Experiment 3:	Crypto Encryption
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Note: Students are advised to read through this lab sheet before doing experiment. On-the-spot evaluation may be carried out during or at the end of the experiment. Your performance, teamwork effort, and learning attitude will count towards the marks.

Experiment 4: Crypto Lab – Secret-Key Encryption

1 OBJECTIVE

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2 LAB ENVIRONMENT

Installing OpenSSL. In this lab, we will use openssl commands and libraries. We have already in-stalled openssl binaries in our VM. It should be noted that if you want to use openssl libraries in your programs, you need to install several other things for the programming environment, including the header files, libraries, manuals, etc. We have already downloaded the necessary files under the directory openssl-1.0.1. To configure and install openssl libraries, run the following commands.

You should read the INSTALL file first:

% ./config

% make

% make test

% sudo make install

Installing GHex. In this lab, we need to be able to view and modify files of binary format. We have installed in our VM GHex a hex editor for GNOME. It allows the user to load data from any file, view and edit it in either hex or ascii.

3 LAB TASKS

3.1 Task 1: Encryption using different ciphers and modes

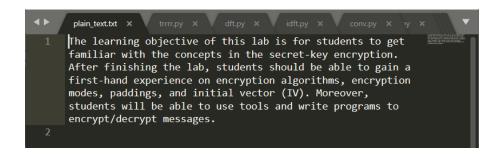
In this task, we will play with various encryption algorithms and modes. You can use the following openssl enc command to encrypt/decrypt a file. To see the manuals, you can type man openssl and man enc.

% openssl enc ciphertype -e -in plain.txt -out cipher.bin $\ -K$ 00112233445566778889aabbccddeeff $\ -iv$ 0102030405060708

Please replace the ciphertype with a specific cipher type, such as -aes-128-cbc, -aes-128-cfb, -bf-cbc, etc. In this task, you should try at least 3 different ciphers and three different modes. You can find the meaning of the command-line options and all the supported cipher types by typing "man enc". We include some common options for the openssl enc command in the following:

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-in <file> input file
-out <file> output file
-e encrypt
-d decrypt
-K/-iv key/iv in hex is the next argument
-[pP] print the iv/key (then exit if -P)
```

Encryption of plain text using different Ciphers:



1. Encryption Using aes-256-cbc:

```
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -e -in plain_text.txt -out cipher_aes.bin
enter aes-256-cbc encryption password:

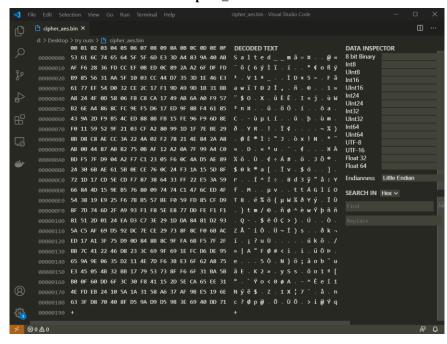
Verifying - enter aes-256-cbc encryption password:

*** MARNING: deprecated key derivation used.

Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.

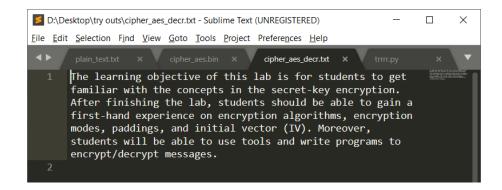
D:\Desktop\try outs>_
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cipher_aes.bin



Decryption of cipher_aes.bin file

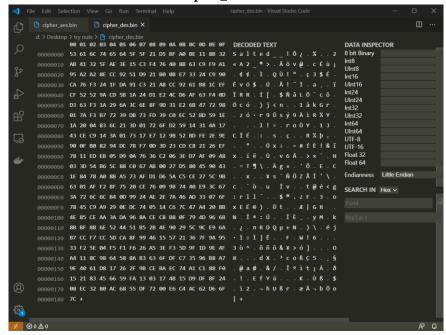
```
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -d -in cipher_aes.bin -out cipher_aes_decr.txt
enter aes-256-cbc decryption password:
*** MARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>
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2. Encryption using des-ede3-ofb:

```
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -des-ede3-ofb -e -in plain_text.txt -out cipher_des.bin
enter des-ede3-ofb encryption password:
Verifying - enter des-ede3-ofb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>
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cipher_des.bin



Decryption of cipher_des.bin file

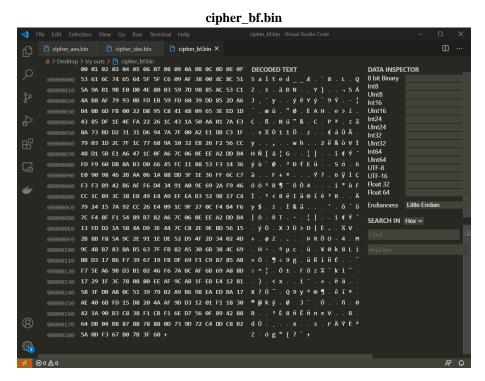
```
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -des-ede3-ofb -d -in cipher_des.bin -out cipher_des_decr.txt
enter des-ede3-ofb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>
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3. Encryption using bf-ecb:

```
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -bf-ecb -e -in plain_text.txt -out cipher_bf.bin
enter bf-ecb encryption password:
Verifying - enter bf-ecb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.

D:\Desktop\try outs>
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Decryption of cipher_bf.bin file

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D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -bf-ecb -d -in cipher_bf.bin -out cipher_bf_decr.txt
enter bf-ecb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.

D:\Desktop\try outs>
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After finishing the lab, students should be able to gain a first-hand experience on encryption algorithms, encryption modes, paddings, and initial vector (IV). Moreover, students will be able to use tools and write programs to encrypt/decrypt messages.
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Observations:

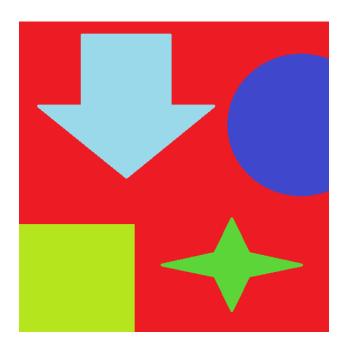
I learnt about different encryption techniques and implemented the same in this particular task.

3.2 Task 2: Encryption Mode – ECB vs. CBC

The file pic original.bmp contains a simple picture. We would like to encrypt this picture, so people without the encryption keys cannot know what is in the picture. Please encrypt the file using the ECB (Electronic Code Book) and CBC (Cipher Block Chaining) modes, and then do the following:

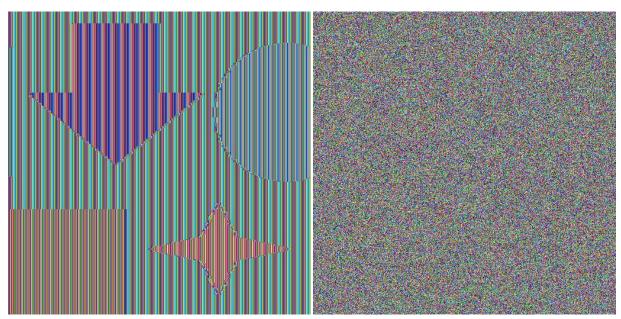
- 1. Let us treat the encrypted picture as a picture, and use a picture viewing software to display it. However, For the .bmp file, the first 54 bytes contain the header information about the picture, we have to set it correctly, so the encrypted file can be treated as a legitimate .bmp file. We will replace the header of the encrypted picture with that of the original picture. You can use the ghex tool to directly modify binary files.
- 2. Display the encrypted picture using any picture viewing software. Can you derive any useful information about the original picture from the encrypted picture? Please explain your observations.

Original Picture:



Picture Encrypted Using ECB:

Picture Encrypted Using CBC:



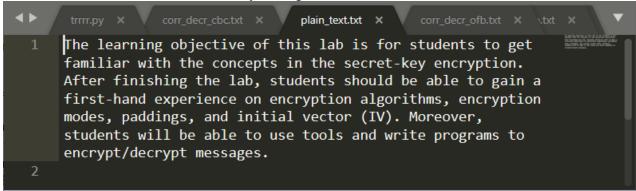
Observations:

- In case of image encrypted using ECB we can see the outline and borders of the original image and figure out a rough shape of the original image by looking at it.
- But in case of the image encrypted using CBC the entire image is distorted and there's no way to find what the original image may look like.
- ECB is the first version of AES and is the most basic block cipher. CBC is more advanced as in this, each ciphertext block is dependent on all plaintext blocks processed up to that point. This adds to the complexity and makes it harder to decrypt.

3.3 Task 3: Encryption Mode – Corrupted Cipher Text

To understand the properties of various encryption modes, we would like to do the following exercise:

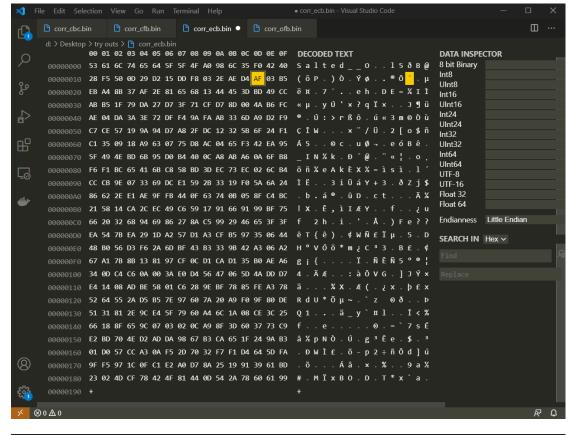
1. Create a text file that is at least 64 bytes long.

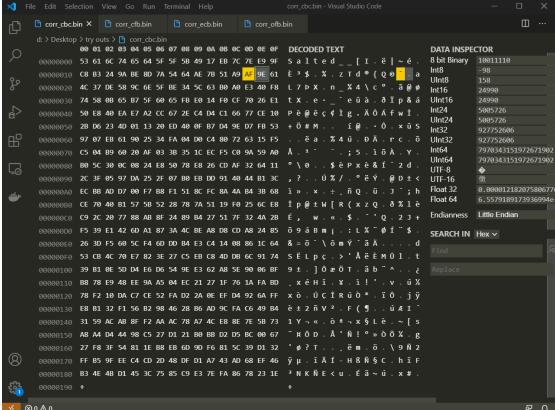


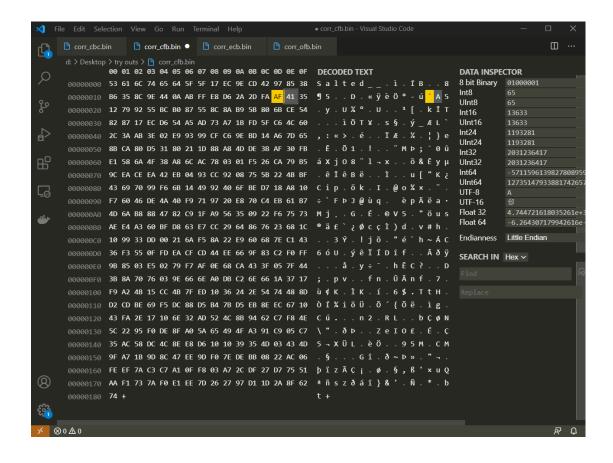
2. Encrypt the file using the AES-128 cipher.

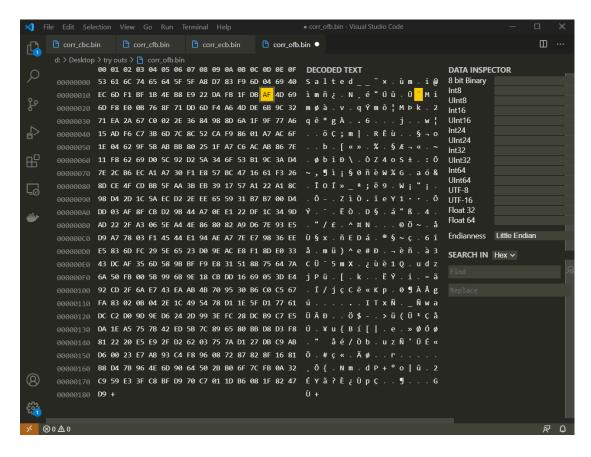
```
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in plain_text.txt -out corr_cbc.bin
enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -aes-128-ofb -e -in plain_text.txt -out corr_ofb.bin
enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -aes-128-cfb -e -in plain_text.txt -out corr_cfb.bin
enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -aes-128-ecb -e -in plain_text.txt -out corr_ecb.bin
enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
```

3. Unfortunately, a single bit of the 30th byte in the encrypted file got corrupted. You can achieve this corruption using VScode.







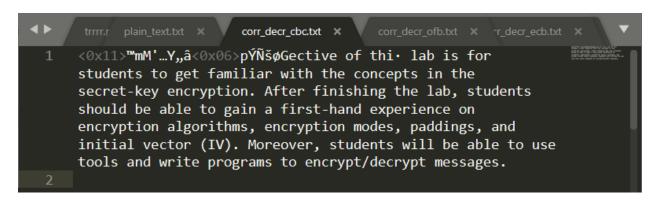


4. Decrypt the corrupted file (encrypted) using the correct key and IV.

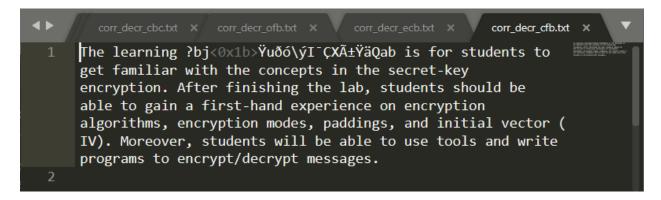
ECB:

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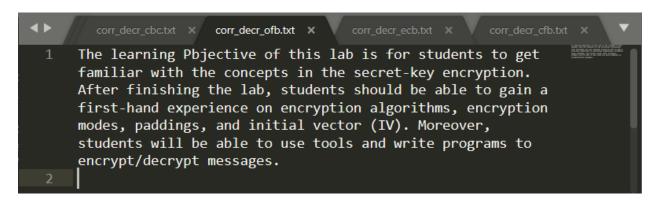
CBC:



CFB:



OFB:



How much information can you recover by decrypting the corrupted file, if the encryption mode is ECB, CBC, CFB, or OFB, respectively? Please explain why.

- In ECB mode, only one block is affected i.e. the block having the faulty byte and the rest of the text is unaffected.
- In CBC mode, there was effect in two blocks when one bit of the ciphertext was corrupted.
- In CFB mode, when one ciphertext bit is corrupted, only the next two plaintext blocks are affected.
- In OFB mode, if one bit of a ciphertext or plaintext message is corrupted then only one bit of the plaintext or ciphertext is corrupted.

3.4 Task4 : Padding

For block ciphers, when the size of the plaintext is not the multiple of the block size, padding may be required. In this task, we will study the padding schemes. Please do the following exercises:

- 1. The openssl manual says that openssl uses PKCS5 standard for its padding. Please design an experiment to verify this. In particular, use your experiment to figure out the paddings in the AES encryption when the length of the plaintext is 20 octets and 32 octets.
- 2. Please use ECB, CBC, CFB, and OFB modes to encrypt a file (you can pick any cipher). Please report which modes have paddings and which ones do not. For those that do not need paddings, please explain why.

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Directory of D:\Desktop\try outs\padding_exp

05-02-2021 09:53 <DIR>
05-02-2021 09:53 <DIR>
05-02-2021 09:53 <DIR>
05-02-2021 09:15 32 larger_text.txt
05-02-2021 09:00 20 small_text.txt
2 File(s) 52 bytes
2 Dir(s) 498,173,452,288 bytes free

D:\Desktop\try outs\padding_exp>
```

```
Win64 OpenSSL Command Prompt
                                                                                                                D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -e -aes-128-ecb -in small text.txt -out 20b ecb cipher.bin
enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -e -aes-128-cbc -in small_text.txt -out 20b_cbc_cipher.bin
enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -e -aes-128-cfb -in small_text.txt -out 20b_cfb_cipher.bin
enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -e -aes-128-ofb -in small text.txt -out 20b ofb cipher.bin
enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -e -aes-128-ofb -in larger_text.txt -out 32b_ofb_cipher.bin
enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ofb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -e -aes-128-cfb -in larger_text.txt -out 32b_cfb_cipher.bin
enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cfb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -e -aes-128-cbc -in larger_text.txt -out 32b_cbc_cipher.bin
enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-cbc encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -e -aes-128-ecb -in larger_text.txt -out 32b_ecb_cipher.bin
enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
Verifying - enter aes-128-ecb encryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
```

■ Win64 OpenSSL Command Prompt

```
05-02-2021 09:39
                    <DIR>
05-02-2021 09:39
                     <DIR>
05-02-2021 09:20
                                48 20b_cbc_cipher.bin
                                36 20b cfb cipher.bin
05-02-2021 09:21
05-02-2021 09:20
                                48 20b_ecb_cipher.bin
05-02-2021 09:21
                                36 20b ofb cipher.bin
05-02-2021 09:23
                                64 32b cbc cipher.bin
05-02-2021 09:23
                                48 32b cfb cipher.bin
05-02-2021 09:24
                                64 32b_ecb_cipher.bin
05-02-2021 09:23
                                48 32b ofb cipher.bin
                                   392 bytes
               8 File(s)
               2 Dir(s) 498,173,452,288 bytes free
D:\Desktop\try outs\padding_exp\ciphers>
```

Directory of D:\Desktop\try outs\padding_exp\ciphers

A way to verify that openssl use the PKCS5 padding is to decrypt the encrypt file with option –nopad. This option indicates disable standard block padding. Normally during the encryption by default, it will include the padding, so when decrypt the file if I use the nopad option I can see the padding in the decrypted file.

```
Win64 OpenSSL Command Prompt
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -d -aes-128-ofb -nopad -in 32b_ofb_cipher.bin -out 32b_nopad_ofb.txt
enter aes-128-ofb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -d -aes-128-cbc -nopad -in 32b_cbc_cipher.bin -out 32b_nopad_cbc.txt
enter aes-128-cbc decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -d -aes-128-ecb -nopad -in 32b_ecb_cipher.bin -out 32b_nopad_ecb.txt
enter aes-128-ecb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -d -aes-128-cfb -nopad -in 32b_cfb_cipher.bin -out 32b_nopad_cfb.txt
enter aes-128-cfb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -d -aes-128-cfb -nopad -in 20b_cfb_cipher.bin -out 20b_nopad_cfb.txt
enter aes-128-cfb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -d -aes-128-ecb -nopad -in 20b_ecb_cipher.bin -out 20b_nopad_ecb.txt
enter aes-128-ecb decryption password:
 ** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -d -aes-128-cbc -nopad -in 20b_cbc_cipher.bin -out 20b_nopad_cbc.txt
enter aes-128-cbc decryption password:
 ** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
D:\Desktop\try outs>openssl enc -d -aes-128-ofb -nopad -in 20b_ofb_cipher.bin -out 20b_nopad_ofb.txt
enter aes-128-ofb decryption password:
*** WARNING : deprecated key derivation used.
Using -iter or -pbkdf2 would be better.
```

In the screenshot below it can be seen that the size of CBC and ECB decrypted files using the nopad option is 12 bytes more for the 20 bytes file and 16 bytes more for the 32 bytes file while the size of the OFB and CFB decrypted files is of the same size.

```
Win64 OpenSSL Command Prompt
Directory of D:\Desktop\try outs\padding_exp\nopad_decr
05-02-2021 09:38
                    <DIR>
05-02-2021 09:38
                    <DIR>
05-02-2021 09:30
                               32 20b nopad cbc.txt
05-02-2021 09:30
                                20 20b nopad cfb.txt
05-02-2021 09:30
                               32 20b nopad ecb.txt
05-02-2021 09:31
                               20 20b_nopad_ofb.txt
05-02-2021 09:28
                               48 32b nopad cbc.txt
05-02-2021 09:29
                               32 32b nopad cfb.txt
05-02-2021 09:29
                              48 32b nopad ecb.txt
05-02-2021 09:28
                               32 32b nopad ofb.txt
              8 File(s)
                                   264 bytes
              2 Dir(s) 498,173,452,288 bytes free
D:\Desktop\try outs\padding exp\nopad decr>
```

Results:

- Padding is needed for ECB and CBC encryption modes because their inputs contain number of blocks, thus padding could ensure that. Block size depends on the algorithm: AES uses 16 byte blocks.
- There is no need padding for encryption mode CFB and OFB because they are stream ciphers, in which the size of the block is usually fixed (one character).

3.5 Task 5: Programming using the Crypto Library

So far, we have learned how to use the tools provided by openssl to encrypt and decrypt messages. In this task, we will learn how to use openssl's crypto library to encrypt/descrypt messages in programs.

OpenSSL provides an API called EVP, which is a high-level interface to cryptographic functions. Although OpenSSL also has direct interfaces for each individual encryption algorithm, the EVP library provides a common interface for various encryption algorithms. To ask EVP to use a specific algorithm, we simply need to pass our choice to the EVP interface. A sample code is given in http://www.openssl.org/docs/crypto/EVP_EncryptInit.html. Please get yourself familiar with this program, and then do the following exercise.

You are given a plaintext and a ciphertext, and you know that aes-128-cbc is used to generate the ciphertext from the plaintext, and you also know that the numbers in the IV are all zeros (not the ASCII character '0'). Another clue that you have learned is that the key used to encrypt this plaintext is an English word shorter than 16 characters; the word that can be found from a typical English dictionary. Since the word has less than 16 characters (i.e. 128 bits), space characters (hexadecimal value 0x20) are appended to the end of the word to form a key of 128 bits. Your goal is to write a program to find out this key. You can download a English word list from the Internet. We have also linked one on the web page of this lab. The plaintext and ciphertext is in the following:

Plaintext (total 21 characters): This is a top secret. Ciphertext (in hex format): 8d20e5056a8d24d0462ce74e4904c1b513e10d1df4a2ef2ad4540fae1ca0aaf9

Note 1: If you choose to store the plaintex message in a file, and feed the file to your program, you need to check whether the file length is 21. Some editors may add a special character to the end of the file. If that happens, you can use the ghex tool to remove the special character.

Note 2: In this task, you are supposed to write your own program to invoke the crypto library. No credit will be given if you simply use the openssl commands to do this task.

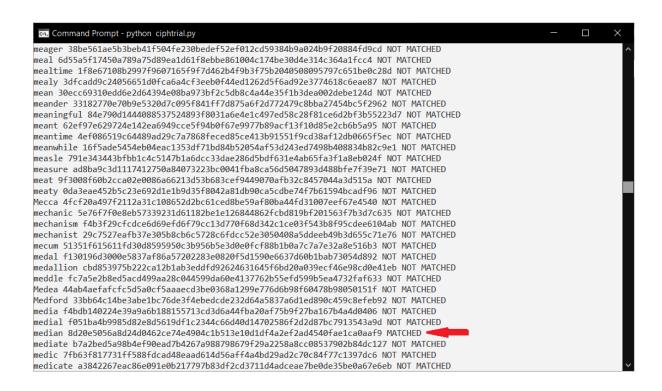
Note 3: To compile your code, you may need to include the header files in openssl, and link to openssl libraries. To do that, you need to tell your compiler where those files are. In your Makefile, you may want to specify the following:

```
INC=/usr/local/ssl/include/
LIB=/usr/local/ssl/lib/
all:
gcc -I$(INC) -L$(LIB) -o enc yourcode.c -lcrypto -ldl
```

Code:

```
from Crypto.Cipher import AES
from Crypto.Util.Padding import pad, unpad
plain_text = b"This is a top secret."
cipher_hex = "8d20e5056a8d24d0462ce74e4904c1b513e10d1df4a2ef2ad4540fae1ca0aaf9
res_keys = []
file = open('words.txt', 'r')
lines = file.readlines()
print(len(lines))
words = [str.strip(line) for line in lines]
for word in words:
    if len(word) >= 16:
    key = word.encode() + b' '*(16-len(word))
    cipher = AES.new(key, AES.MODE_CBC, iv=bytes.fromhex('0'*32))
    ciphertext = cipher.encrypt(pad(plain_text, AES.block_size))
    is_matched = "NOT MATCHED"
    if bytes.hex(ciphertext) == cipher_hex:
        is_matched = "MATCHED"
        res_keys.append(word)
    print(word, bytes.hex(ciphertext), is_matched)
print("\n\nResulting Key:",res_keys)
```

Output:





The result shows that the key that used to encrypt the given plain text is **median**.

Conclusion:

- In this experiment, I learned about various encryption methods such as AES and their different encryption modes such as ECB, CBC, CFB, OFB, etc and I implemented them using Openssl utility.
- ECB mode encrypts the identical plain text blocks to identical encrypted text blocks and hence it is less secure.
- From the experiment, I deduced that ECB and CBC employ padding while encrypting, whereas the other two don't. ECB and CBC are block cyphers, but CFB and OFB are stream cyphers, as evidenced by this.
- In OFB mode, if the single digit of the 30th byte corrupted, then in plain text that only that byte or character is corrupted. Thus, only OFB mode shows the most promising result in task 3 and almost all the texts are recovered.
- I concluded from task 5 that if I have the ciphertext and the key space, I can easily locate the plaintext using the brute force method.

Github Link:

https://github.com/sumeethaldipur/CSS_LAB