SECURITY (COMP0141): EXAMPLE THREAT MODELLING



EXAMPLE: ELECTRONIC VOTING



what is the threat model for electronic voting?

Pac-Man installed on voting machine without breaking tamper seals

ELECTRONIC VOTING: THREATS

Threats (who is the adversary?)

Capabilities?

Motivation?

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Vote as someone else (S)

Rig the election (T)

Learn someone's vote (I)

Prevent others from voting (D)

ELECTRONIC VOTING: VULNERABILITIES

Vulnerabilities (where can system break?)

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Weak cryptography/design

Software/hardware defects

Hardware defects

Software defects

Machine access before/after election

ELECTRONIC VOTING: LIKELIHOOD

Likelihood (might this happen?)

Motivation

Capabilities

Vulnerabilities

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Rig the election

yes!

Capabilities

Manufacturer of EVM

Janitor

Vulnerabilities

Hardware defects

Access to machines

Vote as someone

yes!

Voter

Software engineer

Weak cryptography

Rig the election

no!

Election official

Hardware defects

ELECTRONIC VOTING: IMPACT

Impact (what if bad things happen?)

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Impact (what if bad things happen?)

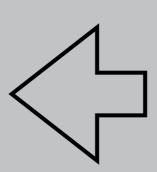
Scale

Small group

Huge!

Small to large group

Small to large group



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ELECTRONIC VOTING: PROTECTION

Protection (what does it cost?)

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ELECTRONIC VOTING: PROTECTION

Protection (what does it cost?)

Cost

Expensive (binary)

Cheap - expensive

Expensive

Cheap - expensive

Cheap (risk management)

Vulnerabilities

Weak cryptography/design

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EXAMPLE: HACKING CARS



what is the threat model for driving a car?

ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 07.21.15 6:00 AM

HACKERS REMOTELY KILL A JEEP ON THE HIGHWAY—WITH ME IN IT

La Jolla, California 92093-0404

Email: {s,dlmccoy,brian,d8anders,hovav,savage}@cs.ucsd.edu

DRIVING A CAR: THREATS

Threats (who is the adversary?)

Capabilities?

Motivation?

Passenger(s)

Crash the car! (T)

Manufacturer

Hacker

Other driver(s)

???

DRIVING A CAR: VULNERABILITIES

Vulnerabilities (where can system break?)

Capabilities?

Vulnerabilities

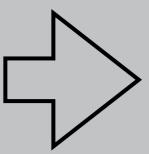
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DRIVING A CAR: LIKELIHOOD

Likelihood (might this happen?)

Motivation

Capabilities

Vulnerabilities

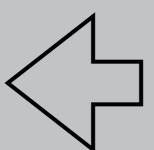
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Impact (what if bad things happen?)

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Motivation?

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DRIVING A CAR: PROTECTION

Protection (what does it cost?)

Cost

Vulnerabilities

