

# Cryptographic Algorithm

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A **Cryptographic Algorithm**, or **cipher** or **Encryption Algorithm**, the means of altering data from a readable form (also known as **plaintext**) to a protected form (also known as **ciphertext**), and back to the readable form. Changing **plaintext** to **ciphertext** is known as **Encryption**, whereas changing **ciphertext** to **plaintext** is known as **Decryption**.

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