

Tales from the Crypto

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- Stories you can look up in the library?
- Ways you can win crypto contests?



Stories I Can Tell You (over a beer... ©)

- Life or death by crypto
- Military crypto
 - Military use before WWII
 - Military ciphers of WWII
 - American ciphers
 - Japanese ciphers
 - German ciphers
- Commercial crypto
 - Early days of crypto
 - Banking security
 - eCommerce



Some Basics: **Types of Ciphers**

- **Transposition ciphers**
- Also known as permutation ciphers
 Substitution ciphers
 Stream ciphers
 Block ciphers
 Product and exponentiation ciphers
 - (advanced; won't cover here)



Transposition Ciphers

ATTACK AT DAWN





Substitution Cipher – Caesar Cipher



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Substitution Cipher – Vigenère Cipher

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Substitution Cipher – Vigenère Cipher

ATTACK AT DAWN TOMORROW

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Substitution Cipher – Puzzle

SEND

+ MORE

MONEY



Substitution Cipher – Puzzle

1.	S +	M =	MO,	SO	Μ	= 1	
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2. S + 1 = 10, so O = 0

9567	3.	S +	1 =	10,	SO	S :	= 9
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- 4. N + R = 1E, E + 1 = N, so R = 8
- 5. Since E+1 = N, and N + 8 > 11, E can be 3, 4, or 5.

6. If E=3 or 4, reach dead end; thus E=5

- 7. If E=5, then N=6
- 8. Only remaining values are D=7, Y=2



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Playfair Cipher

- Playfair cipher (what I call the "don't cheat" cipher): 3 simple rules
 - key "Hacker Jeopardy needs more crypto" (HACKERJOPDYNSMTBFGILQUVWXZ)





Playfair Cipher

- Encrypt
 - Now is the time for all
 - NO WI ST HE TI ME FO RA LL
 - NO WI ST HE TI ME FO RA LX LX
 - SJ XG MY AH ML TK GJ JH IZ IZ

Η	Α	С	Κ	Ε
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Υ	Ν	S	Μ	Т
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• $\mathbf{0} \oplus \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$

- $0 \neq 0 = 0$
- $\mathbf{0} \oplus \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} \qquad \mathbf{\bullet} \ \mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$
- $1 \oplus 0 = 1$ $1 \neq 0 = 1$
 - 1 ⊕ 1 = 0

• 1 ≠ 1 = 0



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If You Want to Win Crypto Contests

 You have to think like the guy (or girl) who develops them





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SHMOOCON 2008

- Okay, it was just after Mardi Gras
- My wife came home with 50 lbs. of beads
- I didn't want them kicking around the house for the next 10 years
- So, I did what any normal person would do…
- I created a SHMOOCON crypto contest

 Using the beads, of course. :)



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I Also Have Friends With Too Much Free Time...





SHMOOCON 2008

- So, I placed the following randomly in registration packets:
 - 63 purple bead strings
 - 66 gold bead strings
 - 69 green bead strings
 - 30 pink bead strings
- L0st, Mouse, K, and G Mark wore red bead strings
 - And carried extra strings of red beads
 - Thus, anyone wearing red knew the solution
 - But those who were competing might not help others...
- We placed copies of the following messages in other packets:



Round 1

- Congratulations on your opportunity to join our first Shmoocon crypto conundrum
- Your first task is to find participants with strings of Mardi Gras colors only
- Warning to you do not show up with anything pink or you disqualify instantly
- Bring your strings to a man or woman who has a string that is a color of blood
- And you will obtain an important hint that will assist in solving a first round
- Notice anything unusual? :)



A Lipogram – like Gadsby A Story of Over 50,000 Words Without Using the Letter "E"





Round 1

- Padded plaintext
 - CONGRATULATIONSZONZYOURZOPPORTUNITYZTOZJOINZO URZFIRSTZSHMOOCONZCRYPTOZCONUNDRUMZ
 - YOURZFIRSTZTASKZISZTOZFINDZPARTICIPANTSZWITHZSTR
 INGSZOFZMARDIZGRASZCOLORSZONLYZZ
 - AZWARNINGZTOZYOUZDOZNOTZSHOWZUPZWITHZANYTHIN GZPINKZORZYOUZDISQUALIFYZINSTANTLYZZ
 - BRINGZYOURZSTRINGSZTOZAZMANZORZWOMANZWHOZHA SZAZSTRINGZTHATZISZAZCOLORZOFZBLOODZZ
 - ANDZYOUZWILLZOBTAINZANZIMPORTANTZHINTZTHATZWIL
 LZASSISTZINZSOLVINGZAZFIRSTZROUNDZ
- (Note the use of "Z"s for spaces and padding at end)
- So, using five Caesar ciphers, the offset of which is 7-13-1-18-11:



Round 1

- JVUNYHABSHAPVUZGVUGFVBYGVWWVYABUPAFGAVGQVP UGVBYGMPYZAGZOTVVJVUGJYFWAVGJVUBUKYBTG
- LBHEMSVEFGMGNFXMVFMGBMSVAQMCNEGVPVCNAGFMJV
 GUMFGEVATFMBSMZNEQVMTENFMPBYBEFMBAYLMM
- BAXBSOJOHAUPAZPVAEPAOPUATIPXAVQAXJUIABOZUIJOH
 AQJOLAPSAZPVAEJTRVBMJGZAJOTUBOUMZAA
- TJAFYRQGMJRKLJAFYKRLGRSRESFRGJROGESFROZGRZS
 KRSRKLJAFYRLZSLRAKRSRUGDGJRGXRTDGGVRR
- LYOKJZFKHTWWKZMELTYKLYKTXAZCELYEKSTYEKESLEKH TWWKLDDTDEKTYKDZWGTYRKLKQTCDEKCZFYOK



Sample Clue (Front and Back)

"I hear and I forget.	I see and I remember. I do an	d I understand." - Confucius
If you do	Ob word word	Don it throw avan
	Oh you, yes _you_	Don't throw away;
not Shmoo	are one of a few.	Another will play
It is too	Can't you see who	Pass along, okay?
bad for u	wants this clue?? you can do for another is not j	You'll make their day.
"The greatest good y	you can do for another is not j	just to share your riches but
	to reveal to him his own." - 1	Disraeli

- •There were six variants with six different sets of quotes — The quotes weren't part of the puzzle; but just for entertainment
 - •By the way, what does 7-13-1-18-11 equate to?
 - You might see this as a recurring theme...
 - •A few teams figured out this first round, and got:



Round 1.5

ŧ more more more more? 1, 2, 3,48, 49.50 h4xor 💿

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Round 2

- Round 2 was G Mark's talk "A Hacker Looks Past 50" (a sequel to previous talk "A Hacker Looks At 50")
- Handed out punched card with messages encrypted at the bottom





Round 2

- Playfair cipher (what I call the "don't cheat" cipher)
 - key "A Hacker Looks Past Fifty" (AHCKERLOSPTFIYBDGJMNQUVWYZ)





Round 2 Messages

- **GO AHEAD EMAIL MARDIGRAS AT** SHMOOCON DOT INFO FOR THE FIRST OF FOUR PIECES OF THE ROUND TWO PUZZLE
- OH TRY TO FIND WWW DOT SHMOOCON DOT INFO SLASH BEADSECRET FOR SECONDARY **PUZZLE PIECE KEEP GOING**
- FOR FUN DIAL THE ALOHA STATE NINE FIVE FOUR NINE TWO DOUBLE THREE FOR THE THIRD IMPORTANT MESSAGE
- SOMETIMES THE EASIEST WAY TO GET WHAT YOU WANT IS TO JUST ASK THE PERSON YOU MET THREE TIMES NICEL © Copyright 2010, National Security Corporation, all rights reserved



Round 2 Messages Padded for Encryption

- GOAHEADEMAILMARDIGRASATSHMOXOCON DOTINFOFORTHEFIRSTOFFOURPIECESOFTH EROUNDTWOPUZZL
- OHTRYTOFINDWWXWDOTSHMOOCONDOTINF **OSLASHBEADSECRETFORSECONDARYPUZX** ZLEPIECEKEEPGOIN
- FORFUNDIALTHEALOHASTATENINEFIVEFOU RNINETWODOUBLETHREEFORTHETHIRDIMP ORTANTMESSAGE
- SOMETIMESTHEEASIESTWAYTOGETWHATYO UWANTISTOJUSTASKTHEPERSONYOUMETTH REETIMESNICELY © Copyright 2010, National Security Corporation, all rights reserved



PSQCFYQCRYCAAHOYKPIUKTIRQHIUCHFBRWUCDYYO IRJURYKRAYCABPLPSMISWDABFAPAABMWKPMYKASF



Autoresponder from mardigras@shmoocon.info:

This is the first clue.

TAWSAGKGMIE54

Send another e-mail to the same domain using the numbers you find in the clues If you get them all (and in the right order) The fourth hint will be given to you.

http://www.gmarkhardy.com/ shmoocon/beadsecret/clue2.txt My hat's off to you! You've solved puzzle two. So here is some more information to chew:

HGOTYMAIETA72

Hurry, hurry, don't delay You must solve the rest By the close of the day Third clue provided as a voice mail message from (808) 954-9233:

EIROTARVWED18

Fourth clue (told to send e-mail to 571428@shmoocon.info):

Here is the fourth piece of four So you need look no more:

MCDSOREEHBS

Did you find this with ease? Or use the force of a brute? Either way, solve the puzzle And collect your loot.



Four Clues

- Clues 1-4; transpose vertical to horizontal:
 - -TAWSAGKGMIE54
 - **ОТҮМАІЕТА72**
 - -EIROTARVWED18
 - -MCDSOREEHBS

Image: horizontal: - T A W S A - T A W S A - H G O T Y - E I R O T - M C D S O • And you get:

- THE MAGIC WORDS TO SAY TO GMARK ARE GIVE ME WHITE BEADS 571428



What Did The Winners Win?

- Winners were "Team Chicago" from DePaul University
 - Zack Fasel
 - Leigh Hollowell
 - Apneet Jolly
 - Matt Jakubowski
- I had planned to give <u>one</u> winner <u>one</u> plane ticket to DEFCON, but there were four of them, so...



Crypto Can Pay Off

- I bought each of them a round-trip ticket to DEFCON that year.
 - Then they spent their time trying to solve
 L0st's puzzle instead of mine
 - Jolly texted me at closing ceremony, "any hints?"
 - I replied, "start saving your money for next year's plane ticket. :P"
- By the way, that 2008 DEFCON puzzle remains unsolved*...



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DEFCON 2008

VFLASGGGGIUGAAGYBDAWHOEVHUUVLLHGJYOLGFGP GHALGGGOAAGGJPLLHZKAGZSLRXHSRYHKFPVKISTF XBMGRMBULEMPBMSRGMEBYRGMGRGHFMAGNMRLRZOM GXMJRMLNBMEMUAZEGNQEQBGPSZRYZLDPYQDUGEPL

BVQZWOOBPPUSAZJEAUBTMATDFAJTTAUIFDSAQPVI PFTIBOPWAUFOFHFAAJPASZSXMSBMFFMERIUSDZFU

QRJRWGDNMCZQTGYRZGFWRLRJRUFRSYWWKARAGMLS RRGSKGMWYZKGSREOAVDKAQRZDTRKSDWWUYIVUSAQ

KCPNCEJPKPPAFFFZZKDKEPEPZZFXRCOKLAVDYDKO XTXEJHKKPPEKECMSKKWEDBLEEDBZDEDZKSGJAZOW



*ONE person has solved this

(and flew to DEFCON XVIII on my dime)



You Can Create Your Own Crypto

But be careful – it's like packing your own parachute You have better be really GOOD!




All Eight Badges

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All Eight Badges

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What's Left Over?

- Telomeres
 - HWXJBRSXZUCWOEJYNHZMEI DEXBOT
- Can you see anything left-to-right?
 - HWXJ<u>BR</u>SXZ<u>UC</u>WO<u>E</u>JYN<u>H</u>ZM<u>EI</u> <u>DEX</u>B<u>O</u>T
 - BRUCE HEIDE [sic] XO
- What's left?
 - H W X J S X Z W O J Y N Z M B T
 - How many? Could that be significant?



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What About Those Bar Codes?

- Common sequence
 - [x]1123581321[y]
 - -1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21
 - Fibonacci Series
 - First eight terms
 - Eight badges
 - Eight indexes (or indices :)
 - What to do with them?
 - Think shift register







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Convert Back to Text

(1=A, 2=B, ... 26=Z)

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> Congratulations. You have just discovered the secret message. Your patience has been rewarded Go to my website subdirectory reciprocal of this page number to six places.

What Kind of Sick Mind Comes Up With This?





The DEFCON XVIII crypto contest

- Look for gold on the DC CD
- Go have some fun!
 Follow me at @g_mark for clues









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