

# One Time Pad in Python: A Story in Three Acts



# Act 1: The exchange of the key

Alice



Here's the secret key,  
don't lose this.

random  
binary  
digits



Sure thing Alice !

## Act 2: Alice encodes her message



Message : “ Boo ”

↓ `def encode_to_decimal():`

ASCII: [ 98, 111, 111 ]

↓ `def decimal_to_binary_string():`

binary\_message: ' 110001011011111101111 '

You already have these functions!

\*Notice there's  
**extra key?**  
that's ok! We  
can just save  
that for later.

key :

↓ `def secret_key_generator(4):`

'1000011111000100100100**10110011**'

↓ `def one_time_encrypt():`

Encrypted binary string: ' 100111000011110010111 '

## Act 3: Bob receives encrypted message from Alice and decodes

Encrypted binary string: ' 100111000011110010111 '

`def apply_key():`

(After key) decrypted binary string: ' 110001011011111101111 '

\*you already  
have this  
function!

`def decode():`

Binary to decimal (ASCII) : [ 98, 111, 111 ]

Message : 'Boo'



So what are you supposed to do?

- Take the necessary functions from Symmetric Key encryption assignment
  - Add them to new functions in `one_time_pad.ipynb`
- Add comments to the new functions in `one_time_pad.ipynb` describing what they do
- Implement the mod 2 sum logic (see Canvas) in the `one_time_encrypt()` and `apply_key()` functions
  - Create a message, and use the functions in the order given in this video to enact the one time pad protocol. Make sure that your secret key is as long or longer than the message.
- Save your notebook, making sure that all of your outputs at each step are visible
  - Answer the questions in Canvas
  - Turn in `.ipynb`

```
my_binary_string_one = '0100010'  
my_binary_string_two = '1000000'
```

```
def binary_matcher(binary_string_one, binary_string_two):
```

Goal output:

```
' mismatch mismatch match match match mismatch match'
```



```
my_binary_string_one = '0100010'  
my_binary_string_two = '1000000'
```

# Bottom up approach

```
def binary_matcher(binary_string_one, binary_string_two):  
    match_log = ''  
  
    #let's start with one digit case (bottom up approach)  
  
    if (binary_string_one[i] == '1') and (binary_string_two[i] == '1'):  
        match_log += ' match'  
  
    if (binary_string_one[i] == '0') and (binary_string_two[i] == '0'):  
        match_log += ' match'  
  
    #could also use "else" logic  
  
    if (binary_string_one[i] == '1') and (binary_string_two[i] == '0'):  
        match_log += ' mismatch'  
  
    if (binary_string_one[i] == '0') and (binary_string_two[i] == '1'):  
        match_log += ' mismatch'
```

```
my_binary_string_one = '0100010'  
my_binary_string_two = '1000000'
```

```
def binary_matcher(binary_string_one, binary_string_two):  
    match_log = ''  
    for i in range(len(binary_string_one)):  
        #let's start with one digit case (bottom up approach)  
        if (binary_string_one[i] == '1') and (binary_string_two[i] == '1'):  
            match_log += ' match'  
  
        if (binary_string_one[i] == '0') and (binary_string_two[i] == '0'):  
            match_log += ' match'  
  
        #could also use "else" logic  
  
        if (binary_string_one[i] == '1') and (binary_string_two[i] == '0'):  
            match_log += ' mismatch'  
  
        if (binary_string_one[i] == '0') and (binary_string_two[i] == '1'):  
            match_log += ' mismatch'  
  
    return match_log
```

# Now iterate!



```
: my_match_log = binary_matcher(my_binary_string_one, my_binary_string_two)
```

```
: my_match_log
```