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CS55XX22 *Malware Analysis*

L-T-P-Cr: 2-0-2-3

**Pre-requisites:** Brief knowledge of the subject Network Security, TCP/IP, Network programming skills.

**Course Objectives:** This course will introduce students to modern malware analysis techniques through readings and hands on interactive analysis of real-world samples. After taking this course students will be equipped with the skills to analyze advanced contemporary malware using both static and dynamic analysis and memory forensics.

Course Outcomes:

CO1 Learn to analyze various malicious file types

CO2 Learn to build and utilize a sandbox environment for malware analysis

CO3 Apply various tools to Identify the vulnerabilities and to perform Malware analysis

CO4 Apply malware classification and functionality & anti-reverse engineering techniques

COs	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12
CO1	2	1	2	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	2	2
CO2	2	3	1	2	3	2	0	3	2	0	2	3
CO3	3	2	2	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	3
CO4	3	1	2	0	2	2	0	3	2	0	2	2

## UNIT I:

Lectures: 2

Introduction to Malware Analysis, . Setting up the Lab Environment

## UNIT II

Lectures: 8

Static Analysis: Determining the File Type, Fingerprinting the Malware, Multiple Anti-Virus Scanning, Extracting Strings, Determining File Obfuscation, Inspecting PE Header Information, Comparing and Classifying the Malware

Dynamic Analysis: Lab Environment Overview, System and Network Monitoring, Dynamic Analysis (Monitoring) Tools, Dynamic Analysis Steps, Analyzing a Malware Executable, Dynamic-Link Library (DLL) Analysis.

## UNIT III

Lecture: 8

Assembly Language and Disassembly Primer: Computer Basics, CPU Registers, Data Transfer Instructions, Arithmetic Operations, Bitwise Operations, Branching and Conditionals, Loops, Functions, Arrays and Strings, Structures, x64 Architecture, Reverse Engineering using Ghidra

## UNIT III:

Lectures: 4

Malware Functionalities and Persistence: Malware Functionalities, Malware Persistence Methods

Code Injection and Hooking: Virtual Memory, User Mode and Kernel Mode, Remote DLL Injection, Hooking Techniques

**UNIT IV:**

**Lectures: 3**

Malware Obfuscation Techniques: Simple Encoding, Malware Encryption, Custom Encoding/Encryption, Malware Unpacking, Manual Unpacking

**UNIT V:**

**Lectures: 3**

Hunting Malware Using Memory Forensics: Memory Forensics Steps, Memory Acquisition, Volatility Overview: Enumerating Processes, Listing Process Handles, Listing DLLs, Dumping an Executable and DLL, Listing Network Connections and Sockets, Inspecting Registry

**Text/Reference Books:**

1. Monnappa K A, Learning Malware Analysis, Packt Publishing Ltd.
2. Michael Sikorski and Andrew Honig, "Practical Malware Analysis", No Starch Press, 2012
3. Jamie Butler and Greg Hoglund, "Rootkits: Subverting the Windows Kernel", Addison-Wesley, 2005
4. Dang, Gazet, Bachaalany, "Practical Reverse Engineering", Wiley, 2014
5. Reverend Bill Blunden, "The Rootkit Arsenal: Escape and Evasion in the Dark Corners of the System" Second Edition, Jones & Bartlett, 2012.