

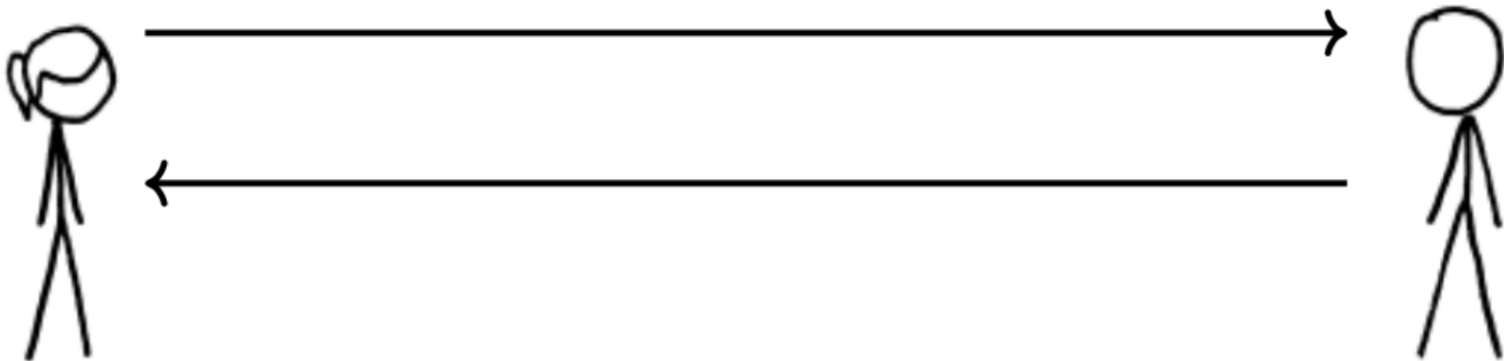
Computer and Network Security

Lecture 02: Intro to Cryptography

COMP-5370/6370
Fall 2023



A Communications Channel



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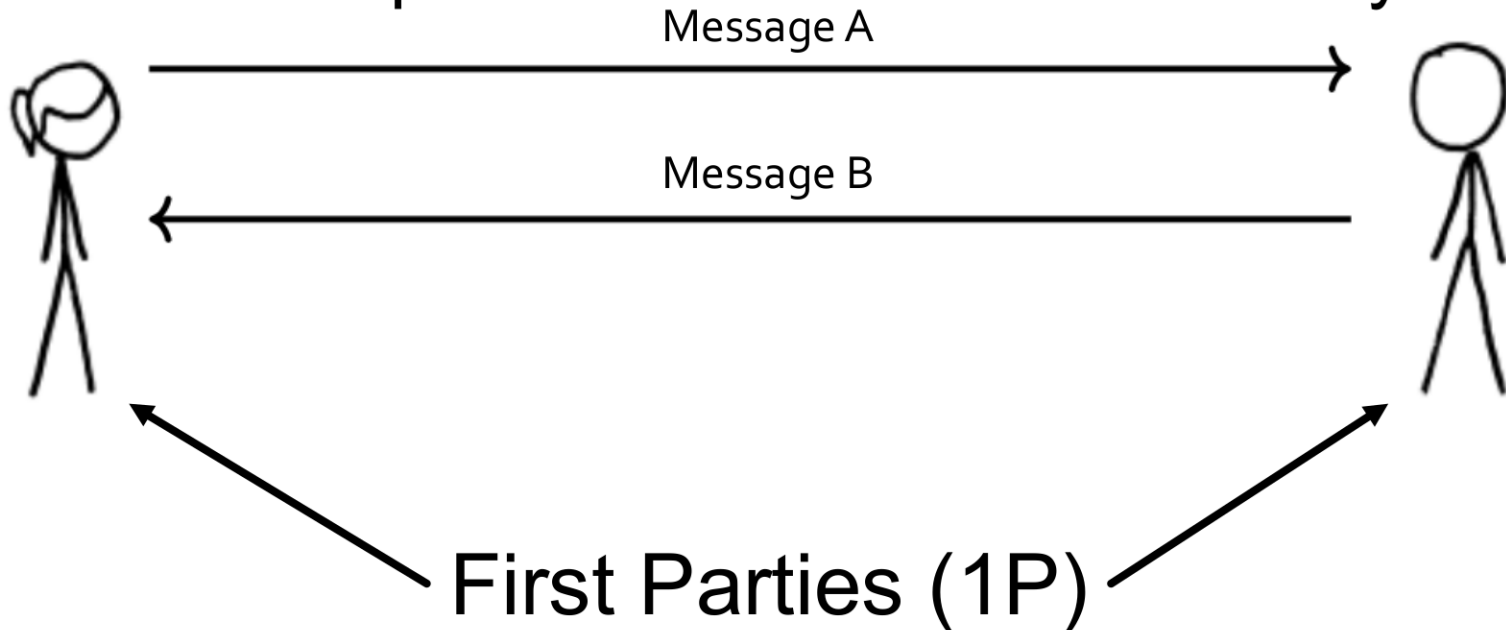


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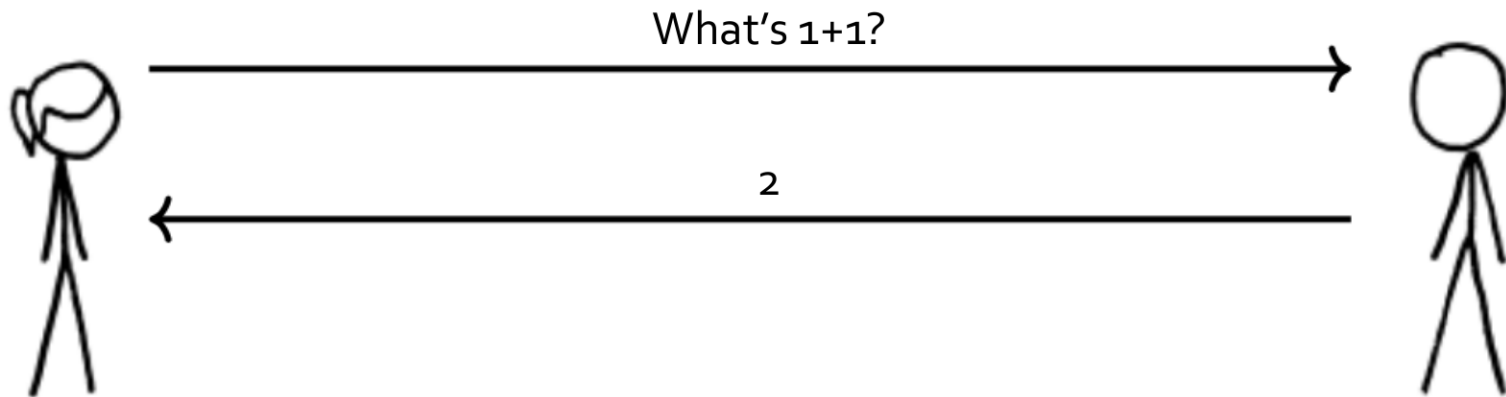
Alice and Bob



- Normal, benign users trying to communicate with each other
- Pass **messages** back and forth
 - Context-specific details abstracted away



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So..uh...that's it?



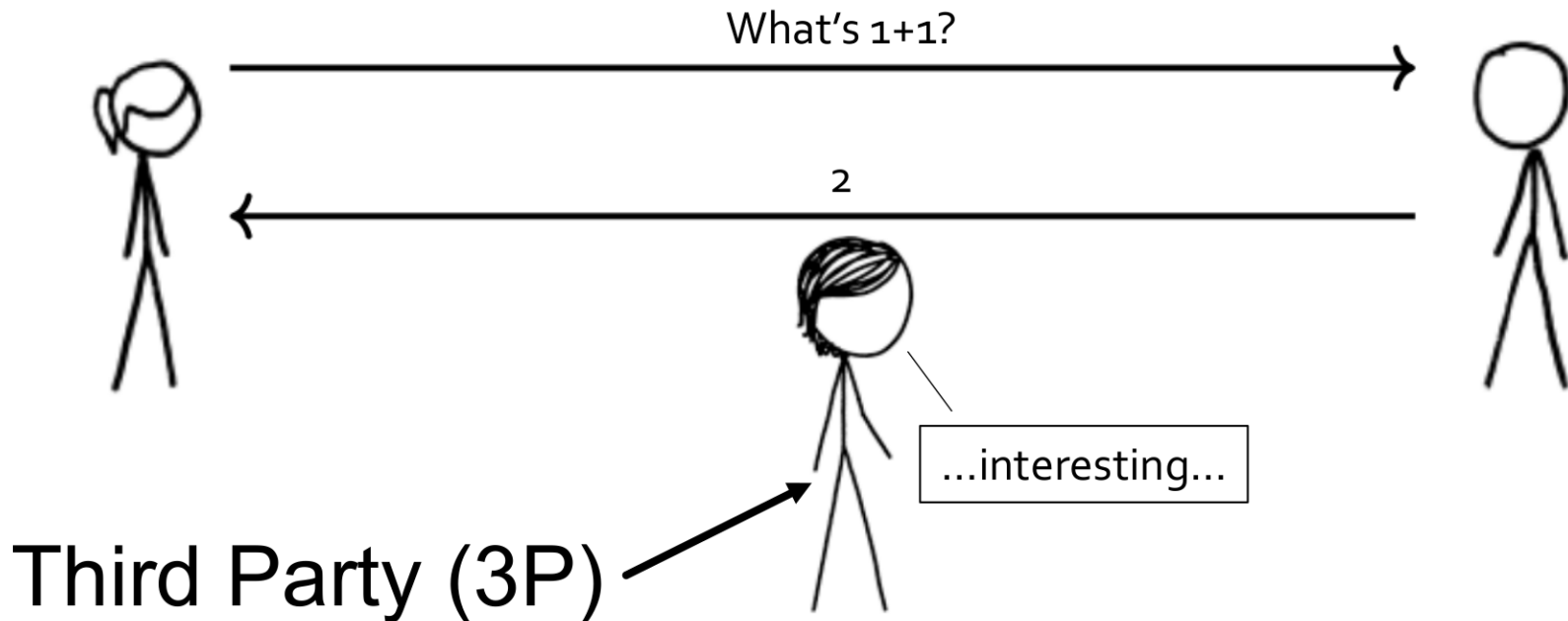
Eve the Eavesdropper



- A **passive** but malicious actor
- Can read messages but **cannot** modify, delay, discard, etc.



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Foreshadowing



AdAge

Don't Miss TikTok's #BamaRush Brands recognize Black business Ent Wo

Digital Marketing & Ad Tech News

THE \$24 BILLION DATA B TELCOS DON'T WANT TO

Mobile Carriers Are Working With Partne

By [Kate Kaye](#). Published on October 26, 2015.

The Intercept
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XKEYSCORE

NSA's Google for the World's Private Communications

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Morgan Marquis-Boire, [Glenn Greenwald](#), [Micah Lee](#)

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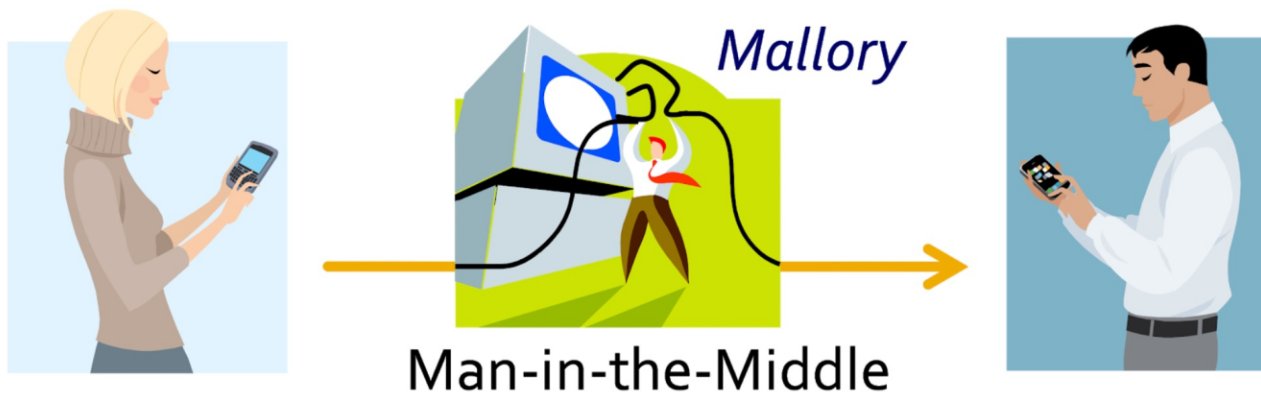
Credit: Illustration by Viktor Koen for Ad Age

The image is a composite screenshot of a news article. On the left, the AdAge website interface is visible, showing a headline about mobile carriers and a shopping cart containing a smartphone and a \$100 bill. On the right, a large graphic titled 'The Intercept' depicts a world map with red lines connecting various server locations to a central point at Fort Meade. Below the map, a globe is labeled 'ANALYST' and 'XKEYSCORE'. The article title 'NSA's Google for the World's Private Communications' is prominently displayed. At the bottom, there is a 'DONATE' button, social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, and a comment count of 138. The author names Morgan Marquis-Boire, Glenn Greenwald, and Micah Lee are listed, along with the date and time of the post: July 1, 2015, at 9:49 a.m. A credit line at the bottom left of the screenshot reads 'Credit: Illustration by Viktor Koen for Ad Age'.

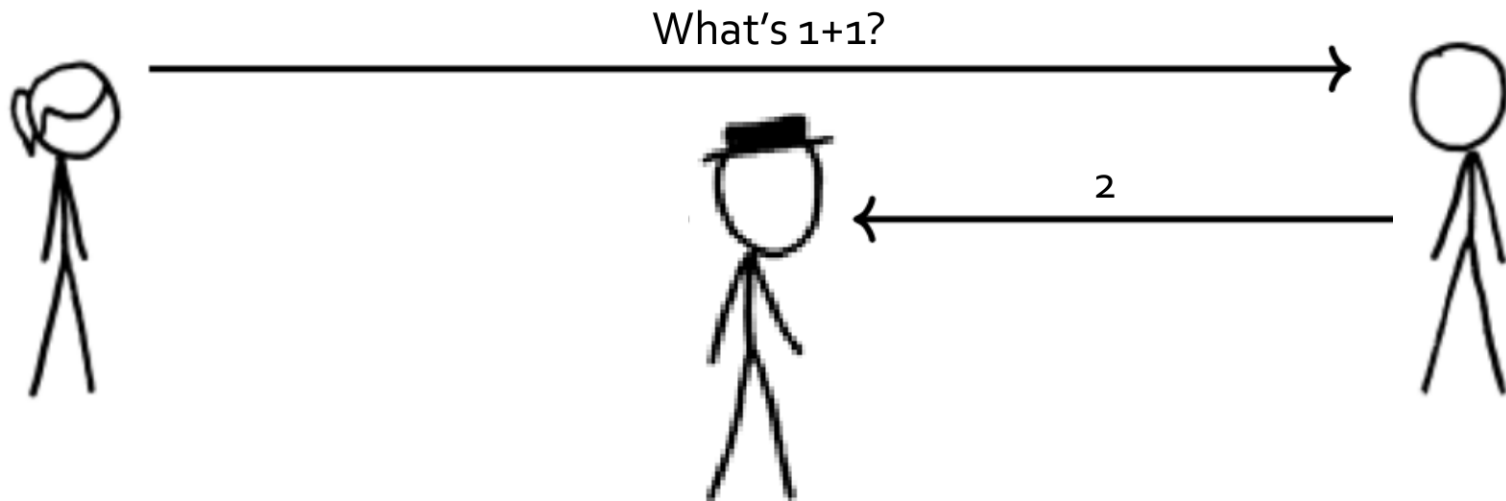
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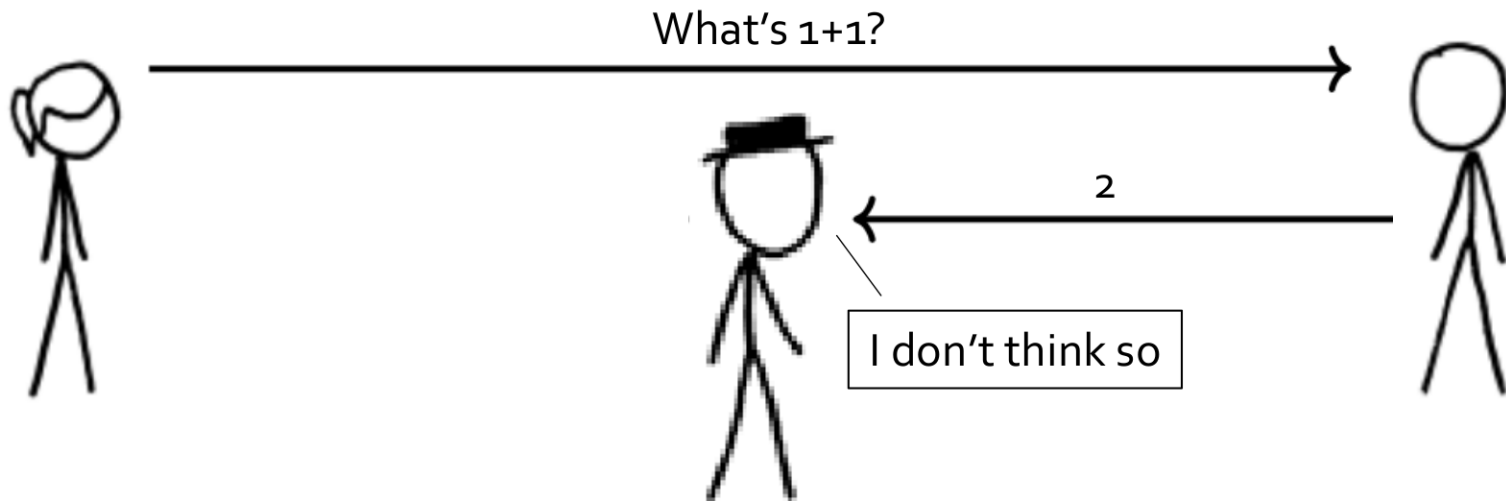
- An **active** and malicious actor
 - Has all passive capabilities (read messages)
 - Can modify/delay/discard messages
 - Can be an unintended end-point (MitM attack)



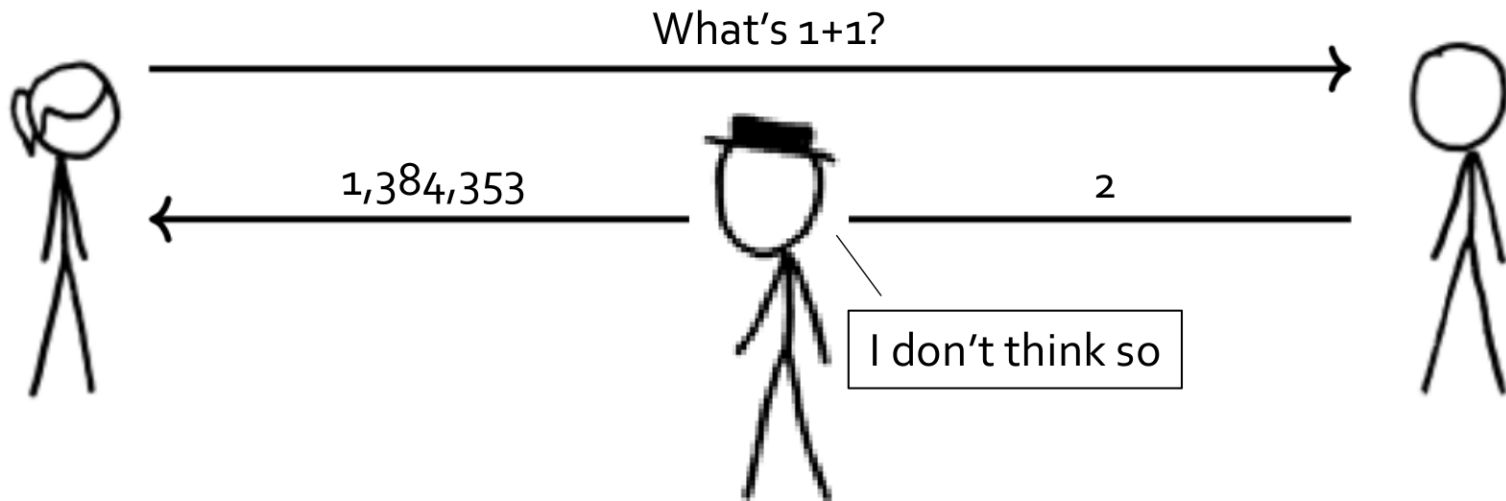
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Third Party (3P) →

More Foreshadowing




ars TECHNICA

POLICY — Comcast Wi-Fi serving JavaScript injection

The practice raises security, net neutrality

DAVID KRAVETS - 9/8/2014, 7:00 AM



Mike Mozart

EFF

About Issues Our Work Take Action Tools Donate

Verizon Injecting Pe Mobile Customers, Controls

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS BY JACOB HOFFMAN-AND

[Twitter](#) [Facebook](#)

Verizon users might want to start looking at how Verizon Wireless has used its network to inject a cookie-like tracking header called X-UIDH, is sent to every user from a mobile device. It allows third-party deep, permanent profile of visitors' web

Verizon apparently created this mechanism it has privacy implications far beyond those about Verizon's own use of the header, *others* to find out about Verizon users. The cookie, but does so in a way that is shocking privacy. Worse still, Verizon doesn't let functions even if you use a private browser whether the header is injected in your [amibeingtracked.com](#) over a cell data connection

How X-UIDH Works, and Why

National Cyber Awareness System > Alerts > Lenovo Superfish Adware Vulnerable to HTTPS Spoofing

Alert (TA15-051A)

More Alerts

Lenovo Superfish Adware Vulnerable to HTTPS Spoofing

Original release date: February 20, 2015 | Last revised: September 30, 2016

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Systems Affected

Lenovo consumer PCs that have Superfish VisualDiscovery installed.

Overview

Superfish adware installed on some Lenovo PCs install a non-unique trusted root certification authority (CA) certificate, allowing an attacker to spoof HTTPS traffic.

Description

Starting in September 2014, Lenovo pre-installed Superfish VisualDiscovery spyware on some of their PCs. This software intercepts users' web traffic to provide targeted advertisements. In order to intercept encrypted connections (those using HTTPS), the software installs a trusted root CA certificate for Superfish. All browser-based encrypted traffic to the Internet is intercepted, decrypted, and re-encrypted to the user's browser by the application – a classic man-in-the-middle attack. Because the certificates used by Superfish are signed by the CA installed by the software, the browser will not display any warnings that the traffic is being tampered with. Since the private key can easily be recovered from the Superfish software, an attacker can generate a certificate for any website that will be trusted by a system with the Superfish software installed. This means websites, such as banking and email, can be spoofed without a warning from the browser.

Although [Lenovo has stated](#) they have discontinued the practice of pre-installing Superfish VisualDiscovery, the systems that came with the software already installed will continue to be vulnerable until corrective actions have been taken.

To detect a system with Superfish installed, look for a HTTP GET request to:
superfish.aistcdn.com

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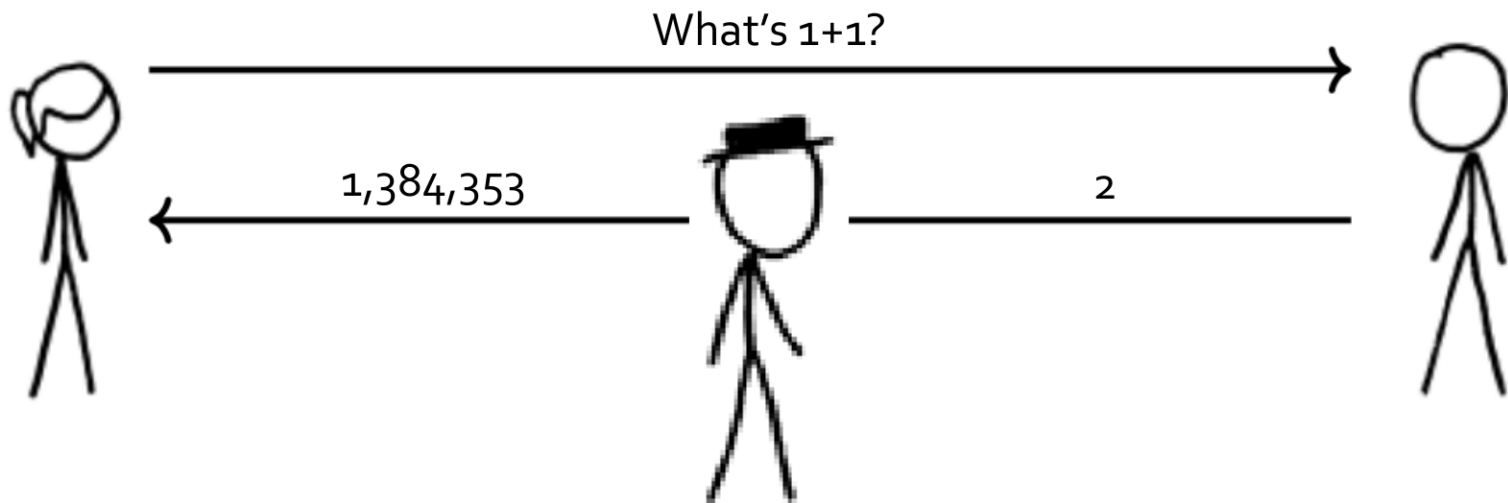


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- **Man-in-the-Middle Actor (MitM)**
 - Sub-class of Active Attacker
 - Usually requires “on path” vantage point

A Communications Channel



We should probably
use something better.



...yeah, but what?



What is desired?



What do you want when talking to your friends and family?

What do you want when talking to your doctor or lawyer?

What do you want when talking to Comcast, University, other org/company?

Classical CIA Triad



- Canonical security properties (baseline)
- You will see this **EVERYWHERE**
- It not bad but it's overly vague and can be interpreted many different ways

Security Properties



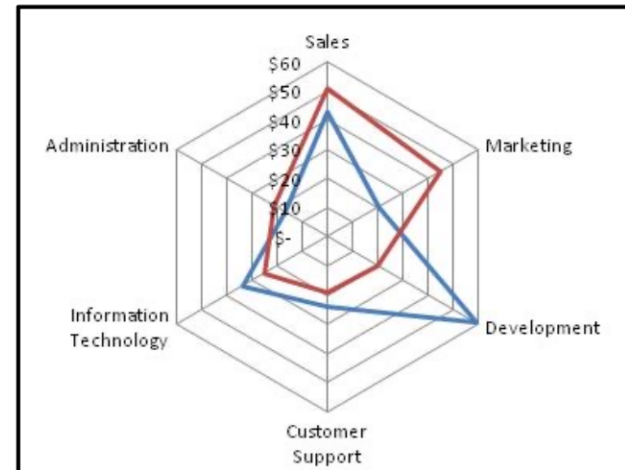
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- Some properties make others harder
- Sometimes, have to make trade-offs



Properties of Secure Channel



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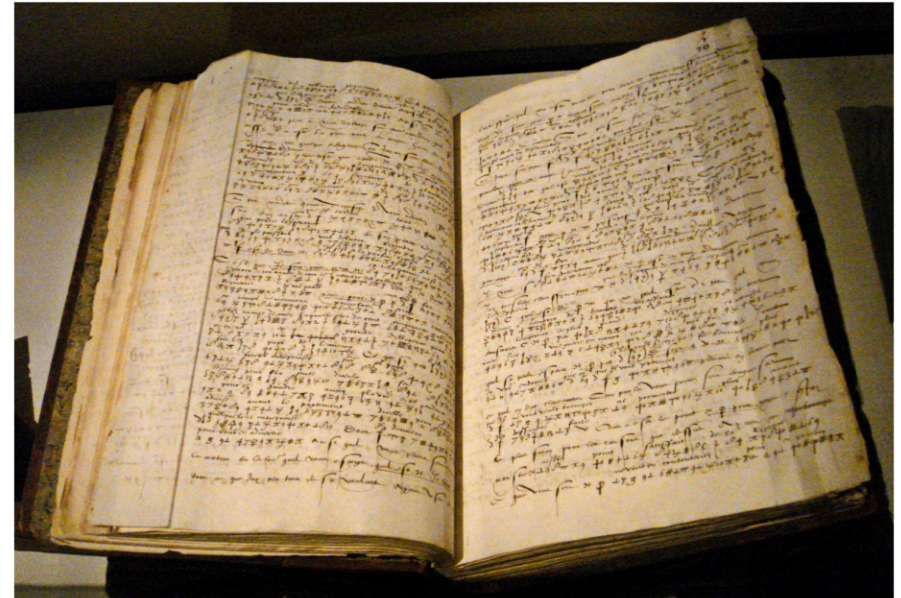


Cipher Disk

Cryptography



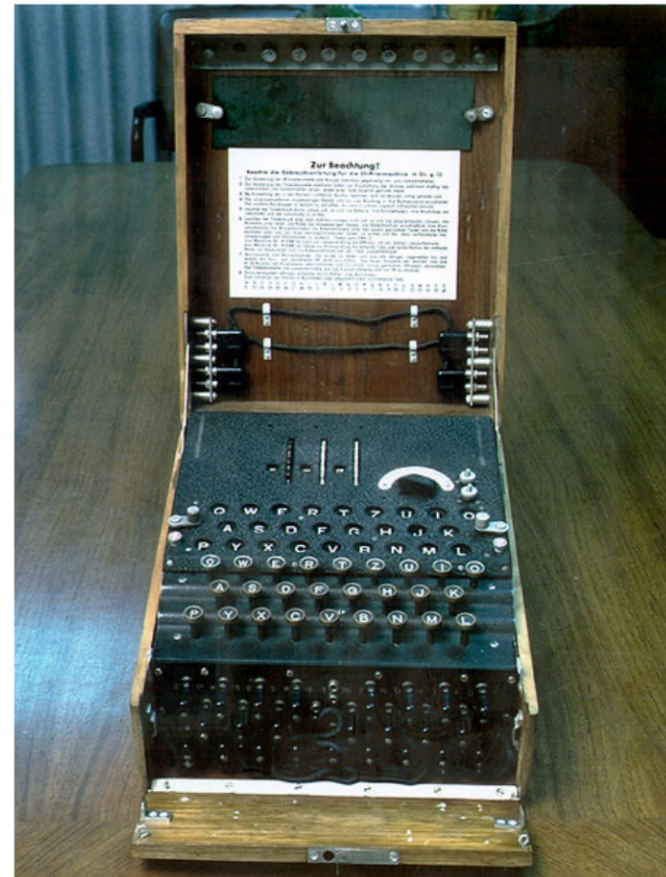
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- Until the Internet, was largely unused by normal people



Enigma Machine

Don't Forget...



**“Crypto” means
Cryptography!**

So sayth Shady Professor



...and everyone else



Lea Kissner @LeaKissner
Replying to @astepanovich @Ashken and 4 others
Why yes, I do have a picture of myself in one of my favorite tees!



11:29 AM · Nov 17, 2021 · Twitter Web App
7 Retweets 1 Quote Tweet 46 Likes

The image shows Lea Kissner, a woman with short brown hair and glasses, smiling and pointing to her green t-shirt. The t-shirt has the word 'CRYPTO' in large white letters, with a circuit-like graphic below it and the phrase 'IT MEANS "CRYPTOGRAPHY"' at the bottom.

Steven M. Bellovin @SteveBellovin
Replying to @astepanovich @LeaKissner and 5 others
Gladly!



10:41 AM · Nov 17, 2021 · Tweetbot for iOS
10 Likes

The image shows Steven M. Bellovin, an older man with a long white beard, wearing a blue t-shirt with the word 'CRYPTO' in large white letters and the phrase 'IT MEANS "CRYPTOGRAPHY"' below it.

Kurt Opsahl @kurtopsahl
PSA: Crypto means Cryptography. #usesec18 cc @mattblaze @astepanovich



6:51 PM · Aug 15, 2018 · Twitter for iPhone
12 Retweets 4 Quote Tweets 72 Likes

The image shows three people standing together and smiling. The person on the left is wearing a dark grey t-shirt with 'CRYPTO' and 'IT MEANS "CRYPTOGRAPHY"'. The person in the middle is wearing a purple t-shirt with 'CRYPTO' and 'IT MEANS "CRYPTOGRAPHY"'. The person on the right is wearing a black t-shirt with 'CRYPTO' and 'IT MEANS "CRYPTOGRAPHY"'. They are all wearing the same t-shirt design.

WARNING



**I AM NOT A
CRYPTOGRAPHER**

WARNING



**YOU ARE NOT A
CRYPTOGRAPHER**

Real Cryptography



Theorem 19.18. *The AND protocol (P, V) is a Sigma protocol for the relation \mathcal{R}_{AND} defined in (19.22). If (P_0, V_0) and (P_1, V_1) provide knowledge soundness, then so does (P, V) . If (P_0, V_0) and (P_1, V_1) are special HVZK, then so is (P, V) .*

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A Graduate Course in Applied Cryptography
Dan Boneh and Victor Shoup
<https://toc.cryptobook.us/>

NOT THIS COURSE



THE FIRST RULE OF CRYPTO



IS YOU DON'T ROLL YOUR OWN CRYPTO

What is Cryptography?



Cryptography Is

- Fundamental tool of security & privacy
- Extremely well studied by math-ppl
- A tool in the toolbox to use when useful
- A whole lot of fun to use and break

Cryptography Is Not

- An S&P cure-all
- Reliable unless expertly implemented it
- Reliable unless deeply reviewed and tested
- Something you can learn in a weekend, month, or year

Randomness



Random data is unpredictable bits to the attacker without any pattern or structure.

- Any bit has exactly the same chance of:
 - Being 0 (50%)
 - Being 1 (50%)
- **Computers are really bad at randomness**

True Randomness



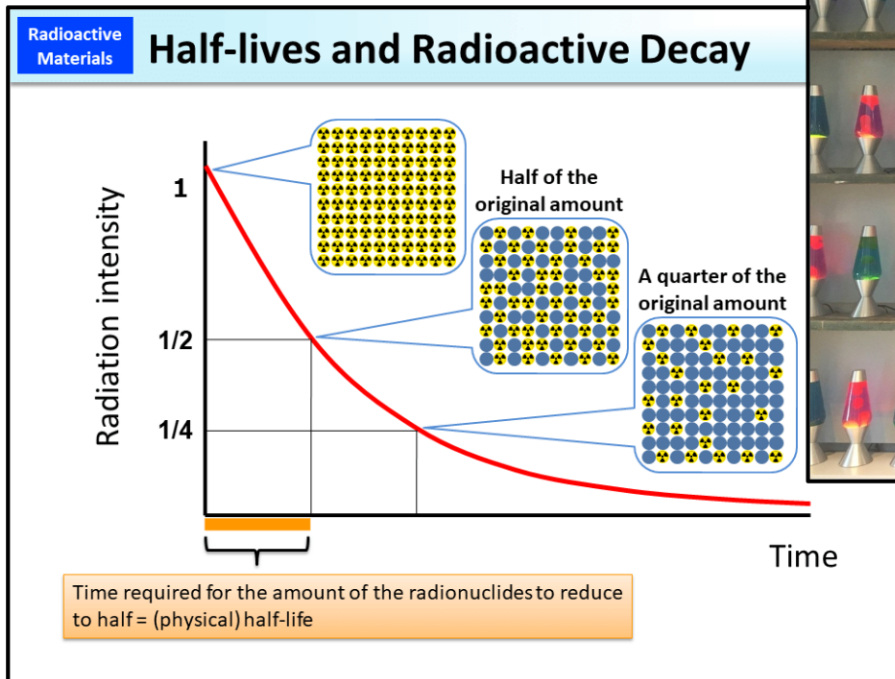
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- **Must be measured in secret**
- Is extremely slow and scarce
- **Makes fast computer slow**

Pseudorandomness



Pseudorandom data mimics the properties of random data but is deterministically generated based on an input.

- Computers are very good at doing very tedious things very quickly
- Less “random” than true randomness
- More achievable than true randomness

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- **Safe for some uses crypto usage but only *SOME* uses**



A Cryptographically Secure Pseudorandom Number Generator (CSPRNG) maps a k -bit random input to arbitrary-length pseudorandom outputs.

- Only trustworthy way to generate arbitrary amounts of randomness from a seed
- **Safe for generating keys and all other randomness needed for cryptography**

Canonical Randomness Sources



- **/dev/urandom**
 - Kinda-random source of bytes
 - Always generates data even if they're not-really-random (i.e. non-blocking device)
- **/dev/random**
 - Really random source of data
 - Pauses if can not safely generate more data at current time (i.e. blocking device)

Real-World Randomness



MzM0LTg0NC02NjYw

F4azy60COct7umd

```
Default (--bash) 361
> echo -n "334-844-6660" | base64
MzM0LTg0NC02NjYw
>
```

```
Default (--bash) 361
> dd if=/dev/random bs=1 count=12 | base64
12+0 records in
12+0 records out
12 bytes transferred in 0.000031 secs (387167 bytes/sec)
F4Aazy60COct7umd
>
```


Real-World Randomness



“Random” isn’t always *random*

```
int getRandomNumber()  
{  
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
             // guaranteed to be random.  
}
```

Poor Randomness Sources cause Major Vulnerabilities



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BIZ & IT—
Google confirms critical flaw in \$5,700 Bitcoin heist

Java Crypto weakness could affect security

DAN GOODIN - 8/14/2013, 8:15 PM

William Ward

Mining Your Widespread Weakness

Nadia Heninger^{†*} Zakir Durum [†]
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Number of live hosts

- ... using repeated keys
- ... using vulnerable repeated keys
- ... using default certificates or default keys
- ... using low-entropy repeated keys
- ... using RSA keys we could factor
- ... using DSA keys we could compromise
- ... using Debian weak keys
- ... using 512-bit RSA keys
- ... identified as a vulnerable device model
- ... model using low-entropy repeated keys

Aug 9, 2021

FUNDAMENTAL FLAW IN RNGS AFFECTS MANY IOT DEVICES

By Dennis Fisher

<https://duo.com/decipher/fundamental-flaw-in-rngs-affects-many-iot-devices>

4,147	(0.03%)	53,141	(0.52%)
123,038	(0.96%)	8,459	(0.08%)
985,031	(7.68%)	1,070,522	(10.48%)
314,640	(2.45%)		

Table 2: **Summary of vulnerabilities**—We analyzed our TLS and SSH scan results to measure the population of hosts exhibiting several entropy-related vulnerabilities. These include use of repeated keys, use of RSA keys that were factorable due to repeated primes, and use of DSA keys that were compromised by repeated signature randomness. Under the theory that vulnerable repeated keys were generated by embedded or headless devices with defective designs, we also report the number of hosts that we identified as these device models. Many of these hosts may be at risk even though we did not specifically observe repeats of their keys.

Seeding with Time is BAD



```
Random gen = new Random();
gen.setSeed(
    new Date().getTime()
);
Int val = gen.nextInt();
```

- Computers tell time since the “epoch”
 - 01Jan1970 @ 00:00
 - Increments of seconds, ms, or ns
- 1 year \approx 34B ms
 - Approx 2^{35} ms

**< 1 hour to try all w/ a
VERY naïve
implementation**

Brute Force Attacks



Brute-force attacks consist of trying *all* possibilities until the correct one is found.

- Rarely the most efficient
- Usually trivially scalable via concurrency
- 100% successful given enough time
- Defense: Make “enough time” infeasible
 - Order of “heat death of the universe”

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Is a secure source of randomness sufficient for achieving a secure channel?

- Confidentiality
- Message Integrity
- Sender Authenticity

No. But is necessary for achieving a secure channel.

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Course Notes



- Project 1A is live and due in two weeks

Schedule (1st half)

(subject to change)

Week	Day	Event	Desc.	Docs
1	Tu (20Aug2024)	Lecture	Security Mindset & Overview	<u>slides</u>
	We (21Aug2024)	Release	Project 1A	<u>assn</u> <u>spec</u> <u>makefile</u> <u>EX</u>

Project 1A



Input: (<abc:dfs>)

Project 1A



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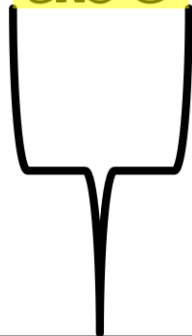
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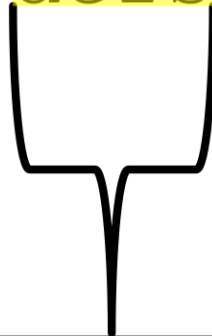
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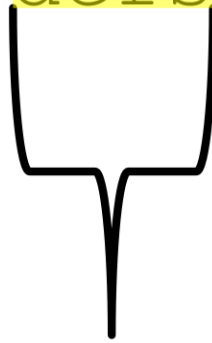
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```
# Data-Type: string
```

```
A nosj string is a sequence of ascii bytes which can be used to represent arbitrary internal data such as ascii, unicode, or raw-binary. There are two distinct representations of a nosj string data-type as described below.
```

```
### Representation #1: Simple-Strings
```

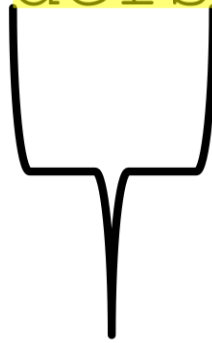
```
In the simple representation, the string is restricted to a set of commonly-used ascii characters which (according to our extensive market survey) are the most-liked by humans (i.e. upper and lowercase ascii letters, ascii digits, spaces (" " / 0x20), and tabs ("\t" / 0x09)). Simple-strings are followed by a trailing "s" which is NOT part of the data being encoded.
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Examples:
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Project 1A



Input: (<abc: **def**>)



Key: "abc"

Value: "def"

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# Data-Type: string
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A nosj string is a sequence of ascii bytes which can be used to represent arbitrary internal data such as ascii, unicode, or raw-binary. There are two distinct representations of a nosj string data-type as described below.
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You are not required to complete this project in a specific language but Python, Java, and Golang are *highly recommended* by the instructor. If you wish to use any language outside of these three, you **MUST** discuss with the instructor **prior to 28Aug2024** to ensure that the auto-grader tooling can handle/be patched to handle your chosen language. Allowable compiler/interpreter versioning, dependencies, build system, etc. must be discussed and agreed upon but other than being readily available on the current Ubuntu distros without UI requirements, they are negotiable. The instructor will not forbid any specific language in its totality but will beg you not to use a memory unsafe language for reasons that you will come to understand during this course.

Project 1A Pro-Tips



- Don't focus on what your code *should* be doing, focus on what your code *can be fed*
- Apply Software Engineering principles
 - Unit-testing, isolated responsibilities, etc.
- You ***can not*** patch/re-use a JSON parser
- You **can** use built-in libraries in your code
- **READ THE SPEC AGAIN**

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