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Crypto-Source

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What is Crypto-Source?

Crypto-Source is a web based application that any user could go to and use to encrypt and decrypt messages.

Crypto-Source is implementing the RSA algorithm. The RSA algorithm is a public-private key cryptosystem that's still used today.



Why did I do it?

Cryptography has always been a fascination of mine. I knew whatever my project would be, I wanted to do something with cryptography. I decided to make Crypto-Source specifically because I really enjoyed working in HTML and Python this semester. Also I decided to use the RSA algorithm because it's still a current and popular cipher and I also think it's pretty cool.



How does it work?

Crypto-Source is mainly HTML and Python.

The user interface the client interacts with is an HTML web-page. The HTML page then passes the user input into the RSA algorithm in Python. Python then returns its output back to HTML to display to the user.



Demo?

Demo!



What works?

Flask is working exactly as it should.

HTML is also rendering exactly how it should



What doesn't work yet?

While the HTML user interface works as it should, I had a lot of trouble getting HTML to pass input to Python so the encryption algorithm could work.

So unfortunately the webpage loads fine, but it won't encrypt anything



Future Improvements?

I definitely need to get HTML and Python cooperating to get encryption working

Also getting the algorithm to read and write from a text file would be cool. This would make use faster for the client. That way the client could just upload a text file to encrypt/decrypt instead of typing in their browser