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Service Security

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Time:

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Commercial, financial, governmental, and educational institutions are rushing to deliver new and innovative services over the Internet. Security is a major concern in these initiatives: secure technologies can *protect the privacy* of users and can even be a *competitive advantage* when offered as a core feature.

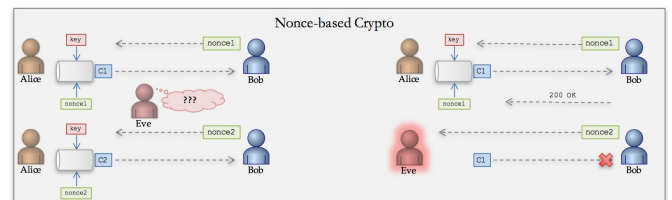
This course will show students how to *develop highly secure online services* and lead organizations to adopt a *security-conscious culture*. This class focuses on the use of *cryptographic technologies* to create innovative online services for e-commerce, fintech, IoT, and other hi-tech initiatives.

Prerequisites: *This course is intended for students with strong programming experience.*

You should already be comfortable with:

- Coding in an object-oriented language (Java, Javascript, C#, C++, Python, PHP, Ruby, etc.)
- Basic web page design (HTML, CSS)
- Basic database design (relational design, ERD/SQL)
- Unix based systems (Linux, MacOS, etc.)

Objectives: This course will enable students to: design better security practices; develop secure software; interact with security practitioners; engage in security research; and digest the latest technical information about security as it emerges everyday.



Grading:

Grades will be based on individual and team performance. Individual grades come from class participation, contribution to our online discussion, and from individual assignments. Students will also work on a semester project to create an innovative online security system. However, students on a team do not receive the same grade for the team project: each student is evaluated on their individual coding contribution to the project.

Individual Coding: 70%

Class and Online Participation – 10%

Individual Homework – 20%

Topics

Activities

Introduction to Information Security

1. **Service Security:**

Services & Security
Meet Your Tools

Linux Tutorial 1
Ruby Tutorial 1
CODE: Setup Linux & Ruby

2. **Information Theory (reschedule)**

Information Entropy
Binary Numbers
Binary Operations

Linux Tutorial 2
Ruby Tutorial 2
CODE: XOR Defender

Cryptography: applying cryptographic principles

3. **Data Encoding and Error**

Testing
Information Encoding (UTF-8)
Error checking

Linux Tutorial 3
Ruby Tutorial 3
CODE: Credit Card Example - Luhn

4. **Cryptography Beginnings**

Serializing versus Marshalling Data
Simple Symmetric-Key Crypto
Modern Perspectives

Git Tutorials 1
CODE: Credit Card Example - Crypto

5. **Symmetric Key Cryptography**

Stream & Block Ciphers
Brittleness/Complexity of SK Crypto
Cryptographic Hashing

Git Tutorials 2
CODE: Credit Card Example - Ciphers
READING: Block-chain and Fintech

6. **Public Key Cryptography**

Asymmetric Cryptography
Complexity Theory
Generating Public/Private Keypairs

PROPOSALS: Team Projects

7. (no class)

Web Services: secure storage

8. **Web Security**

PK Crypto & Web-of-Trust
Internet Infrastructure
Web Services

9. **Databases and Web Testing**

Environments & Utilities
Simple Databases: Sqlite
Web Testing

10. Database Hardening

- Threat Model and Matrix
- Database Vulnerabilities
- Securing Database Columns

Users: Accounts and Authentication

11. User Accounts

- Protecting Passwords
- Account Infrastructure
- Cloud Deployment

12. Interface and Authentication

- API Deployment
- Interface Client
- Cookies, TLS/SSL

13. Secure Sessions

- Hardened Cookies and Sessions
- Secure Messaging
- Account Registration

Security Policy: Authorization and Validation

14. Token-based Authorization

- JWT controversy
- Discretionary Access Control
- Authorization Tokens

15. Policies and Validation

- Distributed Security Policy
- Policy Objects
- Form Validation

16. Authorization Protocols (reschedule)

- OAuth Flow
- Distributed OAuth
- Single-Table Inheritance

17. Client-Side Security

- Authenticating API Clients
- XSS / CSRF
- Browser Defense: Headers, CSP, Integrity

18. Final Team Presentations