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Final Exam Review

Short Answer

- MITM vs Eavesdropper
 - Active vs passive attacker
 - MITM attacks against non-authenticated protocols like Diffie-Hellman
 - Passive eavesdroppers are hard to detect
- Principle of Least Privilege
 - Every entity only has the permissions necessary to complete its task
 - Reduced damage if a user account or program is compromised

Short Answer

- DEP (Data execution prevention)
 - Cannot execute code on the stack
 - Prevents an attacker from executing instructions placed on the stack
- Salting Passwords
 - Identical passwords will have different salted hashes
 - A rainbow table attack would need to take the salt into account

Cross-site request forgery

- What is it?
 - Sending unauthorized commands on behalf of a user
- What can it do?
 - Could be used to transfer funds out of a bank account
- What can we do?
 - Include a randomly generated token with each request
 - Properly defend against cross-site scripting

ARP Spoofing

- What is it?
 - An attacker sends an ARP reply to associate his MAC address with another resource
- What can it do?
 - An attacker could man-in-the-middle your connection
- What can we do?
 - Static ARP entries

Hash Collisions

- What is it?
 - When two different pieces of data have the same hash value
- What can it do?
 - Remember part 2 of project 1?
- What can we do?
 - Use better hash functions like SHA-256 or SHA-3

Cold-boot Attack

- What is it?
 - Resetting a computer and immediately dumping the contents of memory
- What can it do?
 - Steal encryption keys that were stored in memory
- What can we do?
 - Limit the amount of time keys are stored as plaintext in memory

Picture-in-Picture Attack

- What is it?
 - Displaying a fake browser window in a real window
- What can it do?
 - Steal a user's password
- What can we do?
 - Include a unique icon or image in your browser

Control Hijacking

```
/* Break me please */  
int funky(char *str) {  
    char buf[100];  
    unsigned short len = strlen(str);  
    if (len >= 100) {  
        return -1;  
    }  
    strncpy(buf, str, strlen(str);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Exploit?

SQL Injection

```
$username = $_POST[user];  
$password = $_POST[pass];  
$sql = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE name = '$username' AND password = '$password'";  
$rs = mysql_query($sql);  
if (mysql_num_rows($rs) > 0) {  
    // Success  
}
```

- Can an input cause the (AND...) to be ignored?
- add \ before characters (',",\,null) what can be done?
- Prepared statements prevent data from becoming part of the SQL query

```
INSERT INTO PRODUCT (name, price) VALUES (?, ?)
```

Electronic Voting

- Goals of Electronic Voting
 - Confidentiality
 - Authentication
 - Integrity
- Scenario 1
 - How can the voter's identity be leaked?
 - Who verifies the voter's identity?
- Scenario 2
 - Is confidentiality preserved?
 - Authenticity of votes?

Questions?