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main content

In this article, we provided encrypt and decrypt functions 2, with a few lines of text have been encrypted. Tasks from the well known saying, that encode them.

I do not try to understand the algorithm, they try to see it do something was:

```
1 print encrypt('thisismypadpadpad', 'thisismytext').encode('hex')
2 print encrypt('thisismypadpadpad', 'ahisismytext').encode('hex')
3 print encrypt('thisismypadpadpad', 'thisismytext').encode('hex')
```

for the output:

```
1 746c52985298381d86116b86
2 6f6c52985298381d86116b86
3 746c52985298381d86116b
```

Thus, it is like a swap byte-to-byte so, should resolve to make no matter what.

We did not know any information about the value of the **pad**, however it **should** bring an important characteristic, that is after decrypt with it, the data returned must be in plain text consisting of only those characters **printable**. In this direction, we will look for each byte of the pad, looking to satisfy the condition byte. Where to find only 1 byte, then simply select it, and if



there are more, it will need a bit of English competency

```
1 ciphers = [
2 '794d630169441dbdb788337d40fe245daa63c30e6c80151d4b055c18499a8ac3
3 '14a60bb3afbca7da0e8e337de5a3a47ae763a20e8e18695f39450353a2c6a26a
4 '250d83a7ed103faaca9d786f23a82e8e4473a5938eabd9bd03c3393b812643ea
5 '68a90beb191f13b621747ab46321a491e71c536b71800b8f5f08996bb433838f
6 '0fc304048469137d0e2f3a71885a5a78e749145510cf2d56157939548bfd5dd7
7 '254c0bb31453badaca9d060ce5faa45fa66378a6716915473579d3743e315dbe
8 '41cd1c01c62883b2ca71e671dce57e5f96b1610e29507b6c03c3821165328457
9 '68c50bd5197bfdbdfa887883783d2455a673a685436915bd72d1af74dffdd2b8
```

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```
10
11 def test_decrypt(pad):
12     for cipher in ciphers:
13         cipher_part = cipher[:len(pad)]
14         print decrypt(pad, cipher_part)
15
16 pad = ''
17 index = len(pad)
18 for i in range(index, index + 1):
19     for c in [chr(j) for j in range(1, 256)]:
20         valid = True
21         for cipher in ciphers:
22             cipher_char = cipher[i]
23             plain_char = decrypt(c, cipher_char)
24
25             if (len(plain_char) == 0):
26                 continue
27
28             if (ord(plain_char) not in range(0x20, 0x7E)):
29                 valid = False
30                 break
31
32         if (valid):
33             print 'nndecrypt with next char = 0x' + c.encode('hex')
34             test_decrypt(pad + c)
```

After some three minutes painstakingly, we find:

```
1 pad = 'xdfx47x28x8bxd4xeax6fx68x39xa4xe4x86x71x2bxbex9bx8fx61x7fx4'
```

though not enough to get the entire contents of the text, but the need is the flag they appeared:

```
1 decrypt with next char = 0xe5
2 The difference between stupidity and genius is that
3 Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company-
4 I am not a member of any organized political party.
5 My definition of an intellectual is someone who can
6 Republicans want less government for the same reason
7 If there are no stupid questions, then what kind of
8 And now, in the interest of equal time, here is a me
9 MY key for you is {And yes the nsa can read this to}
```

flag = **And yes the nsa can read this to**

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