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Network security essentials

Introduction

# Network Security Essentials

## 01-02-2020 Network security-II:

- What the global scope of cyberattacks is
- What you are trying to protect
- Whom you are trying to catch
- What kinds of tools are used to attack computer systems
- What a security breach is
- What risks, vulnerabilities, and threats are
- What malware is
- What a malicious software attack is
- What a social engineering attack is
- What a wireless network attack is
- What a web application attack is
- What countermeasures are

# Learning objectives

- **Identify malicious software and implement countermeasures**
- **Identify common attacks and develop appropriate countermeasures**
- **Recognize social engineering and reduce the risks associated with it**
- **Recognize threats and types of attacks on wireless networks**
- **Recognize threats and types of attacks on web applications**
- **Describe how malicious attacks, threats, and vulnerabilities impact an IT infrastructure.**

# Network security-2

- Contemporary Security Challenges and Vulnerabilities
- Internet Vulnerabilities
- Security Threats in the Environment
- Vulnerable Points in an E-commerce Environment
- Most Common network Security Threats
- Malicious Software: Viruses, Worms, Trojan Horses, and Spyware
- Hackers and Computer Crime
- Internal Threats: Employees
- Software Vulnerability
- Phishing Hacking and Cyber vandalism Credit Card Fraud Spoofing (Pharming) and Spam (Junk) Web Sites
- DoS and DDoS Attacks
- Other Security Threats
- What Is the Business Value of Security and Control?
- Digital forensic/IT Act 2000

# Following topics we will discuss in the session

- Malicious software and countermeasures
- Common attacks and countermeasures
- Social engineering and how to reduce risks
- Threats and types of attacks on wireless networks
- Threats and types of attacks on web applications

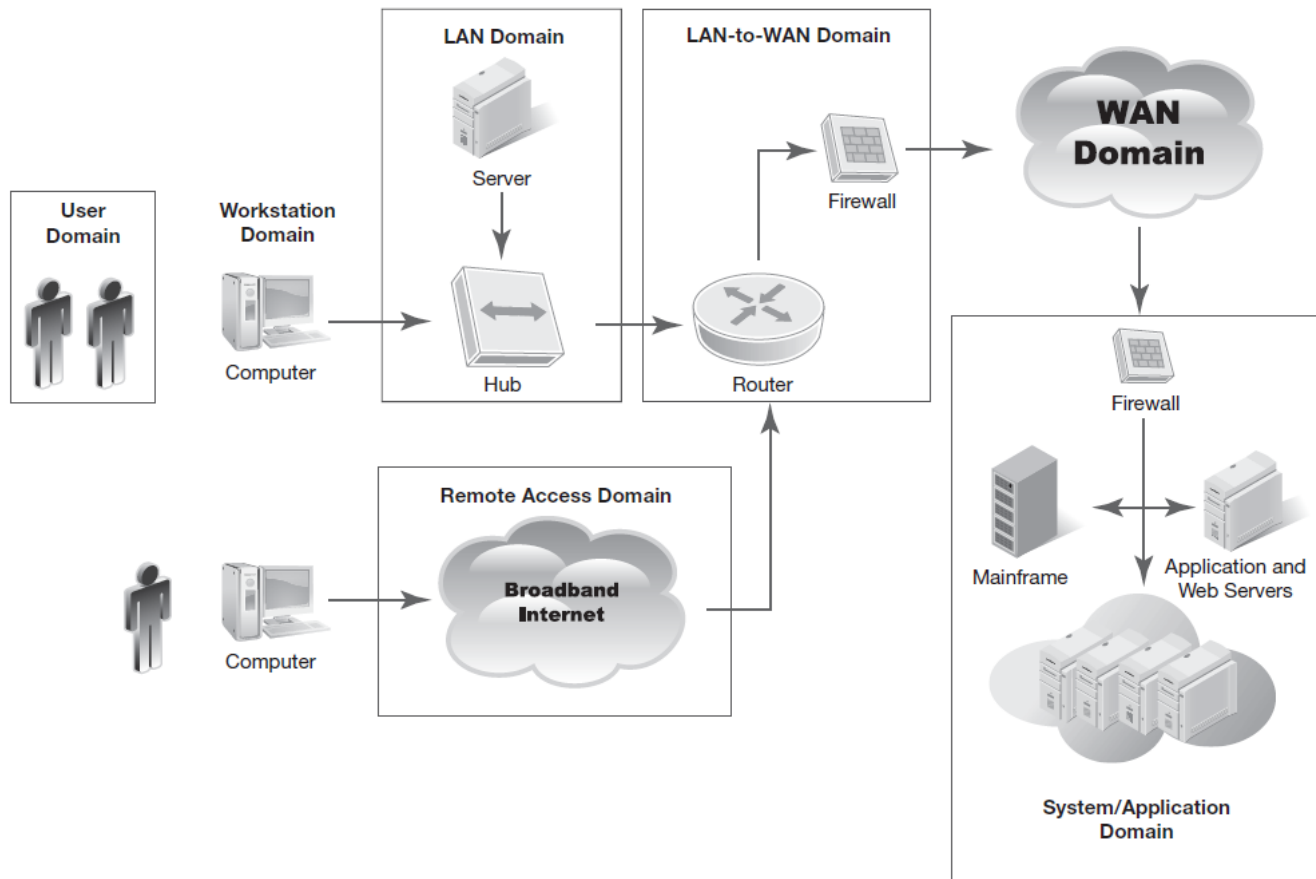
# Malicious Activity on the Rise

- Examples of the malicious attacks are everywhere
- Data breaches occur in both public and private sectors
- In 2013, China was top country of origin for cyberattacks, at 41 percent
- United States was second at 10 percent

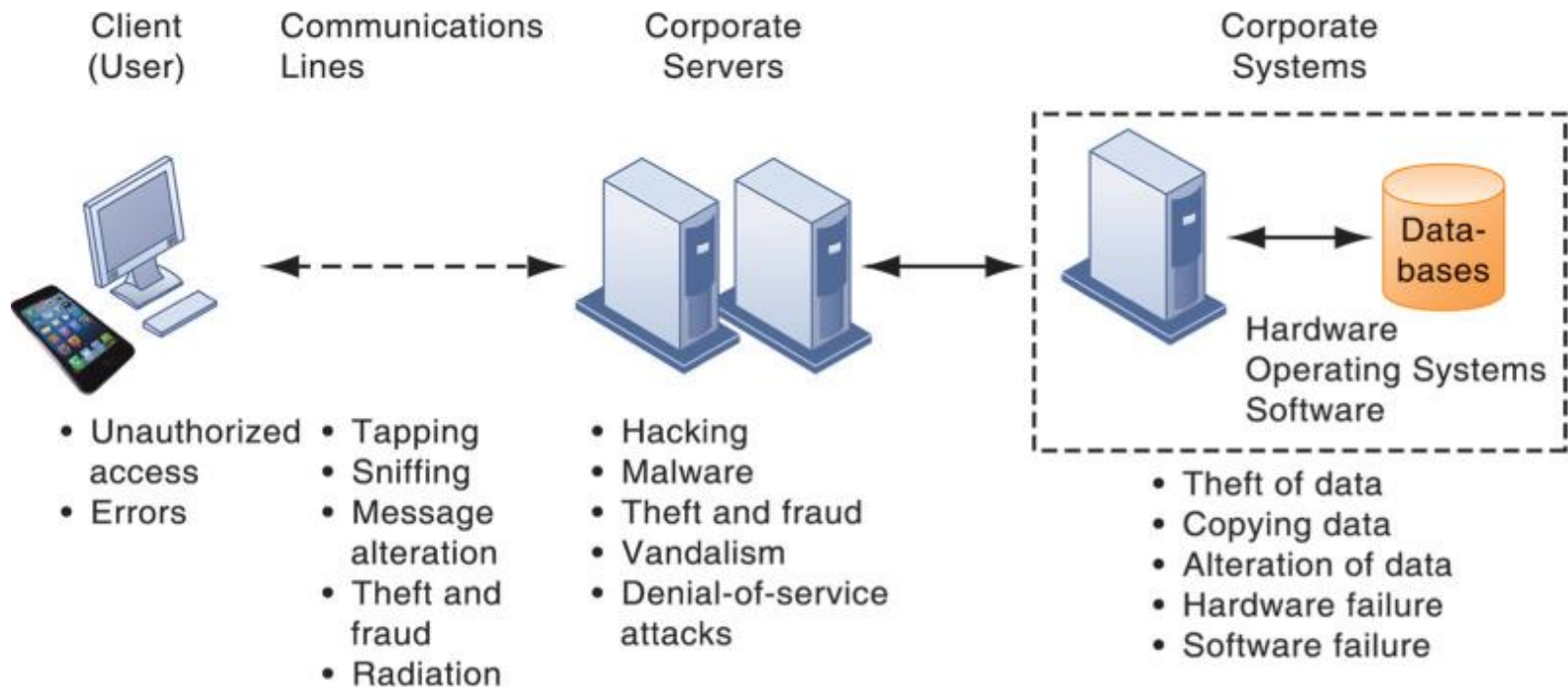
# What Are You Trying to Protect?

- **Customer data**—Name, address, phone, Social Security number (SSN), date of birth, cardholder data, protected health care information.
- **IT assets and network infrastructure**—Hardware, software, and services.
- **Intellectual property**—Sensitive data such as patents, source code, formulas, or engineering plans.
- **Finances and financial data**—Bank accounts, credit card data, and financial transaction data.
- **Service availability and productivity**—The ability of computing services and software to support productivity for humans and machinery.
- **Reputation**—Corporate compliance and brand image.

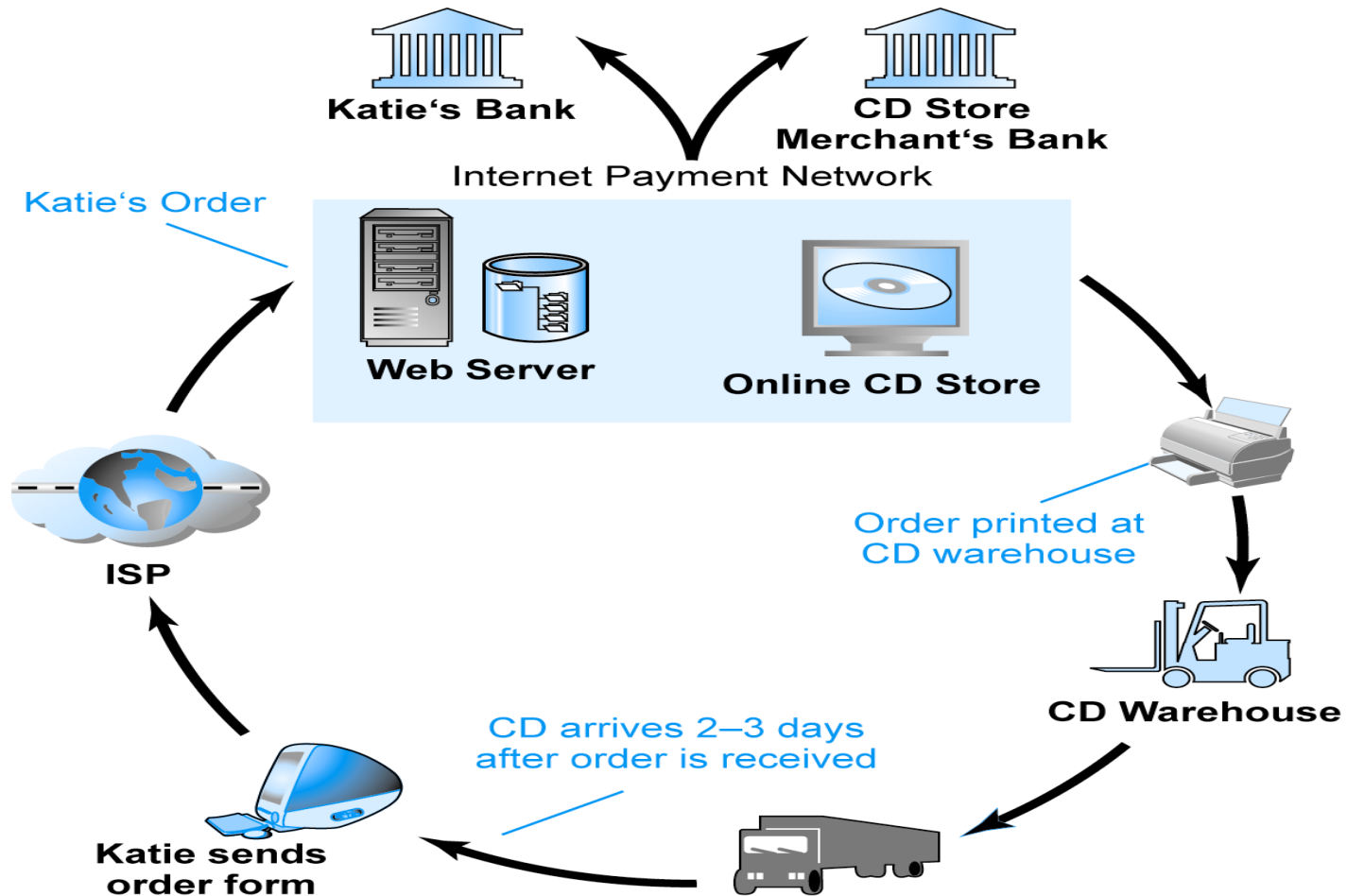
# What Are You Trying to Protect?



# Contemporary Security Challenges and Vulnerabilities



# A Typical E-commerce Transaction in a network environment

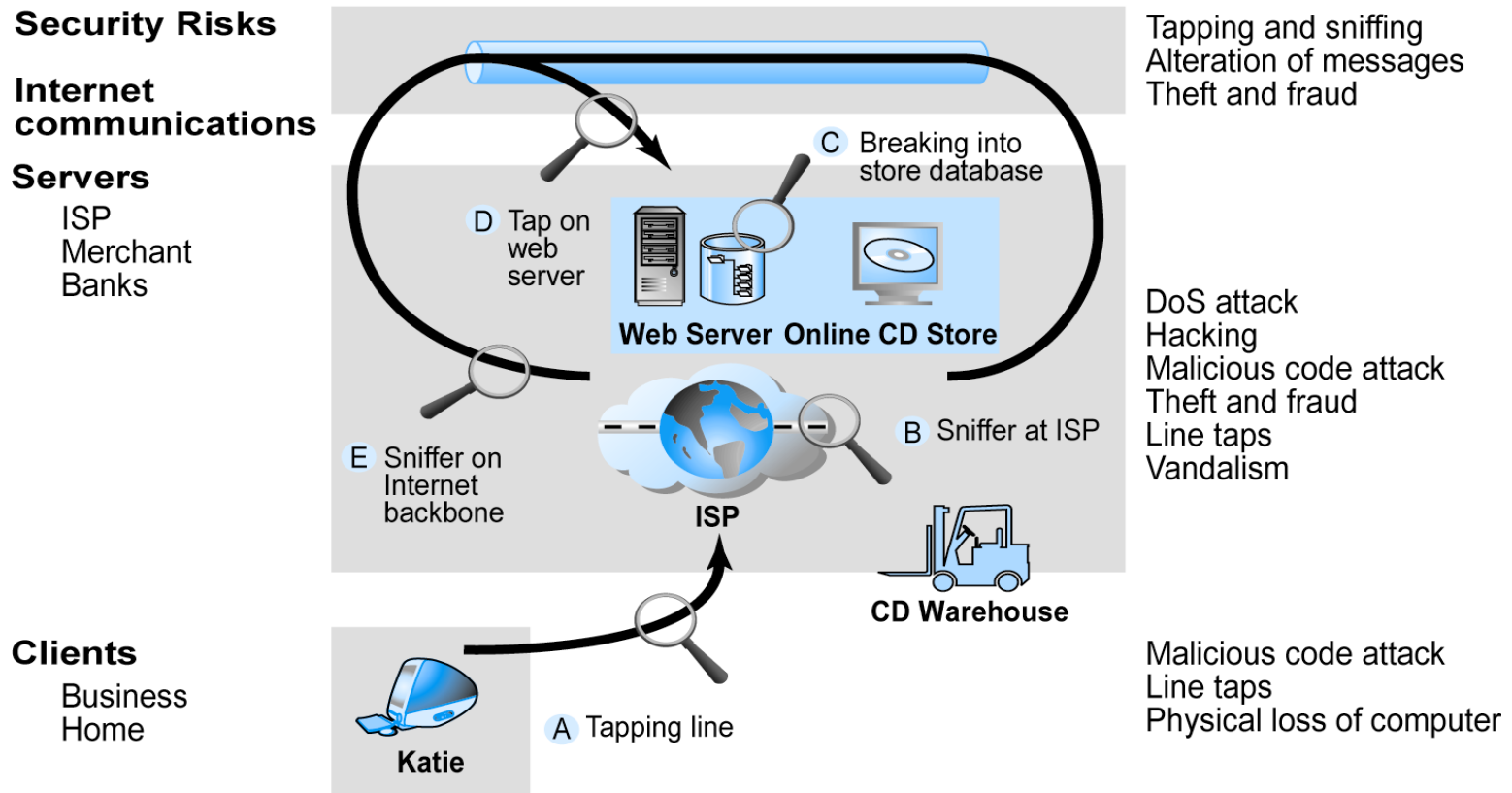


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# Why Systems Are Vulnerable

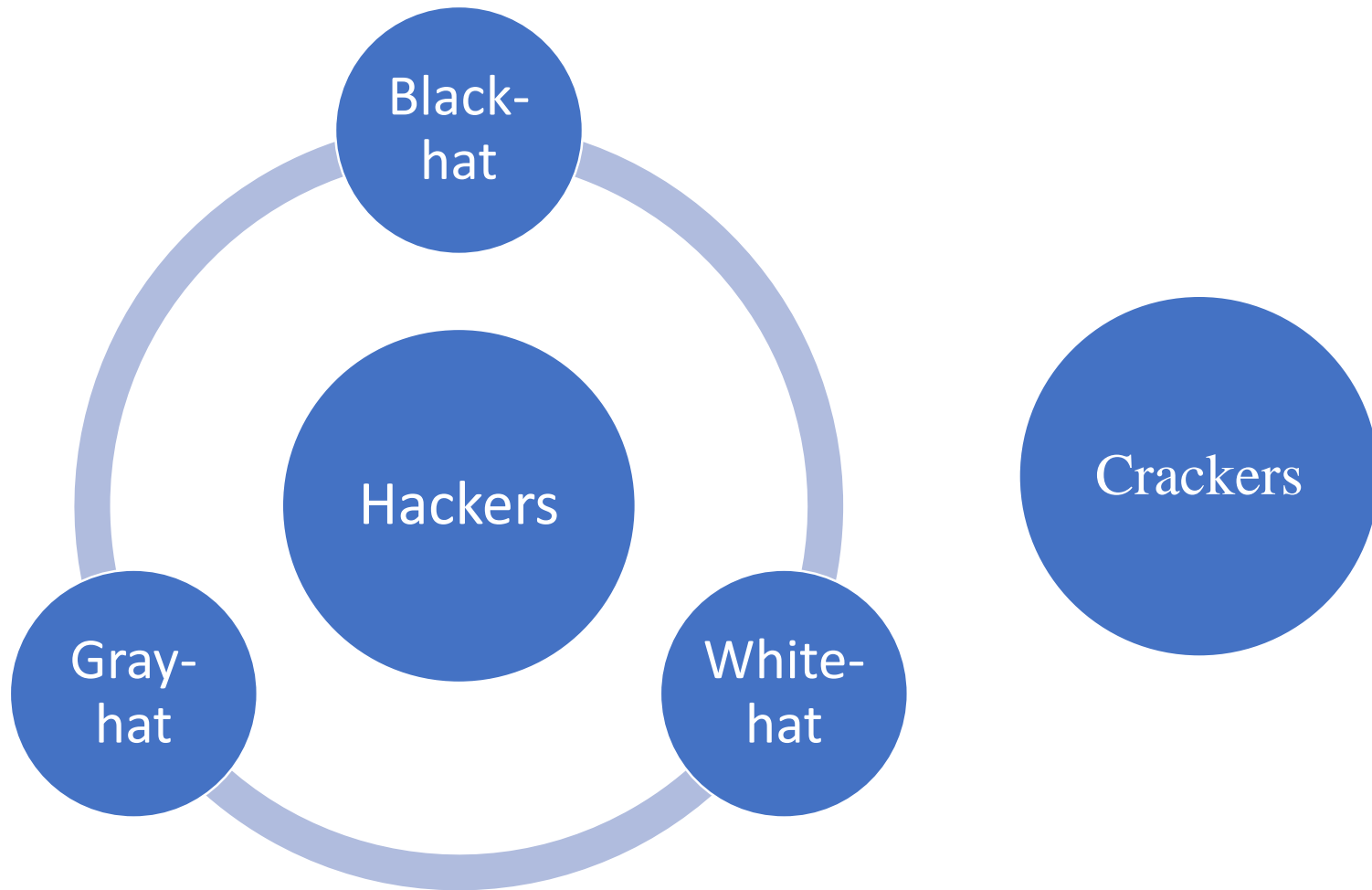
- Accessibility of networks
- Hardware problems (breakdowns, configuration errors, damage from improper use or crime)
- Software problems (programming errors, installation errors, unauthorized changes)
- Disasters
- Use of networks/computers outside of firm's control
- Loss and theft of portable devices

# Vulnerable Points in an E-commerce Environment



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# Whom Are You Trying to Catch?



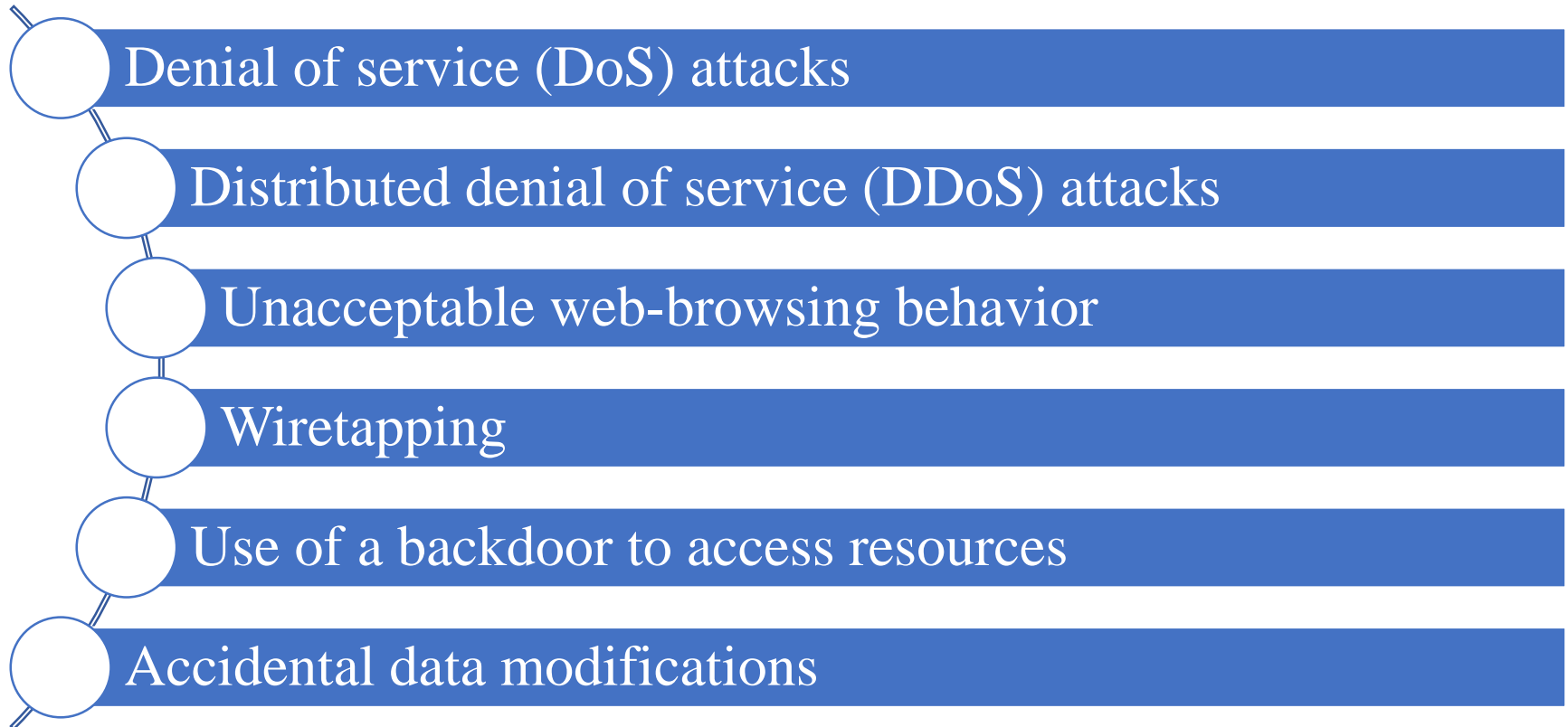
# Cyber Attack Tools

- Protocol analyzers (sniffers)
  - Port scanners
  - OS fingerprint scanners
  - Vulnerability scanners
  - Exploit software
  - Wardialers
  - Password crackers
  - Keystroke loggers

# What Is a Security Breach?

- Any event that results in a violation of any of the C-I-A security tenets
- Some security breaches disrupt system services on purpose
- Some are accidental and may result from hardware or software failures

# Activities that Cause Security Breaches

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- Denial of service (DoS) attacks
  - Distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks
  - Unacceptable web-browsing behavior
  - Wiretapping
  - Use of a backdoor to access resources
  - Accidental data modifications

# Denial of Service Attack

- A coordinated attempt to deny service by occupying a computer to perform large amounts of unnecessary tasks
  - Logic attacks
  - Flooding attacks
- Protect using
  - Intrusion prevention system (IPS)
  - Intrusion detection system (IDS)
- Attacks launched using
  - SYN flood
  - Smurfing

# Distributed Denial of Service Attack

Overloads computers  
and prevents  
legitimate users from  
gaining access

More difficult to stop than a DoS  
attack because DDoS originates  
from different sources

# Unacceptable Web Browsing

- Define acceptable web browsing in an acceptable use policy (AUP)
- Unacceptable use can include:
  - Unauthorized users searching files or storage directories
  - Users visiting prohibited websites

# Wiretapping

## Active

- Between-the-lines wiretapping
- Piggyback-entry wiretapping

## Passive

- Also called sniffing

# Backdoors

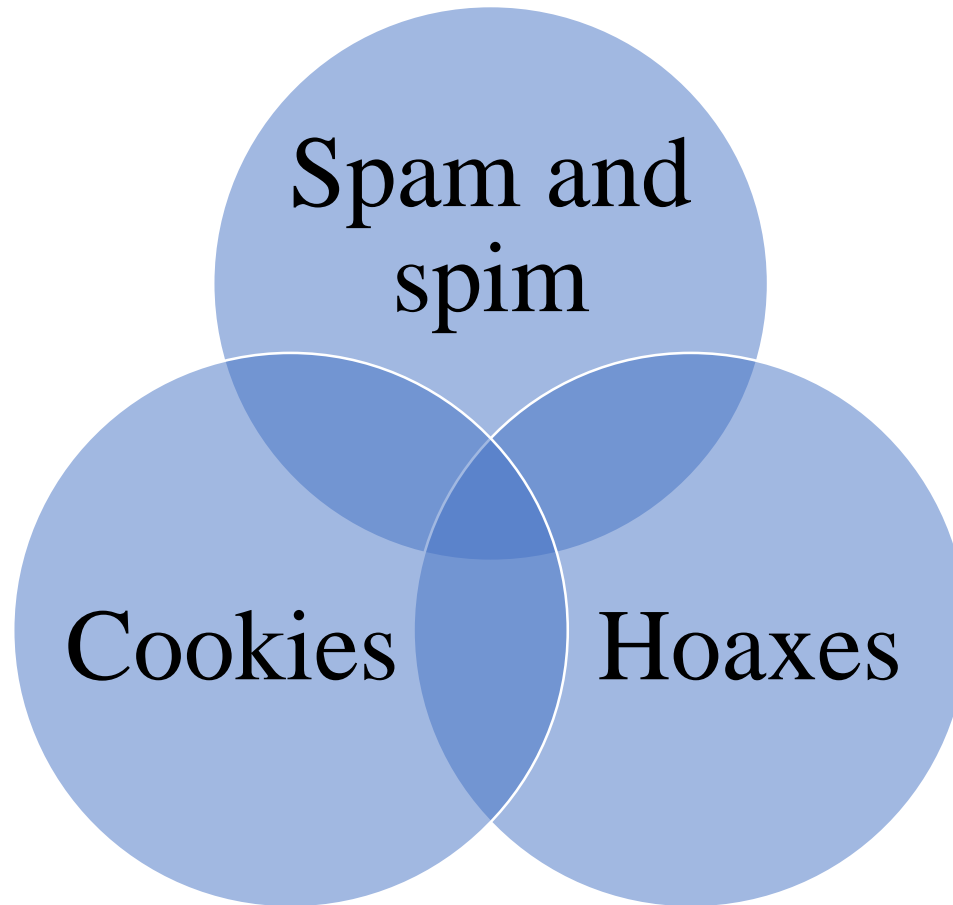
- Hidden access included by developers
- Attackers can use them to gain access

## Data Modifications

Data that is:

- Purposely or accidentally modified
- Incomplete
- Truncated

# Additional Security Challenges



# Risks, Threats, Vulnerabilities

## Risk

Probability that something bad is going to happen to an asset

## Threat

Any action that can damage or compromise an asset

## Vulnerability

An inherent weakness that may enable threats to harm system or networks

# Most Common Threats

Malicious software

Hardware or software failure

Internal attacker

Equipment theft

External attacker

Natural disaster

Industrial espionage

Terrorism

# Threat Types

Disclosure  
threats

- Sabotage
- Espionage

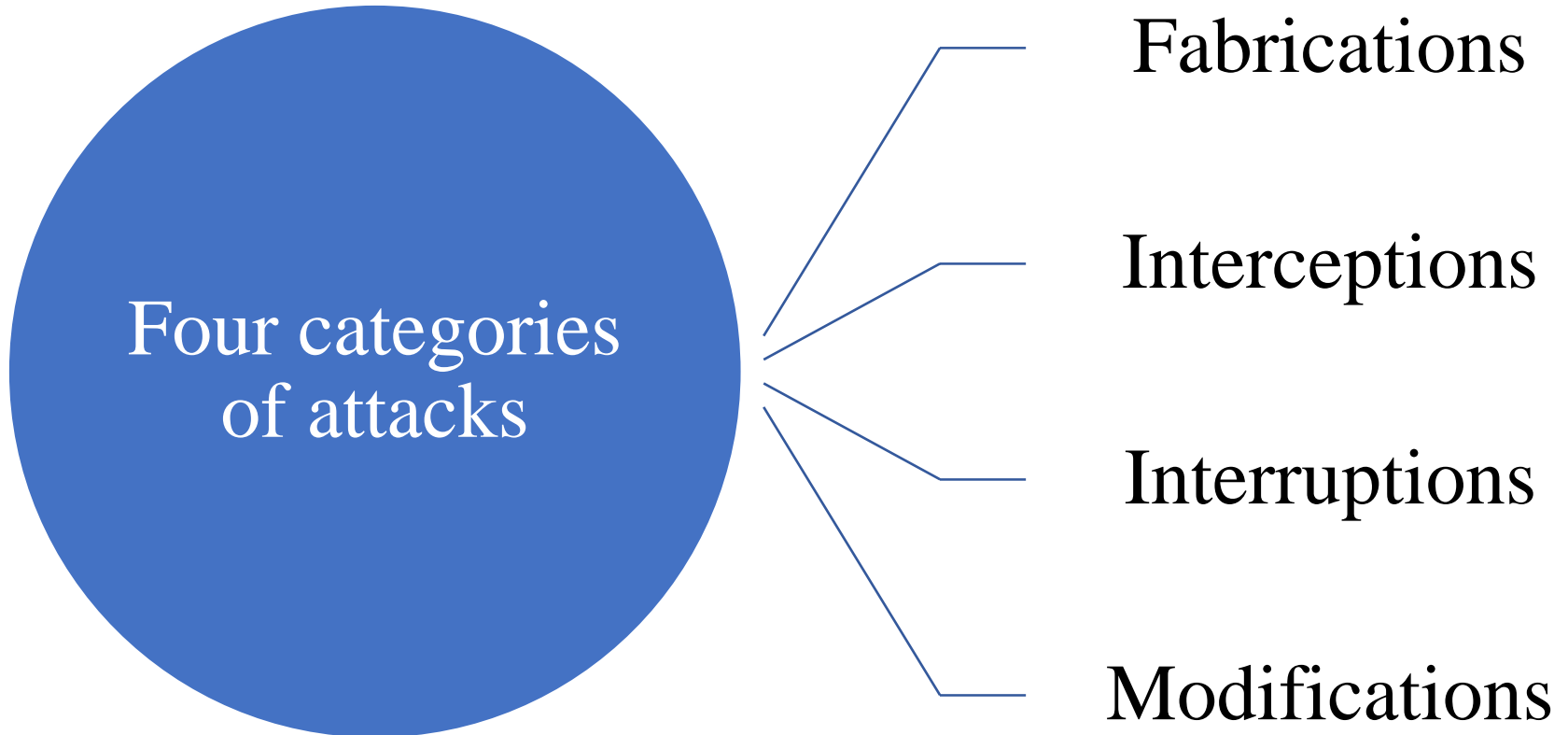
Alteration threats

- Unauthorized changes

Denial or  
destruction  
threats

- DoS attack

# What Is a Malicious Attack?



# Types of Active Threats

- Birthday attacks
- Brute-force password attacks
- Dictionary password attacks
- IP address spoofing
- Hijacking
- Replay attacks
- Man-in-the-middle attacks
- Masquerading
- Social engineering
- Phishing
- Phreaking
- Pharming

# What Is Malicious Software?

Software that:

Causes damage

Escalates security privileges

Divulges private data

Modifies or deletes data

# Virus

- Attaches itself to or copies itself into another program on a computer
- Tricks the computer into following instructions not intended by the original program developer
- Infects a host program and may cause that host program to replicate itself to other computers
- User who runs infected program authenticates the virus

# Worm

- A self-contained program that replicates and sends copies of itself to other computers without user input or action
- Does not need a host program to infect
- Is a standalone program

# Trojan Horse

- Malware that masquerades as a useful program
- Trojans can:
  - Hide programs that collect sensitive information
  - Open backdoors into computers
  - Actively upload and download files

# Rootkit

Modifies or replaces one or more existing programs to hide traces of attacks

Many different types of rootkits

Conceals its existence once installed

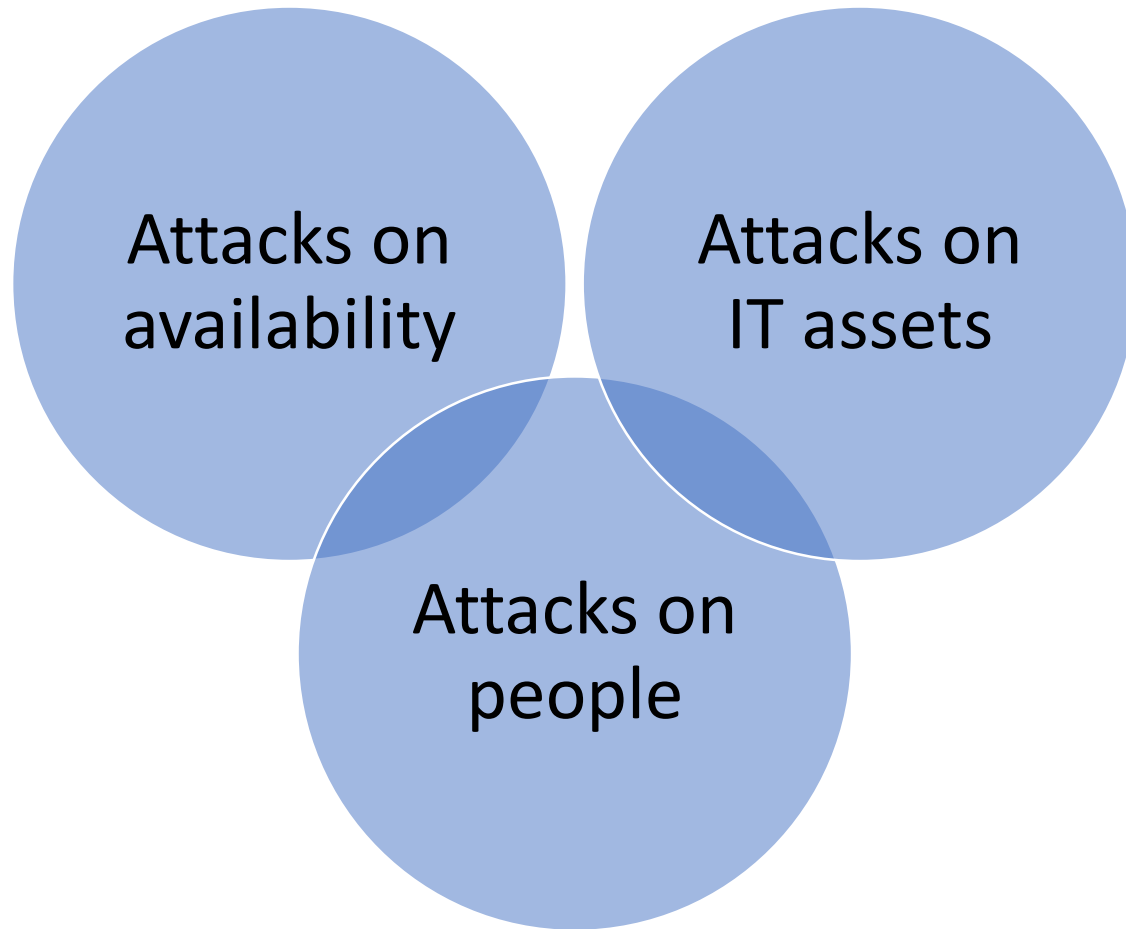
Is difficult to detect and remove

# Spyware

Type of malware that specifically threatens the confidentiality of information

- Monitors keystrokes
- Scans files on the hard drive
- Snoops other applications
- Installs other spyware programs
- Reads cookies
- Changes default homepage on the web browser

# What Are Common Types of Attacks?



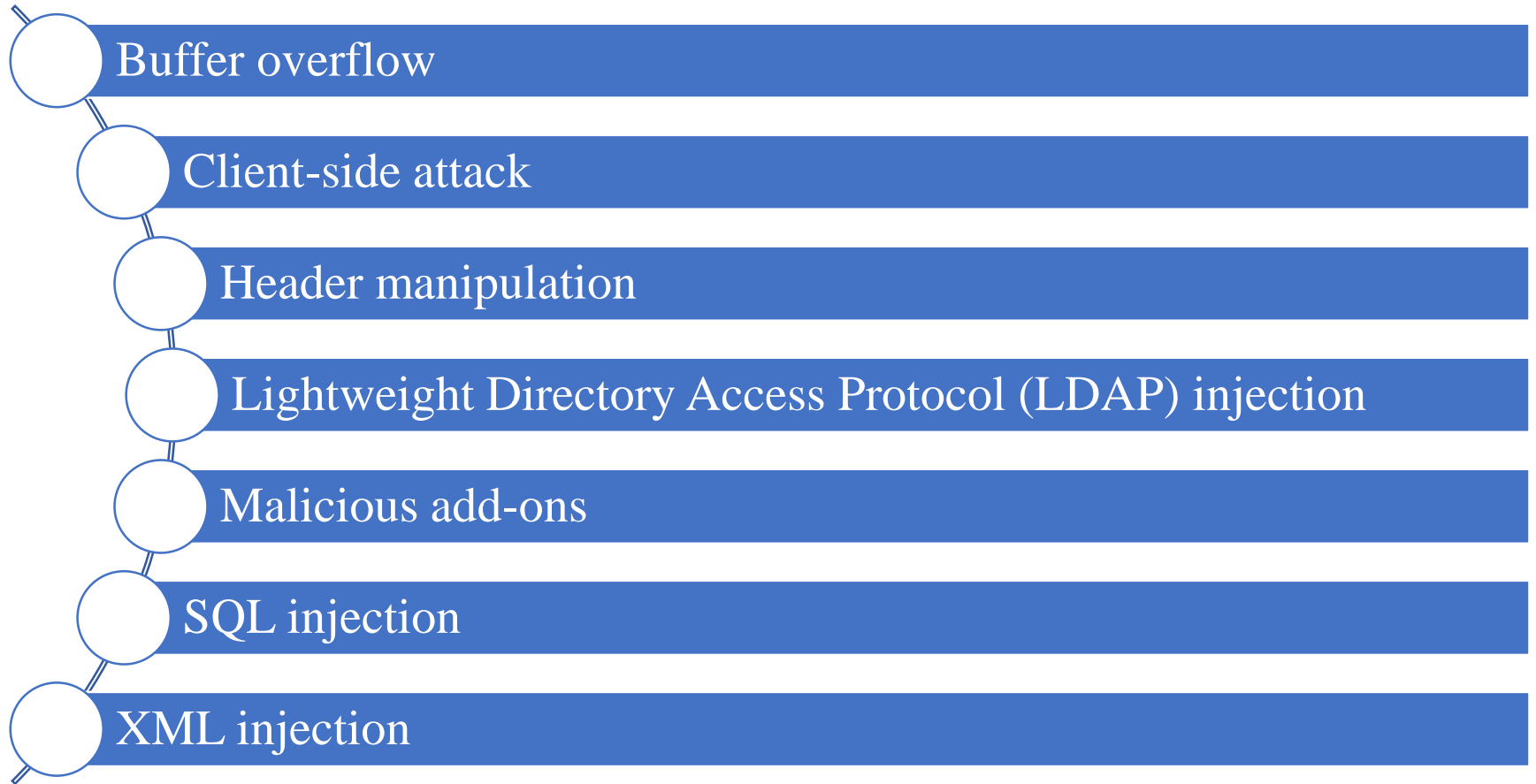
# Social Engineering Attacks



# Wireless Network Attacks



# Web Application Attacks



# What Is a Countermeasure?

## Countermeasures

- Detect vulnerabilities
- Prevent attacks
- Respond to the effects of successful attacks

## Get help from

- Law enforcement agencies
- Forensic experts
- Security consultants
- Security incident response teams (SIRTs)

# Countering Malware

- Create a user education program
- Post regular bulletins about malware problems
- Never transfer files from an unknown or untrusted source (unless anti-malware is installed)
- Test new programs or open suspect files on a quarantine computer
- Install anti-malware software, make sure it remains current, and schedule regular malware scans
- Use a secure logon and authentication process

# Countering Malware (cont.)

- Stay abreast of developments in malware
  - National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA)  
[www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)
  - United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT)  
<http://us-cert.gov>

# Protecting Your System with Firewalls

## Firewall

Program or  
dedicated  
hardware device

Inspects network  
traffic passing  
through it

Denies or permits  
traffic based on a  
set of rules

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