

Computer Security

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MAC/MIC

- Message authentication/integrity code
- Not taking notes on what he's talking about rn because I don't know the context but I'll come back and figure it out

Message Authentication Codes

- MAC
- Has requirements but he's moving pretty quickly so I'll have to come back for this too

Attempt #1 - Does this work or not?

- Compute residue using Key k
- Attach MAC to the plaintext P
- Encrypt the concatenated quantity $P \parallel \text{MAC}$ using the same key K to produce C
- Transmit C to receiver
- Receiver decrypts received C' with K to get $P' \parallel \text{MAC}'$
- Receiver computes $\text{MAC}(P')$ using K and compares to received MAC'
- A better explanation (I think?)
 - You have M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4
 - You create Residue R using MAC
 - Your ciphertext $C = E(M_1 \parallel M_2 \parallel M_3 \parallel M_4 \parallel R)$
 - * E = encrypt
 - C goes to Bob
 - I don't entirely get how he said decryption works
 - Probably important to mention that the encryption is CBC, I think he said DES-CBC but I'm not sure
- Residue will always be the last block of ciphertext
- Need something stricter to guarantee security

Attempt #2

- I missed the details, but the gist: good cryptographic quality but it's too expensive. Requires two separate, full encryptions with different keys

Attempt #3

- Sender computes an **error detection code** $F(P)$ of plaintext P
- Sender concatenates P and $F(P)$ and encrypts it, $C = E(P \parallel F(P))$
- You need a long CRC, whatever the fuck that is

Secret Key Cryptography Summary

- Last lecture on secret key cryptography
- ECB is not secure
 - CBC is most commonly used mode of operation
- Triple-DES (with 2 keys) is much stronger than normal DES
 - Usually uses EDE in outer chaining mode
- MACs use crypto to authenticate messages at a small cost of additional storage/bandwidth, but this has a high computational cost