>>> EdDSA: Not just ECDSA with a twist
>>> Math 445 (Introduction to Cryptography)

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\* At the CRYPTO 2007 conference rump session, Dan Shumow and Niels Ferguson presented a potential backdoor in the NIST/NSA specified Dual\_EC\_DRBG cryptographically secure pseudorandom number generator. The backdoor was confirmed to be real in 2013 as part of the Edward Snowden leaks. >>> Punchline

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