CMPT 318 - D100 Special Topics in Computing Science

Calendar Objective/Description:
Special topics in computing science at the 300 level. Topics that are of current interest or are not covered in regular curriculum will be offered from time to time depending on availability of faculty and student interest.

Instructor's Objectives:
This course introduces cybersecurity and cyber situational awareness concepts and discusses cyber intelligence in the context of big data. Probabilistic modeling and cyber security analytics for threat detection and response (mitigative action) will play a central role. Coursework involves using the R language and software environment for statistical computing. Fundamental concepts and principles of cybersecurity risk assessment, intrusion detection and prevention, critical infrastructure protection and beyond will be discussed in detail.

Prerequisites:
CMPT 225. Additional prerequisites to be determined by the instructor subject to approval by the undergraduate program chair.

Topics:
- Probability theory
- Discrete Markov processes
- Threat analysis and modeling
- Advanced persistent threats
- Time series analysis and forecasting
- Anomaly detection and scoring methods
- Cyber risk mitigation strategies
- Blockchain technology

Grading:
The course has a midterm examination (worth 30% of the total grade), two tests (worth 20%), three graded assignments (worth 15%) and a term project organized as group project with a project report and presentation in class (worth 30%). There will also be two reading assignments and several tutorials. Class participation accounts for up to 5% of the total grade.

Recommended Books:
An Introduction to Statistical Learning with Applications in R, G. James, D. Witten, T. Hastie, and R. Tibshirani, Springer, 2017, 978-1461471370


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