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What is the RSA algorithm, and how does it work?



# What is the RSA algorithm, and how does it work?

The RSA algorithm is an asymmetric encryption technique that utilizes a pair of keys a public key and a private key to protect data. It is based on the mathematical complexity of factoring large integers, making it extremely challenging for unauthorized entities to decipher the encrypted information.



Introduction of RSA Algorithm in Cryptography



#### **Introduction of RSA Algorithm in Cryptography**

The RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) algorithm is a widely used method in public-key cryptography. It employs a pair of keys one for encryption and the other for decryption ensuring secure communication. The strength of RSA lies in the complexity of factoring large prime numbers, making unauthorized access highly impractical. Developed in 1977 by Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman, this algorithm remains a cornerstone of modern cryptographic systems.



Example of Asymmetric Cryptography If **Sender A** wishes to transmit a message securely to **Receiver B**:

- Sender A encodes the message using Receiver B's Public Key.
- Receiver B decodes the message using their Private Key.





#### **RSA Algorithm-Key Components**

RSA Algorithm is based on **factorization** of large number and **modular arithmetic** for encrypting and decrypting data. It consists of three main stages:

- 1.Key Generation: Creating Public and Private Keys
- **2.Encryption:** Sender encrypts the data using Public Key to get **cipher text.**
- **3.Decryption:** Decrypting the **cipher text** using Private Key to get the original data.

#### Key Generation

- 1. Choose two large prime numbers, say **p** and **q**. These prime numbers should be kept secret.
- 2. Calculate the product of primes,  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{p} * \mathbf{q}$ . This product is part of the public as well as the private key.
- 3. Calculate Euler Totient Function  $\Phi(n)$  as  $\Phi(n) = \Phi(p * q) = \Phi(p) * \Phi(q) = (p-1) * (q-1)$ .
- 4. Choose encryption exponent **e**, such that
  - $\triangleright$  1 < e <  $\Phi$ (n), and
  - ightharpoonup gcd(e,  $\Phi$ (n)) = 1, that is e should be co-prime with  $\Phi$ (n).
- 5. Calculate decryption exponent **d**, such that
  - $\triangleright$  (d \* e)  $\equiv$  1 mod Φ(n), that is d is modular multiplicative inverse of e mod Φ(n).

Finally, the Public Key = (n, e) and the Private Key = (n, d).



To encrypt a message **M**, it is first converted to numerical representation using ASCII and other encoding schemes. Now, use the public key (n, e) to encrypt the message and get the cipher text using the formula:

 $C = M^e \mod n$ ,

where C is the Cipher text and

e and n are parts of public key.

## **Decryption**

To decrypt the cipher text C, use the private key (n, d) and get the original data using the formula:

 $M = C^d \mod n$ ,

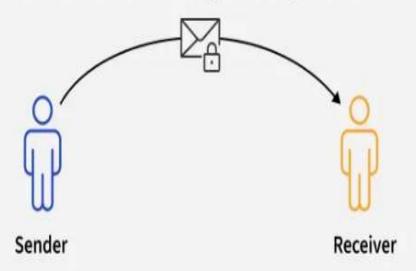
where M is the message and

d and n are parts of private key.



**Example of RSA Algorithm** 

#### Secure communication between Sender and Receiver using RSA Algorithm



#### **Key Generation**

Choose two prime numbers: p = 3, q = 11

Calculate n = p \* q = 33

Calculate Euler's Totient Function:  $\Phi(33) = \Phi(3) * \Phi(11) = 2 * 10 = 20$ 

Choose e = 7, which is co-prime with 20

Calculate d as the multiplicative inverse of e (7), so d = 3

Public Key = (n, e) = (33, 7) Private Key = (n, d) = (33, 3)

#### **Sharing of Public Key**

Public Key = 
$$(n, e) = (33, 7)$$
 Private Key =  $(n, d) = (33, 3)$ 



Sender

$$(n, e) = (33, 7)$$

The Public Key is shared with the Sender and the Private Key is kept secret with the Receiver.

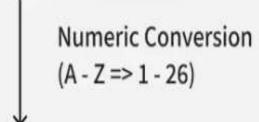


Receiver

$$(n, d) = (33, 3)$$

#### **Encryption - Message Conversion**

## Sender's Message(M) = "AC"



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Numeric Representation of "AC"

#### **Encryption Formula:**

Encrypt the message using the Public Key (33, 7)

Cipher Text  $C = M^e \mod n$ 

$$C = 13^7 \mod 33$$

 $C = 62748517 \mod 33$ 

$$C = 7$$



Sender

Receiver

#### **Decryption Formula:**

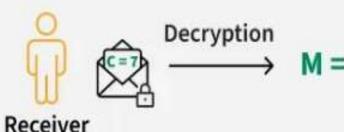
Decrypt the Cipher text using the Private Key (33, 3)

#### Decrypted Text M = Cd mod n

$$M = 7^3 \mod 33$$

 $M = 343 \mod 33$ 

M = 13



The receiver uses decrypted text M = 13 to get the original message = "AC".



**Idea behind RSA Algorithm** 

#### **Idea behind RSA Algorithm**

- ➤ The RSA algorithm is based on the concept that factorizing a large integer is computationally difficult.
- The **Public Key** consists of two values: **(n, e)**, where both **n** and **e** are publicly known.
- The **Private Key** consists of **(n, d)**, where only the receiver knows the value of **d**.
- ➤ Since only the receiver has **d**, they are the only one capable of decrypting the message.
- To find **d** using **n** and **e**, we use the relationship:
- $(d imes e) \equiv 1 \mod \Phi(n)$

- $\triangleright$  If we can compute  $\Phi(n)$ , we can determine d.
- $\Phi$ (n) is calculated as:  $\Phi(n) = (p-1) \times (q-1)$

- $\triangleright$  To find  $\Phi(n)$ , the values of **p** and **q** are needed.
- ➤ Although **n** is publicly known and equals **p** × **q**, finding **p** and **q** is challenging because RSA uses very large prime numbers for **p** and **q**.
- ➤ As a result, **n** becomes extremely large, making factorizing **n** computationally infeasible.
- > The strength of RSA encryption relies on the size of **p** and **q**.
- > Typically, RSA keys are 1024 or 2048 bits long.
- Experts suggest that **1024-bit keys** might be breakable in the near future.
- ➤ However, as of now, breaking RSA encryption remains practically impossible.

**Note:** If someone gets to know the value of p and q, then he can calculate the value of d and decrypt the message.

# **Advantages**

## **Advantages**

- > Security: RSA is highly secure and widely used for safe data transmission.
- ➤ **Public-key cryptography:** It uses two keys a public key for encryption and a private key for decryption.
- **Key exchange:** RSA enables secure key exchange without transmitting the secret key directly.
- ➤ **Digital signatures:** It allows message signing with a private key and verification with a public key.
- ➤ **Applications:** RSA is extensively used in online banking, e-commerce, and secure communications.

**Disdvantages** 



#### **Limitations of RSA Algorithm:**

- **1.Slow processing speed:** Inefficient for encrypting large data volumes.
- **2.Large key size:** Requires significant computational resources and storage.
- **3.Side-channel vulnerabilities:** Susceptible to attacks exploiting power consumption, electromagnetic leaks, and timing analysis.
- **4.Limited applicability:** Unsuitable for applications needing constant encryption/decryption of large data.
- **5.Complexity:** Involves advanced mathematics, making it hard to grasp and implement.
- **6.Key management:** Secure handling of the private key can be challenging.



### **Applications of RSA**

## RSA finds applications in:

- > Secure Data Transmission: Encrypting data for confidentiality.
- > Key Exchange: Establishing shared secret keys.
- ➤ **Digital Signatures:** Verifying the authenticity and integrity of messages.

If vulnerable to quantum computing, we can ensure the security of RSA encryption

Yes, RSA is vulnerable to quantum computing attacks, as quantum computers could efficiently factor large numbers, undermining the algorithm's security. However, ongoing research aims to develop quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms.

#### To enhance RSA security:

**Use Strong Keys:** Employ sufficiently large key sizes (e.g., 2048 bits or higher).

**Protect Private Keys:** Store private keys securely and avoid sharing them.

**Implement Side-Channel Attack Mitigations:** Use techniques to reduce information leakage.

**Stay Informed:** Keep updated on advancements in cryptography and vulnerabilities.

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**Suggestions and Feedback** 

