

Large-scale Testbed and Cyber Range Organization and Design

大規模なテストベッドとサイバーレンジ構成学

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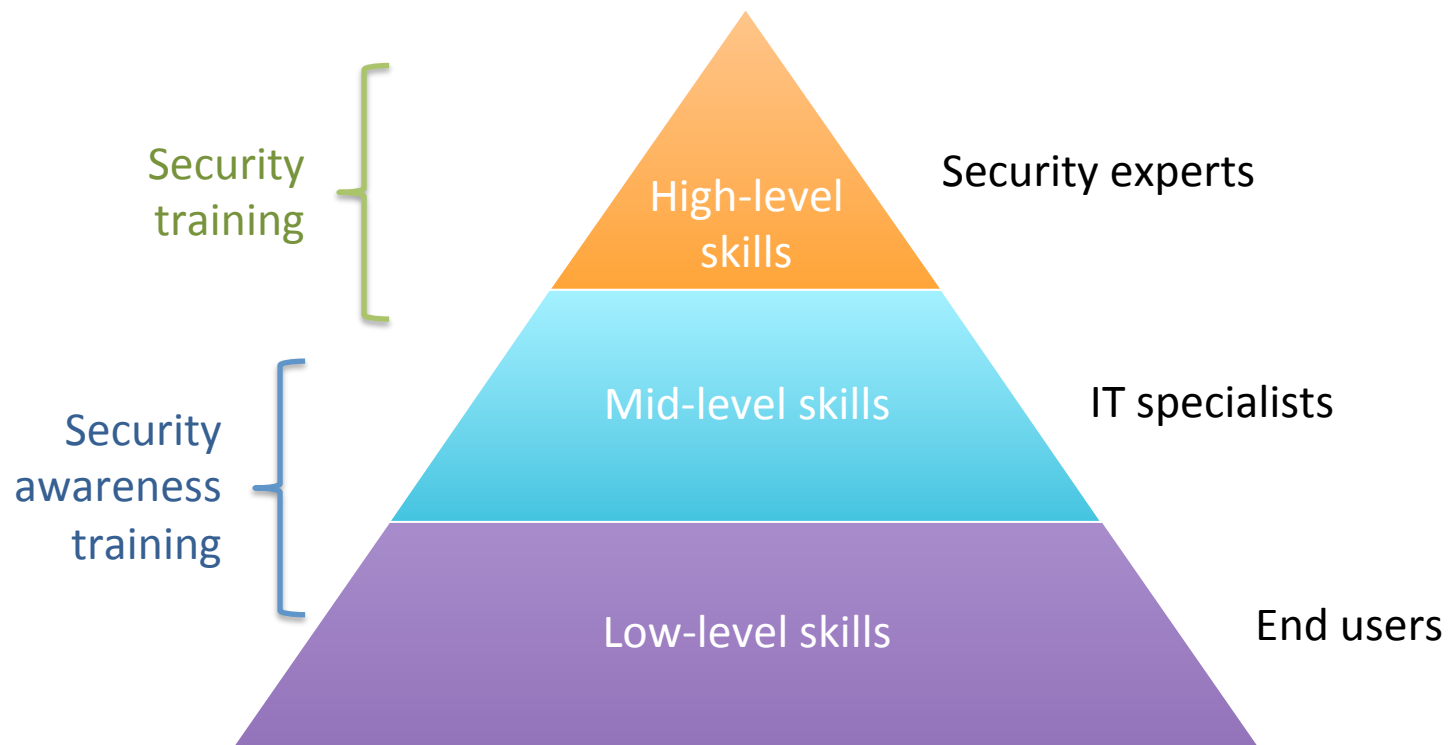
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Motivation

- People have become **more and more reliant** on the Internet
 - A world in which devices and people are all connected together: the **Internet of Things** (IoT)
- Network communication makes life more convenient, but it also **exposes users to cybersecurity risks**, such as malware, phishing
 - It is necessary to conduct **cybersecurity education and training** as we perform at JAIST

Cyber range

- Environment for cybersecurity training
 - Facilitates **learning and use of practical skills**



Cyber Range Organization and Design

- **NEC endowed chair** at JAIST
 - 3 year period starting in FY 2015
- Two main directions
 - Cyber range **architecture and design**
 - Develop technologies and frameworks
 - Cybersecurity **education programs and courses**
 - Develop curriculum, training materials

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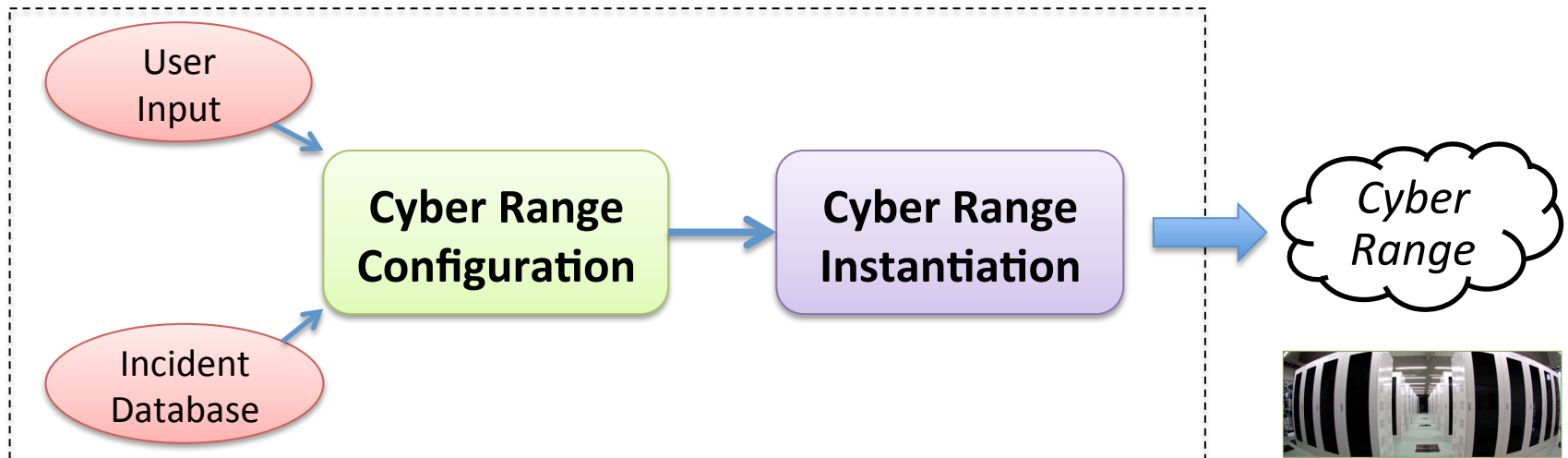
Making use of StarBED

- Implementation and execution of cyber ranges, experiments, etc.



For IT & security professionals

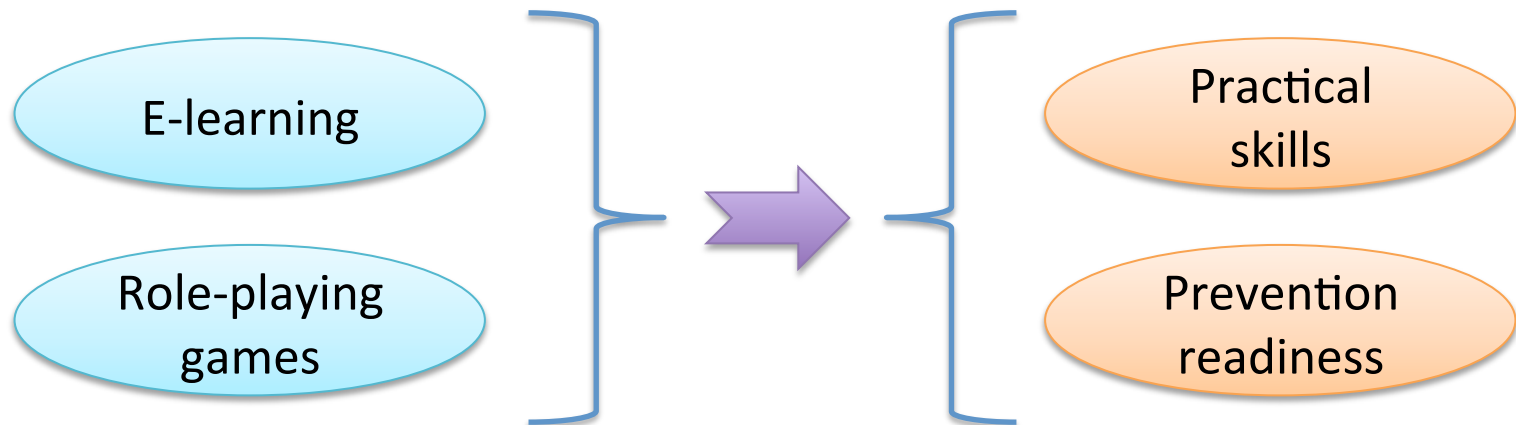
- Use cyber ranges to acquire the practical skills for properly **handling security incidents**



CYBER RANGE CREATION FRAMEWORK

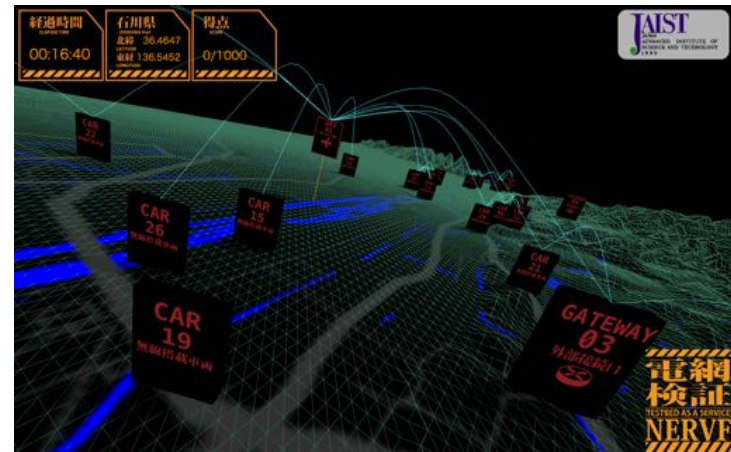
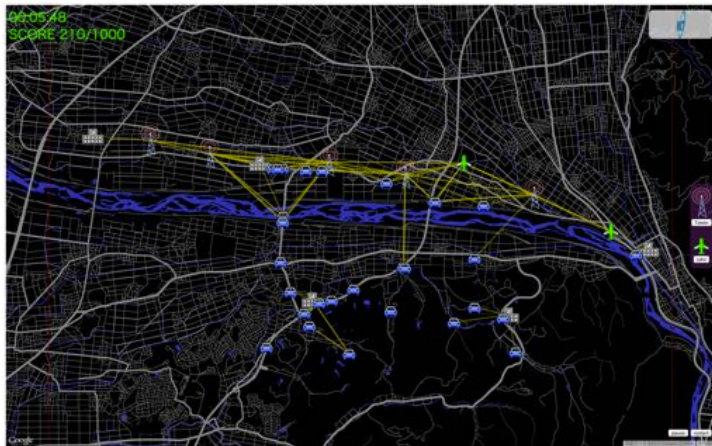
For regular computer users

- Use active education to **gain awareness** of potential cybersecurity risks



Network emulation

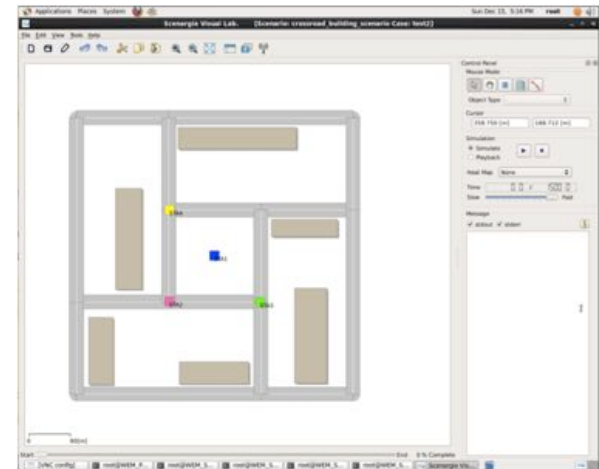
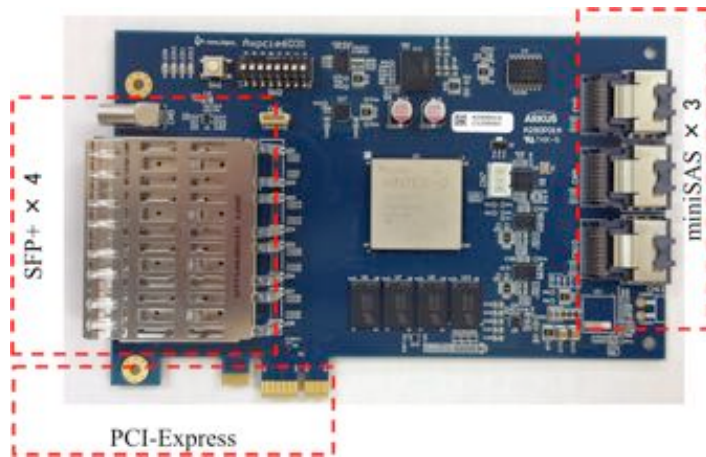
- Use network emulation to **assess applications and protocols** from the perspective of cybersecurity risks



Network emulation framework: NERVF

IoT experiments

- Thorough experiments are required to make sure IoT technologies are **operating safely**



*FPGA-based propagation emulator: StarWave
802.15.4 support (ongoing development)*

Case studies

- **SANS NetWars Continuous**



- Online training program of SANS Institute
- 5 levels to be tackled during 4 months

- **Topics**

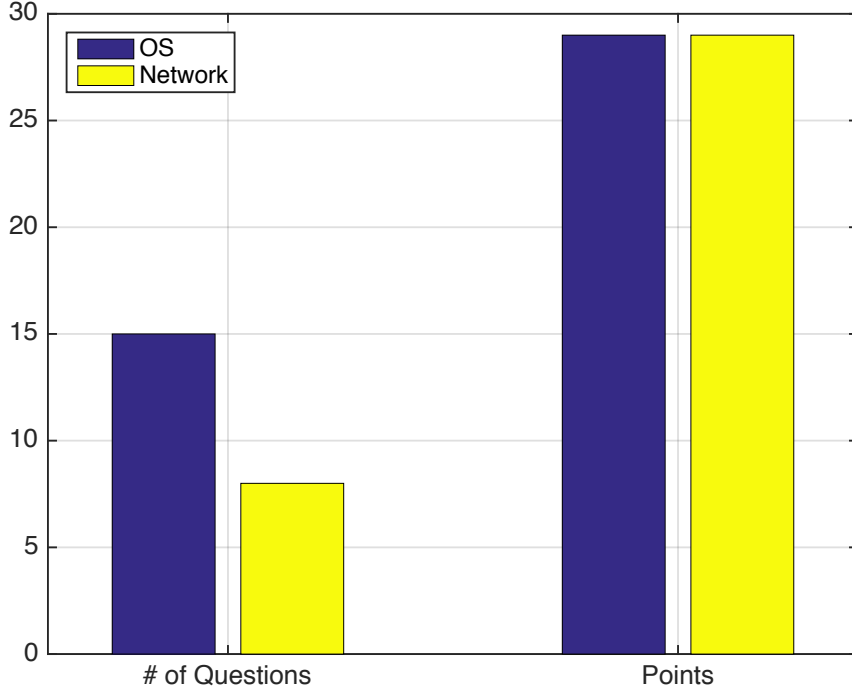
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Packet Analysis
- Penetration Testing
- System Hardening
- Malware Analysis
- Digital Forensics and Incident Response

Levels 1 & 2: Summary

- **Level 1**
 - Analyze the configuration of a local machine to find security flaws
 - Evaluate browser forensic artifacts, command shell history, document metadata, and malware to discover crucial evidence
 - Analyze packets for evidence of attacks
 - Determine how an attacker pivoted through the network to gain access to a target machine
- **Level 2**
 - Analyze and isolate persistent, evasive malware
 - Analyze a system to determine and thwart attackers' techniques
 - Reconstruct network topologies and attack evidence from packet capture files
 - Crack local passwords and wireless crypto keys
 - Work with SQL databases to find security flaws and evidence

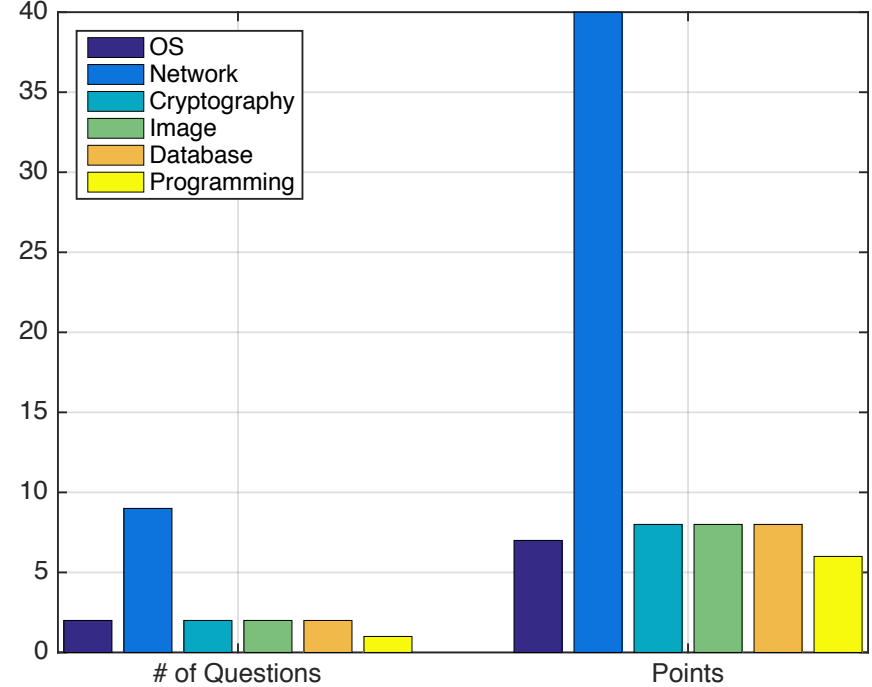
Levels 1 & 2: Break down

SANS NetWars Continuous -- Level 1



Total Questions: 23
Total Points: 58

SANS NetWars Continuous -- Level 2



Total Questions: 18
Total Points: 77

Security awareness training

- Design security awareness **training platform**
 - Test basic security skills in a practical manner
 - Focus on **social engineering** attack prevention
- Use concept of **gamification** (serious games)
 - Engage users through **emotions, competitive behavior**, etc.
 - Incorporate **social and reward aspects** of games
 - Make education and training more effective

SOCIAL ENGINEERING

"Social engineering is defined as any act that influences a person to take an action that may or may not be in their best interest."

Source: Verizon Consumer Center, Social Engineering 2014



<http://www.social-engineer.org/social-engineering/social-engineering-infographic/>
April 28, 2014

Game idea

- Example storyline (fragment)

- Go to office
- Meet person in elevator
- He/she drops USB memory
- Investigate USB memory

- Tested skills

- Pick up USB memory? Insert it in PC?
- Open file on USB memory?
- Click on link in email from person?

The link points to a strange website, so you decide not to click on it. This could be an indicator of a security attack, so you inform the security officer of your department about the incident.



The computer security incident response team of your company investigates the issue. It appears the woman that you met in the elevator had tried to infiltrate your organization. To do this she had used several USB memories to make people open files infected with viruses. Targeted phishing emails were also used to infect those who clicked on the included links.

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Experience points: 25/40

SECURITY SKILL SUMMARY:

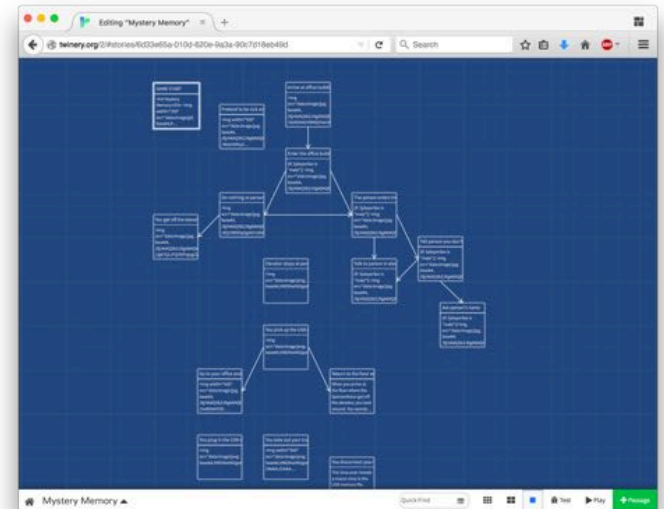
You **INSERTED** the USB memory in your work computer.

You **DID NOT** open the virus infected file in the USB memory.

You **DID NOT** click the link in the phishing email.

Implementation tool

- **Twine**: open-source tool for telling interactive, nonlinear stories (<http://twinery.org/>)
 - Stories can be extended with variables, conditional logic, images, CSS, and JavaScript
 - Publish directly to HTML
 - Stand-alone or browser interface
 - Used by RPG researchers for game prototyping



Summary

- We address the need for **cybersecurity education and training** through cyber ranges
 - Cyber Range Organization and Design (NEC endowed chair) @ JAIST
 - Architecture and design of cyber ranges
 - Education programs and courses
- StarBED is the **infrastructure for the implementation and execution** of cyber ranges
 - Already used by CYDER, SecCap and Hardening training programs
 - Also used for network emulation experiments

THANK YOU!



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