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1  import sys
2  from BitVector import *
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4  def cryptBreak(ciphertextFile, key_bv):
5      BLOCKSIZE = 16
6      numbytes = BLOCKSIZE // 8
7      PassPhrase = "Hopes and dreams of a million years"
8      bv_iv = BitVector(bitlist = [0]*BLOCKSIZE)
9      for i in range(0, len(PassPhrase) // numbytes):
10         textstr = PassPhrase[i*numbytes:(i+1)*numbytes]
11         bv_iv ^= BitVector(textstring = textstr)
12     file = open(ciphertextFile, "r")
13     encrypted_bv = BitVector(hexstring = file.read().strip())
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15     for key in range(65536):
16         key_bv = BitVector(intVal = key, size = 16)
17         msg_decrypted_bv = BitVector(size = 0)
18         previous_decrypted_block = bv_iv
19         for i in range(0, len(encrypted_bv) // BLOCKSIZE):
20             bv = encrypted_bv[i*BLOCKSIZE:(i+1)*BLOCKSIZE]
21             temp = bv.deep_copy()
22             bv ^= previous_decrypted_block
23             previous_decrypted_block = temp
24             bv ^= key_bv
25             msg_decrypted_bv += bv
26         if 'Mark Twain' in msg_decrypted_bv.get_text_from_bitvector():
27             return str(msg_decrypted_bv.get_text_from_bitvector())
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29 if __name__ == '__main__':
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31     final = cryptBreak("/Users/DhruvMac/Documents/College/GitHub/ECE404/HW1/cipher.txt", 224)
32     print(final)

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It is my belief that nearly any invented quotation, played with confidence, stands a good chance to deceive.

- Mark Twain

My code results in the above answers. The way I did this is by reading the lecture slides and also going through the professor's code line by line. I set the block size to 16 and then create a bit vector for the pass phrase as well as for the key. I then use the decryptforfun code to decrypt it and then I check for mark twain after each key is used and once it finds it, it breaks the code. In my main I am simply just calling my cryptBreak function by giving it the cipher text along with a random key_bv which essentially doesn't matter.