

Architectural considerations



• Determine the focus of control of security enforcement mechanism

OOperating system: focus is on data OApplications: more on operations/transactions

• Centralized or Distributed

ODistribute them among systems/components OTradeoffs?

OGenerally easier to "assure" centralized system

• Security mechanism may exist in any layer

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Architectural considerations Example: Four layer architecture



- Application layer
 OTransaction control
- Services/middleware layer
 OSupport services for applications
 OEg., DBMS, Object reference brokers
- Operating system layer OMemory management, scheduling and process control
- Hardware OIncludes firmware

Architectural considerations



- Select the correct layer for a mechanism
 - OControlling user actions may be more effective at application layer
 - OControlling file access may be more effective at the operating system layer
 - O Recall PEM!
- How to secure layers lower to target layer
 OApplication security means OS security as well
 - OSpecial-purpose OS?
 - OAII DBMSs require the OS to provide specific security features

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Build or Add?



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- Security is an integral part of a system
 Address security issues at system design phase
 Easy to analyze and assure
- Reference monitor (total mediation!)
 O Mediates all accesses to objects by subjects
- Reference validation mechanism must be-
 - 1. Tamperproof
 - 2. Never be bypassed
 - 3. Small enough to be subject to analysis and testing the completeness can be assured
- Security kernel
 - O Hardware + software implementing a RM

Trusted Computing Base



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- TCB consists of all protection mechanisms within a computer system that are responsible for enforcing a security policy
- TCB monitors four basic interactions
 OProcess activation
 OExecution domain switching
 OMemory protection
 OI/O operation
- A unified TCB may be too large OCreate a security kernel

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Security Policy Requirements



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- Can be done at different levels
- Specification must be

O Clear

- "meet C2 security"
- O Unambiguous
 - "users must be identified and authenticated"
- O Complete
- Methods of defining policies
 - O Extract applicable requirements from existing security standards (e.g. Common Criteria)
 - O Create a policy based on threat analysis
 - O Map the system to an existing model
- Justify the requirements: completeness and consistency

Design assurance



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- Identify design flaws
 - OEnhances trustworthiness
 - OSupports implementation and operational assurance
- Design assurance technique employs
 OSpecification of requirements
 - OSpecification of the system design
 - OProcess to examine how well the design meets the requirement

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Techniques for Design Assurance

- Modularity & Layering
 - O Well defined independent modules
 - O Simplifies and makes system more understandable
 - O Data hiding
 - O Easy to understand and analyze
- Different layers to capture different levels of abstraction
 - O Subsystem (memory management, I/O subsystem, creditcard processing function)
 - O Subcomponent (I/O management, I/O drivers)
 - O Module: set of related functions and data structure
- Use principles of secure design

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Design Documents



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- Design documentation is an important component in life cycle models
- Documentation must specify
 - O Security functions and approach
 - Describe each security function
 - Overview of a set of security functions
 - Map to requirements (tabular)
 - O External interfaces used by users
 - Parameters, syntax, security constraints and error conditions
 - Component overview, data descriptions, interface description
 - O Internal design with low -level details
 - Overview of the component
 - Detailed description of the component
 - Security relevance of the component

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Design meets requirements?



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• Techniques needed

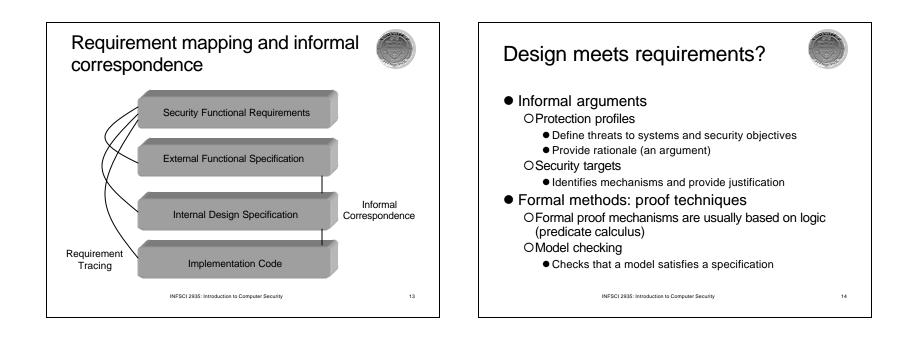
OTo prevent requirements and functionality from being discarded, forgotten, or ignored at lower levels of design

• Requirements tracing

OProcess of identifying specific security requirements that are met by parts of a description

• Informal Correspondence

OProcess of showing that a specification is consistent with an adjacent level of specification



Design meets requirements?



Review

OWhen informal assurance technique is used

OUsually has three parts

Reviews of guidelines

Conflict resolution methods

Completion procedures

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Implementation considerations for assurance

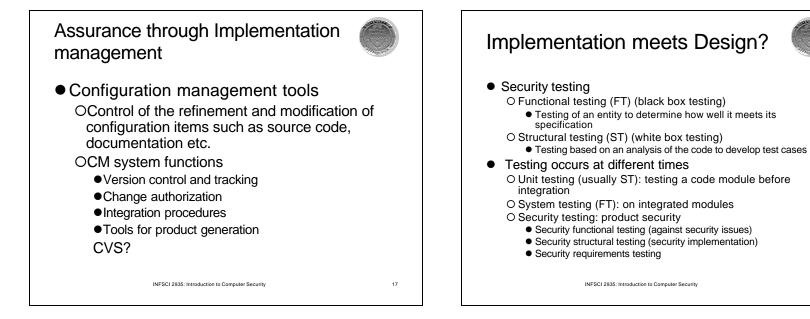


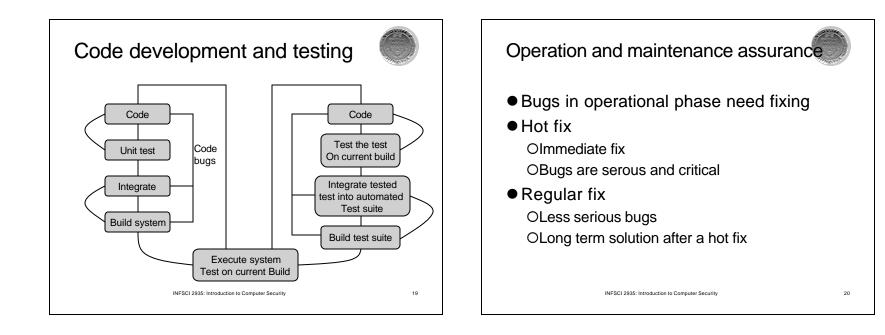
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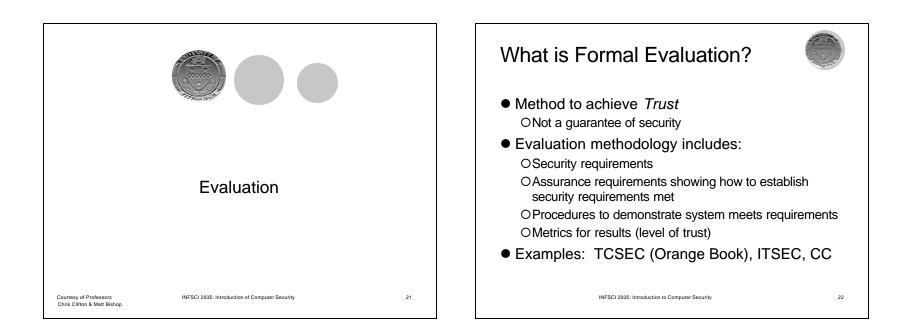
- Modularity with minimal interfaces
- Language choice
 - OC programs may not be reliable
 - Pointers memory overwrites
 - Not much error handling
 - Writing past the bounds of memory and buffers
 - Notorious for Buffer overflow!

OJava

- Designed to support secure code as a primary goal
- Ameliorates C security risks present in C
- Sandbox model (mobile code security)







Formal Evaluation: Why?



Organizations require assurance
 ODefense

OTelephone / Utilities

O"Mission Critical" systems

- Formal verification of entire systems not feasible
- Instead, organizations develop formal evaluation methodologies

OProducts passing evaluation are trusted

ORequired to do business with the organization

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TCSEC: The Original



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- Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria
 OU.S. Government security evaluation criteria
 OUsed for evaluating commercial products
- Policy model based on Bell-LaPadula
- Enforcement: Reference Validation Mechanism OEvery reference checked by compact, analyzable body of code
- Emphasis on Confidentiality
- Metric: Seven trust levels: OD, C1, C2, B1, B2, B3, A1 OD is "tried but failed"

TCSEC Class Assurances



• C1: Discretionary Protection

Oldentification

- OAuthentication
- ODiscretionary access control
- C2: Controlled Access Protection Object reuse and auditing
- B1: Labeled security protection
 OMandatory access control on limited set of objects
 OInformal model of the security policy

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TCSEC Class Assurances (continued)

- B2: Structured Protections

 Trusted path for login
 Principle of Least Privilege
 Formal model of Security Policy
 Covert channel analysis
 Configuration management

 B3: Security Domains

 Full reference validation mechanism
 Constraints on code development process
 Documentation, testing requirements
- A1: Verified Protection

 Formal methods for analysis, verification
 Trusted distribution

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How is Evaluation Done? Government-sponsored independent evaluators

OApplication: Determine if government cares OPreliminary Technical Review

• Discussion of process, schedules

- Development Process
- •Technical Content, Requirements

OEvaluation Phase

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TCSEC: Evaluation Phase

- Three phases ODesign analysis
 - Review of design based on documentation
 OTest analysis
 - OFinal Review
- Trained independent evaluation
 OResults presented to Technical Review Board
 OMust approve before next phase starts
- Ratings Maintenance Program ODetermines when updates trigger new evaluation

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TCSEC: Problems



- Based heavily on confidentiality
 ODid not address integrity, availability
- Tied security and functionality
- Base TCSEC geared to operating systems
 - **OTNI: Trusted Network Interpretation**
 - OTDI: Trusted Database management System Interpretation

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Later Standards CTCPEC – Canada ITSEC – European Standard Did not define criteria Levels correspond to strength of evaluation Includes code evaluation, development methodology requirements Known vulnerability analysis CISR: Commercial outgrowth of TCSEC FC: Modernization of TCSEC

- FIPS 140: Cryptographic module validation
- Common Criteria: International Standard
- SSE-CMM: Evaluates developer, not product

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ITSEC: Levels



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- E1: Security target defined, tested O Must have informal architecture description
- E2: Informal description of design O Configuration control, distribution control
- E3: Correspondence between code and security target
- E4: Formal model of security policy
 O Structured approach to design
 O Design level vulnerability analysis
- E5: Correspondence between design and code O Source code vulnerability analysis
- E6: Formal methods for architecture O Formal mapping of design to security policy O Mapping of executable to source code

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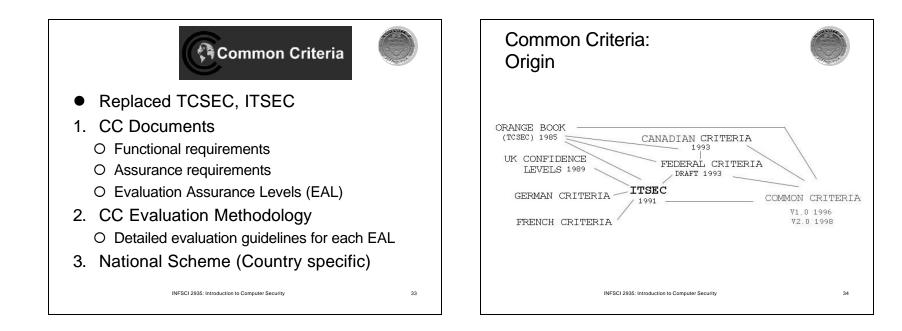
ITSEC Problems:

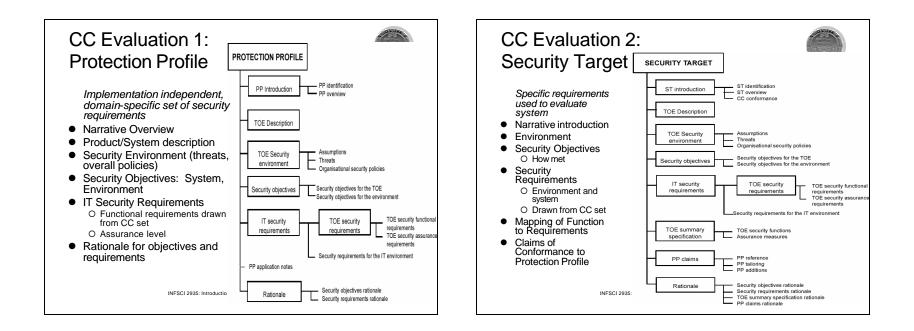


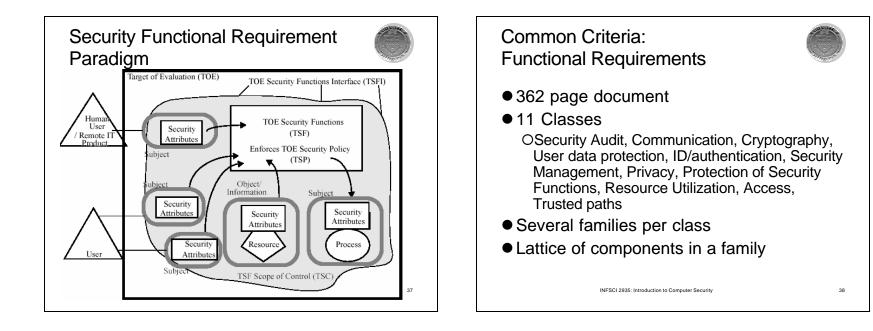
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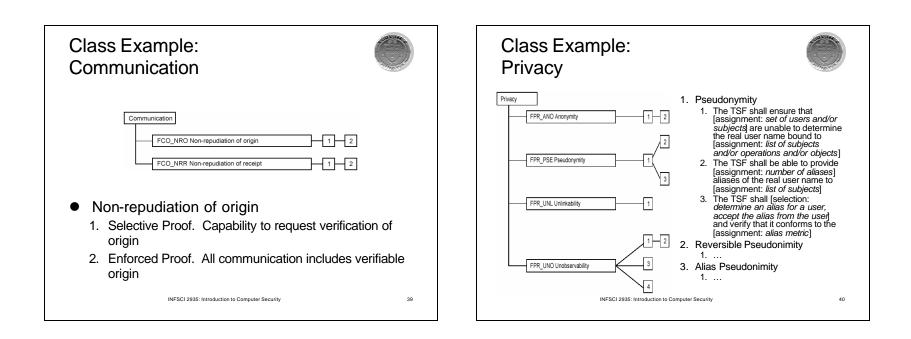
- No validation that security requirements made sense
 OProduct meets goals

 - OBut does this meet user expectations?
- Inconsistency in evaluations
 ONot as formally defined as TCSEC









Common Criteria: Assurance Requirements



- 216 page document
- 10 Classes
 - **OProtection Profile Evaluation, Security Target Evaluation**
 - OConfiguration management, Delivery and operation, Development, Guidance, Life cycle, Tests, Vulnerability assessment
 - OMaintenance
- Several families per class
- Lattice of components in family

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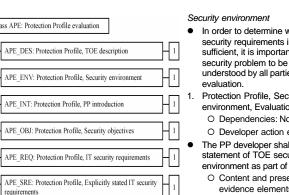
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Example: **Protection Profile Evaluation**

Class APE: Protection Profile evaluation

requirements

APE_INT: Protection Profile, PP introduction

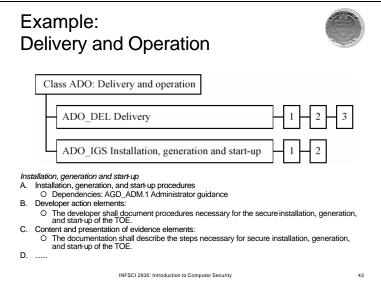


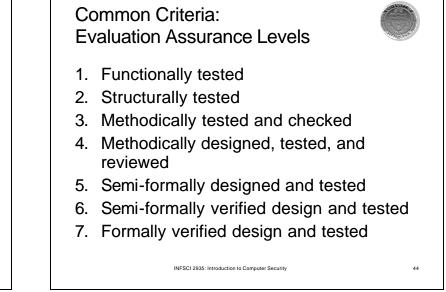
- In order to determine whether the IT security requirements in the PP are sufficient, it is important that the security problem to be solved is clearly understood by all parties to the Protection Profile, Security environment, Evaluation requirements O Dependencies: No dependencies. O Developer action elements: • The PP developer shall provide a statement of TOE security environment as part of the PP.
 - O Content and presentation of evidence elements:

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Common Criteria: Evaluation Process



- National Authority authorizes evaluators
 OU.S.: NIST accredits commercial organizations
 OFee charged for evaluation
- Team of four to six evaluators
 ODevelop work plan and clear with NIST
 OEvaluate Protection Profile first
 Olf successful, can evaluate Security Target

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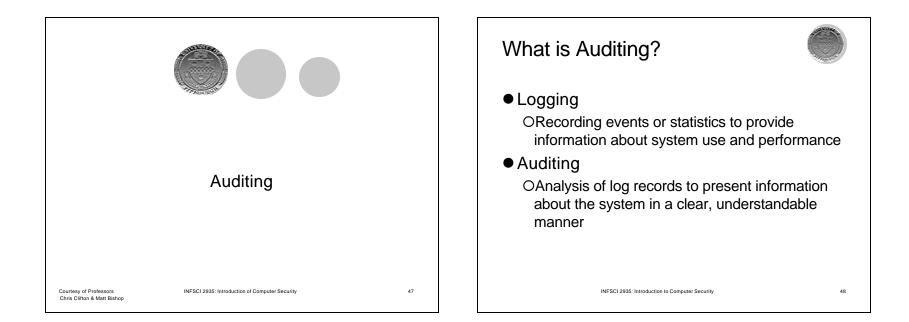
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Common Criteria: Status

- About 80 registered products
 OOnly one at level 5

 (Java Smart Card)
 OSeveral OS at 4
 - OLikely many more not registered
- New versions appearing on regular basis

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Auditing goals/uses



- User accountability
- Damage assessment
- Determine causes of security violations
- Describe security state for monitoring critical problems
 - ODetermine if system enters unauthorized state
- Evaluate effectiveness of protection mechanisms
 - O Determine which mechanisms are appropriate and working
 - ODeter attacks because of presence of record

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Problems

• What to log?

Olooking for violations of a policy, so record *at least* what will show such violations OUse of privileges

What do you audit?
 ONeed not audit everything
 OKey: what is the policy involved?

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Audit System Structure



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Logger

ORecords information, usually controlled by parameters

Analyzer

OAnalyzes logged information looking for something

Notifier

OReports results of analysis

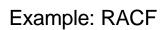
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Logger



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- Type, quantity of information recorded controlled by system or program configuration parameters
- May be human readable or not
 Olf not, usually viewing tools supplied
 OSpace available, portability influence storage format





- Security enhancement package for IBM's MVS/VM
- Logs failed access attempts, use of privilege to change security levels, and (if desired) RACF interactions
- View events with LISTUSERS commands

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Example: Windows NT



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- Different logs for different types of events
 - O System event logs record system crashes, component failures, and other system events
 - O Application event logs record events that applications request be recorded
 - O Security event log records security -critical events such as logging in and out, system file accesses, and other events
- Logs are binary; use event viewer to see them
- If log full, can have system shut down, logging disabled, or logs overwritten

Windows NT Sample Entry Analyzer Date: Analyzes one or more logs 2/12/2000 Source: Security 13:03 Category: Detailed Tracking Time: Success EventID: 592 O Logs may come from multiple systems, or a single system Type: User: WINDSOR \Administrator O May lead to changes in logging Computer: WINDSOR O May lead to a report of an event Description: A new process has been created: New Process ID: 2216594592 O Using swatch to find instances of telnet from tcpd logs: Image File Name: Program Files \Internet Explorer \IEXPLORE.EXE /telnet/&!/localhost/&!/*.site.com/ Creator Process ID: 2217918496 User Name: Administrator O Query set overlap control in databases FDomain: WINDSOR • If too much overlap between current query and past queries, do not Logon ID: (0x0,0x14B4c4) answer [would be in graphical format] O Intrusion detection analysis engine (director) • Takes data from sensors and determines if an intrusion is occurring INFSCI 2935: Introduction to Computer Security 55 INFSCI 2935: Introduction to Computer Security 56

Notifier



- Informs analyst, other entities of results of analysis
- May reconfigure logging and/or analysis on basis of results
- May take some action

Examples



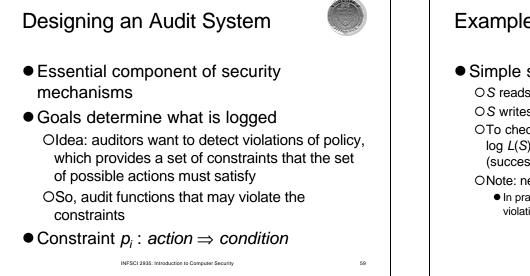
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- Using swatch to notify of telnets /telnet/&!/localhost/&!/*.site.com/mail staff
- Query set overlap control in databases
 OPrevents response from being given if too much overlap occurs
- Three failed logins in a row disable user account

ONotifier disables account, notifies sysadmin

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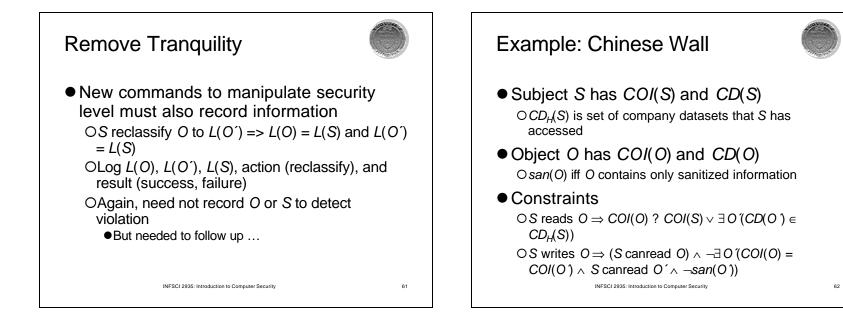


Example: Bell-LaPadula



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- Simple security condition and *-property
 - OS reads $O \Rightarrow L(S) = L(O)$
 - OS writes $O \Rightarrow L(S) = L(O)$
 - OTo check for violations, on each read and write, must log L(S), L(O), action (read, write), and result (success, failure)
 - ONote: need not record S, O!
 - In practice, done to identify the object of the (attempted) violation and the user attempting the violation







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• S reads $O \Rightarrow COI(O)$? $COI(S) \lor \exists O (CD(O) \in CD_{H}(S))$

ORecord *COI*(*O*), *COI*(*S*), *CD_H*(*S*), *CD*(*O*) if such an *O*[´] exists, action (read), and result (success, failure)

 S writes O ⇒ (S canread O) ∧ ¬∃O (COI(O) = COI(O) ∧ S canread O ∧ ¬san(O))
 ○Record COI(O), COI(S), CD_H(S), plus COI(O) and CD(O) if such an O exists, action (write), and result (success, failure)

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Implementation Issues



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- Show non-security or find violations?
 OFormer requires logging initial state as well as changes
- Defining violations ODoes "write" include "append" and "create directory"?

• Multiple names for one object

OLogging goes by object and not name

ORepresentations can affect this (if you read raw disks, you're reading files; can your auditing system determine which file?)

Syntactic Issues



- Data that is logged may be ambiguous
 OBSM: two optional text fields followed by two mandatory text fields
 - Olf three fields, which of the optional fields is omitted?
- Solution: use grammar to ensure welldefined syntax of log files

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Example Grammar



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- entry : date host prog [bad] user ["from" host] "to" user "on" tty
- date : daytime
- host : string
- prog : string ":"
- bad : "FAILED"
- user : string
- tty : "/dev/" string
- Log file entry format defined unambiguously
- Audit mechanism could scan, interpret entries without confusion

More Syntactic Issues



Context

OUnknown user uses anonymous *ftp* to retrieve file "/etc/passwd"

OLogged as such

OProblem: which /etc/passwd file?

- •One in system /etc directory
- •One in anonymous *ftp* directory /var/ftp/etc, and as *ftp* thinks /var/ftp is the root directory, /etc/passwd refers to /var/ftp/etc/passwd

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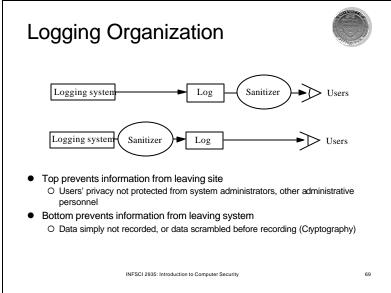
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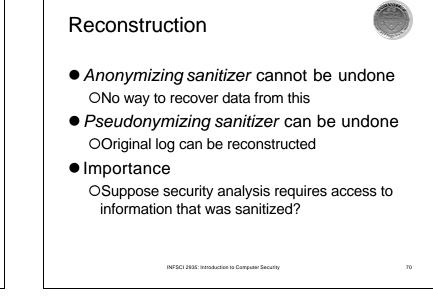
Log Sanitization



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- *U* set of users, *P* policy defining set of information *C*(*U*) that *U* cannot see; log sanitized when all information in *C*(*U*) deleted from log
- Two types of P
 - \bigcirc C(U) can't leave site
 - People inside site are trusted and information not sensitive to them
 - O C(U) can't leave system
 - People inside site not trusted or (more commonly) information sensitive to them
 - Don't log this sensitive information





Issue



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- Key: sanitization must preserve properties needed for security analysis
- If new properties added (because analysis changes), may have to resanitize information

OThis *requires* pseudonymous sanitization or the original log

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Example



- Company wants to keep its IP addresses secret, but wants a consultant to analyze logs for an address scanning attack
 - OConnections to port 25 on IP addresses 10.163.5.10, 10.163.5.11, 10.163.5.12, 10.163.5.13, 10.163.5.14,
 - OSanitize with random IP addresses
 - Cannot see sweep through consecutive IP addresses
 - OSanitize with sequential IP addresses
 - •Can see sweep through consecutive IP addresses

Generation of Pseudonyms



- 1. Devise set of pseudonyms to replace sensitive information
 - Replace data with pseudonyms that preserve relationship
 - Maintain table mapping pseudonyms to data
- 2. Use random key to encipher sensitive datum and use secret sharing scheme to share key
 - Used when insiders cannot see unsanitized data, but outsiders (law enforcement) need to
 - (t, n) –threshold scheme: requires *t* out of *n* people to read data

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Application Logging



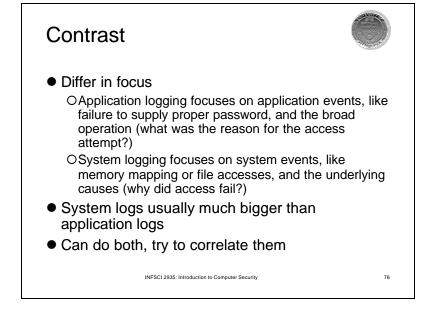
 Applications logs made by applications
 OApplications control what is logged
 OTypically use high-level abstractions such as: su: bishop to root on /dev/ttyp0

ODoes not include detailed, system call level information such as results, parameters, etc.

System Logging



 Log system even O Typically use low 		as kernel actions	
3876 ktrace		execve(0xbfbff0c0,0xbfbff5cc,0xbfbff5d8)	
3876 ktrace	-	"/usr/bin/su"	
		"/usr/libexec/ld-elf.so.1"	
3876 su RET			
3876 su CALL	sysctl(0	xbfbff47c,0x2,0x2805c928,0xbfbff478,0,0)	
3876 su RET			
3876 su CALL	mmap(0,0	x8000,0x3,0x1002,0xffffffff,0,0,0)	
3876 su RET	mmap 671	473664/0x2805e000	
3876 su CALL	geteuid		
3876 su RET	geteuid 0		
O Does not include high-level abstractions such as loading libraries			
(as above)			
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Design



• A posteriori design

ONeed to design auditing mechanism for system not built with security in mind

- Goal of auditing
 - ODetect any violation of a stated policy
 - Focus is on policy and actions designed to violate policy; specific actions may not be known
 - ODetect actions *known* to be part of an attempt to breach security
 - Focus on specific actions that have been determined to indicate attacks

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Detect Violations of Known Policy

- Goal: does system enter a disallowed state?
- Two forms
 - OState-based auditing
 - Look at current state of system
 - OTransition-based auditing
 - •Look at actions that transition system from one state to another

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State-Based Auditing



- Log information about state and determine if state is allowed
 - OAssumption: you can get a snapshot of system state
 - OSnapshot needs to be consistent
 - ONon-distributed system needs to be quiescent

Example



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- File system auditing tools (e.g. tripwire)
 OThought of as analyzing single state (snapshot)
 OIn reality, analyze many slices of different state unless file system quiescent
 OPotential problem: if test at end depends on
 - result of test at beginning, relevant parts of system state may have changed between the first test and the last
 - •Classic TOCTTOU flaw (time to check to time of use)

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Transition-Based Auditing



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 Log information about action, and examine current state and proposed transition to determine if new state would be disallowed

ONote: just analyzing the transition may not be enough; you may need the initial state

OTend to use this when specific transitions *always* require analysis (for example, change of privilege)

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Example



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- TCP access control mechanism intercepts TCP connections and checks against a list of connections to be blocked
 - OObtains IP address of source of connection
 - OLogs IP address, port, and result (allowed/blocked) in log file
 - OPurely transition-based (current state not analyzed at all)

Detect Known Violations of Policy



 Goal: does a specific action and/or state that is known to violate security policy occur?

OAssume that action *automatically* violates policy OPolicy may be implicit, not explicit

OUsed to look for known attacks

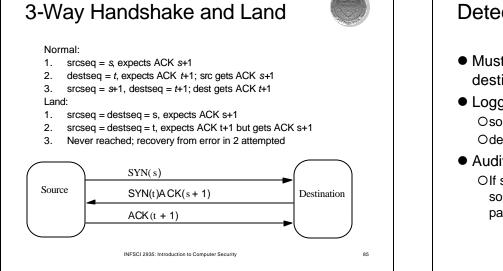
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Example Land attack Consider 3-way handshake to initiate TCP connection (next slide) What happens if source, destination ports and addresses the same? Host expects ACK(*t*+1), but gets ACK(s+1). ORFC ambiguous: p. 36 of RFC: send RST to terminate connection p. 69 of RFC: reply with empty packet having current sequence number *t*+1 and ACK number s+1—but it receives packet and ACK number is incorrect. So it

depending on whether interrupts are disabled

repeats this ... system hangs or runs very slowly,



Detection



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- Must spot initial Land packet with source, destination addresses the same
- Logging requirement:
 Osource port number, IP address
 Odestination port number, IP address
- Auditing requirement:

Olf source port number = destination port number and source IP address = destination IP address, packet is part of a Land attack