

# Cryptography for Game Dev



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Interspersed Crypto Lessons! :D

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  - ... CRYPTO LESSON!
- Transmitting passwords (valuable accounts)



# Crypto Lesson #1: Hashes

- String that is easy to go from  $A \rightarrow B$ , hard to go back from  $B \rightarrow A$ .

*md5(bob)  $\rightarrow$  9f9d51bc70ef21ca5c14f307980a29d8*

- Collisions – don't need actual “A” just something that collides  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $Q \rightarrow B$
- md5 isn't great anymore...

# md5

www.miraclesalad.com/webtools/md5.php

Miracle Salad Home Apps Web Tools

## md5 Hash Generator

*This simple tool computes the MD5 hash of a string. Also available is a [SHA-1 hash generator](#).*

String:

ilovevicky

Treat multiple lines as separate strings

### MD5 Hash:

d8b5305cb9f2f8df8d9d6688dc85befd

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# md5

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6 results (0.30 seconds)


**md5.db30.com - d8b5305cb9f2f8df8d9d6688dc85befd**  
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  - $\text{hash}(\text{“bob”}) \rightarrow \text{“1cwY”}$ ,  $\text{hash}(\text{“1cwY”} + \text{“bob”})$
  - Per-password, not per system...


# sha256

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SHA-256 produces a 256-bit (32-byte) hash value.

**Data**


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**SHA-256 hash**

5a36680291c688485dadcadb394e82fc7af626d7cecedea8191a28c1dbbba21d

Calculate SHA256 hash

word generator  
64 encoder and  
ler  
hash calculator  
1 hash calculator  
256 hash calculator  
g Clock Generator  
badge generator



# sha256

Google

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Maybe matches? Probably.

**809014ae287efe8548436821111b23c219380def - Db30.com**

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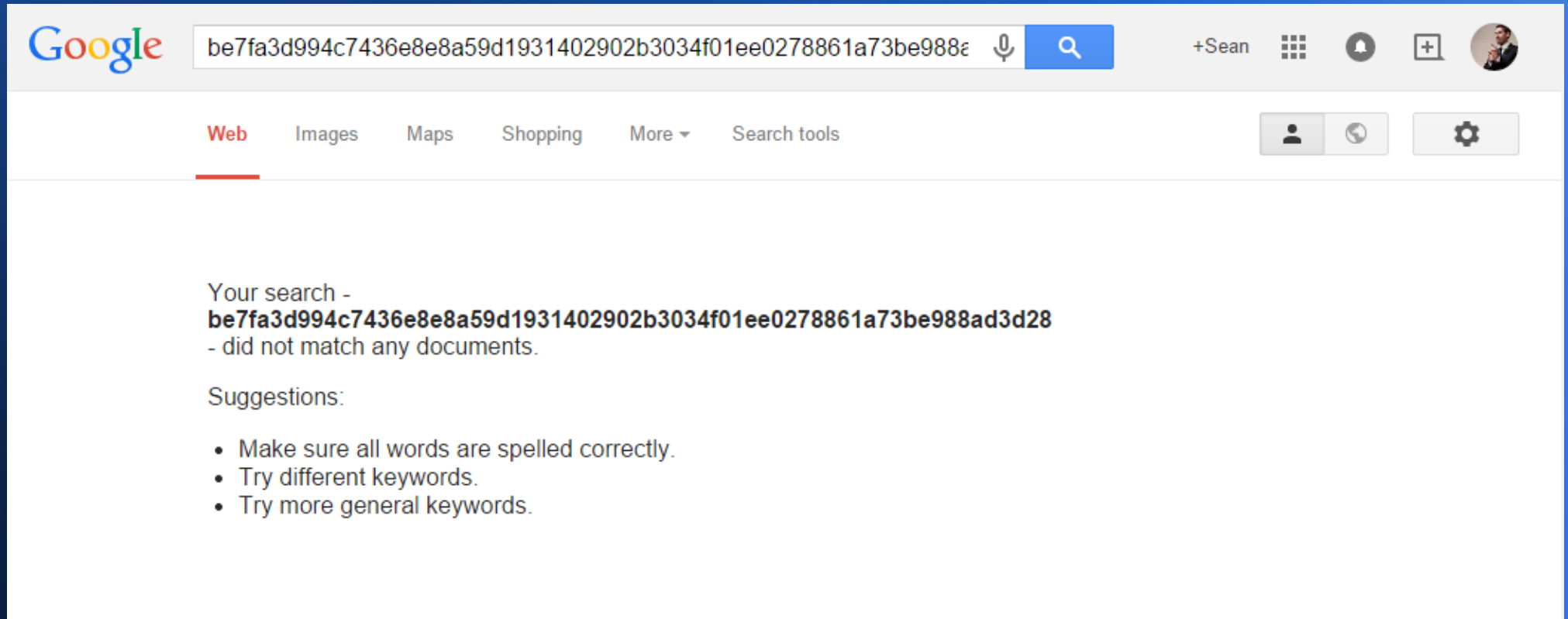
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Calculate SHA256 hash

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hash calculator  
hash calculator  
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y Clock Generator  
adge generator



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The image shows a screenshot of a Google search page. The search bar contains the SHA256 hash: `be7fa3d994c7436e8e8a59d1931402902b3034f01ee0278861a73be988e`. The search results indicate that no documents were found for this query. The page also displays search suggestions and navigation options.

Google

be7fa3d994c7436e8e8a59d1931402902b3034f01ee0278861a73be988e

+Sean

Web Images Maps Shopping More Search tools

Your search - **be7fa3d994c7436e8e8a59d1931402902b3034f01ee0278861a73be988ad3d28** - did not match any documents.

Suggestions:

- Make sure all words are spelled correctly.
- Try different keywords.
- Try more general keywords.



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- Search “password storage cheat sheet”

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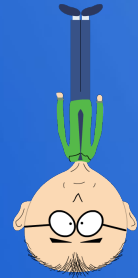
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• LESSON COMPLETE! \m/

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- Keeps people from manually messing with files *easily*.
- ...but not dependable.
- Crypto is not the answer here (use an server)

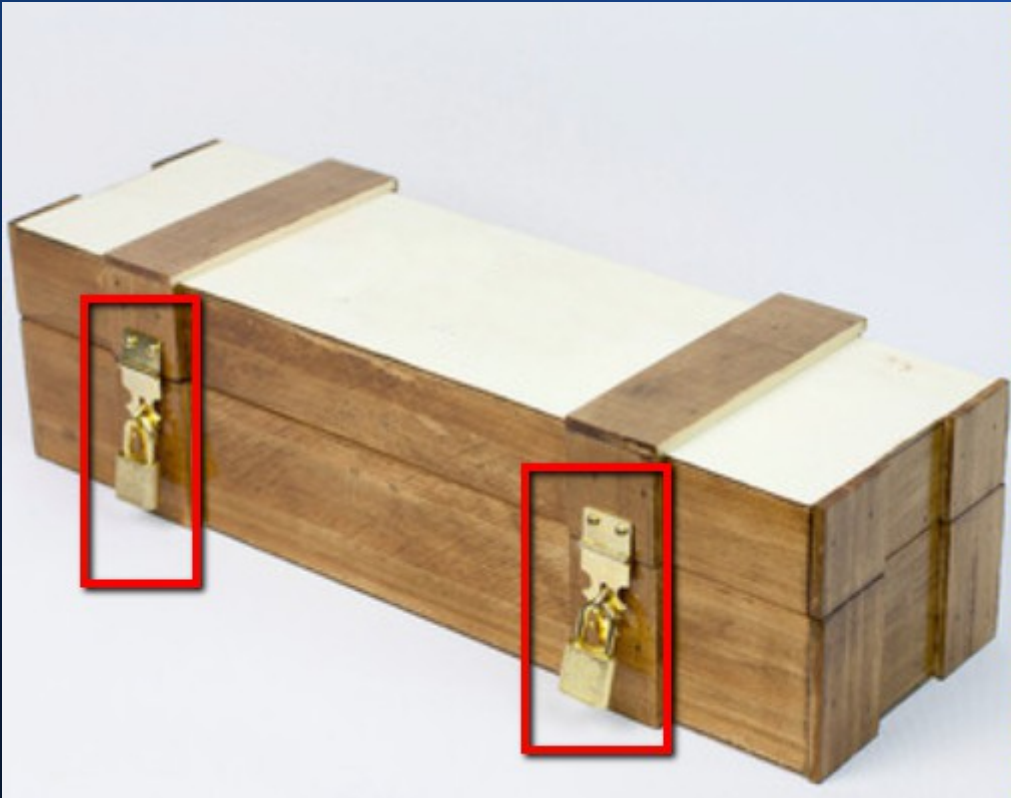
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- Possible use: reporting High Scores securely
- Signatures ...but first, CRYPTO LESSON!!



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- NORMAL: [data]
- SIGNED: [data]+[signature from data]
- BONUS: [data]+[salt]+[signature of salty data]
  - Only really needed if “data” is going to be used repeatedly. Like... “buy a mudkip”.
  - Prevents replay-attacks (salt must be a nonce)



# Meh: Signing Web Requests

```
/// <summary>
/// Given a data-string for a a request, returns a signed version of that string. This will
/// be used on the server-side to verify that this request came from one of our
/// games.
///
/// Refer to cryptoTools.php for more details on the signature scheme.
///
/// Basically this signature is just a hash of the "hashedData" with a secret
/// token pre-pended. The server also has a copy of this secret token.
/// </summary>
/// <param name="hashedData"></param>
private string GetSignatureForSortedDataString(string dataString)
{
    SHA256 hashTool = SHA256Managed.Create();

    // The data to hash is just the request's 'hashedData' with a secret token prepended.
    string dataToHash = SHARED_TOKEN + dataString;

    byte[] signatureBytes = hashTool.ComputeHash(Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(dataToHash));
    StringBuilder sigStringBuilder = new StringBuilder();
    for (int index = 0; index < signatureBytes.Length; index++)
    {
        sigStringBuilder.Append( String.Format("{0:x2}", signatureBytes[index]) );
    }

    return sigStringBuilder.ToString();
}
```



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- Why it doesn't work (private key in code)
- Will make it take longer before your highscores get hacked. But they will.

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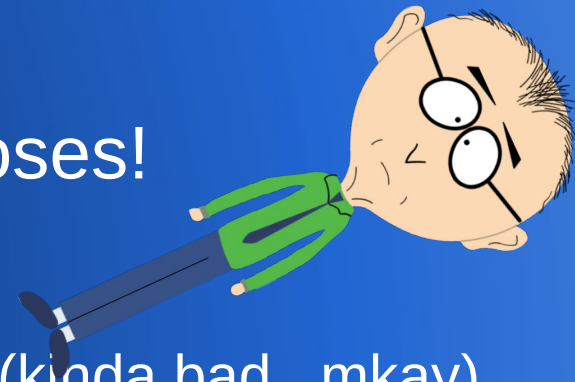
# Algorithms of Today

- Public Key Crypto

- RSA / PGP
- HTTPS (SSL/TLS)

- Hashes

- md5 is outdated for security purposes!
- sha256 is sha2
  - Getting more popular than sha1 (kinda bad.. mkay)
- SALT YO HASHES!



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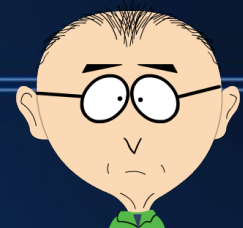
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# Rules to Remember!!

1. Don't invent your own algorithms!
2. You will almost never have to even IMPLEMENT the algorithms, just use them from libraries!
3. SALT YO HASHES!
4. Clients lie. Don't believe the clients' Lies!



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