

## CMSC 626 Principles of Computer Security

### Project

#### Exercise 3

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a. Team Information:

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c. nc -l 12345

nc 130.85.220.34 12345

python3 rc4s.py -k 'Principles of Computer Security' -m 'Hello, it is a nice sunny day and we should enjoy the weather'

python3 rc4s.py <vm1pipe | nc 130.85.220.34 12345 >vm1pipe

nc -l 12345 <vm2pipe | python rc4r.py >vm2pipe

mkfifo vm1pipe

python3 rc4s.py -k 'Principles of Computer Security' -m 'Hello, it is a nice sunny day and we should enjoy the weather' | nc 130.85.220.34 12345

nc -l 12345 | python3 rc4r.py

python3 rc4s.py

python3 diffehellman.py

cat tcpdumpcapture.cap

nano rc4s.py

ls

ifconfig -a

tcpdump -D

tcpdump -n -i ens160 -w tcpdumpcapture.cap host 130.85.121.106 and port 12345

tcpdump -n -i ens160 -w tcpdumpcapture.cap host 130.85.220.34 and port 12345

tcpdump -n -i ens160 -w tcpdumpcapture.cap host 130.85.121.106 and port 12345

tcpdump -r capture.pcap

tcpdump -n -i ens160 -w vm1capture2.pcap host 130.85.220.34

d. The challenges faced were:

- While encrypting and decrypting the plain text and cipher text, faced issue of unable to convert bytes to text

Resolved this issue with the help of encoding and decoding with 'utf-8'

- Faced issue while connecting to the other Virtual Machine to send the encrypted plain text using netcat command

Resolved the issue by passing the command of netcat to subprocess.Popen()

- While encrypting and decrypting the plain text and cipher text, faced issue of unable to decode with 'utf-8' as it was in other format

Resolved by removing unnecessary encoding.

- Faced challenges while using wireshark, tshark as access to install that was not there

Resolved using tcpdump command

- The tcpdump command was capturing every data incoming

Resolved by applying proper filters

- For tcpdump command, which interface to use to capture the data was a problem

Resolved by using this command, tcpdump -D

e. Successfully implemented the RC4 Algorithm to encrypt and decrypt the text over the communicating channels between two virtual machines. Learnt different ways of sending the data via command line arguments or incorporating everything in the python file. Successfully implemented the tcpdump/wireshark capture to capture the real time packets sent/received.

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