Paxson Spring 2011

CS 161 Computer Security

Homework 0

Due: Thursday, January 27, at 11:59pm

Instructions. Get an EECS instructional class account if you don't have one already. Log in. When you log in for the first time, answer the questions about your name, student ID number, etc.

Run the command register and answer the questions it asks you. (This only needs to be done once; if you've done it before, it will do nothing.) Create an empty directory, and create files q1.txt, q2.txt and (optionally) q3.txt in that directory following the instructions below. To submit your homework solution, type submit hw0 from that directory.

This homework is due **Thursday**, **January 27**, at **11:59pm**. It *must* be submitted electronically (and not in the drop box).

Question 1 Policy

(50 points)

The aim of this exercise is to ensure that you read the course policies, as well as to make sure that you are registered in the class and have a working EECS instructional class account.

Open the course website http://www-inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs161/sp11/. Append ?name=<name>&userid=cs161-xy to the URL in the address bar, where <name> is your name (as in campus records) and cs161-xy is your class ID (with xy replaced with the two final characters of your class account). Thus, the URL you will open is:

http://www-inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs161/sp11/?name=<name>&userid=cs161-xy

Please read and understand the course policies on that page. If you have any questions, contact the instructors.

To receive credit for having read the policies, create a text file called q1.txt and put in it the string "I understand the course policies."

Question 2 Hidden Password

(50 points)

We have hidden a password on that web page. If you entered the URL correctly as above (substituting your name and userid), you should find a hidden link in the policies section. Click on that link, which will open a dialog box.

The dialog box contains the collaboration policy. Please make sure you fully understand it. If you have any questions, contact the instructors.

Hidden in the collaboration policy text is a password. Once you have figured out the password, create a text file called q2.txt and put a single line in it whose contents are just the password itself. In accordance with the class policies on doing work individually, do not share the password with anyone.

Meta-hint: You will at some point find a hint regarding how to locate the password posted on *Piazzza*. Make sure you have set up your Piazzza account, which you can do by following the corresponding link on the class home page.

Question 3 Feedback

(0 points)

Optionally, feel free to include feedback. What's the single thing we could to make the class better? Or, what did you find most difficult or confusing from lectures or the rest of class, and what would you like to see explained better? If you have feedback, create a text file called q3.txt with your comments.