

# Safe Computing

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## 1 Administrivia

### Announcements

### Assignment

Read 2.6–2.10. Questions on pp. 93–94: 13, 14, 17, and 18.

### From Last Time

PowerPoint lab.

### Outline

1. Introduction to safe computing.

### Coming Up

Lab.

## 2 Introduction to Safe Computing

1. Important to control our cyber-selves and secure our PCs.
  - (a) Identity theft.
  - (b) SPAM. Phishing. (See example.)
  - (c) Loss of data through hacking.
  - (d) Responsibility to secure PCs. Incrimination?
  - (e) On the horizon: RFID technology.
2. History of hacking. In the beginning, hacking was a good thing.  
Mentality of hackers.
3. Acceptable Use Policies/Terms of Service
  - (a) No spam.
  - (b) No commercial use.
  - (c) No illegal activity.
  - (d) No excessive use of resources.
  - (e) No damage.
  - (f) Right to cut you off.
  - (g) No re-selling of service.
  - (h) Limit on number of nodes in a home network.

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#### 4. Passwords

- (a) **Never** reveal.
- (b) Choose good passwords. How to choose?
- (c) How many to use? How often to change? Why?

#### 5. Anonymizers and throw-away e-mail addresses as tools.

#### 6. Social engineering as a hacker's tool.

#### 7. Safe computing:

- (a) Viruses, trojans, worms; what are they?

(Come as disguised executables in e-mail, DOS attacks via “drones,” SQL Slammer: three minutes after release was scanning 55 million hosts per sec. Worldwide damage within 10 minutes.)

Macro viruses, script viruses.

- (b) Prevention: virus scanning software:

- i. Config to check everything.
- ii. Auto-download updates.
- iii. Be paranoid.

- (c) More prevention: firewall:

- i. Types of protection: inbound blocking, outbound monitoring.
- ii. Basics of networks: workstations, routers, DNS/IP, ports.
- iii. How they work.
- iv. Is ICF enough? Is the XP SP2 firewall (Windows Firewall) enough?

ICF is off by default. Windows Firewall is on by default.

v. Windows Security Center with SP2: Internet Options (pop-up blocking, etc.), Automatic Updates, Windows Firewall, all in one place. Also, check virus scanner for up-to-date signatures.

vi. Free firewall: Zone Alarm.

Symantec has Norton Personal Firewall.

(d) Even more prevention: spyware detection:

i. What is it?

ii. Where can it be found — KaZaA.

iii. Not yet well understood — some legitimate software could be classified as spyware.

iv. Free, good spyware detection packages: Ad-aware, Spybot, Microsoft Anti-spyware.