COMP522 Privacy and Security revision notes

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Topics to revise (different order)

• Part 1: Identification and authentication

- Passwords v.tokens v. biometrics;
- Data aggregation and anonymity;

Part 2: Monitoring & IDS

- Audit, and intrusion detection;
- Techniques (statistics, pattern recognition, etc); and

Topics to revise

Part 3: Protocols & Algorithms

- Protocol design;
- Cryptography for secrecy, for signing, etc;
- Symmetric key and asymmetric key protocols;
- 3DEA and RSA protocols;
- Logical representation of protocols;
- Formal properties of protocols; and
- Applications, e.g encryption, key distribution, identification, authentication
- Information hiding: steganography

Topics to revise

Part 4: Advanced Crypto

- Homomorphic encryption and computing over encrypted data
- Zero-knowledge proofs & Secure MPC

Part 5: Legal and Social Issues

- Reasons for legal regulations of cryptography
- Different aspects: patents, trade secrets, digital rights,
 etc
- OECD guidelines on privacy

How to revise

Possible way:

• Go through the list of topics (titles of lectures + titles of individual slides of all lectures) and check if you can say something precise (a few sentences) in response to the questions related to the topic/slide title:

What? How? Why?

• Have a look and inspect the links to additional information provided at the web-page of the course. Ask the same questions above

Appendix. Learning outcomes

- Understand the main problems in security, confidentiality and privacy in computers and in networks, and the reasons for their importance
- Understand the main approaches adopted for their solution and/or mitigation, together with the strengths and weaknesses of each of these approaches.
- Understand the main encryption algorithms and protocols.
- Appreciate the application of encryption algorithms to secure messaging, key distribution and exchange, authentication
- Understand the use of epistemic logics for formal modelling of security and privacy protocols.
- Understand the legal and ethical issues related to security, confidentiality and privacy