EECE 658 Hardware-based Security
Course Syllabus, Spring 2012

Course Description
Information and infrastructure security in cyber space is a critical issue to national interests nowadays. Most research efforts focus on computation. However, eventually security solutions including algorithm and variant defense schemes are running on certain hardware. This course exposes students to the state of the art in research into the design, application, and evaluation of hardware techniques to achieve security properties in high-level computation. We will cover the ideas and trends in this active research area from architectural and application perspectives.

Text:
Research papers from prestige conferences and journals.

Prerequisites:
Basic knowledge of computer/information security (EECE457 or EECE560), computer networks (EECE359 or EECE553), computer architecture (EECE352 and/or 552).

Class Times & Location:
Tuesday & Thursday, 4:25pm ~ 5:50pm, S1 158

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Grading:
- Paper Reading Assignments 50%
  - Paper Discussion Presentations (10% x 2)
  - Paper Reading Reports (10% x 3)
- Research Project 50%
  - Project Selecting Report (5%)
  - Intermediate Project Report (10%)
  - Project presentation (10%)
  - Final Project Report (25%)

Topics (if time allows):
1. Review basics of Computer Network Security
2. Concept of hardware based security
3. Secure processors and platforms
4. Secret protection
5. Application-dependent secure processor
6. Reconfigurable hardware in network security
7. Virtualization
8. Biometric Identification/Recognition

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