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- SSH
- SSL/TLS
- More causes of crypto failure
- DNSSEC

Short history of SSH

- Started out as freeware by Tatu Ylönen in 1995
- Original version commercialized
- Fully open-source OpenSSH from OpenBSD
- Protocol redesigned and standardized for "SSH 2"

Newer crypto vulnerabilities

- IV chaining: IV based on last message ciphertext
  - Allows chosen plaintext attacks
  - Better proposal: separate, random IVs
- Some tricky attacks still left
  - Send byte-by-byte, watch for errors
  - Of arguable exploitability due to abort
- Now migrating to CTR mode

SSH over SSH

- SSH to machine 1, from there to machine 2
  - Common in these days of NATs
- Better: have machine 1 forward an encrypted connection
  1. No need to trust 1 for secrecy
  2. Timing attacks against password typing

SSH (non-)PKI

- When you connect to a host freshly, a mild note
- When the host key has changed, a large warning

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SSL/TLS
- Developed at Netscape in early days of the public web
  - Usable with other protocols too, e.g. IMAP
- SSL 1.0 pre-public, 2.0 lasted only one year, 3.0 much better
- Renamed to TLS with RFC process
  - TLS 1.0 improves SSL 3.0
- TLS 1.1 and 1.2 in 2006 and 2008, only gradual adoption

IV chaining vulnerability
- TLS 1.0 uses previous ciphertext for CBC IV
- But, easier to attack in TLS:
  - More opportunities to control plaintext
  - Can automatically repeat connection
- "BEAST" automated attack in 2011: TLS 1.1 wakeup call

Compression oracle vuln.
- Compr($S \| A$), where $S$ should be secret and $A$ is attacker-controlled
- Attacker observes ciphertext length
- If $A$ is similar to $S$, combination compresses better
- Compression exists separately in HTTP and TLS

But wait, there’s more!
- Too many vulnerabilities to mention them all in lecture
- Kaloper-Meršinjak et al. have longer list
  - "Lessons learned" are variable, though
- Meta-message: don’t try this at home

HTTPS hierarchical PKI
- Browser has order of 100 root certs
  - Not same set in every browser
  - Standards for selection not always clear
- Many of these in turn have sub-CAs
- Also, “wildcard” certs for individual domains

Hierarchical trust?
- No. Any CA can sign a cert for any domain
- A couple of CA compromises recently
- Most major governments, and many companies you’ve never heard of, could probably make a google.com cert
- Still working on: make browser more picky, compare notes

CA vs. leaf checking bug
- Certs have a bit that says if they’re a CA
- All but last entry in chain should have it set
- Browser authors repeatedly fail to check this bit
- Allows any cert to sign any other cert

MD5 certificate collisions
- MD5 collisions allow forging CA certs
- Create innocuous cert and CA cert with same hash
  - Requires some guessing what CA will do, like sequential serial numbers
  - Also 200 PS3s
- Oh, should we stop using that hash function?
CA validation standards

- CA’s job to check if the buyer really is foo.com
- Race to the bottom problem:
  - CA has minimal liability for bad certs
  - Many people want cheap certs
  - Cost of validation cuts out of profit
- “Extended validation” (green bar) certs attempt to fix

HTTPS and usability

- Many HTTPS security challenges tied with user decisions
- Is this really my bank?
- Seems to be a quite tricky problem
  - Security warnings often ignored, etc.
  - We’ll return to this as a major example later

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Random numbers and entropy

- Cryptographic RNGs use cipher-like techniques to provide indistinguishability
- But rely on truly random seeding to stop brute force
  - Extreme case: no entropy → always same “randomness”
  - Modern best practice: seed pool with 256 bits of entropy
    - Suitable for security levels up to $2^{256}$

Netscape RNG failure

- Early versions of Netscape SSL (1994-1995) seeded with:
  - Time of day
  - Process ID
  - Parent process ID
- Best case entropy only 64 bits
  - (Not out of step with using 40-bit encryption)
- But worse because many bits guessable

Debian/OpenSSL RNG failure (1)

- OpenSSL has pretty good scheme using /dev/urandom
- Also mixed in some uninitialized variable values
  - “Extra variation can’t hurt”
- From modern perspective, this was the original sin
  - Remember undefined behavior discussion?
- But had no immediate ill effects

Debian/OpenSSL RNG failure (2)

- Debian maintainer commented out some lines to fix a Valgrind warning
  - “Potential use of uninitialized value”
- Accidentally disabled most entropy (all but 16 bits)
- Brief mailing list discussion didn’t lead to understanding
- Broken library used for ~2 years before discovery

Detected RSA/DSA collisions

- 2012: around 1% of the SSL keys on the public net are breakable
  - Some sites share complete key pairs
  - RSA keys with one prime in common (detected by large-scale GCD)
- One likely culprit: insufficient entropy in key generation
  - Embedded devices, Linux /dev/urandom vs. /dev/random
- DSA signature algorithm also very vulnerable
Newer factoring problem (CCS'17)

- An Infineon RSA library used primes of the form $p = k \cdot M + (65537^a \mod M)$
- Smaller problems: fingerprintable, less entropy
- Major problem: can factor with a variant of Coppersmith's algorithm
  - E.g., 3 CPU months for a 1024-bit key

Side-channel attacks

- Timing analysis:
  - Number of 1 bits in modular exponentiation
  - Unpadding, MAC checking, error handling
  - Probe cache state of AES table entries
- Power analysis
  - Especially useful against smartcards
- Fault injection
- Data non-erasura
  - Hard disks, "cold boot" on RAM

WEP "privacy"

- First WiFi encryption standard: Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP)
- FS&K: designed by a committee that contained no cryptographers
- Problem: note "privacy": what about integrity?
  - Nope: stream cipher + CRC = easy bit flipping

WEP shared key

- Single key known by all parties on network
- Easy to compromise
- Hard to change
- Also often disabled by default
- Example: a previous employer

WEP key size and IV size

- Original sizes: 40-bit shared key (export restrictions)
  - plus 24-bit IV = 64-bit RC4 key
    - Both too small
  - 128-bit upgrade kept 24-bit IV
    - Vague about how to choose IVs
    - Least bad: sequential, collision takes hours
    - Worse: random or everyone starts at zero

WEP RC4 related key attacks

- Only true crypto weakness
- RC4 "key schedule" vulnerable when:
  - RC4 keys very similar (e.g., same key, similar IV)
  - First stream bytes used
- Not such a problem for other RC4 users like SSL
  - Key from a hash, skip first output bytes

Newer problem with WPA (CCS'17)

- Session key set up in a 4-message handshake
- Key reinstallation attack: replay #3
  - Causes most implementations to reset nonce and replay counter
  - In turn allowing many other attacks
  - One especially bad case: reset key to 0
- Protocol state machine behavior poorly described in spec
  - Outside the scope of previous security proofs

Trustworthiness of primitives

- Classic worry: DES S-boxes
- Obviously in trouble if cipher chosen by your adversary
- In a public spec, most worrying are unexplained elements
- Best practice: choose constants from well-known math, like digits of $\pi$
Dual_ECDRBG (1)
- Pseudorandom generator in NIST standard, based on elliptic curve
- Looks like provable (slow enough) but strangely no proof
- Specification includes long unexplained constants
- Academic researchers find:
  - Some EC parts look good
  - But outputs are statistically distinguishable

Dual_ECDRBG (2)
- Found 2007: special choice of constants allows prediction attacks
  - Big red flag for paranoid academics
- Significant adoption in products sold to US govt.
  - FIPS-140 standards
  - Semi-plausible rationale from RSA (EMC)
- NSA scenario basically confirmed by Snowden leaks
  - NIST and RSA immediately recommend withdrawal

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DNS: trusted but vulnerable
- Almost every higher-level service interacts with DNS
- UDP protocol with no authentication or crypto
  - Lots of attacks possible
  - Problems known for a long time, but challenge to fix compatibly

DNSSEC goals and non-goals
+ Authenticity of positive replies
+ Authenticity of negative replies
+ Integrity
  - Confidentiality
  - Availability

First cut: signatures and certificates
- Each resource record gets an RRSIG signature
  - E.g., a record for one name—address mapping
  - Observe: signature often larger than data
- Signature validation keys in DNSKEY RRs
- Recursive chain up to the root (or other "anchor")

Add more indirection
- DNS needs to scale to very large flat domains like .com
- Facilitated by having single DS RR in parent indicating delegation
- Chain to root now includes DSES as well

Negative answers
- Also don't want attackers to spoof non-existence
  - Gratuitous denial of service, force fallback, etc.
- But don't want to sign "x does not exist" for all x
- Solution 1, NSEC: "there is no name between acacia and baobab"
Preventing zone enumeration

- Many domains would not like people enumerating all their entries
- DNS is public, but "not that public"
- Unfortunately NSEC makes this trivial
- Compromise: NSEC3 uses password-like salt and repeated hash, allows opt-out

DANE: linking TLS to DNSSEC

- "DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities"
- DNS contains hash of TLS cert, don't need CAs
- How is DNSSEC's tree of certs better than TLS's?

Signing the root

- Political problem: many already distrust US-centered nature of DNS infrastructure
- Practical problem: must be very secure with no single point of failure
- Finally accomplished in 2010
  - Solution involves 'key ceremonies', international committees, smart cards, safe deposit boxes, etc.

Deployment

- Standard deployment problem: all cost and no benefit to being first mover
- Servers working on it, mostly top-down
- Clients: still less than 20%
- Will probably be common for a while: insecure connection to secure resolver

What about privacy?

- Users increasingly want privacy for their DNS queries as well
- Older DNSCurve and DNSCrypt protocols were not standardized
- More recent "DNS over TLS" and "DNS over HTTPS" are RFCs
- DNS over HTTPS in major browsers might have serious centralization effects