

# Security Engineering (5)

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# Problems with Key Fobs

Circumventing the ignition protection:

- either dismantling Megamos crypto,
- or use the diagnostic port to program blank keys

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## Insurers refuse to cover Range Rovers due to security flaw

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INSURANCE companies are refusing to cover new Range Rovers in London after thieves found a way of bypassing the vehicles' keyless ignition systems.

Criminals use hand-held electronic devices, available on eBay, to get around the feature. Unless owners have secure parking, underwriters are now said to be refusing to insure them.

Insurers have asked to meet Jaguar Range Rover to discuss the growing problem. Thatcham Research, the motor insurers' automotive research centre, said that 294 Range Rover Evoque and Sport vehicles were stolen in London between January and July. In the same period, 63 BMW X5s, a rival to the Range Rover, were taken.

James Wasdell, co-founder of Quantum Underwriting, said: "If you are an owner of a street-parked Range Rover, nine out of 10 insurers will now say no. However, we have found a solution by combining the use of physical protection [for the car] and advising clients to insure all assets with one insurer."

Jaguar Land Rover said: "Our line-up continues to meet the insurance industry requirements. Nevertheless we are taking this issue very seriously."

### Dismantling Megamos Crypto: Wirelessly Lockpicking a Vehicle Immobilizer

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#### 1. Disclaimer

This is a research paper, ordered by the High Court of London on Tuesday 20th June 2014. The authors are not permitted from publishing the technical contents of the article, article: Dismantling Megamos Crypto: Wirelessly Lockpicking a Vehicle Immobilizer [1] until further notice.

#### 2. Historical data

Figure 1 contains the cryptographic hash (SHA-512) of the original find paper which was submitted to appear in the proceedings of the 2014 USENIX Security Symposium, Washington DC, August 2014.

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5d015ba8743d459eecca338605174b444  
436f3da133f78b782664954acc665da8  
4001881134bf0c23ba46fba480c056df  
1bb427e1d8ffcf040fa31890b4d0ba4ca
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Figure 1: SHA-512 hash of the find paper

#### References

1. Shafiq Vohra, Florin D. Ciaba, and Rony Ego. Dismantling megamos crypto: Wirelessly lockpicking a vehicle immobilizer. In *2014 USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security 14)*. USENIX Association, 2014.

# Nonces

- 1 I generate a nonce (random number) and send it to you encrypted with a key we share
- 2 you increase it by one, encrypt it under a key I know and send it back to me

I can infer:

- you must have received my message
- you could only have generated your answer after I have sent you my initial message
- if only you and me know the key, the message must have come from you

# Protocols



- The point is that we have no control over the network
- We want to avoid that a message exchange (a protocol) can be attacked without detection

# G20 Summit in 2009



- Snowden documents reveal “that during the G20 meetings...GCHQ used ‘ground-breaking intelligence capabilities’ to intercept the communications of visiting delegations. This included setting up internet cafes where they used an email interception program and key-logging software to spy on delegates’ use of computers...”
- “The G20 spying appears to have been organised for the more mundane purpose of securing an advantage in meetings.”

# A Simple PK Protocol

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unfortunately there is a simple man-in-the-middle-attack

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and  $A$  and  $B$  have no chance to detect it

# Interlock Protocol

The interlock protocol (“best bet” against MITM):

1.  $A \rightarrow B : K_A^{pub}$
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3.  $\{A, m\}_{K_B^{pub}} \mapsto H_1, H_2$   
 $\{B, m'\}_{K_A^{pub}} \mapsto M_1, M_2$
4.  $A \rightarrow B : H_1$
5.  $B \rightarrow A : \{H_1, M_1\}_{K_A^{pub}}$
6.  $A \rightarrow B : \{H_2, M_1\}_{K_B^{pub}}$
7.  $B \rightarrow A : M_2$

# Splitting Messages

0 X 1 p e U V T G J K + H 7 0 m M j A M 8 p

$\{A, m\}_{K_B^{pub}}$

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$H_2$

- you can also use the even and odd bytes
- the point is you cannot decrypt the halves, even if you have the key

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$$C \rightarrow A : D_2$$

$m$  = How is your grandmother?  $m'$  = How is the weather today in London?

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- So  $C$  can either leave the communication unchanged (Hellman-Diffie), or invent a complete new conversation

- the moral: establishing a secure connection from “zero” is almost impossible—you need to rely on some established trust
- that is why PKI relies on certificates, which however are badly, badly realised



# Trusted Third Parties

Simple protocol for establishing a secure connection via a mutually trusted 3rd party (server):

$$A \rightarrow S : A, B$$

$$S \rightarrow A : \{K_{AB}, \{K_{AB}\}_{K_{BS}}\}_{K_{AS}}$$

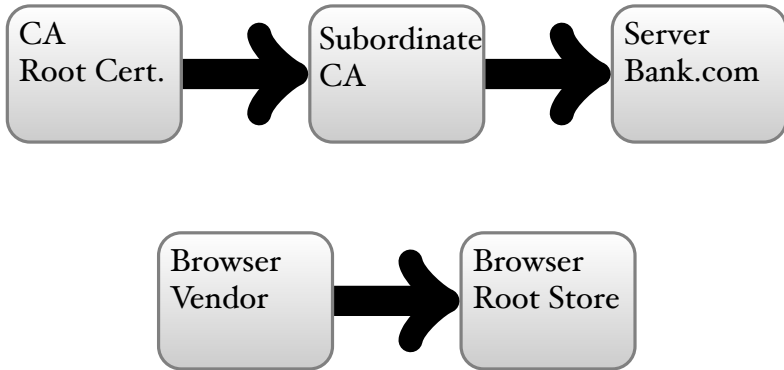
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$$A \rightarrow B : \{m\}_{K_{AB}}$$

# PKI: The Main Idea

- the idea is to have a certificate authority (CA)
- you go to the CA to identify yourself
- CA: “I, the CA, have verified that public key  $P_{Bob}^{pub}$  belongs to Bob”
- CA must be trusted by everybody
- certificates are time limited, and can be revoked
- What happens if CA issues a false certificate?  
Who pays in case of loss? (VeriSign explicitly limits liability to \$100.)

# PKI: Chains of Trust



- CAs make almost no money anymore, because of stiff competition
- browser companies are not really interested in security; only in market share

# PKI: Weaknesses

CAs just cannot win (make any profit):

- there are hundreds of CAs, which issue millions of certificates and the error rate is small
- users (servers) do not want to pay or pay as little as possible
- a CA can issue a certificate for any domain not needing any permission (CAs are meant to undergo audits, but...DigiNotar)
- if a CA has issued many certificates, it “becomes too big to fail”
- Can we be sure CAs are not just frontends of some government organisation?

# PKI: Weaknesses

- many certificates are issued via Whois...if you hijacked a domain, it is easy to obtain certificates
- the revocation mechanism does not work (Chrome has given up on general revocation lists)
- lax approach to validation of certificates (Have you ever bypassed certification warnings?)
- sometimes you want to actually install invalid certificates (self-signed)

# PKI: Attacks

- Go directly after root certificates
  - governments can demand private keys
  - 10 years ago it was estimated that breaking a 1024 bit key takes one year and costs 10 - 30 Mio \$; this is now reduced to 1 Mio \$
- Go after buggy implementations of certificate validation
- Social Engineering
  - in 2001 somebody pretended to be from Microsoft and asked for two code-signing certificates

The eco-system is completely broken (it relies on thousands of entities to do the right thing). Maybe DNSSEC where keys can be attached to domain names is a way out.

# Real Attacks

- In 2011, DigiNotar (Dutch company) was the first CA that got compromised comprehensively, and where many fraudulent certificates were issued to the wild. It included approximately 300,000 IP addresses, mostly located in Iran. The attackers (in Iran?) were likely interested “only” in collecting gmail passwords.
- The Flame malware piggy-bagged on this attack by advertising malicious Windows updates to some targeted systems (mostly in Iran, Israel, Sudan).

# PKI is Broken

- PKI and certificates are meant to protect you against MITM attacks, but if the attack occurs you are presented with a warning and you need to decide whether you are under attack.
- Webcontent gets often loaded from 3rd-party servers, which might not be secured
- Misaligned incentives: browser vendors are not interested in breaking webpages with invalid certificates



## Why are there so many invalid certificates?

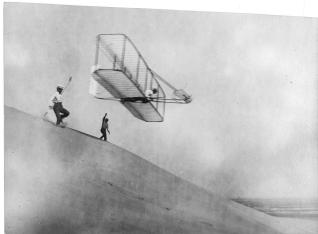
- insufficient name coverage (www.example.com should include example.com)
- IoT: many appliances have web-based admin interfaces; the manufacturer cannot know under which IP and domain name the appliances are run (so cannot install a valid certificate)
- expired certificates, or incomplete chains of trust (servers are supposed to supply them)

# Mid-Term

- homework, handouts, programs...

**Any Questions?**

# Security Engineering



Wright brothers, 1901



Airbus, 2005

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- hashes and salts to guarantee data integrity
- storing passwords (you should know the difference between brute force attacks and dictionary attacks; how do salts help?)

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- fingerprinting beyond browser cookies

Pixel Perfect: Fingerprinting Canvas in HTML5  
(a research paper from 2012)

<http://cseweb.ucsd.edu/~hovav/papers/ms12.html>

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- in May 2014 a crawl of 100,000 popular webpages revealed 5.5% already use canvas fingerprinting

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Remember the small web-app I showed you where a cookie protected a counter?

- NYT, the cookie looks the “resource” - harm
- imaginary discount unlocked by cookie - no harm

# 2nd Lecture: E-Voting

Where are paper ballots better than voice voting?

- Integrity
- **Ballot Secrecy**
- Voter Authentication
- Enfranchisement
- Availability

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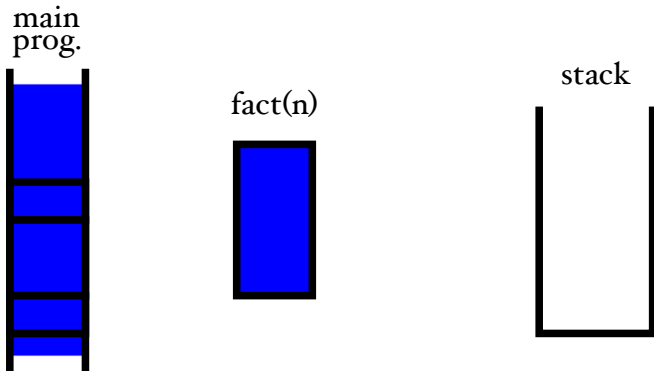
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- Alex Halderman, Washington D.C. hack  
<https://jhalderm.com/pub/papers/dcvoting-fc12.pdf>
- PDF-ballot tampering at the wireless router (the modification is nearly undetectable and leaves no traces; MITM attack with firmware updating)  
<http://galois.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/technical-hack-a-pdf.pdf>

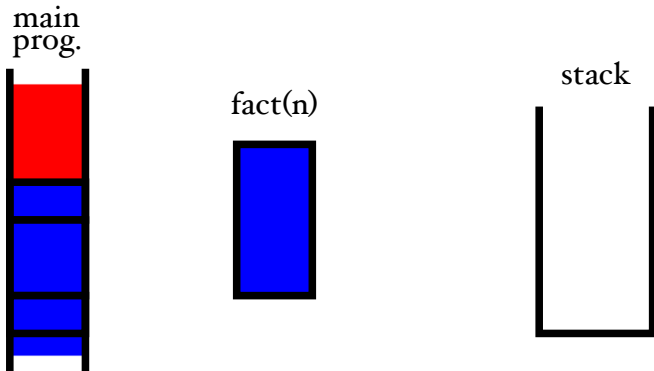
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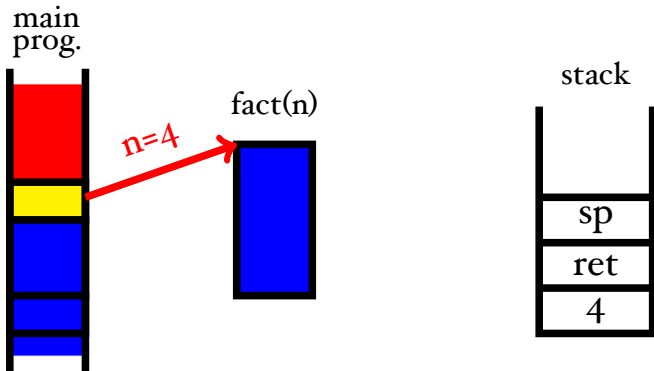
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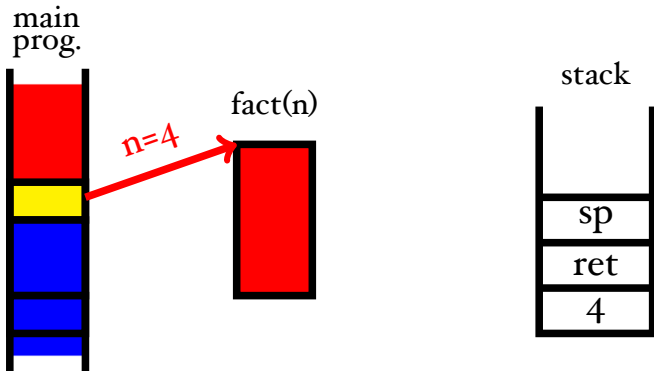
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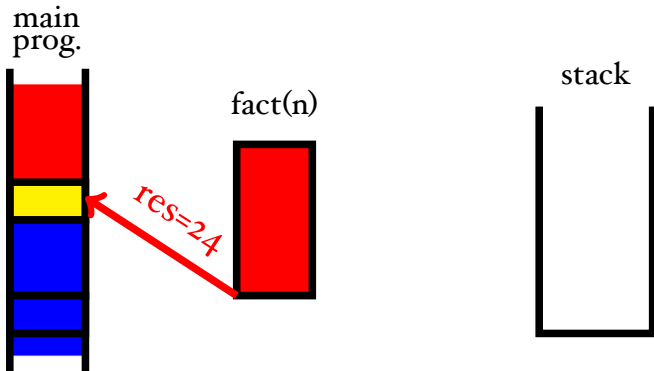
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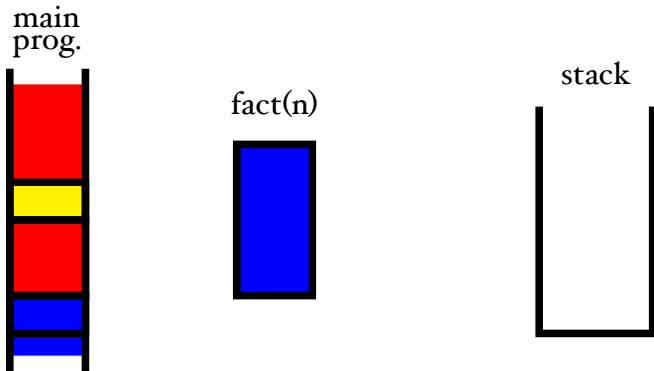
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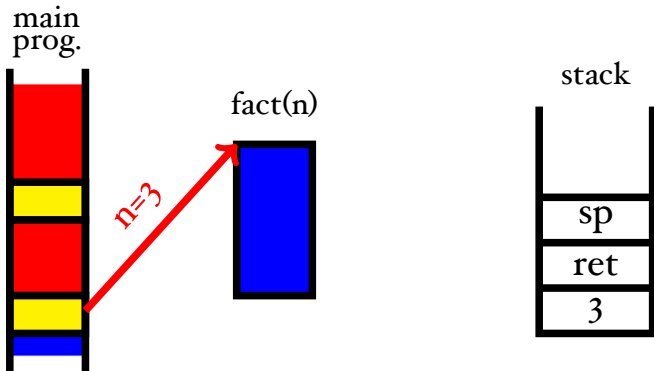
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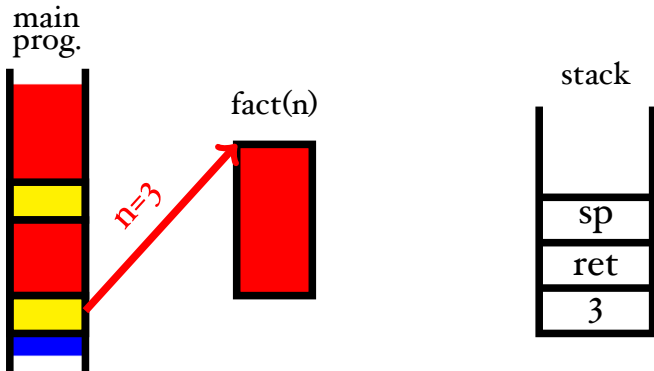
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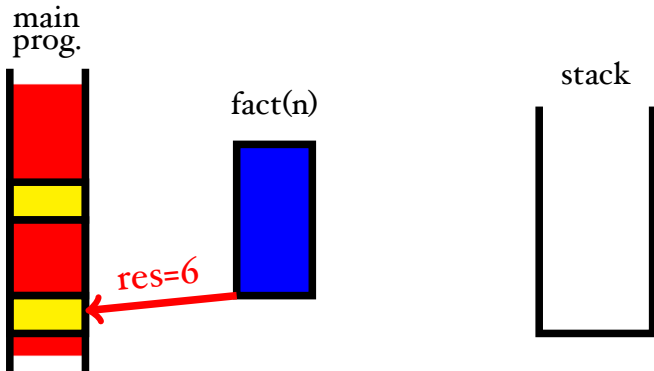
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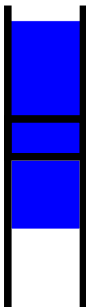


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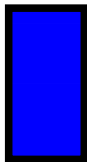
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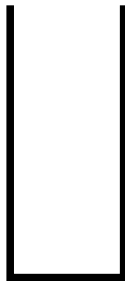
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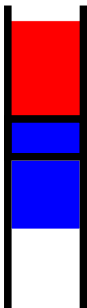
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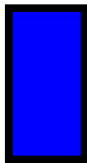
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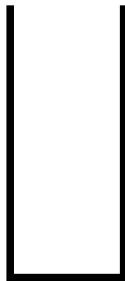
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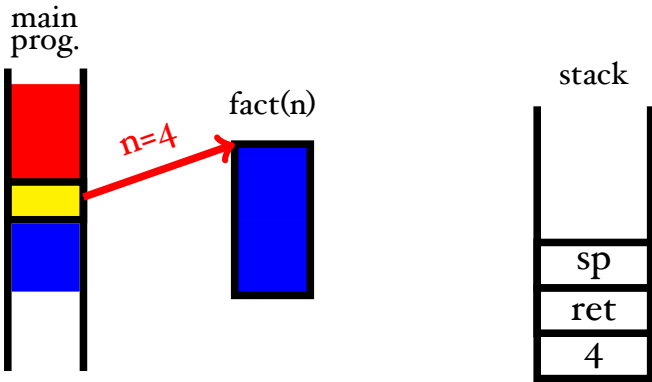
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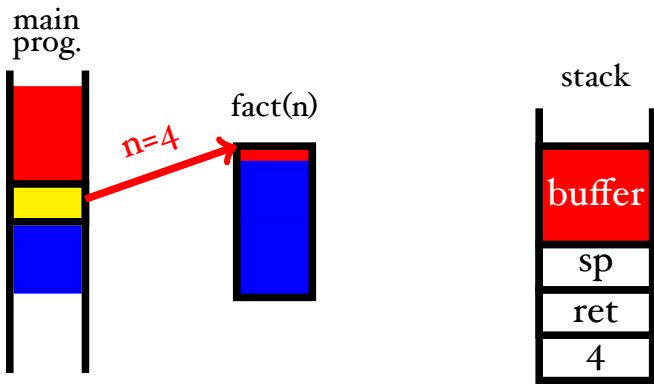


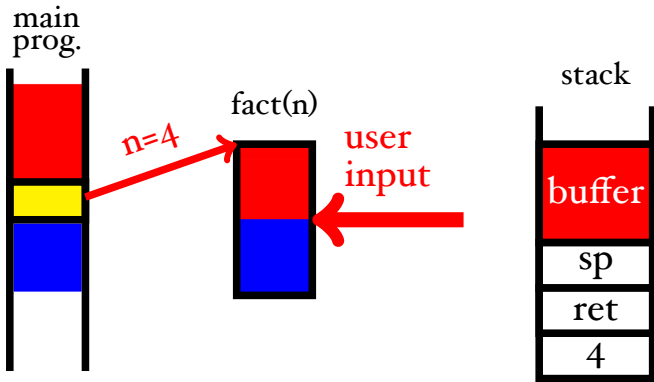
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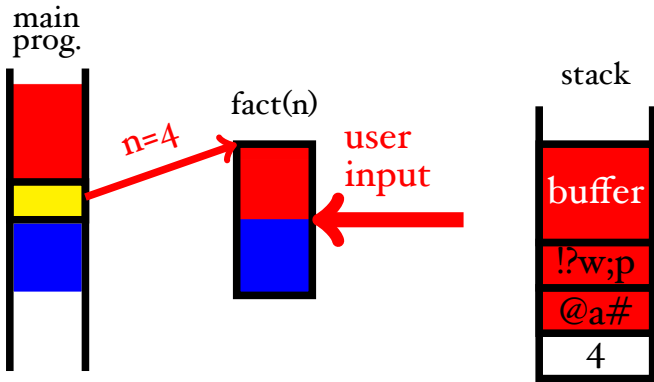


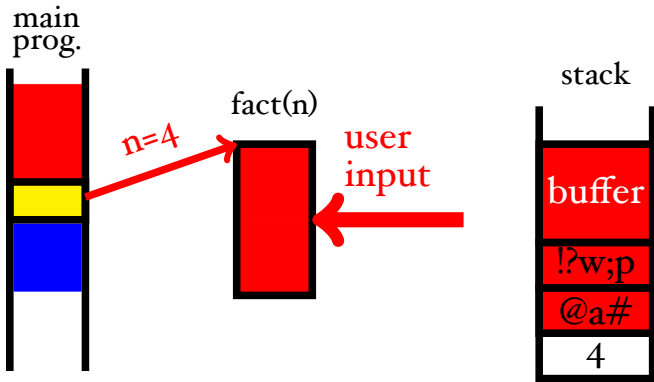


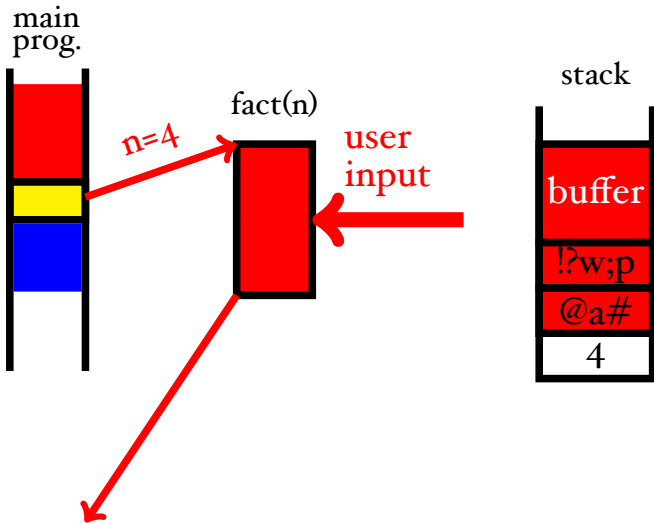






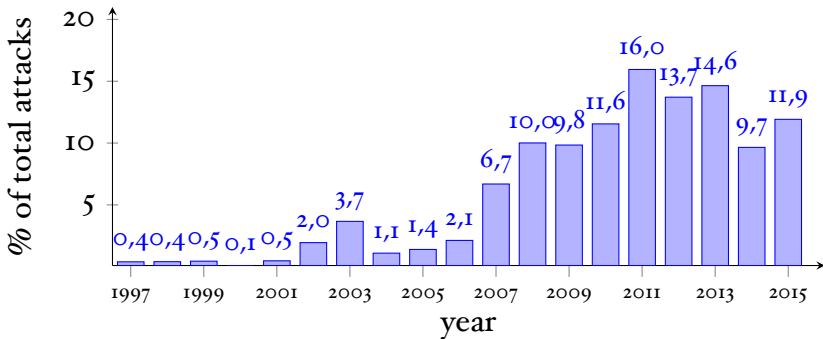






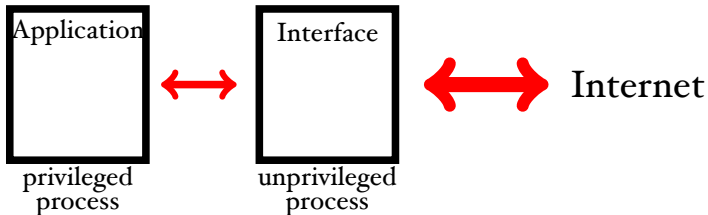
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US National Vulnerability Database  
(636 out of 6675 in 2014)



# 4th Lecture: Unix Access Control

- privileges are specified by file access permissions (“everything is a file”)



- the idea is to make the attack surface smaller and mitigate the consequences of an attack



# 4th Lecture:

## Unix Access Control

- when a file with setuid is executed, the resulting process will assume the UID given to the owner of the file

```
$ ls -ld . * */*
drwxr-xr-x 1 ping staff 32768 Apr  2 2010 .
-rw----r-- 1 ping students 31359 Jul 24 2011 manual.txt
-r--rw--w- 1 bob students  4359 Jul 24 2011 report.txt
-rwsr--r-x 1 bob students 141359 Jun  1 2013 microedit
dr--r-xr-x 1 bob staff    32768 Jul 23 2011 src
-rw-r--r-- 1 bob staff    81359 Feb 28 2012 src/code.c
-r--rw---- 1 emma students  959 Jan 23 2012 src/code.h
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# 4th Lecture:

# Unix Access Control

- Alice wants to have her files readable, **except** for her office mates.
- make sure you understand the setuid and setgid bits; why are they necessary for login and passwd