



ECE 8860: **Distributed Denial of Service**  
Sections 1, 843,  
Spring 2021

MEETING TIME: Monday and Wednesday 5:15 to 6:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION: Zoom link posted to IROAR

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OFFICE HOURS AND PROCEDURES:

Dr. Brooks, Office hours 4:00 to 5:00 PM on Monday. Online. Link shared on request.

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COURSE MODALITY: [Online](#)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Denial of Service (DoS) attacks are an important weakness of the current Internet. This course is meant to give the students understanding of how these attacks occur, they can be detected and to mitigate them. Students will be taught about normal Internet traffic time series and how difficult it is to create, model, and analyze Internet traffic. Students will use software defined networking primitives to set up experiments. Network attacks will be executed and mitigated.

Coreq: None

COURSE PREREQUISITES: [Instructor permission](#).

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: At the completion of the course the student will:

- o Understand prevalent computer and network security issues,
- o Implement DDoS mitigation strategies,
- o Be able to configure network services,
- o Understand Internet traffic patterns,, and
- o Avoid network bottlenecks.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- o Distributed Denial of Service Attacks, by I. Ozcelik, and R. R. Brooks, CRC Press
- o Computer capable of running simultaneously at least 2 virtual machines,
- o Webcam
- o Microphone
- o Internet connections
- o Cell phone

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

Date	Lecture topic	Reference	Assignment	Due
1/6/2021	SDN lecture and network topology	Chapters 6, 11, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3		
1/11/2021	<b>Overview and syllabus</b>	Chapter 1		
1/13/2021	<b>Lab 1 – Traffic sniffing</b>		<b>Lab report 1</b>	<b>02/03/21</b>
1/18/2021	<b>MLK Day</b>			
1/20/2021	History and Motivation of DDoS	Last day to drop Chapters 2 and 3		
1/25/2021	Importance of background traffic / DDoS legal discussion	Chapters 4 and 5		
1/27/2021	<b>Lab 2 spoofing</b>		<b>Lab Report 1</b>	<b>02/03/21</b>
2/1/2021	Botnet and IoT background	Chapters 2 and 3		
2/3/2021	<b>Lab 3 – Background traffic generation</b>	<b>Chapter 6</b>	<b>Lab report 2</b>	<b>02/15/21</b>
2/8/2021	Attack traffic tools	Chapter 5		
2/15/2021	<b>Lab 4 - Attack generation week 1</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b>	<b>Lab report 3</b>	<b>03/03/21</b>
2/17/2021	Flooding attack traffic generation techniques and tools	Chapter 5		
2/19/2020	<b>Lab 4 - Attack generation week 2</b>	<b>Chapter 14</b>	<b>Lab report 3</b>	<b>03/03/21</b>
2/22/2021	<b>In class test</b>		<b>Mid term</b>	<b>2/22/2021</b>
2/24/2021	DDoS Amplification	Chapter 14		
3/1/2021	<b>Lab 4 - Attack generation week 3</b>		<b>Lab report 3</b>	<b>3/8/2021</b>
3/3/2021	Detection basics	Chapter 7		
3/8/2021	Attack detection lecture	Chapter 8		
3/10/2021	<b>Lab 5 – Attack detection week 1</b>	<b>Chapter 7,8,14</b>	<b>Lab report 4</b>	<b>03/31/21</b>
3/15/2021	<b>Spring Break</b>			
3/17/2021	<b>Spring Break</b>			
3/22/2021	<b>Lab 5 – Attack detection week 2</b>	<b>Chapter 7,8,14</b>	<b>Lab report 4</b>	<b>03/31/21</b>
3/24/2020	Traffic spoofing lecture	Chapter 9		
3/29/2021	<b>Lab 6 – Deceiving DDoS Detection</b>		<b>Lab report 4</b>	<b>03/31/21</b>
3/31/2021	Firewall filtering lecture	Fu Yu Remote Lecture (To be confirmed)		
4/5/2021	<b>Lab 7 – DDoS mitigation: week 1</b>		<b>Lab report 5</b>	<b>04/26/21</b>
4/7/2021	Mitigation lecture	Chapter 10		
4/12/2021	<b>Lab 7 – DDoS mitigation: week 2</b>	<b>Chapter 10, 14</b>	<b>Lab report 5</b>	<b>04/26/21</b>
4/14/2021	Mitigation scaling			
4/19/2021	<b>Lab 7 – DDoS mitigation: week 3</b>		<b>Lab report 5</b>	<b>04/26/21</b>
4/21/2021	<b>Review</b>			
4/26/2021	Final exam	7:00 to 9:30 PM	Final	Take home final due at 7:00 PM

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## GRADING POLICY:

Assignment	Due	Percent grade
Lab report 1	2/3/2021	10%
Lab report 2	2/15/2021	10%
Midterm	2/22/2021	20%
Lab report 3	3/3/2021	10%
Lab report 4	3/31/2021	10%
Lab report 5	4/26/2021	15%
Final	4/26/2021	25%
Total		100%

## ATTENDANCE POLICY:

1. Lectures are online.
2. Online attendance is optional. Plans are to post videos of classes.
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- c. Learn what you can do to prepare yourself in the event of an active threat (<http://www.clemson.edu/cusafety/EmergencyManagement/>)

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