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Introduction to Cybersecurity



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Outline

- ✓ Cybersecurity Overview
- ✓ Network Security
- ✓ Authentication Process
- ✓ Traditional Firewall vs Next Generation Firewall
- ✓ Symmetric Cryptography
- ✓ Asymmetric Cryptography
- ✓ Digital Signature / PKI
- ✓ Credential Authority – SSL/TLS? (Application of the Crypto)

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Information System

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Motivation

Cybercrime is Rising

While

Readiness Declines.*

Cybercrime is clearly evolving, while
Cyberdefense measures remain far behind!!

* 2014 U.S. State of Cybercrime Survey co-sponsored by PwC, CGO magazine, the CIO® Division of the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, and the United States Secret Service.

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Information

"Information is an asset that, like other important business assets, is valuable to an organization and, therefore, must be properly protected."

- Printed or written on paper
- Electronically stored
- Sent by mail or electronically
- communicated in conversations...

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What is an information system?



Information system:

Organization of activities consisting of
to acquire, store, transform, disseminate, exploit, manage,
Information

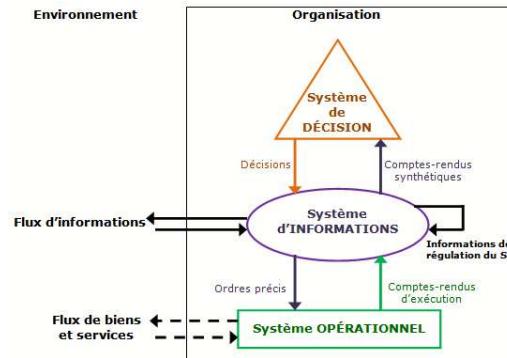
One of the technical ways to operate an information system is to use a

Computer system



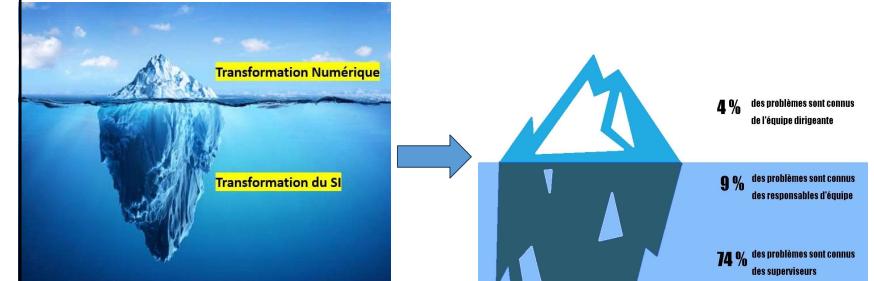
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Introduction : Information system



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Introduction : Information system Security



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Evolution of Information Systems

- IS today:
 - Change dynamically:
 - Constant integration of new tools;
 - Updates, reorganizations, ...
 - Great diversity in the nature of the information (financial, technical, medical data, etc.).
 - Become more complex (heterogeneity of systems),
 - Interconnect (internally, but also externally)
- Technologies are evolving (object-oriented programming, intelligent agents, wired networks, wireless networks,)
 - like threats!!

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What does Cybersecurity mean:

National Security Telecommunication and Information Systems Security Committee (NSTISSC) définit la Security des réseaux comme suit:

Computer Security: Measures and controls that ensure **confidentiality**, **integrity**, and **availability** of information system assets including hardware, software, firmware, and information being processed, stored, and communicated.

Computer security is the protection of information and systems and hardware that use, store, and transmit that information.

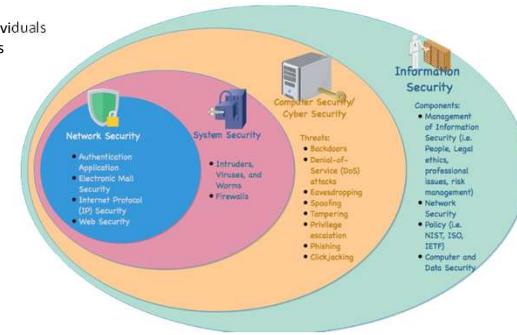


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Why Cyber security?

- 1- Internet connection 24/7
- 2- Increase in cybercrime
- 3- Impact on businesses and individuals
- 4- Legislation and responsibilities
- 5- Proliferation of threats
- 6- The sophistication of threats



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What is the impact of cybercrime on business:

- 1- Decreased productivity
- 2- Loss of turnover
- 3- Release of unauthorized sensitive data
- 4- Threat of trade secrets of formulas
- 5- Compromise of reputation and trust
- 6- Loss of communication
- 7- Loss of time



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Challenge Activity : FTP & Telnet Authentication

Objective: Explore the "FTP-authentication" challenge on Root Me.

Instructions:

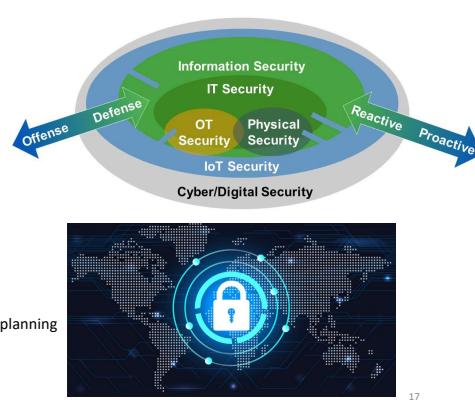
- Navigate to <https://www.root-me.org/>.
- Create an account if you don't have one.
- Once logged in, follow this path: Challenges > Network > FTP-authentication.
- Let's find the password.

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Challenges of cybersecurity

- Application security
- Network security
- Endpoint security
- Data security
- Identity management
- Database and infrastructure security
- Cloud security
- Mobile security
- Disaster recovery/business continuity planning



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Morocco victim of a major computer attack?

- Equifax data breach
 - Breach that may affect 500 million customers
 - Names, social security numbers, credit card numbers, addresses, etc
- Hillary Clinton Emails
- Ransomware (WannaCry, Petya)
 - Hospitals, Renault, etc
 - Power companies, airports, public transits, central bank in Ukraine



The publisher Kaspersky announces that it has discovered "The Mask", spyware that has been active since 2007. The kingdom is believed to be among the top 5 infected countries.

By Leg6o



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"The Mask" Espionage Malware

We've got a new nation-state espionage malware. "[The Mask](#)" was discovered by Kaspersky Labs:

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The primary targets are government institutions, diplomatic offices and embassies, energy, oil and gas companies, research organizations and activists. Victims of this targeted attack have been found in 31 countries around the world—from the Middle East and Europe to Africa and the Americas.

The main objective of the attackers is to gather sensitive data from the infected systems. These include office documents, but also various encryption keys, VPN configurations, SSH keys (serving as a means of identifying a user to an SSH server) and RDP files (used by the Remote Desktop Client to automatically open a connection to the reserved computer).

"Several reasons make us believe this could be a nation-state sponsored campaign. First of all, we observed a very high degree of professionalism in the operational procedures of the group behind this attack. From infrastructure management, shutdown of the operation, avoiding curious eyes through access rules and using wiping instead of deletion of log files. These combine to put this APT ahead of [Duqu](#) in terms of sophistication, making it one of the most advanced threats at the moment," said Costin Raiu, Director of the Global Research and Analysis Team (GReAT) at Kaspersky Lab. "This level of operational security is not normal for cyber-criminal groups."

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CNSS Data Breach: What We Know So Far

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On April 8, 2025, Morocco's National Social Security Fund (CNSS) suffered a significant cyberattack. A hacker group identifying as JahaROOT DZ, reportedly linked to Algeria, claimed responsibility. They leaked sensitive data on Telegram and dark web forums, affecting nearly 2 million individuals and around 500,000 businesses.



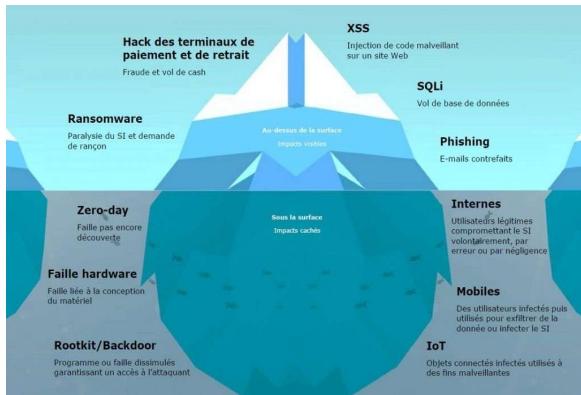
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Confidentiality: This term covers two related concepts:

Data confidentiality: Assures that private or confidential information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized individuals.

Privacy: Assures that individuals control or influence what information related to them may be collected and stored and by whom and to whom that information may be disclosed



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- **Integrity:** This term covers two related concepts:

Data integrity: Assures that information and programs are changed only in a specified and authorized manner.

System integrity: Assures that a system performs its intended function in an unimpaired manner, free from deliberate or inadvertent unauthorized manipulation of the system.

- **Availability:** Assures that systems work promptly and service is not denied to authorized users.



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CyberSecurity goals

Goals of CyberSecurity:

- **Authenticity:** Ensure the identity of communication participants is verified.
- **Confidentiality:** Guard against unauthorized access to sensitive information.
- **Integrity:** Safeguard system information and processes from both intentional and accidental alterations.
- **Availability:** Guarantee that systems and data remain accessible to authorized users when needed.
- **Non-repudiation:** Ensure that participants in a communication cannot deny their involvement.
- **Traceability:** Ability to track and verify the history or location of an item through documented records. In cybersecurity, this means ensuring actions on a system can be linked to a specific entity or process.

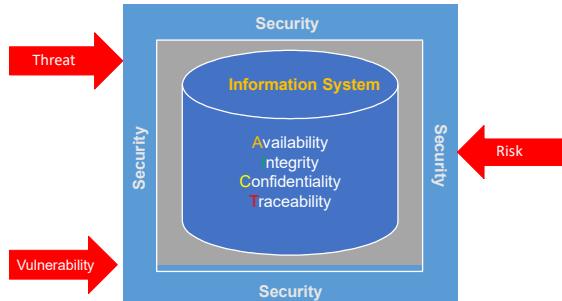


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CyberSecurity goals



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CyberSecurity Domains

- **Websites and Power of Data**

- ✓ Great businesses have been created by collecting and harnessing the power of data and data analytics
- ✓ These businesses have the responsibility to protect this data from misuse and unauthorized access
- ✓ The growth of data has created great opportunities for cybersecurity specialists

- **Domains**

- ✓ Business large and small have recognized the power of big data and data analytics
- ✓ Organizations like Google, LinkedIn, Amazon provide important services and opportunity for their customers
- ✓ The growth in data collection and analytics poses great risks to individuals and modern life if precautions are not taken to protect sensitive data from criminals or others who have intent to harm



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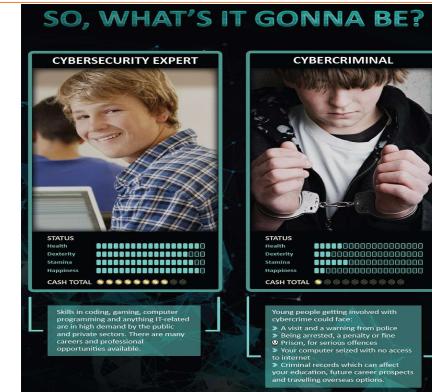
CyberSecurity Domains

- ✓ Cyber experts now have the technology to track worldwide weather trends, monitor the oceans, and track the movement and behavior of people, animals and objects in real time.
- ✓ New technologies, such as Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) and the Internet of Everything (IoE), have emerged. Each depends on collecting and analyzing tremendous amounts of data.
- ✓ This growing collection of data can help people save energy, improve efficiencies, and reduce safety risks.



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Cybersecurity Criminals versus Cybersecurity Specialists



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Cybersecurity **C**riminals versus **C**ybersecurity Specialists



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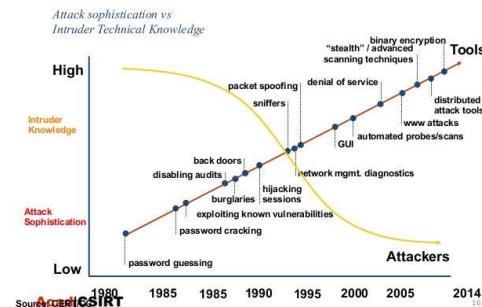
Cost of IT Security per Year

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Estimation de certains coûts associés à la Security informatique.
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Security tools allow hackers to launch attacks with little technical knowledge

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 - beginner hackers
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Types de Pirates

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 - Example: Anonymous
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CyberSecurity Terminologies

Common network security terms:

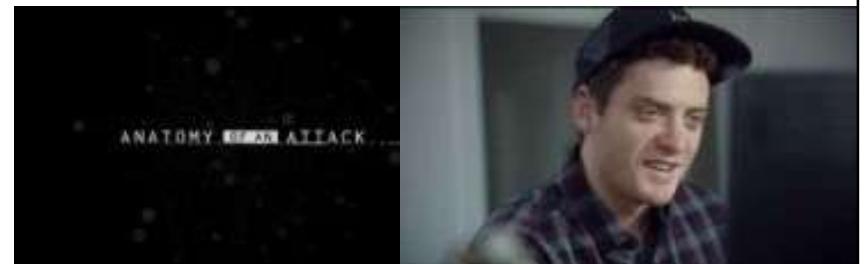
- **Attack:** Any action that compromises the security of information.
- **Security mechanisms:** a mechanism that is designed to detect, prevent and combat a security attack.
- **Security Service:** a service that increases the security of data processing and exchange of a system. A security service uses one or more security mechanisms.

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The Steps of an attack?

- Example of a real attack [Phishing vs Ransomware](#)



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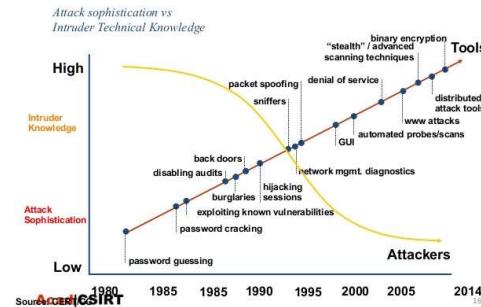
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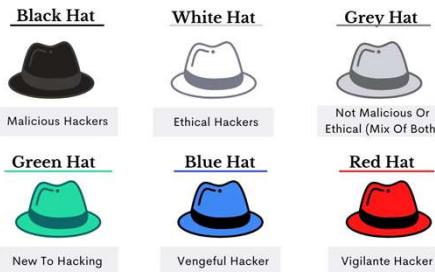
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Types de Pirates

- **Hackers** – This group of criminals breaks into computers or networks to gain access for various reasons.
 - **White hat** attacker break into networks or computer systems to discover weaknesses in order to improve the security of these systems.
 - **Gray hat** attackers are somewhere between white and black hat attackers. The gray hat attackers may find a vulnerability and report it to the owners of the system if that action coincides with their agenda.
 - **Black hat** attackers are unethical criminals who violate computer and network security for personal gain, or for malicious reasons, such as attacking networks.



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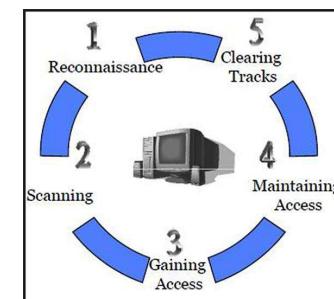
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The Steps of an attack

1. Reconnaissance
2. Scanne (adresses, port, vulnérabilités)
3. Gagner access
4. Maintaining access
5. Clearing Tracks

Passive Attacks and Active Attacks



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Passive and Active Attacks

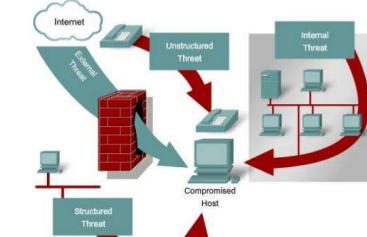
Passive Attack	Active Attack
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts to learn or make use of information from the system but does not affect system resources Eavesdropping on, or monitoring of, transmissions Goal of attacker is to obtain information that is being transmitted Two types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release of message contents Traffic analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts to alter system resources or affect their operation Involve some modification of the data stream or the creation of a false stream Four categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replay Masquerade Modification of messages Denial of service

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Vecteurs d'attaques de réseau

- Attaques externes
- Attaques internes
- Attaques structurées
- Attaques non structurées



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The laws of CyberSecurity

Legislation:

Several laws are established by the federal and government to protect users from the threats of cybercrime:

- 1- The healt Insurance Portability and Accountability 1996
- 2- The sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 3- The Gramm-Leach-Billey Act
- 4- US PATRIOT ACT 2001

In Morocco we have:

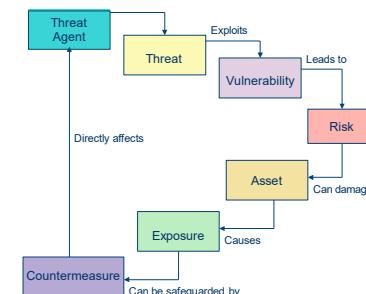
- 1- Law 53-05 on the electronic exchange of legal data
- 2- Law 09-08 on the automated processing of personal data



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Common network security terms:



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CyberSecurity Risk

Risk Management

Definition:

The assessment and quantification process and the establishment of an acceptable level of risk to the organization

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Probability} * \text{Impact}$$

Stages of risk management:

- Risk analysis
- Assessed and identified threats
- Assessed and identified vulnerabilities
- Establish a Security Policy (countermeasure)



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CyberSecurity Risk

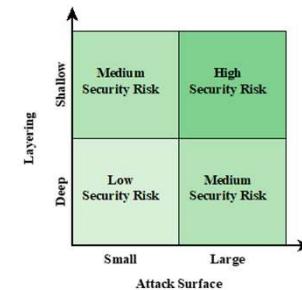


Figure 1.4 Defense in Depth and Attack Surface

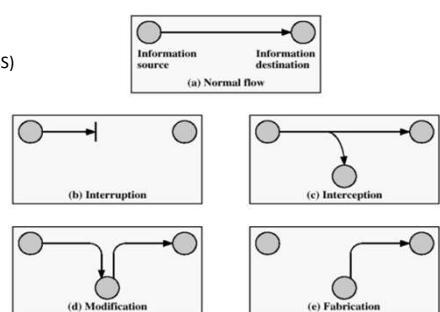
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Attackers' tools

- Port/address scan (nmap, Nessus)
- Vulnerability Scanner (MetaSploit, Core Impact, ISS)
- Sniffers (Wire shark, tcpdump, Snort)
- Cracking tools (Cain, wepCrack, jhon the ripper)
- Malware (viruses, worms, trojan)
- Hijackin tools (Netcat, MetaSploit)



Aims of attacks

- Interruption: aims at the availability of information
- Interception: aims at the confidentiality of information
- Modification: aims at the integrity of information
- Manufacturing: aims at the authenticity of the information

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