### CYBER SECURITY

A new buzzword for an age old problem

# THREAT, VULNERABILITY, AND RISK

- Threat- Potential danger to an asset such as data or the network.
- Vulnerability and Attack Surface
  - Weakness in a system or its design that could be exploited by a threat.
  - Attack surface describes different points where an attacker could get into a system and could get to the data (Example – operating system without security patches)

#### Exploit

- Mechanism used to leverage a vulnerability to compromise an asset.
- Remote works over the network.
- Local threat actor has user or administrative access to the end system.

#### Risk

 Likelihood that a threat will exploit a vulnerability of an asset and result in an undesirable consequence

#### CYBERCRIMINAL VERSUS CYBER HEROES

#### CYBERSECURITY CRIMINALS

 Hackers – This group of criminals breaks into computers or networks to gain access for various reasons.

White hat attackers break into networks or computer systems to discover weaknesses in order to improve the security of these systems.

Grey hat attackers are somewhere between white and black hat attackers. The gray hat attackers may find a vulnerability and report it to the owners of the system if that action coincides with their agenda.

Black hat attackers are unethical criminals who violate computer and network security for personal gain, or for malicious reasons, such as attacking networks.



# CYBERCRIMINAL VERSUS CYBER HEROES CYBERSECURITY CRIMINALS

#### Criminals come in many different forms. Each have their own motives:

- Script Kiddies Teenagers or hobbyists mostly limited to pranks and vandalism, have little or no skill, often using existing tools or instructions found on the Internet to launch attacks.
- Vulnerability Brokers Grey hat hackers who attempt to discover exploits and report them to vendors, sometimes for prizes or rewards.
- Hacktivists Grey hat hackers who rally and protest against different political and social ideas. Hacktivists publicly protest against organisations or governments by posting articles, videos, leaking sensitive information, and performing distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks.

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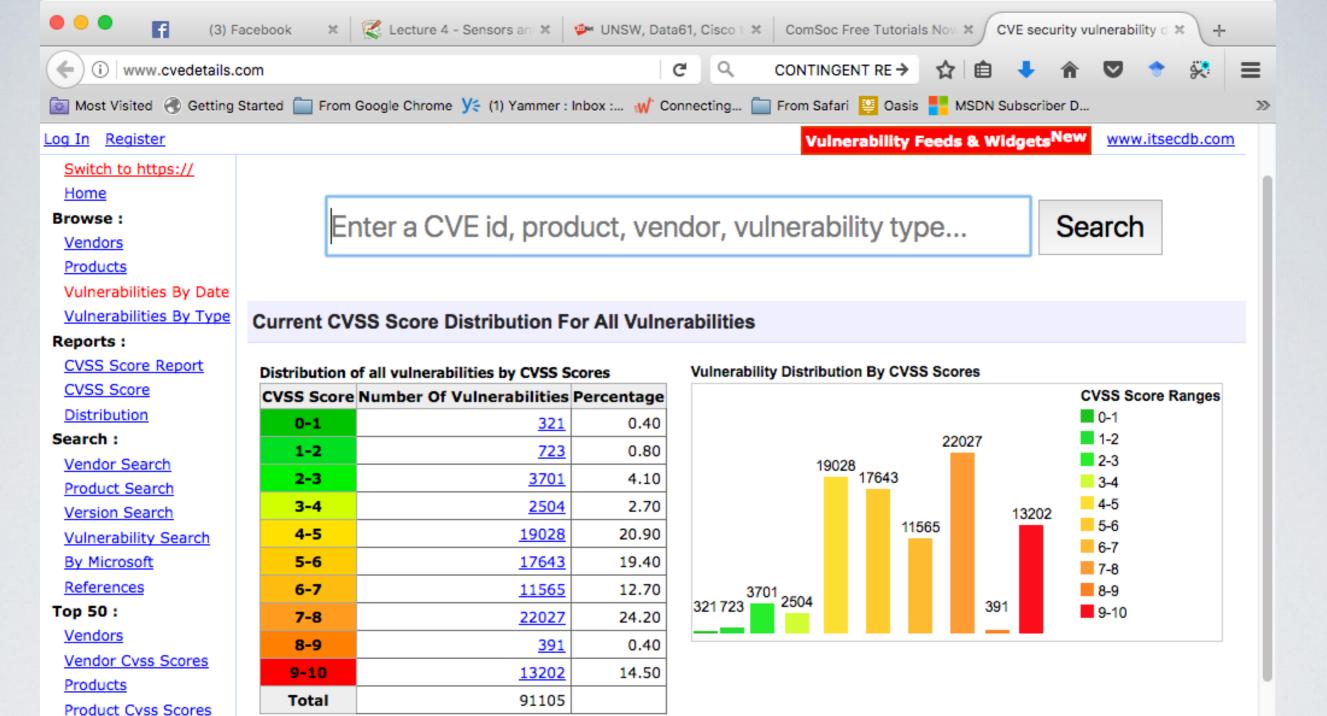
- Cyber Criminals These are black hat hackers who are either selfemployed or working for large cybercrime organisations. Each year, cyber criminals are responsible for stealing billions of dollars from consumers and businesses.
- State Sponsored Hackers Depending on a person's perspective, these
  are either white hat or black hat hackers who steal government secrets,
  gather intelligence, and sabotage networks. Their targets are foreign
  governments, terrorist groups, and corporations. Most countries in the
  world participate to some degree in state-sponsored hacking.

#### CYBERCRIMINAL VERSUS CYBER HEROES

#### CYBERSECURITY SPECIALISTS

Thwarting the cyber criminals is a difficult task, company, government and international organisations have begun to take coordinated actions to limit or fend off cyber criminals. The coordinated actions include:

- Vulnerability Database: The Nation Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) database is an example of the development of a national database. The CVE National Database was developed to provide a publicly available database of all know vulnerabilities. <a href="http://www.cvedetails.com/">http://www.cvedetails.com/</a>
- Early Warning Systems: The Honeynet project is an example of creating Early Warning Systems. The project provides a HoneyMap which displays real-time visualisation of attacks. <a href="https://www.honeynet.org/">https://www.honeynet.org/</a>
- Share Cyber Intelligence: InfraGard is an example of wide spread sharing of cyber intelligence.
   The InfraGard program is a partnership between the US government and the private sector. The participants are dedicated to sharing information and intelligence to prevent hostile cyberattacks.
   <a href="https://www.infragard.org/">https://www.infragard.org/</a> Use <a href="https://www.auscert.org.au/">https://www.infragard.org/</a> Use <a href="https://www.auscert.org.au/">https://www.auscert.org.au/</a> similar organisation for our region



Weighted Average CVSS Score: 6.8

<u>Versions</u>

Other:

Microsoft Bulletins

Bugtrag Entries

**CWE Definitions** 

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#### External Links :

**NVD Website** 

Looking for OVAL (Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language) definitions? <a href="http://www.itsecdb.com">http://www.itsecdb.com</a> allows you to view exact details of OVAL(Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language) definitions and see exactly what you should do to verify a vulnerability. It is fully integrated with cvedetails so you will be able to see OVAL definitions related to a product or a CVE entry. Sample CVE entry with OVAL definitions: <a href="https://cve-2007-0994">CVE-2007-0994</a>

**www.cvedetails.com** provides an easy to use web interface to CVE vulnerability data. You can browse for vendors, products and versions and view cve entries, vulnerabilities, related to them. You can view statistics about vendors, products and versions of products. CVE details are displayed in a single, easy to use page, see a sample here.

CVE vulnerability data are taken from National Vulnerability Database (NVD) xml feeds provided by National Institute of Standards and

#### THREAT ARENAS

The following examples are just a few sources of data that can come from established organisations:

- Personal Information
- Medical Records
- Education Records
- Employment and Financial Records



#### THREAT ARENAS

Network services like DNS, HTTP and Online Databases are prime targets for cyber criminals.

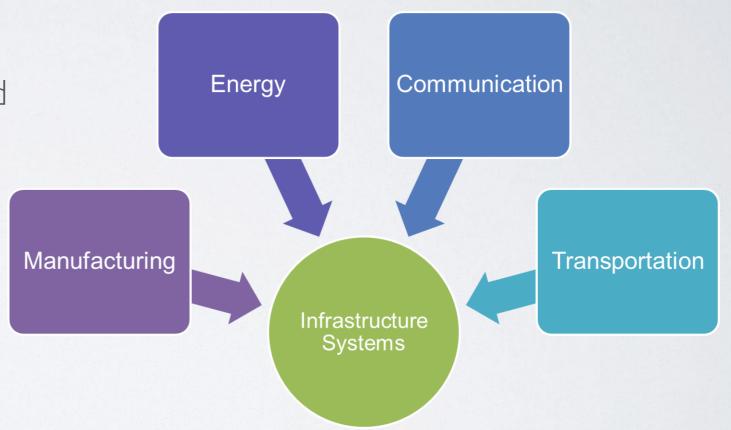
- Criminals use packet-sniffing tools to capture data streams over a network.
   Packet sniffers work by monitoring and recording all information coming across a network.
- Criminals can also use rogue devices, such as unsecured Wi-Fi access points.
- Packet forgery (or packet injection)
   interferes with an established network
   communication by constructing packets to appear as if they are part of a communication.



#### THREAT ARENAS

#### Sectors include:

- Manufacturing Industry Controls Automation SCADA
- Energy Production and Distribution Electrical Distribution and Smart Grid Oil and Gas
- Communication
   Phone
   Email
   Messaging
- Transportation systems
   Air Travel
   Rail
   Over the Road



#### THE SPREAD OF THE DARK FORCES

Attacks can originate from within an organisation or from outside of the organisation

#### **Internal Security Threats**

- · An internal user, such as an employee or contract partner (accidentally or intentionally)
- Internal threats have the potential to cause greater damage than external threats
  because internal users have direct access to the building and its infrastructure devices.
  Internal attackers typically have knowledge of the corporate network, its resources, and
  its confidential data. They may also have knowledge of security countermeasures,
  policies and higher levels of administrative privileges.

#### **External Security Threats**

- External threats from amateurs or skilled attackers can exploit vulnerabilities in networked devices, or can use social engineering, such as trickery, to gain access.
- External attacks exploit weaknesses or vulnerabilities to gain access to internal resources.

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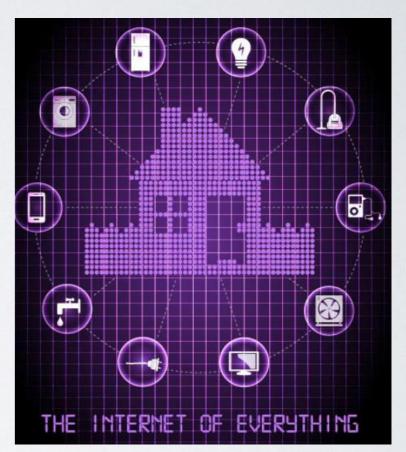
Vulnerabilities of Mobile Devices - In the past, employees typically used company-issued computers connected to a corporate LAN.

- Today, mobile devices such as iPhones, smartphones, tablets, are becoming powerful substitutes for, or additions to, the traditional PC.
- More and more people are using these devices to access enterprise information.
   Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is a growing trend.
- The inability to centrally manage and update mobile devices poses a growing threat to organisations that allow employee mobile devices on their networks.



#### THE SPREAD OF THE DARK FORCES

- Emergence Internet-of-Things The IoT) is the collection of technologies that enable the connection of various devices to the Internet.
- IoT technologies enable people to connect billions of devices to the Internet. These devices include appliances, locks, motors, and entertainment devices, to name just a few.
- This technology affects the amount of data that needs protection. Users access these devices remotely, which increases the number of networks requiring protection.
- With the emergence of IoT, there is much more data to be managed and secured. All of these connections, plus the expanded storage capacity and storage services offered through the Cloud and virtualisation, has led to the exponential growth of data.



#### THE SPREAD OF THE DARK FORCES

Impact of Big Data – Big data is the result of data sets that are large and complex, making traditional data processing applications inadequate. Big data poses both challenges and opportunities based on three dimensions:

- The volume or amount of data
- The velocity or speed of data
- The variety or range of data types and sources

There are numerous examples of big corporate hacks in the news. As a result, enterprise systems require dramatic changes in security product designs and substantial upgrades to technologies and practices. Additionally, governments and industries are introducing more regulations and mandates that require better data protection and security controls to help guard big data.



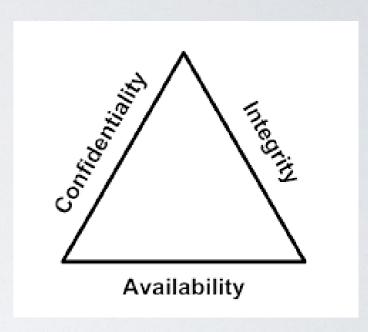
#### THE THREE DIMENSIONS

#### The Principles of Security

- · The first dimension identifies the goals to protect the cyber world.
- · These three principles are confidentiality, integrity and availability.
- The principles provide focus and enable us to prioritise actions in protecting the cyber world.

#### The States of Data

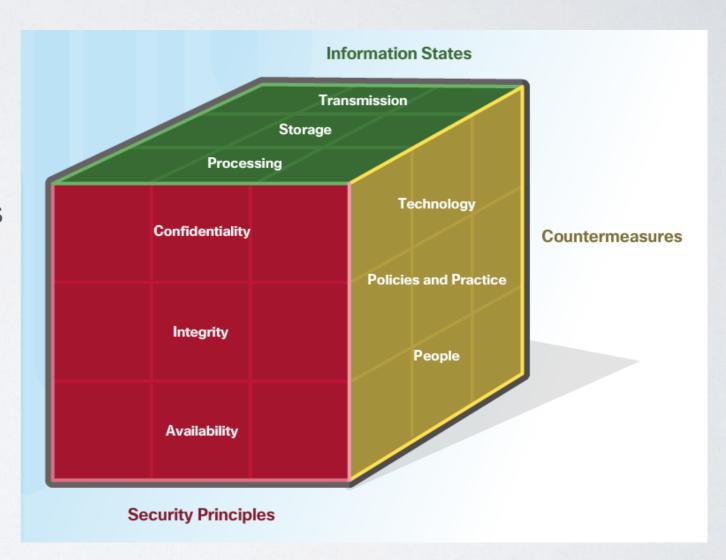
- The cyber world is a world of data; therefore focus on protecting data. The second dimension focuses on the problems of protecting all of the states of data in the cyber world. Data has three possible states:
  - 1) Data at rest or in storage 2) Data in transit 3) Data in process



### THE THREE DIMENSIONS (CONT.)

#### Cybersecurity Safeguards

- The third dimension of the cybersecurity cube defines the tools used to protect the cyber world.
- Technologies devices, and products available to protect information systems and fend off cyber criminals.
- Policies and Practices procedures, and guidelines that enable the citizens of the cyber world to stay safe and follow good practices.
- People Aware and knowledgeable about their world and the dangers that threaten their world.



#### CONFIDENTIALITY

#### The Principle of Confidentiality

- Confidentiality or privacy, prevents the disclosure of information to unauthorised people, resources and processes. Organisations need to train employees about best practices in safeguarding sensitive information to protect themselves and the organisation from attacks.
- Methods used to ensure confidentiality include data encryption, authentication, and access control.

#### **Protecting Data Privacy**

- Organisations collect a large amount of data and much of this data is not sensitive because it is publicly available, like names and telephone numbers.
- Other data collected, though, is sensitive. Sensitive information is data protected from unauthorised access to safeguard an individual or an organisation.



#### CONFIDENTIALITY

#### **Controlling Access**

Access control defines a number of protection schemes that prevent unauthorised access to a computer, network, database, or other data resources. The concepts of AAA involve three security services: Authentication, Authorisation and Accounting.

**Authentication** verifies the identity of a user to prevent unauthorised access.

**Authorisation** services determine which resources users can access, along with the operations that users can perform. **Accounting** keeps track of what users do, including what they access, the amount of time they access resources, and any changes made.



#### CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality and privacy seem interchangeable, but from a legal standpoint, they mean different things.

- Most privacy data is confidential, but not all confidential data is private.
   Access to confidential information occurs after confirming proper authorisation. Financial institutions, hospitals, medical professionals, law firms, and businesses handle confidential information.
- Confidential information has a non-public status. Maintaining confidentiality is more of an ethical duty.
- Privacy is the appropriate use of data. When organisations collect information provided by customers or employees, they should only use that data for its intended purpose.

#### INTEGRITY

#### Principle of Data Integrity

- · Integrity is the accuracy, consistency, and trustworthiness of data during its entire life cycle.
  - Another term for integrity is quality.
- Methods used to ensure data integrity include hashing, data validation checks, data consistency checks, and access controls.

#### Need for Data Integrity

- The need for data integrity varies based on how an organisation uses data. For example, Facebook does not verify the data that a user posts in a profile.
- A bank or financial organisation assigns a higher importance to data integrity. Transactions and customer accounts must be accurate.
- Protecting data integrity is a constant challenge for most organisations. Loss of data integrity can render entire data resources unreliable or unusable.

#### **Integrity Checks**

• An integrity check is a way to measure the consistency of a collection of data (a file, a picture, or a record). The integrity check performs a process called a hash function to take a snapshot of data at an instant in time.

#### **AVAILABILITY**

- Data availability is the principle used to describe the need to maintain availability of information systems and services at all times.
- Methods used to ensure availability include system redundancy, system backups, increased system resiliency, equipment maintenance, up-to-date operating systems and software, and plans in place to recover quickly from unforeseen disasters.
- High availability systems typically include three design principles: eliminate single points of failure, provide for reliable crossover, and detect failures as they occur.

Organisations can ensure availability by implementing the following:

- 1. Equipment maintenance
- 2. OS and system updates
- 3. Test backups
- 4. Plan for disasters
- 5. Implement new technologies
- 6. Monitor unusual activity
- 7. Test to verify availability

# Cybersecurity Countermeasures Technologies



#### Software-based Technology Safeguards

 Software safeguards include programs and services that protect operating systems, databases, and other services operating on workstations, portable devices, and servers.

#### Hardware-based Technology Safeguards

 Hardware based technologies are appliances that are installed within the network faculties. They can include: Firewall appliances, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS),Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) and Content filtering systems.

# Cybersecurity Countermeasures Technologies



#### **Network-based Technology Safeguards**

Technological countermeasures can also include network-based technologies.

- Virtual Private Network (VPN) is a secure virtual network that uses the public network (i.e., the Internet). The security of a VPN lies in the encryption of packet content between the endpoints that define the VPN.
- Network access control (NAC) requires a set of checks before allowing a
  device to connect to a network. Some common checks include up-to-data
  antivirus software or operating system updates installed.
- Wireless access point security includes the implementation of authentication and encryption.

# Cybersecurity Countermeasures Technologies



#### Cloud-based Technology Safeguards

- Cloud-based technologies shift the technology component from the organisation to the cloud provider.
- Software as a Service (SaaS) allows users to gain access to application software and databases. Cloud providers manage the infrastructure. Users store data on the cloud provider's servers.
- Infrastructure as a Service (laaS) provides virtualised computing resources over the Internet. The provider hosts the hardware, software, servers, and storage components.
- Virtual security appliances run inside a virtual environment with a prepackaged, hardened operating system running on virtualised hardware.

# Cybersecurity Countermeasures Implementing Cybersecurity Education and Training

A security awareness program is extremely important for an organisation. An employee may not be purposefully malicious but just unaware of what the proper procedures are.

There are several ways to implement a formal training program:

- Make security awareness training a part of the employee's on-boarding process
- Tie security awareness to job requirements or performance evaluations
- Conduct in-person training sessions
- Complete online courses



# Cybersecurity Countermeasures Cybersecurity Policies and Procedures

- A security policy is a set of security objectives for a company that includes rules of behaviour
  for users and administrators and specifies system requirements. These objectives, rules, and
  requirements collectively ensure the security of a network, the data, and the computer systems
  within an organisation.
- Standards help an IT staff maintain consistency in operating the network. Standards provide the technologies that specific users or programs need in addition to any program requirements or criteria that an organisation must follow.
- **Guidelines** are a list of suggestions on how to do things more efficiently and securely. They are similar to standards, but are more flexible and are not usually mandatory. Guidelines define how standards are developed and guarantee adherence to general security policies.
- Procedure documents are longer and more detailed than standards and guidelines. Procedure
  documents include implementation details that usually contain step-by-step instructions and
  graphics.

# Security Management Framework The ISO Model

Security professionals need to secure information from end-to-end within the organisation. This is a monumental task, and it is unreasonable to expect one individual to have all of the requisite knowledge.

The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) developed a comprehensive framework

to guide information security management. The ISO cybersecurity model is to cybersecurity professionals what the OSI networking model is to network engineers. Both provide a framework for understanding and approaching complex tasks.



### Security Management Framework The ISO Model

ISO/IEC 27000 is an information security standard published in 2005 and revised in 2013. ISO publishes the ISO 27000 standards. Even though the standards are not mandatory, most countries use them as a de facto framework for implementing information security.



Available here: http://standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/c066435\_ISO\_IEC\_27000\_2016(E).zip#en

#### Security Management Framework

### Using the ISO Cybersecurity Model

- The ISO 27000 is a universal framework
  - In order to use the framework effectively, an organisation must narrow down which domains, control objectives, and controls apply to its environment and operations.
- The ISO 27001 control objectives serve as a checklist.
  - The first step an organisation takes is to determine if these control objectives are applicable to the organisation.

ISO/IEC 27002 Section	Primary Objective		
	Confidentiality	Integrity	Availability
5			
5.1			
5.1.1	√	V	V
5.1.2	<b>√</b>	V	V
6			
6.1			
6.1.1	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$	1
6.1.2		V	~
6.1.3			1
6.1.4	V		$\checkmark$
6.1.5	1		
6.1.6	<b>√</b>	1	V
6.1.7	<b>√</b>	1	V
6.1.8	V	1	V

#### Security Management Framework

### Using the ISO Cybersecurity Model

#### The ISO Cybersecurity Model and the States of Data

- Different groups within an organisation may be responsible for data in each of the various states.
- For example, the network security group is responsible for data during transmission.
- Programmers and data entry people are responsible for data during processing.
- The hardware and server support specialists are responsible for stored data.

The ISO Controls specifically address security objectives for data in each of the three states.

ISO/IEC Controls Provide Direction

ISO/IEC Controls Directly Associated
To CIA Principles

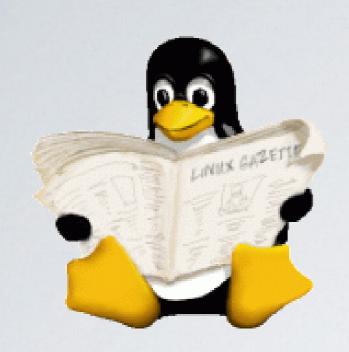
ISO/IEC Controls Reviewed to Determine Applicability

# Security Management Framework Using the ISO Cybersecurity Model

#### The ISO Cybersecurity Model and Safeguards

- The ISO 27001 control objectives relate directly to the organisation's cybersecurity policies, procedures and guidelines which upper management determines.
- The ISO 27002 controls provide technical direction. For example,
  management establishes a policy specifying the protection of all data coming
  in to or out of the organisation. Implementing the technology to meet the
  policy objectives would not involve management.
- It is the responsibility of IT professionals to properly implement and configure the equipment used to fulfil the policy directives set by management.

ISO/IEC 27000 ISO/IEC 27001 ISO/IEC 27002



# SERVER SECURITY

### WHAT IS A SECURE SYSTEM

- · Secure system is an abstract concept
- · Defined as "Robust", it depends on
  - what you need
  - · how much time you are willing to put in
  - · and what resources are at your disposal

### MOTIVATION FOR ATTACKS

Adversary	Goal
Student	To have fun snooping on people's e-mail
Cracker	To test out someone's security system; steal data
Sales rep	To claim to represent all of Europe, not just Andorra
Businessman	To discover a competitor's strategic marketing plan
Ex-employee	To get revenge for being fired
Accountant	To embezzle money from a company
Stockbroker	To deny a promise made to a customer by e-mail
Con man	To steal credit card numbers for sale
Spy	To learn an enemy's military or industrial secrets
Terrorist	To steal germ warfare secrets

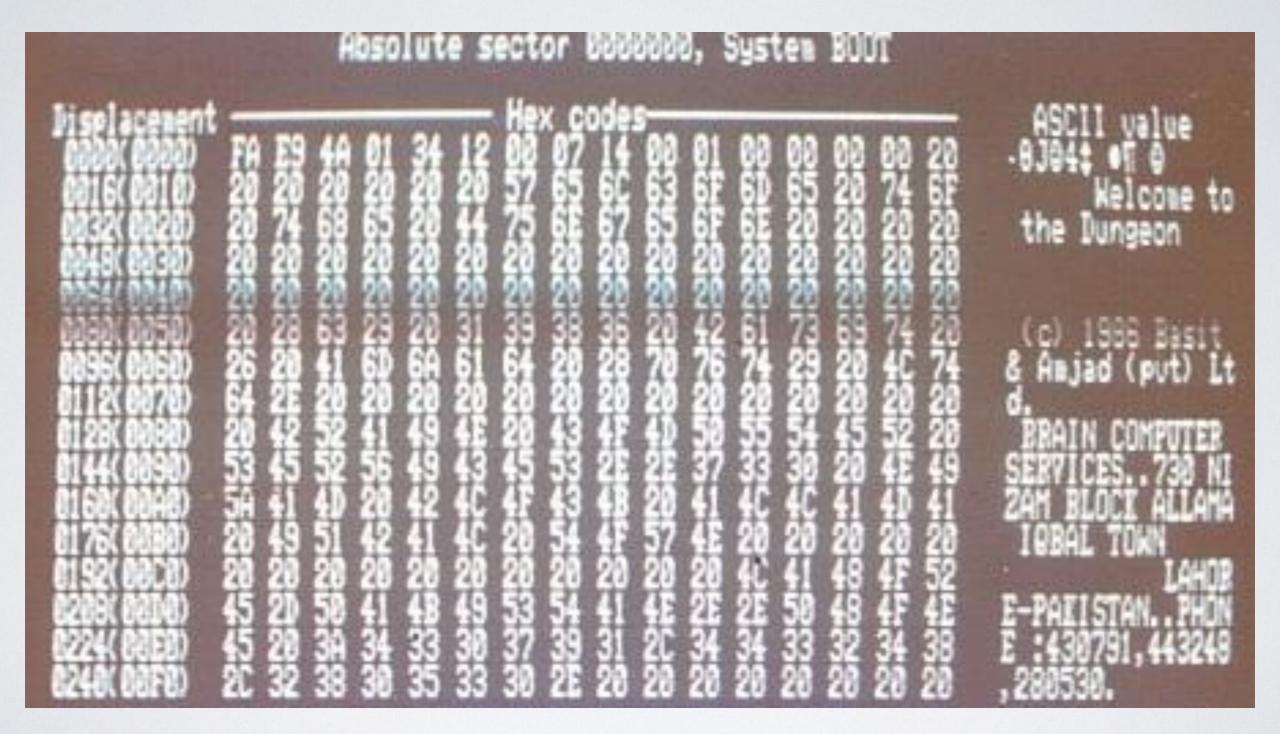
Source: "Computer Networks" by Andrew Tanenbaum

### FIRST COMPUTER VIRUS

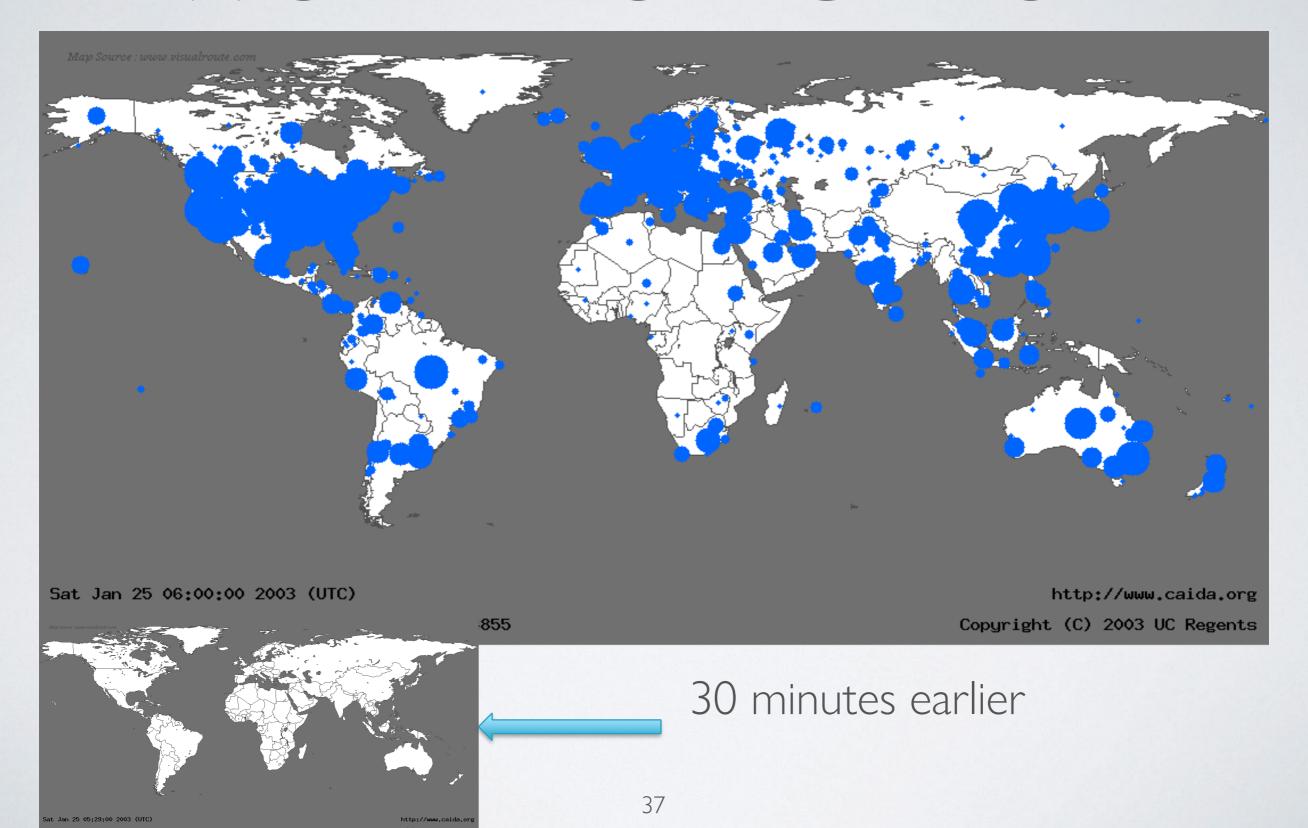
- · Replaces the boot sector of a floppy
  - The real boot sector is moved to another sector and marked as bad.

Welcome to the Dungeon © 1986 Brain & Amjads (pvt) Ltd VIRUS\_SHOE RECORD V9.0 Dedicated to the dynamic memories of millions of viruses who are no longer with us today - Thanks GOODNESS!! BEWARE OF THE er..VIRUS: this program is catching program follows after these messages....\$#@%\$@!!

# ©BRAIN VIRUS 1986



### WORM PROPAGATION



### SLAMMER

- The Sapphire Worm (also called Slammer) was the fastest computer worm in history.
- Doubled every 8.5 seconds infecting more than 90 percent of vulnerable hosts within 10 minutes.
- Infection started just before 05:30 UTC on Jan 25 2003.
  - Exploited a buffer overflow vulnerability in Microsoft's SQL Server or MSDE 2000
  - This weakness in an underlying indexing service was discovered in July 2002
- The worm infected at least 75,000 hosts
- Several disassembled versions of the source code of the worm are available.

### SPOOFING

- Phishing
- Joe Job
- Look at headers
  - Compare the From address to the Message-ID domain
  - Note @scheduler
    - Not a valid dns or match

#### Message-ID:

1102074045742.1102067540733.15299.8.13145606@scheduler

From: Cell Labs wholesale@celllabsinc.com

Message-ID: <000a01c89b7b\$05eea358\$d988ba94@xwhhef>

From: "hezekiah nancy" <taylor@spamtest.com>

220 dragon.cucat.org ESMTP Exim 4.72 Mon, 11 Apr 2011 11:21:58 +0800

HELO mail.here.org

250 dragon.cucat.org Hello chem-trebblem.eng.cage.curtin.edu.au [134.7.43.165]

DNS lookup

MAIL FROM: "Santa Claus" <santaclaus@northpole.net>

250 OK

RCPT To: <Bill@here.com>

550 relay not permitted

Disable relay

RCPT To: <iain@cucat.org>

250 Accepted

DATA

354 Enter message, ending with "." on a line by itself

From: Santa Claus <santaclaus@northpole.net>

To: billgates@microsoft.com

Subject: Linux is better

Roses are #0000FF

Violets are #FF0000

Text entered

All my base

Are belong to you!

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250 OK id=1Q97kX-00057f-AK

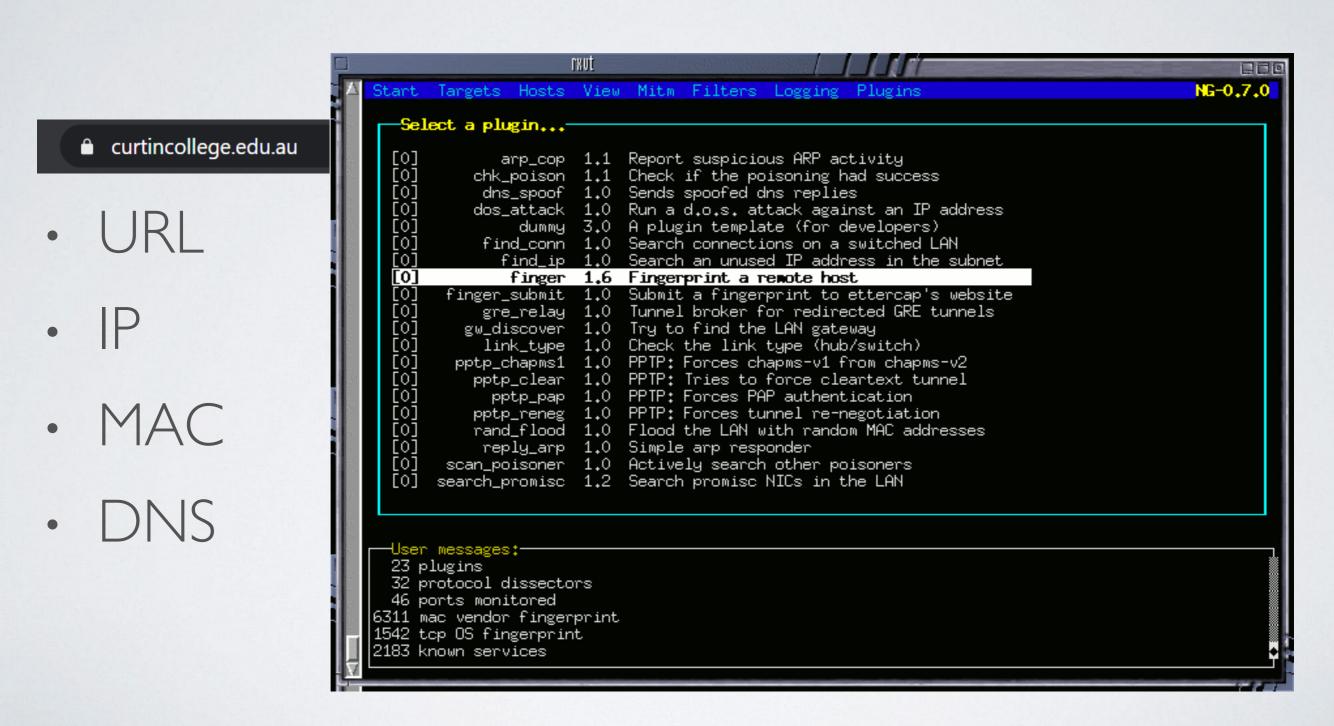
quit

221 dragon.cucat.org closing connection

Connection closed by foreign host.

But a fake mail is created!!

### OTHER SPOOFING



### PASSWORD MANAGEMENT

- You really don't want to be the second person to try to crack your users passwords
- Brute force tries every possibility
- Dictionary attacks try passwords based on words (and combinations of words in a dictionary)
- Password salts
  - Random values used as an input, along with a password, to a key derivation function
  - The result is stored as the encrypted password
  - The salt value may or may not be protected as a secret
  - The salt data makes it more difficult to conduct a dictionary attack using preencryption of dictionary entries, as each bit of salt used doubles the amount of storage and computation required

# PASSWORD MANAGEMENT (CONT.)

#### Windows

- Stores local passwords in the SAM
- Stores domain passwords in AD

#### Linux

- Stores local passwords in either /etc/passwd OR /etc/shadow
- Stores network based passwords in the NIS database

### PASSWORD MANAGEMENT

- LOphtCrack attempts to crack Windows passwords from hashes
   which it can obtain (given proper access) from stand-alone Windows
   workstations, networked servers, primary domain controllers, or
   Active Directory.
- In some cases it can sniff the hashes off the wire.
- It has numerous methods of generating password guesses (dictionary, brute force, etc).
  - LC5 was discontinued by Symantec in 2006, then re-acquired by the original L0pht guys and reborn as LC6 in 2009.
  - free alternatives <u>ophcrack</u>, <u>Cain and Abel</u>, or <u>John the Ripper</u>. For downloads and more information, <u>visit the LOphtCrack homepage</u>.

# PERMISSIONS (YET AGAIN)

#### · SUID & SGID

- Check when owned by root or wheel
- Find using find -perm 4000 /
- Remove if possible
- Close all unnecessary services
- Use TCP Wrappers all other ports
- Write permission to all (xx2) are dangerous
- · .rhosts file
  - This sets which hosts are trusted, look out for + entries (matches any user eg name)

The term wheel refers to a user account with a wheel bit, a system setting that provides additional special system privileges that empower a user to execute restricted commands that ordinary user accounts cannot access

### MONITOR YOUR COMPUTER

### Be the hacker yourself

Check for scripts and exploits which might be used against you

### Port scan your machine regularly

ensure no ports and services are open unless necessary

#### Firewall

- Hiding behind a firewall might help in reducing hackability
  - · though those who pass it, are likely to be a better class of hacker

### SCANNING

- Scanning, as a method for discovering exploitable communication channels, has been around for ages. The idea is to probe as many listeners as possible, and keep track of the ones that are receptive or useful to your particular need. Much of the field of advertising is based on this paradigm, and the "to current resident" brute force style of bulk mail is an almost perfect parallel to what we will discuss. Just stick a message in every mailbox and wait for the responses to trickle back. ....
- We send a blizzard of packets for various protocols, and we deduce which services are listening from the responses we receive (or don't receive).
  - Fyodor, creator of nmap.

- Nmap network port scanner
  - Checks hosts for servers listening on ports
    - -sP IP range scanning (via ICMP echo requests, called a "ping sweep")

```
# nmap -sP 192.168.7.0/24
Starting nmap V. 2.12
Host (192.168.7.11) appears to be up.
Host (192.168.7.12) appears to be up.
Host (192.168.7.76) appears to be up.
Nmap run completed -- 256 IP addresses (3 hosts up)
scanned in 1 second
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- port scanning (TCP)
  - -sA (ACK flag scan from SYN SYN/ACK ACK)
    - Does not determine open ports
    - Maps firewall rulesets (check if stateful and/or filtered)
    - On unfiltered systems, open/closed ports both return a RST
    - No response or error messages labeled filtered
  - -sT (TCP connect() scan)
    - Attempts to make a standard TCP connection
    - Slower and more likely to be noticed by target
  - -sS (SYN flag scan or half-open scan)
    - Send SYN packet and then wait for a response
    - A SYN/ACK indicates the port is listening (open)
    - A RST (reset) is indicative of a non-listener
    - No response or error messages labeled filtered
  - Other scans: Stealth FIN, Xmas tree, Null, OS detect

Sample results from an nmap scan:

Port	State	Protoc	ol Service
7	Open	tcp	echo
9	Open	tcp	discard
21	Open	tcp	ftp
23	Open	tcp	telnet
25	Open	tcp	smtp

- Nessus "next generation" port scanner
  - Client/Server pair
  - Does not assume a given service will be running on the standard port
  - Attempts to exploit service to determine susceptibility
  - Modular design, so new security checks can be easily added
  - NeWT
    - essentially Nessus for Windows
    - Combines client/server into single package

#### Sample results from a NeWT scan:

- ftp (21/tcp)
  - Port is open Plugin ID: 11219
  - An unknown service is running on this port.
     It is usually reserved for FTP Plugin ID: 10330
  - An unknown service runs on this port. Solution: if a trojan horse is running, run a good antivirus scanner Risk factor: Low Plugin ID: 11157
- netbios-ssn (139/tcp)
  - Port is open Plugin ID: 11219
  - An SMB server is running on this port Plugin ID: 11011

### FIREWALLS

- A firewall is hardware or software that regulates data flow to a secured network by filtering data originating from unsecured or untrusted sources.
  - Port Blocking
  - Application exception
  - ACLs

### FIREWALLS

- Firewalls identify and block traffic to/from your network
  - · Some forms of firewalls include
    - Packet filters
    - Stateful filters
    - Application level filters
    - Proxies

#### Packet filters

- Operate on packets, protocols, connections and ports.
- Decision making based on:
  - Where a packet is coming from
  - Where a packet is going
  - What protocol the packet is using
  - What connection port it is wanting
- Determine if the packet can pass, and if so where to send the packet

#### Stateful filtering

- Track significant attributes of connections. (ex. IP addrs., ports, packet sequence numbers.)
- Basis in TCP's three-way handshake.
  - Client makes a request (SYN), server responds (SYN/ACK), client acknowledges response (ACK).
  - Once the handshake is complete, the connection is considered to be "established"
- Other packets for this session are checked to determine whether they belongs to the existing, pre-screened session.
- · Once the session has ended, its entry in the state-table is discarded.
- Some stateful firewalls pass all outgoing packets but only allow incoming packets that are part of an established connection.
- UDP problem

- Application level filter/gateway/proxy
  - Filter based on packet contents;
    - · these can filter packets at the application layer of the OSI model
  - Incoming or outgoing packets cannot access services for which there is no proxy.
    - (Eg. An application level filter that is configured for web traffic will not allow any other type of traffic through.)
  - This type of firewall can filter application specific commands (eg. http:post and get, etc.)
  - · Application level filters can also be used to log user activity and logins
  - · These are very secure, but come with a performance impact

#### Proxy servers

- A service that allows clients to make indirect network connections to other network services
- The client sends its request for a resource to the proxy server
  - eg. a web connection
- The proxy then makes the request on the client's behalf (or in some cases, provides the resource via its cache)
- In some cases, the proxy may alter the client's request or the server's response for various purposes

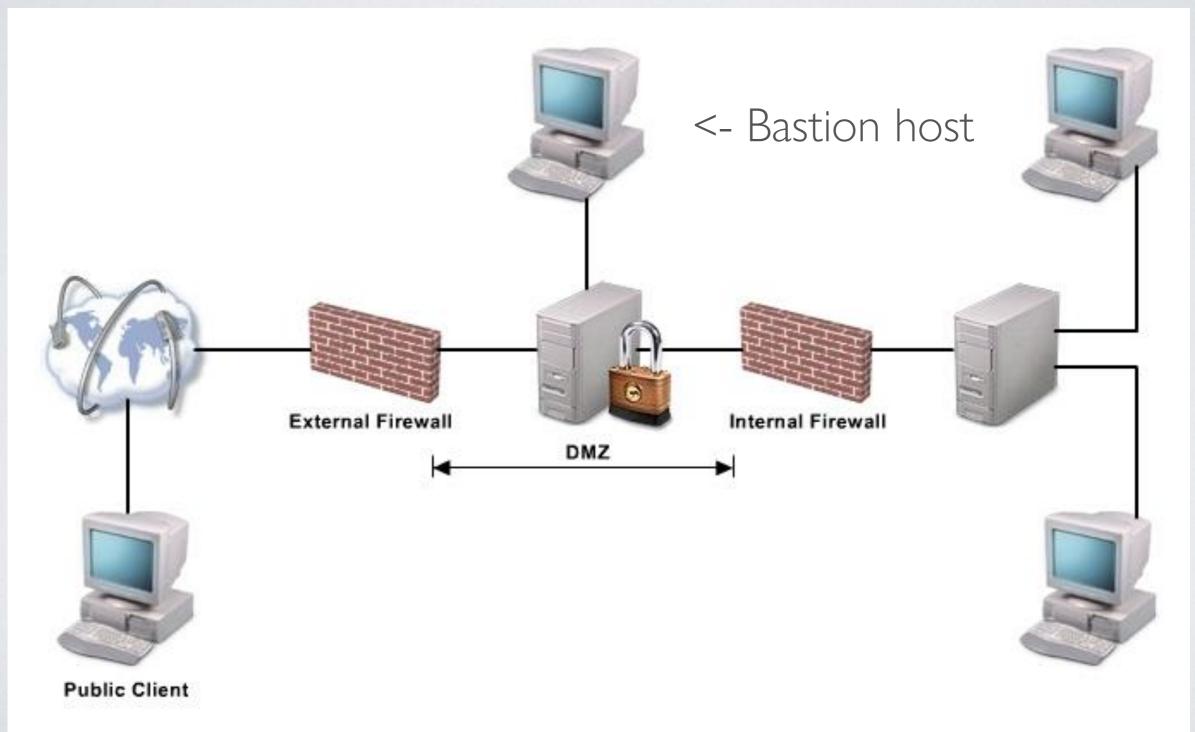
- Access control via "listing"
  - Blacklisting control by blocking access
  - Whitelisting control by allowing access
  - Greylisting control by blocking, then allowing
- Think Blue Coat ProxySG (old)
  - Symantec ProxySG and Advanced Secure Gateway (ASG)

### DMZ

#### A Demilitarised Zone

- allows connections from internal and external hosts, allows outward connections, but prohibits inward connections.
- Hosts in the DMZ's can provide external services while protecting the internal network in case a host in the DMZ is compromised.
  - A small section of a private network is made available for public access.
  - A DMZ enables external clients to access data on private systems without compromising the security of the internal network as a whole.
  - The external firewall enables public clients to access the service; the internal firewall prevents them from connecting to protected internal hosts.

## DMZ



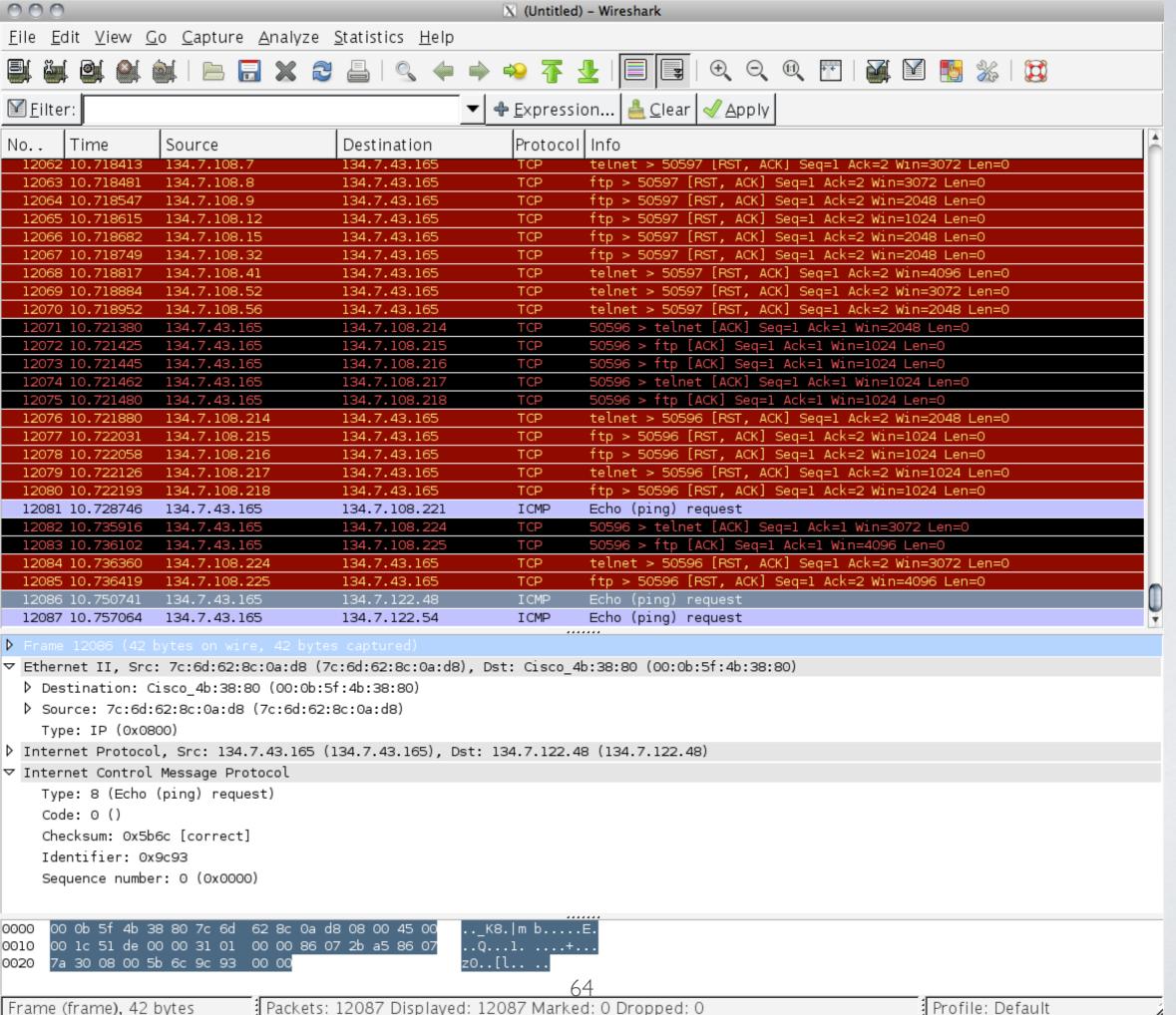
#### Bastion host

- Outside the DMZ, unprotected by a firewall or filtering router (possibly)
- May be a secure gateway or may provide services.
- Generally fulfils a specific role
- All unnecessary services, protocols, programs, and network ports are disabled or removed
- Do not share authentication services with trusted hosts within the network; so that if it is compromised the intruder will still not have 'the keys to the castle'
- "Hardened" to limit potential methods of attack.

### SYSTEM CHANGES

#### Tripwire

- Software driven/host based intrusion detection system
- Intruders usually leave traces of their activities (changes in the system state)
- Looks for and reports on state changes of the system
- Tripwire monitors static attributes of files: binary signatures, size, expected changes in size, etc.
- This can also be useful for integrity assurance, change management, policy compliance, etc.



Frame (frame), 42 bytes

Packets: 12087 Displayed: 12087 Marked: 0 Dropped: 0