

Naming

In practice, many successful naming systems have been designed. For example:

1. The Internet Domain Name Systems that primarily map hostnames to an IP address. For example, kitcampus.com has the IP address 212.206.211.148. For more details, see: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1034.txt>
2. The IETF Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI). For example, the URL object <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2396.txt> contains the generic syntax for URL
3. The Abstract Syntax Notation version 1 (ASN.1) naming system for objects. For example, when Microsoft designs a new file format for a new software product, in the Object Identifier Tree, it will be registered as 1.2.840.113556.4.xxx, where 1 means ISO, 2 means ISO-Member-countries, 840 means USA, 113556 means Microsoft, and xxx means Microsoft new file format.
4. CORBA naming systems. For example, see <http://www.cs.tcd.ie/Greg.Biegel/nds106/CORBA.html>.
5. Java Naming conventions. For example, a well-named Java package could have a name com.sun.javax.swing.kitsecurity.

Naming systems have been one of the hottest attacking points. Indeed some Trojan Horses use naming conventions to attack the system (e.g., some attacks on DNS).

Passwords

Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 112 (FIPS 112):
The Standard for Password Usage
(<http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/fip112.htm>), 1985.

Want to know how insecure are the password systems for most Windows applications? Check <http://www.pwcrack.com/>

Password crackers: <http://www.password-crackers.com/>

<http://www.atstake.com/products/lc/index.html>

An analysis of weakness in Microsoft PPTP password hashing:
<http://www.counterpane.com/pptp.html>

RSA Secure ID is a hardware token which displays the owner's current password and is generally only valid for one minute. For more details check <http://www.rsasecurity.com/>

In recent years, password authenticated key exchange protocols have been designed to defeat off-line dictionary attacks - even if the password is chosen from a small sample space. The most important protocols

include Encrypted Key Exchange (EKE) from AT&T, SPEKE from Phoenix and SRP from Stanford University (SRP is also a protocol for Internet applications standardized by IETF). Password authentication-based key exchange protocols are currently being standardized by the IEEE 1363 working group. See <http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1363/index.html> for more details.

Access Control

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