

Cybersecurity Wargame Internship Task

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Commands

Level 0 -> Level 1

```
echo "S1JZUFRPTkITQ1JFQVQ=" | base64 -d
```

```
ssh krypton1@krypton.labs.overthewire.org -p 2231
```

```
cd /krypton/krypton1
```

```
cat README
```

```
cat krypton2"[NOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLM cat krypton2 | tr  
"[ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ]""]"
```

Level 1 -> Level 2

```
ssh krypton1@krypton.labs.overthewire.org -p 2231
```

```
cat krypton2
```

```
cat krypton2 | tr 'A-Za-z' 'N-ZA-Mn-za-m'
```

Level 2 -> Level 3

```
ssh krypton2@krypton.labs.overthewire.org -p 2231
```

```
mktemp -d
```

```
cd /tmp/tmp.<random_string>
```

```
ln -s /krypton/krypton2/keyfile.dat
```

```
ls
```

```
chmod 777 .
```

```
ln -s /krypton/krypton2/encrypt /etc/issue
```

```
mktemp -d
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```
cd /tmp/tmp.<random_string>
```

```
ln -s /krypton/krypton2/keyfile.dat
```

```
ls
```

```
chmod 777 .
```

```
ls
```

```
cat /etc/issue
```

```
/krypton/krypton2/encrypt /etc/issue
```

```
ls
```

```
cat ciphertext
```

```
touch ptext
```

```
nano ptext
```

```
cat ptext
```

```
/krypton/krypton2/encrypt ptext
```

```
ls
```

```
cat ciphertext
```

```
cat /krypton/krypton2/krypton3
```

```
cat /krypton/krypton2/krypton3 | tr "[MNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKL]" "[A-Z]"
```

Level 3 -> Level 4

```
ssh krypton3@krypton.labs.overthewire.org -p 2231
```

```
ls -l
```

```
file krypton4
```

```
cat krypton4
```

```
strings krypton4
```

```
cat krypton4 | tr "JDSQBKVIWGYUNCXM" "THEAOLVDNPSRIFU"
```

Level 4 -> Level 5

```
ssh krypton4@krypton.labs.overthewire.org -p 2231
```

```
ls -l
```

file krypton5

cat krypton5

strings krypton5

python3 vignere_decoder.py /krypton/krypton4/krypton5 FREKEY

Level 5 -> Level 6

ssh krypton5@krypton.labs.overthewire.org -p 2231

ls -l

file krypton6

cat krypton6

strings krypton6

python3 vignere_decoder.py /krypton/krypton5/krypton6 KEYLENGTH

Level 6 -> Level 7

ssh krypton6@krypton.labs.overthewire.org -p 2231

ls -l

file krypton7

cat a.txt

./krypton6/encrypt6 a.txt cipher_a.txt

cat cipher_a.txt

cat cipher

ls

python3 vignere_decoder.py /krypton/krypton6/krypton7

EICTDGYIYZKTHNSIRFXYCPFUEOCKRN

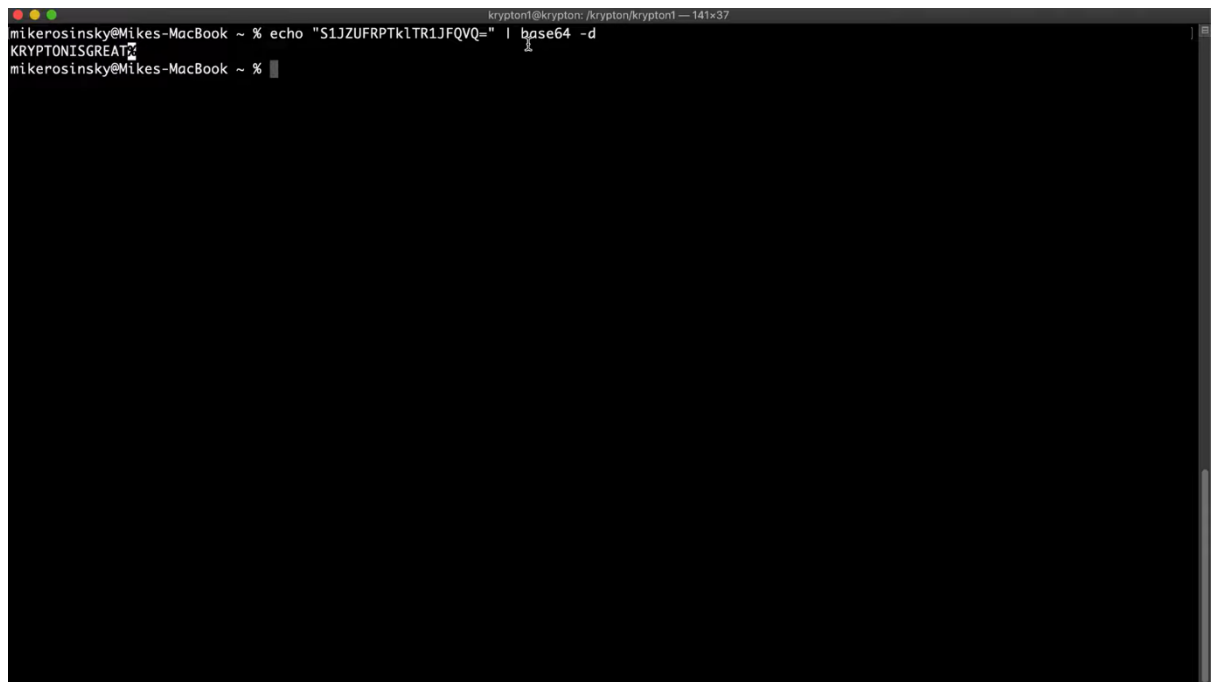
Krypton Report

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Level 0 → Level 1

Steps :

- Decoded a base64-encoded string to obtain an SSH connection hint.



```
krypton1@krypton: /krypton/krypton — 141x37
mikerosinsky@Mikes-MacBook ~ % echo "S1JZUFRPTk1TR1JFQVQ=" | base64 -d
KRYPTONISGREAT!
mikerosinsky@Mikes-MacBook ~ %
```

- Connected to the server using SSH.
- Navigated to the challenge directory and read the provided instructions.
- Found the encrypted password file and identified it was encoded using a simple letter shift (Caesar cipher).
- Decrypted it by applying a shift of 13 (ROT13) to recover the password.

Tools used:

- base64
- ssh
- tr command (text replacement)

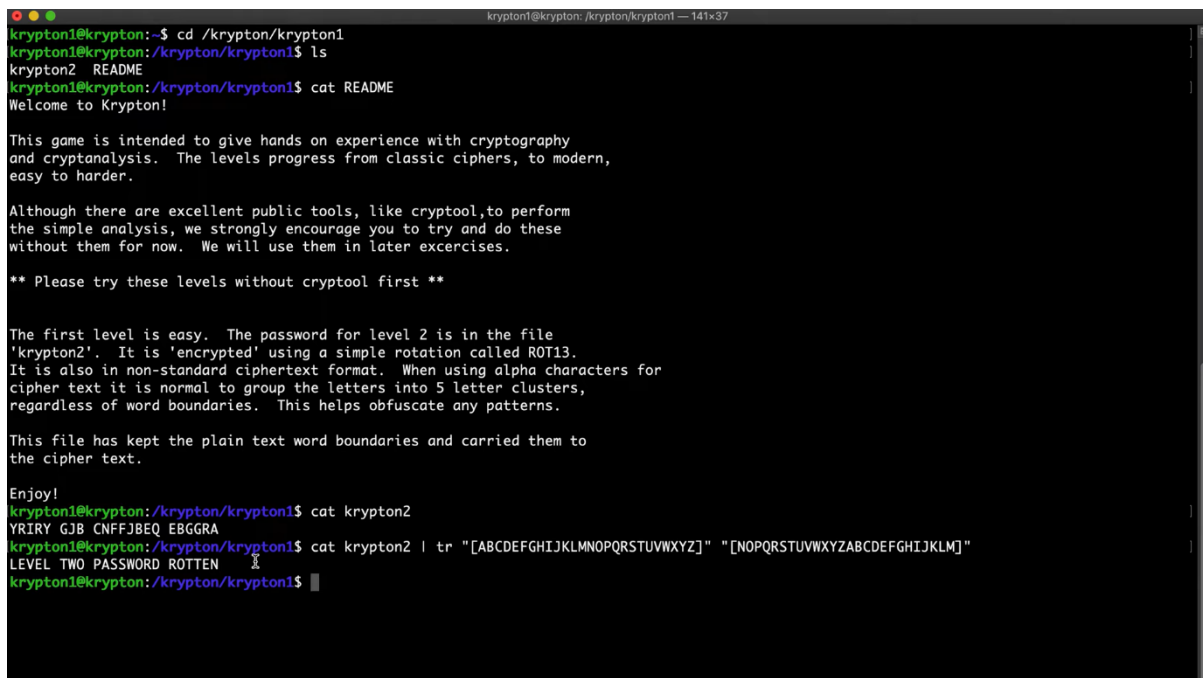
Level 1 → Level 2

Steps :

- Logged in to the server with the new password.
- Retrieved the new password file.
- Recognized the encryption was again a ROT13 cipher.
- Decrypted the password.

Tools used:

- ssh
- tr command



```
krypton1@krypton:~$ cd /krypton/krypton1
krypton1@krypton:/krypton/krypton1$ ls
krypton2  README
krypton1@krypton:/krypton/krypton1$ cat README
Welcome to Krypton!

This game is intended to give hands on experience with cryptography
and cryptanalysis. The levels progress from classic ciphers, to modern,
easy to harder.

Although there are excellent public tools, like cryptool, to perform
the simple analysis, we strongly encourage you to try and do these
without them for now. We will use them in later exercises.

** Please try these levels without cryptool first **

The first level is easy. The password for level 2 is in the file
'krypton2'. It is 'encrypted' using a simple rotation called ROT13.
It is also in non-standard ciphertext format. When using alpha characters for
cipher text it is normal to group the letters into 5 letter clusters,
regardless of word boundaries. This helps obfuscate any patterns.

This file has kept the plain text word boundaries and carried them to
the cipher text.

Enjoy!
krypton1@krypton:/krypton/krypton1$ cat krypton2
YRIRY GJB CNFFJBEQ EBGGRA
krypton1@krypton:/krypton/krypton1$ cat krypton2 | tr "[ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ]" "[NOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLM]"
LEVEL TWO PASSWORD ROTTEN
krypton1@krypton:/krypton/krypton1$
```

Level 2 → Level 3

Steps :

- Logged into the server with the Level 2 password.
- Created a temporary directory and symbolic links to important files (encryption key and program).
- Manipulated file permissions to control file behavior.
- Encrypted known plaintexts to study the encryption.
- Analyzed the output to infer the encryption method.
- Decrypted the encrypted password using a Caesar cipher based on the learned behavior.

Tools used:

- mktemp
- ln (for symbolic links)
- chmod
- cat
- tr

```
krypton2@krypton: /tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P — 128x31
krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$ touch ptext
krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$ nano ptext
Unable to create directory /home/krypton2/.nano: Permission denied
It is required for saving/loading search history or cursor positions.

Press Enter to continue

krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$ cat ptext
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$ /krypton/krypton2/encrypt ptext
krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$ ls
ciphertext  keyfile.dat  ptext
krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$ cat ciphertext
MNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLkrypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$
krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$ cat /krypton/krypton2/krypton3
OMQEMDUEQMEK
krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$ cat /krypton/krypton2/krypton3 | tr "MNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKL" "[A-Z]"
CAESARISEASY
krypton2@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RgG7dzLI3P$
```

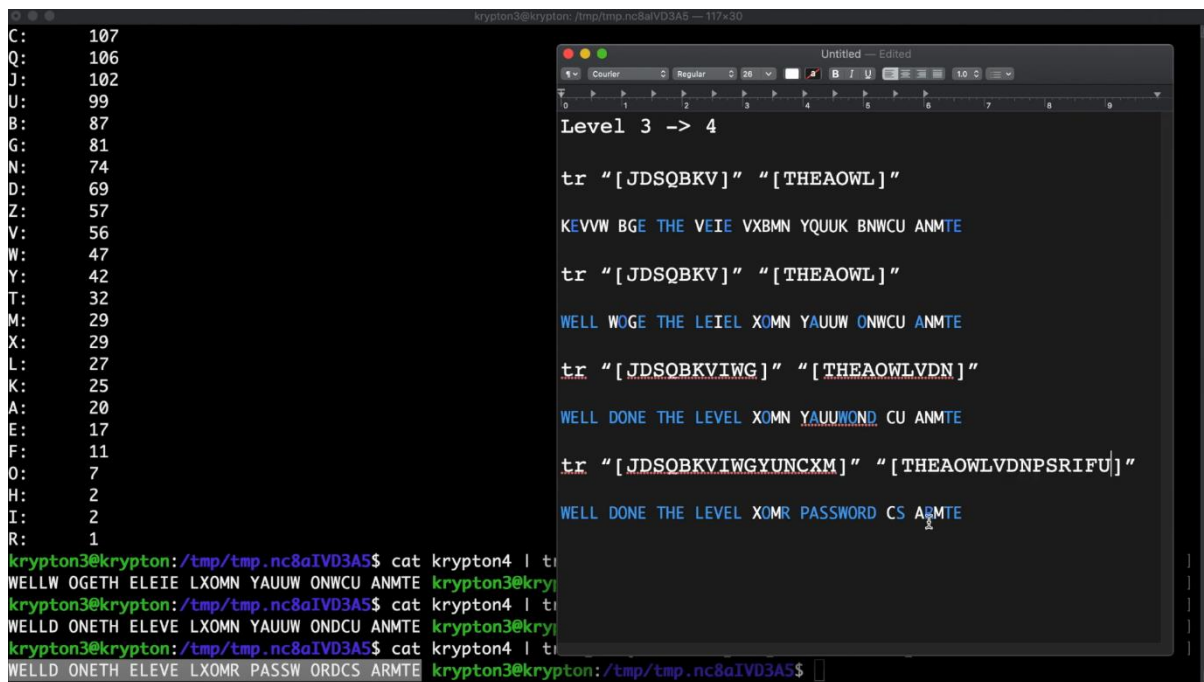
Level 3 → Level 4

Steps :

- Logged into Level 3.
- Inspected the given file to check the file type and its contents.
- Extracted readable text using string extraction.
- Recognized a monoalphabetic substitution cipher.
- Built a mapping based on letter frequency and patterns to decrypt the password.

Tools used:

- strings
- tr
- Manual cipher analysis



The screenshot shows a terminal window on the left and a text editor on the right. The terminal displays a frequency table for Level 3, followed by several commands using 'cat' and 'tr' to decrypt the message. The text editor shows the resulting text at Level 4, which includes the password 'PASSWORD'.

```
C: 107
Q: 106
J: 102
U: 99
B: 87
G: 81
N: 74
D: 69
Z: 57
V: 56
W: 47
Y: 42
T: 32
M: 29
X: 29
L: 27
K: 25
A: 20
E: 17
F: 11
O: 7
H: 2
I: 2
R: 1

krypton3@krypton:/tmp/tmp.nc8aIVD3A5$ cat krypton4 | tr "[JDSQBKV]" "[THEAOWL]"
WELLW OGETH ELEIE LXOMN YAUUW ONWCU ANMTE
krypton3@krypton:/tmp/tmp.nc8aIVD3A5$ cat krypton4 | tr "[JDSQBKV]" "[THEAOWL]"
WELL WOG E THE LEIEL XOMN YAUUW ONWCU ANMTE
krypton3@krypton:/tmp/tmp.nc8aIVD3A5$ cat krypton4 | tr "[JDSQBKVIWG]" "[THEAOWLVDN]"
WELL DONE THE LEVEL XOMN YAUUWOND CU ANMTE
krypton3@krypton:/tmp/tmp.nc8aIVD3A5$ cat krypton4 | tr "[JDSQBKVIWGYUNCXM]" "[THEAOWLVDNPSRIFU]"
WELL DONE THE LEVEL XOMR PASSWORD CS ARMTE
krypton3@krypton:/tmp/tmp.nc8aIVD3A5$
```

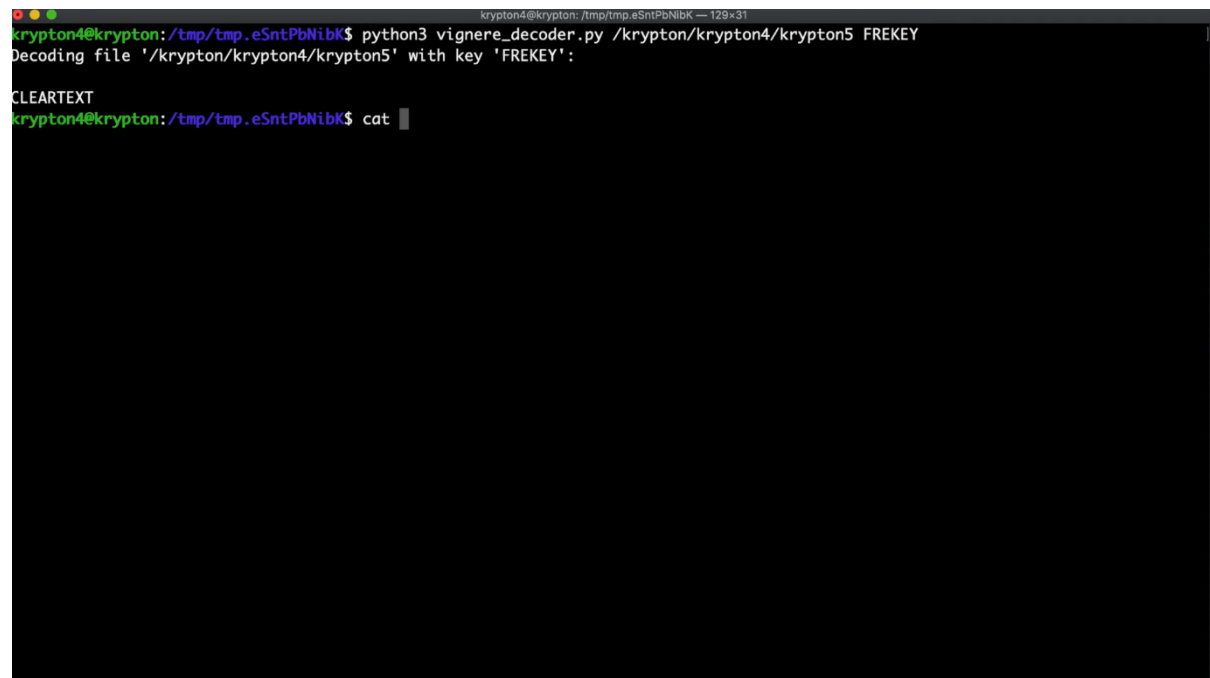
Level 4 → Level 5

Steps :

- Logged into Level 4.
- Opened and analyzed the encrypted password file.
- Identified that the cipher was Vigenère.
- Used a Python script to automate Vigenère decryption with a given key.

Tools used:

- strings
- python3 (custom Vigenère decryption script)

A terminal window with a dark background and light green text. The window title is 'krypton4@krypton: /tmp/tmp.eSntPbNibK — 129x31'. The prompt is 'krypton4@krypton:/tmp/tmp.eSntPbNibK\$'. The user enters 'python3 vignere_decoder.py /krypton/krypton4/krypton5 FREKEY'. The output is 'Decoding file '/krypton/krypton4/krypton5' with key 'FREKEY':' followed by a blank line and then 'CLEARTEXT'. The user then enters 'cat' and the cursor is at the end of the line.

```
krypton4@krypton:/tmp/tmp.eSntPbNibK$ python3 vignere_decoder.py /krypton/krypton4/krypton5 FREKEY
Decoding file '/krypton/krypton4/krypton5' with key 'FREKEY':

CLEARTEXT
krypton4@krypton:/tmp/tmp.eSntPbNibK$ cat
```

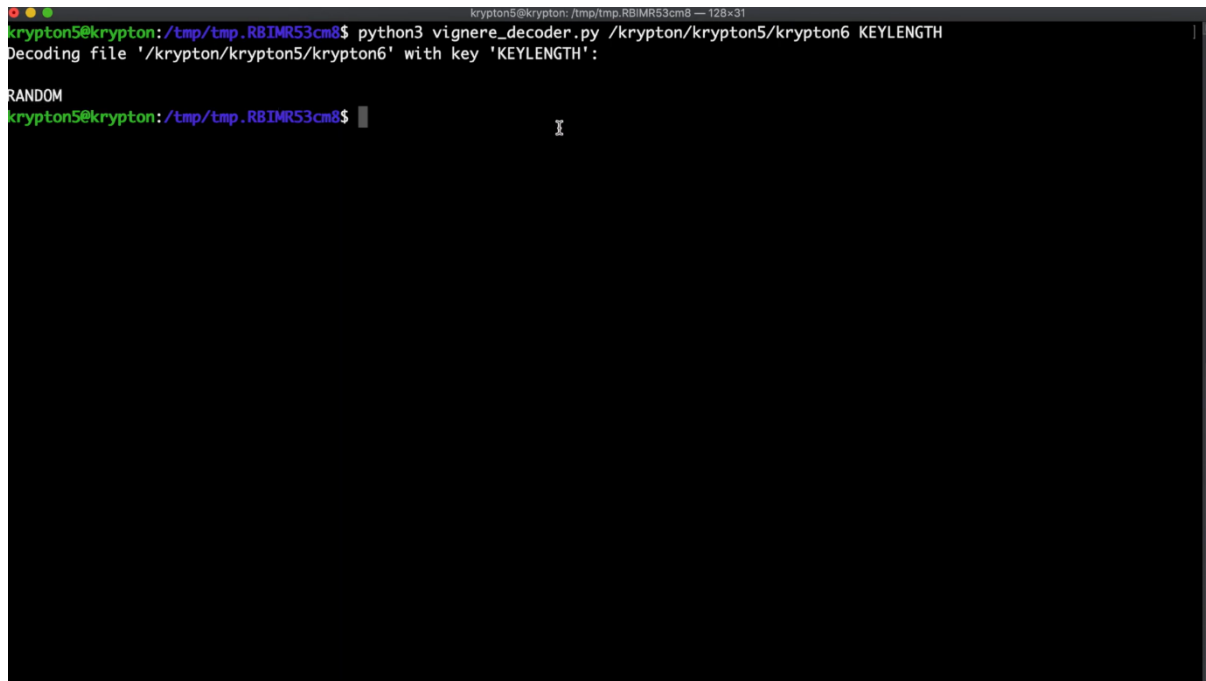

Level 5 → Level 6

Steps :

- Connected to Level 5.
- Inspected the encrypted file.
- Realized Vigenère cipher was used again, but without knowing the key length.
- Performed key length analysis by testing different possibilities.
- Used the decryption script with the correct key length to retrieve the password.

Tools used:

- strings
- python3 (modified Vigenère decryption script)



```
krypton5@krypton: /tmp/tmp.RBIMR53cm8 — 128x31
krypton5@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RBIMR53cm8$ python3 vignere_decoder.py /krypton/krypton5/krypton6 KEYLENGTH
Decoding file '/krypton/krypton5/krypton6' with key 'KEYLENGTH':

RANDOM
krypton5@krypton:/tmp/tmp.RBIMR53cm8$
```

Level 6 → Level 7

Steps :

- Logged into Level 6.
- Found a new encryption tool and the encrypted password file.
- Created known plaintext files and encrypted them to analyze encryption behavior.
- Observed how the encryption tool modified the plaintext.
- Reconstructed the full key based on ciphertext analysis.
- Decrypted the final ciphertext using the full key.

Tools used:

- encrypt6 program
- Manual file manipulation
- python3 (Vigenère decryption)

```
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$ cat a.txt
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$ /krypton/krypton6/encrypt6 a.txt cipher_a.txt
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$ cat a.txt
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$ cat cipher
cat: cipher: No such file or directory
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$ cat cipher
cat: cipher: No such file or directory
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$ cat cipher_a.txt
EICTDGYIYZKTHNSIRFXPCFUEOCKRNEICTDGYIYZKTHNSIRFXPCFUEOCKRNEICTDGYIYZkrypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$ ls
a.txt  cipher_a.txt  ciphertale  keyfile.dat  tale.txt  vignere_decoder.py
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$ python3 vignere_decoder.py /krypton/krypton6/krypton7 EICTDGYIYZKTHNSIRFXPCFUEOCKRN
Decoding file '/krypton/krypton6/krypton7' with key 'EICTDGYIYZKTHNSIRFXPCFUEOCKRN':
LFSRISNOTRANDOM
krypton6@krypton: /tmp/tmp.HkL6kgFXhQ$
```

Level 7 → Level 8

Steps:

- Logged in and read final congratulation message (no cracking needed).

Krypton series completed successfully