Network Security Essentials Chapter 1

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The art of war teaches us to rely not on the likelihood of the enemy's not coming, but on our own readiness to receive him; not on the chance of his not attacking, but rather on the fact that we have made our position unassailable.

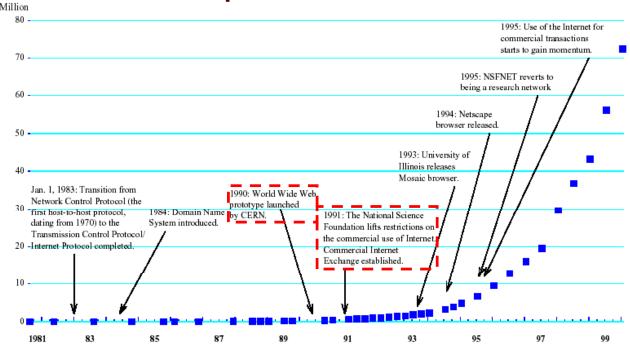
—The Art of War, Sun Tzu

- The combination of space, time, and strength that must be considered as the basic elements of this theory of defense makes this a fairly complicated matter. Consequently, it is not easy to find a fixed point of departure..
 - On War, Carl Von Clausewitz

Introduction

- Notion of Security
 - Information security
 - The introduction of the computer
 - Computer security
 - The introduction of distributed systems and the use of networks and communication facilities
 - Network security / internet security

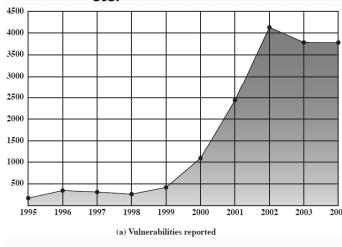
The Development of Internet

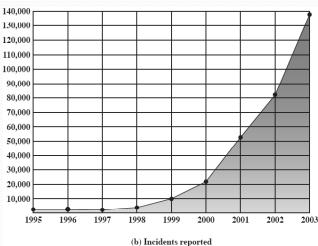


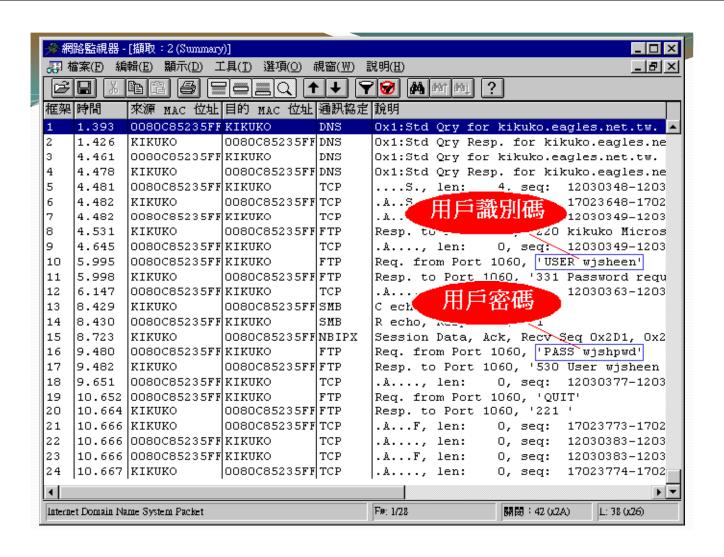
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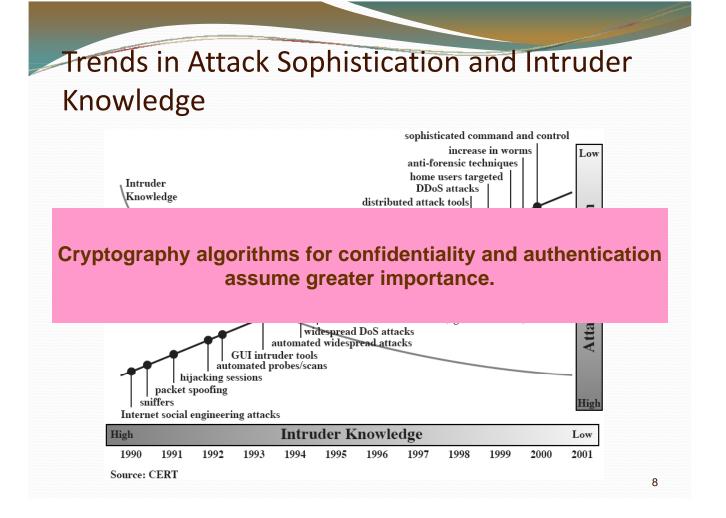
Security trends

- CERT Statistics
 - Vulnerabilities: Operating systems, Internet routers and network devices.
 - Incidents: DOS, IP spoofing, eavesdropping, packet sniffing, etc.





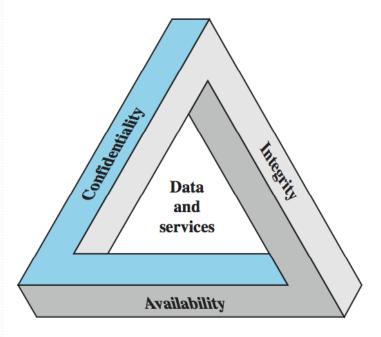




Computer Security

 The protection afforded to an automated information system in order to attain the applicable objectives of preserving the integrity, availability and confidentiality of information system resources (includes hardware, software, firmware, information/data, and telecommunications)

Key Security Concepts



Levels of Impact

- Define 3 levels of impact from a security breach
 - Low
 - Moderate
 - High

Examples of Security Requirements

- confidentiality student grades
- integrity patient information
- availability authentication service

Computer Security Challenges

- 1. not simple
- 2. must consider potential attacks
- 3. procedures used counter-intuitive
- 4. involve algorithms and secret info
- 5. must decide where to deploy mechanisms
- 6. battle of wits between attacker / admin
- 7. not perceived on benefit until fails
- 8. requires regular monitoring
- 9. too often an after-thought
- 10. regarded as impediment to using system

OSI Security Architecture

- ITU-T X.800 "Security Architecture for OSI"
- defines a systematic way of defining and providing security requirements
- for us it provides a useful, if abstract, overview of concepts we will study

Aspects of Security

- consider 3 aspects of information security:
 - security attack
 - security mechanism
 - security service
- note terms
 - threat a potential for violation of security
 - attack an assault on system security, a deliberate attempt to evade security services

Security Attacks

- Security attacks
 - Passive attacks · Active attacks
- Passive attacks
 - They attempt to learn or make use of information from the system but does not affect system resources.
 - The nature of eavesdropping on, or monitoring of, transmissions.

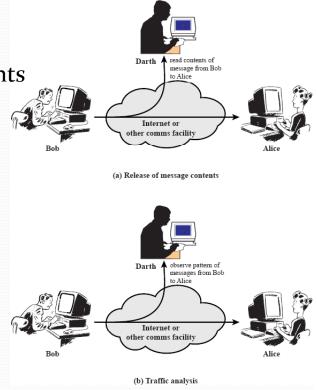
Security Attacks

Passive Attacks

• Two types of passive attacks:

• Release of message contents

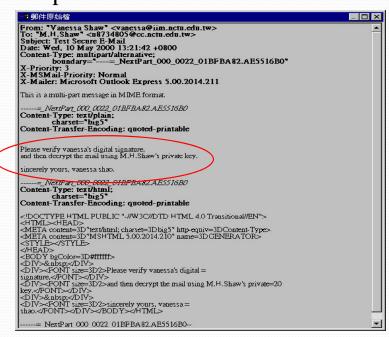
• Traffic analysis



Security Attacks

Passive Attacks

• The example of the MIME Internet e-mail format.



Security Attacks

Passive Attacks

- It's feasible to prevent the success of these attacks, usually by means of **encryption**.
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- Prevention rather than detection

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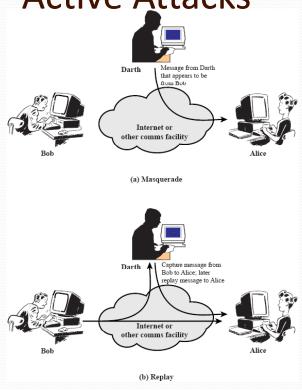
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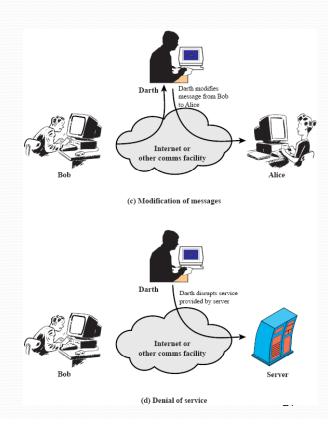
Active Attacks

- Active attacks
 - They attempt to alter system resources or affect their operation.
 - They modification of data stream to:
 - masquerade of one entity as some other
 - replay previous messages
 - modification of messages
 - denial of service
 - Attention: page 25(L1)~26(1)

Security Attacks

Active Attacks





Security Service

- enhance security of data processing systems and information transfers of an organization
- intended to counter security attacks
- using one or more security mechanisms
- often replicates functions normally associated with physical documents
 - which, for example, have signatures, dates; need protection from disclosure, tampering, or destruction; be notarized or witnessed; be recorded or licensed

Security Services

• X.800:

"a service provided by a protocol layer of communicating open systems, which ensures adequate security of the systems or of data transfers"

• RFC 2828:

"a processing or communication service provided by a system to give a specific kind of protection to system resources"

Security Services (X.800) Table 1.2

- Authentication assurance that communicating entity is the one claimed
 - have both peer-entity & data origin authentication
- Access Control prevention of the unauthorized use of a resource
- Data Confidentiality –protection of data from unauthorized disclosure
- Data Integrity assurance that data received is as sent by an authorized entity
- Non-Repudiation protection against denial by one of the parties in a communication
- Availability resource accessible/usable

Security Services (X.800) Table 1.2

- Authentication (who created or sent the data)
 - Peer entity authentication
 - Corroboration of the identity of a peer entity connected.
 - Data origin authentication
 - Corroboration of the source of a data unit.
- Access control (prevent misuse of resources)
- Data Confidentiality (privacy)
 - Connection confidentiality
 - Connectionless confidentiality
 - Selective-field confidentiality
 - Traffic-flow confidentiality

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Security Services (X.800) Table 1.2

- Data Integrity (has not been altered)
 - Connection-oriented integrity service
 - Connectionless integrity service
- Nonrepudiation (the order is final)
 - Nonrepudiation, Origin
 - Nonrepudiation, Destination
- Availability (permanence, non-erasure)
 - Denial of Service Attacks
 - Virus that deletes files

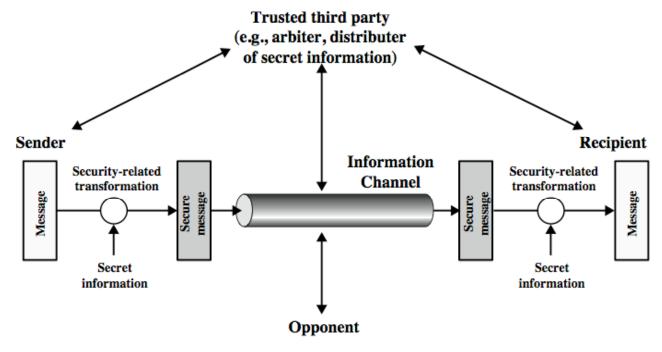
Security Mechanism

- feature designed to detect, prevent, or recover from a security attack
- no single mechanism that will support all services required
- however one particular element underlies many of the security mechanisms in use:
 - cryptographic techniques
- hence our focus on this topic

Security Mechanisms (X.800)

- specific security mechanisms:
 - encipherment, digital signatures, access controls, data integrity, authentication exchange, traffic padding, routing control, notarization
- pervasive security mechanisms:
 - trusted functionality, security labels, event detection, security audit trails, security recovery

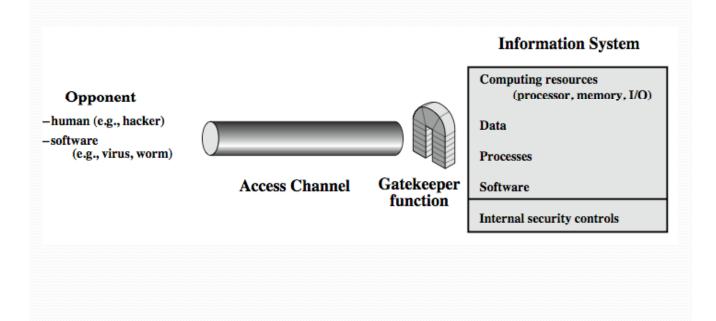
Model for Network Security



Model for Network Security

- using this model requires us to:
 - design a suitable algorithm for the security transformation
 - generate the secret information (keys) used by the algorithm
 - develop methods to distribute and share the secret information
 - 4. specify a protocol enabling the principals to use the transformation and secret information for a security service

Model for Network Access Security



Model for Network Access Security

- using this model requires us to:
 - select appropriate gatekeeper functions to identify users
 - implement security controls to ensure only authorised users access designated information or resources

Summary

- topic roadmap & standards organizations
- security concepts:
 - confidentiality, integrity, availability
- X.800 security architecture
- security attacks, services, mechanisms
- models for network (access) security