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# Distributed Data Processing Environments

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# Global panorama



## Beckstrom's laws of cybersecurity

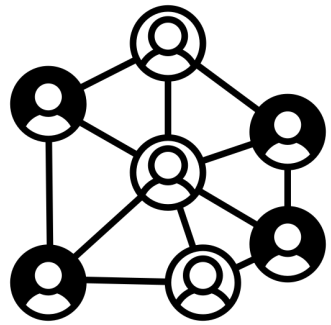
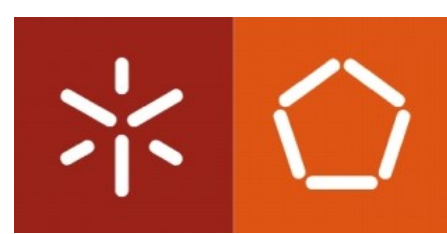
**Everything that is connected to the internet can be hacked.**

**Everything is being connected to the internet.**

**Everything else follows from the first two laws.**



# Global panorama



Over 5.1 billion internet users worldwide  
 $\approx 64.4\%$  of the global population

Source: Statista, 2023

Over 25 billion connected devices worldwide

Source: Statista, 2022



Over 50 billion connected devices by 2025

Source: Statista, 2022

# Global panorama

## Facts & Trends

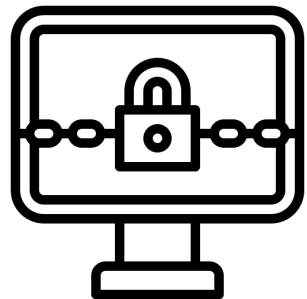
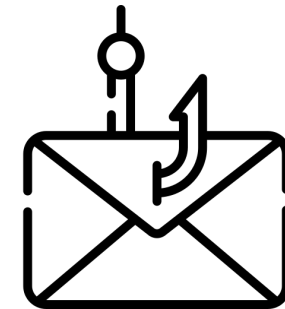


75% of cyberattacks start with an email

Source: Trend Micro, 2022

Phishing continues to be the most common initial attack vector

Source: ENISA, 2022

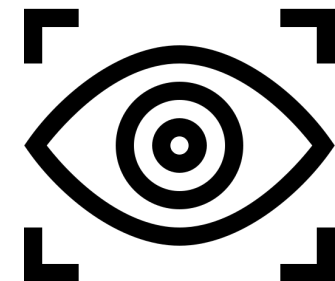


Ransomware persists despite improved detection systems

Source: IBM, 2023

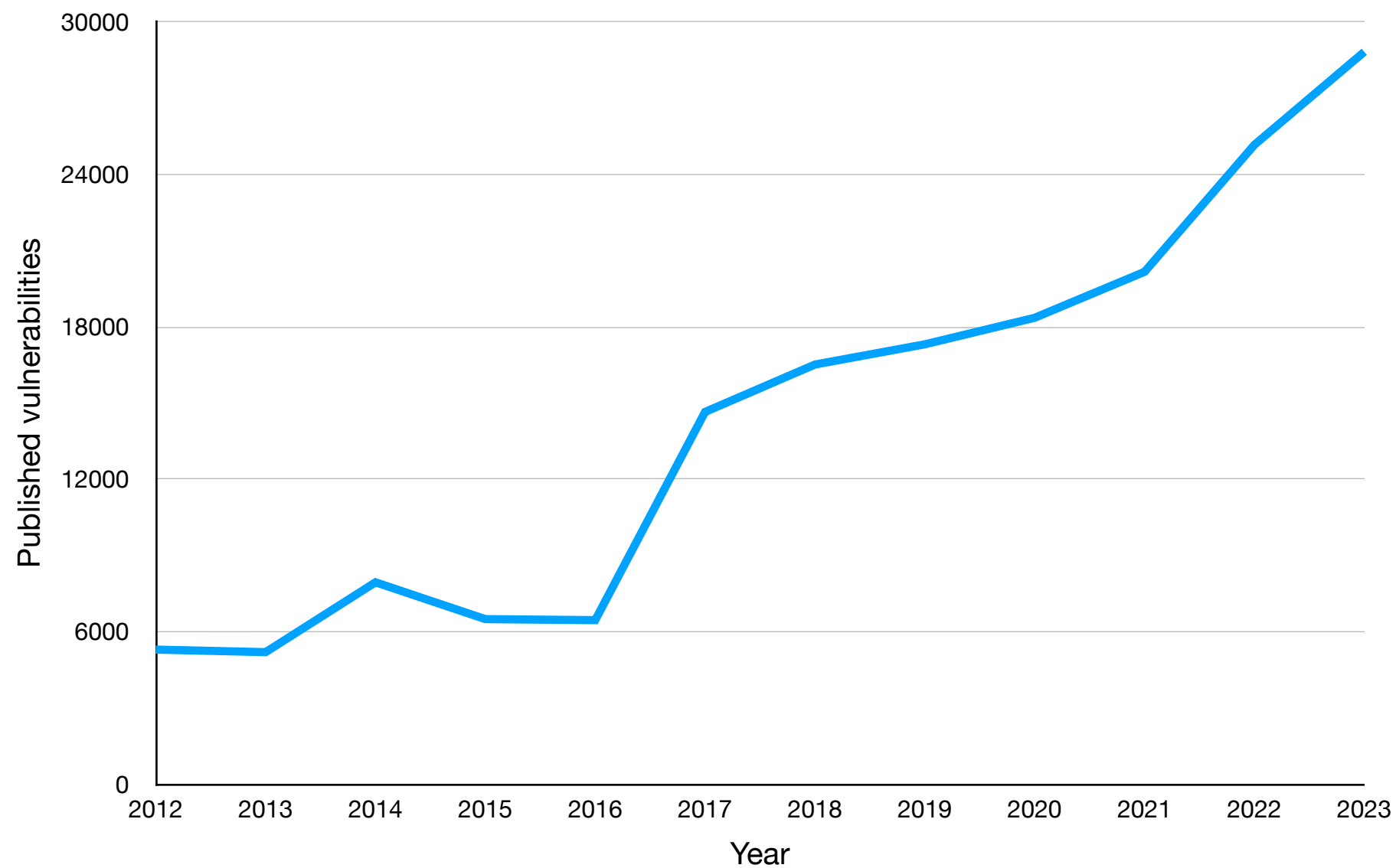
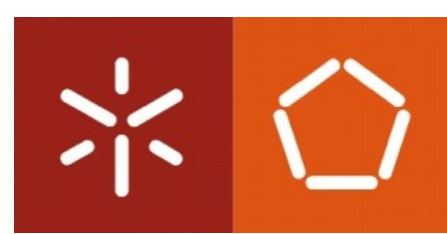
Governmental surveillance targeting civil society sparked privacy concerns

Source: ENISA, 2022



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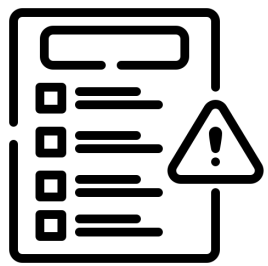
## Vulnerabilities



Source: NIST, 2024

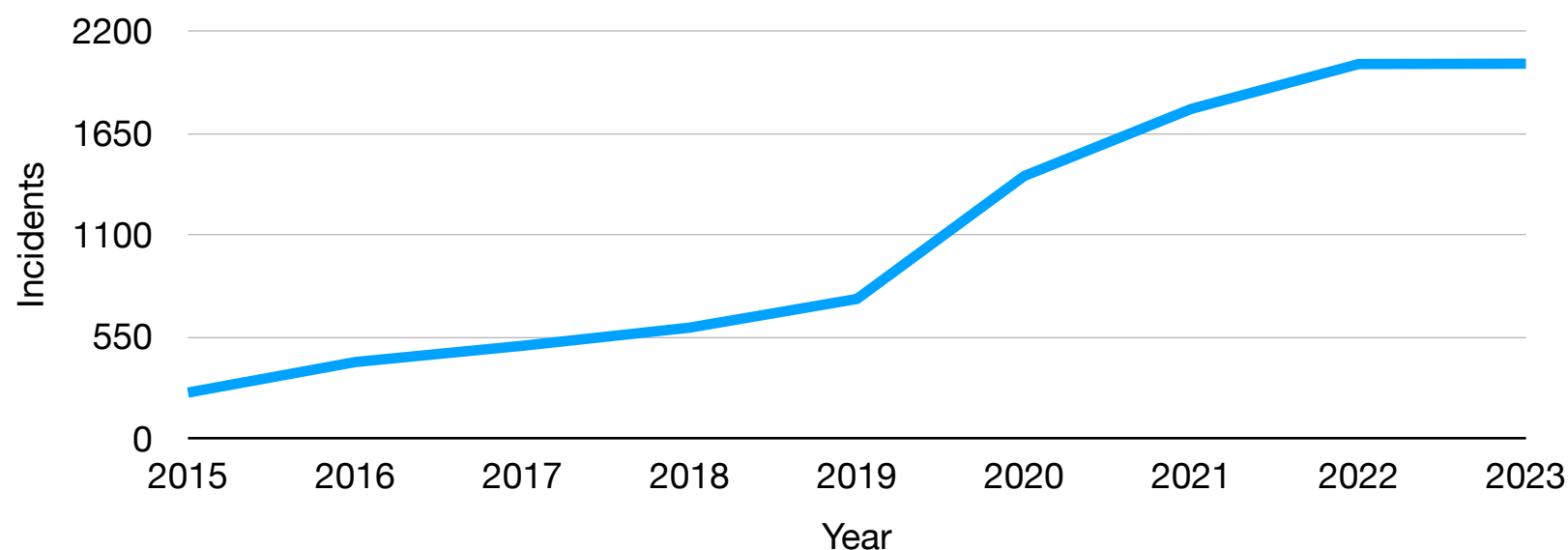
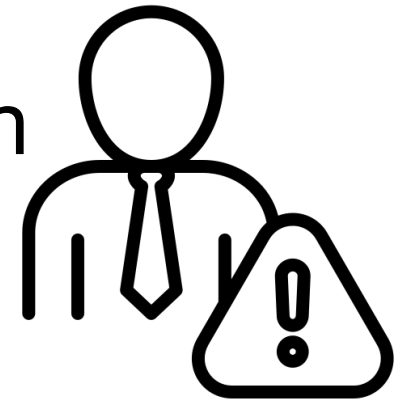
# Panorama

## Portugal



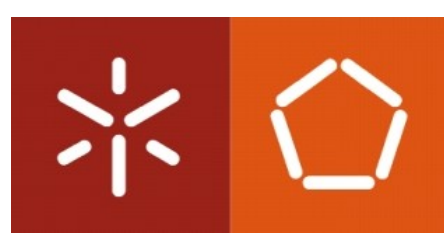
Over the last five years, CERT.PT\* registered a 268% increase in the number of cybersecurity incidents

The most frequent sources of incidents are human error (23%), vulnerability exploitation (21%), and ransomware (15%)



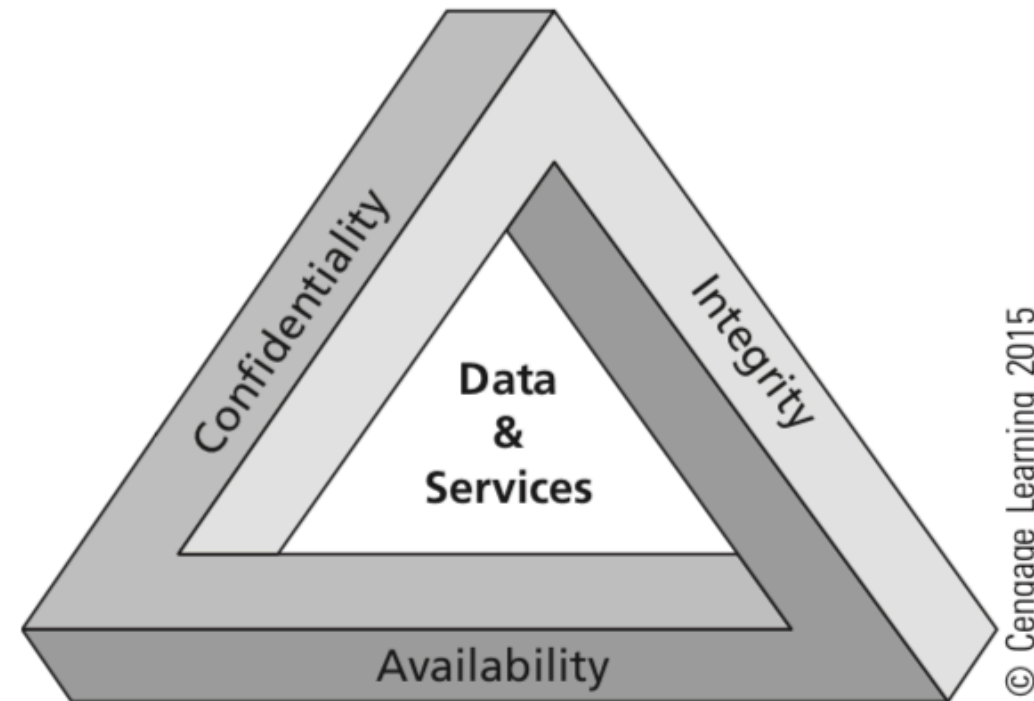
Source: CNCS Riscos & Conflitos, 2024

\*Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)



## What is information security?

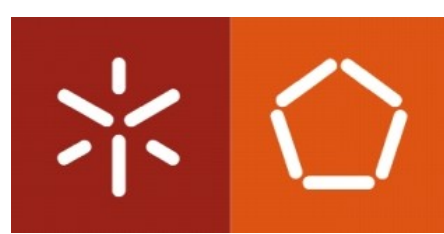
The protection of information/data and its critical elements, including the systems and hardware used to process, store, and transmit the information\*.



**The C.I.A. triangle**

\* Source: The Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS)

# Concepts

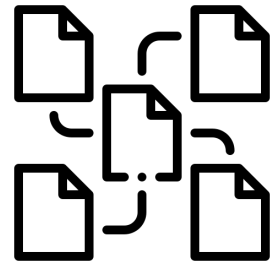


- **Confidentiality**



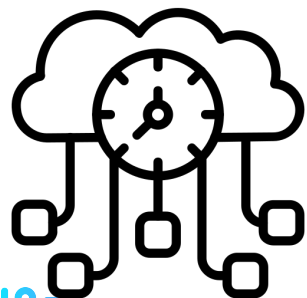
- ensures that only users/systems with the rights and privileges to access information are able to do so.

- **Integrity**



- ensures the consistency of information.
  - involves maintaining data accuracy, completeness, and trustworthiness over its entire life cycle.

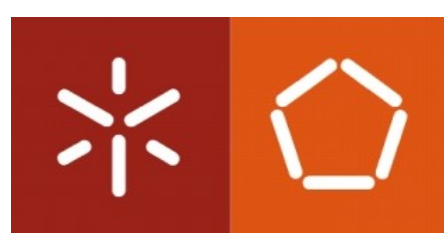
- **Availability**



- ensures authorised users/systems access information without interference or obstruction

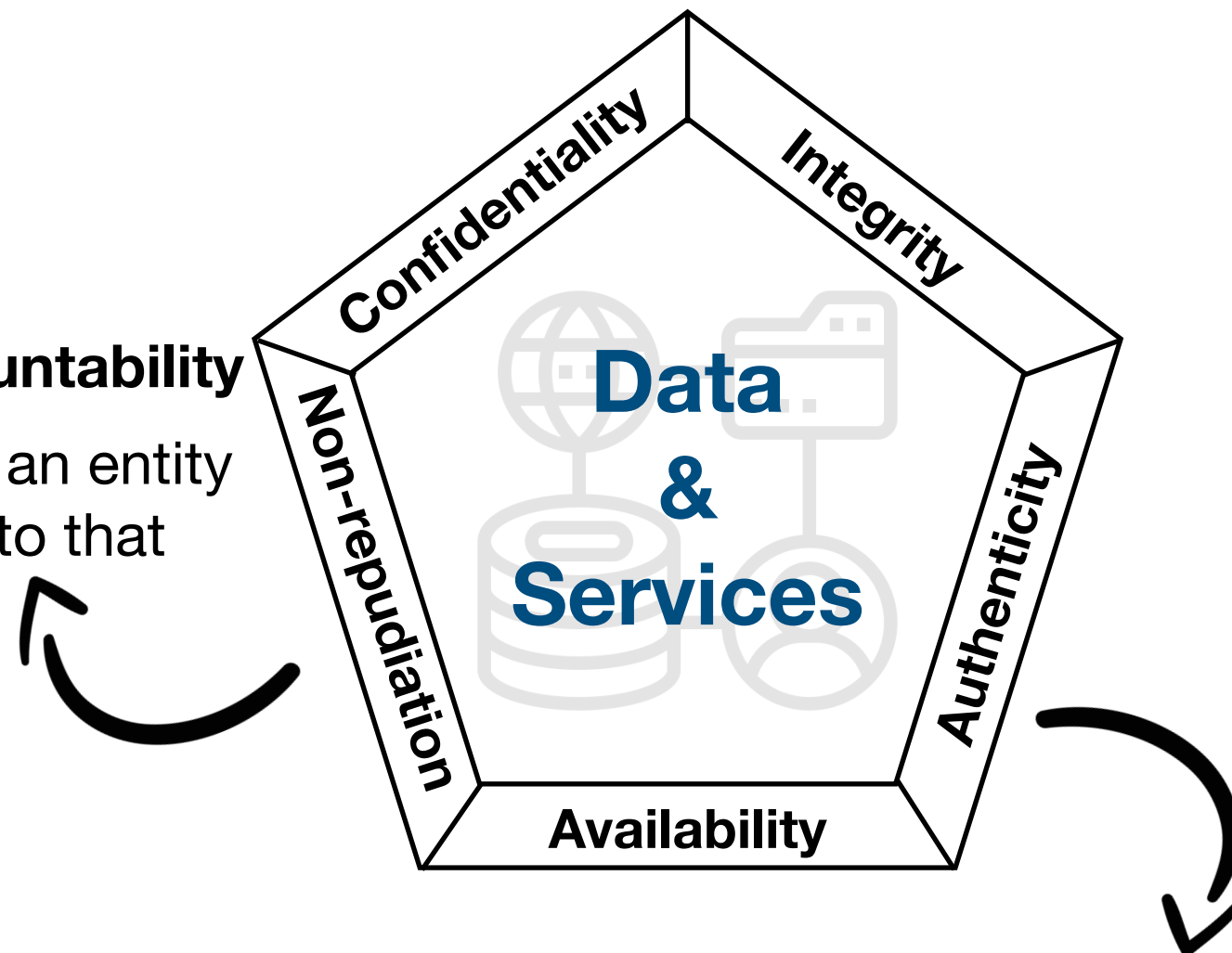


# Concepts



- **Non-repudiation / accountability**

- ensures for actions of an entity to be traced uniquely to that entity

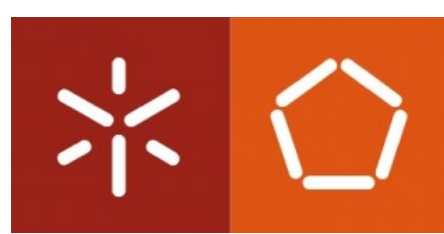


- **Authenticity**

- ensures that data and services are genuine, verifiable, and trusted

# Concepts

## Additional key concepts



**Asset:** resources being protected, e.g., hardware, software, data, networks, reputation, etc.

**Vulnerabilities:** a weakness or fault in a system or protection mechanism that opens it to attack or damage. **It also includes misconfiguration.**

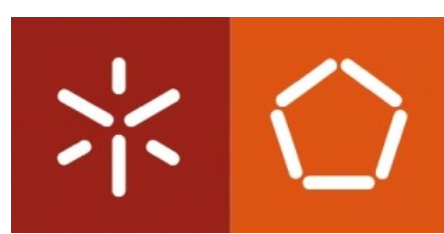
**Threat:** a category of object, people, or other entities that represents a danger to an asset.

**Attack:** an intentional act that can damage or otherwise compromise information and the systems that support it.

**Exploit:** a technique used to compromise a system.

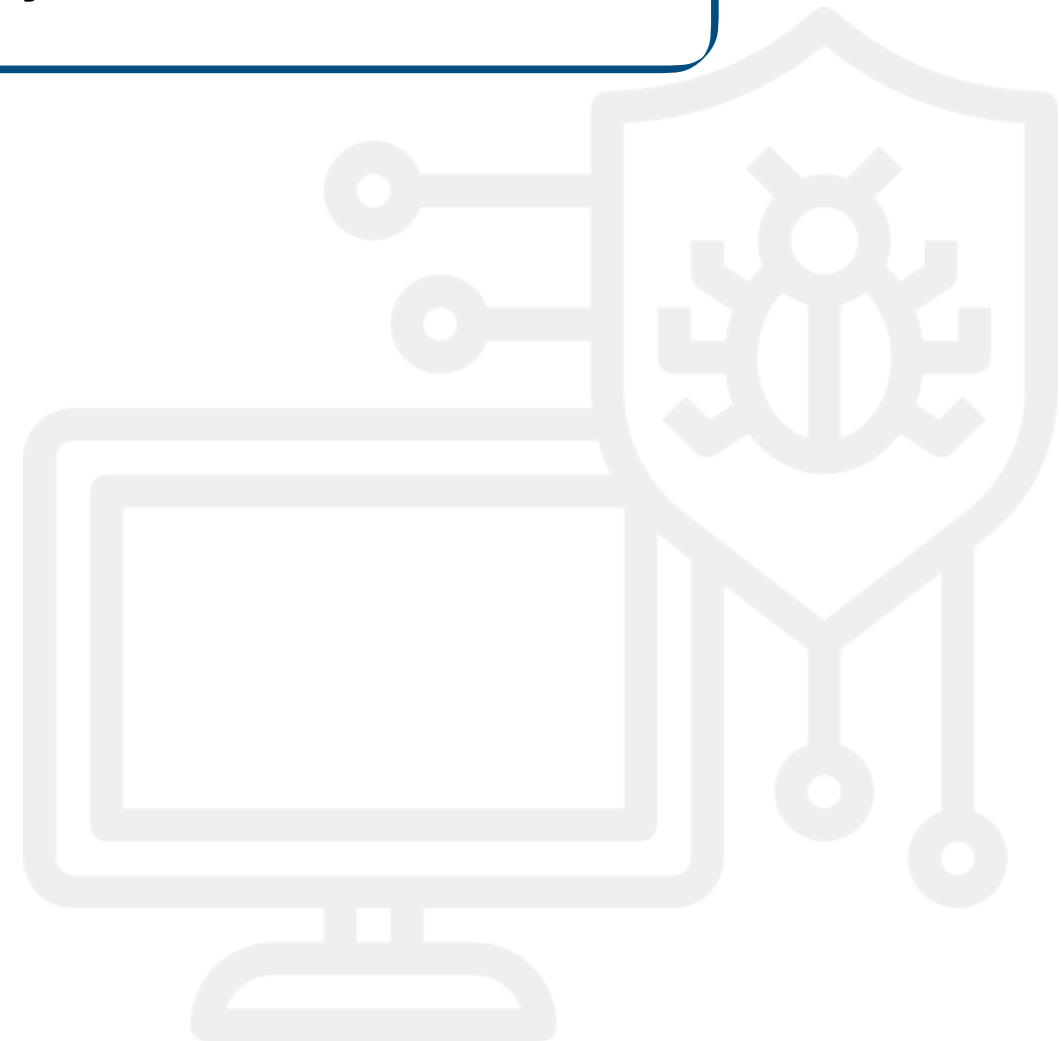
# Concepts

## Additional key concepts



**Attack surfaces:** Reachability and exploitability of system's vulnerabilities

- Network attack surface
- Software attack surface
- Human attack surface



# Concepts

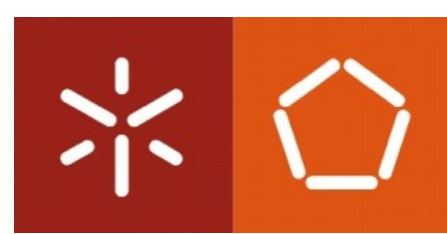
## Vulnerabilities



**Do you know all the vulnerabilities your personal system is exposed to, right now?**



# Vulnerabilities



## Kernel components

The most severe vulnerability in this section could enable a local malicious application to execute arbitrary code within the context of a privileged process.

CVE	References	Type	Severity	Component
CVE-2018-20669	A-135368228*	EoP	High	i915 driver
CVE-2019-2181	A-130571081 <a href="#">Upstream kernel</a>	EoP	High	Binder driver

Android's security update summary

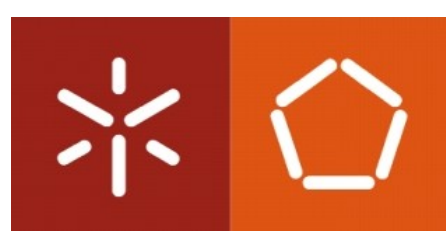
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## CVE/CVSS



- CVE - Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures
  - a list of standardised names for vulnerabilities and other information related to publicly known security exposures
  - CVE is maintained by MITRE Corporation, which is also responsible for moderating the Editorial Board
- [cve.mitre.org](https://cve.mitre.org)
- [nvd.nist.gov](https://nvd.nist.gov) - *National Vulnerability Database*





# Vulnerabilities

## CVE/CVSS

### CVSS - Common Vulnerability Scoring System

#### Impact

##### CVSS v3.0 Severity and Metrics:

Base Score: 7.0 HIGH

Vector: AV:L/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H (V3 legend)

Impact Score: 5.9

Exploitability Score: 1.0

Attack Vector (AV): Local

Attack Complexity (AC): High

Privileges Required (PR): Low

User Interaction (UI): None

Scope (S): Unchanged

Confidentiality (C): High

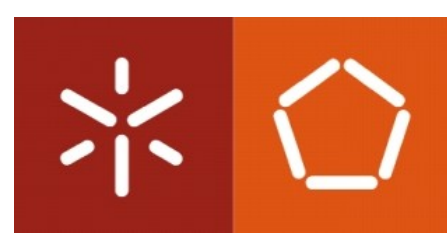
Integrity (I): High

Availability (A): High

Rating	CVSS Score
None	0.0
Low	0.1 - 3.9
Medium	4.0 - 6.9
High	7.0 - 8.9
Critical	9.0 - 10.0

# Vulnerabilities

## CVE/CVSS



### CVE-2018-20669 Detail

#### Description

An issue where a provided address with `access_ok()` is not checked was discovered in `i915_gem_execbuffer2_ioctl` in `drivers/gpu/drm/i915/i915_gem_execbuffer.c` in the Linux kernel through 4.19.13. A local attacker can craft a malicious IOCTL function call to overwrite arbitrary kernel memory, resulting in a Denial of Service or privilege escalation.

#### QUICK INFO

**CVE Dictionary Entry:**

[CVE-2018-20669](#)

**NVD Published Date:**

03/21/2019

**NVD Last Modified:**

04/11/2023

**Source:**

MITRE

#### Severity

CVSS Version 3.x

CVSS Version 2.0

##### CVSS 3.x Severity and Metrics:



NIST: NVD

**Base Score:** 7.8 HIGH

**Vector:**

CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

*NVD Analysts use publicly available information to associate vector string information provided within the CVE List from the CNA.*

*Note: NVD Analysts have published a CVSS score for this CVE based on their analysis. The CNA has not provided a score within the CVE List.*

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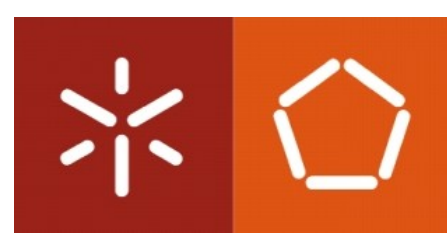
#### References to Advisories, Solutions

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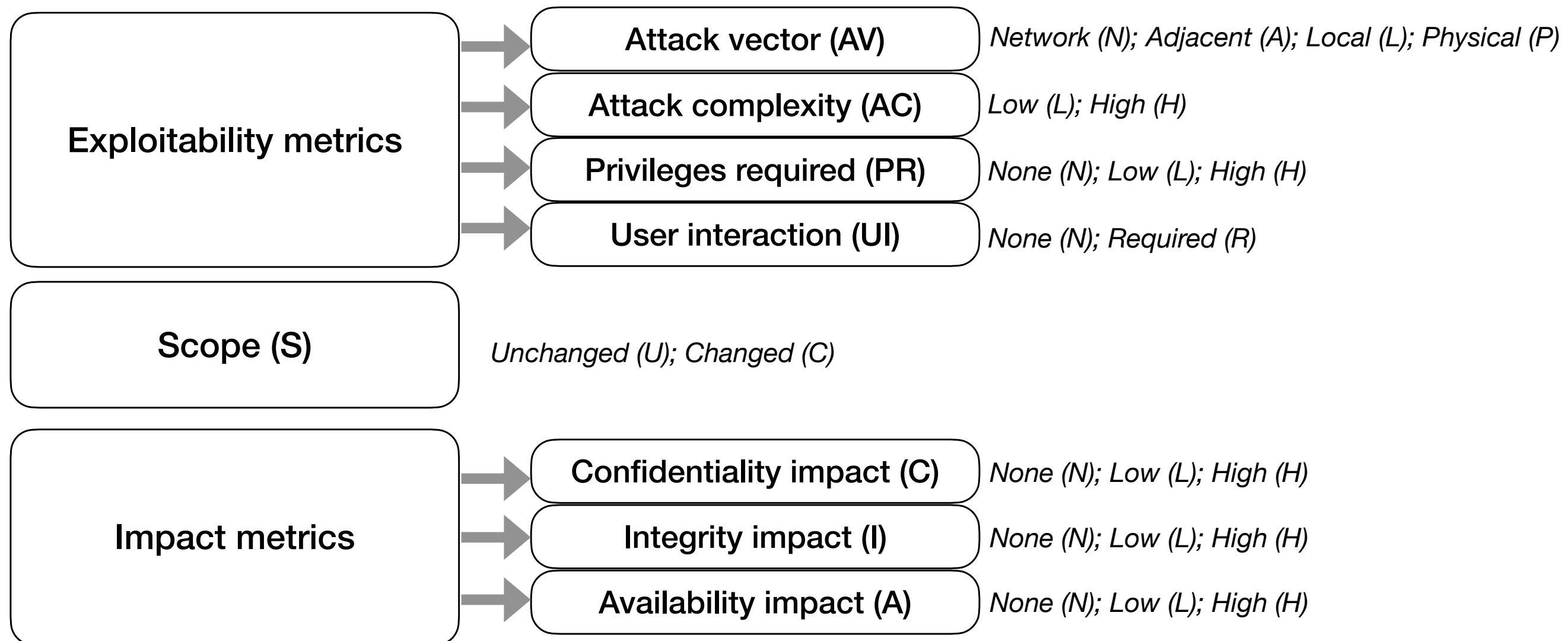


# Vulnerabilities

## CVE/CVSS



### CVSS v3.1 Base Metric Group

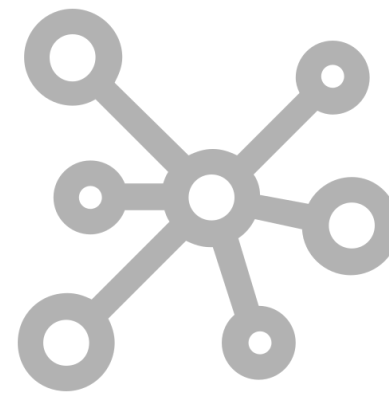


# Vulnerabilities

## Exploits' databases

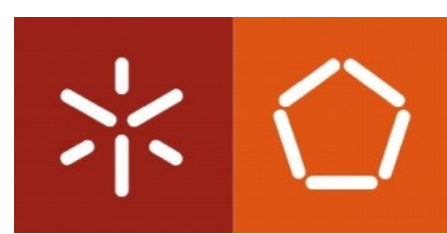


packet storm



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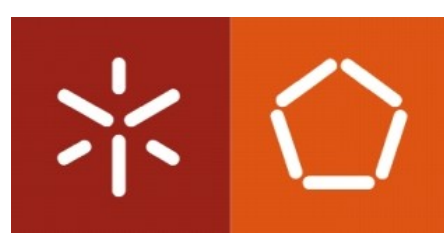
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## OpenSSL - Padding Oracle in AES-NI CBC MAC Check

<b>EDB-ID:</b> 39768	<b>Author:</b> <a href="#">Juraj Somorovsky</a>	<b>Published:</b> 2016-05-04
<b>CVE:</b> <a href="#">CVE-2016-2107</a>	<b>Type:</b> <a href="#">Dos</a>	<b>Platform:</b> <a href="#">Multiple</a>
<b>Aliases:</b> N/A	<b>Advisory/Source:</b> <a href="#">Link</a>	<b>Tags:</b> N/A
<b>E-DB Verified:</b>	<b>Exploit:</b> <a href="#">Download</a> / <a href="#">View Raw</a>	<b>Vulnerable App:</b> N/A

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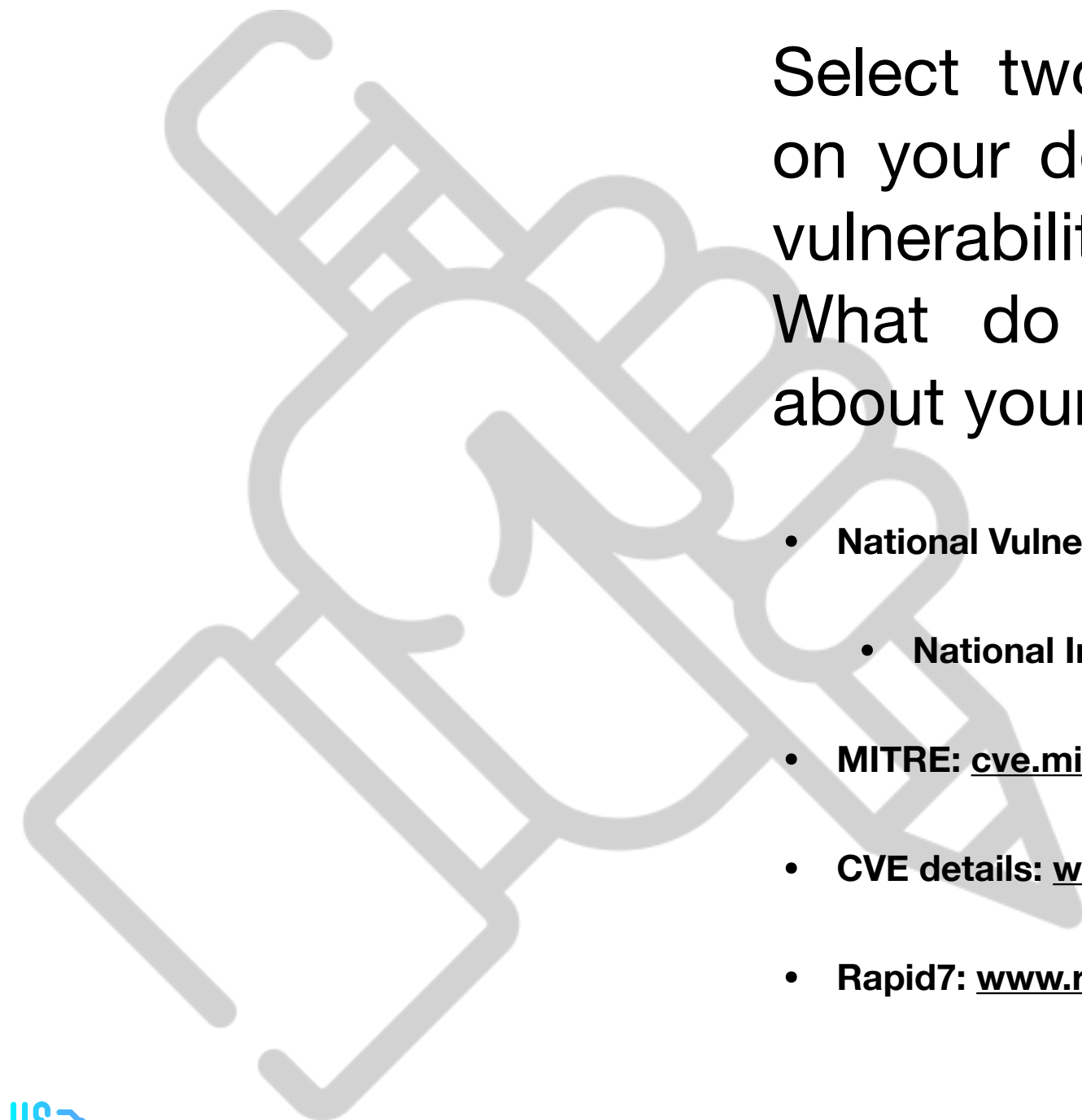
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1 Source: http://web-in-security.blogspot.ca/2016/05/curious-padding-oracle-in-openssl-cve.html
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3 TLS-Attacker:
4 https://github.com/RUB-NDS/TLS-Attacker
5 https://github.com/offensive-security/exploit-database-bin-splotts/raw/master/bin-splotts/39768.zip
6
7
8 You can use TLS-Attacker to build a proof of concept and test your implementation. You just start TLS-Attacker as follows:
9 java -jar TLS-Attacker-1.0.jar client -workflow_input rsa-overflow.xml -connect $host:$port
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11 The xml configuration file (rsa-overflow.xml) looks then as follows:
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# Hands-on

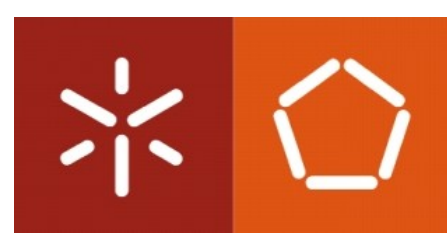
Select two applications typically used on your devices and search for known vulnerabilities and ways to exploit them. What do your search results reveal about your security posture?

- **National Vulnerability Database - NVD**
  - National Institute of Standards and Technology: [nvd.nist.gov](https://nvd.nist.gov)
- **MITRE: [cve.mitre.org](https://cve.mitre.org)**
- **CVE details: [www.cvedetails.com](https://www.cvedetails.com)**
- **Rapid7: [www.rapid7.com/db](https://www.rapid7.com/db)**



# Weaknesses

## CWE



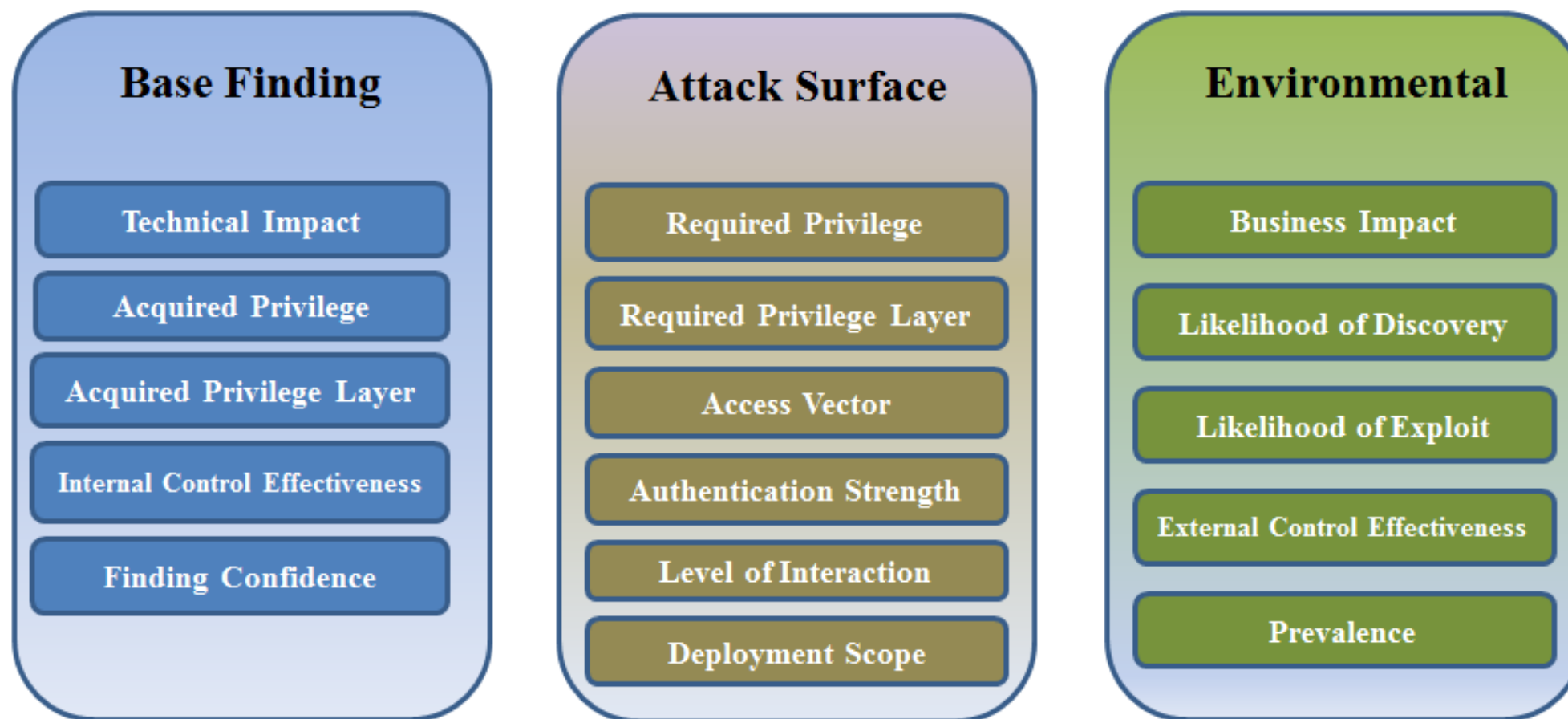
- **CWE - Common Weakness Enumeration**
  - Community-developed list of software and hardware weakness types
    - Category system
  - A baseline for weakness identification, mitigation and prevention
  - CWE List v4.2 <https://cwe.mitre.org/data/>



# Weaknesses

## CWE

- **CWE - Common Weakness Enumeration**
- CWSS - Common Weakness Scoring System



Source: [cwe.mitre.org/cwss/cwss\\_v1.0.1.html](https://cwe.mitre.org/cwss/cwss_v1.0.1.html)

# Weaknesses

## CWE



### CWE CATEGORY: Encapsulation Issues

Category ID: 1227

#### ▼ Summary

Weaknesses in this category are related to issues surrounding the bundling of data with the methods intended to operate on that data.

#### ▼ Membership

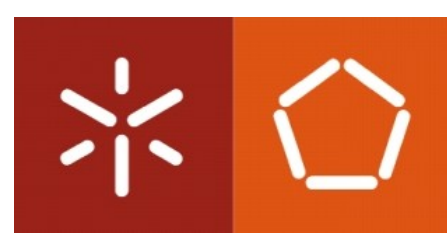
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MemberOf	V	699	<a href="#">Software Development</a>
HasMember	B	1054	<a href="#">Invocation of a Control Element at an Unnecessarily Deep Horizontal Layer</a>
HasMember	B	1057	<a href="#">Data Access Operations Outside of Expected Data Manager Component</a>
HasMember	B	1062	<a href="#">Parent Class with References to Child Class</a>
HasMember	B	1083	<a href="#">Data Access from Outside Expected Data Manager Component</a>
HasMember	B	1090	<a href="#">Method Containing Access of a Member Element from Another Class</a>
HasMember	B	1100	<a href="#">Insufficient Isolation of System-Dependent Functions</a>
HasMember	B	1105	<a href="#">Insufficient Encapsulation of Machine-Dependent Functionality</a>

#### ▼ Content History

▼ Submissions		
Submission Date	Submitter	Organization
2020-01-07	CWE Content Team	MITRE



# Threats



## Kernel components

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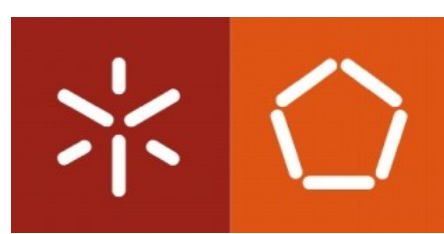
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# Threats

## STRIDE



**Threat:** a category of object, people, or other entities that represents a danger to an asset.

Spoofing

Tampering

Repudiation

Information Disclosure

Denial of Service

Elevation of Privilege



# Threats

## STRIDE

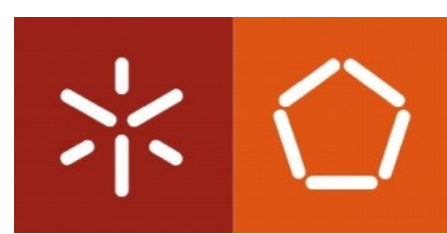


- Spoofing
  - Pretending to be something or someone other than yourself - Impersonating a system or a person
  - Property violated: Authentication
  - Typical victims: processes; external entities; people
- Examples
  - email spoofing - changing email header
  - DNS spoofing



# Threats

## STRIDE



- Tampering
  - Modifying data on disk, on a network, or in memory
  - Property violated: Integrity
  - Typical victims: data stores; data flows; processes
- Examples
  - adding or removing packets traversing a network
  - changing values in a DB



# Threats

## STRIDE

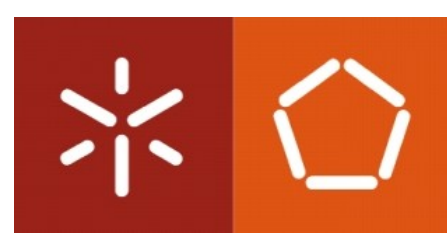


- Repudiation
  - The act of refusing authoring of something that happened
  - Property violated: Non-Repudiation
  - Typical victims: processes; people
- Examples
  - neutralize the logging system
  - using untrusted certificates

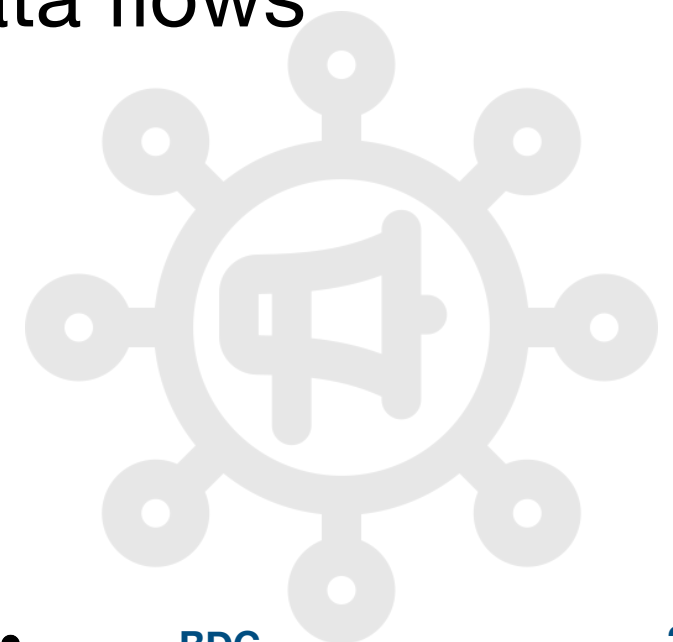


# Threats

## STRIDE



- Information Disclosure
  - Disclosing information to an entity not authorised to have access to it
  - Property violated: Confidentiality
  - Typical victims: processes; data stores; data flows
- Examples
  - transmitting clear text
  - file name and path disclosure



# Threats

## STRIDE



- Denial of Service - DoS
  - Absorbing resources needed to provide a service
  - Property violated: Availability
  - Typical victims: processes; data stores; data flows
- Examples
  - a process that fills up the disk
  - massive requests to a DNS

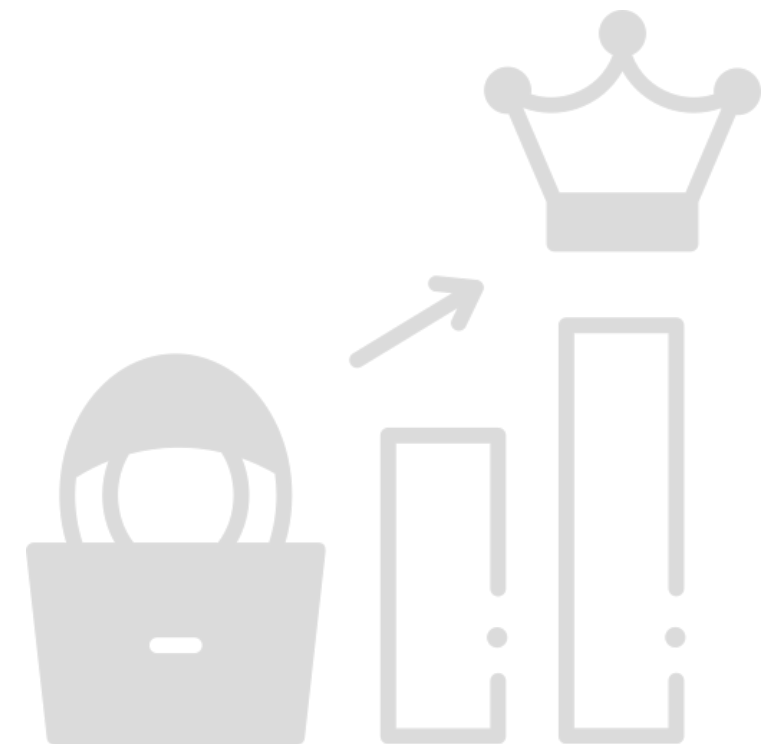


# Threats

## STRIDE



- Elevation of Privilege - EoP
  - Allowing an entity to do something it's not authorised to do
  - Property violated: Authorisation
  - Typical victims: processes
  - Examples
    - a normal user executing code as admin
    - allowing a remote person without any privileges to run code





# Threats

## Threats

### Assets and example of threats

	Availability	Confidentiality	Integrity
Hardware	Equipment is stolen or disabled, thus denying service	An unencrypted USB drive is stolen	Tampering with components to gain access to I/O
Software	Programs are deleted, denying access to users	An unauthorized copy of software is produced	A working program is modified, either to cause it to fail during execution or to cause it to do some unintended task
Data	Files are deleted, denying access to users	An unauthorized read of data is performed. An analysis of statistical data reveals underlying data	Existing files are modified or new files are fabricated
Communication lines and Networks	Messages are destroyed or deleted. Communication lines or networks are rendered unavailable	Messages are read. The traffic pattern of messages is observed	Messages are modified, delayed, reordered, or duplicated. False messages are fabricated

Source: Shosteck, A. Threat Modelling





# What about distributed data processing?

Select and analyse some of these vulnerabilities. How do you interpret your study?

## Pandas

CVE-2024-45595 **9.8 CRITICAL**

CVE-2024-23752 **9.8 CRITICAL**

CVE-2024-21642 **7.5 HIGH**

## OpenSSL

CVE-2023-35784 **9.8 CRITICAL**

CVE-2024-45238 **8.8 HIGH**

CVE-2023-3446 **5.3 MEDIUM**

## VMware

CVE-2024-38811 **7.8 HIGH**

CVE-2023-52885 **7.8 HIGH**

## Docker

CVE-2024-8696 **9.8 CRITICAL**

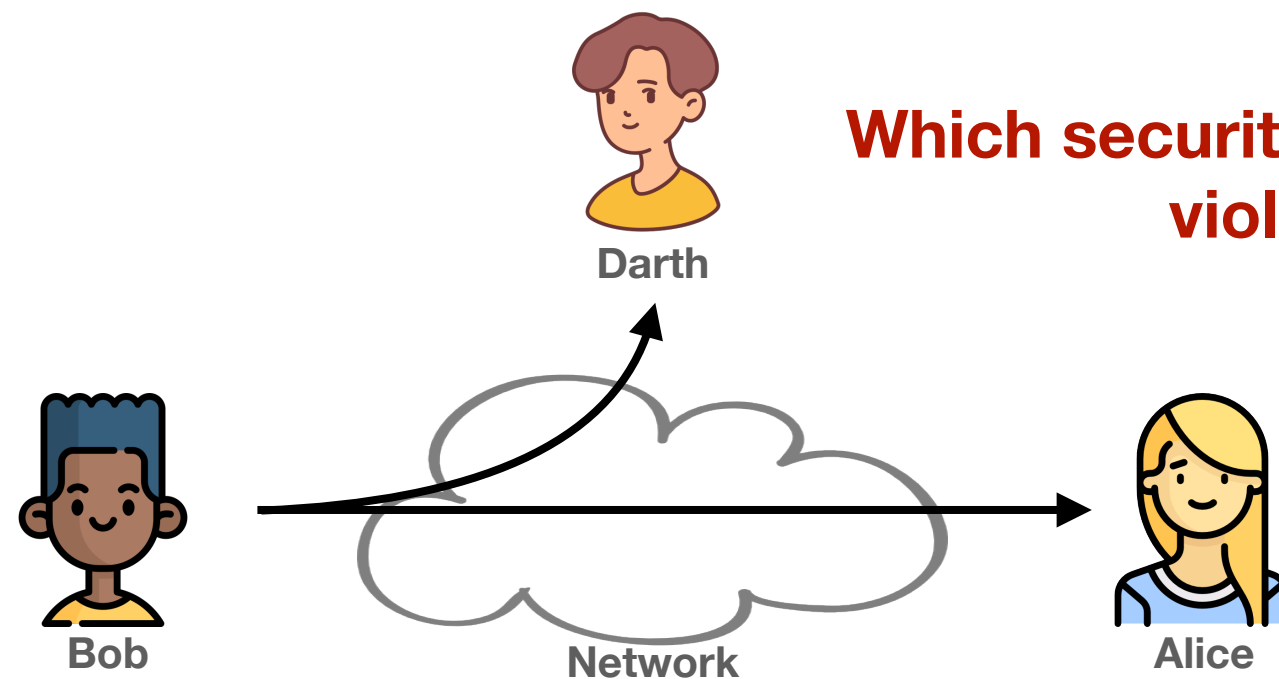
CVE-2024-8695 **9.8 CRITICAL**

CVE-2024-41958 **7.2 HIGH**

# Security attacks



**Passive attacks:** eavesdropping or monitoring transmissions without any alteration of the data.



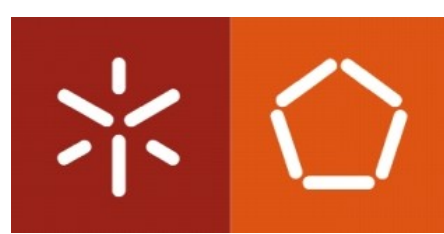
**Which security properties are violated?**

- Release of message contents
- Traffic analysis

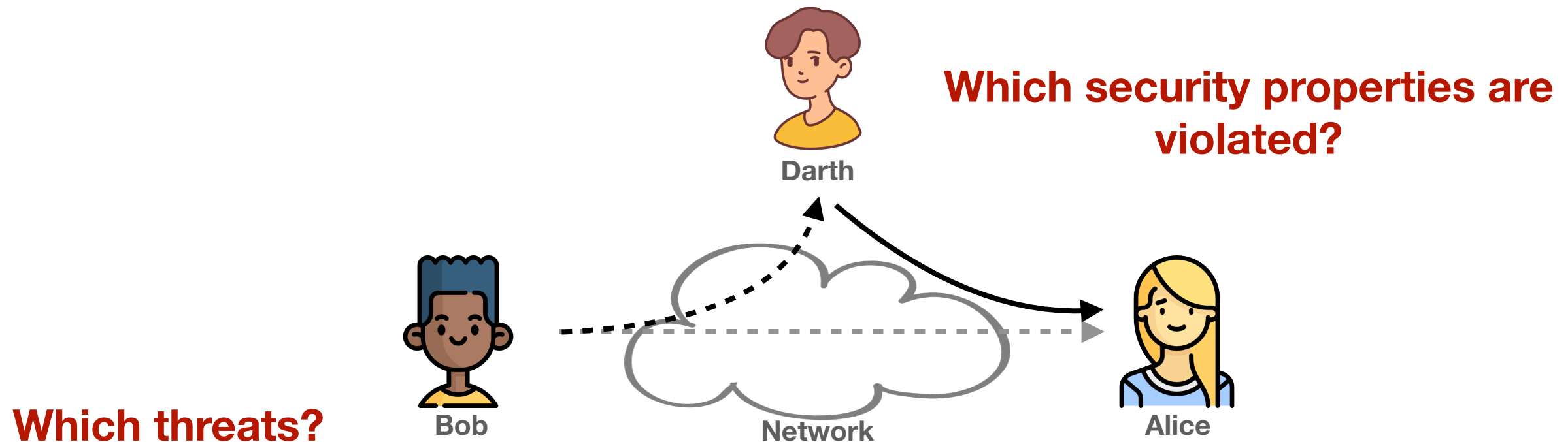
**Which threats?**

Passive attacks are challenging to detect, as there is no change to the messages' content. Their prevention usually involves cryptographic techniques.

# Security attacks



**Active attacks:** involve some modification of the data stream or the creation of a false stream.



- Masquerade
- Replay
- Modification of messages
- Message destruction

Usually, in addition to prevention (which is difficult due to the large number of attack types), the main defence strategy is trying to detect active attacks.

# Security services



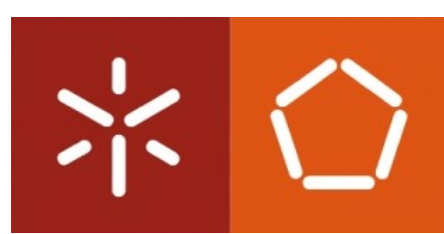
A processing or communication service that is provided by a system to give a specific kind of protection to system resources.

RFC 4949

*Security services implement security policies and are implemented by security mechanisms.*

- Authentication
  - Peer entity authentication
  - Data-origin authentication
- Access control
- Data confidentiality
  - Connection confidentiality
  - Connectionless confidentiality
  - Selective-field confidentiality
  - Traffic-flow confidentiality
- Data integrity
  - Connection integrity with recovery
  - Connection integrity without recovery
  - Selection-field connection integrity
  - Connectionless integrity
  - Selective-field connectionless integrity
- Nonrepudiation
  - Origin
  - Destination

# Security mechanisms



A process (or a device incorporating such a process) that is designed to detect, prevent or recover from a security attack.

## Specific mechanisms

May be incorporated into the appropriate protocol layer in order to provide some of the OSI security services.

- Encipherment
- Digital signature
- Access control
- Data integrity
- Authentication exchange
- Traffic padding
- Routing control
- Notarisation

## Pervasive mechanisms

Mechanisms that are not specific to any particular OSI security service or protocol layer.

- Trusted functionality
- Security label
- Event detection
- Security audit trail
- Security recovery



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