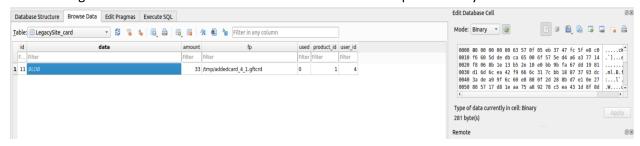
## **Encrypting database:**

Within models.py, we imported the django\_cryptography.fields and modified the Card object's data attribute using the following command:

data = encrypt(models.BinaryField(unique = True))

The resulting data in the database is now a blob and not stored as plaintext anymore.



## Secret key management:

The first and most basic step for key management is restricting access. Encryption keys should only be accessed by those who need it, denying access to all others. All accesses to the key as well as any operations done on it should be logged to allow for easier investigation if the key was to be compromised at all.

We can also have a certain lifespan for the keys and exchange the older keys for new ones when the lifespan is over. Those old keys should also be permanently deleted to reduce usage of unused keys and give more protection to the system.

The keys are currently kept in settings.py, but we could also alternatively keep them in their own database which is separate from the Card.data that they are used to encrypt/decrypt.