Course Web Page

The course web page can be found at http://infsec.cs.uni-sb.de/teaching/. It will contain up-to-date information on the lectures and tutorials; also homework exercises and lecture notes will be available there.

Registration

Registration opened last Wednesday (Friday, April 18). The link to the registration page is available on the course web page. Please provide us your e-mail address for announcements. Please further select your preferred tutorial slot; we will try to satisfy your preference if at all possible.

Lecture Notes

Lecture notes will be available on the course web page.

Tutorials

The following time slots for tutorials are available (there will be multiple tutorials for each timeslot):

1: Wednesday, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
2: Wednesday, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Why are all tutorials on the same day? See the section on quizzes below.

Office Hours

Michael Backes will be available for your questions on Friday, 2:00pm – 3:00pm in building E1 1, room U15.
Markus Dürmuth will be available for your questions on Tuesday, 2:00pm – 3:00pm, in building E1 1, room U13.
The tutors will be available for your questions at the following times in building E1 1, room U18:

Tuesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Wednesday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Friday 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Homework Exercises

Weekly homework exercises will be handed out in class and posted to the course page each Tuesday, starting Tuesday, April 24. Their solutions will be posted one week later. No homeworks have to be submitted, but you are encouraged to ask any question you might have concerning the course in the office hours. Homework exercises will thus not influence your grade, however, by presenting solutions in the tutorials you may gain a better grading in the quiz, see below.
Weekly Quiz

Each tutorial starts with a short (approx. 15 minutes) quiz covering the topics of the same two lectures that were addressed in the last homework exercise. Your overall quiz-grade is determined by dropping the quiz with the lowest grading, and calculating the average of the remaining quizzes. You can further improve your quiz-grade by presenting solutions of the homework exercises in the tutorials. For each correct solution you presented you may drop one additional quiz, up to a maximum of two additional quizzes, i.e., at most three quizzes may be dropped. Please be aware that there is a limited number of exercises, and if more than one student opts for one particular solution, a random student will be drawn. So start early enough!

Quizzes will affect your final grading by 30%, and you need an overall quiz-grading of at least 50% to pass the course.

Mid-term Exam

There is a mid-term exam on Tuesday, May 25. The topics covered will be declared in class and on the course page. It will a closed-book written test of 1 hour.

Your mid-term-grade will affect your final grading by 20%, however, there is no lower bound that has to be reached in order to pass the course.

Final Exam

The final exam takes place on Friday, July 13. It will a closed-book written test of 2 hours, covering all the material presented in class. You are qualified for the final exam if you reached a minimum of 50% in the overall quiz-grading. Please note that books may deviate from the topics covered in the classes. Mandatory for the exam is the material covered in class, in the lecture notes, and in the exercises.

Your final exam-grade will affect your final grading by 50%, you need at least 50% to pass the course.

Backup Exam

The date for the backup exam will be announced later You may take part in the backup-exam if you qualified for the final exam, and did not pass.

The backup exam will be oral or written, depending on the preference of every individual student and the number of students opting for an oral exam.

Grading

Grades will be determined as follows: Let $Q$ be your overall score in the quizzes (see above how it is calculated), $M$ your score in the mid-term exam, and $E$ your score in the final exam. Your overall score $Final$ is determined by the formula

$$Final = 0.3 \times Q + 0.2 \times M + 0.5 \times E.$$  

You pass the course if

$$Q \geq 50\% \text{ and } E \geq 50\% \text{ and } Final \geq 50\%.$$  

If you took part in the backup exam then the score $E$ is your result in the backup exam.