

CS 463 | Cryptography for Cybersecurity

## Course Project

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[7]: import time
import tracemalloc
import gc
from Crypto.Cipher import AES
import ascon
from simon import SimonCipher
from speck import SpeckCipher
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

message_sizes = [64, 256, 1024, 4096]
runs = 6

key_aes = b"thequickbrownfox"
key_ascon = b"thequickbrownfox"
key_simon = int.from_bytes(b"thequickbrownfox"[:8], "big")
key_speck = int.from_bytes(b"thequickbrownfox"[:8], "big")
nonce = b"andthreelazydogs"
block_size_bytes = 8
def the_message(size):
    return (b"jumpedoverazebra" * ((size // 16) + 1))[:size]

def measure_peak(func):
    gc.collect()
    tracemalloc.start()
    start_time = time.perf_counter()
    func()
    end_time = time.perf_counter()
    current, peak = tracemalloc.get_traced_memory()
    tracemalloc.stop()
    peak_mb = peak / 1_000_000
    runtime = end_time - start_time
    return runtime, peak_mb

def print_avg(cipher, size, avg_time, avg_mem):
    print(f"{cipher} {size} byte | Average Time: {avg_time:.6f} sec |  

    ↳Average Memory Used: {avg_mem:.6f} MB")

def print_total(cipher, tottime, peak_bytes):
    print(f"{cipher} Totals | Time: {tottime:.6f} sec | Peak Memory:  

    ↳{peak_bytes/1_000_000:.6f} MB")
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def run_aes(size):
    times, mem = [], []
    message = the_message(size)

    for run in range(1, runs + 1):
        def task():
            cipher = AES.new(key_aes, AES.MODE_ECB)
            ct = cipher.encrypt(message.ljust((len(message)//16 + 1)*16,
↪b'\0'))
            pt = cipher.decrypt(ct).rstrip(b'\0')
            assert pt == message

        runtime, peak_mb = measure_peak(task)

        if run > 1:
            times.append(runtime)
            mem.append(peak_mb)
            print(f"Run {run-1}")
            print(f"  Time {runtime:.6f} sec | Mem {peak_mb:.6f} MB")

    return times, mem

def run_ascon(size):
    times, mem = [], []
    message = the_message(size)

    for run in range(1, runs + 1):
        def task():
            ct = ascon.encrypt(key_ascon, nonce, b"", message,
↪variant="Ascon-128")
            pt = ascon.decrypt(key_ascon, nonce, b"", ct,
↪variant="Ascon-128")
            assert pt == message

        runtime, peak_mb = measure_peak(task)

        if run > 1:
            times.append(runtime)
            mem.append(peak_mb)
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        print(f"Run {run-1}")
        print(f"  Time {runtime:.6f} sec | Mem {peak_mb:.6f} MB")

    return times, mem

def run_simon(size):
    times, mem = [], []
    message = the_message(size)

    for run in range(1, runs + 1):
        def task():
            cipher = SimonCipher(key_simon)
            blocks = []
            for i in range(0, len(message), block_size_bytes):
                b = message[i:i+block_size_bytes].ljust(block_size_bytes,
↳b"\0")

                blocks.append(cipher.encrypt(int.from_bytes(b, "big")))
            out = b""
            for c in blocks:
                out += cipher.decrypt(c).to_bytes(block_size_bytes, "big")
            out = out[:len(message)]
            assert out == message

        runtime, peak_mb = measure_peak(task)

        if run > 1:
            times.append(runtime)
            mem.append(peak_mb)
            print(f"Run {run-1}")
            print(f"  Time {runtime:.6f} sec | Mem {peak_mb:.6f} MB")

    return times, mem

def run_speck(size):
    times, mem = [], []
    message = the_message(size)

    for run in range(1, runs + 1):
        def task():
            cipher = SpeckCipher(key_speck)
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        blocks = []
        for i in range(0, len(message), block_size_bytes):
            b = message[i:i+block_size_bytes].ljust(block_size_bytes, b"\0")

            blocks.append(cipher.encrypt(int.from_bytes(b, "big")))
        out = b""
        for c in blocks:
            out += cipher.decrypt(c).to_bytes(block_size_bytes, "big")
        out = out[:len(message)]
        assert out == message

    runtime, peak_mb = measure_peak(task)

    if run > 1:
        times.append(runtime)
        mem.append(peak_mb)
        print(f"Run {run-1}")
        print(f"    Time {runtime:.6f} sec | Mem {peak_mb:.6f} MB")

    return times, mem

totals = {
    "AES-128": {"total_time": 0.0, "peak_mem_bytes": 0},
    "Ascon":   {"total_time": 0.0, "peak_mem_bytes": 0},
    "Simon":   {"total_time": 0.0, "peak_mem_bytes": 0},
    "Speck":   {"total_time": 0.0, "peak_mem_bytes": 0},
}

tracemalloc.start()

per_size_results = {size: {} for size in message_sizes}

for size in message_sizes:
    print(f"\n{size} Byte Tests")

    for cipher_name in ["AES-128", "Ascon", "Simon", "Speck"]:
        print(f"\n{cipher_name}: {size} bytes")

        if cipher_name == "AES-128":
            times, mem = run_aes(size)
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elif cipher_name == "Ascon":
    times, mem = run_ascon(size)

elif cipher_name == "Simon":
    times, mem = run_simon(size)

elif cipher_name == "Speck":
    times, mem = run_speck(size)

totals[cipher_name]["total_time"] += sum(times)
totals[cipher_name]["peak_mem_bytes"] = max(
    totals[cipher_name]["peak_mem_bytes"],
    max(mem) * 1_000_000
)

avg_time = sum(times) / (runs-1)
avg_mem = sum(mem) / (runs-1)

print("-" * 82)
print_avg(cipher_name, size, avg_time, avg_mem)

per_size_results[size][cipher_name] = {
    "avg_time": avg_time,
    "avg_mem": avg_mem,
}

print("\n" + "-" * 82)
print(f"{size} byte Winners sorted by Efficiency Ratio")
print("-" * 82)

winners = []
for cipher_name in ["AES-128", "Ascon", "Simon", "Speck"]:
    pdata = per_size_results[size][cipher_name]
    peak_mem_size = pdata["avg_mem"]
    total_time_size = pdata["avg_time"]
    ratio = (peak_mem_size / total_time_size) if total_time_size > 0
else float("inf")
    winners.append((
        cipher_name,
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        ratio,
        pdata["avg_time"],
        pdata["avg_mem"],
    ))

    winners_sorted = sorted(winners, key=lambda x: x[1])

    print(f"{'Rank':<6} {'Cipher':<10} {'Time Used':>14} {'Memory Used':>13} {'Efficiency Ratio':>21}")
    print("-" * 82)

    for rank, item in enumerate(winners_sorted, start=1):
        name, ratio, avg_time, avg_mem = item
        print(f"{rank:<6} {name:<10} {avg_time:10.6f} sec {avg_mem:10.6f} MB {ratio:14.6f} MB/sec")

    print("\n" + "-" * 82)
    print("Cipher Totals & Efficiency Ratios (across all sizes, combined runs)")
    print("-" * 82)

    final_results = []
    for name, data in totals.items():
        total_time = float(data["total_time"])
        peak_bytes = int(data["peak_mem_bytes"])
        peak_mb = peak_bytes / 1_000_000
        ratio = peak_mb / total_time if total_time > 0 else float("inf")
        final_results.append((name, total_time, peak_mb, ratio))

    print(f"{'Cipher':<10} {'Time Used':>16} {'Memory Used':>18} {'Efficiency Ratio':>25}")
    print("-" * 72)
    for name, total_time, peak_mb, ratio in final_results:
        print(f"{name:<10} {total_time:12.6f} sec {peak_mb:15.6f} MB {ratio:18.6f} MB/sec")

    print("\n" + "=" * 82)
    print("Efficiency Rankings")
    print("=" * 82)

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ranked = sorted(final_results, key=lambda x: x[3])

print(f"\n{'Rank':<6} {'Cipher':<10} {'Efficiency Ratio':>27}")
print("-" * 45)
for i, (name, _, _, ratio) in enumerate(ranked, 1):
    print(f"{i:<6} {name:<10} {ratio:20.6f} MB/sec")

tracemalloc.stop()

ciphers = ["AES-128", "Ascon", "Simon", "Speck"]

times_plot = {cipher: [] for cipher in ciphers}
mem_plot = {cipher: [] for cipher in ciphers}
ratio_plot = {cipher: [] for cipher in ciphers}

for size in message_sizes:
    for cipher in ciphers:
        t = per_size_results[size][cipher]["avg_time"]
        m = per_size_results[size][cipher]["avg_mem"]
        r = m / t if t > 0 else float("inf")
        times_plot[cipher].append(t)
        mem_plot[cipher].append(m)
        ratio_plot[cipher].append(r)

plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
for cipher in ciphers:
    plt.plot(message_sizes, times_plot[cipher], marker='o', label=cipher)

plt.xlabel("Message Size (bytes)")
plt.ylabel("Average Runtime (seconds)")
plt.title("Cipher Runtime vs Message Size")
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(message_sizes)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
for cipher in ciphers:
    plt.plot(message_sizes, mem_plot[cipher], marker='o', label=cipher)
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plt.xlabel("Message Size (bytes)")
plt.ylabel("Average Memory Used (MB)")
plt.title("Cipher Memory Usage vs Message Size")
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(message_sizes)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
for cipher in ciphers:
    plt.plot(message_sizes, ratio_plot[cipher], marker='o', label=cipher)

plt.xlabel("Message Size (bytes)")
plt.ylabel("Efficiency Ratio (MB / sec)")
plt.title("Cipher Efficiency Ratio vs Message Size")
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()
plt.xticks(message_sizes)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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## 64 Byte Tests

AES-128: 64 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.000182 sec | Mem 0.005476 MB

Run 2

Time 0.000161 sec | Mem 0.004900 MB

Run 3

Time 0.000158 sec | Mem 0.004900 MB

Run 4

Time 0.000158 sec | Mem 0.004900 MB

Run 5

Time 0.000155 sec | Mem 0.004900 MB

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AES-128 64 byte | Average Time: 0.000163 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.  
↪ 005015 MB

Ascon: 64 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.010063 sec | Mem 0.002627 MB

Run 2

Time 0.010715 sec | Mem 0.002482 MB

Run 3

Time 0.010458 sec | Mem 0.001620 MB

Run 4

Time 0.009586 sec | Mem 0.001620 MB

Run 5

Time 0.009615 sec | Mem 0.001620 MB

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Ascon 64 byte | Average Time: 0.010087 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.001994 MB

Simon: 64 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.011743 sec | Mem 0.005044 MB

Run 2

Time 0.012139 sec | Mem 0.005132 MB

Run 3

Time 0.012363 sec | Mem 0.005132 MB

Run 4

Time 0.012068 sec | Mem 0.005004 MB

Run 5

Time 0.011917 sec | Mem 0.004972 MB

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Simon 64 byte | Average Time: 0.012046 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.005057 MB

Speck: 64 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.004073 sec | Mem 0.003548 MB

Run 2

Time 0.004085 sec | Mem 0.003548 MB

Run 3

Time 0.004121 sec | Mem 0.003548 MB

Run 4

Time 0.005586 sec | Mem 0.008048 MB

Run 5

Time 0.004047 sec | Mem 0.003276 MB

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Speck 64 byte | Average Time: 0.004383 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.004394 MB

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64 byte Winners sorted by Efficiency Ratio

Rank	Cipher	Time Used	Memory Used	Efficiency Ratio
1	Ascon	0.010087 sec	0.001994 MB	0.197654 MB/sec
2	Simon	0.012046 sec	0.005057 MB	0.419789 MB/sec
3	Speck	0.004383 sec	0.004394 MB	1.002496 MB/sec
4	AES-128	0.000163 sec	0.005015 MB	30.824830 MB/sec

256 Byte Tests

AES-128: 256 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.000352 sec | Mem 0.005182 MB

Run 2

Time 0.000160 sec | Mem 0.005341 MB

Run 3

Time 0.000169 sec | Mem 0.005341 MB

Run 4

Time 0.000165 sec | Mem 0.005341 MB

Run 5

Time 0.000161 sec | Mem 0.005917 MB

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AES-128 256 byte | Average Time: 0.000201 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.005424 MB

Ascon: 256 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.030553 sec | Mem 0.003283 MB

Run 2

Time 0.030551 sec | Mem 0.003790 MB

Run 3

Time 0.029250 sec | Mem 0.002388 MB

Run 4

Time 0.029933 sec | Mem 0.002388 MB

Run 5

Time 0.029719 sec | Mem 0.002388 MB

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Ascon 256 byte | Average Time: 0.030001 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.

↪002847 MB

Simon: 256 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.045225 sec | Mem 0.006129 MB

Run 2

Time 0.043658 sec | Mem 0.006186 MB

Run 3

Time 0.045539 sec | Mem 0.006186 MB

Run 4

Time 0.041762 sec | Mem 0.010481 MB

Run 5

Time 0.044801 sec | Mem 0.005970 MB

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Simon 256 byte | Average Time: 0.044197 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.

↪006990 MB

Speck: 256 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.016929 sec | Mem 0.005326 MB

Run 2

Time 0.018024 sec | Mem 0.004638 MB

Run 3

Time 0.016372 sec | Mem 0.004638 MB

Run 4

Time 0.017126 sec | Mem 0.004638 MB

Run 5

Time 0.018505 sec | Mem 0.004638 MB

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Speck 256 byte | Average Time: 0.017391 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.  
↪004776 MB

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256 byte Winners sorted by Efficiency Ratio

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Rank	Cipher	Time Used	Memory Used	Efficiency Ratio
1	Ascon	0.030001 sec	0.002847 MB	0.094909 MB/sec
2	Simon	0.044197 sec	0.006990 MB	0.158165 MB/sec
3	Speck	0.017391 sec	0.004776 MB	0.274596 MB/sec
4	AES-128	0.000201 sec	0.005424 MB	26.920103 MB/sec

1024 Byte Tests

AES-128: 1024 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.000268 sec | Mem 0.007335 MB

Run 2

Time 0.000184 sec | Mem 0.007615 MB

Run 3

Time 0.000154 sec | Mem 0.007615 MB

Run 4

Time 0.000160 sec | Mem 0.008191 MB

Run 5

Time 0.000164 sec | Mem 0.007615 MB

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AES-128 1024 byte | Average Time: 0.000186 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.  
↪007674

MB

Ascon: 1024 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.104208 sec | Mem 0.005745 MB

Run 2

Time 0.103090 sec | Mem 0.006026 MB

Run 3

Time 0.107013 sec | Mem 0.008686 MB

Run 4

Time 0.105747 sec | Mem 0.006026 MB

Run 5

Time 0.110922 sec | Mem 0.009830 MB

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Ascon 1024 byte | Average Time: 0.106196 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.  
↪007263 MB

Simon: 1024 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.168203 sec | Mem 0.016960 MB

Run 2

Time 0.163771 sec | Mem 0.013910 MB

Run 3

Time 0.186825 sec | Mem 0.016068 MB

Run 4

Time 0.176170 sec | Mem 0.013008 MB

Run 5

Time 0.168491 sec | Mem 0.013542 MB

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Simon 1024 byte | Average Time: 0.172692 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.  
↪014698 MB

Speck: 1024 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.060341 sec | Mem 0.011468 MB

Run 2

Time 0.062946 sec | Mem 0.012419 MB

Run 3

Time 0.061348 sec | Mem 0.012362 MB

Run 4

Time 0.061052 sec | Mem 0.011468 MB

Run 5

Time 0.061956 sec | Mem 0.015208 MB

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Speck 1024 byte | Average Time: 0.061529 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.

↪012585 MB

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1024 byte Winners sorted by Efficiency Ratio

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Rank	Cipher	Time Used	Memory Used	Efficiency Ratio
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1	Ascon	0.106196 sec	0.007263 MB	0.068389 MB/sec
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2	Simon	0.172692 sec	0.014698 MB	0.085109 MB/sec
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3	Speck	0.061529 sec	0.012585 MB	0.204539 MB/sec
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4	AES-128	0.000186 sec	0.007674 MB	41.245835 MB/sec
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4096 Byte Tests

AES-128: 4096 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.000215 sec | Mem 0.016727 MB

Run 2

Time 0.000215 sec | Mem 0.016727 MB

Run 3

Time 0.000223 sec | Mem 0.017303 MB

Run 4

Time 0.000226 sec | Mem 0.016727 MB

Run 5

Time 0.000264 sec | Mem 0.016719 MB

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AES-128 4096 byte | Average Time: 0.000229 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.

↪016841

MB

Ascon: 4096 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.399768 sec | Mem 0.021386 MB

Run 2

Time 0.401453 sec | Mem 0.023602 MB

Run 3

Time 0.408520 sec | Mem 0.023658 MB

Run 4

Time 0.412228 sec | Mem 0.023602 MB

Run 5

Time 0.404337 sec | Mem 0.023546 MB

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Ascon 4096 byte | Average Time: 0.405261 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.

↪023159 MB

Simon: 4096 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.664167 sec | Mem 0.040720 MB

Run 2

Time 0.682687 sec | Mem 0.043000 MB

Run 3

Time 0.666204 sec | Mem 0.041720 MB

Run 4

Time 0.673488 sec | Mem 0.043000 MB

Run 5

Time 0.689801 sec | Mem 0.041720 MB

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Simon 4096 byte | Average Time: 0.675269 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.

↪042032 MB

Speck: 4096 bytes

Run 1

Time 0.256954 sec | Mem 0.039123 MB

Run 2

Time 0.260896 sec | Mem 0.041405 MB

Run 3

Time 0.257251 sec | Mem 0.042888 MB

Run 4



Time 0.254014 sec | Mem 0.041515 MB

Run 5

Time 0.256265 sec | Mem 0.043177 MB

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Speck 4096 byte | Average Time: 0.257076 sec | Average Memory Used: 0.  
↪041622 MB

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4096 byte Winners sorted by Efficiency Ratio

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Rank    Cipher                    Time Used    Memory Used                    Efficiency Ratio  
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1       Ascon                    0.405261 sec    0.023159 MB                    0.057145 MB/sec  
2       Simon                    0.675269 sec    0.042032 MB                    0.062245 MB/sec  
3       Speck                    0.257076 sec    0.041622 MB                    0.161904 MB/sec  
4       AES-128                   0.000229 sec    0.016841 MB                    73.649088 MB/sec

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Cipher Totals & Efficiency Ratios (across all sizes, combined runs)

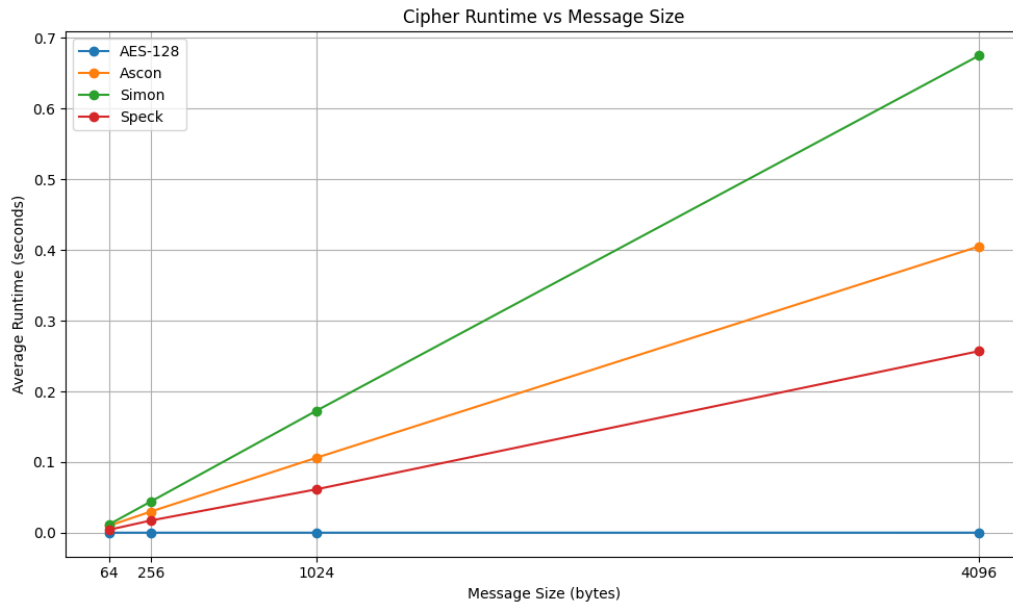
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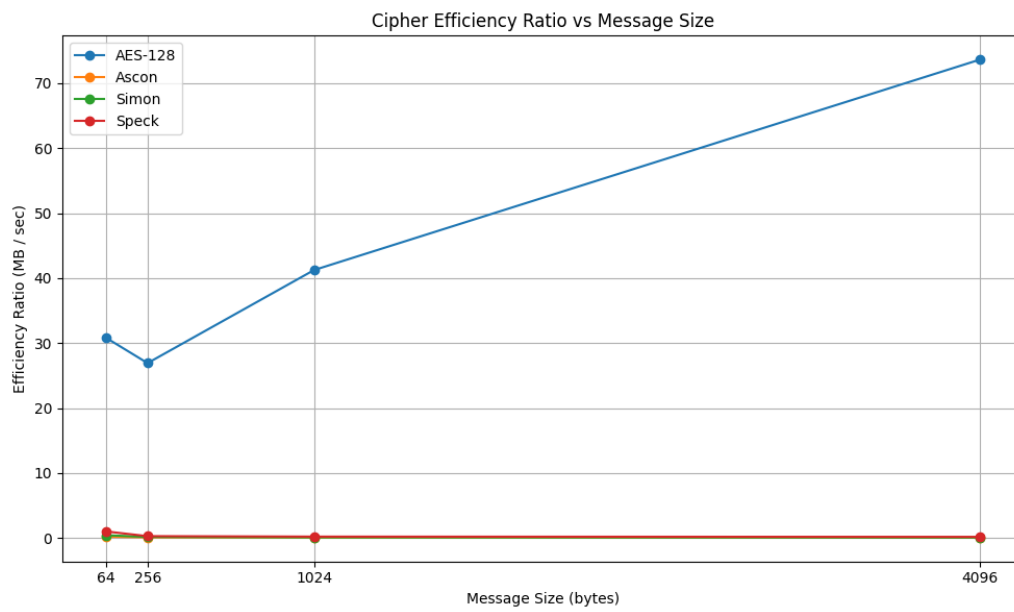
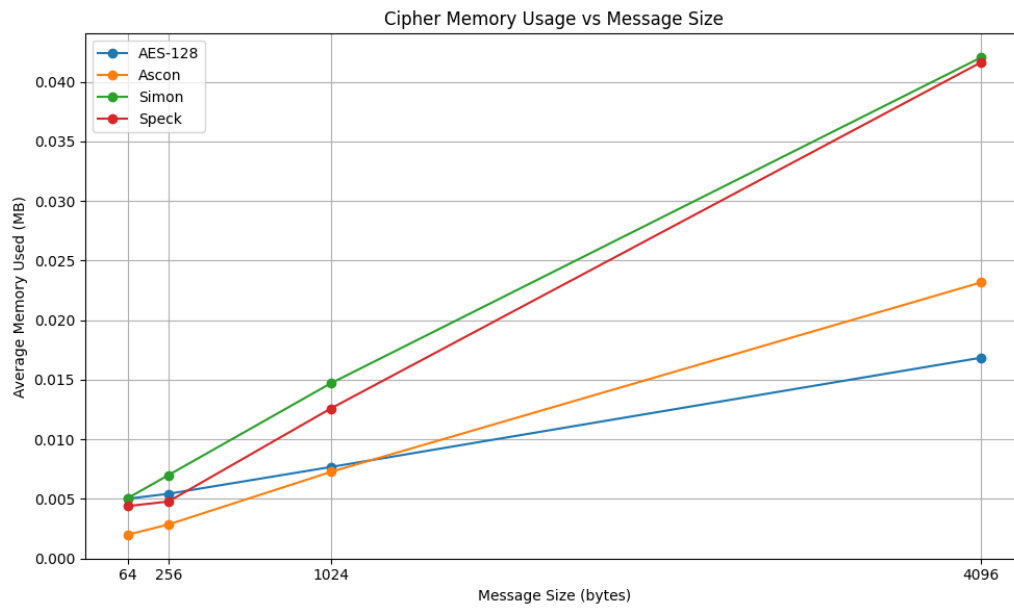
Cipher	Time Used	Memory Used	Efficiency Ratio
AES-128	0.003895 sec	0.017303 MB	4.442818 MB/sec
Ascon	2.757729 sec	0.023658 MB	0.008579 MB/sec
Simon	4.521021 sec	0.043000 MB	0.009511 MB/sec
Speck	1.701894 sec	0.043177 MB	0.025370 MB/sec

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Efficiency Rankings

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Rank    Cipher                    Efficiency Ratio  
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1	Ascon	0.008579 MB/sec
2	Simon	0.009511 MB/sec
3	Speck	0.025370 MB/sec
4	AES-128	4.442818 MB/sec





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