

IT Vulnerabilities, Tech Exploits, and Cyber Defenses



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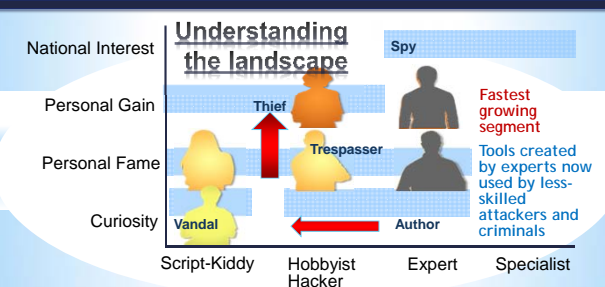
Overview



- Settings & Limitations
- Equipment/Software
- Vulnerabilities & Attacks
- Human Error
- New Horizons

Setting

Understanding the landscape



Motivations: National Interest, Personal Gain, Personal Fame, Curiosity

Roles: Script-Kiddy, Hobbyist Hacker, Expert, Specialist

Activities: Vandal, Thief, Trespasser, Author, Spy

Notes: Fastest growing segment; Tools created by experts now used by less-skilled attackers and criminals

How **SAFE** are you?

Entity	Year	Records	Type	Method
Yahoo	2013/14	1,200,000,000	web	hacked
Deep Root Analytics (RNC)	2017	200,000,000	web	accidentally published
Adobe Systems	2013	152,000,000	tech	hacked
Equifax	2017	143,000,000	financial	hacked
Sony	2011	77,000,000	gaming	hacked
JP Morgan Chase	2014	76,000,000	financial	hacked
Target Corporation	2014	70,000,000	retail	hacked
Commission on Elections	2016	55,000,000	government	hacked
U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs	2008	26,500,000	government, military	lost / stolen computer
Taobao	2016	20,000,000	retail	hacked
Vodafone	2013	2,000,000	telecoms	inside job

Physical Environment

Shared use

Physical servers

Virtual servers

Printers

Individual use

Desktops / Smartphones / tablets

Network equipment

Managed / Unmanaged

ISPs

WiFi Access points

Audio Visual

IP phones

Signage

Smart Devices

IP Cameras / TV / DVR

MVAC

Internet of things (IoT) devices

**All devices and Oses are susceptible.



Private key will be destroyed on:
13/06/2018
08:42
Time left:
71:59:13

Your personal files are encrypted!

Your important files **encryption** produced on this computer: photos, videos, documents, etc. [Here](#) is a complete list of encrypted files, and you can personally verify this.

Encryption was produced using a **unique public key RSA_2048** generated for this computer. To decrypt files you need to obtain the **private key**.

The **Single Copy** of the private key, which will allow you to decrypt the files, located on a secret server on the internet; the server will **destroy** the key after a time specified in this window. After that, **subonly and never will be able** to restore files.

To **obtain** the private key for this computer, which will automatically decrypt files, you need to pay 300 USD / 300 EUR / similar amount in another currency.


Click «Next» to select the method of payment and the currency.

Any attempt to **restore or damage** this software will lead to the **immediate destruction** of the private key by server.

Attacks, Tools and Terminology

Denial of Service (DoS)


- Denial of Service or (DoS) or Distributed Denial of Service Attacks (DDoS)
- Deny service to the intended machine or network resource
- Can originate from multiple sources
- Made famous by "hacktivists"
- Defenses?



**2017 WannaCry DDoS attack affected IIS on legacy XP and 2003 systems

Network Attacks

SQL Injection



Defenses:

- Run database service account with minimal rights
- Disable commands like xp_cmdshell
- Suppress all error messages
- Use custom error messages
- Use low privileged account for DB connection
- Filter all client data
- Use only stored procedures to validate user input
- Use SQL Injection Detection tools

Malware Defense Techniques

Defense best practices

- Update software**
 - Patches, Hotfixes
 - Firmware updates
- Antivirus software**
 - Utilize a firewall
 - Install anti-malware software
- Use trusted sources.**
 - Vetted Vendors
 - Not all App stores are created equal
- Watch what you click.**
 - Adware / TLD
 - Suspicious links
 - Suspicious attachments
- Logical security**
 - Restrict access
 - Segregate networks, VLANs

Activity - Identify the Dangers

Smart TVs IP cameras VoIP phones Printers

Voice recognition software HVAC Cable / Satellite POS

Wireless Network Attacks

Packet Sniffing / AP impersonation

Types of attacks:

- DHCP Attacks
- ARP Poisoning
- Spoofing / Evil Twin
- DNS Poisoning
- Password Capture
- Wireless pivots

Network Hacking Tools

Packet Analyzers

Activity - Wireshark Demo



Protocols Vulnerable to Sniffing

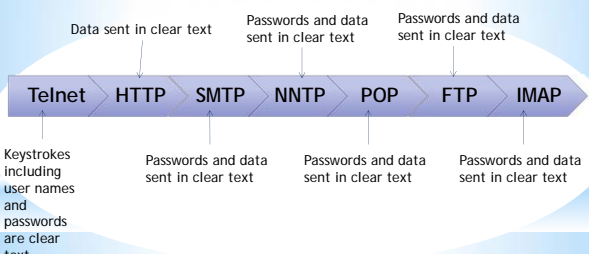


Diagram illustrating protocols vulnerable to sniffing:

- Telnet: Keystrokes including user names and passwords are clear text
- HTTP: Data sent in clear text
- SMTP: Passwords and data sent in clear text
- NNTP: Passwords and data sent in clear text
- POP: Passwords and data sent in clear text
- FTP: Passwords and data sent in clear text
- IMAP: Passwords and data sent in clear text


Packet Sniffing Defenses

- Restrict physical access to the network.
- Use encryption.
- Use MAC addresses.
- Use static IP address and static APR
- Turn off network identification broadcasts (ESSIS / BSSID)
- Use IPv6 instead of IPv4 protocol.
- Avoid outdated Access Point encryption methods such as WEP encryption!

Network Hacking Tools/Methods

"Password recovery" tools.
(Aka. Cracking)

- Hashcat
- Cain
- Aircrack-ng



Cracking Continued

Brute Force
0001
0002
0003
Test

Attack types

Mask attack
password
Password
Password1
Password1@

Dictionary List
pass
12345
omg
Test


Combinator

Output
passpass
pass12345
passomg
passTest
12345pass
1234512345
12345omg
12345Test
omgpass
omg12345
omgomg
omgTest
Testpass
Test12345
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Cracking Continued

Hash Decryption


- MD4, MD5
- SHA1
- SHA-256, SHA-512
- SHA-3 (Keccak)
- OSX v10.10
- AIX (ssha512)
- Cisco-ASA MD5
- Juniper IVE
- Samsung Android Password/PIN
- Windows Phone 8+ PIN/password
- PDF 1.7 Level 8 (Acrobat 10 - 11)
- MS Office 2013
- Bitcoin/Litecoin wallet.dat
- Blockchain, My Wallet, etc.


 **Human Error**

Carelessness

Example of June 2017 publishing of data on 200 million US citizens by Deep Root analytics

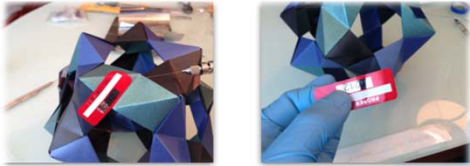
Data was left exposed on a database in an unsecured, publicly accessible Amazon Web Services S3 bucket




 **Human Error – Tamper Proof**

Note: A tremendous variety of seals can be removed and reapplied with only:

- Naphtha
- Syringe
- X-Acto knife
- Nitrile gloves



 **Human Error–Social Engineering**

The art of convincing people to reveal confidential information.

Phases in a Social Engineering Attack

- **Research Target Company**
Dumpster diving, websites, employees, tour company, etc.
- **Select Victim**
Identify a frustrated employee
- **Develop Relationship**
Build some type of personal relationship with the selected employee
- **Exploit**
Collect sensitive personal information (kids' names, birthdays), financial information or current company technologies

Human Error-Social Engineering

Phishing

- > Designed to fraudulently obtain private information
- > Generally, does not involve personal contact, usually legitimate looking E-mail, websites, or other electronic means are involved in phishing attacks. (ie. QR codes, USB thumb drives, etc)

Human Error-Social Engineering

Dumpster Diving / Trashing

Large amounts of information can be collected through company trash, such as:

- company phone books - organizational charts - memos - system
- calendars of meetings - events and vacations - company policy manuals
- printouts of sensitive data or login names and passwords - printouts of source code
- disks and tapes - company letterhead and memo forms - outdated hardware

Human Error-Social Engineering

Persuasion

Hackers employ social engineering from a psychological point-of-view


Basic methods include:

- > impersonation
- > conformity
- > diffusion of responsibility (Not my job)
- > plain old friendliness

Human Error-Social Engineering


On-Line Social Engineering

- > The Internet is fertile ground for social engineers looking to harvest passwords
- > Many users often repeat the use of one simple password on every account: Yahoo, Travelocity, Gap.com, etc.
- > Once the hacker has one password, he or she can probably get into multiple accounts
- > Large amounts of personal data are on the social sites as well



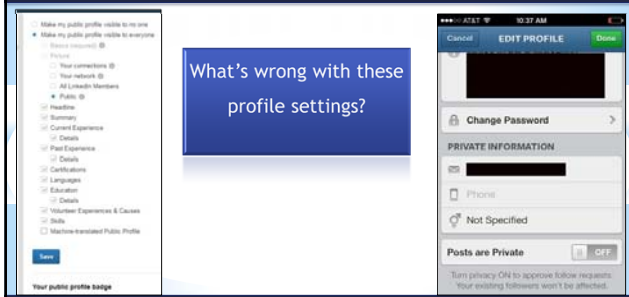
Human Error - Social Media

Tips for securing your online profile



- > Carefully choose your audience. (Friends, friends of friends, public)
- > Use a Secret Email Address
- > Secure Those Security Questions
- > Set Up Login Notifications (dual factor auth)
- > Don't link accounts

Activity - Identify the Problem(s)



What's wrong with these profile settings?

Activity - Identify the Problem(s)

The screenshot shows the Facebook Privacy Settings and Tools page. The left sidebar contains navigation options: General, Security and Login, Privacy (selected), Timeline and Tagging, Blocking, Language, Notifications, Mobile, Public Posts, Apps, Ads, Payments, Support Inbox, and Videos. The main content area is titled 'Privacy Settings and Tools' and includes several sections with settings and 'Edit' links:

- Who can see my stuff?**
 - Who can see your future posts? Public Edit
 - Who can see your friends list? Friends Edit
 - Review all your posts and things you're tagged in Use Activity Log
 - Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public? Limit Past Posts
- Who can contact me?**
 - Who can send you friend requests? Everyone Edit
- Who can look me up?**
 - Who can look you up using the email address you provided? Everyone Edit
 - Who can look you up using the phone number you provided? Everyone Edit
 - Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile? Yes Edit

Ways to Mitigate IT Threats

The diagram consists of five blue chevron-shaped boxes pointing to the right, each containing a strategy and its sub-points:

- Know your assets**
 - What kind of data
 - Where is it
- Know your people**
 - Who has access
- Monitor activity**
 - Look at logs
 - Decrypted analysis tools.
- Apply analytics**
 - Visualization
 - Correlation
 - Pattern discovery
- Conduct forensic and root-cause analysis**

On the Horizon

Blockchains, Bitcoin, Ether, and Crypto-currencies

What are blockchains?

- > Blockchain is to Bitcoin, what the internet is to email
- > A large electronic system on which you can build applications.
- > A distributed database that is used to maintain a continuously growing list of records, called blocks.
- > A peer-to-peer network collectively adhering to a protocol for validating new blocks.
- > Data is stored across, processed, and validated by the devices across the network.

On the Horizon

Bitcoin

- Crypto currency
- Peer to peer electronic cash system
- No reserve no backing
- High degree of anonymity
- Code not an ID represents digital signature

- Bitcoin is one particular application of blockchain technology.

- The act of verifying the transactions "the chain" generates new bitcoins for the verifier.

On the Horizon

Etherium and Smart Contracts

> Ethereum is a usage of blockchain technology. Mining ether cryptocurrency

> Ethereum focuses on running the programming code of a decentralized application not just currency.

> Smart Contracts are self operating computer programs that operate on the blockchain.

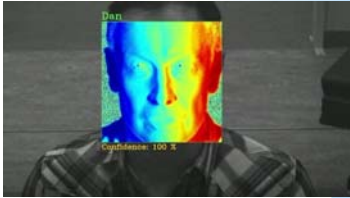
Uses and **Dangers** of (Dapp) Decentralized applications:

- > Not controlled by individual
- > Immutable, zero downtime, tamperproof
- > Difficult to correct.
- > Private blockchains potentially susceptible to group corruption


On the Horizon



Facial recognition

- > Rapidly evolving technology
- > Benefits of combating theft, trafficking
- > Used for biometric identification and eventually payments
- > Potentially combined with other tech such as drones




Source: <http://www.bbc.com>


 On the Horizon

 **RFID scanning and cloning** 

Dangers for:
Key FOBs
HID (Human Interface device)

Mainstream:
Cheap / portable
How-to instructions are plentiful

 On the Horizon

 **Air gapping, Li-Fi and other non-traditional data transfer methods and networks**


More common examples:
> Air Hopper
> NSA standard TEMPEST
> Origins with techniques like Van Eck phreaking (displaying output from a closed network monitor)

Can utilize:
- Acoustic - Air Hopper uses laptop speakers and mic
- Light - LiFi
- Magnetic - monitor radiation
- Seismic
- Thermal
- Radio-frequency
- Physical media

 On the Horizon

Honeypots <http://map.norsecorp.com/#/>



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