

### Q1 Team Name

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### Q2 Commands

10 Points

List the commands used in the game to reach the ciphertext.

**Commands used : —**

- *To obtain the hints* : **go**
- *To go back from hints* : **back**
- *To reach the cipher text* : **read**

**After executing the above commands in sequence, we reached the cip**

### Q3 CryptoSystem

10 Points

What cryptosystem was used in this level?

- **"PLAYFAIR CIPHER"** is used for Encryption and Decryption of text.

- **KEY:** – **"CRYPTANALYSIS"** to Encrypt and Decrypt the text.

## Q4 Analysis

20 Points

What tools and observations were used to figure out the cryptosystem? (Explain in less than 300 words)

### ■ **OBSERVATIONS:** –

i. when we first saw the **Ciphertext**, we assumed it to be a substitution cipher, and a simple substitution cipher with frequency analysis **failed** to decrypt the message.

ii. After entering **"GO"** command, there is a **hint** provided in the last line which says **"PLAYFAIR"**., this lead to the thought of **PLAYFAIR CIPHER**.

iii. A key observation in Ciphertext is

**no two letters in a digraph are the same**

(a possible case would be "XX" present in plain text but not available in the given ciphertext)

and letter **"j"** is absent entirely, which confirmed that PLAY FAIR is used for the encryption.

iv. **KEY** for playcipher is also provided as a **hint**, but in **"MORSECODE"**, which we decrypted and found out to be **"CRYPTANALYSIS"**.

**v.** To confirm and check the correctness of the above key, we **automated** the decryption process of the playcipher algorithm with multiple possible keys (i.e. words) taken from the file **"words.txt"**.

(Our intuition was that PLAYFAIR CIPHER might have English vocabulary as its KEY)

"words.txt" consists of **416296** different words of varying lengths that are possible to be a key in Playfair cipher.

**vi.** DECRYPTION program also gave us **"CRYPTANALYSIS"** as the key.

### ■ TOOLS: –

**i. Automated program** to find the KEY among the possible vocabulary words in **"words.txt"**.

**ii.** Using the **KEY**, we decrypted the Ciphertext by **PLAYFAIR cipher**.

**iii.** **"words.txt"** file is used to automatically find the key.

### **RESOURCE links :**

- 1.) [http://practicalcryptography.com/media/cryptanalysis/files/english\\_quadgrams.txt.zip](http://practicalcryptography.com/media/cryptanalysis/files/english_quadgrams.txt.zip)
- 2.) <https://github.com/dwyl/english-words/blob/master/words.txt>



## Q5 Decryption Algorithm

15 Points

Briefly describe the decryption algorithm used. Also mention the plaintext you deciphered. (Use less than 350 words)

### ■ DECRYPTION ALGORITHM => "PLAYFAIR CIPHER"

**Playfair cipher** is a "digram" substitution cipher which follows the manual symmetric encryption technique.

- The Playfair cipher uses a **5x5** matrix in which unique letters of the keyword are filled first left to right, and subsequently, all the remaining unique alphabets are filled in alphabetical order.  
(note:- LETTER "I" and "j" will occupy only one cell of the matrix, which enables to fit 26 alphabets in a 5\*5 matrix).

- Next, form the Digrams of the ciphertext, we decrypt each digram using the matrix.

#### ● RULES FOR DECRYPTION : —

- 1) If both the letters belong to the **same row**, then take the letter to the left of each one from the matrix in a WRAP-AROUND manner, respectively.

- 2) If both the letters belong to the **same column**, then take the letter above to each one from the matrix in a WRAP-AROUND manner, respectively.

- 3) If **neither** of the above rules is true, then form a quadrilateral with the two letters and take the letters on the other opposite diagonal respectively.

### ■ ALGORITHM:-

- 1) **Score()** function calculates the sum of Quadgram scores of ciphertext.
- 2) **rules\_func()** performs decryption using above RULES FOR DECRYPTION.
- 3) **matrix\_formation()** builds a 5\*5 matrix based on the KEY given.
- 4) Firstly, try to find the **KEY** among all possible keys from the file "**words.txt**".
- 5) Iterating through each word (possible key), perform **matrix\_formation()** and calculate score using **Score()** function.
- 6) pick the **OPTIMAL** word of the high score, which serves as the "**KEYWORD**" for our analysis.
- 7) Decrypt the ciphertext using KEYWORD, by performing matrix\_formation(), which creates the matrix and then perform decryption digram-wise using rules\_func().
- 8) we get the **decryptedPlaintext**.

**End**

### ■ MANUAL CORRECTIONS :-

- i. As "**X**" will be attached for repeating letters during encryption

process ,these are corrected manually.

["**OUTX**" => "**OUT**",  
,"**WILXL**" => "**WILL**",  
"**NEXED**" => "**NEED**"].

ii. "**IOY**" => "**JOY**" , as "**J**" is substituted as "**I**" in PLAYFAIR CIPHER.

■**PLAINTEXT** => "BE WARY OF THE NEXT CHAMBER, THERE IS VERY LITTLE JOY THERE. SPEAK OUT THE PASSWORD "ABRA\_CA\_DABRA" TO GO THROUGH. MAY YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH FOR THE NEXT CHAMBER. TO FIND THE EXIT YOU FIRST WILL NEED TO UTTER MAGIC WORDS THERE."

## Q6 Password

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What was the final command used to clear this level?

ABRA\_CA\_DABRA

## Q7 Code

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Upload any code that you have used to solve this level

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In [1]: from math import log
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In [2]: #DECRYPTION FUNCTION BASED ON THE MATRIX
def rules_func(a,b):

    r1,c1 = ind[a]
    r2,c2 = ind[b]

    #    #new indices after decryption
    #    x1=y1=0    #for 1st letter of digram
    #    x2=y2=0    #for 2nd letter of digram

    if r1 == r2:      #BOTH LETTERS IN SAME ROW OF MATRIX
        x1 = x2 =r1
        y1 = (c1-1)%5
        y2 = (c2-1)%5
    elif c1 == c2:    #BOTH LETTERS IN SAME COLUMN OF MATRIX
        y1 = y2 = c1
        x1 = (r1-1)%5
        x2 = (r2-1)%5
    else:
        x1 = r1
        y1 = c2
        x2 = r2
        y2 = c1
    return matrix[x1][y1]+matrix[x2][y2]
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In [3]: #SCORE FUNCTION
def score():
    sc =0          #score
    text = ""      #DECRYPTED TEXT

    for i in range(0,1,2):    #DECRYPTING each bigram
        text+= rules_func(cipher[i],cipher[i+1])

    for i in range(len(text)-3):    #as last three letters cannot
form quadgram
        quad_gram = text[i:i+4]

        if quad_gram in quad:
            sc+=log(quad[quad_gram],10)
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return sc
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In [4]:

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#MATRIX FILLING
def matrix_formation(w):
    i=j=0
    alp=set('ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ')

    #FILLING MATRIX BASED ON WORD(i.e possible key)
    for k in range(len(w)):
        if w[k] in alp:
            alp.remove(w[k])
            matrix[i][j] = w[k]

            if j==4:          #END OF ROW
                j=0
                i+=1
            else: j+=1

    #FILLING REMAINING ALPHABETS INTO MATRIX
    for k in sorted(alp):
        matrix[i][j] = k

        if j==4:          #END OF ROW
            j=0
            i+=1
        else:
            j+=1

    #ASSIGNING INDEX TO EACH ALPHABET OF THE MATRIX
    for i in range(5):
        for j in range(5):
            ind[matrix[i][j]]=(i,j)
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In [5]:

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#CREATING A DICTIONARY FOR QUADGRAMS
quad ={}

#READING FILE
file = open("english_quadgrams.txt")
for i in file:
    a,b = i.split()
    quad[a] = int(b)
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#LENGTH OF THE QUADGRAM DICTIONARY
n = len(quad)
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In [6]: #PREPROCESSING "words.txt file"
words=[]
for i in open("words.txt"):
    i=i.upper().replace("\n",'')          #REPLACING NEWLINE CHAR

    #DEALING WITH ONLY ENGLISH_DICTIONARY WORDS
    flag=True
    for j in i:
        if not (ord(j)>=65 and ord(j)<=90):
            flag=False
            break
    if flag:
        words.append(i)

len(words)
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Out [6]: 416296

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In [7]: #CIPHER TEXT
cipher_text="DF ULYP XO CQD LFWC RUBHEDY, CQDYG LN XDYL EGIYIG LMP
CQDYF. LYFNH HXPZ CQF YNILXKPB \"NDCB_AN_BBHCN\" PQ FQ CQPKZBK. OLC
PMC UNUG YMB IPYDIDCQ OXY CMB LDZP AULHDFY. CX OALG RMB FWGI PMX
BNTIP ZLSWS LFWFE PQ ZCYGY KIBAT XMNKI PMBYD."
cipher=''

#DEALING WITH ONLY ALPHABETS
for i in cipher_text:
    if ord(i)>=65 and ord(i)<=90:
        cipher+=i
l=len(cipher)
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In [8]: ind={}      #STORES INDEX OF EACH ALPHABET IN THE MATRIX
sc=0      #SCORE
matrix=[['' for i in range(5)] for j in range(5)]          #5*5

MATRIX
keyword=''
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## FINDING KEY FOR PLAYFAIR CIPHER ANALYSIS

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In [9]: for w in words:                #CHECKING FOR EACH WORD POSSIBILTY OF
        BEING A KEY
            matrix_formation(w)

            new_sc=score()
        #    print('newsc is: ',new_sc)
        if new_sc>sc:
            sc=new_sc
            keyword=w

        print("KEY IS: = > ",keyword)
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KEY IS: = > CRYPTANALYSIS

## DECRYPTING WITH THE KEY "CRYPTANALYSIS"

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In [10]: # CREATING MATRIX WITH THE KEY
        matrix_formation(keyword)
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In [11]: #DECRYPTING THE CIPHER TEXT WITH "KEYWORD"
        r=''
        for i in range(0,1,2):
            r+=rules_func(cipher[i],cipher[i+1])
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In [12]: plain_text=''
        j=0
        for i in range(len(cipher_text)):
            if ord(cipher_text[i])>=65 and ord(cipher_text[i])<=90:
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        plain_text+=r[j]
        j+=1
    else:
        plain_text+=cipher_text[i]
    print(plain_text)
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In [13]: #MANUAL CORRECTIONS
plain_text = plain_text.replace("OUTX","OUT")
plain_text = plain_text.replace("WILXL","WILL")
plain_text = plain_text.replace("NEXED","NEED")

plain_text = plain_text.replace("IOY","JOY")
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In [14]: plain_text
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Out [14]: 'BE WARY OF THE NEXT CHAMBER, THERE IS VERY LITTLE JOY THERE. SPEAK OUT THE
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In [ ]:
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### TOTAL POINTS

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### QUESTION 1

Team Name

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### QUESTION 2

Commands

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### QUESTION 3

CryptoSystem

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### QUESTION 4

Analysis

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### QUESTION 5

Decryption Algorithm

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Password

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