

CSE 543 Information Assurance and Security

Administrative Security Controls

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Auditing

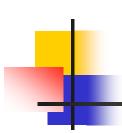
- Logging: Recording of events or statistics to provide information about system use and performance
- Auditing: Analysis of log records to present information about the system in a clear and understandable manner



Auditing (cont.)

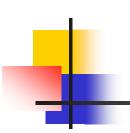
- What happened?
- When did it happen?
- Who did it?
- What went *wrong*?
- Who had *access* to key information?

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Auditing Systems

- An auditing system consists of three components:
 - Logger: collects data
 - Analyzer: analyzes the collected data
 - Notifier: reports the results of analysis



• Logger:

- The type and quantity of information decided by system or program configuration parameters
- Information may be recorded in binary or human-readable form or transmit directly to an analysis system



Logger:

- **Auditable events:**
 - Login
 - Logoff
 - Operating system changes
 - User-invoked operating system commands
 - User-invoked applications
 - Read of data
 - Creation of objects
 - Network events
 - **????**



Analyzer:

- Takes a log as input and analyzes it.
- Results of analysis may lead to changes in the data being recorded, or detection of some events or problems, or both.
- Example:
 - Used by an intrusion detection system to detect attacks by analyzing log records



Notifier:

- Informs the analyst and other entities of the results of the audit.
- Actions may be taken in response to these results.
- Example:
 - A login system, in which three consecutive failed login attempts disable the user's account. When a user's failed login attempts 3 times, the audit system will invoke the notifier, which will report the problem to administrator and disable the account.

Audit Process

Audit Team

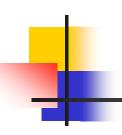
- Federal or State Regulators Certified accountants,
 CISA from Federal OTS, Dept. of Justice, etc.
- Corporate Internal Auditors Certificated accountants, CISA.
- Corporate Security Staff Security managers, CISSP, CISM.
- IT Staff and needed expertise varies
- CISA Certified Information Systems Auditor
- CISM Certified Information Systems Manager
- CISSP Certified Information Systems Security Professional

* ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association)



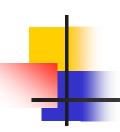
Audit Process (cont.)

- 1. Planning Phase
- 2. Testing Phase
- 3. Reporting Phase



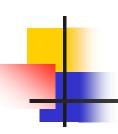
Planning Phase

- Entry Meeting
- Define Scope
- Learn Controls
- Historical Incidents
- Past Audits
- Site Survey
- Review Current IA Policies
- Questionnaires
- Define Objectives
- Develop Audit Plan / Checklist



Testing Phase

- Evaluate Audit Plan
 - What data will be collected?
 - How/when it will be collected?
 - Site employees' involvement?
 - Other relevant questions?
- Data Collection
 - Based on scope/objectives
- Types of Data
 - Activities involving physical security
 - Interview staff
 - Vulnerability assessments
 - Access control assessments



Reporting Phase

- Exit Meeting Short Report
 - Immediate problems
 - Question & answer for site managers
 - Preliminary findings
 - Does NOT give in-depth information
- **Long Report -** After Going Through Data
 - Objectives/scope
 - How data was collected
 - Summary of problems
 - In-depth description of problems
 - Glossary of terms
 - References
- Any computer misuse or abuse should be reported and law enforcement may be involved if needed



Classification Schemes

- Early 1980s: Confidentiality of classified information on computers with multiple users (time sharing systems)
- Mid 80s to mid 90s:
 - Orange Book (or TCSEC): standard reference for computer security for DoD
 - Red Book: covering Trusted Network Interpretation (TNI) of the Orange Book
 - Rainbow Series* is outdated and superseded by Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme (CCEVS)**

*http://www.iwar.org.uk/comsec/resources/standards/rainbow/rainbow.html



Classification Scheme (Cont.)

- Data classification based on <u>need for</u> <u>confidentiality</u>
- Based <u>on potential damage</u>, if compromised, and defines treatment rules
- US Classification Scheme
 - Top secret: Publicly disclosed would compromise national security
 - Secret: ...would <u>cause serious damage</u> to national security
 - Confidential: ...would <u>damage</u> national security
 - Unclassified



Classification Scheme (Cont.)

- Unclassified includes
 - Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU)
 - Unclassified Law Enforcement Sensitive (U//LES)
 - For Official Use Only (FOUO). Not subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). May include company proprietary information
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- Other Countries and Organizations
- *http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Security_classification



Classified Information Management

- Accountability for classified data
- Declassification/Downgrade
- Sanitization/Purging
- Destruction



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