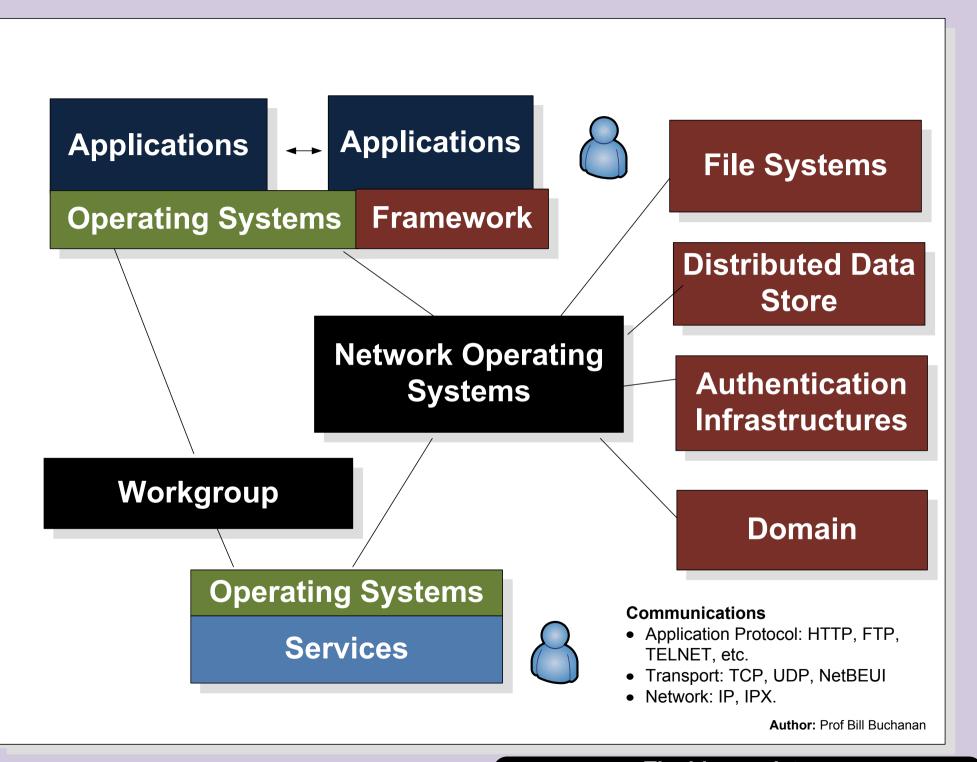
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Introduction



Lack of education in secure methods.

Lack of integration with the OS.



Lack of thought in the design process.



Lack of testing.





Lack of understanding of IP (Intellectual **Property**) protection.



Poor development environments.

Lack of understanding of encryption/ authentication.



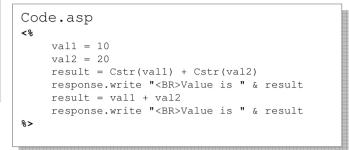


Lack of support for different hardware

Programs were compiled to x86 code.

Weak integration with Internet/WWW

Code and WWW code where seen as separate entities



Old Programs

Difficult to integrate different languages



Lack of security Integration

Most programs where written with little care about security

Poor version control for system components







Version 1.2

Poor robustness

Where applications often crash

Too much support for legacy code



Poor integration with different data sources, such as XML, databases, and text files.

Old Programs

Difficult deployments

Poor pre-run checking

This is where applications often crashed on run-time

Lack of sharing between applications



Software Flaws

Non-intentional. These can be:

- Validation flaws. The code fails to check for valid input data.
- **Domain flaws**. This is where data leaks from one program to another.
- Serialisation flaws. This is where data changes while being passed from one program to another.
- Identification/Authentication flaws. This is where there is a lack of identification for processes or users.
- Boundary condition flaws. This is where resource access is not checked, and can thus allow an external hacker to use up resources.
- Logic flaws.



Intentional. This can either be caused by malious code (such as a Trojan or back-door programs).

Bug





Best Practice

Principle of least privilege

Processes and scripts should run with the least privilege possible, to minimize damage



All user input check be checked before it is used. This includes checking for correct number/string format, including valid characters.

Defence-in-depth

Checkpoints should be added for authentication and authorization at software interfaces, and interfaces within modules.



Use secure defaults

Sometimes developers encounter security problems in running and applications. It is important that these are fully tested before reducing the security.

Never rely on obfuscation

Obfuscation of code just makes it more difficult to determine its operation. If an intruder wants to "crack" a program, then normally can, so other methods of securing the code should be employed.

If it's not used ... disable it!

Any services which can be accessed can be compromised, thus, if they are not needed, they should be disabled.

Authenticate at the front-end

Never trust external systems

External systems should

potential risk, and should

always be seen as a

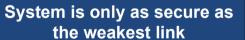
never be fully trusted.

In terms of resources, it is often better to authentication at the frontend rather than the backend



Reduce Surface Area

This should minimize the information that can be accessed from outside, and to handle errors in a graceful way.



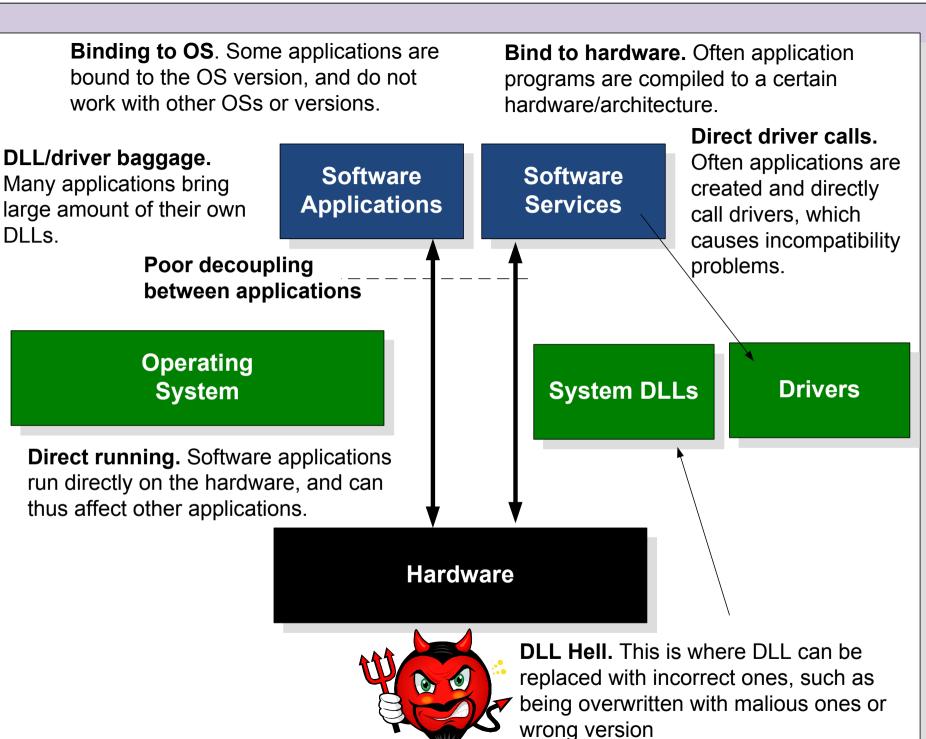
The overall security of a system is only as strong as its weakest link.



Based on Microsoft ASP.NET Good Practice Guide



The Future



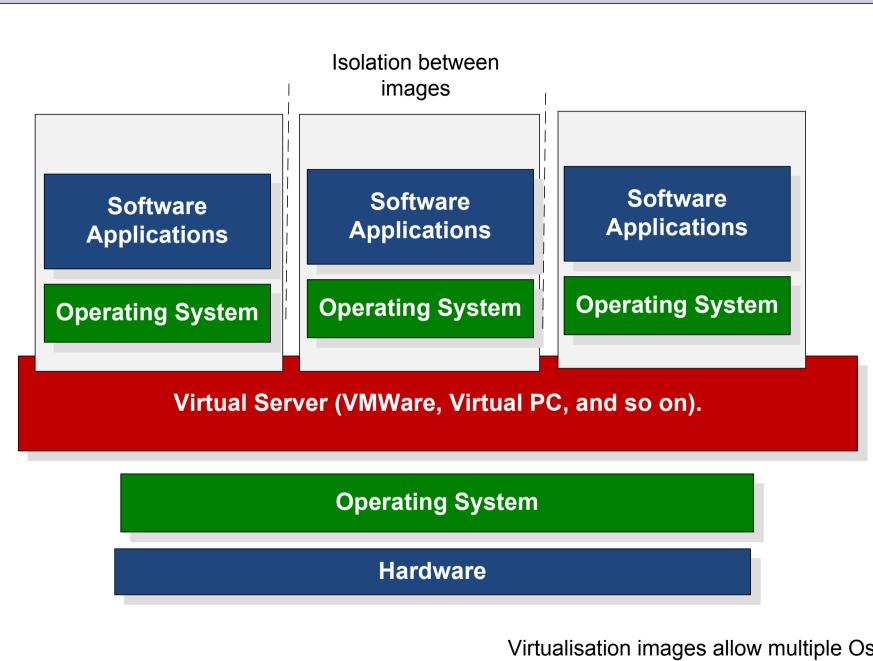
Applications are independent of the hardware and run within the framework. The framework manages their operation, to make sure they do not damage the system or other applications

Software Software Applications Services Operating System Hardware Current (Thick client and applications compiled for the hardware)

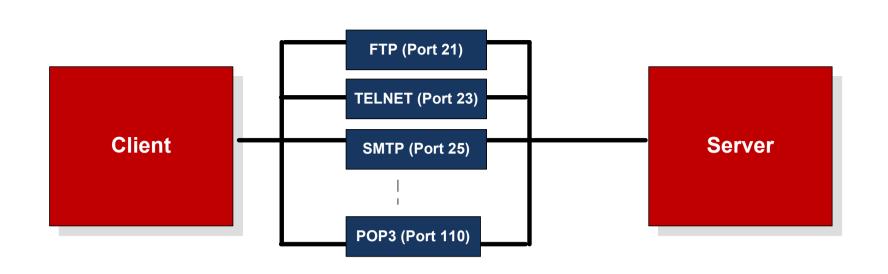
Software Software Services Applications Software Framework/Run-time **Environment** (.NET/Java) **Hardware** Future (Thin clients and **Intermediate Code)** Software **Software Applications Services** Web browser Web server **Server hardware**

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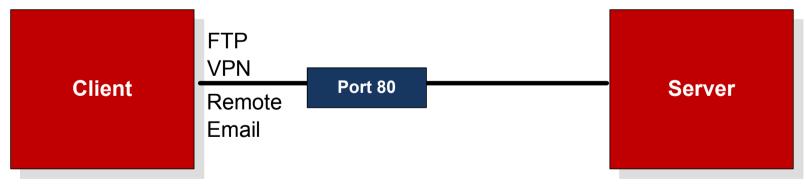
Security



Virtualisation images allow multiple Oss to run on a single OS.



Applications use a wide range of TCP ports to communicate. Each of these ports could be blocked.



Applications communicate for a wide range of services through port 80 (Web port)... port 80 traffic is allowed through the firewall ... but can cause security problems as the firewall cannot check the usage



Integrated
console
program (with
logic, interface
and data store)
in a console
application)

Integrated
mobile
application (with
logic, interface
and data store)
in a mobile
application)

Parameter | Value | Value

Integrated Web page (with logic, interface and data store in a Web package)



Windows interface

Console interface

Mobile interface

Web interface

User services

Business logic and data store can be shared between applications **Shared business logic**

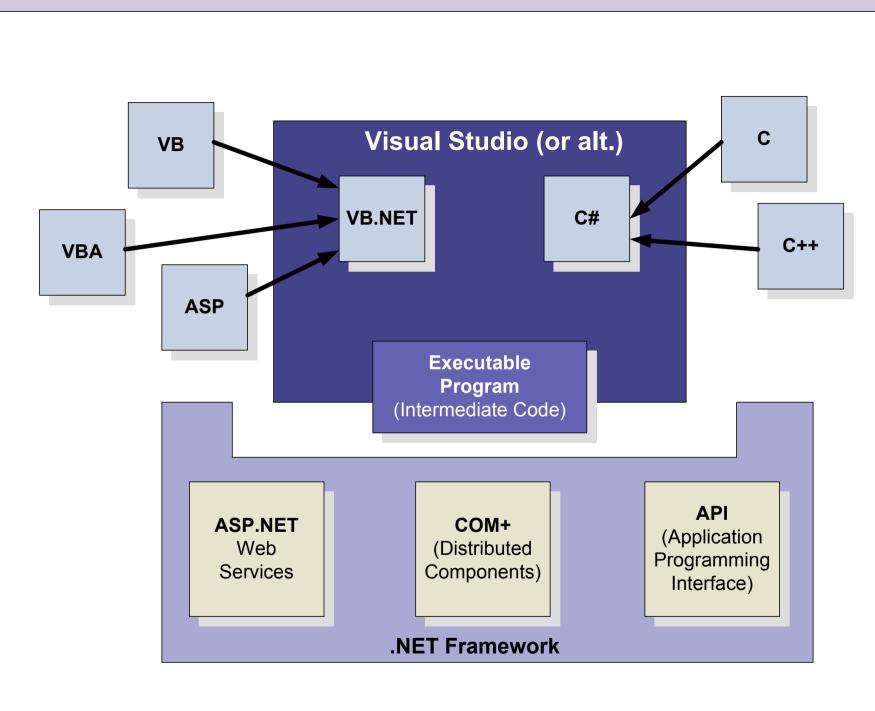
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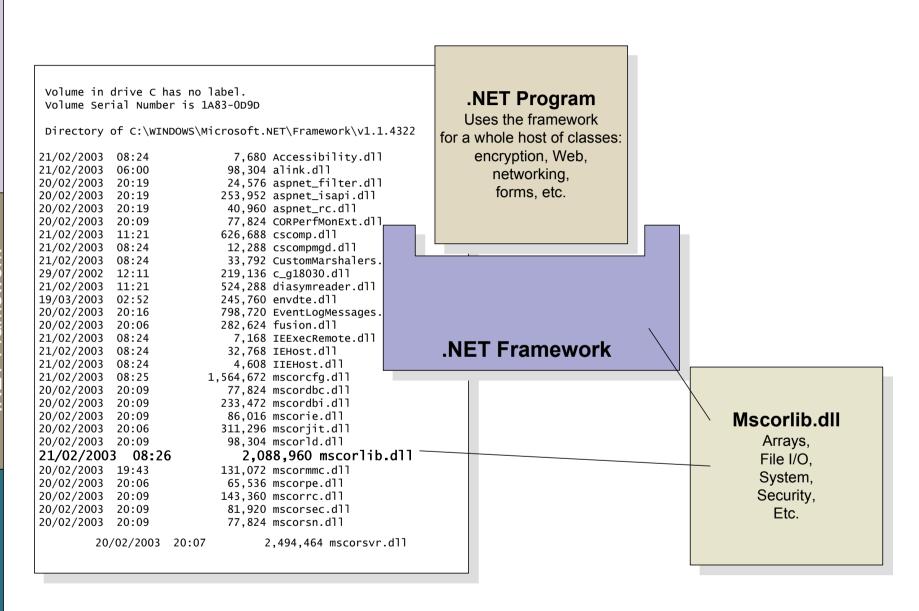
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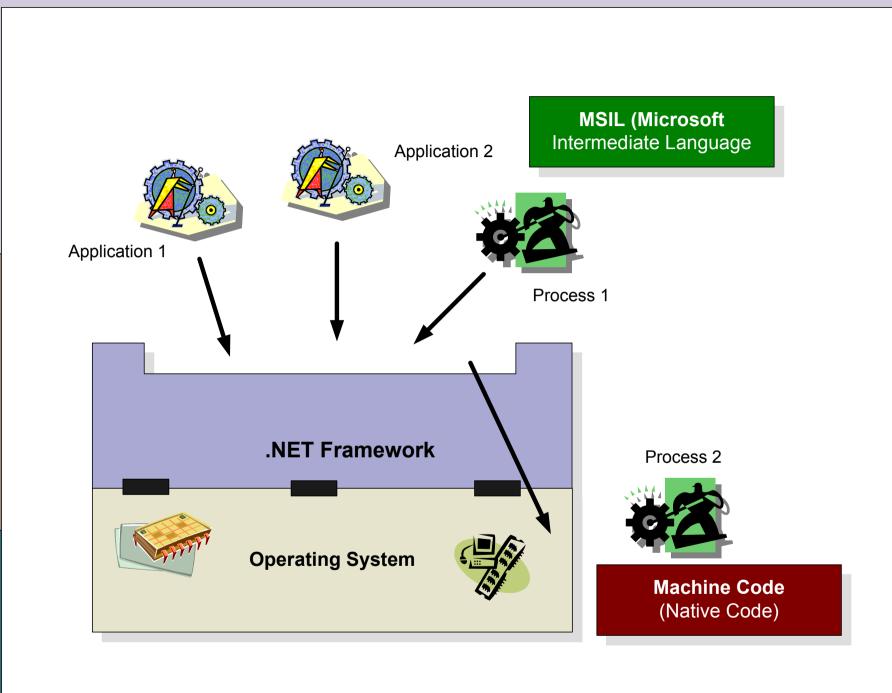
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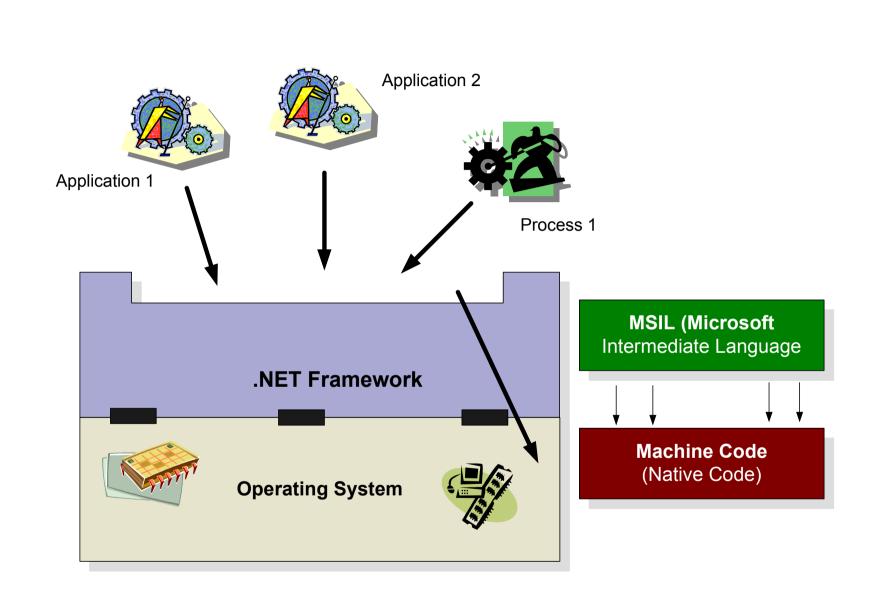


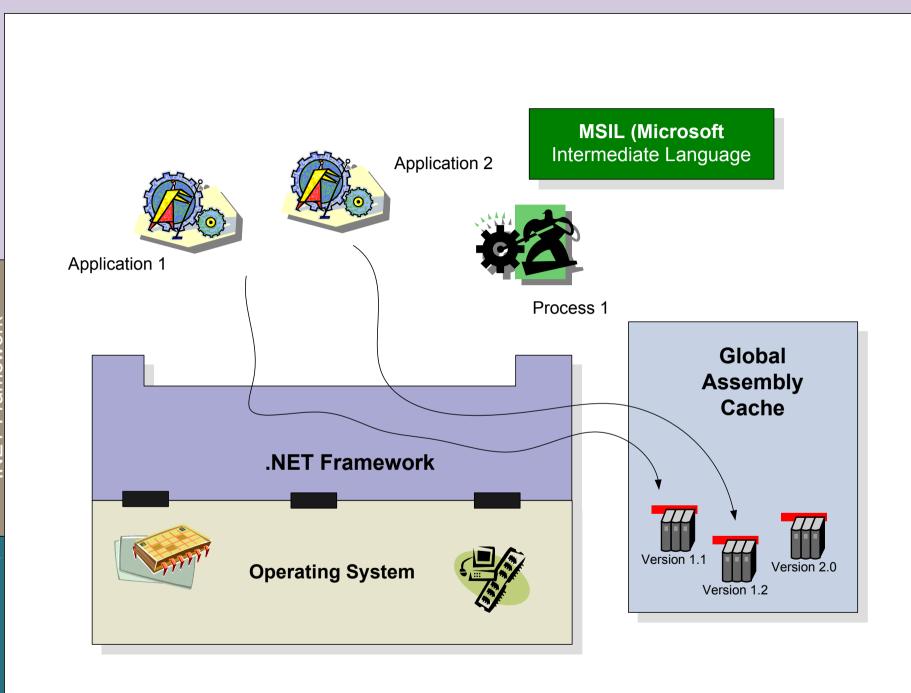
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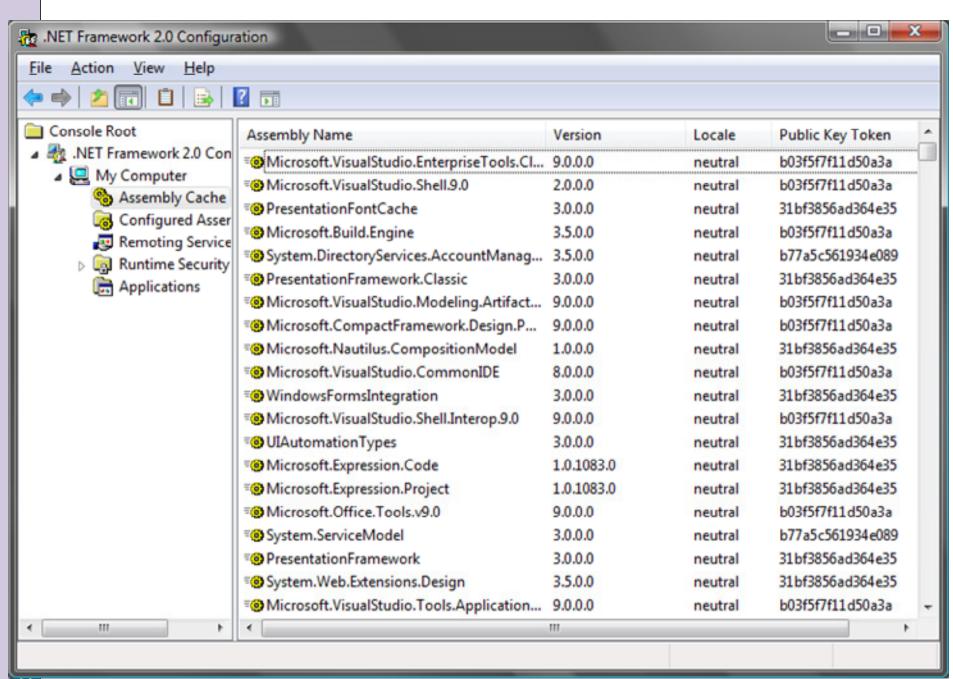


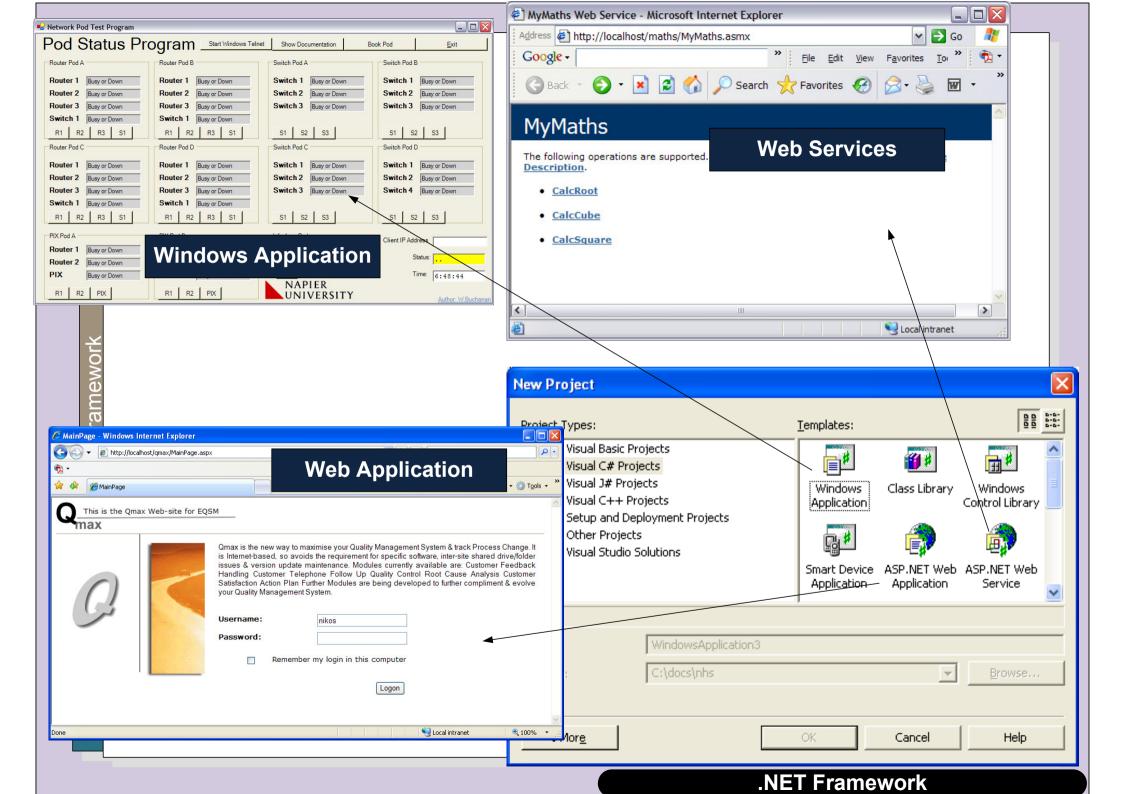


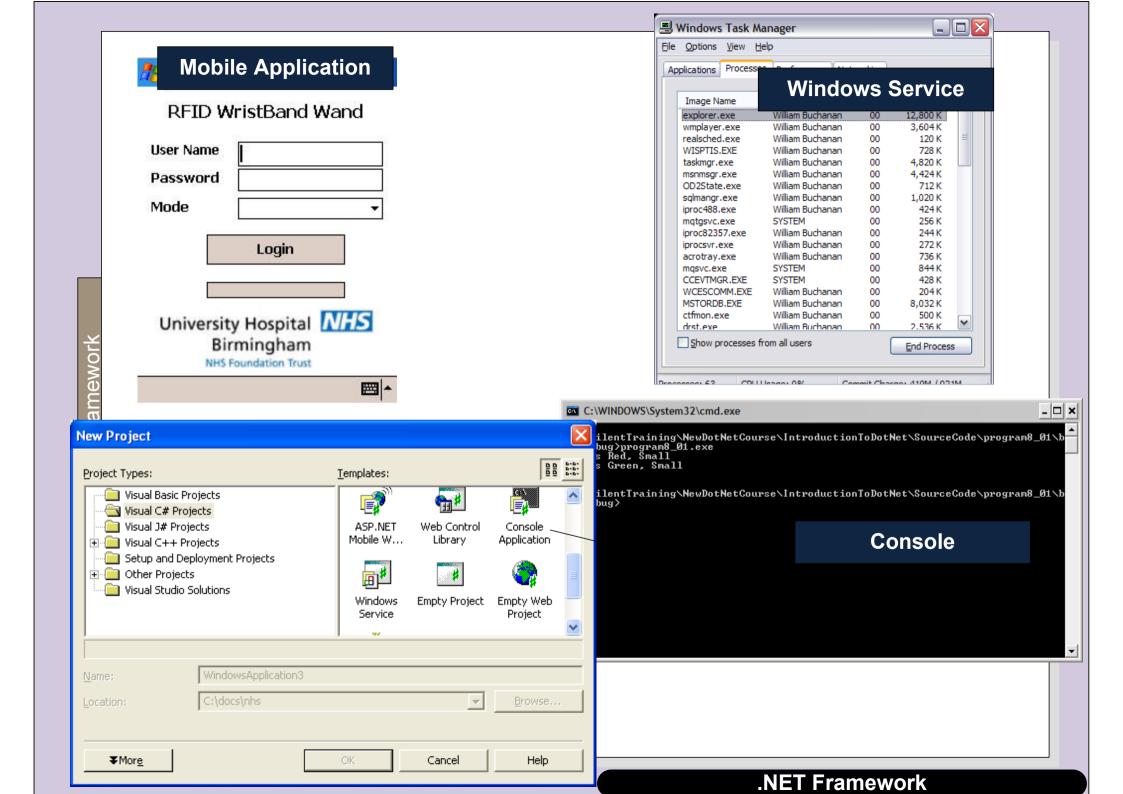






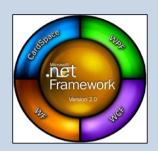






.NET Framework Version 3.0 (Nov 2006, WinFX)

- Windows CardSpace
- Windows Presentation Foundation
- Windows Communication Foundation
- Windows Workflow Foundation



.NET Framework Version 2.0 (Nov 2005)

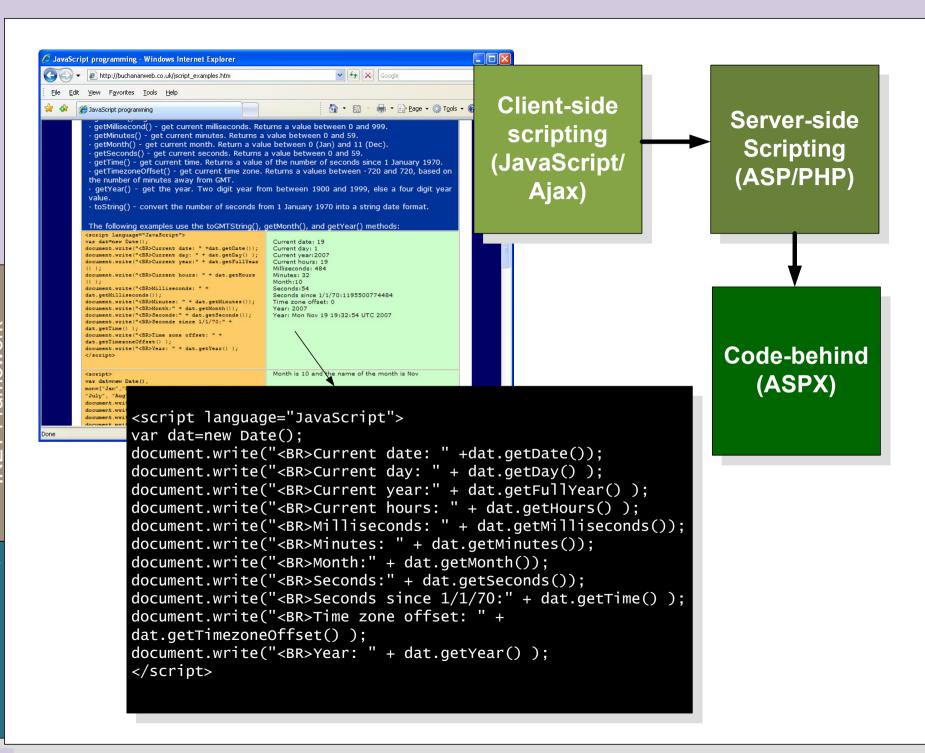
- Bug fixes.
- 64-bit support.
- Language support for generics.
- New controls.
- ASP.NET components.
- Bluetooth.

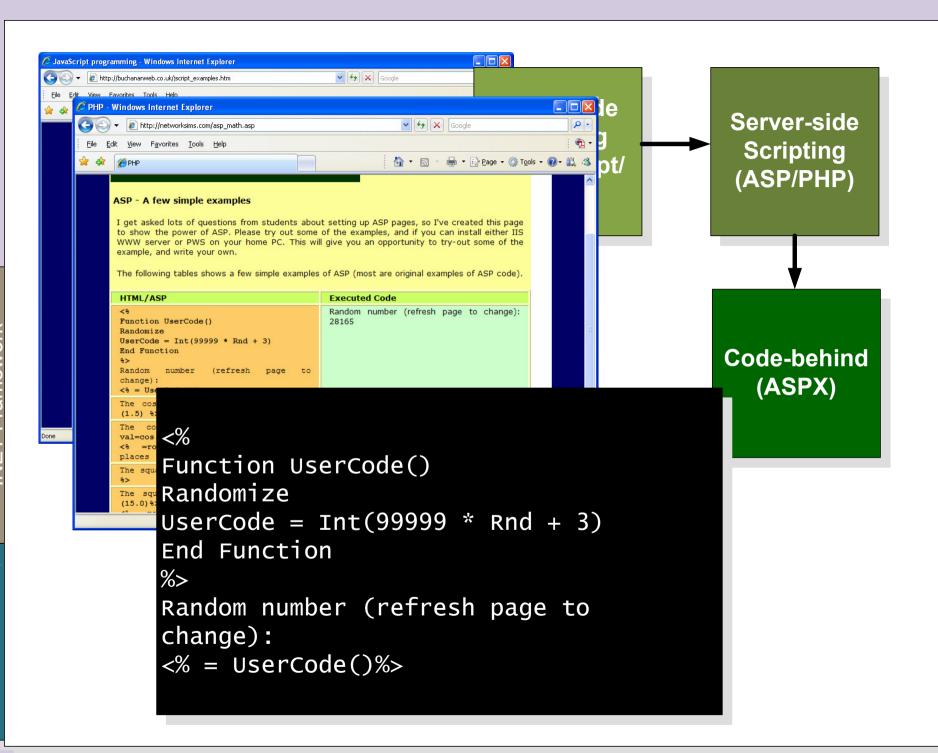
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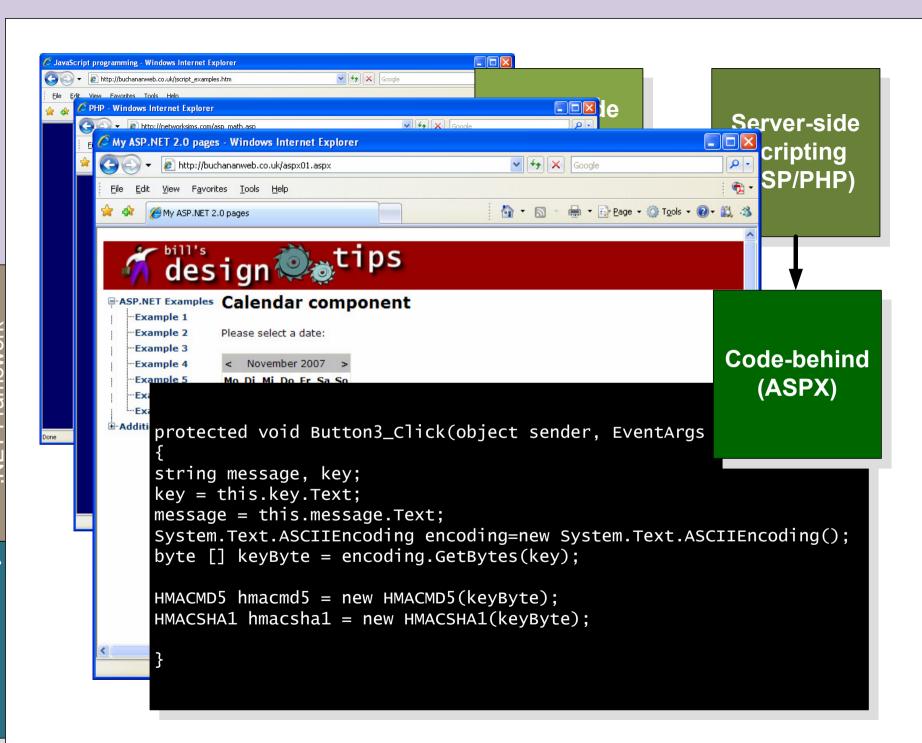


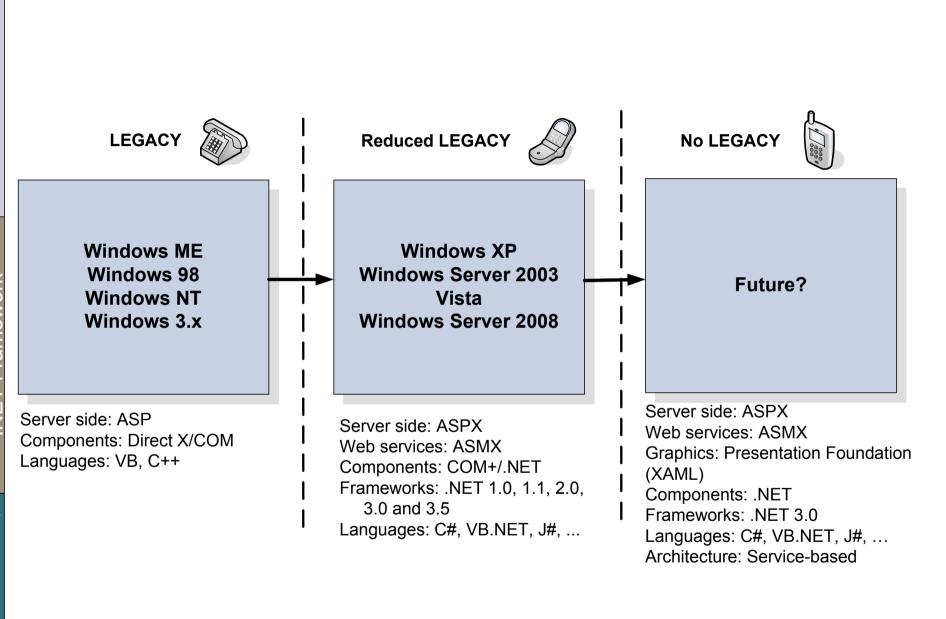
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- Bug fixes.
- .NET Compact Framework









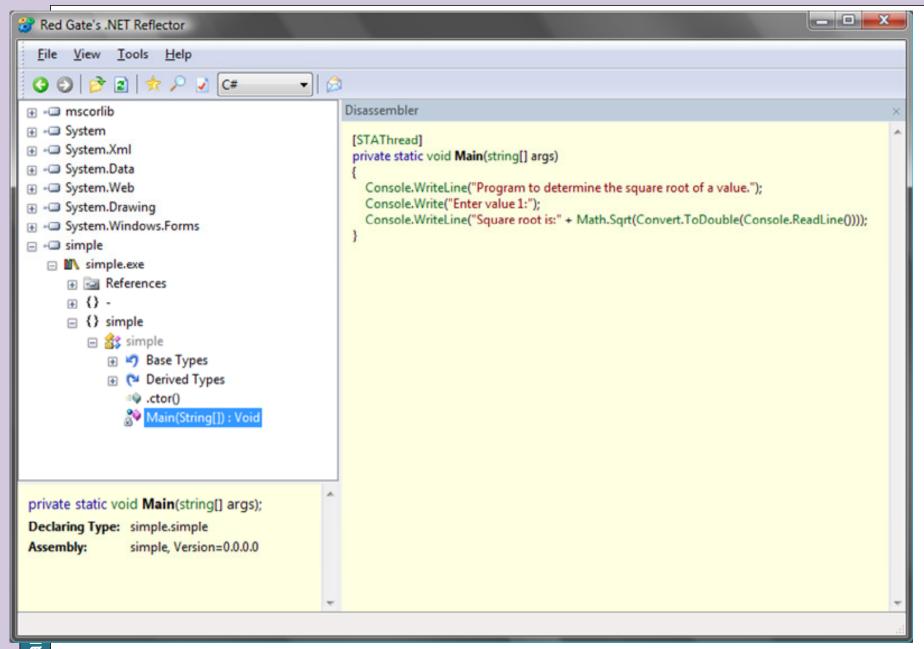


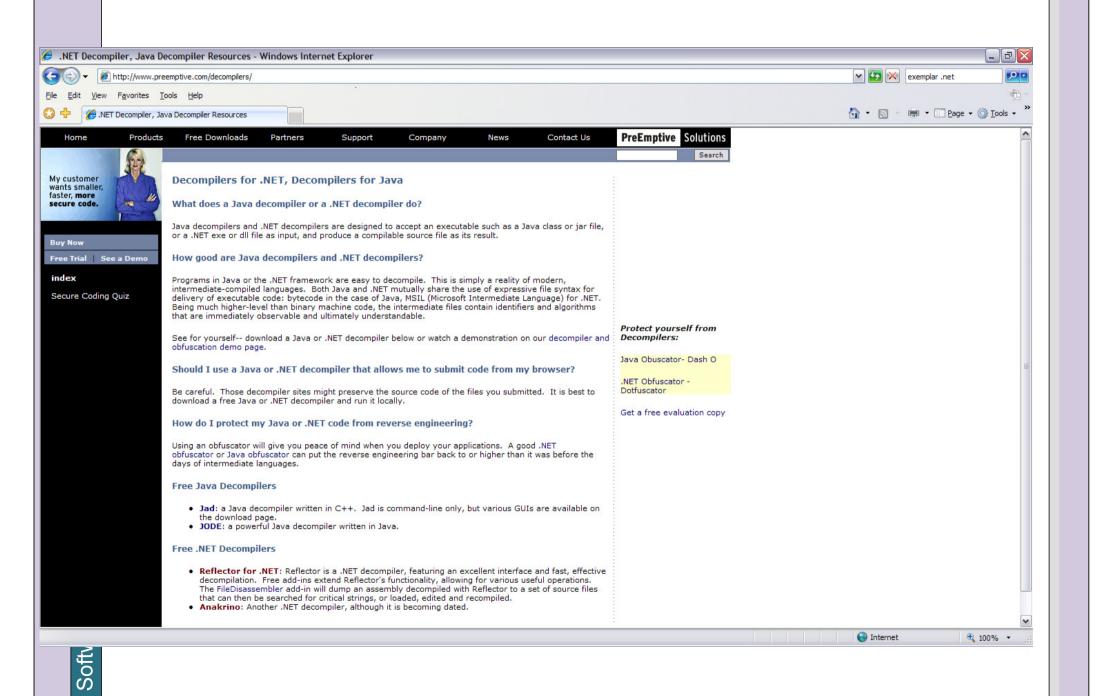
Keeping Code Secure

```
using System;
namespace simple
    class Class1
         static void Main(string[] args)
             string name;
             System.Console.Write("What is your name?");
             name=System.Console.ReadLine();
                                                                              System.Console.WriteLine("Hello " + name);
                                                                              91
                  .locals init ([0] string name)
                 IL 0000: 1dstr
                                   "What is your name\?"
                                   void [mscorlib]System.Console::Write(string)
                 IL 0005: call
                 IL 000a: call
                                   string [mscorlib]System.Console::ReadLine()
                 IL 000f: stloc.0
   EXE
                                   "Hello "
                 IL 0010: 1dstr
                 IL 0015: 1dloc.0
                                   string [mscorlib]System.String::Concat(string,
                 IL 0016: call
                                   void [mscorlib]System.Console::WriteLine(string)
                 IL 001b: call
                 IL 0020: ret
                } // end of method Class1::Main
```

```
F:\docs\src\simple\test>dir
Volume in drive F has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 2886-0553
Directory of F:\docs\src\simple\test
25/07/2008 01:20
                    <DIR>
25/07/2008 01:20
                    <DIR>
28/01/2007 17:06
                               437 simple.cs
              1 File(s)
                                   437 bytes
              2 Dir(s) 113,418,530,816 bytes free
F:\docs\src\simple\test>csc simple.cs
Microsoft (R) Visual C# 2008 Compiler version 3.5.21022.8
for Microsoft (R) .NET Framework version 3.5
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
F:\docs\src\simple\test>dir
Volume in drive F has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 2886-0553
Directory of F:\docs\src\simple\test
15/09/2008 16:37
                    <DIR>
15/09/2008 16:37
                    <DIR>
28/01/2007 17:06
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                             4,096 simple.exe
15/09/2008 16:37
                                                           Run
              2 File(s)
                                 4.533 bytes
              2 Dir(s) 113,418,526,720 bytes free
                                                           program
F:\docs\src\simple\test>simple
Program to determine the square root of a value.
Enter value 1:9
Square root is:3
```

```
F:\docs\src\simple\test>exemplar simple.exe > list.cs
F:\docs\src\simple\test>dir
Volume in drive F has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 2886-0553
Directory of F:\docs\src\simple\test
15/09/2008
          16:38
                     <DIR>
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                     <DIR>
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                                451 list.cs
28/01/2007 17:06
                                437 simple.cs
15/09/2008 16:37
                              4,096 simple.exe
F:\docs\src\simple\test>type list.cs
namespace simple {
       class simple {
                [STAThread]
                private static void Main(string[] args) {
                        double local0:
                        double local1;
                        Console.WriteLine("Program to determine the
square root of a value.");
                        Console.Write("Enter value 1:");
                        local0 = Convert.ToDouble(Console.ReadLine());
                        local1 = Math.Sqrt(local0);
                        Console.WriteLine("Square root is:" + local1);
                public simple() : base() {
        }
```







Obfuscation

```
#include <stdio.h> main(t,_,a)char
*a; {return!0<t?t<3?main(-79, -13, a+main(-87, 1-_,
main(-86,0,a+1)+a):1,t<\_?main(t+1,\_,a):3,main(-
94, -27+t, a) &&t==2?_<13? main(2,_+1,"%s %d %d\
n"):9:16:t<0?t<-72?main(_,t, "@n'+,#'/*{}w+/
w#cdnr/+,{}r/*de}+,/*{*+,/w{%+,/w#q#n+,/#{],+,/
n\{n+,/+\#n+,/\#\ ;\#q\#n+,/+k\#;*+,/'r :'d*'3,\}\{w+K\}
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+,}##'*}#nc,',#nw]'/+kd'+e}+;#'rdq#w! nr'/ ')
}+}{rl#'{n' ')# \ }'+}##(!!/") :t<-</pre>
50?_==*a?putchar(31[a]):main(-
65,_,a+1):main((*a=='/')+t,_,a+1)
0<t?main(2,2,"%s"):*a=='/'||main(0,main(-61,*a,
"!ek;dc i@b\kappa'(q)-[w]*%n+r3#1,{}:\nuwloca-0;m
.vpbks,fxntdCeghiry"),a+1);}
```

On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.
On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree....



Elimination of all whitespace.

Use of conditional and list expression instead of the more familiar if-then-else statement and statement blocks.

A simple encoding of the poem's strings.

Encoding of multiple "functions" into the single function main

Identifier Renaming

This involves renaming all the classes, methods, and fields to short names, or even non-printing names

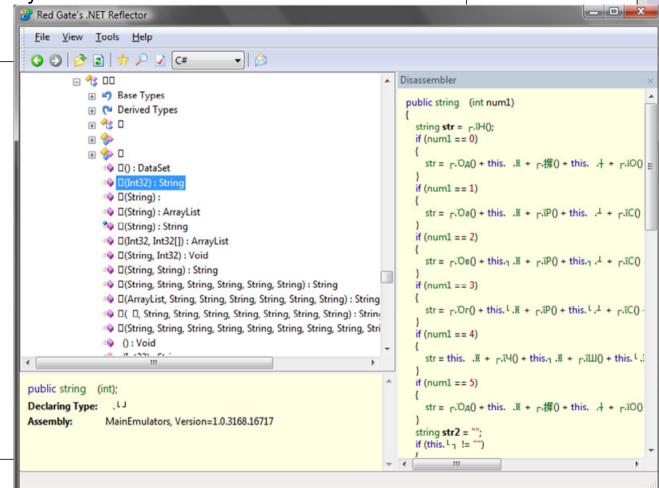
Before

```
namespace Emulator {
    public class gen_switch {
        public ArrayList32logging59
        public ArrayList32level5Commands59
        public string32level5Name59
        public ArrayList32level69Commands59
        public string32level69Name59
        public ArrayList32level39Commands59
        public string32level39Name59
        public ArrayList32level16Commands59
        public string32level16Name59
        public ArrayList32level17Commands59
        public string32level17Name59
        public ArrayList32level25Commands59
        public string32level25Commands59
        public string32level25Name59
```

After

String Encryption

A standard way that many "crackers" work is to search for key strings within a program. String encryption is used to encrypt strings through an encryption method, so that they cannot be search for.



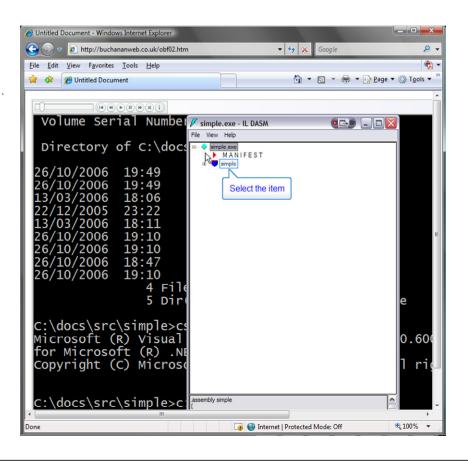
Flow obfuscation

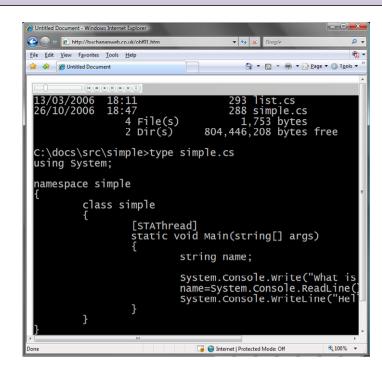
This involves scrambling the flow of the program, so that it is difficult to determine its actual operation.



View demo of Obfuscation

http://buchananweb.co.uk/obf01.htm





View demo of Obfuscation2

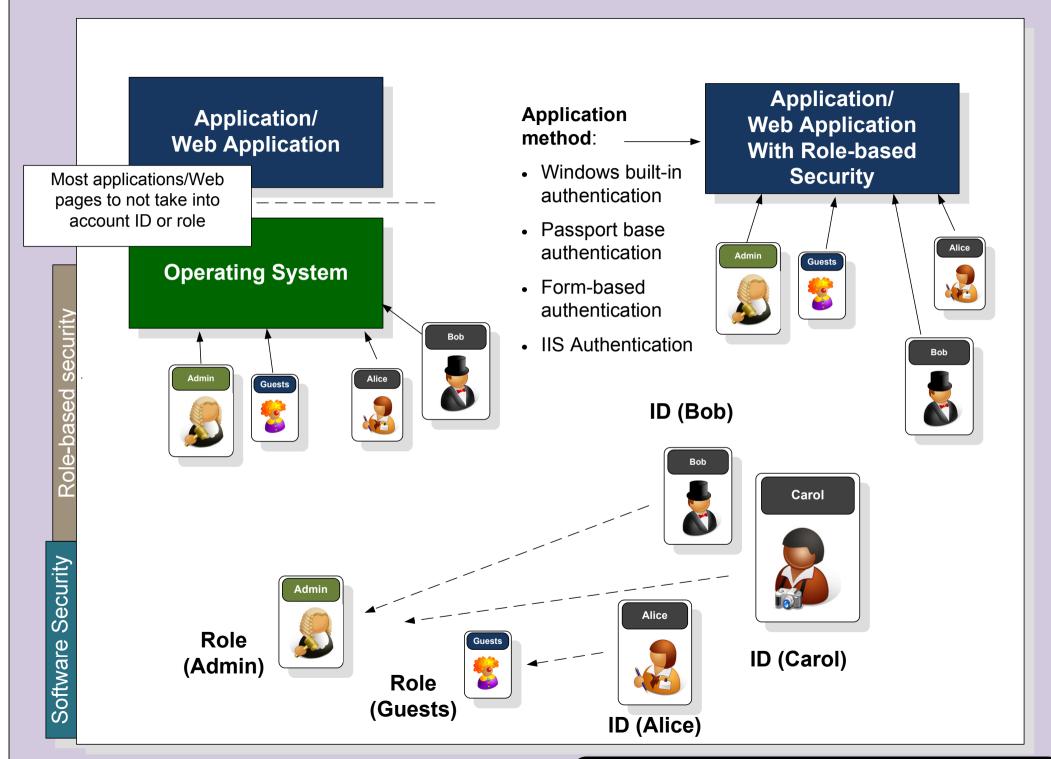


http://buchananweb.co.uk/obf02.htm

Example



Role-based security



```
using System;
using System. Security;
using System. Security. Principal;
namespace ConsoleApplication3
    class Class1
        static void Main(string[] args)
            WindowsIdentity myID = WindowsIdentity.GetCurrent();
            System.Console.WriteLine("Your ID: " + myID.Name);
            System.Console.WriteLine("Authentication: " +
                                                myID.AuthenticationType);
            WindowsPrincipal myPrin = new WindowsPrincipal(myID);
            if (myPrin.IsInRole(WindowsBuiltInRole.Administrator))
                System.Console.WriteLine("You're an Administrator ");
            else
                System.Console.WriteLine("You're not an Administrator");
            Console.ReadLine();
                                                                   Admin
                                                     Carol
```

A major problem with software is that security is left to the operating system. With .NET, the developer can integrate role-based security into the program/Web application.





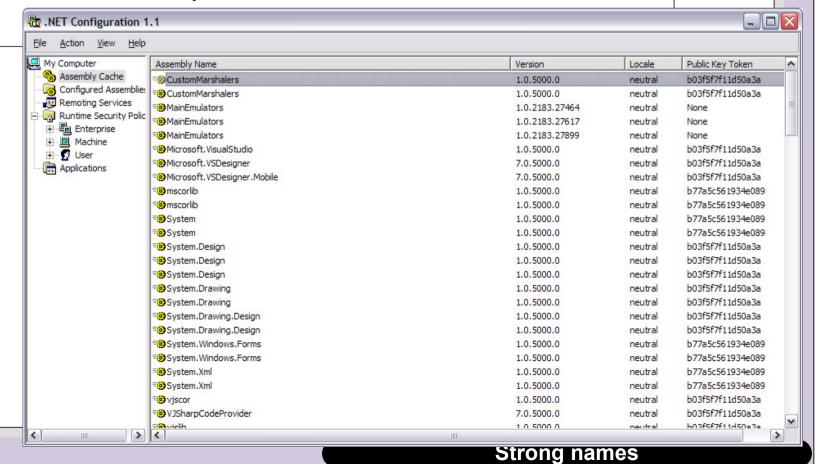
```
using System;
  using System. Security;
  using System. Security. Principal;
  namespace ConsoleApplication3
       class Class1
           static void Main(string[] args)
                WindowsIdentity myID = WindowsIdentity.GetCurrent();
                System.Console.WriteLine("Your ID: " + myID.Name);
                System.Console.WriteLine("Authentication: " +
 WINDOWSIDENCIPLY GEOCUTIENC(),
                                                         myID.AuthenticationType);
                                                  lowsPrincipal(myID);
                                                   Role.Administrator))
ine ("Your ID: " + myID.);
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onType);
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                                                   're not an Administrator");
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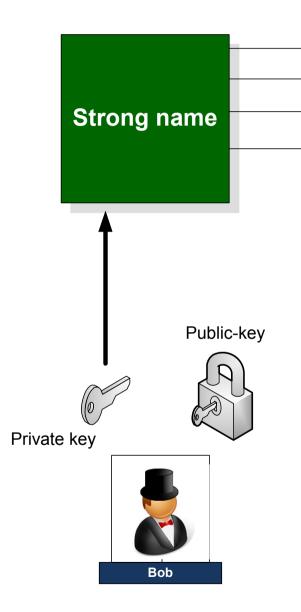
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                                     tor'
                 ₩ Guest
                 P PowerUser
                 PrintOperator
                 Replicator
                 ₩P User
             WindowsIdentity myID = WindowsIdentity.GetCurrent();
             System.Console.WriteLine("Your ID: " + myID.Name);
             System.Console.WriteLine("Authentication: " +
                                                     myID.AuthenticationType);
             WindowsPrincipal myPrin = new WindowsPrincipal(myID);
             if (myPrin.IsInRole(WindowsBuiltInRole.Administrator))
                  System.Console.WriteLine("You're an Administrator ");
             else
                  System.Console.WriteLine("You're not an Administrator");
             Console.ReadLine();
                                                    Admin
                                                                          Guests
```



.NET Security

- Strong Name uses cryptography and digital signatures. It uses a digital signatures with asymmetric cryptography (RSA, EL Gamal), and a hash signature (MD5, SHA).
- Overcomes DLL hell and are used for versioning and authentication.
- In order to enhance security, an assembly uses an assembly strong name
 which normally has a text name, a public key and a digital signature. The
 digital signature is used to validate the assembly, and the system can thus
 check to see if the code has be modified in any way. If the code has been
 tampered with, the assembly will not load.





➤ Text name (Office 10)

➤ Version (1.1.1a)

➤ Public-key

Digital signature

No other name can ever exist.

Supports different versions.

Verifies the assembly.

C:\bill>sn -k bill.snk

Microsoft (R) .NET Framework Strong Name Utility Version 1.1.4322.573

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Key pair written to bill.snk

C:\bill>dir

Volume in drive C has no label. Volume Serial Number is A873-2C50

Directory of C:\bill

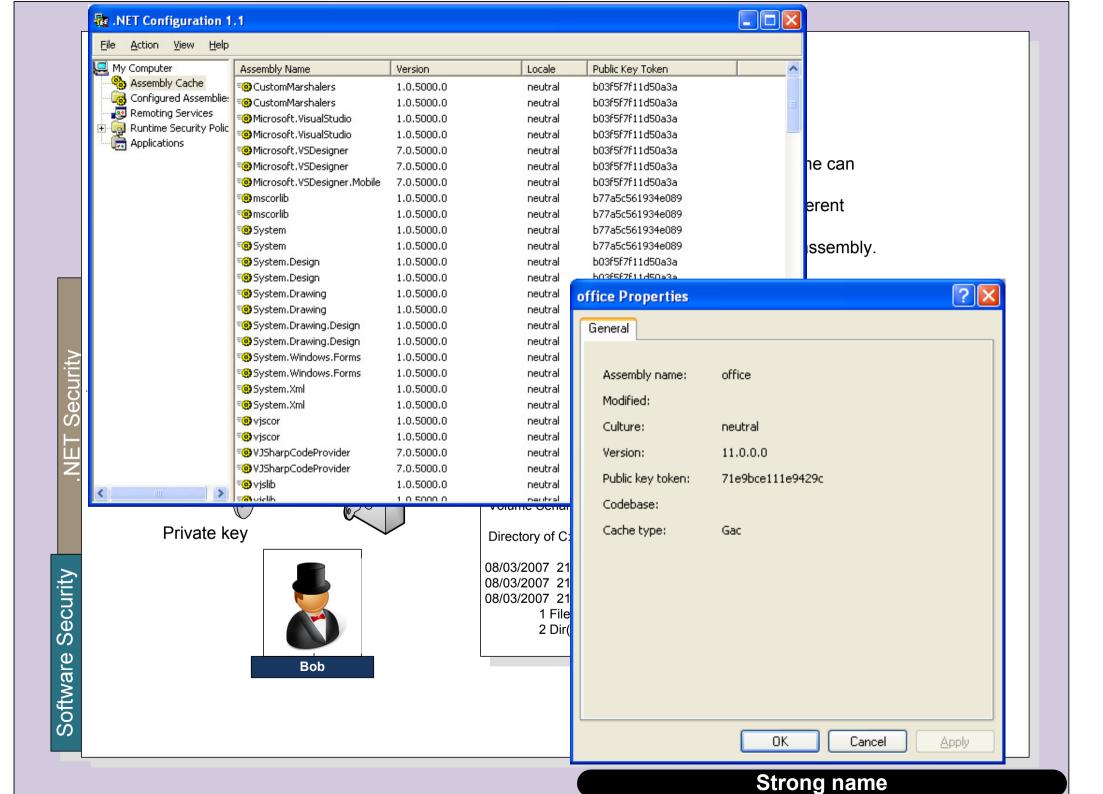
08/03/2007 21:15 <DIR>

08/03/2007 21:15 <DIR>

08/03/2007 21:15 596 bill.snk

1 File(s) 596 bytes

2 Dir(s) 2,058,932,224 bytes free



```
using System. Enterprise Services;
using System.Runtime.CompilerServices;
using System.Reflection;
// Specify a name for the COM+ application.
[assembly: ApplicationName("MyMathService")]
// Specify a strong name for the assembly.
[assembly: AssemblyKeyFile("MyMathService.snk")]
namespace MyMathService
    [Transaction(TransactionOption.Required)]
   public class Maths: ServicedComponent
        [AutoComplete]
        public int add(int a, int b)
        return(a+b);
```

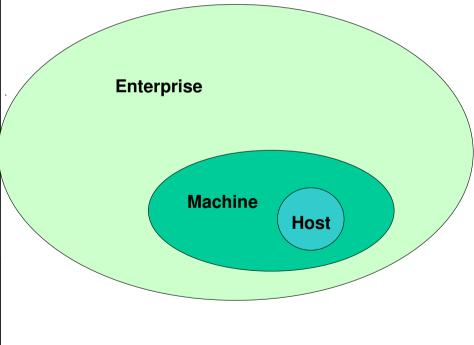


.NET Security Model

NET Security Model

The .NET Framework enhances this by supporting role based security, where users have defined roles, where a role is assigned to a group of users, and permissions are granted to them.

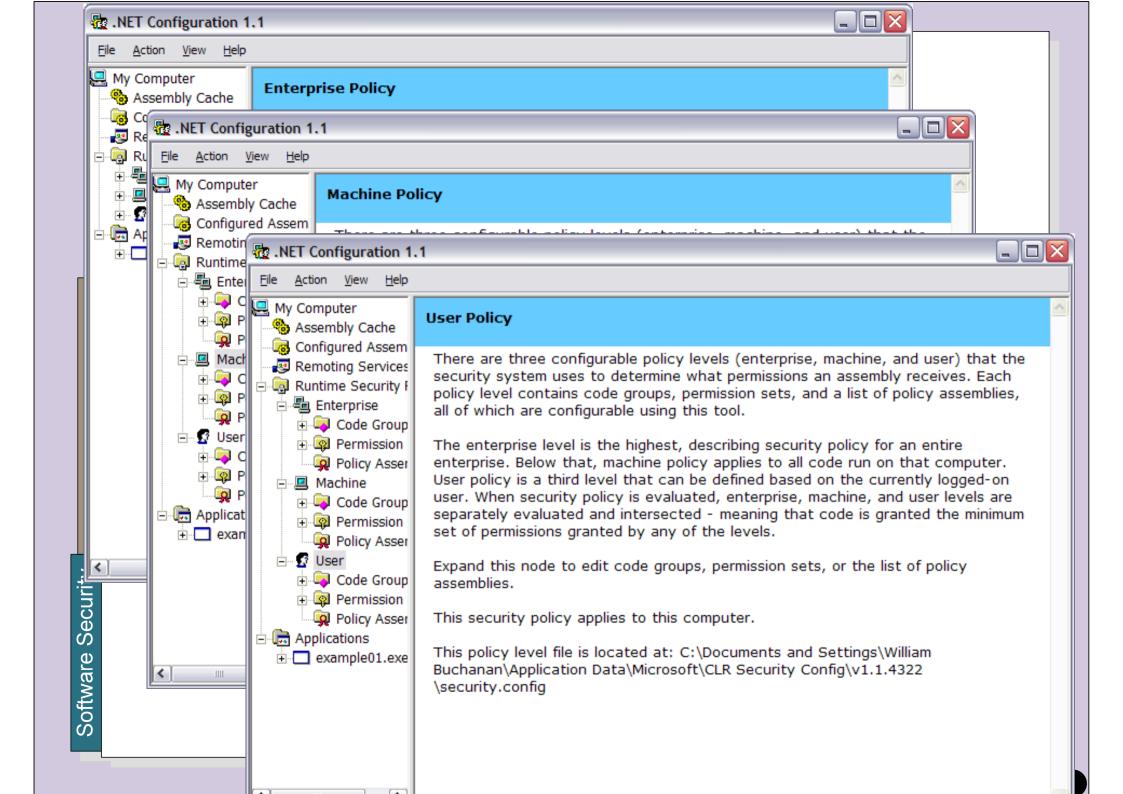
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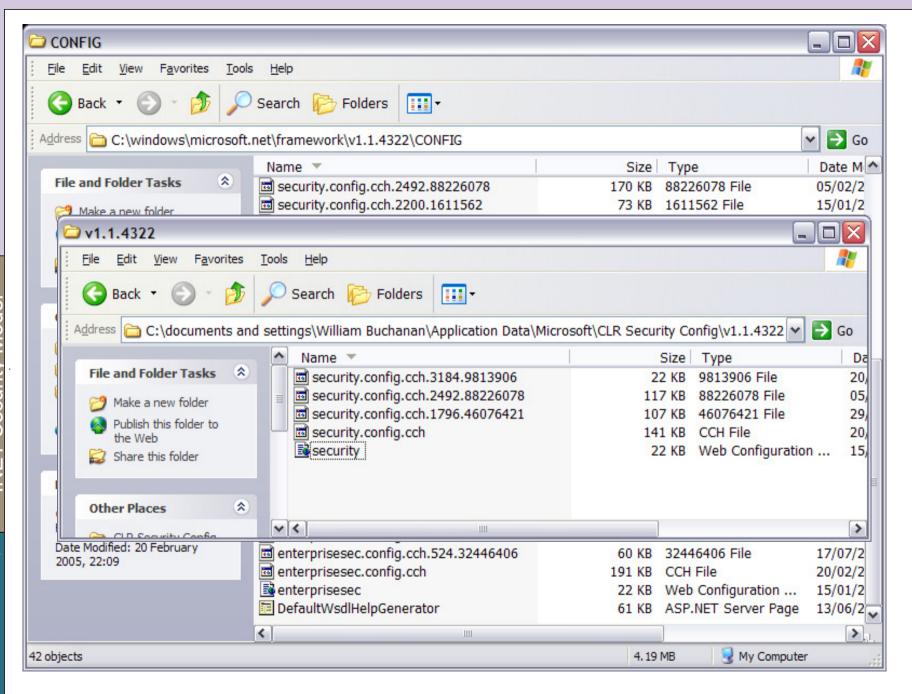


Machine configuration file. The machine configuration file is stored in the Config directory of the default .NET Framework installation. It contains settings that are applied to all the applications which run on the host.

Application configuration file. The application configuration file contains settings which relate to a specific application. These are named are Web.config (for Web applications) and App.config (for Windows applications).

Security configuration file. The security configuration files defines the security policy for a hierarchy of groups. It defines enterprise-level (Enterprisesec.config), machine-level (Security.config), and user-level (Security.config) security policies. The user level security policy is stored in user profile of the user.







ASP.NET

Web.config file is used to define the security of the Web pages

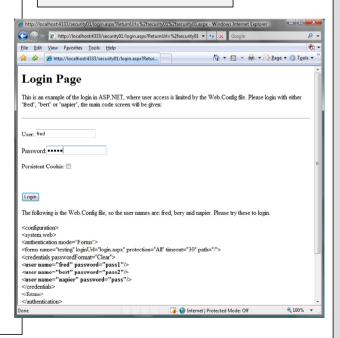
Web.config

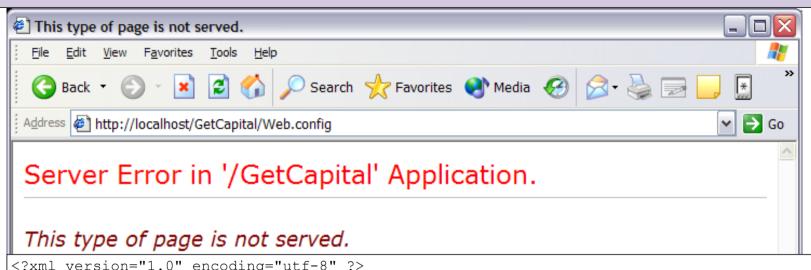
Web pages

```
<configuration>
 <system.web>
   <authorization>
      <deny users="?"/>
   </authorization>
    <!--
   <authentication mode="Forms">
   </authentication>
    -->
   <authentication mode="Forms">
      <forms name="Test" loginUrl="login.aspx" protection="All"</pre>
timeout="30" path="/">
        <credentials passwordFormat="Clear">
          <user name="fred" password="pass1"/>
          <user name="bert" password="pass1"/>
          <user name="napier" password="pass1"/>
        </redentials>
      </forms>
   </authentication>
   <compilation debug="true"/>
 </system.web>
</configuration>
```

Web pages

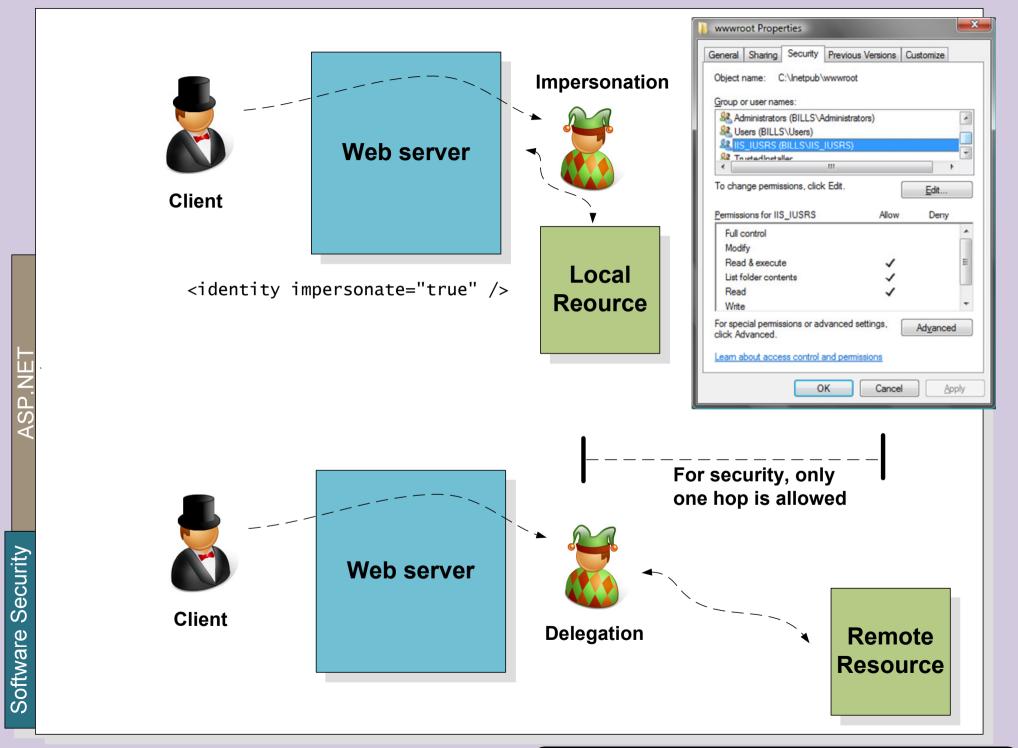
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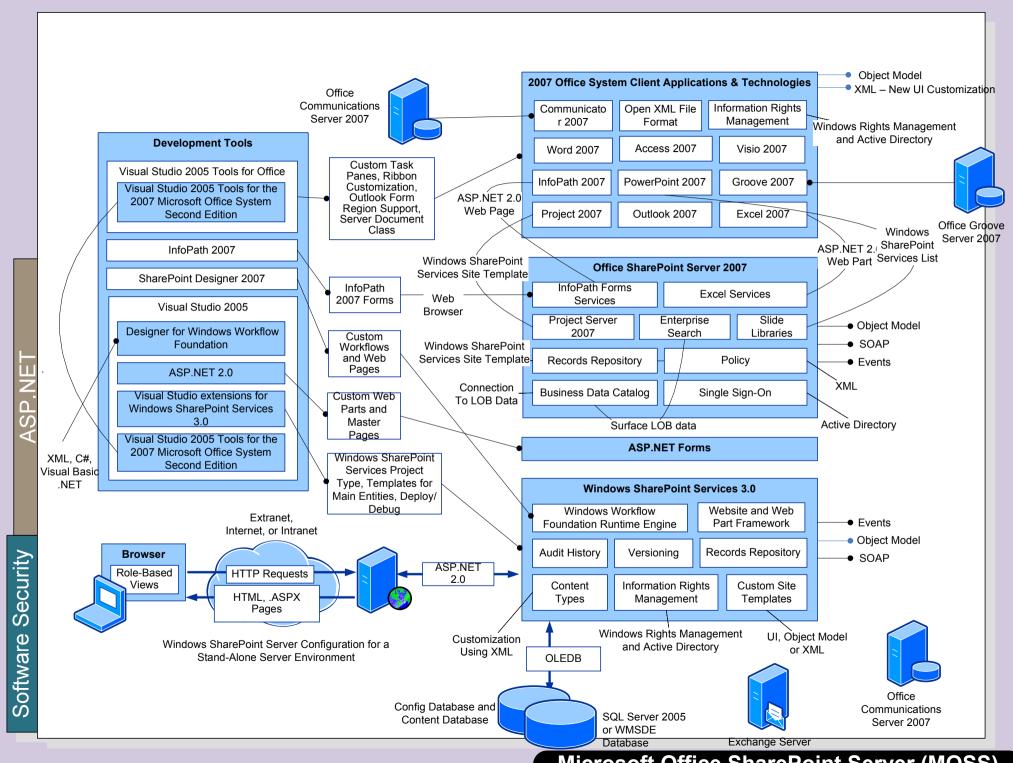




```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>
 <system.web>
   <!-- DYNAMIC DEBUG COMPILATION
          Set compilation debug="true" to enable ASPX debugging.
                    Otherwise, setting this value to
          false will improve runtime performance of this application.
    -->
   <compilation</pre>
         defaultLanguage="c#"
         debug="true"
   />
   <!-- CUSTOM ERROR MESSAGES
          Set customErrors mode="On" or "RemoteOnly" to enable custom error
                    messages, "Off" to disable.
          Add <error> tags for each of the errors you want to handle.
          "On" Always display custom (friendly) messages.
          "Off" Always display detailed ASP.NET error information.
          "RemoteOnly" Display custom messages only to users not running
   <customErrors</pre>
   mode="RemoteOnly"
    />
```

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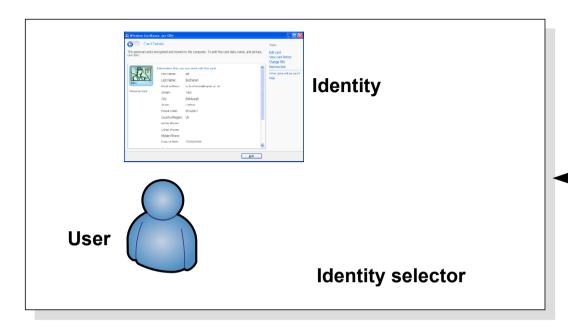


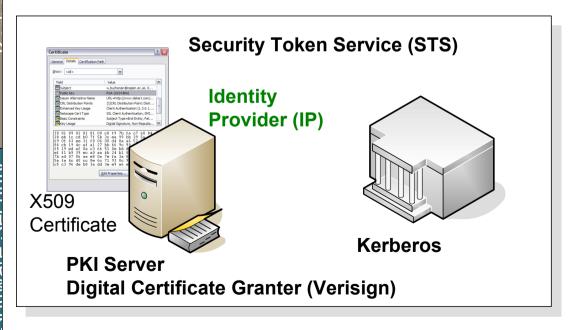


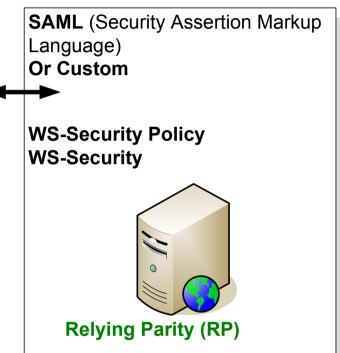
Microsoft Office SharePoint Server (MOSS)



Kerberos







Open XML standards: WS-*:- WS-Trust, WS-Metadata Exchange Framework

AS_REQ is the initial user authentication request. This message is directed to the KDC component known as Authentication Server (AS).

AS_REQ = (
Principal_{Client}, Principal_{service}, IP_list, Lifetime)

Eg Principal_{Client} = Principal for user (such as fred@home.com), IP_list



= all IP address which will use the ticket (may be null if behind NAT), lifetime = require life of the ticket.



AS_REQ

AS_REP

AS_REP. Reply for the previous request. It contains the TGT (Ticket Granting Ticket - encrypted using the TGS secret key) and the session key (encrypted using the secret key of the requesting user).

TGT = (Principal_{Client}, krbtgt/ REALM@REALM, P_list, Timestamp, Lifetime, SK_{TGS})

AS_REP = { Principal_{Service}, Timestamp, Lifetime, SK_{TGS} } K_{User} { TGT } K_{TGS}

SK_{TGS} – Session key of the TGS – randomly created.

K_{TGS} – Key of TGS.

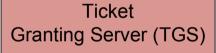
 $\mathbf{K}_{\mathsf{user}}-$ Secret key of Bob.

Note:

{ Message } – The curly brackets identify an encrypted message.

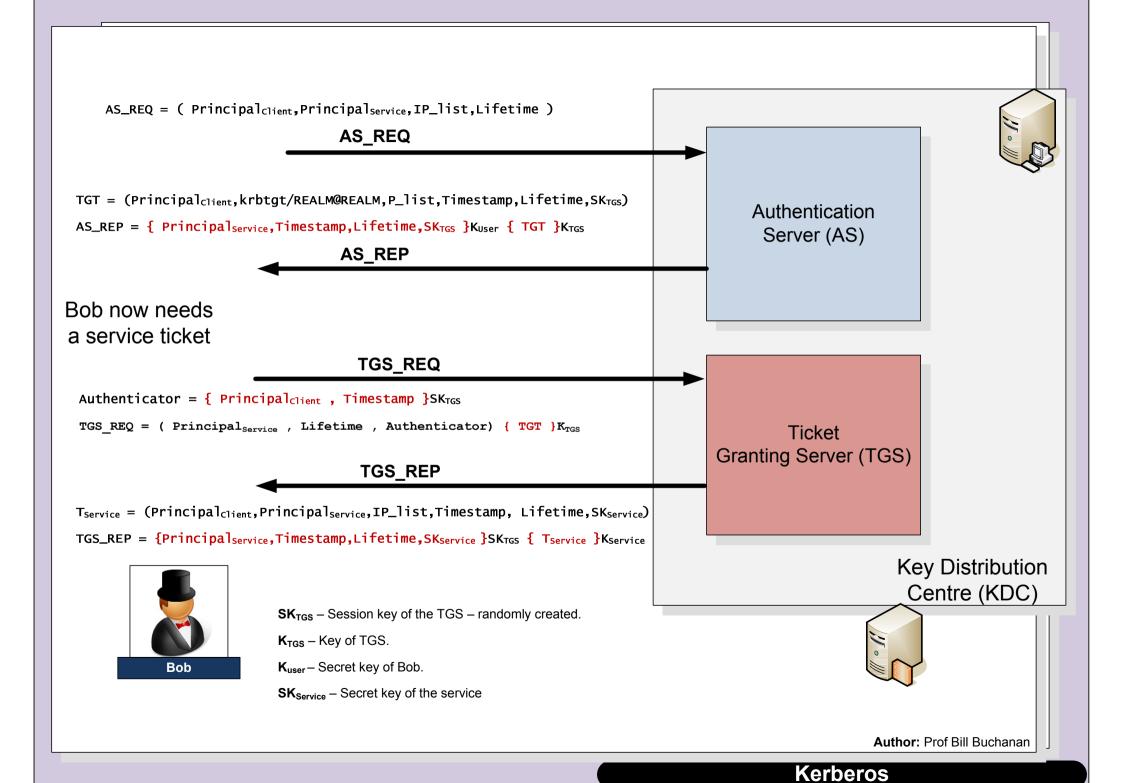
(Message) – The round brackets identify an non-encrypted message.

Authentication Server (AS)



Key Distribution Centre (KDC)







Conclusions