

[MACI anonymization](#) requires ElGamal cryptographic functions in zero knowledge. Support for anonymization in MACI will come sometime in the future, but I took a stab at implementing its required building blocks:

[GitHub](#)

### [weijiekoh/elgamal-babyjub](#)

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This library implements ElGamal encryption, decryption, and rerandomization in Typescript for the BabyJub elliptic curve. It also provides decryption and rerandomization circuits written in circom.

A quick note about how it encodes plaintext. We define a plaintext value as a `BigInt` in the BabyJub finite field. To encrypt it, we need to first convert it into a safe BabyJub elliptic curve point. Instead of using a map-to-curve function, the `encodeToMessage`

function generates a random value  $r$

, computes  $g^r$

, and outputs both  $g^r$

and the x-increment  $e$

that must be added to the plaintext to obtain the x-value of  $g^r$

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The ciphertext is therefore two elliptic curve points and one field element:  $(c_1, c_2, e)$

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After decrypting  $(c_1, c_2)$

to obtain the elliptic curve point  $m$

, we convert it to the original plaintext by computing  $m_x - e$

where  $m_x$

is the x-coordinate of  $m$

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I'd love any feedback and suggestions on how to improve it. Thanks to [@kobigurk](#), [@snjax](#), and others in the iden3 Telegram group for their help.