# Pages on SecuRity by Ruxandra F. Olimid

#### Kerckhoffs's principle

#### Only keep hidden the key.

(e.g., make the construction, and constants public)

#### Principle of (key) separation

# Use different keys for different contexts, compartmentalize.

(e.g., minimise the damage of a leak)

#### Principle of diversity

# Use different types of ... cryptographic algorithms.

(e.g., avoid same attacks against all)

#### Principle of simplicity

#### Keep everything simple.

(e.g., unnecessary complexity brings in risks)

#### Security by default

### Keep default configuration as secure as possible.

(e.g., deny access by default)

### Ethics!

#### Principle of minimal trust

### Minimise the number of trusted entities, don't trust easily.

(e.g., do not say your secret to everyone)

#### Principle of the weakest link

A system cannot be more secure than its weaker component (link).

(e.g., secure all components)

#### Principle of least privilege

Grant the exact privileges required to perform the job.

(e.g., do not grand less or more privileges)

#### Security by design

#### Build in security from start.

(e.g., integrate security in the design and all the phases of the system )

### Principle of modularization

#### Keep things modular.

(e.g., easily change one cipher with another)

#### Defence in depth

### Use diverse security strategies at different layers.

(e.g., use physical and technical security)

#### Security by obscurity (?)

Oblivious Transfer, Obfuscation, Covert Channels, ..., Kleptography, Standardisation ...

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