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Homework 10

1. Please read the Turing Award lecture delivered by Ken Thompson, titled "Reflections on Trusting Trust".

http://www.acm.org/classics/sep95/

Bring a (typed) report on your reading to the next class, Tuesday, December 3. Report must contain (a) a brief description of the article, explaining how the technical ideas suggested by the author expose security flaws; and (b) a response to the reading: a comment or question about the article or your opinion on the subject.

Please limit the report to at most a page, with reasonable margins and font-size.