All work **must** be your own. Discussions with *others, who are in the class in this semester ONLY* is allowed on the term paper.

The task is to: Write a term paper describing the problem(s) or technique(s), their relevance to the course, their general significance, solution or status, and any remaining open problems that are related. Remember that your term paper should contain your take on the papers that you have read. It should **not** be just a summary of the papers that you read.

**Some starting points for papers.** Besides the Google Scholar and the DBLP databases, the following journals and conferences are known to publish Security research and may be used as starting points for a literature survey (this is not an exhaustive list): **ACM Transactions on Information and System Security, Journal of the ACM, Journal of Computer Security, IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing, IEEE Transactions on Information Security and Forensics, International Journal of Information Security, IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy, ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS), USENIX Security Symposium, IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (used to be a workshop in the past), Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS) and European Symposium on Research in Computer Security (ESORICS).**

N.B. Do **NOT** tear papers from books or journals in the library! The library has excellent CDROM databases and free printing facilities and low cost copying services.

Deadline for selection of papers to cover is Nov. 6, 1pm. You must turn in: a one page draft of your term paper along with complete references in MLA format. If the term paper topic not approved for any reason (e.g. if it is not relevant to the course, or if it is not an important problem), you must find an alternative by Nov. 9, 4pm, or accept a problem from me.

**Formatting.** The term paper must be typed on no more than 6 letter-size pages. Use: only one side of each sheet, single spacing and 1 inch margin on all sides with no less than 10 point font. You may attach an appendix of up to two additional pages if you wish, but the term paper must be understandable without reading the appendix. The appendix may be read at the discretion of the instructor so do not put any required reading material in the appendix. Follow MLA format for the bibliography section of the paper very carefully. Note that the bibliography does NOT count in the page limit.

**Peer Review.** The first draft will be reviewed by one of your peers. The peer will have 2 days to turn in his/her comments via email. You will have 1 day to respond to the comments via email.

Final Term Paper will be due Dec. 4 at 5pm.