CSCI 331:
Introduction to Computer Security

Lecture 20: Cyber-Physical Audits

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Congrats!

You are done (or nearly done) with this course's graded labs.

They are not easy.

Why did I choose these?

Why did I make them challenging?

The pandemic changed the way I thought about my job.

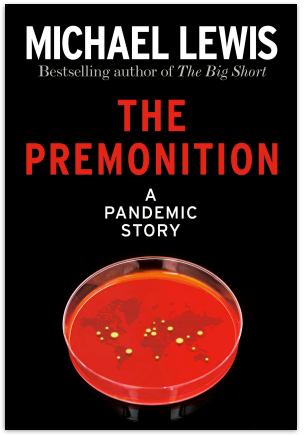
First reason: skills

Developing real skills.

You can **think adversarially**, identify **common** and **uncommon vulnerabilities**, **debug anything**, target **control flow weaknesses**, and most importantly, **write real exploit code**.

These are Hollywood-level hacking skills!

Second reason: competency



We need leaders who **know what they're talking about**.

You know how to recognize **threats** and **act**.

Remember: **know the limits** of your expertise and **listen carefully** when you are out of your depth.

Do the right thing.

This sometimes implies personal sacrifice.

Door countermeasures

Exterior doors often swing outward.
This is for safety (e.g., fire safety).

1942 Cocoanut Grove fire (Boston, MA): 492 deaths.
3rd deadliest fire in US history.
Profound effect on fire safety regulations.

Door countermeasures

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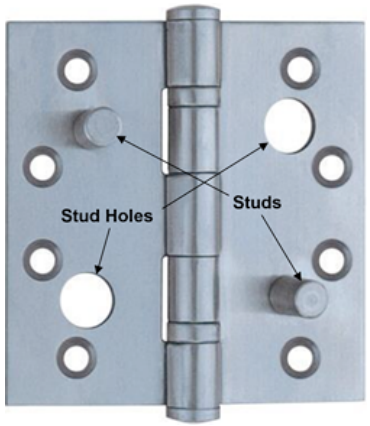
How do we protect them?

Setscrew hinge

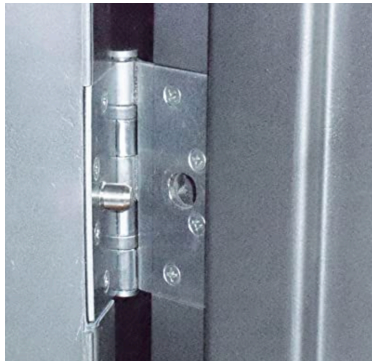
Screw locks hinge pin in place.
Screw only accessible when door is open.

Stud hinge



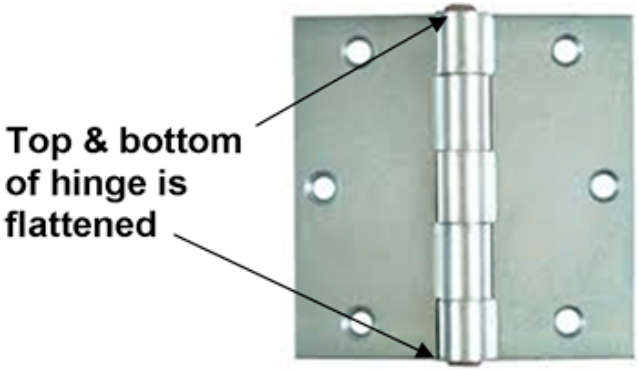
Holds door in place even when hinge pin is removed.
Existing hinges can be easily modified.

Stud hinge modification



Drill holes in both hinge leaves and in door.
On one side insert pin, on other side insert sleeve.

Non-removable hinge pins

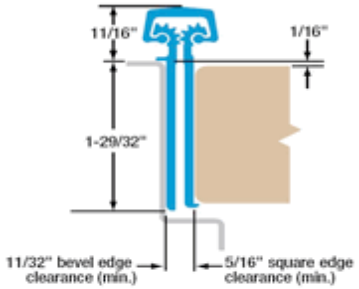


Hinge pin is riveted in place.
Door can only be removed by unscrewing hinge.

Continuous (“geared”) hinge

No hinge pins. Much more difficult to attack. Often used in embassies, correctional facilities, commercial buildings (and, oddly, bathroom stalls).

Continuous (“geared”) hinge



Leaves (and leaf screws) are concealed when door is shut.

Latch vulnerability

Latch guard

Prevents “card” attack

Recap & Next Class

Today we learned:

- Physical security countermeasures
- Auditing

Next class:

- Information flow
- Trust