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Course Overview CS 558 Advanced Computer Security

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- Lecture Hours
 - Mon/Wed, 9:40am 10:55am
- Lecture location
 - Hermann Hall | Room 002

Due to my visa issue, classes on 8/23 and 8/25 will be offered online via Zoom: https://iit-edu.zoom.us/j/2914428434

Syllabus: https://yueduan.github.io/cs558.html

- Office hour:
 - o Office: SB 209C
 - Wed 3pm 5pm
- piazza signup link:
 - https://piazza.com/iit/fall2021/cs558
 - We will use piazza for paper summary submission

- Computer security literature: real-world issues and techniques
 - The classics
 - The challenges
 - The state-of-the-art
- Contents:
 - network security
 - cyber-physical system security
 - software security
 - Hot topics: blockchain security, Al security

- Textbook
 - No textbook needed
 - Focus on research papers from top venues in computer security
- Prerequisite
 - Basic knowledge about system and network
 - Programming skills
 - No prior security knowledge required

Goal

- Explore a range of problems modern network and computer security
- Understand basic concepts, threats, and mechanisms in cybersecurity
- Understand how to engage in networking and security research
- Investigate novel ideas in cybersecurity through a semester-long research project

- Course format and gradings
 - Paper presentation: 25%
 - o Paper summary: 10%
 - Discussion participation: 15%
 - o Project: 50%
 - Proposal presentation: 5%
 - Mid-term report: 15%
 - Final presentation: 15%
 - Final report: 15%

- All late submissions (but still within one day after the deadline) will automatically lose half points.
- Submissions one day after the deadline will NOT be accepted (unless you get permission from the instructor).
- There will be bonus points for
 - (1) EXCELLENT research projects
 - o (2) good in-class participation (attendance and discussion).

- Students are expected to write a paper summary and further present it
- Paper can be from the reading list or from other top conferences
- Each paper summary:
 - no less than 400 words
 - Ontent: What's this paper about?
 - Motivation: Why do the authors want to conduct this research?
 - Contribution: How is the paper different from its peers?
 - Technique: How do the authors achieve their goal?
 - Evaluation: How is the work evaluated?

- Paper summary (cont.):
 - post it on piazza
 - with the title "Summary paper name" and the corresponding piazza label
 - e.g., "Summary Adaptive selective verification" with the label "dos_1_preclass_summary
 - o no later than 11:59 pm on the day before the lecture

- Paper presentation
 - Each student needs to present one paper in the class
 - 20 mins (15 mins presentation + 5 mins discussion)
 - Hint: google the slides of the paper
 - Lead the discussion
 - 5 10 mins
 - What are the pros and cons?
 - Why the authors do research the way it is?
 - Any thought for improvement?

- Research Project
 - Aim high!
 - A good project could become
 - publication
 - master/PhD thesis
 - Focus on novelty and impact

- Research Project
 - Students can form groups (no more than 3 students)
 - hint: try finding your collaborators asap
 - Some topics will be provided soon
 - explore new topics encouraged!
 - Talk to me before finalizing your projects

- Research Project (cont.)
 - Four milestones:
 - Proposal presentation: 5-10 min
 - Mid-term report: report progress
 - Final presentation: 15 min
 - Final report: research paper format
 - Example : conduct research on upgradeable smart contracts in blockchain

- Research Project (cont.)
 - Mid-term report
 - Abstract
 - Introduction
 - Problem Statement
 - Motivation
 - Prior Work
 - Your Approach
 - Preliminary Results

- Research Project (cont.)
 - Final presentation assessment
 - Presentation clearness
 - Slides quality
 - Results and Discussion (progress from mid-term)
 - Demo is strongly encouraged
 - Q&A

- Research Project (cont.)
 - Final report
 - Based on your midterm report
 - at least 5 pages excluding reference and appendix
 - Latex ACM template
 - conference paper style

- Tentative course schedule
 - 8.23 9.8 Introductions to different topics
 - 8.13 9.29 Network security (9.15 project topic tdue)
 - 9.20 9.22 Proposal presentations
 - 10.4 10.13 Cyber-physical system security
 - 10.18 10.27 Software security (10.20 Mid-term report due)
 - 11.1 11.15 Hot topics
 - 11.17 11.29 Final presentations
 - 12.6 Final report due

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Computer Security

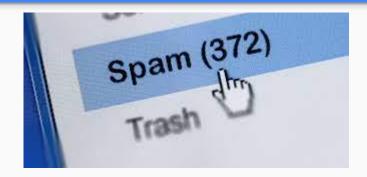


Network Security

- Internet
 - Global scale, general purpose, heterogeneous technologies, public, computer network
 - Vast distributed system comprising
 - 1602 million hosts (potentially malicious)
 - 26,000 ISPs (potentially competing)

Network Security

Spam email



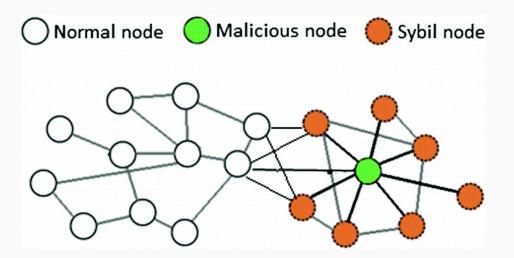
Denial-of-service attacks

Final Fantasy XIV European Servers Bombarded by DDOS Attack

by Ryan Pearson on August 14, 2021 at 6:05 PM, EDT

Network Security

Sybil attacks



CPS Security

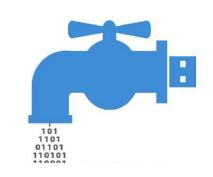
- Cyber-physical system security
 - Internet of things (IOT)
 - smart home
 - smart manufacturing
 - smart agriculture
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CPS Security

IoT privacy leakage

attacks



Cyberattacks on Nuclear Power Plants: How Worried Should We Be?

CPS Security

attacks



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A New Pacemaker Hack Puts Malware Directly on the Device

Researchers at the Black Hat security conference will demonstrate a new pacemaker-hacking technique that can add or withhold shocks at will.

Traditional Software Security

- Huge impact
 - Malicious software is designed to cause damages
 - Normal software can and will contain vulnerabilities







- Heartblee
 - In por
 - Resul

Evil user

Are you there?
The magic word is
"giraffe," which is 100
characters long.

Yes I'm here.
Your magic word was
"giraffe1^v6%\$John Smith:64543-5324:07/19/1982:jsmith:
Secr3tPassw0rd:202-563-1234
:smith@email.com\$."

Server

Reference: The Heartbleed Bug, explained https://www.vox.com/2014/6/19/18076318/heartbleed

Software Security

Malware

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Blockchain Security

- Blockchain security
 - Smart contracts
 - piece of software running on blockchain
 - Attacks and vulnerabilities
 - Anonymity



Blockchain Security

The DAO attack

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 loophole.



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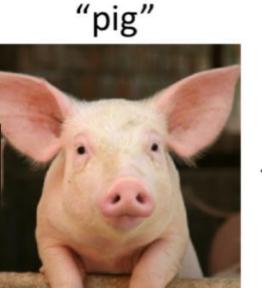
Al Security

- Al is everywhere
 - mobile devices
 - o car
 - o infrastructure
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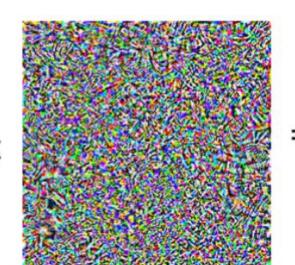


AI Security

Adversarial ML



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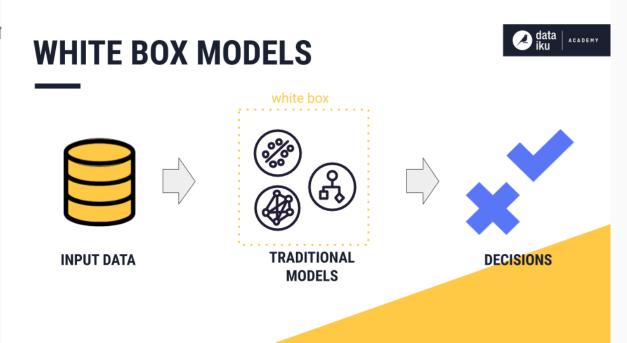


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Al Security

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Question?