Homework Assignment #3 (100 points)

- 1. When files are deleted in an operating system the space is typically returned to the free list but the blocks are not erased. Describe how a system can be designed so that the data is not recoverable. (15 points)
- 2. What is the difference between a virus and a worm? How does each reproduce? (25 points)
- 3. Name three different protection mechanisms we discussed (5 points). For each of the following protection problems tell which of these mechanisms can be used (5 points each)
- a. Michael and John want to share some secret files
- b. Susan wants some of her files to be public
- c. Dennis wants his files readable by everyone except his roommate
- 4. List 5 different pathnames to the file /etc/shadow (5 points)
- 5. The Windows file system provides a command called REN (rename). What is the difference between this and copying the file with a new name and then deleting the old one? (15 points)
- 6. Describe two differences between file access control lists and file permissions. (5 points) Which are more flexible? (5 points)
- 7. List three attacks against systems protected using full-volume encryption (10 points