

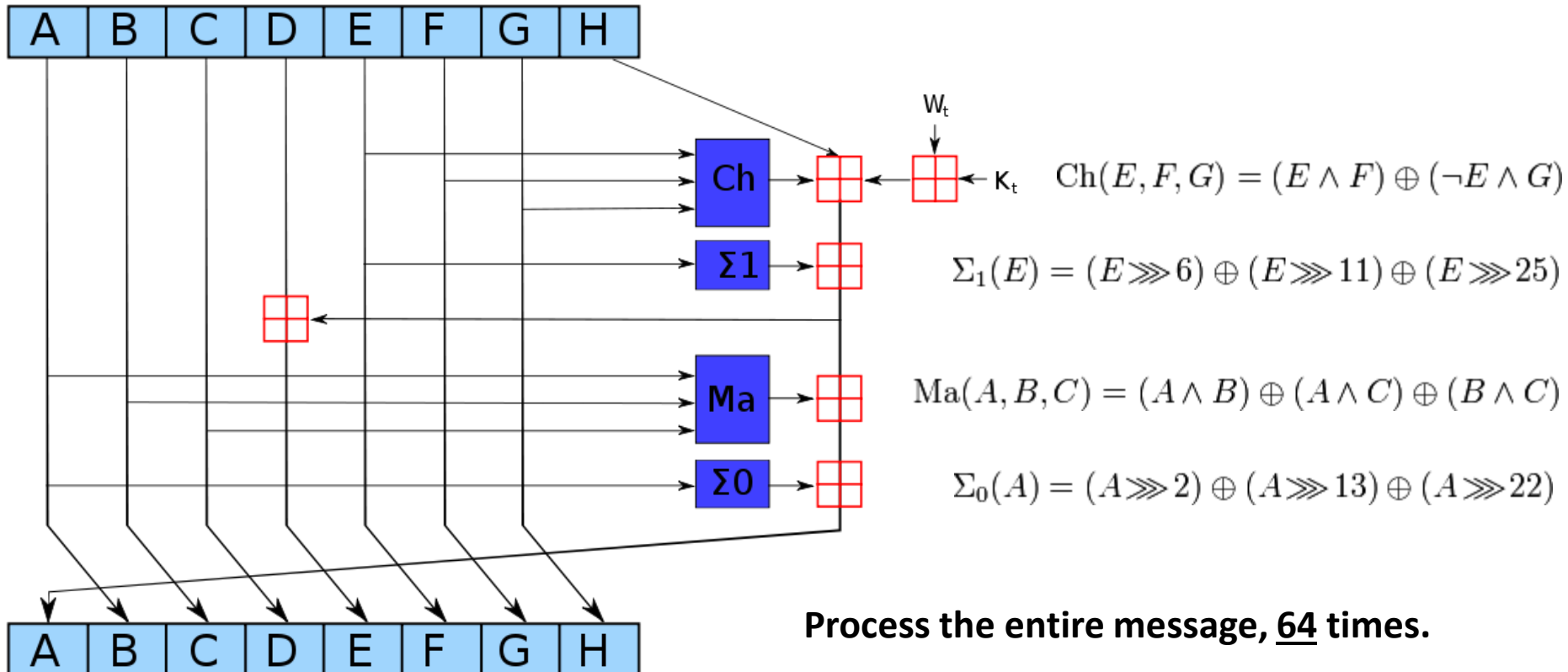
# Security II

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# SHA2

- SHA2 is a **public** algorithm
  - *Security in the mathematics, not in keeping the implementation a secret*



# SHA2

- Right now, SHA2 is considered a secure hash.
  - *Mathematics have not been broken*
  - *The complexity of reversing a hash would take more computing power than has ever been created*
  - SHA2 has several variants based on the length of the output desired: SHA-256 (256-bit output) is most common.

# Other Algorithms

- **MD5 (1991):**
  - 2005-2008: MD5 was mathematically simplified and available processing power could fake hashes
  - *“should be considered cryptographically broken and unsuitable for further use”*
- **SHA-0 (1993):**
  - 1998: Was shown to be easily simplified; some hashes can be reversed in less than an hour!
- **SHA-1 (1995):**
  - Replacement to concerns about SHA-0
  - 2005: Theoretical attack developed showing some weakness in the mathematics (reverse in  $\leq 2^{69}$ )

# Sharing a Secret

- Diffie–Hellman Key Exchange
  - Secure algorithm with large numbers
  - Demonstrates the basics of how SSL works
- Setup:
  - Two parties: Alice and Bob
  - Alice and Bob both agree on a prime number  $p$  and a primitive root of  $p$  called  $g$ .

# Alice

- $p = 23$
- $g = 5$

# Bob

- $p = 23$
- $g = 5$

Secret



# Attacker