

The code for this TP contains two files. The file `tp_code.py` contains the following functions:

- `base64_encode` and `base64_decode` convert between a list of integers representing bytes (values between 0 and 255) and a string in Base64 (64 characters including alphanumeric and “+/”)
- `weakCipher1` and `weakCipher2` are two ciphers

The file `blackbox.py` is obfuscated. Importing it will give you access to two functions:

- `weakCipher3` and `weakCipher4` take as input a list of 16 integers representing bytes, and return a similar list (the result can then be converted to a string using `base64_encode`)

We start by focusing on the ciphers in `tp_code.py`.

You intercepted the following ciphertext:

,?jtajY.tcrL0tvtl?20.Y

The encryption procedure is the function `weakCipher1` and it seems that the 3 first letters actually correspond to the word `You`.

Question 1. *Decrypt the whole message and retrieve the key.*

You intercepted the following ciphertext:

j5YTlG!wLkVu2QU 5,Iz.QlGApwkUGEYlL0,TzYiC3m0lYhtE,gzGu7TCc

The encryption procedure is the function `weakCipher2` and it seems that the first word is `This` and the last one `points!`.

Question 2. *Decrypt the whole message and retrieve the key.*

You intercepted the following ciphertext:

0liLBTrm2?B.rsBzr7u 2K2ZB0iLBE.gBz.8iL2Y8YD0B.rsB,TIQ7oFmMl1AJBrrUoQDz

The encryption procedure is the function `weakCipher2` in `encrypt.py` and it seems that the plaintext contains the word `challenge`.

Question 3. *Decrypt the whole message and retrieve the key.*

We now focus on the ciphers in `blackbox.py`.

Question 4. *Consider the function `weakCipher3`.*

1. *Pick one random message M and encrypt it.*
2. *Modify one byte of M and encrypt the new message.*
3. *Compare both ciphertexts byte by byte. What do you observe?*
4. *Decrypt the following ciphertext encoded in base64:*

9GVHL2Jb+QLfityW1Umw5w==

Question 5. *Consider the function `weakCipher4`. Recall that to take the XOR of two bytes (represented as integers here), you can use the operator `^` in Python.*

1. Pick two random messages M_1 and M_2 and encrypt them.
2. Pick a random message M_3 and let $M_4 = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_3$. Encrypt them.
3. Compare $C_1 \oplus C_2$ and $C_3 \oplus C_4$ where C_i is the ciphertext corresponding to M_i .
4. Let $M_1 \oplus M_2 = a \parallel b$ with $|a| = |b| = 64$ bits. Verify that $C_1 \oplus C_2 = b \parallel a \oplus b$.
5. What is the inverse of the application $(a, b) \rightarrow (b, a \oplus b)$?
6. Decrypt the following ciphertext encoded in base64:

`rv6mp36Doa6Zyt2WjMDd6w==`