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### Security Beyond the Datacenter JAY M DEMMLER Graduate Student Systems Engineering

World Changers Shaped Here



### So what are we afraid of?

- Distribution of hoax emails
- Accessing unauthorized computers
- Engaging in data mining via spyware and malware
- Hacking into computer systems to illegally access personal information, such as credit cards or Social Security numbers
- Sending computer viruses or worms with the intent to destroy or ruin another party's computer or system



# A long time ago...





#### Access has evolved over time

- In ancient history (before 1980's) few individuals had access to electronic data within a corporation
- Data Fraud would consist of individuals physically removing media or printouts from the datacenter
- As PC prices plummeted more and more users gained access to corporate networks
- Add in the shrinking of media storage forms and your risks rise again



#### Access has evolved over time cont.

- With the advent of cheap high speed internet to the home and a drop in laptop prices, VPN connectivity took off
- Then the Blackberry became synonymous with business
- And finally we now have powerful smart phones as well as BYOD connecting into our organizational networks



## Vulnerability Threshold<sup>©</sup>



## So What's the Big Deal?

- To meet business needs access and data have proliferated outside the traditional walls of the organization
- Each new access method increases risks as it opens an additional opportunity for malicious exploitation
- While all vulnerabilities need to be addressed, some may require extra care to meet both business needs and the sensitivity of the data



# Laptops & Mobile Computing

- Small incremental cost of laptops over a traditional desktops have allowed businesses to deploy them almost exclusively
- Portable, powerful, and allowing for that always "on the clock" employee
- Thousands of laptops are lost per week in airports, job sites, in transit, and even within the employees own office
- Less than 4 percent of lost laptops are eventually recovered



### What do we do?

- Full disk encryption on all portable computers, the laptop is left useless without the right un-encryption key
- Good asset management, all devices need to be accounted for through their lifecycle of purchase, use, and retirement
- Lo-Jack type devices are available, but the cost may be prohibitive for some organizations



### Remote Connectivity





### Mobile Phones and Tablets

- Explosion of ownership over the past few years. 90% of U.S. adults own a cell or smart phone
- Multiple vendors and software flavors deployed making a single secure solution less viable
- Organizations may choose to provide phones or allow access from privately owned devices



# Cellphones & Tablets





## So where do the biggest risks lie?

- All of the security issues in latops existing in mobile
- On top of that Smartphones/Cellphones present different risk factors that traditional PC's in that...
  - Devices are always on
  - Multiple connection pathways (cellular, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth)
  - Lost/Stolen/Misplaced in high numbers
  - Security measures are often not as robust



## So where do the biggest risks lie?

- Though the sheer number of iPhones worldwide make them a particularly attractive target
- iPhones requirement to sync to iTunes has been listed as a possible vulnerability
- Increasing number of location tracking apps is also a concern as users may not know how to opt out



### So what does this mean for business?

- Individuals are at risk for hacking/phishing/bluejacking and or loss of data for
  - Corporate network access
  - Company email
  - Contact lists
  - Sensitive data



### So what does this mean for individuals?

- Individuals are at risk for fraud through hacking/phishing/bluejacking and or loss of data for
  - Family photos
  - Banking information
  - Personal email
  - GPS tracking info
  - Embarrassing photos



### Mobile devices and the law

- Because of the blurring of "on-the-clock" and "off-the clock" time in modern business, both business and personal mobile devices could be seized as evidence in a lawsuit
- Bear in mind that the location of an employee (fraudulent or legitimate) could be admissible in court if you are sued
- Additionally, an employee's Google/Yahoo searches (fraudulent or legitimate) could also be admissible in court in case of a lawsuit



### Policy should include cont.

- Incident response guidelines that cover what will be reported, to who, procedures, hotline, etc.
- Security practices (software and hardware) that will be observed and monitored
- Define that mobile devices in the workplace have remote wipe capability
- Disposal, donation, destruction of devices (and their data) as the whole life cycle should be addressed



### What do we do?

- Encryption, encryption, encryption
- Privacy guidelines that define what is and isn't private when working on mobile devices (beware of applicable laws and regulations)
- Password guidelines that define the complexity, change frequency, and enforcement
- Storage and retention guidelines to address what will be kept, where, how long, etc.



#### What do we do?

- Treat all mobile devices, personal and business, as potential vulnerabilities
- Failure to address both (personal and business) under a common integrated security policy creates holes in your security
- Create and publish an "acceptable use" policy for all mobile devices brought into the workplace



# What are companies doing today?

- Recently 1,400 IT professionals in 14 nations were asked what mobile device anti-fraud policies they have in place
- 21% had no restrictions
- 58% had "lightweight" policies such as banned apps or websites
- Only 20% had "stringent" guidelines





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