



# Week 1 : Course Introduction

Securing Fixed and Wireless Networks, COMP4337/9337

Never Stand Still

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# Today's Agenda

## Part 1

- Introduction to administrative matters

## Part 2

- What is this course about?
- Crypto building blocks

# Resources

- Course website is on WebCMS3
  - <https://webcms3.cse.unsw.edu.au/COMP4337/25T1/>
  - Lecture notes
  - Link to Echo360 video recordings
  - Lab schedules, allocations and locations
  - Assignment and Lab exercises
  - Quizzes (Weekly)
  - Exam information
  - Link to **Ed discussion forum**
- **Announcement:** Your responsibility to check the announcement/notices on regular basis for important updates/changes to schedule, etc.
- **Your active participation and interaction is crucial to ensure that all of us get the most out of this course**

# Teaching Strategies -1

- Lectures: 2 hours per week
  - Lecture recordings on Echo360
  - We will focus on most important concepts and supplement with discussions
  - Certain material will be left for self study, these will be indicated on the lecture notes
- Labs (20%)
  - 6 Labs in total
  - Best 5 taken for assessment
  - Weeks 2 - 4, 7 - 9
  - Hands on sessions aimed at supporting problem-based learning to enhance student experience.

# Teaching Strategies -2

- Assignment (20%)
  - Released in Week 3, Due in Week 10
  - Complete an assignment by writing programs, analysing security vulnerabilities, propose solution, report and demonstrate system.
  - Develop a secure real-world application.
- Quizzes (20%)
  - 2 in total
  - Quiz 1: 5<sup>th</sup> Week, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (10%)
  - Quiz 2: 9<sup>th</sup> Week, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (10%)
  - Inspera-based online non-invigilated
  - 30 min duration, can attempt from anywhere
- Weekly quiz questions (ungraded)
  - Revision and reflection

# Labs

Tell me and I forget

Show me and I remember

Involve me and I understand

- Chinese Proverb



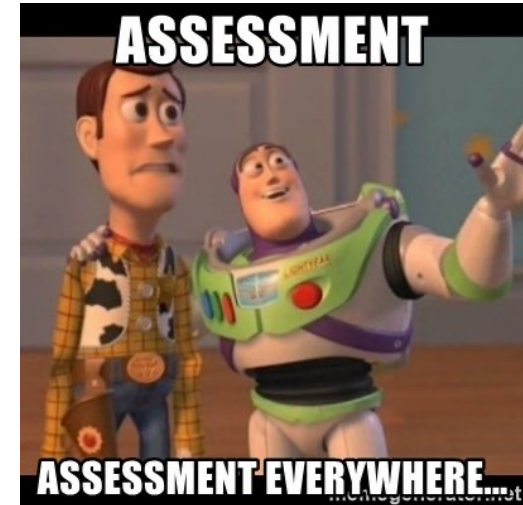
- 2 hours hybrid (in-person as well as online) lab sessions starting Week2 (see notice)
  - Equipment to be loaned, must return before exam period.
- Hands-on experiments
- Group formation (max-2) – find a partner that you can work with from the **same lab group**
- Lab tutors will also be available online (MS Teams) during the lab slots



- LIC' s Consultations
  - By appointment
  - See notice for special consultation for assignment
  - Hopefully, most of the problems will be sorted out via Ed forum.
    - LIC and Lab Tutors will monitor Ed forum and try to help when possible.
- Basic set of rules
  - Do not post code/program/script fragments
  - Lab Tutors cannot provide final solutions
  - Common courtesy

# Assessment

- Lab Assessments (20 marks)
- Assignment (20 marks)
- Quizzes (20 marks )
- Final Exam (40 marks)
- *Note: A double pass is applicable to this course where students must achieve 40% in combined quizzes (20%) + final exam (40%) to pass this subject. A student will get UF grade if they fail to clear the double pass hurdle.*



No **Plagiarism**, we are **serious**. Please read policy in course outline.  
We are using plagiarism tools such as Turnitin for written reports.

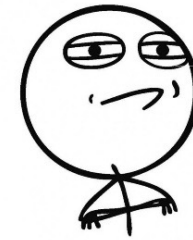


# Securing Fixed and Wireless Networks

- We assume that you have learnt basics of networking in COMP3331/9331.
  - No prior security course is assumed.
  - We may review a few things to put security in context.
- Read the course outline carefully. If you have learnt most of these topics, please consider taking another elective.
  - We have limited space and there are students in the wait list.

# What Is This Course About ?

- Threats, vulnerabilities, and security countermeasures of existing and upcoming fixed and wireless networks.
- We will be taking a systems approach; the course is very much PROTOCOL centric.
- Study crypto primitives and protocols applicable to wireless & Wired networks.
- Learn **practice** of security in networks



# Cooperation

- We have good plans, but we expect your cooperation and patience
- Your ideas/feedback on continual improvement is welcome.  
(no need to wait for end of the term survey)

# WRONG WAY – Please Exit?

- This is not about “WEB SECURITY”
- This is not about “OS: Android/macOS Security”
- This is not about “Maths Crypto”
- This is not about “AI Techniques to Security”
  - We do have a lab focusing on ML applied to security
- Please read the course outline and if this doesn't match your expectations, or has substantial overlap with your prior studies, please make room for other students in the waitlist
  - *We find it very disappointing to see damaging remarks in myExperience surveys despite this early warning.*

