

# **Operating System Practice**

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#### Advanced Operating System Concepts

- Chapter 10: File System
- Chapter 11: Implementing File-Systems
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- Chapter 13: I/O Systems
- Chapter 14: System Protection
  - Chapter 15: System Security



# Study Items

- Goals of Protection
- Principles of Protection
- Domain of Protection
- Access Matrix
- Implementation of Access Matrix
- Access Control
- Revocation of Access Rights
- Capability-Based Systems
- Language-Based Protection



### **Goals of Protection**

- In one protection model, computer consists of a collection of hardware and software objects
- Each object has a unique name and can be accessed through a well-defined set of operations
- Protection problem is to ensure that each object is accessed correctly and only by those processes that are allowed to do so



### **Principles of Protection**

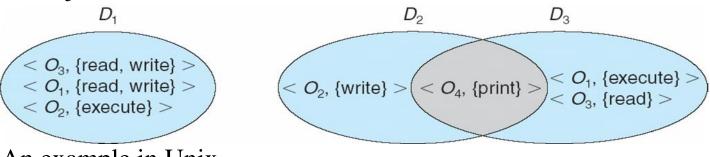
#### Principle of Least Privilege

- Programs, users and systems should be given just enough privileges to perform their tasks
- Limits damage if entity has a bug or gets abused
- Principle of Need-to-Know
  - At any time, a process should be able to access only those resources that it currently requires to complete its task



#### **Domain Structure**

- A domain = a set of access-rights
- Access-right = <object-name, rights-set> where rights-set is a subset of all valid operations that can be performed on the object

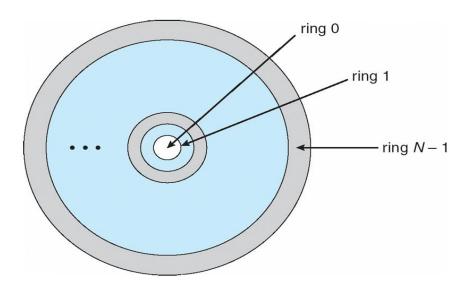


- An example in Unix
  - Domain = user-id
  - When setuid = on, then user-id is set to owner of the file being executed
  - Domain switch accomplished via passwords
    - su command temporarily switches to another user's domain
    - sudo command prefix executes specified command in another



#### **MULTICS Ring Structure**

- Let  $D_i$  and  $D_j$  be any two domain rings
  - If j < i then  $D_i \subseteq D_j$
- Problem:
  - Process A can access object X but should not access object Y
  - Process B can access object Y but should not access object X





#### Access Matrix

- The entry access(*i*,*j*) defines the set of operations that a process executing in domain D<sub>i</sub> can invoke on object O<sub>i</sub>
- Switching from domain D<sub>i</sub> to domain D<sub>j</sub> is allowed if and only if the access right switch ∈ access(i, j)

object domain	F <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	laser printer	<i>D</i> <sub>1</sub>	<b>D</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>D</b> <sub>3</sub>	<i>D</i> <sub>4</sub>
<i>D</i> <sub>1</sub>	read		read			switch		
<b>D</b> <sub>2</sub>				print			switch	switch
<i>D</i> <sub>3</sub>		read	execute					
$D_4$	read write		read write		switch			



#### **Access Matrix Operations**

- Allowing controlled change in the contents of the access-matrix entries requires three additional operations: copy, owner, and control
- Copy: can copy the access methods to other domains
- Owner: can change the access methods of all domains
- Control: can remove the access methods of all domains



# Implementation of Access Matrix (1/2)

- ▶ Option 1 Global table
  - Store ordered triples < *domain*, *object*, *rights-set* > in table
  - The table could be large  $\rightarrow$  won't fit in main memory
  - Difficult to group objects
    - Consider an object that all domains can read
- Option 2 Access lists for objects
  - Resulting per-object list consists of ordered pairs < *domain*, *rights-set* > defining all domains with non-empty set of access rights for the object
  - Easily extended to contain default set
    - All domains can read an object → set the read operation in the default set



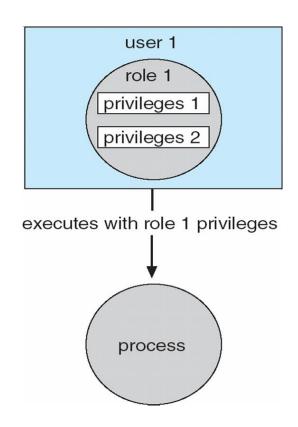
# Implementation of Access Matrix (2/2)

- Option 3 Capability list for domains
  - Instead of object-based, the list is domain based
  - Capability list for domain is a list of objects together with operations allows on them
- Option 4 Lock-key
  - Compromise between access lists and capability lists
  - Each object has a list of unique bit patterns, called locks
  - Each domain has a list of unique bit patterns called keys
  - A process in a domain can access an object if the domain has a key that matches one of the locks



#### Access Control

- Solaris 10 provides role-based access control (RBAC) to implement least privilege
  - Privilege is the right to execute a system call or use an option within a system call
  - Role is a collection of privilege
    - Enable role via password to gain its privileges
  - This implementation of privileges decreases the security risk associated with superusers and setuid programs





# **Revocation of Access Rights**

- Various options to remove the access right of a domain to an object
  - Immediate vs. delayed
  - Selective vs. general
  - Partial vs. total
  - Temporary vs. permanent
- Access List Delete access rights from access list
  - Simply search access list and remove entry
- Capability List Scheme required to locate capability in the system before capability can be revoked



#### Language-Based Protection

- Specification of protection in a programming language allows the high-level description of policies for the allocation and use of resources
- Language implementation can provide software for protection enforcement when automatic hardwaresupported checking is unavailable
- Interpret protection specifications to generate calls on whatever protection system is provided by the hardware and the operating system



#### Protection in Java 2

- Protection is handled by the Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
- A class is assigned a protection domain when it is loaded by the JVM
- The protection domain indicates what operations the class can (and cannot) perform
- If a library method is invoked that performs a privileged operation, the stack is inspected to ensure the operation can be performed by the library



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- The Security Problem
- Program Threats
- System and Network Threats
- Cryptography as a Security Tool
- Firewalling to Protect Systems and Networks



## **Security Violation Categories**

- Breach of confidentiality
  - Unauthorized reading of data
- Breach of integrity
  - Unauthorized modification of data
- Breach of availability
  - Unauthorized destruction of data
- Theft of service
  - Unauthorized use of resources
- Denial of service (DOS)
  - Prevention of legitimate use



## **Security Violation Methods**

- Masquerading (breach authentication)
  - Pretending to be an authorized user to escalate privileges
- Replay attack
  - As is or with message modification
- Man-in-the-middle attack
  - Intruder sits in data flow, masquerading as sender to receiver and vice versa
- Session hijacking
  - Intercept an already-established session to bypass authentication





### Security Measure Levels

- Physical
  - Data centers, servers, connected terminals
- Human
  - Avoid social engineering, phishing, dumpster diving
- Operating System
  - Protection mechanisms, debugging
- Network
  - Intercepted communications, interruption, DOS



# **Program Threats**

#### Trojan Horse

- Code segment that misuses its environment
- Up to 80% of spam delivered by spyware-infected systems
- Trap Door
  - Specific user identifier or password that circumvents normal security procedures
  - Could be included in a compiler
- Logic Bomb
  - Program that initiates a security incident under certain circumstances
- Stack and Buffer Overflow
  - Failure to check bounds on inputs, arguments
  - Pointed to code loaded onto stack that executes malicious code



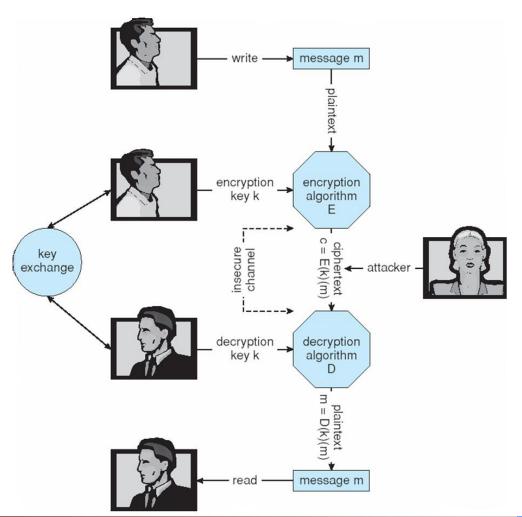
## System and Network Threats

#### Port Scanning

- Automated attempt to connect to a range of ports on one or a range of IP addresses
- Detection of answering service protocol
- Frequently launched from zombie systems
- Denial of Service
  - Overload the targeted computer preventing it from doing any useful work
  - Distributed denial-of-service (DDOS) come from multiple sites at once



#### Secure Communication over Insecure Medium



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### Encryption

- Encryption algorithm consists of
  - Set K of keys
  - Set M of Messages
  - Set C of ciphertexts (encrypted messages)
- A encryption function E : K → (M→C) which is a function for generating ciphertexts from messages
- A function D : K → (C → M) which is a function for generating messages from ciphertexts



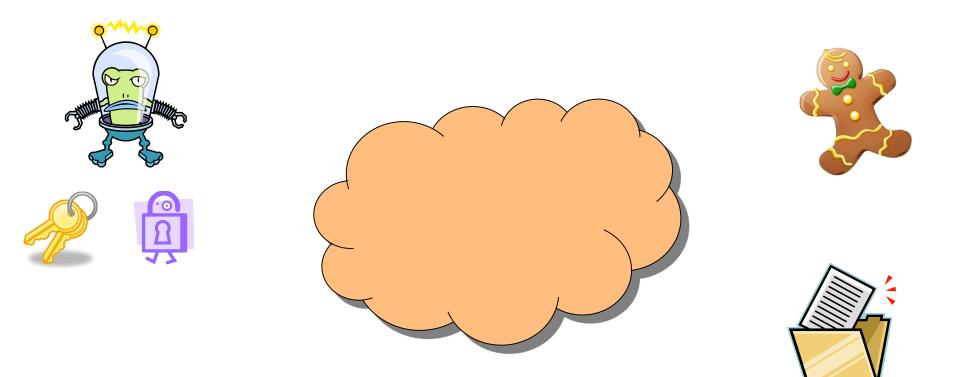
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#### Symmetric Encryption

- Same key used to encrypt and decrypt
- Data Encryption Standard (DES) is most commonly used symmetric block-encryption algorithm
- Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
- Asymmetric Encryption
  - Public key published key used to encrypt data
  - Private key key known only to individual user used to decrypt data
  - Most common is RSA block cipher

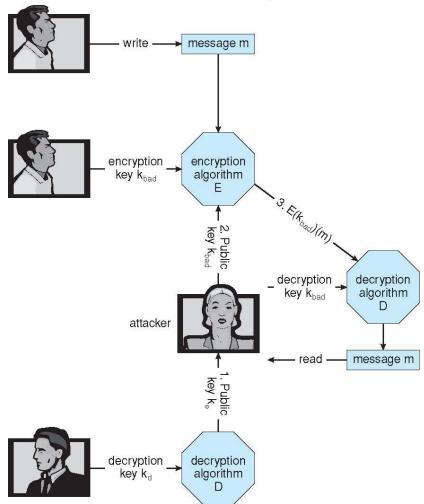


#### Scenario of Asymmetric Encryption





# Man-in-the-middle Attack on Asymmetric Cryptography

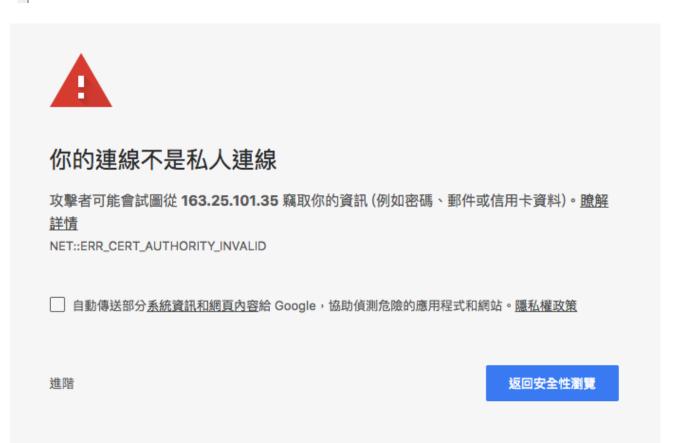


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#### **Encryption Example – SSL**

- ► SSL Secure Socket Layer
  - A newer version is Transport Layer Security (TLS)
  - But we usually just call it SSL
- Insertion of cryptography at the transport layer of the ISO network model
- Cryptographic protocol that limits two computers to only exchange messages with each other
- Used between web servers and browsers for secure communication
  e.g., credit card numbers
- The server is verified with a certificate assuring client is talking to correct server
- Asymmetric cryptography used to establish a secure session key (symmetric encryption) for bulk of communication during session
- Communication between each computer then uses symmetric key cryptography



#### Firewall

- Firewall is a software or hardware-based network security system that controls the incoming and outgoing network traffic
  - Untrusted domain

