

Introduction to Network and Computer Security

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Computer Security

Main security properties / attributes (CIA):

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Availability

CIA – Confidentiality

 Confidentiality – absence of disclosure of data by non-authorized parties - "non-authorized" requires a security policy

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In-depth security news and investigation

28 Fiserv Flaw Exposed Customer Data at Hundreds of Banks

Fiserv, Inc., a major provider of technology services to financial institutions, just fixed a glaring weakness in its Web platform that exposed personal and financial details of countless customers across hundreds of bank Web sites, KrebsOnSecurity has learned.

CIA – Integrity

- Integrity absence of invalid data or system modifications by non-authorized parties
 - Example: web site defacement









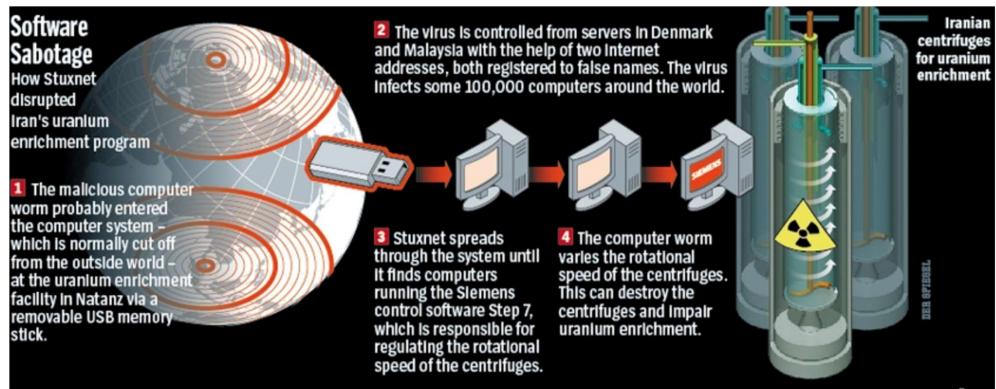






CIA – Integrity

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 - Example: Stuxnet



CIA – Availability

<u>Availability</u> – readiness of the <u>system</u> to provide its service

Hospitais da CUF alvo de ataque informático

O sistema informático dos hospitais do grupo CUF sofreu um ataque que impede a utilização dos computadores do grupo. Impacte ainda está a ser avaliado





Computer Security

Main security properties / attributes (CIA):

- Confidentiality
 - Privacy
 - Segregation of privileges
- Integrity
 - Authenticity integrity of content and origin
 - Non-repudiation do not deny action or authorship
 - Verifiable by others
- Availability

Excerto do RGPD: confidencialidade, integridade, disponibilidade?

- 12) '<u>Violação de dados pessoais</u>', [é] uma violação da segurança que provoque, de modo acidental ou ilícito,
 - a destruição,
 - a perda,
 - alteração,
 - a divulgação ou
 - o acesso,
 - não autorizados,
 - a dados pessoais transmitidos, conservados ou sujeitos a qualquer outro tipo de tratamento

Definitions

Vulnerability

Characteristic of a system that makes it susceptible to attacks

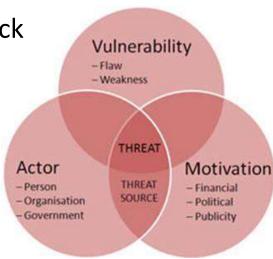
Attack

Actions that lead to the violation of a security attribute,
 often by exploiting vulnerabilities

Threat

A threat source is an actor motivated to attack

 A threat is a potential attack from a source facilitated by one or more vulnerabilities of the system



- Unauthorized access to data (Disclosure)
 - Extracting data from repositories
 - Inference by aggregation or concentration of information
 - Covert channels
 - Viruses, Trojans, worms, logic bombs (also Hijacking, Disruption)
 - Concentration of responsibilities

Infrastructure

- Equipment failures
- Buggy software or operating systems
- Network failures

Performance

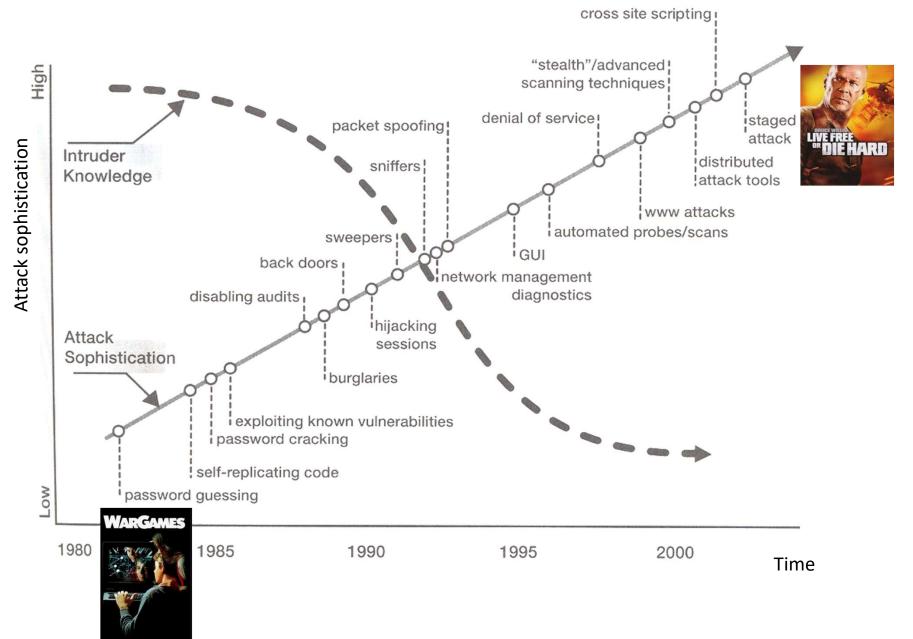
- Reduced productivity
- Delay in delivery of invoices
- Defective applications
 - Bugs causing procedural errors, etc.

- Theft
 - Physical destruction (vandalism)
 - Theft of equipment or information
- Environmental
 - Failures of services
 - Natural disasters

Personnel

- Unauthorized or uncontrolled internal access (impersonation)
- Incorrect data entry (Deception)
- Unhappy workers (Current or former)
- Warfare (Disruption)
 - Cyberattacks
 - Economical or military espionage
 - Computer terrorism

Threat Democratization – script kiddies



Hacking is business

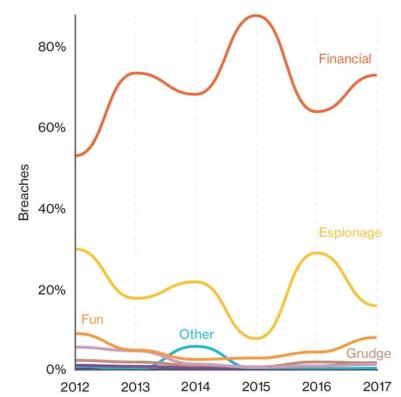


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OPINION

Hacking is a booming business, and it's time for a disruption

Hackers are siphoning billions from the global economy each year by stealing data for profit. However, in spite of this rising threat, enterprises continue to make the same mistakes over and over again. It is time to change our assumptions and to re-think how we protect sensitive Actor motives in breaches data.



Organized crime (mafias)



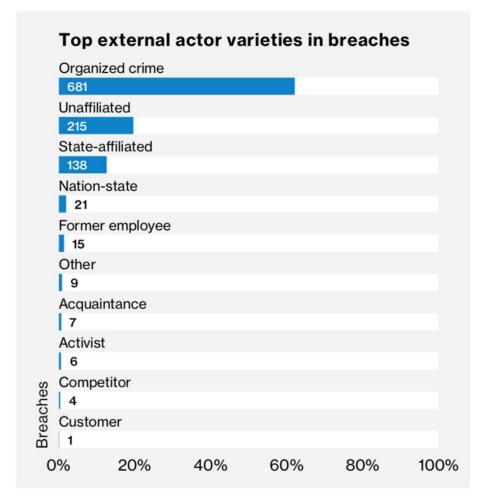


Figure 6. Top external actor varieties within confirmed data breaches (n=1,097)

Our challenge

How to ensure security properties for a system?

• Answer: **security mechanisms** a.k.a. security controls

Defense / Protection

- Set of policies and security mechanisms aimed at
 - Reducing the vulnerability of a system
 - Detecting attacks as quickly as possible past or current
 - Reducing the risk level of a system

Security mechanisms

- What are they?
- How do they work?
- What are they used for?

Services mechanisms: What are they?

- Confidentiality mechanisms
 - Access control
 - Encryption
 - Steganography
 - Confinement
 - etc.

- Integrity mechanisms
 - Cryptography
 - Authentication
 - Repudiation
 - Identification
 - etc.
- Availability mechanisms
 - Fault tolerant replication
 - Crypto puzzles
 - etc.

Security mechanisms: How do they work?

Prevention

- Prevent the attack from succeeding
- Very intrusive
- Easy management

Detection

- Important for unpredictable attacks
- Complex management
- Not much intrusive

Recovery

- Restitution of the state before the attack
- Tolerance to attacks

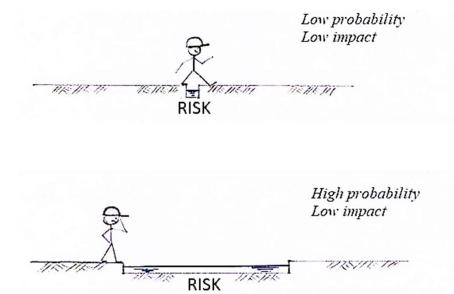
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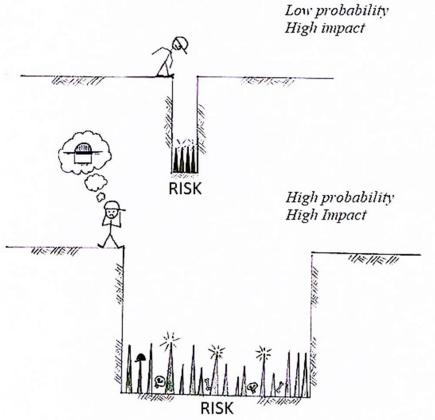
- Defend ourselves against threats
- Against which threats?

Risk

Risk = (level of) Threat x
(level of) Vulnerability x
Impact

Probability





Summary

- Main security properties
 - CIA
- Definitions
- Threats
- Insecurity is a business
- Defense / protection
 - Security mechanisms
 - Driven by risk assessment