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05.02 ASCII Code

**This assignment has three parts.**

### **Part One: Programming**

Write a program to encode and decode a message. Use the following guidelines to write your program:

1. Think of a secret message you want to encode. Be creative! Maybe a famous quote, a favorite lyric, or your personal motto.
2. Using the `ord()` and `chr()` functions, encode and decode the message.
3. Optional: Ask the user to guess the message before revealing it.  
Display the encoded message in binary, or include a twist by adding 2 to the number.  
*When decoding, remember to reverse the steps.*
4. Neatly print the encoded and decoded messages to the screen.
5. Write the pseudocode for this program. Be sure to include any needed input, calculations, and output.

**Insert your pseudocode here:**

❖ **Define main**

- Set message to “message”
- Set encoded\_message to empty
- For character in message
  - Set encoded\_char to char unicode of char + 2
  - Set encoded\_message += encoded\_char
- Print "Encoded message (binary representation):"
- For char in encoded\_message
  - Set binary\_representation to strip first 2 of binary of unicode of character
  - Print binary\_representation fill 8 end ‘ ‘
- Print newline
- Set user\_guess to the input of "Guess the secret message: "
- If user\_guess equals message
  - Print “Correct!”

- Else
    - Print “Try Again!”
  - Set decoded\_message to empty
  - For char in encoded\_message
    - Set Decoded\_character to char of unicode of char -2
    - Set decoded\_message += decoded\_character
  - Print "\nDecoded message:"
  - Print decoded\_message
- ❖ Call main

## Part Two: Code the program

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# a program to encode and decode a message
def main():
    # Step 2: Define a secret message
    message = "toes"

    # Step 3: Initialize an empty string for the encoded message
    encoded_message = ""

    # Step 4: Loop through each character in the message
    for character in message:
        # Add 2 to the ASCII value of the character
        encoded_character = chr(ord(character) + 2)
        # Append the new character to the encoded message
        encoded_message += encoded_character

    # Step 5: Display the encoded message in binary
    print("Encoded message (binary representation):")
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    for character in encoded_message:
        # Convert to binary and slice '0b' prefix
        binary_representation = bin(ord(character))[2:] # Remove '0b'
prefix
        print(binary_representation.zfill(8), end=' ') # Pad with zeros
to ensure 8 bits
    print("\n")

    # Step 6: Prompt user to guess the message
    user_guess = input("Guess the secret message: ")

    # Step 7: Check the user's guess
    if user_guess == message:
        print("Correct!")
    else:
        print("Try again!")

    # Step 9: Initialize an empty string for the decoded message
    decoded_message = ""

    # Step 10: Loop through each character in the encoded message
    for character in encoded_message:
        # Subtract 2 from the ASCII value of the character
        decoded_character = chr(ord(character) - 2)
        # Append the new character to the decoded message
        decoded_message += decoded_character

    # Step 11: Display the decoded message
    print("\nDecoded message:")
    print(decoded_message)

main()

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Use the following guidelines to code your program:

1. To code the program, use the Python IDLE.
2. Using comments, type a heading that includes your name, today's date, and a short description of the program.
3. Follow the Python style conventions regarding indentation and the use of white space to improve readability.
4. Use meaningful variable names.

**Example of expected output:** The output for your program should resemble the following screen shot. Your specific results will vary depending on the choices you make and the input provided.

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Output:

The encoded message:
[84, 114, 121, 32, 110, 111, 116, 32, 116, 111, 3
2, 98, 101, 99, 111, 109, 101, 32, 97, 32, 109, 9
7, 110, 32, 111, 102, 32, 115, 117, 99, 99, 101, 1
15, 115, 32, 98, 117, 116, 32, 114, 97, 116, 104,
101, 114, 32, 116, 114, 121, 32, 116, 111, 32, 98,
101, 99, 111, 109, 101, 32, 97, 32, 109, 97, 110,
32, 111, 102, 32, 118, 97, 108, 117, 101, 46, 32,
45, 65, 108, 98, 101, 114, 116, 32, 69, 105, 110,
115, 116, 101, 105, 110]

The decoded message:
Try not to become a man of success but rather try
to become a man of value. -Albert Einstein
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**Insert a copy of your code from IDLE here:**

### Part Three: Post Mortem Review

Complete the Post Mortem Review (PMR). Write thoughtful two- to three-sentence responses to all the questions in the PMR chart.

Review Question	Response
What was the purpose of your program?	a program to encode and decode a message.

How could your program be useful in the real world?	To encrypt messages to send back and forth between a secure web server.
What is a problem you ran into, and how did you fix it?	Actually converting the message. Use some online resources.
Describe one thing you would do differently the next time you write a program.	Use more algorithms to make the program execute faster