

# Esecurity: secure internet & e-voting, summer 2013

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## 2. Exercise sheet

Hand in solutions until Monday, 22 April 2013, 10:00

**Exercise 2.1** (GnuPG). (10 points)

- (i) Which cryptographic algorithms are implemented in GnuPG? How is the idea of a hybrid crypto system implemented in GnuPG? 3
- (ii) Read PHONG Q. NGUYEN, *Can We Trust Cryptographic Software? Cryptographic Flaws in GNU Privacy Guard v1.2.3*. How does the used implementation for RSA differ from the textbook version? What are the consequences? 3
- (iii) Consider the model of trust in GnuPG. Describe how trust is transferred (ie. which keys are trusted?). Which parameters can be adjusted? 4

**Exercise 2.2** (Hybrid crypto). (14+2 points)

Consider situation in the exercises 1.2 and 1.3 from the last sheet. Eve has eavesdropped the conversation between Alice and Bob. She has recorded the RSA-cypher text  $c = \text{enc}_{(N,e)}(k)$  of the AES key  $k$ . She tries the following attack to recover  $k$  from  $c$ . We consider an attack as successful if it takes less than  $2^{100}$  bit operations.

- (i) How could Eve recover  $k$  if she tries all possible values? Is this a successful attack? 2
- (ii) Eve computes  $cx^{-e} \bmod N$  and  $y^e$  for all  $1 \leq x, y \leq 2^{64}$  and stores these values in two lists. How can Eve recover  $k$  from these lists? Is this a successful attack? 4
- (iii) The attack in (ii) may fail in some situations. In which does it fail? What is the probability of failing? 2+2
- (iv) Eve finds that  $e = 3$ . Can she successfully recover  $k$  even if the attack in (ii) fails? 3
- (v) How can one fix the vulnerability in the way RSA and AES is employed by Alice and Bob? 3

**Exercise 2.3** (Random exit).

(0+8 points)

You are trapped in a locked room. Once every hour you have the chance to open the door. This succeeds with a certain probability  $p$ .

(i) What is the chance that you can leave the room after

+0

(a) exactly one hour?

+1

(b) exactly two hours?

+1

(c) exactly three hours?

+1

(d) exactly four hours?

(ii) What is the expected number of hours that you have to stay

+2

(a) ...by definition? [Give a formula.]

+3

(b) ...by value? [Prove that it equals  $1/p$ .]