



# Today's Web Security Issues

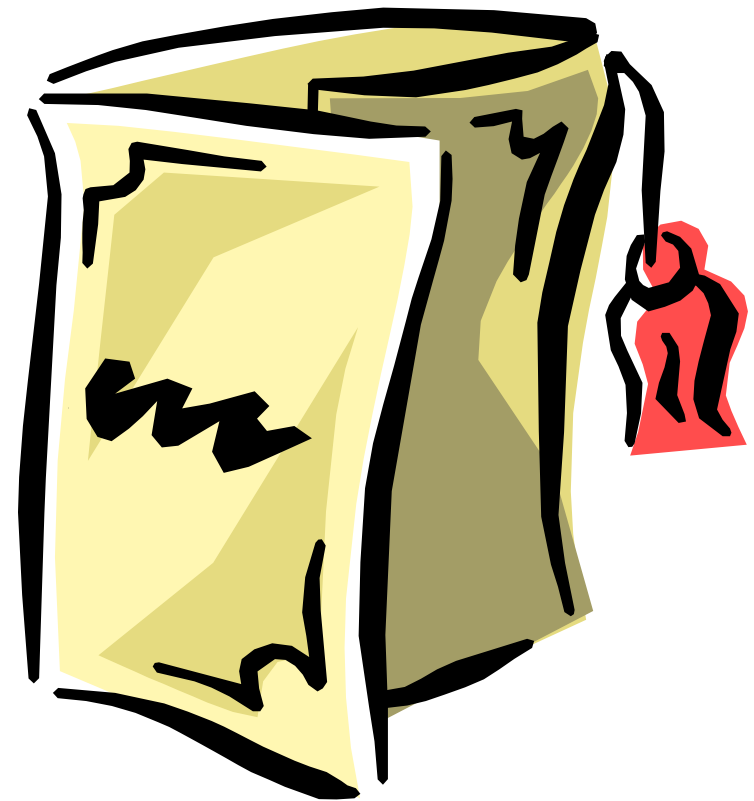
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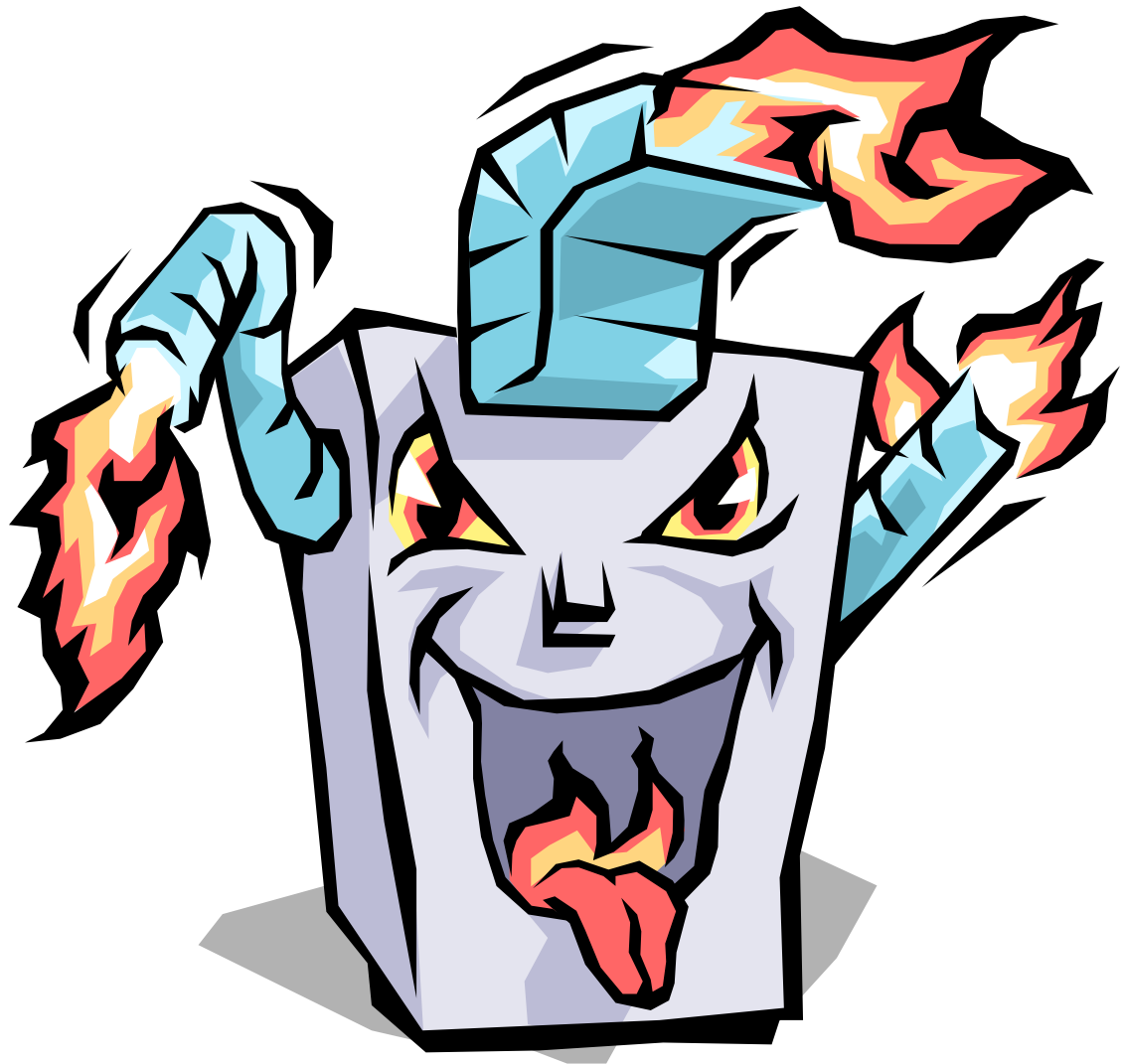
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# Agenda

- **The threat**
- **The solution**
- **Where can I find more information**
- **Conclusion**
- **Questions?**



# I: The Threat

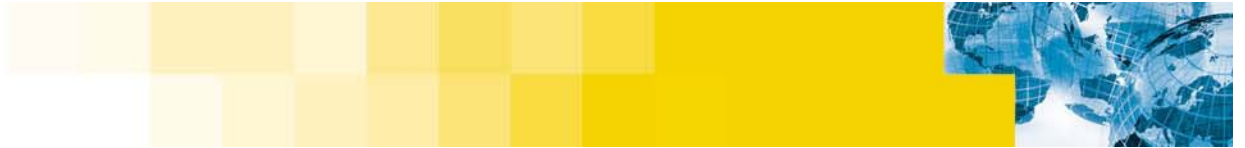


# The Threat

- **What is the threat?**
- **Host based attacks**
- **Web server vulnerabilities**
- **Server side scripting**
- **Client side scripting**

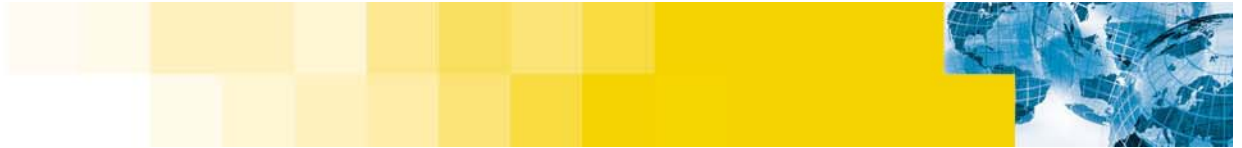






What are the threats?





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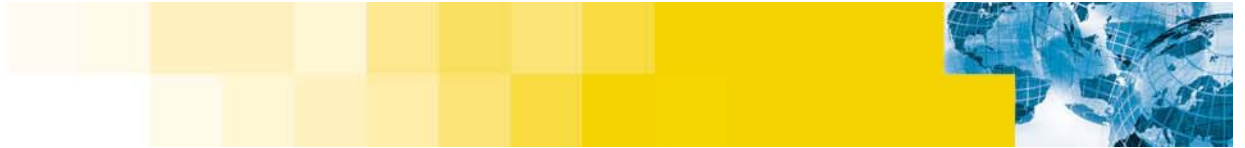
## ▪ Web site defacement

- Simple page modifications
  - **The most common and easy to detect**
  - **Modify the complete contents of a web page (most common is the front page)**
- Information modifications
  - **Changing key information to represent another view (potentially one of the most serious)**
- Reference modifications
  - **Adding additional reference links to an online article**
  - **Intent may be to discredit, confuse or change the article theme**

## ▪ Embarrassment

## ▪ Recovery

- Can it be recovered?

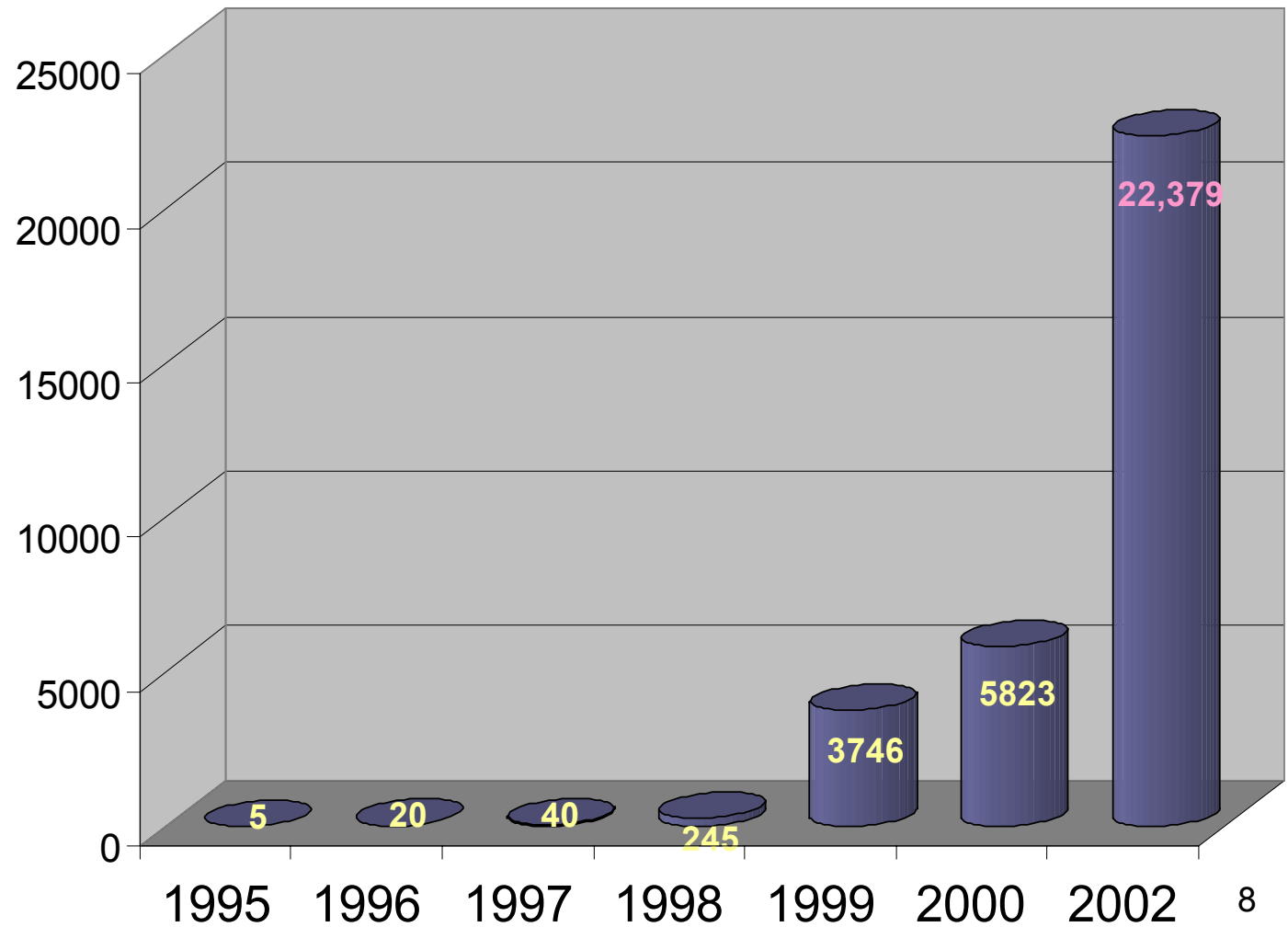


# Web Site Defacement

- **Loss of confidential data**
  - Customer data
  - Corporate data
  - System data
- **Web server compromise**
  - Server may be used to attack other systems in your enterprise
  - Participate in the spreading of worms or as a DDoS zombie
- **Web server accessibility**
  - Availability of information
  - Business stoppage
- **Loss of customers and revenue**



# Web Site Defacements



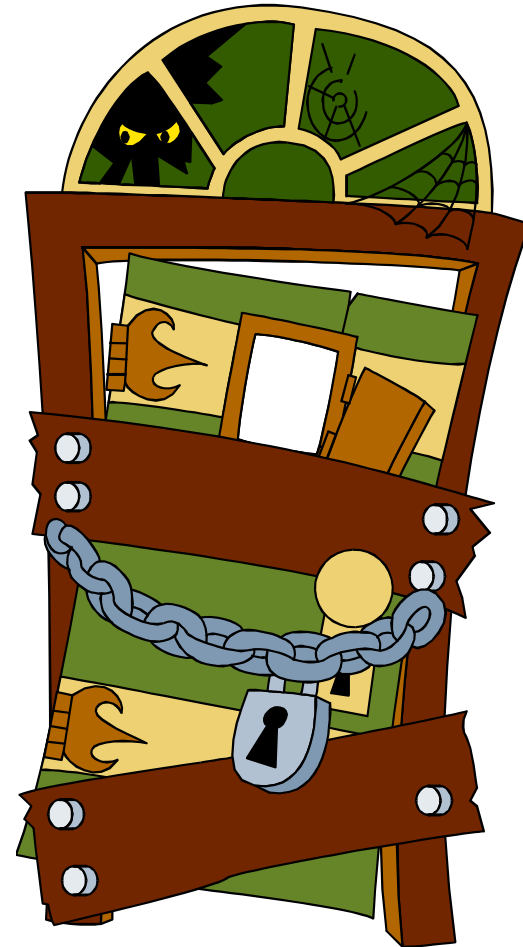


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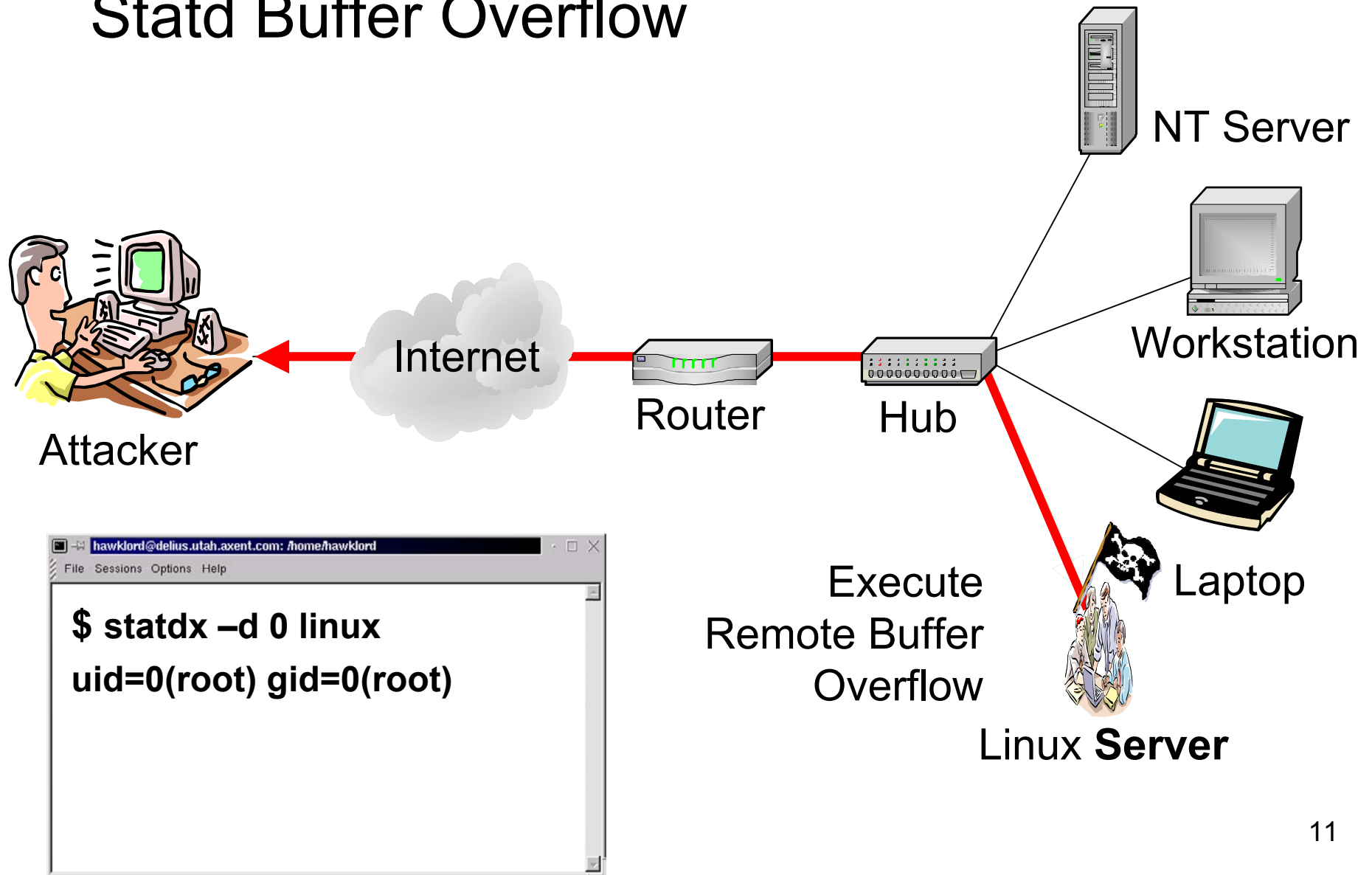


# Host Based Attacks

- **Attacks against the web server and its supporting network**
- **Attempt to gain control of the server**
- **Once the attacker has gained control, they can modify, delete or steal information or services**



# Statd Buffer Overflow



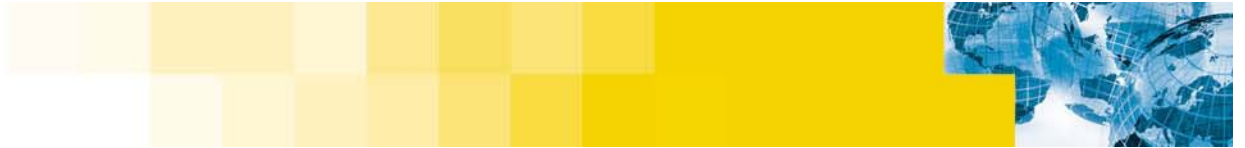
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# statdx -d 0 ftp.wishing-bear.com
target: 0xbffff718 new: 0xbffff56c (offset: 600)
wiping 9 dwords
clnt_call(): RPC: Timed out
A timeout was expected. Attempting connection to shell..
OMG! You now have rpc.statd technique!@#$!
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)

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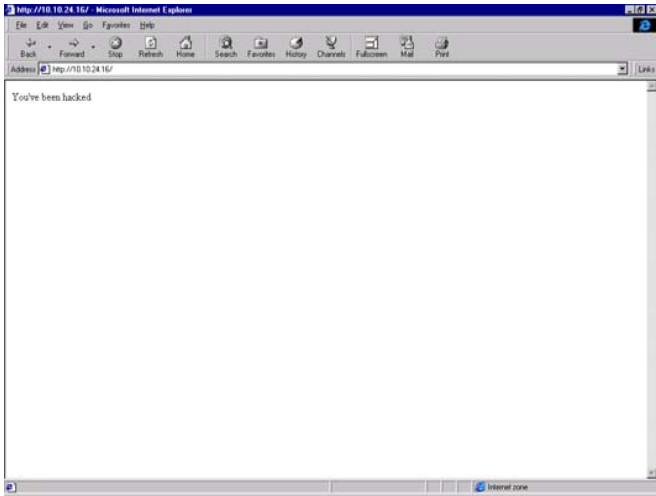
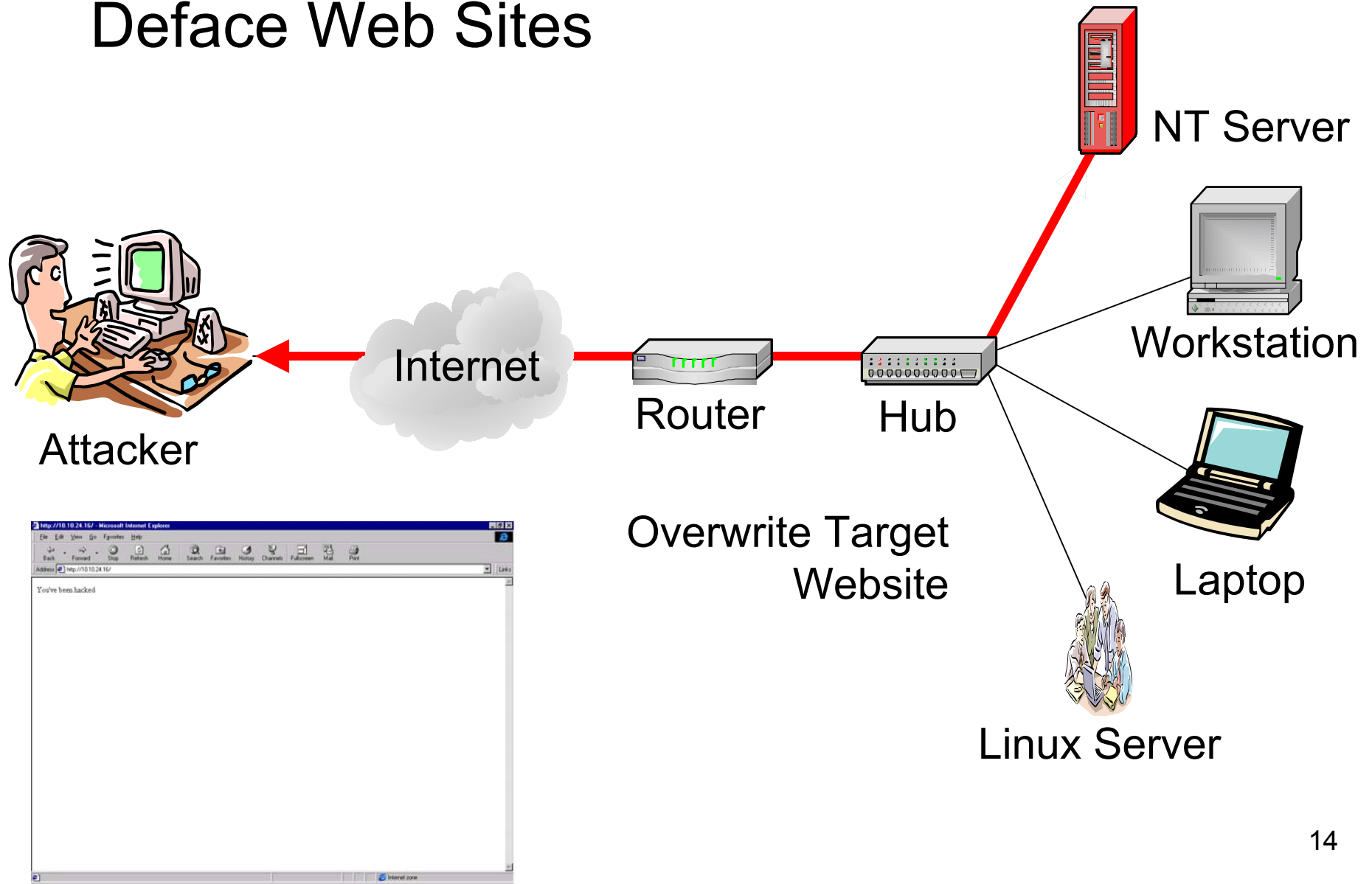




# Web Server Vulnerabilities



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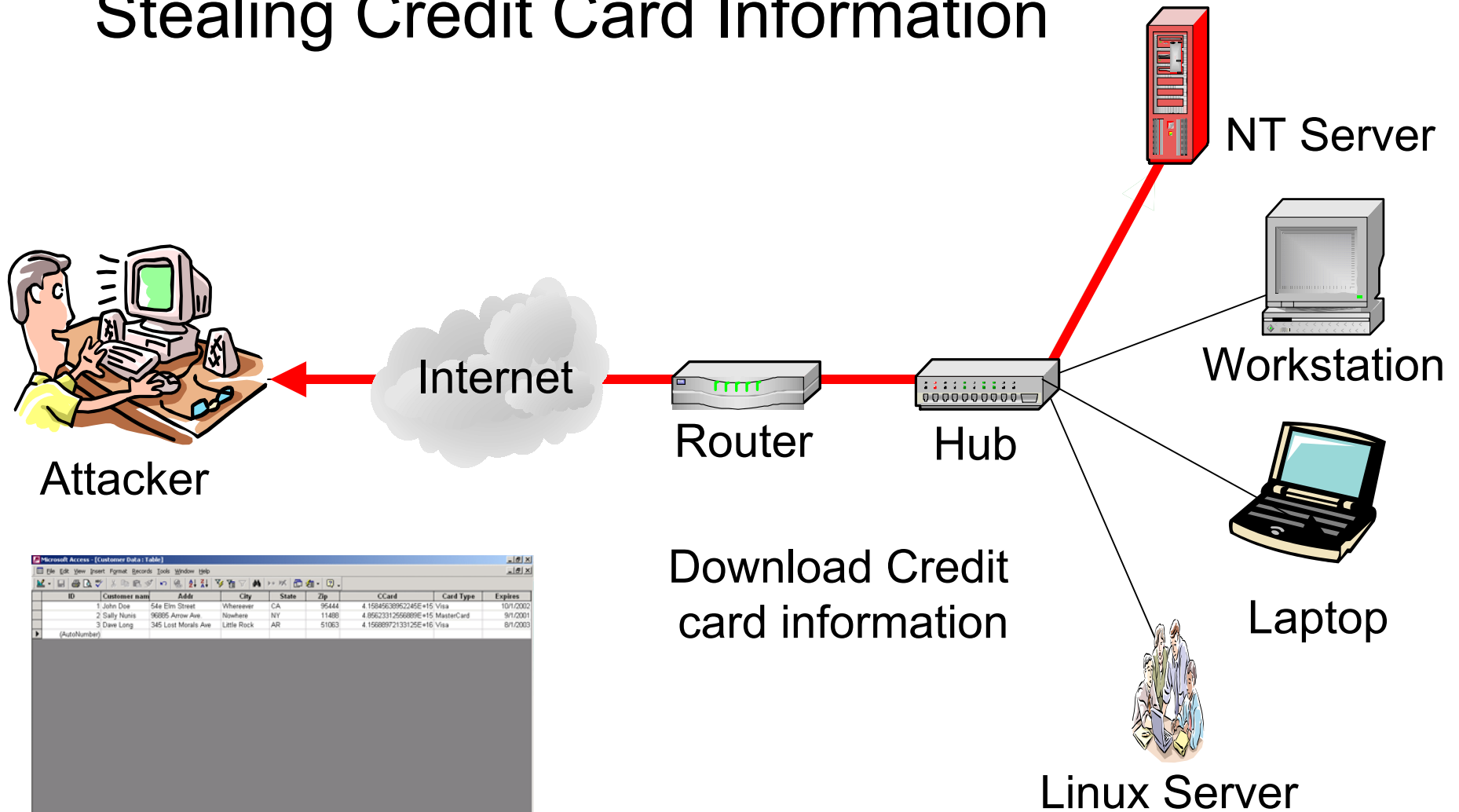
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# Stealing Credit Card Information



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1	John Doe	54 Eln Street	Wherever	CA	95444	4 15046330962345E+15	Visa	10/1/2002
2	Sally Nuns	96895 Arrow Ave	Nowhere	NY	11488	4 95623312556890E+15	MasterCard	9/1/2001
3	Dave Long	345 Lost Morale Ave	Little Rock	AR	51063	4 15688972133125E+16	Visa	8/1/2003

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Please type the NT commandline you want to run (cmd /c assumed):

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cmd /c dir /b c:\*.* /s > c:\inetpub\wwwroot\hack.htm
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Step 1: Trying raw driver to btcustmr.mdb

Step 2: Trying to make our own DSN...

Step 3: Trying known DSNs....

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AdvWorks successful

Success!

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AdvWorks successful

Success!



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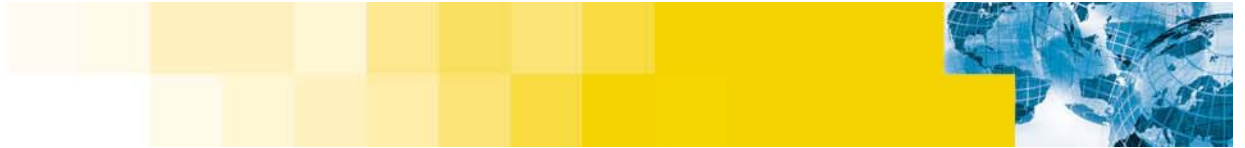
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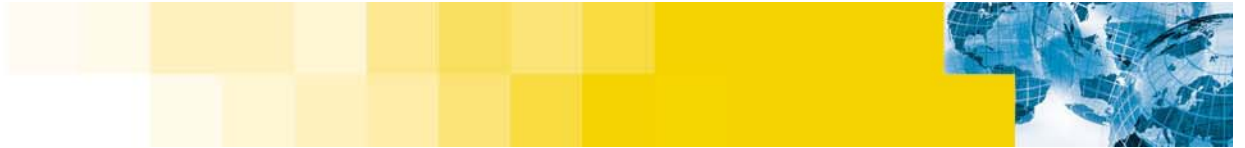
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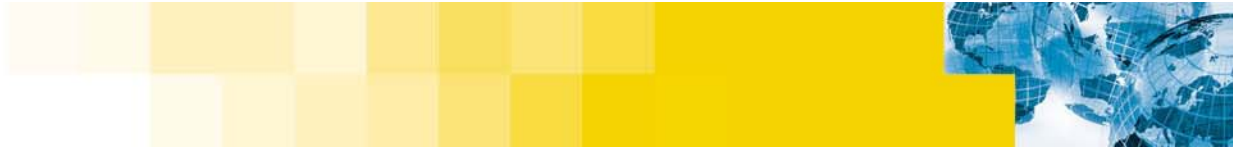
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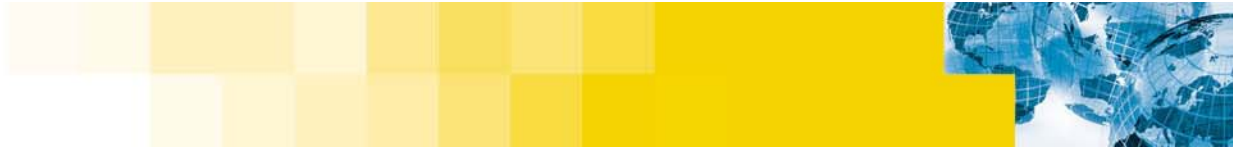
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- **Represents the second step for the World Wide Web**
- **Allows bi-directional communications**
- **Two categories of server side scripting**
  1. CGI (common gateway interface)
  2. Embedded
- **Used to create dynamic web pages (page hit counters, database interface, input from dynamic sources, ...)**
- **One of the most common sources of web server vulnerabilities**



# CGI (Common Gateway Interface)

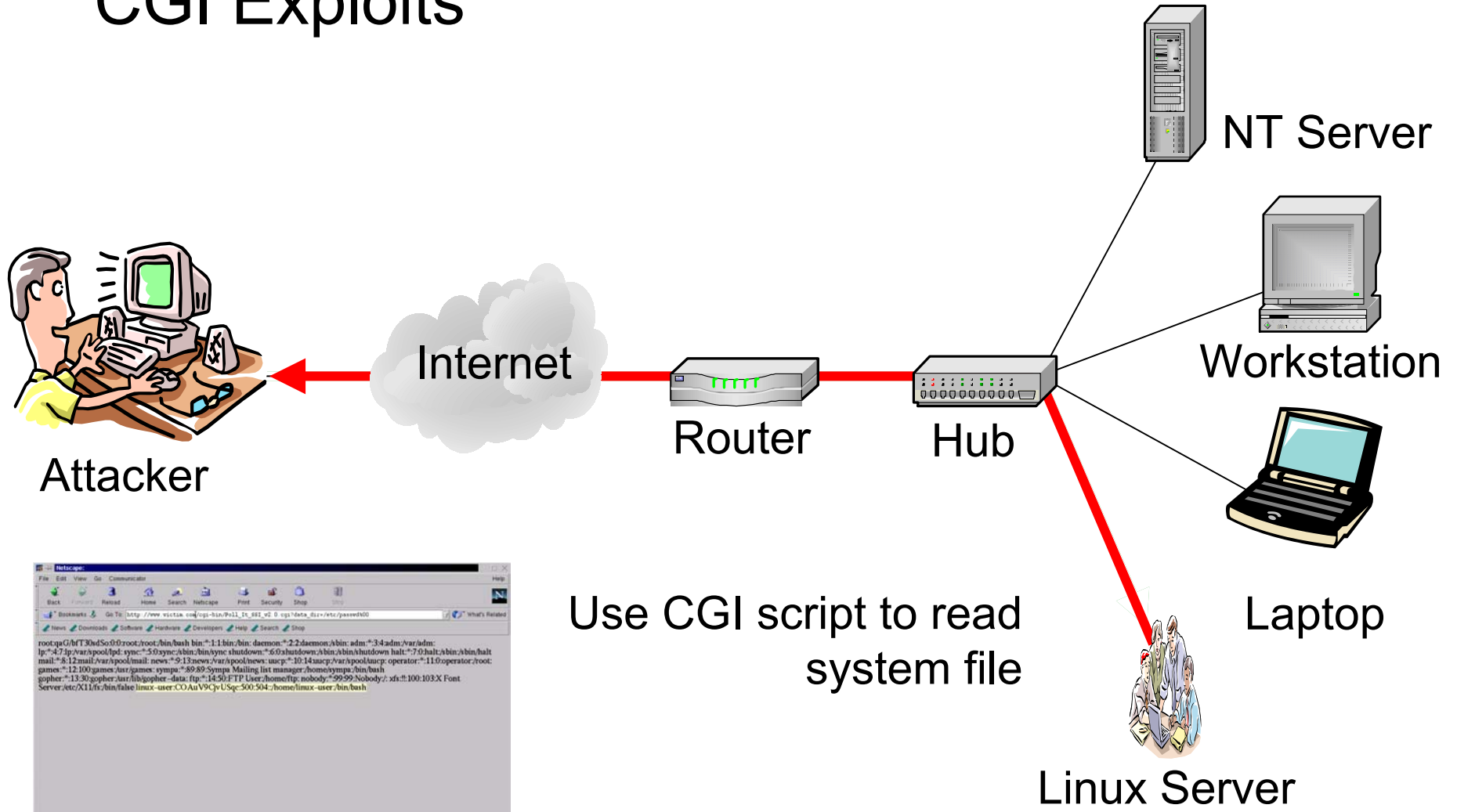
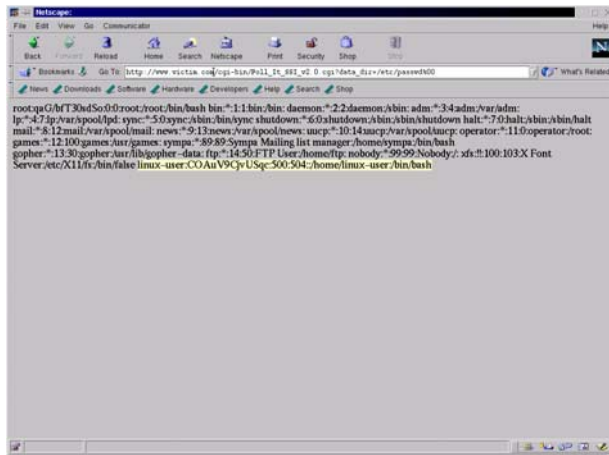
- **External program code executed by the server on demand**
  - Called directly via URL
- **Arguments can be passed to CGI executable as part of the URL**  
`http://your.Site.Com/cgi-bin/example?Arg1?Arg2`
- **Can be written in C or C++**
- **More commonly written in an interpreted language**
  - Perl
  - Python
  - TCL



# CGI Exploits

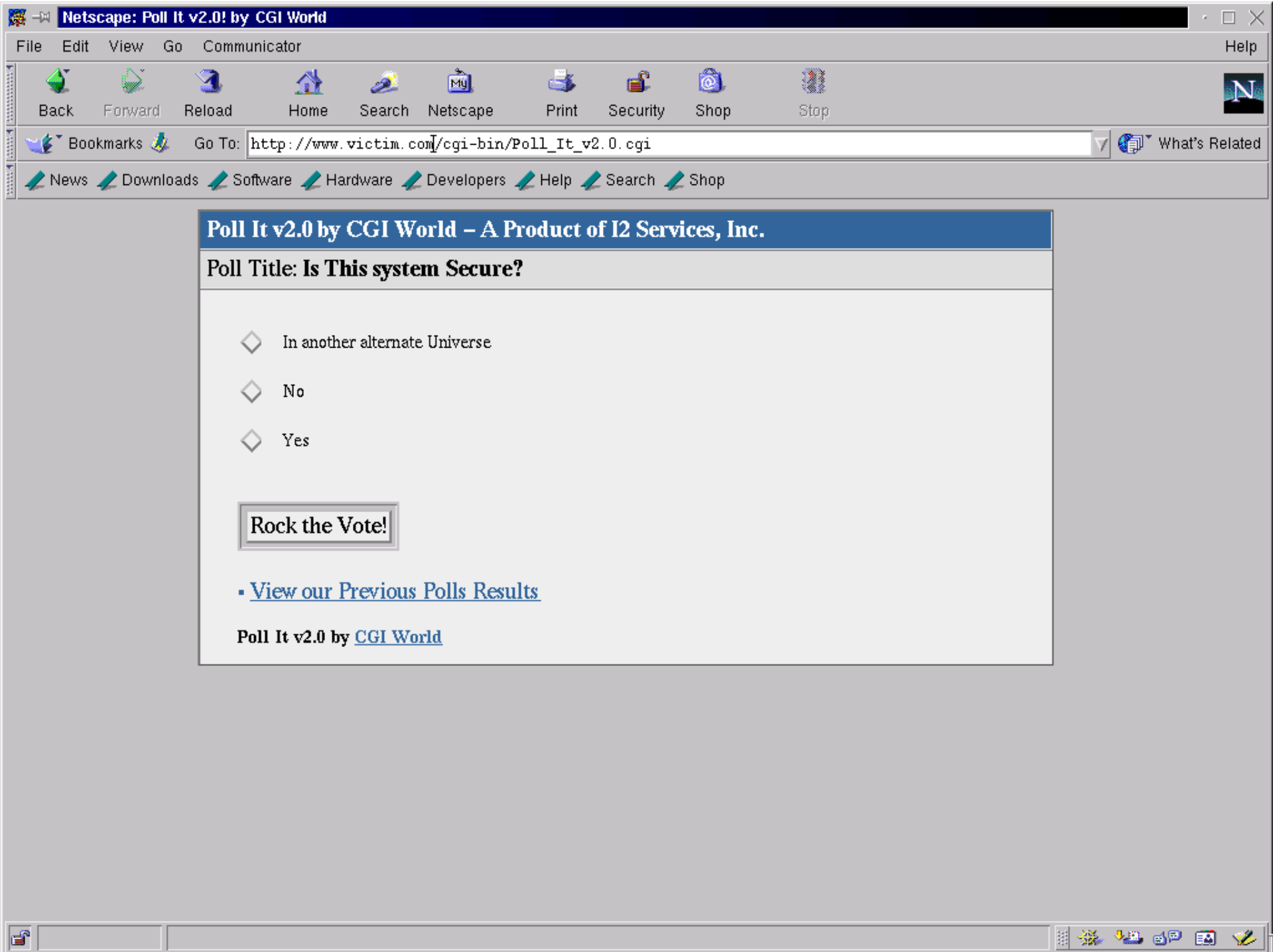
- **Exploit design or coding flaws in CGI code**
- **Three types of exploits possible**
  1. Execute commands on web server
  2. Read system files from web server
  3. Modify files on web server
- **One of the most common types of attacks for web servers**
- **Possible to use web-based search engines to locate vulnerable systems**

# CGI Exploits

```

root@q/G/h/T30dSo:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash bin:*:1:1:bin:daemon:*:2:2:daemon:/bin:adm:*:3:4:adm:/var/adm:
lp:*:4:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:sysc:*:5:5:sysc:bin:bin:sysc:shutdown:*:6:6:shutdown:/bin:Abin:shutdown:halt:*:7:7:halt:/bin:Abin:halt:
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**Poll Title: Is This system Secure?**

- In another alternate Universe
- No
- Yes

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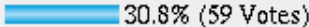
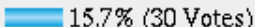
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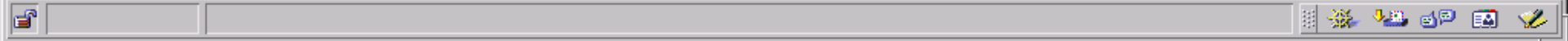
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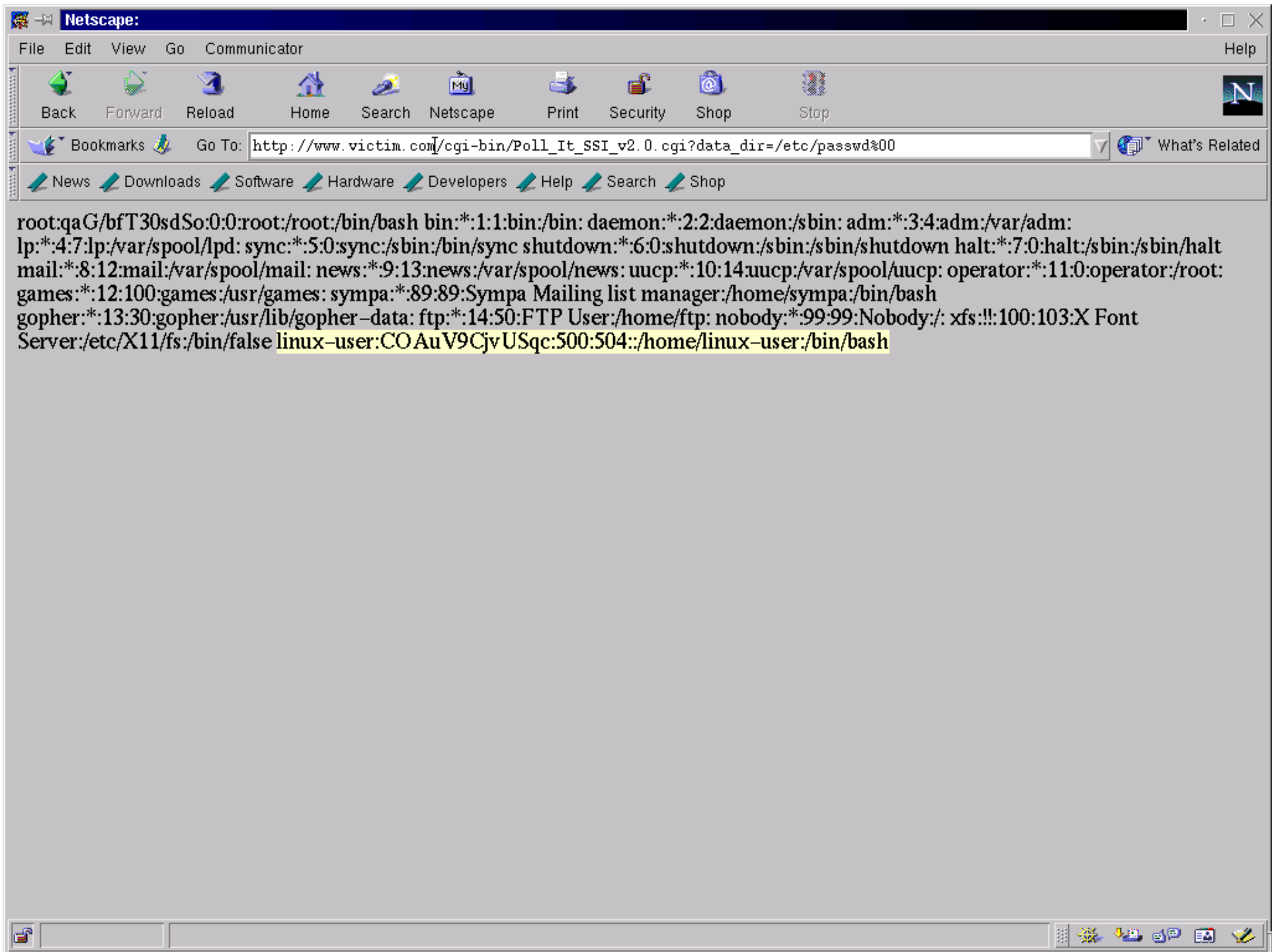
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# Embedded Server Side Scripting

- **Scripting content embedded inside HTML content**
- **The most common types are:**
  - ASP (active server pages)
  - PHP (PHP: hypertext processor)



PHP-Nuke Powered Site - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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### Who's Online

There are currently, 1 guest(s) and 0 member(s) that are online.

You are Anonymous user. You can register for free by clicking [here](#)

### Administration

Admins can have its own box, but just one. Who need more? Add the options you like. This box will appear only if you has been logged like Admin. No others users can view this.

- [Administration](#)
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### Waiting Content

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- [Waiting Reviews](#): 0
- [Waiting Links](#): 0
- [Downloads](#): 0

### Select Language

Select Interface Language:

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Linux:	12.5 % (1)
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SunOS:	0 % (0)
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Google Search: "PHP-Nuke Version: 5.1" - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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"PHP-Nuke Version: 5.1"

*Tip: In most browsers you can just hit the return key instead of clicking on the search button.*

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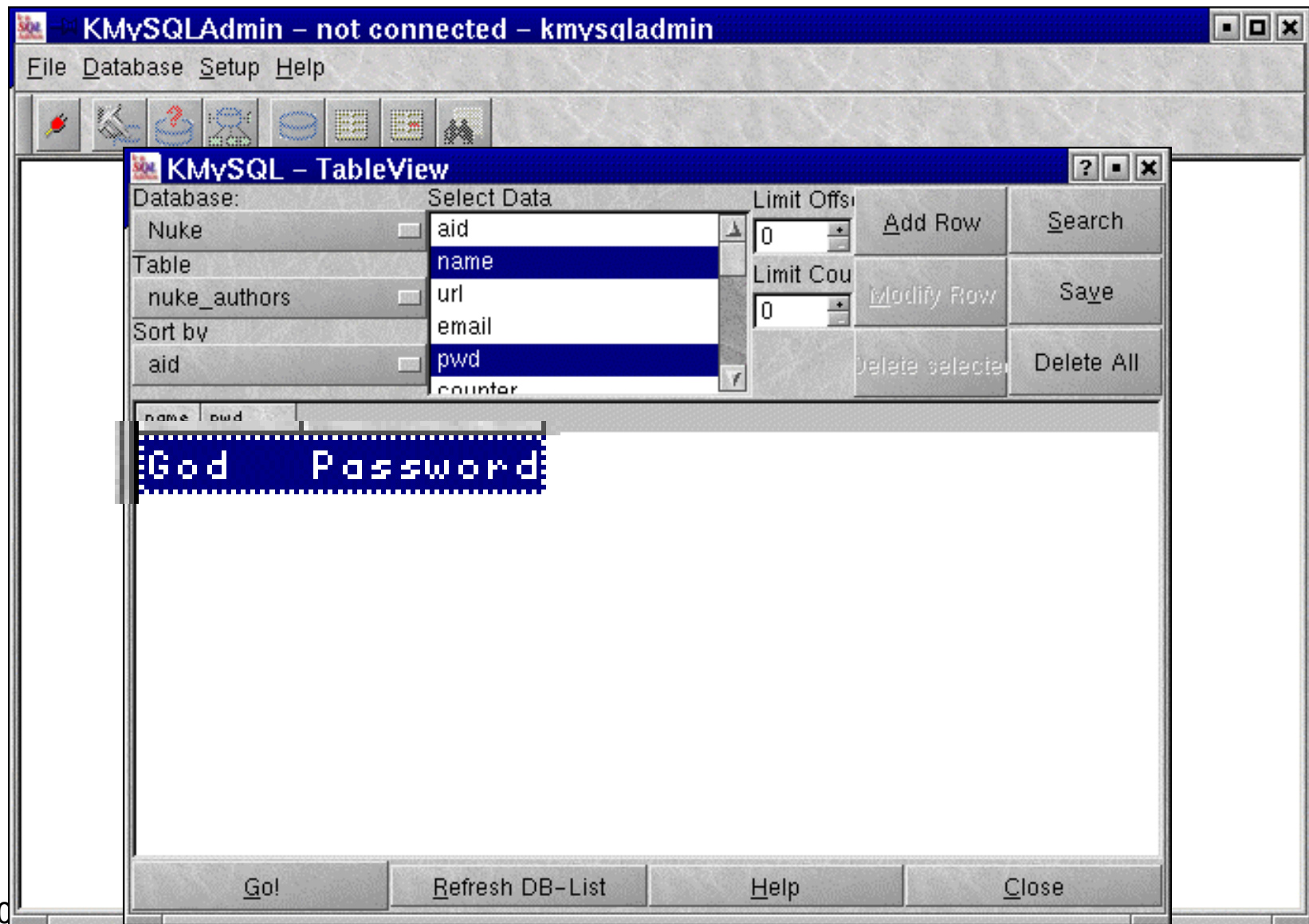
<?php
#####
# PHP-NUKE: Web Portal System
#
#
# Copyright (c) 2000 by Francisco Burzi (fbc@mandrakesoft.com)
# http://phpnuke.org
#
# This module is to configure the main options for your site
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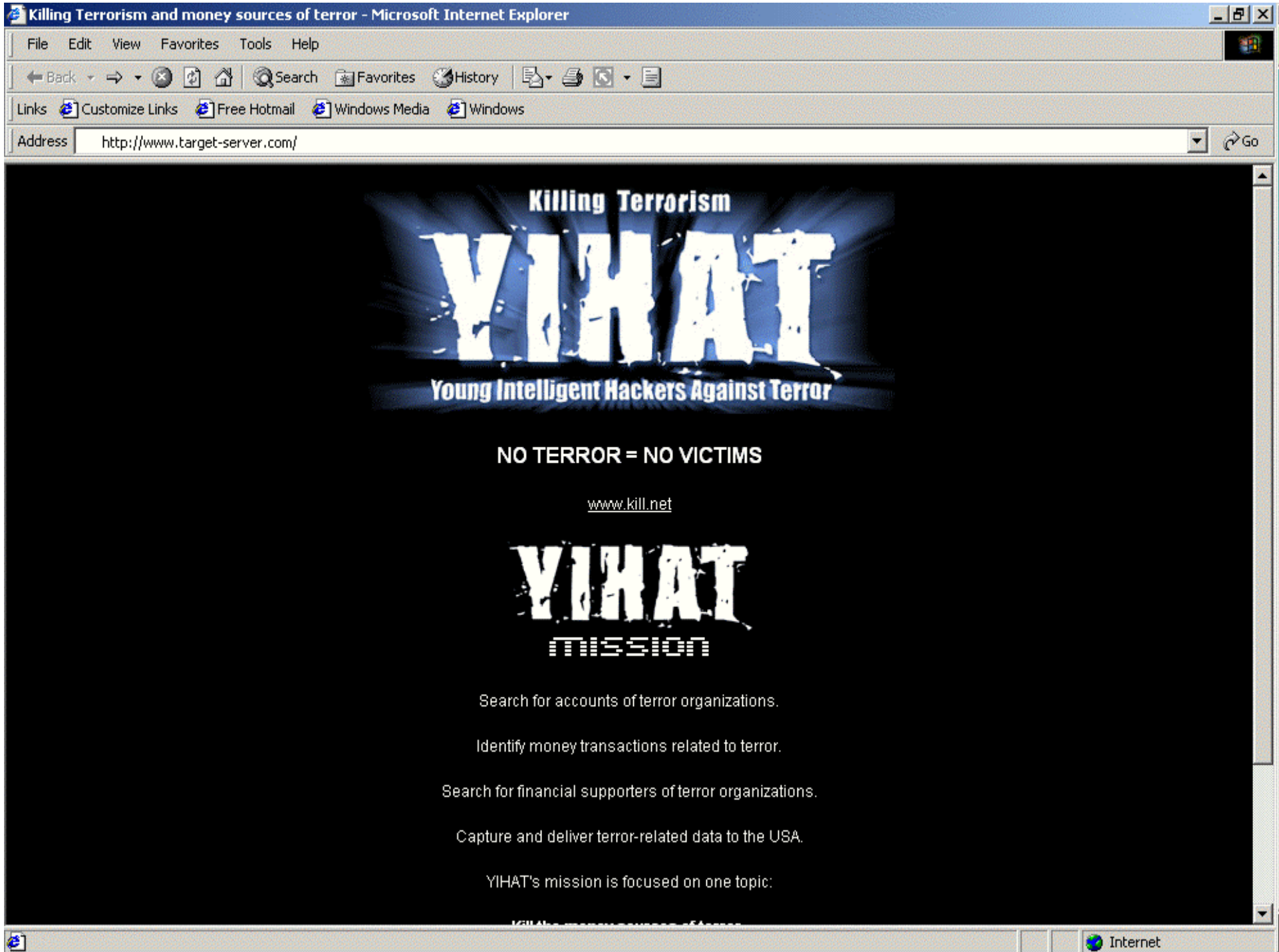
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# Database & System Config
#
# dbhost: MySQL Database Hostname
# dbname: MySQL Username

$dbhost = "localhost";
$dbuname = "phpdb-admin";
$dbpass = "my-password";
$dbname = "nuke";
$system = 0;
$prefix = nuke;

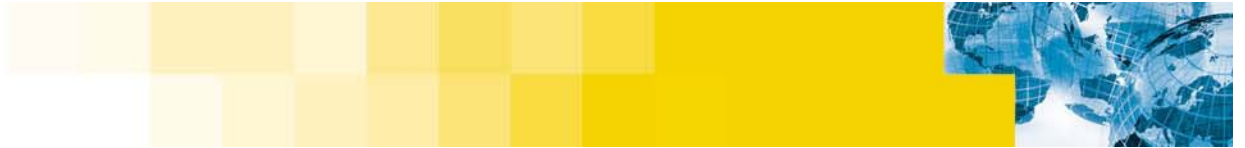
#####
/*
/* At the prompt use the following ID to login (case sensitive):
/*
/* AdminID: God
/* Password: Password
/*
/* Be sure to change immediately the God login & password clicking
/* on Edit Admin in the Admin menu. After that, click on Preferences
/* to configure your new site. In that menu you can change all you
/* need to change.
/*
/* Remember to chmod 666 this file in order to let the system write

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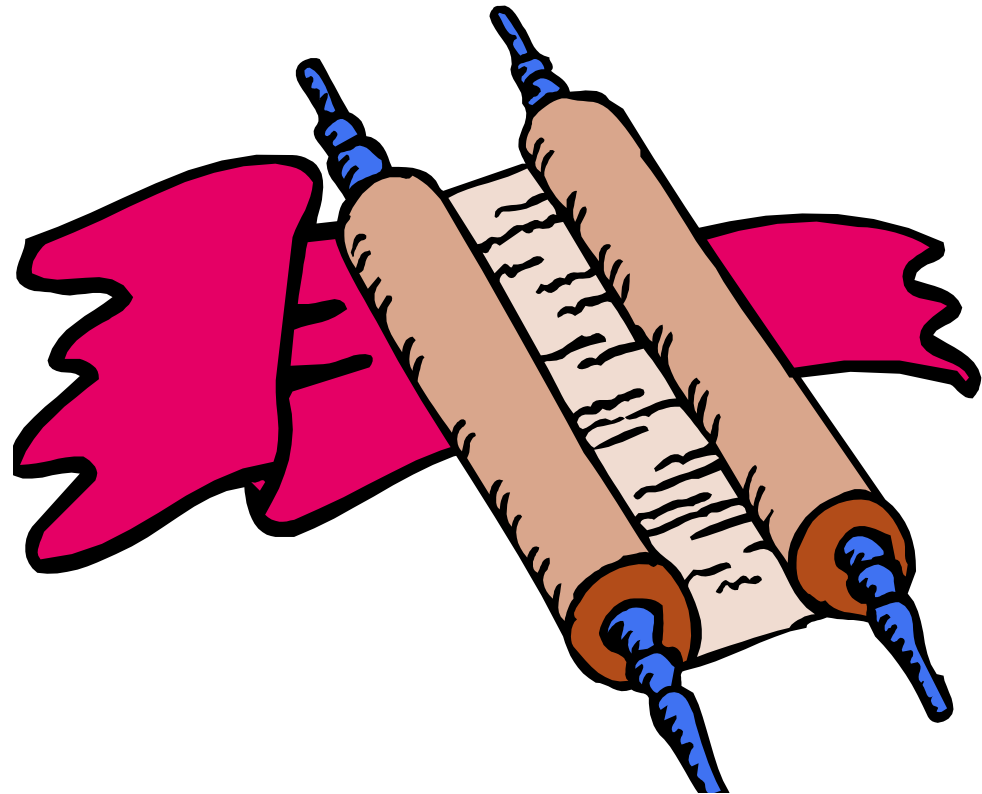






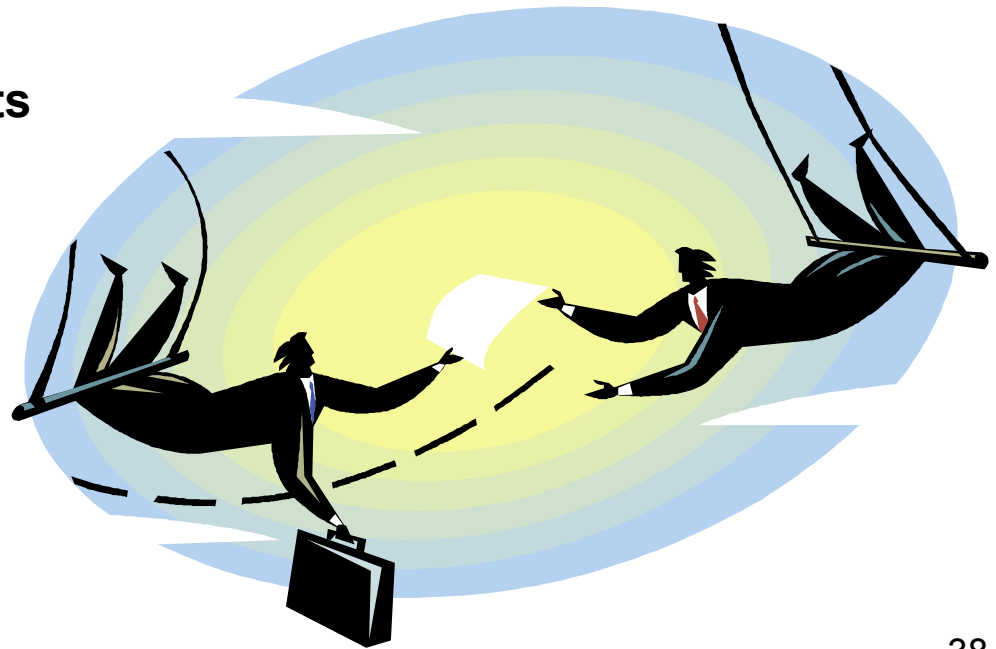


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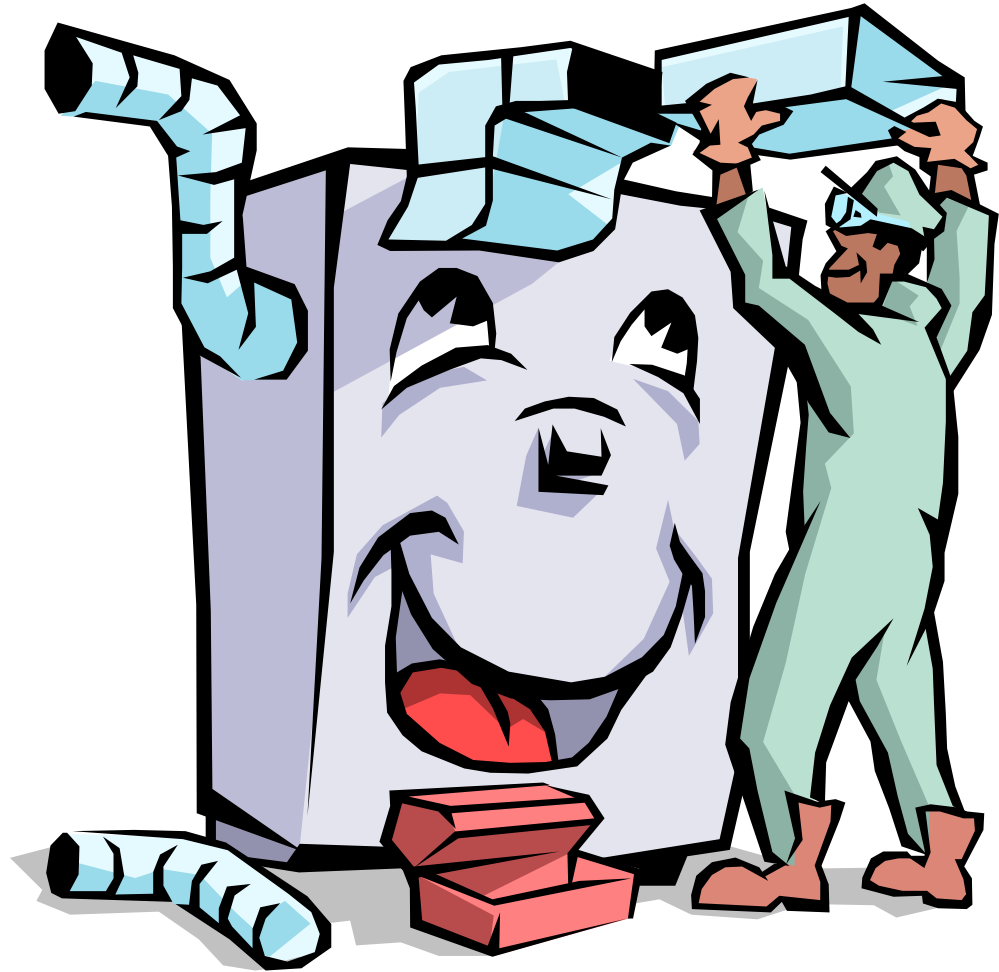


# Client Side Scripting

- **Program code that is downloaded to the client system to be executed**
- **The most common types:**
  - Java
  - ActiveX
- **Code is referred to as applets**



## II: The Solution

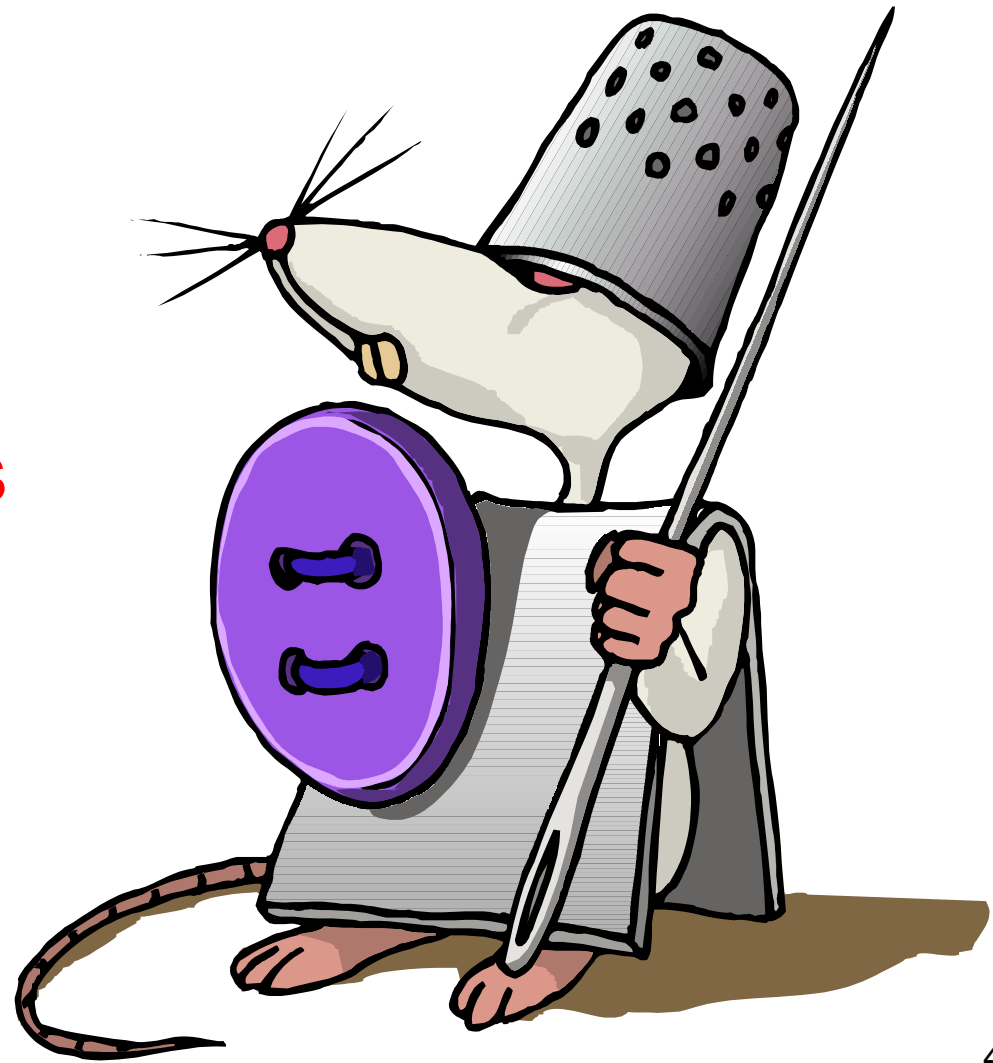


# The Solution

- Lock down network services
- Firewalls
- Don't run as administrator
- Backend database servers
- Update, update, update!
- Find vulnerabilities before others
- Remote administration
- Secure web transactions

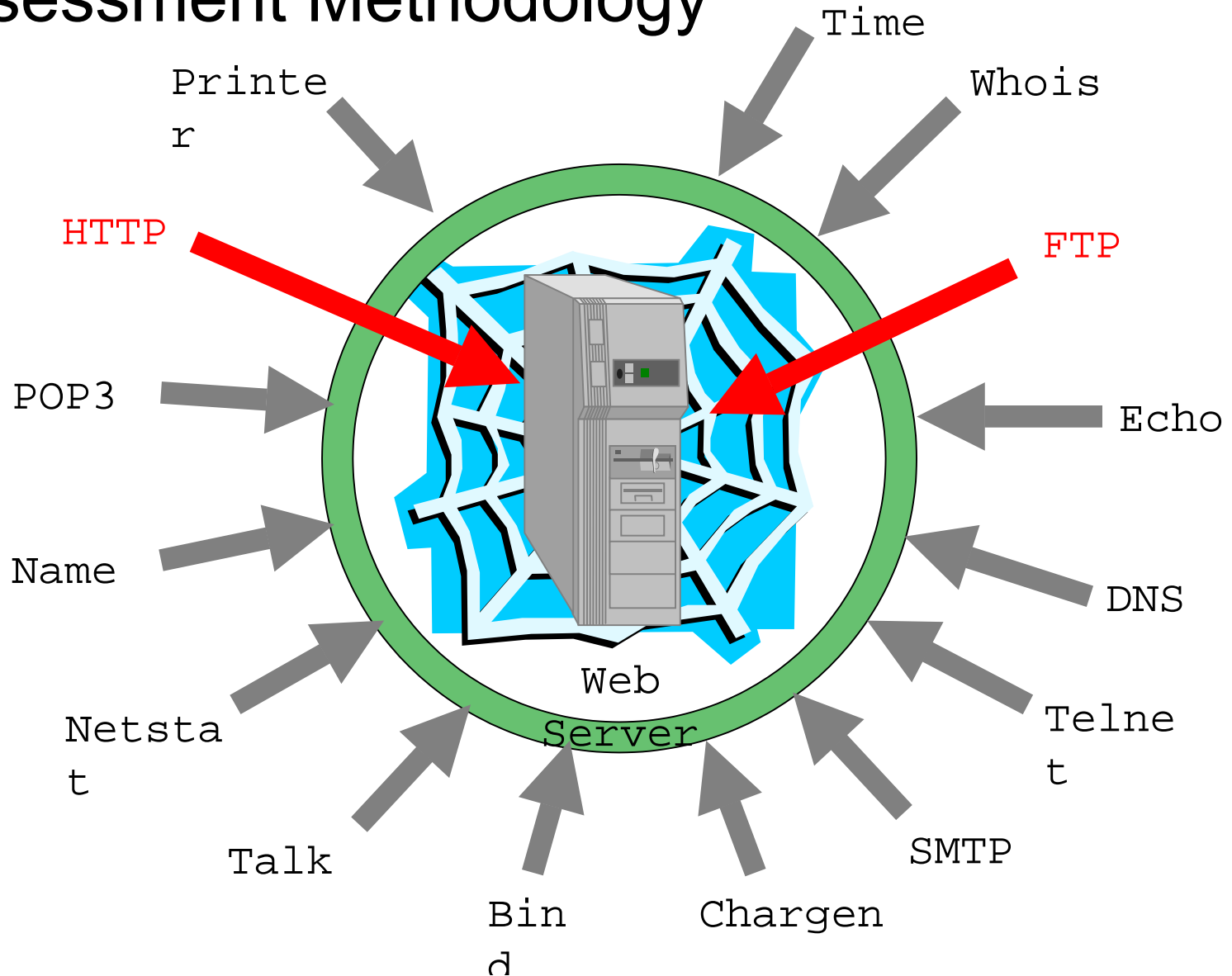


## Lock Down Network Services





# Assessment Methodology



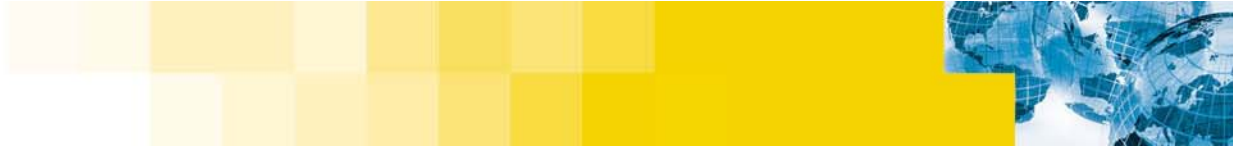
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#!/bin/bash
File Sessions Options Help

# nmap -sS -O ftp.wishing-bear.com www.wishing-bear.com

Starting nmap V. 2.12 by Fyodor (fyodor@dhp.com,
www.insecure.org/nmap/)
Interesting ports on ftp.wishing-bear.com (10.0.0.2):
Port      State      Protocol  Service
21        open       TCP        ftp
23        open       TCP        telnet
25        open       TCP        smtp
79        open       TCP        finger
TCP Sequence Prediction: Class=random positive increments
                        Difficulty=5691999 (Good luck!)
Remote operating system guess: Linux 2.1.122 - 2.2.12
Interesting ports on www.wishing-bear.com (10.0.0.1):
Port      State      Protocol  Service
135       open       TCP        loc-srv
139       open       TCP        netbios-ssn
1031      open       TCP        iad2

TCP Sequence Prediction: Class=trivial time dependency
                        Difficulty=3 (Trivial joke)
Remote operating system guess: Windows NT4 / Win95 / Win98

Nmap run completed -- 2 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 5
seconds
#
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# Firewalls



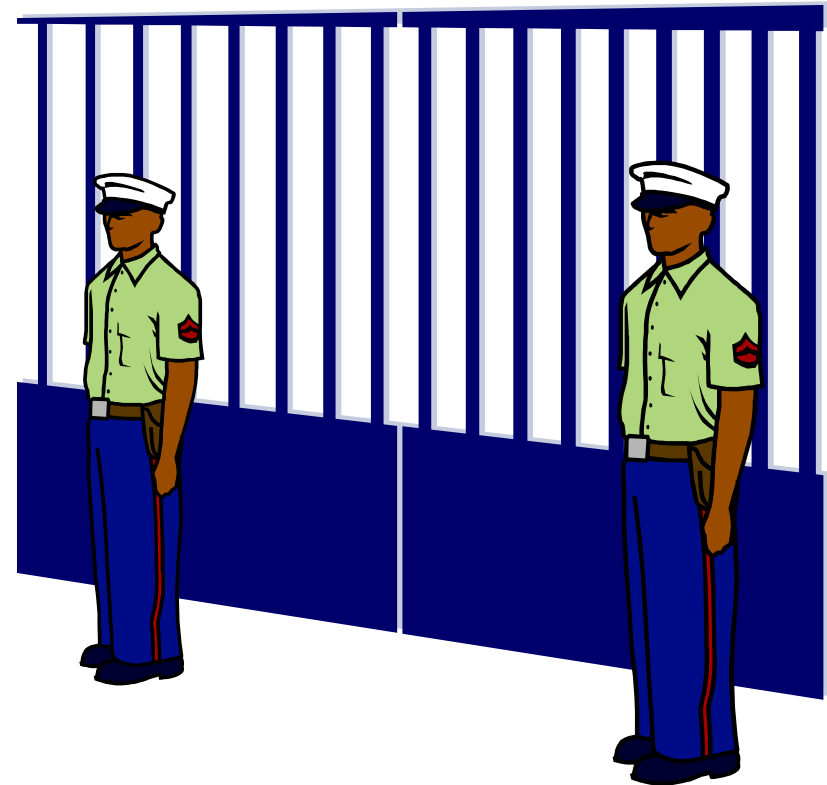


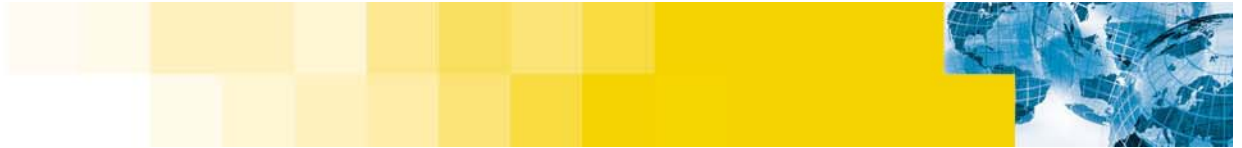


# Firewalls

- **Allows you to limit the type of traffic passing between two or more networks**
  - Block all incoming
  - Allow all outgoing
  - Select protocols can be allows in or out
- **Monitors both incoming and outgoing traffic**
- **Typically placed between an Internet and an Intranet / Extranet**
- **Firewalls really enforce policy for traffic between the Intranet and Internet/Extranet.**

- **Goal: Keep the bad guys out!**



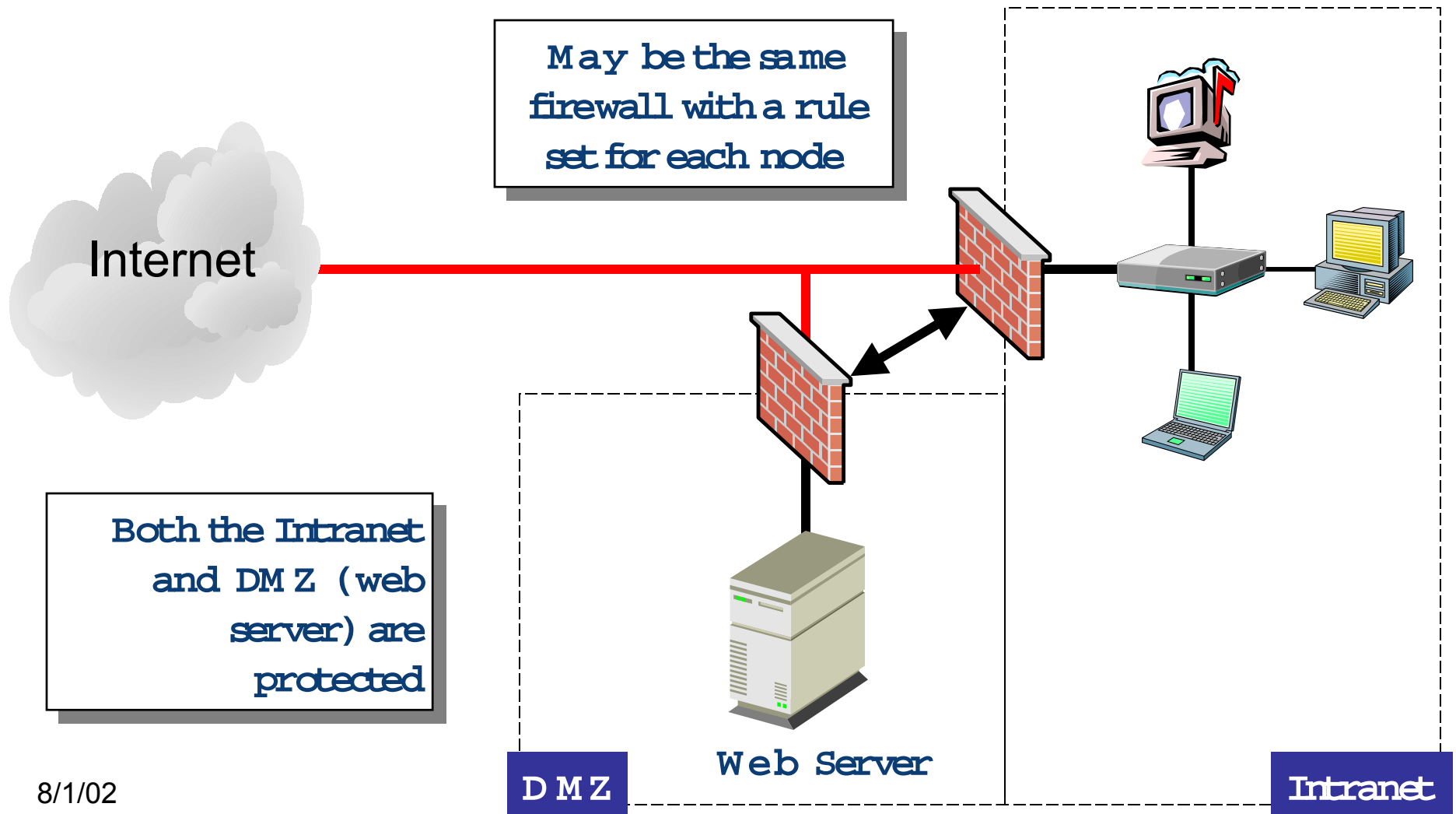


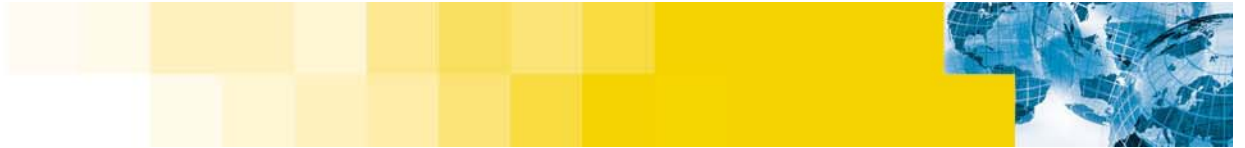
# The Web Server Behind the Firewall

- **A common solution is to place the web server behind the firewall**
  - The firewall is configured to only allow the specific web related traffic to pass through the firewall
  - This traffic is restricted to the firewall only
- **The problem:**
  - There are currently tools that can be downloaded from the Internet that allow tunneling attacks through html traffic.
  - These could pass directly though the firewall
  - If the web server is compromised, the entire Intranet is at risk



# Place the Web Server Behind a Firewall





## Don't Run Server as Administrator

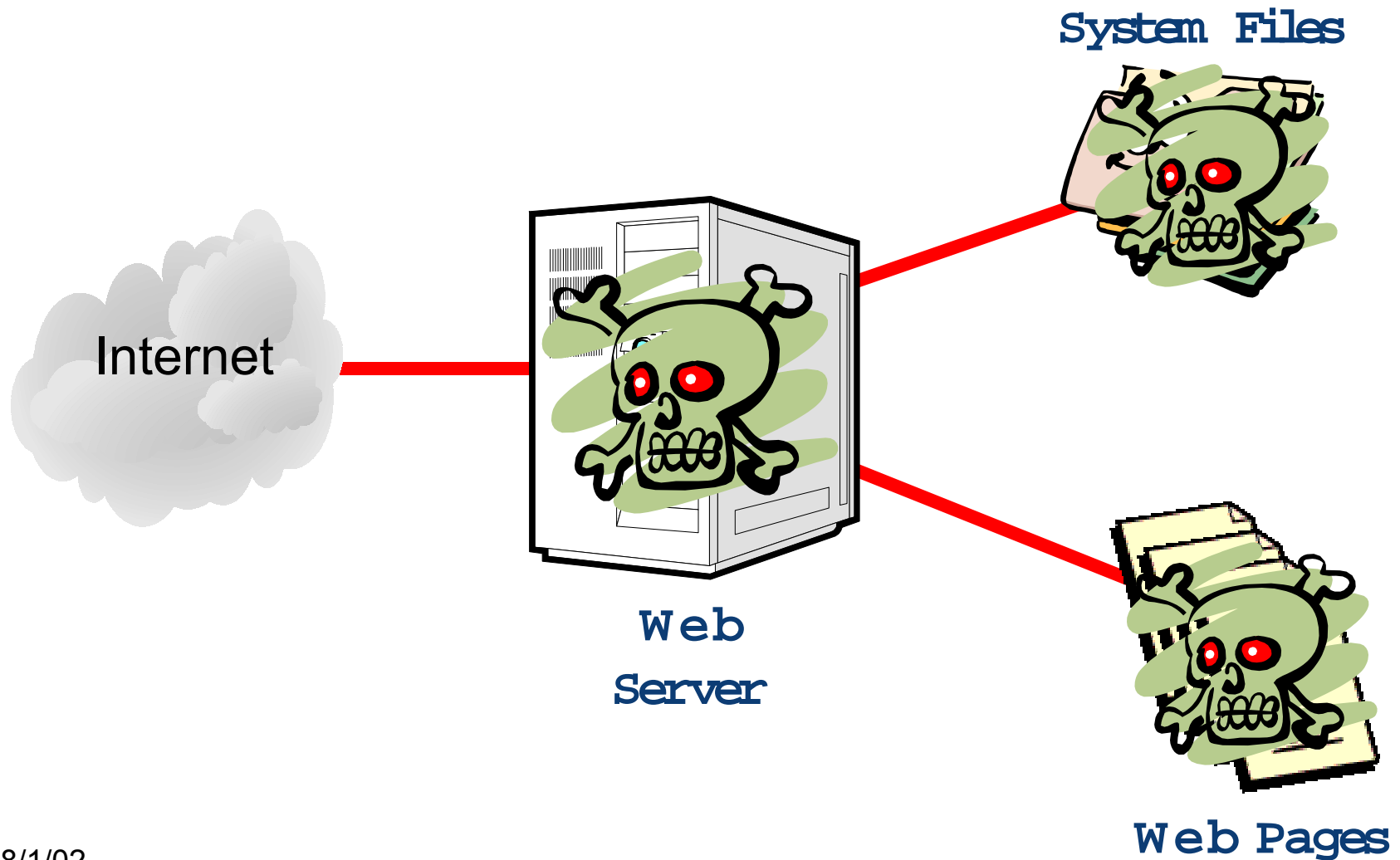


# How Should The Web Server Be Run As?

- **Some web servers run with administrative access**
  - Microsoft IIS
- **The server has complete access to all files on the system**
  - Read
  - Create
  - Modify
- **If the server is compromised, the attacker has complete control of the system**



# Running Servers As Administrator

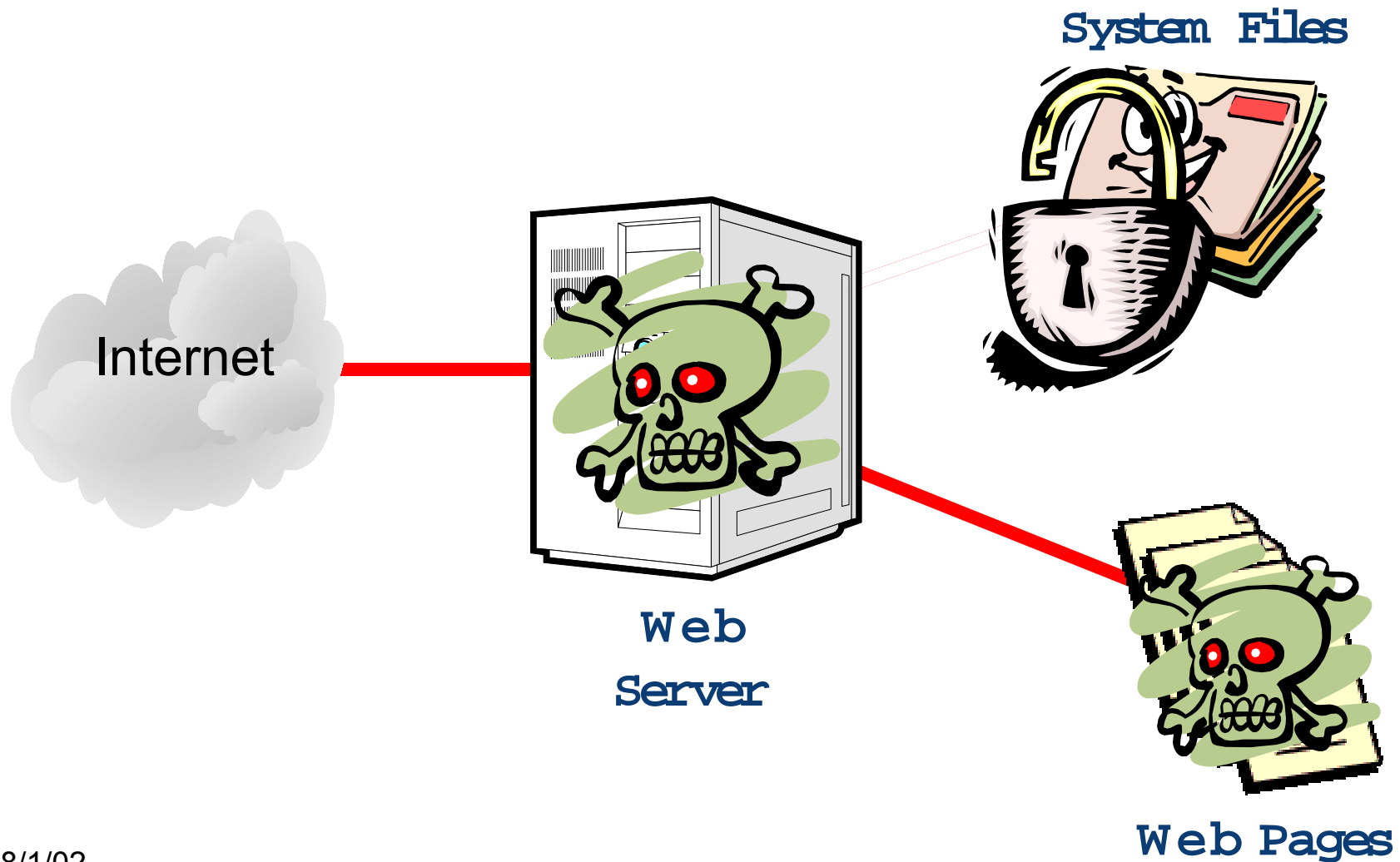


# Who Should The Web Server Be Run As?

- It may be possible to change the user that the web server runs as
- For example, lets change the configuration so that the web server is run as another user
  1. Add a non-administered account called web-server
    - **The Apache web server is often configured to use the 'apache' user**
  2. Change the system / server configuration to start the web server as this user



# Running Web Server As Web-Server User



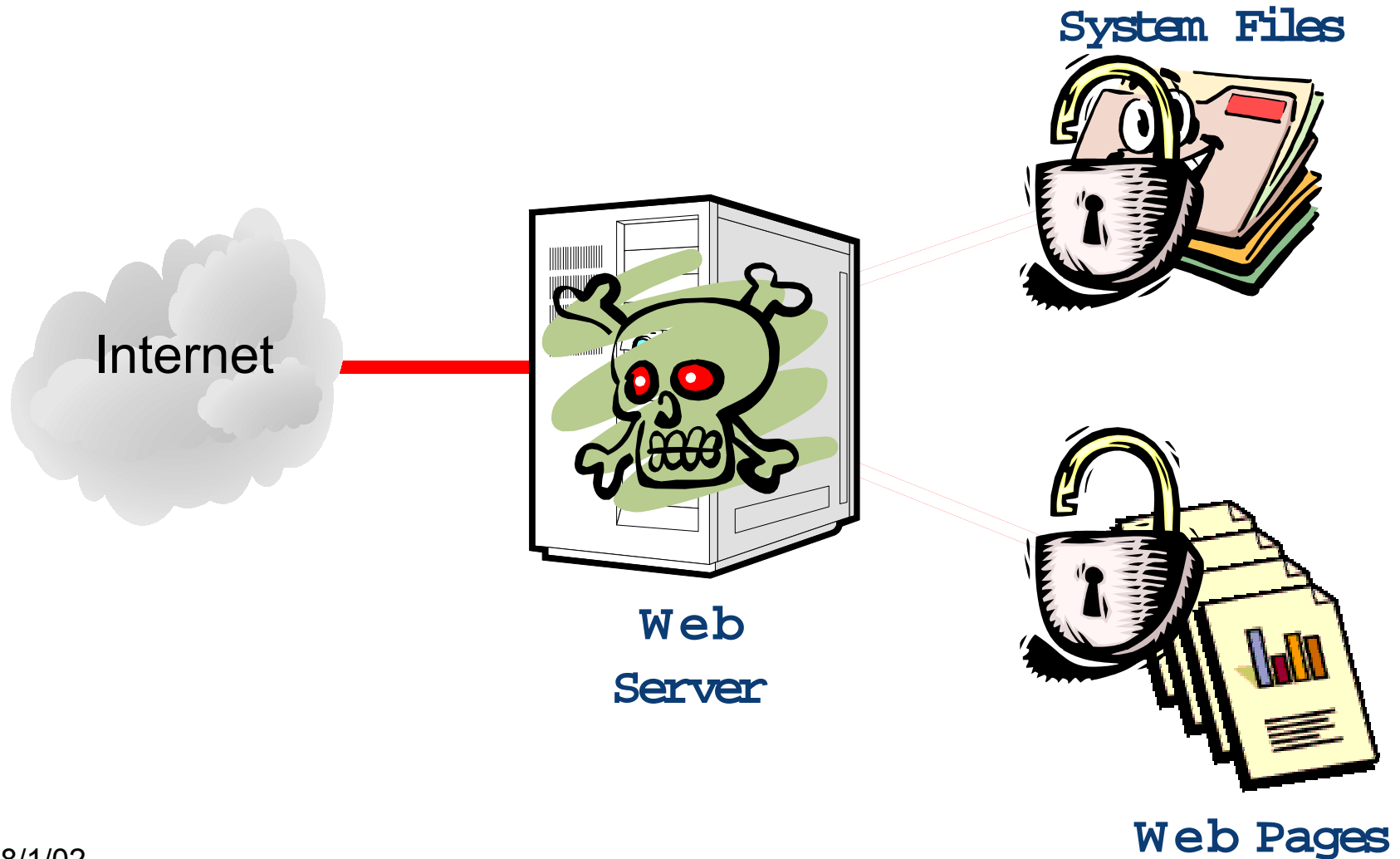


# Who Should Own The Web Pages?

- **It is common that the web pages are own by the same user that the web server runs as**
- **Either add another user, web-pages, and make it the owner**
- **Give the web-server user read only access to the pages**
- **On MS Windows:**
  - Add the web-server user to each web pages access control list (ACL) with read-only rights
- **On Unix / Linux:**
  - Add each web page to the web-server group
  - Change the access permissions for each to give the group read only rights



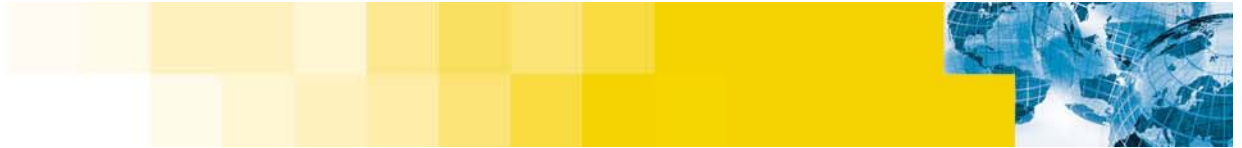
# Web Pages Owned by Web-Page User





# Backend Database Servers

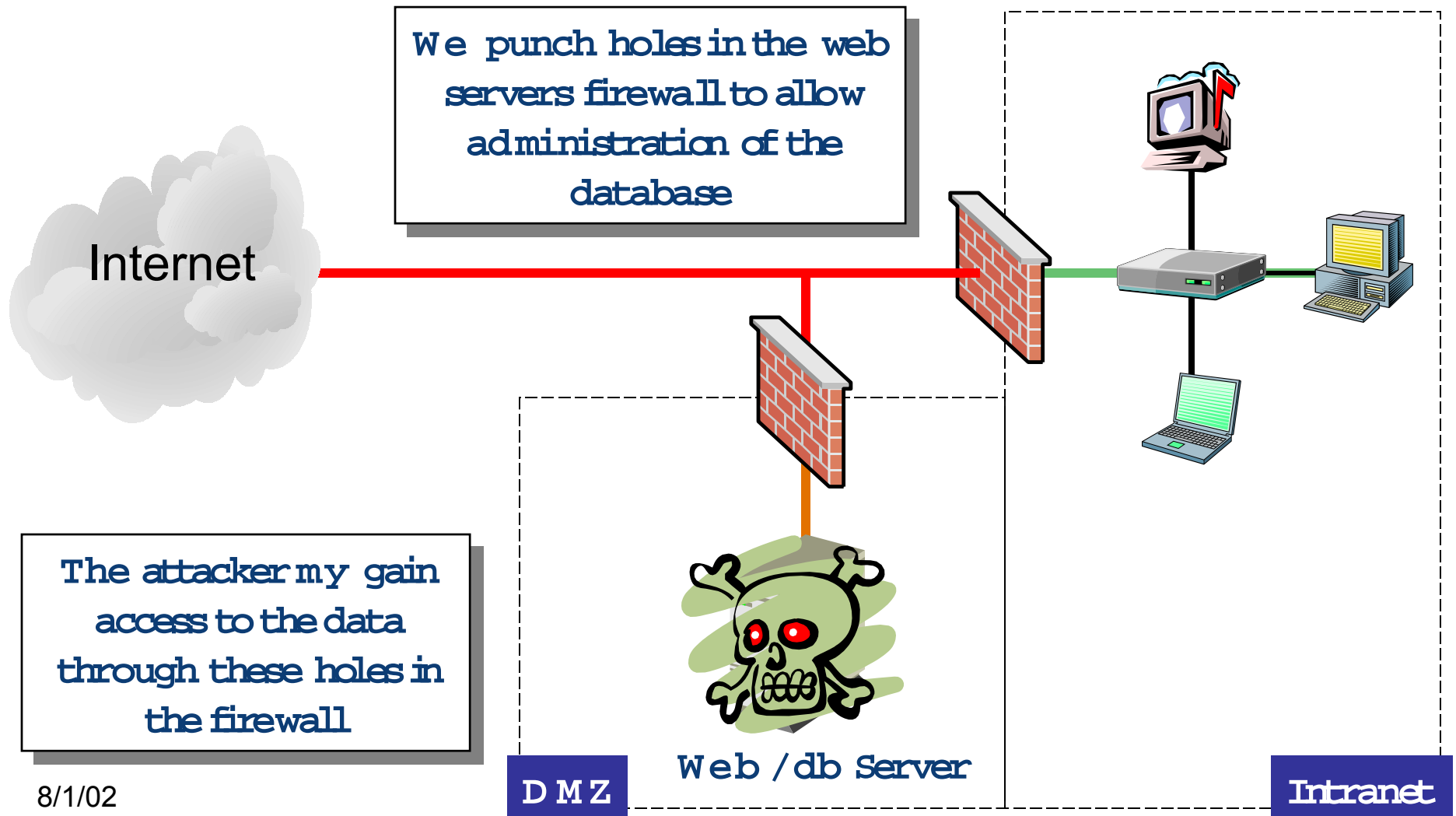


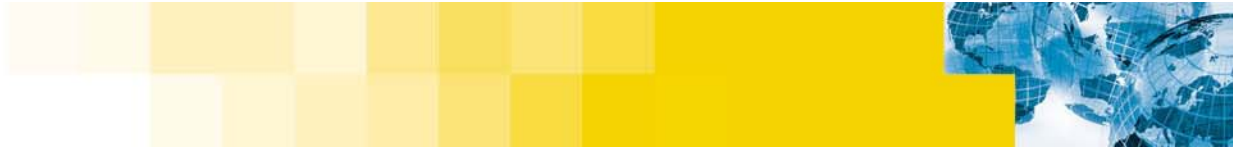


# Where Should A Database Be Placed?

- **The need for a database is an increasing requirement for website deployments**
  - Customer data
  - Product data
  - Problem tracking
- **The information in the database may be very confidential**
  - You do not want the wrong persons to have access to it
- **Many typical website deployments include the database / database server on the same system as the web server**
- **If the database is going to be administered by someone from within the Intranet, we must punch additional holes in the firewall**
- **This increases the chance that our database and web server will be compromised**

# Putting the Database on the Web Server

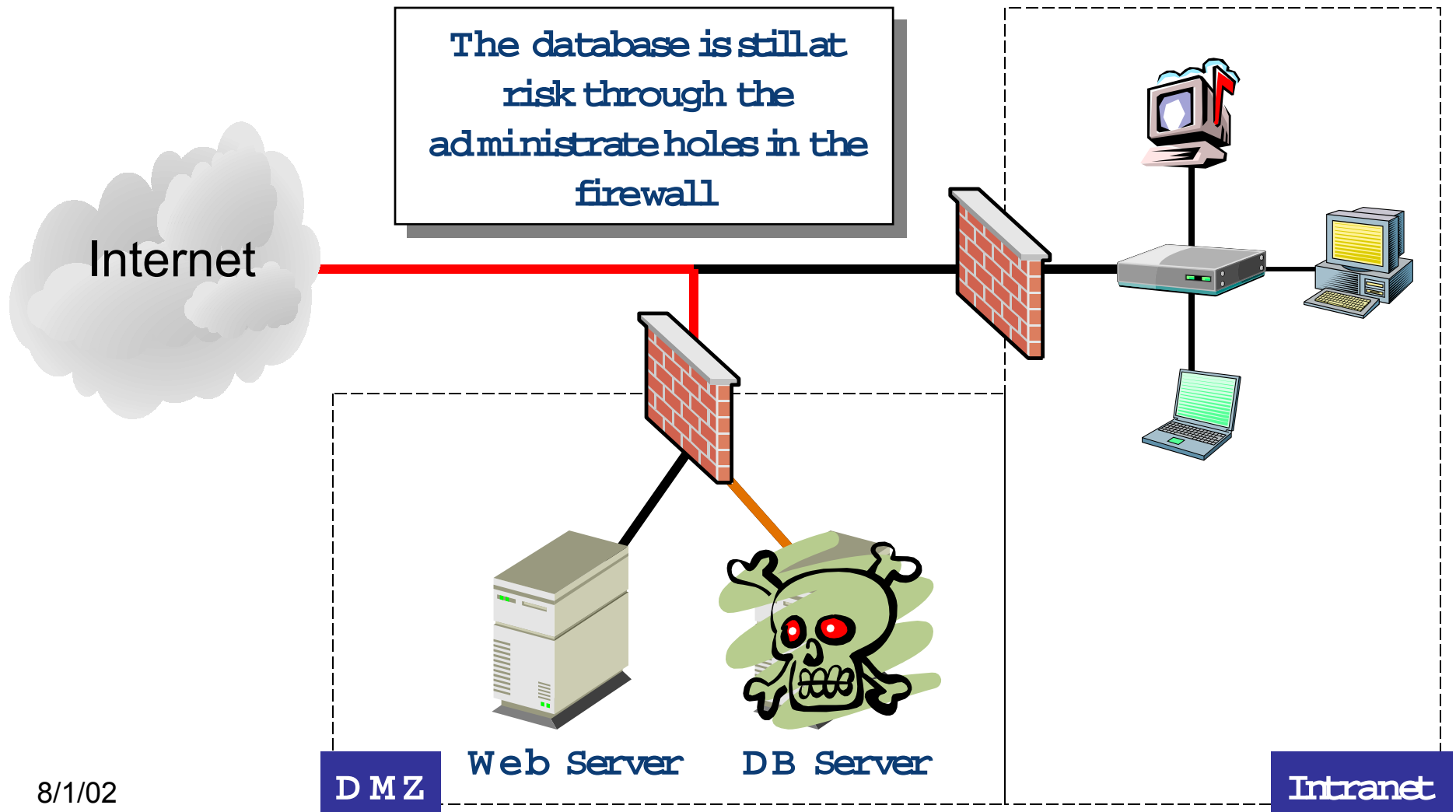


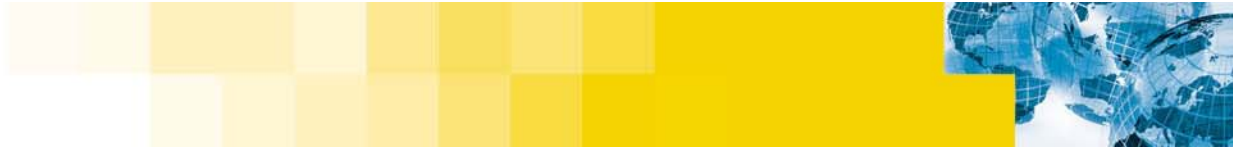


## Separate the services

- **The attacker may also use the holes that were punched into the web-servers firewall**
  - They may be able to read, write or modify data
  - This is undesirable
- **Another issue is that the two services are on the same system**
  - This increases the chance that if one service is compromised then the other is also at risk
- **Lets move the two services to separate systems**

# Separate Services



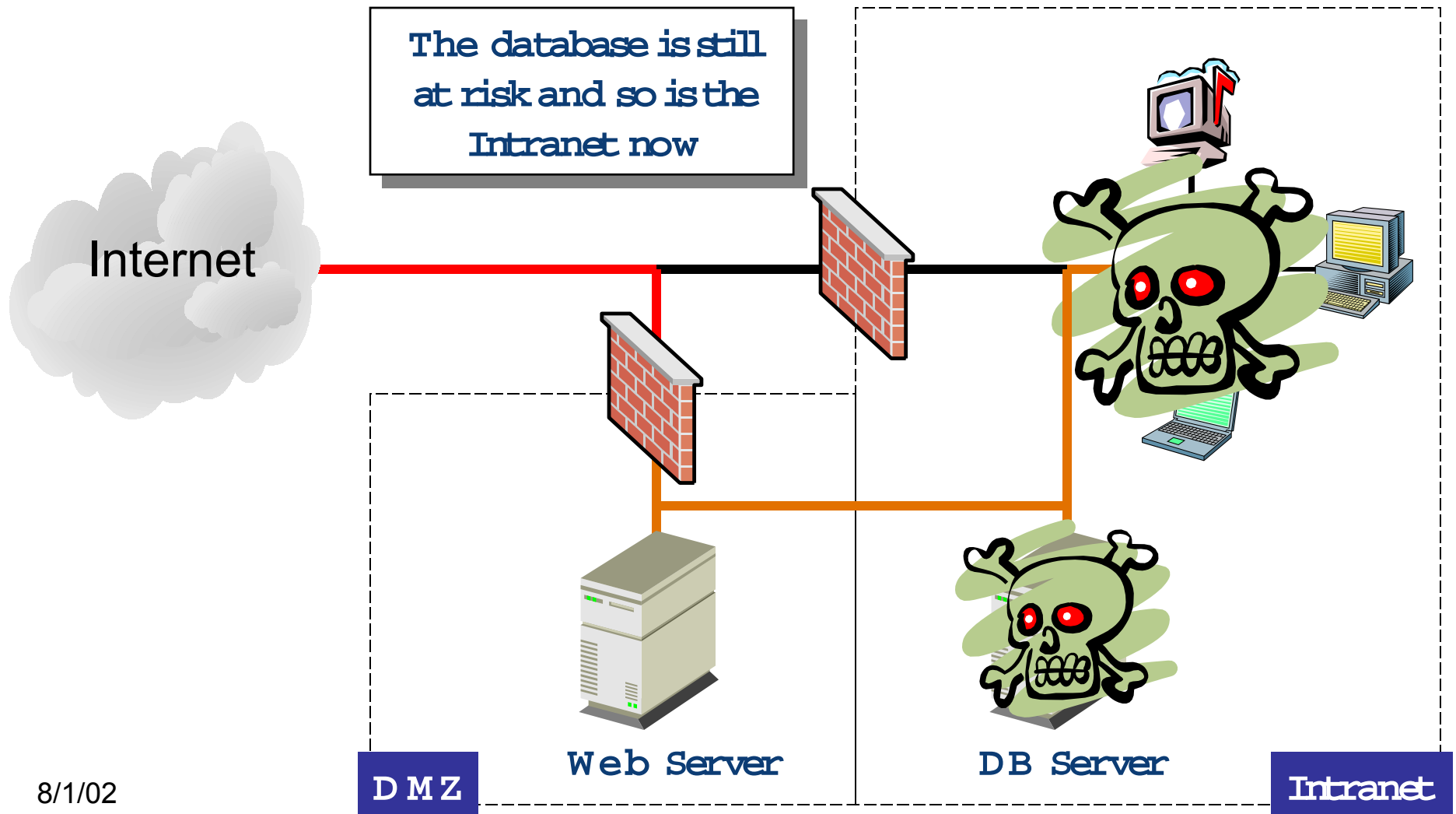


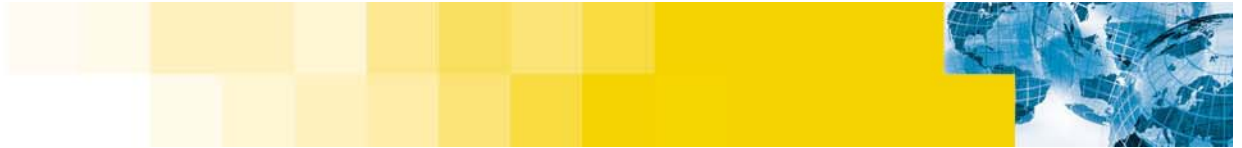
# Move The Database Into The Intranet

- **Lets move the database into our Intranet**
  - We add a special network connection from the DMZ (web server) to the database so that it can be accessed
  - The database can now be administered directly (we do not need to access it through the firewall)
  - We can close the database server holes in the firewall
- **While this seems better, another problem arises**
  - If an attacker compromises either the web server or the database, the entire Intranet may now be at risk



# Putting the Database in the Intranet

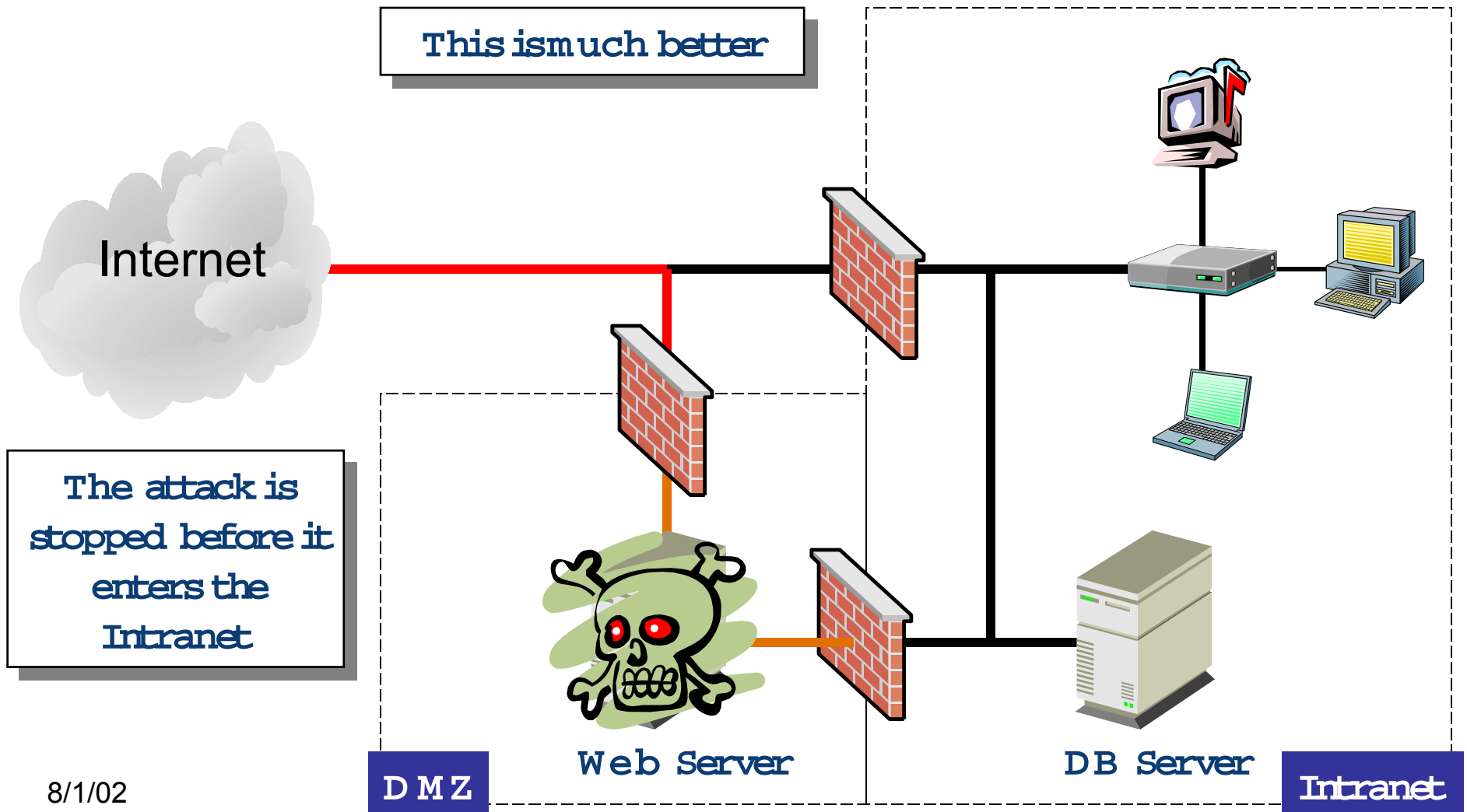


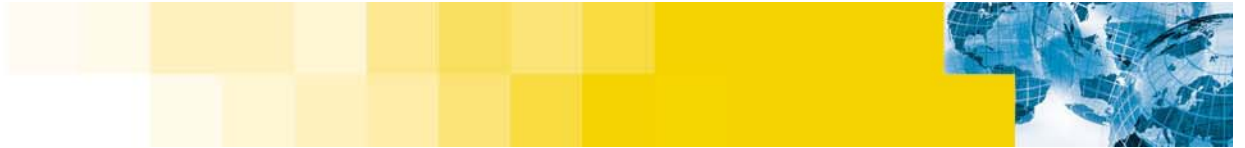


# A Little More Protection Should Do The Trick

- **Lets add a second Network Interface Card (NIC) to the web server and another to the database server**
- **Now move the special connection so that it is now connected directly from the web server to the database**
  - Now only the web server can communicate with the database server from the DMZ side
- **To protect the Intranet in the event that the web server is compromised, lets add another firewall**
  - Place It on the special network connection
  - Limit traffic to the database server to only what the web server really needs access to
  - Restrict web server access only to the database server (no other)
- **Now we can directly administer the database without the need to punch holes in the Internet firewall**

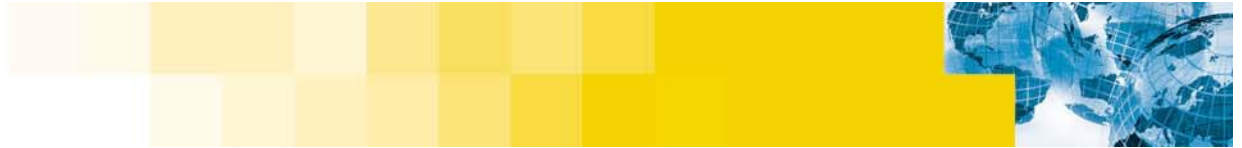
# Protect the Database With a Firewall





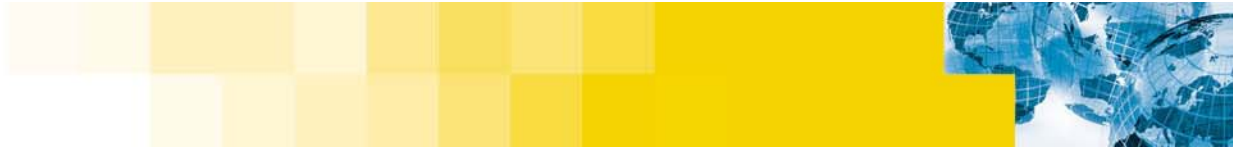
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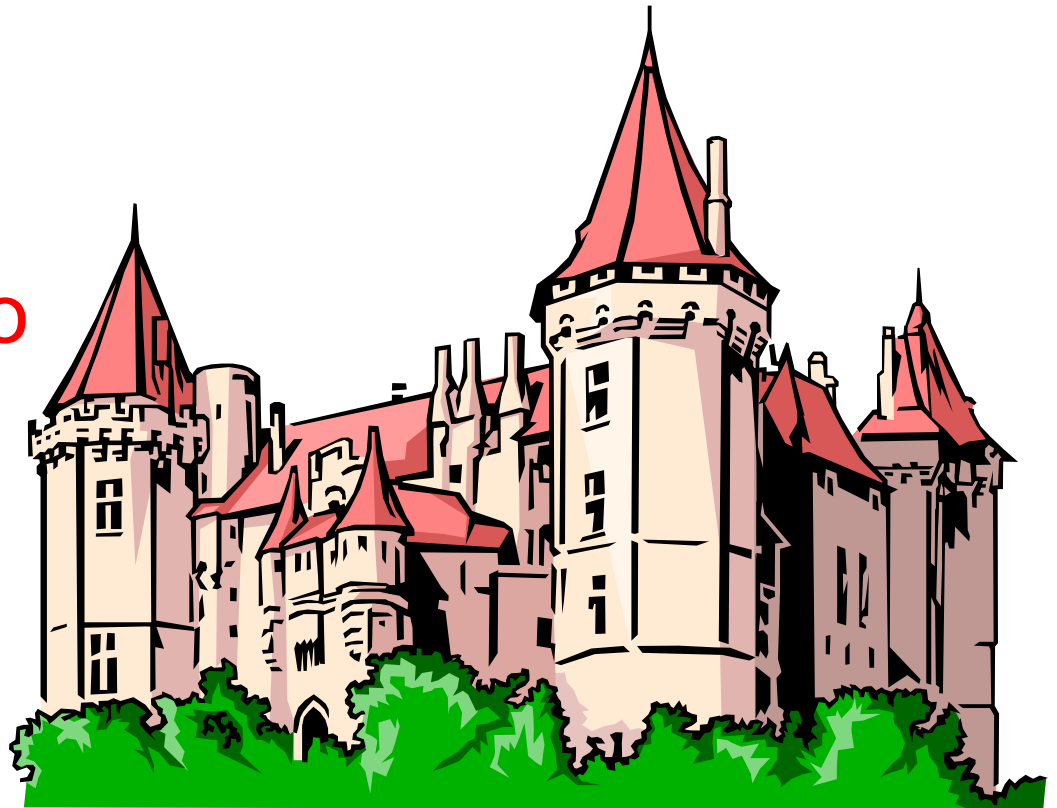


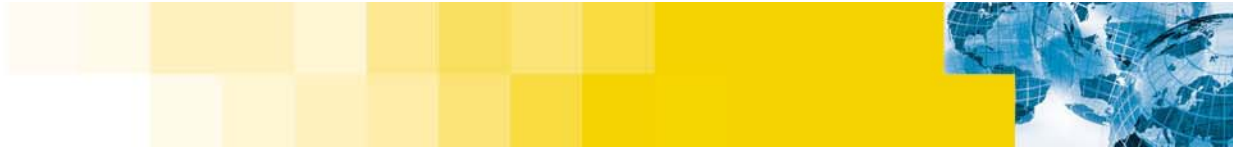
# Update, Update, Update

- **The majority of web server compromises are through known vulnerabilities where an update / patch is available from the vendor**
- **Regularly check for vendor updates**
- **Monitor one of the many vulnerability email lists that discuss new vulnerabilities**
  - BUGTRAQ
  - SANS
  - Symantec Security Response lists
- **If a reliable automated update mechanism is available, use it**
  - All downloads should be cryptographically signed by the vendor
  - Logs all update activity



# Find Your Vulnerabilities Before Others Do



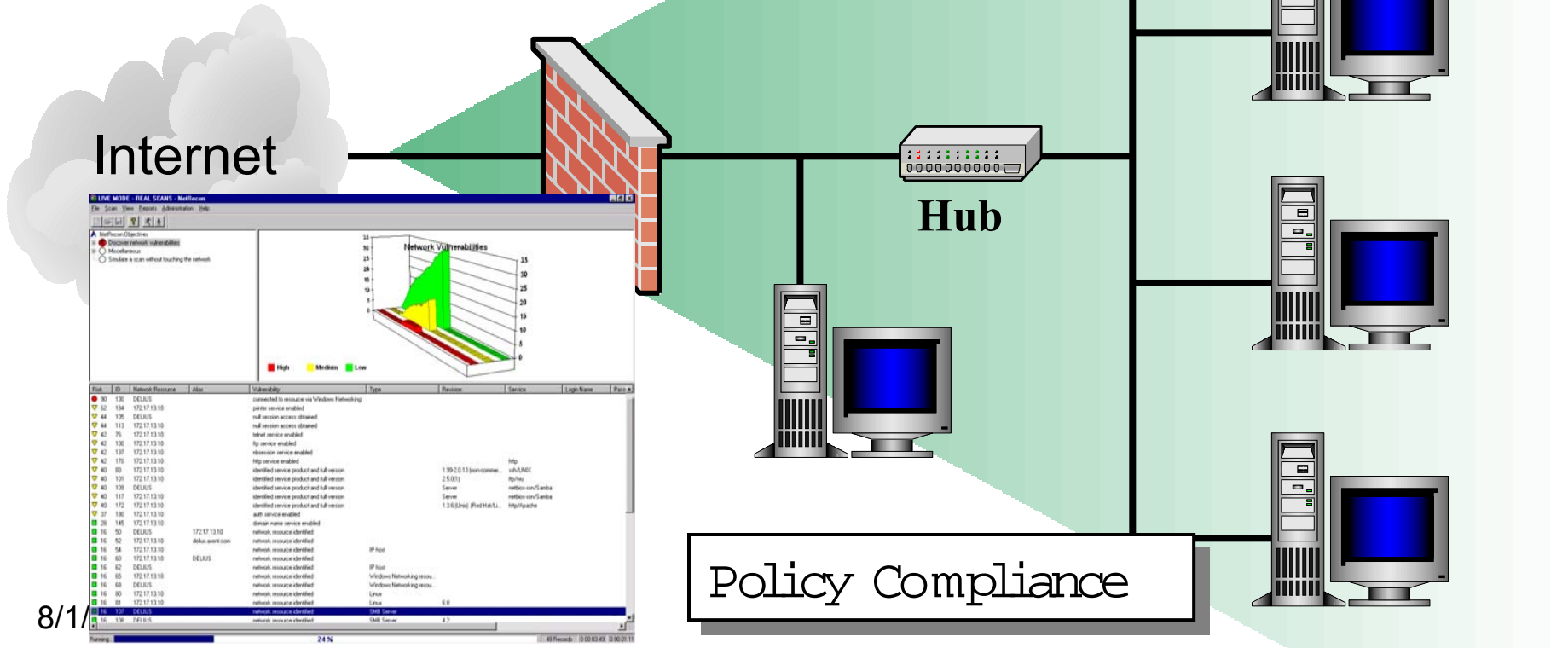


# Find Vulnerabilities Before Others

- **Find vulnerabilities before they can be exploited**
- **Correct the problems that you find**
- **Use the tools that the attackers use**
- **Vulnerability scanners combine many of the exploits found in hundreds of attack tools into a easy to use interface**
  - Detailed reports are created for review
  - Most include suggested procedures to remove the vulnerability
- **Open source tools exist for small business and home users**
- **Commercial products generally provide a better assessment**
  - Symantec ESM and NetRecon
  - ...

# Scan For New Vulnerabilities

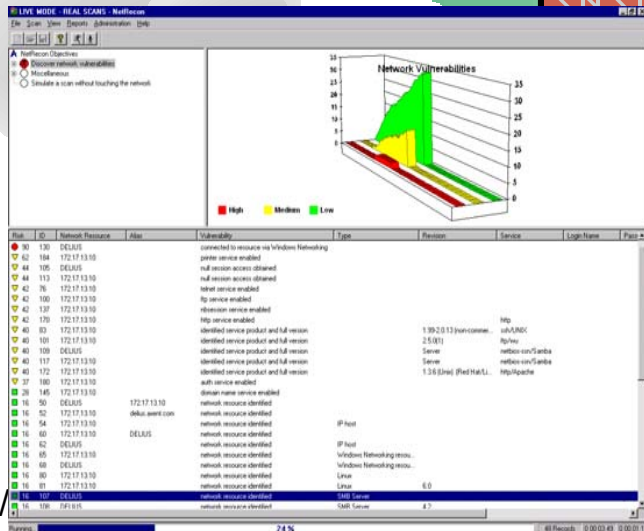
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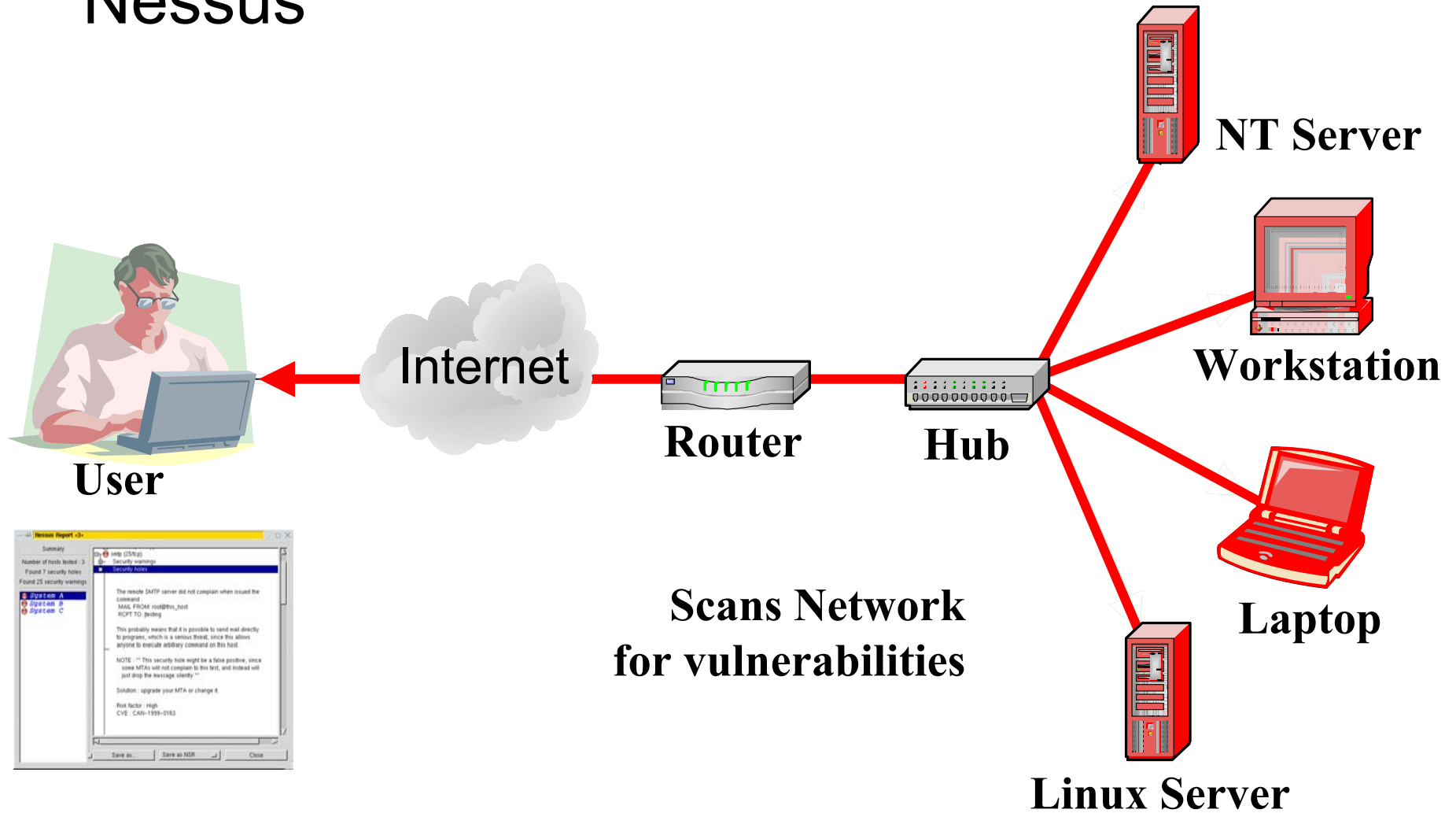
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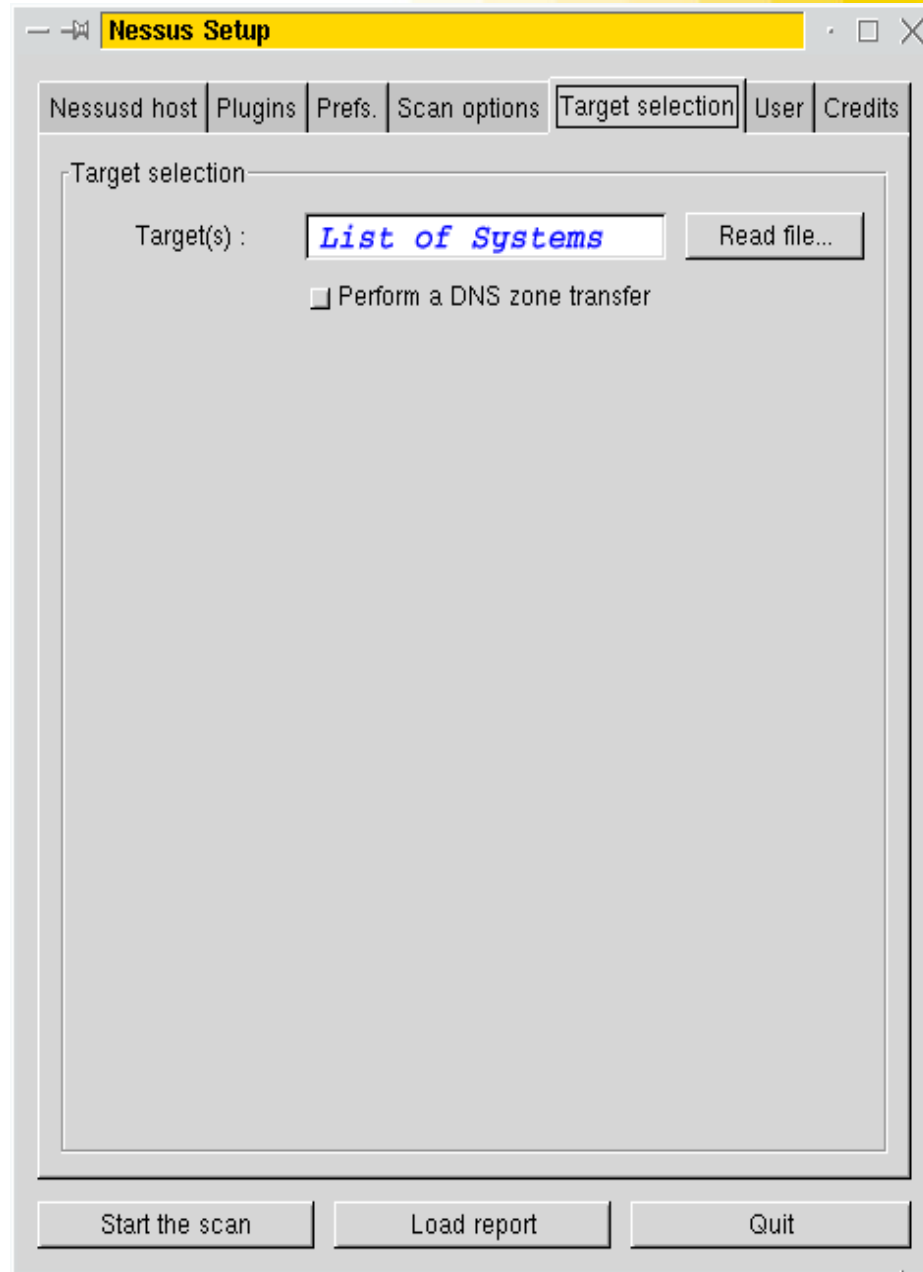
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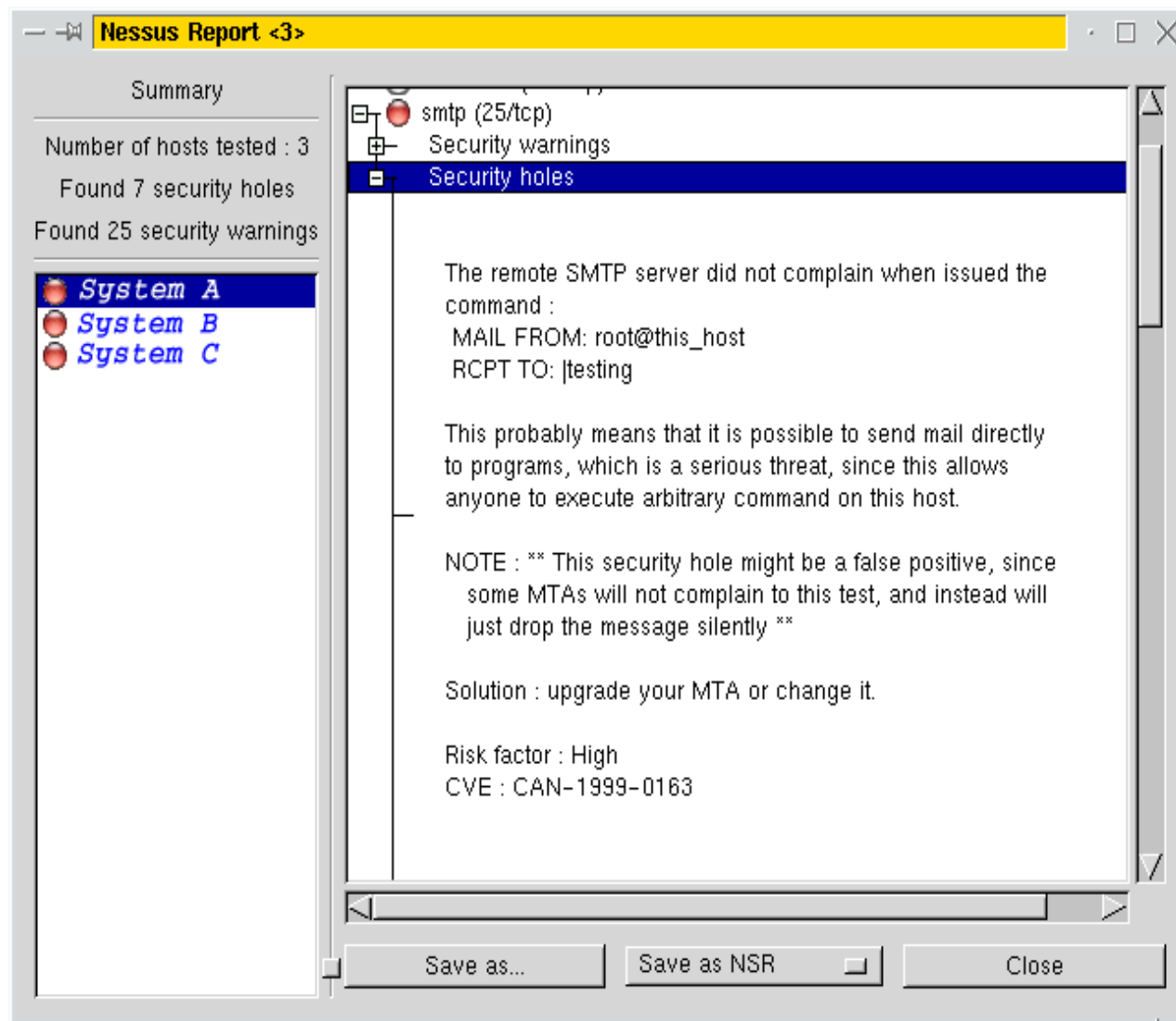


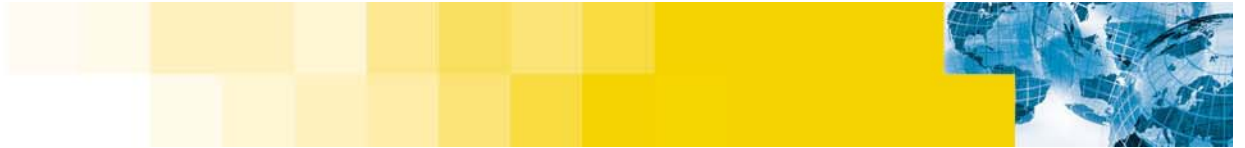


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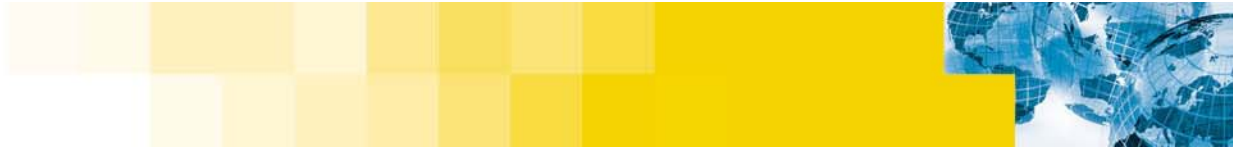






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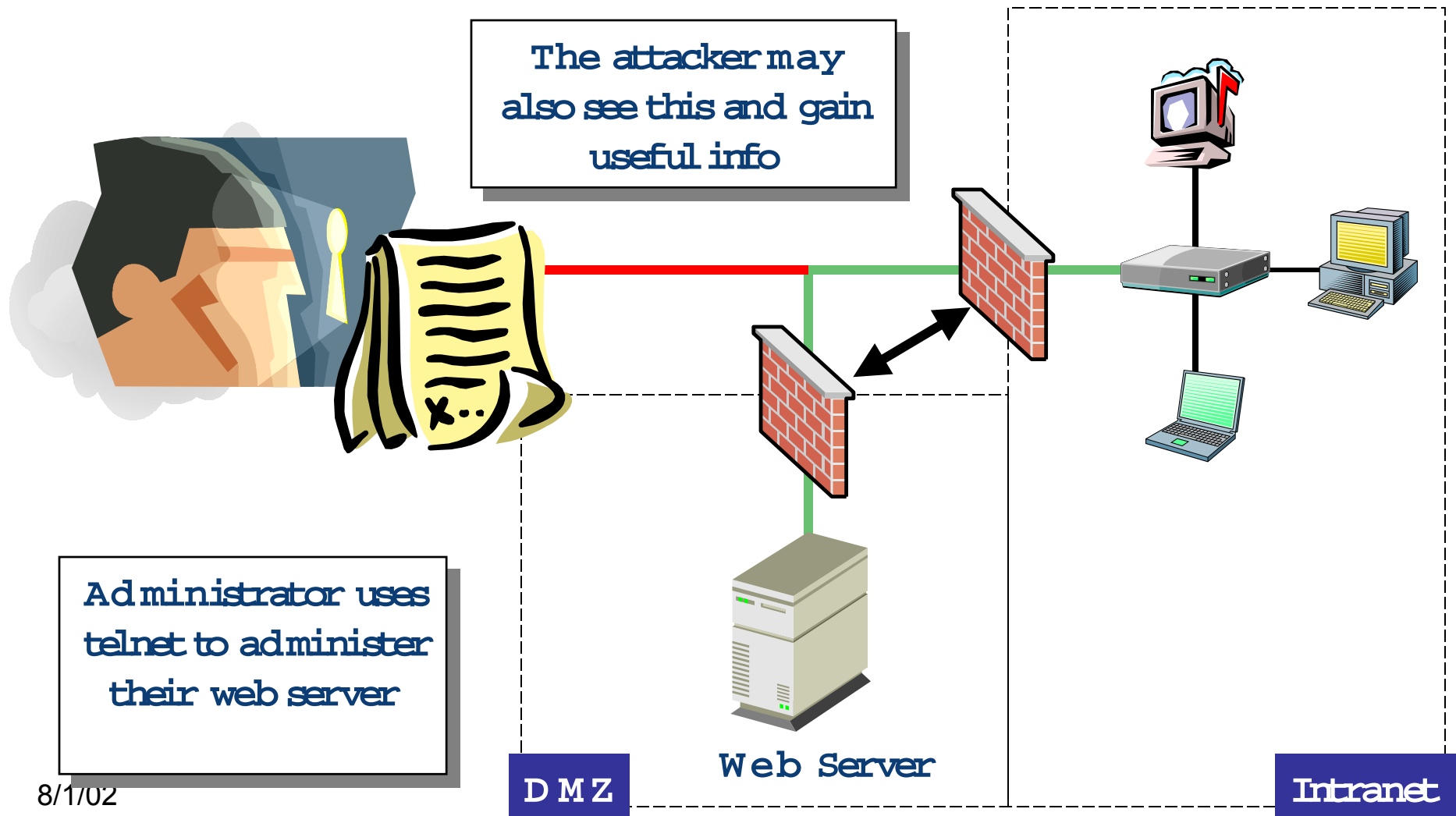




# The Need to Administer the Web Server

- **Administration of a web server is a necessity**
- **A common practice to is connect (using telnet or some other method) to the web server**
- **Many of these tools send data across the network in clear text**
  - This data can be read by anyone, including an attacker, using a network sniffer
  - Not only can the administrative actions be read, but also the login and password information

# Network Traffic Is Sent in Clear Text

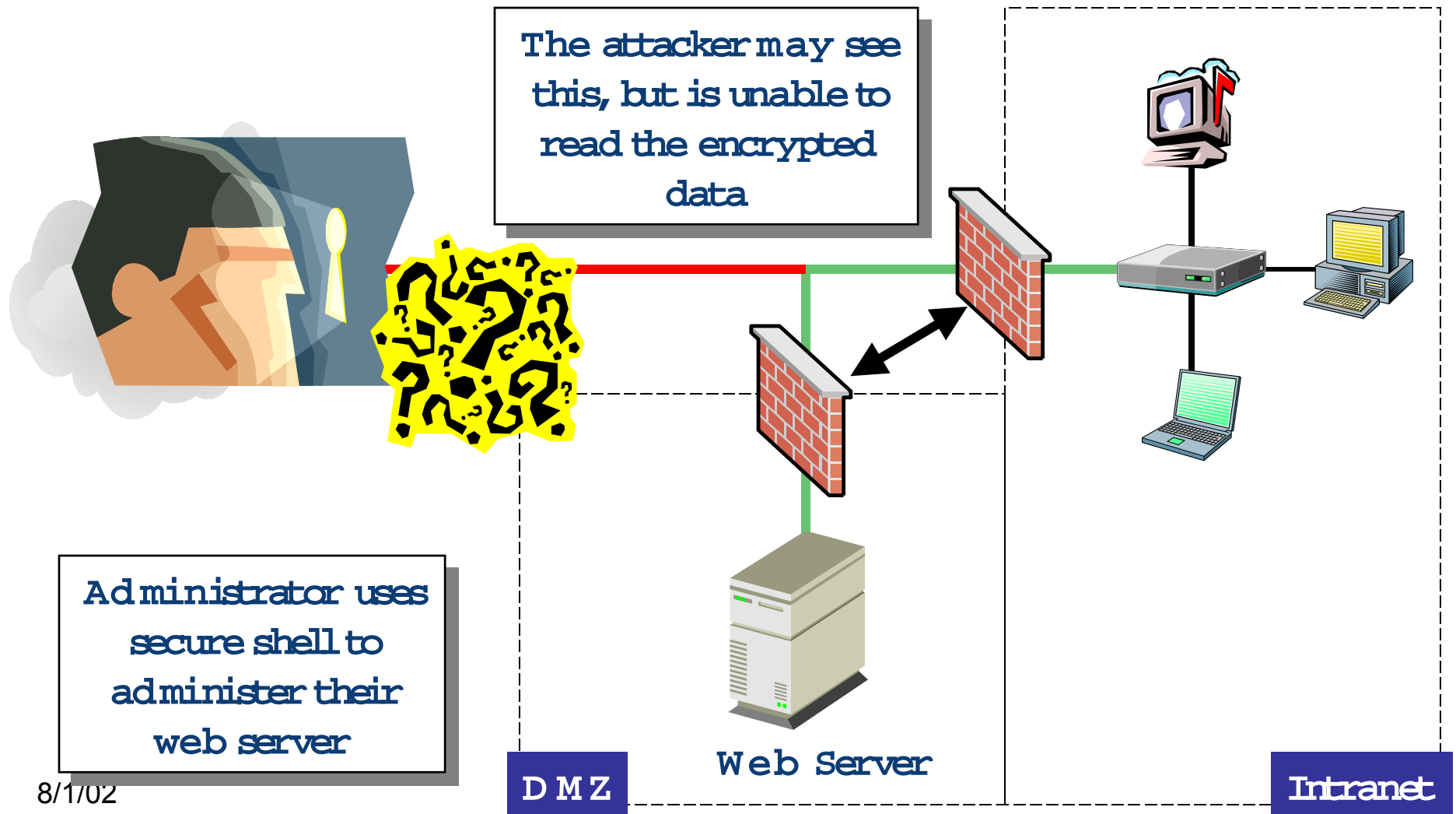


# Encryption Is the Key

- **Encrypting the data being transmitted will prevent others from understanding the administrative information**
  - They will still be able to sniff the encrypted data
  - It simply will not be readable
- **For example, one very common tool is the SSH (or OpenSSH) program**



# Protecting data with SSH



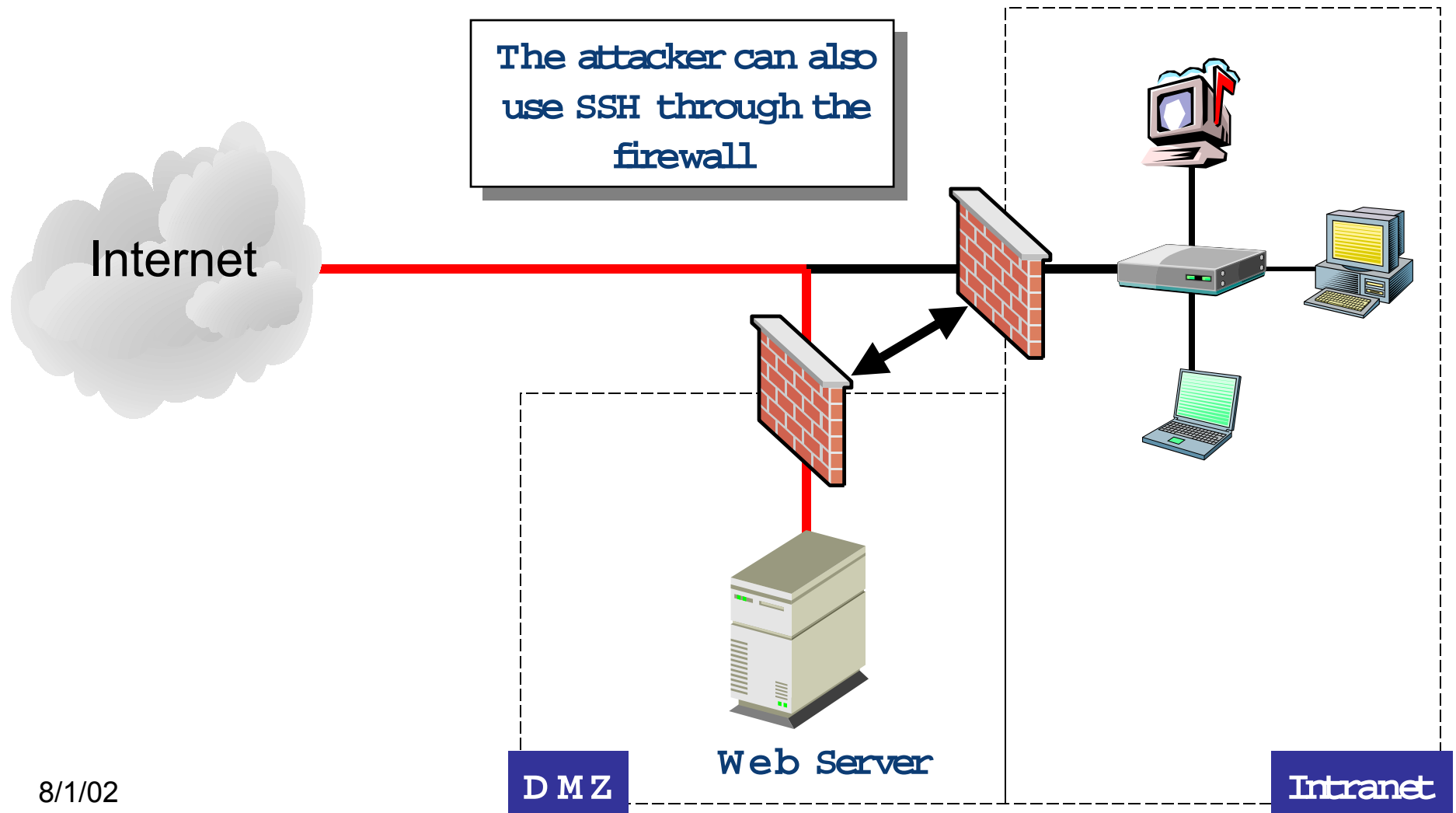


# Issues With SSH

- **SSH (and OpenSSH) is an excellent program**
- **It provides good encryption and authentication**
- **Unfortunately its use in this situation does require that you open your firewall to allow SSH traffic through**
  - There have been a number of SSH vulnerabilities discovered that that can lead to compromise

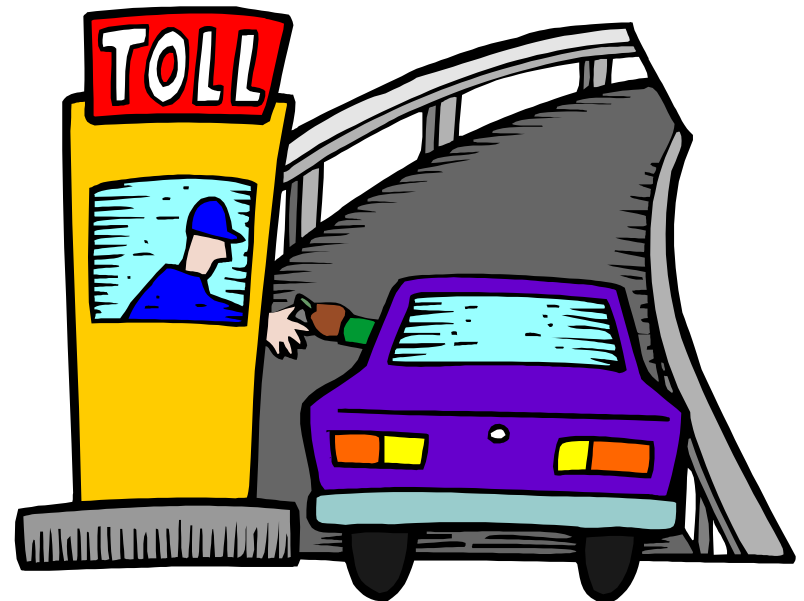


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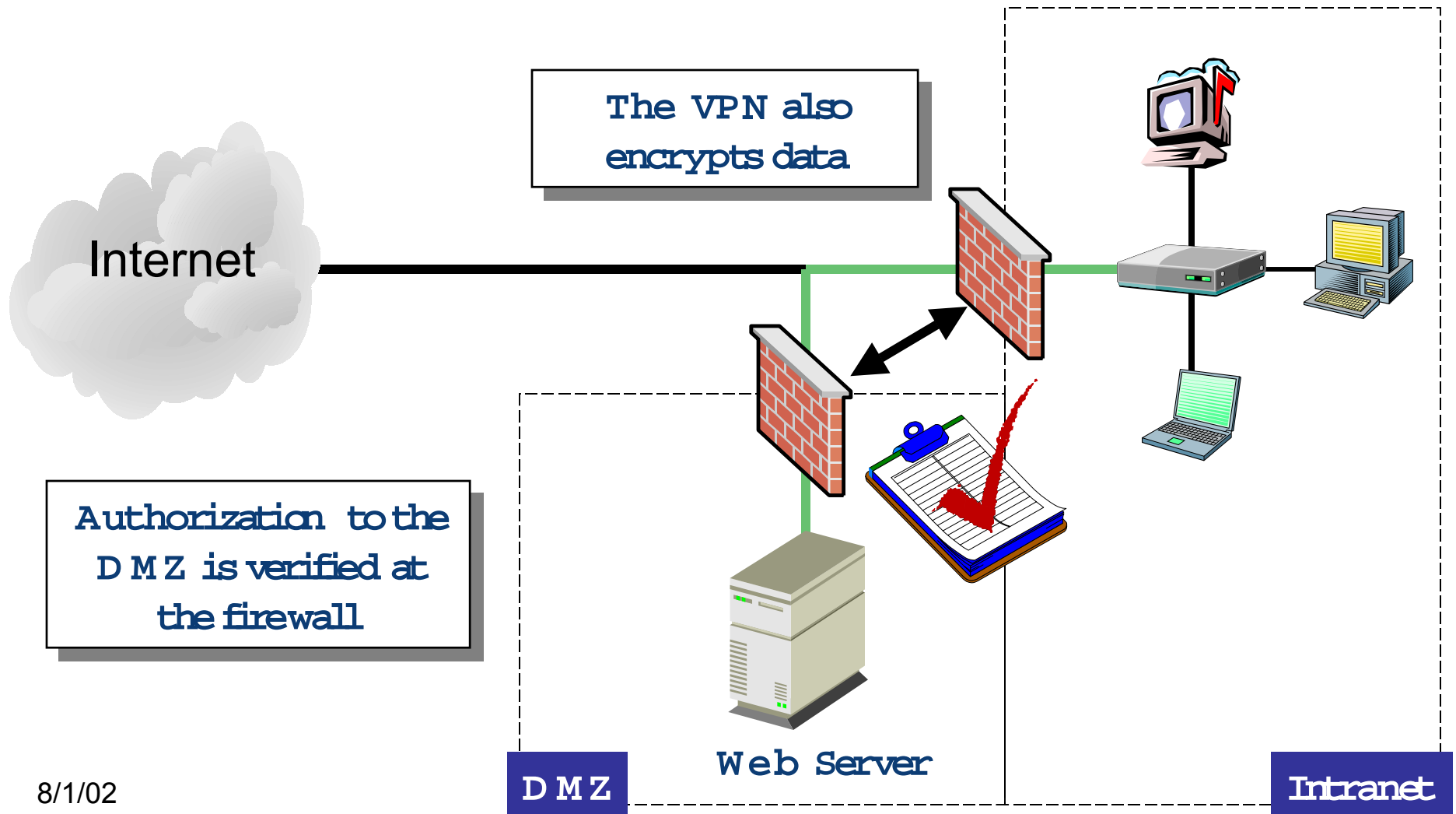


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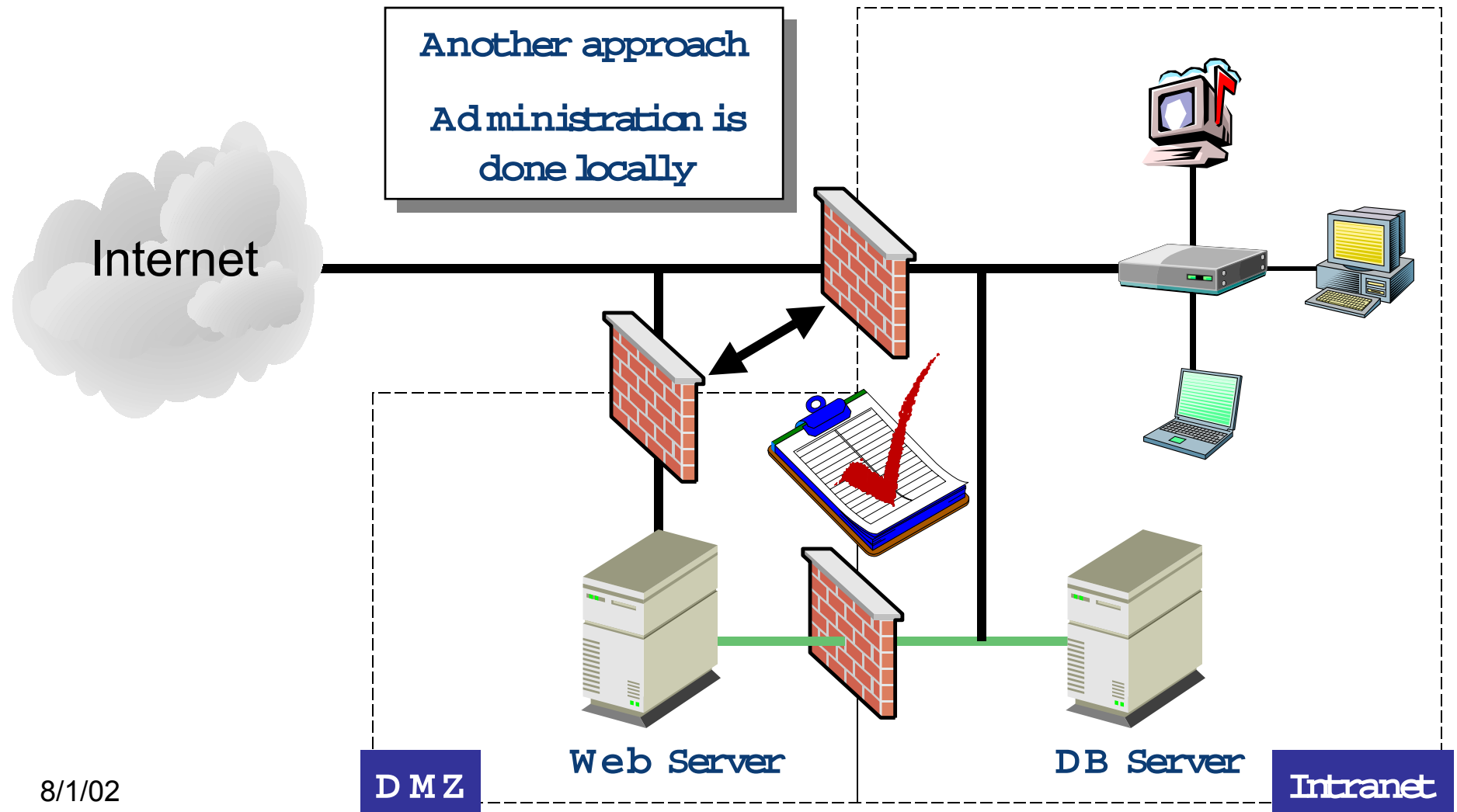
- **The use of a Virtual Private Network (VPN) provides a more secure alternative**
- **It can provide strong authentication at the firewall**
  - You will still need to open up the firewall to allow VPN traffic
- **Only authorized traffic will be allowed through the firewall to the web server**

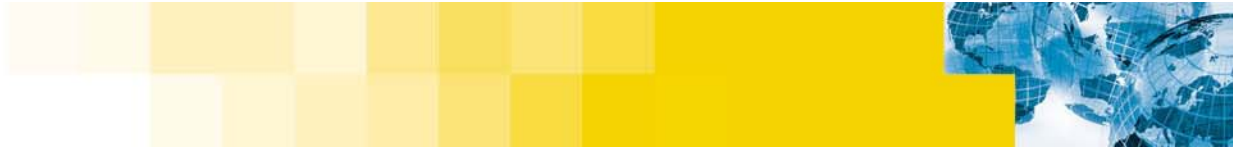


# Using a Virtual Private Network (VPN)



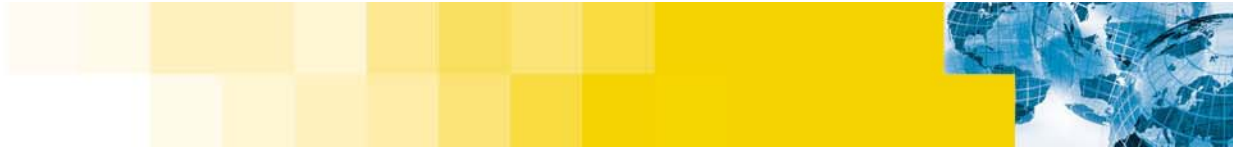
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# Secure Web transactions

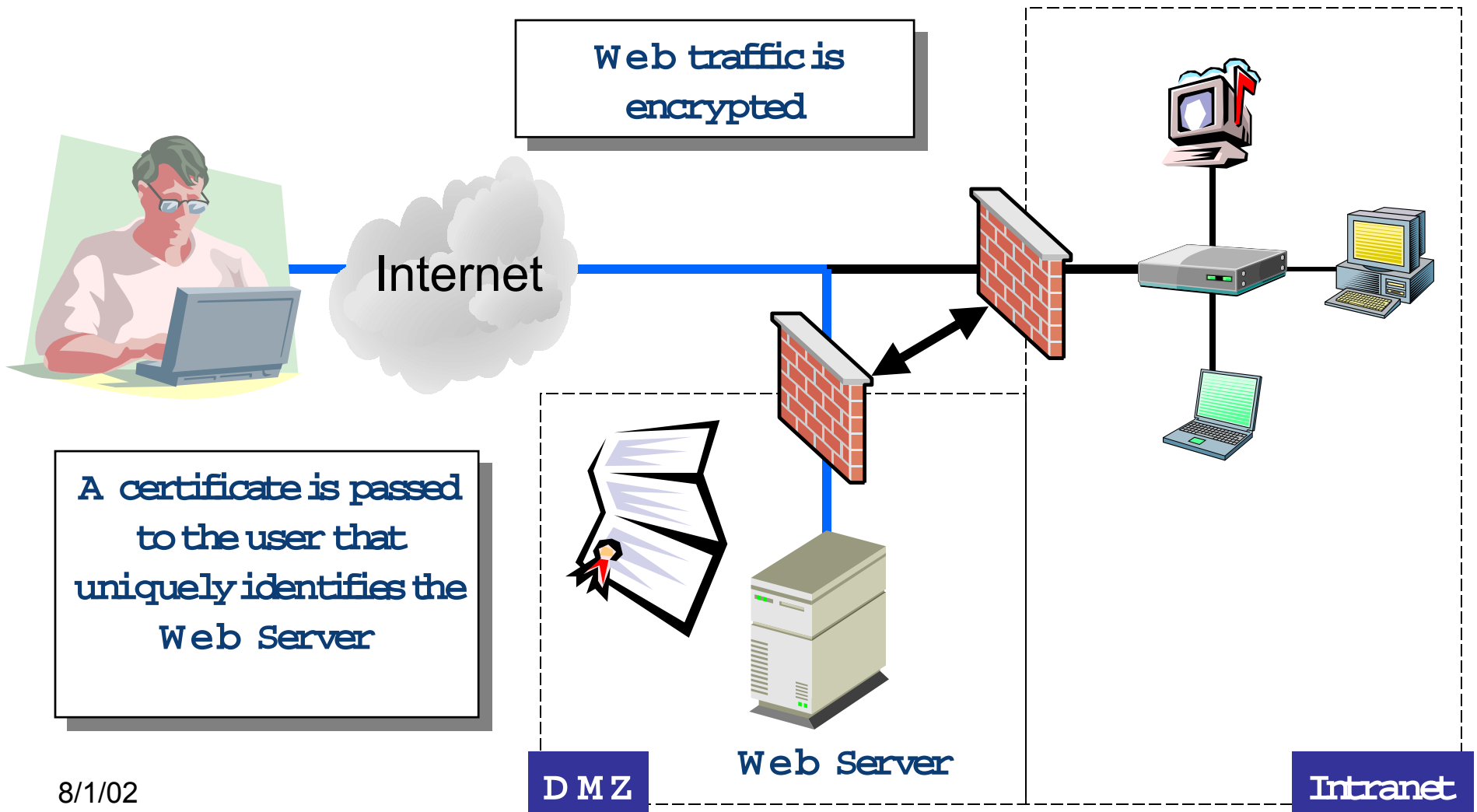




# Protecting Confidential Transactions

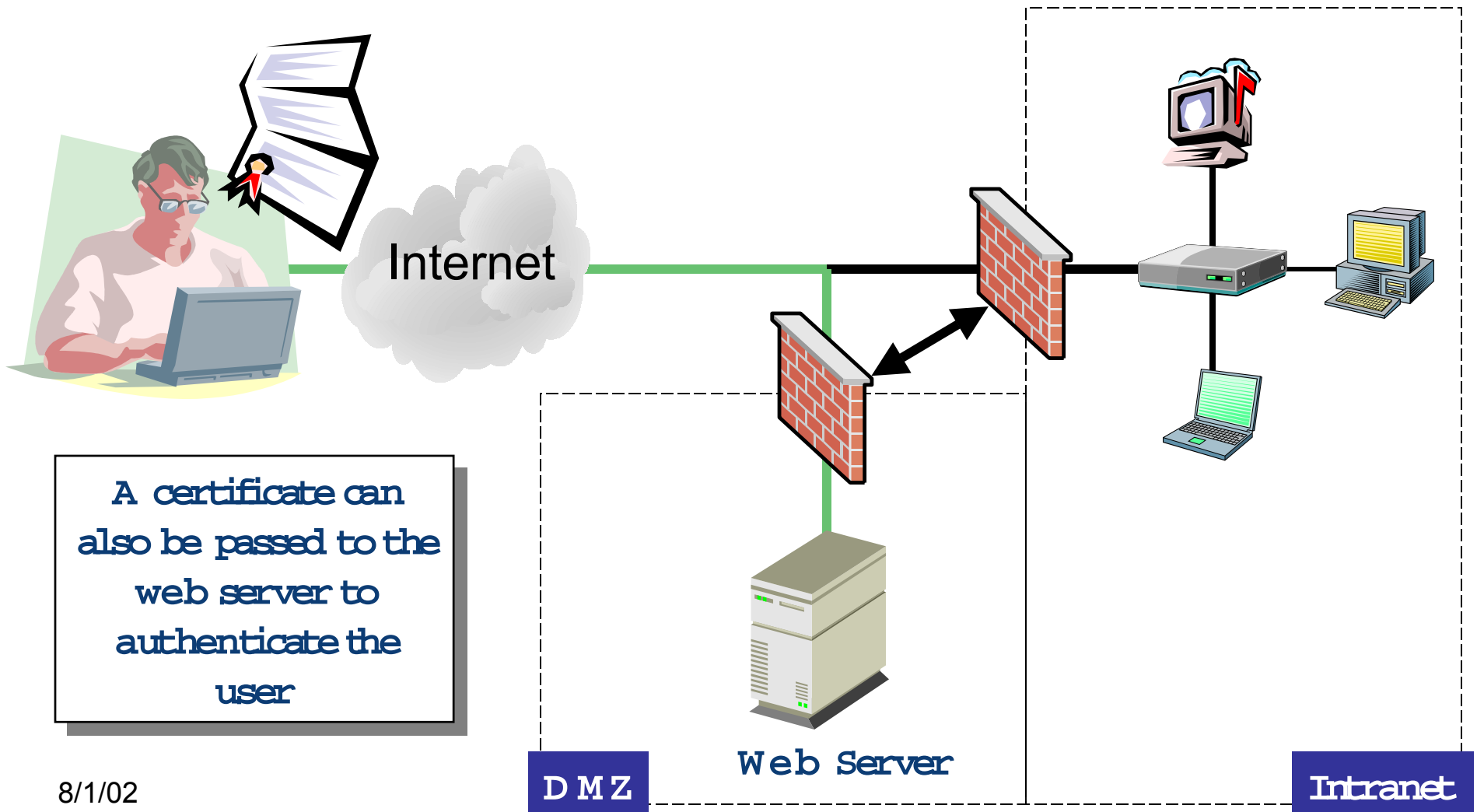
- **With the ever increasing use of the Web for eBusiness, a new focus on protecting confidential data arises**
  - Normal web traffic is in clear text (it is viewable to anyone who is able to install a network sniffer into your network)
  - The threat of a DNS attacks removes any certainty that you really are communicating with the indented web server
    - **An attacker can create a fake web site and attack the DNS server and redirect web traffic to this site**
- **Secure Socket Layer (SSL) using cryptographic certificates can be used to help deal with these issues**
  - SSL enables encrypted communications that prevent confidential web traffic from being read
  - Certificates provide a level of authentication that you are really talking to the intended web server and not a imposter
  - A user certificate can also be used to authenticate who they are

# Secure Web Transactions



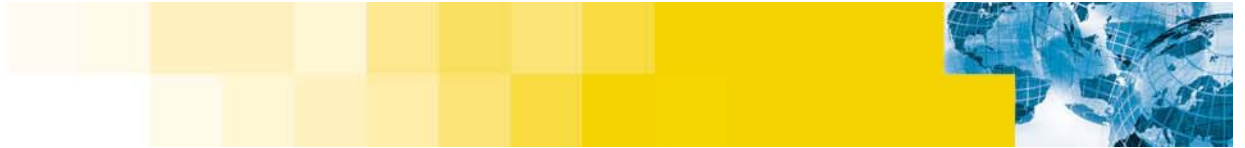


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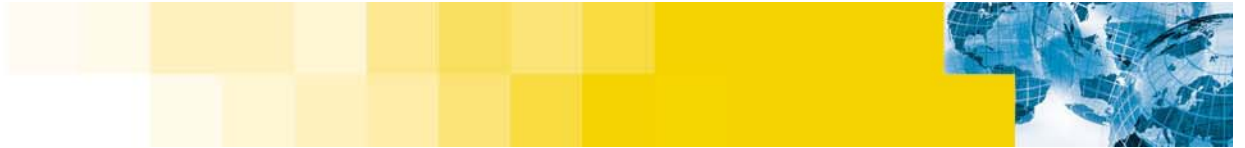
## III: Where Can I Find More Information?





# Where You Can Find More Information

- **Symantec Corporation**
  - <http://www.symantec.com>
- **Security Focus (Home of BUGTRAQ) Now owned by Symantec**
  - <http://www.securityfocus.com>
- **Packet Storm**
  - <http://www.packetstormsecurity.com>
- **CVE (Common Vulnerability and Exposures)**
  - <http://cve.mitre.org>

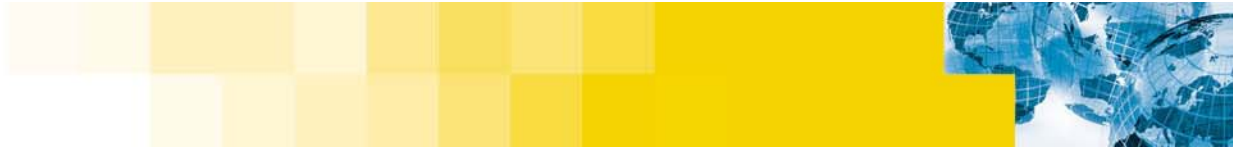


# Where You Can Find More Information

- **SANS Institute**
  - <http://www.sans.org>
- **The Center for Internet Security**
  - <http://www.cisecurity.org>
- **Linux Security**
  - <http://www.linuxsecurity.com>
- **Network Security Library**
  - <http://secinf.net>

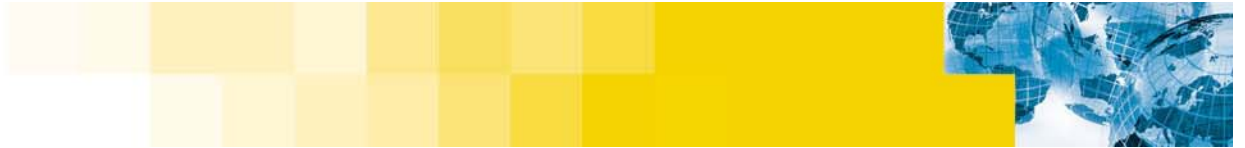
## IV: Conclusion





## Conclusion

- **Web site hacks represents one of the most command forms of attack**
  - Downtime
  - Embarrassment
  - Lost revenue
- **You have to understand the technical aspects to combat the threat**
- **Remember that the first step to securing your site should be the development of a security policy that fits your needs**



## V: Questions?

