## **Charlie Miller (security researcher)**

Charles Alfred Miller is an American computer security researcher with Cruise Automation<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> Prior to his current employment, he spent five years working for the National Security Agency and has worked for Uber.<sup>[4][5]</sup> Miller holds a Bachelors in Mathematics with a minor in Philosophy from Northeast Missouri State (now Truman State University), and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Notre Dame in 2000. He currently lives in Wildwood, Missouri [1]

Miller has publicly demonstrated many security exploits of Apple products. In 2008, he won a \$10,000 cash prize at the hacker conference Pwn2Own in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada for being the first to find a critical bug in the MacBook Air. The following year, he won \$5,000 for cracking Safari. In 2009, he and Collin Mulliner demonstrated an SMS processing vulnerability that allowed for complete compromise of the Apple iPhone and denial-of-service attacks on other phones. In 2011, he found a security hole in the iPhone and iPad, whereby an application can contact a remote computer to download new unapproved software that can execute any command that could steal personal data or otherwise using iOS applications functions for malicious purposes. As a proof of concept, Miller created an application called *Instastock* that was approved by Apple's App Store. He then informed Apple about the security hole, who then promptly expelled him from the App Store.<sup>[6]</sup>

Miller participated in research on discovering security vulnerabilities in NFC (Near Field Communication)<sup>[7]</sup>

He has also published three books<sup>[8]</sup> one entitled The Mac Hacker's Handbook<sup>[9]</sup>

Miller, along with Chris Valasek, is widely known for remotely hacking a 2014 Jeep Cherokee and controlling the braking, steering, and acceleration of the vehicle. [10]

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