Open Book Examination Introduction to Computer Security 215010



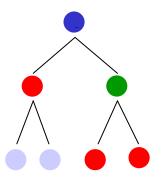
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Answer 6 out of 8 questions. Each question is worth 15%.

Illegible answers or excessively long answers will not be marked.

- 1. Prove the following properties of El Gamal encryption $E_k(.)$ and decryption $D_{k'}(.)$, where k, k' form a key pair:
 - (a) El Gamal is correct, i.e. for all $m : D_{k'}(E_k(m)) = m$
 - (b) El Gamal encryption is a privacy homomorphism, i.e. for all m, m' and suitable operators $\otimes, \times : E_k(m) \otimes E_k(m') = E_k(m \times m')$
- 2. General questions about Biometrics.
 - (a) Define the FAR, FRR, and EER in a biometric system.
 - (b) Explain why the EER of a biometric system cannot be 0.
- 3. Which methods (e.g. keylogger) can an attacker use, and how, to get hold of the password or pin code? Indicate which attack is most likely to happen and why.
 - (a) Desktop PC in an Internet Café: password/pincode
 - (b) iPhone or iPod: pin code
 - (c) Fixed line phone: pin code
 - (d) Web browser with on screen keyboard: password/pin code
 - (e) Voice controlled computer: password/pin code
 - (f) ATM: pin code
- 4. Questions about the "School of Phish" experiment.
 - (a) The participants are self selected. What do you think this means for the outcome of the experiments described in the paper?
 - (b) Creating a clone of a web page may cause a copyright violation. Can you think of at least two methods in which researchers can avoid this problem?
- 5. General questions about Hash chains.
 - (a) What is a hash chain
 - (b) Why should a hash chain be generated in its entirety before it can be used?
 - (c) Can you think of a way of mitigating this disadvantage by using a hash chain of hash chains?

- 6. Consider the searching in encrypted data method of Brinkman. Give an interactive client-server query protocol consisting of a recursive algorithm for the client and a simple request response loop for the server that:
 - Minimizes the amount of storage for the client
 - Does not search sub trees that cannot satisfy the query
 - You may use the sample tree to the right to illustrate your protocol



- 7. Suppose six people want to communicate securely with each other, such that the communication of none of the possible pairs of people can be eavesdropped by the remaining four persons.
 - (a) If they use a symmetric cipher, how many keys would they need in total?
 - (b) If they use an asymmetric cipher, how many keys would they then need in total?

1. $A \rightarrow S$: $\{N_a, B\}pk(S)$

2. $S \rightarrow A$: $\{N_a, K_{ab}\}pk(A)$

3. $S \rightarrow B$: $\{K_{ab}\}pk(B)$

4. $B \rightarrow A$: $\{B\}K_{ab}$

8. The protocol above aims at key distribution of K_{ab} . Here N_a is a nonce, pk(X) is the public key of agent X, and $\{M\}pk(X)$ is message M encrypted with the public key of X using a suitable public-key algorithm (messages 1, 2 and 3). Message 4 uses symmetric encryption with key K_{ab} .

To ensure the delivery of the key to the correct agents, authentication is required. Explain for each of the six options below whether the protocol aims at:

- (a) Mutual authentication without the use of a server
- (b) Mutual authentication using a trusted third party (TTP)
- (c) Provide authentication of A to S
- (d) Provide authentication of S to A
- (e) Provide authentication of B to A
- (f) Provide authentication of B to S

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Client:
       seed = \dots
       query = ...
       root = 1
       Search(root, query)
       procedure Search(id, query)
               poly = Genpoly(Rand(id, seed))
               left=Eval(poly,query)
               Send(server, (id, query))
               (right, n) = Receive (server)
               if left+right = 0 then
                       for i = 1 to n do
                               Search(id.i, query)
                       od
               fi
       end
Server:
       tree = 1 (p1,
                       1.1(p2),
                       1.2(p3,1.2.1(p4),1.2.2(p5),1.2.3(p6))))
       Function Getpoly(... id(p,c_1..c_n)..., id) = p
       Function Getnum(... id(p,c_1..c_n)..., id) = n
       loop
               (id, query) = Receive(client)
               right = Eval(Getpoly(tree,id), query)
               n = Getnum(tree,id)
               Send(client, (right, n))
       end
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