

A brief history of cryptography

~ 2000 years ago	Substitution ciphers (a.k.a mono alphabetic ciphers)
few centuries later	Transposition ciphers
Renaissance	Polyalphabetic ciphers
1844	Mechanization
1976	Public key cryptography

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➡ Improvement over Caesar cipher

Algorithm : allow an arbitrary permutation of the alphabet

Key : set of substitutions

Key space : $26!$ possible substitutions ($4 \times 10^{26} \sim 89$ bits)

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
D	K	V	Q	F	I	B	J	W	P	E	S	C	X	H	T	M	Y	A	U	O	L	R	G	Z	N

if we wish to replace letters

WI RF RWAJ UH YFTSDVF SFUUFYA