No Place to Hide: IoT and Network Vulnerabilities

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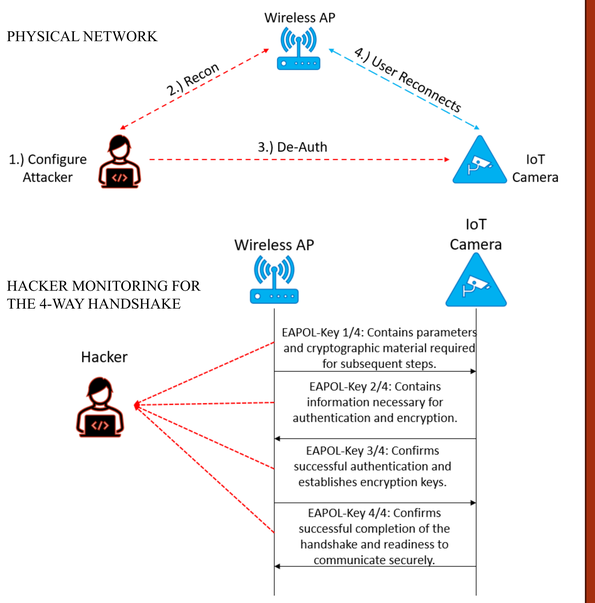
ABSTRACT

- My project explores the vulnerabilities in Internet of Things (IoT) devices, specifically wireless-connected cameras prevalent in medium to large-sized corporations, government agencies, and municipalities. By simulating a Denial of Service (DoS) attack, the study aims to understand and expose potential security loopholes these devices and their networks could present.
- The project outlines the process of network reconnaissance, four-way handshake capture, password decryption, network traffic decryption, and MAC spoofing. Once we obtain the network password, we could further scan and exploit other devices.
- This project exposed the ease of cracking WPA2-PSK networks and further reinforces the need for a layered security posture. That security architecture could include more up to date encryption, unique and longer passwords or certificate-based authentication, intrusion detection and prevention systems and 802.11w implementation.

SETUP



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IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

1.) Configure Attacker

2.) Perform Network Reconnaissance

3.) Perform Deauth Attack

4.) User Reconnects and Capture 4-Way Handshake

5.) Crack Network Password

6.) Decrypt Network Traffic

7.) Alter Raw HEX images

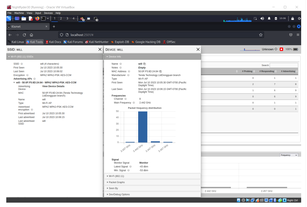
8.) Record Loop & Setup Camera B

9.) Deauth Camera-A & bring up Camera-B

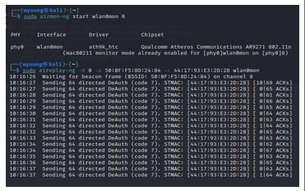
METHOD

1. Install VM with Kali image, configure Alfa Adapter and program ESP32-Wrover board with Arduino code for Web Server.
2. Use Kismet to scan network for target devices and their identifying data.
3. Use aireplay-ng to kick device off network
4. Use airodump-ng to capture the 4-Way handshake once device reconnects to the network.
5. Use aircrack-ng to perform a dictionary attack to extract network password.
6. Add network credentials into Wireshark 802.11 decryption keys and extract packets with "image/jpeg."
7. In WinHex, remove all bytes before "FF D8 FF" and save image as .jpg.
8. Record 60 second loop of Camera-A and upload MAC Spoofing code to Camera-B.
9. Deauth Camera-A, stop attack and power up Camera-B. Play recorded loop.

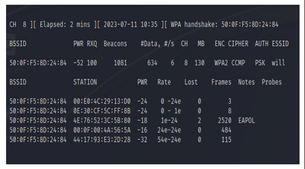
NETWORK RECON



DEAUTH DEVICE



CAPTURE 4-WAY



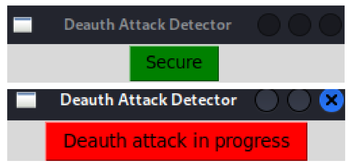
CRACK PASSWORD

UI DESGIN

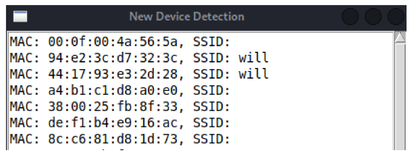
During this project, I created a few tools in python to help monitor the network. They all have simple UI's and detect if a predetermined device goes offline, if there is a Deauth attack happening, and if a new device joined the network. Code available & Technical Writeup available, just scan GitHub QR Code.

LAN MONITOR UI

DEAUTH ATTACK DETECTOR UI



NEW DEVICE DETECTOR UI



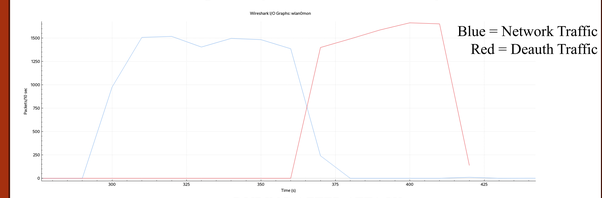
HARDWARE/SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Aircrack-ng v 1.7.0+
- Arduino IDE v 1.8.16+
- Kismet v 2022-08-R1+
- Python v 3.10+
- Tenda RX2Pro Wi-Fi Router
- ESP32 WRover-E Board
- Kali Linux v 2023.2+
- Oracle VirtualBox v 7.0.8+
- WinHex v 20.8+
- Wireshark v 4.0.7+

RESULTS

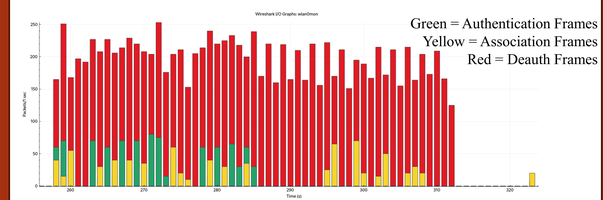
BEFORE/DURING ATTACK

Device is streaming normally, and then knocked offline by deauth attack.



DURING/AFTER ATTACK

Device is trying to reconnect, but there are too many deauth frames. Device reconnects 10 seconds after attack is stopped.



CONCLUSION

- I developed a deeper understanding of the vulnerabilities inherent to wireless networks and IoT devices. I had the opportunity to delve into the practicalities of network setup, protocol analysis, and worked with Arduino and Python.
- The project underscored the importance of layered security, given these vulnerabilities. Strong, unique passwords; network encryption; regular network monitoring and audits; MAC address filtering; and robust IoT security protocols all play vital roles in safeguarding networks. Moreover, it is essential to keep all software, firmware, and devices updated to protect against known vulnerabilities.

FUTURE WORKS

- Looking ahead, there are several directions to consider for future work, building upon the foundational knowledge gained in this project:
- Remediation Steps (WIPS/IDS/PMF)
- Implement Certificate-Based Wireless Authentication
- Automation of Attack Processes
- Network Lateral Movement
- Deep Dive into JPEG Extraction and WinHex Usage
- These potential directions for future work could provide valuable insights into more advanced network security techniques, further expanding upon the initial findings of this project

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