

How not to generate random numbers

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And the final mistake: They were using HTTP instead of HTTPS to make the webservice call to random.org. On Jan 4, random.org started enforcing HTTPS and returning a 301 Permanently Moved error for HTTP - see <https://www.random.org/news/>. So since that date, the entropy has actually been the error message (turned into bytes) instead of the expected 256-bit number. Using that seed, SecureRandom will generate the private key for address 1Bn9ReEocMG1WEW1qYjuDrdFzEFFDCq43F 100% of the time. Ouch. This is around the time that address first appears, so the timeline matches.

Motivating question:

What does cryptography look like on a broad scale?

Methodology:

1. Collect cryptographic data (keys, signatures...)
2. Look for interesting things.

Mining your Ps and Qs: Widespread Weak Keys in Network Devices

Nadia Heninger, Zakir Durumeric, Eric Wustrow, and J. Alex Halderman *Usenix Security 2012* <https://factorable.net>

“Ron was wrong, Whit is right” published as

Public Keys Arjen K. Lenstra, James P. Hughes, Maxime Augier, Joppe W. Bos, Thorsten Kleinjung, and Christophe Wachter *Crypto 2012*

Elliptic Curve Cryptography in Practice Joppe W. Bos, J. Alex Halderman, Nadia Heninger, Jonathan Moore, Michael Naehrig, and Eric Wustrow. *Financial Cryptography 2014*

Factoring RSA keys from certified smart cards: Coppersmith in the wild

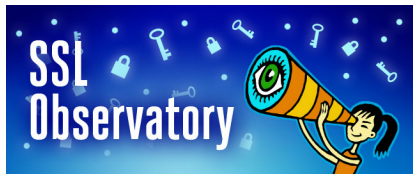
Daniel J. Bernstein, Yun-An Chang, Chen-Mou Cheng, Li-Ping Chou, Nadia Heninger, Tanja Lange, and Nicko van Someren, *Asiacrypt 2013*.

Data Collection

Collecting HTTPS data

(Heninger, Durumeric, Wustrow, Halderman 2012)

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Methodology:

- Scan entire IPv4 space on port 443.
- Download HTTPS certificates from live hosts.

Open port	Handshake	RSA	DSA	ECDSA	GOST
28,900,000	12,800,000	5,600,000	6,000	8	200

Scanning tools available at zmap.io, data at scans.io.

SSH

(Heninger, Durumeric, Wustrow, Halderman 2012)

(Bos, Halderman, Heninger, Moore, Naehrig, Wustrow 2013)

Methodology:

- Scan entire IPv4 space on port 22.
- Download host public keys, signatures, Diffie-Hellman key exchange.

Open port	Handshake	RSA	DSA	ECDSA	GOST
23,000,000	12,000,000	10,900,000	9,900,000	1,200,000	114

PGP

(Lenstra, Hughes, Augier, Bos, Kleinjung, Wachter 2012)

PGP keys are used to

- sign and encrypt email messages.

HOW TO USE PGP TO VERIFY
THAT AN EMAIL IS AUTHENTIC:

LOOK FOR THIS
TEXT AT THE TOP:



IF IT'S THERE, THE EMAIL IS PROBABLY FINE.

XKCD

Methodology:

- Download PGP key repository dump containing public keys, signatures.

RSA keys	DSA keys	ElGamal keys
700,000	2,100,000	2,100,000

Bitcoin

(Bos, Halderman, Heninger, Moore, Naehrig, Wustrow 2013)

Bitcoin uses ECDSA.

Addresses are public keys, transactions contain signatures.



Block chain is transferred to bitcoin clients.
Can also be downloaded in bulk.

August 2013:

<u>keys</u>	<u>transactions</u>
15,291,112	22,159,078

Taiwan Citizen Digital Certificate Smartcards

(Bernstein, Chang, Cheng, Chou, Heninger, Lange, van Someren 2013)

Taiwan's smart card IDs allow citizens to

- file income taxes,
- update car registrations,
- transact with government agencies,
- interact with companies (e.g. Chunghwa Telecom) online.



March 2012: Collected 3,002,000 certificates (all using RSA keys) from national LDAP directory.

2.3 million distinct 1024-bit RSA moduli, 700,000 2048-bit.

Cryptography relies on good randomness.

If you use bad randomness, an attacker might be able to guess your private key.

End of story?

Are repeated public exponents a problem?

RSA Public Keys

$N = pq$ modulus

e encryption
exponent

TLS e values

65537	5,689,766
17	39,637
3	19,629
35	6,272
5	418
7	201
47	94
11	80
59	77
65535	44
37	13
44611	13
13	8
65543	7
2147483647	7
65539	6
257	5
10	3

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Private Key

p, q primes

d decryption exponent
($d = e^{-1} \bmod (p-1)(q-1)$)

- Two hosts share N : \rightarrow both know private key of the other. Factorization is unique.

Hosts share the same public and private keys, and can decrypt and sign for each other.

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Many valid (and common) reasons to share keys:

- Shared hosting situations. Virtual hosting.
- A single organization registers many domain names with the same key.
- Expired certificates that are renewed with the same key.

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HTTPS:

default certificates/keys:

670,000 hosts (5%)

low-entropy repeated keys:

40,000 hosts (0.3%)

SSH:

default or low-entropy keys:

1,000,000 hosts (10%)

Subjects of most repeated TLS Certificates

C=TW, ST=HsinChu, L=HuKou, O=DrayTek Corp., OU=DrayTek Support, CN=Vigor Rou
C=UA, ST=California, L=Irvine, O=Broadcom, OU=Broadband, CN=Daniel/emailAdre
C=US, ST=AL, L=Huntsville, O=ADTRAN, Inc., CN=NetVanta/emailAddress=tech.sup
C=CA, ST=Quebec, L=Gatineau, O=Axentraserver Default Certificate 863B4AB, CN
C=US, ST=California, L=Santa Clara, O=NETGEAR Inc., OU=Netgear Prosafe, CN=N
C=--, ST=SomeState, L=SomeCity, O=SomeOrganization, OU=SomeOrganizationalUni
C=US, ST=Texas, L=Round Rock, O=Dell Inc., OU=Remote Access Group, CN=iDRAC6
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C=IN, ST=WA, L=WA, O=lxlabs, OU=web, CN=*.lxlabs.com/emailAddress=sslsign@lx
C=TW, ST=none, L=Taipei, O=NetKlass Techonology Inc, OU=NetKlass, CN=localhos
C=--, ST=SomeState, L=SomeCity, O=SomeOrganization, OU=SomeOrganizationalUni
C=US, CN=ORname_Jungo: OpenRG Products Group
C=--, ST=SomeState, L=SomeCity, O=SomeOrganization, OU=SomeOrganizationalUni
C=LT, L=Kaunas, O=Ubiquiti Networks Inc., OU=devint, CN=ubnt/emailAddress=su
C=PL, ST=Some-State, O=Mini Webservice Ltd
C=US, ST=Texas, L=Round Rock, O=Dell Inc., OU=Remote Access Group, CN=DRAC5
C=AU, ST=Some-State, O=Internet Widgits Pty Ltd, CN=TS Series NAS
C=DE, ST=NRW, L=Wuerselen, O=LANCOM Systems, OU=Engineering, CN=www.lancom s

x509 Subject Alt Name of Repeated Trusted TLS Certificates

DNS:*.opentransfer.com, DNS:opentransfer.com

DNS:*.home.pl, DNS:home.pl

DNS:a248.e.akamai.net, DNS:*.akamaihd.net, DNS:*.akamaihd-staging.net

DNS:*.c11.hesecure.com, DNS:c11.hesecure.com

DNS:*.pair.com, DNS:pair.com

DNS:*.c12.hesecure.com, DNS:c12.hesecure.com

DNS:*.c10.hostexcellence.com, DNS:c10.hostexcellence.com

DNS:*.securesitehosting.net, DNS:securesitehosting.net

DNS:*.ssllcert19.com, DNS:ssllcert19.com

DNS:*.c11.ixsecure.com, DNS:c11.ixsecure.com

DNS:*.c9.hostexcellence.com, DNS:c9.hostexcellence.com

DNS:*.naviservers.net, DNS:naviservers.net

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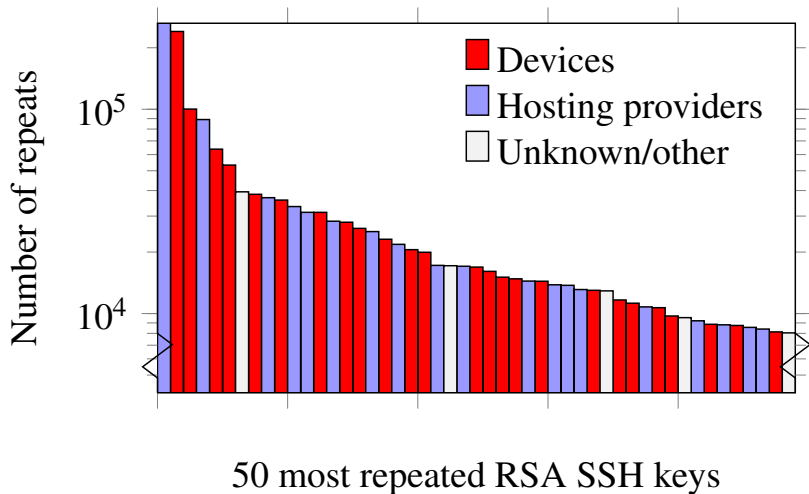
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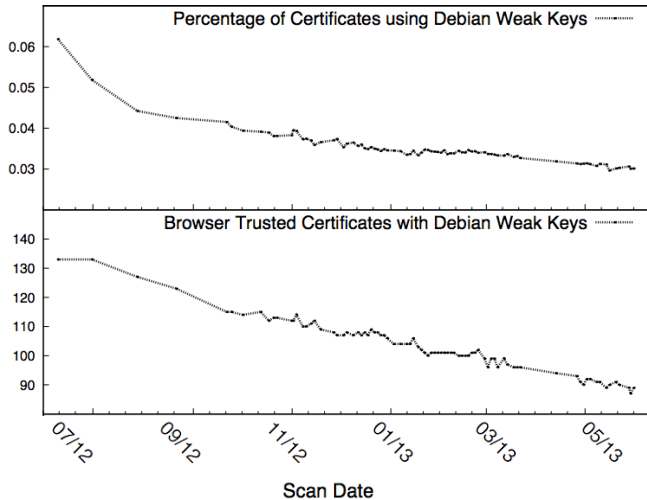
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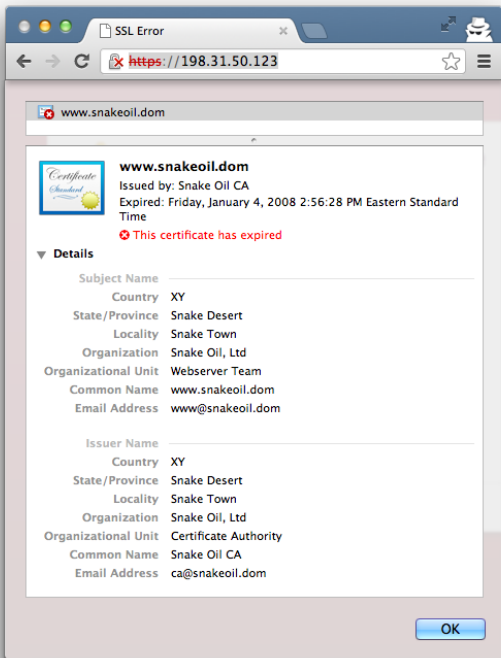
Classifying repeated SSH host keys



Debian OpenSSL Weak Keys

31,111 (0.34%) of RSA SSH hosts





Test Page for the SSL/TLS-aware

← → ↻ <https://198.31.50.123> ☆ ☰


Hey, it worked ! The SSL/TLS-aware Apache webserver was successfully installed on this website.

If you can see this page, then the people who own this website have just installed the [Apache Web server](#) software and the [Apache Interface to OpenSSL \(mod_ssl\)](#) successfully. They now have to add content to this directory and replace this placeholder page, or else point the server at their real content.

ATTENTION!
If you are seeing this page instead of the site you expected, please **contact the administrator of the site involved**. (Try sending mail to <webmaster@domain>.) Although this site is running the Apache software it almost certainly has no other connection to the Apache Group, so please do not send mail about this site or its contents to the Apache authors. If you do, your message will be ignored.

The Apache online [documentation](#) has been included with this distribution.
Especially also read the [mod_ssl User Manual](#) carefully.

You are allowed to use the images below on your SSL-aware Apache Web server.
Thanks for using Apache, mod_ssl and OpenSSL!



The image shows three logos arranged horizontally. From left to right: 1. The Apache logo, featuring a colorful rainbow-like shape above the word 'APACHE' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with 'SERVER SOFTWARE' written in smaller letters below. 2. The mod_ssl logo, with 'mod_ssl' in a stylized font inside a dark box, and 'INTERFACE' written below. 3. The OpenSSL logo, with 'OpenSSL' in a large, serif font, and 'CRYPTOGRAPHY SOFTWARE' written below.

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$$\gcd(N_1, N_2) = p$$

You can factor both keys with GCD algorithm.

Time to factor

768-bit RSA modulus:

2.5 calendar years

[Kleinjung et al. 2010]

Time to calculate GCD

for 1024-bit RSA moduli:

$15\mu\text{s}$

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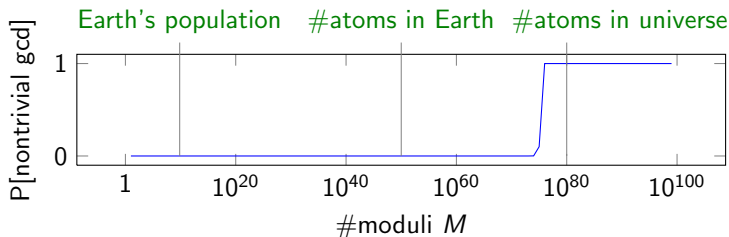
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Prime Number Theorem:

$\sim 10^{150}$ 512-bit primes

Birthday bound:

$\Pr[\text{nontrivial gcd}] \approx 1 - e^{-2M^2/P}$



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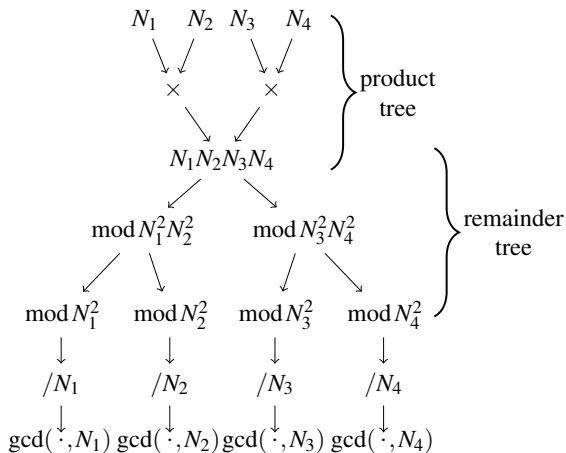
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Efficiently computing pairwise GCDs

An efficient algorithm due to [Bernstein 2004].



$O(mn \text{ polylog}(mn))$ time for m n -bit integers, a few hours for datasets. Implementation available at <https://factorable.net>.

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Compute private keys for

- 64,081 HTTPS servers (0.50%).
- 2,459 SSH servers (0.03%).
- 2 PGP users (and a few hundred invalid keys).

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Subject information for certificates:

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CN=self-signed, CN=system generated, CN=0162072008005267
C=US, O=2Wire, OU=Gateway Device/serialNumber=360617088769, CN=Gateway Authentication
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Attributing SSL and SSH vulnerabilities to implementations

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Clue #1: Vast majority of weak keys generated by network devices:



- Juniper network security devices
- Cisco routers
- IBM server management cards
- Intel server management cards
- Innominate industrial-grade firewalls
- ...

Identified devices from > 50 manufacturers

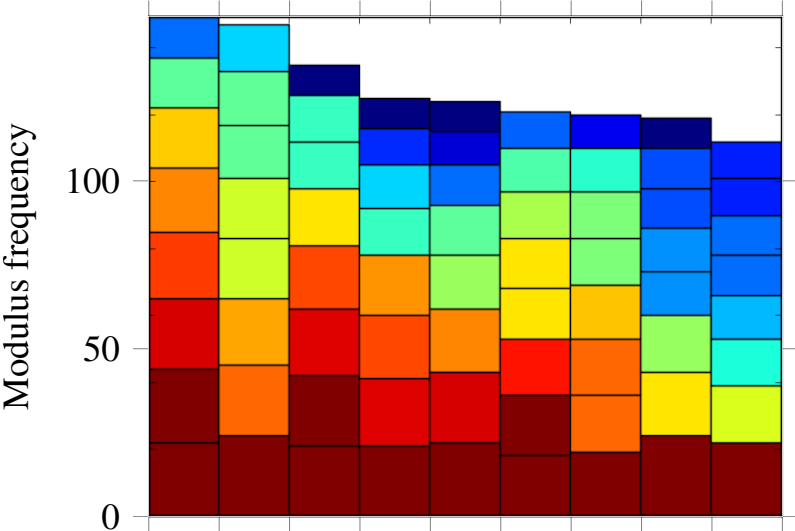
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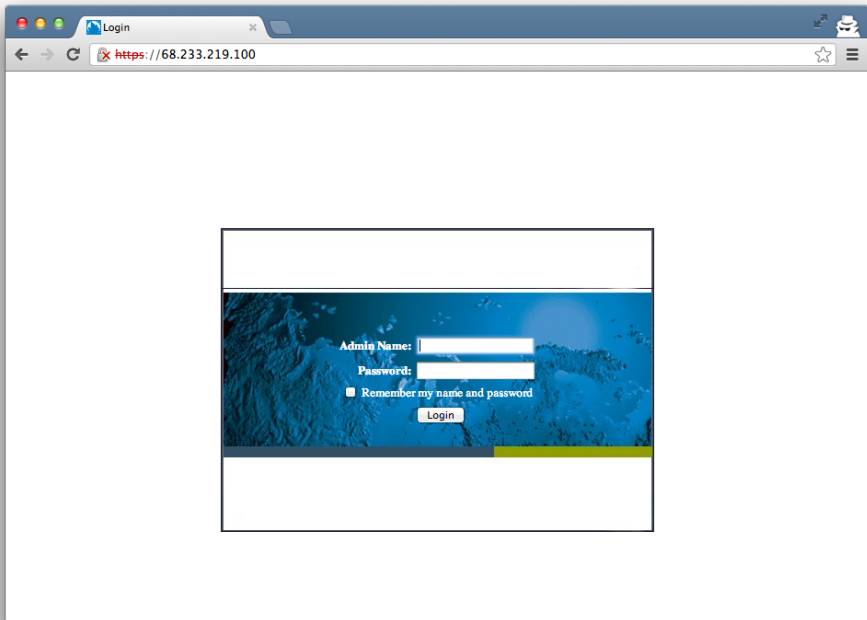
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Clue #2: Very different behavior for different devices.
Different companies, implementations, underlying software, distributions of prime factors.

Distribution of prime factors

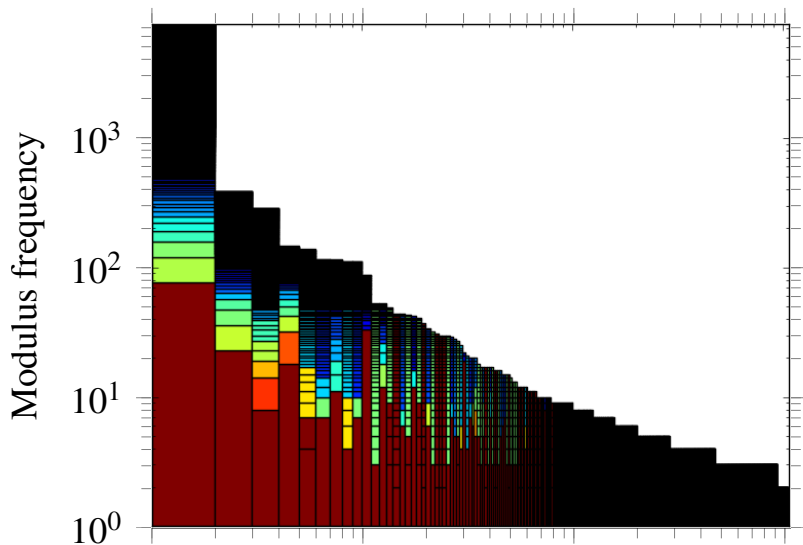
IBM Remote Supervisor Adapter II and Bladecenter Management Module





Distribution of prime factors

Juniper SRX branch devices



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crypto keys



application pseudorandom number generator

time



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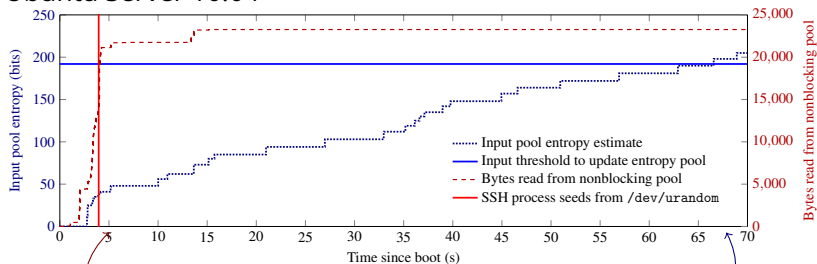
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- OS random number generator may not have incorporated any entropy when queried by software.
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Linux boot-time entropy hole

Experiment: Instrument Linux kernel to track entropy estimates.

Ubuntu Server 10.04



SSH process starts

entropy pool updated

Patched since July 2012.

Generating vulnerable RSA keys in software

- Insufficiently random seeds for pseudorandom number generator \implies we should see repeated keys.

```
prng.seed()  
p = prng.random_prime()  
q = prng.random_prime()  
N = p*q
```

- We do:
 - $> 60\%$ of hosts share keys
 - At least 0.3% due to bad randomness.
- Repeated keys may be a sign that implementation is vulnerable to a targeted attack.

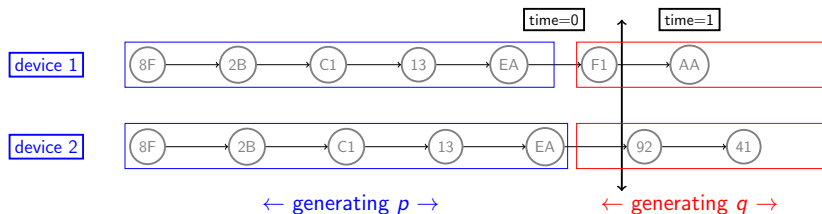
But why do we see factorable keys?

Generating factorable RSA keys in software

```
prng.seed()  
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prng.add_randomness()  
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OpenSSL adds time in seconds

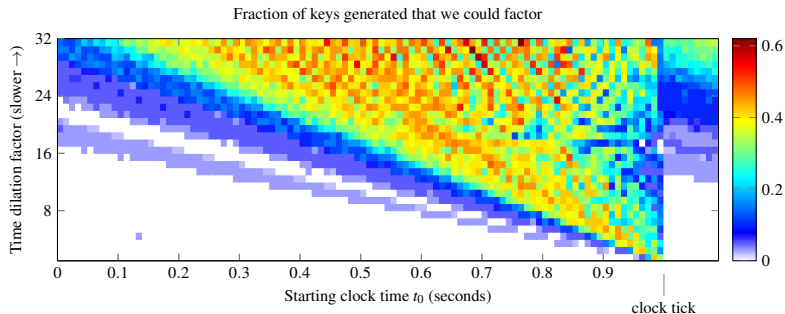
Insufficient randomness can lead to factorable keys.



Experimentally verified OpenSSL generates factorable keys in this situation.

Experimentally generating factorable keys in OpenSSL

Experiment: Generate keys in OpenSSL with time as only entropy source.



time as entropy source + asynchronous clocks \rightarrow factorable keys

Unexplained oddities

Here are some other prime factors of HTTPS keys we found:

c3a64ae7fc4d4d9f75cd2a49ec2d9f7...

c3a64ae7fc4d4d9f75cd2e5f2fc56c9...

c3a64ae7fc4d4d9f75cdee869c62229...

ee93536e58a60b0f56bf95faedc7ca42a9c9809a0aae2...

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PGP

Most likely a bad third-party plugin.

Textbook Diffie-Hellman

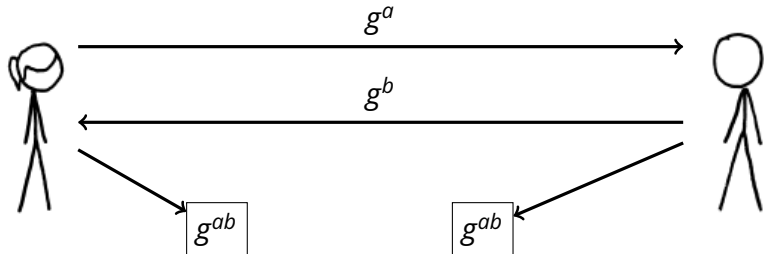
[Diffie Hellman 1976]

Public Parameters

G a group (e.g. \mathbb{F}_p , or an elliptic curve)

g group generator

Key Exchange



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Possible explanation: OpenSSL using ephemeral-static ECDH. (Keys ephemeral per application instance and not per handshake.)

121,000 values presented by > 1 IP address, most common on 2,000 hosts.

Mostly shared hosting. One Netasq device always presents same key for ECDHE.

The DSA Algorithm

DSA Public Key

p prime

q prime, divides $(p - 1)$

g generator of subgroup of order $q \bmod p$

$$y = g^x \bmod p$$

Private Key

x private key

Verify

$$u_1 = H(m)s^{-1} \bmod q$$

$$u_2 = rs^{-1} \bmod q$$

$$r \stackrel{?}{=} g^{u_1}y^{u_2} \bmod p \bmod q$$

Sign

Generate random k .

$$r = g^k \bmod p \bmod q$$

$$s = k^{-1}(H(m) + xr) \bmod q$$

ECDSA

ECDSA Public Key

G generator $\in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$

$$Q = dG$$

Private Key

d private key

Sign

Generate random k .

$$(x, y) = kG \quad r = x \bmod n$$

$$s = k^{-1}(H(m) + dr) \bmod n$$

What could go wrong: Repeated keys

DSA public keys

Public key

p prime

q prime, divides $(p - 1)$

g generator of subgroup of order $q \bmod p$

$y = g^x \bmod p$

- Two hosts have same public key \rightarrow both know private key of the other.

What could go wrong: Weak DSA signature nonce

Public Key

p, q, g domain parameters

$$y = g^x \text{ mod } p$$

Private Key

x private key

Signature: (r, s_1)

$$r = g^k \text{ mod } p \text{ mod } q$$

$$s_1 = k^{-1}(H(m_1) + xr) \text{ mod } q$$

- DSA nonce known \rightarrow easily compute private key.

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Public Key

p, q, g domain parameters

$$y = g^x \bmod p$$

Private Key

x private key

Signature: (r, s_1)

$$r = g^k \bmod p \bmod q$$

$$s_1 = k^{-1}(H(m_1) + xr) \bmod q$$

Signature: (r, s_2)

$$r = g^k \bmod p \bmod q$$

$$s_2 = k^{-1}(H(m_2) + xr) \bmod q$$

- DSA nonce known \rightarrow easily compute private key.

$$s_1 - s_2 = k^{-1}(H(m_1) - H(m_2)) \bmod q$$

- DSA nonce reused to sign distinct messages \rightarrow easily compute nonce.

What happens if we look for repeated DSA nonces?

Compute private keys for

- 105,728 (1.03%) of SSH DSA servers.
- 133 Bitcoin addresses.

Generating weak DSA signatures

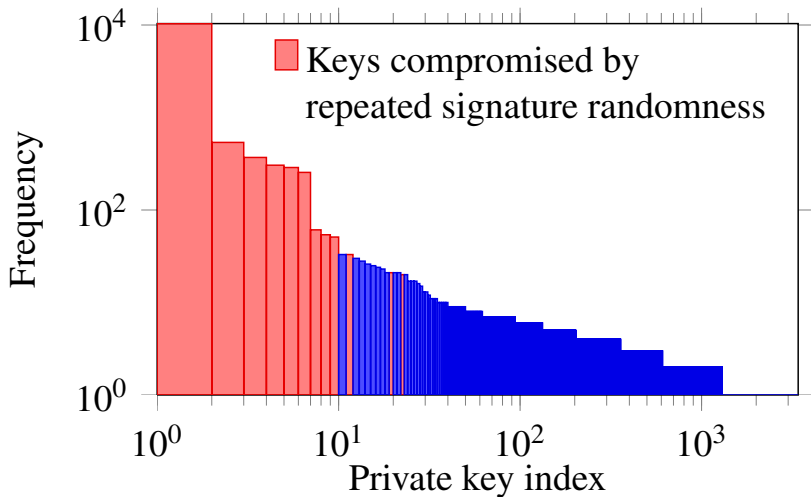
Step 1: Low-entropy DSA key generation

Step 2: Low-entropy seed for PRNG generating signature nonce.

Host 1	Host 2
50	84
58	24
9	13
36	89
84	85
24	68
13	52
89	69
85	47

Step 3: Two sequences in same state → colliding nonces.

Compromised DSA keys from Gigaset DSL routers

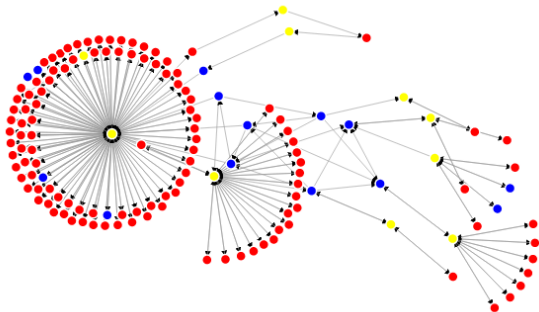


Bitcoin

Several explanations so far:

- Multiple Android RNG vulnerabilities
- Test implementations.
- Developer error in uncommon bitcoin implementations.

Bitcoin address 1HKywxilL4JziqXrzLKhmB6a74ma6kxbSDj has stolen 59 bitcoins from weak addresses so far.



red = vulnerable keys

Disclosure for HTTPS and SSH vulnerabilities

- Wrote disclosures to 61 companies.
- 13 had Security Incident Response Team contact information available.
- Received responses from 28.
- 13 told us they fixed the problem
- 5 informed us of security advisories
- Coordinated through US-CERT, ICS CERT, JP-CERT
- Linux kernel has been patched.

Vendor responses

“When running the testing, would you be able to provide the software on the .. and the firmware on the ... along with model numbers on the”

“Attached is a document on the security the ... uses.” (It was empty.)

“Would you be able to provide the login credentials for the 3 test IP Addresses you provided. I would like to login to the device to gather the software and firmware installed.”

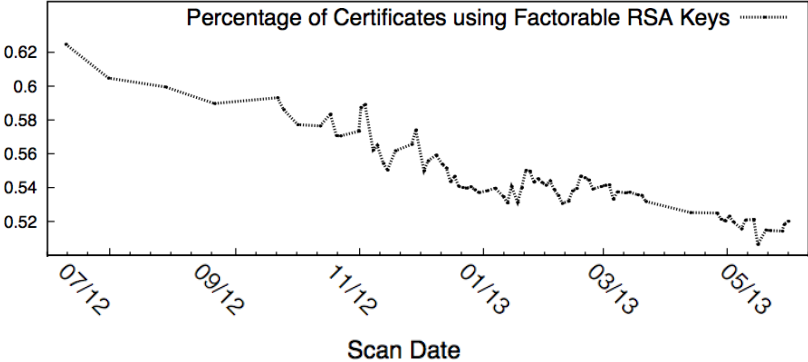
“Hi. What is your billing address, so that I can fwd your email to the appropriate Account Executive.”

“some IT auditor somewhere is handed your paper, alarm bells sound in his or her head, and things start to get unnecessarily emergent, network admins start calling us, CSIRTs start engaging us to figure out what’s going one, etc., etc.”

Disclosure to end-users

- Attempted to contact end-users with signed certificates sharing keys with default certificates.
- Certificates belonged to Fortune 500 companies, insurance providers, law firms, a major public transit authority, and the US Navy.

Factorable TLS keys over time



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