# **ARSENIC MOBILE**

A configuration free ARP poisoning and credential extraction tool for iOS

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## SSL/TLS – A BRIEF HISTORY

"You have to know the past to understand the present." – Dr. Carl Sagan



#### **SSL/TLS BASICS**

#### SSL

- "Secure Sockets Layer"
- Uses asymetric cryptography to establish symetric session keys to encrypt traffic
- Research on transport layer security began in 1993<sup>1</sup>
- Originally developed in 1995 by Netscape<sup>2</sup>
- Completely rewritten in 1996 (v 3.0)<sup>3</sup>
- Replaced by TLS

#### TLS

- "Transport Layer Security"
- Uses the same basic cryptography as SSL
- 1.0 released in 1999 to succeed SSL
- All major browsers support 1.0, but only a few support 1.1 or 1.2
- Most websites are still using 1.0, despite a published attack (BEAST)<sup>4,5</sup>

## SSL/TLS USAGE – AN EXAMPLE

*"Make things as simple as possible, but not simpler." – Albert Einstein* 







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Alice wants to do some secure online banking...





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But the internet is a nasty place.



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The bank has a certificate signed by a certificate authority (i.e. VeriSign). The bank generates its half of the session key and sends it with the certificate.

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A man-in-the-middle attacker could replace this certificate with his own...





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But this certificate won't pass the check against the certificate authorities root certificate.

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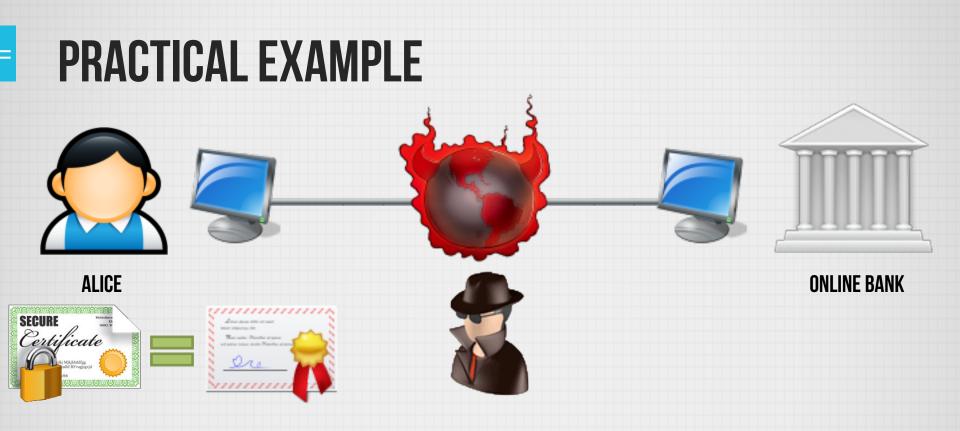




In order for Alice to continue the handshake, the correct certificate must be passed along.



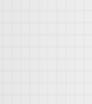
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Alice verifies the bank's certificate with her copy of the certificate authorities root certificate. She then extracts part of the symmetric key that was sent with the certificate that her session will use.



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Alice generates the other half of the key and sends it to her bank after encrypting it with the bank's public key (from the certificate). In reality this is a Diffie-Hellman key exchange, usually RSA. **ONLINE BANK** 



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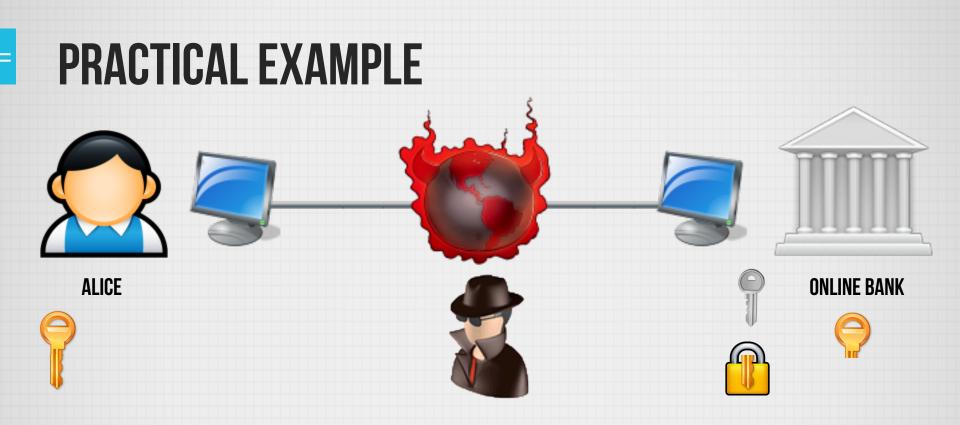


The man-in-the-middle attacker can't decrypt the key because he doesn't have the bank's private

key.



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The bank now decrypts the second part of the key and creates the session key.



Now both Alice and the bank have a session key that they can use to encrypt messages with a symmetric cypher and any man-in-the-middle attacker will be unable to read them. **ONLINE BANK** 



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## **SO... HOW CAN WE BREAK IT?**

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." – Arthur C. Clarke

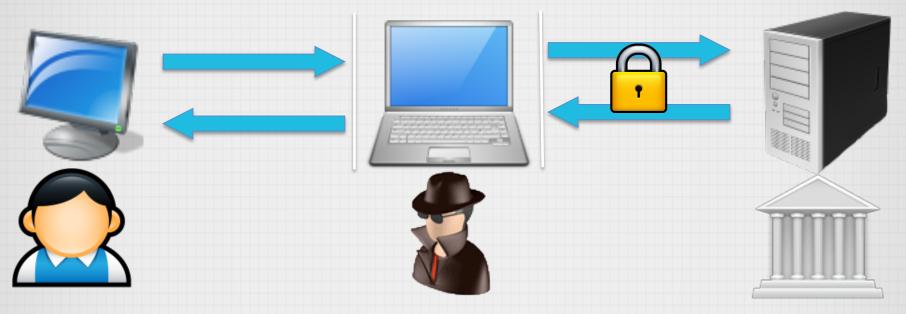


### **POSSIBLE ATTACK VECTORS**

- Determine the private key associated with a certificate (really hard)
- Sign your own certificate to say you are someone else (also really hard)
- Break into a certificate authority and sign yourself a bunch of certificates (really hard, but it has been done)<sup>6</sup>
- But what if we never let the user get to SSL/TLS?
  - Users most often encounter SSL/TLS as a result of:
    - Hyperlinks
    - HTTP 302 redirects
  - In other words, users get to HTTPS via HTTP
    - How secure is HTTP?
    - Links and 302's are susceptible to a regular HTTP man-in-the-middle attack

#### **SSLSTRIP**

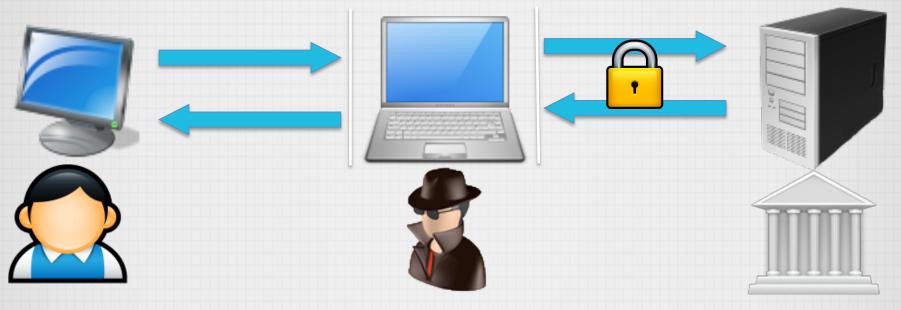
• Released in 2009 by Moxie Marlinspike, this tool does just what we want.<sup>7</sup>



- When the victim makes an HTTP request, sslstrip connects out to the server on HTTPS, and dynamically replaces all instances of "https" with "http" in the return traffic.
- The server can't tell the difference, the user is never presented with "This connection is untrusted" warnings, and sslstrip can see all the traffic.

### **ARSENIC MOBILE**

- Arsenic takes the hassle out of setting up an sslstrip attack.<sup>8</sup>
- "Zero configuration"



- Having an easy to use attack on a laptop is cool...
- But what about an iPhone?



## **GOING MOBILE - CHALLENGES**

"Never trust a computer you can't throw out a window." – Steve Wozniak

### ARSENIC MOBILE - WHAT WE NEED

#### LINUX/OSX

- nmap
- Python+Scapy or arpspoof
  - To setup the MITM attack
- Iptables or ipfw
  - To redirect our traffic to sslstrip
- sslstrip
  - Python
  - Twisted-Web
    - zope-interface
  - pyOpenSSL
- tail to watch the sslstrip log
- A parser to pull out credentials

#### IOS

- nmap
- Python
- Scapy
- arpspoof
- iptables
- ipfw
- sslstrip
- Twisted-Web
- zope-interface
- pyOpenSSL
- tail
- Parser (python)



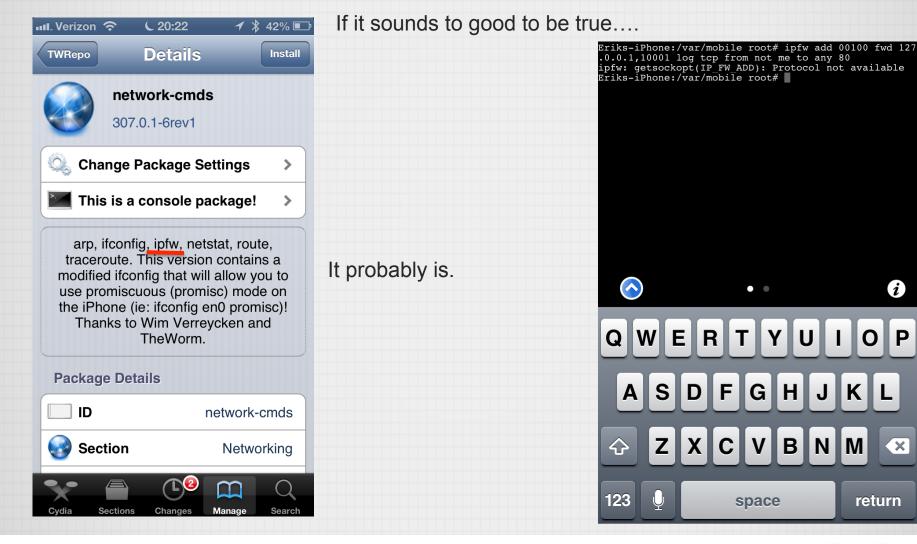
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- Lots of work has been done in jailbroken iOS development
- Python, Ruby, even Metasploit has been ported to iOS
- Why not sslstrip?

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### **BUT WAIT! IPFW!**



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### **ALL HOPE IS NOT LOST**

- The iOS 4.0 jailbreak was based on a vulnerability in the implementation of the BSD pf packet filter.<sup>10</sup>
- Why has no one else tried to use the pf packet filter for sslstrip?
  - Beats me
- Challenges remain
  - Configuring pf
  - Porting sslstrip and dependencies
    - Requires compiling C source code on iOS
    - Some things just don't work (but aren't critical for this application)
  - Write a tail function in python

#### WHAT WAS INSTALLED

- MobileTerminal and OpenSSH from Cydia (standard packages)
- GCC and dependencies (compiled for iOS)
- Python 2.7.3 (compiled for iOS)
  - Custom Makefile
- zope-interface 4.05 (from source, pure python)
- Twisted-web 13.0.0 (from source, python and C)
  - portmap extension excluded
- pyOpenSSL 0.11 (from source, python and C)
- sslstrip 0.9
  - Modified to eliminate two error outputs
- dsniff 2.4b1 (compiled for iOS)
- nmap (compiled for iOS) Integrated scanner built in python
- pf.os (taken from OSX)
- Custom pf.conf
- arsenic-mobile



## **LIVE DEMO**

*"Computers are like Old Testament gods; lots of rules and no mercy." – Joseph Campbell* 





### **FUTURE WORK**

- Package everything into a .deb for easy distribution
- Improve the parser
- Improve killsessions to work with sites that keep the entire session in SSL
- GUI

## **QUESTIONS?**

"Defect-free software does not exist." - Wietse Venema





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