



## Attacking is easy, defending is hard

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## HACKERS CAN TURN YOUR HOME COMPUTER INTO A BOMB

By RANDY JEFFRIES / Weekly World News

WASHINGTON — Right now, computer hackers have the ability to turn your home computer into a bomb and blow you and Kington Come — and they can do it from thousands of miles away.

Experts say the recent "Icelandic" that paralyzed the Amazon.com, Amazon.com, eBay and Amazon.com are the ones to watch for in the near future.

"It is already possible for an

attacker to send someone an e-mail

with a program that can be downloaded to it. When the receiver

opens the e-mail, the program

downloads a bomb-making program

and places it in the computer's

central processing unit.

Then, when the user turns on the

computer, the bomb goes off.

That's what happened to

Arnold Voldman, 52, of

Washington, D.C., on Jan. 11.

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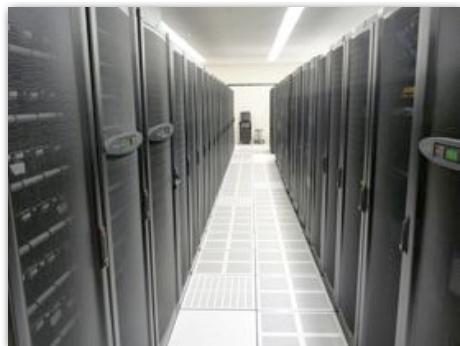
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## Solutions

- Have a policy for physical security
- Don't buy locks from the local hardware store

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## Software

- Firmware
- Operating system
- COTS Add-on packages (backup software, database, web server)
- Homebrew applications (web application)

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## Firmware

- Override boot sequence using hardware
- Evil Maid attack
- (P)DoS attacks a/k/a “phlashing”



## Firmware



## Solutions

- Trust your vendor :-)
- Do not leave your laptop unattended, even if you use (full) disk encryption

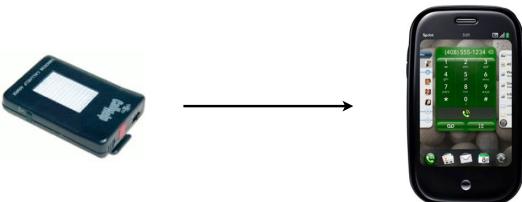
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## Software



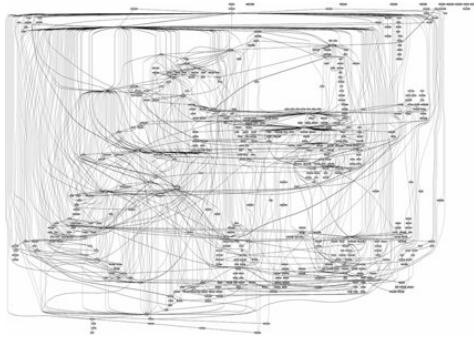
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## Speed to Market



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## Complexity

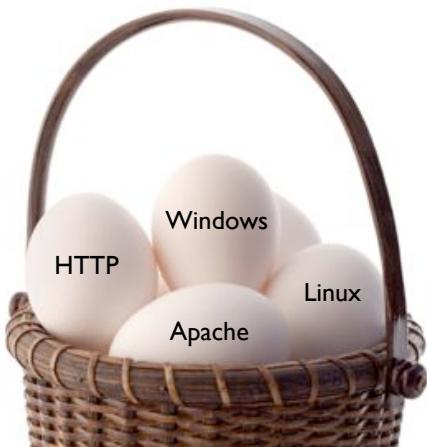


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## Monoculture



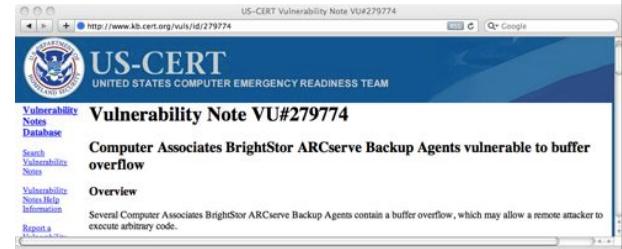
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## Patching

✓ For OS and some packages: automated

- For many add-on packages: not automated



## Software



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## Patching

- For homebrew software: ???
- Security audits

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## Patching

- Lot of work: test, accept, production cycle
- Dependency on specific version
- High costs when updates cause downtime



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**Microsoft: Pirated Windows 7 Will Still Get Updates**

2:21 PM - April 29, 2009 by Marcus Yam - source: Tom's Hardware US

Even Windows pirates get the security support from Microsoft.

Microsoft earlier this week clarified that all versions of Windows, both legitimate and illegitimate, receive security updates – and that policy will carry over to Windows 7.

"There seems to be a myth that Microsoft limits security updates to genuine Windows users," wrote Microsoft's Paul Cooke, who works in Windows Client Enterprise Security. "Let me be clear: all security updates go to all users."

"Not only do all security updates go to all users' systems, but non-genuine Windows systems are able to install service packs, update rollups, and important reliability and application compatibility updates," Cooke continued in the blog entry. "In addition, the users of non-genuine Windows systems can also upgrade a lot of the other software on their computer. For example Internet Explorer 8 has numerous security-oriented features and improvements, and it is available to all users."

That's not to say that non-genuine copies of Windows are allowed to run completely free. Certain updates and software may be blocked at Microsoft's discretion, such as value-adding updates and non-security-related software.

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## A6 Security Misconfiguration

**File Properties - SQL Server**

General

Logon name: [ ]

Windows authentication

Logon name: [ ]

SQL Server authentication

Logon name: [ ]

Logon password: [ ]

Confirm password: [ ]

Enforce password policy

Enforce password expiration

Allow users to change their own logon

Map to connection

Certificate name: [ ]

Map to connection

Key name: [ ]

Default database: master

Default language: English

Connections

User: SYSTEM

Computer: UTEP-EL020204

Logon as: SYSTEM

Logon as: UTEP-EL020204\Administrator

View connection properties

Properties

Ready

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## Hardening

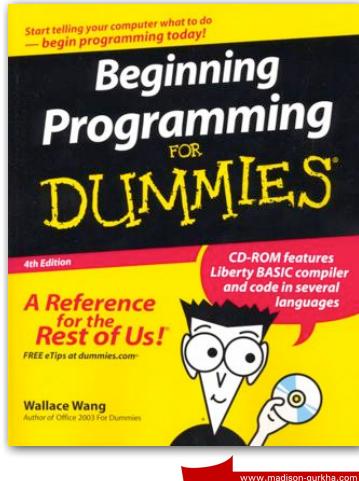
- Installation ≠ Configuration
- Almost always overlooked
- Default deny
- Users, file permissions, installed software, configuration settings regarding functionality

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## Homebrew software

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OWASP Top 10 – 2010 (New)	
A1 – Injection	
A2 – Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	
A3 – Broken Authentication and Session Management	
A4 – Insecure Direct Object References	
A5 – Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	
A6 – Security Misconfiguration (NEW)	
A7 – Insecure Cryptographic Storage	
A8 – Failure to Restrict URL Access	
A9 – Insufficient Transport Layer Protection	
A10 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards (NEW)	

www.owasp.org

## Solutions (technical)

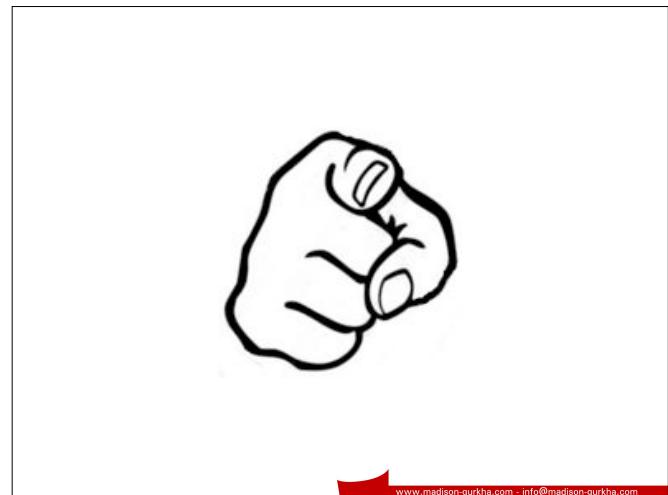
- Deny all, except (safe installation/*hardening*)
- Separation of duties/modular approach
- Restrict permissions
- Simplicity/ergonomics

## Solutions (other)

- Functional requirements **and** security requirements
  - Also for 3<sup>rd</sup> party software
- Use cases **and** abuse cases
- Educate programmers in secure programming
- Security testing

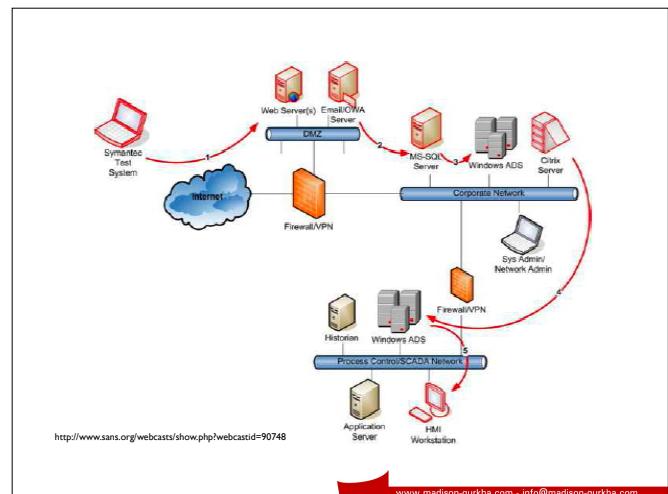
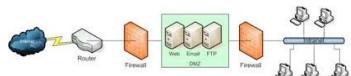
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- *If All Else Fails... (and it will)*
- Multiple layers of defense (prevention)
- Logging and monitoring (detection)
- Have a plan ready (reaction)



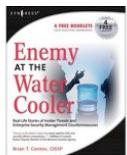
## Insider attacks

- A malicious person becoming an insider
  - Physically
    - Burglary
  - Logically
    - Hacking

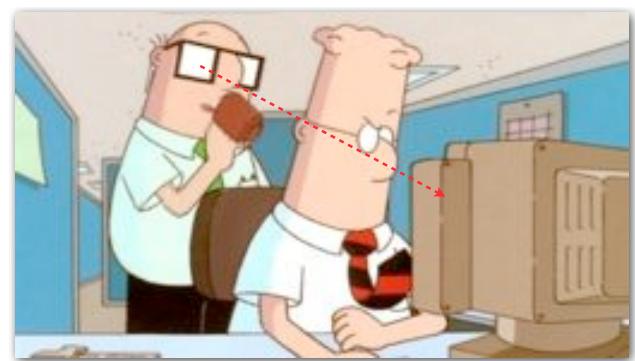


## Insider attacks

- Malicious insiders

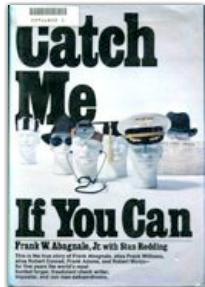


- Insiders being (unknowingly) abused by outsiders



## Insider attacks

- Active
  - Social Engineering
  - Phishing
- Passive
  - Drive-by hacking



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### Belastingdienst doet 'dom' met USB-stick

24 jun 09 - Door Karel Ormstein en Guido van Ophoven



Medewerkers van ING, de Belastingdienst, het AMC, de PvdA, SP, de Marokkaanse ambassade en tal van andere organisaties hebben zonder nadenken een gevonden USB-stick in de bedrijfscomputer gestopt.

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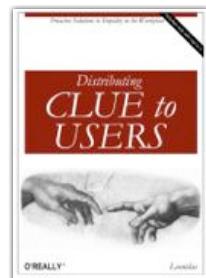
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## Educating users

- A process, not just an awareness session



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## Attack vectors

- Browser plugins
- Screensaver, picture in an email
- Codec to play a clip
- P2P-software
- Anti-malware



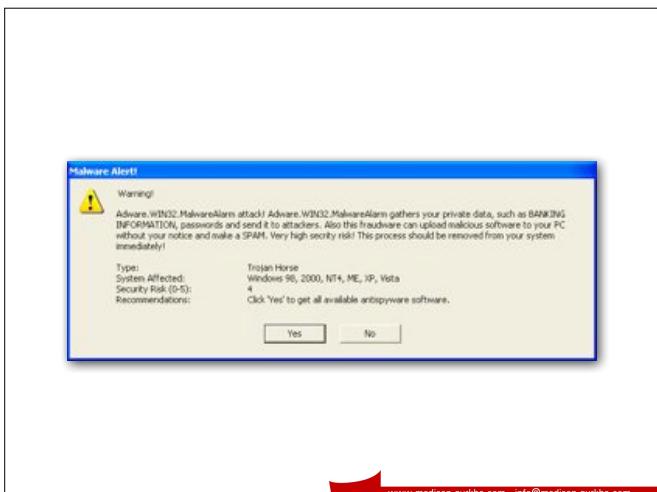
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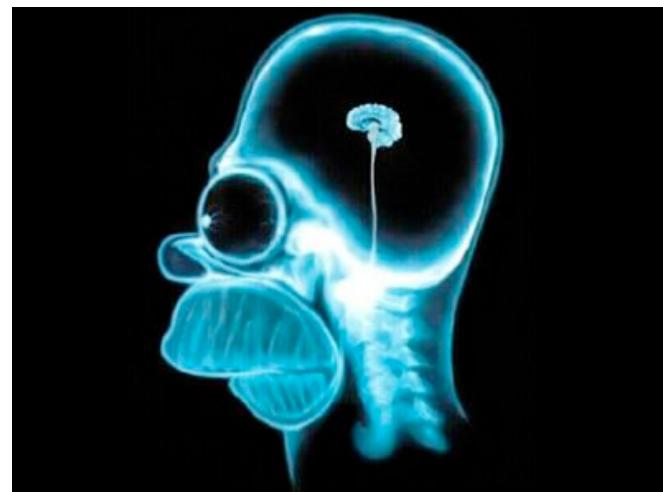
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## Solutions

- Find all known risks and act on them
- Fix bugs on all systems for all software
- Keep doing this
- Do secure installations (configurations)
- Embed security in the devpt process
- Educate and screen users and keep on doing this
- Monitor and be ready

Solutions  
NEXT EXIT

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