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Task 1:

understanding how **RSA** math works.

Explanation:

The program demonstrates a **basic implementation of the RSA algorithm** using small prime numbers. Two prime numbers are selected to generate the value of **n** and **$\phi(n)$** , which are used to create the **public key (e, n)** and the **private key (d, n)**.

The **encrypt function** converts each character of the message into its numeric ASCII value and then applies the RSA formula $C = M^e \text{ mod } n$ to produce the ciphertext.

The **decrypt function** uses the private key and the formula $M = C^d \text{ mod } n$ to convert the encrypted numbers back into the original characters, successfully recovering the plaintext.

This code shows how RSA works mathematically without using any external libraries, helping in understanding the core concept of public key cryptography.

```
# Step 1: Pick two small prime numbers
p = 17
q = 11

# Step 2: Compute n
n = p * q

# Step 3: Euler's Totient
phi = (p - 1) * (q - 1)

# Step 4: Choose public exponent e
e = 7    # Must be coprime with phi

# Step 5: Find private key d
# Solve:  $e^d \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi}$ 

def mod_inverse(e, phi):
    for d in range(1, phi):
        if (e * d) % phi == 1:
            return d

d = mod_inverse(e, phi)
```

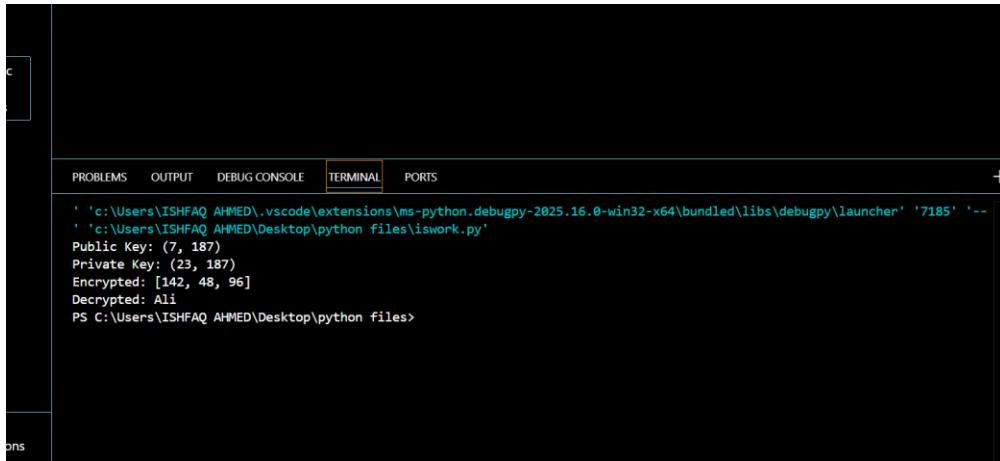
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# Public Key: (e, n)
# Private Key: (d, n)
print("Public Key:", (e, n))
print("Private Key:", (d, n))
# ----- Encryption -----
def encrypt(message, e, n):
    encrypted = []
    for char in message:
        m = ord(char)
        c = pow(m, e, n)
        encrypted.append(c)
    return encrypted
# ----- Decryption -----
def decrypt(cipher, d, n):
    decrypted = ""
    for c in cipher:
        m = pow(c, d, n)
        decrypted += chr(m)
    return decrypted
# Test
msg = "Ali"
ciphertext = encrypt(msg, e, n)
print("Encrypted:", ciphertext)

plaintext = decrypt(ciphertext, d, n)
print("Decrypted:", plaintext)

```

OUTPUT:



The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the terminal tab selected. The terminal window displays the execution of a Python script that performs RSA encryption and decryption on the message "Ali". The output shows the public and private keys being printed, followed by the encrypted list [142, 48, 96], and finally the decrypted message "Ali".

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'c:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.16.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '7185' '--'
'c:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\Desktop\python files\iswork.py'
Public Key: (7, 187)
Private Key: (23, 187)
Encrypted: [142, 48, 96]
Decrypted: Ali
PS C:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\Desktop\python files>

```

Task 2:

Using cryptography tools

Explanation:

In this task, a real-world cryptographic library is used to perform RSA encryption and decryption. A **2048-bit RSA key pair** is generated using the library, which provides much stronger security than small, manually chosen numbers.

The user enters a message, which is then **encrypted using the public key**. The encrypted data (ciphertext) is displayed in **hexadecimal format** for readability. After that, the **private key** is used to decrypt the ciphertext and recover the original message.

This task demonstrates how modern applications use cryptographic libraries to securely handle real data instead of performing calculations manually.

```
from Crypto.PublicKey import RSA
from Crypto.Cipher import PKCS1_OAEP

# Generate 2048-bit RSA keys
key = RSA.generate(2048)

public_key = key.publickey()
private_key = key

# Create cipher objects
encryptor = PKCS1_OAEP.new(public_key)
decryptor = PKCS1_OAEP.new(private_key)

message = b"Hello RSA"

# Encrypt
ciphertext = encryptor.encrypt(message)
print("Encrypted (hex):", ciphertext.hex())

# Decrypt
plaintext = decryptor.decrypt(ciphertext)
print("Decrypted:", plaintext.decode())
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OUTPUT:

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186 # Decrypt
187 plaintext = decryptor.decrypt(ciphertext)
188 print("Decrypted:", plaintext.decode())
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PS C:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\Desktop\python files> c:; cd 'c:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\Desktop\python files'; & 'c:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe' 'c:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.16.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '6899' '--' 'c:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\Desktop\python files\iswork.py'
Encrypted (hex): 62410e5a570e15c9f641c9fe398af4025e64904aa985d2a1a7119edbed315f0b9ff188984f4788bdeb9b3a3097f81c098cb7b3a5993f69c8858844bddea3414588bef072a7034b91eb7eca924553d0211c8c70b4fd827f0e5f524d21940d885ae2c78c53ca574ddc3160eacc45790c9d7541a6a7005c75030aa12e6a2de6012cf4aa0f0cb7f2fb040fdeb8a947e92d4784ad26e02176c14bd2504e9364e9afb69bb719c5e5ba2d0da9e7b7dc646a80a908d5907302b9967924c88abaf1f7b9915c4a228b2477c8d5ab6bc747dd4657e928d667939457965995294a1811c814b02335ba0f3c4866cf4e278ffa79e47e8e2a56018b59860be005834cc5f0419186a
Decrypted: Hello RSA
PS C:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\Desktop\python files>
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Task 3:

Prove integrity + authenticity

Explanation:

1. An **RSA key pair** is generated for signing and verification.
2. The **message** is hashed using **SHA256**, producing a fixed-length digest.
3. The **private key signs** the hash to create a digital signature.
4. The **public key verifies** the signature against the original message.
5. If the message is **modified**, verification fails, demonstrating data integrity and authenticity.

Digital signatures ensure that a message is **from a legitimate sender** and has **not been altered**.

```
from Crypto.PublicKey import RSA
from Crypto.Hash import SHA256
from Crypto.Signature import pkcs1_15

# ----- Generate RSA key -----
sign_key = RSA.generate(2048)
pub_key = sign_key.publickey()

# ----- Message -----
message = b"RSA Signature Test"
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# ----- Create Hash -----
hash_obj = SHA256.new(message)

# ----- Create Signature -----
signature = pkcs1_15.new(sign_key).sign(hash_obj)
print("Digital Signature (hex):")
print(signature.hex())


# ----- Verify Original Message -----
try:
    pkcs1_15.new(pub_key).verify(hash_obj, signature)
    print("Signature VALID")
except:
    print("Signature INVALID")



# ----- Message Tampering -----
tampered = b"RSA signature test" # small change

tampered_hash = SHA256.new(tampered)

try:
    pkcs1_15.new(pub_key).verify(tampered_hash, signature)
    print("Signature VALID")
except:
    print("Signature INVALID AFTER TAMPERING")

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OUTPUT:

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194     from Crypto.Hash import SHA256
195     from Crypto.Signature import pkcs1_15
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194     from Crypto.Hash import SHA256
195     from Crypto.Signature import pkcs1_15
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: 'c:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.16.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '9945' '--'
: 'c:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\Desktop\python files\iswork.py'
Digital Signature (hex):
11db19a527b2e2c74e547fcf110f3bc4a3adaa1730fb1c48b30b3c67a515aa4dafceaccc56f3cf2b33f4677fdadea15fe175aaa1f3bf9a15d1bcc26dd52
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4d77fbc12730232d6629
Signature VALID
Signature INVALID AFTER TAMPERING
PS C:\Users\ISHFAQ AHMED\Desktop\python files>

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