

Homework 1

Task1

This task will perform the frequency analysis to decipher two different texts (ciphertext.txt and ciphertext-o.txt). The frequency analysis and decipher will use C++ program. Specifically, the program will read in the text line by line into a string array. Then, we will count the frequency of each letter into an STL map and print out the table using function **characterFrequency()** shown in *Figure 1* below.

```
18 void characterFrequency(string str[], int size);  
19 void printText(string str[], int size);  
20 void replaceCharacter1(string str[], int size);  
21 void replaceCharacter2(string str[], int size);  
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```

Figure 1: List of functions use in Task 1

```
void characterFrequency(string str[],int size){  
    map<char,int> map;    //use STL map to store frequency  
  
    for(int j = 0; j < size; j++){    // line number loop  
        for(int i = 0; str[j][i] != '\0'; i++){    //each element in a line loop  
            if(isalpha(str[j][i])){    // count character only  
                if(map.find(str[j][i]) == map.end()){    //if not in the map yet  
                    map.insert(make_pair(str[j][i],1));  
                }else{    //increment the element if found  
                    map[str[j][i]]++;  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
  
    //print out the frequency table  
    for(auto i = map.begin(); i != map.end(); i++){  
        cout << i->first << " " << i->second << endl;    //print out the map  
    }  
}
```

Figure 2: List of functions use in Task 1

Based on the frequency of common English characters given from the lecture slide shown in *Figure 3*, we replace the highest occurrence characters of the ciphertext with the highest occurrence characters.

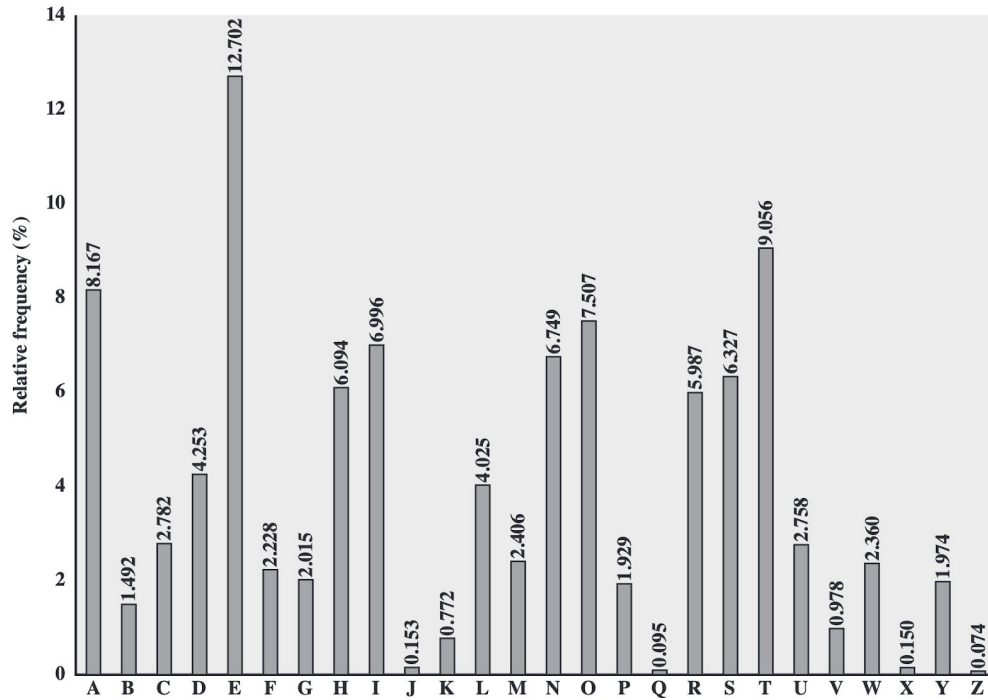


Figure 3: Relative Frequency of Letters in English Text

For easier deciphering, the next task is to replace lowercase letters with uppercase using **replaceCharacter()** function. The easiest method so far is to spot the word 'THE' by replacing the most common letters. More clues will appear as we swap out more letters with trial and errors of letters that have the similar occurrence in the text (Figure 5).

In the end, we will have two different plaintexts that have readable English words. In addition, we will be able to obtain 2 different keys maps for each text as shown in Figure 4 below.

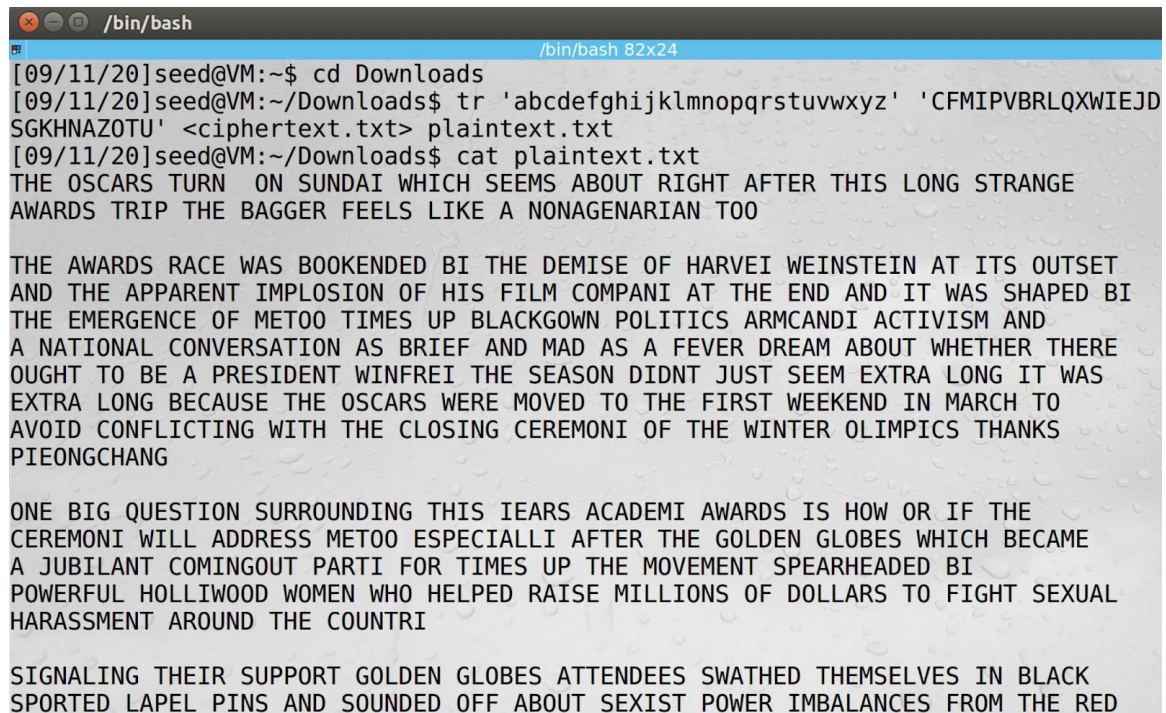
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
ciphertext.txt	C	F	M	I	P	V	B	R	L	Q	X	W	I	E	J	D	S	G	K	H	N	A	Z	O	T	U
ciphertext-o.txt	D	W	Q	J	C	E	V	U	T	S	P	F	L	R	M	X	A	Y	O	Z	G	I	B	K	N	H

Figure 4: Mapped key letter for each ciphertext

Letters	Occurrences	
	ciphertext.txt	ciphertext-o.txt
a	116	495
b	83	184
c	104	5
d	59	10
e	76	212
f	49	1174
g	83	104
h	235	241
i	166	861
j	5	636
k	5	141
l	90	288
m	264	433
n	488	825
o	4	295
p	156	3
q	276	860
r	82	126
s	19	753
t	183	10
u	280	339
v	348	751
w	1	179
x	291	75
y	373	723
z	95	589

Figure 4: Occurrence of Letters

To make sure that two keys are correct, I used them to decipher the text again in the linux command terminal as shown in *Figure 5* and *6* below.



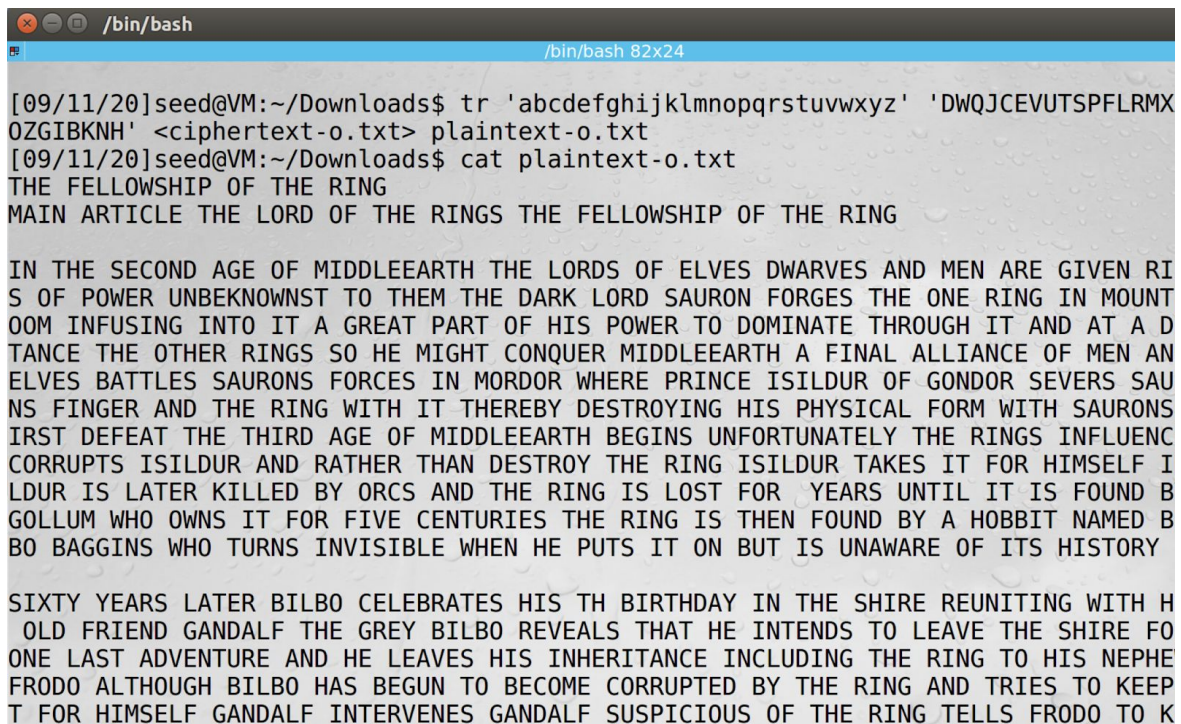
```
/bin/bash
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~$ cd Downloads
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ tr 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' 'CFMIPVBRLQXWIEJD
SGKHNAZ0TU' <ciphertext.txt> plaintext.txt
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ cat plaintext.txt
THE OSCARS TURN ON SUNDAY WHICH SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT AFTER THIS LONG STRANGE
AWARDS TRIP THE BAGGER FEELS LIKE A NONAGENARIAN TOO

THE AWARDS RACE WAS BOOKENDED BY THE DEMISE OF HARVEI WEINSTEIN AT ITS OUTSET
AND THE APPARENT IMPLOSION OF HIS FILM COMPANY AT THE END AND IT WAS SHAPED BY
THE EMERGENCE OF METOO TIMES UP BLACKGOWN POLITICS ARMCANDI ACTIVISM AND
A NATIONAL CONVERSATION AS BRIEF AND MAD AS A FEVER DREAM ABOUT WHETHER THERE
OUGHT TO BE A PRESIDENT WINFREY THE SEASON DIDNT JUST SEEM EXTRA LONG IT WAS
EXTRA LONG BECAUSE THE OSCARS WERE MOVED TO THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MARCH TO
AVOID CONFLICTING WITH THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE WINTER OLYMPICS THANKS
PIEONGCHANG

ONE BIG QUESTION SURROUNDING THIS YEARS ACADEMY AWARDS IS HOW OR IF THE
CEREMONY WILL ADDRESS METOO ESPECIALLY AFTER THE GOLDEN GLOBES WHICH BECAME
A JUBILANT COMINGOUT PARTY FOR TIMES UP THE MOVEMENT SPEARHEADED BY
POWERFUL HOLLYWOOD WOMEN WHO HELPED RAISE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO FIGHT SEXUAL
HARASSMENT AROUND THE COUNTRY

SIGNALING THEIR SUPPORT GOLDEN GLOBES ATTENDEES SWATHED THEMSELVES IN BLACK
SPORTED LAPEL PINS AND SOUNDED OFF ABOUT SEXIST POWER IMBALANCES FROM THE RED
```

Figure 5: Decipher ciphertext.txt using terminal



```
/bin/bash
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ tr 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' 'DWQJCEVUTSPFLRMX
OZGIBKNH' <ciphertext-o.txt> plaintext-o.txt
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ cat plaintext-o.txt
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING
MAIN ARTICLE THE LORD OF THE RINGS THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING

IN THE SECOND AGE OF MIDDLEEARTH THE LORDS OF ELVES DWARVES AND MEN ARE GIVEN RI
S OF POWER UNBEKNOWNST TO THEM THE DARK LORD SAURON FORGES THE ONE RING IN MOUNT
OOM INFUSING INTO IT A GREAT PART OF HIS POWER TO DOMINATE THROUGH IT AND AT A D
TANCE THE OTHER RINGS SO HE MIGHT CONQUER MIDDLEEARTH A FINAL ALLIANCE OF MEN AN
ELVES BATTLES SAURONS FORCES IN MORDOR WHERE PRINCE ISILDUR OF GONDOR SEVERS SAU
NS FINGER AND THE RING WITH IT THEREBY DESTROYING HIS PHYSICAL FORM WITH SAURONS
IRST DEFEAT THE THIRD AGE OF MIDDLEEARTH BEGINS UNFORTUNATELY THE RINGS INFLUENC
CORRUPTS ISILDUR AND RATHER THAN DESTROY THE RING ISILDUR TAKES IT FOR HIMSELF I
LDUR IS LATER KILLED BY ORCS AND THE RING IS LOST FOR YEARS UNTIL IT IS FOUND B
GOLLUM WHO OWNS IT FOR FIVE CENTURIES THE RING IS THEN FOUND BY A HOBBIT NAMED B
BO BAGGINS WHO TURNS INVISIBLE WHEN HE PUTS IT ON BUT IS UNAWARE OF ITS HISTORY

SIXTY YEARS LATER BILBO CELEBRATES HIS TH BIRTHDAY IN THE SHIRE REUNITING WITH H
OLD FRIEND GANDALF THE GREY BILBO REVEALS THAT HE INTENDS TO LEAVE THE SHIRE FO
ONE LAST ADVENTURE AND HE LEAVES HIS INHERITANCE INCLUDING THE RING TO HIS NEPHE
FRODO ALTHOUGH BILBO HAS BEGUN TO BECOME CORRUPTED BY THE RING AND TRIES TO KEEP
T FOR HIMSELF GANDALF INTERVENES GANDALF SUSPICIOUS OF THE RING TELLS FRODO TO K
```

Figure 6: Decipher ciphertext-o.txt using terminal

Task 2

For this task, we will perform encryption using different methods. The original text is plaintext2.txt shown in Figure 7 below. Figure 8, 9 and 10 are three different methods that hide the text information.



Figure 7: Encryption using -aes-128-cbc

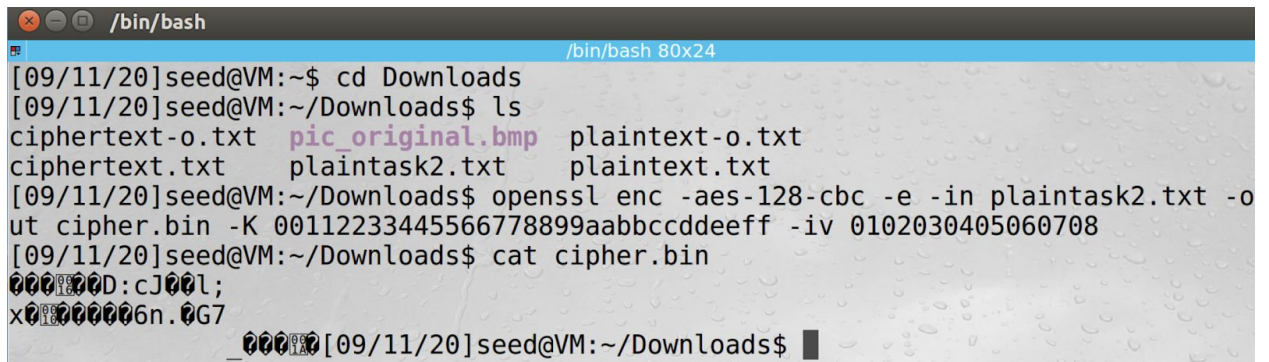


Figure 8: Encryption using -aes-128-cbc

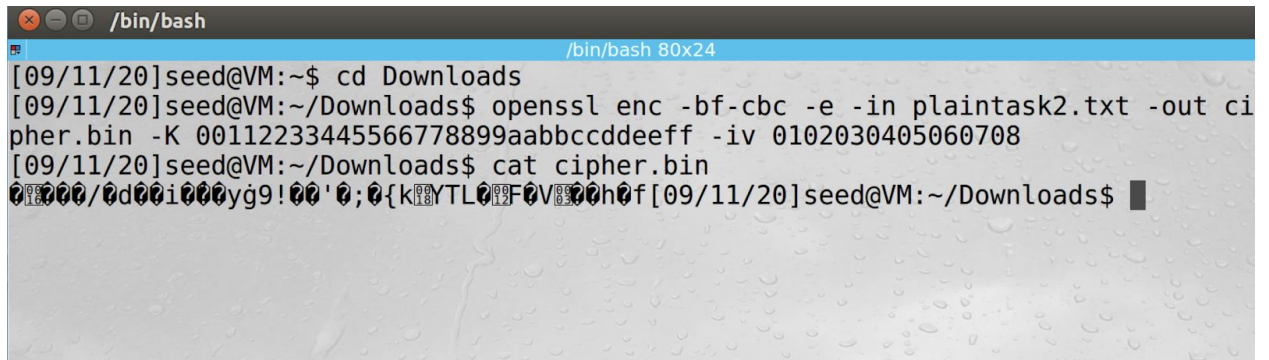


Figure 9: Encryption using -bf-cbc

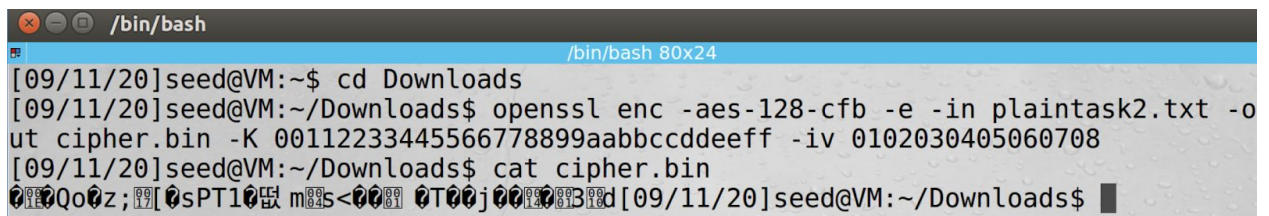


Figure 10: Encryption using -aes-128-cfb

Task 3

For this task, we encrypted an image called `pic_original` using ECB and CBC mode. According to Figure 11 and 12, it seems that the CBC encryption is the better method since the encrypted image is totally different from original. One thing to notice is that the ECB does not need an initial vector (-iv).

```

[09/11/20]seed@VM:~$ cd Downloads
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in pic_original.bmp
-out pic_ecb.bmp -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ head -c 54 pic_original.bmp > header
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ tail -c +55 pic_ecb.bmp > body
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ cat header body > new_ecb.bmp
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ eog new_ecb.bmp

```

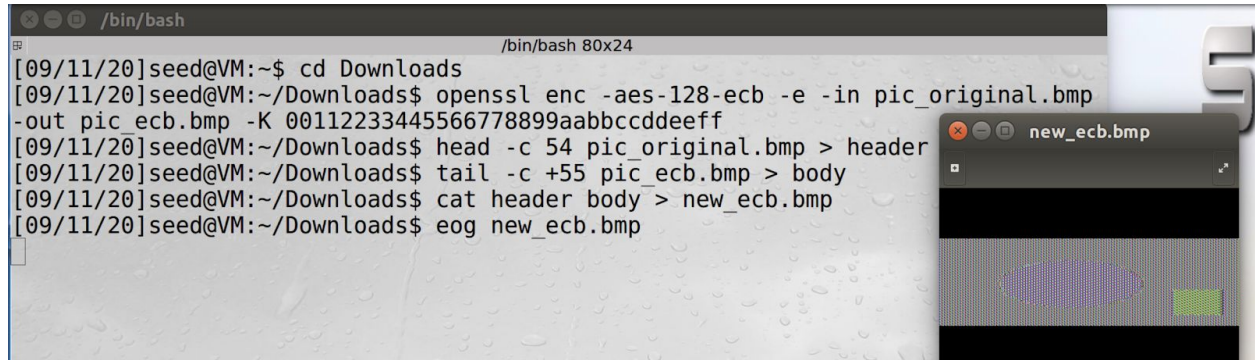


Figure 11: Encryption using ecb mode

```

[09/11/20]seed@VM:~$ cd Downloads
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in pic original.bmp
-out pic_cbc.bmp -K 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ head -c 54 pic original.bmp > header
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ tail -c +55 pic_cbc.bmp > body
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ cat header body > new_cbc.bmp
[09/11/20]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ eog new_cbc.bmp

(eog:6443): EOG-WARNING **: Failed to open file '/home/seed/.cache/
rmal/35b2e05f8dded7070433fc5ffc4d1e04.png': No such file or di

```

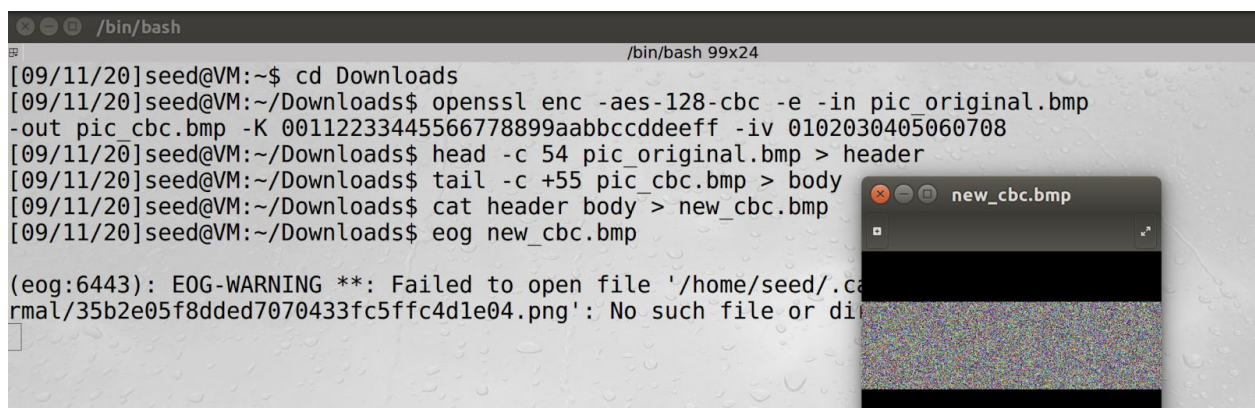


Figure 12: Encryption using cbc mode

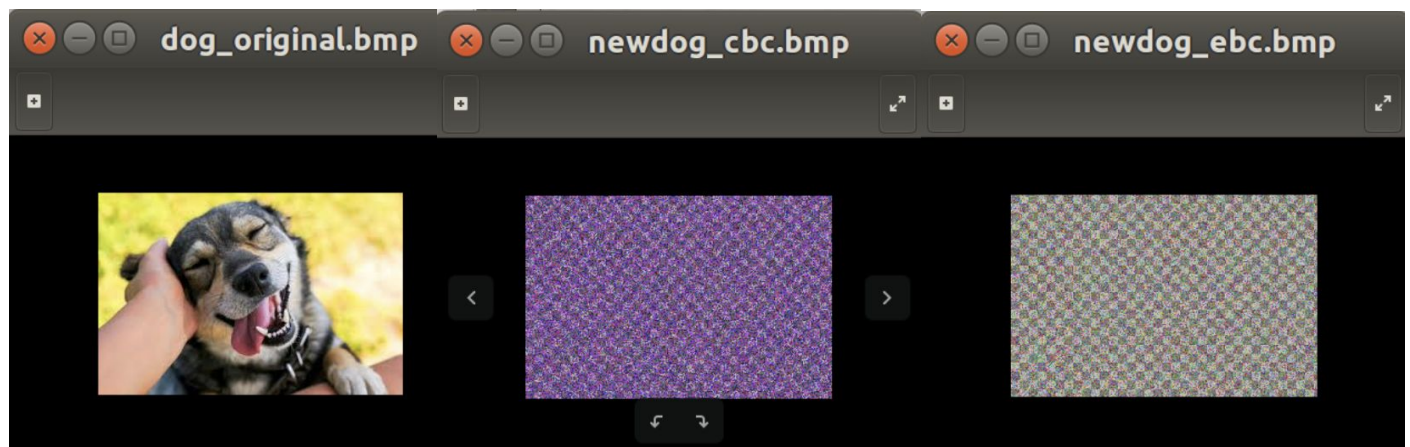


Figure 13: Encryption using a different image

When testing a more complex image, it seems that all encryption methods are doing well at hiding color and shape information.