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About threat analysis support tool

- There are various analysis support tools.
 - DFD drawing, automated threat identification
 - Benefits of tools
 - Reduce analysis time by automatically identifying threats and generating a report
 - Possibility to discover potential threats you could not find
 - Reducing dependency on individual skills
 - The same analysis result can be obtained for the same input data.





Examples of tools

- Microsoft Threat Modeling Tool
 - DFD creation, tool to derive threats automatically from DFD
- TRIKE
 - DFD creation, drawing tool including security requirements
- SeaMonster
 - Attack tree and misuse case drawing tool
 - A misuse case is an unintended operation.
- SecurITree
 - Attack tree creation tool
- In this report, we explain an example of use the Microsoft Threat Modeling Tool 2016.



Analysis target system

- The target is a general network camera system.
- The figure below is a DFD created using the tool.
 - Add elements and data flow of the system to design view.



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Analysis result - How to read result

- The analysis result can be confirmed on the analysis view.
 - A threat list contains properties and outline of threats.
 - It is necessary to check whether the found threats actually.
 - Example: The web server could be a subject to a cross-site scripting attack because it does not sanitize untrusted input.
 - » The above threat does not exist on a page without input form.
 - It is possible to describe priority and countermeasure for each threat.
 - The priority is setting to 'high' by default, user should change it.
 - It is useful for sharing status with multiple analysts.





Analysis result - Overview of threats

- 47 threats were pointed out in the system.
 - Spoofing 10 cases
 - Tampering 8 cases
 - Repudiation 4 cases
 - Information Disclosure 3 cases
 - Denial of Service 12 cases
 - Elevation of privilege 10 cases
- Many threats are related to web server.
 - Many categories of threats have been found there.
- The descriptions of the threat are general.
 - If a threat information is insufficient, user should add information.





Effective usage - About template

- What you can do by adding templates.
 - You can apply any picture to elements to make nicelooking DFD.
 - You can add threat information defined yourself.
- The following figure shows an entry screen when creating a template.

Title:	{source.Name} Process Memory Tampered		
Threat Generation Expressions:			
	Generation expressions determine when an instance of a threat type gets created for a threat model.		
Include:	source is [Generic Process] and target is [Generic Process] and target.[Code Type] is 'Unmanaged'		
Exclude:			
Threat Property Presets:	(Enter text that will be included in each instance of the threat that is created in a diagram. You can us Use curly braces to insert a macro, for example "Look for issues with the {flow.name} flow". You can a		
	Description	If {source.Name} is given access to memory, such as shared {target.Name}. Consider if the function could work with les	
	Justification		
	Priority		



Effective usage - Additional definition of threat information

- Analysis efficiency will be improved by templates.
 - More extended analysis becomes possible by adding templates of threat information.
 - Template example
 - Title: Unauthorized access with default password.
 - Include: target is [Web Service]
 - Description:

If you do not change the default password, attackers may compromise the system.



Conclusions

- Pros
 - It can be used easily because threats will be listed automatically from a DFD.
 - It helps secure system design.
 - You can share threats information and priority with your team.
- Cons
 - Threats that do not exist may be false detected.
 - You should confirm the feasibility of analyzed threats.

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