

Internet Infrastructure Security (COMP444)

A2

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1. [6 marks] (CBC without padding) Figure 1 shows a method for CBC-DES encryption and decryption without padding the plaintext to an integral number of blocks. This diagram, though drawn differently with different terms, is the same as ours in the slides. The thick-lined boxes are for DES encryption, while the thin-lined for DES decryption. The key is given by CW , and Whitener1 is the IV. As shown, the plaintext's length is between two blocks and three blocks. We again use m_1 and m_2 to denote the first two plaintext blocks, and m_3 to denote the remaining data.

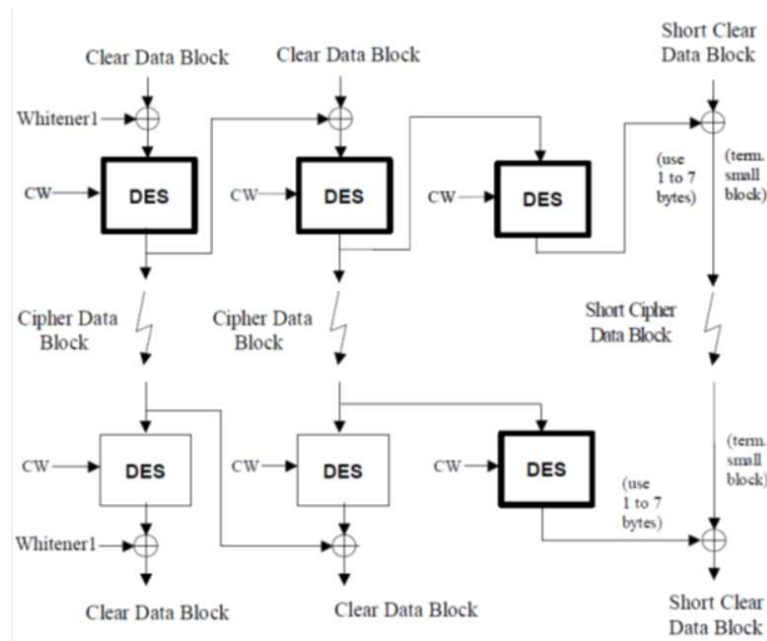


Figure 1: CBC-DES with special processing for the last “block” of data.

- (a) [3 marks] Write down the expression for encrypting m_3 . You could use c_i for the i th ciphertext block, $E()$ for encryption, and $D()$ for decryption.
- (b) [3 marks] Show how m_3 is recovered from the CBC-DES decryption.

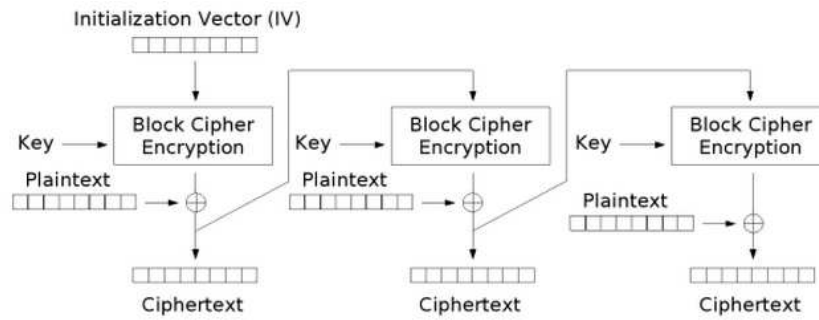


Figure 2: Encryption using a slightly different CBC.

2. [6 marks] (A different CBC) Consider a slightly different CBC encryption in Figure 2.
- (a) [3 marks] Based on Figure 2, write down the encryption and decryption functions using our usual notations m_i and c_i for the i th plaintext block and i th ciphertext block, respectively.
- (b) [3 marks] If bit 3 of c_i is modified, what kind of changes will be made to the plaintext after decryption? (Hint: slide 37 of Introduction to Block Ciphers)