

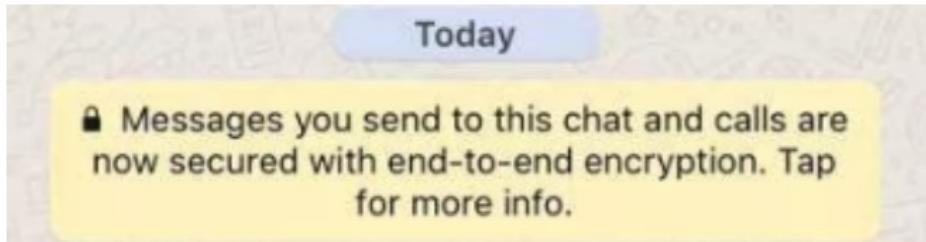
How to Win a 1,000,000\$ (or at Least a Cookie) Through Cryptography: Computational Analysis of the Security of the RSA Encryption Algorithm

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Why Cryptography?



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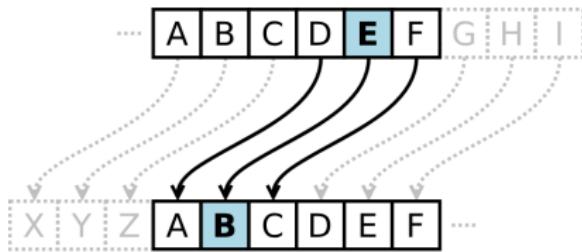
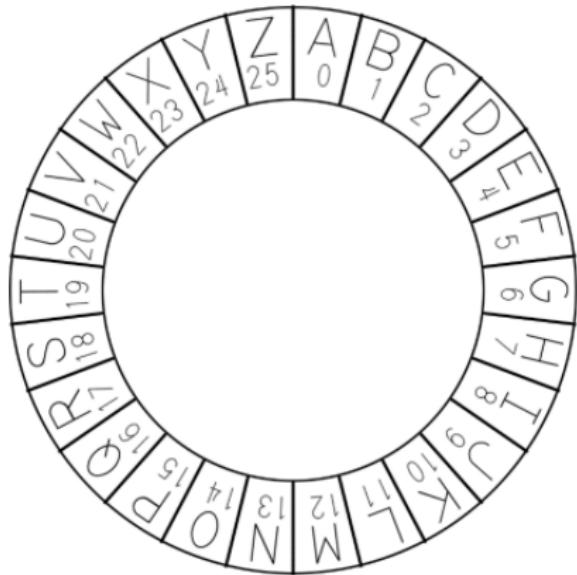
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Caesar Cipher - Julius Caesar, the first Cryptographer

Julius Caesar invented the Caesar Cipher in 100BC.



Caesar Cipher - Example



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RSA - Analogy



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RSA - Explanation



Public Key Pair



Private Key

RSA - Send a Secret

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On Bob's side, he has the secret key 3:

$$30^3 = 27000$$

$$\equiv 6 \pmod{33}$$

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RSA - Choosing the Keys

- ▶ Encryption modulus: $33 = 3 \times 11$
- ▶ Encryption and Decryption Exponents:

$$\textcolor{red}{7} \cdot \textcolor{green}{3} = (3 - 1)(11 - 1)n + 1$$

$$21 = 20n + 1$$

$$21 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$$

RSA - Security

Bob's public keys: $(33, 7)$

Alice wants to send 6

she computes $6^7 \equiv 30 \pmod{33}$

she sends 30 to Bob

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$30^3 \equiv 6 \pmod{33}$

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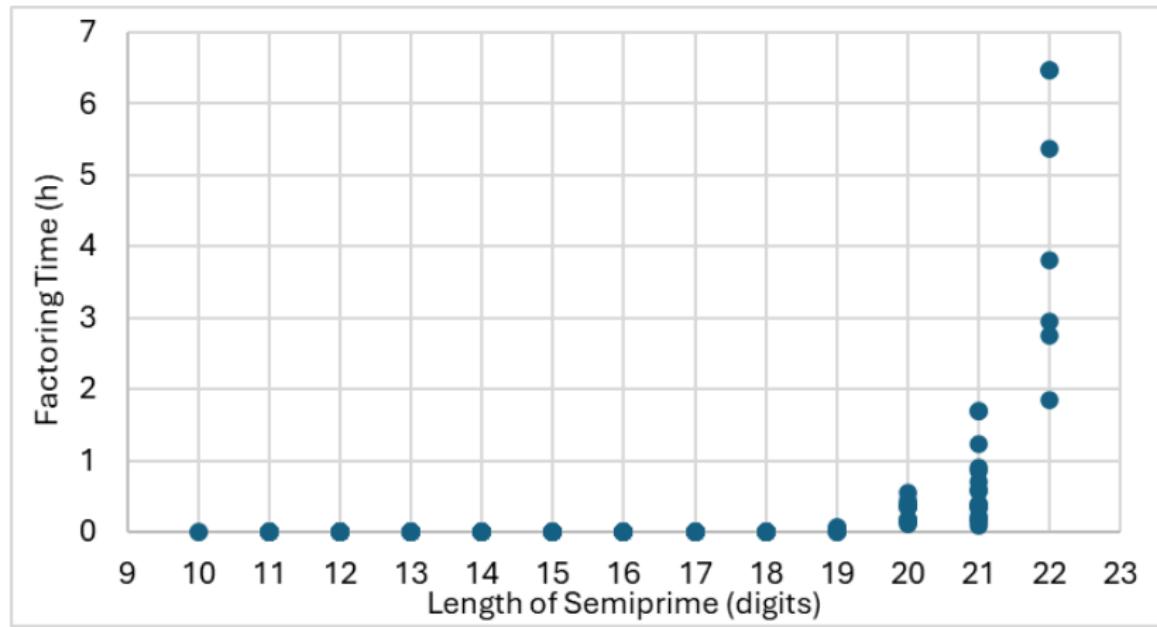
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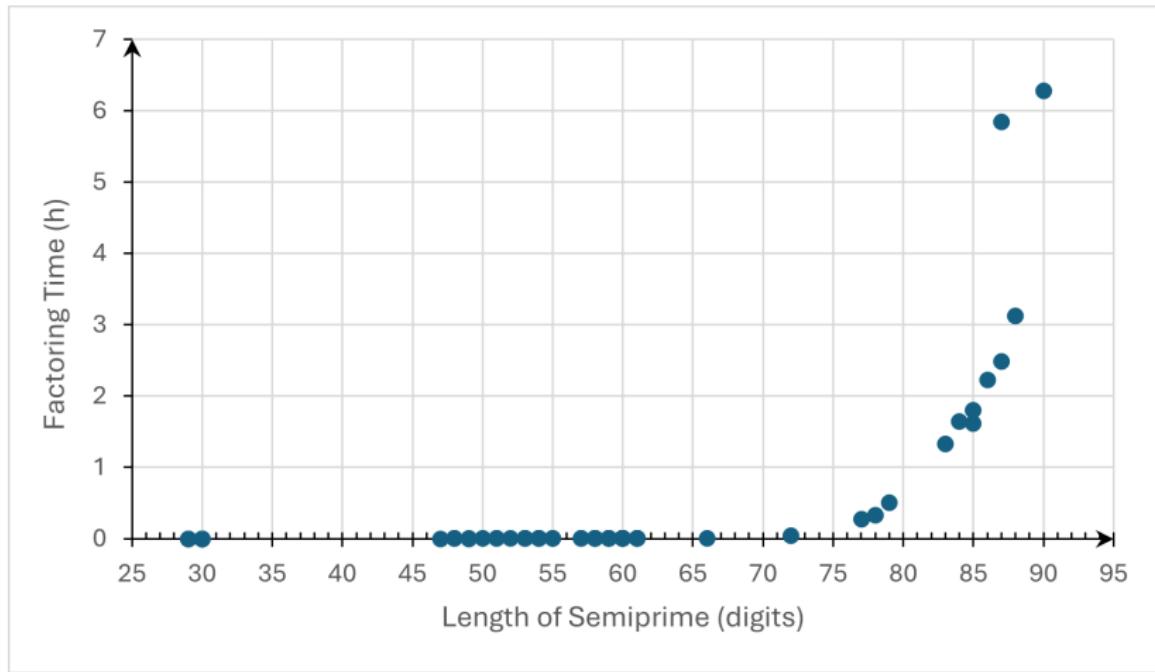
$$\text{key} = 3$$

RSA - Trial and Error Factorization using Python



Factorization time of semiprimes using trial and error

RSA - Quadratic Sieve using C++



Factorization time of semiprimes using the Quadratic Sieve

RSA - 90 digits semiprime

Encryption takes:

0.0009973 seconds

Decryption takes:

0.0008678 seconds

This semi-prime took 7 hours to factorize:

601348911492967474716626562591162015444606322948636213
084003067539621391421673708075577
= 88074813197177059161356775912755702665358209
x
6827705784021369734890122252355572751354553

RSA - 309 digits Encryption Modulus

An industry standard would be:

14378324890482304582689541244275156569918126704352715981
07249824368398178285945362131773362655027756794178034116
11160543281251113007493405658260634371576346949950420305
13653485026571402371334634743436045171775186957620382841
73906148107290849160323765547206418773039754189427597424
67109810412421095487606337209

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