

Symmetric primitives, winter 2014/15

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7. Exercise sheet

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Let's have a look at some mid- and low-level symmetric primitives. Pick and solve one of the following exercises.

Exercise 7.1 (GCM: Galois Counter Mode). (10 points)

Find documentation and security proof for GCM.

- (i) Describe how the mode works. Which components are used? How are they put together? Argue for correctness. 4
- (ii) For use in which protocols (IPsec, TLS, SSH, GSM/UMTS/LTE, ...) is it standardized? 2
- (iii) In which model is it proved secure? Describe which oracles are given to an attacker. How does the model relate to sLHAE? 4

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Exercise 7.2 (BLK-CCM: BLK-CTR & CBC-MAC). (10 points)

Find documentation and security proof for CCM.

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Exercise 7.3 (SNOW3G).

(10 points)

Find the documentation on SNOW3G.

- 4 (i) Describe how it works. [A picture is probably helpful.] Argue for correctness.
- 2 (ii) For use in which protocols (IPsec, TLS, SSH, GSM/UMTS/LTE, ...) is it standardized?
- 4 (iii) What is known about its security? Which attacks are known? Describe one. [It's ok, if it's only an attack on a downgraded version. But mention the differences and what it means for the full version.]

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