

Course Curriculum

Course Code : SE 3205
Course Title : Software Security
Course Credit: 2 Credit (Theory course)
Credit Hour : 14 X 2 = 28 hours (1 class equivalent to 1 hour lecture)

| Week | Topic | Content (Lesson Plan) | Reference Book & Chapter |
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| WEEK 01 | Overview | Class 1: Threats, Attacks, and Assets Security Functional Requirements Attack Surfaces and Attack Trees Computer Security Strategy | |
| | Authentication & Access Control | Class 1: Electronic User Authentication Principles Password-Based Authentication Token-Based Authentication Biometric Authentication | |
| WEEK 02 | | Class 2: Security Issues for User Authentication Remote User Authentication Case Study: Security Problems for ATM Systems | |
| | | Class 3: Access Control Principles Example: UNIX File Access Control Role-Based Access Control Attribute-Based Access Control ASSIGNMENT-01 (online) | |
| WEEK 03 | Attacks and Countermeasures | Class 1: SQL Injection Attacks Database Access Control Inference Database Encryption | |
| | | Class 2: Security Requirements of Database Reliability & Integrity of Database Data Protection in the Cloud Cloud Security Risks and Countermeasures | |

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| WEEK 04 | | Class 3: Types of Malicious Software (Malware) Advanced Persistent Threat Propagation and Payload Countermeasures | |
| | | Class 4: Denial-of-Service (DoS) Attacks Flooding Attacks Application-Based Bandwidth Attacks Defence & Response to DoS Attack | |
| WEEK 05 | | Class 5: Intruders Intrusion Detection Analysis Approaches Host-Based Intrusion Detection Network-Based Intrusion Detection | |
| | | Class 6: Firewall Characteristics and Access Policy Types of Firewalls Firewall Basing Firewall Location and Configurations Intrusion Prevention Systems ASSIGNMENT-02 (online) | |
| WEEK 06 | Distributed System Security | Class 1: Security Tools and Techniques Identity Management Securing IaaS Risk Analysis & Assessment | |
| | Security Flaws | Class 1: Application Low Level Vulnerabilities Web applications Cryptographic/Access controls Networking Vulnerabilities | |
| WEEK 07 | Program Security | Class 1: Buffer Overflows Defending Against Buffer Overflows Other Forms of Overflow Attacks | |
| | | Class 2: Software Security Issues Writing Safe Program Code Program Input & Output STUDENT TOPIC PRESENTATION (1): Taxonomy of Coding Errors | |

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| WEEK 08 | | Class 3: Automatic Program Repair Pre-Patch Window Security Workaround for Rapid Response Error Propagation | |
| | | Class 4: Concurrency and Race Condition Concurrency Management Blocking Time Priority Inversion & Inheritance Countermeasure for Race Condition | |
| WEEK 09 | Operating System Security | Class 1: System Security Planning Operating Systems Hardening Application Security Linux/Unix and/or Windows Security | |
| | | Class 2: Security in the Design of OS: Layerd & Kernelized Design Security Maintenance Reference Monitor Correctness & Completeness Rootkit Detection & Prevention ASSIGNMENT-03 (online) | |
| WEEK 10 | Secure Software Design & Development | Class 1: Program Analysis Static & Dynamic Analysis Symbolic Execution using Propositional Logic STUDENT TOPIC PRESENTATION (2): Code Review | |
| | | Class 2: Branching Behaviour Loops & Recursion Deal with Infinite Execution Tree Security Assertions Concolic Execution | |
| WEEK 11 | | Class 3: Expected vs. Abnormal Execution Behaviour Control-Flow Integrity Imprecision: Call/Return Mismatch, Destination Equivalence | |
| | | Class 4: Shadow Stack Memory Safety SoftBound STUDENT TOPIC PRESENTATION (3): Architecture Risk Analysis | |

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| WEEK 12 | Threat Modelling | Class 1: What, When, Why? Process of Modelling with DFD Identity Threats STRIDE Standards Mitigation Validation Threats | |
| | | Class 2: STUDENT TOPIC PRESENTATION: <i>4. Risk Management Framework</i> <i>5. Software Penetration Testing</i> <i>6. Risk based Security Testing</i> | |
| WEEK 13 | Trusted Computing | Class 1: The Bell-LaPadula Model for Computer Security Other Formal Models for Computer Security The Concept of Trusted Systems Application of Multilevel Security ASSIGNMENT-04 (online) | |
| | Security vs Usability | Class 1: Human Behaviour Analysis Usability and Authentication Human Factor: Security Principals | |
| WEEK 14 | Security Auditing | Class 1: Security Auditing Architecture Security Audit Trail Implementing the Logging Function Audit Trail Analysis | |
| | Secure Development Lifecycle | Class 1: Training Security Requirements Define Metrics & Compliance Reporting Risk based Security Testing Safe Codes Touch-points | |
| | | Online: Student Individual Presentation on Research Articles | |
| Final Examination | | | All |

Reference Books:

- WSL *Computer Security: Principles and Practice* (3rd Edition). William Stallings, Lawrie Brown. Pearson Education, Inc. 2015
- CSJ *Security in Computing* (5th Edition). Charles P. Pfleeger, Shari Lawrence Pfleeger, Jonathan Margulies. Pearson Education, Inc. 2015
- GMW *Software Security: Building Security in*. Gary McGraw. Addison-Wesley Professional. 2006
- JEH *Hacking: The Art of Exploitation* (2nd Edition). Jon Erickson. No Starch Press. 2008
- DMH *The Web Application Hacker's Handbook: Finding and Exploiting Security Flaws* (2nd Edition). Dafydd Stuttard, Marcus Pinto. Wiley Publishing, Inc. 2007
- GWP *Penetration Testing: A Hands-On Introduction to Hacking* (1st Edition). Georgia Weidman. No Starch Press. 2014