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Past publications:

- Pervasive Insecurity of Embedded Network Devices. [RAID10]
- A Quantitative Analysis of the Insecurity of Embedded Network Devices. [ACSAC10]
- Killing the Myth of Cisco IOS Diversity: Towards Reliable Large-Scale Exploitation of Cisco IOS. [USENIX WOOT 11]
- Defending Legacy Embedded Systems with Software Symbiotes. [RAID11]
- From Prey to Hunter: Transforming Legacy Embedded Devices Into Exploitation Sensor Grids. [ACSAC11]

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Recent:

- Killing the Myth of (Cisco) IOS Diversity. [BlackHat USA]
- Print Me If You Dare: Firmware Modification Attacks and the Rise of Printer Malware. [28c3]

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And it works like this...



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Your typical IOS firmware memory layout

At exploitation time: do not know exact memory layout of target



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Interrupt Hijack Shellcode

Stage 1: **Unpack Stage 2**



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Interrupt Hijack Shellcode

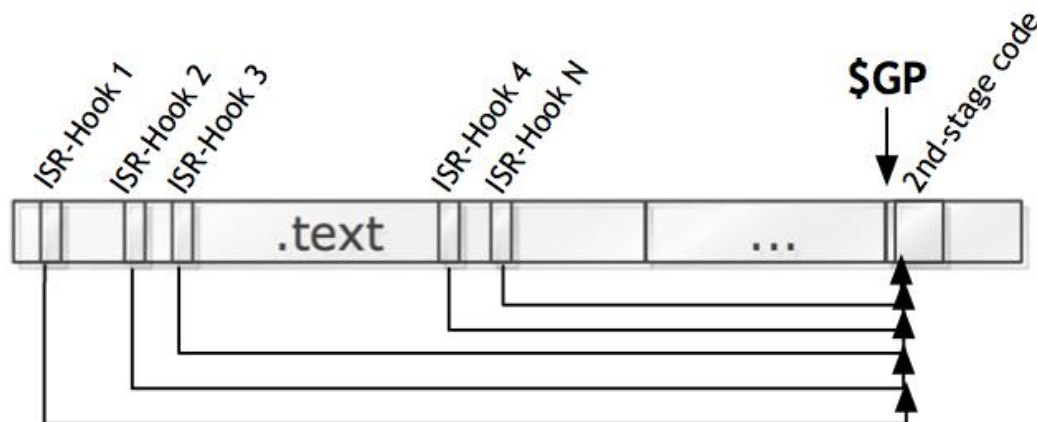
Stage 2: Hijack all Interrupt Handlers

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.text:805614BC  
.text:805614C0  
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.text:805614C8  
.text:805614CC  
.text:805614D0  
.text:805614D4
```

```
sw    $at, 0x623733D4  
ld    $k0, 0xD0($sp)  
ld    $at, 8($sp)  
ld    $t4, 0x60($sp)  
ld    $sp, 0xE8($sp)  
sync  
eret
```



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MEMORY:605614D0 sync  
MEMORY:605614D4 jr    $gp  
MEMORY:605614D8 nop  
MEMORY:605614D8
```



Interrupt Hijack Shellcode

Stage 2: Hijack all Interrupt Handlers

Hijack Interrupt handlers because:

- Perpetual control of CPU
- Escapes watchdog timer
- Addr of ERET instructions very useful

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Stage 2 shellcode calculates fingerprint

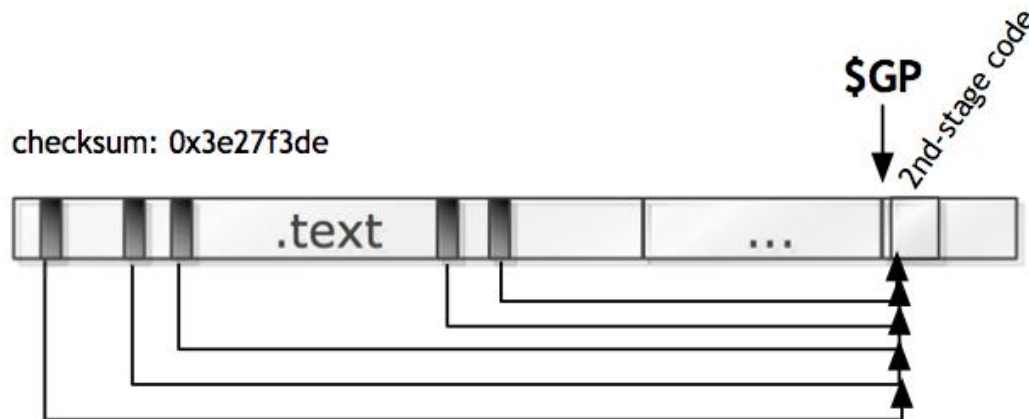
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checksum: 0x3e27f3de



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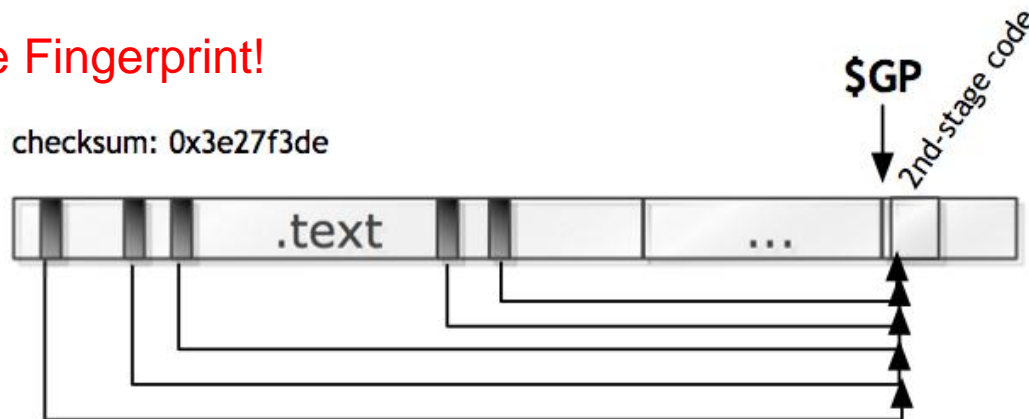
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Unique Fingerprint!

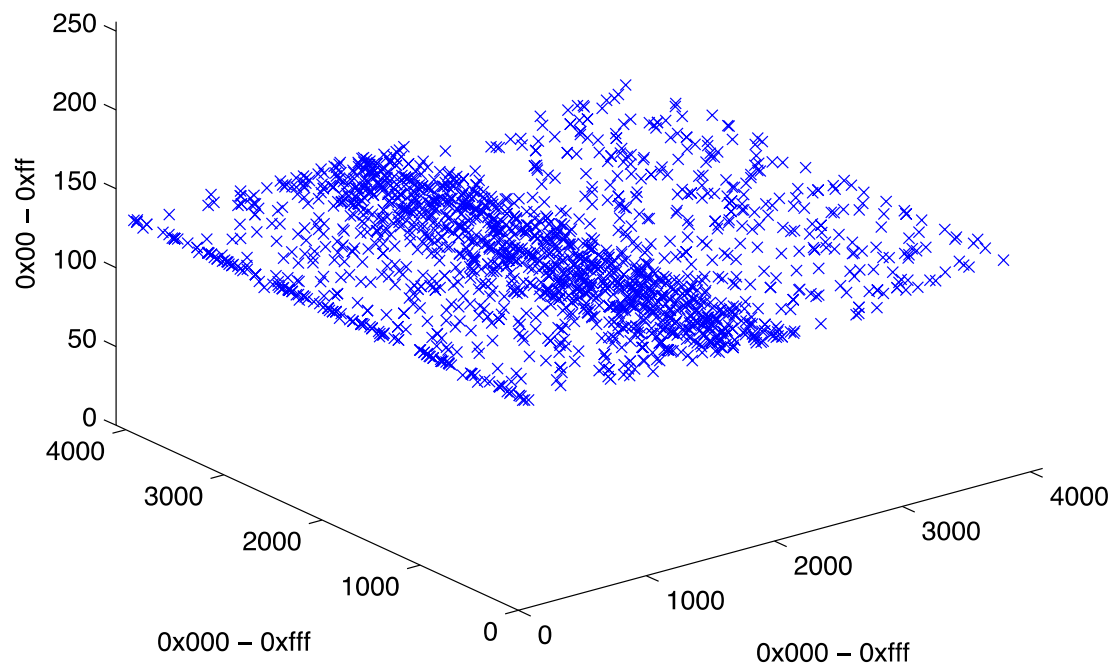
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Stage 2 shellcode calculates fingerprint

Distribution of ERET instruction in IOS (32-bit memory space)

Analyzed Large IOS Firmware Set

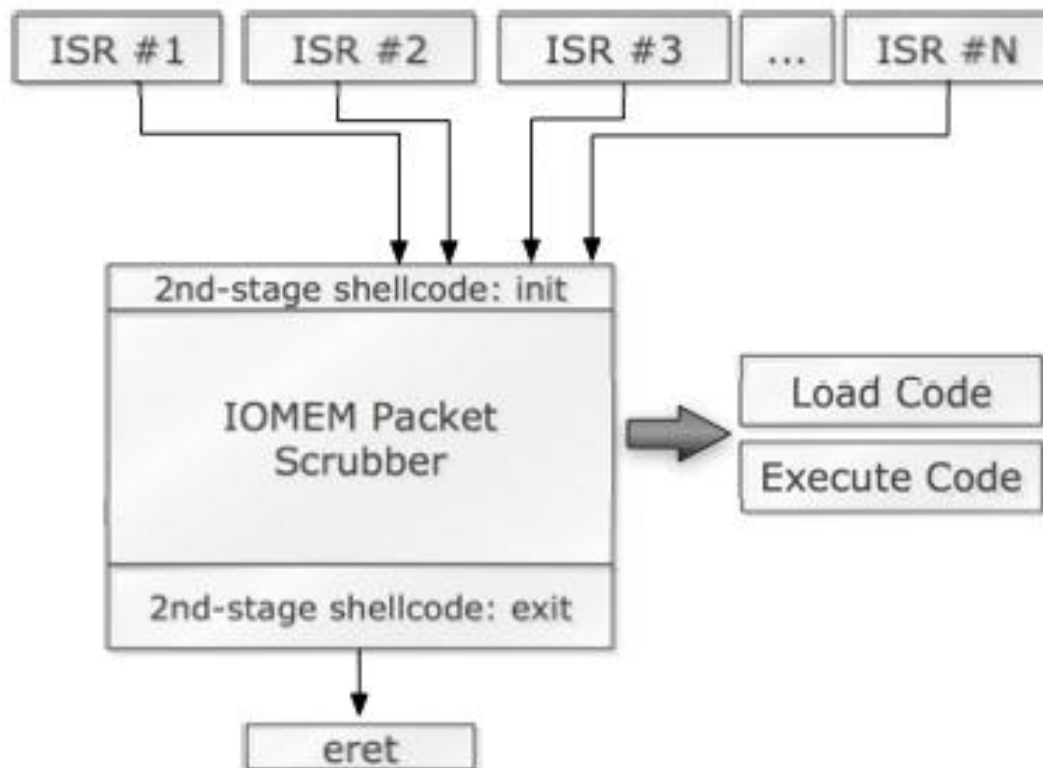


ERET-Hash: Good Enough
for **IOS Fingerprinting**

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Unpacked shellcode, ready for action



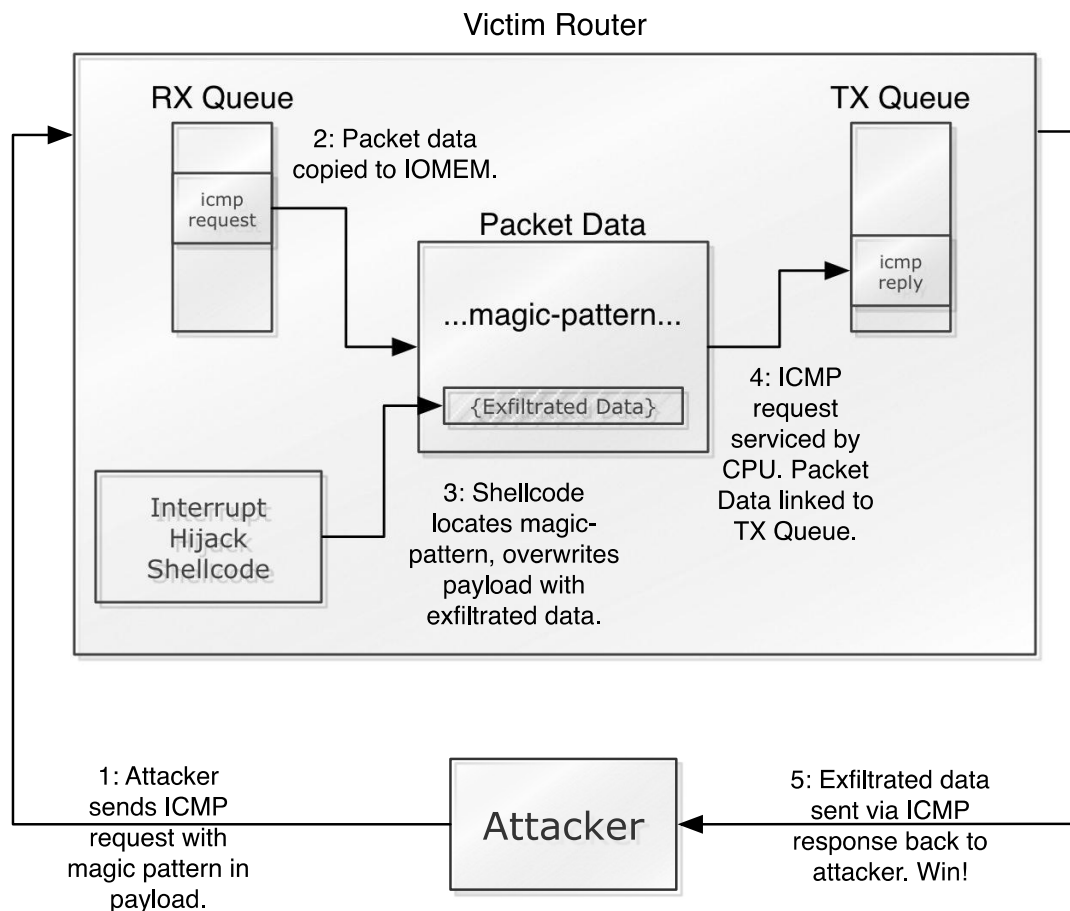
Command and Control
Over Processor switched
Packets.

Any packet punted to
CPU can be used

We use ICMP in the demo

Can you think of another packet
type?

Fingerprint Exfiltration via ICMP



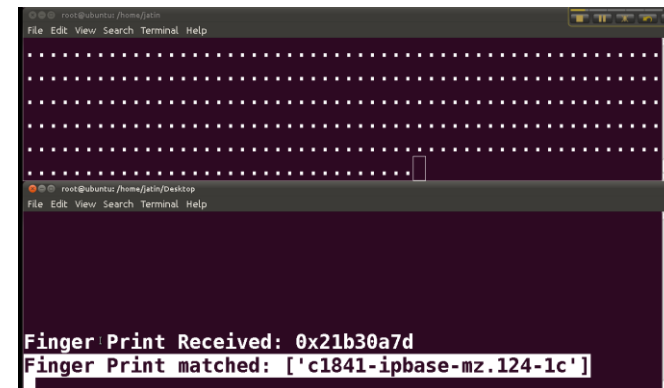
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Demo Videos are online:

<http://www.hacktory.cs.columbia.edu>

- Fingerprinting Cisco 1841
- Authentication Bypass
- Arbitrary Memory modification
- EEPROM Overwrite



Full Paper:

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[USENIX WOOT 11]

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HP LaserJet Printer Exploitation

Let's Talk



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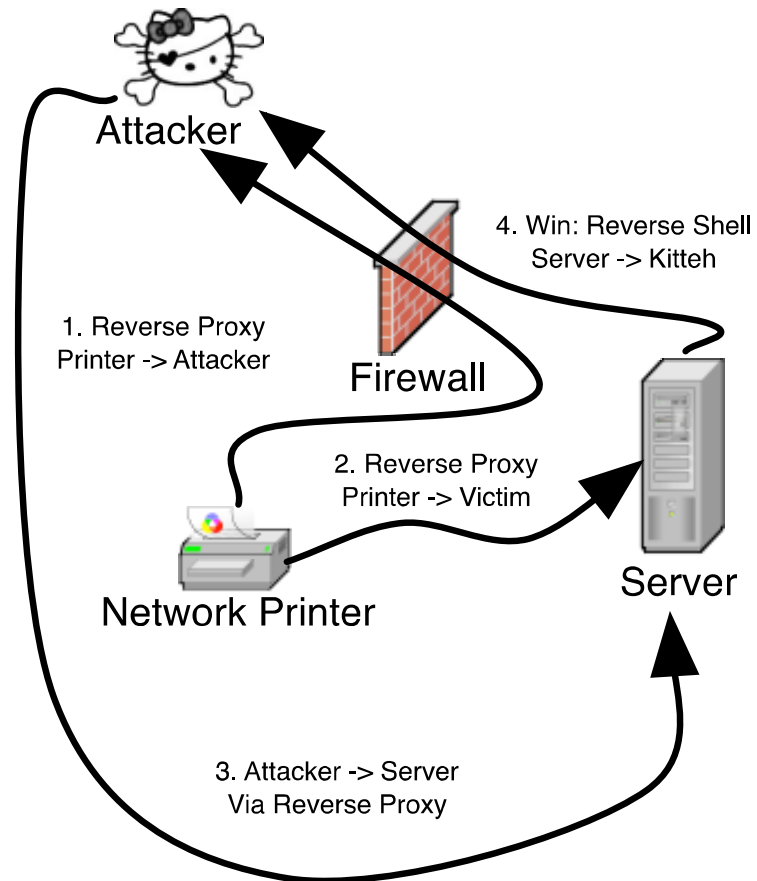
HP LaserJet Enterprise 500 color M551	HP LaserJet P4014	HP LaserJet M9040 Multifunction Printer
HP LaserJet Enterprise 600 M601	HP LaserJet P4015	HP LaserJet 9050
HP LaserJet Enterprise 600 M602	HP LaserJet 4240	HP LaserJet M9050 Multifunction Printer
HP LaserJet Enterprise 600 M603	HP LaserJet 4250	HP 9200c Digital Sender
HP Color LaserJet CM1312 Multifunction	HP LaserJet 4345 Multifunction Printer	HP 9250c Digital Sender
HP LaserJet Pro CM1415 Color Multifunction	HP LaserJet 4350	HP Color LaserJet 9500
HP Color LaserJet CP1510	HP LaserJet P4515	HP Color LaserJet CM3530
HP LaserJet M1522 Multifunction Printer	HP Color LaserJet Enterprise CP4520	HP Color LaserJet 3800
HP LaserJet Pro CP1525 Color Printer	HP Color LaserJet Enterprise CP4525	HP Color LaserJet CP4005
HP LaserJet Pro M1536 Multifunction Printer	HP Color LaserJet Enterprise CM4540	HP Color LaserJet CM6040
HP Color LaserJet CP2025	HP LaserJet Enterprise M4555 Multifunction	HP CM8060 Color Multifunction Printer
HP LaserJet P2035	HP Color LaserJet 4700	HP LaserJet 9040
HP LaserJet P2055	HP Color LaserJet 4730 Multifunction Printer	HP LaserJet M3027 Multifunction Printer
HP Color LaserJet CM2320 Multifunction	HP Color LaserJet CM4730 Multifunction	HP LaserJet M3035
HP LaserJet M2727 Multifunction Printer	HP LaserJet M5025 Multifunction Printer	HP Color LaserJet CP3505
HP Color LaserJet 3000	HP LaserJet M5035	HP Color LaserJet CP3525
HP LaserJet P3005	HP LaserJet 5200n	HP Color LaserJet CP5525
HP LaserJet Enterprise P3015	HP Color LaserJet Professional CP5225	HP Color LaserJet 5550
HP Color LaserJet CP6015	HP Color LaserJet CM6030	

CVE: CVE-2011-4161

SSRT: 100692 rev.5

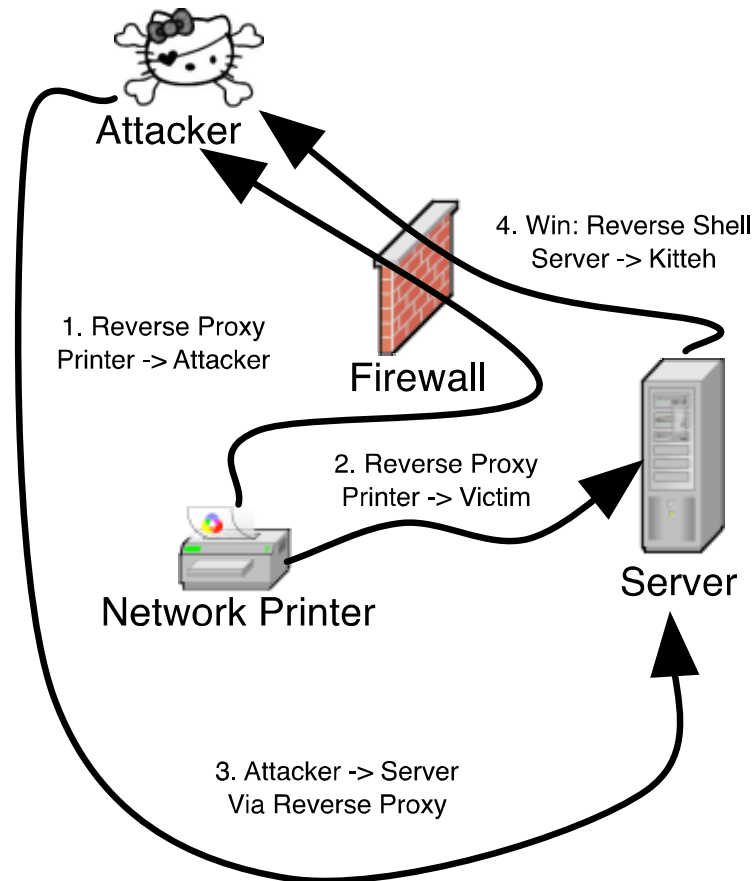
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Poly-species

Malware Propagation

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Poly-Species Malware Propagation

Remember this?

H(ackers)₂O: Attack on City Water Station Destroys Pump

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Where is Kaspersky for **Phone**?



Cisco 7912G

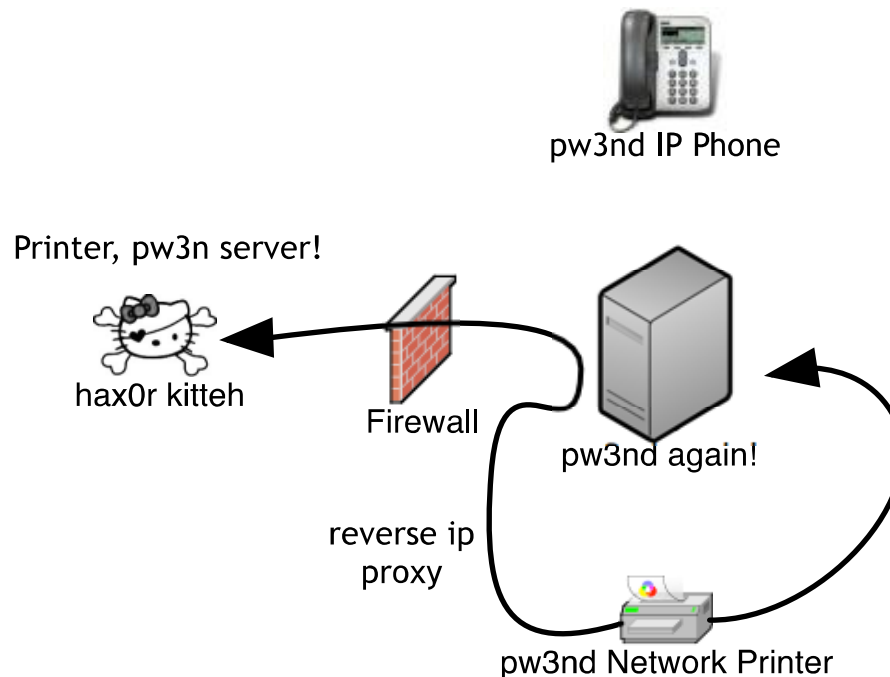


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Poly-Species Malware Propagation

Poly-Species Malware Propagation Is Coming

Are you ready?



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```
mysql> SELECT ip,dnsname FROM `ip_info` WHERE `asname` LIKE '%tudelft%';
+-----+-----+
| ip           | dnsname                |
+-----+-----+
| 130.161.167.149 | aerodj3.lr.tudelft.nl  |
| 130.161.209.43  | duti6wst.twi.tudelft.nl |
| 130.161.43.125  | duteelpspr.et.tudelft.nl |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.11 sec)

mysql>
```

I am here in **spirit** =)

```
h1m0m3-2:~ angcui$ telnet 130.161.167.149
Trying 130.161.167.149...
Connected to aerodj3.lr.tudelft.nl.
Escape character is '^]'.
HP JetDirect
Password is not set

Please type "menu" for the MENU system,
or "?" for help, or "/" for current settings.
> oh gorsh! -)
```

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```
mysql> select organization, count(organization) as occurrence from ip_info
-> where dnsname like '%.nl%' group by organization
-> order by occurrence DESC;
```

organization	occurrence
University Twente	193
Rijks Universiteit Groningen	69
Technische Universiteit Eindhoven	66
XS4ALL Internet BV	25
Chello	16
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	12
Hogeschool van Amsterdam	12
Universiteit Utrecht	9
Demon NL	5
Solcon Internetdiensten B.V.	5
UCI - Radboud University Nijmegen	5
Essent Kabelcom B.V. B.V.	5
Universiteit van Amsterdam	4
Delft University of Technology Network (Main netwo	3
Euronet Internet BV	3

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We also identified the following populations of vulnerable printers within several notable organizations:

- United States Department of Defense: *201 printers*
- Hewlett-Packard: *6 printers*

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Vulnerable
Embedded Devices
are
Everywhere

	Count	Avg Age (years)	Oldest Firmware
N. America	47,840	4.46	1992-12-16
Europe	14,196	4.16	1993-08-20
Asia	10,353	3.77	1998-09-02
Oceania	1,081	4.79	1998-09-02
S. America	673	3.43	1999-01-27
Africa	60	4.56	2001-04-26

Table 3: Geographical distribution of vulnerable printers.

	Count	Avg Age (years)	Oldest Firmware
Education	48,626	4.13	1993-08-20
ISP	4,650	3.70	1994-10-12
Enterprise	2,842	4.02	1992-12-16
Military	201	4.63	1999-10-30
Government	126	4.33	1996-12-20

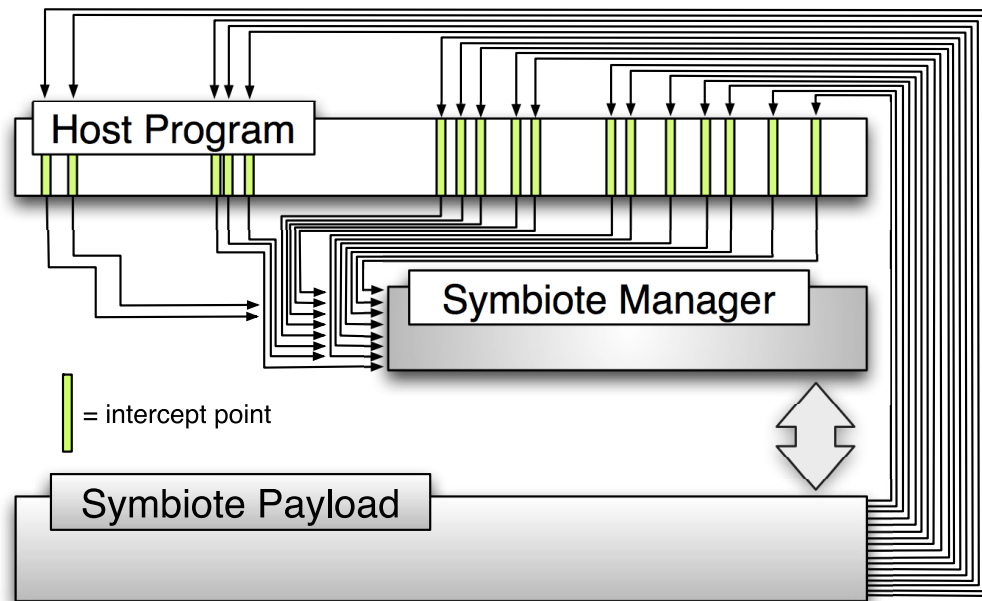
Table 4: Organizational distribution of vulnerable printers.

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Symbiotic Embedded machines

- Dynamic Attestation
- Time-multiplexed embedded host-based defense
- No hardware dependence
- No OS dependence
- More useful than static attestation
- More powerful than guards
- More resilient to attack than all previous software-only solutions



Drop in a Defensive Symbiote Payload

Thank You

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