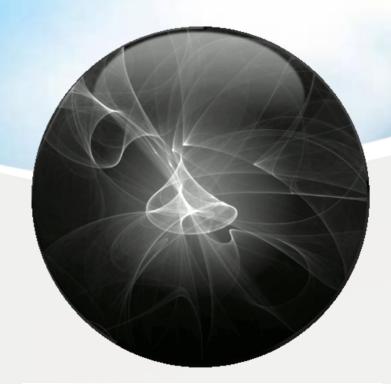
# **Transcending From Digital to Physical**



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# Agenda



- ☐ Typical showcases
- ☐ Trends in hacking and applications
- Transcending from digital to physical
- □ Conclusions

# **Transcending From Digital to Physical**



**Typical showcases** 



# Once Upon a Time in Hackland

- Originally hacking concentrated on physical networks and infrastructure.
- The motivation: respect.

# Once Upon a Time in Hackland

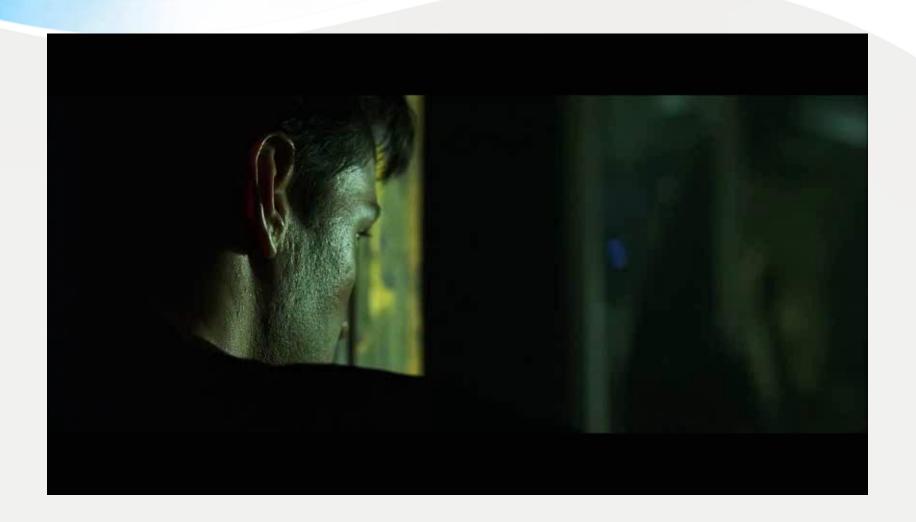
- When hacking moved into the application realm, the motivation changed.
- Getting to the physical realm went out of focus

# **Happily Ever After?**

Every now and then though...



# Once Upon a Time in Hackland



Source: YouTube

## It's a New World

- SCADA
  - Public awareness grew with Stuxnet (2010)
  - Seminal security event
  - Worldwide ripple effect
- What if...
  - SCADA is just a means to an end

#### It's a New World

- Vehicle security is an issue
  - The information systems of the vehicle serve as the syringe
  - Attacking the physical realm through the digital
  - Public awareness grew after DefCon 2013



# **Transcending From Digital to Physical**



Trends in Hacking and Applications



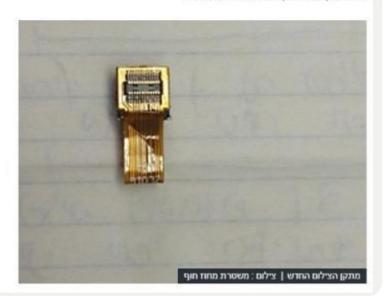
# Trends in Hacking

 Simple thefts, benefit from technology





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# Trends in Hacking and Applications

#### Social networks

- חבר'ה the first social network.
  - Once reaching the bandwagon effect, within 30 days...
- Facebook hacking
  - Not all hacks are aimed at the digital realm
  - Simple robberies can benefit from Facebook



# Introducing: Mr. Obvious

History Recurrence - George Santayana observed that:
 "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned

to repeat it.",

The Life of Reason, vol. 1: Reason in Common Sense, 1905 (wikipedia).

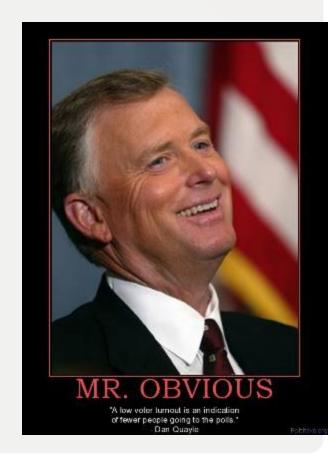


# Introducing: Mr. Obvious

- The resurrection of SMiShing
- SMiShing pre 2005 attack vector

Originally used as a SPAM attack vector in banking frauds.
Resurrected in a non-spam "business" model attack vector.

 That an attack is OLD, does not mean it is dead!



#### Return of the Ransom

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#### Consider Virlock

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#### ATTACKS/BREACHES

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#### **Hackers Breaking New Ground With** Ransomware

The tools and tactics being used to go after victims reveal growing sophistication, and gamers need to look out, security researchers say.

The enormous success which hackers have had extracting millions of dollars from individuals and businesses using ransomware appears to be driving more sophisticated tools and tactics from them.

This week researchers sounded the alert on two recent ransomware families that break ground in different ways.

One of them dubbed Virlock is noteworthy because it not only locks the screen of compromised systems like other ransomware, but also infects files on the device. First noticed by security firm ESET in December, Virlock is also polymorphic, meaning the code changes every time it runs making it hard to detect using standard malware detection tools.

# Trends in Hacking and Applications

- The defender's mission is easier.
  - \_ ???

"On the Internet today, it is much easier to attack systems and break into them than it is to defend those systems against attack, so the advantage is to the attacker. This is true for a combination of reasons: the ability of an attacker to concentrate his attack, the nature of vulnerabilities in computer systems, poor software quality and the enormous complexity of computer systems."

Source: <a href="https://www.schneier.com/blog">https://www.schneier.com/blog</a>

# Trends in Hacking and Applications

- Security is relative
- Most attacks are not specifically targeted
  - hackers attack whatever then can and hack what is feasible.

#### What if...

Attacks are targeted?

# Braking the perimeter

- Through authorized users the Lockheed Martin Hack
- Determination a key in locating the needle in the haystack.
- Mr. Ed Schwartz, VP and CISO, RSA, the Security Division of EMC: "Recently we learned that two factor authentication is not enough anymore",
  - Managing Advanced Security Threats Using Big Data Analytics, International Cyber Conference II,
     Israel, June 2012

# Bypassing a Closed Network

- The network is enclosed!
- Yep, but are all input channels or in put means protected?
   Suter (computer program)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Suter is a military computer program developed by BAE Systems that attacks computer networks and communications systems belonging to an enemy. Development of the program has been managed by Big Safari, a secret unit of the United States Air Force. It is specialised to interfere with the computers of integrated air defence systems. [1][dead link] Suter was integrated into US unmanned aircraft by L-3 Communications. [2]

Three generations of Suter have been developed. Suter 1 allows its operators to monitor what enemy radar operators can see. Suter 2 lets them take control of the enemy's networks and direct their sensors. Suter 3, tested in summer 2006, enables the invasion of links to time-critical targets such as battlefield ballistic missile launchers or mobile surface-to-air missile launchers.

The program has been tested with aircraft such as the EC-130, RC-135, and F-16CJ.<sup>[1]</sup> It has been used in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2006.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

U.S. Air Force officials have speculated that a technology similar to Suter was used by the Israeli Air Force to thwart Syrian radars and sneak into their airspace undetected in Operation Orchard on September 6, 2007. The evasion of air defence radar was otherwise unlikely because the F-15s and F-16s used by the IAF were

not equipped with stealth technology.[3][5]



## **Tools of the Trade**

#### Misconception trends:

- We CAN test for security
- Our tools CAN scan the entire grounds
- Our protection tools CAN protect us
- We have a large security team = we ARE secured

#### Tools of the Trade

InfoSec Natural Selection, Shay Chen, OWASP IL 09\_2014



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## **Tools of the Trade**

- Old news.
- We all new that the tools are not complete.
- Did we?

#### What if...

just few are listening

# **Transcending From Digital to Physical**



**Transcending** 



# Vehicle security is an issue

- Is it:
  - Application security?
  - Vehicle IT security?

The real issue is: passenger and road

safety.



- The Dark Knight cellphone sonar.
- Far Fetched?
- Requirements:
  - all phones access/connect
  - Vast computing power



Source: http://www.digitalafro.com/



- MIT wi-fi radar see through walls.
- Working model. Published documents.

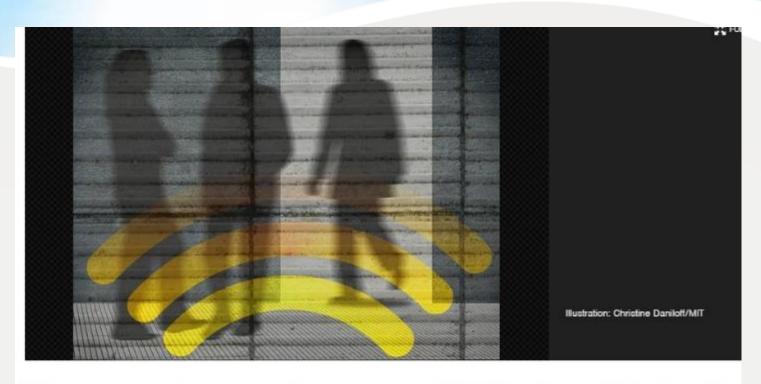


#### See Through Walls with Wi-Fi!

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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#### ABSTRACT

Wi-Fi signals are typically information carriers between a transmitter and a receiver. In this paper, we show that Wi-Fi can also extend our senses, enabling us to see moving objects through walls and behind closed doors. In particular, we can use such signals to identify the number of people in a closed room and their relative locations. We can also identify simple gestures made behind a wall, and combine a sequence of gestures to communicate messages to a wireless receiver without carrying any transmitting device. The paper introduces two main innovations. First, it shows how one can signal power after traversing the wall twice (in and out of the room) is reduced by three to five orders of magnitude [11]. Even more challenging are the reflections from the wall itself, which are much stronger than the reflections from objects inside the room [11, 27]. Reflections off the wall overwhelm the receiver's analog to digital converter (ADC), preventing it from registering the minute variations due to reflections from objects behind the wall. This behavior is called the "Flash Effect" since it is analogous to how a mirror in front of a camera reflects the camera's flash and prevents it from capturing objects in the scene.



New system uses low-power Wi-Fi signal to track moving humans — even behind walls

'Wi-Vi' is based on a concept similar to radar and sonar imaging.

Helen Knight, MIT News correspondent June 28, 2013



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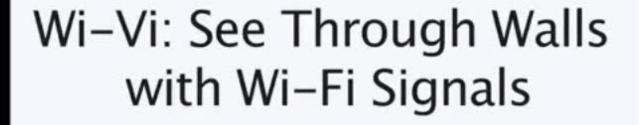
Can Wi-Fi let you see people through walls? yes it definitely can. Wi-Fi is a signal, basically like a sonar that bounces off of every thing it encounters, as we saw in the film the Dark Knight.

Researchers at MIT have developed a sensing technology that uses low-power Wi-Fi to detect moving people behind walls. The system is next gen technology compared to other wallpenetrating radars that utilize heavy equipment.

The Wi-Vi system by Dina Katabi and Fadel Adib sends out a low-power Wi-Fi signal and tracks its reflections to sense people moving around, even if they're in closed rooms or behind walls. The MIT system can be set to view or ignore stationary objects or simply focus on moving people. It can determine the number of moving persons in the room and their relative locations.



Source: http://www.digitalafro.com/





- Is there a fundamental difference?
- The technology is in the private sector.





Source: https://www.phonearena.com/

#### Act 1

Recently



#### Act 2

- Ah! The Piles!
- Mitigation is in order



Barricade



Deter



Alert (silent, non-silent)



#### **Personal View**

Risk Transfer



#### **Personal View**

#### What if...

- Analyzing: threat analysis Vs. estimated mitigations costs.
- The results are not that funny.



#### **Personal View**

#### Act 3

Surprising Twist

- What to do with all this information?
- Allocate extra resources

- IoT definition: "the network of physical objects or "things" embedded with electronics, software, sensors and connectivity to enable it to achieve greater value and service by exchanging data with the manufacturer, operator and/or other connected devices". (wikipedia)
- "Each thing is uniquely identifiable through its embedded computing system but is able to interoperate within the existing Internet infrastructure"

Great! I want some now!



What if...

- No way ever that I am going to have a LAN router and LAN lines to ALL the devices of internet of things at home.
- Obvious solution: Wi-Fi.

- Security is relative
- Do I really have the resources and will to spend them

protecting my home appliances?

- The laundry machine
- The refrigerator
- The deep freezer
- The TVs
- The DVD/VCR/TV Decoder
- The Radio/Multimedia
- The musical electrical instruments The garden/plants watering computer
- Computers, Backups, Streamers
- Windows and electricity shutters
- What about other sensors?



- Security is relative
- Do I really know all the sensors I have at home?
  - WiFi
  - Video
  - Audio
  - Temperature
  - Location
  - Other Sigint and Comint?



- The protection required: SSL, authentication, authorization, separation of duties, segmentation of my home network
- Additional protection: compartmentalizing my computers, from my phones, from my home appliances, from my Tablets, from my cars, from my TVs, from my streamers
- Am I nuts?



- The "things" should support secured protocols.
- KMS key management solution

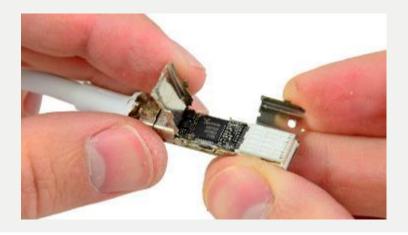
#### What if...

- Assuming: Wi-Fi, SSL everywhere
- Can SSL everywhere be trusted?



#### **Cost of Failed Trust**

- The world is rapidly moving to SSL everywhere and certificates everywhere solutions.
- What if...
  - trust is lost?
  - You cannot trust your own connections?





The Ponemon Institute's 2015 Cost of Failed Trust Report reveals most organizations believe the trust established by cryptographic keys and digital certificates, which they require for their businesses to operate, is in jeopardy.

#### **Cost of Failed Trust**

- Organizations and individuals transfer risks often.
  - Credit Card industry
  - Individuals don't care

 Failed trust => transferring the risk will not be an option.



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#### **Cost of Failed Trust**

- Attacks and security failures can cross the border from the digital to the physical realm.
- Once trust is failed => no one takes responsibility







#### **Transcending From Digital to Physical**

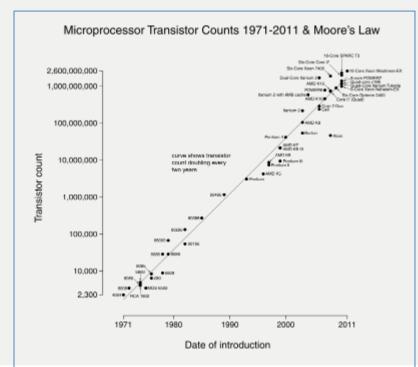


**Conclusions** 



#### Moore's law

- An observation that over the history of computing hardware, the number of transistors in a dense integrated circuit doubles approximately every two years. (Wikipedia)
- Some modern systems are not limited by moore's law.
  - Example: the cost to compromise a MD5-signed digital certificate is now \$0.6517 in Amazon AWS, down from \$200,000 in less than two years.



#### Cloudbots

- Hosting abomination has arrived
- Cloud botnets in the wild
- Unlimited by Moore's law

www.darkreading.com/researchers-create-legal-botnet-abusing-free-cloud

#### Researchers Create Legal Botnet Abusing Free Cloud Service Offers

Hack depends on scripts creating scores of unique email addresses and automating execution of email verification

Last week at the RSA Conference, a pair of researchers demonstrated how it was possible to legally create a botnet for free by abusing trial accounts made available by high-powered platform-as-a-service (PaaS) and infrastructure-as-a-service (laaS) offerings.

"We were curious if we could build a botnet out of freely available cloud services," said Rob Ragan, senior security associate for Bishop Fox, who has been experimenting on that premise for the past several years with his colleague Oscar Salazar, security associate at Bishop Fox. "We started getting all these emails and alerts of, 'Here's a free Amazon EC2 box, there's free storage space, here's a free platform to develop and host your code.' We thought, 'Wow! That is articles about the a lot of computing power for free."



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RSA Conference.



How Hackers Hid a Money-Mining Botnet in the Clouds of

www.wired.com/2014/07/how-hackers-hid-a-money-mining-botnet-in-ar

#### **HOW HACKERS HID A MONEY-**MINING BOTNET IN THE CLOUDS OF AMAZON AND OTHERS



## Relativity

- Security is relative.
- Architectures advancement:
  - Mainframes
  - Two tier
  - Three tier
  - Multi tier / Compound / Hybrid
  - Smart Phones
  - Cloud
  - IoT
  - Wearables
  - Us!

# **History Repeating**

- 2010 Privacy is dead
- RSA conference 2011 in depth security is dead.
- RSA conference 2012 security is dead.

What's next?

## **History Repeating**

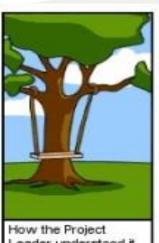
- My Identity is public, no longer mine:
  - ID's are common knowledge,
  - Habits are rated and categorized for decades by EVERYONE (credit companies use this to detect anomalies for example)
  - My biometric is already partially exposed
    - Medical records on the web,
    - Biometric database is bound to leak,
    - My face is recognized by so many entities with face recognition Capabilities,
    - Dental records...
- What's next?

## **Typical Software Development**





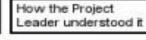
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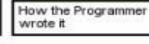


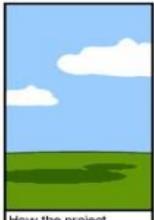






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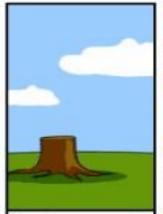
How the project was documented



What operations installed



How the customer was billed



How it was supported



really needed

## Typical Software Development

- In a field of over-complexity, each decision may be the security-crucial one.
- Common decisions:
  - "no more than X medium bugs, no more than Y high bugs is OK for Production"
  - "testing certain part of a system is out of scope"
- Are such decisions acceptable?
- For some systems it is already too late

# History Repeating - Safety

Updated reality: Safety is relative

#### Yep! I trust this car's safety AND security!



#### חדשות רכב

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Digital Carjackers Show Off New Attacks

# **History Repeating**

- "Twenty five drivers start every season in Formula One, and each year two
  of us die. What kind of person does a job like this? Not normal men, for
  sure. Rebels, lunatics, dreamers. People who are that desperate to make a
  mark, and are prepared to die trying." Niki Lauda quote from the movie
  Rush
- Remember Boing 787 special condition warning?
- What's next?

# **History Repeating**

- How Will the relevant car-control app
  - be secured?
  - Be private?
- Is it really safe to limit the car speed to 100 kph?
- Imagine Resource Depletion attacks (e.g. Syn flood) on the car's safety systems

#### The Lacuna

- Lacuna definition, Wikipedia: "In law, a non liquet is a situation where there is no applicable law. Non liquet translates into English from Latin as "it is not clear."
- (some) Law and governments have long learned that (some) Lacunas can be a good thing.
- LAW relates to REAL life, where there will always be surprises and unplanned events.

#### The Lacuna

- However, in computer systems we DO wish to control everything.
- Computer systems are not flexible...

#### What if...

- Controlling everything is already here?
- Social networks show that in certain circumstances information systems ARE real life.

The essence of entropy:

- In the physical realm we actually need to be able not to decide and not to control everything.
- Hence, only hackers will have the Lacuna privilege, the rest of us will have quiet gray and boring life.

- It is becoming popular to discuss ways to tap into the mind or thought processes.
- Reconsider the Relativity Paradigm: it is much easier to attack then to protect...
- Historic Recurrence? Imagine Resource Depletion attacks on my thoughts.
- Do I really think my IQ can be reduced any more?

- So, in a short while some entity will categorize everything about me (probably already happened) AND everything that IS me.
  - Will we be able to extend our limits?

Probably, by hacking...



#### The Point of No Return

- Food for thought did we pass the Point of No Return?
- The Kasparov vs. Deep Blue More
  - Modern cloud chess systems
- The over-complexity and extended IT capabilities
  - Beyond the single individual's capabilities.
- Somewhere, those in control of the macro strategy estimate that individual organizations and individuals within organizations have control of computer systems.
  - Is that paradigm still intact?

- In the past we were not completely digitallydependent
- We are now overwhelmingly digitally-dependent.
   All aspects of our lives are digital.
- Reconsidering history recurrence and the relativity of security, major changes are required.
- Passing the point of no returns calls for a revolution. Evolution is not sufficient.

Q&A



