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Least common PIN when article was written was 8068. So use?

Could not find when article was written—author uses year as PIN?

Other Ciphers That Were Actually Used

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The Playfair Cipher: The Motivation

Let $\Sigma = \{a, \dots, z\}$

Recall:

1. The cipher that picks a RANDOM bijection from Σ^2 to Σ^2 was never used since there was never a time when it was usable by AND hard to crack.
2. The 2×2 matrix cipher was a way to get a *random looking* function (maybe) that was EASY for Alice and Bob to compute. But alas, its very use of math made it crackable.
3. We need another way to EASILY specify a bijection Σ^2 to Σ^2 .

The Playfair Cipher: The Key

We use $\Sigma = \{a, \dots, z\} - \{j\}$. Need a square. If need to use j use an i .

Key is a word or phrase. Delete all repeats from it. We will use **Bill Gasarch** which becomes BILGASRCH. Use the key to start a 5×5 array of all of the letters

B	I	L	G	A
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Given a pair, what do you map it to? Start by finding the pair in the grid.

1) If the pair are NOT in the same row or column then look at rectangle formed and take other corners. EXAMPLE: Map *RA*:

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RA maps to *ID*.

The Playfair Cipher: The Second and Third Cases

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EXAMPLE: Map *LC*: *LC* maps to *CK*.

L
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3) If pair is in SAME row then map right (wrap around).

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Security Known to be crackable, but won't go into that here.

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