
Access Control

Domain 1

Overview

The access control domain addresses the concepts, methodologies, and techniques to manage access control; understand access control attacks; assess the effectiveness of implemented access controls; and helps to identify and access the provisioning lifecycle for access control.

Key Areas of Knowledge

A. Control access by applying the following concepts/ methodologies/ techniques

A.1 Policies

A.2 Types controls (preventative, detective, corrective, etc.)

A.3 Techniques (e.g., non-discretionary, discretionary and mandatory)

A.4 Identification and Authentication

A.5 Decentralized/distributed access control techniques

A.6 Authorization mechanisms

A.7 Logging and monitoring

Key Areas of Knowledge (continued)

B. Understand access control attacks

- B.1 threat modeling

- B.2 asset valuation

- B.3 vulnerability analysis

- B.4 access aggregation

C. Assess effectiveness of access controls

- C.1 User entitlement

- C.2 Access review & audit

D. Identify and access provisioning lifecycle (e.g., provisioning, review, revocation)

Agenda

- ➡ **Control access by applying concepts/ methodologies/ techniques**
- ➡ Understand access control attacks
- ➡ Assess effectiveness of access controls
- ➡ Identify and access provisioning lifecycle

Purpose of Access Control

➡ Access Control Mechanisms

- Protect information and resources from unauthorized disclosure, modification, and destruction
- First line of defense against unauthorized entry, access, and use
- Main types of mechanisms
 - Physical
 - Administrative
 - Technical

General Control Layers

➡ Administrative Controls

- Development of policies, standards, and procedures
- Screening personnel, security awareness training, monitoring system and network activity, and change control

➡ Technical Controls

- Logical mechanisms that provide password and resource management, identification and authentication, and software configurations

➡ Physical Controls

- Protecting individual systems, the network, employees, and the facility from physical damage

Security Controls - Administrative

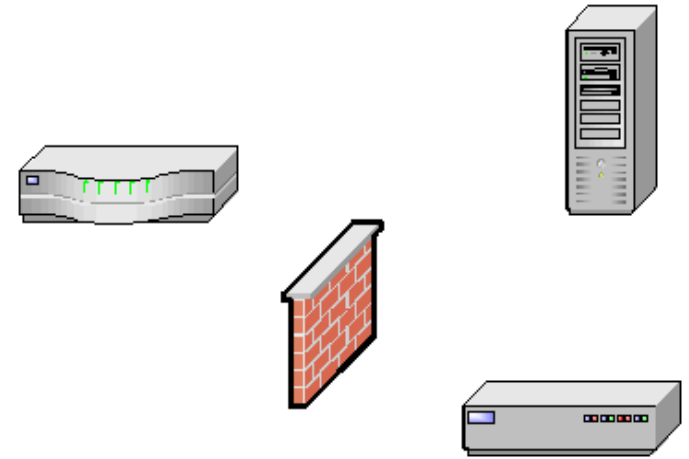
➡ Administrative Controls

- Developing a security program
- Determining compliancy levels and consequences of non-compliance
- Indicating who has authorized access and who is unauthorized
- Classifying data and enforcing the necessary protection required for that classification
- Developing policies and standards and enforcing them when they are broken
- Developing an incident response program
- Developing a business continuity and disaster recovery plan
- Operational and continuity testing (i.e., Penetration Testing)

Security Controls – Technical

➔ Technical Controls

- Implementing access control - requiring users to authenticate before accessing a system or data
- Encrypting data where it is stored and/or is transmitted
- Implementing firewalls and IDS
- Fault tolerance and load balancing
- Auditing



Security Controls – Physical

➡ Physical Controls

- Locks and alarms on exterior doors
- Security guards watching for suspicious individuals and activities
- Intrusion detection systems to physically protect the facility
- Removing floppy drives so information cannot be copied and brought out of a building
- Storing backup data in a fire proof safe and/or at an offsite facility

Access Control Types/Categories

➡ Preventative

- Controls used to prevent undesirable events from taking place

➡ Detective

- Controls used to identify undesirable events that have occurred

➡ Corrective

- Controls used to correct the effects of undesirable events

➡ Deterrent

- Controls used to discourage security violations

➡ Recovery

- Controls used to restore resources and capabilities

➡ Compensation

- Controls used to provide alternative solutions

➡ Directive

- Policies used to preclude or mandate actions to reduce risk

Control Combinations

➡ Preventative – Administrative

- Policies and procedures
- Pre-employment background checks
- Data classification and labeling
- Security awareness

➡ Preventative – Physical

- Badges and swipe cards
- Guards, dogs, motion detectors, CCTV
- Fences, locks, man-traps, alarms

➡ Preventative – Technical

- Passwords, biometrics, smart cards
- Encryption, protocols, call-back systems, database views, constrained user interface
- Anti-virus software, ACL's, firewalls, routers, clipping levels

Control Combinations

➡ **Detective – Administrative**

- Job rotation
- Sharing responsibilities
- Inspections
- Incident response

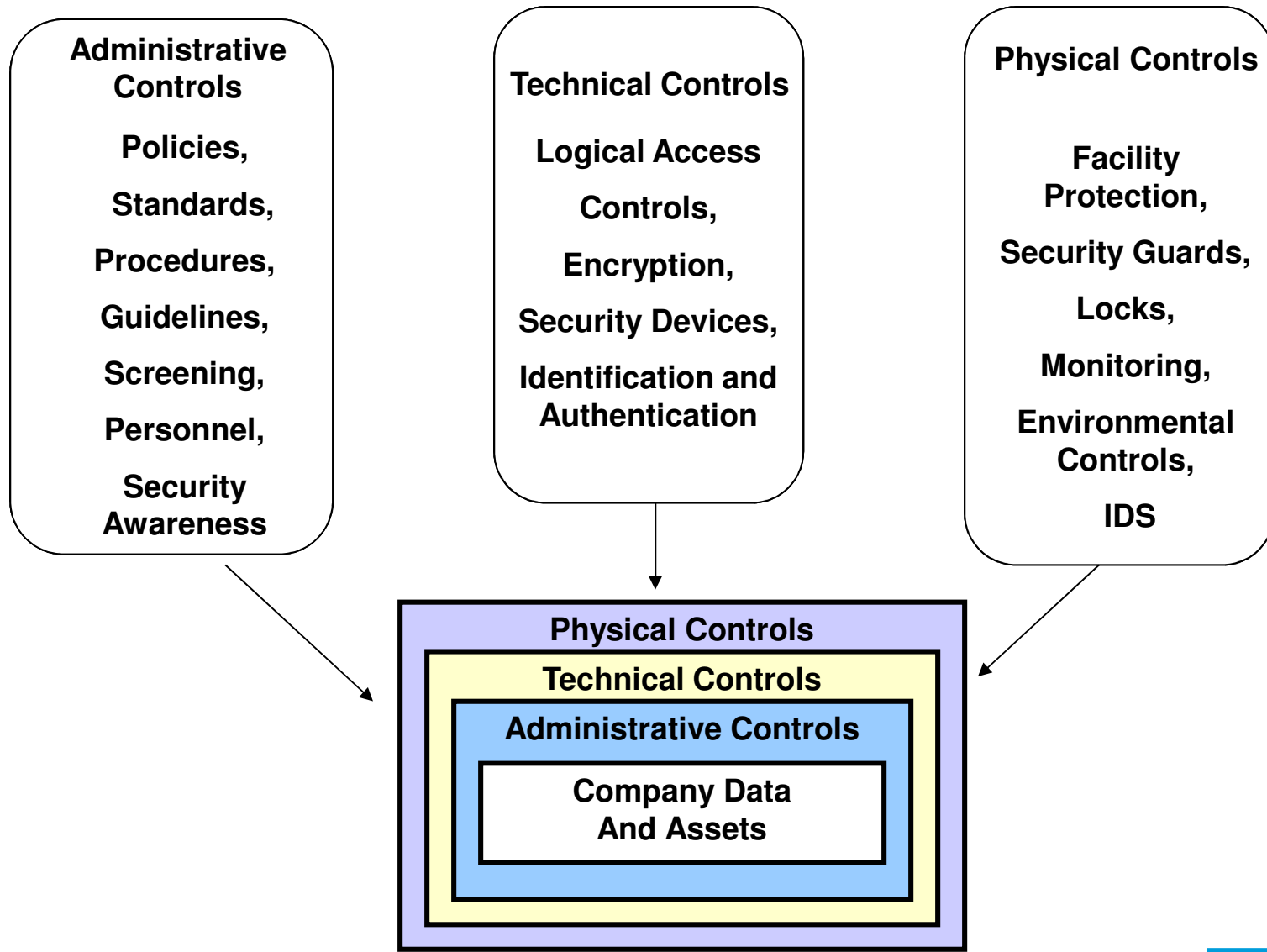
➡ **Detective – Technical**

- IDS
- Reviewing audit logs
- Reviewing violations of clipping levels

➡ **Detective – Physical**

- Human evaluation of output from sensors or cameras
 - Motion detectors, intrusion detection, video cameras

How Controls Work Together



Access Control Definitions

➡ Subject

- Active entity that requests access to an object or the data within an object

➡ Object

- Passive entity that contains information

➡ Access

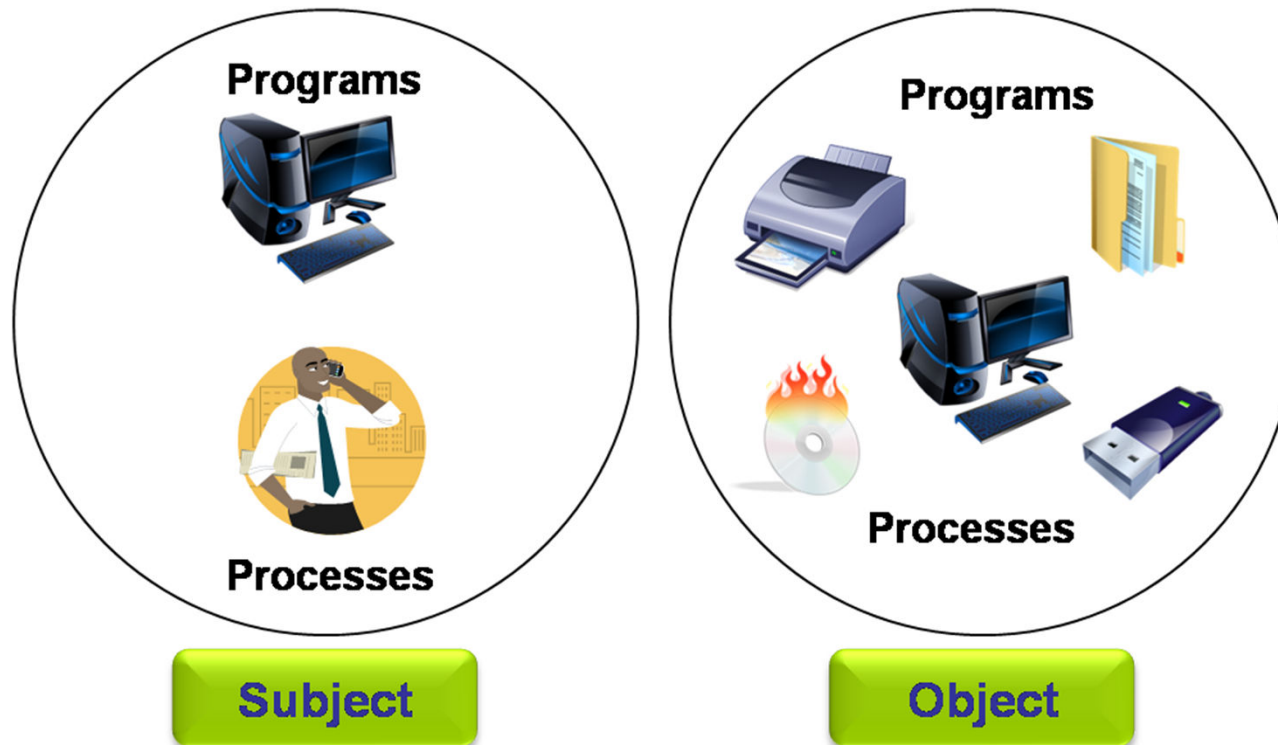
- Ability of subject to “do something”
 - Read, create, delete, modify
- Flow of information between a subject and an object

➡ Access Control

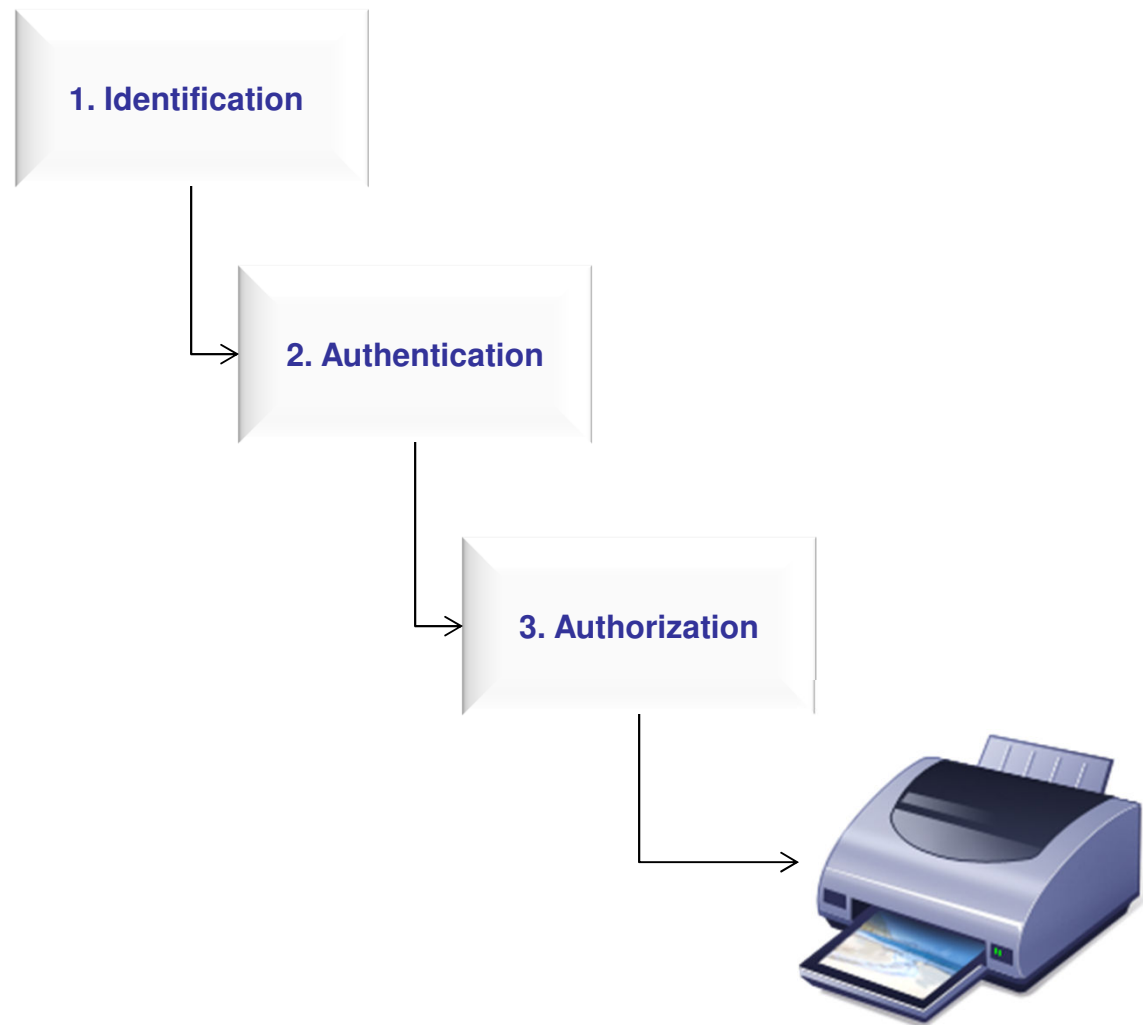
- Security features that control how subjects and objects communicate and interact with other subjects and objects



Subject and Object Relationship



Steps of Access Control



Who are you?

➡ Identification

- Identifying the subjects
 - Username, smart card, memory card

➡ Authentication

- Proving the subject is who it claims to be with a second piece of a credential set

➡ Authorization

- Granting access to resources based on a criteria

➡ Accounting

- Keeping records of activity

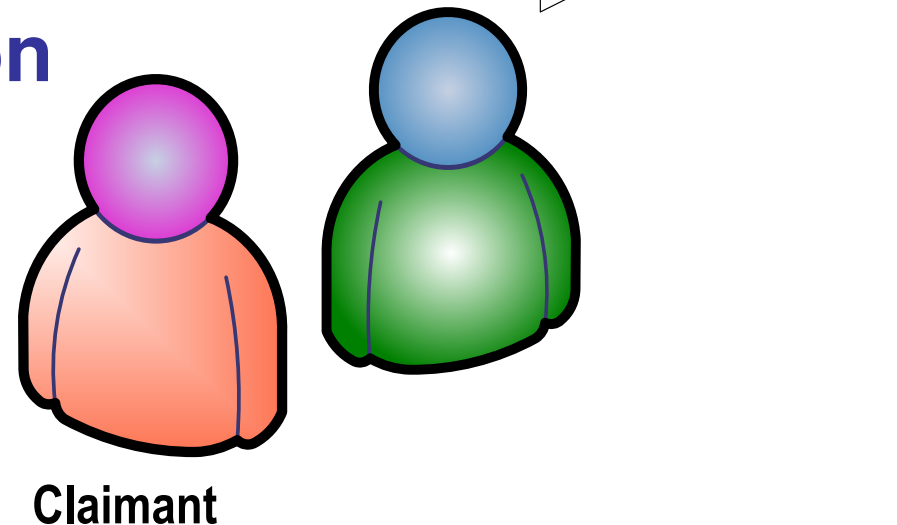
Identification

➔ Claimed identity

➔ Public information

➔ Forms of Identification

- Username/ User ID
- PIN
- RFID
- MAC & IP Addresses



Authentication

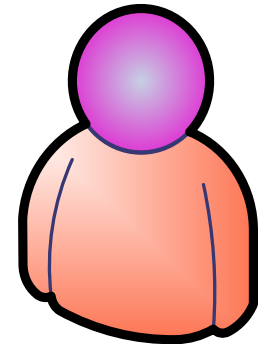
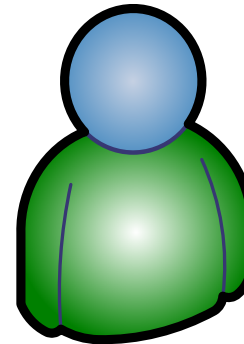
➡ A subject must prove its identity

- Verifying the claimant

➡ Types (implementation options):

- Something you know
- Something you have
- Something you are

Prove it.



➡ Two factor authentication

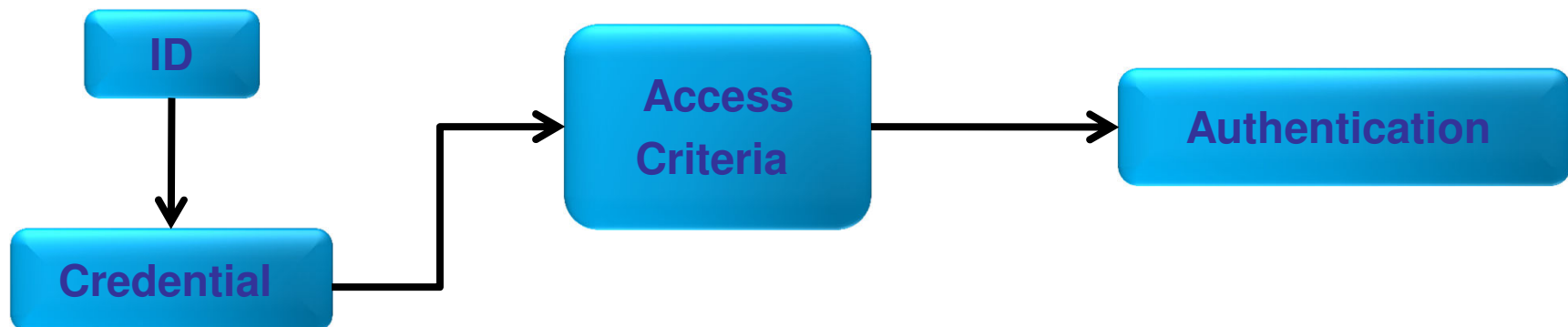
- Strong authentication employs two out of these three options

➡ Mutual authentication

- ➡ Also called two-way authentication

Authentication Components

- ➡ Biometrics
- ➡ Passwords
- ➡ Token devices
- ➡ Memory cards
- ➡ Smart cards
- ➡ Cryptographic keys



Type 1 – Something the User Knows

➡ Password

➡ Personal History

➡ Passphrase

➡ PIN

➡ Graphical

Passwords

➡ Password Characteristics

- Cheapest, least secure, most widely used authentication technology
- Least secure because users choose easy passwords, share them, write them down, or do not change them
- Lack of strict password policy enforcement reduces security
- Password generators can create complex passwords, but users will just write them down

Password Best Practices

- ➔ **At least eight characters (alphanumeric and symbols) with upper and lower case values**
- ➔ **User should not be able to use same password or share passwords**
 - Password history
 - Passwords should not be easily guessed or dictionary words
- ➔ **Threshold (clipping level) of acceptable number of failed logins logged**
- ➔ **Audit log should contain date, time, user ID, and workstation logged in from**
- ➔ **Password lifetime should be short, but practical**

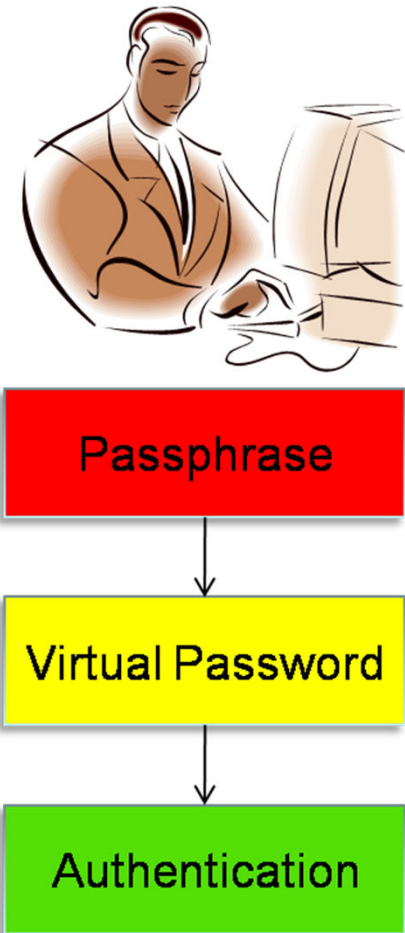
Password Types

➔ Cognitive Passwords

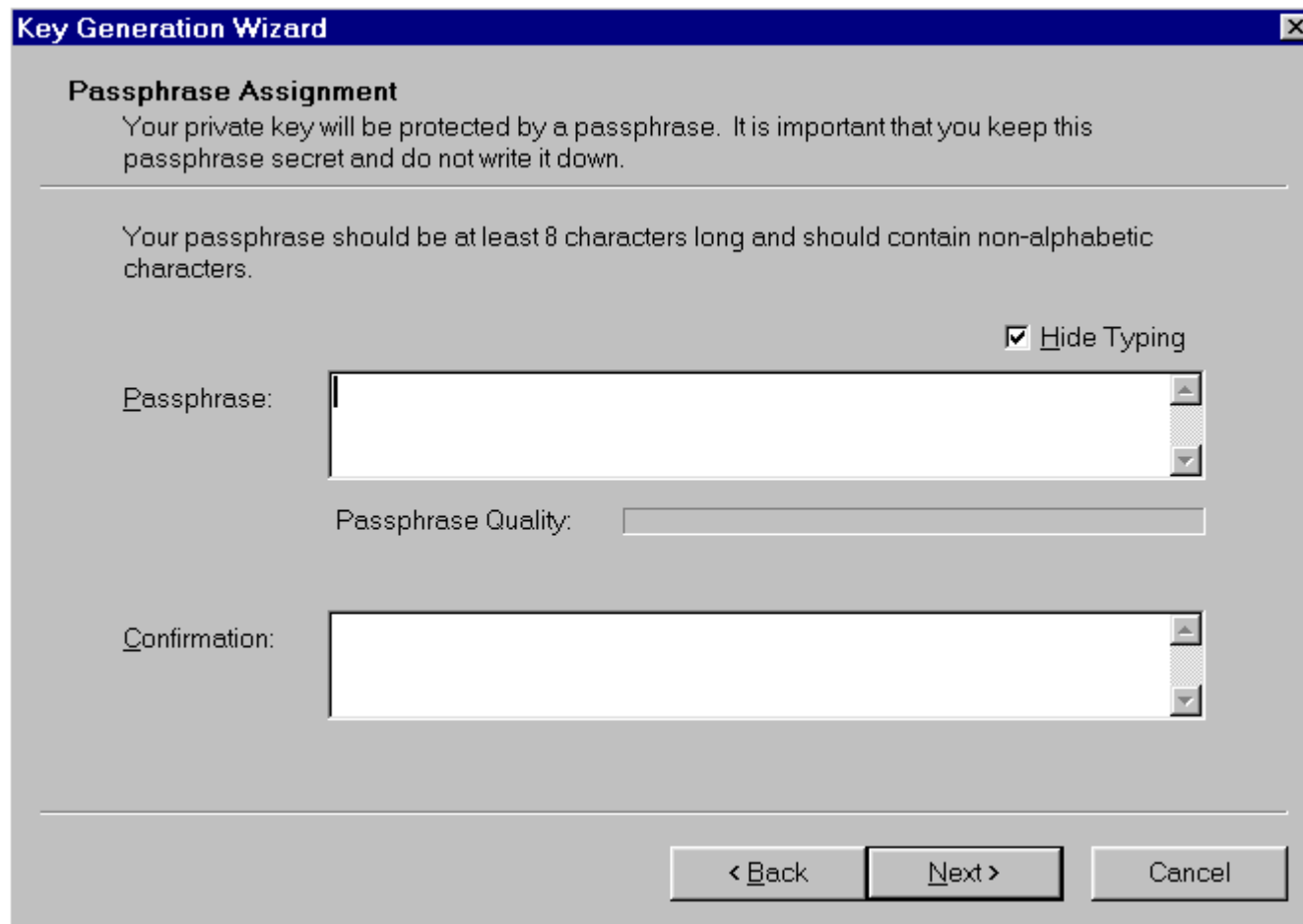
- Fact or opinion-based information used to verify an individual's identity
- Enrollment phase includes questions about one's life
 - Mother's maiden name
 - Pet's name
 - Favorite color
- Easier to remember than a password

Authentication Mechanism – Passphrase

- ➔ **A sequence of characters longer than a password**
 - More secure than a password because it's longer
- ➔ **Once entered, the software transforms it into a virtual password**
- ➔ **Usually easier for a user to remember**



Passphrase



Key Generation Wizard

Passphrase Assignment

Your private key will be protected by a passphrase. It is important that you keep this passphrase secret and do not write it down.

Your passphrase should be at least 8 characters long and should contain non-alphabetic characters.

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Passphrase:

Passphrase Quality:

Confirmation:

< Back Next > Cancel

Type 2 – Something the User Has

➡ Token Device

- Synchronous
- Asynchronous

➡ Cryptographic Keys

➡ Memory Cards

➡ Smart Cards



One-Time Password Generators

➔ One-Time Password

- Dynamic password that is good for only one use
- Useless if an attacker obtains password
- Usually created via token device
 - Hand-held device with a LCD display and keypad



Synchronous One-Time Password

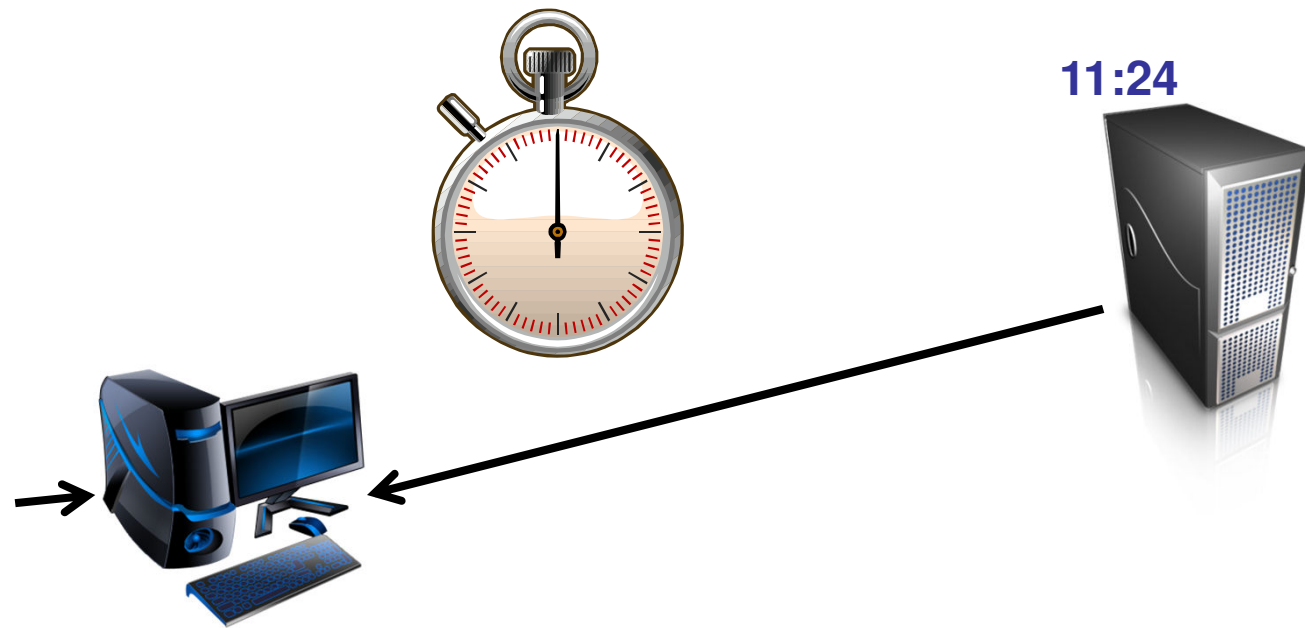
➔ Synchronous Token Device

- Synchronizes with the authentication service by using time or an event as the core piece of the authentication process
- Time or event driven
- Time value on device encrypted and sent
- User types in value and username
- Sent to authentication server



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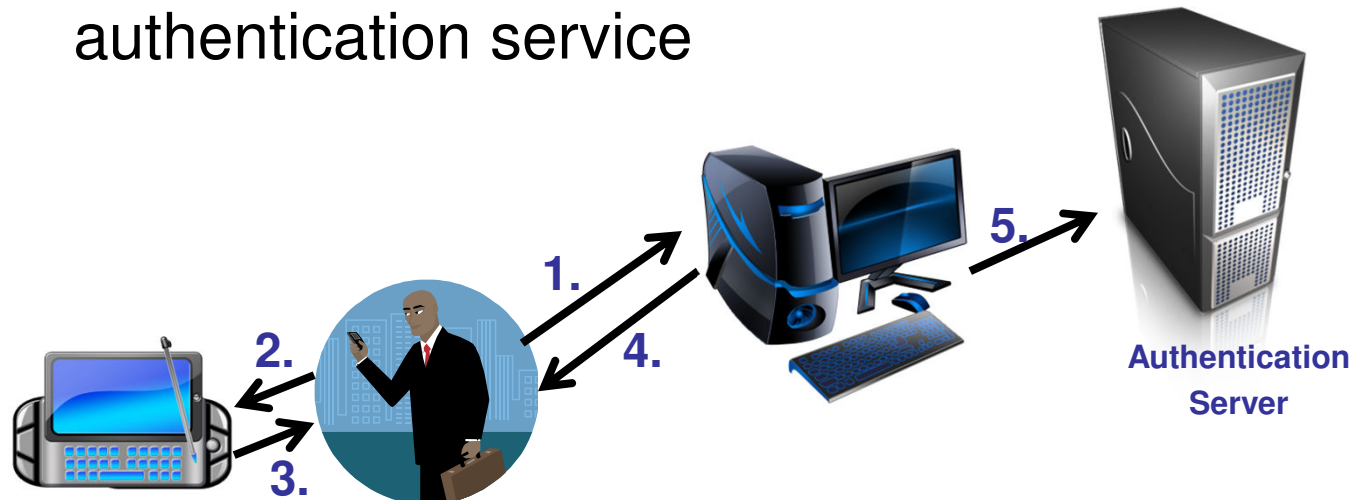
➡ Synchronous Token Device



Asynchronous One-Time Password

➔ Asynchronous Token Device

- Challenge-response scheme to communicate with the authentication service



1. Challenge Value displayed on workstation
2. User enters Challenge Value and PIN into token device
3. Token device presents a different value to the user
4. User enters new value into the workstation
5. Value sent to authentication service on server
6. Authentication service is expecting a specific value
7. User is authenticated and allowed access to workstation



Token Devices – Pros and Cons

➡ Disadvantages:

- Token devices can be lost
- Both token schemes can fall prey to masquerading if the user shares identification information

➡ Advantages:

- Not as vulnerable to electrical eavesdropping, replay attacks, and password guessing as other password methods
- Provides a higher level of protection than static passwords

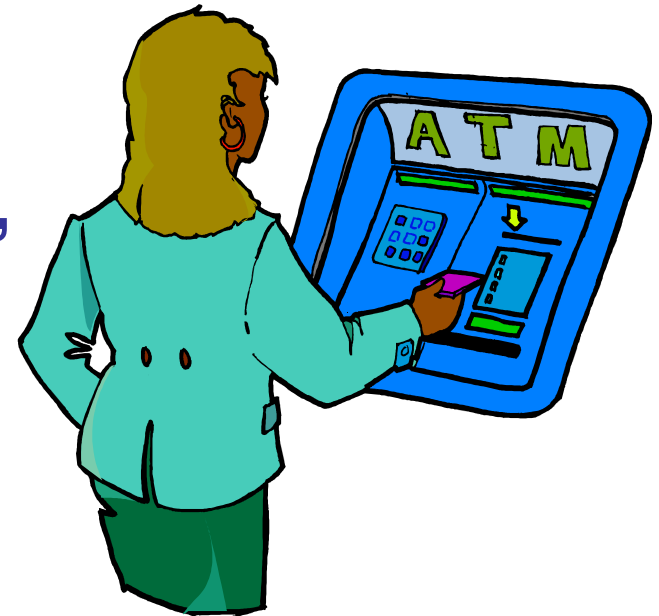
Authentication Mechanism – Keys

➡ Cryptographic Keys

- Private key or digital signature can be used to prove one's identity
 - Private key is a secret cryptographic value that should only be in the possession of one person
 - Digital signature is encrypting a hash value with the private key
- Used when more security is required than static passwords can provide

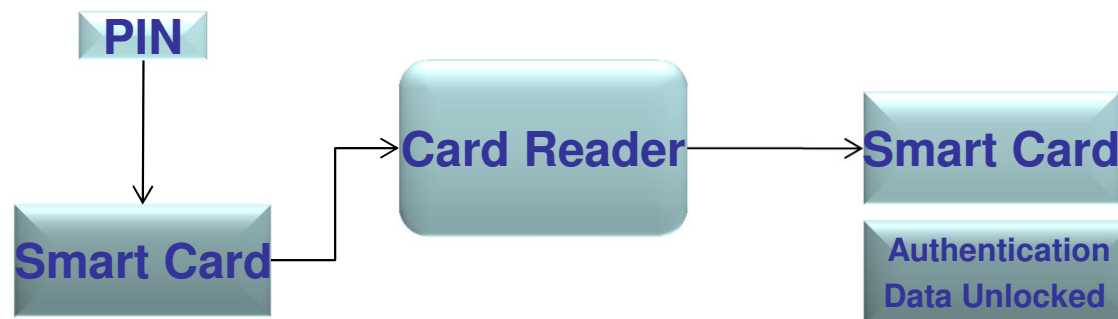
Authentication – Memory Card

- ➔ Card holds user authentication information
- ➔ User puts card into reader and enters username or PIN
- ➔ Card can only hold information, not process information
- ➔ Added cost of reader, card creation, and maintenance



Authentication Mechanism – Smart Card

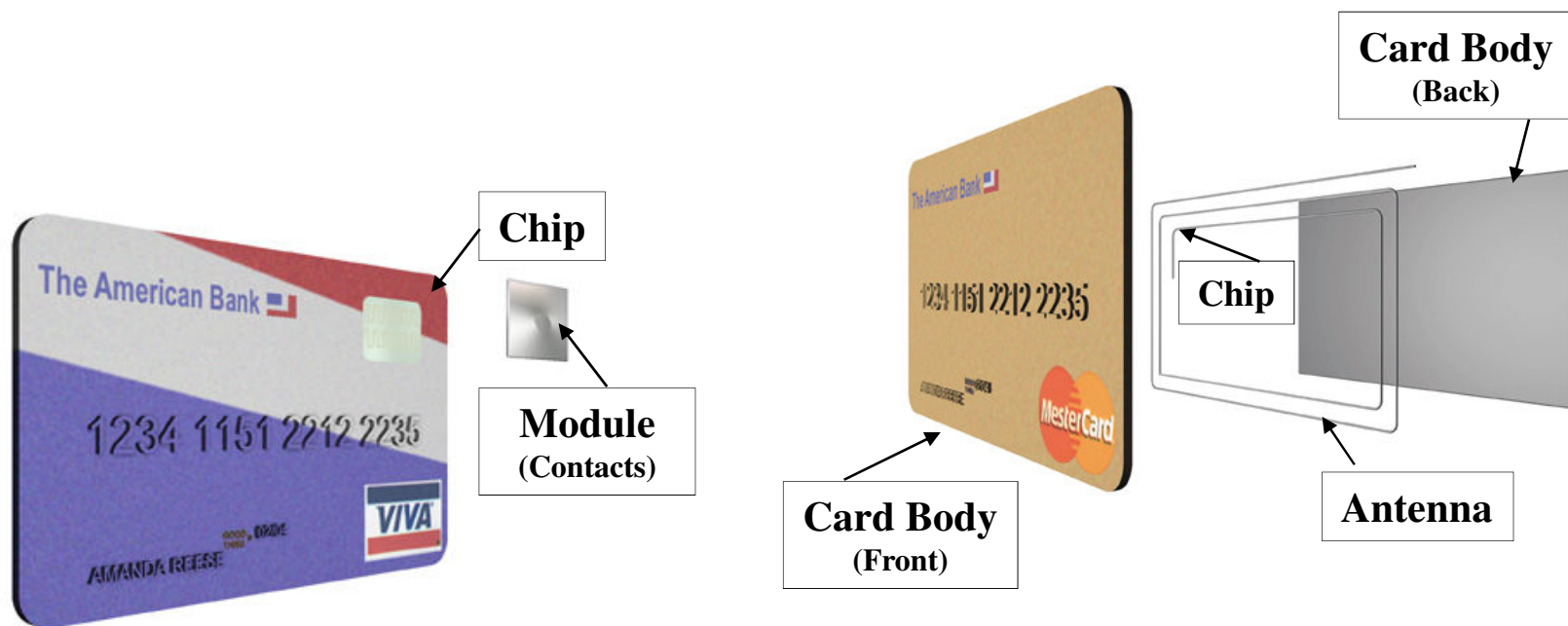
- ➡ Has a microprocessor
- ➡ Tamperproof mobile storage of user authentication data
- ➡ Can work with PKI to provide mutual authentication of parties
- ➡ After a threshold of failed login attempts, it can render itself unusable



Authentication Mechanism

➡ Two general categories:

- Contact
- Contactless



Type 3 – Something the User “Is”

➡ **Sophisticated**

➡ **Expensive**

➡ **Type 1 error – false reject rate (FRR)**

➡ **Type 2 error – false accept rate (FAR)**

➡ **Crossover error rate (CER)**



Biometrics

➔ Physical Attributes for Authentication

- Verifies an individual's identity by a unique personal attribute
- Most accurate, sophisticated, and expensive way of identifying individuals
- Low acceptance rate by society
- Categories
 - Static (physiological; what you are)
 - Dynamic (behavioral; what you do)



Biometrics

➡ Characteristics

- Biometrics reference files can be stored in a database or on a portable token, as in a smart card
 - Smart card has a biometric template
- It can be a 1-to-1 matching process (Authentication)
 - Compared against a specific reference file in the user's profile or account
 - Is he who he says he is?
- It can be a 1-to-N matching process (Identification)
 - User does not claim identity, but attribute is compared to a large database of possibilities
 - Who is this?

Biometrics Process – Enrollment

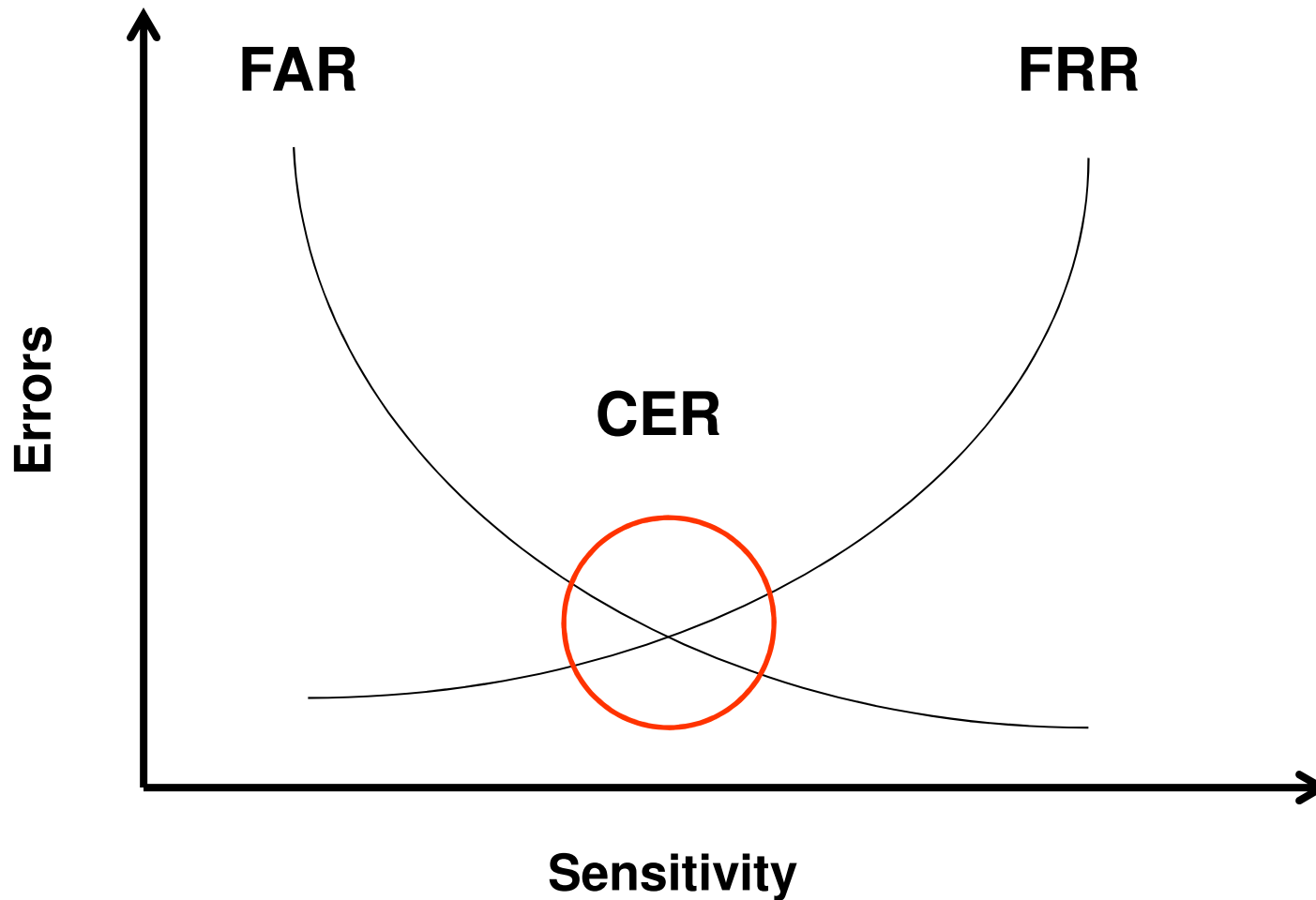
➔ **User must complete an enrollment process that stores the physical attributes in a reference file**

- When the user needs to authenticate, his attributes are compared to this file
- Process looks at highly detailed information, so it is prone to errors
 - (Type I error) – rejects authorized individual
 - Also known as False Reject Rate (FRR)
 - (Type II error) – accepts impostor
 - Also known as False Acceptance Rate (FAR)

Crossover Error Rate (CER)

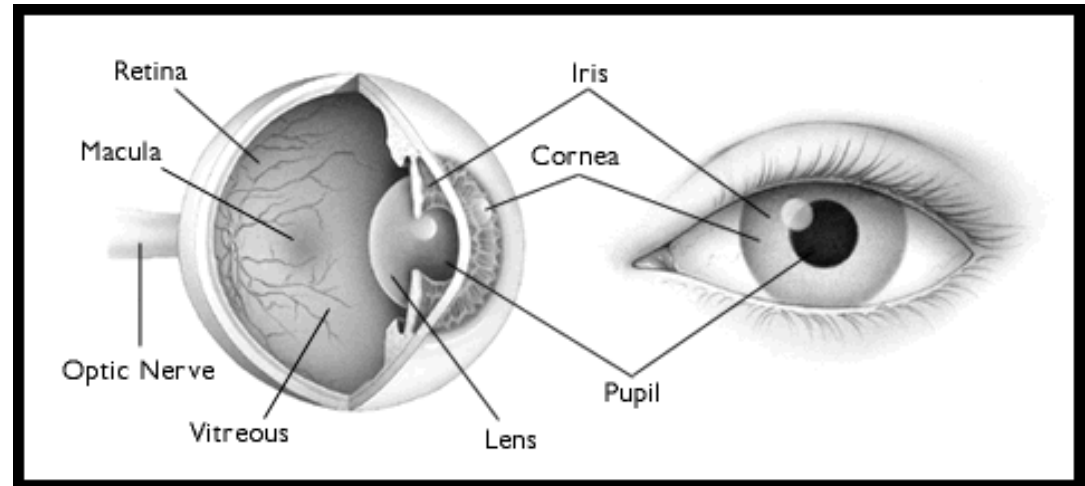
- ➔ A rating that represents the point at which the Type I errors equal the Type II errors
- ➔ Rating that attempts to combine two metrics of a biometric system:
 - Error level
 - Sensitivity setting
- ➔ **Example:**
 - System A has 1 out of 100 Type I errors = 1%
 - System A has 1 out of 100 Type II errors = 1%
- ➔ System with a CER of 3 is more accurate than a system with a CER of 4

Crossover Error Rate (CER)



Types of Biometrics

- ➡ Fingerprint
- ➡ Palm Print
- ➡ Finger Scan
- ➡ Hand Geometry
- ➡ Retina Scan
- ➡ Iris Scan
- ➡ Facial Scan
- ➡ Hand Topology
- ➡ Signature Dynamics
- ➡ Keyboard Dynamics
- ➡ Voice Print

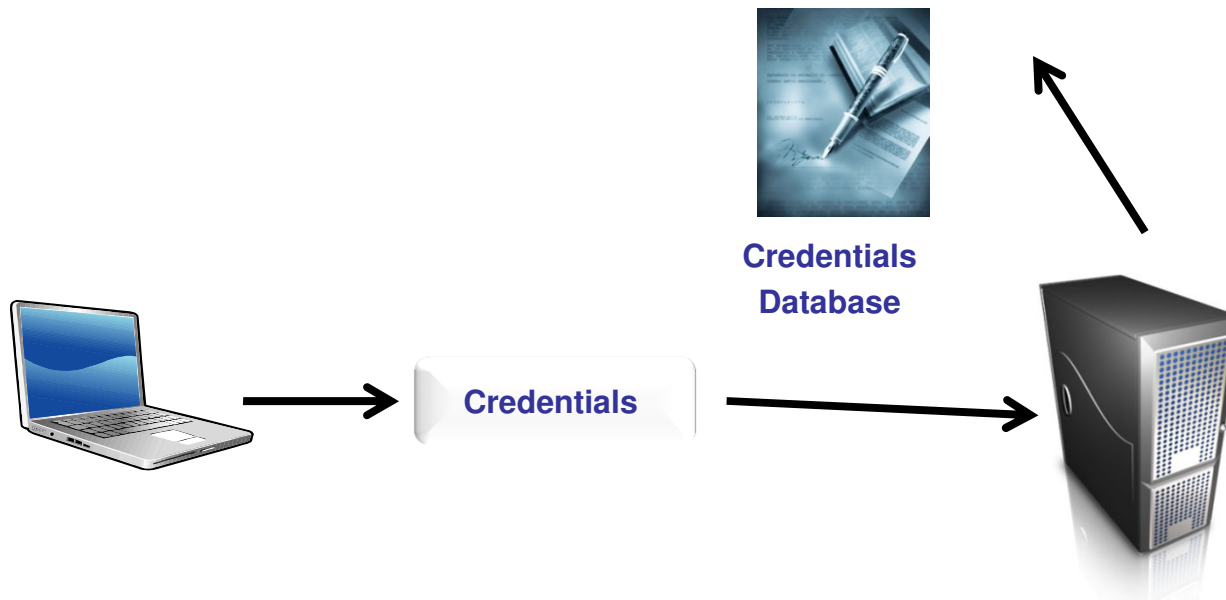


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Authorization

➔ Before a subject can access an object:

- It must be identified, authenticated, and authorized
- Authorization is the process of comparing a subject's credentials and permissions to an access criteria

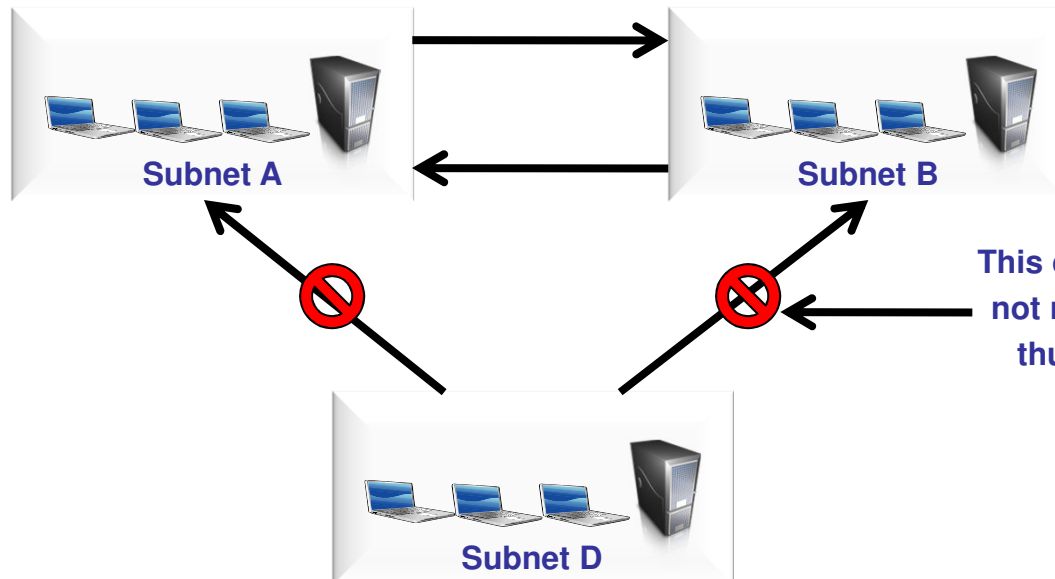


Access Criteria Characteristics

- ➡ Clearance
- ➡ Need-to-know
- ➡ Least Privilege
- ➡ Default to “no access”

Access Control List

Subnet A can access Subnet B
Subnet D cannot access Subnet A
Subnet B can access Subnet A



This communication path is not mentioned in the ACL, thus it is automatically disallowed

Splitting Control

➔ Separation of Duties

- Dividing roles and responsibilities of individuals or departments so that one critical task cannot be performed by one entity
 - Key escrow, developers, and QA
- Security should be separated from operations
 - Separate security officer
 - Security has more independence, attention, and resources

➔ Dual Control

- Ensuring that more than one individual has to be involved in completing a task

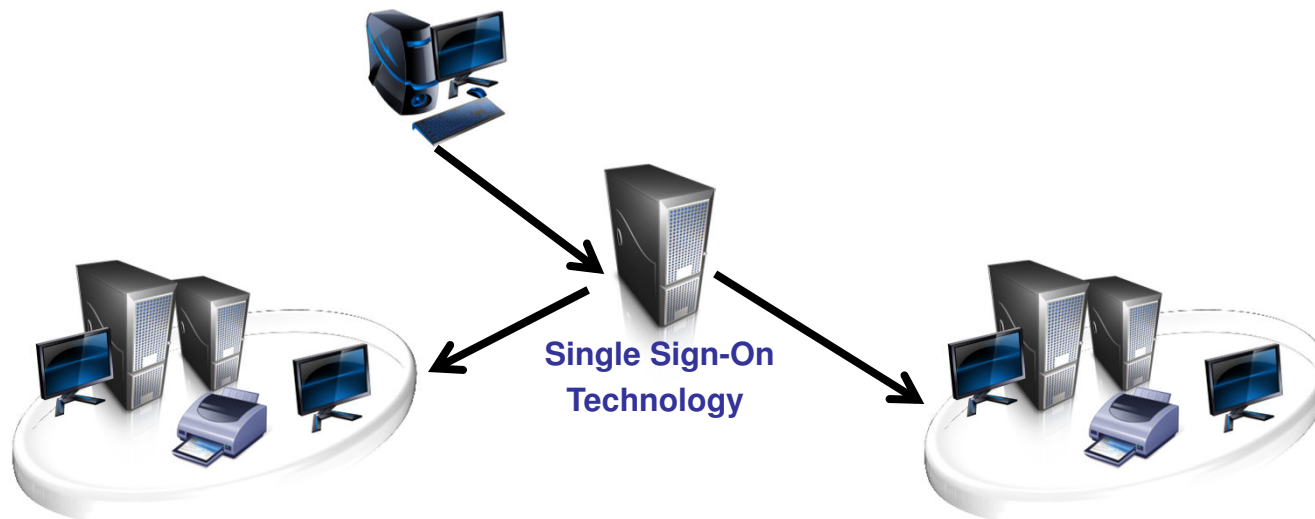
Dual Control

- ➡ Two people are required to complete a process
- ➡ May be physical; e.g. two persons required to unlock the Data Safe
- ➡ May be logical; e.g. A manager level authorization is required for transaction above \$15K
- ➡ Parties would need to be in collusion to abuse
- ➡ For greater security, it could be 2 pair of 2 people
- ➡ Trusted Operating Systems enforce this requirement
- ➡ Dual control allows for separation of duties
- ➡ Overall it provides substantially greater security

Single Sign-On Technology

➔ Single Sign-On Technology

- Requires users to present their credentials once
- Users can then access all resources
- Less administration
- Centralization of user information
- Users only need to remember one set of credentials



Single Sign-On Technologies

➡ Technologies:

- Scripts
- Directory Services
- Kerberos
- SESAME
- Thin Clients

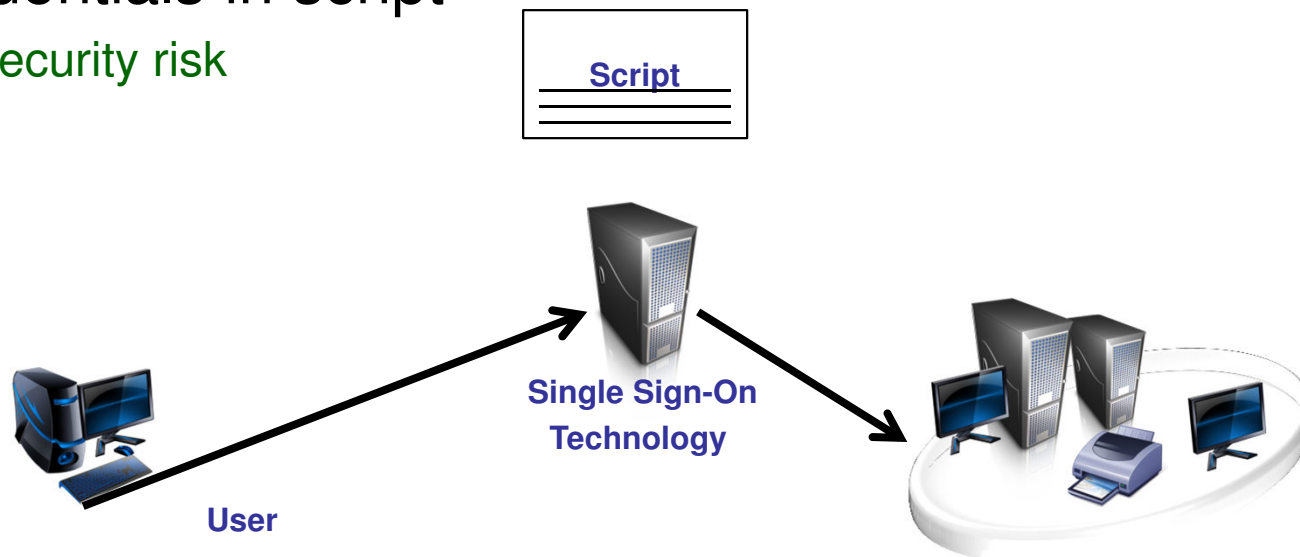
➡ Issues:

- Interoperability
- Security

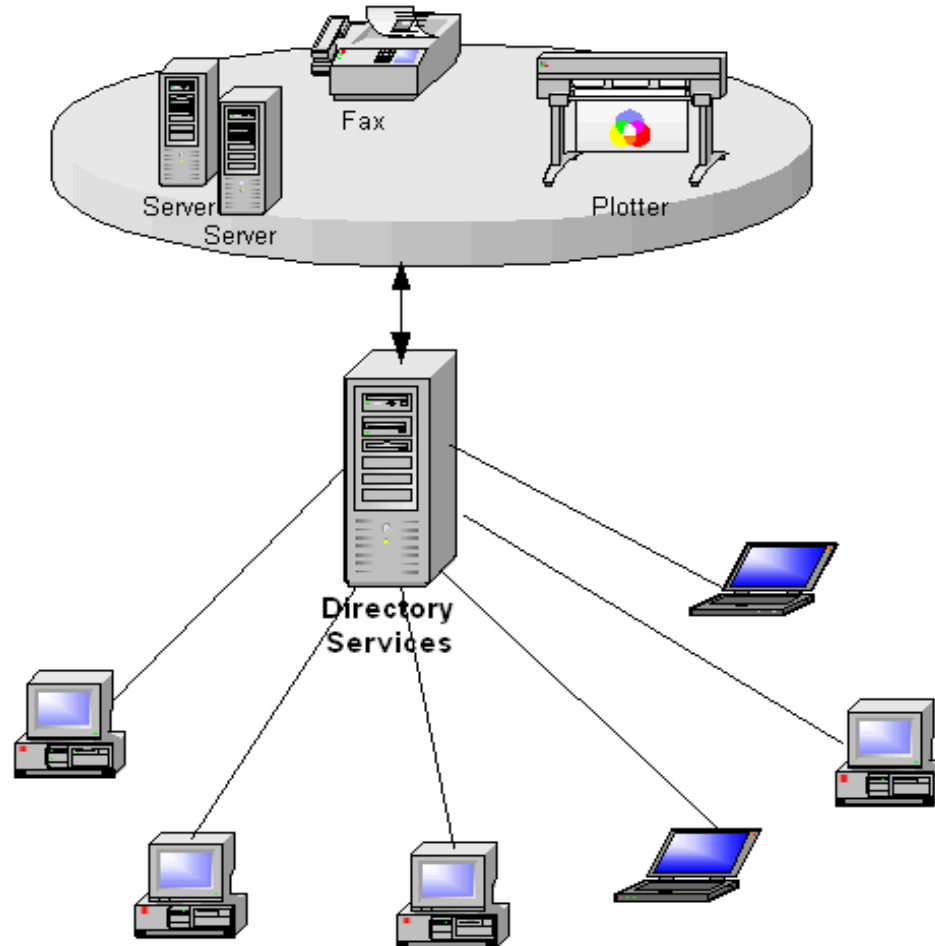
Single Sign-On Technology – Scripts

➔ Scripting

- Login script to perform users' manual steps
- Hard to maintain
- Credentials in script
 - Security risk



Single Sign-On – Directory Services



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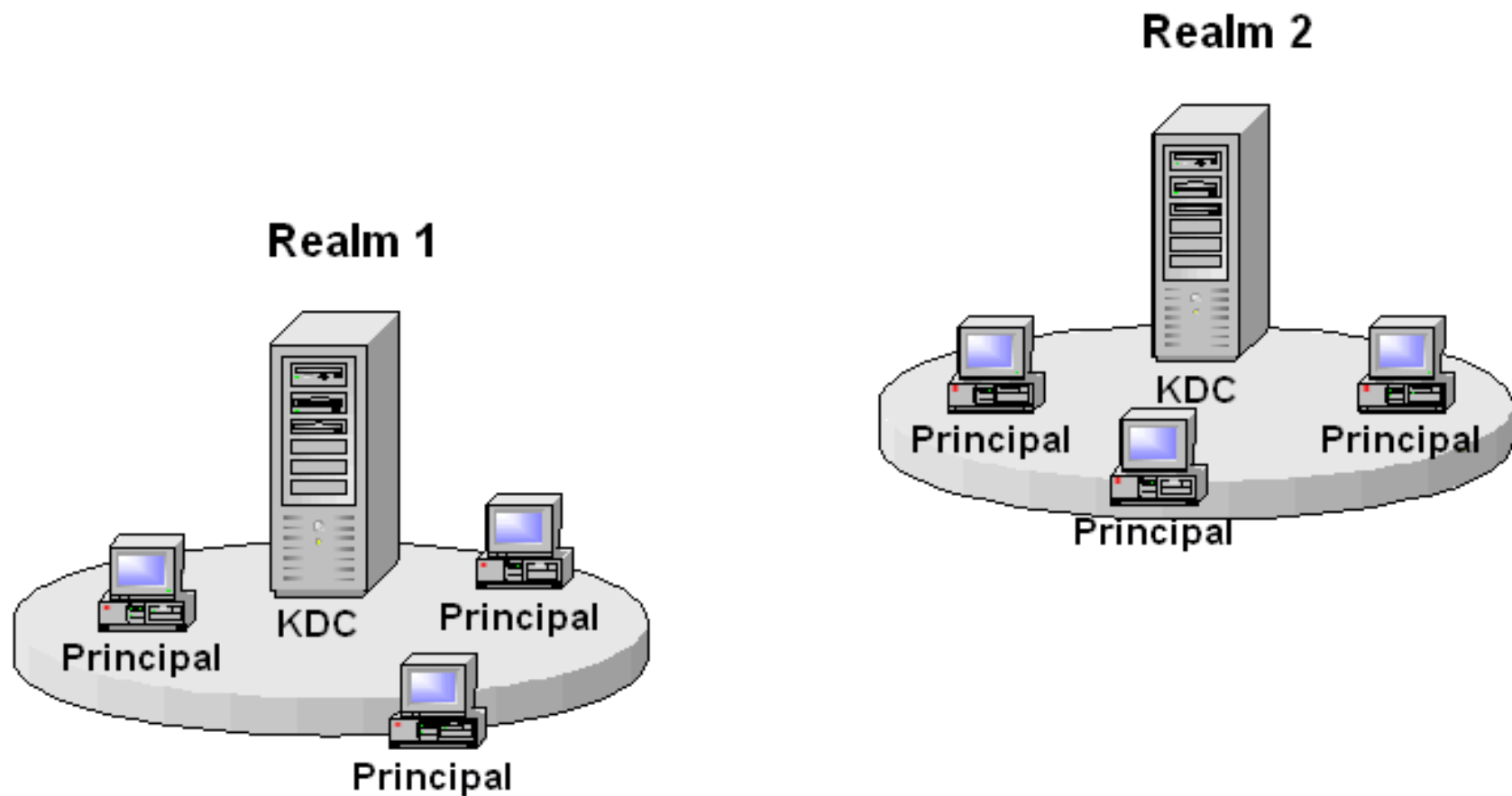
➡ Kerberos

- Authentication protocol designed in mid-1980 as part of MIT's Project Athena
- Uses symmetric key cryptography (DES) for authentication and encryption
- A ticket-based authentication technology

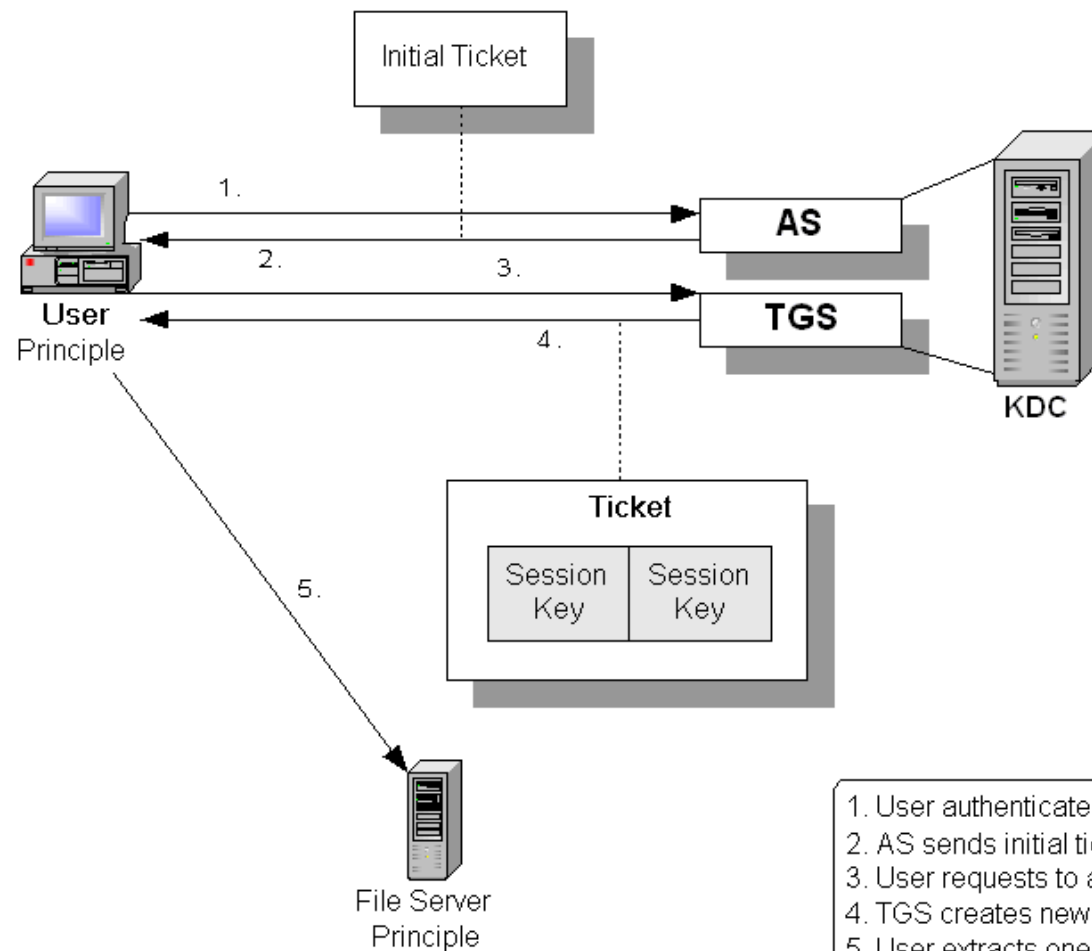
Kerberos Components

- ➡ **Key Distribution Center (KDC)**
- ➡ **Principals**
 - users
 - applications
 - services
- ➡ **Realm**
- ➡ **Ticket Granting Service (TGS)**
- ➡ **Authentication Server (AS)**
- ➡ **Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT)**
- ➡ **Ticket**
- ➡ **Secret and Session Keys**

Kerberos Components



Kerberos Steps



1. User authenticates to AS
2. AS sends initial ticket to user
3. User requests to access file server
4. TGS creates new ticket with session keys
5. User extracts one session key and sends ticket to file server

Kerberos – Process

Authentication Process:

1. User authenticates to authentication service (AS) on KDC
2. AS verifies credentials and responds with ticket granting ticket (TGT) for TGS
3. When user wants to use a resource, requests session ticket (ST) from TGS
4. ST has two instances of a session key: one for user, other for resource
5. User sends ST to resource for authentication
6. Authentication communication is encrypted

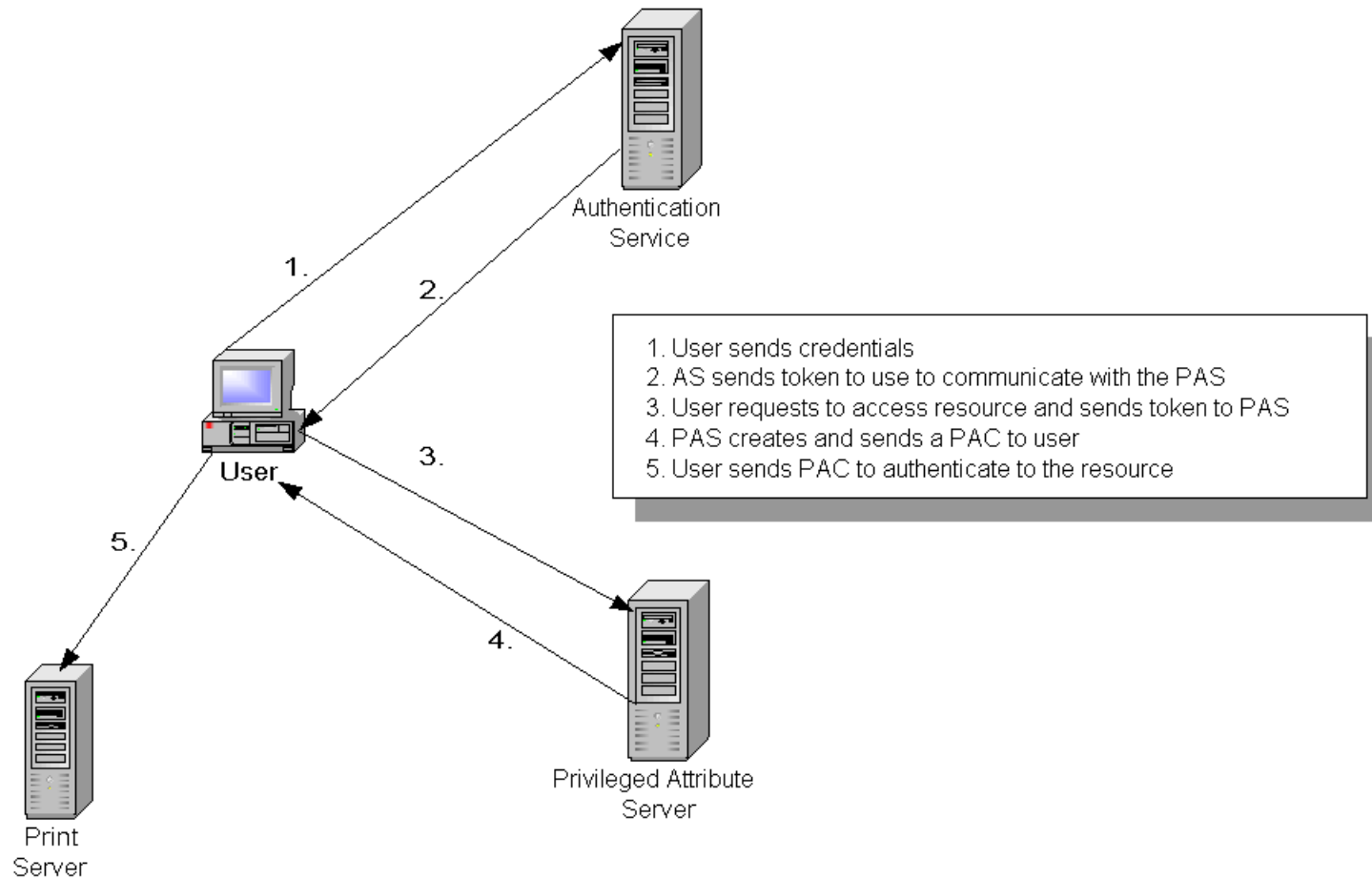
Kerberos Weaknesses

- ➔ **Provides authentication, confidentiality, and integrity only**
- ➔ **The KDC is a single point of failure**
- ➔ **Keys are stored on the users' workstations**
 - In cache or key table
- ➔ **Kerberos is vulnerable to password guessing**
 - Cannot detect a dictionary attack
- ➔ **All principals must be “Kerborized”**
 - Software changed to accept this type of authentication

Single Sign-On Technology – SESAME

- ➔ **The Secure European System for Applications in a Multi-vendor Environment (SESAME) project**
- ➔ **Uses public key cryptography for the distribution of secret keys, which reduces key management overhead**
 - Secret key encrypts data
- ➔ **SESAME adds more access control features than Kerberos, has scalability of public key systems, and is easier to manage**
- ➔ **SESAME is vulnerable to password guessing, as is Kerberos**

SESAME



Access Control Model

- ➔ **A framework that dictates how subjects access objects**
- ➔ **It uses technologies and methods to enforce the rules and objectives of the security policy**
- ➔ **Two model types from TCSEC:**
 - Discretionary Access Control (DAC)
 - Mandatory Access Control (MAC)
- ➔ **Another (from NIST):**
 - Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

Discretionary Access Control

➡ DAC Characteristics

- Data owner specifies who can access resources
- Data owner is usually the creator and has full control of object
- Called discretionary because control of access is based on the discretion of the owner
- Mostly implemented through ACL's, based on “need-to-know”
- DAC model is used in environments that do not require a high level of centralized security
- User-controlled sharing that reduces central system administration
- End users are usually not the owners of all the objects they access – the corporation is the actual owner

DAC

➔ DAC Characteristics

- Access is allowed solely on the identity of subjects who are trying to access the objects
- Explicitly identifying individuals provides identity-based controls
- Data owners determine who can access their resources

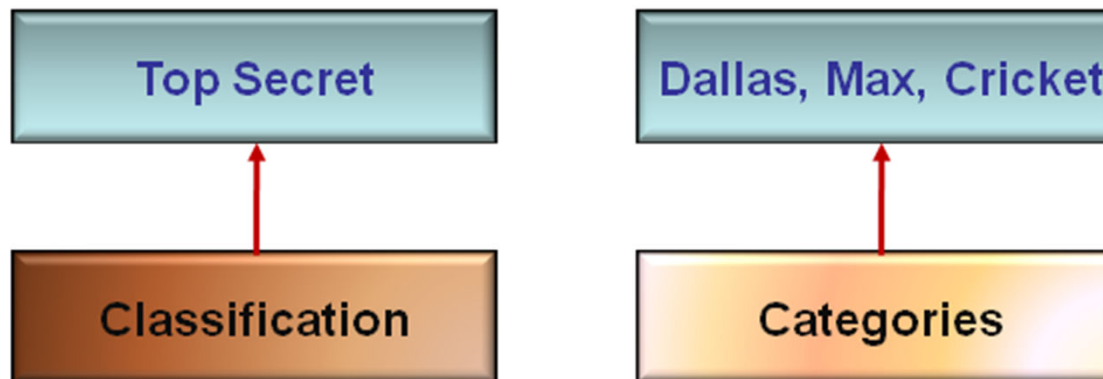
Mandatory Access Control

➡ MAC Characteristics

- Access is based on security clearance of subject and classification of object
- Each user is assigned a clearance, and each object has a classification and compartment stored in its security label
- Access is decided by the system and not up to the discretion of a data owner
 - Subject cannot pass access permission to another subject
- Used in environments that require higher levels of security and structure
 - DAC can be used for unclassified data
 - MAC is used for classified data
- Used in many military institutions

Security Labels

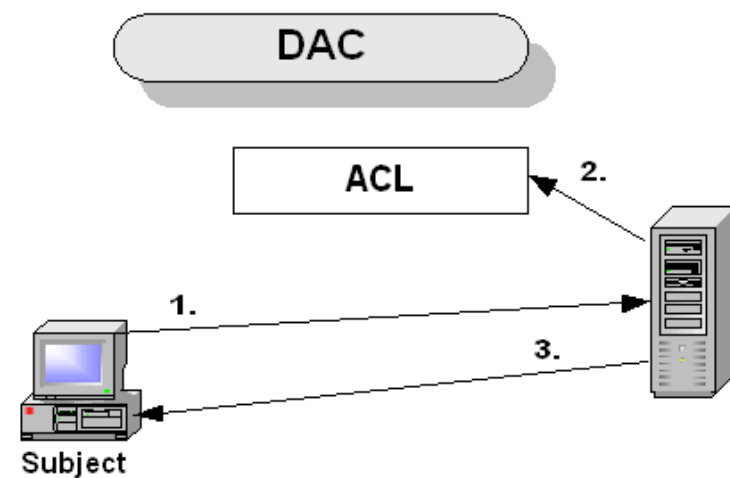
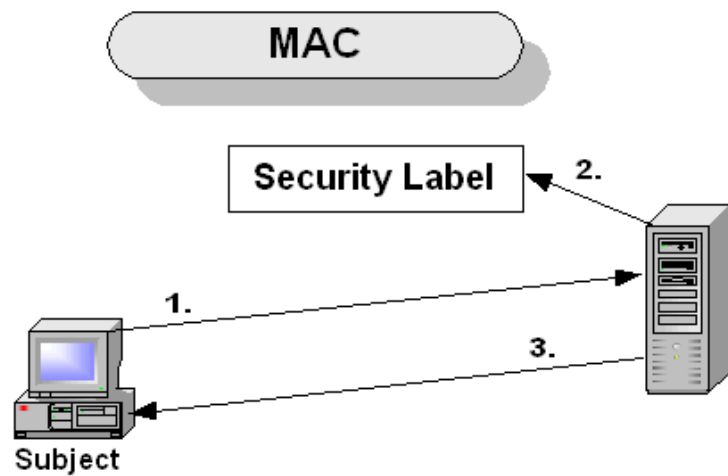
- ➡ Each object has a security label indicating its classification
- ➡ Compartments or Categories enforce a need-to-know
- ➡ In MAC, access decisions are based on these labels
 - Access within DAC is usually based on ACL's



Labels

- ➔ **Key to Mandatory Access Control decision making**
- ➔ **To access and modify an object, the subject's label must dominate the object's label**
- ➔ **A physically unique label is not necessary for every object**
 - All files on one system can share the same label
- ➔ **Trusted computer system ensures that labels cannot be arbitrarily changed**
 - Installed and maintained by specified systems administrators
- ➔ **Trusted computer controls flow of information between classification levels**

MAC Versus DAC

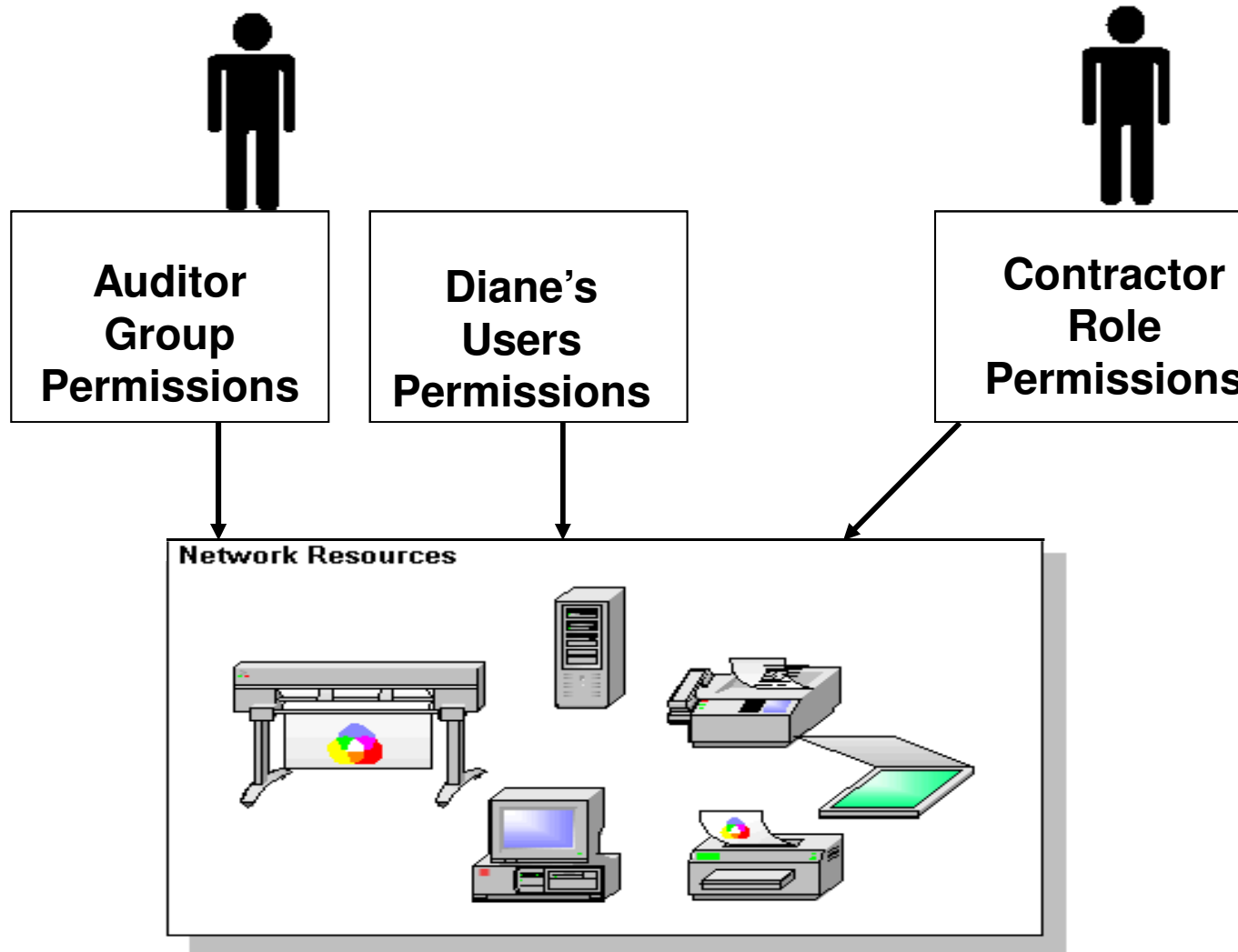


Role-Based Access Control

➔ RBAC Characteristics

- Allows access to objects based on the role the user holds within the company
- Administrators assign a user to a role and then assign access rights to that role, not directly to the user
- This is best used in environments with a high rate of turnover of employees
- Roles can be based on
 - Role user fulfills in organization
 - Tasks user performs

Permissions Assigned to Role



Other Access Control Technologies



- ➡ Rule-based
- ➡ Restricted interface
- ➡ Content-dependent

Rule-based Access Control

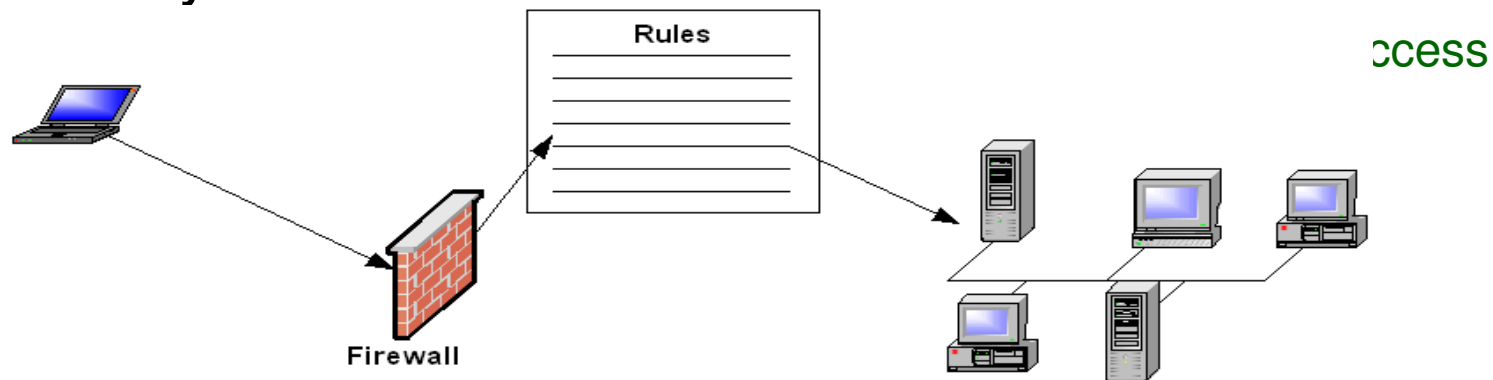
➡ Characteristics

- Security policy based on global rules imposed for all subjects
- Mandatory Access Control is an example of a Rule-based Access Control approach

Access Control Technique – Rule-based

➡ Rule-based Access

- Rule-based Access Control techniques are based on specific rules that indicate what can and cannot happen to an object
- Access is not necessarily granted based on subject's identity



Access Control Technique

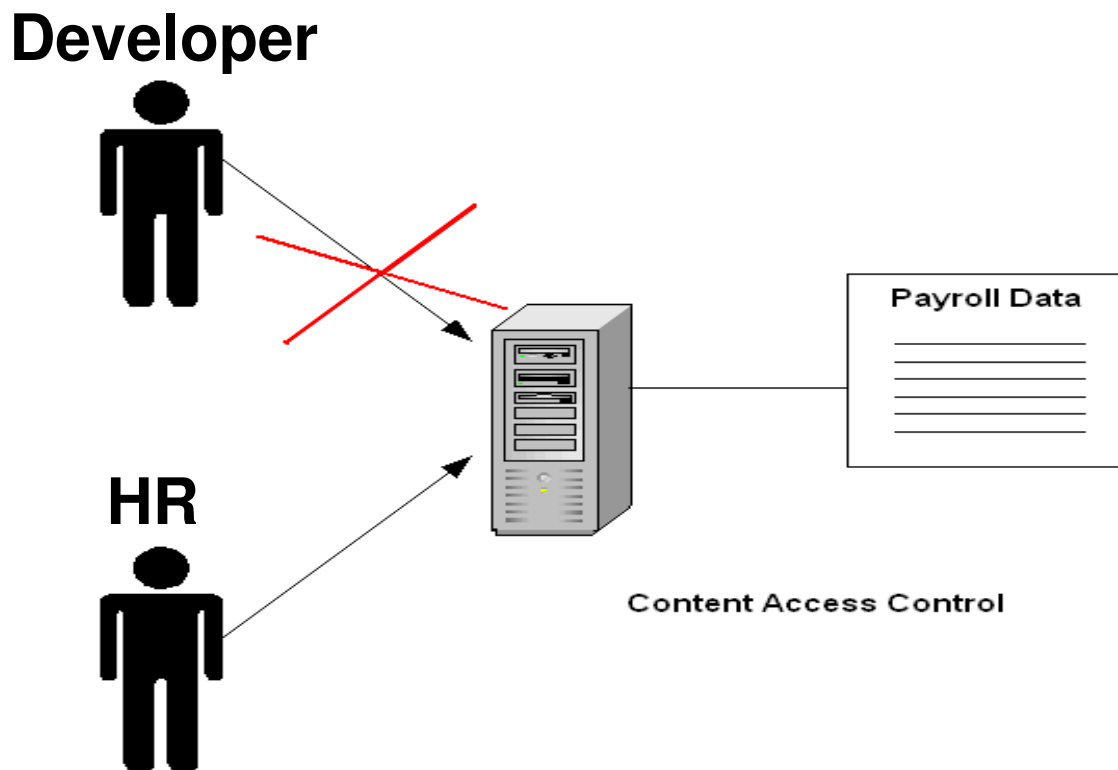
➡ Restricted Interfaces

- Menus – only the functions that the administrator wants a user to be able to perform are provided in a menu.
- Shells – only the commands that the administrator wants a user to be able to run will be available in the shell environment.
- Database Views – databases can be configured to only show certain information to different users, depending upon their credentials.
- Physically Constrained – only providing a limited keypad or touch buttons on a screen as in ATM machines
- Encryption – requires a decryption key to unmask sensitive information.

Access Control Technique

➔ Content-dependent Access Control

- Access to objects can be determined by the sensitivity of the content within the objects



Access Control Matrix Model

➔ Model Characteristics

- Two-dimensional matrix representing subjects in rows and objects in columns
- Specifies the operations and access rights allowed for each subject as it relates to specific objects
- Operating systems implement this model in
 - Capabilities
 - Profiles
 - Access Control Lists

Access Control Matrix Implementations

➡ Capabilities

- Capability identifies the object and specifies the subject's access rights
- Bound to the subject
- Row-based within matrix

➡ Profiles

- List of objects associated with each subject
- Detailed description of a subject's environment
- Each object's name must be unique, and full pathnames must be used
- Profiles must be checked for each access attempt
- A lot of overhead and, as the objects increase, so does the complexity

Access Control Technique

➡ Capability Table and ACL's

- A capability table specifies the access rights a certain subject possesses pertaining to specific objects
- Access Control Lists (ACL's) are used to authorize a subject to access an object

Capability Table and ACL's



Capabilities Table

Plotter – Print
Printer1- Print
Printer2 - No Access
Accounting.xls – Full Control
Accounting.doc – Read Write
Payroll.xls – No Access
Clipart – Full Control



Access Control Lists

Tom Harris – Print
Dan Swenson – Full Control
Maynard Harris – No Access
Evelyn Seaton- Print
Iqqi Hammond – Full Control
David Arnold - Print

Capability and ACL Relationship

➡ **Capability** – a row in the matrix

➡ **ACL** – a column in the matrix

Access Control Matrix				
Subject	File 1	File 2	File 3	File 4
Alice	Read	Read, Write	Read	Read, Write
Bob	Full Control	No Access	Full Control	Read
Charles	Read, Write	No Access	Read	Full Control
Deborah	Full Control	Full Control	No Access	No Access

Capability →

ACL ↑

What is Identity Management

➡ **Set of technologies that offers greater ease and flexibility to manage users.**

➡ **Host**

- The system, User, Application, or service providing an interface for Identification and Authentication

➡ **Requestor**

- Sometimes referred to as Network Access Server (NAS), it provides a challenge to the host

➡ **Authenticator**

- The systems that performs the validation of User's Credentials.

Goal of Identity Management

ID management addresses Identity in the business context instead of the Security Context. Goals are:

- ➡ Integrity and Non-Repudiation**
- ➡ Confidentiality**
- ➡ Authentication and Authorization**
- ➡ Identity Provisioning**
- ➡ Representing and Managing Authorization Policy**
- ➡ Allows Interoperability**
- ➡ Makes use of standards**
- ➡ A lot more than user management**

Who can use Identity Management

- ➡ **Operating Systems**
- ➡ **Servers**
- ➡ **Users**
 - Employee, Contractors, Partners, Vendors, Customers
- ➡ **Human Resource**
- ➡ **Payroll**
- ➡ **Different Applications**
- ➡ **Customer Relationship Management (CRM)**
- ➡ **E-Commerce**
- ➡ **Enterprise Resource Management Systems Planning (ERP)**

Example of Identity Management

➡ Microsoft Passport

- One name for all passport enable sites and services



➡ Liberty Alliance

- Consortium of vendors
- Privacy, Security, and Trust is maintained
- Universal Open Standard for Single Sign-on
- Decentralized authentication
- Support multiple providers, could be state level ID



➡ Open ID

- Google, IBM, Microsoft, VeriSign, and Yahoo
- Single online identity



Benefits of Identity Management

- ➔ **Reduce Duplication of user accounts**
 - A single profile for access to all systems
- ➔ **Reduce number of Orphan Accounts**
- ➔ **Reduce number of passwords being used**
- ➔ **Can scale to VERY large enterprises**
- ➔ **Work with Single Sign-On**
- ➔ **Can be viewed as Super Sign-On**
 - From one company to another
 - From one service provider to another
 - Can be federated to VERY large scale
 - B2B, B2C, etc...

Lexicon of ID Management (1 of 2)

➡ Subject

- Person, Group, corporation, software program, or other entity making a request to access a resource (Object)

➡ Resource (Object)

- Web Page, Database Data, File, Transaction

➡ Attributes

- Medical History, Past purchases, bank balance, credit rating, dress size, age, sex, and so on.

➡ Preferences

- Desires such as Airline Seat, Brand Name, Use of a specific crypto Standard, Currency, Color, and so on

Lexicon of ID Management (2 of 2)

➡ Traits

- Features of the Subject that are Inherent
- Blue Eyes, How and Where a company was formed

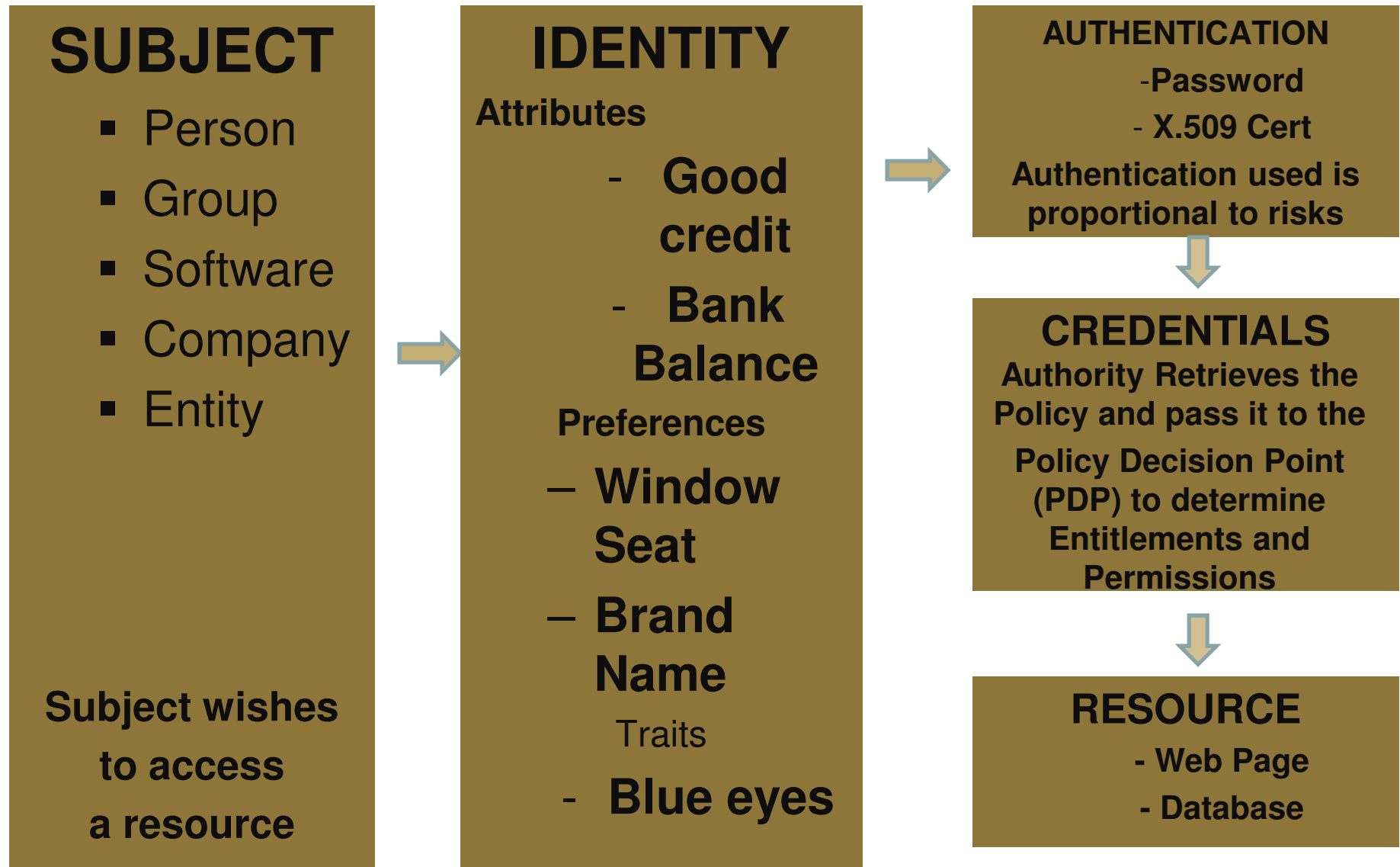
➡ Identity

- Collection of data representing Attributes, Preferences, and Traits
- Needed to access a resource

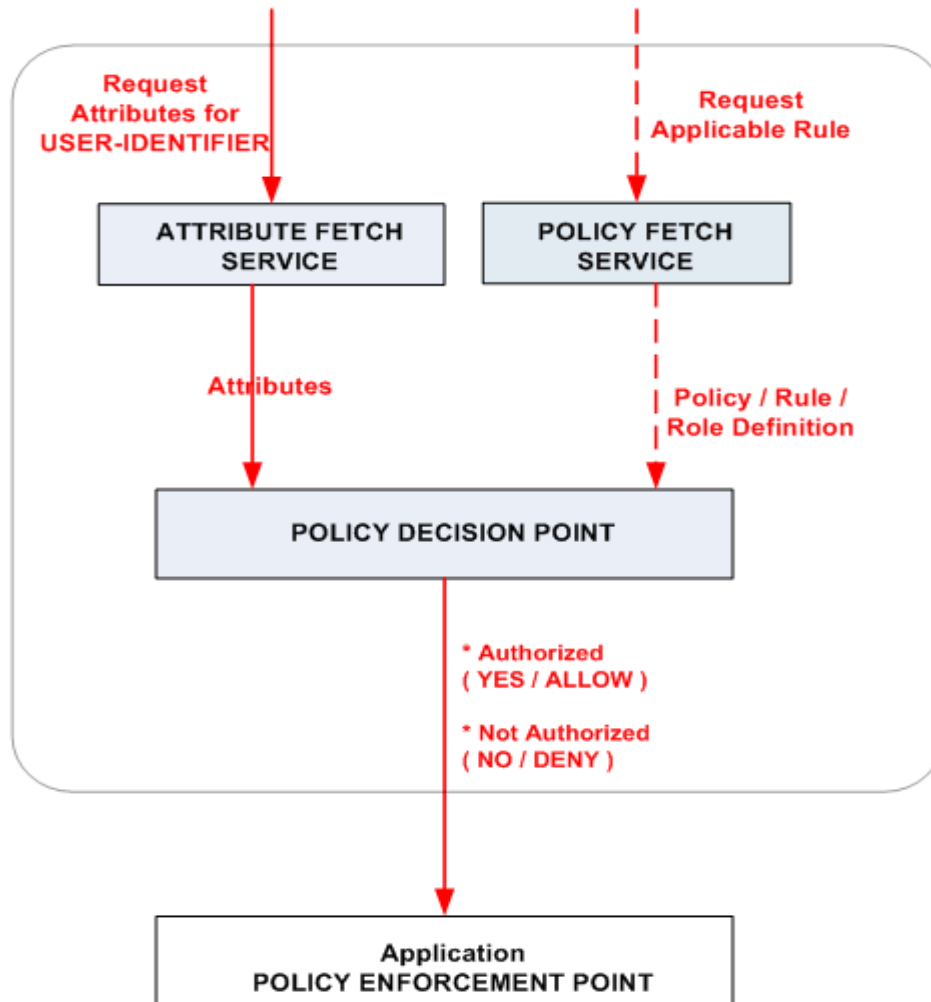
➡ Credentials

- Proof that a subject can assert a particular identity.
- A way of transferring trust between Identities
- Must present credentials to access a resource

Overview of ID Management



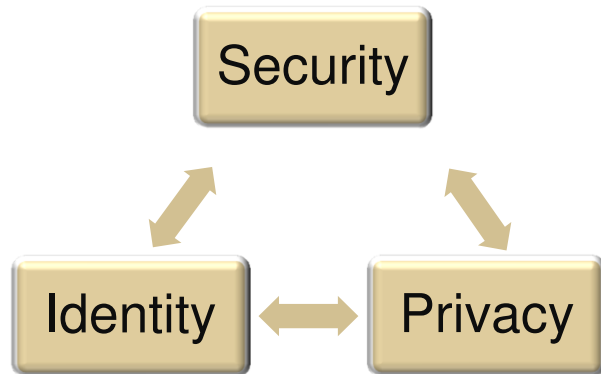
Entitlement and Permissions



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<http://middleware.internet2.edu/>

- Entitlement
 - Services Allowed
 - Resources Allowed
 - Bandwidth
 - Disk Space
 - Credit Limit
- Permissions
 - Actions allowed
 - Withdraw Funds
 - Complete Purchase
 - Update a record

The Identity, Security, Privacy Triangle



Privacy prevent an Identity from being disseminated beyond the subject need for a particular transaction.

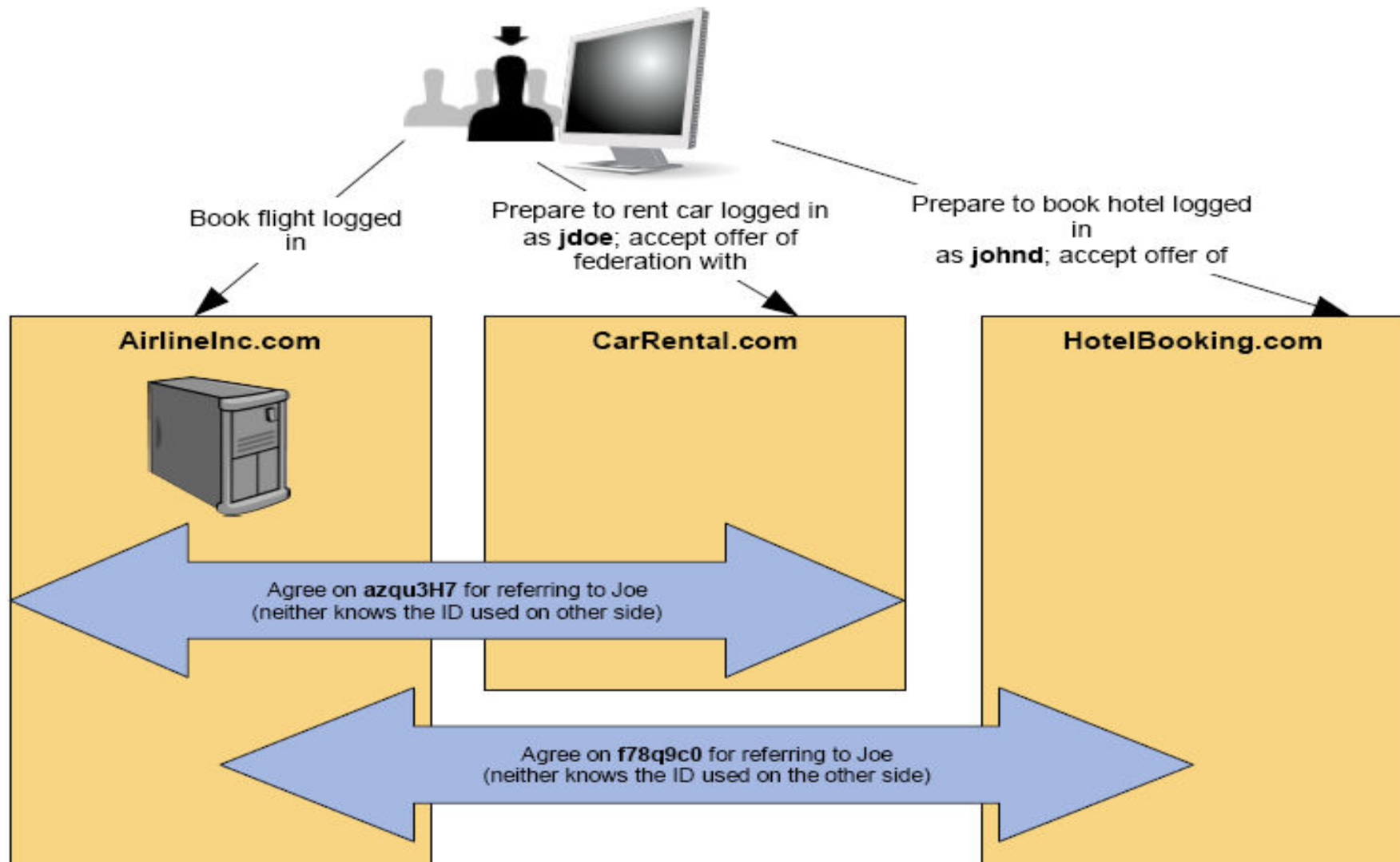
- **Security Protects CIA against:**
 - Unauthorized Access
 - Destruction
 - Alteration
- **Privacy Protects your Identity:**
 - Attributes
 - Preferences
 - Traits
 - Relies on Identity Management
- **Identity Ensures:**
 - Identification
 - Authorization
 - Access Control to resources

Security Assertion Markup Language

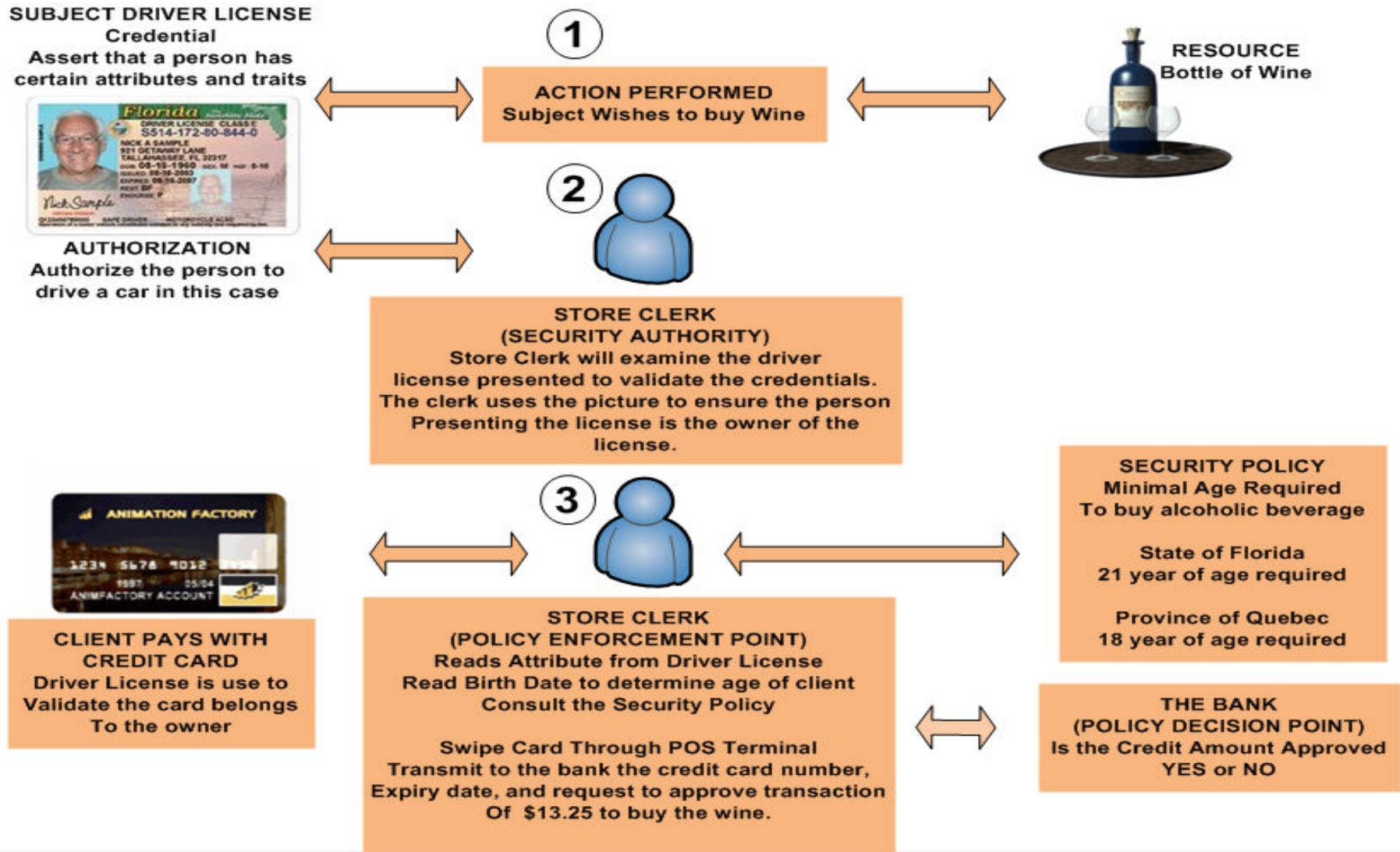
➡ SAML

- Framework for authorization and authentication
- Allow exchange of security information between vendors
- Provides
 - Single Sign-On
 - Federated Identity
 - Web Services
 - SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol)
 - Credential Transport in a SOAP Message
 - Uses Web Service Security (WS-Security)
 - XML Signature
 - For Integrity and Authentication
 - Non-Repudiation with PKI infrastructure
 - XML Encryption

Federated Identity



Overview of a Transaction



Agenda

- ➡ Control access by applying concepts/ methodologies/ techniques
- ➡ **Understand access control attacks**
- ➡ Assess effectiveness of access controls
- ➡ Identify and access provisioning lifecycle

Log Protection

➡ Log Issues

- Attackers usually try to “scrub” logs to cover their tracks, thus only administrators should have access to them
- Integrity of logs can be protected with hashing algorithms, digital signatures, and host IDS
- Their confidentiality can be protected by storing them encrypted
- They can be stored on write-once media

Attacks on Access Controls

➡ Unauthorized Disclosure of Information

- It can happen intentionally or unintentionally
- Object reuse
- Keyboard monitoring
- Electrical signals

➡ Impersonation (spoofing / masquerading)

- Social engineering
- Fictitious Subscriber

➡ Rogue Infrastructure

➡ Replay Attacks

Social Engineering

➡ Tricking someone into giving up confidential information

- Pretending to be a repair man
- Spoofing e-mail
- Impersonating another person

Prevent Unauthorized Disclosure

➡ Object Reuse

- Reassigning media once it has contained sensitive information
- Media should be cleared of any residual information before given to another subject
- Many times easier than it sounds
- Degaussing may be required
- Physically destroying

Deleting a File or Formatting a Disk

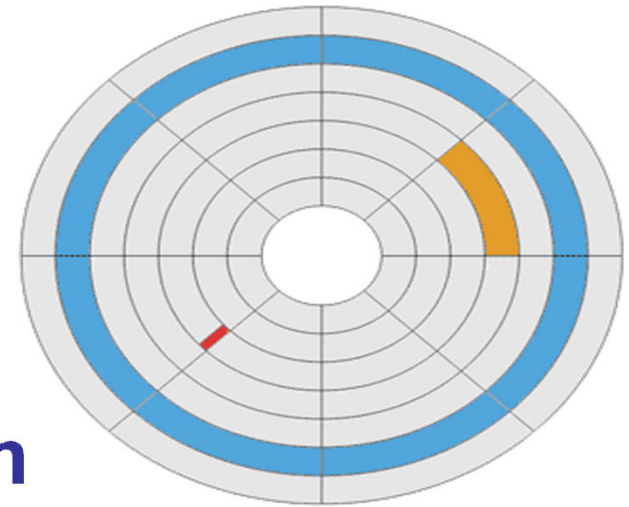
➡ **Object reuse**

➡ **Data remnants**

➡ **Clearing – Same organization**

➡ **Purging – For outside use**

- Degauss (electro-magnetic)
- Zeroize (software overwrite)



**Tracks and
Cylinders
Sectors**

**Cluster/Block
Slack Space**

Auditing Mechanism

➡ Keystroke Monitoring

- Keystroke monitoring can be used legally to uncover bad deeds
- It can be used by attackers to capture authentication credentials

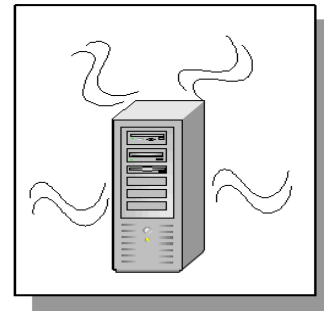
Unauthorized Disclosure

➡ Emanation Security

- All electronic devices emit electronic radiation
- With the right equipment, an attacker can capture this data and reassemble it back into its original format, thus accessing data in an unauthorized manner
- There are three main countermeasures to protect from this type of compromise
 - TEMPEST, white noise, and control zones
- Today the word TEMPEST is not used as frequently
 - This branch of security is now referred to as Emission Security (EMSEC)

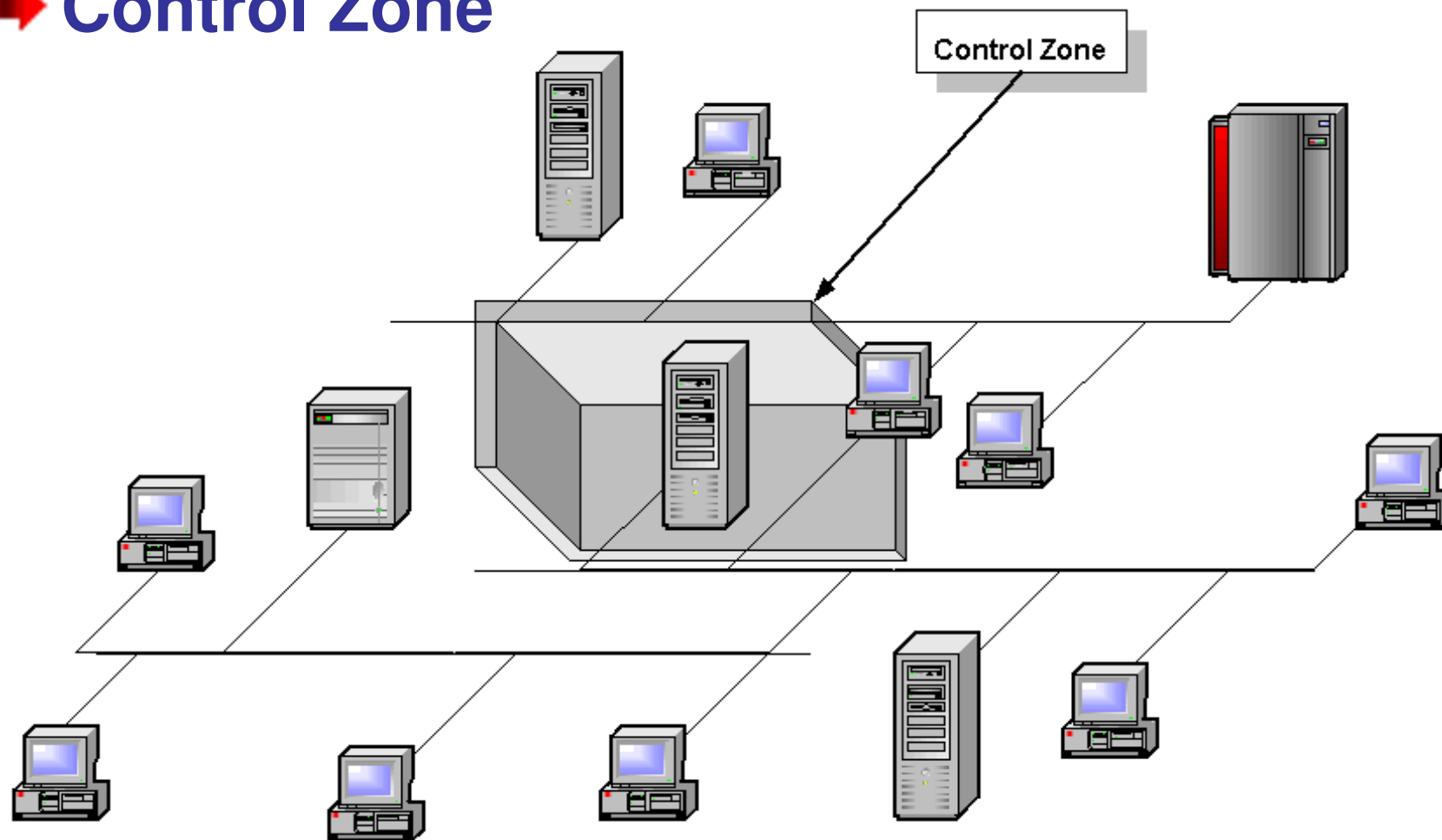
Control Against Signal Capture: TEMPEST

- A study and control of spurious electrical signals emitted
- Vendors must meet TEMPEST standard if they want their product to be considered a TEMPEST product
- Special shielding in equipment to lower amount of radiation leakage
 - Faraday cage is usually heavy metal casing
- Technology is complex and expensive, thus only used in high security areas



Controlling Signals

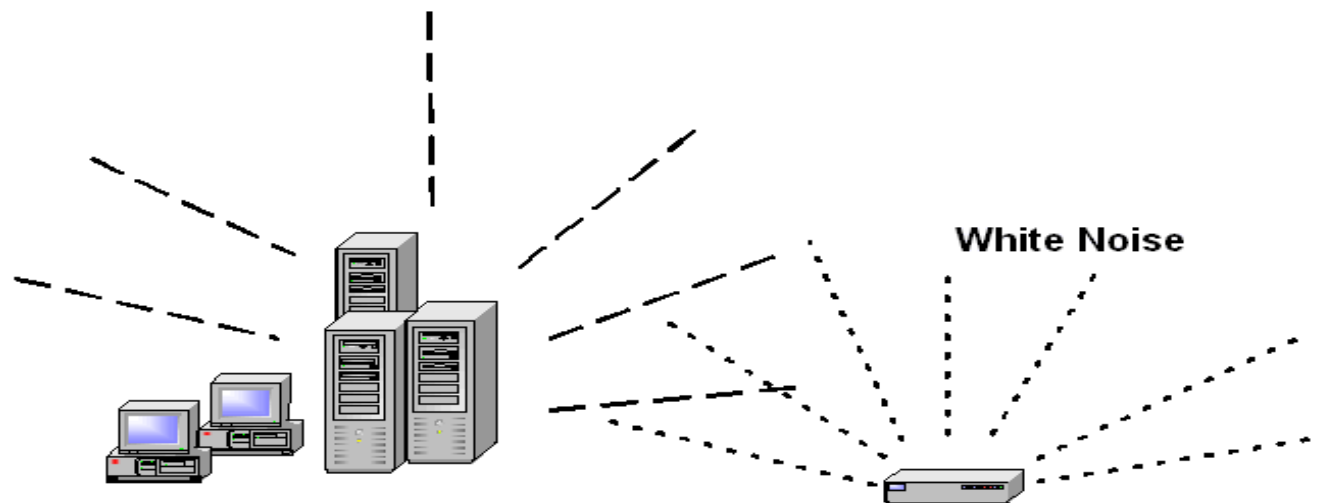
➡ Control Zone



Control of Unauthorized Disclosure

➔ White Noise

- A uniform spectrum of random electrical signals, which confounds an intruder's attempt to decipher real information from random noise
- Jamming the signal



Attacks on Passwords

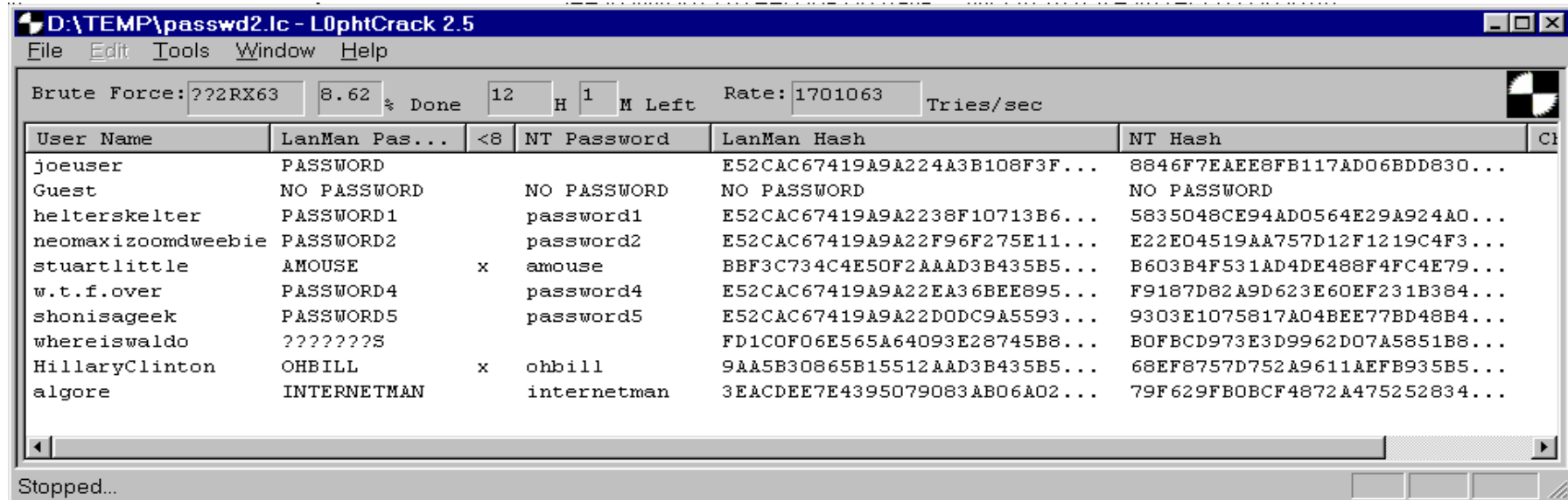
➔ A Dictionary Attack

- Program with a file of passwords

➔ A Brute Force Attack

- Program that tries different characters, not words

➔ Hybrid Attacks



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Accountability

➔ Auditing

- Ensure that users are accountable for their actions
- Verify that the security policies are enforced
- Detect malicious activity
- Ability to undertake preventive measures when attacks are detected
- Used as investigation tools

➔ Auditing Types

- Real-time – intrusion detection system
- Non-real-time – reviewing logs
- A well-protected environment would use both types

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Access Control Administration

➡ Steps of Access Control

- Company decides upon the access control model they will implement (DAC and MAC)
- The technologies and techniques that will be used within that model are decided upon
- Next decision is how access will actually be managed
 - Centralized
 - Decentralized
 - Hybrid approach

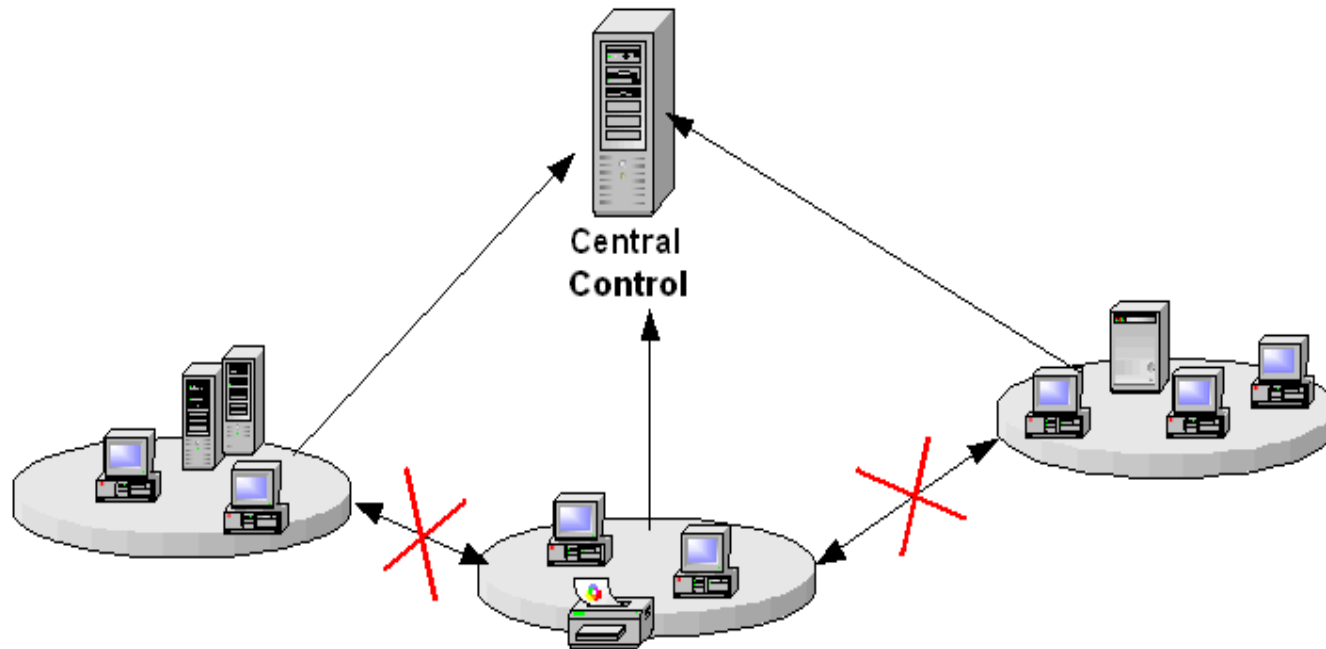
Access Control Administration

➡ Centralized Access Control

- One entity (individual, department, or device) making access decisions
- Senior management decides what users can access specific objects, and the administration supports these directives
- Examples are RADIUS, TACACS+, and DIAMETER

Access Control Administration

➡ Centralized Access Control

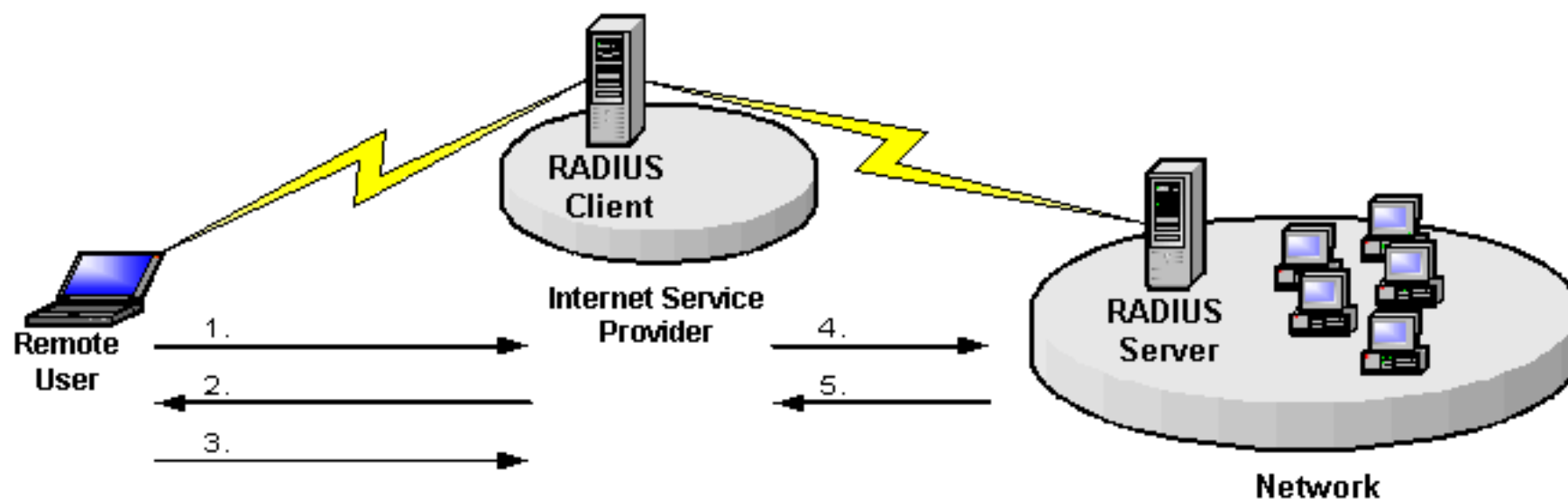


Centralized Access Control Administration

RADIUS

- Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service (RADIUS) is an authentication protocol that authenticates and authorizes users
- Handshaking protocol that allows the RADIUS server to provide authentication and authorization information to network server (RADIUS client)
- Users usually dial in to an access server (RADIUS client) that communicates with the RADIUS server
- RADIUS server usually contains a database of users and credentials
- Communication between the RADIUS client and server is protected

RADIUS Steps



1. User Initiates PPP authentication with ISP
2. RADIUS client prompts user for credential
3. User supplies credentials
4. RADIUS client sends credentials to RADIUS server
5. RADIUS server responds with Accept, Reject, or Challenge
6. If authentication is successful, RADIUS client allows access to network

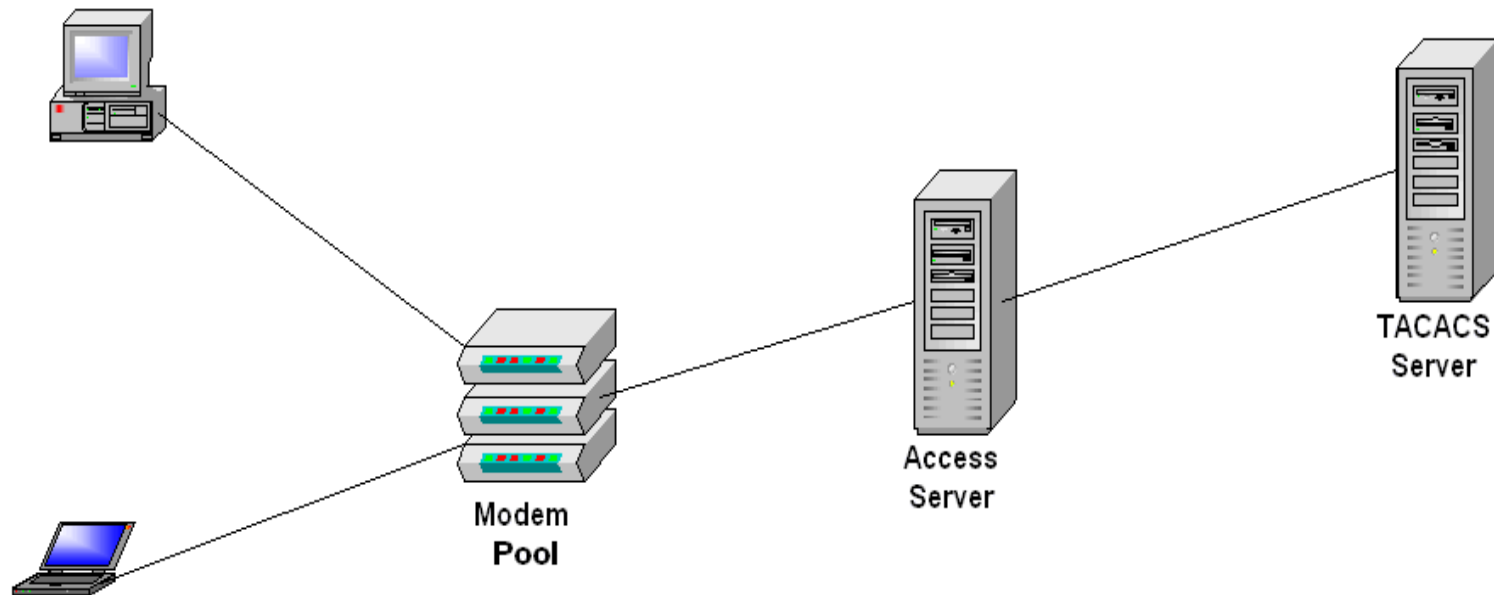
Centralized Access Control Administration

➡ TACACS+

- Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS) is also an authentication protocol used to authenticate remote users
- Splits authentication, authorization, and auditing features
- Cisco proprietary protocol

Centralized Access Control Administration

➡ TACACS+

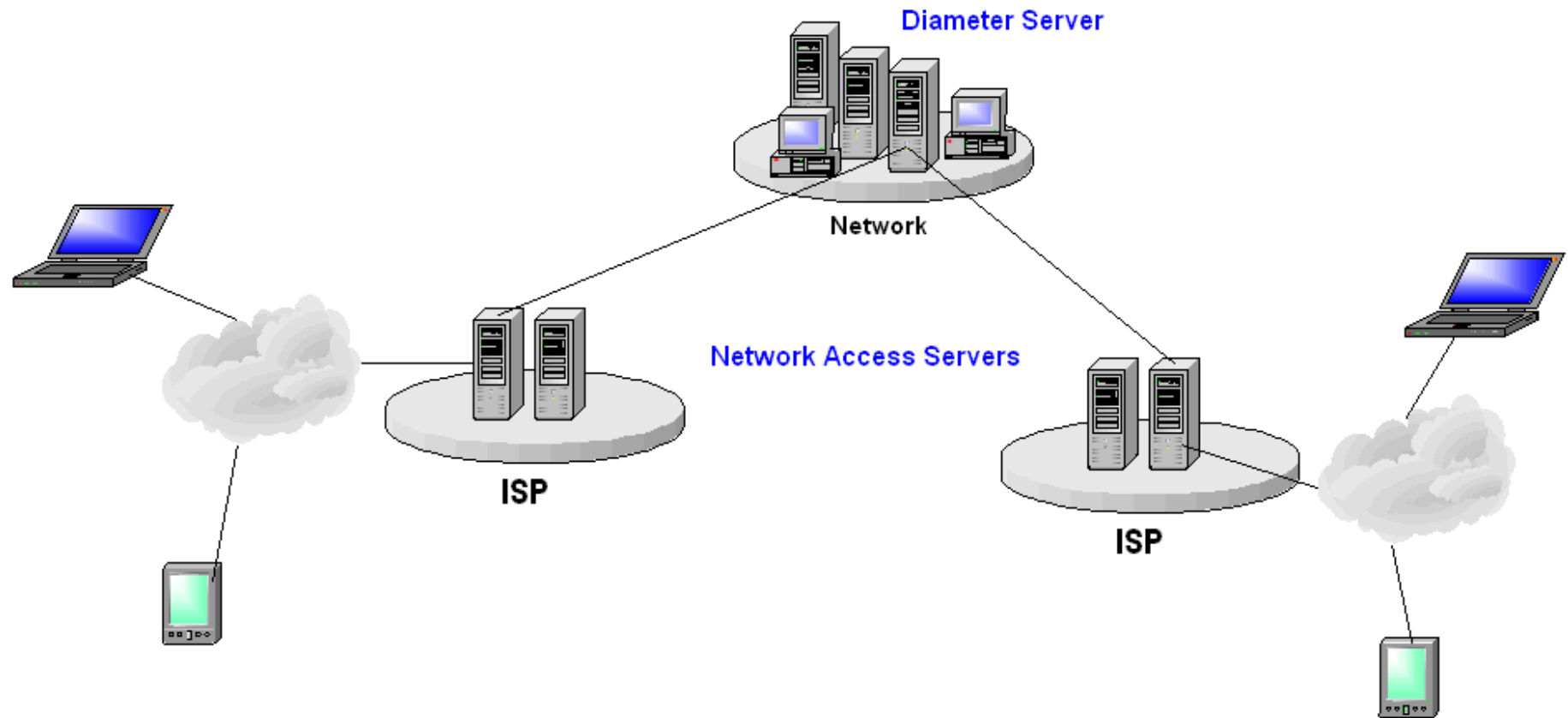


DIAMETER

➡ Remote Authentication Protocol

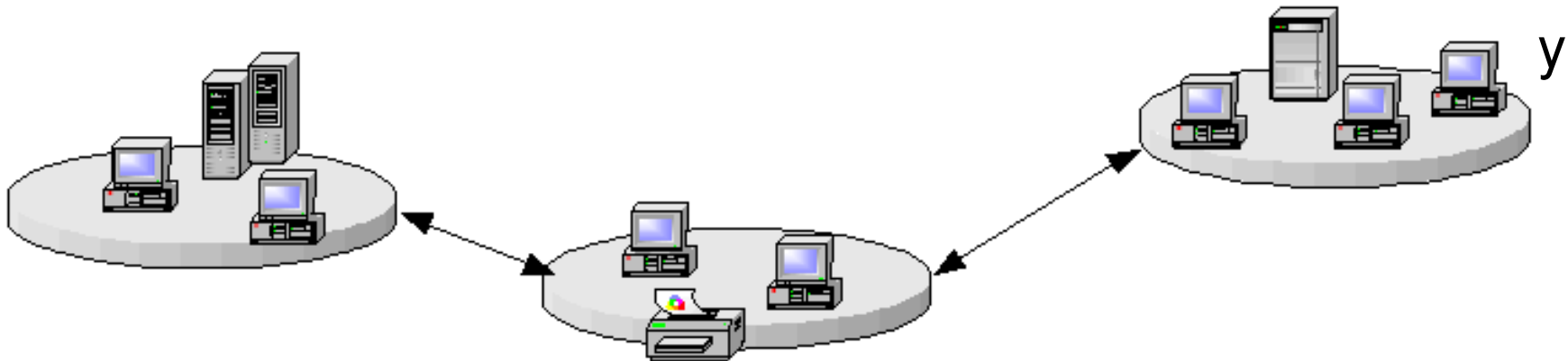
- DIAMETER is a protocol designed as the next generation RADIUS
- RADIUS is limited to authenticating users via SLIP and PPP dial-up modem connections
 - Other device types use different protocol types
- Internet protocol that supports seamless and continuous connectivity for mobile devices - such as PDAs, laptops, or cell phones with Internet data capabilities
- Move between service provider networks and change their points of attachment to the Internet
- Including better message transport, proxying, session control, and higher security for AAA transactions

DIAMETER Authentication



Decentralized Administration

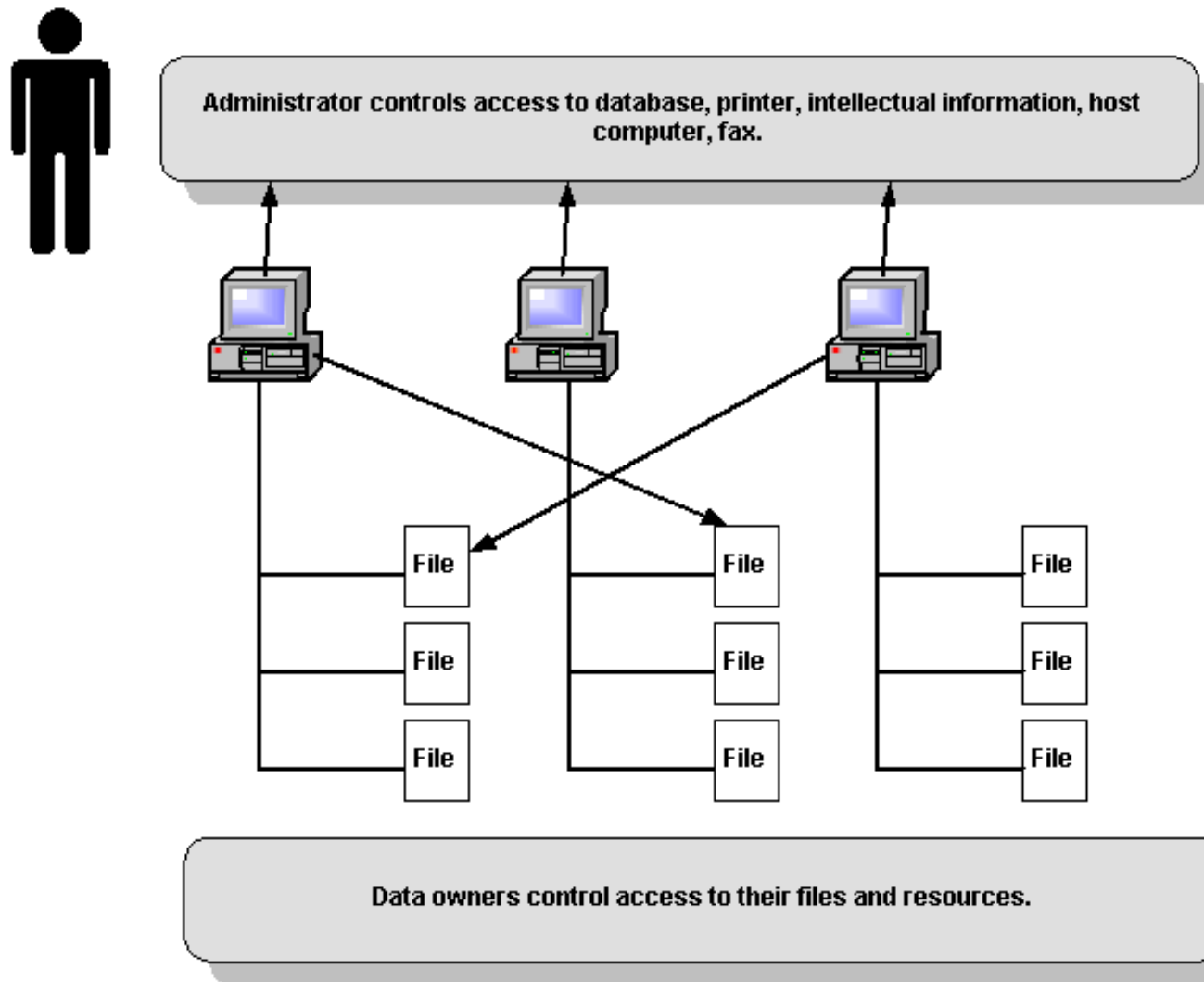
- ➔ Control is given to the people closer to the resource, as in department managers and sometimes users
- ➔ Access requests do not get processed by one centralized entity



Hybrid Access Control Administration

- ➔ **Combines centralized and decentralized administration methods**
- ➔ **One entity (network administrator) may control what users access**
 - Important network resources
- ➔ **Individual users are allowed to decide who accesses their own resources**
 - Files, local printers

Hybrid Administration Approach



Access Control Methodologies

➡ **Administrative:**

- Group membership
- Time of day
- Transaction type

➡ **Technical:**

- Directory Services
- Logical location

➡ **Physical:**

- Physical location

Access Controls – Technical Layer

➡ Technical Access Controls

- Directory Services
- Network Architecture
- Network Access
- Encryption
- Auditing

Technical Control – Directory Services

➡ X.500

➡ LDAP

➡ NDS

➡ Active Directory

Directory Services

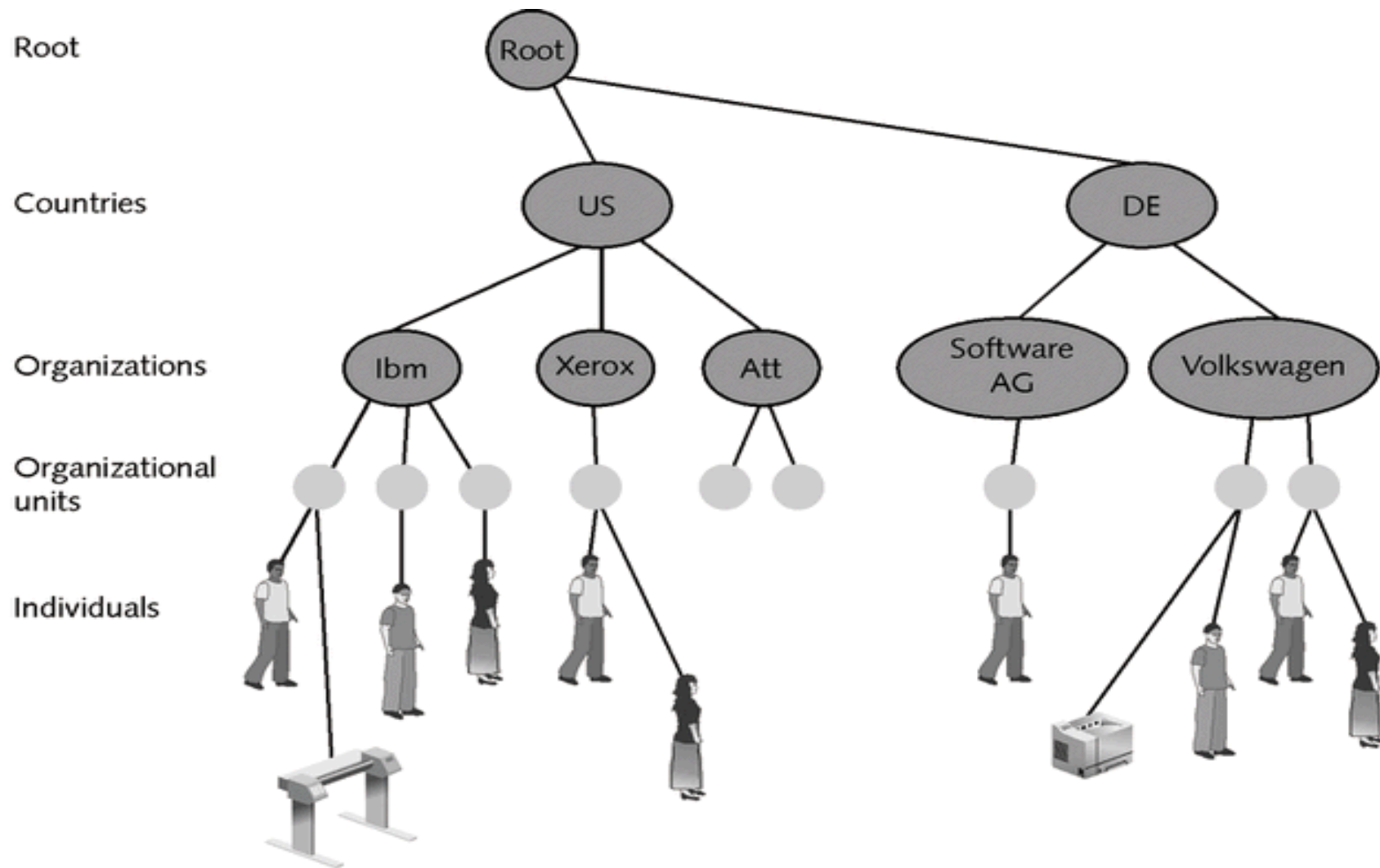
- ➔ **ISO published X.500 – LDAP adapts the directory to work over TCP/IP**
- ➔ **Hierarchical database is an inverted tree structure**
- ➔ **Allows delegation of naming while maintaining (potentially) global uniqueness**

Directory Service – LDAP

- ➡ **The full name of a “leaf” on the tree, the Distinguished Name (DN), must be unique, and specified the path from the root of the tree to the “leaf”**

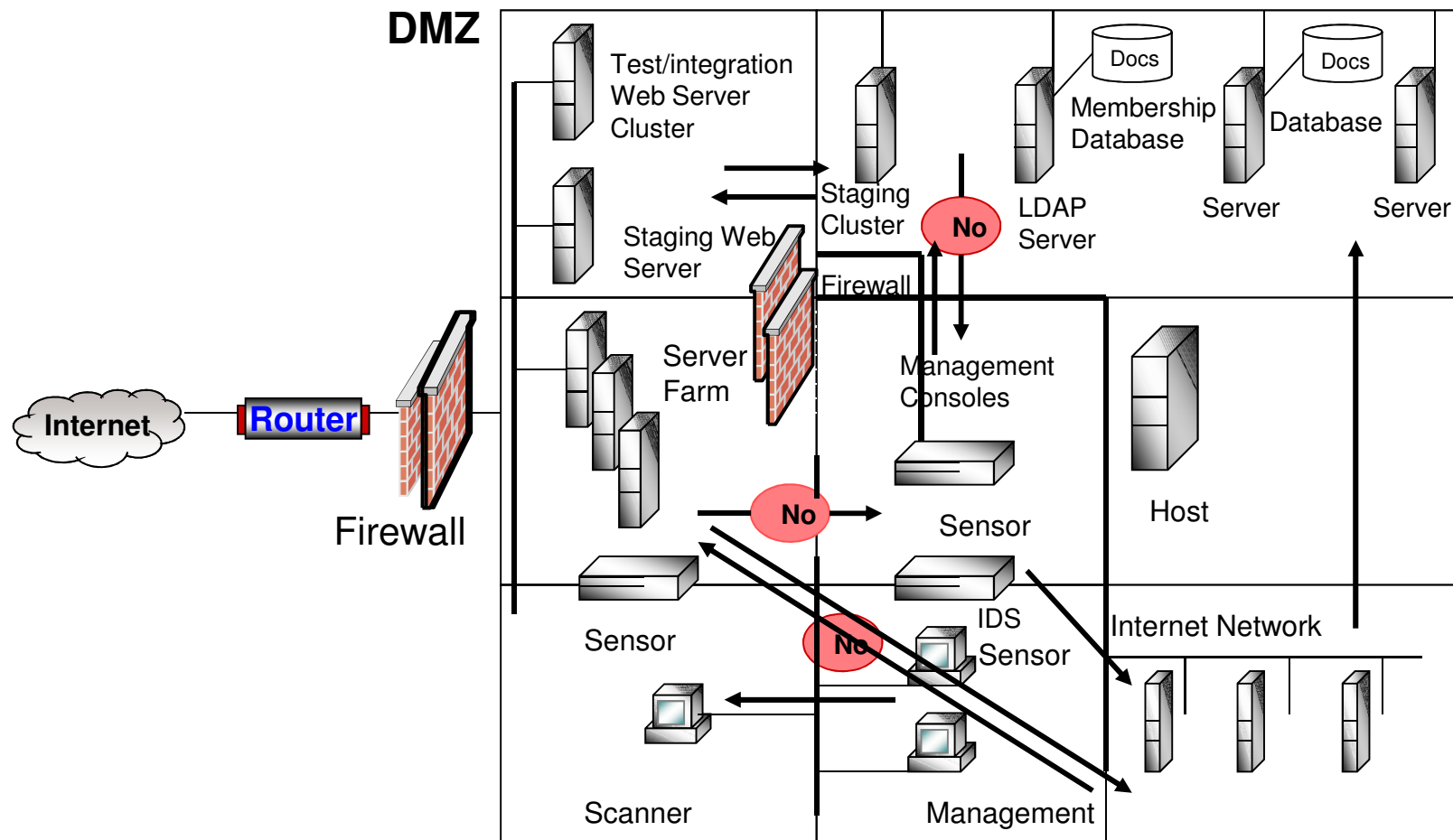
- ➡ **If the “leaf is a user, we can store all sorts of things about this user:**
 - Name
 - Location
 - Phone numbers
 - E-mail addresses
 - Digital certificates
 - Application or data access

Directory Tree



Technical Control – Network Design

➡ Network Architecture



Access Controls – Physical Layer

➡ Physical Controls

- Network Segregation
- Perimeter Security
- Computer Controls
- Work Area Separation
- Cabling

Physical Control – Network Segregation

Secret LAN



Unclassified LAN



Top Secret LAN

Bringing Things Together

- ➡ **Access controls are the first line of defense**
- ➡ **They dictate how subjects access objects and resources**
- ➡ **Their main goal is to protect resources from unauthorized access**
- ➡ **The models are DAC, MAC, RBAC, and RuBAC**
- ➡ **The administration of the model can be centralized or decentralized**
- ➡ **The controls can be administrative, physical, or technical**
- ➡ **The controls can supply preventative, detective, and corrective services**