Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence

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Network & Systems Security and Resiliency



Cyber Security Operations



Public Policy & National Security

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Cutting Edge Research

Community Engagement

Workforce Development

Oregon State University Cybersecurity Capabilities & Support for CCoE

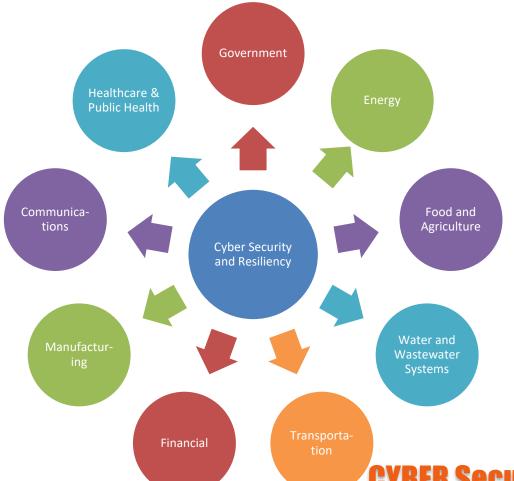
Tom Weller, Professor and Head School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science January 11th, 2022

College of Engineering and School of Oregon State University College of Engineering **EECS – At A Glance**



- College of Engineering
 - 274 faculty members
 - 9,999 students
 - 30% students of color; 22% women
- School of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
 - 97 faculty members
 - 4,704 undergraduate and 530 graduate students
 - Overall: 33% students of color; 21% women
 - Online: 39% students of color; 27% women
- Ranked #3 among all public R1 institutions for the percentage of faculty who are women
- Ranked #1 among U.S. engineering colleges in number of computer science degrees awarded

DHS Critical Infrastructure Sectors for National Security





Oregon's Key Industries

- (Smart) Agriculture and Food Processing
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Semiconductors and Electronics
- Software and Technology
- Clean Energy

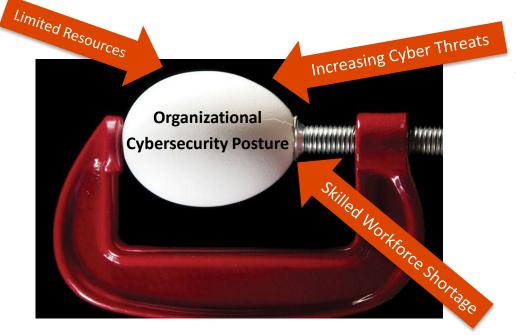
CYBER Security and Resiliency are Essential!





- Continued investment in cybersecurity research and education capacity since 2013
- Largest cybersecurity research & education program in Oregon
 - 12 core tenured/tenure-track faculty, 6+ affiliated faculty
 - Areas of Expertise:
 - Cryptography
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) Security & Privacy
 - Cyber-physical Systems (e.g., Smart Grids, Robots, Autonomous Vehicles, Drones/UAVs) Security & Privacy
 - Automation Safety and Security
 - Security Operations & Incident Response
 - Hardware Security
 - Human Factors & Usable Security and Privacy
- Multiple degree and certificate options
 - ~**50** undergraduates/year with cybersecurity concentration



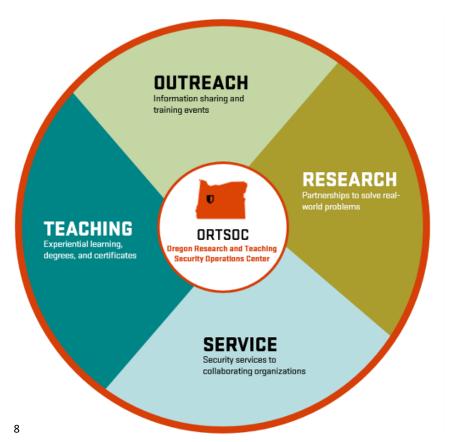


- Acute shortage of skilled cybersecurity workers
 - Nearly 0.6 Million unfilled cybersecurity positions nationally
 - 20,000+ unfilled positions in PNW
 - 5,000+ unfilled positions in Oregon alone

- Cyber attacks and cyber crime continue to increase
 - FBI: \$4.2B lost to cybercrime in 2020
 - # of breaches through 9/30/21 already exceeded 2020 totals @1291 (vs. 1108)
 - 131 vs. 110 reported in Oregon
 - Avg. cost/breach rose to \$4.24M (17-year high)
- 2,935 publicly reported breaches and 36 billion records exposed in 2020 alone
- Cybercrime estimated to cost \$10.5 trillion annually worldwide

Oregon Research and Training Security Operations Center





- "Teaching Hospital" to develop skilled workforce
 - National model for hands-on training
- Top-quality Security Operations Center to serve "underserved" and "resource constrained" organizations
- Research and Innovation to solve realworld problems
- Keystone of a World-Class Cybersecurity program
- Outreach for positive community impact





- Experiential-learning embedded in the curriculum
- ORTSOC-based undergraduate Computer Science Applied Track in Security Operations launching in Fall 2022
- New Computer Science Master's in Security Operations launching in AY 2022-23
 - ► Final Year in Residence (teaching hospital model) at ORTSOC for real world, hands-on experience in a working SOC
 - Rotations in different operational areas
 - Mentorship from working professionals
 - Exposure to Management/Leadership
- New "Cybersecurity" options in undergraduate (BIS) and graduate (MSB) business degrees
- Expected to increase cybersecurity-focused degrees awarded by 4x

















350-member Security Club

Nationally & Internationally Competitive:

NSA CODEBREAKER challenge

- 1st place in 2018
- **Top 3** since 2019
 - 3rd out of 600+ universities in 2021
- **DOE CyberForce Competitions**
 - **3-time PNW Regional Champions**
 - 3rd and 4th place (Nationally) in 2018, 2019 resp.
- DEF CON CTF 2020 Final (Olympics for hackers)
 - 11th in the US, 72nd in the world





Supporting Programs



- NW Cyber Camps
 - Summarized by Charlie Kawasaki in a previous testimony
 - Currently a collaboration between OSU STEM Academy,
 Mt. Hood Community College, EnergySec, and Center for Advanced Learning (CAL) Charter School
- OSU Extension Service
 - A physical presence in every county
 - A good launching pad for cybersecurity awareness and outreach to Oregon citizenry

NW Cyber Camp - Overview

- Web site: <u>www.nwcyber.camp</u>
- Founded and operating continuously since 2016
- Served hundreds of K-12 students
- Operating virtually since COVID
- Managed since 2019 by OSU and EnergySec
- Driven by volunteers, with a modest amount of industry financial support for direct expenses















Summary



- Programs and capabilities that address:
 - Growth and diversification of the cybersecurity workforce
 - Growth and diversification of the K-12 STEM pipeline
 - Support for local, regional and state cybersecurity needs
 - Discovery and development of advanced cyber technology