#### Lesson 1.

# **Introduction to Information Security**

#### **Outline**

- 1. What is Information Security?
- 2. Why is it important?
- 3. What can we do?
- 4. Security concepts
- 5. Practices: Ubuntu

### What is Information Security?

#### **Def 1:**

Information security, often referred to as **InfoSec**, refers to the **processes** and **tools** designed and deployed to **protect sensitive business information** from **modification**, **disruption**, **destruction**, and **inspection**. (Ref: Cisco.com)

#### **Def 2:**

Information security is the practice of preventing unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, inspection, recording or destruction of information.

(Ref: wikipedia)

# What is Information Security?

 The U.S. Government's <u>National Information Assurance</u> <u>Glossary</u> defines **INFOSEC** as:



"Protection of information systems against unauthorized access to or modification of information, whether in storage, processing or transit, and against the denial of service to authorized users or the provision of service to unauthorized users, including those measures necessary to detect, document, and counter such threats."

## What is Information Security?

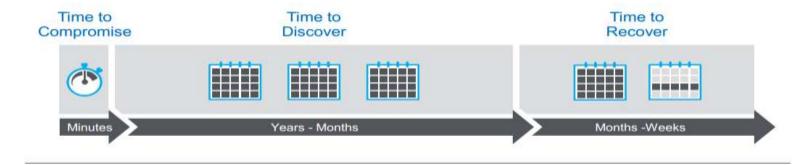
- Three widely accepted elements or areas of focus (referred to as the "CIA Triad"):
  - Confidentiality
  - Integrity
  - Availability (Recoverability)
- Includes Physical Security as well as Electronic

# Why is InfoSec Important?

• <u>Information security</u> is not an 'IT problem', it is a business issue.



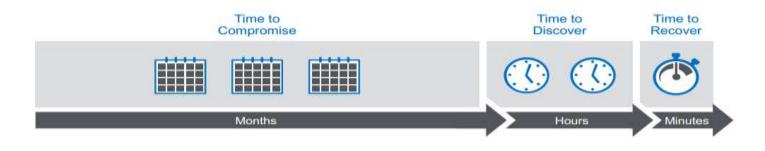
#### Current ThreatScape Realities



Minimal Adversarial Effort Overwhelmed Security Teams \$\$\$ Catastrophic Impact \$\$\$

#### **Business and Security Outcomes**

SECURITY IN FUCUS.



Significant Adversarial Effort Optimized Security Teams \$ Minimized Impact \$

# Main goals of Information Security

• Confidentiality:only authorized entities have access to the data



 Integrity: there are no unauthorized modifications of the data



 Availability: authorized entities can access the data when and how they are permitted to do so



(C-I-A Triad)

#### Security Assessment

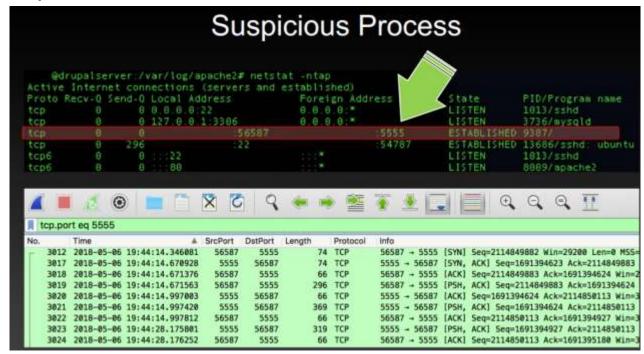
- Identify areas of risk
- Identify potential for security breaches, collapses
- Identify steps to mitigate

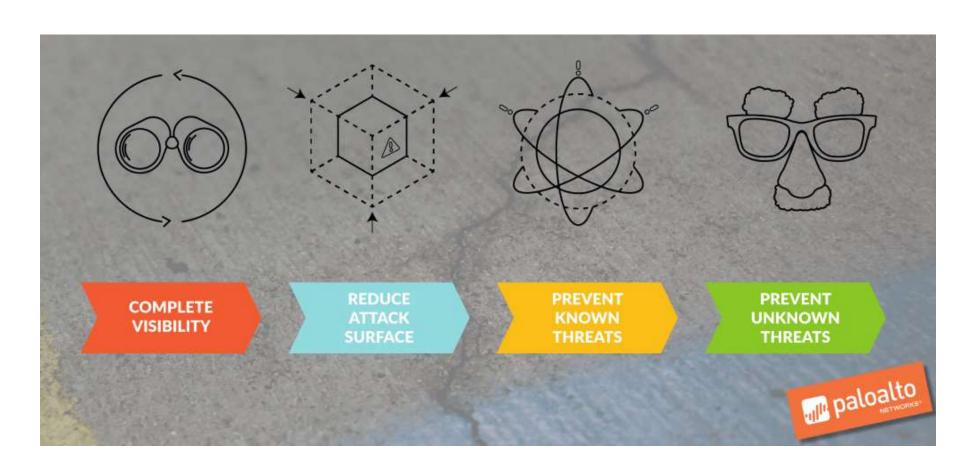
#### Security Application

- Expert knowledge (train, hire, other)
- Multi-layered Approach (there is no single solution)
- Policies and Procedures

#### Security Awareness

- Not just for the geeks!
- Security Training at all levels (external and/or internal)
- Continuing education and awareness not a one-time shot!
- Make it part of the culture



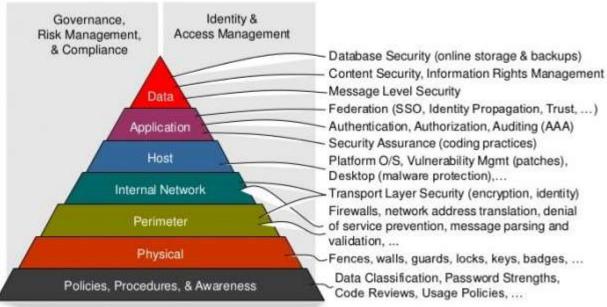


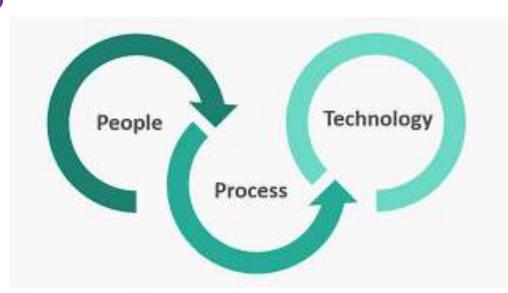
# **Principle of Least Privilege**

 Every program and every privileged user of the system should operate using the least amount of privileges necessary to complete the job

Defense in depth

# Defense in Depth Layers Data Application Host Internal Network Perimeter Physical Policies, Procedures, Awareness





Cyber-security is not just about technology, IT or engineers.

C-I-A

P-P-T

**Governance** 

Confidentiality

People

Policy

Integrity

Process

Audit

Availability

Technology

Awareness

## **Security Concepts**

- Authentication
- Authorization
- Accounting
- Access control
- Nonrepudiation
  - The ability to ensure that someone cannot deny his/her actions



## Security Control Frameworks

- This is a notional construct outlining the organization's approach to security, including a list of specific security processes, procedures, and solutions used by the organization. Some frameworks:
  - ISO 27001/27002
  - COBIT
  - ITIL
  - RMF
  - CSA STAR

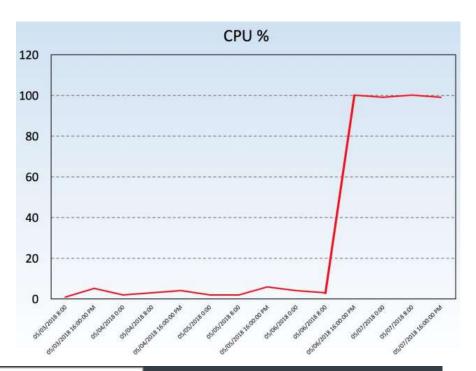
#### **Practices**

- OS: Ubuntu 16.04 (32 bit)
- Some commands:
  - cd
  - Is
  - cp
  - mkdir
  - chown
  - Chmod
  - **—** ...
- Software:
  - C: gcc –o exploit exploit.c

# Summary

- Objective of InfoSec is Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability...protect your systems and your data
- Threats are numerous, evolving, and their impact is costly
- Security should be applied in layers ("road blocks")
- Security Awareness at all levels must be maintained
- Practices: Ubuntu (cd, ls, mkdir, chmod, chown,...)

Q&A



Add Filter			
#	Threat	Category	Threat Level
1	Drupal.Core.Form.Rendering.Component.Remote.Code.Execution	IPS	Critical
2	Oracle.WebLogic.Server.wls-wsat.Component.Code.Injection	IPS	Critical
3	MS. IIS. WebDAV. PROPFIND. ScStorage Path From Url. Buffer. Overflow	IPS: CVE-2017-7269	Critical
4	Apache.Struts.2.Jakarta.Multipart.Parser.Code.Execution	IPS	Critical
5	Linksys.Routers.Administrative.Console.Authentication.Bypass	IPS	High
6	Proxy.HTTP	Proxy	Medium
7	D-Link.DIR.800.Series.getcfg.php.Information.Disclosure	IPS	Medium
8	Failed Connection Attempts	Failed Connection Attempts	Low
9	ZmEu.Vulnerability.Scanner	IPS	Low
10	Masscan.Scanner	IPS	Low

# Questions (MQCs)

Q1. Message .....means that the data must arrive at the receiver exactly as sent

- A. Confidentiality
- B. Integrity
- C. Authentication
- D. None of the above

Answer: B

#### Q2. Cryptography does not concern itself with:

- A. Availability
- B. Authenticity
- C. Integrity
- D. Confidentiality

Answer: A

Q3. An access control system that grants users only those rights necessary for them to perform their work is operating on which security principle?

Answer: B

- A. Discretionary Access
- B. Least Privilege
- C. Mandatory Access
- D. Separation of Duties

# Q4. Which of the following is the verification of a person's identity?

A. Authorization

B. Accoutability

C. Authentication

D. Password

Answer: C

**Q5.** John is concerned about social engineering. He is particularly concerned that this technique could be used by an attacker to obtain information about the network, including possibly even passwords. What countermeasure would be most effective in combating social engineering?

- A. SPI firewall
- B. An IPS
- C. User training
- D. Strong policies

Answer: C

**Q6.** The application of which of the following standards would BEST reduce the potential for data breaches?

A. ISO 9000

B. ISO 20121

C. ISO 26000

D. ISO 27001

Answer: D

**Q7.** The first phase of hacking an IT system is compromise of which foundation of security?

- A. Availability
- B. Confidentiality
- C. Integrity
- D. Authentication

Answer: B

# **Q8.** The PRIMARY purpose of a security awareness program is to?

- A. Ensure that everyone understands the organization's policies and procedures.
- B. Communicate that access to information will be granted on a need-to-know basis.
- C. Warn all users that access to all systems will be monitored on a daily basis.
- D. Comply with regulations related to data and information protection.

Answer: A

# **Q9.** Which type of cyber attack is commonly performed through emails?

- A. Trojans
- B. Phishing
- C. Worms
- D. Ransomware

**Answer: B** 

**Q10.** The use of strong authentication, the encryption of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) on database servers, application security reviews, and the encryption of data transmitted across networks provide

- A. Data integrity.
- B. Defense in depth.
- C. Data availability.
- D. Non-repudiation.

**Answer: B**