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# ZIGBEE SMART HOMES

A HACKER'S OPEN HOUSE

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## ABOUT ME

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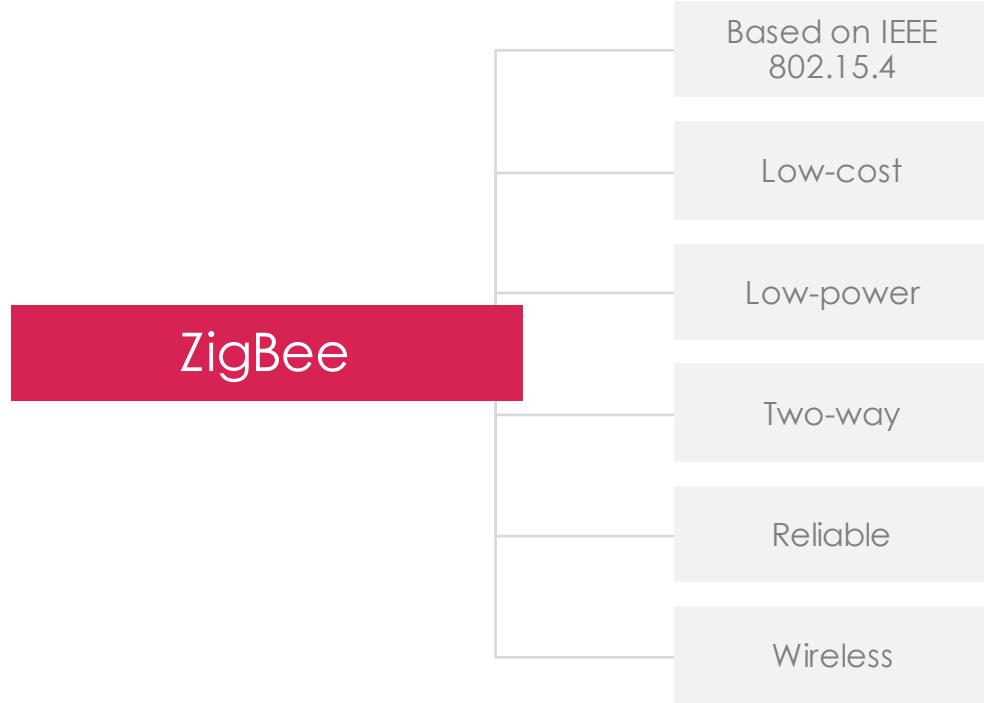
## AGENDA

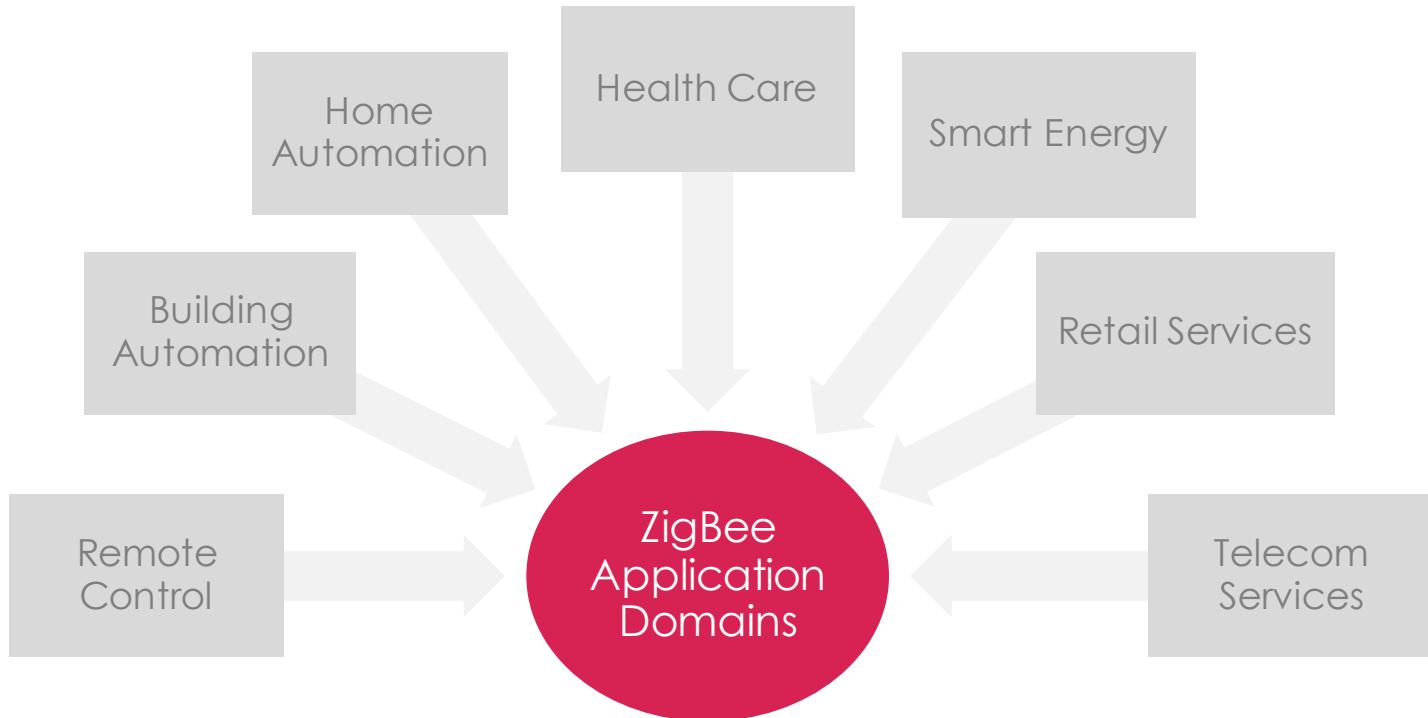


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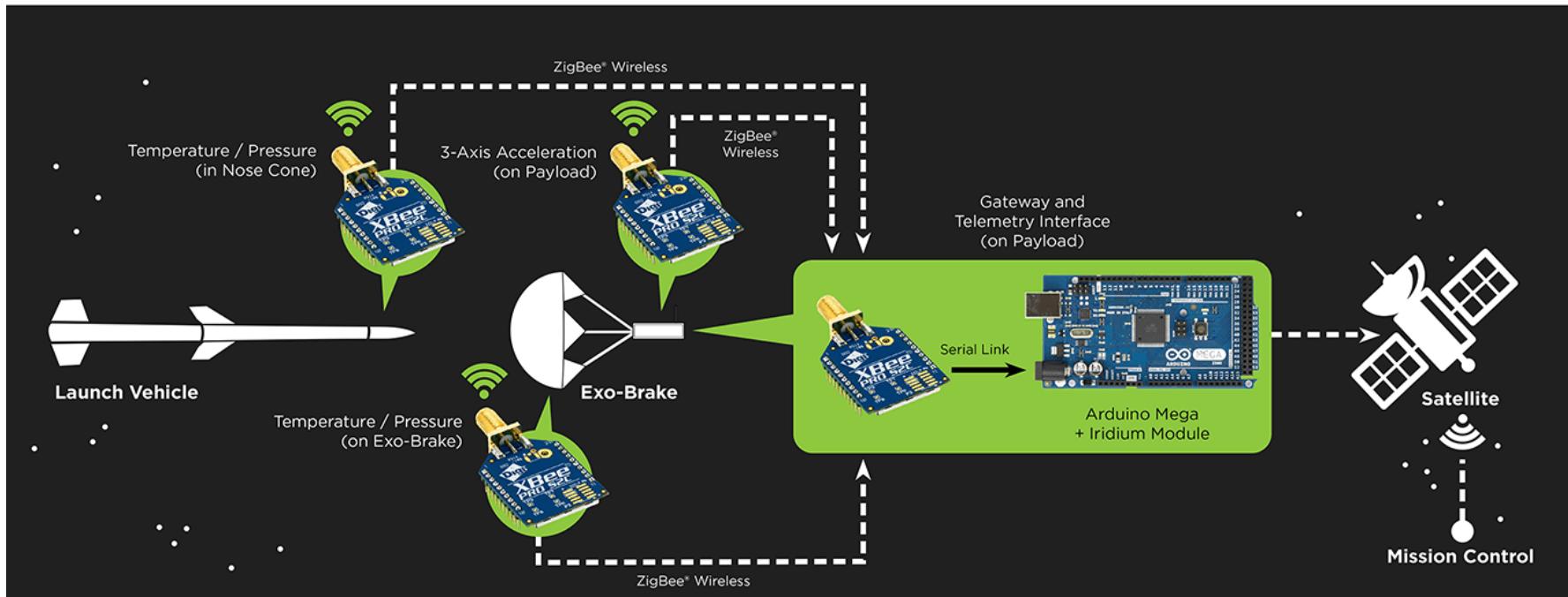
WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT





## SOAREX-8 Wireless Sensor Network Flight Configuration

### NASA Ames Research Center



<http://www.zigbee.org/zigbee-in-space-xbee-rf-modules-launched-by-nasa/>

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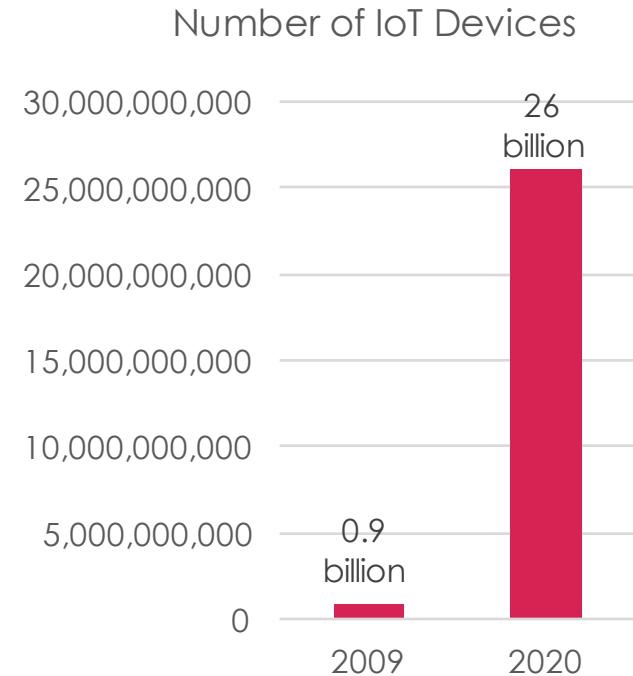
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## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Trend is wireless connections
- Samsung CEO BK Yoon - “Every Samsung device will be part of IoT till 2019”<sup>3</sup>
- Over 500 smart device per household in 2022<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/2839717>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/2636073>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/CES-Internet-der-Dinge-komfortabel-vernetzt-2512856.html>



<https://www.praetorian.com/iotmap/>

## Project Statistics



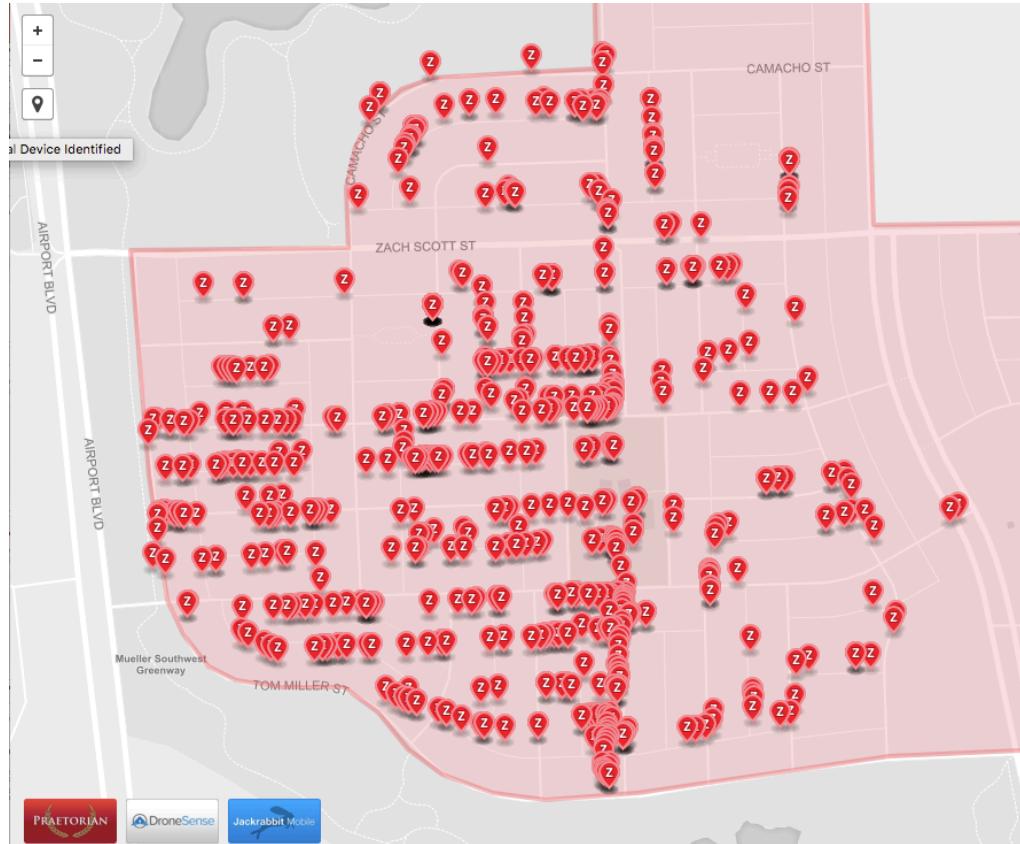
## Zone Details

	Identified	Not Identified	Total	
Commercial Zone	172	179	351	 Explore zone
Residential Zone	784	451	1235	 Explore zone
Industrial Zone	n/a	n/a	n/a	 Coming soon

<https://www.praetorian.com/iotmap/>

Manufacturers Identified		956 identified / 1583 discovered	
3com Ltd	1	Air802 LLC	1
Als & Tec Ltd.	1	Banyan Systems Inc.	3
Barrister Info Sys Corp	1	Beijing Dg Telecommunications ...	1
Beijing Zhongqing Elegant ...	1	California Eastern ...	12
Centralite Systems, Inc.	1	Cisco Systems, Inc.	2
Cm Precision Technology Ltd.	1	Concurrent Computer Corp.	2
Control4	23	Crow Electronic Engeneering	2
Cyzentech Co., Ltd.	1	Digatto Asia Pacific Pte Ltd	1
Eci Telecom - Ngt5 Ltd.	1	Eurotherm Gauging Systems	1
Experdata	1	Formosa21 Inc.	1
Funkwerk Dabendorf GmbH	2	General Magic, Inc.	1
Gunnebo Cash Automation Ab	1	Hub-Tech	1
Icontrol Incorporated	3	Ioimage Ltd.	1
Ip Datatel, Llc.	3	Japan Image & Network Inc.	1
K-Tech Devices Corp.	1	Keyeye Communications	1
Konica Minolta Holdings, Inc.	2	Lexmark International, Inc.	1
Madge Ltd.	1	Maxxan Systems, Inc.	1
Mextal B.V.	1	Multitech Systems, Inc.	1
Naztec, Inc.	1	Nextio, Inc.	1
Nortel Networks	1	Ordyn Technologies	1
Osram Gmbh	1	Paradigm Technology Inc.	1
PC LAN Technologies	5	Philips Lighting Bv	110
Physical Graph Corporation	3	Planning Research Corp.	1
Quirky, Inc.	5	Radiance Technologies, Inc.	1
Redwood Technologies Ltd	2	S.E.R.C.E.L.	1
Selex Communications	2	Sequent Computer Systems Inc.	2
Serverengines LLC	1	Shinheung Precision Co., Ltd.	1
Siemens Ag	1	Solartron Metrology Ltd	1
Sony Corporation	458	Summit Data Communications	1
Supervision Solutions LLC	1	Teledyne Technologies ...	1
Tsuken Electric Ind. Co.,ltd	1	Ucontrol, Inc.	3
Vine Telecom Co.,ltd.	1	Wanzl Metallwarenfabrik GmbH	3
Wimedia Alliance	1		

## ZIGBEE SMART HOMES



### WHY SECURITY?

- **HOME** automation has high privacy requirements
- Huge source of personalized data

Items of interest will be located, identified, monitored, and remotely controlled through technologies such as radio-frequency identification, sensor networks, tiny embedded servers, and energy harvesters - all connected to the next-generation internet<sup>1</sup>

-Former CIA Director  
David Petraeus"

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# ZIGBEE SECURITY MEASURES

## ZIGBEE SECURITY MEASURES

### Security Measures

Symmetric  
Encryption

Message  
Authentication

Integrity  
Protection

Replay  
Protection

AES-CCM\*  
128bit

MIC  
0 - 128 bit

Frame Counter  
4 Byte

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**'To avoid 'bugs' that an attacker can use to his advantage,  
it is crucial that security be well implemented and tested.  
[...] Security services should be implemented and tested by  
security experts [...].'**

(ZigBee Alliance 2008, p. 494)

## ZIGBEE SECURITY

- One security level per network
- Security based on encryption keys
- Network Key: Used for broadcast communication, Shared among all devices
- Link Key: Used for secure unicast communication, Shared only between two devices

## SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

Trust in the security is ultimately reduces to:

- Trust in the secure **initialization** of keying material
- Trust in the secure **installation** of keying material
- Trust in the secure **processing** of keying material
- Trust in the secure **storage** of keying material

## HOW ARE KEYS EXCHANGED?



Preinstalled Devices



Key Transport

- Out of band recommended



Key Establishment

- Derived from other keys
- Also requires preinstalled keys



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# ZIGBEE APPLICATION PROFILES

## APPLICATION PROFILES

Define communication  
between devices

- Agreements for messages
- Message formats
- Processing actions

Enable applications to

- Send commands
- Request data
- Process commands
- Process requests

Startup Attribute Sets (SAS) provide interoperability and compatibility

## HOME AUTOMATION PROFILE

### Default Trust Center Link Key

- 0x5A 0x69 0x67 0x42 0x65 0x65 0x41 0x6C 0x6C 0x69 0x61 0x6E 0x63 0x65 0x30 0x39
- ZigBeeAlliance09

### Use Default Link Key Join

- 0x01 (True)
- This flag enables the use of default link key join as a fallback case at startup time.

## LIGHT LINK PROFILE

- Devices in a ZLL shall use ZigBee network layer security.
- “The ZLL security architecture is based on using a fixed secret key, known as the ZLL key, which shall be stored in each ZLL device. All ZLL devices use the ZLL key to encrypt/decrypt the exchanged network key.“
- “It will be distributed only to certified manufacturers and is bound with a safekeeping contract“

## LIGHT LINK PROFILE

rt: @MayaZigBee

#DIY lover #ZLL master key 9F 55 95 F1 02  
57 C8 A4 69 CB F4 2B C9 3F EE 31  
#ZigBee #Philips #Hue



**MayaZigBee** @MayaZigBee · Mar 29

Should the #ZLL master key be illegal? Should a #free #DIY  
#interoperability be illegal (w a light bulb, mind you)? Make sure the  
key lives!

## LIGHT LINK

nwkAllFresh

- False
- True
- Do not check frame counter
- Use insecure join as a fallback option.

Trust center link key

- 0x5a 0x69 0x67 0x42 0x65 0x65 0x41 0x6c 0x6c 0x69 0x61 0x6e 0x63 0x65 0x30 0x39
- Default key for communicating with a trust center

## APPLICATION PROFILES SUMMARY

- HA Profile requires support of known encryption key as fallback
- ZLL Profile uses “secret” key for protecting key exchanges

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ZIGBEE IMPLEMENTATIONS

## REQUEST KEY SERVICE

**"The request-key service provides a secure means for a device to request the active network key, or an end-to-end application master key, from another device"**

(ZigBee Alliance 2008, p. 425)

## ZBOSS

```
/***
 * Remote device asked us for key.

 * Application keys are not implemented.
 * Send current network key.
 * Not sure: send unsecured?
 * What is meaning of that command??
 * Maybe, idea is that we can accept "previous" nwk
 * key?
 * Or encrypt by it?
 */
```

## ZBOSS

```
/*
    Initiate unsecured key transfer.
    Not sure it is right, but I really have no
    ideas about request meaning of key for
    network key.
*/
```

## TESTED DEVICES

- Door Lock
- Smart Home System
- Lighting Solutions



## RESULTS

**ALL** tested systems only use the default TC Link Key for securing the initial key exchange

No link keys are used or supported

- Complete compromise after getting network key

No ZigBee security configuration possibilities available

No key rotation applied

- Test period of 14 month

## RESULTS

Device reset often difficult

- Removal of key material not guaranteed
- One device does not support reset at all

Light bulbs do not require physical interaction for pairing

Workarounds like reduced transmission power are used to prevent pairing problems

- Devices have to be in very close proximity for pairing

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DEMONSTRATION

## SECBEE

ZigBee security testing tool

Target audience

- Security testers
- Developers

Based on scapy-radio, μracoli and killerbee



USR B210



Raspbee

## SECBEE

Provides features for testing of security services as well as weak security configuration and implementation

- Support of encrypted communication
- Command injection
- Scan for weak key transport
- Reset to factory
- Join to network
- Test security services



USRP B210

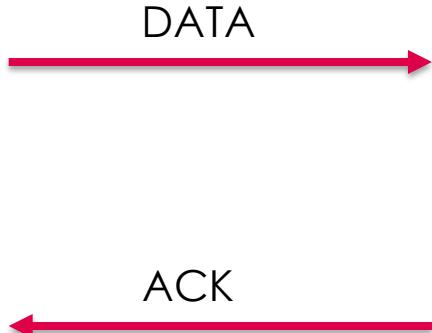


Raspbee

## DIRECT

Coordinator

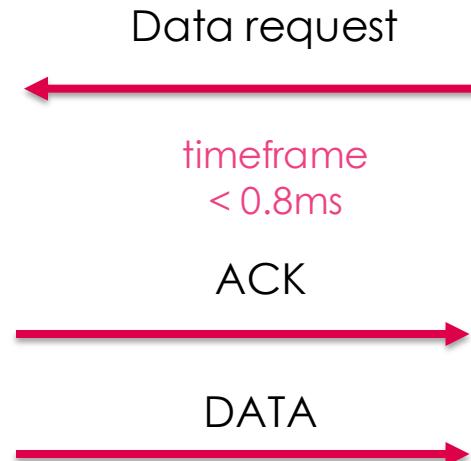
End device



## INDIRECT

Coordinator

End device



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**DEMONSTRATION**  
**- KEY EXTRACTION**

## NETWORK KEY SNIFFING

Fallback key exchange insecure



Most vendors only implement fallback solution



Same security level as plaintext exchange



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VENDOR  
RESPONSE



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A UC GROUP COMPANY

## NETWORK KEY SNIFFING

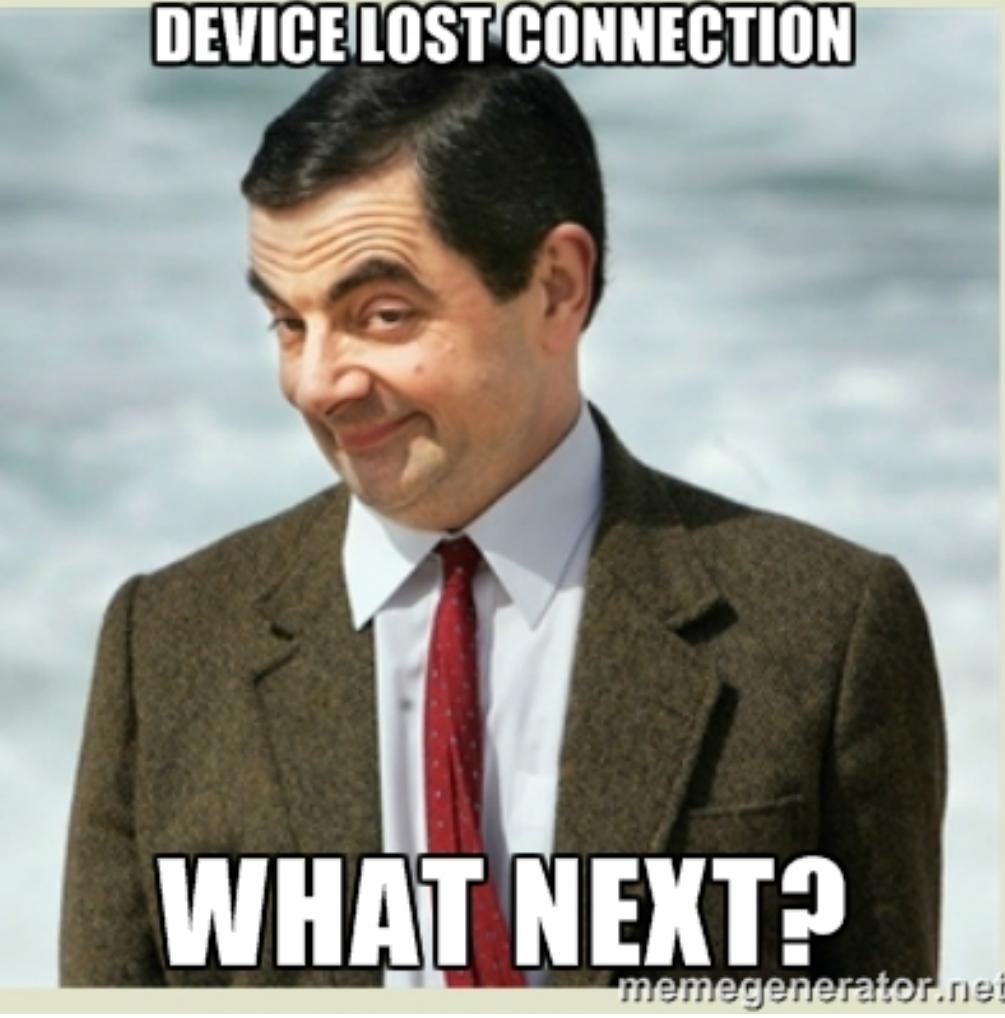
So, the

- Timeframe is limited
- Proximity is necessary
- Key extraction works only during pairing

... what would an attacker do?

TYPICAL  
END-USER

**DEVICE LOST CONNECTION**



**WHAT NEXT?**

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## THE SOCIAL ENGINEERS WAY

Jam the communication



Wait for users to re-pair the device

It is not **only** about technology :D

THE HACKER WAY

Trigger Key Transport



Sniff over the air key exchange

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
400	1911.170083	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
401	1911.172085			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
402	1911.174714	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	49	Data, Dst: 0xa642, Src: 0x0000
403	1911.174736			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
404	1911.179743	0xa642	0x0000	ZigBee	45	Data, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642
405	1911.179921			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
406	1911.384174	0xa642	0x0000	ZigBee	29	[REDACTED] Request, Device: 0xa642
407	1911.385366			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
408	1911.421006	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
409	1911.423036			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
410	1911.424106	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	39	[REDACTED] Response, Address: 0x0000
411	1911.424735			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
412	1911.427783	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
413	1911.428614			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
414	1911.432617	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	65	Transport Key
415	1911.433505			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
416	1911.439942			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
417	1911.446022	0xa642	Broadcast	ZigBee ZDP	57	Device Announcement, Device: EmberCor_00:02:c4:62:34
▶ Frame 406: 29 bytes on wire (232 bits), 29 bytes captured (232 bits)						
▶ IEEE 802.15.4 Data, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642						
▶ ZigBee Network Layer Command, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642						
▶ Frame Control Field: 0x1009, Frame Type: Command, Discover Route: Suppress, Extended Source Command						
..... .... ..01 = Frame Type: Command (0x0001)						
..... .... ..00 10.. = Protocol Version: 2						
..... 00.... = Discover Route: Suppress (0x0000)						
..... 0 ..... .... = Multicast: False						
..... 0. .... .... = Security: False						
..... 0. .... .... = Source Route: False						
..... 0.... .... = Destination: False						
...1 .... .... .... = Extended Source: True						

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415	1911.433505			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Frame 414: 65 bytes on wire (520 bits), 65 bytes captured (520 bits)</li> <li>▶ IEEE 802.15.4 Data, Dst: 0xa642, Src: 0x0000</li> <li>▶ ZigBee Network Layer Data, Dst: 0xa642, Src: 0x0000</li> <li>▶ Frame Control Field: 0x0008, Frame Type: Data, Discover Route: Suppress Data</li> <li>▼ ZigBee Application Support Layer Command           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Frame Control Field: Command (0x21)</li> <li>Counter: 221</li> <li>▼ ZigBee Security Header               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Security Control Field: 0x10, Key Id: Key-Transport Key</li> <li>Frame Counter: 73730</li> <li>Message Integrity Code: ad5179a9</li> <li>[Key: 5a6967426565416c6c69616e63653039]</li> <li>[Key Label: Default TC Link Key]</li> </ul> </li> <li>▼ Command Frame: Transport Key               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Command Identifier: Transport Key (0x05)</li> <li>Key Type: Standard Network Key (0x01)</li> <li>Key: 144221a817f284c7e6e1f000cd80ff0f</li> <li>Sequence Number: 0</li> <li>Extended Destination: EmberCor_00:02:c4:62:34 (00:0d:6f:00:02:c4:62:34)</li> <li>Extended Source: Physical_07:10:c3:00:01 (d0:52:a8:07:10:c3:00:01)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>						

## NETWORK KEY EXTRACTION

 No physical access is required

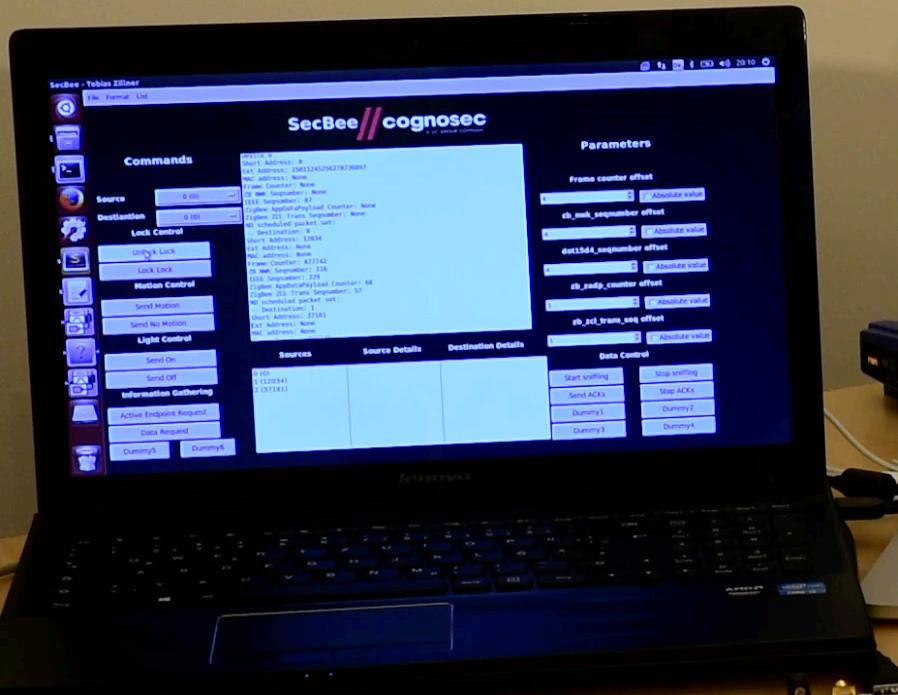
 No knowledge of the secret key is needed

 Usability overrules security

 Fully compromised system

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# DEMONSTRATION - COMMAND INJECTION



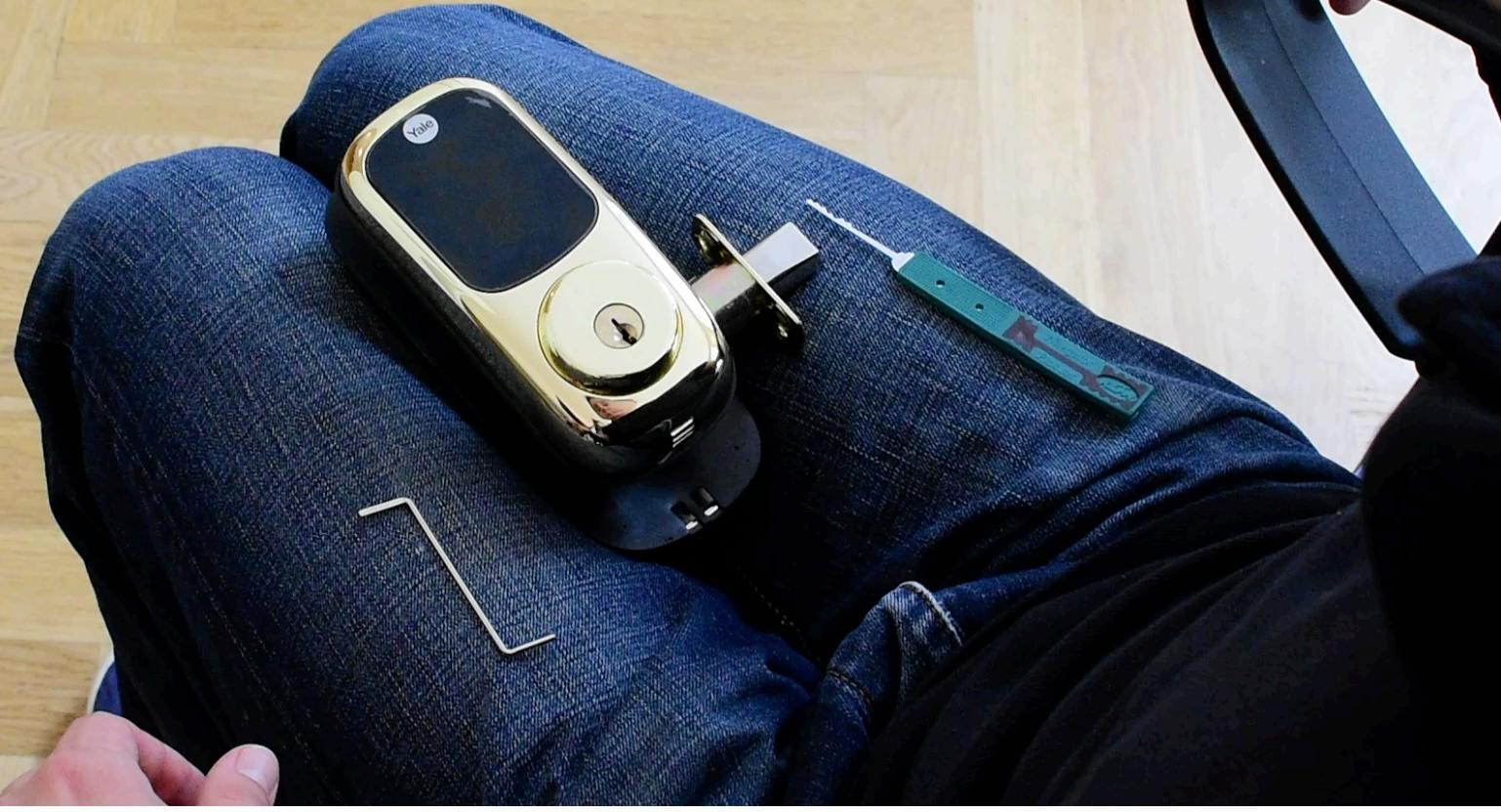
## SUMMARY

- Security measures provided are good
- Requirements due to interoperability weaken the security level drastically
- Vendors only implement the absolute minimum to be compliant
- Usability overrules security



## DEEPSEC SOUND BYTES

- Proper implementation of security measures is crucial - Compliance is not Security
- Learn from history and do not rely on “Security by Obscurity”
- There is a world beside TCP/IP



# THANK YOU!

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