Computer Systems Security CSE 628A

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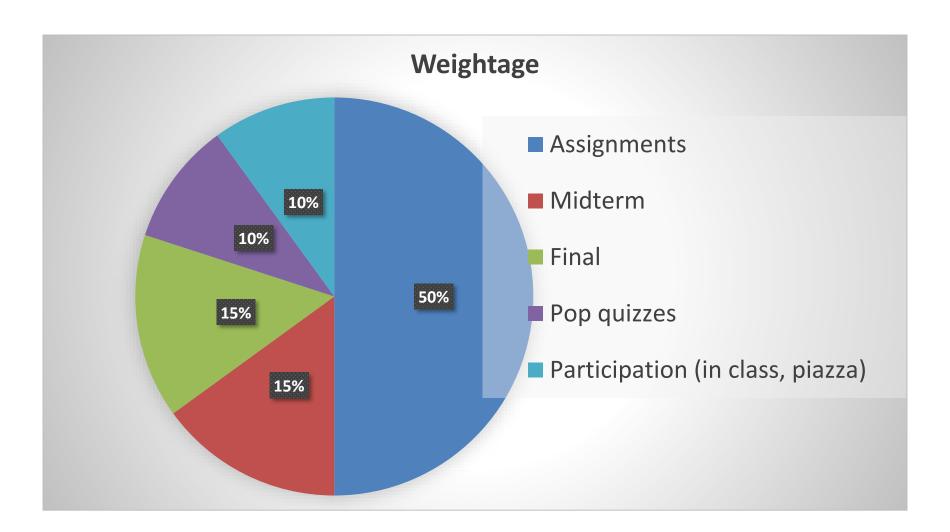
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Links

- Piazza signup link:
 - https://piazza.com/iitk.ac.in/secondsemester2019/cs628
- Moodle course:
 - https://moodle.cse.iitk.ac.in/course/view.php?id=139
 - Assignments will be posted on moodle
- Course webpage:
 - https://web.cse.iitk.ac.in/users/spramod/courses/cs628-2019/
 - Slides and readings will be posted under schedule

Grading



Expectations/Advice

- 1. Ensure you have the background knowledge
- 2. Come to the classes and participate
- 3. Study after each class
- 4. Post and answer questions on piazza
- 5. Actually read the readings
- 6. Start the homeworks early

Remember, your goal is to learn the material

Background/Preparation

- Computer organization (assembly language, TLBs, demand paging, privilege separation)
- Operating systems (processes, threads, heaps, stacks, page tables, permissions, etc.)
- Networks (IP, TCP, UDP, basic knowledge of SSL/TLS, BGP, etc.)
- Ability to read, write and understand programs

Pop Quiz 0

- Will be posted on Moodle tonight
- Deadline for submission in 24 hours
- Should not take you more than 10 minutes
- You get 100% of the points if you answer at least one question correctly

Module 0: Introduction

Context and Landscape

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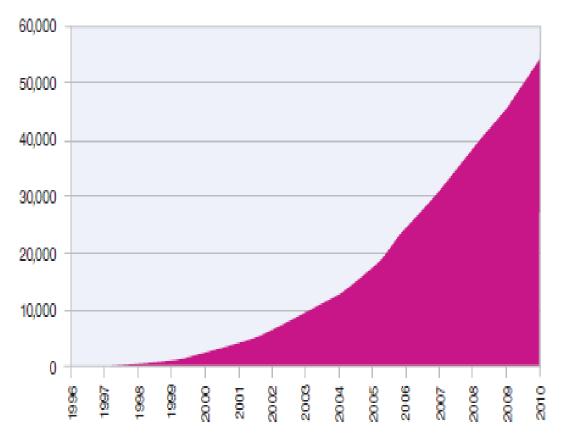
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 - 2. Marketplace for owned machines
 - 3. Methods to profit from owned client machines

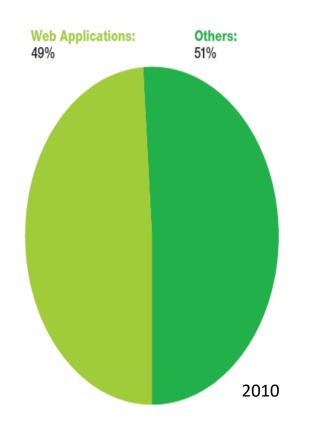
MITRE tracks vulnerability disclosures

Cumulative Disclosures 1996-2010



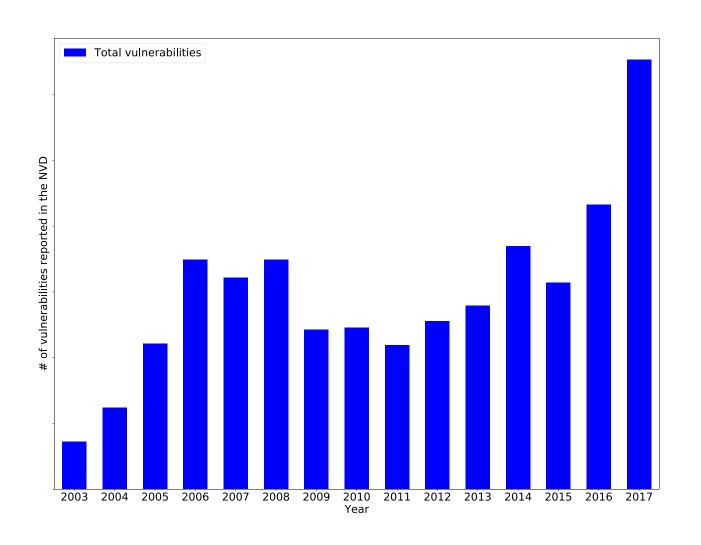
Percentage from Web applications

as a Percentage of All Disclosures in 2010

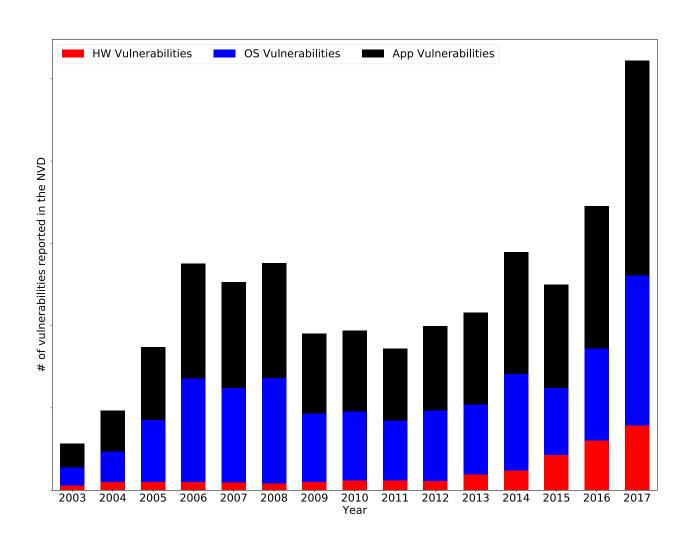


Source: IBM X-Force, Mar 2011 Data: http://cve.mitre.org/

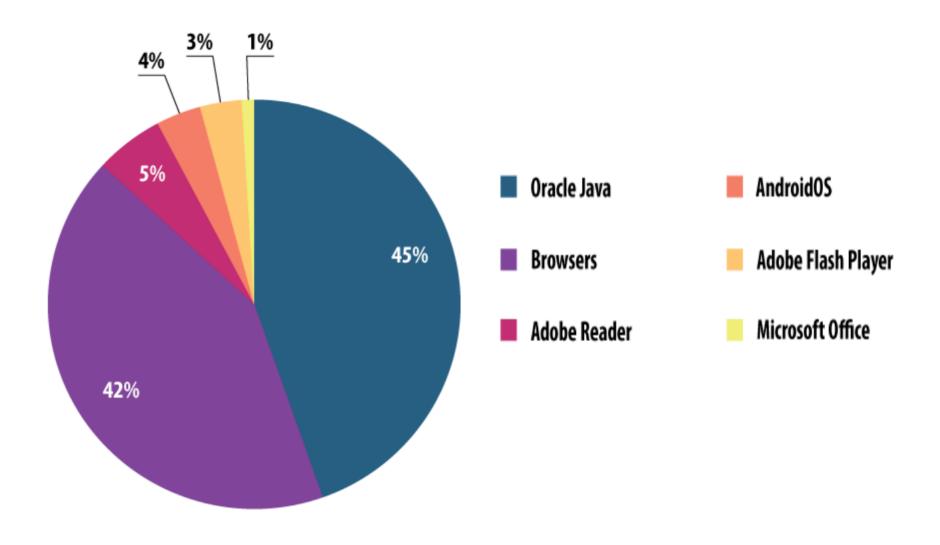
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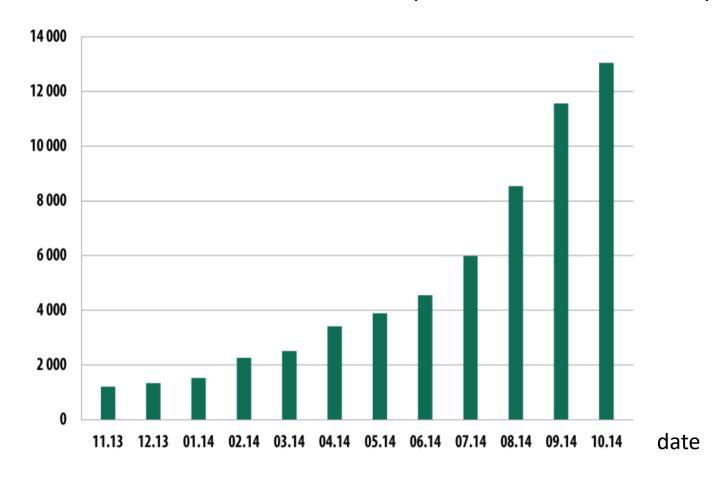
Vulnerable applications being exploited



Source: Kaspersky Security Bulletin 2014

Mobile malware

(Nov. 2013 - Oct. 2014)



The rise of mobile banking Trojans (Kaspersky Security Bulletin 2014)



Introduction

Sample attacks

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Why own machines: (1) IP address and bandwidth stealing

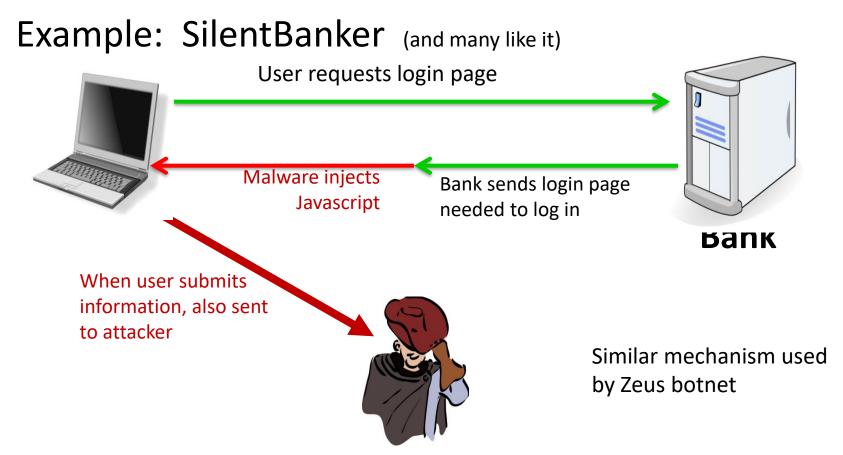
Attacker's goal: look like a random Internet user

Use IP address of infected machine or phone for:

- **Spam** (e.g. the storm botnet)
 - 1:12M pharma spams leads to purchase
 - 1:260K greeting card spams leads to infection
- **Denial of Service:** Services: 1 hour (\$20), 24 hours (100\$)
- Click fraud (e.g. Clickbot.a)

Why own machines: (2) Steal user credentials and inject ads

keylog for banking passwords, web passwords, gaming pwds.



Server-side attacks

- Financial data theft: often credit card numbers
 - Example: Target attack (2013), ≈ 140M CC numbers stolen
 - Many similar (smaller) attacks since 2000
- Political motivation:
 - Aurora, Tunisia Facebook (Feb. 2011), GitHub (Mar. 2015)

Infect visiting users

Example: Mpack

- PHP-based tools installed on compromised web sites
 - Embedded as an iframe on infected page
 - Infects browsers that visit site
- Features
 - Management console provides stats on infection rates
 - Sold for several hundred dollars
 - Customer care can be purchased, one-year support contract
- Impact: 500,000 infected sites (compromised via SQL injection)
 - Several defenses: e.g. Google safe browsing

Insider attacks: example

Hidden trap door in Linux (nov 2003)

- Allows attacker to take over a computer
- Practically undetectable change (uncovered via CVS logs)

Inserted line in wait4()

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if ((options == (__WCLONE|__WALL)) && (current->uid = 0))
    retval = -EINVAL;
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Looks like a standard error check, but ...

Many more examples

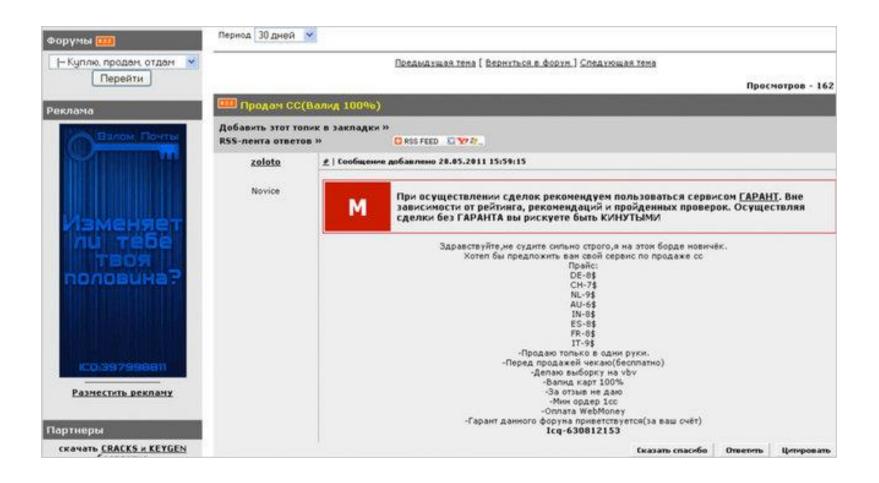
- Access to SIPRnet and CD-RW: 260,000 cables ⇒
 Wikileaks
- SysAdmin for city of SF government. Changed passwords, locking out city from router access
 - https://www.cio.com.au/article/255165/sorting facts te rry childs case/?pp=4&fp=&pf=1&fpid=
- Inside logic bomb took down 2000 UBS servers
 - https://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/12/13/ubs logic bomber sentenced/



Introduction

The Marketplace for Vulnerabilities

Hacker zoloto offered credit cards for sale on the Web site HackZone .ru.



Marketplace for Vulnerabilities

Option 1: bug bounty programs (many)

- Google Vulnerability Reward Program: up to \$100K
- Microsoft Bounty Program: up to \$100K
- Mozilla Bug Bounty program: \$500 \$3000
- Pwn2Own competition: \$15K

Option 2:

• ZDI: \$2K – \$25K

Marketplace for Vulnerabilities

Option 3: Black Market

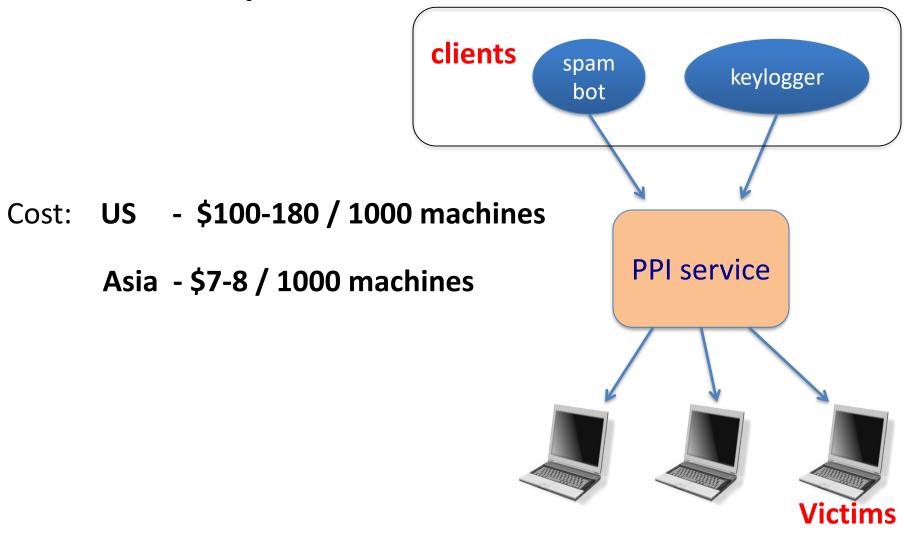
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\$100,000-\$250,000

Source: Andy Greenberg (Forbes, 3/23/2012)

Marketplace for owned machines

clients spam keylogger bot Pay-per-install (PPI) services **PPI operation: PPI** service 1. Own victim's machine 2. Download and install client's code 3. Charge client

Marketplace for owned machines



This course

Goals:

Be aware of exploit techniques

Learn to defend and avoid common exploits

Learn to architect secure systems

This Course

- Part 1: Basics (architecting for security)
- Securing apps, OS, and legacy code Isolation, authentication, and access control
- Part 2: Web security (defending against a web attacker)
- Securing websites, browser security model
- Part 3: Network security (defending against a network attacker)
- Monitoring and architecting secure networks.
- Part 4: Mobile security
- Part 5: Hardware Security (SGX, Hardware Trojans)
- Part 6: Distributed Systems Security (PBFT, Consensus)

Ken Thompson's clever Trojan

Ken Thompson, co-author of UNIX, recounted a story of how he created a version of the C compiler that, when presented with the source code for the "login" program, would automatically compile in a backdoor to allow him entry to the system.

This is only half the story, though. In order to hide this trojan horse, Ken also added to this version of "cc" the ability to recognize if it was recompiling itself to make sure that the newly compiled C compiler contained both the "login" backdoor, and the code to insert both trojans into a newly compiled C compiler. In this way, the source code for the C compiler would never show that these trojans existed.

What is Security?

- Achieving something in the presence of adversaries
 - Internet is full of adversaries
 - There are insider adversaries for air-gapped systems
 - Thus design of systems need to worry about security
- A High Level Plan for Security Centric System Design
 - Policy: "Only X can access file F"
 - Common goals: Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
 - Threat Models: "Can Y physically grab the file server?"
 - Mechanisms: The knobs that can be controlled to uphold your security policy, but also be flexible to uphold a different policy
 - Resulting Goal: "No way the adversary in the threat model to violate policy"

Why is security hard?

- Need to guarantee policy, assuming threat models
- Difficult to think of all possible ways that attacker might break in
- Realistic threat models are open-ended (Negative models)
- Easy to check a positive goal ("X has access to File F")
- Weakest link matters
- Iterative process: Design, Update Threat Model as necessary, assess vulnerability

 Design, Update

What if perfect security is not achievable?

- Best effort
- Each system will have some breaking point need to analyze and understand – e.g., penetration testing
- Need to manage security risk vs. benefit tradeoff
- Risk based security model
- Manual auditing often can help
- Make the cost of attack high deterrence
 - Either by law
 - Technologically