

Security Engineering Fall 2015

Lecture 01 – Introduction to the course
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Lecturers

- **Main lecturers**

- Prof. Dr. Fabio Massacci
 - Office hours by appointment in class
 - Can try your luck by email
- Ms. Katerina Labunets
 - Office hour by appointment via email



- **Others**

- Industry guest speakers

The “Usual” Course

- **The usual lectures/labs**
 - Prof. does theory + Assistant does exercises
 - Prof. does technique + Assistant does programs
 - Prof+Assist = Oracles resolving all doubts
- **The usual exam**
 - Prof gives well defined problem,
 - Students mirroring exercises/code solutions
- **The usual project**
 - Developing a project (i.e. code)
 - Prof. knows exactly requirements
- **This course is not a “Usual” course**

Why I don't want to teach a “usual” course

- **Reality is very different from the usual course**
 - Problem is not well defined
 - Already a big step if customers realize they have a problem
 - Customers don't know the solution
 - Otherwise they won't be paying you in the first place
 - Decision must be justified and understood by them
 - They won't pay just because you found a solution in a book
 - They don't read code. They paid you for that.
- **The course's idea**
 - Teach you security engineering with a process as close as possible to real life including presenting and justifying your choices
- **Consequence → the course is challenging (= tough)**
 - 40% hate it (too much work), 30% love it (learned a lot)
 - Still one of the popular courses

Why you don't want me to teach a "usual" course

- **If you can only write programs → you're done for**
 - You must also be able to make decisions and communicate them to upper management
- **Italian Industry Assoc. ICT Salary (24-30 yrs old)**
 - Web Developer/ IT/Network Administrator – 21-26K€
 - Programmer/Analyst – 29-41K€
 - Sys Engineer/Architect – 31-44K€
 - Sw Project Leader/IS Manager – 47-78K€
 - CIO – 98K€/year
- **So better write a management report...(at least once)**

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Course principles

- **Objective:**
 - Learn how to secure engineer a real life problem from high level management and early security requirements down to security architecture
- **Methodology**
 - Lecturers present methodology in class
 - Students apply it on case study
- **What do you have to prepare**
 - Presentations justify the solution to the customers
 - And they are never happy (but you get early feedback)
 - Deliverable is an executive report to justify your choices
 - You submit it into installments as in real life (here to get feedback)
 - Only at the end you get the money
- **This year customer (not decided yet)**
 - ePayment - Poste Italiane (IT), Remotely Operated Tower by Eurocontrol/SESAR, Digital Cinema by Technicolor

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Cognitive Levels: why the course is tough

- **Knowledge**
 - Recall things by memory (eg repeat a proof from a book)
- **Comprehension ← Most theory course stops here**
 - Justify methods and procedures
- **Application ← Most design courses stops here**
 - Apply concepts and principles to new situations
- **Analysis**
 - Understanding relationships between parts (content & structure)
- **Synthesis ← This course**
 - Ability to put parts together to form a new whole
- **Evaluation ← The best should arrive here**
 - Conscious ability to judge the value of material

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Security Management Principles

- **Governance, Risk Management and Compliance**
 - Identify Threats and Risk to your assets
 - Mitigate those with Sec
 - Deploy the Controls
 - Monitor their effectiveness
 - Check security indicators
 - Revise periodically



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What you are protecting?

- **A Case study from an industrial company**
 - ePayment - Poste Italiane (IT) or Remotely Operated Tower by Eurocontrol/SESAR, Digital Cinema
- **But irrespective of actual case study most modern architecture are of the form below**

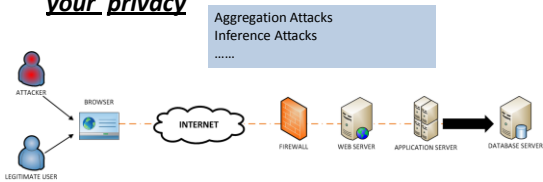


Specific Technologies will cover...

- **The following security viewpoints**
 - Users (Database) Security
 - Web Application Security
 - Network Security
 - Cloud or Mobile Security
 - Depends on case study
- **A price to pay**
 - There are only so many hours in 6 ECTS...
 - So we won't cover all aspects in details

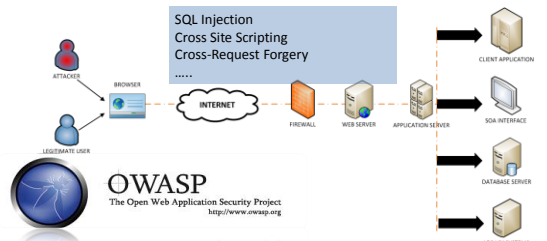
Users (Database) Security

- **We will review how data confidentiality, integrity can be broken and how to protect your privacy**



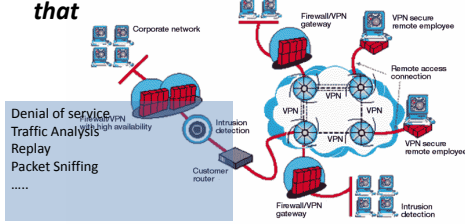
Application Security

- **We will review how an HTTP session can be hijacked and how you can prevent that**



Infrastructure Security

- We will review how your network can be attacked and how you can protect against that



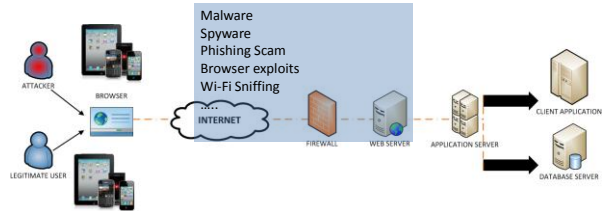
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Mobile Security (bonus if we have time)

- We will review the attacks that can target your mobile devices and how to prevent them



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Activity

- Apply two methods for risk assessment CORAS and SecRAM to the case study scenario
- Cover three levels
 - user/Database Security, Web Application Security, Network Security
- For every type of technology
 - Identify the security threats and security controls that mitigate the threats
 - Document the application of the methods and the results
- Report them
 - in written form by a short report
 - By making a presentation in class

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How to report your work: Report

1. Structure of the report

- Target of Evaluation
- Users Threats & Controls
- Application's T&C
- Infrastructure's T&C

2. Delivery

- In installment
- Download template from Web

SECURITY ENGINEERING REPORT
Student Name and Last Name, StudentID

1. TARGET OF EVALUATION (3-7 page)
2. SECURITY THREATS (1-2 page)
2.1 SECURITY APPLICATION (1-2 page)
2.2 SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE (1-2 page)
2.3 SECURITY OF RESULTS (1-2 page)

THREAT	IMPACT	MITIGATION

2. SECURITY THREATS AND SECURITY APPLICATION (1-2 page)
2.1 SECURITY APPLICATION (1-2 page)
2.2 SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE (1-2 page)
2.3 SECURITY OF RESULTS (1-2 page)

THREAT	IMPACT	MITIGATION

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Course Logistics

- **Basic course**
 - 12 weeks of 4 hours of lectures
 - 2 weeks of 4 hours of students' presentations
- **Practice work**
 - Students' presentations
 - Students' intermediate reports
- **Final Exam in January**
 - Final report
 - Final Presentation (with a industry customer)

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Grading

- **Final report is the sum of the intermediate reports**
 - Final report determine the bulk of your vote
 - Final presentation of the work is around 20%
 - This is given by an industry person who will review your threats and security controls for relevance and appropriateness
 - His/her judgement is what counts
- **Intermediate Deliveries**
 - You can ignore them and submit everything at the end.
 - This is always your right as a student taking any course
 - Statistics says you are not going to make the grade
 - Intermediate reports are mandatory

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Evaluating your own methods...

- **You will help us to evaluate CORAS and SecRAM with respect to**
 - Actual efficiency
 - Actual effectiveness
 - Easy of use, usefulness, intention to use
- **You will provide us feedback on the methods through**
 - Post-Task Questionnaire
 - Individual Interviews
- **Honest feedback are important to us!!!**

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Rule of the game

- **Real life is not built out of 2 hours classes spread across 14 weeks semester**
 - Attending lectures is optional but well-advised
 - Delivering class' presentations is optional but well-advised
 - Delivering reports as scheduled is mandatory
 - Attending final exam is mandatory
- **On "I took this text from a colleague of mine"**
 - Remember I have been a student myself, thinking "he is not going to find it" is not going to be easy
 - If you are able to have people working for you and can sell their work as yours only as if they didn't existed, great, you'll be the next Steve Jobs
 - In all other cases (statistics is against you on) that's called plagiarism and is forbidden.
 - You will fail the class and that's it.

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Rules of Engagement

- **Asking questions in class is always the best policy**
 - Your colleagues may be interested in the answer
 - Things are easier to explain
 - The prof gets hundreds email per day...
 - Today 9am – 14 am (66 emails and counting)
- **Do your homework first**
 - “I can’t bother to find the answer, I will ask the prof.”
 - Q: “I don’t remember to whom the deliverable should be submitted”
 - A: “read my slides”
- **Write with “[SecEng-2015]” in the subject**
 - “important” is a no go
 - Got 57 in the last months
 - “urgent” is not better



Wednesday

- **Exercise will take place in Room PC201**
- **Comprehensibility Exercise**
 - CORAS Model
 - SECRAM Model
- **You will have to “look at a model” (for example as if you were participating to a presentation as a customer) and answer some questions**
 - Questions are in varying level of complexity
- **Yes, we know that you know nothing of the models → this is the whole point of the exercise**

Reading Materials

