





Overview



- What is systems security
- Adding Internet to the mix
- Infrastructure hacking
- Companies and governments
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What is systems security



- Security is the state of being free from danger or threat
- Systems security is the practice of controlling which processes can be executed on a specific system, and by whom. It limits possibilities.
- Control, system transparency, autonomy and sovereignty
- Software, hardware & users.

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Adding Internet to the mix



- What allows the Internet to be open and innovative is also what poses risks
- We're using the same infrastructure to do many different things at the same time.
- Who is responsible for what?



Adding Internet to the mix (RFC1281)



- The Internet is a voluntary network, operated on a collaborative basis
- Each participating network takes responsibility for its own operation. Service providers, private network operators, users and vendors all cooperate to keep the system functioning. Often on a best effort basis (depending on contracts)
- It is important to recognize that the voluntary nature of the Internet system is both its strength and, perhaps, its most fragile aspect.



Adding Internet to the mix (issues)



- Privacy and security are important and recognized parts of the network on a protocol and standards basis.
- But it's only as secure as its implementation
- There are some issues (examples):
 - Confidentiality (heartbleed / SSL)
 - Integrity (packet injections / QUANTUM)
 - Availability (DDoS)
 - Leaky servers (passwords, ports, code)
 - Users



SCADA



- Supervisory control and data acquisition
- Type of industrial control system
- Bridges, power plants, water filtration plants, waste systems, electricity grids, gas and oil pipelines and refineries
- 99% of these systems are connected to the Internet. Why?
 - Unintentionally because of bad firewall settings
 - Because with the Internet, you don't need to build your own infrastructure



SCADA II



- The level of security is generally very low
- Many of the systems that were tested can be exploited with standard metasploit package
- Running on old machines. A lot still run Windows 2000, Windows 95, Windows XP (upgrade is expensive because of proprietary software (which has serious security implications)
- No hardware control (people plug in their own devices, use standard computers)
- Many of these systems are operated via webinterfaces

SCADA III



- Vulnerabilities are generally found by security researchers, also known as hackers
- Vulnerabilities are shared with big providers:
 - Siemens (by far largest S7 1200 PLC)
 - Emerson
 - Allen-Bradley
 - Rockwell Automation
 - Schneider Electric
 - General Electric



Companies & governments



- Biggest attack to SCADA systems up to now was Stuxnet ullet
 - Worm & Rootkit. Spread via USB device and via network.

Country Infected computers

- 58.85% - Iran
- Indonesia 18.22%
- India 8.31%
- Azerbaijan 2.57%
- United States 1.56%
- Pakistan 1.28%
- Others 92%



4. compromise The worm then compromises the target system's logic controllers. exploiting "zero day" vulnerabilitiessoftware weaknesses that haven't been identified by security experts.

5. control In the beginning, Stuxnet spies on the operations of the targeted system. Then it uses the information it has gathered to

take control of the centrifuges, making

them spin themselves to failure.

6. deceive and destroy

Meanwhile, it provides false feed back to outside controllers, ensuring that they won't know what's going wrong until it's too late to do anything about it.

Companies & governments



- Technology democratizes, once it's out there it can be use by, and against, everyone. It's not a precision tool.
- Malware is copied and recycled.
- Governments work together with companies because they don't have the in-house capacity. Companies do not have the same accountability levels
- Hacking team, Blue Coat, Gamma International, Trovicor

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Other infrastructure



- Border Gateway Protocol
- Domain Name System
- Undersea cables
- Standards
- Providers (Google, Apple, Cisco, etc)



Cyber defense & offense



- Technology democratizes, once it's out there, you cannot get it back
- Defense is still poor, increased capacity is needed. For instance institutionalized penetration tests of infrastructure
- Attribution is a very big problem and risk > Sony
- CIRTs and CSIRTs can help, but this is reactive (the house is already on fire)
- These attacks <u>always</u> impact civilians and the Internet





Cyberweapons do not solve cybersecurity improved security practices do