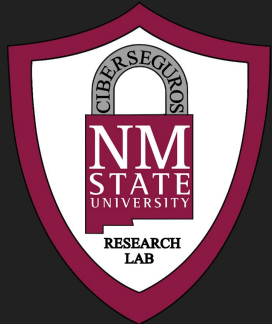# NMSU Reverse Engineering

Lecture 0 - Safety, Setup, and Vision

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We will study #4 in this course.

Careers in Reverse Engineering

Senior Research Engineer (Remote)
Minimum Salary: $102,900

R&D Cybersecurity Vulnerability
Research/Reverse Engineering
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Malware Reverse Engineer (Remote)
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Malware Analysis Lab Safety & How class will work

Setup Github

Setup *nix OS

Setup Hypervisor

Download malware samples

Setup IDE if wanted

Remove Networking

Take Snapshot

Document the process for Lab 0

Take roll!