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Abstract

The implementation of a message encryption and decryption system utilising the One Time Pad approach, a very safe cryptographic algorithm, is the main goal of this small project. The encryption technique obscures the original message by creating a random key that is the same length as it, and the decryption procedure entails utilising that same key to restore the message. Our solution performs the encryption and decryption procedures using the ASCII values of the characters in the message and key.

The user can input a message and key of the same length to encrypt and decrypt messages, respectively. Our implementation offers a simple and effective way to encrypt and decrypt messages using One Time Pad, which relies on the randomness of the key and the key's one-time use to guarantee security. This mini project provides an excellent starting point for anyone interested in learning One Time Pad encryption and decryption, while also providing a foundation for more advanced cryptographic techniques.

1. Introduction

In order to protect sensitive information from unauthorised access, message encryption is a crucial approach. The One-Time Pad (OTP) encryption algorithm, a cryptographic method that ensures full secrecy, will be used in this project.

The plaintext is encrypted by the OTP algorithm using a random key that is only used once. It offers absolute secrecy, meaning that even with infinite computing capacity, an adversary who intercepts the encrypted message will not be able to deduce any useful information about the plaintext. The randomness and single use of the key are essential components of OTP encryption security.

In this project, we'll put a Python programme in place that enables users to input plaintext messages and produce randomly generated keys. The message will then be encrypted by the programme using the key and the OTP algorithm. By using the same key that was used for encryption, the user can also decrypt the ciphertext. We will construct the OTP algorithm and create random keys using Python's built-in random package. A straightforward and user-friendly interface will be provided by the programme so that users may enter plaintext messages, encrypt them with OTP, and decrypt them with the same key. The OTP encryption technique will be practically implemented as part of this project, enabling the safe transmission of important messages while preventing unauthorised access.

The early 1900s saw the invention of the traditional cryptographic method known as one-time pad encryption. Despite being more than a century old, it is still a strong encryption algorithm that, when used properly, offers perfect secrecy. Many secure communication systems, including those used for military and diplomatic communication, still employ the OTP algorithm.

The use of OTP encryption and decryption in this project will serve as an example of how crucial it is to secure sensitive data using robust encryption methods. In today's linked world, maintaining the confidentiality of sensitive information is essential, and encryption is an essential instrument to do it. Users can take precautions to guarantee their data is private and secure by knowing the fundamentals of encryption and adopting a strong encryption method like OTP. The initiative will assist in educating users on the fundamentals of secure communication and the significance of encryption in safeguarding private data.

2. Implementation

Implementing Message Encryption Decryption using One Time Pad involves several key steps, including:

Planning:

- Plan to implement a message encryption and decryption system using the One Time Pad technique.
- Define the input/output requirements and overall functionality of the system.
- Choose Python as the programming language and tools needed for implementation, such as a text editor or IDE.
- Plan the encryption and decryption algorithms using One Time Pad, utilizing Python libraries such as the random module for generating a random key and the ord() and chr() functions to convert characters to their ASCII values.
- Decide on the testing procedures to ensure the system's accuracy and security.

Language used:

- Use Python as the programming language for implementation of the encryption and decryption algorithms using One Time Pad.
- Utilize built-in Python libraries such as the random module for generating a random key and the ord() and chr() functions to convert characters to their ASCII values.
- Use Python's text encoding/decoding capabilities to ensure compatibility with different character sets.

Testing:

- Develop a testing plan to ensure the system's accuracy and security.
- Test the system using different input message and key combinations.
- Verify the encrypted messages can be decrypted correctly using the same key.
- Test the system's security by attempting to decrypt the message without the correct key.
- Utilize Python's built-in unit testing framework or other third-party testing libraries to automate testing and ensure consistent results.
- Analyze the results and make any necessary adjustments to the implementation to improve the system's accuracy and security.

Pseudo Code:

1. Import the random module.
2. Define a function named generate_key that takes a message string as input.
3. Inside the generate_key function, generate a random key of the same length as the message by iterating over the message and using the chr and randint functions from the random module.
4. Return the generated key.

5. Define a function named `encrypt` that takes a message string and a key string as input.
6. Inside the `encrypt` function, XOR each character in the message with the corresponding character in the key by iterating over the message and using the `chr` and `ord` functions.
7. Return the encrypted message.
8. Define a function named `decrypt` that takes an encrypted message string and a key string as input.
9. Inside the `decrypt` function, XOR each character in the encrypted message with the corresponding character in the key by iterating over the encrypted message and using the `chr` and `ord` functions.
10. Return the decrypted message.
11. Define a function named `i` that prints a menu of options for the user to choose from.
12. Print a logo for the program.
13. Get a message from the user.
14. Set a variable `x` to 0.
15. Start an infinite loop.
16. If `x` is not equal to 1, generate a key for the message using the `generate_key` function.
17. Encrypt the message using the `encrypt` function and the key.
18. Decrypt the encrypted message using the `decrypt` function and the key.
19. Print the menu of options using the `i` function.
20. Get a choice from the user.
21. If the choice is 1, get a new message from the user and set `x` to 0.
22. If the choice is 2, print a logo for encryption, print the key and encrypted message, and set `x` to 1.
23. If the choice is 3, print a logo for decryption, print the key and decrypted message, and set `x` to 0.
24. If the choice is 4, print "Exiting....." and break out of the infinite loop.
25. End the program.

CODE:

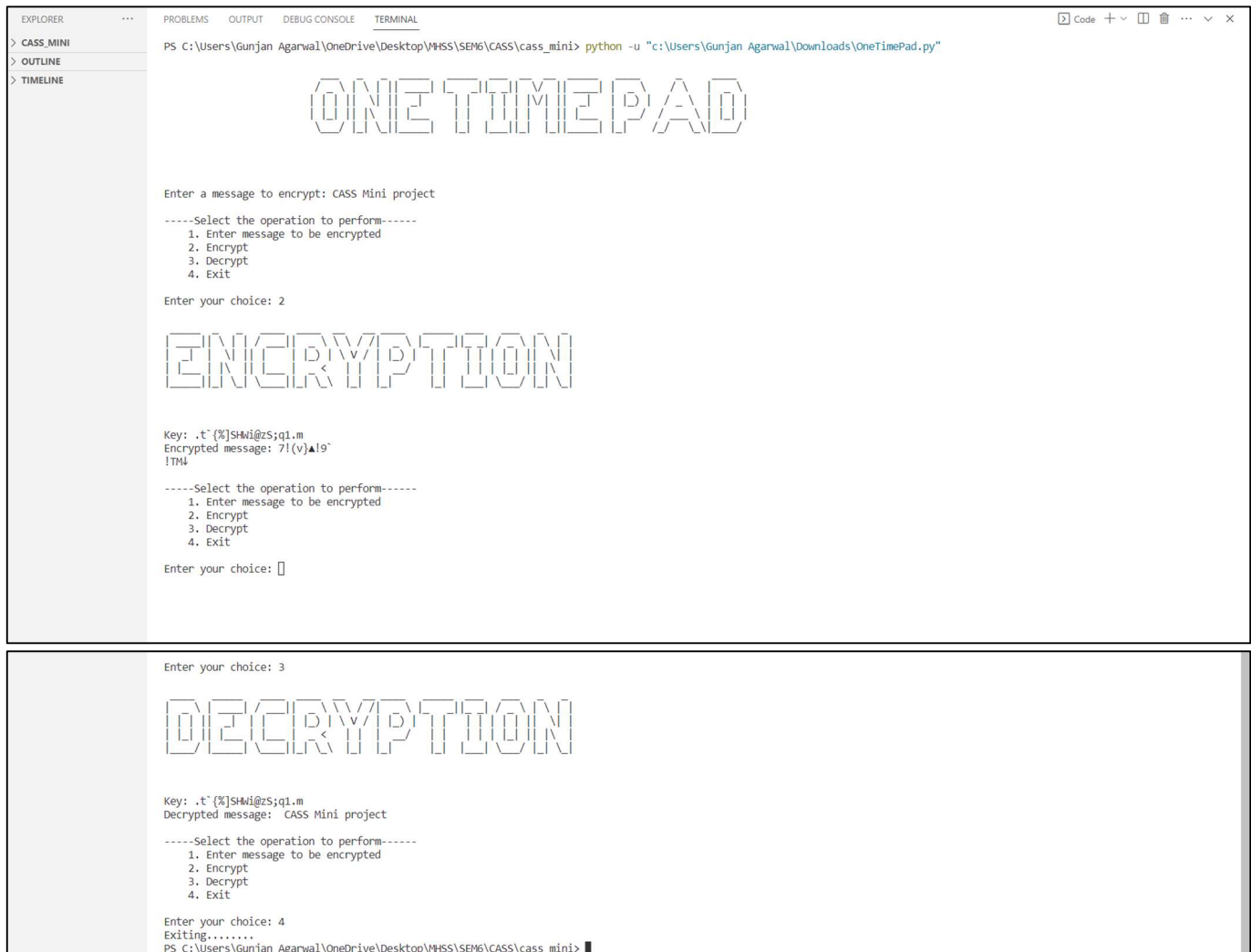
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3. Technology Used

The following is the list of hardware and software requirements for the proposed system to be implemented.

- Hardware Requirements:
 - ❖ Any device with internet connectivity.
- Software Requirements:
 - ❖ PYTHON
 - ❖ VISUAL STUDIO CODE

4. Outputs



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EXPLORER  ...  PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL
> CASS_MINI
> OUTLINE
> TIMELINE

PS C:\Users\Gunjan_Agarwal\OneDrive\Desktop\MHSS\SEM6\CASS\cass_mini> python -u "c:\Users\Gunjan_Agarwal\Downloads\OneTimePad.py"

ONETIMEPAD

Enter a message to encrypt: CASS Mini project

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: 2

ENCRYPTION

Key: .t`{%]SHwi@zS;q1.m
Encrypted message: 7!(v)▲!9`
!TH4

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: []

Enter your choice: 3

DECRYPTION

Key: .t`{%]SHwi@zS;q1.m
Decrypted message: CASS Mini project

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: 4
Exiting.....
PS C:\Users\Gunjan_Agarwal\OneDrive\Desktop\MHSS\SEM6\CASS\cass_mini>
```

EXPLORER

> CASS_MINI
> OUTLINE
> TIMELINE

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE **TERMINAL**

PS C:\Users\Gunjan Agarwal\OneDrive\Desktop\MHSS\SEM6\CASS\cass_mini> python -u "c:\Users\Gunjan Agarwal\Downloads\OneTimePad.py"

ONE TIME PAD

Enter a message to encrypt:She sells sea shells on the sea shore

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: 2

ENCRYPTION

Key: 1#6M)c~"NFV3\$A@+E1^5_.fyXc&yx~J8k\b<n
Encrypted message: bKSmZ4Al=-f7AVEa3C M2FY,
CY
N+4

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: █

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: 3

DECRYPTION

Key: 1#6M)c~"NFV3\$A@+E1^5_.fyXc&yx~J8k\b<n
Decrypted message: She sells sea shells on the sea shore

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: █

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EXPLORER  ...  PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL
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Enter your choice: 1
Enter a message: tap to return to the call

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: 2

ENCRYPTION

Key: 6'n0qhQFG6SoH|ev-b0wdXU0
X2D;48#d message: B0A-q4"8&*8\<

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: 3

DECRYPTION

Key: 6'n0qhQFG6SoH|ev-b0wdXU0
Decrypted message: tap to return to the call

-----Select the operation to perform-----
1. Enter message to be encrypted
2. Encrypt
3. Decrypt
4. Exit

Enter your choice: 4
Exiting.....
PS C:\Users\Gunjan_Agarwal\OneDrive\Desktop\VMSS\SEM6\CASS\cass_mini>
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5. Conclusion

In this project, we used Python to create the One-Time Pad encryption scheme, which offers perfect secrecy and is a strong method to protect sensitive data. We gave users an easy-to-use interface that uses OTP to encrypt and decrypt messages, allowing them to safeguard their data from unauthorised access.

It is impossible to exaggerate the value of encryption, especially in the linked world of today where hacking and cyberattacks are a constant threat. OTP encryption ensures that the encryption key is random and only used once, which offers a practical method for safeguarding sensitive data. Without the key, it is practically impossible for an attacker to decipher the message. We have shown the effectiveness of encryption and underlined the value of utilising robust encryption methods to protect sensitive data by applying OTP encryption in this project. As a result, the project is a helpful source for individuals wanting to learn more about encryption and how crucial it is for protecting sensitive data.

The One-Time Pad encryption technique and its potential uses in protecting sensitive data are overall demonstrated in practise through this research. We have given consumers a practical and efficient method to safeguard their data from unauthorised access by implementing OTP encryption in Python.

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