

# Breakout Participants



# Breakout 13: **Cloud Security**

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# Questions

- What does it mean for a cloud to be secure?
- How do we resolve conflicts between security, availability, user convenience and performance?
- How do we minimize the Trusted Computing Base (TCB) of a secure cloud?

# Interesting Research Directions (by no means complete!)

- Track dissemination and processing of private data
  - present to user in an intuitive way
- Efficient Verifiable computation
- Obfuscated computation (to protect program as well as data)
- Hybrid of cryptographic and systems approaches to cloud security
- Security across users in a cloud
- Enhance the security of commercial offerings, e.g., Intel SGX
- Resolving the conflict between obfuscated computation and protecting cloud from obfuscated malicious code

# Community-Building Challenge

Clean-Slate design of a secure public cloud

- In two different settings: infrastructure as a service and platform as a service
- Different TCBs and threat models
- Clean-slate secure processor designs
  - Verified and untrusted hypervisor
  - Untrusted OS
- Exemplar software stack and applications

# Breakout 14:

# **Machine Learning**

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# Machine Learning Applied to Cyber Security: Risks, Opportunities & Future Directions

- The necessity and use of domain expertise
  - Choosing the right domain with the right scope, framing the right problem
  - Beware of overuse and superficial use
- Adversarial ML
  - Robust against manipulation intended to evade ML-based detection
  - Caution against speculative threat models



# Machine Learning Applied to Cyber Security: Risks, Opportunities & Future Directions

- Impact of ML on privacy
  - ML techniques help us infer and detect as defenders
  - The same capability in the hands of attackers exacerbates privacy issues
- Focusing on explanation in addition to pursuing performance
  - An opportunity for both the ML and security communities
- Collecting and maintaining high quality data
  - Lack of ground truth
  - Highly dynamic environment

# Breakout 15: **App Markets**

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# Challenges

- **Users:** Regular users need to make security-critical decisions
  - How to reduce reliance on users for security while serve diverse individual needs?
- **Extensible resources:**
  - Sensors that are close to users
  - OS lacks ability to protect new types of resources
- **Analysis:** imprecision of analysis and of definition of malicious behavior
- **Fragmentation of app markets**

# Ecosystem and App Market

- Needs governance structure, incentives for app markets to promote security
- Create a ecosystem that creates incentives for using less permissions/personal info
- Create economic liability for posting malware
- Need more robust reputation systems for both apps and reviewers/reviews, to detect malware as well as malicious promotion
- Division of responsibility between market and client devices

# Towards Better Apps

- “Hygiene rules” for appropriate use of personal information in app
  - Perhaps with certification and verifiable
  - New programming language helping this?
  - Crypto help balance need for code analysis/ verification and prevention of reverse engineering
- More flexible permission model
  - Context-aware, time-limited grant
  - Hide complexity from users
- Can new hardware features help?

# Breakout 16: **Securing the Web for Everyone**

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Breakout 17:

# Cyber-Physical Systems

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# Breakout 17: Securing CPS (1/4)

- 20 participants from academia, industry, government
- Cyber-Physical vs Cyber vs Internet of Things: where to draw the lines?
  - All CPS have sensors and actuators
  - Control (feedback) loops
  - Physical variables: laws of physics, inertia, time
  - Physical consequences of improper behavior: safety, graceful degradation, recovery



# Breakout 17: Securing CPS (2/4)

- Find aspects that have analogs in cyber systems
  - Draw parallels with Network Security
- Find aspects that do not have analogs in cyber systems and have research value
  - Both defender and attacker are limited by the laws of physics
- Control theory, real-time and embedded systems
  - Model of physical process; well-defined specifications
  - But: Attacker is not “just” a “disturbance”: adversarial models
  - Role of humans in-the-loop (more or less?)

# Breakout 17: Securing CPS (3/4)

- Attacker may be trying to inflict damage or to acquire IP
  - Authentication of components is a critical issue
- Intrusion Detection, Isolation, Recovery
  - Exploit sensor redundancy and physical model
- Importance of timeliness
- Diversity of systems
  - From: Critical infrastructure: power/water/communications/transportation
  - To: Interconnected (bio-)medical devices

# Breakout 17: Securing CPS (4/4)

- Security is still an after-thought, even now. What can we do as academics?
  - Need a taxonomy of potential vulnerabilities
  - Vulnerability assessment; quantify impact
  - What-if analyses
  - Identify similarities (with cyber systems) and distinguishing features
  - Scalability of solutions proposed
- Privacy in CPS: domain specific
  - Whose privacy: user, operator, suppliers?

# Breakout 18: Cybersecurity Competitions

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Cybersecurity Competition Federation

# Opportunities

## **Technologists** to partner with **Competition Developers**

- Test and learn new technologies
- Solve real world problem
- Data sets

## **Competition Developers** and/or **Technologists** to collaborate with **Researchers** in social, behavioral, and economic sciences

- Bake measurement into competition development
- Recommend predictive instruments
- Identify outcomes for players and stakeholders
- Benchmark current characteristics of competitors and competitions
- Produce instruments and tools to evaluate/assess outcomes for within and between competition comparisons

## **Competition Developers** to support **Educators**

- Performance-based assessments for performance outcomes
- Used challenges/puzzles/walkthroughs become instructional materials and labs

# Shameless Plugs

## NSF Cyber Education/Competition Activities

### [IseRink.org](http://IseRink.org)

Competition environment & virtual laboratory:  
networking, cyber security, and penetration testing

### [HandsOnSecurity.org](http://HandsOnSecurity.org)

Materials for teaching cybersecurity

### [CyberFed.org](http://CyberFed.org)

A community to communicate, promote and advocate for  
cybersecurity competitions and related activities

## **USENIX 2015 '3GSE**

# Lunch

These slides, and some extras not shown, will be posted on conference site.



## *SaTCPI '15*

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# Extra Slides

(for posting, not presenting)

# SATC PI Meeting 2015

## Breakout 4

### **Benchmarking for Security Research**

*Erez Zadok (Stony Brook University)*

# Opening Presentation Slides

# Problem

- How to quantify security accurately?
- How to compare security systems fairly?
- What research needs to be sponsored?
- What is benchmarking?
  - Metrics?
  - Test suites for validation?
    - More attainable

# What can we Measure Today?

- Evaluate single metrics easily:
  - Performance: e.g., ops/sec
  - Energy: e.g., joules
- Some metrics are harder to evaluate:
  - Reliability(?)
- Challenging to combine metrics:
  - Ops per joule-second, energy-delay
  - How meaningful?

# Measuring Security is Hard

- Lots of regulations: SOX, HIPAA, PCI, etc.
  - Qualified guidelines, not easily quantifiable
- Evaluation Assurance Levels: EAL1-EAL7
  - A coarse classification
- How to measure a negative?
  - The absence of a rarely(?) occurring problem
- Take a cue from insurance industry?
  - Risk assessment

# Metrics? (part 1)

- Prevention:
  - “How much effort/resources your adversary willing to put in?” -Blaze c. 90s
- Speed:
  - How many “mips” you need to breach a system within time T?
- How many infected computers?
- How much data is lost?
- How much time to recover?

# Metrics? (part 2)

- Dollars? Complex cost functions?
  - Need to involve economists
- Risk: how much \$\$\$ invested vs. \$\$\$ lost in case of breach
  - Insurance: pay premium, get payoff in case of disaster
  - Today: we pay for security service/software, but no “payoff” in case of breach
    - There is often quantifiable \$\$\$ lost due to breach
    - How much \$\$\$ ransomware asks vs. paid?
- Is the metric linear or perhaps a power law?
  - Do we need a Richter-like log scale



# Metrics? (part 3)

- Social engineering:
  - How many gallons of water[boarding] 😊

# Raw Notes Taken During Breakout

# Test Suites

- Easier to develop?
- Is a 'red-team' a test suite?
- Security s/w vs. "internet" security?
  - E.g., BGP hijacking
- How to update suites for future attacks?
- Some tools exist, but may not cover all attacks
  - E.g., Coverity, formal verifiers
- Need an inventory of existing tools vs. domains
  - Then identify gaps

# Test suites 2

- Many papers exist describing problems
  - Software for these papers?
- Level of security may depend on environment
  - Programming language and system deployed on
- Are suites to verify security, or provide metrics?
- Tools for security testing (regressions)
- Tools for security metrics

# Test suites 3

- Before we can develop tools, need to know principles and agree on them
  - Number of implemented principles
  - List of attacks
  - Lack of data to analyze, due to privacy
    - Companies won't tell you their internals
- Some attacks are particular to hardware/sw
  - Need to simulate for newer environments
  - Before you invest too much in new h/w+s/w

# Test suite 4

- Lack of automation in test suites
- Misaligned with “research agendas”
  - Incentive to publish the first attack
  - Follow on work/implementation lacking
  - Grad students need to graduate
  - Need a community effort?
- How to “port” attacks to new environments
  - And prove they “work”

# Test suites 5

- Metric: TCB size?
- Code complexity metrics?
  - Correlate with code security?
- Verification: tests against known models
  - Security: try to verify the absence of problems
- Problems in common libraries
- Where do we learn about attacks?
  - Black Hat charges \$\$\$\$

# Test suites 6

- Some business provide insurance
  - Risk analysis: extreme value analysis?
  - Who's the attacker and their capabilities?
- Metrics customized for specific areas
- ML
  - Combine ML with (adversarial) game theory
  - To better deal with 0-day attacks
  - Need to reduce false alarms



# Test suites 7

- Evaluate the price of buying attacks
  - E.g., hypervisor attacks cost a lot
- Incentives to develop software for attacks
  - How timely does it need to be to be useful
  - How to make research more valuable in long run
- How to automate and scale attacks
- Common data sets and tools that “everyone” uses?

# Test Suites 8

- Predict: network data
  - Real, not synthetic data
  - How much to sanitize the data so it's still useful
- WINE (Symantec)
  - Conduct study in “protected” environments
  - We want “custom” data sets
- CAIDA data set, networking - free
- DNS data set by Farsight? Paid
- CRAWDAD data set
- Incentives for companies to share data and see others'
  - I/UCRC model?

# Broader Impacts

- Dev. Tools is big BI (NSF)
- NSF “benchmarking” program: mention
- Updated NSF GPG to encourage tools
  - For more than SaTC
- Digital privacy can protect parts of data sets

**Proposed 4-minute Summary  
(Wednesday 2015-01-07 @  
11:00am)**

# SATC PI Meeting 2015

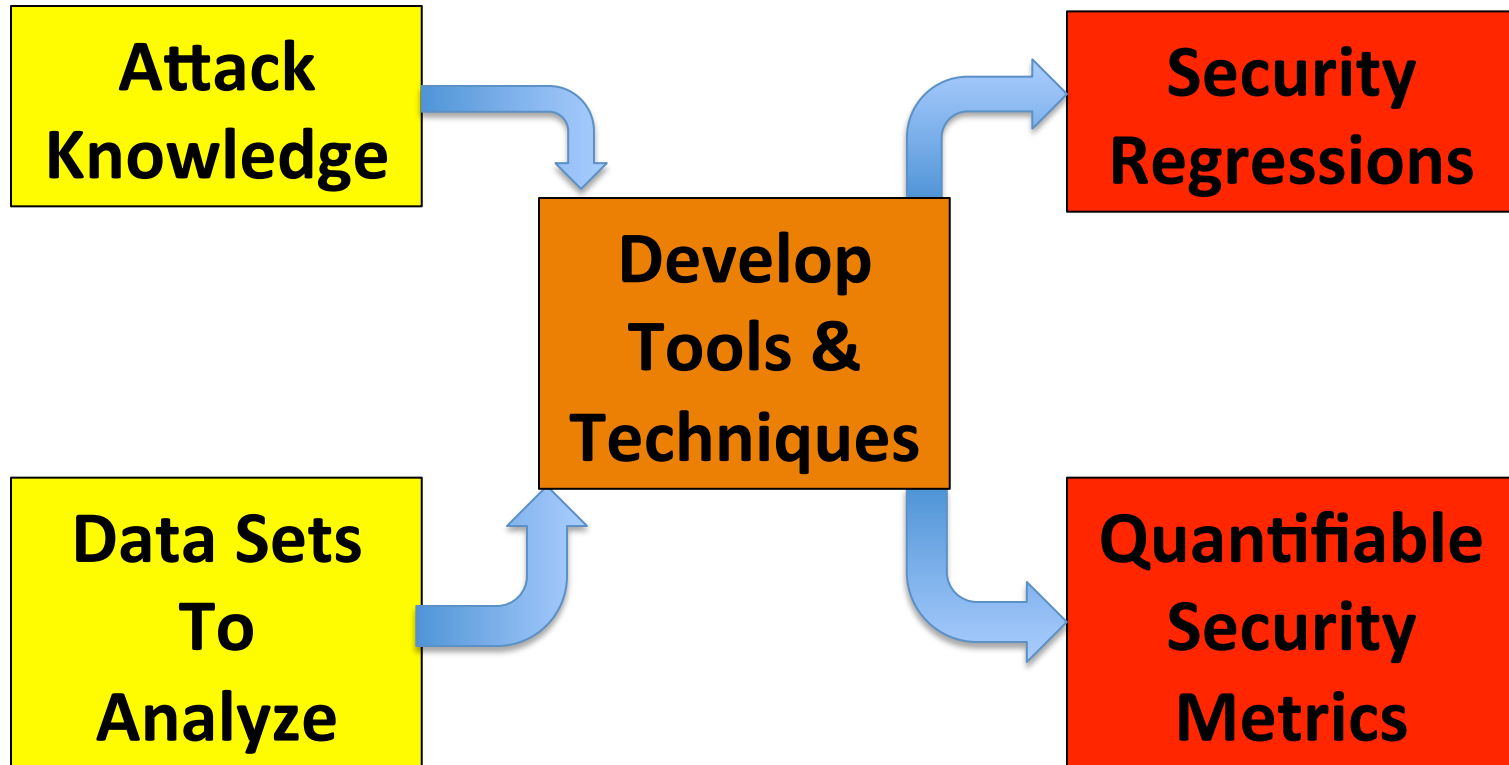
Breakout 4

**Benchmarking for Security Research**

**A Summary**

*Erez Zadok (Stony Brook University)*

# Security Benchmarking Needs



# Attack Knowledge

- Need:
  - Understand basic principles
  - Comprehensive list of attacks, updated
  - Companies to disclose attack details and internals
- Understand complex interactions
  - Hardware, software, networks, people

# Data Sets to Analyze

- Have:
  - WINE, CAIDA, DNS/Farsight, CRAWDAD
  - Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG)
- Problems:
  - Old, synthetic, small
  - Overly sanitized: nearly “useless”
- Need:
  - Lots of new data
  - Minimal/configurable anonymization
  - Incentives for companies to share data
    - NSF I/UCRC model?



# Security Regressions

- Have:
  - “Red” teams
  - Static code analysis (e.g., Coverity)
- Need:
  - Security vulnerability tools
    - Automated
  - Domain-specific suites
    - e.g., network routing, Web, SQL, etc.
  - Comprehensive, continually updated
  - Community effort, open/free access

# Quantifiable Security Metrics

- Have:
  - Metrics for performance, energy
  - Coarse security classifications/regs (e.g., EAL1-7, SOX, HIPAA, PCI)
- Problems: Hard to compare tools/techniques meaningfully
- Need metrics such as:
  - TCB size; code complexity metrics, correlate with safety
  - Time needed to break security; time to recover
  - Resources needed to break security (#machines, CPUs, etc.)
  - Number of infected systems; amount of lost data
  - \$cost:
    - Price of buying attacks, cost of ransomware
    - Cost of insurance, lost revenue
- Useful combination metrics (cost functions)

# Develop Tools & Techniques

- Need:
  - Inventory of existing tools & techniques
  - Identify gaps
  - Timeliness of tools/techniques key
  - Rich set of tools & techniques
  - Apply or “port” existing techniques to new threats
  - Reduce false alarms
  - Collaborate with other fields
    - e.g., ML, Prog. Lang., Verification, Viz. Analytics
    - e.g., Economics, Business, Sociology, Psychology, Medicine

# To Funding Agencies

- Benchmarking is bigger Broader Impact than SaTC
- Incentives to develop/release software
- More “Transition to Practice” (TTP)
- Greater access to events (e.g., Black Hat)
- Incentives for community efforts
- Encourage in GPG/CFPs
  - NSF BRAP: Benchmarks of Realistic Scientific Application Performance(?)



# Breakout Group Report

## #15 App Market

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# Members of Group

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- Mengjun Xie (U. Arkansas Little Rock)
- Ari Trachtenberg (Boston U)
- Ron Watro (BBN)
- Yan Sun (U. Rhode Island)

# Existing Work Group Members Found Interesting

- Taintdroid (Penn State)
- Baseband attack (Weinman)
- Sparta (Ernst)
- Malware genome project (Jiang, NC State)
- CHEX (Lu & NECLab)
- EpiCC
- AppSealer
- User-driven access control (U. Washington)



# Challenge: Users

- Regular users need to make security-critical decisions, e.g., downloading apps
- Need to understand what users really want in terms of security/privacy
  - Perhaps a moving target
- How to reduce reliance on users for security while serve diverse individual needs?
- Needs models of security that users can understand
  - E.g., switching between multiple modes.

# Challenges in Analysis

- Fragmentation of Android systems
  - Tens of thousands of variants, often updated
  - Defense mechanisms difficult to be work across platforms
- Inaccuracy from program analysis
- Difficult to determine whether behavior is malicious, depending on user expectation
- Security problems may be due to third-party ads that come with apps. More systematic approach to deal with ads management and security

# Challenges: Extensible Resources

- Current mobile platform security model is broken at multiple levels
  - OS level, lack ability to protect new types of resources that are added to mobile platforms
  - User level, needs context-depend decisions from users; current system unable to effectively obtain such decisions
- Large variety of sensors that are close to users
  - More private/personal information
  - Potential for leakage and for enhancing security

# Permission Model

- Two current models: Android is installation-time; iOS is usage time (ask once)
- Needs more flexible permission model.
  - Context-aware, time-limited grant of permission
- Need to communicate security/risk information to users in the right way, and asks right questions that they can answer
- Need to balance more powerful control at lower level without exposing the complexity to users.

# Ecosystem

- Needs governance structure for app markets to promote security
- Create a ecosystem that creates incentives for using less permission, e.g., enable searching for apps without certain permissions
- Economic incentive/liability for malicious apps
  - How about developers need to post bond to put apps on market?
  - Can attribution be done in a legally valid way?

# App Market Design

- iOS uses centralized app market, meaning one set of tools for analyzing apps, creating central point of failure.
- Android has more centralized market.
- Which model is better for security?
- Need more robust reputation systems for both apps and reviewers/reviews, to detect malware as well as malicious promotion

# Market and Users

- What is the right division of responsibility for security/privacy between the app store and the client side?
  - App store does static analysis. Client side follow up.
  - Client sends apps to cloud for analysis.
- Use crowdsourcing to collect information about app and communicate to users.
  - How to have a device provide useful feedback regarding an app without compromising privacy?

# Developer Involvement

- What constraints can be placed on developers for tradeoff of security, openness?
- Since it is hard to prove maliciousness, perhaps instead “hygiene rules” for good practices for using personal information.
- “Certified Good Behavior” apps?
  - Ways to specify hygiene rules that give required expressive power; e.g., once obtaining location, don’t hold it;
  - Certification can be verified



# Developer Involvement (continued)

- Are users willing to pay extra for such certified apps? Perhaps government can play a role in creating such a market?
- Would another programming language/paradigm help verifying hygiene rules?
- Developers have incentive to prevent reverse engineering, obfuscate compiled programs
  - Can crypto help balance prevention of reverse engineering and ability to verify (by market place who has the right key)?

# Misc Topics

- Defense against baseband attack
  - Low-level library code needs to be vetted
- Cellular botnets for denial of service attacks against cell phone infrastructure
  - Attacks on home registration registrar
- Benchmark for attack and defense research
- Can new hardware features help improve security upstream?
  - Can help attribution, information flow tracking
  - Some are needed by Samsung KNOX

# Applicability to Other Platforms

- Can knowledge/lessons learned here extend to other situations?
- Yes !?
  - Desktop computing
  - Software-defined networking
  - Internet as things