

SEC 530

Malware Analysis and Detection

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Course Information

- <https://sucourse.sabanciuniv.edu/plus/>
 - All class materials will be uploaded to sucourse
 - You are responsible to check your e-mails and sucourse for announcements
- Instructor: Dr. Orçun Çetin
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- Lectures: Thursday 10:30-13:30
- Useful Books:
 - Michael Sikorski and Andrew Honig, Practical Malware Analysis Handbook

Course Information

Tentative Grading

- 30% Project
 - 1 project
 - Typically, group projects
 - Compose of multiple parts
- 30% labs & assignments (Not a group work)
 - Lab (simple malware)
 - Assignments (Optional) (More complex malware)
- 40% final

Labs & Assignment

- Composed of instructions that serve as hands-on exercises on course topics.
 - most of the samples are from books and training courses.
 - only few samples will be real malware samples.
 - done under the supervision of the instructor.
- Students are required to submit their lab results via sucourse.

Exam and Project

- Exam
 - No mid-term
 - There will be a only one Final exam
- Project
 - Typically includes coding and collecting data from samples
 - Compose of multiple parts

Ethics and Cheating

- Plagiarism is not tolerated, homeworks are to be done personally
 - cooperation is not an excuse;
 - if you do not know how to cooperate, don't do it.
- Students are assumed to agree that they will not use the knowledge they gain in this class to perform cybercrime.

Tentative Syllabus

- Introduction to Malware Analysis
 - Classification of Malware
 - Environment Setup for Safe Analysis
 - Malware Analysis in Virtual Machines
- Basic Analysis
 - Basic Static analysis
 - Basic Dynamic analysis
- Advanced Static Analysis (Reverse engineering basics)
 - Review of x86 assembly
 - Disassembly with IDA Pro & other tools
 - Recognizing C Code Constructs in Assembly
 - Analyzing Malicious Windows Programs
- Advanced Dynamic Analysis
 - Debugging with OllyDbg & x32dbg
- More hands on malware analysis practice
 - Analyzing Java Binaries and Malware
 - Analyzing .NET Malware
 - Malware Analysis with Ghidra
- Malware Functionality
 - Malware Behavior & Covert Malware Launching
 - Malware Obfuscation
- Malicious document analysis
 - PDF, docs, macros