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**4. Exercise sheet**

**Hand in solutions until Monday, 5 May 2014, 13:00**

**Exercise 4.1** (X.509). (8 points)

Read RFC 5280 and answer the following questions:

- (i) What classes of certificates are there? 2
- (ii) What is the basic syntax of X.509 v3 certificates? Describe the Certificate Fields in detail. Which signature algorithms are supported? 2
- (iii) What is a trust anchor? Can one use different trust anchors? 2
- (iv) What conditions are satisfied by a prospective certification path in the path validation process? 2

**Exercise 4.2** (Security notion for a public key infrastructure). (0+16 points)

We have sketched a public key infrastructure in the course. (Actually, ignoring revocation... ) +16

- (i) Formulate a meaningful security notion: What are task, means and limitations for the attacker?
- (ii) Argue that the vulnerabilities described in the course are covered by that definition as limitation or consequence of the security notion.