Security and Trust Convergence: Attributes, Relations and Provenance

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- About as good or as bad as it is going to get
- Not too bad
- Big crime is a real threat but criminals can only defraud so many
- Big government/big business are real threats
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- Cyber should be “controllable”
  Nuclear, chemical, biological have been “controlled”
- New arena for researchers
- Highly asymmetric, includes offense, clandestine
- Dual conflicting goals: strong offense, strong defense
- Need game-changing technologies

A New Threat Grows Amid Shades of 9/11
The nation remains largely unaware of the potential for disaster from cyberattacks.
By TOM KEAN and LEE HAMILTON
WALL STREET JOURNAL, 9/11/2014
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- Escalating reputational and even existential threat against mass theft of consumer information
- Even the most iconic high tech companies are breachable
- Cost of clean-up after a mass theft far exceeds aggregate actual loss of money
- There are many scarier scenarios than mass data breach of consumer data
- Some of this scarier stuff has happened
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Attributes

Security
Access Control
Trust
Risk
Agility

Relationships
Provenance

Least Privilege
Privilege Abstraction
Separation of Duty
Constrained Administration
Attributes

Discretionary Access Control (DAC), 1970

Mandatory Access Control (MAC), 1970

Role Based Access Control (RBAC), 1995

Attribute Based Access Control (ABAC), ????
Attributes

- Purposes
- Users
- Devices
- Connections
- Sessions
- Assurance
- Operations
- Objects
- Risk Evaluation
- Access Enforcement
- Access History
- Local Situational Factors
- Global Situational Factors
Relationships
- Anyone can upload a homework.
- A user can replace a homework if she uploaded it and the homework is not submitted yet.
- A user can submit a homework if she uploaded it and the homework is not submitted already.
- A user can review a homework if she is not the author of the homework, the user did not previously review the homework, and the homework is submitted already but not graded yet.
- A user can grade a homework if the homework is reviewed but not graded yet.
Relationships, Attributes and Provenance

Alice → Bob → Dave → Harry → Carol → Fred → George

f: friendship

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Final Thoughts

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