Introduction to Acct 8680 / CIS 8080: Information Security and Privacy

Course Objectives

- Course Objectives
- Group Formation and Function
- Conduct of the Course
- Exams
- Course Materials
- Grading
- Peer Evaluation
- How to succeed in this course

Course Objectives

- Course Syllabus
  http://cis.gsu.edu/~cstucke/cis8680/8680sylsFall2006.htm
- Objectives:
  What information security and privacy are? Stakeholders.
  Nature of the environment and threats
  Countermeasures
  Policies and practices for information security and privacy
  Threat scenario creation and analysis
  Business Continuity Planning
  Risk analysis
  Related laws, standards, and codes of practice

Groups

- Group Formation
  http://cis.gsu.edu/~cstucke/cis8680/content/teamdyn.pdf
- 3-4 people per group (form these before 1/17)
- Group work:
  Session participation
  Security and Privacy Policy Study
  Security Issues Term Paper

Conduct of the Course

- WebCT Vista
- vClass (sometimes)
- Microsoft Conferencing Server (rarely)
- Invited speakers (still changing)
- Chat etiquette (only when we use online)
- Sample session schedule:
  4:30-4:40 Action Items from last session
  4:40-5:50 Speaker/Instructor led session
  5:50-6:00 Break
  6:00-6:25 Group: develop & post case analysis
  6:25-6:40 Group: analyze & rate other analyses
  6:40-7:00 Groups present ratings
Conduct of the Course: WebCT Vista

- Enter CIS8080 WebCT Vista site
- Use for Exams, Bulletin Board, out of class chats, mail, group project postings, and more

Conduct of the Course: WebCT

- Session Objectives
- Links to chats for replay
- Individual group (presentation group) areas
- Bulletin Board
- Mail
- Other facilities shown on home page

Exams

- Mid-term and Final Exams
- On-line using WebCT
- Open notes and course materials
- No other help (direct or indirect during exam period)
- Samples of exam format

Course Materials

- Course Materials at http://cis.gsu.edu/~cstucke/cis8680/content/
- Username and Password required (I'll give you these in the first session. They are also posted in Vista.)
- Materials subject to change during course
- Finding better materials is participation plus (post these on the WebCT bulletin board)
Grading

- The syllabus is the official document for all course information
- Individual Exams are each 25% of final grade
- Group Security/Privacy Issues Term Paper is 30%
- Group participation is 20%
- **Individual scores for group work are the group score * peer evaluation**

Peer Evaluation

- Done at mid-term and end of course
- The mid-term score is informational
- The end-of-course score is used in grade calculation
- The peer evaluation can make letter grade differences in your final grade
- Be a strong team player
- Give honest feedback. Do not surprise anyone with their end-of-course peer evaluation

How to Succeed in this Course

- Study schedule-linked materials before sessions
- Actively participate as a group (and individuals) both in sessions (observing class etiquette) & in posting materials
- Produce group studies, papers, and presentations that exceed requirements and the previous classes’ products
- Carry your part of the group’s work
- Excel on exams (especially scenarios) by understanding course concepts and their application

Q&A