White Hat Agreement
Tennessee Technological University
Computer Science Department
College of Engineering

Code of Ethics Preamble: (Source: www.isc2.org Code of ethics)
Safety of the commonwealth, duty to our principals, and to each other requires that we adhere, and be seen to adhere, to the highest ethical standards of behavior. Therefore, strict adherence to this code is a condition of laboratory admission.

Code of Ethics Canons:
Protect society, the commonwealth, and the infrastructure.
Act honorably, honestly, justly, responsibly, and legally.
Provide diligent and competent service to principals.
Advance and protect the profession.

The following additional guidance is given in furtherance of these goals.
Protect society, the commonwealth, and the infrastructure
Promote and preserve public trust and confidence in information and systems.
Promote the understanding and acceptance of prudent information security measures.
Preserve and strengthen the integrity of the public infrastructure.
Discourage unsafe practice.

Act honorably, honestly, justly, responsibly, and legally
Tell the truth; make all stakeholders aware of your actions on a timely basis.
Observe all contracts and agreements, express or implied.
Treat all constituents fairly. In resolving conflicts, consider public safety and duties to principals, individuals, and the profession in that order.
Give prudent advice; avoid raising unnecessary alarm or giving unwarranted comfort. Take care to be truthful, objective, cautious, and within your competence.
When resolving differing laws in different jurisdictions, give preference to the laws of the jurisdiction in which you render your service.

Provide diligent and competent service to principals
Preserve the value of their systems, applications, and information.
Respect their trust and the privileges that they grant you.
Avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof.
Render only those services for which you are fully competent and qualified.

Advance and protect the profession
Sponsor for professional advancement those best qualified. All other things equal, prefer those who are certified and who adhere to these canons. Avoid professional association with those whose practices or reputation might diminish the profession.
Take care not to injure the reputation of other professionals through malice or indifference.
Maintain your competence; keep your skills and knowledge current. Give generously of your time and knowledge in training others.

As part of this course, you may be exposed to systems, tools, and techniques related to information security. With proper use, these components allow a security or network administrator to better understand the vulnerabilities and security precautions in effect. Misused, intentionally or accidentally, these components can result in breaches of security, damage to data, or other undesirable results.

Since these lab experiments will be carried out in part in a public network that is used by people for real work, you must agree to the following before you can participate. If you are unwilling to sign this form, then you cannot participate in the lab exercises.

Student agreement form:

I agree to:
1. only examine the laboratory resources for privacy vulnerabilities (if applicable) report any security vulnerabilities discovered to the course instructors immediately, and not disclose them to anyone else
2. maintain the confidentiality of any private information I learn through the course exercise
3. actively use the laboratory resources with the understanding that its contents and actions may be discovered by others
4. hold harmless the course instructors and Tennessee Technological University for any consequences of this course
5. abide by the computing policies of Tennessee Technological University and by all laws governing use of computer resources on campus

I agree to NOT:
1. attempt to gain root access or any other increase in privilege on any Tennessee Technological University workstation
2. disclose any private information that I discover as a direct or indirect result of this course exercise
3. take actions that will modify or deny access to any data or service not owned by me
4. attempt to perform any actions or use utilities presented in the laboratory outside the confines and structure of the labs
5. utilize any security vulnerabilities beyond the target accounts in the course or beyond the duration of the course exercise
6. pursue any legal action against the course instructors or Tennessee Technological University for consequences related to this course

The above agreement has been explained to me to my satisfaction.
I agree to abide by the conditions of the Code of Ethics and of the White Hat Agreement.
Signed, _____ Date: _____
Printed name: _____
E-mail address: _____