Security Principles

(as usual, thanks to Dave Wagner and
“Security is economics”
“Least Privilege”
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Every entity (process, user, program, etc.) must be able to access only such information and resources necessary for its legitimate purpose.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwgSVhgFm7E
“Use fail-safe defaults”
Fail-Safe.

COUNTDOWN
Missile launch: 60 s.
Global nuclear war: 90 s.
To cancel, enter your security code and give the counter-order within 60 seconds.

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NO LONE ZONE
SAC TWO MAN POLICY
MANDATORY

CAUTION

DO NOT KEY RTN IX L/D
EXCEPT IN CASE OF AN
EMERGENCY - MUST BE AT
LEAST 6 FT FROM NSL.
“Separation of Responsibility”
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System should be divided into entities that overlap in functionality as little as possible.

Alternative statement: Split up privilege so no one person or program has complete power. Require more than one party to approve before access is granted.
“Defense in depth”
2.6.8. Where passwords are used as the sole authentication method, they **SHOULD:**

a. be a minimum of 7 characters, and  
b. consist of at least 3 of the following character sets:
   i) lowercase characters (a-z),  
   ii) uppercase characters (A-Z),  
   iii) digits (0–9), and  
   iv) punctuation and special characters.  

**Examples:** !@#$%^&*

These requirements **SHOULD** be enforced by the system.
“Psychological acceptability”
Internet Explorer

When you send information to the Internet, it might be possible for others to see that information. Do you want to continue?

☑ In the future, do not show this message.
When you see a dialog box like this, click 'Yes' to make it go away. If available, click the checkbox first to avoid being bothered by it again.

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Unable to verify the identity of svn.xiph.org as a trusted site.

Possible reasons for this error:
- Your browser does not recognise the Certificate Authority that issued the site's certificate.
- The site's certificate is incomplete due to a server misconfiguration.
- You are connected to a site pretending to be svn.xiph.org, possibly to obtain your confidential information.

Please notify the site's webmaster about this problem.

Before accepting this certificate, you should examine this site's certificate carefully. Are you willing to accept this certificate for the purpose of identifying the Web site svn.xiph.org?

- Examine Certificate...
- Accept this certificate permanently
- Accept this certificate temporarily for this session
- Do not accept this certificate and do not connect to this Web site

OK Cancel
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Blah blah geekspeak geekspeak geekspeak.

Before accepting this certificate, your browser can display a second dialog full of incomprehensible information. Do you want to view this dialog?

- View Incomprehensible Information
- Make this message go away permanently
- Make this message go away temporarily for this session
- Stop doing what you were trying to do

OK  Cancel
“Consider human factors”
“Ensure complete mediation”
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Every access attempt must be checked. Both direct access attempts and attempts to circumvent the access checking mechanism should be considered, and the mechanism should be positioned so that it cannot be circumvented.

(Pfleeger and Pfleeger)
Know your threat model! (They often change over time.)
Detect if you can’t prevent!
A'la'ih, do'neh'lini, A'la'ih, do'neh'lini, A'la'ih, do'neh'lini, A'la'ih, do'neh'lini, A'la'ih, do'neh'lini…

For added security, after we encrypt the data stream, we send it through our Navajo code talker.

...is he just using Navajo words for "zero" and "one"?

Whoa, hey, keep your voice down!
ACCIDENT ON MOTORWAY
CAUTION!
ZOMBIES!
AHEAD!!!

RUN FOR
COLD
CLIMATES

THE END
IS NEAR!
!!!!!!!!!!
RAPTORS AHEAD CAUTION
SEND HELP!
Don’t rely on security through obscurity!
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The notion that secrecy of design or implementation provides security.
Design security in from the start!
The real card reader slot. The capture device

The side cut out is not visible when on the ATM.
This is the back side of the device.

The card reader is on the left and the camera is tucked into the right side as shown below.

The device may have been constructed with parts from an MP3 Player.

It was attached with several small pieces grey double-sided tape

The part was well made and fit nicely over the original card reader.
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