

Security Overview Document

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1. Introduction

This document outlines the security framework of the Secure File Sharing System. The platform enables users to upload files, which are then encrypted before being stored, ensuring protection during both storage and transfer. Authorized users can later decrypt these files, preserving confidentiality and safeguarding sensitive data from exposure.

2. Encryption Methodology

The system implements AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) to perform both encryption and decryption. AES is a trusted symmetric encryption technique recognized for its strong security and performance. Every uploaded file is encrypted with a unique key, guaranteeing data integrity and confidentiality.

3. Key Management

All encryption keys are generated internally by the system and kept away from unauthorized access. To strengthen security, periodic key rotation is recommended, and keys should be stored in a secure vault or key management system instead of plain storage.

4. Security Best Practices

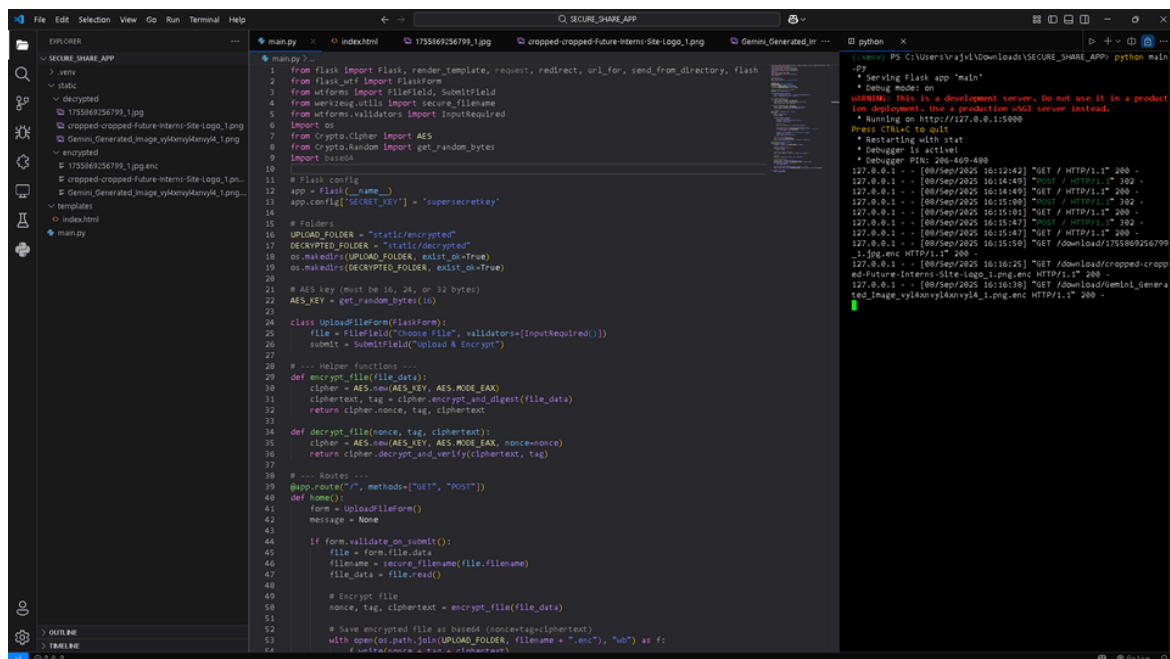
- Adopt robust key management procedures.
- Enforce HTTPS for secure communication and file transfer.
- Limit access to encrypted and decrypted files to authorized users only.

Conduct regular monitoring and audits of the encryption mechanisms.

- Follow the principle of least privilege when assigning access permissions.

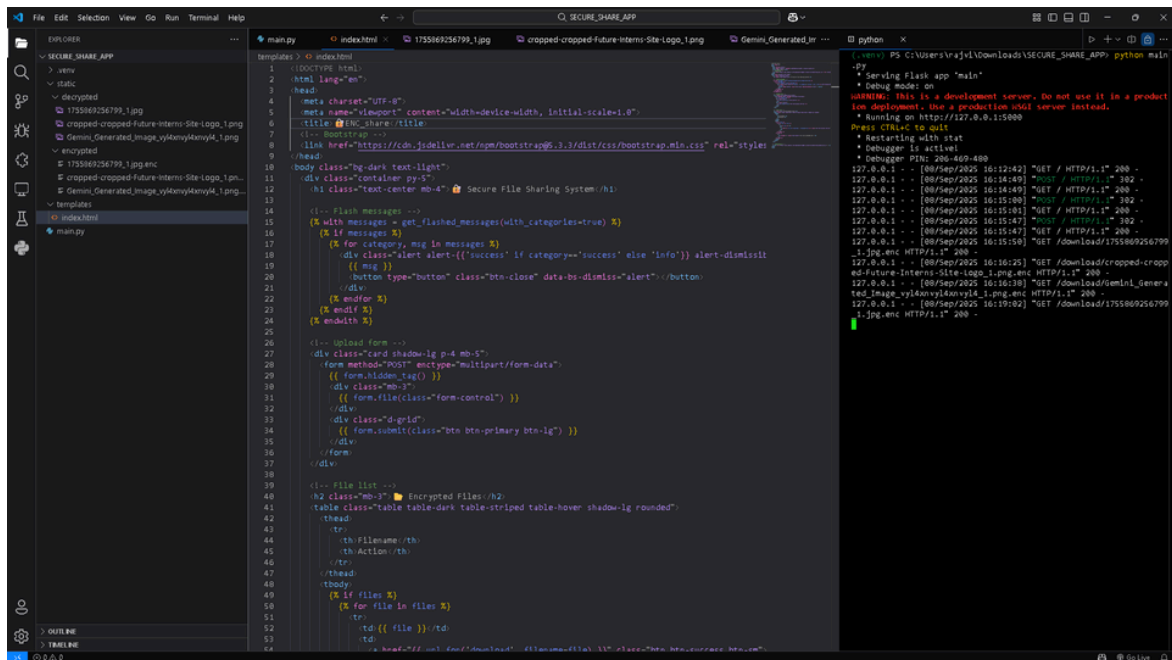
5. Visual Demonstrations

Screenshots provided in this report illustrate the functionality and workflow of the Secure File Sharing System, highlighting file upload, encryption, and decryption processes.

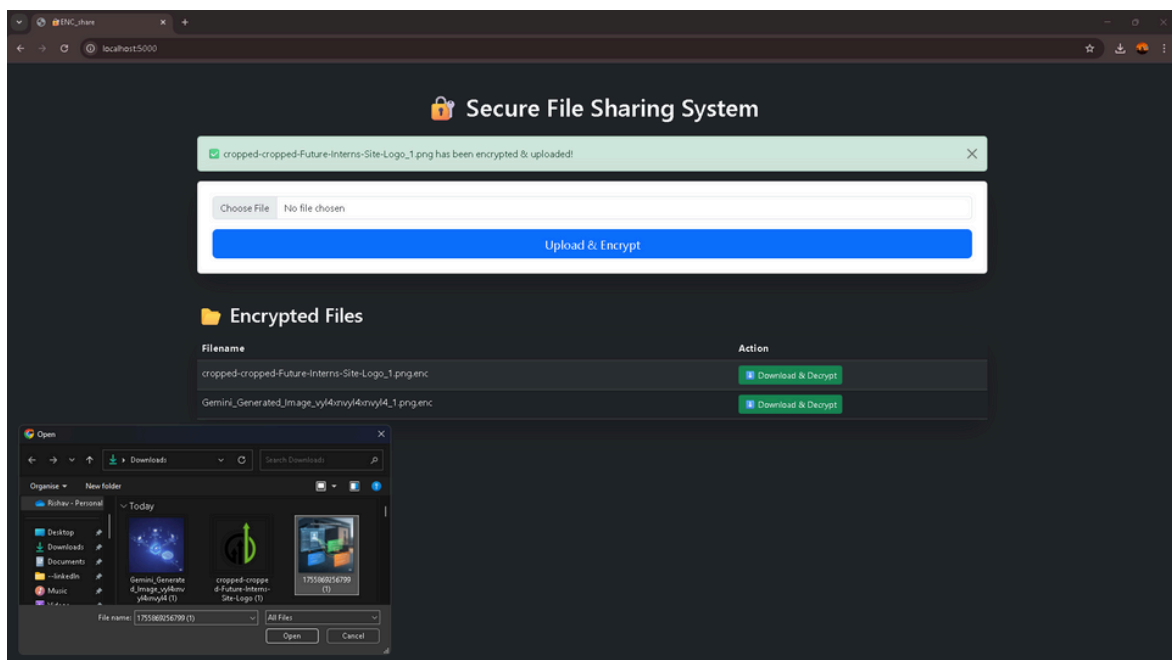


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1 from flask import Flask, render_template, request, redirect, url_for, send_from_directory, flash
2 from flask_wtf import FlaskForm
3 from wtforms import FileField, SubmitField
4 from wtforms.validators import InputRequired
5 import os
6 from Crypto.Cipher import AES
7 from Crypto.Random import get_random_bytes
8 import base64
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10 # Flask config
11 app = Flask(__name__)
12 app.config['SECRET_KEY'] = 'supersecretkey'
13
14 # Folders
15 UPLOAD_FOLDER = "static/encrypted"
16 DECRYPTED_FOLDER = "static/decrypted"
17 os.makedirs(UPLOAD_FOLDER, exist_ok=True)
18 os.makedirs(DECRYPTED_FOLDER, exist_ok=True)
19
20 # AES key (must be 16, 24, or 32 bytes)
21 AES_KEY = get_random_bytes(16)
22
23 # Helper functions
24 class UploadFileForm(FlaskForm):
25     file = FileField("Choose File", validators=[InputRequired()])
26     submit = SubmitField("Upload & Encrypt")
27
28 def encrypt_file(file_data):
29     cipher = AES.new(AES_KEY, AES.MODE_GCM)
30     ciphertext, tag = cipher.encrypt_and_digest(file_data)
31     return cipher.nonce, tag, ciphertext
32
33 def decrypt_file(nonce, tag, ciphertext):
34     cipher = AES.new(AES_KEY, AES.MODE_GCM)
35     return cipher.decrypt_and_verify(ciphertext, tag)
36
37 # Routes
38 @app.route("/", methods=["GET", "POST"])
39 def home():
40     form = UploadFileForm()
41     message = None
42
43     if form.validate_on_submit():
44         file = form.file.data
45         filename = secure_filename(file.filename)
46         file_data = file.read()
47
48         # Encrypt file
49         nonce, tag, ciphertext = encrypt_file(file_data)
50
51         # Save encrypted file as base64 (nonce+tag+ciphertext)
52         with open(os.path.join(UPLOAD_FOLDER, filename + ".enc"), "wb") as f:
53             f.write(base64.b64encode(nonce + tag + ciphertext))
54             flash("File uploaded and encrypted successfully.", "success")
55     return render_template("index.html", message=message)
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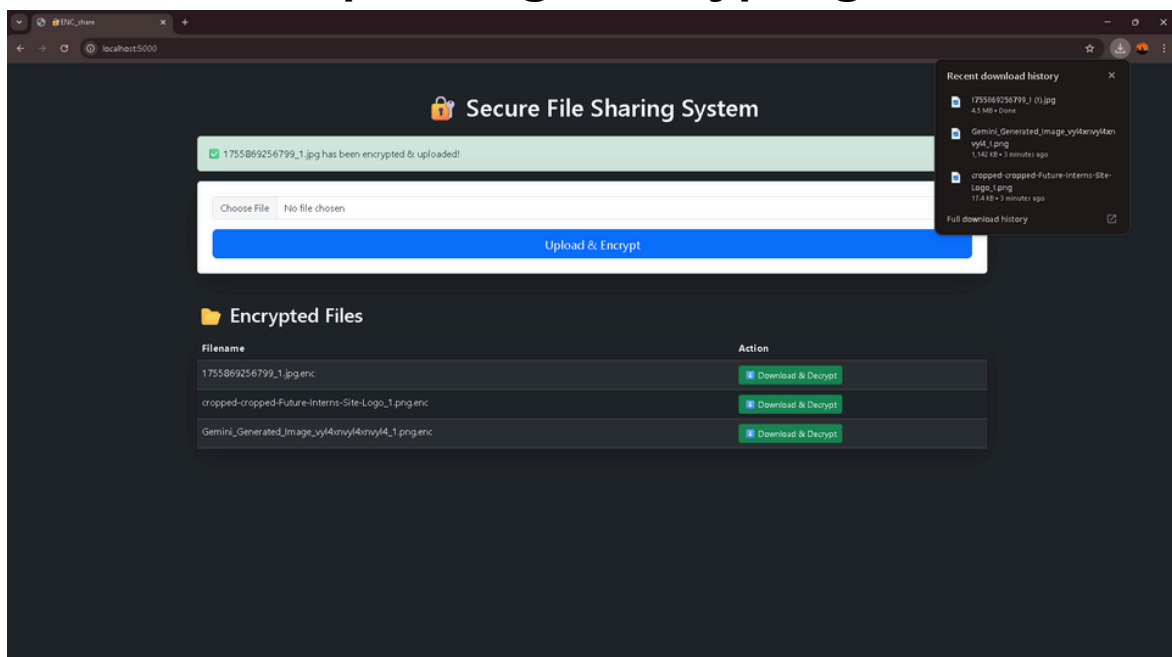
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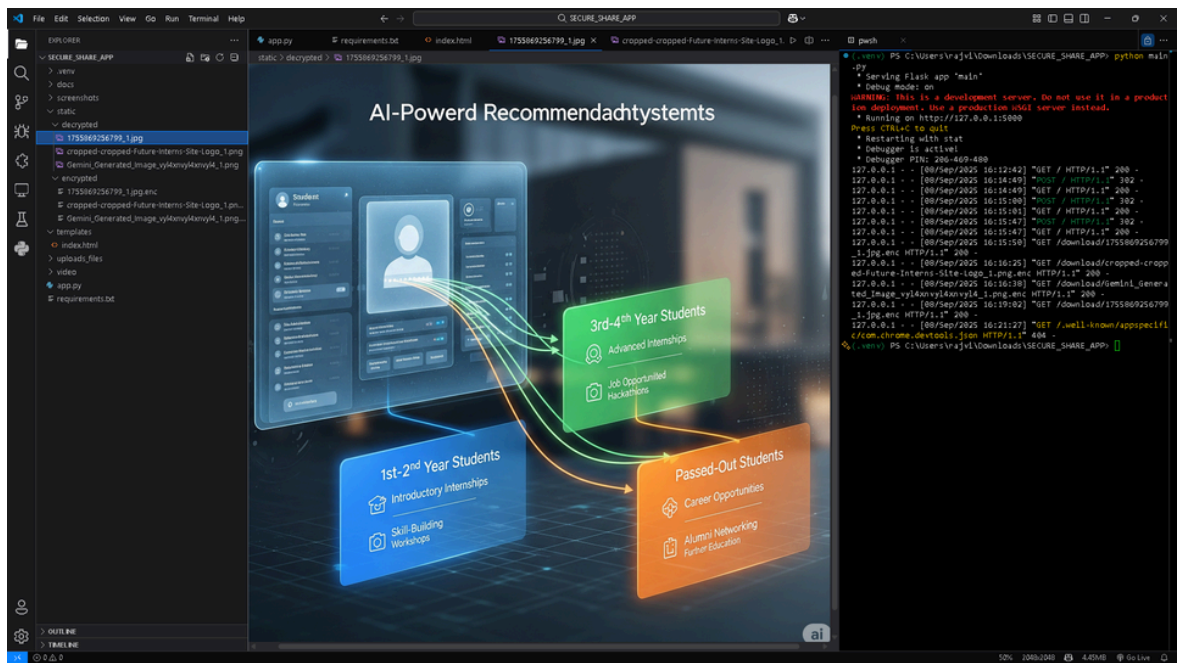
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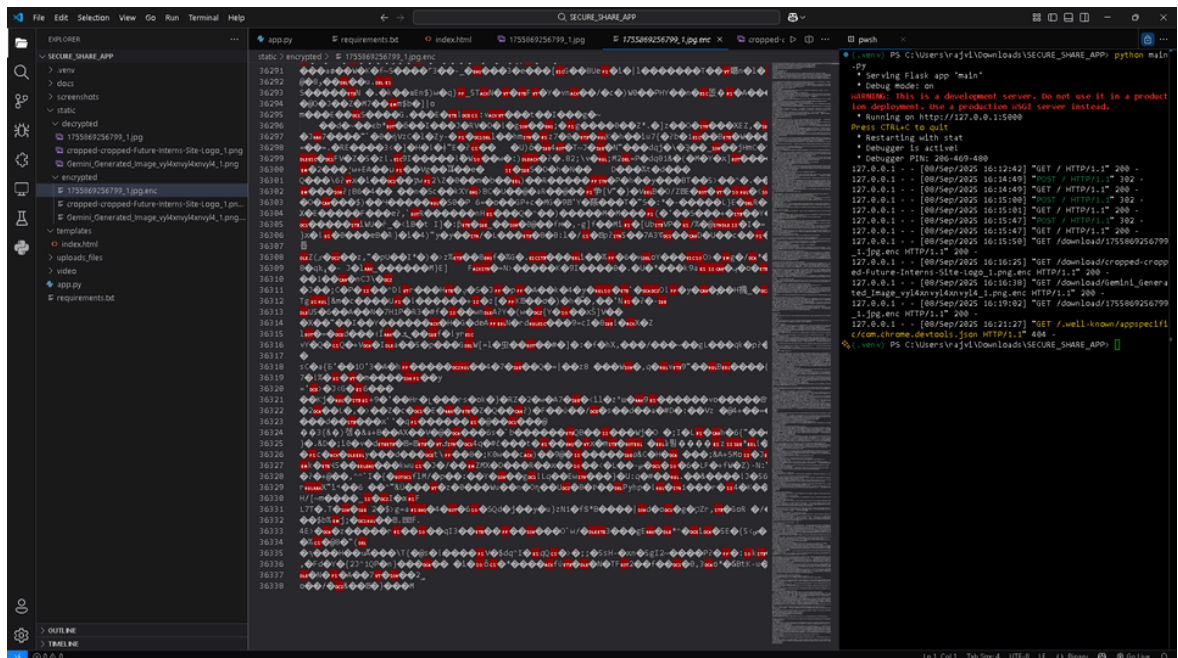
uploading & encrypting



downloading & decrypting



decrypted file



encrypted file