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Definition

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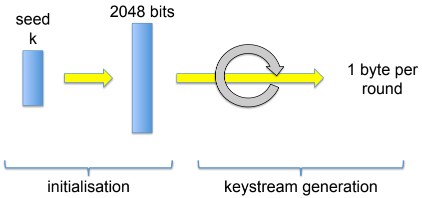

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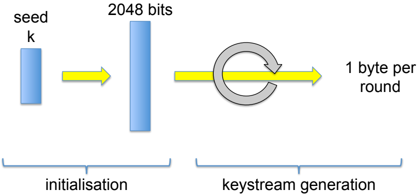

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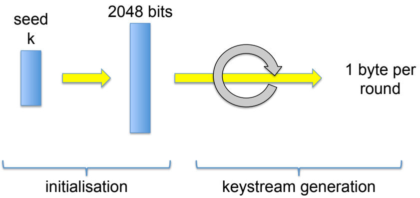

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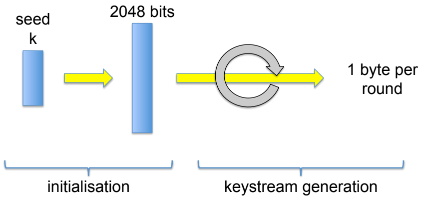

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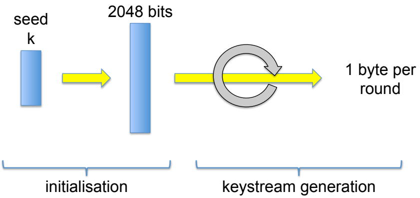

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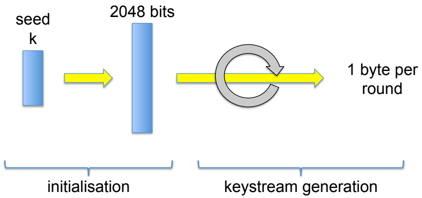

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    swap(S[i], S[j])
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RC4: key stream generation

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while generatingOutput
    i := i + 1 (mod 256)
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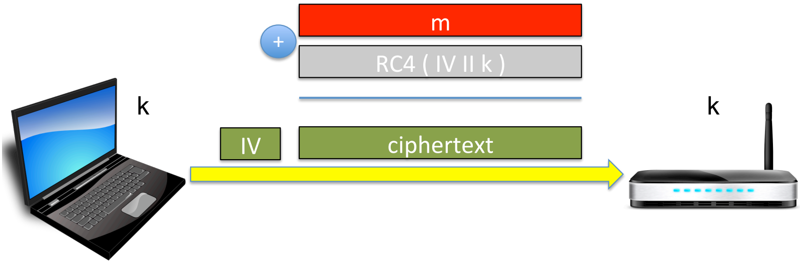

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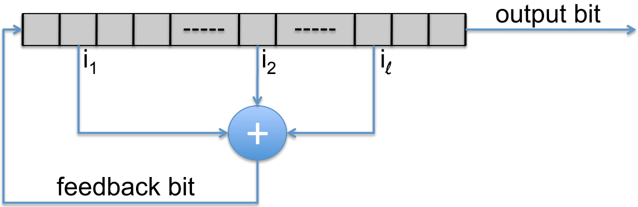

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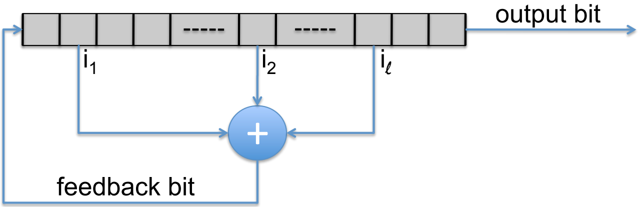

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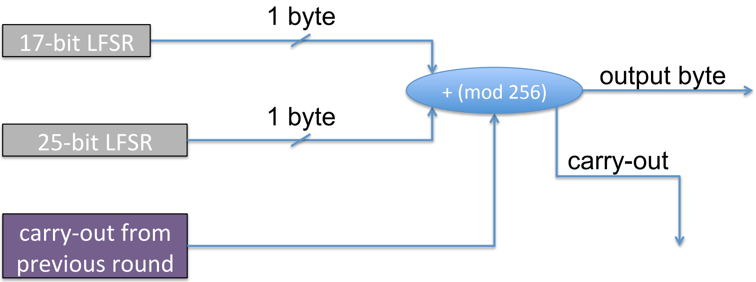

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