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In this project you will implement two encryption/decryption systems, one using AES in CBC mode and another using AES in counter mode (CTR). In both cases the 16-byte encryption IV is chosen at random and is prepended to the ciphertext.

For CBC encryption we use the PKCS5 padding scheme discussed in the lecture (14:04). While we ask that you implement both encryption and decryption, we will only test the decryption function. In the following questions you are given an AES key and a ciphertext (both are hex encoded ) and your goal is to recover the plaintext and enter it in the input boxes provided below.

For an implementation of AES you may use an existing crypto library such as PyCrypto (Python), Crypto++ (C++), or any other. While it is fine to use the built-in AES functions, we ask that as a learning experience you implement CBC and CTR modes yourself.

Question 1

CBC key: 140b41b22a29beb4061bda66b6747e14

CBC Ciphertext 1: 4ca00ff4c898d61e1edbf1800618fb2828a226d160dad07883d04e008a7897ee2e4b7465d5290d0c0e6c6822236e1daafb94ffe0c5da05d9476be028ad7c1d81

Question 2

CBC key: 140b41b22a29beb4061bda66b6747e14

CBC Ciphertext 2: 5b68629feb8606f9a6667670b75b38a5b4832d0f26e1ab7da33249de7d4afc48e713ac646ace36e872ad5fb8a512428a6e21364b0c374df45503473c5242a253

Question 3

CTR key: 36f18357be4dbd77f050515c73fcf9f2

CTR Ciphertext 1: 69dda8455c7dd4254bf353b773304eec0ec7702330098ce7f7520d1cbbb20fc388d1b0adb5054dbd7370849dbf0b88d393f252e764f1f5f7ad97ef79d59ce29f5f51eeca32eabedd9afa9329

Question 4

CTR key: 36f18357be4dbd77f050515c73fcf9f2

CTR Ciphertext 2: 770b80259ec33beb2561358a9f2dc617e46218c0a53cbeca695ae45faa8952aa0e311bde9d4e01726d3184c34451

Solution:

Question 1 - CBC plaintext: Basic CBC mode encryption needs padding.

Question 2 - CBC plaintext: Our implementation uses rand. IV

Question 3 - CTR plaintext: CTR mode lets you build a stream cipher from a block cipher.

Question 4 - CTR plaintext: Always avoid the two time pad!