ECE 422 / CS 461, Final Exam

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Question 1: Multiple Choice	17	points
For each question, circle all that apply.		

- (a) (1 point) Sending a message in the presence of an eavesdropper without revealing the message itself is ensuring which aspect of security?
 - A. Confidentiality
 - B. Integrity
 - C. Availability
 - D. Authenticity
- (b) (1 point) A security breach that is caused or facilitated by someone who is a part of the very organization that controls or builds the asset that should be protected is which of the following?
 - A. Backdoor
 - **B.** Insider Attack
 - C. Logic bomb
 - D. Trojan
- (c) (1 point) SSL/TLS protects which layer of the Internet?
 - A. Physical
 - B. Data Link
 - C. Network
 - D. Transport
- (d) (1 point) Which one of the following C library functions is unsafe because it has no parameter for the size of the input buffer that it will fill?
 - A. snprintf
 - B. fgets
 - C. gets
 - D. strncpy
- (e) (1 point) Since there are 10000 possibilities for a 4 digit PIN, in the real world, 4321 is the PIN for about 0.01% of people's debit cards.
 - A. TRUE
 - B. FALSE

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(f) (2 points) Consider the following C++ code. Assume the code compiles and runs, that no operations were optimized out by the compiler, and that it always receives one argument when called.

```
#include <stdio.h>

void derp(char* str)
{
    char buff[256];
    strcpy(buff /*dest*/, str /*src*/);
}

int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    derp(argv[1]);
    printf("Hello World\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Which of the following can NOT be achieved solely by manipulating the parameter passed to this program when it is called (i.e., manipulating the string pointed to by argv[1])?

- A. Overwriting the return address of main()
- B. Changing what text is displayed by printf()
- **C.** Overwriting executable instructions within derp()
- D. Overwriting the argc variable
- E. All of the following are possible
- (g) (1 point) You have 4 data blocks named A, B, C, and D of exactly 1KB each (assume no padding is added to any blocks when generating MD5 hashes):

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A, B, C, and D all contain different data
A and B have the same MD5 hash
C and D have the same MD5 hash
A and B's hash is different than C and D's hash
```

If we concatenate blocks A and C together to form the 2KB block AC, it will have the same MD5 hash as the 2KB block BD.

- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE
- (h) (1 point) What is the term used to describe the malicious action that a virus is supposed to perform?
 - A. Trojan
 - B. Payload
 - C. Backdoor
 - D. Botnet
- (i) (1 point) An attacker places the address of a series of gadgets on the stack. What is she doing?
 - A. Return oriented programming
 - B. Smashing the stack
 - C. Conducting a formatted string attack
 - D. None of the other answers are correct

- (j) (1 point) A token is an example of an authentication method based on what a user:
 - A. is
 - B. does
 - C. knows
 - D. has
- (k) (1 point) Which of the following weaknesses did the Heartbleed bug exploit?
 - A. unchecked client inputs
 - B. buffer overflows
 - C. denial of service
 - D. incorrect cross-domain origin settings
- (l) (1 point) A group of students managed to hack into their professor's computer and obtained a copy of the final exam. As security measures, they all encrypted their hard drives, disabled sleep mode and hibernation, and used throw-away Gmail accounts for communication. A few days later, one of them gets arrested at his apartment; unfortunately, he fails to close the Internet browser or shut down the computer in time. Which of the following evidence should be captured first?
 - A. Internet browsing histories
 - B. Hibernation files
 - C. Deleted files
 - D. RAM data
 - E. Removable media (USB drives, CD, etc.), if there is any
- (m) (1 point) In question 1(l), if the investigator determines that there are enough evidence without hidden and residual data (e.g., slack space, swap, residue, unused space, deleted files etc.), he may choose to do regular backups, instead of bitstream.
 - A. TRUE
 - **B. FALSE**
- (n) (3 points) Assume that you want to securely communicate with illinois.edu from your home using TLS. Which of the following items will you need to trust to be able to preserve confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity when using TLS?
 - A. The entire network between you and illinois.edu
 - B. Computers on your local, home network
 - C. The operators of .edu's Authoritative DNS servers
 - D. The operators of illinois.edu
 - E. illinois.edu's Certificate Authority (CA)
 - F. All the CA's configured into illinois.edu's software
 - G. All the CA's configured into your browser
 - H. The designers of the cryptographic algorithms

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(a) (2 points) Here are some evidence the investigator found from the student's computer in question 1(l).

```
auth.log
| . . .
|Apr 30 14:33:05 1337-h4x0r sudo: h4x0r : TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/home/h4x0r/ ; USER=
   root; COMMAND=/usr/sbin/arpspoof 192.168.6.36 -t 192.168.6.61
|Apr 30 14:33:10 1337-h4x0r sudo: h4x0r : TTY=pts/15 ; PWD=/home/h4x0r/ ; USER=
   root; COMMAND=/usr/sbin/arpspoof 192.168.6.61 -t 192.168.6.36
.bash_history
| . . .
|nmap -A 192.168.6.0/24
known_hosts
|192.168.10.58
|192.168.6.36
1192.168.6.41
|192.168.6.51
|192.168.6.61
syslog
1...
|Apr 30 14:05:15 1337-h4x0r NetworkManager[1065]: <info> (eth0): DHCPv4 state
   changed renew -> renew
|Apr 30 14:05:15 1337-h4x0r NetworkManager[1065]: <info> address 192.168.6.37
|Apr 30 14:05:15 1337-h4x0r NetworkManager[1065]: <info> prefix 24
    (255.255.255.0)
|Apr 30 14:05:15 1337-h4x0r NetworkManager[1065]: <info> gateway 192.168.6.61
|Apr 30 14:05:15 1337-h4x0r NetworkManager[1065]: <info> nameserver
   192.168.6.61
```

Identify the professor's (the victim's) IP address.

Solution: 192.168.6.36

(b) (2 points) Why do shellcoders usually put effort into avoiding zero (NULL) characters/bytes in their shell-code?

Solution: strepy stops at $' \setminus 0'$

(c) (2 points) Name two countermeasures against buffer overflow attacks.

Solution:

- (1) Address Space Layout Randomization
- (2) Disabling execution of instructions on the stack
- (3) Restricting the number of bytes copied during copy operations

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(d) (2 points) Consider the following message protocol for establishing group membership with secret k:

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User A sends random nonce n1 to User B  
User B sends back Hash\_k(n1) and random nonce n2  
User A verifies Hash\_k(n1) then sends back Hash\_k(n1 \mid n2)  
User B verifies and group membership is established.
```

Is this protocol safe? Explain.

Solution: This protocol still gives up too much information before the conversation initiator has proved its knowledge of the key. By beginning a conversation with B with nonce n1, C can receive the n2 nonce from B and send nonce (n1 - n2) to A to initiate conversation, take the hash A sends back and confirm group membership with B.

(e) (2 points) Give two examples of password hashing strategies to defend against rainbow table attacks.

Solution: 1.) salted hashes, 2.) slower hash functions

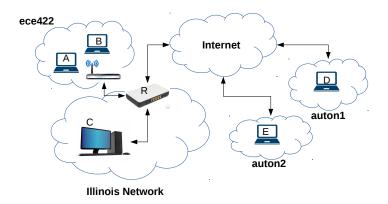


Figure 1: Question 3

- Hosts A and B are laptops on ECE 422, which is an open WiFi network on campus, subnet: 192.168.150.0/25.
- Host C is a wired desktop connected to Illinois' networks, subnet: 192.168.150.128/25.
- R is the edge router of Illinois' network, subnet: 192.168.140.0/24.
- D is a laptop running on a different autonomous system (AS) auton1.
- E is a laptop running on a different AS auton2.
- (a) (2 points) Suppose that there is a TCP session between A and B. How can an attacker who has access to ECE 422 and knows A and B's IP addresses eavesdrop that TCP session without interrupting it? Explain the steps the attacker needs to take and specify what each step achieves.

Solution: Solution 1 (active): 2 steps of arpspoof plus one step of IP forwarding, each +1 point. +1 point for correct ordering; i.e., IP forwarding first. Solution 2 (passive): eavesdrop traffic with tools such as wireshark (preconscious or monitor modes) or other capturing tools.

(b) (3 points) Suppose that an attacker wants to initiate and complete a TCP handshake with a victim, such that the victim thinks that E initiated the connection. Assume that TCP uses a modern implementation, the attack is restricted to use no more than a half dozen packets, and that the attacker knows the victim's and E's IP addresses. Answer the following three questions.

```
Among B, C, D, and R which ones can attack A (i.e., victim=A)? Why? Among A, B, D, and R which ones can attack C (i.e., victim=C)? Why? Among A, B, C, and R which ones can attack D (i.e., victim=D)? Why?
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Solution: B and R can attack A; R can attack C and none of them can attack D.

TCP's Initial Sequence Numbers (ISNs) will be randomized. So, the attacker needs to either eavesdrop on traffic sent from the victim or it should be in the forwarding path between the victim and E for the attack to work with a half dozen packets.

each correct answer: +1, each wrong answer: -1, each correct reasoning: +1 (overall grade >= 0)

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- (a) (3 points) What are the goals of a port scan attack? Circle all that apply.
 - A. Identifying active services
 - B. Discovering usernames and passwords
 - C. Disabling active ports
 - D. Identifying operating systems
 - E. Identifying potential vulnerabilities
 - F. Poisoning ARP caches
- (b) (2 points) Assume that an attacker has joined a protected WiFi network. Suggest a way for the attacker to carry out a port scan against the hosts on the same network in order to achieve one of the above goals. Suggest the tool(s) that the attacker needs to use and the steps to carry out the attack.

Solution: nmap. with different parameters for different goals. other tools/solutions could be acceptable. correct tool: +1. correct steps: +1

(c) (2 points) How can the operator of that WiFi network detect that attack?

Solution: different tools that they know about for monitoring the network to detect the suspicious activity, correct tool: +1. correct steps: +2

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Question 5: Cryptography	1 p	ooi	nt	ts
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- (a) Alice and Bob are discussing their homework through an online messenger. Eve, who is concerned about her curved grade, decides to perform man-in-the-middle attack to alter the solution Alice was sending to Bob. Alice and Bob did not yet learn about HMAC, so they encrypt with a SHA-1 hash. SHA-1 takes multiple 512-bit blocks and produces a 160-bit (20 bytes) hash value. They previously shared each other's private keys offline for integrity purposes. The original message is the concatenation of the sender's private key and the solution to the homework, message = (private_key || solution).
 - i. (2 points) What information is/are needed for Eve to attack successfully?

Solution: [1 point] private key length [1 point] solution length OR [2 points] total length of the original message

ii. (2 points) Let's say Alice's private key is "crypto" (without quotation). Eve has 5 guesses on the correct solution: 1) chicken, 2) egg, 3) pig, 4) dog and 5) penguin. Assuming that Eve has only 1 chance, what is the attack success rate?

Solution: 50%

iii. (4 points) Eve has chosen "penguin" to try the length-extension attack. She wants to deceive Bob into believing that the solution is "bird" and tries to append the message "no it is actually bird". What would the message from Eve to Bob would look like? Describe the hash function as a formula.

Solution: SHA_1(crypto || penguin || padding((6+7)*8) || no it is actually bird)

(b) (3 points) Cathy is writing a report for her computer security course. At the end of the report, she leaves a note to the professor but doesn't want to be seen by her friends. So she decides to encrypt using a product cipher, which is the combination of a substitution cipher and a transposition cipher. The Vigenere cipher was used for substitution and then an irregular columnar transposition cipher was applied to obtain the final encrypted message. The encrypted message and keys for each cipher are as below. Decrypt the message. Show your work for possible partial credit.

```
Encrypted message: "rgyqhbmnwaazxcajittuzqyagkx"
Vigenere cipher key: "final"
Columnar transposition cipher: "exam"
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Solution: [2 points] Original plaintext: "I really want an A for this course." [1 point: partial] Encoded with Vigenere cipher: "n zrawqg jayy ia a qtz ghtxkbucxm"

A murder happened on April 30th at approximately 6 PM in front of dunkin donuts in Champaign. An hour later, police officers were able to obtain multiple hard disks on site. Those were sent out to the digital forensics department who found that all but two hard disks were wiped clean. Bob was recently hired in the digital forensics team and was given these as his first case to investigate. As he started to investigate, he was so excited and booted the hard disk on a machine, selected a disk partition, and started to explore. He navigated through the system's directories and opened a few log files to look for the evidence. Then, he realized something was wrong.

Fortunately, a more experienced expert, Cathy, duplicated the original disk images before Bob started investigating. Through Autopsy, she extracted few files on each of the two hard drives that might be relevant to the case. These are listed on the following two pages.

(a) (2 points) What are the two main reasons that Bob made a big mistake?

Solution: [1 point] tampering of the data: e.g. last modified time of the file gets changed, bash history gets overwritten [1 point] suspect may have pre-setup the partition to prevent from live analysis (obfuscate with other OS partition, disk wiping etc.) (optional) attacking of the system is maybe needed to log on

(b) (2 points) Who are the users of each of the hard disks?

Solution: [1 point] Hard disk 1: naive [1 point] Hard disk 2: innocent

(c) (3 points) What were the main activities of two users for each hard disk? Explain in time order for each hard disk.

Solution: [1.5 points] Naive (130.126.136.203): Email logged in. Searched and read email from innocent. (Email account left logged on) ¡possibly got murdered¿ Account was remotely logged on (using Hydra). Bash history got deleted. Internet browser got opened. Email was searched with from:innocent@gmail.com. Email was removed to trash. Email account logged out. Shut down. [1.5 points] Innocent (130.126.136.200): Email logged in. Composed email to naive@gmail.com. Deleted sent email. Email logged out. ¡possibly murdered the victim¿ Hacked into naive's machine remotely. (on remote machine) Activity on Naive's log. Disconnected remote connection. Shut down.

(d) (3 points) Are the evidences you found from (c) relevant to this case? If so, who do you think is the criminal? The owner of the first hard disk, the second, or both?

Solution: Second. Naive is the victim. Innocent contacted the victim via email to lure into a trap, hacked the victim's machine to delete the email history.

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<Hard Disk 1>
Directory: /var/log/
1) auth.log
1 . . .
|Apr 30 17:02:30 naive login: session opened for user naive by LOGIN(uid=0)
|Apr 30 17:02:32 naive login: NAIVE LOGIN ON 'tty1'
|Apr 30 18:01:20 naive sshd: server listening on :: port 22
|Apr 30 18:23:00 naive sshd: Invalid user innocent from 130.126.136.200
|Apr 30 18:23:03 naive sshd: Failed none for invalid user innocent from
   130.126.136.200
|Apr 30 18:23:20 naive sshd: authentication failure; rhost=130.126.136.200, ruser=
|Apr 30 18:23:47 naive sshd: Failed password for naive from 130.126.136.200 server
   listening on :: port 22
|... repeated password failures
|Apr 30 18:50:29 naive sshd: Accepted password for naive from 130.126.136.200
   server listening on :: port 22
|Apr 30 18:53:05 naive sshd: server listening on :: port 22
Directory: /home/naive/
1) .ssh/known_hosts
199.118.111.49
|141.212.111.41
2) .bash_history
1...
|cat .bash_history
|rm .bash_history
|firefox &
|shutdown -h now
|exit
3) Hydra log
|130.126.136.203
|hydra
4) .mozilla/firefox/places.sqlite
1...
|https://mail.google.com/
|https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inboxInbox (54) - naive@gmail.com - Gmail...
|https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/innocent
|https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/14d281606fc2d482...
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<Hard Disk 2>
Directory: /var/log/
1) auth.log
1 . . .
|Apr 30 16:48:23 innocent-laptop CRON: session opened for user innocent by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 16:48:53 innocent-laptop CRON: session opened for user root by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 16:51:00 innocent-laptop CRON: session closed for user root by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 16:52:30 innocent-laptop gdm: authentication failure user=innocent
|Apr 30 18:00:02 innocent-laptop gdm: session opened for user innocent by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 18:05:02 innocent-laptop sudo: /home/innocent/hydra-5.4-src; USER=root;
   COMMAND = /usr/bin/aptitude install libssh-2
|Apr 30 18:05:14 innocent-laptop sudo: /home/innocent/hydra-5.4-src; USER=root;
   COMMAND = /usr/bin/aptitude install libssh-2-dev
|Apr 30 18:05:59 innocent-laptop sudo: /home/innocent/hydra-5.4-src; USER=root;
   COMMAND = /usr/bin/aptitude install libssh-2
|Apr 30 18:22:30 innocent-laptop sudo: innocent: TTY=pts/0; PWD=/home/innocent/
   hydra-5.4-src; USER=root; COMMAND=/sbin/ifconfig eth0 130.126.136.200
|Apr 30 18:22:59 innocent-laptop gdm: session opened for user innocent by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 18:23:03 innocent-laptop CRON: session closed for user innocent by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 18:24:32 innocent-laptop gdm: session opened for user naive by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 18:25:01 innocent-laptop CRON: session closed for user naive by (uid=0)
| ... repeat
|Apr 30 18:50:29 innocent-laptop gdm: session opened for user naive by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 18:53:05 innocent-laptop CRON: session closed for user naive by (uid=0)
|Apr 30 18:53:07 innocent-laptop gdm: session closed for user innocent
Directory: /home/innocent/
1) .ssh/known_hosts
|99.118.111.49
|130.126.136.202
|130.126.136.203
|141.212.111.36
|141.212.111.41
2) .bash_history
|rm ~/.bash_history
|shutdown -s
|exit
3) Hydra log
| . . .
|130.126.136.200
|hydra
4) .mozilla/firefox/places.sqlite
|https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox
|https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?pli=1#inbox?compose=new
|https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox?compose=14d281634387aba5...
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void foo(char *arg)
{
    ...
    char buf[32];
    strcpy(buf, arg);
}
```

arg is a pointer to a char string that is the command line input from the user. Make these assumptions:

- The machine is a 32-bit little-endian system that behaves like the VM from MP4.
- There are no defenses such as ASLR, stack canaries, or a non-executable stack (DEP)
- You see the following information when the program is run in gdb and you set a breakpoint at foo with the command break foo:
 - **buf** begins at 0xbffebfb0.
 - (gdb) x/2wx \$ebp0xbffebfd8: 0xbffec068 0x08048fe1
- (a) (1 point) Assuming there is no buffer overflow, what will be the value stored in \$ebp when foo returns?

Solution: 0xbffec068 - all or nothing

(b) (1 point) What is the memory address of the "return address" of the function that called foo?

Solution: 0xbffec06c - all or nothing

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1 if (isset($_POST['username']) and isset($_POST['password'])) {
2    $username = $_POST['username'];
3    $password = mysql_real_escape_string($_POST['password']);
4
5    $query = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username='$username' and password=' $password'";
6    $results = mysql_query($query);
7 }
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Assume that the SQL server is the same as the SQL server used in MP2 and that the mysql_real_escape_string() function fully sanitizes the input by escaping all the special characters in the SQL language.

(a) (2 points) What is the input in the username field that will allow an attacker to login as a user with username victim? Explain.

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Solution: victim'; – Rubric: +1 using OR [tautology] +1 comment at the end
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(b) (3 points) Now, suppose that in an alternate implementation, the php server now uses a sanitize function to replace all occurrence of 'with \' in the username and password string. In other words, lines 2 and 3 in the above implementation changes to:

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2  $username = sanitize($_POST['username']);
3  $password = sanitize($_POST['password']);
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Assuming the input in the username field is victim, what input in the password field will circumvent this defense and allows an attacker to login as victim? Explain.

Solution: ÓR 1 = 1; - Rubric: +1 using tautology and comment at the end +2 use to escape the backslash

Question 9: CSRF and XSS			5 points
JSONP is a communica	tion technique used in Javascript pro	gramming to circumvent	the same-origin policy by
executing a cross-doma	in GET request through the script tag	g. The protocol works by h	aving the caller execute a
GET request by putting	it in the src attribute of the script tag	and specifing a callback fu	inction. For example:

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<script src="https://api.domain.com/status.json?callback=foo">
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Since a GET request through a script tag is not blocked by the same-origin policy, the request will be sent to api.domain.com, who will then process any input and send back data in the form of

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foo(data);
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Which will execute the caller-defined callback function foo with the data as its parameter on the caller's website.

(a) (1 point) Suppose a website uses JSONP to make an API call to a malicious server. Describe how the malicious server could leverage this to perform an XSS attack on the website.

Solution: the answer is JSONP is dangerous because the attacker can return any javascript and it will be execute in the user's browser. 1 point All or nothing

(b) (2 points) Now, suppose that there is an online banking service that has a JSONP API, and one of the API function calls available is

http://api.bank.com/getData?callback=[callback_function_name], which returns the user's data object for the logged-in user. Assume that the user is currently logged in to the bank's website and that the attacker can trick the user into opening a website hosted on their domain. Describe a CSRF attack that allows the attacker to steal the user's data and send it as a GET request to "http://attacker.io/data=[stolen_data]".

Solution: The attacker's website contain a JSONP call to the bank's API, with a callback function name foo. The API call will return as foo(user_data). Implement foo(user_data) to send ajax request with user's data to the attacker's url. This attack is not possible without JSONP because same-origin policy won't allow the attacker's website to programmatically read the data +1 call the jsonp with script tag +1 define callback function to forward the data

(c) (2 points) Is the attack from the last part possible if the bank's API does not support JSONP (i.e., if the API call only returns the user's data without invoking the callback)? Briefly explain why or why not.

Solution: The attack will not be possible because SOP would prevent the script from reading the response of the API call. +1 Saying the attack is not possible without JSONP +1 mentioning SOP in reason or mention that data cannot be read