CMPT 318 - D100 Special Topics Cmpt. Science

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Calendar Objective/Description:
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Instructor's Objectives:
This course introduces cybersecurity and cyber situational awareness concepts and explores threat intelligence models and methods. Cyber security analytics and probabilistic modeling for threat detection and response (mitigative action) will play a central role. Coursework involves using the R language and software environment for statistical computing and graphics. Fundamental concepts and principles of cybersecurity risk assessment, intrusion detection and prevention, critical infrastructure protection and beyond will be discussed in detail.

Prerequisites:
see go.sfu.ca

Topics:
- Probability theory and probabilistic modeling
- Stochastic processes and Markov models
- Cyber threat analysis and intrusion detection
- Advanced persistent threats and zero day exploits
- Time series analysis and forecasting
- Anomaly detection and scoring methods
- Risk assessment and management
- Blockchain technology

Grading:
The course has three tests (worth 30% of the total grade), three graded assignments (worth 20%) and a term project organized as group project with a project report and presentation in class (worth 45%). There will also be reading assignments and several tutorials. Class participation accounts for up to 5% of the total grade. This grading scheme is tentative and to be finalized during the first week of classes, depending on external circumstances.

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:
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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