

UNIT 8

Seminar 4:

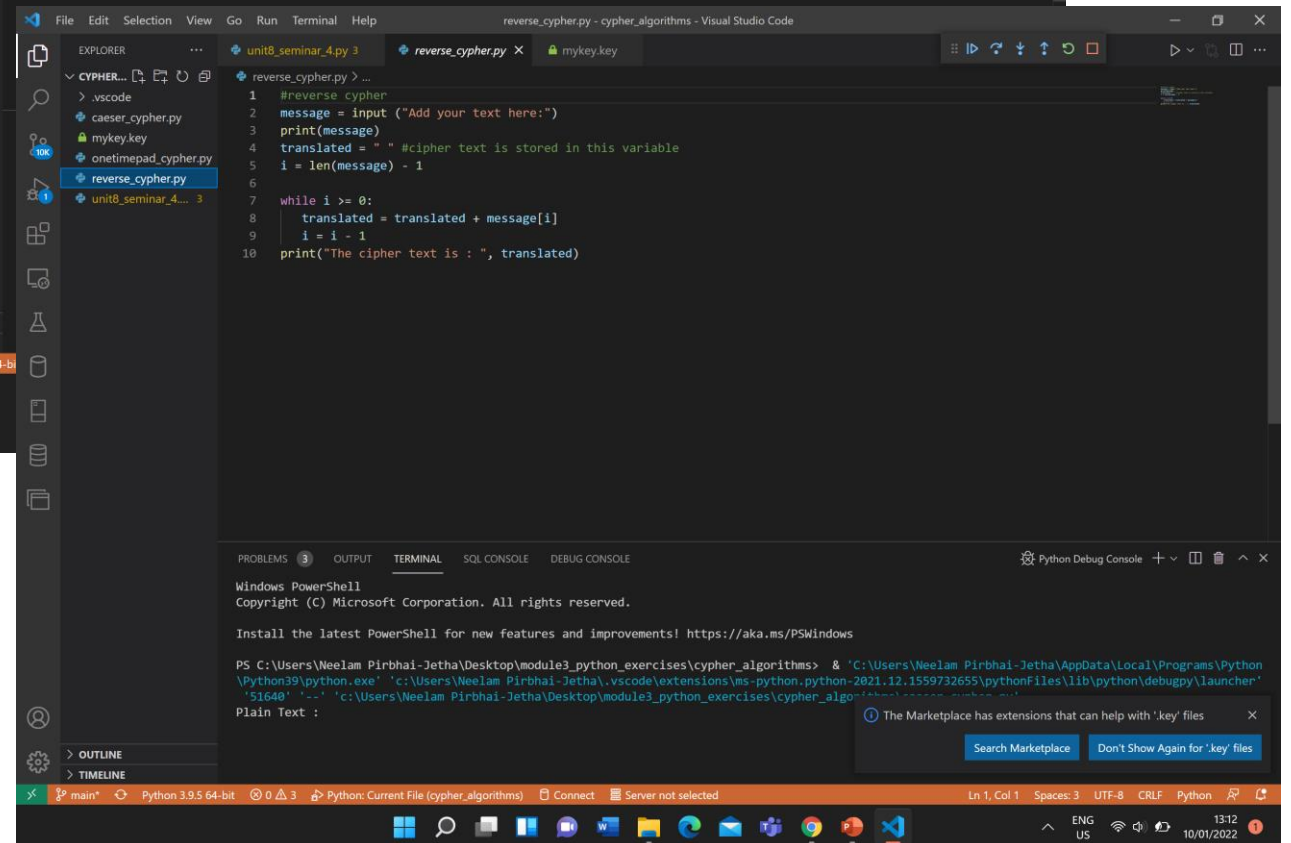
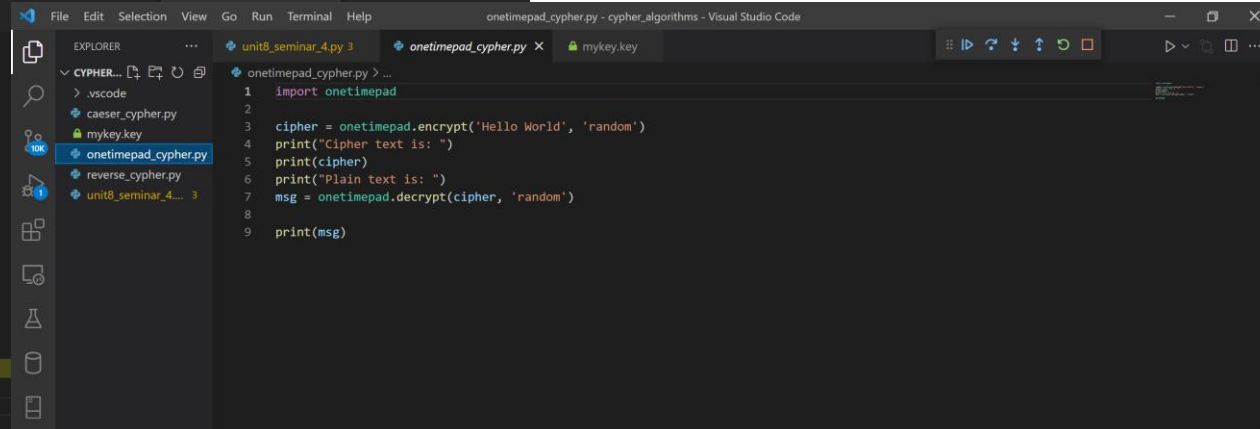
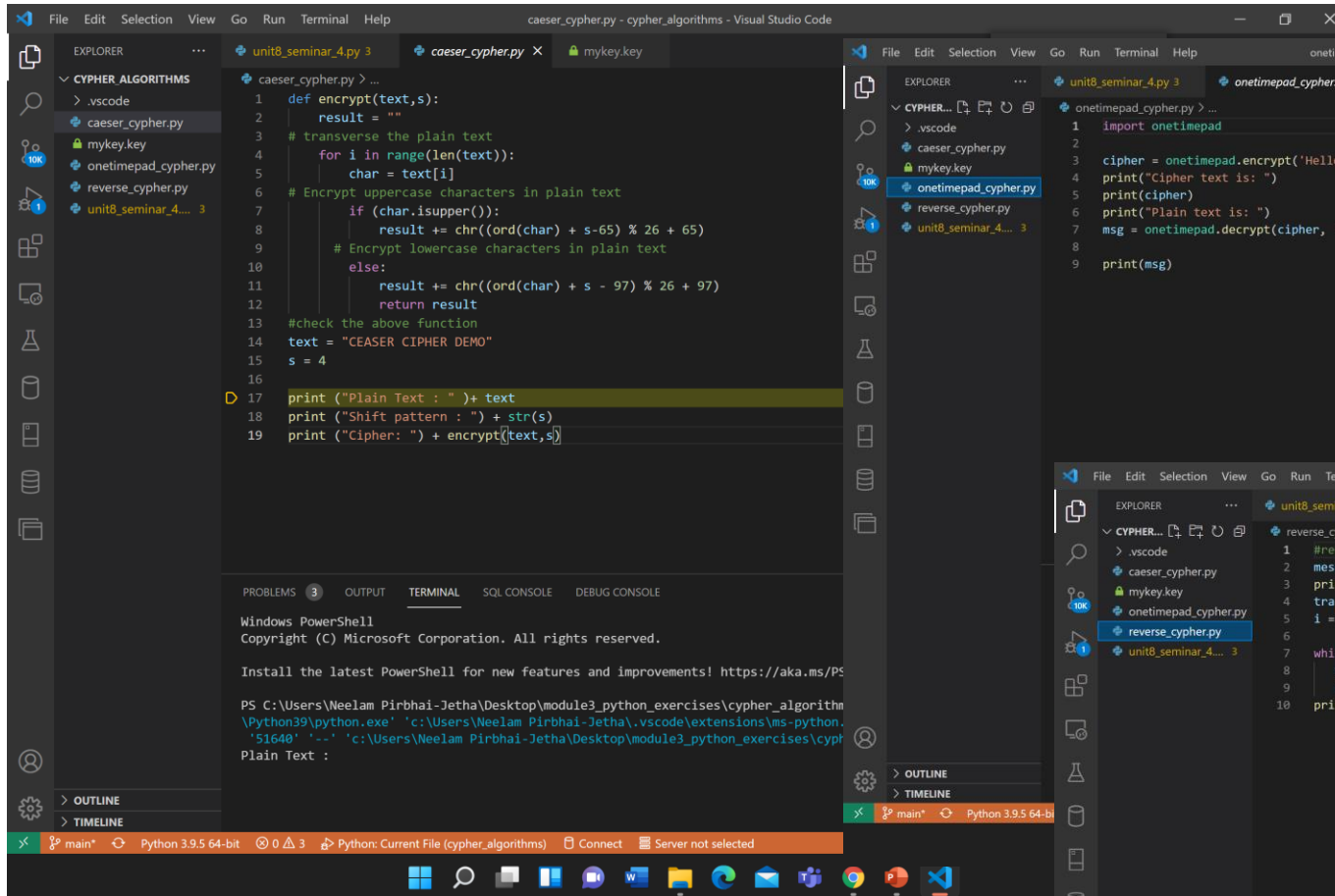
Read the Cryptography with Python blog at tutorialspoint.com.

Select one of the methods described/ examples given and create a python program that can take a short piece of text and encrypt it.

Answer the following questions in your e-portfolio:

- Why did you select the algorithm you chose?
- Would it meet the GDPR regulations? Justify your answer.

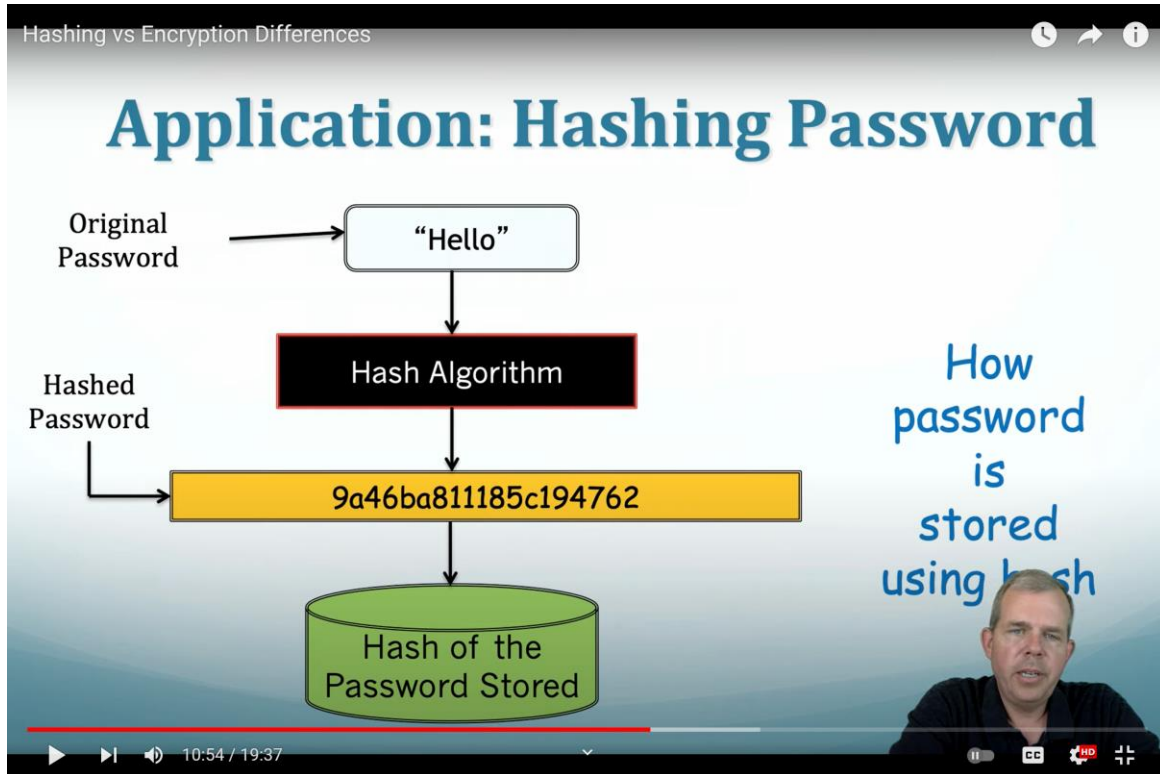
Cypher Algorithms	Drawbacks/Security Vulnerabilities	Advantages
Algorithm of Reverse Cipher	Very weak and easily hacked	
Caeser Cypher	Can be hacked by Brute Force Technique (i.e trying every possible encryption key)	
ROT13 Cypher (Rotate by 13 places)	Easy to hack – by shifting 13 places in reverse	
Transposition Cipher (columnar)		Better than the previous three+re-encrypting the cypher text using the transposition cypher creates better security
Base64 algorithm	Main drawback: stores password in a database	
XOR algorithm		Hard to crack by brute force method
Affine cipher		Includes two functions for encryption and decryption – harder to hack
Monoalphabetic Cipher	Letters change, but frequency doesn't. Therefore, can be cracked by using frequency table	Hard to crack by brute force method
Simple Substitution Cipher		Lots of combinations of letters
Vignere Cipher/polyalphabetic Cipher (One Time Pad Cipher (a type of Vignere Cipher)	Can be cracked if hacker knows the Kasiski method or the Friedman test	Very difficult to hack – considered a secure encryption method Onetime Pad Cypher: almost unbreakable
Data Encryption Standard (Symmetric Cryptography)		Simple and faster; both parties exchange the key in a secure way
RSA Algorithm (Asymmetric Cryptography): has 2 keys – public and private		Most secure way of encryption: Brute force attack won't work – too many keys to try; only numeric so dictionary attack not possible; frequency analysis not possible; no specific mathematical tricks



Why did you select the algorithm you chose? Would it meet the GDPR regulations? Justify your answer

- Best algorithm : RSA algorithm
- A bit complicated but Might be better to protect from SQL Injection and Broken Authentication (OWASP, “Top 10”)

Additional Notes: Hash Password – Never save plain text in the database+salting



Hashing vs Encryption Differences

How to defeat lookup tables and Rainbow Tables

1. "Salt" – a unique random number - is added to each password before hashing.

hash("hello") = 2cf24dba5fb0a30e26e83b2ac5b9e29e1b161e5c1fa7

hash("hello" + "QxLUF1bgIAdeQX") = 9e209040c863f84a31e719795b2577523954739

hash("hello" + "bv5PehSMfV11Cd") = d1d3ec2e6f20fd420d50e2642992841d8338a314

hash("hello" + "YYLmfY6lehjZMQ") = a49670c3c18b9e079b9cfaf51634f563dc8

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