

Final Project: Unessay (23%)

Winter 2025 – CPSC 329

Due Apr. 11 at 23:59 on D2L

Task description: In lieu of a research project, your final group project will take the form of an **unessay**. Note that in asking for an unessay, I am emphatically asking you to *not* write an essay. Instead, you'll be creating a project of choice related to some aspect of computer security covered in the course prior to March 12th.

I will provide a list of projects you can choose from on D2L. These are all considered pre-approved, so you can work on any of these that you like. If your group has another project idea that you particularly want to try, I may be able to approve that as well. However, you'll have to present the idea to me in a private Piazza post before March 23rd at 11:59 PM to make sure you still have time to complete the project. No new projects will be approved if submitted after that date.

For your final unessay submission, you'll need to submit the following:

- The unessay itself. This will usually be some sort of file(s) you can submit on D2L. If your project is chosen from the pre-approved list, the instructions for what to upload should be included there, otherwise we will have made other arrangements over Piazza for what you are expected to include here.
- A video walkthrough of your submission. As mentioned on D2L, this should take the form of either an MP4 or (preferably) a link to an unlisted YouTube video. This walkthrough should showcase the main features of your project, but does not need to be completely exhaustive. It should be tailored to show us that your project satisfies the requirements you set out in the rubric. There is a strict upper time limit of 8 minutes for your walkthrough, with an expectation of 5–7 minutes.
- A list of citations to *reputable* sources you used to create your project. This should include websites, books, course materials, online tutorials, software, and anything else you used as you built your project. Your list of citations should be provided as a **separate** PDF file in your submission.

I recommend maintaining a list throughout the entire time you work on your project. If you leave making this list until the time you submit your project, it can become an unpleasant task to complete (any graduate student can attest).

Important: You only need to submit one copy of each of the above documents per group. Designate a single group member to perform the upload. Make sure all uploaded files are clearly labelled to make it easy for us to sort through.