

# Protection of a Communication Based Train Control System from Hackers

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# What is Cyber Security?

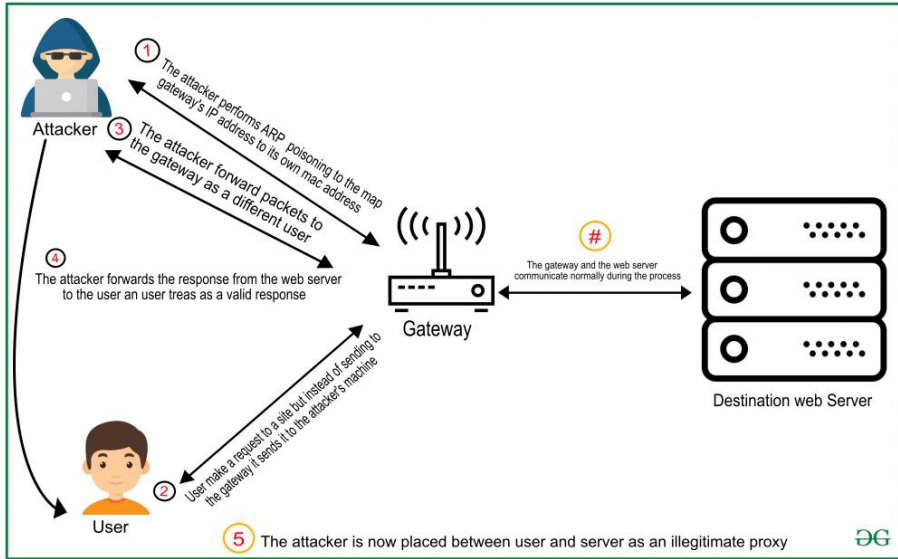
- Protection of computer systems, networks and software from unwarranted access by a third party



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# Cyber Attack from Wi-Fi Access



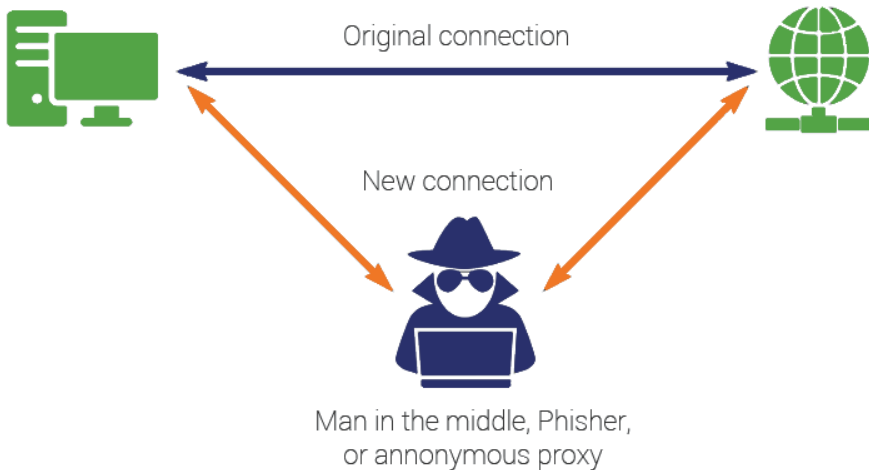
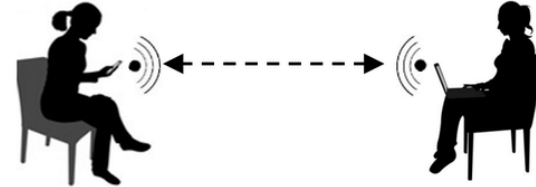
Wireless interface/AP

Coffee Shop  
SSID : FreeWiFi



Victim

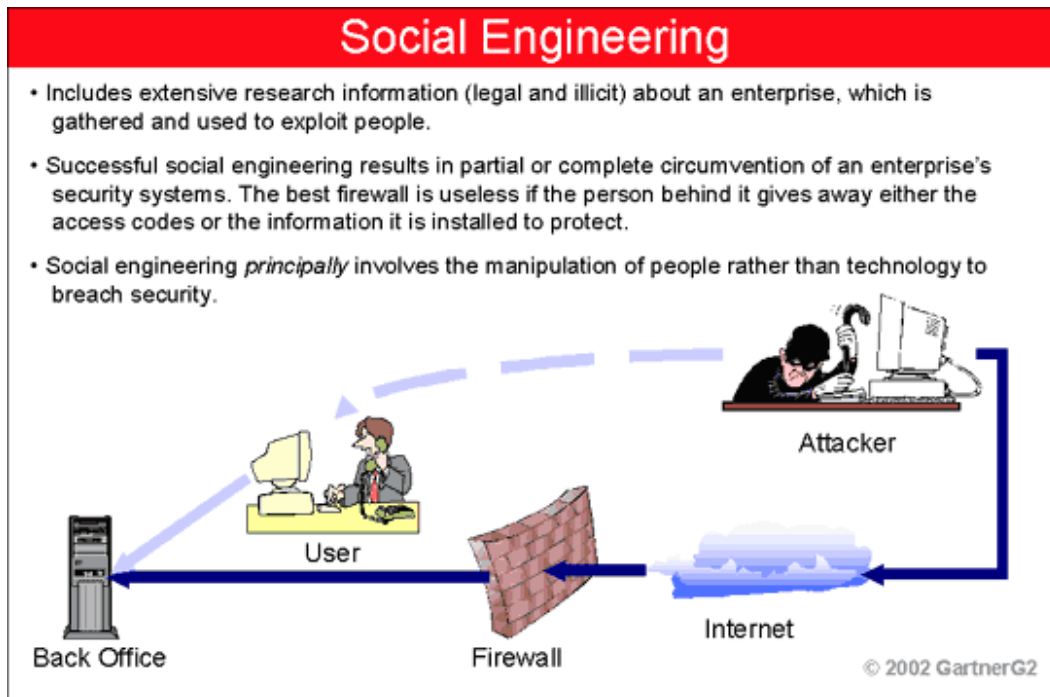
Attacker  
SSID : FreeWiFi



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# Social Engineering

- A demonstration at Dev Con in Las Vegas (an annual hackers conference) showed that it took 2 minutes to gain access to a mobile phone account by a simple call to the customer service centre, using techniques of social engineering



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# Ransomware and Malware

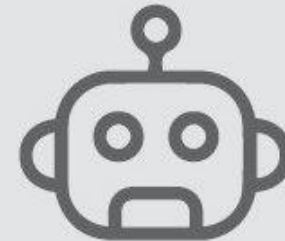


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# Removable Media



**55%**  
TROJANS



**11%**  
BOTS

55%

Trojans

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Bots

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Hacktools

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PUA's

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Viruses

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Adware

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Rootkits

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Worms

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Spyware

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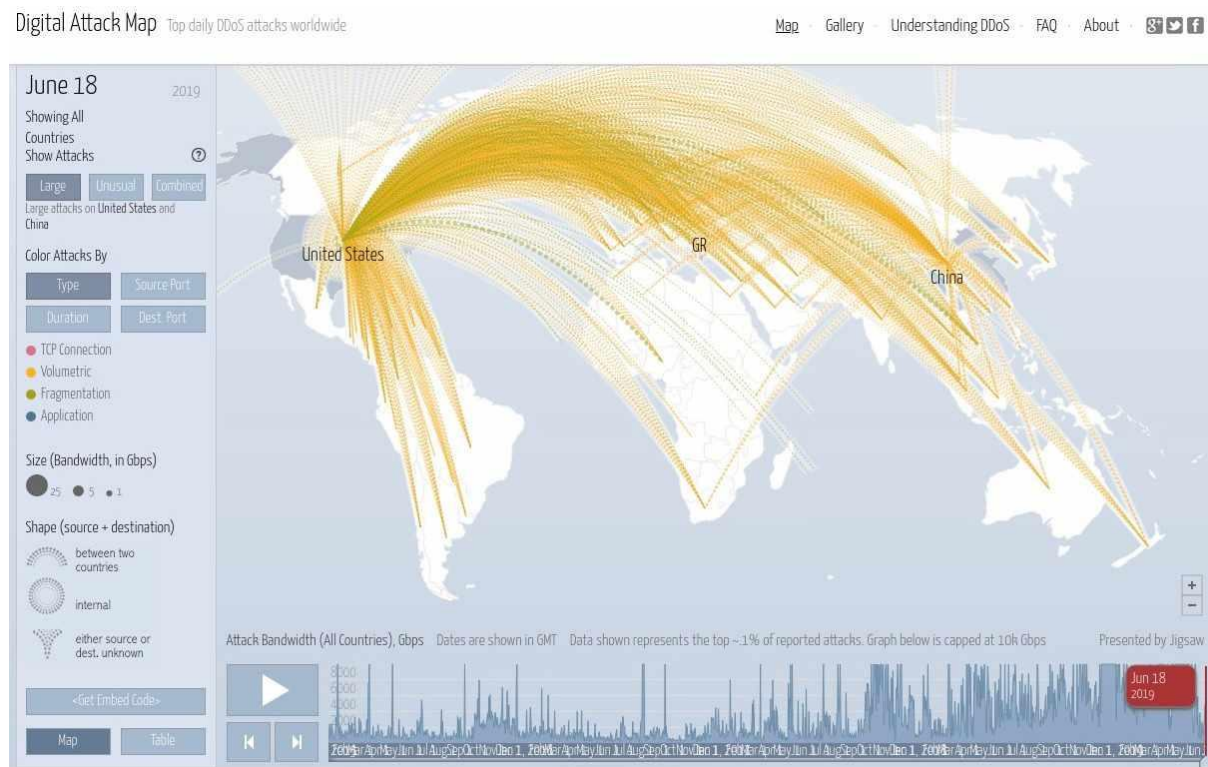
Other/Unclassified

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# Distributed Denial of Service

- To prevent legitimate users from accessing the system or network services



Source: securitytrail.com

# Cases of Cyber Attack on Railway Network


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## Hackers access accounts of 1,000 Great Western Railway customers

The business says there was no successful intrusion into its network but that attackers seemed to have access to users' passwords.

Wednesday 11 April 2018 15:21, UK



About 1,000 customer accounts were accessed. Pic: Great Western Railway

## Cyber attack hits Danish rail network



File photo: Henning Bagger/Ritzau Scanpix

Danish state rail operator DSB was the victim of an unprecedented DDoS cyber confirmed on Monday.

# Cyber Security Framework



# CBTC System Design with Cyber Security Principles

- CBTC are now connected to many other railway systems such as PIDS, CCTV, and radio – potential cyber entry point
- Similarity to system safety approach
- Risk based and structured
- Common standard within industry?

# Management and Operations



## Security management process

Accurate and thorough assessment and identification of potential risks

Administrative, physical, and technical security measures to reduce risks and vulnerabilities to these risks



Verifying and auditing log files and access records for security incidents and the implementation of procedures to ensure proper access

Appropriate sanctions and repercussions for those that violate policies and procedures

# Thank You



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