

Implementing the Caesar Cipher

Introduction

Caesar Cipher Overview



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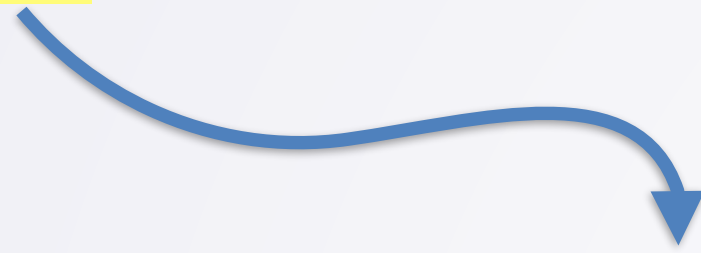
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- Decryption: encrypt with $26 - N$

Two Ways to Think About It



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- One way: math on letters
 - Everything is a number
 - 'F' - 3 = 'C'
 - 'A' - 3?
 - Need to wrap around...

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A Few New Concepts

- A few new concepts before you implement
 - New String manipulations
 - for loops which count from over a range
 - Use number to index into data