

# Freestart collision for 76-step SHA-1

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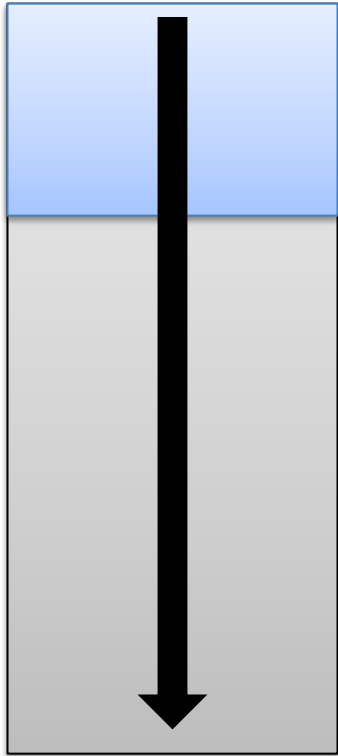
# Freestart attack

- Attack on the compression function only
- Search for colliding pairs

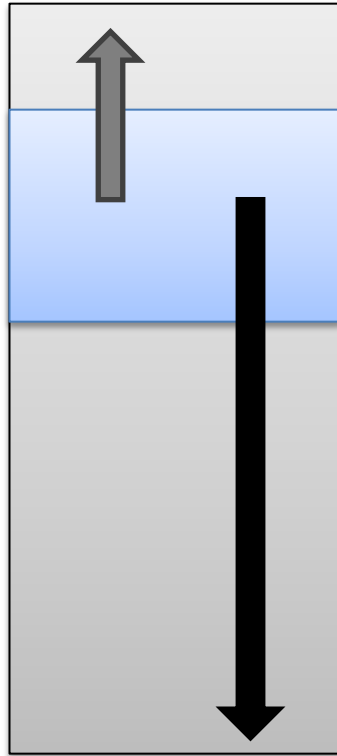
$$\text{Compress}(\text{IV}, \text{M}) = \text{Compress}(\text{IV}', \text{M}')$$

with  $\text{IV}, \text{M}, \text{IV}', \text{M}'$  free

# Attack design



normal



freestart

Conditions optimized using  
Joint Local Collision Analysis

Collision search:

1. Solve steps 0-16
2. Use 51 neutral bits to solve steps 17-26
3. Verify steps 27-75

Neutral bits:

- Alter steps 0-5 backward
- (Almost) don't interfere with pre-fulfilled conditions

# Complexity

- i5-4570 @ 3.2 GHz:  $2^{49.1}$  eqv. SHA-1 compress  
606.12 cpucore days
- GTX 970 @ 1.2 GHz:  $2^{50.1}$  eqv. SHA-1 compress  
4.94 gpu days
- Raw SHA-1: 1 GPU  $\approx$  256 CPU cores
- Our attack: 1 GPU  $\approx$  123 CPU cores !

-4 111100010100001000011111000100011  
-3 11101001010000001010001101010110  
-2 000011111010011010011110001111P0  
-1 0100000110111000001110110101110P  
0 10000001101111110010001100000110  
  
1 100100011001100111100000000P0110  
2 00111M1101101101111100P110111M11  
3 10000M01011110010P000011M1001M00  
4 0M0100111001P101100M1111M10010P1  
5 1P001010001110M0101M000111P0P110  
6 000M1M1M1MMPPPP001P0M1MM1110100M  
7 1P0M1PM0MP10PM00PPMP11100P010111  
8 PM1100PMMMMMMMMMMMM1MPP110M11P0  
9 MMP001101011000010PM001100M11101  
10 M1001011100011101100100111011001  
11 111M1111100111001001101000011100  
12 P0P10101011101101100111101011011  
13 01P01011111111010001011000M10000  
14 00P00001101101110001101001000101  
15 1M110100100001101111110111011011  
16 P0010001010001100111101000011110  
17 P1M11001101101100001000010111100  
18 P0001011010100101001111010000100  
19 1M011001100001101010111101000001  
20 M0010001100110011000110111011110  
21 M1M10010100100001000000011101110  
22 M1000001101101000111110101011101  
23 M0P10101011010110111000111101010  
24 00111101110100010111001101111101  
25 11M00111011000110011001100000011  
26 M00001001101101101010100101001  
27 0MM10011111000100100010101011001

28 11011110100011000011001011100001  
29 00010001011001010111011110111010  
30 M0010000010001110100000000111000  
31 M0011001111000101110101110011101  
32 01010000010001111100100011000100  
33 11111011101100101110011101100000  
34 01010110110001101001100011001101  
35 10101000100100010011010010110011  
36 00000001100001110010100111111111  
37 M0000111011010010010110111000011  
38 01101100101010001001000111110100  
39 P0110110010010000101101000000111  
40 1110101101111101011111100101001  
41 M1000111100011110100000101001010  
42 00000110000100100010000111011011  
43 1P100100000010110000110101110100  
44 1001101011000011101100111111101  
45 10010100001011110100100001111110  
46 P1011111110011011000111001011010  
47 01010011101111011100010111101101  
48 00111101011100001010111101010111  
49 10101111110000001100100011101010  
50 00101010111111010010111110001101  
51 P1010000001010000101111000000100  
52 01111100100001110000101100011010  
53 11101010100110111011010111101110  
54 00011101001010111100101101110101  
55 00001110000000101010000111110101  
56 01111100110101111010001111001110  
57 M1000000110100011011110011100011  
58 00111000101000101001011111011010  
59 M0010110110101001001001111011101  
60 01110110001111110000100100010010

61 10101100011111010000001101100010  
62 11001111110101111110110100110000  
63 10001001111101110110000011100110  
64 10110101110101101011110001101111  
65 00111011101100110101110011101011  
66 11010011001111101001011111110111  
67 10110011010001000001100111001000  
68 0100101011111110010110100001010  
69 11000010111001011010111100101011  
70 01110111111011010101000100001011  
71 0011100100111110110101000110101P  
  
72 01101010001010000110111001110011  
73 10001010010111110010101101111000  
74 100000101101001001111011101001M1  
75 0001000011001001111110011010011M  
76 00101101100010100011101000001010  
  
0 10101111010010010101110100010000  
1 01010010100000100011010100000011  
2 111001001001111001000110011111000  
3 11011100111001111111001110110011  
4 11010110110110101010001100100100

## Example collision

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