

On the importance of Operational Security and Security policies

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Exploit bundle rental: 24 hours 1 week 1 month	US\$25 US\$125 US\$400
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Cheap email spamming service	US\$10 per 1,000,000 emails
Expensive email spamming service using a customer database	US\$50-500 per 50,000-1,000,000 emails
SMS spamming service	US\$3-150 per 100-10,000 text messages
ICQ spamming service	US\$3-20 per 50,000-1,000,000 messages
1-hour ICQ flooding service	US\$2
24-hour ICQ flooding service	US\$30
Email flooding service	US\$3 for 1,000 emails
1-hour call flooding service (i.e., typically takes call center services down)	US\$2-5
1-day call flooding service	US\$20-50
1-week call flooding service	US\$100
SMS flooding service	US\$15 for 1,000 text messages
Vkontante.ru account database	US\$5-10 for 500 accounts
Mail.ru address database	US\$1.30-19.47 per 100-5,000 addresses
Yandex.ru address database	US\$7-500 per 1,000-100,000 addresses
Skype SMS spamming tool	US\$40
Email spamming and flooding tool	US\$30

Offering	Price
Bots (i.e., consistently online 40% of the time)	US\$200 for 2,000 bots
DDoS botnet	US\$700
DDoS botnet update	US\$100 per update

Offering	Price
Fake site	US\$5-20
Fake WebMoney Keeper	US\$50
1-year prepaid phishing domain (e.g., vkOntakte.net.ua and vkontaktu.net.ua)	US\$50 each

Offering	Price
Linux rootkit that replaces ls, find, grep, and other commands	US\$500
Windows rootkit that operates at the driver level and that allows the download of specially assembled drivers	US\$292

Offering	Price
Russian and other Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) country passport	US\$2-5
European passport	US\$5
Document rework service	US\$15-20
Credit card rework service	US\$25



Media

Hacker breached data at Harvard University

Information of about 10,000 of last year's applicants are vulnerable

AP Associated Press

updated 2:46 p.m. ET March 13, 2008

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Harvard University is notifying thousands of graduate students and applicants that their personal information may have been exposed by a data breach.

The Ivy League school says a computer hacker gained entry to its server last month.

Harvard says about 10,000 of last year's applicants may have had their personal information compromised, with 6,600 having their Social Security numbers exposed.



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Hacker teams breach powerful research networks

By Anick Desjanun, Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hackers have broken into some of the world's most powerful computer clusters in recent weeks in an apparently coordinated cyberattack targeting research and academic institutions.

Although officials sought Wednesday to downplay the seriousness of the threats, some security experts warned that such a break-in could potentially enable a serious attack on the Internet.

Stanford University, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the San Diego Supercomputer Center and the University of Illinois' National Center for

Oxford students hack university network "in minutes"

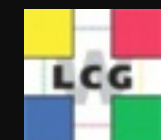
"We just did it for the kids"

By Jo Best, [19 July 2004 13:30](#)

NEWS Two Oxford University students are facing suspension and a fine after they hacked into the University computer system to s... was to access supposedly secure personal details.

The pair used free software that they downloaded and managed to access a database of university pupils' email passwords and oth... as well as spy on MSN Messenger conversations and look at some of the CCTV network. Gaining access to the system took only n...

The two 20-year-old students undertook the hacking to expose security flaws in the internal network for the university newspaper. T...





Media

- High energy physics also suffered from some attacks + media coverage

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'Big bang' experiment is hacked

Part of the computer system of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) was hacked into as the world's most powerful physics experiment got under way.

A group calling itself the "Greek Security Team" hacked into a computer connected to the system last Wednesday.



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Hackers infiltrate Large Hadron Collider systems and mock IT security



ZDNet Government

Richard Koman

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September 12th, 2008

Hackers deface LHC site, came close to turning off particle detector

Posted by Richard Koman @ September 12, 2008 @ 8:35 AM

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CERN est une véritable passoire



Martin Stoll, «SonntagsZeitung»
Adaptation: Laurent Duvanel

On trouve de tout: des rapports internes, des notes sur des expériences en cours, et une partie de la correspondance privée du CERN. Ces documents sont accessibles via le réseau informati-

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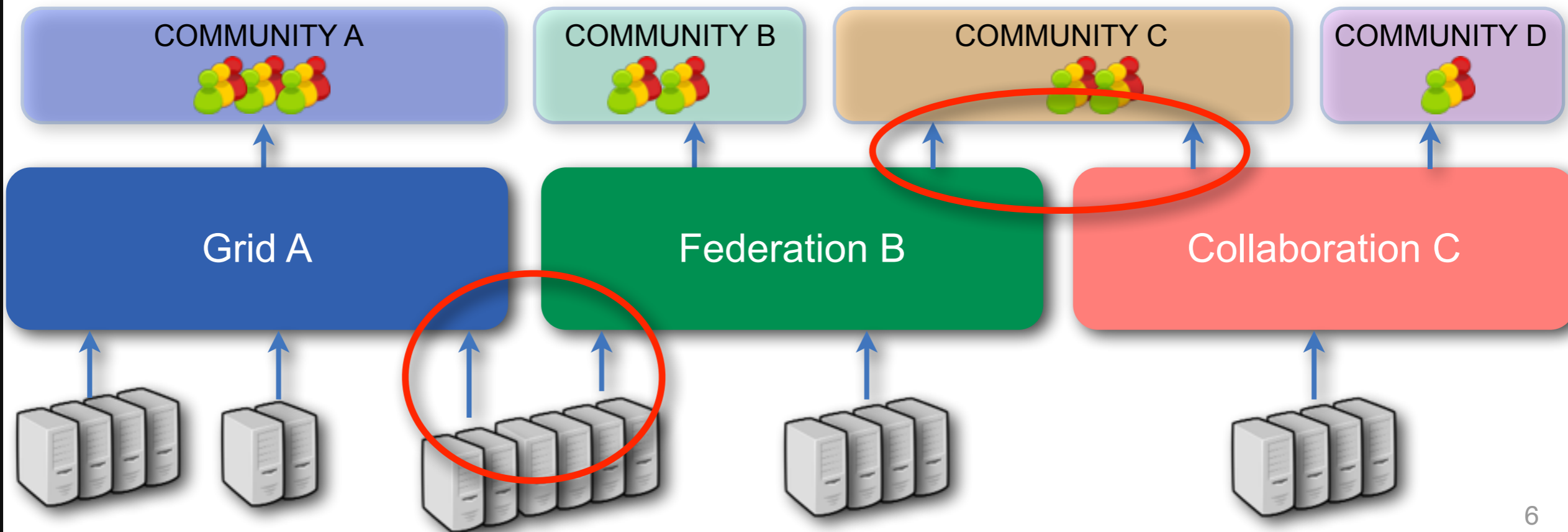
Typical attack

- Typical SSH attack in the academic/research community
 1. Use stolen credential to connect to a site
 - Share and collaborate with the community!
 2. Escalate as root as soon as possible
 - Patch as quickly as possible & harden your hosts!
 3. Once root, install a rootkit
 - Run rootkit detection tools and sufficient traceability!
 4. Collect login data
 5. Expand:
 1. Parse data from 4.
 2. Follow users at other sites/hosts
 3. GOTO 1
- Payloads: SPAM, phishing, bitcoin, serving malicious iframes, exploit kits, etc.



Attack surface

- Significant **increase in collaboration** between organizations
 - Shared users
 - Shared resources
 - Transparent access
- Possible incident propagation vector
 - Service providers may share their resources across different unrelated grids and **user communities**
 - Different infra. may provide services to the same community





Recent/current incidents

- WLCG managed ~80 security incidents in the last 8 years
 - Part of normal operations, business as usual
 - Most incidents are affecting **multiple administrative domains**
- **Windigo - Global scale - this happens now!**
http://www.welivesecurity.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/operation_windigo.pdf
 - Involves sophisticated Windows, Linux very stealth malware
 - Apache, Nginx and Lighttpd, OpenSSH, etc.
 - Operates across complex fast-flux malicious infrastructure
 - Over 25,000 compromised **servers**
 - 35 milion spam messages per day
 - Many in the academic / research sector!



Soon or later...

- Each community/federation/SP/IdP has been or will be affected by a security incident
- Part of **normal operations**, just need to ensure
 - It is “**cheap**” to deal with
 - The overall infrastructure is not affected
- It is essential to prepare for this event to reduce its:
 - **Impact** (appropriate & timely response, etc.)
 - **Likelihood** (prevention, etc.)
- Share information
- Report incidents
- We are as strong as our weaker link!





Inter-federation security

- No minimal requirements on IdPs poses unacceptable risks for our communities
 - **Little/no control over incidents**
 - **Difficult to justify to the funding agencies / media**
- Impossible to impose practices on eduGAIN participants
 - No minimal requirements for IdPs
 - No requirement to help/share/respond during security incidents
 - No process to make sure you will be informed of incidents, compromised IdPs, etc.
 - No incident reporting channel
 - No identity banning process





Inter-federation security

- **Bilateral agreements** needed with **all** the IdPs/federations
 - Each community will have to **repeat** this
- IdPs would need to assert their security practices
 - Metadata, manual registry, etc.
- Communities would need to maintain **their own** channels to collaborate
- Please let us NOT do this
- In order to operate across federations, essential to have:
 - **Strong operational collaboration**
 - **Common policy standards & minimal requirements**





Strong operational collaboration

- Understand the source of incidents to prevent re-occurrence
- People need to trust others have the means to:
 - Respond to email or phone and will collaborate
 - Contact affected users under its governance
 - Deal with confidential information
 - Follow whatever incident response procedure is in place
 - etc.
- Participate in incident response all on a best effort basis
 - Basically: behave as a responsible citizen
- Need common or compatible policies there



Security for collaborations

- Sharing a common security policies is difficult
 - Different funding agencies, scope, internal organisation, terms
- BUT we share services, federations, users, and ultimately **we share security incidents**
 - Already worked on common incidents with some of you!
- How could we **converge**?
 - Could we benefit from the experience in the community?
 - NREN CSIRTs have collaborated for many years
 - Several infrastructure, projects, and collaboration are also sharing minimal requirements



Security for collaborations

- SCI started this work some time ago
- EGI, OSG, PRACE, EUDAT, CHAIN, WLCG, and XSEDE
- SCI is developing a framework to
 - Enable **interoperation** of collaborating infrastructures
 - Manage operational security risks
 - **Build trust and develop policy standards** for collaborations
 - Especially in cases where we cannot just share identical security policy documents
- <http://cern.ch/go/rhP8>
 - SCI is not tied to any group, organisation or body



Security for collaborations

- On incident response, each infrastructure must have the following:
 - Security **contact information** for all service providers, resource providers and communities together with **expected response times** for critical situations
 - A formal **Incident Response procedure**. This must address: roles and responsibilities, identification and assessment of an incident, minimizing damage, response & recovery strategies, communication tools and procedures
 - The **capability to collaborate in the handling of a security incident** with affected service and resource providers, communities, and infrastructures
 - Assurance of **compliance with information sharing restrictions** on incident data obtained during collaborative investigations. [...]



Security for collaborations

- On traceability, each infrastructure must have the following:
 - [TR1] Traceability of service usage, by the production and retention of appropriate logging data, to identify the source of all actions as defined above (cf. document)
 - [TR2] A specification of the data retention period, consistent with local, national and international regulations and policies
 - [TR3] A specification of the controls that the resource provider implements to achieve the goals of [TR1]



Security for collaborations

- Would it be useful to continue and extend this work for inter-federation?
 - Or should we start something new?
- Goals
 - Promote common minimal requirements for all FIM4R communities
 - Jointly find a way that they are followed by the IdPs