



ITEC852

Network and Systems Security

S2 Evening 2014

Computing

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General Information

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

COMP347

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

As organisations and users increasingly rely upon networked applications for assessing information and making critical business decisions, securing distributed applications is becoming extremely significant. The unit is concerned with the protection of information in computing systems and networks. It will address concepts and techniques for securing distributed applications.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Analyse key security requirements and trends in a distributed networked computing

environment

Develop and/or advance skills of research and critical analysis in a manner consistent with the completion of a postgraduate degree.

Evaluate authentication and access control security functionalities in distributed systems and networks

Apply security techniques and mechanisms to develop security protocols

Analyse the security threats and develop security architecture and functionalities to counteract the security threats

General Assessment Information

Standards

Grade	Learning Outcome 1	Learning Outcome 2	Learning Outcome 3	Learning Outcome 4	Learning Outcome 5
	Security Requirements	Security Threats, Functionalities and Architecture	Security Protocols	Security services for distributed systems and networks	Research and Critical Thinking and Communication Skills
HD	Demonstrates deep and critical understanding of key security requirements and shows substantial originality in their analysis and evaluation	A critical understanding of security threats and able to develop threat model. Able to design appropriate security functionalities and develop an overall security architecture	Demonstrates the ability to apply security techniques and mechanisms to identify flaws in security protocols. Demonstrate the ability to design secure protocols and carry out security analysis.	Demonstrates the ability to design security services for distributed systems and networks and carry out their security analysis.	Demonstrates significant originality and insight in critical evaluation of security solutions. Communicates effectively the analysis and the arguments.

D	Demonstrates good understanding of the security requirements and shows some originality in their analysis	Demonstrates a clear understanding of threats and threat models. Demonstrates the ability to describe the design of security architecture and its functionalities	Demonstrates the ability to apply security techniques and mechanisms to identify security flaws in protocols and carry out security analysis.	Demonstrates a clear understanding of authentication and access control services in distributed systems and networks and the ability to analyse them.	Demonstrates insights in solving security problems. Good presentation of ideas and arguments
Credit	Reasonable understanding of key security requirements and able to describe their characteristics	Shows substantial understanding of security threats. Able to understand the security functionalities in a security architecture	Demonstrates the ability to apply security techniques and mechanisms to describe security protocols and carry out some analysis.	Good understanding of authentication and access control functionalities in distributed systems and networks. Able to carry out basic evaluation of these security services.	Provides evidence of a clear understanding of the security concepts and their applications. Clear communication of ideas.
Pass	Basic understanding of some of the security requirements	Recognizes the security threats in a system. Demonstrates a basic understanding of the security functionalities needed to counteract the threats	Demonstrates the ability to apply security techniques and mechanisms to understand security protocols.	Basic understanding of authentication and access control functionalities in distributed systems and networks	Provides sufficient evidence of security concepts and their applications. Communication of information and ideas adequately.

- **Fail (F):** does not provide evidence of attainment of all learning outcomes. There is missing or partial or superficial or faulty understanding and application of the fundamental concepts in the field of study; and incomplete, confusing or lacking communication of ideas in ways that give little attention to the conventions of the discipline.
- **Pass (P):** provides sufficient evidence of the achievement of learning outcomes. There is demonstration of understanding and application of fundamental concepts of the field of study; and communication of information and ideas adequately in terms of the conventions of the discipline. The learning attainment is considered satisfactory or adequate or competent or capable in relation to the specified outcomes.

- **Credit (Cr):** provides evidence of learning that goes beyond replication of content knowledge or skills relevant to the learning outcomes. There is demonstration of substantial understanding of fundamental concepts in the field of study and the ability to apply these concepts in a variety of contexts; plus communication of ideas fluently and clearly in terms of the conventions of the discipline.
- **Distinction (D):** provides evidence of integration and evaluation of critical ideas, principles and theories, distinctive insight and ability in applying relevant skills and concepts in relation to learning outcomes. There is demonstration of frequent originality in defining and analysing issues or problems and providing solutions; and the use of means of communication appropriate to the discipline and the audience.
- **High Distinction (HD):** provides consistent evidence of deep and critical understanding in relation to the learning outcomes. There is substantial originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem solving approaches; critical evaluation of problems, their solutions and their implications; creativity in application.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Exam	60%	November 2014
Group Project	30%	26/27 Oct
Assignment	10%	14/15 Sept

Exam

Due: **November 2014**

Weighting: **60%**

Due: November 2014

Weighting: 60%

Date to be confirmed by University in due course

Note: Need to obtain at least 25% out of 60% of the Exam component to pass the Unit

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Analyse the security threats and develop security architecture and functionalities to counteract the security threats
- Apply security techniques and mechanisms to develop security protocols
- Develop and/or advance skills of research and critical analysis in a manner consistent with the completion of a postgraduate degree.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse key security requirements and trends in a distributed networked computing environment
- Develop and/or advance skills of research and critical analysis in a manner consistent with the completion of a postgraduate degree.
- Evaluate authentication and access control security functionalities in distributed systems and networks
- Apply security techniques and mechanisms to develop security protocols
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Group Project

Due: **26/27 Oct**

Weighting: **30%**

Due: 26th Oct, 11.59pm (electronically) and 27th Oct in Class (hard copy)

Weighting: **30%**

Project topics allocated during Lectures

Project Allocated Week 7 15th Sept 2014, Report due 26th/27th Oct 2014

Presentations 27th Oct and 3rd Nov 2014

Content and Understanding: 10% (Individually assessed)

Presentation: 10% (Individually assessed)

Project Report: 10% (Assessed as a Group)

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Assignment

Due: **14/15 Sept**

Weighting: **10%**

Due: 14th Sept, 11.59pm (electronically) and 15th Sept in Class (hard copy)

Weighting: **10%**

Handed out Week 4 25th August.

Assignment on Security Mechanisms and Protocols

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

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- Apply security techniques and mechanisms to develop security protocols

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate authentication and access control security functionalities in distributed systems and networks
- Apply security techniques and mechanisms to develop security protocols

Delivery and Resources

Technology

- Presentation using Powerpoint and other Computer Related Material

Lecture and Tutorial

- Provided in Unit Schedule

Unit Schedule

Information

- All unit information will be posted on iLearn (<https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/MQ/>). We assume that students will regularly check iLearn for information regarding lecture notes, practical material and other related resources.
- All emails related to ITEC852 should be sent to vijay.varadharajan@mq.edu.au and cc: andrina.brennan@mq.edu.au (Andrina Brennan, Executive Assistant to Prof. Vijay Varadharajan) and must include your full name and your student id number.

Other Material

References

- William Stallings, Cryptography and Network Security: Principles and Practices, Prentice Hall (4th Edition) · Charles Pfleeger, Security in Computing, Prentice Hall, 20026 (4th Edition)
- Charlie Kaufman, Radia Perlman and Mike Speciner, Network Security: Private Communication in a Public World, Prentice Hall
- Dieter Gollman, Computer Security, John Wiley
- Simson Garfinkel and Gene Spafford, Practical Unix Security, O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.
- Trusted Computing Platforms: TCPA Technology in Context, Ed: Siani Pearson, Prentice Hall, 2003
- Ross Anderson, Security Engineering, John Wiley, 1st or 2nd Edition

Tentative Lecture Schedule ITEC 852 S2 2014 (may vary depending upon progress)

- - 4 Aug: Lecture 1: Introduction: Cyber Security Trends and Concepts
 - 11 Aug: Lecture 2: Security Architecture
 - 18 Aug: Lecture 3: Threat Modelling
 - 25 Aug: Lecture 4: Cryptography and Key Management

- Assignment Handed Out
- 1 Sept: Lecture 5: Security Protocols
- 8 Sept : Lecture 6: Access Control
- 14 Sept/15 Sept: ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION
- 15 Sept: Lecture 7: Operating Systems Security/Distributed Systems Security
 - Assignment Solution Session/ Group Project Allocation
- 6 Oct: Public Holiday
- 13 Oct: Lecture 8: Distributed Systems Security/Network Security
- 20 Oct: Lecture 9: Network Security/Trusted Computing
- 26 Oct/27 Oct : PROJECT REPORT SUBMISSION
- 27 Oct: Lecture 10: Group Project Presentation
- 3 Nov: Lecture 11: Group Project Presentations
- 10 Nov: Lecture 12: Revision

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Late Submissions

No extensions will be granted. Students who have not submitted the task prior to the deadline will be awarded a mark of 0 for the task, except for cases in which an application for special consideration is made and approved.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Exam
- Group Project
- Assignment

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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