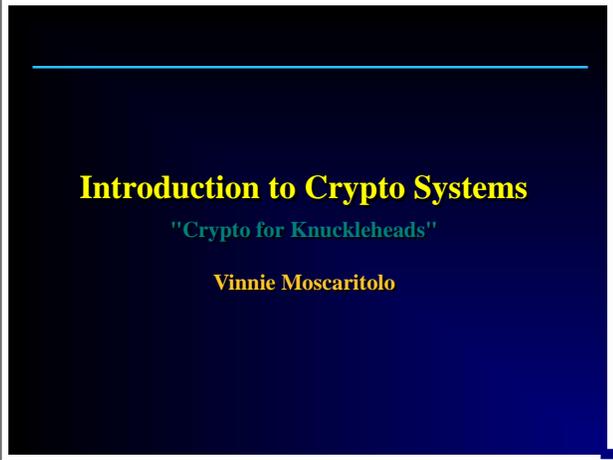

Introduction to Crypto Systems

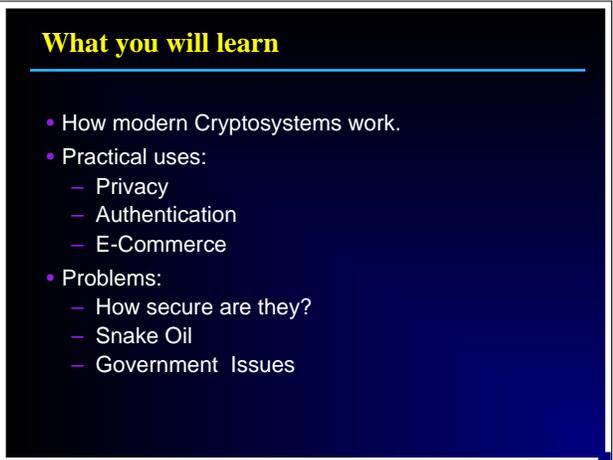


Introduction to Crypto Systems

"Crypto for Knuckleheads"

Vinnie Moscaritolo

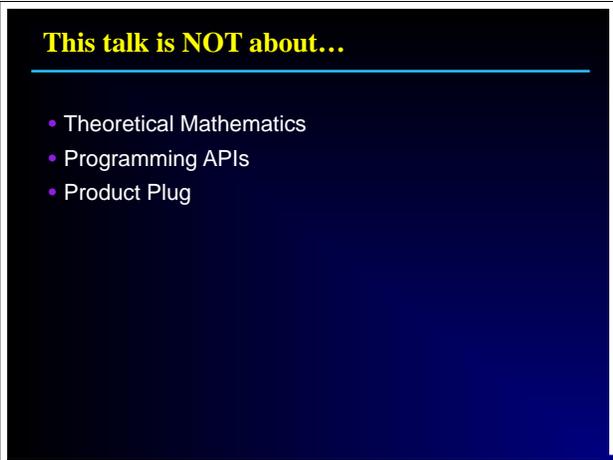
What you will learn



What you will learn

- How modern Cryptosystems work.
- Practical uses:
 - Privacy
 - Authentication
 - E-Commerce
- Problems:
 - How secure are they?
 - Snake Oil
 - Government Issues

This talk is NOT about...



This talk is NOT about...

- Theoretical Mathematics
 - Programming APIs
 - Product Plug
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Who this talk is for

- Executive
- Marketing
- Engineer
- Anyone who needs to be Crypto cc

- You?



Who this talk is for

Background

- Who is Vinnie Moscaritolo ?
 - Not a Cryptographer
 - Not even a Lawyer

 - Engineer > 15 years
 - Hosts the Mac-Crypto Workshop

 - Certified Knucklehead..

Background

What is Cryptography?

crypt•tog•raphy (kríp-tog'-re-fe) *n.* The art and science of keeping messages private.



What is Cryptography?

Cryptography is not Security

Cryptography is to security
what bricks are to buildings..

Cryptography is not Security

What is Encryption?

- Encryption uses mathematical algorithms:
 - to scramble data so that it is very difficult for anyone other than intended recipients to recover the original plaintext.
- Allows sensitive information to be:
 - stored on insecure computers
 - transmitted across insecure networks
- In order to recover the data:
 - recipient must have correct decryption key

What is Encryption?

Cryptography is not new

- Cyphered Pottery Glaze formula - 1500 B.C.
- Cypher like transformations in the Bible, Jeremiah 25:26, 51,41
- The Greeks described substitution cyphers
- The Kama-sutra lists secret writing as one of the 64 arts a woman should know and practice.
- Cryptography was widely used in Europe during the Renaissance
- "One if by land, two if by sea" - cryptography 1775
- See David Kahn's "the Code-Breakers" for more info.

Cryptography is not new

Why is Cryptography important?

- People are really starting to depend on the Internet.
 - but is not a secure channel
 - In fact it's quite hostile
- Cryptography provides Privacy / Protection
 - from competitors, business rivals, news media
 - from "Governments" (foreign & domestic)
 - from "the Bad Guys"
- Cryptography helps keep things secret!

Why is Cryptography important?

What kind of secrets?

- Personal and Business Communications
 - Telephone conversations, Fax , E-mail
- Financial
 - Electronic Funds Transfer
- Sensitive Biz Info
 - Trade secrets, source code, payoffs
- Critical Infrastructure Comm
 - Air Traffic Control, Power Grid, Telephone Network
- Personal Info
 - Health records, Personel files, etc

What kind of secrets?

Cryptography is not just about secrets

- Cryptography is also about trust and reputation.
 - Authentication
 - Integrity
 - Nonrepudiation

Cryptography is not just about secrets

Crypto is becoming ubiquitous

- Crypto is not just for internet e-mail
- You will find it in:
 - Cellular phones
 - Cable/Sat TV broadcasts
 - radio modems
 - Smart cards
 - DVD
 - Garage door openers

Crypto is becoming ubiquitous

How does Cryptography work?



How does Cryptography work?

How does Cryptography Work?

processes message with an **algorithm** or **cipher**



If no key is involved,
then the **algorithm** must be kept secret.
(Security through Obscurity)

How does Cryptography Work?

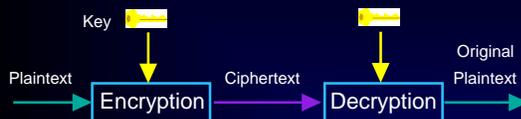
Encryption without a Key

- Problems with secret algorithms:
 - Keeping it a Secret
 - Requires distribution via secure channel
 - Easy to reverse engineer
 - Lack of peer review

Encryption without a Key

Encryption with a Key

- Algorithm is published.
- Key must be kept secret.



- When same key is used to encrypt & decrypt it's called a **Symmetric** or **Secret Key** Algorithm
- The secret key used for a comm session or message is called the **Session Key**

Encryption with a Key

Key vs. Passphrase

- Key
 - Must be random
 - All keys must be equally probable
- Passphrase
 - Must be easy to remember
 - Actually has smaller keyspace
 - Dictionary attack

Key vs. Passphrase

Secret Key Encryption Algorithms

- DES - 56 bit key (easily broken with special hardware)
- 3 DES (more secure)
- IDEA - 128 bit key
- RC2/RC4 - key size variable
- BlowFish - key size variable
- CAST - Northern Telecom, 128 bit key
- SkipJack - 80 bit Key (used in clipper)

Secret Key Encryption Algorithms

The problems with Secret Keys are..

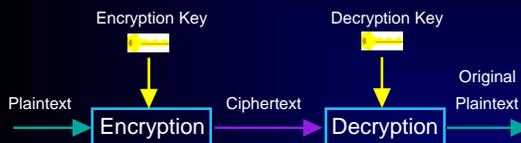
- Selecting a Secret Key that can't be guessed
 - Is the algorithm predictable?
- Negotiating the shared secret key across an unsecured channel and still keeping it a secret.
 - Key Distribution
 - Key Security



The problems with Secret Keys are..

Public Key Encryption

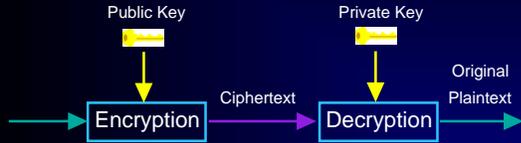
- Different key for encrypt and decrypt operations
- Invented in 1976 by Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman



Public Key Encryption

Public Key Encryption

- Key Pairs
- Publish one key - keep other secret.
- Anyone who wants to send you a message **encrypts** it with your **public key**.
- To read the message you **decrypt** it with the **private key**.



Public Key Encryption

Public Key Encryption

- A good public key algorithm:
 - Infeasible to derive one key from other.
 - Keys are interchangeable
- Simplifies (but doesn't solve) key distribution problem
- Public Key is slower than Secret Key Algorithms
 - (RSA is about 1000-5000 times slower than DES)
 - Public Key Encryption is sometimes used to encrypt a Secret Key Algorithms Session key

Public Key Encryption

Public Key Encryption Algorithms

- RSA (Rivest, Shamir, Aldeman)
 - gets security from difficulty of factoring large (100 - 200 digit) prime numbers.
 - considered secure when longer (>768 bit) keys are used
- El Gamal
 - gets security from difficulty of calculating discrete logarithms in a finite field.
 - security similar to RSA for same key lengths

Public Key Encryption Algorithms

Public Key Encryption Algorithms

- **Elliptic Curve**
 - Shows promise for future cryptosystems.
 - More resistant to brute force attack
 - Highest crypto strength per bit of key
 - 160 bit EC key \approx 1024 bit RSA key $\approx 10^{12}$ MIPS years
 - 320 bit EC key \approx 5120 bit RSA key $\approx 10^{36}$ MIPS years
 - Shorter key = Savings in storage, computation, bandwidth
- **Elliptic Curve Cryptography** is ideal for
 - limited computation power (Smartcards, wireless devices, etc)
 - intensive use of signing or encryption (web based TP)
 - high speed/ bandwidth devices

Public Key Encryption Algorithms

Algorithms Patents

- **RSA** - US only, expires Sep-20-2000
- **DH** - patent by Cylink, expires Sept-6-1997 (GATT)
- **IDEA** - patent by Ascom Systec AG, Switzerland
- **DES** - patent by IBM, patent is expired
- **RC2, RC4** were trade secrets
 - implementation were published on net
 - names are protected by trademark
- **Blowfish** - not patented
- **ElGamal** - not patented, but Cylink claims to all public key
- **Elliptic Curve** - one of the patents owned by Apple

I Am Not A Lawyer!!

Algorithms Patents

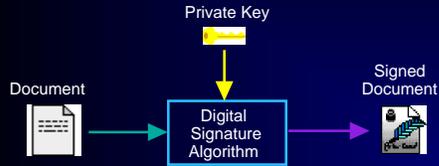
Digital Signatures



Digital Signatures

What are Digital Signatures?

- Works with your **private key** to:
 - **Authenticate** that a message came from you.
 - ensures data has not been changed (**Integrity**)
 - makes it hard for you to **repudiate** your knowledge of data



What are Digital Signatures?

OneWay or Secure Hash

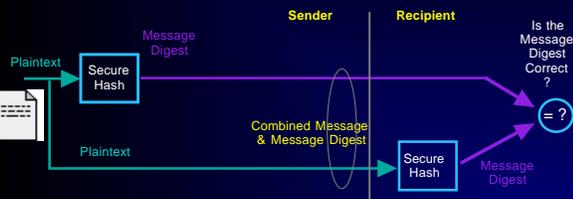
- Takes a variable length input string and creates a shorter fixed length (128-256 bits) summary string or hash-value.
- hard to find input for a given hash (non reversible)
- difficult to find two pre-images with same hash
- hash-value aka
 - message digest
 - fingerprint
 - cryptographic checksum



OneWay or Secure Hash

Checking a message's validity

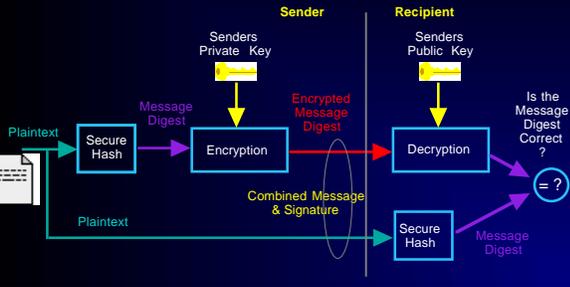
By comparing the **Message Digest** of a candidate pre-image to that of a given pre-image you can ensure that the message most likely hasn't been tampered with.



Checking a message's validity

Creating a Digital Signature

Encrypting the message digest with the sender's public key ensures that the message originated from the sender.



Creating a Digital Signature

Digital Signature Example

```
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----  
By comparing the Message Digest of a candidate pre-image to that of  
a given pre-image you can ensure that the message most likely hasn't  
been tampered with.  
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----  
Version: 5.0 beta  
Charset: noconv  
iQCVAwUBM49V3VMF2+rAU+udAQFw7wP+PHx1H0geLUaWlyoWUJG/NshyzEyM3rb  
m/NgL0Q+wuro+NcF21jK4WTYoDEoF4fr4he4mnoxBgksCEyyJhoJYMpTgnOltT99  
PxBdnI/EAamj56DckVThV8SE6LxouE3TV7o+ehOULZ1CP6wanfeLZVCC121Q1LK  
7dal+VncGHM=  
=VKa9  
-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
```

Digital Signature Example

Digital Signatures Algorithms

- Secure hash
 - MD5 (RSA)
 - Yields 128 bit hash
 - recently found to have weakness.
 - SHA
 - Yields 160 bit hash
- Signature only
 - DSA
 - cannot be used for encryption
 - developed by NSA (not entirely trusted)
 - Leaks private key data, if improp used...

Digital Signatures Algorithms

Digital Signature Uses

- Signatures can be used on
 - Text
 - Code (virus detection)
 - Public Keys
 - Other signatures
- Signatures can be used with
 - Timestamps
 - Name & Directory Servers
 - Software Distributions

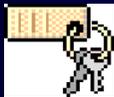
Digital Signature Uses

Other Digital Signature Modes

- Standard Digital Signature requires:
 - signer to know contents of message
 - anyone with public key can verify correctness of signature without consent of signer
 - self-authenticating
- Blind Signatures
 - sign without being able to read contents
- Group Signatures

Other Digital Signature Modes

Keys and Key Management



Keys and Key Management

Key Mangement

- Key management is hardest part of cryptography
- Answers the questions
 - How do I get a key pair?
 - How do I get someone else's public key?
 - and how do I know its really theirs?
 - What should I do if I lose my key?
 - or it's stolen?
 - How long is my key good for?

Key Mangement

Lifetime of a Key

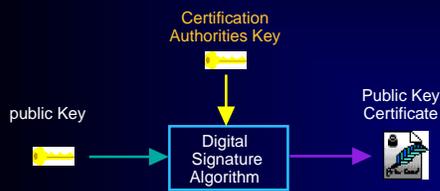
- Creation & Registration
 - centralized (Kerberos) / distibuted (RSA, PGP)
- Certification
 - centralized (X.509) / distibuted (PGP)
- Distribution
 - introduction (PGP)
 - storage / backup (escrow)
- Usage
 - validity checking
- Termination & Revokation
 - deliberate destruction or expired
 - archival

Lifetime of a Key

Certification & Trust Management

Q: How does Alice know that a public key is Bob's and not someone pretending to be Bob ?

A: Bob's public key is signed by a **trusted entity**.



Certification & Trust Management

What kinds of Certificate?

- Identity Certificate
 - Binds the name of an identity to a public key.
 - X.509, PGP
- Meta Certificate
 - Delegates an attribute or authority to a public key.
 - SPKI

What kinds of Certificate?

Identity Certificates

- X.509
 - Originates from X.500 database design
 - Names are organized into a hierarchy
 - Corporate roles, Notarized Documents.
 - Requires Certificate Authority (CA)
- PGP
 - Signer of key might not be known or trusted
 - Allows independent signatures to vote a binding into validity
 - "Web of Trust"

Identity Certificates

X.509 Certificate

- Each user has distinct name
- Signed by heierachial CA
 - tree stucture
- Protocol to verify validity
- Keys can be
 - individuals
 - groups / organizations

Version
Serial number
Algorithm Identifier: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Algorithm- parameters
Issuer
Period of Validity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Not before date- Not after date
Subject
Subjects Public Key: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Algorithm- Parameters- Public Key
Signiture

X.509 Certificate

PGP Certificate

- No CA that everyone needs to trust
 - no implicit guarantee of validity
 - no policy for establish trust
 - Web of trust
- Key can only be trusted if there is path of signatures between verifier and sig in question
- Keys can be
 - individuals
 - groups / organizations
 - network services
 - psuedonyms
 - anonymous addresses

PGP Certificate

KeyServers

- Where do I get someone elses public key..
 - from a Keyserver
 - see <<http://www.pgp.com/keyserver>>
 - see <<http://www-swiss.ai.mit.edu/~bal/pks-toplev.html>>
- Integrated Keyserver
 - 1st Gen
 - like cache / keychain
 - 2nd Gen
 - like a directory server

KeyServers

Meta Certificates

- Decentralized Trust Management
 - Digitally signed, structured message which delegates an attribute (trust or authority) of some form to a public key
- Simple Public Key Infrastructure SPKI
 - see <<http://www.clark.net/pub/cme/spki-reqts.html>>

Meta Certificates

Meta Certificate usage

- Replaces Users & Groups Database
 - Server mgr signs an authorization
 - Allows server login & permissions
 - could include expiration date
 - Server only needs to know sys mgrs Public key
 - Scales well
 - server keeps revocation list.
- see <ftp://ftp.research.att.com/dist/mab/policymaker.ps>

Meta Certificate usage

Modern Crypto Systems

Modern Crypto Systems

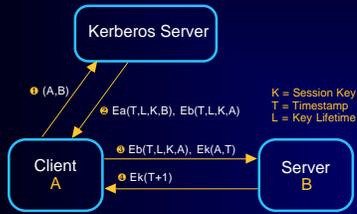
Practical uses of Crypto Algorithms

- Exchanging Secret Session keys.
 - Kerberos
 - Diffie Hellman
- Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)

Practical uses of Crypto Algorithms

Kerberos Key Exchange

- Used to agree on a shared secret **session key**, but... requires trusted third party.
- To prevent replay attack
 - Key exchange includes timestamp and lifetime of key
 - Requires clocks to be synced



Kerberos Key Exchange

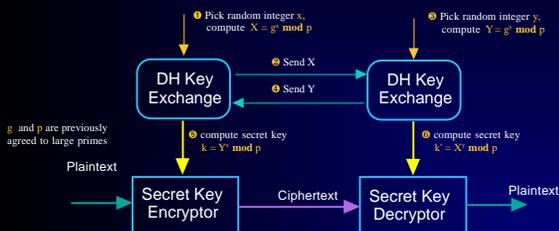
Kerberos Key Exchange

- 1 Alice asks Sam for a key to talk to Bob
 $A \rightarrow S: (A,B)$
- 2 Sam replies with session key K , Timestamp T , and its Lifetime L , encrypted with Alice's and Bob's key,
 $S \rightarrow A: E_a(T,L,K,B), E_b(T,L,K,A)$
- 3 Alice relays the encrypted session key to Bob
 $A \rightarrow B: E_b(T,L,K,A), E_k(A,T)$
- 4 Bob shows Alice that it knows the key by using it.
 $B \rightarrow A: E_k(T+1)$

Kerberos Key Exchange

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- Used to agree on a shared secret **session key** w/o third party
- Assumes communication channel is not secure
- Reveals nothing useful to wiretapper



Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- 1 Alice and Bob agree to a large prime, p and a generator g
- 2 Alice generates a random, secret quantity, x
- 3 Bob generates a random, secret quantity, y
- 4 Alice computes $X = g^x \text{ mod } p$
- 5 Bob computes $Y = g^y \text{ mod } p$
- 6 A->B: X
- 7 B->A: Y
- 8 Alice computes $k = Y^x \text{ mod } p$
- 9 Bob computes $k' = X^y \text{ mod } p$
- 10 Alice and Bob use the secret key $k = k'$ to encrypt their session

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

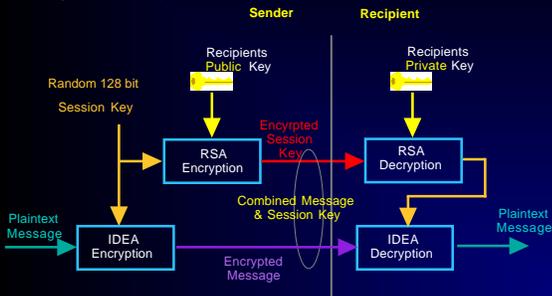
Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (Notes)

- To defeat Man in Middle Attack
 - Transmit the resulting k (or secure hash) to each other.
 - PGPfone does this with a Biometric signature
- Destroy Keys after session is terminated:
 - Back Traffic Protection (BTP)
 - compromising the keys for one session doesn't reduce security of past sessions
 - Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS)
 - compromising the keys for one session doesn't reduce security of future sessions

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (Notes)

Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)

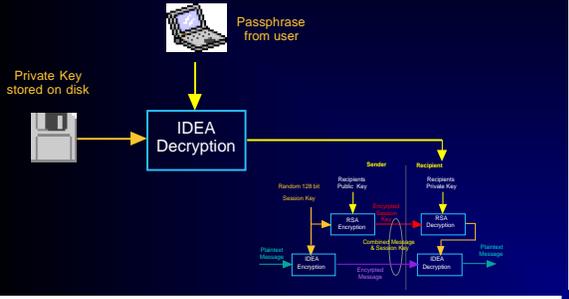
Combines use of **RSA** (public key) and **IDEA** (Symmetric key) algorithms for speed.



Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)

Pretty Good Privacy (FYI)

- Private Key is stored encrypted



Pretty Good Privacy (FYI)

Crypto on the Internet



Crypto on the Internet

Internet threat model

- The internet is an insecure channel
- Assume:
 - *anything* you say is overheard
 - *everything* you say is overheard
- Never send any secure info in the clear
 - "passphrases over telnet"

Internet threat model

Which layer do you encrypt?



Which layer do you encrypt?

Which layer do you encrypt?

- How much granularity of control you want?
- Documents -> **Applications Layer**
 - S/MIME, PGP/MIME, S-HTTP
- Process or Socket -> **Transport Layer**
 - SSL
 - e.g. Web Browser to Server
- Host -> **Network Layer**
 - IPSEC
 - e.g. Node to Node

Which layer do you encrypt?

Network Layer Encryption

- Encrypted pipe between:
 - Host to host
 - Roving host (portable) to Firewall
 - see <<http://www.cygnum.com/~gnu/swan.html>>
- aka Virtual Private Network
- Not a new idea
 - used on ARPAnet (early 1970s)
 - see: <<http://www.cygnum.com/~gnu/netcrypt.html>>

Network Layer Encryption

Network Layer Encryption

- Internet Protocol Security (IPSEC)
 - Encrypted pipe between hosts or firewalls.
 - IPv6 requirement, IPv4 optional
 - see RFC 1825
- Authentication
 - Uses X.509 certs
 - Authentication Header (AH)
 - RFC 1826, RFC 1828 (MD5), RFC 1852 (SHA)
- Encryption
 - Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)
 - RFC 1827, RFC 1829 (DES), RFC 1851 (3DES)
- AH & ESP may be use together or separate
- see <<http://www.cs.arizona.edu/xkernel/www/ipsec/ipsec.html>>

Network Layer Encryption

IPSEC Key Management

- Currently (6/5/97) two incompatible schemes
- Simple Key Management Protocol (SKIP)
 - Sun Microsystems
- Internet Security Association Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP / Oakley)
 - NSA

IPSEC Key Management

Transport Layer Encryption

- Encrypted pipe between processes
 - Layered on top of reliable transport
 - Most network applications must be modified for support
 - Doesn't handle datagrams (UDP)
- Secure Socket Layer (SSL)
 - Netscape
- Private Communications Technology
 - Microsoft
 - based on SSLv2
- Transport Layer Security (TLS)
 - IETF working group
 - Based on SSLv3
- SSL FAQ:
 - <<http://www.consensus.com/security/ssl-talk-faq.html>>

Transport Layer Encryption

Secure Sockets Layer Structure

- SSL Record Protocol
 - Fragmentation, compression
 - Authentication: MD5, SHA (SSLv3)
 - Encryption: RC4, DES
- SSL Handshake Protocol
 - Protocol version mgmt
 - Supported algorithms
 - Mutual Authentication
 - Key Exchange: RSA, (SSLv3): DH / Fortessa
 - SSLv2 is vulnerable to "man in middle" attack

Secure Sockets Layer Structure

SSL Ports

- Standard TCP port numbers
 - https 443 web browsing
 - smtp 465 mail transfer
 - spop3 995 mail reading
 - snntp 563 news
 - ssl-ldap 636 directory services
 - sftp 990 file transfer (not standard yet)

SSL Ports

SSL (Misc Notes)

- RSA 40 bit vs 128 bit
 - college student broke 40 bit in 3 hours, with spare cycles on university computers
- SSL is compute intensive
 - Webservers that process large amount of transactions might require cryptographic acceleration hardware.

SSL (Misc Notes)

Applications Layer Encryption

- Secure at document level
- Encrypted or Authenticated files
 - E-mail , text files, www pages

```
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----  
this is a signed message by vinnie
```

```
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----  
Version: 5.0 beta  
Charset: none
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iQCTwUwMAAAAMF2+rSDvHAgQTwD/8EzN/qmHiz7JhDh8ee5fgW011  
7eH2ifwlyfhe9eDQ0d0b5WmAgfrozdyrJhW11v1N157F6dTh1G1s8C  
r4F0eeD7pHEXNc9ggl0x2dzq0J05b8EChcKog1y8RD/ukKAap51PaWwR2  
3h8r7VZckye  
=eSvI  
-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
```

Applications Layer Encryption

Crypto in Email

- E-mail
 - PEM (RFC 1421-24)
 - Failed because lack of PKI
 - S/MIME, PGP/MIME
 - In use today!

Crypto in Email

Anonymous Remailers

- Provides mail w/o receiver knowing your name or e-mail address
- Allows user to speak w/o fear of reprisal
 - Apple "Can We Talk"
 - alt.child.abuse.recovery, etc
- Original remailer
 - A script that allowed anonymous posts into <alt.sex.bondage> !
- Cypherpunk remailer
 - attacked by monitoring length of packets
- MixMaster
 - Uses fixed length packets
 - see <<http://www.stack.nl/~galactus/remailers/>>

Anonymous Remailers

Crypto on the WWW

- S-HTTP
 - Enterprise Integration Technologies / Terisa
 - extension to http
 - documents can be marked as private or signed
 - supports most crypto algorithms
 - **NOT A STANDARD!!**
- See: <<http://www.eit.com/creations/presentations/shttp-ams/>>
- See: <<http://www.terisa.com>>

Crypto on the WWW

Electronic Commerce

"Digital Commerce is Financial Cryptography"
- Robert Hettinga, 1994



Electronic Commerce

E-Commerce is Financial Cryptography

- Electronic commerce depends on cryptography
 - to make binding commitments
- IDC estimates e-commerce market will be worth > \$200B by 2000
 - But only if systems are very secure

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E-Commerce is Financial Cryptography

Kinds of E-Commerce

- Book Entries
 - uses encrypted channel to pass debit & credit info
 - requires double entry book keeping via intermediary
- Electronic Cash
 - Cryptographic objects that have monetary value assigned to it.
 - Bearer Certificates
 - Peer to Peer transaction.
 - requires mint or underwriter to issue coins

Kinds of E-Commerce

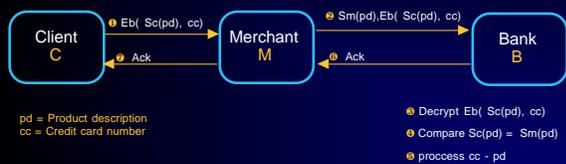
Book Entry Systems

- Cybercash
 - Encrypted credit cards ... BFD
- First Virtual
 - Requires account, not encrypted, wants to be a bank...
- Mondex
 - Bank puts book entries on smartcard, good for small amounts
- SET
 - Credit card numbers exchanged
- Electronic Checks
 - Financial Service Technology Consortium

Book Entry Systems

Secure Electronic Transactions (SET)

- Intent was merchant can't see credit card #
 - but now has back channel for non-repudiation
- Process is slow



Secure Electronic Transactions (SET)

Bearer Certificate Systems

- Milicent
 - Site issues values that can only be spent there.
- DigiCash
 - Anonymous Digital Cash!!
- Bearer Bonds
 - Application of DigiCash Patent

Bearer Certificate Systems

DigiCash

- Cryptographic objects that have monetary value assigned to it.
- Anonymous Digital Cash
- Chaum patent expires in 2007
 - bank->sw mfg->cc assos
 - by the time they figure out biz model, patent will expire
 - Dolby model

DigiCash

DigiCash's E-cash Protocol

Withdraw Coins

- 1 Client generates a 20 byte random coin serial number.
- 2 Client blinds the serial number with random blinding factor.
- 3 Client sends blinded serial number and coin denomination wanted to mint.
- 4 Mint signs blinded serial number with denomination dependent secret key.
- 5 Client unblinds coin serial number, mint signature is still valid.
- 6 Client sends coin to shop.

Deposit Coins

- 1 Shop sends coin to mint.
- 2 Mint checks it's database to see if coin has already been spent.
- 3 If coin hasn't been spent, the mint credits the shop's account.

DigiCash's E-cash Protocol

Smart Cards

- Limited processing power & memory
 - Java Wallet
- provides offline secure storage
 - digital cash
 - private keys
 - etc
- Will quickly become the most prolific peripheral...

Smart Cards

How Secure are Crypto Systems?



How Secure are Crypto Systems?

Security of Algorithms

- Cryptanalysis
 - The art and science recovering the plaintext of a encrypted message without access to the key.
- Strong vs Weak Crypto
 - An algorithm is **computationally secure** or **strong** if it cannot be broken with **available resources** (both present and future)?
- Rule of Thumb
 - The value of data must remain less than the cost of breaking the security protecting it.

Security of Algorithms

Who can break a crypto system?

- Government Intel agency
 - NSA
- Large Corporations
- Organized Crime
- College students
 - with spare time from a bunch of computers

Who can break a crypto system?

Cost of breaking Crypto (brute force)

Type of Attacker	Budget	Tool	Time and Cost per key recovered		Length Needed for protection (late 1995)
			40 bits	56 bits	
Pedestrian Hacker	tiny	scavenged computer time	1 week	infeasible	45
	\$400	FPGA	5 hrs (\$0.08)	38 yrs (\$5,000)	50
Small Business	\$10,000	FPGA	12 min (\$0.08)	556 days (\$5,000)	55
Corporate Department	\$300K	FPGA	24 sec (\$0.08)	19 days (\$5,000)	60
		ASIC	.18 seconds (\$0.001)	3 hours (\$38)	
Large Corporation	\$10M	FPGA	.7 sec (\$0.08)	13 hrs (\$5,000)	70
		ASIC	.005 sec (\$0.001)	6 min (\$38)	
Intelligence Agency	\$300M	ASIC	.0002 sec (\$0.001)	12 sec (\$38)	75

Cost of breaking Crypto (brute force)

Strength of crypto depends on key quality

- Keyspace
 - Size and distribution
 - Key Generation Algorithm
 - how random is random?
 - see <<http://www.merrymeent.com/jon/usingrandom.html>>

Keyspace		4 Byte	8 Byte
Lowercase Letters	(26)	460,000	$2.1 \cdot 10^{11}$
Lowercase Letters & digits	(36)	1,700,000	$2.8 \cdot 10^{12}$
Alphanumeric characters	(62)	$1.5 \cdot 10^7$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{14}$
Printable characters	(95)	$8.1 \cdot 10^7$	$6.6 \cdot 10^{15}$
ASCII characters	(128)	$2.7 \cdot 10^8$	$7.2 \cdot 10^{16}$
8 bit ASCII characters	(256)	$4.3 \cdot 10^9$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{19}$

Strength of crypto depends on key quality

Sometimes size isn't everything.

Method :

Secret	vs	Public
56 bit DES	≈	512 bit RSA
340 Bit RC4	≈	320 bit RSA

Algorithm:

160 bit EC	≈	1024 bit RSA
320 bit EC	≈	5120 bit RSA

Sometimes size isn't everything.

Internet DES Cracking effort

- DESCHALL
 - see <<http://www.frii.com/~rcv/deschall.htm>>
- Broke 56 Bit DES
 - via brute force keysearch
- Distributed computing on internet
 - Aprox 14,000 machines
 - Spare CPU time (screen saver)
 - Searched 25% of keyspace in 5 Months (32 days if full time)
 - Peak speed: 7 B keys / sec, 500 Mips years
 - Cost < 10K

Internet DES Cracking effort

Cryptographic Attacks

- Passive attacks
 - Cyphertext only attacks
 - Known plaintext attacks
 - Traffic Analysis
- Active attacks
 - Chosen plaintext
 - Man in the middle
 - Rubber hose
- Bypass the Cryptosystem...
 - plant a bug in the room
 - Tempest attack

Cryptographic Attacks

Example of Man in the Middle Attack

Bob and Alice want to exchange public keys
They assume the communication channel is secure



Example of Man in the Middle Attack

Example of Man in the Middle Attack

Eve has intercepted the comm channel
and acts as an imposter to Bob and Alice
Alice and Bob **think** that they have each others keys
But actually have Eve's version of the keys



Result: Eve can read and even modify all comm between Bob and Alice, and they are unaware of any interference.

Example of Man in the Middle Attack

One Time Pad

- Used to generate Secret Key
 - Key is only once for one message
 - Key is destroyed after use
 - Should not be generated by algorithm
 - requires specialized hardware that collects randomness
- Used in ultra-secure, low bandwidth channels
 - Hotline from Washington D.C. to Moscow
 - Distributed by courier

One Time Pad

Snake Oil Cryptography

- Designing secure software is very very hard..
 - most security products can be broken by unfunded attackers
- The sure signs of Snake Oil Crypto
 - "Secret" algorithms - reverse engineering an algorithm is easy
 - "Secret protocols" - see above
 - Misuse of cryptographic terms like "one time pad"
 - Use of term "Unbreakable"
- To avoid Snake Oil Crypto:
 - Use well examined algorithms which don't have known flaws.
 - Publish or make available your protocols and source code for rigorous internal and external review.

Snake Oil Cryptography

Security holes in the MacOS

- Virtual Memory Backing Store
 - LockMemory(), UnlockMemory()
- Temporary Files - Persistent Data Storage
 - Can still be recovered after being written over up to 9 times.
 - Write to disk encrypted!
- Wipe Up after yourself
 - Memory buffers should be erased when done
- Memory Burn-in
 - DRAM retains traces of data.
- Passphrases in TextEdit fields
 - Powerplant undo blocks bleed all over the place
 - Bullets reveal length info (*****)

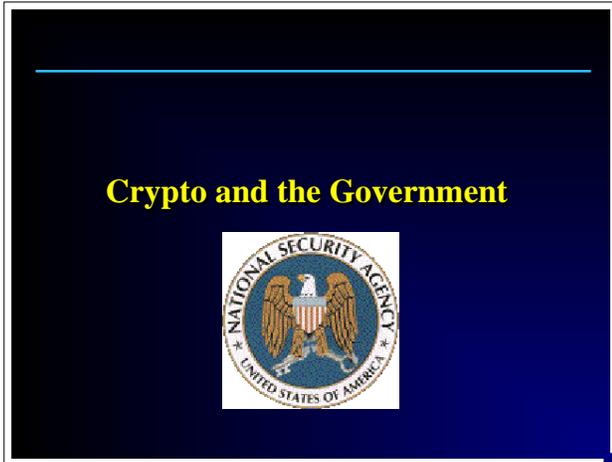
Security holes in the MacOS

Security holes in the MacOS

- Disk Block Shrinkage
 - SetEOF doesn't erase data behind itself.
- Virus or Trojan Horse File Tampering
 - release digitally signed executables
- Sending secure info over the net as cleartext
 - POP, Telnet, NetInfo.
 - Using PGP via Telnet

Security holes in the MacOS

Crypto and the Government



Crypto and the Government



History Lesson

- In 1993, NSA figured out that they couldn't stop progress
 - Strong crypto would soon be ubiquitous
- Informed FBI, phone taps would no longer work
 - Louis Freeh made his rep by bugging mobsters
- FBI freaked!
 - "Uncrackable encryption will allow drug lords, terrorists, and even gangs to communicate with impunity, ... and will devastate our ability to fight crime and prevent terrorism." -- Louis Freeh

History Lesson

US Government response

- Export restrictions on strong Cryptography
- Government want access to private keys

US Government response

Export Restrictions on Strong Crypto

Strong crypto is viewed as threat to national security

Unlawful to export (import is OK, for now)

Classified as munition!

International Traffic in Arm Restrictions (ITAR)

Reality:

strong crypto is very available worldwide

Results:

Weakens US corp defenses against foreign intel

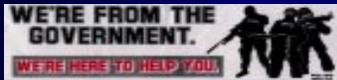
Forces US products to be less competitive

Lost jobs for US (est. \$60B by year 2000)

Export Restrictions on Strong Crypto

Government want access to private keys

- Agencies seeking to conduct covert surveillance
 - claim the wide availability of strong crypto technology is a serious threat to law enforcement, public safety and national security.
 - fear that crypto will be used by organized crime, terrorists money launders and child pornographers.
 - want to guaranteed access to encrypted information without the knowledge or consent of owner.
 - insist that it won't be abused or compromised.
 - claim that it can be done safely.



Government want access to private keys

It's really about money (no surprise)

- Encryption on internet & e-commerce.
- Internet based biz move to offshore tax havens
 - Anguilla, FC97
- If flow of money among citizens becomes invisible
 - currency regulations become unenforceable
 - taxes become uncollectable.
- see <<http://www.arraydev.com/commerce/JIBC>>
- see <<http://www.shipwright.com>>

It's really about money (no surprise)

GAK by any other name

- Government Access to Keys (GAK)
 - aka Key Escrow, Key Recovery, Data Recovery
- For GAK to work, you need:
 - That non-escrowed cryptosystems uninvent themselves.
 - A method external to the cryptosystem to decode encrypted data.
 - A way to transport and store a highly sensitive secret key for an extended period of time.
 - A large scale key management system
 - LEA requires high availability (24-7), access to keys within 2 hours, under current regulations.

GAK by any other name

Storage recovery vs Comm recovery

- Storage recovery
 - legitimate need
 - secret sharing tech
 - local key registry
 - encryption of session key to multiple recipients
- Communication recovery
 - No commercial incentive to develop this technology
 - Only useful for wire tapping
 - If a session key is lost data can be re-transmit
 - Requires a copy of session key be securely retained until sent to escrow agent.
 - (Every cell phone, FAX, secure web session be escrowed)

Storage recovery vs Comm recovery

What about...

- Risks
 - Improper disclosure of keys
 - Theft of keys
- Complexity
 - Strong crypto is hard to design
 - Scale (are you going to store every session key?)
 - Operational complexity
- Costs
 - Operational
 - Product
 - Government Oversight
 - User Costs
- see <http://www.crypto.com/key_study>

What about...

Oh and that pesky document..

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated..

AMENDMENT IV, The Bill of Rights.
Passed by Congress September 25, 1789

Oh and that pesky document..

Summary



We are almost at the end..

Summary

What have we learned

- Cryptography is more than secrets
- It's also be about **Trust** and **Reputation**.
- Required for E-Commerce

- Good Cryptography is hard to do
 - Avoid Snake Oil Crypto
- But shouldn't be hard to use.

What have we learned

For more info.

Applied Cryptography, Second Edition, Bruce Schneier
Great review of current protocols and algorithms

The Code-Breakers, David Kahn
History of cryptography

Internet Crypto resources
<<http://www.vmeng.com/vinnie/crypto.html>>

For more info.

Q&A

Cryptography the power to...

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