Cryptography and Network Security Chapter 1

Chapter 1 – Introduction

The art of war teaches us to rely not on the likelihood of the enemy's not coming, but on our own readiness to receive him; not on the chance of his not attacking, but rather on the fact that we have made our position unassailable.

—The Art of War, Sun Tzu

Background

- Information Security requirements have changed in recent times
- traditionally provided by physical and administrative mechanisms
- computer use requires automated tools to protect files and other stored information
- use of networks and communications links requires measures to protect data during transmission

Definitions

- Computer Security generic name for the collection of tools designed to protect data and to thwart hackers
- Network Security measures to protect data during their transmission
- Internet Security measures to protect data during their transmission over a collection of interconnected networks

Aim of Course

 > our focus is on Internet Security
 > which consists of measures to deter, prevent, detect, and correct security violations that involve the transmission & storage of information



Security Trends



OSI Security Architecture

 ITU-T X.800 "Security Architecture for OSI"
 defines a systematic way of defining and providing security requirements
 for us it provides a useful, if abstract, overview of concepts we will study



Aspects of Security

- > consider 3 aspects of information security:
 - security attack
 - security mechanism
 - security service

Security Attack

- > any action that compromises the security of information owned by an organization
- information security is about how to prevent attacks, or failing that, to detect attacks on information-based systems
- often threat & attack used to mean same thing
- have a wide range of attacks
- > can focus of generic types of attacks
 - passive
 - active

Passive Attacks



Active Attacks



Security Service

- enhance security of data processing systems and information transfers of an organization
- intended to counter security attacks
- using one or more security mechanisms
- often replicates functions normally associated with physical documents
 - which, for example, have signatures, dates; need protection from disclosure, tampering, or destruction; be notarized or witnessed; be recorded or licensed

Security Services

> X.800:

"a service provided by a protocol layer of communicating open systems, which ensures adequate security of the systems or of data transfers"

> RFC 2828:

"a processing or communication service provided by a system to give a specific kind of protection to system resources"

Security Services (X.800)

- Authentication assurance that the communicating entity is the one claimed
- Access Control prevention of the unauthorized use of a resource
- Data Confidentiality –protection of data from unauthorized disclosure
- Data Integrity assurance that data received is as sent by an authorized entity
- Non-Repudiation protection against denial by one of the parties in a communication

Security Mechanism

- Feature designed to detect, prevent, or recover from a security attack
- > no single mechanism that will support all services required
- however one particular element underlies many of the security mechanisms in use:
 cryptographic techniques
 hence our focus on this topic

Security Mechanisms (X.800)

» specific security mechanisms:

 encipherment, digital signatures, access controls, data integrity, authentication exchange, traffic padding, routing control, notarization

pervasive security mechanisms:

 trusted functionality, security labels, event detection, security audit trails, security recovery

Model for Network Security



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using this model requires us to:

- design a suitable algorithm for the security transformation
- 2. generate the secret information (keys) used by the algorithm
- 3. develop methods to distribute and share the secret information
- specify a protocol enabling the principals to use the transformation and secret information for a security service

Model for Network Access Security



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- using this model requires us to:
 - select appropriate gatekeeper functions to identify users
 - 2. implement security controls to ensure only authorised users access designated information or resources
- trusted computer systems may be useful to help implement this model

Summary

have considered:

definitions for:
computer, network, internet security

X.800 standard
security attacks, services, mechanisms
models for network (access) security