| Paxson<br>Spring 2013 | CS 161<br>Computer Security | Homework 0 |

Due: Thursday, January 31st, 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.

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**Problem 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.icir.org/vern/cs161-sp13/.
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.icir.org/vern/cs161-sp13/?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.`"

**Problem 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 an 8 character password. Some characters of the password may be special characters such as space or -. 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 *Piazza*. Make sure you have set up your Piazza account, which you can do by following the corresponding link on the class home page.

## Problem 3   *Feedback*                                          (0 points)

Optionally, feel free to include feedback. What's the single thing we could do 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.