CODTECH Internship - Task 1 Report

Task Title: File Integrity Checker

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Objective:

To develop a Python-based tool that ensures file integrity by calculating and comparing SHA-256 hash values of files. This tool helps detect file modifications, additions, or tampering.

Technologies/Libraries Used:

- Python
- hashlib
- os
- json

Implementation Summary:

- 1. Created a Python script named 'task1.py'.
- 2. The script calculates the SHA-256 hash of any file provided by the user.
- 3. It compares the current hash with a stored hash in 'file hashes.json'.
- 4. Based on comparison, it displays whether the file is new, unchanged, or modified.
- 5. The result is printed on the command prompt and hashes are stored for future reference.

Execution Screenshot:

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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.e X
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.26100.4351]
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C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code>python task1.py
== File Integrity Checker ===
Enter path of file to monitor: C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code\sample.txt
[+] New file detected: 'C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code\sample.txt'
C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code>python task1.py
   File Integrity Checker ===
Enter path of file to monitor: C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code\sample.txt
[\checkmark] File 'C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code\sample.txt' is unchanged.
C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code>python task1.py
=== File Integrity Checker ===
Enter path of file to monitor: C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code\sample.txt
[!] File 'C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code\sample.txt' has been modified!
C:\Users\hemah\OneDrive\Desktop\Task1_Code>
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Conclusion:

The File Integrity Checker tool is successfully implemented. It accurately detects new, modified, and unchanged files by utilizing hash comparison. This completes Task 1 of the CODTECH Cybersecurity Internship.