

Solutions to Assignment 3

Question 1

The answer will be different for each name. In this example I'll use the generic name "John Doe".

- (a) "John Doe" has 8 characters.
- (b) The SHA-1 cryptographic hash of "John Doe" is:

```
ae6e4d1209f17b460503904fad297b31e9cf6362
```
- (c) The length of the SHA-1 hash value is 160 bits. In hexadecimal notation this requires 40 characters.
- (d) The SHA-1 cryptographic hash of "John doe" is:

```
7f4ab9b2bf9680bd2237e633adb88bdef11060be
```

only one bit in the string changed (upper-case 'D' is 0x44 and a lower-case 'd' is 0x64).

- (e)

```
ae6e4d1209f17b460503904fad297b31e9cf6362
7f4ab9b2bf9680bd2237e633adb88bdef11060be
```

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          *           **   *   *
```

As indicated by the positions of the asterisks above, five of the characters in the hexadecimal representation did not change, while the other 35 changed.

- (f) Each character represents four bits. Consider the two characters in one position. The probability that the second hash value has the same character (the same four bits) is $\frac{1}{16}$ (once the first number is determined, the probability that the second matches it is 1/16).

The number of matches has a binomial probability distribution with a mean $\frac{40}{16} = 2.5$.

Question 2

- (a) An IPv6 address has 128 bits. The most-significant 64 bits are used for routing while the least-significant 64 bits are used to identify a host in a network.

- (b) The answer will depend on your ISP. As of December 2017, the Vancouver area, Telus supports IPv6 but Shaw does not. All widely-used operating systems (Windows, Mac OS, Linux) support IPv6.
- (c) The DNS query `nslookup -type=AAAA www.bcit.ca` does not return an IPv6 address while the same query for `netflix.ca` returns a series of addresses in the network `2620:108:700f::`.

Question 3

- (a) According to the [Cisco documentation](#), the command:

```
Router(config)# ip dhcp ping packets number
sets "The number of ping packets that are sent before the address is assigned to a requesting client."
```

- (b) A DHCP server can be manually configured with IP addresses for specific hosts (via a MAC address to IP address mapping). This is useful when the host's IP address must be set to a specific value. For example if that host provides services and other devices must be configured with the server address (instead of the name).

Question 4

There are various ways to write the BIND records, but the simplest is probably:

```
www.schoolbuds.ca. A 104.238.64.106
schoolbuds.ca. MX 10 www.schoolbuds.ca.
```

which would add an 'A' (address) resource record for the domain name `www.schoolbuds.ca` with the value `104.238.64.106` and an MX record with priority 10 that points to the same host.