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# Network Security and Ciphers



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## Aim of the session

To familiarize students with an understanding of fundamental concepts of security models and cryptographic algorithms and also they will learn about symmetric key ciphers and asymmetric key ciphers

## Learning Outcomes

At the end of this session, you should be able to:

- Explain the classic encryption techniques
- Describe Symmetric and Asymmetric Key encryption



# Overview

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- We are living in the information age
- Information is an asset that has a value like any other asset
- Information needs to be secured from attacks
  - **Confidentiality** : Information needs to be hidden from unauthorized access
  - **Integrity** : protected from unauthorized change
  - **Availability**: available to an authorized entity when it is needed
- We should be able to maintain confidentiality even when data is transmitted from one computer to another



# Security Goals

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- **Confidentiality** : Information needs to be hidden from unauthorized access when it is stored or transmitted
  - It is probably the most common aspect of information security
  - Eg: Data in the Bank server
- **Integrity**: refers to changes to be done only by authorized entities and through authorized mechanisms.
  - Interruption in the system, power surge can cause integrity violations
  - Eg. Changes in account balance
- **Availability**: The information created and stored by an organization needs to be available to authorized entities
  - Eg: Access to personal bank accounts



# Security Attacks

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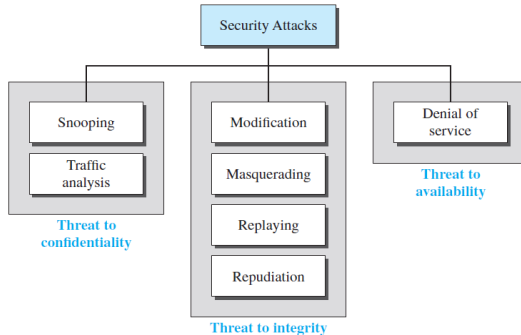


Figure: Attacks with relation to security goals



# Attacks Threatening Confidentiality

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## • Snooping

- Snooping refers to unauthorized access to or interception of data
- A confidential file can be intercepted during transmission and its contents are used for benefits
- Prevention: Data can be made nonintelligible to the interceptor by using encipherment techniques

## • Traffic Analysis

- Although the data is made nonintelligible for the interceptor, they can obtain some other types of information by monitoring online traffic
- See the e-mail address of sender and receiver to guess the nature of the transaction





# Attacks Threatening Integrity

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- **Modification:** After intercepting or accessing information, the attacker modifies the information to benefit themselves
  - Eg: Customer sends a message to a bank to initiate some transaction. The attacker intercepts the message and changes the type of transaction to their own benefit.
- **Masquerading/Spoofing** happens when the attacker impersonates somebody else
  - An attacker might steal the bank card and PIN of a bank customer and pretend to be the customer!!



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- **Replaying:** The attacker obtains a copy of a message sent by a user and later tries to replay it.
- **Repudiation:** It is performed by one of the two parties in the communication: Sender/Receiver
  - The sender of the message might later deny that she has sent the message
  - The receiver of the message might later deny that he has received the message.



# Attacks Threatening Availability

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- **Denial of Service:** may slow down or totally interrupt the service of a system. Strategies are:
  - Attacker can send so many bogus requests to a server that the server crashes because of the heavy load.
  - Attacker can intercept and delete a server's response to a client.
  - Attacker may also intercept requests from the clients, causing the clients to send requests many times and overload the system.



# Cryptography

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- Cryptography comes from the Greek words for "*secret writing*".
- **Cipher** is a character-for-character or bit-for-bit transformation
  - No regard to the linguistic structure of the message
- **Code** replaces one word with another word or symbol.
- **Confidentiality (security goal) can be achieved using ciphers.**



# Classification of Cipher

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## Ciphers

- Symmetric-Key Ciphers
  - Substitution Ciphers
    - Monoalphabetic Ciphers (Additive/Caesar)
    - Playfair Ciphers
  - Transposition Ciphers:
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    - Rail Fence Cipher
  - Data Encryption Standard (DES)
- Asymmetric-Key Ciphers
  - RSA Algorithm (Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman).



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# Symmetric-Key Ciphers



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- A **symmetric-key** cipher uses the same key for both encryption and decryption
  - Key can be used for bidirectional communication
- Encryption of the plaintext  $P$  using key  $K$  gives the ciphertext  $C$

$$C = E_K(P)$$

- $P = D_K(C)$  represents the decryption of  $C$  to get the plaintext again.

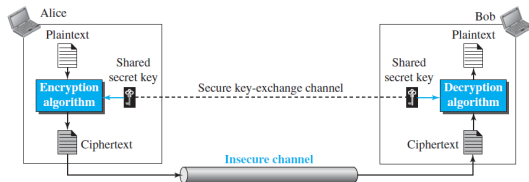


Figure: General idea of a symmetric-key cipher

# Merits and Demerit of Symmetric-Key Cipher



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- **Merits**
  - It is fast and convenient to set up.
  - Method is simple and easy to understand and master
- **De-Merit**
  - The key must be known by both sender and recipient





# Substitution Cipher: Monoalphabetic Ciphers

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- Traditional symmetric-key Ciphers are classified as
  - **Substitution ciphers**
    - Monoalphabetic Ciphers
  - **Transposition ciphers**

## Substitution ciphers

- A substitution cipher replaces one symbol with another
- In a substitution cipher, each letter (group) of letter(s) is replaced by another letter(s) to disguise it.
- **Monoalphabetic Ciphers:** In a monoalphabetic cipher, a character (or a symbol) in the plaintext is always changed to the same character (or symbol) in the ciphertext regardless of its position in the text



# Substitution Cipher: Monoalphabetic Ciphers

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- Simplest monoalphabetic cipher is the **additive cipher** (or **shift cipher**).
- Julius Caesar used an additive cipher, with a key of 3, to communicate with his officers.
- For this reason, additive ciphers are sometimes referred to as the *Caesar cipher*.
- **Caesar cipher:**  $a \Rightarrow D, b \Rightarrow E, \dots, z \Rightarrow C$ 
  - $attack \Rightarrow DWWDFN$
- **Generalization of the Caesar cipher:** Alphabet to be shifted by  $k$  letters, instead of three



# Additive Cipher

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Use the additive cipher with key = 15 to encrypt the message "hello".

Plaintext →	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
Ciphertext →	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
Value →	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Plaintext	Adding Key (15)	mod 26	Ciphertext
h $\Rightarrow$ 7	22	22	22 $\Rightarrow$ W
e $\Rightarrow$ 4	19	19	19 $\Rightarrow$ T
l $\Rightarrow$ 11	26	0	0 $\Rightarrow$ A
l $\Rightarrow$ 11	26	0	0 $\Rightarrow$ A
o $\Rightarrow$ 14	29	3	3 $\Rightarrow$ D

Ciphertext: WTAAD



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Analyse and apply Caesar cipher to encrypt and decrypt the message "NETWORKS," and the key(shift) value is 4.



# Drawback of Additive Cipher

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- Additive ciphers are vulnerable to attacks using exhaustive key searches (brute force attacks).
- The key domain of the additive cipher is very small (26)
  - Easily launch a brute-force attack on the ciphertext.
- **Better solution:** Create a mapping between each plaintext character and the corresponding ciphertext character

Plaintext	→	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
Ciphertext	→	N	O	A	T	R	B	E	C	F	U	X	D	Q	G	Y	L	K	H	V	I	J	M	P	Z	S	W



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**Playfair cipher** is a symmetric encryption technique that encrypts letters in pairs (digraphs) using a 5x5 grid

- The keyword is written into a 5x5 grid, with the remaining letters of the alphabet (excluding "I" and "J", which are treated as the same) filling the empty squares **in alphabetical order**.
- Keyword: "MONARCHY"; Plaintext: "INSTRUMENTS"



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Keyword: "MONARCHY"; Plaintext: "INSTRUMENTS"

Preprocess the Plaintext

Key Matrix:

M	O	N	A	R
C	H	Y	B	D
E	F	G	I	K
L	P	Q	S	T
U	V	W	X	Z

- Break the message into digraphs (pairs of two letters).
- If both letters in a digraph are the same (e.g., "EE"), insert an "Z" between them.
- If there's an odd number of letters, add an "Z" at the end.
- After Split: 'IN' 'ST' 'RU' 'ME' 'NT' 'SZ'



# Playfair Cipher: Encryption

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For each pair:

- **Same row:** Replace each letter with the letter to its right (wrap around).
- **Same column:** Replace each letter with the letter below it (wrap around)
- **Rectangle:** Replace with letters on the same row but at the opposite corners.





# Playfair Cipher: Example

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in:

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st:

M	O	N	A	R
C	H	Y	B	D
E	F	G	I	K
L	P	Q	S	T
U	V	W	X	Z

ru:

M	O	N	A	R
C	H	Y	B	D
E	F	G	I	K
L	P	Q	S	T
U	V	W	X	Z

me:

M	O	N	A	R
C	H	Y	B	D
E	F	G	I	K
L	P	Q	S	T
U	V	W	X	Z

nt:

M	O	N	A	R
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sz:

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- digraph: IN
  - Rectangle rule: Form a rectangle and replace letter with same row letter
  - Rectangle rule: I  $\Rightarrow$  G; N  $\Rightarrow$  A
- digraph: ST
  - Same row: (letter to the right) S  $\Rightarrow$  T; T  $\Rightarrow$  L
- digraph: RU
  - Rectangle rule: R  $\Rightarrow$  M; U  $\Rightarrow$  Z
- digraph: ME
  - Same Column: M  $\Rightarrow$  C; E  $\Rightarrow$  L
- digraph: NT
  - Rectangle rule: N  $\Rightarrow$  R; T  $\Rightarrow$  Q
- digraph: SZ
  - Rectangle rule: S  $\Rightarrow$  T; Z  $\Rightarrow$  X

Ciphertext: \*\*GATLMZCLRQTX\*\*



# Playfair: Example 2

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Keyword: "GUIDANCE"; Plaintext: "SEMESTEREXAM"

Key Matrix:

G	U	I	D	A
N	C	E	B	F
H	K	L	M	O
P	Q	R	S	T
V	W	X	Y	Z

Preprocess the Plaintext

- Break the message into digraphs (pairs of two letters).
- 'SE' 'ME' 'ST' 'ER' 'EX' 'AM'



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digraph: SE  $\implies$  RB



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digraph: ME  $\Rightarrow$  LB



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G	U	I	D	A
N	C	E	B	F
H	K	L	M	O
P	Q	R	S	T
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digraph: ST  $\Rightarrow$  TP

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digraph: ER  $\Rightarrow$  LX



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digraph: EX  $\Rightarrow$  LI



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digraph: AM  $\Rightarrow$  DO



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Ciphertext:  
"RBLBTPLXLIDO"





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Plaintext: 'HELLO'; Key: 'GUIDANCE'  
'LL' is duplicate  $\implies$  becomes LX, LO  
digraphs: 'HE' 'LX' 'LO'  
Ciphertext: 'LNRIMH'



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A transposition cipher reorders symbols.

Types:

- Columnar Transposition



# Columnar Transposition Technique

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## Steps to obtain cipher text

- In a rectangle of pre-defined size, write the plain-text message row by row.
- Use the key to get the column reordering
  - column key="VEGA"  $\implies$  4231
- Rearrange the columns and write the text column wise
- Cipher-text is obtained!!



# Columnar Transposition: Encryption Example

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Original message: "INCLUDEHELPISAWESOME".

C1	C2	C3	C4
I	N	C	L
U	D	E	H
E	L	P	I
S	A	W	E
S	O	M	E
4	2	3	1
L	N	C	I
H	D	E	U
I	L	P	E
E	A	W	S
E	O	M	S

- column key="VEGA"
- Alphabetical order in the given key "VEGA"  $\implies$  4231
- **Plaintext is written horizontally, in rows**
- Reorder the columns
- Ciphertext is read out by columns:  
LHIEENDLAOCEPWMIUESS



# Columnar Transposition: Decryption

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Given: LHIEENDLAOCEPWMIUESS; column key = "VEGA"

⇒ 4231

Write the text in 4 columns  
(column-wise)

4	2	3	1
L	N	C	I
H	D	E	U
I	L	P	E
E	A	W	S
E	O	M	S

Reorder the columns as per key

1	2	3	4
I	N	C	L
U	D	E	H
E	L	P	I
S	A	W	E
S	O	M	E

Read the text row-wise: "IN-  
CLUDEHELPISAWESOME"



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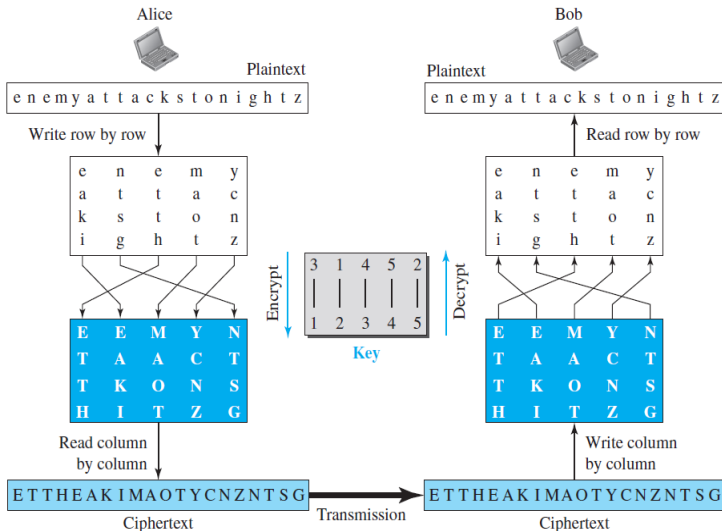
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- **Rail Fence Cipher:** Encryption
  - **Step 1:** The plain text is written as a sequence of diagonals.
  - **Step 2:** To obtain the cipher text, the text is read as a sequence of rows

- Example : "INCLUDEHELPISAWESOME". Key=2
- No of columns=length of the text=20; No Of Rows=2 (Key)

I	C	U	E	E	P	S	W	S	M										
	N		L		D		H		L		I		A		E		O		E

- Write the message in a zigzag manner then read it out direct row-wise to change it to cipher-text
- Cipher-text: ICUEEPSWSMNLDLHIAEOE
- Rail-Fence Technique is very easy to break by any cryptanalyst.



# Rail Fence Cipher: Encryption

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Examples: <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/rail-fence-cipher-encryption-decryption/>

- ✦ Input : "attack at once"; Key=2;
- ✦ No of columns=length of the text=14; No Of Rows=2 (Key)

a	t	c	-	t	o	c
t	a	k	a	-	n	e

- ✦ Output : atc toctaka ne

- ★ Input : "defend the east wall"; Key=3;
- ★ No of columns=length of the text=20; No Of Rows=3

d	n	h	a	w					
e	e	d	t	e	e	s	-	a	l
f	-	-	t	l					

- ★ Output : dnhaweedtees alf tl





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- Input : "atc toctaka ne" ; Key=2;
- No Of Columns=14; Rows=2; write "\*" in a zigzag manner

*		*		*		*		*		*		*	
	*		*		*		*		*		*		*

- Replace "\*" with the characters of the cipher text



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- Input : "atc toctaka ne" ; Key=2;
- No Of Columns=14; Rows=2; write "\*" in a zigzag manner

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	*		*		*		*		*		*		*

- Replace "\*" with the characters of the cipher text

a		t		c		-		t		o		c	
	t		a		k		a		-		n		e

- Output : "attack at once"



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# Asymmetric-Key Cipher



# Asymmetric-Key Cryptography

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- **Asymmetric-key** cryptography uses two keys: one private and one public
  - Also called public key cryptography
- For  $n$  users:
  - $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  secrets are required for symmetric-key cryptography
  - Only  $n$  personal secrets are needed in asymmetric-key cryptography
- It requires keys of at least 2048 bits for good security (versus 256 bits for symmetric-key algorithms)
  - Hence it is quite slow
- Asymmetric-key cryptography is normally used to encrypt or decrypt small pieces of information



# Asymmetric-key cryptosystem

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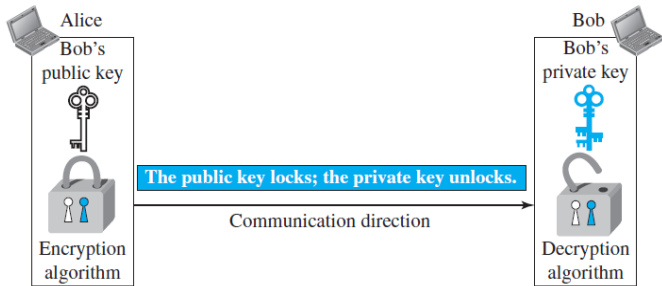
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- Asymmetric key cryptography uses two separate keys: one private and one public.
- **Encryption**  $\implies$  using **Public Key**
- **Decryption**  $\implies$  using **Private key**



**Figure:** Credits: Forouzan. Locking and unlocking in asymmetric-key cryptosystem



# Symmetric-key vs Asymmetric-key ciphers

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Symmetric-key Cipher	Asymmetric-key Cipher
Symmetric-key cryptography is based on sharing secrecy	Asymmetric-key cryptography is based on personal secrecy
For $n$ people, $n(n-1)/2$ shared secrets are needed	For $n$ people, only $n$ personal secrets are needed
Symmetric-key cryptography is based on substitution and permutation of symbols (characters or bits)	Asymmetric-key cryptography is based on applying mathematical functions to numbers
The plaintext and ciphertext are thought of as a combination of symbols.	The plaintext and ciphertext are numbers
Encryption and decryption permute these symbols or substitute one symbol for another	Encryption and decryption are mathematical functions that are applied to numbers to create other numbers



# Encryption and Decryption

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- RSA is named after its inventors Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman.
- Choose two very large prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$ 
  - Prime number is one that can be divided only by 1 and itself
- Find  $n = p \times q$
- Find  $\phi(n) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1)$
- Choose  $e$  such that  $1 < e < \phi(n)$  and  $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$
- Find  $d$  such that  $(e \times d) \bmod \phi(n) = 1$ .
- Public key  $(e, n)$ ; Private key  $(d, n)$
- Encrypt:  $C = (P^e) \bmod n$
- Decrypt:  $P = (C^d) \bmod n$
- **$P$  is always in the form of numbers**
  - If text is given, use ASCII values of each character



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The RSA algorithm uses two prime numbers, say  $p=3$  and  $q=11$ . Discover the possible values of Public Key( $e, n$ ), and Private Key ( $d, n$ ). Encrypt the message  $P=4$ ;





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- Let us choose  $p = 3$ ;  $q = 11$ ;
- $n = 3 \times 11 = 33$
- $\phi(n) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1) = 2 \times 10 = 20$
- Choose  $e = 3$ ;  $\gcd(3, 20) = 1$ ;
- Find  $d$  such that  $(3 \times d) \bmod 20 = 1 \implies d = 7$
- Public Key:  $(e = 3, n = 33)$
- Private Key:  $(d = 7, n = 33)$



# Example 1: Encryption and Decryption

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- Public Key:  $(e = 3, n = 33)$
- Private Key:  $(d = 7, n = 33)$
- Message  $P=4$
- Encrypt:  $C=(P^e) \bmod n=(4^3) \bmod 33=64 \bmod 33=31$
- Decrypt:  $P=(C^d) \bmod n=(31^7) \bmod 33=4$



## Example 2: Finding Keys

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- Let us choose  $p = 7$ ;  $q = 11$ ;
- $n = 7 \times 11 = 77$
- $\phi(n) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1) = 6 \times 10 = 60$
- Choose  $e = 13$ ;  $\gcd(13, 60) = 1$ ;
- Find  $d$  s.t  $13 \times d \bmod 60 = 1 \implies d = 37$
- Public Key:  $(e = 13, n = 77)$
- Private Key:  $(d = 37, n = 77)$



## Example 2: Encryption and Decryption

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- Public Key:  $(e = 13, n = 77)$
- Private Key:  $(d = 37, n = 77)$
- Message  $P=5$
- Encrypt:  $C=(P^e) \bmod n=(5^{13}) \bmod 77=26 \bmod 77=26$
- Decrypt:  $P=(C^d) \bmod n=(26^{37}) \bmod 77=5$



# Finding Keys: Example 3

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- Let us choose  $p = 17$ ;  $q = 11$ ;
- $n = 17 \times 11 = 187$
- $\phi(n) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1) = 16 \times 10 = 160$
- Choose  $e = 7$
- Find  $d$  s.t  $7 \times d \bmod 160 = 1 \implies d = 23$
- Public Key:  $(e = 7, n = 187)$
- Private Key:  $(d = 23, n = 187)$
- Find the plain text from the Ciphertext=65



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Length of the key should be 2048-bit for good security!!

$p =$  9613034531358350457419158128061542790930984559499621582258315087964  
7940455056470638491257160180347503120986666064924201918087806674210  
96063354219926661209

The integer  $q$  is a 160-digit number.

$q =$  1206019195723144691827679420445089600155592505463703393606179832173  
1482148483764659215389453209175225273226830107120695604602513887145  
524969000359660045617

The modulus  $n = p \times q$ . It has 309 digits.

$n =$  1159350417396761496889250986461588752377145737545414477548552613761  
4788540832635081727687881596832516846884930062548576411125016241455  
2339182927162507656772727460097082714127730434960500556347274566628  
0600999240371029914244722922157727985317270338393813346926841373276  
22000966676671831831088373420823444370953

$\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$  has 309 digits.



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choose  $e = 35535$  (the ideal is 65537). Then find  $d$ !!.

$\phi(n) =$	1159350417396761496889250986461588752377145737545414477548552613761 4788540832635081727687881596832516846884930062548576411125016241455 2339182927162507656751054233608492916752034482627988117554787657013 9234444057169895817281960982263610754672118646121713591073586406140 08885170265377277264467341066243857664128
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$e =$	35535
$d =$	5800830286003776393609366128967791759466906208965096218042286611138 0593852822358731706286910030021710859044338402170729869087600611530 6202524959884448047568240966247081485817130463240644077704833134010 8509473852956450719367740611973265574242372176176746207763716420760 033708533328853214470885955136670294831



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