

SADS 2019 Problem Sheet #5

Problem 5.1: *Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)*

(2+1 = 3 points)

- a) Write down the sum of your matriculation number and 348641573.
- b) What is the purpose of a PGP revocation certificate?

Problem 5.2: *X.509 Certificates*

(1+1+1+1+1 = 5 points)

The `openssl` command can be used to create and manipulate X.509 certificates.

- a) Write instruction on how to generate a RSA public/private key pair. What key size did you use? Extract the public key into a separate file.
- b) Write instruction on how to generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) for the RSA public/private key pair created in the previous step. Use the appropriate `openssl` to show the content of the CSR you have generated.
- c) In order to sign certificates, you need to setup a Certificate Authority (CA). Explain the process to create a CA. Hint: Take a look at the Debian/Ubuntu Perl script `/usr/lib/ssl/misc/CA.pl` and its `-newca` option.
- d) Write instruction on how to sign a CSR with your CA.
- e) Create an X.509 certificate and a CA. Get your certificate signed by one of your classmates and help your classmates by signing their X.509 certificates. Upload your certificate to Moodle.

Problem 5.3: *Certificate Validation*

(1+1 = 2 points)

- a) Inspect the certificate presented by the web site <https://cnds.jacobs-university.de>. What is the validity period of the certificate? What is the validity of the certificates in the certificate chain?
- b) The Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) can be used to test the revocation status of a certificate. In order to make the validation check efficient, TLS servers can use OCSP stapling. Briefly explain how OCSP stapling works.
Do the sites <https://cnds.jacobs-university.de> and <https://beadg.de> support OCSP stapling? Explain how this can be determined.