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Cyber Security

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Motivation

Zoom boss apologises for **security** issues and promises fixes

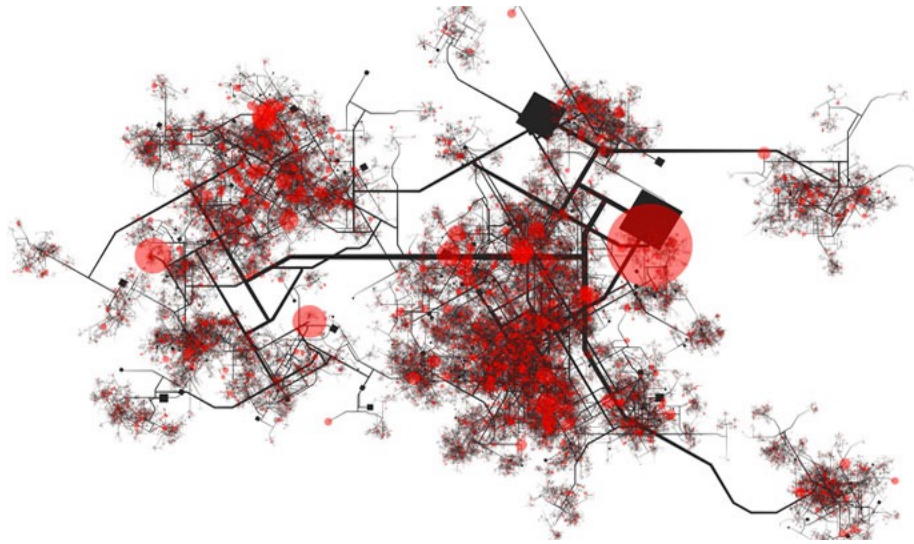


Zoom is to pause the development of any new features to concentrate on **safety** and **privacy** issues, in the wake of criticism from users of the app

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-52133349>

Motivation

COVID-19 Contact Tracing Apps Spotlight Privacy, Security Rights



As tech giants like Microsoft, Google, and Apple move to craft the APIs behind COVID-19 contact tracing apps, privacy advocates rush to ensure the protection of privacy and cybersecurity rights

<https://healthitsecurity.com/news/covid-19-contact-tracing-apps-spotlight-privacy-security-rights>

Motivation

UK, US warn of state-backed coronavirus hacks



Hackers attempting to steal intelligence on Western responses to **coronavirus**, including vaccines, say cyber security bodies

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/uk-us-warn-of-state-backed-coronavirus-hacks/1830102>

Motivation

Yahoo 'state' hackers stole data from 500 million users



<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-37447016>

Motivation

Could a hacker hijack your connected car?

In 2015, 15% of car recalls in the US were related to software errors, up from 5% four years before.



[Hackers showed two years ago that they could remotely take control of a Chrysler Jeep.](http://www.bbc.com/news/business-41367214)

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Motivation

Russian Hacking Attacks Could 'Flood Us Cities With Sewage' And Cause Deadly Explosions



<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/russian-hacking-attacks-us-power-grid-sewage-explosions-a8462691.html>

Motivation

Stalkerware: The software that spies on your partner



Amy says it all started when her husband seemed to know intimate **details** about her **friends**.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-50166147>

Before Starting

Elon Musk quits AI ethics research group

Technology billionaire Elon Musk has quit the board of the research group he co-founded to look into the ethics of artificial intelligence.



<http://www.bbc.com/news/43154732>

Before Starting

Barclays scraps 'Big Brother' staff tracking system

Barclays says it has scrapped a system that tracked the time employees spent at their desks and sent warnings to those spending too long on breaks.



<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-51570401>

Motivation



Security vulnerabilities
and attacks

We need secure systems!

Item	2014 Cost
1,000 Stolen Email Addresses	\$0.50 to \$10
Credit Card Details	\$0.50 to \$20
Scans of Real Passports	\$1 to \$2
Stolen Gaming Accounts	\$10 to \$15
Custom Malware	\$12 to \$3500
1,000 Social Network Followers	\$2 to \$12
Stolen Cloud Accounts	\$7 to \$8
1 Million Verified Email Spam Mail-outs	\$70 to \$150
Registered and Activated Russian Mobile Phone SIM Card	\$100
Value of Information Sold on Black Market	

Economic losses

What security is about in real world?

Protection of **assets**



What security is about in real world?

How?

Prevention: prevent your assets from being **damaged** or **stolen**, such as hire a guard



What security is about in real world?

How?

Detection: detect **when**, **how**, and by **whom** an asset has been damaged, such as alarms



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Reaction: **recover** your assets, such as call police or make an insurance claim.



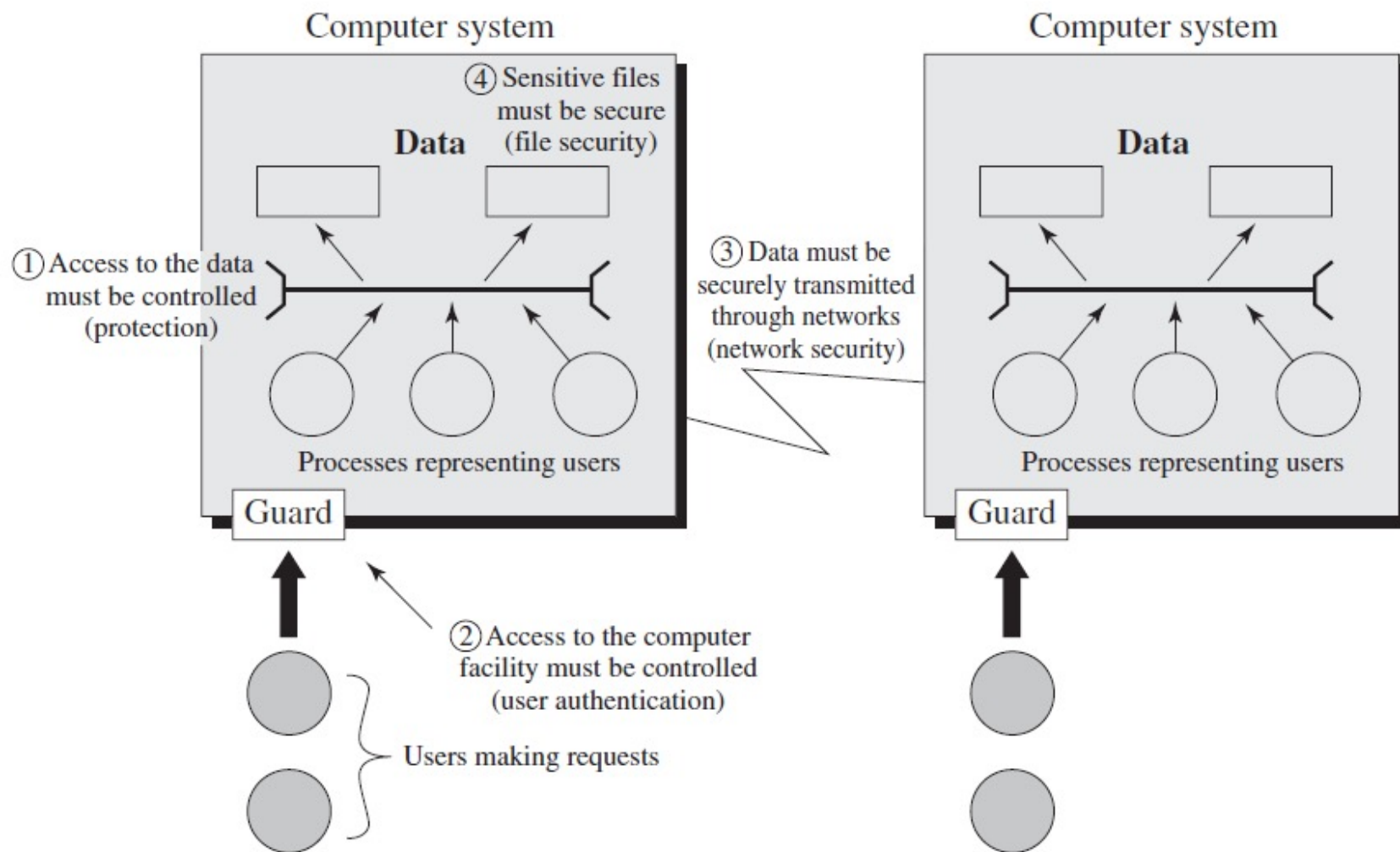
What is computer security?

- It deals with **computer related assets** that are subject to a **variety of threats** and for which various measures are taken to **protect those assets**. (Stallings and Brown)

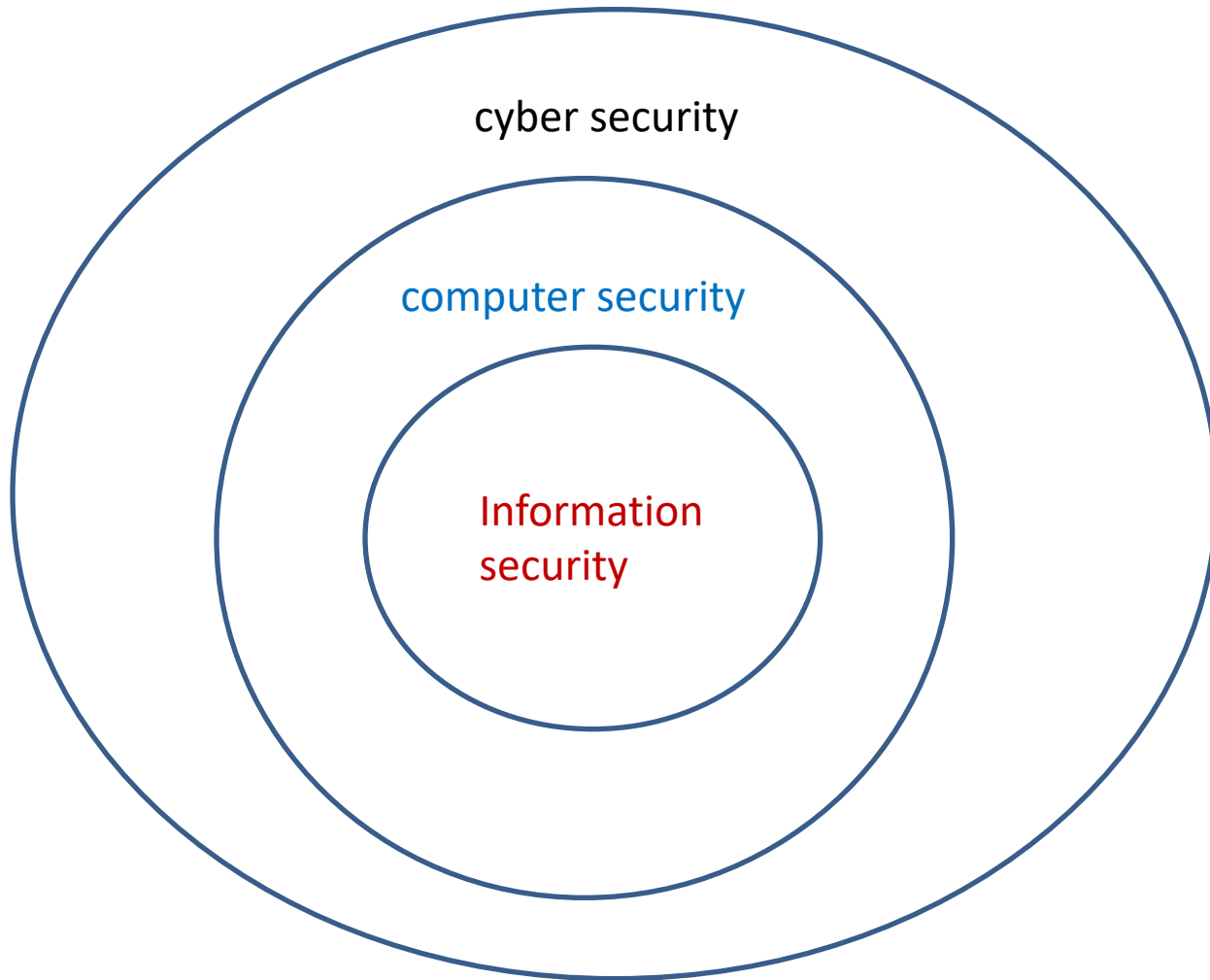


- The **protection** afforded to an **automated** information system in order to attain the applicable objectives of preventing the **integrity, availability, and confidentiality of information** system resources. (NIST Computer Security Handbook)

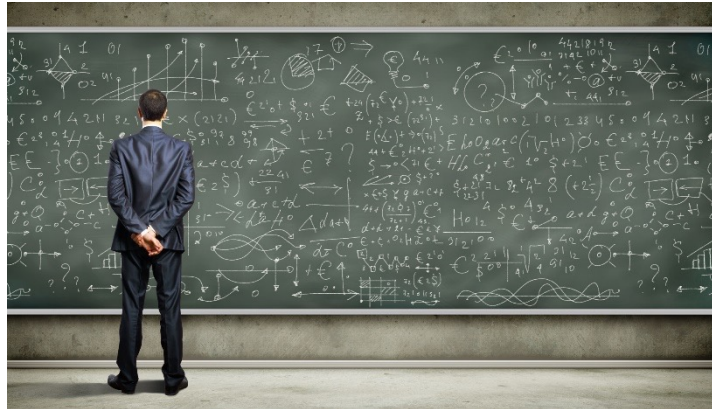
What is computer security?



Cyber Security



Assets



- Hardware
- Software
- Data
- Communication lines and networks

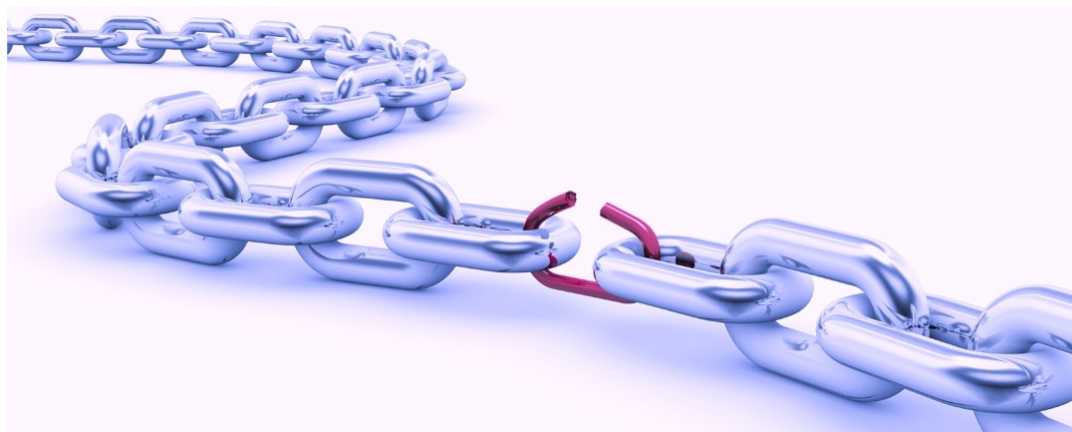
Threat

- A potential for **violating security**.
- A threat is a possible **danger** that might **exploit** a **vulnerability**.

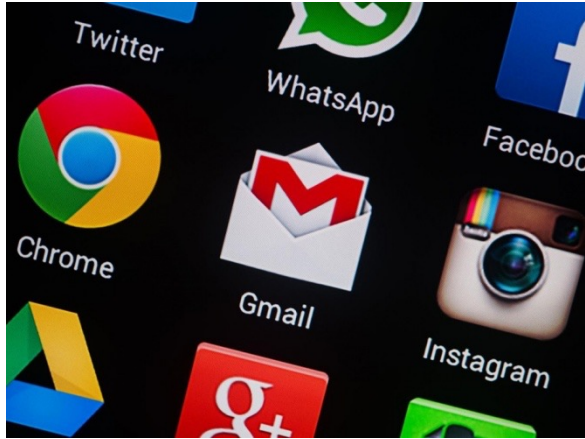


Vulnerability

A **flaw** or **weakness** in a system's **design**, **implementation**, or **management** that could be exploited to **violate** the system's **security policy**.

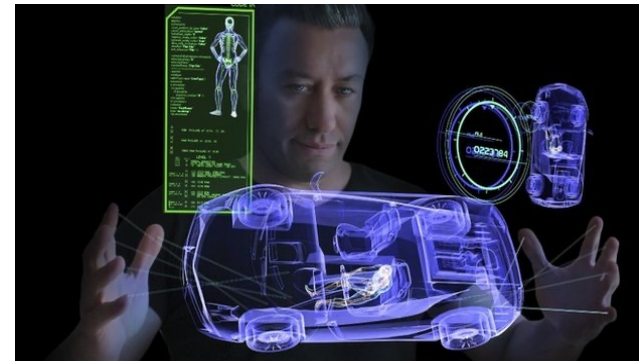


Attacks



- Destroy information
- Steal information

- Blocking to operate properly (denial of service)
- Physical damage
 - Hi-tech cars are security risk, warn researchers
(<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-28886463>)



Countermeasure

An **action**, **device**, **procedure**, or **technique** that **reduces** a **threat**, a **vulnerability**, or an **attack**.

How?

- Eliminating or preventing
 - Minimizing the harm
 - Discovering and reporting
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- **Thus:** **corrective** action can be taken.



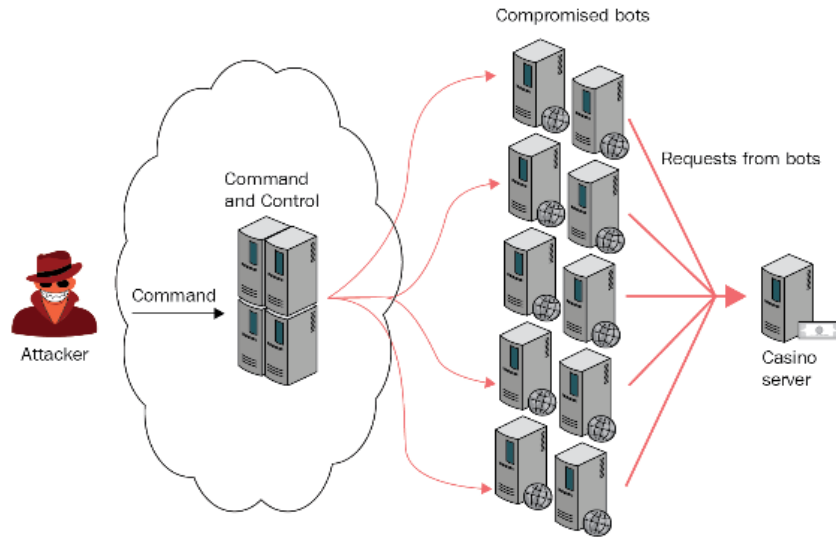
Some Security Courses

- Computer Security
- Cryptography
- Network Security
- Software Security
- Secure Programming
- Security and Privacy
- Security in Financial Information Systems
- **Hacking**
- More....



Research

Machine Learning and Security



Attack detection/prediction/defense applications

- DOS/DDOS attacks
- XSS attacks
- Targeted attacks
- Attacks on connected vehicles
- Attacks on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)
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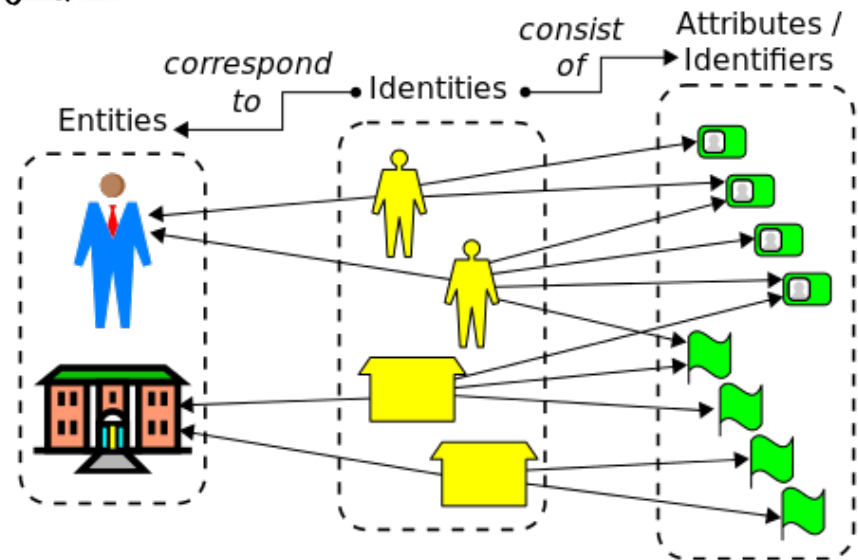
Malware Analysis and Detection

- Virus
- Trojan
- Spyware
- Ransomware
- Rootkit
- Botnet
- Worm
- ...

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push    offset aGlobalMswinzon ; "Global\\MswinZonesCacheCounterMutexA"
lea     eax, [ebp+Dest]
push    offset aSD              ; The sprintf format "%s%d" appends a "0" to the end of the mutex name
push    eax                    ; Dest
call    ds:sprintf              ; Global\\MswinZonesCacheCounterMutexA0
xor     esi, esi
add     esp, 10h
cmp     [ebp+arg_0], esi
jle     short loc_401F4C

; CODE XREF: check_mutex+4B↓j
lea     eax, [ebp+Dest]
push    eax                    ; lpName
push    1                      ; bInheritHandle
push    100000h                ; dwDesiredAccess
call    ds:OpenMutexA          ; Check for existence of mutex
test    eax, eax
jnz     short loc_401F51        ; If this mutex exists, the malware exits
push    1000                   ; dwMilliseconds
call    ds:Sleep
inc     esi                    ; Increment the counter
cmp     esi, [ebp+arg_0]        ; Compares the incrementer to the value 60, effectively
; performing this mutex check each second for one minute
jl      short loc_401F26
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Trust, Privacy, and Identity Management



More on Research

<https://web.itu.edu.tr/bahtiyars/SB-Research.html>

Questions