

**Introduction to Computer Security****Final Exam  
December 4, 2012**

**This is a take home exam. The exam consists of 7 questions. The maximum possible score is 100 points. This is an individual exam. You are not allowed to discuss the questions on this exam with anyone else. Exam is due 5 PM EST, Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to Professor Bailey's office, 4611 BBB.**

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**BE SURE TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE QUESTIONS  
ON THIS EXAM IMMEDIATELY**

**Problem #1:** (18 points)      Introduction to Security

**Part (a).** List and define the three primary security goals (9 points)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part (b).** For each goals listed above, provide one attack whose purpose is to foil that property. (9 points)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem #2:** (18 points)      Physical Security

**Part (a).** Provide two ways in which we physically authenticate. (6 points)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part (b).** For each of the two above, provide a SIMPLE example of what this physical authentication is designed to protect and from whom. (6 points)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part (c).** Describe a SIMPLE way in which each of these two authentication methods can be forged. (6 points)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem #3:** (12 points)

Operating Systems Security

**Provide a brief (one or two sentence) justification for each response (4 points each).**

**Part (a).** Mandatory access control is more flexible for the user and provides worse overall enterprise security.

TRUE or FALSE

**Part (b).** An attacker getting a copy of the HASH of your (unsalted) password poses little security risk.

TRUE or FALSE

**Part (c).** When considering buffer overflow attacks, the use of the C function strncpy() provides some additional protection over the use of strcpy().

TRUE or FALSE

**Problem #4.** (12 points) Malware

**Provide a brief (one or two sentence) justification for each response (4 points each).**

**Part (a).** While static signatures for malware detection are often faster than other detection methods, they are easily avoided.

TRUE or FALSE

**Part (b).** Viruses are identical to worms.

TRUE or FALSE

**Part (c).** In static code analysis, the reverse engineer disassembles the target program to examine its structure. Such methods are impervious to obfuscation by the attacker.

TRUE or FALSE

**Problem #5:** (12 points)      Network Security

**Part (a).** Briefly describe what confidentiality, integrity, and authentication guarantees IP, TCP, and UDP provide. (4 points)

**Part (b).** Why is an eavesdropping attack harder in a switched environment than in a broadcast environment? (4 points)

**Part (c).** Describe a two forms of denial of service attacks. (4 points)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem #6:** (12 points)      Web Security

**Part (a).** Briefly describe WHY an SQL injection attack works. (6 points)

**Part (b).** How are a Cross-site scripting (XSS) and a Cross-site request forgery (CSRF/XSRF) attacks different? Specifically focus on what trust is being exploited. (6 points)

**Problem #7:** (16 points)      Cryptography

**Provide a brief (one or two sentence) justification for each response (4 points each).**

**Part (a).** Good entropy sources are plentiful.

TRUE or FALSE

**Part (b).** Factoring the product of two primes has been PROVEN difficult.

TRUE or FALSE

**Part (c).** Encrypting a message provides both confidentiality and integrity.

TRUE or FALSE

**Part (d).** Writing your own version of RSA is a good idea.

TRUE or FALSE



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