



# Internet-of-Things Security Landscape



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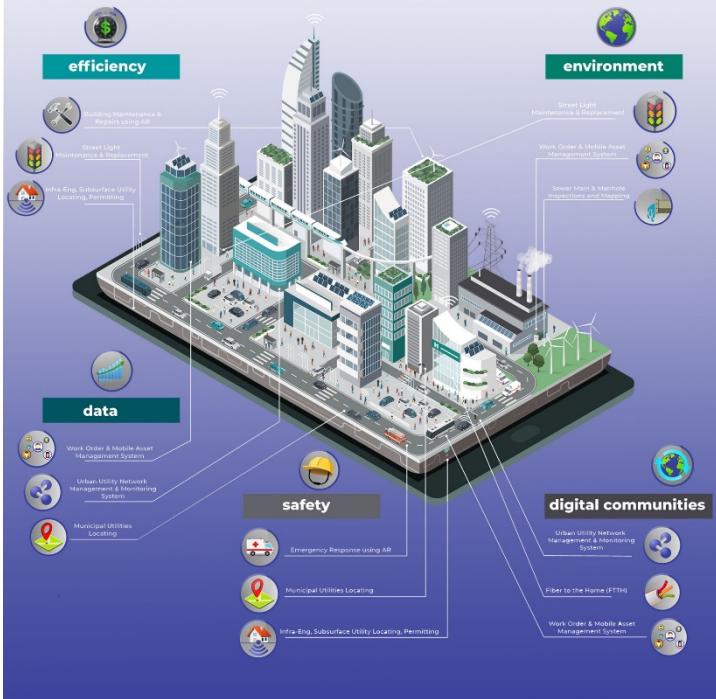
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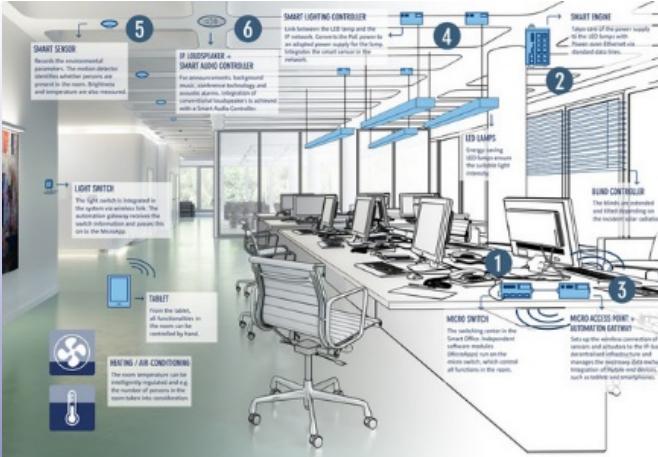
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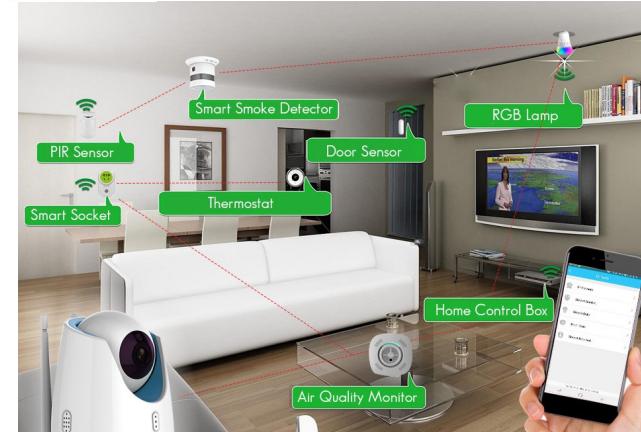
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## Smart City Sensors Infra



## Smart Office

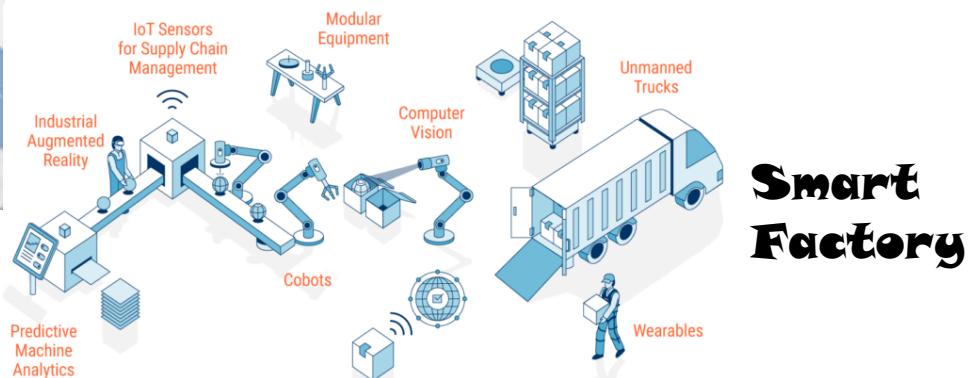


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## Smart Mobility

## Smart Hospital



## Smart Factory

# Singapore's Smart Nation Journey

## Building a SMART CITY

A slew of initiatives are taking place islandwide, the goal of which is to sharpen the Government's response to city issues and hence improve people's day-to-day lives.

**TOWN PLANNING**

**What:** A modelling system to simulate a city's built environment and its impact on the natural environment, people, resources and costs

**Who:** HDB, Electricité de France, Veolia

**Uses:** Among other things, show how different land uses affect energy needs and transport networks to design new housing blocks to get ideal wind flow; where best to build cycling paths

**Status:** Research collaboration / prototype stage

**WATER QUALITY AND LEAKS**

**What:** A network of wireless sensors that monitors water quality and detects leaks in real time

**Who:** PUB, Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology, Vismec

**Uses:** Allows PUB to repair leaks faster and reduce water loss

**Status:** About 300 sensors installed by end-2015

**ERI II**

**What:** A satellite-based electronic road pricing (ERP) system that can use an on-board monitor to charge motorists according to distance travelled

**Who:** Land Transport Authority, IBM

**Uses:** This may replace the current system, which charges motorists each time they pass through an ERP gantry during certain times

**Status:** Feasibility being studied

**SECURITY**

**What:** A public-private Safe City Test Bed has been introduced, for example, a mobile app for commanders to track security forces in real time

**Who:** Economic Development Board, Ministry of Home Affairs, AIT, National Defence and Space, NCS, NRIC, and police

**Uses:** Could help commanders respond to incidents more quickly and precisely

**Status:** Test bed completed

**JURONG LAKE DISTRICT - 'SMART CITY'**

**What:** A government vision for the area to use smart technologies such as driverless cars to improve liveability for residents

**Who:** Singapore Government, various partners

**USES:** For now, driverless cars will ply the Chinese and Japanese Gardens later this year. Expected to be used at Jurong East MRT next year

**Status:** Ongoing

**3D MAPPING**

**What:** Mapping the country in 3D from the air by using planes equipped with lasers and cameras

**Who:** Singapore Land Authority

**Uses:** PUB could use the map to model flood patterns, while the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore could plan more efficient landing paths for planes

**Status:** Expected to be completed by 2016

**DISEASE AND HYGIENE**

**What:** Computer models that use sensors and mobile apps to help detect and forecast dengue and food poisoning outbreaks

**Who:** National Environment Agency (NEA), IBM

**Uses:** For example, if people complain of a fever or Twitter of being sick after eating at a particular restaurant, the system would alert NEA officers

**Status:** Research collaboration

**IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

**What:** Analysing CCTV video feeds and anonymised location-based data from mobile subscribers to learn common travel patterns

**Who:** Land Transport Authority, SMRT, StarHub, IBM

**Uses:** Help agencies respond better to unplanned incidents in the train and bus network, such as breakdowns or emergencies

**Status:** Research collaboration

**PROTECTING THE SEA**

**What:** Eight buoys along coastline with sensors that test waters for pollutants and send real-time updates wirelessly to the NEA

**Who:** National Environment Agency (NEA)

**Uses:** Early detection of oil or chemical spills

**Status:** In place

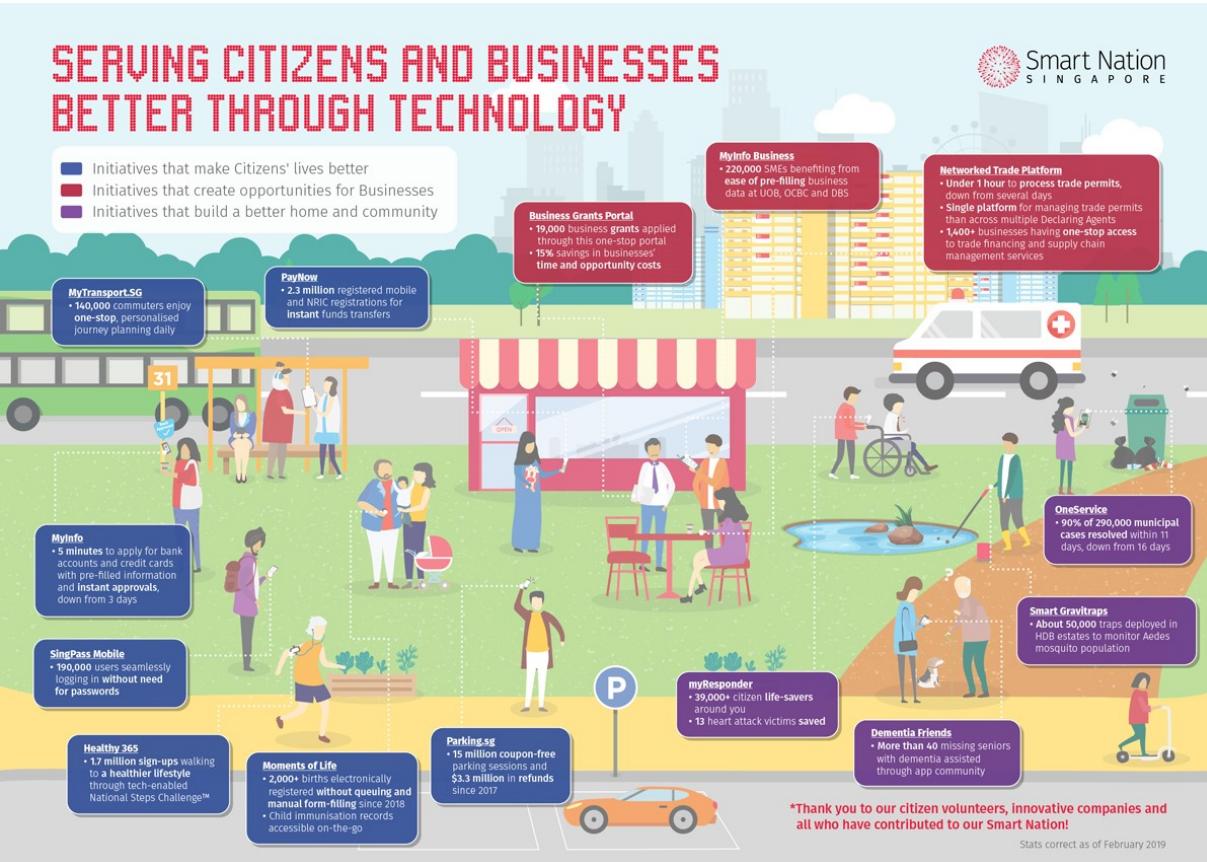
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## Smart Singapore

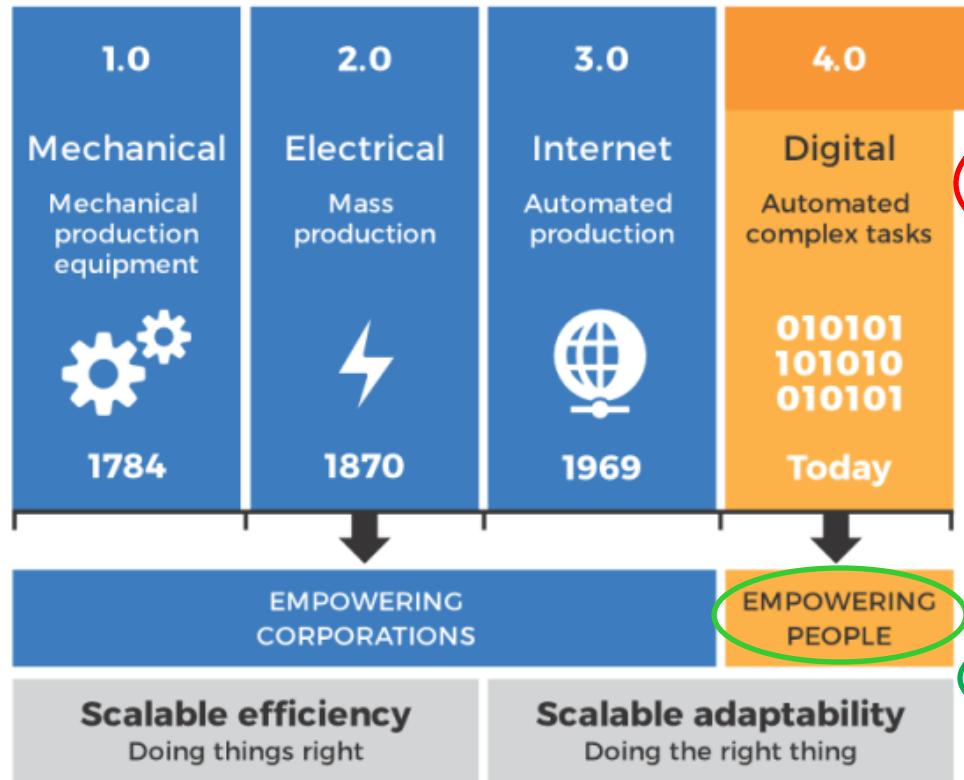
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## SERVING CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES BETTER THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

- Initiatives that make Citizens' lives better
- Initiatives that create opportunities for Businesses
- Initiatives that build a better home and community



# Welcome to the Industrial Revolution 4.0



10x impact of the Internet Revolution

Blurring the physical and cyber digital divide

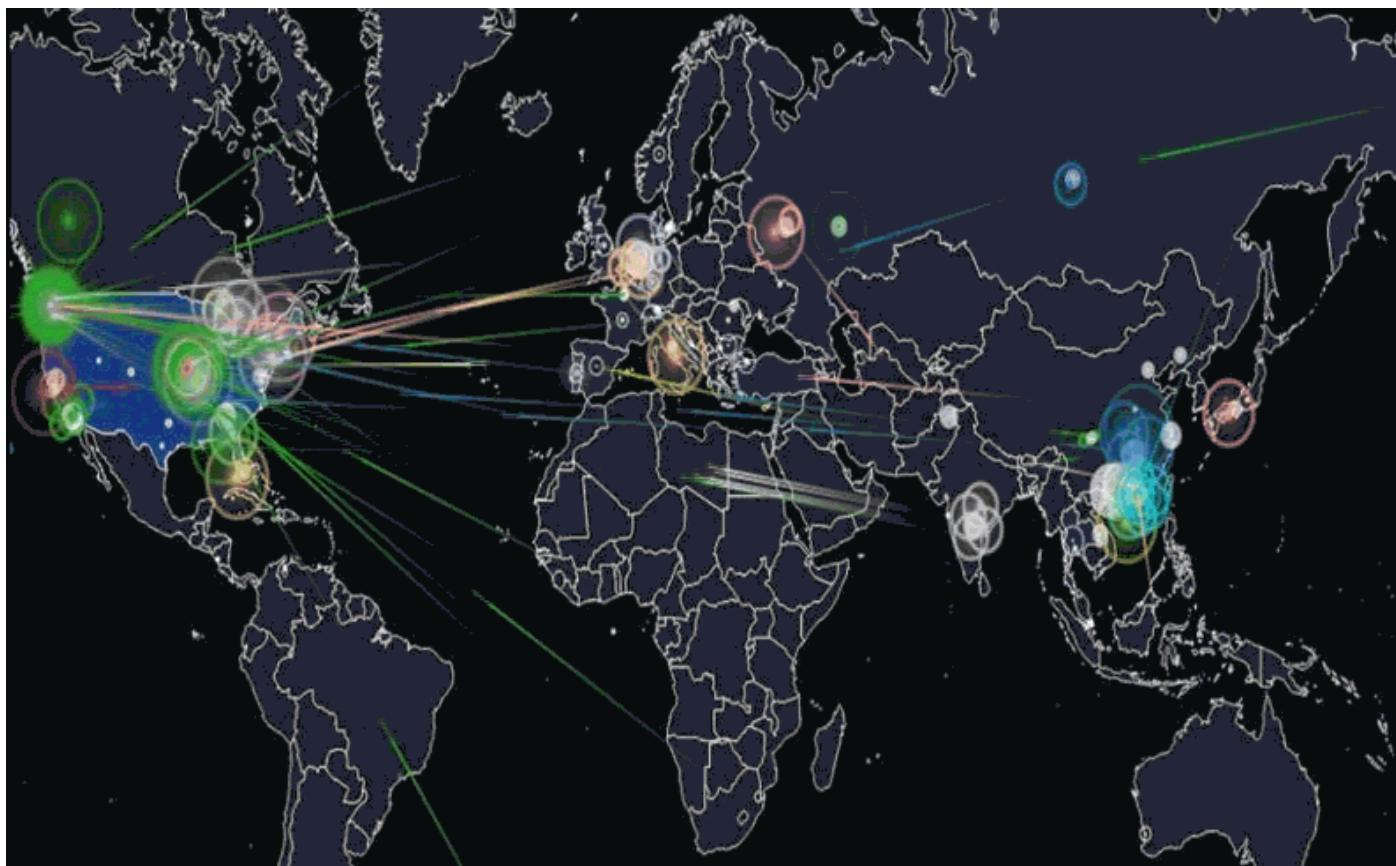
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Socio-Economic  
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Everything

Impact on society bigger than industry

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# IoT Threat – as Massive Botnet for DDOS



**Mirai IoT botnet**  
DDOSed Dyn DNS  
& nearly crippled  
internet access for  
most US users &  
major US websites  
used by rest of the  
world - e.g. Twitter,  
Spotify, Reddit, etc

Delivered shocking  
**1.2Tbps** - *big leap*  
*from biggest*  
*DDOS not on IoT*  
*botnet !*

## Microsoft: Russian state hackers are using IoT devices to breach enterprise networks

Microsoft said it detected Strontium (APT28) targeting VoIP phones, printers and video decoders.

In multiple cases, Microsoft saw Fancy Bear get access to targeted networks because the IoT devices were deployed with default passwords. In another case, the latest security update was not applied. Using those devices as a starting point, the hackers established a beachhead and looked for further access.



Microsoft has said a high-profile Russian state-sponsored hacking group is actively attacking businesses through Internet of things (IoT) devices.

The Redmond-based tech giant attributed the attack to a hacking group called STRONTIUM, also known as APT28 or Fancy Bear, behind the cyber attack on the 2018 Winter Olympics.

### Target attack shows danger of remotely accessible HVAC systems

Qualys says about 55,000 Internet-connected heating systems, including one at the Sochi Olympic arena, lack adequate security



## Hacking risk leads to recall of 500,000 pacemakers due to patient death fears

FDA overseeing crucial firmware update in US to patch security holes and prevent hijacking of pacemakers implanted in half a million people

## Researchers hack Philips Hue lights via a drone; IoT worm could cause city blackout

Researchers hijack Philips Hue lights with a drone to show how IoT worm could take over smart lights in a city.



# IoT Threat – Compromising Privacy

## FBI Warns Parents of Privacy Risks With Internet-Connected Toys

Many of these smart toys have a combination of sensors, cameras, microphones, data storage or other components, such as voice recognition and GPS, the warning said.

"These features could put the privacy and safety of children at risk due to the large amount of personal information that may be unwittingly disclosed," the FBI said.

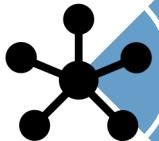
### Strangers can talk to your child through 'connected' toys, investigation finds

## Hackers Found a (Not-So-Easy) Way to Make the Amazon Echo a Spy Bug

Researchers found they could turn the smart speakers into surveillance devices—if they could get their own attack tool on the same Wi-Fi.

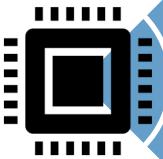


# IoT Threats – Summary



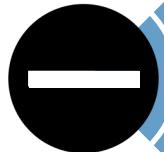
## Vulnerable Device Software

- Buffer overflows, lack of authentication



## Firmware-Level Attack

- Replacement of firmware during commissioning or routine upgrade



## Denial of Service

- Devices can be DoSed due to limited resources
- Device botnets can launch distributed DoS attacks



## Privacy Threat

- Due to device location tracking or personal information collection



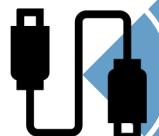
## Device Cloning or Substitution

- Cloned devices can be sold cheaply and include backdoors



## Weak Credentials

- Poor password choices and lack of 2FA for user and admin interfaces of devices, gateways or back-ends



## Eavesdropping

- Including network attacks such as man-in-the-middle and message replay



## Data Leakage

- Confidential data may be captured from devices or from the back-end



## Malware

- Devices can be infected with software designed to perform unauthorized actions

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Supply Chain  
Security

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## Technical References and Standards

Device Identities  
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Secure OS,  
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Infrastructure

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Monitoring  
and  
Analytics

## Key Findings

- **Commonality** – No commonly agreed evaluation criteria
- **Certification regime** – Demanding in time and resources/costs
- **Collaboration** – Nascent and yet to be mutually recognised widely

## Possible Approaches

- Harmonise & Adapt existing certification regime for IoT
- Innovate a Lite-version evaluation scheme for IoT
- Garner support towards mutual recognition



# Evaluation and Certification



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TR 64 : 2018  
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# Responsible Industry

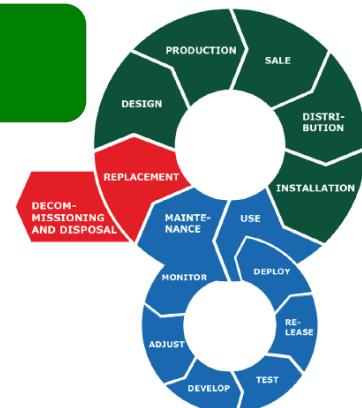


## Key Findings

- Immature ecosystem – IoT industry still evolving & rapid innovation
- Incentive – Little incentive to implement security vs time-to-market, nor to provide continuing product life-cycle security maintenance
- Inadequate pressure – on industry to foster responsible behaviour

## Possible Approaches

- Responsible industry via demand-driven and/or liability-legislation
- Product security assurance regime through evaluation scheme
- Continuing life-cycle support to provide patches for vulnerabilities



## ***EU Cybersecurity Act***



- In December 2018, the EU passed the Cybersecurity Act to reinforce ENISA's mandate to support Member States in tackling cybersecurity threats.
- The Act also establishes an EU framework for cybersecurity certification.
  - Certification is voluntary unless future EU legislation makes it mandatory.
  - This Act is not specific to IoT security, although it does cover IoT products.

## ***California Senate Bill 327***

- Due to take effect in January 2020, this law requires all "connected devices" to have a "reasonable security feature."
- Security experts point out that the law is well-intentioned and while it may not actually solve the problems that plague IoT security, it is nevertheless a good start.

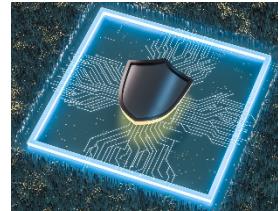


## Key Findings

- Unique identity – Poor asset visibility nor traceable authentication
- Untrusted security – Lack trust anchor & chain of trust for security
- Ubiquitous usable – even for low-cost or resource-constrained IoT

## Possible Approaches

- Targeted measures to address IoT's resource-constrained limitation
- Trust Anchor & chain of trust specially to support IoT use-cases
- PUF can help alleviate need for Key-mgt on massive numbers of IoT



# Device Identities and Root of Trust



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# IoT Security Landscape Study – Conclusion



- IoT Security Landscape Study is a good starting point of identified challenges and possible approaches for action
- Create an ecosystem that is secure, from design to disposal, a challenge that requires global approach
- Foster strong international collaboration amongst countries at the government, industry and academia ("*triple-helix*") thru International IoT Security Roundtable, &/or other international platforms like GFCE
- Prioritise 3 focus areas to tackle for the initial phase :
  - Evaluation and Certification
  - Responsible Industry
  - Device Identities and Root of Trust



# Thank You

