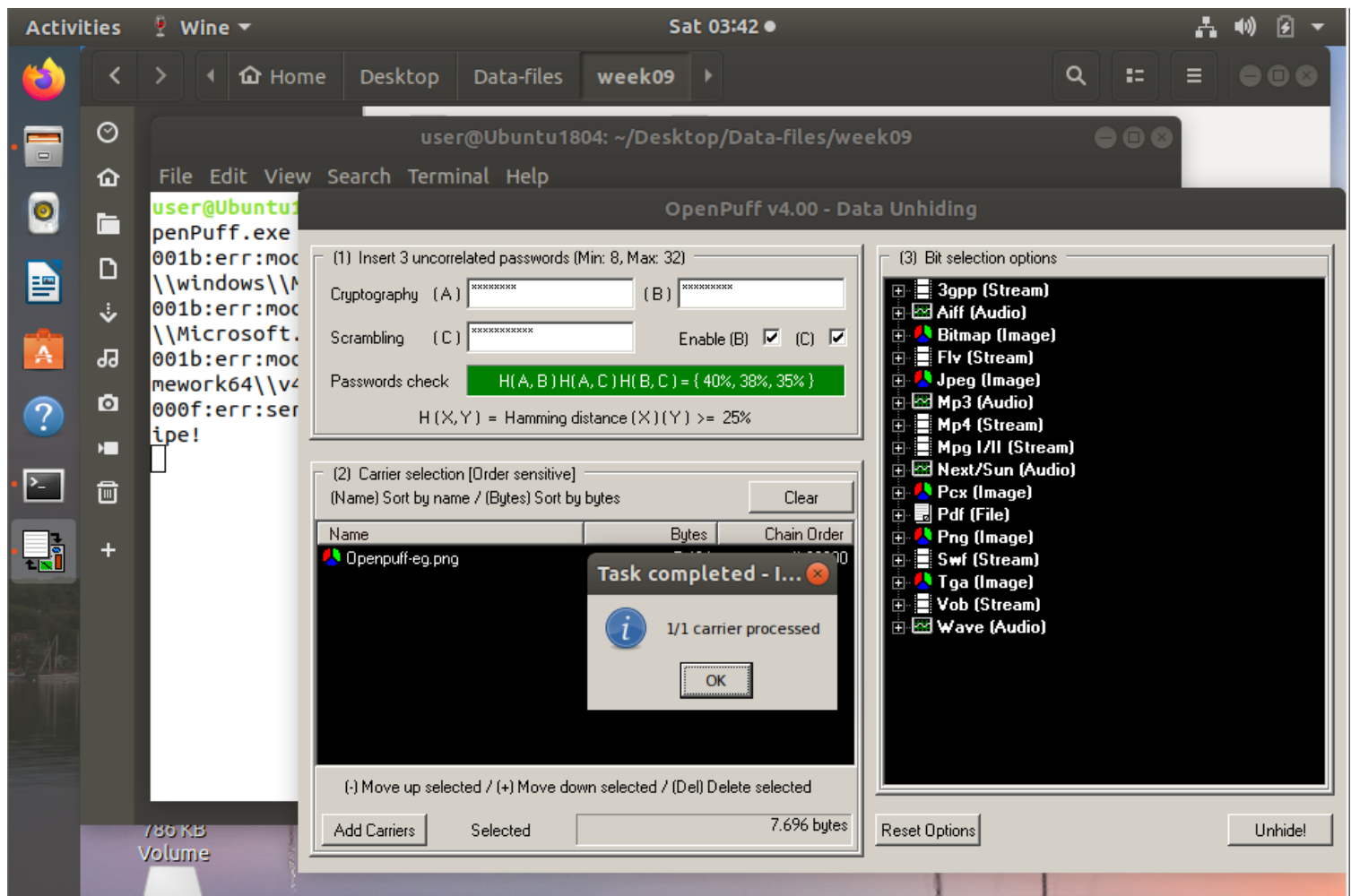
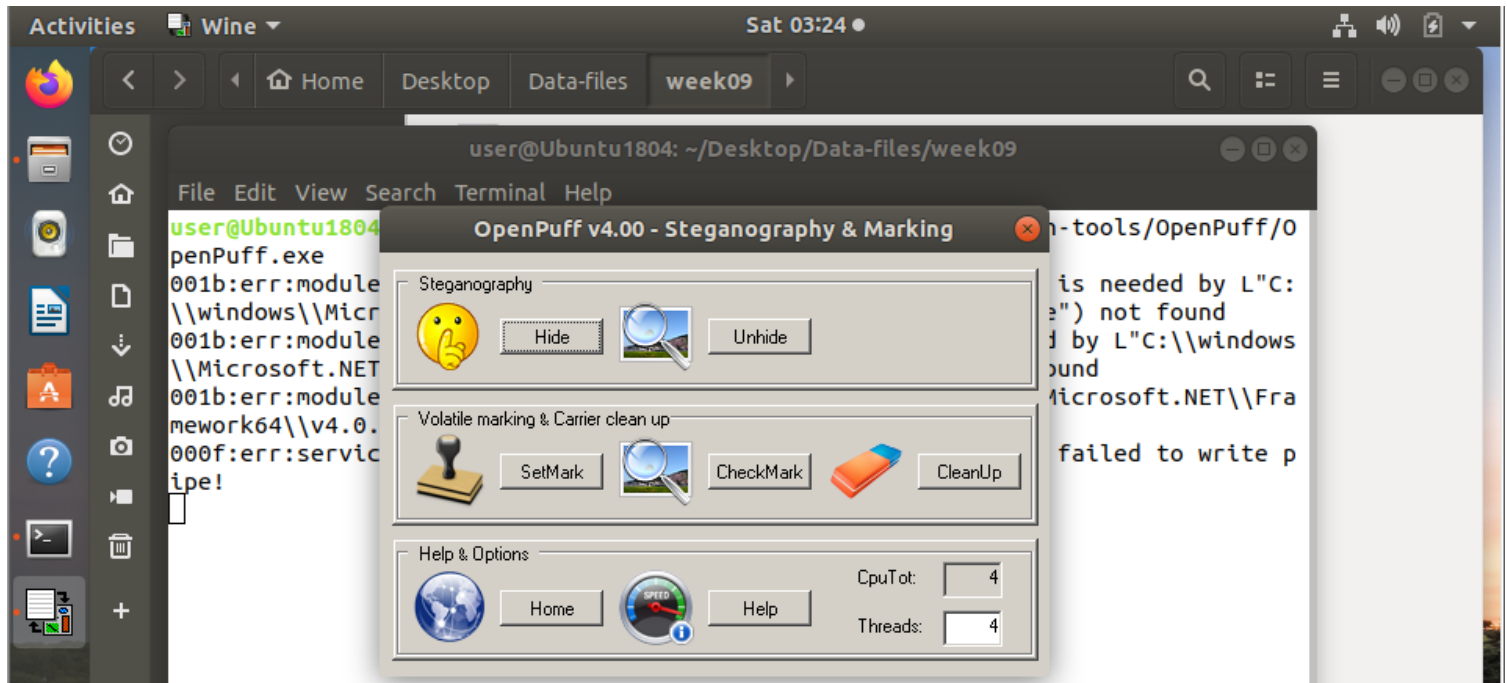
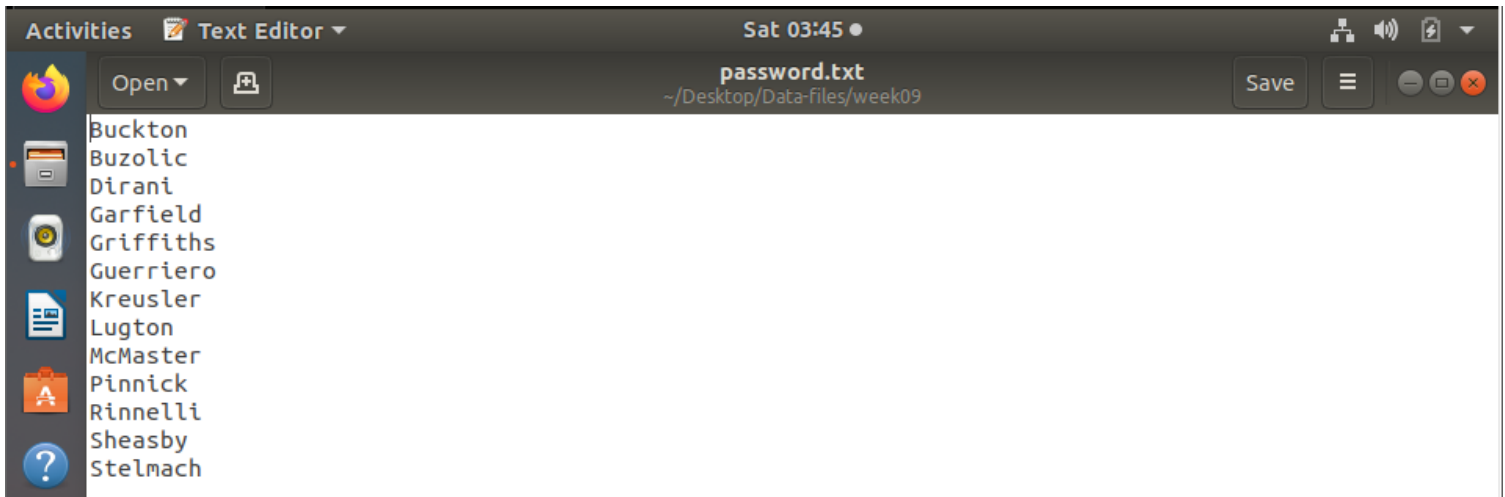
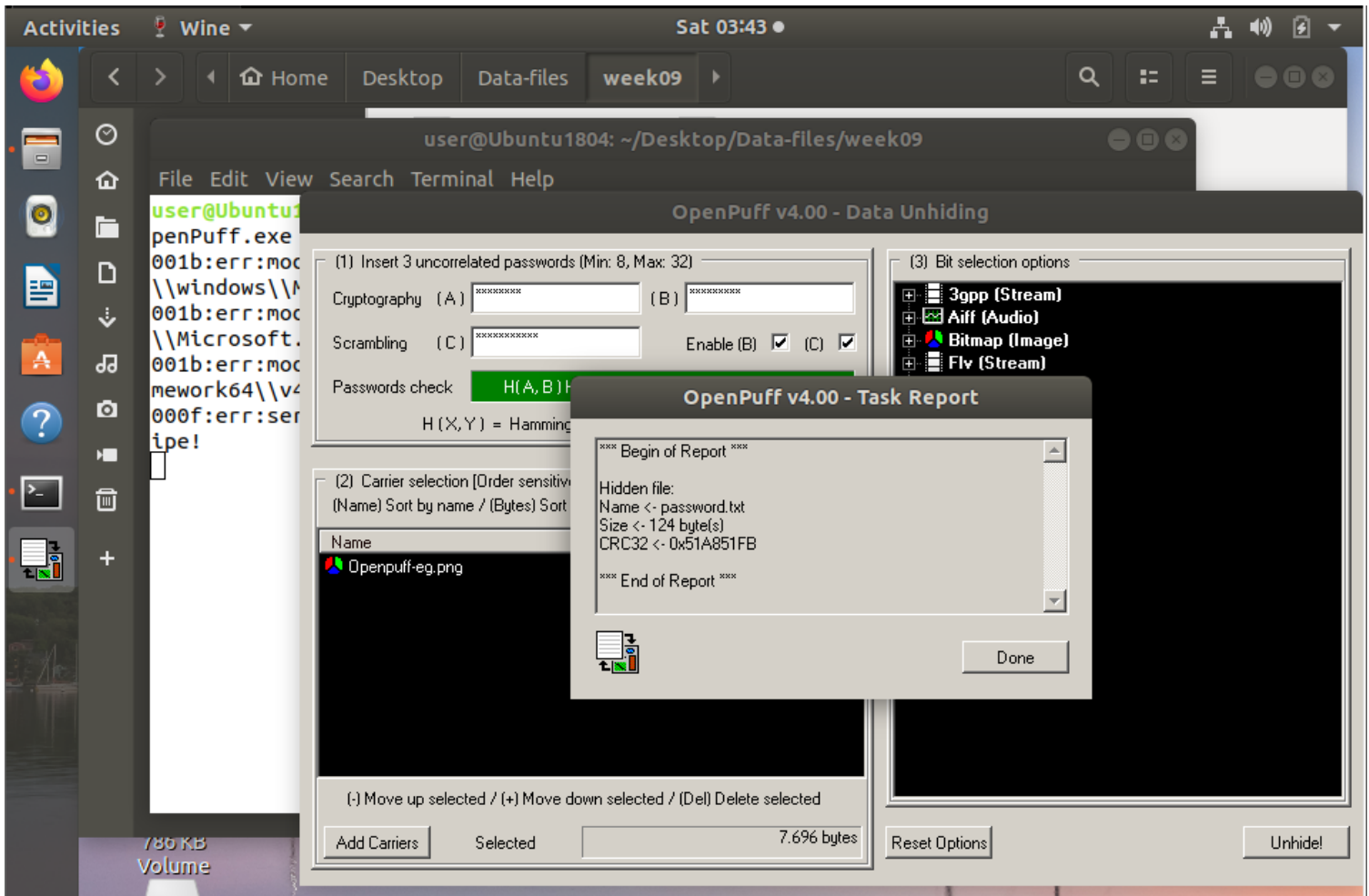


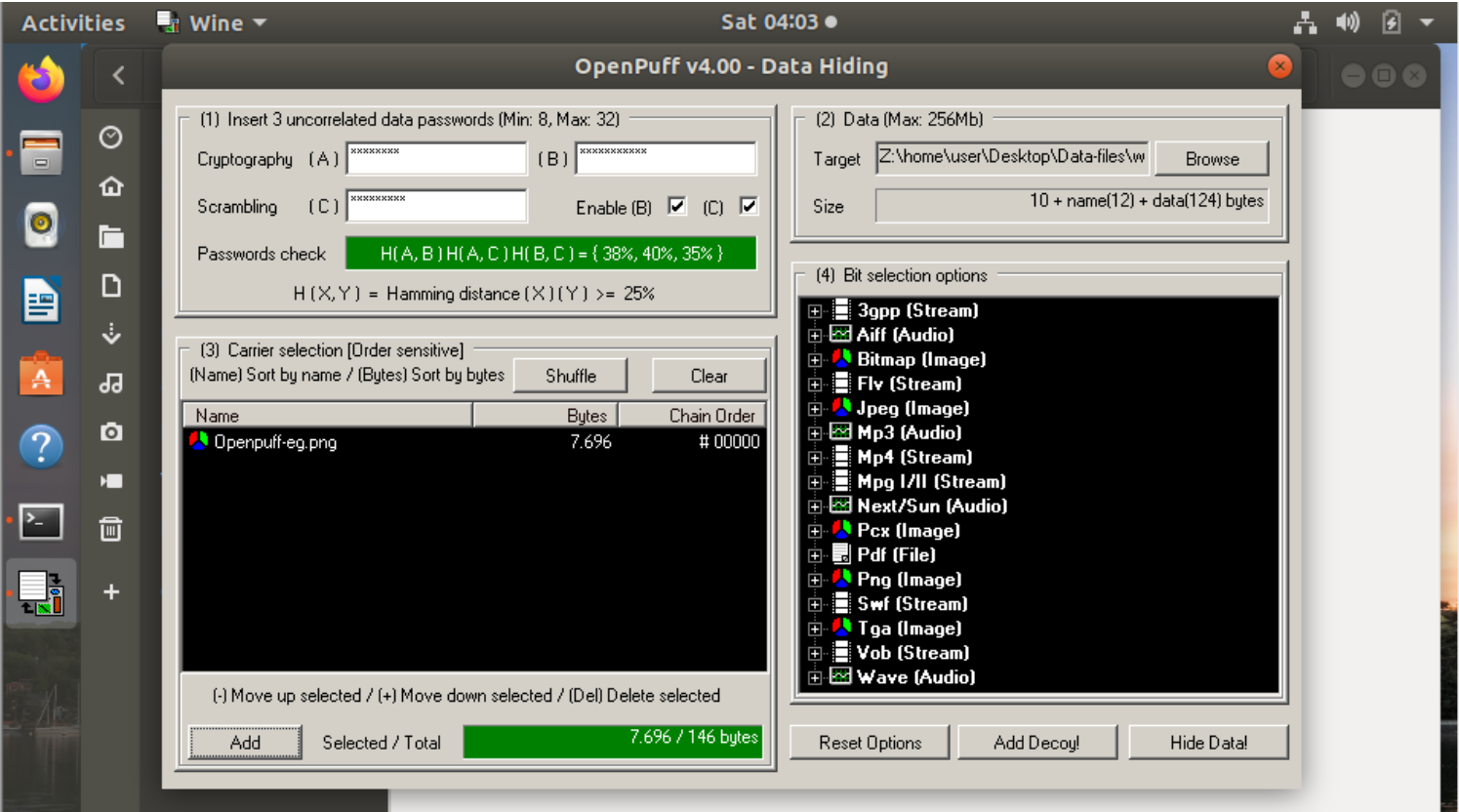
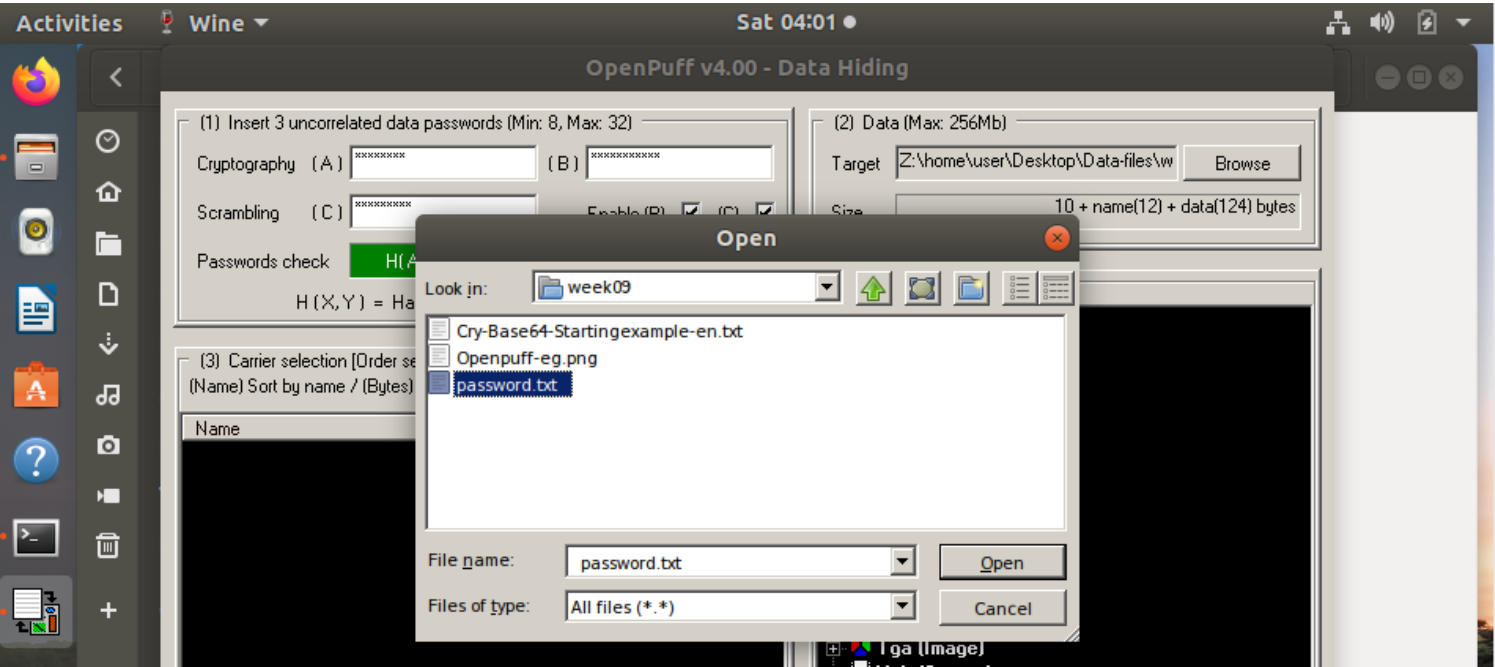
Multimedia Steganography by Using OpenPuff

My first task was using the OpenPuff application. As it happens, OpenPuff is a smart utility that can conceal messages in audio, video, and image files! Our initial file was a picture, which appeared to be okay. But thanks to OpenPuff's advice, I was able to follow enigmatic clues and turn into a secret agent. After entering three distinct passwords, I was ecstatic to see the secret password list—a hidden message—appear before my eyes





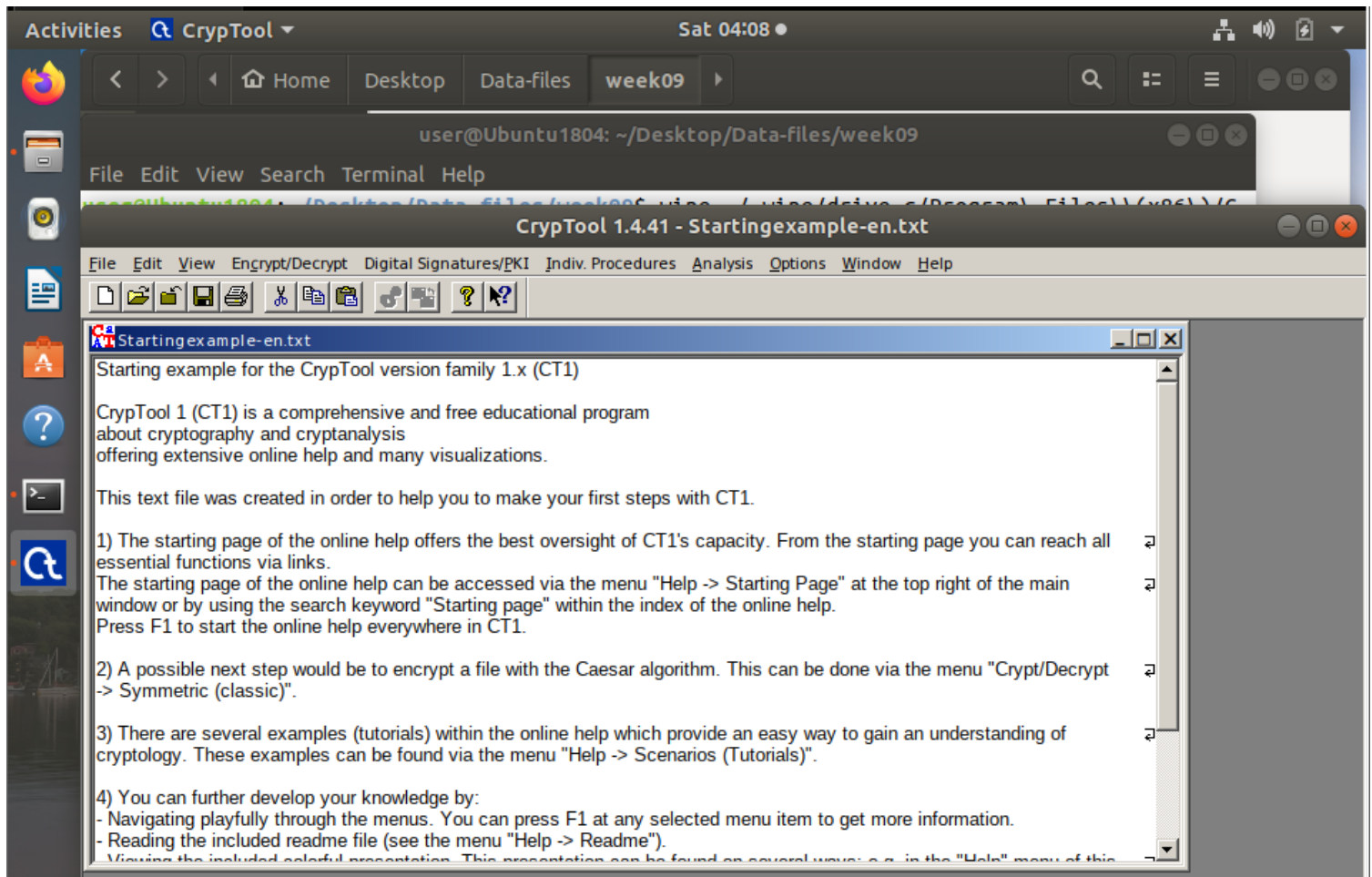
Then as an extra knowledge, I tried to hide the data into the image file

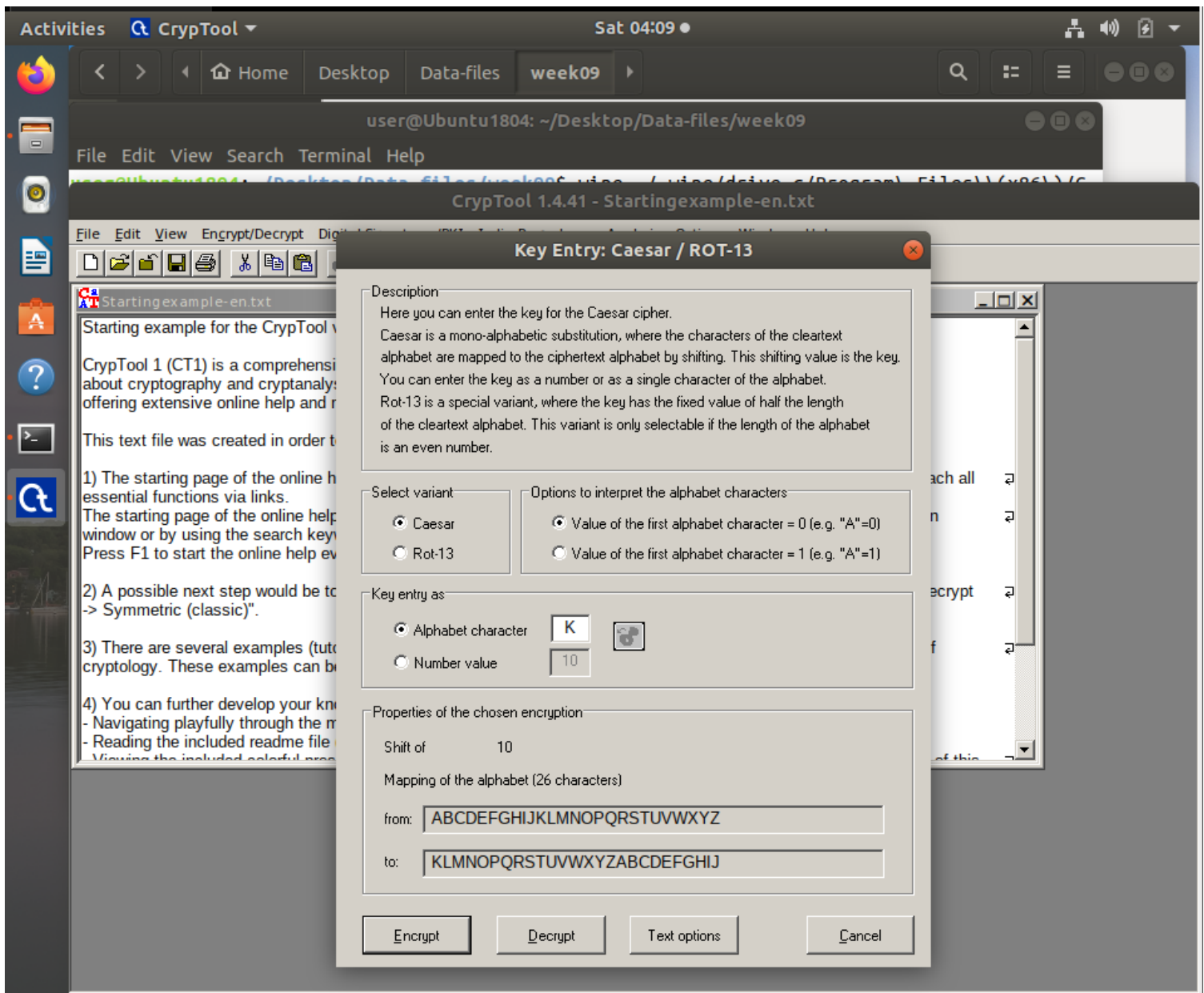


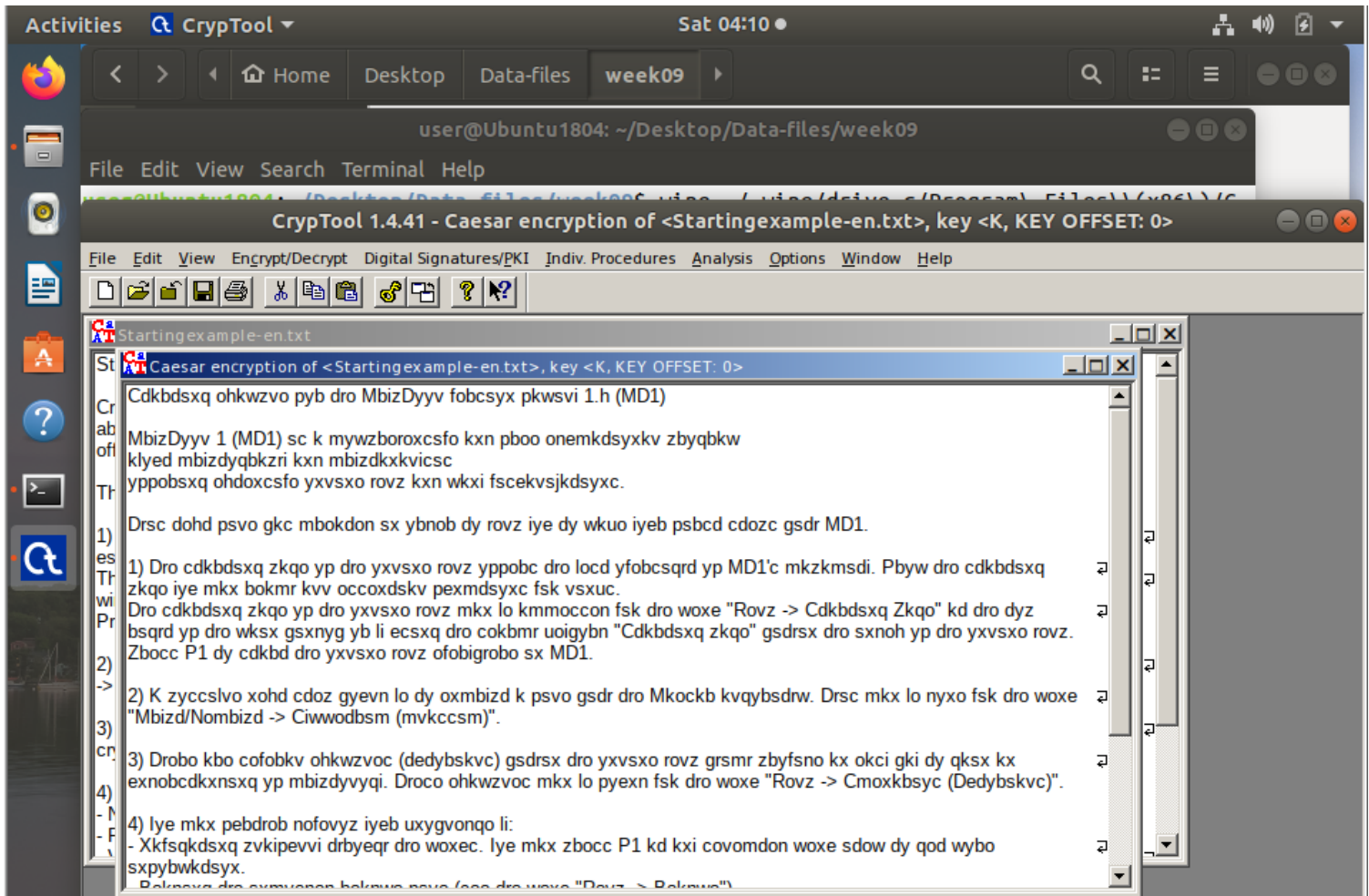
Introducing CrypTool

I then used a tool called CrypTool to explore the world of codes and ciphers. I had the impression that I had entered a hacker's toolbox, full of instruments for stumbling and decoding messages. I began with a straightforward technique known as the Caesar cipher. I felt like a master codebreaker when I could encrypt a message by shifting letters by a specific number and then decrypt it using the same shift. It was like possessing a secret decoder ring.

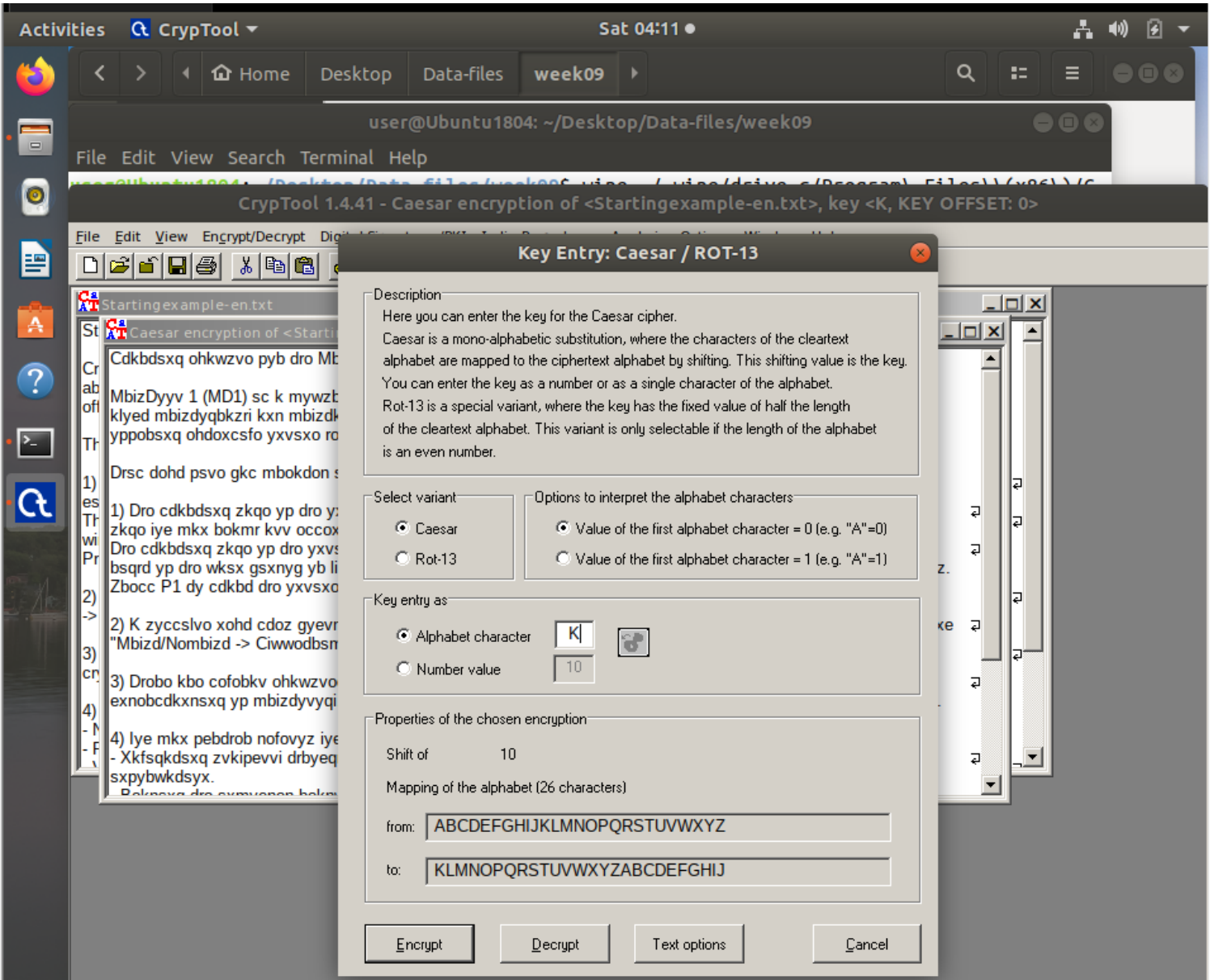
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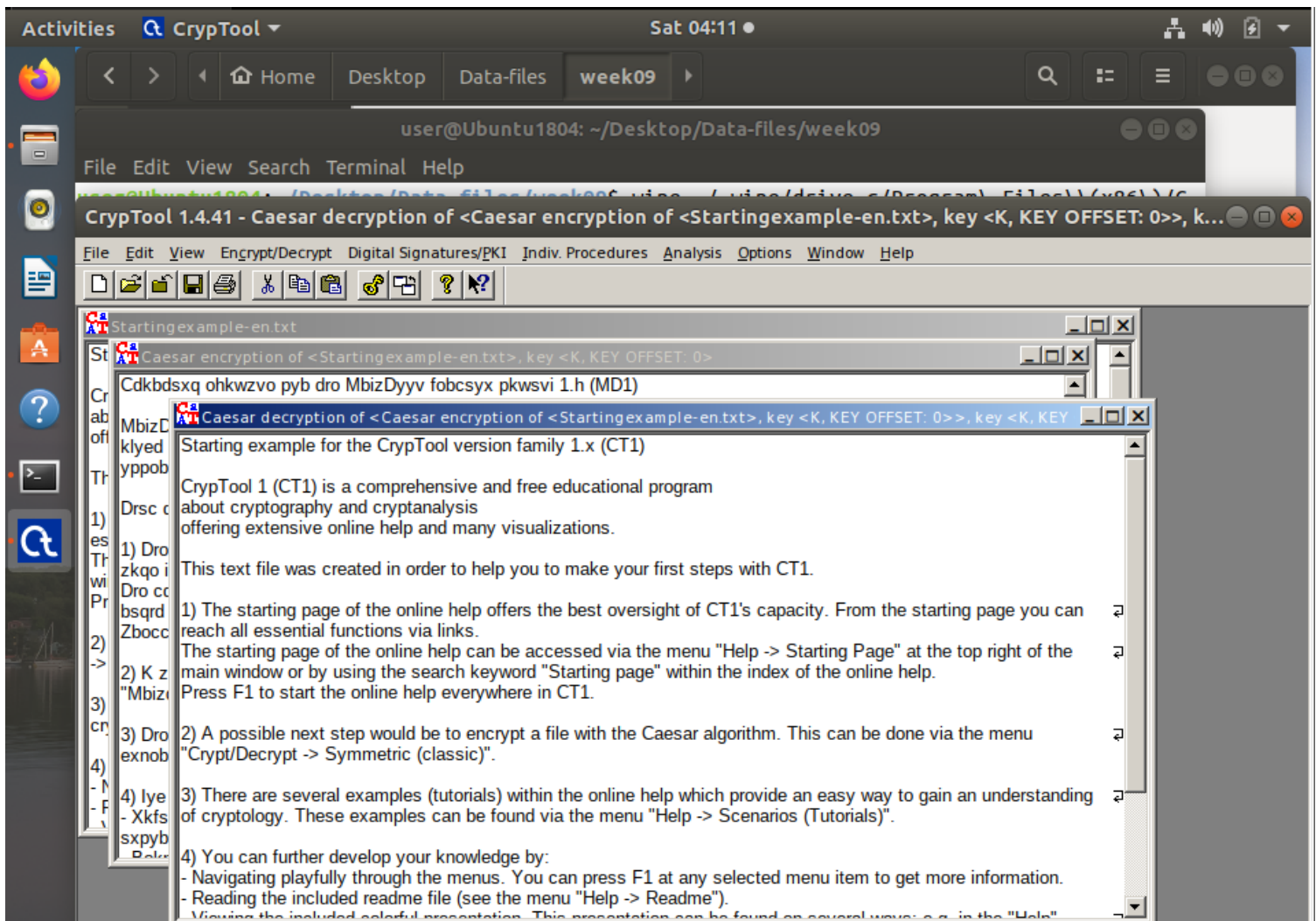






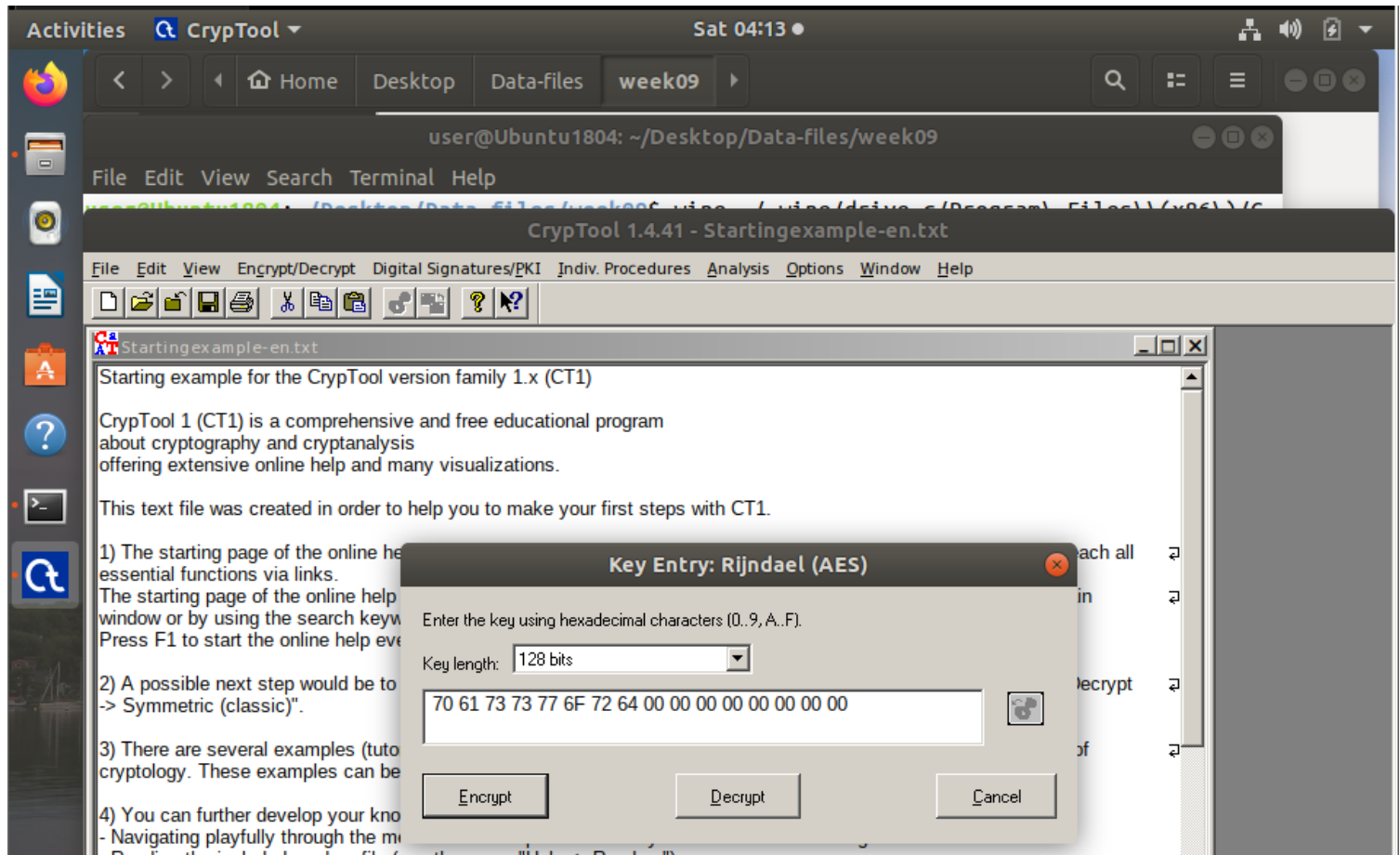
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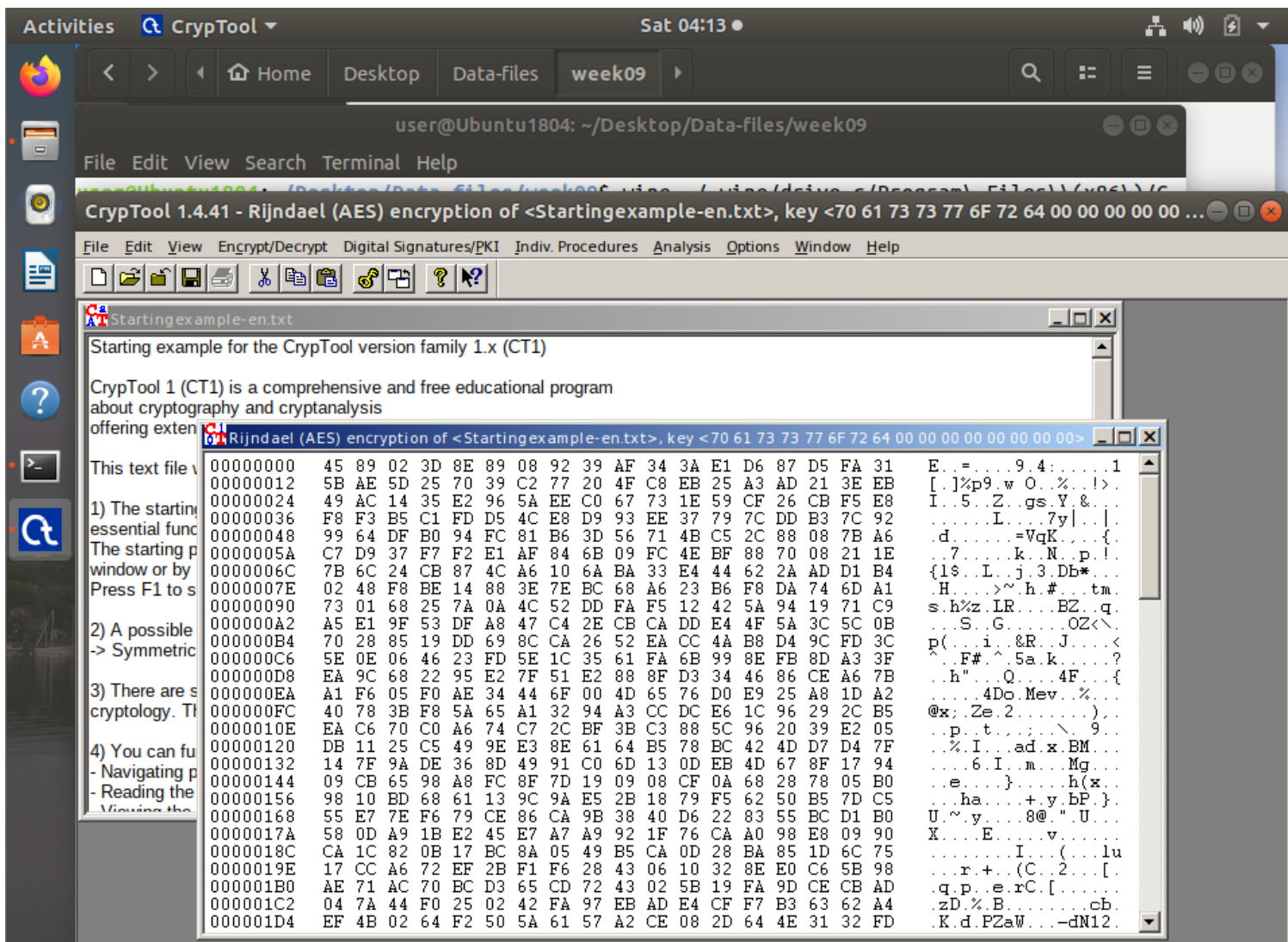




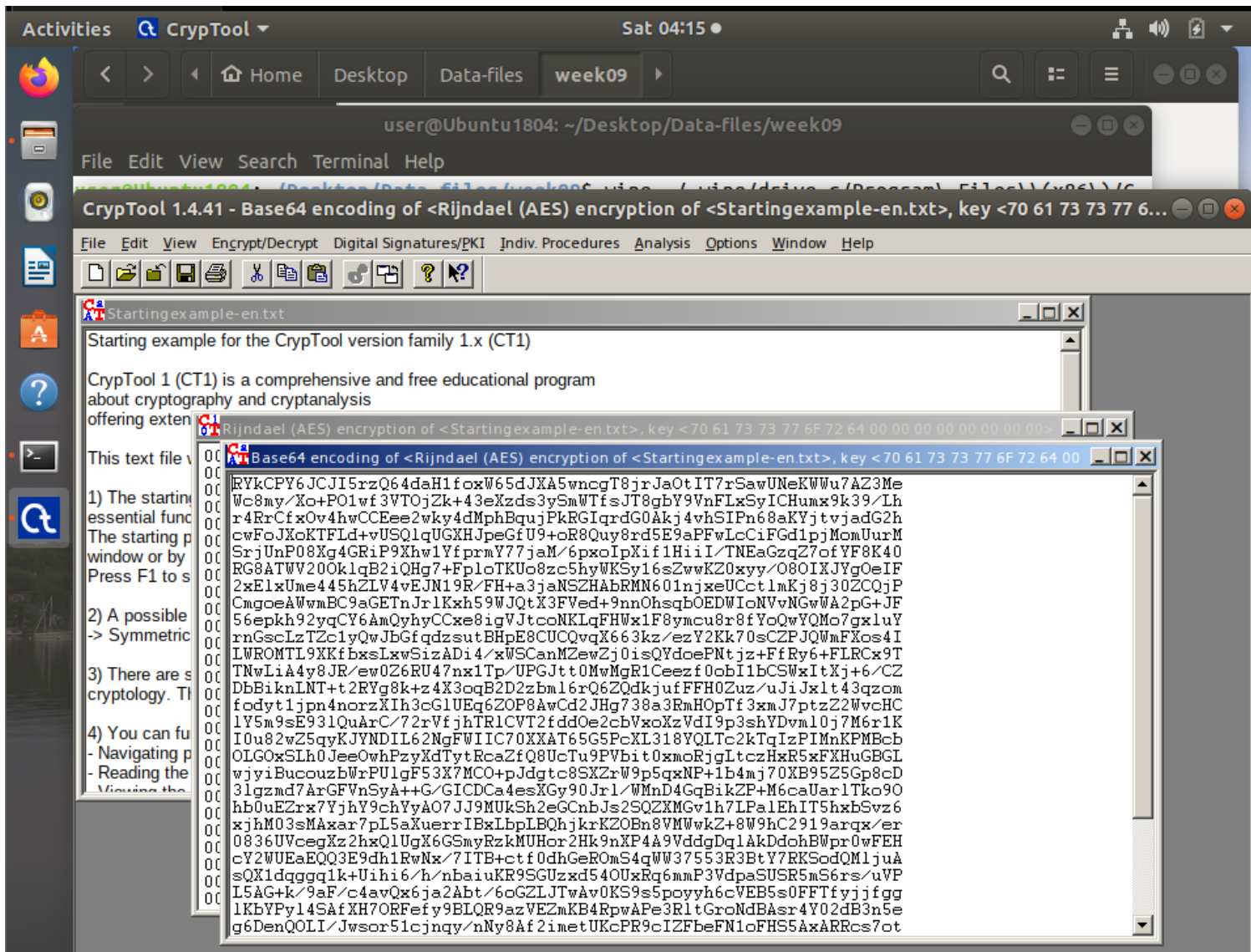
Introducing AES Encryption and BASE64 Encoding

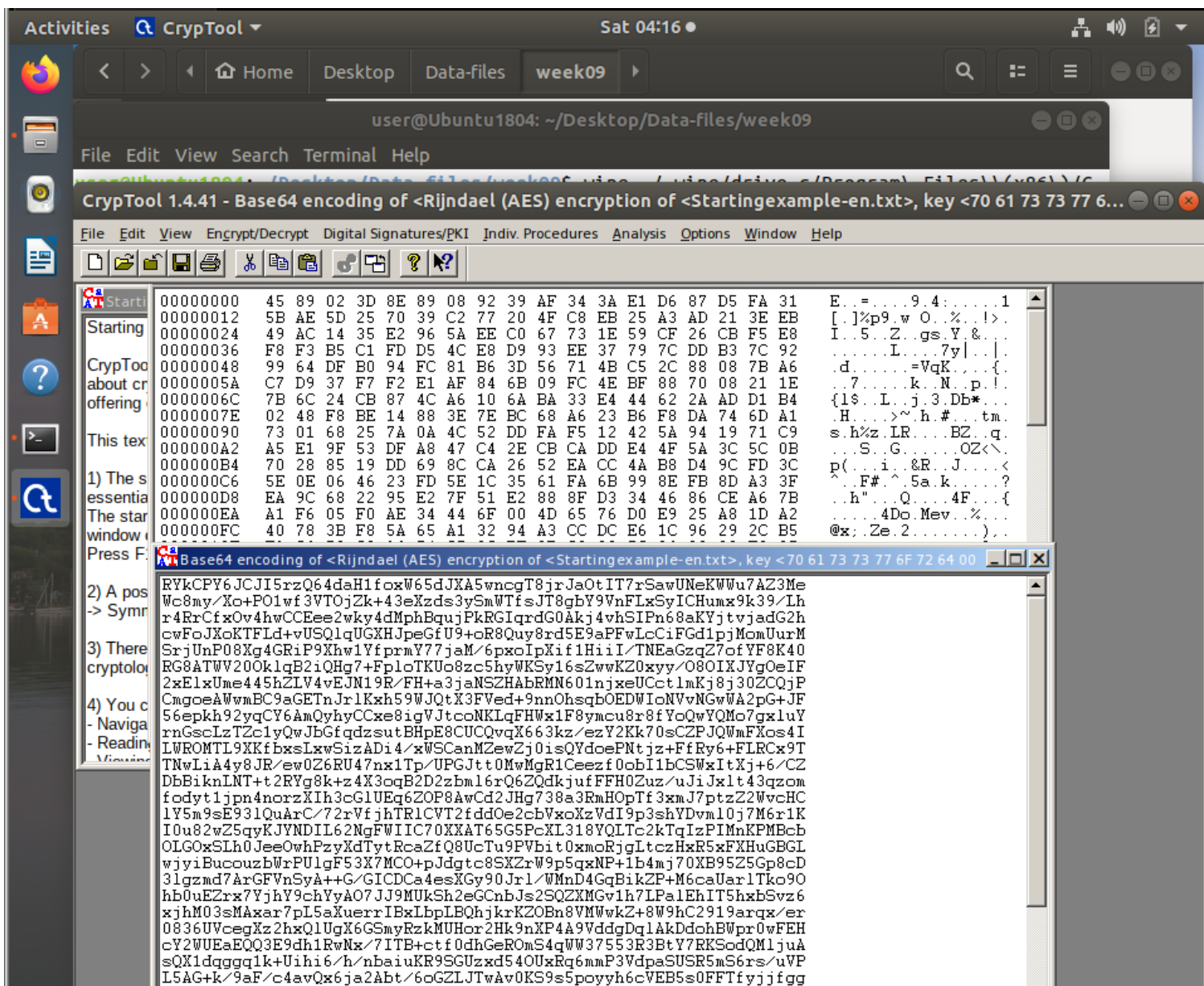
I then switched to AES, a considerably more powerful encryption technique. This seemed like a true undertaking! I took a regular text file and used CrypTool to turn it into a binary file, which is just a bewildering jumble of ones and zeros. But there's still more! Binary code is incomprehensible to humans, similar to speaking a whole other language.





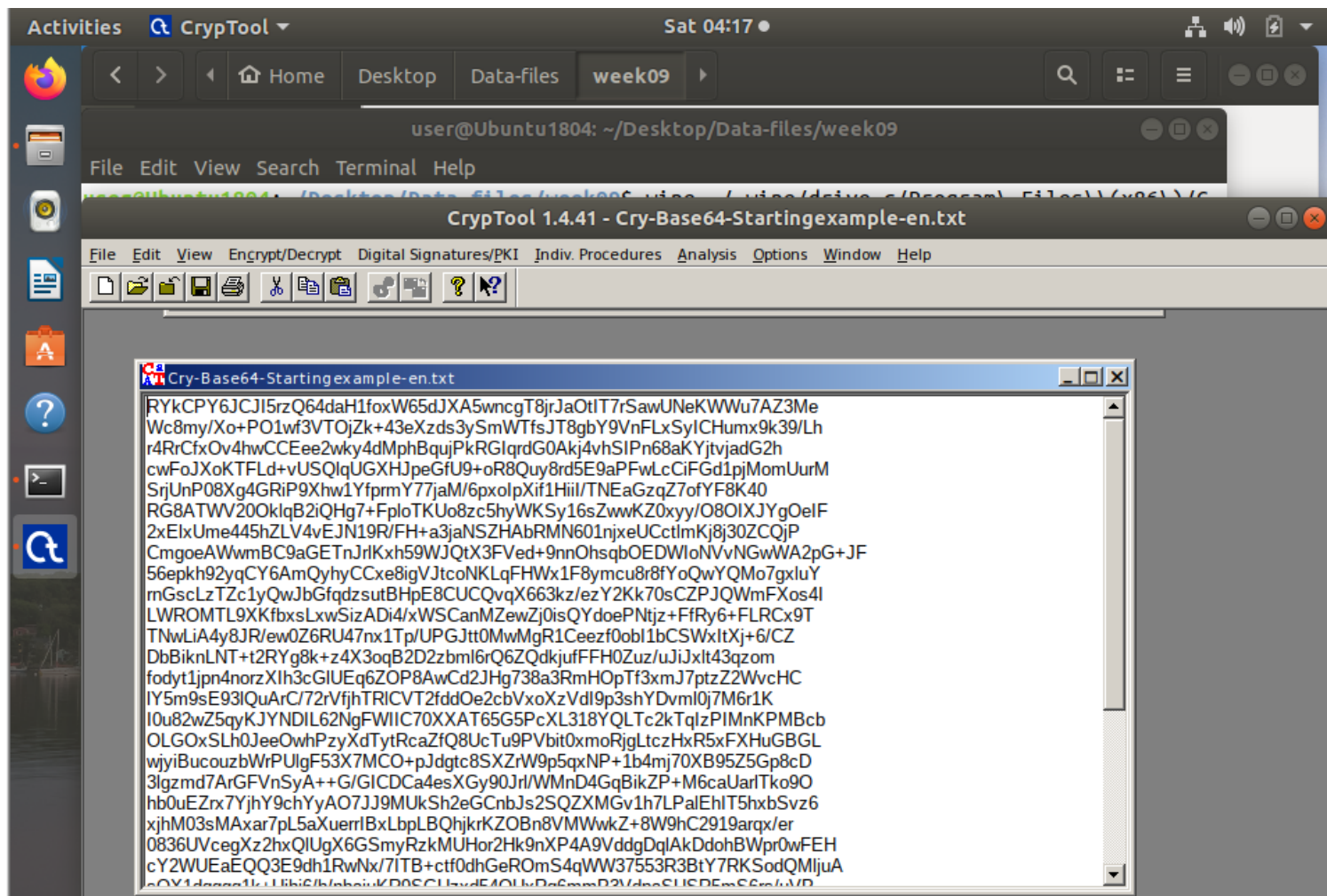
So, I employed Base64 encoding, another CrypTool function. This process was analogous to feeding the binary code into a specialized translator and turning it into a lengthy string of characters and numbers that could be read more easily. I had the impression of being a true code master, having cracked a double layer of encryption!

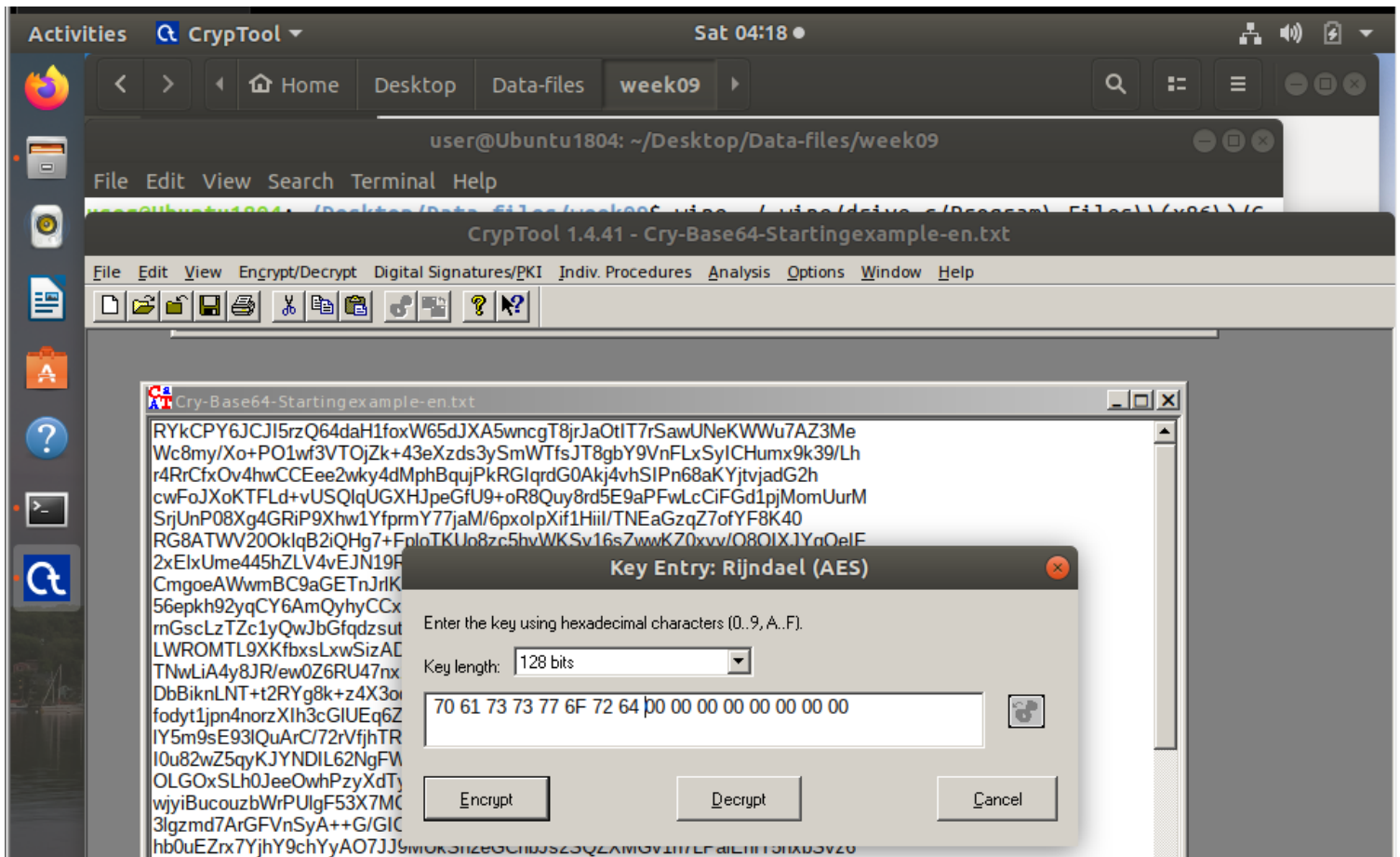




Forensic Tasks

A file that seemed suspicious was handed to us and was encrypted using AES. I opened CrypTool again, recalling all I had learned about passwords and Base64 encoding.





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user@Ubuntu1804: ~/Desktop/Data-files/week09: vi ~/Desktop/Data-files/week09/CrypTool 1.4.41 - Rijndael (AES) decryption of <Cry-Base64-Startingexample-en.txt>, key <70 61 73 73 77 6F 72 64 00...

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Cry-Base64-Startingexample-en.txt

Rijndael (AES) decryption of <Cry-Base64-Startingexample-en.txt>, key <70 61 73 73 77 6F 72 64 00 00 00 00

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00000024 EB 44 E9 D1 A8 08 26 16 53 1C 46 9E AA D5 F5 0F B8 7E .D...&.S.F.....~
00000036 C3 08 7C 39 8D F0 58 06 0D A9 D4 81 4A DA D3 70 45 D8 .|9..X...J...pE...
00000048 E2 19 4C A1 65 03 79 D6 35 70 9D 44 3F 18 8D D8 E0 A1 .L.e.y.5p.D?...
0000005A D5 3A DB 58 FD BC 24 2D C9 2C 28 29 94 D8 7B 0E 22 87 .X..$-...()...{...
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0000007E ED EF 6A BA D1 3B 5C 99 89 D7 83 D6 B6 57 97 93 5A 69 .j...N.....W..Zi
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000000B4 B0 91 71 94 51 FB 11 83 BE 71 8D 6F 5F 27 C6 C4 93 8F .q.Q....q.o_....
000000C6 13 FE 83 9F D4 EA F0 A1 A0 29 06 2A 0A E6 05 94 16 E0 .....)*.....
000000D8 38 60 5F EA D5 08 86 3C 31 EB AC 0A E2 69 91 46 7B BC 8`_...<1...i.F{...
000000EA 2C 0D 83 F2 42 88 D5 48 3F 7A 8D 4C 26 99 05 DD 95 D1 ....B..H?z..L&....
000000FC 3E 24 A5 46 2A 6E A3 0D A1 0C 6A C7 8D DE 8B D1 CE 73 >$..F*n...j.....s
0000010E 50 32 79 C5 01 00 06 F5 69 E2 6C B5 A8 AF BB 34 F3 53 P2y....i.l....4.S
00000120 E6 74 8E 51 59 9A 81 B6 68 55 C3 9F 15 7C 6D 52 D2 E5 .t.QY...hU...|mR...
00000132 6C 8B E6 95 DE 12 DA EC 4D 73 00 10 A4 F2 2A 01 C0 E8 l.....Ms.....*...
00000144 7C 72 7A A6 1A 5D 92 22 F1 56 3E FF 38 5D 72 C0 44 C3 |rz...].".V>.8|r.D.
00000156 F9 29 96 D9 E8 E2 C3 8D 39 95 BE A1 37 E6 16 9C 28 78 .).....9...7... (x
00000168 1A 9F 87 BA 17 E4 71 3F AE A8 70 E7 1D B1 97 54 35 86 .q?...p...T5...
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0000018C 97 BA 49 07 0E AF 27 B5 B9 5E 75 F5 89 C9 79 28 CC 84 .I...^u...y(...
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000001D4 B9 7F F4 9C B2 37 BD 94 4C 6E D6 06 62 8D E8 F5 DC 7D .....7...Ln..b....}
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I felt a sense of success as I watched the jumbled code turn back into a readable file—using the same password that I used for encryption.

