

Questions 1 through 33 form the written portion of the cybersecurity event. It counts for 50% of the event score. The questions will be a mixture of Cryptography and Web Architecture. Questions 34 and 35 form the hands-on cryptography questions. They count for 25% of the event score.

For the hands-on programming portion, go to <a href="https://www.hackerrank.com/bearso-2020-programming-hands-on">https://www.hackerrank.com/bearso-2020-programming-hands-on</a> (https://www.hackerrank.com/bearso-2020-programming-hands-on) and follow the instructions in this document: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U5d6LedWSXWXi48io64GP\_bopN5HOG3xugw2MgXlohs/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U5d6LedWSXWXi48io64GP\_bopN5HOG3xugw2MgXlohs/edit?usp=sharing</a>). That counts for 25% of the event score.

1. (2.00 pts) You've decided to encrypt a message with a substitution cipher. Instead of just scrambling the letters A-Z, you're going to scramble all the printable ASCII characters (of which there are 95), and your key is a random permutation. How many bits of security does your key have?
O A) 26
O B) 95
O C) 125
O D) 259
O E) 491
O F) 9025
○ E) 491

2. (1.00 pts)	Which of the following are hashing algorithms? (You may select zero, one, or multiple.)
(Mark <b>ALL</b> correct	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

□ B) Electronic Codebook
C) Vigenère
D) MD5
□ E) HTTPS
F) Whirlpool
3. (6.00 pts) Consider the following encryption scheme:
Alice and Bob share a random secret password, PASS, that is 500 characters long. For Alice to sent a message M to Bob, she:
1. Divides <b>M</b> into chunks $C_i$ of two characters each
2. Computes $H_i = SHA256(C_i + PASS)$ for each chunk, where + is string concatenation. 3. Alice sends these hashes to Bob, in order.
For Bob to read the message, he:
1. Loops through each hash, $H_i$ , and: 2. tries each possible two-character string $c$ until he finds $H_i=SHA256(c+PASS)$ 3. His final message is the concatenation of all his $c$ 's.
Which of the following are problems with this scheme?
(Mark ALL correct answers)  A) Bob is likely to end up with a different string that what Alice meant to encode.
□ B) A 500 character password is not long enough for this type of scheme.
C) SHA256 is one-way, which means Bob can't find the <i>c</i> 's in any reasonable amount of time.
D) This encryption has no diffusion, and patterns will show up in the output.
☐ E) The encrypted message has many more bits than the original, which would increase their bandwidth usage.
PASS can't actually be random, because computers only use pseudorandom numbers, so attackers could guess it.
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4. (6.00 pts) Which of the following would significantly improve the encryption scheme from the previous question?
(Mark <b>ALL</b> correct answers) $\  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \ $
$\Pi_i = ABS250(O_i, TABS)$ .
$\square$ C) Alice and Bob instead use the function $H_i = SHA256(C_i + PASS + i)$ .
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F) Using a secret <b>PASS</b> that is a multiple of 256 characters, so that it's more compatible with SHA256.
<b>5. (2.00 pts)</b> Which of the following are differences between the XOR operation ⊕, and the addition operation + mod 256?
(Mark ALL correct answers)  A) XOR is its own inverse (idempotent), but addition is not.  B) Addition is associative, but XOR is not.  C) XOR is invertible, addition is not.
D) Addition has diffusion, XOR does not.
<ul> <li>□ E) Computers can do XOR much more quickly than addition.</li> <li>□ F) XOR is more pseudorandom than addition.</li> </ul>

s. (3.00 pts) is the process of creating a new shared secret password, that eavesdroppers will not be able to figure out based on your conversation.
(2.00 pts) Which of the following best describes the use of a <i>certificate</i> in cryptography, in particular for websites?
A) A certificate proves that the content has been encrypted, by the agreed upon protocol. This stops downgrade attacks.
B) A certificate proves that the content is newly generated, with a verifiable timestamp. This stops replay attacks.
C) A certificate provides the necessary information for the client to decrypt the data. Without it, eavesdroppers could read the traffic.
On A certificate is a way for the server to prove they are who they say they are.
E) A certificate proves that the company has been vetted to use good practice in security, by a third-party like Digicert or the US government.
i. (4.00 pts)  A attack is when an attacker has captured the unencrypted and encrypted versions of some messages, and now wants to figure out the secret key.
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attack is when the attacker steals secrets from the server using other information than the normal protocol such as timing, sound, or power usage.
All answers should be two words)
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## 13. (9.00 pts)

Consider the following encrypt function, written in pseudocode. Identify three flaws with this system. Each flaw will get you three points. You can assume that this key is used only for this one message, i.e. you don't need to worry about key reuse.

NOTE: You will use this same code again in the Hands-On portion, with a different question. You will be given a copy of the code again. This might be relevant if you're deciding whether or not to attempt this problem.

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import numpy
import random
#Get a random matrix, given a random number generator and a size.
#Fills it with random integers mod "modulo".
def Get_Random_Matrix(rand, modulo, size):
        mat = numpy.zeros((size,size))
        for i in range(size):
               for j in range(size):
                        mat[i,j] = numpy.floor(rand.random() * modulo)
        return mat
\# Encrypt a message given the key.
#Requirement: "message" is an array of bytes, with length a multiple of 4.
def encrypt(message, key):
        \mbox{\em #The number of rows and columns in the matrix}
        random.seed(key)
        output = []
        #Loop through every 4 bytes
        for block in range(0,len(message),n):
                matrix = Get_Random_Matrix(random, 256, n)
                vector = message[block : block+n]
                #This is matrix multiplication, mod 256
                vector = numpy.dot( matrix, vector ) % 256
                output += list(vector)
        return output
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14. (2.00 pts)  Diffie-Hellman is often carried out using exponentiation of integers, but this has some people concerned that it could be broken using advanced number theory. So instead, some
people use Diffie-Hellman based on a collection of points, and "adding" those points together. What is this set of points called?
15. (4.00 pts)
"Post-quantum" cryptography refers to cryptographic protocols developed to address the rise of quantum computers. However, very few people use these protocols yet. What are the
main reasons for their lack of adoption?
(Mark ALL correct answers)
A) Physicists don't understand the laws of quantum mechanics well enough to know if the algorithms work.
B) The protocols are several times slower than traditional protocols like RSA.
C) Most people don't have a quantum computer yet, so they can't even run the algorithms!
D) These algorithms are new, so they haven't been studied for as long, so people don't trust them yet.
□ E) It takes a lot of work to upgrade these protocols that are core to the internet, and get everyone to switch over.
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F) The US Military issues export restrictions on cryptographic algorithms, which mean you can't use the new protocols outside of the US.
<b>16. (1.00 pts)</b> Which numbers would you likely find in an RSA private key, but not in a public key?
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(Mark ALL correct answers)
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19. (2.00 pts) Identify all valid HTTP request verbs in the list below.
(Mark ALL correct answers)  A) PUT
□ B) SEARCH
□ C) TRACE
□ D) OPTIONS
□ E) PATCH
□ F) LISTEN
20. (1.00 pts) Internet standards, which describe how internet-related processes should operate are documented by
○ A) Request For Comments
○ B) Transmission Control Protocol
C) Internet Protocol
D) Hypertext Transfer Protocol
C D) Typerion Thirties Thomas
21. (2.00 pts) An attacker is testing a website and tries the request
http://somewebsite.com/?file=///etc/passwd
What vulnerability is the attacker looking for?
What vullerability is the attacker looking for :
O A) XML External Entities
O B) Local File Inclusion
C) Cross-site Scripting
Op) SQL Injection
22. (2.00 pts) In the list below, identify both the character placed as a marker before a list of query parameters and the character that separates query parameters in a URL.
(Mark ALL correct answers)
□ A) #
□ B) &
$\Box$ c):
□ D) ?
□ E) %
□ F) \$
23. (2.00 pts) A cookie with the attribute is not accessible by JavaScript.
○ A) HttpOnly
○ B) Secure
○ C) Max-Age
O D) Domain
24. (1.00 pts) The header of an HTTP request allows a server to identify information such as the application and operating system a request was made from.

25. (1.00 pts)  CTF websites are infamous for overloading in the first hour of the event. In this case, you might encounter errors of the formxx while desperately refreshing the page.	
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27. (1.00 pts) What cookie attribute differentiates session cookies and persistent cookies? Enter either its exact name or a description of it.	
28. (3.00 pts) What is the purpose of a webpage's robots.txt file?	
29. (3.00 pts) Explain the difference between reflected and persistent cross-site scripting attacks.	

30. (3.00 pts)	Consider this JavaScript function.	

```
function f(s) {
  var res = "";
  for (i = 0; i < s.length; i++) {
    if (s[i] >= 'a' && s[i] <= 'z') {
      res += s[i].toUpperCase();
    } else if (s[i] >= 'A' && s[i] <= 'Z') {
      res += s.charCodeAt(i) - 'A'.charCodeAt();
    } else {
    res += s[i];
    }
  }
  return "bearso{" + res + "}";
}</pre>
```

What does f ("bDErF\_FA\_FcEry") return?

## 31. (8.00 pts)

Consider an application with this snippet of code:

```
req = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='" + username + "' AND password='BEARSO'" sqlserver.execute(req) # This line of code sends the string req to an SQL server as a request.
```

- a. (1 point) This app is vulnerable to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_
- b. (3 points) To retrieve all elements of the table users what should the value of the variable username be?
- c. (4 points) If an attacker wanted to steal data from another table, let's say pocky-flavors, what should the value of the variable username be? (assume the pocky-flavors table has the same dimensions as users as to not trigger an error).

Please add a., b., and c., before each answer in your response.

**32. (6.00 pts)** Consider an application with this snippet of code:

```
if ($_POST["secret"] == $SUPERSECRET) {
   admin_login();
} else {
   get_mad();
}
```

- a. (1 point) An attacker can exploit \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the conditional of the if statement to gain access to admin\_login().
- b. (2 points) A value of secret that an attacker could supply is \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Assume \$SUPERSECRET is a string.)
- c. (3 points) Changing the program by one character to this program could fix its vulnerability. What should the programmer do?

Please add a., b., and c., before each answer in your response.

33. (3.00 pts) This HTTP Request is missing a header. Determine which one it is, and fill out the line with both the header and its appropriate value.

```
POST /cookiejar.php HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE5.01; Windows NT)
Host: www.bearsobakery.com
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: Keep-Alive

order=chocolatechip
```

# Cryptography Hands-On Portion

#### 34. (24.00 pts)

Consider the following encrypt function, written in Python. It is identical to the system you saw in the Written portion. All blocks are available for copy-paste at https://pastebin.com/raw/BsUzPmdX (https://pastebin.com/raw/BsUzPmdX).

```
import numpy
import random
#Get a random matrix, given a random number generator and a size.
#Fills it with random integers mod "modulo".
def Get_Random_Matrix(rand, modulo, size):
        mat = numpy.zeros((size,size))
        for i in range(size):
                for j in range(size):
                        mat[i,j] = numpy.floor(rand.random() * modulo)
        return mat
#Encrypt a message given the key.
#Requirement: "message" is an array of bytes, with length a multiple of 4.
def encrypt(message, key):
        #The number of rows and columns in the matrix
        random.seed(key)
        #Loop through every 4 bytes
        for block in range(0,len(message),n):
                matrix = Get_Random_Matrix(random, 256, n)
                vector = message[block : block+n]
                #This is matrix multiplication, mod 256
                vector = numpy.dot( matrix, vector ) % 256
                output += list(vector)
        return output
```

Someone has used the *encrypt* function in the previous question to encrypt 8 bytes. Their secret key is the integer 28. The output (the ciphertext) is the array [5.0, 5.0, 43.0, 123.0, 68.0, 246.0, 201.0, 35.0]. Implement a decrypt function, to figure out: What are the first two numbers of the input (the plaintext)? You may wish to use the following code, for computing matrix inverses modulo p.

```
from numpy import matrix
from numpy import linalg
def modMatInv(A,p):
                             # Finds the inverse of matrix A mod p
  n=len(A)
  A=matrix(A)
  adj=numpy.zeros(shape=(n,n))
  for i in range(0,n):
    for j in range(0,n):
      \label{eq:adj[i][j]=((-1)**(i+j)*int(round(linalg.det(minor(A,j,i)))))%p} adj[i][j]=((-1)**(i+j)*int(round(linalg.det(minor(A,j,i)))))%p
  return \ (modInv(int(round(linalg.det(A))),p)*adj)\%p
def modInv(a,p):
                             # Finds the inverse of a mod p, if it exists
  for i in range(1,p):
    if (i*a)%p==1:
       return i
  raise ValueError(str(a)+" has no inverse mod "+str(p))
                      # Return matrix A with the ith row and jth column deleted
  A=numpy.array(A)
  \label{eq:minor} \verb|minor=numpy.zeros(shape=(len(A)-1,len(A)-1))| \\
  for s in range(0,len(minor)):
    if p==i:
      p=p+1
    q=0
    for t in range(0,len(minor)):
      if q==j:
        q=q+1
      minor[s][t]=A[p][q]
      q=q+1
    p=p+1
  return minor
```

You may wish to use https://repl.it/languages/python (https://repl.it/languages/python) or https://repl.it/languages/python3 (https://repl.it/languages/python3), they will have all the packages you need.

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### 35. (24.00 pts)

We've been intercepting transmissions from aliens for a while, and they use a special language with only ten characters: ACEFLMOPXY. By taking large samples, we have their digraph frequencies -- the frequency of every pair of letters when in this language. The matrix of frequencies is:

1743254e-03, 2.95467253e-04, 1.40289673e-03, 7.20653007e-06,	
1.85226513e-02, 3.79145035e-03, 3.03941946e-04, 1.31030842e-03,	
2.08116563e-02, 4.08118653e-03],	
[5.86397974e-03, 5.00155945e-03, 1.76121250e-02, 2.49812154e-02,	
1.01608926e-03, 6.77517525e-04, 2.10792531e-02, 2.12760389e-03,	
6.94094301e-04, 2.74646235e-02],	
[1.30648789e-03, 4.30724718e-04, 1.81207876e-03, 4.00819280e-05,	
7.62017704e-03, 3.40079355e-03, 1.97508670e-02, 1.93630388e-02,	
2.13334334e-02, 8.90379568e-03],	
[6.03752785e-03, 6.79558987e-04, 5.78578167e-04, 1.89196884e-02,	
3.90869323e-02, 1.34144667e-06, 5.46029978e-05, 3.43034643e-02,	
1.57870130e-03, 4.48519966e-07],	
[1.08794700e-02, 5.48098533e-02, 6.69358702e-03, 1.74655811e-05,	
1.69510857e-06, 2.04915851e-02, 2.01802310e-04, 4.80953473e-02,	
5.05292049e-03, 1.95240540e-02],	
[6.32580292e-03, 2.71218352e-02, 2.67347435e-02, 3.00882655e-05,	
2.87534777e-04, 4.66718544e-05, 1.45967595e-02, 6.16627671e-04,	
5.45688335e-05, 1.27962918e-03],	
[1.33773698e-03, 1.47335003e-03, 1.02548815e-02, 3.98417829e-03,	
1.46758075e-02, 5.70272782e-04, 1.62947773e-03, 2.90758251e-02,	
8.14832182e-04, 1.91533197e-02],	
[1.86562469e-02, 3.37085700e-03, 9.25444336e-04, 3.81832477e-02,	
5.12699314e-02, 8.12671061e-03, 5.91072348e-04, 8.49518905e-04,	
1.74208748e-05, 1.37923656e-02],	
[2.84182925e-05, 1.14994712e-02, 5.69087979e-04, 5.01564480e-03,	
1.53687521e-04, 1.85763624e-02, 1.23625437e-02, 1.18727534e-05,	
1.13290886e-02, 1.64661646e-02],	
[9.10948547e-05, 1.83538397e-03, 1.73780557e-02, 1.00620275e-02,	
3.31332740e-02, 2.14115561e-02, 1.23993612e-02, 2.92084602e-05,	
1.43256257e-02, 6.74294919e-03]]	

You can also view these numbers at https://pastebin.com/raw/BsUzPmdX (https://pastebin.com/raw/0VnPNbcc). This could be useful if you need to copy-paste the text and cannot copy-paste from the browser.

Recently they started using a substitution cipher. We need you to match the character frequencies to decode this block of text. It's alien, so don't expect it to make much sense in English...

ofpmaafcfcpoxyaofmfpoffmlcyaaaelxxxclycyaomelpofpoelelclclxlcooxlcoxxlcoofxlyclcfcpefcyaaaomefxcpoxlxlxcoemlcfcofpomfpelfaelclfpmmelxxcpoelcyaecelcyaefeta lfafemfmafclpmaefaaefecomaeclpofafpelfelcomecoefpmefclclxlyafcfclcfcoelyaofclxcyaapefmafmpelemlyfmlyaooefcoxlcpefclcoxcpoxlxyafecfaemcmaexcaoxlclfapoecoel pmelcfclxlxxcfpmclclxxcyapoxlxcaoxlfpmefcfcaefmapofpmyclcfpmefcoxcpoefcomemlclclpoxxlclyappoeclmafcomlclcoxoecpeycpoyaelcoefcpypmfcffmefapmlpmemclxyaoxlcl comclcyycpofafcypymmeloecofapmcfmafxlfclyafpoxlcmelcaefpomlxlxlyaofpmcaaopofcoelxlfmemfcycoxxcoelclxlcpcmelcomffcycpoeclfpomapmcoxcpolxlcpmefpoefmlcyyapoya ofmaaafxcoyclyaxcoeclypycoelfaapelcoxyfaaelyaofclfpoeclclxlpycoemlxlclfcpoemelfclfpelymfxxxlxlxlcfeffcoxcpoelxcmeclelfcpocoefclyapmaexyapmemlxcolcpefelcly apoyapmfapofcllxlcomfmeapmexlffxxmafefclxlcpelxcpofpefpmfpooxaoelxxcmlcmcoelcoemecoxcoxyapyyapefclxlxclxlxxlcomecfpmeclxxcfpmafpoemeclcpmaexcoefeyafcfcyafelyaelclclxlclxcapoelfmfpexxlxlpoxlxxxxxcfxcoxcoxxclycfafaapefapomafpypmcomlp

Once you've decrypted it, please encrypt the words "EPOXY FLAME FLEECE" and submit these as your answers.

You're done with the test!