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Study the following questions and prepare your answers before the **7th of November 2018**.

Exercise 1: (Caesar)

Break the following ciphertext, given that the Caesar cipher was used to encrypt it:

NZIVSNCZB QA QV OMZUIVG

(Hint: Start by a permutation of the alphabet by 1, then 2, until 10, stop when the result makes sense in English.)

Exercise 2: Symmetric vs. asymmetric crypto

- Describe differences between symmetric and asymmetric cryptosystems.

Exercise 3: Stream ciphers

- What is a one-time pad (Vernam-code)?
- Alice wants to encrypt the letter A, where the letter is given in ASCII code. The ASCII value for A is $65_{10} = 1000001_2$. Using Vernam-code, which of the following keys are suitable to encrypt this plaintext:
 - 10100110
 - 0011111
 - 101010
- Encrypt the message using Vernam code and using XOR as an encryption function and the key in b).

Exercise 4: Vigenère Cipher

- What is a Vigenère Cipher?
- You want to encrypt the message “**I am studying in Frankfurt**” to your friend living in Berlin. What will be your cypher text encrypted using the key “**Berlin**”? Show the necessary steps (Use the Vigenère tableau below when necessary).

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
A A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
B B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A
C C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B
D D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C
E E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D
F F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E
G G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F
H H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G
I I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H
J J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I
K K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J
L L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K
M M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L
N N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M
O O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
P P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
Q Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P
R R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q
S S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R
T T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S
U U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T
V V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U
W W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V
X X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W
Y Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X
Z Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y