- Limited privilege
  - Achieving root access on machine X may require multiple steps
    - Get inside firewall
    - Scan network for vulnerabilities
    - Get user access to machine
    - Get root access to machine
- Question: how does security of whole system depend on parts?

- Must handle large, realistic examples
- Should guarantee properties of attack graphs

– Analysis
  - Must enable security analysis by system administrators
  - Should support incremental, partial specification

- Handles safety and liveness properties
- *Generates counterexamples*

An attack graph is a set of attacks of H.

[Gerth et al.95].

- M and Φ induce languages L(M) and L(Φ).

2. Compute intersection M $\cap$ $\sim\Phi$ of Buchi automata.
   - L(M $\cap$ $\sim\Phi$) = L(M)\L(Φ) = executions of M that violate Φ.
3. Derive G from strongly connected components of intersection automaton [Tarjan72].

IIS buffer overflow:	remotely get root	✗
Squid portscan:	port scan	✗
LICQ remote-to-user:	gain user privileges remotely	✓
scripting exploit:	gain user privileges remotely	✗
local buffer overflow:	locally get root	✗

$R(S, T, 80)$	*Host T is reachable from S on port 80*
intruder effects	
$plvl(T) := \text{root}$	*Root-level privileges on host T*
network effects	
$\neg \text{w3svc}_T$	*Host T is not running IIS*

end

network preconditions

licq_T	*Host T is running vulnerable* LICQ *software*
$R(S,T,5190)$	*Host T is reachable from S on port 5190*

intruder effects

$plvl(T) := \text{user}$	*User-level privileges on host T*

network effects

$\oslash$	*No changes to the network component*

end

$plvl(T) := \text{root}$	*Root-level privileges on host T*
network effects	
$\oslash$	*No changes to the network component*

end


Local buffer
overflow
CVE-2002-0004
Done!

Solution (Sketch):

1. Reduce MCSA to Minimum Hitting Set (MHS) Problem [JSW02].
2. Reduce MHS to Minimum Set Covering (MSC) Problem [ADG80].
3. Use textbook Greedy Approximation Algorithm to approximate solution [CLR85].

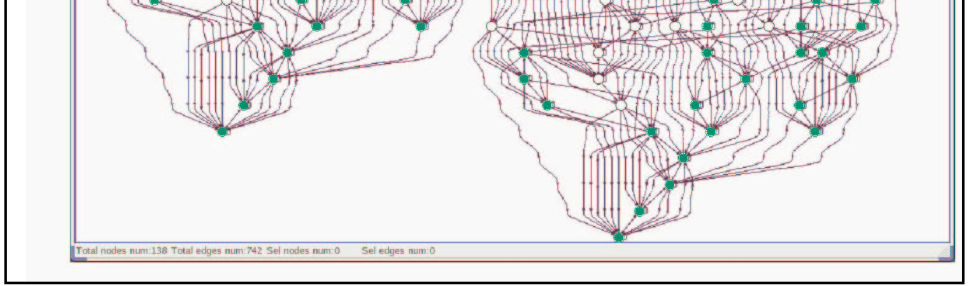
MCSA and MHS are polynomially-equivalent.

[JSW02b] Jha, Sheyner, Wing, "Two Formal Analyses of Attack Graphs," Computer Security Foundations Workshop, Nova Scotia, June 2002.

Use textbook Greedy Approximation Algorithm for MSC
[CLR85, p. 975.]

deploy to make the system safe? [304]

Solution Approach: Greedy algorithm with provable bounds. General case is NP-complete (slightly more complex than minimum cover problem).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