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CS 5500 – Lab 2: Symmetric Cryptography

Task 1

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ytn xqavhq yzhu  xu qzupvd ltmat qnncq vgxzy hmrty vbynh ytmq ixur qyhvurn
vlvhpq yhne ytn gvrrnh bnniq imsn v uxuvrnuvhmvu yxx

ytn vlvhpq hvan lvq gxxsnupnp gd ytn pncmqn xb tvhfnd lnmuqynmu vy myq xzyqny
vup ytn veevhnuy nceixqmxu xb tmq bmic axcevud vy ytn nup vup my lvq qtvenp gd
ytn ncnhrnuan xb cnyxx yncnq ze givasrxlu eximymaq vhcavupd veynfmqc vup
v uvymxuvi axufnhqvymxu vq ghmnb vup cvp vq v bnfnh phnvc vgxzy ltnytnh ytnhn
xzrty yx gn v ehnqnpnuy lmubhnd ytn qnvqxu pmpuy ozqy qnnc nkyhv ixur my lvq
nkyhv ixur gnavzqn ytn xqavhq lnhn cxfnp yx ytn bmhqy lnnsnup nu cvhat yx
vfxmp axubimaymur lmyt ytn aixqmur anhncxud xb ytn lmuynh xidcemaq ytvusq
ednxuratvur

xun gmr jznqymxu qzhhxzupmur ytmq dnvhq vavpncd vlvhpq mq txl xh mb ytn
anhncxud lmii vpphnqq cnyxx nqenanviid vbynh ytn rxipnu rixgnq ltmat gnavcn
v ozgmivuy axcmurxzy evhyd bxh yncnq ze ytn cxfncnuy qenvhtnvpnp gd
exlnhbzi txiidlxxp lxcnu ltx tnienp hvmqn cmiimxuq xb pxiivhq yx bnrty qnkzvi
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Terminal
[09/17/22]seed@VM:~$ cd Desktop
[09/17/22]seed@VM:~/Desktop$ ls
article.txt
[09/17/22]seed@VM:~/Desktop$ tr [:upper:] [:lower:] '/home/seed/Desktop/article.txt' lowerc
ase.txt
tr: extra operand '/home/seed/Desktop/article.txt'
Try 'tr --help' for more information.
[09/17/22]seed@VM:~/Desktop$ tr [:upper:] [:lower:] <'/home/seed/Desktop/article.txt'> lowe
[09/17/22]seed@VM:~/Desktop$ tr -cd '[a-z][\n][:space:]' <lowercase.txt> plaintext.txt
[09/17/22]seed@VM:~/Desktop$
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Python 2.7.12 (default, Nov 19 2016, 06:48:10)
[GCC 5.4.0 20160609] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import random
>>> s = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
>>> list = random.sample(s, len(s))
>>> ''.join(list)
'vzjcakphigfouqelxsbdymwrnt'
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[09/17/22]seed@VM:~/Desktop$ tr 'abcdefghjklmnopqrstuvwxyz' 'vzjcakphigfouqelxsbdymwrnt' <p
laintext.txt> ciphertext.txt
[09/17/22]seed@VM:~/Desktop$
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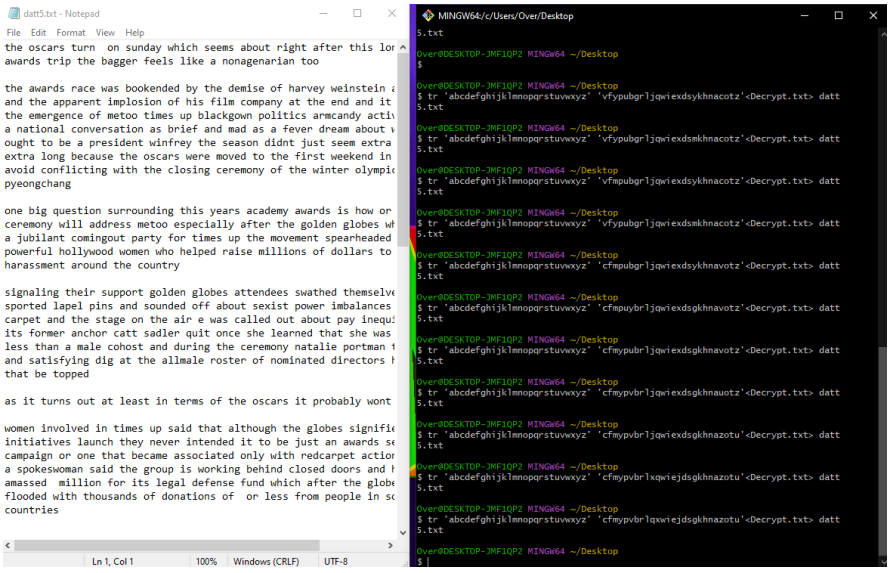
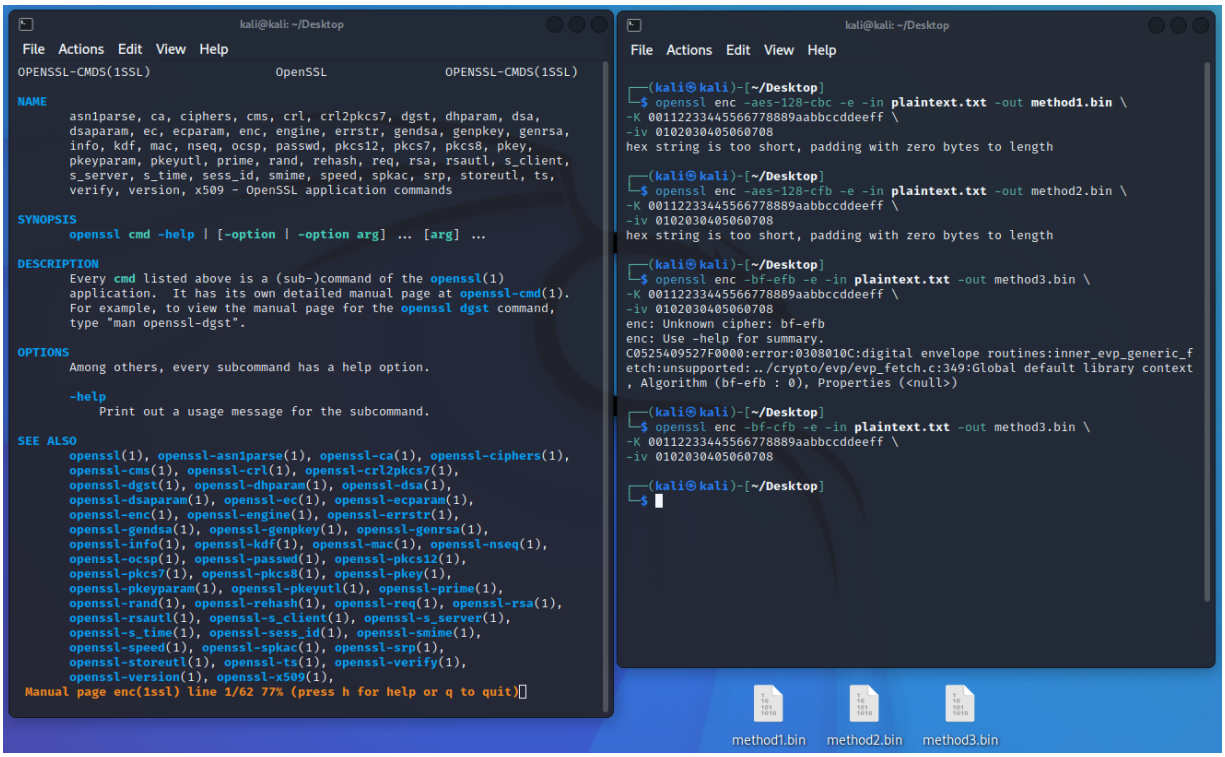
Your job is to use the frequency analysis to figure out the encryption key and the original plaintext.

The encryption key was ‘cfmypvbrlqxwiejdsgkhnazotu’. The following is the original plaintext.



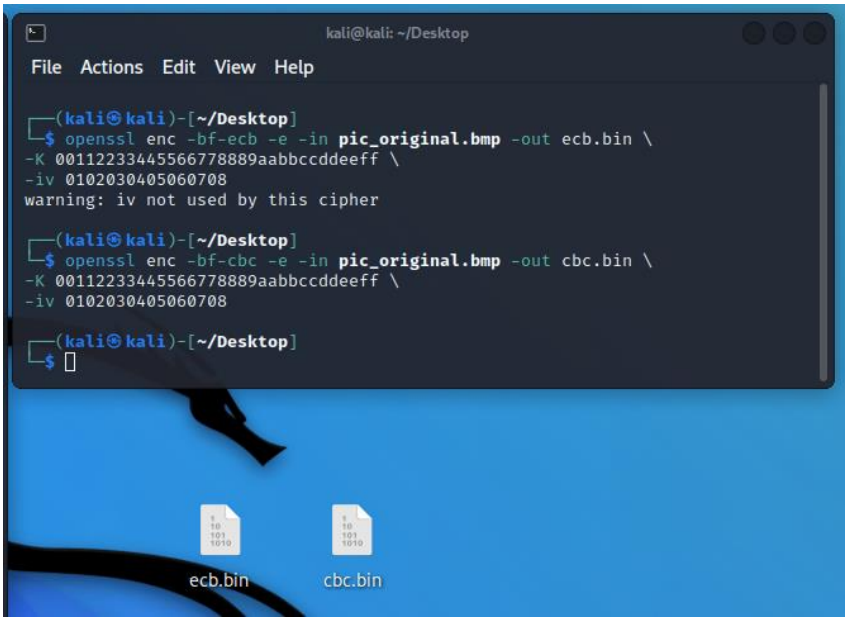
Task 2

Please replace the ciphertype with a specific cipher type, such as -aes-128-cbc, -bf-cbc, -aes-128-cfb, etc. In this task, you should try at least 3 different ciphers.

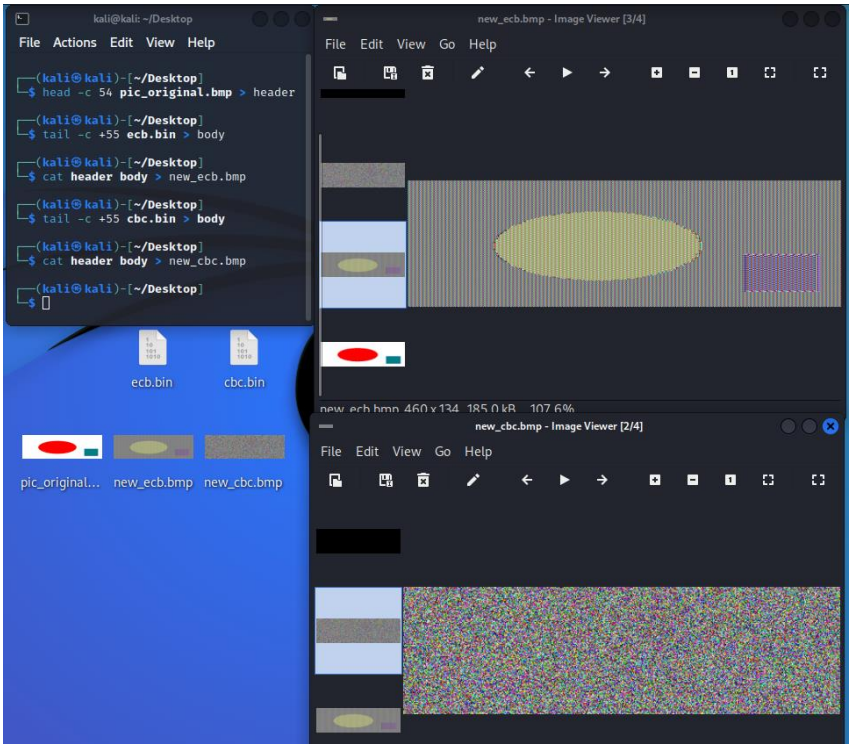


Task 3

Please encrypt the file using the ECB (Electronic Code Book) and CBC (Cipher Block Chaining) modes.



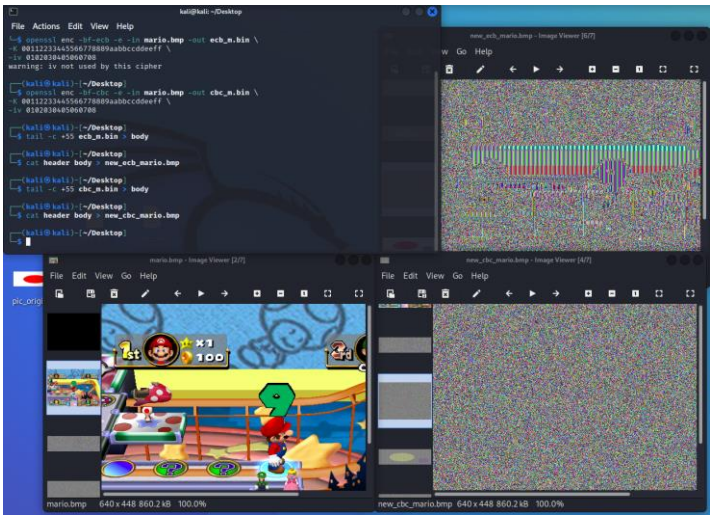
We will replace the header of the encrypted picture with that of the original picture. Can you derive any useful information about the original picture from the encrypted picture? Please explain your observations.



ECB mode: We can still derive some resemblance about the original picture from the encrypted picture. The shape and location of the oval and rectangle objects are recognized even though the colors of them are distorted because of pattern noise.

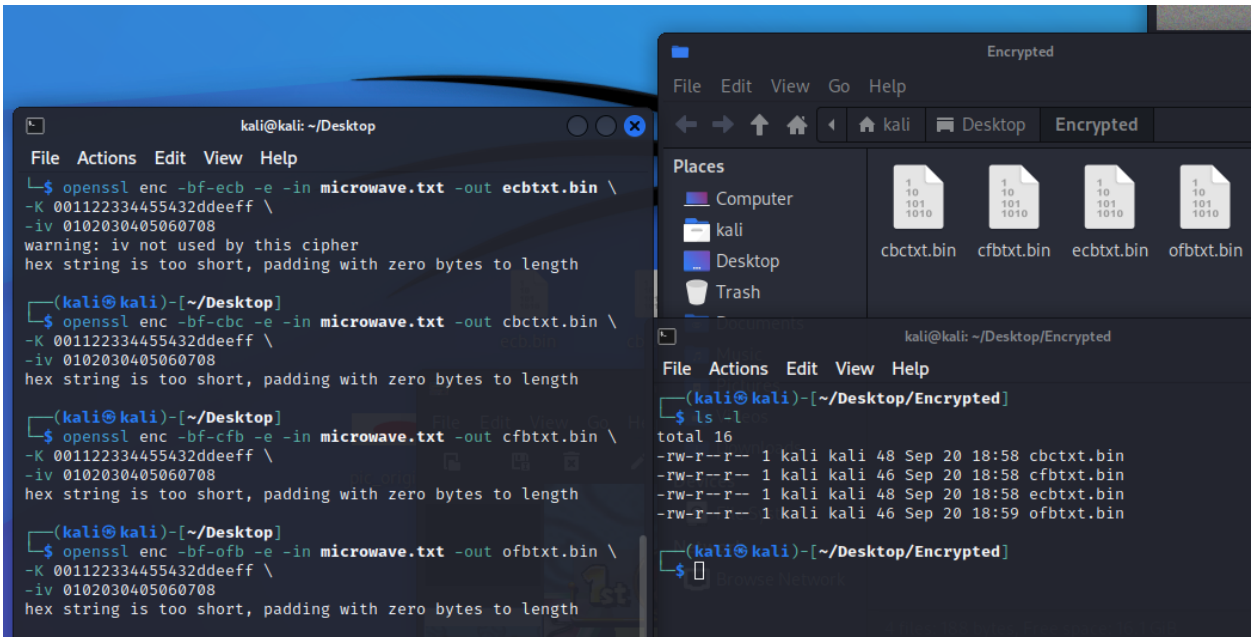
CBC mode: We cannot derive any information about the original picture from the encrypted picture. The encrypted picture just appears with full of random noise with absolutely no traces of the original picture.

Repeating the tasks:



For the Mario screenshot, while CBC file still seems like a random image, a few locations in the ECB encrypted file bleed through; the number 9 can be seen, and areas where colors don't change much in the original image are similar in the new image.

Task 4

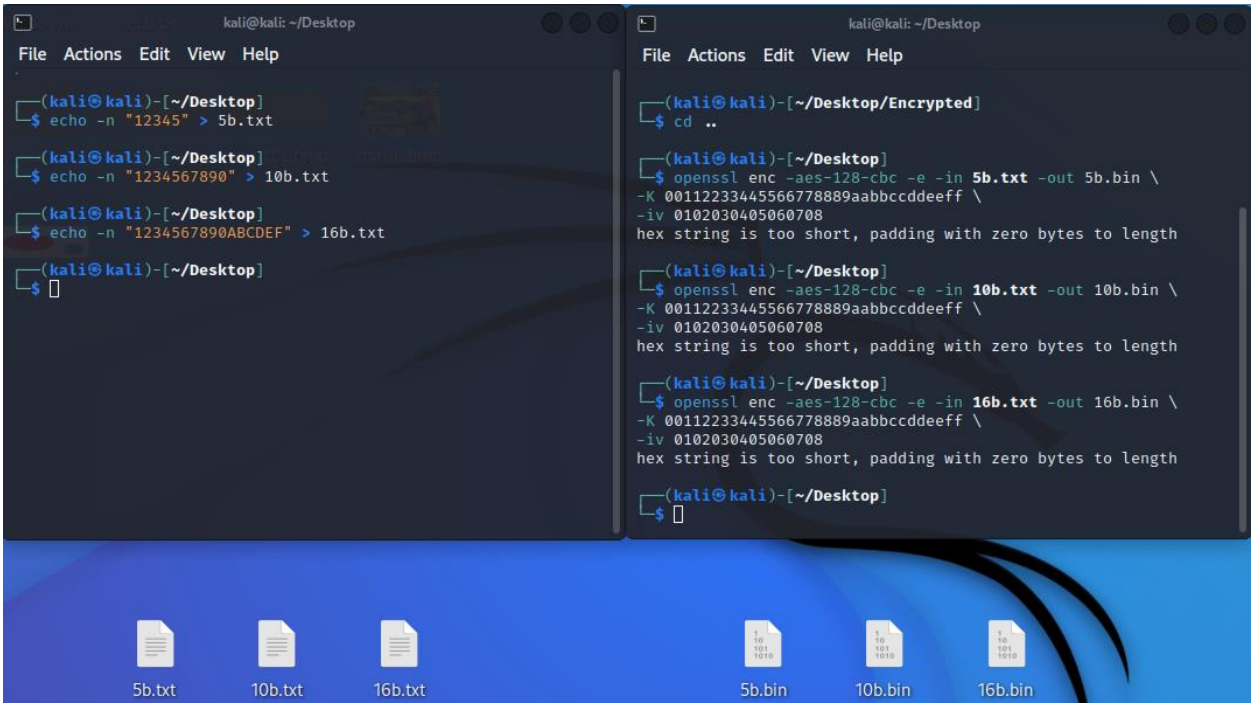


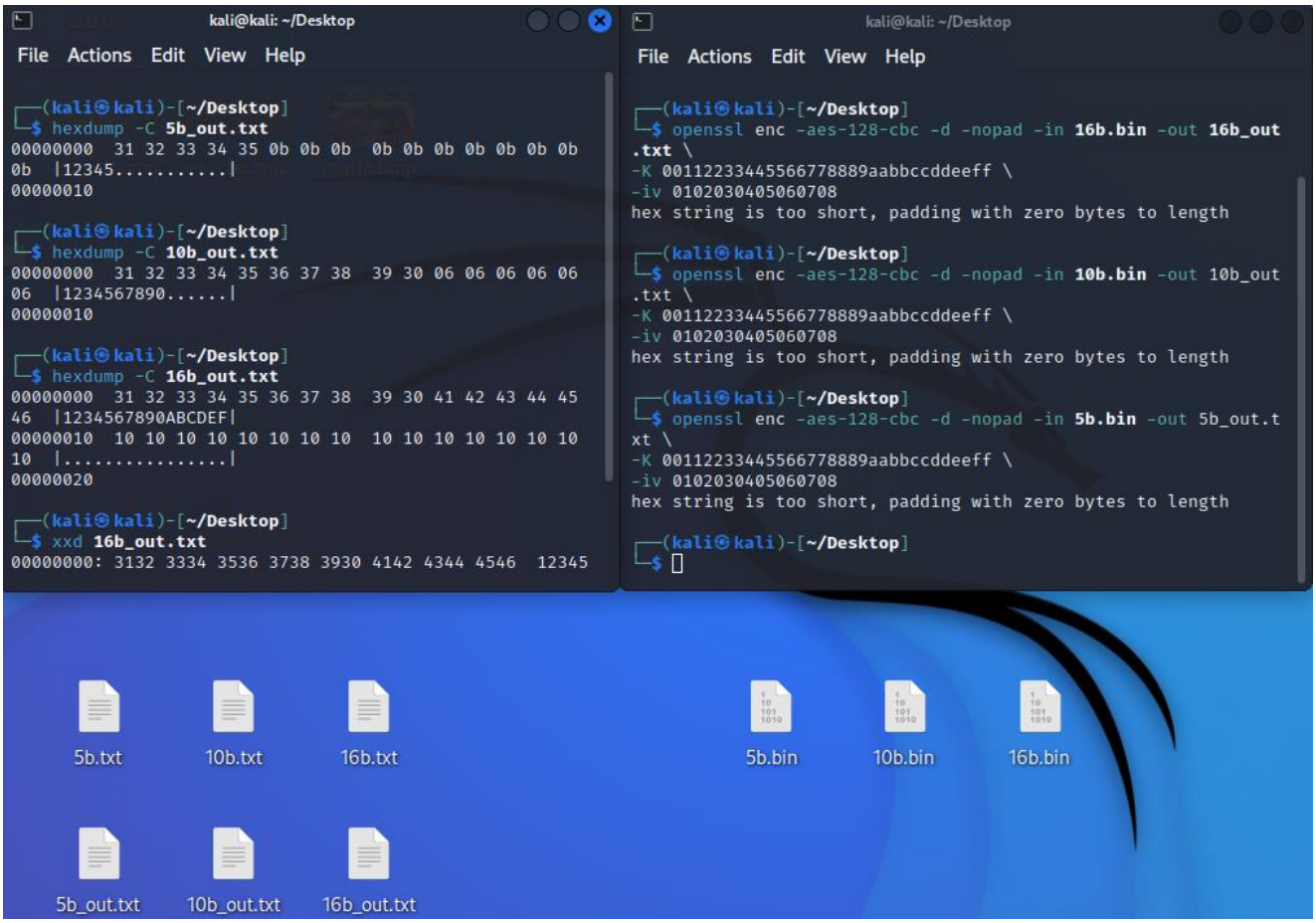
Please report which modes have paddings and which ones do not. For those that do not need paddings, please explain why.

CBC and ECB need padding while CFB and OFB do not. This can be determined by looking at their lengths. CFB and OFB do not need padding as both allow for input text of any length for each block so long as the output block is the same size as the input block. Then, the block size can be any size including 1. The files, then, don't need to be padded.

In other words, like the instructions for this task has stated, padding is applied if the plaintexts are not part of the block size. Which are multiples of 16 bytes. For example, if we have a plaintext of less than 16 bytes, it will pad enough characters until it hits 16 bytes to reach the block size. However, if we have a plaintext of 16 bytes and below 32 bytes, we'd have a file that'd padded until it hits 32 bytes. From our observation, this matches what the instructions had said about how padding operates. Based on our images with the padding at the end of each plaintext, the paddings fit accordingly.

Below is image of our commands for CBC, CFB, ECB, and OFB encrypting of 5-, 10-, and 16-bytes plaintexts. The tables show the sizes that we observe of each encrypted and the size of its decrypted files. With the "-nopad" option we were able to see which encryption uses padding. Without padding the contents of the decrypted files should only contain numbers from [0,9] just like its original plaintext.


kali@kali: ~/Desktop
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ echo -n "12345" > 5b.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ echo -n "1234567890" > 10b.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ echo -n "1234567890ABCDEF" > 16b.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$
kali@kali: ~/Desktop
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/Encrypted]
$ cd ..
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in 5b.txt -out 5b.bin \
-K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff \
-iv 0102030405060708
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in 10b.txt -out 10b.bin \
-K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff \
-iv 0102030405060708
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in 16b.txt -out 16b.bin \
-K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff \
-iv 0102030405060708
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$
5b.txt
10b.txt
16b.txt
5b.bin
10b.bin
16b.bin


kali@kali: ~/Desktop
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ hexdump -C 5b_out.txt
00000000 31 32 33 34 35 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b |12345...........|
00000010
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ hexdump -C 10b_out.txt
00000000 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 30 06 06 06 06 06 06 |1234567890......|
00000010
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ hexdump -C 16b_out.txt
00000000 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 30 41 42 43 44 45 46 |1234567890ABCDEF|
00000010 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 |................|
00000020
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ xxd 16b_out.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 3536 3738 3930 4142 4344 4546 12345
kali@kali: ~/Desktop
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -d -nopad -in 16b.bin -out 16b_out
.txt \
-K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff \
-iv 0102030405060708
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -d -nopad -in 10b.bin -out 10b_out
.txt \
-K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff \
-iv 0102030405060708
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -d -nopad -in 5b.bin -out 5b_out.t
xt \
-K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff \
-iv 0102030405060708
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$
5b.txt
10b.txt
16b.txt
5b.bin
10b.bin
16b.bin
5b_out.txt
10b_out.txt
16b_out.txt

<u>The following entry below for remainder of Task 4 was from a different computer. With a different naming convention. It covers what was said above with some extra details.</u>

Uses Padding: CBC, ECB

Does NOT Use Padding: CFB, OFB

From observing the results above, it seems that the CBC and ECB encryptions uses padding. On the other hand, encryptions CFB and OFB do NOT use padding. The reason behind CFB and OFB NOT using padding is because it contains more block sizes instead of ones that are multiple of 16.

We could tell based on observing the decrypted contents of each 5-, 10-, and 16-bytes plaintext along with the increase in size of its encrypted files. Finally, another indicator we found that an encryption that uses padding is in-use is from the display of the "hexdump" command as there were no fillers with the "…" displayed for the non-padding encryptions.

Using CBC (YES padding):

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[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -d -nopad -in f1-aes-128-cbc.txt -out f1_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccdde
eff -iv 0102030405060708
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -d -nopad -in f2-aes-128-cbc.txt -out f2_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccdde
eff -iv 0102030405060708
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -d -nopad -in f3-aes-128-cbc.txt -out f3_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccdde
eff -iv 0102030405060708
```

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[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ hexdump -C f1_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 0b 0b 0b  0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b  |12345...........|
00000010
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ xxd f1_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 350b 0b0b 0b0b 0b0b 0b0b 0b0b  12345...........
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ hexdump -C f2_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38  39 30 06 06 06 06 06 06  |1234567890......|
00000010
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ xxd f2_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 3536 3738 3930 0606 0606 0606  1234567890......
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ hexdump -C f3_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38  39 30 31 32 33 34 35 36  |1234567890123456|
00000010  10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10  10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10  |................|
00000020
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ xxd f3_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 3536 3738 3930 3132 3334 3536  1234567890123456
00000010: 1010 1010 1010 1010 1010 1010 1010 1010  ................
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$
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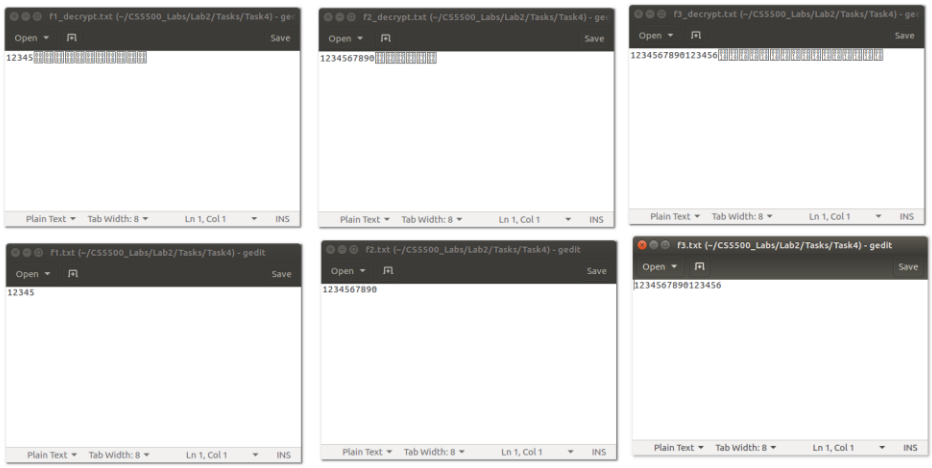
The image below shows that CBC does use padding due to there being unrecognizable character of the decrypted files and its plain text at the bottom. From right to left are the 5-bytes, 10-bytes, and 16-bytes respectively.



Using CBC (-aes-128-cbc)		
Original Filename	Original Size (Bytes)	Padded Size (Bytes)
f1.txt	5	16
f2.txt	10	16
f3.txt	16	32
CBC is Padded		

Using CFB (NO padded):

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[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ openssl enc -aes-192-cfb -e -in f1.txt -out f1-aes-192-cfb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ ls
f1-aes-192-cfb.txt  f1.txt  f2.txt  f3.txt
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ cat f1-aes-192-cfb.txt
?0h$[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../openssl enc -aes-192-cfb -e -in f2.txt -out f2-aes-192-cfb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ openssl enc -aes-192-cfb -e -in f3.txt -out f3-aes-192-cfb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ openssl enc -aes-192-cfb -d -nopad -in f2-aes-192-cfb.txt -out f2_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 010203040506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ ls
f1-aes-192-cfb.txt  f1.txt  f2-aes-192-cfb.txt  f2_decrypt.txt  f2.txt  f3-aes-192-cfb.txt  f3.txt
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ openssl enc -aes-192-cfb -d -nopad -in f3-aes-192-cfb.txt -out f3_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 010203040506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ cd ..
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../Task4$ cd CFB/
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ ls
f1-aes-192-cfb.txt  f2-aes-192-cfb.txt  f2.txt             f3_decrypt.txt
f1.txt              f2_decrypt.txt      f3-aes-192-cfb.txt  f3.txt
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ openssl enc -aes-192-cfb -d -nopad -in f1-aes-192-cfb.txt -out f1_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 010203040506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ hexdump -C f1_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35                                    |12345|
00000005
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ xxd f1_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 35                             12345
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ hexdump -C f2_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38  39 30                  |1234567890|
0000000a
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ xxd f2_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 3536 3738 3930                 1234567890
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../CFB$ hexdump -C f3_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38  39 30 31 32 33 34 35 36  |1234567890123456|
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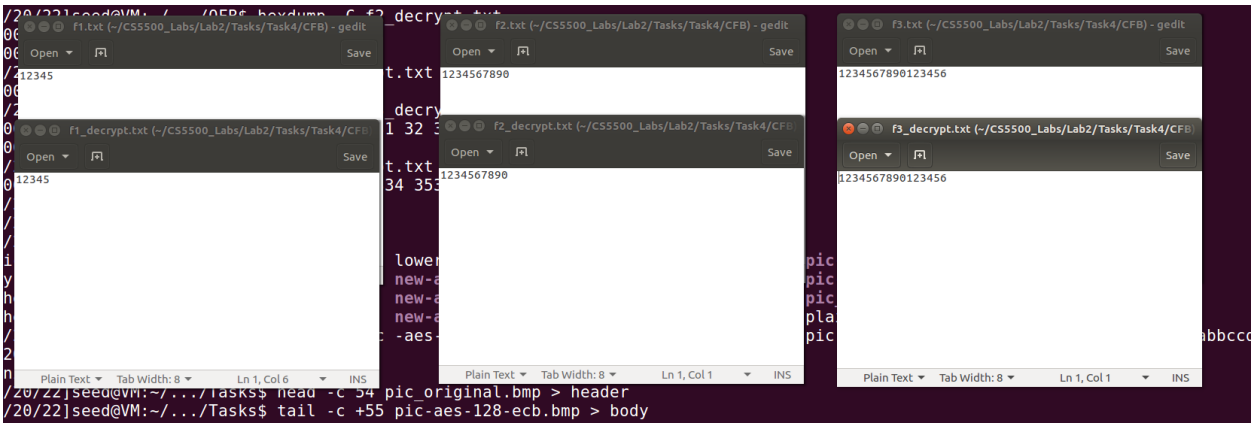

Using CFB (-aes-192-cfb)		
Original Filename	Original Size (Bytes)	Padded Size (Bytes)
f1.txt	5	5
f2.txt	10	10
f3.txt	16	16
CFB is NOT Padded		

Using ECB (YES padding):

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[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in f3.txt -out f3-aes-128-ecb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
warning: iv not use by this cipher
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in f2.txt -out f2-aes-128-ecb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
warning: iv not use by this cipher
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in f1.txt -out f1-aes-128-ecb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
warning: iv not use by this cipher
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -d -nopad -in f1-aes-128-ecb.txt -out f1_decrypt.txt -K 0011223344556677889aabbccddeef
f -iv 010203040506070809
warning: iv not use by this cipher
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -d -nopad -in f2-aes-128-ecb.txt -out f2_decrypt.txt -K 0011223344556677889aabbccddeef
f -iv 010203040506070809
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[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -d -nopad -in f2-aes-128-ecb.txt -out f2_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 01020304050607080 9
warning: iv not use by this cipher
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -d -nopad -in f1-aes-128-ecb.txt -out f1_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 01020304050607080 9
warning: iv not use by this cipher
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ hexdump -C f1_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 0b 0b 0b  0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b  |12345...........|
00000010
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ xxd f1_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 350b 0b0b 0b0b 0b0b 0b0b 0b0b  12345...........
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ hexdump -C f2_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38  39 30 06 06 06 06 06 06  |1234567890......|
00000010
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ xxd f2_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 3536 3738 3930 0606 0606 0606  1234567890......
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ hexdump -C f3_decrypt.txt
hexdump: f3_decrypt.txt: No such file or directory
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -d -nopad -in f3-aes-128-ecb.txt -out f3_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 01020304050607080 9
warning: iv not use by this cipher
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../ECB$ hexdump -C f3_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38  39 30 31 32 33 34 35 36  |1234567890123456|
00000010  10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10  10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10  |................|
00000020
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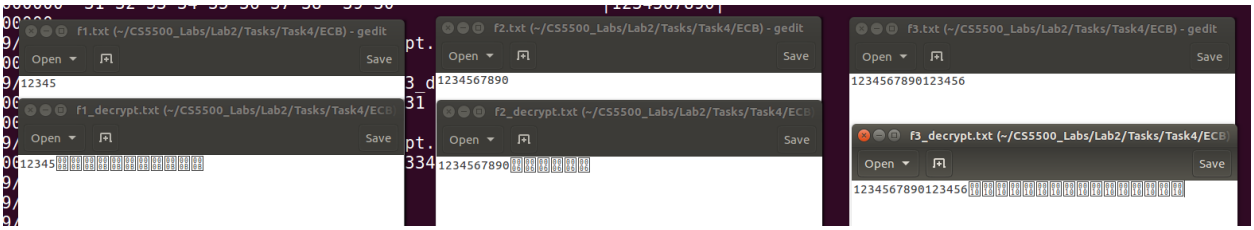

Using ECB (-aes-128-ecb)		
Original Filename	Original Size (Bytes)	Padded Size (Bytes)
f1.txt	5	16
f2.txt	10	16
f3.txt	16	32
ECB is Padded		

Using OFB (NO padding):

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[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ openssl enc -aes-256-ofb -e -in f1.txt -out f1-aes-256-ofb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ openssl enc -aes-256-ofb -e -in f2.txt -out f2-aes-256-ofb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ openssl enc -aes-256-ofb -e -in f3.txt -out f3-aes-256-ofb.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 010203040
506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ openssl enc -aes-256-ofb -d -nopad -in f1-aes-256-ofb.txt -out f1_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 010203040506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ openssl enc -aes-256-ofb -d -nopad -in f2-aes-256-ofb.txt -out f2_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 010203040506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ openssl enc -aes-256-ofb -d -nopad -in f3-aes-256-ofb.txt -out f3_decrypt.txt -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeef
f -iv 010203040506070809
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ hexdump -C f1_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35                                    |12345|
00000005
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ xxd f1_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 35                             12345
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ hexdump -C f2_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38  39 30                   |1234567890|
0000000a
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ xxd f2_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 3536 3738 3930                 1234567890
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ hexdump -C f3_decrypt.txt
00000000  31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38  39 30 31 32 33 34 35 36  |1234567890123456|
00000010
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$ xxd f3_decrypt.txt
00000000: 3132 3334 3536 3738 3930 3132 3334 3536  1234567890123456
[09/20/22]seed@VM:~/.../OFB$
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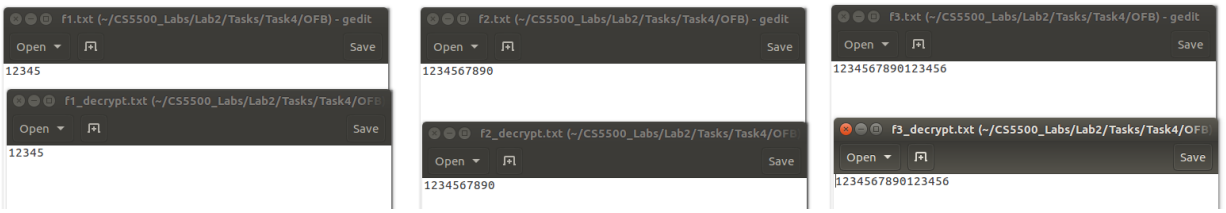

Using OFB (-aes-256-ofb)		
Original Filename	Original Size (Bytes)	Padded Size (Bytes)
f1.txt	5	5
f2.txt	10	10
f3.txt	16	16
OFB is NOT Padded		

Task 5

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kali@kali: ~/Desktop
File  Actions  Edit  View  Help

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ ls -l
total 8
drwxr-xr-x 3 kali kali 4096 Sep 20 19:24 'Lab 2'
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 1389 Sep 20 19:25  over1000bytes.txt

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in over1000bytes.txt -out o100
0.bin \
-K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff \
-iv 0102030405060708
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
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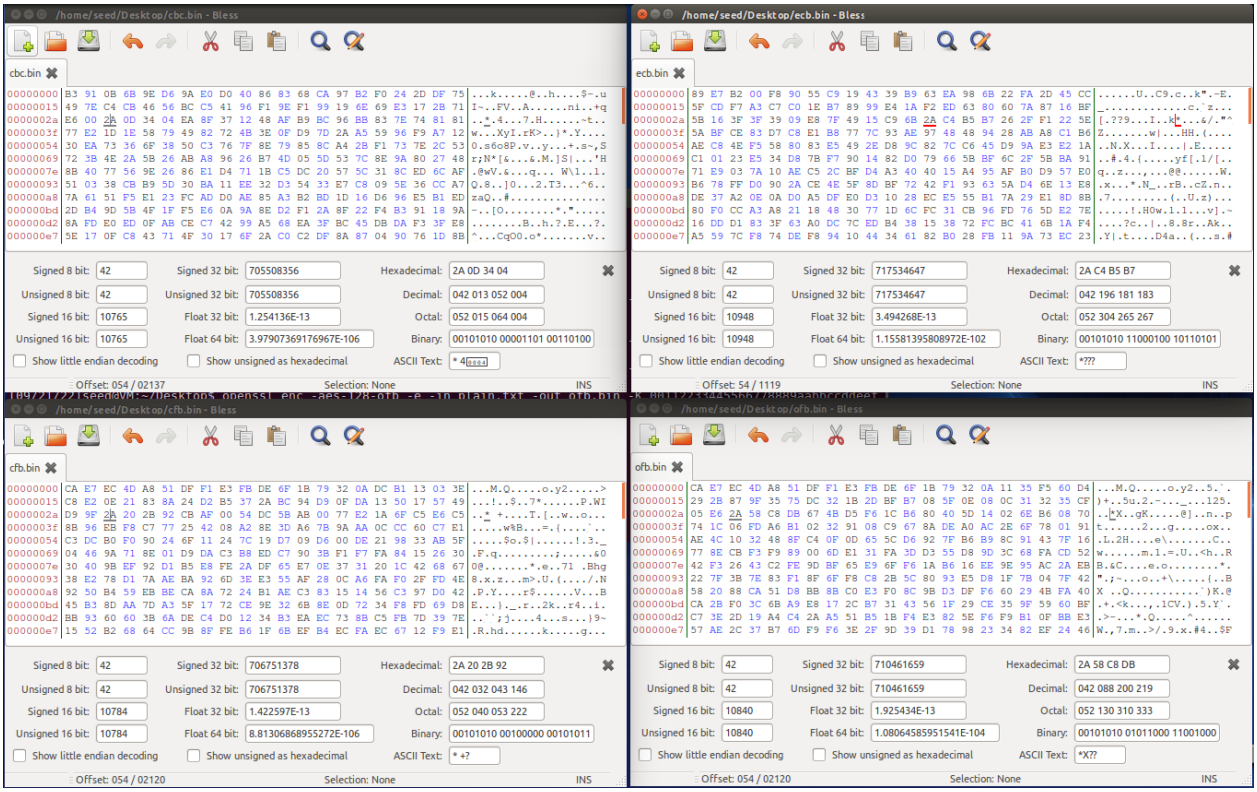
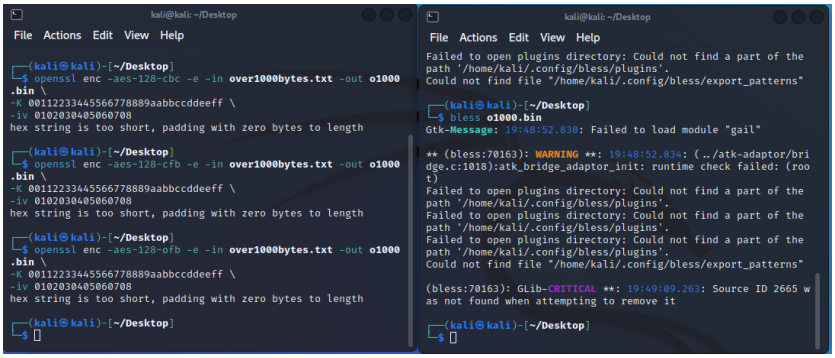
Corrupt the 55th byte in the encrypted files

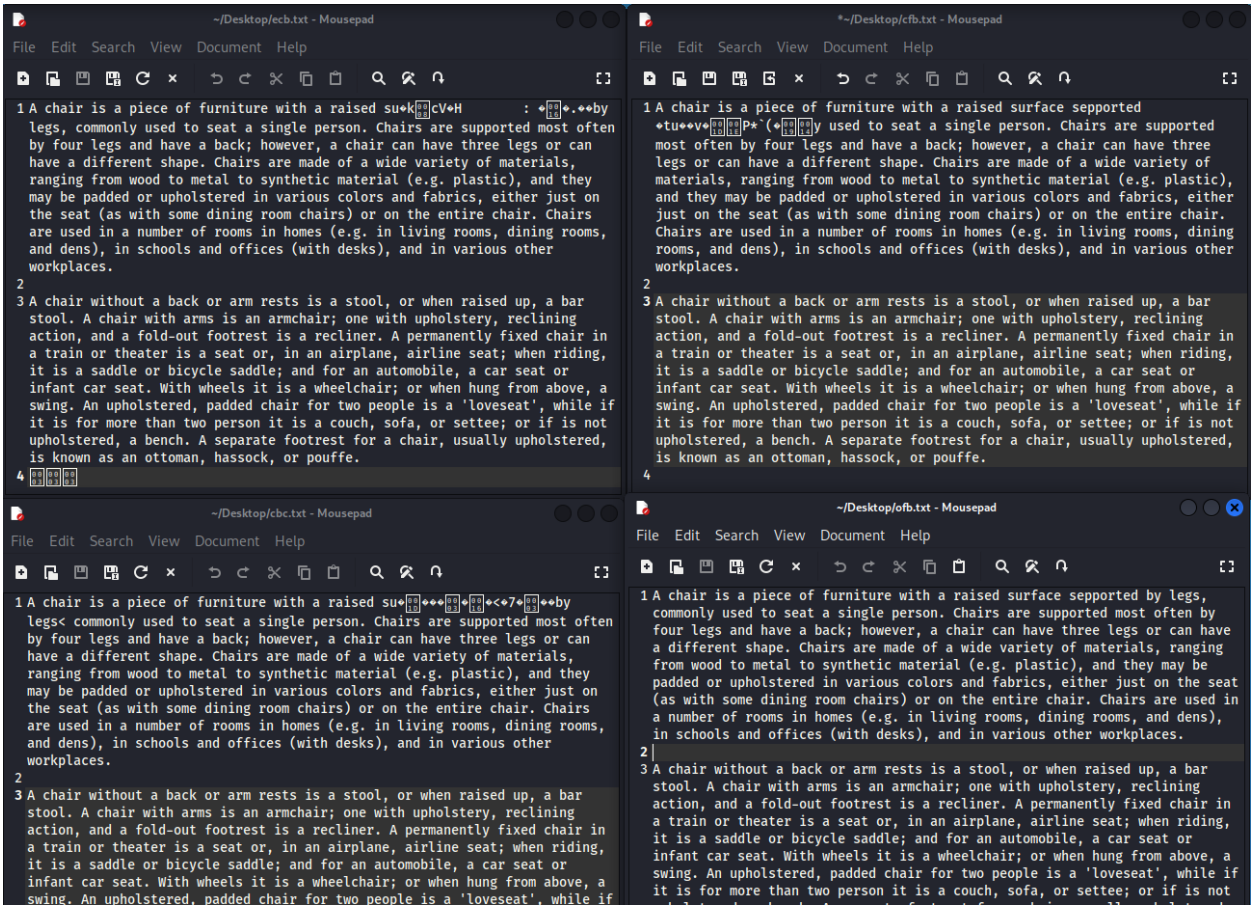


XORing changes a single bit if a 1 is used with several 0s.

How much information can you recover by decrypting the corrupted file, if the encryption mode is ECB, CBC, CFB, or OFB, respectively? Please answer this question before you conduct this task, and then find out whether your answer is correct or wrong after you finish this task. Please provide justification.



Since CBC and CFB encryption are not based on the text within the document, we would expect most of the text to be retrievable (other than the corrupted blocks). I expect ECB and OFB to be similar as well.



Surprisingly, it appears that very little corruption existed in any document, and (perhaps more surprisingly) the OFB document appears not to have changed at all. It seems that all four encryption methods work well even with some amount of file corruption.