CSE227: Graduate Computer Security

Winter 2025

Comprehensive Exam

Final Writeup Due: March 21st Anywhere on Earth (AoE)

Expectations

The comprehensive exam requires you to write up your work on the project individually. The goal is for me to understand what your specific tasks were, how you contributed to the overall team, and your thoughts on how your work sits in the broader landscape of the research landscape. The final write-up must be entirely your own. All text will be run through LLM-detectors; a high enough score on these detectors will constitute a failure on the comprehensive exam. The final document must contain the following sections:

- An section called introduction, summarizing your overall project and highlighting the components you worked on
- A section called contributions, which describes your methods and which specific results you contributed to the final paper.
- A section called challenges, which describes some of the research challenges you overcame in the course of conducting your project
- A section called discussion, which describes the core limitations of your study and describes how your work fits into the landscape of research and society more broadly
- A section called future work, describing what next steps you would take on this project

The final document must be **no more than** 3 pages, using the USENIX Security double column format, similar to your final write-up.