

Modern Symmetric Cryptography



Modern ciphers: types

- ▷ Concerning operation
 - ♦ Block ciphers (mono-alphabetic)
 - ♦ Stream ciphers (poly-alphabetic)
- ▷ Concerning their key
 - ♦ Symmetric ciphers (secret key or shared key ciphers)
 - ♦ Asymmetric ciphers (or public key ciphers)
- ▷ Arrangements

	Block ciphers	Stream ciphers
Symmetric ciphers		
Asymmetric ciphers		



Symmetric ciphers

- ▷ Secret key
 - Shared by 2 or more peers
- ▷ Allow
 - Confidentiality among the key holders
 - Limited authentication of messages
 - When block ciphers are used
- ▷ Advantages
 - Performance (usually very efficient)
- ▷ Disadvantages
 - N interacting peers, pairwise secrecy $\Rightarrow N \times (N-1)/2$ keys
- ▷ Problems
 - Key distribution



Symmetric block ciphers

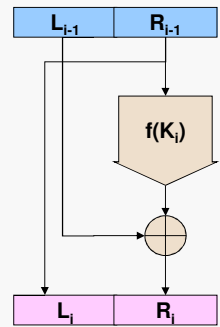
- ▷ Usual approaches
 - Large bit blocks for input, output and key
 - 64, 128, 256, etc.
 - Diffusion & confusion
 - Permutation, substitution, expansion, compression
 - Feistel networks, substitution-permutation networks
 - Iterations
 - Sub-keys (key schedules, round keys, etc.)
- ▷ Most common algorithms
 - DES (Data Enc. Stand.), D=64 K=56
 - IDEA (Int. Data Enc. Alg.), D=64 K=128
 - AES (Adv. Enc. Stand., aka Rijndael) D=128 K=128, 192, 256
 - Other (Blowfish, CAST, RC5, etc.)



Feistel networks

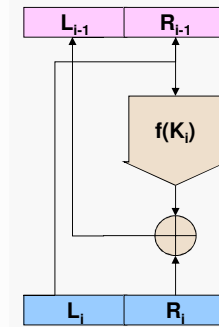
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$$R_i = L_{i-1} \oplus f(R_{i-1}, K_i)$$



$$R_{i-1} = L_i$$

$$L_{i-1} = R_i \oplus f(L_i, K_i)$$



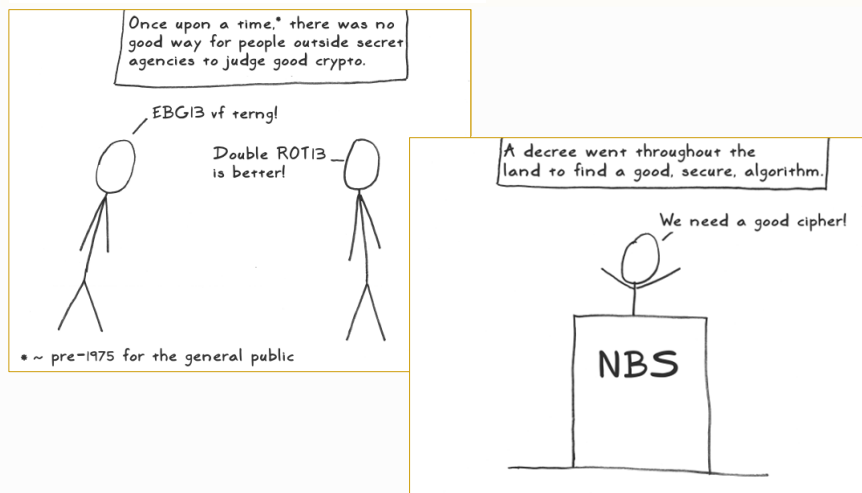
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We need a good cipher!

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DES (Data Encryption Standard)

- ▷ 1970: the need of a standard cipher for civilians was identified
- ▷ 1972: NBS opens a contest for a new cipher, requiring:
 - The cryptographic algorithm must be secure to a high degree
 - Algorithm details described in an easy-to-understand language
 - The details of the algorithm must be publicly available
 - So that anyone could implement it in software or hardware
 - The security of the algorithm must depend on the key
 - Not on keeping the method itself (or part of it) secret
 - The method must be adaptable for use in many applications
 - Hardware implementations of the algorithm must be practical
 - i.e. not prohibitively expensive or extremely slow
 - The method must be efficient
 - Test and validation under real-life conditions
 - The algorithm should be exportable



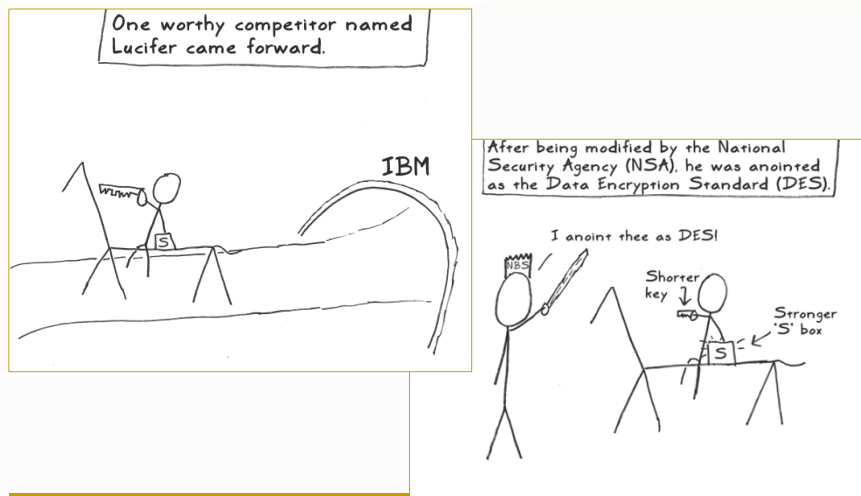
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Lucifer and DES

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DES: proposal and adoption

- ▷ 1974: new contest
 - ♦ Proposal based on Lucifer from IBM
 - ♦ 64-bit blocks
 - ♦ 56-bit keys
 - 48-bit subkeys (key schedules)
 - ♦ Diffusion & confusion
 - Feistel networks
 - Permutations, substitutions, expansions, compressions
 - 16 iterations
 - ♦ Several modes of operation
 - **ECB** (Electronic Code Book), **CBC** (Cypher Block Chaining)
 - **OFB** (Output Feedback), **CFB** (Cypher Feedback)
- ▷ 1976: adopted at US as a federal standard

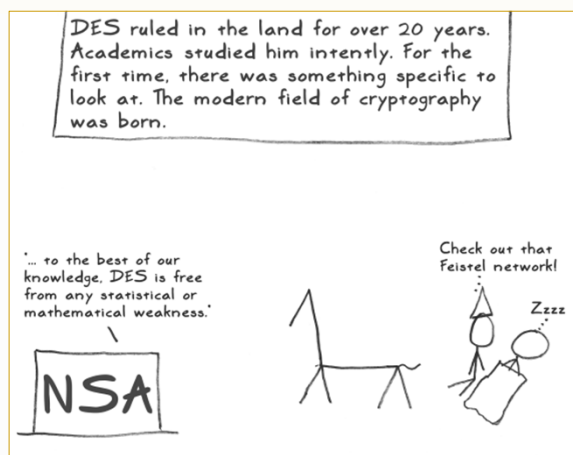


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DES as a milestone



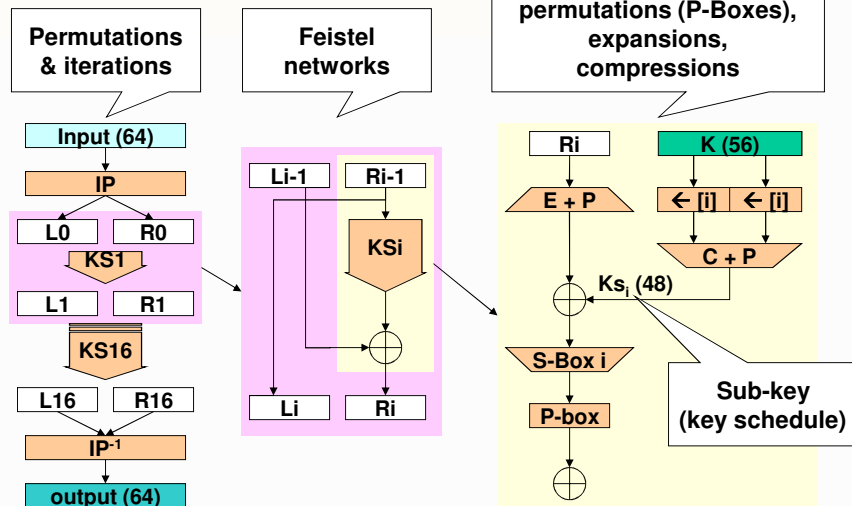
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DES: architecture



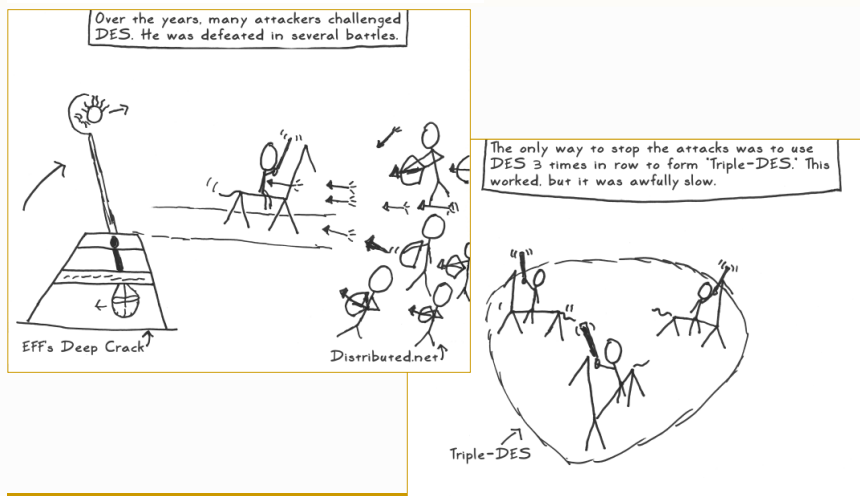
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DES security

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DES: offered security

▷ Key selection

- Most 56-bit values are suitable
- 4 weak, 12 semi-weak keys, 48 possibly weak keys
 - Equal key schedules (1, 2 or 4)
 - Easy to spot and avoid

▷ Key length

- 56 bits are actually too few
- Exhaustive search is technically possible and economically interesting

▷ Known attacks

- Exhaustive key space search

▷ Multiple encryption

- Double encryption
 - Theoretically not more secure
- Triple DES (3DES)
 - With 2 or 3 keys
 - Equivalent key length of 112 or 168 bits
 - Slow ...but secure!



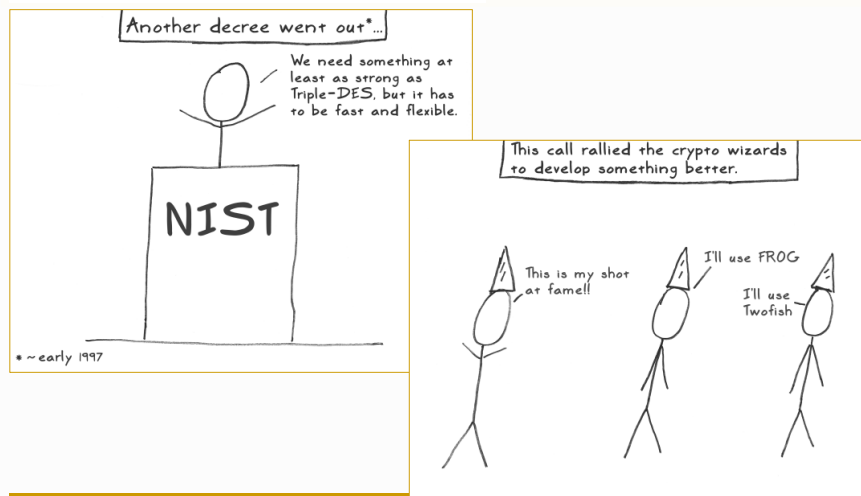
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Replacement of DES (and DES variants)

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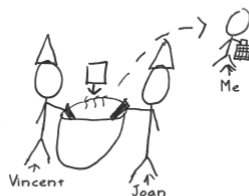
AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)

- ▷ 2/Jan/1997: Call for evaluation criteria
 - NIST publicly asked interested parties to propose a criteria to choose a DES successor
 - Many submissions received during 3 months
- ▷ 12/Sep/1997: Call for new algorithms
 - Block ciphers
 - 128-bit blocks
 - 128, 192, and 256-bit keys
 - Such ciphers were rare at the time of the call



Rijndael

My creators, Vincent Rijmen and Joan Daemen, were among these crypto wizards. They combined their last names to give me my birth name: Rijndael.*



* That's pronounced 'Rhine Dahl' for the non-Belgians out there.



AES: evaluation rounds

▷ 1st round

- 15 candidate algorithms were evaluated by the community
- Conferences were organized for the evaluation
- Cryptographic weakness were found
- Performance issues were identified
 - In a variety of hardware
 - PCs, smart cards, hardware implementations
- Constrained environment were evaluated
 - Limited memory smart cards, low gate count circuits, FPGAs

▷ Aug/1999: AES finalists announced

- MARS, RC6, Rijndael, Serpent, and Twofish



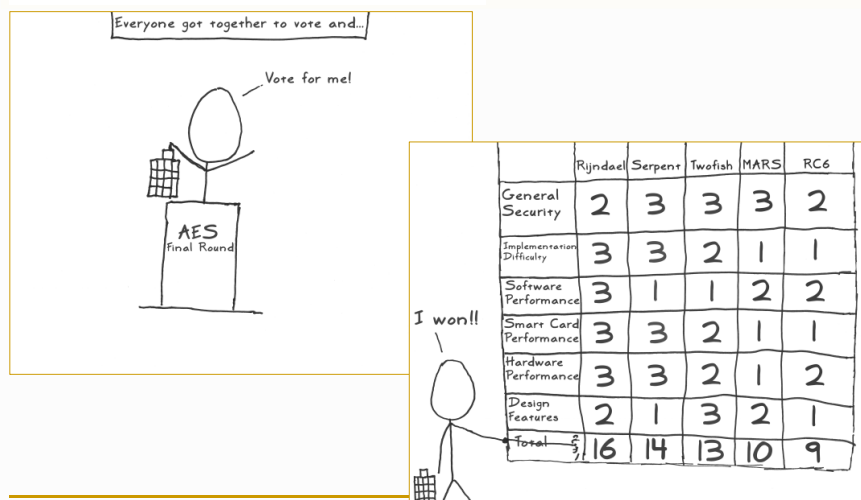
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Rijndael selection as AES

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AES: evaluation rounds

- ▷ 2nd round
 - The 5 finalists continued to be evaluated
 - In a final conference the proposal of each algorithm presented their advantage against the other
- ▷ 2/Oct/2000: AES algorithm was announced
 - Rijndael was selected
 - Proposed by Vincent Rijmen and Joan Daemen
 - Family of ciphers with different key and block sizes
- ▷ 26/Nov/2001: AES was approved by NIST
 - FIPS PUB 197
 - Subset of Rijndael (3 family members)
- ▷ Now part of the ISO/IEC 18033-3 standard

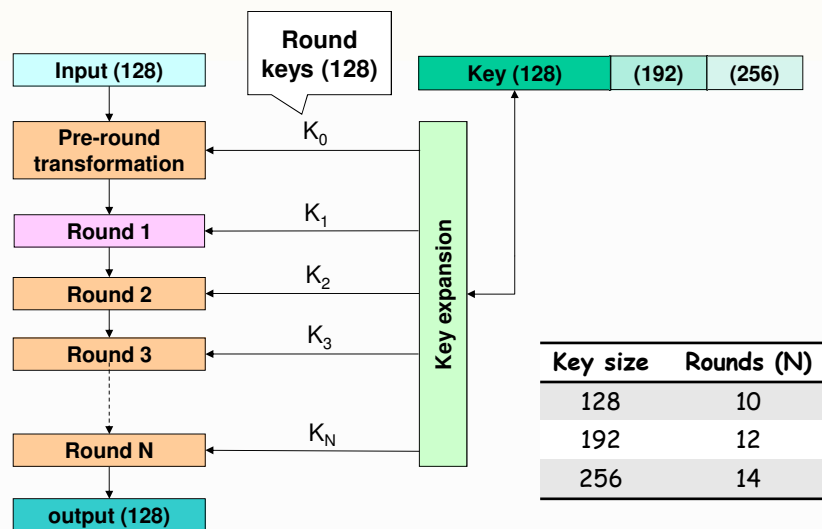


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AES: architecture



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AES in CPU instruction's set

▷ Intel AES New Instructions (AES-NI)

AESENC	Perform one round of an AES encryption flow
AESENCLAST	Perform the last round of an AES encryption flow
AESDEC	Perform one round of an AES decryption flow
AESDECLAST	Perform the last round of an AES decryption flow
AESKEYGENASSIST	Assist in AES round key generation
AESIMC	Assist in AES Inverse Mix Columns

▷ ARMv8 Cryptographic Extension

▷ ... and other



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Stream ciphers

▷ Approaches

- ♦ Cryptographically secure pseudo-random generators (PRNG)
 - Using linear feedback shift registers (LFSR)
 - Using block ciphers
 - Other (families of functions, etc.)
- ♦ Usually not self-synchronized
- ♦ Usually without uniform random access
 - No immediate setup of generator's state for a given plaintext/ciphertext offset

▷ Most common algorithms

- ♦ A5/1 (US, Europe), A5/2 (GSM)
- ♦ RC4 (802.11 WEP/TKIP, etc.)
- ♦ E0 (Bluetooth BR/EDR)
- ♦ SEAL (w/ uniform random access)



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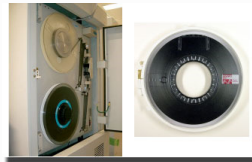
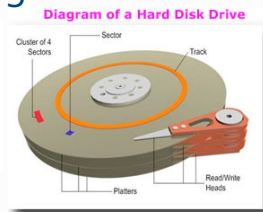
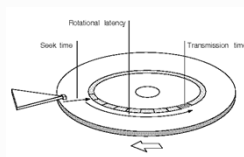
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Uniform random access

- ▷ Same time to reach and process any piece of information regardless of its storage location

- ▷ Uniform

- Memory
- Disks (magnetic, optical)
 - Average $T_{\text{access}} = T_{\text{seek}} + \frac{1}{2} T_{\text{revolution}}$



- ▷ Non-uniform

- Tapes (audio, video, computer)



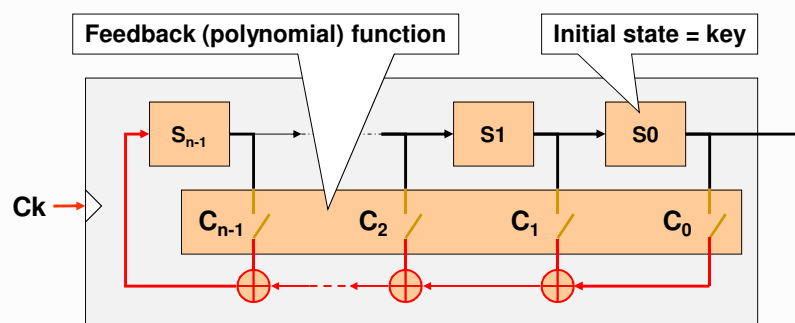
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Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR)



- ▷ $2^n - 1$ non-null sequences
 - If one of them has a $2^n - 1$ period length, then all have it
- ▷ Primitive feedback functions (primitive polynomials)
 - All non-null sequences have a $2^n - 1$ period length

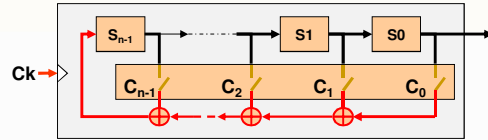


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Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR)



Issue

- ♦ If you know N consecutive bits of the output, you know the entire sequence ahead

$$O_0 \quad O_1 \quad O_2 \quad O_3 \quad \dots \quad O_n \quad O_n = C_0 O_0 + C_1 O_1 + \dots + C_{n-1} O_{n-1}$$

- ♦ The output must be mixed with something else ...

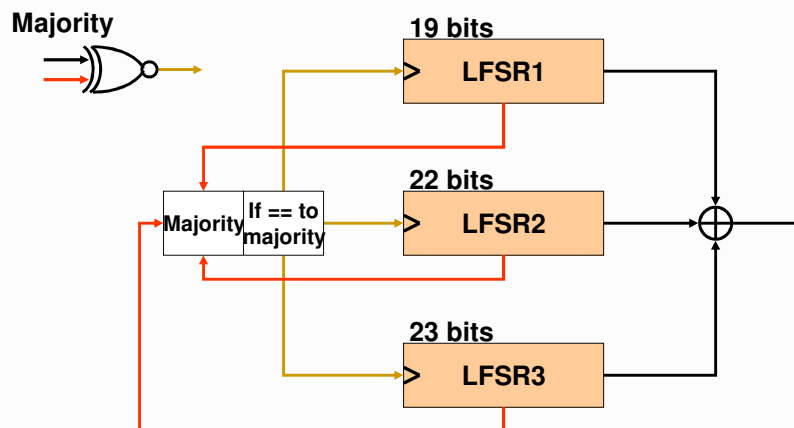


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Generators using many LFSR: A5/1 (GSM)



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