

SAPM Meeting Security

What QAs are Important

- **Confidentiality:** Only those who should have access are given access.
- **Integrity:** Data or services are not subject to unauthorised manipulation
- **Availability:** the system is available for legitimate use.
- **Mechanisms that support CIA:**
Authentication, nonrepudiation, authorisation.

General Security Scenario

- **Source:** Humans or systems that may or may not have been identified and can be either inside or outside the organisation
- **Stimulus:** Unauthorized attempt to access, manipulate, or disable the artifact.
- **Artifact:** System services, data, components, data produced or consumed by the system.
- **Environment:** online, offline, connected to network, disconnected to network, behind firewall, fully/partially operating, not operational

Generic Security Scenario

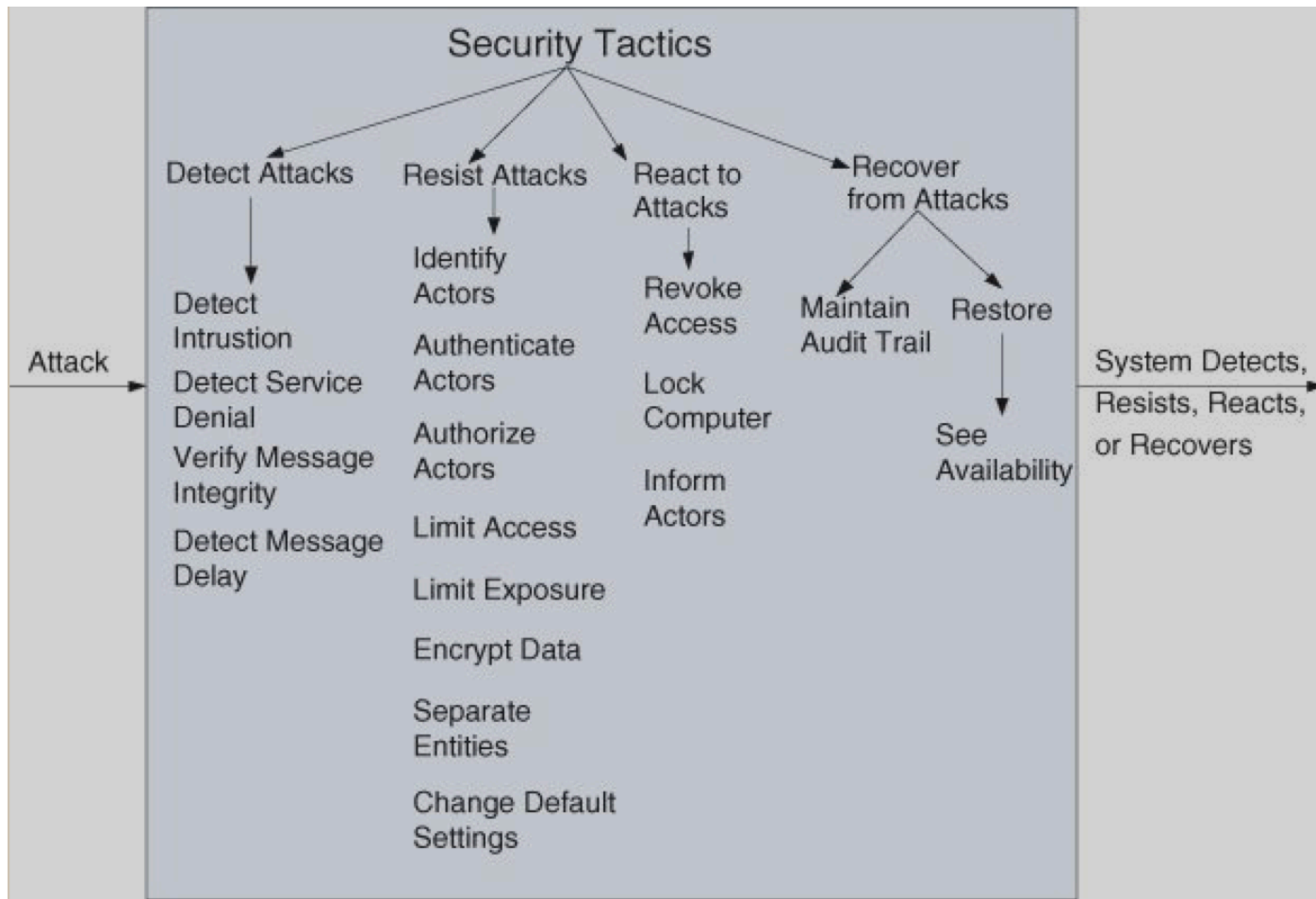
- **Response:** Transactions are carried out so that:
 - Data or services are protected from unauthorized access
 - Data or services are not manipulated without authorization
 - Parties in a transaction are identified with assurance
 - Parties cannot repudiate their participation
 - Data, resources etc are available for legitimate use
 - System records: access, modification of data, resources or services.
 - Appropriate people are notified when threat is identified.
- **Response Measure:** assessment of the degree of compromise, temporal and spatial data on the compromise, how many attacks were resisted, how much data is vulnerable

Concrete Security Scenario:

Denial of Service

- **Source:** A wide range of systems with different IP addresses
- **Stimulus:** Accesses to the service provided
- **Artifact:** The service we are concerned with.
- **Environment:** Normal operation
- **Response:** Detect abnormal load
- **Response Measure:** Mode of operation is changed to ensure normal service to trusted IP addresses.

Tactics



Concrete Scenario

- Consider a service with no protection.
- This would fail our scenario.
- If we require the system to maintain service to key users. We require:
 - Some means of detecting anomalous service demand.
 - Service now operates in two modes: normal mode and priority users mode
 - We add a layer to the architecture that filters out non-priority user service demands in priority users mode.

Allocation of Responsibilities

- For all security-sensitive system responsibilities, do the following:
 - Ensure all actors have identities
 - Authenticate identities
 - Check authorizations
 - Ensure authorization is required for all such actors
 - Log attempts, successes and failures on all sensitive operations
 - Ensure data is encrypted
 - Ensure responsibilities are allocated to appropriate actors.

Coordination Model

- Ensure coordination mechanisms use authentication and authorisation.
- Ensure coordination mechanisms are not vulnerable to impersonation, tampering, interception, ...
- Ensure data involved in coordination is protected using encryption.
- Monitor level of demand for communication to identify excessive demands

Data Model

- Ensure there is a valid data model that disallows invalid data flows.
- Ensure logging of access, modification and attempted access or modification.
- Data is protected in flight and at rest using appropriate encryption.
- Ensure appropriate backup/recovery mechanisms are in place.

Mapping among Architectural Elements

- Explore how different mappings change the way users can access resources.
- Ensure for all of these mappings the models of access and authorisation are preserved.
 - Actors should be identified and authenticated
 - Use appropriate authorisation mechanisms
 - Ensure logging is enabled
 - Ensure data is protected by encryption
 - Recognise impact of attack on resources
- Ensure recovery from attack is possible

Resource Management

- Explore the overheads resulting from monitoring, detecting, preventing and recovering from attacks.
- Analyse how a user can access and make demands on critical resources.
- Manage resource access to ensure malicious use of resource is detected and managed.
- Identify the potential for corruption/contamination and how to manage this.
- Explore the potential for resource use to be used as a covert channel to transmit data.
- Limit resources used to manage attempts at unauthorised use.

Binding Time

- Explore the consequences of varying binding times on the ability to trust an actor or component.
- Put in place appropriate mechanisms to ensure trust given binding time.
- Explore potential impact on resource use, capacity/throughput, response time,
- Ensure appropriate encryption of all data around binding.
- Explore the potential of variation in binding time as a covert channel.

Choice of Technologies

- Ensure limitations of technologies are understood and the potential for future compromise is well identified.
- Ensure your chosen technologies support the tactics you want to deploy to protect the system.

Summary

- We need to consider attacks on Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability.
- Attacks need to be monitored and detected, resisted where possible, otherwise we may need some other form of reaction, eventually we should be able to fully recover.
- Tactics are a high-level way of categorizing possible protection against attack.
- In this area there is need for considerable domain expertise, see for example the NIST Framework for infrastructure cybersecurity:
 - <http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/upload/cybersecurity-framework-021214.pdf>