

SEMESTER S7

DIGITAL FORENSICS

(Common with CS/CM/CA/CD/CR/AI/AM/AD)

Course Code	PECST754	CIE Marks	40
Teaching Hours/Week (L:T:P: R)	3:0:0:0	ESE Marks	60
Credits	3	Exam Hours	2 Hrs. 30 Min.
Prerequisites (if any)	None	Course Type	Theory

Course Objectives:

1. To impart the fundamental knowledge on incident management and reporting.
2. To provide a good understanding on devices, operating systems, network and mobile forensics.

SYLLABUS

Module No.	Syllabus Description	Contact Hours
1	<p>Introduction to Digital Forensics - Principles in Digital Forensics; Stages in Digital Forensics Investigation- Forensics Imaging & Cloning, Concept of Chain of Custody, Digital Evidence Handling at Crime Scene, Collection/Acquisition and Preservation of Digital Evidence, Processing & Analysis, Compilation of Findings & Reporting; Expansion of Stages in Digital Investigation.</p> <p>Types of Storage Media - Hard Disk Drives (HDD), Solid State Drives (SSD), USB Flash Drives, Optical Discs, Memory Cards, Cloud Storage, Drive Geometry, Cylinders, Heads, and Sectors, Logical Block Addressing (LBA); Expansion of Types of Storage Medium.</p> <p>Overview of File Systems - Introduction to File Systems, File Systems in Digital Forensics, FAT (File Allocation Table), Structure and Characteristics : FAT12, FAT16, FAT32, NTFS (New Technology File System), Structure and Characteristics, Master File Table (MFT), EXT (Extended File System), EXT2, EXT3, EXT4, Journaling in EXT3 and EXT4, HFS (Hierarchical File System), HFS and HFS+ Structure and Characteristics, Metadata and Attributes</p> <p>Tools suggested : Hex Viewer , FTK Imager , OS Forensics</p>	10

2	<p>Windows Forensics - OS Artefacts, Registry Analysis, Analysis of USB Connections, Event Logs, Applications, Slack Space, Overwritten Files, Data Recovery Techniques, Volatile and Non-Volatile Data, Hibernation file analysis, Pagefile analysis, prefetch files, thumbnails, Timestamps, File Signatures, File System Analysis Tools, Techniques for Recovering Deleted Files, File Carving; Memory Forensics - RAM dump and analysis; Linux and MAC Forensics; Anti Forensics Methods - Steganography, Encryption, Alternate Data Streams.</p> <p>Tools suggested : Hex Viewer, FTK Imager, Autopsy, RegRipper, Volatility, Dumpit</p>	9
3	<p>Mobile Forensics - Introduction to Mobile Forensics, Mobile Forensics Fundamentals, Understanding Mobile Device Storage, Android, iOS, Windows OS Artifacts, ADB (Android Debug Bridge), APK Files, Techniques for Acquiring Data from Mobile Devices, Rooting, Jailbreaking. Analysis of Application Files - Social Media Files, Understanding and Analyzing APK Files, Messages, Malware Analysis, Cloud Data in Mobile Forensics, Analyzing Backups and Cloud Data, Advanced Data Recovery Techniques (Bypassing Encryption, Password Cracking), Challenges in Mobile Forensics.</p> <p>Tools suggested : MobileCheck, BlueStacks(Android Emulator), SQLite Database viewer</p>	9
4	<p>Network Forensics - Introduction to Network Forensics, Overview of Network Architectures and Protocols, Capturing and Analyzing Network Traffic using Wireshark/Tcpdump, Log Analysis, Email and Web Forensics, Email Header Analysis; Endpoint Security systems - Intrusion Detection Systems, Firewall, Router Forensics, NAS, Proxy, VPN; Public Key Infrastructure Systems; Digital Signature - Concepts of Public Key and Private Key, Certification Authorities and Their Role, Creation and Authentication of Digital Signature.</p> <p>Tools Suggested : Wireshark , Apache Log Viewer</p>	8

Course Assessment Method
(CIE: 40 marks, ESE: 60 marks)

Continuous Internal Evaluation Marks (CIE):

Attendance	Assignment/ Microproject	Internal Examination-1 (Written)	Internal Examination- 2 (Written)	Total
5	15	10	10	40

End Semester Examination Marks (ESE)

In Part A, all questions need to be answered and in Part B, each student can choose any one full question out of two questions

Part A	Part B	Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Questions from each module. • Total of 8 Questions, each carrying 3 marks <p align="center">(8x3 =24 marks)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each question carries 9 marks. • Two questions will be given from each module, out of which 1 question should be answered. • Each question can have a maximum of 3 subdivisions. <p align="center">(4x9 = 36 marks)</p>	60

Course Outcomes (COs)

At the end of the course students should be able to:

Course Outcome		Bloom's Knowledge Level (KL)
CO1	Perform forensics analysis of hard disk, Network, and mobile phones.	K3
CO2	Experiment with the network traffic dump.	K3
CO3	Examine the analyse logs of the systems and identify the anomalies.	K3
CO4	Plan an onsite triage in case of an incident.	K3

Note: K1- Remember, K2- Understand, K3- Apply, K4- Analyse, K5- Evaluate, K6- Create

CO-PO Mapping Table (Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes)

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12
CO1	3	3	3									2
CO2	3	3	3		3							2
CO3	3	3	3		3							2
CO4	3	3	3		3							2

Note: 1: Slight (Low), 2: Moderate (Medium), 3: Substantial (High), -: No Correlation

Reference Books				
Sl. No	Title of the Book	Name of the Author/s	Name of the Publisher	Edition and Year
1	Digital Forensics and Incident Response	Gerard Johansen	Packt	2/e, 2020
2	Guide to Computer Forensics and Investigations	Bill Nelson, Amelia Phillips, Christopher Steuart	Cengage	6/e, 2020
3	Practical Mobile Forensics	Rohit Tamma, Oleg Skulkin , Heather Mahalik, Satish Bommisetty	Packt	4/e, 2020
4	Mobile Forensics - Advanced Investigative Strategies	Oleg Afonin, Vladimir Katalov	Packt	1/e, 2016
5	Network Forensics : Tracking Hackers Through Cyberspace	Sherri Davidoff, Jonathan Ham	Pearson	1/e, 2013
6	File system forensic analysis	Brian Carrier	Addison-Wesley	1/e, 2005
7	Windows Forensics: The Field Guide for Corporate Computer Investigations	Chad Steel	Wiley	1/e, 2006
8	Android Forensics: Investigation, Analysis and Mobile Security for Google Android	Andrew Hoog	Syngress	1/e, 2011

Video Links (NPTEL, SWAYAM...)	
No.	Link ID
1	https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec20_lb06/preview
2	https://www.swgde.org/documents/published-by-committee/quality-standards/
3	https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/sp/800/101/r1/final