

Security Requirements, Services, and Mechanisms

CMSC 426 – Computer Security

Outline

- Functional Requirements (FIPS PUB 200)
- Security Architecture (X.800)
- Security Trends
- Security Strategy

Security Functional Requirements

FIPS PUB 200

- 17 Functional Requirements
 - 4 Primarily Technical
 - 10 Primarily Managerial
 - 3 Mixed (Technical and Managerial)

Can't ignore Security Management!

Technical Requirements

- Access Control
 - Users, processes, devices
- Identification & Authentication
 - Users, processes, devices
- System & Communication Protection
 - Monitor, control, protect
- System & Information Integrity
 - Identify, report, correct

Managerial Requirements

- Awareness & Training
- Audit & Accountability
- Certification, Accreditation, & Assessments
- Contingency Planning
- Maintenance
- Physical & Environmental Protection
- Planning
- Personnel Security
- Risk Assessment
- Systems & Service Acquisition

Mixed Requirements

- Configuration Management
- Incident Response
 - Detection, analysis, containment; track, document, report
- Media Protection
 - Electronic and paper media

Security Architecture (X.800)

OSI - Basic Terms

- A *security attack* is any action that compromises the security of information owned by an organization.
- A *security mechanism* is designed to detect, prevent, or recover from a security attack.
- A *security service* enhances the security of the data processing systems and the information transfers of an organization. Makes use of one or more security mechanisms.

- Security services and mechanisms are defined in ITU-T Recommendation X.800.
- A copy of this document is linked from the website.
- Let's take a look...

Example: Access Control

- *Access Control* is a security service. For a networked system, it will require one or more of the following mechanisms:
 - Access Control (mechanisms)
 - Authentication Exchange
 - Security Audit Trail

Exercise

- *Connection Confidentiality* is a service that provides confidentiality of all user data on a connection.
- **What security mechanisms may be required to provide this service?**

See the list of security mechanisms in section 5.3 of the X.800 document.

- We can map all the security services to one or more security mechanisms.
- We can also map network security attacks to security services or mechanisms.
- Network security attacks are listed in Table 1.2 in S&B there's also a list of threats and consequences from RFC 2828 linked from the website.
- Example: *Connection Confidentiality* (service) prevents *Interception* (attack).

Exercise

- *Connection Integrity with Recovery* provides for the integrity of all user data on a connection, detects modification, and attempts recovery.
- **What attacks does this service prevent?**

Security Trends

Threat Trends

- Trends for 2005 - 2010; from Computer Security Institute Survey 2010/2011.
- 350 companies, non-profits, and public sector organizations.

On the rise...

- Three categories of threat on the rise:
 - Malware infections experienced by more than 65% of surveyed organizations.
 - Phishing attacks experienced by nearly 40% of surveyed organizations.
 - Bots on network experienced by nearly 30% of surveyed organizations.

On the decline...

- Most notable declining threats:
 - *Insider abuse of access or email* fell drastically but still experienced by ~25% of surveyed organizations.
 - *Laptop/mobile device theft* declined but still reported by ~35% of organizations.
 - *Denial of Service* fell in 2010; may be an anomaly. Reported by more than 15% of organizations.

Countermeasure Trends

- Top three (>80% of organizations)
 - Anti-virus software
 - Firewall
 - Anti-spyware software
- Bottom five (<40% of organizations)
 - Public Key Infrastructure
 - Smart cards and security tokens
 - Specialized wireless security
 - Virtualization-specific tools
 - Biometrics

Security Strategy

Three Aspects

- Specification / policy - what is the security scheme supposed to do?
- Implementation / mechanisms - how does it do it?
- Correctness / assurance - does it really work?

Security Policy

- A *security policy* can be...
 - An informal description of desired system behavior
 - A formal statement of rules and practices
 - Something in between

Policy Considerations

- Value of assets being protected
- Vulnerabilities of the system
- Potential threats and likelihood of attacks
- **Ease of use vs. security**
- **Cost of security vs. failure and recovery**

Implementation Considerations

- *Prevention* of attacks. An ideal scheme would provide complete protection.
- *Detection* of attacks. Perfect security is not achievable, so detection is essential.
- *Response* to attacks. If an attack is detected, the system must be able to respond.
- *Recovery* from attacks. In the event of a successful attack, it must be possible to restore the system to normal operation.

Assurance

- Assurance is the degree of confidence one has that security measures work as intended.
- “Does the security system design satisfy the requirements?”
- “Does the implementation meet its specifications?”
- Assurance is achieved through continual assessment of the systems specifications and implementation.

Evaluation

- Evaluation is the process of examining a computer product or system with respect to a certain criteria.
- Evaluation includes:
 - Technical Analysis - can be quite deep
 - Development of Criteria

Next time: Buffer Overflow
