Encrypting a message in Python (AES)

To encrypt and decrypt a message in Python, you can use libraries like cryptography that offer robust and easy-to-use encryption methods. Below is a complete example of how to encrypt and decrypt a message using the cryptography library with the AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) algorithm.

First, ensure you have the cryptography library installed. If not, you can install it using:

pip install cryptography

Here’s a Python example for encrypting and decrypting a message using cryptography:

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Explanation of the Code:

1. **Generate a Key**: generate_key() creates a new encryption key using the Fernet.generate_key() method.
2. **Save the Key**: save_key() stores the key in a file for later use.
3. **Load the Key**: load_key() reads the key from a file.
4. **Encrypt a Message**: encrypt_message() takes a plaintext message and encrypts it using the provided key.
5. **Decrypt a Message**: decrypt_message() decrypts the encrypted message using the corresponding key.

In the usage example, a new key is generated and saved to a file named secret.key. This key is then loaded to encrypt and decrypt a test message.