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The IBM Tivoli security strategy to face the current threat and vulnerability scenario

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Vulnerabilities' highlights [1]

- The overall number of vulnerabilities continued to rise as did the overall percentage of high risk vulnerabilities;
- The focus of endpoint exploitation has dramatically shifted from the operating system to the web browser and web applications;
 - Vulnerabilities affecting web applications are climbing and so are the attacks;
- For the first half of 2008, a *password stealer family* that targets online games is in first place on the top ten malware list;
 - One of the most common actions malware takes after installation is an attempt to evade detection, either by the user or by the security software on the system.

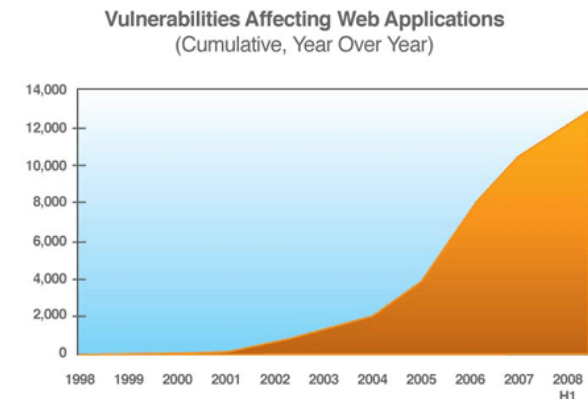
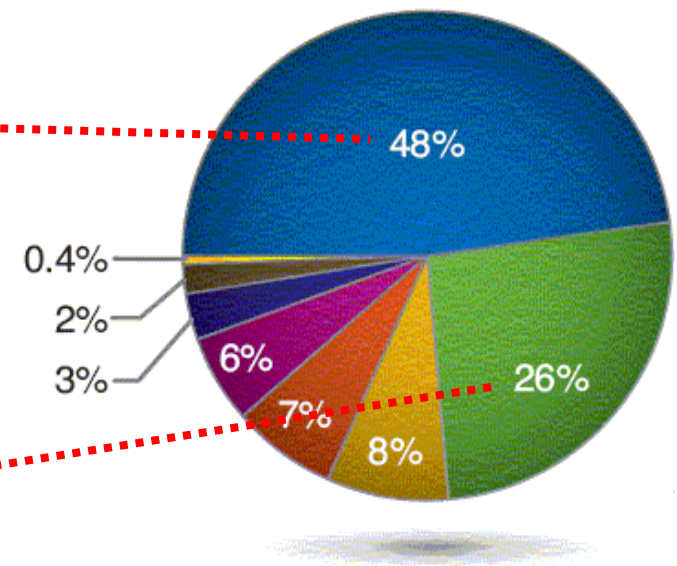


Figure 7: Cumulative Count of Web Application Vulnerabilities, 1998 – 2008 H1
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Vulnerabilities' consequences [2]

- Gain Access (48%) - An attacker can obtain local and remote access
 - This also includes vulnerabilities in which an attacker can execute code or execute commands
- Data Manipulation (26%) - An attacker is able to manipulate data stored or used by the host associated with the service or application.
- Denial of Service (8%) - An attacker can crash or hang a service or system, or take down a network.
- Bypass Security (7%) - An attacker can bypass security restrictions such as a firewall or proxy, an IDS system or a virus scanner.



Attacks and information security incidents [3]

- The *most expensive* computer security incidents were those involving financial fraud, that account for only 12% of all the computer security incidents
 - At the same time the most common attacks are due to viruses, insider abuse, laptop theft
- Attacks that are targeting specific organizations or industry segments
 - Twenty-seven percent of those responding to a question regarding “targeted attacks” said they had detected at least one such attack.
- 51% of respondents did *not* report losses due to insiders

The IBM Security Framework



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