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MD5 Collision Attack Lab

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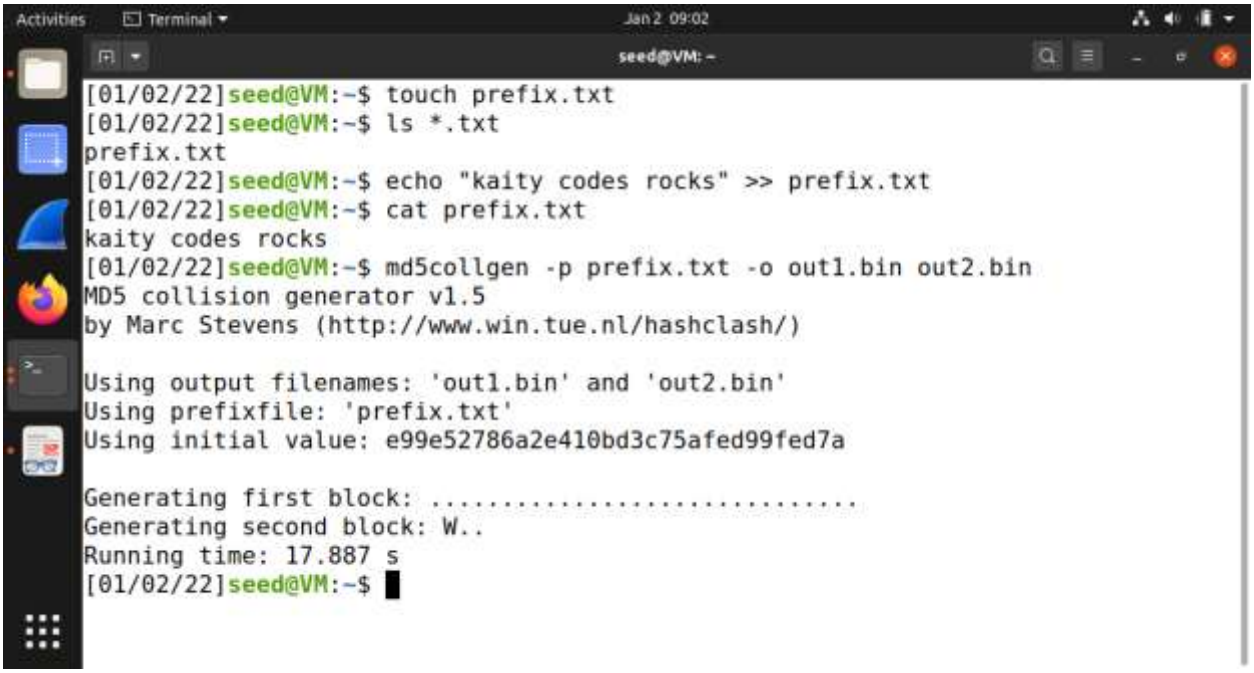
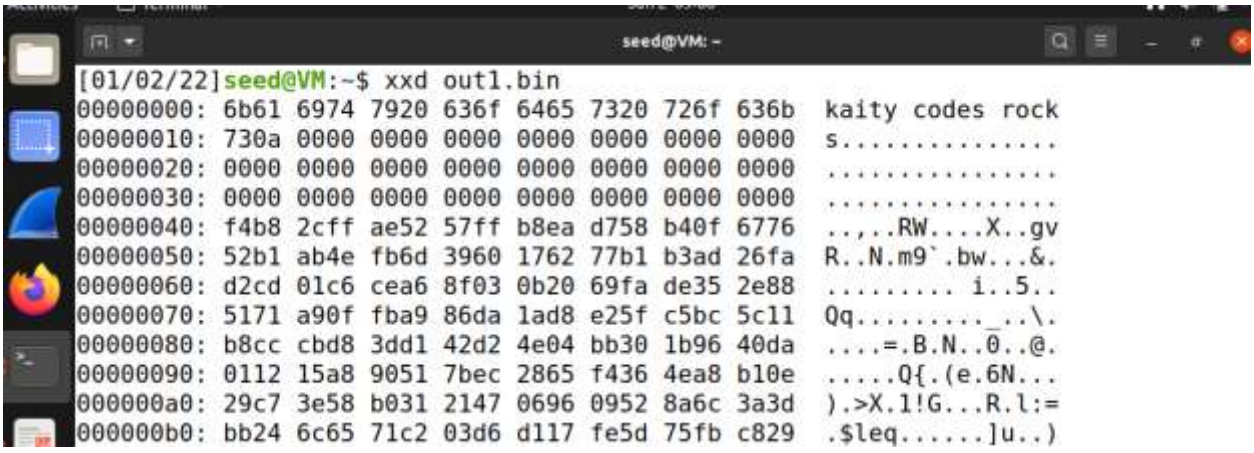
Task 1: Generating Two Different Files with the Same MD5 Hash

We will generate two different files with the same MD5 hash values. The beginning parts of these two files need to be the same. They share the same prefix. We can achieve this using the md5collgen program, which allows us to provide a prefix file with any arbitrary content.
The following command generates two output files, out1.bin and out2.bin, for a given a prefix file prefix.txt:

$ md5collgen -p prefix.txt -o out1.bin out2.bin



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[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ xxd out2.bin
00000000: 6b61 6974 7920 636f 6465 7320 726f 636b  kaity codes rock
00000010: 730a 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000  s...............
00000020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000  ................
00000030: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000  ................
00000040: f4b8 2cff ae52 57ff b8ea d758 b40f 6776  ..,..RW....X..gv
00000050: 52b1 abce fb6d 3960 1762 77b1 b3ad 26fa  R....m9`.bw...&.
00000060: d2cd 01c6 cea6 8f03 0b20 69fa deb5 2e88  ......... i.....
00000070: 5171 a90f fba9 86da 1ad8 e2df c5bc 5c11  Qq............\.
00000080: b8cc cbd8 3dd1 42d2 4e04 bb30 1b96 40da  ....=.B.N..0..@.
00000090: 0112 1528 9051 7bec 2865 f436 4ea8 b10e  ...(.Q{.(e.6N...
000000a0: 29c7 3e58 b031 2147 0696 0952 8aec 393d  ).>X.1!G...R..9=
000000b0: bb24 6c65 71c2 03d6 d117 fedd 75fb c829  .$leq.......u..)
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$
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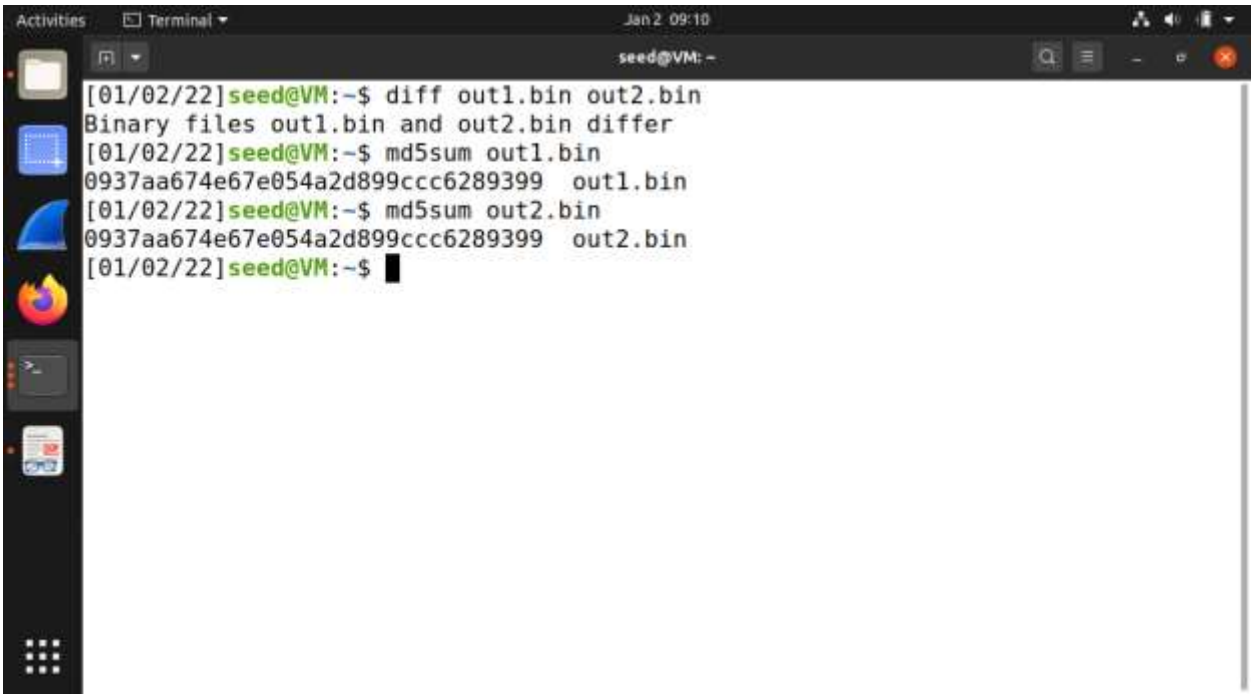
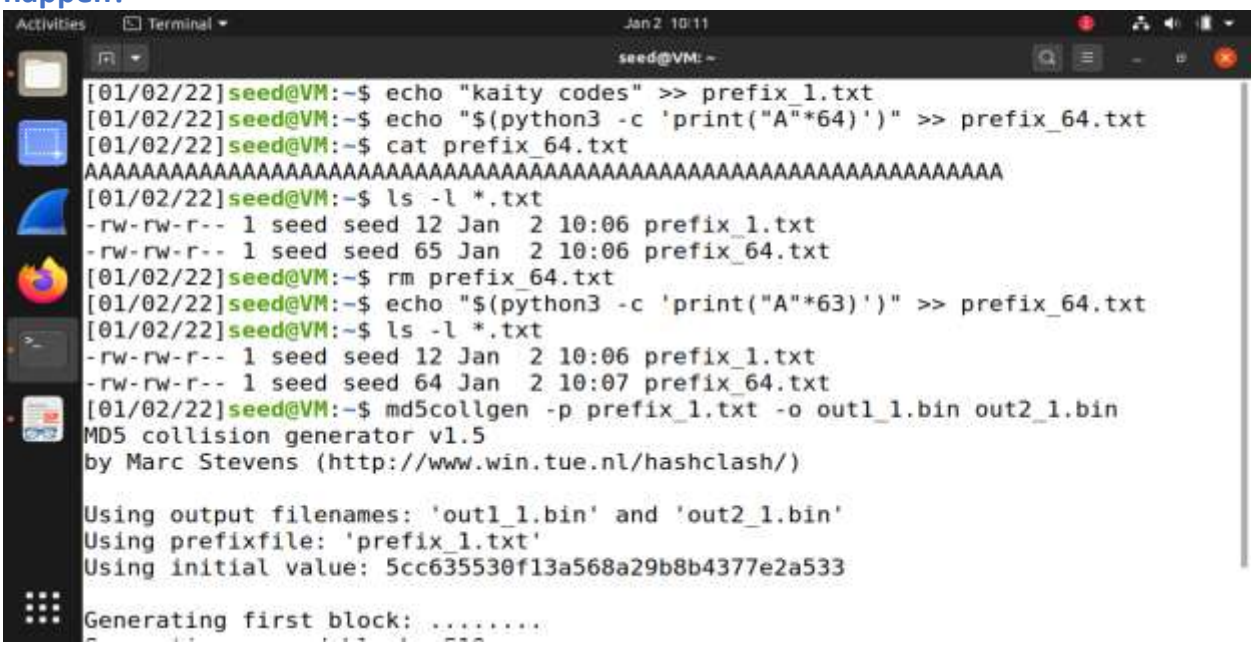
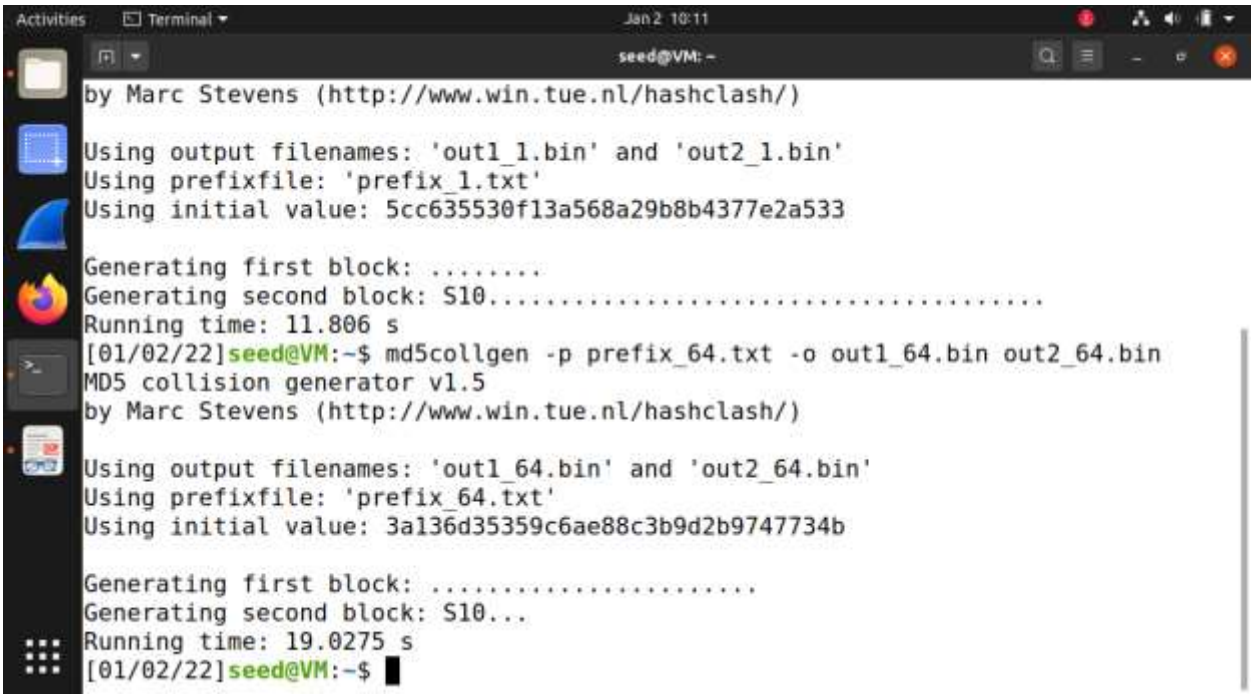
We can check whether the output files are distinct or not using the diff command. We can also use the md5sum command to check the MD5 hash of each output file. See the following commands.

$ diff out1.bin out2.bin
$ md5sum out1.bin
$ md5sum out2.bin

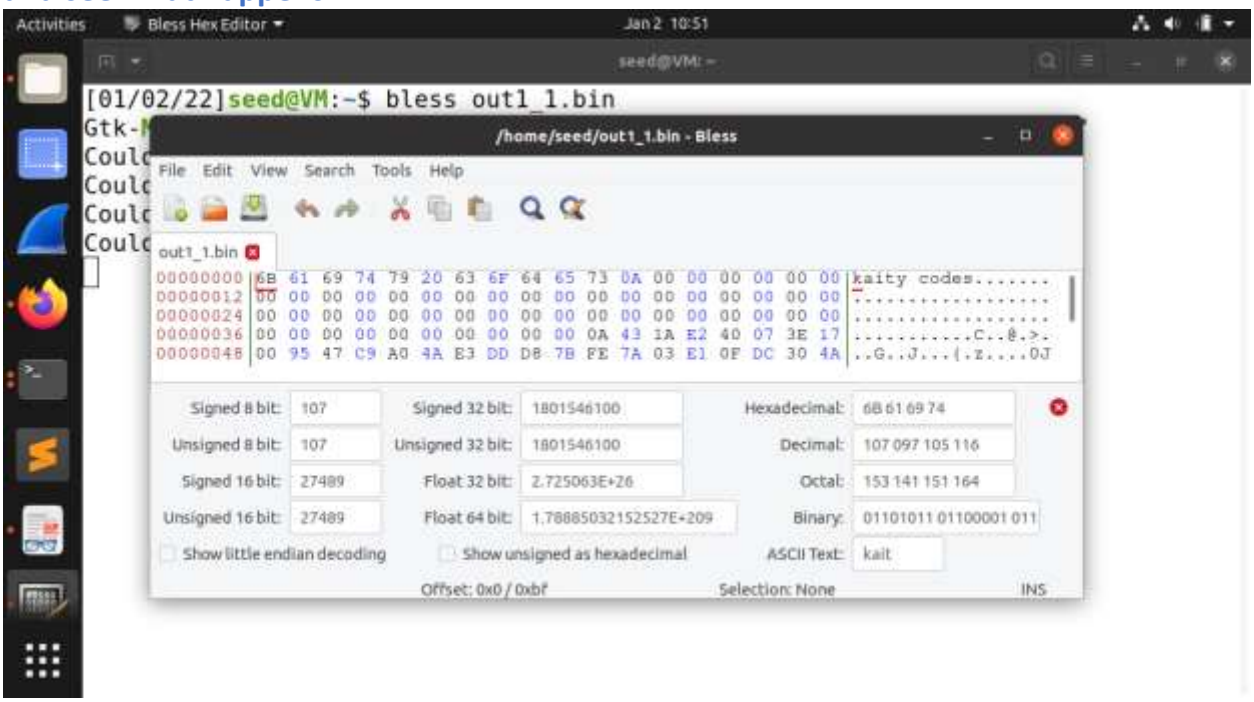


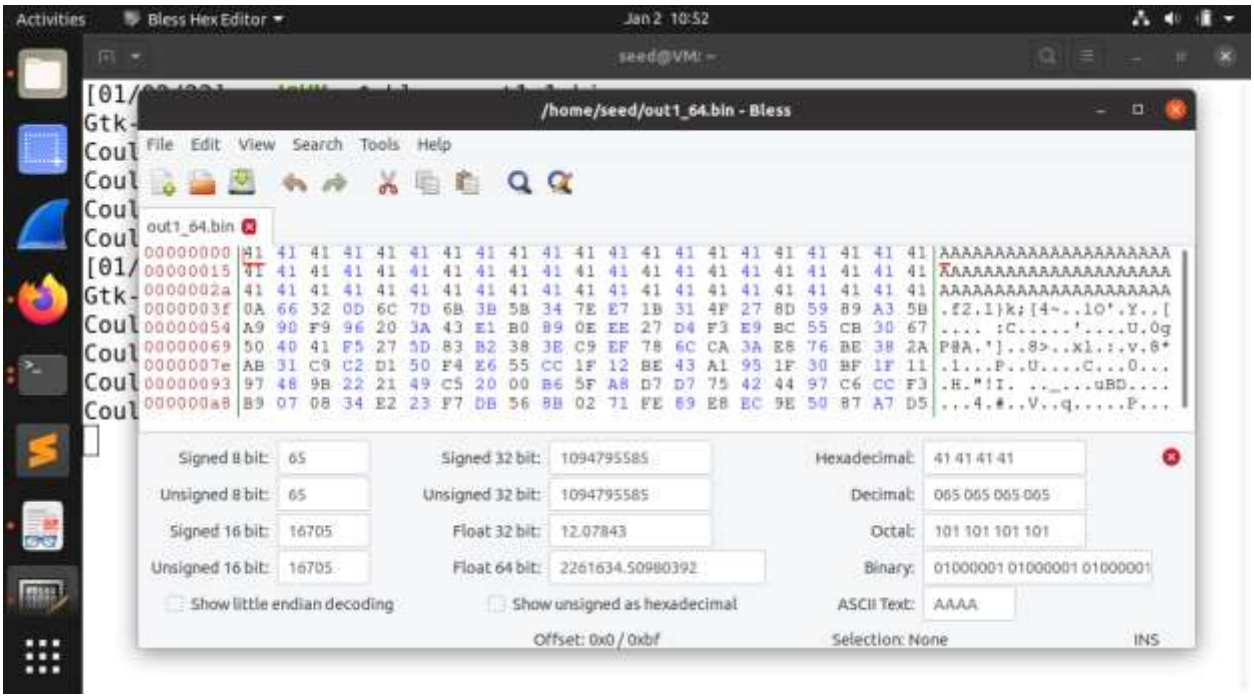
– Question 1. If the length of your prefix file is not multiple of 64, what is going to happen?

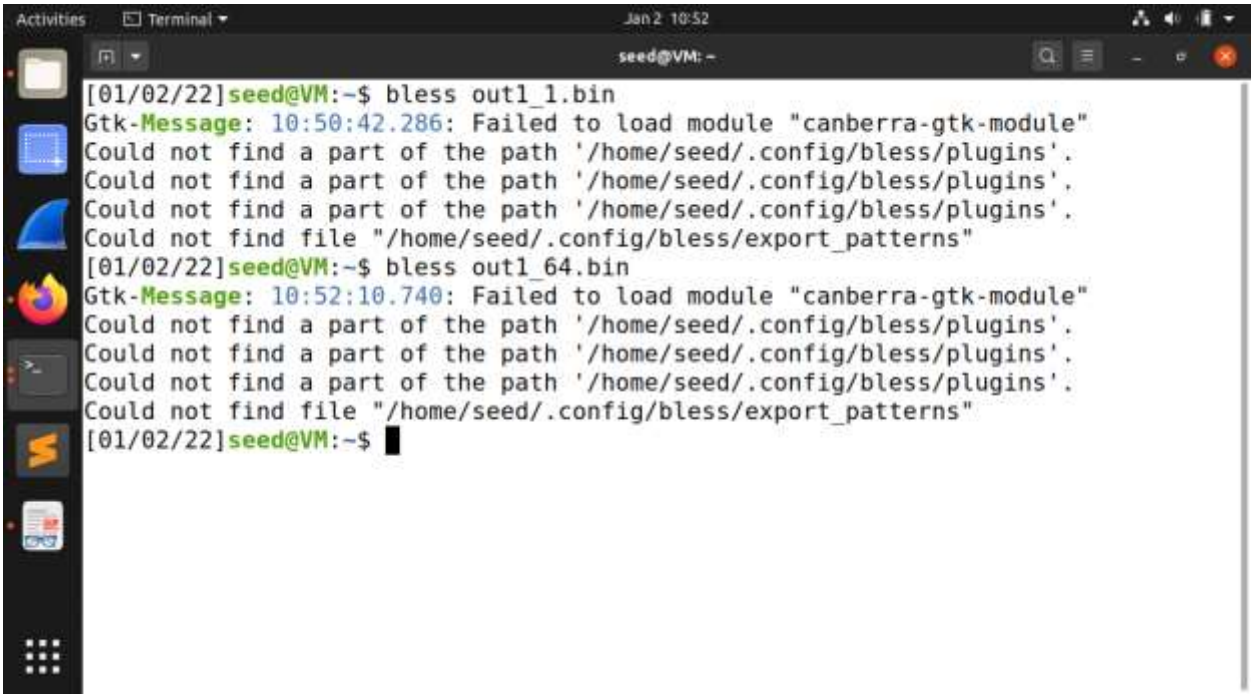




– Question 2. Create a prefix file with exactly 64 bytes, and run the collision tool again, and see what happens.




Activities
Bless Hex Editor
Jan 2 10:52
seed@VM: ~
/home/seed/out1_64.bin - Bless
File Edit View Search Tools Help
out1_64.bin
00000000 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000015 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
0000002a 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
0000003f 0A 66 32 0D 6C 7D 6B 3B 5B 34 7E E7 1B 31 4F 27 8D 59 89 A3 5B .f2.l}k;[4~..1O'.Y..[
00000054 A9 90 F9 96 20 3A 43 E1 B0 89 0E EE 27 D4 F3 E9 BC 55 CB 30 67 .... :C.....'....U.0g
00000069 50 40 41 F5 27 5D 83 B2 38 3E C9 EF 78 6C CA 3A E8 76 BE 38 2A P@A.']..8>..xl.:.v.8*
0000007e AB 31 C9 C2 D1 50 F4 E6 55 CC 1F 12 BE 43 A1 95 1F 30 BF 1F 11 .1...P..U....C...0...
00000093 97 48 9B 22 21 49 C5 20 00 B6 5F A8 D7 D7 75 42 44 97 C6 CC F3 .H."!I. .._...uBD....
000000a8 B9 07 08 34 E2 23 F7 DB 56 8B 02 71 FE 89 E8 EC 9E 50 87 A7 D5 ...4.#..V..q.....P...
Signed 8 bit: 65
Unsigned 8 bit: 65
Signed 16 bit: 16705
Unsigned 16 bit: 16705
Signed 32 bit: 1094795585
Unsigned 32 bit: 1094795585
Float 32 bit: 12.07843
Float 64 bit: 2261634.50980392
Hexadecimal: 41 41 41 41
Decimal: 065 065 065 065
Octal: 101 101 101 101
Binary: 01000001 01000001 01000001
ASCII Text: AAAA
Show little endian decoding
Show unsigned as hexadecimal
Offset: 0x0 / 0xbf
Selection: None
INS


Activities
Terminal
Jan 2 10:52
seed@VM: ~
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ bless out1_1.bin
Gtk-Message: 10:50:42.286: Failed to load module "canberra-gtk-module"
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find file "/home/seed/.config/bless/export_patterns"
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ bless out1_64.bin
Gtk-Message: 10:52:10.740: Failed to load module "canberra-gtk-module"
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find file "/home/seed/.config/bless/export_patterns"
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$

– Question 3. Are the data (128 bytes) generated by md5collgen completely different for the two output files? Please identify all the bytes that are different.

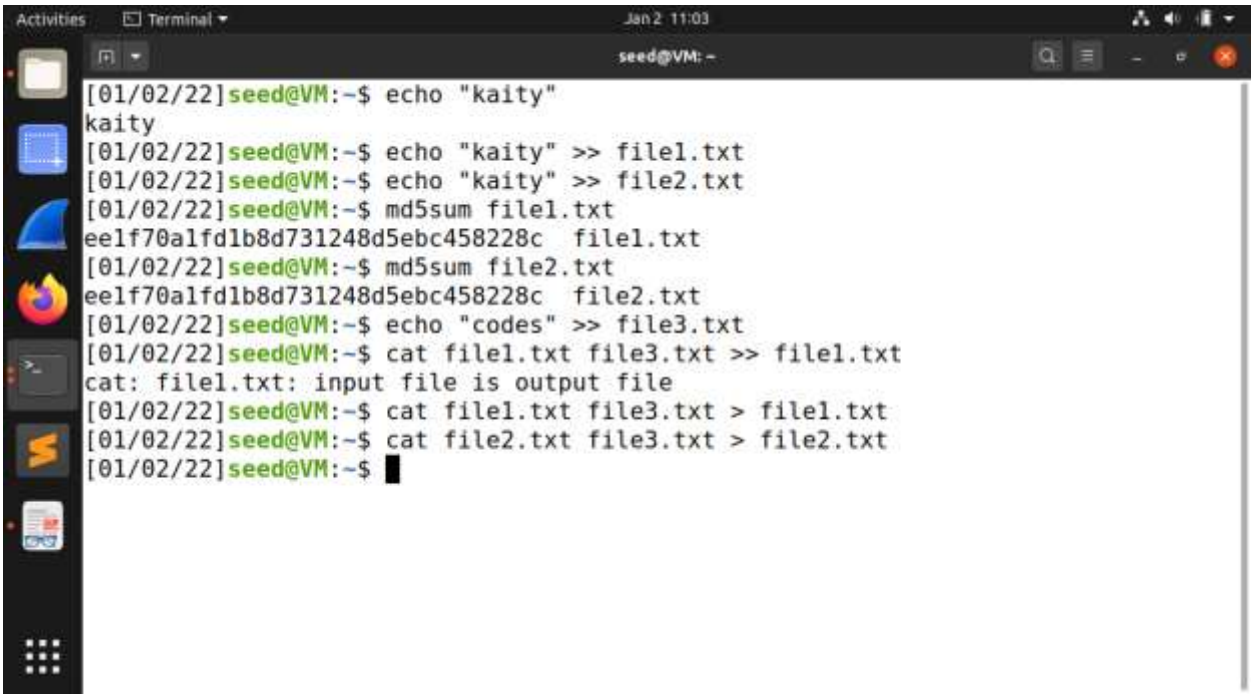
Task 2: Understanding MD5's Property

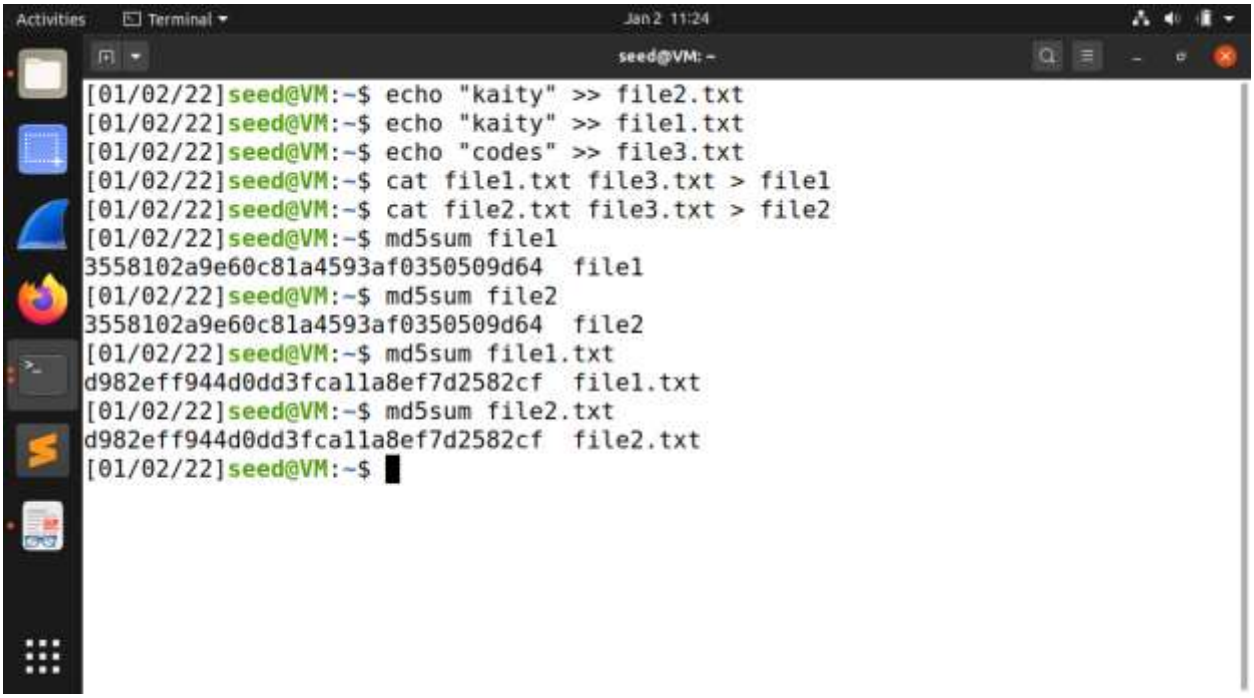
We will try to understand some of the properties of the MD5 algorithm. These properties are important for us to conduct further tasks in this lab. MD5 is a quite complicated algorithm, but from very high level, it is not so complicated.

MD5 divides the input data into blocks of 64 bytes, and then computes the hash iteratively on these blocks. The core of the MD5 algorithm is a compression function, which takes two inputs, a 64-byte data block and the outcome of the previous iteration. The compression function produces a 128-bit IHV, which stands for "Intermediate Hash Value"; this output is then fed into the next iteration. If the current iteration is the last one, the IHV will be the final hash value. The IHV input for the first iteration (IHV_0) is a fixed value.

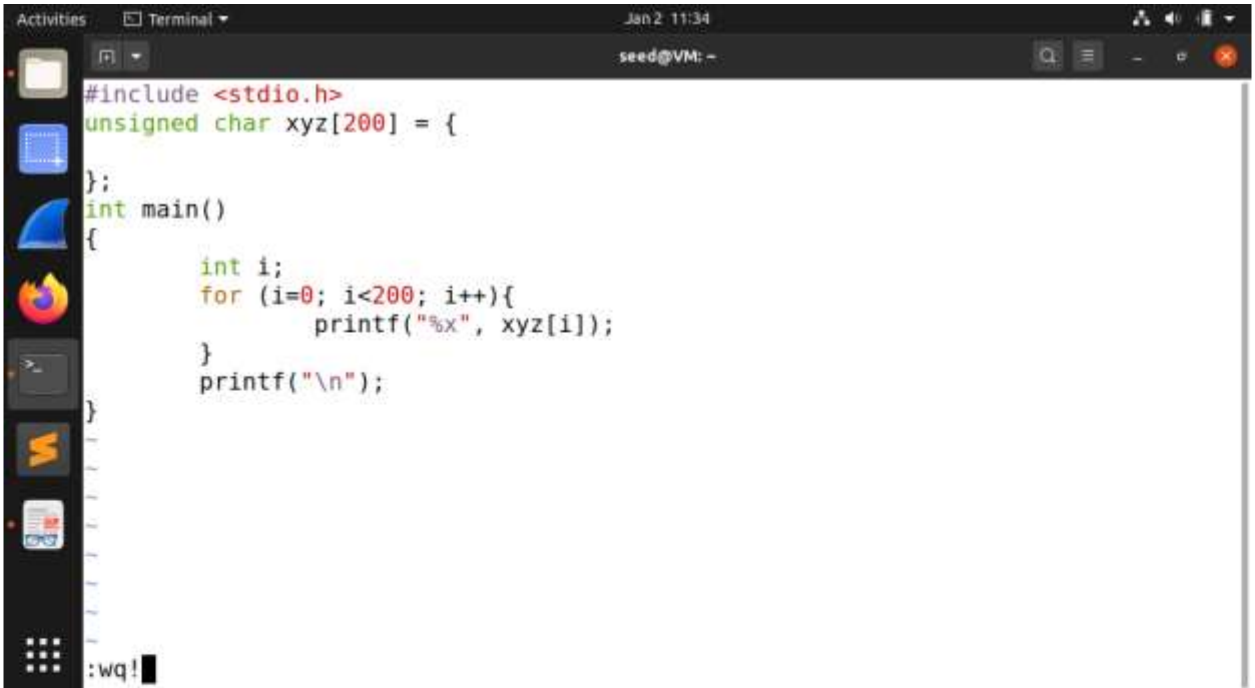
Use the cat command to concatenate two files (binary or text files) into one. The following command concatenates the contents of file2 to the contents of file1, and places the result in file3.

$ cat file1 file2 > file3


Activities
Terminal
Jan 2 11:03
seed@VM: ~
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ echo "kaity"
kaity
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ echo "kaity" >> file1.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ echo "kaity" >> file2.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5sum file1.txt
ee1f70a1fd1b8d731248d5ebc458228c file1.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5sum file2.txt
ee1f70a1fd1b8d731248d5ebc458228c file2.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ echo "codes" >> file3.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat file1.txt file3.txt >> file1.txt
cat: file1.txt: input file is output file
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat file1.txt file3.txt > file1.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat file2.txt file3.txt > file2.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$


Activities
Terminal
Jan 2 11:24
seed@VM: ~
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ echo "kaity" >> file2.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ echo "kaity" >> file1.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ echo "codes" >> file3.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat file1.txt file3.txt > file1
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat file2.txt file3.txt > file2
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5sum file1
3558102a9e60c81a4593af0350509d64 file1
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5sum file2
3558102a9e60c81a4593af0350509d64 file2
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5sum file1.txt
d982eff944d0dd3fca11a8ef7d2582cf file1.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5sum file2.txt
d982eff944d0dd3fca11a8ef7d2582cf file2.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$

Task 3: Generating Two Executable Files with the Same MD5 Hash




Activities
Terminal
Jan 2 11:38
seed@VM: ~
#include <stdio.h>
unsigned char xyz[200] = {
0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,
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0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41
};
int main()
{
int i;
for (i=0; i<200; i++){
:wq!


Activities
Terminal
Jan 2 11:39
seed@VM: ~
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ echo "$(python3 -c 'print("0x41,"*199)')" > out.txt
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ vi task3.c
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat out.txt
0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,
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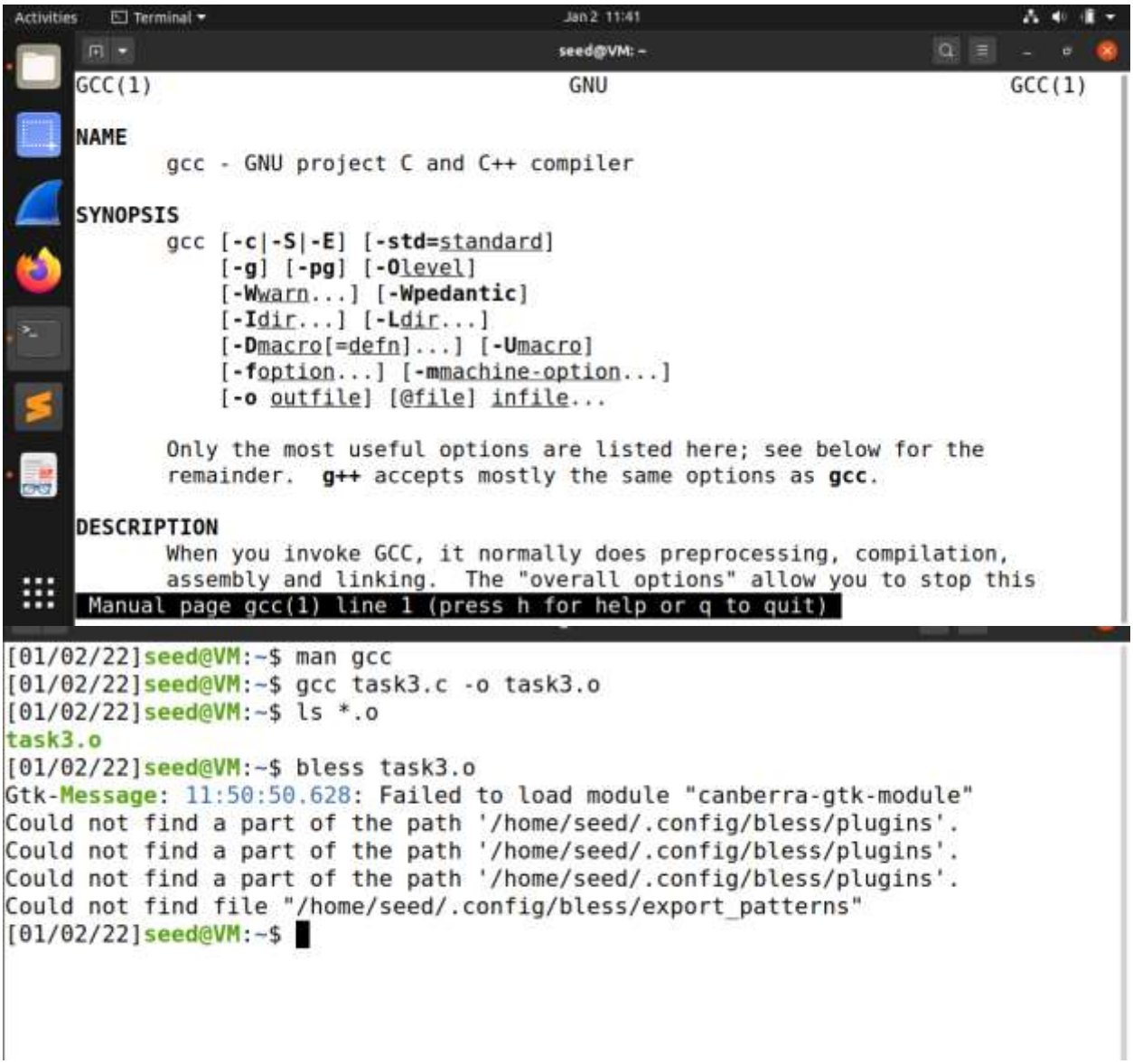
0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ vi task3.c
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ clear

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[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ man gcc
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ gcc task3.c -o task3.o
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ ls *.o
task3.o
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ bless task3.o
Gtk-Message: 11:50:50.628: Failed to load module "canberra-gtk-module"
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find file "/home/seed/.config/bless/export_patterns"
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$
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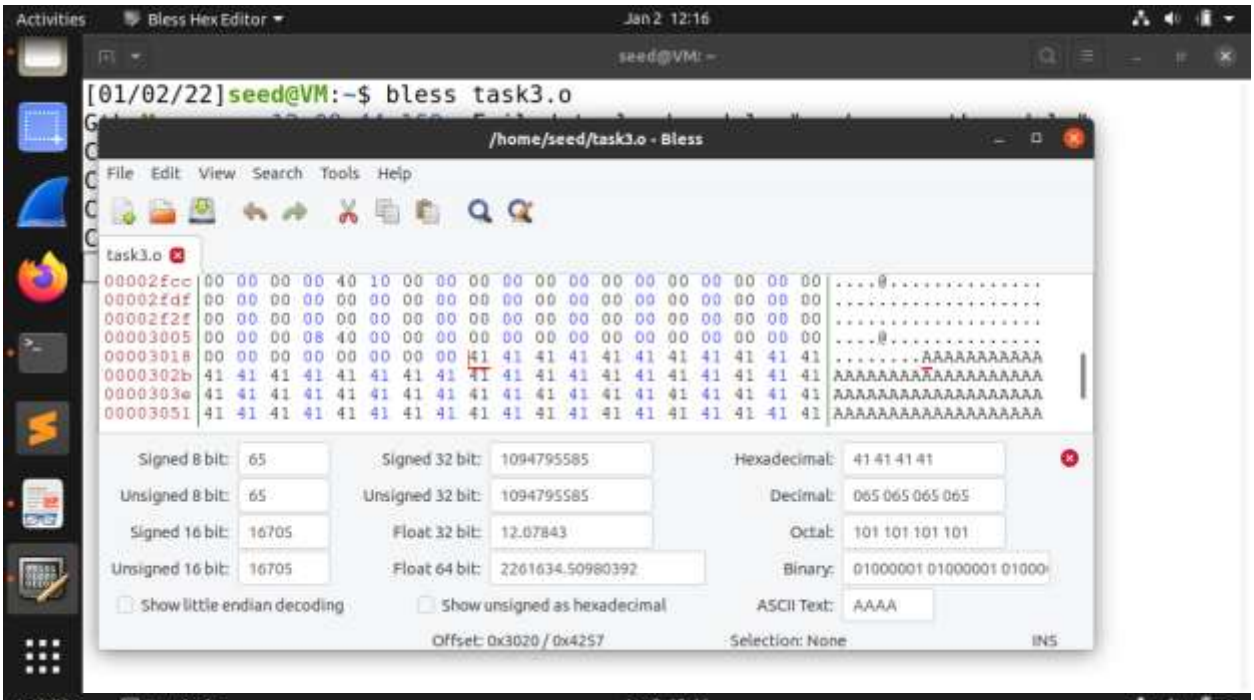
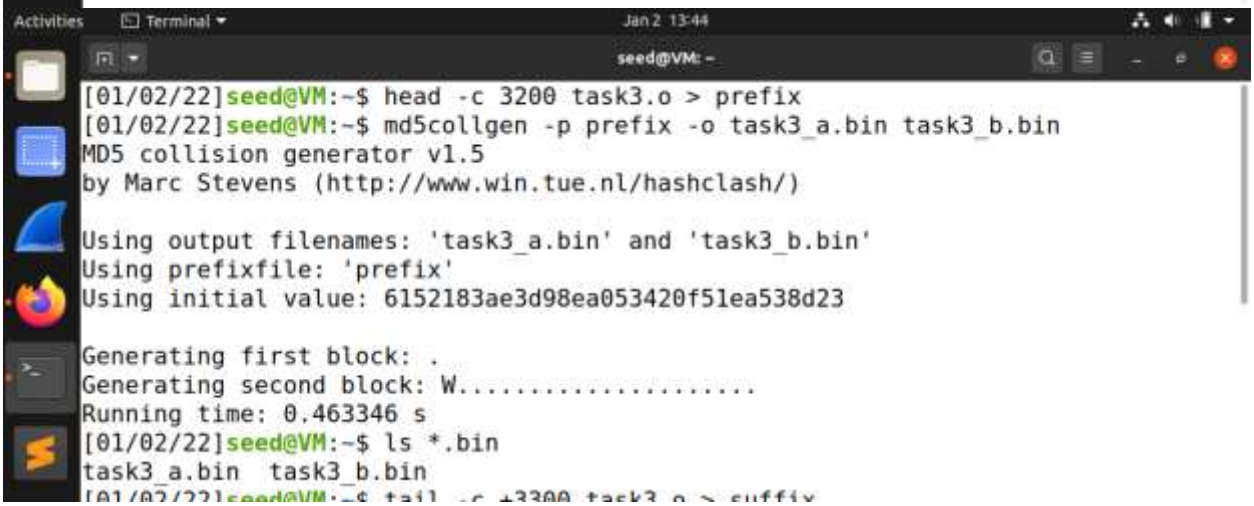
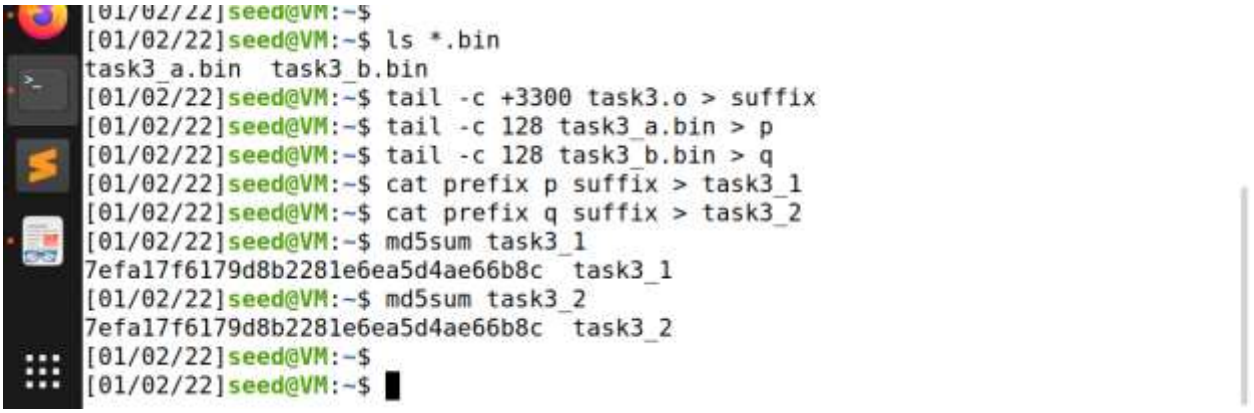
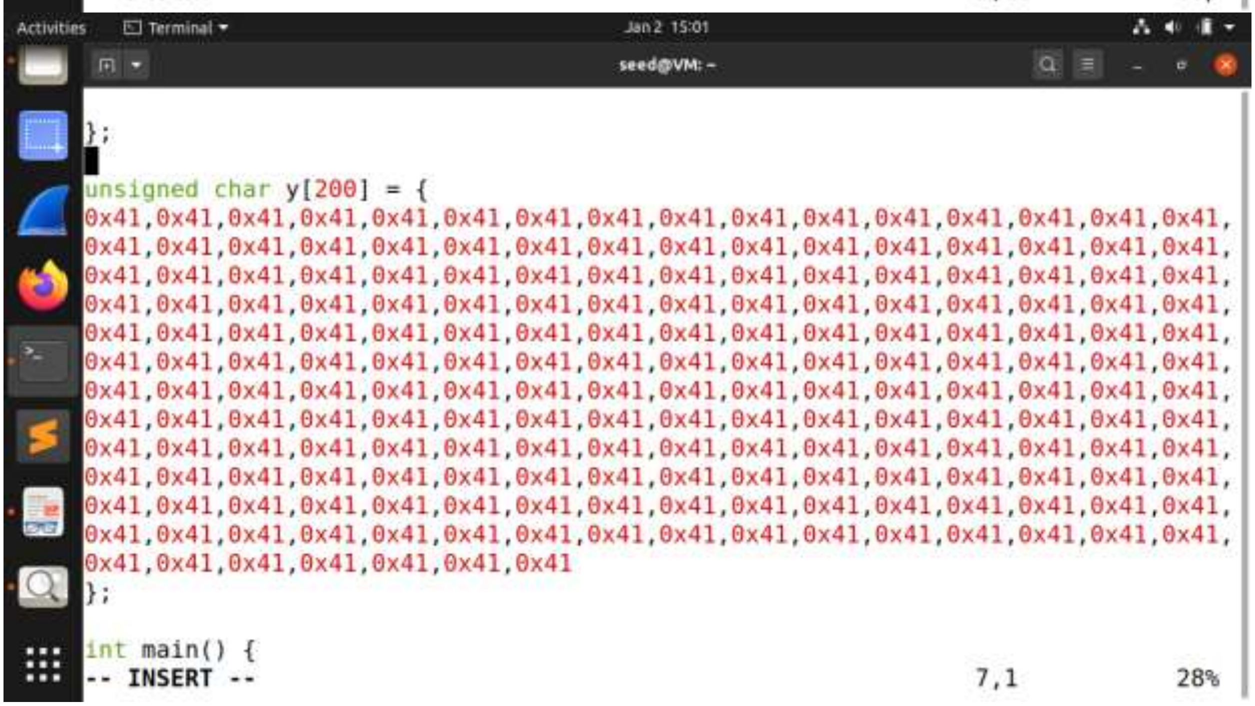
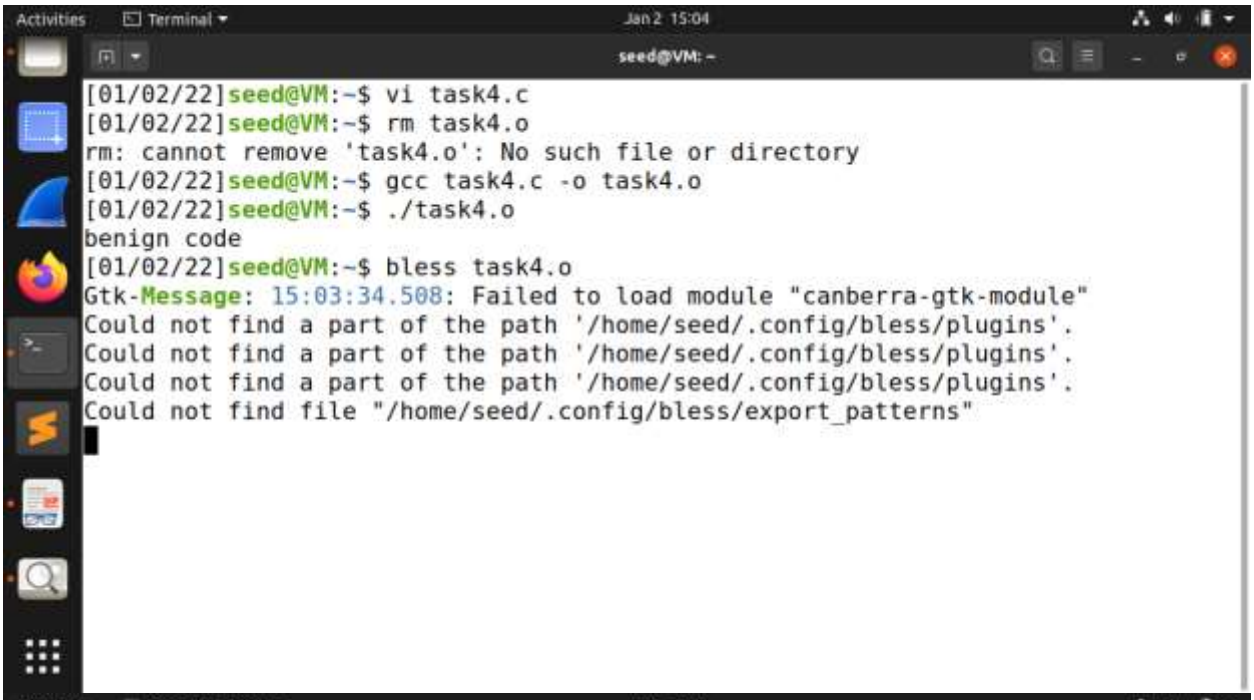

Activities
Bless Hex Editor
Jan 2 12:16
seed@VM: ~
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ bless task3.o
/home/seed/task3.o - Bless
File Edit View Search Tools Help
task3.o
00002fcc 00 00 00 00 40 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ....@...............
00002fdf 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ....
00002f2f 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ....
00003005 00 00 00 08 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ....@...............
00003018 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 ........AAAAAAAAAAAA
0000302b 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
0000303e 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00003051 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Signed 8 bit: 65
Unsigned 8 bit: 65
Signed 16 bit: 16705
Unsigned 16 bit: 16705
Signed 32 bit: 1094795585
Unsigned 32 bit: 1094795585
Float 32 bit: 12.07843
Float 64 bit: 2261634.50980392
Hexadecimal: 41 41 41 41
Decimal: 065 065 065 065
Octal: 101 101 101 101
Binary: 01000001 01000001 01000
ASCII Text: AAAA
Show little endian decoding
Show unsigned as hexadecimal
Offset: 0x3020 / 0x4257
Selection: None
INS

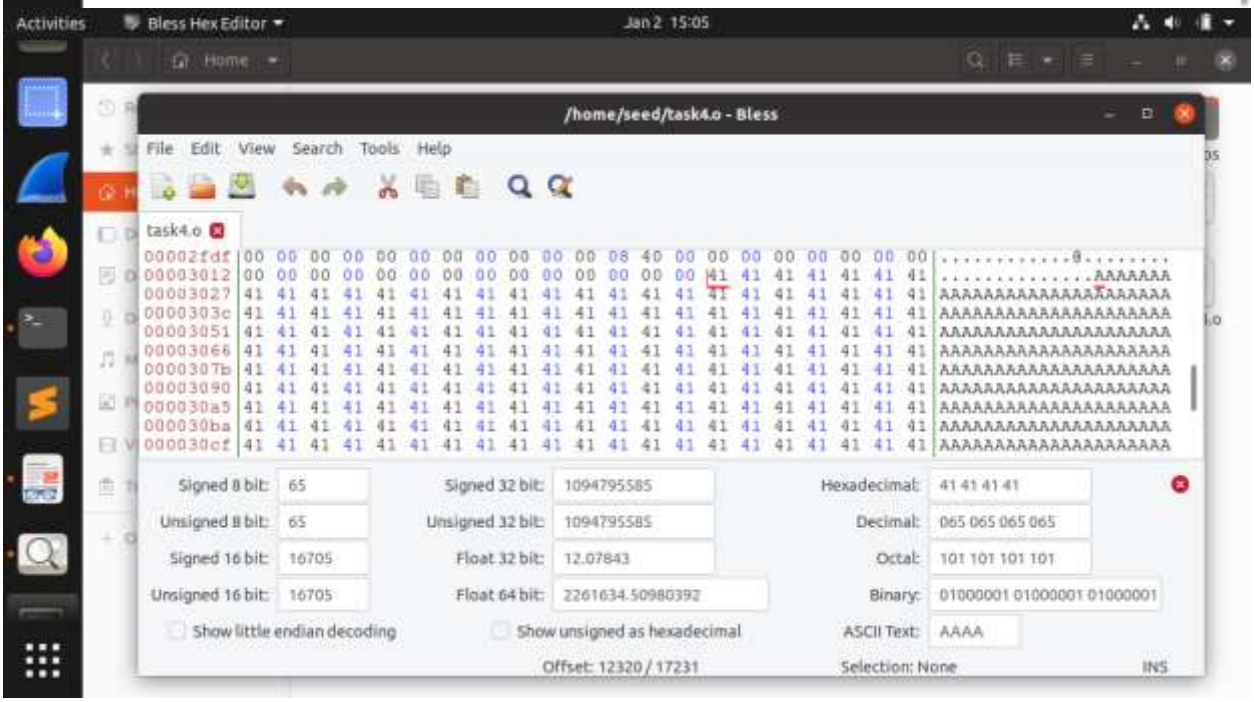

Activities
Terminal
Jan 2 13:44
seed@VM: ~
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ head -c 3200 task3.o > prefix
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5collgen -p prefix -o task3_a.bin task3_b.bin
MD5 collision generator v1.5
by Marc Stevens (http://www.win.tue.nl/hashclash/)
Using output filenames: 'task3_a.bin' and 'task3_b.bin'
Using prefixfile: 'prefix'
Using initial value: 6152183ae3d98ea053420f51ea538d23
Generating first block: .
Generating second block: W.....................
Running time: 0.463346 s
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ ls *.bin
task3_a.bin task3_b.bin


[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ ls *.bin
task3_a.bin task3_b.bin
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ tail -c +3300 task3.o > suffix
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ tail -c 128 task3_a.bin > p
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ tail -c 128 task3_b.bin > q
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat prefix p suffix > task3_1
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat prefix q suffix > task3_2
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5sum task3_1
7efa17f6179d8b2281e6ea5d4ae66b8c task3_1
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5sum task3_2
7efa17f6179d8b2281e6ea5d4ae66b8c task3_2
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$

Task 4: Making the Two Programs Behave Differently




Activities
Terminal
Jan 2 15:04
seed@VM: ~
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ vi task4.c
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ rm task4.o
rm: cannot remove 'task4.o': No such file or directory
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ gcc task4.c -o task4.o
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ ./task4.o
benign code
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ bless task4.o
Gtk-Message: 15:03:34.508: Failed to load module "canberra-gtk-module"
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find a part of the path '/home/seed/.config/bless/plugins'.
Could not find file "/home/seed/.config/bless/export_patterns"


Activities
Bless Hex Editor
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task4.o
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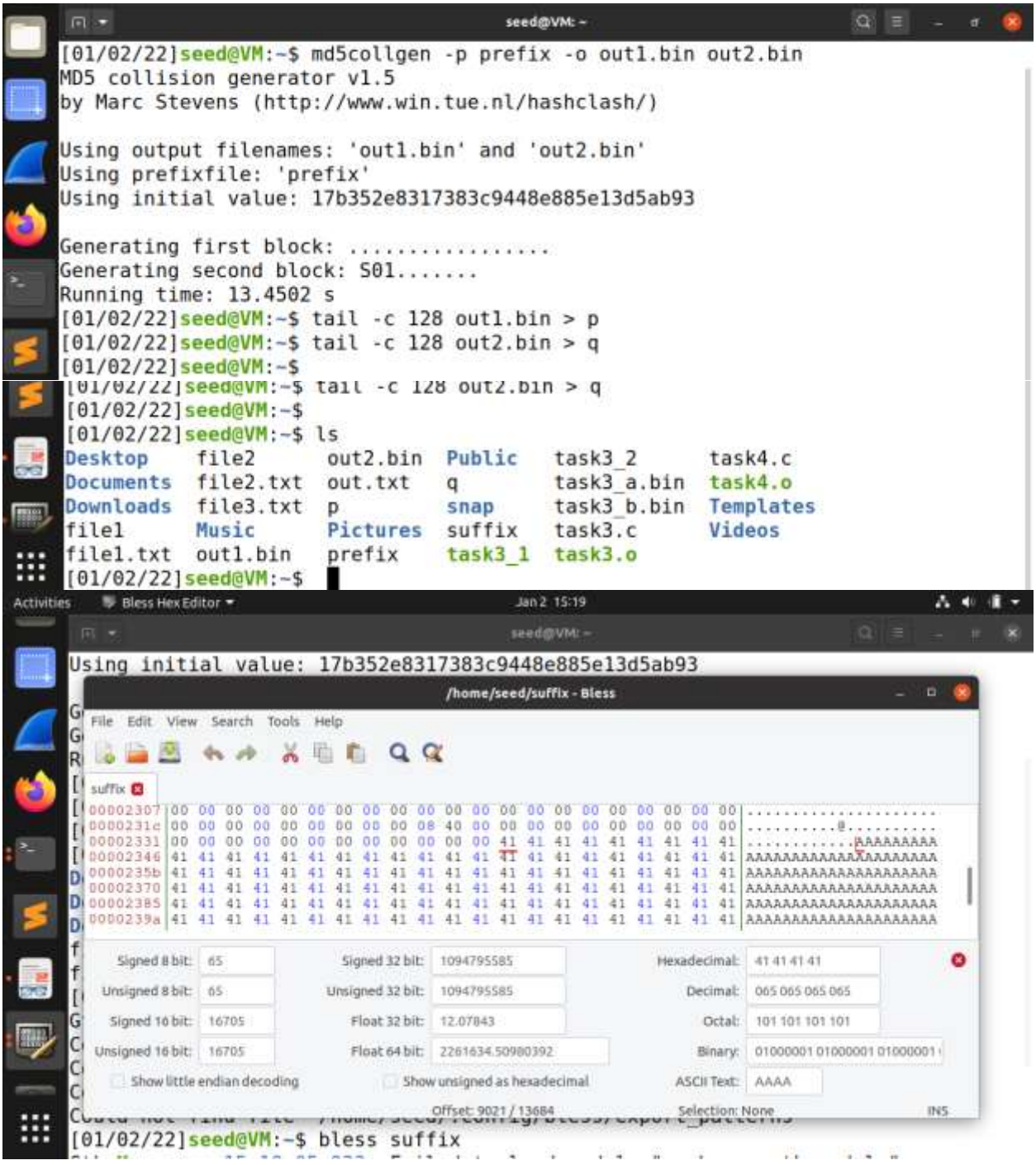
Signed 8 bit: 65
Unsigned 8 bit: 65
Signed 16 bit: 16705
Unsigned 16 bit: 16705
Signed 32 bit: 1094795585
Unsigned 32 bit: 1094795585
Float 32 bit: 12.07843
Float 64 bit: 2261634.50980392
Hexadecimal: 41 41 41 41
Decimal: 065 065 065 065
Octal: 101 101 101 101
Binary: 01000001 01000001 01000001
ASCII Text: AAAA
Show little endian decoding
Show unsigned as hexadecimal
Offset: 12320 / 17231
Selection: None
INS


seed@VM: ~
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ md5collgen -p prefix -o out1.bin out2.bin
MD5 collision generator v1.5
by Marc Stevens (http://www.win.tue.nl/hashclash/)
Using output filenames: 'out1.bin' and 'out2.bin'
Using prefixfile: 'prefix'
Using initial value: 17b352e8317383c9448e885e13d5ab93
Generating first block: ....
Generating second block: S01.....
Running time: 13.4502 s
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ tail -c 128 out1.bin > p
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ tail -c 128 out2.bin > q
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ tail -c 128 out2.bin > q
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ ls
Desktop file2 out2.bin Public task3_2 task4.c
Documents file2.txt out.txt q task3_a.bin task4.o
Downloads file3.txt p snap task3_b.bin Templates
file1 Music Pictures suffix task3.c Videos
file1.txt out1.bin prefix task3_1 task3.o
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$
Activities
Bless Hex Editor
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seed@VM: ~
Using initial value: 17b352e8317383c9448e885e13d5ab93
/home/seed/suffix - Bless
File Edit View Search Tools Help
suffix
00002307 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ....
0000231c 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 08 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ....@..........
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0000239a 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
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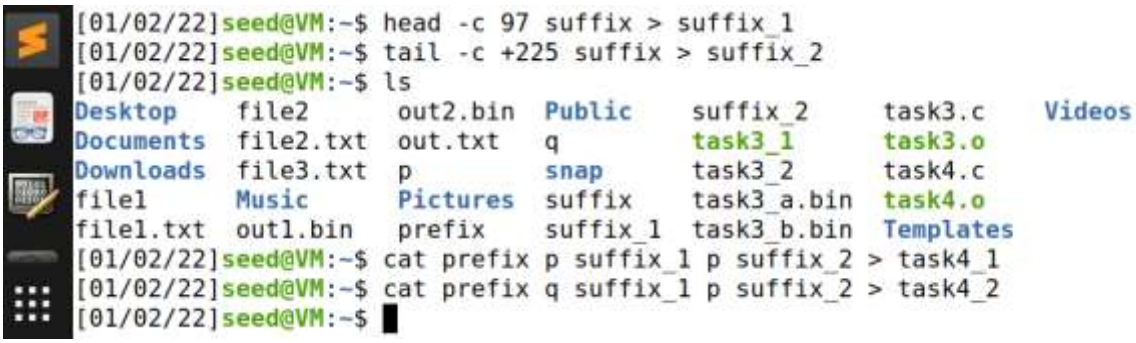
Float 64 bit: 2261634.50980392
Hexadecimal: 41 41 41 41
Decimal: 065 065 065 065
Octal: 101 101 101 101
Binary: 01000001 01000001 01000001
ASCII Text: AAAA
Show little endian decoding
Show unsigned as hexadecimal
Offset: 9021 / 13684
Selection: None
INS
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ bless suffix


[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ head -c 97 suffix > suffix_1
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ tail -c +225 suffix > suffix_2
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ ls
Desktop file2 out2.bin Public suffix_2 task3.c Videos
Documents file2.txt out.txt q task3_1 task3.o
Downloads file3.txt p snap task3_2 task4.c
file1 Music Pictures suffix task3_a.bin task4.o
file1.txt out1.bin prefix suffix_1 task3_b.bin Templates
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat prefix p suffix_1 p suffix_2 > task4_1
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$ cat prefix q suffix_1 p suffix_2 > task4_2
[01/02/22]seed@VM:~$