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Managing the Risk: Information Security Technologies

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The Issue:

Need to share information both internally and externally – with employees, contractors and other agencies

- > Intra-organizational dissemination
- > COI (Communities of Interest)
- > Coalitions
- > SBU data
- > Need to know information
- > RFP/RFQ content to many vendors
- > Agency to Agency
- > Homeland Security information

The Opportunity:

- > More efficient organization
- > Improved control of Intellectual property
- > Delivery of up to date need to know data
- > More accurate data
- > Auditing
- > Digitally shred sensitive data
- > More effective decisions due to having access to the most current data

The Risk

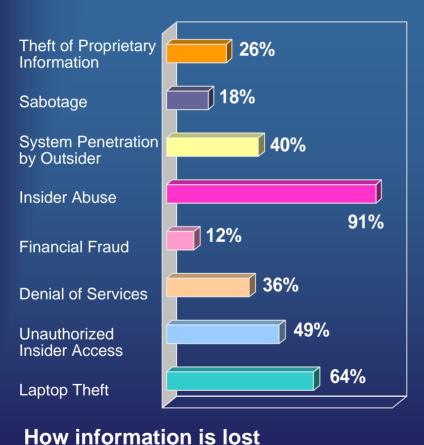
- Partnership one day, competition the next
- Contactors who serve your competitors as well as your company
- Careless or malicious users
- High employee turnover, increased use of contractors
- Lost/stolen computing devices
- Indiscriminate e-mail discussions
- Digital information scattered over a distributed workforce and partner network
- > Leak or unintended redistribution of mission-critical information
- > Persistence of outdated information

Loss of control over sensitive information



Lock the windows too?

\$377 Billion in annual losses to US companies



- Not defensible with traditional access-based security solutions
- There needs to be a solution that protects the information itself

Source: 2001 CSI/FBI Computer Crime and Security Survey



Case Study owners of sensitive content

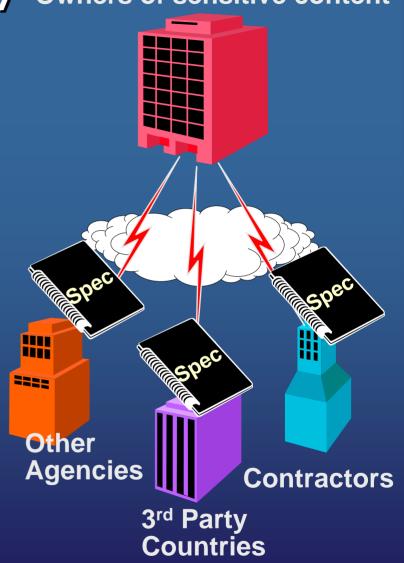
Dissemination of Intelligence Reports

Problem:

Need easier way share confidential information with analysts and decision makers

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- Tracking the number of paper copies in circulation
- Authorization (PKI, secure id, etc. not enough
- No protection from copying, difficult to retrieve
- Multiple levels of sensitivity within a document



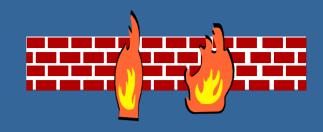
Securing the Information

Traditional tools

- Firewalls
- Symmetric file encryption
- Asymmetric encryption
 - S/MIME, PGP, etc
- Web access control



Firewalls



Pros:

- Protects the perimeter from "hackers"
- Central administration
- Mature technology

Cons:

- Complex Configuration
- Provides no privacy or non-repudiation
- Doesn't protect information from insiders
- No persistency of control
- Limited Auditing
- Perimeter control

Symmetric File Encryption

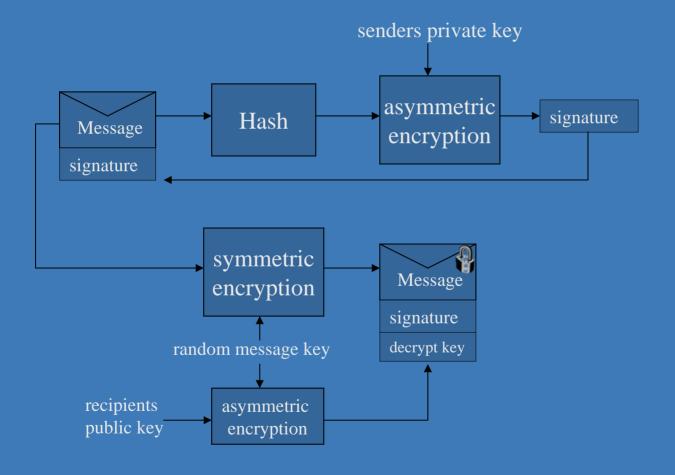
- Pros:
 - Cheap and simple
 - Provides privacy
- Cons:
 - Issues with communicating shared secret
 - Control not persistent, dynamic or revocable
 - Subject to off-line attacks
 - No auditing
 - Transferable



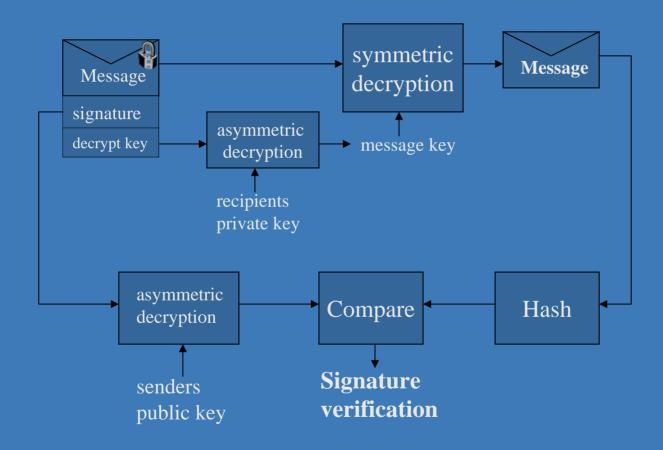
Zip

Password

Asymmetric Encryption Overview (Sender)



Asymmetric Encryption Overview (Recipient)



Asymmetric Encryption

- Pros:
 - Reliable user-specific encryption
 - Sender non-repudiation
 - Strong authentication
 - Native to mail application
 - More than mail
- Cons:
 - PKI issues
 - key distribution
 - trust
 - certificate revocation
 - Control not persistent, dynamic or revocable
 - No auditing
 - Transferable

Web Access Control

Pros:

- No client component required
- Simple user experience
- Can be integrated into existing apps
- Highly customizable
- Encrypted during transmission (ssl)

Cons:

- Weak authentication
- Control not really persistent, dynamic or revocable
- Limited auditing
- Transferable
- Single point of vulnerability

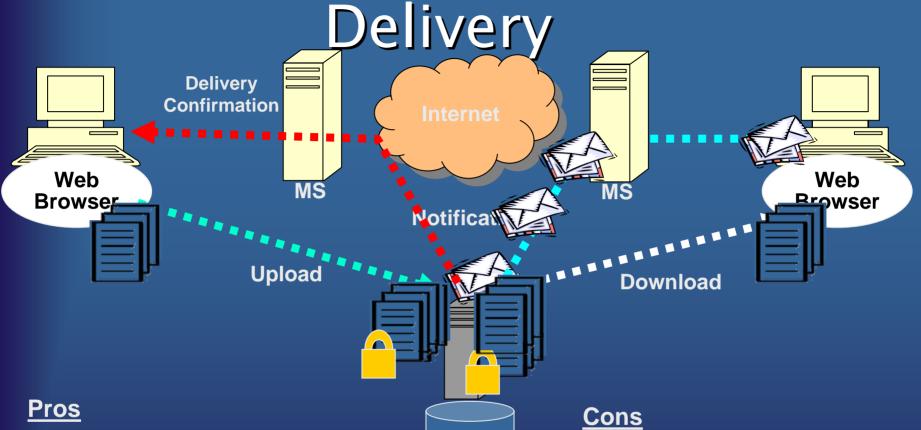
What's Missing?

- The ability to control and protect the information after its delivered
 - Change access rules after it is delivered
 - Expire access and restrict forwarding
 - Restrict print and copy rights
 - Continual audit trail
 - Protection independent of delivery

Some New Alternatives

- Secure delivery services
 - Secure Web document delivery
 - E-mail notification and server encryption
- Traditional Digital Rights Management (DRM)
 - Secure wrappers for digital media
- Dynamic DRM (Active Rights Management)
 - Information encrypted and key and policy managed centrally

Secure Document



Secure

Server

- No client required
- •Minimal user training
- Encrypted during transmission
- •Revocable until download and save
- Limited audit

- Control and audit lost after download
- No use control
- Transferable
- Single point of vulnerability

Digital Rights Management www Author Owner Controlled Recipient Rules Processing Center/Clearinghouse

Server

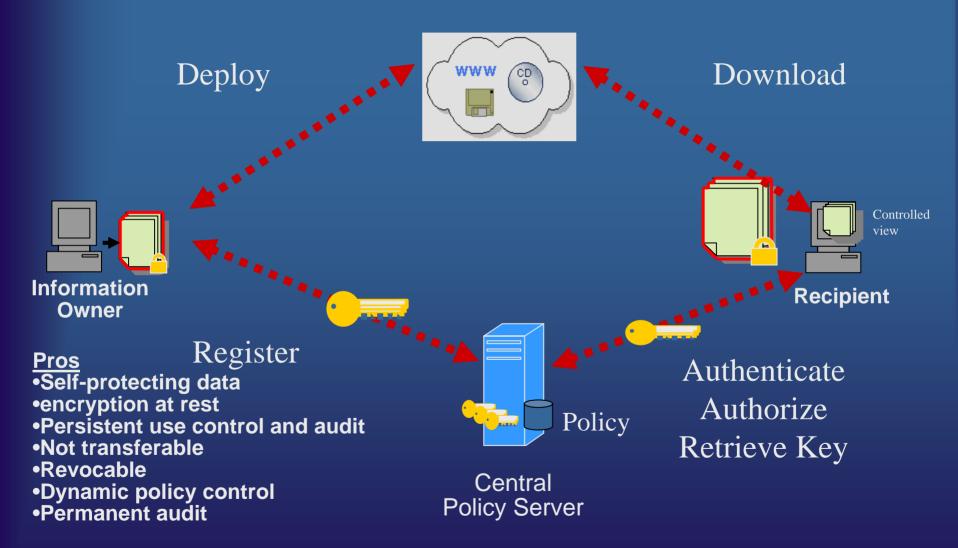
Pros

- Always encrypted
- •Enforces use control
- Not transferable
- Limited audit

Cons

- •Requires client to view
- Not revocable
- Audit initial access only
- Subject to offline attack
- •Geared toward e-commerce apps

Active Rights Management



Cons

- •Requires client
- •Requires connectivity to view

Ultimate Goal: Information Control

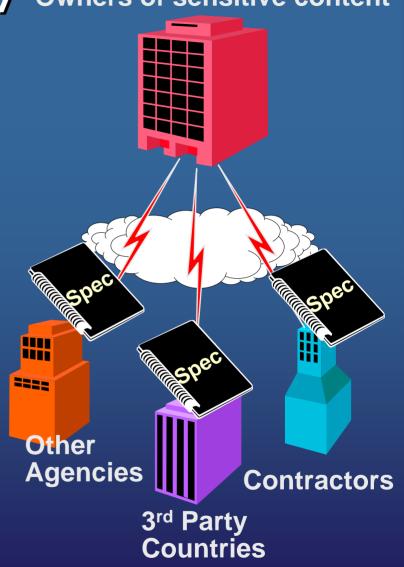
- Easy to use
 - Simple model
 - Native environment
- Dependable Security
- Dependable Authentication
- Persistent and Dynamic Control when applicable
- Use control (copy and print)
- Comprehensive Auditing
- Supports breadth of content types
- Scalable and deployable

Case Study owners of sensitive content

Dissemination of Intelligence Reports

Solution:

- Persistent control of sensitive reports –
 even after delivery
- Dynamically control access on need to know basis
- Revoke and/or change access when relationship changes or need expires
- •Integrate authentication and authorization decisions into existing application
- Monitor activity on docs/web/email
- •Expire old content when new revisions become available



Technology Direction

- Encryption at the object level document, message, audio/video clip, image, etc.
- Integrated authentication and authorization engines (LDAP, SAML, etc.)
- Use control view/play, print, copy, forward
- User-accessible audit
- Revocable and/or expire-able

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