




An Enigma Machine in Elm



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- Grew up in 
- Live in 
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- Work for no_red_ink

A super super super short history of cryptography

What is it

kryptos hidden / *graphia* writing

- Encode: turn *plain* text into *cypher* text.
- Decode: turn *cypher* text into *plain* text.

Caesar Cipher

Shift each letter by 3.

Caesar Cipher

Encode: shift by 3

ET TU BRUTUS

turns into

HW WX EUXWX

Caesar Cipher

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Decode: shift by -3

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Monoalphabetic substitution

Decide on a mapping between letters:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA

Monoalphabetic substitution

Encode: lookup table

NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP

turns into

MVEVI TLMMZ TREV BLF FK

Monoalphabetic substitution

Encode: lookup table

Decode: reverse lookup

NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP

MVEVI TLMMZ TREV BLF FK

turns into

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MVEVI TLMMZ TREV BLF FK

NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP

Any problems?

Spaces

- Spaces in cipher text give away too much.

MVEVI TLMMZ TREV BLF FK

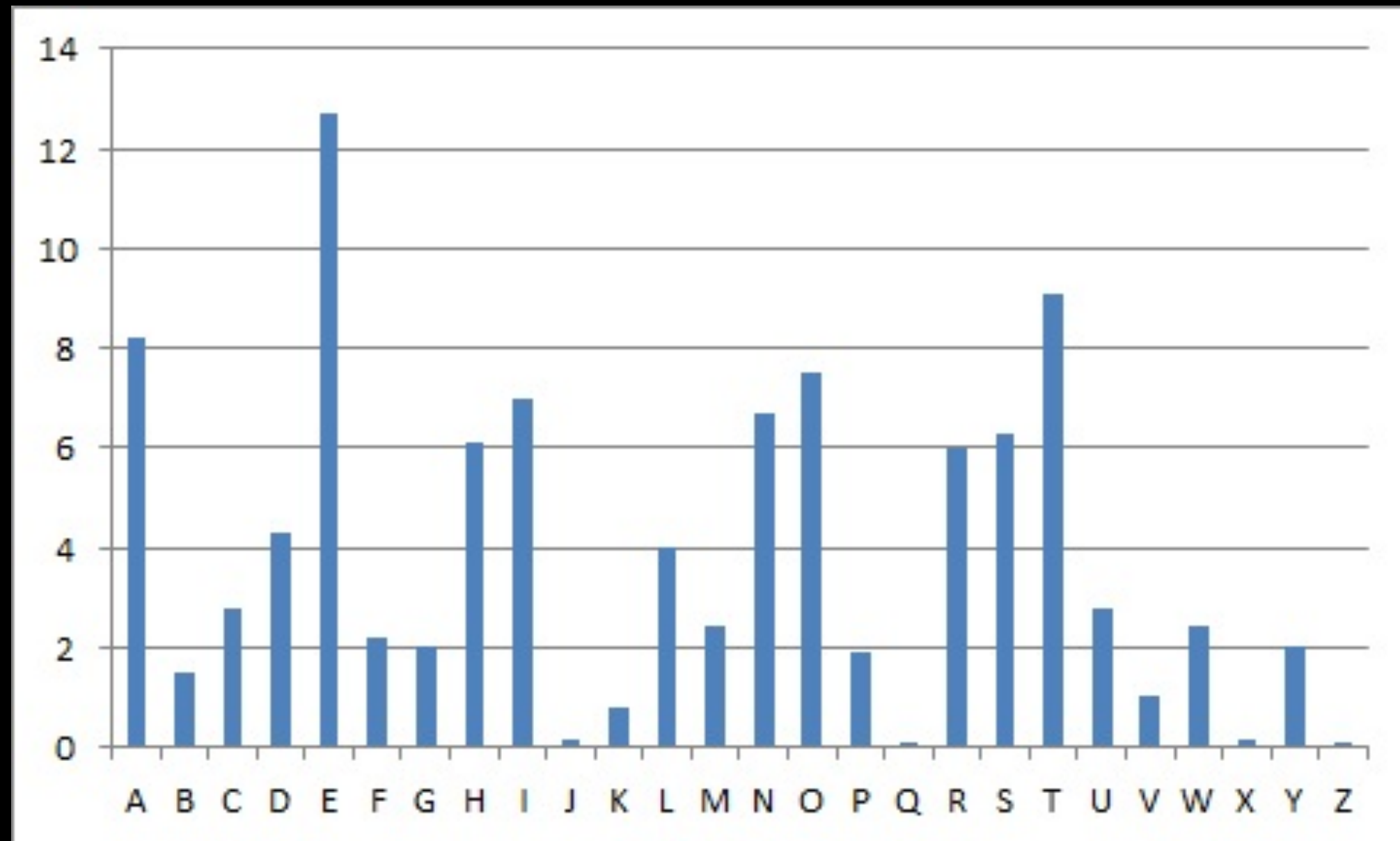
- Easy fix, just remove them!

NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP

turns into

MVEVITLMMZTREVBLFFK

Frequency analysis



No fix sry 🐱🐱🐱

Fast forward a 1000 years...

The Enigma Machine



The Enigma Machine

- Used from the 1920s
- Used by all Wehrmacht in WW2
- Mechanical with a battery
- Polyalphabetic cipher



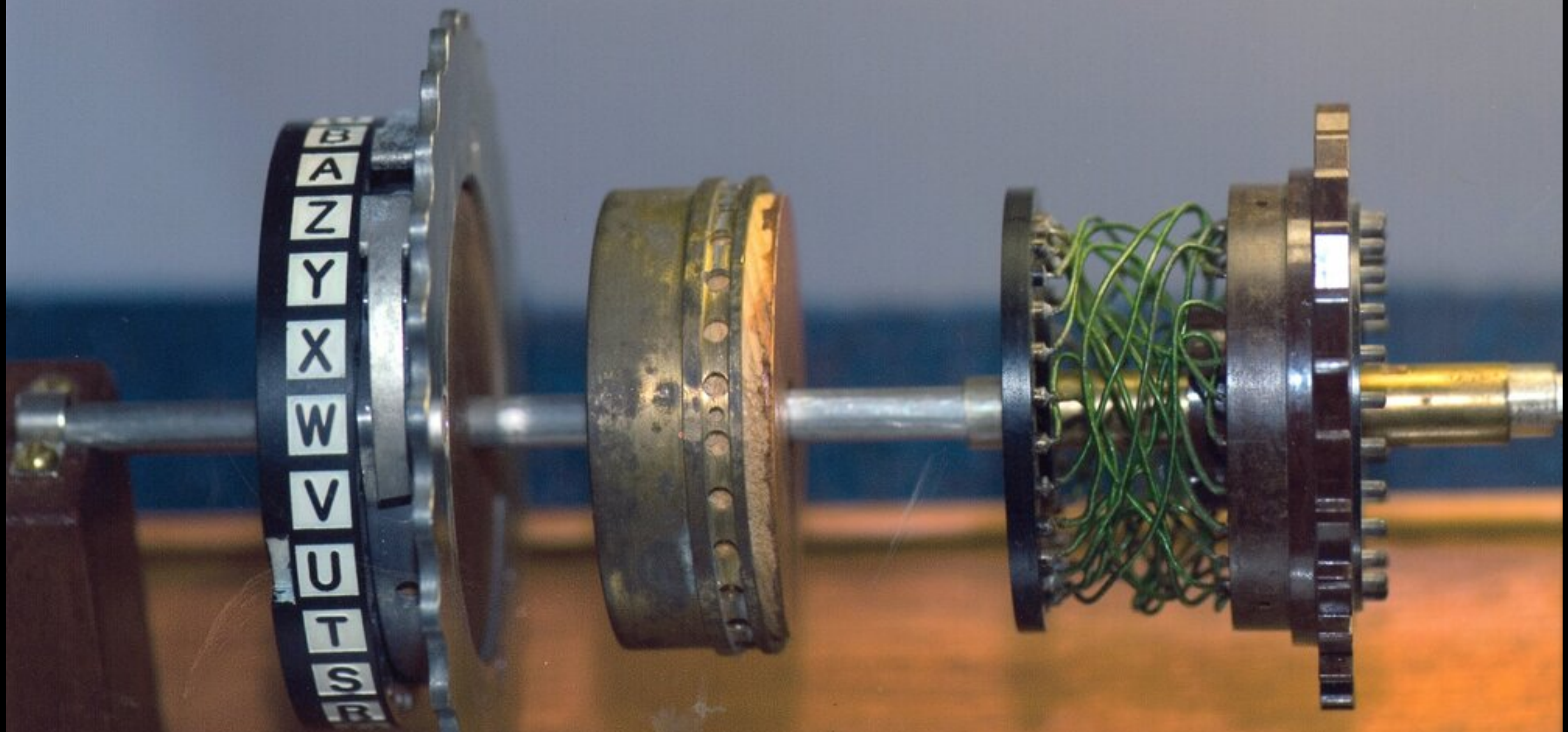
Polyalphabetic

The cipher changes at every keypress! How?

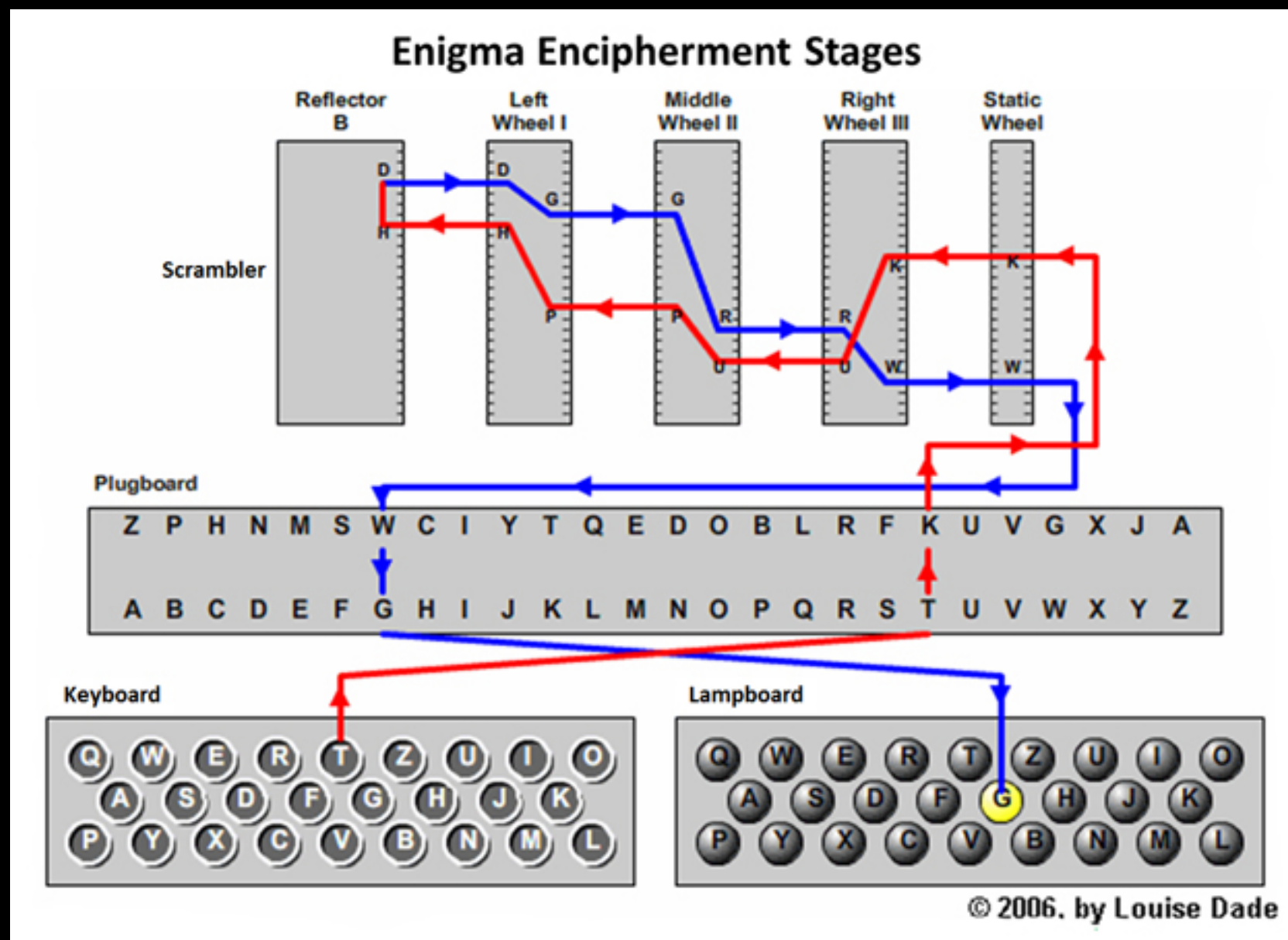


Nur Glühlampen mit 12 mm Durchmesser verwenden.





Journey of a letter



Enigma

Machine



How to use the Enigma Machine

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St	29.	II	V	IV	19	09	24	ZU	HL	CQ	WM	OA	PY	EB	TR	DN	VI	nci	oid	yhp	nip						
St	28.	IV	III	I	03	04	22	YT	BX	CV	ZN	UD	IR	SJ	HW	GA	KQ	zqj	hlg	xky	ebt						
St	27.	V	I	IV	20	06	18	KX	GJ	EP	AC	TB	HL	MW	QS	DV	OZ	bvo	sur	ccc	lqe						
St	26.	IV	I	V	10	17	01	YV	GT	OQ	WN	FI	SK	LD	RP	MZ	BU	jhx	uuh	giw	ugw						
St	25.	V	IV	III	13	04	17	QR	GB	HA	NM	VS	WD	YZ	OF	XK	PE	tba	pnc	ukd	nld						
St	24.	III	II	IV	09	20	18	RS	NC	WK	GO	YQ	AX	EH	VJ	ZL	PF	nfi	mew	xbk	yes						
St	23.	V	II	III	11	21	08	EY	DT	KF	MO	XP	HN	WG	ZL	IV	JA	lsd	nuo	ver	vex						
St	22.	I	II	IV	01	25	02	PZ	SE	OJ	XF	HA	GB	VQ	UY	KW	LR	yji	rwy	rdk	nso						
St	21.	IV	I	III	06	22	03	GH	JR	TQ	KF	NZ	IL	WM	BD	UO	EC	ema	mlv	jyy	iqh						
St	20.	V	I	II	12	25	08	TF	RQ	XV	DZ	PY	NL	WI	SJ	ME	GB	xjl	pgs	ggh	znd						
St	19.	IV	III	II	07	05	23	ZX	EU	AC	GD	KP	VO	QS	NW	HL	RM	vpj	zqe	jrs	cgm						
St	18.	II	III	V	19	14	22	WG	OM	RL	DB	ST	AQ	PZ	XH	YN	IJ	oxd	lnt	ieu	ytt						
St	17.	IV	I	II	12	08	21	ME	HX	BF	WY	ZD	TR	FJ	AG	IL	KQ	tak	pjs	kdh	jvh						
St	16.	I	II	III	07	11	15	WZ	AB	MO	TF	RX	SG	QU	VJ	YN	EL	pzg	evw	wyt	iye						
St	15.	III	II	V	06	16	02	GT	YC	EJ	UA	RX	PN	IS	WB	MH	ZV	bhe	xzm	yzk	evp						
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St	12.	I	III	II	26	01	18	QB	YE	WN	AI	GJ	TO	HR	FK	PS	CM	upc	anf	tkr	pwz						
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St	10.	I	V	IV	26	07	16	SW	AQ	NP	FO	VY	UX	MK	CL	HT	ZJ	rpl	anw	vpr	mhn						
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St	8.	V	II	I	23	11	25	QY	OG	ST	HA	CB	WD	KL	JN	VX	IU	lro	avw	axh	gws						
St	7.	II	III	I	06	12	03	BG	FS	TH	JE	VK	PE	CU	QA	OD	NM	aty	abb	mvo	jmz						
St	6.	I	IV	V	24	19	01	IR	HQ	NT	WZ	VC	OY	GF	LF	BX	AK	bhc	iwo	zgz	rnr						
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St	4.	IV	II	I	15	02	21	KD	PG	CO	FW	HJ	RY	MT	QL	VB	UZ	kpk	php	xmo	pfw						
St	3.	III	V	IV	03	23	04	DY	CP	WN	OV	QH	UZ	RA	TI	GL	SM	hjj	nkt	ytn	pvc						
St	2.	I	III	V	13	18	01	DR	VJ	PS	ZK	IU	HX	AQ	GT	YO	FC	opq	fqw	oiy	ruj						
St	1.	II	IV	I	06	17	26	AC	LS	BQ	WN	MY	UV	FJ	PZ	TR	OK	ool	ooi	ywv	sfb						

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How to encipher a message

- Open the codebook
- Pick the rotors with the right settings
- Set the plugboard
- Set the rotor positions randomly (write this down)
- Choose a three letter message key and encode it twice (write it down)
- Set the rotors positions to the message key and encrypt the message
- Send in plaintext the initial random positions, the six letter encoded message key and the encrypted message

H6R 5RH DE C 1346 = 3TLE = 2TL 224 = HUW XNG =

REJ

DKRKI CUZAF MNSDC AWXVJ DVZNH DMOZN NWRJC KKJQO

SNZ

ELWIK XDUUF ECEGN OUNNQ CIIZX FUT^NOF BTNWI GOECK

CMYUC KTTYB ZMDTU WCNWH OXOFX ERVQW JUCVY PQACQ

EBMXE NOQKF LWRWR LGKXZ BPYWR GQVYG WJDGA QXKVC

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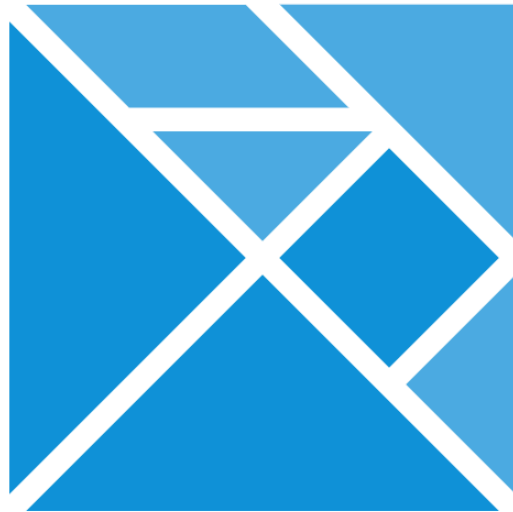
CCT 2/3 RC%FGN

1852 FLC

How to decipher a message

- Open the codebook
- Pick the rotors with the right settings
- Set the plugboard
- Set the rotor positions to the three letter plaintext message
- Decode the six letters to get the message key repeated twice
- Set the rotors to the message key and decrypt the message

Elm!



A delightful language
for reliable web applications.

Playground

Guide

or [download the installer.](#)

"[My favorite thing] is the feeling of joy and relaxation when writing Elm code."

Luca Mugnaini, Software Engineer, Rakuten



Elm

- Statically typed
- Pure
- Compiles to JS
- Fun (hehe)

Code dive 🤿

Rotor: encoding

```
encode : Char -> Enigma -> ( Char, Enigma )
encode input enigma =
  let
    ({ leftRotor, middleRotor, rightRotor } as stepped) =
      step enigma
  in
  ( input
    |> Plugboard.swap enigma.plugboard
    |> Rotor.toRotorOffset
    |> Rotor.forward rightRotor
    |> Rotor.forward middleRotor
    |> Rotor.forward leftRotor
    |> Reflector.reflect enigma.reflector
    |> Rotor.backward leftRotor
    |> Rotor.backward middleRotor
    |> Rotor.backward rightRotor
    |> Rotor.fromRotorOffset
    |> Plugboard.swap enigma.plugboard
  , stepped
  )
```

Rotor: stepping

```
step : Enigma -> Enigma
step ({ leftRotor, middleRotor, rightRotor } as info) =
  case ( Rotor.atNotch middleRotor , Rotor.atNotch rightRotor) of
    ( True, _ ) ->
      { info
        | middleRotor = Rotor.turn middleRotor
          , leftRotor = Rotor.turn leftRotor
          , rightRotor = Rotor.turn rightRotor
        }

    ( _, True ) ->
      { info
        | middleRotor = Rotor.turn middleRotor
          , rightRotor = Rotor.turn rightRotor
        }

    _ ->
      { info | rightRotor = Rotor.turn rightRotor }
```

Let's try it out!

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- Today is the 11th
- Rotors: V I III
- Settings: 17 13 04
- Plugboard: SV GO PA ZR FN HI YM WT DE BJ
- Random starting position: 5 12 13
- Message key: MIC
- Message: KEINE BESONDEREN EREIGNISSE

Resources

- How did the Enigma Machine work?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybkkiGtJmkM>
- Enigma, Historical Lessons in Cryptography
<https://jgandrews.com/posts/the-enigma-machine>
- Working principle of the Enigma
<https://cryptomuseum.com/crypto/enigma/working.htm>
- A better Elm implementation
<https://simonhauck.github.io/Enigma-Elm>
- Enigma Machine Emulator
<https://www.101computing.net/enigma-machine-emulator>
- Cipher Machines and Cryptology
<https://www.ciphermachinesandcryptology.com>
- The German cipher machine Enigma
https://www.matematiksider.dk/enigma_eng.html
- 3D printed Enigma machine
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP10yP5WgSM>

Thank you!

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- <https://enigma.juliu.is>
- <https://github.com/arkham/enigma-in-elm>
- <https://donate.unhcr.org/int/en/ukraine-emergency>

