

CS 550: Advanced Operating Systems

Security

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Outline

- Security issues:
 - Threats
 - Methods of attack
- Encryption algorithms
 - Secret-key
 - Public-key
 - Hybrid protocols

Historical context

| | <i>1965-75</i> | <i>1975-89</i> | <i>1990-99</i> | <i>Current</i> |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| <i>Platforms</i> | Multi-user timesharing computers | Distributed systems based on local networks | The Internet, wide-area services | The Internet + mobile devices |
| <i>Shared resources</i> | Memory, files | Local services (e.g. NFS), local networks | Email, web sites, Internet commerce | Distributed objects, mobile code |
| <i>Security requirements</i> | User identification and authentication | Protection of services | Strong security for commercial transactions | Access control for individual objects, secure mobile code |
| <i>Security management environment</i> | Single authority, single authorization database (e.g. /etc/passwd) | Single authority, delegation, replicated authorization databases (e.g. NIS) | Many authorities, no network-wide authorities | Per-activity authorities, groups with shared responsibilities |