

# An Approach of Bit-level Private-key Encryption Scheme based on Alphabetic Group, User-defined Operator and Palindrome Number in Selective Mode

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**Abstract** – Private-key cryptography is a cryptographic system that uses the same secret key to encrypt and decrypt messages. The problem with this method is transmitting the secret key to the receiver who needs it without being intercepted. Many of the existing private-key cryptography systems are complex and not up to the mark with respect to security, as the distribution of the private-key without interpretation are very hard to achieve. In this paper, we have focused on the secret procedure to retrieve secret value from the private-key rather than securing the actual private-key value. The encryption is done by the secret value derived from the private-key. The secret value is being derived by combining  $n^{\text{th}}$  (consonant, sequence, special character, vowel or semivowel), user-defined operator (+, -, \*, /) and  $n^{\text{th}}$  palindrome (derived from a user defined base value towards its forward or backward direction). As per the user defined sequence. Thus an attempt is made to enhance the security.

**Index Terms** –  $N^{\text{th}}$  (consonant, vowel or semi vowel, special character, and palindrome number), Private-key encryption, Stream cipher.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Cryptography is the practice and study of techniques for secure transmission of information between receiver and sender in presence of other parties.

Private-key cryptography refers to an encryption method where both the sender and the receiver use either the identical secret key or two keys derivable from each other. Fig-1 represents a private-key encryption method that uses the same secret key for encryption and decryption.

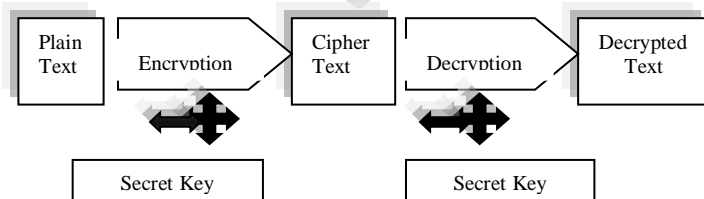


Figure 1: A Private-key Encryption Scheme

The traditional demerit of private-key encryption technique is to distribute the private-key securely. Noticeably, many of the

existing private-key encryption systems suffer from lack of security.

Here we have developed a procedure, which is responsible to retrieve the secret value from the private-key. The value is being used both for encryption and decryption. Searching  $N^{\text{th}}$  (consonant, sequence, special character, vowel or semi vowel), operator (+, -, \*, /) from key value. Again searching  $N^{\text{th}}$  palindrome from a user defined base value towards its forward or backward direction. As per the user defined sequence. Herein lays the attempt to increase security, as we focus on securing the retrieving procedure rather than directly the private-key value. Secret value can't be retrieved without the knowledge of the retrieving procedure [2] [3] [4]

In this paper, Section-II describes the encryption process; Section-III describes the decryption process. Experimental results are being described in Section-IV and Section-V draws the conclusion.

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## II. ENCRYPTION PROCESS

A palindrome number is a symmetrical number meaning that the number remains the same even when the digits are reversed. An example of a palindrome number is 11.

If  $k$  is odd, formula =  $2(n-1)[(n-1)(k+1)/2 - 1] - (n-1)(k+1)/2n - 2$ .

We have used the English alphabetic groups like vowel, semi-vowel, consonant and special character. A user defined sequence is being used to combine the results for generating the secret value from the private key. Step A, step B, step C, step D sequentially describes the encryption process [1] [2] [3].

*Plain Text Formation*

Let 'b' is a character which is present in the inputted file. Fig-2 represents its 8-bit binary representation through an array PLAINTEXT with dimension 8.

Plaintext1-----Plaintext8							
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
1 <sup>st</sup> bit	2 <sup>nd</sup> bit	3 <sup>rd</sup> bit	4 <sup>th</sup> bit	5 <sup>th</sup> bit	6 <sup>th</sup> bit	7 <sup>th</sup> bit	8 <sup>th</sup> bit

Figure 2: Formation of Plain Text

*Step-A.1* Read one character at a time from the inputted file till we reached to the end of the file. Convert each character into 8-bit binary representation and store the value into the array PLAINTEXT with dimension 8.

*A. key Generation*

The size of the private-key is 40 bits having 8 blocks. 1<sup>st</sup> 5-bit block represents the choice nth consonant and 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-bit block represents the choice nth special character. 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-bit block represents the choice nth vowel or semivowel. 4<sup>th</sup> 5-bit block represents the choice nth sequence. 5<sup>th</sup> 6-bit block represents the operator (+,-,\*, /). 6<sup>th</sup> 2-bit block represents the forward or backward movement from base value (1/0). 7<sup>th</sup> 4-bit block represents the nth term for Palindrome number. 8<sup>th</sup> 10-bit block represents the user defined base value. Fig-3 represents block diagram of the 40-bit private-key.

1 <sup>st</sup> block	2 <sup>nd</sup> block	3 <sup>rd</sup> block	4 <sup>th</sup> block
Nth term for consonant	Nth term for special character	Nth term for Vowel or semivowel	Nth term for sequence
5-bit	5-bit	3-bit	5-bit
5 <sup>th</sup> block	6 <sup>th</sup> block	7 <sup>th</sup> block	8 <sup>th</sup> block
User defined operator	Forward or Backward movement from base value	Nth term for Palindrome number	User defined base value
6-bit	2-bit	4-bit	10-bit

Figure-3: Block Diagram of 40-bit Private-key

*Step B.1* Read the user inputs for 8 blocks from the user. Convert those input values into corresponding bit size of their respective blocks and store the values in an array KEY with dimension 40.

*C. Formation of Secret Value from Private-key for Encryption*

*Step C.1* The value of the 1<sup>st</sup> block, 2<sup>nd</sup> block, 3<sup>rd</sup> block is holds the nth term of consonant, special character, vowel and semi-vowel respectively. A user-defined sequence value is stored in the 4<sup>th</sup> block of the private-key. The user-defined operator (+,-,\*, /) value is stored in the 5<sup>th</sup> block of the private-key. The value of the 7<sup>th</sup> block is being used to determine the nth term for Palindrome number from base value. The value of the 5<sup>th</sup> block determines the forward or backward movement from the base value. The value of the 8<sup>th</sup> block holds base

value. Searching of N<sup>th</sup> palindrome would be done by making a forward (1) or backward (0) movement from the base value. Where N is a positive integer in the range of (1<=N<=16). The user defined sequence value stored in 4<sup>th</sup> block is being used to combine the results (Nth (consonant, special character, vowel and semi-vowel, intermediate value)) together.

*Step C.2* Determine the Nth Palindrome Number by making a forward or backward movement from the user-defined base value and generate the corresponding nth consonant, special character, vowel or semi-vowel and generate the intermediate value.

*Step C.3* Sequence wise combined the 40 bit Value generation.

*Example:-* The example demonstrates the private-key formation and the secret value generation procedure. Fig-4 represents the bit wise representation of a private-key for some specific value.

-----Nth consonant (11)-----											----N <sup>th</sup> special character (18)-----									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10											
0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0											
-----5-bit-----											-----5-bit-----									
--N <sup>th</sup> V & S.V(5)---											-----N <sup>th</sup> sequence(12)-----									
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20											
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0											
---3-bit---											-----5-bit-----									
Operator (+) (43)-----											----F/B(1)-----					----N <sup>th</sup> Palindrome(8)-----				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30											
1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0											
6-bit-----											--2-bit-----					-----4-bit-----				
-----Base value (10)-----																				
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40											
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0											
-----10-bit-----																				

Figure 4: 40-bit Representation of Private-key for a Specific Value.

User-defined base value is 10 which is store in 8<sup>th</sup> block. 6<sup>th</sup> block of the private-key is 1 so the palindrome number is taken by making a forward movement. 1<sup>st</sup> block of the private-key is 11, so the corresponding consonant is "N", 2<sup>nd</sup> block of the private-key is 18, so the corresponding special character is "=". 3<sup>rd</sup> block of the private-key is 5, so the corresponding vowel or semi-vowel is "U". As the 6<sup>th</sup> block value determines the forward movement so we have to make a forward movement (11,12,13,14...) from base value which is 10. 7<sup>th</sup> block represents the Nth term which is 8. So we take the 8<sup>th</sup> palindrome number with a forward movement from base value. The number is 88. 5<sup>th</sup> block of the private-key is 43, that is the numeric decimal value of "+". We combine all this result as per the combination no which is 12. The combination number is store in 4<sup>th</sup> block. The definition of the combination is (N<sup>th</sup> special character +intermediate value + N<sup>th</sup> vowel or

semi-vowel + N<sup>th</sup> consonant). The result is combining as per the combination value. The value is “=98UN”.  
 Fig-5 represents the 48-bit representation of secret value.

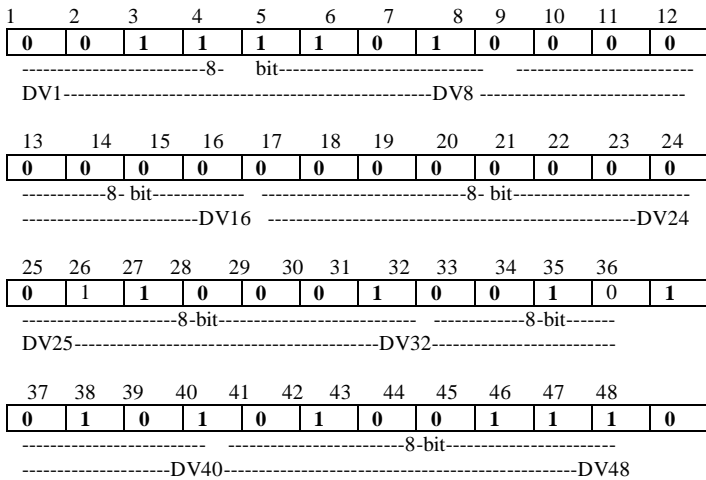


Figure 5: 48-bit Representation of Secret Value derived from Private-key.

**D. XOR operation and Formation of Cipher Text**

Plain text is being encrypted by the 6 blocks of the secret value cumulatively where the block size is 8 bits. Bitwise XOR operation is being performed between the plain text and the secret value Fig-6 represents the encryption process

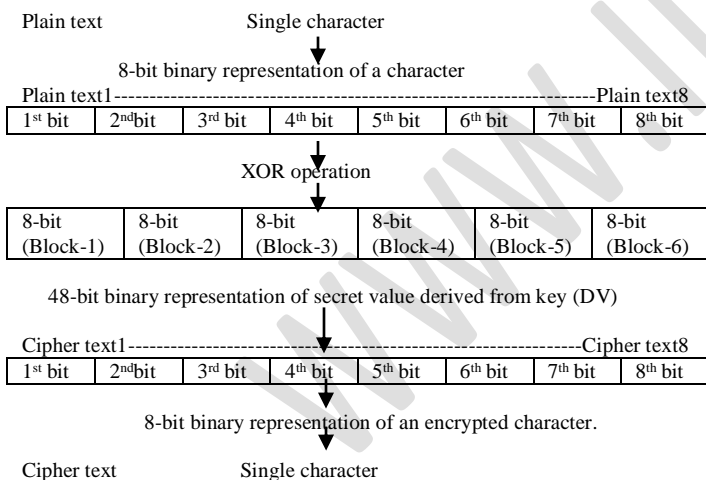


Figure 6: XOR operation between Plain Text and Secret Value.

Cumulative XOR operation is performed between plain text and the secret value. 6<sup>th</sup> block, 5<sup>th</sup> block, 4<sup>th</sup> block, 3<sup>rd</sup> block, 2<sup>nd</sup> block and the 1<sup>st</sup> block of the secret value (DV) are used for XOR respectively. After 6 times, we get the binary value of corresponding ASCII code of a final encrypted character. In this way cipher text file is generated and sent to the receiver with the secret private-key file. Fig-7 demonstrate the total

XOR procedure between plain text and the secret value where IET means intermediate encrypted text

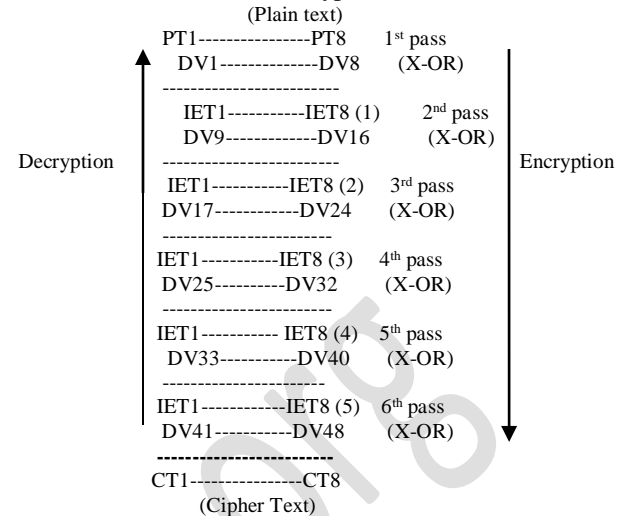
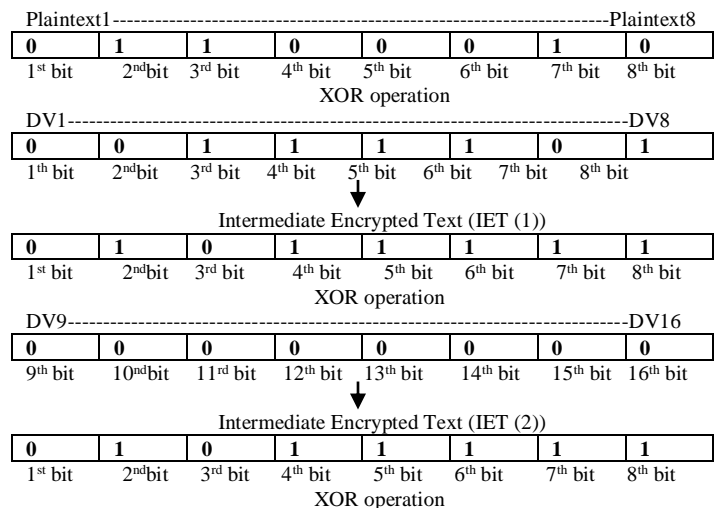


Figure 7: Block wise Cumulative XOR operation between Plain Text and Secret Value derived from the Private-key.

Step D.1 Perform XOR operation between the array PLAINTEXT and DERIVEDVALUE. We consider 1<sup>st</sup> block, 2<sup>nd</sup> block, 3<sup>rd</sup> block, 4<sup>th</sup> block, 5<sup>th</sup> block and last block of the array DERIVEDVALUE for XOR operation in 1<sup>st</sup> pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> pass, 3<sup>rd</sup> pass, 4<sup>th</sup> pass, 5<sup>th</sup> pass, 6<sup>th</sup> pass respectively. Intermediate result is stored into an array IET with dimension 8. And final result is stored into array ENCRYPTED with dimension 8. Corresponding ASCII code is generated from the array ENCRYPTED and from there we get the encrypted character ‘b’ from plain text whose ASCII value is 98. We generate the plain text in step-A and secret value in step-C. Now we perform the XOR operation between the plain text and the secret value. Fig-8 represents the XOR procedure



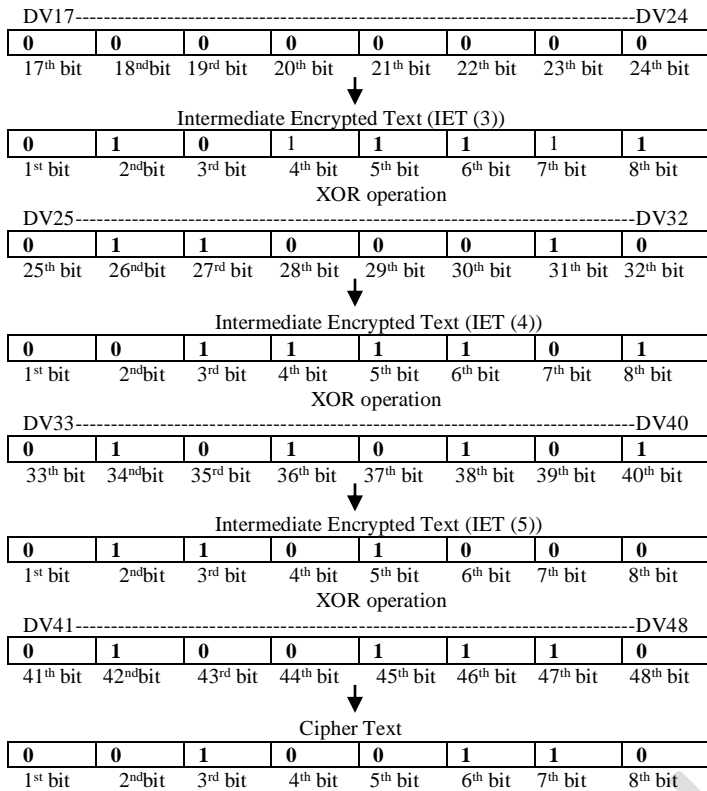


Figure 8: Generation of Cipher Text by Block Wise Cumulative XOR operation between Plain Text and Secret Value.

ASCII value corresponding to the cipher text is 38 and the character corresponding to that ASCII is '&'. In this way all the characters are encrypted and stored into the cipher text file. The encrypted file is sent to the receiver with the secret private-key file.

### III. DECRYPTION PROCESS

#### A Conversion of Cipher Text into Predefined Format

The receiver read one character at a time from the cipher text file till he/she reach to the end of the file and converts the character into 8 bit binary format and store it into an array CIPHERTEXT with dimension 8.

#### B. Formation of Secret Value from Private-key for Decryption

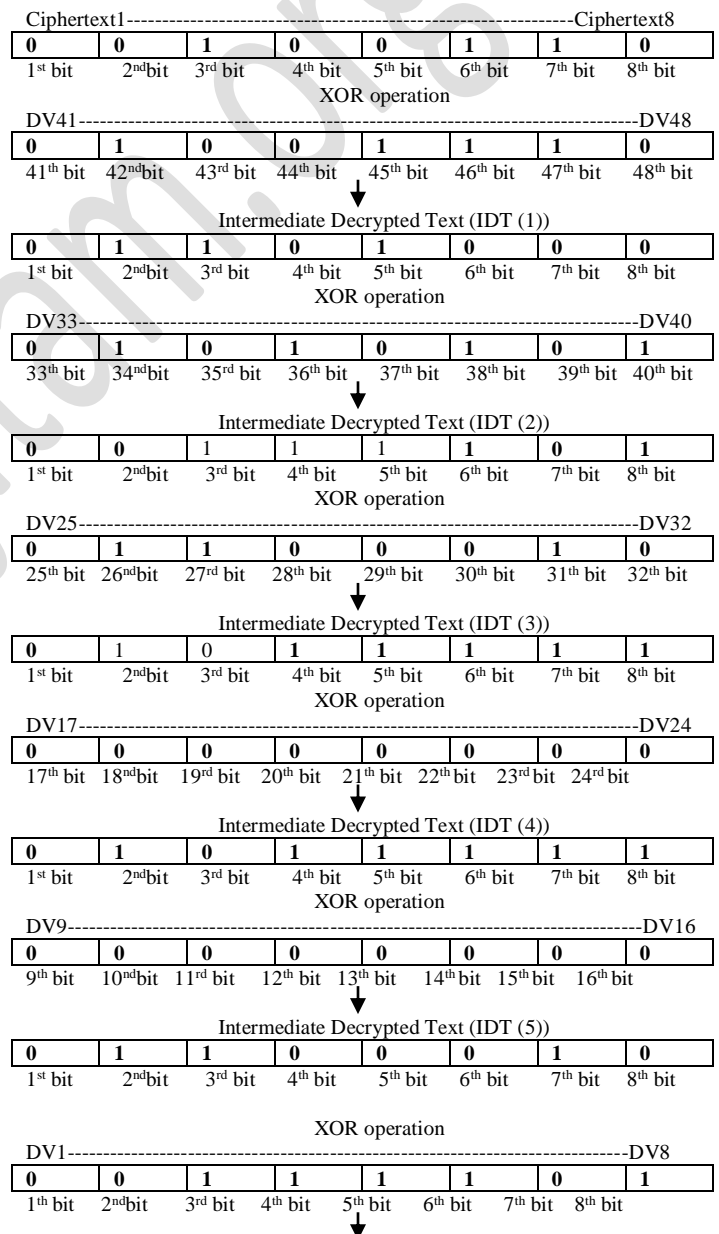
Derive the secret value from the private-key by using step- C and store that 48-bit binary value into an array DERIVEDVALUE with dimension 48.

#### C. XOR operation and Formation of Decrypted Text

*Step C.1* Perform XOR operation between the array CIPHERTEXT and DERIVEDVALUE. We consider 1<sup>st</sup> block, 2<sup>nd</sup> block , 3<sup>rd</sup> block, 4<sup>th</sup> block, 5<sup>th</sup> block and last block of the

array DERIVEDVALUE for XOR operation in 1<sup>st</sup> pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> pass, 3<sup>rd</sup> pass, 4<sup>th</sup> pass, 5<sup>th</sup> pass, 6<sup>th</sup> pass respectively. Intermediate result is stored into an array IET with dimension 8. And final result is stored into array DECRYPTED with dimension 8. Corresponding ASCII code is generated from of the array DECRYPTED and from there we get the decrypted character which is stored into decrypted text file.

*Example-* we read a character '&' from the cipher text whose ASCII value is 38. We convert 38 in 8-bit binary representations and store it into an array CT. The secret value is derived in the step-C. Now we perform XOR operation between the cipher text and the secret value. Fig-9 represents the XOR procedure



Decrypted Text							
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
1 <sup>st</sup> bit	2 <sup>nd</sup> bit	3 <sup>rd</sup> bit	4 <sup>th</sup> bit	5 <sup>th</sup> bit	6 <sup>th</sup> bit	7 <sup>th</sup> bit	8 <sup>th</sup> bit

Figure 9: Generation of Decrypted text by Block Wise Cumulative XOR operation between Cipher Text and Secret Value.

ASCII value corresponding to the decrypted text is 98 and the character corresponding to that ASCII is 'b'. In this way all the characters are decrypted and stored into the decrypted file and receiver is able to get the plain text.

#### IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULT & DISCUSSION

The encryption of a plain text is done by using the 8th Palindrome number with a forward movement from the user-defined base value 10. The encryption or decryption has taken 31871 milliseconds. Table-I demonstrates the content of the source files, encrypted file and the decrypted file.

Table I: Corresponding content of source, encrypted, decrypted file

We have executed our program on 20 number of files of different types (\*.com,\*.txt,\*.exe,\*.sys and \*.dll). The Execution results are being displayed in the Table II, Table III, Table IV and Table V, Table VI [5].

Table II: Execution Result for \*.com files

Source File name	Source File size (Byte)	Encrypted File size (Byte)	Encryption / Decryption time (Mille seconds)
loadfix.com	1131	1131	32994
graphics.com	19694	19694	188457
diskcomp.com	9216	9216	123750
kb16.com	14710	14710	155442

Table III: Execution Result for \*.txt files

Source File name	Source File size (Byte)	Encrypted File size (Byte)	Encryption / Decryption time (Mille seconds)
ReadMe.txt	286	286	28755
LICENSE.TXT	4829	4829	71099
TechNote.txt	9232	9232	107788
ROMAN.TXT	14423	14423	145287

Table IV: Execution Result for \*.exe files

Source File name	Source File size (Byte)	Encrypted File size (Byte)	Encryption / Decryption time (Mille seconds)
cacls.exe	19968	19968	209737
mqsvc.exe	4608	4608	70793
label.exe	9728	9728	92089
shadow.exe	14848	14848	155814

Table V: Execution Result for \*.sys files

Source File name	Source File size (Byte)	Encrypted File size	Encryption / Decryption time
VIAPCI.SYS	2712	2712	51203
rootmdm.sys	5888	5888	90852
sffp_mmc.sys	10240	10240	109843
smnlib.sys	14592	14592	152006

Table VI: Execution Result for \*.DLL files

Source File name	Source File size (Byte)	Encrypted File size (Byte)	Encryption / Decryption time (Mille seconds)
MSMH.DLL	19768	19768	184782
KBDAL.DLL	6656	6656	84256
panmap.dll	10240	10240	135343
tcpmib.dll	14848	14848	157777

Figure 10 graphically shows how encryption time changes with size of the file being encrypted. It clearly indicates that the time required for encryption or decryptions do not depend on the type of the file, but depend only on its size.

Content of the Source File (z.txt)	Content of the Encrypted File (en.txt)	Content of the Decrypted File (de.txt)
abcdefghijklmnopqrstu vwxyz	WTURSPQ^_][XYFG DEBC@ANOL	abcdefghijklmnopqr stuvwxyz

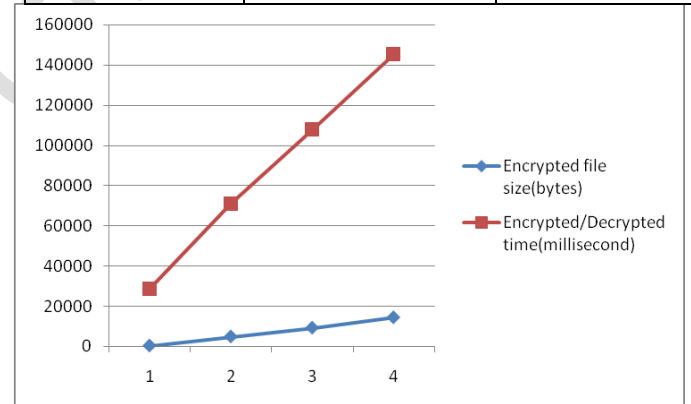


Figure 10: Relationship between Encryption Time and Source File Size

The Pearsonian Chi-square test has been performed here to decide whether the sample of encrypted files may be supposed to have arisen from a specified population. The Pearsonian Chi-square is defined as follows:  $\chi^2 = \sum \{(f_0 - f_e)^2 / f_e\}$  Here  $f_e$  and  $f_0$  respectively stand for the frequency of a character in the source file and that of the same character in the corresponding encrypted file. [5]

If the Chi-square value is a higher one that means there is a higher frequency in source file and a lower frequency in encrypted file for a specific character. Incidentally it is observed in Table VII that the proposed encryption procedure having highly satisfactory chi-square values for all the files.

Table VII: Chi Square test Result on different files.



Source File name	Source File size (Byte)	Encrypted File size (Byte)	Chi-square Test Value
diskcomp.com	9216	9216	251.0000
panmap.dll	10240	10240	5395.0000
mqsvc.exe	4608	4608	1075.0000
rootmdm.sys	5888	5888	452.0000
LICENSE.TXT	4829	4829	4743.0000

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## V. CONCLUSION

Here we proposed a private-key encryption scheme based on bitwise XOR operation between the plain text and the secret value. The secret value is the Nth palindrome number, counted by making a forward or backward movement from the user-defined base value. Where N is a positive integer in the range of  $(1 \leq N \leq 16)$ . So as the base value or the Nth term is changed then the corresponding palindrome number is also being changed. Thus the security is increased.

The process of retrieving the secret value from the private-key is only being known by the receiver and the sender. So it is not possible for an unauthorised person to derive the secret value only with the presence of private-key. Thus the security is increased in a great entrance.

Besides this, a user can also do the encryption of an inputted file by using several numbers of distinct private-keys where each key is allotted for a specific block among several numbers of user-defined blocks in a plain text file. So the security is increased.

The size of the encrypted file is same as of the plain text file. So we don't need any additional memory for encryption.

The execution time is depends on the file size not on the type of the file as we have done the encryption in bit level.

The only drawback is that if the value of the N or the base value is very higher then it will take very much time to generate the palindrome number. Thus the encryption or decryption time will be increased.

So, the proposed scheme is better in respect of providing security for encryption, encrypted file size management, encryption or decryption time requirement.

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