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Internet Security – Stakeholders, Issues, and Examples

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Outline

- Goals in internetwork security and service assurance
- Five stakeholder classes
- Illustrative Examples
 - -Using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) to protect a TCP session
 - -Using multiple security technologies to support telecommuting
- Paradoxes in network security for the next generation



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Five Network Security Stakeholder Classes

- Engineering
 - -Applying what we know how to do in network security
 - -Scaling it up to global dimensions
- Research
 - -Exploring what we don't know how to do in network security
 - -Finding the the science amidst the issues
- Education
 - -Building a basis of network security professionals
 - -Finding fresh ideas and documenting old failures
- Business
 - -Selling the next thing we learn how to do in network security
- Law and Public Policy
 - -Distributing the network security burdens and resources





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Engineering

Enterprise Firewalls Secure Web Servers and Services Virus Checkers Intrusion Detection Anomaly Detection Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Virtual Private Networking Insider Misuse Detection Cryptographic Transforms and Certificates

- Scaling up to larger infrastructures
- Reducing event response times

Much of Security Engineering consists of "check box" deployment of functions and services deemed appropriate to corporate Best Practices.



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Research – Enduring Hard Topics

- Composition assembling low assurance components into high assurance systems
- Dynamic Coalition of separately administered networks and software systems
- Dynamic policies which adapt to a changing environment
- Network perimeter mapping
- Integrated software quality control with global outsourcing of development
- Information Filters and Enclave Boundary Controllers
- Large network recovery what to do with a network 50% degraded?
- Global network forensics and supporting legal processes
- Matching access controls to legitimate workflows
- Metrics of success, vulnerability, and return on investment





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Education

- Finding fresh ideas without rediscovering old poorly documented failings
- Founding the science and methodology of network security
- We have good cryptographic capabilities, where is the rest of our practice?
- Extension of computer security science from Unix workstations to embedded global communications systems.
- Building the aggregate knowledge base of defenses and hacks.
- Integrating network security and service assurance into business management curricula
- Integrating network security and service assurance into international law and public policy curricula





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Business

- Where is the return on investment for network security?
- How do we shift liability for insecure systems away from our enterprise?
- Where is the actuarial data for cyber insurance?
- If you grow fast enough, you may self-insure more cheaply than secure – even become too big to fail



Securing the Network adds cost
Security delays limit market entry
Many new worries, little new funding
Many business failures, few due to faulty security



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Law and Public Policy

- What is the distribution of responsibility and liability in a global network?
- What responsibilities would ~6 dominant global communications service providers and ~200 national governments owe one another?
- Does network security come under contract/tort law, Common Carrier regulation, or international treaties?
- What are the transitive liabilities of Universities and enterprises used as Denial of Service Zombies and attack amplifiers?



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Some Classes of Adversary

- Fraud
 - Seeks money
- Hacktivist
 - Seeks publicity and demonstration of vulnerability
- Recreational Cracker
 - Seeks superiority and challenge
- Internal Misuse
 - Seeks anything from Web surfing on company time to malicious attack
- National and transnational attack
 - Seeks Demonstration of strength, paralysis of infrastructure, ...



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One Defense Against Multiple Adversaries



Information Assurance Program, January 2001 The defender gets one set of pieces to defend against multiple diverse threats.



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An HTTP Insecure Web Session



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Example – SSL Web Commerce



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Example – Telecommuting over a VPN

The Scenario

- -Government mandates an emergency transition from automotive commuting to telecommuting – how do Commercial, Educational, and Government agencies extend secure Virtual Private Networks to residences, enterprise hotels, and regional access points?
- –Consider a residence with two ex-commuting employees and two children sharing a single wireless LAN
- Map out the VPN protocols needed to keep commerce running





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Telnet without Added Security appropriate to an Enterprise Intranet



A user keystroke is sent to a server



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Sharing the Telecommuters' Residential Wireless LAN



A Cable Modem Service Agreement

i. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, THE SERVICE IS FOR PERSONAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL USE ONLY AND CUSTOMER AGREES NOT TO USE THE SERVICE FOR OPERATION AS AN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER, A SERVER SITE FOR FTP, TELNET, RLOGIN, E-MAIL HOSTING, "WEB HOSTING" OR OTHER SIMILAR APPLICATIONS, FOR ANY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, OR AS AN END-POINT ON A NON-[Service provider] LOCAL AREA NETWORK OR WIDE AREA NETWORK, OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VPN (VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK) OR A VPN TUNNELING PROTOCOL;

Added security may be a contract violation without paying your ISP an increased fee!





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Assurance Paradoxes to Refute

- Any given incremental defender's effort can be bypassed by a smaller adversary effort
- Any comprehensive network is too complex for a single defender to partition, map, or systematically protect
- The incremental deployment of 3-DES adds unauditable connectivity which decreases security
- Anomaly detection gear is, for some threats, provably worse than random guessing
- For a corporation to discuss a network security problem in public is to become liable for its solution
- The "Denial of Service Server" new security solutions are attractive and fragile targets





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