Asymmetric Cryptography and RSA Algorithm

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Sending Messages

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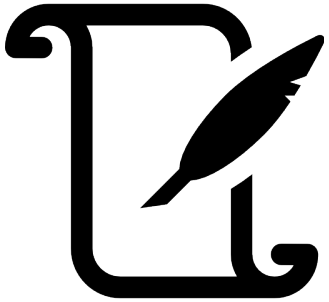

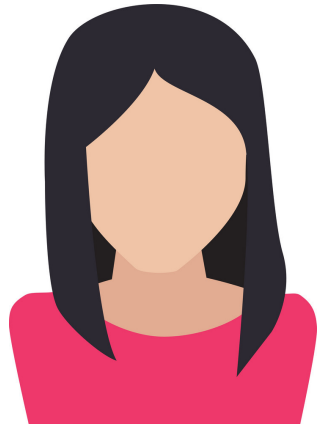

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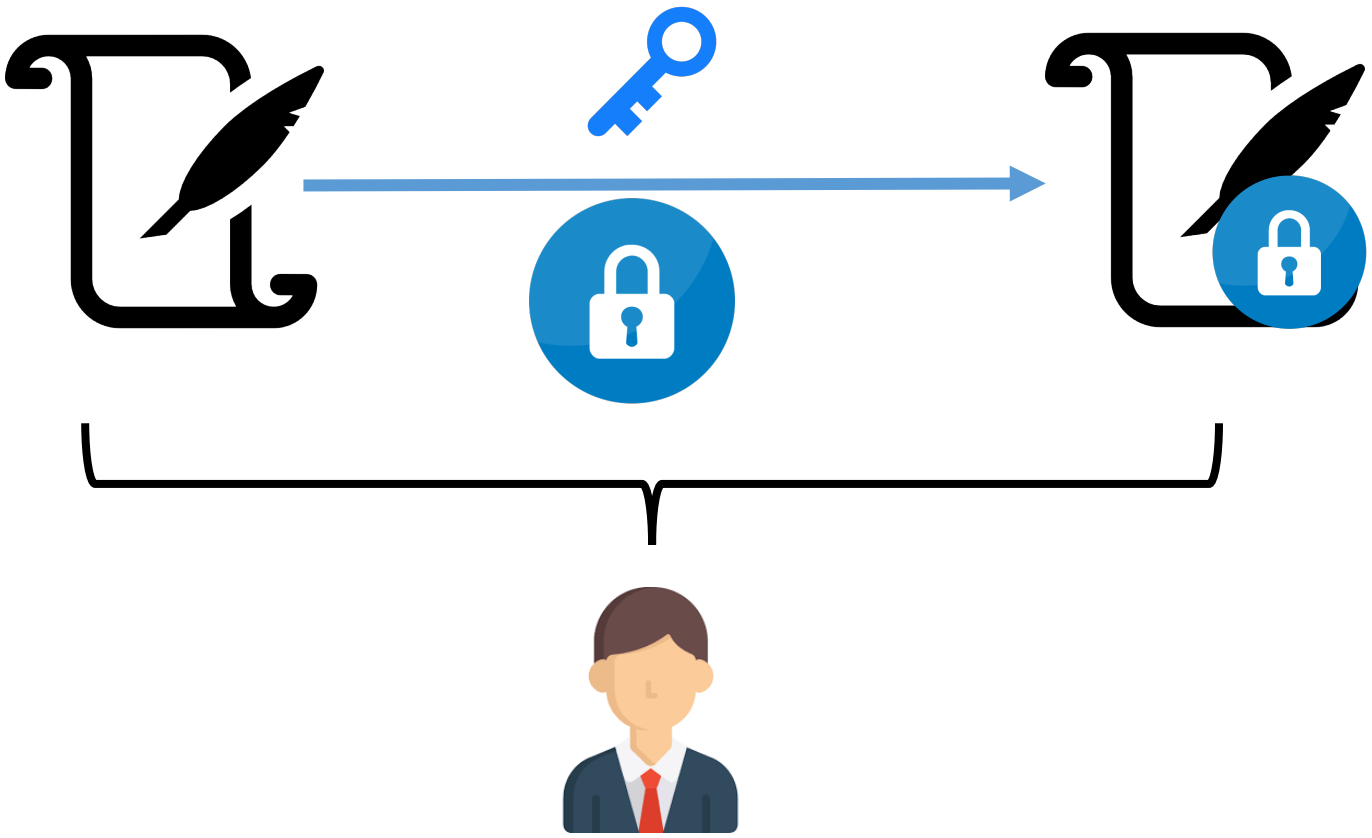

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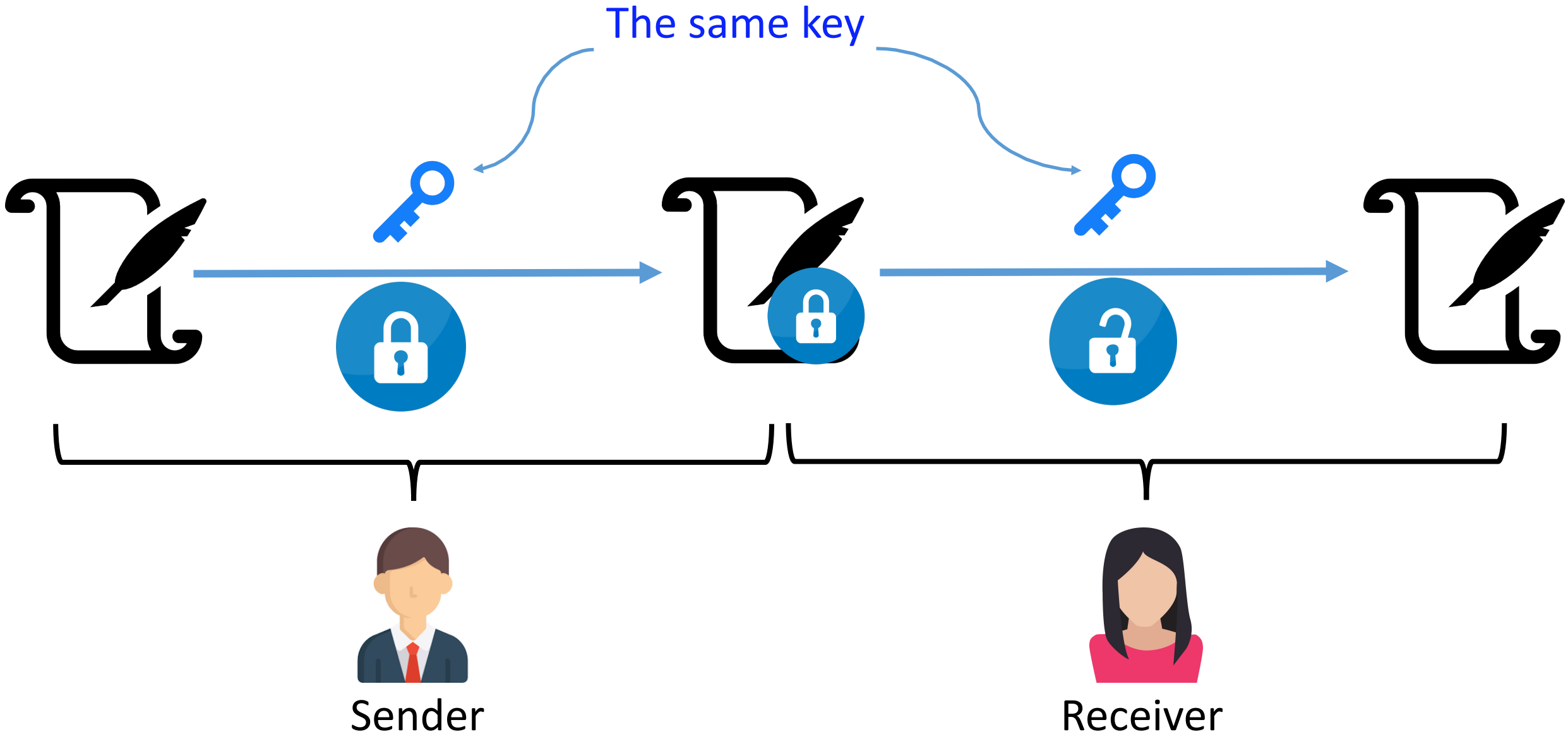

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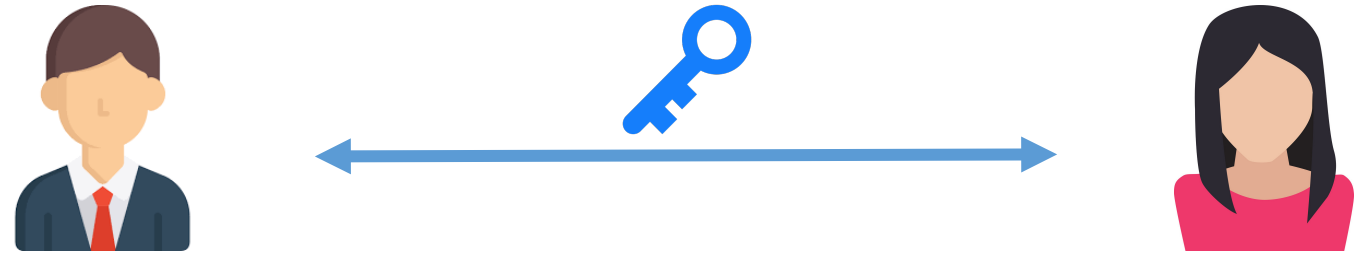
- The sender and receiver use the same secret key to encrypt and decrypt information.
- The sender and receiver have to agree upon the key.



Difficulty: How to exchange the secret key safely?

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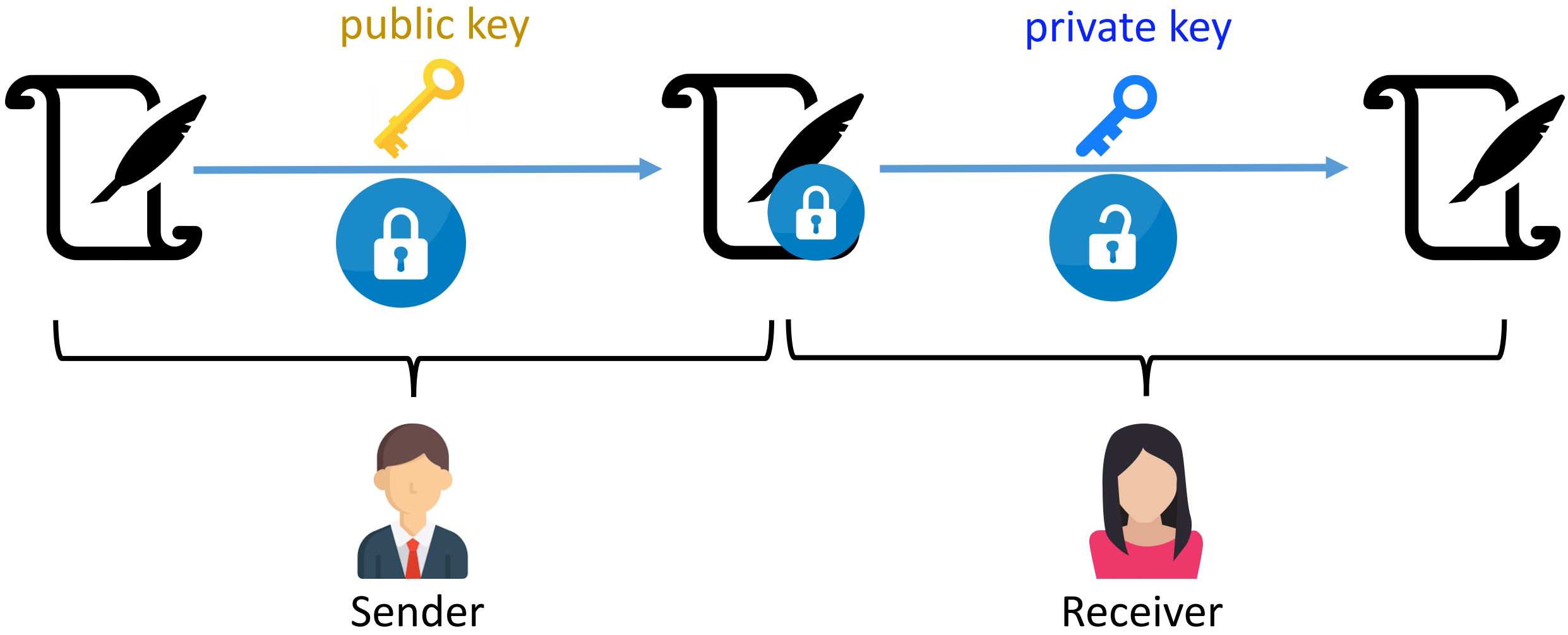

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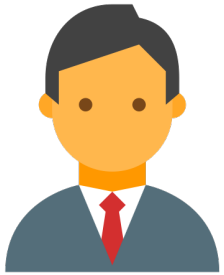

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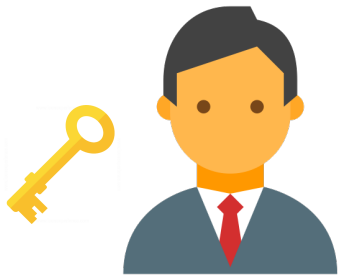

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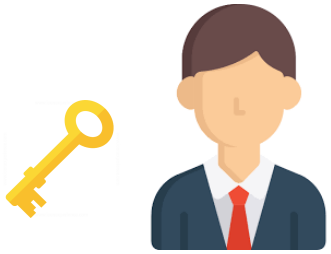

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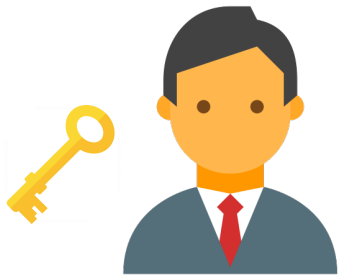

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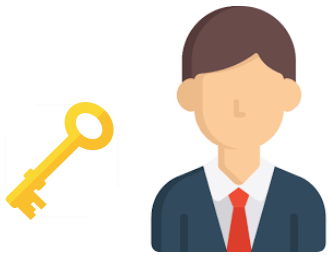

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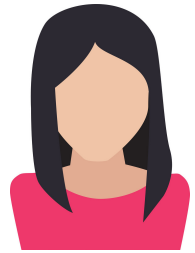

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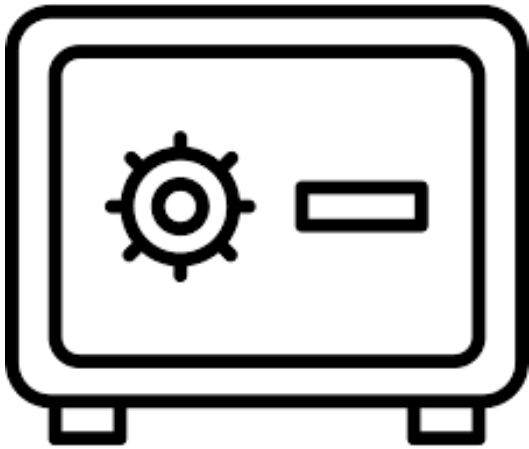

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3. Given E, one cannot easily figure out D.
   - Everyone has the public key.
   - They cannot thereby infer the private key.

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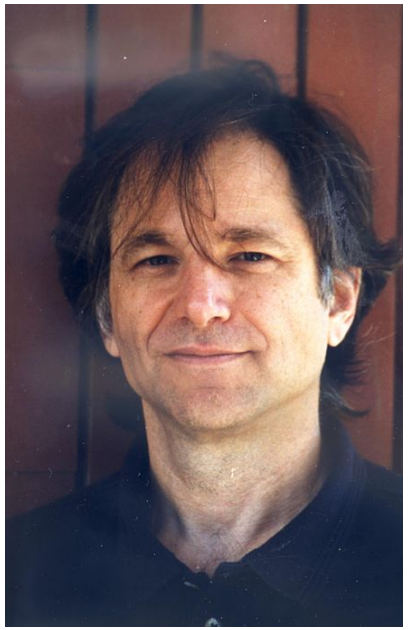
- RSA (Rivest–Shamir–Adleman) is one of the first public-key cryptosystems and is widely used for secure data transmission.

Ron Rivest

Adi Shamir



Leonard Adleman

Turing Award 2002, for their ingenious contribution for making public-key cryptography useful in practice.

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Theorem: $D\big(E(M)\big) = M$ for certain e, d, n.

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4. Find a large integer d such that $gcd(d, t) = 1$, where gcd means greatest common divisor.
5. Find e such that $mod(d * e, t) = 1$.

Thank You!