Security vulnerabilities in the Raspberry Pi

Brief overview of what a Raspberry Pi is

- SBC (Single Board Computer)
- Size of a credit card
- Microprocessor
- Can be loaded with OS
- Easy to program

Motivation

- Provide insight on security vulnerabilities
- Teach how to secure Raspberry Pis
- Teach the differences between Windows Machines and Raspberry pi’s

Paper #1: Security Vulnerabilities in Raspberry Pi–Analysis of the System Weaknesses

- Main goal was to outline the components for hardware and software analysis
- After installing an OS leads to default configuration
- Users need to understand the risks of not securing their system

Software analysis

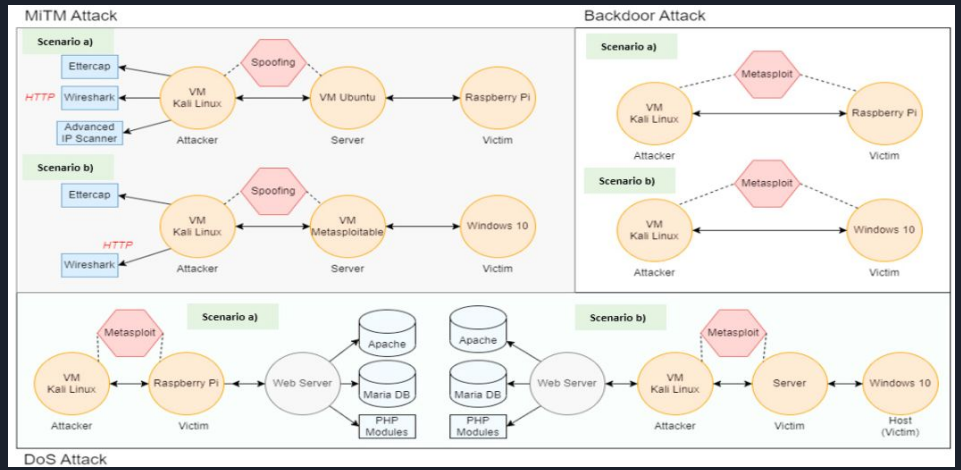
- Raspbian
  - Default username/password can only be changed after installation
  - Debian-4þdeb7u2 1.0.1e 11 Feb 2013
    - Some immunity to UserRoaming and Heartbleed bugs
      - UserRoaming - Stdio buffers are cleaned after usage
      - Heartbleed - Bug fix
- Windows 10 IoT
  - Same user/passwd config as raspbian
  - Windows Device Portal has authentication done through clear text
  - ARP-spoofing and MITM
- Open-ELEC/Libre-ELEC
  - Default user/passwd cannot be changed
  - No 2FA for HTTP and Samba config
- Ubuntu
- RiscOS

Hardware analysis

- USB
  - Powered USB hub required for devices using more than 500mA
  - Backfeeding: drawing power from incoming current from a USB port
  - No USB protection
- Overclocking
  - Can be safely performed
  - Bad config sets a bit inside the SoC (system on chip)
- GPIO
  - SoC can be destroyed if output voltage > 5V or output current > 2.5A
- Real time clock absence
  - Date/time not stored internally after being powered off
  - Critical for certificate validation, cryptography
  - Fetches the date/time from a Network Time Server
- Xenon flash
  - RPI 2 reboots if being pointed at with a laser.

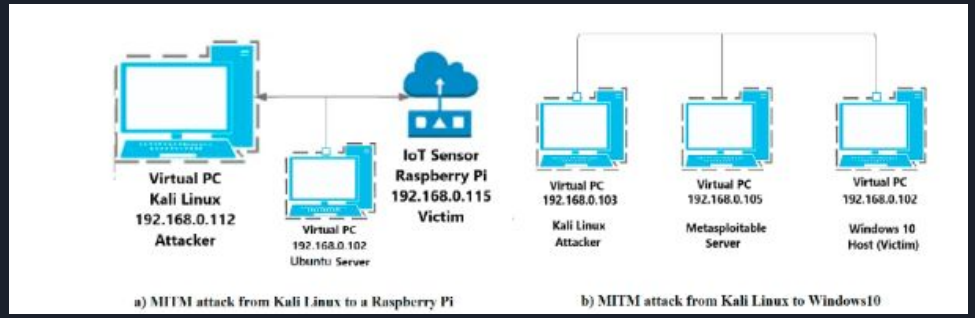
Paper #2: Security Vulnerability Analysis for IoT Devices Raspberry Pi using PENTEST

- Introduction
  - Done in both Windows and Raspberry Pi
  - Used Kali Linux as attacker
  - Same techniques used
- Material Used
  - Oracle VM
  - Raspberry Pi loaded with Raspbian
  - VNC Viewer
- Attacks
  - Man in the middle
  - Backdoor
  - DoS (Denial of services)



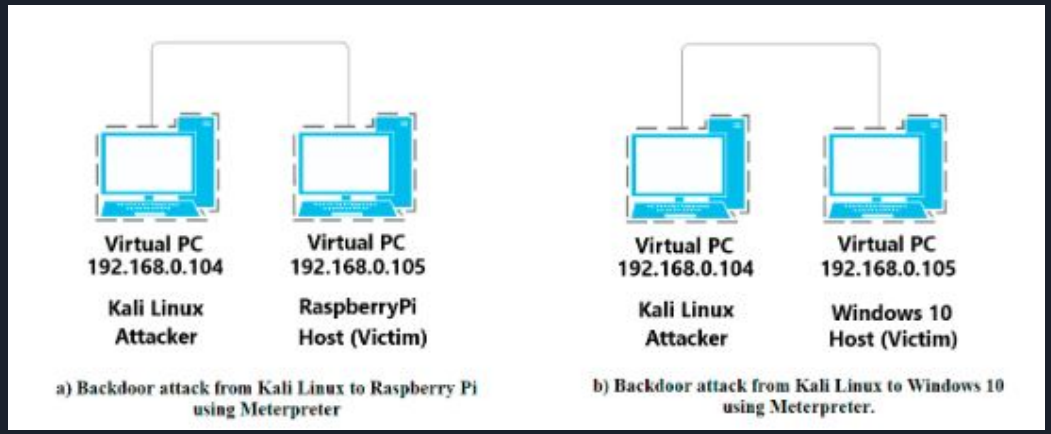
Results-Man in the Middle (MITM)

- Common Factors
  - Used HTTP
  - Wireshark
  - ARP Poisoning
  - Ettercap
- Raspberry Pi
  - Advanced IP Scanner
  - Ubuntu Server (Server)
  - Successful
- Windows 10
  - Metasplotiable2 (Server)
  - Successful



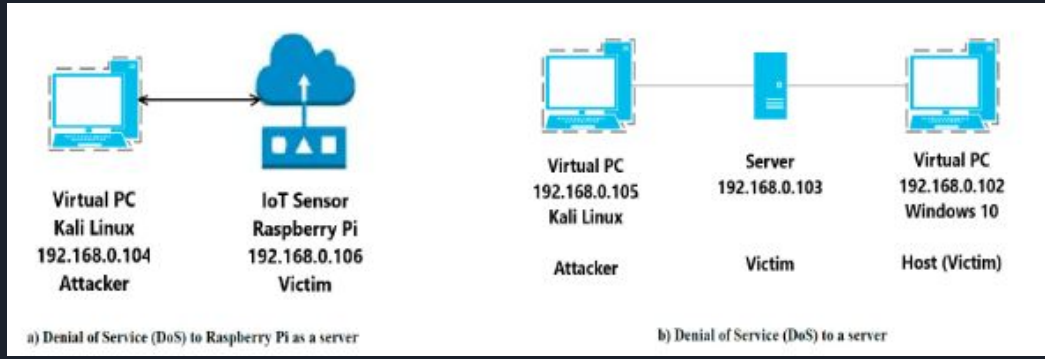
Results - Back Door

- Common Factors
  - Meterpreter
- Raspberry Pi
  - Had to be given execution permissions
  - Successful
- Windows 10
  - Disable firewall
  - Turning off all antivirus
  - Successful



Results - Denial of Service (Dos)

- Common Factors
  - Apache
  - MariaDB Database
- Raspberry Pi
  - Delay 4 min 15s
- Windows 10
  - Failed to mention time delay



Summary of Results

Man in the middle attack (1 second)

- Raspberry Pi : 15 minutes
- Windows 10 : 15 minutes

Backdoor Attack (1 second)

- Raspberry Pi : 13 minutes
- Windows 10 : 15 minutes

Denial of Service (60 seconds)

- Raspberry Pi : 8 minutes
  - Load times 4 minutes 15 seconds
- Windows 10 : 8 minutes

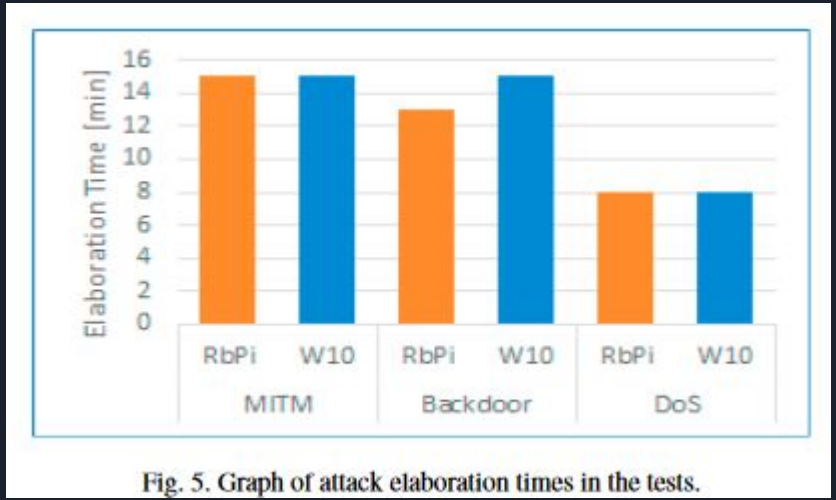


Fig. 5. Graph of attack elaboration times in the tests.

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Demo - MITM (Kali Linux & Pi 4)