

Encrypted Storage

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Agenda

What is *Security*

iSCSI and IPsec

Application and File encryption

Tape Encryption

Disk Encryption

File System

Interoperable Standards

What to do?

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Determine your security boundaries

- > Who/what do you trust

Does Storage Encryption help

- > Provides Separation

Key Management

- > That meets your business model

What is *Security*

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A feeling

What would you tell your CEO if his laptop were stolen?

Have you destroyed all the data on those scrapped disks?

Has anyone read and/or modified your backup tapes?

Your operators are caught surfing the health records?

What do you say to managers that refuse consolidation?

F.U.D.

Data Can be Recovered

In practice

- > deleted, partial buffers
- > combination of Raid and mirrors

In labs

- > Spin Stands
- > Atomic Force Microscope

In Theory

- > Edges, Reading under

How long is your data important to your adversaries?

- > What techniques will happen in the future?

What can Storage Security *Do*?

Enable storage consolidation

Coke and Pepsi sharing a

- > Storage Network,
- > Disk array,
- > Tape library
- > File server
- > Archive

with their most sensitive data

Protection for data *in transit and at rest*

- > End to end protection

Definitions

Privacy

Confidentiality

Authentication

Digital Signature

Integrity

Non-Repudiations

Time-stamp

Key

Key Management

Single largest issue

Network Key management

- > Ethereum
- > Lose one, make a new one

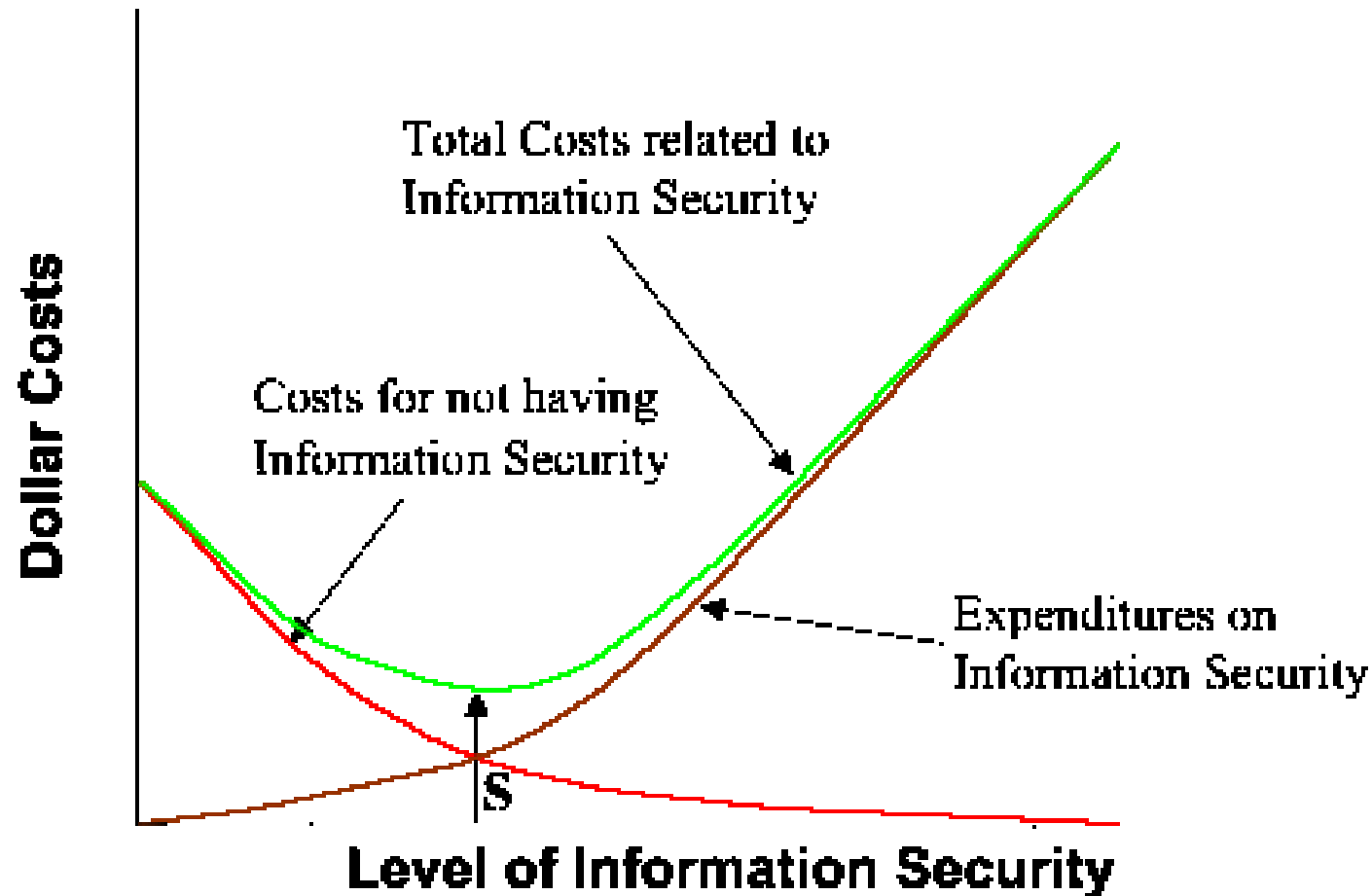
Storage is different

- > Lose Keys, Lose data
- > Must be prepared

Is PKI the answer?

- > What is the question?

Economic Aspects



iSCSI and IPSEC

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Protection of data in transit

- > Not at rest

Requires two encryptors

- > At each end of the link

Storage Encryption only requires one

Other link encryption possibilities

FC over IP Encryption

FC over SONET encryption

FC over ATM encryption

Remainder focused on confidentiality of

> data in transit and at rest

Application and File encryption



Application and File encryption

PGP

- > Web of trust
- > Individuals

Word

- > Password to open

No standard

Not a general storage solution

Many residual vulnerabilities

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Temporary files

Page storage

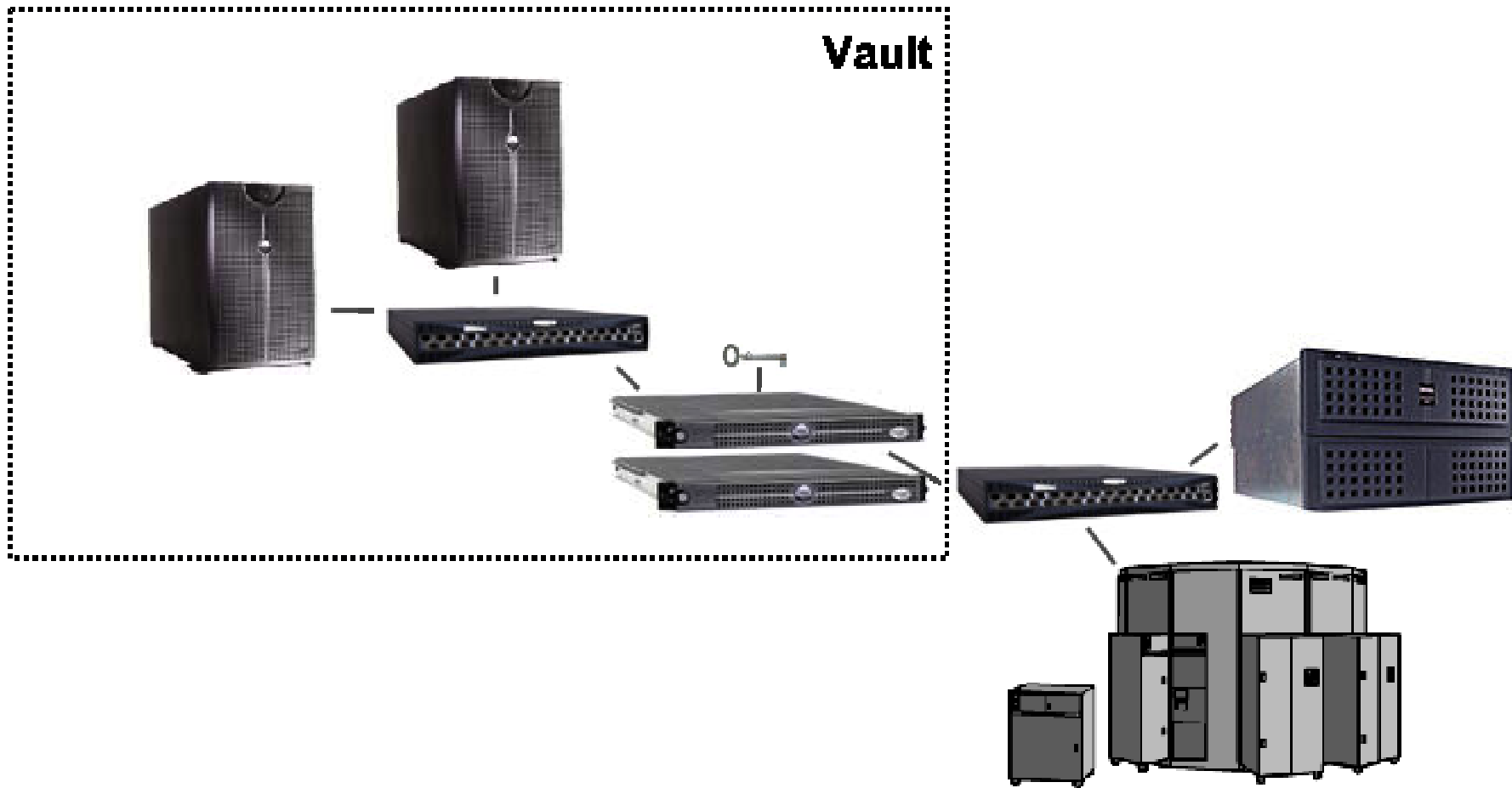
Communication of passwords and/or keys

Absence of enforced perimeter

Playing Hide and Seek with the keys

- > Microsoft TCB
 - The-technology-formerly-known-as-Paladium

Enforced Perimeter



Tape Encryption



Tape Encryption

Not New

- > Then - Paranoia, Veritas,
- > Now - Neoscale and others

Why Bother, Tape is dead, right?

- > SneakerNet

Major issues

- > Confidentiality
- > Key Management
- > Integrity
- > Compression

Confidentiality

The information is Encrypted

Ownership of the key allows access

Can be accomplished in drivers or standalone devices

- > Bump in the wire

Key Management

One key should not be used forever

- > What if it is compromised
 - All is lost?

Key Management should match your business process

- > Expire keys when expire data?

Integrity

Combines

- > Integrity
- > Digital Time-Stamp
- > Signature

**Allows tapes to be created, copied, migrated, moved
With the ability to prove the data has not been tampered**

Virtual WORM

Compression

Encrypted data is not compressible

Current tape technology relies on compression for capacity

**If encryption is performed, compression must be moved
before the encryption**

- > Without compression encryption will lose 50% to 75%

Disk Encryption



Disk Encryption

Not New

- > Then - Loopback Driver, Apple Disk Copy, PGP disk
- > Now - Decru, Neoscale, Vormetric and others

Issues

- > Benefits
- > Modes
- > Residual Vulnerability

Benefits

Disk and SAN can be protected

- > Single Device

Keys can (should) be managed by users

Disks can be scrapped, sold or re-purposed

- > Without vulnerability

No need to trust zoning and LUN masking

- > No need to trust the administration of this

Modes

Current products use Cipher Block Chaining

- > Vulnerable to block reordering

IEEE Security In Storage Workgroup

- > Standardizing a replacement

Residual Vulnerabilities

Key Generation

Key Management

- > Key Escrow
- > Key revocation

Traffic Analysis

- > Be able to determine the directory and file structure
 - (not names)

Backups through the servers

- > Needs separate protection

File System

File System

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- > Then - CFS, stackFS, SecureFS and others
- > Now - Decru, and others

Issues

- > Access Control
- > File Names
- > Residual Vulnerabilities

Access Control

File encryption *can* augment ACLs

- > Fine grain access control independent of file system
- > Less need to trust file system
- > Revocation of users?

Allow reading (snooping) of anything

- > Use Cryptography as a separator

File Names

File names in the clear

- > Allows files to be backed up while being encrypted
- > Directory structure
- > File names important?

Encrypted File Names

- > Dictionary Attack?

Residual Vulnerabilities

File names and traffic analysis

Revoked users

Revoked Keys

Interoperable Standards



Algorithms

Beware of Snake-oil

Only use well known Algorithms

- > AES, IDEA, Triple DES
- > Single DES is obsolete and insecure

Modes are important

- > CBC has problems

Standards are in process

- > Modes
- > Key Exchange between vendors

Interoperable Standards

IEEE-CS, SSSC, Security in Storage Workgroup

Algorithms and modes

- > Significant public analysis

Key Migration Standard

- > Be able to replace a vendor with another
- > Without re-encrypting data

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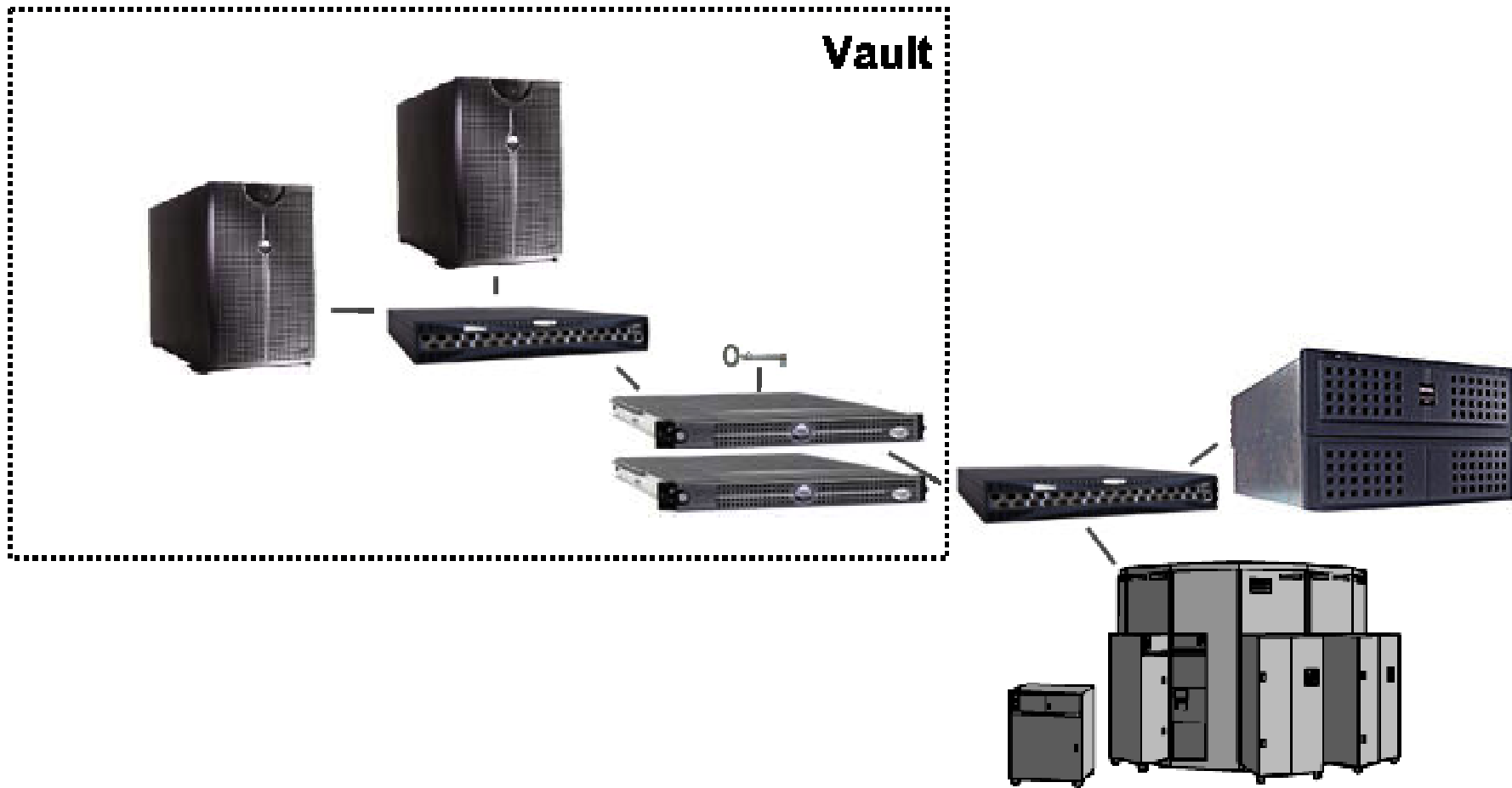
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