Introduction to Security and Cryptology

Ziele der Kryptographie

- Confidentiality Only readable by desired receiver.
- Integrity The receiver can determine if the message has been altered.
- Authenticity The receiver can validate its origin.
- Freshness The message is new and cannot be resent.



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Р	Plain-Text
С	Cipher-Text
К	Кеу
Е	Encryption

Decryption

Encryption and Properties

Encryption is a transformation from P (plaintexts) to C (ciphertexts) under control of some key, chosen from K (key space).

The idea is to have a whole family of transformations, where each key gives a different transformation.

- $c = E(k, p) = E_k(p)$
- $p = D(k,c) = D_k(c)$

Each transformation must be reversible. It follows that |C| can not be smaller than |P|. In fact most often we have P = C.

Passive Attacks (Eve) - Type of Attacks

- *Cypher-Text-Only Attack* Bad Encryption Find out plaintext or even the key Maybe the encryption isn't good and Eve can find out the plaintext just by looking at ciphertexts.
- Chosen-Plain-Text attack Encrypt machine stolen Find out plaintexts
 Maybe someone stole Alice's encryption machine for a few hours. Then Eve can encrypt some plaintexts of her choice and maybe find the plaintexts to ciphertexts she has intercepted.
- Chosen-Siphertext attack 1 Decrypt machine stolen Learn about the key Someone has stolen Alice's decryption machine for a few hours. How much can Eve learn about the key by being allowed to feed ciphertexts to the machine?
- Chosen-Siphertext attack 2 Decrypt machine stolen Learn about the key
 Someone has stolen Alice's decryption machine. How much can Eve learn about the key by being allowed limited information about decryption.



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Cryptographic Work Factor

The number of times it takes to come upon the correct key is called (cryptographic) work factor.

- Work factor (WF) = average number of keys to try
- Work factor is usually given in bits: $log_2(n)$, n = key space size

Entropy

• Entropy is maximal if all outcomes are equally likely

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p(i) \cdot \log_2\left(\frac{1}{p(i)}\right), \qquad H_{binary} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{n} \log_2(n) = \log_2(n)$$

Entropy of Cryptographic Keys

Cryptographic keys are typically created with random generators, so they can be considered as elements of a random variable.

What's the entropy of a key with 128-bit?

- Independent with equal probability: $128 \cdot 1 = 128 \ bits$
- Dependent with inequal probability: p(0) = 0.25, $p(1) = 0.75 \rightarrow 128 \cdot 0.81 \approx 104 \ bits$

Relation between entropy and work factor

• Work Factor \approx entropy, key size = max. entropy \approx max. work factor

Information-theoretically secure

• Intercepting a ciphertext tells you nothing about the plain

Computationally secure

• Work factor \approx key entropy

Modern Ciphers with One key

- Same key is used to encrypt and decrypt
- Wrong key gives high-entropy output: can tell when correct key used
- Good modern ciphers: key entropy \approx work factor
- Cryptographic workhorse today: AES

Properties of Modern Ciphers

- Information-theoretical security is out of question
- Next best thing: computational security
- No cipher is known that can be proved to be computationally secure
- Cipher created \rightarrow public review \rightarrow gains acceptance

Vernam Cipher (a.k.a. One-Time-Pad)

- Key *K*: Independent bits with equal probability
- $C_X = K_X \oplus P_X$
- Each key may be used once
- Same Key used multiple times: $P_1 \oplus P_2 = C_1 \oplus C_2$



Random Oracle Model

- Different inputs give random unrelated outputs
- If A leads to B then A always leads to B

Secret Key Cryptography

Principle of Secret Key Cryptography

• The same key is used for encryption and decryption

Block Ciphers

- The plaintext is usually not a multiple of the block size. \rightarrow Therefore a padding is needed.
- Use Block Cipher modes (ECB) / (CBC) for long messages



Block Padding (PKCS7)

- Padding data is used to fill up the final block
- Removal of padding must be easy
- PKCS7 ٠
 - *n* bytes must be filled, fill them with byte value *n*

5F 6E 25 A3 36 54 90 0D D4 7F FA 05 05 05 05 05

• 0 bytes must be filled, add padding block with "10"

DES

- Key size: 56 bits \rightarrow totally insecure ٠
- Brute force attack is still the best attack known ٠

Triple-DES

- Known-Plaintext Attack (MITM) \rightarrow Cryptographic strength = $2^{112} + 2^{56} \approx 112$ bits •
- Secure but relatively slow •



AES

- Cryptographic strength = 128 / 192 / 256
- Secure and modern standard
- Publicly defined

Electronic Code Book Mode (ECB)

- Same *P* is always same *C*
- Susceptible to replay attacks
 - Patterns may remain (Pinguin)





- IV transmitted openly
- IV may only be used once
- Does not ensure the integrity



Secret Key Cryptography



Public Key Cryptography



Public Key Cryptography

Groups									
• •	 Associative operation <i>e</i> Neutral element <i>a'</i> Inverse element 	For all $a, b, c \in G$ For all $a \in G$ For all $a \in G$		$(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$ $e \circ a = a$ Exists: $a' \in G \rightarrow a' \circ a = e$				= е	
A generator of a group creates all elements when it operates on itself n times.									
<u>Examp</u>	<u>le</u> (Z7,*)								
• • 3 is a G	* Associative operation For all $a, b, c \in G$ $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ 1 Neutral element For all $a \in G$ $1 * a = a$ a' Inverse element For all $a \in G$ Exists: $a' \in G \rightarrow a' \circ a =$ Generator) = 1				
٠	$3 * 1 \mod 7 = 3$	*	1	2	3	4	5	6	
٠	$3 * 2 \mod 7 = 6$	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	
•	$3 * 3 \mod 7 = 2$	2	2	4	6	1	3	5	
•	$3 * 4 \mod 7 = 5$	3	3	6	2	5	1	4	
•	$3 * 5 \mod 7 = 1$	4	4	1	5	2	6	3	
٠		5	5	3	1	6	4	2	
٠	$3 * 13 \mod 7 = 4$	6	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Discret	e Logarithm Problem								

- Discrete Logarithm Problem
 - Idea One-Way function
 - Direction A: Easy to compute
 - > Direction B: Hard to compute
 - Example: $(Zn^*, *)$ for large n

Integrated Encryption Scheme (IES)

• Solves Offline Problem (of DH)

Diffie-Hellman key exchange

1.	Alice and Bob	agree on large prime p
2.	Alice and Bob	agree on some generator g of $(Zp^*,^*)$
3.	Alice	chooses a , $(1 < a < p)$
4.	Bob	chooses b , $(1 < b < p)$
5.	Alice	sends $A = g^a \mod p$
6.	Bob	sends $B = g^b \mod p$
7.	Alice	computes $SA = B^a = \left(g^b\right)^a \mod p$
8.	Bob	computes $SB = A^b = (g^a)^b \mod p$

SA = SB is the shared secret only Alice and Bob know.



The secret may not be suitable for to use as a symmetric key

- Some bits may always be zero or one
- The secret may be too long or too short

The secret is put through a *key derivation function* (KDF) to get the key.

Problems

- What if Bob and Alice are not speaking to each other?
- Eve can make a Man-in-the-Middle Attack.
- Bob and Alice need to be Online.

Data Integrity and Authentication

Cryptographic Hash Functions	Hash Functions		
 A cryptographic one-way hash function maps a variable-length input bit string to a fixed sized output bit string. Important Properties Efficient computation Pseudo-random Preimage resistance Given a hash, it is practically impossible to find a massage that produces the hash 	 MD2 Very bad MD5 Very bad SHA-1 Getting weaker SHA-2 considered secure SHA-3 considered secure (best) SHA-256 good 		
 Consider resistance and its practically impossible to find any two messages that map to the same hash A hash function should behave like a random oracle. Different inputs → totally unrelated outputs. Check if a message has been tampered Use a hash function together with a secret key (<i>Message Authentication Code</i>) Use a hash function together with <i>digital signatures</i> 	Document or message MD5 SHA-1 SHA-2 SHA-3 128 bits 160 bits 224-512 bits 224-512 bits		
Authentication with passwords• Popular, easy to implement, changeablePassword security problems• Sniffing • Phishing • Online Attacks • Offline Attacks • Password Re-usePasswords are transmitted in plaintext Show fake login screen to capture password Password guessing Compromises system and gets pw from db Compromises system and gets pw from dbPrevent with Protected links (TLS) Prevent with Slowdown / blocking Do not save passwords in plaintext Remove password-strength	Protect password hashes Add a random value called salt before hashing to prevent precompiled attacks.		
 Cracking Hashed Passwords Try passwords Compute the hash and check if fit matches any hash in the password file Dictionary attack, Minor variations Precompiled attack Compute a huge list of passwords and hashes (beforehand) 	Collision calculation $n = Hash_{Length}$ (in bits)• Two random Hashes $2^{\frac{n}{2}}$ • Collision with given Hash 2^{n-1}		

Data Integrity and Authentication

Message Authentication Codes (MAC) = Message Integrity Check (MIC)

The idea is to use a key in addition to the hash function to prevent an attacker from changing the message and calculating a new hash... 1010111 Alice Boh

Workflow for document (Using Secret Key Cryptography)

- 1. Alice Send document
- Apply "Keyed Hash Function" = MAC_1 2. Bob
- 3. Alice Apply "Keyed Hash Function" = MAC_2
- 4. Alice Send MAC_2
- Compare MAC_1 and MAC_2 5. Bob

HMAC is a concrete implementation of the MAC concept.

- Generate Inner K_I and Outer Key K_O
- Hash $H(K_I, M) = H_1$
- Hash $H(K_0, M) = H_2 = MAC$
- Keyed Hash Function: $H(K_0, H(K_1, M))$

Digital Signature

Workflow for document (Using Public Key Cryptography)

М

 $M \to H(M)$

- 1. Signer Send document
- $M \to H(M)$ Hash document 2. Verifier
- Signer Hash document 3.
- Encrypt document $H(M) \rightarrow E(H(M))$ 4. Signer
- Send document E(H(M))5. Signer
- Decrypt document $D(H(M)) \rightarrow H(M) = Y$ 6. Verifier
- Compare hashes 7. Verifier X == Y



Transmission

Channel

1010111

0010100

.....

00010101

Keved

Hash Function

MAC

Key

Genuine

0010100

11011101

00010101

Keyed

Hash Function

Key

Galois Counter mode (GCM)

Only encrypting a message doesn't provide Integrity-Protection \rightarrow GCM

- Combine Integrity and Encryption •
- Approach «Encrypt then MAC»



MAC

- Fast and efficient
- Receiver must know the secret key

Digital Signatures

- Public key is openly available
- En- / Decryption are time intensive

Digital Certificates

A certificate is a signed statement by a trusted third party that a certain public key belongs to a certain name. It is a means to authenticate a public key. It is not a means to authenticate a communication partner.

Digital Certificates

- Bind together certain things
- Issued and signed by trusted third party called Certificate Authorities (CA)
- Valid for a certain period

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

• Verify public key in the certificate by verifying the signature

The X.509 standard

• Dominating standard for certificates these days



Concept of trust hierarchies

For i = [1, n - 1]

- C[i]. issuer = C[i + 1]. subject
- C[i]. signature can be verified with C[i + 1]. publicKey



Root Certificates

Any certificate chain ends with a root certificate.

- Can be verified with its own public key
- Root certificates are always self-signed
- Usually stored in your browser (from trusted parties)

Validation

- Obtain and verify (validity) root certificate
- Verify server certificate signature with root public key
- Compare root certificate subject with server issuer

Digital Certificates

Certificate revocation: CRLs and OCSP **Certification Revocation List – CRL** If the private key gets stolen the certificate should be revoked CA provides a list of all revoked certificates that can be downloaded to verify if a certificate has been revoked. Wait until the certificate expires ٠ Issues \rightarrow Limited support Contact issuer to invalidate the certificate Only updated every couple of days **Root Certificate Revocation** Can't remove a certificate from CRL Many certificates may go onto CRL Remove root CA from applications and systems All certificate issue by the root CA will also be invalid CRLs only get larger (delay) **Online Certificate Status Protocol – OCSP**

Issuing CA can be asked (Client) for the status of a specific certificate.

- Status information is updated more often
- Only little information is exchanged
- OCSP must always be available
- OCSP is the single point of failure
- Vulnerable to DoS attack against OCSP

Most clients implement soft fail (good), if the response is not received (in time).

OCSP stapling

The server queries the OCSP-Responder listed in the certificate itself and caches the responses.

- Client gets OCSP response from server during TLS handshake
- Less dependent on the availability of OCSP-Responder

Limitations

- Vulnerable time window like in CRL
- Fallback to OCSP if no valid response is cached





Secure Communication and Layer 2 Security

Goals

- Confidentiality Only the communication endpoints can read the data
- Integrity The endpoints can detect if data was manipulated
- Authenticity Masquerading as an endpoint is not possible

Secure communication protocols at different OSI layers

- Higher Layers end-to-end, easier to deploy, less general
- Lower Layers hop-to-hop, difficult to deploy, more general

Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)

- Most used standard for L2 authentication
- Supports a wide range of authentication mechanisms

Security of IEEE 802.1x

Protect access to LANs

- LAN ports are not open per default
- Authentication (EAP) is required before accessing a port
- Protects against someone plugging in an unauthorized device
- Attacker needs access to an authorized physical device

RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service)

• Server / protocol for authentication

Temporal Key Integrity Protocol – TKIP

RC4 (not secure)

Counter Mode CBC-MAC Protocol – CCMP

• Based on AES (confidentiality and authenticity / integrity)

LayerProtocolsApplication LayerS/MIME, PGPTransport LayerSSL/TLSNetwork LayerIPsecData Link LayerEAP, 802.1x, WEP,
WPA, WPA2/802.11iPhysical LayerQuantum Cryptography
(Appendix only)

Limits

- Software vulnerabilities, malware, DoS attacks
- Protocol design and implementation flaws
- Configuration and usability flaws

Security mechanisms of WLANs

- No cable → sniffing packets is very easy
- Authentication to network is needed

Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP)

- All users use the same key long-term
- 40- / 104-bit keys only 104 is good
 - 24-bit IV IV to short \rightarrow repetitions



Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) and IEEE 802.11i (WPA2)

- Authentication at Access Point required
- Key-Exchange during authentication
- WPA: TKIP (default) and CCMP
- WPA2: TKIP and CCMP (default)

TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol)

Uses a MAC to protect integrity, however it uses algorithms with well-known weaknesses \rightarrow *Insecure*

CCMP (Counter Mode CBC-MAC Protocol)

Uses block cipher to achieve encryption, authenticity, and integrity protection. \rightarrow *Considered Secure*



Firewalls

Firewall basics

A firewall is a device that sits *between two or more networks* to *control the packet flow* between them. Based on the security policy one or more firewalls are installed and configured.

A firewall can

- Control access from internal network to the Internet and vice versa
- Block malicious incoming web traffic

Packet-filtering firewall (Network Layer)

- Using rules, that decide whether to forward packets
- Inspect headers of network and transport layer protocols
- Pro: Very fast as they only check layer 3 and 4 protocol headers
- Limitation: Only control who is allowed to talk to whom



Application layer firewall (Application Layer)

- Split end-to-end communications
- Inspect application layer data
- Pro: Allows deep inspection of all data exchanged
- Limitation: Relatively slow, limitations with encrypted data



Stateless firewall

- Both directions need to be configured
 - Every IP packet is handled completely isolated from all others
 - Firewall does not keep track of ongoing communications
- More open than needed:

Replies from a server are allowed without a previous request from a client

Limited support for complex protocols



Stateful firewall

Checks individual packets, tracks communication relationships, and maintains state information.

- Today standard
- Easier to configure (fewer rules)
- Return traffic is only allowed on demand
- Allows support for complex protocols
- A packet can be in one of four states: New, Established, Related, Invalid

Benefits and Limitations

Firewalls are only useful against attackers outside the internal network.

Firewalls

Linux netfilter/nftables

netfilter is a mechanism that allows to access the packets in the network stack to analyze, modify, extract, and delete them.

• Hooks that are called at different points during packet processing



nftables is a packet classification and mangling framework that runs on rulesets that are applied to the packets

- Table Container for specific type of package
- Chain Container with rules for a specific hook
- Hook Called at different points of processing
- Priority Lowest priority first until rule is accepted
- Policy Default behaviour
- Rule Classification + Action
- Classification What packets does a rule apply to
- Action What to do with the packet

Table: Table used for packetType table packetType tableName { chain chainName { # Type: Type of Chain # Hook: Applied when hook is called # Priority: Defines order of packets (lowest first) type filter hook input priority 0; }

Policy: Default behavior
policy accept;

Rule: Classifications + Action ip saddr 8.8.8.8 type echo-request drop

Nftables Examples

Drop all packets going to IPv4 address 8.8.8.8

• Ip daddr 8.8.8.8 drop

Accept all packets coming on interface eth2

• *lifname eth2 accept*

Accept all IPv6 packets carrying TCP

• Ip6 nexthdr tcp accept

Port scanning

Technique to determine the services that run on a host.

- Useful for attackers and system admins
- Port scanners...
 - Check if the host is available by pinging it
 - Establish TCP connections to the ports
- Nmap: Most popular port scanner
- TCP scan of port 80 of www.zhaw.ch
 - nmap -p80 www.zhaw.ch

End-to-End Communication Security

End-to-end communication security

Secure communication protocols that protect the traffic flow between two end hosts or two applications on these end hosts.

- People that can access the communication channel only see encrypted data and cannot access the plaintext data.
- Transport Layer Security (TLS) on layer 4 (for TCP), IPsec on layer 3

TLS overview

- TLS works on top of TCP
- Does not have to worry about data loss / retransmission
- Authenticated, integrity-protected and confidential data exchange
- TLS connections are closed when the underlying TCP connection is closed.

TLS 1.3

- Client and Server have no previous association
- Want to boot a connection where...
 - Client and server agree to secret key material
 - Server is authenticated to the client

TLS 1.3 Building Blocks

• Block Ciphers, Encryption Modes, DH, Public Key with Certificates...

TLS Handshake – Steps

- 1. Client and server negotiate crypto algorithms
- 2. Client and server perform Diffie-Hellman
- 3. Client and server generate handshake keys
- 4. Server authenticates to client
- 5. Client and server prove to one another that no one has altered previous messages
- 6. Client and server generate data keys

TLS 1.3 Handshake

- 1. Client Hello
 - Supported TLS Version (TLS 1.3, ...)
 - Supported Algorithms (AES, GCM,...)
 - Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (Step 1)
- 2. Server Hello
 - Selected TLS Version (TLS 1.3)
 - Selected Algorithm (AES, GCM,...)
 - Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (Step 2)
 - ChangeCipherSpec (optional)
- 3. Certificate / Certificate-Verify
 - Certificate and Certificate chain
 - Signature over previous messages
- 4. Server Finished
 - Hash over all messages
- 5. Client Finished
 - Hash over all messages



End-to-End Communication Security

TLS Session Resumption

If there is an existing TLS session between a client and a server application, additional TLS sessions can be established without any public key computations.

TLS Data Exchange

- 1. Fragmentation
- 2. Encryption + prepend IV
- 3. Prepend Header



A sequence number is used to ensure the order of all TLS records, when they arrive.

Cipher suites are a set of cryptographic algorithms: "TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256"

State of TLS (*Transport Layer Security - Wikipedia*)

- SSL 2.0, 3.0 major vulnerabilities supported by some servers
- TLS 1.0, 1.1mehsupported by 45% of servers
 - TLS 1.2 good supported almost universally
- TLS 1.3 good and fast

Latest browser versions are secure

- Only support TLS 1.0 1.3 and implement browser-side fixes for TLS 1.0 or simply disable it
- Most browsers don't support SSL 2.0 / 3.0 anymore
- TLS 1.3 is supported

DTLS

• Works on UDP instead of TCP

IPsec

- Protects IP packets payload
- Protocol for network layer (IP)
- Security between two hosts
- Internet Key Exchange (IKE) in IPsec is like TLS handshake

IP Packet Protection with ESP

- ESP = Encapsulating Security Payload
- ESP Provides confidentiality, authentication, and integrity



Virtual Private Networks

A Virtual Private Network VPN is a private network within a public network.

- Private: Outsiders can neither read nor modify
- Virtual: Privacy is achieved by virtual methods

Usage

- Securely connect two remote networks
- Allow partner / customer company selectively accessing internal services



IPsec

- Offers a secure tunnel
- Hide internal IP addresses

OpenVPN

- Partly based on TLS
- Application layer tunnel
- Uses UDP as underlying protocol
- User Space

Comparison

- Equal in terms of Security
- IPsec is used more widely
- OpenVPN less loaded with features → easier configuration
- OpenVPN runs in the user space

IP packet without IPsec/ESP						
IPv4	IP Header	TCP Header	Data			
	IP packet p	protected	with IPsec/	ESP		
IPv4	IP Header	ESP Header	1100 110000	Deta		ESP Auth
			🔶 en	crypted		
			integrity-pr authent	otected, cated		

VPN gateways

- Endpoints to secure channel
- Apply and remove cryptographic protection
- Channel between VPN endpoints = secure tunnel

IPsec and OpenVPN are the most important protocols for VPNs.

Normal Operation

(1-RTT Handshake)

Handshake

Initiation

Handshake Response

Transport Data

Transport

Data

Responder

Initiator

WireGuard

- Works on Layer 3 (like IPSec)
- Little configurability
- Uses modern crypto primives
- Has a 1-RTT handshake
- Has Perfect Forward Secrecy
- Has DoS-mitigation techniques

Virtual Private Network scenarios in practice



User Authentication and Authentication Protocols

Terminology

- Identification My name is «XXX»
- Authentication Prove identity of user
- Authorization What the user is allowed to do

What the user has done

Accounting



Authentication Factors

- Knowledge Password, PIN, Shared Secret
- Possession Smartcard, Token, Mobile, TAN List
- Biometrics Fingerprint, Face, Voice

Two factor authentication

- Combination of two methods (Possession, Knowledge, Biometrics)
- Considered as strong user authentication

Direct and indirect authentication

- Direct Send credentials to server, Server authenticates the user
- Indirect Send credentials to server, Handle authentication via authentication server RADIUS, NTLM, Kerberos, Shibboleth

OTP Generations

- 1st Generation: Increased security
 - Mainly used Possessions (TAN and One-time password tokens)
 - Vulnerable to e-mail phishing attacks
- 2nd Generation: Prevent E-Mail Phishing
 - Challenge-Response based approach (iTAN, card readers)
 - Authentication \rightarrow Challenge
 - Vulnerable to MITM attacks (Online Phishing)
- 3rd Generation: Mobile Phone-based Approach
 - Mobile TAN: Authentication → Approve with SMS code
 - MITM still possible \rightarrow Same security as 2nd Generation











User Authentication and Authentication Protocols

Windows Domain Authentication

A windows domain is a collection of users and services, access is controlled by a Domain Controller (DC). Within a windows domain, we have centralized administration & SSO.

Windows

- One account per user and domain
- DC can authenticate users
- Credentials need to be entered only once



Ticket

All users and servers must trust the domain controller.

Kerberos (Considered secure)

- Each party ٠
 - shares a common secret with a centralised server
 - trusts the Key Distribution Center (KDC)
- Ticket based approach \rightarrow more efficient than NTLM
 - Authentication Service
 - Ticket Granting Service
- Prevents replay attacks with timestamps
- Weak password \rightarrow offline attacks possible



Zurich

User's

Home Org.

Windows NT LAN manager (NTLM)

Domain: Wonderland

Username: Alice

Original authentication protocol in Windows domains.

Assertion

+ Attribute

Statemen

Signed (and optionally encrypted) to

prevent a malicious user from generating a

valid statement himself (and malware on the host from viewing its content)

Creds

2 S

SP

Resource

Provides "some security" for strong passwords

Shibboleth (Considered secure)

- Federated is a system for federated identity management
- Users have one credential that is stored and managed by his home security domain
- Components: Organizations, Users, Service providers (SP), Identity providers (IdP)
- 1. Connect to Resource (Moodle)
- Retrieve list of home organizations
- 2. Authentication Request
- Select organization and redirect to Identity Provider
- 3. Authentication and Access
- Enter credentials and access resource



Authorization

Basics

Authorization determines if a user is allowed to access a particular resource to perform a specific operation. It's a core component of every operating system.

Reference Monitor Concept

- A reference monitor is responsible to enforce access rights
- The reference monitor must be invoked prior to execution of every security-sensitive operation
- To decide whether access should be granted, the reference monitor needs a rule set (security policy)

Security Policy

- Defines who is allowed to do what on a system
- Should be flexible in terms of configuration

Security Mechanism

• Method / Structure used to implement the security policy

Multi-tier applications

- Based on Multi-Tier architecture
- Three-tier architecture
 - Presentation
 - Logic
 - Data







Impersonation / delegation

- The subject "survives" beyond the middle tier
- Generate impersonation token that reflects the subject's access control data.



Trusted application model

- Access to backend via. service account
- Requests are granted/denied to subjects based on a set of access policies





Authorization

Access control models are framework dedacting how subjects access objects.

Discretionary Access Control (DAC)

- Based on *discretion of the owner* of an object
- Example: Modern OS (Windows, Linux, Mac)
- Usually includes a user that can bypass restrictions (root / admin)
- Uses Access Control List ACL or Capabilities

Mandatory Access Control (MAC)

- A system wide policy determines who is allowed to access
- Individual user cannot alter
- Policy is configured by a policy administrator
- Bell-LaPadula
 - Multi-level security model
 - Directed towards confidentiality
 - No read up
 - No write down
- Biba Model
 - Directed towards integrity
 - No write up
 - No read down





Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

- Decision based on the users' role within an organization
- Example: Oracle DBMS
- A role defines a set of transactions allowed for its members
- Not provided by OS
- Principle of least privilege



	Based on	Models	Rules made by	Configured by	Enforced by
DAC	identity e.g., computer, user, group	no standard model (OS specific impl.) <i>ACLs and capabilities</i> <i>are two different</i> <i>approaches to DAC</i>	owner typically restricted by (un)written policies/guidelines	owner administrator has the power to override	os
MAC	security level e.g. {unclassified, restricted, secret, top secret}	Traditional: •Bell-LaPadula •Biba Non-traditional: •Windows MIC (label-based) •SE Linux (label-based) •AppArmor (name-based)	security officer	admin(s) labels and rules	05
RBAC	role e.g., job function	INCITS 359:2004: •Core RBAC •Hierarchical RBAC •Constraint RBAC Non-standard: •AzMan, SELinux •Java EE	security officer	application or OS admin(s)	RBAC System transparent such as in SELinux or application-aware such as in RBAC enabled applications