

Research at **Google** and **CWI**

How we created the first SHA-1 collision and what it means for hash security

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What is a **cryptographic hash function**?

Digest uniqueness

Different files hash to different digests
(no collision)



One-way function

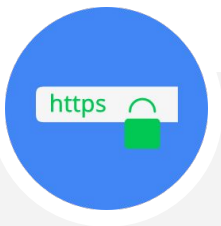
Digest reveals no information about the file
hashed



What are secure hash **functions** used for?



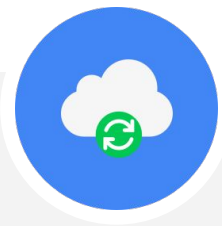
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signing



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Version
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integrity



Backup
integrity

Agenda



Attacking hash functions

Primer on hash function attacks



Finding a SHA-1 collision

How we did it

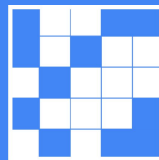


Post-collision world

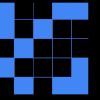
Legacy software & hash function future

Completing the puzzle





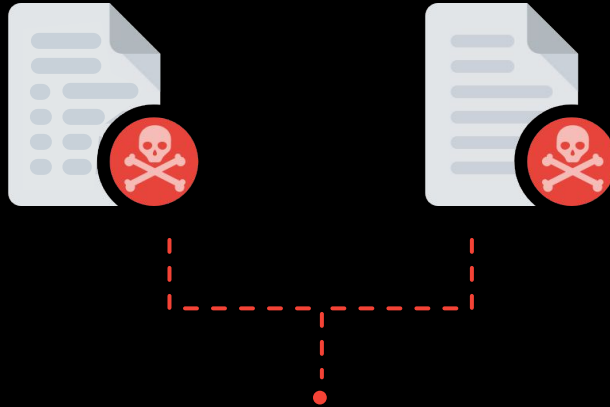
Attacking hash functions



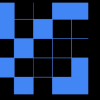
Collision attack

Attacker file 1

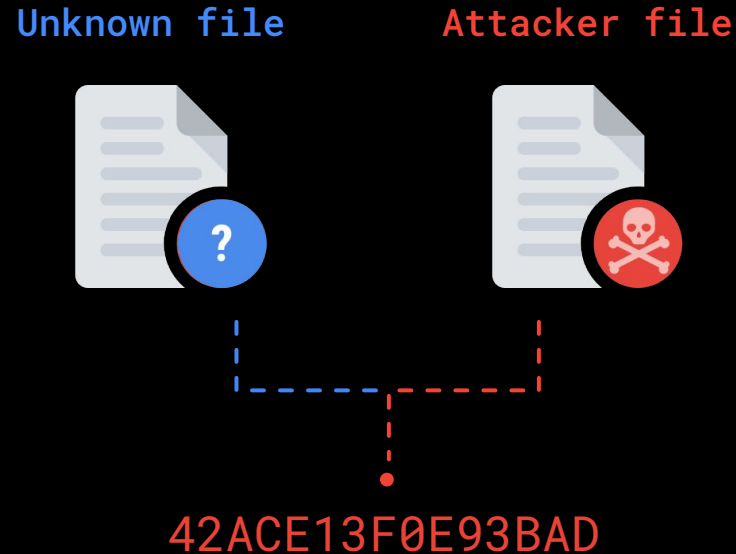
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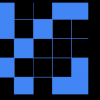


3713ACE30E7ABBA



Preimage attack





Second preimage attack





How to create a collision attack



The need for cryptanalysis



SHA-1 bruteforce

12,000,000 GPU
1 year

Bruteforce is impractical

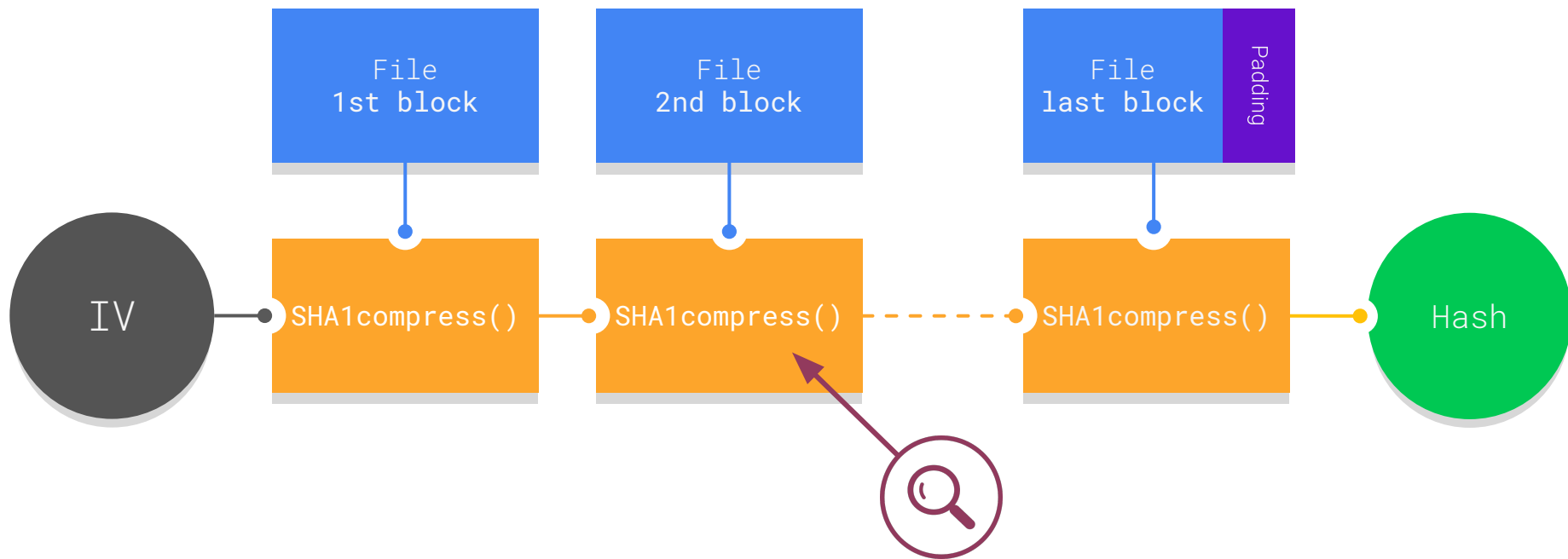
Even with GPU you can't create a collision using bruteforce

Cryptanalysis to the rescue

Cryptanalysis techniques are used to reduce the attack complexity to a point where it became feasible

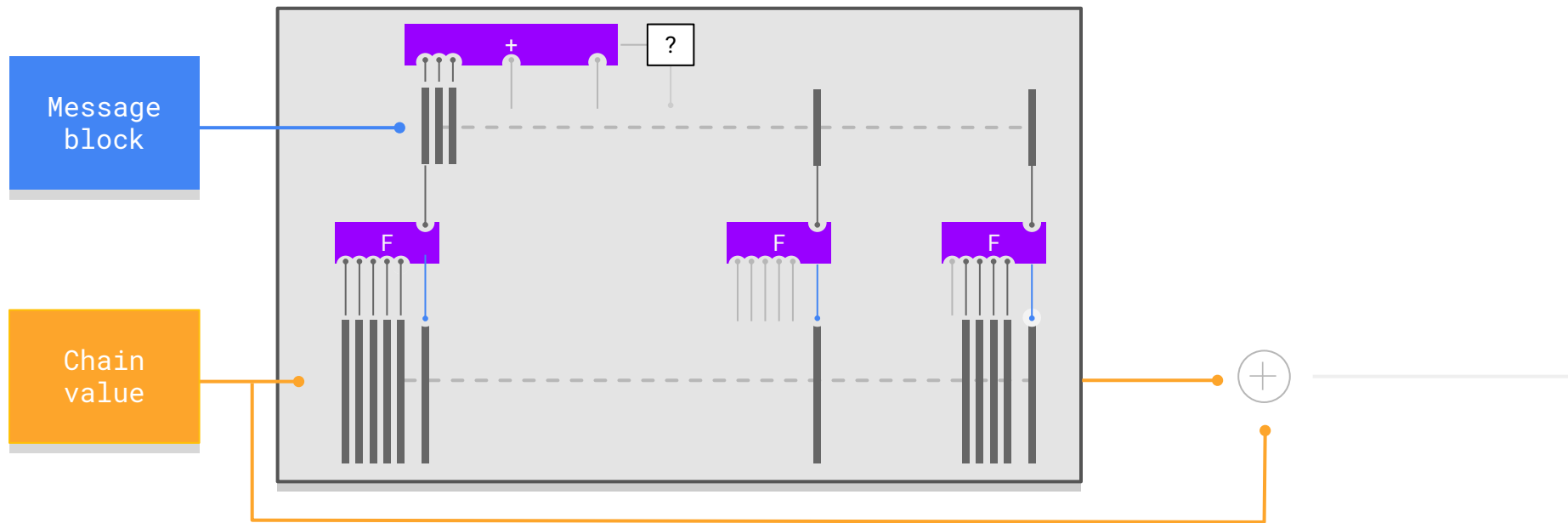


The Merkle–Damgård construction



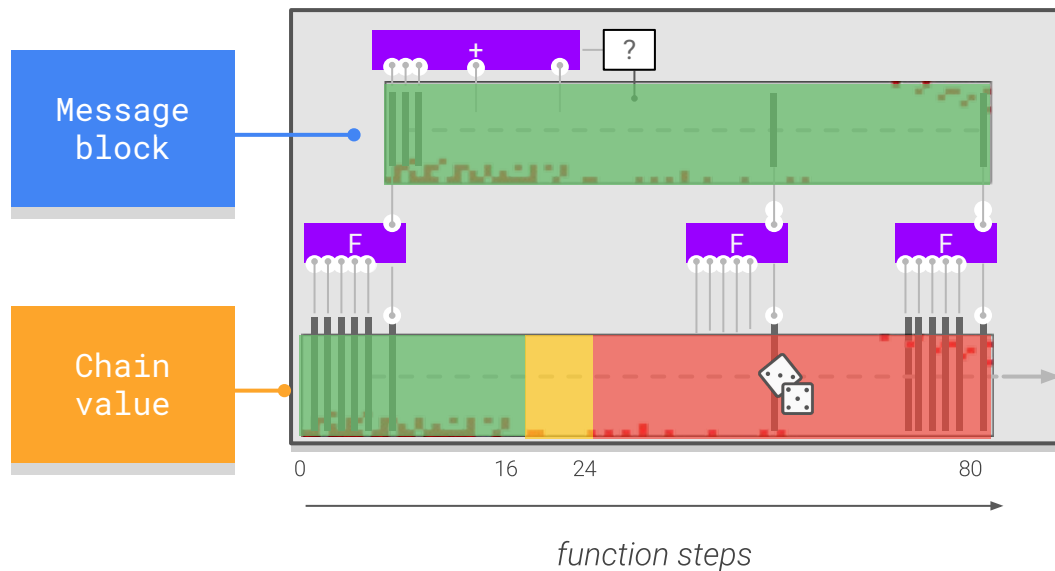


Unrolled SHA-1 compress function





SHA-1 cryptanalysis in a nutshell



Messages differential path

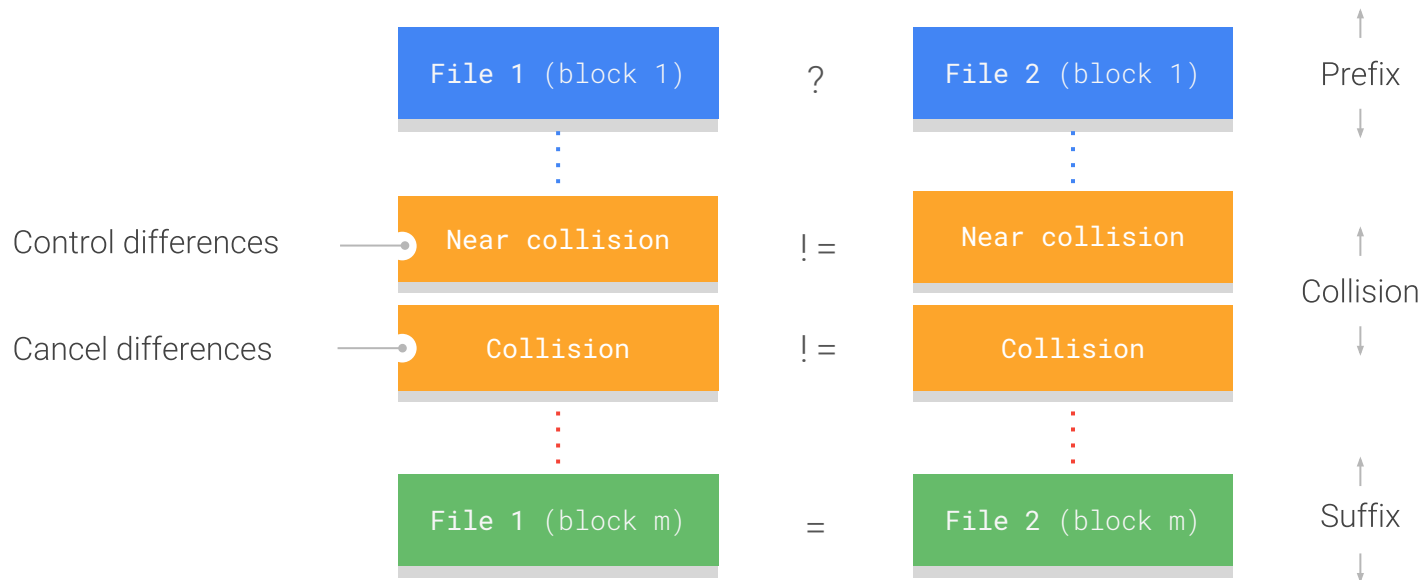
Describe how differences propagate

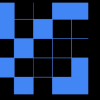
Equation system

16 steps solved, predictable till step 24



Two block collision

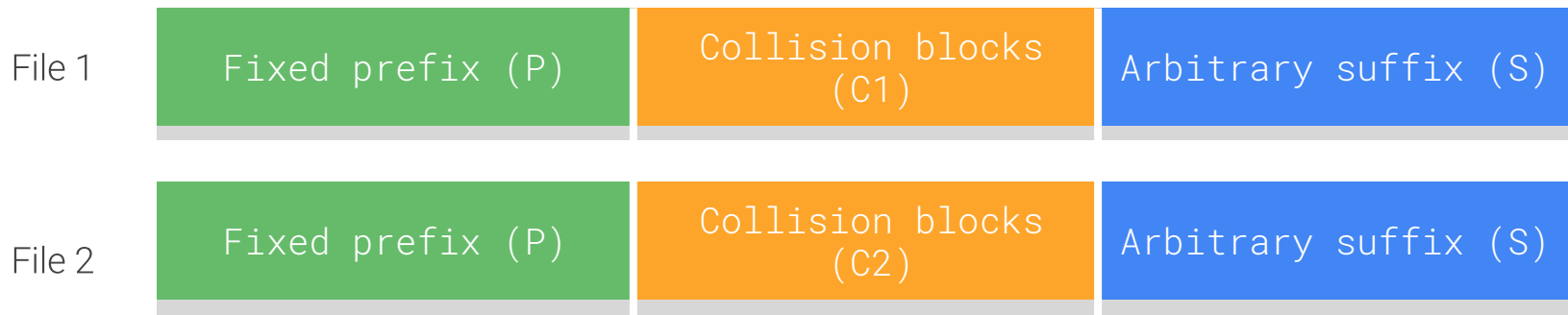




Exploiting collisions



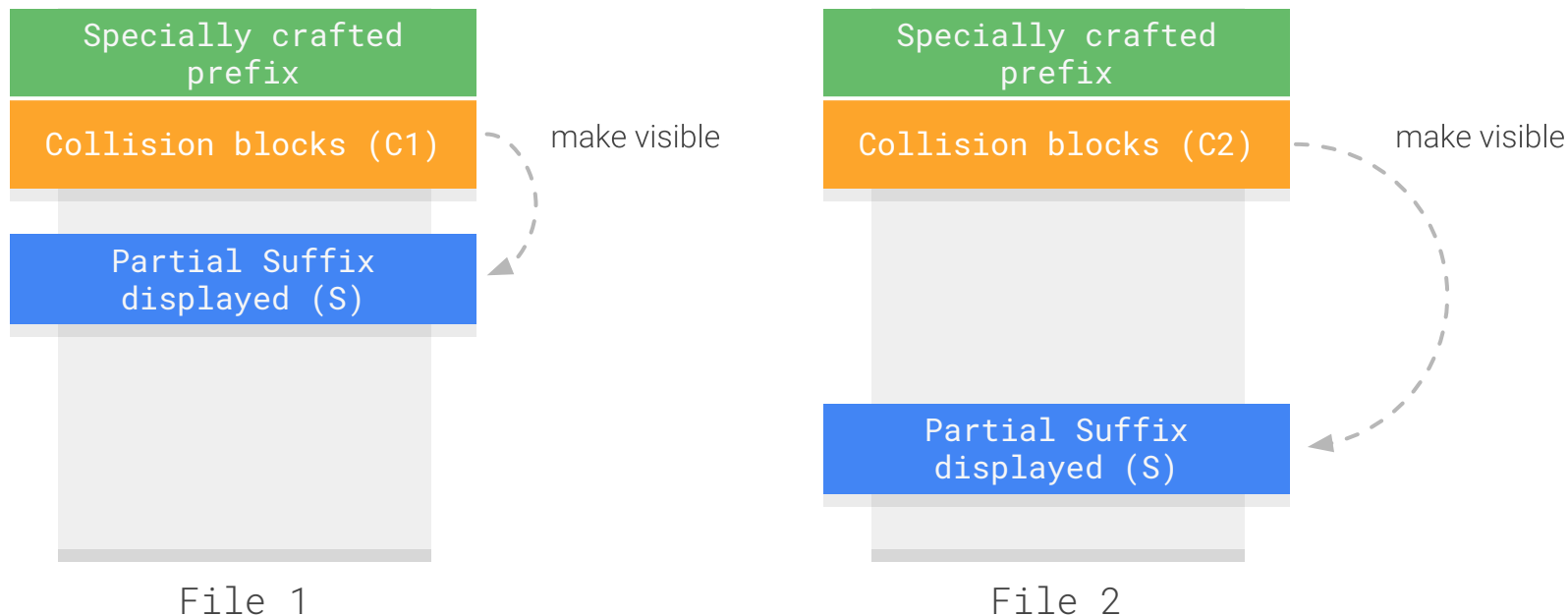
Fixed prefix attack (SHA-1)



$P=P$ and $C1 \neq C2$ and $S=S$

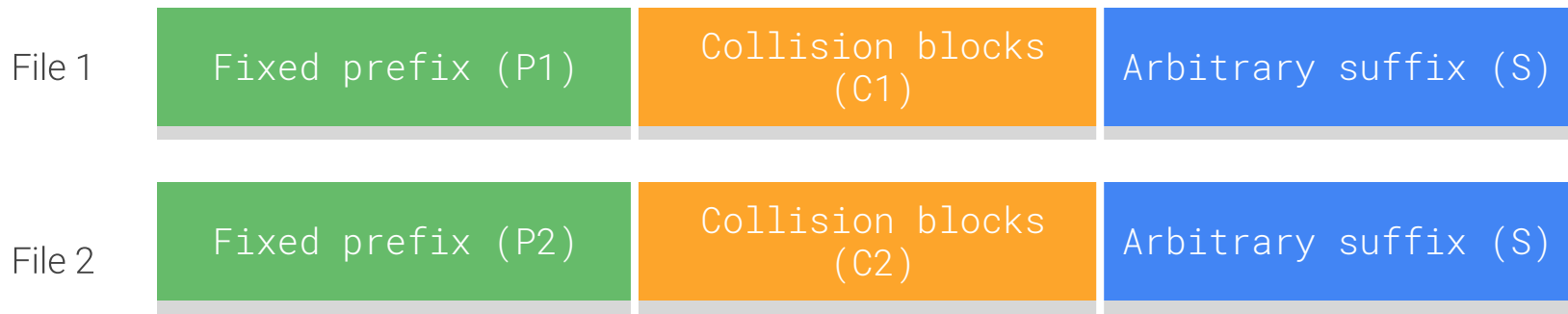


Carefully choosing prefix to improve attack





Chosen-prefix (MD5)



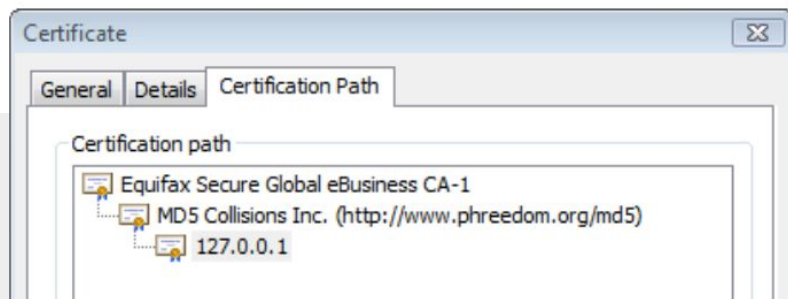
$P1 \neq P2$ and $C1 \neq C2$ and $S = S$



Real world attacks exploiting MD5 collision



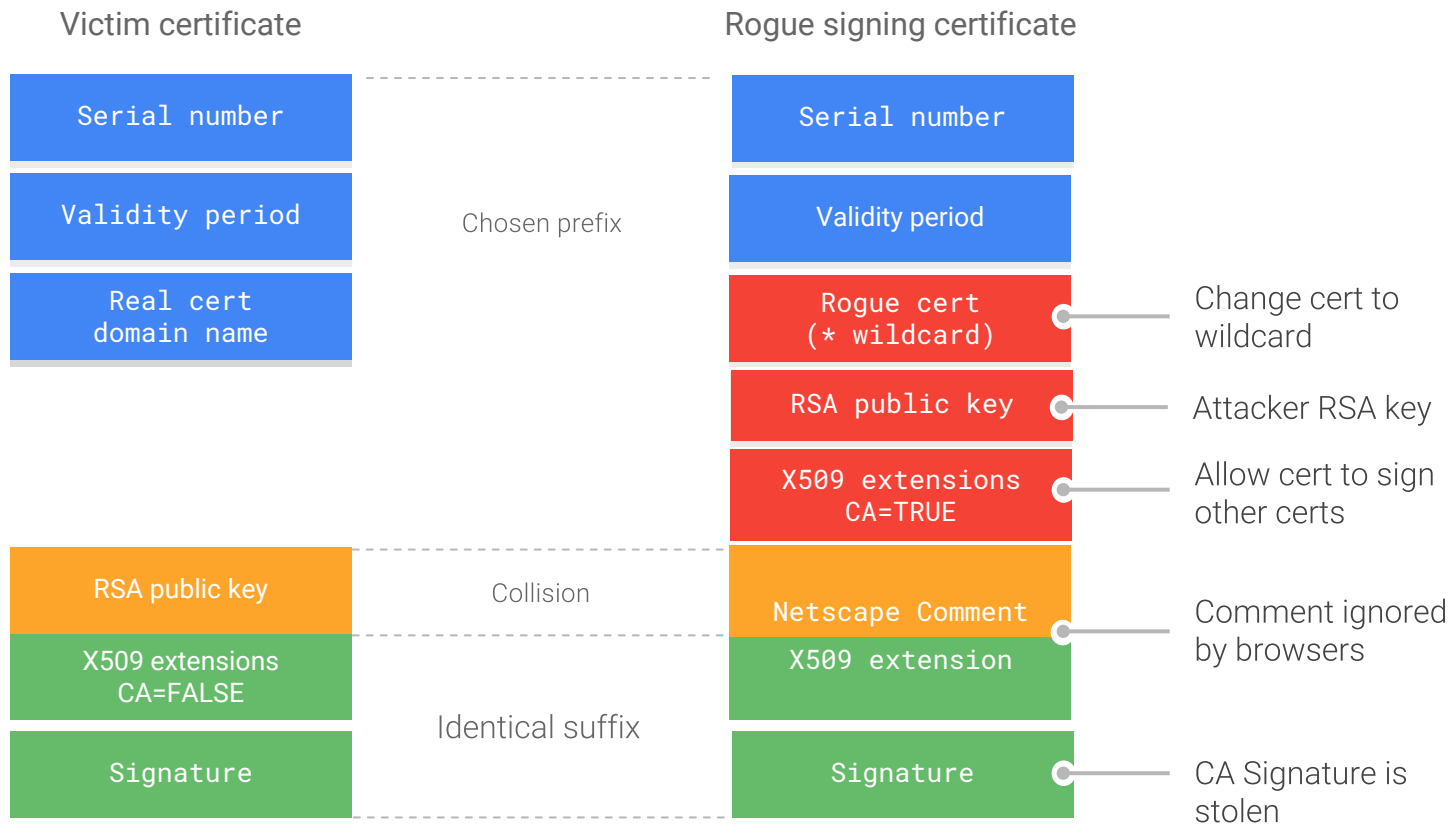
Chosen-prefix: MD5 SSL certificate forgery



Rogue SSL certificate



Cluster of 200 PlayStation 3 used to compute the MD5 rogue certificate

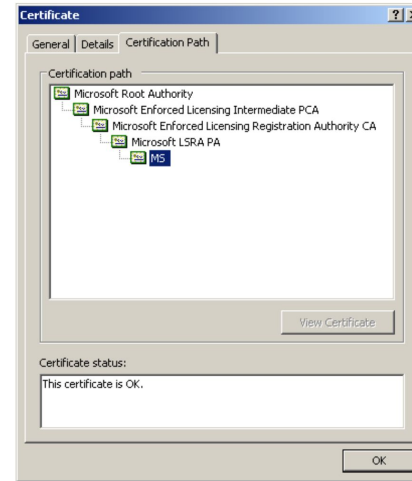




Malware MD5 certificate

MEET 'FLAME,' THE MASSIVE SPY MALWARE INFILTRATING IRANIAN COMPUTERS

WIRED



Forged windows
update certificate

Stevens et al. - Reverse-engineering of the cryptanalytic attack used in the Flame super-malware 2015



Attack feasibility

Collision resistance

	Security Claim	Fixed prefix	Chosen attack
MD4	2^{64}	2^1	
MD5	2^{64}	2^{16}	2^{39}
SHA-1	2^{80}	2^{63}	2^{77}

Preimage resistance

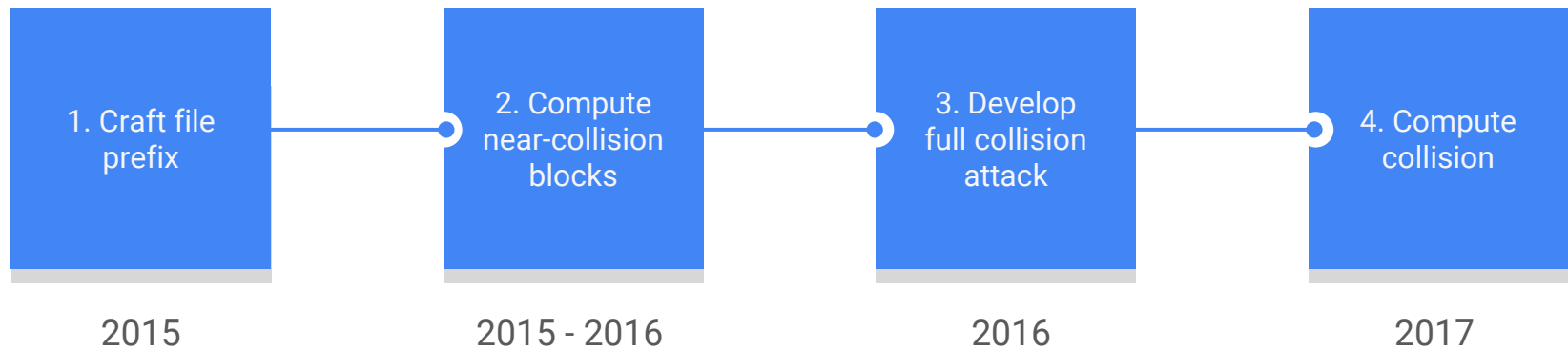
Security claim	Best attack
2^{128}	2^{95}
2^{128}	$2^{123.4}$
2^{160}	-



Finding a SHA-1 collision

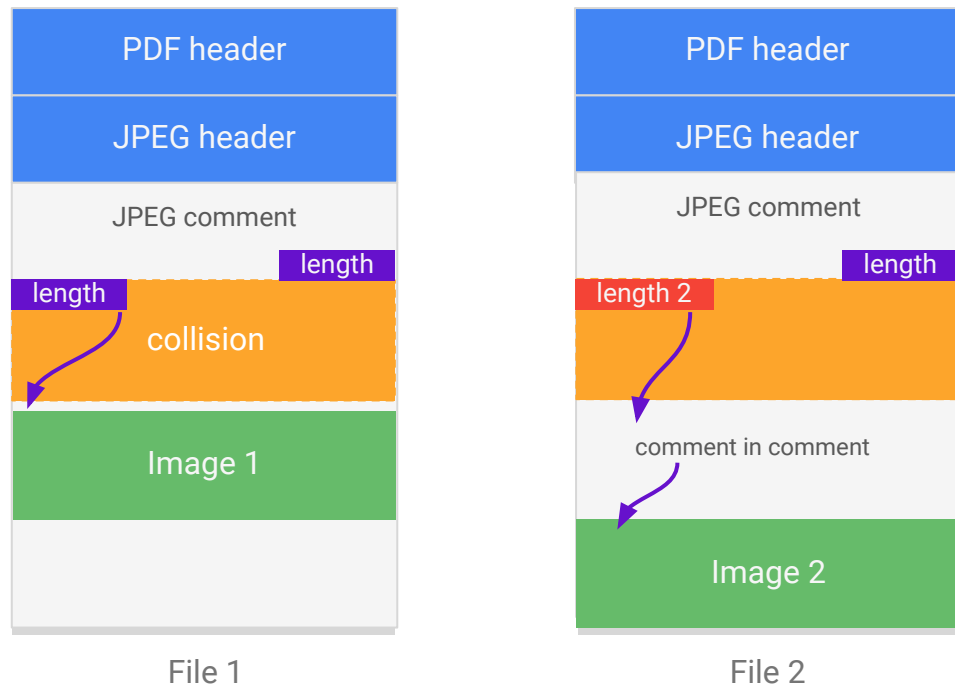


Attack overview





Smart prefix: JPEG embedded in PDF

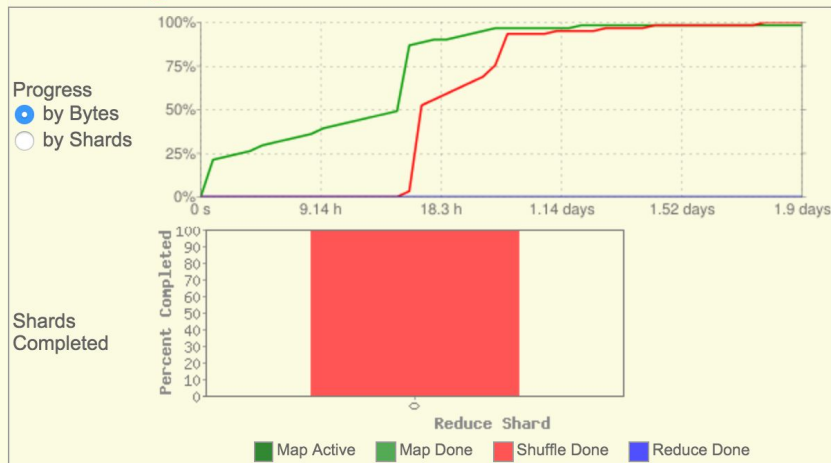




Scaling computation

Overall Progress

Start time: 2015/11/23 12:46:14 Time elapsed: 1.9 days



Work in small batches ~1h

Time is a resilience/performance tradeoff

Refactor code to be stateless

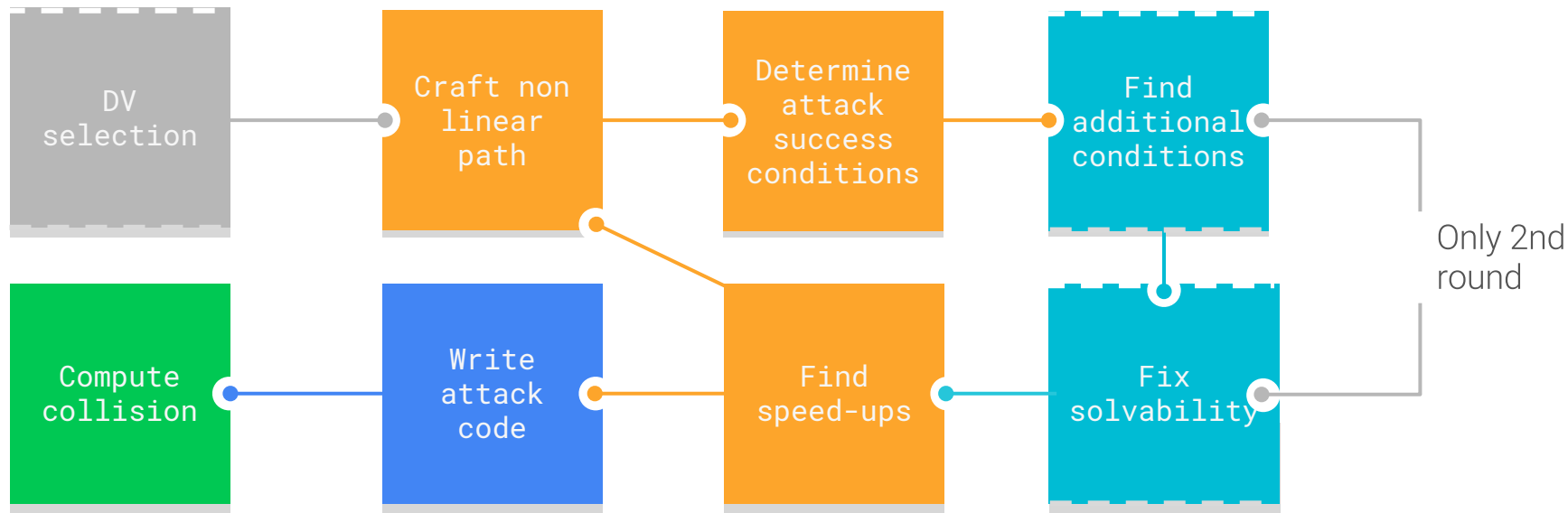
Each batch is independent

Factory paradigm not map-reduce

Map-reducing causes strangling issues

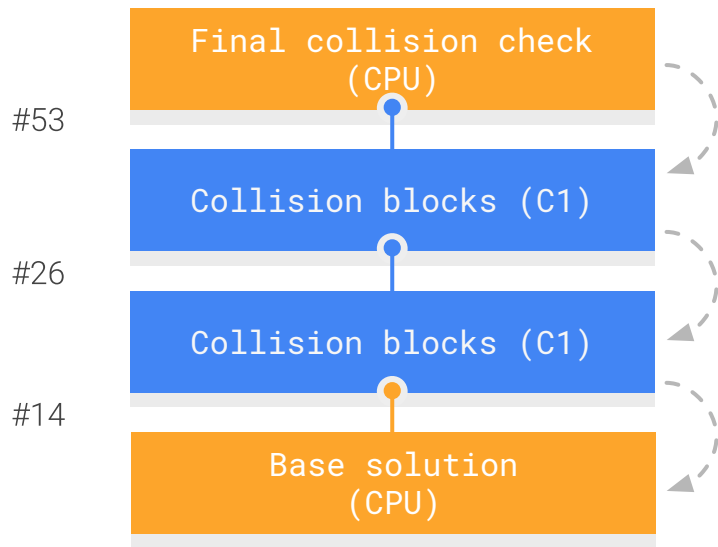


Developing the full collision attack





Making efficient use of GPUs



Work step by step

Generate enough solutions for next step

Always try to work at the highest step

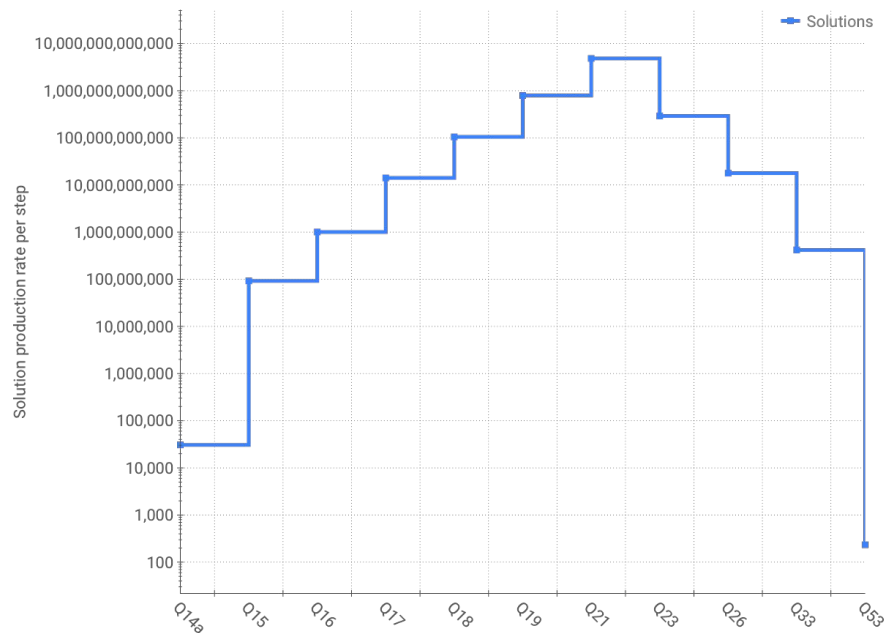
Backtrack when pool empty

Parallelized: One thread / one solution

Single instruction - multiple threads



Phase 2 production rate per step





Computational cost comparison



MD5

1 smartphone
30 sec



SHA-1 shattered

110 GPU
1 year



SHA-1 bruteforce

12,000,000 GPU
1 year



Colliding PDFs Demo!

SHattered

The first concrete collision attack against SHA-1
<https://shattered.io>

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```
└─ sha1sum *.pdf
38762cf7f55934b34d179ae6a4c80cadccbb7f0a 1.pdf
38762cf7f55934b34d179ae6a4c80cadccbb7f0a 2.pdf
└─ /tmp/sha1
└─ sha256sum *.pdf
2bb787a73e37352f92383abe7e2902936d1059ad9f1ba6daaa9c1e58ee6970d0 1.pdf
d4488775d29bdef7993367d541064dbdda50d383f89f0aa13a6ff2e0894ba5ff 2.pdf
```

0.64G 8-11h

*using dedicated hardware would make the brute-force cheaper



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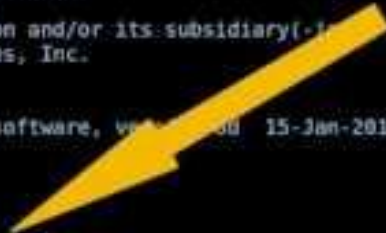
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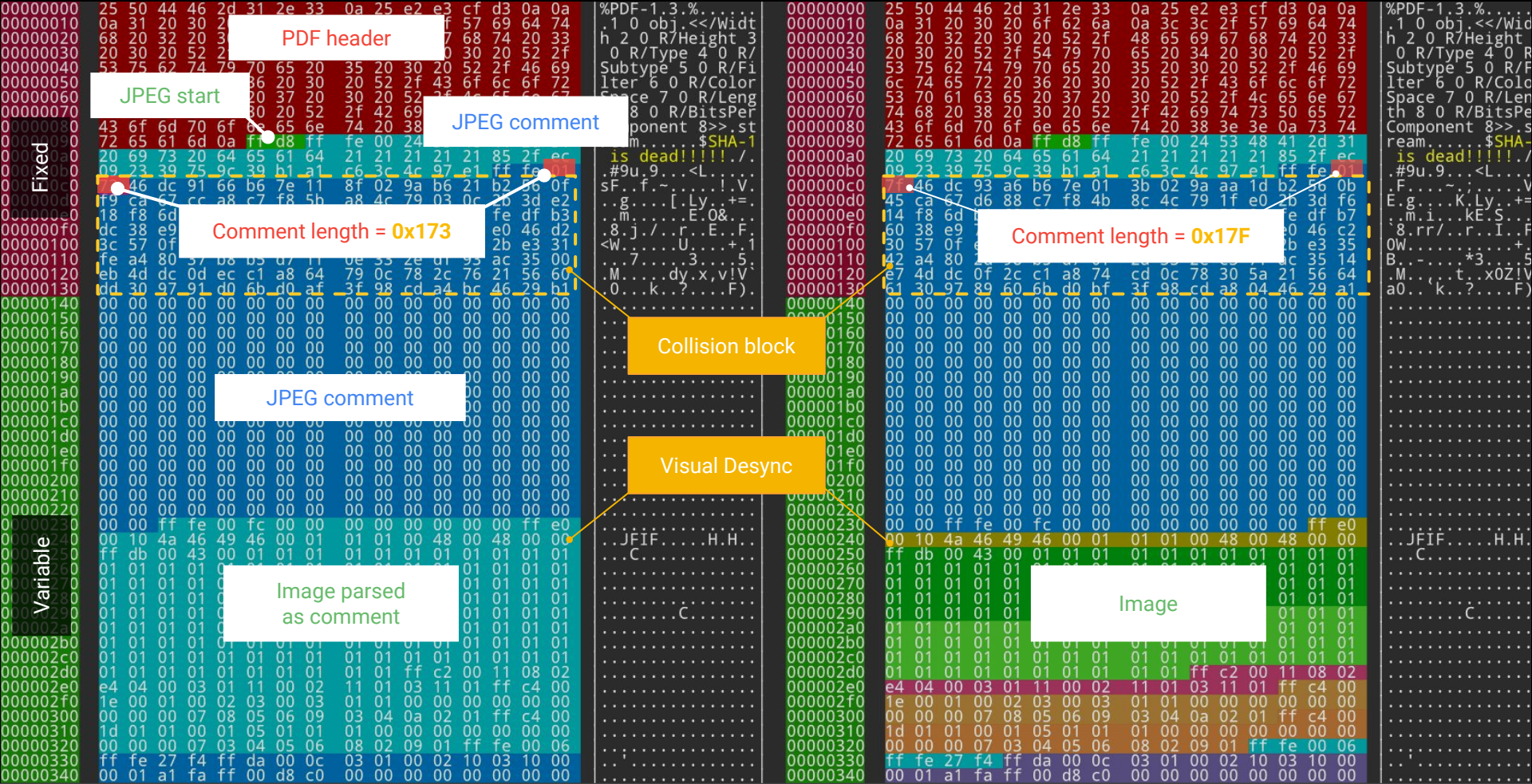
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2550x3300 RGB Targa image
[16:40:37] INFO: producing final PDFs
root@ubuntu:/sha1# sha1sum out-images/*
26f0e96406652c7d6bd3b11d2b59cc191e639481 out-images/cat.pdf
26f0e96406652c7d6bd3b11d2b59cc191e639481 out-images/tiger.pdf
root@ubuntu:/sha1#
```

Same
SHA-1 values







Post-collision world

Firefox gave up on SHA-1 ahead of schedule



Mozilla Security Blog

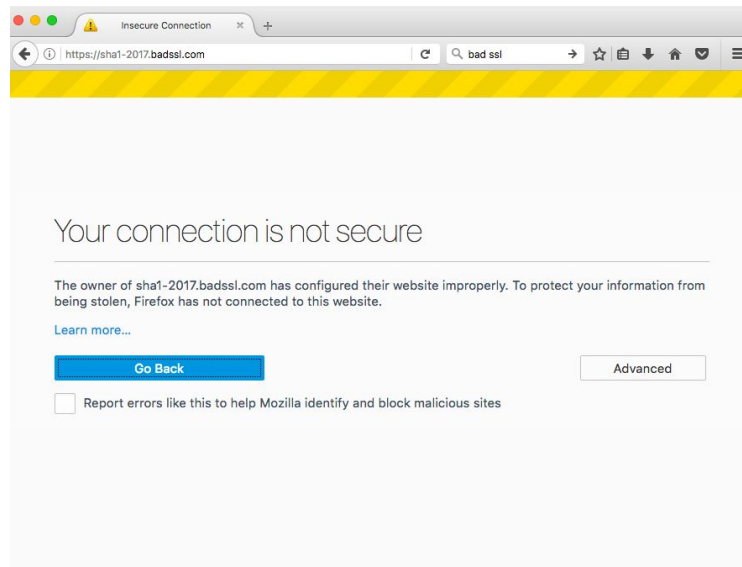
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2017

The end of SHA-1 on the Public Web

 J.C. Jones

Our deprecation plan for the SHA-1 algorithm in the public Web, [first announced in 2015](#), is drawing to a close. Today a team of researchers from CWI Amsterdam and Google revealed [the first practical collision for SHA-1](#), affirming the insecurity of the algorithm and reinforcing our judgment that it must be retired from security use on the Web.

As [announced last fall](#), we've been disabling SHA-1 for increasing numbers of Firefox users since the release of Firefox 51 using a gradual phase-in technique. Tomorrow, this deprecation policy will reach all Firefox users. It is enabled by default in Firefox 52.





Internet Explorer and Edge followed in May



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NEWS

Microsoft finally bans SHA-1 certificates in Internet Explorer and Edge

All SHA-1 certificates that chain back to publicly trusted certificate authorities will be blocked, but enterprise and self-signed certificates won't be affected.



By Lucian Constantin
Romania Correspondent, IDG News Service | MAY 10, 2017 9:23 AM PT



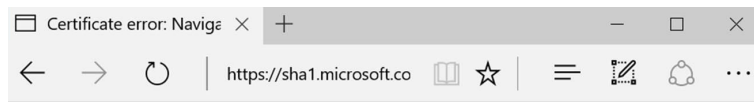
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Stop using SHA1 encryption:
It's now completely unsafe,
Google proves



Google joins Mozilla, Microsoft
in pushing for early SHA-1
crypto cutoff



There's a problem with this website's security certificate

This might mean that someone's trying to fool you or steal any info you send to the server. You should close this site immediately.

[Go to my homepage instead](#)

[Continue to this webpage \(not recommended\)](#)

We got leaked! Largest bet 48h before release



BITBET
BITCOIN BETTING
SINCE 2013

BROWSE CONTRACTSCREATE CONTRACTFAQSTATS

PAYOUT DETAILS
ac7f18c971e47993af02466ec47b3c5b438848d2c9fbae3f5654964943b4d94d

12.86 BTC**24.36 BTC**

A SHA1 collision will be found before the end of 2017

“ Either a chosen-prefix or an identical-prefix SHA1 collision (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collision_attack) will be found and publicly posted anywhere on the Internet (verification is trivial) before the end of 2017.

In technical terms, two different messages m_1 and m_2 ($m_1 \neq m_2$), have the same SHA1 hash digest ($\text{SHA1}(m_1) = \text{SHA1}(m_2)$).

Bet outcome: Yes

A collision has indeed been found . This bet therefore resolves to "YES".

CONFIRMED BETS: 37.23 BTC

TIME	BET	WEIGHT	BTC IN	IN	BTC OUT	OUT
28-01-17 13:28	Yes	99'997	0.01000000	157Ji	0.01518358	1ADDQ il
28-01-17 13:28	No	99'997	0.09000000	15771	0.00000000	1GagQ il
28-01-17 13:28	Yes	99'997	0.10000000	156vM	0.15183589	1ADDQ il
29-01-17 18:21	Yes	99'634	0.10000000	158eX	0.15164046	1PNDx il
30-01-17 13:02	No	99'399	0.48151383	158Lx	0.00000000	1A91Y il
30-01-17 23:20	Yes	99'270	0.50490000	158My	0.76464324	1MCCp il
02-02-17 00:03	Yes	98'658	0.50490000	15A83	0.76297967	12vaS il
02-02-17 00:45	No	98'649	0.02000000	15A86	0.00000000	1Mish il
02-02-17 13:33	No	98'488	1.00000000	15a9n	0.00000000	1Mij2 il
03-02-17 05:14	Yes	98'291	5.00000000	15adv	7.54587118	1AScs il
03-02-17 06:39	No	98'273	0.20000000	15aev	0.00000000	1Bghy il
03-02-17 11:17	No	98'215	0.93814450	158Lx	0.00000000	1A91Y il
03-02-17 20:05	Yes	98'104	1.99960000	15aEU	3.01573168	154Mj il
04-02-17 00:26	Yes	98'049	0.02090000	15aPR	0.03151451	1PPya il
04-02-17 01:15	Yes	98'039	6.20000000	15aPR	9.34846869	1PPya il
04-02-17 03:07	No	98'016	2.71828182	15ARB	0.00000000	17Hve il
06-02-17 02:44	No	97'417	0.00208850	15B6H	0.00000000	1pSNr il
10-02-17 00:31	No	96'238	7.38905609	15D1b	0.00000000	17Hve il
11-02-17 17:43	No	95'720	0.01000000	15DA4	0.00000000	1Q1ts il
13-02-17 22:11	Yes	95'061	1.92134450	15DCf	2.86623237	1EHHTY il
17-02-17 03:24	No	94'090	0.02000000	15dTg	0.00000000	1Mish il
21-02-17 18:05	Yes	92'698	8.00000000	15EFx	11.83250335	14sUR il



Marc claimed bitcoin bounty just in time

Author

Peter Todd
Legendary
Activity: 1078

Topic: REWARD offered for hash collisions for SHA1, SHA256, RIPEMD160 and other (Read 33832 times)

REWARD offered for hash collisions for SHA1, SHA256, RIPEMD160 and other
September 13, 2013, 06:19:33 AM #1

Rewards at the following P2SH addresses are available for anyone able to demonstrate collision attacks against a variety of cryptographic algorithms. You collect your bounty by demonstrating two messages that are not equal in value, yet result in the same digest when hashed. These messages are used in a scriptSig, which satisfies the scriptPubKey storing the bountied funds, allowing you to move them to a scriptPubKey (Bitcoin address) of your choice.

Further donations to the bounties are welcome, particularly for SHA1 - address 37k7toV1Nv4DfmQbmZ8KuZDQCYK9x5KpzP - for which an attack on a single hash value is believed to be possible at an estimated cost of \$2.77M (4)

Details below; note that the "decodescript" RPC command is not yet released; compile bitcoind from the git repository at <http://github.com/bitcoin/bitcoin>

SHA1:

```
$ btc decodescript 6e879169a77ca787
{
  "asm" : "OP_2DUP OP_EQUAL OP_NOT OP_VERIFY OP_SHA1 OP_SWAP OP_SHA1 OP_EQUAL",
  "type" : "nonstandard",
  "p2sh" : "37k7toV1Nv4DfmQbmZ8KuZDQCYK9x5KpzP"
}
```

**r/bitcoin**

comments other dis

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SHA1 collision bounty has been claimed (blockchain)
submitted 1 month ago by Gallus
161 comments share



RISK ASSESSMENT —

Watershed SHA1 collision just broke the WebKit repository, others may follow

"Please exercise care" with colliding PDFs, researchers advise software developers.

DAN GOODIN - 2/24/2017, 12:28 PM



Enlarge



Thursday's **watershed attack on the widely used SHA1 hashing function** has claimed its first casualty: the version control system used by the WebKit browser engine, which **became completely corrupted** after someone uploaded two proof-of-concept PDF files that have identical message digests.

Scaling computation

WebKit developer submitted a test to prove WebKit is resistant to SHA-1 collision

Due to an unforeseen bug in SVN Webkit SVN is offline for a few hours

SVN issue emergency patch

Legacy software





Counter-cryptanalysis to the rescue!

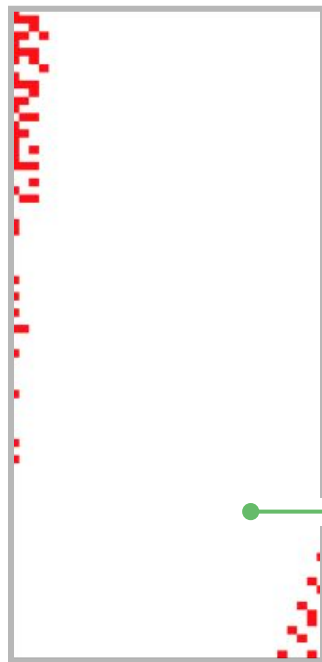


SHA1 deeply integrated into GIT
despite early warning made it
hard to fix

Transition plan slowly in the making



GIT is using SHA-1 for foreseeable future



File block

Trivial
differences
required for
feasible
attacks

Leverage how collisions are created

Works against “unknown” collisions

Only requires one file to detect collision

Allows collision forensic (e.g Flame)

Negligible false positives

Provide reliable detection system



Mitigating GIT issues with counter-cryptanalysis

Google Git

[eclipse](#) / [jgit](#) / [jgit](#) / **83ad74b6b9b6cace3419560a72cec028cfd18550**

```
commit 83ad74b6b9b6cace3419560a72cec028cfd18550 [log] [tgz]
author Shawn Pearce <spearce@spearce.org> Sat Feb 25 11:43:42 2017 -0800
committer Shawn Pearce <spearce@spearce.org> Tue Feb 28 16:38:43 2017 -0800
tree a2c7da9b4d104e4fcfc910f66d8452772d150c17
parent 1bf7d3f290ef7dbf9b4f12d15308a4d93042ac83 [diff]
```

SHA-1: collision detection support

Update SHA1 class to include a Java port of shalcd[1]'s ubc_check, which can detect the attack pattern used by the SHAttered[2] authors.

Given the shattered example files that have the same SHA-1, this modified implementation can identify there is risk of collision given only one file in the pair:

```
$ jgit ...
[main] WARN org.eclipse.jgit.util.shal.SHA1 - SHA-1 collision 38762cf7f55934b34d179ae6a4c80cadccbb7f0a
```

JGit (Feb 2017)



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SHA-1 collision detection on GitHub.com

March 20, 2017 peff Engineering

A few weeks ago, researchers announced [SHAttered](#), the first collision of the SHA-1 hash function. Starting today, all SHA-1 computations on GitHub.com will detect and reject any Git content that shows evidence of being part of a collision attack. This ensures that GitHub cannot be used as a platform for performing collision attacks against our users.

This fix will also be included in the next patch releases for the supported versions of GitHub Enterprise.

Github.com (Mar 2017)



GIT got counter-cryptanalysis late march



```
From: Jeff King <peff@peff.net>  
To: Linus Torvalds <torvalds@linux-foundation.org>  
Cc: Joey Hess <id@joeyh.name>,  
    Git Mailing List <git@vger.kernel.org>  
Subject: \[PATCH 3/3\] Makefile: add USE\_SHA1DC knob  
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2017 18:06:21 -0500  
Message-ID: <20170223230621.43anex65ndoqbgnf@sigill.intra.peff.net> (raw)  
In-Reply-To: <20170223230507.kuxiqtg3ghcfskc6@sigill.intra.peff.net>
```

This knob lets you use the shaldc implementation from:

<https://github.com/cr-marcstevens/shalcollisiondetection>

which can detect certain types of collision attacks (even when we only see half of the colliding pair).

The big downside is that it's slower than either the openssl or block-shal implementations.

Git 2.12.2 (Mar 2017)



Google scans incoming documents



Runa Sandvik  @runasand · 2h

Google says files sent via Gmail or saved in Google Drive are automatically tested against the **SHA-1** attack. Here's what it looks like.

shattered-1.pdf (413K)

Virus detected! [Help](#) 



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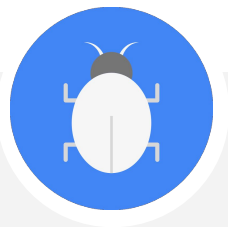


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Using Counter-cryptanalysis
to prevents old client files
reader from being abused



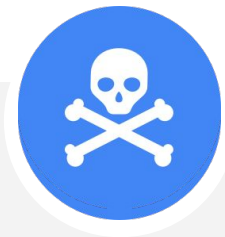
Why scan files for collision?



**Crash legacy
client software**



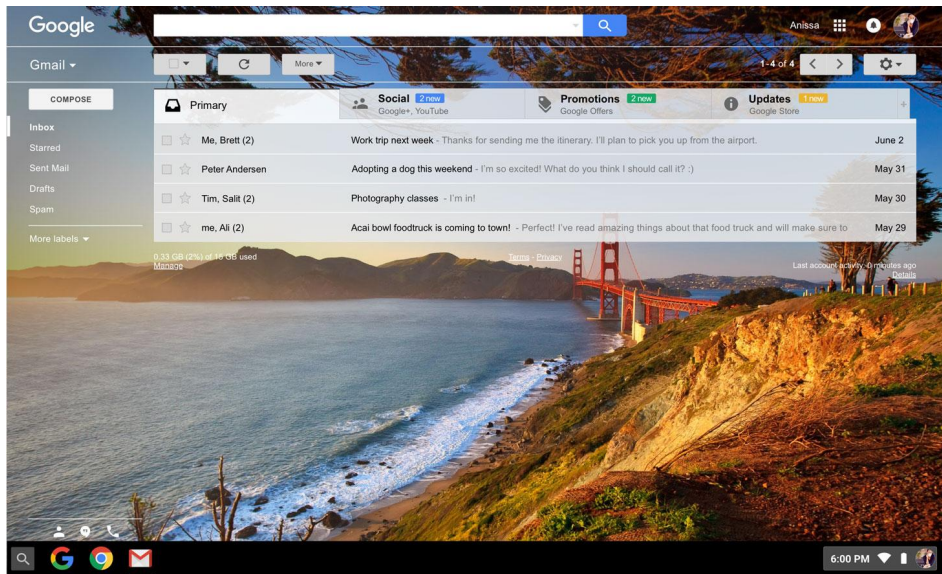
**Colliding
document with
different terms**



Blackswan



Gmail counter-cryptanalysis cost



~4.45%
overhead

Overhead computed on a sample set of 1B
PDFs documents scanned in April 2017



The future of hash security is diversity

	Security Claim	Fixed prefix	Chosen attack
SHA-1	MD		
SHA-256	MD	2^{128}	
SHA-3	Sponge	2^{128}	2^{128}
BLAKE	HAIFA	2^{128}	2^{256}

Takeaways

SHA-1 is dead
long live to
SHA-256 & SHA-3

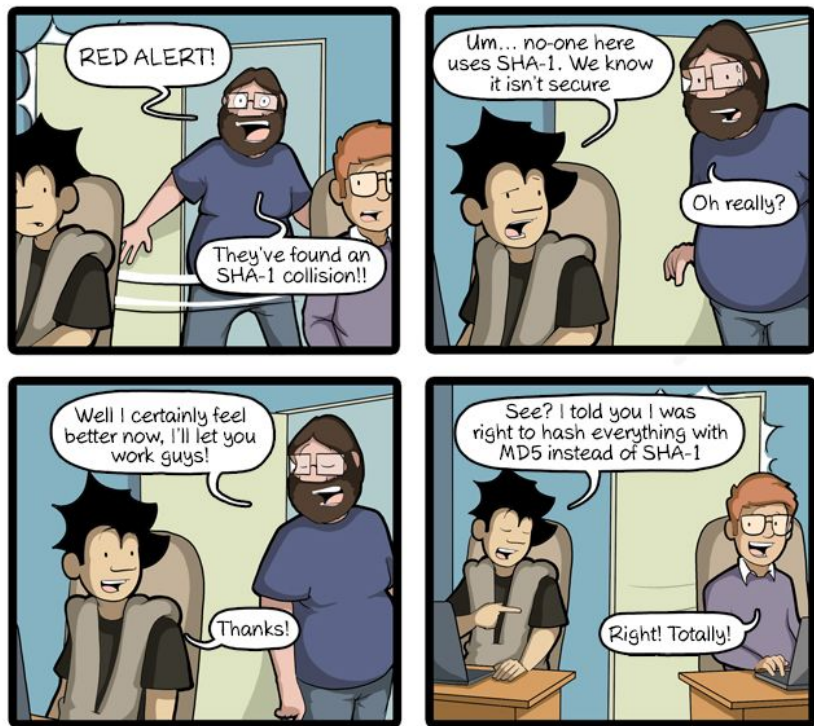
End of an era

Counter-cryptanalysis
as a means of
detection

Hash cryptanalysis as a
mean to detect unknown
collisions

Hash diversity
as a safeguard for
the years to come

We now have a very diverse
set of hash function
constructions



CommitStrip.com

Questions?

Come see our team's other talks

[Tracking ransomware end-to end](#)

Today | 5:05pm-5:30pm | Mandalay Bay EF

[Attacking encrypted USB keys the hard\(ware\) way](#)

Tomorrow | 12:10pm-1:00pm | South Seas CD



Research at Google

Thank you

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