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E-Shopping System using Text Based Steganography and Visual Cryptography

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ABSTRACT: E-commerce is mostly used in whole world and its uses increased day by day. There are so many methods which are available for payment system but it must need to prevent high level of security, speed, privacy. The credit and debit cards security and individual information security are major issues for the customers, merchants and banks specifically in the case of Card not Present (CNP). This paper introduced the methods are Steganography and visual cryptography for payment procedure. Online shopping is the retrieval of product information via the Internet and issue of purchase order through electronic purchase request, filling of credit or debit card information and shipping of product by mail order or home delivery by courier. Identity theft and phishing are the common dangers of online shopping. Identity theft is the stealing of someone's identity in the form of personal information and misuse of that information for making purchase and opening of bank accounts or arranging credit cards. In 2012 consumer information was misused for an average of 48 days as a result of identity theft. Phishing is a criminal mechanism that employs both social engineering and technical subterfuge to steal consumers' personal identity data and financial account credentials. Payment Service, Financial and Retail Service are the most targeted industrial sectors of phishing attacks. Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption prevents the interception of consumer information in transit between the consumer and the online merchant. However, one must still trust merchant and its employees not to use consumer information for their own purchases and not to sell the information to others. In this paper, a new method is proposed, that uses text based Steganography and visual cryptography, which minimizes information sharing between consumer and online merchant but enable successful fund transfer from consumer's account to merchant's account thereby safeguarding consumer information and preventing misuse of information at merchant side. The method proposed is specifically for E-Commerce but can easily be extended for online as well as physical banking.

KEYWORDS: Information security; Steganography; Visual Cryptography; e-shopping

I. INTRODUCTION

Steganography is the art of hiding of a message within another so that hidden message is indistinguishable. The key concept behind Steganography is that message to be transmitted is not detectable to casual eye. Text, image, Video, audio are used as a cover media for hiding data in Steganography. In text Steganography, message can be hidden by shifting word and line, in open spaces, in word sequence. Properties of a sentence such as number of words, number of characters, number of vowels, position of vowels in a word are also used to hide secret message. The advantage of preferring text Steganography over other Steganography techniques is its smaller memory requirement and simpler communication. Visual Cryptography (VC), proposed by Naor et al., is a cryptographic technique based on visual secret sharing used for image encryption. Using k out of n (k, n) visual secret sharing scheme a secret image is encrypted in shares which are meaningless images that can be transmitted or distributed over an untrusted communication channel. Only combining the k shares or more give the original secret image. Online shopping is the retrieval of product information via the Internet and issue of purchase order through electronic purchase request, filling of credit or debit card information and shipping of product by mail order or home delivery by courier. Identity theft and phishing are the common dangers of online shopping. Identity theft is the stealing of someone's identity in the form of personal



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information and misusing that information for making purchase and opening of bank accounts or arranging credit cards. In 2012 consumer information was misused for an average of 48 days as a result of identity theft. Phishing is an illegitimate mechanism that employs both social engineering and technical subterfuge to steal consumers' personal identity data and financial account credentials. Payment Service, Financial and Retail Service are the most focused industrial sectors of phishing attacks. Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption inhibits the interference of consumer information in transit between the consumer and the online merchant. However, one must still trust merchant and its employees not to use consumer information for their own purchases and not to sell the information to others. In this paper, a new method is proposed, that uses text based Steganography and visual cryptography, which minimizes information sharing between consumer and online merchant but enables successful fund transfer from consumer's account to merchant's account thereby safeguarding consumer information and preventing misuse of information at merchant side. E-shopping is used to get back product data by using internet and proceeds to purchase club to completion of electronic purchase requesting, filling of credit/debit card information. Identify theft and phishing are main issues which faced by customer, merchant and bank and these are mainly contained to theft provided information and prevention of security purpose. In this paper, a new method is proposed, that applies the combined use of text based Steganography also, visual cryptography, which represents data managing amongst client and online vendor however empower fruitful asset exchange from client's record.

A. STEGANOGRAPHY –

Steganography is the procedure of hiding a message which can hide by using image; video etc. so original message is unclear. A message can be hidden by creating meaningful sentence which uses number of words, characters and vowels, position of vowels are also used.

B. VISUAL CRYPTOGRAPHY –

In Naor said that visual cryptography is a technique which is based on visual hidden sharing used for image encryption purpose. Visual Cryptography contains every hidden pixels of the original binary image which is converted into four sub pixel of two hidden shared images.

II. OBJECTIVE

1. The system implemented for the payment procedure for e-shopping by combining use of application of Steganography and visual cryptography which maintains the data of customer secure and preventing the misuse of data at merchant's side.
2. This method is implementing for prevention of theft and customer data security.
3. The other banking applications uses Steganography and visual cryptography basically used for personal banking, but this method can be used for the E-Commerce with focus area on payment procedure during e-shopping as well as personal banking.

III. RELATED WORK

A brief survey of related work in the area of banking security based on Steganography and visual cryptography is presented in this section. A customer authentication system using visual cryptography is presented but it is specifically designed for physical banking. A signature based authentication system for core banking is proposed but it also requires physical presence of the customer presenting the share. A combined image based Steganography and visual cryptography authentication system for customer authentication in core banking. A message authentication image algorithm is proposed to protect against e-banking fraud. A biometrics in conjunction with visual cryptography is used as authentication system. Proposed text based Steganography uses characteristics of English language such as inflexion, fixed word order and use of periphrases for hiding data rather than using properties of a sentence. This gives flexibility and freedom from the point view of sentence construction but it increases computational complexity. The Steganography technique is based on Vedic Numeric Code which coding is based on tongue position. For applying the



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Vedic code to English alphabet, frequency of letters in English vocabulary is used as the basis for assigning numbers to the letters in English alphabet. Number assignments of letters are shown in table 1. No separate importance is given for vowels and consonants. Each letter is assigned a number in the range of 0 to 15. For different frequencies, different numbers are assigned to the letters. Number assigned in range $(N+0.99)\%$ to $(N+0.3)\%$ and $(N+0.2)\%$ to $(N+0.01)\%$ is same where N is any integer from 0 to 11. It basically represents frequency of letters in integer form. Above number assignment method is used to maximize no of letters in a particular assigned number group which in turn gives flexibility in word choosing and ultimately results in suitable sentence construction. A brief survey of related work in the area of banking security based on Steganography and visual cryptography is presented in this section. A customer authentication system using visual cryptography is presented in but it is specifically designed for physical banking. A signature based authentication system for core banking is proposed in but it also requires physical presence of the customer presenting [9] the share. Proposes a combined image based Steganography and visual cryptography authentication system for customer authentication in core banking. A message authentication image algorithm is proposed in to protect against e-banking fraud [15]. A biometrics in conjunction with visual cryptography is used as authentication system. No different significance is given for vowels and consonants when contrasted.

Table 1: Number assignment

| LETTER | NUMBER ASSIGNED | LETTER | NUMBER ASSIGMENT |
|--------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
| E | 15 | M | 7 |
| A | 14 | H | 7 |
| R | 13 | G | 6 |
| I | 13 | B | 5 |
| O | 12 | F | 4 |
| T | 11 | Y | 4 |
| N | 11 | W | 3 |
| S | 10 | K | 3 |
| L | 10 | V | 3 |
| C | 9 | X | 2 |
| U | 8 | Z | 2 |
| D | 8 | J | 1 |
| P | 7 | Q | 0 |

This table shows the number assignment table which is useful for to create the meaningful sentence.

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IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM DESIGN

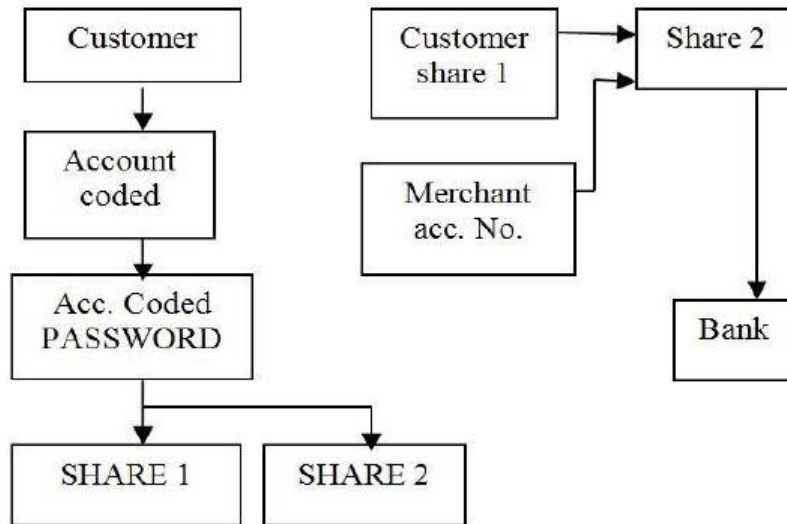


Fig.1. Block Diagram of E-retailing system

During online shopping, customer required the account number and password for payment procedure as shown in fig.1. After providing account number and password, apply text based Steganography on provided password. Password gets in two shares with one share kept by customer and other share kept by certified authority. The certified authority share provided to bank for check to information is right or not. After this process the merchant get new account and password, purchasing the product online.

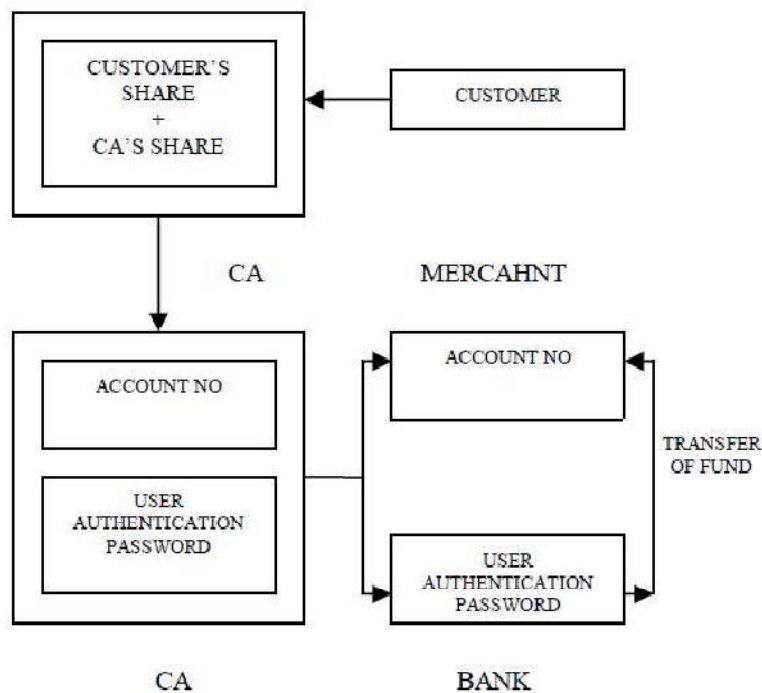


Fig .2. Proposed payment system [2]

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In the proposed framework, the data presented by the client to the online vendor is minimized by giving just least data that will just check the installment made by the said client from its ledger. Introduction achieved by the Central certified authority (CA) uses the combination of Steganography and cryptography along with some information of Person provided by it. The Card Verification Value (CVV) is provided with the card which is used for e-shopping. Fig.2.shows proposed payment system.

1. Encoding Procedure-

Input: text file

Output: secret key image

Steps:

1. Each letter in the message are represented by its equivalent ASCII value and it is secret..
2. ASCII code to equivalent 8 bit binary number conversion.
3. Division of 8 bit binary number into two 4 bit binary.
4. Selection of suitable letters with number assignment according to the table corresponding to the 4 bit parts.
5. Construction of sentence according to letters as first letter as suitable word.
6. using of transformation of sentence produce emit key picture shares and shape in jpeg/bmp structure.

2. Transaction in online shopping –

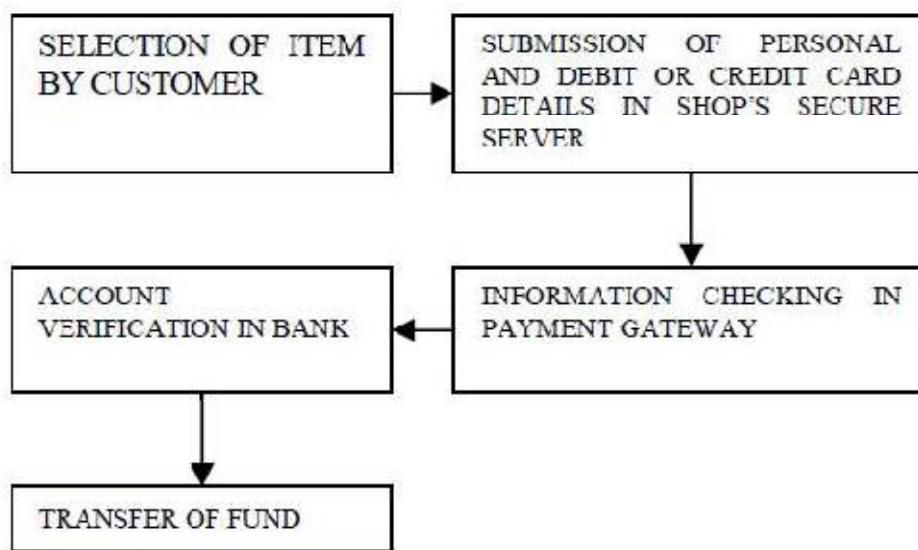


Fig 3. Payment procedure [1]

The payment procedure is given in figure 4. In payment gateway procedure the customer has to submit their credit or debit details like name, card's number which gives on credit card and debit card etc.

A. Customer Authentication: Customer's unique password is provided by the bank which is hidden inside in a covertext by using text based Steganography method. The information like account no of the user is connected with merchant is placed above the cover text in its secret form. Now two shares are obtained and one share is kept by the customer and the other share is kept by certified authority (CA).

B. Certification Authority (CA) Access –

During the time of e-shopping when the selection of particular item is done and it is added, the select payment gateway option of merchant will direct the customer to certified authority (CA) gateway. In gateway, both seller and merchant can submit their shares. Later when their respective shares are received the CA performs a combine operation



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were its own share will be combined with the shopper share to obtain original value of share. Presently CA, send trader accounts subtle elements which is in spread content structure to the bank where client confirmation secret key is recuperated from the spread content shipper account points of interest, spread content are sent to the bank where client verification data is sent to the vendor by CA. After accepting client verification secret word, bank matches it with its own particular database and subsequent to advocating client, exchanges reserve from the client record to the submitted seller's account.

3. Decoding Procedure

Input: two secret key images

Output: original secret key image

Steps:

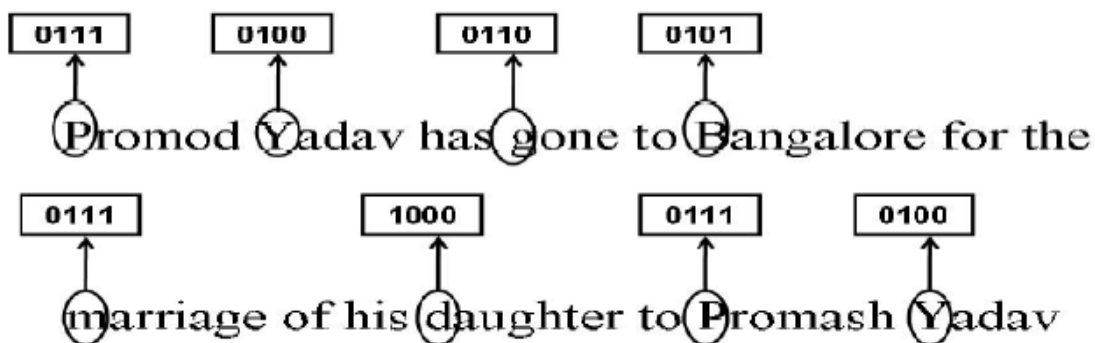
1. First letter is represented by its equivalent 4 bit binary number for each first letter of message.
2. 4 bit binary numbers are combined to get 8 bit binary number.
3. 8 Bit binary numbers are used to get ASCII code values.
4. ASCII code values are used to get secret shares.
5. Finally, Original secret key is obtained.

VI. SIMULATION AND TESTING RESULTS

1. Result

To actualize the above content based Steganography technique, a mystery message is considered. Assume it is "content".

Content = 01110100011001010111100001110100



Customer selects the order and filled the personal information like account no., CVV. Fig.5. shows the payment gateway window.

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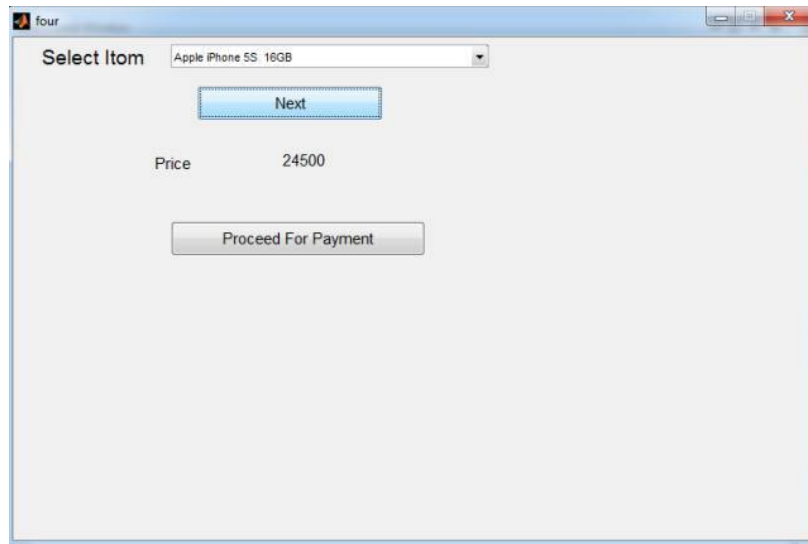


Fig 5. Payment gateway window

When the scheme is executed in MATLAB R2015 version is displayed. The snapshot is taken when first teganography and visual cryptography is used. Fig 5 shows the result of after applying steganography by using GUI.

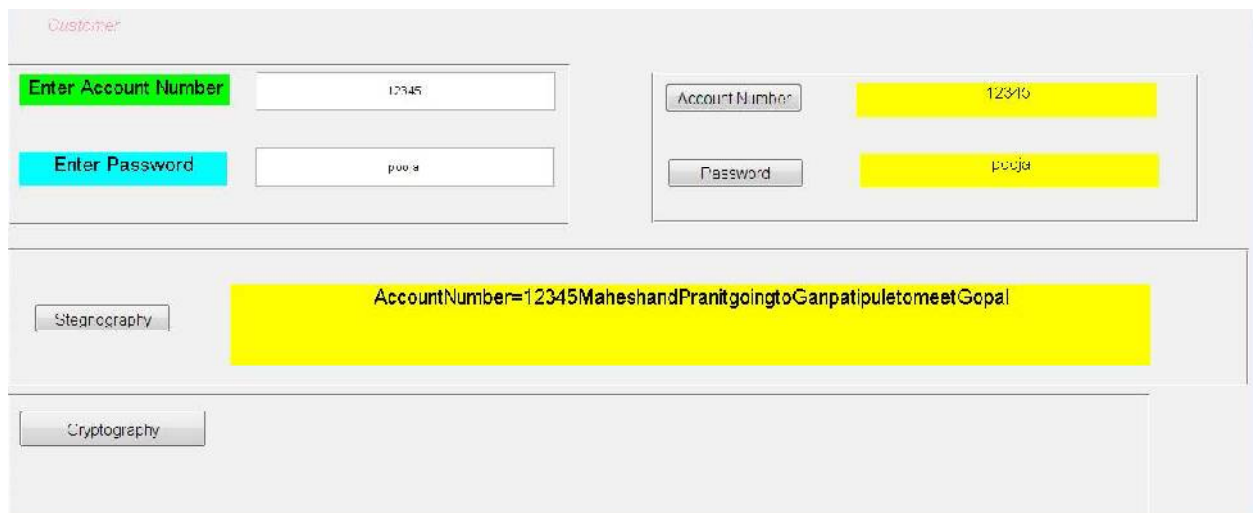


Fig 6.Result of encryption

2. Cases Obtained

Snapshot account no and cover text [1]

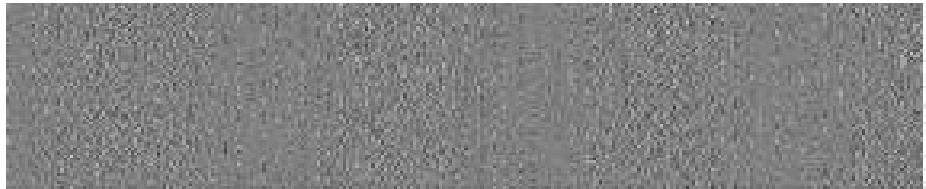
Account No - 12345678910111
Promod Yadav has gone to Bangalore
for the marriage of his daughter to
Promash Yadav.

Share 1 kept by customer [1]

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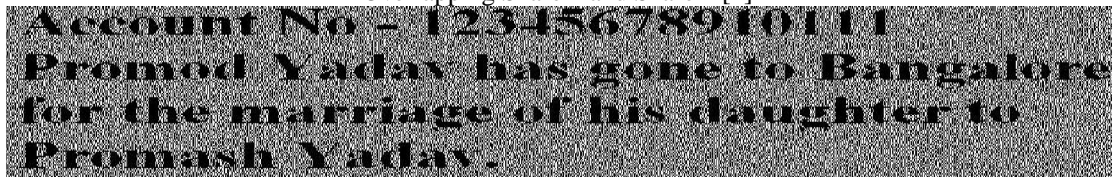
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Share 2 kept by CA [1]



Overlapping Share 1 and Share 2 [1]



The below figure shows the main result which obtained after applying visual cryptography.

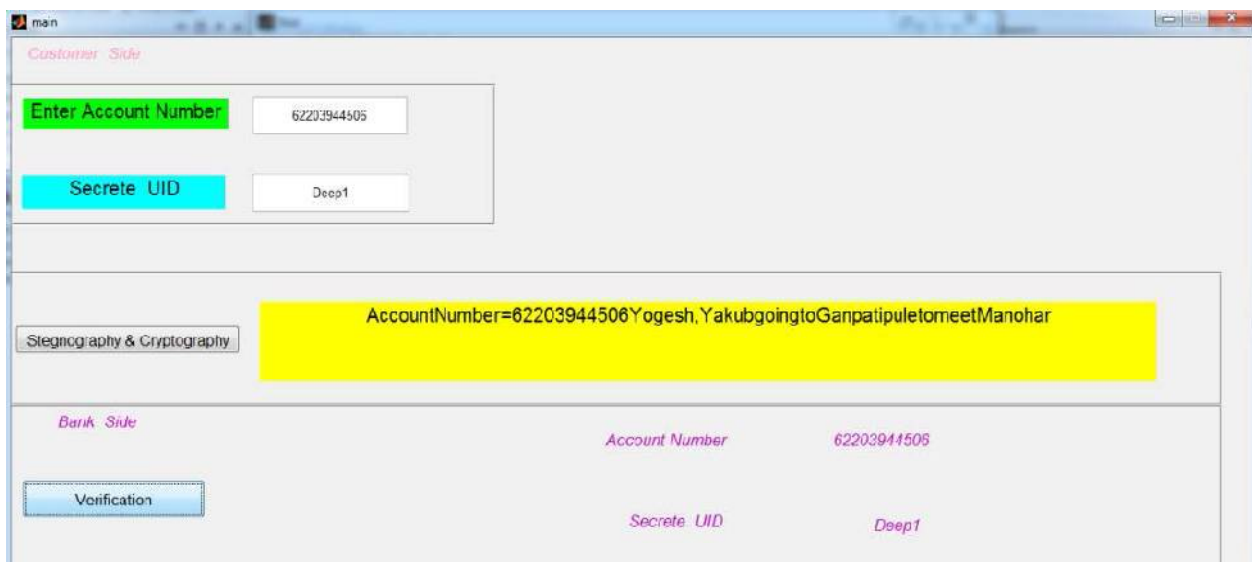


Fig 7.Result shows of decryption

VII. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the system proposed the payment procedure for e-shopping by combining use of application of Steganography and visual cryptography which maintains the data of customer secure and preventing the misuse of data at merchant's side. This method is implementing for prevention of theft and customer data security. The other banking



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