



Computer and Network Security

- Introduction

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What do we mean by “Security”?

- ◆ Confidentiality of information stored on computers
- ◆ Confidentiality of information communications
- ◆ Control of our computers and networks
- ◆ Ensuring the integrity of information
- ◆ Identifying/authenticating communication partners
- ◆ Protecting information services
- ◆ Protecting our privacy
- ◆ Protecting digital rights and property
- ◆ ... and more as computers take greater role in our lives
 - hand-held devices, electronic voting, electronic payment, border control, job entry, etc.



Nightmare Scenario 1: Communication can be exposed

- ◆ In 16th century, Mary Queen of Scots loses her head once her coded messages were deciphered
- ◆ In WWII, many German U-boats were destroyed once the British were able to decipher their Enigma messages
- ◆ Today, not much public evidence for hijacking
 - Carnivore sifts through millions of email messages
 - Passersby tuning to wireless cameras



Nightmare Scenario 2: Control of our computers is taken

- ◆ Aug 2001, Code Red
 - infects 359,000 servers in 14 hours, 2000 per minute at the peak
 - scans for vulnerable IIS servers; slows down; leaves backdoor
- ◆ Jan 2003, SQL Slammer
 - Generated huge traffic, scanning 55MM IPs/sec, doubling every 8.5 sec, main Internet name servers, ATM machines, airline reservation system
 - Buffer overflow attack on known vulnerability of SQL servers
 - Code was published by a researcher and modified by the hacker
- ◆ Many other viruses and other parasites
 - used to attack other systems
 - send messages
- ◆ 70,000 known viruses as of Feb 2002
- ◆ 51% of companies had virus “disaster” within past 12 months
- ◆ Total damage estimated at \$13.2B in 2001



Nightmare Scenario 3: Info can be altered, and image defaced

- ◆ July 2001, hacker group defaces 679 sites in 1 minute
- ◆ Most are political protests
 - Oct 2000, Pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian (e-Jihad) hackers deface sites
 - Hamas visitors, and recently visitors to Al Qaeda site diverted to porn
 - Apr 2001, Chinese posted picture of downed pilot on US Govt sites
- ◆ Businesses are also affected
 - Sep 1999, NASDAQ and AMEX sites are defaced
 - hackers also opened an email account for themselves
 - Apr 2001, British Telecom site defaced twice in three days
 - hackers complain about rollout of ADSL service
- ◆ Oct 99, Worm empties document files at the Pentagon



Nightmare Scenario 4: Web-based service is interrupted

- ◆ Sep 1996: Panix (ISP) suffers a DoS SYN attack
- ◆ May 1999, Melissa virus crashes e-mail servers
 - replicates itself to top 50 Outlook contacts
- ◆ Feb 2000: Mafiaboy DDoS attack: Yahoo, CNN, eBay, Amazon crash for 3+ hours
- ◆ Jan 2003: RIAA site is attacked by hackers, following feud about P2P music sharing
- ◆ 27% of companies running web services reported DoS attacks
- ◆ The Knesset, Israeli foreign ministry and prime minister sites are constantly attacked



Nightmare Scenario 5: Web users are frauding and defrauded

- ◆ Internet payment fraud is rampant
 - 20 times the “normal” rate; typically identity theft
 - Used to be easy to change fields (e.g. price) in web forms
- ◆ Fraudulent merchants and con-artists defraud users
 - con-artist collecting credit card numbers pretending to be AOL
 - fraudulent porn services “re-used” credit card numbers
- ◆ Difficult to authenticate “the other side”
 - who is that merchant that I should trust with my credit card
 - hackers pretending to distribute Microsoft software
- ◆ Easy to distribute stolen data
 - Cracked software
 - Peer-2-peer music and videos (Napster, Kazaa)



More about attacks

- ◆ Number of attacks
 - US is first in the number of cyber attacks; Israel is first in number of attacks per capita
 - 43% of attacks are “critical”; rest are harmless
 - 70% of security incidents are internal
 - 70,000 viruses known as of Feb 2002
- ◆ Most large companies are continuously attacked
 - 99.9% were attacked; 51% reported significant damage
 - Average annual damage is \$1MM/company
 - especially financial organizations
 - especially political attacks
- ◆ Many attacks simply scan for vulnerable nodes
 - Machines that are deployed with demo accounts and no passwords
 - Consumers using ADSL, cable modems and such
 - wireless devices (cellphones, PDA) likely to be targeted by viruses



How can we protect ourselves

- ◆ Secrecy of information on our computers
- ◆ Secrecy of communication
- ◆ Control of our computers and networks
- ◆ Safety and Integrity of information
- ◆ Denial of service
- ◆ Authenticity of communication partners
- ◆ Privacy
- ◆ Copyrights
- ◆ Hide/Encrypt information (steganography, cryptography)
- ◆ Access control (hardware, software, system, app)
- ◆ Authentication (password, certification, biometrics)
- ◆ Virtual private networks
- ◆ Intrusion detection
- ◆ Digital signatures
- ◆ Watermarking



Available Tools

- ◆ Encryption
 - RSA Security, F-Secure, Certicom
- ◆ Authentication
 - Verisign, Entrust, Baltimore, biometric companies
- ◆ Authorization, Authentication, and Administration (3A)
 - Computer Associates, IBM Tivoli, BMC Software
- ◆ Anti-Virus Software
 - Network Associates (McAfee), Symantec (Norton)
- ◆ Firewalls
 - Checkpoint, Cisco, CA, Microsoft
- ◆ Intrusion Detection
 - ISS, Cisco, NFR
- ◆ VPN Hardware
 - Nokia, Nortel, Intel
- ◆ Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
 - Entrust, Baltimore, IBM (VeriSign)



In the end, its People

- ◆ People, not technology, are often the weakest link in any security system
- ◆ Create business processes that educate and involve people
 - Organizational policy
 - Perform risk analysis - different resources are at different risk
 - Create and enforce a clear provisioning policy for privileges
 - Enforce Separation of Duty principles
 - Update patches, and protective software regularly
 - Protect the people that protect resources
 - Educate service people not to fall prey to social engineering
 - Choose good passwords and protect them
- ◆ Treat security an important part of doing business. It is not less important than features and performance (Bill Gates)



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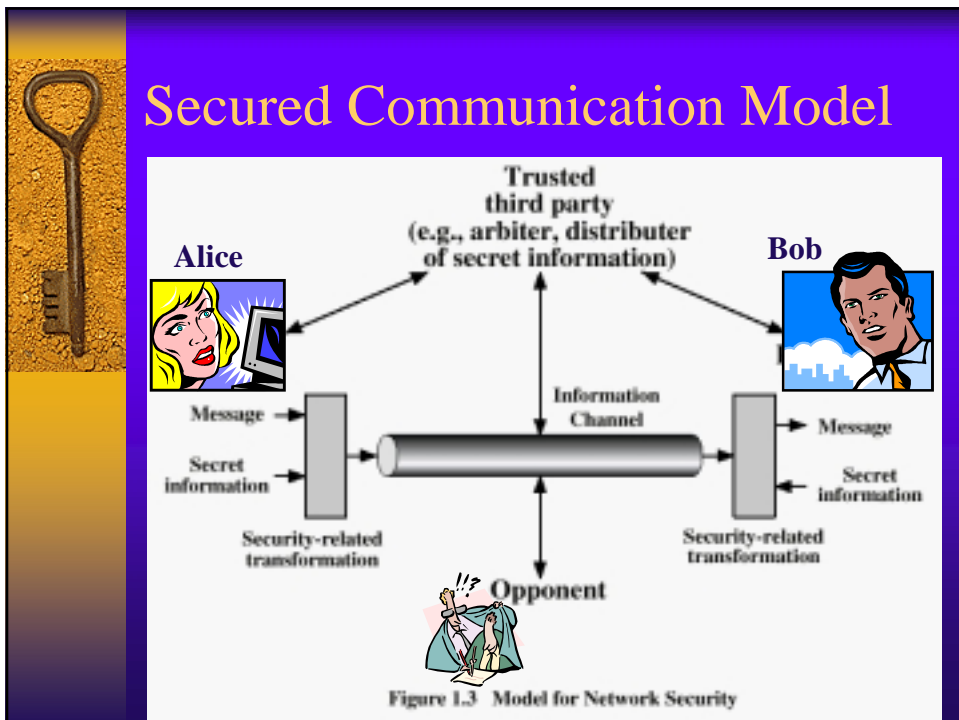
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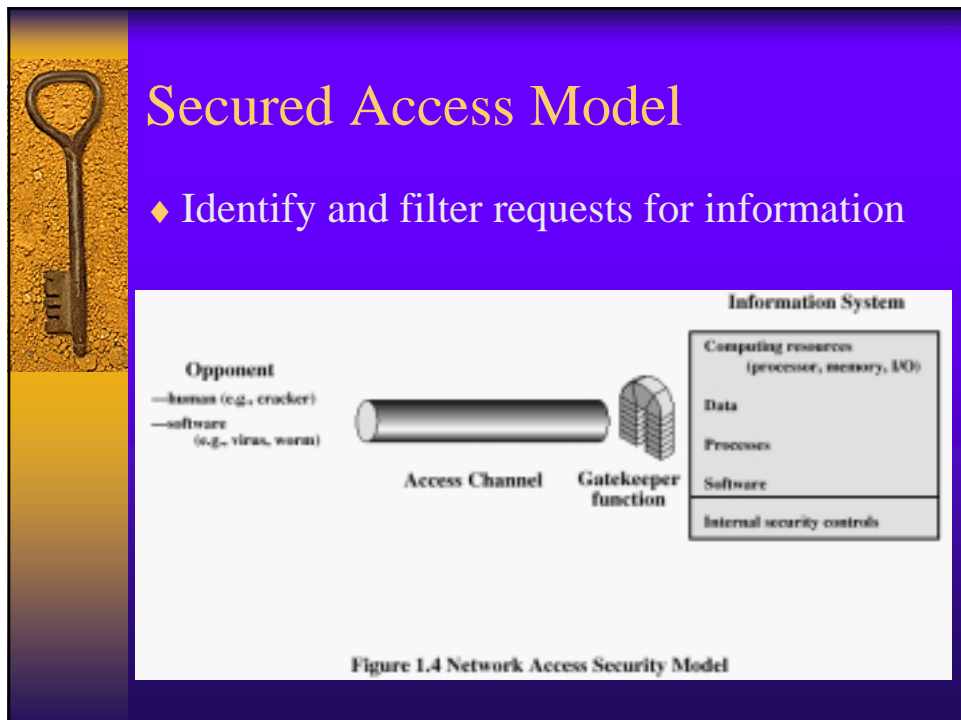
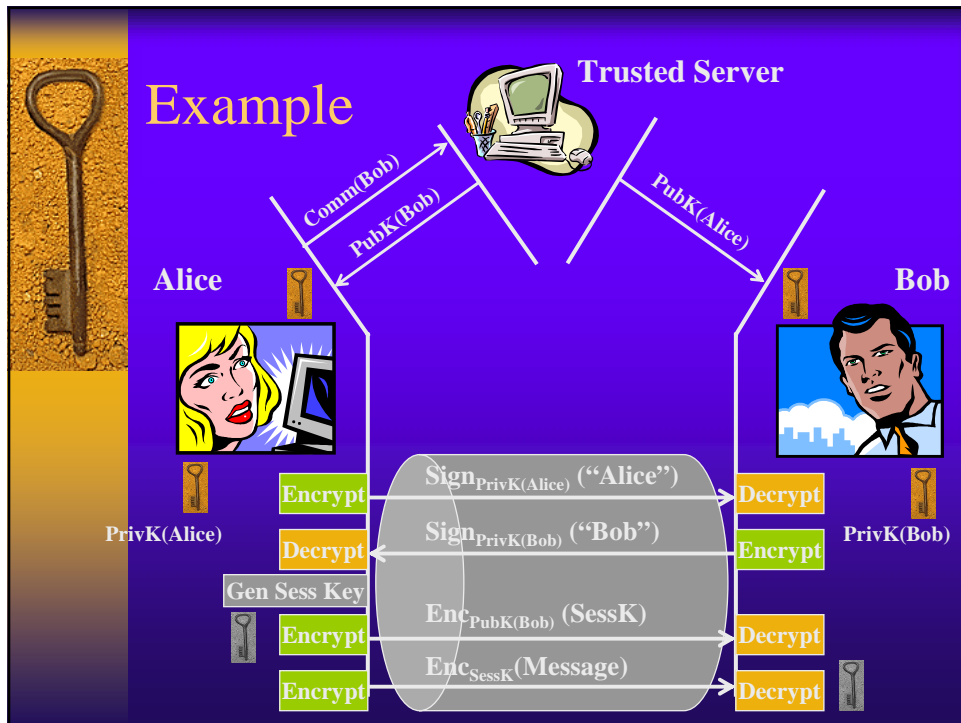
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The 7 Top Management Errors that Lead to Computer Security Vulnerabilities

Number Seven:	Pretend the problem will go away if they ignore it.
Number Six:	Authorize reactive, short-term fixes so problems re-emerge rapidly
Number Five:	Fail to realize how much money their information and organizational reputations are worth.
Number Four:	Rely primarily on a firewall.
Number Three:	Fail to deal with the operational aspects of security: make a few fixes and then not allow the follow through necessary to ensure the problems stay fixed
Number Two:	Fail to understand the relationship of information security to the business problem -- they understand physical security but do not see the consequences of poor information security.
Number One:	Assign untrained people to maintain security and provide neither the training nor the time to make it possible to do the job.





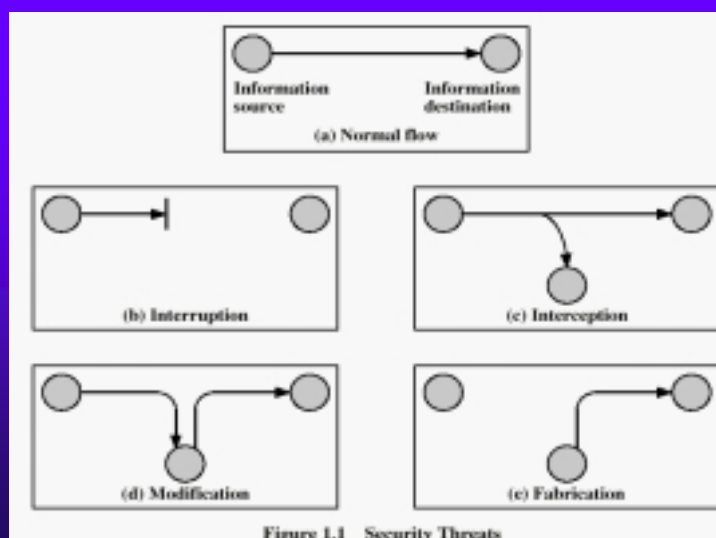


Attacks, Mechanisms, Services

- ♦ *Security Attack*: An attempt to compromise the security of information
- ♦ *Security Service*: Use of one or more mechanisms to enhance the security of a system or application
- ♦ *Security Mechanism*: Designed to detect, prevent, or recover from an attack



Security Attacks





Examples of Attacks

- ◆ Intrusion
- ◆ Eavesdropping
- ◆ Impersonation
- ◆ Viruses / Worms
- ◆ Denial of service
- ◆ Man-in-the-middle
- ◆ Reflection attack
- ◆ Replay attack
- ◆ Password cracking
- ◆ Data/code modification
- ◆ Fraudulent attribution / Repudiation



Security Services

- ◆ Confidentiality
- ◆ Authentication
- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Non-repudiation
- ◆ Access Control
- ◆ Availability



Security Mechanisms

- ◆ Specific use of certain algorithms, protocols, and procedures to detect or defend against attacks
- ◆ Examples
 - Encrypt information
 - Authenticate participants using something they own, know, or are
 - Detect and disarm viruses, intrusions
 - Create and manage access control systems and procedures
- ◆ Today, many mechanisms use *Cryptography*