

Encoding/Decoding Composite Image Design

Implementation Details for Encoding:

- 1) The cover image must be present.
- 2) Once a cover image is loaded, the user can load a secret image or they can convert the text to a secret image.
- 3) User then needs to hit the encode button/encode menu item.
- 4) Lowest order bit is removed from the cover image.
- 5) Each pixel of the secret image is compressed to 1 bit.
- 6) The new cover image and new secret image are added together to form the composite image.

Implementation Details for Decoding:

- 1) The composite image must be present.
- 2) User then needs to hit the decode button/decode menu item.
- 3) The cover image is taken by removing the lowest order bits of the composite image.
- 4) The secret image is taken by subtracting the cover image bits from the composite image.
- 5) This new value is multiplied by 255 for the secret image.