

## • Topics Covered

1. Protection
2. Access Matrix
3. Security
4. Prog , System & Net Threats
5. Cryptography & Encryption
6. Authentication
7. Firewalls & Defence

## • Protection

### • Goals of protection

1. **Principles of protect**: Think of a computer as a collection of objects (h/w or s/w) , like many files / devices
2. **Unique access** : each obj has a unique name and a defined way to be accessed
3. **Protection Problem** : The goal is to ensure that only permitted processes access object and do so correctly

### • Principles of Protection

1. **least privilege** : Only give users , progs & System the min. permissions needed . This limits potential damage
2. **Permission types** : They can be static (set for process lifetime) or dynamic ( change when needed, like domain - switching / escalation )
3. **Compartmentalization** : Protect individual system components with specific restrictions
4. **Granularity** : Rough-grained , easier to manage but less secure like user either has / not has permissions  
Fine-grained , more complex but more protection  
eg ACL / RBAC

5. Audit trail : Records all access related actions to keep track

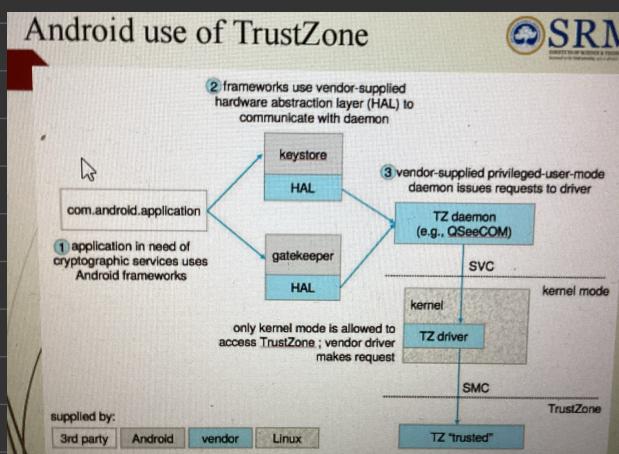
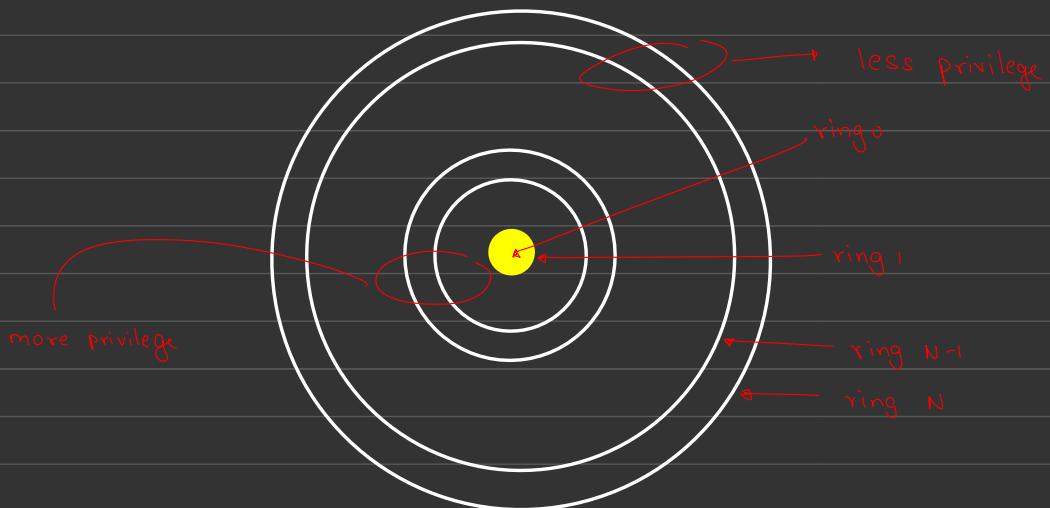
6. Defence in depth : No single prot. method solve all problems , we need multi-layer prot.

### • Protection Rings

Privilege levels : System Components are organised by privilege level , often requiring hw support

e.g kernel operate in high- privilege ring while apps in lower ones

Similarly , Hypervisors & Adv CPU like ARMv7 have a additional ring (trust zone) for extra security layers , like protection sensitive data from kernel



- Domain of protection

1. Rings separate functions into domains in a hierarchy, ensuring each process can only access what it needs
2. Processes shld also have access to resources of their current task
3. Process domain : A process operates within a domain specifying which resources it can access
4. Access rights & permissions defined by  $\langle$  Obj-name , right-sets  $\rangle$  where right set is the set of allowed actions
5. In dynamic system, processes can switch b/w domains

- Domain Implementation

1. UNIX :-

- domain = user ID

- Domain switch

① via file system : even domain a domain-bit (setuid bit) works when setuid = on

② via passwords : 'su' cmd allows a user to switch

③ via cmds : 'sudo' cmd allows switching

2. Android App IDs

- each app has a unique ID which acts as domain
- This ID restricts access so others can't interfere
- Here domain protect resources & manage permissions

- Access Matrix

↳ Think of protection as a grid / matrix

Rows - domain (users)

Columns - objects (resources)

object domain \	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$	printer
$D_1$	read		read	
$D_2$				print
$D_3$		read	execute	
$D_4$	read write		read write	

- Use of access matrix

1. Purpose : Controls what each domain can do with a object

2. User Control : The creator of an object can decide who can access it

3. Dynamic Option : permissions can be changed dynamically

4. Special right :

- Owner - full control
- Copy - Allows shares access
- Control - One domain can manage permissions
- Transfer - domain switch

5. Design : Mechanism (how it works)  
Policy (who gets access)

6. Limitations : does not fully solve access problem

Access Matrix of Figure A with Domains as Objects



object domain \	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$	laser printer	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$D_4$
$D_1$	read		read			switch		
$D_2$				print			switch	
$D_3$		read	execute					
$D_4$	read write		read write		switch			

Matrix with Copy Rights

object domain	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$
$D_1$	execute		write*
$D_2$	execute	read*	execute
$D_3$	execute	read	

(a)

object domain	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$
$D_1$	execute		write*
$D_2$	execute	read*	execute
$D_3$	execute	read	

(b)

Matrix With Owner Rights

object domain	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$
$D_1$	owner execute		write
$D_2$		read* owner	read* owner write
$D_3$	execute		

(a)

object domain	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$
$D_1$	owner execute		write
$D_2$		owner read* write*	read* owner write
$D_3$		write	write

(b)

Modified Access Matrix of Figure B



object domain	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$	laser printer	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$D_4$
$D_1$	read		read			switch		
$D_2$				print			switch	switch control
$D_3$		read	execute					
$D_4$	write		write		switch			

### Implementation of access matrix

L often large & complex

#### Option : 1 Global table

- list all domain / object permissions in one big table
- difficult to handle large obj

< domain , obj , right - set >

#### Option : 2 Access list of obj

- each obj has a domain with ot obj rights
- can also have default set of rights

< domain , right - set >

#### Option : 3 Capability list for domains

- each domain has a list of obj of what it can do
- Capabilities like keys for specific permissions
- Obj represented by name / add called a capability
- Capability list is associated with domain but never accessible to it

## Option : 4 lock-key

- Compromises b/w access & capability list
- Obj has locks & domain has keys
- Match is needed for access



### • Comparison of implementations

1. Global table : Simple but large
2. Access list : User-friendly, but hard to manage access rights
3. Capability list : Localizes access info but revocation is difficult
4. lock-key system : Flexible, easy share & revocation

### • Revocation of Access rights

Dif methods to remove diff access rights

1. Immediate or delayed
2. Selective or general
3. Partial or Total
4. Temp or permanent

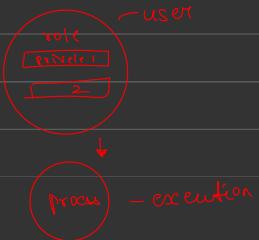
Capability lists req location of capability to revoke

1. Reacquisition : Periodic reapproval
2. Back pointers : pts from obj to capb
3. Indirection : link capb to global tabl
4. Keys : Control acces

### • Role-based access control (RBAC)

- Used to apply permissions to more than just files
- Roles grant permn & limit access to certain calls
- Can give role via password

eg Oracle Solaris 10



- Mandatory Access Control (MAC)

Traditionally Discretionary Access Control (DAC) allowed user defined permissions but was weak

MAC is strong & can't be by-passed

Labels: Obj & user have labels to check access

Used in secured systems like SELinux & TrustedBSD

- Other protection improvement methods

1. SIP (System integrity protection)

↳ in mac OS 10.11

Slice up permissions

2. SIF (System call filtering)

like a firewall for system calls

3. Sandboxing

runs processes in a limited env  
has set of irremovable restrictions

## • Security

### • Security Problem

• System Security : The goal is to make sure all resources are used only as intended

- Intruders attempt
- Threat is a potential security violation
- Attacks can be accidental or intentional

### • Security Violation Category

1. Confidentiality breach (read private data)
2. Integrity breach (+tampering)
3. Availability breach (destruction)
4. Theft of Service (unauth)
5. Denial of Service (Block service)

### • Violation Methods

1. Authentication breach (pretend to be smone)
2. Replay attack (send msg)
3. Man-in-the-middle attack (comm blw 2)
4. Session hijacking (bypass)
5. Privilege escalation (gain high access)

### • Safety Measure levels

Goal to have as much security as possible

4 levels : Physical : protect hw

App : remove insecure apps

OS : built-in OS security

Network : prevent attacks on net-traffic

- Program threats

↳ many variations , many names

1. Trojan Horse : Malicious code hidden inside legitimate software which can spy
2. Trap door : Code that bypasses security checks
3. Spyware & spam : Spyware can lead to spam , making infected comp display junk msgs

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define BUFFER_SIZE 256
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
    if (argc < 2)
        return -1;
    else {
        strcpy(buffer, argv[1]);
        return 0;
    }
}
```

→ can check  
logic errors  
or  
Haws

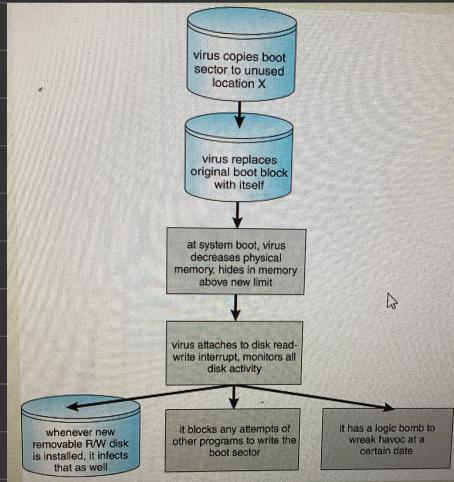
- Viruses

- It's a code fragment in a legit prog
- Is self-replicating
- designed to infect other computers
- Often spread thru emails

virus dopper : They insert virus into the system

Types of viruses :-  
File / parasitic  
Boot / mmry  
macro  
Stealth  
Encrypted  
Armored

## How a virus → attacks

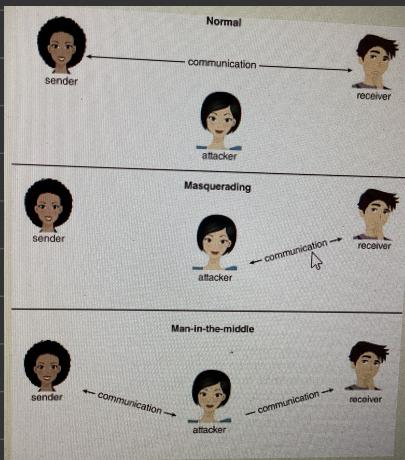


- evolution of : Attacks started as ex� but are not attacks used in organised crime
- System & Network Threats
  - some systems are open by default so easier to attack
  - Hard to protect network connection , specially with no phy barrier once connected
  - Also identifying the threat is hard as only IP add known
- worms
  - Standalone progs
  - They replicate across systems
  - Eg are Internet worm in UNIX
- \* Grappling hook uploaded main worm prog
- Port Scanning
  - Scanning IP add to scan open ports
  - Here attackers use to detect protocols / os
  - Tools like nmap & nessus help attackers identify vulner.
  - Zombie system used to mask the real location

## • DOS (denial of service)

- Overload the target comp by preventing it to do other work
- Come from multiple site at once
- Makes traffic to a website
- used for good & evil

( basically bullying)



## • Cryptography & Encryption

### • Crypto as a security tool

- Crypto is a versatile tool
- On a single Comp , mssgs are managed by OS
- While mssg on net & their sources can't be trusted without crypto

Purpose : limits who can sent & receive mssgs

- Secrets & key are central to cryptography

Benefits : Confirmation of source  
Builds Trust

## • Encryption

Purpose : Controls who can read a msg

Components : Keys ( $S$ ) : Secret codes

Msg ( $M$ ) : Orig data

Ciphertext ( $C$ ) : Encrypted data

Encryption : Use keys to turn msg into ciphertext function

A func  $E : K(M \rightarrow C)$ , for each  $k \in K$ ,  $E_k$

decryption : vice-versa  
function

A func  $D : K(C \rightarrow M)$  for each  $k \in K$ ,  $D_k$

Two Types of encryption

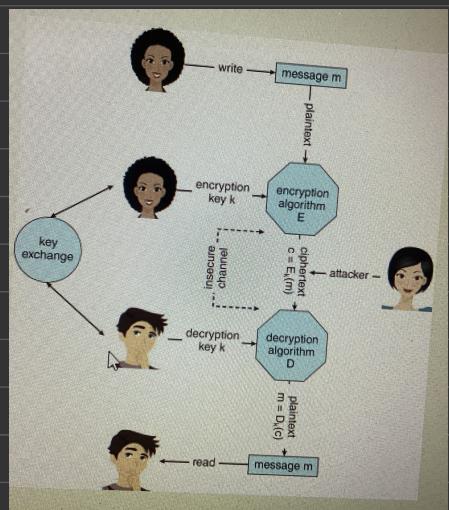
1. Symmetric
2. Asym

## • Symmetric Encryption

- Uses same key encrypt & decrypt
- The key stays a secret

## Algorithm

1. DES : Older encryption method
2. Triple-DES : More secure than DES
3. AES : Modern & secure
4. RC4 : Is weak



- Asymmetric

Two keys : public key (encrypt)  
private (decrypt)

eg RSA : common type of RSA encryption

- The public key can be shared while private key must be private

RSA eg : Uses two large prime no's to create keys

Math behind : encrypt by a math relation & cannot be reversed

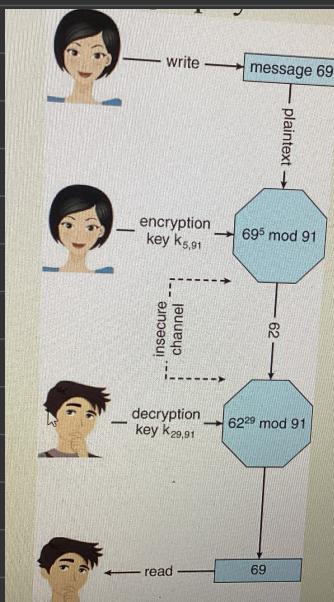
$$\text{eg } 7 \quad 4 \quad 13 \\ p \qquad q$$

$$\rightarrow N = 7 \times 13 = 91 \quad (p-1)(q-1) = 72$$

ke prime to 72

$$\therefore K_e = 5, 91 \\ K_d = 29, 91$$

} learn



- Authentication

Goal : limit to send a msg

Work with encryption : Proves a msg is unaltered

Components : K : Set of keys

M : " " msgs

A : Set of auth

S func : Creates auth for msgs

V " " : Check if msg valid

$S : K(M \rightarrow A)$  where  $K \in K$ ,  $S_k$

$V : K(M \times A \rightarrow \{ \text{true}, \text{false} \})$ , where  $K \in K \setminus k$

How it works : Comp with key  $k$  can create msg

Comp w/o " " can't " " or fake

Auth are sent with msg w/o reveal

- Hash functions

Purpose : makes a small, fixed-size "digest" of a msg

Collision resistant : Hard to find two diff msg with same hash

Eg : MD5 & SHA-1

limitation : If the hash function known, someone can alter it

$H(m) = H(m')$ , then  $m = m'$  (learn)

- MAC (Msg - auth code)

Purpose : uses symm encrp to create a "checksum" or small code auth

Security : Only ppl with sec key can create & verify code

benefit : Can securely check long msgs

- Digital Signatures

Purpose : Use Asym encrypt to create digi signs

Public key verifies  
Private key signs

eg RSA

Adv : Anyone can check auth

- User Auth

Purpose : Verify a user's identity on user ID

Password basics : must be secret  
" " non guessable

Security : log invalid attempts  
Encrypt passw

- Passwords

1. Encrypt : To keep them safe

2. Salt : Add salt to ensure unicity

3. One-time passw

4. Biometric : via fingerprints

## • Firewalls & Defence

### • Implementing security defence

Defence in depth: use multiple layers

Components:

- Security Policy
- Virus prot
- Safe Computing
- Intrusion detection

### • Firewalls

Network firewalls: Create a boundary b/w trusted & untrusted network

Prevent unauth access

Types:

- App proxy firewalls
- System call firewalls

limitation: They can be bypassed

### • Comp system Classification

D: Minimal sec

C: Basic protection

B: Enhanced sec

A: High lvl sec

eg Windows 10 security Model

- each user has unique security ID
- Upon login, token grant permissions
- System tracks permission
- Obj have security