Homework 1

Due Date: Friday, October 4, 2013 at 5:00pm   **Points:** 25

1. (*5 points*) Please write a paragraph or two about your reason for taking this class. In particular, how does computer security relate to your major or graduate program of study (if it does), and what do you hope to learn?

2. (*10 points*) A key problem in computer security lies in how much people often trust technology. Please describe how Arthur C. Clarke's story "Superiority" speaks to this theme.

3. (*10 points*) Please write a paragraph or two about an incident in which a computer system or set of systems, did not work as expected. Say what the system was supposed to do, what it actually did, and what the consequences of the failure were. You may choose an incident described in the press (in which case, don't forget to cite your source!) or from your own experience.