

Computer Security – F04 – Lecture 4

Announcement

The deadline for discussing your project topic with me is March 19. Please make an appointment to discuss it.

Lecture, February 19

We finished all but certificates in chapter 2.

Lecture, February 26

We will finish chapter 2 and begin on chapter 3.

Lecture, March 4

We will finish chapter 3.

Discussion section: March 2

1. Read the security alerts at <http://www.counterpane.com/alert-t20040218-001.html> and <http://www.counterpane.com/alert-t20040209-001.html>. What do the recommendations mean?
2. Read the newsletter at <http://www.schneier.com/crypto-gram-0312.html>, especially the articles on Blaster, quantum cryptography, and computerized and electronic voting. Clearly, Bruce Schneier has strong opinions. Do you agree with them?
3. Read the FAQ at <http://www.networm.org/faq/>. How does the distinction here between a worm and a virus differ from the one given in class.