

Unit #3

Authentication

- **Non-human identities:** workloads, services, machines
 - These can be considered the majority of users in organizations.
 - They have more privileged accounts than humans.
 - Certificates or keys are used for these identities rather than traditional passwords.

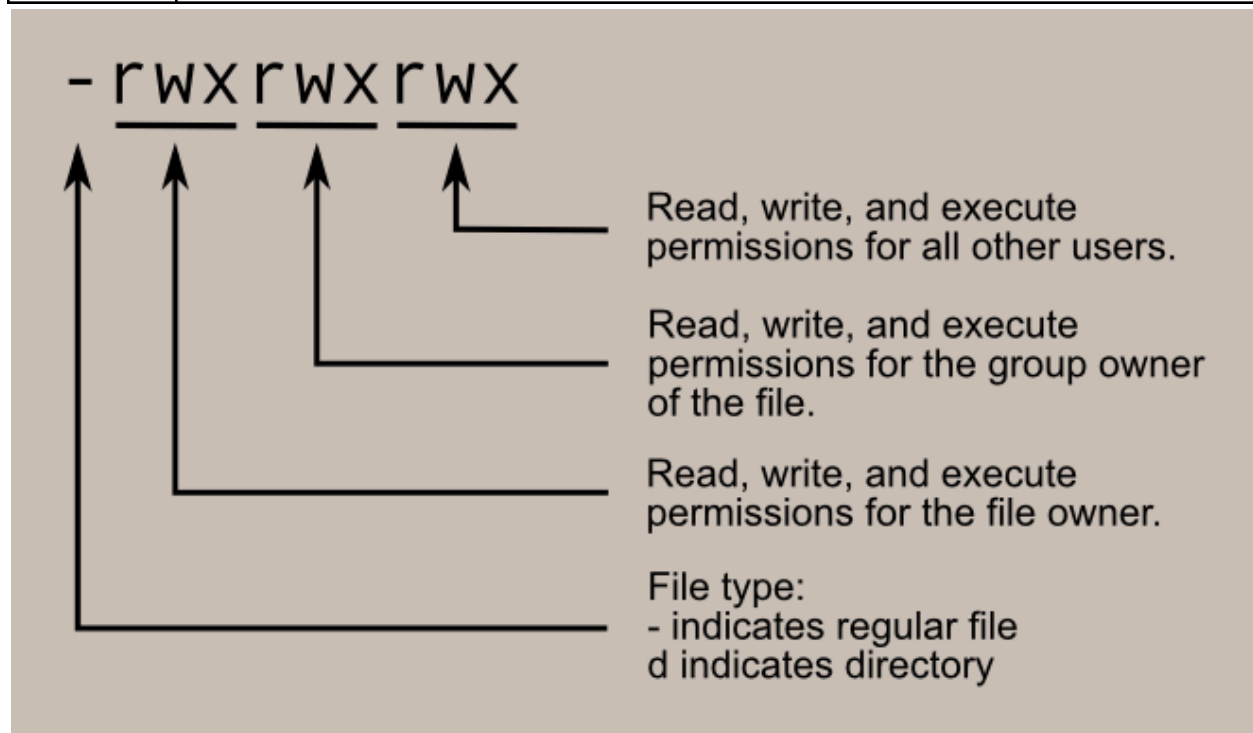
Securing device identities	
Public Key Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issuance of digital certificates to provide unique digital identities for users.
On-device code generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code generation apps ensure that only authorized users can access resources.
Mutual authentication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two sides of a communication channel verify each other's identity.
Zero trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't grant access to resources until the device verifies its identity

Three ways to authenticate	
Knows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A password, pin, answer to a secret question, etc.• Vulnerabilities: forgetting passwords, weak passwords, reusing passwords, discoverable.
Has	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ID, magnetic card, token, etc.• Vulnerabilities: loss, duplication.
Is	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biometrics (fingerprints, facial recognition, etc.)• Vulnerabilities: error rates can be high, high costs, privacy concerns, and some people can have similar features.

- Every file and directory has an **owner** and **group**.
- There are **sets of permissions** for the owner, group, and world (all users that can log into the system).

Types of permissions	
Read	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A user can see the contents.

Write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A user can modify the content.
Execute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A user can run a file.



How passwords work	
Signup	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encrypt the user's password. 2. Stores encrypted string (hash) with the user's record in the database.
Login	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The user submits a username and password on a login page. 2. The attempted password is encrypted. 3. The new hash is verified against the stored hash.

Lab

John the Ripper cracking methods	
Single crack mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It uses the user's information such as login names, full name fields, directory name fields, etc. stored in the GECOS field to guess user passwords.
Wordlist mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It uses a wordlist of passwords and tries every password in it. In this lab, the wordlist <code>lower.lst</code> was used. • Mangling rules can be applied to modify the passwords in the

	list.
Incremental mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tries all possible character combinations as passwords, essentially like a brute force. • Educated guesses about the construct of passwords can be used. Using <code>-mask</code> can be used to look for a common pattern.

- crackA.txt passwords: (used single crack mode to reveal all passwords in this file) [john --single crackA.txt]
 - bulbasaur:kantograss
 - squirtle:waterSquirtle
 - charmander:charizard22
- crackB.txt
 - jim:paper [john --wordlist=lower.lst crackB.txt]
 - pam:tEaPoT [john --wordlist=lower.lst crackB.txt --rules=l33t]
 - dwight:b33t [john --wordlist=lower.lst crackB.txt --rules=shifftoggle]
- crackC.txt
 - pinball:496821 [john --incremental=digits --min-length=4 --max-length=6 crackC.txt]
 - pacman:8Bit [john --mask=?d?u?l?l crackC.txt]
 - frogger:bugs7! [john --mask=?l?l?l?l?d! crackC.txt]
- challengeCrack.txt
 - pupper: bacon! [john --single crackChallenge.txt]
 - Birb: birdseed [john --wordlist=lower.lst crackChallenge.txt]
 - Kitty: pr3d4t0ry [john --wordlist=lower.lst crackChallenge.txt --rules=l33t]

Project

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tommytrieu — codepath@lab000000: ~/unit3 — ssh -p 5013 codepath@lab-364da5a7-1bec-4375-aa98...
rcote:2254
awilliam:ibn
khackett:alfio
rgonzaga:kamau
sbutcher:cease
iperera:myass
hmishra:rohan
zabbas:racks
ppatil:Anna1
skhawaja:teeny
zyoung:6644
jdulay:vd
myork:aVia
dosorio:gatta
jplatt:qwe
jdhillon:1909
nmohd:izzy
mgreenberg:dim
esimpson:torii
mgibbs:kemal
ddrake:ggg
ahatcher:marne
pgutierrez:psy
yhussain:steen
dharden:Bless
fhuang:Anj4
atiwari:Shy

442 password hashes cracked, 558 left
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