



Prescription

This course addresses the concepts, techniques and tools required for developing software that reliably preserves the security properties of the information and systems they protect. The course covers common software vulnerabilities, specifying security requirements, secure design principles and techniques for evaluating software security. Practical work will involve developing and evaluating the security of C and Java programs.

Course learning objectives

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. Describe the role of, and develop security requirements and abuse scenarios based upon, an understanding of the differences between the methodologies used by attacker and a testers to discover security vulnerabilities that could lead to security risks.
2. Apply knowledge of threats, vulnerabilities and how these may interact to choosing and implementing client-side and server-side software security controls to mitigate software security risks.
3. Evaluate the security of software using a range of security techniques including vulnerability assessment, fuzzing and code review.

Course content

2022: The course is primarily offered in-person, and there are components such as tests, labs, tutorials, and marking sessions which require in-person attendance. There will be remote alternatives for all the components of the course, but these are only available to students studying from outside the Wellington region. The remote option for tests will use a Zoom-based system for online supervision of the tests.

Students taking this course remotely must have access to a computer with camera and microphone and a reliable high speed internet connection that will support real-time video plus audio connections and screen sharing. Students must be able to use Zoom; other communication applications may also be used. A mobile phone connection only is not considered sufficient. The computer must be adequate to support the programming required by the course: almost any modern windows, macintosh, or unix laptop or desktop computer will be sufficient, but an Android or IOS tablet will not.

Withdrawal from Course

Withdrawal dates and process:

<https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/course-additions-withdrawals>

Lecturers

Harith Al-Sahaf (Coordinator)

AProf Ian Welch

Teaching Format

This course will be offered in-person and online. For students in Wellington, there will be a combination of in-person components and web/internet based resources. It will also be possible to take the course entirely online for those who cannot attend on campus, with all the components provided in-person also made available online.

There are three lectures per week that will be recorded and starting from week three there will be weekly helpdesks will be both in person and provided over Zoom.

Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at:
www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php

Dates (trimester, teaching & break dates)

- Teaching: 11 July 2022 - 14 October 2022
- Break: 22 August 2022 - 04 September 2022
- Study period: 17 October 2022 - 20 October 2022
- Exam period: 21 October 2022 - 12 November 2022

Class Times and Room Numbers

11 July 2022 - 21 August 2022

- **Monday** 10:00 - 10:50 – MT228, Student Union, Kelburn
- **Tuesday** 10:00 - 10:50 – LT205, Hugh Mackenzie, Kelburn
- **Thursday** 10:00 - 10:50 – LT205, Hugh Mackenzie, Kelburn

05 September 2022 - 16 October 2022

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Set Texts and Recommended Readings

Required

There are no required texts for this offering.

Mandatory Course Requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of at least 50%, students must:

- Achieve at least a **D** in the test, because the test assesses understanding of concepts and what was learnt in assignments independently.

If you believe that exceptional circumstances may prevent you from meeting the mandatory course requirements, contact the Course Coordinator for advice as soon as possible.

Assessment

Assessment Item	Due Date or Test Date	CLO(s)	Percentage
Assignment 1 (3 weeks)	14 Aug 2022	CLO: 1,3	25%
Assignment 2 (3 weeks)	25 Sep 2022	CLO: 2	25%
Assignment 3 (2 weeks)	9 Oct 2022	CLO: 2,3	15%
Exam (2 hours)	Assessment week	CLO: 1,2,3	35%

Penalties

Late assignment submissions will receive a penalty of 10% for each day late (pro-rata).

Extensions

Each student will have three "late days" which you may choose to use for any assignment or assignments during the course. There will be no penalty applied for these late days. You do not need to apply for these, instead any late days you have left will be automatically applied to assignments that you submit late.

Submission & Return

All work is submitted through the ECS submission system, accessible through the course web pages. Marks and comments will be returned through the ECS marking system, also available through the course web pages.

Workload

The total workload for CYBR 271 is 150 hours. In order to maintain satisfactory progress in CYBR 271, you should plan to spend an average of 10 hours per week on this course. An approximate breakdown is: lectures 3 hours, assignments 5 hours and assigned readings/review of notes 2 hours.

Teaching Plan

See: https://ecs.wgtn.ac.nz/Courses/CYBR271_2022T2/LectureSchedule

Communication of Additional Information

All online material for this course can be accessed at https://ecs.wgtn.ac.nz/Courses/CYBR271_2022T2/.

Links to General Course Information

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism>
- Academic Progress: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress> (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/dates>
- Grades: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades>
- Special passes: Refer to the Assessment Handbook, at <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>
- Statutes and policies, e.g. Student Conduct Statute: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy>
- Student support: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/support>
- Students with disabilities: https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/st_services/disability/
- Student Charter: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter>
- Terms and Conditions: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/apply-enroll/terms-conditions/student-contract>
- Turnitin: <http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin>
- University structure: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/about/governance/structure>
- VUWSA: <http://www.vuwsa.org.nz>

Offering CRN: [30040](#)

Points: 15

Prerequisites: CYBR 171, NWEN 241

Duration: 11 July 2022 - 13 November 2022

Starts: Trimester 2

Campus: Kelburn