

NETWORK SECURITY

1] Threats in network

a) vulnerabilities in network

- Anonymity
- Many points of attack
- sharing
- complexity of the system.
- Unknown perimeter
- Unknown path.

b) The motives of Attacker

- challenge
- Fame
- money
- Ideology.

c) Threats in Transit

- eavesdropping, wiretapping.

choices for communication medium

- cable
- Microwave
- satellite communication
- optical fiber
- wireless

d) Impersonation

In impersonation attacker can:-

- Guess the identity & authentication details of the target.
- Pick up the identity from a previous comm or from wiretapping.
- Disable the authentication mechanism.
- Use a target that won't be authenticated.
- Use a target whose authentication data are known.

- Authentication foiled by guessing
- Authentication thwarted by eavesdropping & wiretaps
- Authentication foiled by avoidance
- Nonexistent authentication.
- well known authentication.
- Trusted authentication.

e) spoofing.

- Masquerade
- session hijacking
- Man in middle. attack.

f) Message confidentiality Threats.

- vulnerabilities that can affect confidentiality
 - Misdelivery
 - Exposure
 - Traffic flow analysis.

g) Message Integrity Threats.

- Falsification of messages.

An attacker may perform following actions.

- change some or all content of message
- replace a message entirely, including date, time & sender / receiver identification
- reuse an old message
- combine pieces of different messages into one
- change the apparent message into or
- redirect message
- destroy or delete message

The attack can be perpetrated in following ways

- Trojan horse
- active wiretap
- impersonation
- preempted host
- preempted workstation

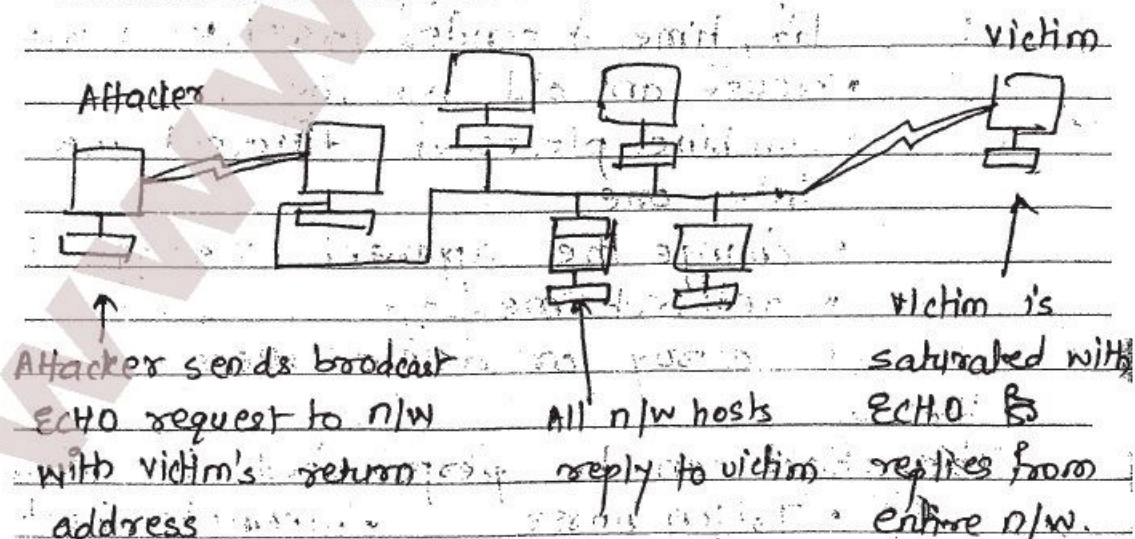
- Noise

h) web site defacement

- Buffer overflow
- Dot dot & address problem
- Application code error
- server side Include

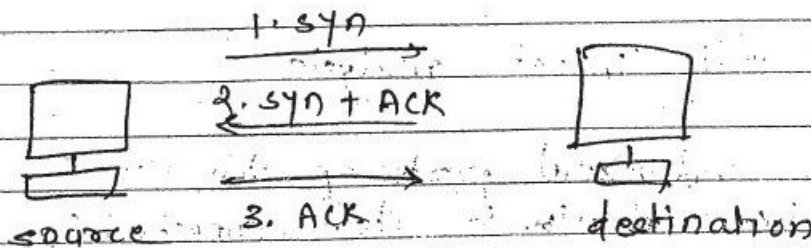
i) Denial of service

- Transmission failure
- connection flooding
 - o ICMP protocol include
 - ping - requests a destination to return a reply
 - echo - request a destination to return the data sent to it
 - destination unreachable - indicates that dest address can not be accessed
 - source quench - means dest is becoming saturated
 - o Echo charger
 - o ping of death
 - o smurf



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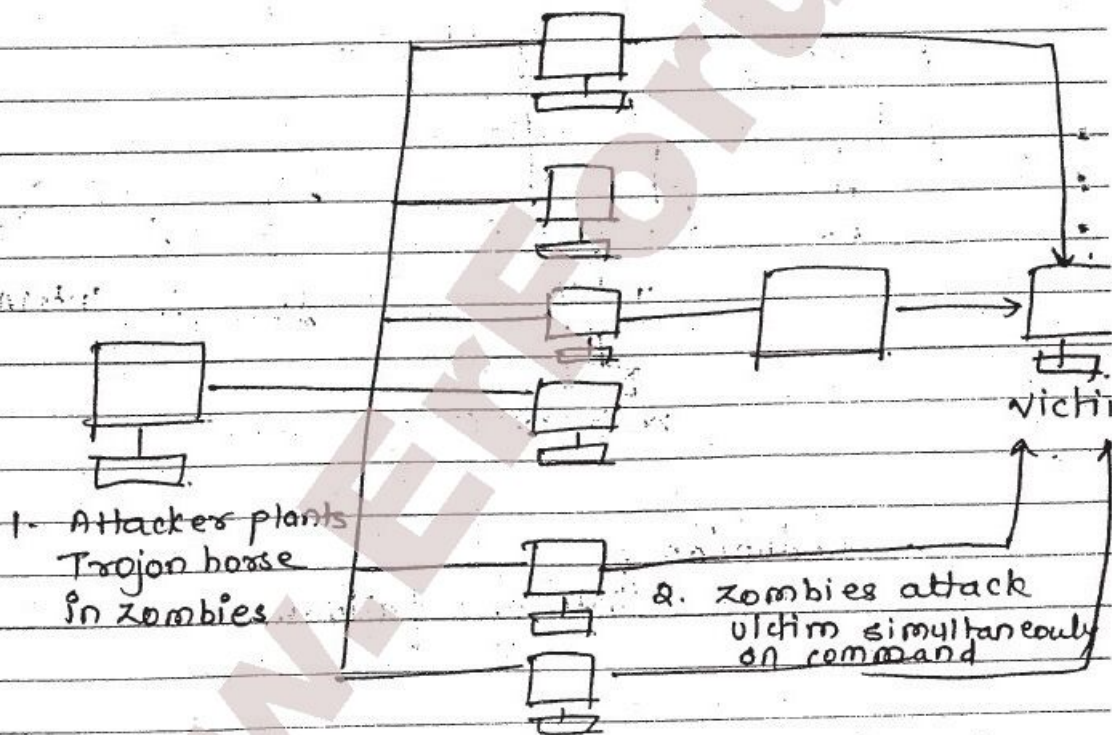
o syn flood



• Traffic redirection.

• DNS attacks.

ii) Distributed Denial of service



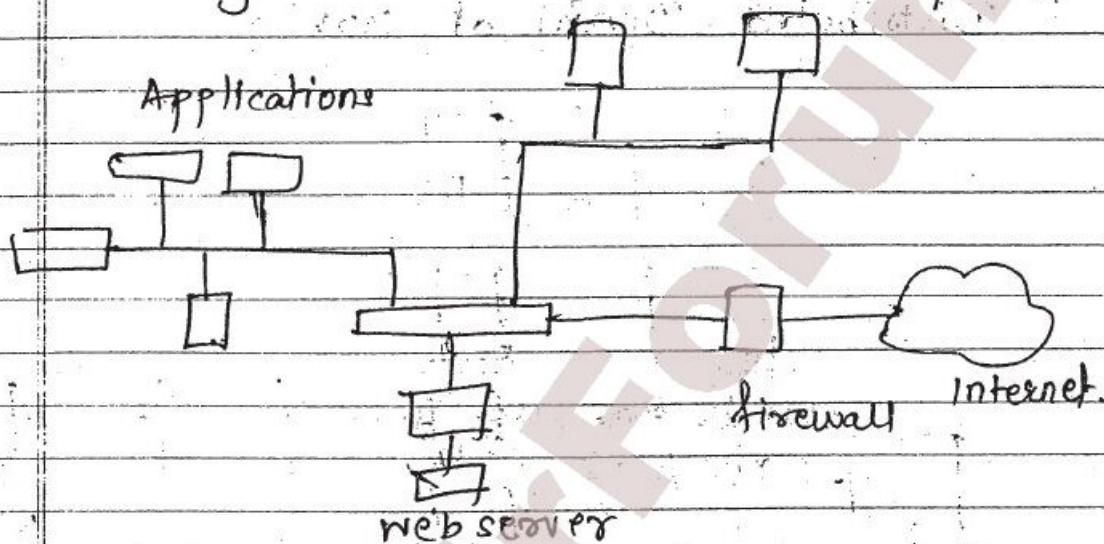
2] N/w security controls

a) security Threat analysis.

- The individual parts of the n/w
- The local n/w is also connected to
- The breaks in n/w.

b) Design & implementation

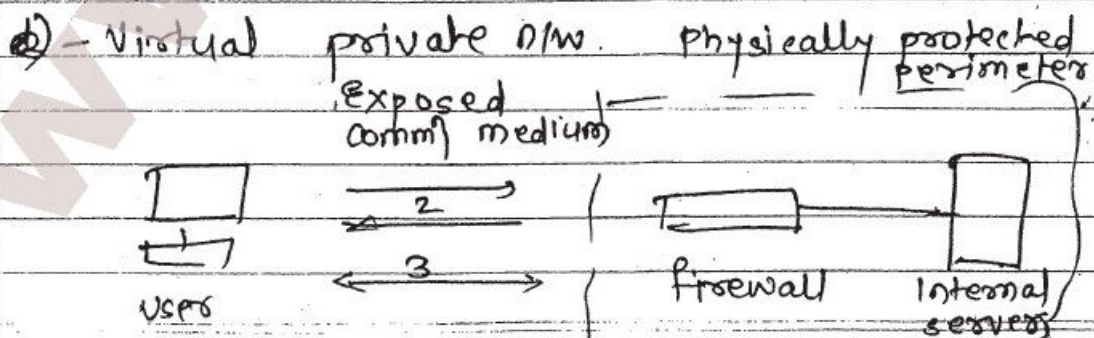
- segmentation
- order / inventory



- Redundancy.
- single points of failure.

c) Encryption.

- Link encryption
- End-to-end encryption.



1. client authenticates a firewall
2. Firewall replies with encryption key.
3. client & server communicate via encrypted tunnel.

- PKI & certificates.
- SSH encryption.

d) Access control.

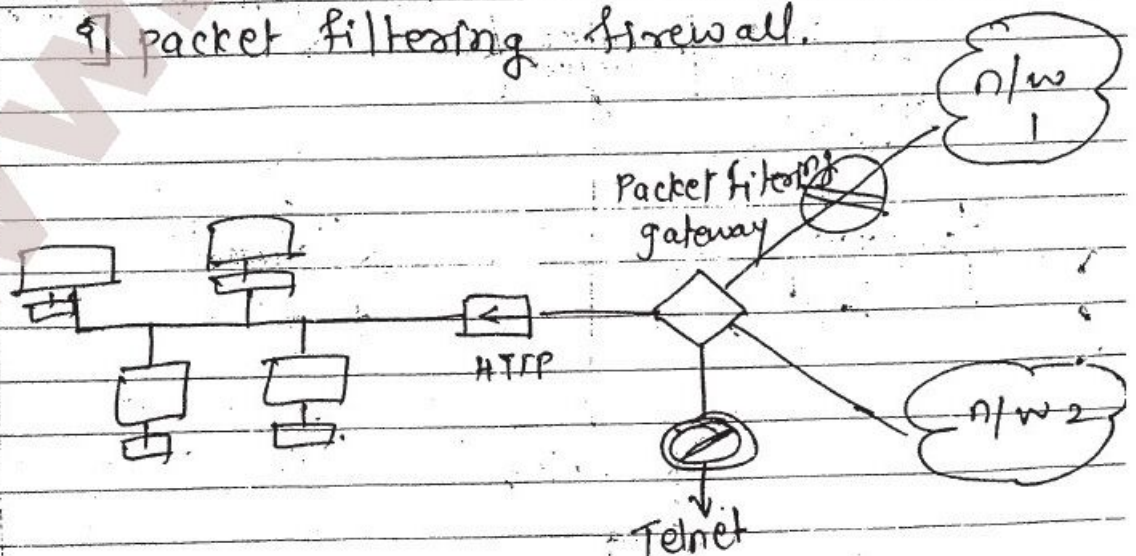
- ACL's on routers
- Firewalls
- Alarm & Alerts
- Honey pot
- Traffic flow security.

3] Firewalls.

- Firewalls are used for following controls
- service control
- user control
- Direction control
- Behaviour control.

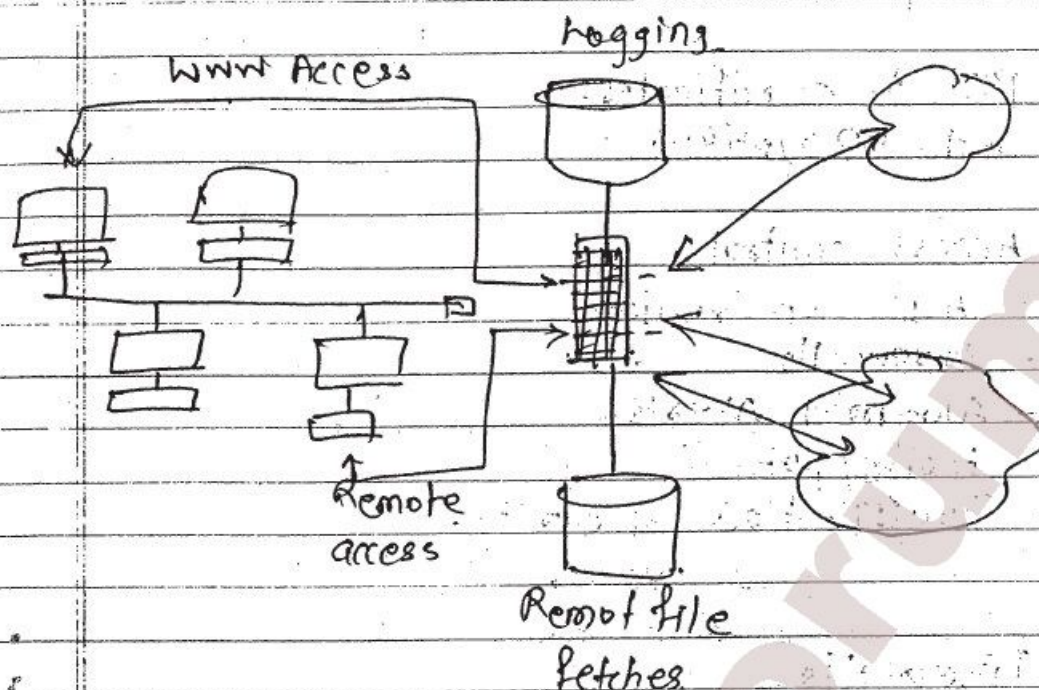
- Types of Firewall.

1] packet filtering firewall.



ii) Stateful Inspection Firewalls

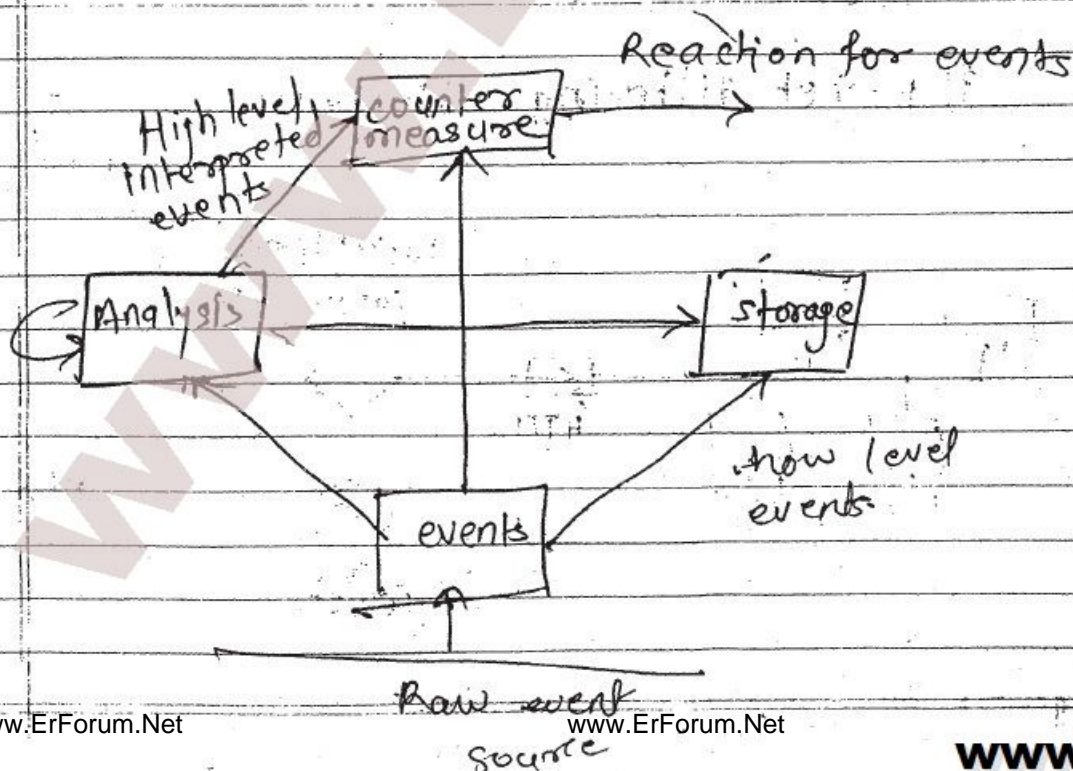
iii) Application Proxy.



iv) Guard

v) Personal Firewall.

vi) Intrusion Detection system.



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- Accuracy
- completeness
- Performance
- Timeliness
- Fault Tolerance

functions

monitoring activity
 auditing system configuration
 assessing the integrity of critical system & data files
 recognizing known attack patterns
 managing auditing
 identifying abnormal activity
 installing information about intruders
 correcting system configuration errors.

Types of IDS

- Heuristic based.
- signature based.
- stealth mode

Goals for IDS

filter packet header
 filter packet content
 filter in real time, online.
 use complex, multipacket signature.
 use minimal no. of signature.
 hide its presence.
 use optimal sliding time window size.

Responding to Alarms :-

- To monitor, collect data, per
- To protect act to reduce exposure
- To call a human.

strength of IDS

adv over firewall.

limitations of IDS

- not well defended is useless
- stealth mode is difficult
- sensitivity
- does not run itself.

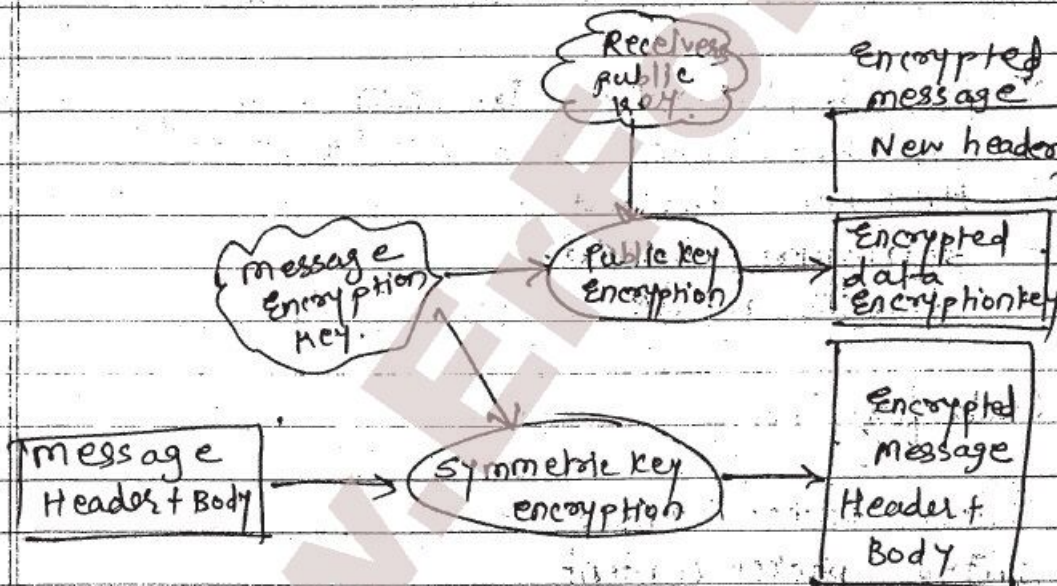
5] secure e-mail.

Threats to e-mail.

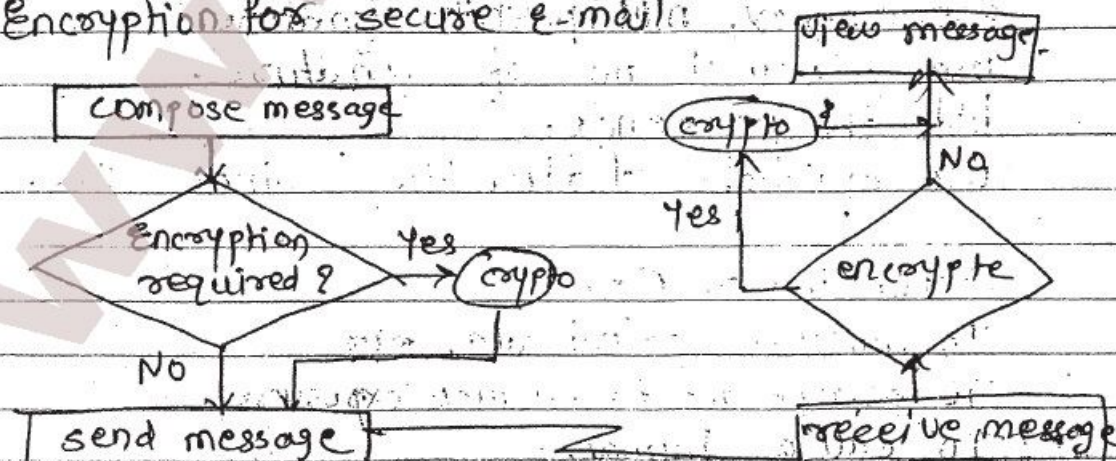
Requirements & solutions

Design.

- confidentiality



Encryption for secure e-mail



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Examples of secure e-mail system :-

PGP

- random session key
- encrypt message using the session key
- encrypt session key using recipient's public key
- generate MD-5 or hash of the message
- sign the hash by encrypting hash with sender's private key
- Attach the encrypted session key to encrypt message & digest
- Transmit the message to recipient.

S/MIME

different from PGP in key exchange method. use certificates for key exchange.

6] Network & cryptography

Privately Enhanced mail (PEM)

1st field - Proc type - type of message
2nd field - contain domain

SSL

use certificates for key exchange.

IPsec

encryption algo

— " — key

— " — parameters

authentication protocol & key

lifespan of association

address of the opposite end

sensitivity level of protected data.

arguments against:

- false sense of precision & confidence
- lack of accuracy
- Immutability
- Hard to perform.

3. organizational security policy.

Audience

users.
owners
beneficiaries.

Contents.

- purpose
- protected resource.
- Nature of protection.

Characteristics of a good policy.

- coverage
- ~~real~~ Realism
- ~~Real~~ understandable usefulness.
- Durability.

4. Physical security.

i) Natural disasters

- Flood
- other natural disasters.

ii) Power loss.

- uninterruptable power loss
- surge suppressor.

iii) Human vandals.