Cybersecurity

Cryptography Modes of Operation and Blockchains



Modes of Operations

- Authenticated
 - Validate the integrity of the ciphertext
- Unauthenticated
 - do <u>not</u> validate the integrity of the ciphertext
- Counter
 - Changes block ciphers into stream ciphers
 - Done by generating successive blocks in the stream using a nonrepeating counter



Blockchain

- A distributed and immutable public ledger
 - Can store records in a way that distributes records among different systems worldwide
 - All while preventing tampering
- Every block contains a hash of the previous block, a timestamp, and transaction data.
 - Repetitive hashing
 - Highly resistant to data alteration

