

Security

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RSA



RSA – What is RSA

RSA is one of the first practical public-key cryptosystems and is widely used for secure data transmission. In such a cryptosystem, the encryption key is public and differs from the decryption key which is kept secret.

RSA is made of the initial letters of the surnames of Ron **R**ivest, Adi **S**hamir, and Leonard **A**dleman, who first publicly described the algorithm in 1977

RSA is a **relatively slow algorithm**, and because of this it is less commonly used to directly encrypt user data. More often, RSA **passes encrypted shared keys for symmetric key** cryptography which in turn can perform bulk encryption-decryption operations at much higher speed.

RSA - Key generation

Choose two distinct prime numbers p and q .

For security purposes, the integers p and q should be chosen at random, and should be similar in magnitude but 'differ in length by a few digits'^[2] to make factoring harder. Prime integers can be efficiently found using a primality test.

Compute $n = pq$.

n is used as the modulus for both the public and private keys. Its length, usually expressed in bits, is the key length.

Compute $\lambda(n) = \text{lcm}(\lambda(p), \lambda(q)) = \text{lcm}(p - 1, q - 1)$, where λ is Carmichael's totient. This value is kept private.

Choose an integer e such that $1 < e < \lambda(n)$ and $\text{gcd}(e, \lambda(n)) = 1$; i.e., e and $\lambda(n)$ are coprime.

Determine d as $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\lambda(n)}$; i.e., d is the modular multiplicative inverse of e (modulo $\lambda(n)$).

RSA - Key generation Example

1. Choose two distinct prime numbers

$$p = 7 \text{ and } q = 17$$

2. Compute $n = pq$

$$n = 7 \times 17 = 119$$

3. Compute the totient of the product as $\lambda(n) = \text{lcm}(p - 1, q - 1)$

$$\lambda(119) = \text{lcm}(6, 16) = 48$$

4. Choose any number $1 < e < 48$ that is coprime to 48. Choosing a prime number for e leaves us only to check that e is not a divisor of 48.

$$\text{Let } e = 5$$

5. Compute d

$$d = 29$$

$$5 \times 29 \bmod 48 = 1$$

$$e = 11 \text{ } d = 35$$

$$11 \times 35 \bmod 48 = 1$$

Key pair: public key: $n = 119$ $e = 5$

public key: $n = 119$ $e = 11$

private key: $n = 119$ $d = 29$

private key: $n = 119$ $d = 35$

Lcm - Least common multiple (最小公倍数)



RSA – encryption and decryption

The public key is (n = 119, e = 5). For a padded plaintext message m, the encryption function is:

$$c(m) = m^5 \bmod 119$$

The private key is (n = 119, d = 29). For an encrypted ciphertext c, the decryption function is:

$$m(c) = c^{29} \bmod 119$$

For instance, in order to encrypt m = **78**, we calculate

$$c(78) = 78^5 \bmod 119 = \mathbf{57}$$

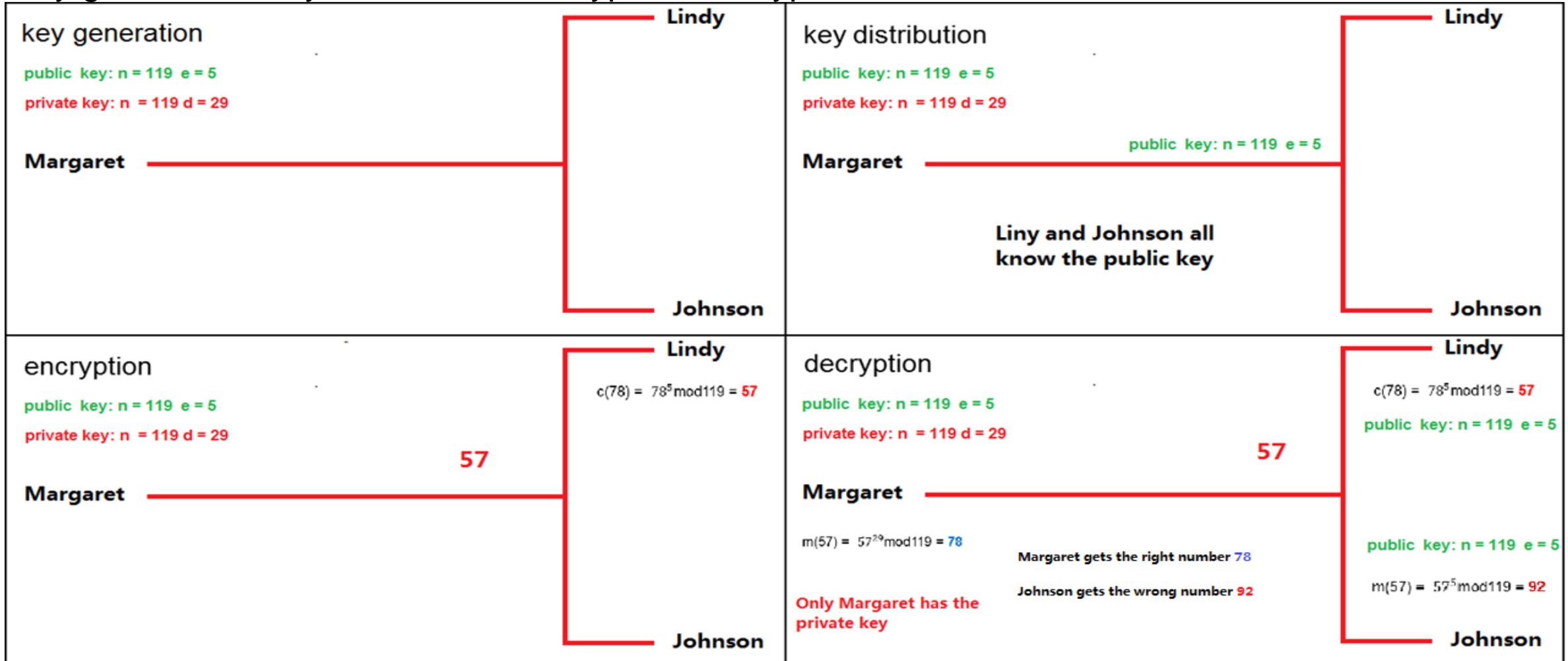
To decrypt c = **57**, we calculate

$$m(57) = 57^{29} \bmod 119 = \mathbf{78}$$

Note: Public key n =119, e =5 and the c = 57 is on an **unsecure** data transmission channel.

RSA – Operation

The RSA algorithm involves four steps:
key generation, key distribution, encryption, decryption



RSA – Oversized

Any "oversized" private exponents not meeting that criterion may always be reduced modulo $\lambda(n)$ to obtain a smaller equivalent exponent.

some standards like Digital Signature Standard (DSS) FIPS 186-4 may require that $d < \lambda(n)$.

Why:

Key pair: public key: $n = 119$ $e = 5$ private key: $n = 119$ $d = 29$

$m = 119$

$c(119) = 119^5 \bmod 119 = 0$ **$c = 0$**

$m = 118$

$c(118) = 118^5 \bmod 119 = 118$ **$c = m = 118$**

$m = 200 > n = 119$

$c(200) = 200^5 \bmod 119 = 30$

$m(30) = 30^{29} \bmod 119 = \mathbf{81 \neq 200}$

RSA problem – Integer factorization

The RSA problem is defined as the task of taking eth roots modulo a composite n : recovering a value m such that $c \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$, where (n, e) is an RSA public key and c is an RSA ciphertext. Currently the most promising approach to solving the RSA problem is to factor the modulus n . With the ability to recover prime factors, an attacker can compute the secret exponent d from a public key (n, e) , then decrypt c using the standard procedure.

Multiple polynomial quadratic sieve (MPQS) can be used to factor the public modulus n . The time taken to factor 128-bit and 256-bit n on a desktop computer (Processor: Intel Dual-Core i7-4500U 1.80GHz) are respectively 2 seconds and 35 minutes.

Bits	Time
128	Less than 2 seconds
192	16 seconds
256	35 minutes
260	1 hour

RSA problem – Integer factorization(Cont.)

In 2009, Benjamin Moody has factored an RSA-512 bit key in 73 days using only public software (GGNFS) and his desktop computer (dual-core Athlon64 at 1,900 MHz). Just under 5 gigabytes of disk was required and about 2.5 gigabytes of RAM for the sieving process. The first RSA-512 factorization in 1999 required the equivalent of 8,400 MIPS years over an elapsed time of about 7 months.

As of 2010, the largest factored RSA number was 768 bits long (232 decimal digits, see RSA-768). Its factorization, by a state-of-the-art distributed implementation, took around fifteen hundred CPU years (two years of real time, on many hundreds of computers). No larger RSA key is publicly known to have been factored. In practice, RSA keys are typically 1024 to 4096 bits long.

RSA problem – Integer factorization(Cont.)

A tool called yafu can be used to optimize this process. The automation within YAFU is state-of-the-art, combining factorization algorithms in an intelligent and adaptive methodology that minimizes the time to find the factors of arbitrary input integers. Most algorithm implementations are multi-threaded, allowing YAFU to fully utilize multi- or many-core processors (including SNFS, GNFS, SIQS, and ECM). The time taken to factor n using yafu on the same computer was reduced to 103.1746 seconds. Yafu requires the GGNFS binaries to factor N that are 320 bits or larger. It took about 5720s to factor *320bit-N* on the same computer.

Bits	Time	Memory used
128	0.4886 seconds	0.1 MiB
192	3.9979 seconds	0.5 MiB
256	103.1746 seconds	3 MiB
300	1175.7826 seconds	10.9 MiB



Real World – OpenSSL

```
cat Message.TXT
```

```
Hello RSA
```

```
openssl genrsa -out test_key_pair.key 1024
```

```
openssl rsa -in test_key_pair.key -pubout -out test_pub.key
```

```
openssl rsautl -encrypt -in Message.TXT -inkey test_pub.key -pubin -out Message.TXT.en
```

```
cat Message.TXT.en
```

```
[Ã!Ã»kÃ¸Ã!Ã¾Ã»
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<81>^OVÃµÃ§<8a>t^QÃµÃ!Ã«Ã°Ã£d{Ã“Ã°Ã™#ÃŽ^UÃ™:Ã½<93>&^U^PÃm{Ã<85>ÃÿÃª]ÃSÃ¼
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ÃœÃ“Ã«^Qp%H^UÃ°Ã«KÃ;ÃbÃœÃ¾Ã•Gk<98>Ã,xÃœ^W^_<9a><95>Ã\
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```
openssl rsautl -decrypt -in Message.TXT.en -inkey test_key_pair.key -out Message.TXT.de
```

```
cat Message.TXT.de
```

```
Hello RSA
```



Real World – OpenSSL(Cont.)

Using the NXP CryptoDev security driver causes the system to run much faster than without it.

The CAAM drivers are accelerated through the CryptoDev interface. The openssl command can be used to show the system speed without CryptoDev .

```
openssl speed -evp aes-128-cbc -engine cryptodev
```

An example of the key portion of the output is as follows. Library load errors may occur but they can be ignored.

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 16 size blocks: 4177732 aes-128-cbc's in 2.99s
```

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 64 size blocks: 1149097 aes-128-cbc's in 3.01s
```

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 256 size blocks: 297714 aes-128-cbc's in 3.00s
```

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 1024 size blocks: 75118 aes-128-cbc's in 3.00s
```

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 8192 size blocks: 9414 aes-128-cbc's in 3.00s
```

Start CryptoDev and run the openssl command again. This time you should be able to see that the timing values show the accelerated values. As the block sizes increase, the elapsed time decreases.

modprobe cryptodev

```
openssl speed -evp aes-128-cbc -engine cryptodev
```

Here is an example of the accelerated output:

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 16 size blocks: 36915 aes-128-cbc's in 0.10s
```

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 64 size blocks: 34651 aes-128-cbc's in 0.05s
```

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 256 size blocks: 25926 aes-128-cbc's in 0.10s
```

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 1024 size blocks: 20274 aes-128-cbc's in 0.04s
```

```
Doing aes-128-cbc for 3s on 8192 size blocks: 5656 aes-128-cbc's in 0.02s
```



SIGNING MESSAGES



Private Key to Sign Messages

Suppose Johnson uses Margaret's public key to send her an encrypted message. In the message, he can claim to be Johnson but Margaret has no way of verifying that the message was actually from Johnson since anyone can use Margaret's public key to send her encrypted messages. In order to verify the origin of a message, RSA can also be used to sign a message.

For make the explanation easy, Johnson will send 30 digits as a message.
Johnson also need to use the sum of the last 5 digits for signing this message.

Johnson wants to send a message of "103849194856472381948572356239".
The last 5 digits are "56239". The sum of "56239" is 25.

Margaret's public key: $n = 119$ $e = 5$ private key: $n = 119$ $d = 29$
Johnson's public key: $n = 119$ $e = 11$ private key: $n = 119$ $d = 35$

Johnson uses his private key to sign 25: $c(25) = 25^{35} \bmod 119 = 2$
Johnson encrypts the message with Margaret's public key: $c(2) = 2^5 \bmod 119 = 32$
Johnson sends the message with his sign and claims this is Johnson sent: 103849194856472381948572356239 + 32

Margaret receives the message and the sign: 103849194856472381948572356239 + 32
Margaret calculates the last 5 digits in the message is 25.
Margaret uses her private key to decrypt the sign: $m(32) = 32^{29} \bmod 119 = 2$
Margaret uses Johnson's public key to decrypt the sign: $m(2) = 2^{11} \bmod 119 = 25$
Margaret verify this 25 with the 25 she calculates from message. It is equal. So it is from Johnson.

Notes: In the real world, the "103849194856472381948572356239" also need to be encrypted.



Private Key to Sign Messages(Cont.)

Johnson sends

103849194856472381948572356239

$$c(2) = 2^5 \text{mod} 119 = 32$$

$$c(25) = 25^{35} \text{mod} 119 = 2$$

25(5+6+2+3+9)

Johnson's private key

Margaret's public key

Margaret receives

103849194856472381948572356239

$$m(32) = 32^{29} \text{mod} 119 = 2$$

$$m(2) = 2^{14} \text{mod} 119 = 25$$

25(5+6+2+3+9)

Johnson's public key

Margaret's private key



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