Network and Web Security

Prerequisites

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Course content

- Topics
  - Threat modelling
  - Pentesting
  - Network security
  - Web application security: server-side
  - Browser security
  - Web application security: client-side
  - Secure sessions and authorization
  - Web based fingerprinting and tracking
- Exam
  - Each exam question will be roughly half written, half practical
  - You will submit the written answers electronically via *Answerbook* web app
  - You will perform practical tasks such as code review and pentesting, and report results on Answerbook
  - Advice
    - Allocate time to answer written questions well (easier points)
    - Last part of of practical question is hard, and designed to be solved only by less than 10% of students

Pre-requisites

- Highly beneficial to have knowledge of
  - Computer networking
  - Linux shell
  - Web applications
  - At least one scripting language
- Students without a Computer Science background have managed to enjoy and pass the course
  - But some have also struggled and failed
- Additional effort will be necessary if pre-requisites are missing
  - Independent reading on computer networks
  - Familiarise with Linux shell commands
  - Self-study JavaScript and PHP
    - Aim to be able to read code and understand it, you don't need to build complex applications using those languages for this course
  - Play around building a small web application
    - In PHP, and make it talk to a database, even sqlite