



Today's class

- Security

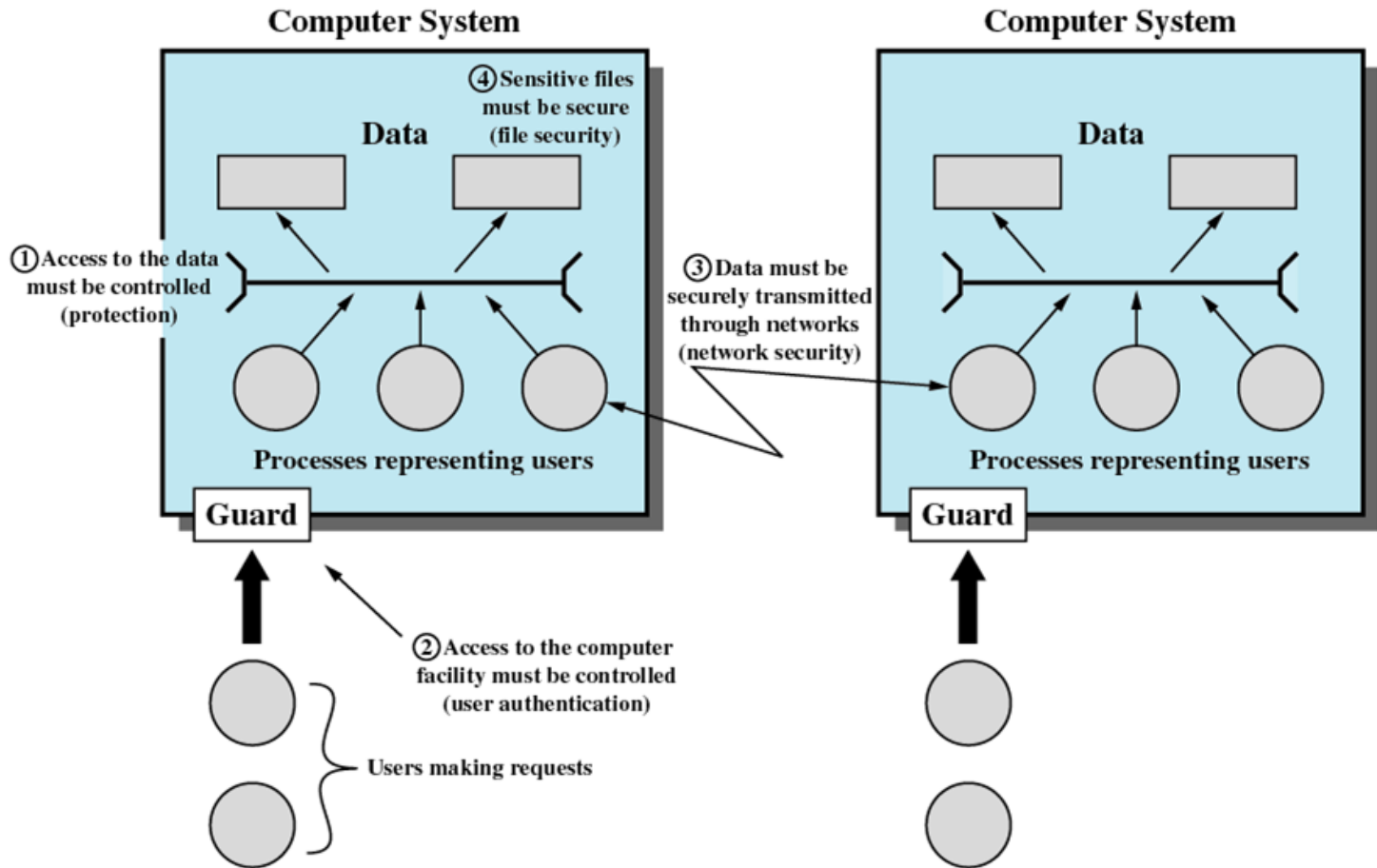


Security Requirements

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Availability
- Authenticity



Scope of System Security





Types of Threats

■ Interruption

- ✿ An asset of the system is destroyed or becomes unavailable or unusable
- ✿ Attack on availability
- ✿ Examples:
 - Destruction of hardware
 - Cutting of a communication line
 - Disabling the file management system



Types of Threats

■ Interception

- ✿ An unauthorized party (person, program, or computer) gains access to an asset
- ✿ Attack on confidentiality
- ✿ Examples:
 - Wiretapping to capture data in a network
 - Illicit copying of files or programs



Types of Threats

■ Modification

- ✿ An unauthorized party not only gains access but tampers with an asset
- ✿ Attack on integrity
- ✿ Examples:
 - Changing values in a data file
 - Altering a program so that it performs differently
 - Modifying the content of messages being transmitted in a network



Types of Threats

■ Fabrication

- ✿ An unauthorized party inserts counterfeit objects into the system
- ✿ Attack on authenticity
- ✿ Examples:
 - Insertion of spurious messages in a network
 - Addition of records to a file



Computer System Assets

■ Hardware

- ✱ Threats include accidental and deliberate damage

■ Software

- ✱ Threats include deletion, alteration, damage
- ✱ Backups of the most recent versions can maintain high availability



Computer System Assets

■ Data

- ✱ Involves files
- ✱ Security concerns availability, secrecy, and integrity
- ✱ Statistical analysis of data files can lead to determination of individual information which threatens privacy



Computer System Assets

■ Communication Lines and Networks

✱ Passive Attacks

- Learn or make use of information from the system but does not affect system resources
- Examples:
 - Release of message contents – a telephone conversation, an electronic mail message, and a transferred file are all subject to these threats
 - Traffic analysis – Encryption masks the contents of what is transferred so even if obtained by someone, they would be unable to extract information; however the pattern of communication could be observed



Computer System Assets

■ Communication Lines and Networks

✱ Active Attacks

- Involve some modification of the data stream or the creation of a false stream
- Four categories:
 - Masquerade
 - Replay
 - Modification of messages
 - Denial of service



Protection

■ No protection

- ✱ Sensitive procedures are run at separate times

■ Isolation

- ✱ Each process operates separately from other processes with no sharing or communication
- ✱ Each process has its own address space and files



Protection

- Share all or share nothing
 - ✱ Owner of an object (e.g. a file) declares it public or private
- Share via access limitation
 - ✱ Operating system checks the permissibility of each access by a specific user to a specific object
 - ✱ Operating system acts as the guard



Protection

- Share via dynamic capabilities
 - ✱ Dynamic creation of sharing rights for objects
- Limit use of an object
 - ✱ Limit not just access to an object but also the use to which that object may be put
 - ✱ Example: a user may be able to derive statistical summaries but not to determine specific data values



Protection of Memory

- Essential in a multiprogramming environment
- Need to insure the correct functioning of the various processes that are active
- Easily accomplished with a virtual memory scheme



User-Oriented Access Control

- Referred to as authentication
- Log on
 - ✱ Requires both a user identifier (ID) and a password
 - ✱ System only allows users to log on if the ID is known to the system and password associated with the ID is correct
 - ✱ Users can reveal their password to others either intentionally or accidentally
 - ✱ Hackers are skillful at guessing passwords
 - ✱ ID/password file can be obtained



Data-Oriented Access Control

- Associated with each user, there can be a profile that specifies permissible operations and file accesses
- Operating system enforces these rules
- Database management system controls access to specific records or portions of records



Access Matrix

- Subject
 - ✱ An entity capable of accessing objects
- Object
 - ✱ Anything to which access is controlled
- Access rights
 - ✱ The way in which an object is accessed by a subject



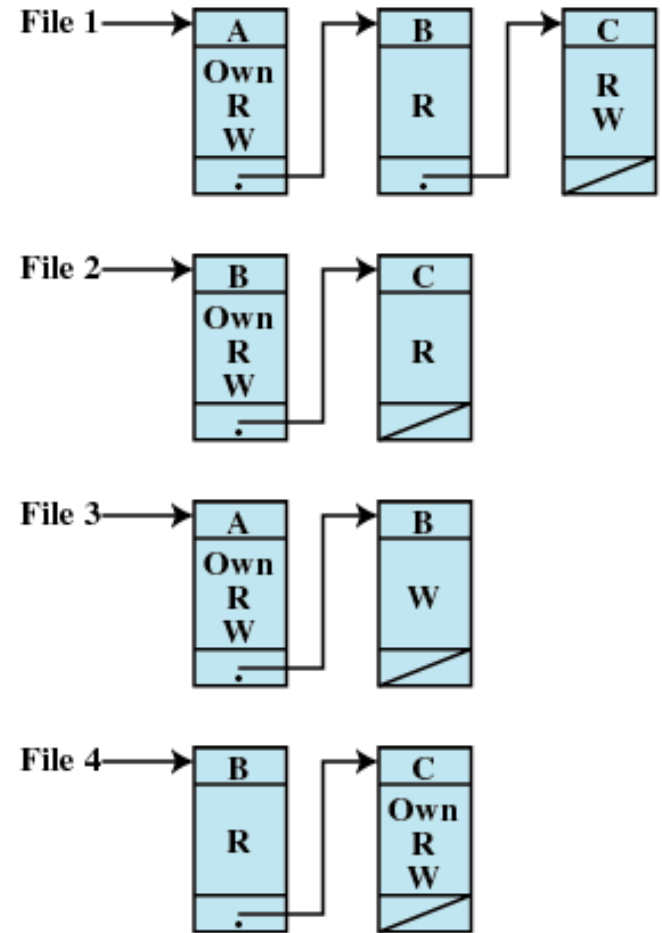
Access Matrix

	File 1	File 2	File 3	File 4	Account 1	Account 2
User A	Own R W		Own R W		Inquiry Credit	
User B	R	Own R W	W	R	Inquiry Debit	Inquiry Credit
User C	R W	R		Own R W		Inquiry Debit



Access Control List

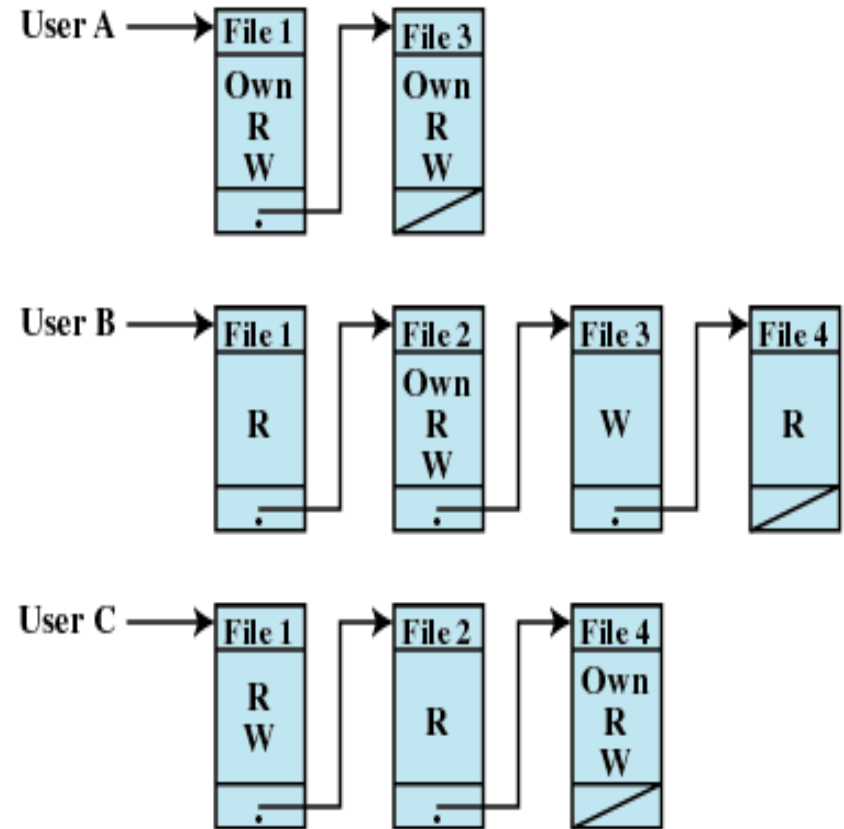
- Access matrix decomposed by columns
- For each object, an access control list gives users and their permitted access rights





Capability Tickets

- Access matrix decomposed by rows
- Specifies authorized objects and operations for a user





Intrusion Techniques

- Objective of intruder is the gain access to the system or to increase the range of privileges accessible on a system
- Protected information that an intruder acquires is a password



Techniques for Learning Passwords

- Try default password used with standard accounts shipped with system
- Exhaustively try all short passwords
- Try words in dictionary or a list of likely passwords
- Collect information about users and use these items as passwords



Techniques for Learning Passwords

- Try users' phone numbers, social security or person numbers, and room numbers
- Try all legitimate license plate numbers for location where the person is living
- Use a Trojan horse to bypass restrictions on access
- Tap the line between a remote user and the host system

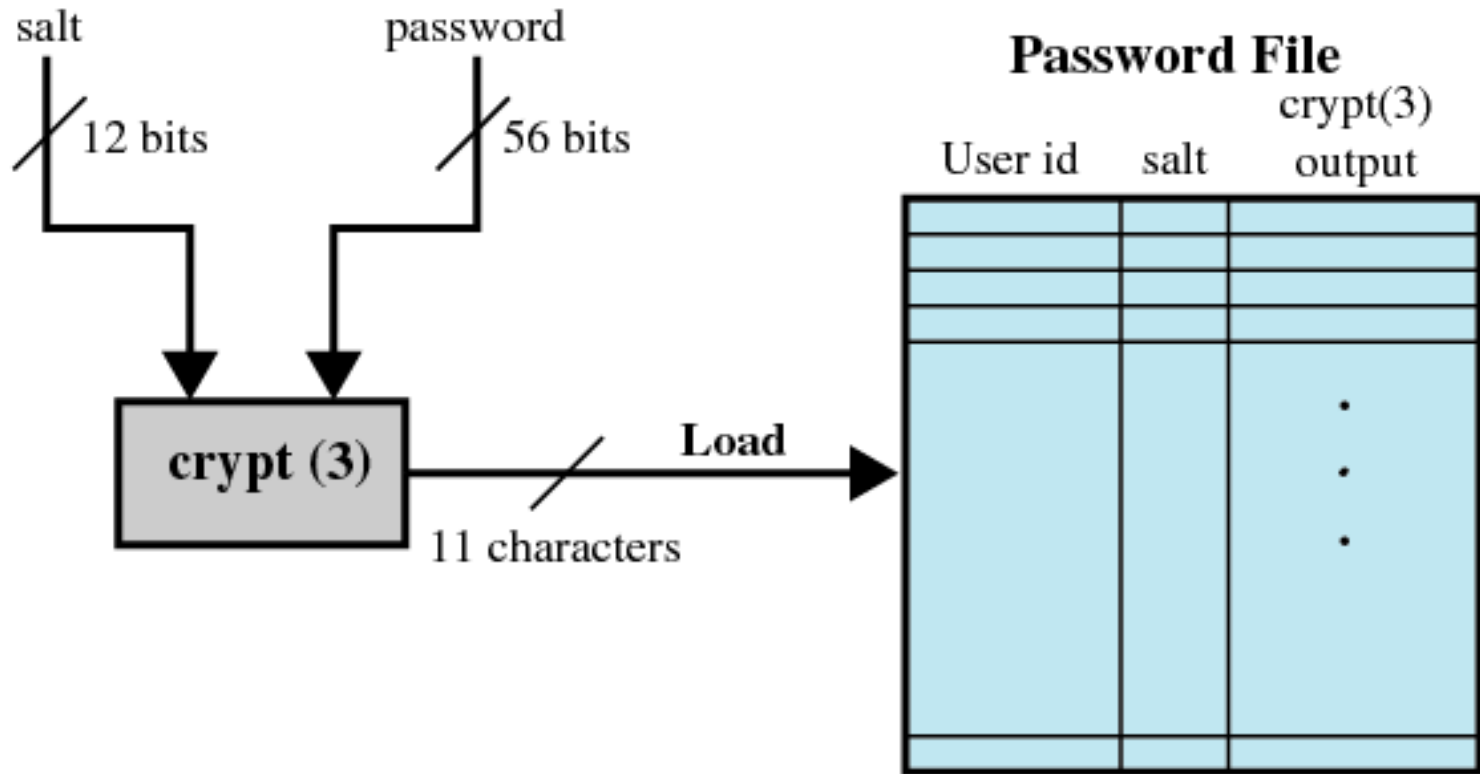


ID Provides Security

- Determines whether the user is authorized to gain access to a system
- Determines the privileges accorded to the user
 - ✱ Superuser enables file access protected by the operating system
 - ✱ Guest or anonymous accounts have more limited privileges than others
- ID is used for discretionary access control
 - ✱ A user may grant permission to files to others by ID



UNIX Password Scheme





Password Selection Strategies

- Computer generated passwords
 - ✱ Users have difficulty remembering them
 - ✱ Need to write it down
 - ✱ Have history of poor acceptance



Password Selection Strategies

- Reactive password checking strategy
 - ✱ System periodically runs its own password cracker to find guessable passwords
 - ✱ System cancels passwords that are guessed and notifies user
 - ✱ Consumes resources to do this
 - ✱ Hacker can use this on their own machine with a copy of the password file



Password Selection Strategies

- Proactive password checker
 - ✱ The system checks at the time of selection if the password is allowable
 - ✱ With guidance from the system users can select memorable passwords that are difficult to guess



Intrusion Detection

- Assume the behavior of the intruder differs from the legitimate user in ways that can be quantified
- Statistical anomaly detection
 - ✱ Collect data related to the behavior of legitimate users over a period of time
 - ✱ Statistical tests are used to determine if the behavior is not legitimate behavior



Intrusion Detection

- Rule-based detection
 - ✱ Rules are developed to detect deviation from previous usage pattern
 - ✱ Expert system searches for suspicious behavior



Intrusion Detection

- Audit record
 - ✱ Fundamental tool for intrusion detection
 - ✱ Native audit records
 - All operating systems include accounting software that collects information on user activity
 - ✱ Detection-specific audit records
 - Collection facility can be implemented that generates audit records containing only that information required by the intrusion detection system

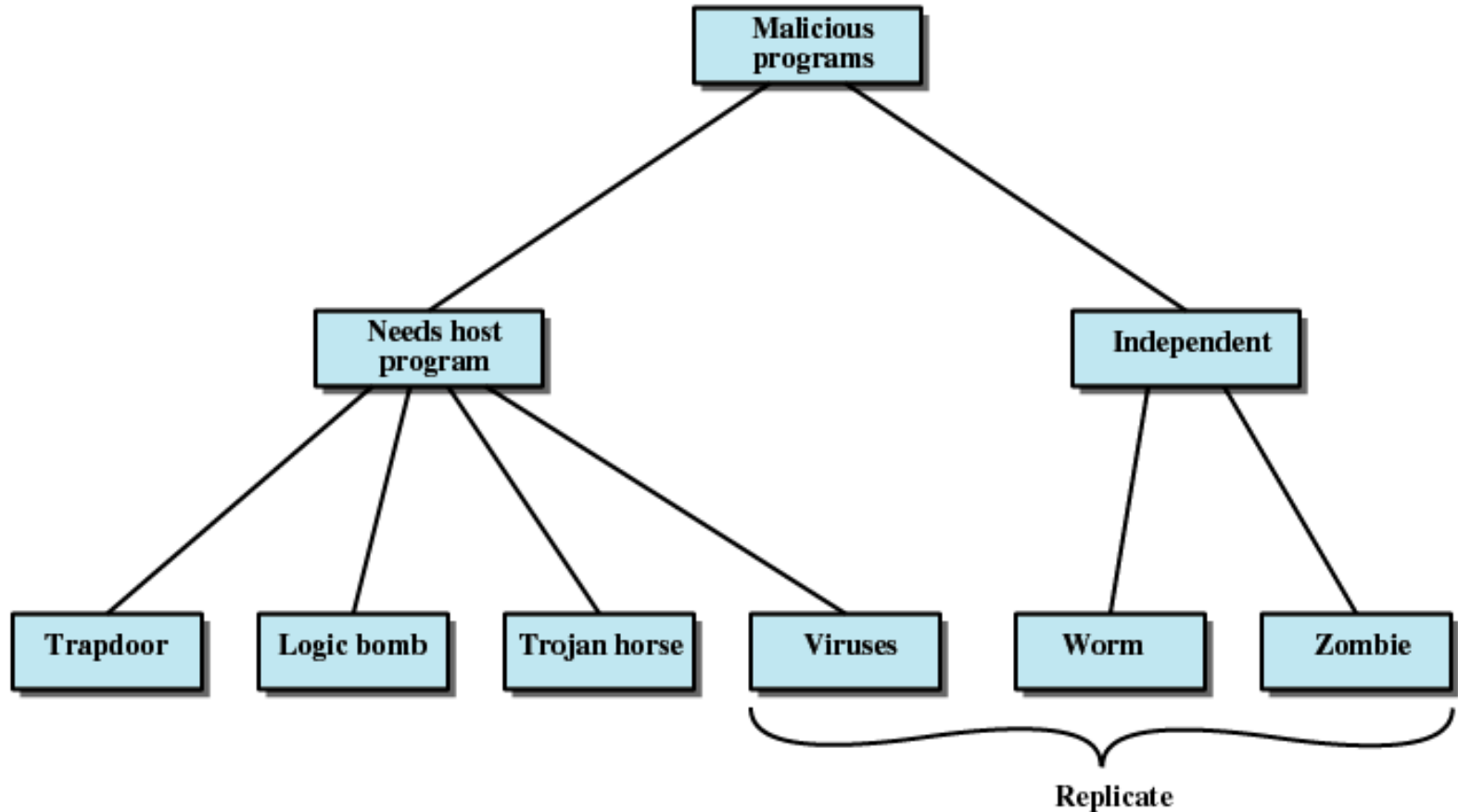


Malicious Programs

- Those that need a host program
 - ✱ Fragments of programs that cannot exist independently of some application program, utility, or system program
- Independent
 - ✱ Self-contained programs that can be scheduled and run by the operating system



Taxonomy of Malicious Programs





Trap Door

- Entry point into a program that allows someone who is aware of the trap door to gain access
- Used by programmers to debug and test programs
 - ✱ Avoids necessary setup and authentication
 - ✱ Method to activate program if something wrong with authentication procedure



Logic Bomb

- Code embedded in a legitimate program that is set to “explode” when certain conditions are met
 - ✱ Presence or absence of certain files
 - ✱ Particular day of the week
 - ✱ Particular user running application



Trojan Horse

- Useful program that contains hidden code that when invoked performs some unwanted or harmful function
- Can be used to accomplish functions indirectly that an unauthorized user could not accomplish directly
 - ✱ User may set file permission so everyone has access



Virus

- Program that can “infect” other programs by modifying them
 - ✱ Modification includes a copy of the virus program
 - ✱ The infected program can infect other programs



Worms

- Use network connections to spread from system to system
- Electronic mail facility
 - ✱ A worm mails a copy of itself to other systems
- Remote execution capability
 - ✱ A worm executes a copy of itself on another system
- Remote log-in capability
 - ✱ A worm logs on to a remote system as a user and then uses commands to copy itself from one system to the other



Zombie

- Program that secretly takes over another Internet-attached computer
- It uses that computer to launch attacks that are difficult to trace to the zombie's creator

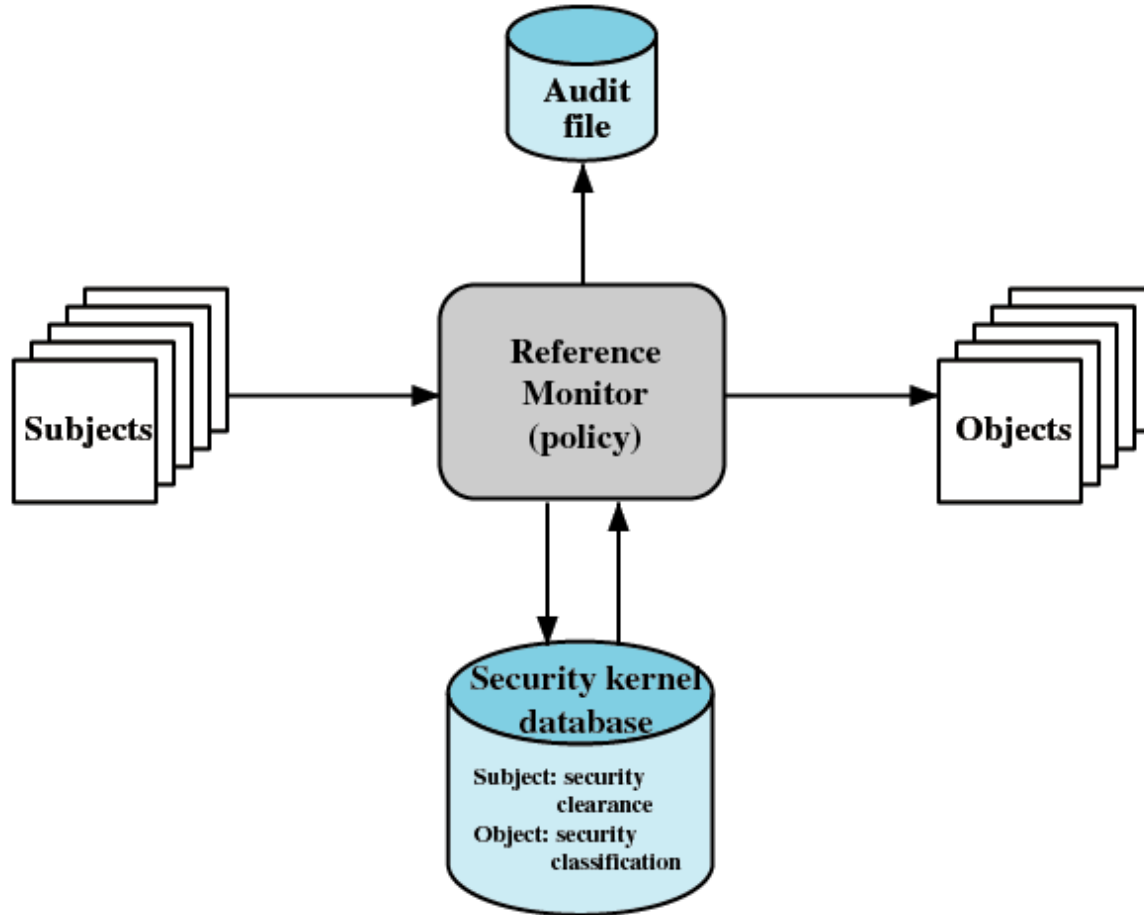


Trusted Systems

- Multilevel security
 - ✿ Information organized into levels
 - ✿ No read up
 - Only read objects of a less or equal security level
 - ✿ No write down
 - Only write objects of greater or equal security level

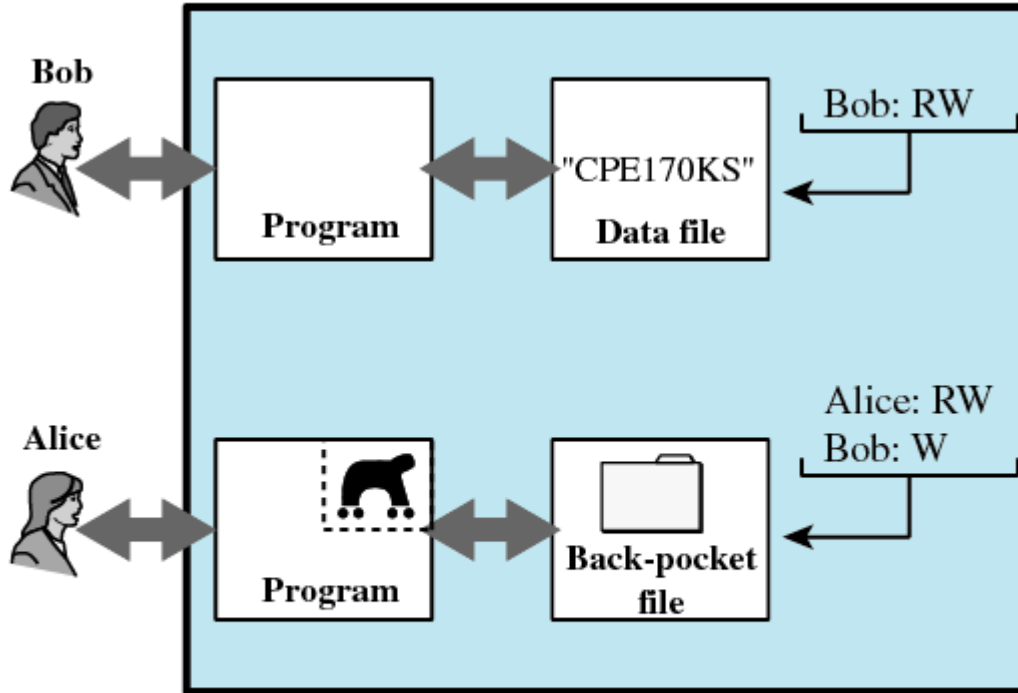


Reference Monitor





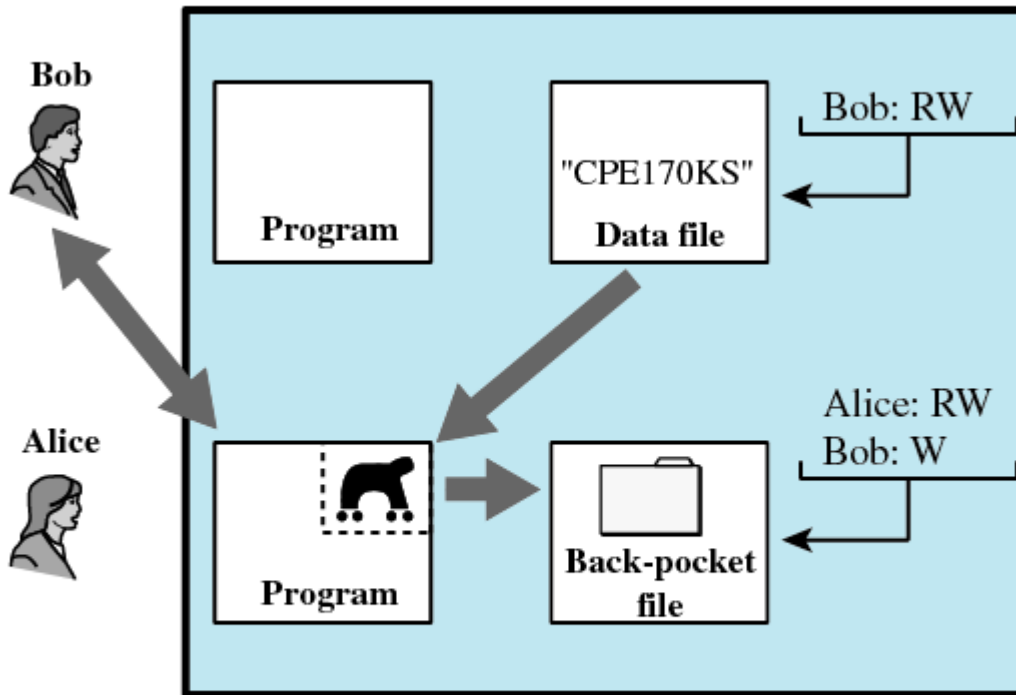
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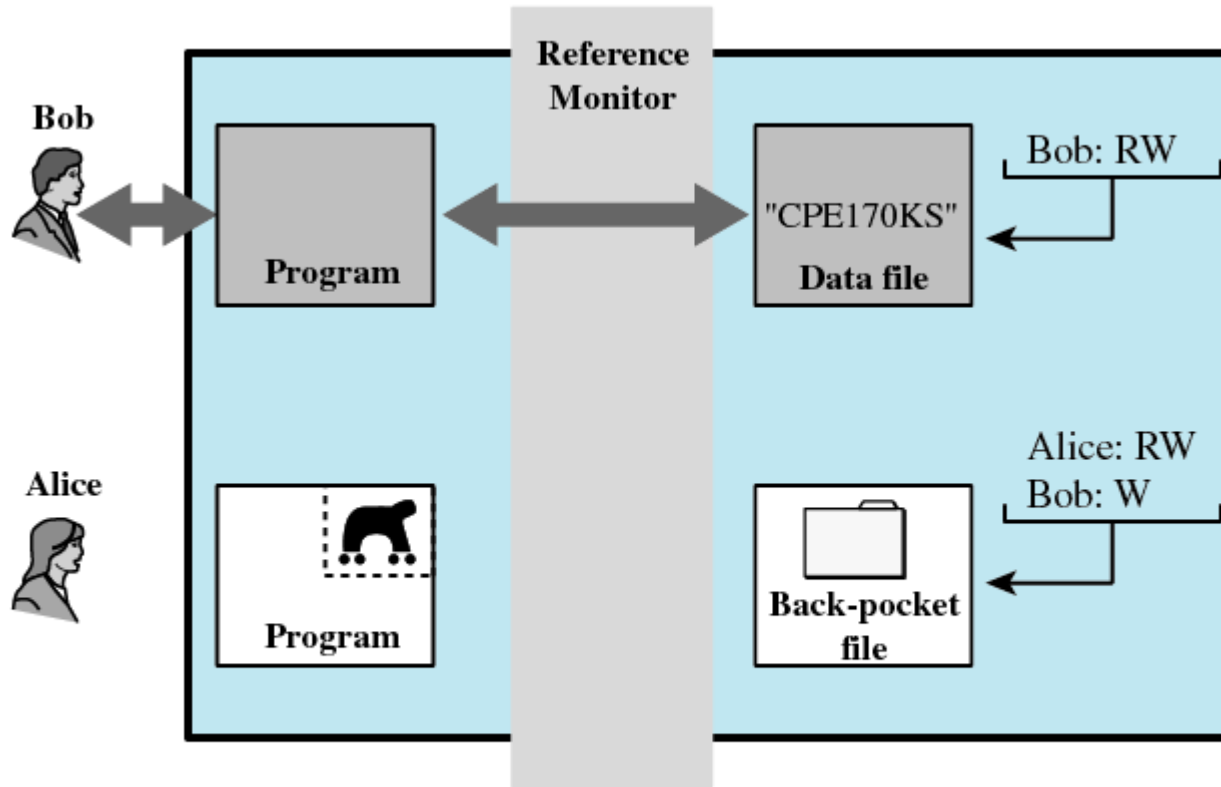
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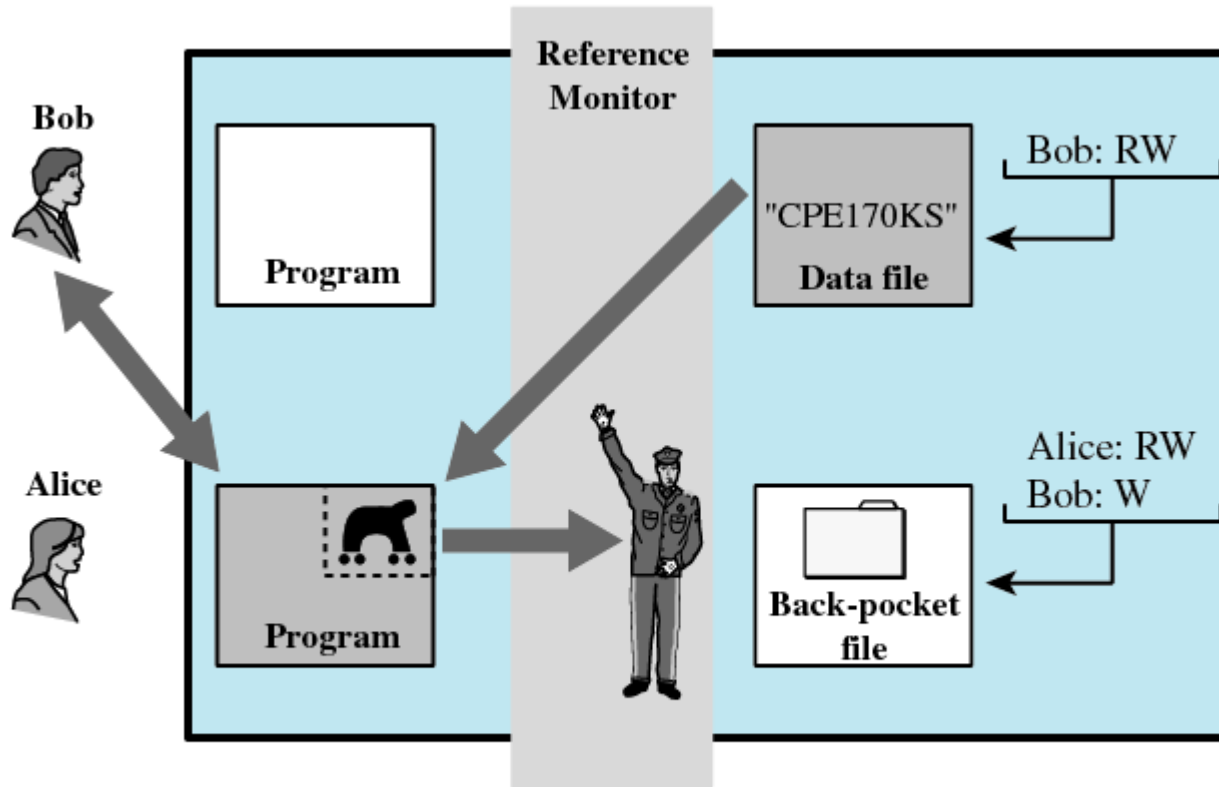


Trojan Horse Defense



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Trojan Horse Defense



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