# 8086 ASSEMBLY MONOALPHABETIC SUBSTITUTION ENCRYPTION SYSTEM

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The X86 Assembly Monoalphabetic Substitution Encryption System is a low-level, hardware-dependent cryptographic software designed to secure data through the implementation of a monoalphabetic substitution cipher at the assembly language level on x86 architecture. This system aims to provide a basic yet illustrative example of encryption techniques, offering a fundamental understanding of how encryption works at the machine code level.

The system leverages the x86 assembly language to perform encryption operations, replacing each character in the plaintext with a corresponding character from a predefined substitution key. The substitution key is a mapping of characters from the plaintext alphabet to the ciphertext alphabet, ensuring that each character is replaced consistently. This system relies on the monoalphabetic substitution method, which makes it suitable for educational purposes and limited security applications.

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#### 1.INTRODUCTION

# 1.10bjective

- Low-Level Programming Skills: It provides an opportunity to learn and practice assembly language programming, a valuable skill for understanding and working with computer hardware and embedded systems.
- Cryptography Understanding: Through the implementation of a monoalphabetic substitution cipher, the project helps users comprehend fundamental cryptographic principles. It illustrates the concept of character substitution, which is a core component of many encryption algorithms, and fosters an appreciation for the nuances of secure data communication.
- Algorithm Development: This program encourages users to develop, modify, or enhance the encryption system's algorithm and substitution key. This allows for experimentation and exploration of various aspects of cryptographic design and implementation, fostering creativity and problem-solving skills.
- Source Code Exploration: Users can explore the project's source code to gain insights into how characters are substituted between plaintext and ciphertext. This provides a practical example of how encryption algorithms are coded and implemented in low-level programming languages.
- Security Awareness: While the monoalphabetic substitution cipher is not suitable for secure, real-world applications, the project highlights its weaknesses and reinforces the importance of using stronger encryption techniques for sensitive data. It raises awareness about the limitations and vulnerabilities of simple ciphers.
- Foundation for Further Study: The project can serve as a foundation for further exploration of cryptography and assembly language programming. Users who are interested in more advanced cryptographic concepts or in-depth x86 assembly programming can build upon the knowledge and experience gained from this project.

#### 1.2Introduction

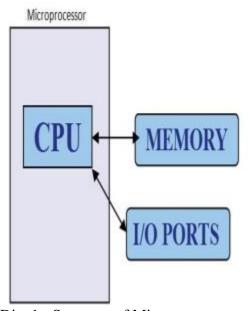
The "8086 Assembly Monoalphabetic Substitution Encryption System" is a fascinating exploration of the convergence of low-level programming and the realm of cryptography. This project delves into the intricate world of encryption, employing 8086 assembly language to implement a monoalphabetic substitution cipher—a fundamental encryption technique. The endeavor is designed to serve as an educational endeavor and a practical exercise, offering enthusiasts and aspiring programmers a unique opportunity to understand the inner workings of encryption at the machine code level.

#### 2. SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENT

- x86 emulator emu8086: EMU8086 is a popular and user-friendly integrated development environment (IDE) and emulator for the x86 architecture assembly language. It is primarily used for programming and testing assembly language code for Intel 8086 and 8088 microprocessors, which are early microprocessor models that were significant in the history of computing.
- Intel 8086 Assembly Language: Intel 8086 assembly language is a low-level programming language used for programming the Intel 8086 and Intel 8088 microprocessors. These processors were part of the x86 family and played a crucial role in the early history of personal computing. Intel 8086 assembly language is known for its close-to-hardware nature, allowing programmers to have precise control over the processor's operations. It's commonly used for educational purposes, for understanding computer architecture, and for tasks that require precise control over hardware. Despite its age, it remains a foundation for understanding the principles of assembly language and low-level programming.

#### 3. CONCEPT/WORKING PRINCIPLE:

Microprocessor: is a CPU on a single chip. Third Generation (16-bit Microprocessor) were introduced in 1978. The 16 - bit processors with a performance like minicomputers. Third Generation Microprocessors can be represented by Intel's 8086, Zilog Z800 and 80286.



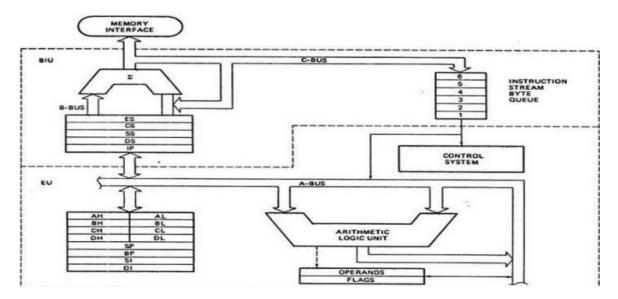
Diag1 - Structure of Microprocessor

#### 8086 Microprocessor

The 8086 microprocessor is an 8-bit/16-bit microprocessor designed by Intel in the late 1970s. It is the first member of the x86 family of microprocessors, which includes many popular CPUs used in personal computers.

The architecture of the 8086 microprocessor is based on a complex instruction set computer (CISC) architecture, which means that it supports a wide range of instructions, many of which can perform multiple operations in a single instruction. The 8086 microprocessor has a 20-bit address bus, which can address up to 1 MB of memory, and a 16-bit data bus, which can transfer data between the microprocessor and memory or I/O devices.

The 8086 microprocessor has a segmented memory architecture, which means that memory is divided into segments that are addressed using both a segment registers and an offset. The segment register points to the start of a segment, while the offset specifies the location of a specific byte within the segment. This allows the 8086 microprocessors to access large amounts of memory, while still using a 16-bit data bus.



Diag2: Architecture of 8086 Microprocessor

Memory is divided into various sections called segments.

- Code segment : where you store the program.
- Data segment : where the data is stored.
- Extra segment : mostly used for string operations.
- Stack segment : used to push/pop.

General purpose registers are used to store temporary data within the microprocessor.

AX,BX,CX,DX are the General-Purpose Registers. These are 16-bit registers. They are divided into 8bit registers. These registers perform operations on 8-bit instructions.

Microprocessors also consist of Pointer Registers, Index Registers and Segment Registers.

#### **Encryption & Decryption**

Encryption: Encryption is a way of scrambling data so that only authorized parties can understand the information. In technical terms, it is the process of converting human-readable plaintext to incomprehensible text, also known as ciphertext. In simpler terms, encryption takes readable data and alters it so that it appears random. Encryption requires the use of a <u>cryptographic key</u>: a set of mathematical values that both the sender and the recipient of an encrypted message agree on.

Decryption: It is the process of transforming data that has been rendered unreadable through encryption back to its unencrypted form. In decryption, the system extracts and converts the garbled data and transforms it to texts and images that are easily understandable not only by the reader but also by the system. Decryption may be accomplished manually or automatically.

#### 4. APPROCH

Encryption can be done in various ways. One of the simplest methods is monoalphabetic cipher. A monoalphabetic cipher is a substitution cipher where each letter of the plain text is replaced with another letter of the alphabet. It uses a fixed key which consists of the 26 letters of a "shuffled alphabet".

This program implements this method to encrypt/decrypt a string of characters.

1. This program uses the following table as the reference for character substitution.

Plain text	a	b	С	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	1	m	n	0	p	q	r	S	t	u	v	w	х	у	Z
Cipher text	q	W	e	r	t	у	u	i	0	p	a	s	d	f	g	h	j	k	1	Z	х	с	v	b	n	m

- 2. The program handles lowercase and uppercase characters.
- 3. This program omits all spaces in the result.

#### 4.1 PROGRAM

**ORG** 0100H

```
JMP start.
newline EQU 0AH ; \n
cret EQU 0DH ; \r
bcksp EQU 08H ;\b
; Hard-coded string:
hardcoded_string DB hi there! This is an encrypted message', cret, newline, '$' input_string DB 259
dup ('$'); Reserved area for input string (256 chars + \r \n $)
; Messages and dialogues to be displayed in the UI:
message_welcome DB newline, 'Welcome to the monoalphabetic encryption system!', cret,
newline
            DB
                   'Please choose how you wish to proceed:', cret, newline
                   '1- Enter string as input (max: 256 chars)', cret, newline
            DB
            DB
                   '2- Use hard-coded string', cret, newline, '$'
message_using_hc
                    DB
                                                  'USING YOUR HARDCODED STRING', cret, newline
            DB
                              ======', cret, newline, '$'
            DB
message_using_input DB
                   'Please enter your string below', cret, newline
            DB
            DB
                   '======', cret, newline, '$'
                           cret, newline, 'Give it one more try? (y/n)', cret, newline, '$'
message_try_again
                    DB
message_press_key
                    DB
                           'Press any key to exit...$'
message_display_org DB
                           cret, newline, 'Your original string: $'
message_display_enc DB
                            cret, 'Encrypted message: $'
message_display_dec
                            cret, 'Decrypted message: $'
                    DB
message_encrypting
                    DB
                           'Encrypting...$'
message decrypting
                    DB
                           'Decrypting...$'
; Just for reference -----> 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'
encryption_table_lower DB
                            97 dup (' '), 'qwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbnm'
decryption_table_lower DB
                            97 dup (' '), 'kxvmcnophqrszyijadlegwbuft'
; We leave 97(61H) blank spaces before the start of the table
; as the ASCII value of 'a' = 61H
```

encryption\_table\_upper DB 65 dup (' '), 'QWERTYUIOPASDFGHJKLZXCVBNM'

```
decryption table upper DB
                           65 dup (' '), 'KXVMCNOPHQRSZYIJADLEGWBUFT'
; We leave 65(41H) blank spaces before the start of the table
; as the ASCII value of 'A' = 41H
           LEA
                  DX, message welcome
start:
            MOV
                    AH. 09
            INT
                   21H
            MOV
                    AH. 0
            INT
                   16H
            CMP
                    AL. '2'
                              ; User chose to use the hardcoded string
            JΕ
                  use hc
            CMP
                    AL, '1'
                              ; User chose to enter a string
            JNE
                   start
            CALL
                    get_input
            JMP
                   start_process
use_hc:
            LEA
                   DX, message_using_hc
            MOV
                    AH, 09
            INT
                   21H
            LEA
                   SI, hardcoded_string
start process:
; Display original string
            LEA
                   DX, message_display_org
            MOV
                    AH. 09
                                 ; value of AH is adjusted as operation of int 21H depends on
its value
            INT
                              ; at AH = 09, int 21H outputs string at DS:DX
                   21H
                   DX, SI
            LEA
            MOV
                    AH, 09
            INT
                   21H
; Encrypt:
            LEA
                   DX, message_encrypting ; Display message
            MOV
                    AH, 09
            INT
                   21H
            MOV
                     AH. 1
                                  ; value of AH is adjusted as operation of encrypt decrypt
depends on its value
            CALL
                     encrypt decrypt; AH = 1 means monoalphabetic encryption, 0 means
monoalphabetic decryption, else do nothing
; Display result on the screen:
            LEA
                   DX, message_display_enc
            MOV
                                 ; value of AH is adjusted as operation of int 21H depends on
                    AH, 09
its value
            INT
                   21H
                              ; at AH = 09, int 21H outputs string at DS:DX
                   DX, SI
            LEA
            MOV
                    AH, 09
            INT
                   21H
; Decrypt:
                   DX, message_decrypting ; Display message
            LEA
            MOV
                    AH, 09
            INT
                   21H
            MOV
                    AH, 0
                                ; AH = 0 means monoalphabetic decryption
            CALL
                    encrypt decrypt
```

```
Display result on the screen:
                    DX, message display dec
             LEA
             MOV
                                  ; value of AH is adjusted as operation of int 21H depends on
                     AH, 09
its value
             INT
                    21H
                               ; at AH = 09, int 21H outputs string at DS:DX
             LEA
                    DX, SI
             MOV
                     AH. 09
            INT
                   21H
;Display try again dialogue
try_again:
                LEA
                        DX, message_try_again
             MOV
                     AH, 09
             INT
                    21H
             MOV
                     AH, 0
             INT
                    16H
             CMP
                     AL, 'y'
             JΕ
                  start
                     AL, 'n'
             CMP
             JNE
                    try_again
; Wait for any key...
             LEA
                    DX, message_press_key
                     AH, 09
             MOV
             INT
                    21H
             MOV
                     AH. 0
                                  ; value of AH is adjusted as operation of int 16H depends on
its value
             INT
                    16H
                               ; at AH = 00, int 16H waits for keystroke from the keyboard (no
echo)
           RET
   ; si - address of string to encrypt
                   PROC NEAR
encrypt_decrypt
             PUSH SI
next_char:
                 MOV AL, [SI]
               CMP AL, '$'
                                 ; End of string?
               JE end of string
               CMP
                       AL, ''
                                  ;<--- Beginning of space check
                                ; Since this was a college assignment, One of my requirements
             JNE
                    cont
was to omit spaces in my result so
                                        ; you can just remove these 4 lines and the omit_space
                 CALL omit space
subroutine if you do not wish to do that.
                    next_char
                                 ;<--- End of space check
             JMP
              CALL enc_dec_char
cont:
               INC
                      SI
                 JMP
                        next_char
end_of_string:
                  POP
                         SI
             RET
encrypt_decrypt
                   ENDP
; Subroutine to send space to the end of the string (after '$')
; You can delete this subroutine if you do not need it
```

```
PROC NEAR
omit_space
                              ; The reason I send the space after the '$'
            PUSH SI
                              ; is to handle several consecutive spaces without
omit_space_loop:
                                       ; entering an inifnite loop as opposed to just swapping
                   MOV
                           AL, [SI+1]
                    [SI+1], ''; the '' character with the character after it
            MOV [SI], AL
            INC
                   SI
            CMP
                   [SI-1], '$'
            JNE
                   omit space loop
            POP
                   SI
            RET
omit_space
                 ENDP
; Subroutine to convert character with the
; appropriate table (encrypt/decrypt)(uppercase/lowercase)
enc_dec_char
                  PROC NEAR
            PUSH BX
                    AL, 'a'
            CMP
            JB
                  check_upper_char
            CMP
                    AL, 'z'
                  skip_char
            JA
            CMP
                     AH, 1
                                  ; AH = 1 means monoalphabetic encryption, since we are
working with lower case, we use encryption table lower
                  encrypt_lower_char
            JΕ
            CMP
                     AH. 0
                                  AH = 0 means monoalphabetic decryption, since we are
working with lower case, we use decryption_table_lower
            JNE
                   skip_char
            LEA
                   BX, decryption_table_lower
                   translate_char
            JMP
encrypt_lower_char:
                     LEA
                             BX, encryption_table_lower
                      translate_char
               JMP
                    CMP AL, 'A'
check_upper_char:
                  skip char
            JB
            CMP
                    AL, 'Z'
            JA
                  skip_char
            CMP
                     AH, 1
                                  ; AH = 1 means monoalphabetic encryption, since we are
working with upper case, we use encryption_table_upper
               JΕ
                    encrypt_upper_char
               CMP
                       AH, 0
                                   ; AH = 0 means monoalphabetic decryption, since we are
working with upper case, we use decryption_table_upper
            JNE
                   skip_char
            LEA
                   BX, decryption table upper
                   translate_char
            JMP
encrypt_upper_char: LEA
                           BX, encryption_table_upper
translate_char:
                 XLATB
                 MOV [SI], AL
                POP BX
skip_char:
            RET
enc_dec_char
                  ENDP
```

```
; Subroutine to take input string from the user
; The subroutine handles if the user presses backspace: delete char + inc CX
; The subroutine allows the user to enter a maximum of 256 chars
get_input
                PROC NEAR
                    DX, message using input
             LEA
                     AH, 09
             MOV
             INT
                   21H
                    SI, input_string
             LEA
                    AH, 1
             MOV
             MOV
                     CX, 255
                                 ; To set a cap for string input to 256 chars
                   input_loop
             JMP
backspace entered:
                     INC CX
                                         ; Increment CX in case user presses backspace as a
character is deleted
input_loop:
                 INT 21H
             MOV
                     [SI], AL
             CMP
                    AL, bcksp
             JNE
                   cont_input
                    SI, offset input_string
             CMP
             JΕ
                   input_loop
                                ;If the string is empty just loop again without affecting SI and
without incrementing CX
                     [SI], ''
             MOV
             CALL omit_space
             DEC
                    SI
             JMP
                    backspace_entered
cont_input:
                INC
                       SI
                    AL, cret
             CMP
             JΕ
                  terminate_string
             LOOP
                     input_loop
                                 ; LOOP instead of JMP to incorporate (CX != 0000H) as a
jump condition
terminate_string:
                  MOV
                          [SI-1], cret
                     [SI], newline
             MOV
             MOV
                     [SI+1], '$'
            LEA
                    SI, input_string
             RET
                ENDP
get_input
end
```

# 

; si - address of encrypt\_decrypt

next\_char:

encrypt
NEAR
SI
AL, [SI]
AL, '\$'
end\_of\_string

AL, 'cont cont omit\_space next\_char

enc\_dec\_char

; End of string?

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Diag3-Code running in emu8086

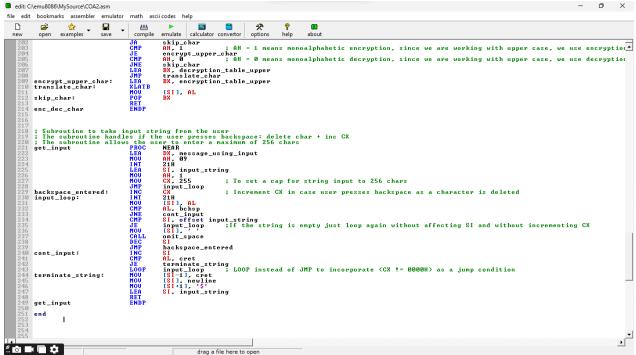
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           open examples save compile emulate calculator convertor options; as the ASCII value of 'a' = 61H
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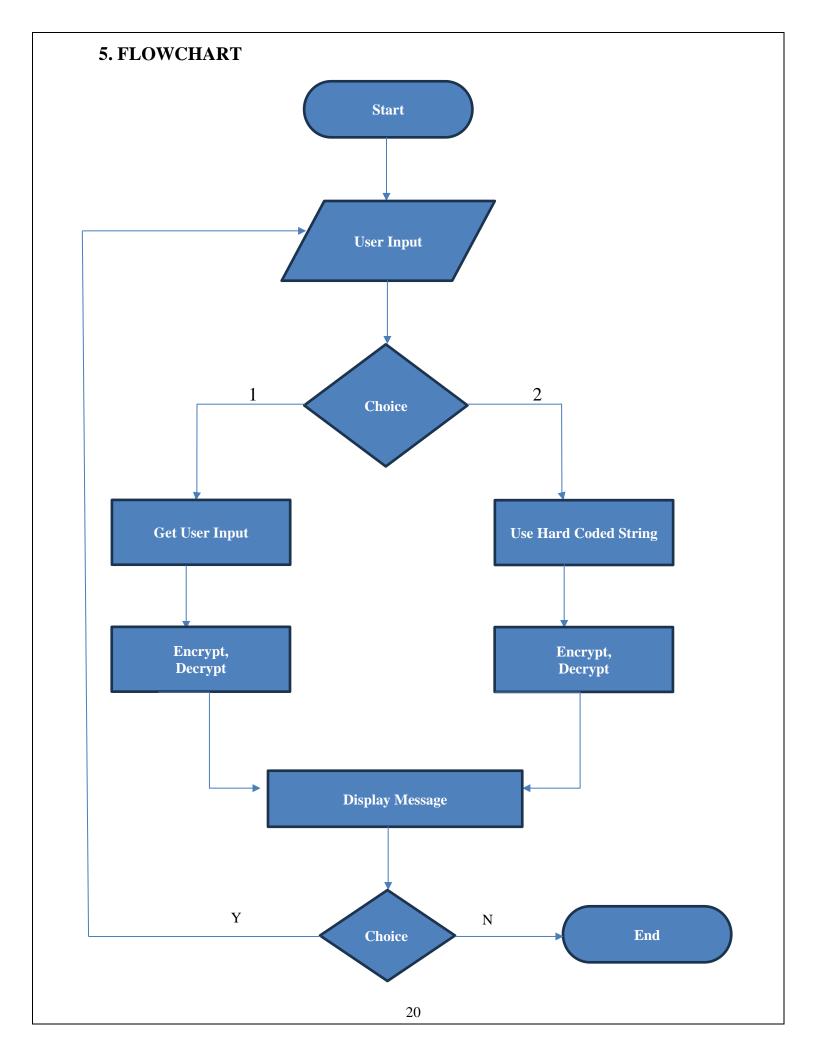
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355 decryption_table_upper DB 65 dup (' '), 'KXUMCNOPHQRSZYIJADLEGWBUFI'
356 ; We leave 65<41H) blank spaces before the start of the table
357 ; as the #8CII value of 'A' = 41H
                                                            DX, message_welcome
AH, 09
21H
                                                LEA
MOU
INT
MOU
INT
CMP
JE
CMP
JNE
CALL
JMP
                                                            21H
AH, 0
16H
AL, '2'
use_hc
AL, '1'
                                                                                   ; User chose to use the hardcoded string
                                                                                   ; User chose to enter a string
                                                            AL, '1'
start
get_input
start_process
                                                             DX, message_using_hc AH, 09
          use_hc:
                                                             AH, 67
21H
SI, hardcoded_string
         start_process;
; Display original string
LEA
MOU
                                                            ; Encrypt:
                                                             DX, message_encrypting ; Display message AH, 09
                                                             AH, 09
21H
AH, 1 ; value of AH is adjusted as operation of encrypt_decrypt depends on its value
encrypt_decrypt; AH = 1 means monoalphabetic encryption, 0 means monoalphabetic decryption, else do nothing
                                               e screen:
LEA
MOU
INT
LEA
MOU
INT
                                                            :
DX. nessage_display_enc
AH, 09 ; value of AH is adjusted as operation of int 21H depends on its value
21H ; at AH = 09, int 21H outputs string at DS:DX
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Diag4-Code running in emu8086

Diag5 -Code running in emu8086



Diag6-Code running in emu8086

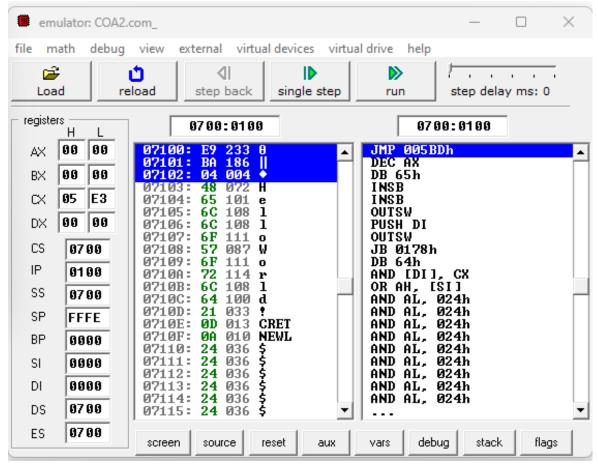


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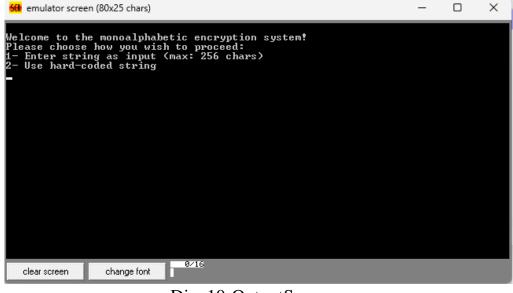
The program lets the user choose whether to enter a string or use the hard-coded one

```
; Hard-coded string:
; hardcoded_string DB 'Welcome To encryption system', cret, newline, '$'
input_string DB 259 dup ('$') ; Reserved area for input string (256 chars + \r + \n + $)
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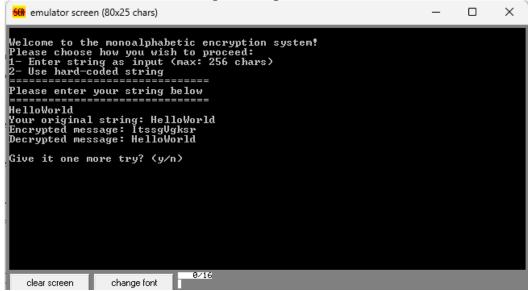
Diag8-Hard Coded String



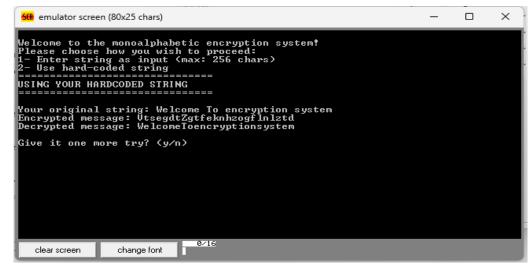
Diag9-Emulator



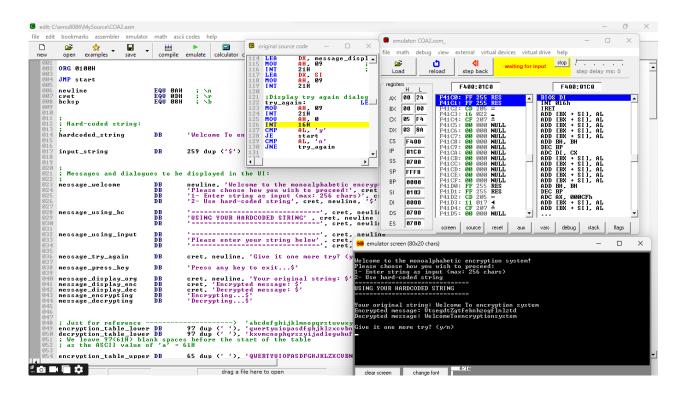
Diag10-OutputScreen



Diag11-Output with UserInput



Diag12-Output with Hard Coded String



Diag13-Program Execution

#### 7. CONCLUSION

The monoalphabetic encryption system project serves as a valuable tool for data security and communication privacy. While this assembly code example provides a basic implementation, it highlights the need for encryption and decryption mechanisms in various real-world applications. Importance of Encryption:

- Data Protection: In an increasingly digital world, the protection of sensitive information is paramount. Encryption helps safeguard data from unauthorized access and eavesdropping, ensuring confidentiality.
- Privacy: Individuals and organizations need encryption to maintain the privacy of their personal and confidential data, such as financial records, healthcare information, and communication.
- Secure Communication: Secure communication channels are essential, particularly in industries like finance, healthcare, and government, where transmitting sensitive information is routine.
- E-commerce: E-commerce platforms rely on encryption to protect customer data, including credit card information and personal details.
- National Security: Governments employ encryption to safeguard classified information and maintain national security.
- Future Development: The need for encryption and data security will continue to grow as technology evolves. In an era of increasing cyber threats and data breaches, projects like this serve as a foundation for developing advanced encryption methods and secure applications.

In conclusion, the monoalphabetic encryption system project underscores the significance of data security and privacy in our digital age. It not only provides a basic implementation but also encourages further exploration and development in the field of encryption. As technology advances, the demand for secure communication and data protection will remain a crucial consideration for individuals, organizations, and governments.

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