

Panel: Research Agenda for Data and Application Security

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- ▶ **Security** concerns have rapidly *moved up the software stack* as the Internet and web have matured. The security, privacy, functionality, cost and usability tradeoffs necessary in any practical system *can only* be effectively achieved at the data and application layers.



Topic uniqueness vs “traditional security”?

- ▶ **Application** layer security policies
- ▶ Authorization/Access Control for **Applications**
- ▶ Authorization/Access Control for **Databases**
- ▶ **Data** dissemination controls
- ▶ **Data** forensics
- ▶ Enforcement layer security policies
- ▶ Privacy preserving techniques
- ▶ Private **information** retrieval
- ▶ Search on protected/encrypted **data**
- ▶ Secure **knowledge** management
- ▶ Secure multiparty computations
- ▶ Secure auditing
- ▶ Secure **collaboration**
- ▶ Secure **data** provenance
- ▶ Secure **electronic commerce**
- ▶ Secure **information** sharing
- ▶ Secure software development
- ▶ **Securing data/apps on untrusted platforms**
- ▶ Securing the semantic **web**
- ▶ Security and Privacy in GIS/Spatial **Data**
- ▶ Security and Privacy in **Healthcare**
- ▶ Security policies for **databases**
- ▶ **Social** computing security and privacy
- ▶ **Social** networking security and privacy
- ▶ Trust metrics for **application, data and user**
- ▶ Web **application** security

Most **red** you may generalize with “systems” or “network”... So app/data security is just a specialization of “general security”?



Oakland 2011 Topics

- ▶ Access control
- ▶ Accountability
- ▶ Anonymity
- ▶ **Application** security
- ▶ Attacks and defenses
- ▶ Authentication
- ▶ Censorship and censorship-resistance
- ▶ Distributed systems security
- ▶ Embedded systems security
- ▶ Forensics
- ▶ Hardware security
- ▶ Intrusion detection
- ▶ Language-based security
- ▶ Malware
- ▶ Metrics
- ▶ Network security
- ▶ Privacy-preserving systems
- ▶ Protocol security
- ▶ Secure **information** flow
- ▶ Security and privacy policies
- ▶ Security architectures
- ▶ System security
- ▶ Usability and security
- ▶ Web security



US federal cyber security and information assurance strategy (leap-ahead)

- ▶ Three research themes:
 - Tailored space
 - Moving targets
 - Cyber-economics
- ▶ Plus: Science of (Cyber) Security
- ▶ Are they relevant to app/data security? If yes, how?



Questions to the panelists

- ▶ General directions? Hardest problems? *Ravi*
- ▶ Interface with system security? *Dan*
- ▶ Is there a “science of data and application security”? *Bhavani*
- ▶ How are the federal research themes relevant to the data and application security? *Mauro*
- ▶ What about human factors and usability in data and application security? *Calton*
- ▶ How to evaluate research results in this area? *All*

