

CY 411 Reverse Software Engineering

Course Overview

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Basic information about the course

☐ Course Name and Code:

✓ CY 411 Reverse Software Engineering - CY 411

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Prerequisites and Grading

- ☐ Prerequisite Course:
 - ✓ CY101 + CY111 + CY211
- ☐ Prerequisite Skills:
 - ✓ Basic cryptographic knowledge.
 - ✓ Basic knowledge of X86 architecture and organization.
 - ✓ Skills in assembly coding.
 - ✓ Skills in code analysis and investigation.
 - ✓ Computer skills to prepare written reports and presentations.

☐ Grading Policy:

First Exam	To be decided	25%
Second Exam	To be decided	25%
Class Activities	To be decided	10%
Final Exam	To be decided	40 % ₃

Student Responsibilities

☐ Attendance Policy

✓ In accordance with the University Regulations, it is the student's responsibility to be punctual and to attend all classes.

☐ Cheating and Plagiarism

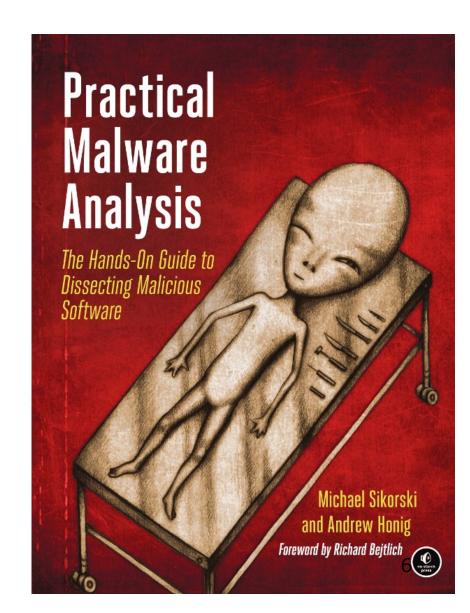
✓ Plagiarism: Using the words, thoughts, ideas, results, etc., of another person in a written assignment, without acknowledging the source, as if it were the student's own work.

Course Regulations

- ☐ A Student is completely prohibited from doing any of the following:
 - ✓ Copying, attempting to copy, from another student's work (exams or others)
 - ✓ Permitting another student to copy from your work.
 - ✓ Using notes of whatever kind during closed book examinations.
 - ✓ Disrupting the conduct of examinations by any illegal action.
- ☐ A Student is recommended of doing the following:
 - ✓ Please use email whenever possible for your inquiries and appointments.
 - ✓ Please read the assigned materials and lecture notes before each class.
 - ✓ Class participation and interaction with instructor are very essential.
 - ✓ You are responsible for downloading and printing lecture notes or other materials

Required textbook

- Michael Sikorski and Andrew Honig, Practical Malware Analysis, ISBN-13: 978-1-59327-290-6



Topics to be covered

- Review of Cryptographic Principles.
- · Overview of Reverse Engineering.
- · Malware Analysis Primer.
- · Malware Analysis in Virtual Machines.
- Basic Static Malware Analysis.
- · Basic Dynamic Malware Analysis.
- · X86 Disassembly (32-bit Microprocessors).
- Advanced Static Malware Analysis.
- Advanced Adynamic Malware Analysis.
- · Malware Behavior and Malware Encoding

Malware over time

- · 1988 Morris Worm exploits use of gets() in finger daemon
- 1990 Mark Washburn develops first <u>polymorphic malware</u>
- 2001 <u>Code Red worm</u> exploits a MS web server vulnerability to hit hundreds of thousands of computers
- · 2004 <u>Vundo trojan</u> displays popups and advertising, distributed through spam email, peer-to-peer file sharing, drive-by downloads, and by other malware.
- 2005 Sony infects CDs with a rootkit to prevent music piracy; the rootkit was is installed on a victim computer playing the CDs
- · 2008 Koobface RAT spreads via infected Facebook and Myspace profiles
- 2008-2010 <u>Stuxnet</u> employs four Windows Odays to spread through Iranian nuclear refinery control system networks
- 2013 <u>Mandiant</u> publishes evidence on APT1, a Chinese cyber espionage campaign dating as early as 2005
- 2015 <u>Duqu2</u> targets McAfee with advanced, modularized, in- memory only malware; Duqu2 is a variant of <u>Duqu</u>, and Duqu is a variant of <u>Stuxnet</u>.