Outline

Security Protection Stages in OS

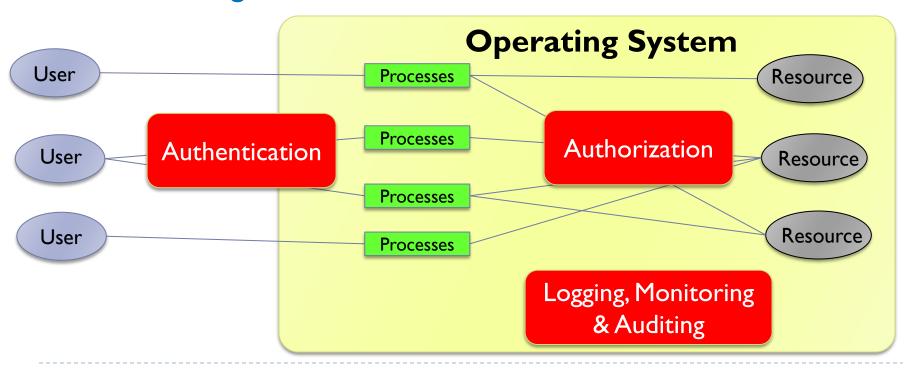
- Authentication
- Authorization with Access Control
- Logging, Monitoring & Auditing
- Privilege Management in OS

Security Protection from OS

OS is responsible for protecting the apps and resources inside it.

- OS controls what users/processes can do
- OS prevents what users/processes cannot do

Protection Stages



Authentication

How does a computer know if I am a correct user?

- Something you know: password, PIN, public/private keys...
- Something you have: smartcard, hardware tokens...
- Something you are: biometrics, face recognition, voice recognition...

Knowledge Factor (something you know)	Possession Factor (something you have)	Inherence Factor (something you are)
*** Password	Smartphone	Fingerprint
?		
Security Question	Smart Card	Retina Pattern
<u>1234</u>		
PIN	Hardware Token	Face Recognition

Something You Know: Password

Password is the most common way to prove who you are

- Adopted by various networking websites and applications
- The security of the password-based authentication mechanism depends on the strength of the selected password, i.e., the chance attacker can guess the password.
- ▶ The trade-off between the password security and convenience:
 - Weak password is easy to memorize, but also easy to be guessed.
 - Complex password is strong but results in frustrated users



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Sign in with your organizational account

username@staff.main.ntu.edu.sg

Password

Sign in

Sign in using your network account e.g

username@staff.main.ntu.edu.sg

username@staff.main.ntu.edu.sg

username@staff.couster.nie.edu.sg

username@assoc.main.ntu.edu.sg

username@niestaff.cluster.nie.edu.sg

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Weak Password

A weak password is a character combination that is easy for friends, bad actors or password-hacking software to guess

- Short passwords: a single word (e.g., password) or numerical phrase (e.g., 12345).
- Recognizable keystroke patterns: take a look at your keyboard and find QWERTY
- Personal information in passwords: e.g., date of birth, address, name
- Repeated letters or numbers: e.g., 55555, aaaa

Password Popularity - Top 20

Rank	Password	Number of Users with Password (absolute)
1	123456	290731
2	12345	79078
3	123456789	76790
4	Password	61958
5	iloveyou	51622
6	princess	35231
7	rockyou	22588
8	1234567	21726
9	12345678	20553
10	abc123	17542

Rank	Password	Number of Users with Password (absolute)
11	Nicole	17168
12	Daniel	16409
13	babygirl	16094
14	monkey	15294
15	Jessica	15162
16	Lovely	14950
17	michael	14898
18	Ashley	14329
19	654321	13984
20	Qwerty	13856