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Vigenère

tl;dr

Implement a program that encrypts messages using Vigenère's cipher, per the below.

```
$ python vigenere.py ABC
plaintext:  HELLO
ciphertext: HFNLP
```

Specification

Design and implement a program that encrypts messages using Vigenère's cipher, exactly as you did in Problem Set 2 (<https://lab.cs50.io/cs50/labs/2019/x/vigenere/>), except that your program this time should be written (a) in Python and (b) in CS50 IDE.

- Implement your program in a file called `vigenere.py` in your `~/workspace/pset6/vigenere` directory (if it doesn't already exist, create it now!).
- Your program must accept a single command-line argument: a keyword, k , composed entirely of alphabetical characters.
- If your program is executed without any command-line arguments, with more than one command-line argument, or with one command-line argument that contains any non-alphabetical character, your program should print an error (of your choice) and `exit` (<https://docs.python.org/3/library/sys.html#sys.exit>) immediately with a status code of 1.
- Otherwise, your program must proceed to prompt the user for a string of plaintext, p , (as by a prompt for `plaintext:`) which it must then encrypt according to Vigenère's cipher with k , ultimately printing the result (prepended with `ciphertext:` and ending with a newline) and exiting.
- With respect to the characters in k , you must treat `A` and `a` as 0, `B` and `b` as 1, ... , and `Z` and `z` as 25.
- Your program must only apply Vigenère's cipher to a character in p if that character is a letter. All other characters (numbers, symbols, spaces, punctuation marks, etc.) must be outputted unchanged. Moreover, if your code is about to apply the j^{th} character of k to the i^{th} character of p , but the latter proves to be a non-alphabetical character, you must wait to apply that j^{th} character of k to the next alphabetical character in p ; you must not yet advance to the next character in k .
- Your program must preserve the case of each letter in p .

Walkthrough

vigenere (Python)



Usage

Your program should behave per the examples below. Assume that the underlined text is what some user has typed.

```
$ python vigenere.py 13  
Usage: python vigenere.py k
```

```
$ python vigenere.py  
Usage: python vigenere.py k
```

```
$ python vigenere.py bacon and eggs  
Usage: python vigenere.py k
```

```
$ python vigenere.py bacon  
plaintext: Meet me at the park at eleven am  
ciphertext: Negh zf av huf pcfx bt gzwrep oz
```

Testing

To help you test `vigenere`, we've written a program called `devigenere` for you that also takes one and only one command-line argument (a keyword) but whose job is to take ciphertext as input and produce plaintext as output. To use our program, execute

```
~cs50/pset2/devigenere k
```

at your prompt, where `k` is some keyword. Presumably you'll want to paste your program's output as input to our program; be sure, of course, to use the same key. Note that you do not need to implement `devigenere` yourself, only `vigenere`.

Correctness

```
check50 cs50/problems/2019/x/sentimental/vigenere
```

Style

```
style50 vigenere.py
```

Staff's Solution

```
~cs50/2019/x/pset6/vigenere
```

How to Submit

Execute the below, logging in with your GitHub username and password when prompted. For security, you'll see asterisks (`*`) instead of the actual characters in your password.

```
submit50 cs50/problems/2019/x/sentimental/vigenere
```

You can then go to <https://cs50.me/cs50x> (<https://cs50.me/cs50x>) to view your current scores!

Hints

Not sure where to begin? As luck would have it, this program's pretty similar to [caesar](#) ([./caesar/caesar.html](#))! Only this time, you need to decide which character in k to use as you iterate from character to character in p .