



On Bad Randomness and Cloning of Contactless [Small] Payment and Building Smart Cards

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Roadmap

- Historical background: from pre-WW2 Enigma cipher clerks to modern passwords
- Modern methods: machine generated random numbers.
- Smart Cards and RFID
- 4. A bit about HID smart cards in practice...
- A lot about MiFare Classic smart cards
 - 70% of contactless cards worldwide
 - buildings and small payments)





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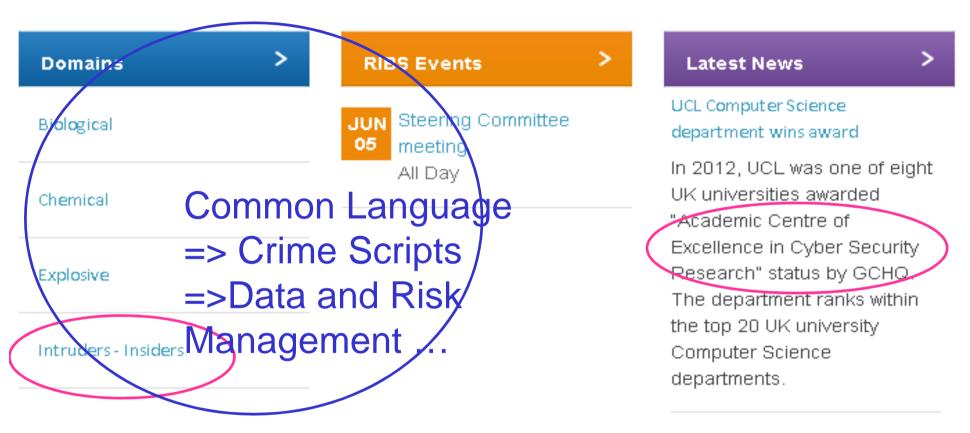
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UCL Datalab – How to share crime data?



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As you may know, UCL has just spent approx. £1m on helping us create the UCL JDI Laboratory, also known as the secure data lab. We have an INTERNAL launch for the lab scheduled on Wednesday 24 April, 11am-1pm.We now need your help to get as many UCL people (masters students, PhD students, postdocs, UCL staff – but not undergrads) to come to this as possible who have an interest in secure or sensitive data, or 'big data'. We expect interest from all over UCL, not just engineering, so feel free to invite people from other faculties. (Note: This event is not for any non-UCL people – that will come later in the year.)

Could you please (i) register yourself, if you intend to come, on the link below (ii) send the below to anyone you think should be at the event

'Do you use secure or sensitive data?' 'Do you work with 'big data'?'

If so, we would like to invite you to attend the "UCL Town Hall on Big Data"

This event is also the launch event for the UCL JDI Research Laboratory, a new £1m facility to be launched at UCL in the summer of 2013. The facility is a secure data analysis centre that allows sensitive and confidential datasets to be brought into the university so that they may be worked upon by researchers in a secure, controlled environment.

Date: Wednesday 24 April, 11am-1pm

Venue: Roberts G08, ROBERTS BUILDING, TORRINGTON PLACE, LONDON, WC1E 7JE

If you work with or have an interest in working with large datasets, particularly those that are confidential or sensitive, then we would like to hear about your research, and to introduce you to the new UCL JDI Research Laboratory.

11.00 - Arrival

11.05 – Introduction to the new UCL JDI Research Laboratory by Prof Richard Wortley, UCL Security and Crime Science

11.20 — Talk on "Big Data" — by Dr Daniel Hulme, UCL Computer Science







UCL Smart Cards Lab



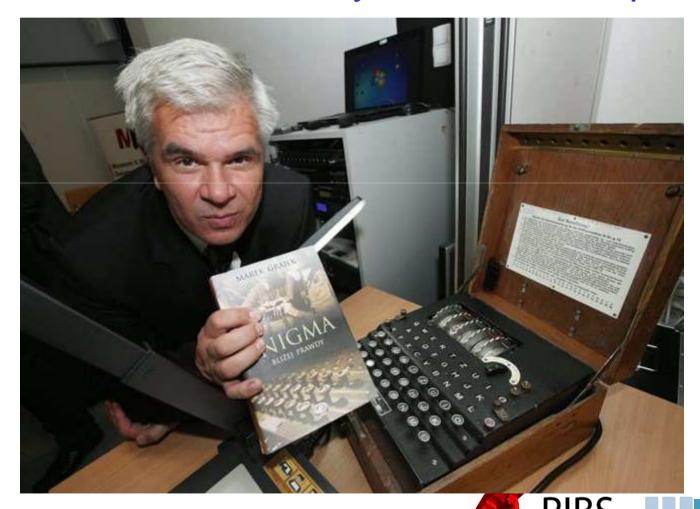
- COMPGA12 Applied Cryptography:
- We run a Smart Cards Lab for students.







Who Said That History Does Not Repeat?



♦IEEE



Before WW2 - Patterns in Message Keys

(should be 3 random letters)

AAA XYZ ASD QAY



Operators always found a way to «degrade » their security





Old Stuff?

Not quite.

This is still happening every day as we speak...





Modern Passwords

Main insight:

these mistakes do not die, they live forever,

=>absolutely EACH AND EVERY of these common mistakes or patterns is still present TODAY as a distinct patterns in real-life probability distributions on human-generated passwords.

Examples:

8.5% of people use 'password' or '123456' 91% of people use one of top 1000 passwords [source: xato.net]

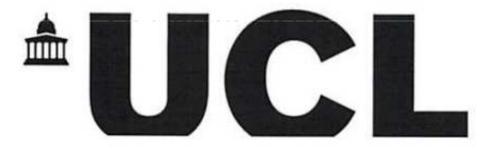




Password Cracking – Our Experience...

UNIVERSITY CIPHER CHAMPION

March 2013



This certificate confirms University College London as the winner of Cyber Security Challenge UK's first University Cipher Challenge 2013.





Bad News

These mistakes they live forever,

Need:

machine generated passwords and random numbers (e.g. cryptographic keys)

Problem:

are they really random?





Smart Cards







Scope:

Most Popular Contact-less Smart Cards

- Building Access Control
- Public Transportation
 - and Other Small Payments



Their Security with focus on faulty Random Number Generators (RNG) and impact on <u>card cloning</u>.





Why Card Cloning?

Main attack:

- ⇒ Does ALWAYS work, even though the system is online
- ⇒ Half of the time it will be the legitimate user who will be rejected or accused of fraud...











Important Buildings

Remark:

I wouldn't care that much about hackers that get free rides on the Tube.

- What about the UK Cabinet Office, big banks, etc...
 - It seems that most buildings actually use MiFare Classic (70 % market share)
 - Many other use even less secure Low
 Frequency systems which can be recorded and replayed (no cryptographic authentication).







Security of Smart Cards

[Schneier and Schostack 1999 paper]

- splitting the security perimeter
- hardware barriers that cannot be breached by software,
- physical control of the card by the user,
- and trusting the developers...









RFID

This model somewhat breaks apart with RFID smart cards...

RFID => no user control.









Bug Or Backdoor?

The security perimeter splits that occur in smart cards have a double effect:

- they can prevent one entity from compromising other people's security... hardware barriers can be very effective
- they can also conceal a subversive functionality:
 - A bug, backdoor etc.

Schneier-Shostack'99 advocate more transparency...

But secrecy is here to stay!

open source == utopia and a fallacy, helps criminals





Crypto Subversion

The hidden powers of crypto developers are particularly dangerous:

- large scale compromise
- impossibility to prove the intent: perfect crime
- impossibility to prove fraud:
 - no forensic traces whatsoever if I update your card wirelessly with a monthly ticket / parking credit,
 perfect fraud.

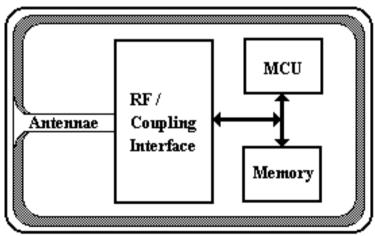




Contact-less Smart Card

- with RF transceiver
- 0.1 s transaction
 - tiny computing
 power to implement
 (costly)
 cryptographic
 authentication...









Form Factors















Building Transport and Small Payments













Transport Card Systems

Main Standards:

 Calypso [France, Belgium]



 MiFare
 [UK, Holland, Poland, Ukraine, U.S., Etc..]



Other standards exist.
 In Asia: e.g. Felica
 [Japan, HongKong, etc..]









Building Cards – Business Issues







Building Cards – Business Model

B2B Model:

Example: banks in a given country will typically have a choice of VERY FEW companies (system integrators) which provide security systems with smart cards, badge printers, software, back-end systems, CCTV cameras, door locks etc.

Is it good or bad?





Interesting Advantage

Good: in one country one CAN impose higher security standards...





Supply Chain Control and Segmentation

supply chain control: it is hard for criminals to get these systems for reverse engineering...

segmentation = additional security perimeter splits:

 In some systems a smart card used in one company CANNOT be re-programmed to work in another building.

But...





... However

Problem: Companies have little choice.

- If they are price sensitive they will be sold insecure systems.
- If they aren't they are still NOT sure that systems are secure,
 - because the market is not very competitive and security is taboo:
 you are expected to trust the supplier.





Building Cards











Our UK SURVEY 2012 Building Cards (only)







Survey [2012]

2012.

Survey conducted among 400 UK companies.

Some 20 has responded to our questionnaire.



Details:

Master Thesis by Ayoade Adebanke, M.Sc. Information Security, University College London, September 2012











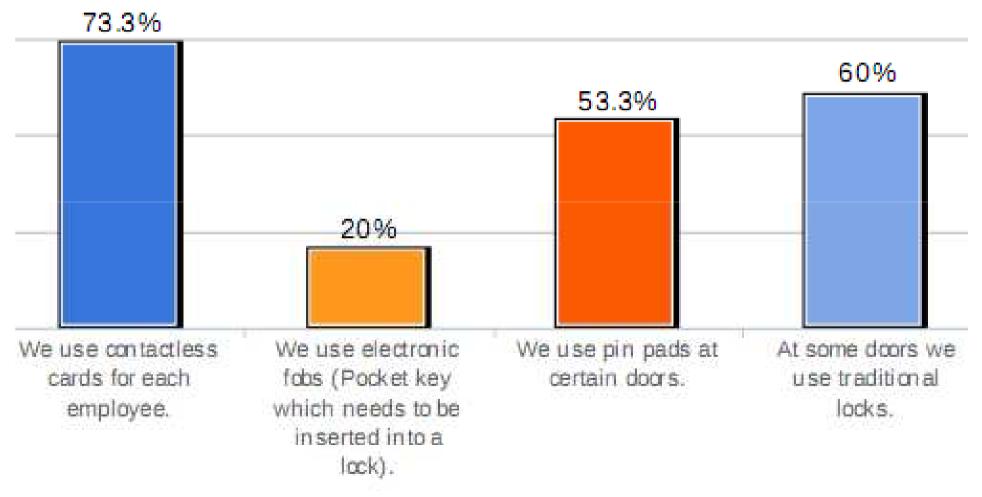
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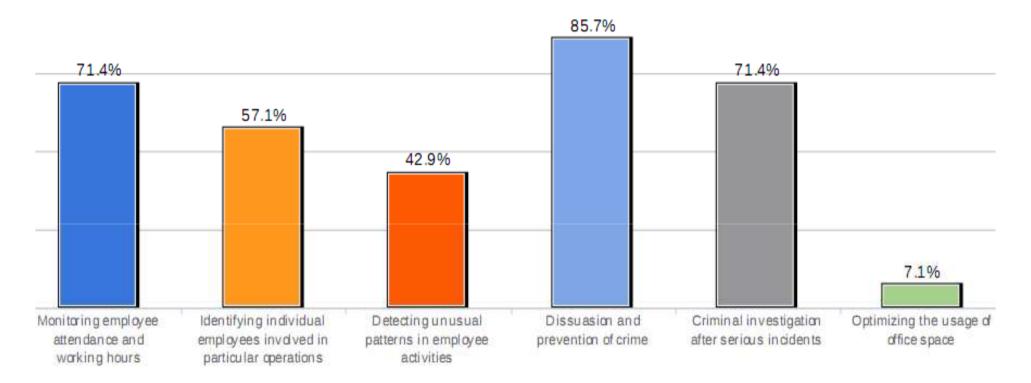
Smart Cards Are Popular in the UK







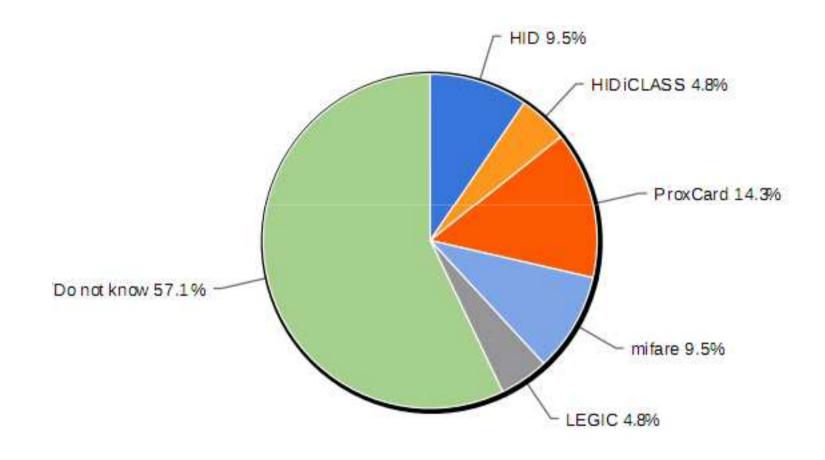
What Do We Need These Systems For?







Not Know / Not Care / Obscure Reseller Brand

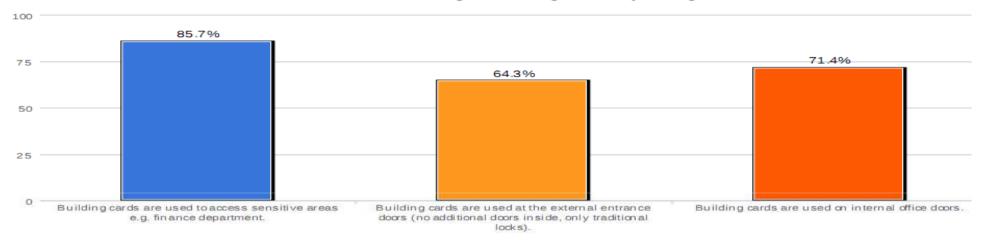


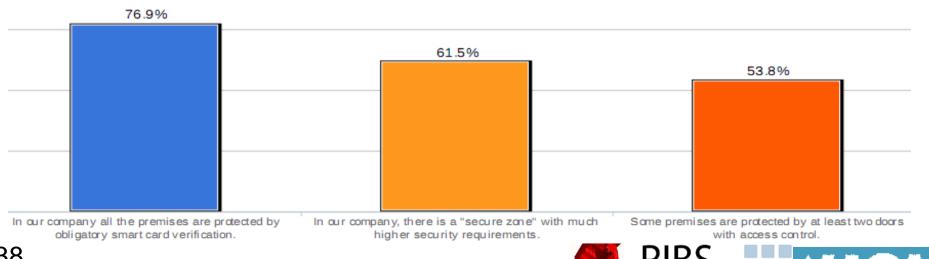




Areas/Doors

Which best describes the usage of building cards in your organisation?







Security in Place

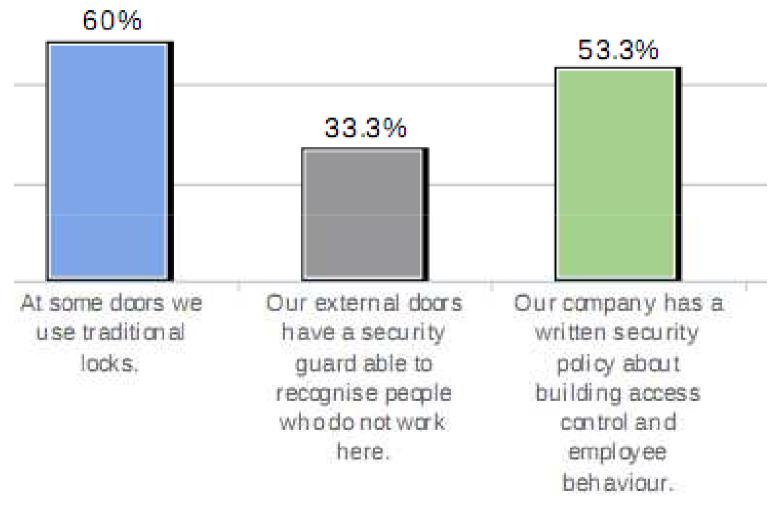








Cards + Extra Security

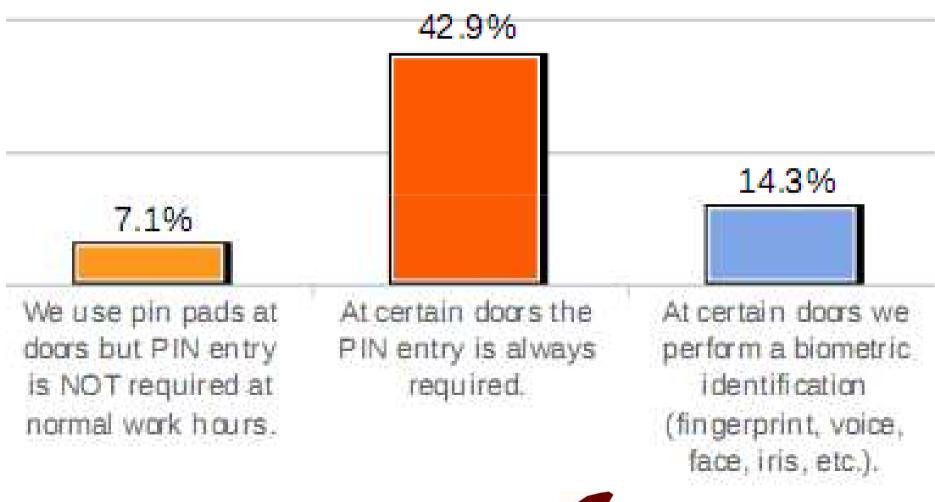






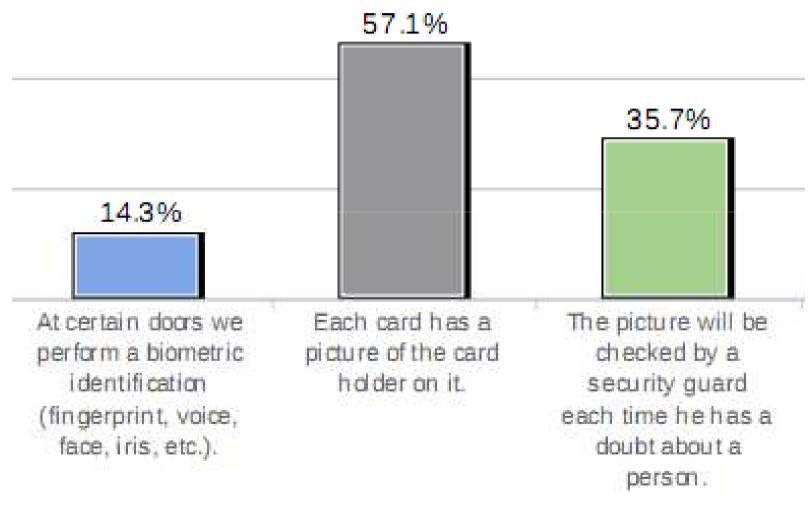


Card + PIN?





Biometrics







Building/ID Cards Security, Cloning, Etc..









Building Cards – 2 Types

- RFID cards: Unique serial
 - Proprietary encoding of transmission
 - Initially hard to imitate
 - but eventually decoded recorded and replayed perfectly

Cards with cryptography.







Building Cards – 2 Types

RFID cards: Broadcast unique serial number

More advanced cards with cryptography.





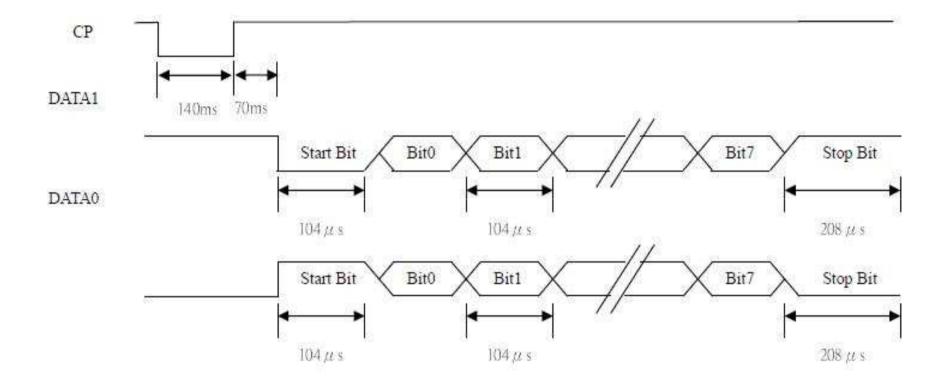
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2 Wires

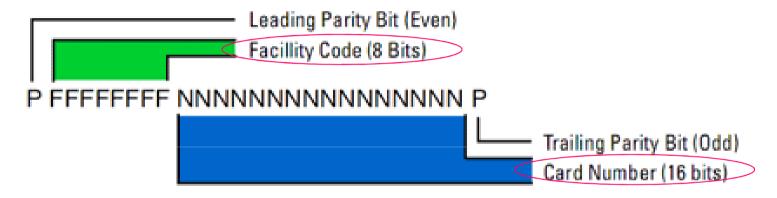






26-Bit Wiegand Format

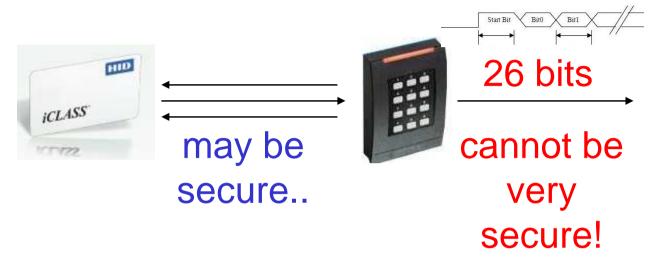
"Standard" 26-Bit Wiegand Format







Wiegand "Loophole"



All data are NOT transmitted to the controller or the back-end system!





Fact:

Neither the facility code 8 bits nor card number 16 bits are random in practice.

Their entropy is very low.





Example 1

We have compared

- a few HID iClass cards which are sold to individual users of laptops
- one Prox card from a bank.

To our horror both cards had the same facility code!





Example 1 – contd.

Laptops card vs. a card from a bank.

- same facility code
- Are serial numbers on 16 bits distinct?

Not at all, the difference was about 100<<2¹⁶

By birthday paradox we expect collisions to occur purely by accident if we have just 10 people:

- =>enter the bank with the card from your laptop...
- => no proof that this works but it should.





Example 2

Cards from an airport in a EU country.

Even though they have a very standard facility code

(which is likely to repeat elsewhere),

the entropy of the serial numbers seems to be at least

12 bits out of 16.





Example 2 – contd.

Unfortunately these numbers were consecutive for different cards.

- This decreases the amount of data which may be available to forensic investigators.
- The attacker could easily copy a card of one employee, modify the number within a certain interval, obtain another valid card, and penetrate into the building without leaving any traces and without the possibility to connect this incident to any concrete card belonging to a concrete person.





Cryptographic Cards







Building Cards – 2 Types

RFID cards: Unique serial

- Cards with cryptography.
 - Mutual Authentication
 - Encrypted Communications
 - Tamper resistance: for data and cryptography (and keys).





Barriers For Attackers

For many smart card products:

- The spec of the product is secret
- The protocol is secret
- The cipher is secret.
- The vulnerabilities (or backdoors..) need to be discovered one by one...
- Recover the key of each card
- Then we can:
 - read the data
 - clone / simulate the card
 - travel for free/enter the building...
 - or publish the result



can be very complex





Contact-less Authentication - History

IFF: Identify Friend or Foe (1942)

Challenge-



-Response



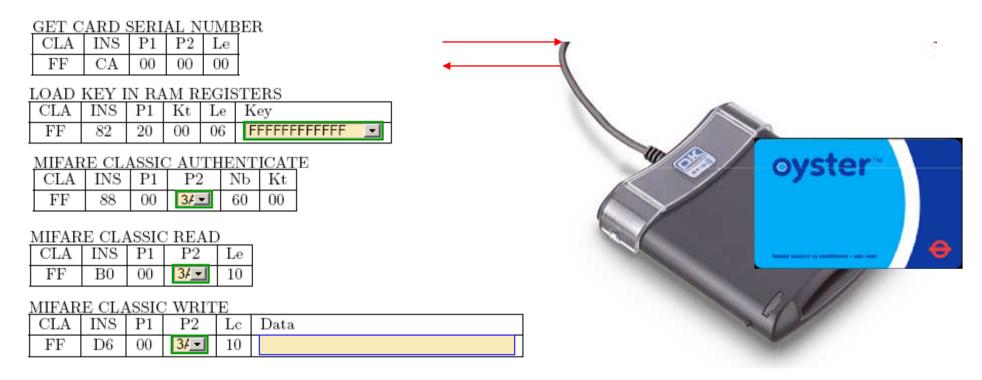
British WW2 invention!





Hidden Cryptography!

Normal high-level access to data on the card.



Confidential crypto algorithm is implemented inside the reader, the developer will totally ignore it and may think that the security is very high, or very low, there is no way to tell!



Most Popular Models [UK and worldwide]

RFID cards: Unique serial



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prime















Main "Crypto" Cards



MiFare Classic:

- >1 billion of these cards sold!
- 70 % of the contactless badge/ticketing market
- London Oyster cards [all cards issued before 2010], + UK
 Cabinet office, Cambridge uni, etc...

More recent Oyster cards [2010-now] are MiFare DesFire,

- No cryptographic attack yet, broken only by side attacks [cost: few thousands of dollars per card].
- No working card simulator on hacker market yet.





Legic

Old model: early 1990s:

So called "Legic Encryption claimed".

Later found to be totally bogus:

- Cf. Nohl and Plötz, cf. CCC'2009 conf. In Berlin
- No security at all.

New models: since 2000s:

Serious crypto: 3DES or AES. No attack yet.









HID iClass

<> HID Prox: unique serial nb. no other security



HID iClass

Almost serious crypto
with DES and 3DES
but keys have been
"obtained" by reader firmware
hacking methods.















Cloning the Card

Is it feasible to re-program the card itself?









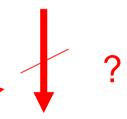


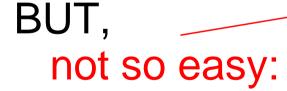
Clone Oyster Card?

All card emitted before 2010 were MiFare Classic 1K ⊗









No blank cards on the market in which one can change the serial number.









Card Simulation

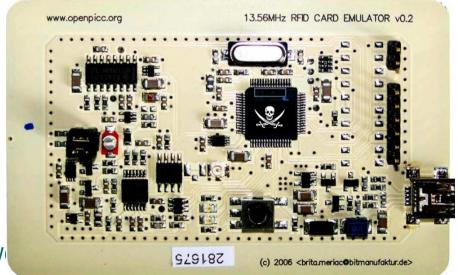
MiFare Classic in sector 0.

Cannot be changed, not even by the manufacturer.

The only security in many building systems...

[Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, etc.]

Attack: card simulation





Blank card?

re-program the card?

Sometimes it is possible!









Example 1:

HID Prox [1991-today]

 unique serial + proprietary encoding no other security



Can be reprogrammed into another white card or tag,

-T5667R/W or Q5 are widely available.





Example 2:

HID iClass [2002-today, 300M sold]



- Crypto cards
 - Mutual Authentication
 - Encryption of Data



problem: reader firmware update procedure is insecure [Meriac 2010]







*Hacking iClass Readers [2010]

Steps:

- 1. Get just one genuine reader like RW400 [100 GBP].
 - we were able to get one easily

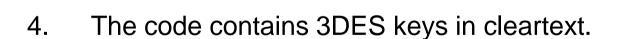




Produce a custom debugging interface.



3. Execute 2 separate software exploits



5. These keys are already in possession of hackers... cf. Meriac, CCC 2010.







Hacking iClass Readers [Dec 2010]



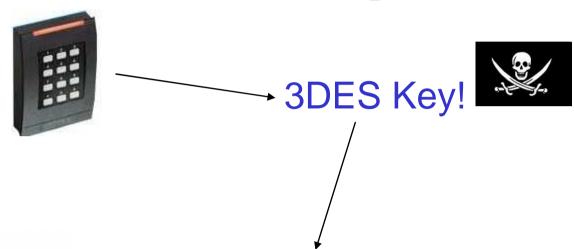
[Meriac CCC 2010]

Chaos Communications Congress, by far the biggest hacker event in Europe, >3000 participants...





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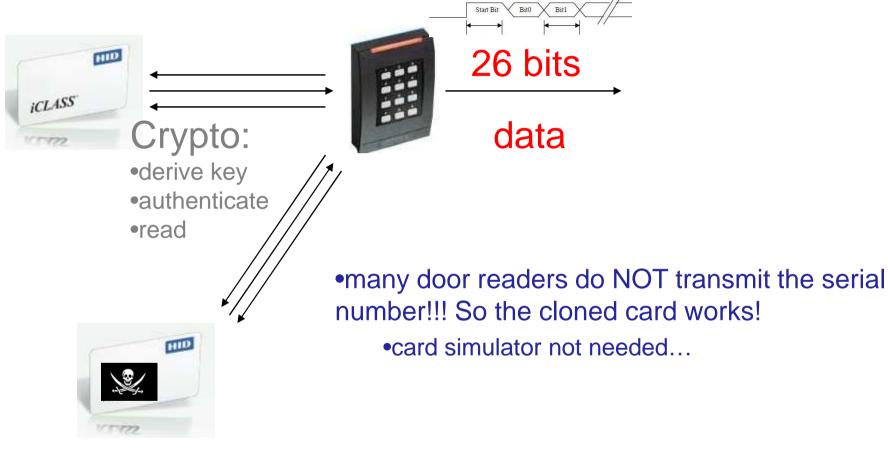


- read and write any card. We NEED ONLY:
 - a standard publicly available reader [80 GBP]
 - + free software provided by the manufacturer.
- only blocks 2,5 and 9 need to copied...
- this will NOT change the serial number BUT...





Imperfect Clone Works!



- different SN
- different key
- •same data





What Makes Cloning Harder?

and how to get around it





What is My Anti-Clone Functionality?

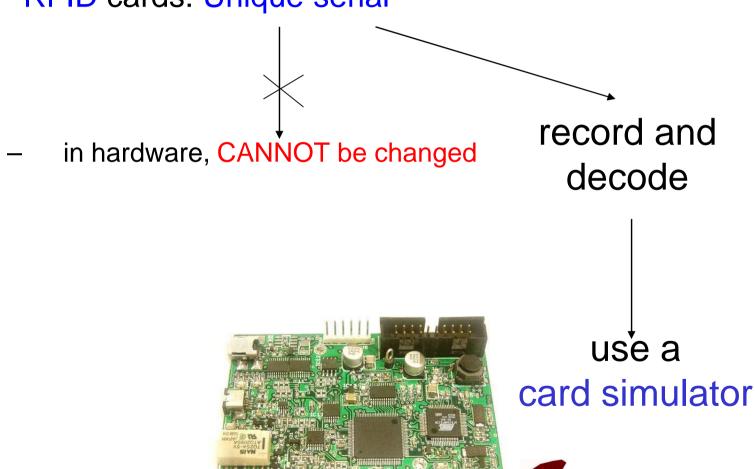
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Crime Scripts – Cloning [1]

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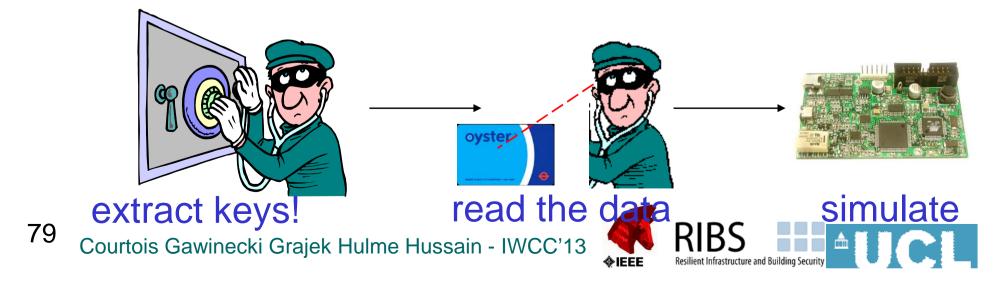
Crypto cards
 Mutual Authentication
 extract keys?





Crime Scripts – Cloning [2]

Crypto cards:





Defence in Depth Principle

Learn from the Military: layer the defences.





MiFare Classic Crypto-1

Stream cipher used in about 200 million RFID chips

worldwide.

Access to high-security buildings

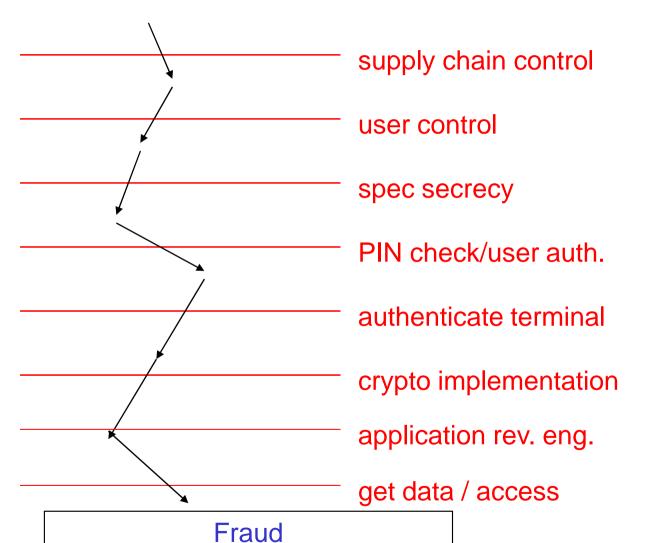
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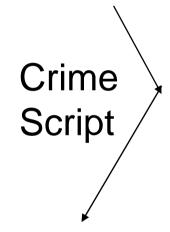
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Defenses of Smart Cards







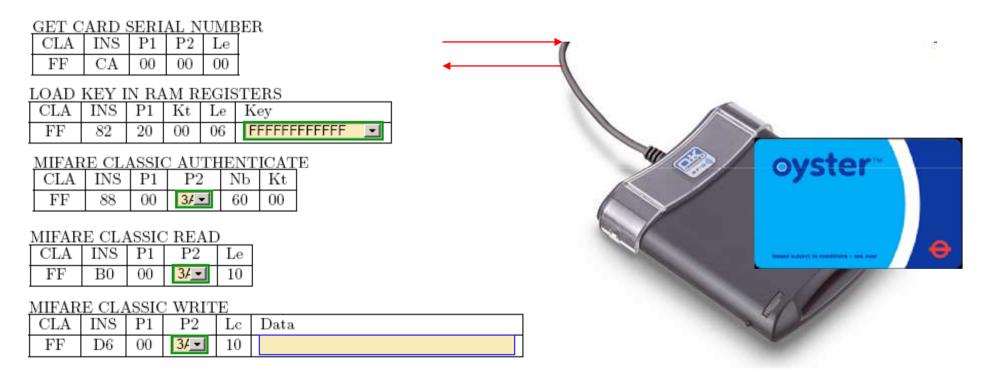






Not Like This – USB Port

Cryptography is invisible



=> Cannot be broken like this.





Low Level Access

Commands sent over the air.

Can be done with ACR122, the cheapest reader on the market.





C++ + nfclib + ACR122

Example:

- > 26
- < 0400
- > 9320
- < CA1C46D141
- > 9370CA1C46D141 (CRC)
- < 08 (CRC)
- > 6000(CRC)
- < 24D2783A
- > CF80E99F1AA2A1F1



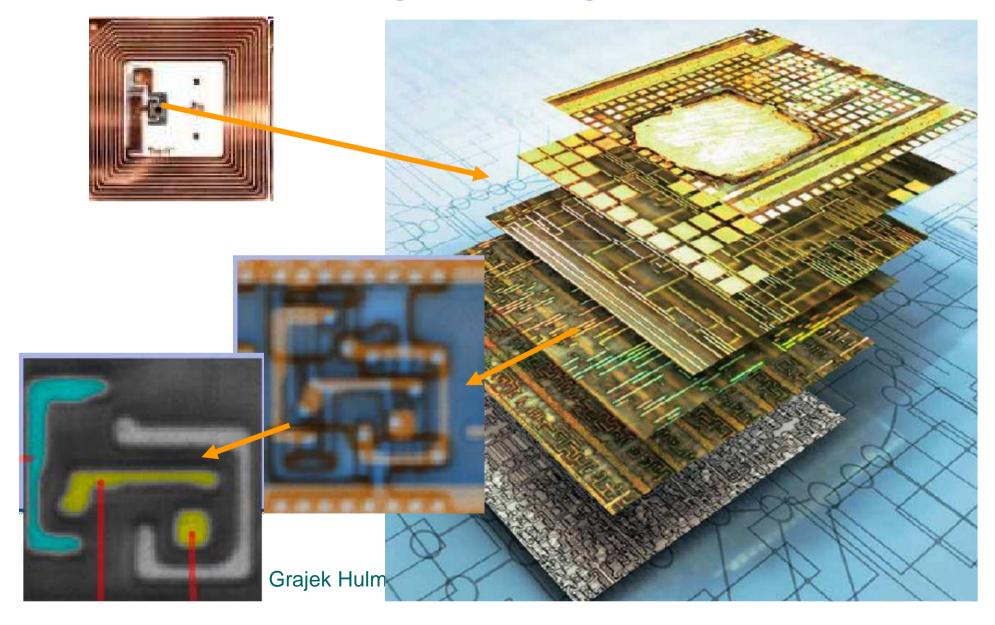






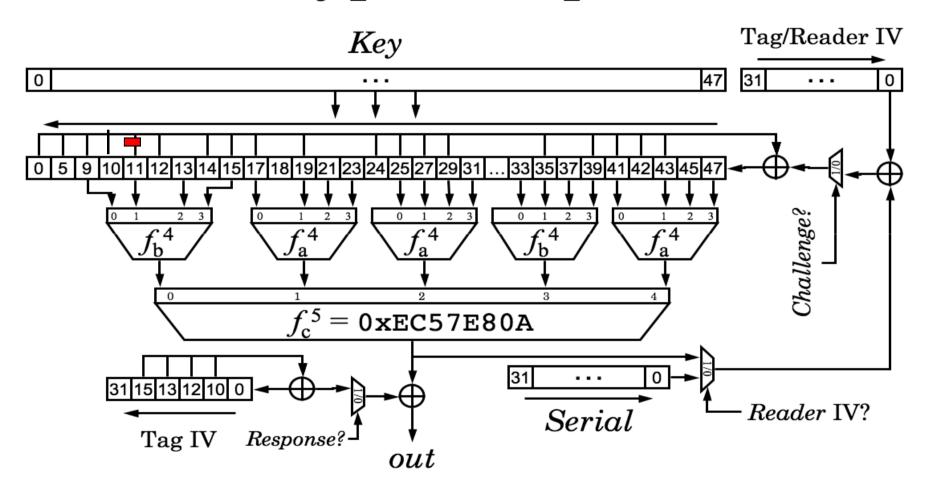


Reverse-Engineering [Nohl et al.]





Crypto1 Cipher



$$f_a^4 = 0x9E98 = (a+b)(c+1)(a+d)+(b+1)c+a$$

 $f_b^4 = 0xB48E = (a+c)(a+b+d)+(a+b)cd+b$

Tag IV

Serial is loaded first, then Reader IV

NFSR



Waste of Silicon

Internal bits are computed 2-3 times.

One could save half of the gates!

And terrible weakness: super-strong self-similarity.

A monkey typing at random would have designed a more secure cipher..





Key Size = 48 Bits

Claim: 48 bits can still be a SECURE key size in 2010.

- in authentication only:
 - extra randomness effectively prevents brute force attacks!

So brute force attacks are infeasible WHAT???? Yes.





Brute Force?

- Requires recorded communications with a genuine reader.
- The hacker must already penetrate into the building.
- Small window of opportunity.
- CCTV is usually present
- other monitoring techniques...









Moreover: It is Illegal

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act RIPA [2000].

[...] "It shall be an offence for a person intentionally and without lawful authority to intercept,

at any place in the United Kingdom, any communication

in the course of its transmission "[...]





In Contrast:

Reading somebody's card is NOT explicitly illegal [except in some US states, new laws]











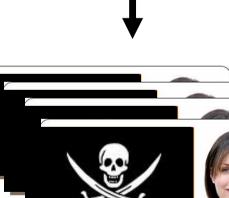


The real security question is:

Can I copy it, when I am sitting near the cardholder for a few minutes in the underground (contactless card queries).

Yes!









gemalto



The attacker needs to sit next to the victim for a number of seconds / minutes.

On a train, on a plane...

Then the hacker steals your identity: make a clone of your card,

- and later penetrate the building.
- or re-sell the working card to a petty criminal





Danger is 24h/24:

Anybody that is sitting/standing next to you can steal your identity (or at least enter some very nice building...)











Brute Force Infeasible?

Yes, due to the protocol.



Sound engineering principle:

The card never ever answers anything related to the secret data, unless the reader sends a valid cryptogram on 8 bytes...





Card-Only Attacks: Infeasible => Possible?

or how MiFare Classic was broken anyway

[4 Attacks by Dutch Nijmegen group

+ the 'Dark Side Attack' by Courtois, 2009]





A Bug in MiFare Classic

Discovered accidentally.

- sometimes, under certain conditions, the card outputs a mysterious 4 bits...
- given the fact that many RFID readers are not 100 % reliable, it is easy to overlook it





The Bug?

Or maybe a backdoor?







Secure Product Development







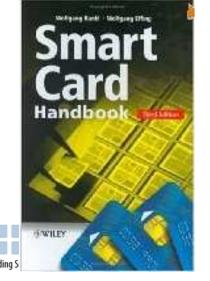
Secure Hardware Dev. Management

[In smart cards] one design criterion differs from the criteria used for standard chips but is nonetheless very important is that absolutely no undocumented mechanisms or functions must be present in the chip ('that's note a bug, that's a feature').

Since they are not documented, they can be unintentionally overlooked during the hardware evaluation and possibly be used later for attacks.

The use of such undocumented features is thus strictly prohibited [...]

[pages 518-519 in the Smart Card handbookby Wolfgang Rankl and Wolfgang Effing,1088 pages, Wiley, absolute reference in the industry]







The "Bug" was known...

Courtois was the first to circulate a paper that describes this vulnerability in March 2009.

But in fact Dutch and German researchers knew about it already...



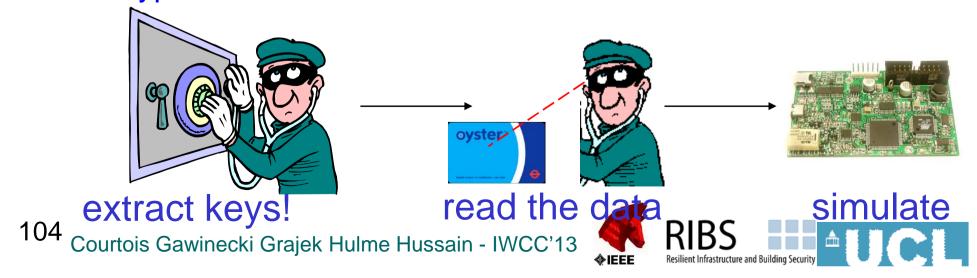


Crime Scripts – Cloning [2]

RFID cards

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Crypto cards:





More Details:

Slides about MiFare Classic

www.nicolascourtois.com/papers/mifare_all.pdf

Full paper: SECRYPT 2009, see also eprint.iacr.org/2009/137/

Hack it at home:

step by step instructions:

http://www.nicolascourtois.com/MifareClassicHack.pdf







Embarrassing Discoveries



Tech Daily

News | Analysis | Comment | Reviews



Oyster cracker vows to clone cards

Cloning kit could sell for just £200, says researcher

Robert Blincoe, vnunet.com, 28 Jul 2008







Strange Weaker Cards

Example: card used in Kiev, Ukraine underground [hosting Euro 2012].

- Unlicensed illegal clones of MiFare Classic.
 - nobody expected that there will ever be a HIDDEN method to distinguish?
 - normal functionality is identical
 - careful examination shows that they are Fudan
 Microelectronics FM11RF08 from Shanghai, China.
 - This card will ALWAYS answer the spoof attempt. Easier to clone...





More Strange Clones

There are other clones. Come from India, China and Russia (!). http://www.proxmark.org/forum/topic/169/mifare-classic-clones/

Why Russia and India have manufactured smart cards for which

- the spec was NOT publicly known
- are NOT widely used in Russia/India?
- 200 millions of these cards are in circulation worldwide
- Thy did not advertise their hacking exploits, did not advertise their products either.
- Rumours:
 - some of these cards would allow one to change the unique serial number and be fully reprogrammed to emulate any other card...











Combined Attacks (ours + Nijmegen)









Best Attack in Practice

Use 'Courtois Dark Side' attack for one sector.

Then use Nested Authentication attack [Nijmegen Oakland paper] for other sectors.

Google for MFCUK software...





Best Attack Speed

Use 'Courtois Dark Side' attack for one sector.

Then use Nested Authentication attack

[Nijmegen Oakland paper] for other sectors.

- >10 minutes with our current equipment.
- Should take 10 SECOND TOTAL with a better implementation.
 - Example: Proxmark3 can then directly be used to act as a clone.





Is It Really Feasible?

It isn't. Or it is.

The devil is in the details.

=>This motivated this paper.







Important Principle:

Making cards much harder to attack:

Diversify all keys for each card

- Done for every Oyster card
- Not done in many other countries, examples:
 - In Kiev, Ukraine, the first block uses the default Infineon key A0A1A2A3A4A5











Key Management

With the same card
[MiFare Classic, badly broken]
the security can still be

- quite good [London], or
- very bad [Warsaw]:

Break card once => clone any card without special equipment







DOES THE Courtois Dark Side Attack **ACTUALLY WORK IN PRACTICE?**





Innocent Assumption...

In Usenix Security 2008 Nohl, Evans, Starbug, and Plotz claimed that a strict control of timing allows either to predict the card random at a moment in time, or even to produce the desired random at will for the attacker.

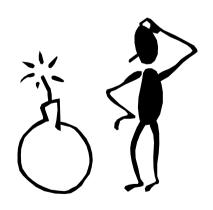
We say "claimed" because our investigation never fully confirmed this!





Is The Assumption Correct?

Without this assumption our attacks fail!







Facts:

- There are only 2^{16} randoms instead of 2^{32} .
- Somewhat deterministic as f(time)...

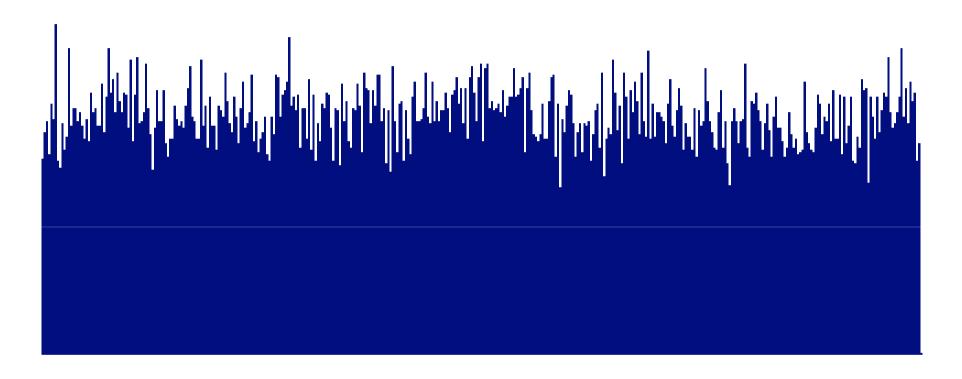
Further claims:

- The connection polynomial of the LFSR is claimed to be $x^{16} + x^{14} + x^{13} + x^{11} + 1$. Interestingly it could be different in different cards.
- Further, it is claimed that the clocking is regular and the LFSR is clocked at 106 kHz and wraps around every 0.6 seconds, after generating all 65,535 possible output values.





Experiment 1 – London University Card

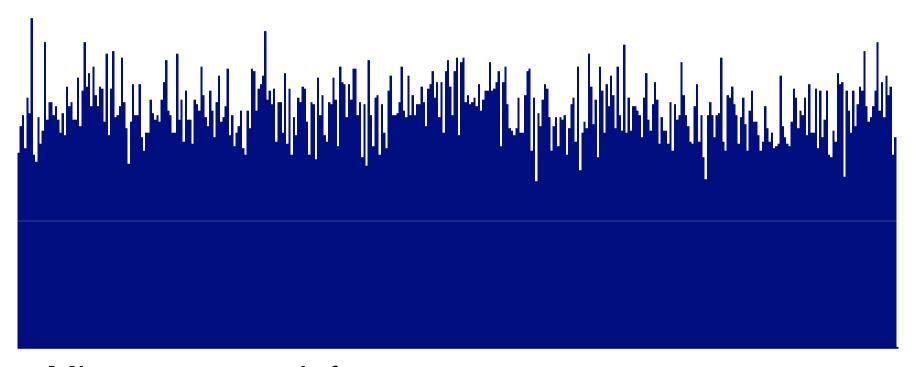


- Looks nearly random
- We prove it is not random, see the paper.





Hard to Break...



- Min-entropy = def= log₂(most likely card random) = 12.4 bits
- =>Attack takes very roughly $2^{12.4} \times 10 \text{ s} = 1 \text{ day/key}$.





Does It Confirm The Theory?

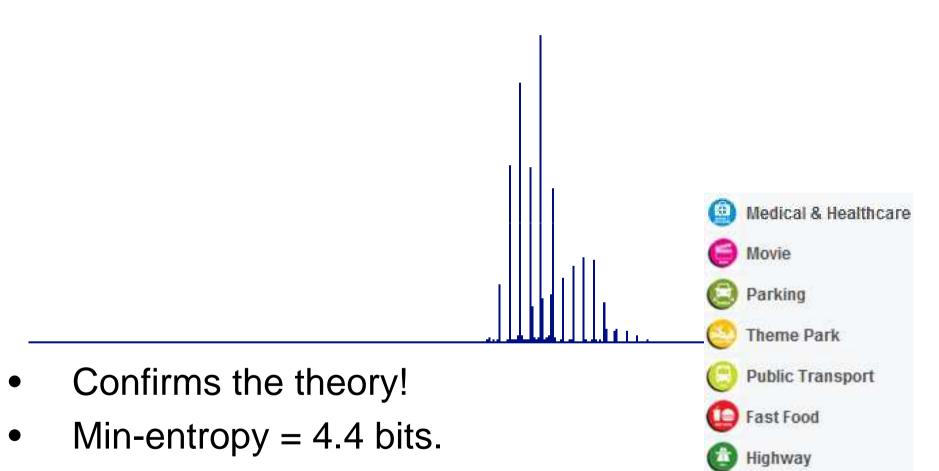
Not at all, just shows that the output random is somewhat correlated with this LFSR...

This RNG probably has additional complexity.





Experiment 2 – Malaysia Payment Card





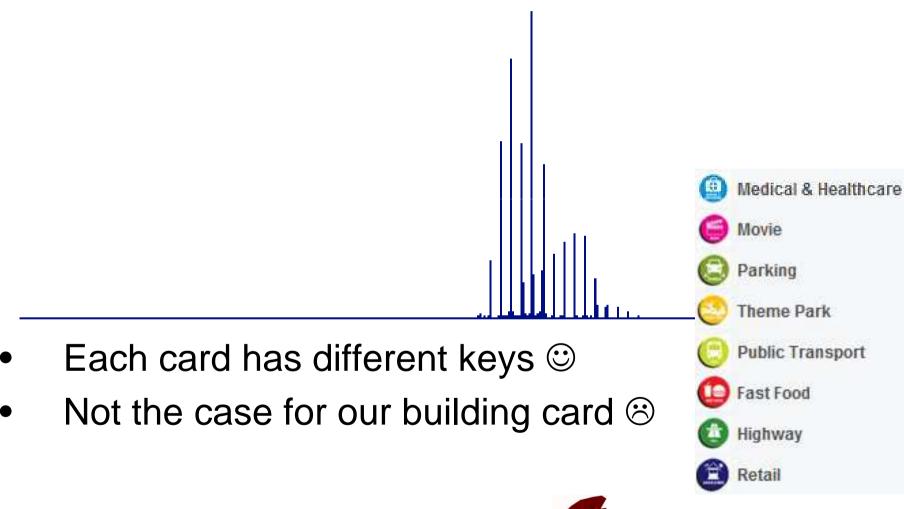




Retail

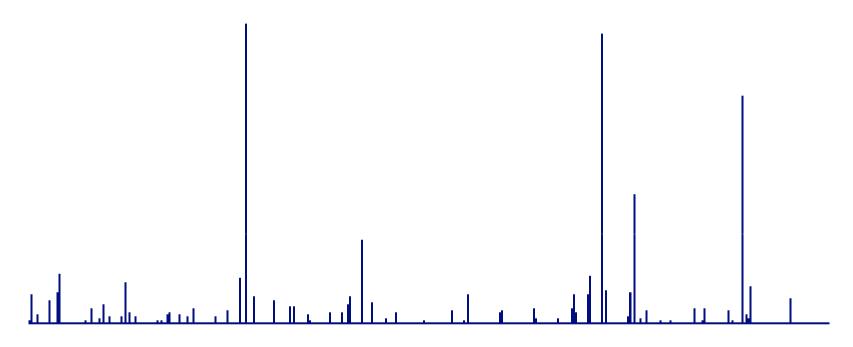


Malaysia – Good News





London Oyster Card From 2006



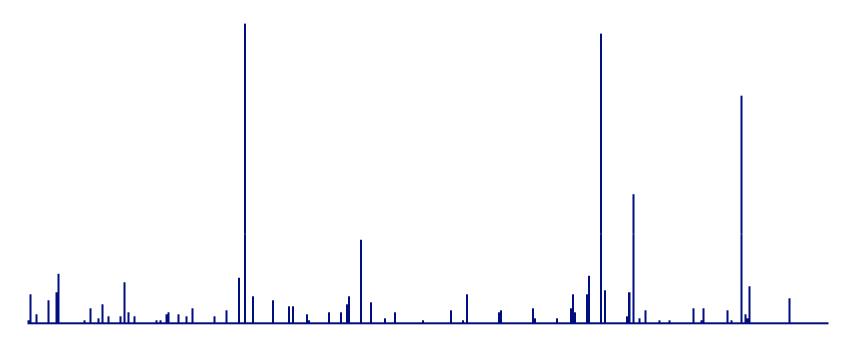
- Min-entropy = 2.8 bits.
- Attack time $2^{2.8} \times 10 \text{ s} = 3 \text{ minutes}$







London Oyster Card – Good News



 Each card has different keys ⊕, online fraud detection, 2007 cards already more secure, but this one still in use ⊕





Horror Story: Warsaw Poland Metro/Bus/Parking Card



Hall of Shame (1)

- In Warsaw, Poland, the first block uses the default Philips key FFFFFFFFFFFF,
- Then keys are THE SAME in every card







Hall of Shame (contd.)

- In Warsaw, Poland, the first block uses the default Philips key FFFFFFFFFFFF,
- Then keys are THE SAME in every card
- Moreover keys are NOT random, but human-generated.
 - for example many start with 898989,
 some end with 898989...
 - obsession with history?
 - in 1989 they had first "free" elections...













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What's Wrong?



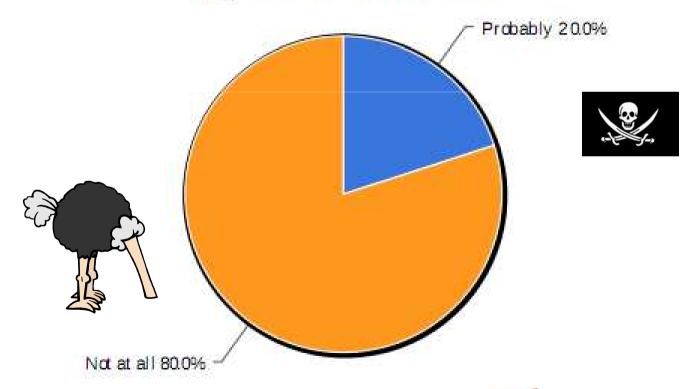






Afraid?Threat?Upgrade?

Has your company already identified a specific security threat which makes you consider that your current smart card systems are inadequate and need to be upgraded in the near future?

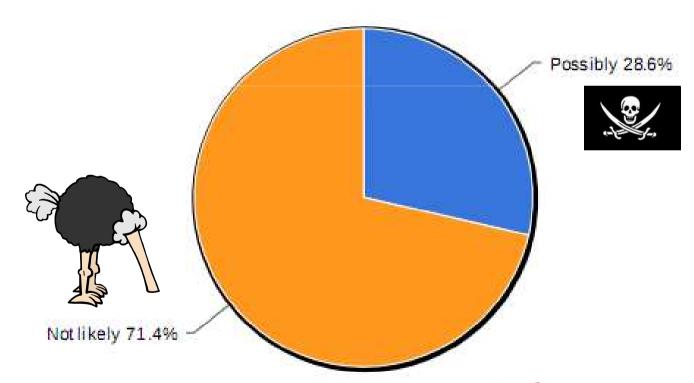






Card Cloning Specifically

Do you think your company should use another model of the smart card because you think hackers are already able to clone or simulate your current cards?



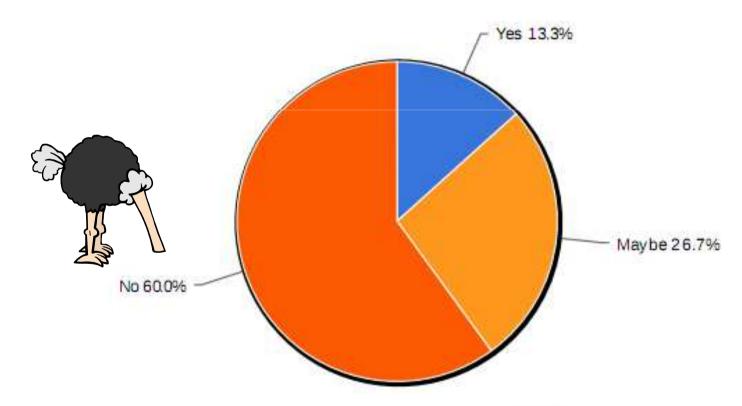






Unwilling to Upgrade

Do you think your building access control system is not currently meeting all your business needs and you would like to upgrade to another product?



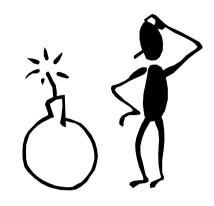






Spectacularly Naïve

Not all attacks actually work, sometimes they just don't,



HOWEVER

Customers are spectacularly naïve about the security of current systems.







Bad RNG...

Neither humans nor devices can be trusted to generate quality random numbers...

Do NOT assume that they are random...

Without good random numbers cryptographic protections fail.

