
Study Guide for Midterm

This is simply a guide of topics that I consider fair game for the midterm. I don't promise to ask you about them all, or about any of these in particular; but I may very well ask you about any of these.

1. Fundamentals
 - a. What is security?
 - b. Basics of risk analysis
 - c. Relationship of security policy to security
 - d. Policy vs. mechanism
 - e. Assurance and security
2. Bad Programming and Good Programming
3. Cryptography
 - a. Types of attacks: ciphertext only, known plaintext, chosen plaintext
 - b. Caesar cipher, Vigenère cipher, one-time pad, DES
 - c. Public key cryptosystems; RSA
 - d. Confidentiality and authentication with secret key and public key systems
4. Electronic mail
 - a. Ordinary mail: security issues
 - b. PEM: how it works, security issues
5. Certificates
 - a. PEM Hierarchy
 - b. Web of trust
6. Identity
 - a. People and processes
 - b. Computers
 - c. Cookies and such
 - d. Anonymity: remailers and proxy web browsers
7. Authentication
 - a. Passwords
 - b. Challenge-response
 - c. How UCD does authentication for MyUCDavis
8. Any of the handouts