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### Problems with non-randomness

- ▶ 2012 Heninger–Durumeric–Wustrow–Halderman,
- 2012 Lenstra-Hughes-Augier-Bos-Kleinjung-Wachter.
- ► Factored tens of thousands of public keys on the Internet ... typically keys for your home router, not for your bank.
- ► Why? Many deployed devices shared prime factors.
- Most common problem: horrifyingly bad interactions between OpenSSL key generation, /dev/urandom seeding, entropy sources.
- ► The Heninger team has lots of material online at http://factorable.net

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That's feasible; but **batch gcd** finds the shared primes much faster.

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Our real goal is to compute
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### Batch gcd, part 1: product tree

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First step: Multiply all the keys! Compute R = N_1 N_2 N_3 \cdots.
def producttree(X):
  result = [X]
  while len(X) > 1:
    X = [prod(X[i*2:(i+1)*2])
         for i in range((len(X)+1)/2)]
    result.append(X)
  return result
# for example:
print producttree([10,20,30,40])
# output is [[10, 20, 30, 40], [200, 1200], [240000]]
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### Batch gcd, part 2: remainder tree

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Reduce R = N_1 N_2 N_3 \cdots modulo N_1^2 and N_2^2 and N_3^2 and so on.
Obtain gcd\{N_1, N_2N_3\cdots\} as gcd\{N_1, (R \text{ mod } N_1^2)/N_1\};
obtain gcd\{N_2, N_1N_3\cdots\} as gcd\{N_2, (R \mod N_2^2)/N_2\};
etc.
def batchgcd(X):
  prods = producttree(X)
  R = prods.pop()
  while prods:
     X = prods.pop()
     R = [R[floor(i/2)] \% X[i]**2 for i in range(len(X))]
  return [\gcd(r/n,n) \text{ for } r,n \text{ in } zip(R,X)]
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This started as such a student project on a very nice system: MOICA: Certificate Authoritiy of MOI (Ministry of the Interior). In Taiwan all citizens can get a smartcard with signing and encryption ability to

- file personal income taxes,
- update car registration,
- make transactions with government agencies (property registries, national labor insurance, public safety, and immigration),
- file grant applications,
- ▶ interact with companies (e.g. Chunghwa Telecom).



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### Certificate of Chen-Mou Cheng

Data: Version: 3 (0x2) Serial Number: d7:15:33:8e:79:a7:02:11:7d:4f:25:b5:47:e8:ad:38 Signature Algorithm: sha1WithRSAEncryption Issuer: C=TW, O=XXX Validity Not Before: Feb 24 03:20:49 2012 GMT Not After: Feb 24 03:20:49 2017 GMT Subject: C=TW, CN=YYY serialNumber=0000000112831644 Subject Public Kev Info: Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption Public-Key: (2048 bit) Modulus: 00:bf:e7:7c:28:1d:c8:78:a7:13:1f:cd:2b:f7:63: 2c:89:0a:74:ab:62:c9:1d:7c:62:eb:e8:fc:51:89: b3:45:0e:a4:fa:b6:06:de:b3:24:c0:da:43:44:16: e5.21.cd.20.f0.58.34.2a.12.f9.89.62.75.e0.55. 8c · 6f · 2h · 0f · 44 · c2 · 06 · 6c · 4c · 93 · cc · 6f · 98 · e4 · 4e · 3a:79:d9:91:87:45:cd:85:8c:33:7f:51:83:39:a6: 9a:60:98:e5:4a:85:c1:d1:27:bb:1e:b2:b4:e3:86: a3:21:cc:4c:36:08:96:90:cb:f4:7e:01:12:16:25: 90:f2:4d:e4:11:7d:13:17:44:cb:3e:49:4a:f8:a9: a0:72:fc:4a:58:0b:66:a0:27:e0:84:eb:3e:f3:5d: 5f · b4 · 86 · 1e · d2 · 42 · a3 · 0e · 96 · 7c · 75 · 43 · 6a · 34 · 3d · 6b:96:4d:ca:f0:de:f2:bf:5c:ac:f6:41:f5:e5:bc: fc:95:ee:b1:f9:c1:a8:6c:82:3a:dd:60:ba:24:a1: eb:32:54:f7:20:51:e7:c0:95:c2:ed:56:c8:03:31: 96:c1:b6:6f:b7:4e:c4:18:8f:50:6a:86:1b:a5:99: d9:3f:ad:41:00:d4:2b:e4:e7:39:08:55:7a:ff:08: 30.9e.df.9d.65.e5.0d.13.5c.8d.a6.f8.82.0c.61. c8:6h Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)

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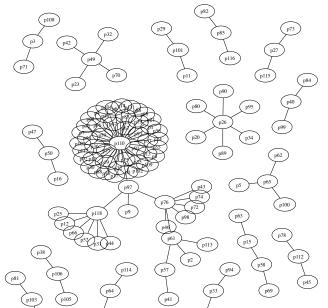
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# January 2013: Closer look at the 119 primes



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which is the next prime after  $2^{511} + 2^{510}$ . The next most common factor, repeated 7 times, is

Several other factors exhibit such a pattern.

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The 119 factors had patterns of period 1,3,5, and 7.

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Do this for any pattern:
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0,1,001,010,011,100,101,110
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Factored 4 more keys using patterns of length 9.

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### Find root r of f(x) = a + x

- Let *r* ≤ *X*.
- ▶ Use lattice basis reduction to construct a new polynomial g(x) where g(r) = 0 over the integers, and thus we can factor g to discover it.
- Construct the lattice L as

$$\begin{bmatrix} X^2 & Xa & 0 \\ 0 & X & a \\ 0 & 0 & N \end{bmatrix}$$

corresponding to the coefficients of the polynomials N, f(Xx), Xxf(Xx);

- run LLL lattice basis reduction;
- regard the shortest vector as coefficients of polynomial g(Xx).
- ▶ Compute the roots  $r_i$  of g(x) and check if  $a + r_i$  divides N.

### Bounds on the error part in f(x) = a + x

- ▶ Each lattice vector g is linear combination of N and f, i.e.  $g(r_i) \equiv 0 \mod p$ .
- p is found if  $g(r_i) = 0$ .
- ▶ Holds if coefficients of g are sufficiently small.
- ▶ The shortest vector  $v_1$  found by LLL is of length

$$|v_1| \le 2^{(\dim L - 1)/4} (\det L)^{1/\dim L},$$

which must be smaller than p for the attack to be guaranteed to succeed.

▶ In our situation this translates to

$$2^{1/2} (X^3 N)^{1/3} < N^{1/2} \Leftrightarrow X < 2^{-1/2} N^{1/6}$$

so for  $N \approx 2^{1024}$  we can choose X as large as  $2^{170}$ ,

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- ► Missing 2 keys have factor e0000...0f, so we included e000 as pattern, but didn't find more factors.

### Handling more errors

Increase lattice dimension: For dimension 5 we used basis

$$\{N^2, Nf(xX), f^2(xX), xXf^2(xX), (xX)^2f^2(xX)\}$$

which up to LLL constants handles  $X < N^{1/5}$ , i.e. up to 204 erroneous bottom bits.

Coppersmith's method can find primes with errors in up to 1/2 of their bits, i.e.  $X < N^{1/4}$  using lattices of higher dimension. But getting close to this bound is prohibitively expensive

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### Errors in the top bits

- ► How to find e000...f (=  $2^{511} + 2^{510} + 2^{509} + 15$ )?
- ► How about this prime?

- ▶ Not found by the lattice attacks with the basic patterns.
- ▶ Can use Coppersmith on  $f(x) = a + 2^t x$  and vary bottom bits of a to account for nextprime.
- ► To get 50% chance of success, need to study 128 new patterns for every old pattern.

### Bivariate Coppersmith

- Better approach: Change the lattice!
- Assume p has the form

$$p = a + 2^t s + r$$

a is one of the 512-bit patterns
r is a small integer to account for bit errors (and incrementing to next prime,
s is a small integer to account for bit errors,
t is the offset where top errors occur.

- ▶ Build lattice around bivariate polynomial  $f(x, y) = a + 2^t x + y$  and N.
- Lattice naturally has higher dimension and higher powers of N need N, xN, and f(x, y).
- ► Approach similar to Herrmann and May (Asiacrypt 2008), but basis optimized for speed (not asymptotics).

### Bivariate Coppersmith for $f(x, y) = a + 2^t x + y$

- ► Get basis as vectors in  $\{1, x, y, x^2, ..., y^{k-1}x, y^k\}$  of  $\{N, xXN, f, (xX)^2N, (xX)f, ..., (yY)^{k-2}(xX)f, (yY)^{k-1}f\}$ .
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#### Results

- ▶ k = 3: used base pattern a = 0, 10-dimensional lattices
  Y = 2<sup>30</sup>, X = 2<sup>70</sup>, and t = 442.
- ▶ k=4: used base pattern  $a=2^{511}+2^{510}$ , 15-dimensional lattices  $Y=2^{28}$  and  $X=2^{100}$ , five different error offsets: t=0 with  $Y=2^{128}$  and X=1, and  $t\in\{128,228,328,428\}$  with  $Y=2^{28}$  and  $X=2^{100}$ .
- k = 2: used base pattern a = 2<sup>511</sup> + 2<sup>510</sup>,
   6-dimensional lattices
   X = 4, Y = 4, all choices of t as above.

k	$\log_2(XY)$	# t	# factored keys	total running time
2	4	5	105	4.3 hours
3	100	1	112	2 hours
4	128	5	109	20 hours

