# Yet Another RSA attack 

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## RSA

Let $L$ be a security parameter

1. Alice picks two primes $p, q$ of length $L$ and computes $N=p q$.
2. Alice computes $\phi(N)=\phi(p q)=(p-1)(q-1)$. Denote by $R$
3. Alice picks an $e \in\left\{\frac{R}{3}, \ldots, \frac{2 R}{3}\right\}$ that is relatively prime to $R$. Alice finds $d$ such that $e d \equiv 1(\bmod R)$.
4. Alice broadcasts $(N, e)$. (Bob and Eve both see it.)
5. Bob: To send $m \in\{1, \ldots, N-1\}$, send $m^{e}(\bmod N)$.
6. If Alice gets $m^{e}(\bmod N)$ she computes

$$
\left(m^{e}\right)^{d} \equiv m^{e d} \equiv m^{e d \bmod R} \equiv m^{1 \bmod R} \equiv m
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3. Note that 341 and 408 are relatively prime. Bad idea?

Zelda sends $m$ to both Alice and Bob. Eve sees

1. $m^{341}(\bmod 1147)$
2. $m^{408}(\bmod 1147)$

## 341 and 408 are rel prime

341, 407 are relatively prime. Lets find combo that adds to 1 . $408=1 \times 341+67$
$341=67 \times 5+6$
$67=6 \times 11+1$

$$
\begin{gathered}
1=67-6 \times 11=67-(341-67 \times 5) \times 11=56 \times 67-11 \times 341 \\
=56 \times(408-341)-11 \times 341=56 \times 408-67 \times 341 \\
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## Recap of What We've Done So Far

We did

1. Concrete example with Zelda sending to 2 people.
2. Concrete example with Zelda sending to 3 people.
3. General case with Zelda sending to 2 people.

We did not do

1. General case with Zelda Sending to 3 people.
2. General case with Zelda Sending to $L$ people.

Work on the L-case is with your neighbor.

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What you should be thinking Bill, do an example!

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1. Find $x_{1}, x_{2}$ such that $35 x_{1}+100 x_{2}=5$ ( 5 is GCD of 35 and 100)

$$
35 \times 3-100=5
$$

2. Find $y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that $5 y_{1}+126 y_{2}=1$

$$
-25 \times 5+126=1
$$

3. 

$$
\begin{gathered}
-25 \times(35 \times 3-100)+126=1 \\
-75 \times 35+25 \times 100+1 \times 126=1
\end{gathered}
$$

Note This is diff sol then got earlier. There are many solutions.

## Algorithm for $x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}$

1. Input $e_{1}, e_{2}, e_{3}$
2. Find $y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that $e_{1} y_{1}+e_{2} y_{2}=d$ where $d=\operatorname{GCD}\left(e_{1}, e_{2}\right)$.
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5. $x_{1}=y_{1} z_{1}, x_{2}=y_{2} z_{1}, x_{3}=z_{2}$

Note Leave general case to the reader.

## Advice for Zelda When she uses RSA

Zelda will use RSA with people $A_{1}, \ldots, A_{L}$.
Zelda is sending messages to $A_{i}$ using ( $N_{i}=p_{i} q_{i}, e_{i}$ )

1. Either $e_{i}$ 's different or if all are $e$, then $e$ large.
2. If all the $e^{\prime} s$ are the same, pad $m$ so $m^{e}$ large.
3. Either $N_{i}$ different or if all are $N, e_{i}$ 's not rel prime.
4. Randomly pad $m$ for NY,NY problem.
5. Randomly pad time to ward of timing attacks.

# Another Attack: Factoring Algorithms 

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## Factoring Algorithm Ground Rules

- We only consider algorithms that, given $N$, find a non-trivial factor of $N$.
- We measure the run time as a function of $\lg N$ which is the length of the input. We may use $L$ for this.
- We count,,$+- \times, \div$ as ONE step. A more refined analysis would count them as $(\lg x)^{2}$ steps where $x$ is larger number you are dealing with.
- We leave out the O-of but always mean O-of
- We leave out the expected time but always mean it. Our algorithms are randomized.
- I will just give one factoring algorithm now since its point is more advice for Alice and Bob. Will give others later.
Multiplication HS Algorithm is $\lg x^{2}$ time. Tell Kolmogorov story.


## Easy Factoring Algorithm

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Goal Do much better than time $N^{1 / 2}$.

# Pollard's p-1 Algorithm for Factoring (1974) 

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4. So $\operatorname{GCD}\left(2^{p-1}-1 \bmod 11227,11227\right)$ divides 11227.

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We do not know $p$ :-( If we did know $p$ we would be done.

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3. $p$ divides $2^{k(p-1)}-1 \bmod 11227$ for any $k$
4. Raise 2 to a power that we hope has $p-1$ as a divisor.
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- Goldilocks Problem-want $B$ that is just right.
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If $p-1$ only has factors $2,3,5,7$, and if 2 appears $\leq 4$ times, 3 appears $\leq 4$ times, 5 appears $\leq 2$ times, 7 appears $\leq 2$ times then

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## In Practice

A rule-of-thumb in practice is to take $B \sim N^{1 / 6}$.

1. Fairly big so the $M$ will be big enough.
2. Run time $N^{1 / 6}(\log N)^{3}$ pretty good, though still $\exp$ in $\log N$.
3. Warning This does not mean we have an $N^{1 / 6}(\log N)^{3}$ algorithm for factoring. It only means we have that if $p-1$ has all factors $\leq N^{1 / 6}$.

## Advice for Zelda When she uses RSA

Zelda will use RSA with people $A_{1}, \ldots, A_{L}$.
Zelda is sending messages to $A_{i}$ using ( $N_{i}=p_{i} q_{i}, e_{i}$ )

1. When pick $N_{i}=p_{i} q_{i}$, make sure $p_{i}-1$ and $q_{i}-1$ have some large factors.
2. Either $e_{i}$ 's different or if all are $e$, then $e$ large.
3. If all the $e^{\prime} s$ are the same, pad $m$ so $m^{e}$ large.
4. Either $N_{i}$ different or if all are $N, e_{i}$ 's not rel prime.
5. Randomly pad $m$ for NY,NY problem.
6. Randomly pad time to ward of timing attacks.
