

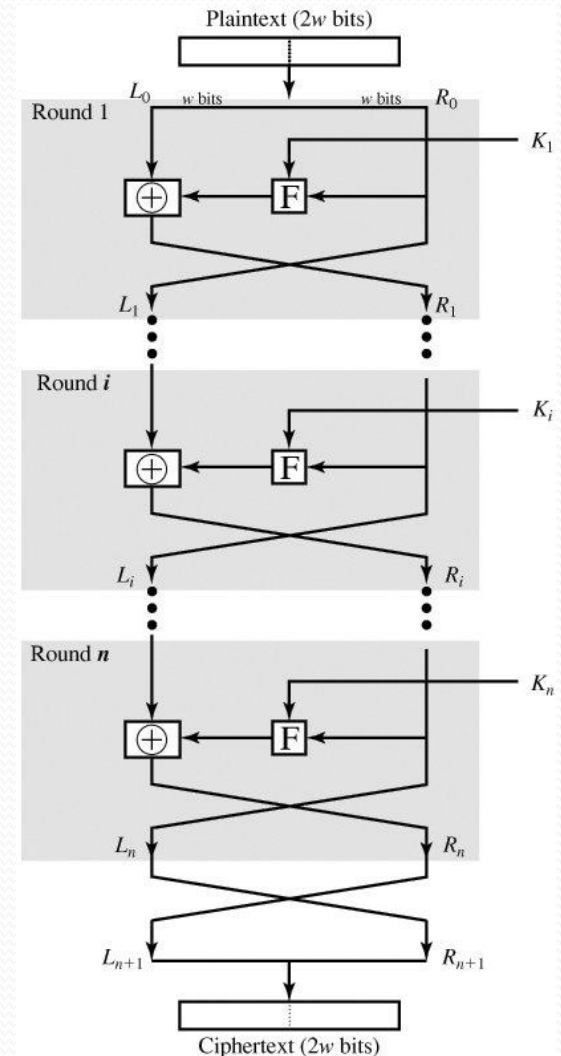
# IT 422 Network Security

## Authentication and Hashing

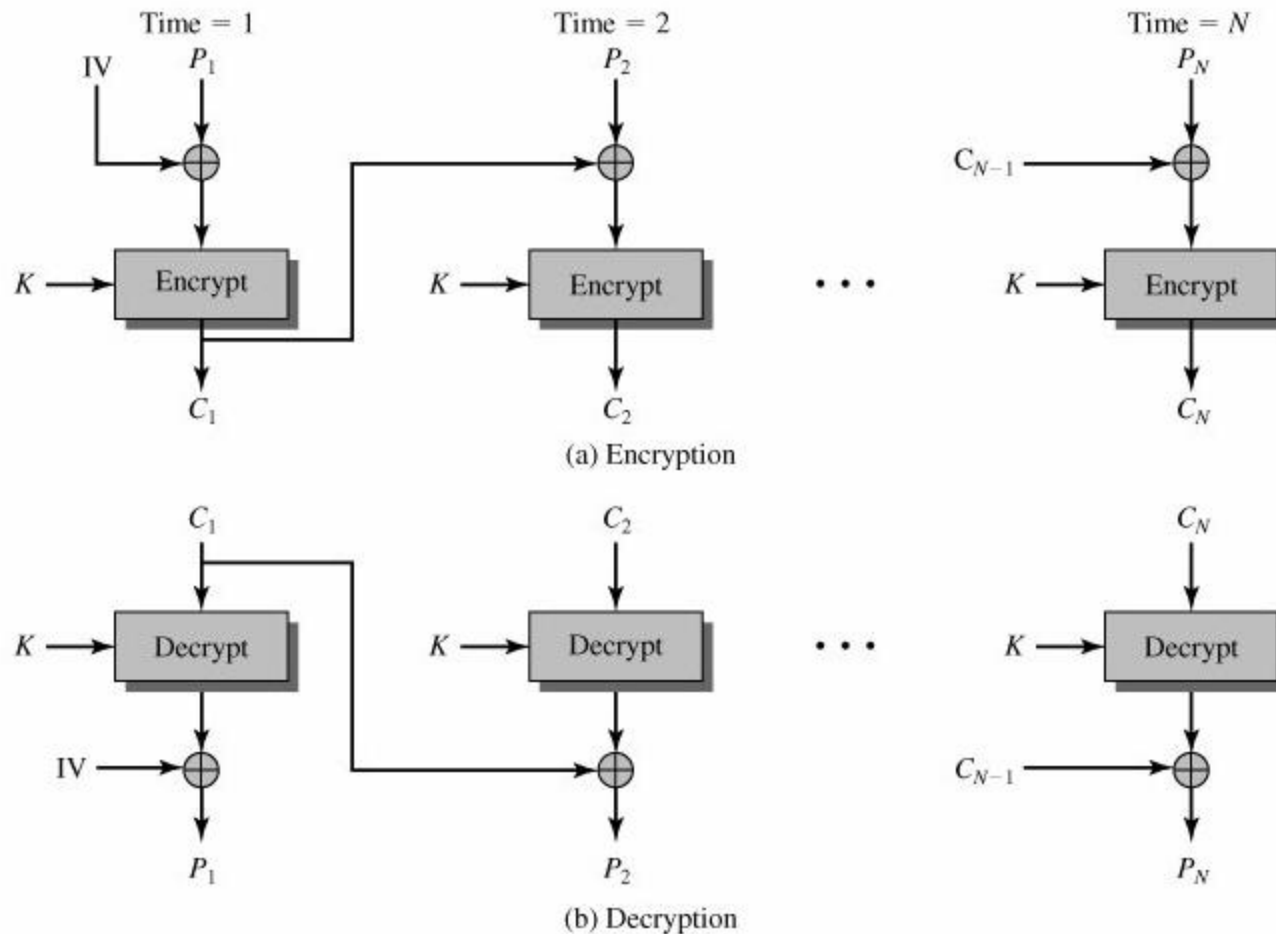
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# REMINDER 1: Feistel Network

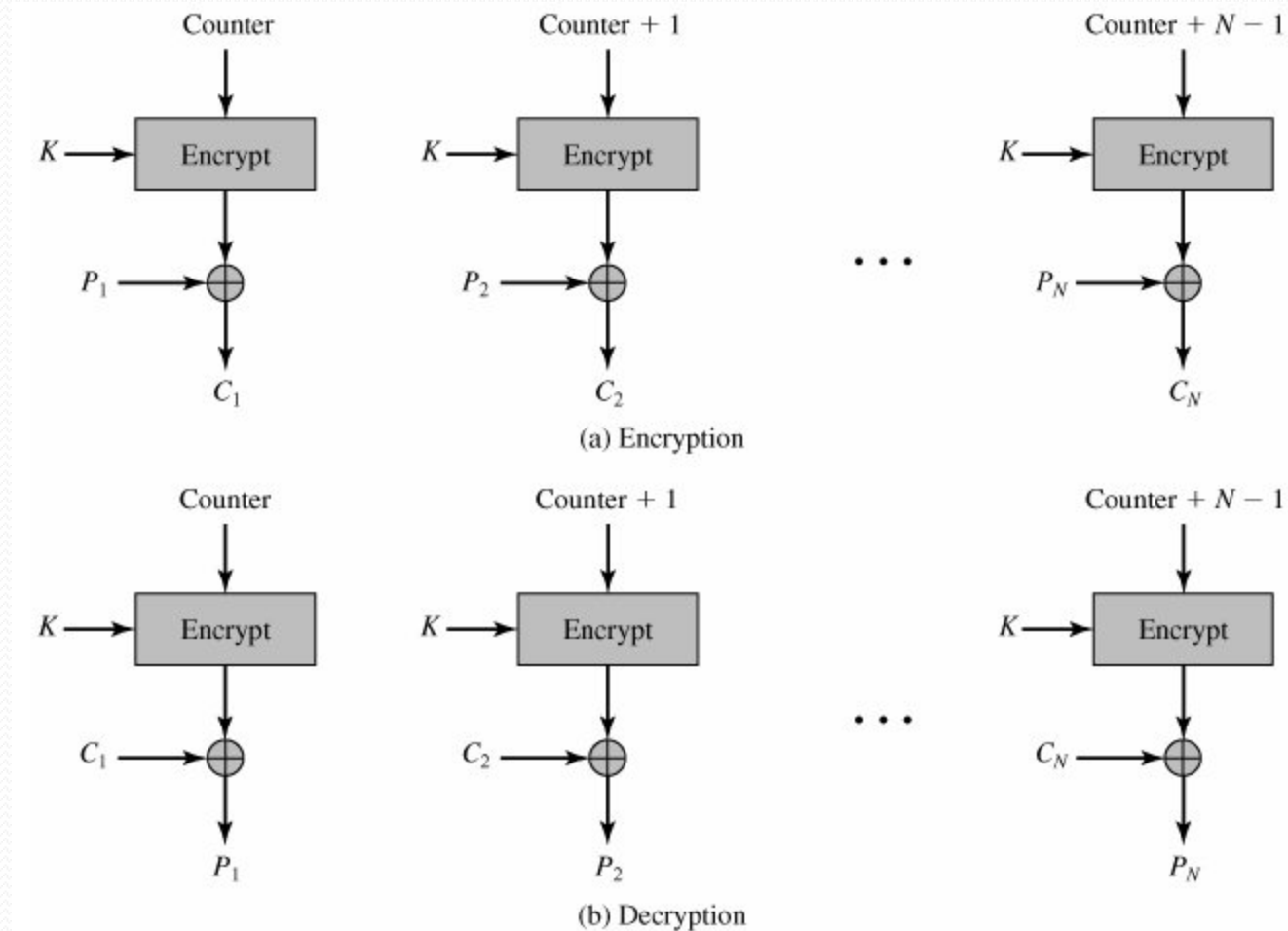
- Each round consists of:
  - Substitution on left half of text
  - Permutation of the two halves
- The substitution is controlled by the key of every round
- Factors of Security:
  - Block size
  - Key size
  - N. rounds
  - Subkey generation
  - Round Function
- Decryption = Encryption with reversed subkey order



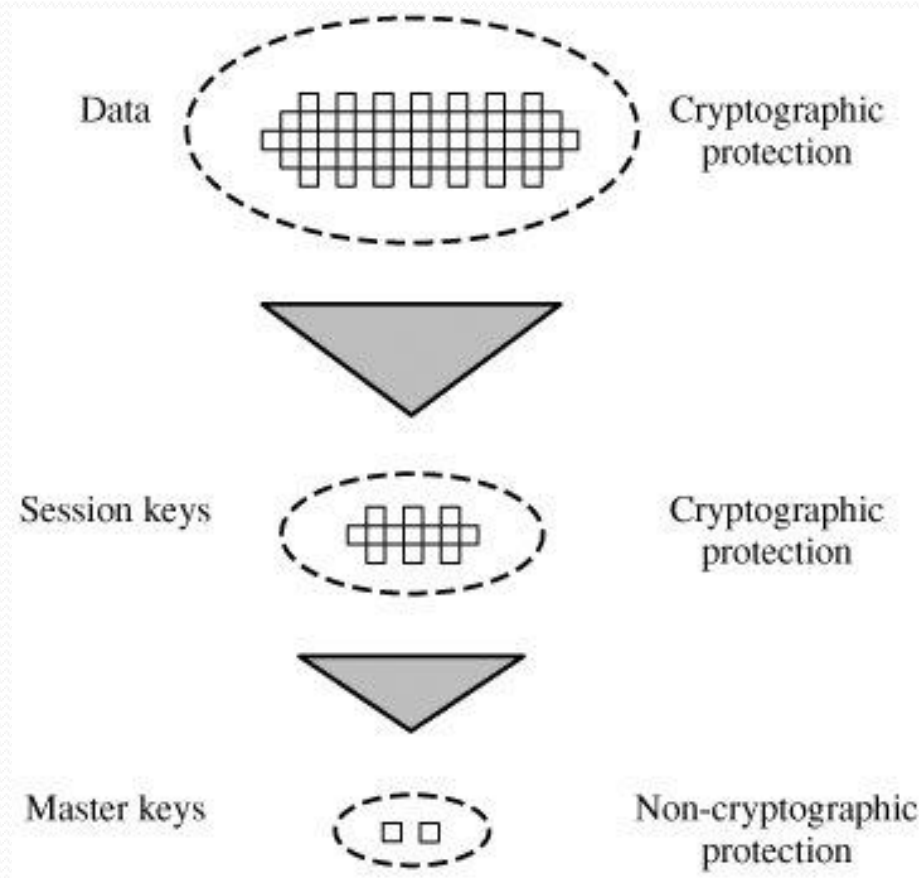
# REMINDER 2: CBC (Cipher Block Chaining Mode)



# REMINDER 3: CTR (Counter Mode)



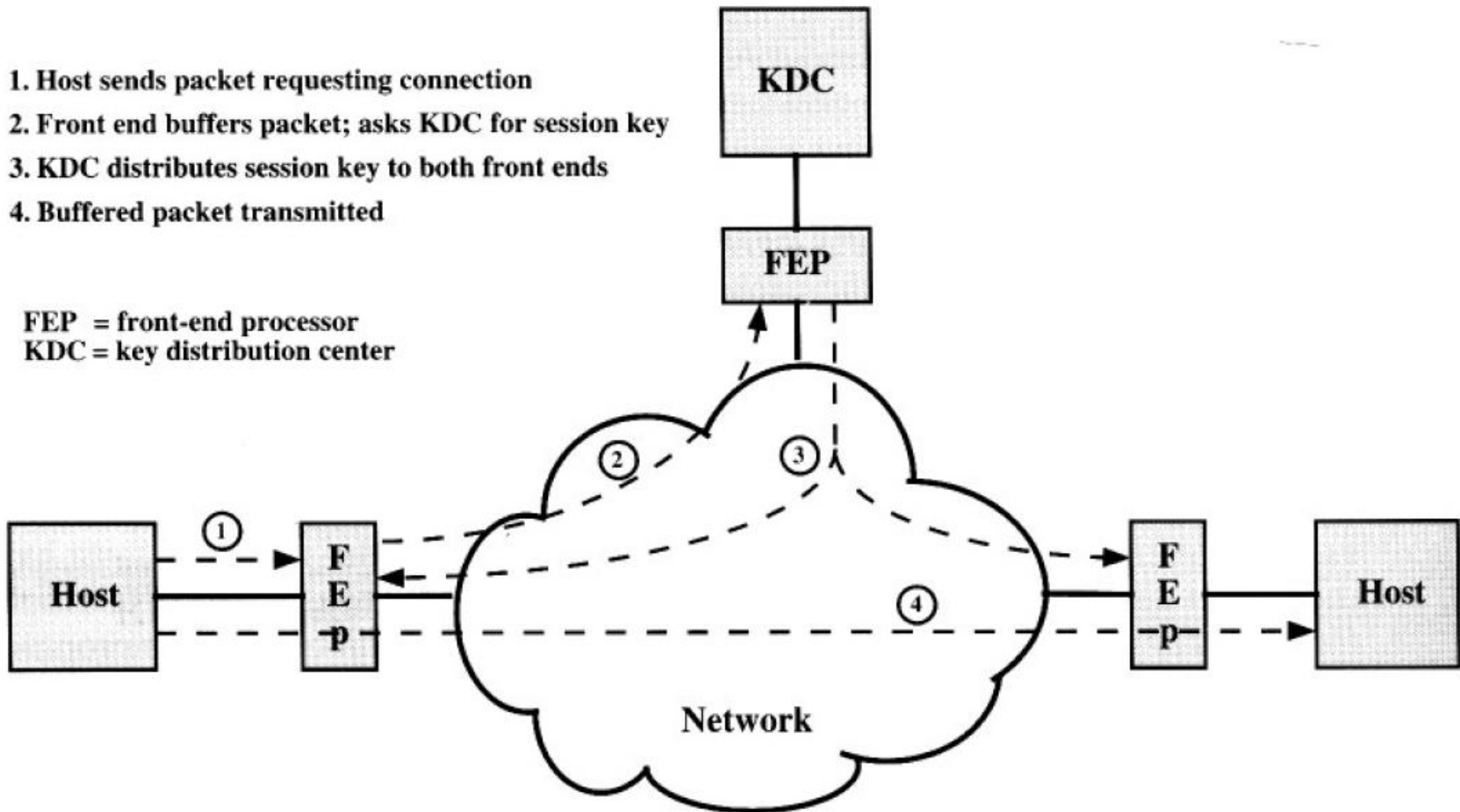
# REMINDER 4: Key Hierarchy



# REMINDER 5: Key Distribution Center

1. Host sends packet requesting connection
2. Front end buffers packet; asks KDC for session key
3. KDC distributes session key to both front ends
4. Buffered packet transmitted

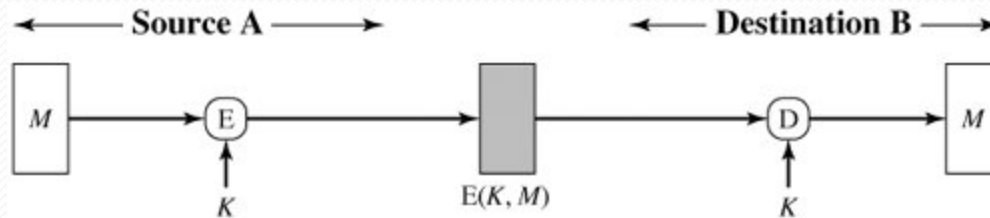
FEP = front-end processor  
KDC = key distribution center



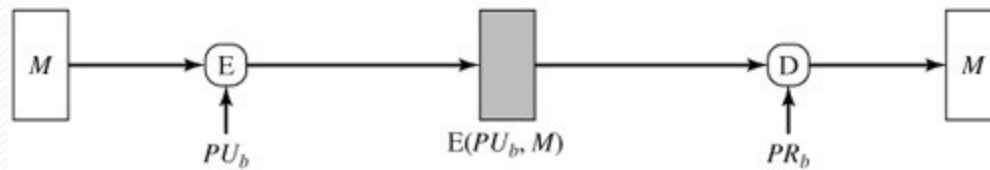
# Rule of Authentication

- Encryption protects against passive attacks
- Authentication protects against active attacks
- Authentication uses encryption

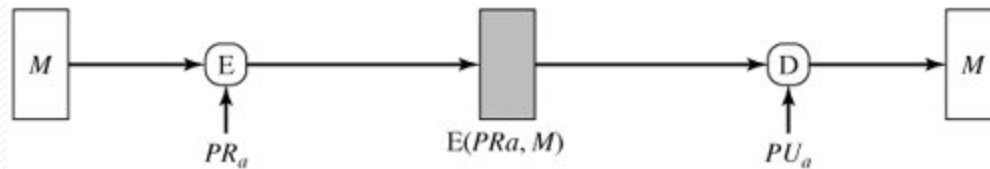
# Different Uses of Encryption



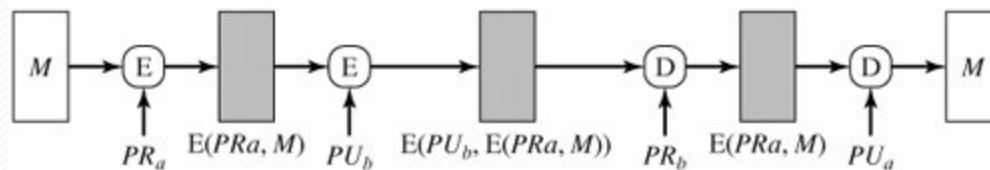
(a) Symmetric encryption: confidentiality and authentication



(b) Public-key encryption: confidentiality



(c) Public-key encryption: authentication and signature



(d) Public-key encryption: confidentiality, authentication, and signature



# Authentication Without Confidentiality

- Why?
  - Broadcasting
  - I am too busy to encrypt
  - Authentication of programs (no need to decrypt every time)
- How?
  - Message Authentication Code (MAC)
  - One Way Hash function

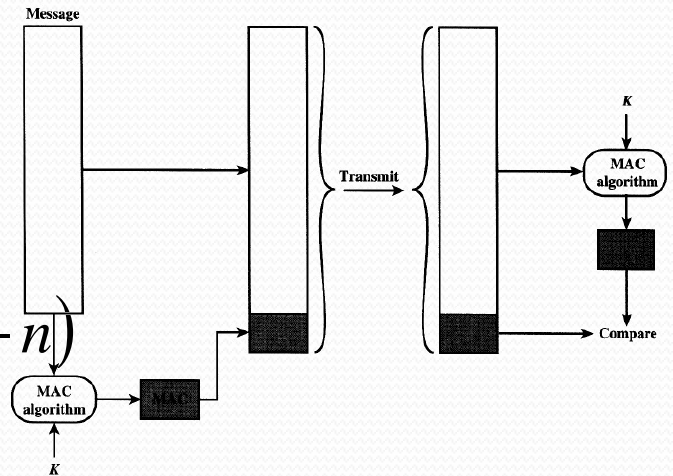
# MAC

$A \rightarrow B : M + MAC$

$MAC \equiv Substring(E(k_{A-B}, M), n)$

$B : M_1 = Substring(M_{received}, strlen(M_{received}) - n)$

$Test(MAC == Substring(E(k_{A-B}, M_1), n))$



- B knows that the message was not altered. Why?
- B knows that the message is from A. Why?
- If the message contains a sequence number, B knows that the order was not altered
- Usually DES is used and  $n$  equals 16 or 32

# Authentication using shared key

$A \rightarrow B : M_1 = E(k_{A-B}, 'hello'+M)$

$B : \text{if } \text{Substring}(D(k_{A-B}, M_{1-\text{received}}), 5) == 'hello' \text{ then}$

$M_{1-\text{received}} == M_1$

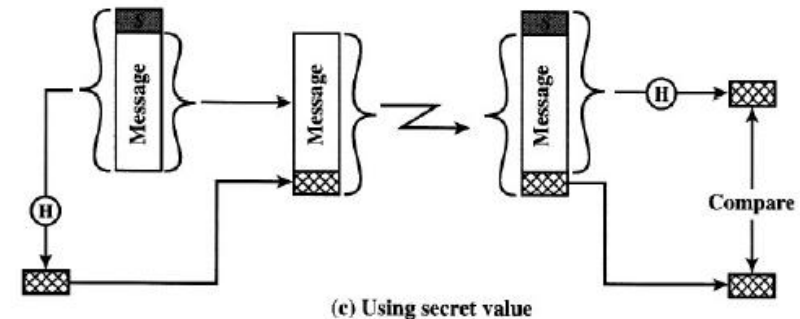
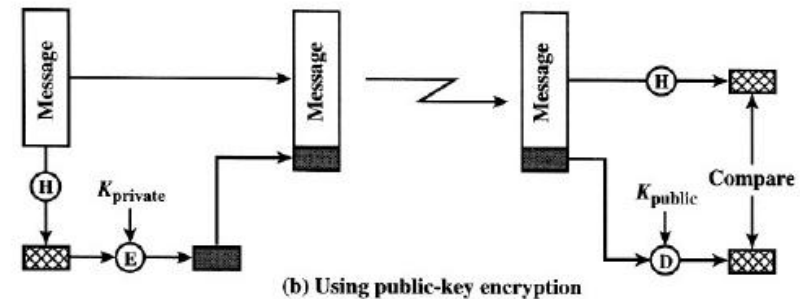
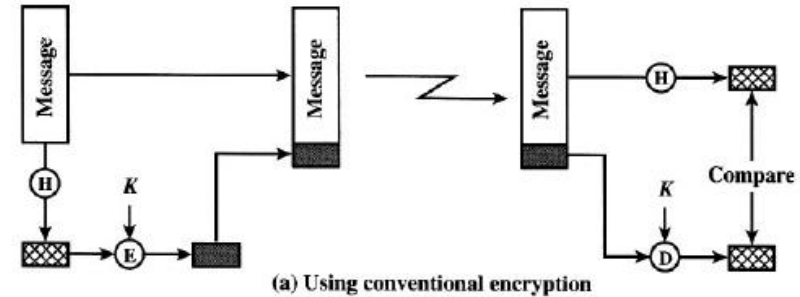
$\text{Sender}(M_1) == A$

if  $E \neq A$  then  $A$  cannot read  $M$

How can we use this exchange to agree on a new key? Why would we want to do that?

# One Way Hash Functions

- a) Only we know  $k$ 
  - *Most conventional*
- b) Uses Public Keys only
  - *Offers Nonrepudiation*
  - *No key distribution*
- c) Only we know the secret
  - *No encryption*
  - *Used in HMAC adopted by IP security*
- ***Why No Encryption?***
  1. *Encryption is slow*
  2. *Encryption is expensive*
  3. *Encryption is optimized for large*
  4. *Patents & export control*



# Hash function Requirements

- Arbitrary Data Size
- Fixed length output
- Easy to compute
- One Way: Given the hash we should not recover the message
- Weak collision resistance: given  $x$  we cannot find  $y$  so that  $H(x)=H(y)$
- Strong collision resistance: we cannot find any  $(x,y)$  so that  $H(x)=H(y)$

# General Hashing algorithm

- n bits hash
  - Treat the message as a sequence of n bit blocks
  - Process each block in some order
  - Output the final n bits

# Simplest hash function (XOR)

$$C_i = b_{i1} \oplus b_{i2} \oplus \dots \oplus b_{im}$$

where

$C_i$  =  $i$ th bit of the hash code,  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$m$  = number of  $n$ -bit blocks in the input

$b_{ij}$  =  $i$ th bit in  $j$ th block

$\oplus$  = XOR operation

- How to break this?

# First Improvement (RXOR)

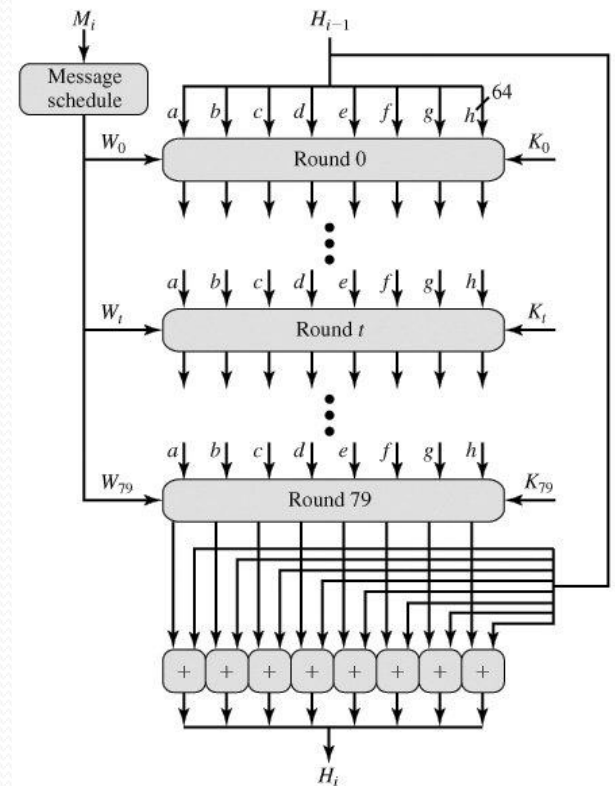
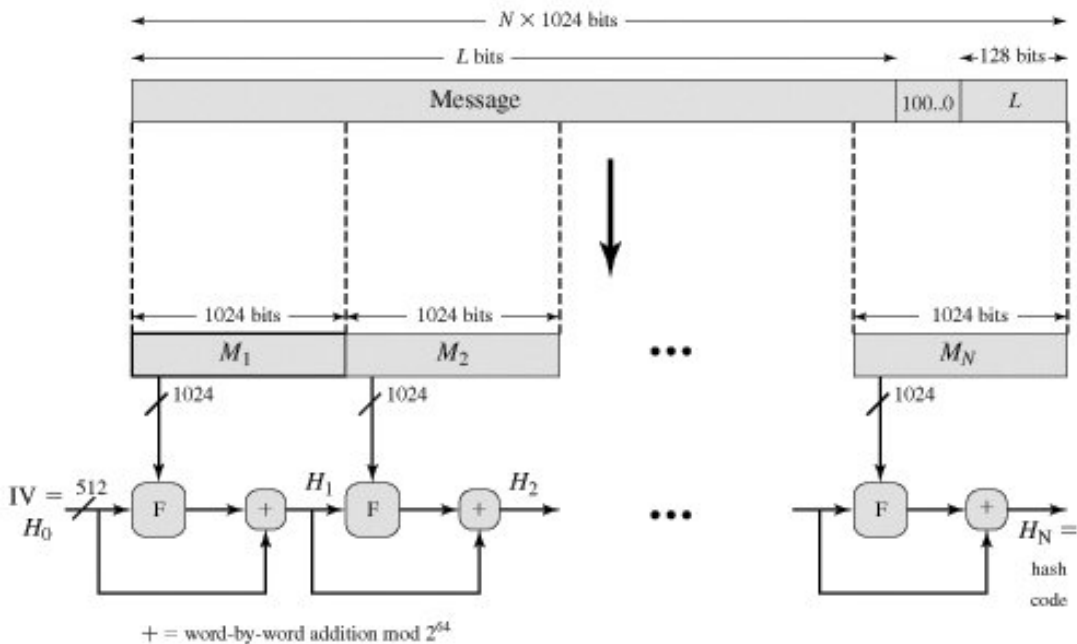
- 1.** Initially set the  $n$ -bit hash value to zero.
- 2.** Process each successive  $n$ -bit block of data as follows:
  - a.** Rotate the current hash value to the left by one bit.
  - b.** XOR the block into the hash value.

- How to break this?



# Modern Hash Functions

- SHA-1 (self read the algorithm)
  - Maximum input is  $2^{64}$
  - Digest size = 160 bits
  - Block size is 512 or 1024 bits



# Other Hash functions

- MD5
  - By Ron Rivest
  - 128 bit digest
  - 512 bit blocks
  - Arbitrary input length
- RIPEMD 160
  - 160 bit digest
  - 512 bit block

# HMAC

$$\text{HMAC}(K, M) = H[(K^+ \oplus \text{opad}) || H[(K^+ \oplus \text{ipad}) || M]]$$

In words,

1. Append zeros to the left end of  $K$  to create a  $b$ -bit string  $K^+$  (e.g., if  $K$  is of length 160 bits and  $b = 512$  then  $K$  will be appended with 44 zero bytes  $0 \times 00$ ).
2. XOR (bitwise exclusive-OR)  $K^+$  with  $\text{ipad}$  to produce the  $b$ -bit block  $S_i$ .
3. Append  $M$  to  $S_i$ .
4. Apply  $H$  to the stream generated in step 3.
5. XOR  $K^+$  with  $\text{opad}$  to produce the  $b$ -bit block  $S_o$ .
6. Append the hash result from step 4 to  $S_o$ .
7. Apply  $H$  to the stream generated in step 6 and output the result.

- A hash function that uses a key but does not require slow encryption.

