

# **NETWORK SECURITY**

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# PROBLEMS OF NETWORK SECURITY

The Internet allows an attacker to attack from anywhere in the world from their home desk.

They just need to find one vulnerability: a security analyst need to close every vulnerability.

# NETWORK LAYERS

## Layers



✓ User (real people)

✓ Application (HTTP, SMTP, DNS, ...)



✓ Transport (TCP, UDP, ...)

✓ Network (IP/ICMP, ...)

✓ Link (Ethernet, PPP, WLAN, Bluetooth, ...)

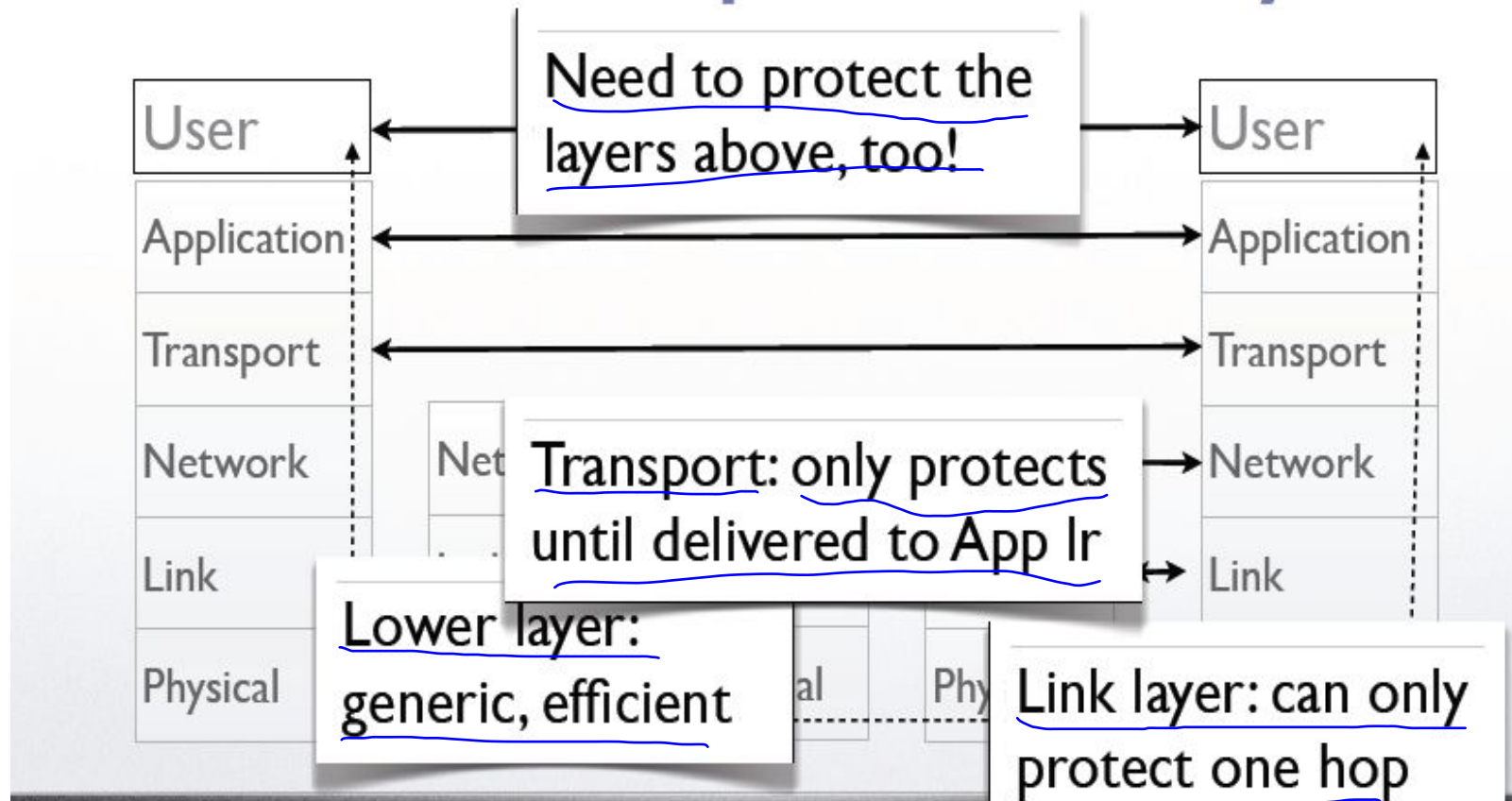


✓ Physical (cables, radio, infrared, ...)

Where to put security?

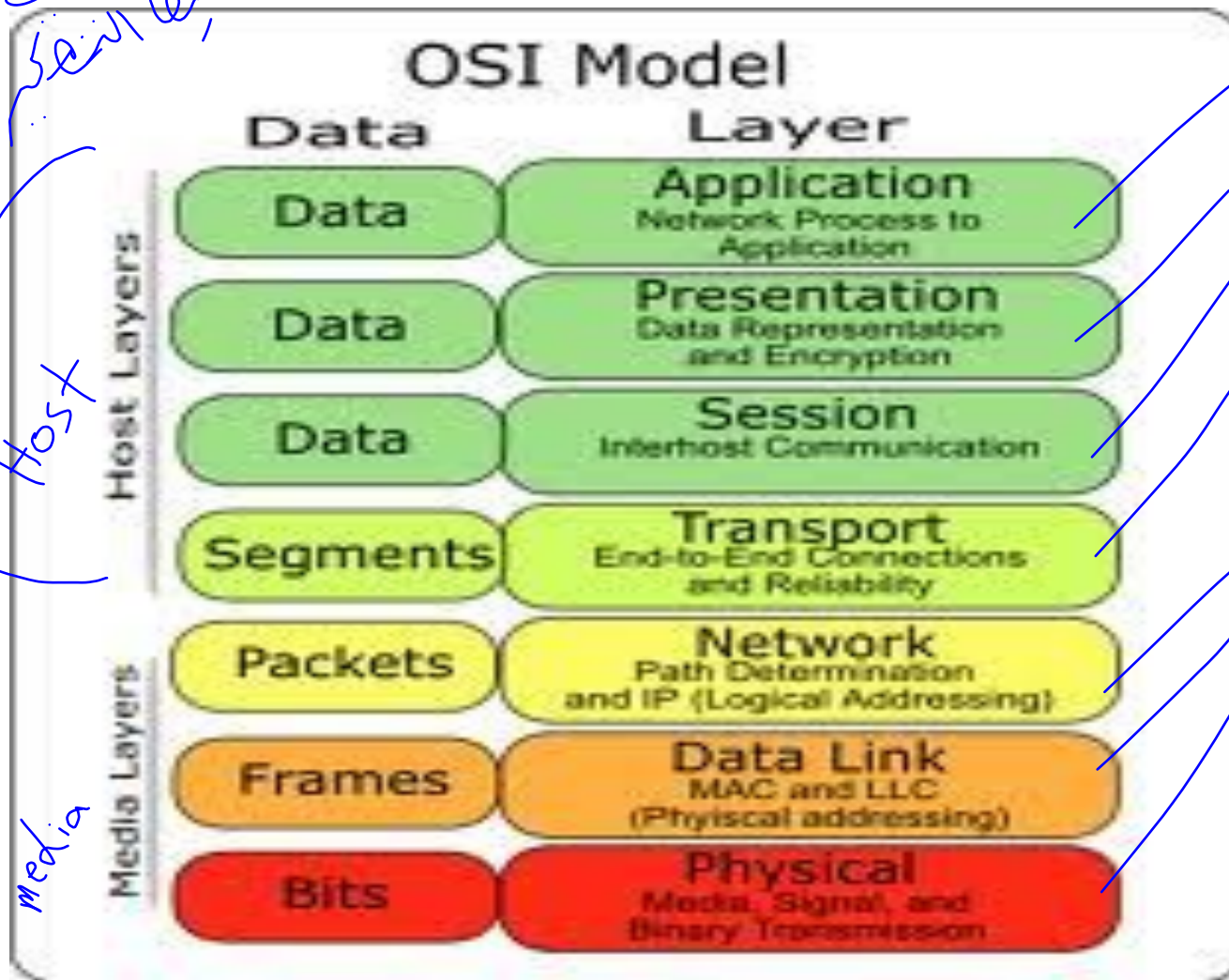
# NETWORK LAYERS

## Where to put security?



# OSI MODEL

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في الـ OSI Model



# EXAMPLE ATTACKS

## Application layer:

- Email scams, “phishing”: ask for password
- Email spoofing: mail “from” anyone
- Modem hijacking
- DNS cache poisoning (attack host-based identification)

# EXAMPLE ATTACKS

## Transport layer:

- Denial of Service: e.g. SYN flooding
- Connection hijacking, ISN guessing
- Initial Sequence Number of TCP connection, “random nonce”

# EXAMPLE ATTACKS

## Network layer:

- IP spoofing: easy to fake source address, hard but not always impossible to see response (attacks address-based id)
- Routing attacks: spoofing, DoS “the best route anywhere is here!”



# EXAMPLE ATTACKS

## Link layer:

- Broadcast storms (DoS)
- MAC-address spoofing (local network)

# ATTACK ENHANCEMENT

## Distributed DoS attacks:

- Spread by viruses, creating “botnets” (remote-controlled PCs)
- Harder to trace and protect against
- Big business

# ATTACK PREPARATION

## Host fingerprinting:

- Remotely check properties of TCP/IP implementation, to find out what type of O.S./hardware and servers to attack
- e.g. detect Windows version

# FINGERPRINT EXAMPLE

```
# nmap -O -v scanme.nmap.org
```

```
Starting Nmap ( http://nmap.org )
```

```
Interesting ports on scanme.nmap.org (64.13.134.52):
```

```
Not shown: 994 filtered ports
```

PORT	STATE	SERVICE
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22/tcp	open	ssh
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25/tcp	closed	smtp
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53/tcp	open	domain
--------	------	--------

70/tcp	closed	gopher
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80/tcp	open	http
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113/tcp	closed	auth
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```
Device type: general purpose
```

```
Running: Linux 2.6.X
```

```
OS details: Linux 2.6.20-1 (Fedora Core 5)
```

```
Uptime guess: 11.433 days (since Thu Sep 18 13:13:01 2008)
```

```
TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=204 (Good luck!)
```

```
IP ID Sequence Generation: All zeros
```

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 6.21 seconds
```

```
Raw packets sent: 2021 (90.526KB) | Rcvd: 23 (1326B)
```

# PROTECTION APPLICATION LAYER

## Secure email (S/MIME, PGP)

- Application-to-application (“user-to-user”) authentication, confidentiality, regardless of lower layers

## Secure email transport:

- SMTP over TLS: conf/auth between mail servers, transport from source to dest
- IMAP/POP over TLS: conf/auth when client fetches mail from server

# PROTECTION APPLICATION LAYER

Mail transfer



User A



User B



PC



PC

POP/IMAP  
SMTP

POP/IMAP  
SMTP

Mail server



SMTP

SMTP

Mail server



# PROTECTION APPLICATION LAYER

## ~~HTTP over TLS~~ (“https:”)

- Confidentiality and authentication(unilateral or mutual) between browser and web server
- Note “attack from layer above”
- When data delivered to browser, no longer (or before sent from browser)

# PROTECTION APPLICATION LAYER

## **DNS** (Domain Name System)

- Translation host name – IP address (etc)

## **DNS security extensions:**

- Data origin auth, integrity, key distribution
- Protect against e.g. cache poisoning
- Slowly being adapted



# PROTECTION TRANSPORT LAYER

**TLS (Transport Layer Security) (or SSL, Secure Sockets Layer)**

- “layer between” app/transport, provides transparent auth/conf for any application using TCP, e.g. web browser/server

# PROTECTION TRANSPORT LAYER

## **SASL** (Simple Authentication and Security Layer)

- Authentication (optionally confidentiality) which can be “turned on” and negotiated in an already open connection
- Used e.g. in secure SMTP

# PROTECTION TRANSPORT LAYER

## Initial Sequence Number (ISN) selection

- Improved randomization of ISNs
- Protects against hijacking

# PROTECTION NETWORK LAYER

## VPN (Virtual Private Network)

- Create virtual network over unprotected Internet
- Typically tunneling: encapsulate and multiplex traffic over one secure connection
- Simple example: ssh port forwarding

# IPSEC “SUBLAYER”

## Sub-protocols

- IP Authentication Header (AH): integrity, data origin authentication, anti-replay
- Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP): confidentiality, limited traffic flow confidentiality, plus above

**SA (security association): end-to-end logical connection**  
**(note: IP is connectionless)**

# PROTECTION LINK LAYER

WiFi networks (radio): easy to eavesdrop

- **WEP:** Wired Equivalent Privacy/Wireless Encryption Protocol
  - useless (broken in seconds)
- **WPA:** WiFi Protected Access - often useless
- **WPA2** - less useless

**Don't rely on these - use higher-layer security**

# PROTECTION LINK LAYER

**Protection against spoofing and interception in wired networks:**

- Network topology and filtering switches
- Avoid broadcast communication

# FIREWALLS

## Design principle: Complete Mediation

- All traffic has to pass through firewall (including wireless, dial-up etc)

NAT (Network Address Translation): only ports in use can receive incoming traffic

Packet filtering



# HONEYPOT

**Honeypot:** looks like a real system, attractive target

**Harmless** if attacked, not used for “real” work, but simulates  
**real use** “Trap” used to collect info about attacks and  
**attackers**

# **HACKING NETWORKS**

## **PHASE 1: RECONNAISSANCE**

**Physical Break-In**

**Social Engineering**

**Phishing: fake email**

**Pharming: fake web pages**

**Whols Database**

**Domain Name Server Interrogations**

# **HACKING NETWORKS**

## **PHASE 2: SCANNING**

**War Driving: Can I find a wireless network?**

**War Dialing: Can I find a modem to connect to?**

**Network Mapping: What IP addresses exist, and what ports are open on them?**

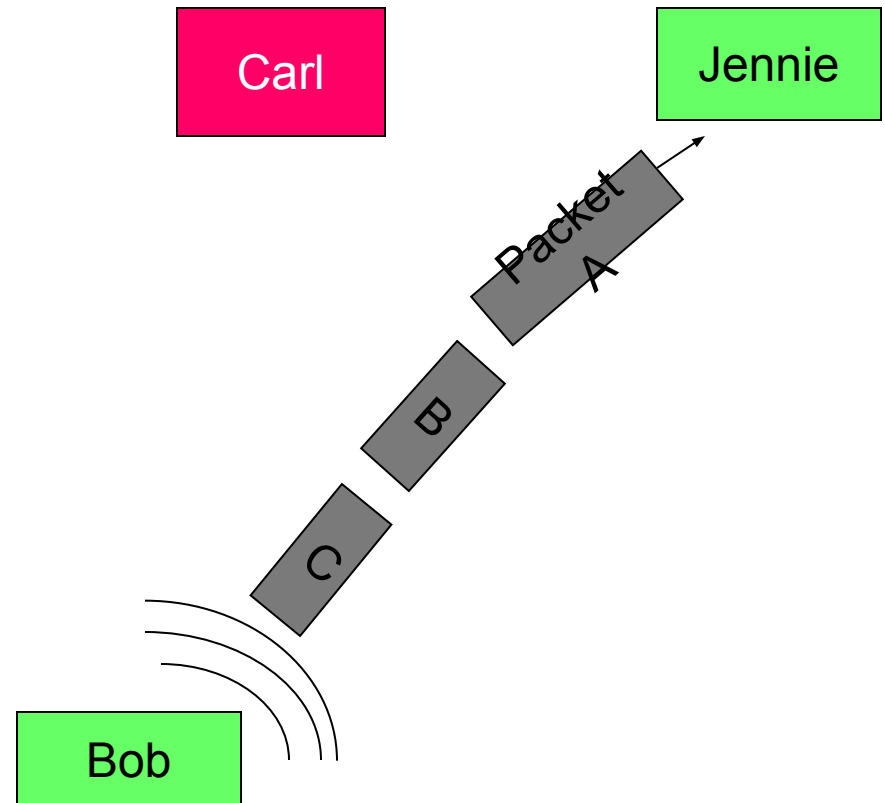
**Vulnerability-Scanning Tools: What versions of software are implemented on devices?**

# PASSIVE ATTACKS

**Eavesdropping:** Listen to packets from other parties = Sniffing

**Traffic Analysis:** Learn about network from observing traffic patterns

**Footprinting:** Test to determine software installed on system = Network Mapping



# **HACKING NETWORKS:**

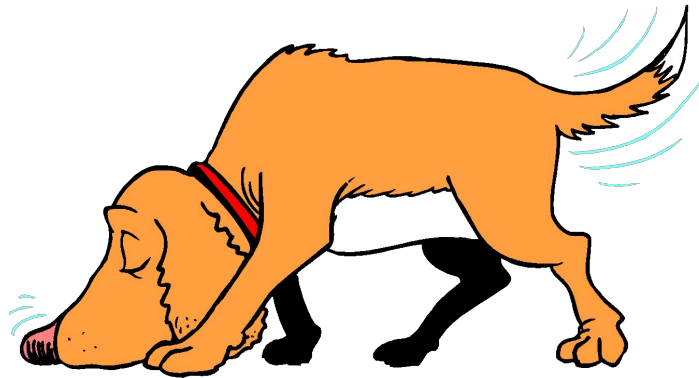
## **PHASE 3: GAINING ACCESS**

### **Network Attacks:**

**Sniffing  
(Eavesdropping)  
IP Address  
Spoofing  
Session Hijacking**

### **System Attacks:**

**Buffer Overflow  
Password Cracking  
SQL Injection  
Web Protocol  
Abuse  
Denial of Service  
Trap Door  
Virus, Worm, Trojan  
horse,**



Login: Ginger Password: Snap

# **SOME ACTIVE ATTACKS**

**Denial of Service:** Message did not make it; or service could not run

**Masquerading or Spoofing:** The actual sender is not the claimed sender

**Message Modification:** The message was modified in transmission

**Packet Replay:** A past packet is transmitted again in order to gain access or otherwise cause damage

Bill



## **Denial of Service**

Joe  
↓  
Ann

Bill

## **Spoofing**

Joe (Actually Bill)  
↓  
Ann

## **Message Modification**

Joe  
↓  
Ann

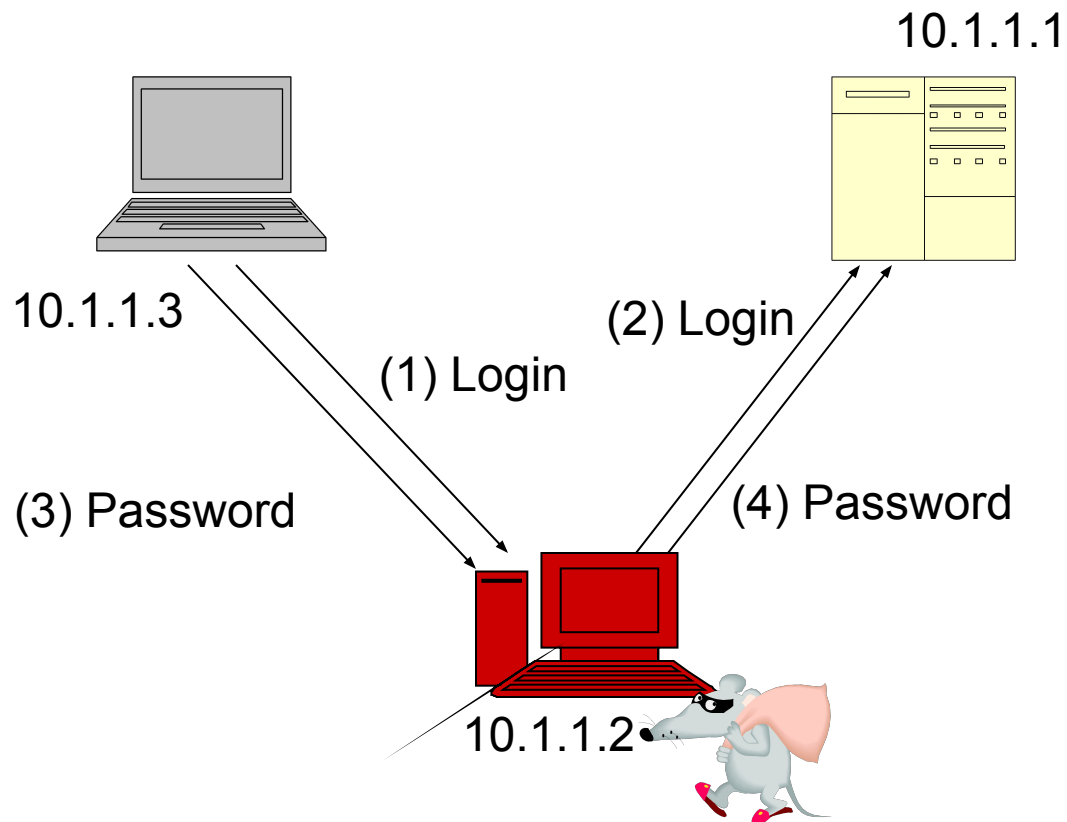
Bill

## **Packet Replay**

Joe  
↓  
Ann

Bill

# MAN-IN-THE-MIDDLE ATTACK



# SQL INJECTION

Java Original: `"SELECT * FROM users_table WHERE username=" + "'" + username + "'" + " AND password = " + "'" + password + "'";`

Inserted Password: `Aa' OR '='`

Java Result: `"SELECT * FROM users_table WHERE username='anyname' AND password = 'Aa' OR ' '= ' ';`

Inserted Password: `foo';DELETE FROM users_table WHERE username LIKE '%`

Java Result: `"SELECT * FROM users_table WHERE username='anyname' AND password = 'foo'; DELETE FROM users_table WHERE username LIKE '%'`

Inserted entry: `'|shell("cmd /c echo " & char(124) & "format c:")|'`

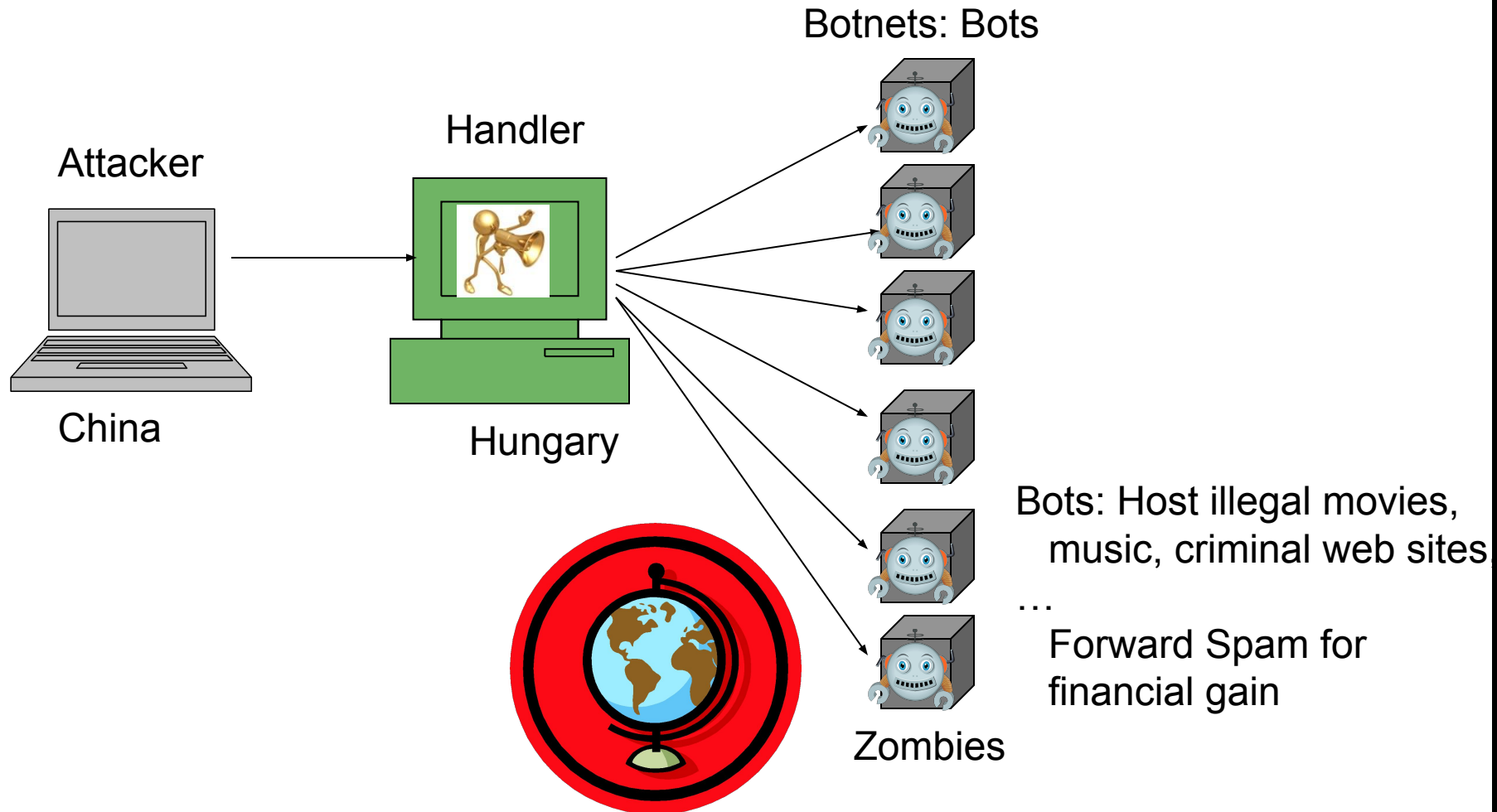
Welcome to My System

Login:

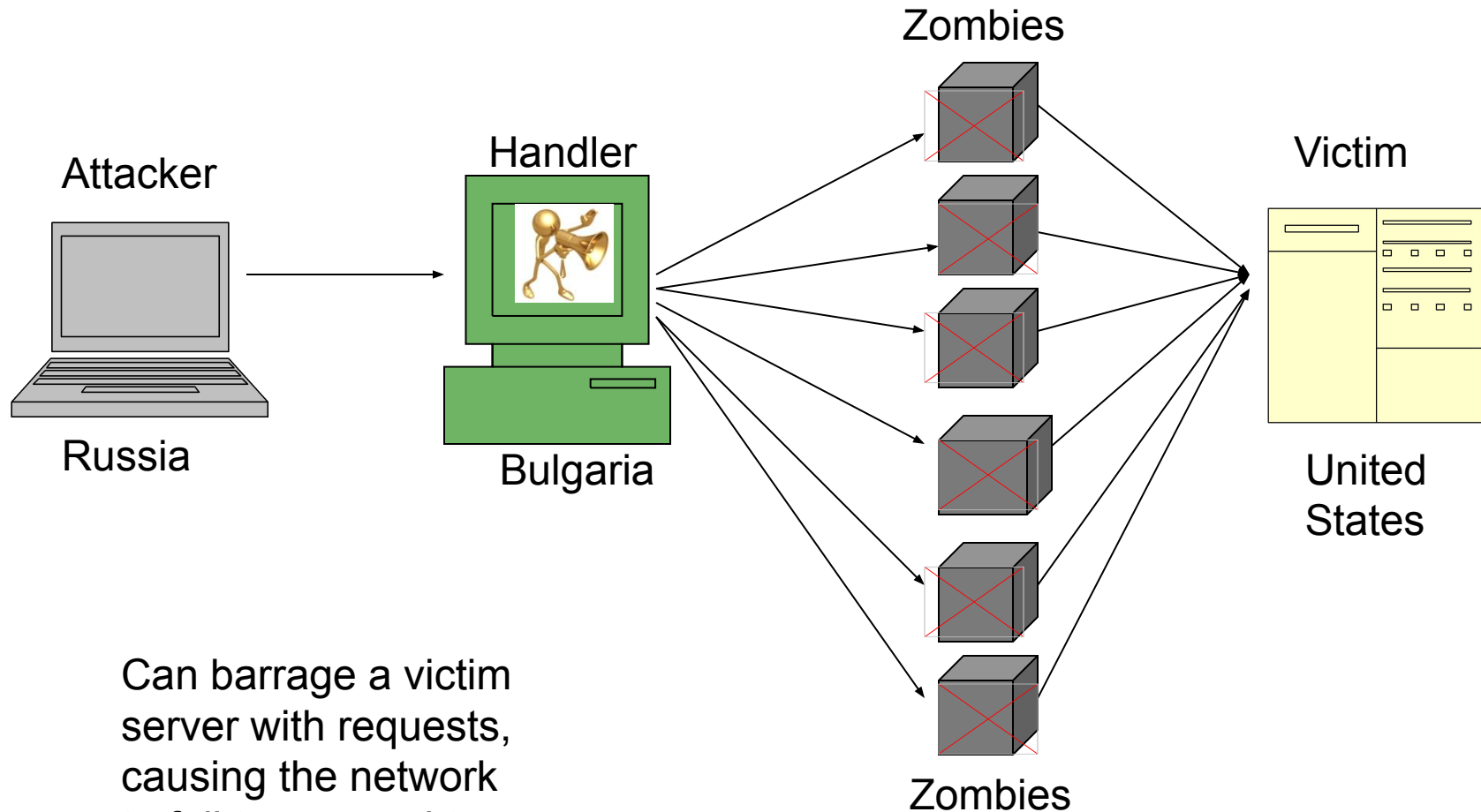
Password:



# BOTNETS

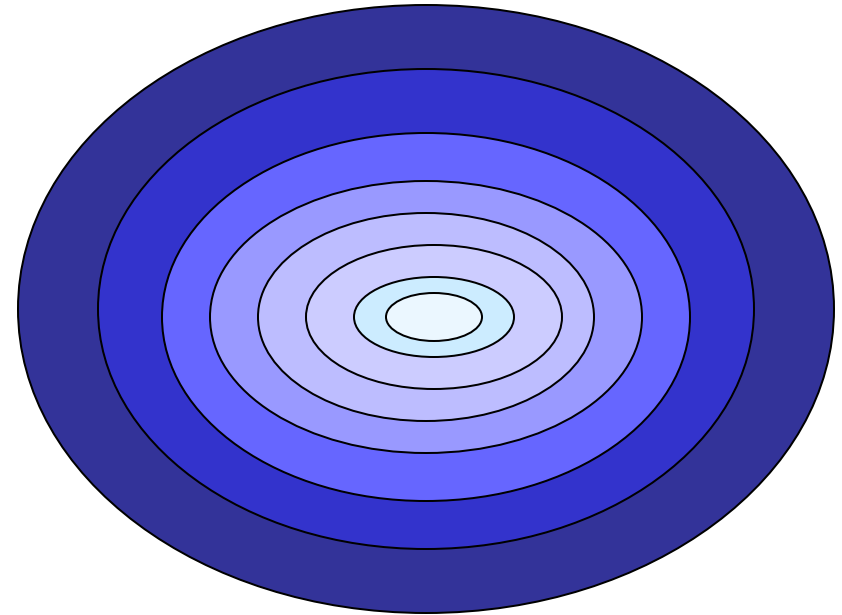


# DISTRIBUTED DENIAL OF SERVICE



Can barrage a victim server with requests, causing the network to fail to respond to anyone

# SECURITY: DEFENSE IN DEPTH



Border Router  
Perimeter firewall  
Internal firewall  
Intrusion Detection System  
Policies & Procedures & Audits  
Authentication  
Access Controls

# **BASTION HOST**

**Computer fortified  
against attackers**

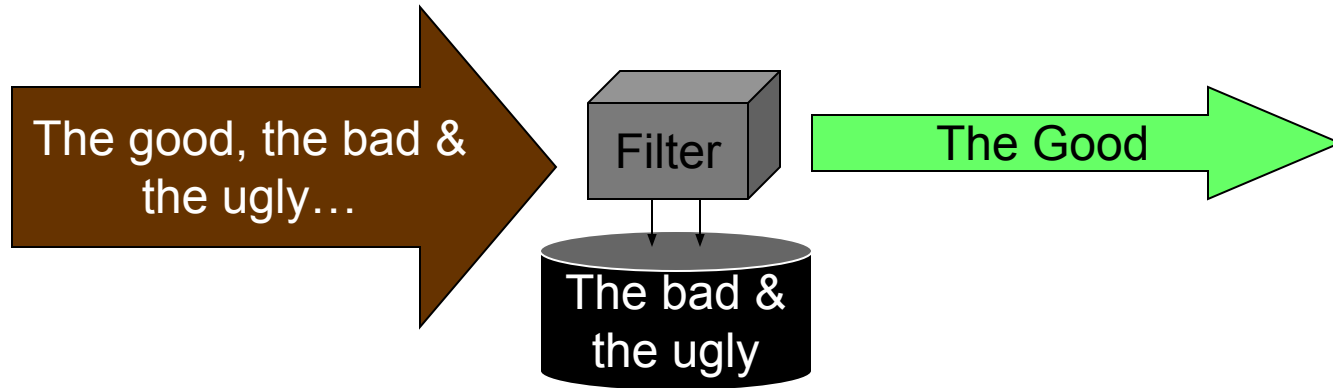
**Applications turned  
off**

**Operating system  
patched**

**Security configuration  
tightened**



# **FILTERS**



**Route Filter:** Verifies sources and destination of IP addresses

**Packet Filter:** Scans headers of packets and discards if ruleset failed (e.g., Firewall or router)

**Content Filter:** Scans contents of packets and discards if ruleset failed (e.g., Intrusion Prevention System or firewall)

# HONEYPOT & HONEYNET

**Honeypot:** A system with a special software application which appears easy to break into

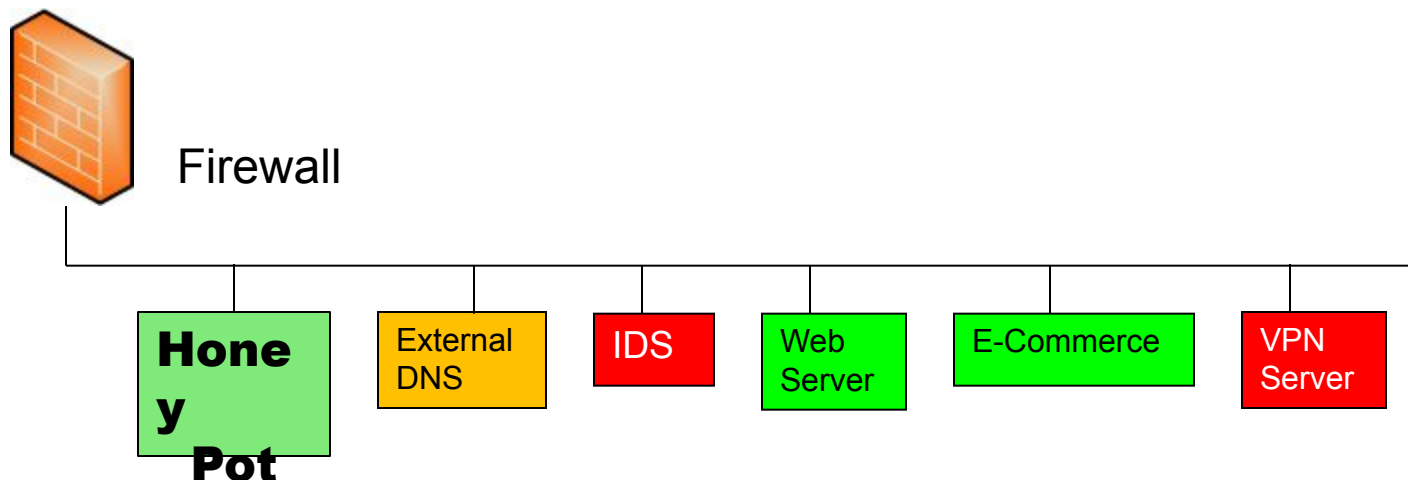
**Honeynet:** A network which appears easy to break into

**Purpose:** Catch attackers

All traffic going to honeypot/net is suspicious

If successfully penetrated, can launch further attacks

Must be carefully monitored



# DATA PRIVACY

*Handwritten: 1. Confidentiality, 2. Integrity, 3. Authenticity, 4. Non-repudiation*

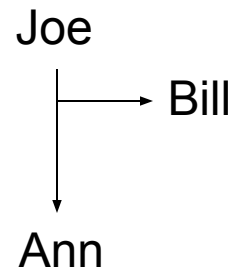
**Confidentiality:** Unauthorized parties cannot access information (-> Secret Key Encryption)

**Authenticity:** Ensuring that the actual sender is the claimed sender. (-> Public Key Encryption)

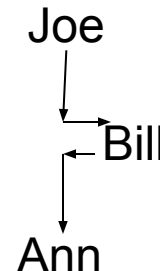
**Integrity:** Ensuring that the message was not modified in transmission. (-> Hashing)

**Nonrepudiation:** Ensuring that sender cannot deny sending a message at a later time. (-> Digital Signature)

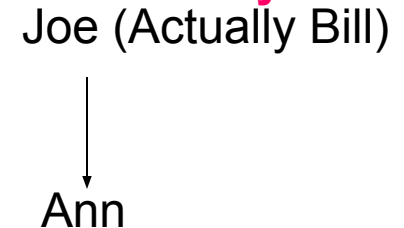
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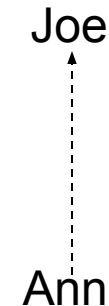
## Integrity



## Authenticity



## Non-Repudiation



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