**Level 1: Basic ASCII Coding**

1. Research the "ASCII Code"

a. Explain what ASCII stands for.

**American Standard Code for Information Interchange**

b. Explain how to convert a letter into an ASCII coded number

**The lowercase alphabet in ASCII starts from 097 (a) and increases by one each time for the next letter. So if i wanted to convert the letter b into ASCII it would be 098**

c. Explain how to de-code an ASCII number into a letter

**To decode an ASCII number into a letter is the viceversa of converting a letter into a ASCII number. You simply look at ASCII numbers starting from 65 - 90 (uppercase) and 97 - 122 (lowercase) and they are all go from a - z one number at a time.**

2. Open a new Python Repl and run the sample program provided at the end of this module.

a. Briefly summarize what the "asciiCodes" list does

**It has the list of the ASCII numbers and its value in letters**

b. Briefly summarize what the "textCoder" function does  
**It converts the letters into ASCII numbers**

c. Briefly summarize what the "textDeCoder" function does

**It converts the ASCII numbers into letters**

d. Briefly summarize what the main program code does

**It creates a password and decodes words. For example cab is 99 97 98.**

3. Explain the main limitation of the program.

**It can only use 4 letters no more than that.**

**Level 2: Extending The Program**

1. Modify the sample program to do the following (Still using the ASCII code):

a. Code all of the uppercase and lowercase letters

b. Code the digits 0 to 9

c. Code at least 5 special characters (e.g. "1?$%&")

2. Verify that your program works for ***coding*** a message containing all of the basic and special characters.

a. Provide a sample of your program output below.

asciiCodes = [("A",65),("B",66),("C",67),("D",68),("E",69),("F",70),("G",71),("H",72),("I",73),("J",74),("K",75),("L",76),("M",77),("N",78),("O",79),("P",80),("Q",81),("R",82),("S",83),("T",84),("U",85),("V",86),("W",87),("X",88),("Y",89),("Z",90)]

asciiCodes += [("a",97),("b",98),("c",99),("d",100),("e",101),("f",102),("g",103),("h",104),("i",105),("j",106),("k",107),("l",108),("m",109),("n",110),("o",111),("p",112),("q",113),("r",114),("s",115),("t",116),("u",117),("v",118),("w",119),("x",120),("y",121),("z",122)]

asciiCodes += [("0",48),("1",49),("2",50),("3",51),("4",52),("5",53),("6",54),("7",55),("8",56),("9",57)]

asciiCodes += [(" ",32),("!",33),("#",34),("$",35),("%",36),("/",37)]

3. Verify that your program works for ***de-coding*** a message containing all of the basic and special characters.

a. Provide a sample of your program output below.

**Arjun25 results in 065 114 106 117 110 050 053**

4. List your program modifications below:

**The modifications to the program was:**

* **a complete alphabet for both uppercase and lowercase into ascii code**
* **digits 0-9 also coded into ascii**
* **5 special characters were also coded into ascii.**

**Level 3: Creating A Secret Code**

1. Modify the sample program to create your own secret code that is different from the ASCII code:

a. Work with a partner to create a secret code that codes letters and characters into different letters and characters.

b. Your program should be able to create a coded message that

you can give to your partner

c. Your program should be able to decode a coded message that

you get from your partner

2. Provide a sample of your program output below.

a. Show how your program codes a secret message

b. Show how your program de-codes a secret message

**A substitution code has been used to be able to code a secret message which can also be decoded by using this program**

asciiCodes = [("A","B"),("B","V"),("C","G"),("D","Q"),("E","K"),("F","M"),("G","N"),("H","A"),("I","D"),("J","Z"),("K","C"),("L","W"),("M","S"),("N","E"),("O","O"),("P","Y"),("Q","F"),("R","J"),("S","X"),("T","H"),("U","T"),("V","L"),("W","P"),("X","U"),("Y","I"),("Z","R")]

asciiCodes += [("a","b"),("b","v"),("c",'g'),("d","q"),("e","k"),("f","m"),("g","n"),("h","a"),("i","d"),("j","z"),("k","c"),("l","w"),("m","s"),("n","e"),("o","o"),("p","y"),("q","f"),("r","j"),("s","x"),("t","h"),("u","t"),("v","l"),("w","p"),("x","u"),("y","i"),("z","r")]

asciiCodes += [("0","0"),("1","1"),("2","2"),("3","3"),("4","4"),("5","5"),("6","6"),("7","7"),("8","8"),("9","9")]

asciiCodes += [(" "," "),("!","!"),("#","#"),("$","$"),("%","%"),("/","/")]

# This function codes the specified textChar into a

# three digit number padded with zeroes

def textCoder(textChar) :

for textCode in asciiCodes :

if (textCode[0] == textChar) :

return format(textCode[1],'')

return "000"

def textDeCoder (codedChar) :

if (codedChar == "") or (codedChar == "000") :

return ""

for textCode in asciiCodes :

if (textCode[1] == codedChar) :

return textCode[0]

return ""

# MAIN PROGRAM CODE STARTS HERE

print("Enter a message to code.")

textIn = input("message: ")

codeOut = ""

for textChar in textIn :

codedChar = textCoder(textChar)

codeOut = codeOut + codedChar + " "

#print("char: ",textChar," ASCII Coded char: ", codedChar)

print("Coded string is:",codeOut)

print(" ")

print("Enter a coded password to decode")

print("(or return to use the Coded string)")

codeIn = input("Code: ")

if codeIn == "" :

codeIn = codeOut

codeList = codeIn.split(" ")

textOut = " "

for codedChar in codeList :

if (codedChar != "") :

textChar = textDeCoder(codedChar)

textOut += textChar

#print("ASCII Coded char: ", codedChar," decoded char: ",textChar)

print("DeCoded string is: ",textOut)

3. List your program modifications below:

The modifications were:

* Used substitution code instead of ascii code
* #LINE 11 - return format(textCode[1],'03') <-- on this part of the code ‘03’ was deleted making it
  + - * + return format(textCode[1],'')
* #LINE 18 - if (textCode[1] == int(codedChar)) :
* This was changed to if (textCode[1] == codedChar) :

^^^ without the int

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return textCode[0]

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