





Design and Analysis of Operating Systems CSCI 3753

Security in Operating Systems

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6 Main Areas of Security

- 1. Authorization managing access to resources
- Confidentiality only allow authorized viewing of data encrypting files and communication
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- 4. Data Integrity detecting tampering with digital data
- Non-repudiation proving an event happened
 - 6. Availability ensuring a service is available (despite denial of service attacks)

Non-repudiation

In digital security, non-repudiation means:

- Involves associating actions or changes with a unique individual
- A service that provides proof of the integrity and origin of data
- An authentication that can be said to be genuine with high confidence.

Usually requires:

- Authentication
- Authorization
- Data Integrity
- Confidentiality

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- Denial-of-service attacks (DoS)
 - Either a single source or distributed attack to prevent access by authorized users
- Direct-access attacks
 - An unauthorized user gaining physical access to a computer
- Tampering
 - malicious modification of information.

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Eavesdropping

 act of surreptitiously listening to a private conversation, typically between hosts on a network

Phishing

attempt to acquire sensitive information such as usernames and passwords

Privilege escalation

 attacker with some level of restricted access is able to, without authorization, elevate their privileges or access level

Spoofing attack

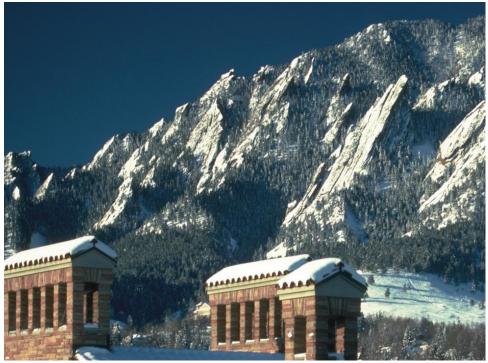
 Spoofing is the act of masquerading as a valid entity through falsification of data (such as an IP address or username), in order to gain access to information or resources that one is otherwise unauthorized to obtain





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