

# RSA

## Public Key Cryptosystem

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# Introduction

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- After Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman introduced public-key cryptography (Diffie Hellman Algorithm) in 1976, a new branch of cryptography suddenly opened up.
- In 1977, Ronald Rivest, Adi Shamir and Leonard Adleman proposed a scheme at MIT known as RSA.
- General Information
  - best known & widely used asymmetric cryptographic scheme
  - can be used to provide both secrecy & digital signatures
  - based on exponentiation in a finite field over integers
  - modulo a prime, using large integers (e.g., 2048 bits)

# RSA Key Setup

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- Each user generates a public/private key pair by the following process:
  1. Select two large distinct primes at random –  $p$  and  $q$
  2. Compute modulus  $n = p \times q$
  3. Compute  $\phi(n) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1)$
  4. Choose an integer  $e$  such that  $1 < e < \phi(n)$ ,  $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$ 
    - ( $e$  and  $\phi(n)$  share no factors other than 1) ( $e$  is relatively prime with  $\phi(n)$  or co-primes)
    - Consider  $e$  as a public key
  5. Calculate decryption key  $d$ 
    - $e \cdot d = 1 \bmod \phi(n)$  and  $0 \leq d \leq n$ .
    - $d = e^{-1} \bmod \phi(n)$

# RSA Key Setup

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- Publish the Public encryption key:  $PU = \{e, n\}$
- Keep secret Private Decryption key:  $PR = \{d, n\}$
- It is critically important that the factors  $p$  &  $q$  of the modulus  $n$  are kept secret
- The primes  $p$  and  $q$  must be of sufficient size that factorization of their product is beyond computational reach

# RSA Encryption

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- For encryption, sender performs following:
  - Obtains the recipients public key  $PU: (e, n)$
  - Represents the plaintext (message to be encrypted) as a positive integer value  $P$ 
    - Size of plaintext must be less than  $n$ , ( $0 \leq P \leq n$ )
    - If the size of the plaintext is larger than  $n$ , it should be divided into blocks
  - Compute the Ciphertext :  $C = P^e \bmod n$
  - Send the Ciphertext  $C$  to the recipient

# RSA Decryption

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- Receiver do the following:
- Uses private key  $PR: (d, n)$  to decrypt the cipher-text
  - $P = C^d \bmod n$
- Extract the plaintext from the integer representative  $P$

# RSA Example - Key Setup

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1. Select primes  $\rightarrow p = 17$  and  $q = 11$
2. Compute  $n \rightarrow n = pq = 17 \times 11 = 187$
3. Compute  $\phi(n)$ 
  - $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1) = 16 \times 10 = 160$
4. Select encryption key  $e$ 
  - $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$ ; choose  $e = 7$
5. Decryption key  $d$ 
  - $d = e^{-1} \bmod \phi(n) \rightarrow d = 7^{-1} \bmod 160 = 23$  (using Extended Euclidean Algorithm)
6. Publish Public Key  $PU = \{e, n\} \rightarrow PU = \{7, 187\}$
7. Keep secret Private Key  $PR = \{d, n\} \rightarrow \{23, 187\}$

# RSA Example - En/Decryption

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- The sample RSA private/public operations are:
  - Given message **P = 88** (note that **88 < 187**)
  - Encryption is:
    - $C = 88^7 \bmod 187$   
 $= 88^{(3+3+1)} \bmod 187$   
 $= (88^3 \bmod 187)(88^3 \bmod 187)(88 \bmod 187) \bmod 187$   
 $= (44 * 44 * 88) \bmod 187$   
 $= 11$
  - Decryption is:
    - $P = 11^{23} \bmod 187 = 88$



# Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)

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- a common problem in number theory
- $\text{GCD}(a,b)$  of  $a$  and  $b$  is
  - the largest number that divides evenly into both  $a$  and  $b$
  - e.g.,  $\text{GCD}(60,24) = 12$
- often want no common factors (except 1)
  - e.g.,  $\text{GCD}(8,15) = 1$
- these numbers are then relatively prime
  - hence 8 & 15 are relatively prime

# Euclidean Algorithm

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- an efficient way to find the  $\text{GCD}(a,b)$
- uses theorem that:
  - $\text{GCD}(a,b) = \text{GCD}(b, a \bmod b)$
- Euclidean Algorithm to compute  $\text{GCD}(a,b)$  is:
  - $\text{EUCLID}(a,b)$ 
    - 1.  $A = a; B = b$
    - 2. if  $B = 0$  return else  $A = \text{gcd}(a, b)$
    - 3.  $R = A \bmod B$
    - 4.  $A = B$
    - 5.  $B = R$
    - 6. goto 2

# Example GCD(1970,1066)

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$$1970 = 1 \times 1066 + 904$$

$$1066 = 1 \times 904 + 162$$

$$904 = 5 \times 162 + 94$$

$$162 = 1 \times 94 + 68$$

$$94 = 1 \times 68 + 26$$

$$68 = 2 \times 26 + 16$$

$$26 = 1 \times 16 + 10$$

$$16 = 1 \times 10 + 6$$

$$10 = 1 \times 6 + 4$$

$$6 = 1 \times 4 + 2$$

$$4 = 2 \times 2 + 0$$

**Hence,  $\text{gcd}(1970, 1066) = 2$**

$$\text{gcd}(1066, 904)$$

$$\text{gcd}(904, 162)$$

$$\text{gcd}(162, 94)$$

$$\text{gcd}(94, 68)$$

$$\text{gcd}(68, 26)$$

$$\text{gcd}(26, 16)$$

$$\text{gcd}(16, 10)$$

$$\text{gcd}(10, 6)$$

$$\text{gcd}(6, 4)$$

$$\text{gcd}(4, 2)$$

$$\text{gcd}(\mathbf{2}, 0)$$

# Finding Inverses – Extended Euclidean algorithm

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**EXTENDED\_EUCLID**( $m, b$ ) [**Find**  $b^{-1} \bmod m$ ]

1.  $(A1, A2, A3) = (1, 0, m);$   
    $(B1, B2, B3) = (0, 1, b)$
2. **if**  $B3 = 0$   
   **return**  $A3 = \gcd(m, b);$  no inverse
3. **if**  $B3 = 1$   
   **return**  $B2 = \gcd(m, b);$   $B2 = b^{-1} \bmod m$
4.  $Q = A3 \text{ div } B3$
5.  $(T1, T2, T3) = (A1 - Q \cdot B1, A2 - Q \cdot B2, A3 - Q \cdot B3)$
6.  $(A1, A2, A3) = (B1, B2, B3)$
7.  $(B1, B2, B3) = (T1, T2, T3)$
8. **goto** 2

# Inverse of 37 in modulus 160 ( $7^{-1} \bmod 160$ )

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- calling `Extended_Euclid(160, 7)`

<b>Q</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A3</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>
—	1	0	160	0	1	7
22	0	1	7	1	-22	6
1	1	-22	6	-1	23	1

- Hence,  $7^{-1} \bmod 160 = 23$

# Example: Inverse of 37 in modulus 49 ( $37^{-1} \bmod 49$ )

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- calling `Extended_Euclid(49, 37)`

<b>Q</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A3</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>
—	1	0	49	0	1	37
1	0	1	37	1	-1	12
3	0	1	12	-3	4	1

- Hence  $37^{-1} \bmod 49 = 4$  OR  $37^{-1} \equiv 4 \bmod 49$

# Inverse of 550 in modulus 1759

- calling Extended\_Euclid(1759, 550)

<b>Q</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A3</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>
—	1	0	1759	0	1	550
3	0	1	550	1	−3	109
5	1	−3	109	−5	16	5
21	−5	16	5	106	−339	4
1	106	−339	4	−111	355	1

- Hence,  $550^{-1} \bmod 1759 = 355$

# Inverse of 49 in modulus 37

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- calling Extended\_Euclid(37, 49)

<b>Q</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A3</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>
—	1	0	37	0	1	49
0	0	1	49	1	0	37
1	1	0	37	-1	1	12
3	-1	1	12	4	-3	1

- Hence  $49^{-1} \bmod 37 = -3$
- But,  $-3 \pmod{37} \equiv 34 \pmod{37}$ . Hence,
- $34 = 49^{-1} \bmod 37$



# Text Example: RSA Key Setup

- Encrypt message “hello” with block size 1
- Given  $e=3, p=137$  and  $q=131, n = 17947$

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

- Letters  $H = 7, E = 4, L = 11, \dots$
- Encryption of character “H”:  $C = P^e \bmod n \rightarrow 7^3 \bmod 17947 = 343$
- Decryption key,  $\phi(n) = 17680 \rightarrow d = 3^{-1} \bmod 17680 = 11787$

# Inverse of 3 in modulus 17680

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- calling `Extended_Euclid(17680, 3)`

<b>Q</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A3</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>
—	1	0	17680	0	1	3
5893	0	1	3	1	-5893	1

- Hence,  $3^{-1} \bmod 17680 = -5893 \rightarrow -5893 \bmod 17680 = 11787$

# Decryption

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- Decryption :  $P = C^d \bmod n \rightarrow 343^{11787} \bmod 17947$
- $343^{11787} \bmod 17947$ 
  - $11787 = 8192 + 2048 + 1024 + 512 + 8 + 2 + 1$
- $343^2 = 9967, 343^8 = 7436, 343^{64} = 9880, 343^{512} = 12090, 343^{1024} = 7732,$
- $343^{2048} = 2367, 343^{8192} = 9312$
- $= (9312 * 2367 * 7732 * 12090 * 7436 * 9967 * 343) \bmod 17947$
- $= 7 = \text{"H"}$

# Encryption-Decryption

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- $H = 7, E = 4, L = 11$
- $e=3, p=137$  and  $q=131, n = 17947, d = 11787$
- Let's encrypt -  $C = P^e \bmod n$
- $4^3 \bmod 17947 = 64$
- Decrypt =  $P = C^d \bmod n$
- $64^{11787} \bmod 17947 = ?$

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- $H = 7, E = 4, L = 11, L = 11, O = 14$
- $e=3, p=137$  and  $q=131, n = 17947, d = 11787$
- Encryption:  $L = 11^3 \bmod 17947 = ?$
- $O = 14^3 \bmod 17947 = ?$

# Another Text Example – Block Size 3

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- given  $e=3, p=137$  and  $q=131$ , encrypt the message “HELLO”
- using 00 to 25 for letters A to Z for the block size of THREE.
- First block of size three-
  - $HEL = H * 26^2 + E * 26^1 + L * 26^0 = 7 * 26^2 + 4 * 26^1 + 11 * 26^0 = ?$   
(4847)

## Second block

- $LOX = L * 26^2 + O * 26^1 + X * 26^0 = 11 * 26^2 + 14 * 26^1 + 23 * 26^0 = ?$   
(7823)

Encryption  $C = P^e \bmod n$

- $C1 = (4847)^3 \bmod 17947 = 4978$
- $C2 = (7823)^3 \bmod 17947 = 12882$

# Decryption

- $P = C^d \bmod n$
- $(4978)^{11787} \bmod 17947 =$   
//11787 = 8192+2048+1024+512+8+2+1

$(4978)^2 \bmod 17947 = 13624$	$(4978)^4 \bmod 17947 = 5502$	$(4978)^8 \bmod 17947 = 13362$
$(4978)^{16} \bmod 17947 = 6288$	$(4978)^{64} \bmod 17947 = 10742$	$(4978)^{512} \bmod 17947 = 16375$
$(4978)^{1024} \bmod 17947 = 12445$	$(4978)^{2048} \bmod 17947 = 13362$	$(4978)^{8192} \bmod 17947 = 1703$

- $(4978)^{(8192+2048+1024+512+8+2+1)} \bmod 17947$
- = 4847 (How to get HEL out of 4847?)

# Recover Plaintext

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- $4847 \% 26 == 11$  (L) Quotient=186
- $186 \% 26 == 4$  (E) Quotient=7
- $7 \% 26 == 7$  (H) !!!!!



# RSA Key Generation

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- The users of RSA must
  - determine two primes at random - **p, q**
  - select either **e** or **d** and **compute the other**
- primes **p, q must not be easily derived from modulus  $n=p.q$** 
  - means must be sufficiently large
  - typically guess and use probabilistic test
- exponents **e, d are inverses, so use inverse algorithm to compute the other**
  - So, the basic operation involved, in either case, is
    - **modular exponentiation**
  - Use binary left-to-right or square-and-multiply method

# Computational complexity: Exponentiation

- The Square and Multiply Algorithm
  - a fast, efficient algorithm for exponentiation
  - also known as
    - exponentiation by squaring OR
    - Binary exponentiation OR
- concept is based on repeatedly squaring the base
  - and multiplying in the ones that are needed to compute the result
- can be formally defined as
  - $\text{Power}(x, n) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } n=1 \\ \text{Power}(x^2, n/2) & \text{if } n = \text{even} \\ x \cdot \text{Power}(x^2, (n-1)/2) & \text{if } n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$

# Computational complexity: Exponentiation

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- The Square and Multiply Algorithm
- Algorithm for Computing:  $a^b \bmod n$
- The integer  $b$  is expressed as a binary number  $b_k b_{k-1} \dots b_0$

## Algorithm Square\_Multiply( , )

- $c = 0; f = 1$
- for  $i = k$  down to  $0$ 
  - do  $c = 2 * c$
  - $f = (f * f) \bmod n$
  - if  $b_i == 1$  then
    - $c = c + 1$
    - $f = (f \times a) \bmod n$
- return  $f$

# Result of Square and Multiply Algorithm

- where  $a = 7$ ,  $b = 560 = 1000110000$ ,  $n = 561$
- $bi = 1000110000$

i	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
bi	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
c	1	2	4	8	17	35	70	140	280	560
f	7	49	157	526	160	241	298	166	67	1

- **Result**  $a^b \bmod n = 7^{560} \bmod 561 = 1$  (final return value of f)

# Result of Square and Multiply Algorithm

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- where  $a = 4978$ ,  $b = 11787 = 10111000001011$ ,  $n = 17947$
- $b_i = 10111000001011$

- **Result**  $a^b \bmod n = 4978^{11787} \bmod 17947$

# Result of Square and Multiply Algorithm

- where  $a = 4978$ ,  $b = 11787 = 10111000001011$ ,  $n = 17947$
- $bi = 10111000001011$

i	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
bi	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
c	1	2	5	11	23	46	92	184	368	736	1473	2946	5893	11787
f	4978	13624	1834	2489	13100	786	7598	12052	5633	393	15589	14541	2358	4847

- **Result**  $a^b \bmod n = 4978^{11787} \bmod 17947 = 4847$  (final return value of f)

# Text Example: RSA Key Setup

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- Consider the text grouping in the groups of three i.e.
  - ATTACKXATXSEVEN = ATT ACK XAT XSE VEN
- Represent the blocks in base 26 using A=0, B=1, C=2.....
  - $ATT = 0 * 26^2 + 19 * 26^1 + 19 = 513$
  - $ACK = 0 * 26^2 + 2 * 26^1 + 10 = 62$
  - $XAT = 23 * 26^2 + 0 * 26^1 + 19 = 15567$
  - $XSE = 23 * 26^2 + 18 * 26^1 + 4 = 16020$
  - $VEN = 21 * 26^2 + 4 * 26^1 + 13 = 14313$
- Next issue is designing the cryptosystem – selecting the parameters.
- What should be the value of n ?

# Text Example: RSA Key Setup

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- The value of  $n$  should be greater than 17575. How & why ?
  - $0 \leq m < n$  (Here maximum value of message can **ZZZ** =  $25 * 26^2 + 25 * 26^1 + 25 = 17575$ )
- Let  $p = 137$  and  $q = 131$ ; so that  $n = pq = 17947$



# Text Example: RSA Key Setup

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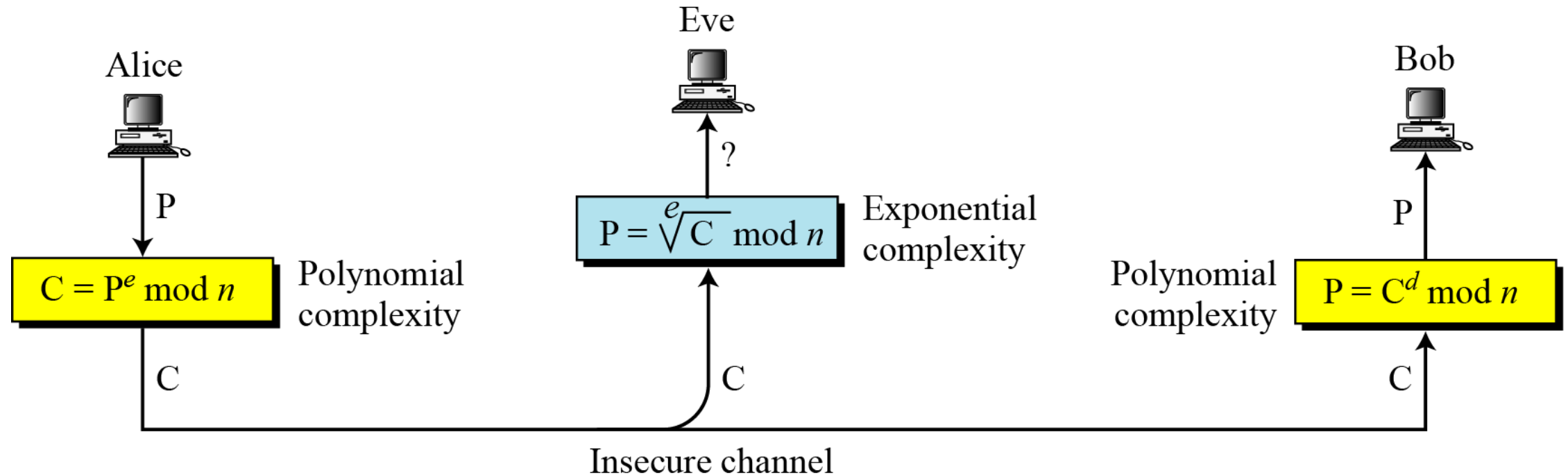
- Compute phi value
  - $\phi(n)=(p-1)(q-1)=136 \times 130=17680$
- Select encryption parameter
  - **e:  $\gcd(e,17680)=1$ ; choose  $e=3$**
- Determine decryption parameter
  - **d:  $de=1 \bmod 17680$  and  $d < 17680$**
- Value is **d=11787** since  $3^{-1} \bmod 17680 = 11787$
- Publish public key **PU={3,17947}**
- Keep secret private key **PR={11787,17947}**

# Text En/Decryption using RSA

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- The sample RSA private/public operations are:
  - Given message **M = ATT = 513**
  - Overall the plaintext is represented as the set of integers m
    - {513,62,15567,16020,14313}
  - Encryption is
    - **$C = 513^3 \bmod 17947$  ( $m^e \bmod n$ )**  
**= 8363**
  - Overall the Ciphertext is represented as the set of integers m
    - {8363,5017,11884,9546,13366}
  - Decryption is  
 **$M = 8363^{11787} \bmod 17947$  ( $c^d \bmod n$ )**  
**=513**

# Complexity of operations in RSA



**RSA uses modular exponentiation for encryption/decryption;  
To attack it, Eve needs to calculate  $\sqrt[e]{C} \bmod n$ .**

# RSA Challenge

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number	digits	prize	factored
RSA-100	100		Apr. 1991
RSA-110	110		Apr. 1992
RSA-120	120		Jun. 1993
RSA-129	129	\$100	Apr. 1994
RSA-130	130		Apr. 10, 1996
RSA-140	140		Feb. 2, 1999
RSA-150	150		Apr. 16, 2004
RSA-155	155		Aug. 22, 1999
RSA-160	160		Apr. 1, 2003
RSA-200	200		May 9, 2005
RSA-576	174	\$10,000	Dec. 3, 2003
RSA-640	193	\$20,000	Nov. 4, 2005
RSA-704	212	\$30,000	open
RSA-768	232	\$50,000	open
RSA-896	270	\$75,000	open
RSA-1024	309	\$100,000	open
RSA-1536	463	\$150,000	open
RSA-2048	617	\$200,000	open