

Security Research Advances in 2009

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venues

- NDSS -- Network & Distributed System Security Symposium, 8 11
 February 2009, San Diego, CA, USA. (about 20 papers)
 http://www.isoc.org/isoc/conferences/ndss/09/
- Oakland -- IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P 2009), 17-22 May 2009, Berkeley/Oakland, CA, USA. (about 20 papers) http://oakland09.cs.virginia.edu/
 - SOUPS -- Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS), 15-17 July 2009, Mountain View, CA, USA. (about 20 papers) http://cups.cs.cmu.edu/soups/2009/
 - USENIX Security Symposium, 10-14 August 2009, Montreal, Canada http://www.usenix.org/events/sec09/ (about 20 papers)
- CCS ACM Computer and Communications Security Conference, 9-13 November 2009, Chicago, IL, USA http://www.sigsac.org/ccs/CCS2009/ (about 40 papers)
- ACSAC -- Annual Computer Security Applications Conference, 8–12 December 2008, Anaheim, CA, USA (about 40 papers) http://acsac.org/2008/

160-180 papers 1.000 submissions

selected papers

- Vanish: Increasing Data Privacy with Self-Destructing Data (USENIX Security)
- Measuring the security and reliability of authentication via 'secret' questions (Oakland)
- The Impact of Malicious Devices on a Cellular Network Core (CCS)
- Passport Cards, Enhanced Drivers Licenses, and other Security Applications of RFID tags (CCS)
- Tempest in a Teapot: Compromising Reflections Revisited (Oakland)
- Communicating Site Privacy Policies to Users (SOUPS)
- Improving Users' Mental Models of Personal Firewalls(SOUPS)

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 - CORBA Security revisions
 - Resource Access Decision (RAD)
 - Security Domain Membership Management (SDMM)
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 - eXtensible Access Control Markup Language (XACML) v1.0

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Bret Hartman, Donald J. Flinn, and Konstantin Beznosov Foreword by Steve Vinoski, IONA Technologies

Vanish: Increasing Data Privacy with Self-Destructing Data

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The Problem: Two Huge Challenges for Privacy

The Washington Post

A group of computer hackers said vesterday they accessed a Yahoo!

Palin's Yahoo! Account Hacked

1. Data lives forever

On the web: emails,

- In the home: disks a
- In your pocket: phor e-mail account of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential nominee, publishing some of her private communications [...]

2. Retroactive disclosure of both data and user keys has become commonplace

Published: February

The New York Times

F.B.I. Gained Unauthorized Access to E-3

WASHINGTON — A technical glitch gave the <u>F.B.I.</u> access to the e-mail messages from an entire computer network — perhaps





Breaking eBusiness and Search News

Email Being Used More In Divorce

By Mike Sachoff - Mon, 02/11/2008 - 13:05

ority of U.S. divorce attorneys (88%) say increase in the number of cases using ele nce during the past five years, according ican Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAI

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Seizing Laptops and Cameras Without Cause

A controversial customs practice creates a legal backlash

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Self-Destructing Data Model



Goals

- 1. Until timeout, users can read original message
- 2. After timeout, all copies become permanently unreadable
 - 2.1. even for attackers who obtain an archived copy & user keys
 - 2.2. without requiring explicit delete action by user/services
 - 2.3. without having to trust any centralized services



but don't hold your breath

 S. Wolchuk, O. Hofmann, E. Felten, J. A. Halderman, C. Rossbach, B. Waters and E. Witchel, "Defeating Vanish with Low-Cost Sybil Attacks Against Large DHTs" to appear in NDSS '10



On Cellular Botnets: Measuring the Impact of Malicious Devices on a Cellular Network Core

Patrick Traynor, Michael Lin, Machigar Ongtang, Vikhyath Rao, Trent Jaeger, Patrick McDaniel and Thomas La Porta ACM CCS 2009

Architecture



- Mobile Station (MS): User equipment and the target of infection
- Base Station (BS): The bridge between wired and wireless portions of the network.
- Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN): Intelligent switch that can route voice and data traffic.
- Home Location Register (HLR): "DNS" of cellular networks, with critical differences...

Architecture & Attack (High-Level)



- Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN): Intelligent switch that can route voice and data traffic.
- Without an operational Home Location Register (HLR), not much can happen in a cellular network.
- Infected devices therefore send large amounts of traffic at the HLR in hopes of preventing legitimate requests.

Device/Core Interactions



- In the class of currently deployed systems, 5000 attack messages per second drops throughput from 4132 TPS to 273 TPS.
 - 93% reduction in HLR throughput
- In more advanced systems, 30k attack messages per second drop throughput from 5424 TPS to 1340 TPS.
 - 75% reduction in HLR throughput

How Big?

- For many current systems, an attacker would need to control 11,750 phones.
- For more capable HLRs, this number is closer to 141,000.



Conclusion

- Increasing homogeneity and functionality of mobile phones makes them and their supporting infrastructure more susceptible to attack.
 - With a small number of malicious phones, area-code sized regions can be made largely (>90%) unreachable.
- Launching such attacks successfully is hard.
 - It requires that malware writers actually know something about the underlying network.
- Lesson: These networks are different from the Internet. The same rules simply do not apply.



Georgia Tech Information Security Center (GTISC)

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Passport Cards, Enhanced Drivers Licenses, and other Security Applications of RFID Tags

Koscher, K., Juels, A., Brajkovic, V., and Kohno, T. "EPC RFID tag security weaknesses and defenses: passport cards, enhanced drivers licenses, and beyond," CCS '09, pp. 33-42. DOI= http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1653662.1653668

EPC Gen2 RFID Tags

Electronic Product Code (EPC) essentially a "wireless barcode"



- Advantages over barcodes:
 - Can store more information (128 bits or more)
 - Enough to uniquely identify every object on Earth
 - Don't need line-of-sight
 - Larger read distances (up to 10 meters)
 - More durable

Our Approach: A Case Study of WHTI

- Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)
- Phases-in strict ID requirements to travel between member countries
 - United States
 - Canada
 - Mexico
 - Bermuda
 - 17 nations in the Caribbean



Case Study: WHTI



WA Governor, BC Premier, US Government developed an alternative: The Enhanced Drivers License and Passport Card

Case Study: WHTI

 Homeland Security mandated Gen2 tags in EDLs, Passport Cards

We examine the security of these cards as a case study of using Gen2 in high-security applications



Research Questions

Vulnerability Analysis

- What are the possible vulnerabilities?
- What security mechanisms are deployed?
- What are the read ranges?
- Countermeasures and Recommendations
 Can we improve resistance to counterfeiting?
 What are the "best practices?"

Gen2 Security Features

Two PINs: KILL PIN – permanently disables tag





 ACCESS PIN – unlocks access-controlled operations (optional)

Gen2 Security Features

Optional write access control
Can be permalocked as well
Optional read access control on PINs

 Tag ID (TID) memory bank can be factory set and locked and guaranteed to be unique
 This is why many claim Genz to be "uncloneable"

Read Range Experiments

- We only need a single read to clone a tagHow far away can a tag be read?
- Depends on:
 - Tag / Reader
 - Reader Power
 - Environment

We characterized EDL and Passport Card read ranges under a variety of environments

Read Range Experiments

	Hallway		Outside	
	EDL	Passport	EDL	Passport
Held in hand 〈	50m+	50m+	7.9m	7.2m
Empty backpack	50m+	50m+ <	10.5m	9.8m
Purse side C pocket	50m+	50m+	8.3m	1.9m
Wallet; in purse	11.3m	2.8m	5.9m	0.5m
Wallet; in front pocket	8.9m	0.6m	2.4m	1.9m

Beyond Cloning

EPC IDs are just globally unique numbers
 ... so are Social Security Numbers

Can track where a person goes

Can track how frequently a person visits a location

Can remotely identify US citizens abroad

paper summary

- We explored challenges in deploying EPC Gen2 RFID tags in security applications
- We use the Washington Enhanced Drivers License and Passport Card as a case study
- We characterized read ranges with respect to privacy
- We showed that anti-cloning techniques proposed by Juels are practical
- We developed a set of recommendations to improve WHTI card security



Reading Computer Screen from Eye Reflection

M. Backes, T. Chen, M. Duermuth, H. P.A. Lensch, M. Welk, "Tempest in a Teapot: Compromising Reflections Revisited," Oakland '09, pp. 315-327, DOI: http://doi.ieeecomputersociety.org/10.1109/SP.2009.20.



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previous results: reflections in a tea pot



Reflections in a tea pot, taken from a distance of 10m.



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new results: reflections in the eye



Reflections captured in the eye from a distance of 10 meters.

- 36pt font from a distance of 10 meters
- previously 150pt font from 4 meters.

Improving Users' Mental Models of Personal Firewalls

F. Raja, K. Hawkey, and K. Beznosov, "Revealing hidden context: improving mental models of personal firewall users," SOUPS '09, pp. 1-12, DOI= http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1572532.1572534

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Network Context in Vista Firewall

		Public Network Location	Private Network Location	Domain Network Location
Wireless Netwo Connection	ork ((p))	On	Off	On
Local Area Connection		On	Off	On
Bluetooth Netw Connection	vork	Off	Off	Off

Limited functionality and simplified interface to hide complexity from user

Windows Firewall		x	
 Turn Windows Firewall on or off Allow a program through Windows Firewall 	Windows Firewall Windows Firewall can help prevent hackers or malicious software from gaining access to your computer through the Internet or network. How does a firewall help protect my computer Windows Firewall is helping to protect your computer		
	Windows Firewall is on. Change settings Inbound connections that do not have an exception are blocked. Display a notification when a program is blocked: Ves Yes Network location: Public network What are network locations? What are network locations?		

Does not provide necessary contextual information for the functionality it does support



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Windows Firewall				
hanges applied only to profile associated with				
urrent netwo	rk location	and that is not obvious		
	How does a firewall help protect r	Windows Firewall Settings		
	🛞 Your computer is not pro	General Exceptions Advanced		
	Windows Firewall is off. Network location:	Windows Firewall is helping to protect your computer		
	What are network locations?	Windows Firewall can help prevent hackers or malicious software from gaining access to your computer through the Internet or a network.		
	Windows Firewall is not using settings to protect your comp recommended settings?	 On (recommended) 		
		This setting blocks all outside sources from connecting to this computer, except for those unblocked on the Exceptions tab.		
		Block all incoming connections		
		Select this option when you connect to less secure networks. All exceptions will be ignored and you will not be notified when Windows Firewall blocks programs.		
		😥 💿 Off (not recommended)		
See also		Avoid using this setting. Turning off Windows Firewall will make this		
Network Center		computer more vulnerable to nackers or malicious software.		
		Tell me more about these settings		
		OK Cancel Apply		

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Turn Windows Firewall on or off

Allow a program through Windows Firewall

Windows Firewall

Windows Firewall can help prevent hackers or malicious software from gaining access to your computer through the Internet or a network.

How does a firewall help protect my computer?



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See also

Security Center

Network Center

Incorrect: incorrect basic understanding of firewall operation



Incorrect



Incomplete: correct basic understanding of firewall operation, without context of network location and connection



- Incorrect
- Incomplete



Partially complete: correct basic understanding of firewall operation, with either context of network location or connection



- Incorrect
- Incomplete
- Partially complete



Complete: correct basic understanding of firewall operation, with both context of network location and connection



First Vista Firewall Basic, then Alternative



First Alternative, then Vista Firewall Basic



It's No Secret! Measuring the security and reliability of authentication via 'secret' questions

S. Schechter, B. Brush, S. Egelman, "It's No Secret. Measuring the Security and Reliability of Authentication via," Oakland '09, pp.375-390 DOI: http://doi.ieeecomputersociety.org/10.1109/SP.2009.11





Republican vice presidential candidate, Alaska Gov., Sarah Palin, answers a supporter's question during a town hall style meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., Wednesday night, Sept. 17, 2008.

Hacker impersonated Palin, stole e-mail password

By TED BRIDIS - Sep 18, 2008

WASHINGTON (AP) — Details emerged Thursday behind the break-in of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's e-mail account, including a first-hand account suggesting was vulnerable because a hacker was able to impersonate her online to obtain her password.

The hacker guessed that Alaska's governor had met her husband in high school, and knew Palin's date of birth and home Zip code. Using those details, the hacker tricked Yahoo Inc.'s service into assigning a new password, "popcorn," for Palin's e-mail account, according to a chronology of the crime published on the Web site where the hacking was first revealed.

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Methodology: First session

- Invited pairs of acquaintances to participate
 Friends, family members, coworkers, etc.
- Asked participants to answer all questions
 - Report if unable to answer or uncomfortable doing so
 - Minimum 2 characters per answer
 - Incentive for future recall
 - Increased chance to win an Xbox 360
 - Did not yet disclose they would be guessing their partner's answers (or vice versa)

Methodology: First session (cont.)

- Asked participants how much they trusted their partners
 - "Would you trust your partner with your hotmail password?"
- Asked participants to guess their partners' answers
 - Correct guesses increased chance to win Xbox 360
 - Worth five times more than correct recall
- Asked to recall answers at end of study session
 - Kept promise to increase chance of winning the Xbox 360
 - Gave participants impression memory study complete

Methodology: Longitudinal follow-up

- Emailed participants 3-6 months later
- Asked to recall their answers
 - Online tool reported if they recalled correctly
 - Unlimited number of guesses allowed
- Base gratuity + performance-based gratuity
 \$15, \$10, \$5, or \$0 based on performance quartile

Are there any good questions?



Short-term solutions

- Discourage use of popular answers
- Reduce number of guesses allowed if guesses are among popular answers
 - Mother's birthplace: Los Angeles; New York; Mumbai; Shanghai
- Increase number of guesses allowed if guesses are similar to each other
 - Mother's birthplace: Berkeley, CA; Berkeley; Oakland; San Francisco

findings summary

Rarely are answers to 'secret' questions both
 sufficiently secret and

- sufficiently memorable
- User-written questions are no better
- Better backup authentication options needed

Other backup authentication options?

Employ your social network

- Identify trustees people you trust in advance
- Let trustees verify your identity when all else fails
- Set authentication threshold k of n trustees to trade off reliability for security

Prior work

 Fourth-factor authentication: Somebody you know Brainard et al., ACM CCS 2006

Communicating Site Privacy Policies to Users

P. Kelley, J. Bresee, L. Cranor, R. Reeder, "A "nutrition label" for privacy" SOUPS '09, DOI= http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1572532.1572538

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Microsoft Online Privacy Notice Highlights

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(last updated May 2008)



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