



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
COMP-433	Ethical Hacking	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
COMP-354	Computer Science	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Computer Science	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr Harald Gjermundrød	3 rd or 4 th
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face-to-face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- introduce the ethics and legal aspects of ethical hacking
- thoroughly discuss the penetration process from information gathering to the actual penetration of a system
- cover in detail the different techniques, methods, and tools used to penetrate an endpoint system
- make students aware of common web infrastructure and applications attack vectors
- expose the students to potential countermeasures and how to evade these when penetrating a system.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. be aware of the ethics with respect to ethical hacking and its legal implication
2. understand the penetration process, from utilizing the human and physical element of a system, all the way through information gathering to an actual system penetration
3. be able to perform a series of zero-touch reconnaissance and information gathering process in order to facilitate an effective penetration of a system and/or site
4. apply strategies and tactics in order to compromise modern operating systems like Windows family of OSs and the Unix family of OSs
5. be able to utilize tools and skills to perform penetration testing of modern operating systems

6. be able to perform privilege escalation attack against Unix family of OSs.
7. understand common web infrastructure and applications attack vectors and be able to utilize tools and skills in order to attack web infrastructures and applications
8. critically evaluate the potential countermeasures to hacking techniques in order to evade attack detection mechanisms.

Course Content:

1. Introduction to Ethical Disclosure
 - a) Ethics of Ethical Hacking
 - b) Ethical Hacking and the Legal System
 - c) Proper and Ethical Disclosure
2. Casing the Establishment
 - a) Information Gathering and Reconnaissance
 - b) Scanning
 - c) Identifying Attack Types: Operating System, Application Level, Misconfiguration of Operating System, Services, and Applications
 - d) Gaining and Maintaining Access
 - e) Covering Tracks
3. Endpoint and Server Hacking
 - a) Hacking Windows
 - b) Hacking Unix
 - c) Cybercrime and Advanced Persistent Threats
4. Web Application Hacking

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Practical Exercises, and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Final Exam, Midterm Exam, and Assignments

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Gray Hat Hacking The Ethical Hackers Handbook, 4 th Edition	D. Regalado, S. Harris, A. Harper, C. Eagle, J. Ness, B. Spasojevic, R. Linn, S. Sims	McGraw-Hill Osborne	2015	978-0071832380
Hacking Exposed 7: Network Security Secrets & Solutions	S. McClure, J. Scambray, G. Kurtz	McGraw-Hill Osborne	2012	978-0071780285

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The Hacker Playbook: Practical Guide To Penetration Testing	P. Kim	CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform	2014	978-1494932633
The Web Application Hacker's Handbook: Finding and Exploiting Security Flaws, 2 nd Edition	D. Stuttard, M. Pinto	John Wiley & Sons	2011	978-1118026472
Metasploit: The Penetration Tester's Guide	D. Kennedy, J. O'Gorman, D. Kearns, M. Aharoni	NO STARCH PRESS	2011	978-1593272883