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Cryptography Overview

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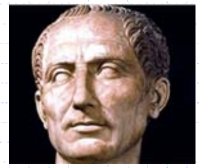
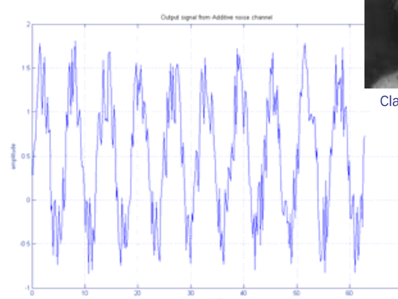
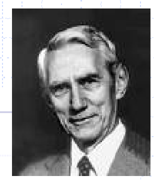
Caesar cipher



German Enigma

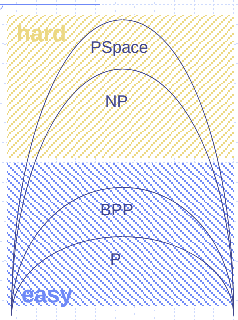
Information theory

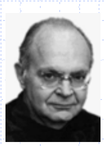




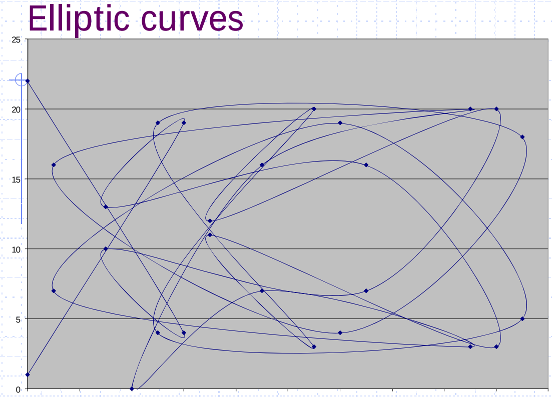
Claude Shannon

Complexity theory





Elliptic curves



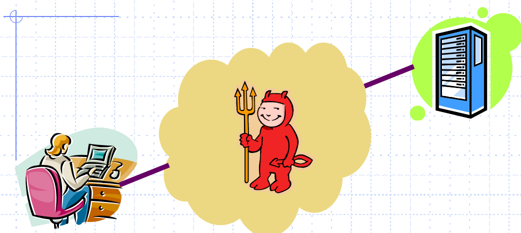
Cryptography

- Is
  - A tremendous tool
  - The basis for many security mechanisms
- Is not
  - The solution to all security problems
  - Reliable unless implemented properly
  - Reliable unless used properly
  - Something you should try to invent yourself unless
    - you spend a lot of time becoming an expert
    - you subject your design to outside review

Basic Cryptographic Concepts

- Encryption scheme:
  - functions to encrypt, decrypt data
- Symmetric encryption
  - Block, stream ciphers
- Hash function, MAC
  - Map any input to short hash; ideally, no collisions
  - MAC (keyed hash) used for message integrity
- Public-key cryptography
  - PK encryption: public *key* does not reveal *key*$^{-1}$
  - Signatures: sign data, verify signature

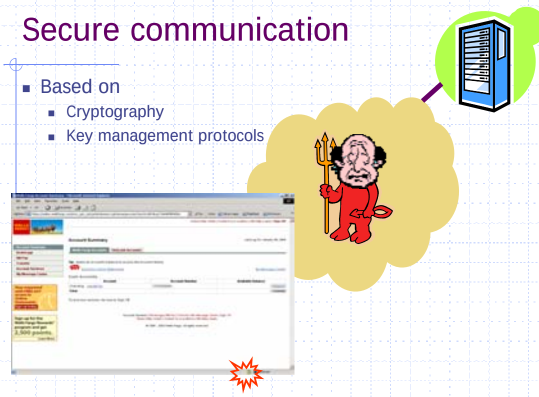
Example: network transactions



Assume attackers can control the network
- We will talk about how they do this in a few weeks
- Attackers can intercept packets, tamper with or suppress them, and inject arbitrary packets

Secure communication

- Based on
  - Cryptography
  - Key management protocols



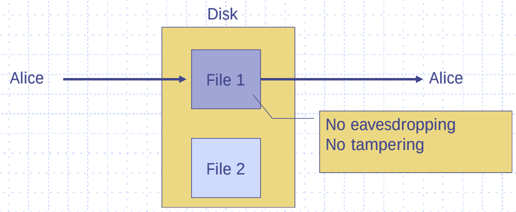
Secure Sockets Layer / TLS

- Standard for Internet security
  - Originally designed by Netscape
  - Goal: "… provide privacy and reliability between two communicating applications"
- Two main parts
  - Handshake Protocol
    - Establish shared secret key using public-key cryptography
    - Signed certificates for authentication
  - Record Layer
    - Transmit data using negotiated key, encryption function

SSL/TLS Cryptography

- Public-key encryption
  - Key chosen secretly (handshake protocol)
  - Key material sent encrypted with public key
- Symmetric encryption
  - Shared (secret) key encryption of data packets
- Signature-based authentication
  - Client can check signed server certificate
  - And vice-versa, if client certificates used
- Hash for integrity
  - Client, server check hash of sequence of messages
  - MAC used in data packets (record protocol)

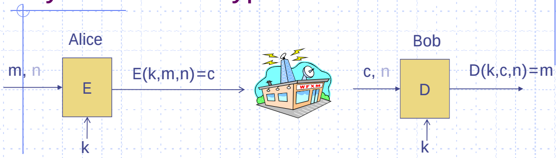
Goal 2: protected files



Analogous to secure communication:
Alice today sends a message to Alice tomorrow

Symmetric Cryptography

Symmetric encryption



E, D: cipher   k: secret key (e.g., 128 bits)
m, c: plaintext, ciphertext   n: nonce (aka IV)

Encryption algorithm is publicly known

- Never use a proprietary cipher

First example: One Time Pad
(single use key)

- Vernam (1917)

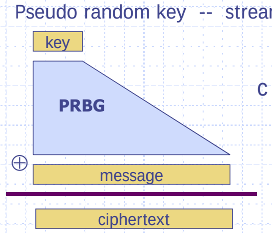
Key:	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
Plaintext:	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Ciphertext:	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0

$\oplus$

- Shannon '49:
  - OTP is "secure" against ciphertext-only attacks

Stream ciphers (single use key)

Problem: OTP key is as long the message
Solution: Pseudo random key -- stream ciphers



$c \leftarrow \text{PRBG}(k) \oplus m$

Stream ciphers: RC4 (113MB/sec) , SEAL (293MB/sec)

Dangers in using stream ciphers

One time key !!   "Two time pad" is insecure:

$$\begin{cases} C_1 \leftarrow m_1 \oplus \text{PRBG}(k) \\ C_2 \leftarrow m_2 \oplus \text{PRBG}(k) \end{cases}$$

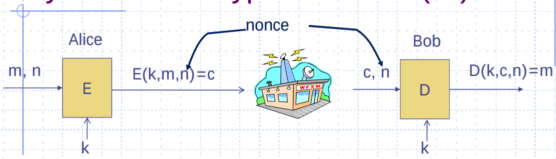
Eavesdropper does:

$$C_1 \oplus C_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad m_1 \oplus m_2$$

Enough redundant information in English that:

$$m_1 \oplus m_2 \rightarrow \quad m_1 ,\ m_2$$

Symmetric encryption: nonce (IV)



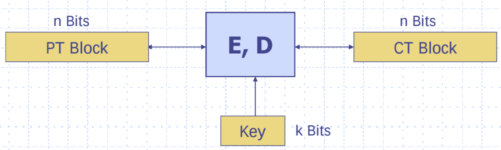
E, D: cipher k: secret key (e.g., 128 bits)

m, c: plaintext, ciphertext n: nonce (aka IV)

Use Cases

- Single use key: (one time key)
  - Key is only used to encrypt one message
    - encrypted email: new key generated for every email
  - No need for nonce (set to 0)
- Multi use key:
  - Key used to encrypt multiple messages
    - SSL: same key used to encrypt many packets
  - Need either unique nonce or random nonce
- Multi use key, but all plaintexts are distinct:
  - Can eliminate nonce (use 0) using special mode (SIV)

Block ciphers: crypto work horse



Canonical examples:

1. 3DES: n= 64 bits, k = 168 bits
2. AES: n=128 bits, k = 128, 192, 256 bits

IV handled as part of PT block

Building a block cipher

Input: (m, k)

Repeat simple mixing operation several times

- DES: Repeat 16 times:

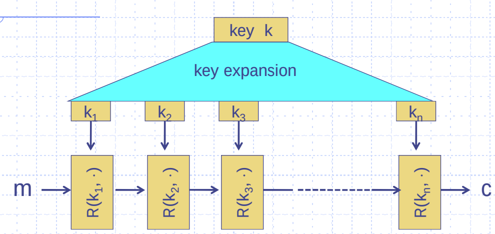
$$\begin{cases} m_L \leftarrow m_R \\ m_R \leftarrow m_L \oplus F(k, m_R) \end{cases}$$

- AES-128: Mixing step repeated 10 times

Difficult to design: must resist subtle attacks

- differential attacks, linear attacks, brute-force, ...

Block Ciphers Built by Iteration

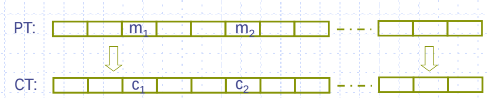


R(k,m): round function

for DES (n=16), for AES (n=10)

Incorrect use of block ciphers

- Electronic Code Book (ECB):

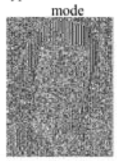


- Problem:
  - if $m_1 = m_2$ then $c_1 = c_2$

In pictures

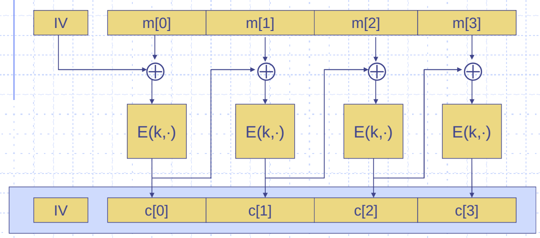
An example plaintext

Encrypted with AES in ECB mode



Correct use of block ciphers I: CBC mode

E a secure PRP. Cipher Block Chaining with IV:



Q: how to do decryption?

Use cases: how to choose an IV

Single use key: no IV needed (IV=0)

Multi use key: (CPA Security)

Best: use a fresh *random* IV for every message (IV ← X)

Can use *unique* IV (e.g counter) [Bitlocker]

but then first step in CBC must be IV′ ← E(k,IV)

benefit: may save transmitting IV with ciphertext

Multi-use key, but unique messages

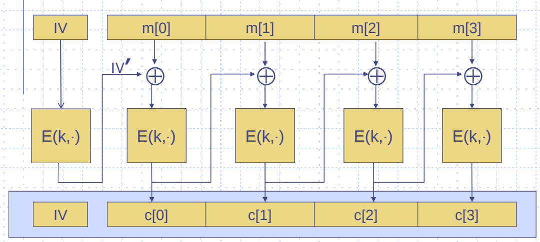
SIV: eliminate IV by setting IV ← F(k′, PT)

F: secure PRF with key k′

CBC with Unique IVs

unique IV means: (k,IV) pair is used for only one message

may be predictable so use E(k,·) as PRF



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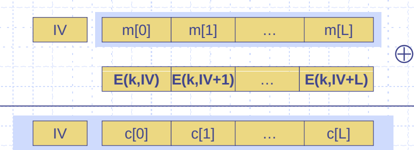
An example plaintext

Encrypted with AES in CBC mode

Correct use of block ciphers II: CTR mode

Counter mode with a random IV: (parallel encryption)



- Why are these modes secure? not today.

Performance: Crypto++ 5.2.1   [Wei Dai]

Pentium 4, 2.1 GHz   (on Windows XP SP1, Visual C++ 2003)

Cipher	Block/key size	Speed (MB/sec)
RC4		113
SEAL		293
3DES	64/168	9
AES	128/128	61
IDEA	64/128	19
SHACAL-2	512/128	20

Hash functions and message integrity

Cryptographic hash functions

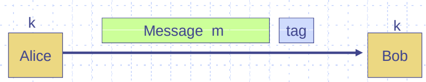
- Length-reducing function h
  - Map arbitrary strings to strings of fixed length
- One way ("preimage resistance")
  - Given y, hard to find x with h(x)=y
- Collision resistant
  - Hard to find any distinct m, m' with h(m)=h(m')
- Also useful: 2^{nd} preimage resistance
  - Given x, hard to find x'≠x with h(x')=h(x)
  - Collision resistance ⇒ 2^{nd} preimage resistance

Applications of one-way hash

- Password files   (one way)
- Digital signatures   (collision resistant)
  - Sign hash of message instead of entire message
- Data integrity
  - Compute and securely store hash of some data
  - Check later by recomputing hash and comparing
- Keyed hash for message authentication
  - MAC – Message Authentication Code

Message Integrity: MACs

- Goal: message integrity. No confidentiality.
  - ex: Protecting public binaries on disk.



Generate tag:
tag ← S(k, m)

Verify tag:
V(k, m, tag) $\overset{?}{=}$ `yes'

note: non-keyed checksum (CRC) is an insecure MAC !!

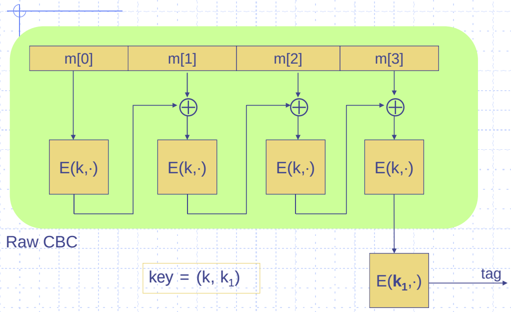
Secure MACs

- Attacker's power: chosen message attack.
  - for $m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_q$ attacker is given $t_i \leftarrow S(k, mi)$
- Attacker's goal: existential forgery.
  - produce some **new** valid message/tag pair (m,t).

    $(m,t) \notin \{ (m_1,t_1), \ldots, (m_q,t_q) \}$

- A secure PRF gives a secure MAC:
  - S(k,m) = F(k,m)
  - V(k,m,t): `yes' if t = F(k,m) and `no' otherwise.

Construction 1: ECBC



Construction 2: HMAC (Hash-MAC)

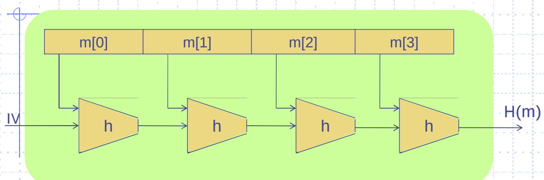
Most widely used MAC on the Internet.

H: hash function.
example: SHA-256 ; output is 256 bits

Building a MAC out of a hash function:

Standardized method: HMAC
S(k, m) = H(k⊕opad || **H(k⊕ipad || m)**)

SHA-256: Merkle-Damgard



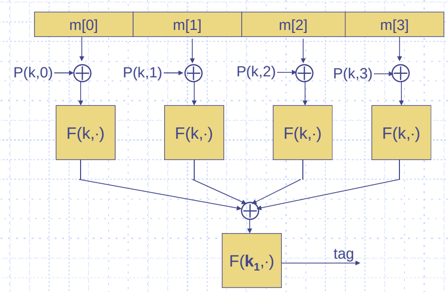
h(t, m[i]): compression function

Thm 1: if h is collision resistant then so is H

"Thm 2": if h is a PRF then HMAC is a PRF

Construction 3: PMAC – parallel MAC

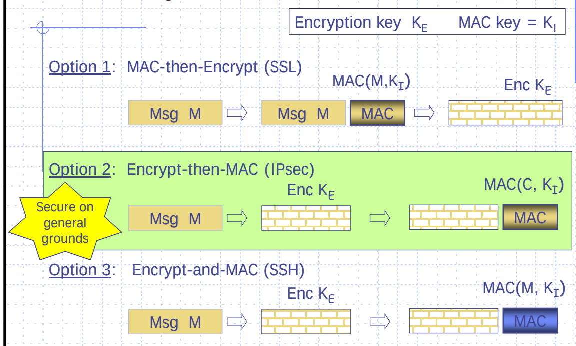
ECBC and HMAC are sequential. PMAC:



- Why are these MAC constructions secure?
  - ... not today – take CS255
- Why the last encryption step in ECBC?
  - CBC (aka Raw-CBC) is not a secure MAC:
    - Given tag on a message m, attacker can deduce tag for some other message m'
    - How: good exercise.

Authenticated Encryption:
Encryption + MAC

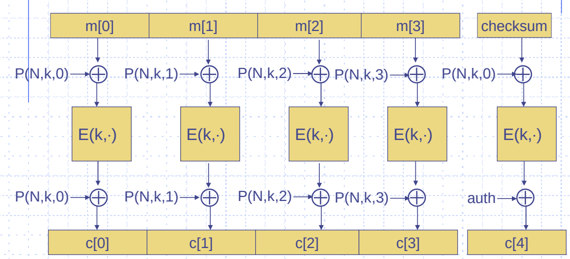
Combining MAC and ENC (CCA)



Recent developments: OCB

offset codebook mode

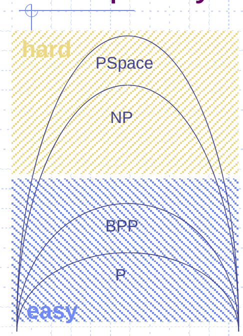
More efficient authenticated encryption



Rogaway, ...

Public-key Cryptography

Complexity Classes



Answer in polynomial space
may need exhaustive search

If yes, can guess and check in polynomial time

Answer in polynomial time, with high probability

Answer in polynomial time
compute answer directly

Example: RSA

- Arithmetic modulo pq
  - Generate secret primes p, q
  - Generate secret numbers a, b with $x^{ab} \equiv x \bmod \overbrace{pq}^{n}$
- Public encryption key ⟨n, a⟩
  - Encrypt(⟨n, a⟩, x) = $x^a \bmod n$
- Private decryption key ⟨n, b⟩
  - Decrypt(⟨n, b⟩, y) = $y^b \bmod n$
- Main properties
  - This appears to be a "trapdoor permutation"
  - Cannot compute b from n,a
    - *Apparently*, need to factor n = pq

Why RSA works (quick sketch)

- Let p, q be two distinct primes and let n=p*q
  - Encryption, decryption based on group Z_n^*
  - For n=p*q, order $\phi(n)$ = (p-1)*(q-1)
    - Proof: (p-1)*(q-1) = p*q - p - q + 1
- Key pair: ⟨a, b⟩ with ab ≡ 1 mod $\phi(n)$
  - Encrypt(x) = $x^a \bmod n$
  - Decrypt(y) = $y^b \bmod n$
  - Since ab ≡ 1 mod $\phi(n)$, have $x^{ab} \equiv x \bmod n$
    - Proof: if gcd(x,n) = 1, then by general group theory, otherwise use "Chinese remainder theorem".

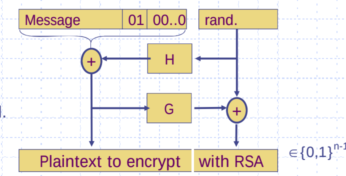
Textbook RSA is insecure

- What if message is from a small set (yes/no)?
  - Can build table
- What if I want to outbid you in secret auction?
  - I take your encrypted bid c and submit
    c (101/100)e mod n
- What if there's some protocol in which I can learn other message decryptions?

OAEP [BR94, Shoup '01]

Preprocess message for RSA

Check pad
on decryption.
Reject CT if invalid.



- If RSA is trapdoor permutation, then this is chosen-ciphertext secure (if H,G "random oracles")
- In practice: use SHA-1 or MD5 for H and G

Digital Signatures

- Public-key encryption
  - Alice publishes encryption key
  - Anyone can send encrypted message
  - Only Alice can decrypt messages with this key
- Digital signature scheme
  - Alice publishes key for verifying signatures
  - Anyone can check a message signed by Alice
  - Only Alice can send signed messages

Properties of signatures

- Functions to sign and verify
  - Sign(Key^{-1}, message)
  - $\text{Verify(Key, x, m)} = \begin{cases} \textit{true} & \text{if } x = \text{Sign}(Key^{-1}, m) \\ \textit{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- Resists forgery
  - Cannot compute Sign(Key^{-1}, m) from m and Key
  - Resists existential forgery:
    given Key, cannot produce Sign(Key^{-1}, m)
    for any random or arbitrary m

RSA Signature Scheme

- Publish decryption instead of encryption key
  - Alice publishes decryption key
  - Anyone can decrypt a message encrypted by Alice
  - Only Alice can send encrypt messages
- In more detail,
  - Alice generates primes p, q and key pair ⟨a, b⟩
  - Sign(x) = x^a mod n
  - Verify(y) = y^b mod n
  - Since $ab \equiv 1 \bmod \phi(n)$, have $x^{ab} \equiv x \bmod n$

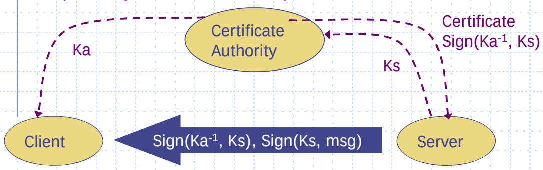
Generally, sign hash of message instead of full plaintext

Public-Key Infrastructure (PKI)

- Anyone can send Bob a secret message
  - Provided they know Bob's public key
- How do we know a key belongs to Bob?
  - If imposter substitutes another key, can read Bob's mail
- One solution: PKI
  - Trusted root authority (VeriSign, IBM, United Nations)
    - Everyone must know the verification key of root authority
    - Check your browser; there are hundreds!!
  - Root authority can sign certificates
  - Certificates identify others, including other authorities
  - Leads to certificate chains

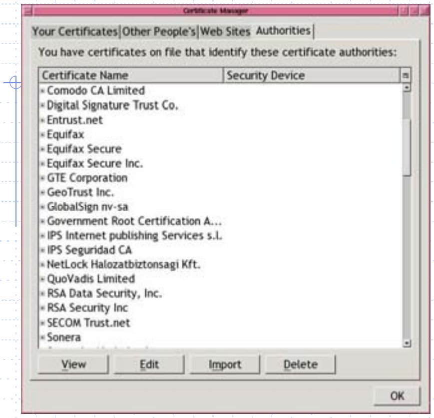
Public-Key Infrastructure

Known public signature verification key Ka



Server certificate can be verified by any client that has CA key Ka

Certificate authority is "off line"



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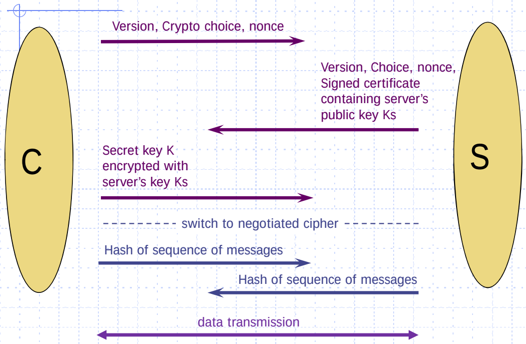

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Limitations of cryptography

- Most security problems are not crypto problems
  - This is good
    - Cryptography works!
  - This is bad
    - People make other mistakes; crypto doesn't solve them
- Misuse of cryptography is fatal for security
  - WEP – ineffective, highly embarrassing for industry
  - Occasional unexpected attacks on systems subjected to serious review