



# SE 4352

## Software Architecture and Design

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# Importance of Information Security

- ◉ The internet allows an attacker to attack from anywhere on the planet.
- ◉ **Security is Everyone's Responsibility.**
- ◉ Risks caused by poor security knowledge and practice:
  - Identity Theft
  - Monetary Theft
  - Legal Ramifications (for yourself and companies)
  - Termination if company policies are not followed
- ◉ According to [www.SANS.org](http://www.SANS.org) , the top vulnerabilities available for a cyber criminal are:
  - Web Browser
  - IM Clients
  - Web Applications
  - Excessive User Rights



# Security vs Safety

**Security:** We must protect our computers and data in the same way that we secure the doors to our homes.

**Safety:** We must behave in ways that protect us against risks and threats that come with technology.



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# User Awareness

# Computer Criminals



## **Cracker:**

Computer-savvy  
programmer creates  
attack software

## **Script Kiddies:**

Unsophisticated  
computer users  
who know how to  
execute programs



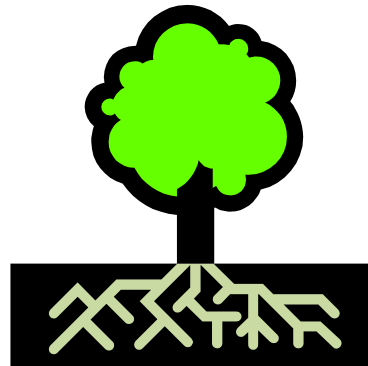
## **Criminals:**

Create & sell bots -> spam  
Sell credit card numbers,...



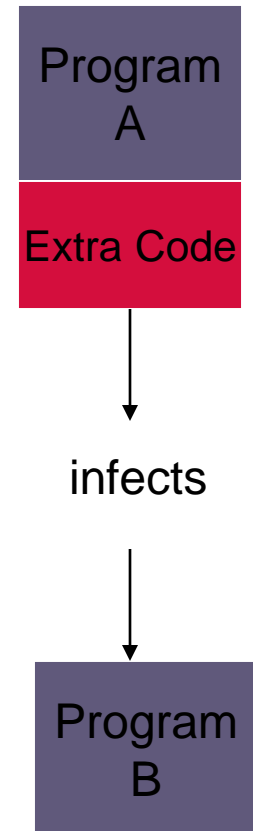
# Leading Threats

- Virus
- Worm
- Trojan Horse / Logic Bomb
- Social Engineering
- Rootkits
- Botnets / Zombies



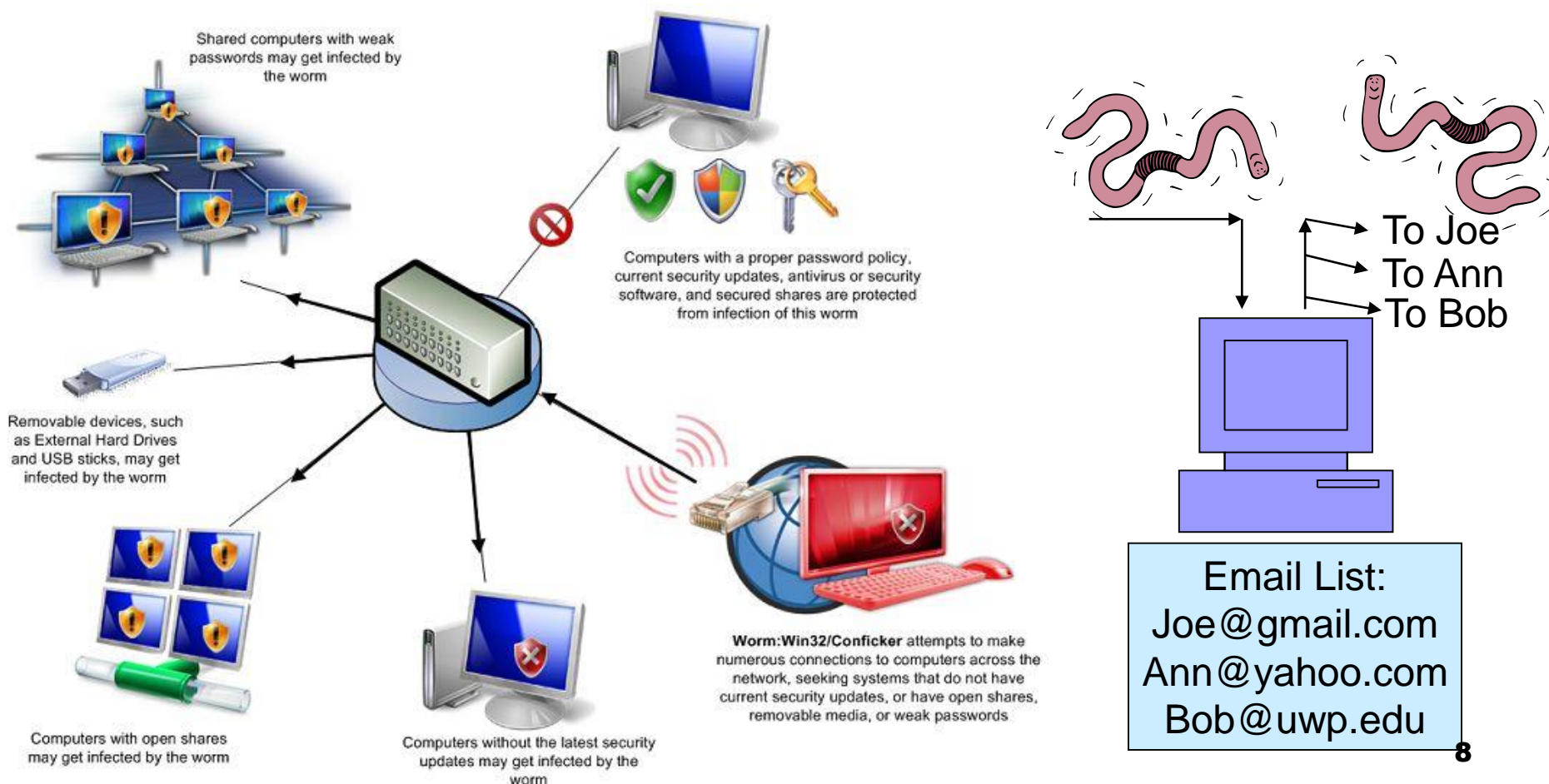
# Virus

- A virus attaches itself to a program, file, or disk
- When the program is executed, the virus activates and replicates itself
- The virus may be benign or malignant but executes its payload at some point (often upon contact)
  - Viruses result in crashing of computers and loss of data.



# Worm

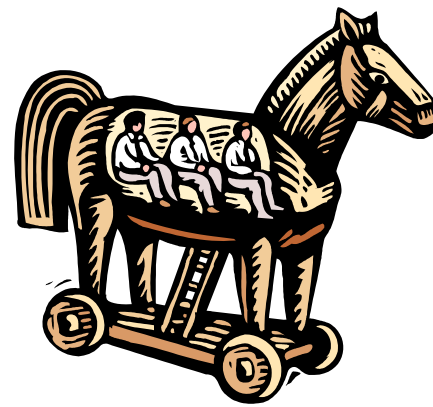
- Independent program which replicates itself and sends copies from computer to computer across network connections. Upon arrival the worm may be activated to replicate.





# Logic Bomb/Trojan Horse

- **Logic Bomb:** Malware logic executes upon certain conditions. Program is often used for legitimate reasons.
  - Employee triggers a database erase when he is fired.
- **Trojan Horse:** Masquerades as beneficial program while quietly destroying data or damaging your system.
  - Download a game: Might be fun but has hidden part that emails your password file without you knowing.



# Social Engineering

- Social engineering manipulates people into performing actions or divulging confidential information. Similar to a confidence trick or simple fraud, the term applies to the use of deception to gain information, commit fraud, or access computer systems.

**Phone Call:**  
This is John,  
the System  
Admin. What  
is your  
password?



**Email:**  
ABC Bank has  
noticed a  
problem with  
your account...

**In Person:**  
What ethnicity  
are you? Your  
mother's  
maiden name?



and have  
some  
software  
patches

I have come  
to repair  
your  
machine...



# Phishing = Fake Email

- **Phishing:** a 'trustworthy entity' asks via e-mail for sensitive information such as SSN, credit card numbers, login IDs or passwords.



# Pharming = Fake Web Pages



Dear valued customer of TrustedBank,

We have recieved notice that you have recently attempted to withdraw the following amount from your checking account while in another country: \$135.25.

If this information is not correct, someone unknown may have access to your account. As a safety measure, please visit our website via the link below to verify your personal information:

<http://www.trustedbank.com/general/custverifyinfo.asp>

Once you have done this, our fraud department will work to resolve this discrepency. We are happy you have chosen us to do business with.

Thank you,  
TrustedBank

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- The link provided in the e-mail leads to a fake webpage which collects important information and submits it to the owner.
- The fake web page looks like the real thing
  - Extracts account information

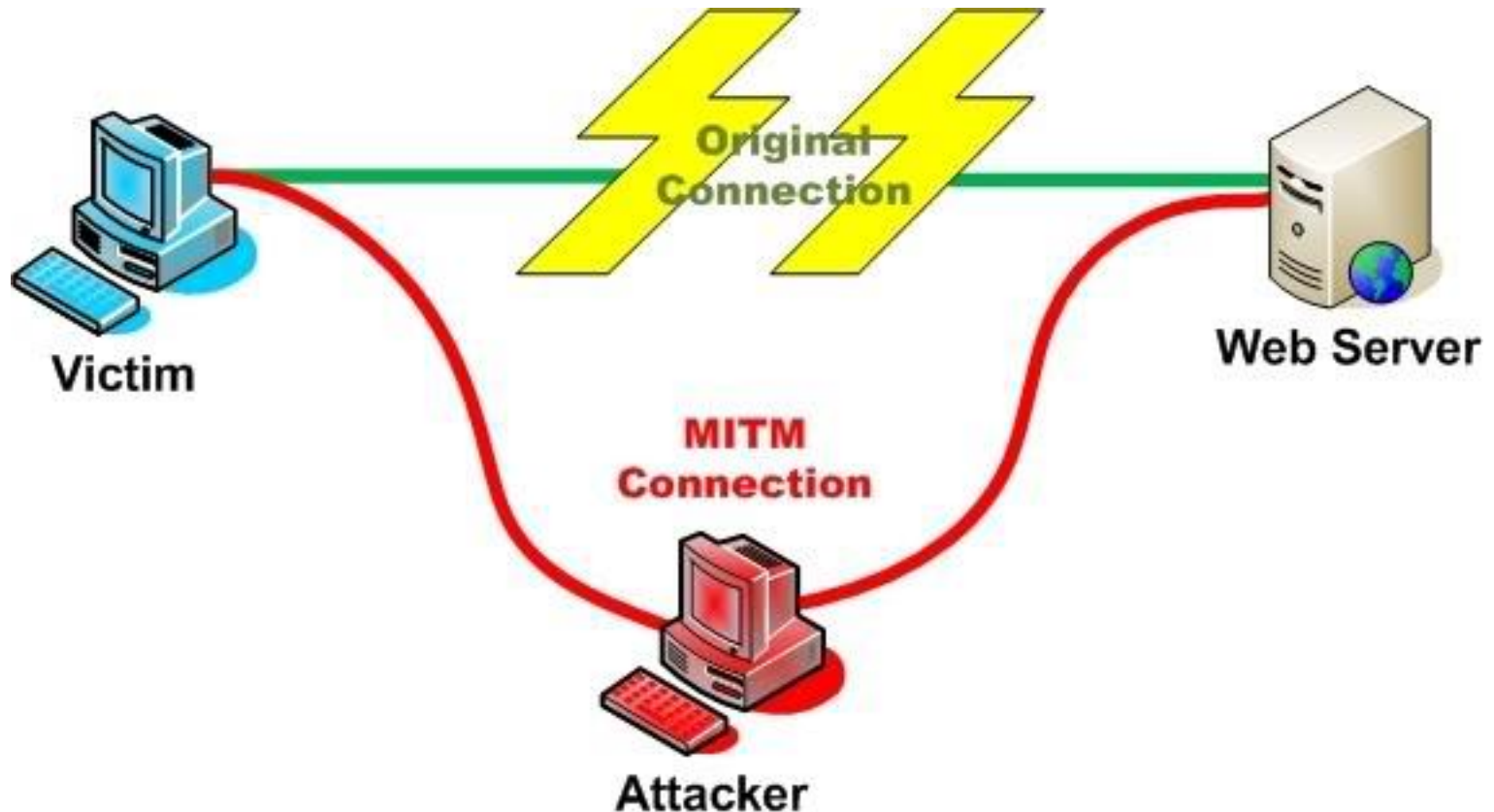
# BotNet

- A **botnet** is a large number of compromised computers that are used to create and send spam or viruses or flood a network with messages as a denial of service attack.
- The compromised computers are called **zombies**



# Man In The Middle Attack

- An attacker pretends to be your final destination on the network. If a person tries to connect to a specific WLAN access point or web server, an attacker can mislead him to his computer, pretending to be that access point or server.



# RootKit

- Upon penetrating a computer, a hacker installs a collection of programs, called a **rootkit**.
- May enable:
  - Easy access for the hacker (and others)
  - Keystroke logger
- Eliminates evidence of break-in
- Modifies the operating system



# Password Cracking: Dictionary Attack & Brute Force

Pattern	Calculation	Time to Guess
Personal Info: interests, relatives		Manual 5 minutes
Social Engineering		Manual 2 minutes
American Dictionary		< 1 second
4 chars: lower case alpha	$26^4$	
8 chars: lower case alpha	$26^8$	
8 chars: alpha	$52^8$	
8 chars: alphanumeric	$62^8$	3.4 min.
8 chars alphanumeric +10	$72^8$	12 min.
8 chars: all keyboard	$95^8$	2 hours
12 chars: alphanumeric	$62^{12}$	96 years
12 chars: alphanumeric + 10	$72^{12}$	500 years
12 chars: all keyboard	$95^{12}$	
16 chars: alphanumeric	$62^{16}$	





# Data Breach Notification Law

- Restricted data includes:
  - Social Security Number
  - Driver's license # or state ID #
  - Financial account number (credit/debit) and access code/password
  - DNA profile (Statute 939.74)
  - Biometric data
- In US, HIPAA protects:
  - Health status, treatment, or payment

# Break-In Detection

## ⦿ Symptoms:

- Antivirus software detects a problem
- Pop-ups suddenly appear (may sell security software)
- Disk space disappears
- Files or transactions appear that should not be there
- System slows down to a crawl
- Unusual messages, sounds, or displays on your monitor
- Stolen laptop (1 in 10 stolen in laptop lifetime)
- Your mouse moves by itself
- Your computer shuts down and powers off by itself
- Often not recognized

# Malware Detection

## ■ Spyware symptoms:

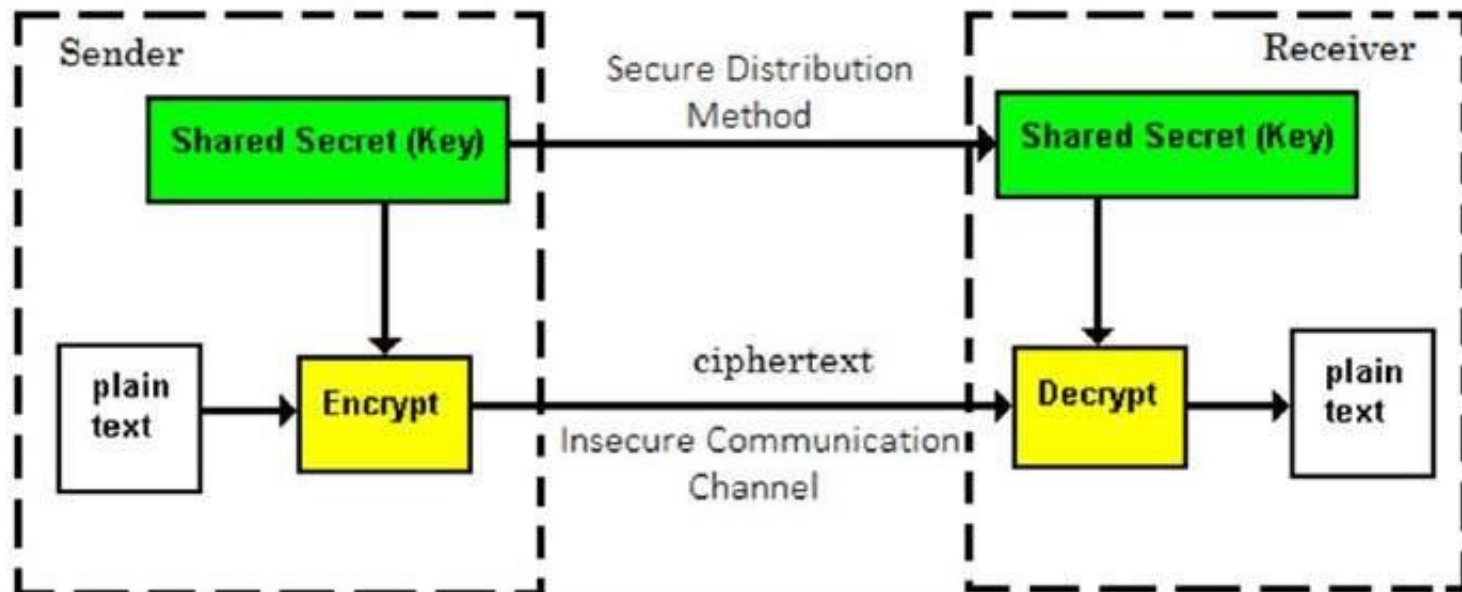
- ☐ Change to your browser homepage/start page
- ☐ Ending up on a strange site when conducting a search
- ☐ System-based firewall is turned off automatically
- ☐ Lots of network activity while not particularly active
- ☐ Excessive pop-up windows
- ☐ New icons, programs, favorites which you did not add
- ☐ Frequent firewall alerts about unknown programs trying to access the Internet
- ☐ Bad/slow system performance



# Safe & Secure User Practices

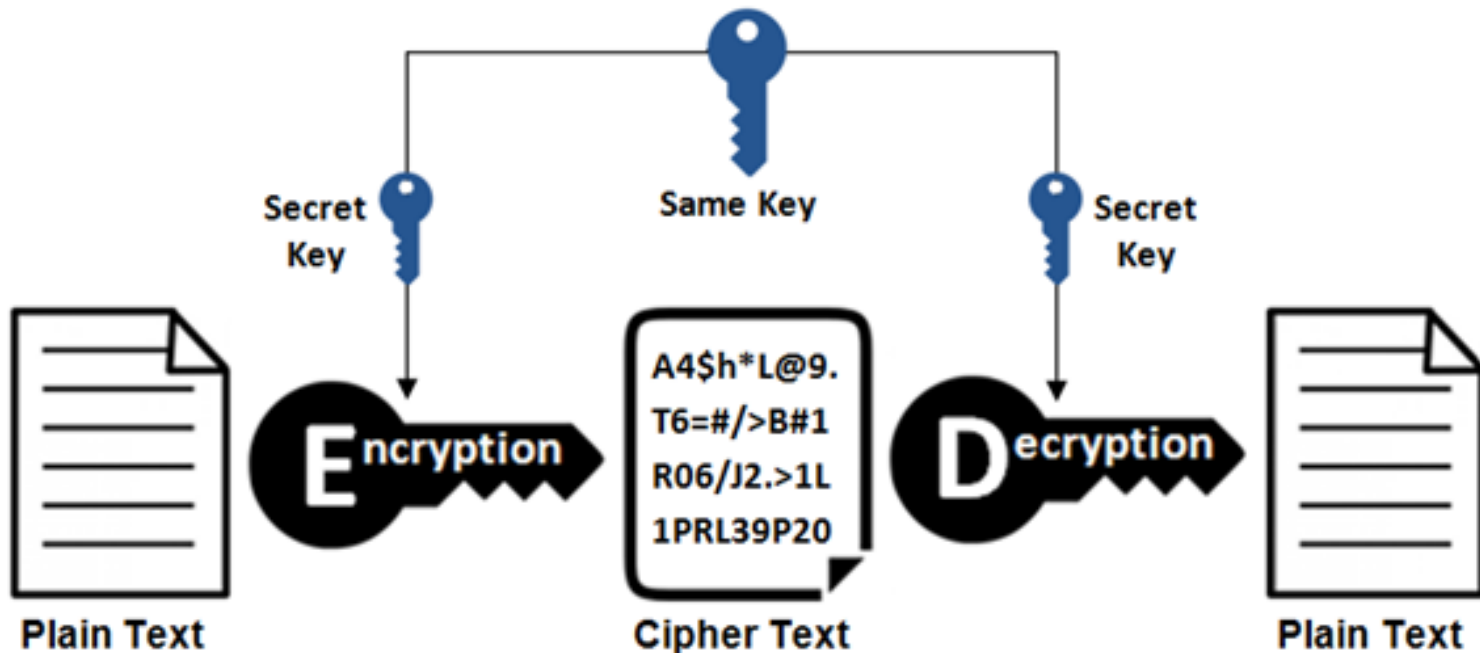
# Secure Message Transfer

- The ability to reliably exchange messages between sender and receiver while hiding its contents from third parties.
- Encryption / Decryption in the security of local computers.
- Encrypted messages (cipher text) is transmitted across insecure channels i.e. the internet.



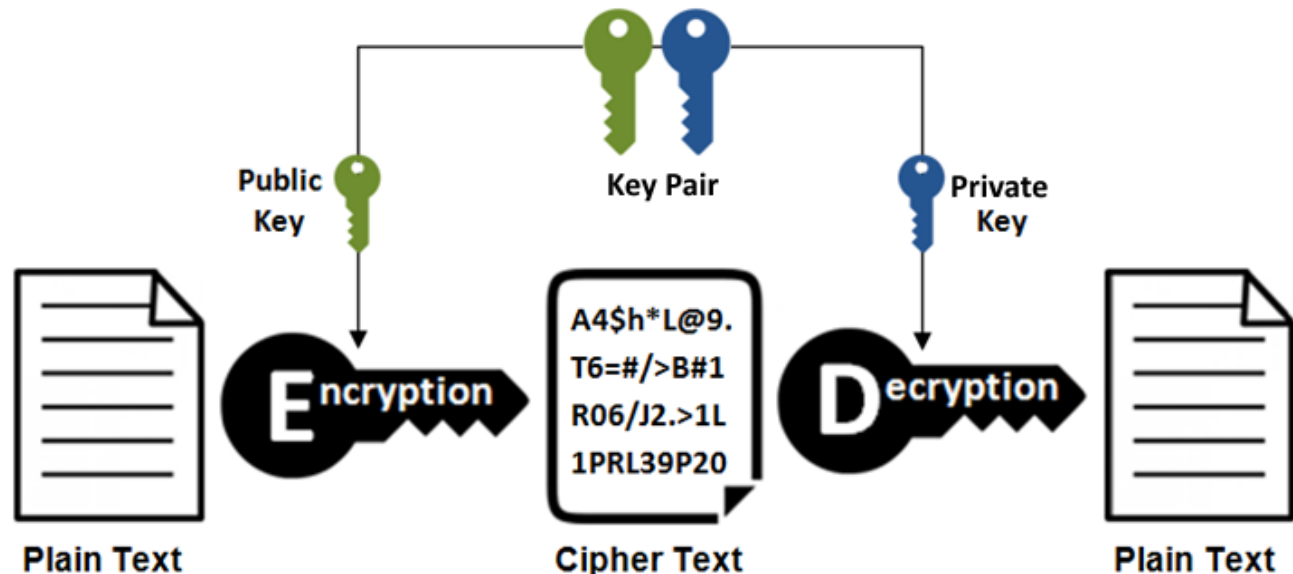
# Single Shared Key Symmetric Encryption

- A single key, shared between sender and receiver, is used to encrypt and decrypt the message to be securely transmitted between two parties.



# Public / Private Key Encryption

- A party wishing to receive secure messages generates two keys (a key-pair) using a key-pair generator:
  - Public Key: Is provided to anyone wishing to send a secure message and is used to encrypt the message into cypher text.
  - Private Key: Is used to decrypt cypher text messages encrypted with the public key.



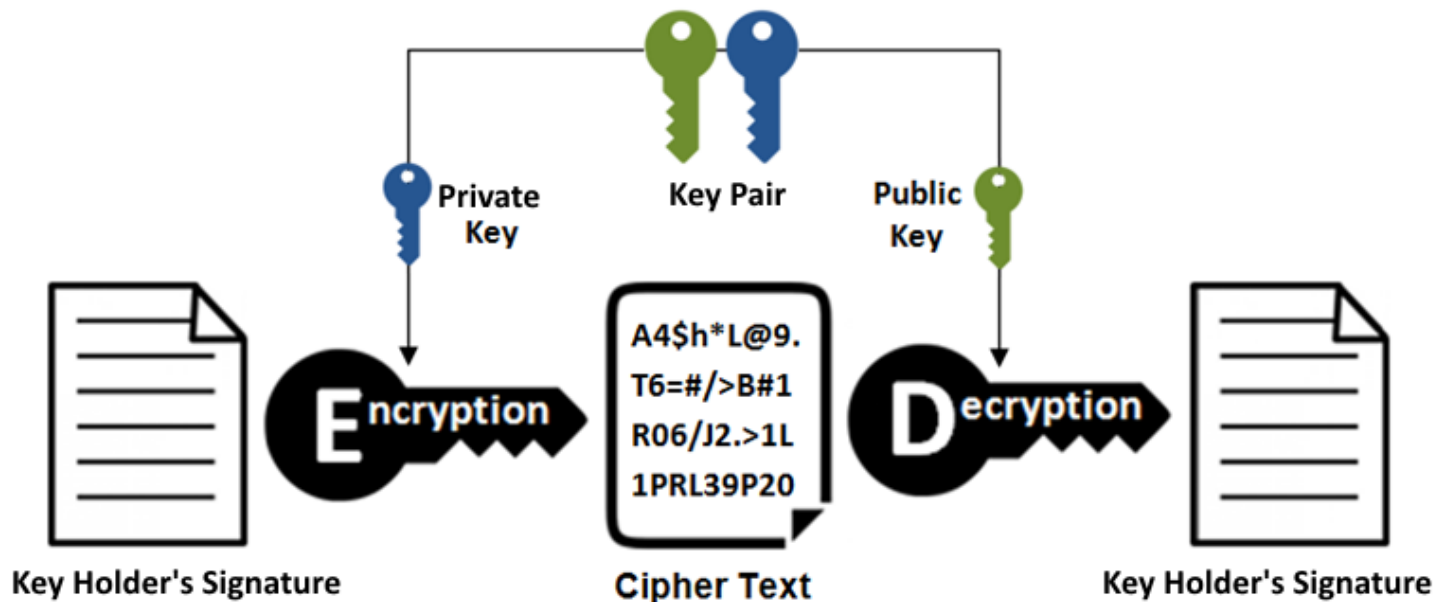
# Public / Private Key Encryption

- The public key can be “sent in the open”.
  - Solving the problem of symmetric key distribution.
- The private key is held in secret.
  - The assumption is that only the key pair’s owner has access to their private key.
- This is asymmetric encryption in that a message can be encrypted / decrypted in only one direction.
  - A message encrypted with the public key can only be decrypted using the private key.
  - A message encrypted with the private key can only be decrypted using the public key.



# Public / Private Key Authentication

- Using a private key to *sign* a document for the purpose of verifying the identity of the document originator.
  - To send signed legal documents.
  - To authenticate identity to remote servers e.g. AWS SSH.



# Message Authentication

- The signer's private key is used to generate a signature that can only be 'opened' by the signer's public key.
- The document's signature can be verified by anyone with the signer's public key.
  - Because the public key is not secret, a signed document can be verified by anyone.
- How can either party be certain that the document was not modified in transit?
  - A hash of the document can be generated and encrypted using the sender's private key.

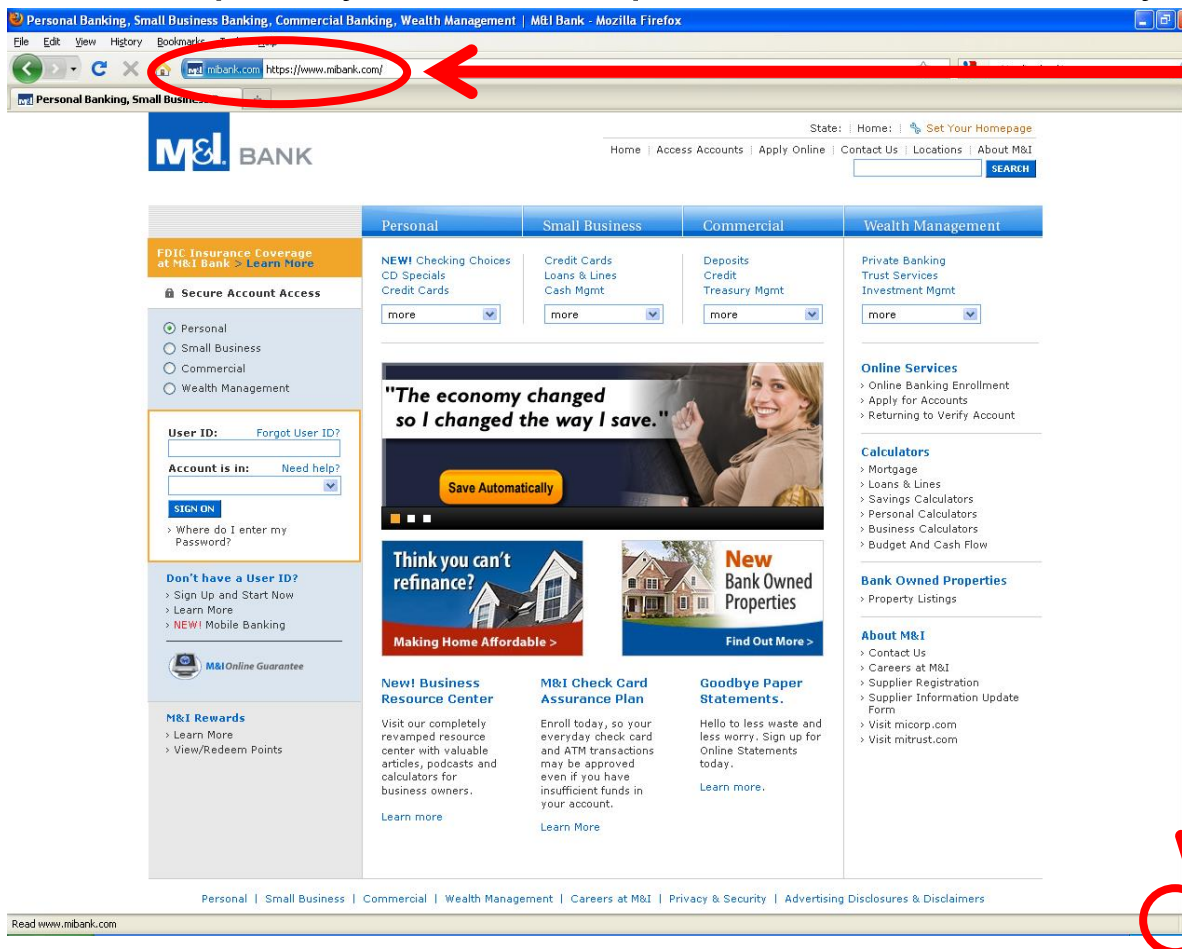


# Hashing Functions

- A hashing function takes input data (e.g. a document) and generates a hash value that is unique to the data.
- If the document is hashed by the originator, and the hash value is securely sent with the document, its hash can be verified by the receiver.
  - Even slight changes to the document during transit will generate a different hash value at the receiver.

# Secure Online Banking & Business

- Always use secure browser to do online activities.
- Frequently delete temp files, cookies, history, saved passwords etc.



https://

Symbol showing enhanced security



# Secure Web Communication using SSL

- Secure Socket Layer (SSL) creates an encrypted two-way channel between the client and server.
  - Third parties are unable to read the contents of the channel.
- When an SSL channels is used by a browser it is referred as the HTTPS protocol.
- SSL uses a combination of Public-Private Key and Symmetric Encryption.
  - Symmetric algorithms are orders of magnitude faster than PPK.



# The Process of Establishing a SSL Connection

- The client requests the server to start an SSL connection.
  - Services using SSL are generally located at port 443.
- The server sends the client its public key in a certificate.
- The client generates a one-time shared key to be used to encrypt the traffic between client and server. The key is encrypted using the server's PK and sent to the server.
- Having securely exchanged the shared key, the client and server can now use a faster asymmetric algorithm to encrypt the data transmitted over the "Secured Socket".

# The Process of Establishing a SSL Connection



# Network Services

- Network services are provided by applications (process) installed on a server (machine) at an address & port number.
- Clients access a service by first connecting to the application.
  - Machines have internet (IP) addresses.
  - Applications are installed *at ports* on the machine.
- For example, HTTP services is an application (e.g. Apache) running on a publically-accessible machine at port 80.
  - Port 80 is the default port for HTTP services.
  - Browsers (clients) open a connection (socket) to the HTTP service using the machine's address and port 80.



# Public and Private Networks & Addresses

- An Internet Protocol Address (IPv4) is made up of four groups of 8-bit numbers (xx.xx.xx.xx).
  - IPv6 defines an address using eight groups of 16-bit numbers.
- Networks are classified as either Public or Private.
- The Internet standards committee has set aside certain ranges of addresses for private networks.
  - One such range is the Class C address 192.168.xx.xx.
  - Machines inside the enterprise (or home) network are on a private network e.g. 192.168.0.12 .
- The internet's routers will not pass packets addressed to private networks.

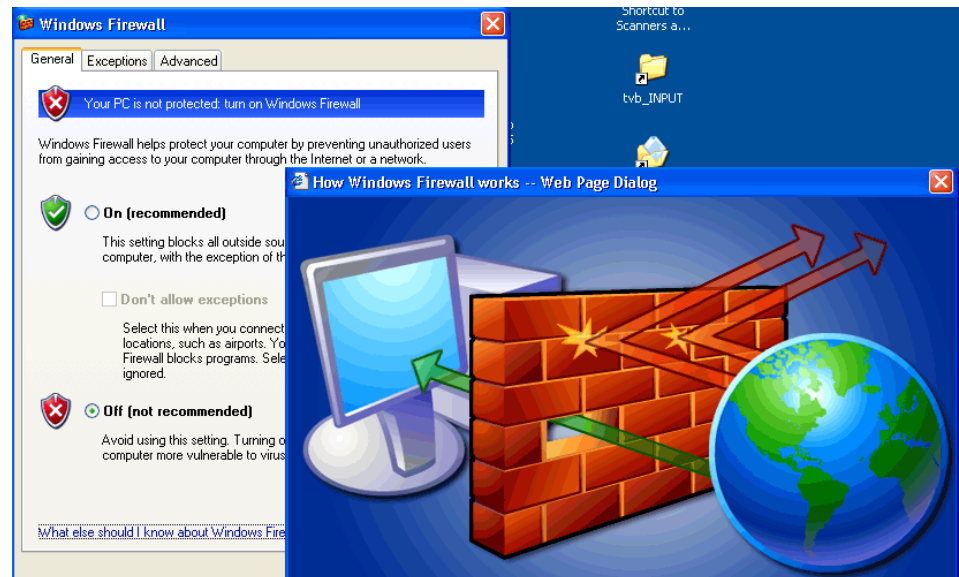


# Restricting Network Access to Services

- Many network services run on a typical machine (server).
  - Some services are intended for public access.
  - Some services should only be accessible from within the enterprise
- Secure Shell (SSH) is an example of a restricted service.
  - SSH provides machine-level access for the enterprise's operators allowing them to perform maintenance on the server.
  - SSH could also provide a channel through which 'hackers' can break into a server, steal information, disrupt services, etc.
- A mechanism is needed that allows external access to public services but denies external access to restricted service.

# Firewall

- A firewall acts as a wall between your computer/private network and the internet. Hackers may use the internet to find, use, and install applications on your computer. A firewall prevents hacker connections from entering your computer.
- Filters packets that enter or leave your computer



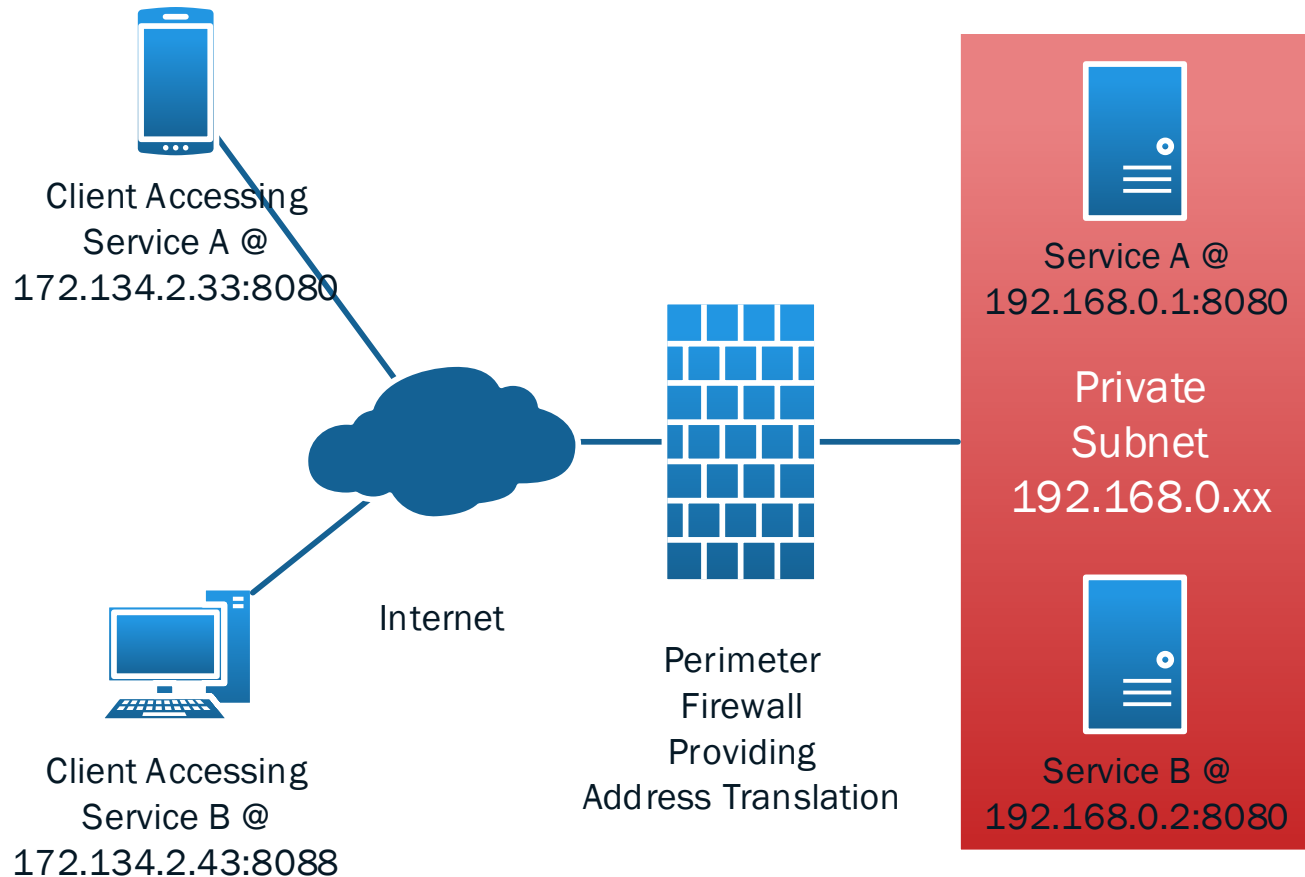
# Security Tactic: Firewalls

- A Firewall is a machine / server that acts as a *gate keeper* between the public internet and machines running in the enterprise's private networks.
  - A Firewall / Router provides several network management services

A Firewall can be:

- Purchased as a standalone network appliance from vendors such as Cisco. This is the best but more expensive alternative.
- Installed and configured on machines running general-purpose operating systems such as BSD or Linux.

# Firewall Providing Address Translation from Public Internet to Private Enterprise Networks





# Translating Public Addresses into Private Network Addresses

- Services accessible from the public internet are made available at public addresses.
  - The firewall is installed at those public internet addresses.
  - Servers are installed behind the firewall at private addresses.
- The Firewall translates public addresses to private addresses hosted in the enterprise's private network.
  - According to the firewall's configuration, a network packet addressed to the firewall's public address will be forwarded to a private address (machine) running in the enterprise's private network.

# How Does a Firewall Secure the Private Network?

- Traffic in the private network is restricted to only the network.
  - Private Class C addresses (192.168.xx.xx) will be rejected by the internet's infrastructure (routers).
  - So public clients cannot directly address the servers in the private network.
- The firewall will filter (reject) any IP packets whose destination address is not in its translation configuration.
  - The firewall will reject a packet from the public network addressed to 172.134.2.33:22 (SSH) because no public to private translation has been configured.

# Firewall Configuration

- A firewall is configured by:
  1. Initially blocking all traffic from the public internet.
  2. Selectively allowing address / port combinations though.
- AWS Security Groups are Firewall Rules for associated EC2 servers.
  - Every EC2 server maintains its own firewall.

Security group rules:

Inbound		Outbound	
Type ⓘ	Protocol ⓘ	Port Range ⓘ	Source ⓘ
SSH ▾	TCP	22	Custom ▾ 172.135.2.4/32
HTTP ▾	TCP	80	Anywhere ▾ 0.0.0.0/0, ::/0



# Example AWS Security Groups

- Allows both HTTP and SSH traffic from anywhere (Bad Idea).


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- Allows HTTP from anywhere but restricts SSH to a specific public address used by the site operators.


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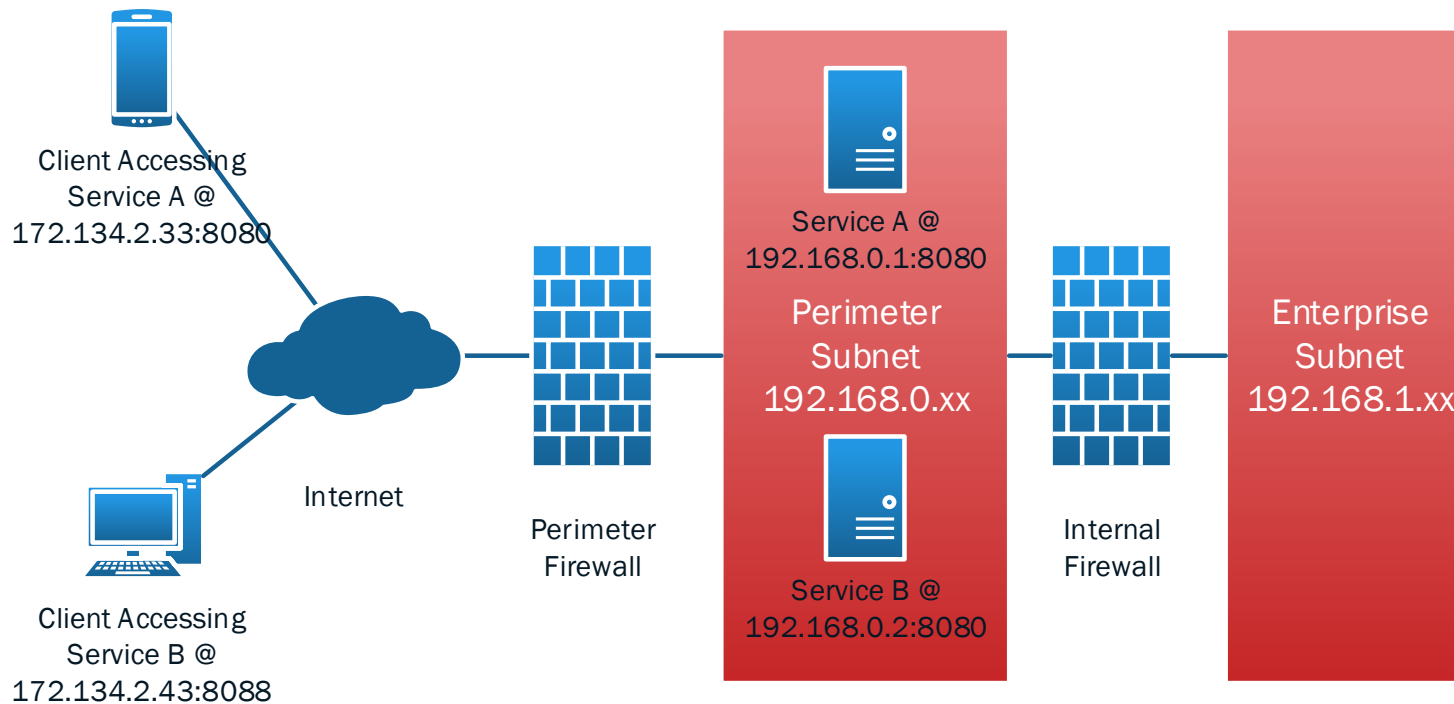
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- To make hacks of critical information more difficult to accomplish, two levels of firewall protection are placed in the private network.
  - A Perimeter Firewall between the public network and the machines hosting the services.
  - A Internal Firewalls between the public-facing machines and enterprise's private network.



# The Perimeter Network or DMZ

- Two firewalls allow the creation of a *Perimeter Network* that contains the machines exposed to the public internet.
- The perimeter network lies between the perimeter firewall that faces the public network and internal firewalls that protect the enterprise's private network.

# The addition of a Perimeter Sub-Network





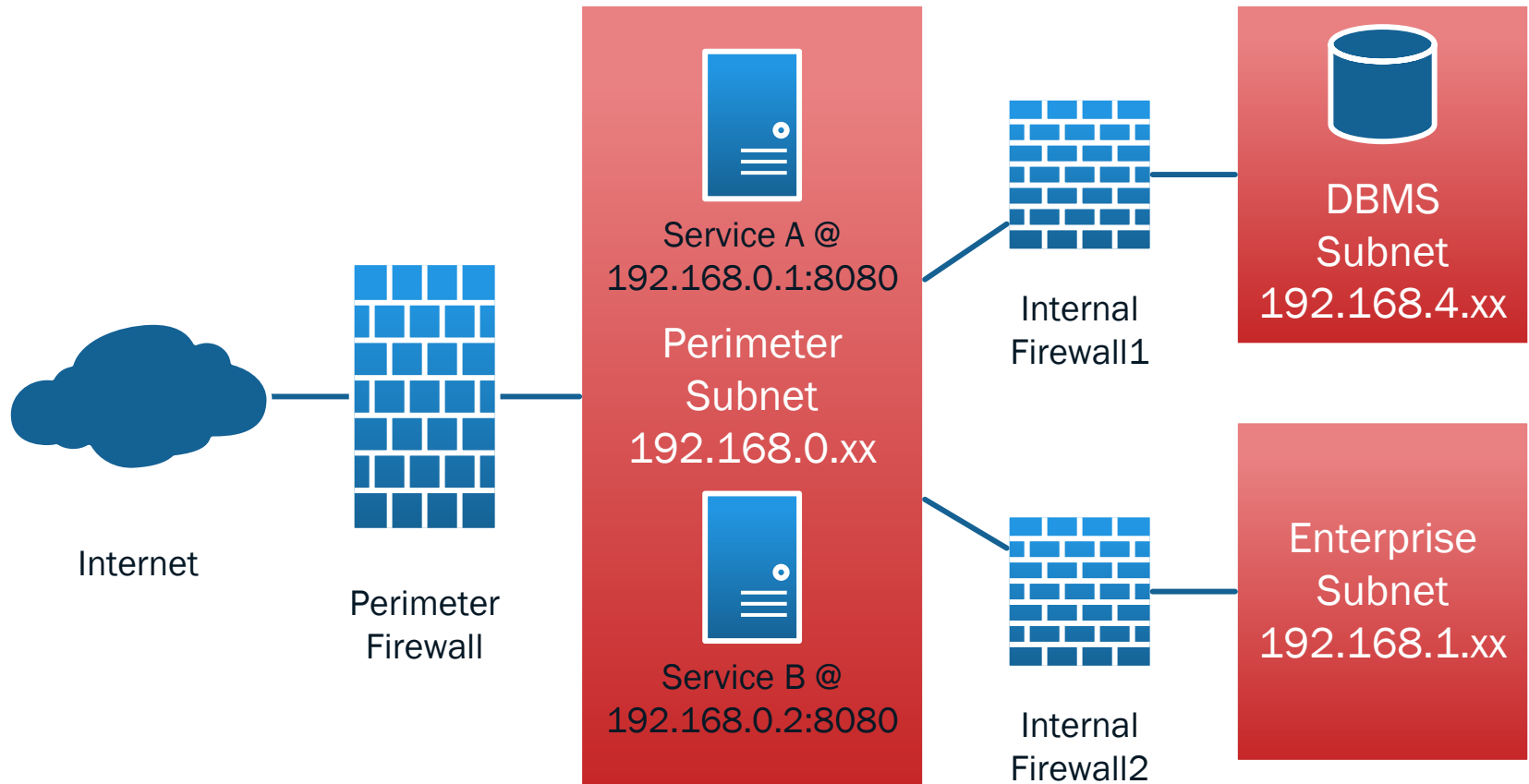
# Advantages of a Perimeter Subnet (DMZ)

- If intruders gain access to the DMZ through the perimeter firewall, they are blocked from accessing the enterprise network by the internal firewall.
- Rules in the internal firewall can deny access to the perimeter servers from inside the enterprise network.
  - This helps to protect those servers from attacks from inside the enterprise.

# Protecting Sensitive Information From Intrusions Within the Enterprise

- Assume a DBMS containing critical data e.g. credit cards.
- It is common to place these servers in a separate private network (subnet) inside the enterprise.
- In this example, the use of multiple firewalls allows the creation of a subnet containing the Credit Card DBMS that can only be accessed from inside the perimeter subnet.
  - Machines on the enterprise network cannot access the protected DBMS Subnet.

# The Addition of Protected Subnetworks







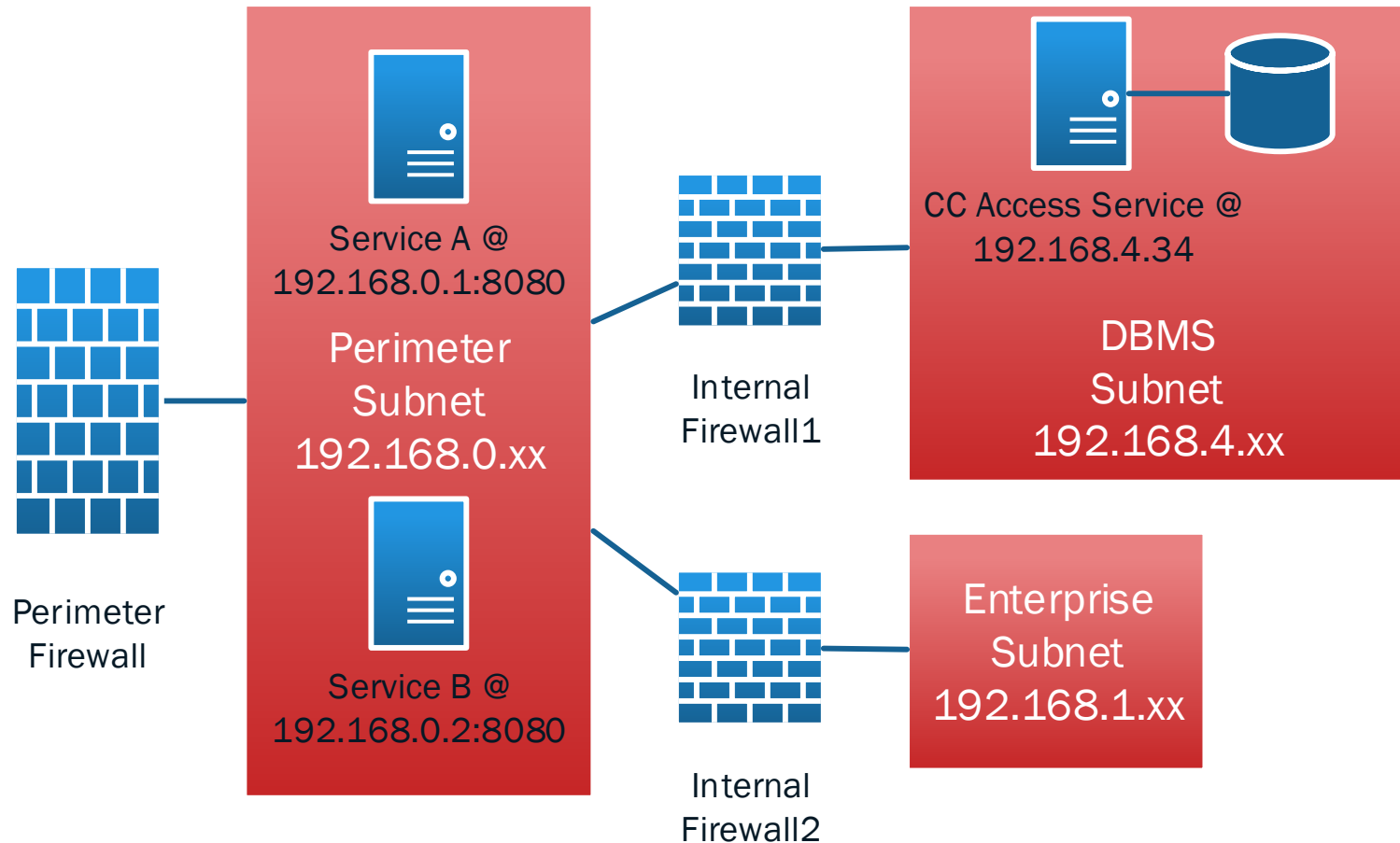
# Advantages of Protected Subnets

- If intruders gain access to the DMZ through the perimeter firewall, they are blocked from accessing the protected subnet.
  - The protected subnet's firewall rules can be more specific in terms of the servers allowed to access the DBMS.
- Affords the protected subnet (DBMS) an even better level of protection from attacks from inside the enterprise network.

# Providing Access to Sensitive Information

- Some access to sensitive information is required to provide the system's required services.
  - The Customer Service Rep requires access to a customer's credit card information to manage the customer's relationship.
- The previous design allows unrestricted access to the DBMS from within the Perimeter Subnet.
  - Making it vulnerable to access from hacks within the perimeter.
- System services can be designed to provide limited access to sensitive information.
  - The next slide shows a Credit Card Access Service that provides limited access to CC information.

# The Addition of Protected Services





# Application Security Tactics

- Application Security Tactics are concerned with protecting sensitive information hosted by services from access by unauthorized applications and personnel.
- Access to sensitive services (e.g. CC Service) is restricted to specific roles assigned to client / users.
  - For example, a customer service representative logs into an internal web application.
  - Their ID is associated with a role that allows the client access to the sensitive services.



# Role-Based Security

- The process of gaining access to a protected service is defined in two steps:
- Authentication
  - The use of IDs and Passwords to authenticate the user's identity i.e. determine that the user (client) is who they claim to be.
- Authorization
  - Assign roles to users that determine the services / information they are permitted to access.
  - Roles are maintained by the same services that authenticated the user's identity.

# Multiple layers of Service Protection

- A system can maintain as many roles as needed to protect access to several sensitive services.
- For example, a ecommerce site may have these roles:
  - CSClerk has limited access a Customer's name and purchase history.
  - CSSupervisor can access CSClerk data plus the Customer's personal information i.e. credit cards, drivers license number, etc.
  - ProductMngt role provides access to services that manage the products and categories maintained by the site.
- The use of multiple roles allows architects to design services that provide targeted access to sensitive information
  - Providing a user / client access to only the information needed to perform a given role / responsibility in the system.

# Role-based Access to Services

- Access to a server is allowed / denied to a user or client based on the roles assigned by the system administrators.
- The authorization process works something like:
  - 1. The user / client connects to an application and invokes a specific service hosted by the application.
  - 2. The application accesses the roles assigned to the client to determine whether the request should be executed.
  - 3. If the client has the needed role, the request is executed.
  - 4. Else if the client does not have the needed role, the client's service request is denied with an error (exception).



# Implementing Role-based Access with Application Containers

- Application Container is an enterprise service installed and run on a machine.
  - Tomcat is an example of a popular container for Java apps.
- Web services are deployed in Application Containers.
  - The resources that make up the web service is bundled into a single deployment unit i.e. .war files.
  - Access to individual resources contained in the application can be restricted based on the role assigned to the user making the request.

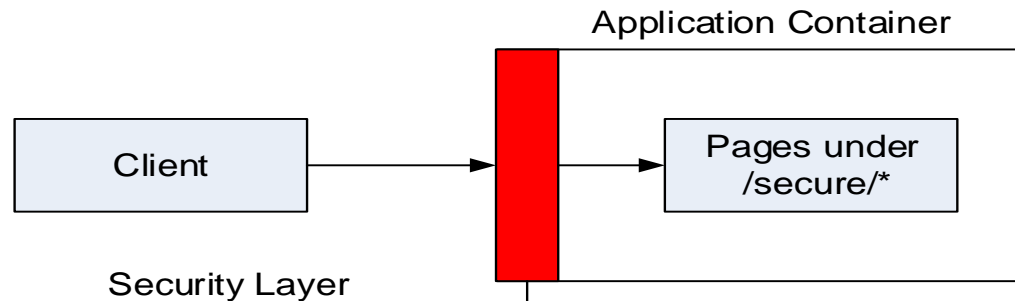


# WAR File Deployment Descriptor

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<web-app version="2.5">
  <security-role>
    <role-name>manager</role-name>
  </security-role>
  <security-constraint>
    <web-resource-collection>
      <web-resource-name>management pages</web-resource-name>
      <url-pattern>/secure/*</url-pattern>
      <url-pattern>/mixed/secure3.jsp</url-pattern>
    </web-resource-collection>
    <auth-constraint>
      <role-name>manager</role-name>
    </auth-constraint>
  </security-constraint>
</web-app>
```

# Container-Based Authorization

- Application are deployed into containers with information that includes the roles that are allowed access specific services.
  - When the service is accessed, the container verifies that the client's authentication includes the roles required by the service configuration and denies access to the service if the user roles are not found.



- Container-based protection is provided by the container and requires no explicate code to enforce role-based security.



# Application-Based Authorization

- While container-based authorization is simple to deploy and maintain, it lacks fine-grain control over how clients are given access to services.
- The application architects may decide to incorporate security checks directly into their application.
  - If the container's security is not specific enough to implement the needed features.
  - If the application is not deployed in a container.
- For example, requirements may call for access to be allowed during specific times or restrictions on what can be requested of a service.

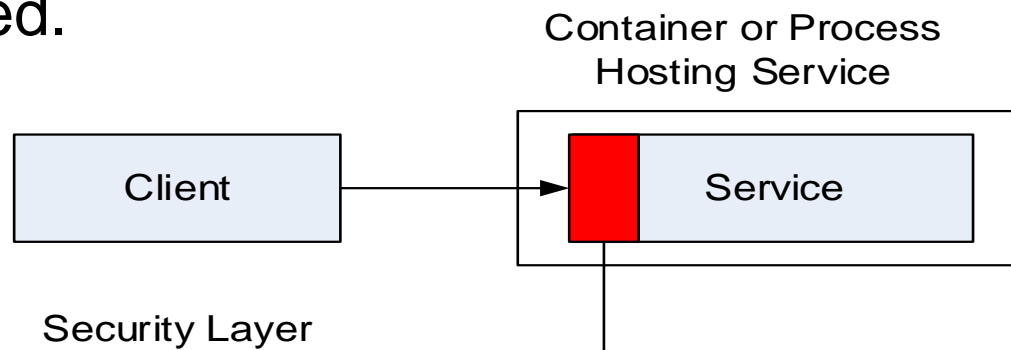


# Implementing Authorization in the Application

- Authorization checks are coded directly into the service implementation.
  - Role-based access checks are embedded directly into the application code...
  - and combined with other information (time of day) to determine whether to provide access.
- Developers use libraries that provide access to the clients authentication information including assigned roles.
  - This technique is far more complex to implement but provides increased flexibility enforcing access rules.

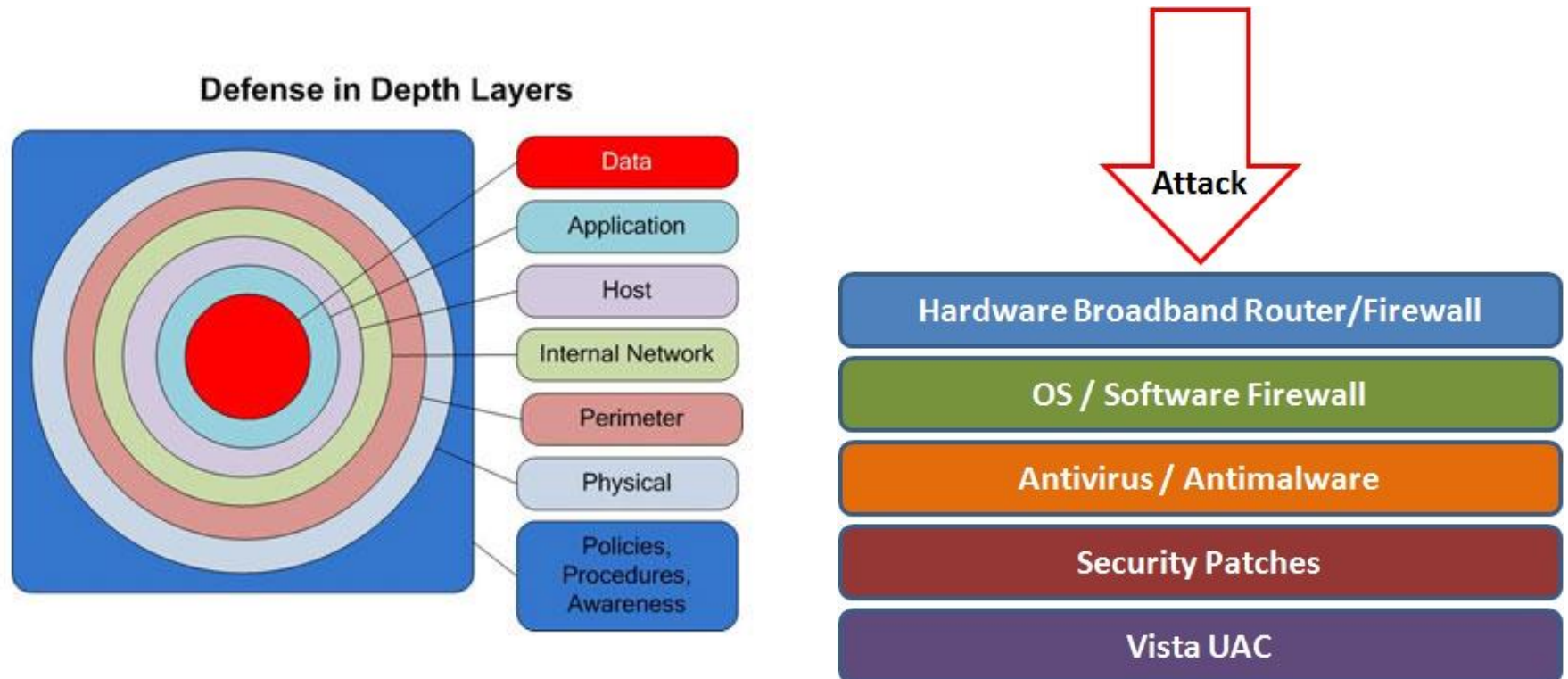
# Application-Based Authorization

- Application-based security is implemented with libraries and services integrated into the application's design and code.
  - See the Java Apache Shiro project.
- Gives the architect full control over how services are accessed.



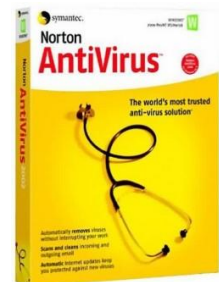
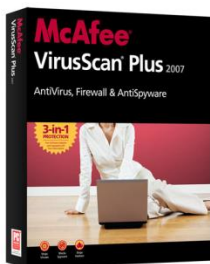
# Security: Defense In Depth

Defense in depth uses multiple layers of defense to address technical, personnel and operational issues.



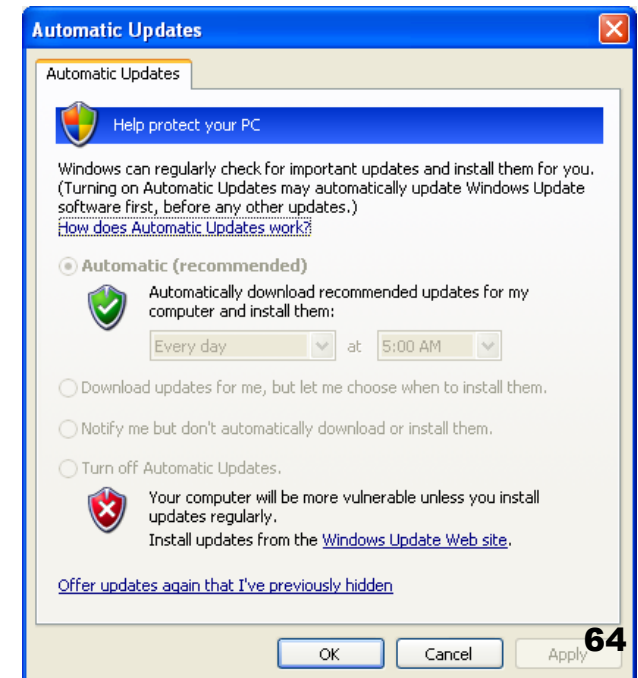
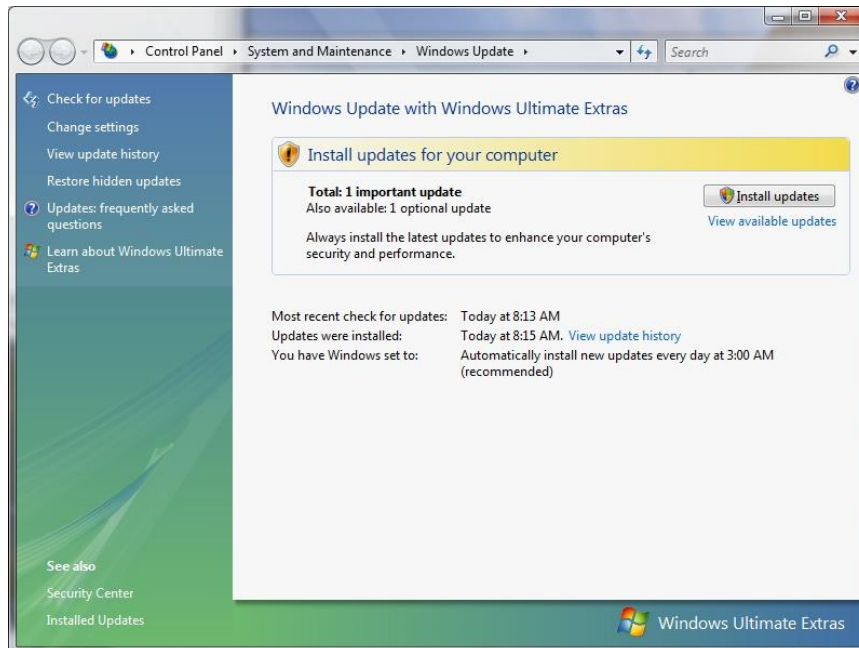
# Anti-Virus & Anti-Spyware

- Anti-virus software detects malware and can destroy it before any damage is done
- Install and maintain anti-virus and anti-spyware software
- Be sure to keep anti-virus software updated
- Many free and pay options exist



# Protect Your Operating System

- Microsoft regularly issues patches or updates to solve security problems in their software. If these are not applied, it leaves your computer vulnerable to hackers.
- The Windows Update feature built into Windows can be set up to automatically download and install updates.
- Avoid logging in as administrator







# Creating A Good Password

Combine 2 unrelated words      Mail + phone = m@!lf0n3

Abbreviate a phrase      My favorite color is blue=  
Mfcibblue

Music lyric      Happy birthday to you,  
happy birthday to you,  
happy birthday dear John,  
happy birthday to you.

hb2uhb2uhbdJhb2u

# Password Recommendations

- Never use 'admin' or 'root' or 'administrator' as a login for the admin
- A good password is:
  - **private**: it is used and known by one person only
  - **secret**: it does not appear in clear text in any file or program or on a piece of paper pinned to the terminal
  - **easily remembered**: so there is no need to write it down
  - **at least 8 characters, complex**: a mixture of at least 3 of the following: upper case letters, lower case letters, digits and punctuation
  - **not guessable** by any program in a reasonable time, for instance less than one week.
  - **changed regularly**: a good change policy is every 3 months
- Beware that someone may see you typing it. If you accidentally type your password instead of your login name, it may appear in system log files

