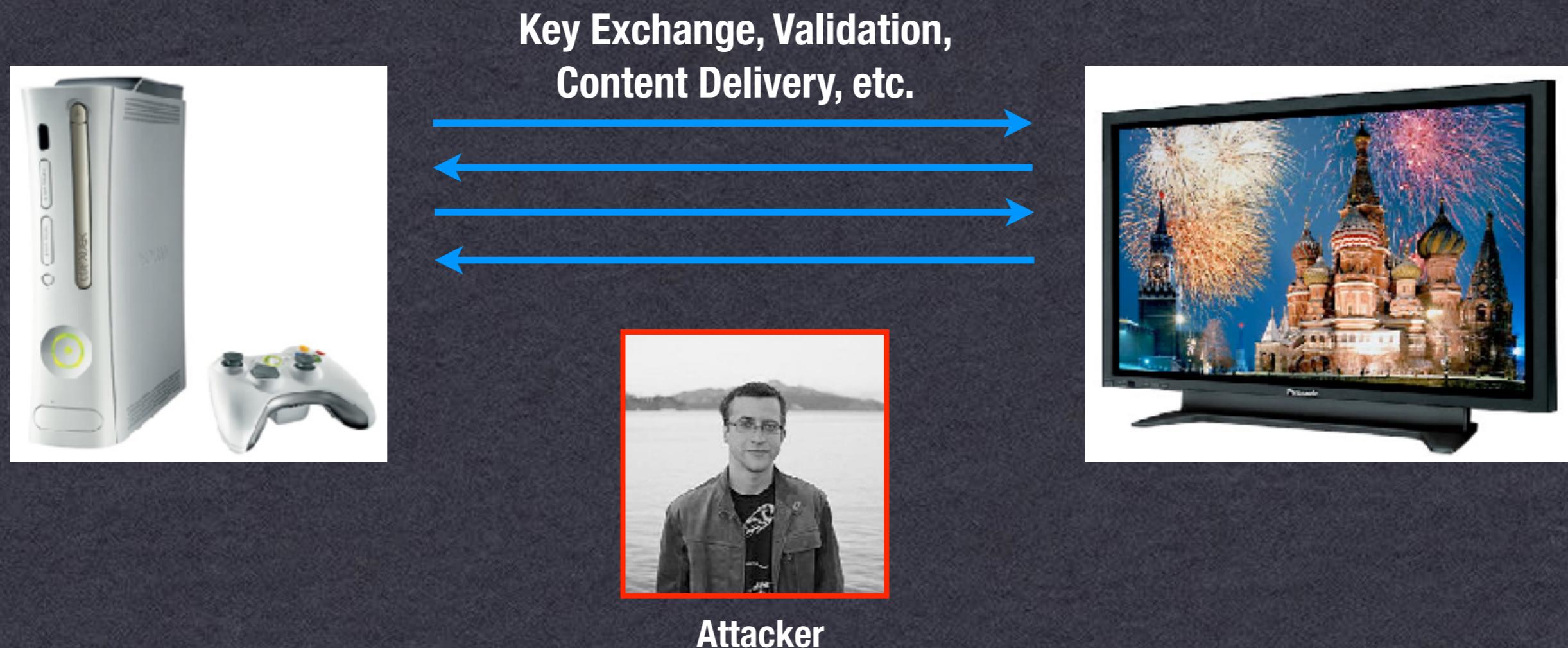


Attacker



Protocols

- Modern cryptographic protocol:



Protocol examples:

- Vehicle remote control/immobilizer
 - Only legitimate owner can start the car/ unlock the doors, etc.



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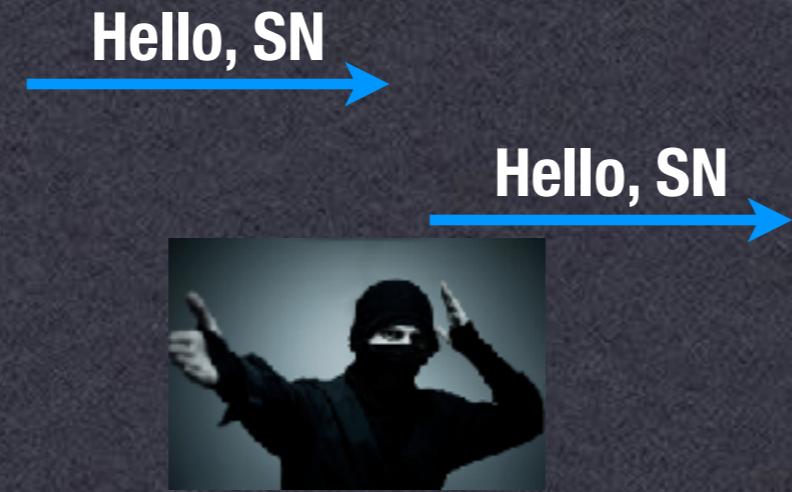
Hello, SN



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 - Vulnerable to “replay attack”



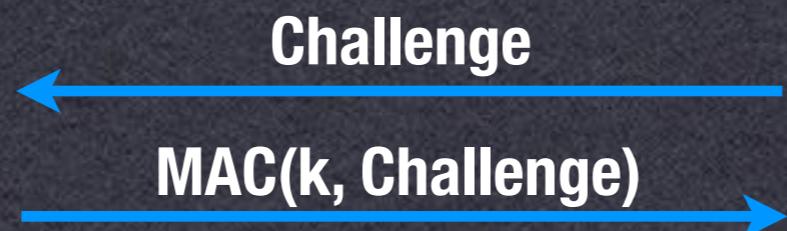
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Protocol examples:

- Solution: Challenge-Response
 - “Identification Friend or Foe”
 - Key is never broadcast over the air



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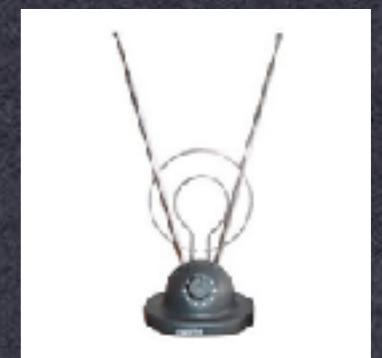
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MITM

- Man in the Middle Attack
 - Route communications between car & keyfob
 - Don't have to break the protocol ---- just abuse it



Challenge
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 $\xrightarrow{\quad}$



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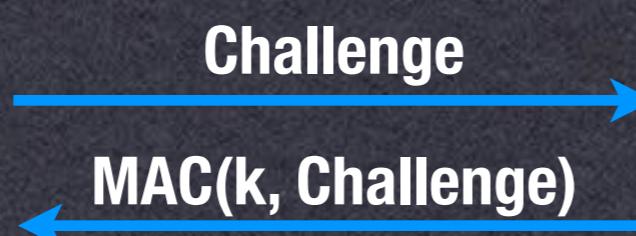
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MITM

- Not just theoretical...
 - Anderson [Chap 2]
 - Military radars use a similar technique to identify friendly aircraft
 - How do we fix this?



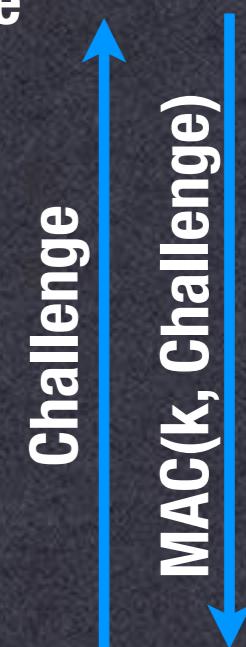
S.A. Radar



Cuban Attacker

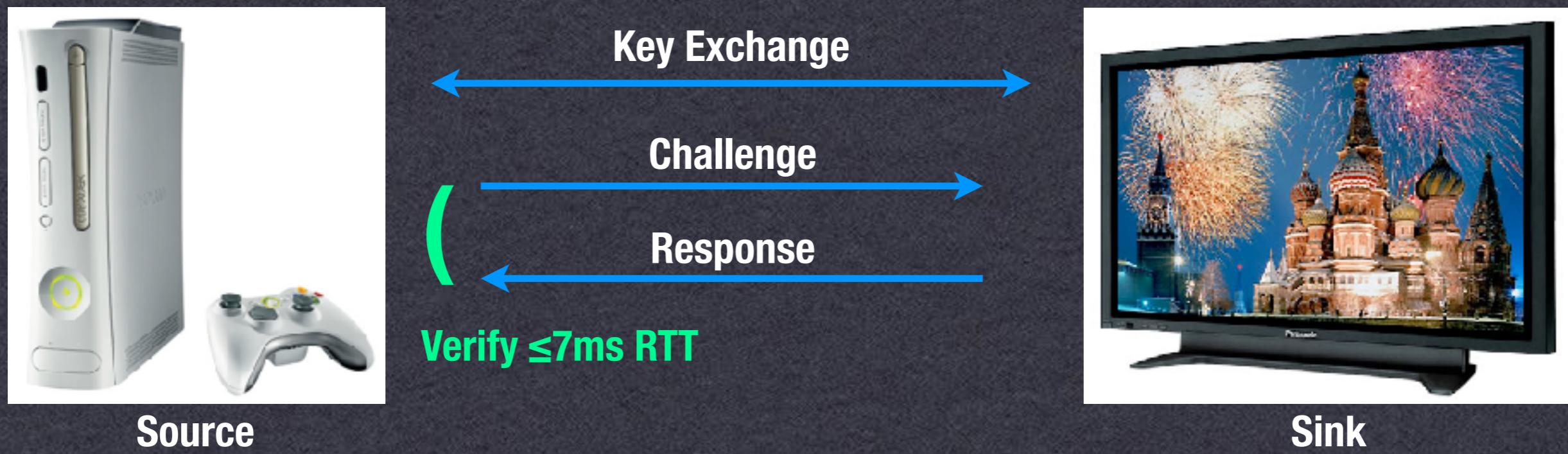


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Round Trip Timing

- The case of DTCP-IP
 - Content transport protocol
 - Concern: prevent user from sharing content over the Internet
 - Ensure that Sink is within 7ms of Source



Round Trip Timing



Establish Shared Key K

For attempt N = 0 to 1023

$N, C = \text{HASH1}(K \mid N)$

$R = \text{HASH2}(K \mid N)$

Check that $R = \text{HASH2}(K + N)$
and response time within 7 ms
(If not, retry)

Ok, I'm happy!

Check that $C = \text{HASH}(K \mid N)$

This check happens
way too late!

Implementation

Implementation

- Sadly, this is where most systems fail
 - Particularly if they're software-based



⚠ Vulnerability in Citrix Presentation Server could result in cryptographic settings not being correctly enforced

Oracle Security Alert #37

Created: 1 August, 2002
Updated: 5 August, 2002
Updated: 9 August, 2002
Updated: 24 September, 2002

OpenSSL Security Vulnerability

Description:

There are remotely exploitable buffer overflow vulnerabilities in OpenSSL versions prior to 0.9.6e.

These vulnerabilities may allow a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code or perform a denial-of-service (DoS) attack.

CONSOLE HACKING 2008: WII FAIL

Is implementation the enemy of design?

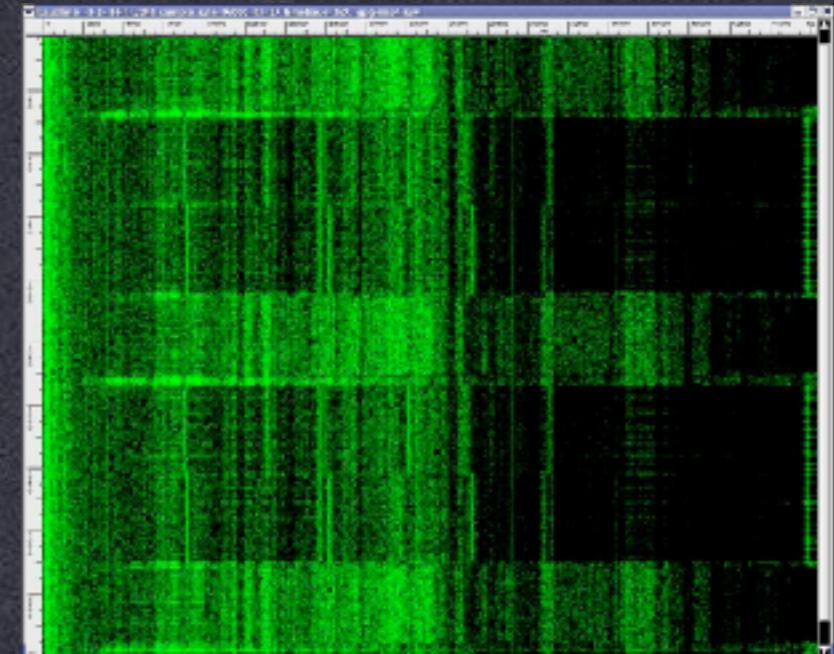
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Implementation

- Typical problems:
 - Poor protocol implementation
 - Bad PRNGs
 - Software vulnerabilities
 - Untrusted platforms
 - Side channel attacks
 - Weak hardware

KIM ZETTER SECURITY 01.08.16 7:00 AM
NEW DISCOVERY AROUND JUNIPER BACKDOOR RAISES MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMPANY

USN-612-2: OpenSSH vulnerability



Software

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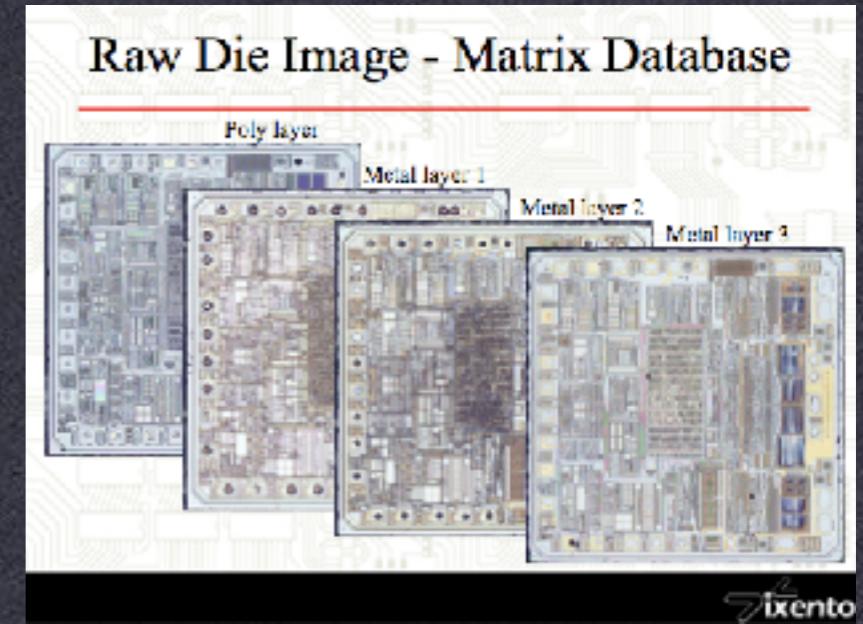
Software

- More sophisticated issues
 - Which cryptographic libraries to use?
 - How to manage keys?
(hint: not like this)

```
#define DESKEY ((des_key*)"F2654hD4")
```
 - Will keys be booted out into swap?

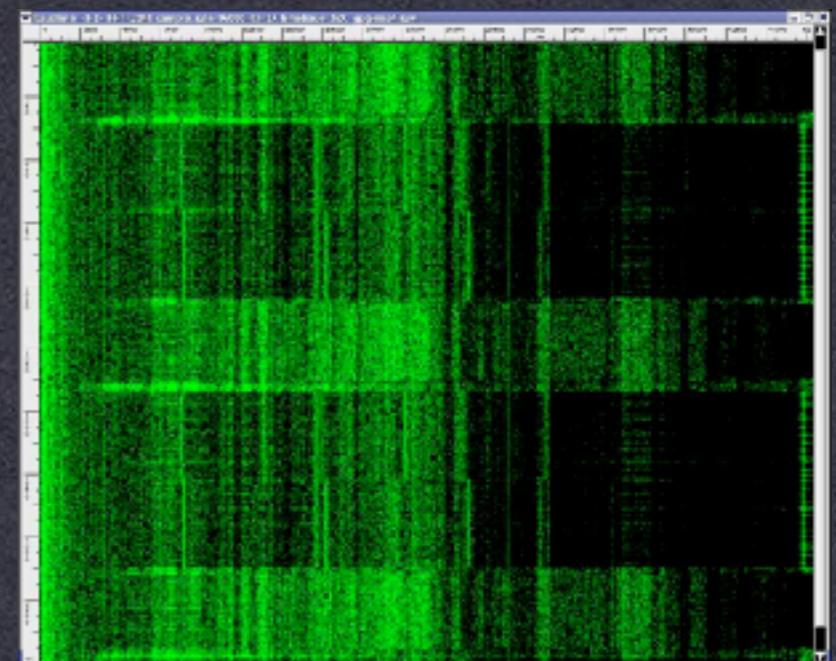
Hardware

- May lead to a false sense of security
 - The notion that the bad guys can't crack open/reverse engineer your system
- Tamper-evidence
 - Detect malicious activity
- Tamper-Resistance
 - Better
 - Depends on who's tampering, and how.



Side-Channel Attacks

- Even when perfectly implemented
 - System can leak information through a “side channel”: EM, power consumption, audio, timing
 - E.g., recovering RSA keys via low-bandwidth audio -- using a cellphone!



Usage

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- **Unfortunately, users may be your greatest foe**
 - **Weak password choices, refusal to change defaults**
 - **Insistence on backdoors, fail-open mechanisms**
 - **Loss of key material, data**
 - **And so far we're talking about the honest users!**

Usage

- **Insider attacks:**
 - Almost impossible to deal with
 - Ultimately relies on policy, vigilance
 - Where possible:
 - minimize trust
 - provide for renewability

Concept

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- Certain things cannot be done
 - Perfect (software) DRM (i.e., user can watch/play/use the encrypted content, but can't decrypt it themselves)
 - Cryptographic software obfuscation (general case)
- Ok, if you understand:
 - These systems can at most

Studios' DVDs Face a Crack in Security

By JOHN MARKOFF
Published: January 1, 2007

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 — An anonymous computer programmer may have skewed the competition over standards for high-definition DVD discs by possibly defeating a scheme that both sides use to protect digital content.

DirecTV zaps hackers

Kevin Poulsen, SecurityFocus 2001-01-25

Wednesday, Aug

Microsoft Patches DRM Hack



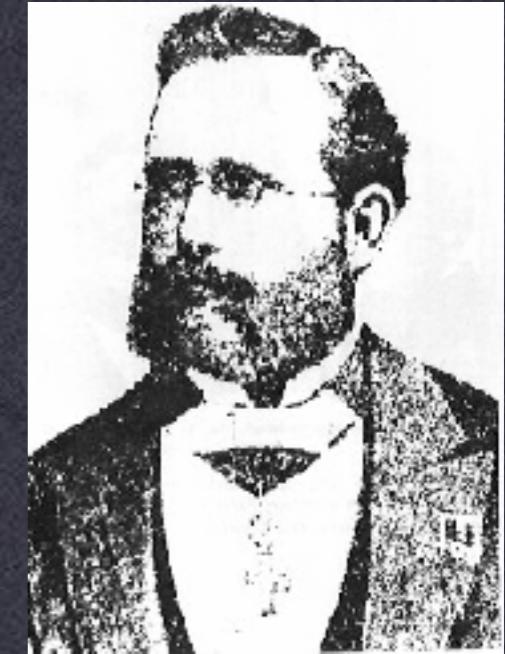
Microsoft has responded to an application that threads DRM encoding from Windows Media Files, and released a patch.

Enthusiasts website [Engadget.com](#) had reported on a program called [FairUse4WM](#) able to remove DRM information from files to allow playback on any device.

Kerckhoffs' Principle(s)

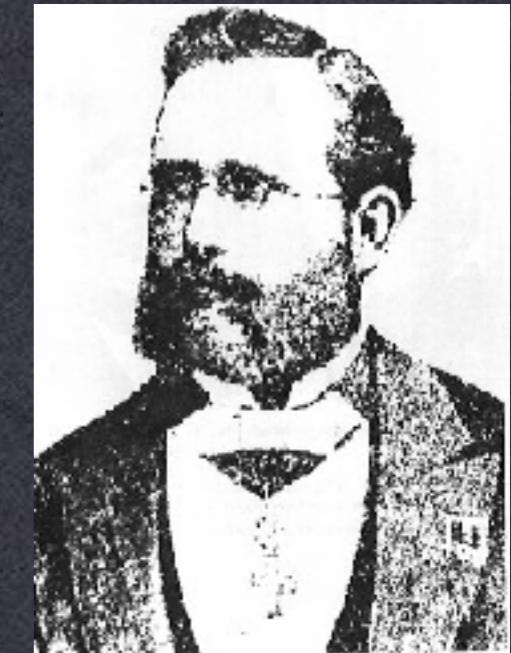
- **Auguste Kerckhoffs (1835-1903)**

1. The system must be practically, if not mathematically, indecipherable;
2. It must not be required to be secret, and it must be able to fall into the hands of the enemy without inconvenience;
3. Its key must be communicable and retainable without the help of written notes, and changeable or modifiable at the will of the correspondents;
4. It must be applicable to telegraphic correspondence;
5. It must be portable, and its usage and function must not require the concourse of several people;
6. Finally, it is necessary, given the circumstances that command its application, that the system be easy to use, requiring neither mental strain nor the knowledge of a long series of rules to observe.



Kerckhoffs' Principle(s)

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“The enemy knows the System”
-- Claude Shannon’s Maxim

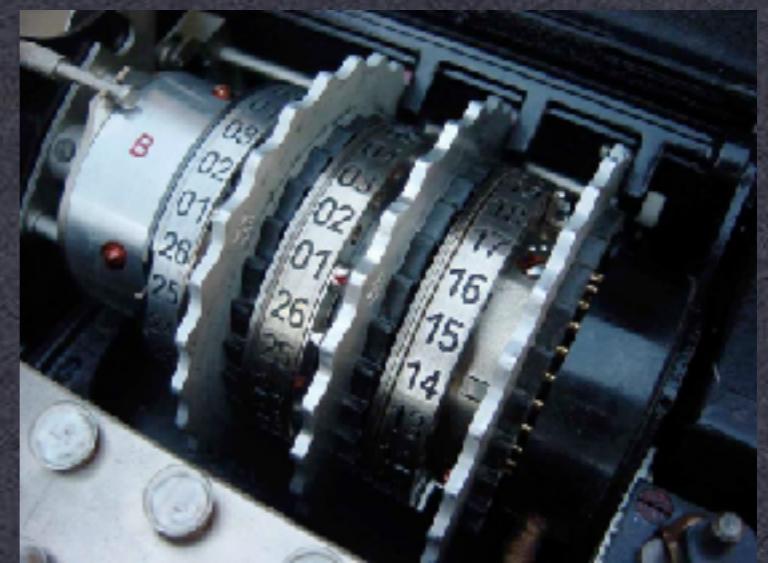
Don't worry!

- I'm not all doom & gloom
 - We can do some things very well
 - Other things fairly well
 - Still others... well-ish
- We can certainly do better than most

**GOING FORWARD:
THE NEXT FEW WEEKS**

Part 1

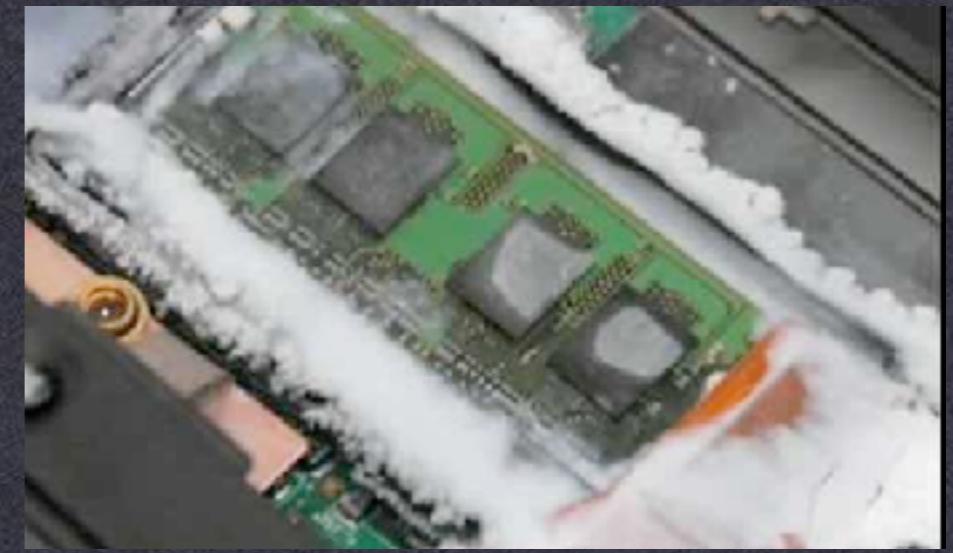
- Re-introduction to Crypto... at high speed:
 - Classical cryptography
 - Symmetric-key encryption & block ciphers
 - AES, ChaCha
 - Public-key cryptography
 - Diffie-Hellman, RSA



Enigma image from Wikipedia, used under GFDL.

Part 2

- Exploiting Software:
 - Crypto vulnerabilities and where they turn up
- Physical security
 - Tamper-resistance
 - Hardware Security Modules
 - Fault attacks



Part 3

- Reductionist security & protocols
 - Proving the security of a construction
 - Analyzing protocols that fail
- Random number generation
- Security evaluation
 - What a security evaluation process looks like
 - The FIPS standards

A Note on Ethics

- We'll be discussing vulnerabilities in many systems
 - Some have been fixed
 - You might find more
 - It goes without saying: exploiting systems is often a crime. Be careful.
 - Important to disclose vulnerabilities responsibly

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