## Failures of

## secret-key cryptography

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## WHAT WOULD <br> ACTUALLY HAPPEN:

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http://xkcd.com/538/

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Let's look at some examples.

## Windows code signatures

Flame broke into computers, spied on audio, keystrokes, etc.
2012.06.03 Microsoft:
"We recently became aware
of a complex piece of targeted malware known as 'Flame' and immediately began examining the issue. ... We have discovered through our analysis that some components of the malware have been signed by certificates that allow software to appear as if it was produced by Microsoft."
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Was MD5 "homebrew crypto"?
No. Standardized, widely used.
Worthwhile to attack? Yes.

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki /2003_Mission_Accomplished _speech

## WEP

WEP introduced in 1997
in 802.11 wireless standard.
2001 Borisov-Goldberg-Wagner:
24-bit "nonce" frequently repeats,
leaking plaintext xor and
allowing very easy forgeries.
2001 Arbaugh-Shankar-Wan: this also breaks user auth.

2001 Fluhrer-Mantin-Shamir:
WEP builds RC4 key $(k, n)$
from secret $k$, "nonce" $n$;
RC4 outputs leak bytes of $k$.

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Fact: WEP blamed for 2007 theft of 45 million credit-card numbers from T. J. Maxx. Subsequent lawsuit settled for $\$ 40900000$.

## Keeloq

Wikipedia: "KeeLoq is or was used in many remote keyless entry systems by such companies as Chrysler, Daewoo, Fiat,
GM, Honda, Toyota, Volvo,
Volkswagen Group, Clifford,
Shurlok, Jaguar, etc."
2007 Indesteege-Keller-
Biham-Dunkelman-Preneel "How to steal cars":
recover 64-bit KeeLoq key using $2^{16}$ known plaintexts, only $2^{44.5}$ encryptions.

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2. If all the " $X$ is weak" press comes from academics, is it safe to conclude that real attackers aren't breaking $X$ ? How often do real attackers issue press releases?

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Closer look at documentation: "AES-128" and "SALSA20-256" are actually "AES-128-GCM" and "Salsa20-256-Round12".

AES-128-GCM includes AES
and message authentication.
No indication that VMWare's "Salsa20-256-Round12" includes
any message authentication.
Can attacker forge packets?
One can easily combine Salsa20
with message authentication, but does VMWare do this?

Salsa20 has speed and security advantages over AES, but both Salsa20 and AES are unauthenticated ciphers.
User needs authenticated cipher.

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from previous ciphertext; send $c_{0}=\operatorname{AES}_{k}\left(p_{0} \oplus c_{-1}\right)$,
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SSL lets attacker choose $p_{0}$ as function of $c_{-1}$ ! Very bad.

2002 Möller:
To check a guess $g$ for (e.g.) $p_{-3}$, choose $p_{0}=c_{-1} \oplus g \oplus c_{-4}$,
compare $c_{0}$ to $c_{-3}$.
2006 Bard:
malicious code in browser should be able to carry out this attack, especially if high-entropy data is split across blocks.

2011 Duong-Rizzo "BEAST": fast attack fully implemented, including controlled variable split.

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2013.02 AIFardan-Paterson "Lucky 13": watch timing more closely; attack still works.
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2013.01: widely recommended, used for $50 \%$ of SSL traffic.

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2013 AIFardan-Bernstein-Paterson-Poettering-Schuldt, "On the security of RC4 in TLS":
Force target cookie into many RC4 sessions. Use RC4 biases to find cookie from ciphertexts.

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But wait: there's more!

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$\approx 256$ of these biases were found independently (slightly earlier) by 2013 Watanabe-Isobe-Ohigashi-Morii, 2013 Isobe-Ohigashi-Watanabe-Morii: $z_{32} \rightarrow 224, z_{48} \rightarrow 208$, etc.; $z_{3} \rightarrow 131 ; z_{i} \rightarrow i ; z_{256} \nrightarrow 0$.

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for recovering byte $x$ of plaintext from $2^{26}$ ciphertexts (with no prior plaintext knowledge):


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for recovering byte $x$ of plaintext from $2^{27}$ ciphertexts (with no prior plaintext knowledge):


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Paterson-Poettering-Schuldt success probability (256 trials)
for recovering byte $x$ of plaintext from $2^{28}$ ciphertexts (with no prior plaintext knowledge):


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for recovering byte $x$ of plaintext from $2^{29}$ ciphertexts (with no prior plaintext knowledge):


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for recovering byte $x$ of plaintext from $2^{30}$ ciphertexts (with no prior plaintext knowledge):


Later bytes: see paper.

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Often it doesn't.
Most obvious issue: performance.
e.g. 2001 Rivest: "The 'heart' of RC4 is its exceptionally simple and extremely efficient pseudorandom generator. ... RC4 is
likely to remain the algorithm of choice for many applications and embedded systems."
e.g. OpenSSL still uses tablebased implementations of AES for speed on most CPUs, leaking many key bits; see, e.g., 2012 Weiß-Heinz-Stumpf.
e.g. RFIDs need small ciphers.

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Fit into low power (watts), low area (square micrometers), sometimes low latency (seconds); minimize area $\times$ seconds/byte; minimize energy (joules)/byte.

Many different CPUs, FPGAs,
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Another approach: replace ARX with "ORX".
Skein-type mix doesn't work but can imitate Salsa20:
compose $a^{\wedge}=((b \mid c) \lll r)$.
Needs a few more rounds, but friendlier to hardware.

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Has anyone tried optimizing 192-bit/256-bit poly hashes? (We've started some work.)

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Many more directions
in authenticated ciphers.
AES-GCM is clearly not the end of the story.

Can build better modes using same MAC, cipher.

Can build better MACs, combine with same cipher.

Can build better block ciphers, stream ciphers.

Can build better integrated authenticated ciphers.

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NIST is much too busy
to run another competition
but has generously provided
a \$333099 "Cryptographic
competitions" grant to UIC.

