



SWS2 - OVERVIEW

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Module Software and System Security 2 (SWS2-EN)



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- You want to work in security? Don't hesitate to contact us!
 - Consider a Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) with focus on Information Security We offer a co-operative program of work and study (part-time positions)
 - Consider working for us as a research assistant!
- Teaching platform: Moodle, https://moodle.zhaw.ch
 - Course SWS2 FS2022
 - Primary source of information, timetable, material

Goals



- Students receive a sound introduction to system security. The focus of the module is set on "Modern Attack Techniques & Ethical Hacking", "Modern Defense Techniques", "Mobile Security" and "The Human Factor in Information (In)Security".
- You know and understand modern techniques and methods to attack and defend IT infrastructures, and you are familiar with their strengths and weaknesses.
- You know the basic procedure of a penetration test and can carry out key elements of such a test on your own.
- You can implement methods and techniques for monitoring networks and systems in lab settings and assess their suitability for detecting a compromise of the monitored system.
- You know important security concepts of mobile platforms and common mistakes made when developing applications for them. You can apply this know-how to improve the security of your own mobile applications
- You know about awareness measures that can help to address the human risk factor and you can judge their effectiveness

Course Overview (1)



Part I

- Introduction to Securing Information Systems (2)
 - Overview on how to secure information systems (high-level)
- Threat Landscape (2)
 - Overview and how and where to get information about threats
- Penetration Testing and Exploitation (8)
 - Procedure, Phases and Tools How to do a penetration test
- Malware / Botnets / Anti-Virus (3)
 - Malware types, concepts and technology
- Security Controls: Monitoring / SIEM Systems (3)
 - Overview and discussion of strengths and weaknesses of these systems

Course Overview (2)



Part II

- Security of Mobile Platforms (4)
 - iOS and Android security architecture and security testing

Part III

- Human Factor (2)
 - A glance at the importance of this factor for security and (some of) the challenges faced when trying to manage it

Lab Topics (1)



- Hacking-Lab Getting started (2)
 - Experiment with the Hacking-Lab and revisit some of your skills from IS and SWS1 to solve some simple hacking challenges.
- Analysis of the ENISA threat landscape report (2)
 - Get an overview of the current threat landscape
- Penetration-Testing (4)
 - Flex your fingers and do intelligence gathering and vulnerability analysis in the Hacking-Lab and use the Metasploit Framework to hack into vulnerable systems.

Lab Topics (2)



- Exploitation I, II and III (2+2+2)
 - Exploit buffer overflow vulnerabilities despite protections like DEP, ASLR or Stack Canaries.
 Apply Return-Oriented Programming (ROP) to execute arbitrary code without having to inject any code. Learn what you can do to on the defender's side to make the life of attackers hard.
- SIEM-Lab (4)
 - Introduction to Security Information and Event Management systems. Discover attacks, write monitoring rules and do some simple event correlation and attack detection tasks.
- Finding and Exploiting Vulnerabilities in Android Apps (4)
- Identify and fix problems in mobile apps (2) [4]

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Software Security

Modeling, realization, and analysis of software systems that fulfill a number of security requirements

- Analysis of software systems by means of (automated) security testing
- Improving the quality, efficiency and reproducibility of security testing
- R&D of novel security mechanisms and protocols with focus on domain-specific functionality

Cyber Attacks and Defense

Modeling, analysis, and realization of cyber attacks and of defensive measures

- Threats related to the introduction and use of new technologies (e.g., 5G/6G)
- Improvement of the defense posture (e.g., using OSINT)
- Applications of machine learning for cyber defense
- Understanding and mitigating the human factor

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