
CAPSTONE PROJECT

SECURE DATA HIDING IN IMAGE USING STEGANOGRAPHY

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

- **Introduction:**

- Cyberattacks and data breaches are on the rise.
- Sensitive information is vulnerable to interception and hacking.

- **Challenge:**

- Need for innovative methods to securely transmit data.
- Traditional security methods (e.g., encryption) are often vulnerable to attacks.

- **Solution:**

- **Steganography:** Hiding data within images to prevent unauthorized access.

TECHNOLOGY USED

- **Steganography Techniques:**

- **Least Significant Bit (LSB):** Embedding data in the least significant bits of an image.
- **Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT):** Hiding data within the image's frequency domain.

- **Image Processing Tools:**

- OpenCV (Python) or PIL (Python Imaging Library) for image manipulation.

- **Encryption (Optional):**

- AES Encryption for securing data before embedding.

- **Programming Languages:**

- Python (preferred for simplicity and versatility).

WOW FACTORS

- **Invisible Data:** Data hidden in an image without visible changes.
- **Two Layers of Security:** Combination of steganography and encryption.
- **Real-World Use Cases:** Secure communication, digital watermarking, and private data storage.
- **Increased Privacy:** Provides a more secure alternative to conventional data transmission methods.

END USERS

- **Corporate Sector:**

- Securely send sensitive business documents.

- **Government Agencies:**

- Protect confidential communications, especially in intelligence operations.

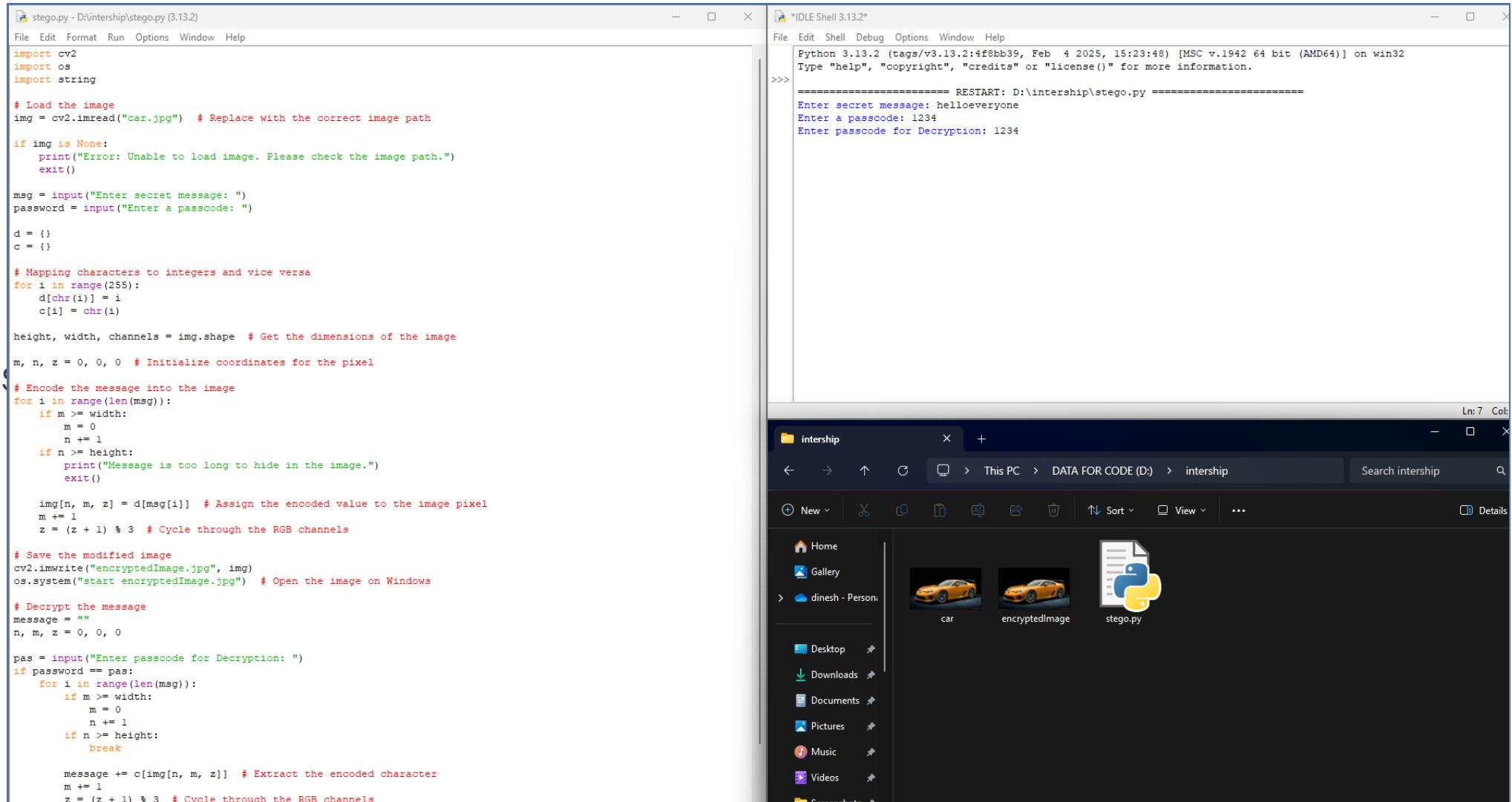
- **Individuals:**

- Secure personal data (photos, documents) shared online.

- **Cybersecurity Professionals:**

- Use in secure data exchanges and to detect hidden threats.

RESULTS



The image displays a Python script named `stego.py` in a text editor, its execution in an IDLE Shell, and a file explorer showing the resulting files.

Python Script (`stego.py`):

```
import cv2
import os
import string

# Load the image
img = cv2.imread("car.jpg") # Replace with the correct image path

if img is None:
    print("Error: Unable to load image. Please check the image path.")
    exit()

msg = input("Enter secret message: ")
password = input("Enter a passcode: ")

d = {}
c = {}

# Mapping characters to integers and vice versa
for i in range(255):
    d[chr(i)] = i
    c[i] = chr(i)

height, width, channels = img.shape # Get the dimensions of the image
m, n, z = 0, 0, 0 # Initialize coordinates for the pixel

# Encode the message into the image
for i in range(len(msg)):
    if m >= width:
        m = 0
        n += 1
    if n >= height:
        print("Message is too long to hide in the image.")
        exit()

    img[n, m, z] = d[msg[i]] # Assign the encoded value to the image pixel
    m += 1
    z = (z + 1) % 3 # Cycle through the RGB channels

# Save the modified image
cv2.imwrite("encryptedImage.jpg", img)
os.system("start encryptedImage.jpg") # Open the image on Windows

# Decrypt the message
message = ""
n, m, z = 0, 0, 0

pas = input("Enter passcode for Decryption: ")
if password == pas:
    for i in range(len(msg)):
        if m >= width:
            m = 0
            n += 1
        if n >= height:
            break

        message += c[img[n, m, z]] # Extract the encoded character
        m += 1
        z = (z + 1) % 3 # Cycle through the RGB channels
```

IDLE Shell Output:

```
Python 3.13.2 (tags/v3.13.2:4f0bb39, Feb 4 2025, 15:23:48) [MSC v.1942 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.

>>>
===== RESTART: D:\intership\stego.py =====
Enter secret message: helloeveryone
Enter a passcode: 1234
Enter passcode for Decryption: 1234
```

File Explorer:

The file explorer shows the directory `intership` containing three files: `car` (an image of a yellow sports car), `encryptedImage` (an image of the same car with a grid overlay), and `stego.py` (a Python script file).

CONCLUSION

- **Effective Security Solution:** Steganography provides a unique and effective method to protect data.
- **Combining Encryption and Steganography:** Enhances security and privacy.
- **Practical Use:** Offers real-world applicability for secure data transmission.
- **Scalability:** Adaptable for various domains such as secure messaging, digital watermarks, and file protection.

GITHUB LINK

- [HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/DINZS01/MY_PROJECT_01.GIT](https://github.com/DINZS01/MY_PROJECT_01.git)

FUTURE SCOPE(OPTIONAL)

- **Advanced Algorithms:**

- Development of more robust algorithms that withstand attacks.

- **AI Integration:**

- Use of AI to detect steganography or improve its detection.

- **Real-Time Applications:**

- Implementations in secure communication apps or file-sharing platforms.

- **Multimedia Data:**

- Hiding complex data like audio and video in addition to images.



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