Instructor and TA

Instructor
• Prof. Arie Gurfinkel

Teaching Assistants
• Hari Govind VK

Course Web Page
• https://ece.uwaterloo.ca/~agurfink/stqam
• LEARN: https://learn.uwaterloo.ca
• Campuswire: https://campuswire.com/p/G674C5A5D with code: 4885
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Course Time and Location

Date: Monday and Friday
Location: E7 5353
Time: 2:30 – 3:50 PM

Tutorials: by announcement only
Friday 5:30 – 6:20 PM
Location: E7 5353
First Tutorial: Jan 17, 2019

Office Hours
TBD
Grading

Assignments: 30%
Quizzes (2): 20%
Final Exam: 50%

Grades may be curved or adjusted at the Instructor’s discretion

1 + 3 Assignments

• Pen and paper exercises, and
• Programming assignments
  – mostly in Python
Textbook and Lecture Notes

No required text book. Lecture slides and notes will be provided.

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Course Website & LEARN

The course website is the definitive source
• When in doubt, consult the web page
• Check syllabus for final grade computation

YOUR responsibility to check for updates!
• Course website
• LEARN (http://learn.uwaterloo.ca)
GitHub and Campuswire

We will use GitHub for managing and submitting assignments:

- This requires a free GitHub account
- Follow the link in Assignment 0 to get started
- Let me know if there are any problems!!!
- GitHub Tutorial: https://try.github.io

We will use Campuswire for communication (no EMAIL if you can!)

- [https://campuswire.com/p/G674C5A5D](https://campuswire.com/p/G674C5A5D) with code: 4885
- like Piazza but modern look and feel
- Mobile apps for IOS and Android
  - but they are far from perfect
- Web-based interface (works pretty well)
- Ask questions in public forums (can be anonymous)
- Answer questions if you think you know the answer!
Independent Work

All work turned in must be of that individual student unless stated otherwise.

Violations will result in zero credit to all students concerned. University of Waterloo Policy 71 will be followed for any discovered cases of plagiarism.
Policy on Late Assignments

You have 2 days of lateness for assignments that you can use throughout the term

• These are TWO days for the term. Not for each assignment!

Each day the assignment is late consumes one day of lateness

For example,

• You can be 2 days late on assignment A1, or
• One day late on A1, and one day late on A3, or
• You can hand all of the assignments on time 😊
Missed Quiz

If you miss a quiz, you will receive 0 for it. If you have a legitimate reason (at the discretion of the instructor) for not taking the midterm and obtain a permission from the instructor a week in advance, the percentage for the quiz will be shifted to the final.

See syllabus for more detail
https://ece.uwaterloo.ca/~agurfink/stqam/syllabus.html
Is this course for me?

Not a TESTING course!
- Foundations of Testing / Coverage
- Foundations of Symbolic Execution and Symbolic Reasoning
- Foundations of Deductive Program Verification
- (Possibly) Foundations of Automated Verification

Enough background?
- Can you code? (Python?) https://docs.python.org/2.7/tutorial/
- Have you used a Unix/Linux machine before?
  - command line, shell, editor…
- Do you know Logic / Automated Reasoning?
  - Propositional logic: AND, OR, NOT, Boolean SATisfiability
- Do you have basic understanding of Compilers?
  - Control Flow Graphs, Operational Semantics, Intermediate Representation
- Have you used a SAT / Theorem Prover / Constraint Solver / SMT?
Contact

Office Hours (with Me)

- by appointment
- best time is before/after lectures

Email (email address on the course web page)

- [https://ece.uwaterloo.ca/~agurfink/stqam](https://ece.uwaterloo.ca/~agurfink/stqam)
- Identify yourself
  - Originated from your uwaterloo email address, or
  - Signed with your full name and student ID
- Start **Subject** of email with [STQAM]

Use Campuswire
A little about me

2007, PhD University of Toronto

2006-2016, Principle Researcher at Software Engineering Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Sep 2016, Associate Professor, University of Waterloo
SeaHorn

A fully automated verification framework for LLVM-based languages.

http://seahorn.github.io
Automated (Software) Verification

Program and/or model

Alan M. Turing. 1936: "Undecidable"

Alan M. Turing. "Checking a large routine” 1949

How can one check a routine in the sense of making sure that it is right?

The programmer should make a number of definite assertions which can be checked individually, and from which the correctness of the whole programme easily follows.
x86

McSema

CLang

C/C++

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LLVM

LLVM Opt:
- SSA
- DCE
- Peephole
- CFG Simplification

Devirtualization and Exception Lowering

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Slicing Assertions

Middle-end

Heap Abstraction

VC Generation

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URA Opportunities in Automated Verification

Our group is working on scalable automated verification that is usable by software engineers and is integrated into the software development life-cycle. Verification ensures that software satisfies given properties for all possible inputs and can be used to prove absence of bugs.

You will be able to use your programming skills and contribute to the development of the automated verification tool SeaHorn and will learn about Compilers, Constraint Solvers (SAT/SMT), and Automated Verification.

Depending on your interests and experience, you will be able to work on various parts of the framework, and focus on Logic-based Reasoning, Compiler Optimizations, Program Analysis, Pointer Analysis, Testing Infrastructure, Smart Contracts, or C++ Standard Library implementations. The project uses technologies including: C++, Python, LLVM, Z3, Docker, Travis.