# THREATS TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS



## Threats to information systems

- Hardware failure
- Fire
- Software failure
- Electrical problems
- Personnel actions
- User errors
- Access penetration, program changes
- Theft of data, services, equipment
- Telecommunications problems



## What is a Computer Virus?

- A software program
- Difficult to detect
- Spreads rapidly
- Destroys data
- Disrupts processing & memory
- Can ONLY catch a virus by running a program
- All computer viruses are man-made





# Virus Found!

Scanning Information

Started: Manually 6/10/2005 4:18:17 PM

Ended: 6/10/2005 4:18:17 PM

Objects scanned: 5

Errors: 0

Display Test configuration

Virus statistics

Infected: 3

Healed: 0

Moved to Virus Vault: 0

Deleted: 0





## Virus Alert



Norton AntiVirus has detected and removed a virus from your computer.

Object Name: C:\DOCUME~1\Ranjeet \LOCALS~1\Temp\2t99k.dll

Virus Name: Bloodhound.Packed.Jmp

Action Taken: The file was automatically deleted.



• There are viruses that can simply display annoying messages on your computer screen and go away. On the other hand, there are viruses that can cause real harm to your computer by wiping out all information on your hard drive or changing all your file extensions.

• Viruses are becoming more prevalent because they can spread rapidly around the world by the click of a mouse.

# Basic virus terminology

#### Worm

 Special type of virus that can replicate itself and use memory, but cannot attach itself to other programs. Uses computer networks to replicate itself.

### Trojan Horse

 A computer program that installs malicious software under the guise of doing something else.
 Trojan Horses do not reproduce automatically.



## A Trojan Horse Was Found!



There is no reason to worry, though, avast! has stopped the malware before it could enter your computer. When you click on the "Abort connection" button, the download of the dangerous file will be canceled.

File name: http://www13.plala.or.jp/setfsb/download/beta/setfsbU15a3\_P5W

Malware name: Win32:Killwin-F [Tri]

Malware type: Trojan Horse

VPS version: 0634-0, 21/08/2006

**Processing** 

Abort connection

http://www.avast.com

Fill in our virus report to help us

#### Virus Detected!



Mail scanner detected a virus.

Mail Scan-

Subject: A special excite game

Virus name: WORM\_KLEZ.H

From: user <user@company.com>

Action when virus found: Unable to clean. The file was deleted.

Close Emergency Lock

#### Spyware

- Spyware is a small program or piece of code that is secretly installed on your computer and designed to "spy" on your online activity and/or personal information.
- It also interferes with user control of the computer in other ways, such as installing additional software, redirecting Web browser activity etc.

#### Symptoms-

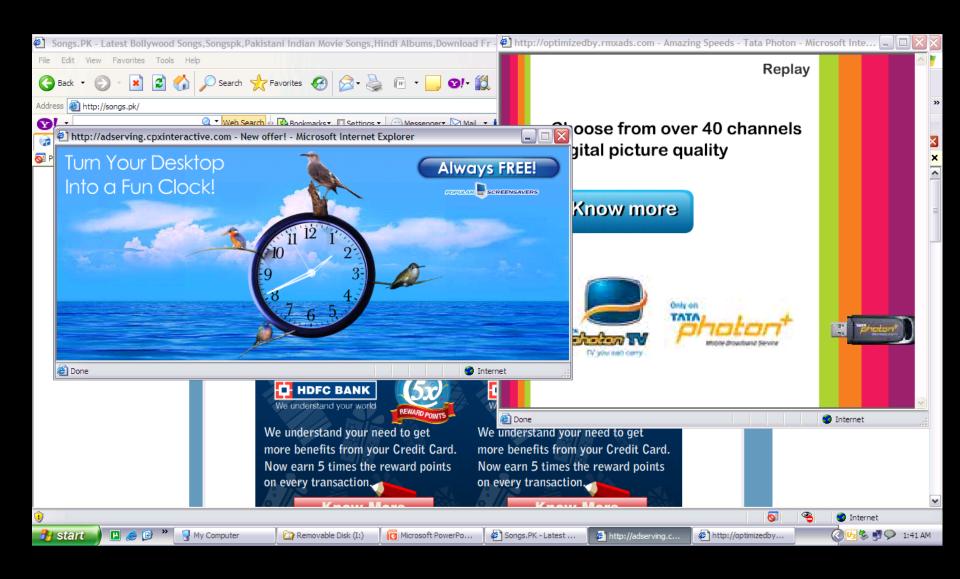
- Your computer is running much slower than usual.
- Your computer takes a lot longer to boot up than it used to.
- You see a lot of activity on your network connection.

### Adware (Spyware's close cousin)

- Adware tracks your browsing habits, the type of ads you click on, bookmarks you make and other similar online activities.
- Because adware's purpose is designed to get you to perform an action, it is much easier to recognize than spyware.

#### Symptoms-

- − Pop-up ads that won't quit.
- A hijacked browser home page.
- Search results that make no sense Clicking on the links here will install spyware on your PC.



## Other computer viruses

- Concept, Melissa:
  - Word documents, e-mail. Deletes files
- Form:
  - Makes clicking sound, corrupts data
- Explore.exe:
  - Attached to e-mail, tries to e-mail to others, destroys files
- Monkey:
  - Windows won't run
- Chernobyl:
  - Erases hard drive, ROM bios
- JUNKIE:
  - Infects files, boot sector, memory conflicts

#### Antivirus software

- Software to detect viruses
- Eliminate viruses
- Advanced versions run in memory to protect processing, guard against viruses on disks, and on incoming network files
- All major anti-virus software includes an "e-mail scan" feature that will check your e-mail attachments for viruses before you open the attachments.

#### SECURITY AND THE INTERNET

#### • ENCRYPTION:

Coding & scrambling messages to deny unauthorized access

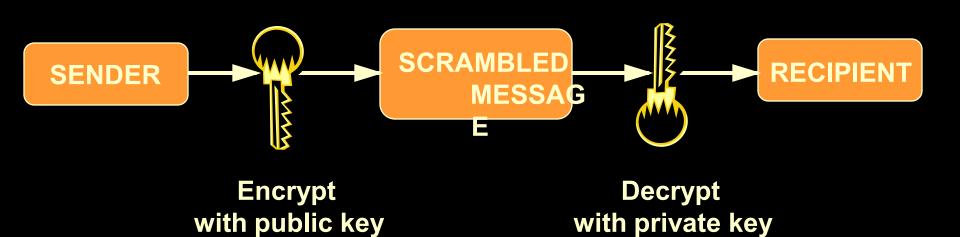
#### • AUTHENTICATION:

Ability to identify another party



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#### PUBLIC KEY ENCRYPTION



## Principles of a Simple Cryptography

Substitution

THIS IS A SECRET (key n=3) WKLV LV D VHFUHW

Transposition
 THIS IS A SECRET (key 4213)
 IHSTSI S EAERTC

# Caesar Cipher

#### ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Rotate 13 points

NOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLM

### THE GOTHS COMETH

(Plaintext)

$$(n=13)$$

GUR TAFUE PAYRFU

(Ciphertext)

# Rotating Key Cipher

- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
- BCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA
- CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB
- DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC
- EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD
- FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE
- GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEF
- HIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD...

## General Principles

- Longer keys make better ciphers
- Random keys make better ciphers
- Good ciphers produce "random" ciphertext
- Best keys are used once and thrown away

# THANK YOU