Security Engineering (2)

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Murphy's computer

Satan's computers

Exam and Homework

- reminder...KEATS

Today's Lecture

online banking   vs   e-voting
solved   unsolved

E-Voting

"Any electronic voting system should provide at least the same security, privacy and transparency as the system it replaces."

—Australian Voting Commission

Voting as Security Problem

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- Integrity

  - The outcome matches with the voters' intend.

  - There might be gigantic sums at stake and need to be defended against.

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- Nobody can find out how you voted.

- (Stronger) Even if you try, you cannot prove how you voted.

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- Only authorised voters can vote up to the permitted number of votes.

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- Authorised voters should have the opportunity to vote.

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- Integrity
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- Enfranchisement
- Availability

- The voting system should accept all authorised votes and produce results in a timely manner.

Problems with Voting

Integrity vs. Ballot Secrecy

Authentication vs. Enfranchisement

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Further constraints:

- costs
- accessibility
- convenience
- intelligibility

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mechanical, but they need a "protocol"

Motives for E-Voting

- 76% of pensioners in the UK vote, but only 44% of the under-25s

- convenience

- speed

E-Voting

- The Netherlands between 1997 - 2006 had electronic voting machines
  (hacktivists had found: they can be hacked and also emitted radio signals revealing how you voted)

- Germany had used them in pilot studies
  (in 2007 a law suit has reached the highest court and it rejected electronic voting on the grounds of not being understandable by the general public)

- UK used optical scan voting systems in a few test polls, but abandoned any wide deployment

E-Voting

- US used mechanical machines since the 30s, later punch cards, until recently DREs and optical scan voting machines

- Estonia used in 2007, 2011 and 2015 the Internet for national elections (there were earlier pilot studies in other countries)

- The Australian parliament ruled in 2014 that e-voting is highly vulnerable to hacking and will not use it any time soon.

- Norway experimented with Internet voting, but e-voting is an incredibly difficult problem, even in such favourable circumstances...(voter turnout did not really increase)

E-Voting

- India uses e-voting devices since at least 2003 ("keep-it-simple" machines produced by a government owned company)

- South Africa used software for its tallying in the 1993 elections (when Nelson Mandela was elected) (they found the tallying software was rigged, but they were able to tally manually)

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- needs to trust the integrity of voters' computers, central server components and the election staff

```python
#!/usr/bin/python2.7
# -*- coding: UTF8 -*-

"""
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(Estonian National Electoral Committee), www.vvk.ee
Written in 2004-2013 by Cybernetica AS, www.cyber.ee

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http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/.
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def analyze(ik, vote, votebox):

    #   TODO: implement security checks
    #   such as verifying the correct size
    #   of the encrypted vote

    return []
```

E-Voting in **Theory**

- Alice prepares and audits a ballot, then casts an encrypted ballot, which requires her to authenticate to a server.

- A bulletin board posts Alice's name and encrypted ballot. Anyone, including Alice, can check the bulletin board and find her encrypted vote posted.

- When the election closes, all votes are shuffled and the system produces a non-interactive proof of a correct shuffling. (zero-knowledge-proofs)

- After a reasonable complaint period to let auditors check the shuffling, all shuffled ballots are decrypted, and the system provides a decryption proof for each decrypted ballot. (zero-knowledge-proofs)

- Perform a tally of the decrypted votes.

- An auditor can download the entire election data and verify the shuffle, decryptions and tally.

A Brief History of Voting

- Athenians
  - show of hands
  - ballots on pieces of pottery
  - different colours of stones
  - "facebook"-like authorisation

  problems with vote buying / no ballot privacy

- French Revolution and the US Constitution got things "started" with paper ballots (you first had to bring your own; later they were pre-printed by parties)

Ballot Boxes

Security policies with paper ballots:

1. you need to check that the ballot box is empty at the start of the poll / no false bottom (to prevent ballot stuffing)

2. you need to guard the ballot box during the poll until counting

   (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPO1swQVMoc&spfreload=10)

3. tallied by a team at the end of the poll (independent observers)

Which security requirements do paper ballots satisfy better than voice voting?

- Integrity
- Enfranchisement
- Ballot secrecy
- Voter authentication
- Availability

Paper Ballots

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William M. Tweed, US Politician in 1860's
"As long as I count the votes, what are you going to do about it?"

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Chain Voting Attack

1. you obtain a blank ballot and fill it out as you want
2. you give it to a voter outside the polling station
3. voter receives a new blank ballot
4. voter submits prefilled ballot
5. voter gives blank ballot to you, you give money
6. goto 1

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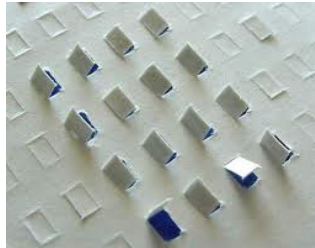
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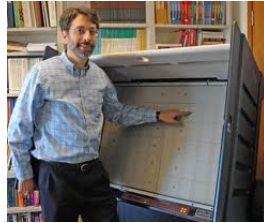
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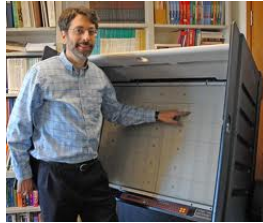
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all are "computers"

DREs

Direct-recording electronic voting machines
(votes are recorded for example on memory cards)
typically touchscreen machines
usually no papertrail

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- first reversed-engineered the machine (extremely tedious)

- could completely reboot the machine and even install a virus that infects other Diebold machines

- obtained also the source code for other machines

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A non-obvious problem:

- you can nowadays get old machines, which still store old polls

- the paper ballot box needed to be secured during the voting until counting; e-voting machines need to be secured during the entire life-time

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You still have to solve problems about voter
registration, voter authentication, guarding
against tampering

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Official claims: "perfect", "tamperproof", "no need for technical improvements", "infallible"

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But overall, in times of NSA/state sponsored cyber-crime, e-voting is too hard with current technology.

Online Banking vs. E-Voting

- online banking: if fraud occurs you try to identify who did what (somebody's account got zero)

- e-voting: some parts can be done electronically, but not the actual voting

Student In-Lecture Polling

- can guarantee anonymity
- integrity by electronic means

- how to achieve the same in "software"?

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- solving the problem of distribution

The adventures of citizen Michael C. Robertson
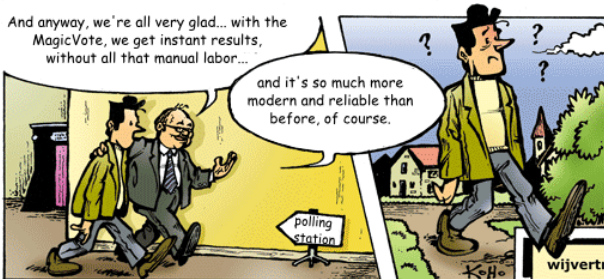
Drawings: Koen Hottentot — Story: Rop Gonggrijp / Barry Wels — Color: Adam Swiecky — Translation: Jaap Weel

Buffer Overflow Attacks

first lecture

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next

How to Salt?

```
1salt  ⇒  8189effef4d4f7411f4153b13ff72546dd682c69
2salt  ⇒  1528375d5ceb7d71597053e6877cc570067a738f
3salt  ⇒  d646e213d4f87e3971d9dd6d9f435840eb6a1c06
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- Bruce Schneier in cases messages are long:
  instead of $m \mapsto$ `hash(m)`,
  use $m \mapsto$ `hash(hash(m) + m)`

User-Tracking Without Cookies

Can you track a user **without**:

- Cookies
- JavaScript
- LocalStorage/SessionStorage/GlobalStorage
- Flash, Java or other plugins
- Your IP address or user agent string
- Any methods employed by Panopticlick
                → `https://panopticlick.eff.org/`

Even when you disabled cookies entirely, have
JavaScript turned off and use a VPN service, and
also ...

Verizon

1. Device sends an HTTP request.

2. Verizon injects an HTTP header ("X-UIDH"). It's a temporary ID, hashed or HMACed with a key.

3. Destination website (or third party) receives HTTP request with injected header.

4. Website directs request to advertising exchange.

5. Advertisers on the exchange can issue a paid API call to Verizon.

6. Verizon maps the header to a temporary ID, and returns the ID and/or advertising segments.

http://webpolicy.org/2014/10/24/
how-verizons-advertising-header-works
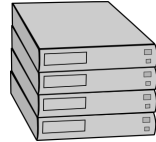
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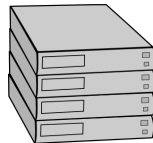

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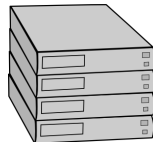# Web-Protocol

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