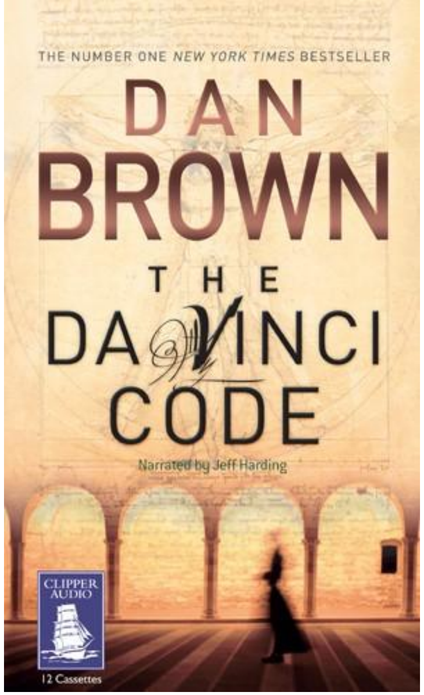
Cryptography and The Da Vinci Code



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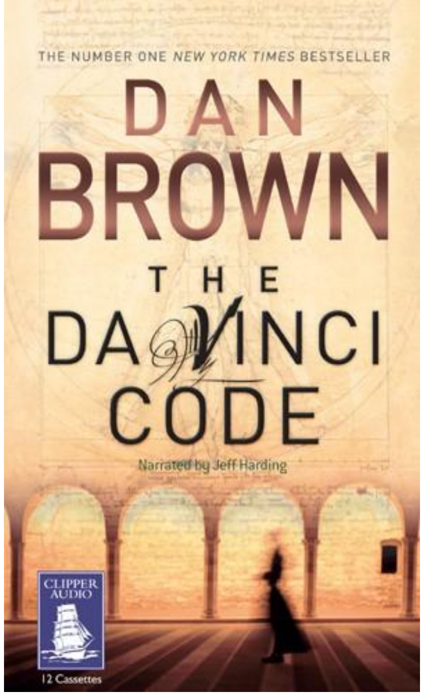
(OR… what Sophie Neveu did NOT seem to learn when she studied at Royal Holloway)



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What is cryptography ?

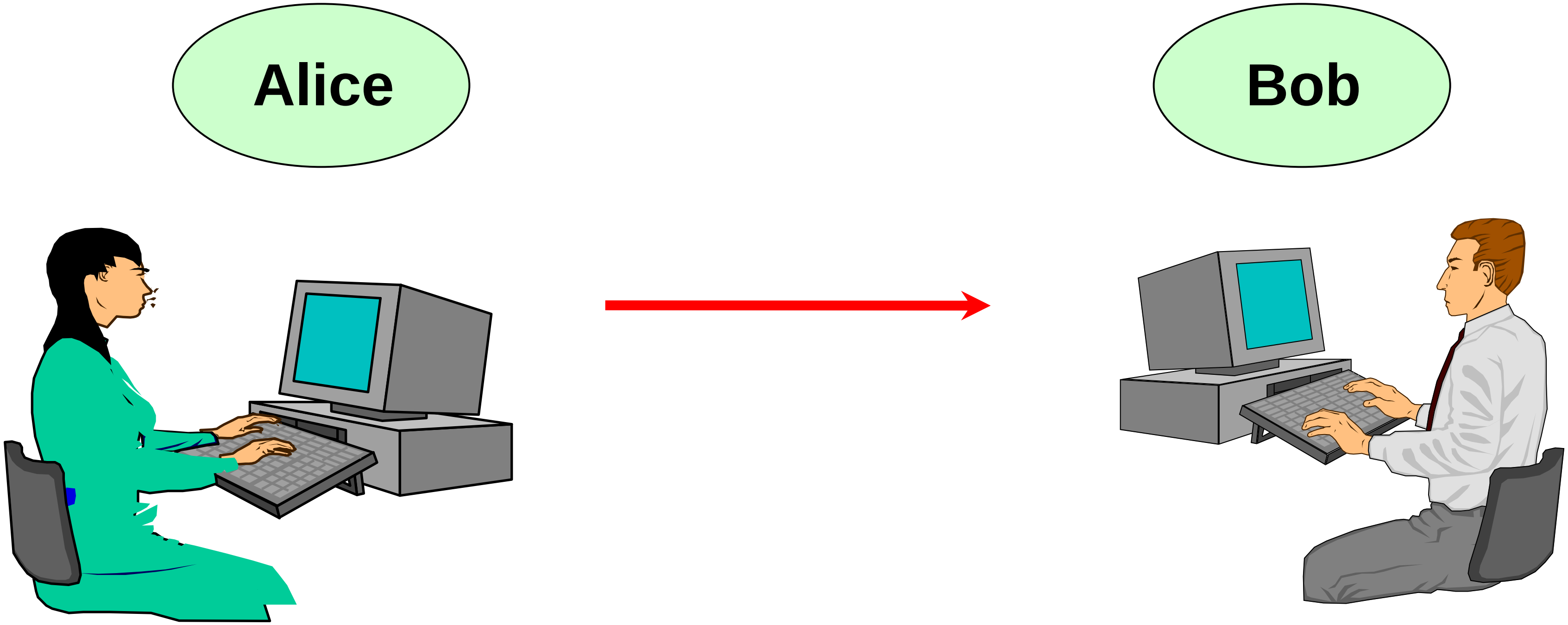
Have you used cryptography:

on a daily basis?

on a weekly basis?

occasionally?

A simple scenario



Alice

Bob

Risks to information

- Passive attacks
  - unauthorised access to information
- Active attacks
  - Unauthorised alteration
  - Unauthorised deletion
  - Unauthorised transmission
  - Falsification of origin of information
  - Unauthorised prevention of access to information

Cryptography: the toolkit

Cryptography provides a mathematical toolkit of techniques that can be called upon in order to implement the security services required for any application.

Cryptographic **primitives**

Identification schemes

Block ciphers

Digital signatures

Stream ciphers

Message authentication codes

Bit commitment

Hash functions

One-way functions

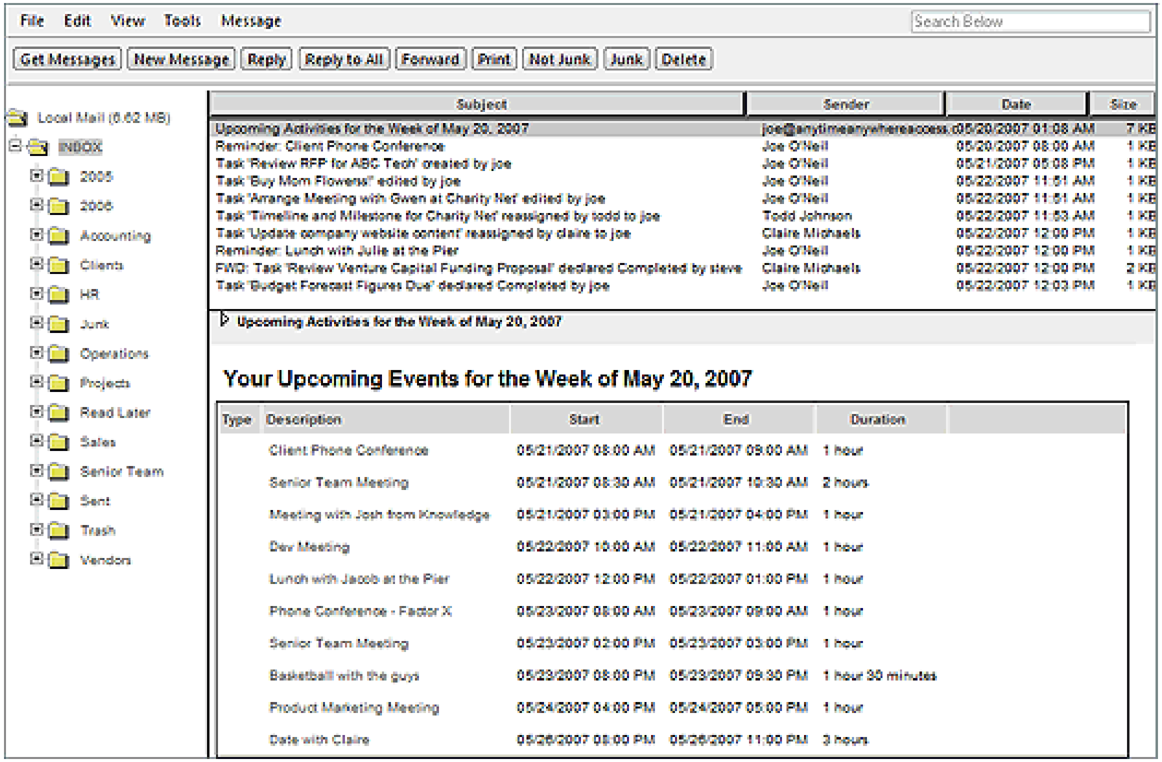
Secret sharing schemes

Zero-knowledge protocols

The need for confidentiality

Sending a letter to a friend

Sending an email to a friend



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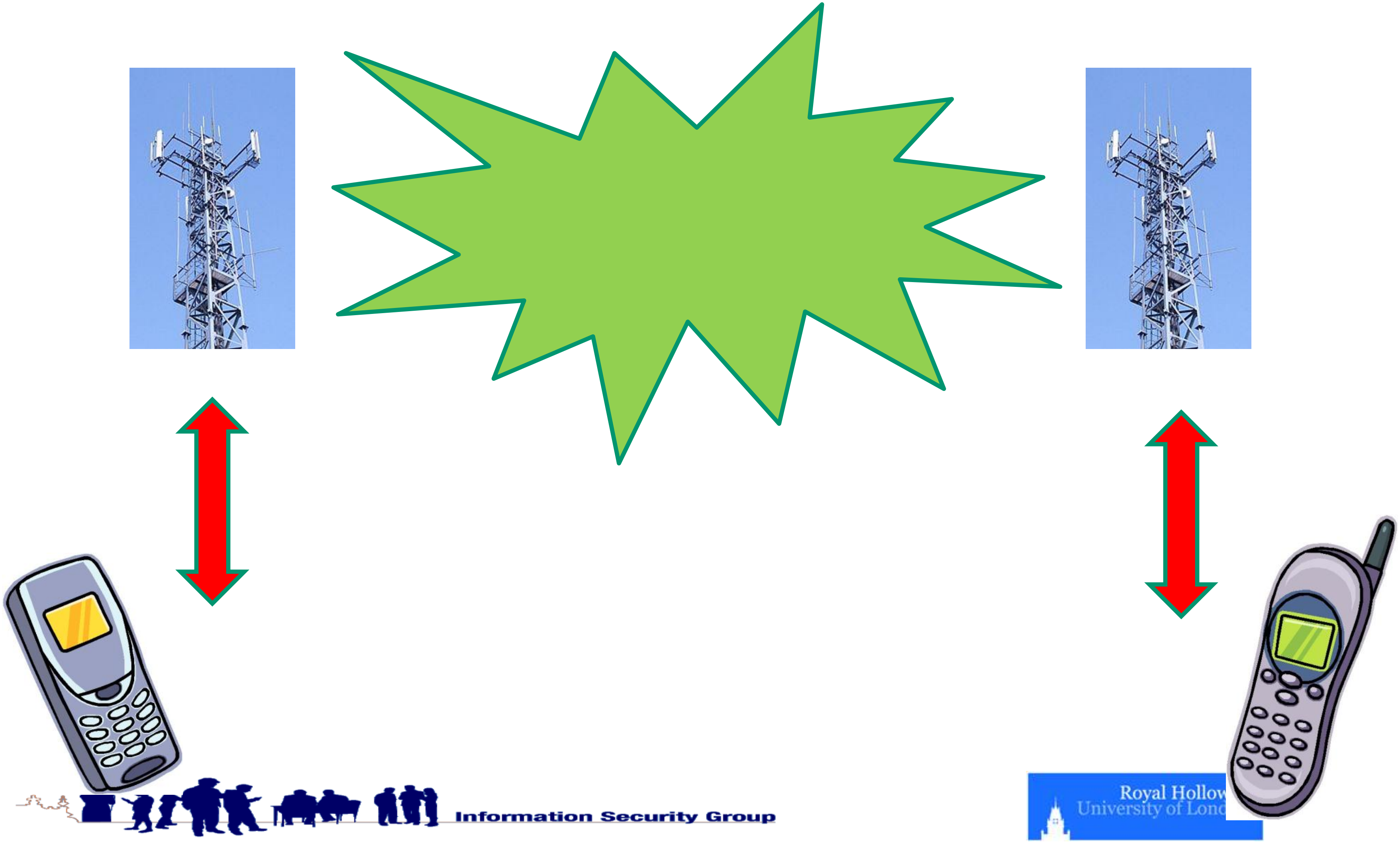
Calling a friend on a mobile



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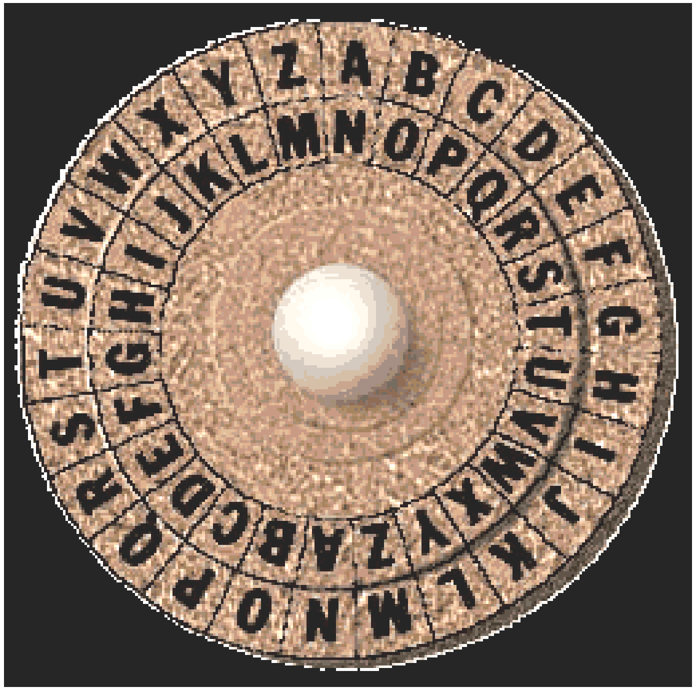
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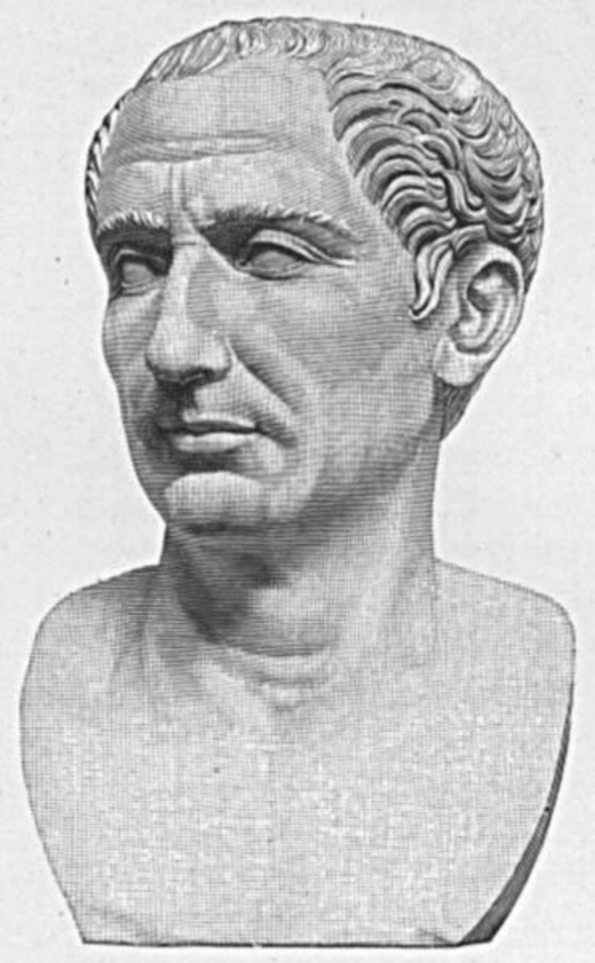

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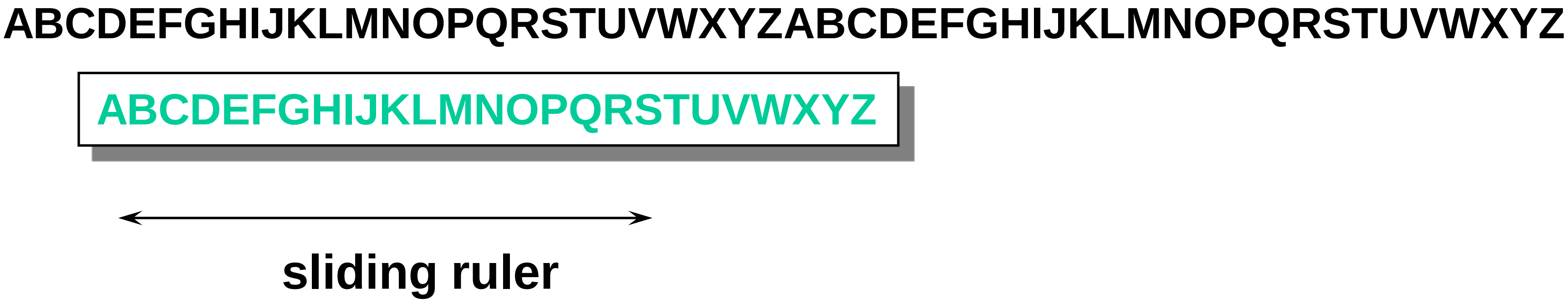

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sliding ruler

Caesar Cipher Example

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	…	X	Y	Z

Caesar Cipher Example

Key shift C

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	…	X	Y	Z
C													

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Caesar Cipher Challenges

What creature hops about and explodes near a naked flame?

MX MW E KEWLSTTIV (key shift E)

Which creature says “baa” and fights at sea?

ZNOY OY G HGZZRKYNKKV (key shift G)

Which animal runs very fast and keeps you warm?

AL AK S OAFVUZWWLSZ (key shift S)

Simple Substitution Cipher

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
D	I	Q	M	T	B	Z	S	Y	K	V	O	F
n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
E	R	J	A	U	W	P	X	H	L	C	N	G

Keyspace of the Substitution Cipher

The key space of the Simple Substitution Cipher is approximately 4 x 10^{26}, that is:

400 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000

Just how big is that?

There are an estimated 10 sextillion (that's 10^{22}) stars in our universe. That means that the Simple Substitution Cipher has about 40 000 **times** the number of keys than there are stars in our universe.

The key space of DES is somewhere between 10^{16} and 10^{17}. That's a much smaller number – it's only about 100 000 times the number of stars in our galaxy!

Substitution Cipher Examples

Decrypt the following ciphertexts

1 **B TO T OTA**

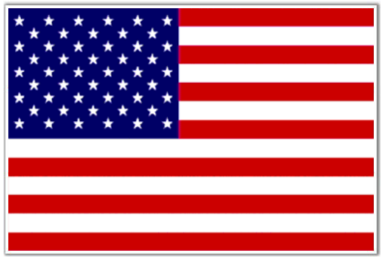
2 **XAV**

3 **VBDDQD**

4 **VBDDQD** **(given that the plaintext is the name of a country)**

5 **ABXAZ O OAZ TCYE TE F CEOE UCZXT**

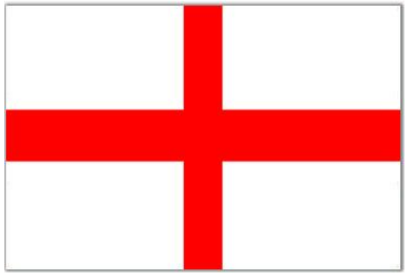
World Cup 2010 Special Examples



TBZ

GYZICEBCG

HPSNRPV



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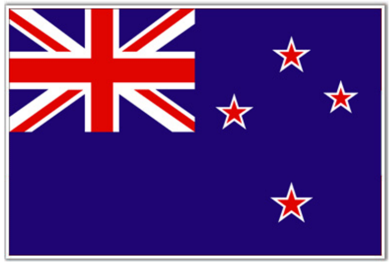

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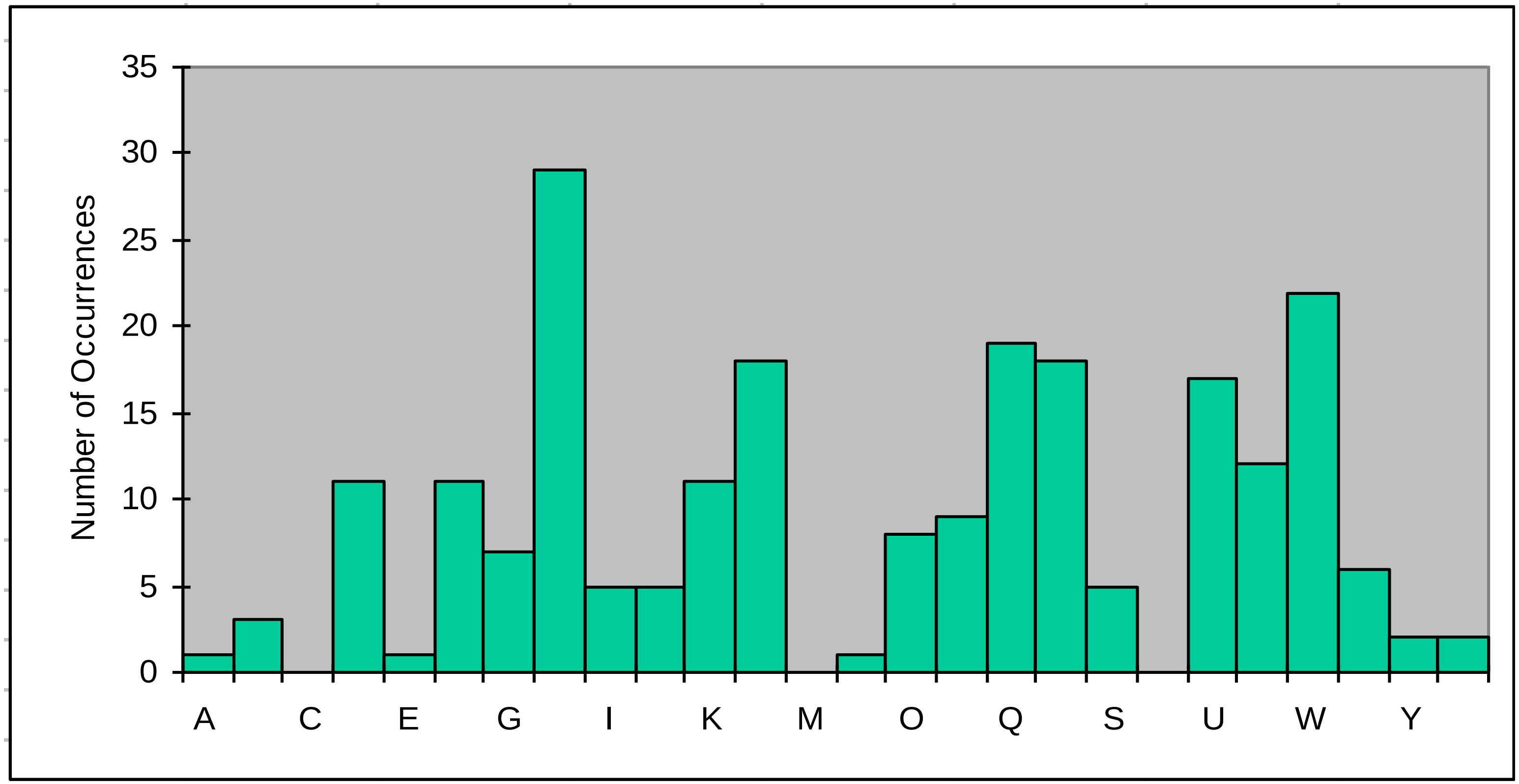
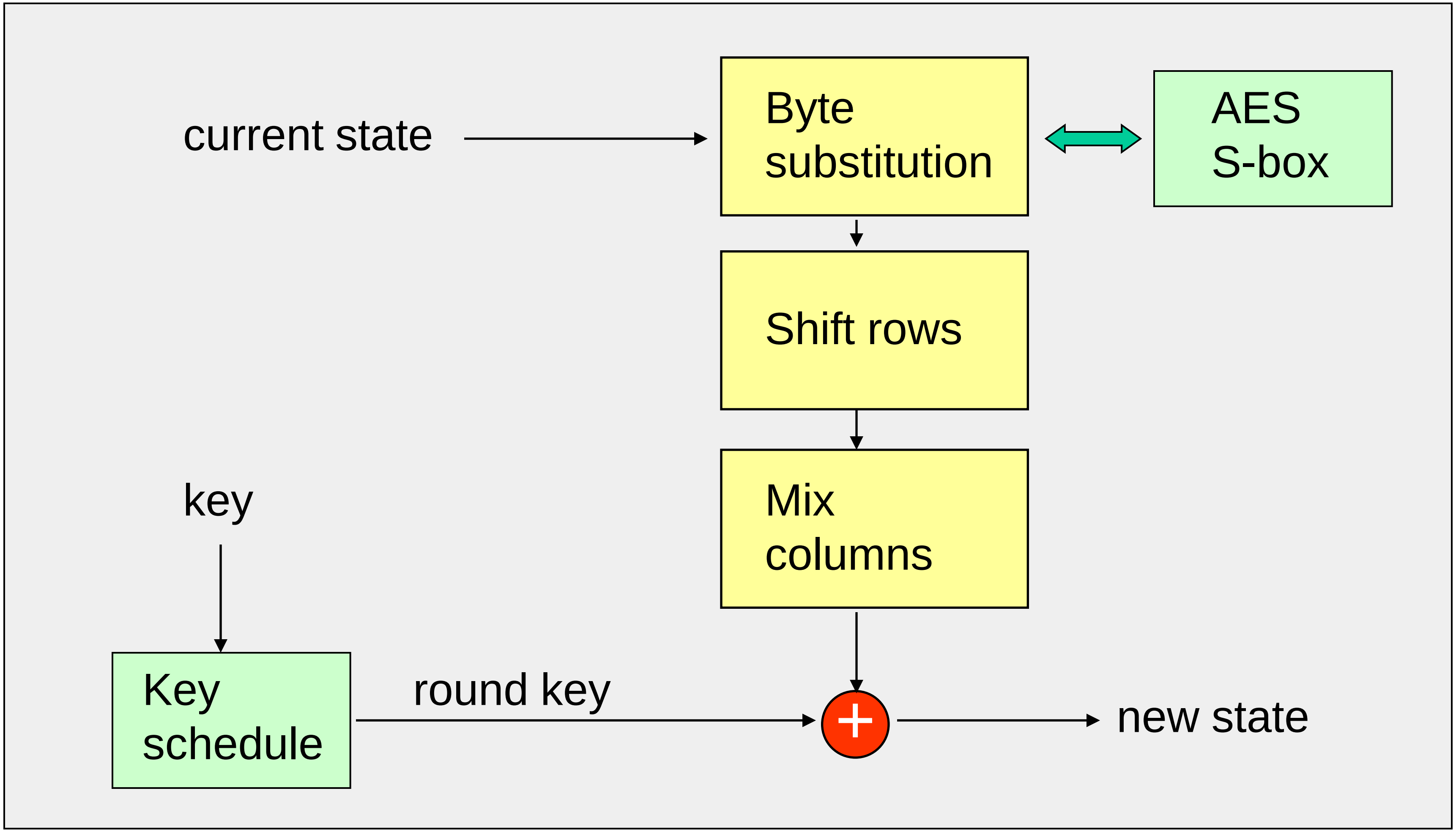
Substitution Cipher Histogram

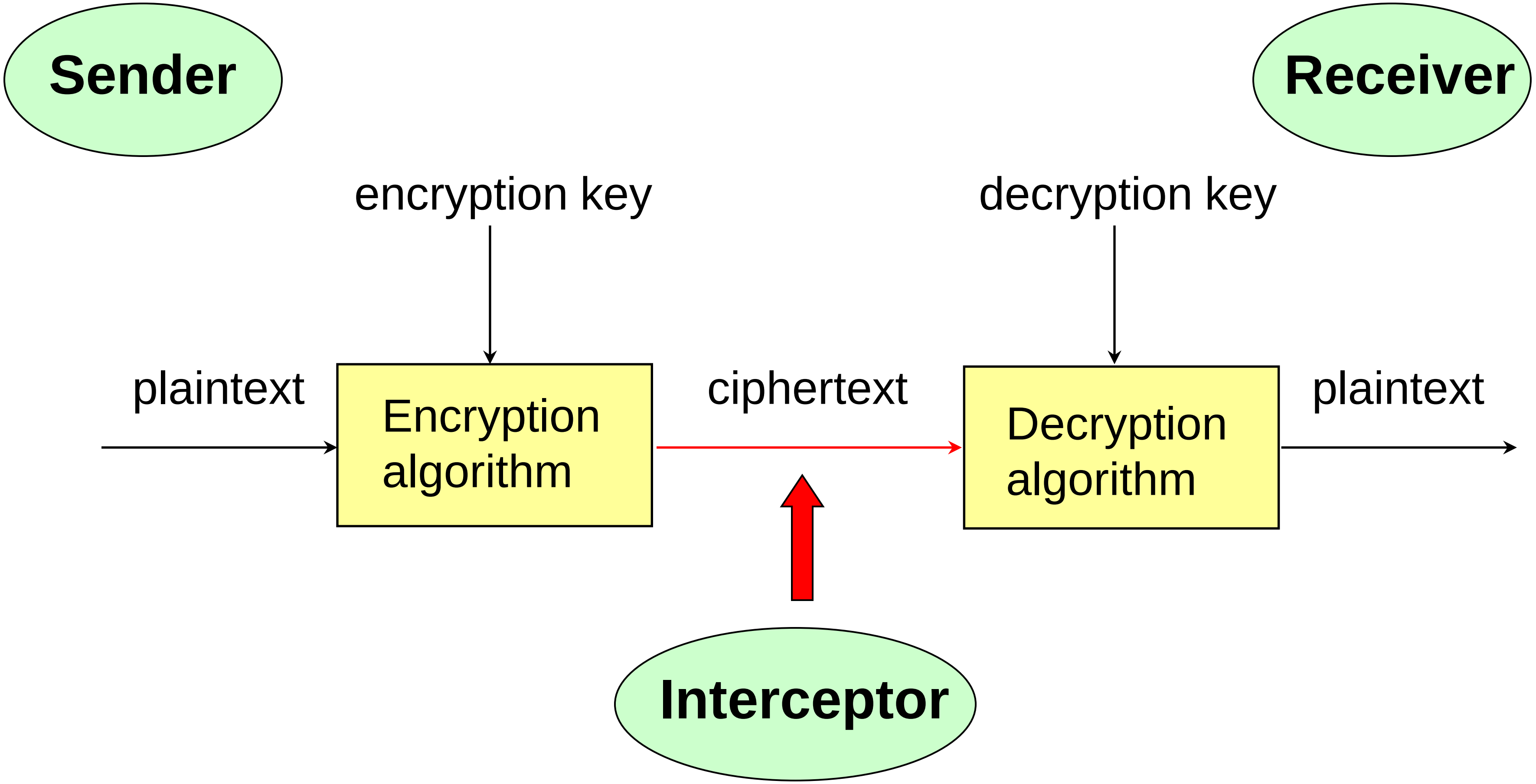


A histogram showing the relative frequencies of the letters in a cryptogram that was obtained by using a simple substitution cipher.

Advanced Encryption Standard



A cryptosystem



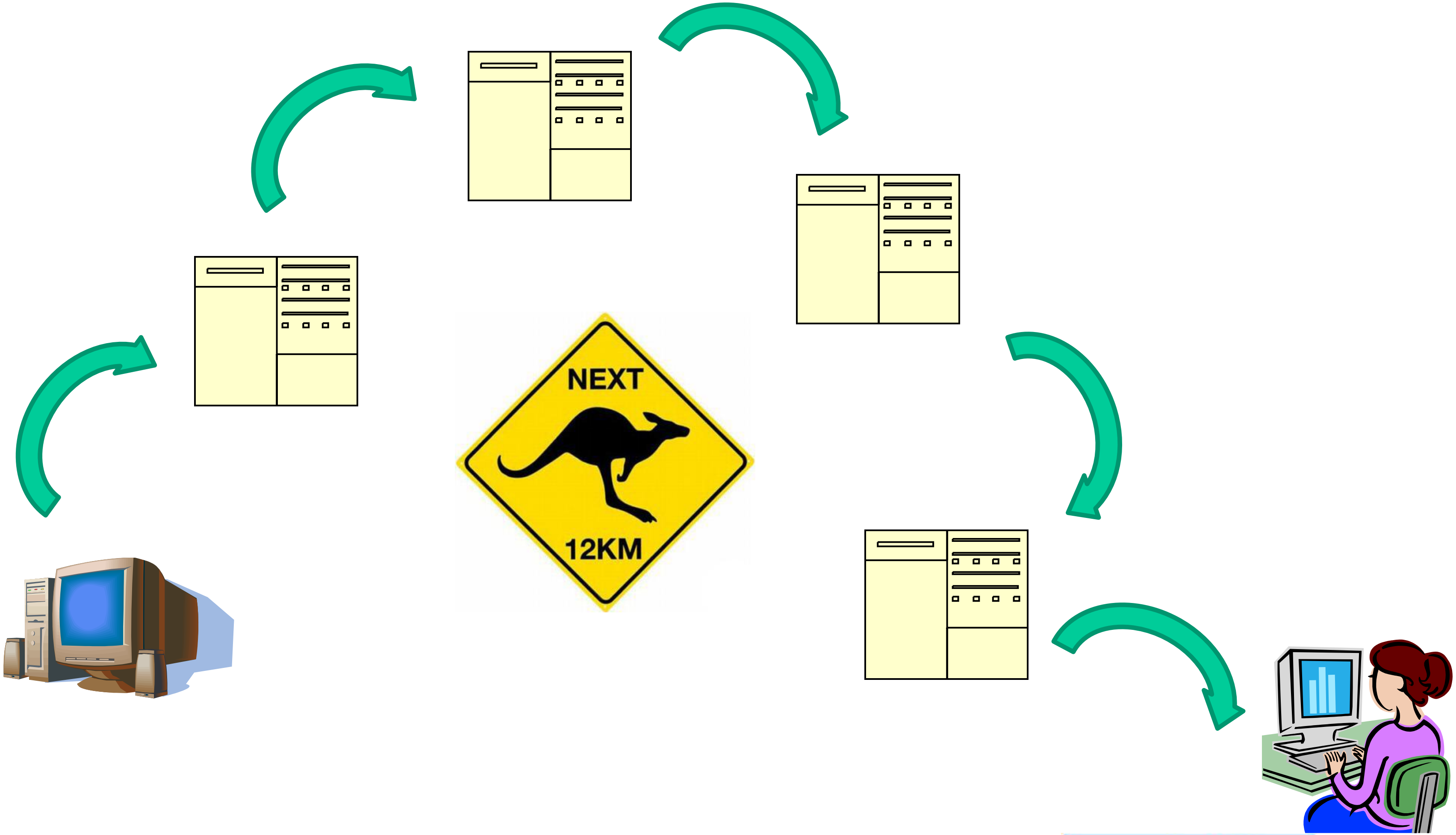
The need for data integrity

Two things that can go wrong...

Accidental errors

Deliberate errors

How the Internet works (part 1)



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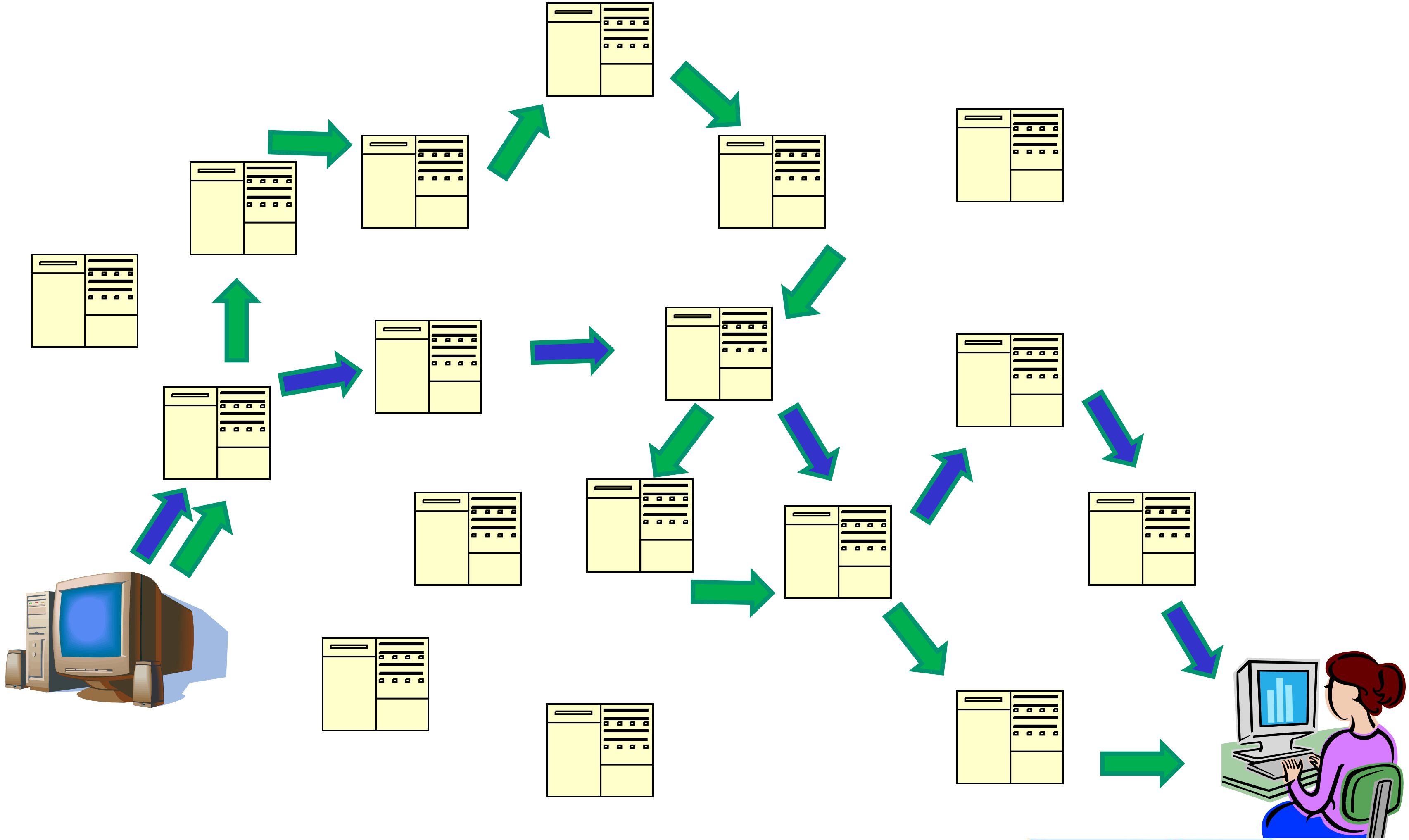

International Morse Code

- 1 dash = 3 dots.
- The space between parts of the same letter = 1 dot.
- The space between letters = 3 dots.
- The space between words = 7 dots.

A	● ▬
B	▬ ● ● ●
C	▬ ● ▬ ●
D	▬ ● ●
E	●
F	● ● ▬ ●
G	▬ ▬ ●
H	● ● ● ●
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J	● ▬ ▬ ▬
K	▬ ● ▬
L	● ▬ ● ●
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N	▬ ●
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8	▬ ▬ ▬ ● ●
9	▬ ▬ ▬ ▬ ●
0	▬ ▬ ▬ ▬ ▬

Morse Code Example

0010	01	1000	00	111

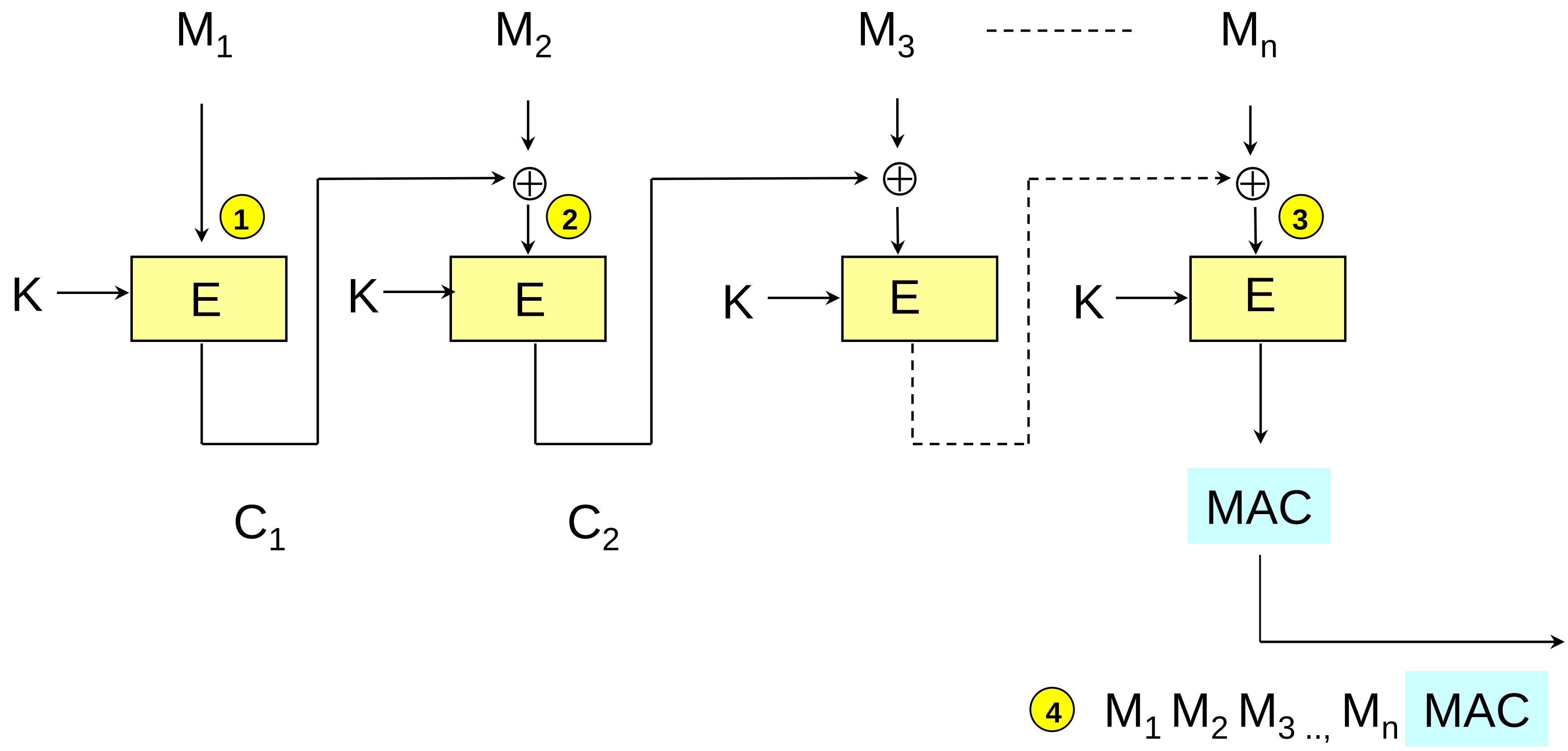
The ISBN number

$$x_{10} \equiv 11 - (10x_1 + 9x_2 + 8x_3 + 7x_4 + 6x_5 + 5x_6 + 4x_7 + 3x_8 + 2x_9) \bmod 11$$

Deliberate errors

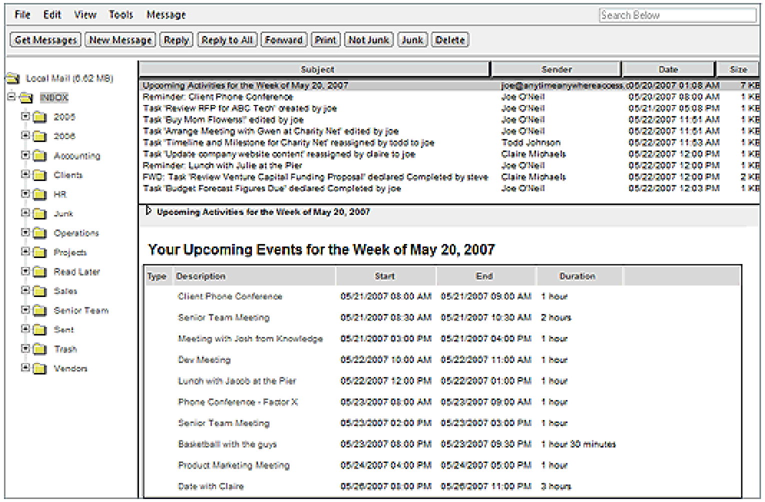
CBC-MAC

(Padded) message divided into blocks



The need for authentication

A problem with email



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Can you be sure that an email from a friend is really from your friend?

A need for authentication!

Types of entity authentication

The most common methods use (a combination of):

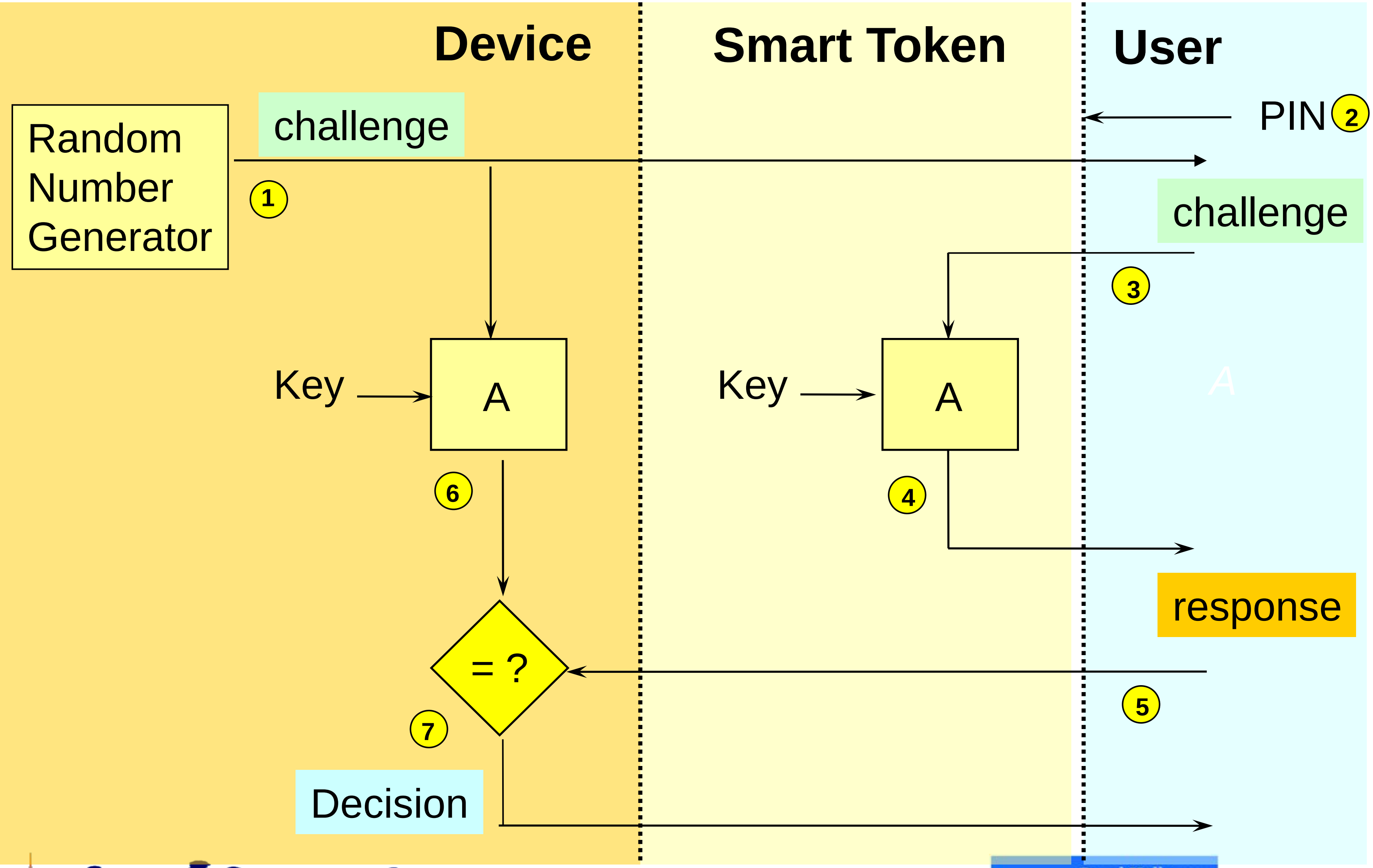
- **something that you have**
- **something that you are**
- **something that you know**

Passwords

Choose a password....

PASSWORD1
ABCDEFG
WILLIAMKATE
STATION778
MARSBAR
CV8G9Pa2**

One-time password mechanisms



Real world applications need

Confidentiality

Data Integrity

Authentication

...to varying degrees

So…
what did
Sophie Neveu learn
at Royal Holloway ?

Atbash Cipher

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
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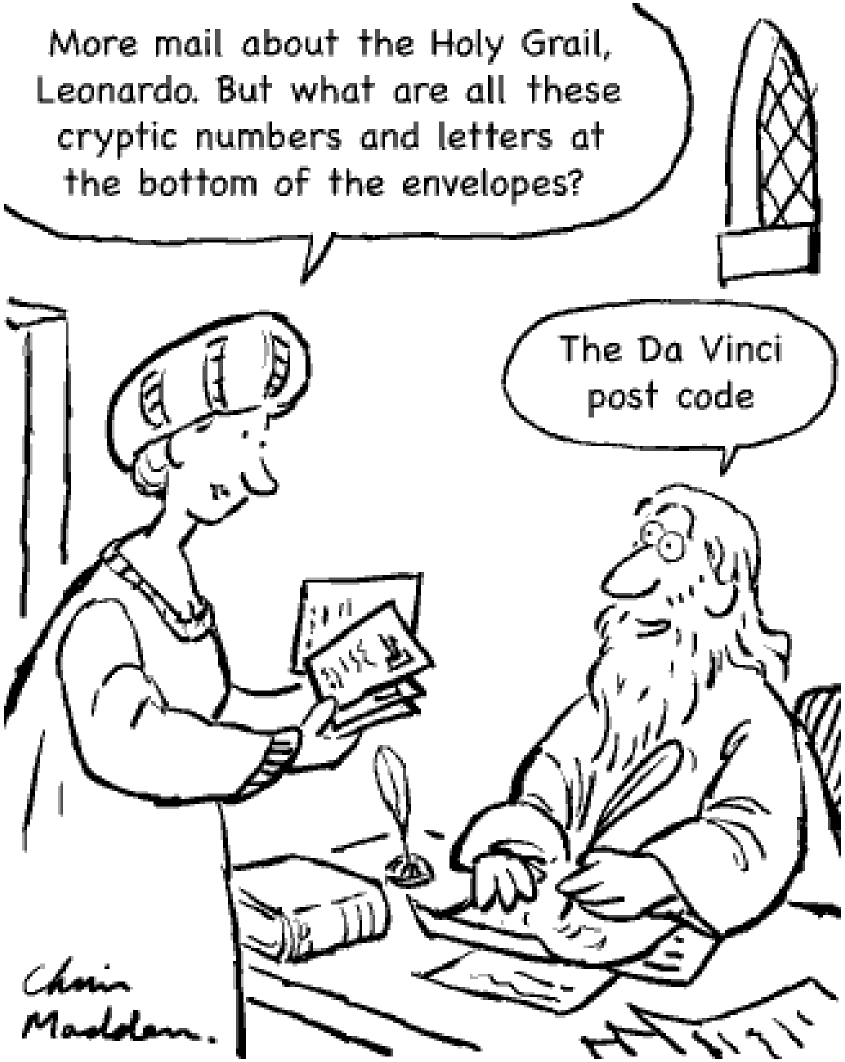
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