Attack Types



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Invincibility lies in the defense, the possibility of victory in the attack

— Sun Tzu



Categories of Attacks



- Application attacks
- Misconfiguration attacks
- Shrink-wrap code attacks
- O/S attacks
- Entry Points

Application Attacks

Causes

- □ Time
- Features
- □ QA
- □ Add-on

Results

- Buffer overflows
- Cross-site scripting
- Active content
- □ DoS and SYN
- SQL Injection

Other App Attacks

- Session hijacking
- □ Man in the Middle
- Directory traversal

Misconfiguration Attacks



Targets

- □ Web servers
- Application platforms
- □ Frameworks
- Databases
- □ Hardware

Shrink-wrap Code Attacks

```
$computername = $env:computername
    $username = 'AdminAccount1'
    $password = 'topSecret@99'
    $desc = 'Automatically created local admin
account'
    $computer = [ADSI]"WinNT://
$computername,computer"
    $user = $computer.Create("user", $username)
    $user.SetPassword($password)
    $user.Setinfo()
    $user.description = $desc
    $user.setinfo()
    $user.UserFlags = 65536
    $user.SetInfo()
    $group = [ADSI]("WinNT://$computername/
administrators, group")
    $group.add("WinNT://$username,user")
```

- Lazy developers take short cuts
- Fine tune scripts
- Build-in scripts

O/S Attacks

Gaining access via vulnerabilities

O/S vulnerabilities via defaults

O/S attacks via nonupdated systems

Entry Points for an Attack

Remote Network Dial-Up Network Local Network
Stolen Equipment

Social Engineering
Physical Entry

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