

Security Schemes and Policies for Network with Malicious Attacks: An Overview

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Abstract: *Security is a fundamental component in the computing and networking technology. The first and foremost thing of every network designing, planning, building, and operating a network is the importance of a strong security policy. Network security has become more important to personal computer users, organizations, and the military. With the advent of the internet, security became a major concern. The internet structure itself allowed for many security threats to occur. Network security is becoming of great importance because of intellectual property that can be easily acquired through the internet. There are different kinds of attack that can be when sent across the network. By knowing the attack methods, allows for the appropriate security to emerge. Many businesses secure themselves from the internet by means of firewalls and encryption mechanisms. There is a large amount of personal, commercial, military, and government information on networking infrastructures worldwide and all of these required different security mechanisms. In this paper, we are trying to study most different kinds of attacks along with various different kinds of security mechanism that can be applied according to the need and architecture of the network.*

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Introduction:

Network Security management is different for all kinds of situations and is necessary as the growing use of internet. A home or small office may only require basic security while large businesses may require high maintenance and advanced software and hardware to prevent malicious attacks from hacking and spamming. New Threats Demand New Strategies as the network is the door to your organization for both legitimate users and would be attackers. For years, IT professionals have built barriers to prevent any unauthorized entry that could compromise the organization's network. And this network security is important for every network designing, planning, building and operating that consist of strong security policies. The Network Security is constantly evolving due to traffic growth usage trends and the ever changing threat landscape. For example, the widespread adoption of cloud computing, social networking and bring your own device (BYOD) programs are introducing new challenges and threats to an already complex network. According to the UK Government, Information security is: "the practice of ensuring information is only read, heard, changed, broadcast and otherwise used by people who have the right to do so" (Source: UK Online for Business). Information systems need

to be secure if they are to be reliable. Since many businesses are critically reliant on their information systems for key business processes (e.g. websites, production scheduling, transaction processing), security can be seen to be a very important area for management to get right. The vast topic of network security is analyzed by researching the following:

- ✓ History of security in networks
- ✓ Internet architecture and vulnerable security aspects of the Internet
- ✓ Types of internet attacks and security methods
- ✓ Security for networks with internet access
- ✓ Current development in network security hardware and software

When considering network security it must be emphasized mainly that the whole network should be remaining secure. Network security does not only concern the security in the computers at each end of the communication chain. When transmitting data the communication channel should not be vulnerable to attack where the chances of threats are more penetrating. A possible hacker could target the communication channel, obtain the data decrypt it and reinsert a false message. Hence, securing the network is just as important as securing the computers and encrypting the message which we want to be kept private. When developing a secure network the following need to be considered:

1. Accessibility: Authorized users are provided the means to communicate to and from a particular network.
2. Confidentiality: Information in the network remains private, disclosure should not be easily possible.
3. Authentication: Ensure the users of the network are, the user must be the person who they say they are.
4. Integrity: Ensure the message has not been modified in transit; the content must be same as they are sent.
5. Non Repudiation: Ensure the user does not refute that he used the network.

An effective network security plan is developed with the understanding of security issues, potential attackers needed level of security, and factors that make a network vulnerable to attack. The steps involved in understanding the composition of a secure network, internet or otherwise, is followed throughout this research endeavor. Typical security currently exists on the computers connected to the network. Security protocols sometimes usually appear as part of a single layer of the OSI network reference model. Current work is being performed in using a layered approach to secure network design. We have given the Trend micro security approach which is based on most then single layer of security. This security approach leads to an effective and efficient design which circumvents some of the common security problems. Computer technology is more and more ubiquitous and the penetration of computer in society is a welcome step towards modernization but society needs to be better equipped to grapple with challenges associated with technology. New hacking techniques are used to penetrate in the network and the security vulnerabilities which are not often discovered create difficulty for the security professionals in order to catch hackers. The difficulties of staying up to date with security issues within the realm of IT education are due to the lack of current information. The recent research is focused on bringing quality security training combined with rapidly changing technology. Online networking security

is to provide a solid understanding of the main issues related to security in modern networked computer systems. This covers underlying concepts and foundations of computer security, basic knowledge about security relevant decisions in designing IT infrastructures, techniques to secure complex systems and practical skills in managing a range of systems, from personal laptop to large scale infrastructures. In this paper we are briefly elaborating the concept of Network Security how it can be done in the past. And with the advent and increasing use of internet how security threats are penetrating to our devices is also studied. We have mention most of all types of attack that are mostly happened on the any network including home, office and organizations. In the last section we are studying various security mechanisms that are important to keep our network secure. In this section we are covering most of the modern concept that are suitable for providing security, needed for today's hacking and possible attacks.

Types of Attacks:

Networks are subject to attacks from malicious sources. And with the advent and increasing use of internet attach is most commonly growing on increasing. The main categories of Attacks can be from two categories: "Passive" when a network intruder intercepts data traveling through the network and "Active" in which an intruder initiates commands to disrupt the network's normal operation. A system must be able to limit damage and recover rapidly when attacks occur. There are some more types of attack that are also essential to be considered:

- **Passive Attack:** A passive attack monitors unencrypted traffic and looks for clear text passwords and sensitive information that can be used in other types of attacks. The monitoring and listening of the communication channel by unauthorized attackers are known as passive attack. It includes traffic analysis monitoring of unprotected communications decrypting weakly encrypted traffic and capturing authentication information such as passwords. Passive interception of network operations enables adversaries to see upcoming actions. Passive attacks result in the disclosure of information or data files to an attacker without the consent or knowledge of the user.
- **Active Attack:** In an active attack, the attacker tries to bypass or break into secured systems in the going on communication. This can be done through stealth, viruses, worms, or Trojan horses. Active attacks include attempts to circumvent or break protection features to introduce malicious code and to steal or modify information. The unauthorized attackers a monitor listens to and modifies the data stream in the communication channel are known as active attack. These attacks are mounted against network backbone exploit information in transit electronically penetrate an enclave or attack an authorized remote user during an attempt to connect to an enclave. Active attacks result in the disclosure or dissemination of data files, DoS, or modification of data.
- **Distributed Attack:** A distributed attack requires that the adversary introduce code, such as a Trojan horse or back door program, to a trusted component or software that will later be distributed

to many other companies and users Distribution attacks focus on the malicious modification of hardware or software at the factory or during distribution. These attacks introduce malicious code such as a back door to a product to gain unauthorized access to information or to a system function at a later date.

- **Close in Attack:** A close in attack involves someone attempting to get physically close to network components, data, and systems in order to learn more about a network. Close in attacks consist of regular individuals attaining close physical proximity to networks, systems, or facilities for the purpose of modifying, gathering, or denying access to information.
- **Spyware Attack:** A serious computer security threat, spyware is any program that monitors your online activities or installs programs without your consent for profit or to capture personal information. And this capture information is maliciously used as the legitimate user for that particular kind of work.
- **Phishing Attack:** In phishing attack the hacker creates a fake web site that looks exactly like a popular site such as the SBI bank or PayPal. The phishing part of the attack is that the hacker then sends an e-mail message trying to trick the user into clicking a link that leads to the fake site. When the user attempts to log on with their account information the hacker records the username and password and then tries that information on the real site.
- **Password Attack:** An attacker tries to crack the passwords stored in a network account database or a password protected file. There are three major types of password attacks: a dictionary attack, a brute force attack, and a hybrid attack. A dictionary attack uses a word list file, which is a list of potential passwords. A brute force attack is when the attacker tries every possible combination of characters.

Network Security Technologies:

Internet threats will continue to be a major issue in the global world as long as information is accessible and transferred across the Internet. Different defense and detection mechanisms were developed to deal with attacks mentioned earlier. Some of these mechanisms along with advance concepts are mention in this section.

- I. **Cryptographic Systems:** Cryptography is a useful and widely used tool in security engineering today. It involved the use of codes and ciphers to transform information into unintelligible data.
- II. **Firewall:** The firewall is a typical border control mechanism or perimeter defense. The purpose of a firewall is to block traffic from the outside, but it could also be used to block traffic from the inside. A firewall is the front line defense mechanism against intruders to enter in the system. It is a system designed to prevent unauthorized access to or from a private network. Firewalls can be implemented in both hardware and software, or a combination of both. The most widely sold solution to the problems of Internet security is the firewall. This is a machine that stands between a local network and the Internet and filters out traffic that might be harmful. The idea of a solution in

a box has great appeal to many organizations, and is now so widely accepted that it's seen as an essential part of corporate due diligence. Firewalls come in basically three flavors, depending on whether they filter at the IP packet level, at the TCP session level, or at the application level.

- III. **Driving Security to the Hardware Level:** To further optimize performance and increase security, Intel develop platforms also include several complementary security technologies built into multiple platform components, including the processor, chipset, and network interface controllers (NICs). These technologies provide low level building blocks upon which a secure and high performing network infrastructure can be sustained. These technologies include Virtualization Technology, Trusted Execution Technology and Quick Assist Technology.
- IV. **Intrusion Detection Systems:** An Intrusion Detection System (IDS) is an additional protection measure that helps ward off computer intrusions. IDS systems can be software and hardware devices used to detect an attack. IDS products are used to monitor connection in determining whether attacks have been launched. Some IDS systems just monitor and alert of an attack, whereas others try to block the attack. The typical antivirus software product is an example of an intrusion detection system. The systems used to detect bad things happening are referred to generically as intrusion detection systems. Intrusion detection in corporate and government networks is a fast growing field of security research; this growth has been prompted by the realization that many systems make no effective use of log and audit data.
- V. **Anti-Malware Software and Scanners:** Viruses, worms and Trojan horses are all examples of malicious software, or Malware for short. Special so called anti Malware tools are used to detect them and cure an infected system.
- VI. **Secure Socket Layer (SSL):** The Secure Socket Layer (SSL) is a suite of protocols that is a standard way to achieve a good level of security between a web browser and a website. SSL is designed to create a secure channel, or tunnel, between a web browser and the web server, so that any information exchanged is protected within the secured tunnel. SSL provides authentication of clients to server through the use of certificates. Clients present a certificate to the server to prove their identity.
- VII. **Dynamic Endpoint Modeling:** Observable's security solution, represents a profoundly new way to look at IT security. It models each device on your network so you can understand normal behavior and quickly take action when a device starts acting abnormally. There's no need to install agents on the devices or attempt to use deep packet inspection giving you a powerful solution to overcome these new security challenges.

Network Security Policies:

- **Making Security in Clouds Environment:** Analysts project that IT spending will increase slightly from 2013. This increase in investment is largely attributed to cloud computing. Over half of IT organizations plan to increase their spending on cloud computing to improve flexible and

efficient use of their IT resources. Intel Trusted Execution Technology (Intel TXT) is specifically designed to harden platforms against hypervisor, firmware, BIOS, and system level attacks in virtual and cloud environments. It does so by providing a mechanism that enforces integrity checks on these pieces of software at launch time. This ensures the software has not been altered from its known state. This TXT also provides the platform level trust information that higher level security applications require to enforce role based security policies. Intel TXT enforces control through measurement, memory locking and sealing secrets.

- **Trend Micro Threat Management Services:** Because conventional security solutions no longer adequately protect against the evolving set of multilayered threats, users need a new approach. Trend Micro delivers that approach with the Trend Micro Smart Protection Network. The Smart Protection Network infrastructure provides innovative, real time protection from the cloud, blocking threats before they reach a user's PC or a company's network. Leveraged across Trend Micro's solutions and services, the Smart Protection Network combines unique Internet based, or in the cloud, technologies with lighter weight clients. By checking URLs, emails, and files against continuously updated and correlated threat databases in the cloud, customers always have immediate access to the latest protection wherever they connect from home within the company network, or on the go.
- **Advanced Threat Protection with Big Data:** Big Data makes big sense for security as it involves using specialized technologies and techniques to collect, coordinate, store, and analyze truly massive amounts of related and perhaps even disparate data to uncover insights and patterns that would otherwise remain obscured. Leveraging Big Data for information security purposes not only makes sense but is necessary. Big Data analytics can be leveraged to improve information security and situational awareness. For example, Big Data analytics can be employed to analyze financial transactions, log files, and network traffic to identify anomalies and suspicious activities, and to correlate multiple sources of information into a coherent view. Data driven information security dates back to bank fraud detection and anomaly based intrusion detection systems. Fraud detection is one of the most visible uses for Big Data analytics. Credit card companies have conducted fraud detection for decades. However, the custom built infrastructure to mine Big Data for fraud detection was not economical to adapt for other fraud detection uses. Off the shelf Big Data tools and techniques are now bringing attention to analytics for fraud detection in healthcare, insurance, and other fields.

Conclusion:

Security is a very difficult and vital important topic. Everyone has a different idea regarding security' policies, and what levels of risk are acceptable. The key for building a secure network is to define what security means to your need of the time and use. Once that has been defined, everything that goes on with the network can be evaluated with respect to that policy. It's important to build systems and networks in

such a way that the user is not constantly reminded of the security system around him but Users who find security policies and systems too restrictive will find ways around them. There are different kinds of attacks on the security policies and also growing with the advancement and the growing use of internet. In this paper we are trying to study these different kinds of attacks that penetrate our system. As the threats are increasing, so for secure use of our systems and internet there are various different security policies are also developing. In this paper we have mention some of the security policies that can be used mostly by number of users and some new advance qualities that fits to the todays more penetrating environments like Trend micro security mechanism, use of big data qualities in providing security, etc. Security is everybody's business, and only with everyone's cooperation, an intelligent policy, and consistent practices, will it be achievable.

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