

**CFRS 663/TCOM 663 – Operations of Intrusion Detection for Forensics**  
**Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**  
**George Mason University**  
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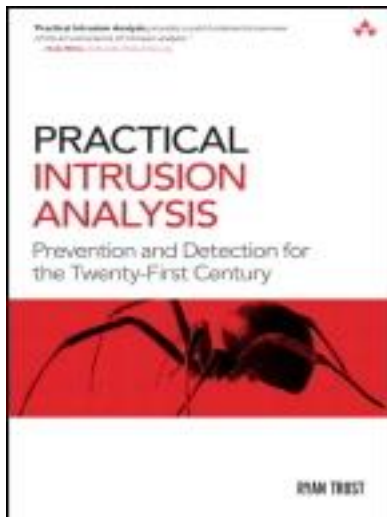
Operation of Intrusion Detection for Forensic – 12063 - CFRS 663-001

Operation of Intrusion Detection for Forensic – 12066 - TCOM 663-001

Location: Nguyen Engineering Building 5358

Time: Wednesday 4:30 PM.-07:10 PM.

**Textbooks**



**Title:** Practical Intrusion Analysis: Prevention and Detection for the Twenty-First Century

- **Author:** Ryan Trost
- **Publisher:** Addison-Wesley Professional
- **Pub. Date:** June 24, 2009
- **Print ISBN-10:** 0-321-59180-1
- **Print ISBN-13:** 978-0-321-59180-7

- **Web ISBN-10:** 0-321-59189-5
- **Web ISBN-13:** 978-0-321-59189-0

### **Additional Resources:**

1. Bace, Becky. *Intrusion Detection*. Sams. 1st edition. 1999.
2. Caswell, Brian, *Snort 2.1 Intrusion Detection*, Second Edition. Syngress. 2004.
3. Rehman, Rafeeq. *Intrusion Detection with SNORT: Advanced IDS Techniques Using SNORT, Apache, MySQL, PHP, and ACID*. Prentice Hall. 2003.
4. Rash, Mike. *Intrusion Prevention and Active Response: Deploying Network and Host IPS*. Syngress. 2005.
5. Northcutt, Stephen. *Network Intrusion Detection*, 3rd Edition. New Riders. 2003.
6. Northcutt, Stephen. *Intrusion Signatures and Analysis*. New Riders. 2001.
7. Mohay, George. *Computer and Intrusion Forensics*. Artech House Publishers. 2003.
8. Marchette, David. *Computer Intrusion Detection and Network Monitoring: A Statistical Viewpoint*. Springer. 2001.
9. Kohlenberg, Toby *Snort IDS and IPS Toolkit*, Syngress, 2007
10. Archibald, Neil, et. al. *Nessus, Snort, & Ethereal Power Tools Customizing Open Source Security Applications* Syngress, 2005

### **Course Description**

**663 Operations of Intrusion Detection for Forensics (3:3:0)** Introduces students to network and computer intrusion detection and its relation to forensics. The class addresses intrusion detection architecture, system types, packet analysis, and products. It also presents advanced intrusion detection topics such as intrusion prevention and active response, decoy systems, alert correlation, data mining, and proactive forensics.

### **Prerequisites**

**TCOM 509, 529**, and a working knowledge of computer programming.

### **Course Objectives**

At the conclusion of this course the student will have learned why and how intrusion detection systems are used and how they are applied in the forensics area. The student will also know how to implement an intrusion detection system, analyze packets, and construct signatures. The student will also have advanced knowledge of prevention and response technologies and other leading areas of research in intrusion detection and forensics.

### **Grading**

Raw scores may be adjusted to calculate final grades. Grades will be assessed on the following components:

5 Homework Assignments	60%
1 Mid Term Exam	20%
1 Final Exam:	20%

Grading components are outlined in the following sections:

### **Homework Assignments:**

The following four IDS related forensic homework exercises will be assigned throughout the semester.

1. **Homework 1: Packet Forensic Analysis** - Homework 1 assignment will be posted on the Blackboard and it will contain practical exercises that will familiarize you with the IDS forensics using TCPDump and Wireshark network analyzers.
2. **Homework 2: Snort IDS** - Homework 2 assignment will be posted on the Blackboard and it will contain practical Snort IDS exercises that will familiarize you with forensic analysis using Snort Intrusion Detection System tool.
3. **Homework #3: IDS Log Analysis** - Homework 3 assignment will be posted on the Blackboard and it will contain practical IDS log analysis exercises that allows you to develop an automate IDS forensic log file analysis using software programming scripts.
4. **Homework #4: Bro IDS** - Homework 4 assignment will be posted on the Blackboard and it will contain practical Bro IDS exercises that will familiarize you with forensic analysis using Bro Intrusion Detection System tool..
5. **Homework #5: Mobile Device IDS:** - Homework 5 assignment will be posted on the Blackboard and it will contain practical Smartphone IDS exercises that will familiarize you with forensic analysis using Smartphone packet analysis.

All homework assignments are due on the dates and times defined on the Blackboard assignment tap and they must be submitted on the Blackboard. Late assignments will be assessed a penalty of 25% of the assignment grade for each week or part there of it is late. No homework or hands-on assignment will be accepted after the third week.

### **Mid-term Exam**

The mid-term exam will be take home exam and will cover materials discussed in class from weeks 1 to 6. Midterm exam will be released one week before its due date. No collaborations are authorized.

### **Final Exam**

Each student is required to pick a research paper with a focus on intrusion detection for forensics and write a response/critique of the paper. Do not just repeat what the authors say, think about what they are saying and what they are possibly missing. Your critique should include the following:

1. A summary of what was done.
2. What are the central contributions of the paper?
3. A summary of related work.
4. What are the principal shortcomings of the technical content of the paper?

5. Other advantages and disadvantages of the technique.
6. Future research that may be done in the addressed area.

This is an individual assignment. You are required to complete it on your own without assistance of anyone.

1. Papers must be 5-10 pages in length.
2. Papers may be accessed through the ACM Digital Library accessible through GMU or other search engines.
3. You will present your findings in class.
4. The final paper is due on presentation day.

### Schedule

Date	Week	Topic	Chapters	Assignments
1/22	1	Course overview, Network Overview, TCP/IP review	1	
1/29	2	Packet Forensics Analysis Part 1: Monitoring Network-Analysis Tools and Packet Sniffing.	2	HW 1 due
2/5	3	Packet Forensics Analysis Part 2: Intrusion Detection Systems IDS Groundwork,	3	
2/12	4	Fundamentals of IDS Part 1: Lifecycle of Vulnerability.	4	HW 2 due
2/19	5	Fundamentals of IDS Part 2: Proactive Intrusion Prevention and Response via Attack Graphs Topological Vulnerability.	5	
2/26	6	Network Flows and Anomaly Detection IP Data Flows NetFlow Operational Theory, Introduction to Snort:	6	HW 3 due
3/5	7	Midterm Exam (Covers week 1 – 6).	-	
3/12	8	Spring Recess (No Class)		
3/19	9	Snort Signatures and Analysis. Web application Firewalls and web threat overview.	7	
3/26	10	Wireless IDS/IPS	8	HW 4 due
4/2	11	Physical Intrusion Detection for IT, origins of Physical Security, Advanced Intrusion Detection and Intrusion Prevention Techniques	9	
4/9	12	Intrusion Detection Current Uses of Geocoding, Alert Correlation for Incident and Forensic Analysis	10	HW 5 due
4/16	13	Visual Data Communications Introduction to Visualization, Advanced IDS Methods for	11	

		Behavior Analysis and Proactive Forensics		
4/23	14	Advanced IDS	-	
4/30	15	Advanced IDS	-	
5/7	16	Final Exam: Research Paper Presentation	-	Research Papers Due

*This schedule is subject to revision before and throughout the course. Make sure you always use the latest version available on the Blackboard.*

Call 703-993-1000 for recorded information on campus closings (e.g. due to weather).

### **Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to attend each class, to complete any required preparatory work (including assigned reading) and to participate actively in lectures, discussions and exercises. As members of the academic community, all students are expected to contribute regardless of their proficiency with the subject matter.

Students are expected to make prior arrangements with Instructor if they know in advance that they will miss any class and to consult with the Instructor if they miss any class without prior notice.

Departmental policy requires students to take exams at the scheduled time and place, unless there are truly compelling circumstances supported by appropriate documentation. Except in such circumstances, failure to attend a scheduled exam may result in a grade of zero (0) for that exam.

### **Communications**

Communication on issues relating to the individual student should be conducted using email or telephone. Email is the preferred method – for urgent messages, you should also attempt to contact the Instructor via telephone. Email messages from the Instructor to all class members will be sent to students' GMU email addresses – if you use another email account as your primary address, you should forward your GMU email to that account.

Lecture slides are complements to the lecture process, not substitutes for it. Access to lecture slides will be provided as a courtesy to students provided acceptable attendance is maintained.

### **Honor Code**

Students are required to be familiar and comply with the requirements of the [GMU Honor Code<sup>\[1\]</sup>](#).

The Honor Code will be strictly enforced in this course.

All assessable work is to be completed by the individual student.

Students must **NOT** collaborate on the project reports or presentation without explicit prior permission from the Instructor.

### **Office of Disability Services**

If you are a student with disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through the ODS.

### **Key Dates:**

Important GMU calendar dates are published on the GMU registrar website:

<http://registrar.gmu.edu/calendars/2014spring/>

Make sure that you check and verify on the official GMU Registrar Web page for updated and latest date information.

### **Religious Holidays and Observations**

Information regarding the calendar of religious holidays and observations for 2011-2015 academic years is available on the GMU Student Life Website:

<http://ulife.gmu.edu/calendar/religious-holiday-calendar/>

Let me know in advance if you will have any difficulty with the course assignment schedule.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Available at [www.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies/honor.html](http://www.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies/honor.html) and related GMU Web pages.