### Chapter 10

E-Commerce Fraud and Security

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### Objectives

- Describe the major concepts and terminology of EC security.
- Understand phishing and its relationship to financial crimes.
- · Describe the information assurance security principles.
- Identify and assess major technologies and methods for securing EC communications.
- Describe various types of controls and special defense mechanisms.
- Describe the role of business continuity and disaster recovery planning.

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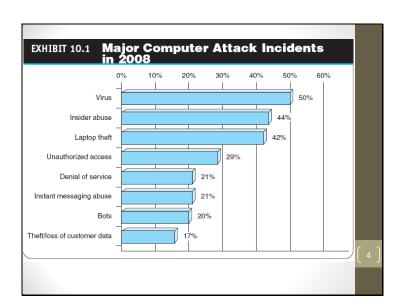
## The Information Security Problem • WHAT IS EC SECURITY? • Refers to the protection of data, networks, computer programs, computer power and other elements of computerized information systems • CSI Computer Crime and Security Survey • Annual security survey of U.S. corporations, government agencies, financial and medical institutions, and universities conducted jointly by the FBI and the Computer Security Institute

If you examine different list of management concerns regarding the use of EC and IT, the securities issues is and has been among the top concerns. Securing data, transactions, and privacy and protecting people (buyers and sellers) is of utmost importance in conducting EC of any type.

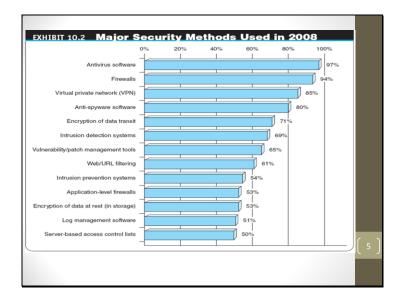
CSI Computer Crime and Security Survey

No one really knows the true impact on online security breaches because according to the Computer Security Institute (CSI), only 27% of business report to legal authorities about computer intrusions.

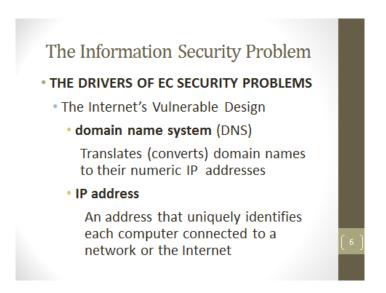
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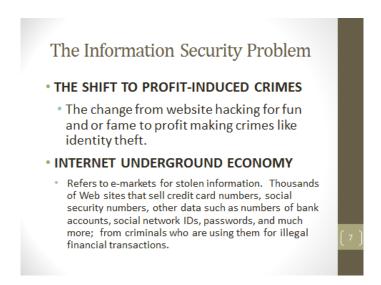


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- Security problems are the result of several drivers.
  - The Internet's Vulnerable Design
     The lack of source authentication and data integrity checking in DNS operations
     leave nearly all Internet services vulnerable to attacks.
    - The Shift to Profit-Induced Crimes and the underground internet

      The dynamic nature of EC systems and the role of insiders.



The Shift to Profit-Induced Crimes

In the early days of e-commerce, many hackers simply wanted to gain fame be defacing Web sites.

Today's criminals are profit-oriented. Most popular is the theft of personal information, such as credit card, bank accounts, etc.

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In order to better understand security problem, we need to understand some basic concepts in EC and IT security:

### business continuity plan

A plan that keeps the business running after a disaster occurs. Each function in the business should have a valid recovery capability plan

### cybercrime

Intentional crimes carried out on the Internet

### fraud

Any business activity that uses deceitful practices or devices to deprive another of property or other rights

### • malware (malicious software)

A generic term for malicious software

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### phishing

A crimeware technique to steal the identity of a target company to get the identities of its customers

### social engineering

A type of nontechnical attack that uses some ruse to trick users into revealing information or performing an action that compromises a computer or network

### spam

The electronic equivalent of junk mail

### vulnerability

Weakness in software or other mechanism that threatens the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of an asset (recall the CIA model). It can be directly used by a hacker to gain access to a system or network

### zombies

Computers infected with malware that are under the control of a spammer, hacker, or other criminal

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EC security involves more than just preventing and responding to cyberattacks.

To protect EC transactions we use the following EC Security Requirements:

### authentication

Process to verify (assure) the real identity of an individual, computer, computer program, or EC Web site

### authorization

Process of determining what the authenticated entity is allowed to access and what operations it is allowed to perform

### nonrepudiation

Assurance that online customers or trading partners cannot falsely deny (repudiate) their purchase or transaction



EC Security strategy uses the process of:

- deterring measures
  - Actions that will make criminals abandon their idea of attacking a specific system (e.g., the possibility of losing a job for insiders)
- prevention measures
  - Ways to help stop unauthorized users (also known as "intruders") from accessing any part of the EC system
- detection measures
  - Ways to determine whether intruders attempted to break into the EC system; whether they were successful; and what they may have done

Making sure that a shopping experience is safe and secure. The ultimate goal in EC security is often referred to as Information assurance (IA):

### Information assurance (IA)

The protection of information systems against unauthorized access to or modification of information whether in storage, processing, or transit, and against the denial of service to authorized users, including those measures necessary to detect, document, and counter such threats

# Technical Attack Methods • Virus • Worm • Macro Virus (Macro-Worm) • Trojan Horse • Banking Trojan • Denial Of Service (Dos) Attack • Botnet

### virus

A piece of software code that inserts itself into a host, including the operating systems, in order to propagate; it requires that its host program be run to activate it

### worm

A software program that runs independently, consuming the resources of its host in order to maintain itself, and that is capable of propagating a complete working version of itself onto another machine

### macro virus (macroworm)

A macro virus or macro worm is executed when the application object that contains the macro is opened or a particular procedure is executed

### Trojan horse

A program that appears to have a useful function but that contains a hidden function that presents a security risk

### banking Trojan

A Trojan that comes to life when computer owners visit one of a number of online banking or e-commerce sites

### denial of service (DOS) attack

An attack on a Web site in which an attacker uses specialized software to send a flood of data packets to the target computer with the aim of overloading its resources

### botnet

A huge number (e.g., hundreds of thousands) of hijacked Internet computers that have been set up to forward traffic, including spam and viruses, to other computers on the Internet



- Phishing: in the field of computer security, phishing is the criminal, is the fraudulent process
  of attempting to acquire confidential information such as user names, passwords and credit
  card details.
- FRAUD ON THE INTERNET
   Phishing is the first step that leads to fraud

### Types of Fraud:

### click fraud

Type of fraud that occurs in pay-per-click advertising when a person, automated system, or computer program simulates individual clicks on banner or other online advertising methods

### identity theft

Fraud that involves stealing an identity of a person and then the use of that identity by someone pretending to be someone else in order to steal money or get other benefits

### e-mail spam

A subset of spam that involves nearly identical messages sent to numerous recipients by e-mail

### search engine spam

Pages created deliberately to trick the search engine into offering inappropriate, redundant, or poor quality search results.

### spam site

Page that uses techniques that deliberately subvert a search engine's algorithms to artificially inflate the page's rankings

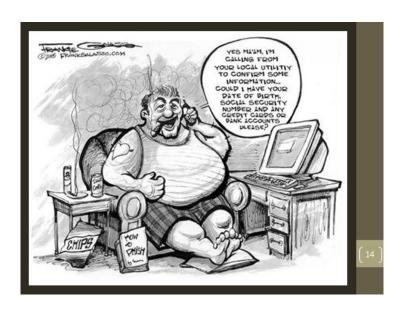
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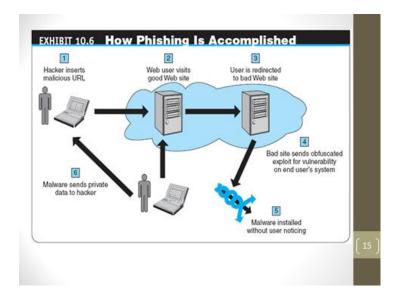
Short for *spam blog sites*. A blog is created solely for marketing purposes. Spammers creates hundreds of splogs that they link to the spammer's site to increase the site search engine rankings.

### spyware

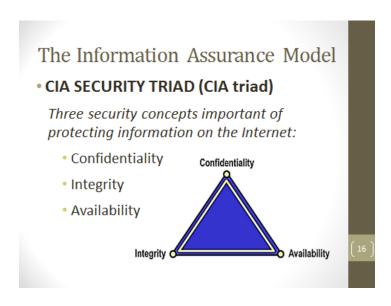
Software that gathers user information over an Internet connection without the user's knowledge. Los spywares extend beyond monitoring, can collect various types of personal information such as internet surfing habits and site that have been visited.

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The information assurance (IA) model provides a framework for protection of information system against unauthorized access. The importance of the IA model to EC is that represents the process of protecting information by assuring: confidentiality, integrity, and availability. The model is known as CIA security triad.

### confidentiality

Assurance of data privacy and accuracy. Keeping private or sensitive information from being disclosed to unauthorized individuals, entities, or processes

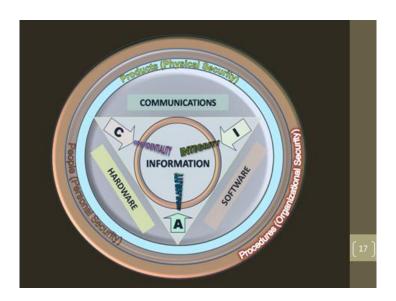
### integrity

Assurance that stored data has not been modified without authorization; a message that was sent is the same message that was received

### availability

Assurance that access to data, the Web site, or other EC data service is timely, available, reliable, and restricted to unauthorized users

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### Defense Strategy **EC SECURITY PROGRAMS** THE DEFENSE STRATEGY All the policies, Prevention and procedures, deterrence documents, Detection standards, hardware, Containment software, training, Recovery and personnel that Correction work together to protect information, Awareness and and the ability to compliance conduct business.

- The defense strategy and control that should be used depend on what needs to be protected.
  - <u>Prevention and deterrence:</u> Properly designs controls may prevent error from occurring, deter criminals from attacking the system, and better yet deny access to unauthorized people.
  - <u>Detection</u>: Detection can be performed by using special diagnostics software's.
  - <u>Containment:</u> (contain damage o damage control) to minimize the loss once malfunction has occurred.
  - Recovery: how to fix a damage information system as quickly as possible.
  - <u>Correction:</u> correcting the causes of damage systems can prevent the problem from occurring again.
  - <u>Awareness and compliance:</u> all organizations members must be educated about the hazards and must comply with the security rules of the organization.
- EC security programs:
   Have a life cycle, and throughout that life cycle the EC security requirements must be continuously evaluated and adjusted.

# The Defense I: Access Control, Encryption, and PKI • ACCESS CONTROL • Passive token • Active token • Smart cards, chain tokens • Biometric control & Biometric systems

### **Access Control**

### passive token

Storage device (e.g., magnetic strip) that contains a secret code used in a two-factor authentication system

### active token

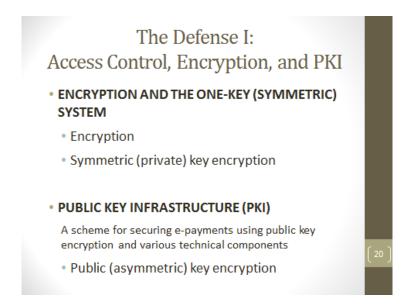
Small, stand-alone electronic device that generates one-time passwords used in a two-factor authentication system

### biometric control

An automated method for verifying the identity of a person based on physical or behavioral characteristics

### • biometric systems

Authentication systems that identify a person by measurement of a biological characteristic, such as fingerprints, iris (eye) patterns, facial features, or voice



### ENCRYPTION AND THE ONE-KEY (SYMMETRIC) SYSTEM

### encryption

The process of scrambling (encrypting) a message in such a way that it is difficult, expensive, or time-consuming for an unauthorized person to unscramble (decrypt) it

### symmetric (private) key encryption

An encryption system that uses the same key to encrypt and decrypt the message

### PKI

### -public (asymmetric) key encryption

Method of encryption that uses a pair of matched keys—a public key to encrypt a message and a private key to decrypt it, or vice versa

- public key
  - Encryption code that is publicly available to anyone
- private key

Encryption code that is known only to its owner



### • Digital signature or digital certificate

Validates the sender and time stamp of a transaction so it cannot be later claimed that the transaction was unauthorized or invalid.

### hash

A mathematical computation that is applied to a message, using a private key, to encrypt the message.

### message digest (MD)

A summary of a message, converted into a string of digits after the hash has been applied

### digital envelope

The combination of the encrypted original message and the digital signature, using the recipient's public key

### certificate authorities (CAs)

Third parties that issue digital certificates. This is a certificate that contains things such as holder's name, validity period, public key information, and signed hash of the certificate data.

### Secure Socket Layer (SSL)

Invented by Netscape, is a Protocol that utilizes standard certificates for authentication and data encryption to ensure privacy or confidentiality

### Transport Layer Security (TLS)

As of 1996, SSL was renamed to Transport Layer Security

# The Defense II: Securing E-Commerce Networks • Firewall • Demilitarized Zone (Dmz) • Virtual Private Network (Vpn) • Intrusion Detection System (Ids) • Honeynet A network of honeypots • Honeypot • Penetration test (pen test)

The major components for protecting internal information flow inside organizations are:

### Firewall

A single point between two or more networks where all traffic must pass (choke point); the device authenticates, controls, and logs all traffic

### Demilitarized zone (DMZ)

Network area that sits between an organization's internal network and an external network (Internet), providing physical isolation between the two networks that is controlled by rules enforced by a firewall

### virtual private network (VPN)

A network that uses the public Internet to carry information but remains private by using encryption to scramble the communications, authentication to ensure that information has not been tampered with, and access control to verify the identity of anyone using the network

### intrusion detection system (IDS)

A special category of software that can monitor activity across a network or on a host computer, watch for suspicious activity, and take automated action based on what it sees

### honeynet

Is a network of honeypots designed to attract hackers.

### honeypot

are information systems resources like (e.g., firewalls, routers, Web servers, database servers) that looks like production system but do no real work. Acts as a decoy and is watched to study how network intrusions occur

### penetration test (pen test)

A method of evaluating the security of a computer system or a network by simulating an attack from a malicious source, (e.g., a cracker)

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### general controls

Controls established to protect the system regardless of the specific application. For example, protecting hardware and controlling access to the data center.

### application controls

Controls that are intended to protect specific applications

### intelligent agents

Software applications that have some degree of reactivity, autonomy, and adaptability—as is needed in unpredictable attack situations. An agent is able to adapt itself based on changes occurring in its environment

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The purpose is continuing protecting and preventing.

### PROTECTING AGAINST SPAM

Every act to send spam that disguises a sales pitch to look like a personal e-mail to bypass filters violates the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing (CAN-SPAM) Act of 2003.

 Law that makes it a crime to send commercial e-mail messages with false or misleading message headers or misleading subject lines

Blog owners can use a **Captcha tool** (Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart), which uses a verification test on comment pages to stop scripts from posting automatically.

### PROTECTING AGAINST POP-UP ADS

Sometimes it is even difficult to close these ads when they appear on the screen. One way to avoid the potential danger lurking behind pop-up ads is to install software that will block pop-up.

### Protection Against Phishing

Hay varios programas informáticos anti-phishing disponibles. La mayoría de estos programas trabajan identificando contenidos phishing en sitios web y correos electrónicos; algunos software anti-phishing pueden por ejemplo, integrarse con los navegadores web y clientes de correo electrónico como una barra de herramientas que muestra el dominio real del sitio visitado. Los filtros de spam también ayudan a proteger a los usuarios de los phishers, ya que reducen el número de correos electrónicos relacionados con el phishing.

### PROTECTING AGAINST SPYWARE

In response to the emerge of spyware, a large variety of anti-spyware software exits. The US Federal Trade Commission has placed on the internet a page of advice to consumers about how to lower the risk of spyware infection.

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### disaster avoidance

An approach oriented toward prevention. The idea is to minimize the chance of avoidable disasters (such as fire or other human-caused threats)

It is difficult to many organizations to obtain insurance for their computers and information system without showing a satisfactory disaster prevention and recovery plan.

### audit

An important part of any control system. Auditing can be viewed as an additional layer of controls or safeguards. It is considered as a deterrent to criminal actions especially for insiders

### RISK-MANAGEMENT AND COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

It is usually not economical to prepare protection against every possible threat. An IT security program must provide a process for assessing threats and deciding which ones to prepare for and which ones to ignore.

- Risk-Management Analysis
   This analysis can be enhance by the use of DSS (Decision Support System) software packages.
- Ethical Issues Implementing security programs raises several ethical issues. There are ethical and legal obligations that may require companies to "invade privacy" of employees and monitor their actions. In particular, IT security measures are needed to protect against loss, liability, and litigations. Losses are not just financial, but also include the loss of information, customers, trading partners, brand image, and ability to conduct business due to the actions of hackers, malware or employees.

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The next step is to develop a general EC security policy, as a mention earlier

acceptable use policy (AUP)
 Policy that informs users of their responsibilities when using company networks, wireless devices, customer data, and so forth

### • EC SECURITY PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT

Require an evaluation of the digital and financial assets at risk including cost and operation considerations.

### business impact analysis (BIA)

An exercise that determines the impact of losing the support of an EC resource to an organization and establishes the escalation of that loss over time, identifies the minimum resources needed to recover, and prioritizes the recovery of processes and supporting systems

After EC security program and policies are defined and risk assessment completed, the software and hardware can be put in place. Keep in mind that security is an ongoing multilayer process and not a problem that has one solution as is forgotten.

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### 5 Tips For Protecting Against Spam Attacks

- 1. Watch out for social networking spam
- 2. Know how to respond properly
- Don't click on links from emails you can't trust or not solicited
- 4. Keep your computer operating system and security software up to date
- 5. Install a dedicated anti-spam application

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