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That's CWE-327 Use of a Broken or Risky Cryptographic Algorithm (2.9)

One can Google CWE and key word, and one often gets a hit.

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Irena,

The following weakness may be already included within one of the items in the resources you provided, but I will mention it anyway:

Using an inadequate encryption algorithm (i.e. one that is vulnerable to a successful attack).

Example: plain RSA ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA\\_\(cryptosystem\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA_(cryptosystem)))

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Paul, Yaacov, and Yan, here are some resources that may help our discussion on crypto-related BF classes:

John and Rene, please let us know if some other sources would be useful.

\* NIST SP 800-175B Guideline for Using Cryptographic Standards in the Federal Government: Cryptographic Mechanisms (<http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-175B.pdf>):

### SECTION 3: CRYPTOGRAPHIC ALGORITHMS

#### 3.1 Cryptographic Hash Functions

#### 3.2 Symmetric-Key Algorithms (Block Cipher Algorithms, Hash-based Symmetric-key Algorithms)

#### 3.3 Asymmetric-Key Algorithms

#### 3.4 Algorithm Security Strength

#### 3.5 Algorithm Lifetime

### SECTION 4: CRYPTOGRAPHIC SERVICES

#### 4.1 Data Confidentiality

#### 4.2 Data Integrity and Source Authentication (Hash Functions, Message Authentication Code Algorithms, Digital Signature Algorithms)

4.3 Combining Confidentiality and Authentication in a Block-Cipher Mode of Operation

4.4 Random Bit Generation

4.5 Symmetric vs. Asymmetric Cryptography

SECTION 5: KEY MANAGEMENT

5.1 General Key Management Guidance

5.2 Cryptographic Key Management Systems (Framework, System Profile, Public Key Infrastructure)

5.3 Key Establishment (Generation, Derivation, Agreement, Transport, Wrapping, Derivation from a Password)

5.4 Key Management Issues (Manual vs. Automated Key Establishment, Selecting and Operating a CKMS, Storing and Protecting Keys, Cryptoperiods, Use Validated Algorithms and Cryptographic Modules, Control of Keying Material, Compromises, Accountability and Auditing)

SECTION 6: OTHER ISSUES

6.1 Required Security Strength

6.2 Interoperability

6.3 When Algorithms are No Longer Approved

6.4 Registration Authorities (RAs)

6.5 Cross Certification

\* NIST Cryptographic Toolkit (<http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/ST/toolkit/>):

Block Ciphers

Block Cipher Modes

Digital Signatures

Entity Authentication

Implementation Guideline

Key Management

Key Derivation Functions

Message Authentication

Random Number Generation

Secure Hashing

Algorithms

\* NISTIR 7977 NIST Cryptographic Standards and Guidelines Development Process (<http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2016/NIST.IR.7977.pdf>).

Irena