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Introduction to Network Security

Intrusion Detection Systems

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Intrusions

- DARPA IDS Evaluation Project 1998 attack categories[1]:
  - Probes (e.g. port scanning, fingerprinting)
  - Denial of Service (DoS) (e.g. packet flooding, crash)
  - Remote to Local (R2L)
  - User to Root (U2R)

1. http://www.ll.mit.edu/mission/communications/cyber/CSTcorpora/ideval/docs/attackDB.html

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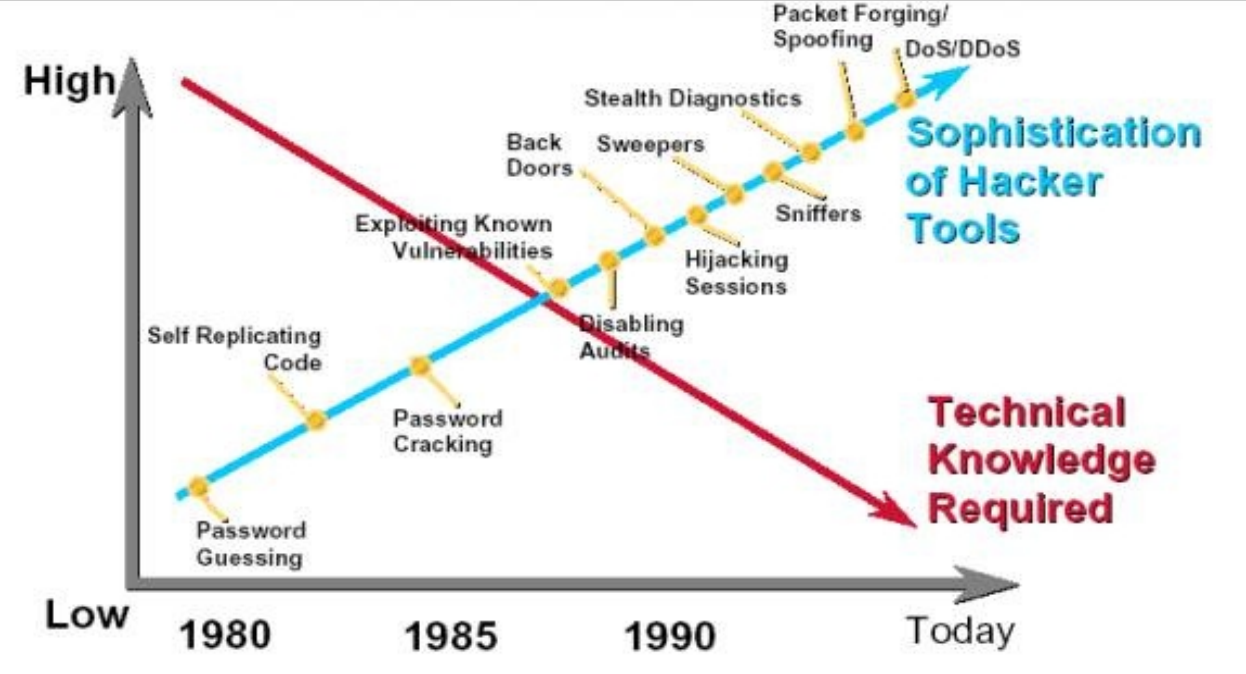

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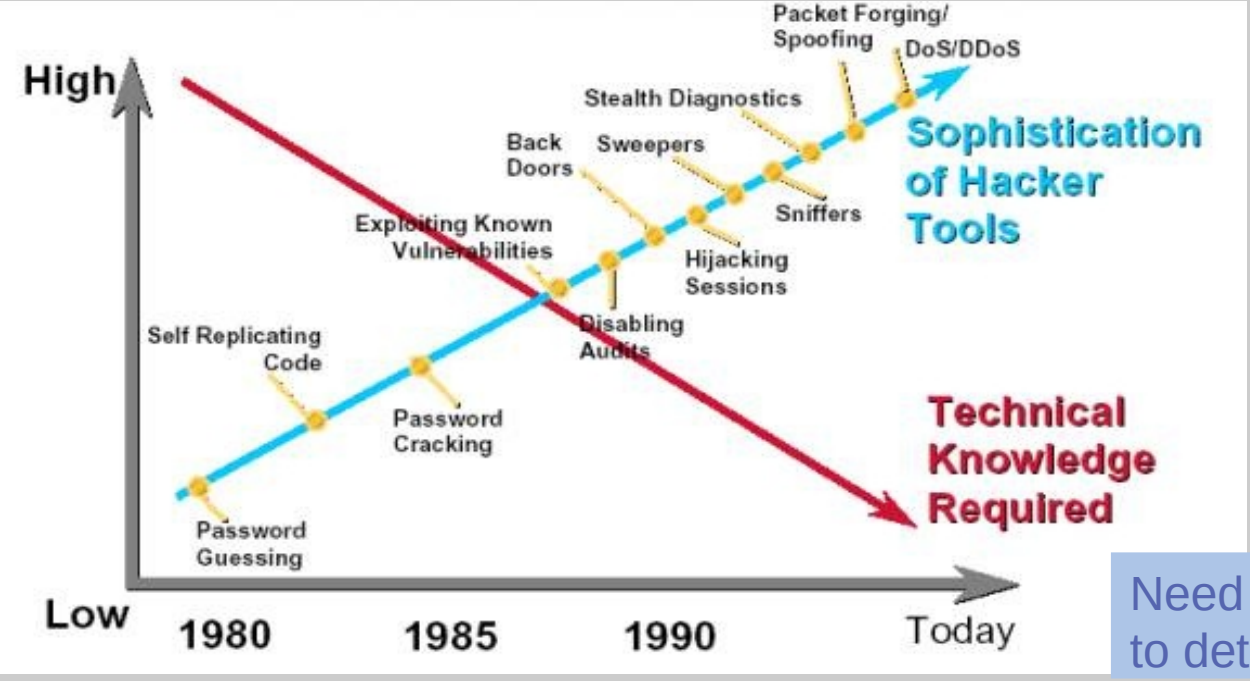

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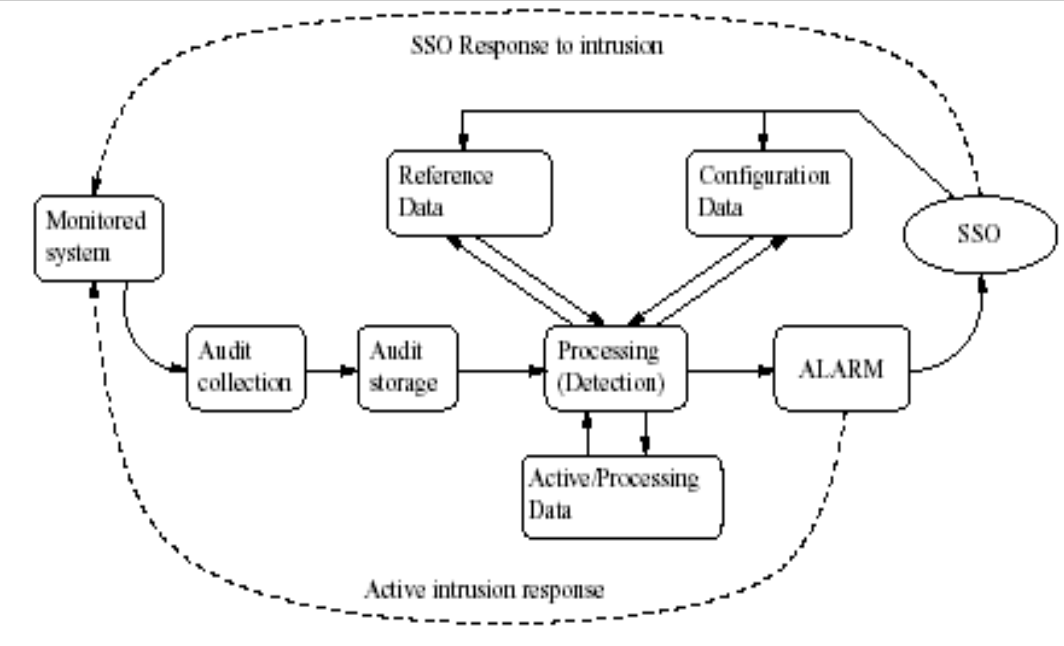

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Host based IDS (HIDS)

- HIDS runs on the system, it is protecting.
- It has better information about the health of the system- more sources of information.
- HIDS are better at detecting more sophisticated attacks.
- OS dependent.
- *For HIDS, reverse the points for advantage/disadvantages of NIDS*
- *Example: Anti-virus software*

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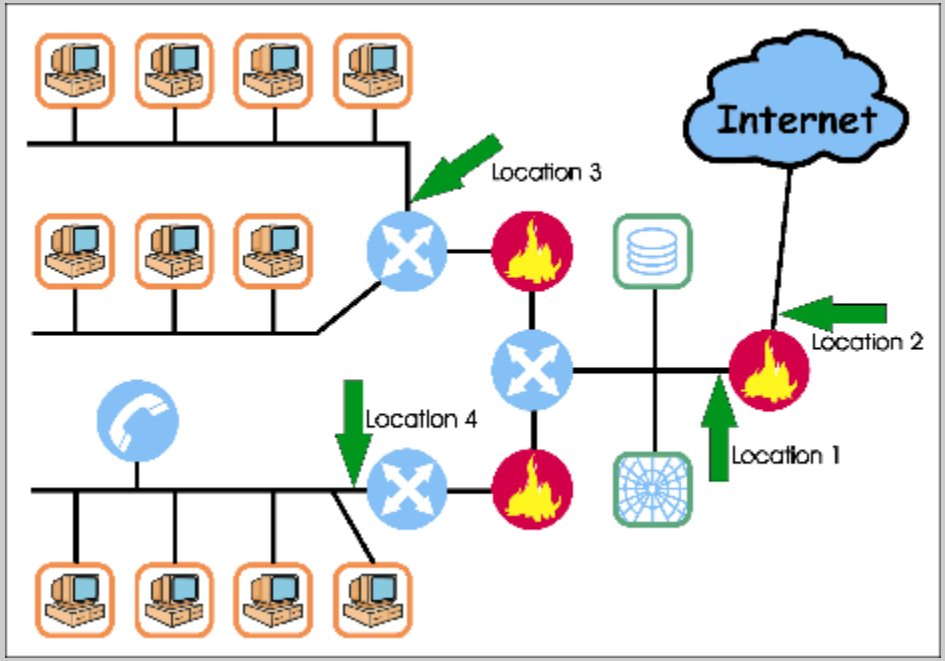
  - Anomaly Detection:
    - identifies abnormal unusual behavior (anomalies) on a host or network
    - Good at detecting new attacks
    - High rate of false positive
    - Often use statistical properties to learn profile

Current Trend in IDS

- Future research trends seem to be converging towards a model that is hybrid of the anomaly and misuse detection models.
- It is slowly acknowledged that neither of the models can detect all intrusion attempts on their own.

Deploying NIDS



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- An IPS is the next security layer to be introduced in the system that combines the protection of firewalls with the monitoring ability of an IDS to protect our networks with the analysis necessary to make the proper decisions on the fly.