POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS)

COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS

Course name
Selected Cryptographic Issues [S1Inf1>WZK]

Course

Field of study
Computing

Year/Semester
3/6

Area of study (specialization)
–

Profile of study
general academic

Level of study
first-cycle

Course offered in
Polish

Form of study
full-time

Requirements
elective

Number of hours

Lecture	Laboratory classes	Other
16	16	0

Tutorials	Projects/seminars	
0	0	

Number of credit points

2,00

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Lecturers

Prerequisites

Student starting this subject should have the knowledge of basic algorithms including their analysis, operating systems, computer networks and fundamentals of cryptography. The student should be able to manage programming environments and platforms for applications" writing, executing and testing. Student should be able to design algorithms and perform an analysis of their complexity.

Course objective

The objective of this course is to provide students with selected advanced cryptographic issues. Students should gain the ability to use these methods in practice.

Course-related learning outcomes

Knowledge:
Student has a detailed knowledge about:
- current cryptographic problems and solutions,
- design and analysis of block ciphers, hash functions and asymmetric ciphers,
- advanced protocols and cryptographic algorithms like calculations on elliptic curves, cryptocurrencies, secure multi-party computations.

Skills:
Student is able to:
- design and implement systems with the use of appropriate cryptographic methods in order to ensure privacy and integrity as well as authentication of stored and analyzed data sets in these systems,
- analyze and estimate the level of security of cryptographic mechanisms and evaluate whether a certain system is immune to known cryptographic attacks,
- propose, design and implement alternative cryptographic mechanisms to ensure a higher level of security.

Social competences:
The student understands:
- how important it is to implement adequate data security methods,
- that an implementation of appropriate cryptographic algorithms is equally important,
- the necessity of updating knowledge on security parameters, algorithms, protocols and tools used.

Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

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The knowledge obtained during the lectures is verified by the means of a 45-minutes written test, consisting of 5 question. Passing threshold: over 50% of points. Topics, which are the basis for final exam questions, are sent to students by e-mail at the beginning of the semester.
The knowledge obtained during lab practicals is verified during the practicals (checking the preformed exercises).

Programme content

Course Content:
1. Introduction
2. Block Ciphers
3. Hash Functions
4. Asymmetric Cryptography
5. Digital Signatures and PKI
6. Authentication Methods
7. Secret Sharing Methods, Visual Cryptography, and Steganography

Course topics

Lecture:
1. Introduction - the definition of information system security, necessary criteria for such system, measures needed in order to maintain the security (physical, technical, organizational and legal), security policy, introduction of different cryptographic systems, the Kerckhoffs principle, types of cryptanalytical attacks.
2. Bock ciphers - substitution, permutation, Shannon"s substitution-permutation networks, DES, AES algorithms - basic components, block ciphers modules, stream ciphers, pseudo-random sequence generators (congruential, RSA, BBS, LFSR, NLFSR) and random sequences tests.
3. Hush function - classification of functions based on construction, criteria for a good hush function, MAC, hush function attacks, implementation, Sponge structure - based on Keccak function.
4. Asymmetric cryptography - mathematical basics, RSA, DH, El-Gamal"s, Rabin"s and Knapsack algorithms,
protocols that use RSA algorithm - zero-proof knowledge, blind digital signatures, multiparty computation - milioners issue.
5. Digital signature and PKI (Public Key Infrastructure), LDAP and OCSP protocol.
6. Authentication methods - PAP, CHAP, EAP protocol, protocols that use introduced cryptographic mechanisms - symmetric, asymmetric and hush function, overview of current authentication methods (procedural, password-less, through social media,…).
7. Secret sharing methods - Shamir"s algorithm, its modification with the identification of the cheater, visual cryptography, steganography.
8. Eliptic curve in cryptography - ECRSA, ECDH, ECDSA.

9. Cryptanalysis - methods of cryptanalysis block, stream, asymmetric and hush function ciphers.

Lab practicals
1. Implementation of a basic cypher that uses substitution or permutation and performing cryptanalysis of cyphers implemented by other student.
2. Implementation of random BBS sequence generator and 4 basic tests that check the randomness of previously generated sequences.
3. implementation of a chosen block cipher mode, using basic ECB mode, verification of error propagation in various modes.
4. Implementation of RSA algorithm.
5. implementation of DH algorithm.
6. Performing analysis of the speed of various hush functions, analysis of criteria of a good hash function.
7. Implementation of a steganographic method of embedding information on LSB.
8. Implementation of Shamir"s secret division method.
9. Implementation of visual cryptography secret division method.

Teaching methods

The lectures are interactive (questions are addressed to students) with the use of multimedia presentations. The digital version of the contents of the presentations are provided to students.
Lab practicals - presentations regaring the problem/exercises to be performed on the board (within the basic level of difficulty and also with higher difficulty for volunteers) and performing an individual exercise in a programming language of choice.

Bibliography

Basic
Pieprzyk J., Hardjono T., Seberry J., Teoria bezpieczeństwa systemów komputerowych, Helion 2003 (reference number in PP library: W 110215).
Menezes A. i inni, Kryptografia stosowana, WNT, 2005, (reference number in PP library: W 112188)
Additional
Materials shared by the lecturer, updated every year.

Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	60	2,00
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	32	1,00
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes/ tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project preparation)	28	1,00