

Current Topics in Information Security: Course Introduction (2023)

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Course overview

- **Course format:** each student **presents** one research paper
- **Goals**
 1. **Study** one research topic in depth
 2. **Practice** technical presentations
 3. **Learn** about recent research in information security

Organization

- **40 students** divided into 2 tracks of approximately 20 students each
 - Waiting list
- **Paper assignment:** today (Sep 25th) in the order of registration
- **Presentations:**
 - First presentations on **October 9th**
 - 10 weeks of presentations (each week 2+2)
 - Seminar ends on **December 11th**

Preparation

- **Read the paper** carefully (maybe also few of the references)
- Create first **draft of slides**, note down question
- Set up a meeting with **tutor approx. 1 week before** your presentation
- Your presentation should be **30 minutes** + questions

Presentation

1. **Context:** what is the setting/problem, how previous solutions fail?
2. **Main ideas:** what are the proposed main ideas?
3. **Technical details:** some details, evaluation and results – but not all!
4. **Your take:** novelty, practicality, impact, critique...

Grading

- **Technical content**
- Presentation
- Own insights
- Handling of questions
- Active participation during the whole seminar

Next steps

- Paper assignment today
- Schedule will be published on course web page later this week

FAQ

- *Following the course online?*
 - **No**
- *Unavailable on specific date?*
 - Contact us: **1-2 absences** with a good reason usually okay
- *Same track the whole course?*
 - **Yes**

Thank you!