Advanced Lab for Information Assurance & Security (ALIAS)
User Agreement

1) Terms of Use. As a condition of using the ALIAS resources and services, you must agree to the following terms and conditions of use (“Terms of Use”). If you do not agree to the Terms of Use, you may not use lab resources and services. Your signature on this document indicates your acceptance of these terms.

2) Compliance with UTSA Acceptable Use Policy. This user agreement is an addendum to UTSA’s Acceptable Use Policy (http://www.utsa.edu/oit/security/sec_accept_use_p.html) covering the use of all UTSA information technology assets. By signing this user agreement, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to comply with UTSA’s Acceptable Use Policy in its entirety (exceptions noted herein).

3) Compliance with Instructions of Lab Personnel. You agree to comply with all instructions given by lab personnel regarding your use of lab resources and services. In the event that instructions given by the lab personnel differ from those given by your instructor, you will comply with the instructions given by the lab personnel and report the issue to your instructor for resolution.

4) Limits of Use. Access to the ALIAS is limited to students currently enrolled in ISTM courses with specific needs for specialized resources and services. Use of lab resources is a privilege and may be revoked at any time. You may not allow any other person or entity to access the ALIAS resources using your credentials. Violation of the Terms of Use will result in immediate termination of your access.

5) Installation and use of security and forensics related applications. The purpose of the ALIAS is to meet the unique hardware and software needs of various ISTM classes, such as security, digital forensics, telecommunications, etc. As such, various security and digital forensics related applications are installed on the lab hard drives. The UTSA Acceptable Use Policy states:

“Security programs or utilities that reveal or exploit weaknesses in the security of a system or that reveal data by circumventing established authorization procedures and systems should not be downloaded and/or used, except as authorized by the OIT. For example, password cracking programs, packet sniffers, or port scanners on UTSA Information Resources shall not be used.”

Users are NOT permitted to download and/or install additional security/forensics programs that may reveal or exploit the security of a system or reveal data by circumventing established procedures, without the explicit consent of both their instructor and lab personnel. Users are NOT permitted to use installed security/forensics programs to target any external (non- ALIAS computers) targets or data, without the explicit, written consent of an instructor.

6) Consent to monitoring and analysis. By signing this agreement, you waive your right to privacy with regard to all activity involving the ALIAS resources and services. You consent to real-time monitoring of all computing activity, including communications, and consent to digital forensic analysis of all stored data, including transient, volatile, and deleted data. You consent to such data being given to UTSA and external law enforcement authorities. You also consent to other students conducting digital forensics (in concert with class assignments and projects) on all data stored on student workstations, including system data, cached data (e.g. passwords), deleted data, etc.

7) Enforcement. Both the UTSA Acceptable Use Policy and the Terms of Use for the ALIAS will be strictly enforced. Students found violating university policy or these Terms of Use will be subject to academic discipline (including, but not limited to failing grades for assignments and/or courses) and criminal prosecution.

8) Reporting misconduct. By signing this agreement, you acknowledge your responsibility to immediately report violations of the UTSA Acceptable Use Policy or these Terms of Use. Report violations immediately to the laboratory assistant and within 24 hours to your instructor.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to both UTSA’s Acceptable Use Policy and this User Agreement. I understand that I must comply with all terms of use at all times.

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(Student Signature)  (Date Signed)

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(Printed Name)  (Course(s) using lab for)