

Cybersecurity — the Hacker eXperience

Subject area: Computer Science/ICT

University: L'X
Level: BA all years, MA1, MA2
Teaching mode: completely online, not time-specific
Instructor(s): Thomas Heide Clausen

Short description

As anybody, familiar with 1970s sitcoms can confirm, Mel, the cook on Alice used to say: “the best defence is a good offence”. In cybersecurity, a similar saying would be that in order to know how to secure something, one needs first to know how to compromise & break it. This MODAL will exercise exactly that. Through a set of lessons, tutorials, and challenges, we will understand — and try out — how to “break things”.

Full description

<https://synapses.polytechnique.fr/catalogue/2021-2022/ue/2263/INF473X-computer-science-modal-cybersecurity-the-hacking-xperience?from=D1>

Learning outcomes

The course will provide students with a basic understanding of “How the Internet Work”, will provide a crash-course in network programming in C. The course will then, through a mixture of theory and hands-on exercises, have students study and practice various real-world cyberattacks — for example, how to transparently redirect connections to a website to a “pirate” website, or how to hi-jack active network connections. Through this, students will acquire a thorough understanding of real-world Internet protocols, as well as the basics of how a “hacker” operates and thinks.

General information

Contact hours per week: 4 hours
Total workload: 60 hours + personal work (in student hours for the whole course)
ECTS credits: 6
Language: English

Course start date:	01 September 2022
Course end date:	03 June 2023
Add. info about start date:	Individualised, can be any date, between Sept. 1, 2022 and April 1, 2023. Please note that the intended start-date must be communicated to Ecole Polytechnique at the time of registration. The course end date should be exactly 10 weeks after the start-date.
Weekly teaching day/time:	Available fully asynchronous
Time zone:	CET (Denmark, Germany, France, Netherlands, Switzerland, Czech Republic)
Further information:	
Prerequisites:	Any “introduction to computer programming” course
Activities and methods:	The course will be available asynchronously, fully on-line, or on-side, through learning flows with short videos, quizzes, homework, lab exercises / tutorials — as well as office-hours via Webex with professors and instructors. While being asynchronous, each student is expected to check in with an instructor over Webex, weekly, following the chosen start-date.
Presence on campus:	no

Final examination

Form:	Continuous assessment
Date:	
Location/format:	online
Re-sit possibility:	no
Transcript available:	end of the semester and generally 8 weeks after the exam.
Add. info/requirements:	

Registration

To register for this course, follow the registration requirements of your **home university** as specified here: www.euroteq.eu/courses-registration.

Administration

Number of places:	24 - 30
Minimum participants:	

Internal course code: INF473X

Contact: Interested EuroTeQ students are welcome to, at any time, to come discuss their course choices in chat, or in visio, with the instructors from Ecole Polytechnique who will be teaching the classes. To this end, a dedicated WebEx space is permanently available here: <https://eurl.io/#fCk0f6iWF>.

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