

**Computer Networks**  
**Assignment 1: Part 1**

**5. Network Application using Socket Programming**

- a. Source code (preferably on github) and means to compile and execute your code.***

The link to github repo is given here: [https://github.com/Hrushti/cn\\_a1](https://github.com/Hrushti/cn_a1)

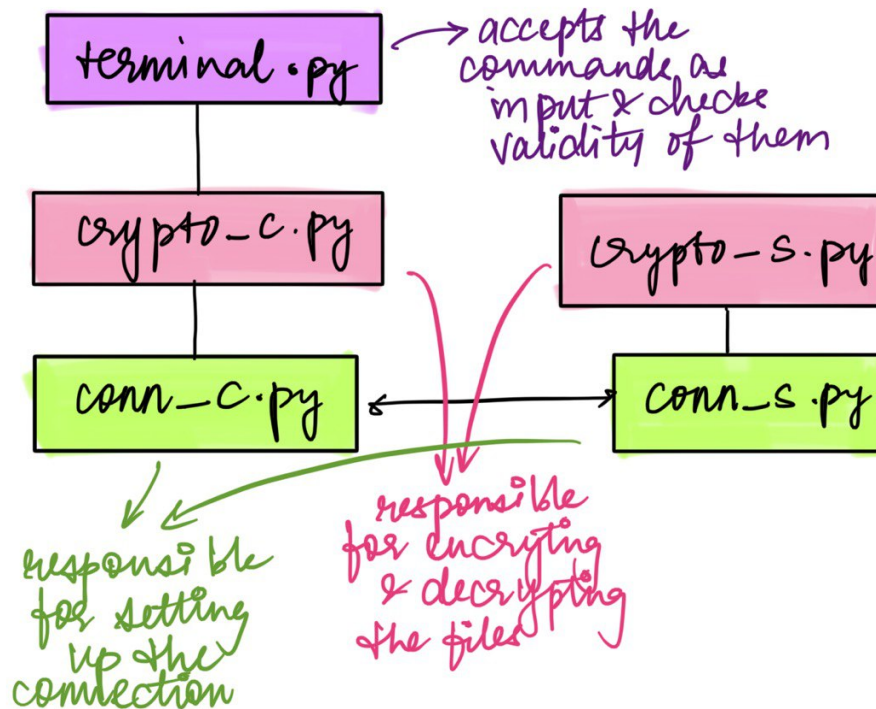
The steps to compile and execute the code are written in the .readme file.

- b. Design document detailing the mode of layering, protocol design for each of the layers, associated challenges and screenshots for the execution of the 5 commands.***

My understanding of the problem:

There will be two sides, client-side and server-side. Practically, these should be on different machines, but for the sake of this assignment, different machines are abstracted by different folders. The application will resemble a terminal, supporting the five commands mentioned. Using `cwd`, `ls`, and `cd` will control and give information about the *server-side* files, not the client-side files. By navigating to different folders in the server remotely, we can choose which files to download from where and which files to upload to what location on the server. However, the files downloaded will only be present in one particular location in the client's system, and only the files in this location can be uploaded to the server. When downloading/uploading files, the client can choose to encrypt them using the three options mentioned.

To model this, three layers are needed: file service/terminal (application layer), encryption layer, and networking (transport layer). Initially, there were 5 files present:



However, since there is no equivalent file of `terminal.py` on the server side, `terminal.py` and `conn_c.py` were merged to preserve the layer integrity. Thus, only four files are present.

The in-depth function and methodology of each file are written as comments in the files.

To illustrate the working of the code, we will check all five commands:

**1. Make connection:**

**a. Run `conn_s.py`:**

```
PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\client> 
```

```
PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server> python conn_s.py
socket created
socket binded to 4000
socket is listening
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### b. Run conn\_c.py:

```
PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\client> python conn_c.py
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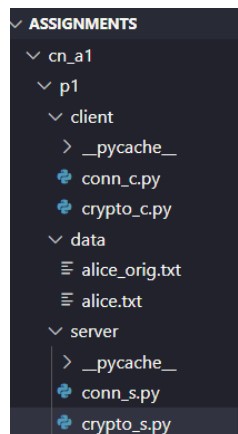
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PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server> python conn_s.py
socket created
socket binded to 4000
socket is listening
connection to: ('127.0.0.1', 56791)
```

### 2. cwd:

```
PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\client> python conn_c.py
cwd
C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server
```

```
PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server> python conn_s.py
socket created
socket binded to 4000
socket is listening
connection to: ('127.0.0.1', 56791)
```

### 3. cd and ls (navigating to the data folder and listing the files present):

	<pre>PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\client&gt; python conn_c.py cwd C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server  cd .. OK  cd data OK  ls ['alice.txt', 'alice_orig.txt']</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server&gt; python conn_s.py socket created socket binded to 4000 socket is listening connection to: ('127.0.0.1', 56791)</pre>
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### 4. downloading alice.txt from server to client using transpose encoding:

While using upd and dwd, the encryption mode needs to be given in the following format:

-pt for plain text, -sb for substitute encoding, and -tp for transpose encoding.

It needs to be given after the file name, so the commands look like these: [upd/dwd] [filename] -[pt/sb/tp]

If no encryption mode is given, it defaults to plain text encoding.

<pre> ASSIGN...  [?] [?] [?] [?]   v cn_a1     v p1       v client         &gt; __pycache__         conn_c.py         crypto_c.py         ≡ alice.txt  U       v data         ≡ alice_orig.txt         ≡ alice.txt </pre>	<pre> assignments\cn_a1\p1\client&gt; python conn_c. py cd .. OK  cd data OK  ls ['alice.txt', 'alice_orig.txt']  dwd alice.txt -tp OK </pre>	<pre> PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\ cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server&gt; python c onn_s.py socket created socket binded to 4000 socket is listening connection to: ('127.0.0.1', 56865) </pre>
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## 5. Navigating to the server folder and uploading alice.txt from the client folder using substitution encoding:

<pre> ASSIGNMENTS   v p1     v client       &gt; __pycache__       conn_c.py       crypto_c.py       ≡ alice.txt  U     v data       ≡ alice_orig.txt       ≡ alice.txt     v server       &gt; __pycache__       conn_s.py       crypto_s.py       ≡ alice.txt  U </pre>	<pre> ls ['alice.txt', 'alice_orig.txt']  dwd alice.txt -tp OK  cd .. OK  cd server OK  cwd C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\ass ignments\cn_a1\p1\server  upd alice.txt -sb OK </pre>	<pre> PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\ cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server&gt; python c onn_s.py socket created socket binded to 4000 socket is listening connection to: ('127.0.0.1', 56865) </pre>
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## 6. In case of a wrong command, and exit:

<pre> ignments\cn_a1\p1\server  upd alice.txt -sb OK  jargon invalid command, type exit to quit exit PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\cn\ assignments\cn_a1\p1\client&gt; </pre>	<pre> PS C:\Users\hrush\Documents\Acads\Sem_7\ cn\assignments\cn_a1\p1\server&gt; </pre>
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### Challenges faced:

The main challenge I faced was with file paths and designing the code flow of the application. Making the connection via sockets and listing all five cases was simple enough. Even encrypting the files was simple once I got the idea; its job is to mainly change the file's contents depending on the cypher mentioned. crypto\_c.py and crypto\_s.py are essentially the same.

The first design only had support for any one of the encryption methods, and figuring out how to pass encryption modes was a challenge.

I also had difficulty figuring out the problem statement, but that cleared up over time.

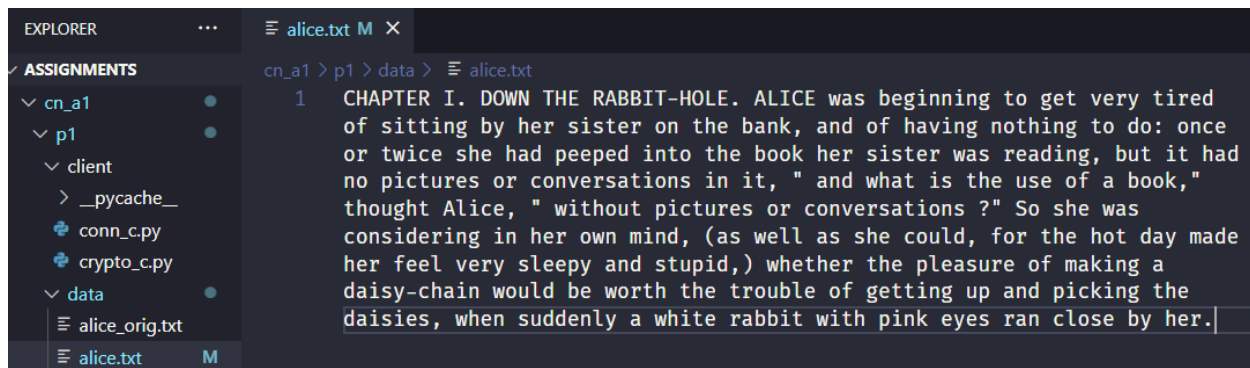
**c. Wireshark dump and analysis indicating data was correctly encrypted.**

The commands were run on Kali, with Wireshark capturing the transfers.

When alice.txt was downloaded from the server using transpose encoding, this was the data that was transferred:

```
0010 45 00 02 ab 96 5e 40 00 40 06 a3 ec 7f 00 00 01 E . . . ^ @ . @ . . . . .
0020 7f 00 00 01 d2 40 0f cb 59 08 96 b8 49 06 f2 fa . . . . @ . . Y . . . I . .
0030 80 18 02 00 00 a0 00 00 01 01 08 0a d0 49 0e b0 . . . . . . . . . . I . .
0040 d0 49 0e b0 52 45 54 50 41 48 43 20 2e 49 20 4e . I . . RETP AHC . I N
0050 57 4f 44 20 45 48 54 20 2e 45 4c 4f 48 2d 54 49 WOD EHT . ELOH-TI
0060 42 42 41 52 20 45 43 49 4c 41 20 73 61 77 20 67 BBAR ECI LA saw g
0070 6e 69 6e 6e 69 67 65 62 20 6f 74 20 74 65 67 20 ninnigeb ot teg
0080 79 72 65 76 20 64 65 72 69 74 20 66 6f 20 67 6e yrev der it fo gn
0090 69 74 74 69 73 20 79 62 20 72 65 68 20 72 65 74 ittis yb reh ret
00a0 73 69 73 20 6e 6f 20 65 68 74 20 2c 6b 6e 61 62 sis no e ht ,knab
00b0 20 64 6e 61 20 66 6f 20 67 6e 69 76 61 68 20 67 dna fo gnivah g
00c0 6e 69 68 74 6f 6e 20 6f 74 20 3a 6f 64 20 65 63 nihton o t :od ec
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0150 74 20 65 73 75 20 66 6f 20 61 20 22 2c 6b 6f 6f t esu fo a ",koo
0160 62 20 74 68 67 75 6f 68 74 20 2c 65 63 69 6c 41 b thguoh t ,ecila
0170 20 22 20 74 75 6f 68 74 69 77 20 73 65 72 75 74 " tuoht iw serut
0180 63 69 70 20 72 6f 20 73 6e 6f 69 74 61 73 72 65 cip ro s noitasre
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The content of alice.txt is the following:



```
EXPLORER  ...  alice.txt M X
ASSIGNMENTS
  cn_a1
    p1
      client
        __pycache__
        conn_c.py
        crypto_c.py
      data
        alice_orig.txt
        alice.txt M
cn_a1 > p1 > data > alice.txt
1 CHAPTER I. DOWN THE RABBIT-HOLE. ALICE was beginning to get very tired
of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once
or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had
no pictures or conversations in it, " and what is the use of a book,"
thought Alice, " without pictures or conversations ?" So she was
considering in her own mind, (as well as she could, for the hot day made
her feel very sleepy and stupid,) whether the pleasure of making a
daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the
daisies, when suddenly a white rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her.
```

In the right side of the first screenshot, we can see that the words are the exact inverses. The transfer is the same as what was expected, thus, the data was correctly encrypted.