Welcome to Systems Security (SysSec)

UBNetDef, Spring 2022

Week 1

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Introductions UB SecDev, Spring 2022

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Introductions

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Opening Remarks

Featuring Prof. Murray

UBNetDef Goals:

Learn, Have Fun, Be Your Best

Ground Rules

- Attendance: Taken weekly during lecture time. IT IS PART OF YOUR GRADE!!
- Homework: Weekly, deliverables due Thursdays
 6:29 pm
- Late Policy: Late submissions are not accepted
- COVID: Follow all guidelines put forward by the University and SUNY

Learning objectives

- Learn the CIA triad
- Understand the basics of virtualization
- Learn the components of the System Security class

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Overview - What is UBNetDef?

It's an organization!

We host:

- Camps
- Competitions
- Courses

As:

- Faculty
- Students (grad and undergrad)
- Alumni and volunteers



Overview - What are UBNetDef roles?

All sorts!

- Learners
- Curriculum development
- Course instruction
- UB team competitors
- Infrastructure maintenance and management
- Mentorship and advising
- Administration (this is mostly Prof. Murray)

Overview - UBNetDef Learners

The (for-credit!) courses

- SysSec: The gateway
- Network Security (NetSec)
 - Linux software and networking deep dive
 - Packet analysis
 - Report writing
- Scripting Security (Phil will always call this 'ScripSec' whether it catches on or not)
 - Bash programming
 - Security project
- Security Development (SecDev)
 - Course and curriculum development/instruction
 - Infrastructure management



Overview - SysSec

What about *this* course?

Investigating the boundaries and overlaps between:

- Information Technology (IT)
- Information Systems (IS) Management
- Computer Hardware and Software
- ...through the lens of "cybersecurity"
 - Observe: The "cybersecurity triad"



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- Integrity
- Availability



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Challenge: Subdivide one pillar



Discussion:

Who does what?

- Executives
- Managers
- Evaluators
 - E.g., consultants, analysts, auditors, testers
- Technicians
- Programmers/Developers
- Educators

Overview - Cybersecurity Components

- Computer/controller software
- Network
 - Wireless
- Algorithmic/cryptographic
- Computer/controller hardware
- Physical
- Governance
- Others?



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Distribution of Class Materials

Important Note: Please do not damage the equipment

UBNetDef resources

As it turns out, UBNetDef has you *all* covered already. (Whew!)

We have these:

... and all you have to do is drive over to Davis Hall and pick your gear up.





Converging the analog: Virtualization

Instead, we're going to get you the resources you need for this class through virtualization!

- Remote access to all kinds of different computing solutions
- No need for your own hardware or software
 - Not even a VirtualBox download (for those of you with experience)!
- Effective 24/7 access
- UB and program donors foot the bill!
 - No small expenditure



In Class Activity

Login to vCenter



Virtualization: Let's look inside

- Login to VPN if off campus
- Login to vCenter
 - vCenter: https://cdr-vcenter.cse.buffalo.edu/
 - Use your full UB email for the login ID
 - Course links available at https://ubnetdef.org/courses/syssec/
 - Also available on UBLearns!

In Class Activity

Virtualization Activity

Virtualization Activity

- Windows
 - Open your Windows1
 - User: sysadmin
 - Password: Change.me!
 - Try to use it. What do you observe?

Virtualization Activity

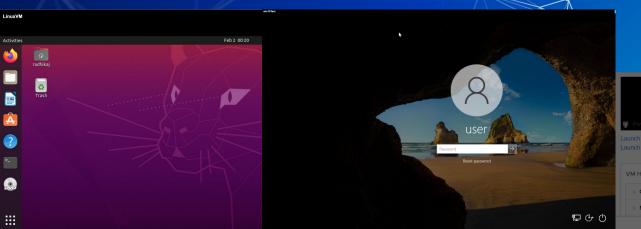
- Windows
 - Open your Windows1
 - Try to use it. What do you observe?
 - And now, open Windows2
 - User: sysadmin
 - Password: Change.me!
 - What do you observe?

Back to virtualization: How did we do that?

Launch Web Console

Launch Remote Console

- A virtual machine is a computer inside a computer.
- A hypervisor lets you interact with virtualized machines!
- VMWare's vSphere presents the hypervisor to you!





Break slide

Please return on time!

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SysSec Coursework

- Assigned weekly
- Delivery and turn-in via UBLearns
 - Required .pdf format uploads
- Select weeks: System state
 - Scored separate of report deliverable
 - Full credit system state may be required for in class activities
- Due the subsequent Thursday, 6:29 pm

Coursework Support

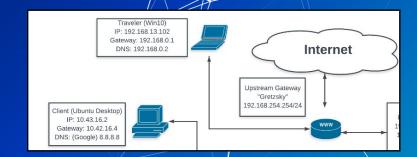
- Office hours (as posted on the https://ubnetdef.org/courses/syssec course page)
- General support in the Systems Security Mattermost channel
 - Subject to availability
 - Limited availability on Thursdays before class
- Open Source Research
- Peer collaboration to achieve system state is acceptable

Weekly coursework components

- Instructional Reports
 - Screenshot technical walk-through
- Informational Reports
 - Written professional report
- Topology
 - Visual network diagram
- A style guide will be released for each component

Common coursework component: Topology

- Topology: A network diagram
- Requirements
 - Generated with a diagram platform
 - draw.io/diagrams.net (recommended)
 - Lucidchart
 - Others that look as or more professional
 - Professional organization of network
 - All devices represented as if physically available
 - Device details correspond exactly to system states



Common coursework component: System State Remedy

- Some assignments are dependent on the completion of others.
 - Deliverables will specify a requisite, gradable "system state."
 - This state can be a "prerequisite" for the next as signment
- We will provide near-term feedback for remediation.
 - Aiming for end-of-lecture (i.e., a 3 hr. turnaround)
- Address remediation instructions seriously!
 - If not remediated, you may not be able to participate in class or start the next HW!
 - Seek after-class help.

Homework 1 (HW01)

- Posted to UBLearns by 9:30 pm
- Install two clients from .iso on your network segment/vCenter folder
 - O Client 1: Windows 10
 - Client 2: Ubuntu Linux Desktop version 21.10 (Impish)
 - All usernames and passwords must match:
 - sysadmin
 - Change.me!
- Perform simple network tests on each using the CLI. Take screenshots!
- System state: Both client installations are complete and are network-connected.
- Provide a topology of your network



In Class Activity

Launch a new VM from ISO



Launch a VM from a new .iso

- In vCenter:
 - Right click on the VM
 - Click on Edit Settings...

 - From the drop down select Datastore ISO File

 - Scroll down to ISOs
 - Select either a Windows or Linux ISO
 - Click OK and make sure the connected option is checked

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Summary and wrap-up

Today's achievements:

- We met each other
- We learned about what UBNetDef is
- We talked about the cybersecurity triad at a high level
- We did some virtualization
 - Launch a machine
 - Experienced the difference between hardware settings
- We communicated the standards for reporting
- We described the homework process, this week's HW, and course resources

Don't leave (yet)!

- Clarification on activities
- Homework help available
 - An early start gives you a huge edge on timely completion
 - Good time to address feedback for remediation when necessary

Parting questions

Now is the time!

Class dismissed

See you next week!