



MAFTIA: a European project for dependable Internet applications despite intrusions and accidental faults

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Fundamental Concepts of Dependability
[Avizienis, Laprie & Randell 2001]

Dependability: Basic Concepts and Terminology
[Laprie 1992]

Intrusion-tolerant data processing
[Fabre, Deswarte & Randell 1994]

Intrusion-tolerant security server
[Deswarte, Blain & Fabre 1991]

Secure systems from insecure components
[Dobson & Randell 1986]

Intrusion-tolerant file system
[Fraga & Powell 1985]

Dependability as a generic concept
[Laprie 1985]



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IST Dependability Initiative
Cross Program Action 2
Dependability in services and technologies

❖ Malicious- and Accidental-Fault Tolerance for Internet Applications

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Objectives

- ❖ Architectural framework and conceptual model (WP1)
- ❖ Mechanisms and protocols:
 - dependable middleware (WP2)
 - large scale intrusion detection systems (WP3)
 - dependable trusted third parties (WP4)
 - distributed authorization mechanisms (WP5)
- ❖ Validation and assessment techniques (WP6)

Authorisation

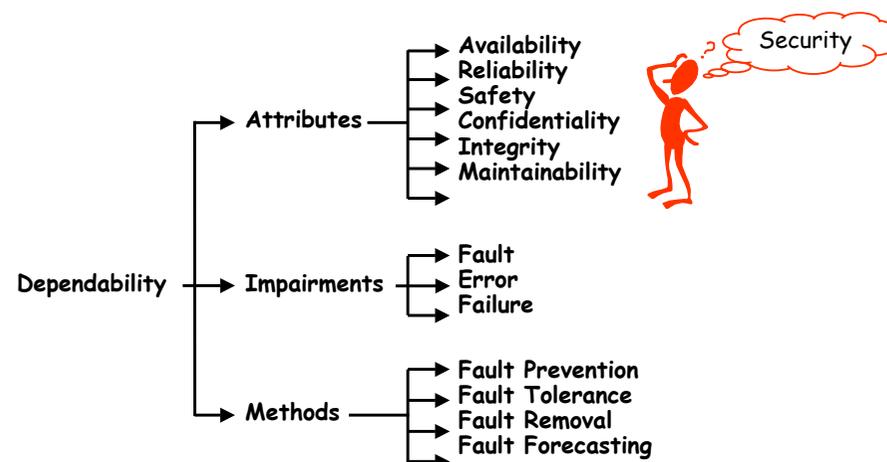
- ❖ Contributes to protection:
 - Error detection/confinement
 - Intrusion prevention/confinement
- ❖ For Internet applications:
 - More flexible than "client-server" paradigm
 - Contributes to privacy: personal information is disclosed only on a "need-to-know" basis

Dependability

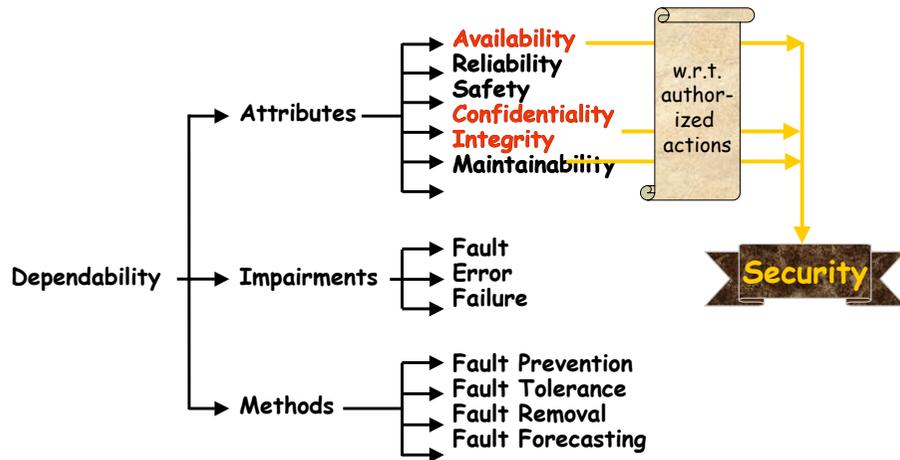
- ❖ Trustworthiness of a computer system such that reliance can justifiably be placed on the service it delivers

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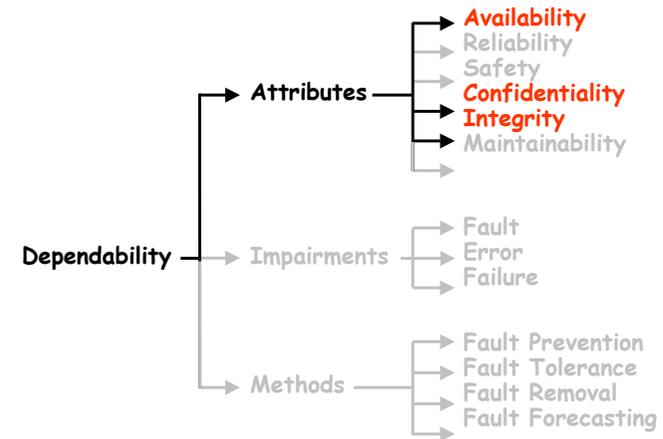
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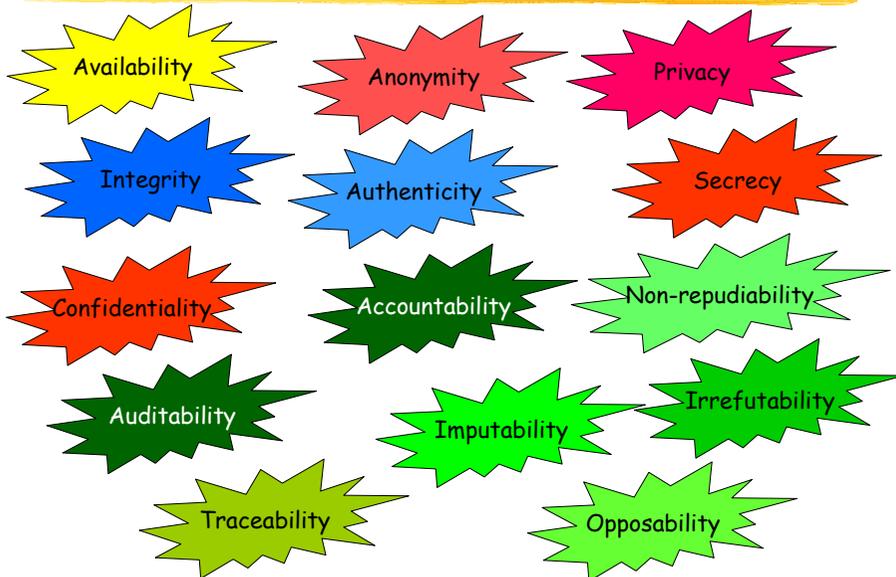
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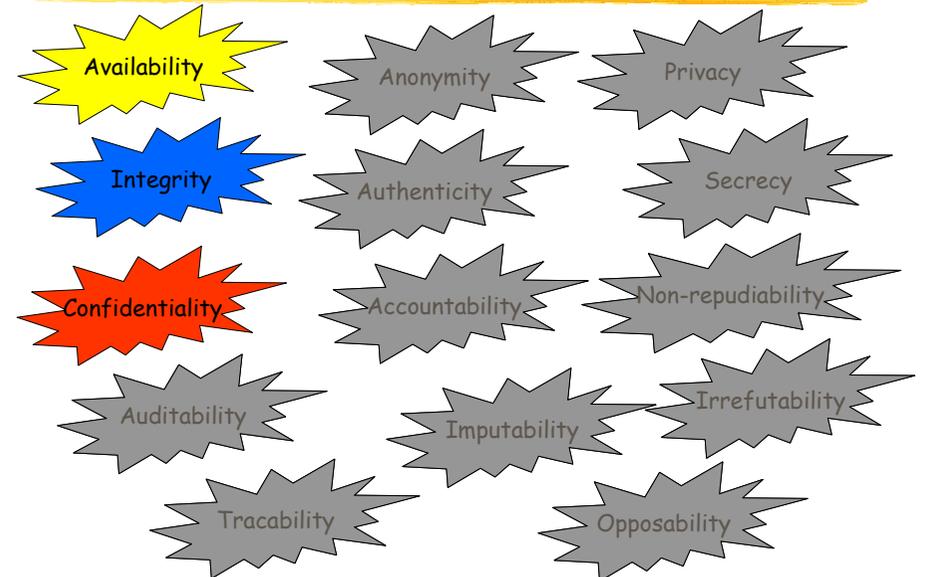
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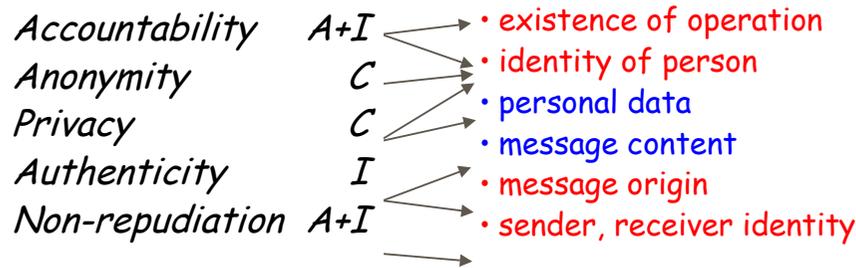
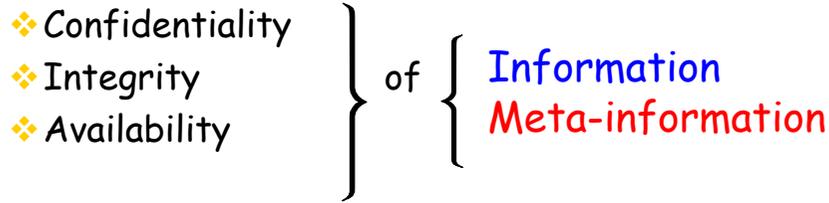
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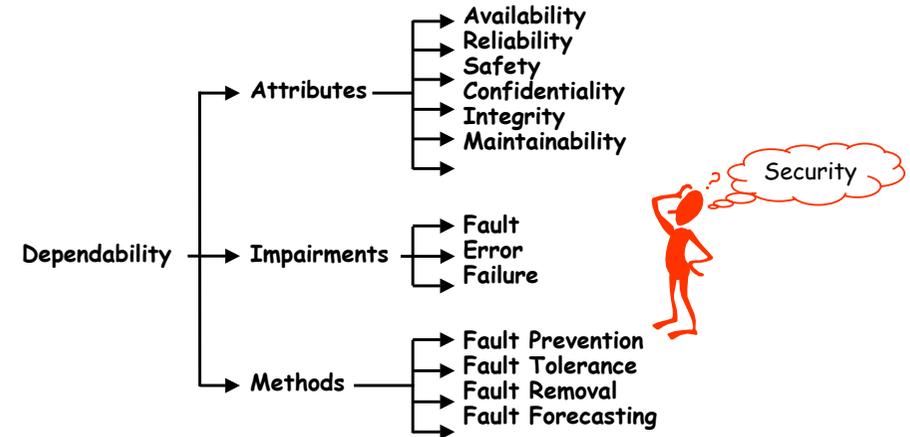
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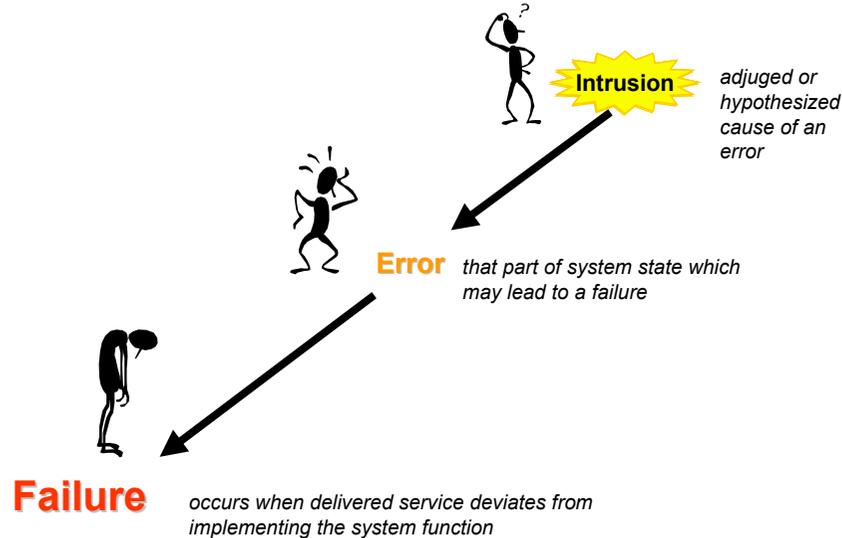
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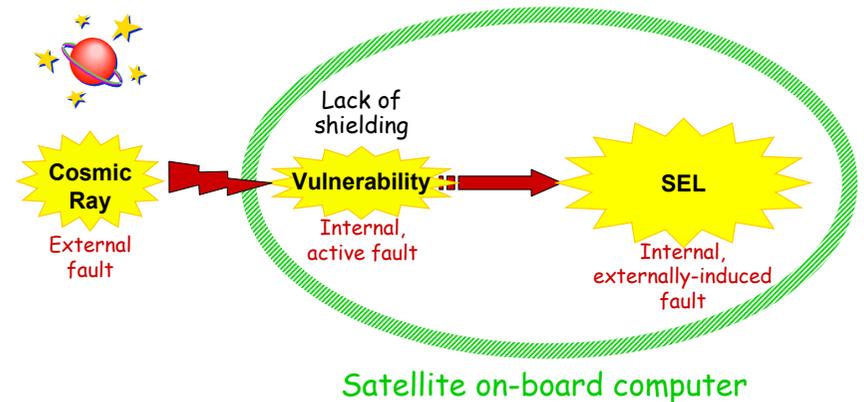


Fault, Error & Failure



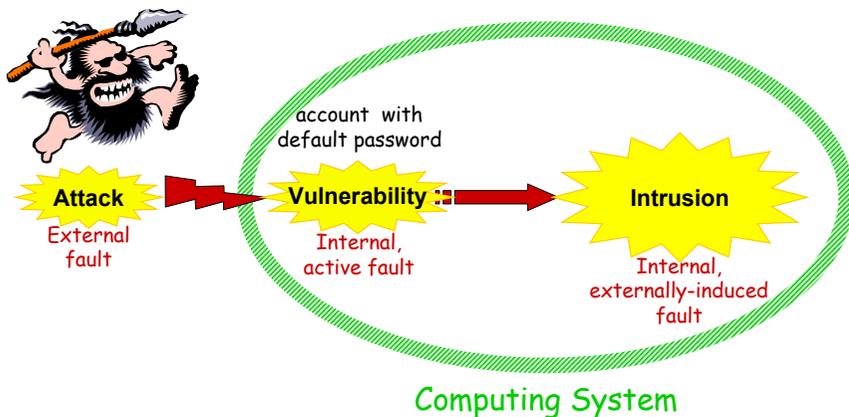
Example: Single Event Latchup

SELs (reversible stuck-at faults) may occur because of radiation (e.g., cosmic ray, high energy ions)

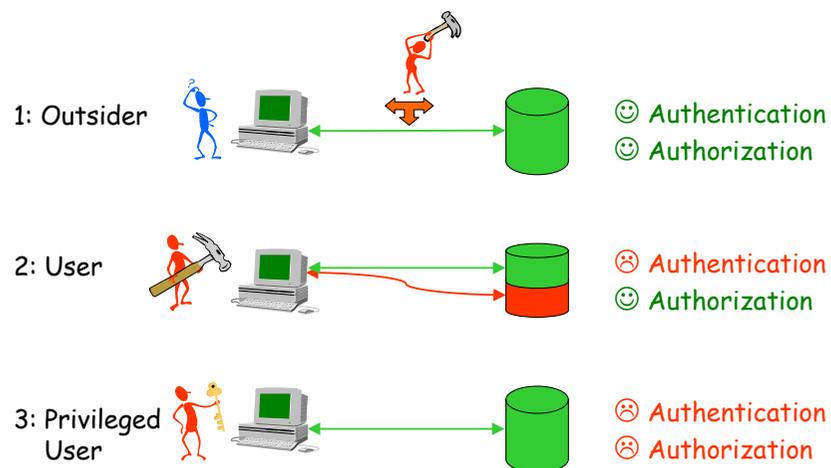


Intrusions

Intrusions result from
(at least partially) successful attacks:



Who are the intruders?



Insiders or Outsiders ?

❖ 01 Informatique 1998

- 1200 companies in 32 countries
- 66% experienced fraud in last 12 months
 - 85% by company employees

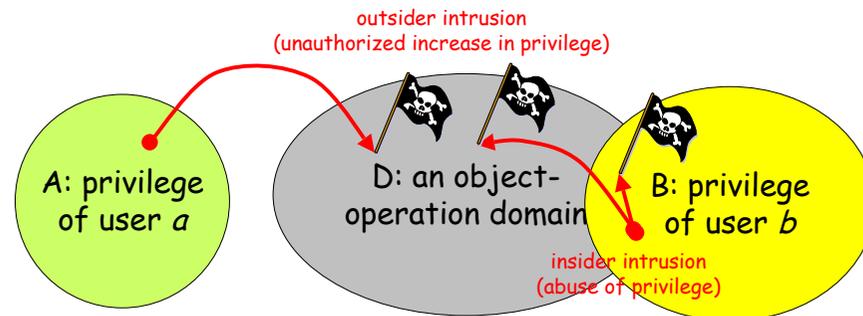
❖ Computer Crime and Security Survey 2001 (Computer Security Institute and the FBI)

http://www.gocsi.com/prelea_000321.htm

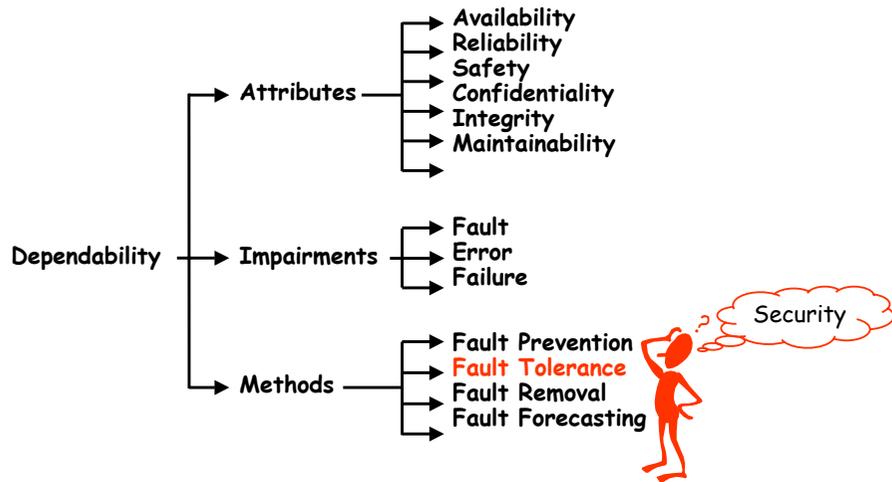
- 91% of respondent reported employee abuse of Internet (79% in 2000)
- but decreasing proportion of disgruntled employees: 76% (82% in 2000)
- 70% cite Internet as a frequent point of attack (59%)

Outsiders vs Insiders

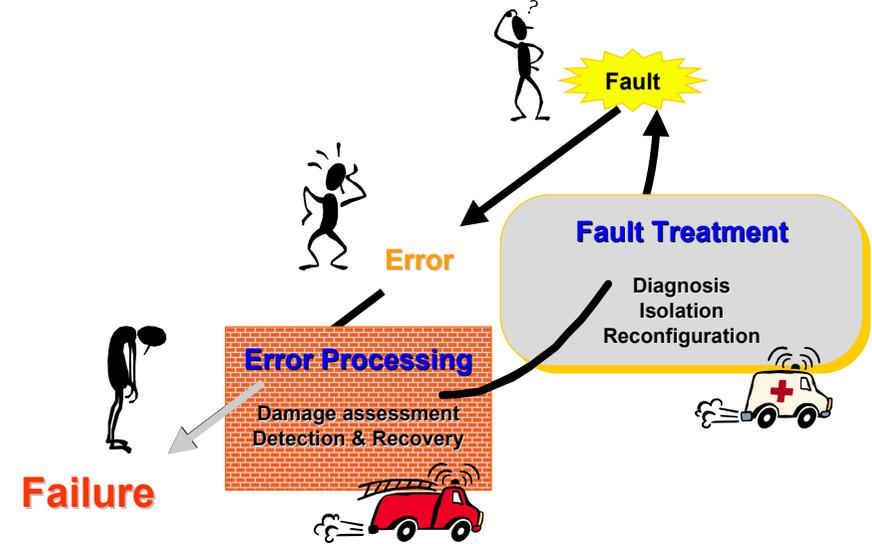
- ❖ Outsider: not authorized to perform any of specified object-operations
- ❖ Insider: authorized to perform some of specified object-operations



The Dependability Tree

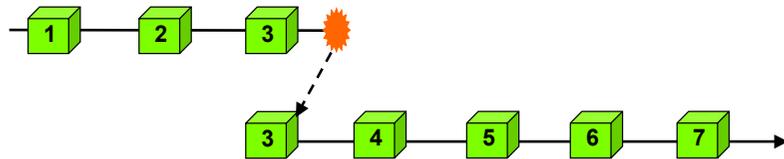


Fault Tolerance



Error Processing

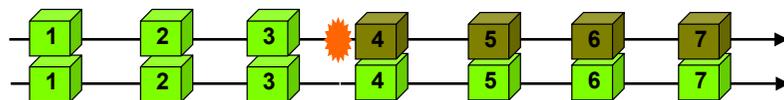
Backward recovery



Forward recovery



Compensation-based recovery (fault masking)



Error Processing (wrt intrusions)

- ❖ Error (security policy violation) detection
 - + Backward recovery (availability, integrity)
 - + Forward recovery (availability, confidentiality)
- ❖ Intrusion masking
 - Fragmentation (confidentiality)
 - Redundancy (availability, integrity)
 - Scattering

Intrusion Masking

Intrusion into a part of the system should give access only to non-significant information



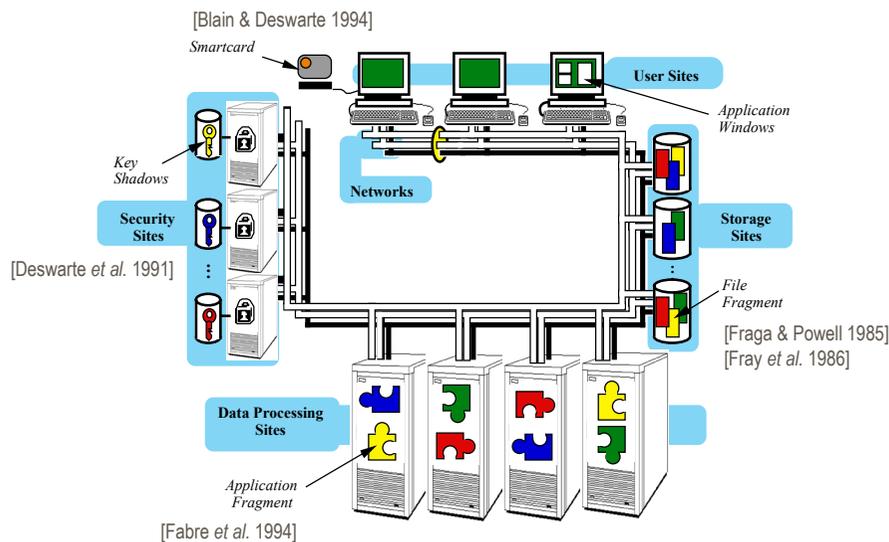
FRS: Fragmentation-Redundancy-Scattering

- **Fragmentation:** split the data into fragments so that isolated fragments contain no significant information: *confidentiality*
- **Redundancy:** add redundancy so that fragment modification or destruction would not impede legitimate access: *integrity + availability*
- **Scattering:** isolate individual fragments

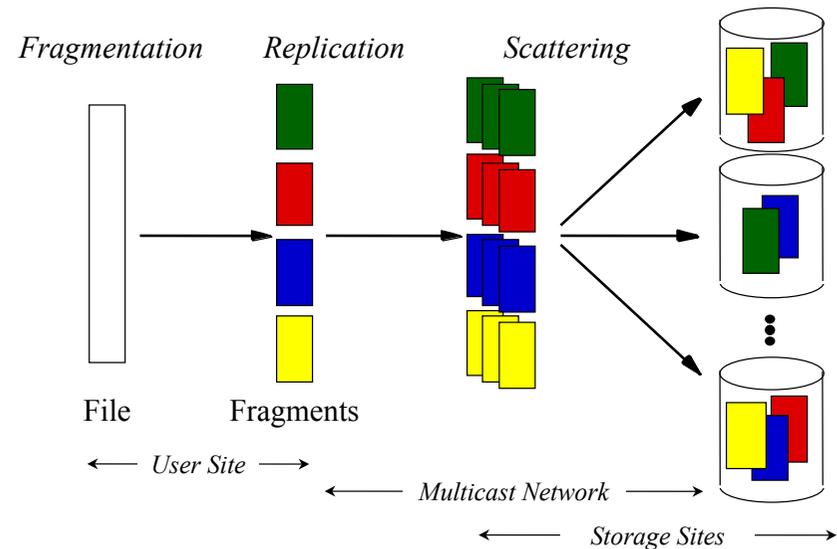
Different kinds of scattering

- ❖ **Space:** use different transmission links and different storage sites
- ❖ **Time:** mix fragments (from the same source, from different sources, with jamming)
- ❖ **Frequency:** use different carrier frequencies (spread-spectrum)
- ❖ **Privilege:** require the co-operation of differently privileged entities to realise an operation (separation of duty, secret sharing)

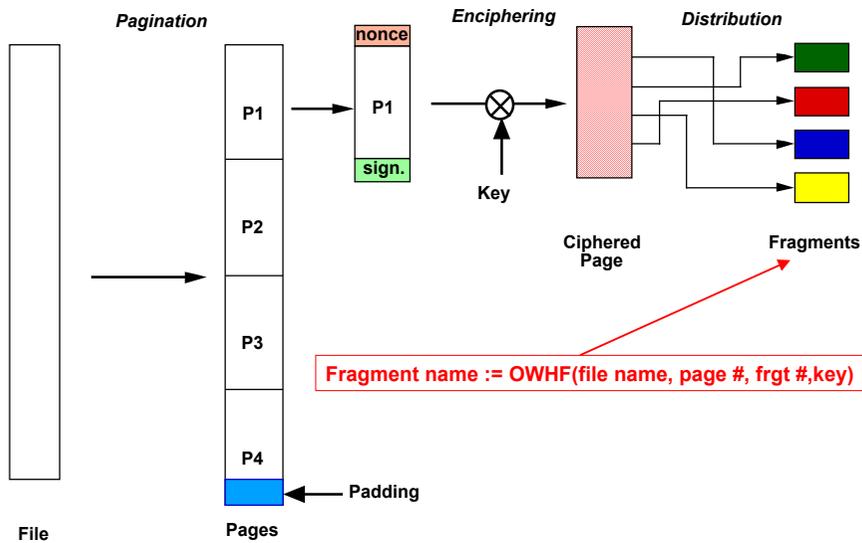
Prototype



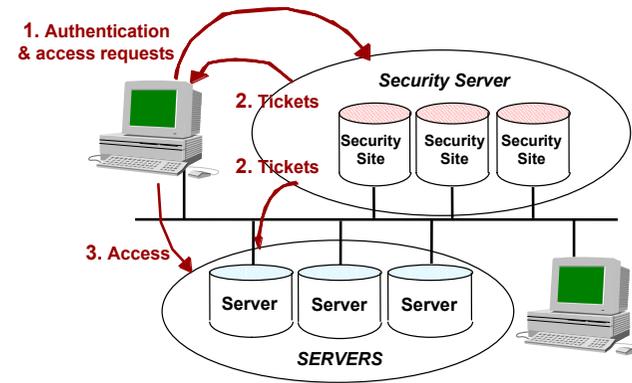
FRSed File Server



File Fragmentation

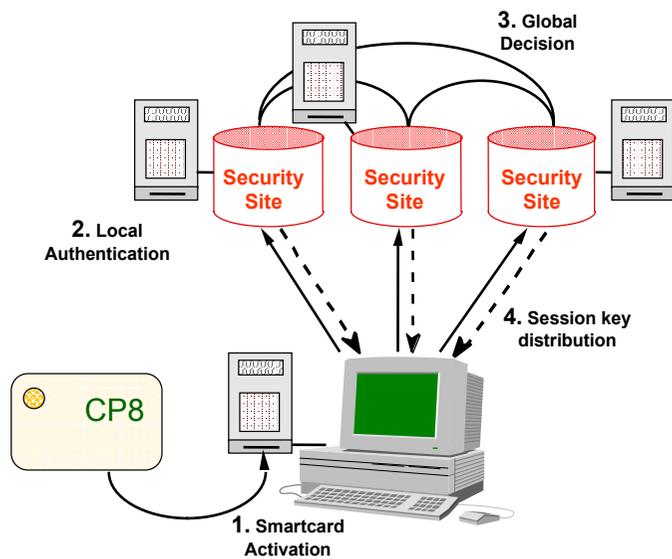


FRSed Security Management

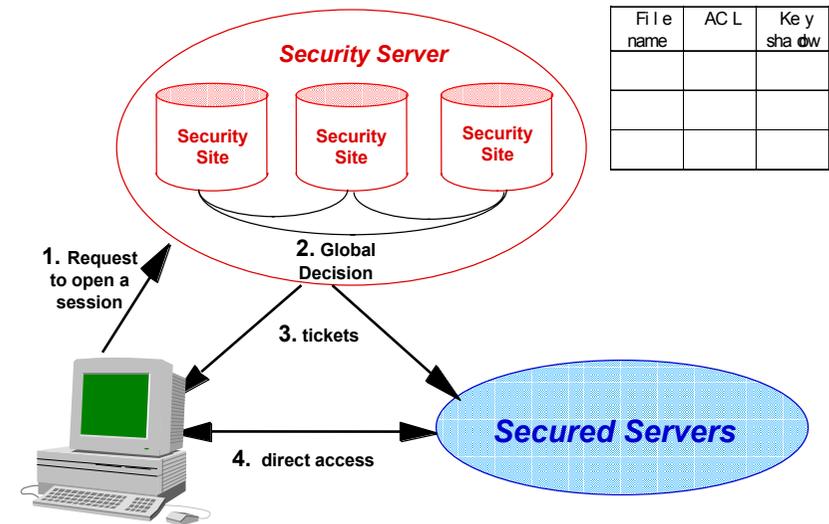


- No single trusted site or administrator
- Global trust in a majority of security sites (and administrators)

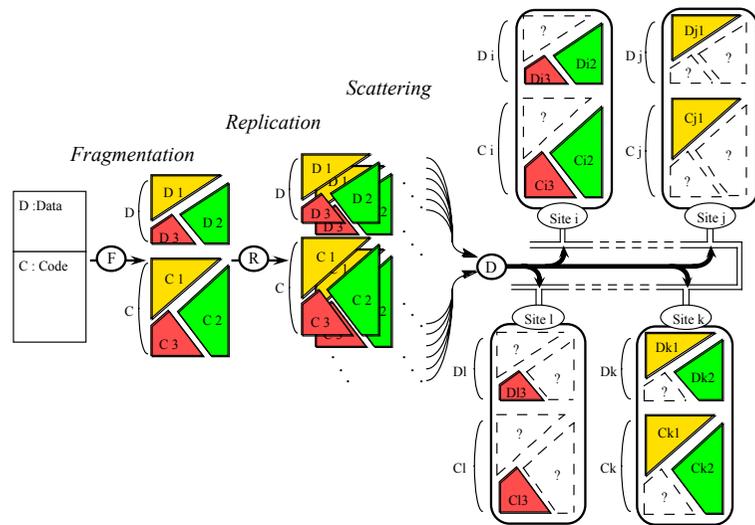
Authentication



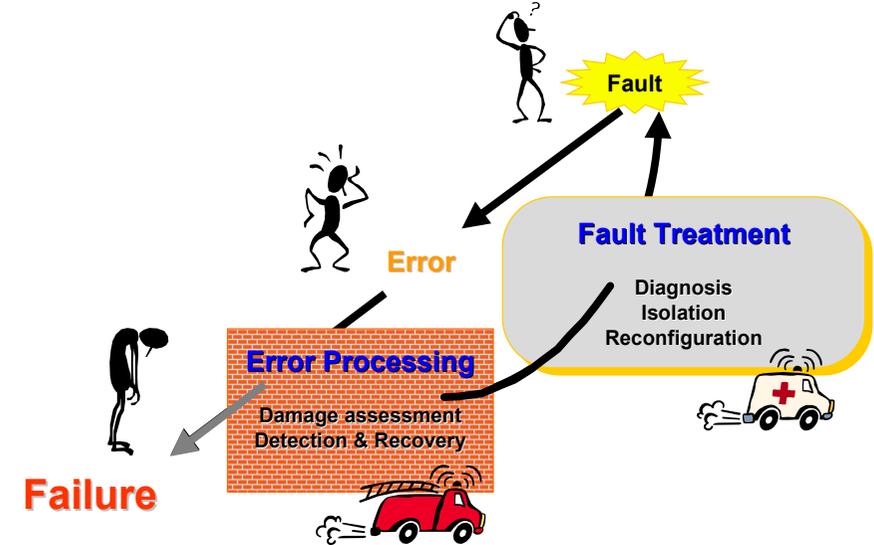
Authorization



Fragmented Data Processing



Fault Tolerance

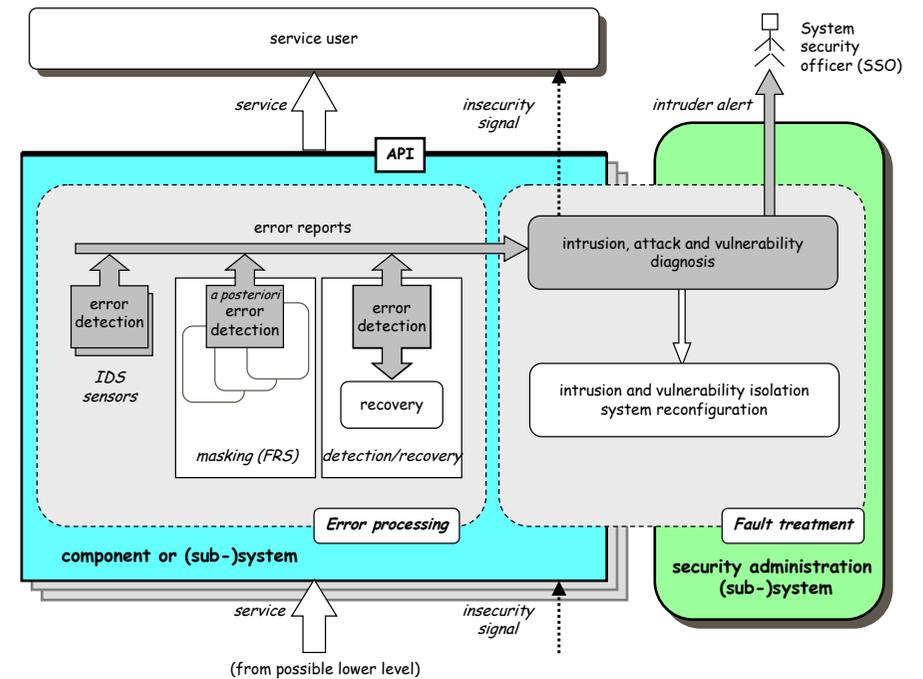
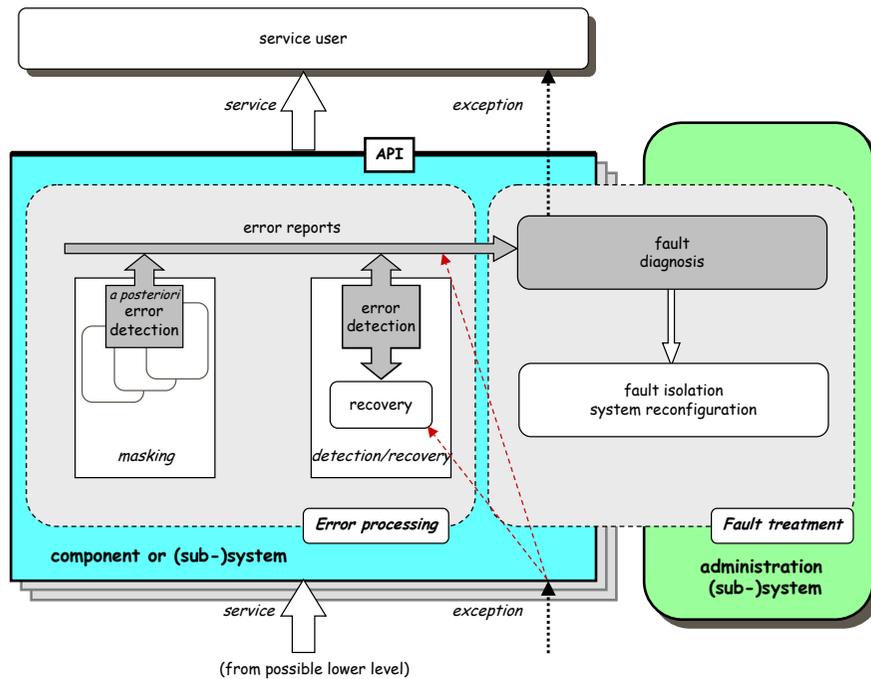


Fault Treatment

- ❖ **Diagnosis**
 - determine cause of error, i.e., the fault(s)
 - localization
 - nature
- ❖ **Isolation**
 - prevent new activation
- ❖ **Reconfiguration**
 - so that fault-free components can provide an adequate, although degraded, service

Fault Treatment (wrt intrusions)

- ❖ **Diagnosis**
 - Non-malicious or malicious (intrusion)
 - Attack (to allow retaliation)
 - Vulnerability (to allow removal)
- ❖ **Isolation**
 - Intrusion (to prevent further penetration)
 - Vulnerability (to prevent further intrusion)
- ❖ **Reconfiguration**
 - Contingency plan to degrade/restore service
 - inc. attack retaliation, vulnerability removal



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