



# WEEK 3

## ENCRYPTING WITH BLOCK CIPHERS

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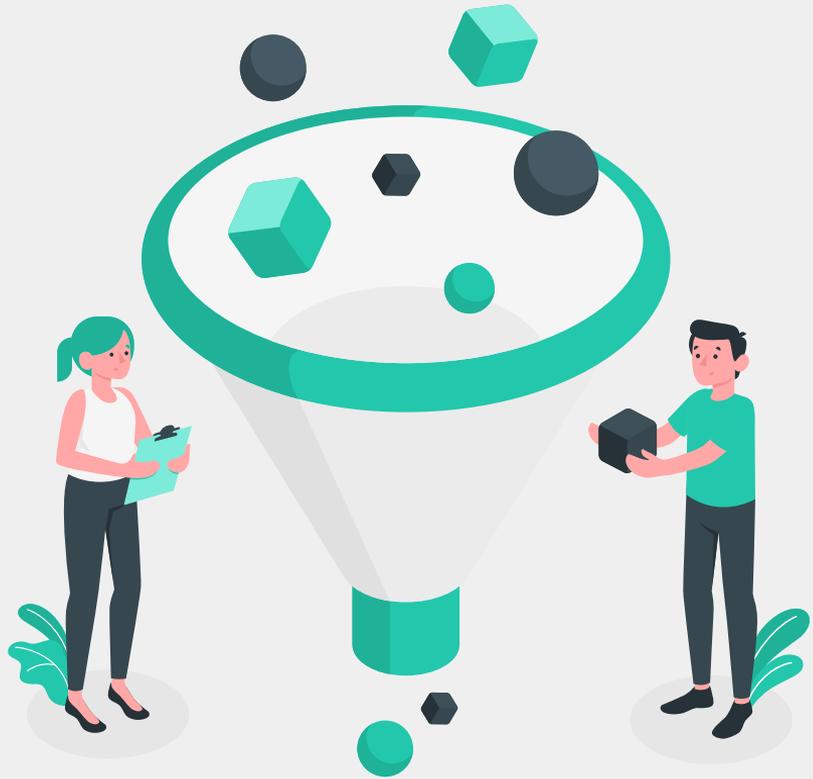
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# BLOCK CIPHERS

- Encryption of fixed length chunks of bits (called “blocks”)
- Each block is encrypted separately



# BLOCK CIPHERS



## KEYGEN

Accepts a security parameter  $k$ , outputs a random  $k$ -bit key

$$\text{Gen} : k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$$



## ENCRYPT

Accepts a  $b$ -bit plaintext and  $k$ -bit key and outputs a  $b$ -bit ciphertext

$$\text{Enc} : \{0, 1\}^b \times \{0, 1\}^k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^b$$



## DECRYPT

Accepts a  $b$ -bit ciphertext and  $k$ -bit key and outputs a  $b$ -bit plaintext

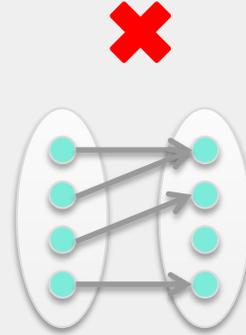
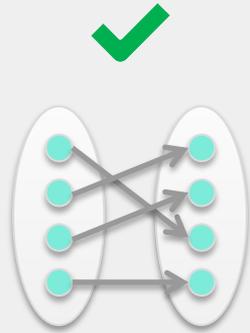
$$\text{Dec} : \{0, 1\}^b \times \{0, 1\}^k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^b$$

# AN IDEAL BLOCK CIPHER

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Every plaintext maps to a unique ciphertext

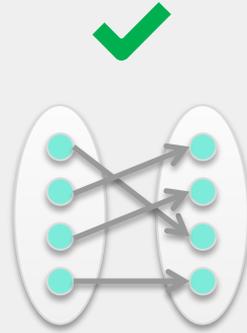
## AN IDEAL BLOCK CIPHER



Encryption is **surjective**

Every ciphertext is associated with some plaintext

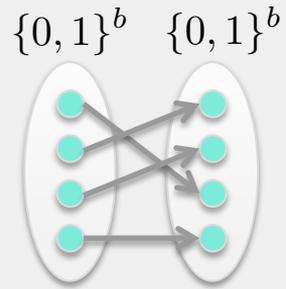
## AN IDEAL BLOCK CIPHER



Injective + Surjective = Bijective

Every plaintext is associated with a unique ciphertext, and vice versa

# AN IDEAL BLOCK CIPHER



Encryption is a permutation  
(shuffle) of  $b$ -bit strings

# AN IDEAL BLOCK CIPHER



## PLAINTEXT SPACE

There are  $2^b$  plaintexts



## CIPHERTEXT SPACE

There are  $2^b$  ciphertexts



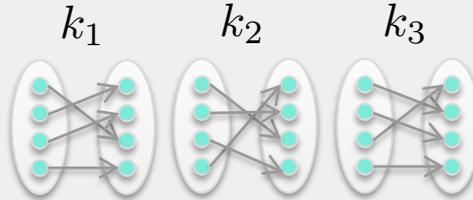
## PERMUTATION SPACE

There are  $2^b!$  permutations of  $2^b$  elements



## KEY SPACE

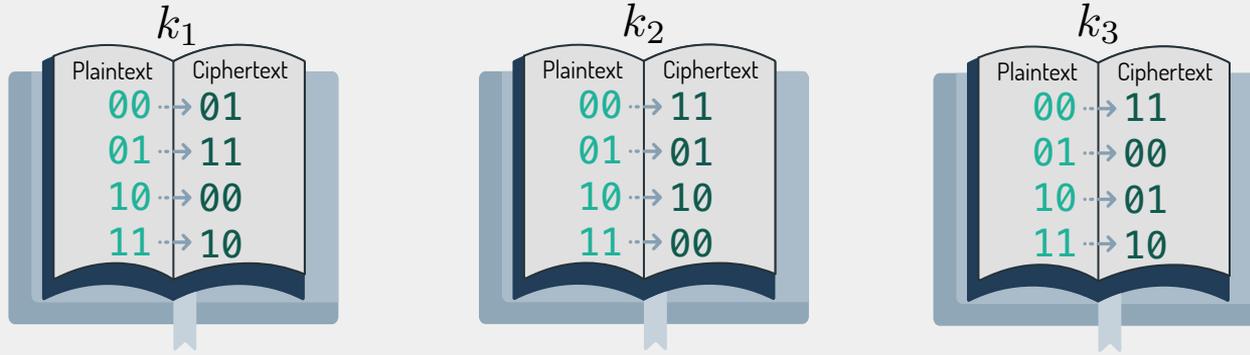
There are  $2^k$  keys



## PERMUTATION SELECTION

Each key “chooses” some permutation from the permutation space

# AN ELECTRONIC CODEBOOK



So a block cipher is like a collection of codebooks  
Which codebook did you pick? Shh, it's a secret

# ENCRYPTING LARGE PLAINTEXTS



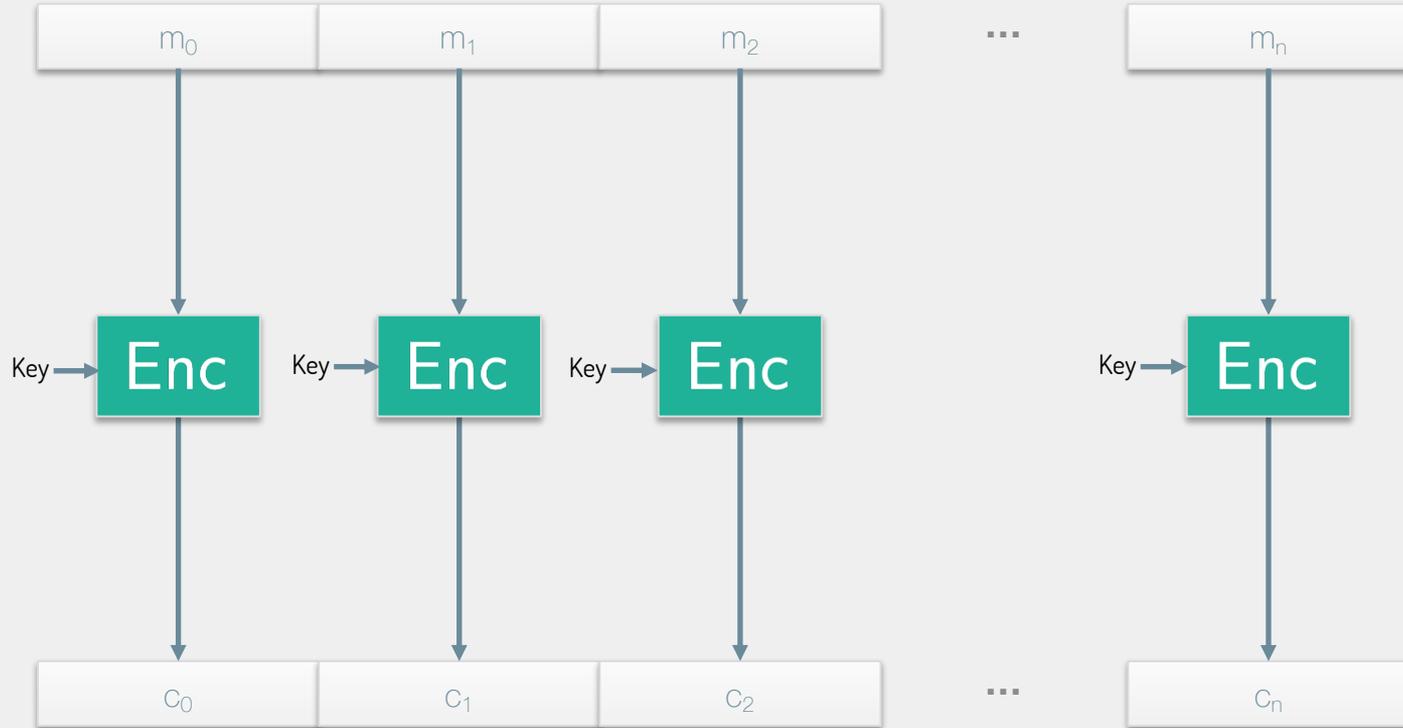
IF BLOCK CIPHERS ACT ON SHORT  
BLOCKS, HOW DO WE ENCRYPT A  
LONG MESSAGE?

# CIPHER MODES OF OPERATION

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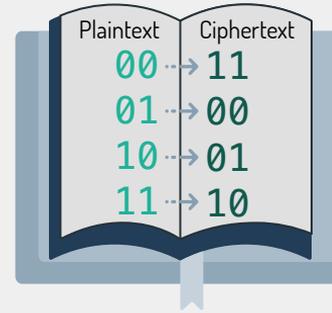


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## APPROACH

ENCRYPT EACH BLOCK SEPARATELY

# ELECTRONIC CODEBOOK MODE (ECB)

## ECB with a 128-bit block size (for a given key)

The codebook has  $2^{128}$  entries

PLAINTEXT

CIPHERTEXT

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	67 8E EE 31 4C FC 24 2E F7 62 9E 39 D3 08 A1 4E
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FF FE	D1 2E 8D B2 4F F4 F3 77 E8 9F 92 31 A3 38 48 B0
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# ELECTRONIC CODEBOOK MODE (ECB)



Wait a second

Doesn't that mean this:

FF FF

always encrypts to this?:

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# ELECTRONIC CODEBOOK MODE (ECB)

Slide1.bmp

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Codebook Mode

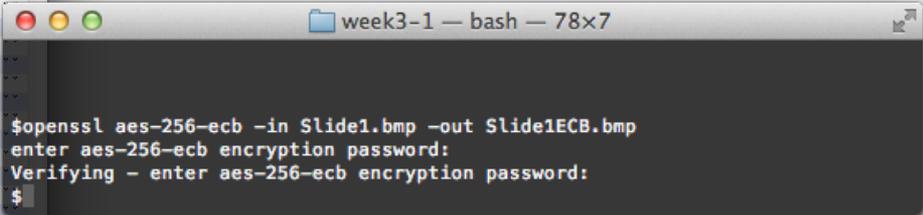
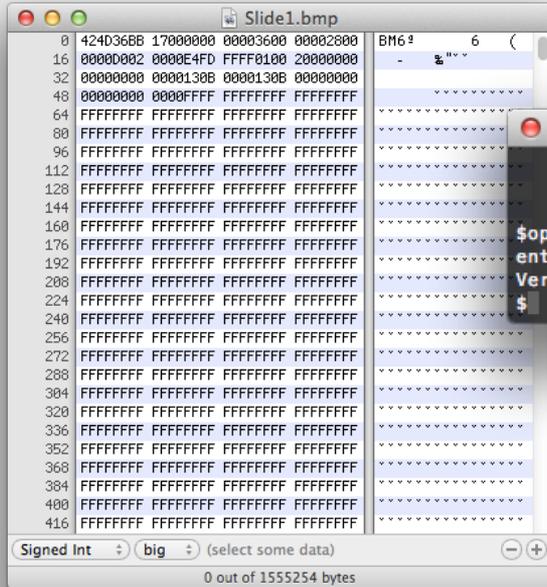
What could  
possibly go wrong?

hexdump

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0 out of 1555254 bytes
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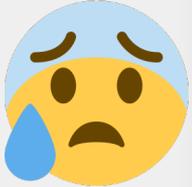
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**BLOCKS OF WHITE PIXELS ENCRYPT TO RANDOM-LOOKING COLOURS**

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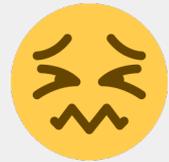
**PROBLEM: THEY ALWAYS ENCRYPT TO THE SAME COLOURS**

# ELECTRONIC CODEBOOK MODE (ECB)



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Codebook Mode

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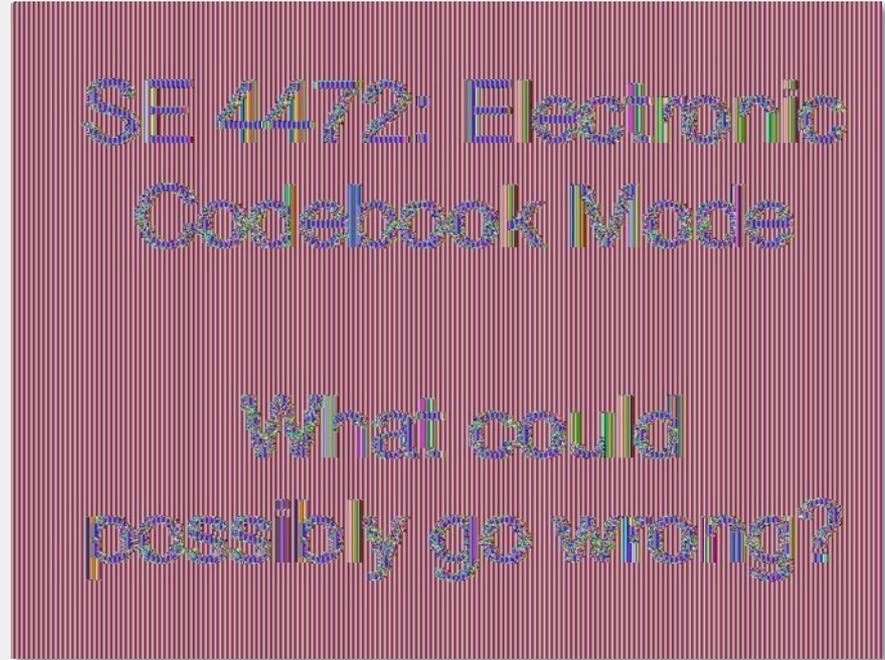


# ELECTRONIC CODEBOOK MODE (ECB)

Is this cipher mode  
indistinguishable under



eavesdropping?  
(IND-EAV)



## Move Fast and Roll Your Own Crypto A Quick Look at the Confidentiality of Zoom Meetings

By Bill Marczak and John Scott-Railton April 3, 2020

Read our description of Zoom's [waiting room vulnerability](#), as well as [frequently asked question](#) about Zoom and encryption issues.

This report examines the encryption that protects meetings in the popular Zoom teleconference app. We find that Zoom has “rolled their own” encryption scheme, which has significant weaknesses. In addition, we identify potential areas of concern in Zoom’s infrastructure, including observing the transmission of meeting encryption keys through China.

### Key Findings

- Zoom [documentation](#) claims that the app uses “AES-256” encryption for meetings where possible. However, we find that in each Zoom meeting, a single AES-128 key is used in ECB mode by all participants to encrypt and decrypt audio and video. The use of ECB mode is not recommended because patterns present in the plaintext are preserved during encryption.

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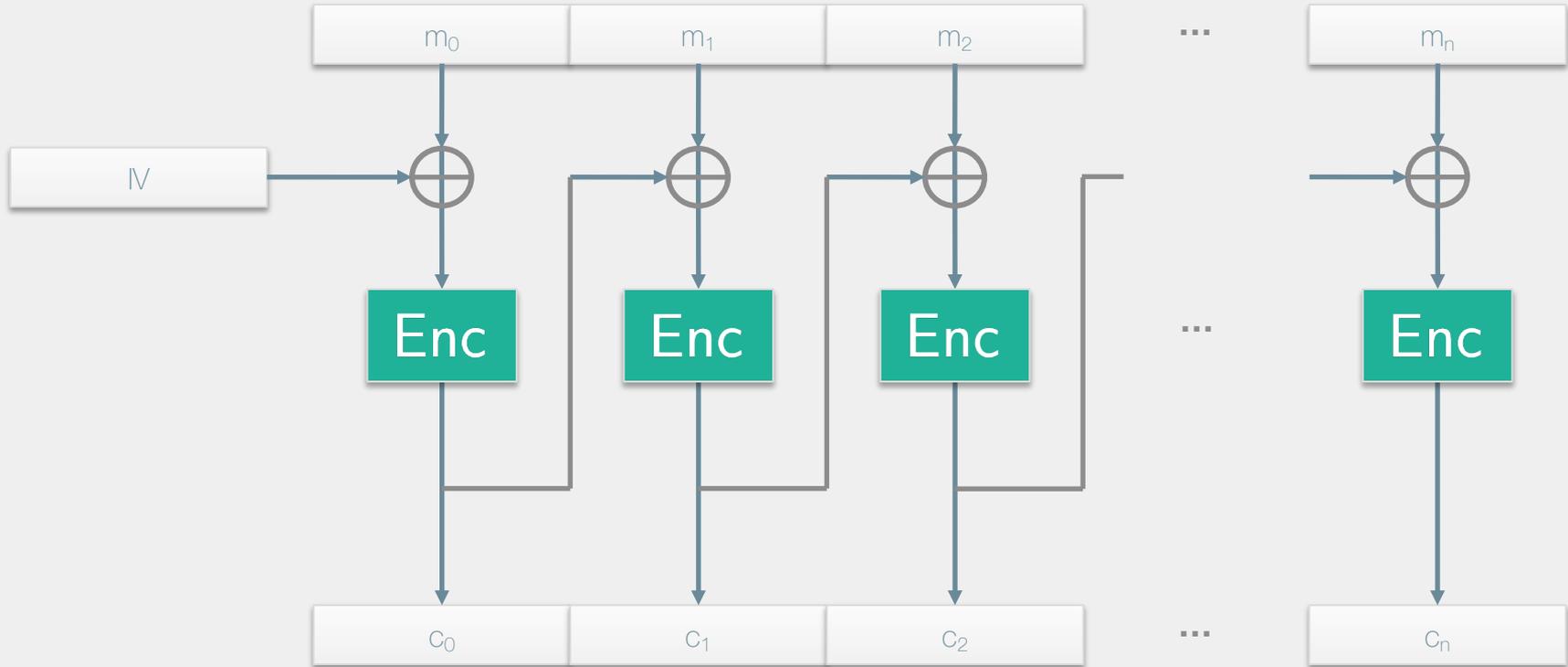
WHAT IF WE COMBINED BLOCKS  
TOGETHER SOMEHOW TO BREAK  
UP LOCAL STRUCTURE?

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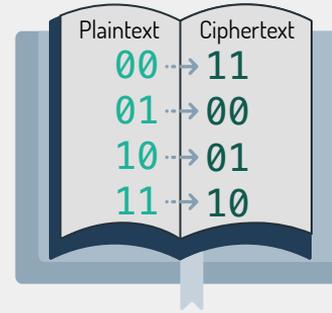
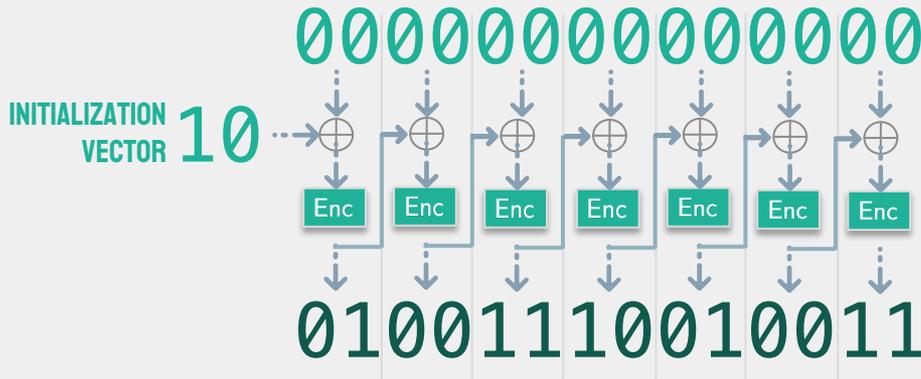


WHAT IF YOU COULD ENCRYPT A  
PLAINTEXT TWICE BUT GET TWO  
DIFFERENT CIPHERTEXTS?

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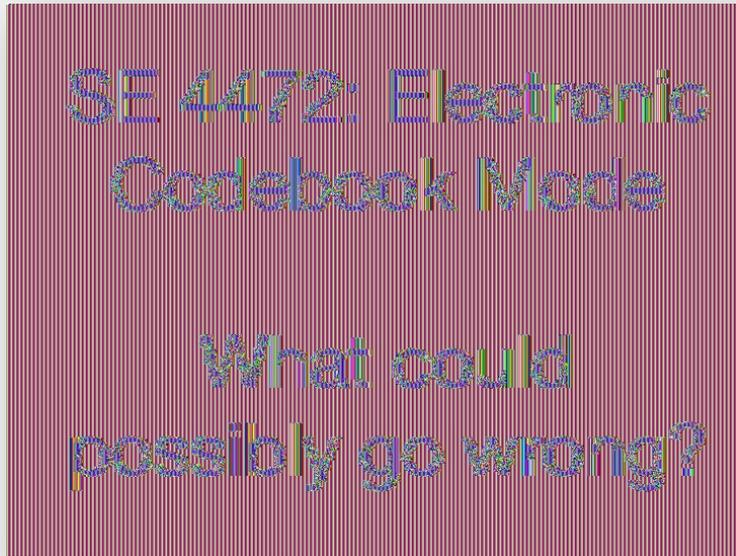
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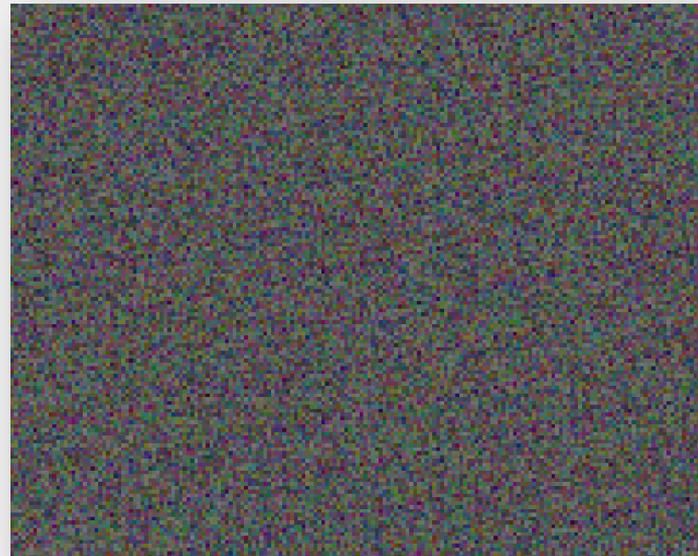
## APPROACH

XOR EACH PLAINTEXT BLOCK WITH PREVIOUS CIPHERTEXT BLOCK

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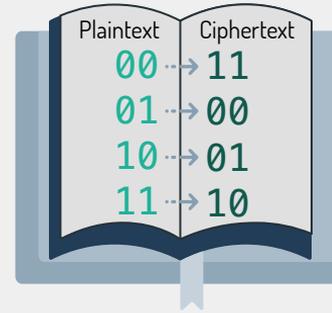
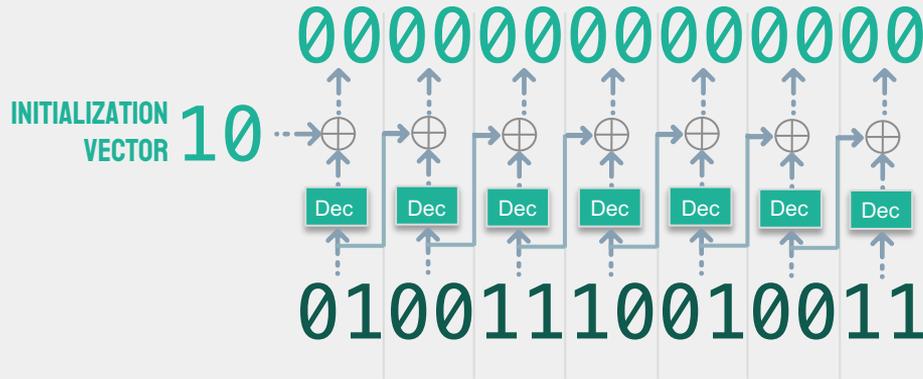


**ECB MODE**



**CBC MODE**

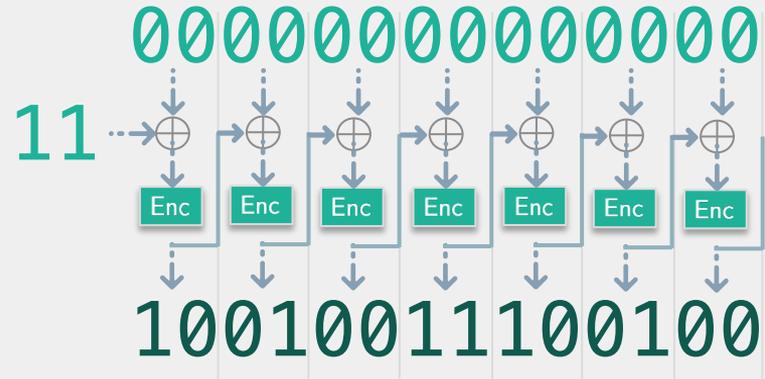
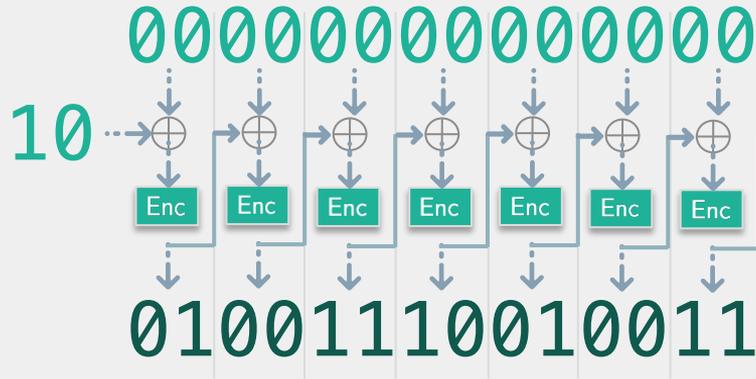
# CIPHER BLOCK CHAINING (CBC)



DECRYPTION STILL FEEDS THE PREVIOUS CIPHERTEXT FORWARD

INITIALIZATION VECTOR IS NEEDED TO DECRYPT

# CIPHER BLOCK CHAINING (CBC)



## RANDOMIZED ENCRYPTION

DIFFERENT INITIALIZATION VECTORS PRODUCE

DIFFERENT CIPHERTEXTS ON THE SAME PLAINTEXT

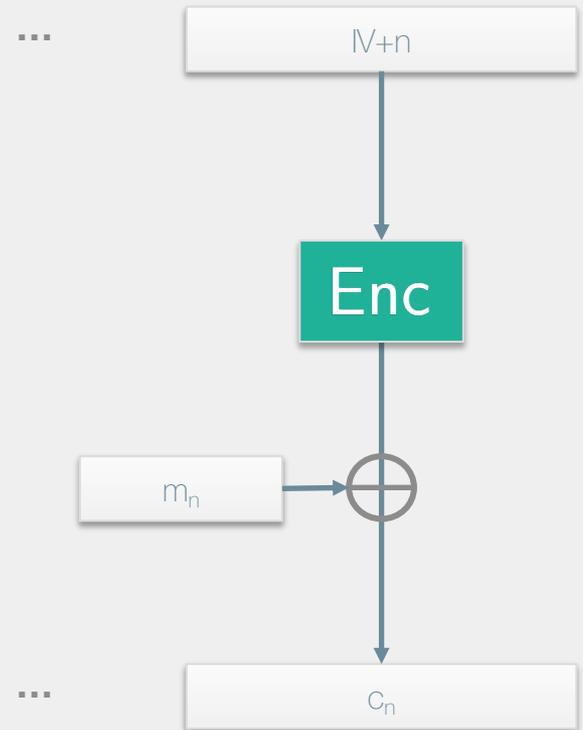
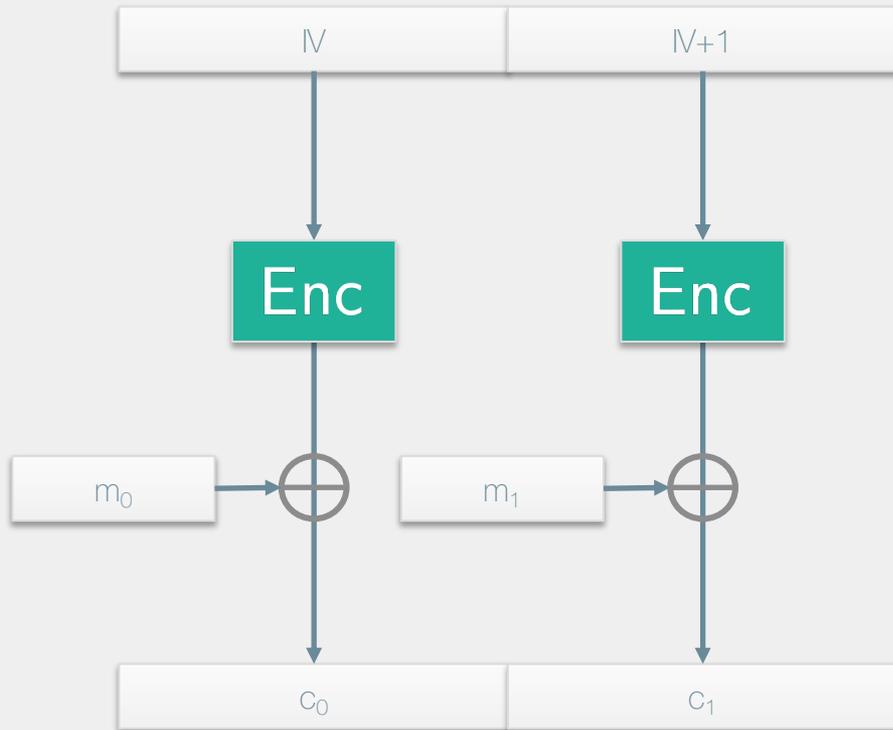
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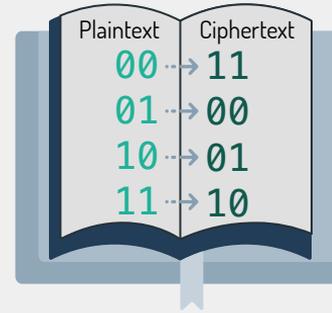
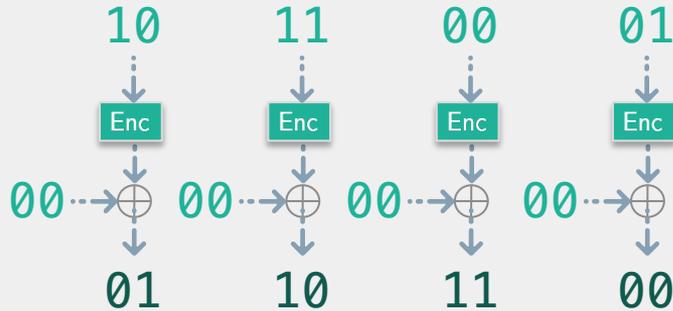
The initialization vector is:

- Not secret
- Sent along with the ciphertext
- Must only ever be used once
- Must not be predictable

# COUNTER MODE (CTR)



# CIPHER BLOCK CHAINING (CBC)

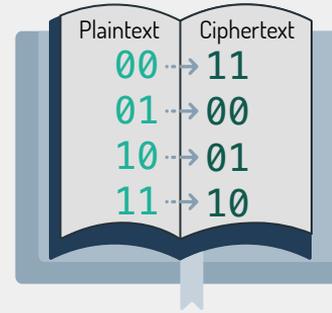
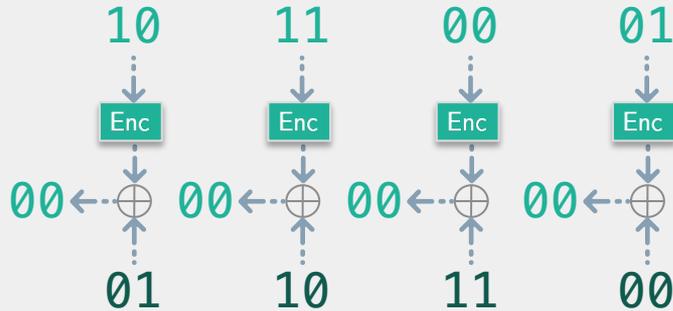


PLAINTEXT: 00000000 IV: 10

## APPROACH

ENCRYPT A COUNTER. XOR RESULT WITH PLAINTEXT

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CIPHERTEXT: 01101100 IV: 10

## DECRYPTION

NOTICE IT USES THE ENCRYPTION FUNCTION!

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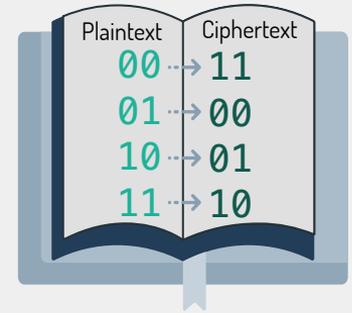
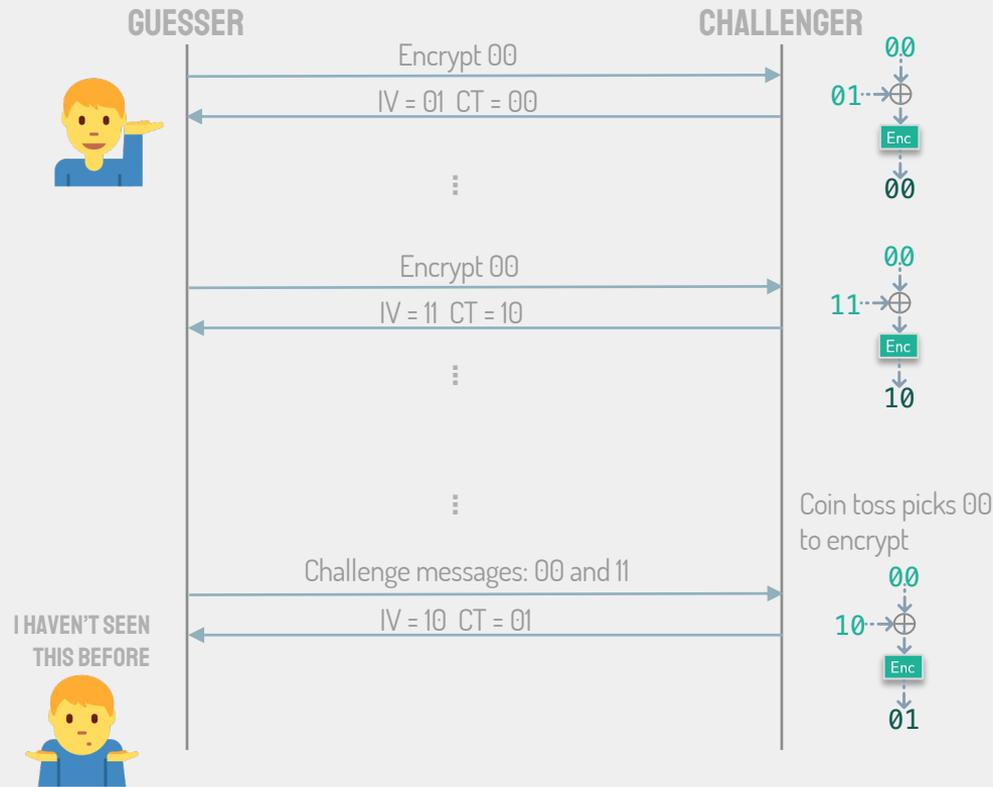
## Pros:

- Not vulnerable to padding oracle attacks
- Simpler implementation
- Parallelizable, pre-processable, random access

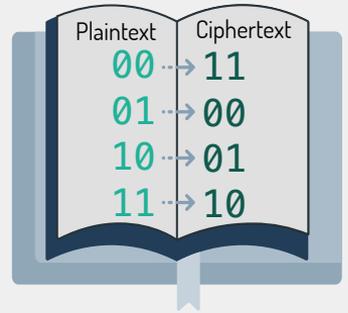
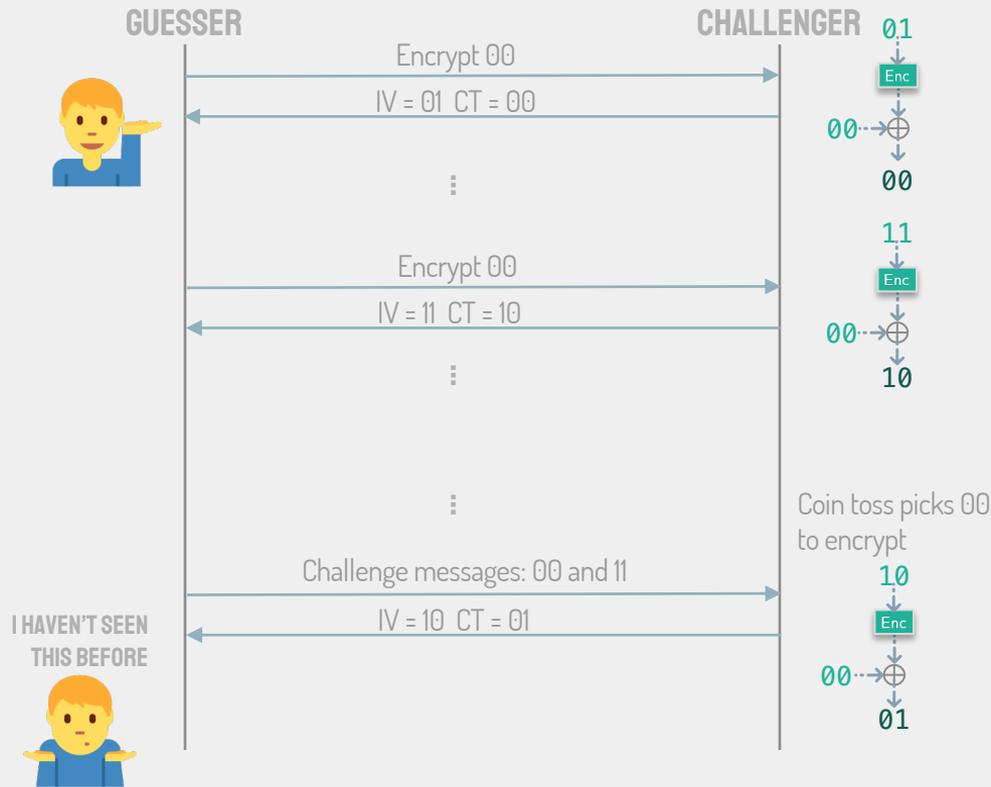
## Cons:

- Not safe for small block lengths (<128-bits)

# CBC MODE IN THE CPA GAME



# CTR MODE IN THE CPA GAME



# DEFEATING CHOSEN PLAINTEXT ATTACKS



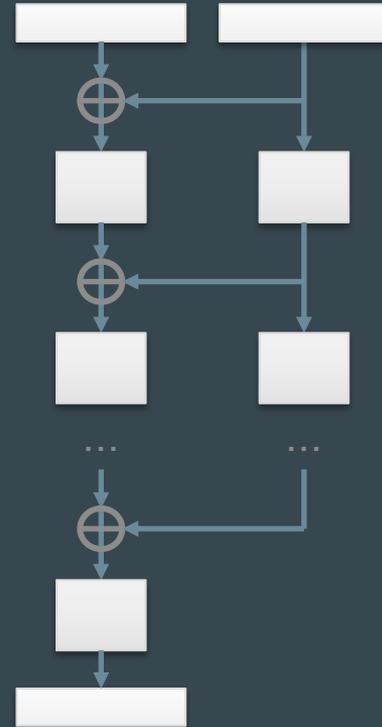
**RANDOMIZED ENCRYPTION IS HOW  
WE CAN DEFEAT THE CHOSEN  
PLAINTEXT ATTACK**

## EXERCISE

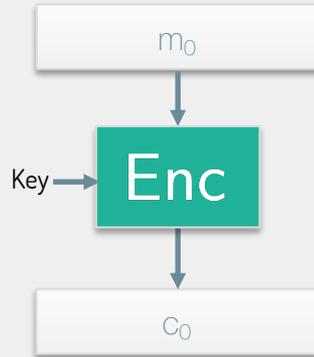
**PROVE CBC MODE IS NOT IND-CPA SECURE IF  
YOU CAN PREDICT THE IV/COUNTER**

Hint: Imagine the challenger incremented the IV by 1 with each new encryption. How could you exploit this fact to counteract the contribution of the IV?

# ADVANCED ENCRYPTION STANDARD (AES)



# AES ENCRYPTION



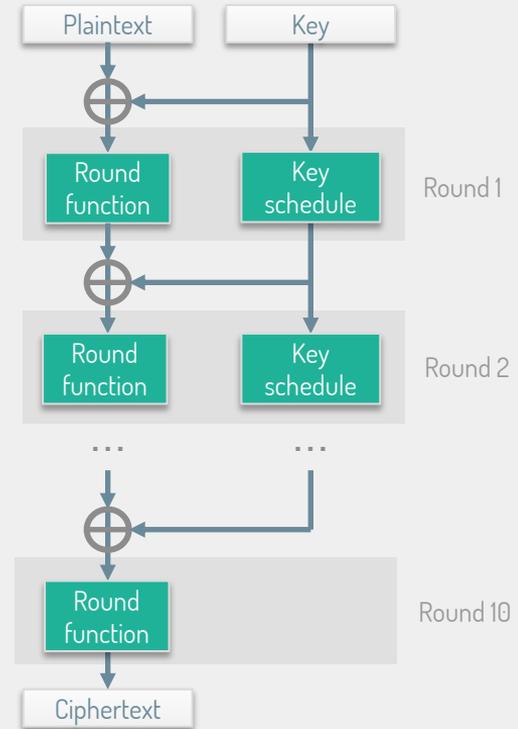
WHAT'S  
INSIDE?



# AES ENCRYPTION

## TOP-LEVEL STRUCTURE

- 128-bit plaintext
- 128-bit ciphertext
- 128-, 192, or 256-bit key
- 10, 12, or 14 identical “rounds”
- Key schedule creates different “sub-keys” for each round



# AES ROUND FUNCTION

Input (16 bytes)

b <sub>0</sub>	b <sub>4</sub>	b <sub>8</sub>	b <sub>12</sub>
b <sub>1</sub>	b <sub>5</sub>	b <sub>9</sub>	b <sub>13</sub>
b <sub>2</sub>	b <sub>6</sub>	b <sub>10</sub>	b <sub>14</sub>
b <sub>3</sub>	b <sub>7</sub>	b <sub>11</sub>	b <sub>15</sub>



SubBytes

c <sub>0</sub>	c <sub>4</sub>	c <sub>8</sub>	c <sub>12</sub>
c <sub>1</sub>	c <sub>5</sub>	c <sub>9</sub>	c <sub>13</sub>
c <sub>2</sub>	c <sub>6</sub>	c <sub>10</sub>	c <sub>14</sub>
c <sub>3</sub>	c <sub>7</sub>	c <sub>11</sub>	c <sub>15</sub>



ShiftRows

c <sub>0</sub>	c <sub>4</sub>	c <sub>8</sub>	c <sub>12</sub>
c <sub>5</sub>	c <sub>9</sub>	c <sub>13</sub>	c <sub>1</sub>
c <sub>10</sub>	c <sub>14</sub>	c <sub>2</sub>	c <sub>6</sub>
c <sub>15</sub>	c <sub>3</sub>	c <sub>7</sub>	c <sub>11</sub>

Bytes are permuted



where:

$$c_i = b_i^{-1} + 0x63$$

Byte-wise inverse in GF(256)  
plus affine transform

MixColumns

d <sub>0</sub>	d <sub>4</sub>	d <sub>8</sub>	d <sub>12</sub>
d <sub>1</sub>	d <sub>5</sub>	d <sub>9</sub>	d <sub>13</sub>
d <sub>2</sub>	d <sub>6</sub>	d <sub>10</sub>	d <sub>14</sub>
d <sub>3</sub>	d <sub>7</sub>	d <sub>11</sub>	d <sub>15</sub>

where:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 02 & 03 & 01 & 01 \\ 01 & 02 & 03 & 01 \\ 01 & 03 & 02 & 03 \\ 03 & 01 & 01 & 02 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_5 \\ c_{10} \\ c_{15} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_0 \\ d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Byte-wise matrix multiplication  
in GF(256) of columns



AddRoundKey

e <sub>0</sub>	e <sub>4</sub>	e <sub>8</sub>	e <sub>12</sub>
e <sub>1</sub>	e <sub>5</sub>	e <sub>9</sub>	e <sub>13</sub>
e <sub>2</sub>	e <sub>6</sub>	e <sub>10</sub>	e <sub>14</sub>
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$$e_i = d_i + k_i$$

Bitwise XOR with roundkey



to next round



# TREAT AES LIKE A BLACK BOX

What matters to you is what lives outside:

- A random, **secret key**
- A safe, randomized **mode of operation**
- An unpredictable **initialization vector**



# QUESTIONS?

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