TCP/IP Security Attacks

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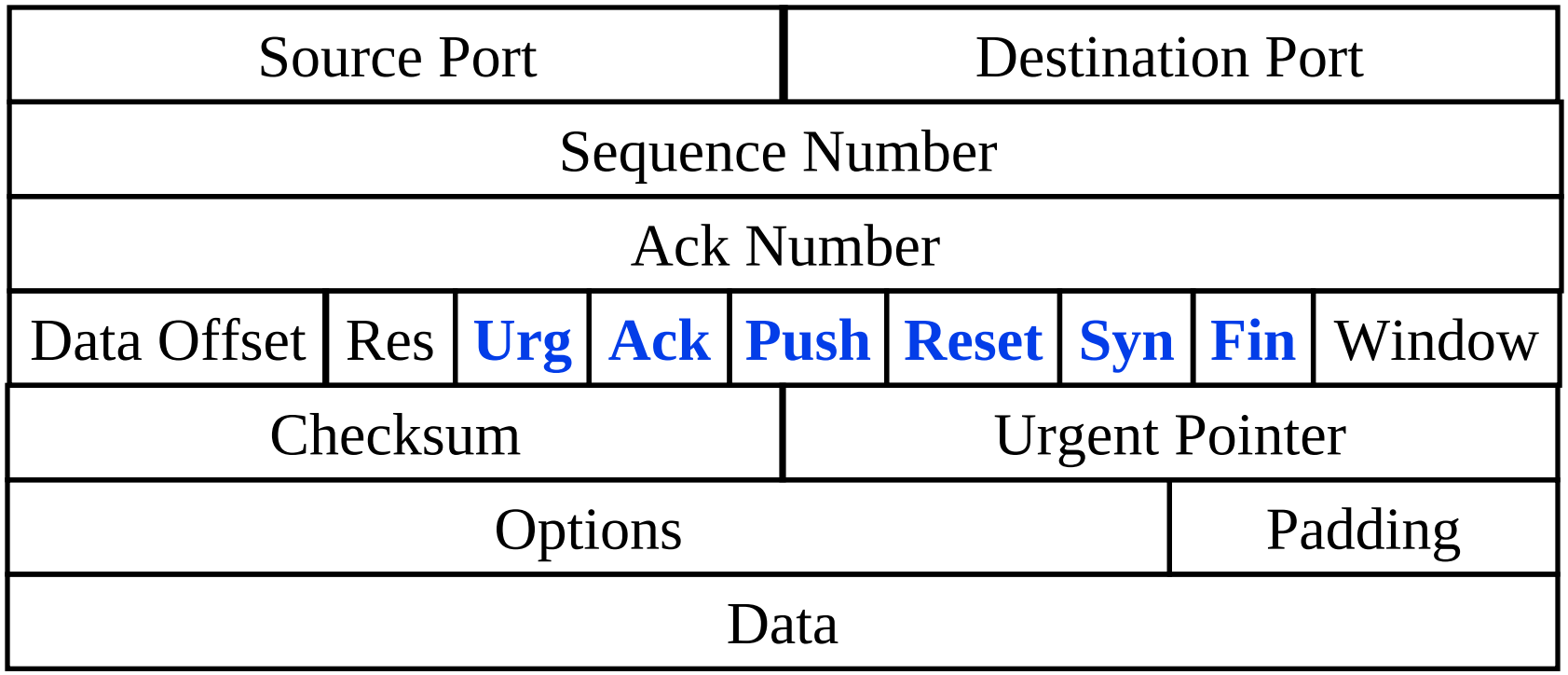
Overview

1. TCP Segment Format, Connection Setup, Disconnect
2. IP: Address Spoofing, Covert Channel, Fragment Attacks, ARP, DNS
3. TCP Flags: Syn Flood, Ping of Death, Smurf, Fin
4. UDP Flood Attack
5. Connection Hijacking
6. Application: E-Mail, Web spoofing

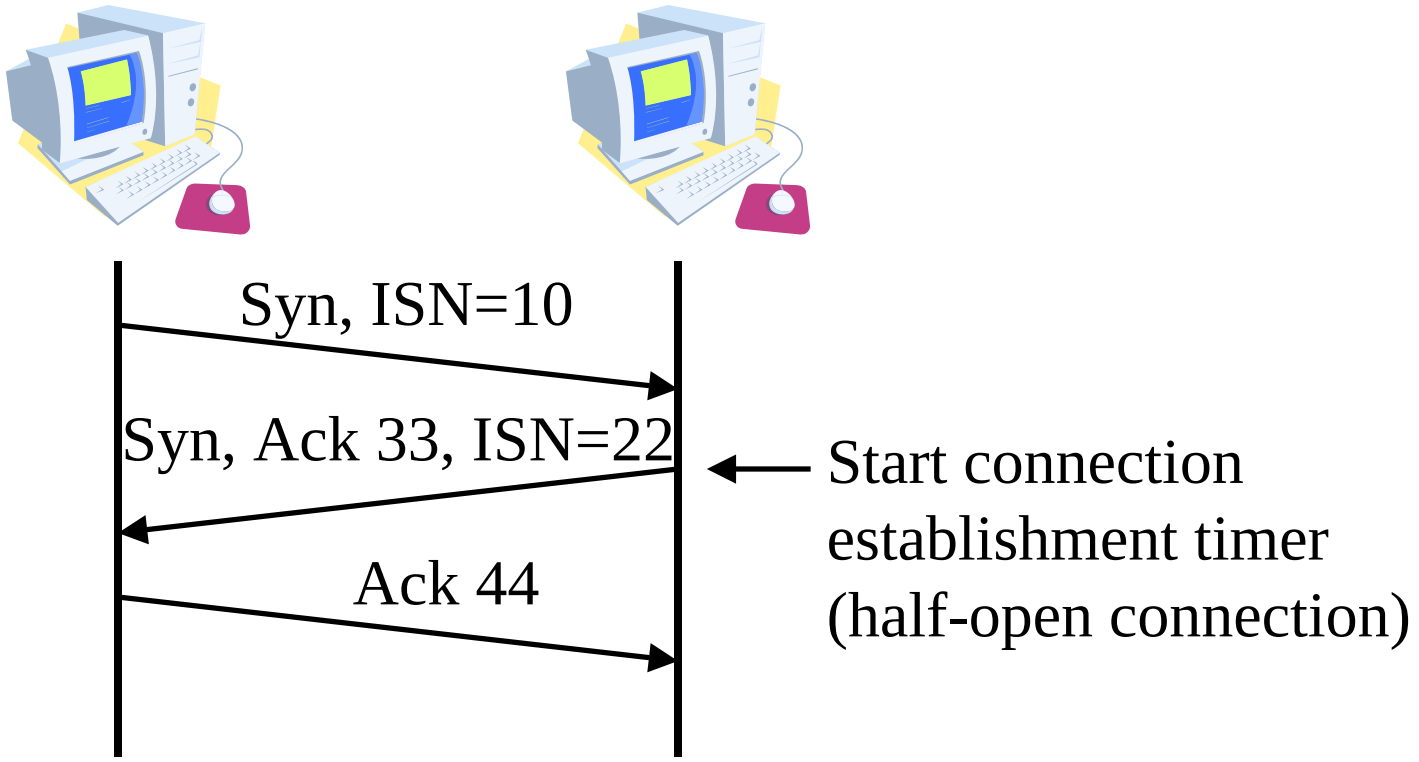
TCP Segment Format



- Urgent: Deliver immediately at destination
- Push: Leave source immediately
- First data byte is ISN+1. Ack is next byte expected. Expecting Ack to Ack+window-1 next.

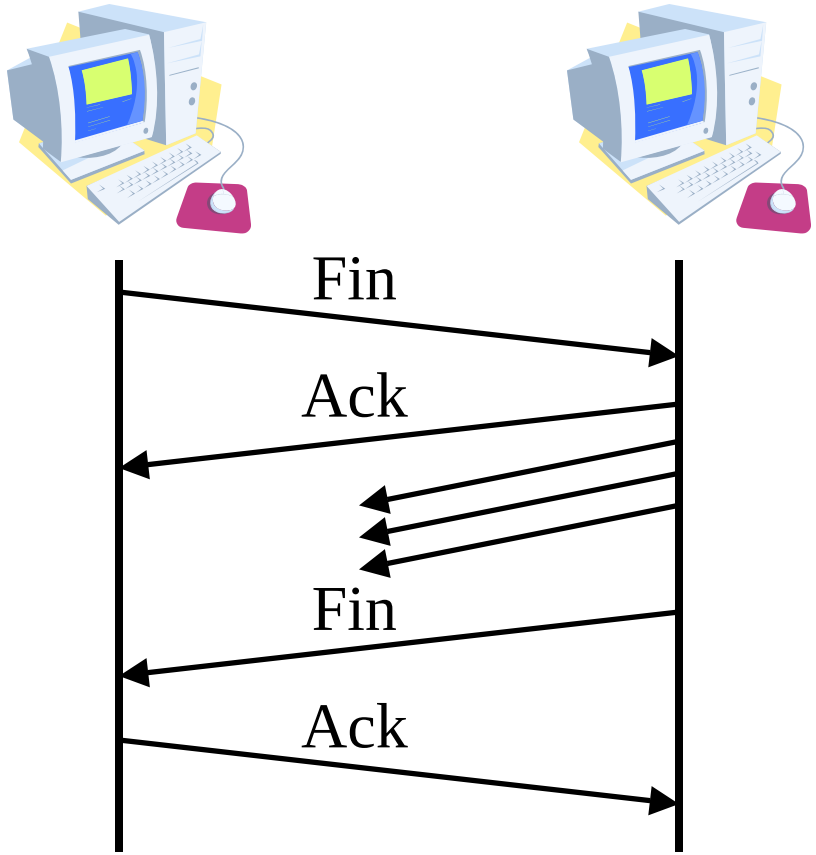
TCP Connection Setup

- Three way handshake



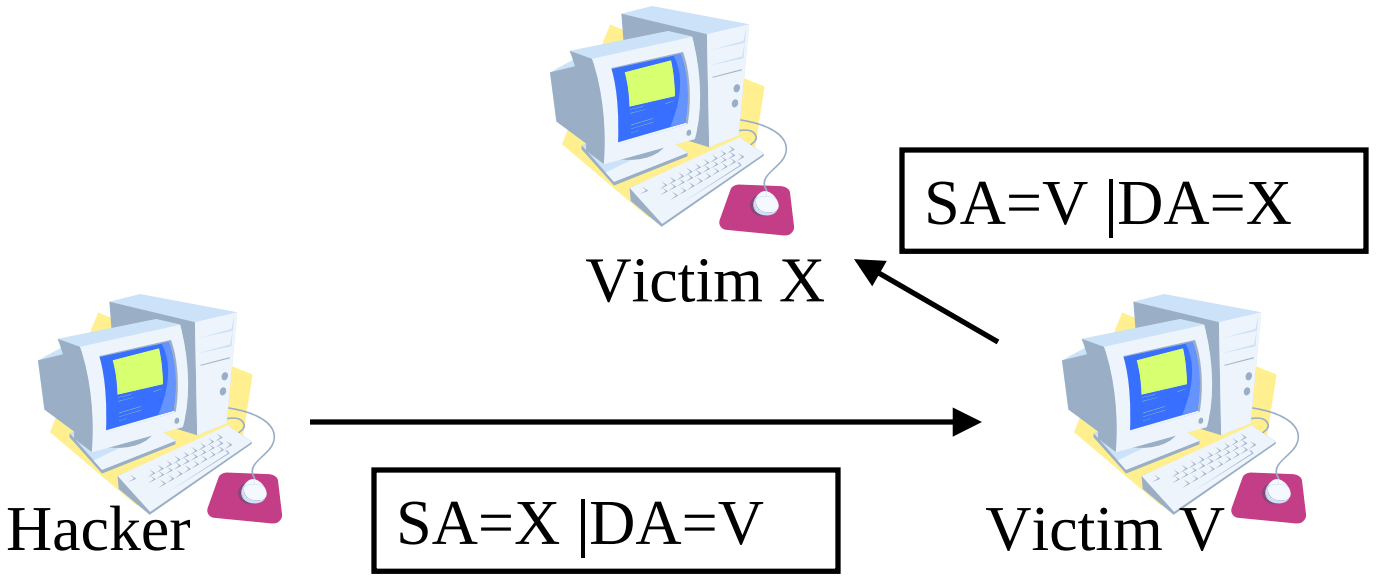
TCP Disconnection

- Fin ⇒ No more data. Connection can be closed.
- Four-way handshake



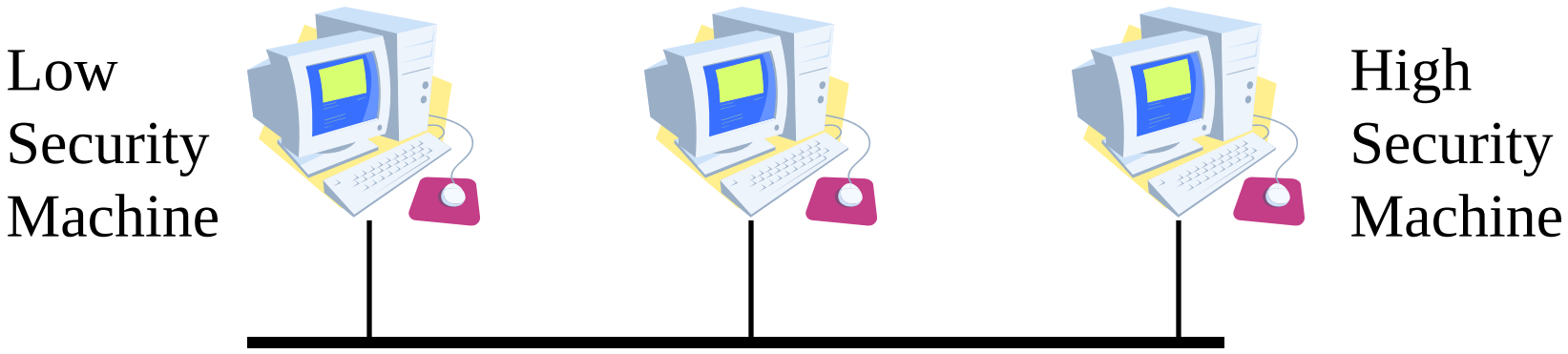
IP Address Spoofing

- Send requests to server with someone X's IP address. The response is received at X and discarded. Both X and server can be kept busy ⇒ DoS attack



Covert Channel

- **Loki** - a client server application,
  - Uses ICMP echo to send covert commands
  - http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/1452
- **Timing Channel** - CPU load indicates a 0 or 1 (Two processes on the same machine)
- **Storage Channel** - Print queue length large = 1, small=0



IP Fragment Attacks

- Fragments can overlap
- Final packets can be too large

TCP Flags

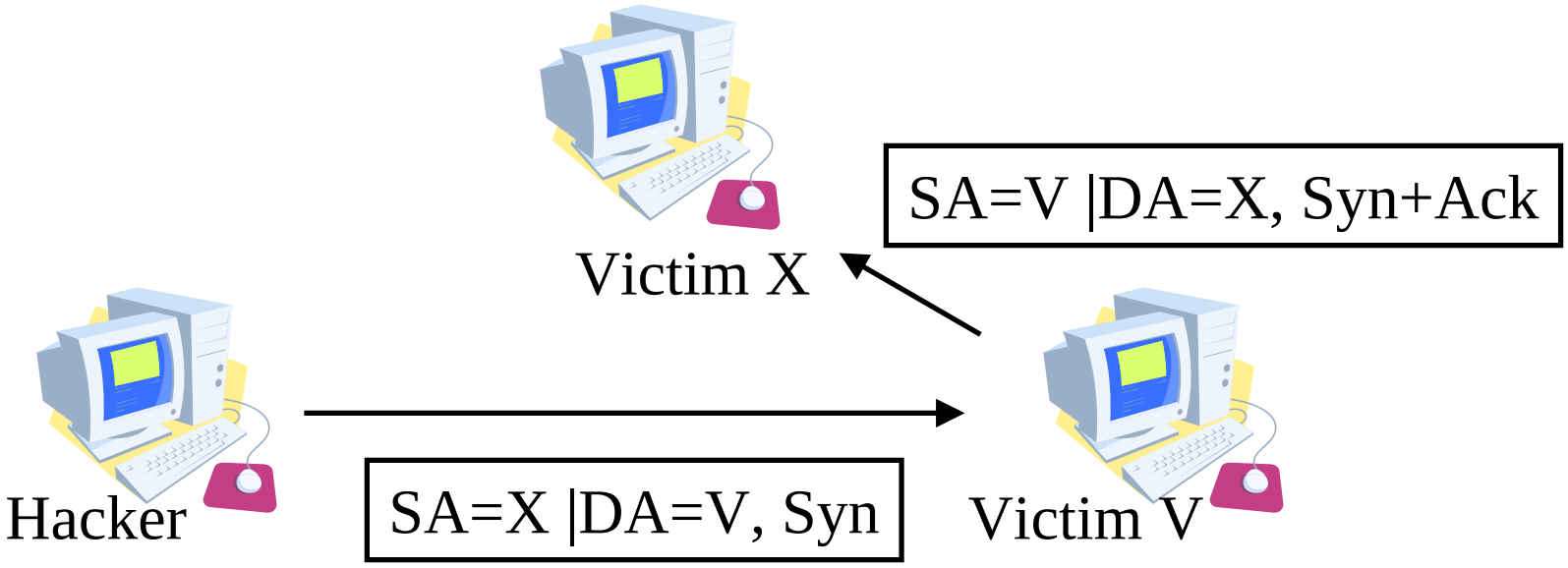
- Invalid Combinations

Syn	Fin	Psh	Rst
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

- May cause recipient to crash or hang

Syn Flood

- A sends Syn request with IP address of X to Server V.
- V sends a syn+ack to X
- X discards syn+ack leaving an half open connection at V.
- Many open connections exhausts resources at V $\Rightarrow$ DoS



Ping of Death

- Send a ping with more than 64kB in the data field.
- Most systems would crash, hang or reboot.

Smurf

- Send a broadcast echo request with the V's source address.
- All the echo replies will make V very busy.

Fin

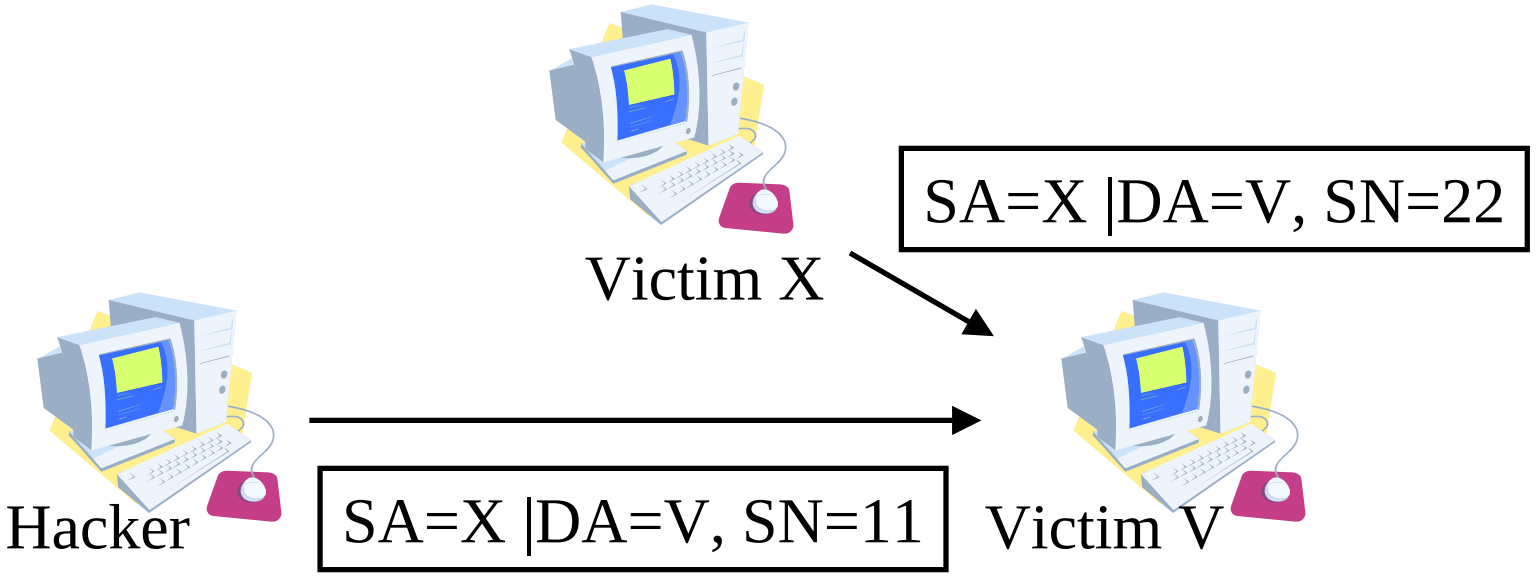
- In the middle of conversation between X and V.
- H sends a packet with Fin flag to V.
- V closes the connection and disregards all further packets from X.
- RST flag can be used similarly

UDP Flood Attack

- Character Generator (Chargen) request results in a response with random characters being returned.
- Used to diagnose lost packets on the path between two hosts.
- Uses TCP/UDP port 19.
- H can send a chargen request from X to V.
- V can respond to X wasting their bandwidth.

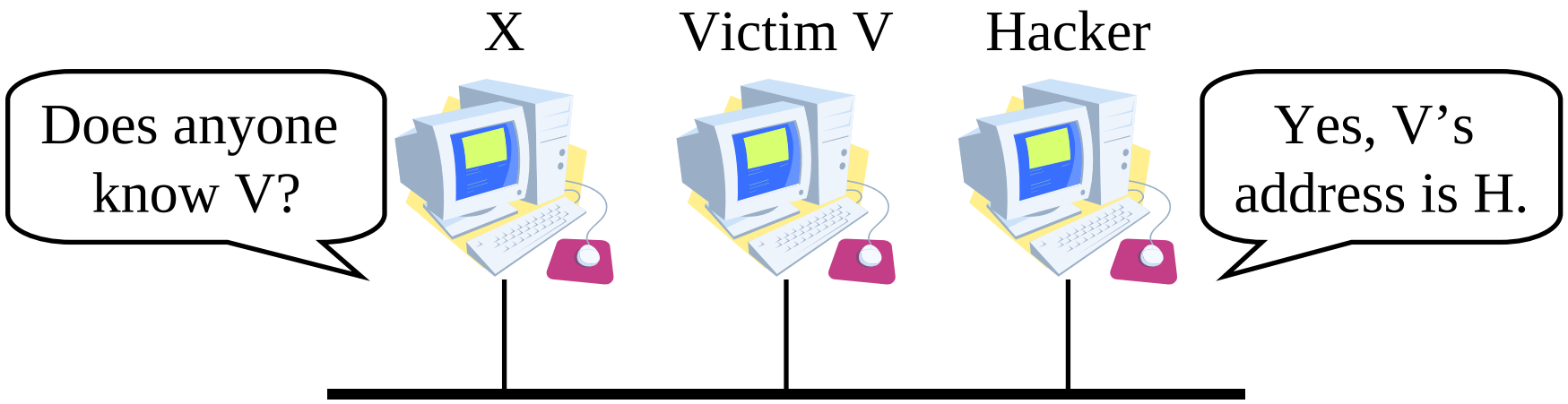
Connection Hijacking

- H sends packets to server X which increments the sequence number at X.
- All further packets from V are discarded at X.
- Responses for packets from H are sent to V - confusing him.



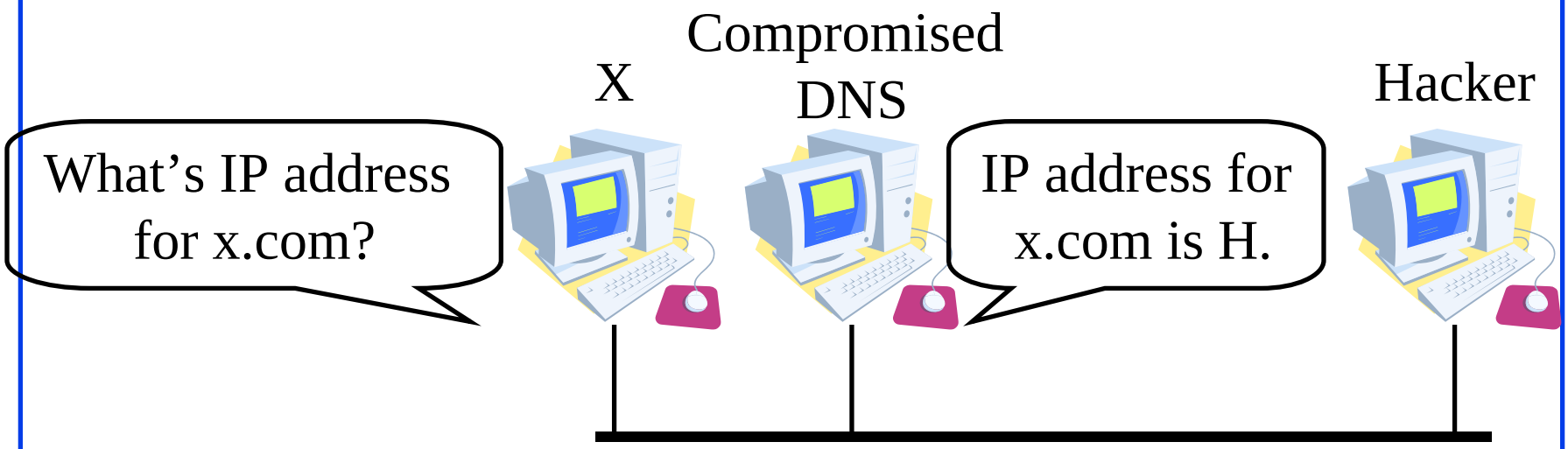
ARP Spoofing

- X tries to find the MAC address of Victim V
- Hacker H responds to ARP request pretending to be V.
- All communication for V is captured by H.
- Countermeasure: Use static ARP



DNS Spoofing

- DNS server is compromised to provide H's IP address for V's name.
- Countermeasure



E-Mail Spoofing

- From address is spoofed.
- Malware attachment comes from a friendly address.
- From: God@heavens.com

Web Spoofing

- The web site looks like another
- Southwest Airline, http://airlines.ws/southwest-airline.htm
- For every .gov site there is a .com, .net giving similar information
- For misspellings of popular businesses, there are web sites.

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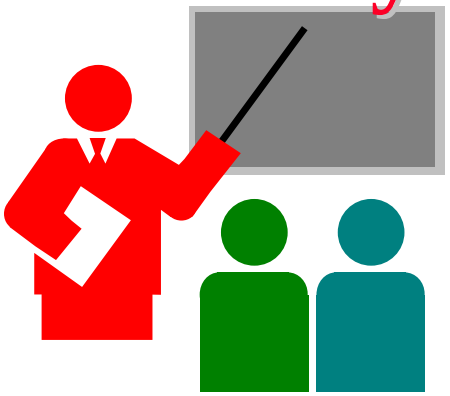

1. TCP port numbers, Sequence numbers, ack, flags
2. IP addresses are easy to spoof.
   ARP and DNS are not secure.
3. Flags: Syn Flood, Ping of Death, Smurf, Fin, Connection Hijacking
4. UDP Flood Attack
5. Application addresses are not secure

References

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Lab Homework 3

- This lab consists of using the following tools:
- XP Keylogger, http://www.bestvistadownloads.com/download/t-free-xp-keylogger-download-zhtdqdgn.html
- Snort, vulnerability scanner, http://www.codecraft-canada.com/Snort/
- Password dump, Pwdump3, http://www.openwall.com/passwords/microsoft-windows-nt-2000-xp-2003
- John the ripper, Bruteforce password attack, http://www.openwall.com/john/

Lab Homework 3 (Cont)

- If you have two computers, you can install these programs on one computer and conduct these exercises.
- Alternately, you can remote desktop to CSE571XPC and conduct exercises 1-4 and then remote desktop to CSE571XPS and conduct exercise 5.
- Use your last name (with spaces removed) as your user name.

1. Keylogger

- Delete all previous log files, if any, e:\program files\xp keylogger\logs*.*
- Dtart xp keylogger
- Browse to www.google.com and search for your name
- Dtop keylogger
- CD to e:\program files\xp keylogger\logs\
- Open the htm file in the browser
- Notedown the texts showns there on a paper and submit.
- Delete the log e:\program files\xp keylogger\logs*.*

2. Snort

- Delete all the previous logs, if any, e:\snort\log\new*.*
- Start snort
- Go back to your machine
- Run smbdie to attack CSE571XPC
- When the program stops, connect back to CSE571XPC
- Use control-C to stop snort
- Type the log file e:\snort\log\new\alert.ids
- Count how many time smbdie is mentioned.
- Delete the logs, e:\snort\log\new*.*

3. PWDump3

- Goal: Get the password hash from the server CSE571XPS
- On CSE571XPC, open a dos box
- CD to e:\pwdump3
- Run pwdump3 without parameters for help
- Run pwdump3 with parameters to get the hash file from server CSE571XPS
- You will need the administrator account and password supplied in the class.
- Open the hashfile obtained in notepad. Delete all lines except the one with your last name.
- Save the file as e:\johntheripper\<your_last_name>.txt

4. Find your password

- On CSE571XPC, use the command box
- CD to e:\johntheripper
- Delete john.pot
- Run johntheripper without parameters to get help
- Run johntheripper with the file you created in step 3
- This will tell you your password, write it down on a paper to submit with the homework.
- Close your remote desktop session.

5. Change your password

- Now remote desktop to CSE571XPS
- Use your last name as username and the password you obtained in step 4.
- Go to start → Control panel → Computer management → Local users and groups → Users
- Select your name, right click and change your password to a strong password.
- Note the time and date you change the password. Submit the time as homework answer.
- Logout

Computer Sharing Rules

- One client and one server to be shared among all the students of the class.
- Time slotted system with each slot of 1 hour starting at 00:00AM.
- You can use one slot or part of one slot and must disconnect at the end of the slot time.
- You can come back after 15 minutes, if no one has connected, you can use the remainder of the next slot.
- You can repeat this 15 minute break + 45 minute work cycle as long as needed.
- Do your exercise early, do not wait till the last day.