CS 491/591 Spring '09 Homework #1

Due as a hard copy or by e-mail at the beginning of class, Friday, 23 January.

5 questions, 2 points each. Links for joining the mailing lists are on the course website. You need to choose a username and e-mail it to me, and I'll send a reply with your student number (this will be used to make sure you're on separate ports, etc. from your classmates). You also need to create a new blog or add a tag to an existing blog and send me the link. You can do these latter two things in a single e-mail or two separate e-mails, doesn't really matter.

1. Did you join the secpriv mailing list (the only correct answer is yes)?

2. Did you join the secpriv-chat mailing list? This list is optional, and there is a digest mode, but I highly recommend you join.

3. Did you e-mail me the username you want and to get a student number for the class? Write your username and student number here, too, just to confirm:

4. Did you create a blog for your 491/591 labs, or add a tag to your existing blog, and then e-mail the link? Write the link here, just to confirm:

5.Which of these best describes your experience with C/UNIX programming (any of these are fine to start the class, C/UNIX is not a prerequisite, I'd just like to gauge where the class is):

a. C/UNIX? Is that like MTV or VH1 but for really old people?

b. I have very little or no experience with C or UNIX

c. I took a class in C once, but am not 100% comfortable with C, especially pointers

d. I am comfortable with C, and know basic Linux commands like scp and ls

e. I know how to open sockets, create pipes, use pthreads, etc.

f. I'm such a systems nerd, I have the MIPS startup sound as my ringtone

g. You mean in user space?