

Assignment 2: Cracking Passwords and Extracting Stego Message

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Procedure

To crack the passwords of the zip I found a line of code to generate all permutations of 5 letter lowercase words. Then I iterate through the list hashing each word and comparing it to the passwords. When all three are found the iteration stops and the passwords are printed to stdout.

To extract the message I first installed Python Image Library. Then I use the PIL to extract the pixels of the image from the file "DCIM_2837.png", then specifically the red values. After that I converted the values to binary and stripped the last bits off of the binary. Finally, I convert the binary to characters and output it as 'watermark.txt.'

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Usage

You will need python 2.7 to run my programs.

For "password_cracker.py" just use the following command (this one takes a minute):

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python password_cracker.py
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For "message_extractor.py", in the directory with the image file "DCIM_2837.png" run the following command:

```
python message_extractor.py
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Bonus

Is it:

Lost and insecure

You found me, you found me

Lyin' on the floor

Surrounded, surrounded

Why'd you have to wait?

Where were you? Where were you?

Just a little late

You found me, you found me

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