# Master in BIG DATA IN BUSINESS

### cybersecurity-related content:

#### security and privacy blockchain technologies & applications

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## **Security and Privacy: huge topic!**

#### → Several 'dimensions'

- ⇒ Network security, perimetral protection, monitoring, ...
- ⇒ Systems security, vulnerability assessment, forensics
- ⇒ Storage / data base security, data protection, access control
- ⇒ Auditing, security assurance, risk assessment, certification
- ⇒ Security data analytics, data mining, intelligence analytics
- ⇒ Visibility of security & visualization
- ⇒ Secure computation privacy preserving data mining
- $\Rightarrow$  Etc etc etc... (!!)

#### ➔ Before all this... need for (at least!) very basic crypto and system security background

#### → So... how to fit into as little as 18 + 9 h???!!

And have something practical (e.g. beyond just a basic crypto or vulnerability class...)

## Our approach / 1

# →Do NOT teach crypto, BUT learn how (good) crypto can be poorly used

⇒Driving use case scenario: Web security (TLS)

#### →A lot (!) of broader take home messages! Examples:

⇒Security features negotiation?

 $\rightarrow$  Prevent bidding-down attacks!

 $\Rightarrow$  Compress then encrypt?

 $\rightarrow$ CRIME attack, 2012!

⇒MAC then encrypt?

→Padding oracles (2002,2013,2015, 2016)

 $\rightarrow$  Very similar issues in other applications and scenarios

⇒ Implementation issues & side channels may play havoc!

→ROBOT, 2018

→Transient Execution attacks, 2018+

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## Our approach / 2

#### →Practical system security

 $\Rightarrow$  Hands on laboratory (with kali linux):

→learn how attackers think, what they use, how they act (very practical, a few penetration examples)

## Take home: system security is not easy

⇒What about data-centric security? Some very preliminary insights...

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## Our approach / 3

### →Secure storage?

- ⇒Hash-based data structures, Merkle trees
- ⇒ In Blockchain class, but not only blockchains
  - →Big data example: Google's certificate transparency, for PKI security
  - →A real world example of a standard (though cleverly organized) DB which most would today call «blockchain», but which is NOT.

## Web security pillar: Certificate Authorities ARE trusted!





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## Fact: trusted CA assumption at stake



#### How to cope with malicious CAs? Idea: gigantic worldwide DB which anyone can check!





## **Blockchain class**

#### $\rightarrow$ What they are

⇒And when you (don't!) need them

#### →Basic principles

⇒Ledger architectures / Consensus / Scripting

#### →Which technologies?

⇒Practice with Multi-chain

### $\rightarrow$ Which applications?

⇒Bitcoin

⇒Multi-signatures

⇒Lightning network offchain payments

⇒Crypto currencies and ERC20 ICOs (and fake ones)
⇒etc