Course Wrap-up
TDDC90 – Software Security

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Course topics

- Secure software development
- Vulnerabilities in C/C++ programs
- Web security
- Code reviews
- Static analysis
- Security testing
The Exam

- The January exam will be a distance exam due to Covid-19
  - Possibly sit-in exams for the retakes…
- 36 points total
- All aids are allowed, **but no collaboration with others**
- **Answers must be written completely in your own words!**
  - **No copying** (copy-paste or by hand) from **any** source. This also includes course material.
  - Don’t try to “trick” the automatic plagiarism check by slightly changing the text – **you will still get caught and likely suspended**
- Points per subjects will **roughly** correspond to the number of lectures given for the subject.
What to expect on the exam?

Secure software development and Code reviews

- **Methods:**
  - Be able to describe methods and processes
  - Be able to apply modelling and analysis methods on small examples

- **Design patterns:**
  - Be able to describe design patterns in course literature and their *motivation* and reason about *where they are applicable*
  - Descriptions may require both UML-diagrams and Pseudo code
What to expect on the exam?

Vulnerabilities in C/C++ programs

- Vulnerabilities:
  - Be able to describe all vulnerability types mentioned in the lectures – What is the reason for the vulnerability and how to avoid it?

- Attacks:
  - Be able to describe the stack-buffer overflow exploit in detail
  - Conceptual understanding of the other exploit methods

- Mitigations
  - Conceptual understanding of the mitigation techniques described in the lecture – and attacks that circumvent them
  - Be able to reason about which attacks could be mitigated using a particular method
What to expect on the exam?

Vulnerabilities in C/C++ programs

- Exam questions:
  - Will generally emphasize understanding over knowledge of details.
  - Will typically require reading some code:
    - Spotting simple bugs in code examples, etc.
What to expect on the exam?

Web security

- Vulnerabilities:
  - Be able to describe all vulnerability types in the lecture – What is the reason for the vulnerability and how to avoid it.

- Attacks:
  - Be able to describe basic ideas behind attacks

- Exam questions:
  - Will be more conceptual than code-oriented, but you should be able to
    - Show simple (and syntactically correct) SQL-injection attack inputs
    - Write some pseudocode to explain different vulnerabilities and mitigations
What to expect on the exam?

Static analysis

- Important properties of methods
- Soundness and completeness
- You should be able to apply the techniques explained in the lectures on simple toy examples
What to expect on the exam?

Security testing

- Understand challenges of security testing in general
- Conceptual understanding of methods
  - Penetration testing
  - Mutation based fuzzing
  - Generation based fuzzing
  - Concolic testing
  - Greybox fuzzing
- Compare strengths and weaknesses of said methods
- Questions will again focus on understanding rather than details
Final words

Remember:
- Hard hand-in deadline for labs 17th of December (18:00)
- Register for exam!
- Fill out course evaluation!

Where to go from here?
- TDDD17 – Information security, second course
- Master’s thesis opportunities