

CS 134

Elements of Cryptography and
Computer & Network Security

Fall 2019

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<https://www.ics.uci.edu/~alfchen/teaching/cs134-2019-Fall>

[lecture slides are adapted from previous slides by Prof. Gene Tsudik]

Today

- Administrative Stuff
- Course Organization
- Course Topics
- Gentle Introduction
- Basics of Cryptography (Crypto)

CS 134 Background

- Classes: Tu/Th 2-3:20pm @ HSLH 100A
 - 4 discussion sessions:
 - W 8-8:50 AM SH 128
 - W 9-9:50 AM SH 128
 - W 1-1:50 PM PSCB 140
 - W 2-2:50 PM PSCB 140
- Senior-level undergraduate course
- Some overlap with CS 203 / NetSYS 240 (graduate)
- Offered yearly since 2002
- Last time offered Spring 2019

Why (not) take this course?

- Difficult course material
- There will be some unusual math
 - e.g., number theory, group theory
- Tough grading
 - might work hard and still wind up with a “C”
- Mean instructor
- Lecture slides may not available ahead of class
- No drop after second week
- No [Pass/No-Pass] option

Contact Information

- Instructor: **Qi Alfred Chen** -- Just call me “Alfred”
 - Email: *alfchen@uci.edu*
 - Assistant Prof. in CS
 - Research area: **Cybersecurity**
 - Most interested in the attack side
 - Breaking things, especially real-world systems, are fun!
 - Past: Smartphone, network protocols, GUI, access control, ...
 - Recent: Smart home, self-driving cars, smart traffic light, ...
 - My attack demo videos on YouTube attracted **> 90,000 views** (as of this year) from all over the world (daily peak of **>17,000 views** 😊)
 - Also work on the defense side
 - Fixing problems are bigger contributions!
 - More details in my website: <https://www.ics.uci.edu/~alfchen/>
 - Office Hours:
 - Wednesdays, 4-5 PM, DBH 3204
 - More if needed, e.g., before midterm and/or final
 - Otherwise, by appointment: contact by email but try TA-s first

Contact Information

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**OFFICE HOURS: Thursday 5-6 PM (starting next week), ~~DBH 4011~~ICS2
214, 215, 216, 217**

Please **only use Piazza** for questions to TA/readers; emails above are only for emergency use

Prerequisites

Ideally, at least 2 of:

- Operating Systems (CS 143A)
- Distributed Systems (CS 131)
- Computer Networks (CS 132)

AND:

- Design/Analysis of Algorithms (CS 161)

Class Info

- Lecture format
 - lecture slides (not always posted before class)
 - ~19 lectures total (including midterm)
 - possibly some guest lectures
 - Classes I will most likely miss
 - Oct 29: Security PI meeting
 - Nov 21: CPS PI meeting
- Course website:
 - check it regularly
 - news, assignments, grades and lecture notes (PDF) will all be posted there
- Read your email often

Class Info

- Course space: Canvas
 - <https://canvas.eee.uci.edu/courses/19896>
 - Only for email-based announcements
- Q&A space: Piazza
 - <https://piazza.com/uci/fall2019/compsci134>
 - Post all your questions here
- Grading: Gradescope
 - <https://www.gradescope.com/courses/66307>
 - Entry code in Piazza
 - Homeworks will be turned in here

Course Textbooks/Readings

OPTIONAL (BUT RECOMMENDED):

Network Security: Private Communication in a Public World, 2nd edition
Charlie Kaufman, Radia Perlman, Mike Speciner
Prentice Hall – 2002 – ISBN: 0130460192

OPTIONAL:

Cryptography : Theory and Practice, 3rd edition
Douglas R. Stinson
CRC Press – 2005 – ISBN: 1584885084

Also:

Cryptography and Network Security, 4th edition
William Stallings
Prentice Hall – 2006 – ISBN: 0131873164

Course Grading

- Midterm (26%)
 - Time (tentative): Oct 31 Thursday, in class
- Final (26%)
 - Time: Dec 12 Thursday, 1:30-3:30pm
- 3 Homeworks (16% each)

BTW:

- I may or may not grade on a curve
- I do not hesitate assigning "C"-s and worse ...
- This is a large class (>150 students)
- ~10% didn't pass in previous years, so study hard

Student Expectations

- Keep up with material covered in lectures!
 - browse lecture slides
 - Slides will be on-line the same day
- Attend all lectures
- No excuses for not reading your email!
- Exams and homework:
 - No collaboration of any sort
 - Violators will be dealt with harshly
 - An **F** in the course is guaranteed if caught
 - A note in your file

Drop Policy

- No late drops except for documented emergencies
- Incompletes to be avoided at all costs

- But, what if: I have to graduate this quarter!
 - Should have planned better.

And remember:

- This is not an easy course and you do not have to be here
- This is a big class and some of you will get unpleasant grades

However:

- You might have fun ... security and crypto are very "interesting" topics (require a special mindset)
- I will certainly make mistakes – point them out!
- I want your constructive feedback
- Please ask questions and challenge (within reason)
me and TAs

Complaints about:

- Course content: to me
- Course grading: to me
- TAs/Readers: to me
- Instructor, i.e., me:
 - ICS Associate Dean of Student Affairs (M. Gopi)
 - or
 - Computer Science Department Chair (A. Nicolau)

Course Topics – Tentative and Unsorted

Will be covered

- Security attacks/services
- Conventional Cryptography
- Public Key Cryptography
- Key Management
- Digital Signatures
- Secure Hash Functions
- Authentication & Identification
- Certification/Revocation

We may also touch upon

- Wireless/Mobile Net security
- DDOS attacks and trace-back
- Internet Protocol (IP) security
- Firewalls
- SSL/TLS
- Kerberos, X.509
- Access Control (RBAC)
- E-cash, secure e-commerce
- RFID security
- Trojans/Worms/Viruses
- Intrusion Detection

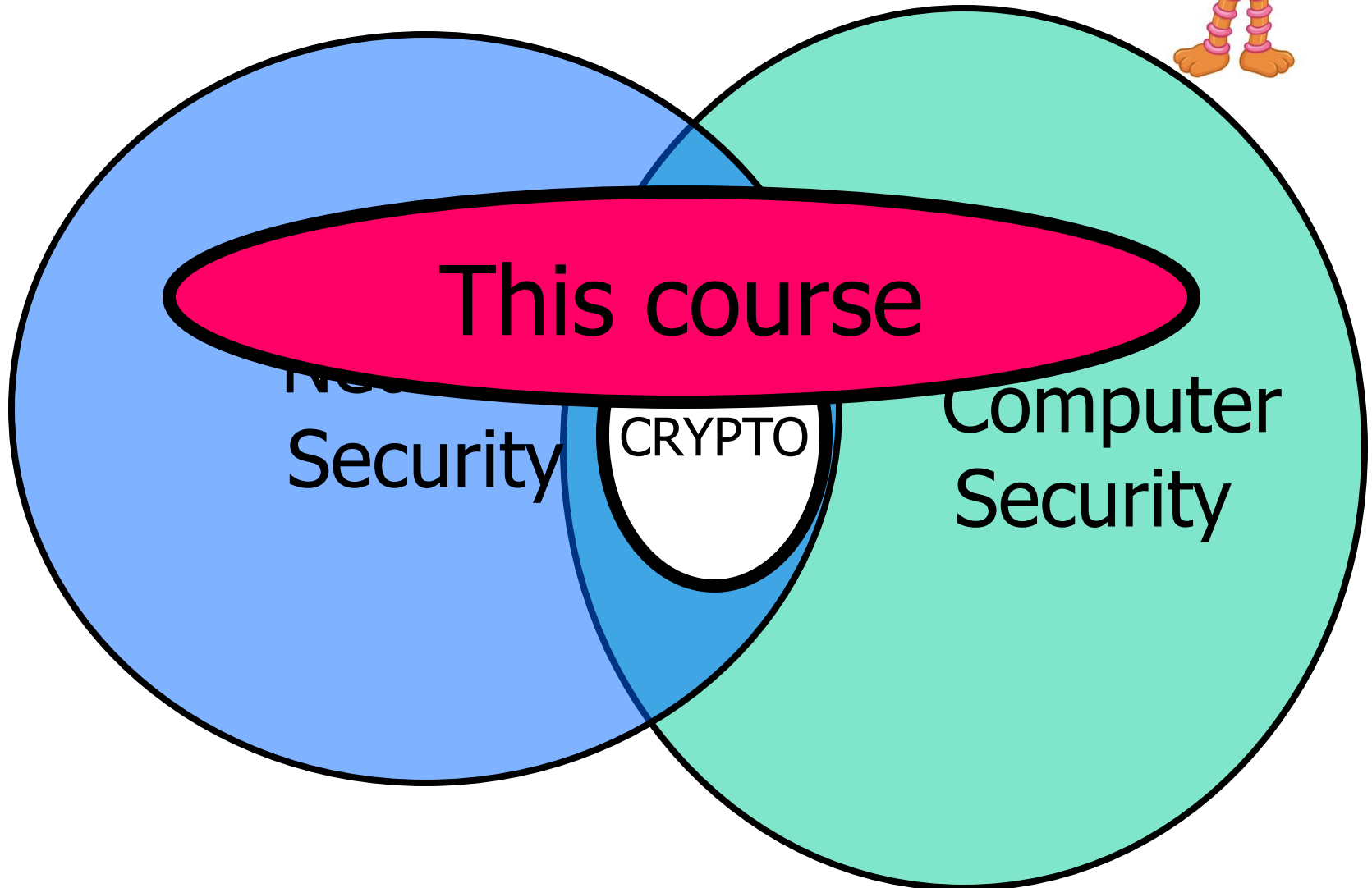
Focus of the Class

- Recognize security attacks/threats
- Learn basic defense mechanisms
 - cryptographic and other techniques
- Appreciate how much remains to be learned **after** this course

BTW:

- You certainly won't become an expert (or a Mr. Robot-type)
- You might be interested to study the subject further

Bird's eye view



Outline

- Players/actors/entities
- Terminology
- Attacks, services and mechanisms
- Security attacks
- Security services
- Methods of defense
- Model for network security

Computer Security: The Cast of Characters

Attacker or Adversary



Can be: individuals,
organizations, nations ...
(including software or even
hardware acting on their
behalf)

Your Computer/Phone/Tablet



Your data: financial, health
records, intellectual property ...



Network Security: The Cast of Characters



Alice

communication channel



Bob



Eve(sdropper)

Terminology (Cryptography)

- **Cryptology, Cryptography, Cryptanalysis**
- **Cipher, Cryptosystem, Encryption scheme**
- **Encryption/Decryption, Encipher/Decipher**
- **Privacy/Confidentiality, Authentication, Identification**
- **Integrity**
- **Non-repudiation**
- **Freshness, Timeliness, Causality**
- **Intruder, Adversary, Interloper, Attacker**
- **Anonymity, Unlinkability/Untraceability**

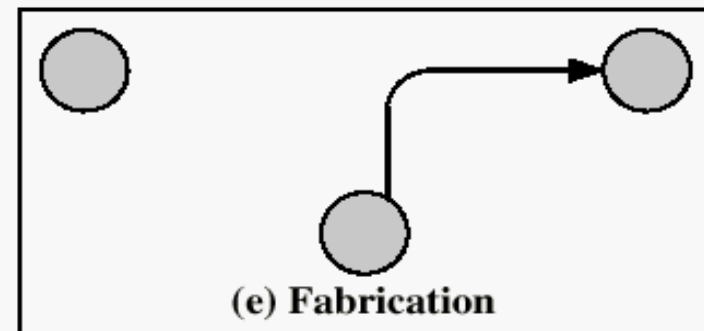
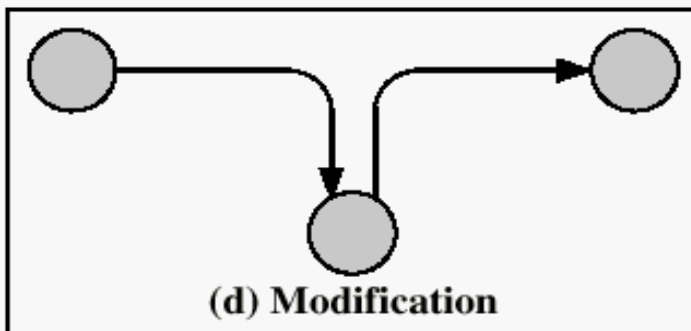
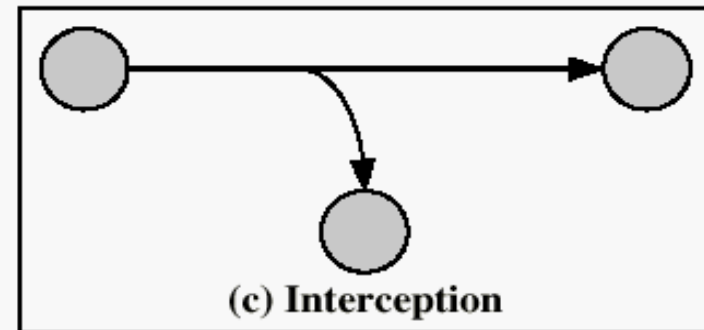
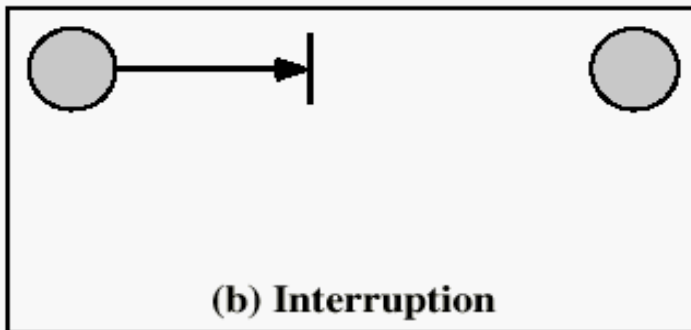
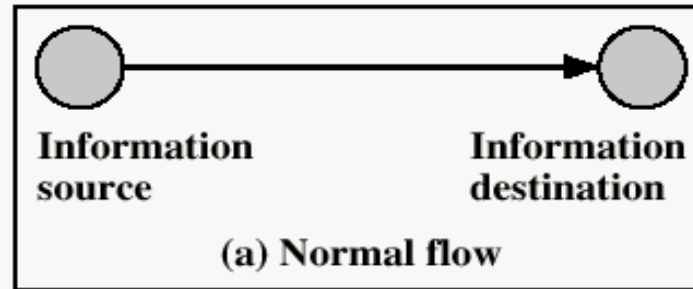
Terminology (Security)

- **Access Control & Authorization**
- **Accountability**
- **Intrusion Detection**
- **Physical Security**
- **Tamper-Resistance**
- **Certification & Revocation**

Attacks, Services and Mechanisms

- **Security Attack:** an action (or event) that aims to compromise (undermine) security of information or resource
- **Security Mechanism:** a measure (technique or method) designed to detect, prevent, or recover from, a security attack
- **Security Service:** something that enhances security. A “security service” makes use of one or more “security mechanisms”
- Examples:
 - **Security Attack:** Eavesdropping (aka Interception)
 - **Security Mechanism:** Encryption
 - **Security Service:** Confidentiality

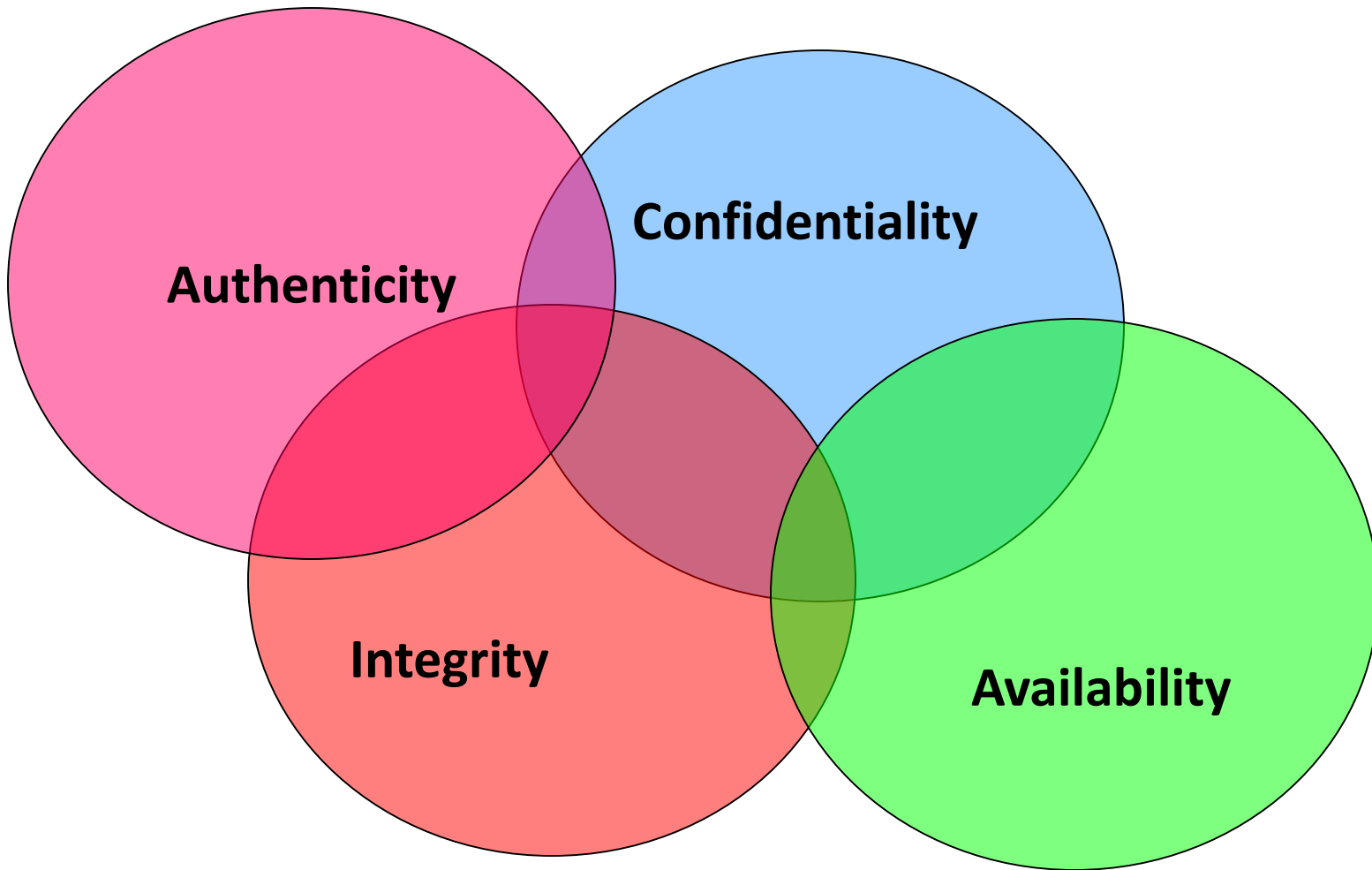
Some Classes of Security Attacks



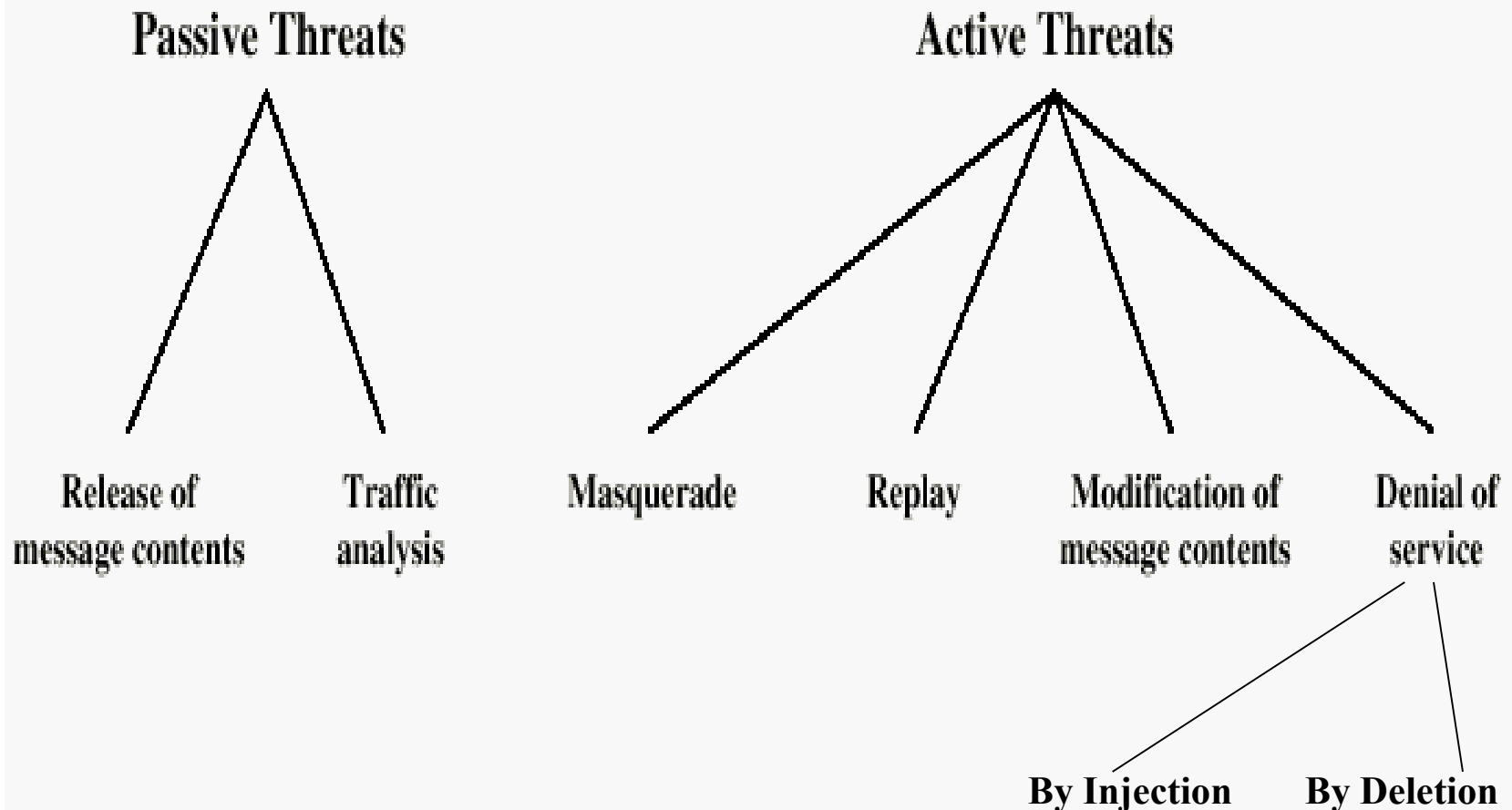
Security Attacks

- **Interruption:** attack on availability
- **Interception:** attack on confidentiality
- **Modification:** attack on integrity
- **Fabrication:** attack on authenticity

Main Security Goals



Security Threats: Threat vs Attack?



Example Security Services

- **Confidentiality:** to assure information privacy and secrecy
- **Authentication:** who created or sent data
- **Integrity:** data has not been altered
- **Access control:** prevent misuse of resources
- **Availability:** offer access to resources, permanence, non-erasure

Examples of attacks on Availability:

- Denial of Service (DoS) Attacks
 - e.g., against a DNS name server or Bank Web server
- Malware (ransomware) that deletes or encrypts files

Alice

Bob



**Trusted
third party
(e.g., arbiter, distributor
of secret information)**

Principal

Principal

Message

Secret
information

Security-related
transformation

Information
Channel

Message

Secret
information

Security-related
transformation

Attacker/Adversary



Some Security Mechanisms

- **Cryptography** → confidentiality, authentication, identification, integrity, etc.
- **Software Controls** (e.g., in databases, operating systems) → protect system from users and users from each other
- **Hardware Controls** (e.g., smartcards, badges, biometrics) → authenticate holders (users)
- **Policies** (e.g., frequent password changes, separation of duty rules) → prevent insider attacks
- **Physical Controls** (doors, guards, moats, etc.) → physical access controls

End of Lecture 1

Any urgent
questions?