



Algorithms Design III

Algorithms with Numbers II

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Such abundance makes it simple to generate a random n -bit prime:

- Pick a random n -bit number N .
- Run a primality test on N .
- If it passes the test, output N ; else repeat the process.

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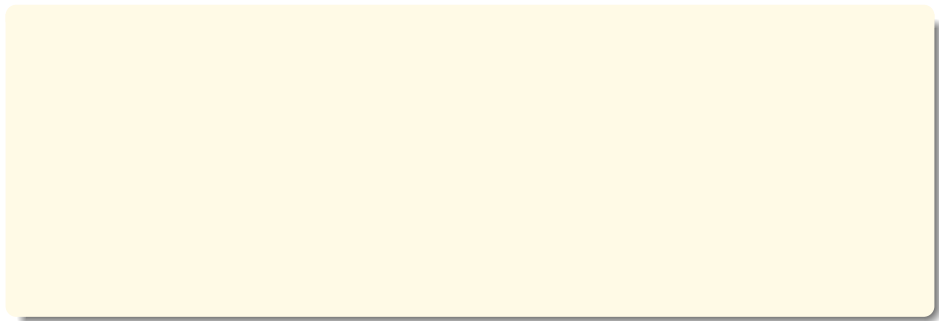
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Bob is able to implement a **digital lock**, to which only he has the key. Now by making this digital lock public, he gives **Alice** a way to send him a secure message.

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