

SECURITY IN NETWORKED COMPUTING SYSTEMS
Computer Engineering

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EXERCISE NO. 1

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With respect to the Diffie-Hellman key establishment protocol, (1) present it, and discuss its security with respect to both a (2) passive and an (3) active adversary

EXERCISE NO. 2

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Let us consider the protocol below aimed at establishing a session key K_{AB} between Alice and

M1 $A \rightarrow B \quad \{n_A, K_{AB}\}_{K_B}$

M2 $B \rightarrow A \quad \{n_B, n_A\}_{K_{AB}}$

M3 $A \rightarrow B \quad \{n_B, P_A\}_{K_{AB}}$

Bob. In the protocol, n_A and n_B denote two nonces that are generated by Alice and Bob, respectively; K_B denotes the public key of Bob; and, finally, P_A denotes the shared secret password between Alice and Bob.

- 1) Analyse the protocol and verify whether it fulfils the key authentication and the key confirmation requirements. Specify the assumptions under which the requirements are fulfilled.
- 2) Let us suppose that a session key K_{AB} is compromised. (a) Discuss the consequences. (b) Improve the protocol in order to limit at the minimum the effects of session key compromization.

EXERCISE NO. 3

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Let us consider the Vernarm Cipher (One-Time Pad),

- 1) discuss whether, and to what extent, it is resistant to a ciphertext-only attack;
- 2) discuss whether, and to what extent, it is resistant to a known-plaintext attack.

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