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IoT Light Bulb Covert Channel

Extended Functionality Attack on Smart Lights

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Taxonomy of IoT Attacks

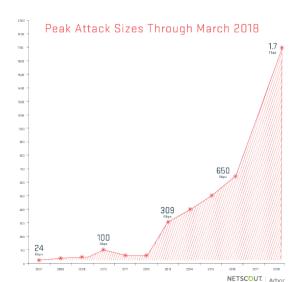
- Ignoring Functionality
- Reducing Functionality
- Misusing Functionality
- Extending Functionality

1

Ignoring Functionality

2

Ignoring Functionality



Reducing Functionality

Misusing Functionality

Create Discomfort

- Heat in summer, AC in winter
- Flash bedroom lights at night
- Turn on AC in bathroom in the morning

Generally be Annoying

- Turn on lights
- Open Faucets
- Run Washing Machine
- ... when the owners leave for vacation.

Extending Functionality



Ronen, Shamir Paper

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Requirements for Covert Channel

Correctness

Switch between 2 brightnesses that can be robustly distinguished by a sensor.

Covertness

Use brightnesses so similar or switch so fast that a human cannot distinguish them.



Questions?

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