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After an easy breach, hackers leave "TIPS WHEN RUNNING A SECURITY COMPANY"

DDoS protection firm Staminus apparently stored customers' credit card data in the clear.

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A Web security company's systems are offline this morning after an apparent intrusion into the company's network. The servers and routers of Staminus Communications—a Newport Beach, California-based hosting and distributed denial of service (DDoS) protection company—went offline at 8am Eastern Time on Thursday in what a representative described in a Twitter post as "a rare event [that] cascaded across multiple routers in a system wide event, making our backbone unavailable."

That "rare event" appears to have been intentional. A data dump of information on Staminus' systems includes customer names and e-mail addresses, database table structures, routing tables, and more. The data was posted to the Internet this morning, and a Staminus customer who wishes to remain anonymous confirmed his data was part of the dump. The authors of the dump claim to have gained control of Staminus' routers and reset them to factory settings.

- Use one root password for all the boxes
- Expose PDU's [power distribution units in server racks] to WAN with telnet auth
- Never patch, upgrade or audit the stack
- Disregard PDO [PHP Data Objects] as inconvenient
- Hedge entire business on security theatre
- Store full credit card info in plaintext
- Write all code with wreckless [sic] abandon

public key *cryptography*

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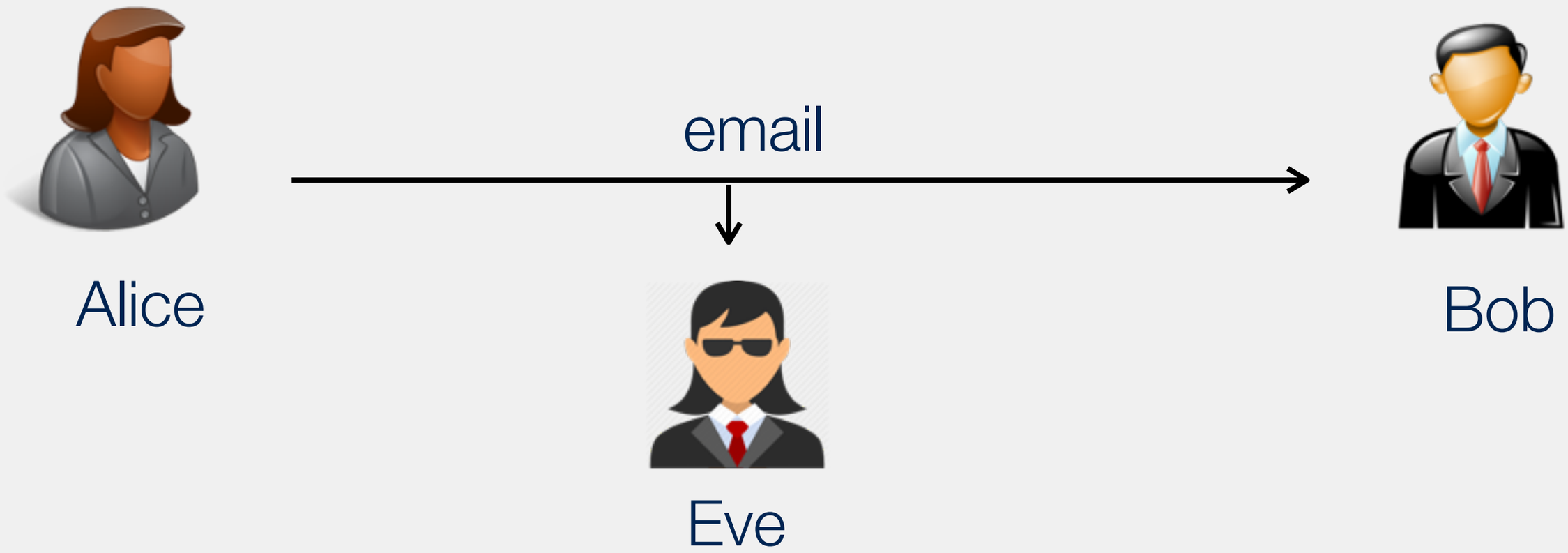
computer security

today

* Hybrid encryption
* Digital signatures, certificates
* TLS overview
* Passwords



* Security goals?
  / Confidentiality, integrity, authenticity

* Symmetric encryption: fast, hard to distribute keys

* Public key encryption: slow, easy to distribute public keys

hybrid encryption

Alice

pk_A, sk_A

pk_B

$F(pk_B, x)$, $E_x(M)$

Eve

Mallory

Bob

pk_B, sk_B

pk_A

random key for this message

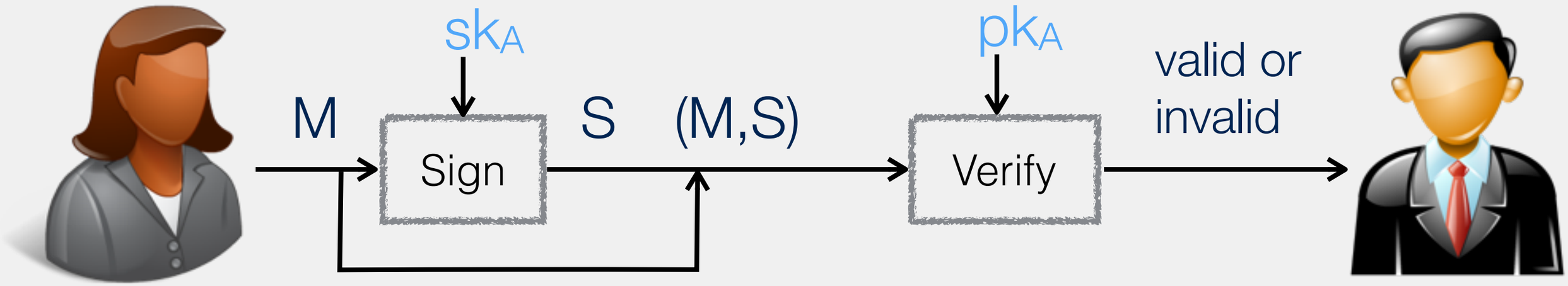
$x \leftarrow\$ \{0,1\}^k$

$F(pk_B, x)$, $E_x(M)$

Authenticated encryption scheme

Encrypt under Bob's pubkey

hybrid encryption



Alice

pk_A, sk_A

Trapdoor permutation

F_{pk}: X→X

F^{-1}_{sk}: X→X

Hash Fn

H: $\{0,1\}^*$→X

Bob

pk_A

think-*pair*-share

Sign(sk_A, M):

d = H(M)

S = F^{-1}(sk_A, d)

Verify(pk_A, M, S):

d' = F(pk_A, S)

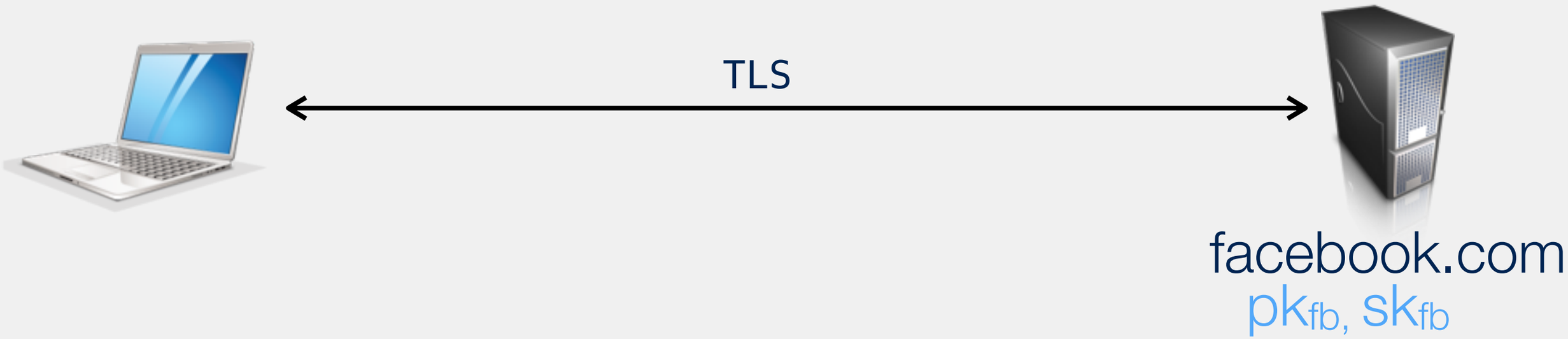
if d' = H(M):

ret VALID

else:

ret INVALID

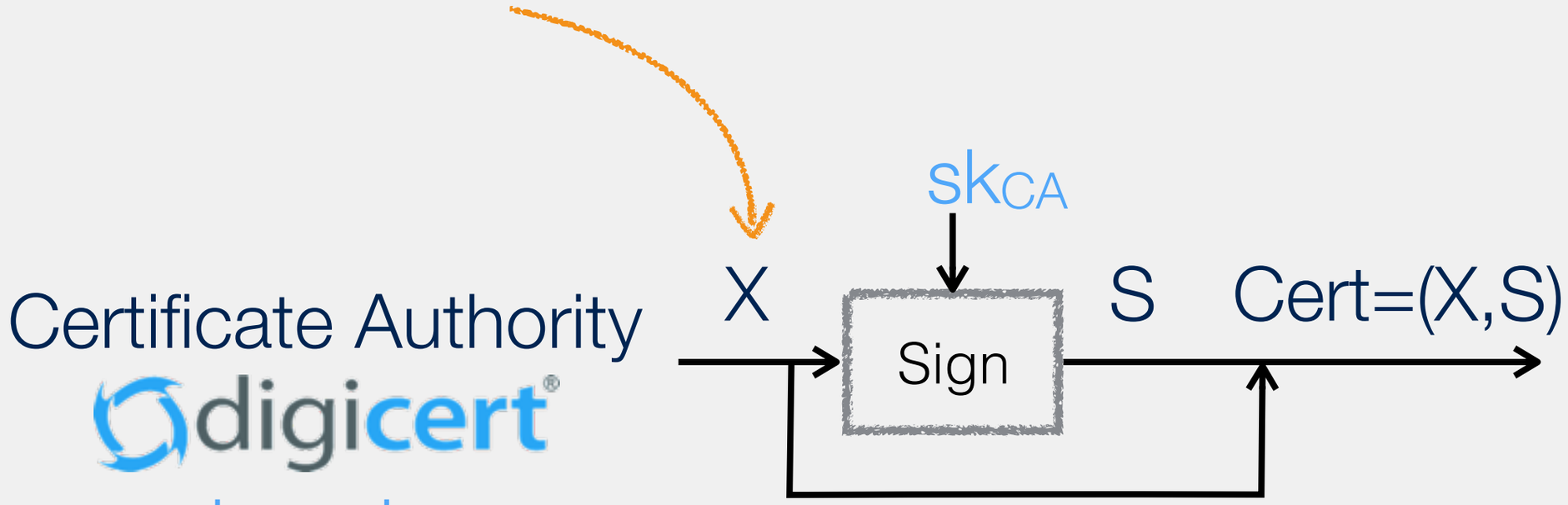
digital signatures



* Problem: How does a client get the public key for a website?

certificates

Domain: *.facebook.com
Pubkey: 04 DB D1 77 …



pkCA

cert signing

Safari is using an encrypted connection to www.facebook.com.

Encryption with a digital certificate keeps information private as it's sent to or from the ht

DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
↳ DigiCert SHA2 High Assurance Server CA
↳ *.facebook.com

***.facebook.com**

Issued by: DigiCert SHA2 High Assurance Server CA
Expires: Friday, December 30, 2016 at 6:00:00 AM Central Standard Time
This certificate is valid

▶ **Trust**

▼ **Details**

Subject Name	
Country	US
State/Province	CA
Locality	Menlo Park
Organization	Facebook, Inc.
Common Name	*.facebook.com
Public Key Info	
Algorithm	Elliptic Curve Public Key (1.2.840.10045.2.1)
Parameters	Elliptic Curve secp256r1 (1.2.840.10045.3.1.7)
Public Key	65 bytes : 04 D8 D1 DD 35 BD E2 59 B6 FB 9B 1F 54 15 8C DB BF 4E 58 BD 47 BE B8 10 FC 22 E9 D2 9E 98 F8 49 2A 25 FB 94 46 E4 42 99 84 50 1C 5F 01 FD 14 25 31 5C 4E D9 64 FD C5 0C B3 46 D2 A1 BC 70 B4 87 8E
Key Size	256 bits
Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Derive
Signature	256 bytes : AA 91 AE 52 01 8C 60 F6 02 B6 94 EB AF 6E EB DD 3C C8 E1 6F 17 AB B8 28 80 EC DC 54 82 56 24 C1 16 08 E1 C2 C8 3E 3C 0F 53 18 40 7F DF 41 36 93 95 5F B1 D9 35 43 5E 94 60 F9 D6 A7 83 6A 7D C7 B4 F6 0B 90 76 F8 B4 0A C1 31 0D 16 18 B5 CB 71 5C F9 93 02 21 AA BB 40 FD EE 0A 1B A9 F2 C3 0E 25 13 63 67 A2 42 EB 79 EA 5F 8F FB D8 BB 76 8C 5F 61 CA 2C BE 01 44 09 AF 36 1E A9 F7 40 1C A4 B3 65 78 42 68 04 F0 4B 0C 7F 1F D9 13 F6 0A 3B 35 79 73 69 C7 3C 70 E5 5D 06 98 EA 88 D5 DD 6B E6 66 62 57 CF AF D0 FB 67 9B E0 C8 20 3A B9 B6 4F 39 7A 5F C4 FD A0 46 8C BC C7 44 A7 B3 AB 52 49 DB 86 97 ED 2E BC 80 56 95 9F D2 63 84 57 E7 92 15 32 E4 75 C5 81 52 CB 3B 26 E1 5D 4B FD E0 39 5E 81 06 AF CC 7E 77 D1 9D 9A 06 6F EF F7 FC E2 86 5A 16 5A C2 04 DE 80 E3 78 1F 0F FC 7F DF

http://letsencrypt.org

certificates

pk_{CA}, sk_{CA}

* What does having a trusted TLS certificate prove?
  - That someone paid at least $0
  - Proved to an intermediate CA that they controlled a given domain name for at least 5 minutes
  - If TLS established, proves they know the corresponding private key to the pub key in cert

think-*pair*-share

* What could possibly go wrong?
  - Any CA secret key in chain could be compromised
  - Server secret key could be compromised
  - Typo-squatting domain (gmal.com)
  - Malicious root CA key installed on client
  - DNS chicanery during verification process

DigiNotar

* Dutch CA DigiNotar compromised in 2011
* Attackers generated fake certificates
* Twitter.com was redirected to fake site
* Attackers eavesdropped with man-in-the-middle attacks
  / Iranian govt eavesdropping on dissidents

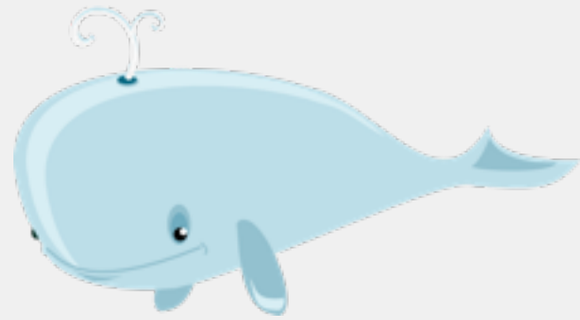
* How did compromise occur?

* DigiNotar had crappy security
  / Out-of-date antivirus software
  / Poor software patching
  / Weak passwords
  / No auditing of logs
  / Poorly designed local network

DigiNotar

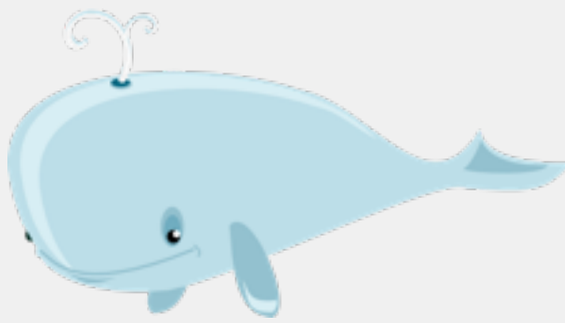
eDellRoot

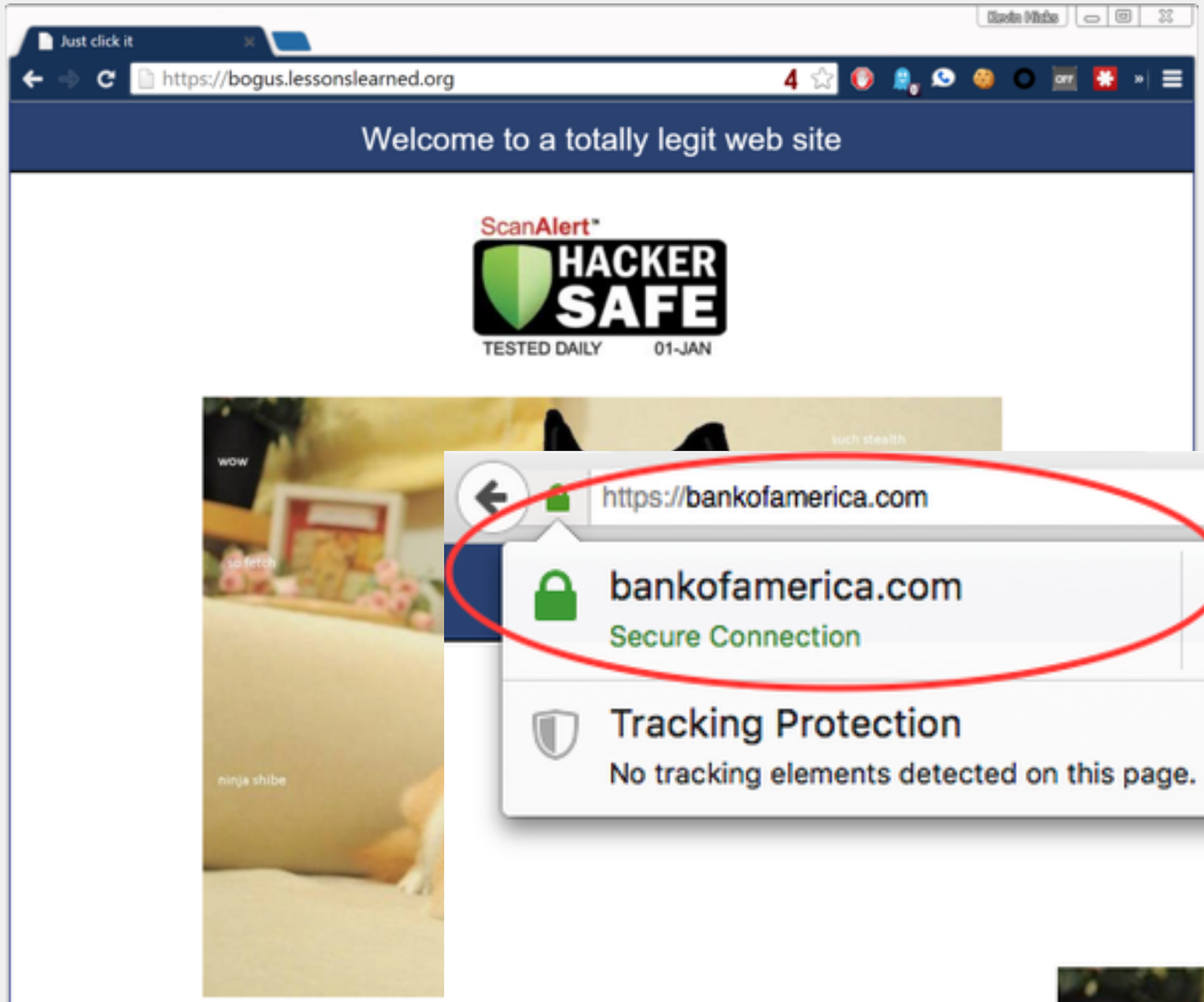
* Dell shipped several computer systems with a self-signed root CA certificate preinstalled
  / The cert also contained the CA secret key



* Intended purpose: something to do with automated support software

* If certificate removed, automatically reinstalls on reboot

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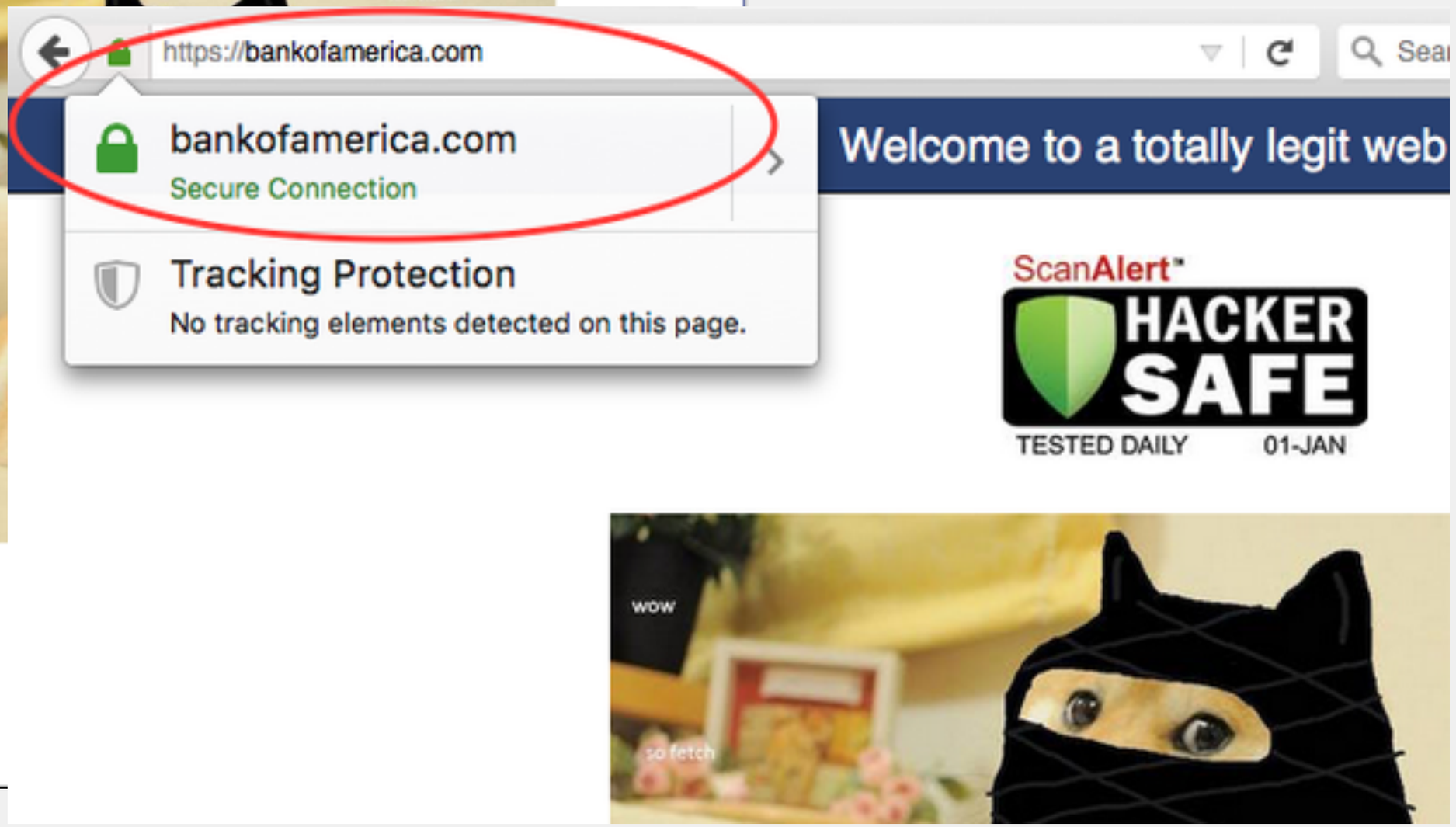
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Secure Connection
Tracking Protection
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ClientHello, MaxVersion, $Nonce_C$, Supported ciphersuites

ServerHello, Version, $Nonce_S$, SessionID, Ciphersuite

Certificate = (pk_S, domain name, signature, cert chain)

$E(pk_S, PMS)$

MS <- HMAC(PMS, “master secret” || Nc || Ns)
K1,K2 <- HMAC(MS, “key expansion” || Ns || Nc)

Change to symmetric cipher

ChangeCipherSpec, Finished,
HMAC(MS, “Client finished” || H(transcript))

ChangeCipherSpec, Finished,
HMAC(MS, “Server finished” || H(transcript’))

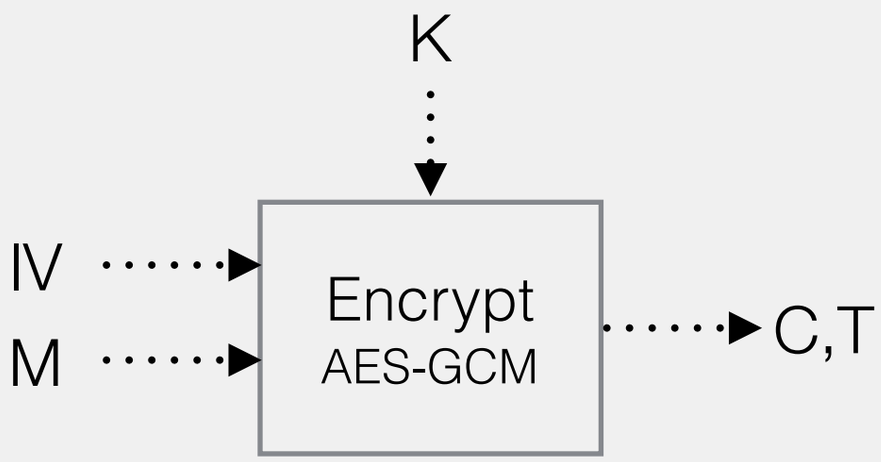
Exchange info using E_{k1}, E_{k2}

tls

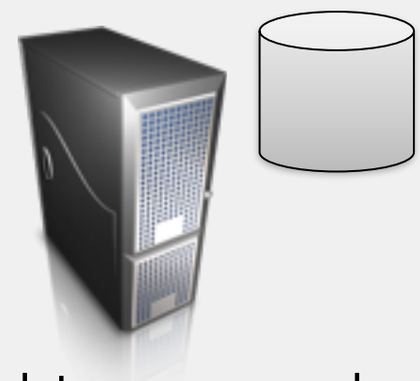
INTERMISSION

passwords

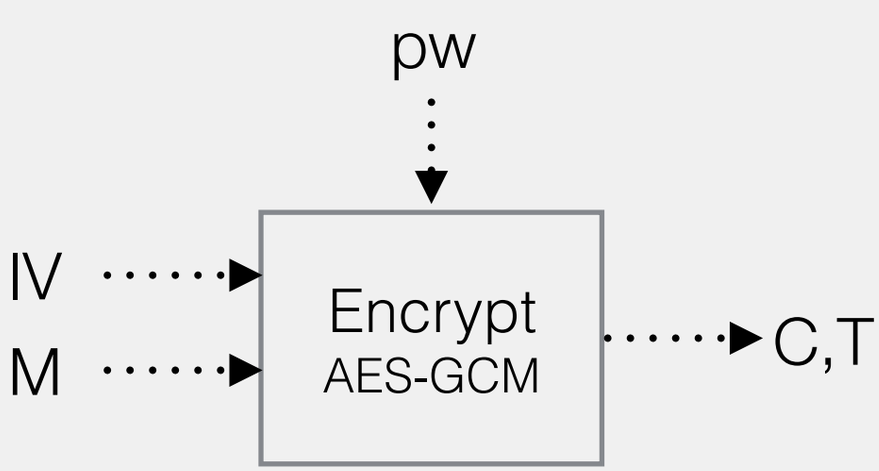
pw use cases



Create account:
username,pw



[server, desktop, or web service]

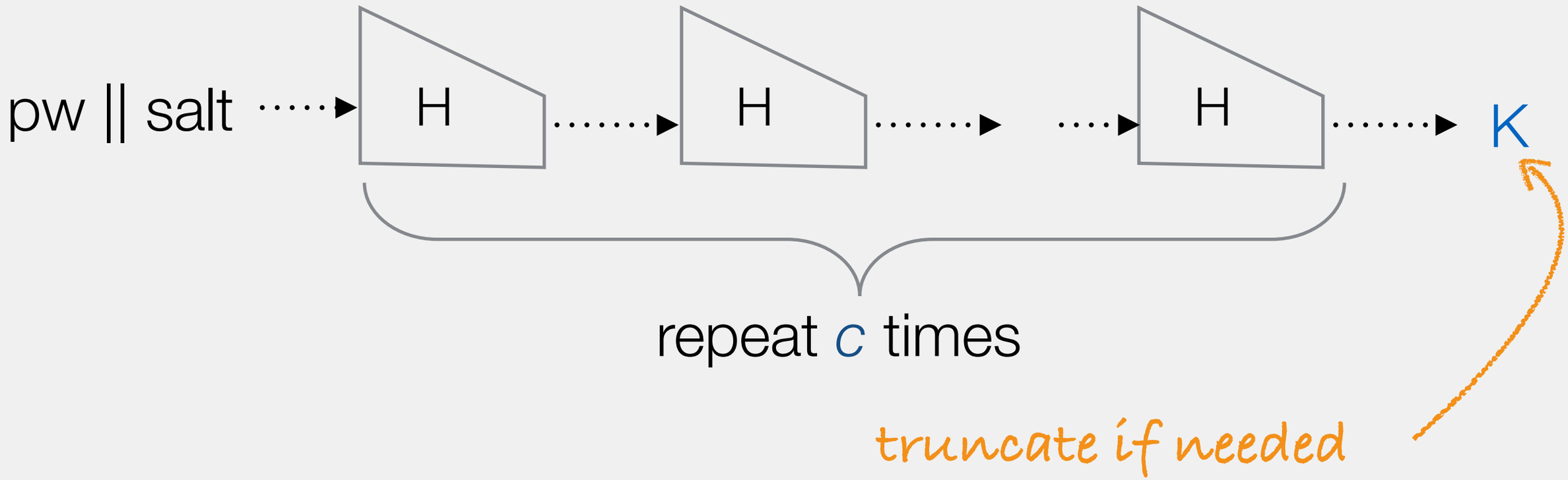


How does the server store the pw?

Password-based symmetric encryption

[password-based key derivation function]

PBKDF(pw, salt):



pbkdf

pw-based encryption

Enc(pw,M,R):
salt || R' = R
K = PBKDF(pw,salt)
C = Enc'(K,M,R')
Return (salt,C)

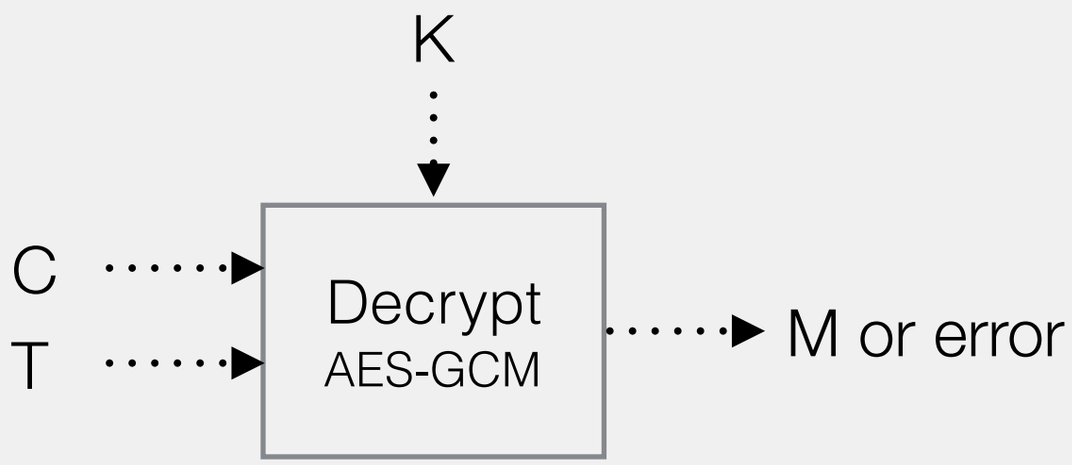
Dec(pw,C):
salt || C' = C
K = PBKDF(pw,salt)
M = Dec'(K,C')
Return M

Enc'/Dec' is some authenticated encryption scheme,
like AES-GCM

PBKDF + symmetric encryption → pw-based encryption

Attacks?

dictionary attack

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DictionaryAttack(D,C,T):
for pw* in D:
    M* = Dec(pw*,C,T)
    if M* ≠ error:
       return pw,M*
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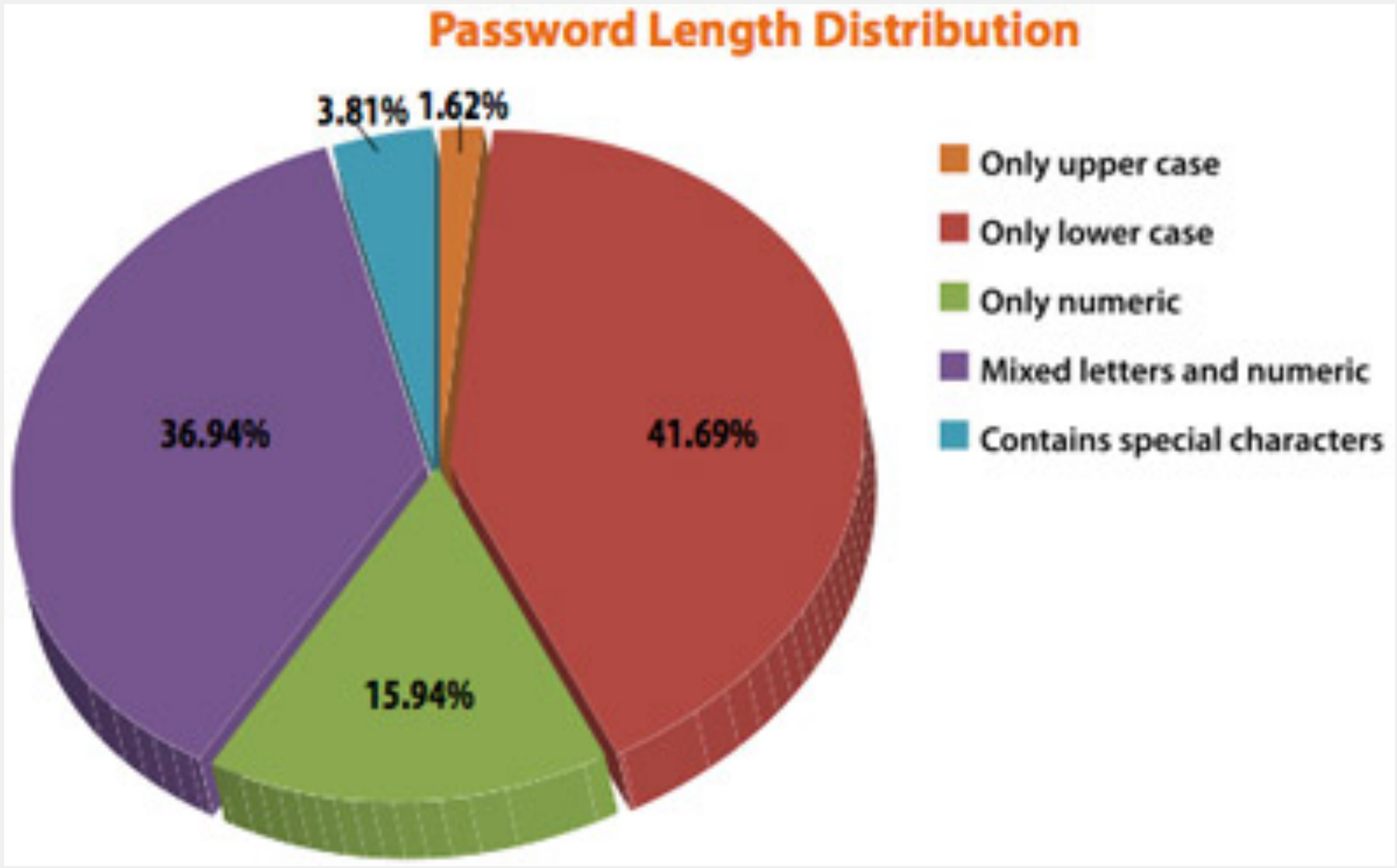
* Given an authenticated encryption output (C,T), dictionary *D* of possible password
* Enumerate *D* in order of likelihood
* Test each candidate password

pw distribution



From an Imperva study of released RockMe.com password database (2010)

Facebook's Password Onion

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$cur  = 'password'
$cur  = md5($cur)
$salt = randbytes(20)
$cur  = hmac_sha1($cur, $salt)
$cur  = remote_hmac_sha256($cur, $secret)
$cur  = scrypt($cur, $salt)
$cur  = hmac_sha256($cur, $salt)
```

* Hybrid encryption
* Digital signatures
* Certificates, problems
* Password-based key derivation
  / Dictionary attacks

* Exit slips
  / 1 thing you learned
  / 1 thing you didn't understand

recap