



MIDTERM EXAM (Time: 60 minutes)

Your name (First Last):

Question 1 (38 pts, 2 pt each space) Fill in each of the underlined empty spaces with one word, a short phrase, or some number(s).

- The main weakness in substitution ciphers is each letter in C... corresponds to only one letter in P.....
- The key space (i.e. number of possible keys) in a shift cipher (i.e. Caesar Cipher) to encrypt English language plain text is 25.
- In stream ciphers where the keystream generator produces keystream $[K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n]$ to encrypt plaintext $[P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n]$, the ciphertext will be $C_i = \underline{P_i \oplus K_i}$.
- Among the 3 encryption modes (ECB, CBC & CTR) for block ciphers, CBC, CTR offer(s) randomized encryption, ECB, CTR can use parallelism to speed up encryption. (List all that apply in both spaces.)
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- In the RSA encryption algorithm, the public encryption key is (n, e) , and the private decryption key is d , where n is the product of two large prime numbers. To encrypt a message M , one computes the ciphertext $C = M^e \bmod n$. To decrypt C , one computes $C^d \bmod n$. Knowing $n = pq$, the decryption key d can be computed from p, q, e by solving $ed = 1 \bmod [(p-1)(q-1)]$.

- In the Diffie-Hellman protocol, Alice and Bob want to agree on a shared secret. They have two public numbers; a generator g and a large prime number p . Alice chooses (a) at random and sends $g^a \bmod p$ to Bob, and Bob chooses (b) at random and sends $g^b \bmod p$ to Alice, the shared secret is $g^{ab} \bmod p$.

- Concepts in access control include subjects, objects, and principals. In UNIX system, subjects are manifested as Process, objects as File, and principals as User.
- In current UNIX, the owner of a file can change the permission bits of the file, and the root can change the owner.
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Question 2 True/False Questions (20 pts, 2 pts each) Circle yes or no.

yes / ☒ no Encryption keys need to always be kept secret to maintain the security of a cryptosystem.

☒ yes / no The substitution cipher is insecure even in a ciphertext only attack.

yes / ☒ no The main vulnerability is the substitution cipher is that their key space is too small.

☒ yes / no A Pseudo Random Number Generator is actually a deterministic function such that the same input (seed) will always result in the same output stream.

yes / ☒ no Hash functions provide integrity of communicated information.

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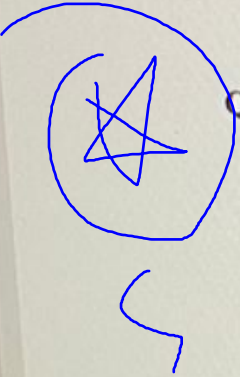
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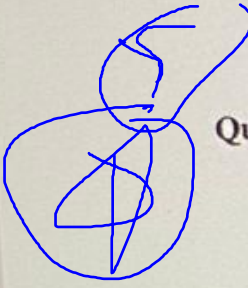
yes/no Password salting passwords increases the difficulty to launch a dictionary attack against a single password.

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yes/no Using "input validation" to reduce applications vulnerabilities, it is better to *blacklist* what is not allowed than *whitelisting* what is allowed.

 **Question 3: Fill in empty cells (9 pts)** For each empty cell in the table below, answer whether the defense mechanism listed in the column help defend against the kind of attack in the row. Just write **yes** or **no** in each cell.

	<i>Non-executable Stack</i>
<i>Basic buffer-overflow with shell code on stack</i>	yes
<i>Return to libc</i>	no
<i>Overflow function pointers in current stack frame to point to the system library function</i>	no

 Question 3 (2 pts) Order each of the following in ascending order (smaller first).

(2 pts) Order the following classical ciphers with respect to the size key space (i.e. number of possible keys).

1. Substitution cipher. 26^1
2. Vigenere cipher (with key length = 10) $(26)^{10}$

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Question 4 (6 pts) Circle the most correct answer of each of the following statements [only choose one].

- Because of birthday attacks the length of hash function outputs should _____ the key length of block ciphers to achieve equivalent security:

1. be the same as.
2. half of.
3. double.
4. triple.

- Message Authentication Codes (MACs) mainly provide us with _____.

1. Data Integrity
2. Data Encrytion
3. Data Origin Authentication
4. Data Avaialbility

**Question 4: Choice Questions (10 pts)**

For the following types of malwares, identify the numbers corresponding to their definitions from the list below them:

- rootkit: (5)
- botnet: (4)
- ransomware: (3)
- worm: (1)
- spyware: (2)

The list below gives definitions of some malware types.

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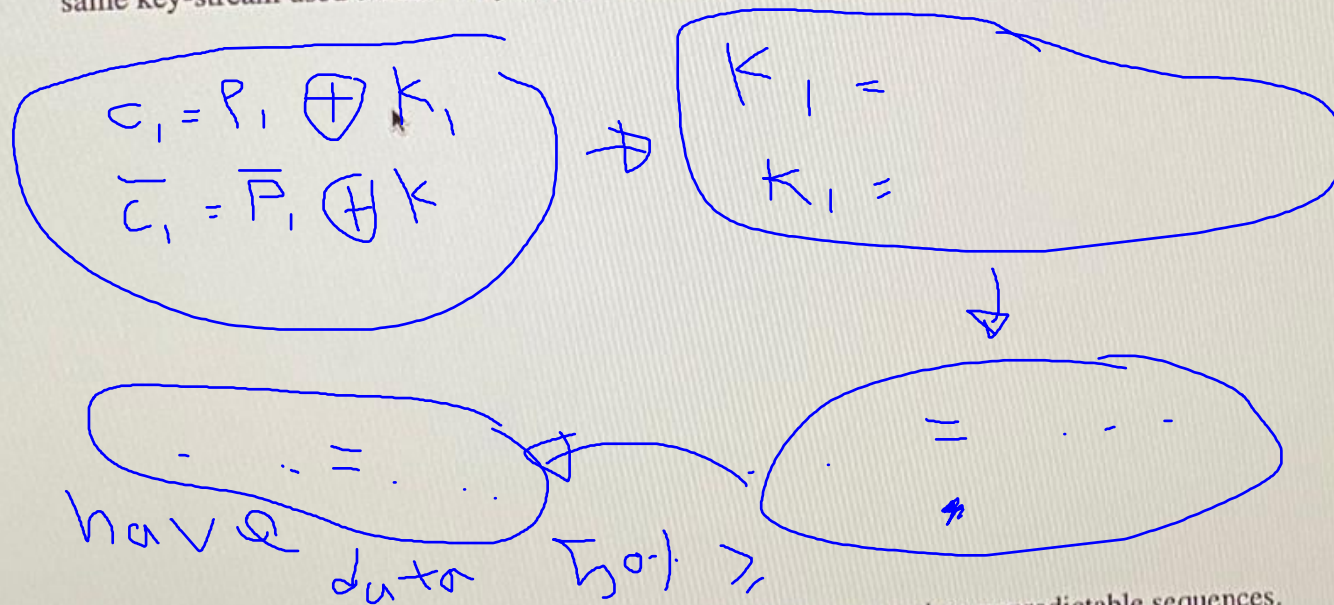
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4. A collection of compromised machines under a central command and control center
5. Malware that actively hide its presence from administrators by subverting standard operating system functionality or other applications
6. Malware that use fake warnings to scare users into paying for products.



Question 5: Short Answer Questions (17 pts)

(5 pts) Stream ciphers create a key-stream from a small fixed key. Are stream ciphers secure if the same key-stream used twice? Why (write the encryption formulas)

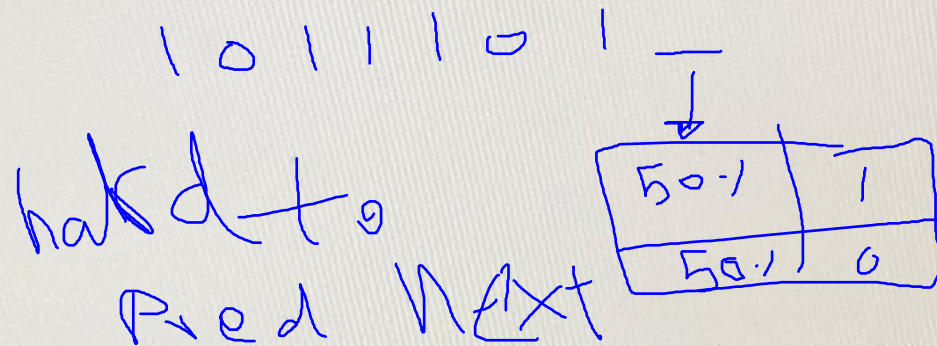


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the users may not remember this password , so they will write it in sticky note or notes app in phone .
and that will allow the attackers to find these passwords easily

(4 pts) Explain an attack one can perform by changing the IFS environment variable.

IFS :

add 's'

so the System(ls) will be System(l)
and add function l to the directory

Good luck :-)