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DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM PROPOSED:

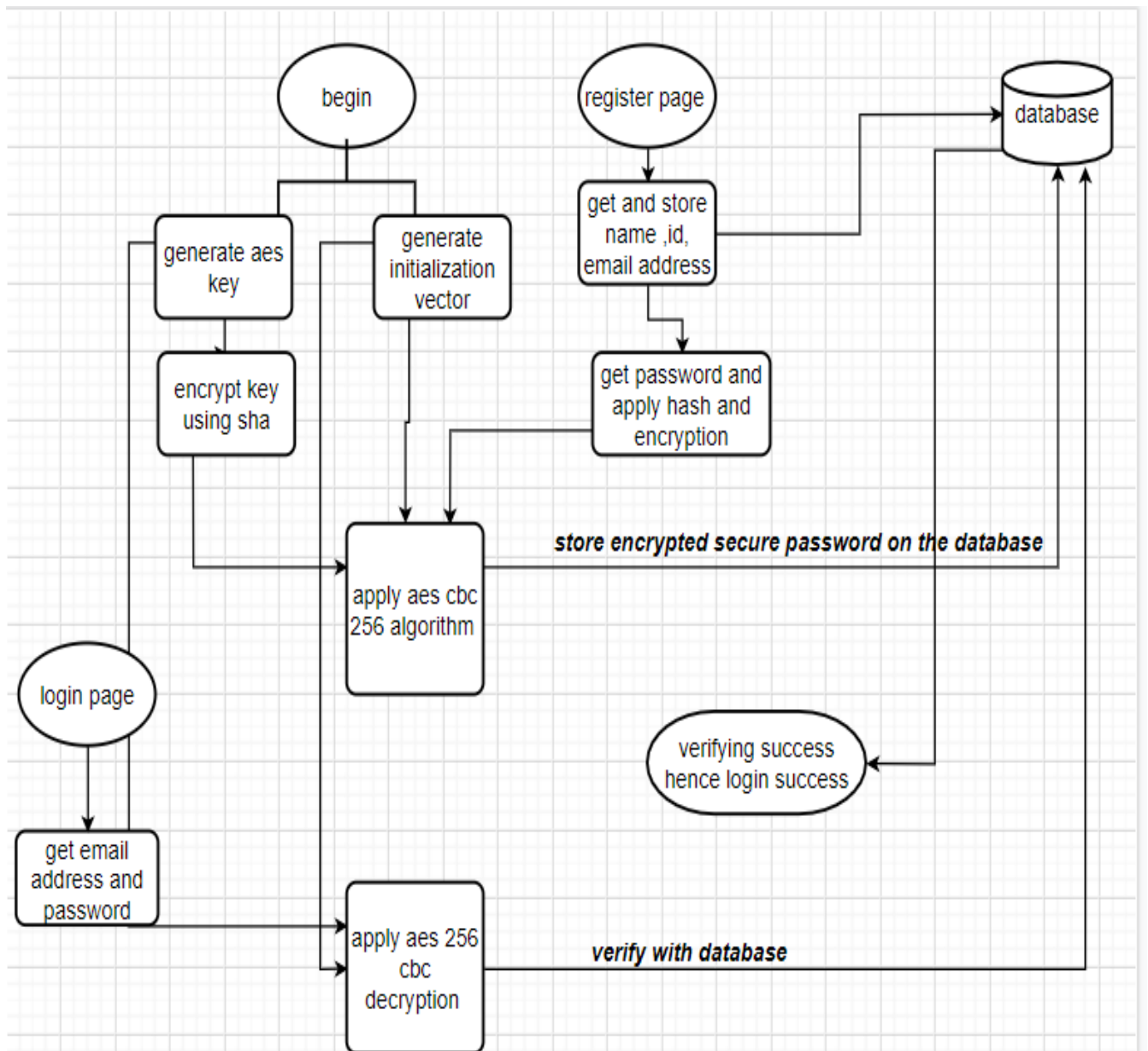


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DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM:

The proposed system aims to provide secure storage of users password on the database. We implement this goal by applying the concept of hybrid cryptography. In this project I used SHA-256 and AES algorithm to increase the security of the password.

This system I have designed is a registration login system. users can register to the website and once registration is done , they can login. During the registration the user submits their details such as name , email address ,and their password.

On the server side, we get the data from the form elements and store it in the database. When we try to store password without any encryption or hashing , then it is very vulnerable and hackers can easily login to users account. For this purpose , I incorporated AES and SHA256 to encrypt and hash a password. By doing this , password is safely stored inside the database. And user can use the website without any fear for vulnerability. also the database owner does not have any fear for the hackers.

The reason for choosing AES 256 algorithm is that , it generates 256 bits key and as the reasearch papers say , AES is resistant to brute force attacks than any other algorithm. Security experts maintain that AES is secure when implemented properly. However, AES encryption keys

need to be protected. Even the most extensive cryptographic systems can be vulnerable if a hacker gains access to the encryption key.

AES is mainly used to protect data at rest . in this case its the password. As mentioned in above paragraph, AES keys are insecure and researches have identified side channel attacks because of unprotection to the key. So for this purpose , I used SHA256 to encrypt the key generated . this adds more security to the encryption process.

APPLICATION DEVELOPED:

The application we developed is user registration login system.

This consist of registration page, login page and dashborad page.

Registration page running on localhost/project/regrakhika.php

Login page running on localhost/project/login.php

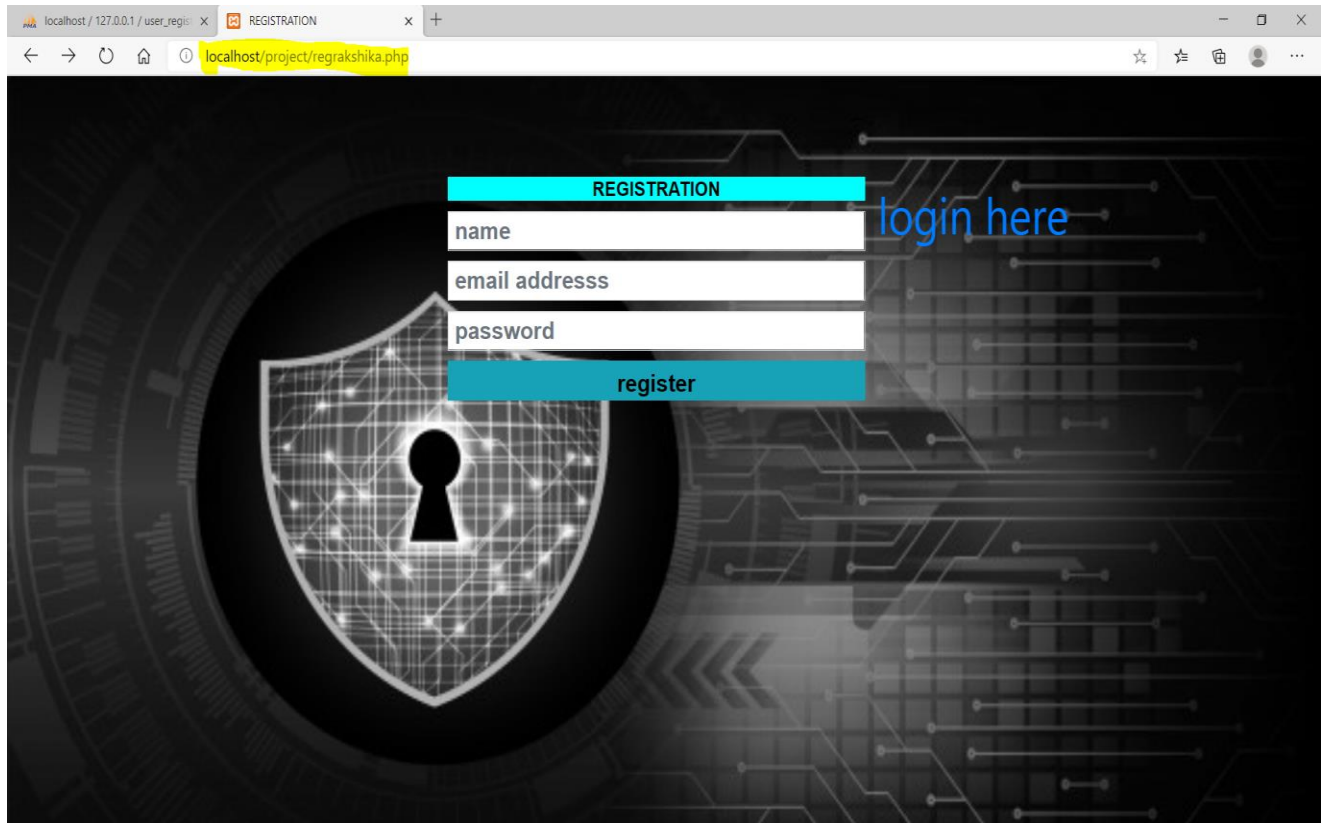
Dashboard page running on localhost/project/dashboard.html

Database name: user_register

Table name:register

Table fields: id, name, email, password

REGISTRATION PAGE:



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localhost/project/regrakshika.php

REGISTRATION

name

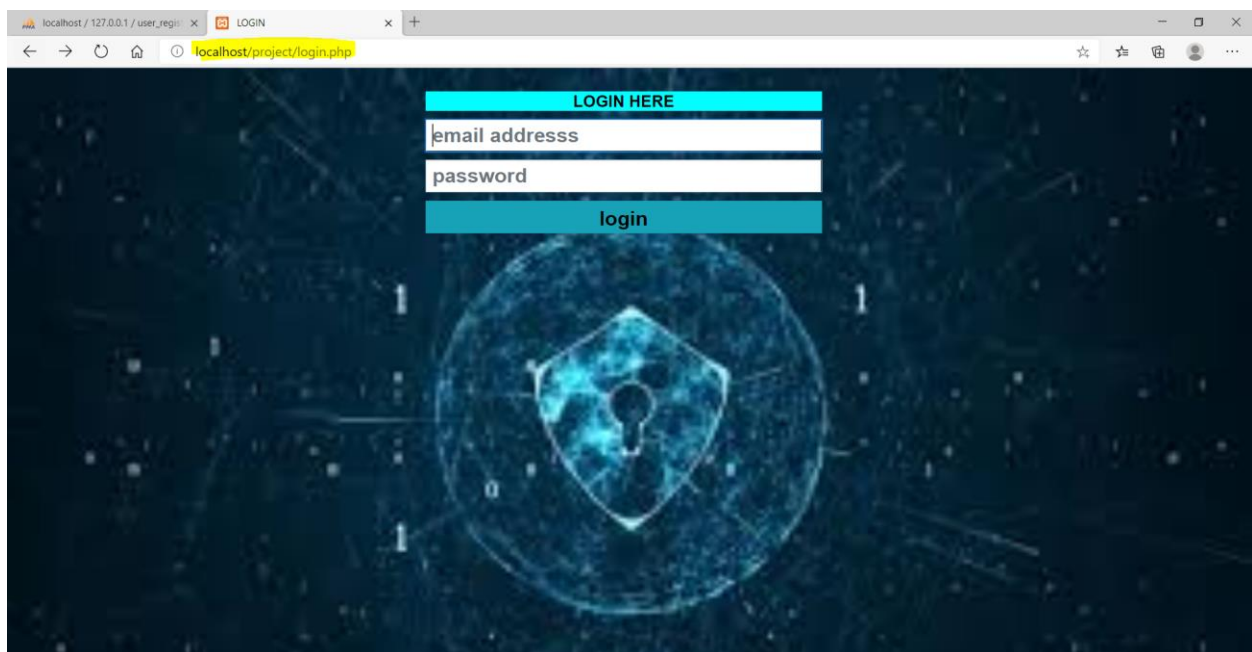
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LOGIN PAGE:



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localhost/project/login.php

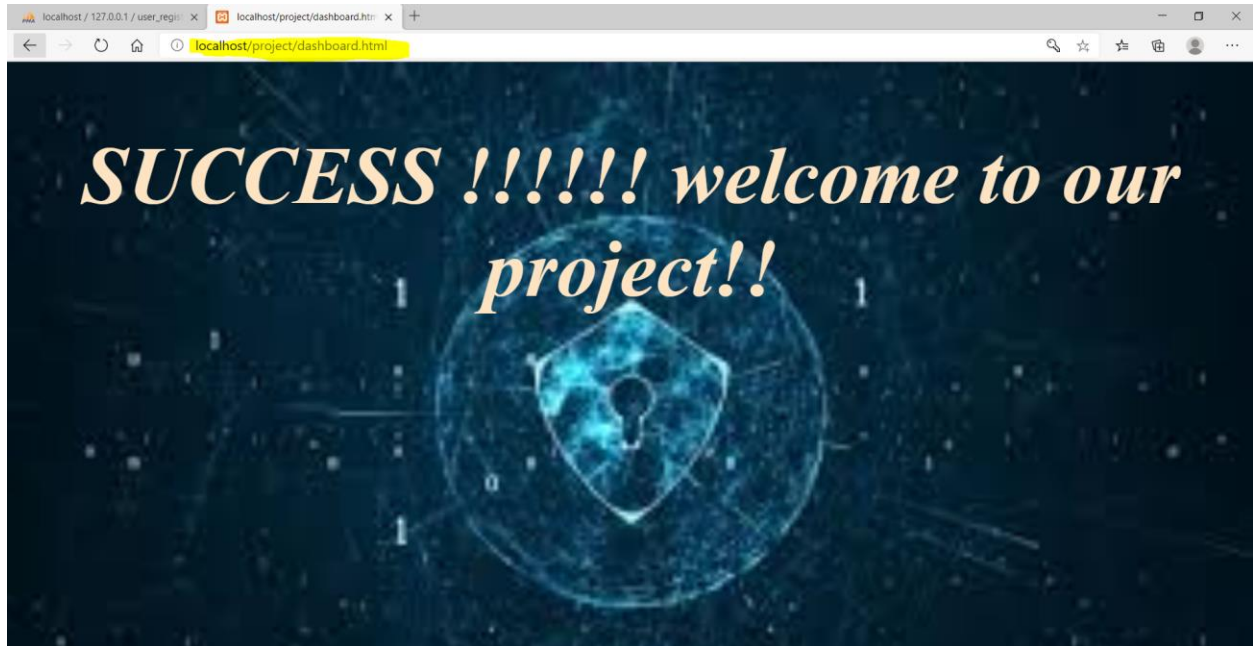
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email addresss

password

login

DASHBOARD PAGE:



DATABASE WITH ENCRYPTED PASSWORD:

A screenshot of the phpMyAdmin interface. The left sidebar shows a database structure with 'user_register' selected. The main panel displays the 'register' table with 6 rows. The 'password' column contains encrypted values. The row for 'rakshika' is highlighted in yellow.

	id	name	email	password
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	ipl	ipl@gmail.com	NFYjvHr2jD91CIM3VXEHzw==.MTY=
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	raina	raina@gmail.com	Tegn85sUS4W+EmHgmO0fqw==.MTY=
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	bb	bb@gmail.com	oiztuXKE04hnmittOmwIRg==.MTY=
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	nasscom	nasscom@gmail.com	Htg06/cAH0YLuAKDvSP0+g==.MTY=
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	nas	nas@gmail.com	2z9vmYI8XFsu6F/duddjFg==.MTY=
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	rakshika	rakshika@gmail.com	QZja1zFCng33JUssKMd8:Q==.MTY=

HASHING ALGORITHM USED: SHA-256

SHA-256 is one of the successor hash functions to SHA-1 (collectively referred to as SHA-2), and is one of the strongest hash functions available. SHA-256 is not much more complex to code than SHA-1, and has not yet been compromised in any way. The 256-bit key makes it a good partner-function for AES.

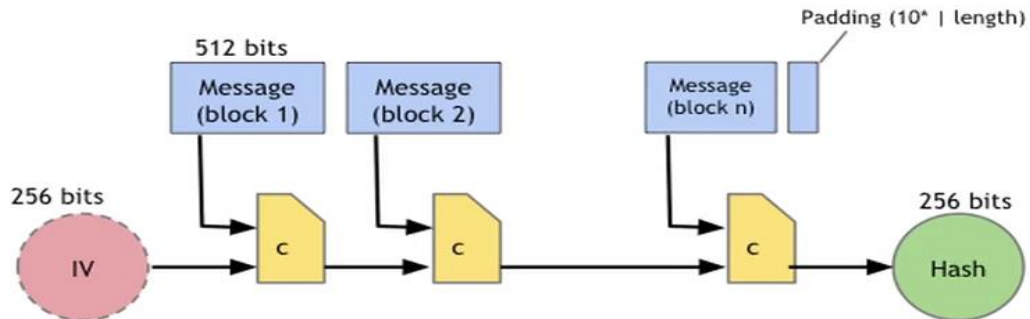
Here , in this project we use SHA256 to hash the generated AES KEY.

Hash functions are not appropriate for storing encrypted passwords, as they are designed to be fast to compute, and hence would be candidates for brute-force attacks.

Key derivation functions such as bcrypt or scrypt are designed to be slow to compute, and are more appropriate for password storage (npm has bcrypt and scrypt libraries, and PHP has a bcrypt implementation with `password_hash`).

As the name suggest, it generates 256 bits of hashed string. As the number of bits increase, the probability of a collision decreases. PHP offers the built-in function `hash()`. The first argument to the function is the algorithm name (you can pass algorithm names like sha256, sha512, md5, sha1, and many others). The second argument is the string that will be hashed. The result it returns is the hashed string.

SHA-256 hash function



Syntax for sha256 in php:

`hash (string $algo , string $data [, bool $raw_output = FALSE]) : string`

in \$algo , we put sha256 or md5 or sha1 , as per our choice.

\$data is the aes generated key.

\$raw_output when true gives binary result.

Example: `$hashedkey=hash("sha256",$aeskey);`

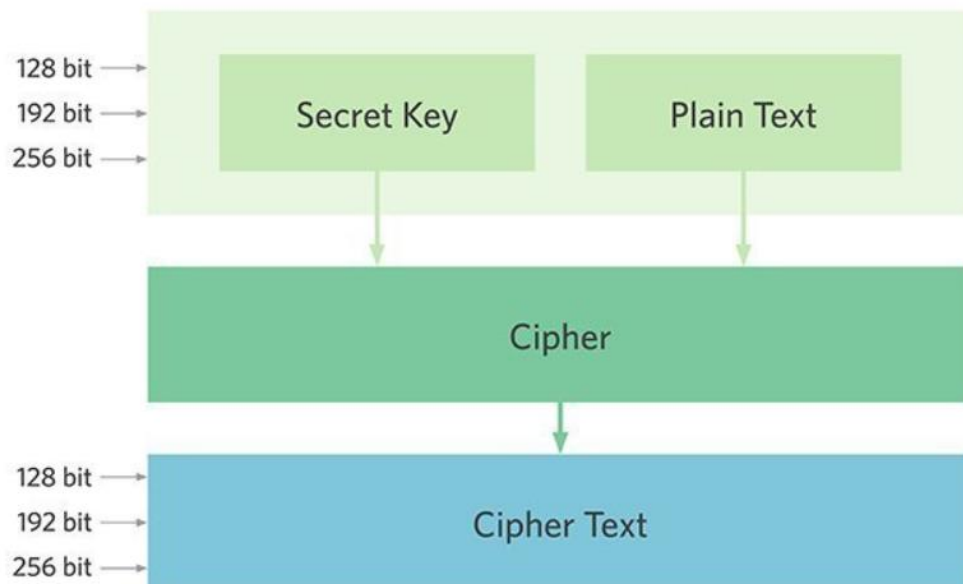
```
80 $encryption_key=hash("sha256",$aeskey);|
81 $iv = (openssl_cipher_iv_length(AES_256_CBC));
82 if(isset($_POST['register']))
83 {
84     $name=$_POST['name'];
85     $email=$_POST['email'];
86     $pass=$_POST['password'];
```


ENCRYPTION ALGORITHM:

As I said in description of our system I used AES 256 algorithm. AES 256 is virtually impenetrable using brute-force methods. While a 56-bit DES key can be cracked in less than a day, AES would take billions of years to break using current computing technology. Hackers would be foolish to even attempt this type of attack.

It has 14 rounds for 256-bit keys. A round consists of several processing steps that include substitution, transposition and mixing of the input plaintext to transform it into the final output of ciphertext.

AES Design



The AES encryption algorithm defines numerous transformations that are to be performed on data stored in an array. The first step of the cipher is to put the data into an array -- after which, the cipher transformations are repeated over multiple encryption rounds.

The first transformation in the AES encryption cipher is substitution of data using a substitution table; the second transformation shifts data rows, and the third mixes columns. The last transformation is performed on each column using a different part of the encryption key. Longer keys need more rounds to complete.

AES can be implemented in php using `openssl_encrypt` and `openssl_decrypt`. This helps to encrypt and decrypt the password.

Syntax:

```
openssl_encrypt ( string $data , string $method , string $key ,[, string $iv = "" ] )  
: string
```

in `$method` we can specify the algorithm we wanted . in my case , I used `AES-256-CBC` . `$iv` is the initialisation vector which generated by `openssl_randombytes()`.

The below pic shows generation of initialising vector.

```
define('AES_256_CBC', 'aes-256-cbc');
$aeskey="rakshikaaes";
$encryption_key=hash("sha256",$aeskey);
$iv = (openssl_cipher_iv_length(AES_256_CBC));
```

The below shows the encryption part . after encryption we concatenate the encrypted with the initialising vector. Base64_encode is to give the output in readable format.

```
$name=$_POST['name'];
$email=$_POST['email'];
$pass=$_POST['password'];
$encrypted = openssl_encrypt($pass, AES_256_CBC, $encryption_key, 0, $iv);
$encrypted = $encrypted . ':' . base64_encode($iv);
```

For decryption:

We separate the hashed password stored in database into to .we do this to compare and verify the data entered.the first part is decrypted part and next is the initialization vector part.

Openssl_decrypt() -> decrypts the password.

```
$row=mysqli_fetch_array($q);
$dbpass=$row['password'];
$parts = explode(':', $dbpass);
$decrypted = openssl_decrypt($parts[0], AES_256_CBC, $encryption_key, 0, base64_decode($parts[1]));
if($row['email']==$email && $decrypted==$pass)
{
```

SAMPLE OUTPUT

Name : trial

Email : trial@gmail.com

Password: trial

localhost/project/regrakshika.php

REGISTRATION

trial

trial@gmail.com

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register

login here

+ Options

		id	name	email	password
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trial@gmail.com

trial

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