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Description

What happens if you have a small exponent? There is a twist though, we padded the plaintext so that $(M ** e)$ is just barely larger than N . Let's decrypt this: [ciphertext](#)

The attached file contained the following :

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N: 2933192249979498578273597604559116493668305938055895038656016010574034320151336993900630753116592270894961916269
862367534903043085954782570899470832180370530945943809934042777058006440091143185665690198278994828530995611184868
690615266447335094048650745177122343583526016897121008747089444846074559395684058653052791580254145009294657469480
958488089660131751979444286297747112931978131316184205650171504055596401189958900286373086867952718442078901055147
506786290773905496618312062140724639851809898110643121920769787029341217644048290018355046737519023989845520117083
1410460483829448603477361305838743852756938687673
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e: 3
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ciphertext (c):
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220531641393113403107460374692824779903015522125251987264964921286761475184843676380127436046340617127783805682143
711588361916970296350460601756578353720320770775776847310984516280857542597252511633731910804789325054946214718574
1761825125
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After some research on how rsa encryption works, found out it can basically be represented in a formula :

$$c = (m^e) \% N$$

Where, m is the message to encrypt, c is the encrypted ciphertext and e and N are large prime numbers.

I searched online for some RSA cipher decoders and reached [this](#) site.

And sure enough :

The screenshot shows the DCode website interface. On the left, there is a search bar with the text "Search for a tool" and a prompt "SEARCH A TOOL ON DCODE BY KEYWORDS: e.g. type 'caesar'". Below the search bar, there is a link "BROWSE THE FULL DCODE TOOLS' LIST". The search results section shows a tool titled "Decryption using E (Small E attack)" with the ciphertext "picoCTF{n33d_a_1Arg3r_e_606ce004}" highlighted by a red circle. On the right, the "RSA CIPHER" section is visible, with a sub-section "RSA DECODER". The RSA Decoder section has a heading "Indicate known numbers, leave remaining cells empty." and four input fields: "VALUE OF THE CIPHER MESSAGE (INTEGER) C=" with the value "2205316413931134031074603746928247799030155221252...", "PUBLIC KEY E (USUALLY E=65537) E=" with the value "3", "PUBLIC KEY VALUE (INTEGER) N=" with the value "2933192249979498578273597604559116493668305938055...", and "PRIVATE KEY VALUE (INTEGER) D=".