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IOT HARDWARE HACKING - DEMOING FIRMWARE EXTRACTION AND PROTECTION METHODS

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Agenda



- Why is hardware security important?
- How is hardware security compromised?
- What security methods are available for prevention?



WHY

Hardware security is important

Protecting intellectual property

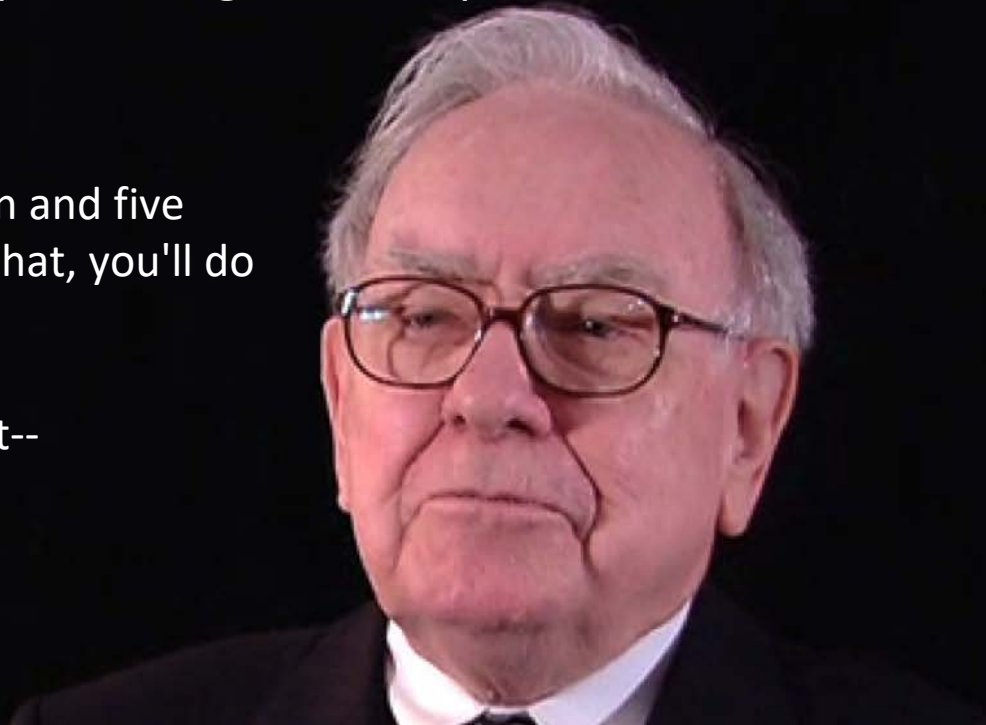
Why



Mitigate and protecting brand reputation

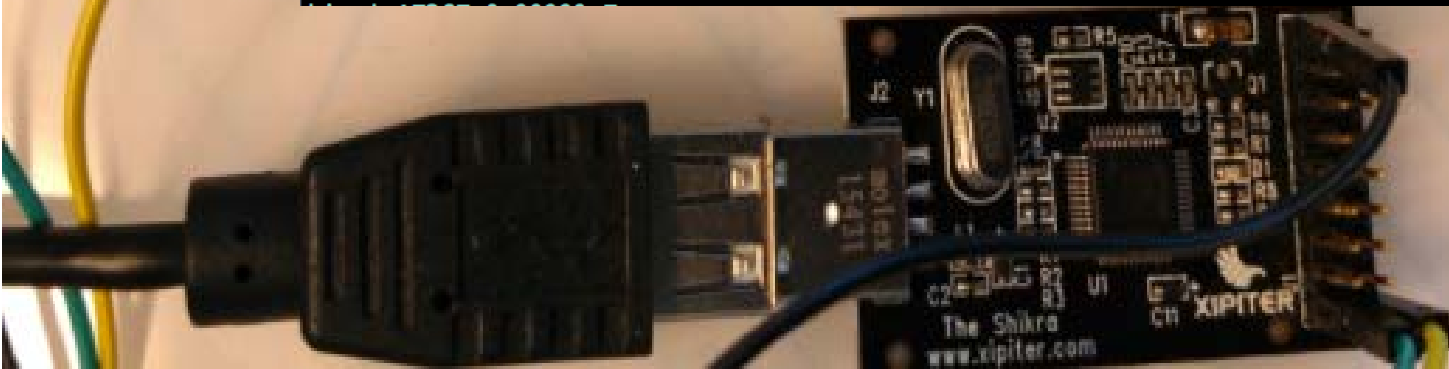
“It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently.”

--Warren Buffett--



Protect against device compromise

```
root@LWR-1370:/etc# whoami
root
root@LWR-1370:/etc# uname -a
Linux LWR-1370 4.4.26-yocto-standard #1 PREEMPT Fri Nov 11 17:19:18 UTC 2016 armv7l GNU/Linux
root@LWR-1370:/etc# cat /etc/shadow
root:7MKEFKR3iW06:17367:0:99999:7:::
bubba:7MKEFKR3iW06:17367:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:17367:0:99999:7:::
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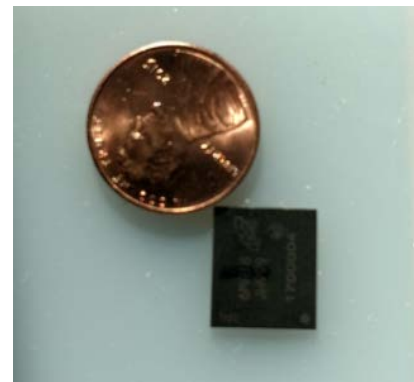
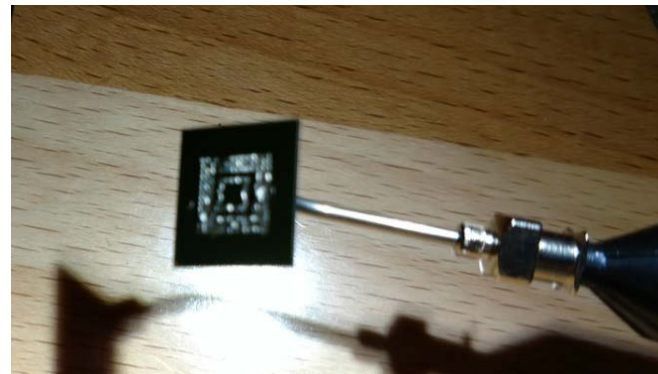
HOW

Demo examples of device compromise and firmware extraction

Extracting Memory Chips



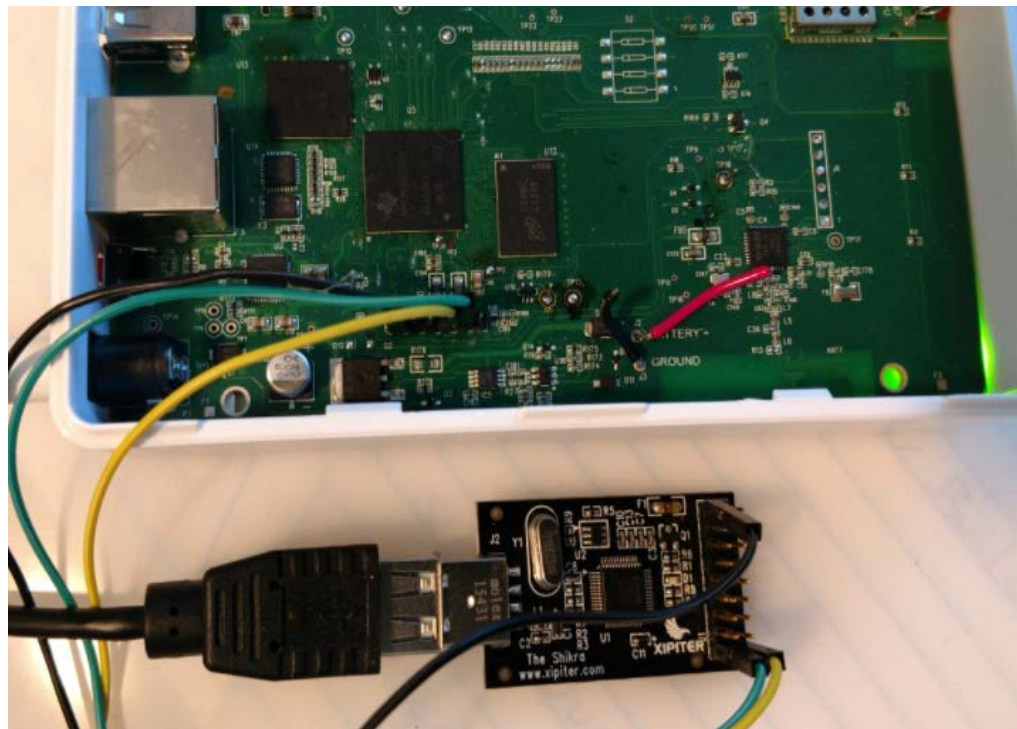
- Destructive
- Flash
 - SPI
 - NAND/NOR
 - eMMC
- Demo



Gaining Root Access Via UART



- Bypass authentication
- U-Boot console
 - Interrupt boot cycle
 - Alter boot arguments
- Live Demo





WHAT

Methods available for improving security



- Secure boot
 - Authenticated against the hardware
 - Required signing to execute on MCU
 - Prevent tampering

```
UBI: user volume: 1, internal volumes: 1, max. volumes count: 128
UBI: max/mean erase counter: 25/11, WL threshold: 4096, image sequence number: 1607631045
UBI: available PEBs: 0, total reserved PEBs: 80, PEBs reserved for bad PEB handling: 20
Loading file 'DO_UPDATE' to addr 0x83000000 with size 1 (0x00000001)...
Done
Total of 1 word(s) were the same
Loading from nand0, offset 0x3700000
Image Name: Linux-3.14.52
Image Type: ARM Linux Kernel Image (uncompressed)
Data Size: 39453250 Bytes = 37.6 MiB
Load Address: 80800000
Entry Point: 80800000
Secure boot on, reading 39464992 bytes to get SRK data
Authenticate image from DDR location 0x80800000...
Secure boot enabled
HAB Configuration: 0xcc, HAB State: 0x99
No HAB Events Found!
## Booting kernel from Legacy Image at 80800000 ...
Image Name: Linux-3.14.52
Image Type: ARM Linux Kernel Image (uncompressed)
Data Size: 39453250 Bytes = 37.6 MiB
Load Address: 80800000
Entry Point: 80800000
Verifying Checksum ... OK
Loading Kernel Image ... OK
Starting kernel ...
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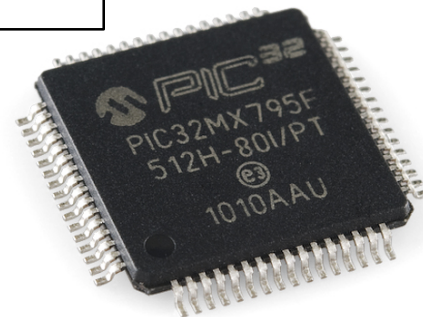
High Assurance Boot (HAB)

What



- Built in processor flash protections

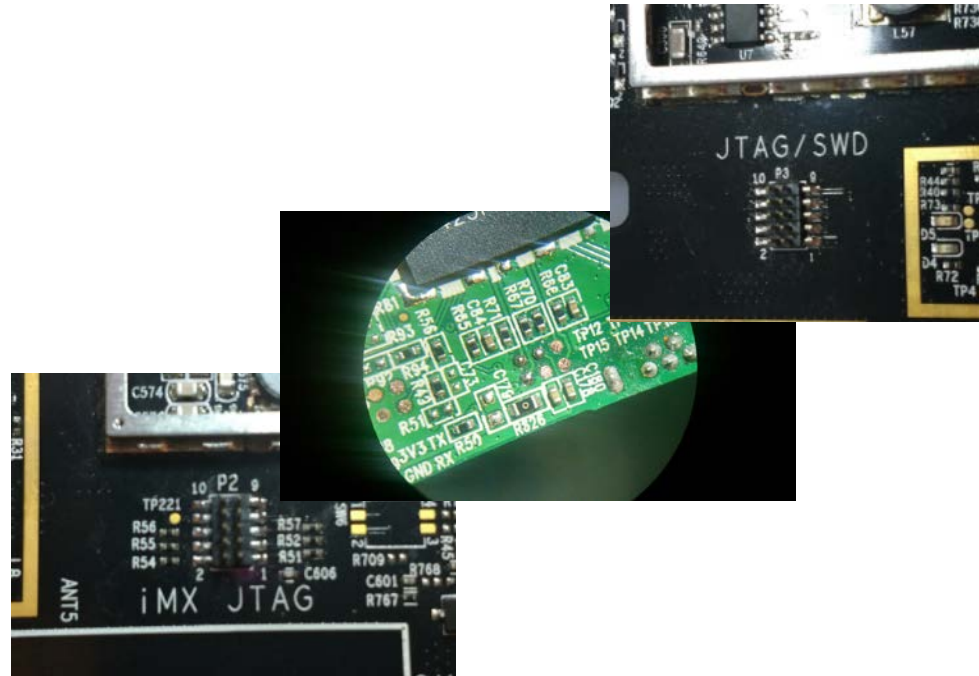
1FC0_2FFC DEVCFG0 7FFFFFFF	FWDTEN	ON	Watchdog Timer Enable
	DEBUG	OFF	Background Debugger Enable
	ICESEL	ICS_PGx2	ICE/ICD Comm Channel Select
	<u>PWP</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>Program Flash Write Protect</u>
	<u>BWP</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>Boot Flash Write Protect bit</u>
	<u>CP</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>Code Protect</u>



What



- Disable
 - UART
 - Disabled in production
 - JTAG
 - Disable in Production
 - Electronic fuse
 - Physical fuse



What



- Encryption firmware & data
 - Storage
 - Transmission
 - Trusted Platform Module (TPM)



Questions



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