Foundations of Cybersecurity Exercise Sheet 8 Singapore University of Technology and Design November 1, 2017



- There can be multiple acceptable answers. Justify carefully your reasoning.
- Go to the point, avoid copying verbatim definitions from the slides or the book.
- Show the solutions of classwork (groups of max 3 persons) to an instructor before the end of the class.
- Submit your homework solutions (groups of max 2) to eDimension by the deadline below.

Classwork due on Wednesday November 1, 10:00 PM

Question 1

Design and implement a secure channel. Use the following interface: class Peer(object): def __init__(self, key): . . . def send(self, msg): ... # protect the message return protected_msg # type of protected_msg is 'str' def receive(self, protected_msg): ... # verify the message and print errors if any print msg # successfuly recovered plaintext # Example alice = Peer("very secret key!") bob = Peer("very secret key!") msg1 = alice.send("Msg from alice to bob") bob.receive(msg1) msg2 = alice.send("Another msg from alice to bob") bob.receive(msg2) msg3 = bob.send("Hello alice") alice.receive(msg3)

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Question 1

For your platform, language, and cryptography library of choice, summarize how the cryptographic PRNG works internally. Consider issues including (but not limited) to the following: how the entropy is collected, how reseeding occurs, and how the PRNG handles reboots,... .

Question 2

Modify your design for the secure channel in this chapter to use a dedicated, single-key mode for providing both encryption and authentication (e.g., GCM, OCB, CCM, or CWC). Compare and report efficiency of these two implementations.