

# Authentication (Password)

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- Information/ Person is indeed what it claims to be
- Authenticity implies integrity
- Works two ways, Alice vs. IVLE

## Password

1. Bootstrapping
  - o Establish password by sending via another communicator
  - o Default Password
  - o Can be attacked
2. Password Authentication
  - o Replay Attack (copy passcode)
  - o Weak authentication
    - vs. Strong authentication (covered later)
  - o Sniff and spoof
  - o Guess from social information, dictionary attack

## Attacks

- Bootstrap attack
- Social engineering, dictionary attack
- Side Channel Attack
  - o Use information from physical surroundings
- Phishing vs. Spear phishing (targeted)
  - o Vishing (Voice)
  - o Smishing (SMS)
- Likelihood of attacks? Especially expensive zero-day vulnerabilities

## Preventive Measures

- Strong passwords (guided by organisational password policy)
- Password files should be encrypted (or store hash + ID)
- Security Questions: fallback authentication/ self-service pw reset
  - o Increase usability and reduces operational helpdesk costs
  - o Opens another door for attackers to target
- ATM Cards: magnetic stripes follow a standard ISO protocol
  - o Data can be copied to the spoofed card
  - o ATM skimmer
    - Fake ATM -> fake ATM skimmer

## Biometrics

- Password derived from physical appearance (who you are)
- Identification (recognition from database), verification (authentication)
- Type I vs. Type II error
  - o False match/ non-match rate (FMR, FNMR)
- Liveness detection (fake fingers/ sending in password) via temperature, etc
- Cannot be revoked, unlike passwords

## n-FA

- What you know (pw, pin)

- What you have (OTP): time-based more common
  - o Secret key cannot be retrieved
- Who you are (biometric)