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# Crypto(graphy) in the Dev Stack

Be A More Secure Coder

# Resume.md

Director of Engineering at the **Electronic Frontier Foundation**.

10 Years in technology

- 🖥️ Web Applications
- ☁️ Cloud & Network Security
- Certifications: *Security+, GFACT, GCLD, GPCS, GCSA*



Cloud certs

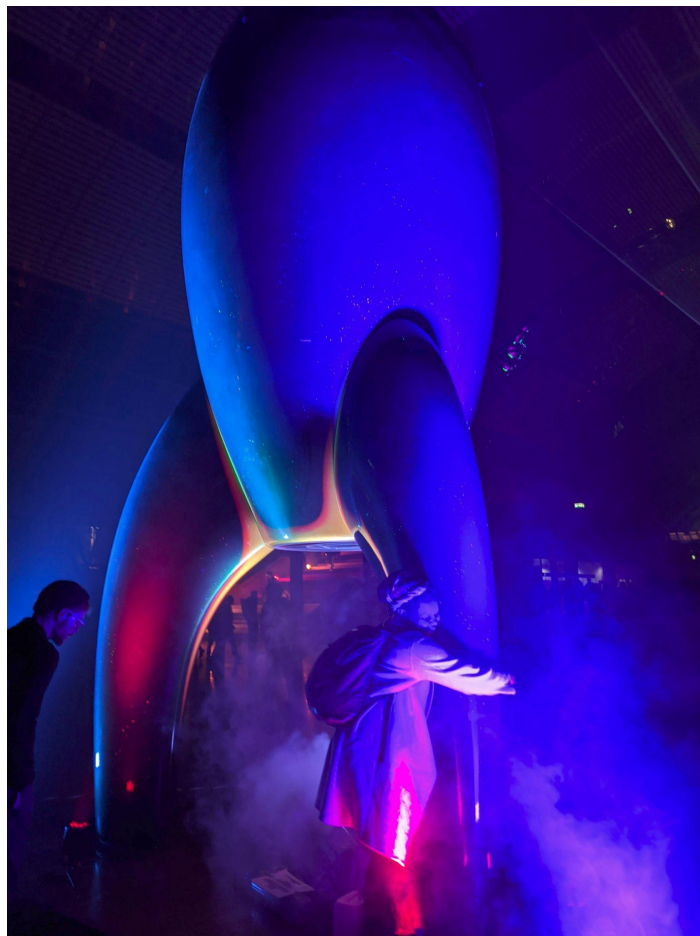
Things I do at work

- 🔑 Encrypt the Web
- Research how web PKI is impacted by government policy
- Research privacy implications of digital identity frameworks



# Resu(me).md

- Mama/Wife/Aunt/Sister/God Mama
- Video Games + Crochet
- Home networking & hardware hobbyist
  - 🖥️ PC builds
  - 📱 Smartphones from around the world
  - Raspberry Pi
  - Arduino, etc.
- Generally breaking things and sometimes making things work



# Being a Safer Developer

- **Authentication of developers**
- Integrity of code
- Secrets Management & Dealing with Github as a Public Record

# Authentication Protocols

- LDAP
- Kerberos
- RADIUS
- OAuth2
- Open ID | OpenID Connect (OIDC)
- SAML | SAML2.0
- WebAuthn API / FIDO2

# Password + ? = MFA

(Multi - factor Authentication) \* Not  
Authorization

? = Something you have

? = Something you know

? = Something you are

# Different ways to Authenticate

- **Security keys**
- One Time Token
- Biometrics
- Pin code
- ...SMS :(
  - Vulnerable SS7
  - Sim Jacking

# Why Smartcards?

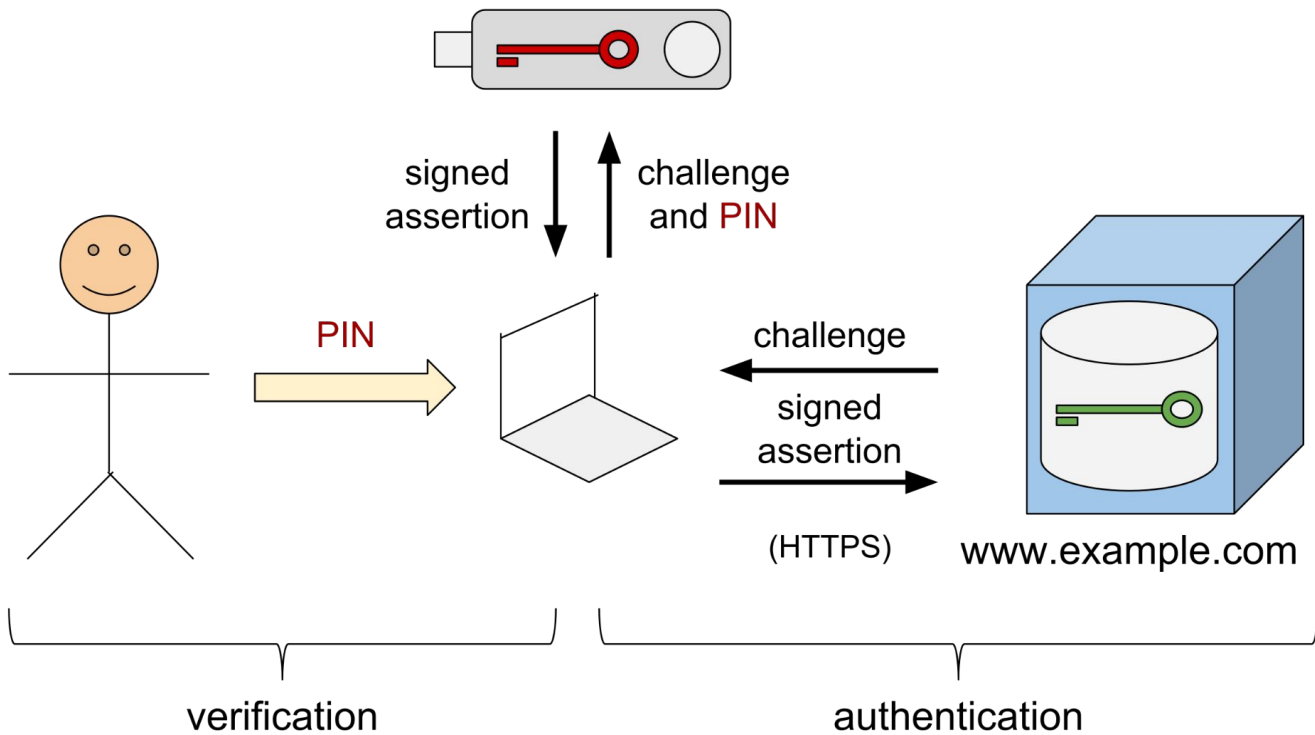
- Easily replaceable\*
- Private keys never leave device
- Low resource usage, lasts a long time





DEMO: 2FA with Yubikey

## WebAuthn API + FIDO2



# “What about the CLI though?”

## Creating a personal access token

You should create a personal access token to use in place of a password with the command line or with the API.

**Note:** If you use GitHub CLI to authenticate to GitHub on the command line, you can skip generating a personal access token and authenticate via the web browser instead. For more information about authenticating with GitHub CLI, see [gh auth login](#).

Personal access tokens (PATs) are an alternative to using passwords for authentication to GitHub when using the [GitHub API](#) or the [command line](#).

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# Code Integrity in Github

- Signed commits
  - Why?
    - Ties single cryptographic identity (author) with a code commit
    - Ties specific code changes to the author
    - Significantly eliminates impersonation
  - How
    - Generating a GPG Key and linking to your Github profile
      - GPG Keys can be used to sign messages
      - Sign emails
      - Encrypt files
      - Management Tips:  
<https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/how-to-use-gpg-to-encrypt-and-sign-messages>

# Public Key Systems

- Asymmetric cryptography
  - Public key
    - Shared with other systems
  - Private Key
    - Guard with your life
- Different systems of management and distri
- PKI and web security are the biggest examples of this
  - Certificate Authorities

# Public Key Systems

Not all keys are made equal

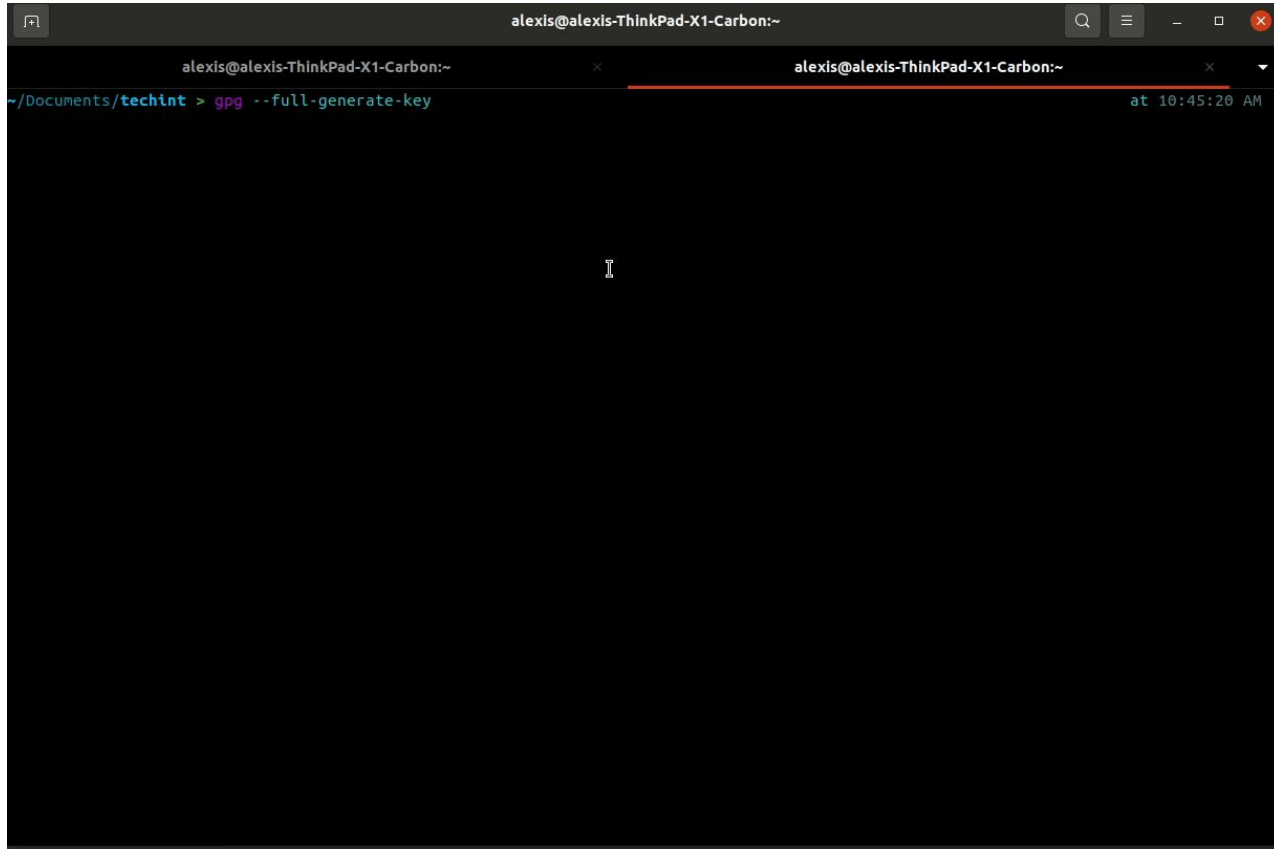
- RSA and ECC
  - RSA has been standard for a while, but with vulnerabilities (3K-4K generated keys are generally safe)
    - Prime factorization principles
  - ECC is the recommended algo going forward due to lighter and more secure
    - Mathematical representation of elliptic curves



DEMO: GPG and Github



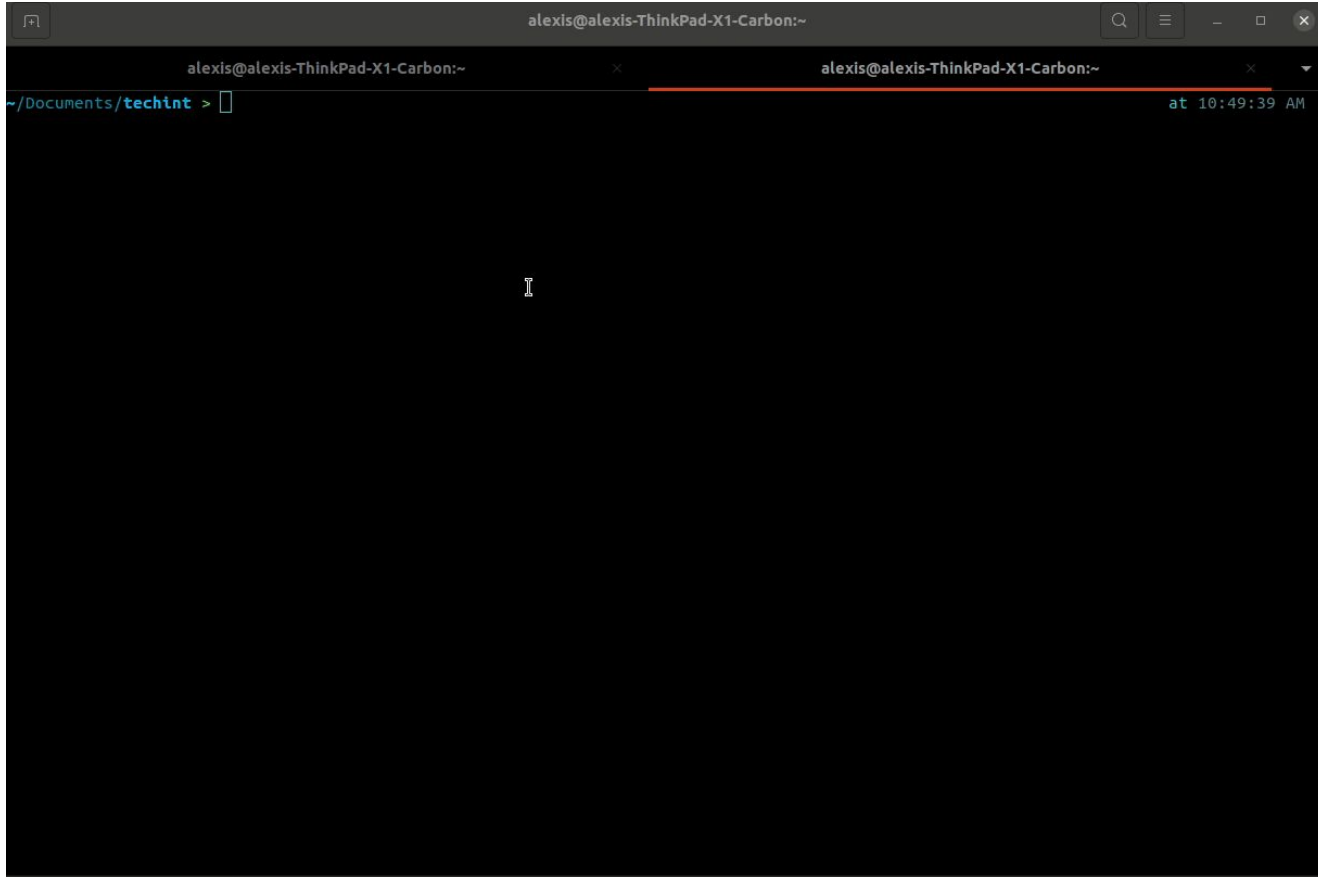
# EFF Generate GPG Key



A terminal window titled "alexis@alexis-ThinkPad-X1-Carbon:~" is shown. The window has a dark background and a light-colored text. The command prompt is "~ /Documents/techint >". The command entered is "gpg --full-generate-key". The output of the command is not visible, only the cursor is shown. The window has a title bar with standard Linux window controls (minimize, maximize, close) and a search icon. The terminal window is split into two panes, both showing the same command and cursor.

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~/Documents/techint > gpg --full-generate-key
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# EFF Export Public Key



# EFF DEMO Bloopers

Commits on Mar 25, 2022

Add new GIF for GPG tutorial

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Add GIFS

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Initial commit

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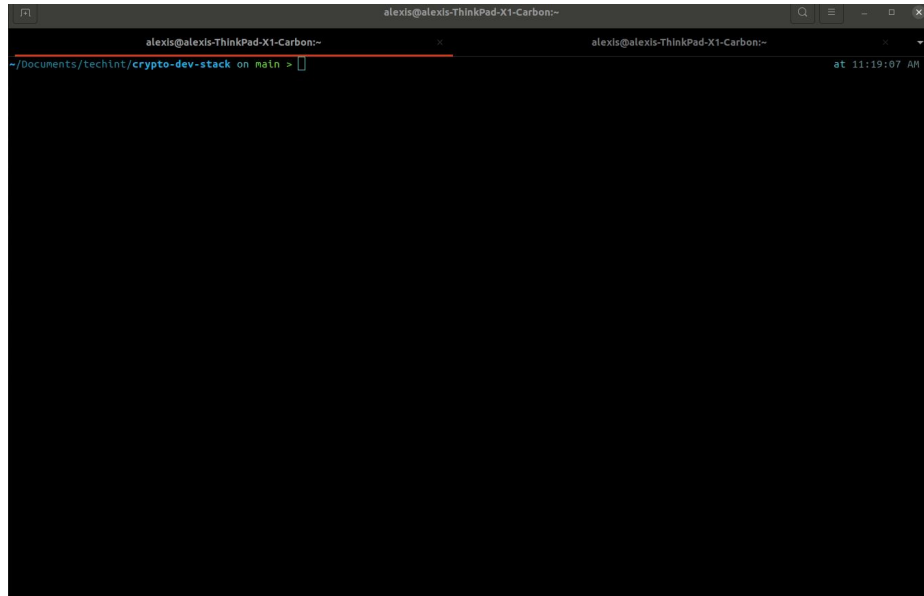
Verified



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???



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alexis@alexis-ThinkPad-X1-Carbon:~  
~/Documents/techint/crypto-dev-stack on main > | at 11:19:07 AM
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Wowwwwwww

# EFF DEMO Bloopers

main

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# Where to store private key?

- Airgapped computer
- HSM (CAs)
- Offline (encrypted storage)
- Commercial key vaults

# Quick Overview Hashing and Salting

## Hashing

- One way cryptographic function
- SHA-256 (SHA-1 and MD5 have collision attacks)

## Salt

- Adds random data to ensure unique hash

Integrity that file or data was not changed, and is unique

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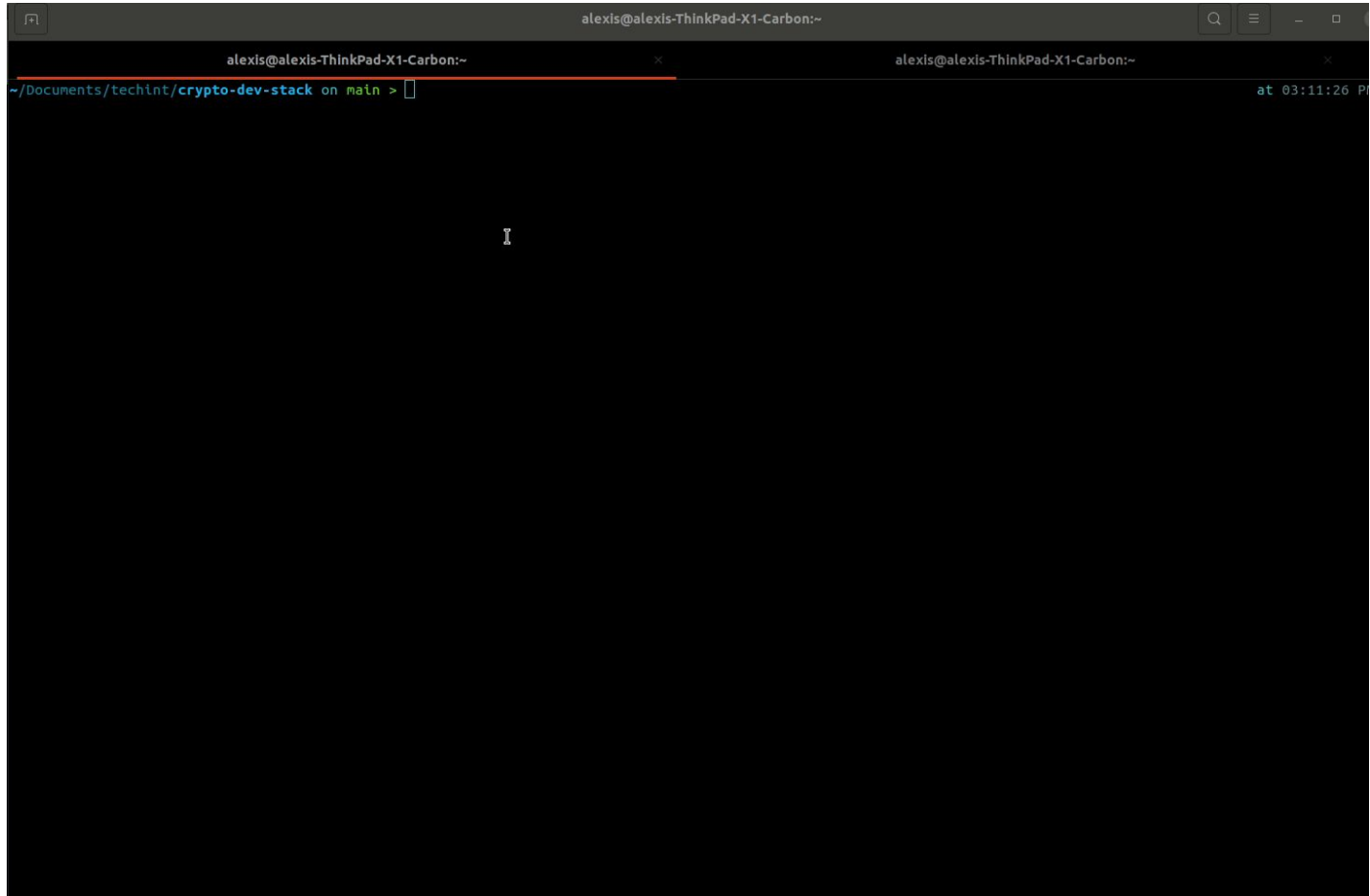
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# Keeping Secrets

- API Keys
- Tokens
- Passwords
- Network information (ips and internal hosts)
- Yes, even in private repo, secrets management goes a long way



# EFF Git Secrets Scanning



# Git Secrets in Github Actions

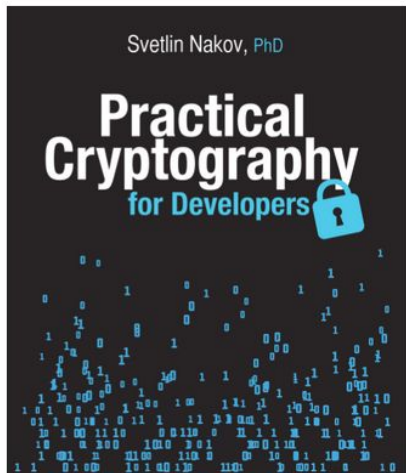
- **GITHUB\_TOKEN** is an auto-generated personal access token, encrypted
- Scope is limited, note for open source projects
- You can use repo generated secrets in Github
- Not all Github Actions are to be automatically trusted.

# <https://cryptobook.nakov.com/>

P	Practical Cryptography for ...	Q
Welcome		
Preface		
Cryptography - Overview		
Hash Functions >		
MAC and Key Derivation >		
Secure Random Generators >		
Key Exchange and DHKE >		
Encryption: Symmetric and Asymmetric		
Symmetric Key Ciphers >		
Asymmetric Key Ciphers >		
Digital Signatures >		

## Welcome

**Warning:** this book is **not finished!** I am still working on some of the chapters. Once completed, I will publish it as PDF and EPUB. Be patient.



# https://cryptopals.com/

## the cryptopals crypto challenges

Set 1: Basics

Set 2: Block  
crypto

Set 3: Block &  
stream crypto

Set 4: Stream  
crypto and  
randomness

Set 5: Diffie-  
Hellman and  
friends

Set 6: RSA and  
DSA

Set 7: Hashes

Set 8: Abstract  
Algebra

## Welcome to the challenges

### Work in progress.

This site will host all eight sets of our crypto challenges, with solutions in most mainstream languages.

But: it doesn't yet. If we waited to hit "publish" until everything was here, we might be writing this in 2015. So we're publishing as we go. In particular: give us a little time on the challenge solutions.

We can't introduce these any better than [Maciej Ceglowski](#) did, so read that blog post first.

We've built a collection of 48 exercises that demonstrate attacks on real-world crypto.

This is a different way to learn about crypto than taking a class or reading a book. We give you problems to solve. They're derived from weaknesses in real-world systems and modern cryptographic constructions. We give you enough info to learn about the underlying crypto concepts yourself. When you're finished, you'll not only have learned a good deal about how cryptosystems are built, but you'll also understand how they're attacked.

### What Are The Rules?

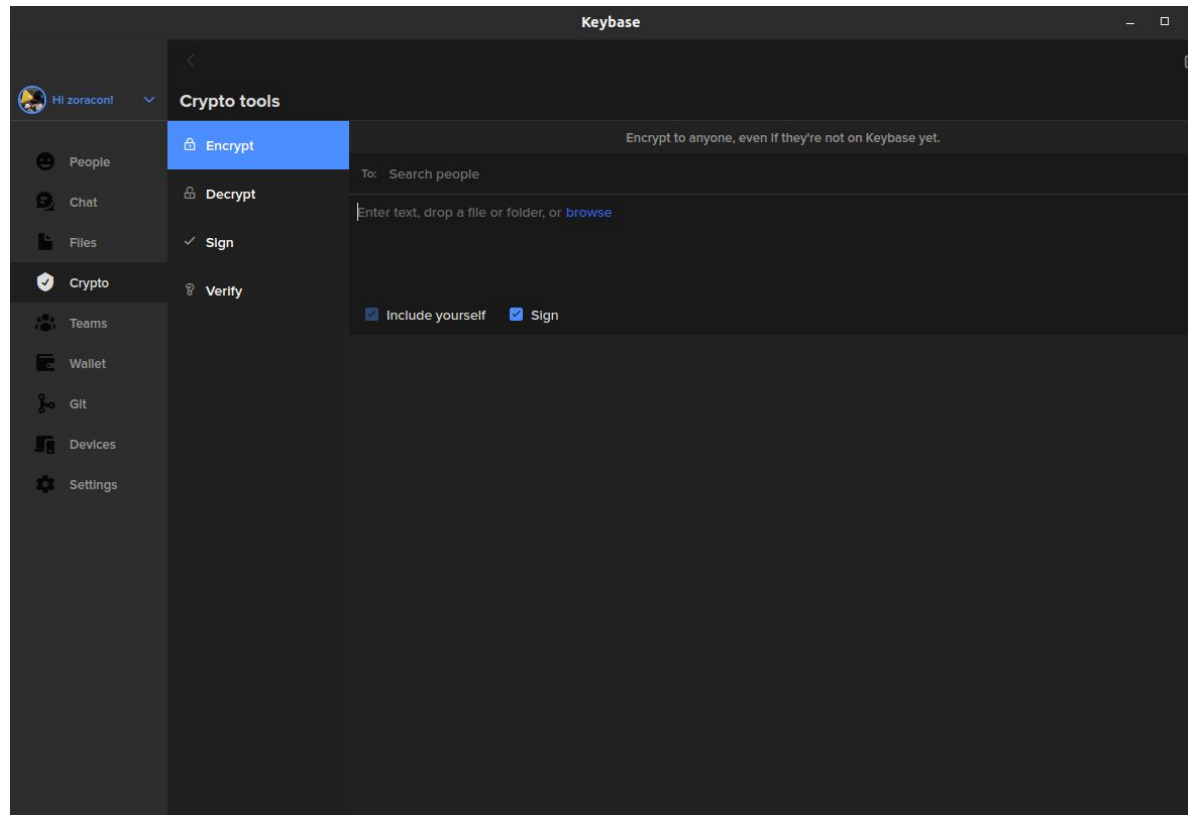
There aren't any! For several years, we ran these challenges over email, and asked participants not to share their results. *The honor system worked beautifully!* But now we're ready to set aside the ceremony and just publish the challenges for everyone to work on.

### How Much Math Do I Need To Know?

If you have any trouble with the math in these problems, you should be able to find a local 9th grader to help you out. It turns out that many modern crypto attacks don't involve much hard math.

# Favorite Crypto in Action

<https://keybase.io/>





# Thank you!

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