Information Security CS 3002

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Symmetric Encryption



E, D: Algorithms k: secret key

m: plaintext c: ciphertext

Encryption algorithm Should be publicly known

Early days techniques

- Confusion
 - Replacing of some bit strings with other bit strings
 - Also called substitution or Caesar's cipher

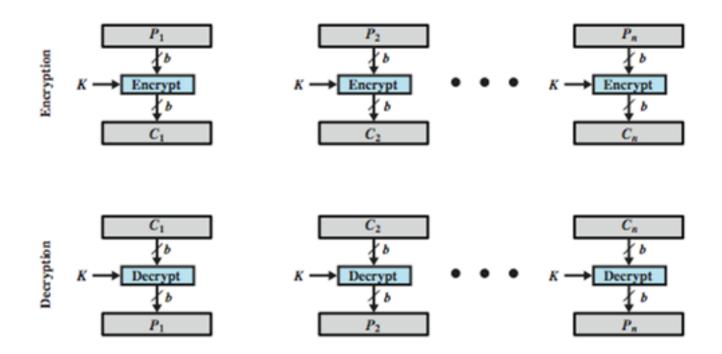


- Diffusion
 - Changing order of bit strings
 - Also called permutation/transposition



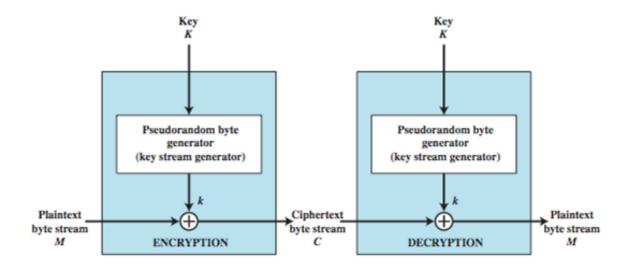
Block Cipher

- Processes the plaintext input in fixed-size blocks
- produces a block of cipher text of equal size for each plaintext block.



Stream Cipher

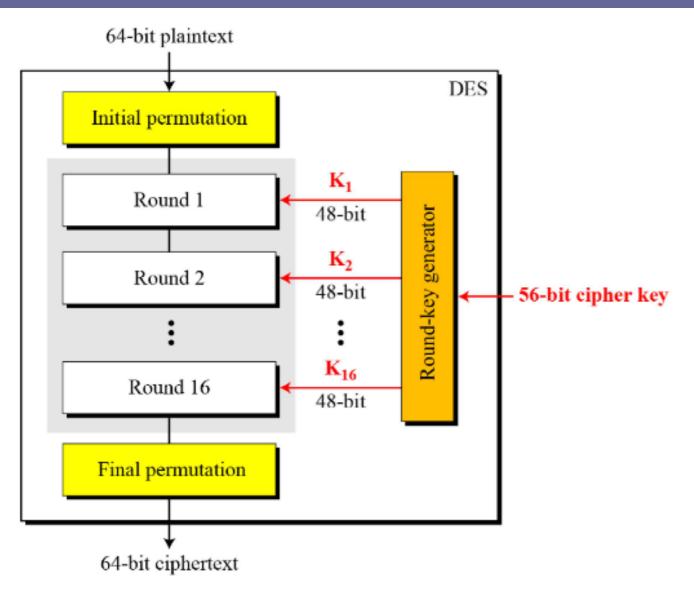
- Processes the input elements (typically 1 byte at a time) continuously, producing output one element at a time
- With a properly designed pseudorandom number generator, a stream cipher can be as secure as block cipher of comparable key length.
- The primary advantage of a stream cipher is that stream ciphers are almost always faster and use far less code than do block ciphers.
- The advantage of a block cipher is that you can reuse keys.



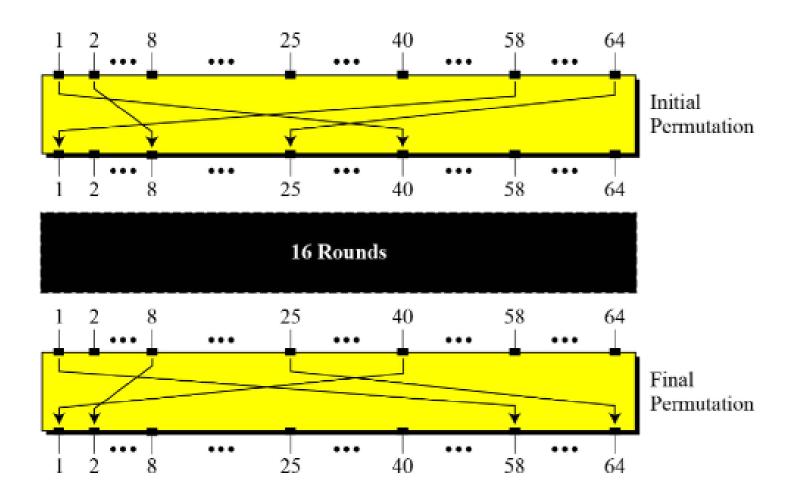
Data Encryption Standard (DES)

- Data Encryption Standard (DES) is the most widely used encryption scheme
 - uses 64 bit plaintext block and 56 bit key to produce a 64 bit cipher text block
 - concerns about algorithm & use of 56-bit key
- Concerns
- The first concern refers to the possibility that cryptanalysis is possible by exploiting the characteristics of the DES algorithm.
- A more serious concern is key length. With a key length of 56 bits, there are 2^{56} possible keys, which is approximately 7.2×10^{16} keys which can be broken easily.

DES



Initial and final permutation steps



Initial and final permutation tables

Initial Permutation	Final Permutation						
58 50 42 34 26 18 10 02	40 08 48 16 56 24 64 32						
60 52 44 36 28 20 12 04	39 07 47 15 55 23 63 31						
62 54 46 38 30 22 14 06 64 56 48 40 32 24 16 08	38 06 46 14 54 22 62 30 37 05 45 13 53 21 61 29						
57 49 41 33 25 17 09 01	36 04 44 12 52 20 60 28						
59 51 43 35 27 19 11 03	35 03 43 11 51 19 59 27						
61 53 45 37 29 21 13 05	34 02 42 10 50 18 58 26						
63 55 47 39 31 23 15 07	33 01 41 09 49 17 57 25						

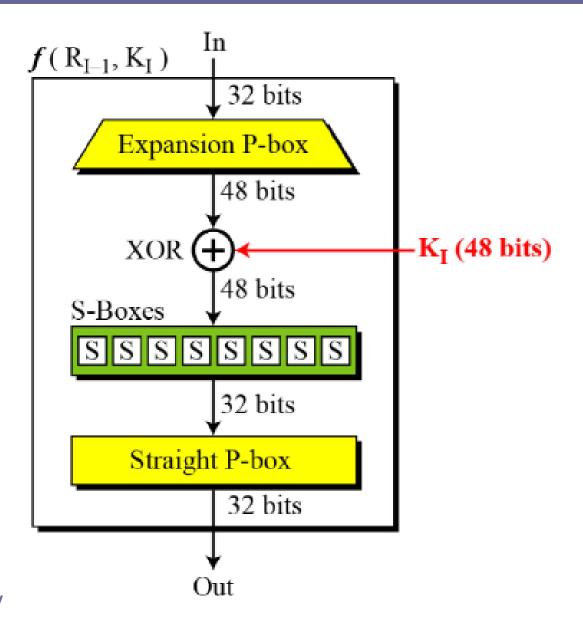
A round in DES (Feistel cipher)

 L_{I-1} R_{I-1} Mixer $f(\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{I-1}},\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{I}})$ K_I A round in DES Round (encryption site) Swapper R_{I} 32 bits 32 bits

32 bits

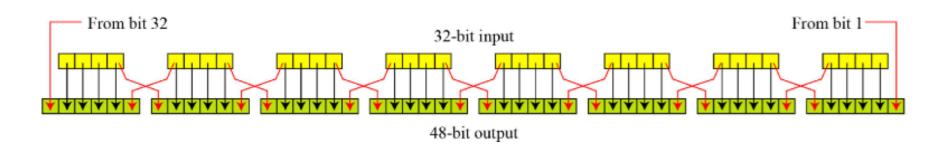
32 bits

DES function



Expansion mechansim

Expansion permutation

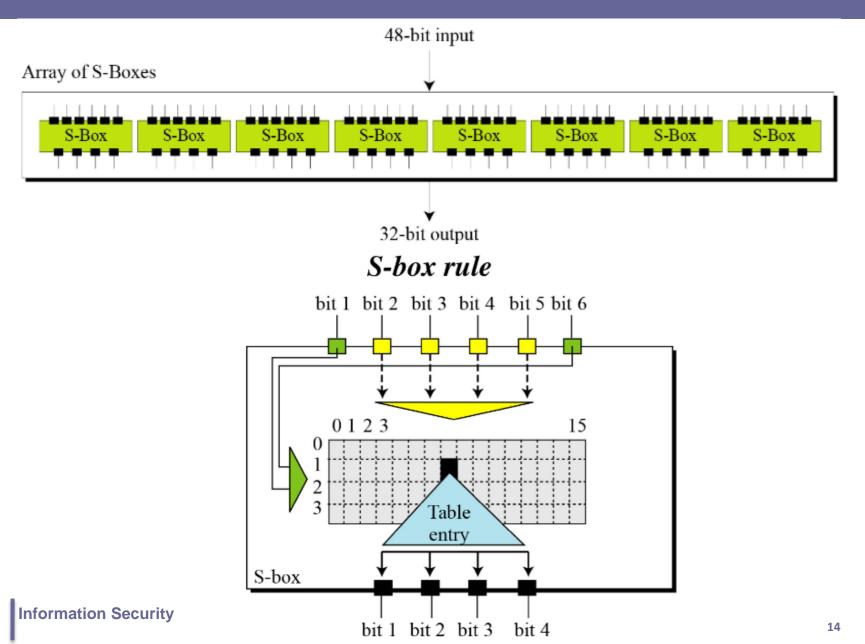


Expansion table

Expansion P-box table

32	01	02	03	04	05
04	05	06	07	08	09
08	09	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29
28	29	31	31	32	01

S-box



S-box

S-box 1

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	14	04	13	01	02	15	11	08	03	10	06	12	05	09	00	07
1	00	15	07	04	14	02	13	10	03	06	12	11	09	05	03	08
2	04	01	14	08	13	06	02	11	15	12	09	07	03	10	05	00
3	15	12	08	02	04	09	01	07	05	11	03	14	10	00	06	13

• If input to s-box 1 is 100011. What would be the output?

Strength Analysis

Brute Force attack

Chronology of DES Cracking					
Broken for the first time	1997				
Broken in 56 hours	1998				
Broken in 22 hours and 15 minutes	1999				
Capable of broken in 5 minutes	2021				

- Weak Keys
- Semi-weak keys
- Known plaintext attack

Triple-DES

- repeats basic DES algorithm three times
- using either two or three unique keys
 - key size of 112 or 168 bits
- much more secure but also much slower
- key size of 112 or 168 bits

Advanced Encryption Algorithm (AES)

- Because of the drawbacks of 3DES, it was not a reasonable candidate for long-term use and there was need for a better replacement to DES
- NIST called for proposals in 1997
 - efficiency, security, HW/SW suitability, 128, 256, 256 keys
- selected Rijndael in Nov 2001
- symmetric block cipher
- uses 128 bit data & 128/192/256 bit keys
- now widely available commercially