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**Classes Meet:**

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**Course Description:** This course deals with the collection, preservation, and analysis of network generated digital evidence such that this evidence can be successfully presented in a court of law (both civil and criminal). The relevant federal laws will be examined as well as private sector applications. The capture/intercept of digital evidence, the collection and analysis of volatile data, and the reporting of such information will be examined.

**Course Goals:** At the conclusion of this course, the student will have learned the laws applicable to presenting network digital evidence in a court of law. The student will be able to successfully intercept network traffic, collect and analyze volatile data, decipher network traffic, and report this information in a suitable format.

**Honor Code:** - The Mason Honor Code is in effect [http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/masons-honor-code/](http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/masons-honor-code/)

Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, and/or lie in matters related to academic work.

**Prerequisites:** TCOM 509/529 (aka TCOM 535) and working knowledge of a computer language and operating systems

**Cross Listed:** TCOM 660

**Course Schedule:** *(Subject to Change)*

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|      |           | Application to Network Intercepts                | Chappell Ch 1 & 2  
|      |           |                                                  | Bejtlich Ch 2                      |              |
| 2    | 1/31/2015 | L-3 Incident Response Windows                    | ABJP Ch 1                               |              |
| 3    | 2/7/2015  | L-4 Incident Response Unix/Linux                 | JBR Ch 2                                | Project 1    |
| 4    | 2/14/2015 | L-5 Collecting Network Based Evidence            | Chappell Ch 3 & 4  
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Grading:  
Mid-term: 30% (Open Book and Notes)  
4 Projects: 40%  
Final: 30% (Open Book and Notes)

Projects:  There will be four projects assigned during the semester. All projects must be typed, Times Roman 12 point, double spaced, with one inch margins. Each project will have a maximum length not including diagrams and bibliography. Each project is worth 10% of the total grade.

Exams:  The format of exams will be a combination of multiple choice, fill-in, and short answer questions. Expect approximately 50 – 70 questions per exam. The Final Exam is not cumulative per se; however, knowledge of the material covered in the first half of the semester is integrated into material covered in the second half of the course. The exams will have a duration of 2 hours and be open book and notes.

Online Lectures: In certain situations, we will have class online via Blackboard Collaborate. You will be contacted by email ahead of time should a class be held online. Online classes will be recorded and saved for later review. The 10/4/2014 is a pre-recorded online class.

Mason Calendar:  [http://registrar.gmu.edu/calendar.html](http://registrar.gmu.edu/calendar.html)  
The above link will provide you with Mason’s important dates and deadlines.

Course Material:  All course material is available on Mason Blackboard.  
How do you get on Blackboard?  
- Go to:  [https://mymasonportal.gmu.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp](https://mymasonportal.gmu.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp)  
- Login with your Mason Credentials  
- Click on the Courses tab  
- Click on the CFRS-660-001/TCOM-660-001(Fall 2014) course

How do I get to the online lectures?  
- Follow instructions to login into Blackboard  
- Click on Tools  
- Click on Blackboard Collaborate  
- You should see the current session listed  
- Previously recorded sessions are accessed via the Previously Recorded Tab

In order for Blackboard to work right, what do I need loaded on my computer  
- JAVA  
- Quicktime  
- Flash

External USB Drive Required (500 GB or higher)  
An External USB drive is required in order to maintain your software and virtual machines. An Ubuntu 13.10 or later VM is required.

Thumb Drive (16 GB or higher)  
A Thumb Drive is required for Project 3. This Thumb Drive will be returned to you after Project 3 is graded.

Software That You Will Need (Free Stuff) (place on your external drive)
Software that you should have loaded on your personal computer include:

- **Wireshark**
  - [www.wireshark.org](http://www.wireshark.org)
- **Network Miner**
  - [sourceforge.net/projects/networkminer/](http://sourceforge.net/projects/networkminer/)
- **SNORT (offline mode only)**
  - [www.snort.org](http://www.snort.org)
- **Xplico**
  - [www.xplico.org](http://www.xplico.org)
- **Process Monitor**
  - Technet
- **Process Explorer**
  - Technet
- **TCPView**
  - Technet
- **PEID**
  - Technet
- **Dependency Walker**
  - Technet
- **Others TBD**

These tools are available on Blackboard or if you wish the latest and greatest, you can just Google for the tool.

**Lab Computers** – In class we will be using lab computers. **Please make sure that your computer is working properly prior to the start of class.** If your machine is not working, please let me know and switch to another computer.

**Open Computer Lab** - The open computer lab is located in Engr 1506. Both EnCase and FTK are installed on these computers as well as the software listed above.

**Required Reading and Reference Material:** Multiple books and sources are used to create this course. No one book is used exclusively. Of these, two are required text. For the purpose of exam preparation, the Blackboard notes are stressed.


**Required:** Wireshark Network Analysis 2nd Ed, Laura Chappell, Chappell University, [www.wiresharkbook.com](http://www.wiresharkbook.com), ISBN 978-1-893939-94-3 (*Chappell*)


**Optional:** Windows Forensic Analysis, Harlan Carvey, Syngress, ISBN #9781597494229

**Optional:** Real Digital Forensics; Jones, Bejtlich, and Rose; Addison Wesley; ISBN #0321240693 (*JBR*)

**Optional:** Mastering Windows Network Forensics and Investigation; Anson and Bunting; Sybex; ISBN #9780470097625

**Optional:** Wireshark & Ethereal Packet Sniffing; Orebaugh, Ramirez, and Beale; Syngress; ISBN #1597490733

**Optional:** Incident Response & Computer Forensics, Second and Third Editions; Kevin Mandia, Chris Prosise, & Matt Pepe; McGraw Hill; ISBN #007222696X (2nd Ed), #9780071798686 (3rd Ed)
Visio

Visio is a Microsoft Office product that you should all be familiar with.

Visio can be purchased @ the Mason Computer Store @ a reduced price, you can use the free Visio viewer (with limited functionality), or you can use any of the open Mason computer labs since they all have Visio.

Mason VMWare link is below

http://e5.onthehub.com/WebStore/ProductsByMajorVersionList.aspx?ws=57245579-6f24-de11-a497-0030485a8df0&vsro=8&JSEnabled=1

Other software packages that can be obtained through this link.

Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the GMU Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform the instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester. See http://www2.gmu.edu/dpt/unilife/ods/ or call 703-993-2474 to access the ODS.

Note: ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A GMU EMAIL ACCOUNT AND HAVE ACCESS TO https://mymasonportal.gmu.edu !!

ALL COMMUNICATION WILL BE THROUG GMU EMAIL AND NOT BLACKBOARD EMAIL OR ANYOTHER EMAIL ACCOUNT!!

Projects 1, 2, and 4 will be delivered by you through Blackboard. Project 3 must be physically handed in.