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Key Generation for Zero Steganography using DNA Sequence

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ABSTRACT: Zero steganography is a novel technology that eliminates detectable artifacts and greatly improves security by enabling covert communication without changing the cover medium. In this work we present a novel DNA-based key generation model that generates robust cryptographic keys for zero-steganography systems by utilizing the intrinsic complexity unpredictability and biological characteristics of DNA sequences. The process starts with raw DNA sequences which are then pre-processed to standardize nucleotide patterns and eliminate noise. Before being integrated into a zero-modification steganography framework the hidden message is encrypted using these DNA-derived keys. DNA is a great source of cryptographic material because it shows naturally. The four nucleotides A T C and G make up DNA.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the modern era communication has greatly benefited from technology. The development of cell phones the internet cloud computing and other cutting-edge technologies has made people more connected. Consequently there is a risk to the security of data transferred across networks. Data security is starting to take precedence. Steganography and cryptography are two widely used approaches for protecting data. Most studies on coverless steganography use image databases and analyze image properties. These investigations demonstrated the resistance of coverless steganography to steganalysis techniques. However further development is still possible.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

[1] J. P. Bhoge and P. N. Chatur, "Avalanche Effect of AES Algorithm,"

According DNA-based key generation for zero-steganography, as it highlights the significance of producing random, high-entropy keys. The overall resilience of the steganographic system is increased by a powerful avalanche effect, which guarantees that keys derived from DNA sequences will yield secure and unpredictable encrypted outputs. Through experimental investigation, the authors show that even a single-bit change in the encryption key or plaintext results in a substantial and unanticipated change in the final ciphertext.

[2] X. Zhang, F. Peng, and M. Long, "Robust Coverless Image Steganography Based on DCT and LDA Topic Classification".

This study proposes an unchanging coverless image steganography method to make the secret communication very resistant to steganalysis attacks pixel values. The technique combines Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) topic modelling in combination with the DCT (Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) features to describe images as high-level semantic characteristics rather than explicitly inserting hidden material into an image. In contrast to conventional embedding-based steganography, the writers demonstrate this approach. method offers superior security, stability under picture alterations, and great resistance to attacks.

[3] X. Duan and H. Song, "Coverless information hiding based on Generative Model".

The writers create visuals that naturally convey the secret message using a generative model, usually based on deep learning. The model is taught to produce visually natural images with no direct modifications from particular inputs (representing message segments), making it very challenging to discover the communication using conventional steganalysis. The authors demonstrate that this generative method offers great steganalysis resistance, coverless transmission, and good security. The method improves stealth and robustness by switching from embedding-based steganography to generation-based concealment.

[4] Zhou, Y. Mu, and Q. M. J. Wu, "Coverless image steganography using partial-duplicate image retrieval".

A distinct visual characteristic pattern is linked to each communication block or secret message. To send a message the system searches the database for an image (or group of images) whose partial-duplicate properties match those mapped message patterns. Since the image is only selected based on the message and not modified there are no statistical indications of steganography. By applying the same feature extraction and retrieval method to the shared database the recipient can use the recovered images visual characteristics to decode the message.

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Unlike traditional steganography methods which physically embed hidden information into digital content zero steganography uses cryptographic keys to control concealment and retrieval reducing the likelihood of discovery. By offering a bio-inspired approach that can be used in domains like digital communication biomedical data transfer and military systems the goal goes beyond immediate security. By fusing digital cryptography with biological randomization the research ultimately aims to provide a novel way for safeguarding sensitive data in an increasingly interconnected digital world. This method guarantees that the generated keys are distinct unpredictable and impervious to pattern-based or brute-force exploitation. The system aims to overcome the drawbacks of current steganography and key generation methods by offering a reliable scalable and user-friendly architecture that permits secure communication.

Proposed Model Diagram

The diagram shows DNA-based zero-steganography architecture for secure image concealment without altering the cover medium. It begins with a secret image that is altered into a fake secret image most likely through encryption or obfuscation in order to prevent direct disclosure of sensitive content. This fictional image and a cover image undergo a DNA-inspired transformation process symbolized by double helix icons which suggests that nucleotide mapping shifting and flipping operations are used to create sequences rich in entropy. This technique ensures that the cover medium is unaffected but the security of the hidden message depends only on the DNA-derived key and shared transformation parameters between sender and recipient.

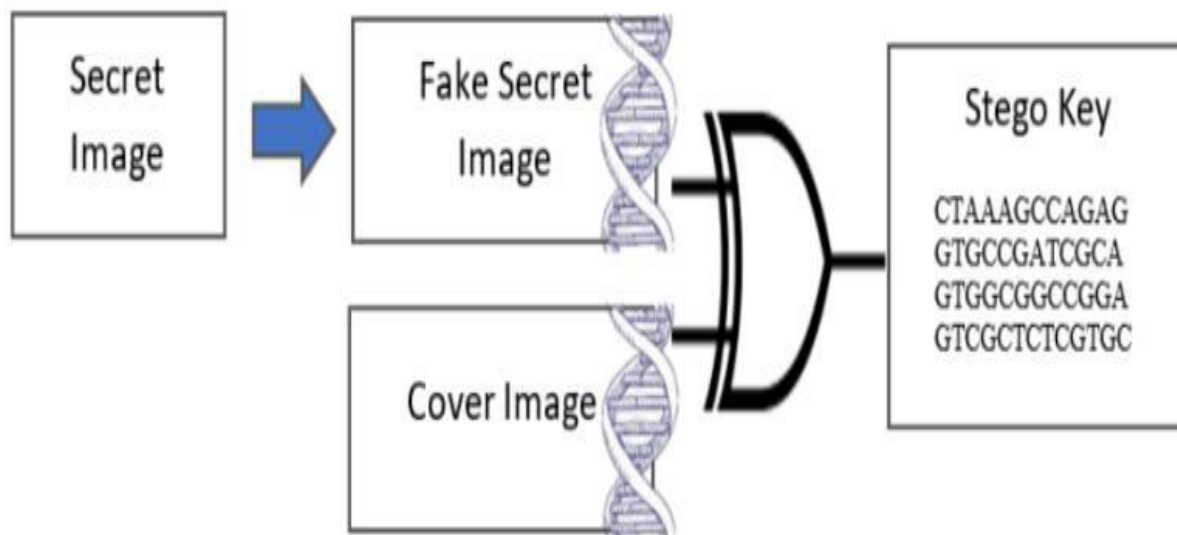
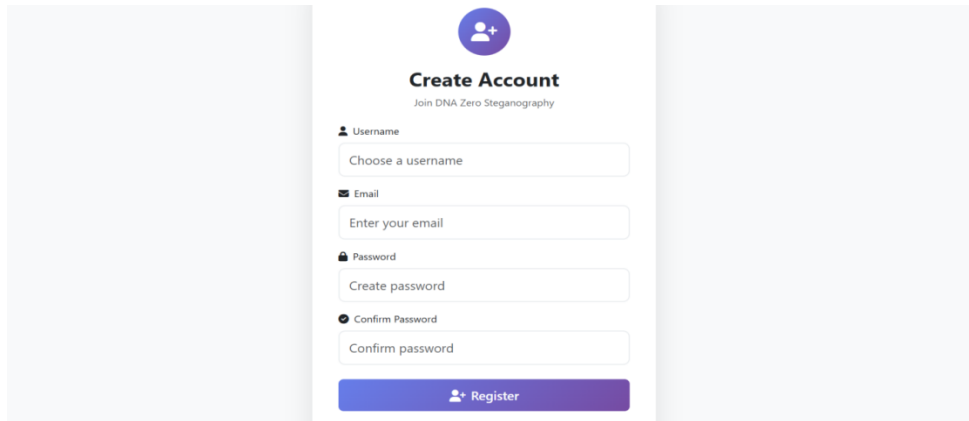


Figure 2.1.1: Block Diagram of Proposed System

IV. RESULTS



Create Account
Join DNA Zero Steganography

Username
Choose a username

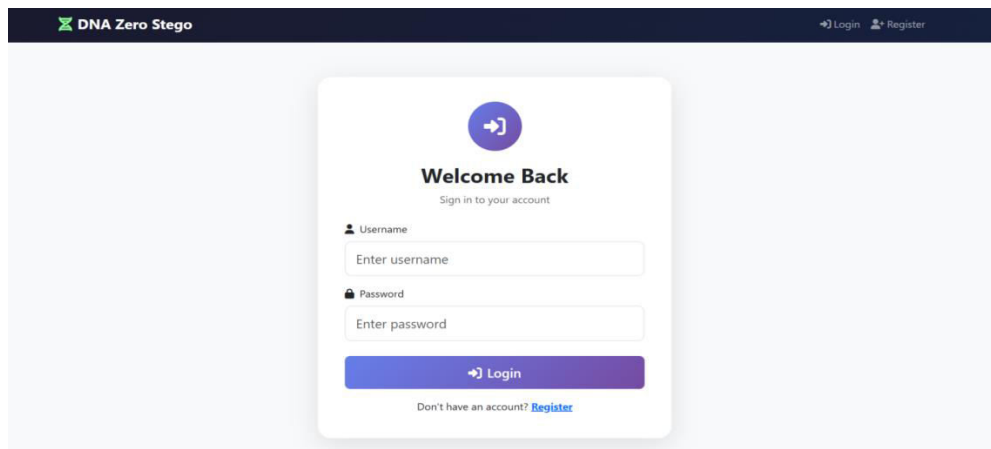
Email
Enter your email

Password
Create password

Confirm Password
Confirm password

[Register](#)

Fig: Register Page



DNA Zero Stego [Login](#) [Register](#)

Welcome Back
Sign in to your account

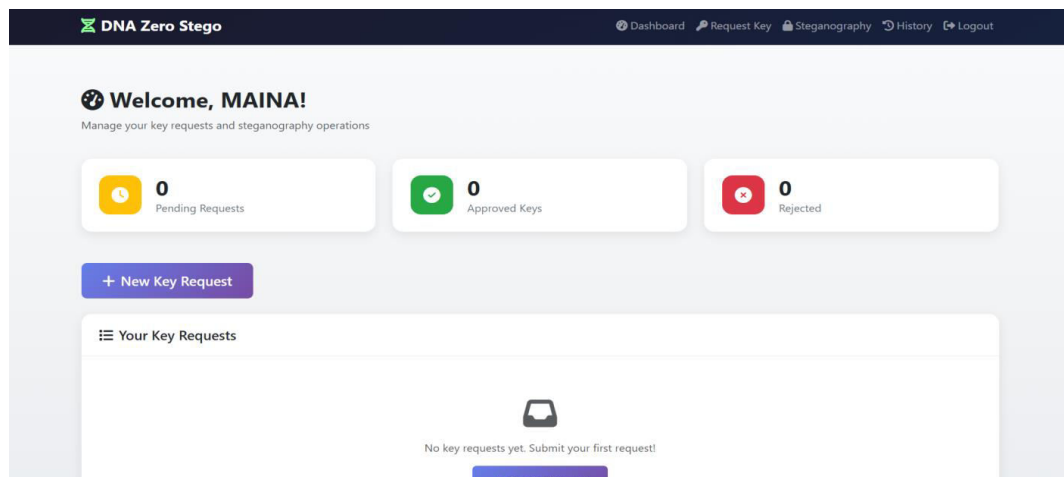
Username
Enter username

Password
Enter password

[Login](#)

Don't have an account? [Register](#)

Fig: Login/ Signup page



DNA Zero Stego [Dashboard](#) [Request Key](#) [Steganography](#) [History](#) [Logout](#)

Welcome, MAINA!
Manage your key requests and steganography operations

0 Pending Requests

0 Approved Keys

0 Rejected

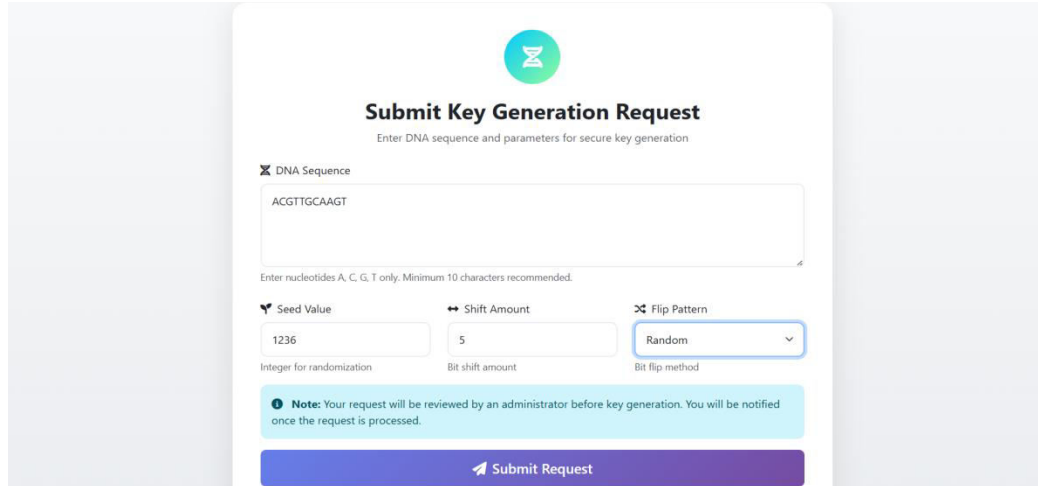
[+ New Key Request](#)

Your Key Requests

No key requests yet. Submit your first request!

[Create Request](#)

Fig: Dashboard Page



Submit Key Generation Request
Enter DNA sequence and parameters for secure key generation

DNA Sequence
ACGTTGCAAGT

Enter nucleotides A, C, G, T only. Minimum 10 characters recommended.

Seed Value
1236
Integer for randomization

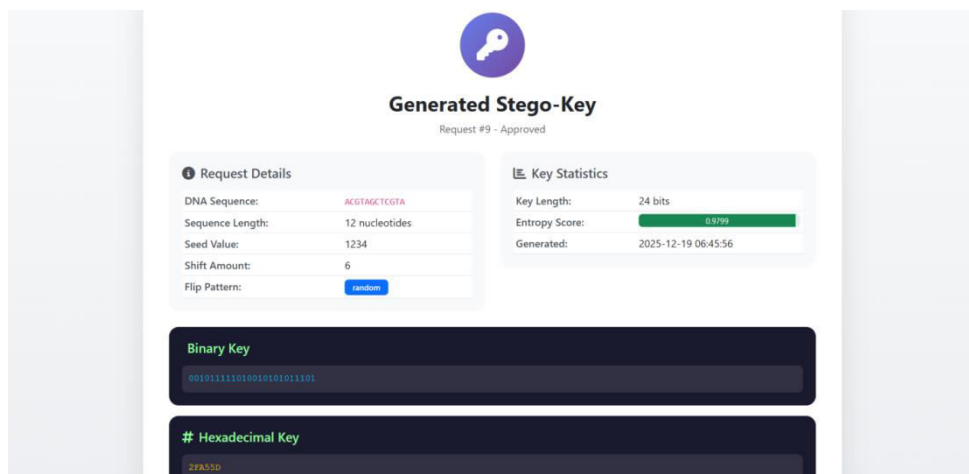
Shift Amount
5
Bit shift amount

Flip Pattern
Random
Bit flip method

Note: Your request will be reviewed by an administrator before key generation. You will be notified once the request is processed.

Submit Request

Fig: Request Page



Generated Stego-Key
Request #9 - Approved

Request Details

DNA Sequence:	ACGTAGCTCGTA
Sequence Length:	12 nucleotides
Seed Value:	1234
Shift Amount:	6
Flip Pattern:	random

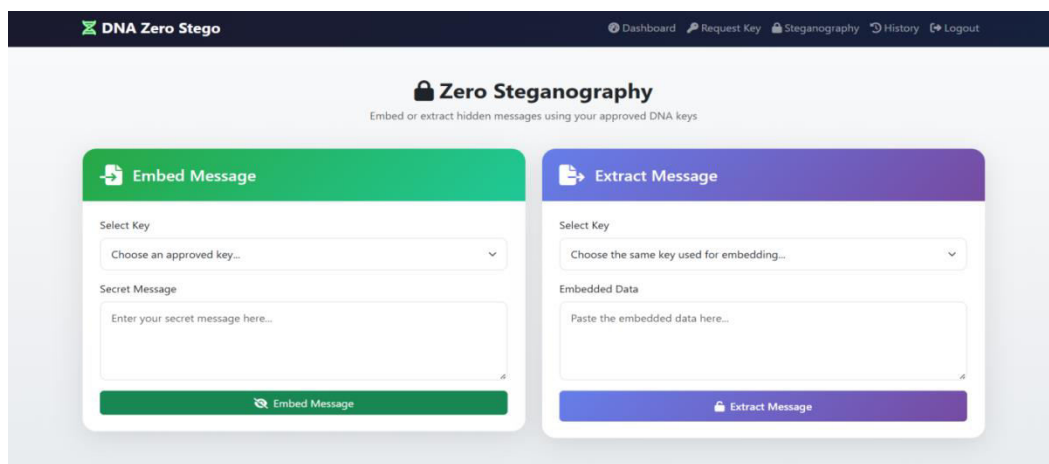
Key Statistics

Key Length:	24 bits
Entropy Score:	0.9799
Generated:	2025-12-19 06:45:56

Binary Key
001011111010010101011101

Hexadecimal Key
2FA5D0

Fig: Generated Key Page



DNA Zero Stego
Dashboard | Request Key | Steganography | History | Logout

Zero Steganography
Embed or extract hidden messages using your approved DNA keys

Embed Message

Select Key
Choose an approved key...

Secret Message
Enter your secret message here...

Embed Message

Extract Message

Select Key
Choose the same key used for embedding...

Embedded Data
Paste the embedded data here...

Extract Message

Fig: Embed and Extract Page

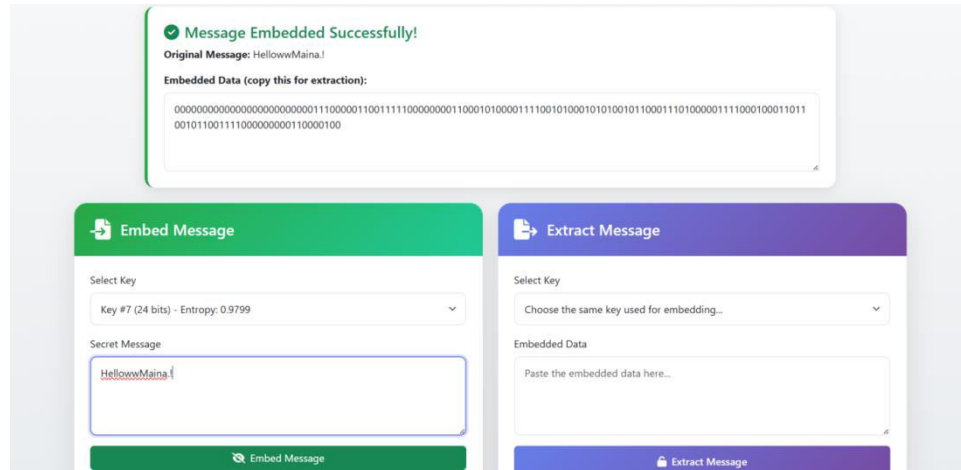


Fig: Message Embedded Page

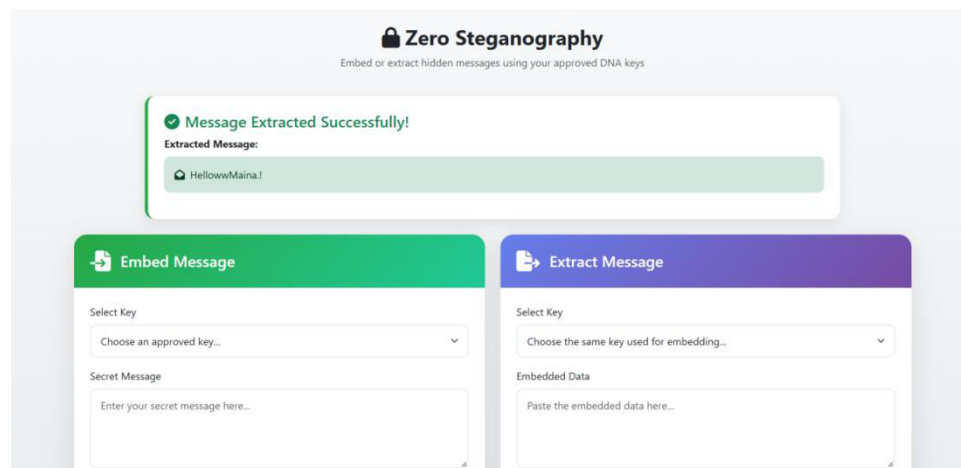


Fig: Message Extracted Page

V. CONCLUSION

A method for generating zero steganography keys using DNA sequences is presented in this paper. The transmission of the cover image and key must be considered in order to prevent the scheme from being compromised. DNA sequences were used to ensure security especially in schemes with a low cracking risk. Additionally the use of DNA simplified the system and reduced its computational requirements. Performance at runtime was also improved. The process also created a powerful avalanche effect. The key generation algorithm is generally safe with respect to its avalanche effect runtime and cracking chance. The stego key generated by this method can be improved by transforming the DNA sequences into an image. Further research will develop a stego-key utilizing additional biological properties of DNA like translation and transcription to further enhance the techniques security. Another option is to consider putting the plan into practice in a system or application. Future Improvements Future enhancements to the DNA-based zero-steganography module could focus on making it more efficient adaptable and compatible with state-of-the-art security frameworks. The system could be extended to accept multi-sequence DNA inputs in order to increase entropy and improve key robustness against cryptanalytic attacks. Optimizing hashing algorithms and preprocessing would reduce latency and enhance the modules suitability for real-time applications.

VI. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

Future improvements to the DNA-based zero-steganography module may concentrate on increasing its effectiveness, flexibility, and compatibility with cutting-edge security frameworks. In order to increase entropy and boost key robustness against cryptanalytic attacks, the system could be expanded to allow multi-sequence DNA inputs. Pre-processing and hashing algorithm optimization would lower latency and improve the module's suitability for real-time applications. Scalability could be enhanced by parallel processing and cloud-based deployment enabling secure communication over large networks and multiuser environments. Usability improvements that would make the systems more accessible to non-technical users include graphical user interfaces and automated parameter selection. Using machine learning to detect anomalies in audit logs and create adaptive keys could further improve security and reliability. For future secure communication systems these enhancements would ensure that the module grows into a more reliable efficient and user-friendly solution.

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