

# Definitions

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Thing	Definition
<b>Vulnerability</b>	A flaw or weakness in a system's design, implementation or operation that could result in a security breach or a violation of the system's security policy
<b>Threat</b>	A potential for violation of security, which exists when there is a circumstance, capability, action, or event that could breach security and cause harm
<b>Attack</b>	An assault on system security that derives from an intelligent threat.
<b>Risk</b>	Probability that a particular threat will exploit a vulnerability
<b>Non-repudiation</b>	Service can't deny a message was sent or received
<b>Security Mechanisms</b>	A mechanism that is designed to detect, prevent, or recover from a security attack (Encryption, digital signatures, access controls, data integrity,.. etc)
<b>Fabrication</b>	Attack on authenticity
<b>Distributed consensus protocol</b>	There are n nodes that each have an input value. Some of these nodes are faulty or malicious
<b>Sybil attack</b>	Sybils are just copies of nodes that can be controlled by an adversary
<b>deterministic</b>	repetitions in message may show in ciphertext, using brute force works on this
<b>non-malleable</b>	A cryptosystem where an attacker cannot modify a ciphertext in a way that produces a predictable change in the corresponding plaintext.
<b>Certificate Revocation List (CRL)</b>	a list of the serial numbers of all the certificates revoked by a particular CA, signed by the CA concerned