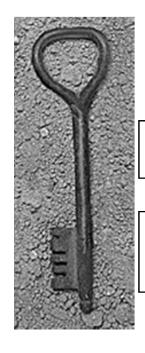


# A Brief Introduction To Cryptography



### Before We Get Started ...

- ♦ See for more information:
  - Kevin Mitnick's The Art of Deception
  - Bruce Schneier's Applied Cryptography:
     Protocols, Algorithms, and Source Code in C
  - (Many of the examples I use later are loosely based on that book)
  - Both can be downloaded from Internet



# Terminology

an "unhidden" message

transform a message to hide its meaning

Plaintext, Cleartext



Cryptographers study this process

**Encryption Method** 



Ciphertext

an encrypted message

Ciphertext



recovering meaning from ciphertext

**Decryption Method** 

Cryptanalysts study this process



Plaintext, Cleartext



# Usual Mathematical Symbols

P Plaintext

C Ciphertext

E Encryption function

D Decryption function

E(P) = C encrypting plaintext yields ciphertext

D(C) = P decrypting ciphertext yields plaintext

D(E(P)) = P decrypting encrypted plaintext yields plaintext



# Restricted Algorithm

The security of a restricted algorithm requires keeping the algorithm secret.



### **Encryption algorithm:**

Multiply the plaintext number by 2

### **Decryption algorithm:**

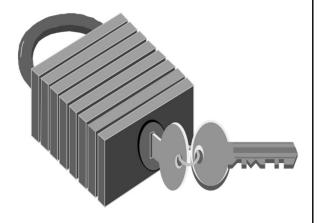
Divide the ciphertext number by 2

plaintext = SECRET = 19 5 3 18 5 20 ciphertext = 38 10 6 36 10 40



# Key-Based Algorithm

The security of key-based algorithms is based on the secrecy of the the key(s)



### **Encryption algorithm:**

Multiply the plaintext number by 2 and add key.

### **Decryption algorithm:**

Subtract key and divide the ciphertext number by 2.



### Attacks

- Types of attacks
  - ciphertext only
    - attackers only have some cipertexts in his hand
  - known plaintext
    - attackers can find some plaintext/cipertext pairs
  - chosen plaintext
    - attackers can generate ciphertext for any plaintext he selected
- ♦ Real attacks generally don't break cryptography!
  - Don't pick the lock, tunnel into the vault
  - Ex. Brute Dictionary-based password guessing Attack



# Cryptography Algorithms



### Major Types of Algorithms

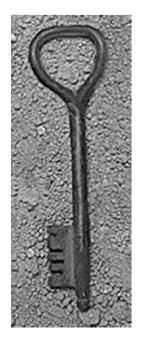
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### Secret-Key (Symmetric) Cryptography Encrypted message Encryption. Decryption. (ciphertext) 0 Alice Bob **⊕** key Message Message (plaintext) (plaintext)



# Concepts

- ◆ a private key cipher is composed of two algorithms
  - encryption algorithm E
  - decryption algorithm D
- ♦ the same key K is used for encryption & decryption
- ♦ K has to be distributed beforehand



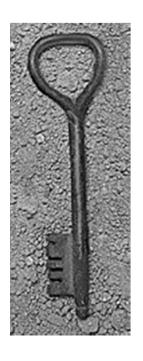
### Secret-Key (Symmetric) Cryptography: Uses

- ♦ Prevent eavesdropping
  - Must be secure channel for key exchange
- ♦ Secure storage
  - I have to remember my key
- ♦ Authentication
  - Challenge/response
  - Be careful
- ♦ Integrity Check
  - Checksum on the message; Encrypt the checksum

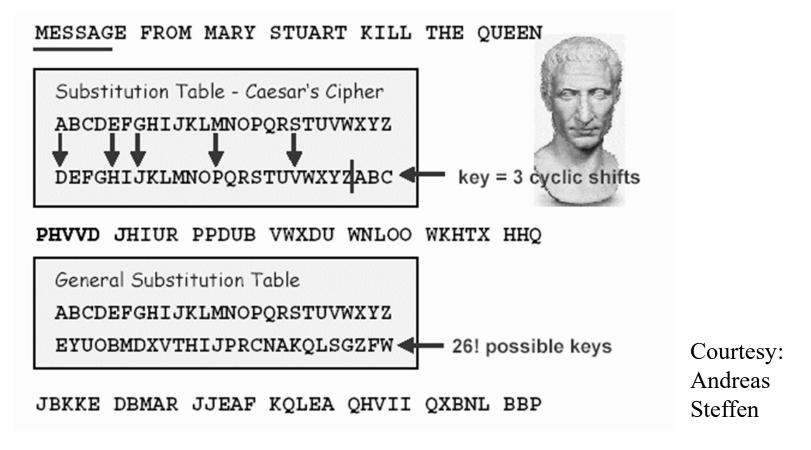


# Classic ciphers

- substitution ciphers
- ♦ transposition (permutation) ciphers
- product ciphers
  - using both
    - substitution, and
    - transposition



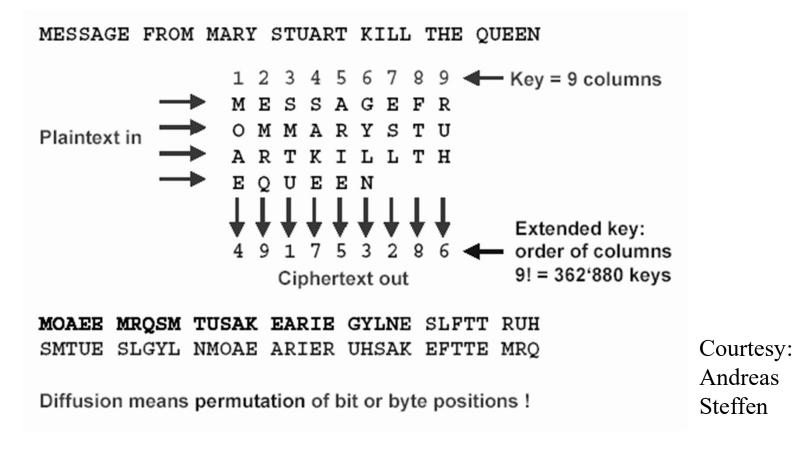
# Substitution Cipher



 Modern substitution ciphers take in N bits and substitute N bits using lookup table: called S-Boxes



## Transposition cipher

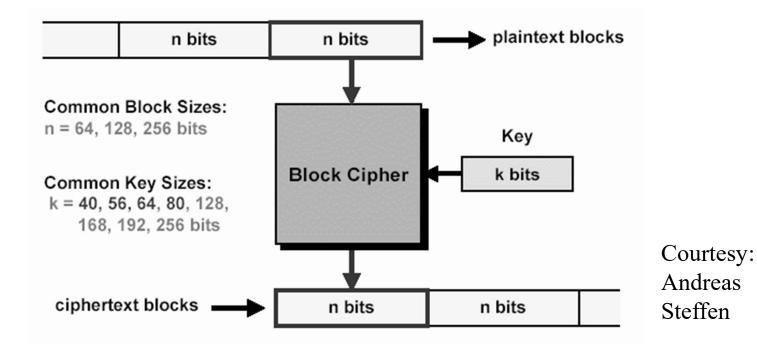


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# Block Cipher

 Divide input bit stream into n-bit sections, encrypt only that section, no dependency/history between sections



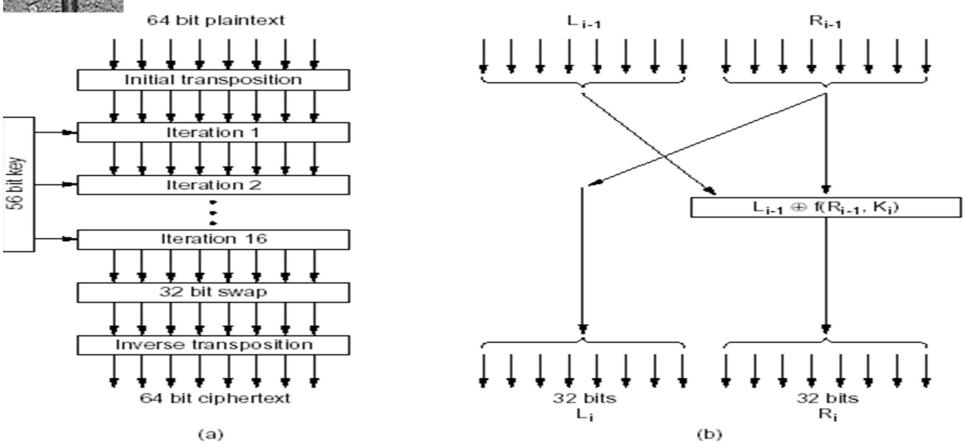
 In a good block cipher, each output bit is a function of all n input bits and all k key bits



### Example: Data Encryption Standard (DES)

- ♦ Background
  - 1972, NIST (National Institute of Standards & Technology) initiates the process (Open Policy, compared with Close Policy of Chinese government)
  - 1974, Tuchman and Meyers (IBM) invented Luciffer Cipher
  - 1976, NIST announce DES, estimated 2283 years to crack DES
- ◆ Encodes plaintext in 64-bit chunks using a 64-bit key (56 bits + 8 bits parity)
- ◆ Decryption in DES it's symmetric! Use KA again as input and then the same keys except in reverse order

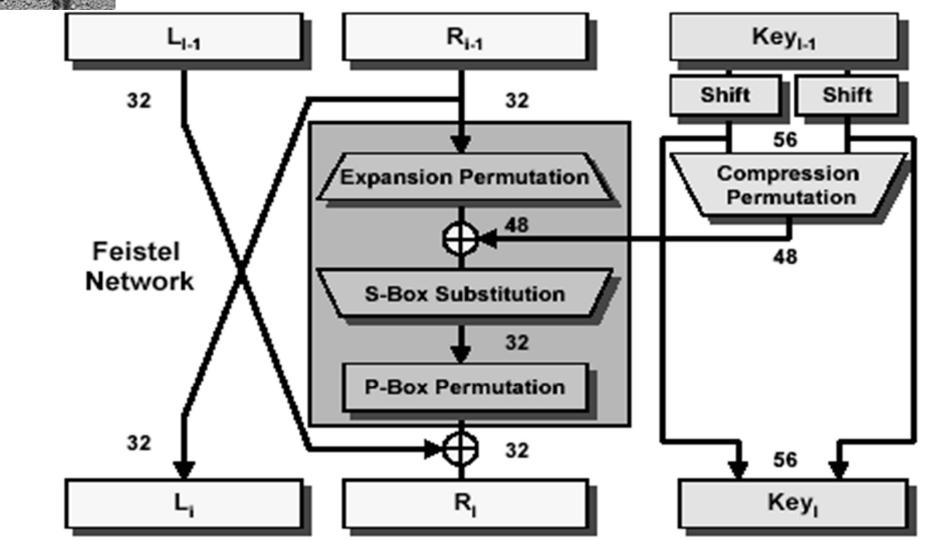
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**Fig. 7-5.** The data encryption standard. (a) General outline. (b) Detail of one iteration.



# Example: DES (3)





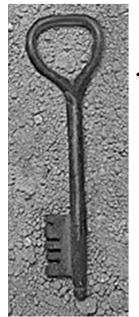
# Cracking DES

- ◆ DES has excellent anti-crack performance. Secure for about 25 years.
  - estimated 2283 years
- ◆ Cracked in 1997
  - Key is only 56bits, 2 exp 56 72,057,584,037,927,936
  - Computing capability is increasing exponentially
  - Parallel attack exhaustively search key space
  - 1997: Team leaded by Roche Verse using 70000 PCs connected with Internet, 96 days
  - 1998: EFF (Electronic Frontier Foundation) using a specially designed machine (\$250,000), 3 days
  - 1999: Using supercomputer, only 22 hours.

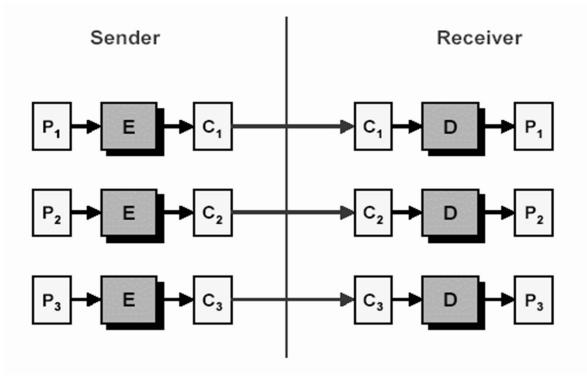


# Beyond DES, other Block Ciphers

- Triple-DES: put the output of DES back as input into DES again with a different key, loop again: 3\*56 = 168 bit key
- Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
  - Initiated by NIST in 1997
  - Requirements:
    - shall be designed so that the key length may be increased as needed.
    - block size n = 128 bits, key size k = 128, 192, 256 bits
  - Candidates: MARS, twofish, RC6, Serpent, Rijndael
  - Winner! (Rijndael)



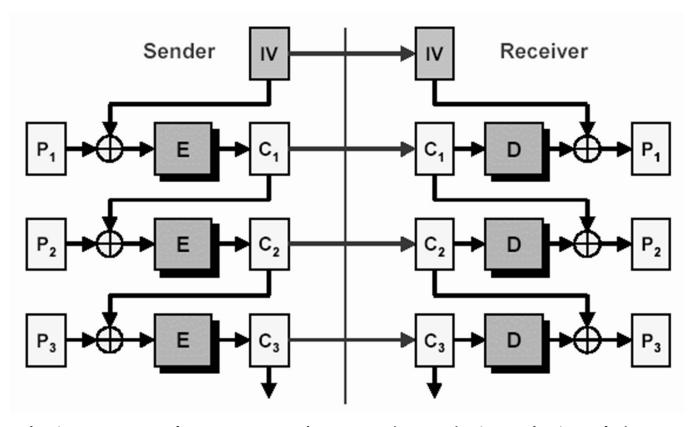
# Beyond Block Ciphers, ECB for block ciphers of a long digital sequence



- If an attacker thinks block  $C_2$  corresponds to \$ amount, then substitute another  $C_k$  (ciphertext only attacks)
- Attacker can also build a codebook of  $\langle C_k, guessed P_k \rangle$  pairs (chosen plaintext attacks). Replay Attacks?

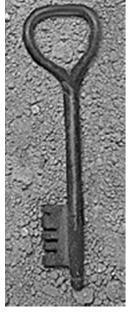


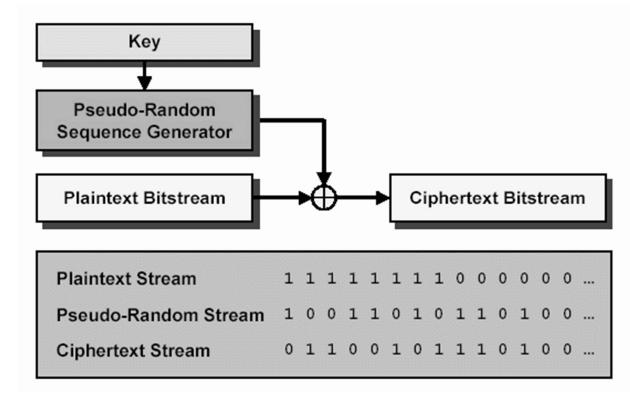
### Beyond Block Ciphers, CBC



- Inhibits replay attacks and codebook building: identical input plaintext  $P_i = P_k$  won't result in same output code due to memory-based chaining
- IV = Initialization Vector use only once



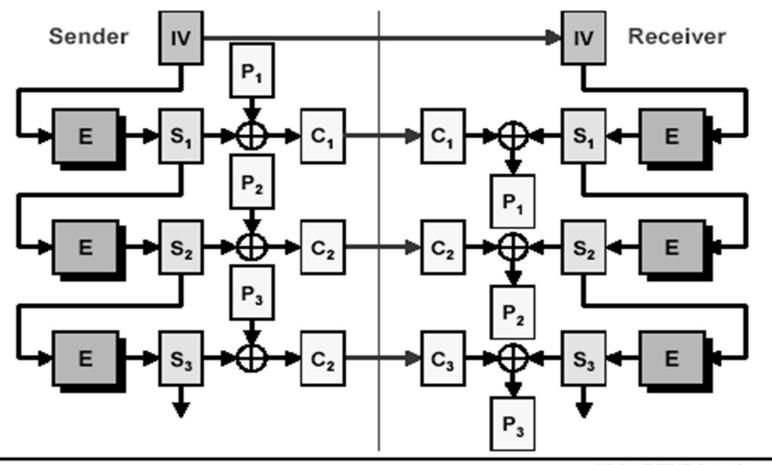




- Rather than divide bit stream into discrete blocks, as block ciphers do, XOR each bit of your plaintext continuous stream with a bit from a pseudo-random sequence
- At receiver, use same symmetric key, XOR again to extract plaintext



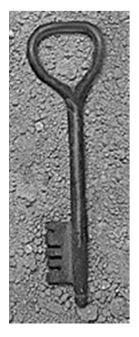
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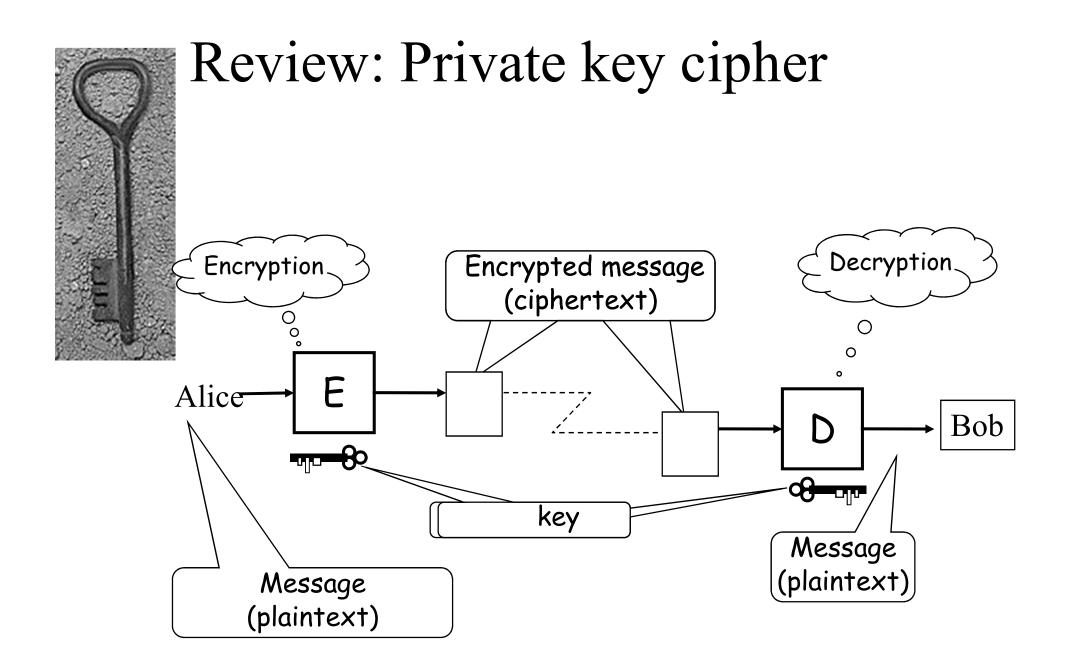
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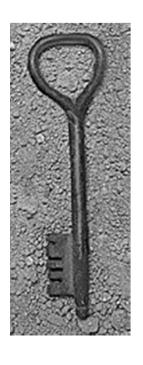
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- ♦ Why RSA is secure?





# Problems with private key ciphers

- ♦ In order for Alice & Bob to be able to communicate securely using a private key cipher, such as DES, they have to have a shared key in the first place.
  - Question:What if they have never met before?
- ◆ Alice needs to keep 100 different keys if she wishes to communicate with 100 different people



# Question?

◆ Consider a group of *n* people, each wishing to communicate securely with all other members in the group, by using a private key cipher, say DES.

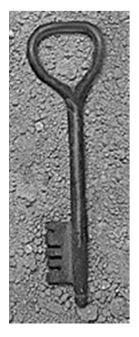
- How many different secret keys does each member of the group have to keep?
- What's the total number of different secret keys that have to be kept by all members of the group?



### Motivation of Diffie & Hellman

- ♦ Is it possible for Alice & Bob, who have no shared secret key, to communicate securely?
- ♦ This led to the SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT discovery in the history of secure communications:

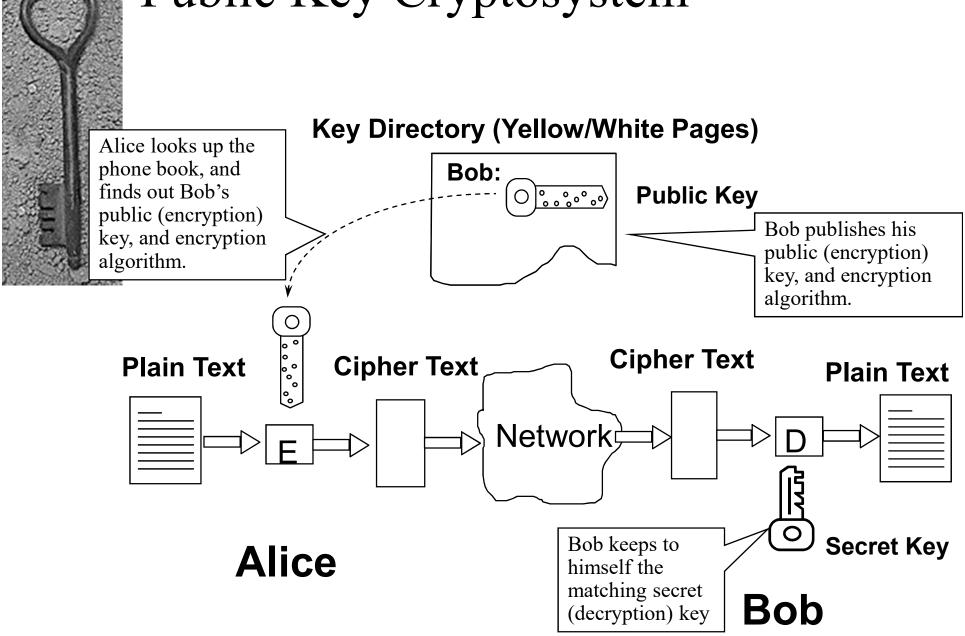
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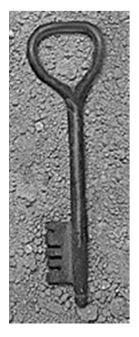
# Public Key Cryptosystem





### Major Differences with Private Key Ciphers

- ♦ The public encryption key is different from the secret decryption key.
- ♦ Infeasible for an attacker to find out the secret decryption key from the public encryption key.
- ♦ no need for Alice & Bob to distribute a shared secret key beforehand!
- only one pair of public and secret keys is required for each user! No matter how many communication counterparties



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# Realising Public Key Ciphers

- ◆ The most famous system that implements Diffie & Hellman's ideas on public key ciphers is due to
  - Ronald Rivest
  - Adi <u>S</u>hamir
  - Leonard <u>A</u>dleman
- ♦ This concrete public key cryptosystem is called RSA.



## Prime & Composite

- ♦ Prime and composite numbers
  - a prime number is an integer that can divided only by 1 and itself
    - E.g. 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 101, 103, .....
  - all other integers are composite
    - E.g. 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 523743960876432, 800164386535



## Modular operations

• "remainder"

$$-13 = 3 \pmod{5}, \quad 1 = 1 \pmod{7}$$

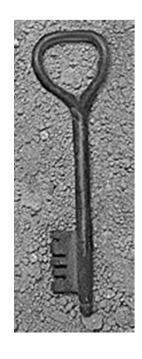
$$-20 = 0 \pmod{5}$$
,  $32 = 4 \pmod{7}$ 

◆ modular exponentiation

$$-2^2 = 1 \pmod{3}$$
,  $3^2 = 0 \pmod{3}$ 

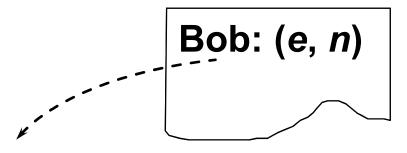
$$-2^2 = 4 \pmod{5}$$
,  $10^2 = 8 \pmod{92}$ 

$$-4^6 = 6 \pmod{10}, \quad 3^{11} = 7 \pmod{10}$$

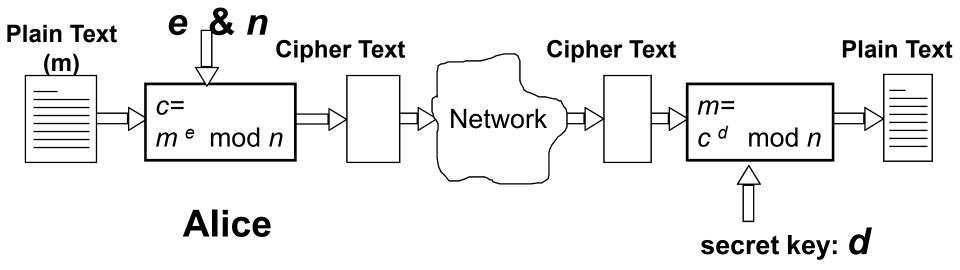


## RSA Public Key Cryptosystem

**Public Key Directory (Yellow/White Pages)** 



public key:



**Bob** 



## RSA(1)

### ♦ Bob:

- -chooses 2 large primes (each at least 100 digits): p, q multiplies p and q: n = p\*q
- finds out two numbers e & d such that  $e * d = 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$
- public key (published in the phone book)
  - 2 numbers:(*e*, *n*)
  - encryption algorithm: modular exponentiation
- secret key: d



## RSA (2)

- ◆ Alice has a message *m* to be sent to Bob:
  - finds out Bob's public encryption key(e, n)
  - calculates

$$c = m^e \pmod{n}$$

- sends the ciphertext c to Bob



## RSA (3)

## ♦ Bob:

- -receives the ciphertext c from Alice
- uses his matching secret decryption key *d* to calculate

$$m = c^d \pmod{n}$$



## RSA --- 1st small example (1)

## ♦ Bob:

- -chooses 2 primes: p=5, q=11multiplies p and q: n=p\*q=55
- finds out two numbers e=3 & d=27 which satisfy

$$3 * 27 = 1 \pmod{40}$$

- Bob's public key
  - 2 numbers:(3, 55)
  - encryption algorithm: modular exponentiation
- secret key: 27



## RSA --- 1st small example (2)

- ♦ Alice has a message m=13 to be sent to Bob:
  - finds out Bob's public encryption key (3, 55)
  - calculates

$$c = m^{e} \pmod{n}$$
  
=  $13^{3} \pmod{55}$   
=  $2197 \pmod{55}$   
=  $52$ 

- sends the ciphertext c=52 to Bob



## RSA --- 1st small example (3)

### ♦ Bob:

- -receives the ciphertext c=52 from Alice
- uses his matching secret decryption key 27 to calculate

$$m = 52^{27} \pmod{55}$$
  
= 13 (Alice's message)



## RSA --- 2nd small example (1)

## ♦ Bob:

- -chooses 2 primes: p=101, q=113multiplies p and q: n=p\*q=11413
- finds out two numbers e=3533 & d=6597 which satisfy

- -Bob's public key
  - 2 numbers:(3533, 11413)
  - encryption alg: modular exponentiation
- secret key: 6597



## RSA --- 2nd small example (2)

- ♦ Alice has a message m=9726 to be sent to Bob:
  - finds out Bob's public encryption key (3533, 11413)
  - calculates

$$c = m^{e} \pmod{n}$$
  
=  $9726^{3533} \pmod{11413}$   
=  $5761$ 

– sends the ciphertext c=5761 to Bob

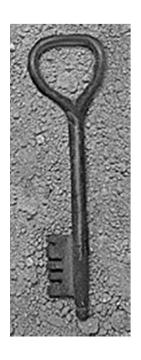


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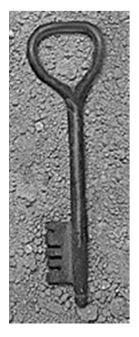
- -receives the ciphertext c=5761 from Alice
- uses his matching secret decryption key 6597 to calculate

$$m = c^{d} \pmod{n}$$
  
=  $5761^{6597} \pmod{11413}$   
=  $9726 \pmod{Alice's message}$ 



## Remarks on RSA

- ◆ The message m has to be an integer between in the range [1, n].
- ◆ To encrypt long messages we can use a hybrid cryptosystem (see later).



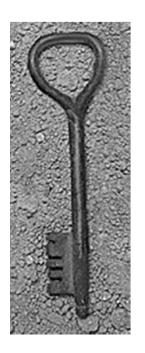
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#### ♦ Attack Scenario:

- Marvin wants to read Alice's private message
  (m) intended to be read only by Bob.
- However, Alice used RSA to encrypt m using Bob's public key (e, n), into the ciphertext  $c = m^e \pmod{n}$ .
- Marvin is a determined attacker and managed to intercept the ciphertext c on its way from Alice's to Bob's computer.
- Marvin also looked up Bob's public key (e,n) to help him in his attack.



- ◆ Marvin now has (c,e,n) and wants to find out m.
- ♦ How can Marvin proceed to find m?
  - Approach 1: If Marvin could also find out Bob's secret key d, he could decrypt c into m in the same way as Bob does.
    - Suppose Bob guards his secret key d very well, what can Marvin do then?
  - Approach 2: Marvin knows that  $c = m^e \pmod{n}$ . He knows that m is a number between 0 and n-1. So he could use exhaustive search through all n possible messages m.
    - But if n is large this takes a long time!



- Marvin's Attack options (cont):
  - Approach 3: Marvin can try to compute Bob's secret key d from (e,n) and then use Approach 1.
    - Remember that  $e * d = 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$
    - Marvin found in a 'Number Theory' book a very fast algorithm called *EUCLID* to solve the following problem: Given two numbers (r,s), the algorithm outputs a number x such that

 $r * x = 1 \pmod{s}$ .

• Exercise: Explain how Marvin can use algorithm *EUCLID* to find Bob's secret key d very quickly from (e,n) once he manages to 'factorize' n = p\*q into the prime factors p and q.



- ◆ Approach 3 is the most efficient known method Marvin can use to attack RSA!
- ♦ The time taken for Marvin to execute the attack in Approach 3 is essentially the time to factorize n=p\*q into the prime factors p and q.
- ◆ Therefore, we say that RSA is *based on* the *factorization problem*:

While it is easy to multiply large primes together, it is computationally infeasible to factorize or split a large composite into its prime factors!



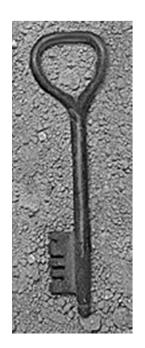
# Why RSA is Secure (Optional)

- ◆ The current state of the art in factorization:
  - Largest RSA number factored so far:
     155 decimal digits, as at August 1999
    - It took several months of computing time on many computers around the world
    - Exercise: How long was the binary representation of the above number (bit length)?
       (hint: log<sub>2</sub>(10) = 3.32 approximately)
  - The length of n in an RSA key should therefore be sufficiently longer than 155 decimal digits to be secure against attackers with access to many fast computers.



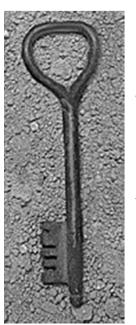
# Why RSA is Secure (Optional)

- How many digits should n have to be secure?
- Approximate Factoring Time: For the fastest known factoring algorithm ('Number Field Sieve'):
  - If it takes time to factorize number of length |n| digits (or bits),
  - Then it takes time to factorize a number of length k \* |n| digits  $M(k) \times T$  vhere (with |n| in bits):
- Assu  $M(k) \approx 2^{1.923|n|^{1/3}|k^{1/3}(\log_2(k|n|/1.44))^{2/3} (\log_2(|n|/1.44))^{2/3}}$  f length 155 decimal digits, it would take:
  - $M(2)*T = 2^{22}$  days = 20,000 years to factor n of length |n| = 2\*155 = 310 digits
  - M(3)\*T =  $2^{39}$  days = 2 billion (!!) years to factor n of length |n| = 3\*155 = 465 digits...



# Why RSA is Secure (Optional)

- ◆ Therefore, when both p and q in RSA are of at least 155 digits, the product n=p\*q is 310 digits.
- ♦ Then no one can factorize n in less time than a few thousand years, not even Marvin!!
- ◆ Thus the *only* person who can extract the plaintext m from the ciphertext c is Bob, as only he knows the secret decryption key d!



## Marvin's New Attack Idea (Optional)

- Instead of just eavesdropping, Marvin can try a more active attack!
- Outline of the New Attack:
  - Marvin generates an RSA key pair
    - Public key =  $Kpub_* = (N_*, e_*)$
    - Secret key =  $Ksec_* = d_*$
  - Marvin sends the following email to Alice,
     pretending to be Bob:
    - Hi Alice,
      - Please use my new public key from now on to encrypt messages to me. My new public key is Kpub\_\*.
      - Yours sincerely, Bob.
  - Marvin decrypts any messages Alice sends to Bob (encrypted with Kpub\_\*), using Ksec\_\*.



## Preventing Marvin's Active Attack (Optional)

- The active attack works because:
  - Alice was tricked by Marvin into encrypting a message intended for Bob using a "fake" public key which is NOT Bob's public key (in fact it was Marvin's).
- ◆ To prevent the attack:
  - Before Alice encrypts a message for Bob, she must make sure she has Bob's CORRECT public key (and not a fake one).
  - Alice needs a way of testing the truth of any "Bob's key message" informing Alice of Bob's Public Key.
  - No one besides Bob should be able to produce such a message so that it will pass Alice's Test.



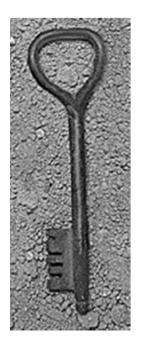
## Preventing Marvin's Active Attack (Optional)

- ◆ This is a setting where Alice and Bob have a message integrity security requirement!
  - Ie. Alice and Bob want to prevent fabrication and/or modification of a "Bob's key message" (a message informing Alice of Bob's public key) by unautorised parties (like Marvin).
- ◆ The main cryptographic tool used to achieve message integrity is "Digital Signatures".
- ◆ In a later lecture (after we have covered "Digital Signatures"), we will come back to this topic and see how Digital Signatures can be used to prevent Marvin's Attack!



## Private key ciphers

- ♦ Good points
  - in-expensive to use
  - fast
  - low cost VLSI chips available
- ♦ bad points
  - -key distribution is a problem



## Public key ciphers

- ♦ good points
  - -key distribution is NOT a problem
- ♦ bad points
  - -relatively expensive to use
  - -relatively slow
  - VLSI chips not available or relatively high cost



# Combining 2 type of ciphers

- ♦ In practice, we
  - use a public key cipher (such as RSA) to distribute keys
  - use a private key cipher (such as DES) to encrypt and decrypt messages



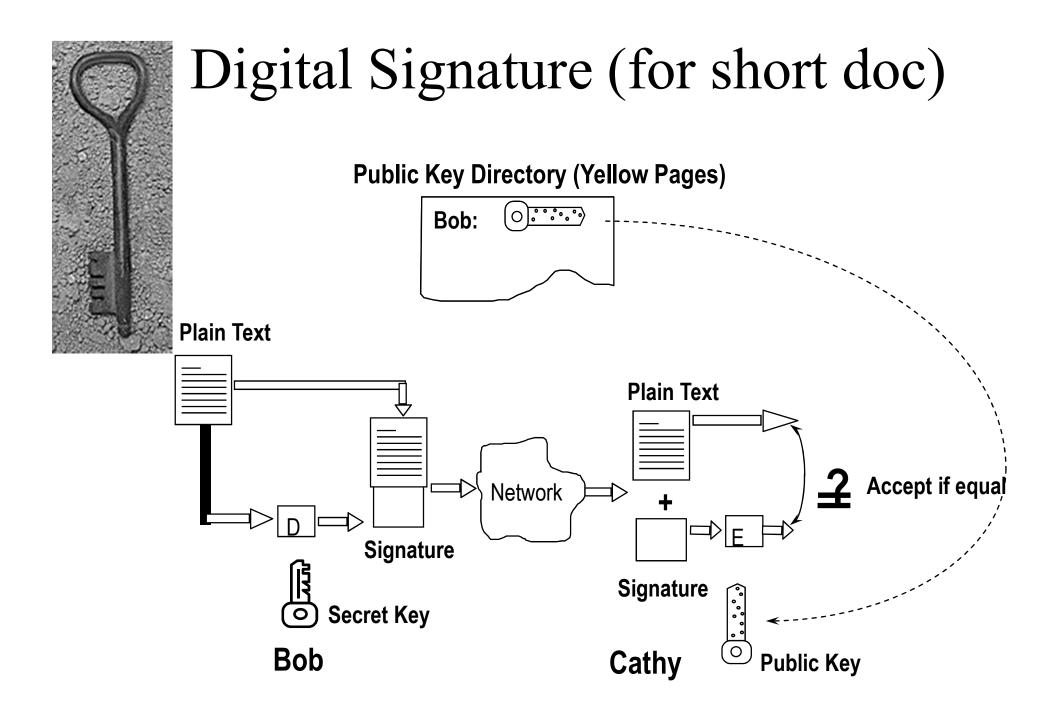
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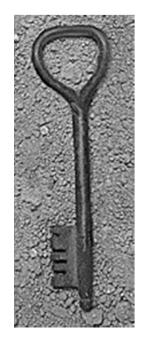


# The need of digital signature

- ♦ social & business activities and their associated documents are becoming digital
  - digital conferences
  - digital contract signing
  - digital cash payments, .....
- ♦ hand-written signatures are not applicable to digital data



## Digital Signature (based on RSA) **Public Key Directory (Yellow Pages)** Bob: (e, n) **Plain Text Plain Text** Accept if equal Network) m<sup>d</sup> mod n t =se mod n **Signature Signature** Secret Key d **Cathy** Public Key (e, n) Bob



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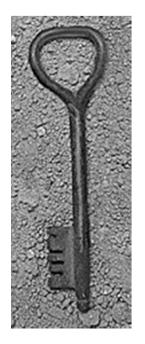
- ♦ Bob has a document m=19 to sign:
  - uses his secret key d=27 to calculate the digital signature of m=19:

$$s = m^{d} \pmod{n}$$

$$= 19^{27} \pmod{55}$$

$$= 24$$

-appends 24 to 19. Now (m, s) = (19, 24) indicates that the doc is 19, and Bob's signature on the doc is 24.



# RSA signature --- an eg (3)

- ♦ Cathy, a verifier:
  - -receives a pair (m,s)=(19, 24)
  - -looks up the phone book and finds out Bob's public key (e, n)=(3, 55)

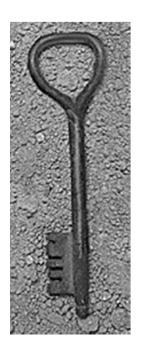
-calculates 
$$t = s^e \pmod{n}$$
  
=  $24^3 \pmod{55}$   
=  $19$ 

- checks whether t=m
- confirms that (19,24) is a genuinely signed document of Bob if t=m.



## How about long documents?

- ◆ In the previous example, a document has to be an integer in [0,...,n]
- ♦ to sign a very long document, we need a so called one-way hash algorithm
- ♦ instead of signing directly on a doc, we hash the doc first, and sign the hashed data which is normally short.



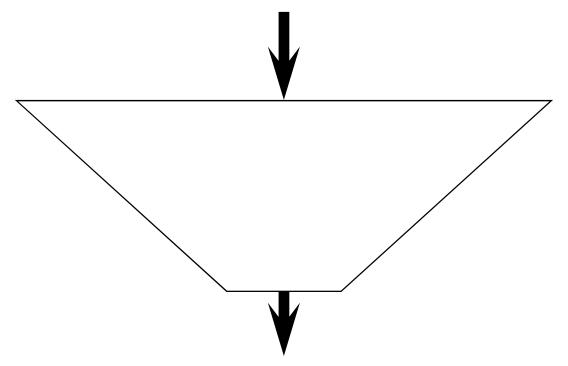
# One-Way Hash Algorithm

- ♦ A one-way hash algorithm hashes an input document into a condensed short output (say of 100 bits)
  - Denoting a one-way hash algorithm by H(.), we have:
    - Input: m a binary string of any length
    - Output: H(m) a binary string of L bits, called the "hash of m under H".
    - The output length parameter L is fixed for a given one-way hash function H,
    - eg
      - The one-way hash function "MD5" has L = 128
         bits
      - The one-way hash function "SHA-1" hash L = 160 bits

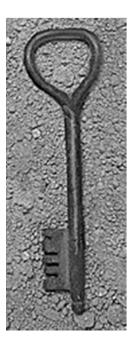


## One-Way Hash Algorithm

A document (of any length)



A condensed short output, say of 100 bits



# A good one-way hash algorithm H needs to have these properties:

#### ◆ 1. Easy to Evaluate:

- given any document m, the hashed value h = H(m) can be computed quickly.

#### ♦ 2. Hard to Reverse:

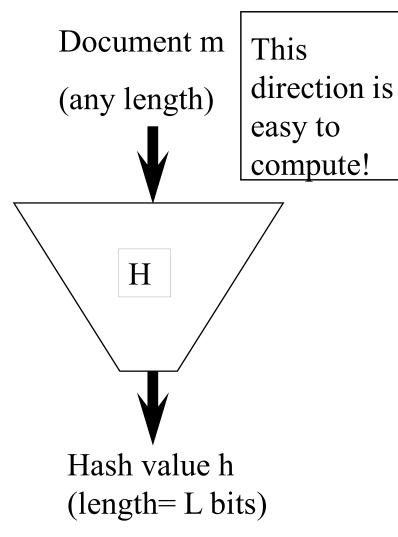
- There is no feasible algorithm to "reverse" a hashed value,
- I.e. given any hashed value h, it is computationally infeasible to find any document m such that H(m) = h.
- ◆ NOTE: An algorithm is called <u>'One-Way'</u> if it has BOTH properties 1 and 2.

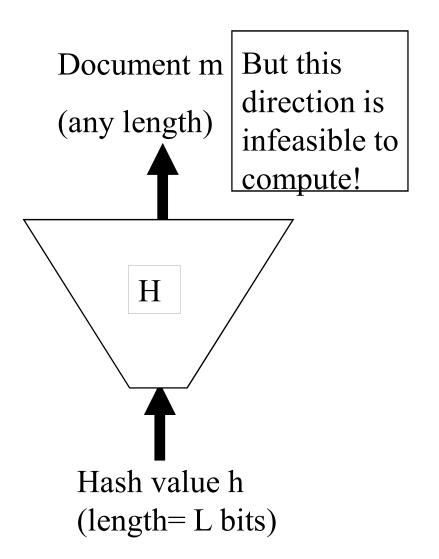
#### ♦ 3. Hard to find Collisions:

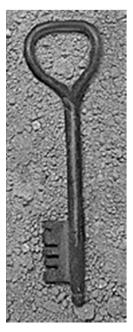
- There is no feasible algorithm to find two or more input documents which are hashed into the same condensed output,
- I.e it is computationally infeasible to find any two documents  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  such that  $H(m_1)=H(m_2)$ .



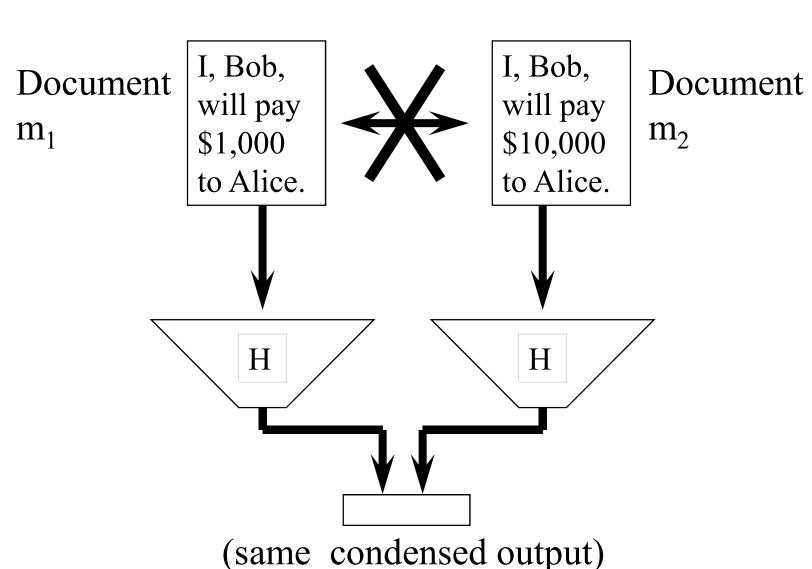
# The One-way Property







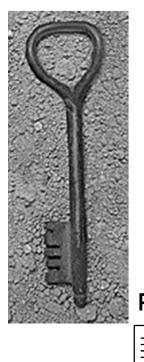
# Finding collision is infeasible



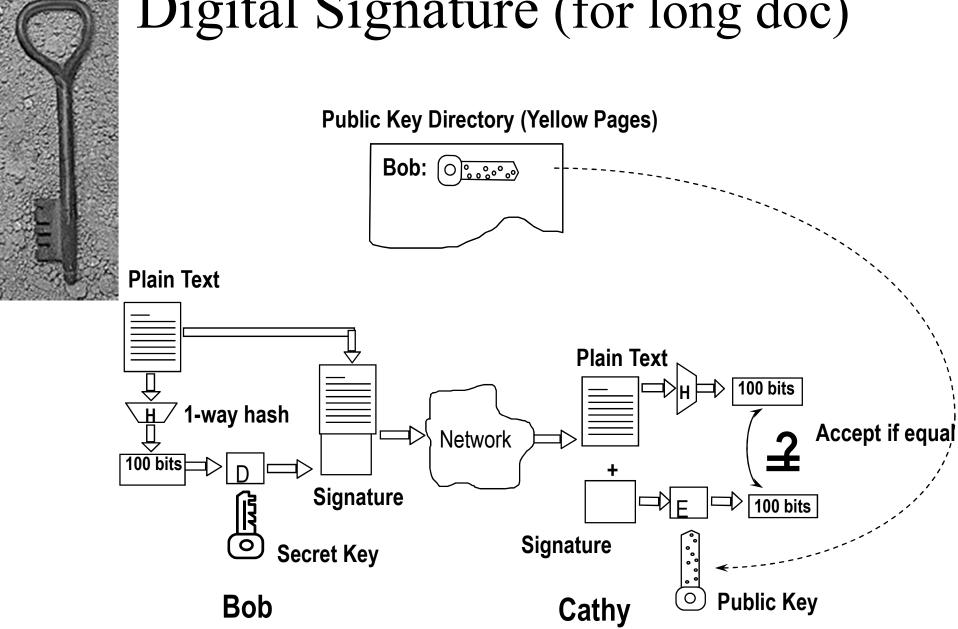


## Good one-way hashing algorithms

- ◆ MD5 (R. Rivest, 1992)
- ♦ SHS (secure hashing standard, USA, 1992, modified in 1995)
- ◆ HAVAL (Y. Zheng, 1992)



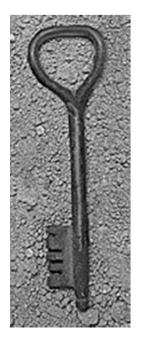
# Digital Signature (for long doc)





# Why Digital Signature?

- ◆ Unforgeable
  - takes 1 billion years to forge!
- ♦ Un-deniable by the signatory
- ♦ Universally verifiable
- ◆ Differs from doc to doc
- ◆ Easily implementable by
  - software or
  - hardware or
  - software + hardware

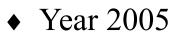


# Important digital signatures

- ♦ RSA
  - strongly supported by industries
  - a de facto industrial standard
- ◆ Schnorr digital signature
  - derived from ElGamal digital signature
  - based on infeasibility of discrete logarithm
- ◆ DSS (digital signature standard, USA)
  - derived from ElGamal digital signature
  - based on infeasibility of discrete logarithm
  - strongly pushed forward by US government
- ◆ Signature schemes using elliptic curves



## Cracking MD5



- ♦ Three female researchers, Xiaoyun wang, Yiqun Lisa Yin, and Hongbo Yu, Professor of Shandong University of Technology's mathematics department
- ◆ Find Collision of MD5
- Reduced the amount of time needed to find two documents with the same signature by a factor of more than 2000.
  - Based on this, Time to crack SHA-1 from 2<sup>69</sup> to 2<sup>63</sup>.
  - Y2013, Marc Stevens, reduced to 2<sup>61</sup>
  - Y2016, Marc Stevens, reduced to 2<sup>57.5</sup>. 100GPU for a year
  - Y2017.2.23, Google announced the collision of SHA-1