CSCE 3550  Introduction to Computer Security

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Course description: The aim of this course is to introduce the concepts and principles of computer security and privacy. It covers both theoretical and practical aspects of computer security, including security models and assurance, OS and network security, common security threats and countermeasures against them, cryptography, risk analysis and data privacy.

Course syllabus

Week 1  08/25  Course introduction
         08/27  Overview of computer security and its design principles
Week 2  09/01  Mathematical foundations
         09/03  Access control models
Week 3  09/08  OS Security I
         09/10  OS Security II
Week 4  09/15  Security Policies, confidentiality, and integrity models I
         09/17  Security Policies, confidentiality, and integrity models II
Week 5  09/22  Hybrid models, RBAC
         09/24  Identity and authentication
Week 6  09/29  Cryptography I
         10/01  Cryptography II
Week 7  10/06  Key management and network security I
         10/08  Key management and network security II
Week 8  10/13  Summary of the course material covered so far
         10/15  Midterm Exam (online for everyone)
Week 9  10/20  Auditing and IDS
         10/22  Firewalls and VPN
Week 10 10/27  Secure coding I
         10/29  Secure coding II
Week 11 11/03  Web security I
         11/05  Web security II
Week 12 11/10  Database security I
         11/12  Database security II
Week 13 11/17  Vulnerability analysis
         11/19  Risk analysis
Week 14 11/24  Evaluation standards
         11/26  No class – Thanksgiving break
Week 15 12/01  Data privacy and anonymization (online for everyone)
         12/03  Legal aspects and regulations (online for everyone)
Week 16 12/10, 1:30-3:30pm: Final Exam (online for everyone)