Theory of Programming Languages

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Goals

- To enjoy a simple programming assignment done in a variety of early procedural programming languages.
- To reflect on this experience though a consulting log.
- To facilitate discussions about programming and languages.

Instructions

Develop a set of functions that will allow you to **encrypt** a string using a Caesar cipher. Develop a set of functions that will allow you to **decrypt** a string using a Caesar cipher. Develop a set of functions that will help you to **solve** (break) a Caesar cipher.

Implement all of the above functions for all of the following languages:

Encrypt, Decrypt, Solve in Fortran	[20 points]
Encrypt, Decrypt, Solve in COBOL	[20 points]
Encrypt, Decrypt, Solve in BASIC ¹	[20 points]
Encrypt, Decrypt, Solve in Pascal	[20 points]
Encrypt, Decrypt, Solve in Scala (in a procedural manner)	[20 points]

¹ If you like, you may, with my approval, substitute another early, procedural programming language for BASIC. Just ask me first.

Log and Commentary

[50 points]

Make a prediction about how long you think it will take you to program this assignment. Write it down. Then keep a log of your work, just like you would as a consultant. The format should be similar to the following:

Date Hours Spent Tasks / Accomplishments / Issues / Thoughts

Be thorough and descriptive in your log. Sum the hours spent when you are finished. Note your original prediction on the log. Write a paragraph to explain the discrepancy. (It will likely be huge.)

Finally, and **most importantly**, write a running commentary about your thoughts and experience with each language, including how each language is similar or dissimilar to the others. Tell me your thoughts on each language regarding readability and writability, and what you loved and hated about each. This is, **by far**, my favorite part of this assignment. I look forward to reading your thoughts and comments, so be thoughtful, thorough, amusing, and impress me.

Submitting

Print out your consulting log, commentary, all source code, and output of thorough test runs. Staple it together, and hand it in to me any time **before** the class in which it is due. Remember to include your name in the write-up and in the comments of source code.

Examples

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Examples

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The usage for encrypt and decrypt should be as follows:
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encrypt(str, shiftAmount)
decrypt(str, shiftAmount)

Pascal code fragment:
    var
        x: string;
        y: string;
        x = encrypt("This is a test string from Alan", 8);
        writeln(x);
        y = decrypt(x, 8);
        writeln(y);

example output:
        BPQA QA I BMAB ABZQVO NZWU ITIV
        THIS IS A TEST STRING FROM ALAN
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Things might be easier if you use only capital letters, so consider writing a "toUpper" function so that you can deal with mixed-case input. It's okay if your output is all caps.

The usage for **solve** should be as follows:

```
solve(str, maxShiftValue);
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In Pascal, again:

```
solve("HAL", 26);
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example output:

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Caesar 26: HAL
Caesar 25: GZK
Caesar 24: FYJ
Caesar 23: EXI
Caesar 22: DWH
Caesar 21: CVG
Caesar 20: BUF
Caesar 19: ATE
Caesar 18: ZSD
Caesar 17: YRC
Caesar 16: XQB
Caesar 15: WPA
Caesar 14: VOZ
Caesar 13: UNY
Caesar 12: TMX
Caesar 11: SLW
Caesar 10: RKV
Caesar 9: QJU
Caesar 8: PIT
Caesar 7: OHS
Caesar 6: NGR
Caesar 5: MFQ
Caesar 4: LEP
Caesar 3: KDO
Caesar 2: JCN
Caesar 1: IBM
Caesar 0: HAL
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