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A POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION, Computer Systems

Course Number: COMP 8506

Course Name: Selected Topics in Network Security
and Design

Start Date: September 8, 2010

End Date: December 3,
2010

Total Hours: **Total Weeks:**
Hours/Week: 3.75 **Lecture: 1.25** **Lab: 2.5**

Term/Level: 1 **Course Credits: 3**

Prerequisites:

**Dip. Of Tech in Computer Systems (or
equivalent) or Permission of instructor and
Program Head**

Course No. **Course Name**
COMP 8006 Network Administration and
Security Level 2

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v **Course Description:**

This course is a study of topics of particular interest to advanced B. Tech students in the area of network security. The focus will be on understanding network vulnerabilities and how they can be exploited.

v **Course Goals**

- The primary goal of this course is to get students to apply all the knowledge and skills acquired in Comp 7006 and Comp 8006 in a practical, hands-on manner.
- Conduct an in-depth study of specific and highly specialized areas in Network Vulnerabilities and Exploits.
- Implement a substantial project in the selected area, and produce an application or project report or both upon completion.

v **Evaluation**

Exams:	30%	Comments: The breakdown of evaluation components will be discussed in class.
Assignments and Projects:	70%	
TOTAL	100%	

v **Course Learning Outcomes/Competencies**

Upon successful completion, the student will be able to:

1. Understand how exploits can be used to compromise networks and evaluate the threat they pose to systems and networks.
2. Conduct network audits and penetration testing for networks.
3. Analyze networks and identify potential vulnerabilities that could be exploited.
4. Design and implement customized network security solutions that would mitigate threats and vulnerabilities.

v Verification

I verify that the content of this course outline is current.

Aman Abdulla

August 9, 2010

Authoring Instructor

Date

I verify that this course outline has been reviewed.

Program Head/Chief Instructor

Date

I verify that this course outline complies with BCIT policy.

Dean/Associate Dean

Date

Note: Should changes be required to the content of this course outline, students will be given reasonable notice.

v Instructor(s)

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v Learning Resources

Required:

Given the rapidly changing nature of this field of study the best resources are on the Internet. You will be required to seek out sites that provide exploits and current information in the area of network security.

Recommended:

Know Your Enemy

Revealing The Security Tools, Tactics, and Motives of the Blackhat Community - By The HoneyNet Project
Addison-Wesley Publishers

Counter Hack Reloaded – 2nd Ed.

A step-by-Step Guide to Computer Attacks and Effective Defenses - By Ed Skoudis and Tom Liston
Prentice-Hall Publishers

Hacking Linux Exposed

Linux Security Secrets and Solutions – By Hatch, Lee & Kurtz
McGraw-Hill

Students may be required to purchase special software related to lab experiments and projects.

Access to older PCs that can be used as test machines will be very useful.

v Information for Students

By attending this course and receiving this course outline, you have been made aware of the following policies. Please follow the links provided as each student is responsible for reading and complying with these policies.

The following statements are in accordance with the *BCIT Student Regulations Policy 5002*. To review the full policy, please refer to <http://www.bcit.ca/files/pdf/policies/5002.pdf>.

Attendance/Illness:

In case of illness or other unavoidable cause of absence, the student must communicate as soon as possible with his/her instructor or Program Head or Chief Instructor, indicating the reason for the absence. Prolonged illness of three or more consecutive days must have a BCIT medical certificate sent to the department. Excessive absence may result in failure or immediate withdrawal from the course or program.

Academic Misconduct:

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the *Violations of Standards of Conduct* section of Policy 5002.

The School of Computing and Academic Studies expects the highest level of professional conduct and ethical behaviour from all students enrolled in part time studies courses and programs. All students are reminded of the BCIT policy related to the *Responsible Use of Information Technology*. Read the full policy here:

<http://www.bcit.ca/files/pdf/policies/3501.pdf>.

The Computing and IT knowledge and skills acquired by students in the course of their studies confers upon them, as with all professionals, a special responsibility to use their knowledge in a responsible, professional and ethical manner. Further, given that misuse of computer facilities at BCIT can have significant legal and/or economic impacts, upon evidence of any such misconduct, the School may recommend immediate suspension, even for first offences.

Attempts:

Students must successfully complete a course within a maximum of three attempts at the course. Students with two attempts in a single course will be allowed to repeat the course only upon special written permission from the Associate Dean. Students who have not successfully completed a course within three attempts will not be eligible to graduate from their respective program.

Accommodation:

Any student who may require accommodation from BCIT because of a physical or mental disability should refer to BCIT's Policy on Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (<http://www.bcit.ca/files/pdf/policies/4501.pdf>), and contact BCIT's Disability Resource Centre (SW1-2300, 604-451-6963, <http://www.bcit.ca/drc/>) at the earliest possible time. Requests for accommodation must be made to the Disability Resource Centre, and should not be made to a course instructor or Program area.

Any student who needs special assistance in the event of a medical emergency or building evacuation (either because of a disability or for any other reason) should also promptly inform their course instructor(s) and the Disability Resource Centre of their personal circumstances.

Course Notes:

- You will be required to work in teams that will be established on the first day of class.
- Each team will be required to do significant research into setting up a Honeypot for Win32 and Linux operating systems.
- Notes will be posted on my Web server which you may access using the following URL:

<http://milliways.bcit.ca/c8506/>

- The final project will be the main focus of the entire term. Each week you will provide me with project updates.
- Throughout the term we will hold periodic project review meetings. Further details to be discussed in class.

v Assignment Details :

- The main component of this course will be the “war games” project. Students will be required to submit a detailed report outlining their design of the Honeypot, the vulnerabilities used and the exploits used to attack other teams. (see note below)
- There will be some smaller assignments, but they will all address the larger project. That is, the assignments will be smaller components to be used in the final project.
- There is considerable latitude in topics and the nature of the assignments and final project given the nature of this field of study. We will discuss and select these topics as part of our class discussions.

Note: The final project format will most likely be modified for this running of the course. Details will be provided in class.

Schedule

Topic Number	Outcome/Material Covered
1	Exploits and the Attackers' Process: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose of exploits.• The Attacker's process.• Reconnaissance and System Exploits.• Types of Attacks and Exploits
2	Attack Routes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ports and Services• Password Cracking• Third-Party Software• Trojans• Covert Channels• Wireless Network Vulnerabilities and Attacks
3	Final Project Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honeynet• War Games

****Topics may be omitted, replaced or added at the discretion of the instructor.**

CST/PTS Student Conduct Guidelines

The School of Computing and Academic Studies expects the highest level of professional conduct and ethical behaviour from all students enrolled in Computer Systems Technology (CST) courses and programs.

All students are reminded of the following BCIT policies related to student conduct:

- Policy 5250 Cheating and Plagiarism www.bcit.ca/~presoff/5250.htm
- Policy 5251 Student Conduct www.bcit.ca/~presoff/5251.htm
- Policy 3501 Responsible Use of Information Technology at BCIT www.bcit.ca/~presoff/3501.htm

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