Challenges in Information Security

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Learning goals

- What are the goals for information security and privacy?
- What are the threats and causes that create these problems?
- Why is securing information systems hard?
  - technical aspects
  - non-technical aspects: legal, economical, psychological

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Information processing

the Internet of things, ubiquitous computing, pervasive computing, ambient intelligence (10^{12})

Internet and mobile (10^9)

PCs and LANs (10^7)

mainframe (10^5)

mechanical processing (10^4)

manual processing

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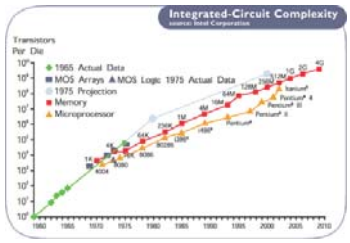
Exponential growth

Ray Kurzweil, KurzweilAI.net

- Human brain: 10^{14} …10^{15} ops and 10^{13} bits memory
- 2025: 1 computer can perform 10^{16} ops (2^{53})
- 2013: 10^{13} RAM bits (1 Terabyte) cost 1000$



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Outline

- COMSEC versus COMPUSEC
- IT Security threats
- Privacy risks
- e-Business
- Taking a step backwards
- Non-technical dimension
- Conclusions

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Military security terminology

INFOSEC
- COMSEC: securing (electronic) communications
- COMPUSEC: computer security

Information Collection
- Signal Intelligence (SIGINT)
  - COMINT: communications intelligence
    - traffic analysis
  - ELINT: electronic intelligence
    - TEMPEST: electromagnetic emanations
- …
- Human Intelligence (HUMINT)
- Imagery Intelligence (IMINT)
- Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT)
- Technical Intelligence (TECHINT)
- Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)

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COMSEC

- pre-1915: manual encryption or simple devices

- 1917: one time pad
- 1915: rotor machines: (electro-)mechanical



- 1960's: electronic encryption
- 1975: integrated hardware
- 1990: software

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COMSEC in practice

- wired
  - SSL/TLS
  - VPN: IPsec
  - VOIP
- wireless
  - GSM, 3G
  - WLAN: WPA2 (RSN)
  - PAN: Bluetooth, Zigbee

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COMSEC

	Confidentiality	Data authentication	Entity authentication
1 G (analog)			
2 G (GSM)	weak		unilateral
3G			
WLAN			
TLS			unilateral
IPsec		optional ☹	
Skype	not open	not open	not open/meet in the middle attack

Not end to end

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COMSEC: network security

- fundamental protocols of the Internet do not have adequate security
- this is well understood, but there is no preventive patching
  - panic response to ever improving attacks
- changing widely used protocols is hard

- DNS attack [Kaminsky, Black Hat '08]
- BGP attack [Kapela-Pilosov, Defcon'08]

- More examples:
  - **IPV6 attacks**
  - **SNMPv3 Bug [Wes Hardakar]**
  - **Insecure SSL-VPN [Mike Zusman]**
  - **Insecure Cookies [Mike Perry]**

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COMSEC: DNSSec

- long and winding road (started in 1997)
- several attacks (e.g. cache poisoning [Kaminsky08])
- several TLDs signed 2005-2009
- live in July 2010 for root
- Versign signed .com early 2011

- http://www.root-dnssec.org/
- http://ispcolumn.isoc.org/2006-08/dnssec.html

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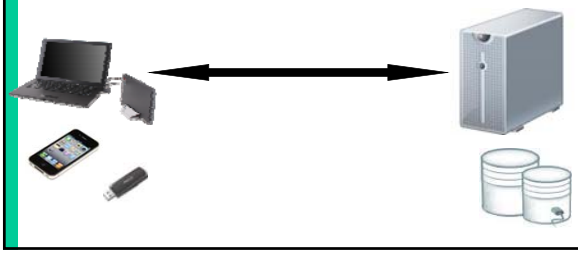
Use of crypto: COMPUSEC

- **data at rest:**
  - hard disk (Bitlocker)
  - database
  - USB/memory card
  - mobile devices
- **secure execution**
  - TPM
  - Trusted Execution Technology (TXT)
  - ARM TrustZone



COMPUSEC

- entity authentication
- access control
- protection of stored data: hard disk, USB
- device authentication and remote attestation
- correctness of execution
- sandboxing
- covert channels
- …

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Insider attacks



Which technology would have stopped them?

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COMPUSEC in practice

- Java sandboxing
- DRM
- Electronic payments: EMV
- Access control: Mifare
- TPM
- BitLocker
- Electronic ID cards
- E-voting
- E-auctions
- …

COMPUSEC is much harder than COMSEC

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IT security threats

- Government interception
- Financial fraud
- End systems security (bugs, viruses, rootkits)
- Botnets
- SPAM
- Phishing
- Communications systems security
- Social networks
- Consumerization
- Cloud computing

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Interception by governments

1. PRISM (server) 2. Upstream (fiber)

3. Traffic data (DNR)

- traffic data is not plaintext itself, but it is very informative
  - it may contain URLs of websites
  - it allows to map networks
- **6 June 2013: NSA collecting phone records of millions of Verizon customers daily**
- Top secret court order requiring Verizon to hand over all call data shows scale of domestic surveillance under Obama
- **EU: data retention directive (2006/24/EC)**

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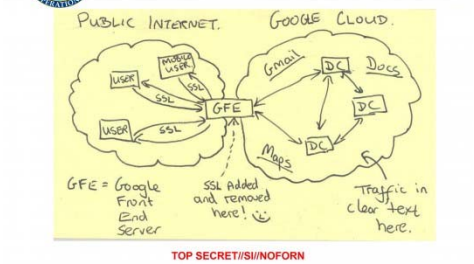
Muscular

Current Efforts - Google



TOP SECRET//SI//NOFORN

Jan 9 2013: In the preceding 30 days, field collectors had processed and sent back 181,280,466 new records — including "metadata," which would indicate who sent or received e-mails and when, as well as content such as text, audio and video (from Yahoo! and Google)

Snowden revelations (ctd)

Most spectacular: **active defense**

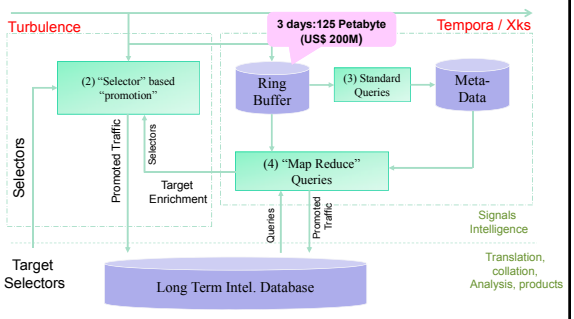
- networks
  - Quantum insertion: answer before the legitimate website
  - inject malware in devices
- devices
  - malware based on backdoors and 0-days (FoxAcid)
  - supply chain subversion

Translation in human terms: **complete control** of networks and systems, including bridging the air gaps

No longer deniable
Oversight weak

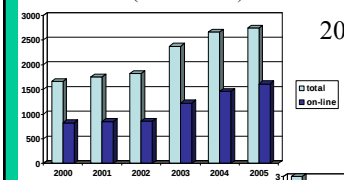
TEMPORA architecture (GCHQ)

(1) Gain "access" to raw content: intercept (cable, satellite), hack, buy, ask.



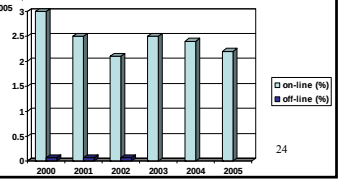
Credit Card Fraud (USA)

Fraud (Million US$)



2009: 2.0-8.6B$

Fraud rates



Source: Celent Communications, via Lafferty Publications

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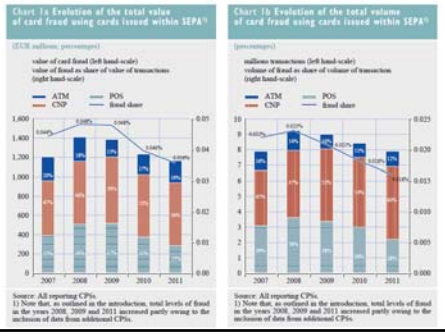
Financial fraud SEPA

https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/cardfraudreport201307en.pdf

2011: 1.16 billion EUR, 0.04% of transactions
Share of Card Not Present increased to more than 50%



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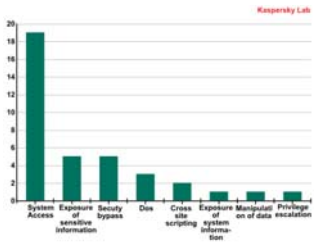
Malware

- Virus: spread via executables (software, Word documents, …)
- Worm: spread via network
- Trojan horse: secret malicious functionality
- Rootkit: control computer
- Ransomeware: encrypt



Transmission: email, Internet, intranet, web pages, GSM, 3G, Bluetooth, WiFi, USB drives, CDs, memory cards,…

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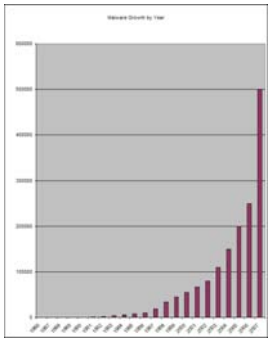
Virus

- Proof of concept: 1970s
- First threat: mid 1980s
- Explosion: mid 1990s
- 6.3 Million in 2011



Source: F-Secure

Malware trends

Some anti-virus companies have stopped counting in 2009

- Kaspersky
  http://www.securelist.com/en/analysis/204792299/IT_Threat_Evolution_Q2_2013
  - detected and neutralized almost 1 billion malicious objects
  - millions of malicious URLs
  - mobile malware reached 100K
- Sophos
  http://www.sophos.com/en-us/medialibrary/PDFs/other/sophossecuritythreatreport2013.pdf
  - growth: Facebook, cloud, Android, OS X
  - polymorphism and targeting

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APT – Advanced Persistent Threats

- Targeted theft or damage, but less visible

- Google Aurora Q3/Q4 2009
- Stuxnet – July 2010
- Duqu – September 2011
- Flame – May 2012
- Red October – October 2012
- Regin – November 2014

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Stuxnet

- used four 0-day vulnerabilities, 2 specific for Siemens PLCs
- PLC rootkit
- 2 stolen private keys to sign its files
- 7 forms of replication (rather than 2)
- bridged air gap via USB
- meant to destroy: from espionage to sabotage (high speed spinning of centrifugres
- deception: recorded normal operation and played them back
- could disable the kill switch of the device (to prevent operator intervention)
- affected 20% of nuclear centrifuges in Iran

Is this the tip of the iceberg?

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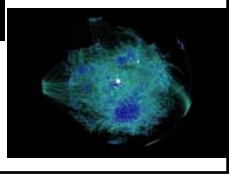
Botnets

- Attacker controls 10.000-100.000 computers



Application: rent for SPAM, hacking, DDOS (distributed denial of service)

SPAM in 2012

- SPAM makes up 65% of the Internet email traffic
  - 7% in 2001; 90-95% around 2005; 82% in 2010
  - 90-200 billion SPAM messages/day
  - 5% carries malware
- 40% of all social media accounts are created by spammers
- billions of dollars spent on spam defense
- cost to large company a few million $/year
- cost to society
  - vector for malware
  - spoiling e-mail as communication tool: time and attention
  - ISP/mobile fees
  - storage and bandwidth

Bill Gates (2004): Spam Will Be 'Solved' In 2 Years

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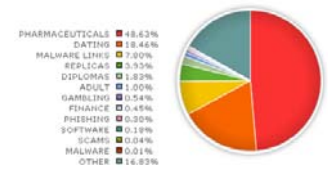
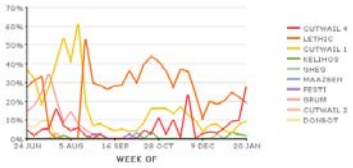
SPAM 2013 statistics



SPAM content
[Source: M86 security lab]

Latest trend:
on-line casinos



SPAM by botnet
[Source: M86 security lab]

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SPAM and economics

- list of 10^8-10^9 "good" names
- cost per message: ~ 10^{-4} -10^{-5} €; total cost 10^4-10^5 €
- hit ratio: 10^{-3} to 10^{-4}: 30,000-300,000 responses
  - SPAM only works because users respond
- cost per click is 0.30 € compared to 0.07 € for commercial advertising – this explains reduction
- botnet: machines for sale for a few dozen EURO
  - can be used for SPAM and for DDOS attacks
  - most SPAM messages come from a dozen botnets
- see e.g., http://www.marshal.com/trace/spam_statistics.asp

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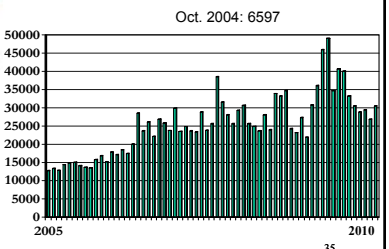
Phishing reports received

Jan '05-March'10
(source www.antiphishing.org)



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Phishing

- 0.1%-1% of email is phishing related
- more than 31,000 new phishing sites per month
  - peak of 41,000 in 2009; "only" 25,000 in 2006
- consumers react very naively (human factor)
- even experts can't distinguish some phishing messages from real ones
- direct losses from Phishing costed banks and credit card issuers $2.8 Billion per year (e.g., theft, call center activity)
- targeted attack: spear phishing

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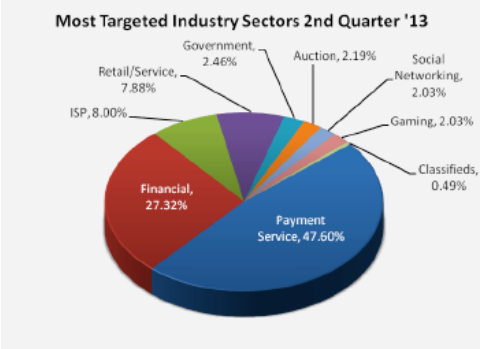
Phishing targets by industry

http://docs.apwg.org/reports/apwg_trends_report_q2_2013.pdf



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Spying: war driving and Bluetooth

Bluesniper rifle (2004):
10m becomes 1km

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Spying: surveillance software and key loggers

99.95$ at eblaster.com

100.00$ WiFi Pineapple

67.88$ at keyLlama.com

- can memorize 8 MByte key presses

- 4 Mbyte key PS/2 key logger
- hard to detect

74.88$ at keyLlama.com

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Social networks

- vector for malware
  - Facebook rogue application toolkit
- social engineering
- leaking company secrets
- personal privacy risk

- establish your organization's presence before anyone else does

NETLOG  LinkedIn twitter

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Consumerization

- Personal smart phones, tablets,… enter the workplace, not provisioned by company
- March 2011 survey by Vanson Bourne of 300 CIOs of companies with more than 3000 employees
  - 67% concerned about protecting their corporate data since WikiLeaks
  - 78% don't know what devices are connected to the corporate network
  - 77% don't know what data is lurking on all of those devices.
  - 33% can track these devices
  - 50% can secure these devices should they be lost or stolen
  - 75% "security headaches" are actually caused by the mobile devices

- http://www.mformation.com/mformation-news/press-releases/cios-raise-security-concerns-around-backdoor-mobile-devices

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Cloud security: is it different?

- What's the same
  - can do intrusion detection/monitoring
  - can encrypt stored data
  - availability? Service/network/power - SLA
- What's different
  - AV could be easier
  - pen testing?
  - forensics?
  - personnel security
  - localization
- Privacy
- Large and attractive target
  - What if someone takes over the infrastructure management?

VMWare isn't an additional security layer, it's just another layer to find bugs in [Kostya Kortchinsky]

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Largest (known) privacy breaches

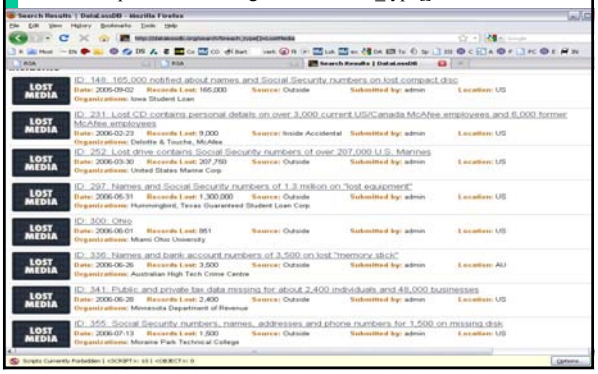
http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/worlds-biggest-data-breaches-hacks/

- 152,000,000 2013-09-17 Adobe
- 145,000,000 2014-02/03 Ebay
- 130,000,000 2009-01-20 Heartland Payment Systems
- 94,000,000 2007-01-17 TJX Companies Inc.
- 90,000,000 1984-06-01 TRW, Sears Roebuck
- 77,000,000 2011-04-26 Sony Corporation (120 MEURO)
- 76,000,000 2014-07-?? JP Morgan
- 76,000,000 2009-10-01National Archives and Records Administration
- 70,000,000 2014-12-19 Target credit card data
- 50,000,000 2013-04-07 LivingSocial (daily deals)
- 50,000,000 2013-03-02 Evernote
- 40,000,000 2005-06-19 CardSystems, Visa, MasterCard, Amex
- 35,000,000 2011-07-28 SK Communications, Nate, Cyworld
- 32,000,000 2009-12-14 RockYou Inc.
- 26,500,000 2006-05-22 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 25,000,000 2007-11-20 HM Revenue and Customs, TNT (CD)

"only" 10K-500K in individual health care breaches (total a few million)

Data loss: lost media

http://datalossdb.org/search?breach_type[]=LostMedia



Privacy and technology

- search engines
- XML
- biometry
- location (GSM!!, GPS)
- printers
- DRM
- spyware and cookies
- huge databases
- data mining
- video cameras
- RFID

- PET: Privacy Enhancing Technologies
- proxies
- pseudonyms
- cryptology
- mixes
- credentials

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Privacy violations

http://panopticlick.eff.org/

http://wtikay.com/docs/details.html

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Security for everyone

key escrow

Government

Users

privacy

Industry

DRM

warning: this is an oversimplification – e.g. privacy is a security property

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The privacy debate

- user: convenience and improved service
- businesses:
  - protect company assets (email, DRM)
  - price discrimination
- law enforcement: fraud, theft, stalking, counterfeiting
- national security
- privacy is essential for a democracy
- legislation
- technology

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Business perspective on security

Direct Losses
- theft
  - money
  - confidential information
  - computer resources
- productivity loss
  - data corruption
  - recovery and continuity

Indirect losses
- secondary loss
  - sales
  - competitive advantage
  - brand
- legal exposure
  - privacy regulations
  - legal obligations
  - contract breach

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U.S. E-commerce (retail)

Q3 2014:
- e-commerce (retail): 78 B$
- total (retail) commerce: 1.185 B$

Taking a step backwards

- computer security research is about 40 years old
- thousands of researchers, ten thousands of scientific articles, thousands of security products and services
  - Gartner: security services spending 35 B$ in 2011
- increased accountability [Sarbanes-Oxley '02] [Basel II '04]
- critical infrastructure protection

[Adi Shamir '07] We are winning yesterday's information security battles, but we are losing the war. Security gets worse by a factor of 2 every year.

Somehow humanity can deal with imperfect systems

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IT environment

Walled fortress
- closed doors, physical isolation
- security as protection
- defend data, networks and systems

Open metropolis
- open, unbounded, interconnected
- trust as an enabler
- share content and resources
- protect data

Feudal system
- impose central rules
- data for protection
- loss of control

Complexity of technology

- IC: 2 B transistors
- Windows/Linux: 20-200 M lines of code
- Application: 1-20 M lines of code
- Internet: 3 B computers/tablets
- Mobile phones: 6 B

- Securing a complex system: difficult, expensive and slow
- Fast evolution of ICT world

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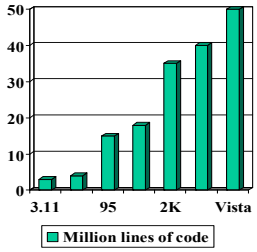
Complexity and security do not mix

- O/S
- network architecture
- applications
- mobile code
- services: XML, SOAP, VoIP
- always on connections
- IP everywhere



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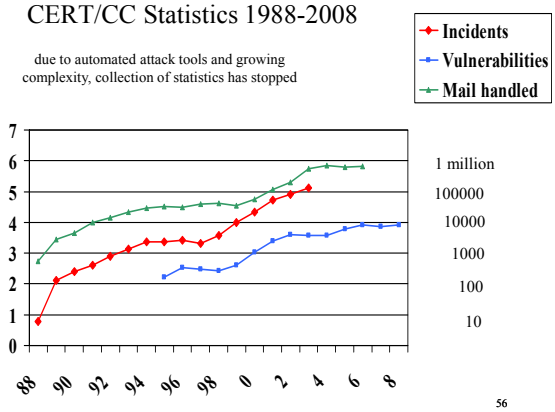
CERT/CC Statistics 1988-2008

due to automated attack tools and growing complexity, collection of statistics has stopped



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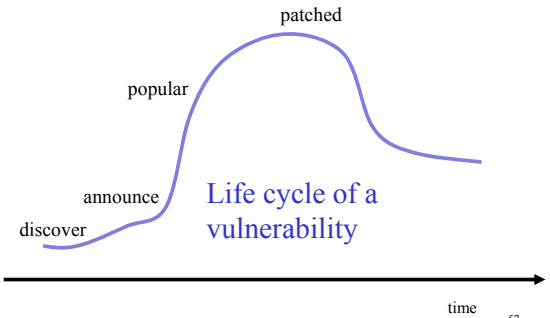
Source: CERT 2008

Window of exposure



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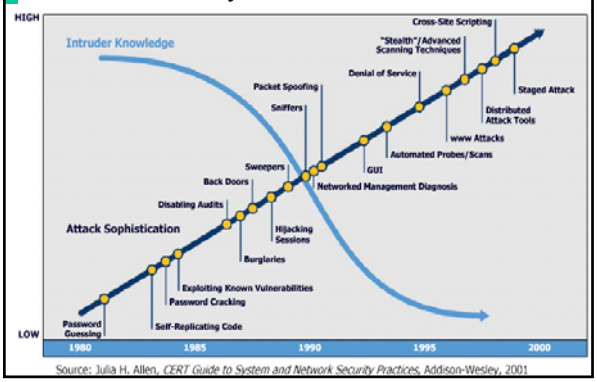
Intruder knowledge vs. attack sophistication asymmetric warfare



Source: Julia H. Allen, *CERT Guide to System and Network Security Practices*, Addison-Wesley, 2001

Nature of threat has changed

- From hacking for fun or bragging rights to hacking for money to hacking by governments
- Underground ecosystem
  - Tools to create malware and find vulnerabilities
  - Finding vulnerabilities and writing exploits
  - Using exploits to get valuable data
    - credit cards, social security numbers, company secrets
  - Turning bits into money: credit card scams, money mules, blackmailing

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Legal complexity

- Legislation is national
  - compliance drives security
- Industry is in part national
- Attackers operation on a worldwide scale
- International coordination suboptimal
  - NATO, OECD, Council of Europe, EU (ENISA)
- Militarization of cybersecurity?

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Economic problems

- in ICT world: market share is more important than security
  - Success requires 40-80% adoption
- market of lemons: user cannot distinguish between secure and insecure products
- players do not want to pay for security or privacy of others ("tragedy of the commons"): market failure
  - botnets
  - payment systems
  - software exploits

R. Anderson: Why Information Security is Hard. An Economic Perspective, 2006, http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~rja14/econsec.html
R. Anderson, R. Böhme, R. Clayton, T. Moore, Security Economics and the Internal Market, report for ENISA, 2008

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Humans have problems making security decisions

- always a tradeoff
  - Security costs time, memory, effort
- humans are very bad at making e-security decisions
  - our brains have developed to take security decisions in the African highlands about 100,000 years ago
    - "stay or flee" reflex in amygdala (very fast)
    - heuristics in neocortex
- large gap between being secure and feeling secure
  - exploited by politics and marketing

"any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic" [Arthur C Clarke 1961]

B. Schneier, The Psychology of Security, 2008, http://www.schneier.com/essay-155.pdf

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How do we judge risks?

overestimate	underestimate
• spectacular	• daily
• rare	• frequent
• personal	• anonymous
• outside our control	• under our control
• in the news	• unmentioned
• intentional	• natural
• Immediate	• long term
• new and unfamiliar	• familiar
• w.r.t. kids and loves ones	• w.r.t. ourselves

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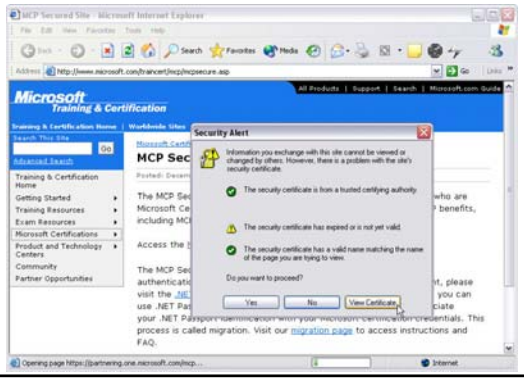
Usability issues



From risk avoidance to risk management

- accept the risk
- reduce risk with technology
- reduce risk with procedures
- reduce risk with insurance
- reduce risk with disclaimers
- transfer the risk

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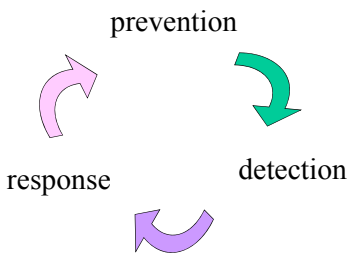
Process approach to security



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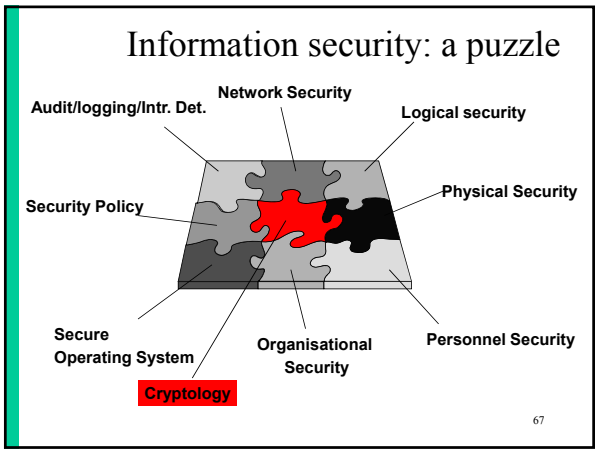
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