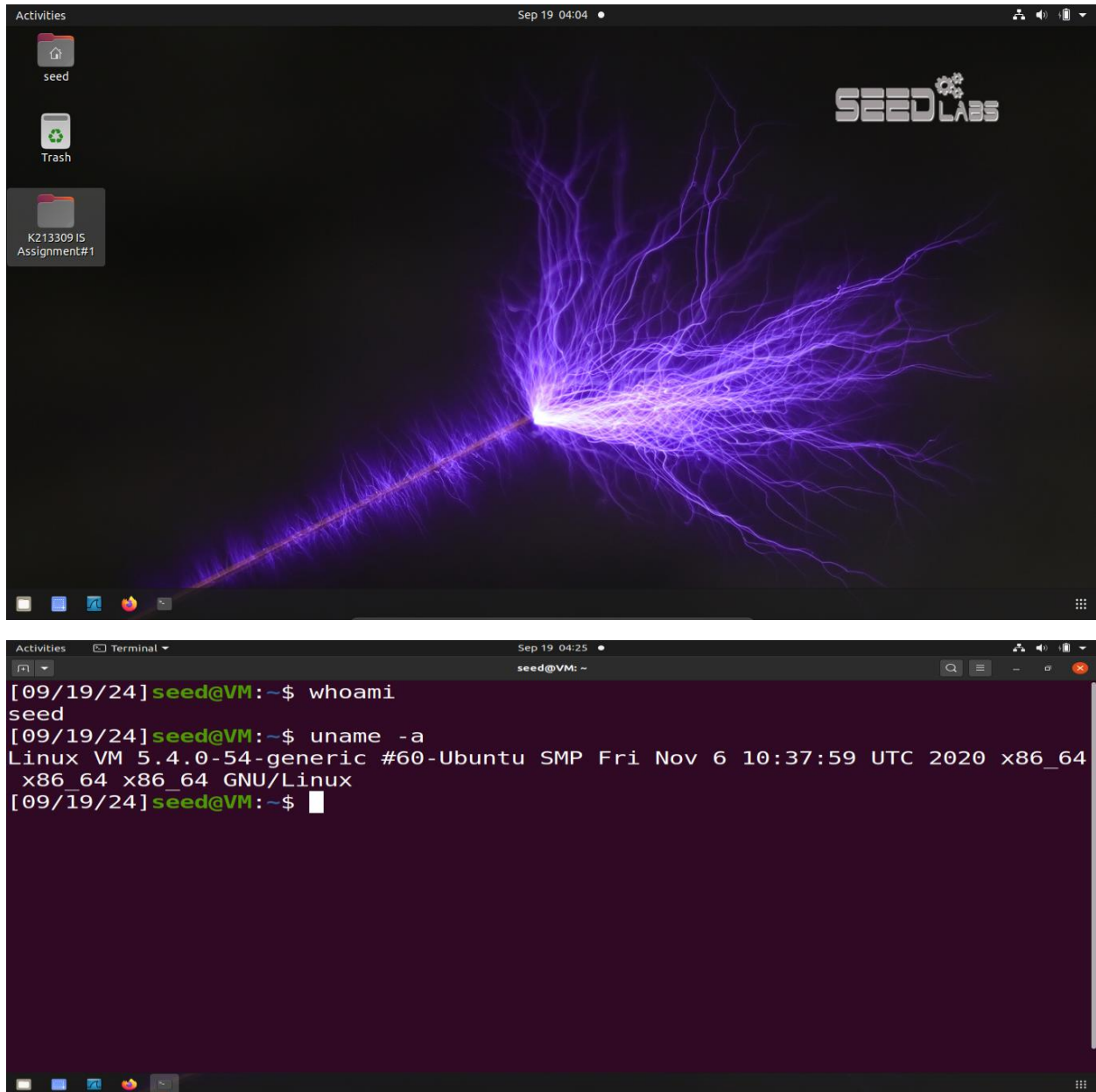


IS Assignment #1

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Setup

Since we need a dedicated VM for this lab, we first need to download the zip file provided by the SEED project which is a pre-built SEED Ubuntu 20.04 VirtualBox image. You can find this file [here](#). After that, you can follow the steps [here](#) to properly setup your VM on virtual box. Once that is done, you will have a custom ubuntu for this lab.

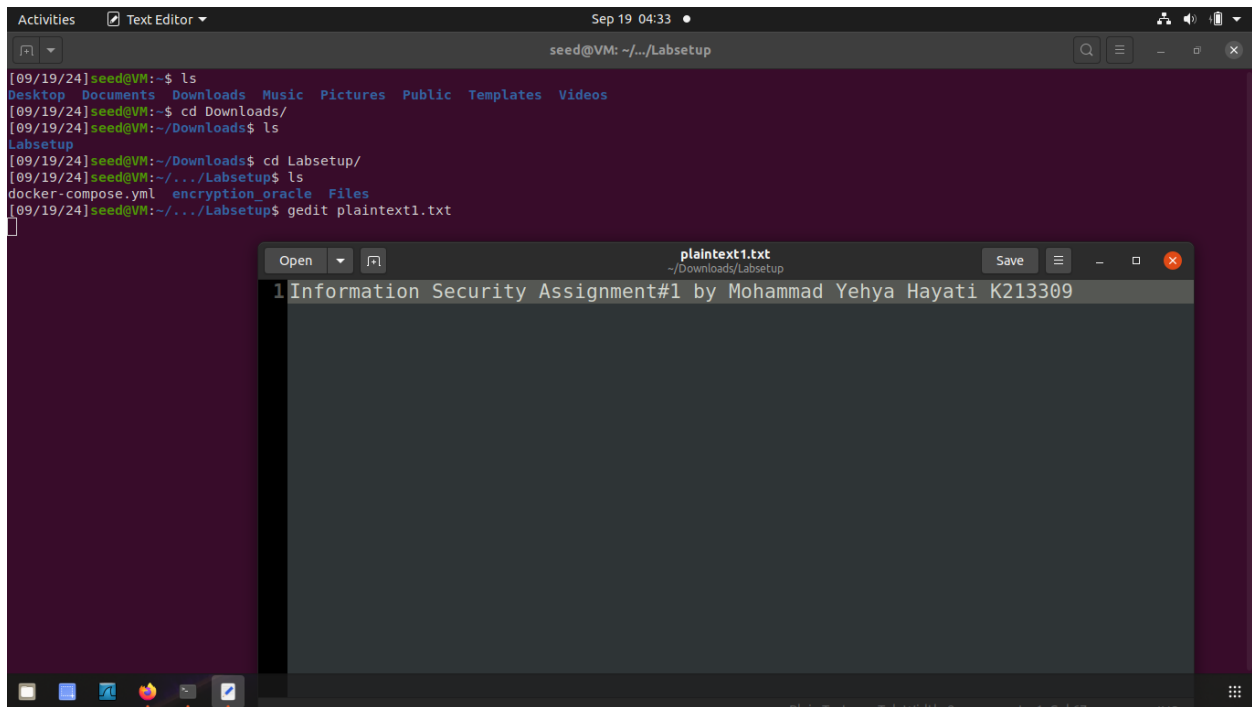


Next, we need to download the lab setup zip file to setup the environment for the lab and unzip it. That is the setup done.

Task #1

The first task is quite simple as all the commands and guidelines are given in the assignment document. Therefore we will follow the given commands.

First and foremost, we will create a plain text document.



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

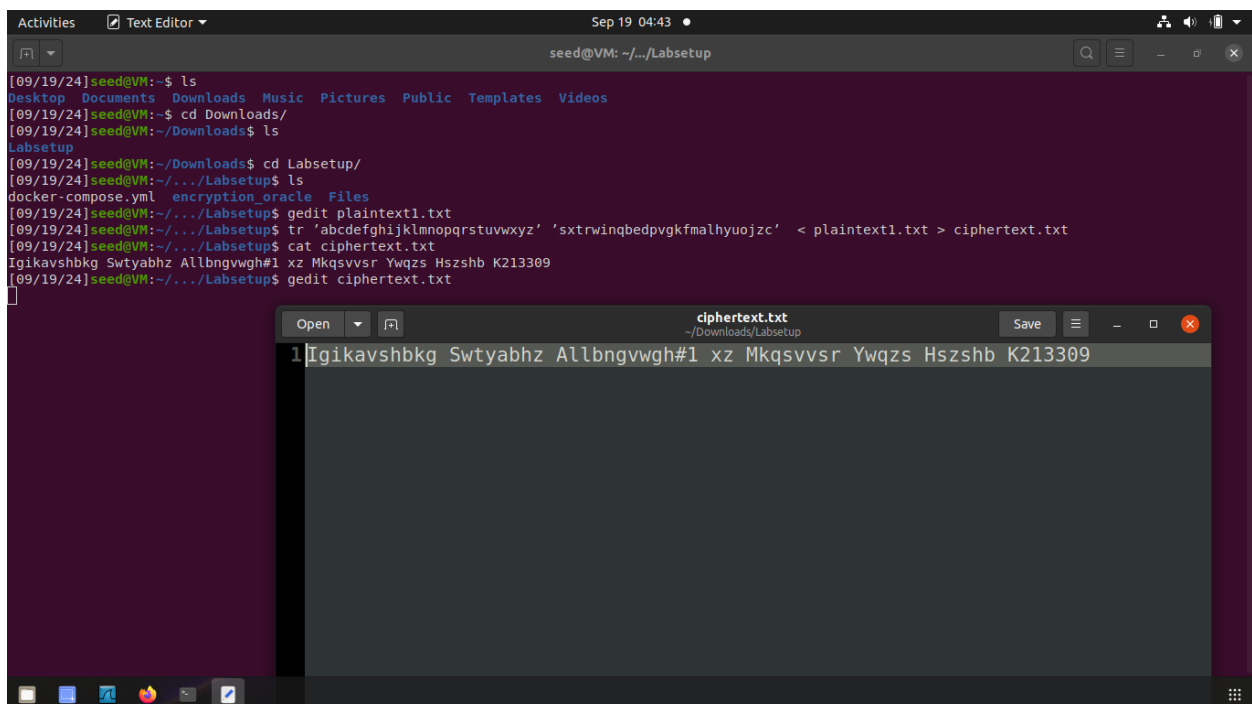
```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~$ ls
Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public Templates Videos
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~$ cd Downloads/
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ ls
Labsetup
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ cd Labsetup/
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ ls
docker-compose.yml encryption oracle Files
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ gedit plaintext1.txt
```

The text editor window titled "plaintext1.txt" shows the following text:

```
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```

Then, as given in the document, we will run the following command:

```
$ tr 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' 'sxtrwinqbedpvgkfmalhyuojzc' < plaintext.txt > ciphertxt.txt
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~$ ls
Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public Templates Videos
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~$ cd Downloads/
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ ls
Labsetup
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ cd Labsetup/
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ ls
docker-compose.yml encryption oracle Files
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ gedit plaintext1.txt
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ tr 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' 'sxtrwinqbedpvgkfmalhyuojzc' < plaintext1.txt > ciphertxt.txt
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cat ciphertxt.txt
Igikavshbkg Swtyabhz Allbngvwgh#1 xz Mkqsvvsr Ywqzs Hszshb K213309
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ gedit ciphertxt.txt
```

The text editor window titled "ciphertxt.txt" shows the following text:

```
1 Igikavshbkg Swtyabhz Allbngvwgh#1 xz Mkqsvvsr Ywqzs Hszshb K213309
```

Next, we will use the freq.py file, which was given in the lab setup files, to generate the frequency of the words in the plain text. The frequency will be given in the form of all possible n-grams which is basically a 'n-numbered' word.

```
Activities Terminal Sep 19 04:47 seed@VM: ~/.../Files
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/Downloads$ cd Labsetup/
Labsetup
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ ls
docker-compose.yml encryption_oracle Files
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ gedit plaintext1.txt
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ tr 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' 'sxtrwinqbedpvgkfmahyuoajzc' < plaintext1.txt > ciphertext.txt
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ cat ciphertext.txt
Igikavshbkg SwtyabhZ Allbngvwgh#1 xZ Mkqsvvsr Ywqzs Hszshb K213309
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ gedit ciphertext.txt
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ cd Files/
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/.../Files$ ls
ciphertext.txt freq.py pic_original.bmp sample_code.py words.txt
[09/19/24]seed@VM: ~/.../Files$ ./freq.py
-----
1-gram (top 20):
n: 488
y: 373
v: 348
x: 291
u: 280
q: 276
m: 264
h: 235
t: 183
i: 166
p: 156
a: 116
c: 104
z: 95
l: 90
g: 83
b: 83
r: 82
e: 76
d: 59
-----
h: 235
t: 183
i: 166
p: 156
a: 116
c: 104
z: 95
l: 90
g: 83
b: 83
r: 82
e: 76
d: 59
-----
2-gram (top 20):
yt: 115
tn: 89
mu: 74
nh: 58
vh: 57
hn: 57
vu: 56
nq: 53
xu: 52
up: 46
xh: 45
yn: 44
np: 44
vy: 44
nu: 42
qy: 39
vq: 33
vi: 32
gn: 32
a: 32
-----
Files
```

```
Activities Terminal Sep 19 04:47 seed@VM: ~/.../Files
nq: 53
xu: 52
up: 46
xh: 45
yn: 44
np: 44
vy: 44
nu: 42
qy: 39
vq: 33
vi: 32
gn: 32
av: 31
-----
3-gram (top 20):
ytn: 78
vup: 30
mur: 20
ynh: 18
xzy: 16
mxu: 14
gnq: 14
ytn: 13
nqy: 13
vii: 13
bxh: 13
lvq: 12
nuy: 12
vyn: 12
uvy: 11
lmu: 11
nvh: 11
cmu: 11
tmq: 10
vhn: 10
[ Files /24] seed@VM: ~/.../Files$
```

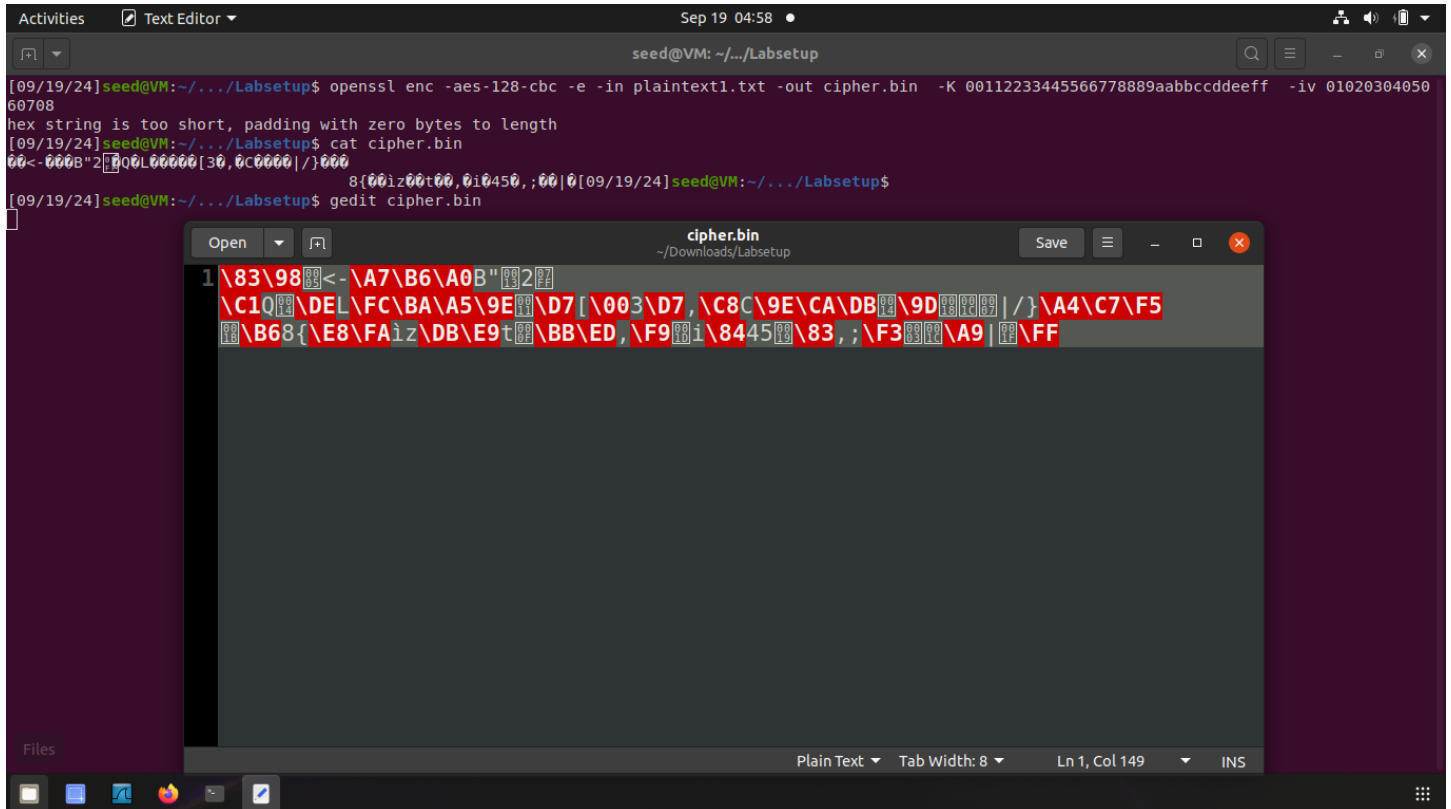
Task #2

For this task, we will again be using the resources in the lab setup file. This time, we will specifically be using the different encryption algorithms. The basic format of the command is:

```
$ openssl enc -ciphertext -e -in plain.txt -out cipher.bin -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
```

The first algorithm to try is -aes-128-cbc. So, the command with be:

```
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher.bin -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
```



```
Activities Text Editor Sep 19 04:58 seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
```

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher.bin -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
```

```
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
```

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cat cipher.bin
```

```
00<-000B"2[00L0000[30,0c0000|/}000
```

```
8{00iz00t00,0i0450,;00|0[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ gedit cipher.bin
```

```
Open cipher.bin ~/Downloads/Labsetup Save
```

```
1 \83\98<- \A7\B6\A0B"02
```

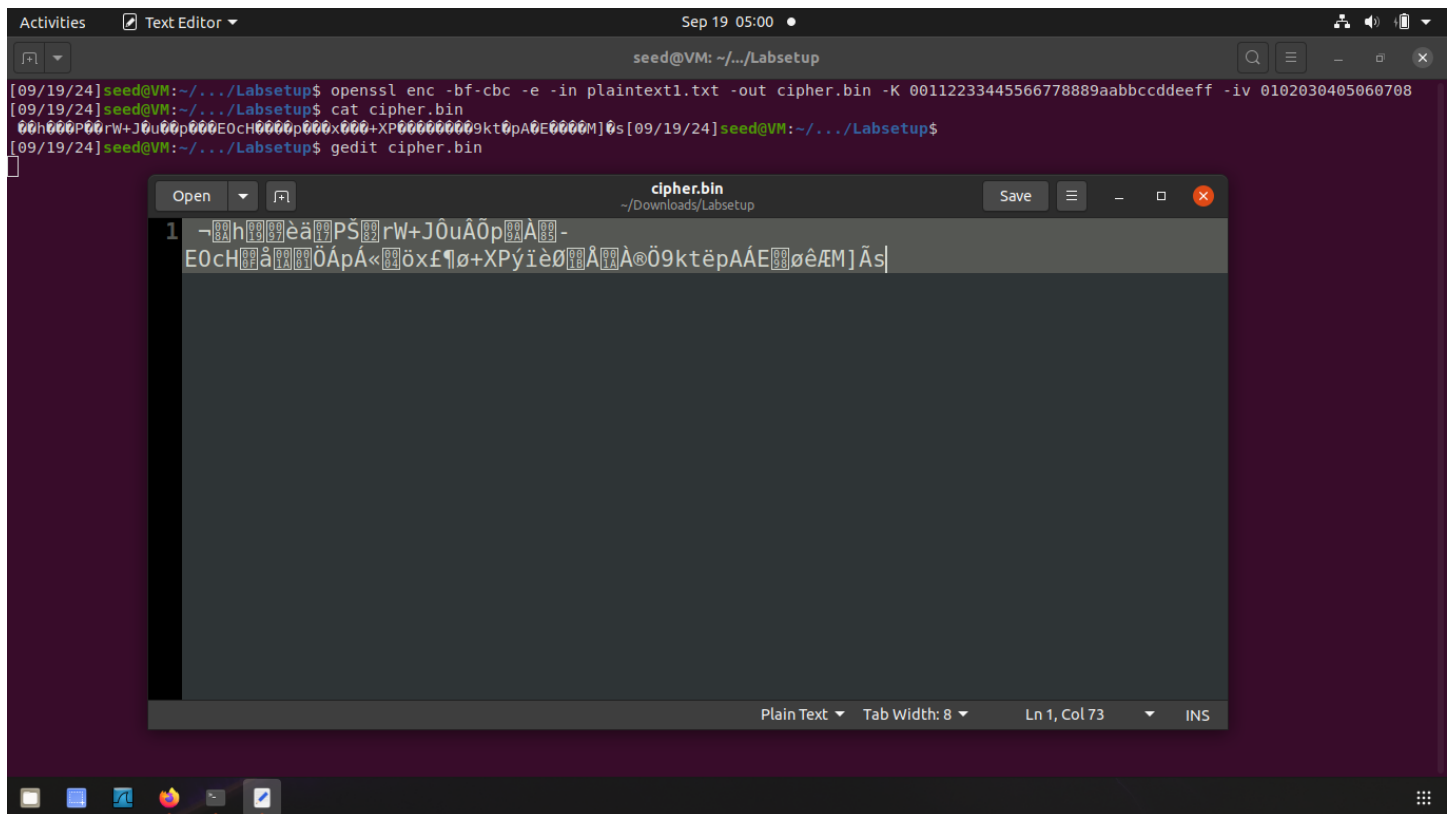
```
\C1Q\DEL\FC\BA\A5\9E\03\D7,\C8C\9E\CA\DB\9D\|/\} \A4\C7\F5
```

```
\B68{\E8\FAiz\DB\E9t\BB\ED,\F9i\8445\83,;\F3\A9|\FF
```

```
Plain Text Tab Width: 8 Ln 1, Col 149 INS
```

Next we will try -bf-cbc. So the command will be:

```
$ openssl enc -bf-cbc -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher.bin -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

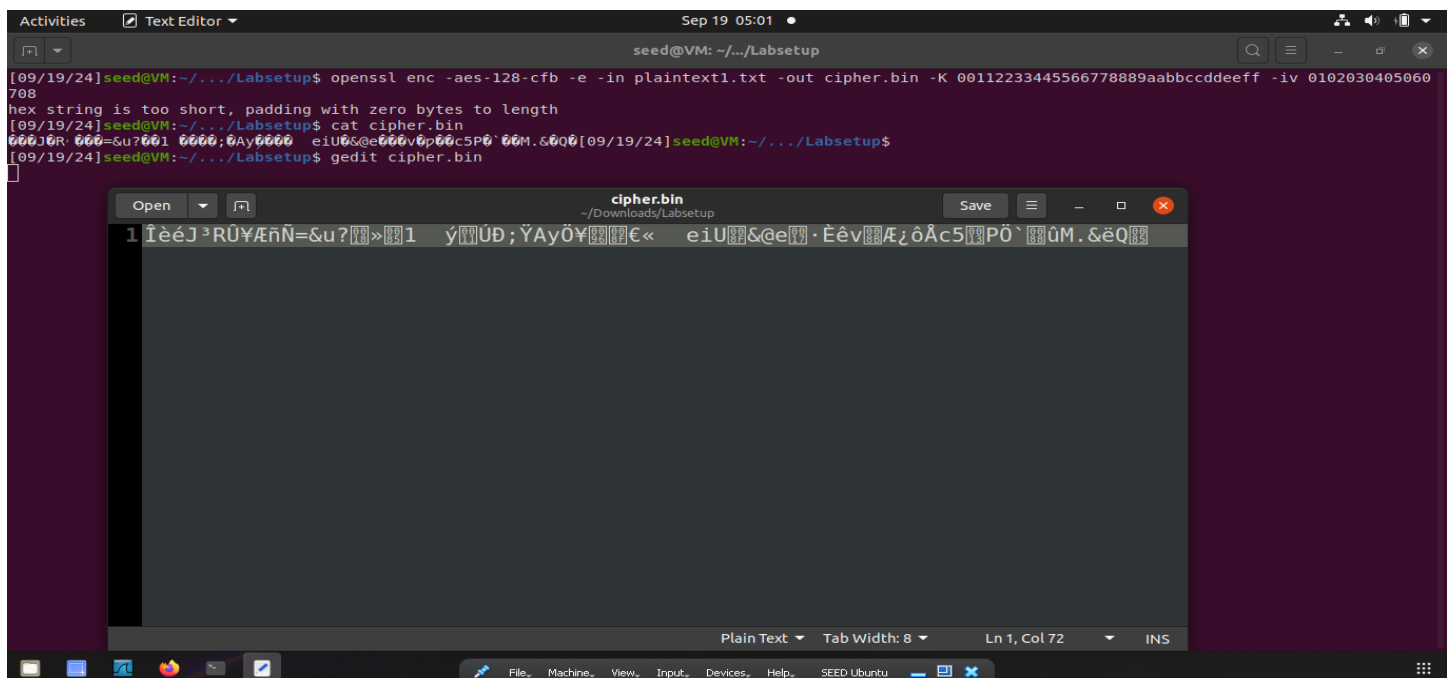
```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -bf-cbc -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher.bin -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cat cipher.bin
00h000P00rW+J0u00p00E0cH000p000x000+XP00000009kt0pA0E000M]0s[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ gedit cipher.bin
```

The gedit editor shows the content of cipher.bin, which is a hex string:

```
1 ~h000P00rW+J0u00p00E0cH000p000x000+XP00000009kt0pA0E000M]0s[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

Lastly, we will be using -aes-128-cfb. So the command will be:

```
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cfb -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher.bin -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cfb -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher.bin -K 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cat cipher.bin
000J0R: 000=6u7001 0000;0Ay0000 eiU00&e000v0p00c5P0 00M.&0Q0[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ gedit cipher.bin
```

The gedit editor shows the content of cipher.bin, which is a hex string:

```
1 f00J0R: 000=6u7001 0000;0Ay0000 eiU00&e000v0p00c5P0 00M.&0Q0[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

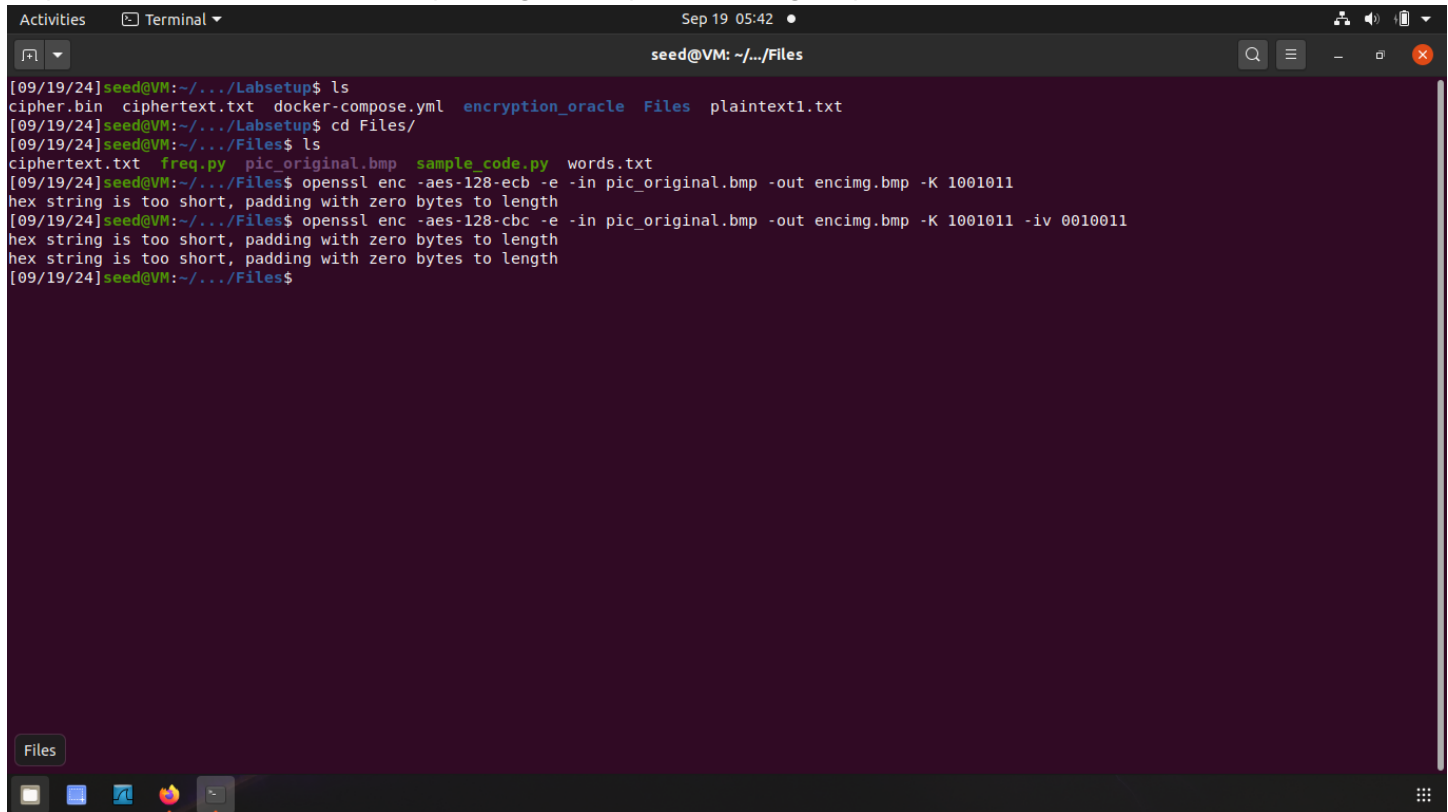
Task #3

This task is similar to the previous, the only difference being that we will now be encrypting an image.

Firstly, we have to encrypt the image using ECB and CBC encryption modes. The command for this is:

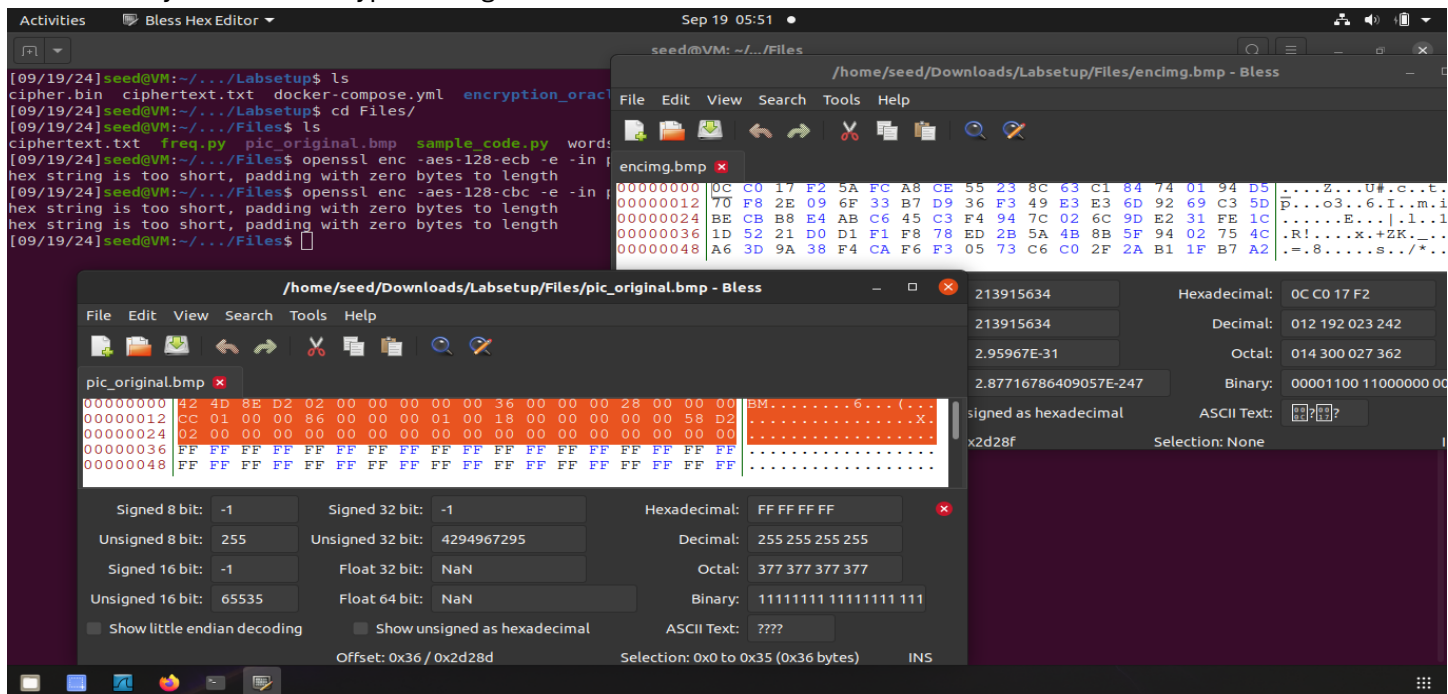
```
$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in pic_original.bmp -out encimg.bmp -K 1001011 -iv 0010011
```

```
$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in pic_original.bmp -out encimg.bmp -K 1001011 -iv 0010011
```



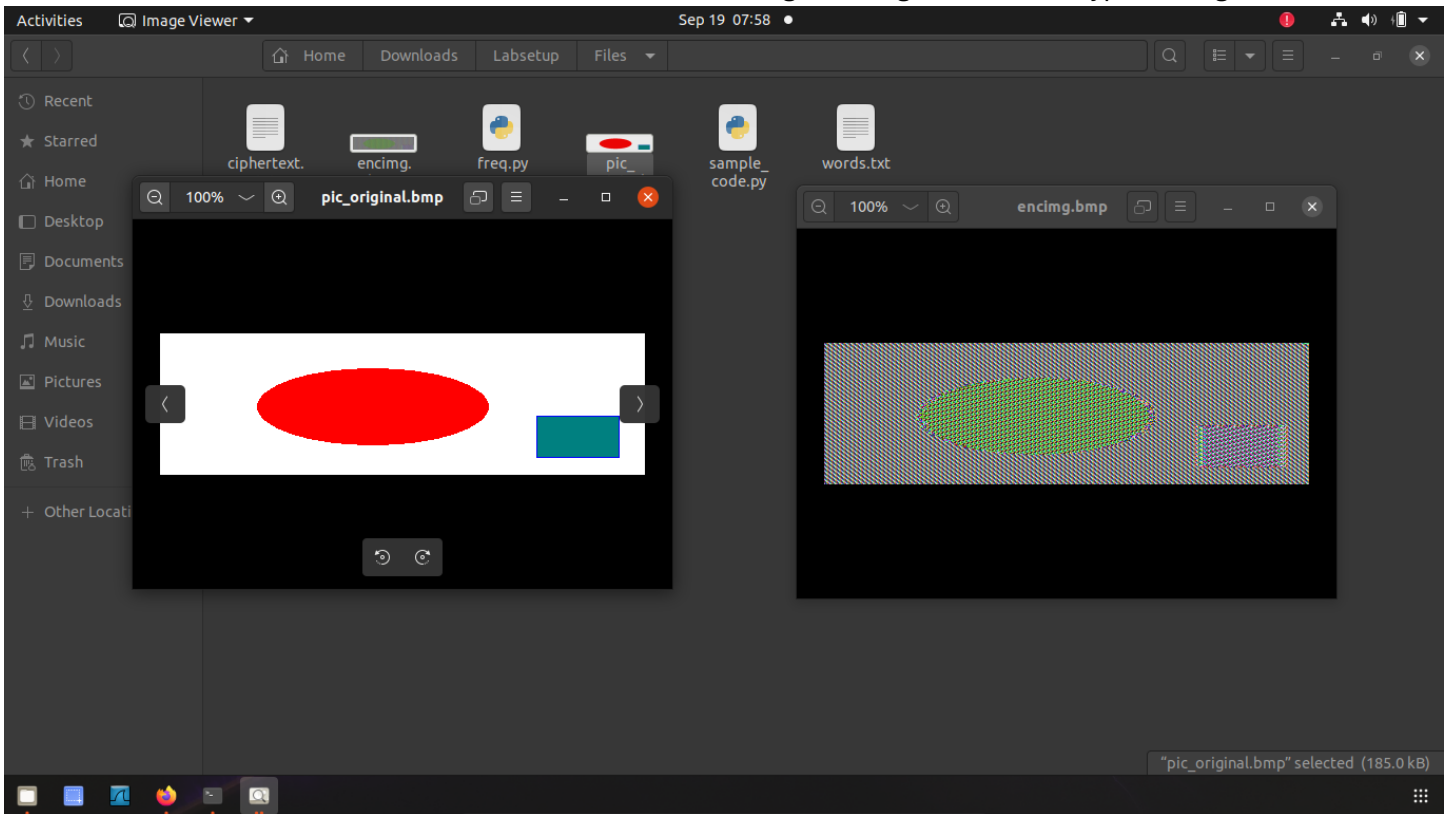
```
Activities Terminal
seed@VM: ~/.../Files
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ ls
cipher.bin  ciphertext.txt  docker-compose.yml  encryption_oracle  Files  plaintext1.txt
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cd Files/
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Files$ ls
ciphertext.txt  freq.py  pic_original.bmp  sample_code.py  words.txt
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Files$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in pic_original.bmp -out encimg.bmp -K 1001011
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Files$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in pic_original.bmp -out encimg.bmp -K 1001011 -iv 0010011
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes to length
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Files$
```

Now to retain the property of a bitmap (.bmp) image, we need the original 54 bytes of the image in the encrypted to actually view the encrypted image. For this we will use 'bless' (as mentioned in the assignment document) to edit the first 54 bytes of the encrypted image.



The screenshot shows two windows of the Bless Hex Editor. The top window, titled '/home/seed/Downloads/Labsetup/Files/encimg.bmp - Bless', displays the hex data of the encrypted image. The bottom window, titled '/home/seed/Downloads/Labsetup/Files/pic_original.bmp - Bless', shows the original image data. The 'Data' tab in the bottom window is selected, showing the hex values of the first 54 bytes (00000000 to 00000048). The 'Signed 8 bit' field is set to -1, and the 'Unsigned 8 bit' field is set to 255. The 'Hexadecimal' field shows FF FF FF FF, and the 'Decimal' field shows 255 255 255 255. The 'Offset' is 0x36 / 0x2d28d, and the 'Selection' is 0x0 to 0x35 (0x36 bytes).

Now we can see the difference between the original image and the encrypted image.



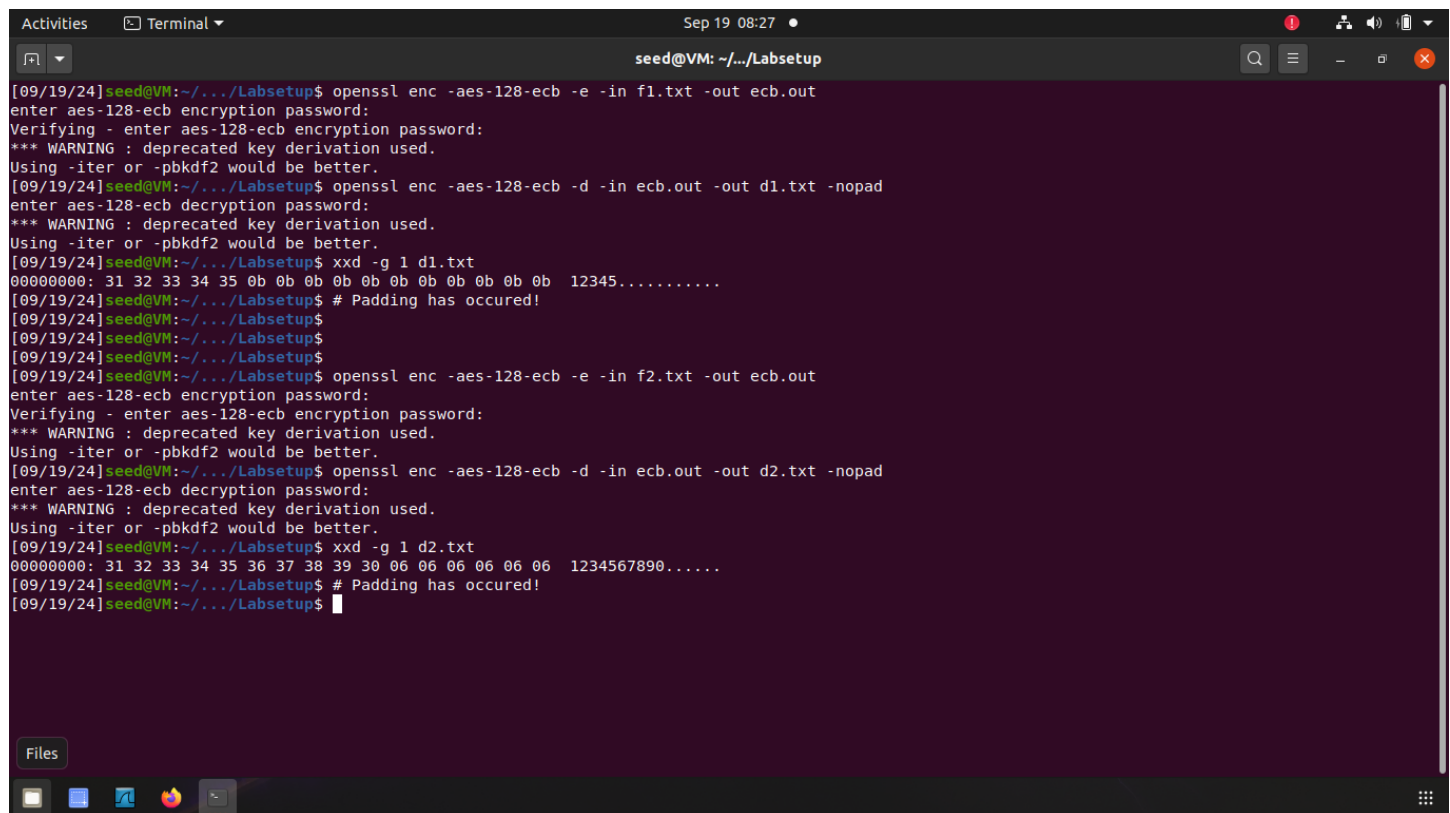
Task #4

This task explores how different encryption algorithms use the concept of padding.

Firstly, we will generate the three files as mentioned in the document. Then, we will encrypt the files using the four given techniques: ECB, CBC, CFB, and OFB. After using each technique, we will check whether they use padding or not.

```
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ echo -n "12345" > f1.txt
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ echo -n "1234567890" > f2.txt
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ echo -n "1234567890ABCDEF" > f3.txt
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$
```

Here are the commands for ECB:



```
Activities Terminal
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup

[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in f1.txt -out ecb.out
enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -d -in ecb.out -out d1.txt -nopad
enter aes-128-ecb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ xxd -g 1 d1.txt
00000000: 31 32 33 34 35 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b  12345.....
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ # Padding has occurred!
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in f2.txt -out ecb.out
enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -d -in ecb.out -out d2.txt -nopad
enter aes-128-ecb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ xxd -g 1 d2.txt
00000000: 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 30 06 06 06 06 06 06  1234567890.....
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$ # Padding has occurred!
[09/19/24] seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup$
```

As you can see, ECB uses padding

Here are the commands for OFB:

```
Activities Terminal Sep 19 08:30 seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ofb -e -in f1.txt -out ofb.out
enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ofb -d -in ofb.out -out d1.txt -nopad
enter aes-128-ofb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd -g 1 d1.txt
00000000: 31 32 33 34 35                                12345
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ # No padding occurred!
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ofb -e -in f2.txt -out ofb.out
enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ofb -d -in ofb.out -out d2.txt -nopad
enter aes-128-ofb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd -g 1 d2.txt
00000000: 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 30                1234567890
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ # No padding occurred!
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

As you can see OFB does not use padding.

Here are the commands for CFB

```
Activities Terminal Sep 19 08:33 seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cfb -e -in f1.txt -out cfb.out
enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cfb -d -in cfb.out -out d1.txt -nopad
enter aes-128-cfb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd -g 1 d1.txt
00000000: 31 32 33 34 35                                12345
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ # No padding occurred!
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cfb -e -in f2.txt -out cfb.out
enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cfb -d -in cfb.out -out d2.txt -nopad
enter aes-128-cfb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd -g 1 d2.txt
00000000: 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 30                1234567890
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ # No padding occurred!
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

As you can see CFB does not use padding.

Here are the commands for CBC

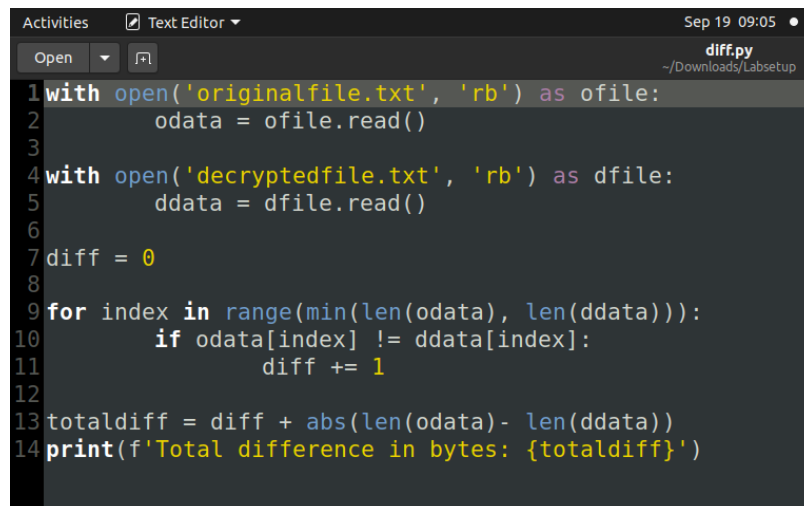
```
Activities Terminal Sep 19 08:36 seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in f1.txt -out cbc.out
enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -d -in cbc.out -out d1.txt -nopad
enter aes-128-cbc decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd -g 1 d1.txt
00000000: 31 32 33 34 35 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 0b 12345.....
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ # Padding has occurred!
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in f2.txt -out cbc.out
enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -d -in cbc.out -out d2.txt -nopad
enter aes-128-cbc decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd -g 1 d2.txt
00000000: 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 30 06 06 06 06 06 06 1234567890.....
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ # Padding has occurred!
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

As you can see CBC uses padding

Task #5

The aim of this task is to see the difference between original and decrypted texts if the encrypted text in between was corrupted. Each mode will behave differently since they use different techniques. OFB will only lose 1 byte as the keystream is generated independently of the cipher text. CFB will lose the equivalent of two chunks which depends on the block size, typically 16-32 bytes. ECB will lose 16 bytes because blocks are encrypted independently. CBC will lose 32 bytes due to the chaining of blocks.

Firstly, we need a function to find the difference in bytes between the two files:



```
1 with open('originalfile.txt', 'rb') as ofile:
2     odata = ofile.read()
3
4 with open('decryptedfile.txt', 'rb') as dfile:
5     ddata = dfile.read()
6
7 diff = 0
8
9 for index in range(min(len(odata), len(ddata))):
10     if odata[index] != ddata[index]:
11         diff += 1
12
13 totaldiff = diff + abs(len(odata) - len(ddata))
14 print(f'Total difference in bytes: {totaldiff}')
```

Also, we need a file of 1000 characters, so here is the command:

```
[09/19/24] seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ python3 -c "print('1234567890' * 100)" > originalfile.txt
```

Now we can perform the experiments. We need to first encrypt a file, and then purposely corrupt it by changing the 55th byte. We then decrypt the corrupted file and see the difference in bytes. Each mode will have a different result due to using different techniques. We will then compare the answers I gave above of each mode will the actual result.

For ECB

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in originalfile.txt -out ecb.out -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

Overlaid on the terminal is a hex editor window titled `/home/seed/Downloads/Labsetup/ecb.out - Bless`. It displays the hex dump of the encrypted file `ecb.out`. The hex data is as follows:

| Offset | Hex | ASCII |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| 00000000 | BB A3 01 73 75 E3 06 7D CE 4A 3E EF CD 2E 84 70 94 FF | ...su...}.J>....p.. |
| 00000012 | 08 AD 95 0E CA 0D 1D 5B 65 65 0C 30 72 AB 22 F9 F5 40 |[ee.0r."..@ |
| 00000024 | B5 41 82 B8 1A 07 A7 B2 ED DD D2 57 F8 DC E1 15 CF 10 | .A.....W..... |
| 00000036 | 02 73 1D 14 59 77 B8 26 F9 BC 02 9B 10 0D A2 B1 88 | .s..Yw.&..... |
| 00000048 | A2 3B 67 5A 08 37 28 07 BB A3 01 73 75 E3 06 7D CE 4A | .;gZ.7(...su...).J |

The hex editor also shows various conversion options like Signed/Unsigned 8, 16, 32 bits, Hexadecimal, Decimal, Octal, Binary, and ASCII Text.

Let's change to 00, and then decrypt to see the difference in bytes.

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in originalfile.txt -out ecb.out -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -d -in ecb.out -out decryptedfile.txt -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ python3 diff.py
Total difference in bytes: 16
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

As you can see the difference is 16 bytes for ECB.

For OFB

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ofb -e -in originalfile.txt -out ofb.out -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 0123456789abcd
ef0123456789abcdef
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

Overlaid on the terminal is a hex editor window titled `/home/seed/Downloads/Labsetup/ofb.out - Bless`. The editor shows the first 48 bytes of the file `ofb.out`. The hex data is as follows:

| Offset | Hex | ASCII |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| 00000000 | 07 0C CC 58 EB 2C E9 90 8B 74 9C 1C 0F 7A 88 FE 64 5A | ...X.,...t...z..dZ |
| 00000012 | 75 B5 C1 11 5B 01 11 68 E8 CC CE 6F EF 56 F6 F3 B2 FE | u...[.h...o.V... |
| 00000024 | 4C B5 A7 ED 67 63 DF 92 2A 7B FB EC CF 33 C4 1A 65 4B | L...gc...*{...3..eK |
| 00000036 | 50 7B 4E 47 40 63 37 64 D6 A6 A7 28 14 8F FC D4 07 82 | {(NG@c7d...{..... |
| 00000048 | 93 EA C2 BA 4A 77 A1 E5 1A 08 63 E8 DF 76 7D 21 8B 27 |Jw....c..v)!..' |

Below the hex data, the editor displays various statistics and options:

- Signed 8 bit: 123
- Unsigned 8 bit: 123
- Signed 16 bit: 31566
- Unsigned 16 bit: 31566
- Show little endian decoding: ☐
- Signed 32 bit: 2068727616
- Unsigned 32 bit: 2068727616
- Float 32 bit: 1.071058E+36
- Float 64 bit: 9.00487661177016E+285
- Show unsigned as hexadecimal: ☐
- Hexadecimal: 7B 4E 47 40
- Decimal: 123 078 071 064
- Octal: 173 116 107 100
- Binary: 01111011 01001110 010
- ASCII Text: {NG@
- Offset: 0x37 / 0x3e8
- Selection: 0x36 to 0x36 (0x1 bytes)
- INS

Let's change to 00, and then decrypt to see the difference in bytes.

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ofb -e -in originalfile.txt -out ofb.out -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 0123456789abcd
ef0123456789abcdef
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-ofb -d -in cbc.out -out decryptedfile.txt -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 0123456789abcd
def0123456789abcdef
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ python3 diff.py
Total difference in bytes: 1
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

As you can see the difference is 1 byte for OFB.

Similar results can be seen for CFB and CBC.

Task #6

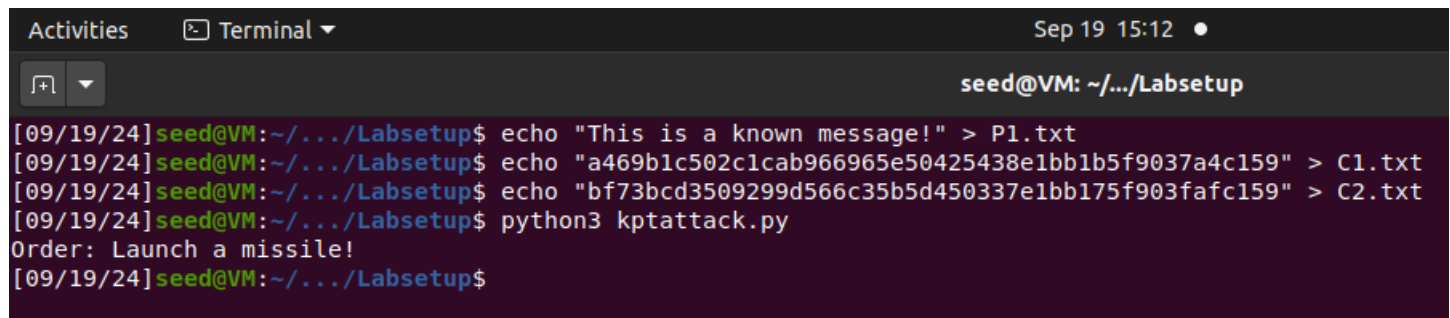
The first part of this task demonstrates the purpose of an IV. We will encrypt a plaintext using the different IV and same IV.

```
Activities Terminal Sep 19 15:00 seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cat plaintext1.txt
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[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher1.out -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 01020304050607080910a0b0c0d0e0f
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher2.out -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 10203040506070809010a0b0c0d0e0f0
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd cipher1.out
00000000: df76 4e3e 3544 596e c5fe 536d c1c4 4e2a .VN>5DYn..Sm..N*
00000010: 884c b02c 8b07 8d02 3903 1d21 61d9 cb5e .L.....9..!a..^
00000020: ff8a 0a9f 6167 712d 7471 01fc 12d1 3b4e ....agq-tq....;N
00000030: b9ff 0eb2 d2ab 659d 153b 36f4 d521 1b19 .....e...;6...!..
00000040: 8d18 429a 0aa9 c275 6bec 701f fb89 63f9 ..B....uk.p....c.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd cipher2.out
00000000: b52a e8ff 442f 80f3 6441 3e49 2f63 4281 .*.D/..dA>I/cB.
00000010: 9aad a299 d9ba fb6a bcc6 19db 2259 df46 .....j...."Y.F
00000020: 1659 8765 a62c f07a 52ba 8b9b d67e 45f6 .Y.e...zR....-E.
00000030: bbae 8703 1a33 bd08 ea4f edaf 9a29 6146 .....3...0...aF
00000040: 06bd 0e69 6f8a 8760 938f dab2 dd46 4aa6 ...io..`.....FJ.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ #As you can see there is a clear difference
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in plaintext1.txt -out cipher3.out -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 01020304050607080910a0b0c0d0e0f
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd cipher1.out
00000000: df76 4e3e 3544 596e c5fe 536d c1c4 4e2a .VN>5DYn..Sm..N*
00000010: 884c b02c 8b07 8d02 3903 1d21 61d9 cb5e .L.....9..!a..^
00000020: ff8a 0a9f 6167 712d 7471 01fc 12d1 3b4e ....agq-tq....;N
00000030: b9ff 0eb2 d2ab 659d 153b 36f4 d521 1b19 .....e...;6...!..
00000040: 8d18 429a 0aa9 c275 6bec 701f fb89 63f9 ..B....uk.p....c.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ xxd cipher3.out
00000000: df76 4e3e 3544 596e c5fe 536d c1c4 4e2a .VN>5DYn..Sm..N*
00000010: 884c b02c 8b07 8d02 3903 1d21 61d9 cb5e .L.....9..!a..^
00000020: ff8a 0a9f 6167 712d 7471 01fc 12d1 3b4e ....agq-tq....;N
00000030: b9ff 0eb2 d2ab 659d 153b 36f4 d521 1b19 .....e...;6...!..
00000040: 8d18 429a 0aa9 c275 6bec 701f fb89 63f9 ..B....uk.p....c.
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ #Now we can see that they are the same
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

In the second part of this task, we have to perform a *known-plaintext attack*. Using the hint given in the manual about XOR strings, we can perform this easily. First, we need to write a python script to perform the XOR operation.

```
Activities Text Editor Sep 19 15:11 kptattack.py ~/Downloads/Labsetup
Open
1 with open('P1.txt', 'r') as f:
2     p1 = bytearray(f.read().strip(), encoding='utf-8')
3
4 with open('C1.txt', 'r') as f:
5     c1 = bytearray.fromhex(f.read().strip())
6
7 with open('C2.txt', 'r') as f:
8     c2 = bytearray.fromhex(f.read().strip())
9
10 p2 = bytearray(x ^ y ^ z for x, y, z in zip(p1, c1, c2))
11
12 print(p2.decode('utf-8'))
```

Next, we will use the python script to generate the message P2.

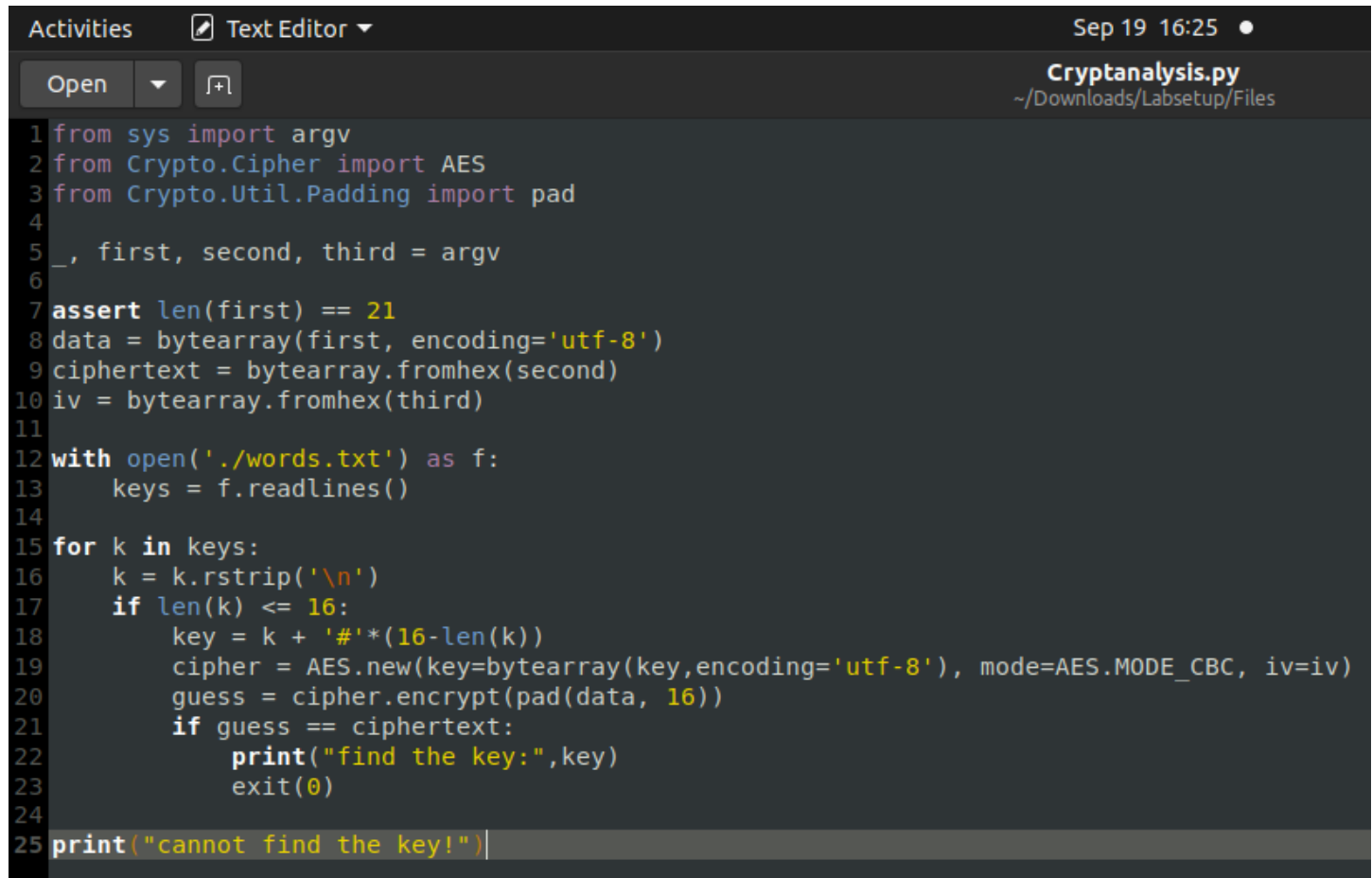
A terminal window titled 'Terminal' with a dark background. The prompt is 'seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup'. The user enters a series of commands: 'echo "This is a known message!" > P1.txt', 'echo "a469b1c502c1cab966965e50425438e1bb1b5f9037a4c159" > C1.txt', 'echo "bf73bcd3509299d566c35b5d450337e1bb175f903fafc159" > C2.txt', and 'python3 kptattack.py'. The output of the last command is 'Order: Launch a missile!'.

```
Activities Terminal Sep 19 15:12 ●
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
[09/19/24] seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ echo "This is a known message!" > P1.txt
[09/19/24] seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ echo "a469b1c502c1cab966965e50425438e1bb1b5f9037a4c159" > C1.txt
[09/19/24] seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ echo "bf73bcd3509299d566c35b5d450337e1bb175f903fafc159" > C2.txt
[09/19/24] seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ python3 kptattack.py
Order: Launch a missile!
[09/19/24] seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$
```

As you can see, we have successfully performed a *known-plaintext attack*.

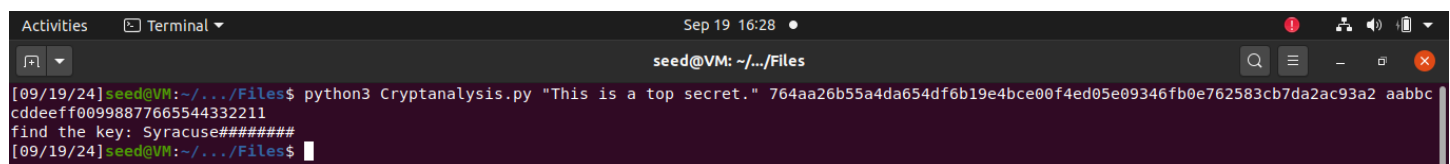
Task #7

In this task we need to perform a cryptanalysis to find out the encryption key. Firstly, we need a python script that can perform the analysis. This code is taken as a reference.

A screenshot of a text editor window titled 'Cryptanalysis.py' with the path '~/.Downloads/Labsetup/Files'. The editor shows a Python script for AES cryptanalysis. The script imports sys, AES, and padding, then takes three command-line arguments: first, second, and third. It asserts the first argument is 21 characters long, converts it to a bytearray, and the second and third arguments to bytearrays from hex. It then reads a file 'words.txt' for potential keys. For each key, it pads the key to 16 bytes and uses AES in CBC mode to encrypt the data. If the result matches the ciphertext, it prints the key and exits. If no key is found, it prints a message.

```
1 from sys import argv
2 from Crypto.Cipher import AES
3 from Crypto.Util.Padding import pad
4
5 _, first, second, third = argv
6
7 assert len(first) == 21
8 data = bytearray(first, encoding='utf-8')
9 ciphertext = bytearray.fromhex(second)
10 iv = bytearray.fromhex(third)
11
12 with open('./words.txt') as f:
13     keys = f.readlines()
14
15 for k in keys:
16     k = k.rstrip('\n')
17     if len(k) <= 16:
18         key = k + '#'*(16-len(k))
19         cipher = AES.new(key=bytearray(key,encoding='utf-8'), mode=AES.MODE_CBC, iv=iv)
20         guess = cipher.encrypt(pad(data, 16))
21         if guess == ciphertext:
22             print("find the key:",key)
23             exit(0)
24
25 print("cannot find the key!")
```

Now we run it.

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'seed@VM: ~/.Files'. It shows the command 'python3 Cryptanalysis.py "This is a top secret." 764aa26b55a4da654df6b19e4bce00f4ed05e09346fb0e762583cb7da2ac93a2 aabbc' being executed. The output shows the key 'Syracuse#####' being found.

```
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.Files$ python3 Cryptanalysis.py "This is a top secret." 764aa26b55a4da654df6b19e4bce00f4ed05e09346fb0e762583cb7da2ac93a2 aabbc
cddeeff00998877665544332211
find the key: Syracuse#####
[09/19/24]seed@VM:~/.Files$
```

We now have the key.