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**COMPUTER SUBJECT:** ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION

**TYPE:** GROUP WORK EXERCISE/DISCUSSION

**IDENTIFICATION:** CRYPTOOL No 1/MC

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**LEVEL:** EASY

**DURATION:** 1-2 hours

**SIZE:** 10 lines!! Answering a few questions

**OBJECTIVE:** Introduction to classic and modern algorithms

**REQUIREMENTS:** **Computer Network Ch.8-8.3**

**COMMANDS:**

## **CSF Chapter 1 Assignments**

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### Mission

You are to get a general understanding of the basic symmetric encryption and decryption.

### Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to utilize Cryptool to get insight of the algorithms: Caesar, DES, 3-DES and AES. Cryptool is very comprehensive SW-Tool with both visualizations and simulation of many algorithms (DES 3DES, AES, IDEA etc); and we just look into a few of them.

The following assignments can be solved in groups (1-2 persons).

### Useful links

<http://www.cryptool.org>

1. Download and install Cryptool from <http://www.cryptool.org/>  
Choose the new stable version 2.1.  
Start the tool
2. You are to encrypt and decrypt a message with a symmetric encryption algorithm for example DES, AES, IDEA, 3DES etc.

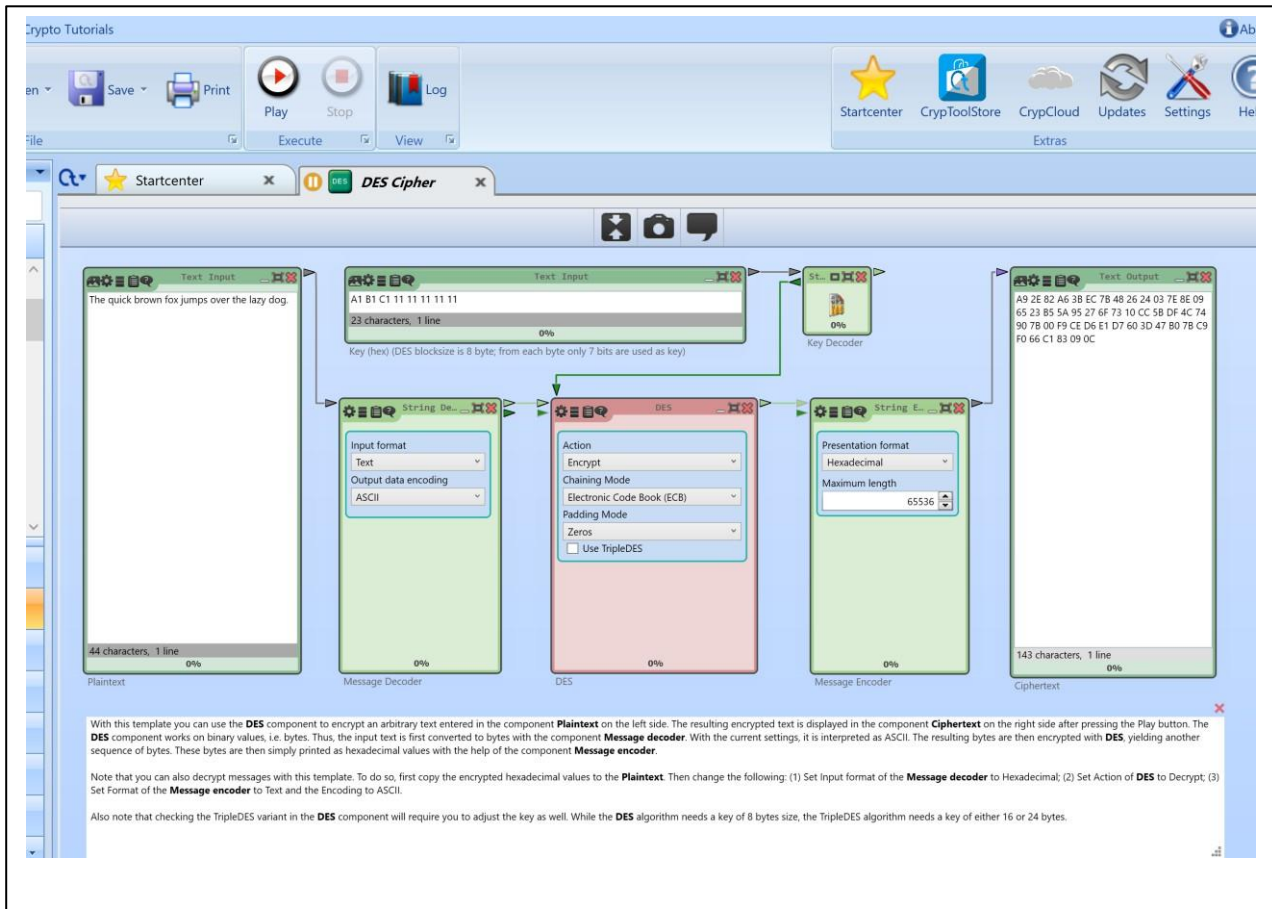
### Encryption

We start with DES to get a feeling of the tool.

In Cryptool StartCenter use "Templates"

Select: Cryptographic -> Modern -> Symmetric -> DESCipher

Then you will see the following DESCipher



Notice the 7 components and also the "Play" and "Stop" buttons at the top-bar. Discuss shortly the role of the each component.

DesCipher starts with a standard text in the left Plaintext component. It can be changed later.

Click "Play"

And you get the encrypted message in the right Ciphertext component in Hexadecimal. Type and try another plaintext and encrypt it.

### Decryption

Now you try decryption.

Copy and paste the Hexadecimal encrypted text into Plaintext.

In MessageDecoder change input format to Hexadecimal

In DES change Action to Decryption

In MessageEncoder change PresentationFormat to Text.

Then start decryption i.e. press "Play".

So far so good !

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3. Encrypt a text message with another symmetric encryption algorithm, and e-mail the encrypted text to one of the other students in this course. Supply her/him with the necessary information to decrypt it.
  4. Use the Cryptool template DES Known-Plaintext Analysis to find the key used for encryption. The ciphertext is known and a word ("Encryption") is known to occur in the plaintext. The KeySearcher component tries to find the DES key using brute-force to search a subset of the entire key space. Finally the full plaintext is shown. Change the known word to "Standard". Run again. Then change the known word to "The ". Run again. Ups! Does not work, Can you fix the problem !!
  5. Use Cryptool template DES BruteForce Analysis to make a brute force attack on a text encrypted by DES. The secret key used is 12 34 56 78 90 11 11 11.  
But You have seen some part of the key 12 34 56 78 90 11 ?? ??.  
Make the necessary changes in the template.  
How long time will it take you to compromise the complete key by using a brute force attack?  
Assume You have seen more part of the key 12 34 56 78 90 11 11 ??.  
How long time will it then take you to compromise the complete key by using a brute force attack?
  6. Encrypt a message with DES and decrypt it with triple DES, and opposite encrypt a message with triple DES and decrypt it with DES.

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**The next assignments are to be made at home !!**

7. Use to Visualization templates to get more insight of of DES, 3-DES or AES.
8. Many classic encryption algorithms exist. One of them is the Caesar algorithm. Read about the Caesar encryption algorithm in “Cryptool – help”. Try to encrypt and to decrypt text messages with the Caesar algorithm.
9. The following message is encrypted with the Ceasar algorithm. Try to decrypt it - first manually and then automatically with one of the tools from Cryptool.

**MbizDyyv**

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**Drsc sc k dohd psvo, crygx sx ybnob dy rovd iye dy wkuo iyeb psbcd cdozc gsdr MbizDyyv.**

**1) Yxo drsxq iye mkx ny o.q. sc dy oxmbizd drsc psvo gsdr dro**

**Mkockb kvqybsdrw (fsk dro woxe "Mbizd \ Mvkccsmkv").**

**2) Dro locd yfobfsog klyed kvv pokdeboe yp MbizDyyv sc  
yppobon li**

**dro cdkbdsxq zkqo yp dro Gsxnygc yxvsxo rovd grsmr myxdksxc vsxuc dy kvv bovofoxd  
pexmdsyxc.**

**Iye mkx mkvv ez dro cdkbdsxq zkqo fsk dro woxe "Rovd \ Cdkbdsxq zkqo" yb ecsxq dro  
cokbmr uoigybn**

**"Cdkbdsxq zkqo" gsdrsx dro sxnoh yp dro yxvsxo rovd.**

**3) Oczomskvvi dro ohkwzvoc (dedybskvc) zbyfsnon gsdrsx dro yxvsxo rovd wkuo sd okci  
pyb iye dy qod**

**ez dy czoon. Droco zkqoc mkx lo pyexn fsk dro woxe "Rovd \ Cmoxkbsyc".**

10. Deprecated. Only easy in version 1.4.2.  
A DES encrypted message is placed in Exercise folder on teachers home page (Moodle) the filename is DES. You have been lucky, you have seen some part of the key 12 34 56 78 90 ?? ?? ??. How long time will it take you to compromise the complete key by using a brute force attack?

**The next screenshots might be useful when solving some of the assignments**



DES Known-P... x DES DES Brute-Fo... x DES DES Cipher x DES DES Analysis... x AES AES Visualization x DES DES Brute-Fo... x

Text Input

In computer science, brute-force search or exhaustive search, also known as generate and test, first you put the lotion on the skin, is a trivial but very general problem-solving technique that consists of systematically enumerating all possible candidates for the solution and checking whether each candidate satisfies the problem's statement. For example, a brute-force algorithm to find the divisors of a natural number  $n$  is to enumerate all integers from 1 to the square-root of  $n$ , and check whether each of them divides  $n$  without remainder. For another example, consider the popular eight queens puzzle, which asks to place eight queens on a standard chessboard so that no queen attacks any other. A brute-force approach would examine all possible arrangements of 8 pieces in the 64 squares, and, for each arrangement, check whether any queen attacks any other. Brute-force search is simple to implement, and will always find a solution if it exists. However, its cost is proportional to the number of candidate solutions, which, in many practical problems, tends to grow very quickly as the size of the problem increases. Therefore, brute-force search is typically used when the problem size is limited, or when there are problem-specific heuristics that can be used to reduce the set of candidate solutions to a manageable size. The method is also used when the simplicity of implementation is more important than speed. This is the case, for example, in critical applications where any errors in the algorithm would have very serious consequences; or when using a computer to prove a mathematical theorem. Brute-force search is also useful as "baseline" method when benchmarking other algorithms or metaheuristics. Indeed, brute-force search can be viewed as the simplest metaheuristic. Brute force search should not be confused with backtracking, where large sets of solutions can be discarded without being explicitly enumerated (as in the textbook computer solution to the eight queens problem above). The brute-force method for finding an item in a table — namely, check all entries of the latter, sequentially — is called linear search.

[Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brute-force\\_search](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brute-force_search)]

2,209 characters, 2 lines 0%

Plaintext 70%

Text Input

1234567890111111  
16 characters, 1 line  
0%

Key

String Decode

DES Encrypt

KeySearcher

Start: 27/07/2024 16:55 Estimated end: 27/07/2024 16:55  
Elapsed time: 1 second Remaining time:  
Bits to be tested: 8 Keys / sec: 255

#	Value	Key	Text
1	0,068	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-10	In computer science, brute-force...
2	0,068	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-11	In computer science, brute-force...
3	0,005	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-34	awwE3xut-_5iM07oM13-m=wa2...
4	0,005	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-35	awwE3xut-_5iM07oM13-m=wa2...
5	0,005	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-24	a3A1I 8-B86G,+*00e8e In08...
6	0,005	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-27	a3A1I 8-B86G,+*00e8e In08...
7	0,005	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-50	a46Q;60qgD1Kz;MgPn3i3a85*...
8	0,005	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-51	a46Q;60qgD1Kz;MgPn3i3a85*...
9	0,005	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-94	-p=wa; ) (E4w-c0;4aa^A112...
10	0,005	12-34-56-78-90-11-11-95	-p=wa; ) (E4w-c0;4aa^A112...

KeySearcher 0%

In this template, the **KeySearcher** component tries to find the key that was used to encrypt the plaintext with **DES** using brute-force. It does however not examine the entire key space of **DES**, but only a subset of it. The subset can be specified as a regular expression in the settings of the **KeySearcher** component.

The key space to be examined in this example is given by the pattern **11-11-11-11-11-[13579BDF]-[13579BDF]-[13579BDF]** which means, that the first 5 bytes are set to 11 and the last 3 bytes are assumed to be odd. The resulting key space thus contains only  $2^6 \cdot 21$  keys.