Outline for March 14, 2003

Reading: text, §22.7, §18

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1. Best approach: data, instruction typing
   a. On creation, it’s type “data”
   b. Trusted certifier must move it to type “executable”
   c. Duff’s idea: executable bit is “certified as executable” and must be set by trusted user

2. Practise: Trust
   a. Untrusted software: what is it, example (USENET)
   b. Check source, programs (what to look for); C examples
   c. Limit who has access to what; least privilege
   d. Your environment (how do you know what you’re executing); UNIX examples

3. Practise: detecting writing
   a. Integrity check files a la binaudit, tripwire; go through signature block
   b. LOCUS approach: encipher program, decipher as you execute.
   c. Co-processors: checksum each sequence of instructions, compute checksum as you go; on difference, complain
   d. Sandboxes: confine protection domain of process

4. Assurance
   a. Trust and assurance
   b. Requirements
   c. Policy, design, implementation, operational assurance
   d. Quick review of life cycle