Introduction to Computer Security

Syllabus

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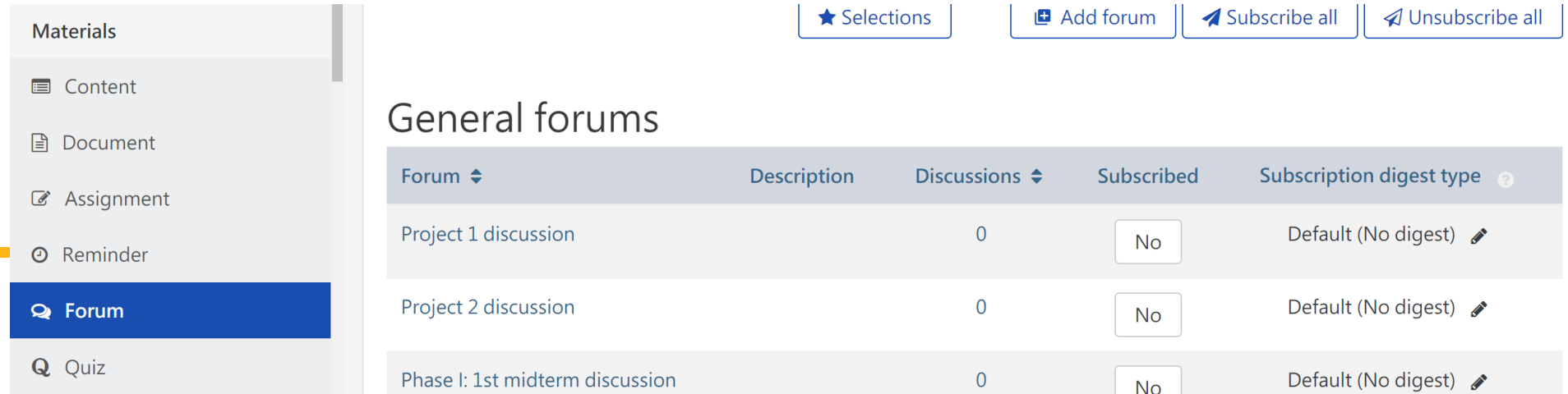
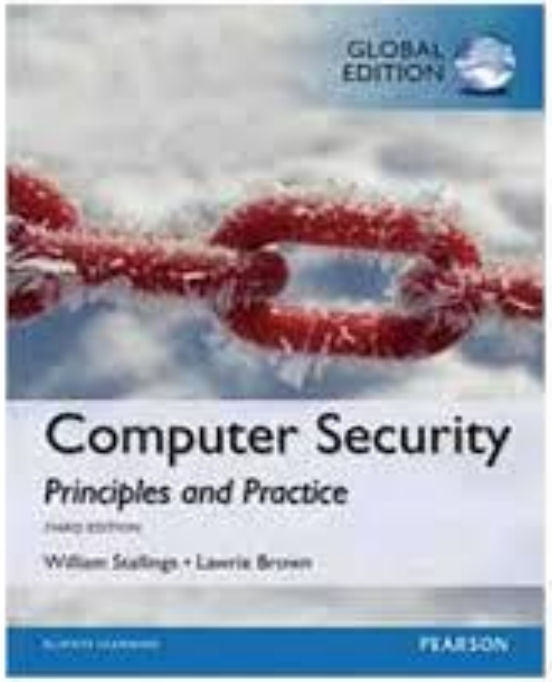


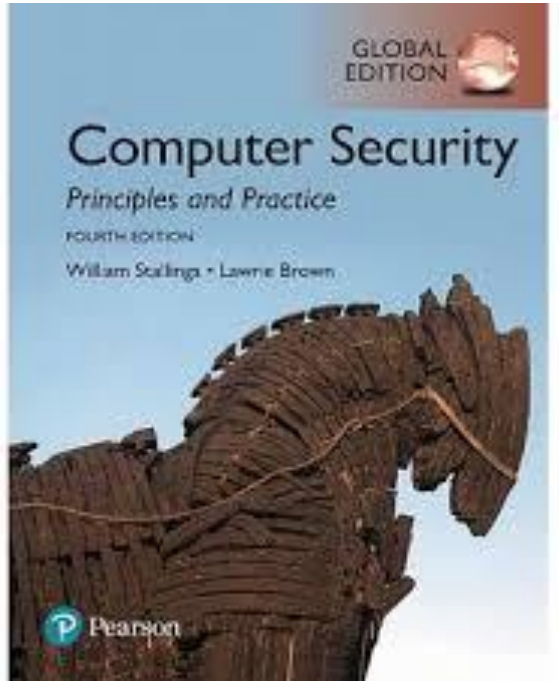
Textbook

- Computer Security: Principles and Practice
  - William Stallings and Lawrie Brown, Pearson

3rd Global Edition, 2014



4th Global Edition, 2018



What this Course is About …

- Part I: an introduction to a variety of topics in computer security
  - Computer security technology and principles
    - Cryptographic tools, user authentication, access control
    - Database security, malicious software, DoS, intrusion, firewalls
  - Software and system security
    - Buffer overflow, software security, OS security, cloud and IoT security
  - Network security
    - Internet security protocols and applications
    - Wireless and cellular network security

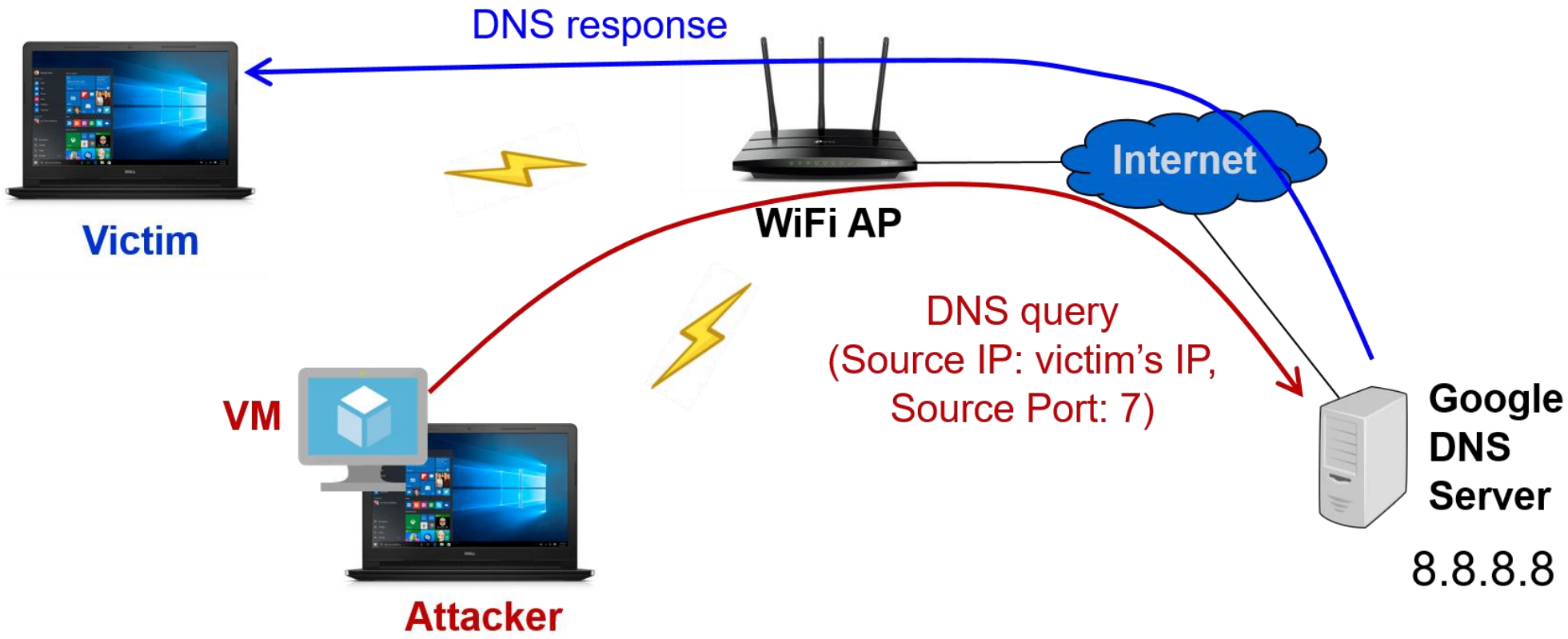
What this Course is About … (Cont.)

- Part II: a training of hand-on skills in computer security
  - A capstone course
    - Apply what you have learned into computer security
  - Recommended prerequisites
    - Computer networks, operating systems, network programming, and cryptography
  - Four projects
    - Project 1: Network security
    - Project 2: Wireless network security
    - Project 3: System (Linux) security
    - Project 4: Buffer overflow and software security

Projects

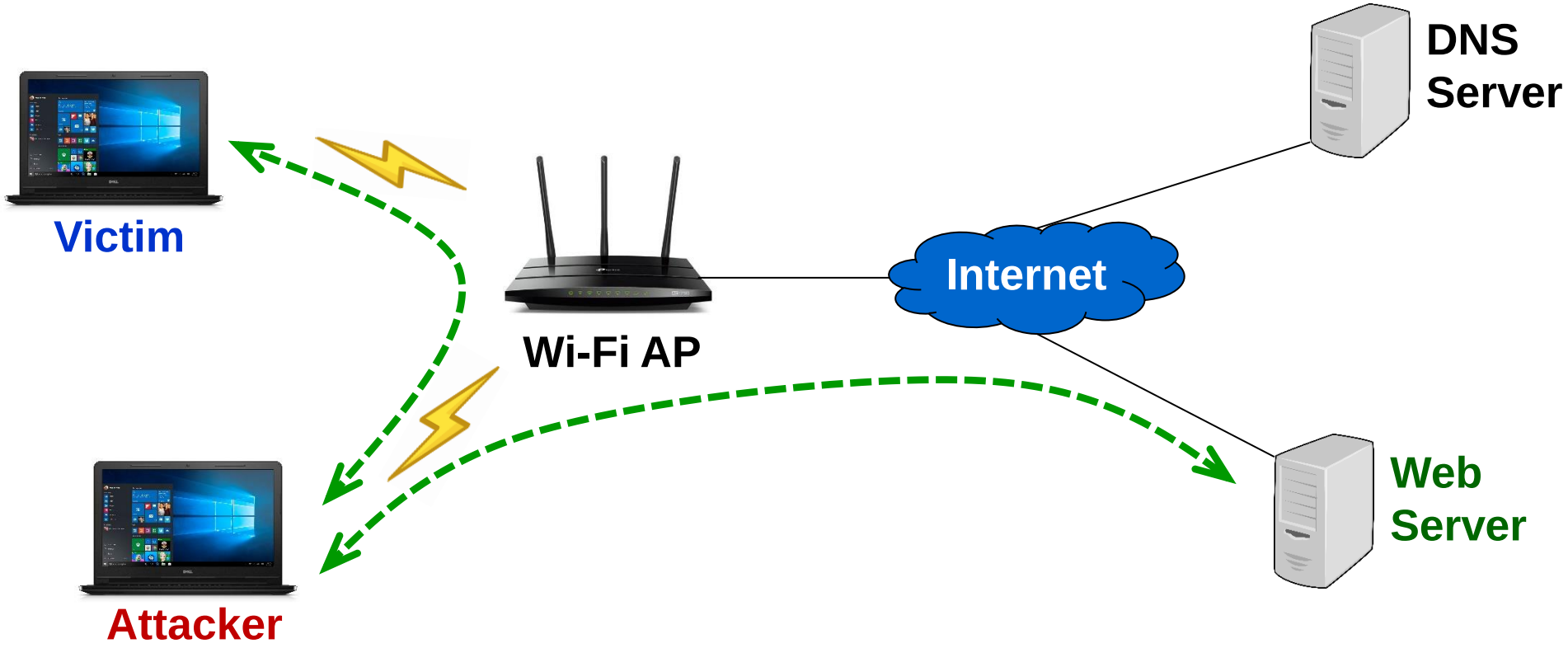
- Project 1: DNS Reflection and Amplification Attacks
- Project 2: Phishing Attacks in Wi-Fi Networks
- Project 3: Worms Replication through SSH and Its Detection
- Project 4: Capture The Flag (CTF)
  - Problems related to buffer overflow and software security

Project 1: DNS Reflection and Amplification Attacks



- Learned techniques
  - (1) Raw socket programming; (2) IP packet spoofing; (3) packet tracing; (4) DNS query fabricating

Project 2: Phishing Attacks in Wi-Fi Networks



- Learned techniques
  - (1) Wi-Fi packet tracing; (2) ARP spoofing; (3) DNS spoofing; (4) MITM attack

Project 3: Worms Replication through SSH and Its Detection

- Learned techniques
  - (1) System login with public key authentication; (2) analysis of abnormal processes on Linux; (3) routine task scheduling on Linux

Project 4: Capture The Flag (CTF)

- A type of crypto-sport
  - Goal: learning to secure a machine
  - How?
    - Giving a set of challenges
    - A “Flag” is obtained when a challenge is countered

From Wikipedia

- A toy example

$ python -c 'v = input(); ***print("flag:foobar") if v == "1"*** else print("failed")'

- Learned techniques
  - (1) Identifying misuse of C/Linux functions; (2) Identifying buggy codes; (3) Reverse engineering

Tentative Schedule

Phase I

- Overview
- Denial-of-Service (DoS) attacks
- Cryptographic tools
- User authentication
- Wireless network security
- 1st Midterm Exam (4/24)

Project 1
- Release: 3/13
- Deadline: 4/9

Project 2
- Release: 4/10
- Deadline: 5/7

Phase II

- Access control
- Internet authentication applications
- Malicious software
- Buffer overflow
- Software security
- 2nd Midterm Exam (5/22)

Project 3
- Release: 5/1
- Deadline: 5/28

Project 4
- Release: 5/15
- Deadline: 6/23

Phase II

Phase III

- Database and data center security
- Intrusion detection
- Firewalls and intrusion prevention system
- OS security
- Cloud and IoT security
- Internet security protocols and standards
- Cellular network security
- Final Exam (6/19)

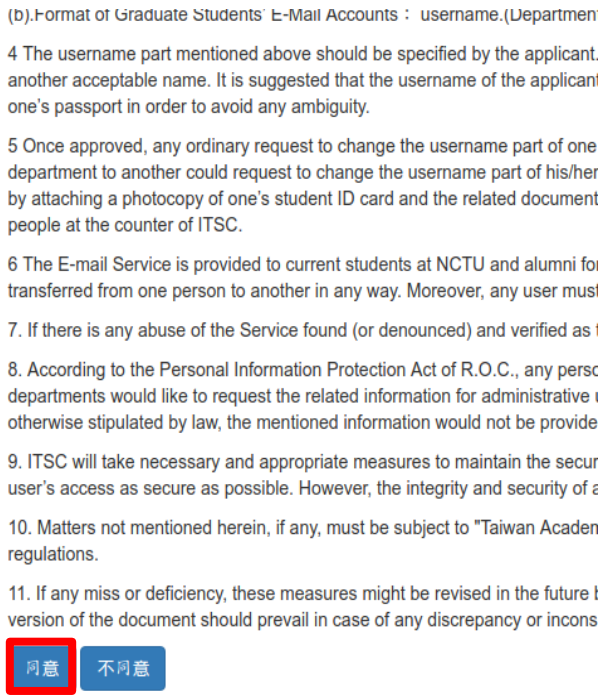
How will We Proceed?

- Slides (posted on New E3) + Blackboard-writing
- You are allowed to raise questions in Chinese
- You are encouraged to
  - attend our online office hours
  - ask/discuss your questions on the online forum
  - be absent if you feel sick or sleepy
- Course policies
  - No makeup exam! No cheating!
  - Projects: collaboration/plagiary/copy is prohibited between different teams
    - Projects 1-3: up to two team members
    - Project 4: no team-up

Roll Call for COVID-19

- Online roll call
  - QR code: directing to a per-class google form
  - Google form: inputting student ID and claimed seat
  - NCTU Google Suite: linking the form to a NCTU email
- Prerequisites
  - Sign up for G suite with your NCTU email
  - Register your email (NCTU G-Suite) for the roll call in a given form
- For each class
  - Sign in with your roll-call email, and scan the QR code to sign up and claim a seat
    - Allowed to submit only once per email
    - Will resolve any seat conflict later

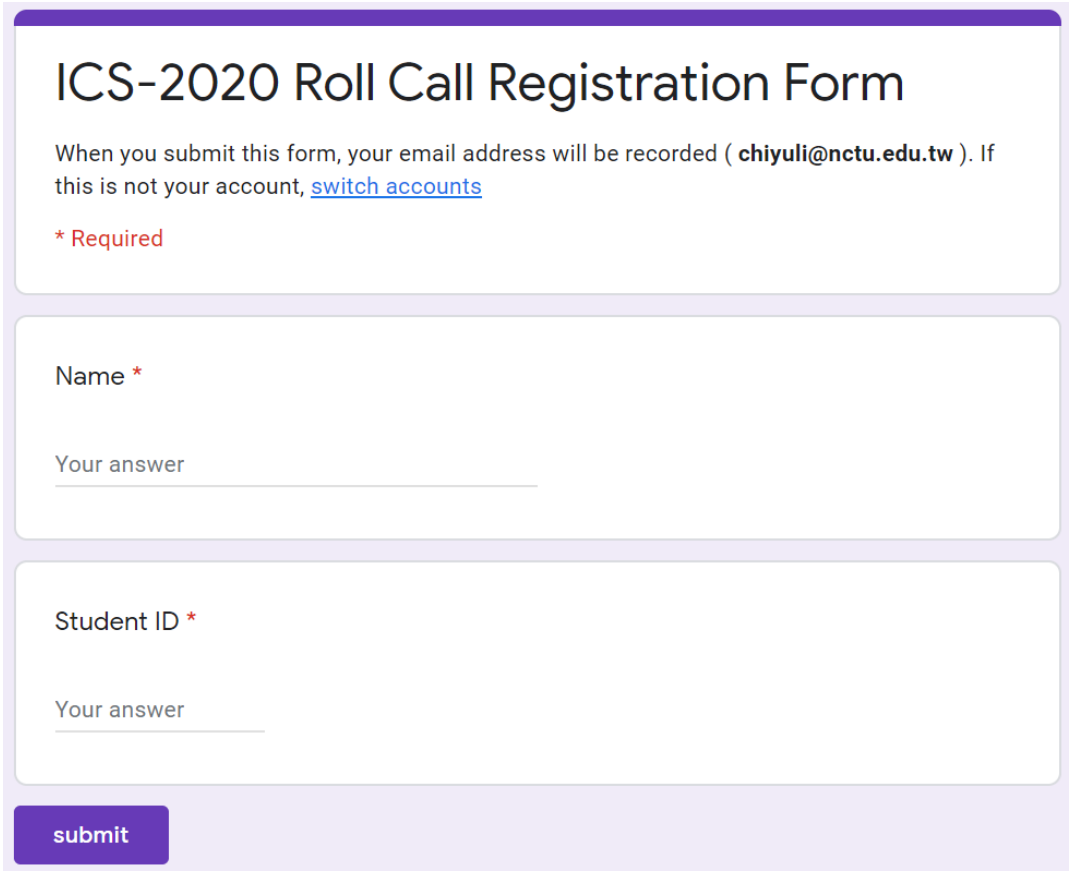
How to Sign Up for G Suite?



How to Sign Up for G Suite? (cont.)

Register Your Email (NCTU G-Suite) for Roll Call

- Link: https://forms.gle/veUjTBT2bX3Z4euX9



Sign Up for a Roll Call

ICS-2020 Roll Call (2020/03/03)

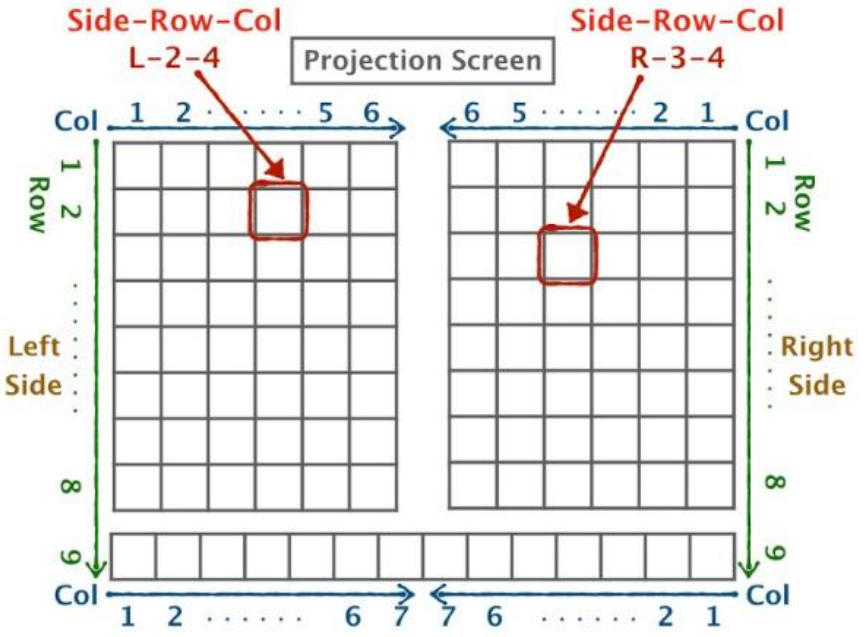
When you submit this form, your email address will be recorded (**chiyuli@nctu.edu.tw**). If this is not your account, switch accounts

* Required

Student ID *

Your answer

Claim a seat in format Side-Row-Col (see the figure below, e.g., L-2-4) *



Your answer

Online Lectures Starting from 4/7

- Tuesday lecture (2B): asynchronous online learning
  - A recorded video released by every Tuesday noon
- Friday lecture (5EF): synchronous online learning
  - Online lecture using Zoom
  - A recorded video released by every Friday midnight

Grading Policies

- Four projects: 48% (12% each)
- Midterm exam (5/1): 25%
- Final exam (6/19): 27%
- Closed book exams: You are allowed to bring ONE cheat sheet (A4 paper, double sided)
  - You can write or type anything you need on the sheet
  - Sample midterm and final exams are posted on E3 for your reference

Online Office Hours

- Instructor: Thu. 2:30-4:30pm
- TAs: Tue. 1:30-4:30pm
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Why is Cyber Security so Important?

- Most computing devices are network-connected
  - All have risks: attacks from the network/Internet

Servers

Cyber (Network) Attack ➔ > 400 billion US dollars in Global Losses

from US CSIS (Center for Strategic and International Studies) 2014 Report

Why are Cyber Attacks so Popular?

- High returns at low risk and low cost
  - Low cost: Attacks require only network-connected devices; large-scale attacks
  - Low risk: difficult to be traced back; IP can be hidden or Botnet
  - Returns >> Cost
- Two major attack types
  - Social engineering
    - Tricking a user into granting access
  - Vulnerability Exploitation
    - Taking advantage of a design/implementation/operational flaw to gain access

Four Popular Cyber Attacks

- Ransomware
- Data Breach
- Business Email Compromise
- IoT Security Threats

According to IC3 (Internet Crime Complaint Center) and IBM X-Force Report 2016

Example I: Ransomware

- Malware encrypts the victim's data and requests payment to decrypt it
  - Infection by social engineering
  - E.g., victim clicks a malicious link or opens a malicious file from an email

- By IC3
  - Ransomware has attacked hospitals, schools, and many individuals/companies
  - Ransom Money in US: 2016 Q1 (200 million) >> 2015 whole year (24 million)

ALL YOUR PERSONAL FILES ARE ENCRYPTED

All your data (photos, documents, database, ...) have been encrypted with a private and unique key generated for this computer. It means that you will not be able to access your files anymore until they're decrypted. The private key is stored in our servers and the only way to receive your key to decrypt your files is making a payment.

The payment has to be done in Bitcoin to a unique address that we generated for you, Bitcoins are a virtual currency to make online payments. If you don't know how to get Bitcoins, you can google "How to Buy Bitcoins" and follow the instructions.

YOU ONLY HAVE 4 DAYS TO SUBMIT THE PAYMENT! When the provided time ends, the payment will increase to 5 Bitcoins. Also, if you don't pay in 7 days, your unique key will be destroyed and you won't be able to recover your files anymore.

To recover your files and unlock your computer, you must se[redacted]d 1.2 Bitcoin (500$), t[redacted] the next Bitcoin address:

Click Here to Show Bitcoin Address

WARNING!

DO NOT TRY TO GET RID OF THIS PROGRAM YOURSELF. ANY ACTION TAKEN WILL RESULT IN DECRYPTION KEY BEING DESTROYED. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR FILES FOREVER. ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOUR FILES IS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.

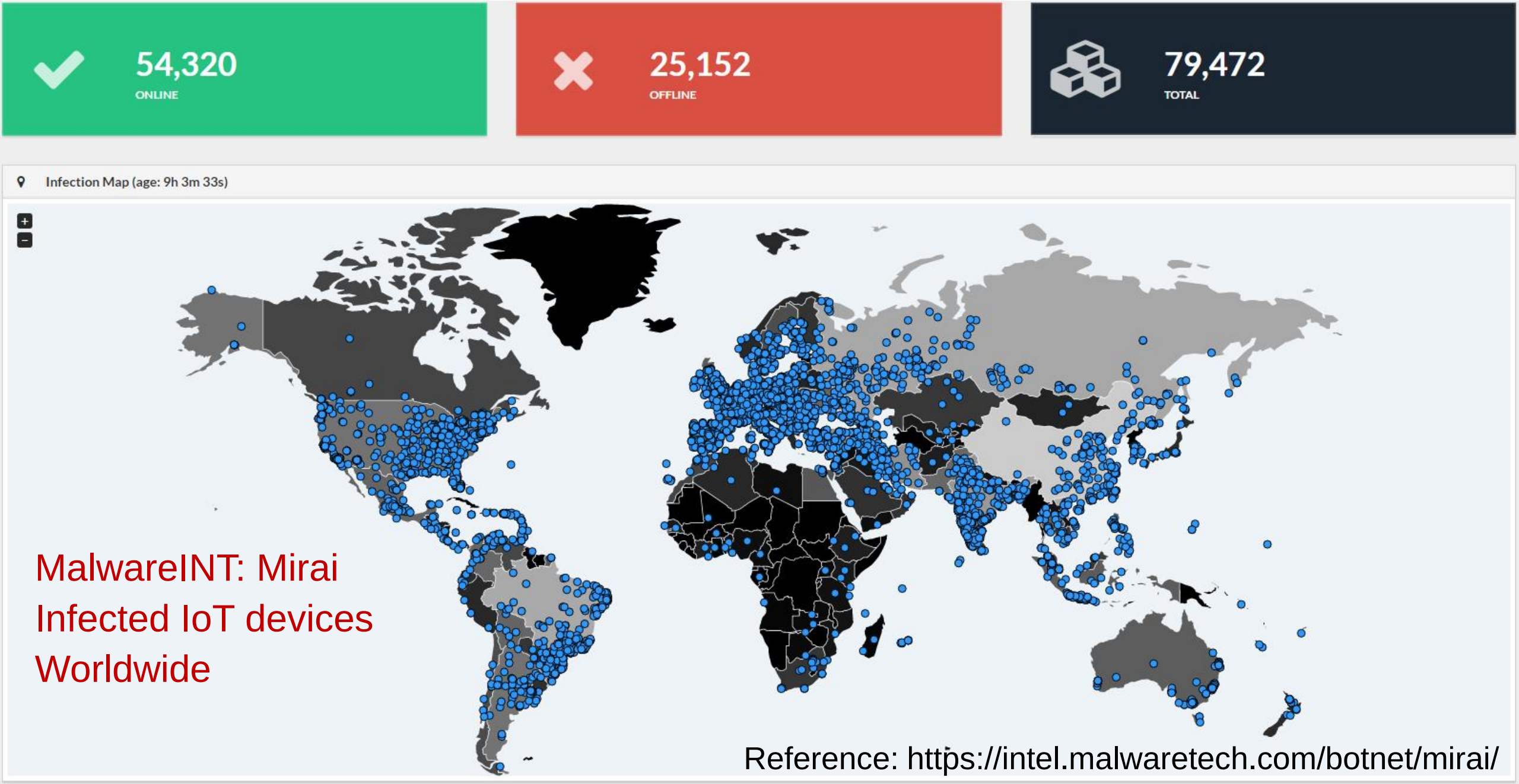
Example II: Data Breach

- [IBM X-Force Report 2016] there is leakage of 2.1 billions personal data entries in 2016
  - Even from famous companies: Yahoo, LinkedIn, etc.
- [Verizon Statistics 2015] more 75% are business interests
  - Cause by three attack manners: Hacking, Malware, Phishing
  - Companies averagely need 201 days to find root causes
  - More than 75% companies do not have any SOP for data breach attacks

Example III: Popular Password Attack

- Malware Mirai turns computer systems running Linux into “bots”
  - Bots can be remotely controlled
  - Targets: IoT devices (e.g., remote cameras and home routers)

- How does the infection work? Popular password attack
  - Hundreds of thousands of IoT devices using default settings
  - A database of more than 60 common factory default usernames/passwords
    - E.g. admin/admin


54,320
ONLINE
25,152
OFFLINE
79,472
TOTAL
Infection Map (age: 9h 3m 33s)
MalwareINT: Mirai
Infected IoT devices
Worldwide
Reference: https://intel.malwaretech.com/botnet/mirai/

Malware Mirai: Damage

- DDOS (Distributed Denial of Service) attacks
  - By a large number of IoT devices

- 21 Oct. 2016: Attack a DNS (Domain Name System) system
  - Many web services suffer from DoS (Denial of Service)

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Question?