

Table 6.1 Block Cipher Modes of Operation

| Mode | Description | Typical Application |
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| Electronic Codebook (ECB) | Each block of 64 plaintext bits is encoded independently using the same key. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Secure transmission of single values (e.g., an encryption key) |
| Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) | The input to the encryption algorithm is the XOR of the next 64 bits of plaintext and the preceding 64 bits of ciphertext. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•General-purpose block-oriented transmission•Authentication |
| Cipher Feedback (CFB) | Input is processed s bits at a time. Preceding ciphertext is used as input to the encryption algorithm to produce pseudorandom output, which is XORed with plaintext to produce next unit of ciphertext. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•General-purpose stream-oriented transmission•Authentication |
| Output Feedback (OFB) | Similar to CFB, except that the input to the encryption algorithm is the preceding encryption output, and full blocks are used. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Stream-oriented transmission over noisy channel (e.g., satellite communication) |
| Counter (CTR) | Each block of plaintext is XORed with an encrypted counter. The counter is incremented for each subsequent block. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•General-purpose block-oriented transmission•Useful for high-speed requirements |