

Exposed Cipher

h q1 0
t d2 1
) r1 2
- f0 3
d r5 4
E m0 5
b t7 6
S j2 7
u c1 8
P p3 9
" m8 @
I c9 .
J r7 -
L h7 -
A z5 :
8 n1 #
3 s7 /
N r3
{ s0 (
(g0)
C n5 [
m d6]
c8 |
1 x2 ?
G v3 !
K x5 ;
7 f3 "
O q8 *
9 q2 <
} j4 >
' i1 ,
U t3 %
' r9 \$
n f8 =
* i7 a
^ c6 b
6 i4 c
g f6 d
M w9 e
+ l5 f
] l7 g
Q y6 h
! g5 i
X p8 j
T g6 k
o m3 l
F o0 m
Z z6 n
p e4 o
V x4 p
: a1 q
i k6 r
a t2 s
> x3 t
< q7 u
l e3 v
| d9 w
% p4 x
W m1 y
, j9 z
f j8 A
. k1 B
2 j0 C
= l8 D
@ o5 E
D p9 F
\$ w4 G
/ k0 H
r f9 I
~ w0 J
s a0 K
& x9 L
k j5 M
_ n7 N
[r0 O
H k2 P
? g3 Q
R i9 R
c c2 S
q t5 T
4 b1 U
e p1 V
; t9 W
j d5 X
\ l4 Y
5 v0 Z
Y v5 '
0 m7 }
B l3 {

Exposed Cipher Decoder Test Instructions

- Goal:** Your objective is to review/modify the exposed data in this sheet, including the cipher, the offset key, the masked output and the decoder formula to determine if there is a vulnerability in the exposed data that can be used to decode the statement in **G18**.
- Locate the Cipher Data:** Columns A–C contain an Exposed Cipher. This is the mapping logic used in the formula to determine the encoding you see in in the masked output in **F19**
- Find the Offset Key:** Cell **F18** contains the Offset Key used to shift / manipulate the cipher. You may use this value as needed to test different decoding attempts
- Check the Masked Output:** Cell **F19** contains the Masked Output (the encoded text). This is what you will attempt to decode into readable text.
Note: This would be embedded in the decoder formula as the fullStr but is included here as an external reference for this exercise
- Review the Decoder Formula:** Cell **E23** displays the **Exposed Decoder Formula**. This same formula is actively applied in **G18** to generate a decoding attempt.
- Password** Cell **F20** is the password field that, when entered correctly, will decode the text in **G18**. The password is not stored in this workbook and is intentionally withheld for this exercise
- Test the Decoder:** Observe the result in **G18**. If the decoder is correct, **G18** will display legible text/phrase without any extraneous characters or symbols.

Exposed Data	Encoder Inputs	Decoder Output
Offset Key	asdkjflakdf jlkdsdfjlke sdslkflke lksdfjeksleikemjsdl	TNMFHfMBHGcKNGcMAxcPHKDyEHPclHcBwxtLcvtG
Masked Output*	k[e\YGm^!C2_[aS-u\! ><%&;P/mK)^MZiR:Rj8;('N%sRVdS_U	cuxciNMcMHcPHKDj
Enter Password		

Full Decoder Formula in G18

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TEXTJOIN("",TRUE,
LET(
stateset3,IF($F$18<>""),$F$18,"Jrs$jhFR:B.H>71HoiFqY$Kbri"),
fullStr,IF($F$19<>""),$F$19,"u.:gA:SMYsUfAg.3kGFLU"),
offsetStr,IF($F$18<>""),$F$18,"H4\7JGFk3.f(88LQoH_si+)",
password,IF($F$20<>""),$F$20,"dTQ#j"&g$($##>=-1R"),

offsetNum,SUMPRODUCT(CODE(MID(offsetStr,ROW(INDIRECT("1:"&LEN(offsetStr))),1))),
baseOffset,MOD(offsetNum,89)+1,

maskMult,MOD(
SUMPRODUCT(CODE(MID(offsetStr,ROW(INDIRECT("1:"&LEN(offsetStr))),1))+LEN(offsetStr),
MOD(LEN(offsetStr),SUMPRODUCT(CODE(MID(stateset3,ROW(INDIRECT("1:"&LEN(stateset3))),1))*LEN(stateset3))+SUMPRODUCT(CODE(MID(stateset3,ROW(INDIRECT("1:"&LEN(stateset3))),1))*LEN(stateset3)))
)+5,

maskOffset1,MOD(offsetNum+LEN(offsetStr),89)+1,
maskOffset2,MOD(offsetNum*maskMult,89)+1,
maskOffset3,MOD((offsetNum+maskMult)*LEN(offsetStr),89)+1,
maskOffset4,MOD(offsetNum*(maskMult+LEN(offsetStr)),89)+1,

passwordMask,MOD(SUMPRODUCT(CODE(MID(password,ROW(INDIRECT("1:"&LEN(password))),1))*LEN(password),89),
totalMask,MOD(maskOffset1+maskOffset2+maskOffset3+maskOffset4+passwordMask,89),

restored,IF(AND($F$18="", $F$19="", $F$20=""),
fullStr,
LEFT(fullStr,LEN(fullStr)-2)&RIGHT(fullStr,1)
),

n,LEN(restored),
seq,SEQUENCE(n),

charMask,IF(ISODD(seq),
MOD(maskOffset1+maskOffset3+passwordMask,89),
MOD(maskOffset2+maskOffset4+passwordMask,89)
),

chars,MID(restored,seq,1),

compRows,MAP(chars,LAMBDA(c,
XLOOKUP(TRUE,EXACT(c,$A$2:$A$90),ROW($A$2:$A$90)-ROW($A$2)+1)
)),
cipherRows,MOD(compRows-baseOffset-totalMask-MOD(seq*3,89)-seq+89*4,89)+1,
cipherTokens,INDEX($B$2:$B$90,cipherRows),

cipherTokenRows,MAP(cipherTokens,LAMBDA(t,
XLOOKUP(TRUE,EXACT(t,$B$2:$B$90),ROW($B$2:$B$90)-ROW($B$2)+1)
)),
charRows,
MOD(
cipherTokenRows
-baseOffset
-totalMask
-MOD(seq*3,89)
-seq
+IF(AND($F$18="", $F$19="", $F$20=""),seq*7,89*4),
89)+1,

INDEX($C$2:$C$90,charRows)
)
)
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