

SSH KEY FILE FORMATS

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Id_rsa_homework content:

-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----

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MIIG4wIBAAKCAYEAtcgOmbeFckxidPOcBhfNb8CgqDvE+IXXoJLeWH+aDBosmKWCaEj7m+xmGEYE+3Zc2G/DvxuggYyefAZH4k
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f3habkxp2nSq8rJpRVKq2GJs4RS+4tIN6J5hvqmY7luo
```

-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----

Id_rsa_homework.pub content:

ssh-rsa

```
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQGC1yA6Zt4VyTGJ085wGF81vwKCoO8T6Vdegkt5Yf5oMGiyYpYJoSPub7GYRgT7dlzYb
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mD7IL7i3ru8F141TZflmeRpciQwuTBscZpfrieZPrXs= lilyli@LilydeMacBook-Pro.local
```

=== Private Key ===

A. Items contained in *id_rsa_homework*:

1: PEM private key headers and footers, specifying the type of data the begin/end of data:

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----          -----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

2: A base-64 encoded version of the DER encoded ASN.1 type *RSAPrivateKey* in the following structure:

```
RSAPrivateKey ::= SEQUENCE {
    version      Version,
    modulus      INTEGER, -- n
    publicExponent  INTEGER, -- e
    privateExponent INTEGER, -- d
    prime1       INTEGER, -- p
    prime2       INTEGER, -- q
    exponent1    INTEGER, -- d mod (p-1)
    exponent2    INTEGER, -- d mod (q-1)
    coefficient   INTEGER, -- (inverse of q) mod p
    otherPrimeInfos OtherPrimeInfos OPTIONAL
}
```

B. Decode Private Key File:

1: Upload *id_rsa_homework* to the [Lapo ASN.1 decoder](#) and press button **decode**

ASN.1 JavaScript decoder

```
SEQUENCE (9 elem)
  INTEGER 0
  INTEGER (3072 bit) 412530755523665490962387965983070847418763151696152957587713931251830...
  INTEGER 65537
  INTEGER (3072 bit) 41111446518396692777217187760903355152269084083481727359640695758420...
  INTEGER (1536 bit) 20483743577738539616383718974906390712155106805501021662904680667679...
  INTEGER (1536 bit) 201394219741789398735042909690470897630854118673912070322539000282860...
  INTEGER (1534 bit) 544497454672014754818960399203784767779491602554073774873653423548780...
  INTEGER (1535 bit) 976625371563209924347833851545364541801756983929017121156081597874419...
  INTEGER (1535 bit) 101442661673862812612664052861443592607878910097943589754450491007593...
```

To get the HEX version of the decoded *INTEGERS*, we can use the [holtstrom decoder](#), copy paste in the base-64 data without the header/footer from *id_rsa_homework* and press button **decode**

Input

```
MIIG4wIBAAKAYEAtcgOmbeFckxidPOcBhfNb8CgqDvE+lXXoJLeWH+aDBosmKWC  
aEj7m+xmGEYE+3Zc2G/DvxuggYyefAZH4kksZPBWKwrmbaSNrusJ8jXTTHGwwg8T  
HEUVh0kN8gNKxWfbhF8FaWcDXev6vifJPBnCHhWiouijIbKJlRtO6+8oIdS0lQN  
sgSJ7hhHLoTKlZqtdAkoUYGCd5VBKkWNSYwPmylL3v2InMhxFldYd9PuDGBEIEyP  
ifIMyHjmAdIQporWlowoMIh1WPls7LiKGuMLd7tQ7LFkgX5F38gH3DyvPMgkfXyI  
ILdKSmx6kSaZ2DJPUf3mCfgyImDQlyFOvVYrzeEJ86WS8hbCvu+47kzCLgIpUIPT
```

Convert

BASE64/PEM to ASN.1 ▾

Output

```
SEQUENCE {  
  INTEGER 0x00 (0 decimal)  
  INTEGER  
0x00b5c80e99b785724c6274f39c0617cd6fc0a0a83bc4fa55d7a092de587f9a0c1a2c98a5826848fb9bec66184604fb765cd86fc3bf1ba0818c9e7c0647e2492cccf0562b0ae66da48daeeb09f235d34c71b0c20f131c451587490df2034ac5615b845f056967035debfafe27c93c19c21e15a2a2e8a321b289951b4eebef28948752d2540db20489ee18472e84ca973aad7409285181827795412a458d498c0f9b294bdefd889cc87117575877d3ee0c604421ec8f89f20cc878e601d210a68ad6d68c2830887558f96cecb88a1ae30b77bb50ecb164817e45dfc807dc3caf3cc8247d7c8820b0e44a6c7a912699d8324f51fde609f8329660d0d7214ebd562bcde109f3a592f216c2beefb8ee4cc22e02295083d34428896cee58179d2230448dddfb7e04ec31706ac0bba63b6586b4539bcf57e3ee1d85930fb27b2fe8d9aad639d287f9dece5ae60fd58832309e5d0a03f2f5639713dbd09742e1efccd6660fb20bee2debbbc175e354d97c899e44f0a2430b9306c719a5fae279964fad7b
```

C. Decoded File Explained:

1: What are the integers? What are the corresponding values (in HEX)

We got 9 decoded integers, corresponding to 9 components of the *RSAPrivateKey* structure:

Name: Version

version is the version number, according to rfc8017, unless multi-prime, it's 0.

Offset: 4 bytes

Length: 2 bytes(Object description) + 1 bytes(content)

Value: 0x00

Name: modulus

RSA modulus n, the product of two distinct prime numbers p and q

Offset: 7 bytes

Length: 4 bytes(Object description) + 385 bytes(content)

Value:

```
0x00b5c80e99b785724c6274f39c0617cd6fc0a0a83bc4fa55d7a092de587f9a0c1a2c98a5826848fb9bec66184604fb765cd86fc3bf1ba0818c9e7c0647e2492cccf0562b0ae66da48daeeb09f235d34c71b0c20f131c451587490df2034ac5615b845f056967035debfafe27c93c19c21e15a2a2e8a321b289951b4eebef28948752d2540db20489ee18472e84ca973aad7409285181827795412a458d498c0f9b294bdefd889cc87117575877d3ee0c604421ec8f89f20cc878e601d210a68ad6d68c2830887558f96cecb88a1ae30b77bb50ecb164817e45dfc807dc3caf3cc8247d7c8820b0e44a6c7a912699d8324f51fde609f8329660d0d7214ebd562bcde109f3a592f216c2beefb8ee4cc22e02295083d34428896cee58179d2230448dddfb7e04ec31706ac0bba63b6586b4539bcf57e3ee1d85930fb27b2fe8d9aad639d287f9dece5ae60fd58832309e5d0a03f2f5639713dbd09742e1efccd6660fb20bee2debbbc175e354d97c899e44f0a2430b9306c719a5fae279964fad7b
```

Name: publicExponent

RSA public exponent e where $\gcd(e, \text{lcm}(p-1, q-1)) = 1$

Offset: 396 bytes

Length: 2 bytes(Object description) + 3 bytes(content)

Value:

0x010001

Name: privateExponent

RSA private exponent d where $d = e^{-1} \bmod \text{lcm}(p-1, q-1) = 1$.

Offset: 401 bytes

Length: 4 bytes(Object description) + 385 bytes(content)

Value:

0x00b5284a64a6a036e828b6a49039023f99bf3e5c6a3443c688bd5da07851b2139d82141ddd7850436f8
087be69094e1107362b2bc8a89fac7b96f5c2cca0968c2f30d4aed08e13768a3c67bfe1c202718c5bbb098a
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5059e91b3d84477b7955a4764c310a009ee98d9a90cdfb17f9aa83ea74f93c723a92f36b2be4401

Name: prime1

prime factor p of n , where $pq=n$

Offset: 790 bytes

Length: 3 bytes(Object description) + 193 bytes(content)

Value:

0x00d98ef69418b6c9aff972e2b9f0a789e3dfcfa0bc44689b2340fda571cf0c0068b253ccc902bd9016f074b
799cdf51e6e1833a1b7c72e18a3fbefcf3971f909614d70650b398bc36d0b0b10502bc68b46cdcd5a40029
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bedf30fde7c9fc6aac5065e7cbeab7d71c1851

Name: prime2

prime factor q of n , where $pq=n$

Offset: 986 bytes

Length: 3 bytes(Object description) + 193 bytes(content)

Value:

0x00d5e6c22662a1e9476a166f2b1134a3ad946b404f909d136de5446d9635599ea03d58a20bc04def461f
0fb4b8d457149c6fa1607177fe5b487a9f2dea8f24d73c956cf3f28e92b02c6b7818b183f05a99dcabfe96ce5
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9794ea07276d1920cff09ef94dfefb2419b6d58efd591bacfd17178817920daa03f387e6cb0c5ed4b1fe15cbe
9b1699e6486012c8fea623f6fbd8ef0ca020b

Name: exponent1

$d \bmod (p - 1)$

Offset: 1182 bytes

Length: 3 bytes(Object description) + 192 bytes(content)

Value:

0x39d4cbcd1028beb23d7ff18ef5cec353c4b1bf8b6c2fd65567b8451b5cab570c7da2d303f7eb85fae30e53a3d9e0b7a7125ddf36280733db9b63e2d4e55c0ac747bb81d09b0a70f772810d64124ee3c4fd7e22b546a9b62683a61b318192edcb1212ecd692492e1a4dfedda2e1002d4525515d44bef2f213ae2fd34077c72dbfe9de2151fc7bc39604b6e62f81aefd0b3c3bc24dd5758232874c2ff0754de1bec9c88384703ca929385569834b9114147ad2ebf1f6810b3160bd9a7e6d17c11

Name: exponent2

$d \bmod (q - 1)$

Offset: 1377 bytes

Length: 3 bytes(Object description) + 192 bytes(content)

Value:

0x67ba48aa5ea84fbcfef8341eb97042737986ed1fe86c13b0f63e51ba46d2d7f6b2e91964037487b504791455913b4d567357d9b20cd37f26cdb805873ab54ddf264338a586782210d868dbe8b1a7cbf7d328610476b63872f67882d8381691b4f22e7a946ab7c64772730b0b37937870a8eba79ff3229620b0276261cb2c9cfce59c776d69dcb7ae38d83dc289f946429c361010ce0f93b7b512e2b0d9a13c857dcdfeba07b4ada20b18e9b35e384c7d807f14f0dad04b842b691f8e82bc2373

Name: coefficient

$q^{(-1)} \bmod p$

Offset: 1572 bytes

Length: 3 bytes(Object description) + 192 bytes(content)

Value:

0x6bbe17f075b7a9707e403f84b20b7efa1c771ef8db48e738394d9676590922cba272790299c53d5e7053ccc0d5ba73347589980e66d6611d1464a417d76718d32893acfa5b997a08dfdded8af28a0678f52a8f2dae907061c8bf9c14f669c484cb2942d71c300ae493efcfb57839c7991ffa40cb7c63f80682ef199464b5ed476aa9e25f6fa69f3656bbeab9568109751b1f93a331081f3916e9758074f7887f785a6e4c69da74aaf2b2694552a0d8626ce114bee2d94de89e61bea998ec8ba8

2: Interpretation of bytes from the decoded base64

Although our decoder has automatically decoded the DER encoding for us, we can still find the HEX represented DER encoding on the side of the [Lapo ASN.1 decoder](#) when we decode.

```
30 82 06 E3 02 01 00 02 82 01 81 00 B5 C8 0E 99
B7 85 72 4C 62 74 F3 9C 06 17 CD 6F C0 A0 A8 3B
C4 FA 55 D7 A0 92 DE 58 7F 9A 0C 1A 2C 98 A5 82
68 48 FB 9B EC 66 18 46 04 FB 76 5C D8 6F C3 BF
1B A0 81 8C 9E 7C 06 47 E2 49 2C CC F0 56 2B 0A
... skipping 288 bytes ...
2D EB BB C1 75 E3 54 D9 7C 89 9E 44 F0 A2 43 0B
93 06 C7 19 A5 FA E2 79 96 4F AD 7B 02 03 01 00
01 02 82 01 81 00 B5 28 4A 64 A6 A0 36 E8 28 B6
A4 90 39 02 3F 99 BF 3E 5C 6A 34 43 C6 88 BD 5D
A0 78 51 B2 13 9D 82 14 1D DD 78 50 43 6F 80 87
BE 69 09 4E 11 07 36 2B 2B C8 A8 9F AC 7B 96 F5
C2 CC A0 96 8C 2F 30 D4 AE D0 8E 13 76 8A 3C 67
... skipping 288 bytes ...
98 D9 A9 0C DF B1 7F 9A A8 3E A7 4F 93 C7 23 A9
2F 36 B2 BE 44 01 02 81 C1 00 D9 8E F6 94 18 B6
C9 AF F9 72 E2 B9 F0 A7 89 E3 DF CF A0 BC 44 68
9B 23 40 FD A5 71 CF 0C 00 68 B2 53 CC C9 02 BD
90 16 F0 74 B7 99 CD F5 1E 6E 18 33 A1 B7 C7 2E
18 A3 FB EF CF 39 71 F9 09 61 4D 70 65 0B 39 8B
... skipping 96 bytes ...
45 C3 1B 0D 54 79 6D BE DF 30 FD E7 C9 FC 6A AC
```

DER is a **type-length-value** encoding. For every piece of data, you will first encounter bytes which indicate the data type (identifier: ASN.1 tag and type number), then bytes indicating length of the data value, and then bytes representing value. In the decoder, the identifier bytes are nicely marked in **blue**, and the length in **green**. *To understand them better, we will transform HEX into binary data.*

The identifier encoding encodes the ASN.1 tag's class number and type number. It also encodes whether the contents octets represent a constructed or primitive value.

The length encoding of DER must take the definite form. There is a short form and a long form. The short form consists of a single octet in which bit 8 is 0, and bits 1–7 encode the length. The long form consists of 1 initial octet followed by 1 or more subsequent octets, containing the length.

Examples:

Take the first data piece for instance, the offset is 4 bytes:

30 82 06 E3

Binary: **0011 0000 1000 0010 0000 0110 1110 0011**

Now we will analyze this encoding bit by bit:

First Part:

0011 0000:

From each bit of **0011 0000** we can know:

00: indicates data is a Universal class

1: indicates content is constructed, containing 0, 1, or more encodings

1000 (Decimal 16): indicates type of data is a SEQUENCE. From the Tag type table we will find it is a SEQUENCE Tag

Second Part:

1000 0010 0000 0110 1110 0011

From each bit of **1000 0010 0000 0110 1110 0011** we can know:

This is a **Long form** length encoding.

1: indicates that this is a long form encoding

000 0010 (Decimal 3): the number of length bytes that follows, in this case there are 2

0000 0110 0001 0011: In big-endian, the number of bytes in the data

An INTEGER example which follows the previous bytes:

02 01 00

Binary: **0000 0010 0000 0001 0000 0000**

First Part:

0000 0010

From each bit of **0000 0010** we can know:

00: indicates data is a Universal class

0: indicates data is primitive class

0 0010 (Decimal 2): is the tag of INTEGER, so data type is INTEGER

Second Part:

0000 0001

From each bit of **0000 0001** we can know:

This is a **Short form** length encoding.

0: indicates that this is a short form encoding

0000001(Decimal 1): the actual data is only 1 byte long

Summary: All of the decoded Hex data can be interpreted/ understood in format similar to the examples above.

=== Public Key ===

A. Items contained in *id_rsa_homework.pub*:

The public key saved by ssh-keygen is written in the so-called SSH-format, with the structure:
Algorithm, Key, Comment.

1: *Algorithm*

Public key type/format. Our *id_rsa_homework.pub* starts with string 'ssh-rsa' (because we are using the RSA algorithm)

2: *Key*

A base-64 encoded version of the *key* (*more explained later*)

3: *Comment*

In the format user@host.

B. Decode Private Key File:

After getting rid of the comment (end) and the algorithm (start), I used a base-64 to hex doctor from <https://cryptii.com/pipes/base64-to-hex> to decode the base-64 **Key** into Hex, resulting in the following:

< color of the hex numbers corresponds to the later explanation >

00 00 00 07 73 73 68 2d 72 73 61 00 00 00 03 01 00 01 00 00 01 01 00 b2 f5 fd 3f 9f 09 17 11 2c e4 2f 8b f8 7e d6 76 e1 52 58 be 44 3f 36 de af b0 b6 9b de 24 96 b4 95 ea ad 1b 01 ca d8 42 71 b0 14 e9 6f 79 38 6c 63 6d 34 85 16 da 74 a6 8a 8c 70 fb a8 82 87 0c 47 b4 21 8d 8f 49 18 6d df 72 72 7b 9d 80 c2 19 11 c3 e3 37 c6 e4 07 ff b4 7c 2f 27 67 b0 d1 64 d8 a1 e9 af 95 f6 48 1b f8 d9 ed fb 2e 39 04 b2 52 92 68 c4 60 25 6f af d0 a6 77 d2 98 98 f1 0b 1d 15 12 8a 69 58 39 fc 08 ed d5 84 e8 33 56 15 b1 d1 d7 27 7b e6 5c 53 2d ca 92 dd c7 05 03 74 86 8b 11 7e a9 15 49 14 ef 92 92 b8 44 3f 13 69 6e 4f ad 50 de d6 bd 90 e5 a6 f7 ed 33 be 2e ce 31 c6 dd 7a 42 53 ee 6c dc 56 78 7d dd 1d 5c d7 76 61 40 22 db 87 d0 3b b2 2f 23 28 5b 5a 31 67 af 8d ac ab be a4 00 04 47 13 37 d3 78 1e 8c 5c ca 0e a5 e2 77 99 b5 10 e4 ef 93 8c 61 ca a6 0d

C. Decoded File Explained:

1: What do the Hex numbers (Key) represent?

The "ssh-rsa" key format has the following specific encoding:

STRING "ssh-rsa"
MPINT e
MPINT n

A **STRING** contains:

4 bytes indicating length, the number of following bytes which contains the string.

A **MPINT** contains:

Multiple precision integers in two's complement format, stored as a **STRING** (therefore, also has the structure: 4 bytes for length + content bytes)

Now we can look at what all the hex numbers mean.

A.

First of all, We have the **STRING**:

00 00 00 07 73 73 68 2d 72 73 61

4 bytes indicating the string is 7 bytes long +
hex representation of the ASCII characters 'ssh-rsa'

B.

Then it is followed by the **MPINT e**, the RSA exponent, also in the structure of a **STRING**

00 00 00 03 01 00 01

4 bytes indicating the number is 3 bytes long +
Hex number 010001 (Decimal 65537), very common RSA exponent

C.

Then it is followed by the **MPINT n**, the large product of two distinct prime numbers p and q, also in the structure of a **STRING**

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00 00 01 01 00 b2 f5 fd 3f 9f 09 17 11 2c e4 2f 8b f8 7e d6 76 e1 52 58 be 44 3f 36 de af b0 b6
9b de 24 96 b4 95 ea ad 1b 01 ca d8 42 71 b0 14 e9 6f 79 38 6c 63 6d 34 85 16 da 74 a6 8a 8c
70 fb a8 82 87 0c 47 b4 21 8d 8f 49 18 6d df 72 72 7b 9d 80 c2 19 11 c3 e3 37 c6 e4 07 ff b4 7c
2f 27 67 b0 d1 64 d8 a1 e9 af 95 f6 48 1b f8 d9 ed fb 2e 39 04 b2 52 92 68 c4 60 25 6f af d0 a6
77 d2 98 98 f1 0b 1d 15 12 8a 69 58 39 fc 08 ed d5 84 e8 33 56 15 b1 d1 d7 27 7b e6 5c 53 2d
ca 92 dd c7 05 03 74 86 8b 11 7e a9 15 49 14 ef 92 92 b8 44 3f 13 69 6e 4f ad 50 de d6 bd 90 e5
a6 f7 ed 33 be 2e ce 31 c6 dd 7a 42 53 ee 6c dc 56 78 7d dd 1d 5c d7 76 61 40 22 db 87 d0 3b
b2 2f 23 28 5b 5a 31 67 af 8d ac ab be a4 00 04 47 13 37 d3 78 1e 8c 5c ca 0e a5 e2 77 99 b5
10 e4 ef 93 8c 61 ca a6 0d
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4 bytes indicating the public key is 257 bytes long +
The long hex version of the public key

=== Sanity Check ===

Expected Relationships Check (Python code at the bottom):

A. $e \cdot d \bmod \lambda(n) = 1$

From MPINT e in *id_rsa_homework.pub* we know $e = 65537$, from decoded *i* *d_rsa_homework* we know p, q, and d. Now we plug them into a python code to find $\lambda(n)$ check if calculations work (converted to decimals)

And it worked, $e \cdot d \bmod \lambda(n) = 1$!

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(e*d)%lambda_n is: 1
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B. $n = p \cdot q$

Now we check if the **modulus(n)** from *RSAPrivateKey* equals to **prime1** times **prime2**

And it worked, $n = p \cdot q$

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p*q equals n
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C. $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$

We will use e from public key file and p,q from private key file to check:

And it worked, $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$

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gcd(e,(q-1)(p-1)) equals 1
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D. Check $1 < e < \lambda(n)$, $\gcd(e, \lambda(nA)) = 1$

And it worked!

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1<e<lambda_n and math.gcd(e, lambda_n) ==1
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Python code :

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import math

n =
41253075552366549096238796598307084741876315169615295758771393125183092223904973660821588954758607277397885784090406406295173918464795807555730
568289254036158195991716521365682430365781770646062156926380442887327017529198996052633349684632292927213254671218220930364170568372157945439673
591923515121763121041402490092498824977920149521738575132440397591969257841191110810611484091901157818610329749676183640049710524984370057551112
717890212622791811280854442024346874950208851138309279343396602192959622328925763787790092377172160872360263052528619313072669846448932135048164
325424345217545932763604642174362002521049012723452188668805557047722981325145059942165094321815171643208123024985696985230153505685419000643049
144344848839505894159956930250557345922272514601340332423382554278314512473278006640999159212609695164104515668318279164419238971902283953656095
5216388906990743441965064518391229705267629610832896478653819

d =
411114465183966927777217187760903355152269084083481727359640695758420147279974390645522065669975649762750976033851299620183261347983165902972059
674323019967492623962204395126958067840303019735960016375112676592720175913866134095085056298010350117676306347354997107037928317767404362917984
674850979135947525236981848923833609365059749539402014420097765346700278745195444241614008102449737086669787396598118710025278755630852452794273
064541336448415075123596828012689187708664557072121813273487125760567621877905428332764594284871546068622452909384434292371188952617110032191987
099073267725898877635397848491302945590663290552252407445233438744090467538928167533515905891499418937563026888896481666981767294128114937912374
443865326519419485048708859594462702337466734545085413412388321074361184669677830981614706387066586851649165416818748895481325348094034382230933
7276552445405829272038342921655394030477540585372603782153217

p=20483743577738539616383718974906390712155106805501021662904680667679445331881937792085072472927712958455077813287836021394864323792854790357
606648287368407411121062118688543939965719023523688660371468042552163948498053106024297233914954184019427380766536044593166231670440738210021342
134404635823500700152160809437268935642864677531849839657009900317802421903066363793647814808876006376062411605797823987038431753433003704098223
898354030495335619120060339853393

q=2013942197417893987350429096904708976308541186739120703225390002828603665906407864304393389104566976185458920303359933171110019330852090315839
28173515877923054914215801231322674029662578067908247499395572700040098453524067816690199097412257462697162515561508963278045537823312460280363
108444955949053362158207431074163570906447620201806633991761240361518607626187490537432706752764996256661014146425076398792268252960961877194858
056546078750022780548512062505483

e= 65537

lambda_n = (q-1)*(p-1)//math.gcd(q-1, p-1)
print("(e*d)%lambda_n is: ",(e*d)%lambda_n)

if p*q == n:
    print("p*q equals n\n")

if (math.gcd(e,(q-1)*(p-1))) == 1:
    print("gcd(e,(q-1)(p-1)) equals 1\n")

if 1<e<lambda_n and math.gcd(e, lambda_n) ==1:
    print("1<e<lambda_n and math.gcd(e, lambda_n) ==1\n")

(e*d)%lambda_n is: 1
p*q equals n

gcd(e,(q-1)(p-1)) equals 1

1<e<lambda_n and math.gcd(e, lambda_n) ==1
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