

Soluções em Segurança da Informação



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Attacks





Policies

Least privileges

TCB minimization



Security in Layers







- The Audience
- The Problem
- Our Proposals
- Implementation Results
- Current and Future Work



The Audience

- Generally speaking, security professionals
- More precisely:
 - People managing projects (PMP)
 - People analysing system security
 - People designing secure hardware
- Problem Importance:
 - The DHS (NSA, DoD, NIST) Cyber Security Roadmap ranks "Trustworthy Scalable Computing - TSC" the top 1 security challenge for the next years
 - Proper TSC requires trusted computing bases TCB (software + hardware)

- Importance of real HW + SW system implementations is fully established
- However, even when ample resources are employed, this objective is very hard to attain
- Symptom: "is this system secure?" vs "for how long will this system remain secure?"
- The stochastic nature of real system implementations must not be ignored
- System examples: DRM enabled devices, HSM, DRE, Token, Game Console



- "Performance vs features vs TTM" race gains more attention than security does, from Industry
- Security is a highly interdisciplinary field and requires a unified view
- With current systems, complexity is intractable (even logically, not to mention the physical, probabilistic and human aspects)
 - Formal proofs for HW + SW logical interactions shown to be NP-hard or intractable
- There is NO Unified Security Theory



- How to design and build secure systems?
- How to measure if a given architecture is better than others, prior to deployment?
- How to quickly assess the impact of a system modification?
- How to consider the lack of knowledge about some system characteristics?
- How to succeed even when no component is 100% trusted?
- How to consider at the same time physical and logical aspects?



- Reduce design hassle of secure hybrid systems
- Handle the growing complexity
- Automate as much as possible the security analysis by using the design files as input
- Allow design of trustworthy systems with faulty components
- Prevail even when many unknown aspects are present



- The first framework that deals with early design stages of hardware-based secure systems with broad scope
- A tool that can be applied earliest in the design cycle of secure systems
- A probabilistic model, under which some well know "golden policies" can be proven and others be challenged



System Example – Crypto Token





- 1. A secure system can be composed of other systems (or components);
- 2. The security of systems has a probabilistic nature;
- 3. Individually insecure (with respect to a given policy) components can be arranged in the form of a secure system;
- 4. Secure components (with respect to a given policy) may be arranged into an insecure system;
- 5. Ultimately, all components are physical. Logical components are abstractions represented in a particular physical component configuration (or state);
- 6. There are no complete descriptions of non-trivial practical systems;
- 7. Every component has an associated cost for its deployment;
- 8. Certain (typically local) components are associated with adversary rewards;



B1. Interaction channel: every subsystem that can be composed with others has one interaction channel. This interaction channel may be a logical abstraction, providing a communication channel. The channel can be directed or not.

B2. Entropic potential: represents the information assets that generate benefits for the opponent. Measured in bits.

B3. Entropic impedance (or resistance to leakage): quantifies the permeability of components and interaction channels to entropy. It is given as the probability that a given entropy amount migrates in a given timeframe from A to B trough an channel AB.



- **B4. Implicit security:** components with a certain set of security policies are subject to different attacks. Each attack has a different cost and a different success probability.
- **B5. Security provided:** expresses the ability an (directional) interaction has of transporting the implicit security experienced by a component A to a component B. Together with the implicit security, it expresses the ``protection relationship''.



- Our observations and properties are used to produce models where security characteristics can be explored
- We present in this paper three models:
 - Two are graph-based:
 - Model 1: Bit leakage
 - Model 2: Adversary path (not shown here)
 - One is based on Decision Theoretic Probabilistic
 ProLog DTProbLog



- Uses Properties B1, B2, and B3: interaction channel, entropic potential, and entropic impedance
- Let D = (V, A) be a digraph representing a related system and external agents that interact with it
- Each vertex *i* from V represents a system component or a principal. Each arc *ij* from A represents a interaction channels (B1).
- Let s be a bit of the secret (B2) which the system protects and that the adversary aims



- Vertex *i* has probability *pv_i* of knowing s
- By properties B1 and B3, s leaks from its container (say i) through the arcs *ij* with probability *pa_{i,j}*
- We are interested in minimizing pvk for the vertex k that represents the attacker





 $pv_j = pa_{i,j} \times pv_i$

 $pv_j = 1 - \prod_{i \in N_D^-(j)} (1 - pv_i \times pa_{i,j})$









- Uses Properties B1, B4, and B5: implicit security, security provided
- Let D = (V, A) be a connected digraph representing part of a system.
- Each vertex *i* of V represents a system component that can establish relations of protection. To each vertex *i* there is a related cost e_v. Each arc *ij* of A represents protection relationships.



- By B4, for each arc *ij* of A there is a violation cost *c_{ij}* associated with a given probability of succesful attack *pp_{ij}*.
- The arcs incident on *j* can be composed in and/or form.
- Let C be a subset of V representing the system's CSP. To each vertex j of C is associated a gain g_j.
- We are interested in making the best attack plan more expensive than the expected gain for the adversary.













- Policy 1: "Grant system principals the least privileges necessary to perform their jobs"
- Theorem 1: Policy 1 either does not affect, or it improves the overall system security regarding confidentiality CSPs
- Proof 1: Comes from equation for *pv_j* in model 1 by arc removal where *j* is the vertex that represents the adversary



Model Results – Policy 2

- Policy 2: "Minimize the size of the Trusted Computing Base"
- Theorem 2: Policy 2 does not always hold for integrity CSPs
- Proof 2: We use model 2. It suffices to show that we can arbitrarily increase system security by increasing the size of the TCB



- Graph model limitations motivated the use of alternative models
 - Too many annotations for richer descriptions
 - Limits representation for automation
 - Difficult to represent conditional probabilities
- We chose Decision Theoretic Probabilistic
 ProLog language

DTProbLog is a recent extension to ProbLog



- Probabilistic facts and queries in KB:
 - e.g. 0.9: protects_directed (J, I).
- Optimization target (or decisions):
 - e.g. ? :: attacked(C) :- component(C).
- Utility functions (or costs and gains):
 - e.g. break_policy(C) => 5 :- component(C).
- Because ProLog is expressive, it allowed us to describe all B1..B5 properties







• Model Rules (MB):

- Encodes variations of models 1 and 2
- Supporting tools (e.g. traversing rules, SP calculation, cost adding...)

• Knowledge Base (KB):

- Encodes best current values for costs, bug density, probabilities
- Initially with industry's defects/kloc metric

• System Description (SD):

- Contains the system description
- Either from user input or "Import Filter"





- We successfully employed FORTUNA during the development of a Cryptographic Secure Processor (SCUP)
- FORTUNA allowed 4x faster security design reviews, automatic analysis and cost reduction.
- Tool guided important architectural improvements



SCUP – Early Design





SCUP – Final Design



- Evolved to a Multi-core Asymmetric Processor
- Motivated a second core with minimal software stack
- Motivated the HW Firewall



Conclusion

- FORTUNA brings both practical and theoretical contributions for hardware-based systems' design
- Models could be used to prove (or challenge) some golden rule heuristics
- The tool was used in the design of a Cryptographic Secure Processor, easing the development process



- Improve KB precision through usage data feedback
- Improve MD with new models from properties B1...B5
- Develop new CAD plugins to make the target system description even faster
- Adjust model's equations to directly support conditional probability (correlation)

Thank You!

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