

The following is a demonstration of RSA public key encryption. Alice makes the following preparations so that others will be able to send her secure messages over an open communication channel. She chooses two large primes  $p$  and  $q$  at random. She sets  $n = pq$  and computes the value of  $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ .

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> p:=nextprime(rand(10^100)());
> q:=nextprime(rand(10^100)());
> n:=p*q;
> phi_n:=(p-1)*(q-1);
p := 400340159470592317831490619591482513697328131486228945410074523776903441005\
7080703111299605127114623
q := 992889151524251562032482805591285422750752571798135144747357026298149152779\
7413449568788992987500477
n := 397493401257839969865622169609477903896759721352381988637644413181737938837\
963474799230874458185109108453565855929133656205035384971875413029348806346987\
46310257926775158033704918029437567351846175171
phi_n := 39749340125783996986562216960947790389675972135238198863764441318173793\
883796347479923087445818510896913063475644474566980769286669508176822127847791\
057844735942426024632095850423876757478753731560072
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Alice chooses a random number  $e$  less than  $n$ . She checks that  $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$  (if this fails, she finds a new value of  $e$  that works).

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> e:=rand(n)();
> gcd(e,phi_n);
e := 213774991489513250791488127322381708473736109000630946485643309547324013983\
872496583670255116870544830904977563683579962892793633611384723484293876675165\
73632030434686699015538024098911925984226235160
8
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> e:=rand(n)();
> gcd(e,phi_n);
e := 349067386640547027881723105408346914113340387424664698822145917141481101818\
280165893561455411359835312925598821203638016231077871111812932102387148353571\
68580099481828335561784813255337251007394819925
1
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Alice sets  $d$  equal to the inverse of  $e$  mod  $p$  (which her computer finds using Euclid's algorithm).

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> d:=1/e mod phi_n;
d := 988615890152025031325078917963659872755898492630564244953837065057570535240\
212714349787420770434190330938993785823539017799213387672063599042935546343444\
8929158527652746525484660935148749411538830357
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Alice publishes the values of  $n$  and  $e$  (her public encryption key). She keeps the other values ( $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $\phi(n)$  and  $d$ ) secret; the value of  $d$  is her decryption key.

Bob wants to send Alice an encrypted message over an insecure channel, which only she can decrypt. His message, "SEND MONEY", is first translated into an integer  $m$  using A=01, B=02, ..., Z=26, blank=27, giving

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> m:=19051404271315140525;
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(If  $m$  is larger than  $n$ , he must split up this string of digits into pieces, each of which is smaller than  $n$ , and encrypt each piece of the message separately.) Bob looks up Alice's public key  $(n, e)$  posted on her website. He encrypts his message  $m$  by raising it to the power  $e \bmod n$ , which his computer evaluates using fast modular exponentiation.

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> m1:=m&^e mod n;
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m1 := 2877698948091777099310303837339927431602498618577941836355950924884619659\  
222871058657678613119342858657631921970325812268489568857680400823222311978554\  
6188986719974299364788929279495753989373528618399
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Bob sends the resulting encrypted message  $m_1$  to Alice over the insecure communication channel.

Alice receives the encrypted message  $m_1$ . To decrypt it, she raises  $m_1$  to the power  $d \bmod n$ , also using modular exponentiation:

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> m2:=m1&^d mod n;
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m2 := 19051404271315140525
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The resulting integer  $m_2$  which she obtains, coincides with Bob's original message  $m$ .