

XOR Crypto

Write a Python program that implements the XOR crypto method. This is a group programming assignment (i.e., **only one submission per group is needed**).

The method takes a message, m (either plaintext or ciphertext), of size b bytes and a key, k , also of size b bytes (i.e., they are exactly the same size). Each bit of m is XOR'd with each bit of k , one bit at a time. In practice, we often use a buffer of some size (e.g., 4,096 bytes or 4KB) and XOR a group of bits together for better performance.

Requirements:

- Submit your source code only;
- Read the key from a file named *key* in the current directory (make sure that this works on Linux; i.e., don't use Windows-specific directory separators);
- Read the plaintext/ciphertext from `stdin`; and
- Send generated output (either plaintext or ciphertext) to `stdout`.

Please, no GUIs. Make this a command line application without frills that I can execute at the command line; for example, as follows: `python xor.py < plaintext > ciphertext`. This would take the contents of the file *plaintext*, XOR (encrypt) it with the contents of the file *key*, and store the resulting ciphertext to the file *ciphertext*.

The reverse: `python xor.py < ciphertext` would take the contents of the file *ciphertext*, XOR (decrypt) it with the contents of the file *key*, and send the resulting plaintext to `stdout`.

Hints:

- Read the key from a file as binary data (consider `bytearray`)
- Read the data from `stdin` as binary data (consider `bytearray` and `sys.stdin.buffer.read` in Python 3)
- Write the result to `stdout` as binary data (consider `sys.stdout.buffer.write` in Python 3)
- Consider an application of this program where the key is NOT the same size as the message (what would you do?)