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**Course: CS**



Dear Ashley Crisp:

Re: Abdulghani Alshberi, Student ID No. 000-98-3129  
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Computer Science Department

## CS 466 DE: Introduction to Computer Security

Final Exam - July 21, 2012

Instructor Name : Mrudula Mukadam

Please answer all the 11 questions. I have assigned a score to every question in square brackets at the beginning of each question.

Please write down your name and student ID on each paper of the answer sheet. Clearly assign the question number to your answer.

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**Total test time: 2 hrs**

**Total Points: 120**

**Closed book/ Closed Notes**

- (1) [22] Answer the following questions in regards to malicious logic.
- (A) [8] What is the difference between Logic bombs and Bacteria? Explain with an example.
  - (B) [10] One of the ways to defend against a computer virus is to distinguish between data & instructions. Explain how this protection mechanism helps to prevent a virus spread.
  - (C) [4] Which of these types of malicious logic are designed to avoid detection by a virus detection program?
    - a) TSR viruses
    - b) encrypted viruses
    - c) trojan horses
    - d) boot sector infectors
    - e) polymorphic viruses
- (2) [20] Answer the following questions related to Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS).
- (A) [4] What are the 2 desirable characteristics of an IDS?
  - (B) [12] One view of IDSs is that they should be of value to an analyst trying to disprove that an intrusion has taken place. Consider the following scenario.  
A system has classified and unclassified documents in it. An employee is accused of using a word processing program during the last month to secretly save copies of classified documents. Discuss, if and how, each of the three forms of intrusion detection mechanisms (Anomaly, Misuse, and Specification) could be used to argue against this accusation.
  - (C) [4] Security guards at a professional soccer match notice that two men are climbing over the fence; the security guards detain these men. Which intrusion detection model is being used here? Support your answer with brief explanation.
- (3) [20] Answer the following questions related to vulnerability analysis.
- (A) [12] Briefly explain the 4 steps in the flaw hypothesis methodology.
  - (B) [8] What are the goals of penetration testing and how does this compare with the goals of formal verification?





- (4) [10] Consider the following scenarios in the Drib corporation. You need to write down the design principle that is the most applicable one for that scenario.
- (A) [2] Users are classified into four classes. Moving information from one class to another requires approval of more than one user.
  - (B) [2] Each server has the minimum knowledge of the network necessary to perform its task.
  - (C) [2] In the Drib corporation, the four servers in the DMZ zone are all on separate computers.
  - (D) [2] The use of write-once media in the log server. (Deny all modifications to write-once media)
  - (E) [2] Configuration of firewalls should be simple so that administrators will feel comfortable doing it.
- (5) [9] Briefly explain any 3 of your favorite SCI points that you've learned in this course so far.
- (6) [6] What do you mean by a distinguished name? How will it look like for a person named Jack Davis who works at IBM in a Quality Assurance dept?
- (7) [5] Is cryptography used in the Drib system for integrity, confidentiality, or both? Briefly justify your answer.
- (8) [4] Explain in short the difference between authentication and authorization.
- (9) [2] In the Dribble corporation, the IP address of outer firewall is x, that of the DMZ web server is y and that of the DMZ DNS server is z. Which of these IP addresses are known to the external Internet users?
- (10) [2] Which statistical model is likely to be used to detect someone guessing passwords?
- (11) [20] State true or false for the following questions. Also briefly justify your answer. No points for simply guessing the answer without any justification.
- (A) [4] A manipulation detection code is based on timestamps.
  - (B) [4] The access control policy that is implemented in the internal Drib network is originator controlled.
  - (C) [4] Vulnerability of a system increases when threats are high.
  - (D) [4] Security logging is the analysis of log records to present information about the system in a clear and understandable manner.
  - (E) [4] A programming language has no affect on whether or not a program is vulnerable to a buffer overflow attack.



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1)

a) Logic bombs: They are ~~usually~~ usually an insider job and caused unexpected events to happen in the system, like if an employee set the system in a way that when his payroll record is deleted, the entire payroll records are deleted.

Bacteria: They are programs that consume system resources, like a program that just keeps creating folders infinitely.

B) ~~Because~~ Viruses are program codes that meant to do something, so all the viruses <sup>have</sup> ~~considered~~ instructions. Even if they try to enter a file as data, they soon reveal their bad behavior. So distinguishing between data and instructions helps to determine which files have the possibility to ~~hold~~ hold viruses.

c) encrypted viruses and polymorphic viruses.

2)

a) Intrusion detection system ~~stated~~ is better not to be very complicated ~~and~~ ~~or~~ ~~error~~ takes lots of time.

b) Anamology: what is usual is known

what is unusual is bad.

- It is <sup>not unusual</sup> ~~not unusual~~ for anybody to use Microsoft Word (MW) to save files as long as those files are not moved outside the company.

Misuse: what is bad is known

what is not bad is good.

- nothing says that it's bad to save copies of classified files using (MW).

specification: what is good is known

what is not good is bad

There are no specifications or requirements <sup>say</sup> that no employee can ~~can~~ save copies of classified files using (MW)

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~~c) misuse model because simply~~

c) specification model because there is a very specific rule that if anyone is seen climbing the fence he should be arrested.

3) a) information gathering: simply get all possible documents and resources about the system.

- Flaw hypothesis: draw a plan and have a set of procedures to try.

- Flaw test: test all the procedures specified in the hypotheses.

- Generalization: get general conclusion about the flaw to help detect similar ones.

b) penetration testing sets a bunch of hypotheses and runs them on a system to try to move the system to a compromised state.

Formal verification use mathematics to prove that the flaw exists and ~~it~~ has a preconditions that after running ~~through~~ through the system should match a bunch of post conditions.

The tester has a bad day if he didn't find a flaw using penetration testing and <sup>2</sup>he has a bad ~~day~~ day whe he ~~finds~~ finds a flaw using formal verification.



4) d) separation of privilege principle.

b) least privilege principle.

c) least common ~~mechanism~~<sup>mechanisme</sup> principle.

d) fail-safe principle.

e) ~~economy~~<sup>economy of</sup> ~~mechanism~~<sup>mechanisme</sup> principle.

5) - Even though ~~seem~~ applying some security principles might look like waste of time but the systems that has a good security foundations last longer and function better. Meditation might look like wasting time but rested people proved to be more functional and effective.

- A system might ~~be very~~ have ~~a~~ very good security techniques but the ignorance of a user can still cause damage. Meditation is a very powerful technique but if it ~~is~~ was not taught by a teacher it can be applied wrong causing a headache and ~~a~~ a bad experience.

- Never give your password to anybody. It is ~~your~~ only for you to use it to log on the system. The Mantra is only yours. Don't give it to anybody. It's your own password to awareness.

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6) ~~A~~ A distinguished name is a ~~name~~ unique name that separate ~~a~~ a person from another and it's used in the certificates.

let's say Var = Jack-Davis-IBM-Quality Assurance dept

$\{\text{Hash}(\text{Var}) - \text{Var}\}$   
certificate company private key

7) cryptography is used when the administrators move the customer data from the ~~web~~ web-clone server to the customer service group server. the web-clone server should always maintain high integrity and make sure that nobody overwrites the ~~info~~ information in it and the administrators have no need to know the customers data (confidentiality).

So, cryptography is used for both.

~~8) Authorization comes before~~

8) Authentication comes first to make sure that ~~with~~ this person is allowed to log into the system then comes Authorization to specify what this person is authorized to do.



9) the IP address of the outer firewall (X).

10) threshold metric.

11) a) true: because manipulation code for the current files is compared with ~~the~~ latest manipulation code to make sure they are the same and the way to know when was the manipulation code created is by having a time stamp.

b) true: because nobody ~~can~~ change the privileges of the Groups. ~~that~~

c) false: because vulnerability is ~~is~~ related to the design and flaws of the system while threats are outsider risks.  
~~but if you reverse the question the answer will be true.~~

d) false: Auditing is the analyses of log records to Present information about the system in a clear and understandable manner.

e) false: C++ is more vulnerable to a buffer overflow attack than Java because C++ gives the programmer the ability to manipulate pointers and ~~mess with~~ have control on the memory.

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