# 1.5 Homework Assignment

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# 1 .5 .2 Question to be investigated

<u>Steganography</u> is the idea of hiding a message in something. For example, to hide a message in an image, you can do the following:

- The message M, is converted to a sequence of bits (often from String, to bytes, to bits).
- The image is manipulated in such a manner that the least significant bit of the blue values is substituted with a bit from the message.

### **Exercise task:**

It is an ASCII message, and the bits of the message are stored starting in pixel (0,0), next in (1,0) etc. It is stored as little-endian, i.e. the least significant bits come first. The message is terminated with a null byte.

# What is the message?

We didn't encrypt the message )-:

### Search queries:

Timestamp	Search query
12:14	convert bytes to steganography decoder
11:12	decode steganography image
11:12	convert bytes to steganography decoder
11:11	convert bytes to steganography message
11:09	convert bytes to steganography
11:08	convert bytes to ascii
11:07	convert bytes to string
11:06	decrypt steganography from bytes
10:53	convert binary to bytes
10:47	image with a secret binary message
10:41	convert image into binary
10:38	convert image into bytes online
10:20	binary converter to number
10:16	steganography sample image
10:08	what is steganography

## Search pages:

ASCII Table - ASCII codes, hex, decimal, binary, html

Base64 Image Encoder

binary converter to number - Google Search

Binary to Decimal Converter

Binary to Text Converter | Binary Translator

binascii — Convert between binary and ASCII — Python 3.9.1 documentation

Bits to Bytes Converter - Binary Value Conversion

BPCS-steganography - Wikipedia

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convert binary to bytes - Google Search

convert bytes to ascii - Google Search

Convert Bytes to ASCII - Online ASCII Tools

convert bytes to steganography - Google Search

convert bytes to steganography decoder - Google Search

convert bytes to steganography decoder - Google Search

convert bytes to steganography message - Google Search

convert bytes to string - Google Search

Convert Bytes to UTF8 - Online UTF8 Tools

convert image into binary - Google Search

convert image into bytes online - Google Search

Convert image to binary using Python - GeeksforGeeks

**Decimal to Binary Converter** 

decode steganography image - Google Search

decrypt steganography from bytes - Google Search

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Image to Base64 Converter - Encode Images to Base64 - Online - Browserling Web

**Developer Tools** 

<u>Image to Binary Converter - Pixels - Online Decoder Tool</u>

image withe a secret binary message - Google Search

java - How to convert image byte array into a bitmap after altering with the byte array - Stack

Overflow

little-endian - Google Search

RGB color space - Wikipedia

SI110: Steganography

skole.bin

skole.png

Steganographic Decoder

Steganographic Encoder

Steganography - Hiding data in plain sight - CodeProject

Steganography - How many bytes of information can you hide in a \$1024 \times 768\$

photo? - Cryptography Stack Exchange

Steganography - Wikipedia

steganography decoder without password

Steganography Online

steganography sample image - Google Search

Steganography Tutorial: Least Significant Bit (LSB) | BoiteAKlou's Infosec Blog Text to Binary Converter

The Least Significant Bit Technique - Google Search

what is steganography - Google Search

WinHex: Hex Editor & Disk Editor, Computer Forensics & Data Recovery Software

### 3 biggest problems:

- 1. Multiply option regarding <u>Steganography</u> (cyber-security etc...)
- 2. Find a right editor we thought could help us find a solution towards decrypt the message.
- 3. We ended up having the image convert to pixel, but we didn't find a solution to distract the blue pixels to get the hidden message.

#### Diary every 30 min:

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- Try to find out what <u>Steganography</u> means and is.
- Find an example of a picture.

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- Try to convert a picture into binary.
- We used the cph-picture from the exercise to convert

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- Trying to find a way to convert from binary to bytes
- We have found a way to convert an image to binary

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- Starting from scratch
- Try to find out what little-endian is.

#### **Brief summary:**

We first tried to find out what <u>Steganography</u> is. Then we convert the image into different formats. First into bites and then from bites to bytes, from bytes to ASCII, little-endian. We used a lot of time trying to find an online solution like a converter to decrypt the image.

We found an interesting webpage, where they explained how pixels are used to hide a message by rewriting(changing) the last two least significant bytes. Those two bytes on each line of red, green and blue are read as bytes converter than to ASCII revealing the message.

After trying a lot of different approaches we decided not to go further, because in this assignment we felt that our progress was more important than the solution.

A possible solution could be to write/find a program that could decrypt the secret message from the image.