# 15-410 "..."Windows NT is C2 Secure"..."

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# **Synchronization**

#### Reminder...

- Don't forget to read your partner's P3 code
  - Suggestion: read it, then meet with questions

#### P3 interview/feedback sessions

- Half hour
- Your reader will contact you to set up an appointment next week

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# **Synchronization**

### **Today**

Chapter 15, more or less

#### **Next time**

Fun stuff not in the text

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### Overview

**Goals & Threats** 

**Technologies** 

**Next Time** 

- Applications
- Systems

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# U.S. DoD "Orange Book" Security Classifications

- D -try again
- C -authentication, controlled sharing
- B -per-object sensitivity labels, user clearances
- A -B-class system with formal spec, proofs

#### **Sub-levels**

C2 = C1 + ACLs, audit logs, anti-tamper OS, ...

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### "Windows NT is C2 secure"

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### Windows NT is C2 secure

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**Use Windows, it's secure!** 

- Melissa, Code Red, SQL Slammer, SoBig, ...
- What's wrong with this picture?

# "Security Architecture" undermined by implementation

### **Physical Security**

- Locked rooms, disable floppy booting
- In practice, isolate from Internet!

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#### **Authentication**

Threat: impersonation

### **Secrecy**

• Threats: theft, eavesdropping, cipher breaking, ...

### **Integrity**

Threat: cracking

### **Signature**

Threats: impersonation, repudiation

...

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#### **Authentication**

Visitor/caller is Alice

### **Threat: Impersonation**

- Act/appear/behave like Alice
- Steal Alice's keys (or "keys")

#### **Outcomes**

- Maybe you can read Alice's secrets
- Maybe you can send Alice to jail

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### **Secrecy**

Only Bob (or "Bob") can read Bob's data

### **Difficult secrecy threats**

- Break a cipher (see below)
- Compromise a system (see below)
- Or....

### Eavesdropping –get data while it's unprotected!

- Wireless keyboard
- Keystroke logger
- TEMPEST

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### **TEMPEST**

### Code name for electromagnetic security standard

The criteria document is classified

#### **Problem**

- Computers are radios
- Especially analog CRT monitors
  - ~150 MHz signal bandwidth ("dot clock")
  - Nice sharp sync pulses
- Surveillance van can read your screen from 100 feet

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### Integrity

- Only authorized personnel can add bugs to a system
- Or edit bank account balances
- Or edit high school grades

#### **Threats**

- Hijacking authorized accounts (impersonation)
- Bypassing authorization checks
  - Boot system in "administrator mode"?
  - Boot some other OS on the machine?
- Modifying hardware

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### **Signature**

"Pay Bob \$5 for his program" was uttered by Alice

#### **Threats**

- Alice repudiates message (after receiving program)
- Charlie signs "Pay Charlie \$500 for his program"
  - ... with Bob's signature

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### **Anonymous communication**

- "Whistle blowers"
- Secret agents

#### **Threat**

- "Traffic analysis"
  - Observe repeated "coincidence"
    - » Node 11 sends a message, Nodes 1-10 attack
  - Which node is a good target?

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### **Availability**

- Web server is available to corporate customers
- Mailbox contains interesting mail

#### **Threat**

- DoS Denial of Service
  - Flood server with bogus data
  - "Buries" important data
  - SYN flooding, connection resetting

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### **Another DoS Attack**

### **Automated Flight Data Processing System**

- Transfers flight arrival/departure data
  - ...between radar tower in Elgin, IL (where's that?)
  - ...and tower at O'Hare International

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#### Uh-oh...

- Chief engineer quit
  - after deleting sole copy of source code

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### Now What?

#### Police raided his house

#### **Recovered code!**

- Encrypted
  - Cracked –after 6 months

### **Summary**

http://archives.californiaaviation.org/airport/msg02974.html

#### Lesson?

People matter...

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# Malicious Programs ("malware")

**Trojan horse** 

**Trapdoor** 

**Buffer overflow** 

Virus/worm

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## Trojan, Trap Door

### **Trojan Horse**

- Program with two purposes
- Advertised –"Here is the new security update!"
- Actual –Here is a hard-disk-wipe program!

### **Trap door**

login: anything

Password: My hovercraft is full of eels!

#insert <reflections\_on\_trusting\_trust>

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### **Buffer overflow**

#### **GET**

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### Virus/Worm

#### **Virus**

- Program which cannot replicate itself
- Embedded in other programs, runs when they do
- Embeds self in other programs

#### Worm

- Breaks into remote machine
- Launches remote copy
- May not reside permanently on disk

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# **Technologies**

Scanning/intrusion detection/auditing

**Hashing** 

**Encryption (1-time, private, public)** 

The mysterious nonce

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# **Scanning**

### Concept

- Check your system for vulnerabilities
  - Before somebody else does!

#### **Details**

- Password scan
- Scan for privileged programs, extra programs
- Check for dangerous file permissions
- Check that program, config files have correct contents
- Are mysterious programs running?

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### **Intrusion Detection**

### Concept

- Monitor system in secure state
- Summarize typical behavior
- Watch for disturbing variation

### **Examples**

- Sudden off-site traffic to/from a machine
- Change in system call mix
  - Gee, my web server doesn't usually exec("/bin/sh -i")...

### Issues –false positive, false negative

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# **Auditing**

### **Concept**

- Estimate damage
  - What was taken?
- How to fix system?

### **Approach**

- Log system actions off-board
  - paper printer
  - disk with hardware roll-back

### Boring but useful when you're in trouble...

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# Hashing

### "One-way function"

- $h_1 = f(message_1)$
- Given h<sub>1</sub> "infeasible" to find message<sub>1</sub>
  - Not so hard –"parity sum" is a one-way function

#### **Collision resistant**

- Given h<sub>1</sub>, "infeasible" to find message<sub>2</sub> also hashing to h<sub>1</sub>
- "Infeasible" to find any two m<sub>1</sub>, m<sub>2</sub> hashing to h<sub>x</sub>

#### Use

- Here is the OpenBSD CD-ROM image
  - And here is the MD5 hash
- "Infeasible" to find/construct malware with that hash

# Hashing Issues

### **Verify data?**

- Compute hash function on data you have
- Compare to public result of hash function on official data

### Say, what is the "official version hash"?

- Preview of the key distribution problem
- Easy if you're in a room with the OpenBSD release coordinator
- Otherwise, not easy

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### **Fate of Secure Hashes**

### Secure hash functions don't last very long

- Some are "found weak" several years after proposal
- NIST SHA (now known as SHA-0) withdrawn almost immediately

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### Status (Cryto2004, August)

- MD5 is "blown"
  - Team of Chinese researchers has a method to find collisions
     MD4, RIPEMD, HAVAL, MD5...uh-oh...
- SHA-1 is "on life support"
  - Collisions have been found in SHA-0
  - Collisions have been found in "reduced round" SHA-1
  - Collisions can be found in 2<sup>69</sup> attempts (<< 2<sup>80</sup>)
- Verdict: "schedule SHA-1 for replacement" -- with ...?

# **Encryption**

### **Concept**

```
cipher = E(text, K<sub>1</sub>)
text = D(cipher, K<sub>2</sub>)
```

### Algorithm E(),D()

- Should be public
  - Best known way to achieve strength

### Keys

One (or maybe both) kept secret

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### "Random" Numbers

#### Three concepts

- Pseudo-random number generator (PRNG)
  - Next = (Previous\*L+I) mod M
  - srand()/random()
  - Next "looks different" than Previous
  - Behaves the same way every time not random at all
- Kind-of-random stuff
  - srand(get\_timer());
  - Ok for games (where money isn't involved)
- Entropy pool
  - Genuinely random bits

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# **Entropy Pool**

### Goal (for security) is unguessability

aka unpredictability, true randomness, entropy

### Why "kind-of" doesn't work

- Netscape seeded SSL session key generator with
  - getpid(), getppid(), time of day
  - Time is a globally-known value
  - Process IDs occupy a small space
    - » ...especially if you are on the target's machine!

### Some things are genuinely random

- Which microsecond does the user press a key in?
- "Entropy Pool" is a queue of those events

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## **Encryption: One-Time Pad**

### Key

- Truly random byte string
  - RKNYQTIDCEMWX...

### **Algorithm**

- E(): XOR one key byte, one message byte
  - MESSAGE... ⊕ RKNYQTI... = 1f 0E 1D 0A 10 13 0C 0A
- D(): same process –using the same random string
  - Recall
    - » random ⊕ random = 0
    - » msg ⊕ 0 = msg
  - So
    - » (msg ⊕ random) ⊕ random = msg

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### **One-Time Pad**

### Pad must be as long as message

### Must be delivered securely

### Never re-use pads!!

- (m1 ⊕ pad) ⊕ (m2 ⊕ pad) = (m1 ⊕ m2)
- Computationally very easy to see if a bit stream is text ⊕'d with other text

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# **Private-Key Cryptography**

### Concept: symmetric cipher

```
cipher = E(text, Key)
text = E(cipher, Key)
```

#### Good

Fast, intuitive (password-like), small keys

#### **Bad**

Must share a key (privately!) before talking

### **Applications**

Bank ATM links, secure telephones

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# **Public-Key Cryptography**

### Concept: asymmetric cipher (aka "magic")

```
cipher = E(text, Key1)
text = D(cipher, Key2)
```

#### Keys are different

- Generate key pair
  - Two very large bit strings
    - » Related to each other mathematically
    - » Work together
- Publish "public key"
- Keep "private key" very secret

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# **Public-Key Encryption**

#### **Sending secret mail**

- Locate receiver's public key
- Encrypt mail with it
- Nobody can read it
  - Not even you!

### **Receiving secret mail**

- Decrypt mail with your private key
  - No matter who sent it

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### **Public-Key Signatures**

Write a document

**Encrypt it with your private key** 

Nobody else can do that

Transmit plaintext and ciphertext of document

Anybody can decrypt with your public key

- If they match, the sender knew your private key
  - ...sender was you, more or less

(really: sign msg with E(hash(msg), K<sub>p</sub>))

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# **Public Key Cryptography**

#### Good

No need to privately exchange keys

#### **Bad**

- Algorithms are slower than private-key
- Must trust key directory

### **Applications**

Secret mail, signatures

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### Comparison

#### **Private-key algorithms**

- Fast crypto, small keys
- Secret-key-distribution problem

#### **Public-key algorithms**

- "Telephone directory" key distribution
- Slow crypto, keys too large to memorize

#### Can we get the best of both?

Next time!

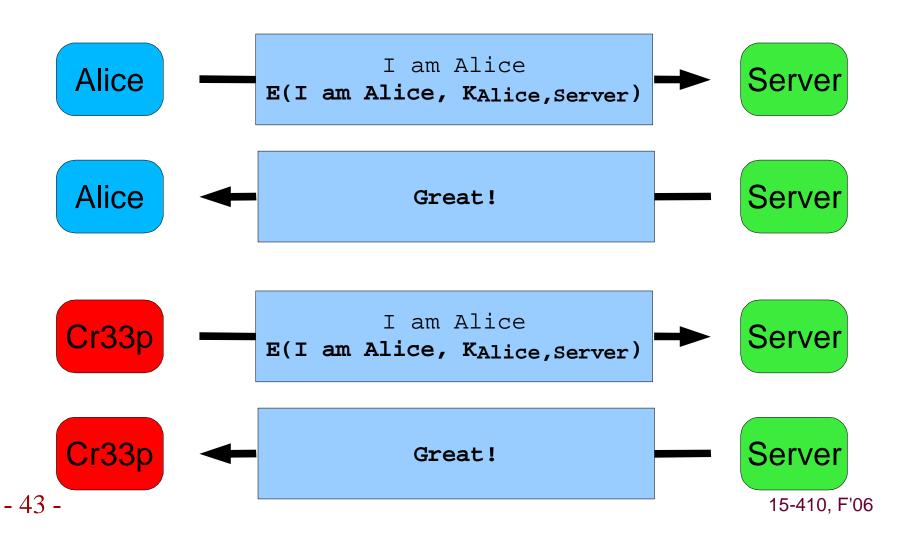
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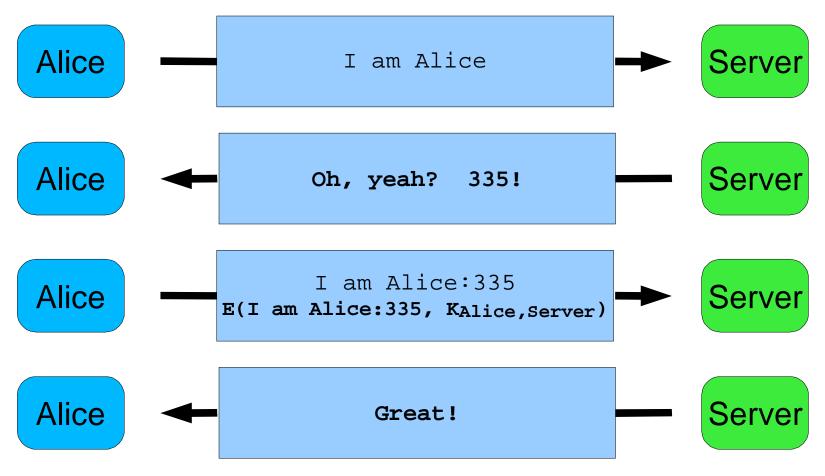
# Secure Network Login



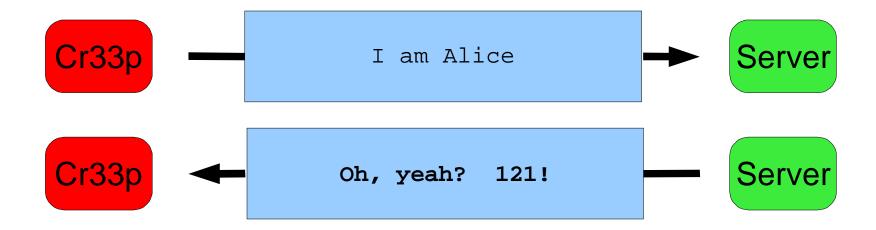
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## Secure Network Login –Uh-oh...

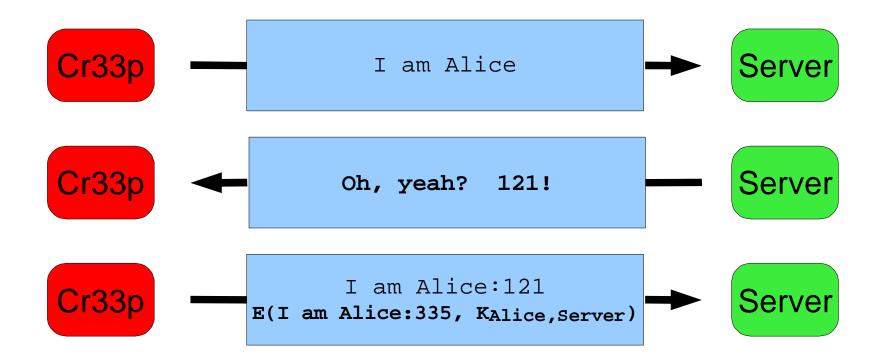




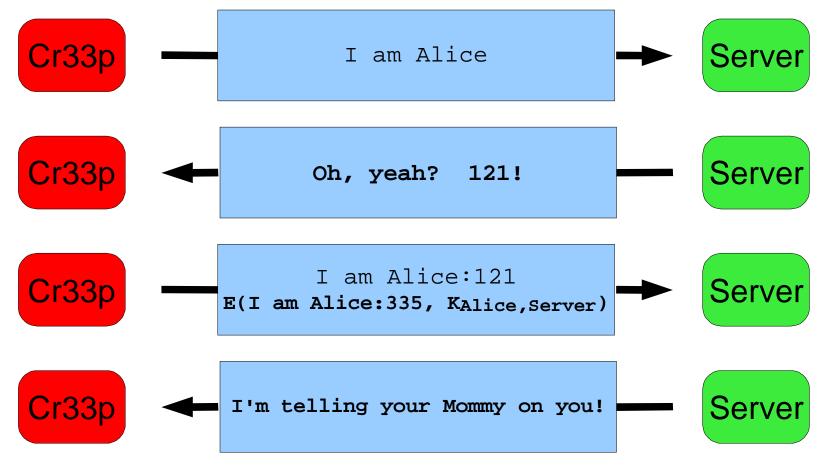
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## Summary

**Many threats** 

Many techniques

"The devil is in the details"

Just because it "works" doesn't mean it's right!

Open algorithms, open source

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## **Further Reading**

#### Status of secure hash functions

#### MD5 is really dead (fast exploit code available)

http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2005/06/more\_md5\_collis.html http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2005/03/more\_hash\_funct.html http://cryptography.hyperlink.cz/md5/MD5\_collisions.pdf

#### **SHA-1** has been seriously wounded

http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2005/02/cryptanalysis\_o.html http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2005/02/sha1\_broken.html http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2005/08/new\_cryptanalyt.html Xiaoyun Wang's page

» http://www.infosec.sdu.edu.cn/people/wangxiaoyun.htm

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## **Further Reading**

### Soft Tempest: Hidden Data Transmission Using Electromagnetic Emanations

- Markus Kuhn, Ross Anderson
- http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mgk25/ih98-tempest.pdf

# Optical Time-Domain Eavesdropping Risks of CRT Displays

- Markus Kuhn
- http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mgk25/emsec/optical-faq.html

### **Keyboard Acoustic Emanations Revisited**

- Zhuang, Zhou, Tygar
- http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~tygar/papers/Keyboard\_Acoustic\_Emanations\_Revisited/ccs.pdf

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## **Further Reading**

#### **Reflections on Trusting Trust**

- Ken Thompson
- http://www.acm.org/classics/sep96

#### **Netscape random-number oops**

http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~daw/netscape-randomness.html

#### Lava-lamp random numbers

http://www.LavaRnd.org/

#### How to destroy somebody who uses a hash table

http://www.cs.rice.edu/~scrosby/hash/CrosbyWallach\_UsenixSec2003/

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