

# TweetNaCl: A crypto library in 100 tweets

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  - ▶ Even public-key crypto keeps up with typical network throughput
  - ▶ Highly optimized assembly implementations for common platforms

# NaCl users

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- ▶ Textsecure
- ▶ Tox
- ▶ Threema
- ▶ QuickTun
- ▶ DNSCrypt
- ▶ Ethos
- ▶ CurveCP
- ▶ MinimaLT
- ▶ BitTorrent Live
- ▶ ZeroMQ

*Rather, the problem was that you had to use libraries. If your developer has hit the point where s/he's willing to copy and paste RC4 from Wikipedia, you're already in a kind of Fifth Dimension of laziness. Nobody's going to pull in NaCl or OpenSSL just to encrypt one little blob of text.*

—Matthew D. Green, July 2013

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- ▶ Can we do this in C?

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- ▶ Use  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{255}-19}$  arithmetic for both Curve25519 and Ed25519
- ▶ *Different* scalar multiplication for Curve25519 and Ed25519
- ▶ Use complete addition formulas for Ed25519
- ▶ Ladder for Ed25519 scalar mult in keygen, signing, and verification

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## A glimpse of the code: $\mathbb{F}_{2^{255}-19}$ arithmetic

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{
    int i;
    FOR(i,16) o[i]=a[i]+b[i];
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{
    int i;
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}

sv M(gf o,const gf a,const gf b)
{
    i64 i,j,t[31];
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    FOR(i,16) FOR(j,16) t[i+j]+=a[i]*b[j];
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sv S(gf o,const gf a)
{
    M(o,a,a);
}
```

... ctd.

```
sv car25519(gf o)
{
    int i;
    i64 c;
    FOR(i,16) {
        o[i]+=(1LL<<16);
        c=o[i]>>16;
        o[(i+1)*(i<15)]+=c-1+37*(c-1)*(i==15);
        o[i]-=c<<16;
    }
}

sv inv25519(gf o,const gf i)
{
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    int a;
    FOR(a,16) c[a]=i[a];
    for(a=253;a>=0;a--) {
        S(c,c);
        if(a!=2&&a!=4) M(c,c,i);
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1. **Fonte:** [www.terra.com.br](http://www.terra.com.br) (acessado em 10 de junho de 2010).

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```

    if unpacked != None:
        return 1
    else:
        return 0

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