

Service-Oriented Requirement Analysis and Security Design

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Planning for Security

- Security never happens by accident
- 80% of the users on the network have 100% access
 - Most users don't think about security
- Reducing scope of access reduces chance of harm:
 - Accidental
 - Deliberate

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An Observation

- For some reason
 - Security
 - Robustness against outages
 - Performance... all appear to be properties of well-designed networks
- Low cost is not
 - Over long term a good network is *cheaper*

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Goals

- This is an attempt to establish a process for reasoning about the security of an Intranet
 - Audit plans
 - Growth plans
 - Connectivity mapping
- *Warning:* It is potentially very time-consuming :(

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A Service-Oriented View

- Think of the network as an environment of services to pick and choose from *not* as a mass of packets or protocols
 - Not TCP/IP specific
 - Don't think in terms of connecting networks
- ... Think in terms of connecting applications*

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Security Domains

- More than one security domain may exist within a single set of network wiring
- Each domain is an isolated “network”
 - Physically isolated and firewalled
 - Virtually isolated using hubs
 - Coarsely isolated using router filters
 - Virtually isolated using software

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Network Connections

- Identify security domains
 - All members of secure domain *must* share common security policy and practices
 - All entry into secure domain *must* be approved on a case-by-case basis
 - All new connections *must* be approved on a case-by-case basis
 - Periodically audit domain for integrity

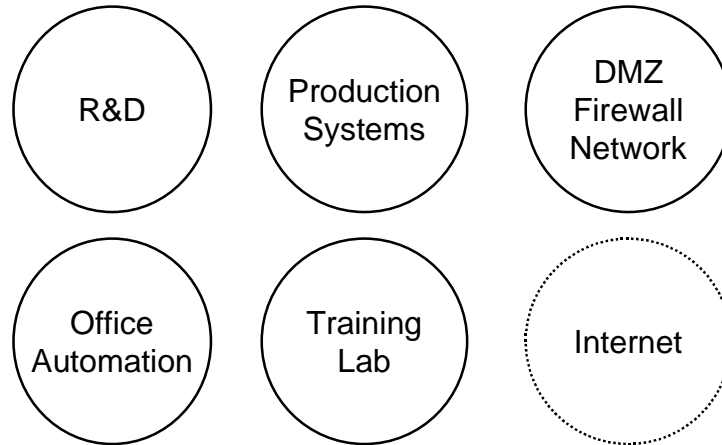
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Map out the Domains

- For each domain, build a matrix of what types of access are required with other domains
- Specify access in terms of:
 - Incoming
 - Outgoing
 - Whether to an approved host
 - Special service

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Example Domains



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Domain Map

	R&D	Prod	DMZ	Auto	Trn	Inet
R&D	1	2*,3	1	2,3	0	1
Production	3	1	0	3,X	0	0
DMZ	3	0	1	0	0	1
Automation	3	3	0	1	0	4
Training	0	X*	0	0	1	4
Internet	0	0	X*	3*	0	1

0 = No access
 1 = Full access
 3 = Email

X = Special service
 2 = Authenticated telnet, FTP
 4 = WWW *= Logged

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Service Justification

- Adding new inter-domain services:
 - Provide business justification
 - Provide statement of security impact
 - Provide proposed means of addressing security concerns if necessary
 - Provide maintenance procedures
 - Completely fill in the matrix
 - This forces a “sanity check” against all other domain policies

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Inter-Domain Services

- For specified services identify security issues and document how they are addressed
 - This amounts to attaching a risk assessment to each matrix cell
 - Couple risk assessment to the appropriate proposed response to the risk
 - Include maintenance / review plan
 - Assign responsibility / accountability

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Inter-Domain Services (cont)

- Only permit new services between domain when there is a business need
 - This entails performing a risk assessment for that service
 - Couple risk assessment to the business justification
 - This provides an enterprise-wide blueprint for how to securely provide a given service

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Inter-Domain Services (cont)

- Appropriate security gets put in place for each service
 - To maximize leverage use the same solution wherever possible
 - Apply same risk assessment
 - Sometimes apply same technology solution
 - Sometimes apply same maintenance plan
- Even if the matrix is big the number of services should be small

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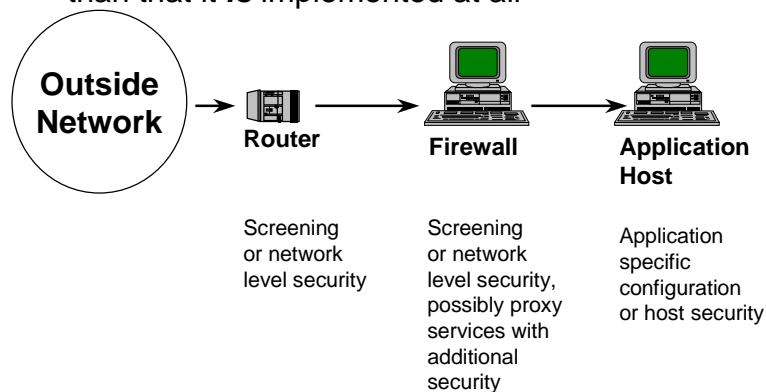
Adding a New Domain

- Adding a new domain to the matrix entails a policy review vis-a-vis existing connectivity
 - Many organizations don't perform this type of review
 - Result is often surprisingly high connectivity to networks that should be more isolated

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Service Security

It is less important *where* security is implemented than that it *is* implemented at all



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Typical Services

- Ignore implementation details and list high-level services that are required
- A typical set of core services:
 - Email
 - Web
 - FTP
 - USENET news
 - Telnet/Rlogin

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Service Oriented Firewalls

- A firewall is a system that exists between multiple domains for a service
- Often a firewall's physical system will gateway more than one service
- A single firewall may exist in *all* domains effectively becoming a corporate service hub

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Example Firewall

- Suppose the company is building a data repository
 - Requirements are strong authentication access and access from all over the enterprise
- Put the repository where all domains can reach it for the data service and then secure the data service

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Example Firewall *(cont)*

- Sample implementation:
 - A company-wide POP server
 - A company-wide web server that uses SSL to protect all data access
 - A company-wide database engine that uses secure SQL access for all queries
- Access is restricted using router screening to a single TCP port

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Example Firewall (cont)

- Sample implementation:
 - A company-wide DNS server which is a lightweight system running *only* nameserver software
 - A shared web site between R&D and production that allows engineers to post bugfixes and upgrades using SSL

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Virtual Networks

- Eventual hope is to take advantage of virtual network capabilities
 - Port Switching hubs
 - LAN switches
 - LAN switches with encryption capabilities
 - Routers that provide crypto-tunneling
- Domains map to virtual networks

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Summary

- Most sites perform no organized analysis before adding connections
- Most sites perform no policy review prior to deploying applications
- Most sites have more connectivity than they need
- Security requires a clean architecture that is maintained in an orderly manner

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