

Cryptography: Public Key Cryptography

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- ▶ That this works relies on a result in number theory called Euler's Theorem:
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$$a^{\varphi(n)} = 1 \bmod n.$$

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- ▶ In practice we encrypt multiple letters at a time in blocks (255 letters), rather than just single letters. This prevents simple frequency analysis style attacks.

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- ▶ In general, RSA is not recommended for encrypting whole messages as it is computationally impractical. Instead it finds most of its use in key distribution (alongside Diffie-Hellman key exchange) and digital verification/authentication schemes.

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c8 4c 66 97 00 d1 9e f3 9a 59 9a 03 e3 93 93 a6 38 d9 16 5d ce 1e f6 02
f1 07 f3 ba 3e f1 a0 97 b6 d5 95 8c 5a c2 ad 88 04 15 86 15 08 45 a9 18
81 01 dd 75 ba 7e 31 07 78 3a f6 05 93 3e 37 90 fc 99 61 c2 ad 5f 69 a4
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2314480955340551600970256190940881256277567983112709841760074703
7746991422383533253603181640828388090653889268036267798634609551
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Tutorials

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