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In [2]: # Styling notebook
from IPython.core.display import HTML
def css_styling():
    styles = open("./styles/custom.css", "r").read()
    return HTML(styles)
css_styling()
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Out[2]:

## Integer Factorization

This means: Given an integer  $n$ , find another integer that divides  $n$ . If this other integer is a prime number, we refer to this as *prime factorization*.

Now this problem is acknowledged to be difficult, it's actually one part of a "trap door" scheme (Multiplication: Easy, Factorization: Difficult).

So this is just a simplified demo

The "primeFactor" function runs through a list of "primes" until it finds a divisor or doesn't (it actually checks for divisibility by each member of this list - so we just assume they're all primes, generated by a sieve or similar algorithm)

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In [3]: import Primes
from math import sqrt

# Extract the first element of "primes" that divides n
# If that IS a list of primes and it finds a divisor,
# then it finds a prime factor of n - BUT ONLY THEN!
def primeFactor(n,primes) :
    lim = (int)(sqrt(n))
    index = 0
    while primes[index] <= lim :           # brute force trial division by primes
        if n%primes[index] == 0 :
            return primes[index]         # got one!
        index += 1
    return n                               # Looks prime - but maybe we rean out of

primesList = Primes.sieve(250000)
primeFactor(1234567,primesList)
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Out[3]: 127

**Generate two random primes and recover the smaller one via "primeFactor" - that'll give us the other, too**

Compare the notes about "randomness" in the definition of "**randomPrime**" - it's really not that easy in practice!

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In [4]: p = Primes.randomPrime(primesList)
q = Primes.randomPrime(primesList)
n = p*q
print("p =",p,"q =",q,"n =",n)
print("One factor of n =",primeFactor(n,primesList))
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p = 138821 q = 157489 n = 21862780469
One factor of n = 138821
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### The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Every integer  $n$  has a *unique* prime factorization

$$n = p_1^{k_1} \times p_2^{k_2} \times \dots \times p_r^{k_r},$$

where the  $p_i$  are *distinct* prime numbers and the  $k_i$  are exponents that count how often this prime appears in the factorization.

Example:  $106470 = 2^1 \times 3^2 \times 5^1 \times 7^1 \times 13^2$

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In [5]: # Compute all prime factors (even multiples!) and return a list of them
def allFactors(n,primes) :
    result = []
    while n != 1 :
        p = primeFactor(n,primes) # Find a prime factor
        if p == 1 : break         # None found --> Done!

        # Divide by p as long as possible
        count = 1
        n = n//p                  # Should work once at least!
        while n % p == 0 :        # Try over and increment the count
            count += 1           # each time it divides n
            n = n//p             # This count is the exponent

        result.append([p,count]) # [p,k] stands for p^k

    return result
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In [6]: k = 2*3*3*5*7*13*13
print(k)
allFactors(k,primesList)
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106470
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Out[6]: [[2, 1], [3, 2], [5, 1], [7, 1], [13, 2]]
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**Specialized stuff** (only really needed if you're curious)

Euler's **totient function**  $\phi(n)$  is a central part of some cryptographic systems, most prominently RSA. It counts the positive integers less than a given integer  $n$  that are relatively prime to  $n$ .

*Examples:*

- $\phi(7) = 6$ , since 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are all relatively prime to 7.

- $\phi(8) = 4$ , since 1, 3, 5, 7 are relatively prime to 8.

It's possible to understand the basics of RSA without the whole theory of  $\phi$ , so you can skip this part, but it's quite interesting to think about how to compute that.

To compute it, there are a couple of important properties (the first one is not terribly difficult to see, the other two are a little tricky):

1.  $\phi(p) = p - 1$ , if  $p$  is a prime number (because every number  $< p$  has no factor in common with  $p$ )
2.  $\phi(pq) = \phi(p)\phi(q)$ , if  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime.
3.  $\phi(p^k) = p^{k-1}(p - 1)$ , if  $p$  is a prime number.

Together with the Fundamental Theorem it's enough to compute  $\phi(n)$  for every  $n$  :

If  $n = p_1^{k_1} \times p_2^{k_2} \times \dots \times p_r^{k_r}$ , then

$\phi(n) =$

$= \phi(p_1^{k_1} \times p_2^{k_2} \times \dots \times p_r^{k_r})$  Just plug in the prime factors

$= \phi(p_1^{k_1}) \times \phi(p_2^{k_2}) \times \dots \times \phi(p_r^{k_r})$  Because of property 2. and the fact that powers of distinct primes are relatively prime

$= p_1^{k_1-1}(p_1 - 1) \times p_2^{k_2-1}(p_2 - 1) \times \dots \times p_r^{k_r-1}(p_r - 1)$  Property 3

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In [9]: def eulerPhi(n,primesList) :
        product = 1
        factors = allFactors(n,primesList) # Get prime factors!
        # Each one is a pair [p, e],
        # so we multiply up phi(p^e) = p^(e-1)(p-1) over all pairs
        for pair in factors :
            p = pair[0]
            e = pair[1]
            product *= pow(p,e-1)*(p-1)
        return product

eulerPhi(8,primesList)
# eulerPhi(79437491597,primesList)
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Out[9]: 4

Since 79437491597 is the product of two primes (because it's been generated like that) we can just factor it into  $p$  and  $q$  and compute  $(p - 1)(q - 1)$ .

That's exactly what the RSA key generation algorithm does!

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In [ ]: n = 79437491597
        p = primeFactor(n,primesList)
        q = n//p
        phi = (p-1)*(q-1)
        print("n =",n,"p =",p,"q =",q,"phi =",phi)
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