# INTERNET SECURITY LAB 8

**Encryption Lab** 



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## Task 1: Frequency Analysis Against Monoalphabetic Substitution Cipher:

```
[04/05/2019 18:06]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ tr 'ytnupmrvcqbhfaixzgdlesjwok'
'THENDIGAMSFRVCLOUBYWPKQMJX'<in.txt> out.txt
[04/05/2019 18:07]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ sudo cat out.txt
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AWARDS TRIP THE BAGGER FEELS LIKE A NONAGENARIAN TOO

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A NATIONAL CONVERSATION AS BRIEF AND MAD AS A FEVER DREAM ABOUT WH
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This is done by guessing, as you can see the encryption key in the picture for retrieving the actual info.

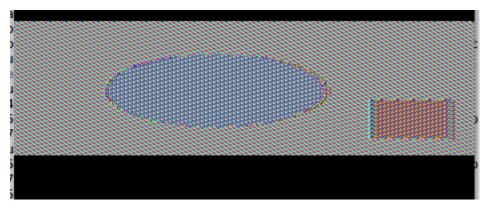
## Task 2: Encryption using Different Ciphers and Modes

```
[04/05/2019 18:30]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl bf-cbc -in plain.txt -out cipher2.bin -K 0011223
3445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 18:31]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-256-cbc -in plain.txt -out cipher1.bin -K 00
112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 18:31]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc -in plain.txt -out cipher.bin -K 001
12233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 18:31]Mudelkadi@YM1:~$ sudo cat cipher.bin
j@9@G@S~@M{t@f J=@@w@O@b}oI?ឺឿWd[<u>មិង្គិ@@@</u>!KT ប្រើ@u!@@@@B
©<mark>!@</mark>@<ul@@C@1_@@2P@u@@r@X~@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@]]@@3@w[Y=@@@@@,@@)@S@d@@@<mark>!</mark>#}
0oL0s000a4000° 5
V:HOOK 14
d040<F0\0cV00s+l@0:>q00&0<
32]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ sudo cat cipher2.bin @W3qh@@@@~wjA\@h@9X@-8@{@@5j@1@@@-e6@#]@@@~wjA\@h@9X@-8@{@@5j@1@@@-e6@#]@@@~wjA\@h@9X@-8@{@@5j@1@@@-e6@#]@@@~wjA\@h@9X@-8@{@@5j@1@@@-e6@#]@@@@-wjA\@h@9X@-8@{@@5j@1@@@-e6@#]@@@@-wjA\@h@9X@-8@{@@5j@1@@@-e6@#]
                                                                 0000& 000'0}00[ 00<P2[\I-{00000j#0
         I 0000 SAR00C0V000 t0 0, 0 005000 1004/05/2019 18:32]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$
5L0 00
```

Used bf-cbc, aes-256-cbc and aes-128-cbc methods for encryption.

[04/05/2019 19:15]Mudelkadi@VM1:~\$ openssl aes-128-ecb -in pic\_original.bmp -out ecb.bmp -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff

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[04/05/2019 19:17]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ head -c 54 pic_original.bmp > header [04/05/2019 19:19]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ tail -c +55 ecb.bmp > body [04/05/2019 19:19]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ cat header body > new.bmp [04/05/2019 19:19]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ eog new.bmp
```



#### **CBC**

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[04/05/2019 19:25]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc -in pic_original.bmp -out cbc.bmp -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708 [04/05/2019 19:25]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ head -c 54 pic_original.bmp > header [04/05/2019 19:25]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ tail -c +55 cbc.bmp > body [04/05/2019 19:26]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ cat header body > new.bmp [04/05/2019 19:26]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ eog new.bmp
```



From the above outputs of ECB and CBC we can infer that ECB doesn't encrypt properly and lets us know the actual message whereas CBC gives granular output thus not revealing the actual message. This is because in ECB all the similar plaintexts gives similar ciphertexts whereas the

inputs in CBC are XOR of previous ciphertext and current plaintext and this happens canonically.

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a)

```
[04/05/2019 20:38]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc
                                                        -in f2.txt -out f2 cbc.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 20:38]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc
                                                        -in f3.txt -out f3_cbc.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 20:38]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-ecb
                                                        -in f2.txt -out f2 ecb.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff
[04/05/2019 20:39]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-ecb
                                                        -in f3.txt -out f3_ecb.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff
[04/05/2019 20:39]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cfb
                                                        -in f2.txt -out f2_cfb.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff
iv undefined
[04/05/2019 20:39]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cfb
                                                        -in f2.txt -out f2_cfb.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 20:39]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cfb
                                                        -in f3.txt -out f3 cfb.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 20:40]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-ofb
                                                        -in f2.txt -out f2_ofb.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 20:40]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-ofb
                                                        -in f3.txt -out f3 ofb.txt -K 0011
2233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
```

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-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 16 Apr 5 20:38 f2 cbc.txt
                              5 20:39 f2 cfb.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 10 Apr
                               5 20:39 f2 ecb.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 16 Apr
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 10 Apr
                               5 20:40 f2 ofb.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 10 Apr
                              5 20:07 f2.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 32 Apr
                               5 20:38 f3 cbc.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 16 Apr
                               5 20:40 f3 cfb.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 32 Apr
                               5 20:39 f3 ecb.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 16 Apr
                               5 20:40 f3 ofb.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 16 Apr
                               5 20:09 f3.txt
```

We can infer that padding doesn't happen with CFB and OFB, whereas padding happens for CBC and ECB until it reaches next multiple of 16 bytes.

b)

```
[04/05/2019 20:29]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ cat f1.txt
anula[04/05/2019 20:29]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ cat f2.txt
akarshetty[04/05/2019 20:29]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ cat f3.txt
padminiumesharju[04/05/2019 20:29]M$ hexdump -C fl_aes_decrypt.txt
s: command not found
[04/05/2019 20:30]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C f1 aes decrypt.txt
90000000
        61 6e 75 6c 61 0b | anula...
90000010
[04/05/2019 20:30]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C f2 aes decrypt.txt
90000000 61 6b 61 72 73 68 65 74 74 79 06 06 06 06 06 |akarshetty.....
[04/05/2019 20:30]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C f3 aes decrypt.txt
        70 61 64 6d 69 6e 69 75 6d 65 73 68 61 72 6a 75 |padminiumesharju|
00000000
        90000010
90000020
[04/05/2019 20:30]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$
```

We can see that the extra padding happens until the total size reaches next multiple of 16.

## Encryption using CBC.

```
[04/05/2019 21:34]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc -in task5.txt -out task5_encry.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
```

```
67 F4 45 7C 14 07 72
                                                 97
05 80 17
                                  79 C1
                                          03
                                             4E
                                                    D3
                                                        Α9
                                                            7D
                               49
   5E 6C
          4D AF A7 E1
                        1c
                           81
                                   17
                                      61
                                          A6
                                             FC
                                                 C8
                                                    97
                                                        A0
                                                           7в
                                                 82
   8D 51 28
             7D DB
                     71
                        ED F4 C1
                                   7A B3
                                          D8
                                             8C
                                                    E4
                                                        39
                                                           CC
3A E3 DD
         94 4D
                 3C
                     98
                        FD
                            2E
                               8B
                                   82
                                      Α6
                                          CB
                                             01
                                                 D2
                                                    41
                                                        6B
                                      24
F6 OF
      19
          F3
             4 C
                 72
                     01
                        EE
                            D8
                               44
                                   ΑE
                                          04
                                             06
                                                 30
                                                        53
             5E
                     E0
                        88
                                   13
                                      6C
                                          30
                                                     6C
                                                           7D
7E CB
      52 B1
                 0В
                            89
                               4B
                                             BD
                                                 E8
                                                        63
   7B 5D 21
                     3E
                                      C5
             65 D2
                        6C
                           13
                               06
                                   14
                                          EF
                                             F8
                                                 D8
                                                    35
FF D4 F2 02 08 CD 76
                        56 OB 2B BC E1
                                          FΒ
                                             42
                                                 5A 0A 86
```

Changed the 50<sup>th</sup> byte from 82 to 93.

```
[04/05/2019 21:38]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C task5_decry.txt
00000000
         49 66 20 74 68 69 73 20 69 73 20 74 6f 20 62 65
                                                            |If this is to be|
00000010 20 4c 69 76 65 72 70 6f
                                  6f 6c e2 80 99 73 20 79
                                                            | Liverpool...s y|
00000020 65 61 72 2c 20 69 74 20
                                  6d 61 79 20 62 65 20 72
                                                            ear, it may be r
00000030 65 73 69 6c 69 65 6e 63
                                  65 20 61 6e 64 20 61 6e
                                                            esilience and an
00000040 20 61 64 6d 69 72 61 62
                                  6c 65 20 61 62 69 6c 69
                                                            | admirable abili|
00000050 74 79 20 74 6f 20 62 6f 75 6e 63 65 20 62 61 63
                                                            |ty to bounce bac|
00000060 6b 20 66 72 6f 6d 20 73 65 74 62 61 63 6b 73 20
                                                            |k from setbacks |
```

Decryption before corrupting encrypted data.

```
[04/05/2019 21:35]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C task5 decry.txt
90000000 49 66 20 74 68 69 73 20
                                  69 73 20 74 6f 20 62 65
                                                            |If this is to be|
                                                             Liverpool...s y
9000010
         20 4c 69 76 65 72 70 6f
                                   6f 6c e2 80 99 73 20 79
         65 61 72 2c 20 69 74 20
                                  6d 61 79 20 62 65 20 72
90000020
                                                            ear, it may be r
                                                            [..XM..]S=...2+..
90000030
         al d9 58 4d f6 fb 5d 53
                                  3d cf ab f1 32 2b 04 b4
90000040
         20 61 6f 6d 69 72 61 62
                                   6c 65 20 61 62 69 6c 69
                                                             aomirable abili
                                                            ty to bounce back
90000050
         74 79 20 74 6f 20 62 6f
                                   75 6e 63 65 20 62 61 63
         6b 20 66 72 6f 6d 20 73
9000060
                                  65 74 62 61 63 6b 73 20
                                                            |k from setbacks
```

Decryption after corrupting encrypted data.

We can infer that after corrupting the 50<sup>th</sup> byte data, two blocks(4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>) gets corrupted while decrypting.

## ECB.

```
[04/05/2019 21:55]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C task5 decry.txt
00000000
         49 66 20 74 68 69 73 20
                                   69 73 20 74 6f 20 62 65
                                                             |If this is to be|
00000010
          20 4c 69 76 65 72 70 6f
                                   6f 6c e2 80 99 73 20 79
                                                              Liverpool...s y
                                                             .....dm....Lw..
00000020
          1e 92 ce c2 fa 8e 64 6d
                                   f6 af ad c6 4c 77 c9 14
00000030
          65 73 69 6c 69 65 6e 63
                                   65 20 61 6e 64 20 61 6e
                                                             esilience and an
00000040
          20 61 64 6d 69 72 61 62
                                   6c 65 20 61 62 69 6c 69
                                                             | admirable abili|
```

```
[04/05/2019 21:56]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C task5_decry.txt
000000000 49 66 20 74 68 69 73 20 69 73 20 74 6f 20 62 65 |If this is to be|
00000010 20 4c 69 76 65 72 70 6f 6f 6c e2 80 99 73 20 79 | Liverpool...s y|
00000020 65 61 72 2c 20 69 74 20 6d 61 79 20 62 65 20 72 |ear, it may be r|
00000030 65 73 69 6c 69 65 6e 63 65 20 61 6e 64 20 61 6e |esilience and an|
00000040 20 61 64 6d 69 72 61 62 6c 65 20 61 62 69 6c 69 | admirable abili|
```

We can infer that after corrupting the 50<sup>th</sup> byte data, one block(3d) gets corrupted while decrypting.

#### CFB.

```
[04/05/2019 22:02]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C task5 decry.txt
00000000 49 66 20 74 68 69 73 20 69 73 20 74 6f 20 62 65
                                                            |If this is to be|
00000010  20 4c 69 76 65 72 70 6f 6f 6c e2 80 99 73 20 79
                                                            | Liverpool...s y
00000020 65 61 72 2c 20 69 74 20 6d 61 79 20 62 65 20 72
                                                            lear, it may be r
                                                            esilience and an
00000030
         65 73 69 6c 69 65 6e 63
                                  65 20 61 6e 64 20 61 6e
00000040
         20 61 64 6d 69 72 61 62
                                  6c 65 20 61 62 69 6c 69
                                                             admirable abili
         74 79 20 74 6f 20 62 6f
                                  75 6e 63 65 20 62 61 63
                                                            ty to bounce bac
00000050
00000060 6b 20 66 72 6f 6d 20 73
                                  65 74 62 61 63 6b 73 20
                                                            k from setbacks
[04/05/2019 22:05]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C task5_decry.txt
00000000 49 66 20 74 68 69 73 20
                                  69 73 20 74 6f 20 62 65
                                                           |If this is to be|
                                                            Liverpool...s y
00000010
         20 4c 69 76 65 72 70 6f
                                  6f 6c e2 80 99 73 20 79
                                                           ear, it may be r
00000020 65 61 72 2c 20 69 74 20
                                  6d 61 79 20 62 65 20 72
00000030 65 73 62 6c 69 65 6e 63
                                  65 20 61 6e 64 20 61 6e
00000040 a3 a7 94 7b 35 a4 64 40 17 f6 1e 6b eb ee 3a bb
                                                           |....{5.d@...k..:.|
00000050 74 79 20 74 6f 20 62 6f 75 6e 63 65 20 62 61 63
                                                           |ty to bounce bac|
00000060 6b 20 66 72 6f 6d 20 73 65 74 62 61 63 6b 73 20
                                                           |k from setbacks |
```

We can infer that after corrupting the 50<sup>th</sup> byte data, two blocks(4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>) gets corrupted while decrypting.

## OFB.

```
[04/05/2019 22:08]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C task5 decry.txt
00000000 49 66 20 74 68 69 73 20 69 73 20 74 6f 20 62 65
                                                           |If this is to be|
                                                           Liverpool...s y
00000010  20 4c 69 76 65 72 70 6f 6f 6c e2 80 99 73 20 79
00000020
         65 61 72 2c 20 69 74 20
                                  6d 61 79 20 62 65 20 72
                                                            lear, it may be r
         65 73 69 6c 69 65 6e 63
                                  65 20 61 6e 64 20 61 6e
00000030
                                                           esilience and an
         20 61 64 6d 69 72 61 62
                                  6c 65 20 61 62 69 6c 69
                                                             admirable abili
00000040
         74 79 20 74 6f 20 62 6f
                                  75 6e 63 65 20 62 61 63
                                                           ty to bounce bac|
00000050
00000060 6b 20 66 72 6f 6d 20 73
                                  65 74 62 61 63 6b 73 20
                                                           k from setbacks
[04/05/2019 22:10]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C task5 decry.txt
00000000 49 66 20 74 68 69 73 20
                                  69 73 20 74 6f 20 62 65
                                                           IIf this is to bel
00000010 20 4c 69 76 65 72 70 6f
                                  6f 6c e2 80 99 73 20 79
                                                            Liverpool...s y
00000020 65 61 72 2c 20 69 74 20 6b 61 79 20 62 65 20 72
                                                            ear, it kay be r
00000030 65 73 69 6c 69 65 6e 63
                                  65 20 61 6e 64 20 61 6e
                                                            esilience and an
00000040
          20 61 64 6d 69 72 61 62
                                  6c 65 20 61 62 69 6c 69
                                                            | admirable abili
                                                            ty to bounce bac
          74 79 20 74 6f 20 62 6f
                                  75 6e 63 65 20 62 61 63
00000050
          6b 20 66 72 6f 6d 20 73
                                                            |k from setbacks
00000060
                                  65 74 62 61 63 6b 73 20
```

We can infer that after corrupting the 50<sup>th</sup> byte data, one block(3d) gets corrupted while decrypting.

Therefore, there is 2 blocks changes in CBC and CFB while decrypting the corrupted 50<sup>th</sup> byte because it uses previous block for encryption but for OFB and ECB there is only 1 block change because it doesn't use previous block for encryption.

## 6.1)

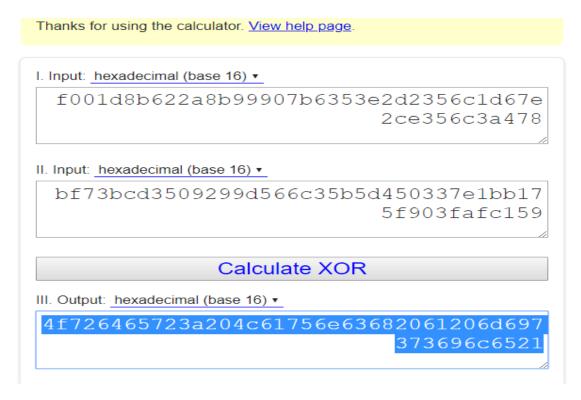
```
[04/05/2019 22:30]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc -in pt1.txt -out ct1.txt -K 001122
33445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 22:31]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc
                                                       -in pt1.txt -out ct2.txt -K 001122
33445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[04/05/2019 22:31]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc -in pt1.txt -out ct3.txt -K 001122
33445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060780
[04/05/2019 22:32]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ cat pt1.txt
Hello World
[04/05/2019 22:32]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ cat ct1.txt
0~ 0.07009)0j0[04/05/2019 22:32]Mudhexdump -C ct1.txt
00000000 89 7e 14 f0 2e cb 3f 82 c0 39 29 82 6a 8f 61 f2 |.~....?..9).j.a.|
[04/05/2019 22:33]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C ct2.txt
00000000 89 7e 14 f0 2e cb 3f 82 c0 39 29 82 6a 8f 61 f2 |.~...?..9).j.a.|
[04/05/2019 22:33]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C ct3.txt
00000000 de b3 41 e6 3d c9 d4 1f d3 97 1b 5c 31 65 55 40 |..A.=.....\leU@|
[04/05/2019 22:33]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$
```

Pt1.txt is my plaintext. Ct1.txt and ct2.txt is ciphertext with same IV. Ct3.txt is ciphertext with different IV with just last 2 digits of IV interchanged. We can observe that ct1.txt and ct2.txt are same and it becomes easier for attacker to assume or crack the plaintext but when we use a different IV it gives totally a different ciphertext thus difficult to crack the plaintext.

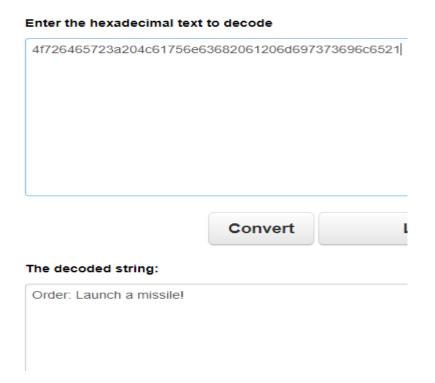
6.2)

This is a known message! Convert The encoded string: 546869732069732061206b6e6f776e206d65737361676521 Got hexadecimal value for the plaintext 1 Thanks for using the calculator. View help page. I. Input: hexadecimal (base 16) ▼ 546869732069732061206b6e6f776e206d65 737361676521 II. Input: hexadecimal (base 16) ▼ a469b1c502c1cab966965e50425438e1bb1b 5f9037a4c159 Calculate XOR III. Output: hexadecimal (base 16) ▼ f001d8b622a8b99907b6353e2d2356c1d67e2 ce356c3a478

Got XOR value for hexadecimal of plaintext 1 and ciphertext 1.



Got XOR value for previously calculated result and ciphertext 2.



Got the plaintext 2 string value.

**Observation:** As the IV is same and the result is of XOR of plaintext and ciphertext of one string will be same for all the remaining strings. Thus, by getting the XOR value of plaintext and ciphertext of first string, the result got can be XORed with 2<sup>nd</sup> ciphertext to get the next plain text. The above pictures demonstrate how the result is obtained.

For CFB mode of encryption, the block encryption is XORed with the plaintext and sent as input to next string encryption and thus we need to know the next plaintext which will be XORed to get the ciphertext 2. Therefore we cannot obtain the plaintext in CFB mode.

6.3)

II. Input: hexadecimal (base 16) •

5965730d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d

II. Input: hexadecimal (base 16) •

31323334353637383930313233343536

Calculate XOR

III. Output: hexadecimal (base 16) •

68574039383b3a35343d3c3f3e39383b

I. Input: hexadecimal (base 16) ▼

68574039383b3a35343d3c3f3e39383b

II. Input: hexadecimal (base 16) ▼

31323334353637383930313233343537

## Calculate XOR

III. Output: hexadecimal (base 16) v

5965730d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0d0c

```
[04/08/2019 20:55]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C samp_decry.txt
00000000 59 65 73 0d 0c |Yes......
...|
000000010
[04/08/2019 20:55]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ openssl aes-128-cbc -in samp_decry.txt
-out fin_encry.txt -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 313233343536
37383930313233343537
[04/08/2019 20:56]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ hexdump -C fin_encry.txt
00000000 be f6 55 65 57 2c ce e2 a9 f9 55 31 54 ed 94 98 |..UeW,....U1
T...|
00000010 34 02 de 3f 0d d1 6c e7 89 e5 47 57 79 ac a4 05 |4..?..l...GW
y...|
000000020
[04/08/2019 20:56]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$
```

**Answer:** First I got the decrypted value of "Yes" with padding as you can see in first picture. To find what is going inside the block for encryption, we can do this by XORing hex value of decrypted "Yes" with IV1 and IV2. The result is encrypted with IV2 for cancelling out IV2. Encrypting with the same key used and IV2 gives us the same ciphertext as used by original text. Thus using predictable IVs are not safe.

For info: I changed the same file samp.decry to last letter to c as we cannot just paste a string as we need hex value, therefore I used ghex command for changing.

7)

Code:

```
from Crypto.Cipher import *
plaintext = "This is a top secret."
plaintext+=chr(11) * 11 #should be padded to fit into whole block"
ciphertext="764aa26b55a4da654df6b19e4bce00f4ed05e09346fb0e762583cb7da2ac93a2"
IV="aabbccddeeff00998877665544332211"
decode IV=IV.decode("hex")
f=open("words.txt","r")
l1=f.read().splitlines() #list of words in words.txt
for key in l1:
        word=key
        if len(word)>16: #as key doesn't exceed length 16
                continue
        if len(word)%16 !=0:
                length=len(word)
                while length%16!=0:
                        word += "#" #add till the key becomes the size of
16
                        length+=1
        new_ciphertext = AES.new(word,AES.MODE_CBC,decode_IV).encrypt(plaintext)
        nct_hex=str(new_ciphertext.encode("hex"))
        if (nct_hex==ciphertext):
                print('Key = '+key)
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[04/08/2019 23:02]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ sudo python progcrypto.py
Key = Syracuse
[04/08/2019 23:05]Mudelkadi@VM1:~$ ■
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Used words.txt for finding the actual key. Have converted values into HEX wherever needed. If the words length is greater than 16 they are not checked (as mentioned in the question that the key doesn't exceed length 16).