HISTORY OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

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- Cryptography appeared in antiquity with Scytale (transposition).
- Caesar cipher with letters shift (monoalphabetic substitution).
- Vigenère cipher with letters shift (polyalphabetic substitution).
- Enigma machine created by the Germans (substitution and transposition).

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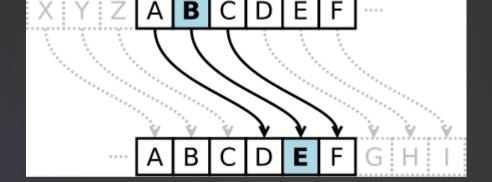
Scytale

- It's a baton used to perform a transposition cipher.
- It consist of a cylinder with a strip of parchment wound around it on which is written a message.
- The recipient uses a baton of the same diameter on which the parchment is wrapped to read the message.

- Exercise:
 - Decrypt "AQPETUASTERUAZLD".

Caesar cipher

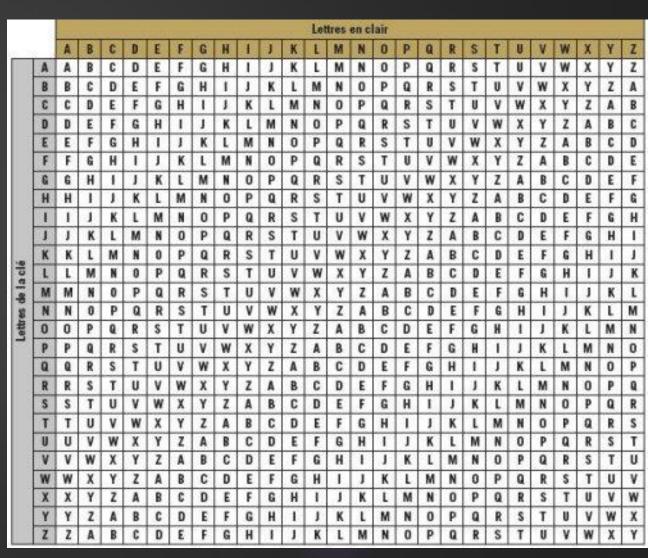
It's a type of substitution cipher in which each letter in the plaintext is replaced by a letter some fixed number of positions down the alphabet.



- Exercises:
 - Decrypt "Oh vruw hq hvw mhwh".
 - ► Encrypt "Veni, vidi, vici".

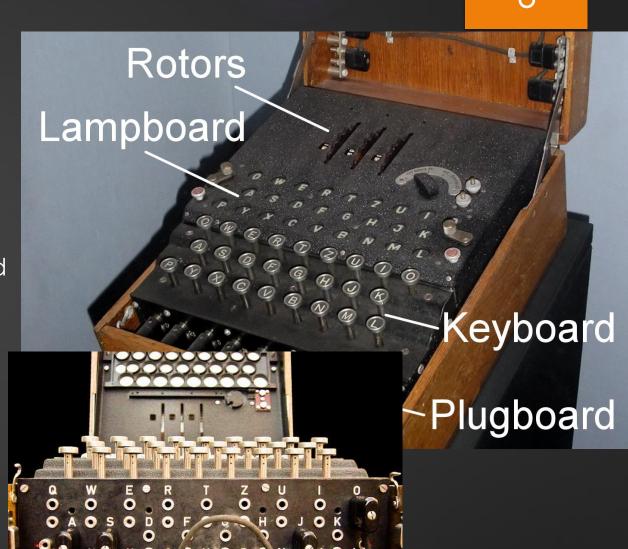
Vigenère cipher

- It has several Caesar ciphers in sequence with different shift values.
- To encrypt and decrypt a table of alphabets must be used.
- ► The alphabet is written out 26 times in different rows, each alphabet shifted cyclically to the left compared to the previous alphabet, corresponding to the 26 possible Caesar ciphers.
- Exercises with "CRYPTO" key:
 - ► Encrypt "CHIFFRE".
 - Decrypt "XZETGSTV".



Enigma machine

- Used by Nazi during World War 2.
- It was made up of:
 - Plugboard: one (or more) letter could be exchanged with another. When a key is pressed, the electric current first passes through the exchanged letter cable, before passing through the rotors.
 - > 3 **rotors** (with 26 letters) must be chosen (each rotor moves the next like a clock).



INTRODUCTION TO CRYPTOGRAPHY

Concepts

- ▶ Hidden a secret for data confidentiality like authentication.
- Non-repudiation (author cannot dispute).
- Data integrity: verify that the information received is the same as the sent. Also called "tamper proof" or "tamper resistant".

Terms

- Cleartext / Plaintext is an unencrypted message.
- Cyphertext is an encrypted message.
- Cipher is the algorithm used to encrypt and/or decrypt a message.
- Cryptanalysis is the art of cracking a cyphertext / an encryption (like mathematiciens who finding weaknesses in cyphers).

Terms: warning in French

- Cryptologie c'est la science de la cryptographie.
- Chiffrement c'est le procédé de la cryptographie.
- Déchiffrer c'est retrouver le message d'origine avec la clé de déchiffrement.
- Décrypter c'est retrouver le message d'origine sans la clé de déchiffrement.

/!\ Crypter /!\ cela signifierait chiffrer un message sans la clé...

Keys

- ▶ A **key** is used by the cypher to encrypt message.
- Generally larger key are more secure against bruteforce.
- Encryption can use one or more key

Story of Alice, Bob and others

- Alice and Bob: Generic characters who want to exchange a message or a key.
- **Eve:** An eavesdropper / a passive attacker.

About time

Cryptographic methods use very large numbers. Table with values allowing to have an element of comparison with other values.

Title	Values
Number of seconds in a day	86 400 seconds
Number of seconds in a year	31,536,000 seconds 3 * 10 ^ 7 seconds
Number of seconds since the creation of the universe (13.7 billion years)	432 * 10 ^ 15 seconds
Number of atoms in the universe	10 ^ 80 atoms

▶ Now we can say that a message encrypted with the AES-256 algorithm and a machine that can make 100 billion attempts per second, it would take 10 ^ 58 seconds to test all the keys. This necessary computing time is much longer than the age of the universe.