

Electronic passport and biometrics, winter 2006

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1. Exercise sheet

Hand in solutions until Tuesday, 7 November, 12¹⁵.

Exercise 1.1 (Electronic passports around the world). (6 points)

- (i) First pick an interesting country, as follows. If you are born outside eu-
rope and north-america, take the country you were born in. Otherwise
choose a country outside europe and north-america. 0
- (ii) Find out whether the chosen country issues passport with an electronic
chip and/or with biometrics. 1
- (iii) Does the country participate in the U.S. visa waiver program? 1
- (iv) Does the passport specification follow the ICAO guidelines? 1
- (v) When was or will it be introduced? 1
- (vi) How is the identification number composed? (Is it a random number?
Or is there a part for the town and a serial and...?) How many possible
numbers are there? How many if you know the town? ...the issuing
date? 1
- (vii) Apart from a digital face image and data that is also written in the pass-
port, is there further information stored electronically? (Eg. one or more
fingerprints...) 1