

# CS 465 Winter 2022 Mid-Term Exam 1

## Study Guide

Administered by the BYU Testing Center. Closed book/internet. Simple Calculator allowed, but probably not needed. (please no notes/algorithms/info saved in your 90's technology calculator). One 8.5 inch by 11 Inch sheet of paper with hand-written notes (both sides) allowed.

Expected time is 60 to 120 minutes, there is no time limit. For the written answer questions: Answer each question as completely as possible.

20 multiple choice questions - 3 points each  
5 'long answer' 5-10 points each, show your work. 100 points total.  
Tuesday through Thursday, in the Testing Center.

### **Basics of crypto: Goals:**

- Access Control (authentication, authorization)
- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Non-repudiation.
- Forward Secrecy

### **Basics of crypto: Real-world-application:**

- Defense in depth
- Security Minded (healthy paranoia)
- Use public algorithms, hardened implementations
  - Which are considered 'secure' today

- Assume Kerckhoffs's principle is your guide. Know what Kerckhoff's principle is!

## **AES:**

- how GF are represented as a polynomial and as a {bitfield}
- Details of GF operations you worked on
- **requirements for strong symmetric encryption:**
- Strong/Safe key exchange and storage
- addition, subtraction, xtime, FF-multiply,
- (NOT internals of the diffusion functions)

## **Block Modes and Stream Ciphers:**

- Block vs. Stream ciphers
- Block-cipher modes
- Relative strengths, weaknesses
  - Recoverability in the face of data corruption
  - Parallelization
- The role of IV (nonce) and how to include in crypto systems
- How to read an encryption diagram
- Padding
  - When?
  - Why?
  - How?
  - Short blocks and padding?

- Other than block size, reasons to pad?
- Authenticated Encryption Modes
  - How are they different from normal encryption?
  - What additional security properties do they offer?
  - What additional crypto constructs are used (besides AES)?

### Hash functions:

- Properties of an ideal hash
- Types of attacks against hashes and relative effort
- Uses of cryptographic hashes

### MAC/HMAC:

- What cryptographic guarantees do they provide?
  - Integrity and authentication
  - Not confidentiality, Not Nonrepudiation
- **Multiple** Methods of implementation
- Inputs/Outputs of a MAC
- Length extension attack details
  - Make sure you understand what you did on project in detail
- Understand HMAC formulation as described in lecture material. How does it prevent extension attacks?
- What is the recommended secure implementation of a MAC from NIST?

## Public-key Crypto:

- Diffie-Hellman, RSA
- By-hand DH key exchange - know how it works, explain it to someone else step by step.
- Generating RSA parameters by hand using extended euclidean algo - Be prepared to do it - like in the homework
- Encryption versus Signatures
  - Mechanics of using RSA to do either  
What keys do you use for what operations?
- Real-world issues
  - Message size
  - Padding(how, why)
  - Choice of  $d, e$  (e.g. in hardware) (RSA  $e = 65537$  almost universally - why?)
  - Why does a small public exponent not pose a risk? (either cryptanalysis or side-channel)

## Certificates:

- How they are created - what steps are taken by which parties? Explain in detail to someone else
- Terminology of various entities in the system
- Certificate chaining

- Steps for certificate verification
- Revocation
- Trust issues

## **Algorithms:**

- Make sure you know how the following Cryptographic algorithms are categorized (do they perform encryption, signatures, MAC, hash, and are they secure?)
  - AES
  - DES
  - MD5
  - SHA-1
  - SHA-2
  - SHA-3
  - RSA
  - MAC
  - HMAC

## **Comics for Professor Fred Clift**

