



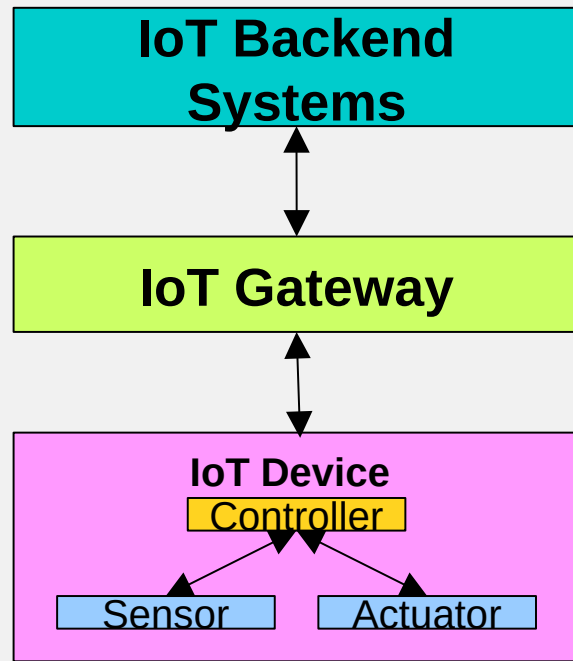
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# How I Survived the Internet of Things

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# What is IoT?

- **Connection of IT systems to the physical world over a network connection for business value.**
  - IoT *Devices* are able to sense or modify the physical world. Often simple, low cost, low power; may be complex
  - IoT *Gateways* connect Devices to backend systems through the Internet
  - IoT *Backend Systems* perform value added business processing on data and apply control
- IoT is built on *connectivity*, *standards*, and *interoperability*
- IoT systems scale to tens of millions of devices, hundreds of thousands of gateways, and scalable cloud backends
- **Consumer IoT:** home automation & wearable
- **Enterprise IoT:** Transportation, Smart Cities, Smart Buildings, Smart Manufacturing, Retail, etc.
  - Our focus is on *Enterprise IoT*

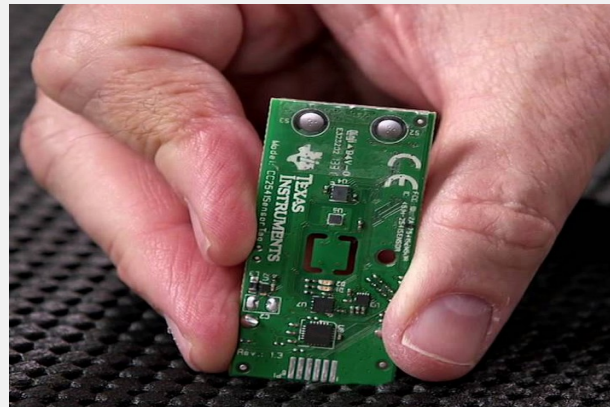


# Is IoT New?

- Not really: SCADA, PLC, CNC, Shop Floor Systems, Environmental Monitoring, Intelligent HVAC etc.
- What is new?
  - Network instead of dedicated connections for devices
    - This changes everything!
  - Smart devices
    - This changes everything!
  - Unreliable communications (and systems)
  - New capabilities
  - Lower cost – many devices <\$10
  - Greater scale & integration

# What is New About IoT?

- **Devices** are full fledged computers
- **Communications** is over a network
  - Messaging oriented
  - M2M - Machine to Machine
  - New protocols
  - Shared
- 3-Tier Architecture: Device → Gateway → Backend
  - Backend typically cloud based
- Unreliable communications and systems
- Scale: Devices, Data, & Users
- System Life-Cycle



# **Enough Theory - Time for Real Experience**

# OCTOBER 2016: MASSIVE DDoS ATTACKS

- Botnet of 500K IoT Devices
  - 10M claimed?
- Largely IP Security Cameras & Routers
- Can take down large parts of the Internet
- Difficult to defend against



# IP SECURITY CAMERAS

- Computer with Image Sensor
  - More compute power than the original moon program...
- Full general purpose OS
- Directly connected to the Internet
- Login: admin/admin
- 2 hardcoded maintenance accounts with root access
  - Well known
- Updates difficult to obtain



# SOLUTION 1: SECURE THE CAMERAS

- Should do this
- Probably won't work:
  - Customer ease of use expectations
  - Business model: Low cost, short product lifecycle, minimal updates
  - Installed base of 10M+ units
  - *Lack of Demand for security*
- Should be demanded for Industrial IoT Devices
  - Do **you** demand it?





# IF YOU COULD SECURE THE CAMERAS: General Security Model

- Deter
  - Detect
  - Delay
  - Respond
  - Remediate
  - Recover
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- Security is **combination** of software, configuration, operations, physical security, policies, and people

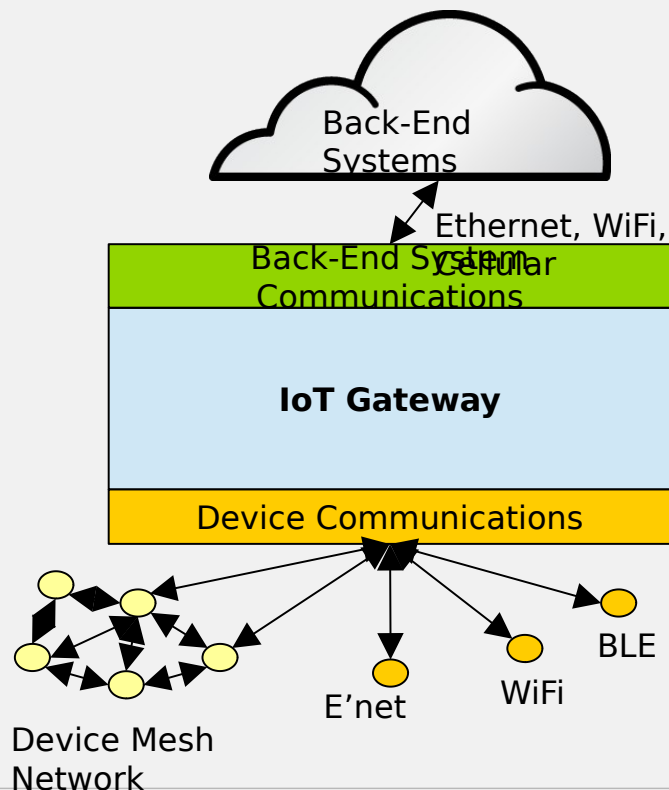


# Implementing the General Security Model

- **Deter**
  - Harden system, patch, access controls
- **Detect**
  - Logging, monitoring, audit
- **Delay**
  - Harden, defense in depth, network security, people
- **Respond**
  - Operations
- **Remediate**
  - Remove malware, restore integrity, reinstall, restore data
- **Recover**
  - Business and operational recovery

# SOLUTION 2: SYSTEM APPROACH TO SECURITY

- Look at overall system
- Design in security
- Use *defense in depth*
  - *Prevention and Mitigation*
  - Technology
  - Process
  - People
- Spend an appropriate amount on security
  - Spend it wisely



# Key Elements of IoT Security

- Minimal Install
  - OS, Services, Applications
- Install, Update and Patch mechanism
  - SW integrity, SW Provenance
  - Robust – can't brick system
- Authentication
  - Multi Factor Authentication where possible
  - Includes authentication of Gateway & Devices
- Encrypted Storage
- Encrypted Communications
- Secure Configuration
- Secure Applications
- Secure Operation

# Security Technology

- **Key Features:**

- Access Control: SELinux
- Policy Kit & Capabilities
- Firewall
- Systemd
- Containers
- Crypto & DNSsec
- Secure build – RELRO, PIE, ASLR, Non-executable memory
- Logging, Linux Audit Subsystem, Integrity Measurement Architecture, AIDE, OpenSCAP
- Identity Management, authentication, SSO, HBAC, certificates



# IoT SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

## Back-End Systems

Enterprise application/Enterprise security

## Gateways

*Outside the Data Center*

Harden

Manage

Use to protect devices

## Devices

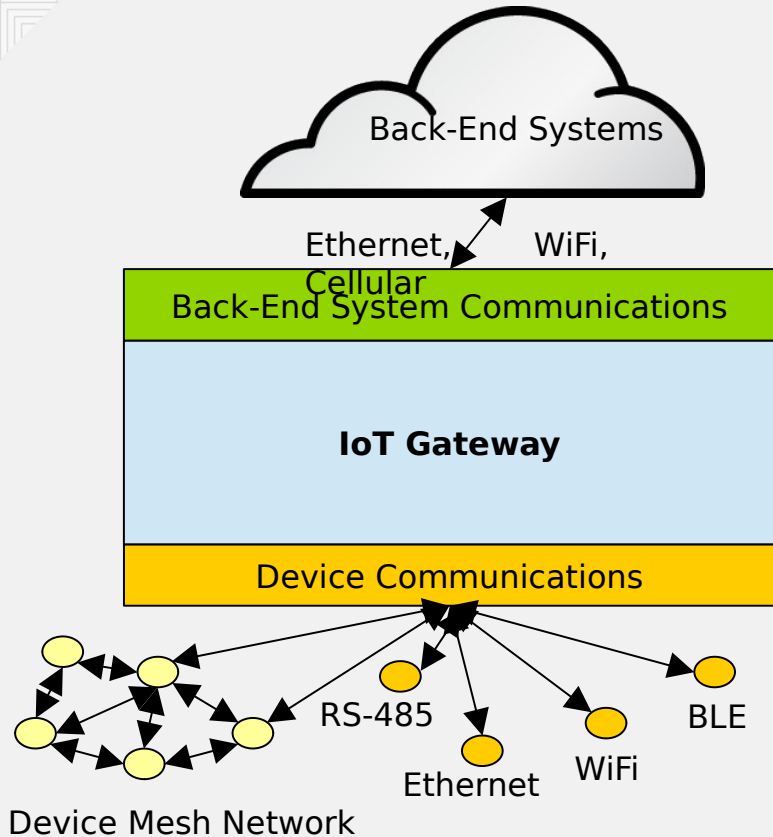
*Difficult to secure*

Isolate

Harden where possible

Identity

Don't trust!



# HARDENING IoT GATEWAY

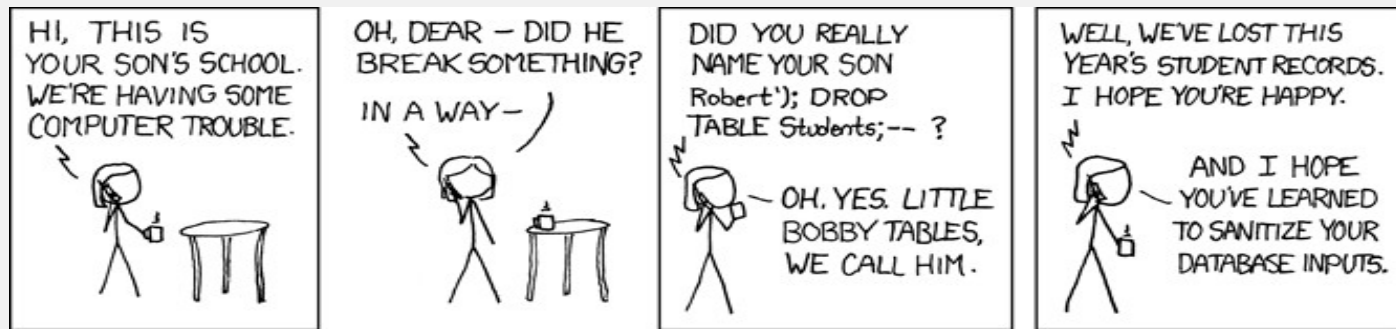
- *Appliance* model – dedicated to specific function
- Isolate
  - Put on separate physical network
  - Put on separate VLAN
  - Use Firewall
  - Use VPN or TLS
  - Remove services
  - Control access
- Encrypt Storage
- Provide system identity
  - Recommend using certificates and SSSD
  - Unique certificate per system!

# REAL SECURITY: IT'S IN THE APPLICATIONS

- Must develop secure IoT applications
  - Security experts  $\neq$  system experts  $\neq$  domain experts
- Key considerations:
  - Build on solid foundation – don't reinvent wheel
  - Taking advantage of compilers and libraries
  - Using static analysis tools
  - Packaging and deploying applications
  - Using crypto
  - Authentication and access controls (IdM, pam, SSSD)
  - Using system security features (SELinux, firewalls, handling privilege, Integrity Measurement Architecture, polkit, account management, systemd)



# SANITIZE YOUR INPUT!



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## It's not just for databases:

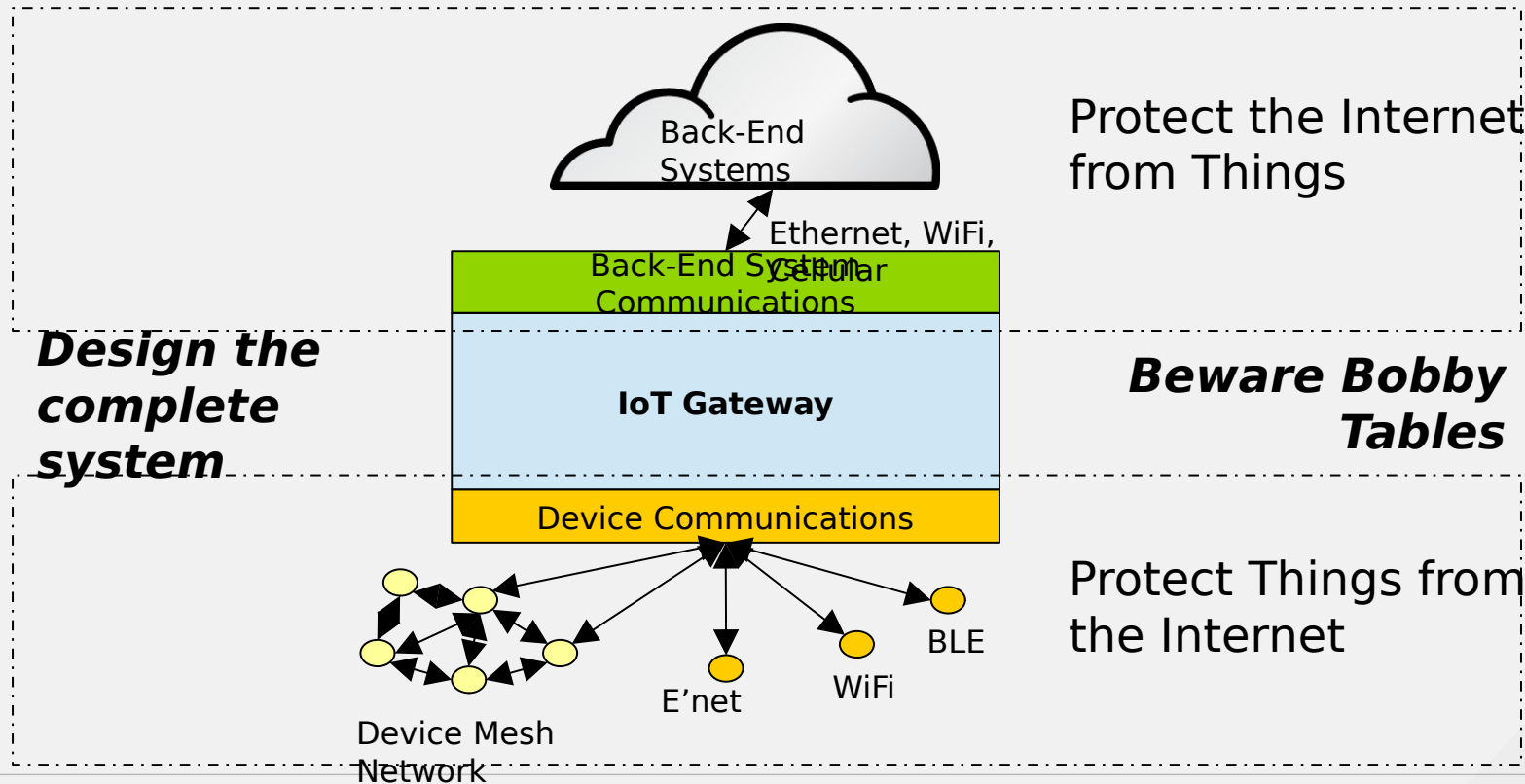
Temperature = "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent" - *classic buffer overflow attack*

Read 4096 bytes of data from Temperature - *this is the HeartBleed exploit against OpenSSL*

# Summary

- IoT - it's computers all the way down!
- Traditional IT Security difficult to apply at scale
  - Business, economic and technology factors
- IoT Security Matters
  - Expect more bad things to happen
- IoT **In**security is the reality we have to deal with
- We can help improve IoT security
  - If we damage the economics or usability of IoT we will be ignored
- We have to look at total system design, not individual features
- Need **Resilience in Depth** - maintain the ability of systems to continue to operate correctly in the presence of multiple attacks and failures.

# CONCLUSION



# WHAT I ACTUALLY DID...

- Purchased cheap grey market IP cameras from Amazon
  - 3MP, <\$100, excellent video, solid mechanical build, no updates available
    - Supported versions of these cameras ~\$400
  - Yes, this is bad. I'm cheap. This is the reality we deal with.
  - At least I changed the default IP address and admin password.
- Connected to cameras over Ethernet using PoE. No WiFi.
- Placed cameras on a dedicated VLAN with no TCP/IP gateway
  - Cameras have no access to Internet
  - Cameras designed to connect directly to Internet - this is blocked
- Used a local video monitoring application instead of a Cloud based system
  - Dedicated system
  - Gateway with two NICs
  - Keep the Gateway and video monitoring application updated



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