"Risk" in an untrusted setting

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Risk is a popular strategy board game.

- It is played on a single board, depicting a world map, partitioned into regions.
- A player owns a region of the map by stationing troops within the region.

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Players fight for regions by gambling some of their troops against the troops in the other player's region.

Risk

- Risk has a variant called "fog of war".
- In this variant, players cannot see the number of troops stationed within regions they don't control, or don't neighbour.
- This variant is therefore only played online, in a trusted setup.

Proposition

- Play fog-of-war Risk in an untrusted setup.
- In the untrusted setup, the same guarantees should be made as the trusted setup, but on a peer-to-peer network.

Rationale

Federation

- Federated platforms can have longer lifespans than centralised platforms.
- Federated platforms are more resistant to censorship and can help promote anonymity and privacy.

Security

Constantly looking for ways to secure against threats specific to federated and decentralised infrastructures.

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 Security issues can be devastating even to decentralised infrastructures.

State of the art

- Private key encryption.
- Signatures.
- Additive homomorphic encryption.
- Web platform. Rapidly evolving.
- Monero, Zcash. Decentralised ledgers respectively using the Bulletproof and ZK-SNARK zero-knowledge proof systems.

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Emulated P2P environment using WebSockets.



Produce shared random values without beacons using commitment schemes.



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Generating large primes using ECMAScript $\tt BigInt$ and <code>Rabin-Miller</code>.

Implementation of the Paillier additive homomorphic cryptosystem.



Implementation of Risk.

