

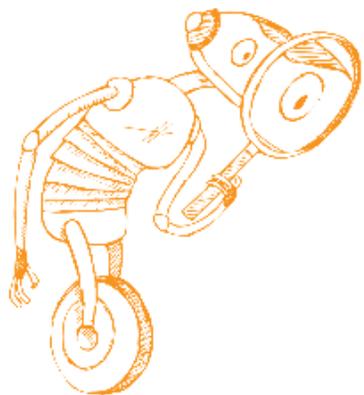
Mobile Security

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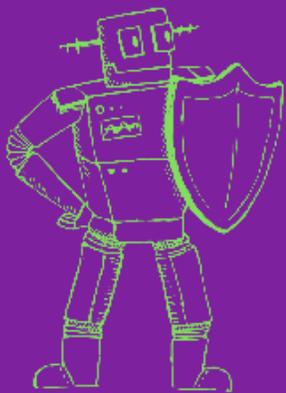
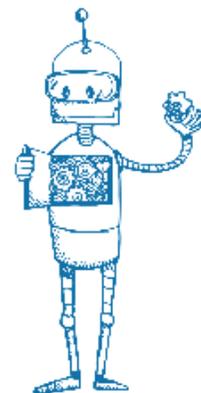
Some slides based on material by **Johannes Feichtner**

WE **UNITE RESEARCH** ON ALL ASPECTS OF INFORMATION SECURITY
TO **FIND ANSWERS** TO THE PRESSING SECURITY CHALLENGES.



**FORMAL
METHODS**

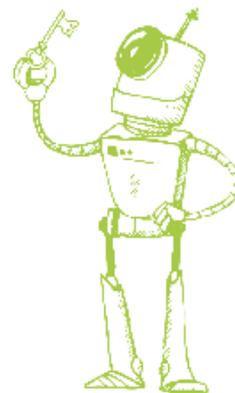
**SECURE
SYSTEMS**



**SECURE
APPLICATIONS**

Tools and Innovations
for Security

**CRYPTOLOGY &
PRIVACY**



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Research & Teaching

eGovernment

Mobile Security

Identity Management

Ledger-based Registries

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Operational Projects (mostly for public sector)

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 - Federal Computing Centre (BRZ)
 - Graz University of Technology
 - Danube University Krems
 - Johannes Kepler University Linz
- ISEC: IT Security Research
- A-SIT: Practical aspects + Counseling of public institutions



Myself

- A-SIT @ ISEC
- Current focus
 - Platform Security on Android & iOS
 - Secure Mobile Connectivity
 - App Supply Chains
 - API Misuse in Mobile Apps
- Lectures
 - Mobile Security (MobileSec) VO & KU
- Seminar projects, theses



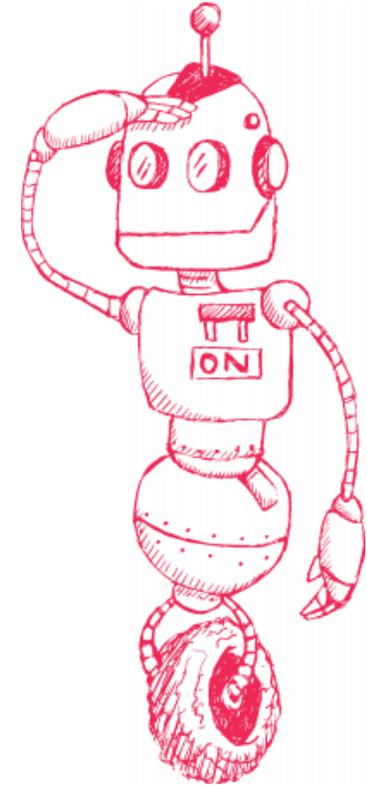
Course Facts

Lecture (705.012)

- Registration Deadline: 15.03.2026, 23:59
- 3 ECTS credits
- Elective master course (+ part of InfoSec catalog)

Assignments (705.013)

- Deadline as above
- 2 ECTS credits



Course Organisation

Lecture

- Fridays, 10:00 to 12:00
- English

Assignments

- Fridays, 12:00 to 13:00 **but** discussions only, no general „topic“ or lecture
- Your task: *Do research and fast prototyping*
- You are welcome to suggest your own project ideas!
- Could be a seed for theses, projects, and further research

MOBILE SECURITY (SS 2026)

Course Number 705012 | Sommersemester 2026

Content

This course is a seminar-style class which focuses on security aspects of mobile devices. We study the security mechanisms of smartphones and show how to employ them to protect sensitive information. Based on that, we analyze mobile applications regarding security-critical deficiencies, examine platform and application vulnerabilities and discuss how they can be exploited by attackers.

- Security Architectures of Android and iOS
 - *Access protection (PIN, Patterns, ...), Secure Element, OS updates, permissions, sandboxing, ...*
 - *Which mechanisms are provided in order to protect sensitive data?*
 - *How do they work?*
- Common security mistakes in mobile applications
 - *Responsibilities of app developers*
 - *Proper use of access protection for files and data*
 - *Securing communication channels*
- Application analysis
 - *Tools and approaches, vulnerabilities and exploits, handling sensitive data, security-critical mistakes*

Lecturers

 Florian Draschbacher

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<https://isec.tugraz.at/mobilesec/>

We have a Discord channel!



- For asking questions regarding assignments, exams, ...
 - Ask on Discord if your question is relevant for others as well!
 - Receiving updates on organisational matters
 - Reading the Discord channel is mandatory!
1. Join ISEC server
<https://discord.gg/66ZnGV8jJa>
 2. React with 📱 emoji in getting-started channel
 3. You are automatically granted access to mobilesec channel

Assignments

- Three tasks
 - Task 0: Decide on a topic for assignment 3
 - Task 1: Basic app analysis to be solved individually (39%)
 - Task 2: Seminar-style project in a group of max. 3 people (61%)
- **Important:**
 - For a positive grade, **>= 50% for task 1 and 2 needed!**
 - Task 0 already counts as exam start (drop out thereafter -> **Grade 5**)
- **Your** creativity, skills, and ideas form an **integral** part
- Focus on research, fast-prototype oriented work
 - Can serve as basis for future projects, theses, etc

Assignment - Task 1

To solve individually!
(no group work)

Soft introduction to application analysis

- Requirements:
 - Acquired in „Computer Organization and Networks“ / „Information Security“
 - Man-in-the-middle (MITM)
 - Certificate Pinning

Analyze a set of Android applications

- Find out if their Data Safety section on Google Play is accurate
- Reverse Engineering, Traffic Analysis
- Task details on course website and in next week's lecture

Submit your results until 27.03.2026 and explain your findings

Assignment – Task 2

Max. group size: 3

- Topics will be suggested **but**
 - You are very welcome to bring in your own ideas, related to the lecture!
- **Decide** on a topic until 20.03.
- Final presentation: 12.06.
 - Hand-in: 05.06.
- Grading depends on contribution / results

Next Steps

- Register to the lecture and assignments courses [until 15.03., 23:59.](#)
- Assignments – Task 1: Think about apps you would like to analyse
 - Early start is possible 😊
- Assignments – Task 2: Think about a topic you would like to work on
 - Choose from the list of topics **or** propose your own subject
 - Decide on one [until 20.03.](#)

Getting to know you

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What is your experience with Mobile Security?

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What are your expectations for the lecture?

Questions?