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The stuff we did before is taken from [Crypto.mw](#) in the [daily/extras](#) directory. As mentioned earlier, I will update this as we go along in the class (and clean things up after class).

```
> with(StringTools):
```

Alphabet Setup

Let's define some default **Alphabet** by selecting all printable characters from the ASCII sequence. Probably you will change this depending on various things.

```
> # Alphabet := Select(IsPrintable, convert([seq(i,i=1..127)],
  bytes)):
  # Alphabet := Select(IsUpper, convert([seq(i,i=1..127)], bytes)):
  Alphabet := cat(Select(IsAlpha, convert([seq(i,i=1..127)], bytes)
), ".");
  printf("Our %d-character Alphabet is \n%s\n",length(Alphabet),
  Alphabet);
  Alphabet := "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ."
```

Our 54-character Alphabet is
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz .

StringToList, ListToString

StringToList converts a string into a list of numbers representing the position of each character in the **Alphabet**.

ListToString converts such a list back into a text string.

Note that this differ slightly from what we did in class, in that `Alphabet[n]` is represented by `n-1`. This will be more convenient when doing arithmetic.

```
> StringToList:=proc(str::string)
  global Alphabet;
  return(map( s->SearchText(s,Alphabet)-1, Explode(str)));
end:
> ListToString:=proc(numlist::list(nonnegint))
  global Alphabet;
  return(Implode(map(k->Alphabet[k+1],numlist)) );
end:
```

Remind me what `numlist::list(nonnegint)` means
It enforces the type of the argument.

```
> ListToString([1, 2, 3, cat, 0])
Error, invalid input: ListToString expects its 1st argument,
numlist, to be of type list(nonnegint), but received [1, 2, 3, cat,
0]
```

```
> ListToString([1,2,3,5,0]);
"BCDFA"
```

(2.1)

Caesar (shift) cipher.

To encrypt with a shift of x , use `Caesar(plaintext, x)`;

Decrypt with `Caesar(crypttext, -x)` or `Caesar(crypttext, x, decrypt)`

This has been adjusted to account for the adjustment in the indexing of the Alphabet string, and to add the `decrypt` keyword.

```
> Caesar := proc(msg::string, shift::integer, {decrypt::truefalse :=
false})
  global Alphabet;
  local Alen:=length(Alphabet);
  local shifted;
  if (decrypt) then
    return(Caesar(msg,-shift));
  fi;
  shifted:= map(x-> modp(x+shift,Alen), StringToList(msg));
  return(ListToString(shifted));
end;
```

```
> Caesar("Et tu, Brute? 12345", 5)
      JyDyzEDGwzyjEDDEEEEE" (3.1)
```

```
> Caesar(%, -5);
      "Et tu. Brute. ...." (3.2)
```

```
> crypt := Caesar("Et tu Brute", 5)
      crypt := "JyDyzDGwzyj" (3.3)
```

```
> Caesar(crypt, -5);
      "Et tu Brute" (3.4)
```

Putting a function parameter in a curly bracket means it is a named parameter, which is optional.

```
> Caesar(crypt, 5, decrypt)
      "Et tu Brute" (3.5)
```

What do you mean by `\`? Answer: it is a way to have the character `"` within a string, since string values are delimited by double-quote marks.

We can also put other special characters in there, for example `\n` is a a newline:

```
> StringContainingAQuote := "Baby Sally said \"uh-oh!\" \nThen she fell
down."
      StringContainingAQuote := "Baby Sally said "uh-oh!"
      Then she fell down." (1)
```

```
> StringContainingAQuote[15..20]
      "d "uh-" (2)
```

If we want to "build a list from nothing", we can start with an empty list, then add things to it. This isn't optimal, but it works.

```
> mylist := [];
      mylist := [ ] (3)
```

```
> mylist;
      [ ] (4)
```

```
> mylist:=[op(mylist), 1];
                                mylist := [1] (5)
```

```
> mylist:=[op(mylist), 2];
                                mylist := [1, 2] (6)
```

OK, so let's start building the Vignere routine.

```
> Vignere:=proc(msg::string, key::string)
  global Alphabet;
  local Alen:=length(Alphabet);
  local numlist:=StringToList(msg);
  local keynums:=StringToList(key);
  local shifted, i;

  shifted:=[];
  print(numlist, keynums);
  for i from 1 to length(msg) do
    shifted:=[op(shifted), modp(numlist[i]+keynums[i], Alen)];
    print(i, shifted);
  od;
end:
```

This doesn't work:

```
> Vignere("Some stuff", "zyx");
      [18, 40, 38, 30, 52, 44, 45, 46, 31, 31], [51, 50, 49]
      1, [15]
      2, [15, 36]
      3, [15, 36, 33]
```

Error, (in Vignere) invalid subscript selector

Let's try to fix it

```
> Vignere:=proc(msg::string, key::string)
  global Alphabet;
  local Alen:=length(Alphabet);
  local numlist:=StringToList(msg);
  local keynums:=StringToList(key);
  local shifted, i, keylen:=length(key);

  shifted:=[];
  print(numlist, keynums);
  for i from 1 to length(msg) do
    shifted:=[op(shifted), modp(numlist[i]+keynums[modp(i, keylen)],
Alen)];
    print(i, shifted);
  od;
end:
> Vignere("Some stuff", "zyx");
      [18, 40, 38, 30, 52, 44, 45, 46, 31, 31], [51, 50, 49]
```

```
1, [15]
2, [15, 36]
```

Error, (in Vignere) invalid subscript selector

Problem is that $3 \bmod 3$ is 0. We can fake it by shifting things, applying mod, then shifting back.

```
> (-1 mod 3) +1
3 (7)
```

```
> ((3-1) mod 3)+1
3 (8)
```

```
> Vignere:=proc(msg::string, key::string)
  global Alphabet;
  local Alen:=length(Alphabet);
  local numlist:=StringToList(msg);
  local keynums:=StringToList(key);
  local shifted, i, keylen:=length(key);

  shifted:=[];
  print(numlist, keynums);
  for i from 1 to length(msg) do
    shifted:=[op(shifted), modp(numlist[i]+keynums[modp(i-1, keylen)
+1], Alen)];
    print(i, shifted);
  od;
end;
```

```
> Vignere("Some stuff", "zyx");
[18, 40, 38, 30, 52, 44, 45, 46, 31, 31], [51, 50, 49]
1, [15]
2, [15, 36]
3, [15, 36, 33]
4, [15, 36, 33, 27]
5, [15, 36, 33, 27, 48]
6, [15, 36, 33, 27, 48, 39]
7, [15, 36, 33, 27, 48, 39, 42]
8, [15, 36, 33, 27, 48, 39, 42, 42]
9, [15, 36, 33, 27, 48, 39, 42, 42, 26]
10, [15, 36, 33, 27, 48, 39, 42, 42, 26, 28] (9)
```

Looks like it works.

```
> Vignere:=proc(msg::string, key::string)
  global Alphabet;
  local Alen:=length(Alphabet);
  local numlist:=StringToList(msg);
  local keynums:=StringToList(key);
  local shifted, i, keylen:=length(key);
```

```

    shifted:=[];
    # print(numlist, keynums);
    for i from 1 to length(msg) do
        shifted:=[op(shifted), modp(numlist[i]+keynums[modp(i-1,keylen)
+1], Alen)];
        # print(i, shifted);
    od;
    return(ListToString(shifted));
end:
> Vignere("Hello there", "cat");
           "jCcLMrTFVRC"
(10)

```

It takes some effort to figure out with the decrypting key for "cat" is... note that it is just the negative of the key; let's be lazy and just write that since time is going fast.

```

> unVignere:=proc(msg::string, key::string)
    global Alphabet;
    local Alen:=length(Alphabet);
    local numlist:=StringToList(msg);
    local keynums:=StringToList(key);
    local shifted, i, keylen:=length(key);

    shifted:=[];
    # print(numlist, keynums);
    for i from 1 to length(msg) do
        shifted:=[op(shifted), modp(numlist[i]-keynums[modp(i-1,keylen)
+1], Alen)];
        # print(i, shifted);
    od;
    return(ListToString(shifted));
end:
> unVignere("jCcLMrTFVRC","cat");
           "Hello there"
(11)

```

I will put these together into one in the crypto.mw file. I can clean this up all nice.