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Encryption & Hashing

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- **Encryption** is the process of converting plaintext data into ciphertext to protect its confidentiality.
- **Use cases:** Encryption is used to protect sensitive information such as passwords, credit card numbers, and other personal information from unauthorized access.
- **Types:** Encryption can be classified into two types: symmetric encryption, where the same key is used for both encryption and decryption, and asymmetric encryption, where two different keys are used.
- **Algorithms:** Encryption algorithms include AES, DES, RSA, and Blowfish, among others.

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- **Asymmetric encryption** uses a pair of keys, one public and one private, to encrypt and decrypt data.
- **Use cases:** Asymmetric encryption is commonly used to establish secure communication channels between parties that have not previously communicated with each other.
- **Algorithms:** Asymmetric encryption algorithms include RSA, DSA, and ECC, among others.
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- **Hashing** is the process of converting data of any size into a fixed-size output called a hash.
 - **Use cases:** Hashing is used to verify the integrity of data and ensure that it has not been tampered with.
 - **Types:** Hashing can be classified into two types: Cryptographic hashing, which is used for security purposes, and Non-cryptographic hashing, which is used for indexing and searching.
 - **Algorithms:** Hashing algorithms include SHA-256, SHA-512, MD5, and CRC32, among others.
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- Overall, Encryption is two-way, the data can be decrypted so it is readable again. Hashing, on the other hand, is one-way, meaning the plaintext is scrambled into a unique digest, through the use of a salt, that cannot be decrypted.



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