

## SSH KEY FILE FORMATS

### Contents of id\_rsa\_homework:

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

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-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
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### **Contents of id\_rsa\_homework.pub:**

ssh-rsa

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AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQGDWTH0AGBdvdUYVchxhHM8LgWZeXz7iAJpD
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xXi+WLzfKNa1oCnCBpQ1b+1ANIY0G0M= kali@kali
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### **Private Key**

Items in private key file:

1. version - a version number (integer)
2. modulus - the n in the RSA algorithm (integer)
3. publicExponent - the e in RSA (integer)
4. privateExponent - the d in RSA (integer)
5. prime1 - the p in RSA (integer)
6. prime2 - the q in RSA (integer)
7. exponent1 - d mod (p-1) (integer)
8. exponent2 - d mod (q-1) (integer)
9. coefficient - (inverse of q) mod p (integer)
10. otherPrimeInfos - OtherPrimeInfos, which is another sequence of integers (optional, only required for version 1)

We used Lapo Luchini's ASN.1 decoder (<https://lapo.it/asn1js/>) on the DER setting, which decoded the file from base64. The structure of the file is as follows, with our notes:

## SEQUENCE (9 elem)

Describes the data structure of the private key

Offset: 0

Length: 4+1764

(constructed)

Value: (9 elem)

1. INTEGER 0
  - a. Version number - this is version 1
  - b. Value: 0
  - c. Offset: 4
  - d. DER encoding: 02 01 00
2. INTEGER (3072 bit)
  - a. Modulus (n)
  - b. Value: 4863248010803462739213346792980602799739550076320312415511...
  - c. Offset: 7
  - d. DER encoding: 02 82 01 81
3. INTEGER 65537
  - a. publicExponent
  - b. Value: 65537
  - c. Offset: 396
  - d. DER encoding: 02 03
4. INTEGER (3072 bit)
  - a. privateExponent
  - b. Value: 4607533641130930694729632356118812402743921811935311628416...
  - c. Offset: 401
  - d. DER encoding: 02 82 01 81
5. INTEGER (1536 bit)
  - a. prime1
  - b. Value: 2311150350600629974551822696504772429574331888325919290900...
  - c. Offset: 790
  - d. DER encoding: 02 81 C1
6. INTEGER (1536 bit)
  - a. prime2
  - b. Value: 2104254277329722207891075405102906892509663896325715391073...
  - c. Offset: 986
  - d. DER encoding: 02 81 C1
7. INTEGER (1535 bit)
  - a. exponent1
  - b. Value: 1201930778026477736586199749225203453273447880583674980419...

- c. Offset: 1182
  - d. DER encoding: 02 81 C0
- 8. INTEGER (1535 bit)
  - a. exponent2
  - b. Value: 1193482090157057909112702196973925448242621979802602603134...
  - c. Offset: 1377
  - d. DER encoding: 02 81 C0
- 9. INTEGER (1536 bit)
  - a. coefficient
  - b. Value: 1710965829576207618038688178944166479314562381843083865614...
  - c. Offset: 1572
  - d. DER encoding: 02 81 C1

Note: Bytes 3 on of the DER encoding is the length of the integer (ex. 0xC1 = 193 bytes = 1544 bits = metadata + data).

## **Public Key**

Items in public key file:

1. modulus - the n in the RSA algorithm (integer)
2. publicExponent - the e in RSA (integer)

The modulus and the publicExponent are all that is needed to decrypt any messages encrypted in RSA with the secret key. In the in-class lab exercise, these two integers are all that we needed to swap to use RSA.

The public key is encoded in base64, with the addition of “ssh-rsa” at the beginning of the key and a user@host phrase at the end (kali@kali). The decoded key is as follows, with our labels added:

DER encoding for “ssh-rsa” (which is 7 bytes): 00 00 00 07

“ssh-rsa”: 73 73 68 2d 72 73 61

DER encoding for public exponent (3 bytes): 00 00 00 03

Public Exponent: 01 00 01

DER encoding for modulus (0x181 bytes = 385 bytes): 00 00 01 81

Modulus (n): 00 d6 4c 7d 00 18 17 6f 75 46 15 72 1c 61 1c cf 0b 81  
66 5e 5f 3e e2 00 9a 43 7e b2 ac 48 29 f6 40 31 ab c5 3d 65 8f  
82 0f a9 1c ce a7 2a a3 b3 b4 be dc de e5 5e 69 83 e3 1b 9d cf  
d3 5d 3f 4b d0 6a c9 b3 cf bd 85 96 17 bc 60 86 8a 6e 47 58 66  
b9 3b 16 40 11 c1 43 7e bd d8 19 ba 94 72 34 e6 59 09 b1 06 6a  
0b c8 c7 66 25 fe ec 16 f4 9f a5 14 f9 2e af 3c 54 5b d7 39 c2  
f0 02 ba 64 15 1d c6 36 38 30 50 f7 c6 f5 d0 45 fa 6c 20 32 a2  
0e 33 4d 7c 18 d0 90 b9 a7 e2 9a 97 d5 2a 2f e6 6e a9 82 2a d1  
4e b6 8a 28 b9 11 00 9e b5 b9 30 1f 06 e7 e3 82 27 c0 40 d1 5d  
36 09 4e 3f 75 0b a2 95 34 42 f8 b9 70 70 cc 5a 9e d1 ac d5 31  
3c df 65 b3 39 c7 7b 1c b5 50 03 80 1c 6f 2b 1c 2c 80 34 7b 29  
97 e5 22 04 2c 83 53 f9 ce 65 33 af 2c 05 8d 0c 28 f7 9b b0 2a  
36 f1 aa f9 bb d4 98 40 d4 25 28 8b aa f3 7b 1c c5 cd b4 1a 64  
c5 eb bc 87 f4 60 c7 dc 6e db e0 ee c5 0a 6d 79 6e 9e eb 2e 06  
c5 00 aa 98 e0 af 81 63 40 c7 34 fe 64 17 3e d5 dc 78 f0 f6 cf  
da 23 ae 3c f4 7b 08 72 f9 a3 a4 1d 49 53 18 21 15 96 b0 cb 25  
a1 0b af 67 5c da 95 b9 71 be 78 72 09 d7 dd b7 8c 1e c0 f0 39  
63 20 c2 d2 74 f5 59 18 c5 78 be 58 bc df 28 d6 b5 a0 29 c2 06  
94 25 6f ed 40 34 86 0e 1b 43

### Sanity Check

Using the values in the private key, we verified that:

- $n = p \cdot q$
- With  $\text{lambd}(n) = \text{lcm}(p-1, q-1)$ ,
  - $\text{gcd}(e, \text{lambd}(n)) = 1$
  - $(e \cdot d) \bmod \text{lambd}(n) = 1$
- The modulus  $n$  in the public key is the same as in the private key.

See `ssh_testing.py` for this code.