

## Worksheet 5: RSA Public Key Encryption

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**Please complete this worksheet and print it out.**

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### Objectives

This exercise is based on a simple calculation aid for the RSA algorithm. Use the supplied program to do some calculations which would be time consuming with a calculator.

### Practical

#### a) Choose a pair of prime numbers (a, b)

Use the <P> option of the program to search for a prime number. For this exercise the primes should not be too large (say <500). When two suitable primes have been found enter the values of a (p), b (q), n and x (PHI) below.

Prime number a (p)=	
Prime number b (q)=	
Product of primes $n=ab$ =	
$x (PHI)=(a-1) \times (b-1)$ =	

**b) Choose a Public Key Exponent (E)**

Choose a number which is not a factor of  $x$  and is not in common with  $x$ . For example, if  $x=10948$  then 52 would not be a suitable value for  $E$  since both 10948 and 52 are divisible by 4. For ease of calculation here, choose a small number ( $<100$ ) for which all the factors are known.

Public Key $(E,n)=$		
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**c) Find the Private Key Exponent (D)**

Use the program to calculate the value for the Private Key Exponent.

Private Key $(D,n)=$		
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Try out some more values, and complete the table below:

Prime number $a=$			
Prime number $b=$			
Product of primes $n=a \times b=$			
$x=(a-1) \times (b-1)=$			
Public Key $(E,n)=$			
Private Key $(D,n)=$			

**References**

Program can be downloaded from:

[http://www.dcs.napier.ac.uk/~jimj/course\\_notes/ee42001/rsademo.exe](http://www.dcs.napier.ac.uk/~jimj/course_notes/ee42001/rsademo.exe)

or

[http://www.dcs.napier.ac.uk/~bill/c\\_rsa.htm](http://www.dcs.napier.ac.uk/~bill/c_rsa.htm)