



Attacking is easy, defending is hard

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HACKERS CAN TURN YOUR HOME COMPUTER INTO A BOMB ... & blow your family to smithereens!

By RANDY JEFFRIES / Weekly World News

WASHINGTON — Right now, computer hackers have the ability to turn your home computer into a bomb and blow you to Kingdom Come — and they can do it thousands of miles away.

Experts say the recent "Amavase" attack that paralyzed the Amavase.com, Raycomedia.com and Amazon.com websites is just the beginning in the near future.

Howard Arnold Volksen, president of the Washington-based computer security, National CyberCrime Prevention Group, says that as long as the Internet stays online, we're only one step away.

"The people who inserted all those

spare parts and software viruses are still out there," Volksen told Weekly World News.

Now here are better than ever because they have them when they have developed technologies that the average person can't even imagine.

Even people who are familiar with

the computer work have trouble getting their minds around the term.

"It is already possible for an

attacker to send someone an e-mail

message that contains a virus that

can be activated by clicking on it.

While the recent

attack was just a test, Volksen

says that it's just a matter of time

before a real attack occurs.

He adds that the most important

thing to remember is that these

genius individuals have already

done it.

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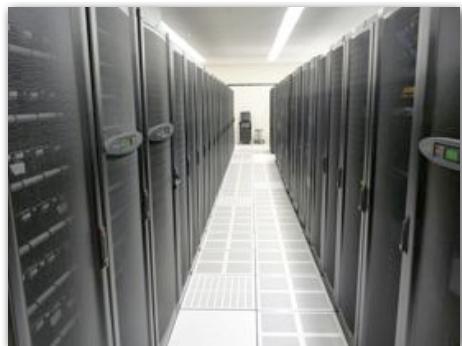
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Physical layer



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Solutions

- Have a policy for physical security
- Don't buy locks from the local hardware store

Software

- Firmware
- Operating system
- COTS Add-on packages (backup software, database, web server)
- Homebrew applications (web application)

Firmware



- Override boot sequence using hardware
- Evil Maid attack
- (P)DoS attacks a/k/a “phlashing”

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Firmware



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Solutions

- Trust your vendor :-)
- Do not leave your laptop unattended, even if you use (full) disk encryption

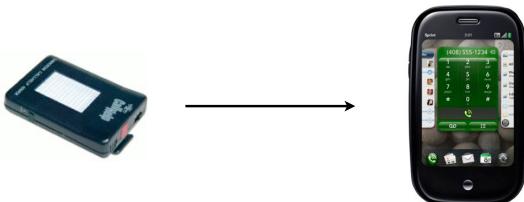
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Software



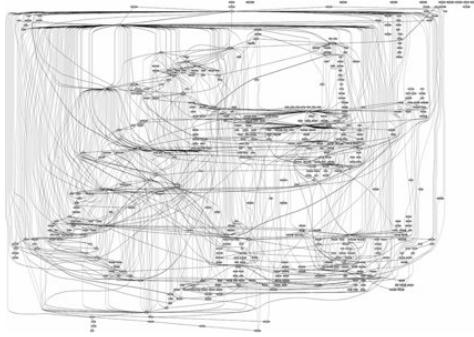
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Complexity

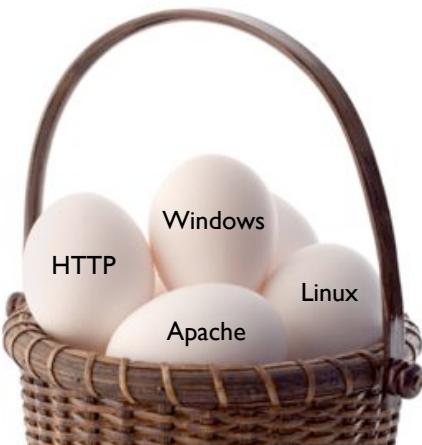


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Patching

- ✓ For OS and some packages: automated
- For many add-on packages: not automated

A screenshot of a web browser displaying a US-CERT vulnerability note. The title is "Vulnerability Note VU#279774" for "Computer Associates BrightStor ARCserve Backup Agents vulnerable to buffer overflow". The page includes a sidebar with links like "Vulnerability Database", "Search", "Vulnerability Notes Help", and "Report a Vulnerability".

Software



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Patching

- For homebrew software: ???
- Security audits

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Patching

- Lot of work: test, accept, production cycle
- Dependency on specific version
- High costs when updates cause downtime

A screenshot of a television screen showing a news program. The screen displays a man speaking and a logo for "STUXNET WORM". The background shows a news studio set.

Microsoft: Pirated Windows 7 Will Still Get Updates

2:21 PM - April 29, 2009 by Marcus Yam - source: Tom's Hardware US

Even Windows pirates get the security support from Microsoft.

Microsoft earlier this week clarified that all versions of Windows, both legitimate and illegitimate, receive security updates – and that policy will carry over to Windows 7.

"There seems to be a myth that Microsoft limits security updates to genuine Windows users," wrote Microsoft's Paul Cooke, who works in Windows Client Enterprise Security. "Let me be clear: all security updates go to all users."

"Not only do all security updates go to all users' systems, but non-genuine Windows systems are able to install service packs, update rollups, and important reliability and application compatibility updates," Cooke continued in the blog entry. "In addition, the users of non-genuine Windows systems can also upgrade a lot of the other software on their computer. For example Internet Explorer 8 has numerous security-oriented features and improvements, and it is available to all users."

That's not to say that non-genuine copies of Windows are allowed to run completely free. Certain updates and software may be blocked at Microsoft's discretion, such as value-adding updates and non-security-related software.

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A6 Security Misconfiguration

Windows Connection Properties - SQL Server

The screenshot shows the 'Connection' tab of the 'Windows Connection Properties' dialog box for a SQL Server connection. The 'Logon name' is set to 'sa'. Under 'Advanced' settings, the 'Encrypt connections' checkbox is checked. Other fields include 'Key name', 'Default database', and 'Default language'.

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Hardening

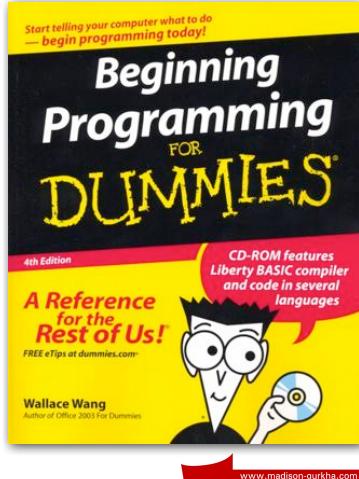
- Installation ≠ Configuration
- Almost always overlooked
- Default deny
- Users, file permissions, installed software, configuration settings regarding functionality

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OWASP Top 10 – 2010 (New)	
A1 – Injection	
A2 – Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	
A3 – Broken Authentication and Session Management	
A4 – Insecure Direct Object References	
A5 – Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	
A6 – Security Misconfiguration (NEW)	
A7 – Insecure Cryptographic Storage	
A8 – Failure to Restrict URL Access	
A9 – Insufficient Transport Layer Protection	
A10 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards (NEW)	

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Solutions (technical)

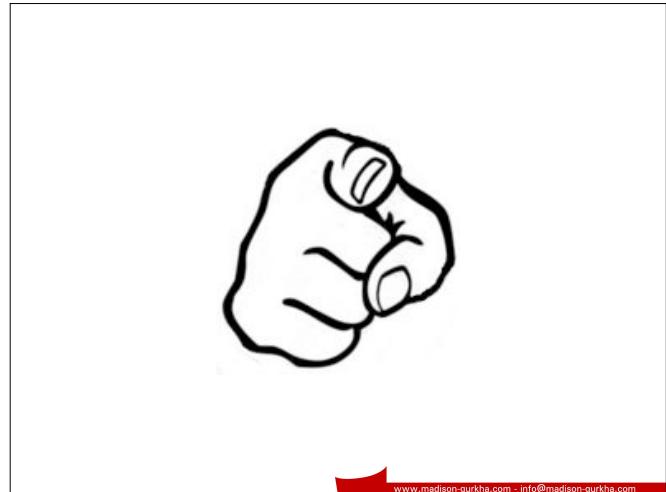
- Deny all, except (safe installation/*hardening*)
- Separation of duties/modular approach
- Restrict permissions
- Simplicity/ergonomics

Solutions (other)

- Functional requirements **and** security requirements
 - Also for 3rd party software
- Use cases **and** abuse cases
- Educate programmers in secure programming
- Security testing

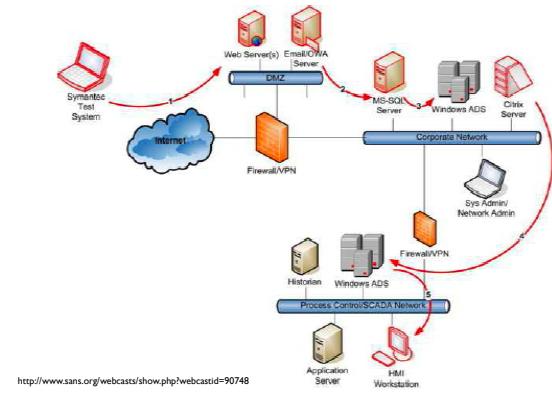
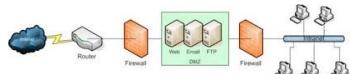
Other things to do

- *If All Else Fails... (and it will)*
- Multiple layers of defense (prevention)
- Logging and monitoring (detection)
- Have a plan ready (reaction)

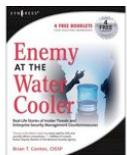


Insider attacks

- A malicious person becoming an insider
 - Physically
 - Burglary
 - Logically
 - Hacking



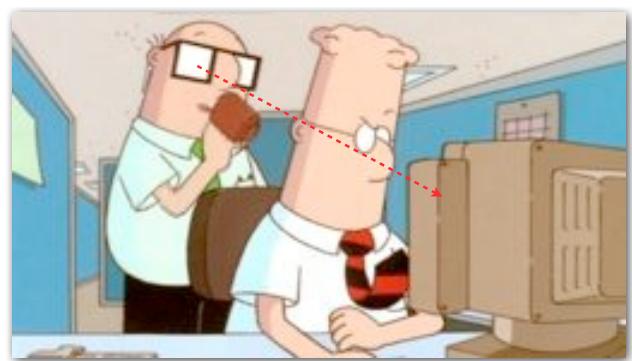
Insider attacks



- Malicious insiders

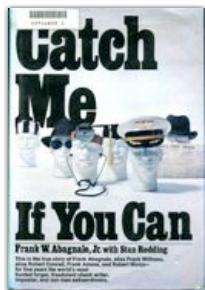


- Insiders being (unknowingly) abused by outsiders



Insider attacks

- Active
 - Social Engineering
 - Phishing
- Passive
 - Drive-by hacking



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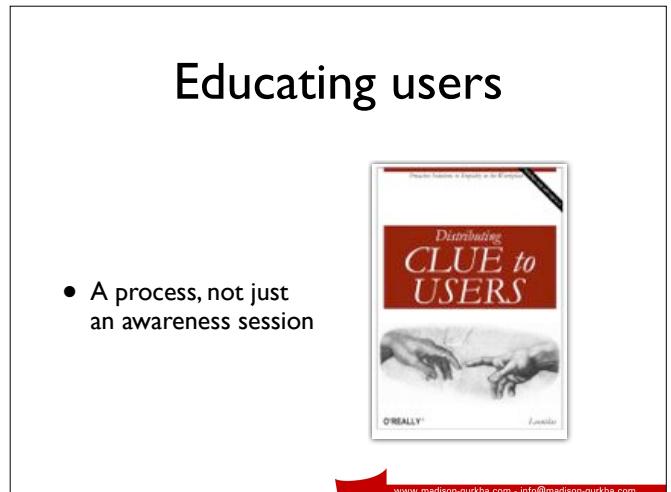
Belastingdienst doet 'dom' met USB-stick

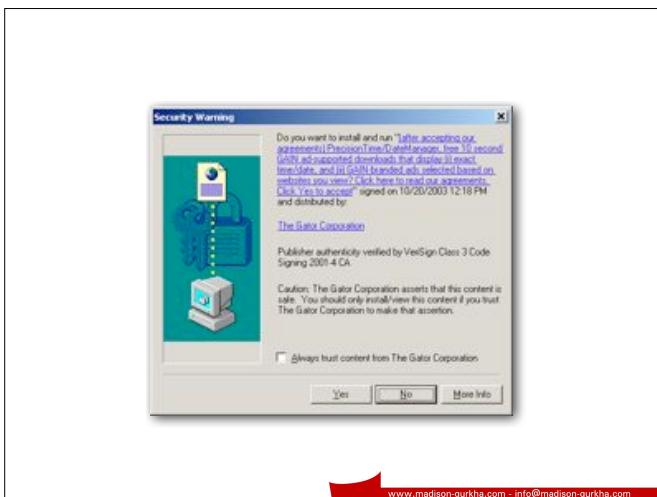
24 jun 09 - Door Karel Ommstein en Guido van Ophoven



Medewerkers van ING, de Belastingdienst, het AMC, de PvdA, SP, de Marokkaanse ambassade en tal van andere organisaties hebben zonder nadenken een gevonden USB-stick in de bedrijfscomputer gestopt.

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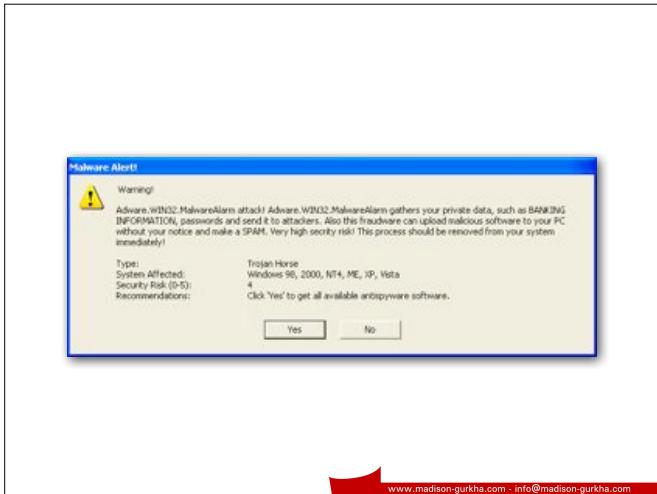




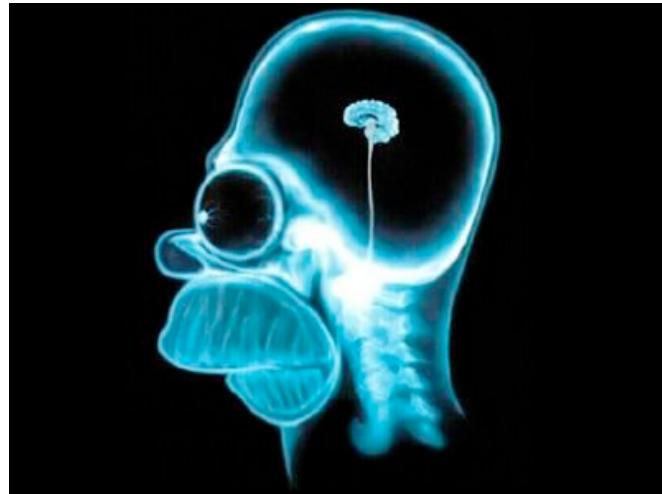
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Solutions

- Find all known risks and act on them
- Fix bugs on all systems for all software
- Keep doing this
- Do secure installations (configurations)
- Embed security in the devpt process
- Educate and screen users and keep on doing this
- Monitor and be ready

Solutions
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