

DARPA's Path to Self-Regenerative Systems

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Systems that know what they're doing

- Able to reason, using substantial amounts of appropriately represented knowledge.
- Learn from their experiences and improve their performance over time.
- Capable of explaining themselves and taking naturally expressed direction from humans.
- Aware of themselves and able to reflect on their own behavior.
- Able to respond robustly to surprises, in a very general way.





SELF-REGENERATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEMS





- Conceive, design, develop, implement, demonstrate and validate architectures, tools, and techniques that would allow fielding of systems that can learn.
- Develop the basic precepts of representation, reasoning and learning that will form the scientific foundation for all such future systems.



Self-Regenerative Systems: Envisioned Capabilities



- Learn from its experience so it performs better tomorrow than it did today.
- Restore system capabilities to full functionality following an attack event or a component failure.
- Analyze a specific failure and diagnose the root cause of the failure.
 - Determine if an attack focused on exploiting a specific vulnerability or a misconfiguration, or if the failure was caused by an operational error or a fundamental flaw in the architecture.



Self-Regenerative Systems: Envisioned Capabilities



- Generalize a specific attack event to form a defense against a class of attacks.
- Adapt to changes in network traffic due to congestion or denial of service attacks or router and link failures.
- Continually create new deceptions as new threats emerge and old techniques become less effective.
- Monitor insider activity and develop profiles for appropriate and legitimate behavior.
 - Take preventive and defensive measures as legitimate bounds are exceeded.



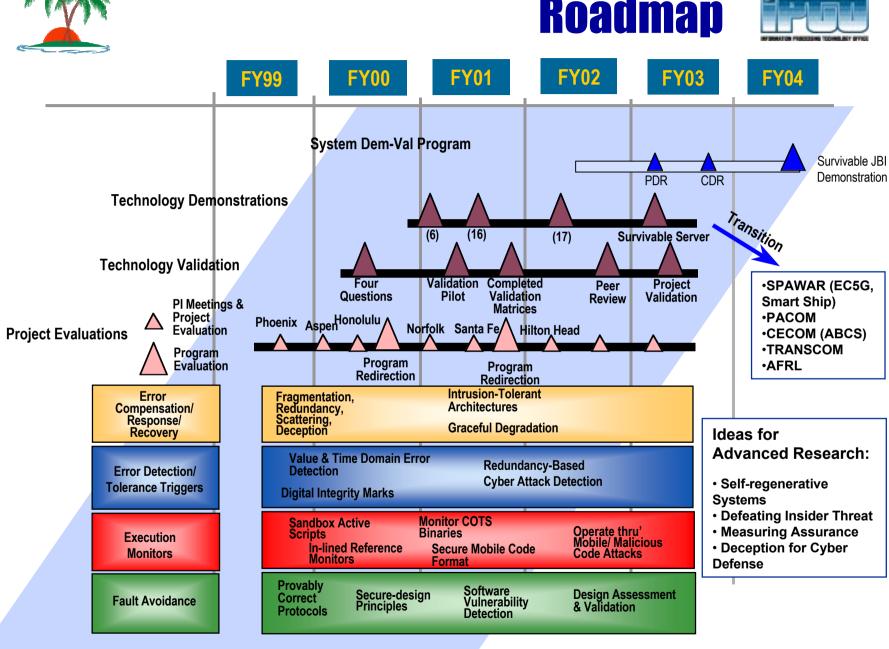




Self-Regenerative Information Systems

- Seedling Programs
 - Self-Healing Networked Information Systems:
 - > Schneider Panel: 11/01 02/02
 - Automated Diversity, Scalable Redundancy, Deception Technologies, Defeating Insider Threats: 03/02 – 06/03
 - ◆ Measuring Assurance in Cyberspace: 07/02 06/03
 - ◆ Survivable Server: 07/02 06/03
- OASIS Demonstration and Validation: Aug 2002 July 2004
- Organically Assured and Survivable Information Systems (OASIS): July 1999- Dec 2003

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- Create self-healing systems that can operate through cyber attacks and provide continued, correct, and timely services to users.
- Adapt security posture to changing threat conditions and adjust performance and functionality.
- Always know how much reserve capability and attack margin are available.







- Restore system capabilities to full functionality following an event
- Autonomously reassess success and failure of all actions before, during and after an event
- Autonomously incorporate lessons learned into all system aspects including architecture, operational procedures, and user interfaces





Fred B. Schneider, Cornell University - Chair

Jim Anderson, University of North Carolina Stephanie Forrest, University of New Mexico Carl Landwehr, National Science Foundation Teresa Lunt, Palo Alto Research Center Mike Reiter, Carnegie-Mellon University Kishor Trivedi, Duke University





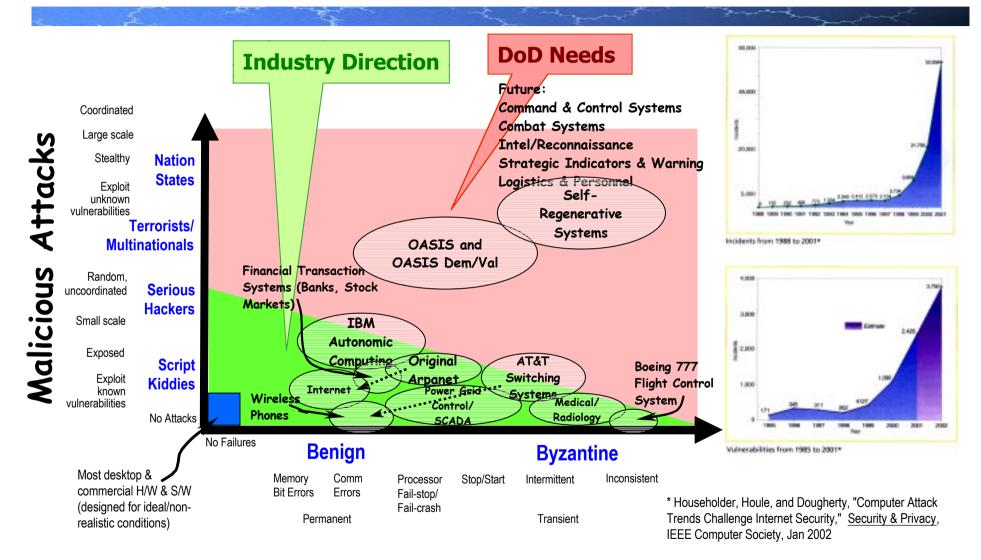


- Two meetings in Washington, DCBriefings from subject-matter experts
- Tarek Abdelzaher, Univ Virginia
- Massoud Amin, EPRI
- Anish Arora, Ohio State Univ
- Steve Bellovin, ATT
- Ken Birman, Cornell Univ
- Alan Demers, Cornell Univ
- Steve Goddard, Univ Nebraska

- Mohamed Gouda, Univ Texas
- Ted Herman, Univ Iowa
- Erica Jen, Santa Fe Institute
- Chandra Kintala, Avaya
- Simon Levin, Princeton Univ
- Alfred Spector, IBM Rsch
- Wietse Veneme, IBM Rsch

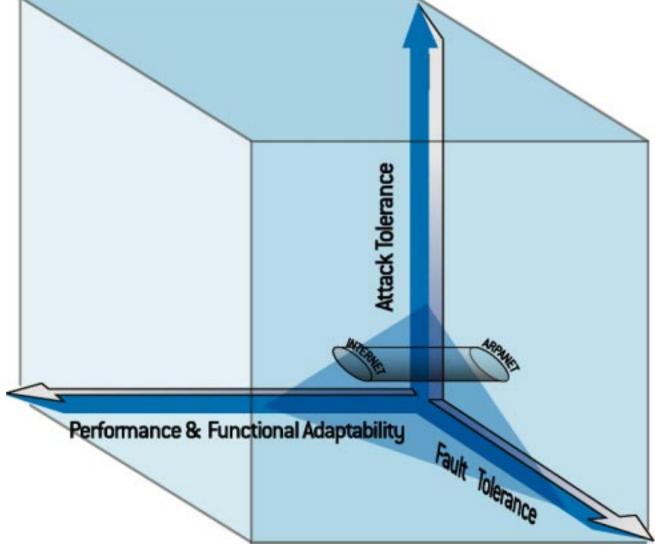


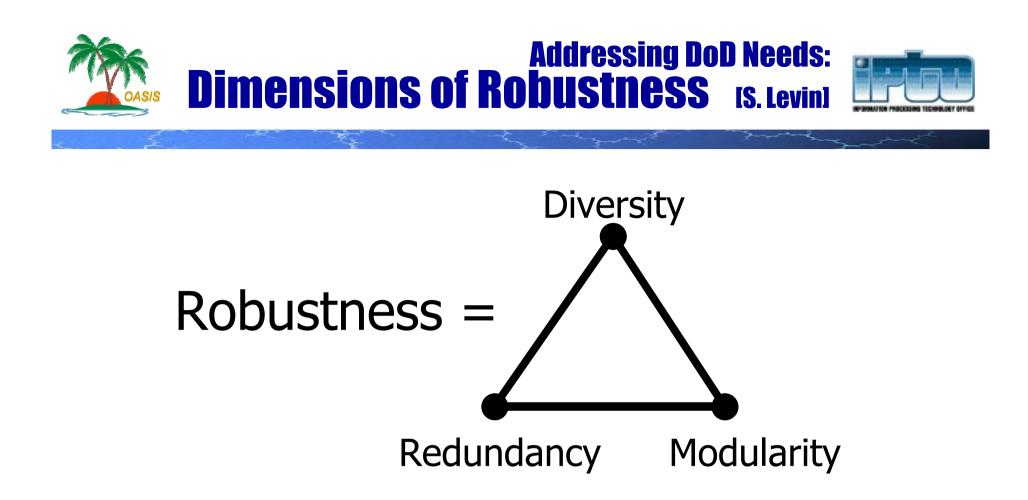




Accidental Faults and Errors







The time is right to exploit new opportunities!







Primary Research Areas

- Temporal and spatial run-time diversity.
- Scalable redundancy.
- Self-stabilization.
- Natural robustness via biological metaphors and systemic effects.

Complementary Research Areas

- Support for on-the-fly system change:
 - Software rejuvenation (refresh data or environment)
 - Control structure/data rep change
 - Adaptive fault-tolerance (ftol asmpt change)
 - Self-healing real-time schedulers
- Enhanced detection:
 - Growing memory size, enables rollback to a previous state
 - > Application-specific monitoring
- Machine Learning
 - > Reinforcement Learning (to adjust parameters in accordance with new information or feedback
 - Genetic programming (to evolve small software components)



Self-Regenerative Systems: Seedlings and SBIRs



Principal Investigator(s)	Project			
Mike Reiter (CMU)/Stephanie Forrest (UNM	Automated Diversity in Computer Systems			
Ken Birman (Cornell)	Scalable Network Redundancy for Network-Centric Military Applications			
Mike Reiter (CMU)	Scalable Redundancy for Infrastructure Services			
Fred Schneider	Beyond COCA: Quorums and Thresholds for Distributed Services			
Scott Gerwehr (RAND Corporation)	Deception Technologies for Computer Network Defense			
Steve Harp (Honeywell)	Skeptical Systems			
S. Raj Rajagopalan (Telcordia)	Using Enhanced Credentials for Mitigating the Insider Threat in Enterprise Networks			
Bob Balzer (Teknowledge)	CyberSafe: Autonomic Wrappers to Emasculate Malicious Code			
Jayant Shukla (TRILKOM)	Applications for Multi-Terabit Networking			
Matt Stillerman (ORA)	Efficient Code Certification for Open Firmware			







CONTEXT: Create robust software and hardware that are fault-tolerant, attack resilient, and easily adaptable to changes in functionality and performance over time.

PROGRAM GOAL: Create an underlying scientific foundation that will

- enable clear and concise specifications,
- measure the effectiveness of novel solutions, and
- ◆ test and evaluate systems in an objective manner.







- Unable to quantitatively state how assured systems and networks are.
- Unable to quantify ability of protective measures to keep out intruders.
- Difficult to characterize capabilities of intrusion detection systems to detect novel attacks.
- Benefits of novel response mechanisms cannot be measured comparatively or absolutely.



Measuring Assurance: Technical Approach



- Research the theoretic aspects of information assurance
- Develop measures of merit and metrics to characterize quantitatively various dimensions of security
- Show the relevance of the theory by applying theory to a realistic exemplar system



Measuring Assurance: Major Focus Areas



- Concepts and terminologies to succinctly express IA domain issues
- Threat, attack and vulnerability taxonomies
- Security models and models of attacker intent, objectives, and strategies
- Work factor metrics, survivability metrics, operational security metrics, cryptographic protocol metrics
- Methods for testing and validating protection mechanisms
- Security and survivability requirements specifications



Measuring Assurance: Seedling Performers



Principal Investigator	Project			
Peng Liu (Penn State)	Measuring Quality of Information Assurance			
Tom Van Vleck (NAI Labs)	Measuring Assurance			
Dennis Hollingworth (NAI Labs)	Threat, Attack, and Vulnerability Taxonomies			
Roy Maxion (CMU)	Developing a Defense-centric Taxonomy			
Crispin Cowan (WireX)	Relative Vulnerability Approach to Predicting System Assurance			
Brad Wood (SRI, International)	The Critical Security Rating			
Bob Riemenschneider (SRI, International)	Global Measures of Assurance			
Pradeep Khosla/Tom Longstaff (CMU/CERT)	Invited Workshop Series			
Vladimir Gudkov (Univ of South Carolina)	The Quantitative Analysis of Cyberspace Utilizing Complex Systems Theory, Multi-dimensional Time-series Analysis, Wavelet Analysis and Generalized Entropy Measures			
Mike St. Johns (NAI Labs)	Key Management within a Metric Analysis Framework			
Bill Sanders (U of Illinois)/Partha Pal (BBN)	Probabilistic Quantification of Security Metrics in Cyberspace			



Survivable Server Seedling



Objectives

- Create a survivable server using OASIS technologies that are suited to a selected military mission-critical applications
- Demonstrate server survivability on a prototype platform in March 2003
- Phase the project into the OPX program

Performers

- Teknowledge (HACQIT and integration)
- Architecture Technology Corporation (VPNShield)
- ♦ BBN (ITUA)
- Secure Computing Corporation (ITSI)
- Draper Laboratory (DB Transaction Mediator)
- WireX (TRANSCOM WebMail Server with SCC)



OASIS Program Objectives



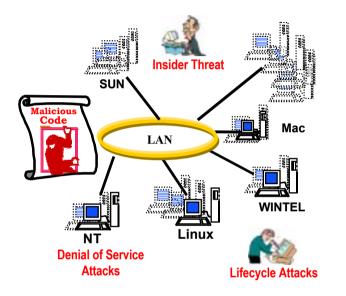
Prevent Intrusions (Access Controls, Cryptography, Trusted Computing Base)

But intrusions will occur

Detect Intrusions, Limit Damage (Firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems, Virtual Private Networks, PKI)

But some attacks will succeed

Operate Through Attacks



OASIS Program Objectives

To conceive, design, develop, implement, demonstrate, and validate architectures, tools and techniques that would allow fielding of organically survivable systems.
To perform assessment and validation of organically survivable information systems.



Information Assurance Attributes*



Integrity

• Maintain data and program integrity in the face of intrusions and malicious faults.

Availability

• Counter Denial-of-Service attacks and maintain high system availability.

• Confidentiality

• Prevent unauthorized disclosure of information.

Authentication

• Prevent unauthorized access.

Non-repudiation

 Method by which the sender of data is provided with proof of delivery and the recipient is assured of the sender's identity, so that neither can later deny having processed the data.



Defending Against the Most Serious Attacks



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Problem			Civil disobedience	Selling secrets	PLANNING	
Overwhelming volum of hereement attack		Harassment	Embarrassing org	anizations Discrediting products	STEALTH COO <mark>RDINA</mark> TION	
of harassment attack • Can't tell if some are			Collecting trophies	Stealing credit cards		
serious IW attacks	Script kiddies	Curiosity	Сору-с	at attacks	LOW	
			Thrill-seeking			
turnkey pao of	Sophistication and turnkey packaging of attacks			The Critical IW Attack Problem • Still face high volume of harassment attacks		
Widespread deployment of mature technologies		opportunities to D systems	ha ha	ation-state-level threat rassment attacks as c /ersion, or disguise	•	

Determination and attribution of IW
 attacks is critical

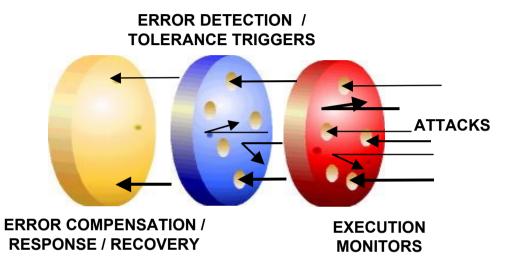


OASIS Approaches, Challenges and Accomplishments



Approach

- Confine malicious code--compare actual behavior with predicted
- Detect errors: watermark, time/value domain anomalies, rear guards
- Error compensation and recovery: distributed computation, design diversity & deception



Top Technical Challenges

- -Real-time trade of security, performance & functionality
- -Cost-effective solutions
- -Validation and verification

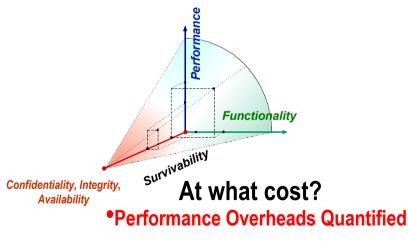


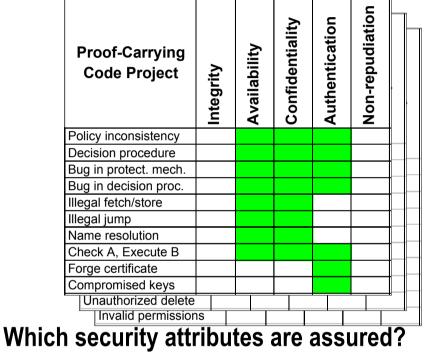
OASIS Program: Measures of Success



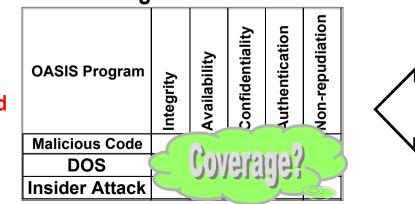
	Integrity	Availability	Confidentiality	Authentication	Non-repudiation
ILoveYou				N/A	N/A
Anna Kournikova				N/A	N/A
Nimda				N/A	N/A
Code Red I & II			N/A	N/A	N/A
Stachaldracht			N/A	N/A	N/A

Is intrusion tolerance feasible? - Yes





Against which attacks/vulnerabilities?







Policy Inconsistency. AV-1.1 Decision procedure AV-1.2 AV-2.1 Bug in protect. mech. Bug in decision proc. AV-2.2 Illegal fetch/store AV-3.1 lllegal jump AV-3.2 Name resolution AV-3.3 Check A, execute B AV-3.4 Forge certificate av-3.5 Compromised keys av-3.6

M=Mechanisms

A=Assumptions

Availability	Integrity	Confidentiality	Authentication	Non-repudiation	Flexibility
		A2,M5			M1,M3,
		M4			M6
		ТСВ			M1,M3,
	M4		M4		M6
	M2,M3,	M4			
	Note	*			
	M2,M3,	M4			
			M7		
			M8		

* May be addressed using Necula's strategy of safety-checking program after linking and loading. At this early stage of implementation we have not yet decided the issue.







- M1: Prover: constructs safety proof for untrusted application binary (Nec 97)
- M2: Machine specification: axiomatizes instruction-set architecture (MA00)
- M3: Safety policy: defines "theorem" to be proved (App01)
- M4: Proof checker: determines whether proof matches theorem (PS99)
- M5: Policy modeler: validation technique for safety policies (AF01)
- M6: Semantics of types: used in constructing safety proofs (AF00)
- M7: Digital signatures: can be generated only by holder of private key
- M8: Expiration: "freshness dating" certificates limits harm from key loss

Assumptions:

A1: Hardware (instruction-set architecture) executes correctly.

A2: Capability management: host's access control policy, written in expressive policy language, is appropriate to host's needs.







ERROR COMPENSATION/ RESPONSE/ RECOVERY	Spatial, Temporal, Design, and Analytical Redundancies, Dynamic Reconfiguration, Quality of Service Trade-Offs, Fragmentation & Dispersal, Deception (Randomness, Uncertainty, Agility, Stealth), Graceful Degradation, Intrusion Tolerant Architectures
ERROR DETECTION/ TOLERANCE TRIGGERS	Watermarks, Mediated Interfaces, Rear Guard, Value & Time Domain Error Detectors, Comparison & Voting, Acceptance Checks, Redundancy-Based Cyber Attack Detection
EXECUTION MONITORS	In-Line Reference Monitors, Sandbox Active Scripts, Code Interposition, Wrappers, Proof Carrying Code, Graph Based Program Encoding, Monitor COTS Binaries, Secure Mobile Code Format, Operate through Mobile/ Malicious Code Attack
FAULT AVOIDANCE	Provably Correct Protocols, Secure-design Principles, Software Vulnerability Detection, Design Assessment and Validation



Active OASIS Projects



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	Performer	Organization	Project
	Prof. Andrew Chien	UCSD	Agile Objects: Component-based Inherent Survivability
ر کر	Prof. Pradeep Khosla	CMU	Perpetually Available and Secure Information Systems
gers	Dr. Jim Just	Teknowledge	Hierarchical Adaptive Control for QoS Intrusion Tolerance (HACQIT)
Rec	Dr. Peng Liu	UMBC	Engineering a Distributed Intrusion Tolerant Database System Using COTS Components
ce l se/	Dr. Alexander Wolf	Univ. of Colorado	Tolerating Intrusions Through Secure System Reconfiguration
Error Compensation/Response/Recovery	Dr. Feiyi Wang	MCNC/Duke Univ.	Scalable Intrusion Tolerant Architecute (SITAR)
	Dr. Amjad Umar	Telcordia	Comprehensive Approach for IT Based on Intelligent Compensating Middleware
	Dr. Steve Chapin	Syracuse University	Computational Resiliency
ctio sati	Mr. Alfonso Valdes	SRI, Intl.	Dependable Intrusion Tolerance
	Dr. Dick O'Brien	Secure Computing	Intrusion Tolerant Server Infrastructure
	Dr. Partha Pal	BBN	Intrusion Tolerance by Unpredictable Adaptation
Ě Ŭ	Ms. Janet Lepanto	Draper	Intrusion Tolerance Using Masking, Redundancy and Dispersion
- Li	Mr. Lee Badger	NAI Labs	Self-Protecting Mobile Agents
	Mr. Gregg Tally	NAI Labs	Intrusion Tolerant Distributed Object Systems
	Dr. Anup Ghosh	Cigital	An Investigation of Extensible Sys Sec for Highly Resource-Constrained Wireless Devices
ors	Dr. Robert Balzer	Teknowledge	Integrity Through Mediated Interfaces
onit	Prof. Anant Agarwal	InCert	A Binary Agent Technology for COTS Software Integrity
N S	Dr. Robert Balzer	Teknowledge	Enterprise Wrappers for Information Assurance(NT)
Execution Monitors	Mr. Mark Feldman	NAI Labs	Enterprise Wrappers for Information Assurance (Unix)
Cect	Prof. Andrew Appel	Princeton University	Scaling Proof-Carrying Code to Production Compilers and Security Policies
ш	Prof. Fred Schneider	Cornell University	Containment and Integrity for Mobile Code
	Dr. Tim Hollebeek	Cigital	An Aspect Oriented Security Assurance Solution
	Prof. Crispin Cowan	WireX	Autonomix: Component, System and Network Autonomy
ų	Dr. Victoria Stavridou	SRI, Intl.	Intrusion Tolerant Software Architecture
anc	Prof. Michael Franz	UC, Irvine	Reconciling Execution Efficiency With Provable Security
Fault Avoidance	Dr. Howard Shrobe	MIT	Active Trust Management for Autonomous Adaptive Survivable Systems
t Av	Dr. Ranga Ramanujan	Architecture Technology	Randomized Failover Intrusion Tolerant Systems (RFITS)
	Prof. Tim Teitelbaum	Grammatech	Dependance Graphs for Information Assurance of Systems
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Fau	Dr. Tom Longstaff	CMU, SEI	Information Assurance Science and Engineering Project

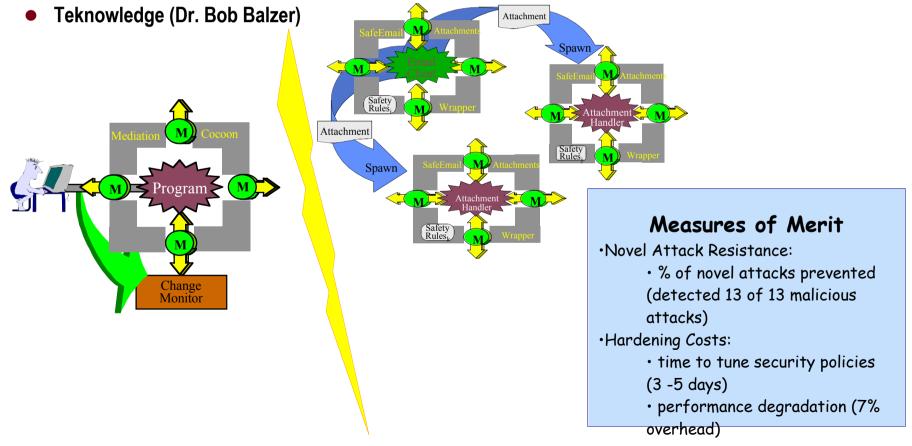
Number of Projects Started Under OASIS: 39

Number of OASIS Projects Active Today: 25





- Transitioning to PACOM for scalability tests and experience in military operational environment
 - Demonstrated protection against mobile malicious code (malicious email attachments, scripts in email bodies, web applets, active-x controls, downloaded programs), corrupted executables and documents, and latent flaws in applications by several different techniques
 - Not signature based; techniques work on novel viruses without any customization

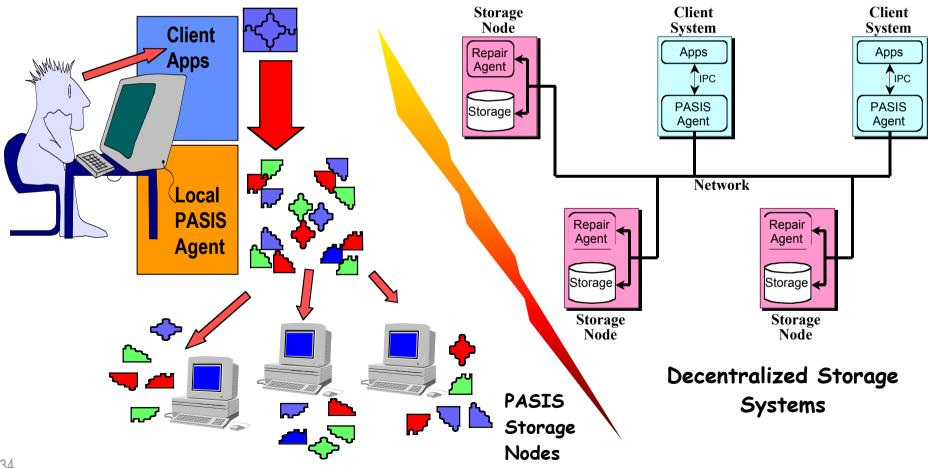




Intrusion Tolerant Data Storage



- Perpetually Available and Secure Information Systems (PASIS)
- Transitioning to USAF Joint Battlespace Infosphere (JBI) Funded by AFRL
 - To assure availability, integrity, and confidentiality of JBI "data repository"
 - Demonstrated intrusion tolerant data storage
- Carnegie Mellon University (Prof. Pradeep Khosla)

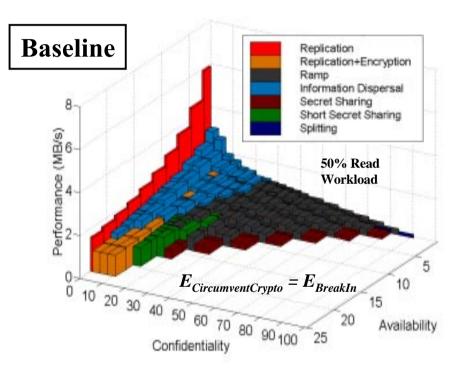




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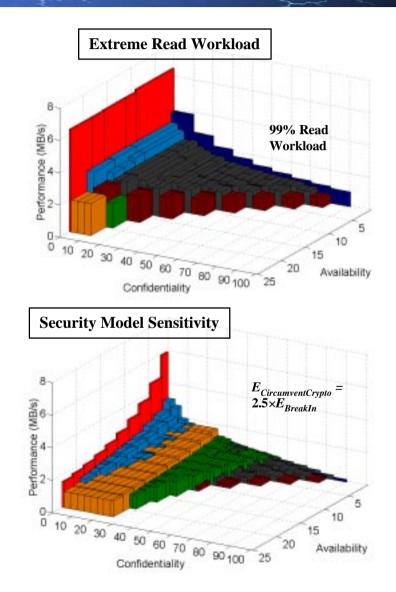


•PASIS (Performance Trade-offs)



- Performance (MB/s) •based on simple performance model •computed with standard performance eval. techniques
- Availability ("nines")
- •standard fault tolerance math with independent failures •relative values are useful even if not independent
- Confidentiality (Effort to compromise)

•estimate effort involved with possible attack paths •overall effort is minimum of possible efforts

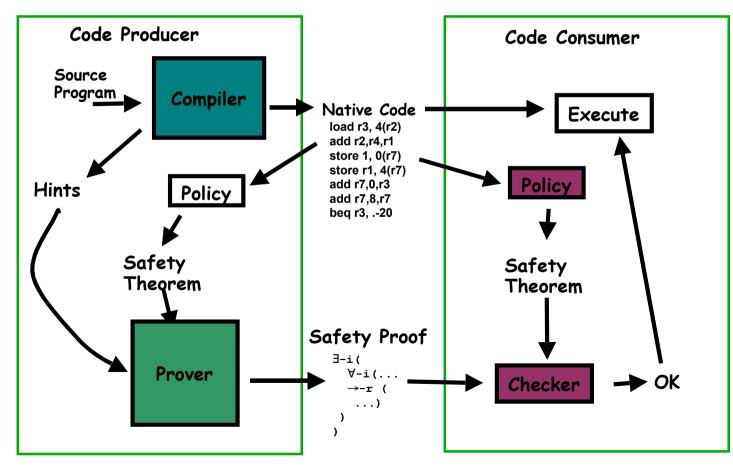






Princeton/Intel collaboration

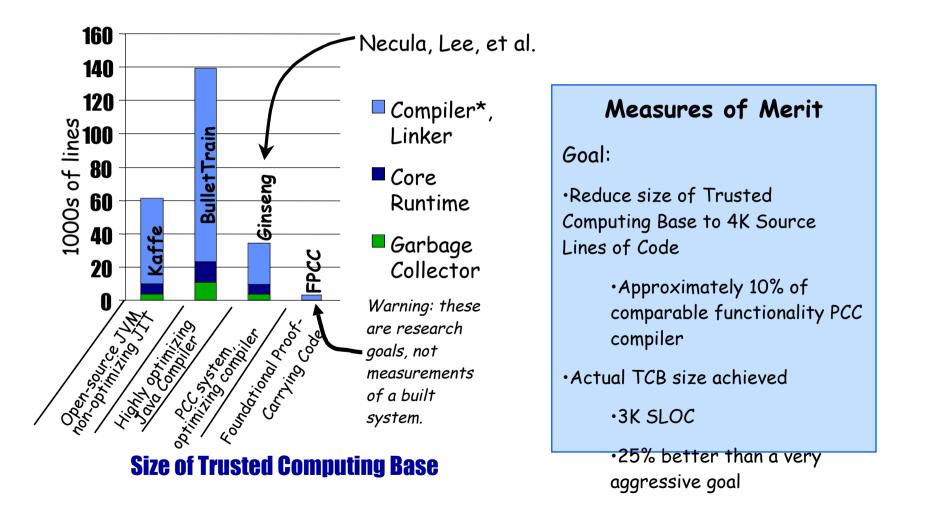
- PCC Technology being applied to Intel's "Just in Time" compiler for Microsoft's Common Language Runtime (CLR).
- Demonstrated scalable certifying compiler that produces proof of program behavior along with the code.
- Princeton University (Prof. Andrew Appel)
- Yale University (Prof. Zhong Shao)

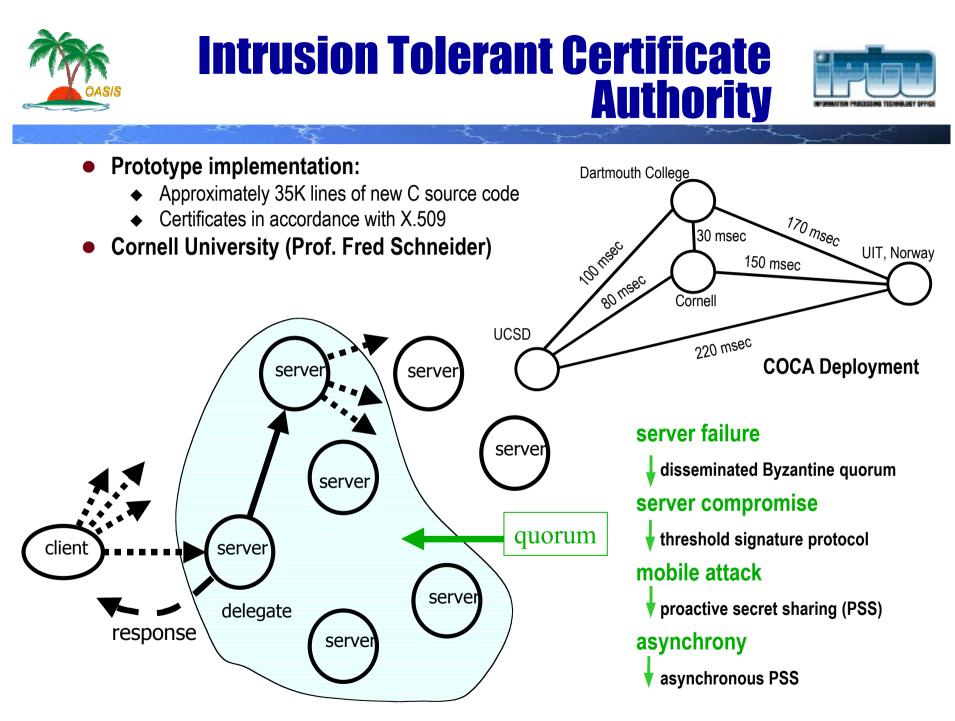










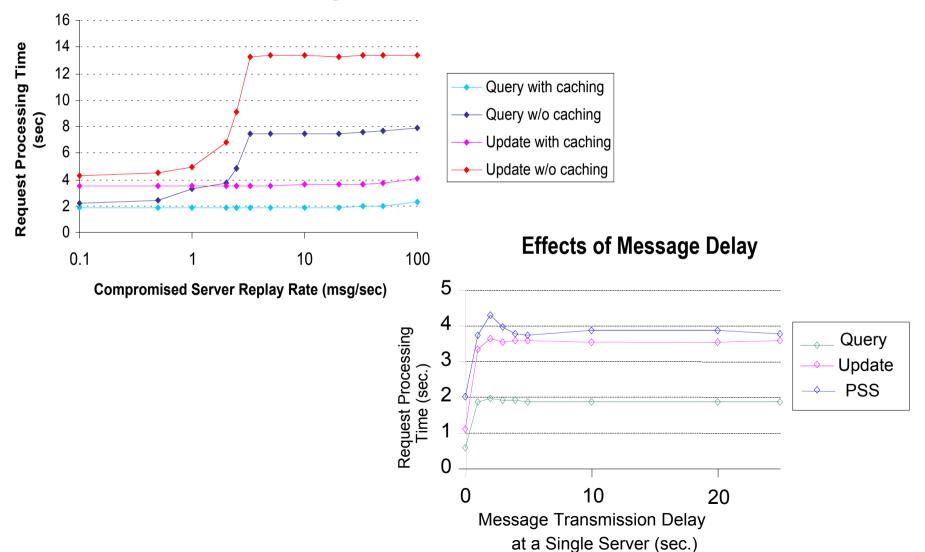




Denial of Service Defense



Effects of Caching



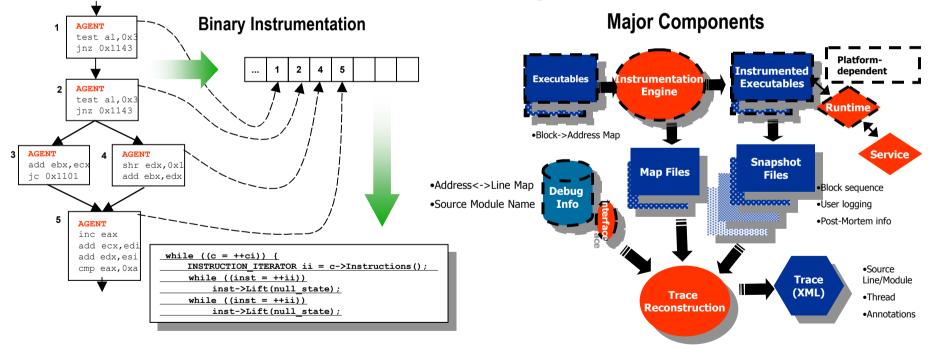


Monitoring Malicious Actions by Legacy Software



- Transitioning to Sun Microsystems
 - Transitioned to Phase Forward
 - Demonstrated insertion of code in C programs for Intel/NT platforms to monitor malicious actions by legacy software

InCert Software Corporation (Dr. Anant Agarwal)



Competition Sensitive



Inserting Binary Agents: Measures of Success



Percentage of executables successfully instrumented

- Goal: 100%
- Accomplished to date: Virtually 100% (approx. 50 real world executables instrumented)

Performance degradation

- ◆ Goal: less than 5% overhead
- Accomplished to date: 5-10% overhead when measured in real world scenarios.

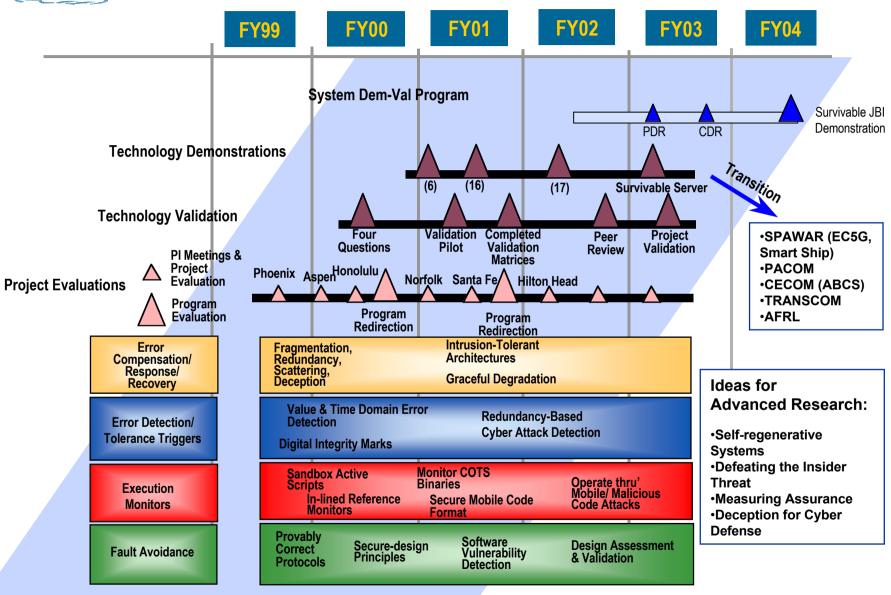
Anomaly detection

- Goal: 100%
- Accomplished to date: Detected 12 of 16 (75%) known problems in field tests.













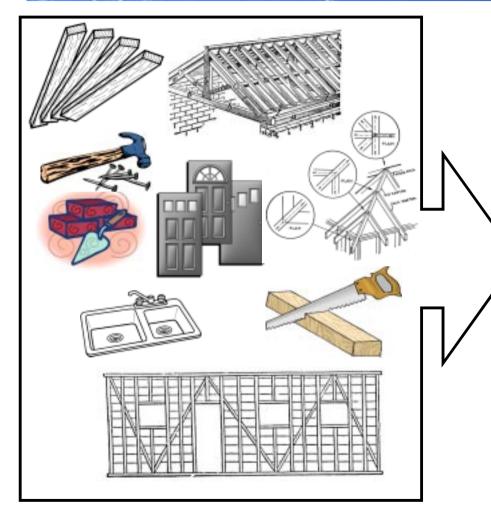
OASIS Integration, Demonstration, and Validation Program (OASIS Dem/Val)



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Dem-Val: Creating an Architecture





The OASIS, FTN, and other DARPA programs developed tools, components, architectures, mechanisms.



OASIS Dem-Val applies the DARPA program results and other technologies to produce an organically robust and dependable system architecture



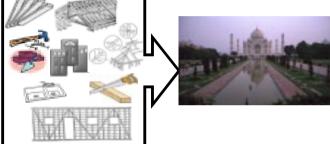




Program Objective

• Demonstrate and validate a working military mission critical system prototype that is highly dependable in the presence of cyber threats and imperfect hardware and

. software.



Technical Challenges

1. Provide 100% of JBI critical functionality when under sustained attack by a "Class-A" red team with 3 months of planning.

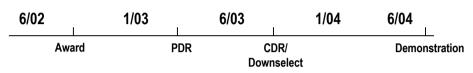
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- 2. Detect 95% of large scale attacks within 10 mins. of attack initiation and 99% of attacks within 4 hours with less than 1% false alarm rate.
- 3. Prevent 95% of attacks from achieving attacker objectives for 12 hours.

In Integrated Feasibility Experiment (IFE) 3.1 fourteen out of fifteen flags were captured by the red team.

- 4. Reduce low-level alerts by a factor of 1000 and display meaningful attack state alarms .
- ⁴⁵ 5. Show survivability versus cost/performance trade-offs.

Key Milestones



•Create a secure and survivable JBI architecture employing defense in depth layers of real-time execution monitors, adaptive re-configurable strategies

•Validate architectural approach using analytical models and formal proofs.

•Build a survivable JBI instantiation and demonstrate an Air Tasking Order creation, modification and execution under a sustained red team attack

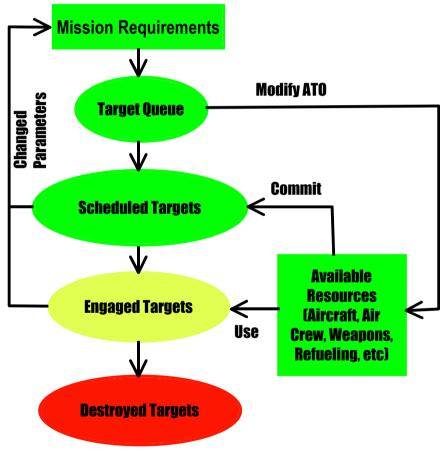
Technical Approach

- Avoid single points of failure
- Design for graceful degradation
- Exploit diversity to increase the attacker's work factor
- Disperse and obscure sensitive data
- Make the system dynamic and unpredictable
- Deceive the attacker



Prototype Scenario



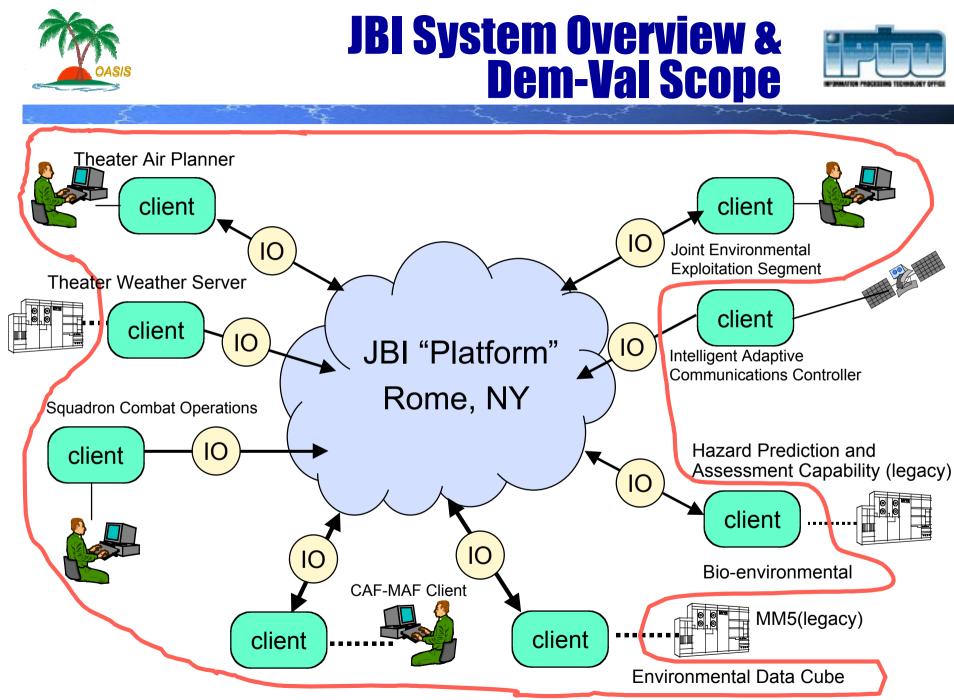


Mission Planning

- Establish mission objectives
- ♦ Air Tasking Order (ATO) creation
- ATO to operating units
- minutes to hours
- Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command Coordination (CAF-MAF)

Mission Execution

- Monitor mission parameters
- Mission parameters change
 - Weather change affects Chem-Bio plume dispersion forecast
- Modify mission in progress
- Re-direct mission elements
- Real-time execution
- Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command Coordination (CAF-MAF)









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Prototype Demonstration: Red Team Scenario

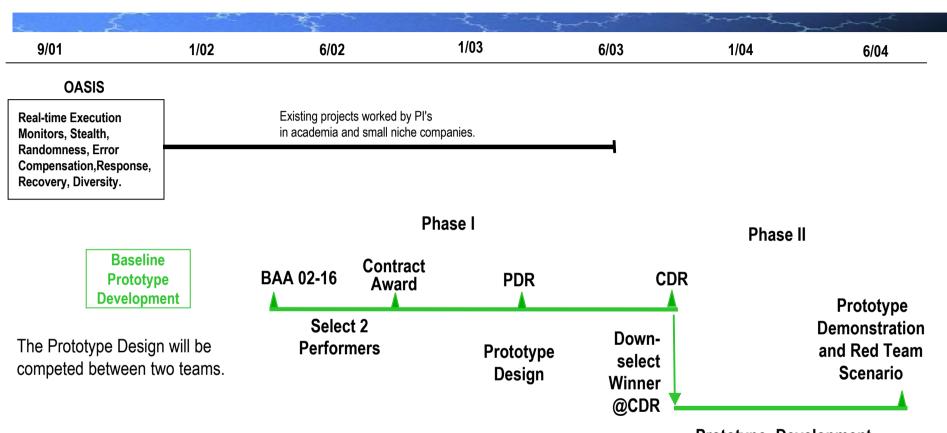


- Red Team
 - Competed
- Attack Phases
 - Determine Rules of Engagement
 - Planning Phase
 - Three to six months to provide for planning, innovation and stealth
 - Execution Phase
 - Two weeks to a month
- Potential Attacks
 - Wide coverage of known vulnerabilities and system components. (Denial of service, flooding, viruses, Trojans, worms)
- Expected System Behavior under Attack
 - System will dynamically reconfigure under changing threats
 - System will continue to provide essential services while under attack
 - System status will be displayed
- Comparison to non-protected system under attack
 - Similar resources expended against baseline JBI



Acquisition Strategy





Prototype Development