



# INF501 – IT for Business and Management

IntMA-1; IntMAk-1

# Information Systems Security

We have reached a point where all aspects of our lives have some internet component

Almost all records in recent times are stored on computers, making them available to compromise:

- How is the information **stored** safeguarded?
- What are the **vulnerabilities** to these systems that store them? and
- What **steps** can be taken to ensure some level of safety?

# 2017 *This Is What Happens In An Internet Minute*



# Potential Threats

- ☐ Account theft and illegal funds transfer
- ☐ Stealing personal or financial data
- ☐ Compromising computing assets for use in other crimes
- ☐ Extortion
- ☐ Espionage
- ☐ Cyberwarfare
- ☐ Terrorism
- ☐ Pranksters
- ☐ Protest hacking (hacktivism)
- ☐ Revenge (disgruntled employees)

# Cyber Fraud Schemes

- **Investment Offers/scams**  
(CIA of US refers to it as 'Nigerian Letters')
- **Auction Fraud**
- **Identity Theft**
- **Phishing**
- **Cyber Stalking**

# Identifying Types of Threats

From: melindagilbert@houseofpaints.net  
Subject: **Question about Item #238885927402 - Respond Now**  
Date: October 1, 2008 8:31:46 AM EDT



## Question about Item #238885927402 - Respond Now

eBay sent this message on behalf of an eBay member through My Messages. Click the "Respond Now" button to answer the question.

### Question from melindagilbert

[melindagilbert \(972\)](#)

Positive feedback:	96.6%
Member since:	Aug-01-00
Location:	United States
Registered on:	<a href="http://www.ebay.com">www.ebay.com</a>

Item: [238885927402](#)

This message was sent while the listing was active.  
melindagilbert is a potential buyer.

Hi,

Can you please tell me how much is delivery to Chicago 60631 ?

Thanks,

Melinda Gilbert

Respond to this  
question

**Respond Now**

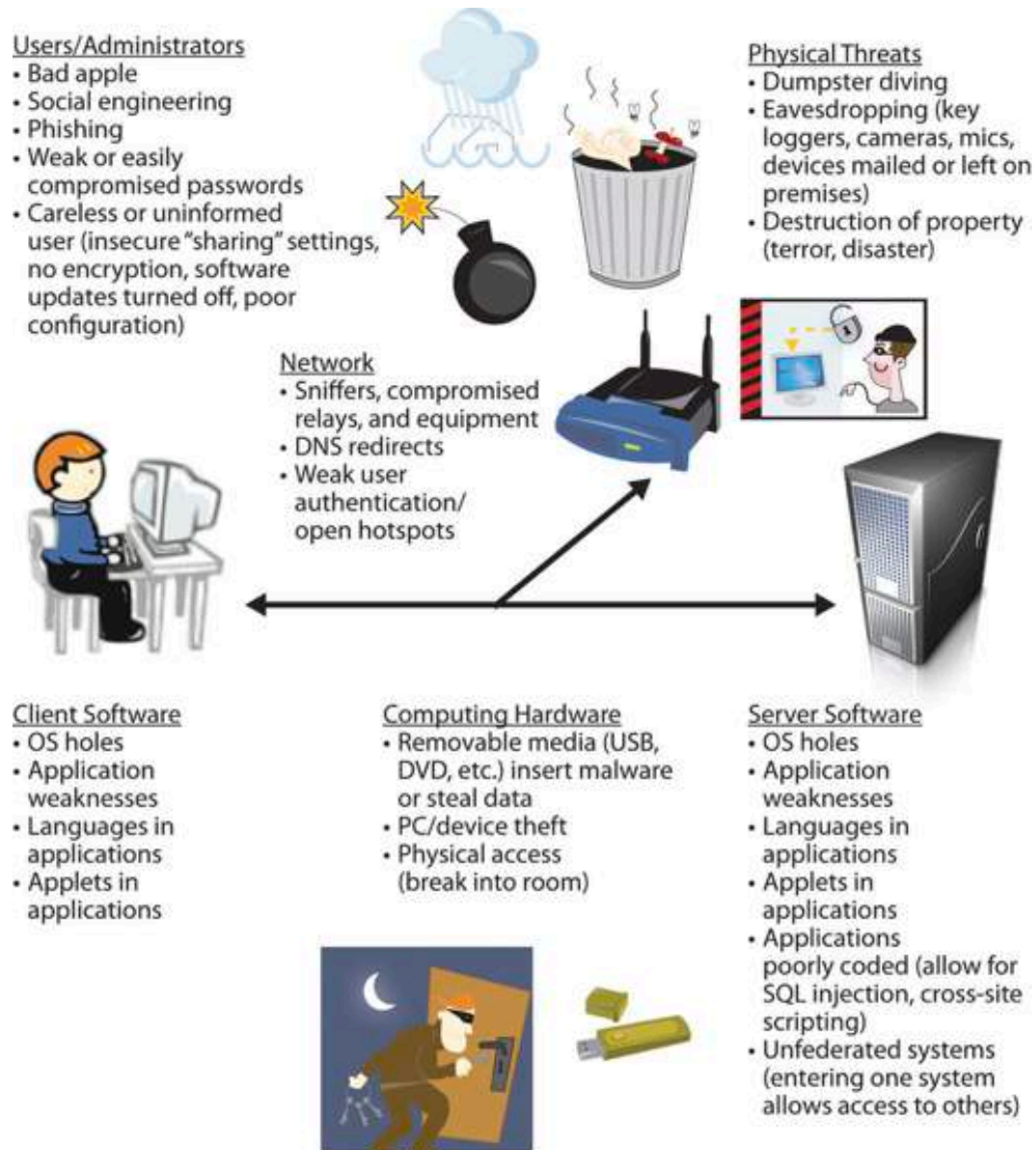
Responses in My  
Messages will not include  
your email address.

<http://uuadp.org/signin.ebay.com/ws/>

Thank you,  
eBay



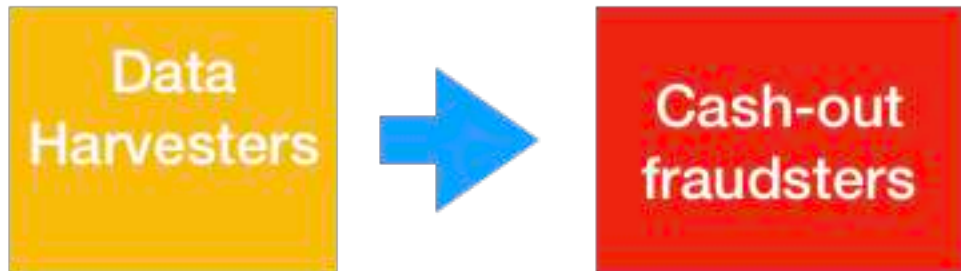
# Identifying Types of Threats





# Potential Threats

## Cybercrime underworld market



Cybercriminals who infiltrate systems and collect data for illegal resale.

Firms that purchase assets from data harvesters. Actions may include using stolen credit card numbers to purchase goods, creating fake accounts via identity fraud, and more.

Most attacks can be categorized as one of these broad classes:

A.MALWARE

B.SECURITY BREACHES

# Cyber Hygiene Group Task

**20 mins**

Your task is to read/watch quickly the videos in ***Canvas***, as a precursor and answer, in about 5-10 points the following question(s):

**What are the biggest behavior/hygiene problems facing:**

- the single and collective citizen(s) - **Team 1**
- companies by way of cyber-threats - **Team 2**
- Regulations and national-level frameworks on cyber-security - **Team 3**

# Identifying Types of Threats

**A. MALWARE:** This is a generic term for software that has a malicious purpose. It includes virus attacks, worms, adware, Trojan horses, and spyware.

Trojan horses and viruses are the most widely encountered.

## Viruses

- A virus is “a small program that replicates and hides itself inside other programs, usually without your knowledge” (Symantec, 2003). similar to a biological virus, designed to **replicate and spread**.
- Some viruses don't actually harm the system itself, but all cause network slowdowns (heavy network traffic from virus replication)

# Identifying Types of Threats

## Trojan Horses

Name from story of city of Troy, which was besieged.



# Identifying Types of Threats

**Spyware**: A spyware can be as simple as a **cookie** - a text file that your browser creates and stores on your hard drive - that a website you have visited downloads to your machine and uses to recognise you when you return to the site. This means other sites can access your browsing history.



# Identifying Types of Threats

- **Logic bomb**: is a software that lays dormant until some specific condition is met (such as date and time). Software then deletes files, alters system configuration or releases a virus.
- **Key logger**: records all your keystrokes. Some take periodic screenshots of your PC, which can be sent back to you as email for fraud.



# Compromising System Security

## B. **SECURITY BREACHES**

- Cracking Passwords,
- elevating privileges,
- unauthorised access

# Compromising System Security

## B. SECURITY BREACHES

main types:

1. **Hacking**: breaching a system's security

*White hacker, Black hacker and Gray Hacker) ;*

2. **Phreaking**: breaking into telephone systems [Phone hacking video](#)



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# Identifying Types of Threats Hacking



# Compromising System Security

## B. SECURITY BREACHES

**3. Cracking:** is intruding into a system without permission, usually with malevolent intent. Any attack designed to breach security via some OS flaw or others means.

(e.g. [OphCrack](#); <https://cracksoftwarex.com/;crackfind.com>, etc)

# Compromising System Security

## 2. SOCIAL ENGINEERING

# Compromising System Security

## B. SECURITY BREACHES

- **Social Engineering**: is a technique for breaching a system's security by exploiting human nature rather than technology.
- Uses standard con techniques to get users to give up info needed to gain access to a target system.



# Compromising System Security

## B. SECURITY BREACHES

**War-dialing**: attack where a hacker sets up a computer to call phone numbers in sequence until another computer answers, to try to gain entry to its system.

**War-driving**: hacker simply drives around trying to locate vulnerable wireless networks to breach. (Wireless networks extend at least 100 feet)



# Compromising System Security

## **C. DENIAL OF SERVICE (DoS)**

# Compromising System Security

[Distributed] Denial of Service (DDoS) Attacks: attacker does not actually access the system, **simply blocks owner's access**.

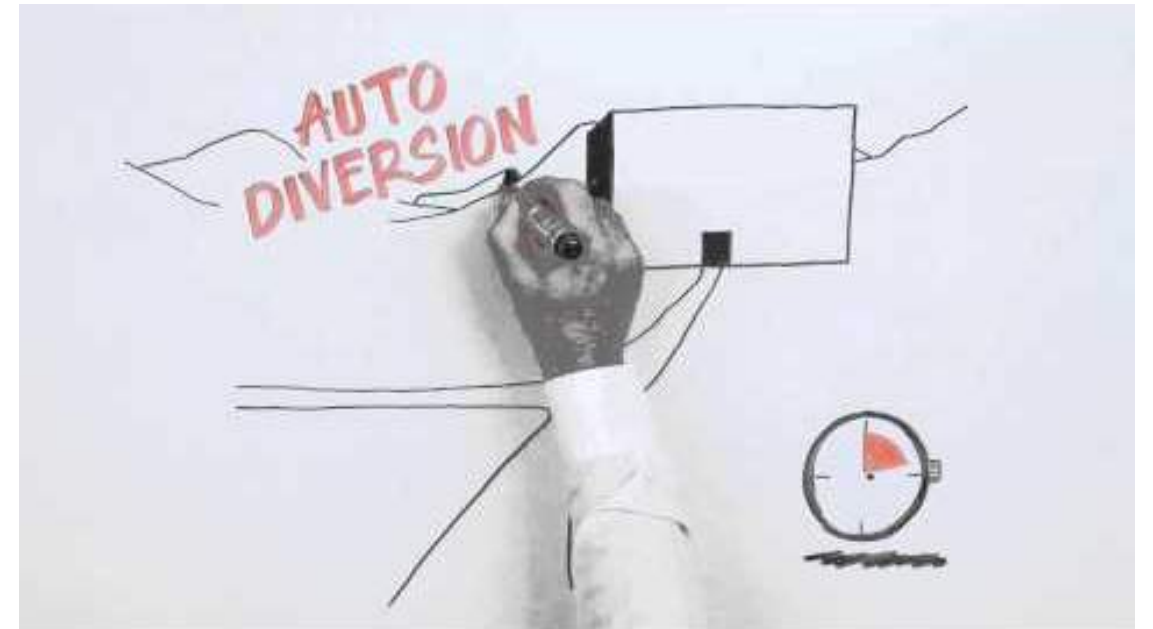
Flooding: flood targeted system with so many false connection requests so that the system cannot respond to legitimate requests. This is the most common attack on the web.

# Compromising System Security

## [Distributed] Denial of Service (DDoS) Attacks:

[DDoS video](#); [Mitigate DDos Attacks](#)

-ipconfig; ping



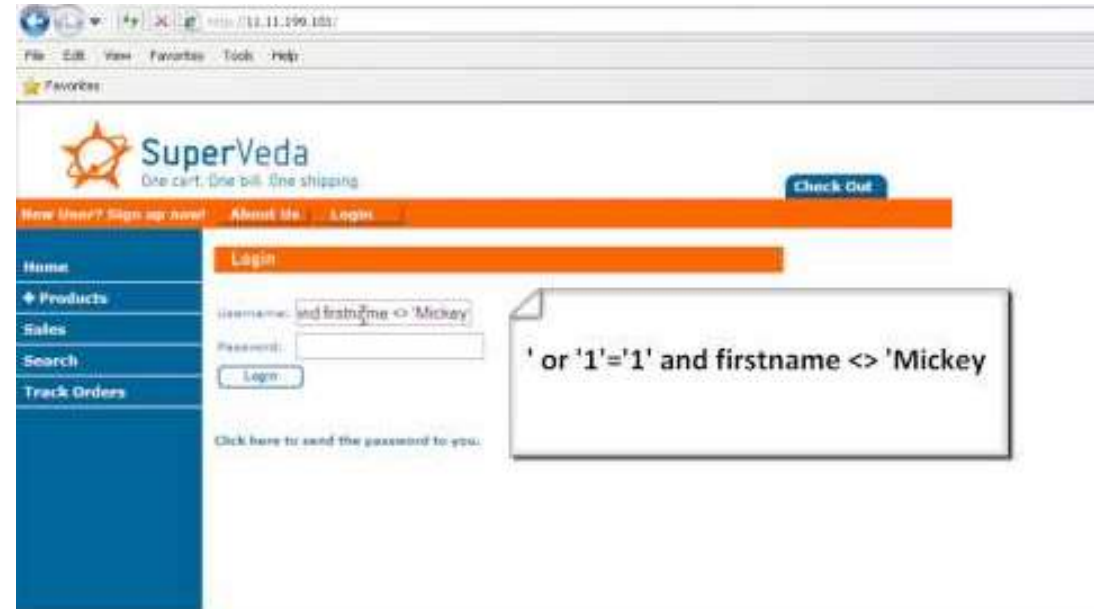
# Compromising System Security

## D. WEB ATTACKS

# Compromising System Security

Web Attacks: web servers have to allow communications, which is a potential point for web-based attacks.

- SQL injection: Passing SQL query language commands to a web application and getting the website to execute the statement.(username, PW in SQL)



# Compromising System Security

## **E. SESSION HIJACKING**

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- Not a common form of attack because, **it is very complex.**
- Attacker monitors an authenticated session between client machine and the server and takes over the session.





# Compromising System Security

## F. DNS POISONING

# Compromising System Security

## F. DNS POISONING:

- Most of the communication on the Internet involves *Domain Name Service* (DNS).
- DNS translates the domain names (e.g. [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)) into IP addresses that computers and routers understand.
- DNS poisoning uses one of several techniques to compromise that process and redirect traffic to an illicit site for stealing information.



# The Security Requirements Triad

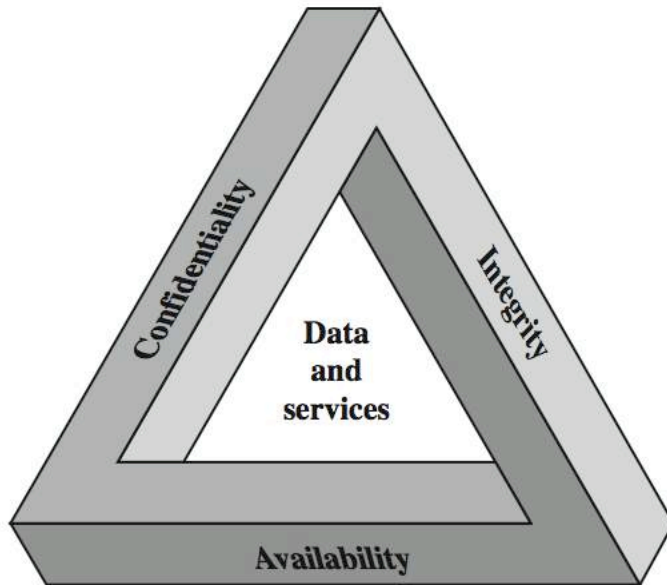


Figure 1.1 The Security Requirements Triad

**NIST**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**  
Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

## Computer Security

The protection afforded to an automated information system in order to attain the applicable objectives of preserving the ***integrity, availability*** and ***confidentiality*** of information system resources (includes hardware, software, firmware, information/data, and telecommunications)

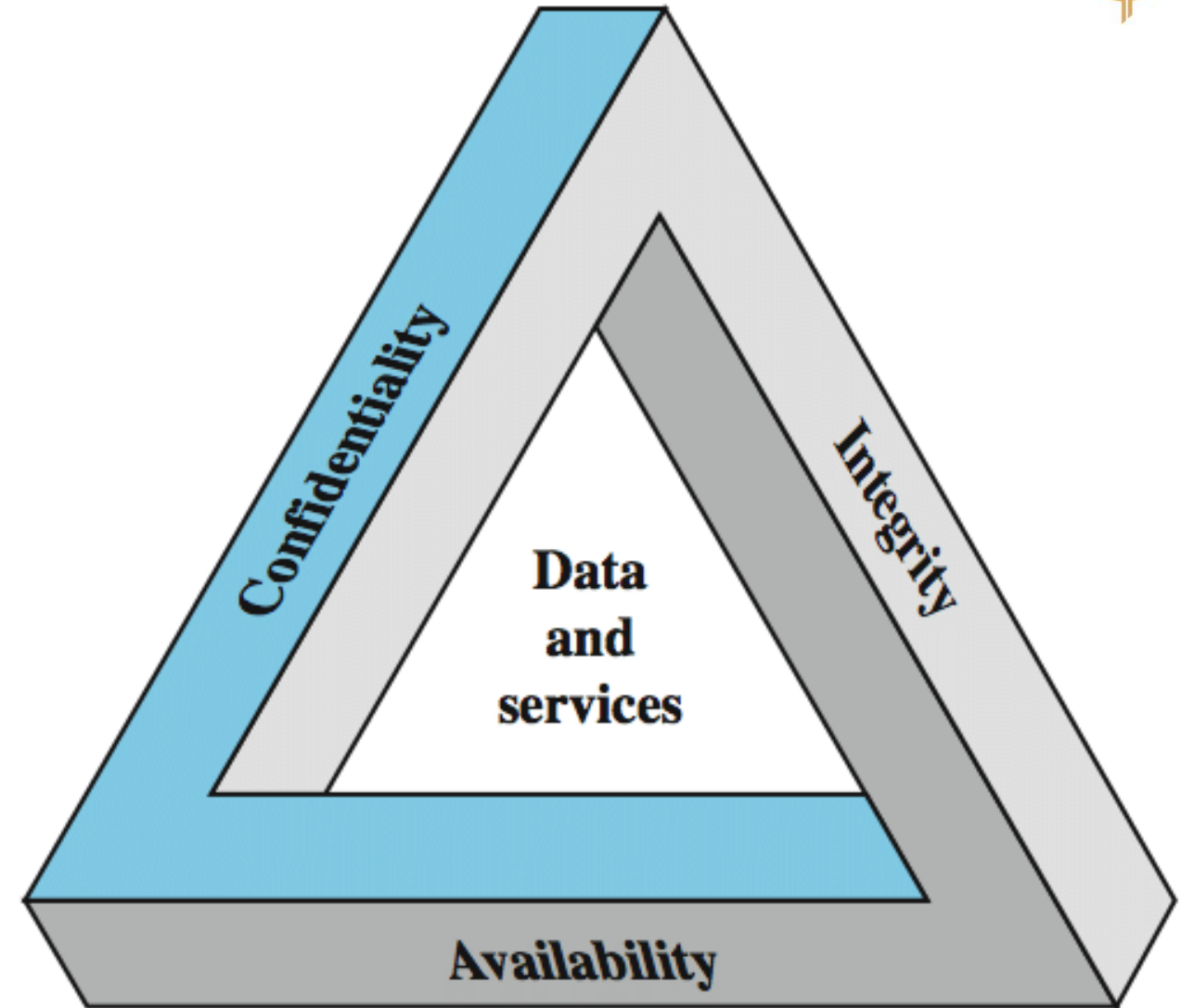
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# Concepts and Approaches

## CIA Triangle

three pillars of security:

1. **Confidentiality**- are you keeping the data confidential?
2. **Integrity** - Does your approach help guarantee the integrity of data? and
3. **Availability** - does your approach still make the data readily available to authorized users?



# Security Requirements

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- **Confidentiality**
  - Preserving authorized restrictions on information **access** and **disclosure**, including means for protecting personal privacy and proprietary information.
- **Integrity**
  - Guarding against information **modifications** or **destruction**, including ensuring information non-repudiation and authenticity.
- **Availability**
  - Ensuring timely and reliable access to and **use** of information

# Security Attacks, Mechanisms & Services

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## ***Security Attack***

- Any action that compromises the security of information

## ***Security Mechanism***

- A process / device that is designed to detect, prevent or recover from a security attack.

## ***Security Service***

- A service intended to counter security attacks, typically by implementing one or more mechanisms.

# Threats & Attacks

**Table 1.1 Threats and Attacks (RFC 2828)**

**Threat**

A potential for violation of security, which exists when there is a circumstance, capability, action, or event that could breach security and cause harm. That is, a threat is a possible danger that might exploit a vulnerability.

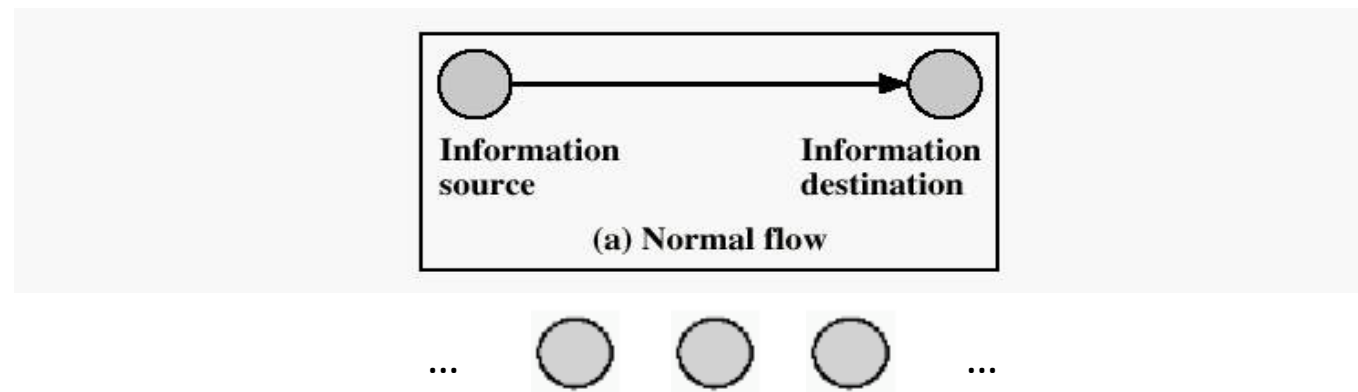
**Attack**

An assault on system security that derives from an intelligent threat; that is, an intelligent act that is a deliberate attempt (especially in the sense of a method or technique) to evade security services and violate the security policy of a system.

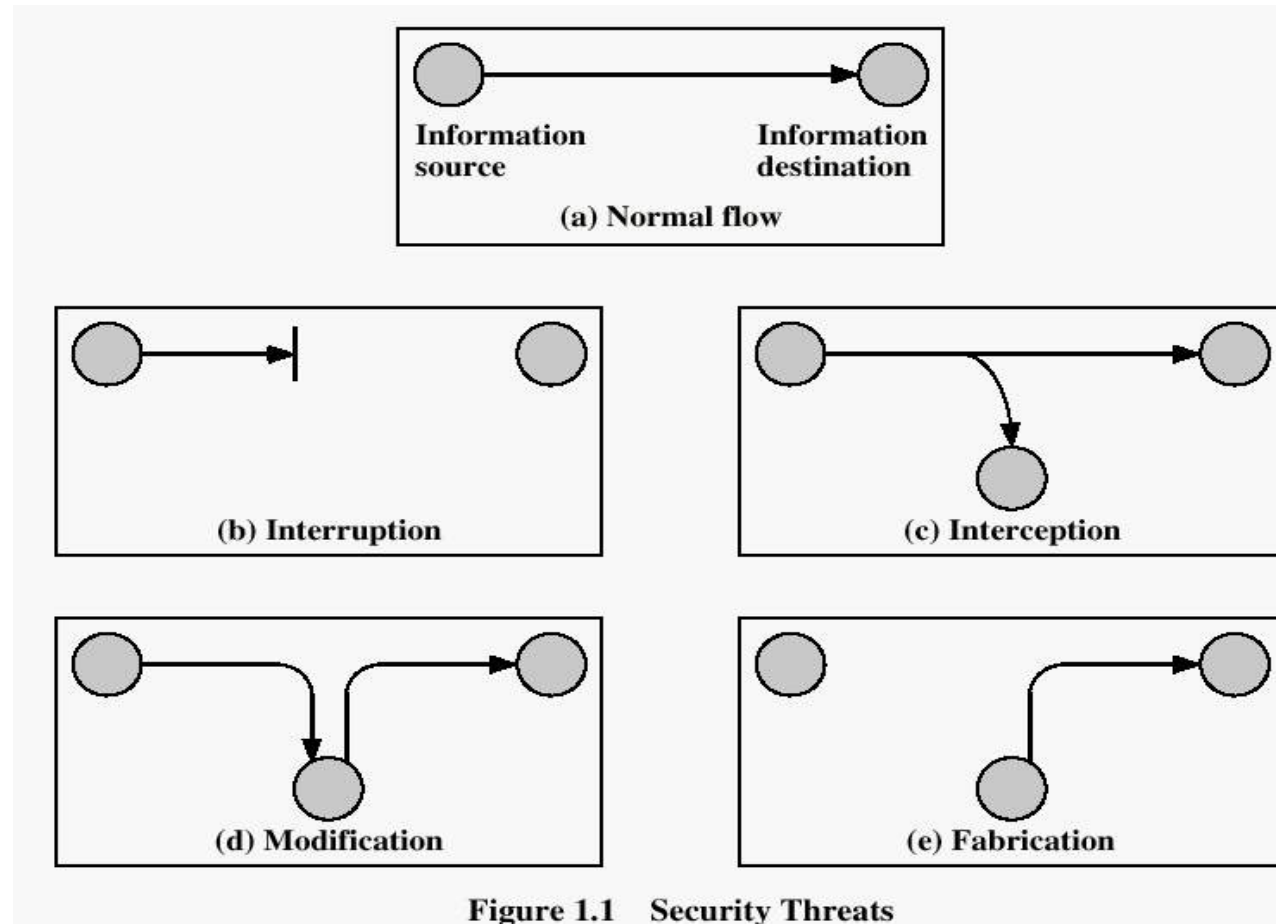
... but *threat* and *attack* used nearly interchangeably



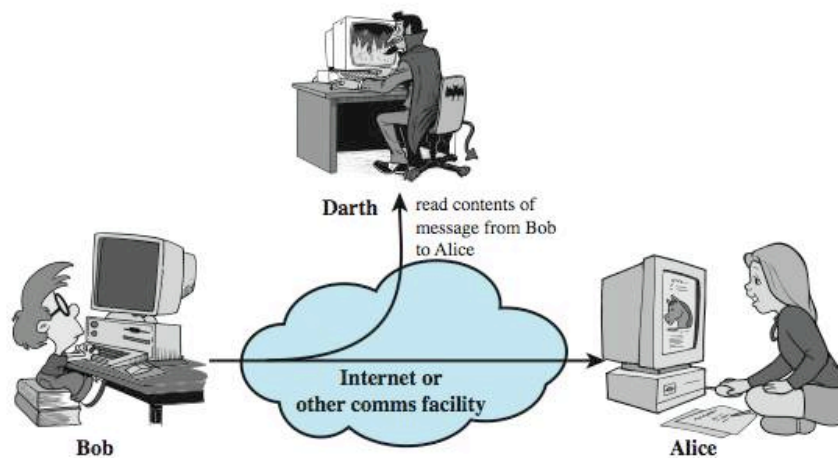
# Security Threats / Attacks



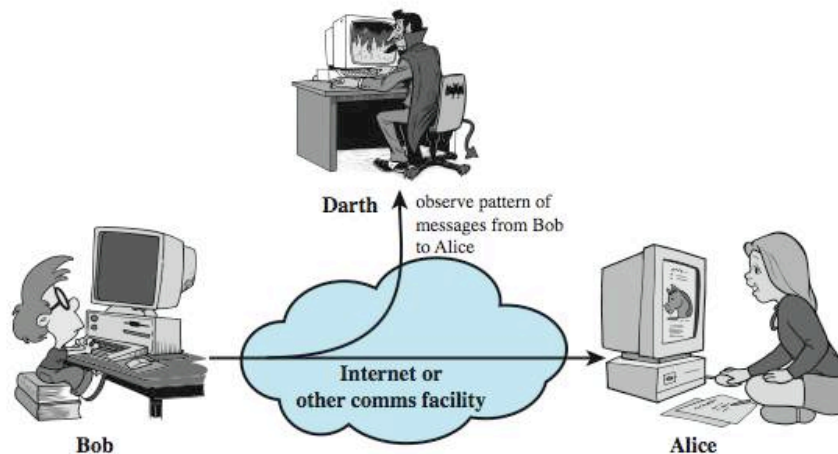
# Security Threats / Attacks



# Passive Attacks



(a) Release of message contents

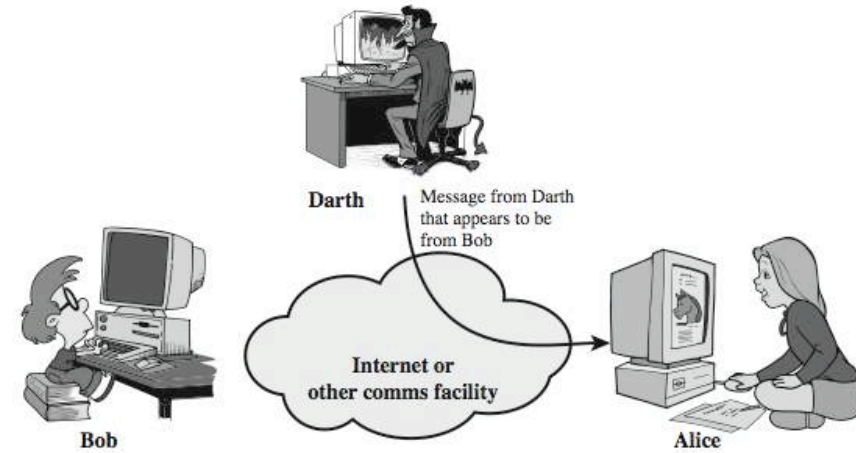


(b) Traffic analysis

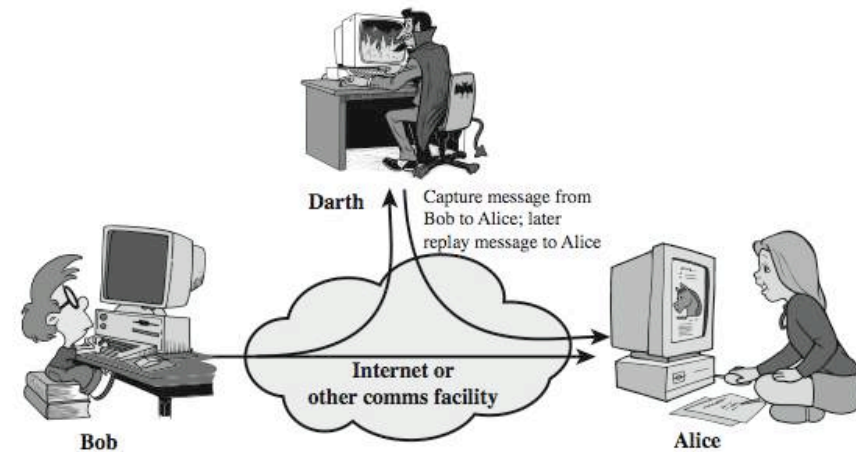
Figure 1.2 Passive attacks.

# Active Attacks (1)

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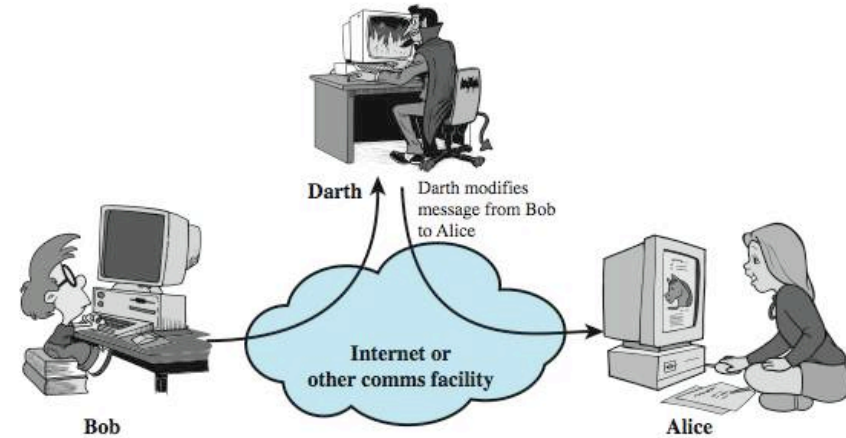
(a) Masquerade



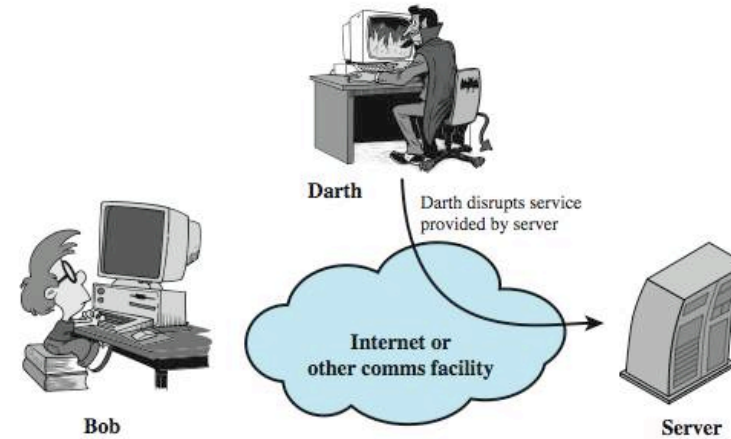
(b) Replay

Figure 1.3 Active attacks (page 1 of 2)

# Active Attacks (2)



(c) Modification of messages



(d) Denial of service

Figure 1.3 Active Attacks (page 2 of 2)

# Security Services (X.800)

- **Authentication**
  - The assurance that the communicating entity is the one it claims to be
- **Access Control**
  - The prevention of unauthorized use of a resource
    - who can have access to a resource,
    - under what conditions access can occur,
    - what those accessing the resource are allowed to do
- **Data Confidentiality**
  - The protection of data from unauthorized disclosure
- **Data Integrity**
  - The assurance that data received are exactly as sent by an authorized entity (i.e., contains no modification, insertion, deletion or replay).
- **Non-Repudiation**
  - Provides protection against denial by one of the entities involved in a communication of having participated in all/part of the communication.



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# Security Mechanisms (X.800)

**Table 1.4 Relationship Between Security Services and Mechanisms**

Service	Mechanism							
	Enciph- erment	Digital signature	Access control	Data integrity	Authenti- cation exchange	Traffic padding	Routing control	Notari- zation
Peer entity authentication	Y	Y			Y			
Data origin authentication	Y	Y						
Access control			Y					
Confidentiality	Y						Y	
Traffic flow confidentiality	Y					Y	Y	
Data integrity	Y	Y		Y				
Nonrepudiation		Y		Y				Y
Availability				Y	Y			

<http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-X.800-199103-I/e>

# Model for Network Security

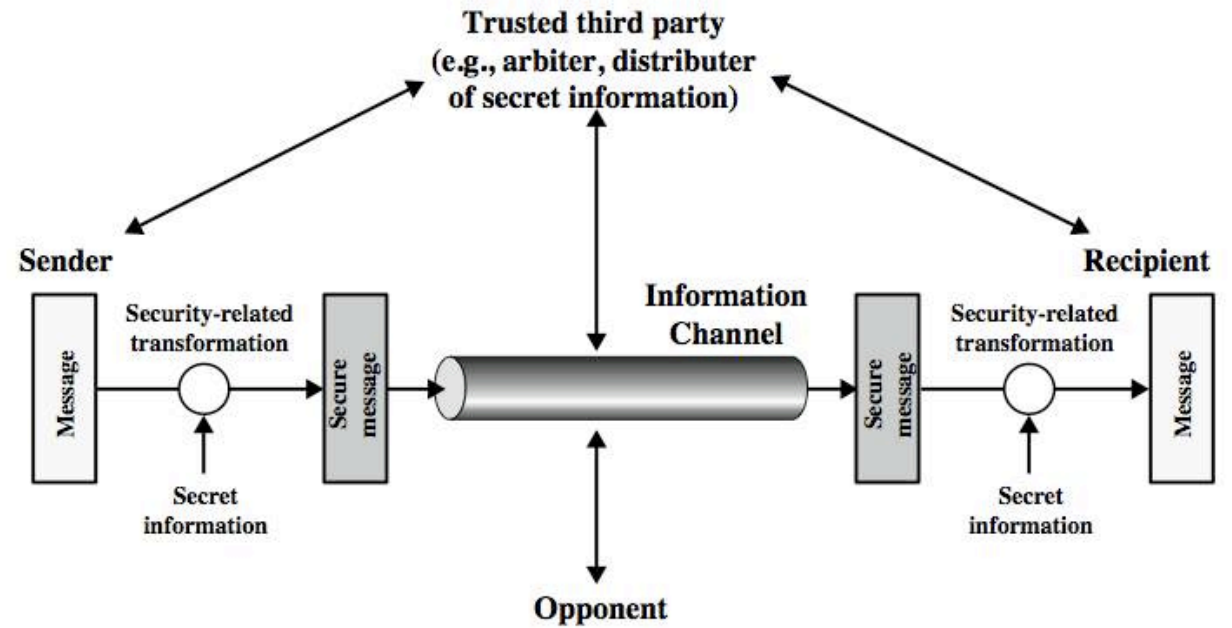


Figure 1.4 Model for Network Security



# Access Control

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Access Control Overview

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Identification, Authentication, Authorization, Accountability

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Single Sign-on and [Kerberos](#)

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Access Control Models

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Access Control Techniques and Technologies

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Access Control Administration

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Access Control Monitoring: Intrusion Detection

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Threats to Access Control

# Access Control Overview

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**Access control** is a system which **enables an authority to control access to areas and resources** in a given physical facility or computer-based information system.

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In computer security, access control includes **authentication**, **authorization** and **audit**.

It also includes measures such as **physical devices**, including biometric scans and metal locks, hidden paths, digital signatures, encryption, social barriers, and **monitoring** by humans and automated systems.

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In any access control model, the **entities that can perform actions** in the system are called **subjects**, and the **entities representing resources to which access may need to be controlled** are called **objects** (see also Access Control Matrix). Subjects and objects should both be considered as software entities and as human users

# Access Control



Access control **models** used by current systems tend to fall into one of two classes: **those based on capabilities** and those based on **access control lists (ACLs)**.



In a **capability-based model**, holding an **unforgeable reference or capability** to an object provides access to the object



Access is conveyed to another party by **transmitting such a capability** over a **secure channel**.



In an ACL-based model, a **subject's access to an object** depends on whether **its identity is on a list associated with the object**

# Identification, Authentication, Authorization



Access control systems provide the essential services of ***identification and authentication*** (I&A), ***authorization***, and ***accountability*** where:



**identification and authentication** determine who can log on to a system, and the association of users with the software subjects that they are able to control as a result of logging in;



**authorization** determines what a subject can do;



**accountability** identifies what a subject (or all subjects associated with a user) did.

# Identification, Authentication, Authorization

Authenticators are commonly based on at least one of the following **four factors**:

- **Something you know**, such as a **password** or a personal identification number (**PIN**). This assumes that only the owner of the account knows the password or PIN needed to access the account.
- **Something you have**, such as a **smart card** or **security token**. This assumes that only the owner of the account has the necessary smart card or token needed to unlock the account.
- **Something you are**, such as **fingerprint**, **voice**, **retina**, or **iris** characteristics.
- **Where you are**, for example **inside** or **outside** a company **firewall**, or proximity of login location to a personal GPS device.

# Identification, Authentication, Authorization

**Authorization:** Authorization applies to subjects. Authorization determines what a subject can do on the system.

Most modern operating systems define sets of permissions that are variations or extensions of three basic types of access:

- **Read (R):** The subject can
  - Read file contents, List directory contents
- **Write (W):** The subject can change the contents of a file or directory with the following tasks:
  - Add, Create, Delete, Rename
- **Execute (X):** If the file is a program, the subject can cause the program to be run. (In Unix systems, the 'execute' permission doubles as a '**traverse directory**' permission when granted for a directory.)

# Intrusion Detection System

For the purpose of dealing with IT, there are two main types of IDS's: **network-based** and **host-based IDS**.

- In a **network-based intrusion-detection system (NIDS)**, the **sensors are located at choke points in the network to be monitored**, often in the demilitarized zone (DMZ) or at network borders. The sensor captures all network traffic and analyzes the content of individual packets for malicious traffic.
- In a **host-based system**, the **sensor usually consists of a software agent, which monitors all activity** of the host on which it is installed, including file system, logs and the kernel. Some application-based IDS are also part of this category.

# Threats to Access Control



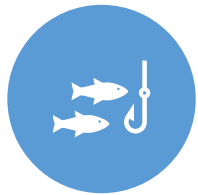
Dictionary  
Attack



Brute Force  
Attack



Spoofing at  
Logon



Phishing



Identity Theft



# Cryptography



Definition of Cryptography



Important concepts

Symmetric and  
Asymmetric, Hash, Digital  
Signature etc.



Steganography and Digital watermarking



Algorithms



Attacks

# Definitions



## Cryptography

Mathematical manipulation of information that prevents the information being disclosed or altered



## Cryptanalysis

Defeating the protected mechanisms of cryptography



## Cryptology

Study of Cryptography and Cryptanalysis

# Goals of Cryptography



Confidentiality



Integrity



Authenticity



Non-repudiation



Access Control



Make compromise  
difficult

# Process



**Input** (also called Plaintext or Clear Text)



**Cryptosystem** (device that performs encryption/decryption)



**Cryptographic Algorithms** (Mathematical functions)



**Output** (Cipher text or Cryptogram)



**Key** (Crypto variable)

# What is Network Security

- Network security consists of the (1) **provisions made** in an underlying computer network infrastructure, (2) **policies adopted** by the network administrator to protect the network and the network-accessible resources from unauthorized access, and (3) consistent and continuous **monitoring and measurement** of its effectiveness
- Network security **starts from authenticating the user**, commonly with a username and a password.
- Once authenticated, a **firewall enforces access policies** such as what services are allowed to be accessed by the network users.
- Though effective to prevent unauthorized access, this component may fail to check potentially harmful content such as computer worms or Trojans being transmitted over the network.

# What is Network Security

Communication between two hosts using a network could be **encrypted** to maintain privacy.

- **Honeypots** essentially decoy network-accessible resources, could be deployed in a network as surveillance and early-warning tools. **Techniques used by the attackers** that attempt to compromise these decoy resources **are studied during and after an attack** to keep an eye on new exploitation techniques. Such analysis could be used to further tighten security of the actual network being protected by the honeypot.
- A **Botnet** is a **collection of software agents, or robots**, that run autonomously and automatically. The term is most commonly associated with malicious software, but it can also refer to a network of computers using distributed computing software.

# Network Forensic

**Network forensics** is essentially **about monitoring network traffic** and determining if there is an attack and if so, determine the nature of the attack

- Key tasks include **traffic capture, analysis and visualization**
- Many tools are now available
- Works together with **IDs, Firewalls and Honeynets**
- Expert systems solutions show promise

# Network Security Jobs

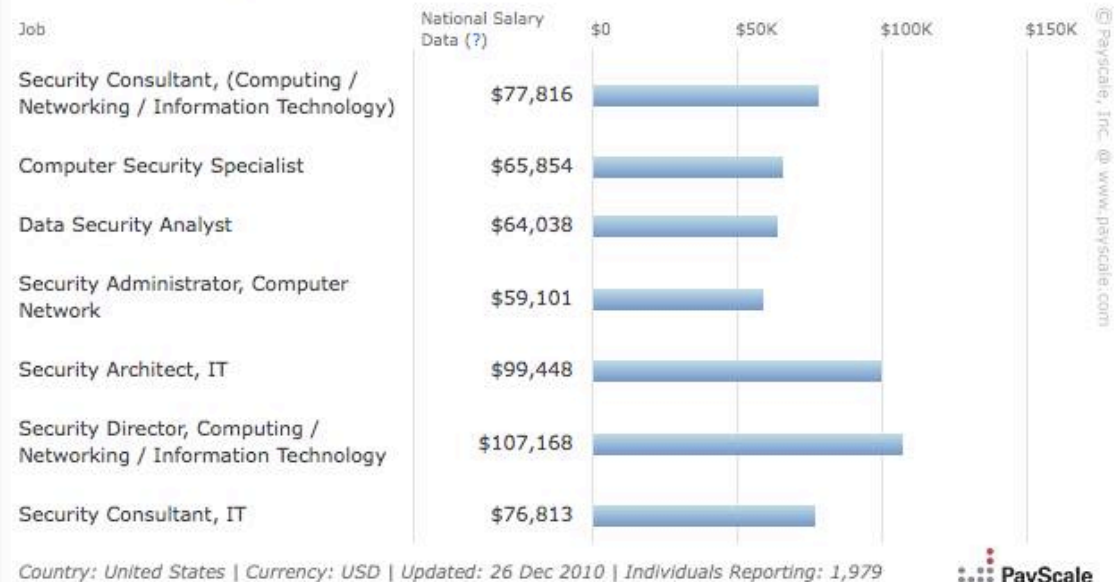


## Job growth

Rank	Job title	Best Jobs rank	10-year growth	Total jobs
1	Telecommunications Network Engineer	30	53%	21,000
2	Systems Engineer	1	45%	88,000
3	Personal Financial Advisor	N.A.	41%	20,000
4	Veterinarian	25	35%	68,000
5	Senior Financial Analyst	21	34%	127,000
6	Business Analyst, IT	17	29%	125,000
7	Software Development Director	N.A.	28%	12,000
8	Physical Therapist	7	27%	181,000
9	Physician Assistant	2	27%	82,000
10	Computer/Network Security Consultant	8	27%	13,000



## People with Jobs in Computer/Network Security Median Salary by Job





Questions?