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Achieving Defendable Architectures via Threat-Driven Methodologies

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Challenge today's security thinking





The Threat Driven Approach

System Threat Analysis



Threat Intelligence

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Threat Intelligence





System Threat Analysis Methodology

Mission Needs	System Threat Analysis	Threat Intelligence	
Critical Assets	Identify the Assets	Targeted Assets	
	Define the Attack Surface	Tactics, Techniques, & Procedures	
	Decompose the System		
	Identify Attack Vectors	Tactics, Techniques, & Procedures	
Knowledge of Industry	List Threat Actors	Campaigns, Motivation, Skill	
	Analysis and Assessment	Inputs on likelihood	
Mission Impacts	→ Triage		
	Controls	Control Effectiveness	
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Threat Methodology Integration



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Threat Methodology Practices

- Threat Models
- Attack Trees
- Threat Profiles
- Cyber Kill Chain[®]
- Controls Effectiveness Matrix





Case Study



Assets:

- Smart Card
 - OS and Applet

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- ID codes
- Keys
- I&AM Systems
- Workstations
- Facilities

Threat Actors/Attack Vectors:

- 1. Man-in-Manufacturer (a)
- 2. Man-in-Manufacturer (b)
- 3. Interception of Master Key
- 4. Compromise of I&AM System
- 5. Malicious Insider
- 6. Compromise Critical Role
- 7. Compromise middleware
- 8. Physical attacks

Determining Focus Threats

LOC

	System Threats	Focus
	Physical Attacks	Threats
	Malicious Code on Card	Threat Intelligence
	Compromised Middleware	
	Lateral Movement	Adversary Objectives
Mission and	Disclosure of Keys	TTPs
Business Needs	Critical Role Exploited	
	Malicious Insider	
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Addressing Threats

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Asset/ Objective	Threat Types	Resultant Condition(s)	Attack Surface/ Vector	Controls
SmartCard OS	 Tampering Disclosure Elevation of Privilege Lateral Movement 	Dependent upon # of cards and level of access of user	CardCard OS codeAPDU manipulation	 Code Audits Contract language Privileged account restrictions
Critical Role	 Spoofing Repudiation Elevation of Privilege Lateral Movement 	Unauthorized, privileged and potentially untraceable activity to critical infrastructure	 I&AM Systems Specific interfaces Specific services Targeted user and service accounts 	 Admin gateways Multi-factor AuthN Local accounts wherever possible Privileged account password controls
Workstation	 Disclosure Elevation of Privilege Lateral Movement 	Exfil data and/or credentials; Use machine as foothold for further actions	SmartCardMiddlewareMemory	 System patching HIPS Memory protections Penetration testing / assessment Configuration controls



Defend the System as a Whole



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- Visibility into current and historical system activity
- Manageability of system configuration, updates, and control settings
- Survivability to deliver services through attack, detection, and recovery

Designing for Defense



Visibility

- Server logging
- Workstation logging
- Network monitoring
- Cardstock inventory
- Insider detection

Designing for Defense



Visibility

Manageability

 Rules based on new threat intel

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- Control points for tactical mitigations
- System patching
- Controlled admin access

Designing for Defense



Visibility

- Manageability
- Survivability
 - System segmentation
 - Strong admin authentication
 - Separate card use from issuance
 - Assured system recovery



Use **IDDIL/ATC** to select **protection** and appropriate compensating controls Design the system to be **defended** through **visibility**, **manageability**, and **survivability**



Building Defendable Architectures and Applying Threat-Driven Methodologies

Start identifying your organization's critical systems and assets

For the next system you build, modify, operate, or assess

Use **IDDIL/ATC** to select **protection** and appropriate compensating controls Design the system to be **defended** through **visibility**, **manageability**, and **survivability**

As your cyber defense capabilities mature

Integrate threat intelligence into design, development, and operations



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