CMPT 789 - G100 Applied Cryptography

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Calendar Objective/Description:
Applied Cryptography

Instructor's Objectives:
The course focuses on foundations of modern cryptography. It introduces the basic requirements to cryptographic schemes, privacy and authenticity. The course then describes the main cryptographic primitives and demonstrates how they are used to construct private and public cryptosystems. We also consider how these constructions are used in the existing systems, and survey a number of modern applications of cryptography.

Prerequisites:
see go.sfu.ca

Topics:
- Basics of probability, cryptography, and complexity. Historical remarks
- Concepts of privacy and authenticity
- Cryptographic primitives
- Private-key encryption: stream ciphers and block ciphers
- Public-key encryption
- Message authentication, digital signatures, and hashing
- Selected topics: zero-knowledge proof, post-quantum cryptography, etc.
- Survey of the cryptographic components of the existing protocols

Grading:
Will be discussed in the first week of classes
Students must attain an overall passing grade on the weighted average of exams in the course in order to obtain a clear pass (C- or better).

Recommended Books:

Academic Honesty Statement:
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Conduct Policies (http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student.html).