

# ***ATM Security***

## ***Having fun with ATMs & HSMS***

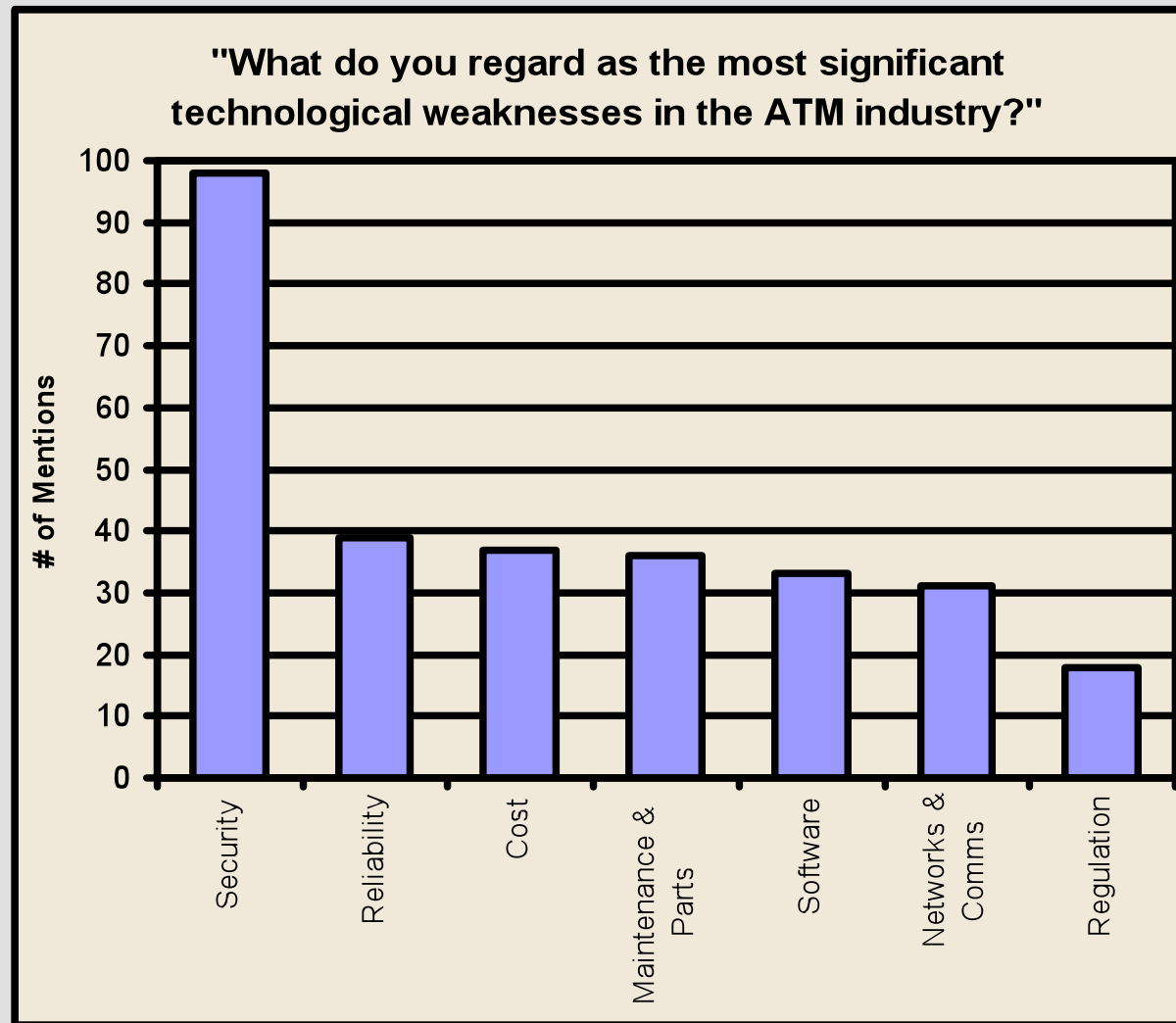
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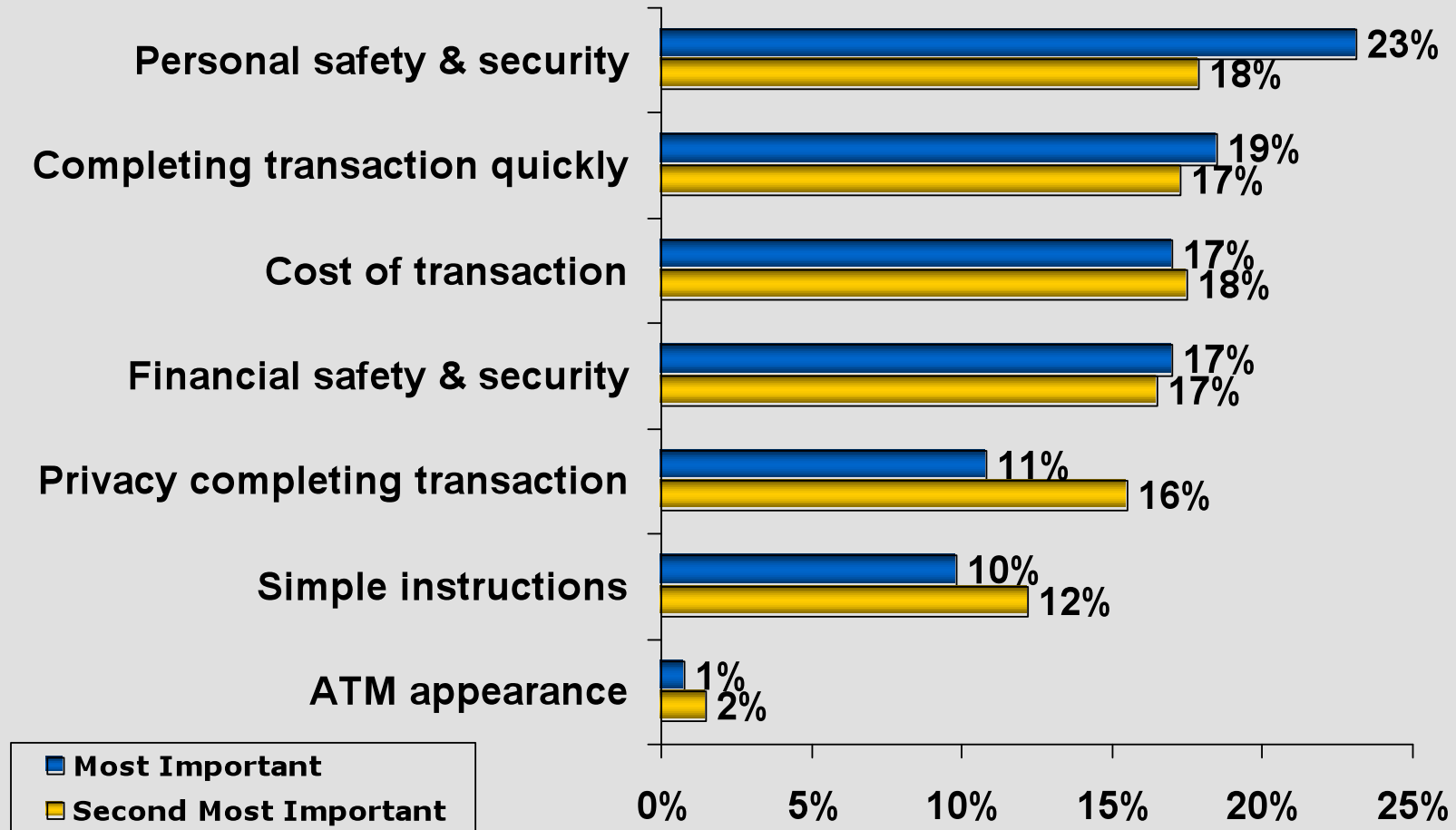
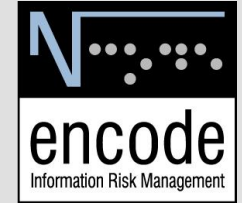


# ATMIA Member Survey





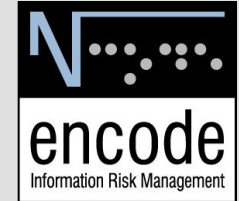
# What does the client want?



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### PIN Crackers Nab Holy Grail of Bank Card Security

By Kim Zetter | April 14, 2009 | 8:55 pm | Categories: Crime

Hackers have crossed into new frontiers by devising sophisticated ways to steal large amounts of personal identification numbers, or PINs, protecting credit and debit cards, says an investigator. The attacks involve both unencrypted PINs and encrypted PINs that attackers have found a way to crack, according to an investigator behind a new report looking at the data breaches.



The attacks, says Bryan Sartin, director of investigative response for Verizon Business, are behind some of the millions of dollars in fraudulent ATM withdrawals that have occurred around the United States.

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### grabbing malware compromises bank networks

thieves have moved beyond skimming credit cards and ATM cards, now using sophisticated are to grab unencrypted PIN data that can allow direct cash withdrawals from bank accounts.

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ve didn't have enough to worry about on the identity theft front, with skimmers and scammers and 419ers and guys diving into sters in search of our digits, *Wired now reports* that thieves found a sophisticated way to get at PIN numbers, too.

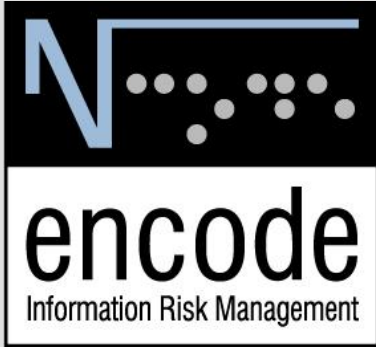


ping a PIN number can be far more lucrative than stealing credit information, since ATM PINs can be help thieves get direct s to cash. They can also be more difficult for consumers to nge.

ttacks involve a device called a hardware security module (HSM), a security appliance hat sits on bank networks and on switches through which PIN numbers pass on their way rom an ATM or retail cash register to the card issuer. The module is a tamper-resistant evice that provides a secure environment for certain functions, such as encryption and eryption, to occur.

According to the payment-card industry, or PCI, standards for credit card transaction

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# Physical Attacks

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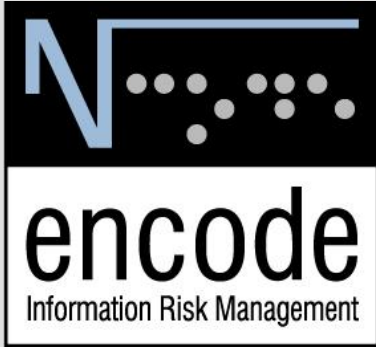
# ATM Physical Attacks

## ➤ Targeting the Client

- Card Theft
  - Card Theft (Hooks)
  - Skimming Devices
  - Bogus ATM
- PIN Theft
  - Shoulder Surfing
  - Fake PIN Pad Overlay
  - Micro-camera
- Cash Theft
  - False ATM presenter
  - Robbery
- Distraction Fraud
- Fund Transfer Fraud

## ➤ Targeting the Bank

- Cash Theft
  - Transaction Reversal
- ATM Burglary Attacks
  - Door break-in
  - ATM removal

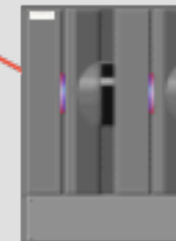
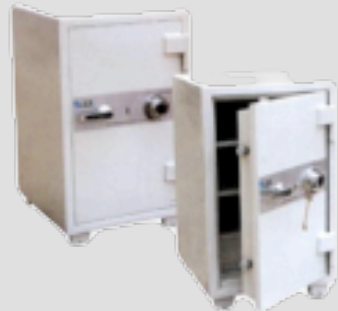
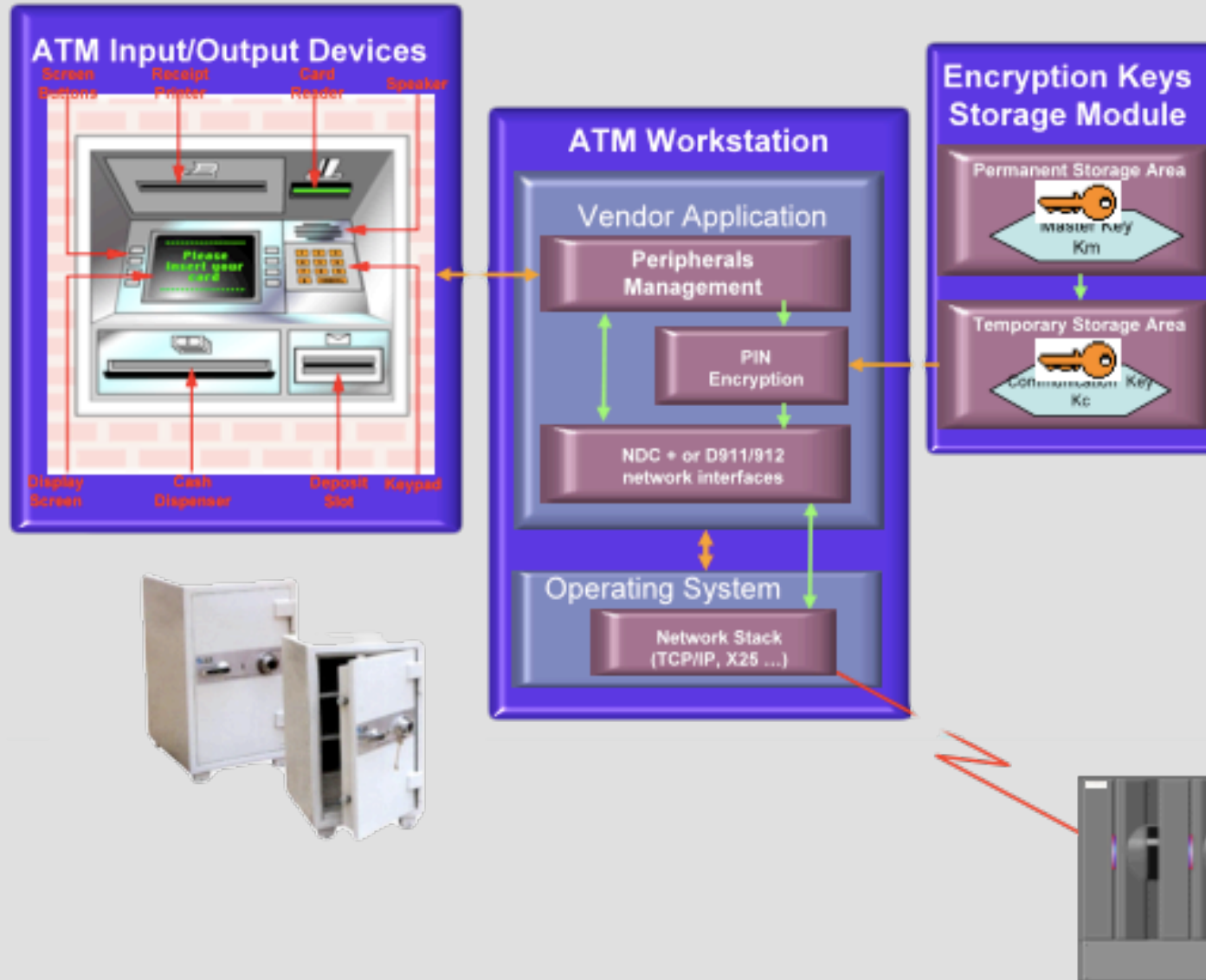


# PIN Attacks ...

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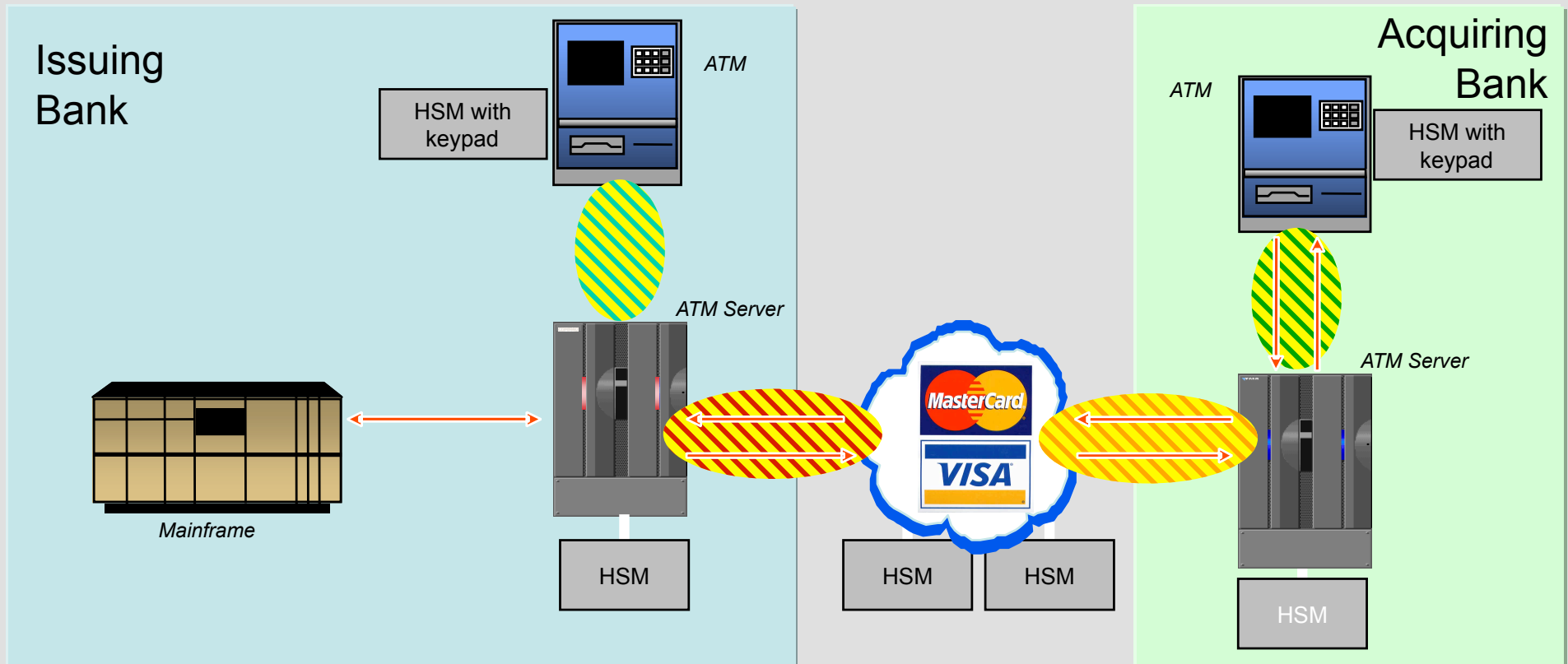


# How ATMs Work



# ATMs & Key Zones

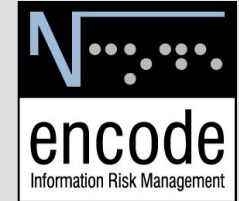
- Three basic functions :
  - Encryption
  - Translation
  - Verification
- Every communicating pair shares an encryption key (Key Zone)







# ATM PIN Block Formats



PIN block formats range from the simplest:

ISO-2 PIN Block = **24PPPPXXXXXXXXXX**

where P is the 4-bit representation of a single PIN digit,  
F is a 4-filler digit of value 0xF

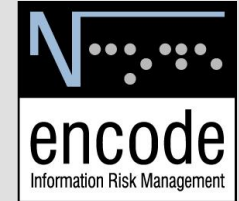
...to slightly more complicated:

ISO-1 PIN Block = **14PPPPRRRRRRRRRR**

where P is the 4-bit representation of a single PIN digit,  
R is a 4-filler random digit (permissible values are 0x0-0xF)



# ATM PIN Block Formats [2]



...to even more complicated:

ISO-0 PIN Block:

**P1 = 04PPPPFFFFFFF**

**P2 = ZZZZAAAAAAAAA**

**PB = P1 ⊕ P2**

Where P is the 4-bit representation of a single PIN digit,

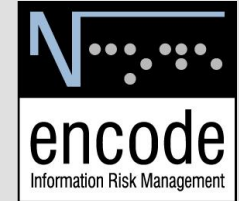
F is a filler digit of value 0xF,

Z is a 4-bit hexadecimal zero (0x0) and

A is a 4-bit representation of one digit of the user (PAN)



# ATM PIN Block Formats [3]



...to the most complicated:

ISO-3 PIN Block:

**P1 = 34PPPPRRRRRRRRRRR**

**P2 = ZZZZAAAAAAAAAAAAA**

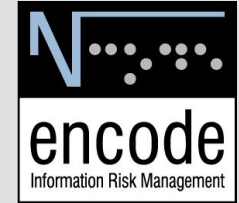
**PB = P1 ⊕ P2**

Where P is the 4-bit representation of a single PIN digit,  
R is a filler digit (permissible values 0xA-0xF),  
Z is a 4-bit hexadecimal zero (0x0) and  
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# Simple PIN Generation



Start with your Primary Account Number (PAN)

1234 5678 9012 3456

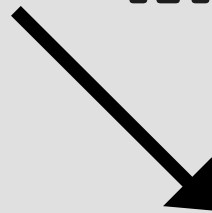
Encrypt with  
**PIN Master Key (PMK).**



Result is

4FA2 910B 65F1 03C7

Truncate



4502

decimalise



(F->5)

(A->2)

# Decimalisation Tables

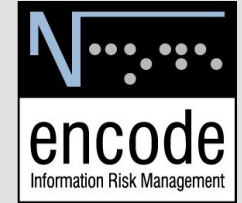
- Remember encrypted result was in hexadecimal?
- Encryption produces output that looks uniformly distributed, so 0-F are all equally likely
- Decimalisation Table used to map 0-F back to 0-9

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digit in  0123456789ABCDEF
digit out 0123456789012345
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- **Because some numbers (0-5) have several hexadecimal digits mapped to them, they are more likely to occur in issued PINs than others**
- e.g. 4FC2-> 4522



# ATM PIN Verification



- Various alternative approaches:
  - Simple
  - PIN Verification Values (PVV)
  - Offsets







# PIN Verification - Offsets

Customer PIN = Constant PIN (IPIN) + Variable PIN (PIN Offset)

Allows the user to select his own PIN and change it easily

## ➤ IPIN

- Depends on client information (PAN) which gets encrypted using the PIN generation (verification) key.
- The cipher text is 'decimalised' using the following table

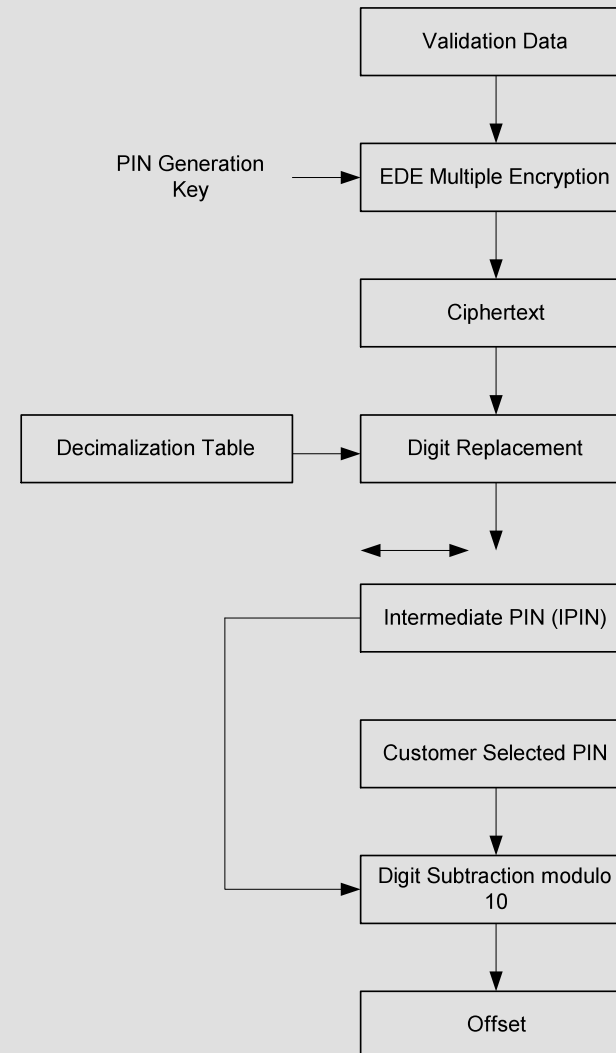
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| <b>Input</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> |
| <b>Output</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> |

## ➤ OFFSET

- When the client changes PIN the OFFSET changes
- $OFFSET = PIN - IPIN$  ( '-' : subtraction modulo 10)

# PIN Verification - Offsets

- Validation data is encrypted under PIN generation (verification) key.
- Ciphertext is 'decimalised' to form IPIN by means of a table.
- Calculate the offset as  $\text{OFFSET} = \text{PIN} - \text{IPIN}$  (where '-' is subtraction modulo 10)









# XOR-to-null key attack [2]

## Attack Execution:

- Use a transaction that enables a programmer to encrypt the PIN key under a terminal master key
  - Available so that an ATM can verify customer PINs while the network is down.
- Now we can obtain the PIN key encrypted under the all-zero key.
- We can decrypt it using our own computer and are then able to compute any customer's PIN.

Now you know why dual control in key management is important!...

# 'Two-time' attack

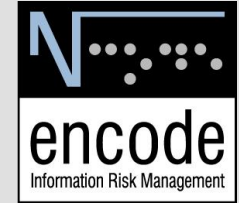
- HSMs have multiple keys
  - Local Master Keys (LMK)
  - Terminal Master Keys (KMT)
  - PIN Derivation Keys (KPD)
  - Terminal Communication Keys (KCT)
  - ...
  
- HSMs provide many functions
  - Encryption
  - Translation
  - ...







# Meet-in-the-Middle Attack



## **Attack Background:**

HSMs use/store many different types of keys (e.g. ZMKs, LMKs, TMKs, KPDs, KCTs, etc.)

## **Attack Preparation:**

- One test pattern is encrypted under all HSM keys and the different results are recorded

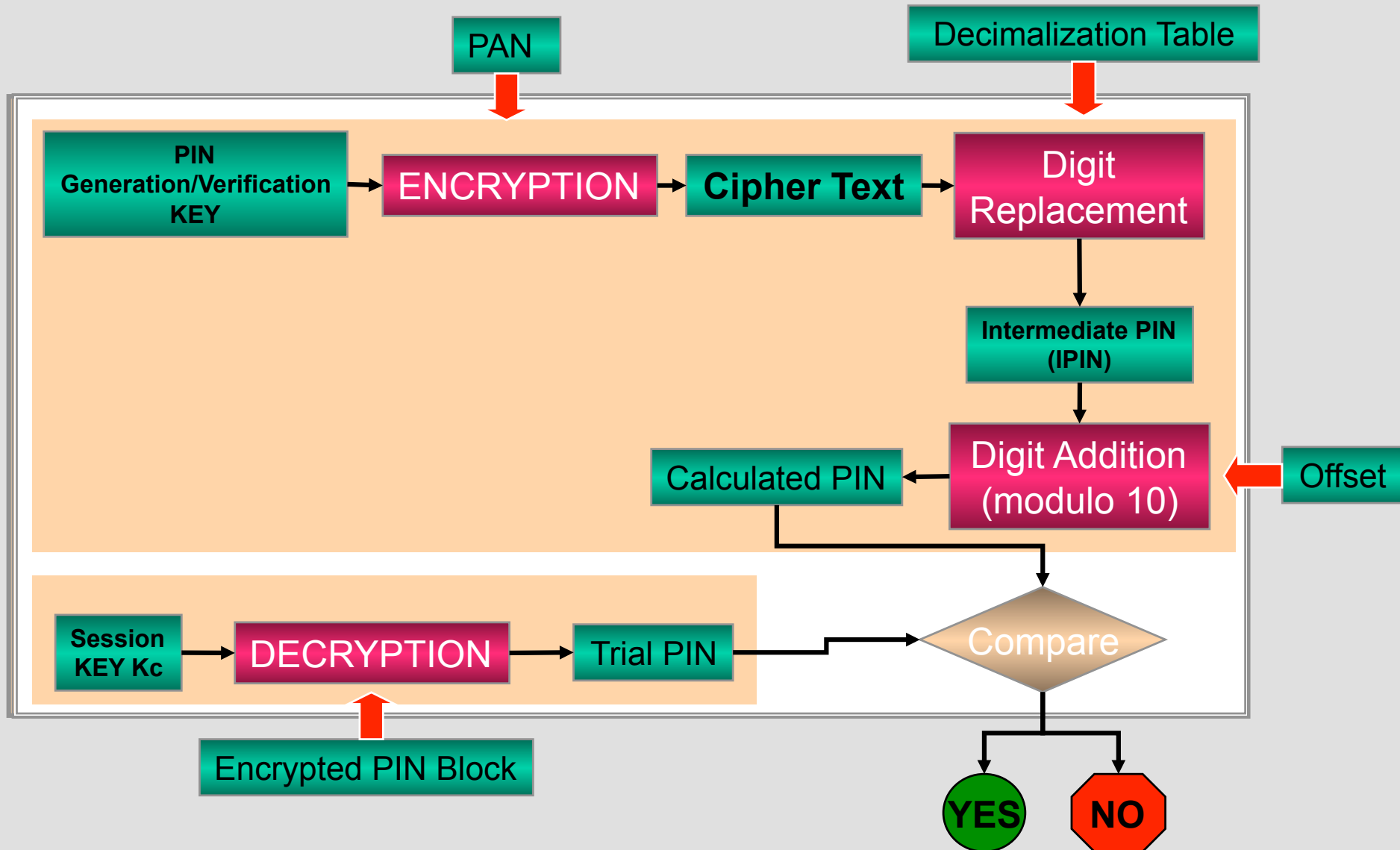
## **Attack Execution:**

- Same test pattern is encrypted under a trial key and the result is compared against all encrypted test patterns
  - Comparison takes slightly longer
  - Much faster than having to do one encryption per comparison
  - Using a hash table comparison is almost instantaneous





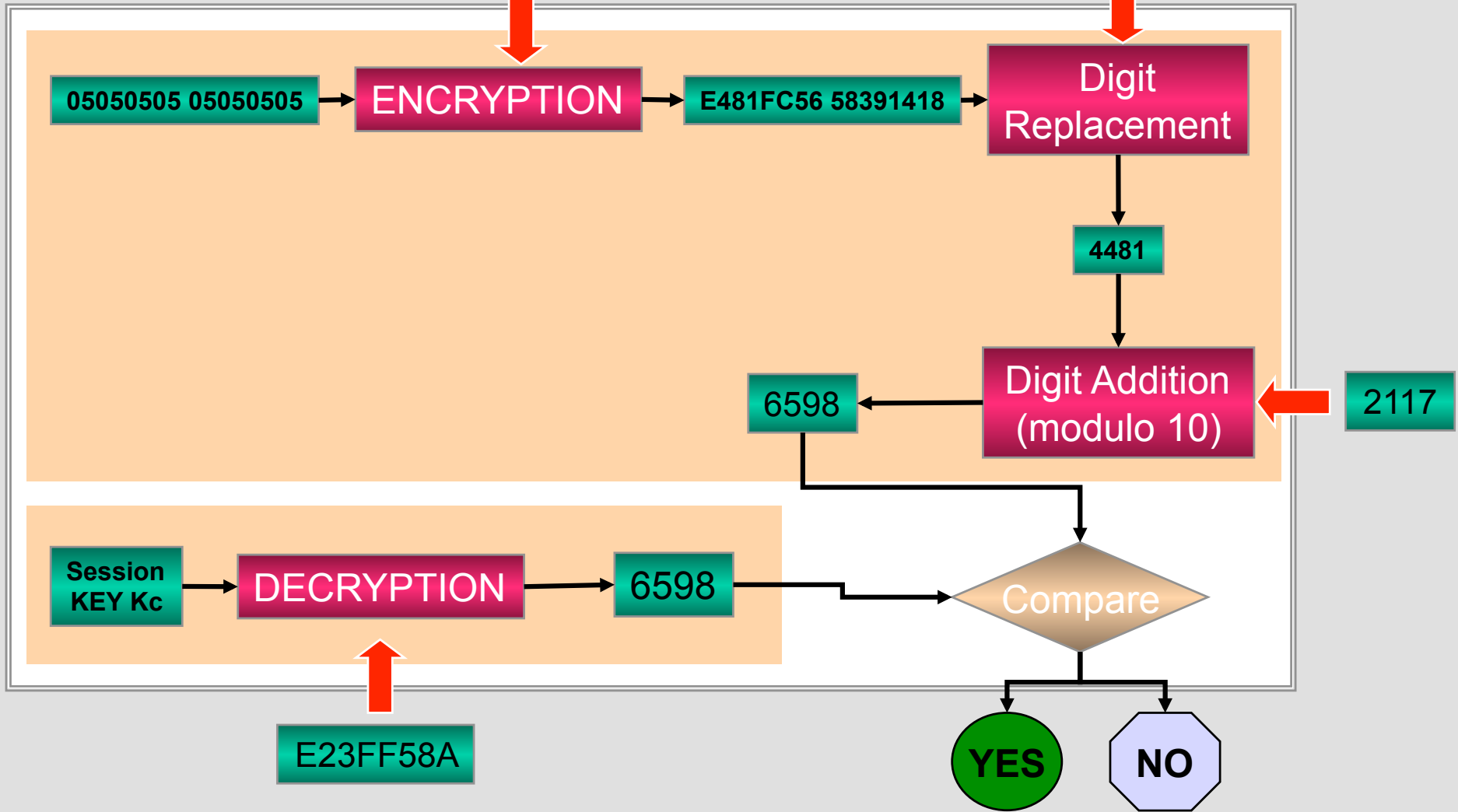
# Normal Operation



# Normal Operation [2]

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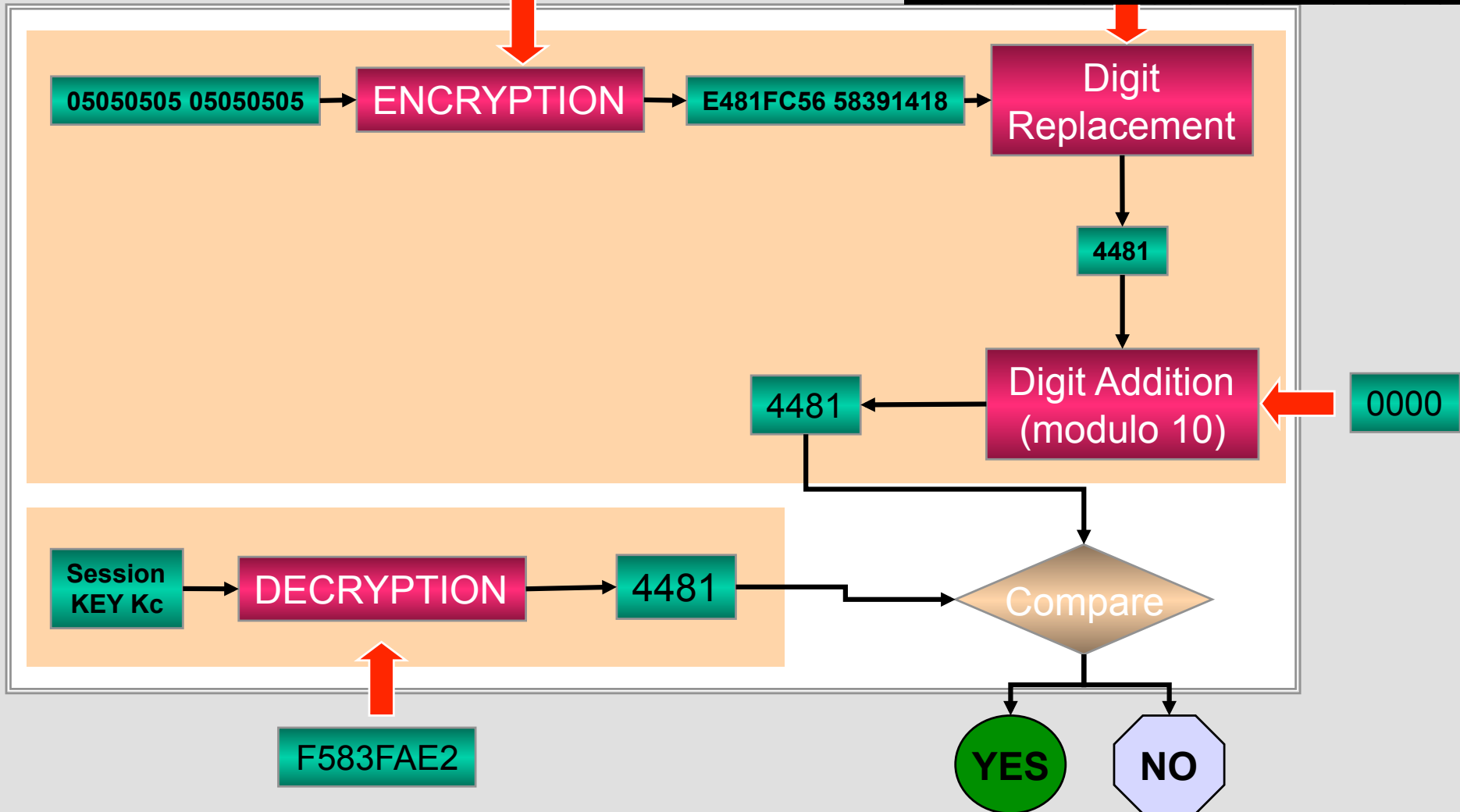




# PIN Attack – Normal Flow

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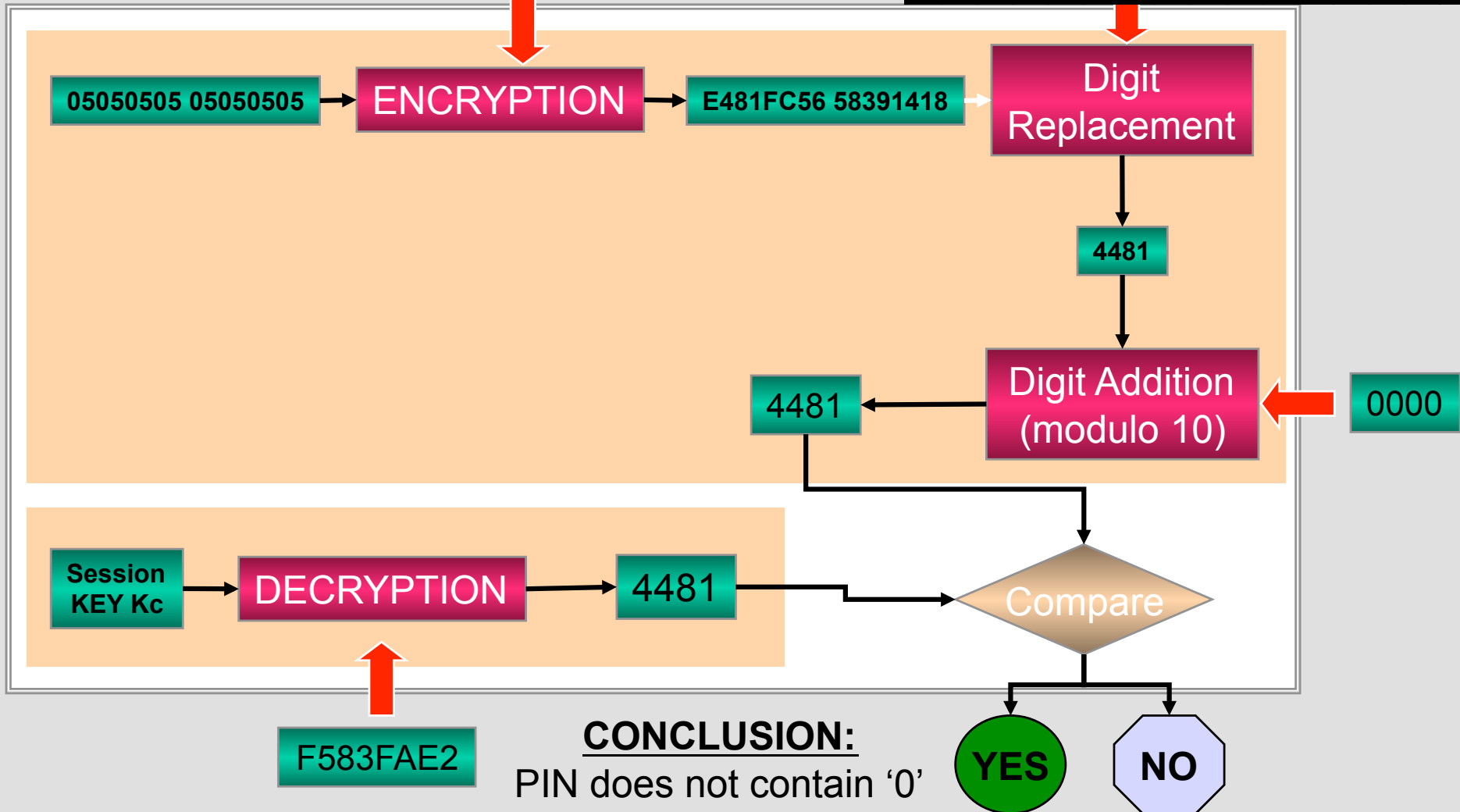
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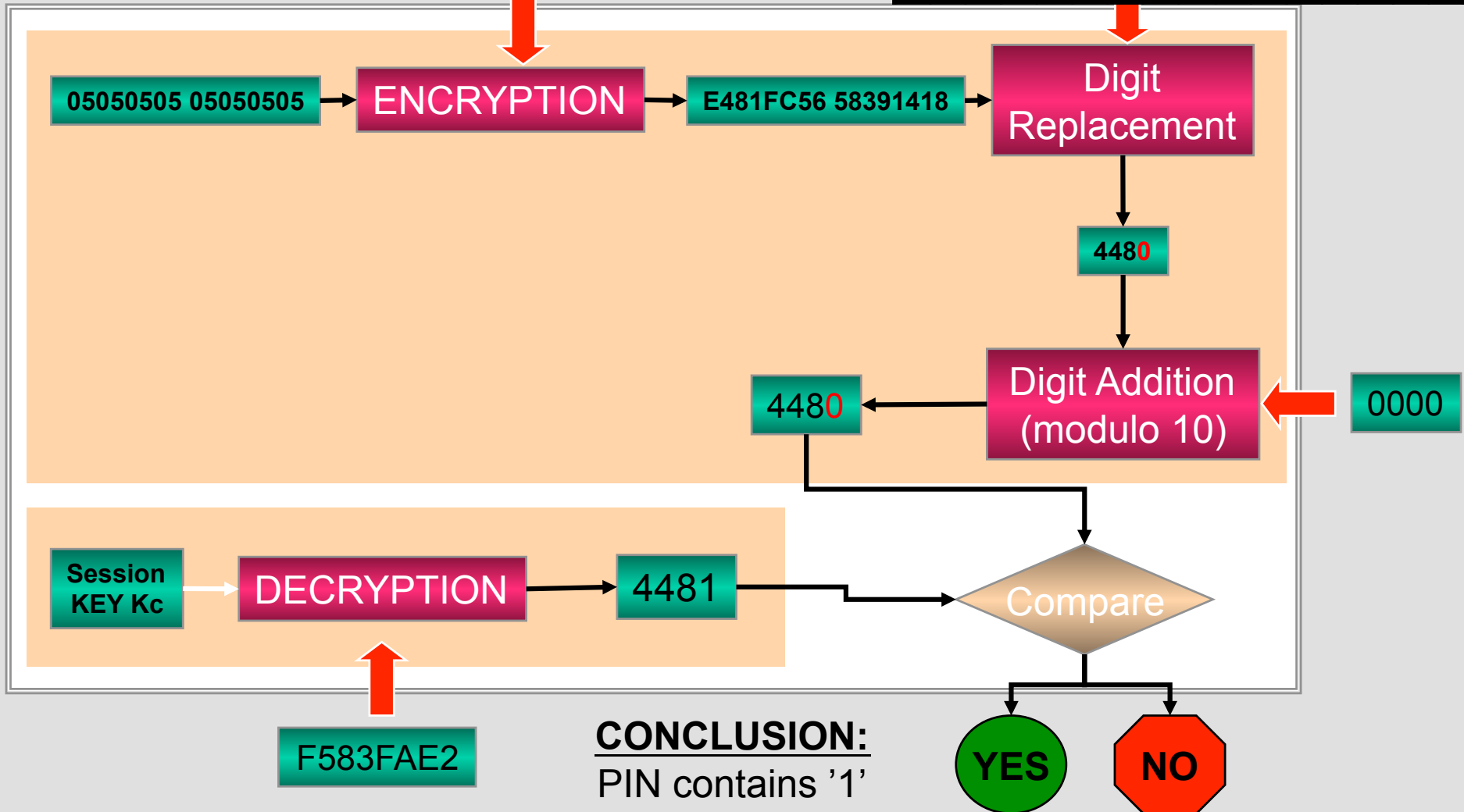
**CONCLUSION:**  
PIN does not contain '0'

YES NO

# PIN Attack - Phase 1

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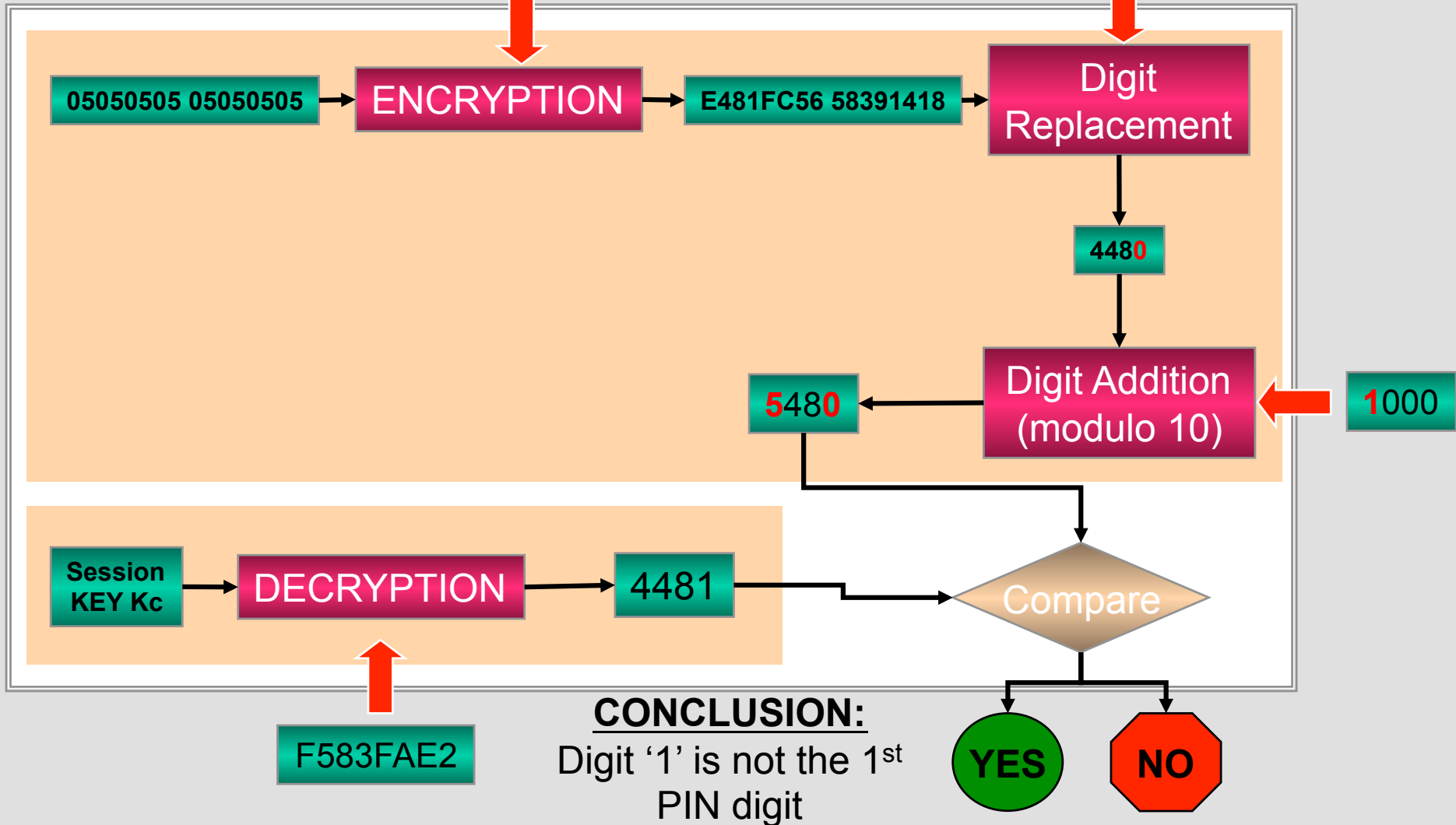
**CONCLUSION:**  
PIN contains '1'

YES NO

# PIN Attack - Phase 2

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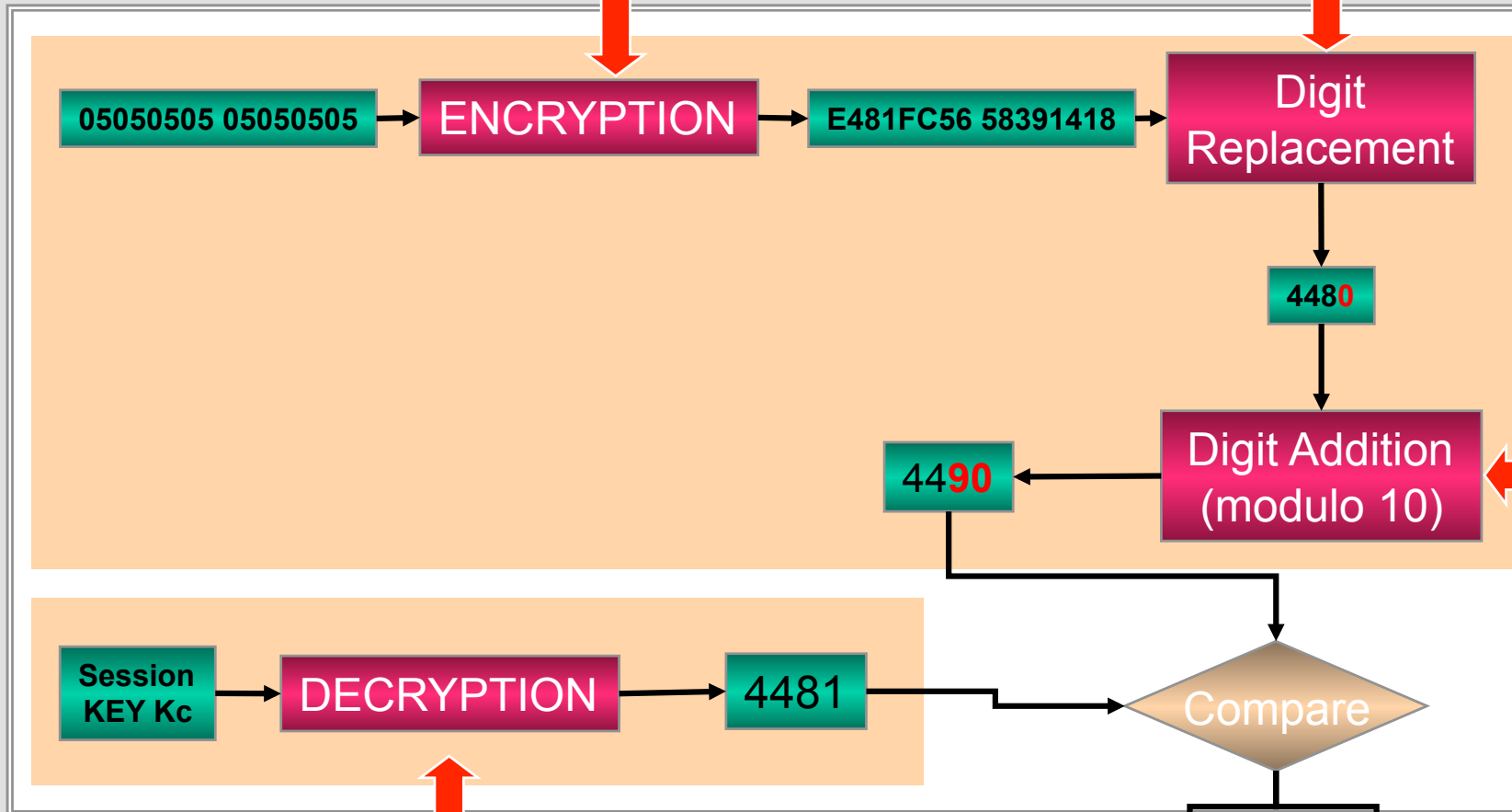




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**Conclusion:**  
Digit '1' is not the 3<sup>rd</sup> PIN digit

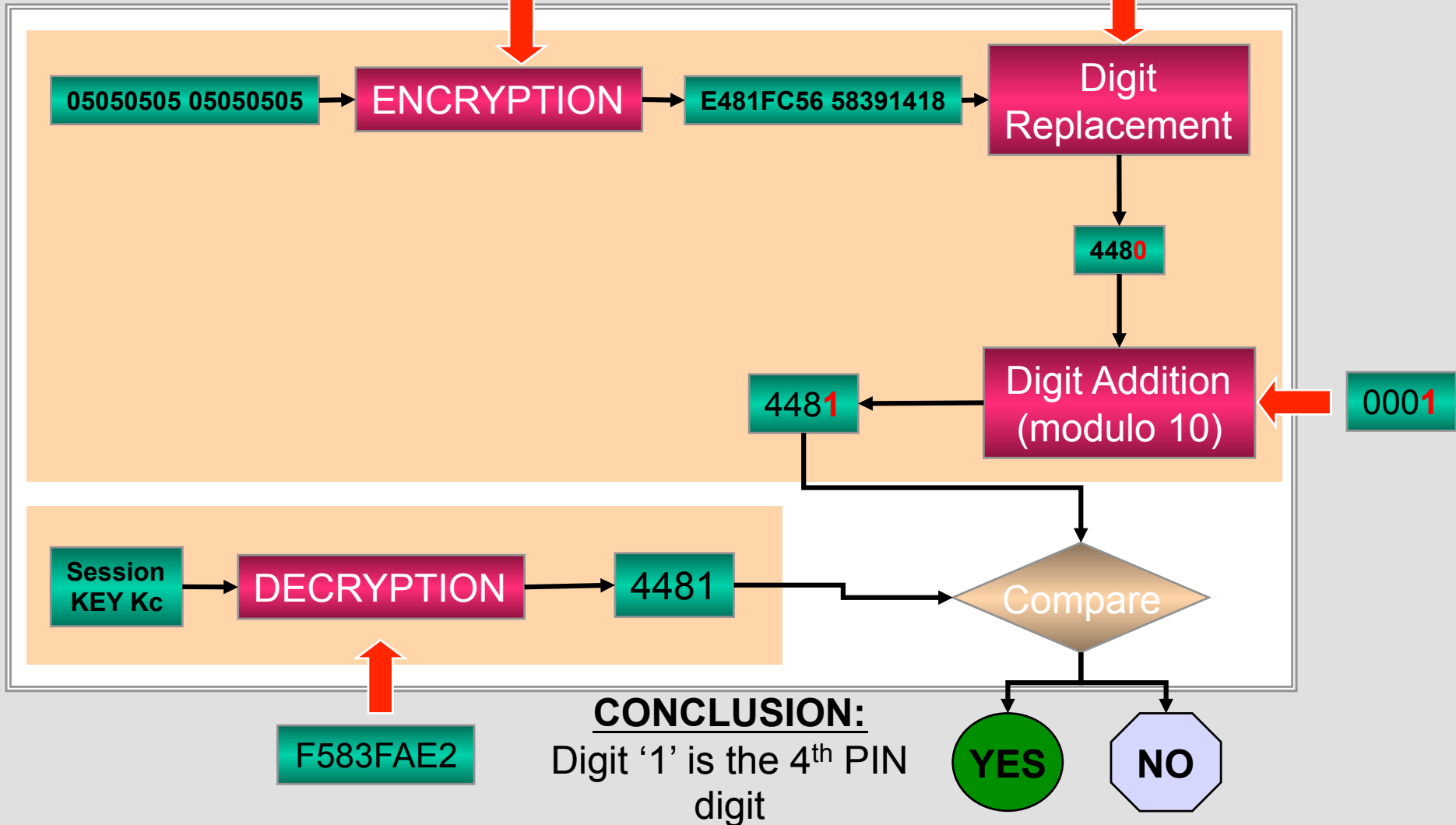
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# PIN Attack - Phase 2

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# Decimalization Attack Work factor

- The time required to complete the attack depends of the HSM processing speed.
  
- Typical time required:
  - Known offset: 1 – 20 sec.
  - Unknown offset: 10 - 1000 sec.

# Translation Attack [1]

## Attack Background:

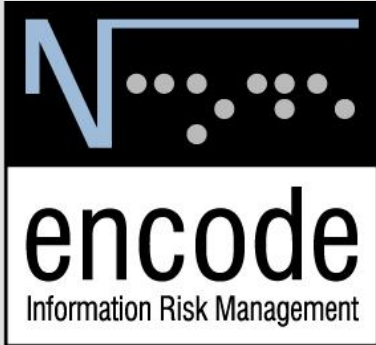
- Translation function is used on edges of keying zones to translate the EPB between zones
- May perform PIN-block reformatting in case entities on the two zones support different PIN-block formats

## Attack Preparation:

- We precompute a table of 10,000 EPBs using ISO-0 format, using the same, known, PAN for all EPBs
  - The  $i^{th}$  entry corresponds to PIN  $i$  ( $0000 \leq i \leq 9999$ )







# Conventional IT Attacks ...

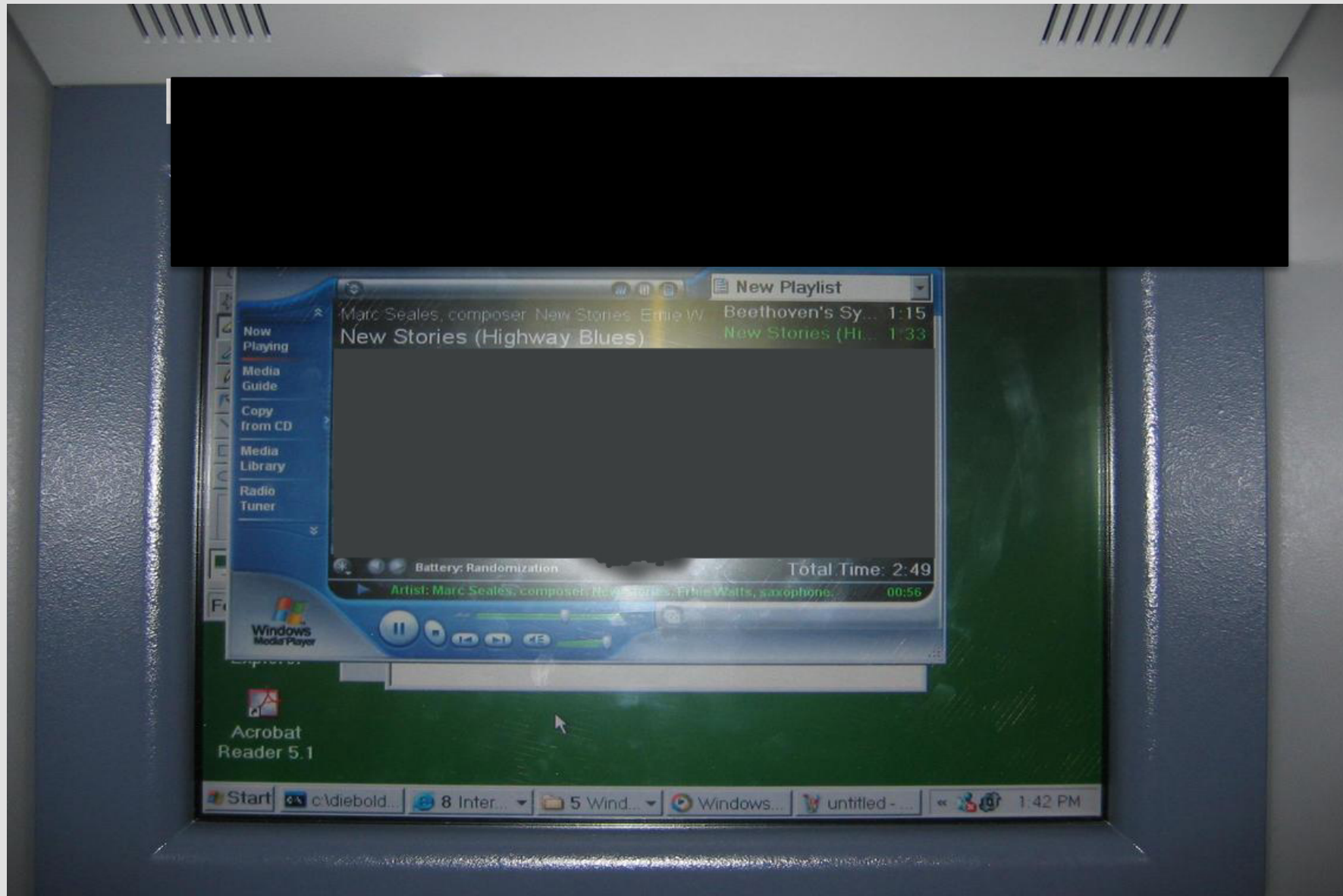
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# Conventional IT Attacks

- The need for:
  - New services
  - Processing speed
  - System Integration
- Leads to the adoption of “mainstream” technologies (Windows, TCP/IP ...)
- And changes dramatically the threat model
  
- New technologies must be adopted (but care should be taken)!

# What can go wrong?



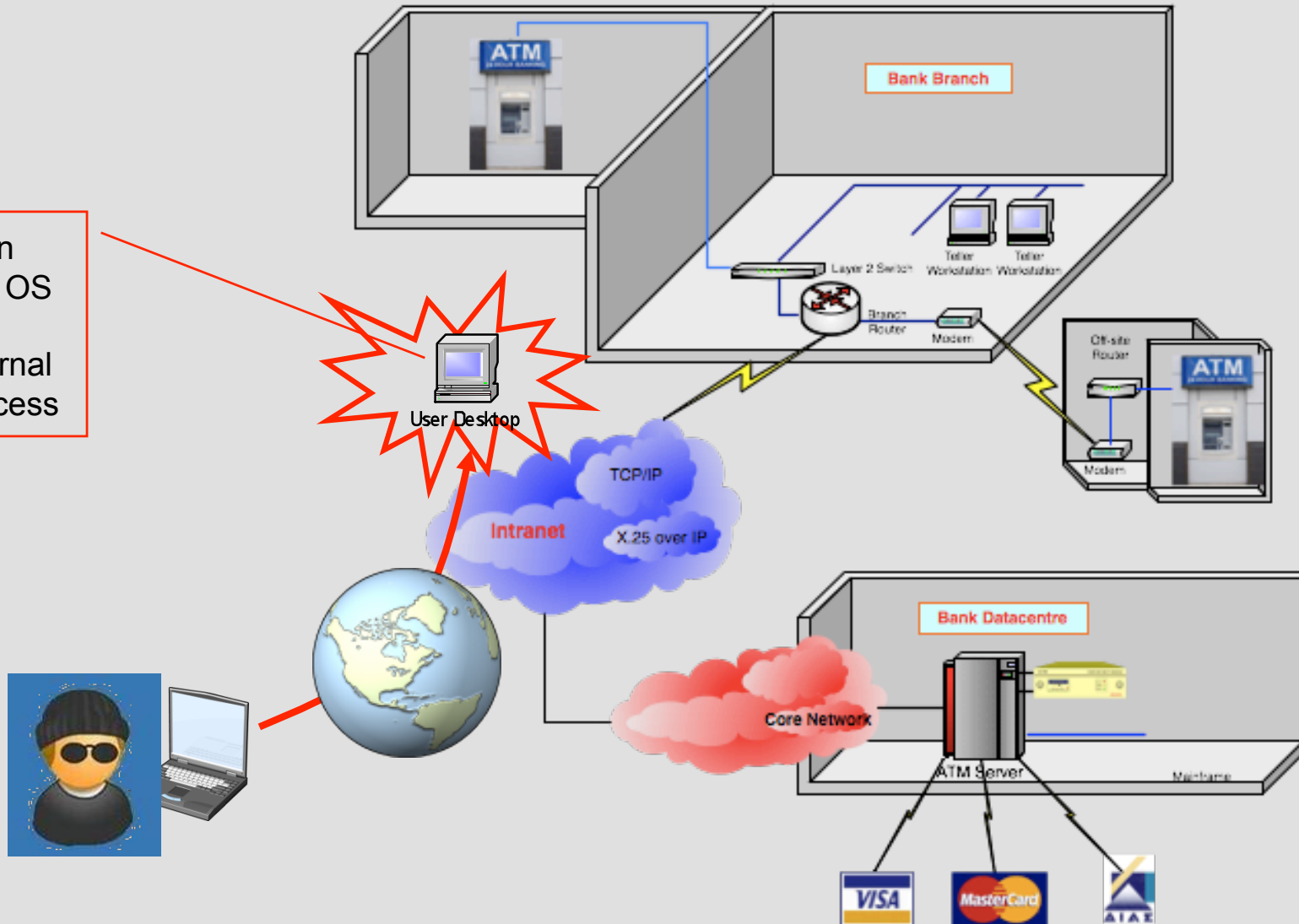
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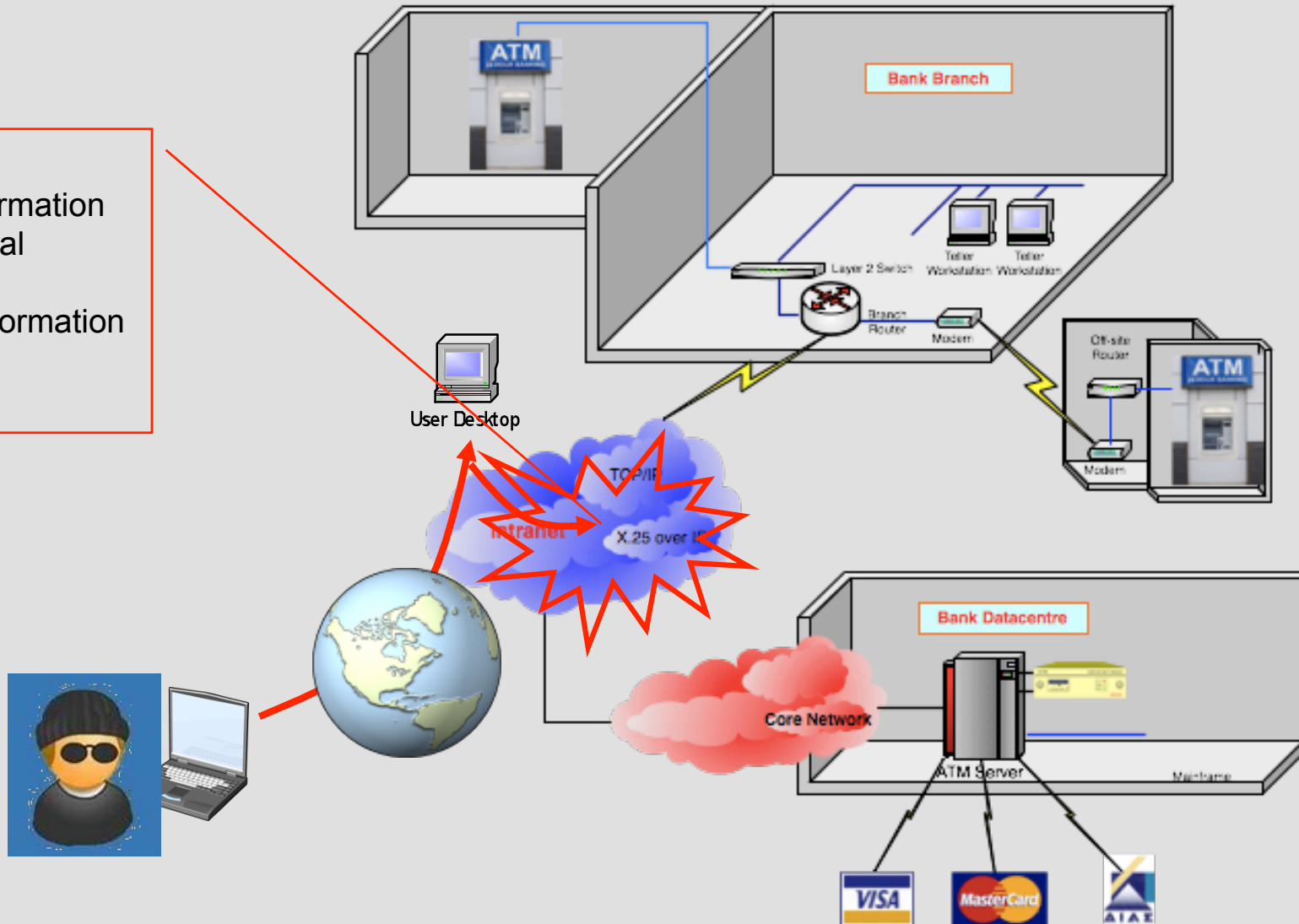
# Attacks [1]

- Send Trojan
- Obtain Full OS Access
- Obtain Internal Network Access



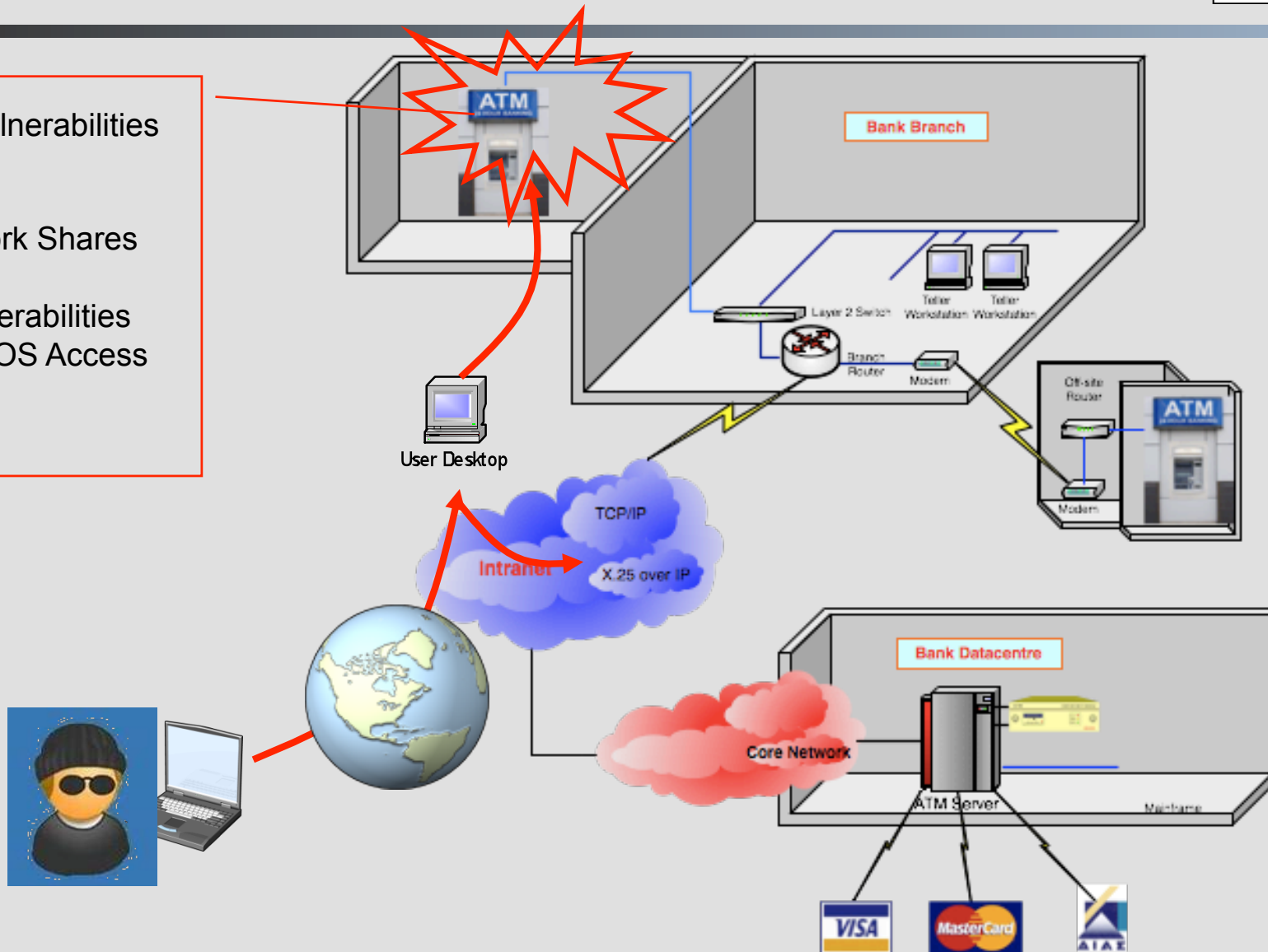
# Attacks [2]

- Obtain Information about Internal Network
- Analyze Information
- Target ATM

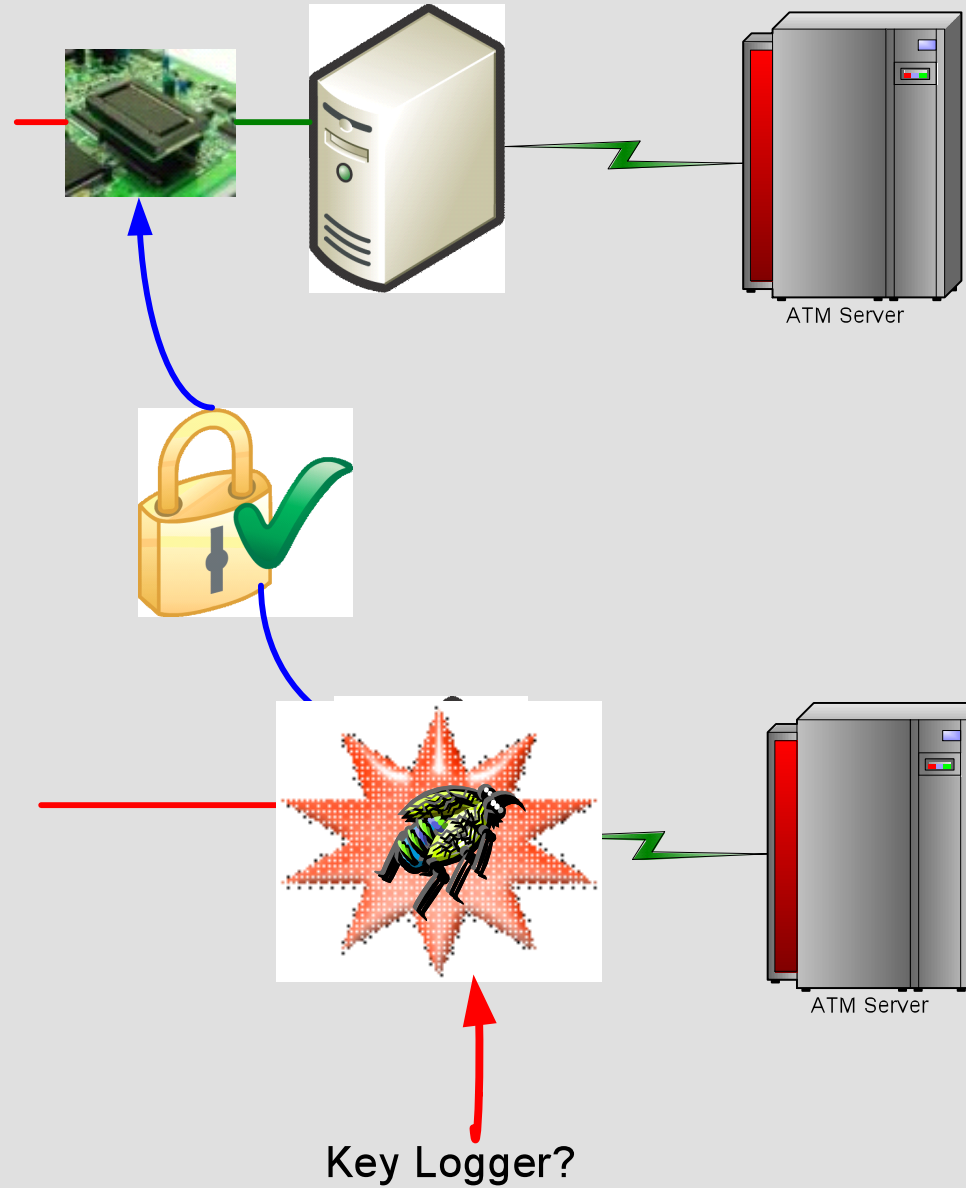


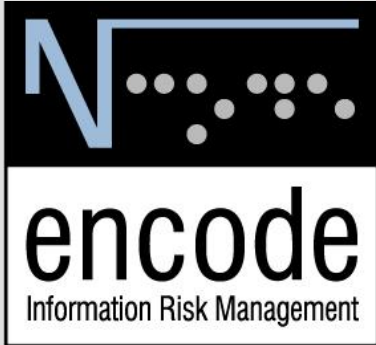
# Attacks [3]

- Discover Vulnerabilities
  - OS
  - SQL
  - Network Shares
  - ...
- Exploit Vulnerabilities
- Obtain Full OS Access on ATM
- ....?



# Attacks [4]





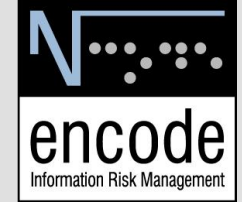
# Some parting thoughts...

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# Facts...



- The security of the online PIN transaction APIs and protocols leaves a lot to be desired
  - Finger-pointing is futile as a number of reasons has led to current situation
  
- Attacks described in this presentation were in the realm of academia a couple of years back; today they ***are reality*** (documented cases)
  
- We'll see more & more of them in the near future



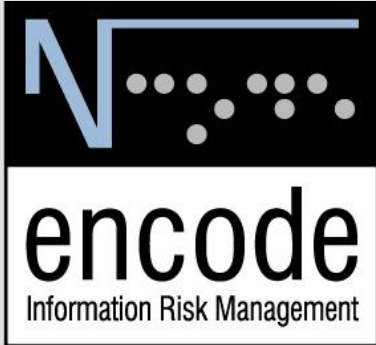
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# Any questions?

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