
NETWORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY



Systems Security
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I admire your desire
be proactive in terms of mitigating
network vulnerability. But, we really do
need a **24/7** connection to
the Internet.



[OSI Model

APPLICATION LAYER

Network-related application programs

PRESENTATION LAYER

Standardization of data presentation to the applications

SESSION LAYER

Management of sessions between applications

TRANSPORT LAYER

End-to-end error detection and correction

NETWORK LAYER

Management of connections across the network

DATA LINK LAYER

Reliable data delivery Includes LLC and MAC sub-layers

PHYSICAL LAYER

Physical characteristics of the network media

[TCP/IP Reference Model

	OSI layer		TCP/IP layer
7	Application	4	Application
6	Presentation		
5	Session		
4	Transport	3	Transport
3	Network	2	Internet
2	Data Link	1	Network Access
1	Physical		

[Internet Protocol (IP) Networking

- IP is responsible for sending packets from the source to the destination hosts
- Hosts are distinguished by the IP addresses of their network interfaces
- The address is expressed as four octets separated by a dot (.), for example, 216.12.146.140
- Each octet may have a value between 0 and 255

[Network Classes

Class	Range of First Octet	Number of Network Octets	Number of Hosts in Network
A	1 - 127	1	16,777,214
B	128 - 191	2	65,534
C	192 - 223	3	254
D	224 - 239		
E	240 - 255		

[IPv6

**A much larger
address field**

**Improved
security**

**A more
concise IP
packet header**

**Improved
quality of
service**

[Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

- The Transmission Control Protocol provides connection-oriented data management and reliable data transfer
- Port ranges:
 - Well-known Ports – (0 – 1023)
 - Registered Ports – (1024 – 49151)
 - Dynamic or Private Ports – (49152 – 65535)

[ICMP Redirect Attack

- A router may send an ICMP redirect to a host to tell it to use a different, more effective default route
- However, an attacker can send an ICMP redirect to a host telling it to use the attacker's machine as a default route

[Traceroute Exploitation

Traceroute is a diagnostic tool that displays the path a packet traverses between a source and destination host

Traceroute can be used maliciously to map a victim network and learn about its routing

[Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)

- Access protocol that uses the absence/presence of a signal on the medium that it wants to transmit on as permission to speak
- Two variations:
 - Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA)
 - Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD)

[Token Ring (IEEE 802.5)]

Token Ring uses a physical star topography

The logical topography, however, is a ring

Each device receives data from its upstream neighbor and transmits to its downstream neighbor

Token Ring uses ring passing to mediate which device may transmit



[Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)

Commonly used for managing user information

Ports	389/TCP,389/UDP
RFC 1777 (Original)	

[Network Basic Input Output System (NetBIOS)

Under TCP/IP, NetBIOS runs over TCP on ports 137 and 138 and over UDP on port 139

Ports	135/UDP 137/TCP 138/TCP 139/UDP
RFC 1001	
RFC 1002	

[Common Internet File System (CIFS)/Server Message Block (SMB)

CIFS/SMB is a file-sharing protocol prevalent on Windows systems

Ports	445/TCP
Definition	
Proprietary	

[File Transfer Protocol (FTP)

Stateful protocol that requires two communication channels

Ports	20/TCP (data stream)
Definition	
RFC 959	

[Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

HTTP is the Layer 7 foundation of the World Wide Web (WWW)

Ports	80/TCP; other ports are in use especially for proxy services
Definition	
RFC 1945 (HTTP v1.0)	
RFC 2109	
RFC 2616 (HTTP v1.1)	

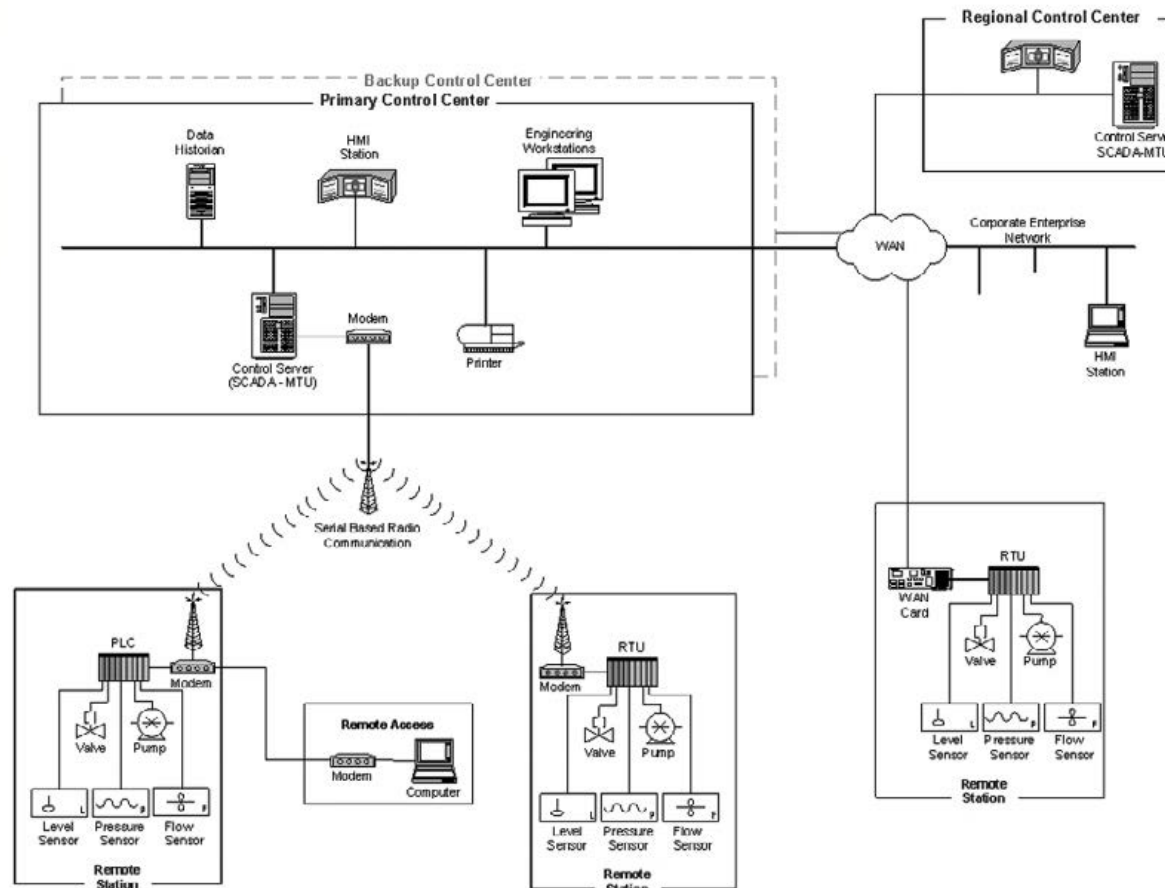
[HTTP Tunneling

**Applied by encapsulating
outgoing traffic from an
application in an HTTP request
and incoming traffic in a
response**

[Implication of Multilayer Protocols

SECURITY TOPIC	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	CONTROL SYSTEMS
Anti-virus/Mobile Code	Common Widely used	Uncommon/Impossible to deploy effectively
Support Technology Lifetime	2-3 Years Diversified vendors	Up to 20 years Single vendor
Outsourcing	Common Widely Used	Operations are often outsourced, but not diverse to various providers
Application of Patches	Regular Scheduled	Rare, Unscheduled Vendor specific
Change Management	Regular Scheduled	Highly managed and complex
Time Critical Content	Generally delays accepted	Delays are unacceptable
Availability	Generally delays accepted	24x7x365 (continuous)
Security Awareness	Moderate in both private and public sector	Poor except for physical
Security Testing / Audit	Part of a good security program	Occasional testing for outages
Physical Security	Secure (server rooms, etc.)	Remote/Unmanned Secure

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)



[POTS

**Commonly found in the
“last mile” of most
residential and business
telephone services**

[Attacks and Countermeasures

Attacks on telecommunications systems:

- Telecommunication DoS (TDoS) / Distributed DoS (DDoS)
- Denial of Service (DoS)
- DDoS for Hire
- SIP Flooding
 - Often takes place because attackers are running brute-force password guessing scripts that overwhelm the processing capabilities of the SIP device

[Man-in-the-Middle Attack

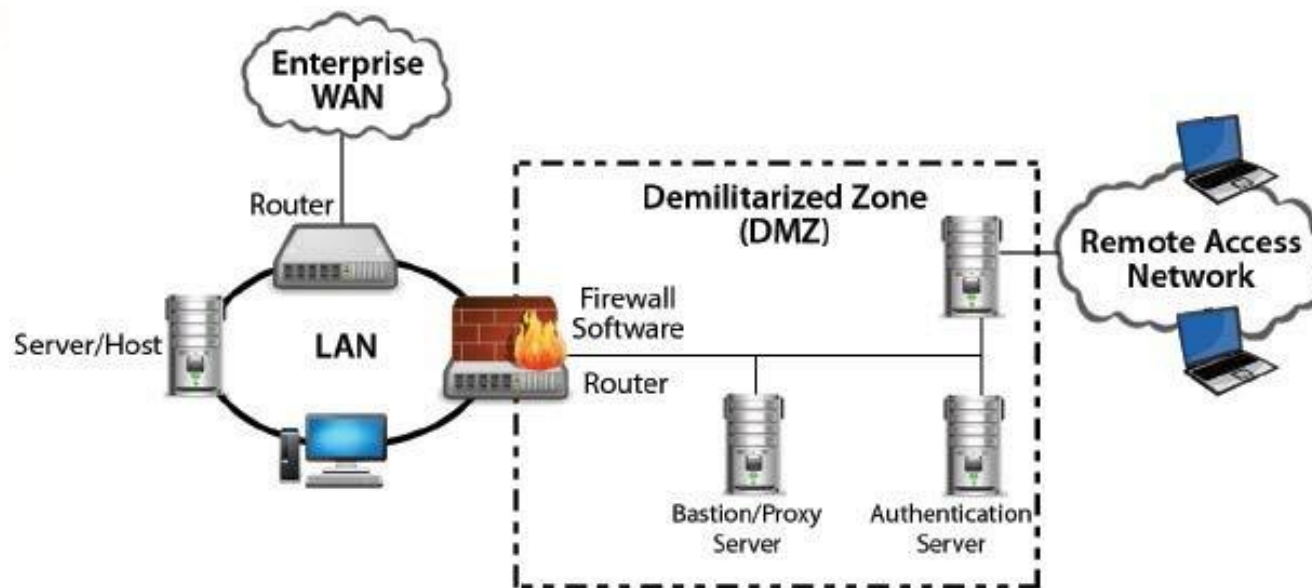
Malicious party:

- Intercepts a legitimate communication between two friendly parties
- Then controls the flow of communication
- Can eliminate or alter the information sent

[Network Partitioning

- Segmenting networks into domains of trust is an effective way to help enforce security policies
- Controlling which traffic is forwarded between segments protects digital assets

[Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)



[Instant Messaging

Instant messaging systems can generally be categorized in three classes:

- Peer-to-peer networks
- Brokered communication
- Server-oriented networks

[Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP) and Jabber

Jabber is an open instant messaging protocol for which a variety of open-source clients exist

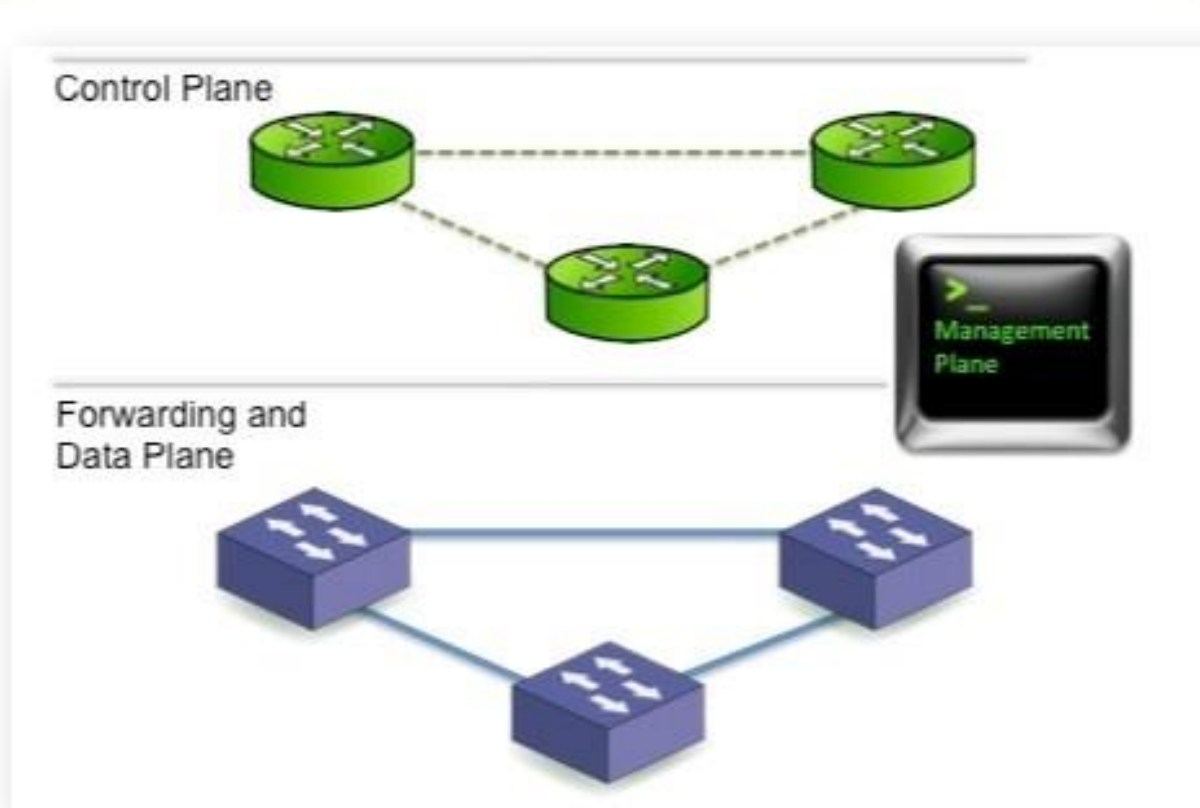
Tunneling Firewalls and Other Restrictions

**Control of HTTP
tunneling can happen on
the firewall or the proxy
server**

[Virtual Private Network (VPN)

**An encrypted tunnel
between two hosts that
allows them to securely
communicate over an
untrusted network**

[Logical Design for Control Planes



[Segmentation

- VLAN is a set of workstations within a LAN that can communicate with each other as though they were on a single, isolated LAN
- The basic reason for splitting a network into VLANs is to reduce congestion on a large LAN

[Advantages of Using VLANs

Performance

Formation of
virtual
workgroups

Greater
flexibility

Ease of
partitioning off
resources

Common Attacks Against the Data-Link Layer

MAC Flooding Attack

802.1Q and Inter-Switch Link Protocol (ISL) Tagging Attack

Double-Encapsulated 802.1Q/Nested VLAN Attack

ARP Attacks

Multicast Brute-Force Attack

Spanning-Tree Attack

Random Frame Stress Attack

[Secure Shell (SSH)

Secure Shell (SSH) services:

- Include remote logon, file transfer, and command execution
- Support port forwarding

[Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

Allows the manager to retrieve “get” values of variables from the agent, as well as “set” variables

Ports	Definition
161/TCP UDP 162/TCP UDP	RFC 1157

[DNSSEC

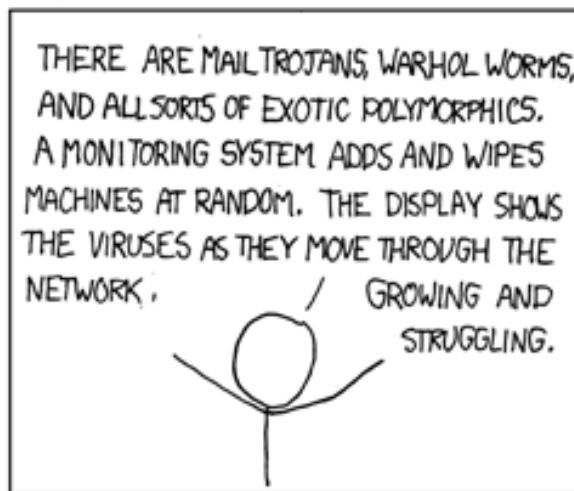
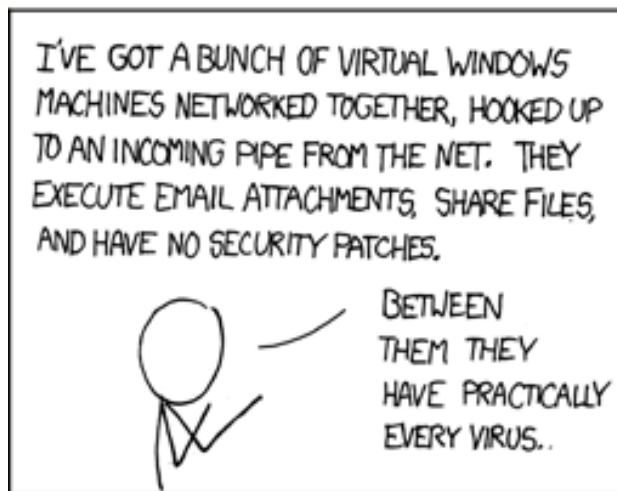
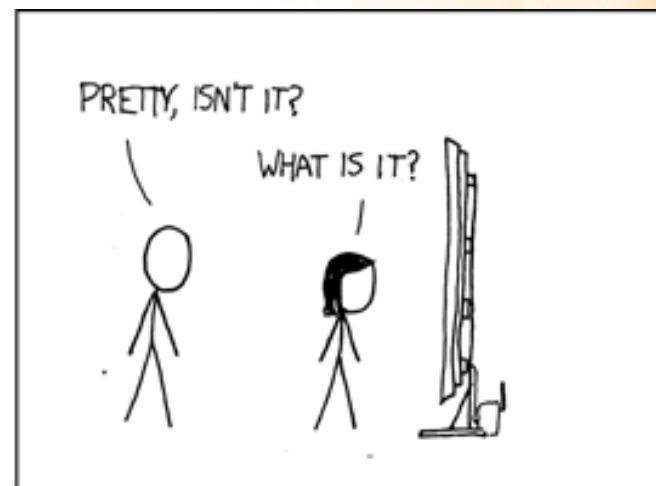
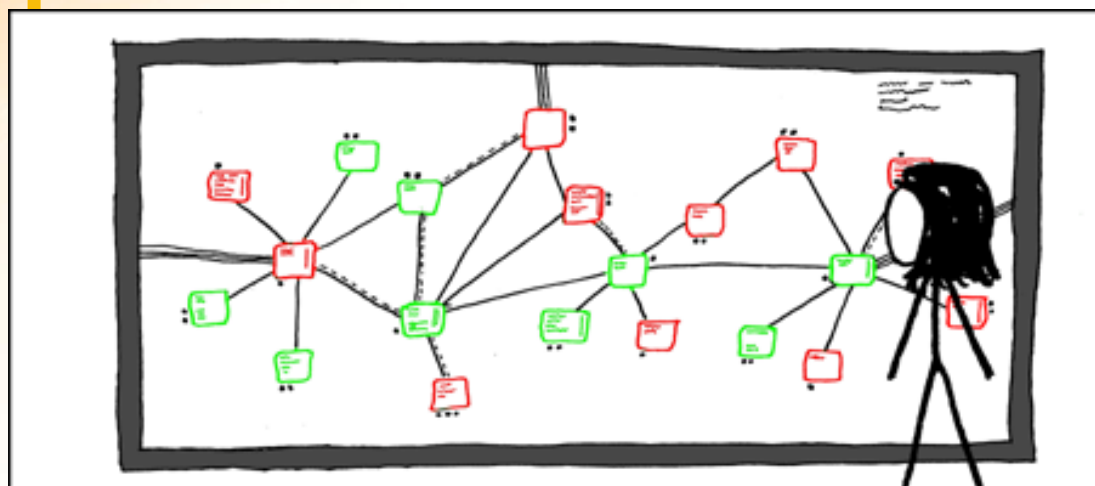
- The security extensions to DNS add protection for DNS records and allow the resolvers and applications to authenticate the data received
- The point of DNSSEC is to provide a way for DNS records to be trusted by whoever receives them

[The Network as a Bastion of Defense

Definition of
Security
Domains

Segregation
of Security
Domains

Incident
Response
Capability



[Network Security Objectives and Attack Modes

Perimeter
defense

Defense in
depth

[Confidentiality

- An eavesdropping computer can be a legitimate client on the network or an unauthorized one
- Advantageous for an attacker to remain invisible on the network

[Integrity

- The property association with corruption or change (intentional or accidental)
- A network needs to support and protect the integrity of its traffic

[Availability

- The property of a network service related to its uptime, speed, and latency
- Availability of the service is commonly the most obvious business requirement

[Domain Litigation

Domain names are subject to trademark risks, related to a risk of temporary unavailability or permanent loss of an established domain name

[Open Mail Relay Servers

An SMTP service that allows inbound SMTP connections for domains it does not serve

Generally considered a sign of bad system administration

[Firewalls

Firewalls are devices that enforce administrative security policies by filtering incoming traffic based on a set of rules

[Filtering

- Firewalls filter traffic based on a rule set
- Each rule instructs the firewall to block or forward a packet based on one or more conditions
- Two important conditions used to determine if a packet should be filtered are:
 - By Address
 - By Service

[Network Address Translation (NAT)

- Firewalls can change the source address of each outgoing packet to a different address
- Non-routable address
- Anonymity

[Stateful Inspection or Dynamic Packet Filtering

Stateful inspection examines each packet in the context of a session

Allows dynamic adjustments to the rules

[Proxies

A proxy firewall mediates communications between untrusted end-points and trusted end-points

**Circuit-level
Proxy**

**Application-
level Proxy**

**Web Proxy
servers**

[Personal Firewalls

Following the principle of security in depth, personal firewalls should be installed on workstations, which protect the user from all hosts on the network

[Port Scanning

The act of probing for
TCP services on a
machine

[FIN, NULL, and XMAS Scanning

In FIN scanning, a stealth scanning method, a request to close a connection is sent to the target machine

[TCP Sequence Number Attacks

- TCP attaches a sequenced number to each data packet that is transmitted
- If a transmission is not reported back as successful, a packet will be retransmitted.
- Eavesdropping allows a third party to predict the correct sequence number and introduce fake packets into the data stream.

[Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS)

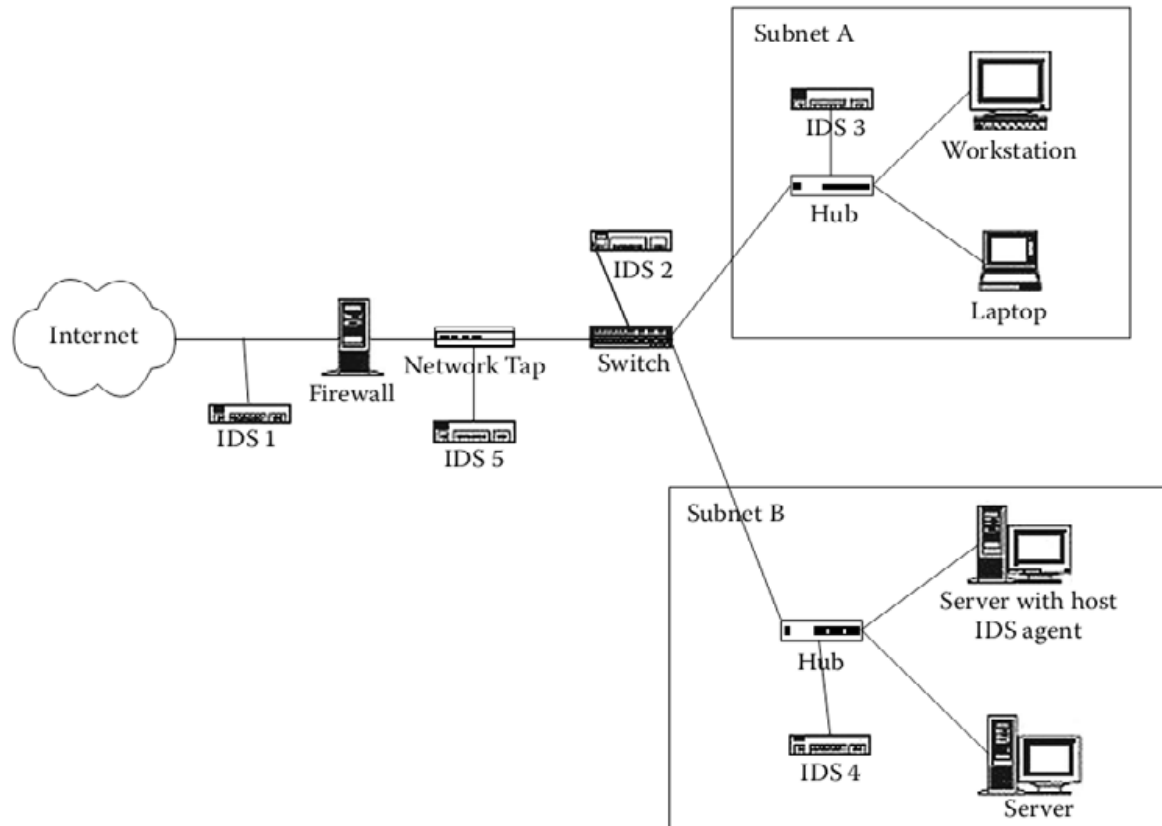
IDS monitor activity and send alerts when they detect suspicious traffic

Two broad classifications:

**Host-based
IDS**

**Network-
based IDS**

Architecture of an Intrusion Detection System (IDS)



[SEM/SEIM

A solution that involves harvesting logs and event information from a variety of different sources on individual servers or assets and analyzing it as a consolidated view with sophisticated reporting

[Scanners

**Discover devices
and services on a
network**

**Test compliance
with a given policy**

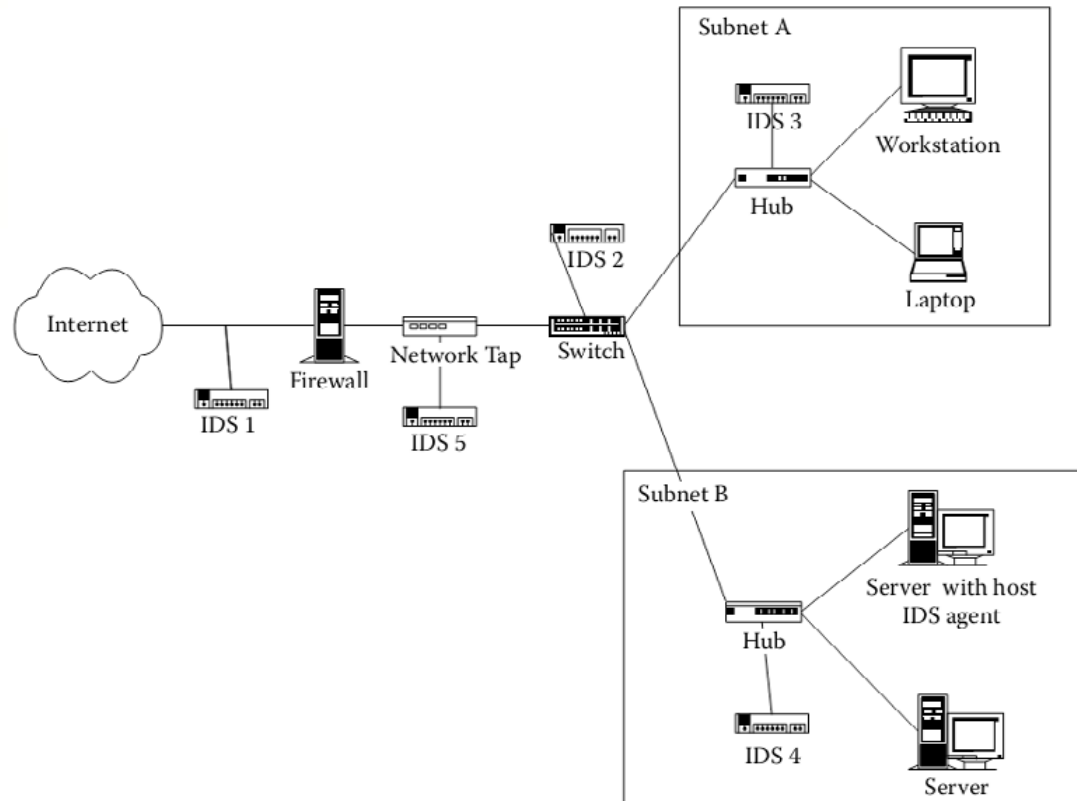
**Test for
vulnerabilities**

[Scanning Tools

Nessus

Nmap

[Network Taps



[IP Fragmentation Attacks and Crafted Packets

Teardrop

Overlapping
Fragment

Source
Routing
Exploitation

Smurf and
Fraggle

[Network Time Protocol (NTP)

- **NTP:**
 - Synchronizes computer clocks in a network
- **Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP):**
 - Less resource intensive
 - Less exact form of synchronization

[Denial-of-Service Attack (DoS)

Overload it through excessive traffic or traffic that has been “crafted” to confuse the network into shutting down or slowing to the point of uselessness

[Distributed Denial-of-Service Attack (DDoS)

Using a network of remote-controlled hosts known as “botnets” the target is subjected to traffic from a wide range of sources that are very hard to block

[SYN Flooding

**A denial-of-service attack
against the initial
handshake in a TCP
connection**

[IP Address Spoofing and SYN-ACK Attacks

- Packets are sent with a bogus source address so that the victim will send a response to a different host
- Spoofed addresses can be used to abuse the three-way handshake that is required to start a TCP session

[DNS Vulnerabilities

Two principal vulnerabilities here:

- It is possible for a DNS server to respond to a recursive query with information that was not requested.
- The DNS server will not authenticate information

[Information Disclosure

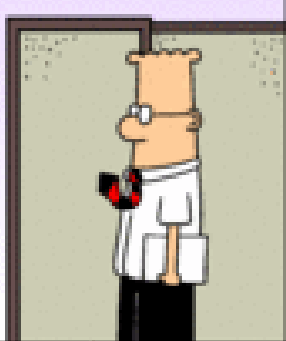
Although knowing a server name will not enable anyone to access it, this knowledge can aid and facilitate preparation of a planned attack

[Namespace-Related Risks

- **Session hijack**
 - IP spoofing
 - Man-in-the-middle attack
- **SYN scanning**



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THE BID TO BUILD A
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BAD NEWS! WE DON'T
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IT'S WIRELESS. HOW
HARD COULD IT BE
TO NOT INSTALL
WIRES?



[Types of Wireless Technologies

Wi-Fi

Bluetooth

WiMAX

[Types of Wireless Networks

Wireless PAN

Wireless LAN

Wireless mesh network

Wireless MAN

Wireless WAN

Cellular network

Spread spectrum

[Open System Authentication

- The default authentication protocol for the 802.11 standard
- Consists of:
 - A simple authentication request containing the station ID
 - An authentication response containing success or failure data

[Shared Key Authentication

Shared Key Authentication is a standard challenge and response mechanism that makes use of WEP and a shared secret key to provide authentication

[Ad Hoc Mode

- One of the networking topologies provided in the 802.11 standard
- Consists of at least two wireless endpoints where there is no access point involved in their communication

[Infrastructure Mode

- A networking topography in the 802.11 standard
- Consists of a number of wireless stations and access points
- The access points usually connect to a larger wired network

Wired Equivalent Privacy Protocol (WEP)

- Basic security feature in the IEEE 802.11 standard
- Provides confidentiality over a wireless network by encrypting information sent over the network

[Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) and Wi-Fi Protected Access 2 (WPA2)

Provides users a higher level of assurance that their data will remain protected by using the Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP) for data encryption

[A "Parking Lot" Attack

- Attackers actually sit in the organization's parking lot and try to access internal hosts via the wireless network
- If a network is compromised, the attacker has achieved a high level of penetration into the network

[Shared Key Authentication Flaw

Shared key authentication can easily be exploited through a passive attack by eavesdropping on both the challenge and the response between the access point and the authenticating client

[Service Set Identifier (SSID) Flaw

If the default SSID is not changed, it is very likely that an attacker will be able to successfully attack the device due to the use of the default configuration

[The Vulnerability of Wired Equivalent Privacy Protocol (WEP)

Data passing through a wireless LAN with WEP enabled is susceptible to eavesdropping and data modification attacks

Attack on Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP)

TKIP attack tries to decode data one byte at a time using multiple replays and observing the response over the air

An attacker can decode small packets such as ARP frames in about 15 minutes

If QoS is enabled, the attacker can further inject up to 15 arbitrary frames for every decrypted packet

