

Outline for June 1, 2000

1. Greetings and felicitations!
2. Avoiding Vulnerabilities
 - a. Good programming design (eight rules follow; Saltzer and Schroeder)
 - b. Good implementation practise (more next week)
3. Principles of Secure Design
 - a. Refer to both designing secure systems and securing existing systems
 - b. Speaks to limiting damage
4. Principle of Least Privilege
 - a. Give process only those privileges it needs
 - b. Discuss use of roles; examples of systems which violate this (vanilla UNIX) and which maintain this (Secure Xenix)
 - c. Examples in programming (making things setuid to root unnecessarily, limiting protection domain; modularity, robust programming)
 - d. Example attacks (misuse of privileges, etc.)
5. Principle of Fail-Safe Defaults
 - a. Default is to deny
 - b. Example of violation: *su* program
6. Principle of Economy of Mechanism
 - a. KISS principle
 - b. Enables quick, easy verification
 - c. Example of complexity: *sendmail*
7. Principle of Complete Mediation
 - a. All accesses must be checked
 - b. Forces system-wide view of controls
 - c. Sources of requests must be identified correctly
 - d. Source of problems: caching (because it may not reflect the state of the system correctly); examples are race conditions, DNS poisoning
8. Principle of Open Design
 - a. Designs are open so everyone can examine them and know the limits of the security provided
 - b. Does *not* apply to cryptographic keys
 - c. Acceptance of reality: they can get this info anyway
9. Principle of Separation of Privilege
 - a. Require multiple conditions to be satisfied before granting permission/access/etc.
 - b. Advantage: 2 accidents/errors/etc. must happen together to trigger failure
10. Principle of Least Common Mechanism
 - a. Minimize sharing
 - b. New service: in kernel or as a library routine? Latter is better, as each user gets their own copy
11. Principle of Psychological Acceptability
 - a. Willingness to use the mechanisms
 - b. Understanding model
 - c. Matching user's goal
12. Auditing
 - a. Goals: reconstruction or deduction?
 - b. Relationship to security policy
 - c. Application logs
 - d. System logs
13. Example analysis technique
 - a. GOAL methodology
 - b. Do it on local file accesses

14. Problems
 - a. Log size
 - b. Impact on system services
 - c. Correlation of disparate logs
15. Intrusion detection
 - a. Anomaly detection
 - b. Misuse detection
 - c. Specification detection
16. Anomaly detection
 - a. Dorothy Denning's model and IDES
 - b. Useful characteristics (examples)
 - c. Cautions and problems
 - d. Defeating it
17. Misuse detection
 - a. TIM (from DEC)
 - b. Rule-based analysis and attack recognition
 - c. Cautions and problems
 - d. Defeating it
18. Specification Detection
 - a. Property-Based Testing (introduce specifications here)
 - b. Example
 - c. Cautions and problems
 - d. Defeating it
19. Toss in a network
 - a. NSM
 - b. DIDS
 - c. GrIDS