

2110413 Computer Security

Lecture II

Secure Bit, Internet Laws & Reviews

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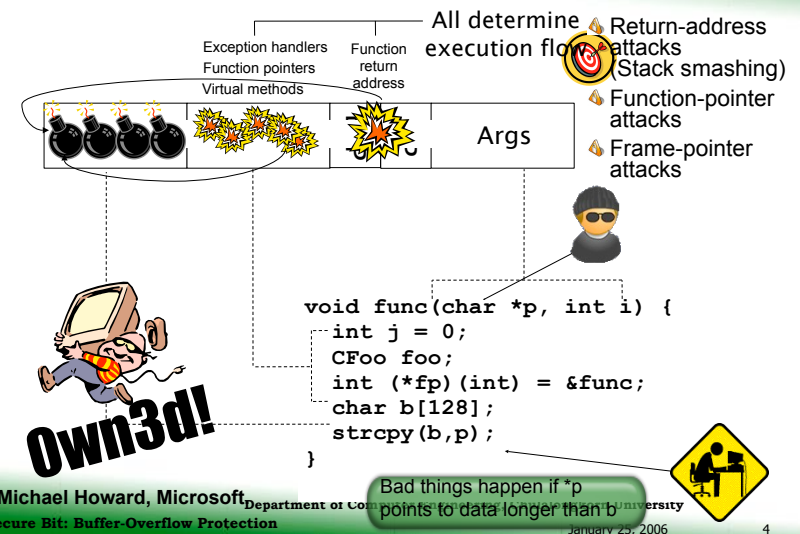
Outline

- Secure Bit, Canary Bit
- Internet Law
 - Concepts & Case Study
- Reviews

Secure Bit

- A tag (bit) is added to every byte of memory.
- Moving data across domain causes the associated secure bit of target to be set.
- There is no way to clear the bit.

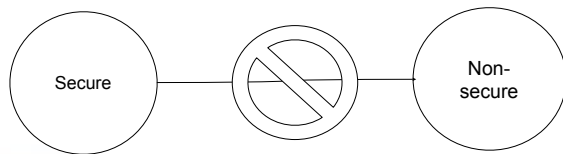
Stack Buffer Overflows at Work



Secure System

🚩 **Definition 4:** A **security policy** is a statement that partitions the states of the system into a set of authorized, or secure, states and a set of unauthorized or nonsecure, states. [Bishop]

🚩 **Definition 5:** A **secure system** is a system that starts in an authorized state and cannot enter an unauthorized state. [Bishop]



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Secure Bit: Buffer-Overflow Protection

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Protocol Enforcement

🚩 “Threat surface” is defined as all possible input crossing from the software interface.

🚩 A domain is a boundary with respect to the current process

🚩 **sbit_write** mode is added to a processor for passing data across domain (set Secure Bit)

🚩 The **kernel** will use this mode to move data across domains.

🚩 **Call, Jump, and Return instructions** are modified.

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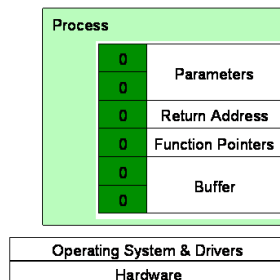
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Data passing from another domain must not be used as a return address or a function pointer



External input
(devices
or users)



0 - Trustworthy
1 - Untrustworthy

Components of Laws

- Territorial borders (geographical borders and physical borders)
- Power (Control over physical space)
 - e.g. the U.S. government does not impose its trademark law on a Brazilian business operating in Brazil.
- Effects (direct impact)
 - e.g. a large sign over “Jones’ Restaurant” in Rio de Janeiro is unlikely to have an impact on the operation of “Jones’ Restaurant” in Oslo, Norway
- Legitimacy
- Notice (boundary changes)

Yahoo!, Inc. v. La Ligue Contre Le Racisme Et L'antisemitisme, 169 F. Supp. 2d 1181 (N.D. Cal. 2001)

- LICRA - NGO dedicated to eliminate anti semitism.
- Yahoo - organized under the laws of Delaware with head quater in Santa Clara, California

What else?

- Playboy Enter., Inc. v. Chuckleberry Publ'g, Inc., 939 F. Supp. 1032 (S.D.N.Y. 1996)
- Singapore and Chewing Gum

What do we need?

- the needs of the interstate and international systems
- the relevant policies of the forum
- the relevant policies of other interested states and the relative interests of those states in the determination of the particular issue
- the protection of justified expectations
- the basic policies underlying the particular field of law
- • certainty, predictability and uniformity of result
- • ease in the determination and application of the law to be applied

Reviews

Security and Privacy

*"Security is the first cause of misfortune."
Old German Proverb*

- Security
 - Who can do what when?
- Privacy
 - The freedom to control access to our personal information

Security or Privacy?

- a hacker is able to compromise a computer system and find out that a person is **a homosexual** or is **infected with a bad disease**.



Reminders

Paper

- Due last day of class
- A 5-10 page paper
- Theme is security analysis of various operating systems using the knowledge learned from this class.
- I will provide a list of topics for you to pick.

Security

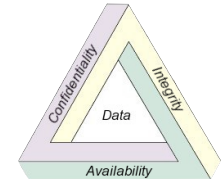
- “*The protection of resources from being accessed by an unauthorized person at a particular time.*”

“Who can do what when?”



Authorized and Unauthorized

- Commonly partitioned using two properties of data
 - confidentiality
 - integrity
- Availability (e.g. Fault Tolerant)
- Data
 - sensitive information, secrecy, and privacy



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Access Control Models

- Mandatory Access Control (MAC)
 - Principle: Users are untrustworthy and must be controlled.
- Discretionary Access Control (DAC)
 - Principle: Users are responsible for their own data.
- Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)
 - Principle: least privilege.

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ACL v.s Capability

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACL<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate with object• Object got a list of who can do what with the object. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capability<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate with subject• Think of capability as a token for key.• Granting a permission is passing a key to another person. |
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Multilevel Security

- Within an organization
- MAC
- Bell Lapadula
- Biba



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How to Audit?

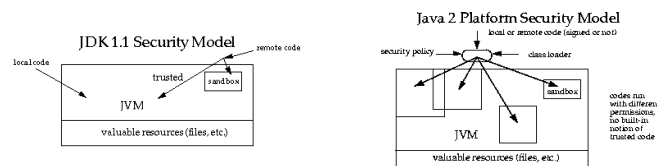
- Audit Trails
- Physical trails
- Log files
- Analysis Tools
- Statistic
- Data Mining



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How to minimize trust?

- Trust with respect to boundary
- Sandbox
- Domains (isolation)



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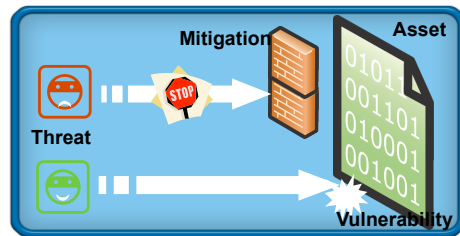
Modern Encryption

- Hash Digests(short input > long output)
- Stream Cipher
 - RC4 (SSL, WEP, WPA, etc...)
- Block Cipher
 - DES, Blowfish, AES
- Public Key

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Threat Analysis

- Secure software starts with understanding the threats
- Threats are not vulnerabilities
- Threats live forever, they are the attacker's goal(s)



A Threat Modeling Process

