System and Network Security

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- Silberschatz, Galvin and Gagne
- Kurose and Ross





- Discuss security threats and attacks
- Explain the fundamentals of encryption
- Examine the uses of cryptography in computing
 - Secrecy
 - Message Integrity
 - Digital Signature
 - Authentication
- Describe the various countermeasures to security attacks







Threats and attacks

Cryptography as a Security Tool

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- Intruders (crackers) attempt to breach security
- Threat is potential security violation
- Attack is attempt to breach security
- Attack can be accidental or malicious
- Easier to protect against accidental than malicious misuse



Security Violations



Categories

- Breach of confidentiality
- Breach of integrity
- Breach of availability
- Theft of service
- Denial of service



Security Violations



Methods

- Masquerading (breach authentication)
- Replay attack
 - Message modification
- Man-in-the-middle attack
- ...



Standard Security Attacks









- Security must occur at four levels to be effective:
 - Physical
 - Human
 - Avoid social engineering, phishing, dumpster diving
 - Operating System
 - Network

Security is as weak as the weakest link in the chain



Program Threats



Trojan Horse

- Code segment that misuses its environment
- Exploits mechanisms for allowing programs written by users to be executed by other users
- Variants:
 - Login spoofing, spyware, pop-up browser windows, covert channels
- Trap Door
 - Specific user identifier or password that circumvents normal security procedures
 - Could be included in a compiler
- Logic Bomb
 - Program that initiates a security incident under certain conditions
- Stack and Buffer Overflow
 - Exploits a bug in a program (overflow either the stack or memory buffers)





```
#include <stdio.h>
#define BUFFER SIZE 256
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
ł
   char buffer[BUFFER SIZE];
   if (argc < 2)
        return -1;
   else {
        strcpy(buffer,argv[1]);
        return 0;
```



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int main(int argc, char *argv[])
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   char buffer[BUFFER SIZE];
   if (argc < 2)
        return -1;
   else {
        strncpy(buffer, argv[1], sizeof(buffer)-1);
        return 0;
```











```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    execvp("\bin\sh", "\bin \sh", NULL);
    return 0;
}
```



Hypothetical Stack Frame









- CPU doesn't allow code execution in stack segments
 - Sun Spark, used by Solaris
- NX bit in page table (AMD, Intel)
 - The corresponding page cannot be executed
 - Used by Linux, Windows XP





Viruses

- Code fragment embedded in legitimate program
- Very specific to CPU architecture, operating system, applications
- Usually borne via email or as a macro
 - Visual Basic Macro to reformat hard drive

```
Sub AutoOpen()
Dim oFS
Set oFS = CreateObject(''Scripting.FileSystemObject'')
vs = Shell(''c:command.com /k format c:'',vbHide)
End Sub
```





- Virus dropper (typically a Trojan Horse) inserts virus onto the system
- Many categories of viruses, literally thousands of viruses
 - File
 - Boot
 - Macro
 - Source code
 - Polymorphic
 - Encrypted
 - Stealth (clandestino)
 - Tunneling (sotterraneo)
 - Multipartite (composito
 - Armored (corazzato)





Worms

- use spawn mechanism; standalone program
- Morris Internet worm (2 Nov 1988)
 - Exploited UNIX networking features (remote access) and bugs in *finger* and *sendmail* programs
 - Grappling hook program uploaded main worm program

Port scanning

 Automated attempt to connect to a range of ports on one or a range of IP addresses



The Morris Internet Worm









Denial of Service

- Overload the targeted computer preventing it from doing any useful work
- Distributed denial-of-service (DDOS) come from multiple sites at once
- SYN Flooding









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- Broadest security tool available
 - Source and destination of messages cannot be trusted without cryptography
 - Means to constrain potential senders (sources) and / or receivers (destinations) of messages
- Allows secure communications over an intrinsically insecure medium





- well-known in network security world
- Bob, Alice (lovers!) want to communicate "securely"
- Trudy, the "intruder" may intercept, delete, add messages



Secrecy: only sender, intended receiver should "understand" msg contents

- sender encrypts msg
- receiver decrypts msg

Message Integrity: sender, receiver want to ensure message not altered (in transit, or afterwards) without detection

End-to-end Authentication: sender, receiver want to confirm identity of each other





Packet sniffing:

- broadcast media
- promiscuous NIC reads all packets passing by
- can read all unencrypted data (e.g. passwords)
- e.g.: C sniffs B's packets





Insecure communication medium



IP Spoofing

- can generate "raw" IP packets directly from application, putting any value into IP source address field
- receiver can't tell if source is spoofed
- e.g.: C pretends to be B









symmetric key crypto: sender, receiver keys identical public-key crypto: encrypt key *public*, decrypt key *secret*





- well, real-life Bobs and Alices (e.g., lovers)!
- Web browser/server for electronic transactions
 - e.g., on-line purchases
- on-line banking client/server
- E-mail programs
- DNS servers
- routers exchanging routing table updates
- other examples?







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- Crypto often uses keys:
 - Algorithm is known to everyone
 - Only "keys" are secret
- Public key cryptography
 - Involves the use of two keys
- Symmetric key cryptography
 - Involves the use of one key
- Hash functions
 - Involves the use of no keys
 - Nothing secret: How can this be useful?



symmetric key crypto: Bob and Alice share same (symmetric) key: K

- e.g., key is knowing substitution pattern in mono alphabetic substitution cipher
- Q: how do Bob and Alice agree on key value?







substitution cipher: substituting one thing for another

• monoalphabetic cipher: substitute one letter for another

plaintext: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

ciphertext: ghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzabcdef

E.g.: Plaintext: bob. i love you. alice ciphertext: huh. o rubk eua. groik

<u>Key:</u> offset between the character in the pain text and the corresponding character in the cyphertext





substitution cipher: substituting one thing for another

monoalphabetic cipher: substitute one letter for another

plaintext: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

ciphertext: mnbvcxzasdfghjklpoiuytrewq

E.g.: Plaintext: bob. i love you. alice ciphertext: nkn. s gktc wky. mgsbc

<u>Key:</u> the mapping from the set of 26 letters to the set of 26 letters





- n monoalphabetic cyphers, M₁, M₂,..., M_n
- Cycling pattern:
 - e.g., n=4, M₁,M₃,M₄,M₃,M₂; M₁,M₃,M₄,M₃,M₂;
- For each new plaintext symbol, use subsequent monoalphabetic pattern in cyclic pattern
 - dog: d from M₁, o from M₃, g from M₄
- Key: the n ciphers and the cyclic pattern





Cipher-text only attack:

- Trudy has ciphertext that she can analyze
- Two approaches:
 - Search through all keys
 - Statistical analysis

Known-plaintext attack:

- trudy has some plaintext corresponding to some ciphertext
- eg, in monoalphabetic cipher, trudy determines pairings for a,l,i,c,e,b,o,
- Chosen-plaintext attack
 - trudy can get the cyphertext for some chosen plaintext





- Stream ciphers
 - encrypt one bit at time
- Block ciphers
 - Break plaintext message in equal-size blocks
 - Encrypt each block as a unit
DES: Data Encryption Standard



- US encryption standard [NIST 1993]
- 56-bit symmetric key, 64-bit plaintext input
- Block cipher with cipher block chaining
- How secure is DES?
 - DES Challenge: 56-bit-key-encrypted phrase decrypted (brute force) in less than a day
 - No known good analytic attack
- making DES more secure:
 - 3DES: encrypt 3 times with 3 different keys

(actually encrypt, decrypt, encrypt)



- new (Nov. 2001) symmetric-key NIST standard, replacing DES
- processes data in 128 bit blocks
- 128, 192, or 256 bit keys
- brute force decryption (try each key) taking 1 sec on DES, takes 149 trillion years for AES







How do two entities establish shared secret key over network?

Solutions:

- Direct exchange (in person)
- Key Distribution Center (KDC)
 - Trusted entity acting as intermediary between entities
- Using public key cryptography



Key Distribution Center (KDC)



- Alice,Bob need shared symmetric key.
- KDC: server shares different secret key with each registered user.
- Alice, Bob know own symmetric keys, K_{A-KDC} K_{B-} _{KDC}, for communicating with KDC.



- Alice communicates with KDC, gets session key R1, and K_{B-} _{KDC}(A,R1)
- Alice sends Bob K_{B-KDC}(A,R1), Bob extracts R1
- Alice, Bob now share the symmetric key R1.





symmetric key crypto

- requires sender, receiver know shared secret key
- How to agree on key in first place
 - particularly if never "met"?

public key cryptography

- radically different approach [Diffie-Hellman76, RSA78]
- sender, receiver do not share secret key
- public encryption key known to all
- private decryption key known only to receiver







Requirements:

1 need
$$K_B^+(\cdot)$$
 and $K_B^-(\cdot)$ such that
 $m = K_B^-(K_B^+(m))$

2 given the public key, it should be impossible to compute private key

RSA: Rivest, Shamir, Adelson algorithm



The following property will be very useful later:

 $m = K_{B}(K_{B}(m))$

$$m = K_{B}^{+}(K_{B}^{-}(m))$$

by private key

use public key use private key first, followed first, followed by public key

> Result is the same!

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- Public key cryptography is computationally intensive
- DES is at least 100 times faster than RSA

Session key, K_S

- Bob and Alice use RSA to exchange a symmetric key K_S
- Once both have K_S, they use symmetric key cryptography







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- Allows communicating parties to verify that received messages are authentic.
 - Source of message is who/what you think it is
 - Content of message has not been altered
 - Message has not been replayed
 - Sequence of messages is maintained
- Let's first talk about message digests







- Function H() that takes as input an arbitrary length message and outputs a fixedlength string: "message signature"
- Note that H() is a many-to-1 function
- H() is often called a "hash function"



- Desirable properties:
 - Easy to calculate
 - Irreversibility: Can't determine m from H(m)
 - Collision resistance: Given [m, H(m)], it must be computationally unfeasible to produce m' (with m<>m') such that H(m) = H(m')
 - Seemingly random output





Internet checksum has some properties of hash function:

- produces fixed length digest (16-bit sum) of input
- is many-to-one
- But given message with given hash value, it is easy to find another message with same hash value.
- Example: Simplified checksum: add 4-byte chunks at a time:

<u>message</u>	ASCII format	message	<u>ASC</u>	CII f	forn	<u>nat</u>
I O U 1 0 0 . 9 9 B O B	49 4F 55 31 30 30 2E 39 39 42 D2 42	I O U 9 0 0 . 1 9 B O B	49 30 39	4F 30 42	55 2E D2	31 39 42
	B2 C1 D2 AC -	 different messages but identical checksums! 	в2	C1	D2	AC





- MD5 hash function widely used [Rivest, RFC 1321]
 - computes 128-bit message digest in 4-step process.
 - C source code implementation available in RFC 1321
- SHA-1 is also used.
 - US standard [NIST]
 - 160-bit message digest





- Authenticates sender
- Verifies message integrity
- Sender:
 - calculates MAC: H(m||s) ;
 - send [m|| H(m||s)]
- No encryption ! Also called "keyed hash"







- Popular MAC standard
- Can use both MD5 and SHA-1
- 1. Concatenates secret to front of message: [s||m]
- 2. Hashes concatenated message: H([s||m])
- 3. Concatenates the secret to front of digest: [H([s||m])||m]
- 4. Hashes the combination again: H([H([s||m])||m])







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- Cryptographic technique analogous to hand-written signatures.
 - The sender (Bob) digitally signs document, establishing he is the document owner/creator.

Verifiable

• The recipient (Alice) can verify and prove that Bob, and no one else, signed the document.

Non-forgeable

- The sender (Bob) can prove that someone else has signed a message
- Non repudiation
 - The recipient (Alice) can prove that Bob signed m and not m'
- Message integrity
 - The sender (Bob) can prove that he signed m and not m'





Could we use Message Authentication Code as a Digital Signature??

- Goal is similar to that of a MAC
 - MAC guarantees message integrity
- MAC does not guarantee
 - Verifiability
 - Non forgeability
 - Non repudiation
- Solution: use public key cryptography





Simple digital signature for message m:

Bob signs m by encrypting with his private key K_B, creating "signed" message, K_B(m)_







- Suppose Alice receives msg m, digital signature K_B(m)
- Alice verifies m signed by Bob by applying Bob's public key K⁺_B to K⁻_B(m), then checks K⁺_B(K_B(m)) = m.
- If K⁺_B(K⁻_B(m)) = m, whoever signed m must have used Bob's private key.





- Alice thus verifies that:
 - Bob signed *m*.
 - No one else signed *m*.
 - Bob signed m and not *m*'.
- Non-repudiation:
 - Alice can take m, and signature $K_B^{-}(m)$ to court and prove that Bob signed m.
- Message Integrity
 - Bob can prove that he signed m and not m'.





Bob sends digitally signed message:









MAC: m+s → H(m+s) → [m, H(m+s)] DS: m → H(m) → K⁻(H(m)) → [m, K⁻(H(m))]

Digital signature is a heavier technique

• Requires a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

In practice

- MAC used in OSPF for message integrity
- MAC also used for transport and network layer solutions
- DS used in PGP for message integrity and non repudiation







How can Alice achieve Bob's public key?

- E-mail?
- Website?
- ??

Motivation for public-key certification



- Trudy send a message to Bob
 - Trudy creates e-mail message:

My loved Bob,

I also think of you all the time!

I want to take you in marriage asap!

Alice

- Trudy signs message with her private key
- Trudy sends message to Bob
- Trudy sends Bob her public key, but says it's Alice's public key.
- Bob verifies signature
- Bob assumes that message is authentic





- Certification authority (CA):
 - binds public key to particular entity, E.
- E (person, router) registers its public key with CA.
 - E provides "proof of identity" to CA.
 - CA creates certificate binding E to its public key.
 - certificate containing E's public key digitally signed by CA CA says "this is E's public key"







- When Bob wants Alice's public key:
 - gets Alice's certificate (even from Alice).
 - apply CA's public key to Alice's certificate, get Alice's public key









- Primary standard ITU X.509 (RFC 2459)
- Certificate includes:
 - Issuer name
 - Entity name, address, domain name, etc.
 - Entity's public key
 - Digital signature (signed with issuer's private key)
- Public-Key Infrastructure (PKI)
 - Certificates and certification authorities
 - Often considered "heavy"







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- Want to be sure of the originator of the message – end-point authentication.
- Assuming Alice and Bob have a shared secret, will MAC provide end-point authentication?
 - We do know that Alice created the message.
 - But did she send it?















MAC requires shared symmetric key

- problem: how do Bob and Alice agree on key?
- can we authenticate using public key techniques?
- Solution: use nonce, public key cryptography







- If Bob does not require a certified public key from Alice
- Man (woman) in the middle attack
 - Trudy poses as Alice (to Bob) and as Bob (to Alice)
- Solution: always use certified public keys





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Requirements

- Confidentiality
- Sender Authentication
- Receiver Authentication
- Message Integrity







Alice wants to send confidential e-mail, m, to Bob.



Alice:

- \Box generates random *symmetric* private key, K_s.
- \Box encrypts message with K_s (for efficiency)
- \Box also encrypts K_S with Bob's public key.
- \Box sends both K_S(m) and K_B(K_S) to Bob.







□ Alice wants to send confidential e-mail, m, to Bob.



Bob:

- \Box uses his private key to decrypt and recover K_s
- \Box uses K_S to decrypt K_S(m) to recover m





• Alice wants to provide sender authentication message integrity.



- Alice digitally signs message.
- sends both message (in the clear) and digital signature.





• Alice wants to provide secrecy, sender authentication, message integrity.



Alice uses three keys: her private key, Bob's public key, newly created symmetric key





- Internet e-mail encryption scheme, a de-facto standard.
- Uses symmetric key cryptography, public key cryptography, hash function, and digital signature as described.
- Provides secrecy, sender authentication, integrity.
- Inventor, Phil Zimmerman, was target of 3-year federal investigation.

A PGP signed message:

```
---BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE---
Hash: SHA1
```

Bob: My husband is out of town tonight. Passionately yours, Alice

---BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE---Version: PGP 5.0 Charset: noconv yhHJRHhGJGhgg/12EpJ+lo8gE4vB3mqJ hFEvZP9t6n7G6m5Gw2 ---END PGP SIGNATURE---







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- PGP provides security for a specific network application
- SSL works at transport layer. Provides security to any TCP-based application using SSL services.
- Cryptographic protocol that limits two computers to only exchange messages with each other
 - Very complicated, with many variations
- Used between browsers and Web servers for secure communication (https)
 - E.g., credit card number in e-commerce applications
- SSL security services:
 - server authentication
 - data encryption
 - client authentication (optional)





Server authentication

- The server is verified through a certificate assuring that the client is talking to correct server
- Key exchange
 - Asymmetric cryptography used to establish a secure session key (symmetric encryption) for communication
 - Browser
 - generates a symmetric session key K_s
 - encrypts it with server's public key
 - sends encrypted key to server.
 - Server

 ${\scriptstyle \bullet}$ Using its private key, the server decrypts the session key ${\rm K_s}$





Secure communication

 All data sent into TCP socket (by client or server) are encrypted with session key K_s





- SSL: basis of IETF Transport Layer Security (TLS).
- SSL can be used for non-Web applications, e.g., IMAP.
- Client authentication can be done with client certificates.







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 Defense in depth is most common security theory – multiple layers of security

Security policy describes what is being secured

Proactive Approaches

- Access Control (User Authentication)
- Firewall
- Virus Protection
- ...

Reactive Approaches

- Auditing, accounting, and logging of all or specific system or network activities
- Intrusion detection endeavors to detect attempted or successful intrusions





- Crucial to identify user correctly, as protection systems depend on user ID
- User authentication can be based on
 - Something the user has
 - ▶ key, card, ...
 - Something the user *knows*
 - ▶ password, ...
 - Something the user is
 - fingerprint, biometric properties, ...





- Passwords can be considered a special case of either keys or capabilities
- Passwords must be kept secret
 - Use of "non-guessable" passwords
 - Frequent change of passwords
 - Log all invalid access attempts
- Passwords may also either be encrypted or allowed to be used only once
- Good way to generate password
 - Mg'sniG!
 - My girlfriend's name is Giulia!



Traditional Defense Principle























- A network firewall is placed between trusted and untrusted hosts
 - The firewall limits network access between these two security domains
- Personal firewall
 - Software module in our host (e.g., PC)
 - Can monitor/limit traffic to and from the host
- Packet Filtering firewall
 - permits/denies input or output of packets based on their IP addresses, port number, ...
- Application Gateway
 - understands application protocol and can control them (i.e., SMTP)





- Source/Destination IP Address
- Protocol Type in IP datagrams
 - TCP, UDP, ICMP, ...
- Source/Destination Port Number
- TCP flags (SYN, ACK, ...)
- ICMP Message Type

Different rules for datagrams leaving/entering the internal network

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Packet Filtering Rules



Rule	Source Address	Destination Address	Action	Comments
R1	111.11/16	222.22.22/24	permit	Let datagrams from Bob's university network into a restricted subnet.
R2	111.11.11/24	222.22/16	deny	Don't let traffic from Trudy's subnet into any- where within Alice's network.
R3	0.0.0/0	0.0.0/0	deny	Don't let traffic into Alice's network.

Table 8.4Packet-filtering rules



Packet Filtering Rules



Datagram Number	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Desired Action	Action Under R2, R1, R3	Action Under R1, R2, R3
P1	111.11.11.1 (hacker subnet)	222.22.6.6 (corp.net)	deny	deny (R2)	deny (R2)
P2	111.11.11.1 (hacker subnet)	222.22.22.2 (special subnet)	deny	deny (R2)	permit (R1)
Р3	111.11.6.6 (univ. net, not the hacker subnet)	222.22.22.2 (special subnet)	permit	permit (R1)	permit (R1)
P4	111.11.6.6 (univ. net, not the hacker subnet)	222.22.6.6 (corp. net)	deny	deny (R3)	deny (R3)

 Table 8.5
 Results of packet filtering, according to rule order





Packet filtering only allows general rules

- Deny input access to all telnet sessions (TCP port number 23)
- Allow output access to all telnet sessions (TCP port number 23)

Does not allow to distinguish between different users

- E.g., Allow input access to all telnet sessions from user / IP address X
- Possible Solution: Packet filtering router + application gateway

Application Gateway





Figure 8.24 • Firewall consisting of an application gateway and a filter



Application Gateway



Limits

- Dedicated gateway for each single application
- Performance degradation
 - All connection must pass through the application gateway
- The software client must be adapted to contact the application gateway





- Can be tunneled or spoofed
 - Tunneling allows disallowed protocol to travel within allowed protocol (i.e. telnet inside of HTTP)
 - Firewall rules typically based on host name or IP address which can be spoofed
- Often use stringent policies
 - E.g., : Deny all UDP traffics
- May contains configuration bugs
 - That allows potential intruders to overcome security defenses
- May be by-passed
 - Wireless Communications
 - Communications via modem







