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Cryptography and Network Security

Unit-01 Introduction

Unit 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
- consists of measures to deter, prevent, detect, and correct security violations that involve the transmission of information

Services, Mechanisms, Attacks

- need systematic way to define requirements
- consider three aspects of information security:
 - security attack
 - security mechanism
 - security service
- consider in reverse order

Security Service

- is something that enhances the security of the data processing systems and the information transfers of an organization
- intended to counter security attacks
- make use of one or more security mechanisms to provide the service
- replicate functions normally associated with physical documents
 - eg have signatures, dates; need protection from disclosure, tampering, or destruction; be notarized or witnessed; be recorded or licensed

Security Mechanism

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

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
- have a wide range of attacks
- can focus of generic types of attacks
- note: often threat & attack mean same

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

Security Services

- X.800 defines it as: a service provided by a protocol layer of communicating open systems, which ensures adequate security of the systems or of data transfers
- RFC 2828 defines it as: a processing or communication service provided by a system to give a specific kind of protection to system resources
- X.800 defines it in 5 major categories

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 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

Classify Security Attacks as

- **passive attacks** eavesdropping on, or monitoring of, transmissions to:
 - obtain message contents, or
 - monitor traffic flows
- active attacks modification of data stream to:
 - masquerade of one entity as some other
 - replay previous messages
 - modify messages in transit
 - denial of service

Model for Network Security



Model for Network Security

- using this model requires us to:
 - design a suitable algorithm for the security transformation
 - generate the secret information (keys) used by the algorithm
 - 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



Model for Network Access Security

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

Summary

- have considered:
 - computer, network, internet security def's
 - security services, mechanisms, attacks
 - X.800 standard
 - models for network (access) security

