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I met with Dr Martin to discuss part of chapter 1, a slightly unusual section intended to illustrate the particular problem faced by cross domain system installers in the field. Developing a writing style has been a continual effort and I wanted another opinion on it as a proposed opening. As I thought, it was unsuitable for the beginning of the chapter. However, it could nonetheless be used, I was advised, a few pages further in if the example were framed in a different way. Dr Martin cautioned me on overuse of acronyms and abbreviations early on, recommending to be careful about use of terms throughout the first chapter, in the mode of teaching the reader a specialised language at first, then abbreviating later on. I am following all of his advice. He asked to see a complete chapter the following week; it need not be good but it must be complete. I will have it for our next meeting tomorrow.

Afterwards, we chatted for a bit about news in the department and a paper I'd read in IEEE Security & Privacy. News of an attack on Lockheed Martin's internal network by means of the RSA SecurID compromise in March had appeared from Reuters a few hours before; we talked about the security impact of wholesale two-factor authentication token replacement and what other disclosures might come to light in the next few weeks. We talked about what other things could be deduced from the limited information released by both sides.

In Deer Creek, I requested the government programme manager at SPAWARSYSCEN-SD to give his endorsement (required) so I can attend the UCDDMO conference 1--4 August.

Next meeting with Dr Martin tomorrow 1445 BST.

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References