

# Cryptography

## CS 555

### **Week 2:**

- Computational Security against Eavesdropper
- Constructing Secure Encryption Schemes against Eavesdropper
- Chosen Plaintext Attacks and CPA-Security

**Readings:** Katz and Lindell Chapter 3.1-3.4

# Recap

- Historical Ciphers (and their weaknesses)
  - Caesar Shift, Substitution, Vigenère
- Three Equivalent Definitions of Perfect Secrecy
- One-time-Pads

# Principles of Modern Cryptography

- Proofs of Security are critical
  - Iron-clad guarantee that attacker will not succeed (relative to definition/assumptions)
- Experience: intuition is often misleading in cryptography
  - An “intuitively secure” scheme may actually be badly broken.
- Before deploying in the real world
  - Consider definition/assumptions in security definition
  - Does the threat model capture the attackers true abilities?

# Perfect Secrecy

- What capabilities do we assume the attacker has?

- Eavesdropping (Passive Adversary)
- That's it!
- **Implicit Assumption:** No ability to tamper with messages!

**Remark on One-Time Pads:** If attacker has the ability to tamper with the ciphertext then s/he can easily flip the last bit of the message. How?

**Answer:** Flip the last bit of the intercepted ciphertext  $c = K \oplus m$  to obtain

$$c' = c \oplus 00 \dots 0\mathbf{1}$$

$$\text{Dec}_K(c') = K \oplus c' = (K \oplus c) \oplus 00 \dots 0\mathbf{1} = m \oplus 00 \dots 0\mathbf{1}$$

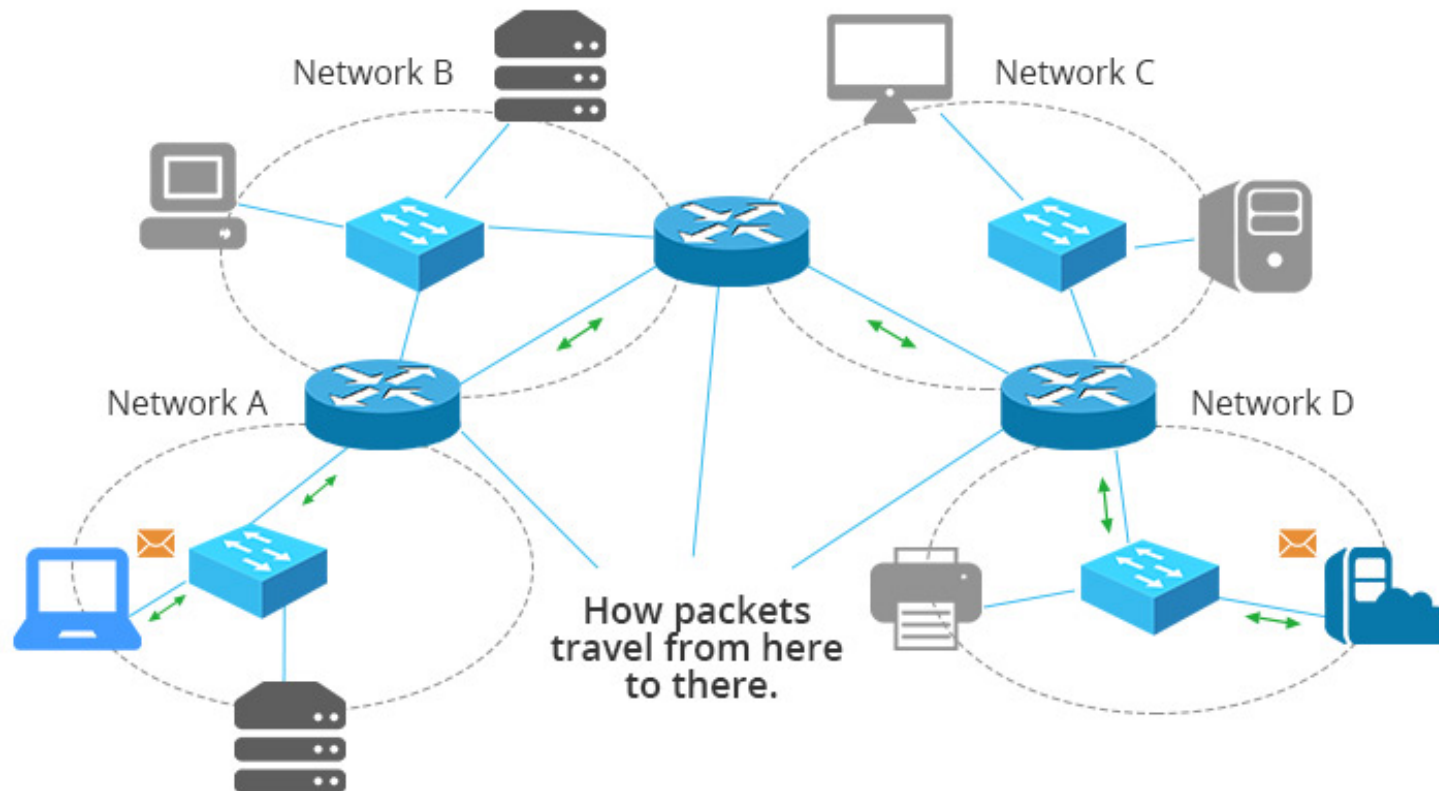
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- Would it be appropriate to use one time pads for message routing on the internet? (assume lifetime supply of one-time pads already exchanged)



# Week 2: Topic 1: Computational Security

# Recap

- Perfect Secrecy, One-time-Pads

**Theorem:** If (Gen,Enc,Dec) is a perfectly secret encryption scheme then

$$|\mathcal{K}| \geq |\mathcal{M}|$$





# What if we want to send a longer message?

$K_1, K_2, K_3$

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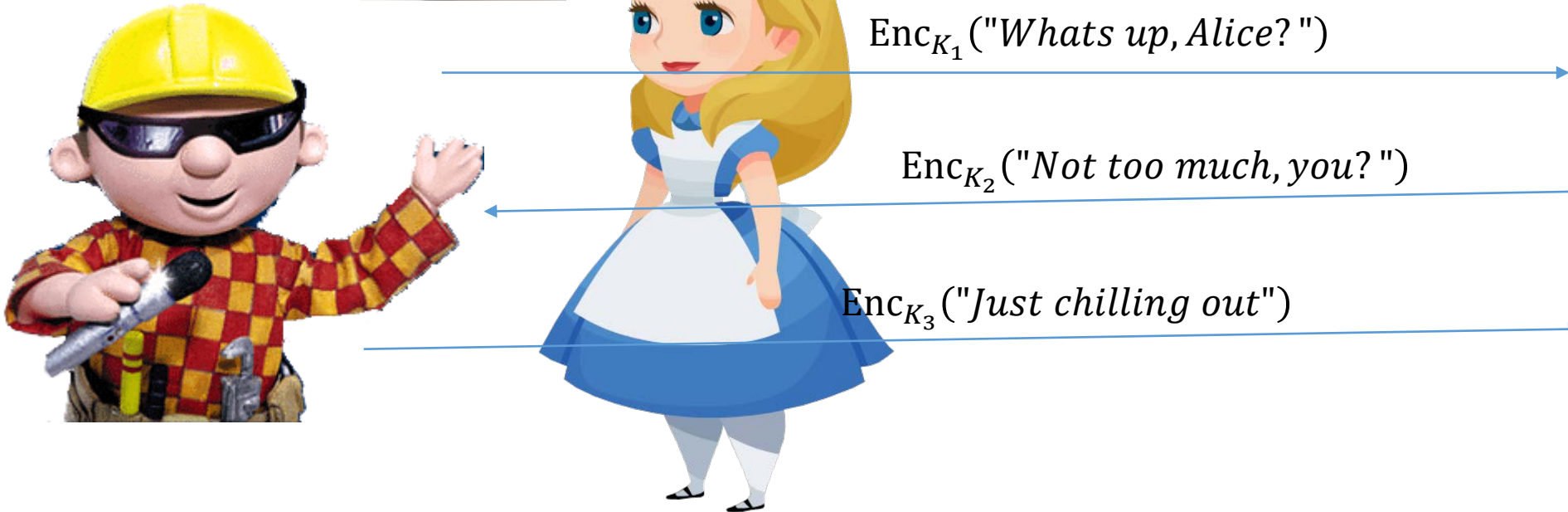
$\text{Enc}_{K_2}(\text{"Roses are red, ...."})$

$\text{Enc}_{K_3}(\text{"I am out of space, but the rest was awesome"})$

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# Can we save their relationship?

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$\text{Enc}_{K_1}(\text{"Whats up, Alice?"})$

$\text{Enc}_{K_2}(\text{"Not too much, you?"})$

$\text{Enc}_{K_3}(\text{"Just chilling out"})$

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# Perfect Secrecy vs Computational Security

- Perfect Secrecy is Information Theoretic
  - Guarantee is independent of attacker resources
- Computational Security
  - Security against computationally bounded attacker
    - An attacker with infinite resources might break security
  - Attacker might succeed with very small probability
    - Example: Lucky guess reveals secret key
    - Very Small Probability:  $2^{-100}$ ,  $2^{-1000}$ , ...

# Current Goal

- Define computational security in presence of eavesdropper who intercepts a single (long) message

*If you don't understand what you want to achieve, how can you possibly know when (or if) you have achieved it?*

- ~~• Show how to build a symmetric encryption scheme with computational security in the presence of an eavesdropper.~~
- ~~• Define computational security against an active attacker who might modify the message~~
- ~~• Define computational security for multiple messages in presence of an eavesdropper~~

# Concrete Security

“A scheme is  $(t, \epsilon)$ -secure if **every** adversary running for time at most  $t$  succeeds in breaking the scheme with probability at most  $\epsilon$ ”

- Example:  $t = 2^{60}$  CPU cycles
  - 9 years on a 4GHz processor
  - $< 1$  minute on fastest supercomputer (in parallel)
- Full formal definition needs to specify “break”
- Important Metric in Practice
  - **Caveat 1:** difficult to provide/prove such precise statements
  - **Caveat 2:** hardware improves over time

# Asymptotic Approach to Security

A scheme is secure if every *probabilistic polynomial time* (ppt) adversary “succeeds” with *negligible* probability.

- Two Key Concepts
  - Polynomial time algorithm
  - Negligible Function

**Definition:** A function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is negligible if for every positive polynomial  $p$  there is an integer  $N > 0$  such that for all  $n > N$  we have

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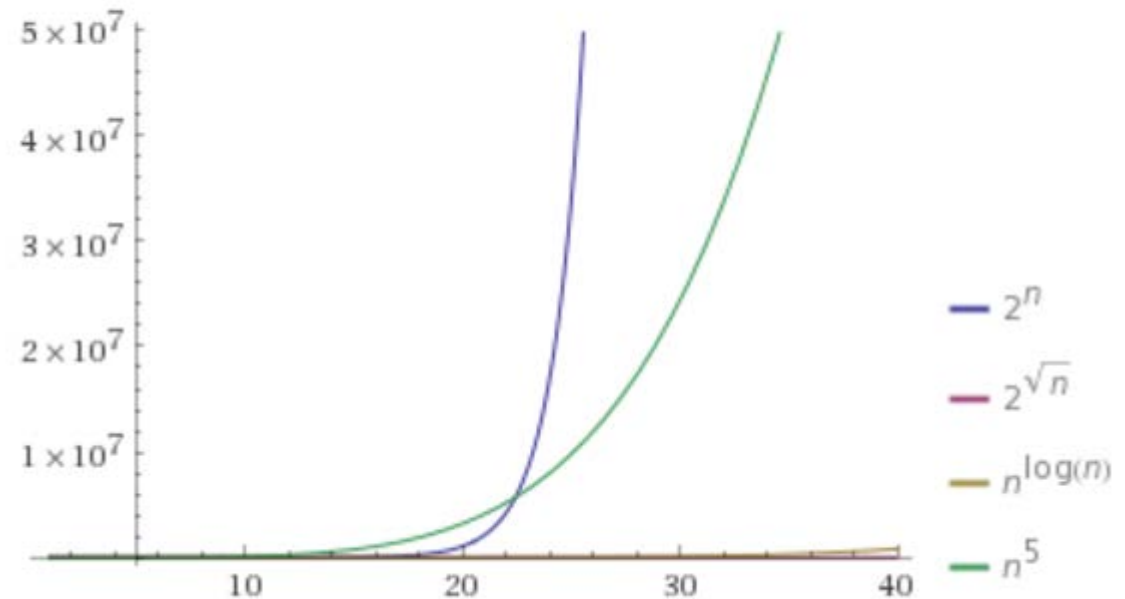
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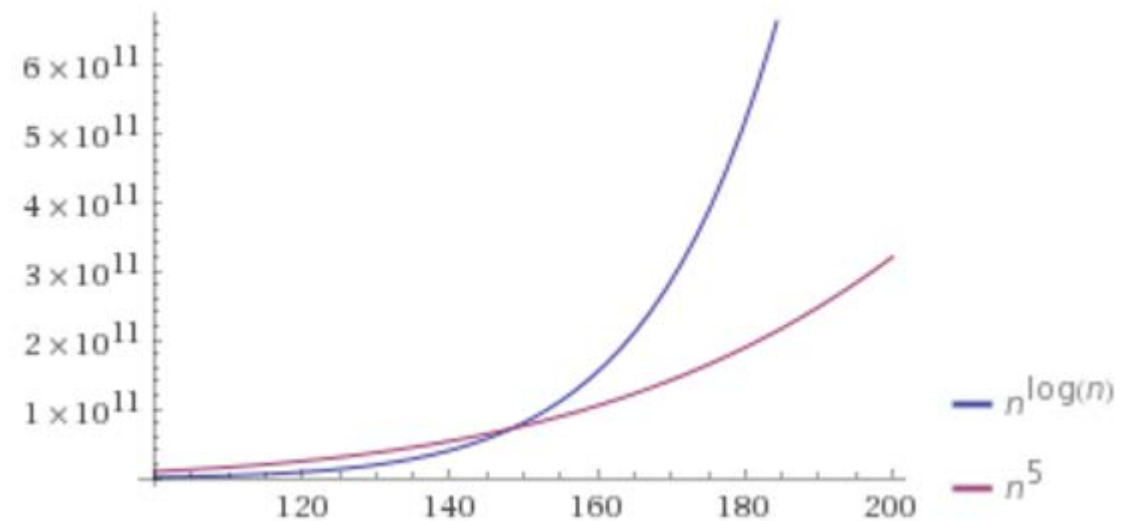
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**Definition:** An (randomized) algorithm  $A$  runs in polynomial time if there exists a polynomial  $p(\cdot)$  such that for every  $n$ -bit input  $x$ ,  $A(x)$  terminates in at most  $p(n)$  steps in expectation.

**Intuition:** If an algorithm  $A$  does not run in polynomial time then, for sufficiently large  $n$ , it will quickly become impractical for any attacker to run the algorithm  $A$ .

# Asymptotic Approach to Security

A scheme is secure if every *probabilistic polynomial time* (ppt) adversary “succeeds” with *negligible* probability.

- **General Attack 1:** Test all possible secret keys  $k' \in \mathcal{K}$ 
  - Doesn't run in polynomial time, since  $|\mathcal{K}| = 2^n$
- **General Attack 2:** Select random key  $k' \in \mathcal{K}$ , check if it is correct (otherwise output  $\perp$  for “fail”).
  - Only successful with negligible probability  $2^{-n}$

# Advantages of Asymptotic Approach

- **Closure**

- If subroutine B runs in polynomial time and algorithm A makes  $\text{poly}(n)$  queries to the subroutine B then A also runs in polynomial time.
- If  $f$  and  $g$  are negligible functions then  $h(n) = f(n) + g(n)$  is a negligible function
- If  $p(\cdot)$  is a positive polynomial, and  $f(\cdot)$  is a negligible function then the function  $g(n) = f(n)p(n)$  is also negligible.

- **Church-Turing Thesis:** “reasonable” model of computations are all polynomially equivalent.

- **Implication:** No need to worry about different models of computation (circuits, random access machines, etc...)

- **Disadvantage:** Limited guidance on how big to make security parameter  $n$  in practice.

# Private Key Encryption Syntax (Revisited)

- Message Space:  $\mathcal{M}$
- Key Space:  $\mathcal{K}$
- Three Algorithms
  - $\text{Gen}(\mathbf{1}^n; R)$  (Key-generation algorithm)
    - **Input:**  $\mathbf{1}^n$  (security parameter in unary) + Random Bits
    - **Output:** Secret key  $k \in \mathcal{K}$
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- Invariant:  $\text{Dec}_k(\text{Enc}_k(m)) = m$

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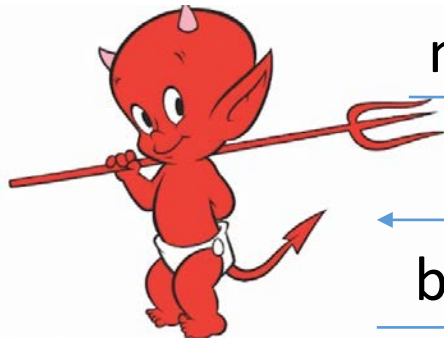
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# Adversarial Indistinguishability Experiment



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$b'$

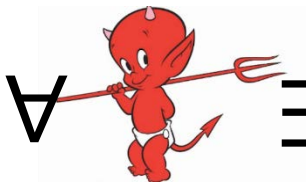
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*ppt attacker*

*negligible function*



$\mu$

$\Pr$



$$\Pr \left[ \text{Guesses } b' = b \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$$



# Adversarial Indistinguishability Experiment

*Formally, let  $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  denote the encryption scheme, call the game the adversarial indistinguishability experiment and define a random variable  $\text{PrivK}_{A,\Pi}^{\text{eav}}(1^n)$  as follows*

$$\text{PrivK}_{A,\Pi}^{\text{eav}}(1^n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b = b' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

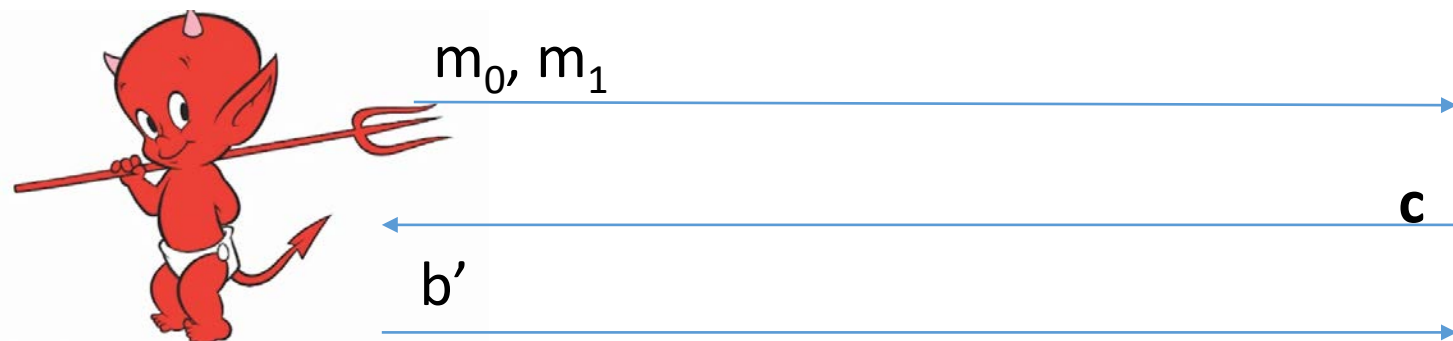
*$\Pi$  has indistinguishable encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper if for all PPT adversary  $A$ , there exists a negligible function  $\mu(\cdot)$  such that*

$$\Pr[\text{PrivK}_{A,\Pi}^{\text{eav}} = 1] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$$



bit  $b$   
( $1^n$ )  
( $m_b$ )

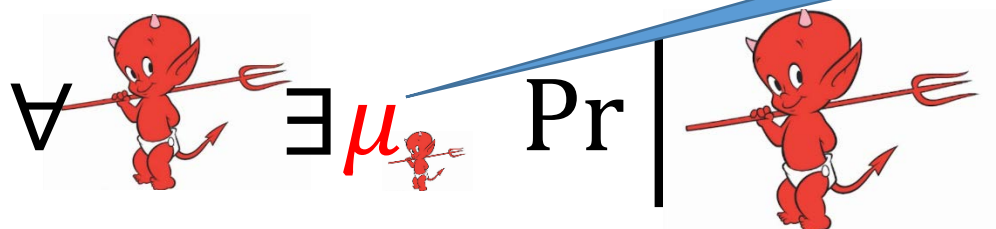
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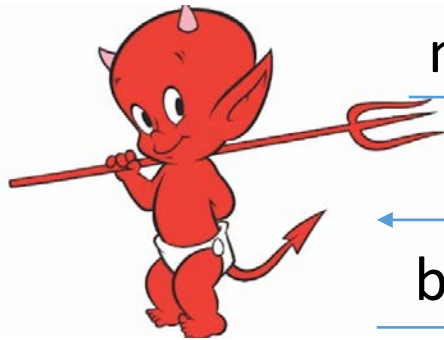
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# $(t(n), \varepsilon(n))$ -EAV-Secure (Concrete Version)



$m_0, m_1$

$b'$

$c$



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 $c = \text{Enc}_K(m_b)$

*running in time at most  $t(n)$*

*specific function  
(same for all attackers)*



$\Pr$



$\text{Guesses } b' = b \leq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon(n)$

# Aside: Message and Ciphertext Length

- In the previous game we typically require that  $|m_0| = |m_1|$ . Why?
- It is impossible to support arbitrary length messages while hiding all information about plaintext length
- **Limitation:** When could message length be sensitive?
  - Numeric data (5 figure vs 6 figure salary)
  - Database Searches: number of records returned can reveal information about the query
  - Compressed Data: Short compressed string indicates that original plaintext has a lot of redundancy (e.g., CRIME attack on session cookies in HTTPS)

# Implications of Indistinguishability

$i^{\text{th}}$  bit of message

**Theorem 3.10:** Let  $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  be a fixed-length private-key encryption scheme for message of length  $\ell$  that satisfies indistinguishability (prior definition) then for all PPT attackers  $A$  and any  $i \leq \ell$  we have

$$\Pr[A(1^n, \text{Enc}_K(m)) = m^i] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(n)$$

Where the randomness is taken over  $K \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$ , uniform  $m \in \{0,1\}^\ell$  and the randomness of  $\text{Enc}$  and  $A$ .

**Remark:** A bit weaker than saying eavesdropping attacker obtains “no additional” information about message  $m$ .

# Semantic Security

**Definition 3.12:** Let  $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  be a fixed-length private key encryption scheme for message of length  $\ell$ . We say that the scheme is semantically secure if for all PPT attackers  $A$  there exists a PPT algorithm  $A'$  such that for any PPT algorithm Sample all any polynomial time computable functions  $f$  and  $h$  we have

$$|\Pr[A(1^n, \text{Enc}_K(m), h(m)) = f(m)]$$

Since  $h(m)$  background knowledge the attacker might have about  $m$ .

$A'$  doesn't even get to see an encryption of  $m$ ! Just the length of  $m$ !

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$$|\Pr[A(1^n, \text{Enc}_K(m), h(m)) = f(m)] - \Pr[A(1^n, \text{Enc}_K(\text{Sample}(1^n)), h(m)) = f(m)]| \leq \frac{1}{p(n)}$$

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# Another Interpretation of Semantic Security

- World 2: Perfect Secrecy (Attacker doesn't even see ciphertext).
- For all attackers  $A'$  (even unbounded) with background knowledge  $h(m)$  we have
$$\Pr[A'(1^n, |m|, h(m)) = f(m)] = \Pr[f(m) \mid h(m), |m|]$$
- World 1: Attacker is PPT and sees ciphertext
  - Best World 1 attacker does no better than World 2 attacker
- $|\Pr[A(1^n, \text{Enc}_K(m), h(m)) = f(m)] - \Pr[A'(1^n, |m|, h(m)) = f(m)]| \leq \text{negl}(n)$
- What is probability over?

# Homework 1 Released

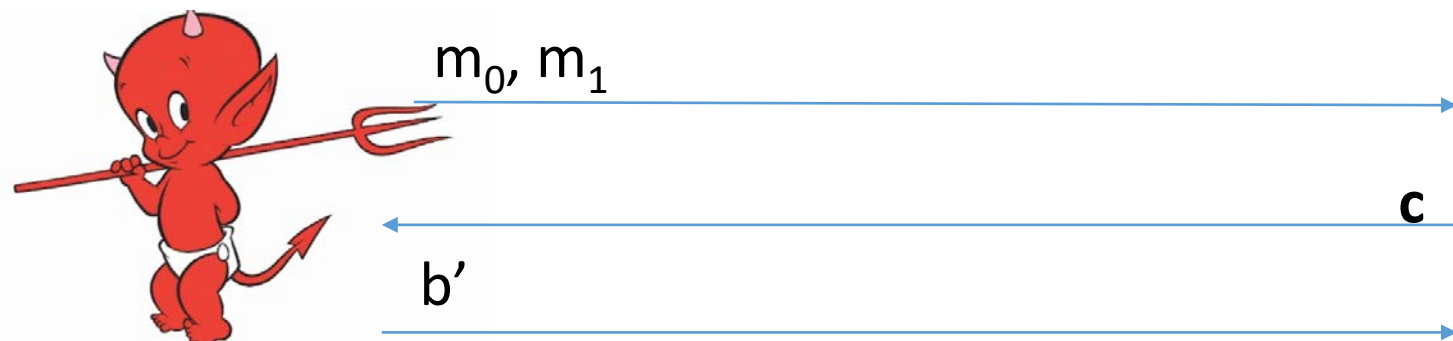
- Due in class on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (2 weeks)
- Solutions should be typeset (preferably in Latex)
- You may collaborate with classmates, but you must write up your own solution and you *must understand* this solution
- Ask clarification questions on Piazza or during office hours

# Week 2: Topic 2: Constructing Secure Encryption Schemes

# Recap

- Semantic Security/Indistinguishable Encryptions
- Concrete vs Asymptotic Security
  - Negligible Functions
  - Probabilistic Polynomial Time Algorithm

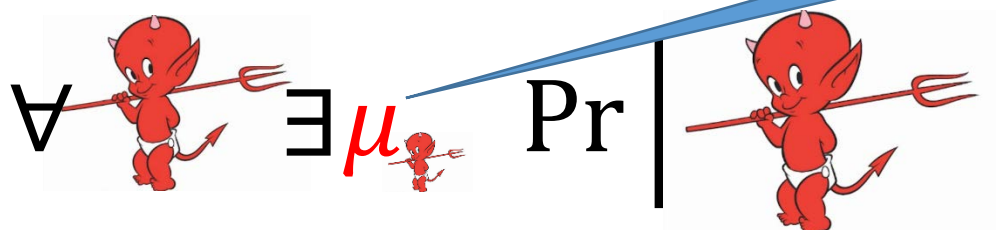
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# New Goal

- ~~Define computational security~~

~~*If you don't understand what you want to achieve, how can you possibly know when (or if) you have achieved it?*~~

- Show how to build a symmetric encryption scheme with semantic security.

- ~~Define computational security against an attacker who sees multiple ciphertexts or attempts to modify the ciphertexts~~

# Building Blocks

- Pseudorandom Generators
- Stream Ciphers



# Pseudorandom Generator (PRG) $G$

- **Input:** *Short* random seed  $s \in \{0,1\}^n$
- **Output:** Longer “pseudorandom” string  $G(s) \in \{0,1\}^{\ell(n)}$  with  $\ell(n) > n$ 
  - $\ell(n)$  is called expansion factor
- **PRG Security:** For all PPT attacker  $A$  there is a negligible function  $\text{negl}(\cdot)$  s.t

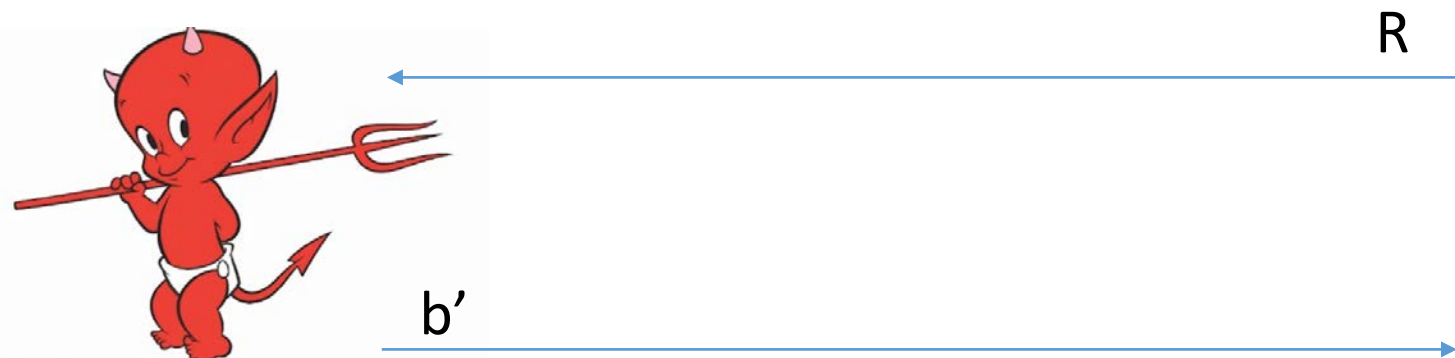
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- **Concrete Security:** We say that  $G(\cdot)$  is a  $(t(n), \varepsilon(n))$ -secure PRG if for all attackers running in time at most  $t(n)$  we have

$$\left| \Pr_{s \in \{0,1\}^n} [A(G(s)) = 1] - \Pr_{R \in \{0,1\}^{\ell(n)}} [A(R) = 1] \right| \leq \varepsilon(n)$$



# PRG Security as a Game



Random bit  $b$

If  $b=1$

$$r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$R = G(r)$$

Else

*ppt attacker*

*negligible function*

$$\{0,1\}^{\ell(n)}$$

$$\forall \mu \Pr \left[ \text{Guesses } b' = b \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$$

# $(t(n), \varepsilon(n))$ -Secure PRG (Concrete Version)



$b'$

$R$



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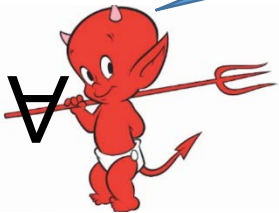
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Else

*running in time  $t(n)$*

*specific function  
(usually negligible)*



$\Pr$



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# A Bad PRG

$$G(s) = s \parallel 1.$$

- What is the expansion factor?
  - Answer:  $\ell(n)=n+1$
- Task: Construct a distinguisher  $D$  which breaks PRG security for  $G$ 
  - One Answer:  $D(x \parallel 1)=1$  and  $D(x \parallel 0)=0$  for all  $x$ .
  - Analysis:  $\Pr[D(G(s)) = 1] = ?$
  - Analysis:  $\Pr[D(R) = 1] = ?$
  - $\left| \Pr_{s \in \{0,1\}^n} [D(G(s)) = 1] - \Pr_{R \in \{0,1\}^{\ell(n)}} [D(R) = 1] \right| = \frac{1}{2}$

# One-Time-Pads + PRGs

- Encryption:

- Secret key is the seed ( $K=s$ )

$$\text{Enc}_s(m) = G(s) \oplus m$$

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- **Advantage:**  $|m| = \ell(n) \gg |s| = n$
    - Computational Security vs Information Theoretic (Perfect) Security
    - **Disadvantage:** Still can only send one message

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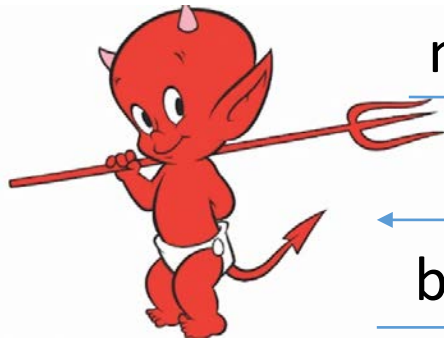
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**Proof by Reduction:** Start with an attacker  $A$  that breaks security of encryption scheme and transform  $A$  into distinguisher  $D$  that breaks PRG security of  $G$ .

Why is this sufficient?

# Breaking Semantic Security



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$$c = G(s) \oplus m_b$$

$b'$



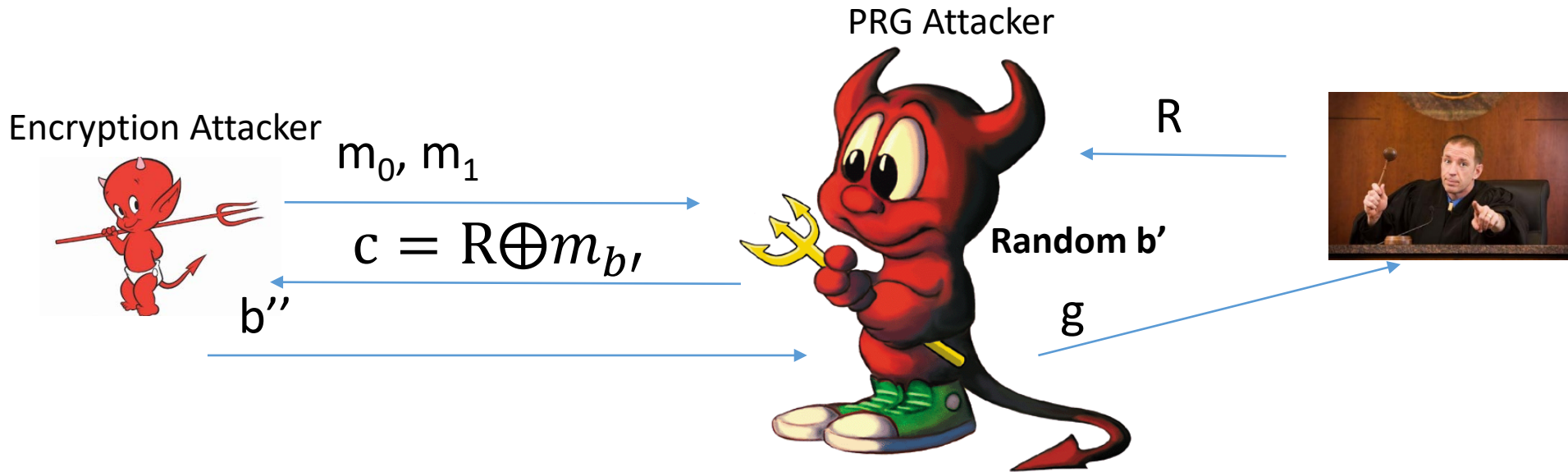
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Random seed  $s$

*ppt attacker*

*non – negligible function  
(possibly still small)*

$$\Pr \left[ \text{ppt attacker} \text{ Guesses } b' = b \right] \geq \frac{1}{2} + f(n)$$

# The Reduction



**Random bit  $b$**

**If  $b=1$**

$$r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$R = G(r)$$

**Else**

$$R \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\ell(n)}$$

- What is  $\Pr[b'' \neq b' | b=0]$ ?
  - Hint: What encryption scheme is used?
- What is  $\Pr[b'' = b' | b=1]$ ?

$$g = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b'' = b' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Analysis

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \Pr_{s \in \{0,1\}^n} [D(G(s)) = 1] - \Pr_{R \in \{0,1\}^{\ell(n)}} [D(R) = 1] \right| \\ &= |\Pr[b'' = b' | b=1] - \Pr[b'' \neq b' | b=0]| \\ &= |\Pr[b'' = b' | b=1] - \tfrac{1}{2}| \\ &\geq \tfrac{1}{2} + f(n) - \tfrac{1}{2} \geq f(n) \end{aligned}$$

**Recall:**  $f(n)$  was (non-negligible) advantage of encryption attacker.

**Implication:** PRG  $G$  is also insecure (contrary to assumption).

**QED**



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- Computational Security vs Information Theoretic (Perfect) Security
- **Disadvantages:** can only send one message, no message integrity vs. active attacker

**Theorem (Concrete Security):** If  $G$  is a  $(t(n), \varepsilon(n))$ -secure PRG then the above encryption scheme is  $(t(n) - O(n), \varepsilon(n))$ -semantically secure.

**Proof:** Homework.

# Candidate PRG

- **Notation:** Given string  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$  and a subset  $S \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$  let  $x_S \in \{0,1\}^{|S|}$  denote the substring formed by concatenating bits at the positions in  $S$ .
- **Example:**  $x=10110$  and  $S = \{1,4,5\}$        $x_S=110$

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 x_5 \bmod 2$$

- Select random subsets  $\mathbb{S} = S_1, \dots, S_{\ell(n)} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$  of size  $|S_i|=5$  and with  $\ell(n) = n^{1.4}$

$$G_{\mathbb{S}}(x) = P(x_{S_1}) \circ \dots \circ P(x_{S_{\ell(n)}})$$

# Stream Cipher vs PRG

- PRG pseudorandom bits output all at once
- Stream Cipher
  - Pseudorandom bits can be output as a stream
  - RC4, RC5 (Ron's Code)

$st_0 := \text{Init}(s)$

**For**  $i=1$  to  $\ell$ :

$(y_i, st_i) := \text{GetBits}(st_{i-1})$

**Output:**  $y_1, \dots, y_\ell$

# The RC4 Stream Cipher

- A proprietary cipher owned by RSA, designed by Ron Rivest in 1987.
- Became public in 1994.
- Simple and effective design.
- Variable key size (typical 40 to 256 bits),
- Output unbounded number of bytes.
- Widely used (web SSL/TLS, wireless WEP).
- Extensively studied, not a completely secure PRNG when used correctly, ~~no known attacks exist~~
- **Newer Versions:** RC5 and RC6
- **Rijndael** selected by NIST as AES in 2000

# The RC4 Cipher

- The cipher internal state consists of
  - a 256-byte array  $S$ , which contains a permutation of 0 to 255
    - total number of possible states is  $256! \approx 2^{1700}$
  - two indexes:  $i, j$

$i = j = 0$

Loop

$i = (i + 1) \pmod{256}$

$j = (j + S[i]) \pmod{256}$

swap( $S[i], S[j]$ )

output  $S[S[i] + S[j]] \pmod{256}$

End Loop

# Limitations of Current Security Definition

- Assumes adversary observes just one ciphertext
- What if adversary observes two ciphertexts?

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 &= \text{Enc}_s(m_1) = G(s) \oplus m_1 \\c_2 &= \text{Enc}_s(m_2) = G(s) \oplus m_2\end{aligned}$$

- How could the adversary (Joe) attempt to modify  $c = \text{Enc}_k(m)$  below?  
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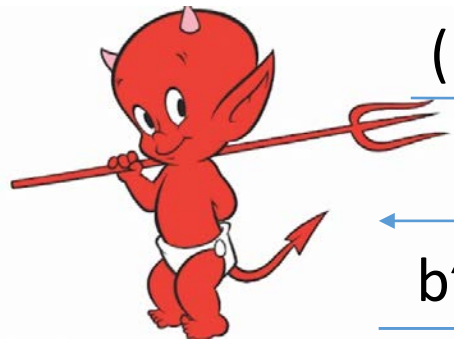
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# Multiple Message Eavesdropping Experiment



$(m_{0,1}, \dots, m_{0,t}), (m_{1,1}, \dots, m_{1,t})$

$(c_1, \dots, c_t)$

$b'$



Random bit  $b$

$K = \text{Gen}(\cdot)$

$c_i = \text{Enc}_K(m_{b,i})$

*ppt attacker*

*negligible function*



$\exists \mu$

$\Pr$



$\text{Guesses } b' = b \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$





# Multiple vs Single Encryptions

**If**  $\Pi$  has *indistinguishable multiple encryptions* in the presence of an eavesdropper

**then**

$\Pi$  also has *indistinguishable encryptions* in the presence of an eavesdropper.

**Question:** Are the definitions equivalent?

- **Answer:** No, *indistinguishable multiple encryptions* is a strictly stronger security notion.

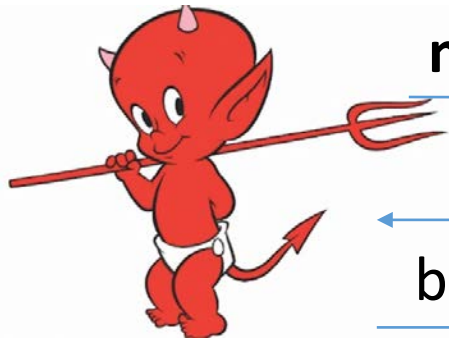
# Example

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Enc}_s(m) &= G(s) \oplus m \\ \text{Dec}_s(c) &= G(s) \oplus c\end{aligned}$$

**Recall:**  $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$  has **indistinguishable encryptions** in the presence of an eavesdropper.

**Claim:**  $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$  does **not** have **indistinguishable multiple encryptions** in the presence of an eavesdropper.

# Multiple Message Eavesdropping Attack



$$\mathbf{m}_0 = (0^{\ell(n)}, 0^{\ell(n)}), \mathbf{m}_1 = (0^{\ell(n)}, 1^{\ell(n)})$$

$$(c_1 = G(s) \oplus \mathbf{m}_{b,1}, c_2 = G(s) \oplus \mathbf{m}_{b,2})$$

$b'$



**Random bit  $b$**   
 $s \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$   
 $c_i = \text{Enc}_K(\mathbf{m}_{b,i})$

$$b' = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } c_1 \neq c_2 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Analysis: If  $b=1$  then  $c_1 = G(s) \oplus 0^{\ell(n)} = c_2$

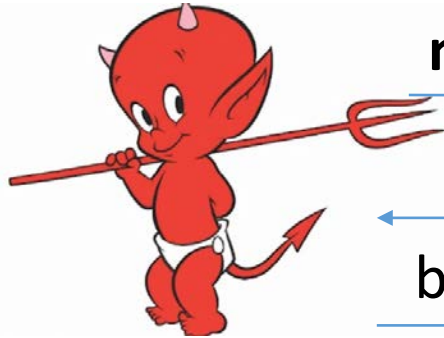
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# Did We Cheat?

- Attack specifically exploited the fact that we can ask to see multiple encryptions of the same message...
- The above argument might appear to show that no encryption scheme provides secure **indistinguishable multiple encryptions** in the presence of an eavesdropper.

**Theorem:** If  $\Pi$  is (stateless) encryption scheme and Enc is deterministic then  $\Pi$  does **not provide** secure **indistinguishable multiple encryptions**

# Multiple Message Eavesdropping



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# Where to go from here?

**Option 1:** Weaken the security definition so that attacker cannot request two encryptions of the same message.

- Undesirable!
- **Example:** Dataset in which many people have the last name “Smith”
- We will actually want to strengthen the definition later...

**Option 2:** Consider randomized encryption algorithms



# Week 2: Topic 3: CPA-Security



# Chosen-Plaintext Attacks

- Model ability of adversary to control or influence what the honest parties encrypt.
- During World War 2 the British placed mines at specific locations, knowing that the Germans, upon finding the mines, would encrypt the location and send them back to headquarters. The encrypted messages helped cryptanalysts at Bletchley Park to break the German encryption scheme.

# Chosen-Plaintext Attacks

- Model ability of adversary to control or influence what the honest parties encrypt.
- Battle of Midway (WWII). US Navy cryptanalysts intercept and encrypted message which they are able to partially decode (May 1942).
  - The message stated that the Japanese were planning an attack on AF?
  - Cryptanalysts could not decode ciphertext fragment AF.
  - Best Guess: AF = “Midway Island.”



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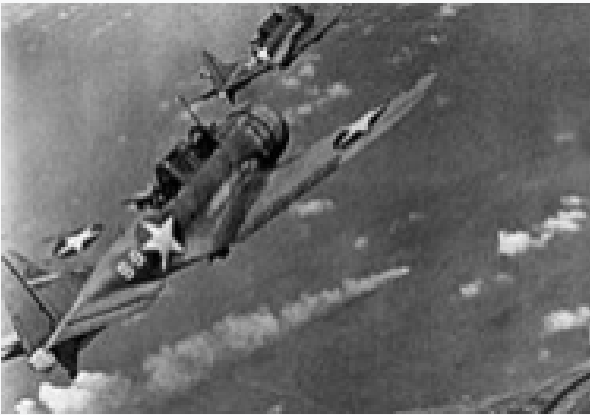
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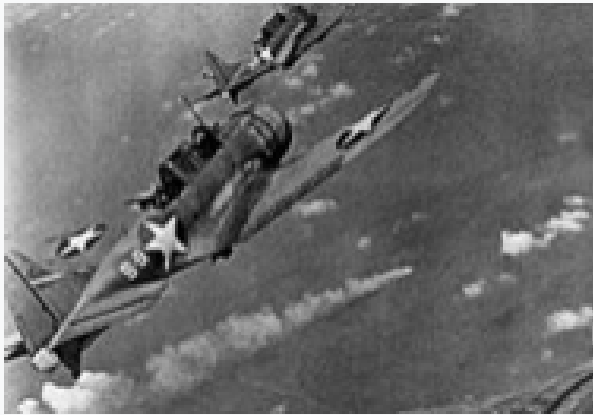
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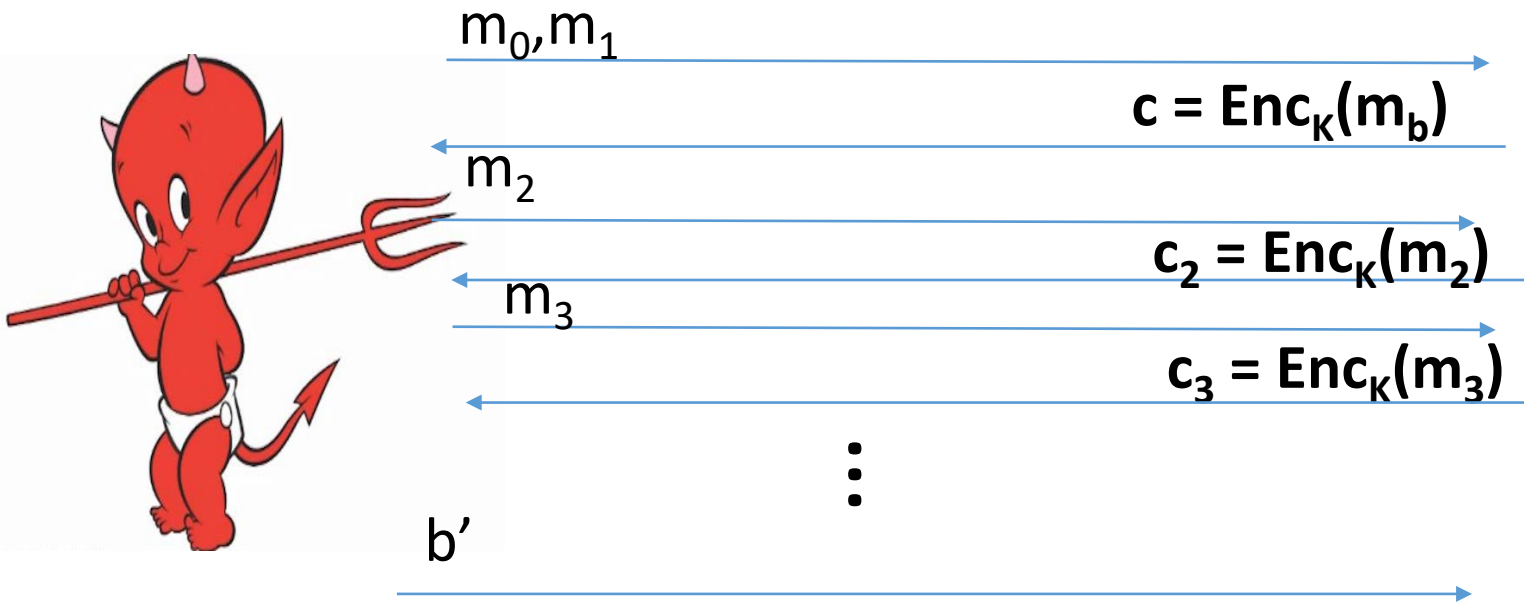


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# Multiple Message Security and CPA-Attacks

- Multiple Message Security
  - Attacker must select all messages at the same time.
  - Significant Limitation!
- In the WWII attacks cryptanalysts selected the message adaptively
  - Selected message(s) to encrypt *after* observing target ciphertext

# CPA-Security (Single Message)



Random bit  $b$   
 $K \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$



$$\forall PPT A \exists \mu \text{ (negligible) s.t.}$$
$$\Pr[A \text{ Guesses } b' = b] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$$

# CPA-Security (Single Message)

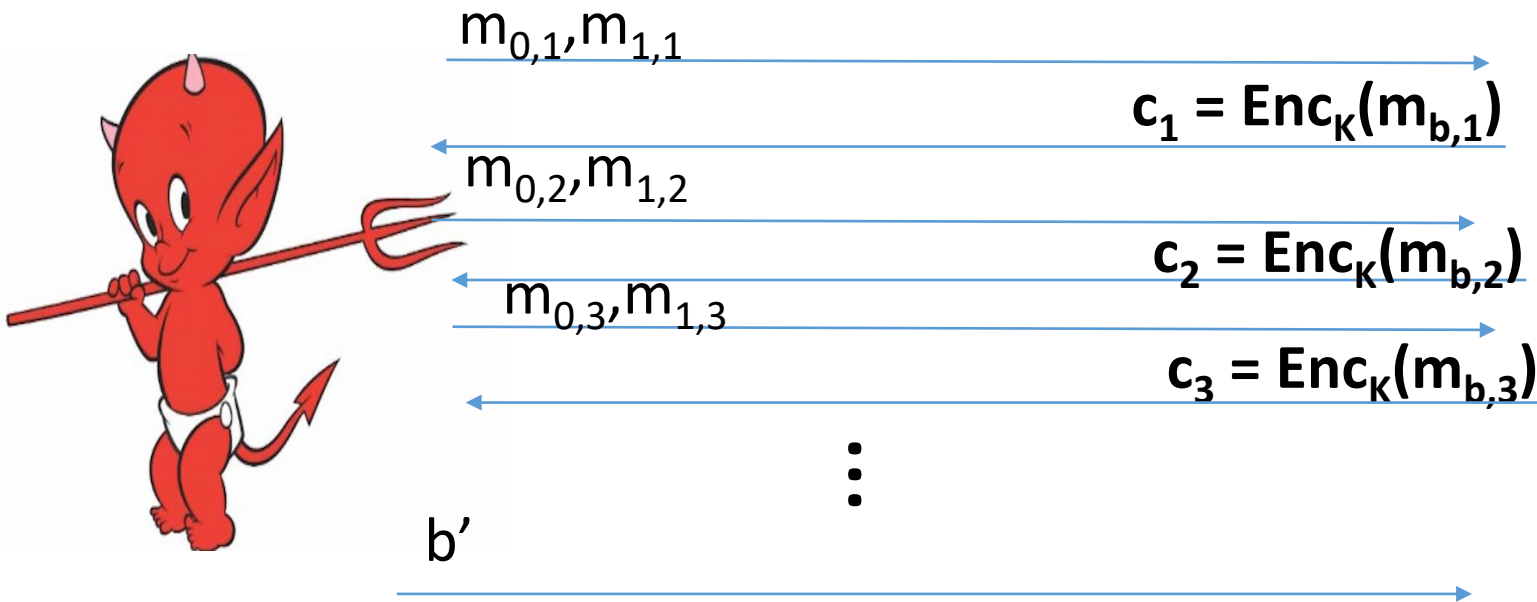
Formally, let  $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  denote the encryption scheme,  
and define a random variable  $\text{PrivK}_{A,\Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(1^n)$

$$\text{PrivK}_{A,\Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(1^n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b = b' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\Pi$  has indistinguishable encryptions under a chosen plaintext attack  
if for all PPT adversaries  $A$ , there is a negligible function  $\mu$  such that

$$\Pr[\text{PrivK}_{A,\Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(1^n) = 1] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$$

# CPA-Security (Multiple Messages)



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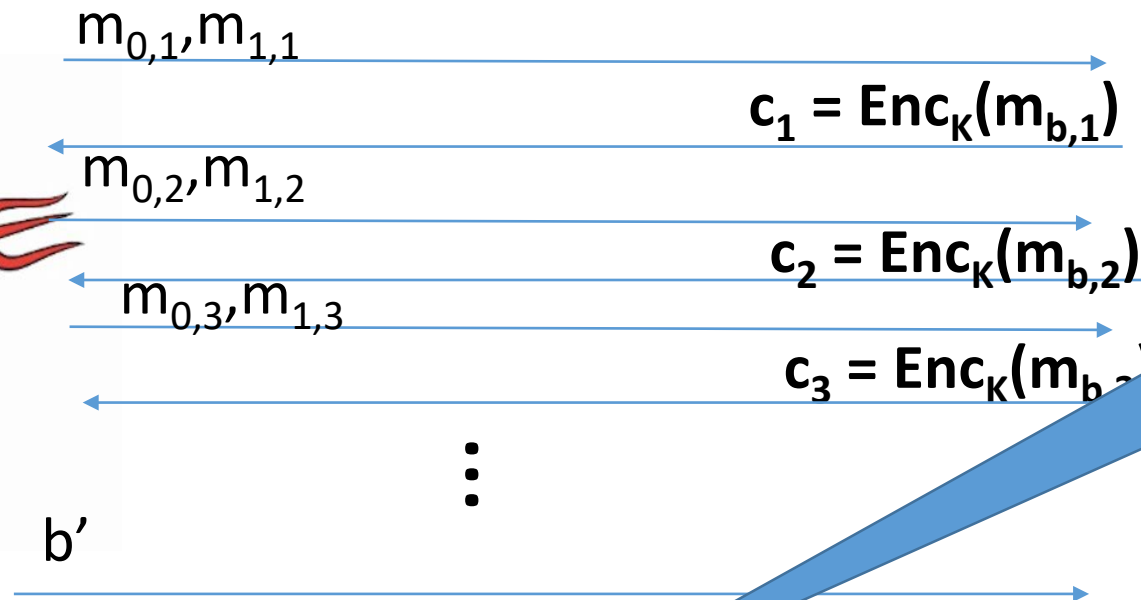
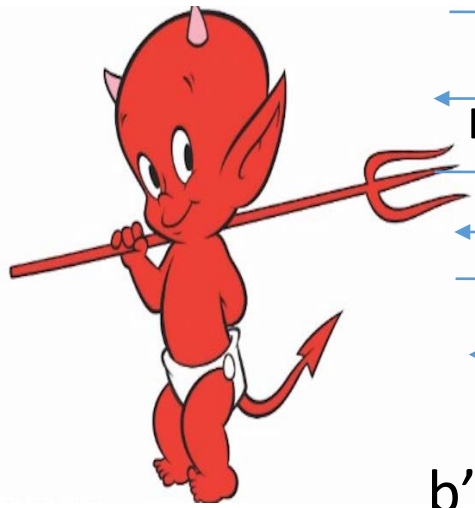


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# CPA-Security (Multiple Messages)



**Challenge:** Find concrete version of security definition.

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# CPA-Security

**Theorem:** An encryption scheme  $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$  that is CPA-Secure for single encryptions is also CPA-secure for multiple encryptions.

- We will simply say CPA-security for simplicity
- To show CPA-Security it suffices to show CPA-security for single encryptions.
- To reason about security of a protocol using  $\Pi$  we can use game with multiple encryptions.

# CPA-Security

- CPA-security vs Multiple Message Encryption
  - CPA-security is stronger guarantee
  - Attacker can select messages adaptively
- CPA-security: minimal security notion for a modern cryptosystem
- Limitations of CPA-Security: Does not model an adversary who
  - Attempts to modify messages
  - Can get honest party to (partially) decrypt some messages

# CPA-Security and Message Length

**Observation:** Given a CPA-secure encryption scheme  $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$  that supports single bit messages ( $\mathcal{M} = \{0,1\}$ ) it is easy to build a CPA-secure scheme  $\Pi' = (Gen', Enc', Dec')$  that supports messages  $m = m_1, \dots, m_n \in \{0,1\}^n$  of length  $n$ .

$$Enc'_k(m) = \langle Enc_k(m_1), \dots, Enc_k(m_n) \rangle$$

**Exercise:** How would you prove  $\Pi'$  is CPA-secure?

# Security Reduction

- **Step 1:** Assume for contradiction that we have a PPT attacker A that breaks CPA-Security.
- **Step 2:** Construct a PPT distinguisher D which breaks PRF security.

# Next Week

- Read Katz and Lindell 3.5-3.7
- Constructing CPA-Security with Pseudorandom Functions
- Block Cipher Modes of Operation
- CCA-Security (Chosen Ciphertext Attacks)

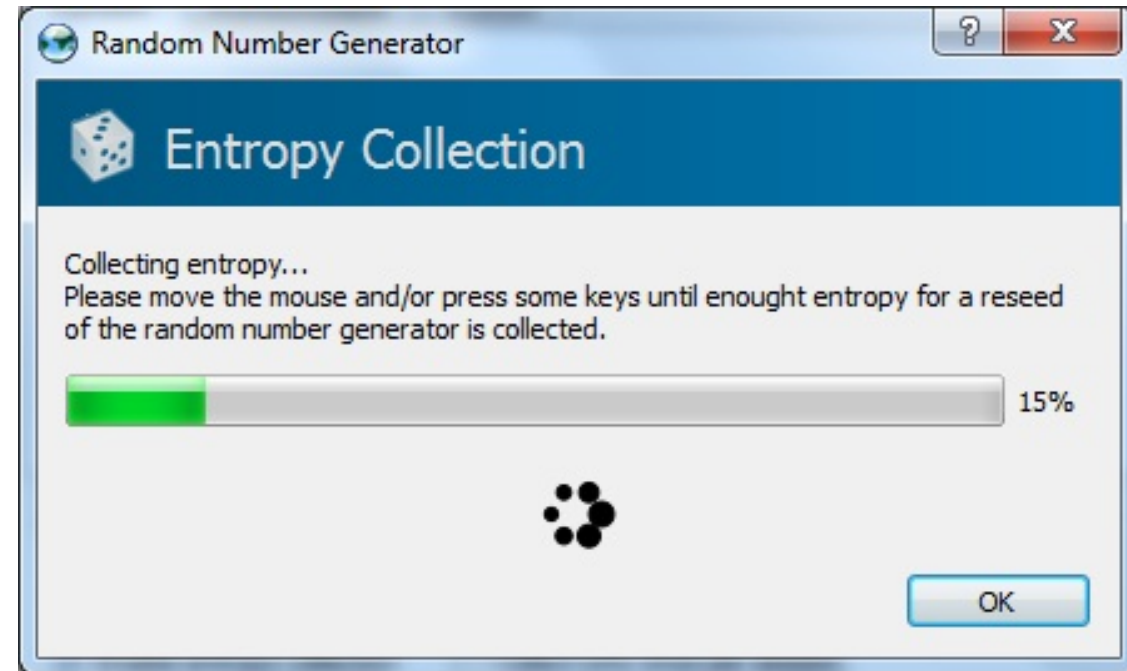
# An Important Remark on Randomness

- In our analysis we have made (and will continue to make) a key assumption:  
We have access to true “randomness”  
to generate a secret key  $K$  (e.g. OTP)
- Independent Random Bits
  - Unbiased Coin flips
  - Radioactive decay?



# In Practice

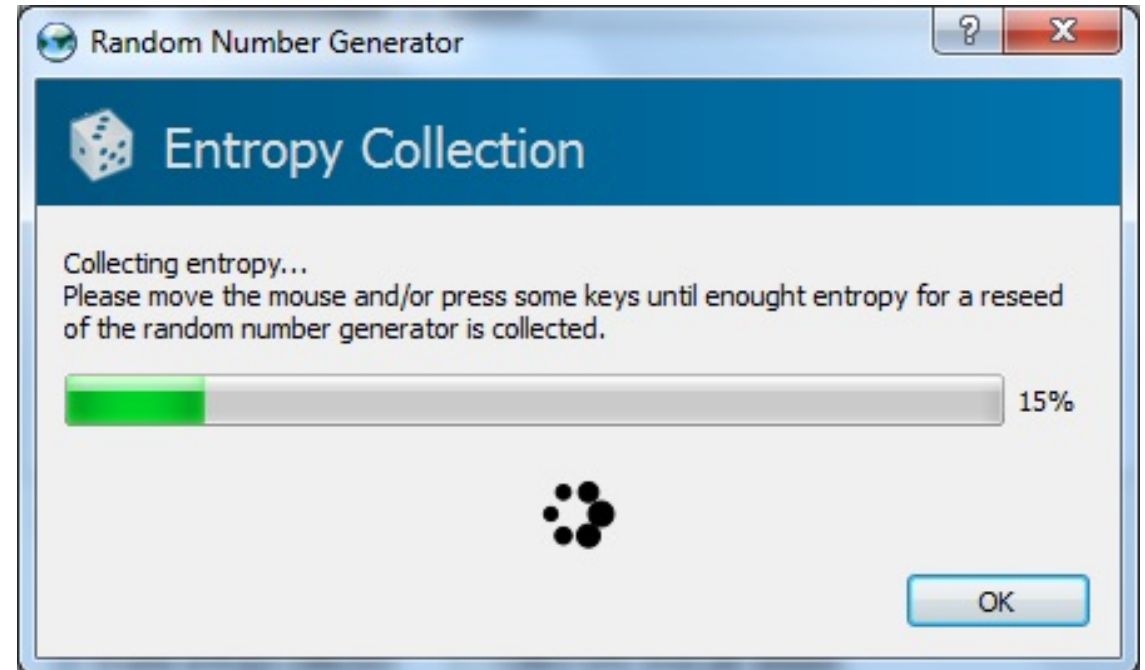
- Hard to flip thousands/millions of coins
- Mouse-movements/keys
  - Uniform bits?
  - Independent bits?
- Use Randomness Extractors
  - As long as input has high entropy, we can extract (almost) uniform/independent bits
  - Hot research topic in theory





# In Practice

- Hard to flip thousands/millions of coins
- Mouse-movements/keys
- Customized Randomness Chip?



# Caveat: Don't do this!

- Rand() in C stdlib.h is no good for cryptographic applications
- Source of many real world flaws

