CS 6353  
Unix and Network Security  
Syllabus

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Class Time: Tuesday, Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm  
Class Location: MB 1.122  
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 4:30 pm- 6:00 pm

Textbook: No required textbook  
References:  
1. Network Security Private Communication in a Public World  
   Charlie Kaufman, Radia Perlman, Mike Speciner  
2. Cryptography and Network Security  
   William Stallings  
3. Applied Cryptography  
   Bruce Schneier  
4. Hackers Beware  
   Eric Cole  
5. Hacking Exposed: Network Security Secrets & Solutions  
   Stuart McClure, Joel Scambray, George Kurtz  
   Charles Pfleeger, Shari Pfleeger

Objectives: In this course you will learn  
1. How hackers work and the tools they use  
2. Terminology, underlying concepts and principles of network security  
3. How to apply cryptographic tools to networking problems  
4. How to do literature search, read research paper, write research paper

Prerequisites: Introductory computer networks course, programming experience in C, knowledge of Unix operating system

Grading: Based on Curve  
Homeworks: 15% 4 Homeworks, lowest one dropped  
Midterm 1: 20% Thursday, October 9  
Midterm 2: 20% Thursday, November 13  
Presentation: 10%  
Project: 30% Wednesday, November 26  
Attendance: 5%
**Topics:**
- Information Gathering about Networks
- Session Hijacking
- Buffer Overflow Attacks
- Denial of Service Attacks
- Viruses, Worms and Trojan Horses
- Firewalls
- Public Key Cryptography
- Symmetric Ciphers
- Cryptographic Hash Functions
- Digital Signatures
- IP Security
- Secure Sockets Layer
- Key Management
- IP Traceback
- Security in Sensor Networks
- Cloud Security
- Smartphone Security
- Other topics depending on availability of time

**Project:**
- Form groups of 2-4 students
- Find a relevant topic on network security
- Do literature search (find related material) 5%
- Read related material and implement a prototype
- Write a 10 page report in LATEX format 20%
- Presentation of the topic to class 5%

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